Puzzle for Vector Meson Nucleon Scattering Length from Omega to Phi to J/Psi to Upsilon

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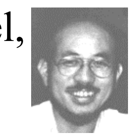
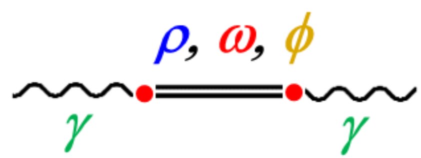
Introduction

Short Introduction

- There are no *vector meson beams*, so modern experiments using EM facilities attempt to access *vector meson – nucleon* interactions via EM production reactions **e + p → e' + V + p** (V is *vector* meson).

- Moreover, vector mesons ρ, ω, & ϕ play central role in *Sakurai's* VMD model, where they account for (*virtually admixed*) hadronic part of photon by which photon couples to hadronic matter. J.J. Sakurai, Ann Phys (NY) **11**, 1 (**1960**)

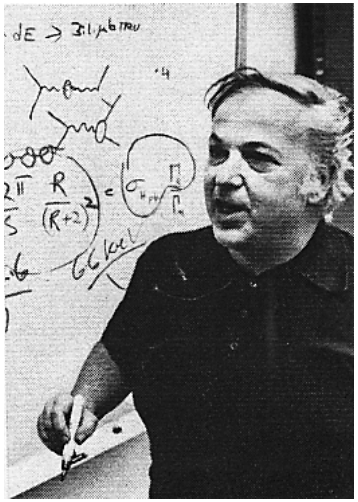




- "*November Revolution*" or discovery of *heavy vector meson* J/ψ **50** years ago @ & SLAC opened access to new $\bar{c}c$ system.

"November Revolution" or 50 yrs Discovery of J/ψ

@ East coast of US



Experimental Observation of a Heavy Particle J

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Experimental Observation of a Heavy Particle J†

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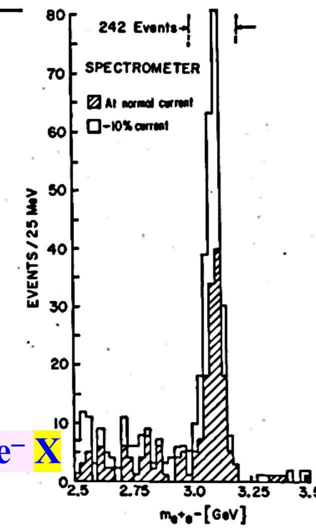

$p\ Be \to e^+ e^- X$

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Discovery of a Narrow Resonance in e^+e^- Annihilation

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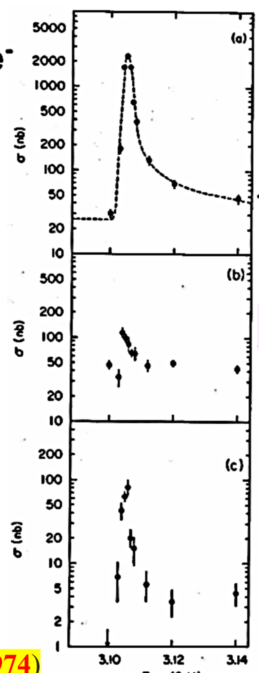


Final states

multi-hadron

$e^+ e^-$

$\mu^+\mu^-$
$\pi^+\pi^-$
K^+K^-

Vector Meson Zoo

- Some *vector mesons* can, compared to other mesons, be measured to very high precision.
- This stems from fact that *vector mesons* have ***same*** quantum numbers as *photon*.
- Let us focus on **4** ***vector mesons*** from $\bar{q}q$ ***nonet*** to study *meson photoproduction* @ threshold & where data are available.

$(J^{PC}) = (1^{--})$

J – spin, **P** *- parity*
C *- charge conjugation*

Name	Quark Content	Γ_{tot} (MeV)
$\rho^+(770)$	$u\bar{d}$	148
$\rho^0(770)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(u\bar{u} - d\bar{d})$	149
$\omega(782)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d})$	8.5
$K^{*+}(892)$	$u\bar{s}$	51
$K^{*0}(892)$	$d\bar{s}$	47
$\phi(1020)$	$\bar{s}s$	4.3
$D^+(1870)$	$c\bar{d}$	$6.3\text{x}10^{-10}$
$D^0(1865)$	$c\bar{u}$	$1.6\text{x}10^{-9}$
$D^{*+}(2010)$	$c\bar{d}$	0.083
$D^{*0}(2007)$	$c\bar{u}$	0.055
$J/\psi(1S)(3097)$	$\bar{c}c$	0.093
$\psi'(2S)(3686)$	$\bar{c}c$	0.284
$\Upsilon(1S)(9460)$	$b\bar{b}$	0.052
T(1S)(?)	$t\bar{t}$	?

