

# A novel and self-consistency analysis for the $\eta c \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ process

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# Outline

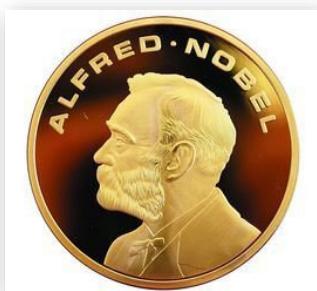
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# Introduction

Quark model  
1964(1969)



默里 · 盖尔曼(Murray Gell-Mann)

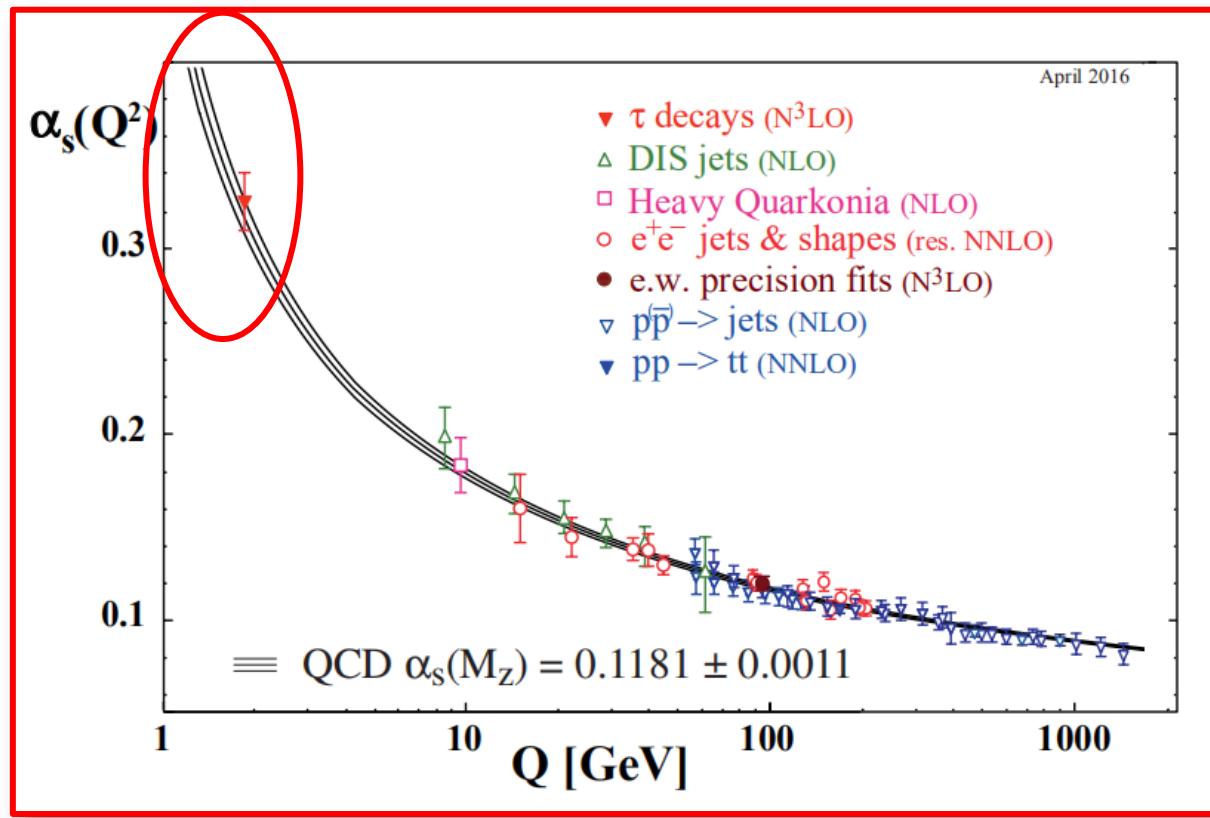


戴维 · 格罗斯(David J. Gross)  
戴维 · 普利策(H. David Politzer)  
弗兰克 · 维尔泽克(Frank Wilczek)

QCD  
1973(2004)



# Introduction





# Introduction

The simplest and cleanest charmonium decay process

$$\Gamma_{\eta_c \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = \frac{\pi}{4} \alpha^2 m_{\eta_c}^3 |F(0)|^2,$$