SL(ρ) may be partly spoiled by large $\Gamma(\rho)$. Besides this, it may be affected by Δ. That is likely why SL(ω) ~ 4 SL(ρ).

Today, 3 pm

Open Charm

Tomorrow, 2 pm

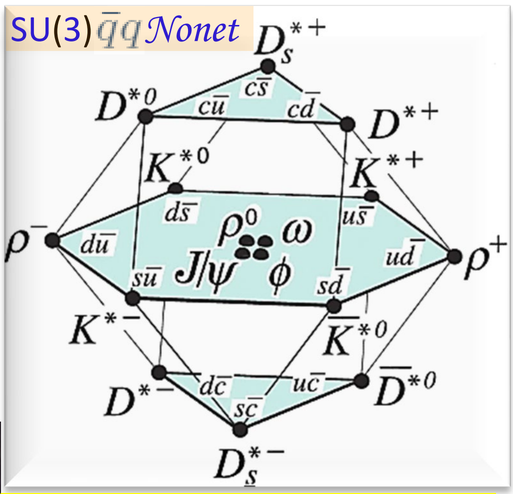
Hidden Charm

There is difference between 1S & 2S states due to `*zero*' in radial **WF**s.

Bottonium

Toponium

It does not exist because large mass & **t**-quark decay faster than meson formation time.



J.J. de Swart, Rev Mod Phys **35**, 916 (**1963**)

CMS gave $t\bar{t}$ pair with rather strong final state interaction.

A. Hayrapetyan *et al*, Rep Prog Phys **88**, 127801 (**2025**)

Vector Meson Threshold Photoproduction with Phenomenology

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Photoproduction of the ω meson on the proton near threshold

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$J/\psi\, p$ scattering length from GlueX threshold measurements

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Comparative analysis of ωp, ϕp, and $J/\psi p$ scattering lengths from A2, CLAS, and GlueX threshold measurements

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Threshold Upsilon-meson photoproduction at the EIC and EicC

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Plausibility of the LHCb $P_c(4312)^+$ in the GlueX $\gamma p \to J/\psi p$ total cross sections

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ρ-meson nucleon scattering length from CLAS threshold photoproduction measurements

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J/ψ-meson–nucleon scattering length from threshold photoproduction on light nuclei

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JLab and J-PARC measurements for J/ψ production at threshold

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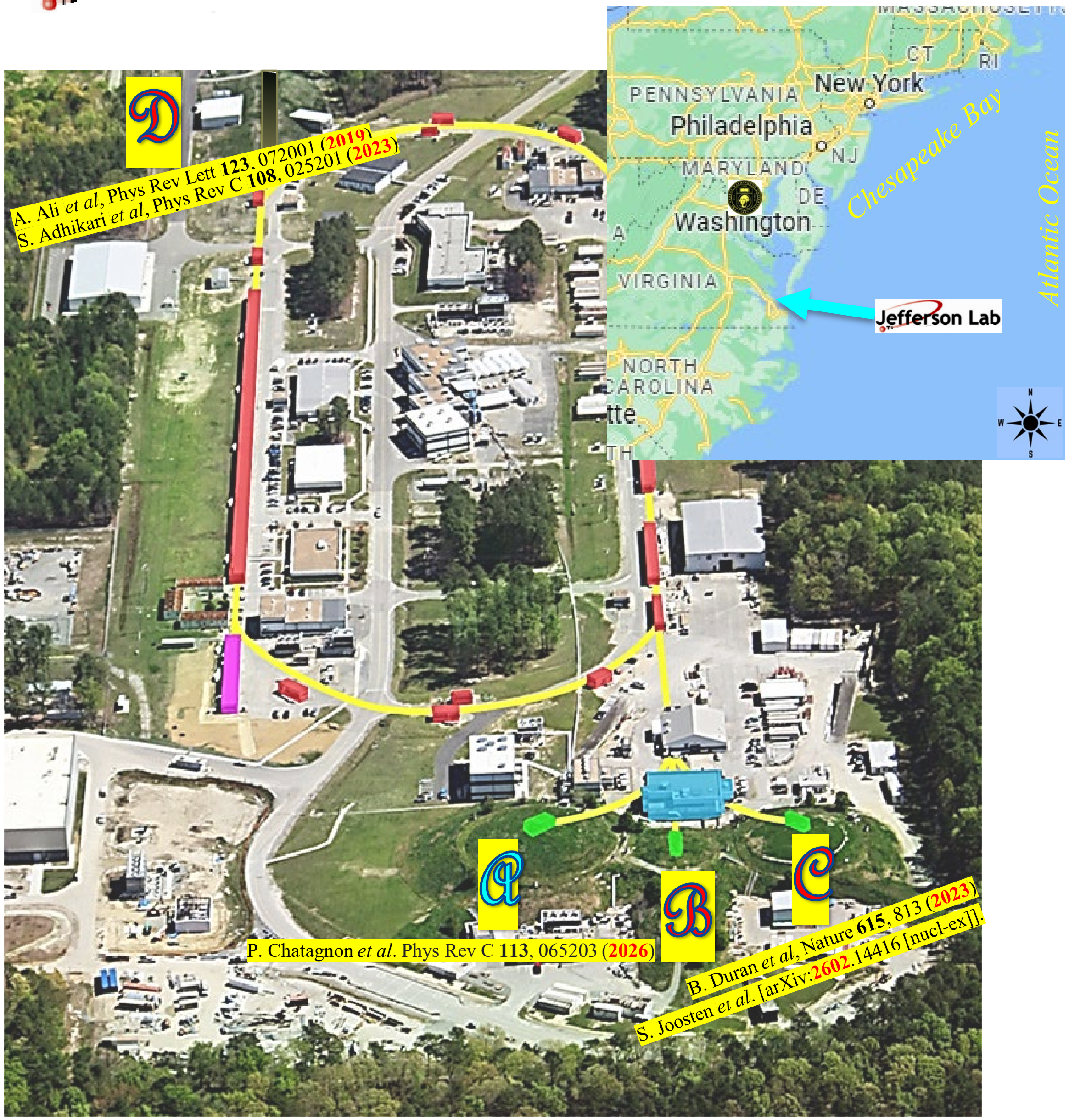
JLab for Threshold J/ψ Photoproduction on Proton

Jefferson Lab *Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility in 2026*



1995 — 2012…

Energy 0.4 — 6.0 GeV

- 200 μA, *Polarization* 85%
- Simultaneous delivery 3 Halls — A, B, C

- 500+ PhDs completed
- On average 22 US Ph.Ds per year, roughly 25–30% of US Ph.Ds in nuclear physics
- 1530 users in FY16, ~1/3 international from 37 countries