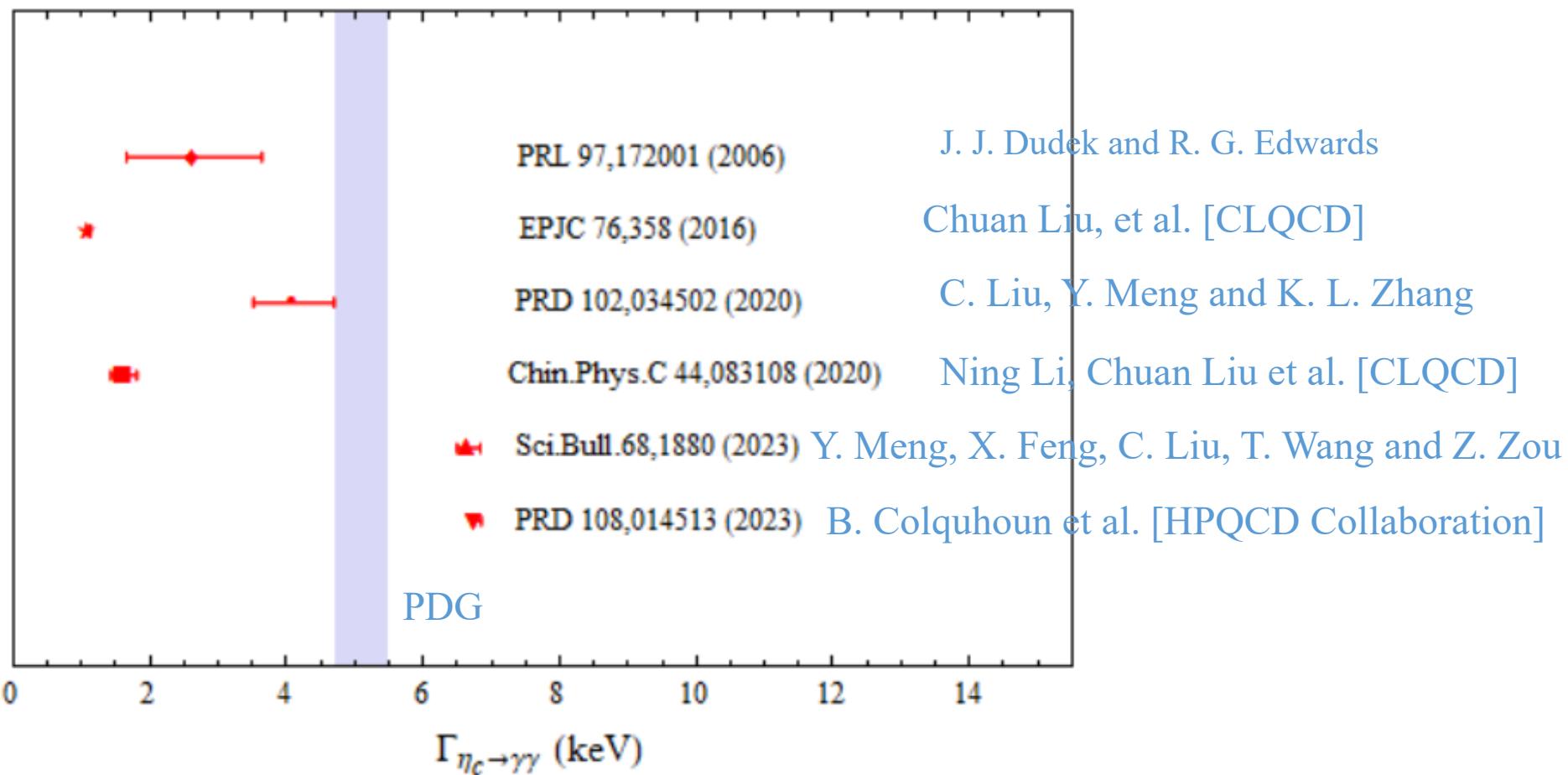
The Particle Data Group's reported value:

$$\Gamma_{\eta_c \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = 5.1 \pm 0.4 \text{ keV}$$

Phys. Rev. D 110, 030001 (2024)

# Introduction

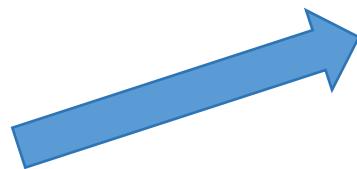
## Lattice





# Introduction

BLFQ	3.7(6)
DSE/BSE [16]	6.39
LFQM [36]	4.88
LFQM [37,38]	5.7–9.7
NRQM/LF [8,9]	1.7–3.9
NRQM [8,9]	5.2–21



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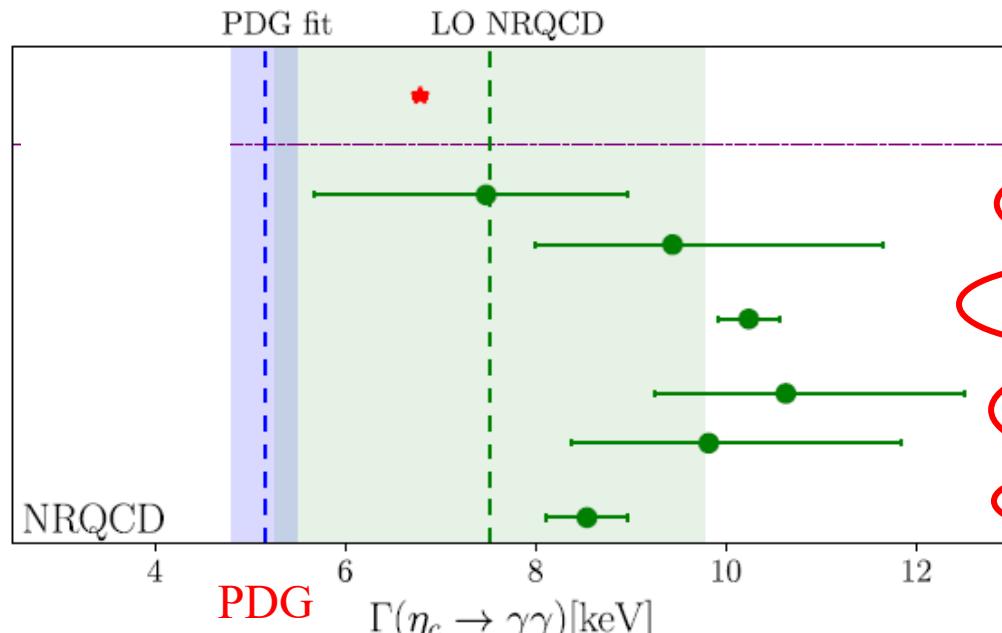
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# Introduction

## NRQCD

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BCK18(NNA)  
BCK18(BFG)