…2016 — …

Energy 0.4 — 12.0 GeV

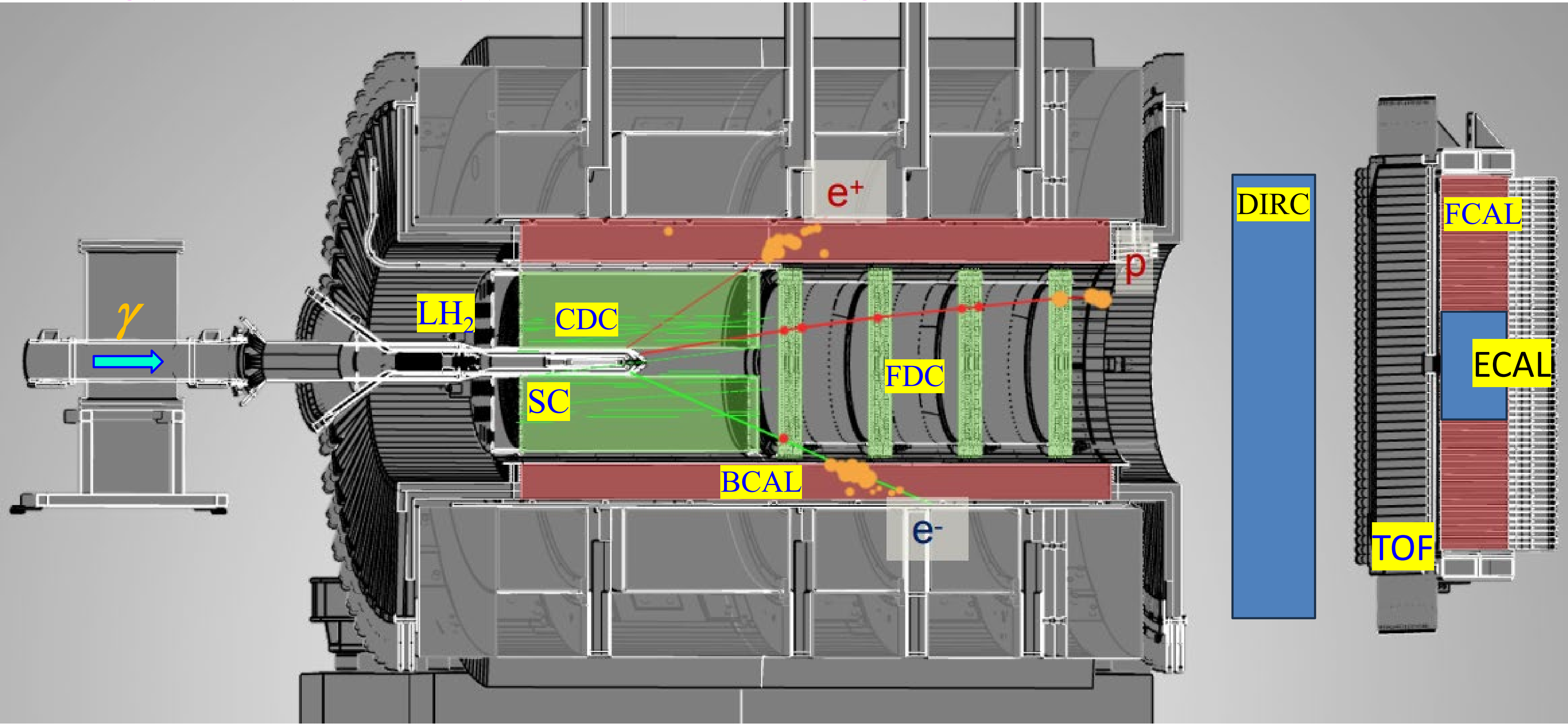
- 150 μA, *Polarization* 85%
- FY18: First simultaneous delivery to 4 Halls — A, B, C, D

- Jefferson Lab with 12 GeV beam of e^-, has unique opportunity to measure high statistical J/ψ photoprod Xsec @ thr, which is 8.2 GeV.

Exclusive Reaction $\gamma p \to J/\psi p \to (e^+e^-)p$ *with* GlueX **Detector**

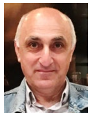
GlueX detector has full acceptance - direct measurement of *tot Xsec* - no need to extrapolate to low/high **t**

- **2T**-solenoid, LH_2 target
- Tracking (FDC, CDC) , Calorimetry (BCAL, FCAL, ECAL), Timing (TOF, SC)



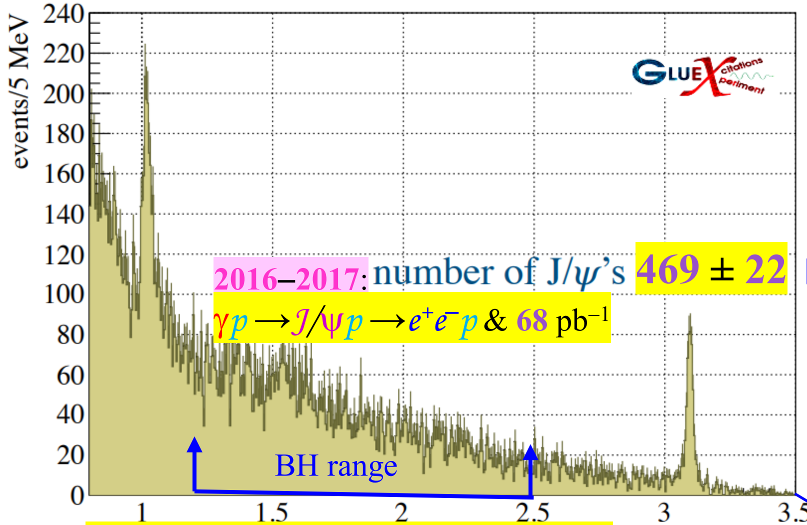
- Hermetic detector: 1^0–120^0 *polar* & full *azimuthal* acceptance.
- Intensity: (2–5) x10^7 γ/sec above J/ψ thr (8.2 GeV).
- Tracking: $\sigma_p/p \sim 1$–5 %.
- Calorimetry: $\sigma_E/E \sim (6\ \%)/\sqrt{E} + (2\ \%)$.
- e^- separated from π^- by E/p – energy deposition in calorimeters over measured momentum (π^- >10^3 times more than e^-).

Courtesy of Lubomir Penchev, **2024**



S. Adhikari *et al*, Nucl Inst Meth A **987**, 164807 (**2021**)

GlueX e^+e^- Invariant Mass Spectrum & Statistics



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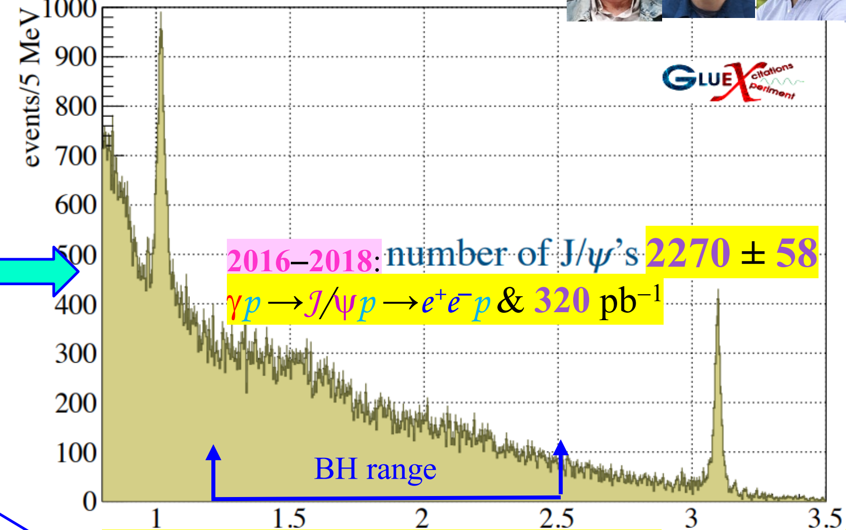

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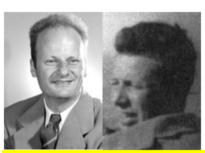
- Tagged photon beam (**0.2%** E_γ resolution) & exclusivity of reaction:
- Kinematic fit (constrained mostly by recoil proton): **13** MeV mass resolution; no radiative tail.
- J/ψ yields extracted from fits of **M(e^+e^-)** distributions.
- BH (**1.2–2.5** GeV) used for normalization.



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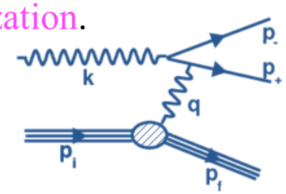
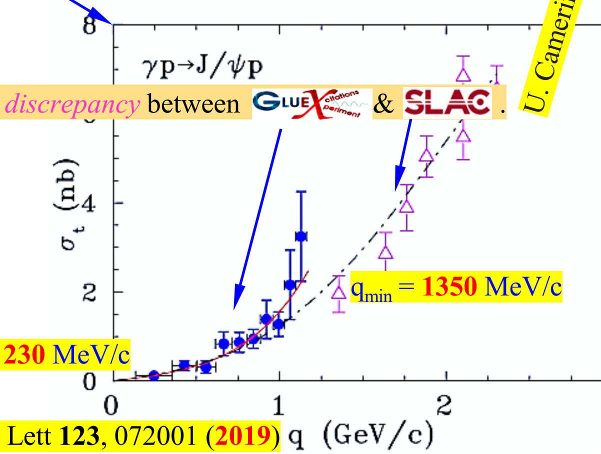


- There is ***no discrepancy*** between (GlueX) & (SLAC).



q_{min} = **230** MeV/c

q_{min} = **1350** MeV/c

A. Ali *et al*, Phys Rev Lett **123**, 072001 (**2019**)

U. Camerini *et al*, Phys Rev Lett **35**, 483 (**1975**)

$\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi p \rightarrow (e^+e^-)p$ Measurements from $007^{J/\psi}$
$\rightarrow (\mu^+\mu^-)p$