FJS17

BC01(NNA)  
BC01(BFG)

CM01

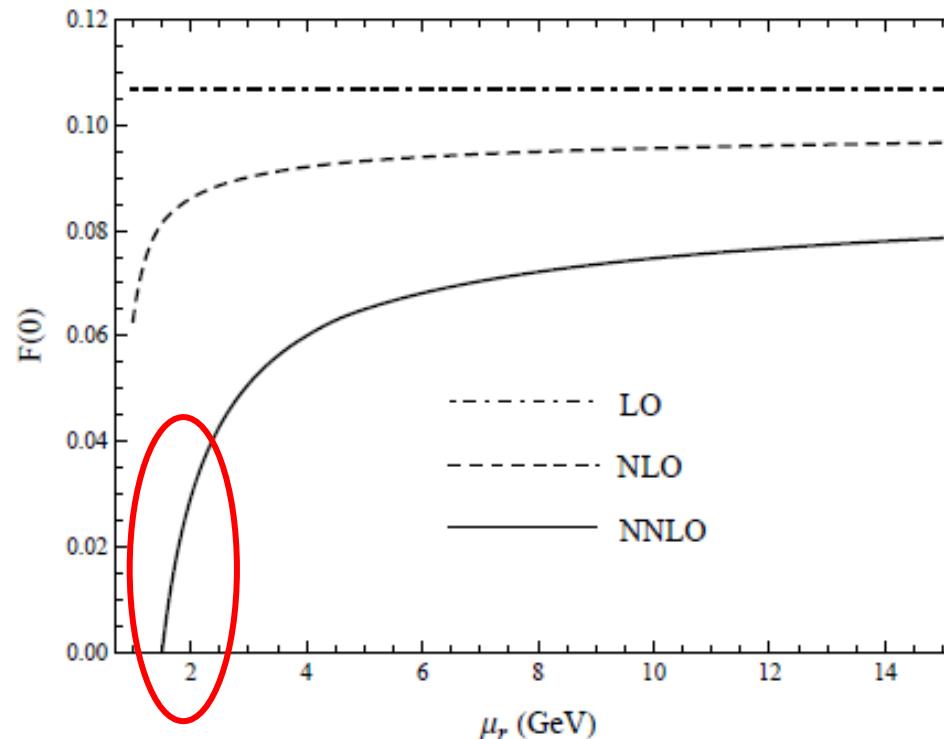
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# Introduction

NRQCD



$$\Gamma_{\eta_c \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = \frac{\pi}{4} \alpha^2 m_{\eta_c}^3 |F(0)|^2,$$

# Renormalization scale setting

$$\rho(\mu_R) = r_0 \alpha_s(\mu_R) \left[ 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} r_k \left( \frac{Q}{\mu_R} \right) \frac{\alpha_s^k(\mu_R)}{\pi^k} \right]$$

为消除红外发散或紫外发散  
引入重整化理论

$$g_0 = Z_g \mu^{\varepsilon/2} g \quad (\varepsilon=4-d)$$

正规化、重整化、**能标设定**  
↓  
准确预言具同等重要性

成为当前理论中重要系统误差之一，  
极大地影响微扰论计算精度及预言能力

计算到无穷阶的微扰论预言需与人为引入  
的参数无关  
- - 重整化群不变性

物理量

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \mu_R} \equiv 0; \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial R} \equiv 0$$



# Renormalization scale setting

## 如何解决能标问题

### Brodsky–Lepage–Mackenzie method (BLM)

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PHYSICAL REVIEW D	VOLUME 28, NUMBER 1	1 JULY 1983
On the elimination of scale ambiguities in perturbative quantum chromodynamics		
Stanley J. Brodsky		
<i>Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey 08540</i>		
<i>and Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305*</i>		
G. Peter Lepage		
<i>Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey 08540</i>		
<i>and Laboratory of Nuclear Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853*</i>		
Paul B. Mackenzie		
<i>Fermilab, Batavia, Illinois 60510</i>		
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### Principle of Minimum Sensitivity (PMS)

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Optimized perturbation theory		
P. M. Stevenson		
<i>Physics Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin 53706</i>		
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### RG-improved effective coupling method (FAC)

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RENORMALIZATION GROUP IMPROVED PERTURBATIVE QCD		
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源自QED观察  
引入轻子圈  
问题来自高阶如何处理

源自数学处理  
引入驻点  
问题来自物理

源自实验 - 理论一致性  
引入有效耦合常数  
问题来自与微扰论理念冲突

# Renormalization scale setting



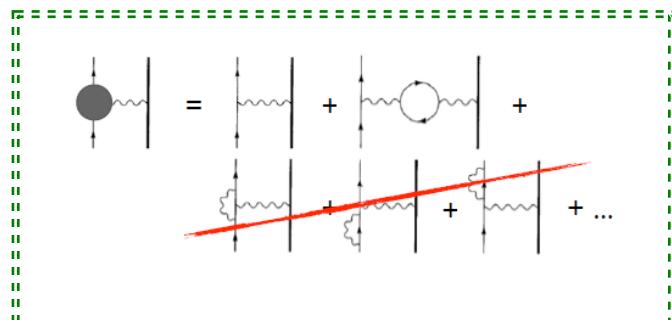
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Review  
The renormalization scale-setting problem in QCD  
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CrossMark BLM/FAC/PMS

In the case of QED, the renormalization scale can be set unambiguously by using the Gell-Mann-Low method, which automatically sums all vacuum polarization contributions to the photon propagators to all orders.



BLM=> nf-term  
BLM method reduces in the  
Abelian limit to the  
Gell-Mann-Low method



Quantum Electrodynamics at Small Distances

M. Gell-Mann and F. E. Low  
Phys. Rev. **95**, 1300 – Published 1 September 1954



# Renormalization scale setting

PMC首篇正式论文

最初想法是将  
BLM推到无穷阶

后期发现两者在低  
阶等价，但PMC  
理念更基础

PHYSICAL REVIEW D 85, 034038 (2012)  
**Scale setting using the extended renormalization group and the principle of maximum conformality: The QCD coupling constant at four loops**

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**Eliminating the Renormalization Scale Ambiguity for Top-Pair Production  
Using the Principle of Maximum Conformality**

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**Systematic All-Orders Method to Eliminate Renormalization-Scale and  
Scheme Ambiguities in Perturbative QCD**

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# Renormalization scale setting

## PMC基本思想

$$\beta^{\mathcal{R}} = \mu_r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_r^2} \left( \frac{\alpha_s^{\mathcal{R}}(\mu_r)}{4\pi} \right) = - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta_i^{\mathcal{R}} \left( \frac{\alpha_s^{\mathcal{R}}(\mu_r)}{4\pi} \right)^{i+2}.$$

基于重整化群方程，利用微扰序列中的非共形 $\beta$ 项确定高能物理过程的有效强耦合常数数值，获得与重整化能标选择无关的理论预言。通过最大程度的逼近共形微扰序列，可同时获得与重整化方案无关的理论预言，符合重整化群不变性要求。

附产品：由于消除具有发散性质的重整化子项，PMC序列将自然地具有更好的微扰收敛性。该收敛性与重整化能标选择无关，因此可以将之认为是高能物理过程的内禀属性。在阿贝尔极限下，将回归QED理论中的GM-L方案。

$$[n! \beta_i^n \alpha_s^n]$$

# Renormalization scale setting

Scale Setting Using the Extended Renormalization Group and the Principle of Maximum Conformality: the QCD Coupling Constant at Four Loops.

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# Renormalization scale setting

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A remarkably efficient method for eliminating renormalization scale  
ambiguities for perturbative QCD

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annihilation near the threshold region

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and the determination of  $\alpha_s$  running behavior in perturbative domain

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The Principle of Maximum Conformality Correctly Resolves the  
Renormalization-Scheme-Dependence Problem

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High precision tests of QCD without scale or scheme ambiguities : The  
40th anniversary of the Brodsky–Lepage–Mackenzie method

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# Renormalization scale setting

$$\Gamma_{\eta_c \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = \frac{\pi}{4} \alpha^2 m_{\eta_c}^3 |F(0)|^2,$$

$$F(0) = c^{(0)} \left[ 1 + \delta^{(1)} a_s(\mu_r) + \delta^{(2)}(\mu_r) a_s^2(\mu_r) \right].$$

$$c^{(0)} = \frac{e_c^2 \langle \eta_c | \psi^\dagger \chi(\mu_\Lambda) | 0 \rangle}{m_c^{5/2}},$$

$$\delta^{(1)} = C_F \left( \frac{\pi^2}{8} - \frac{5}{2} \right),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta^{(2)}(\mu_r) &= \delta^{(1)} \frac{\beta_0}{4} \ln \frac{\mu_r^2}{m_c^2} - \frac{\pi^2}{2} C_F \left( C_F + \frac{C_A}{2} \right) \ln \frac{\mu_\Lambda^2}{m_c^2} \\ &\quad + f_{lbl}^{(2)} + f_{reg}^{(2)}. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$



# Renormalization scale setting

$$f_{reg}^{(2)} = f_{reg,in}^{(2)} + f_{reg,n_f}^{(2)} n_f,$$

$$\delta^{(2)}(\mu_r) = \delta_{in}^{(2)}(\mu_r) + \delta_{n_f}^{(2)}(\mu_r) n_f,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_{in}^{(2)}(\mu_r) &= \frac{11}{4} \delta^{(1)} \ln \frac{\mu_r^2}{m_c^2} - \frac{17}{9} \pi^2 \ln \frac{\mu_\Lambda^2}{m_c^2} \\ &\quad + f_{lbl}^{(2)} + f_{reg,in}^{(2)},\end{aligned}$$

$$\delta_{n_f}^{(2)}(\mu_r) = \delta_{reg,n_f}^{(2)} - \frac{1}{6} \delta^{(1)} \ln \frac{\mu_r^2}{m_c^2}.$$

The bound state process in the physical  $V$  scheme, a reliable prediction is achieved  
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# Renormalization scale setting

$$V(Q^2) = -\frac{4\pi^2 C_F a_s^V(Q)}{Q^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(0) = & c^{(0)} \left[ 1 + \delta_V^{(1)} a_s^V(\mu_r) + \left( \delta_{in,V}^{(2)}(\mu_r) \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \delta_{n_f,V}^{(2)}(\mu_r) n_f \right) (a_s^V(\mu_r))^2 \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$F(0) = c^{(0)} \left[ 1 + \delta_V^{(1)} a_s^V(Q_\star) + \delta_{con,V}^{(2)}(\mu_r) (a_s^V(Q_\star))^2 \right].$$

$$Q_\star = \mu_r \exp \left[ \frac{3 \delta_{n_f,V}^{(2)}(\mu_r)}{2 T_R \delta_V^{(1)}} \right],$$

$$\delta_{con,V}^{(2)}(\mu_r) = \frac{11 C_A \delta_{n_f,V}^{(2)}(\mu_r)}{4 T_R} + \delta_{in,V}^{(2)}(\mu_r).$$