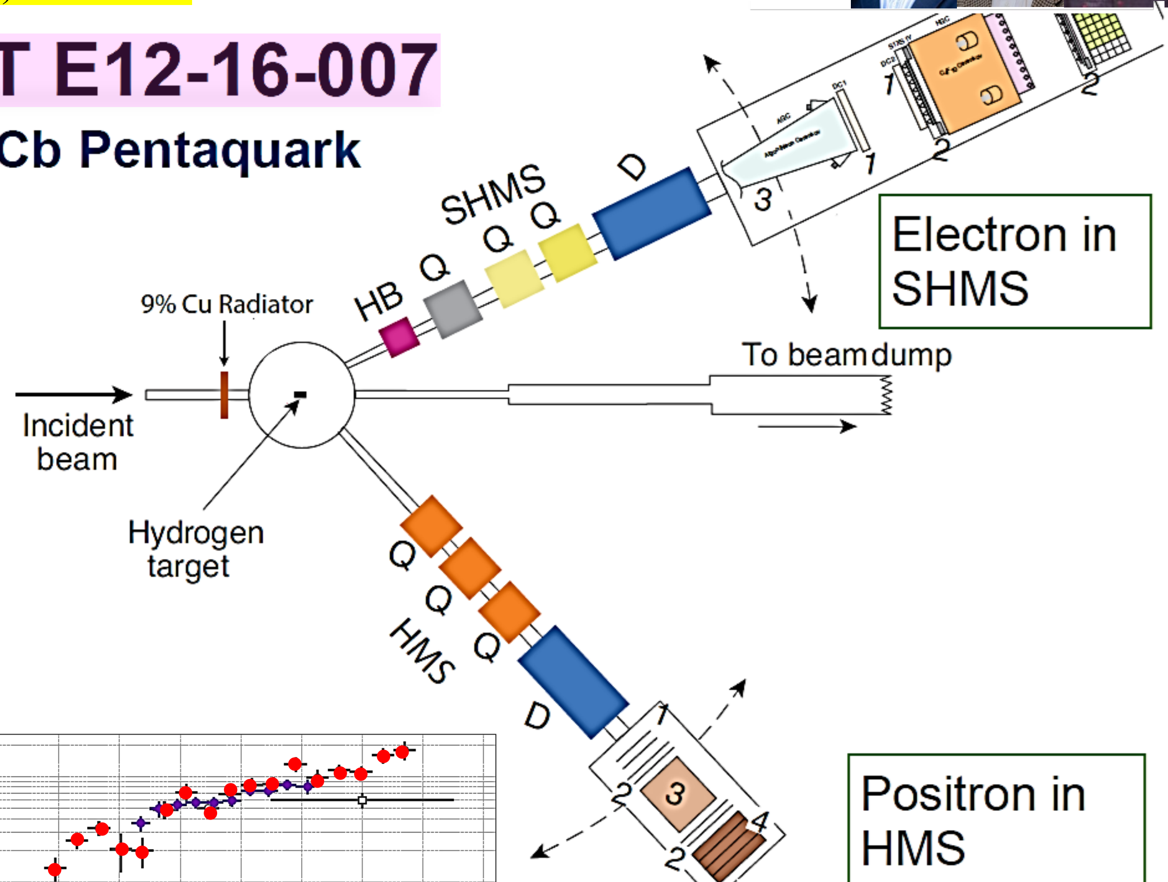
B. Duran *et al*, Nature **615**, 813 (2023)
S. Joosten *et al*, arXiv:2602.14416 [nucl-ex]

PDG $\Gamma(e^+e^-) = \Gamma(\mu^+\mu^-) = 5.53$ keV

JLAB EXPERIMENT E12-16-007

J/ψ-007: Search for the LHCb Pentaquark

- Ran February 2019 for ~8 PAC days
- High intensity real photon beam (50μA electron beam on a 9% copper radiator)
- 10cm liquid hydrogen target
- Detect J/ψ decay leptons in coincidence
  - Bremsstrahlung photon energy fully constrained



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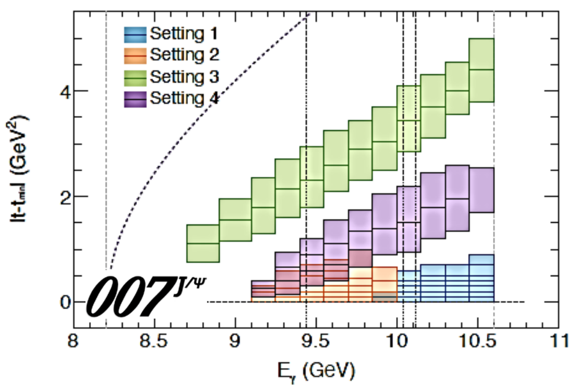