# Results and discussions

## MS\bar{b}ar scheme

Conv.:

$$\begin{aligned} F^{\text{Conv}}(0) \Big|_{\mu_r=1\text{GeV}} &= c^{(0)}(1 - 0.25 - 1.11), \\ F^{\text{Conv}}(0) \Big|_{\mu_r=m_c} &= c^{(0)}(1 - 0.18 - 0.60), \\ F^{\text{Conv}}(0) \Big|_{\mu_r=2m_c} &= c^{(0)}(1 - 0.13 - 0.36). \end{aligned}$$

NLO is moderate

NNLO gives large negative contributions, encounters large scale uncertainty

In fact, when  $\mu_r < 1.3$  GeV, the  $F(0)$  becomes negative

PMC:

$$F^{\text{PMC}}(0) \equiv c^{(0)}(1 - 0.13 - 0.37)$$

Scale uncertainty is eliminated and PMC scale =  $2m_c$

Optimal scale under conventional method is  $2m_c$



# Results and discussions

## V scheme

Conv.:

$\mu_r$	LO	NLO	NNLO	$F(0)$
1 GeV	0.1066	-0.0438	-0.2276	-0.1648
$m_c$	0.1066	-0.0253	-0.0815	-0.0001
$2m_c$	0.1066	-0.0165	-0.0392	0.0509

TABLE I: The QCD corrections for  $F(0)$  using the conventional scale setting for three typical renormalization scales  $\mu_r = 1$  GeV,  $m_c$  and  $2m_c$ . The factorization scale is set to:  $\mu_\Lambda = 1$  GeV.

$$\text{LO:NLO:NNLO} \sim 1 : -0.41 : -2.13$$

$$\text{LO:NLO:NNLO} \sim 1 : -0.24 : -0.76$$

$$\text{LO:NLO:NNLO} \sim 1 : -0.15 : -0.37$$

PMC:

$$Q_* = 4.49 m_c = 6.74 \text{ GeV}$$

$$F(0) = 0.1066 - 0.0123 - 0.0245 = 0.0698$$

**1: -0.12: -0.23**

# Results and discussions

Factorization scale uncertainty:

Conv.:

$$F^{\text{Conv}}(0)|_{\mu_r=m_c} = 0.43c^{(0)}, \quad 0.22c^{(0)}, \quad -0.06c^{(0)}$$

PMC:

$$F^{\text{PMC}}(0) = 0.62c^{(0)}, \quad 0.50c^{(0)}, \quad 0.34c^{(0)}.$$

for  $\mu_f = 1 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $mc$  and  $2mc$

Mass  $mc$  uncertainty:

Conv.:

$$F(0) = 0.22c^{(0)}, \quad 0.14c^{(0)}, \quad 0.07c^{(0)}$$

PMC:

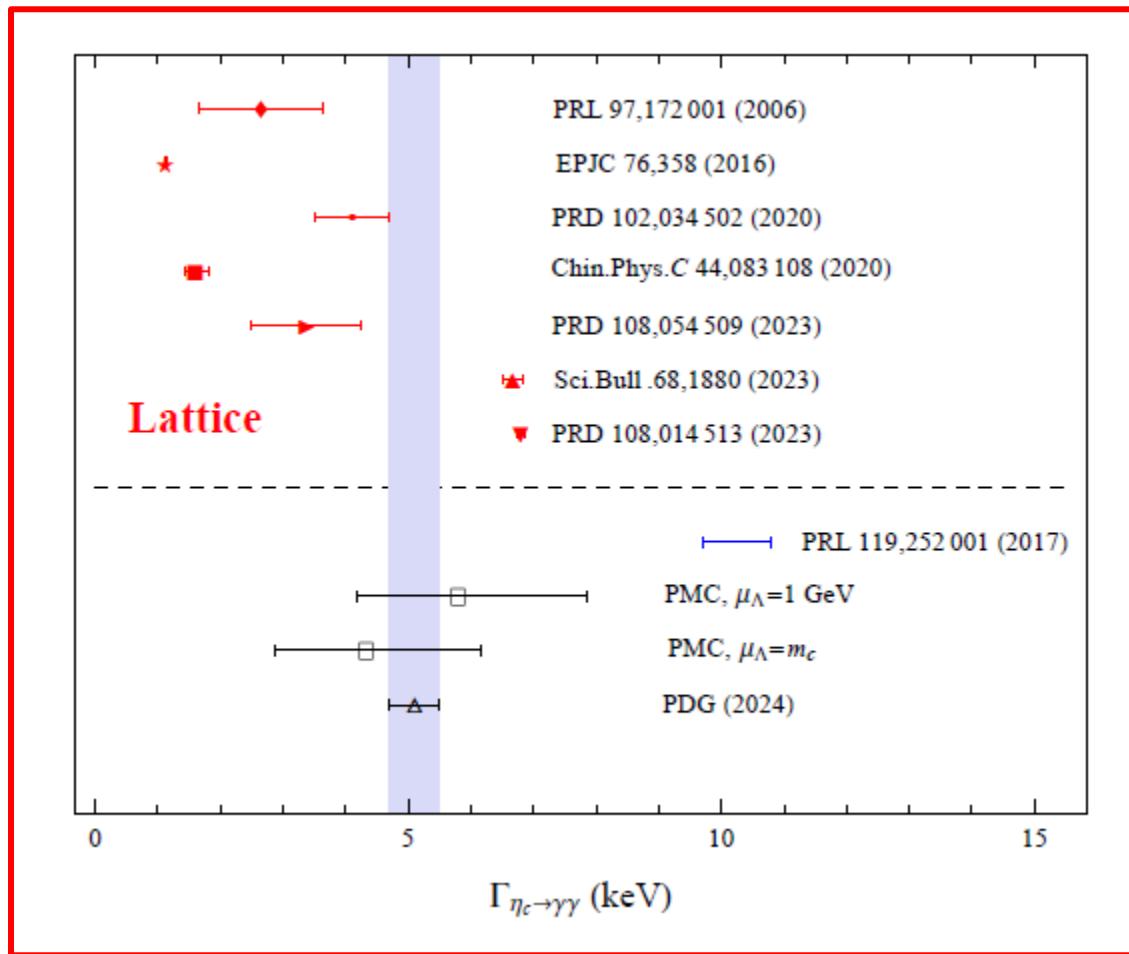
$$F(0) = 0.50c^{(0)}, \quad 0.46c^{(0)}, \quad 0.43c^{(0)}$$

for  $mc = 1.68, 1.5$  and  $1.4 \text{ GeV}$

# Results and discussions

$$\Gamma_{\eta_c \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = 5.79^{+1.79+1.00+0.15}_{-1.32-0.92-0.15} \text{ keV for } \mu_\Lambda = 1 \text{ GeV},$$

$$\Gamma_{\eta_c \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = 4.32^{+1.48+1.11+0.15}_{-1.05-0.98-0.16} \text{ keV for } \mu_\Lambda = m_c,$$



# Results and discussions

$$\gamma^* \gamma \rightarrow \eta_c$$

In 2010, the BaBar collaboration measured the transition form factor  $F(Q^2)$  in a wide range of  $2 \text{ GeV}^2 < Q^2 < 50 \text{ GeV}^2$ .

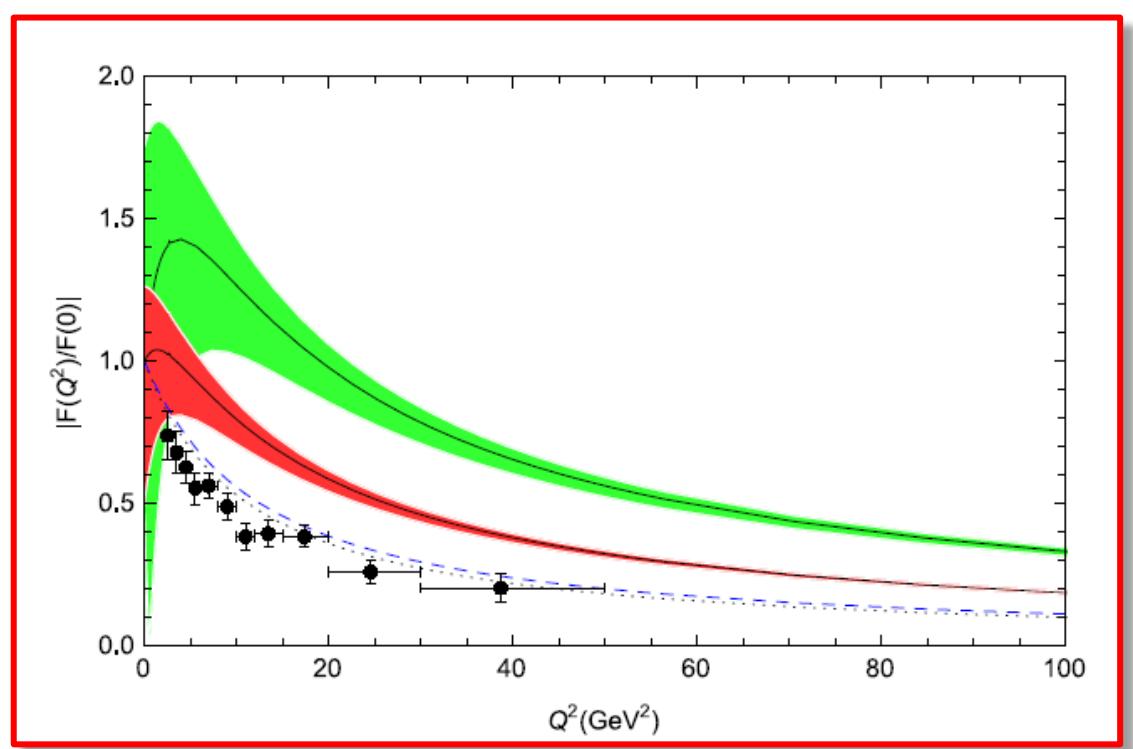
$$|F(Q^2)/F(0)| = \frac{1}{1 + \textcircled{Q^2/\Lambda}},$$