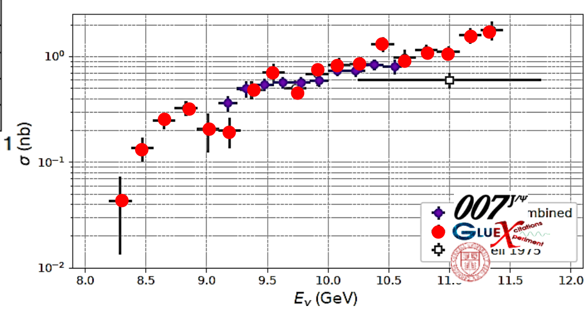

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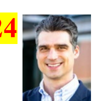

$\gamma^* p \to J/\psi p \to (e^+e^-)p$ *Measurements from* CLAS

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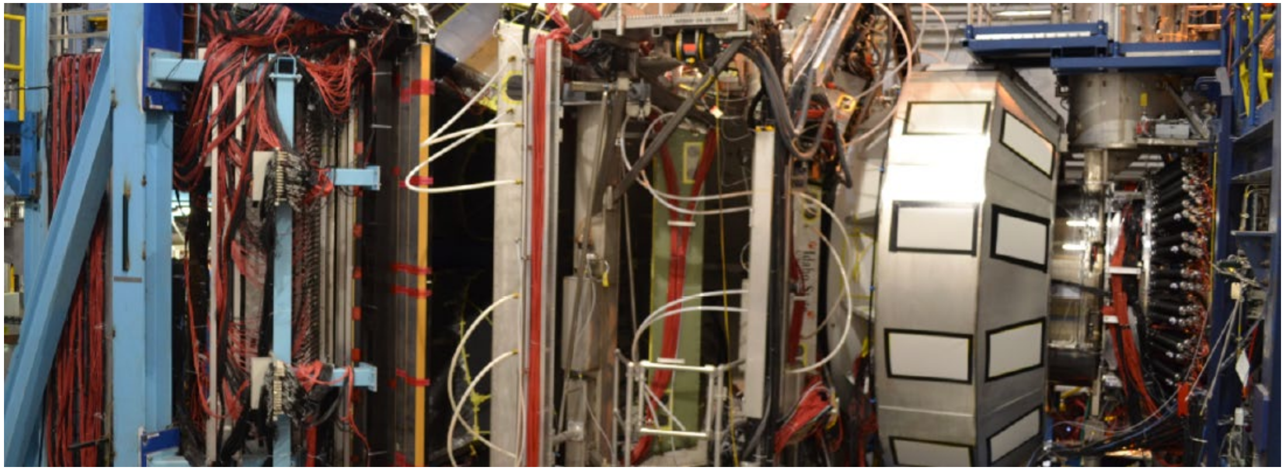
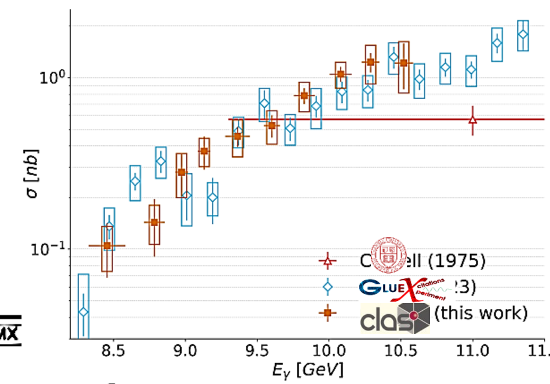
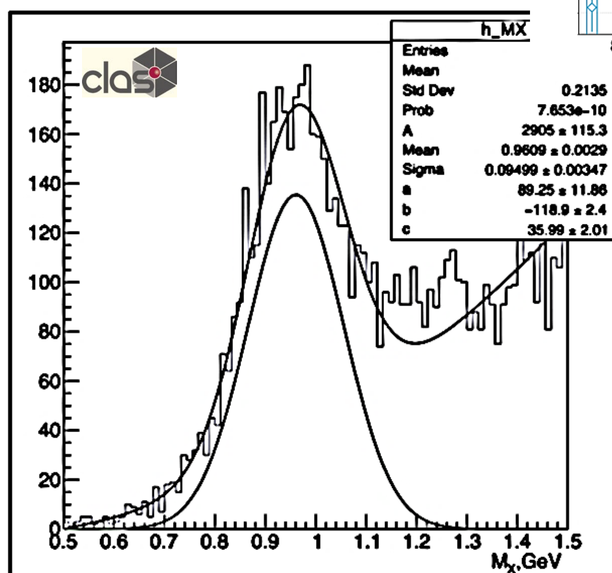




V.D. Burkert *et al*, Nucl Inst Meth A **959**, 163419 (**2020**).