J. P. Lees *et al.* [BaBar Collaboration], Phys. Rev. D **81**, 052010 (2010).

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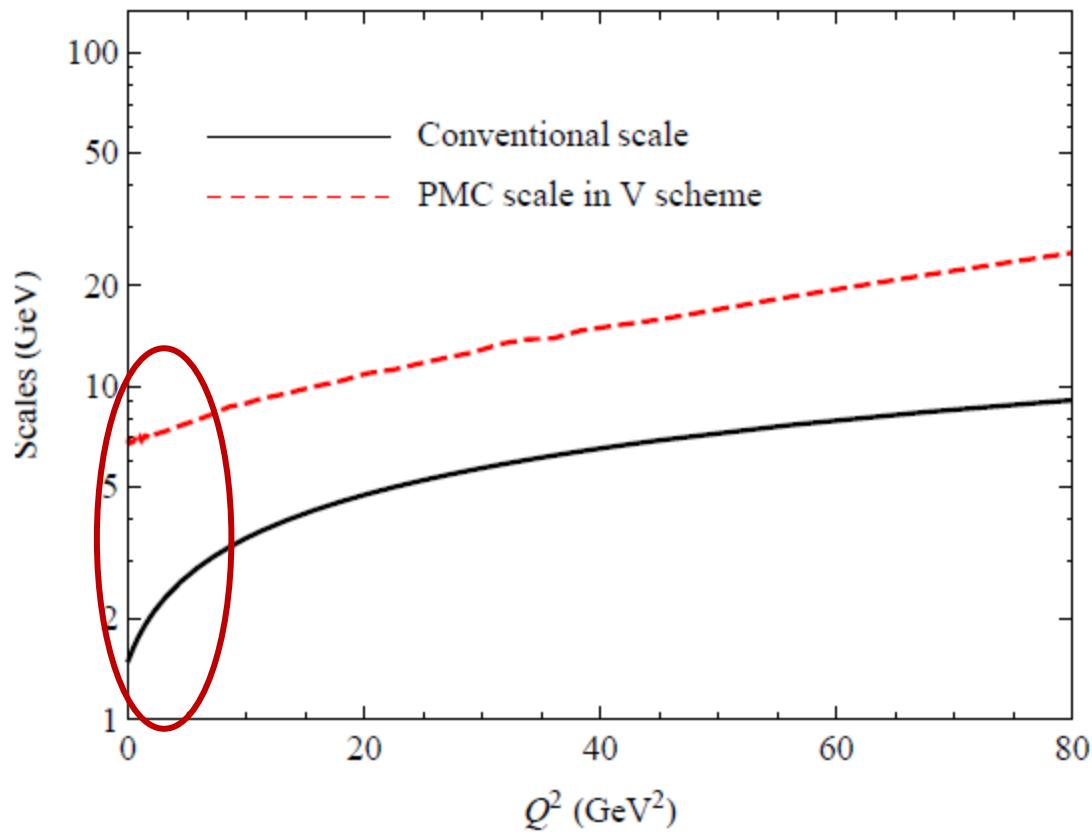
The NNLO NRQCD  
prediction fails to explain the  
BaBar measurements



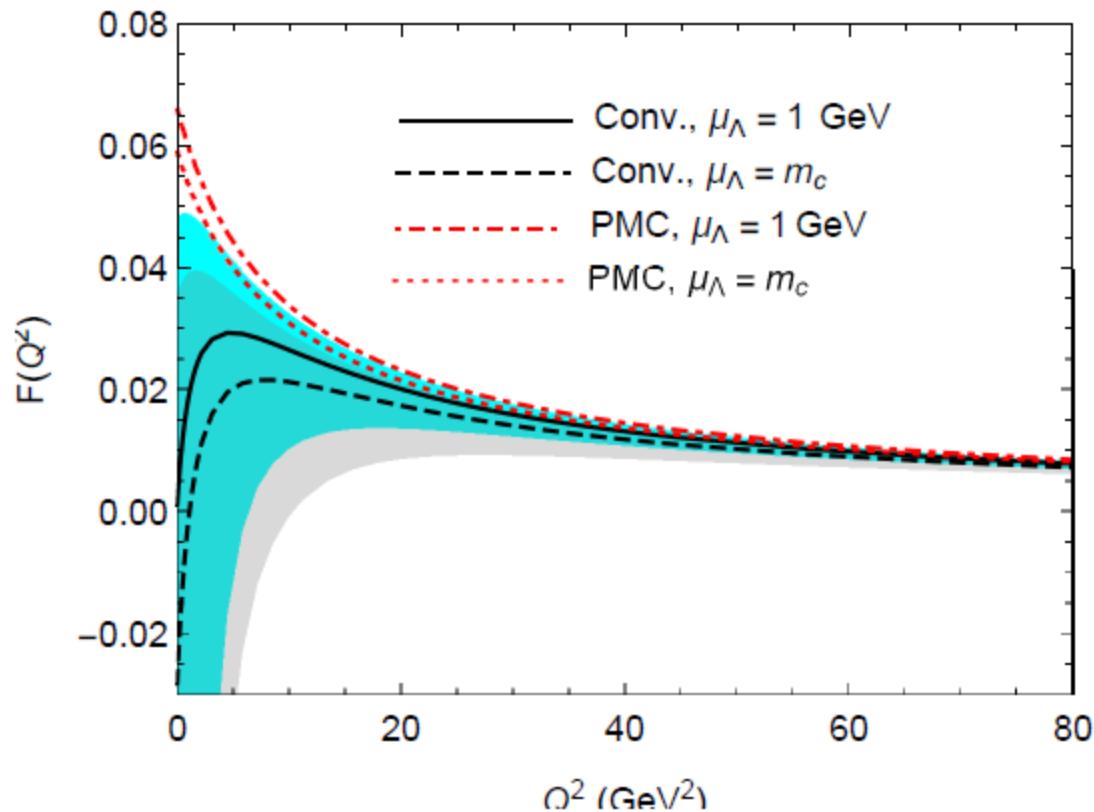
applicability of NRQCD ?

New physics ?

# Results and discussions

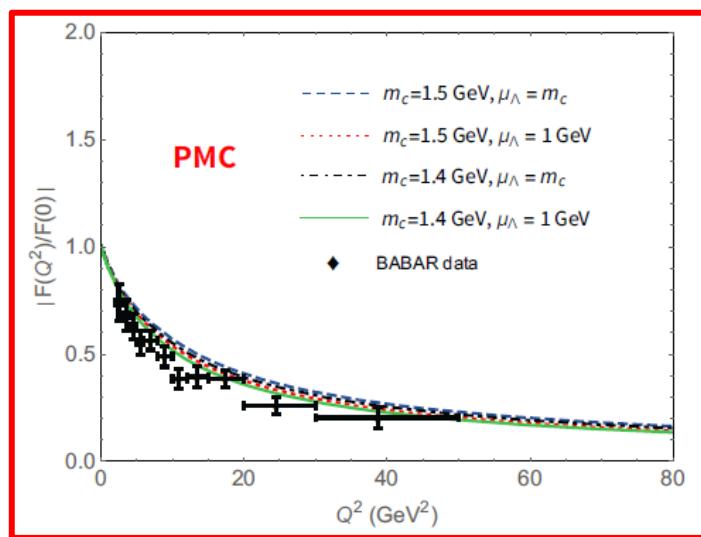
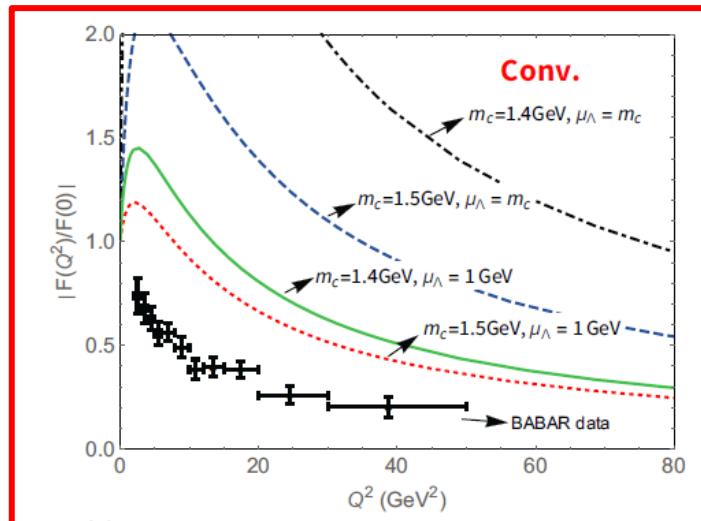


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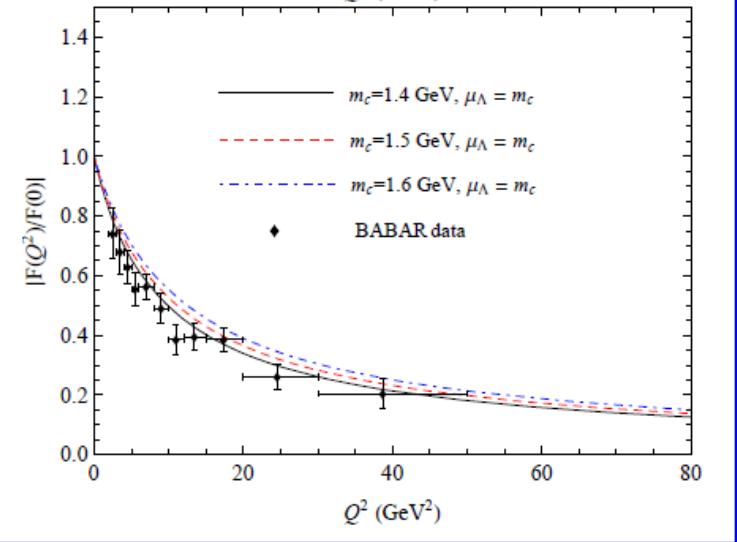
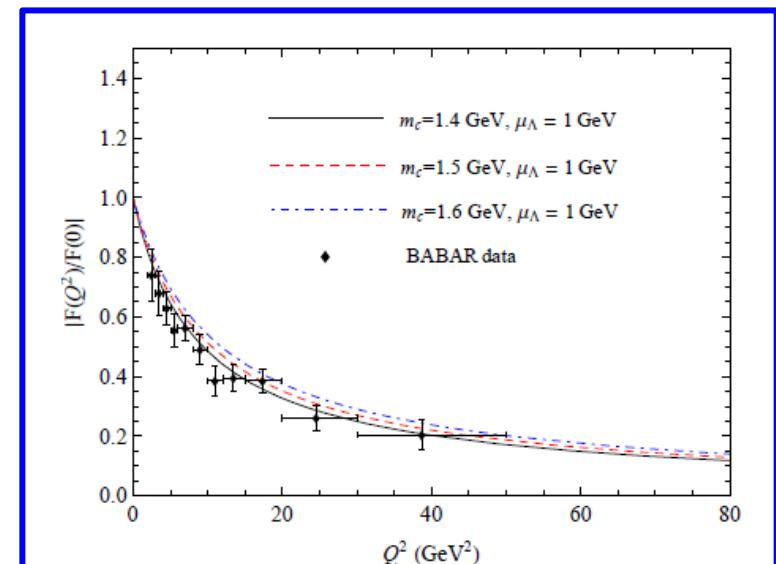


# Results and discussions

## MS\bar{b}ar-scheme



## V-scheme





# Summary

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- ✓ To eliminate the renormalization scheme-and-scale ambiguities.
- ✓ There is no renormalon divergence in the pQCD series
- ✓ The more convergent perturbative series is in general achieved
- ✓ A novel and self-consistency analysis for the  $\eta c \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  process is achieved.
- ✓  $e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi + \eta_c$ ,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi + J/\psi$ ,  $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$  process are being prepared.

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Thanks for your attention!

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