- For the reaction $ep \to e'e^+e^-(p')$
- The missing four-momentum is defined as $p_X = p_e + p_p - p_{e^-} - p_{e^+} - p_{e'}$
- The peak on the distribution should be around the mass of the missing proton.
- We keep events with $E_\gamma > 8.1$ GeV where $E_\gamma = E_{beam} - E_{e'}$
- Invariant mass $M^2(e^-e^+) = (p_{e^-} + p_{e^+})^2$ should be in the 2.0 GeV to 3.5 GeV region
- We also apply a cut in the missing mass as $|M_X = 0.9609| < 3\sigma$
- $Q^2 < \mathbf{0.1}$ GeV² ($Q^2 = 0 - 0.1$ GeV²)



Missing mass distribution for the final state $e'e^+e^-$.The peak correspond to the missing mass of the proton.

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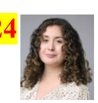
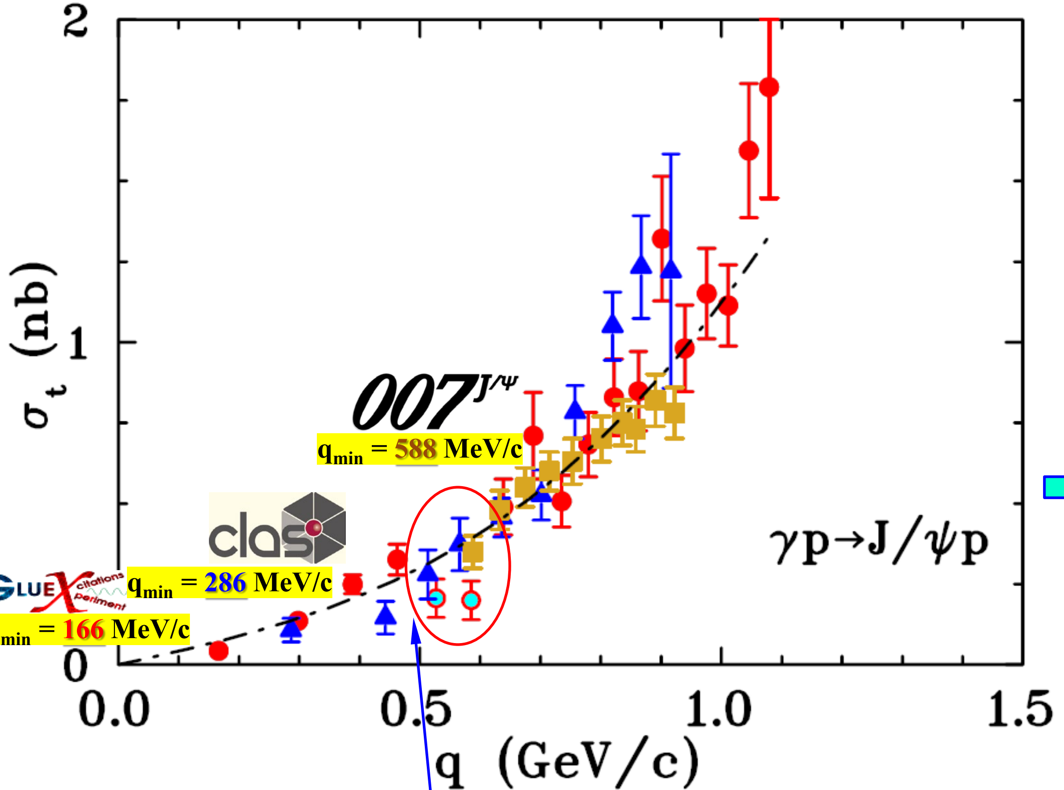


Total Cross Sections for Vector Meson Photoproduction Contribution for SL

IIS, J.K. Ahn, W.J. Briscoe, M.G. Ryskin, & A. Schmidt, Phys Rev D **113**, 114023 (2026)



Meson	Phoptoproduction SL (fm)	pQCD (fm)
ϕ	0.063±0.010 [14]	0.065
J/ψ	0.00274±0.00027†	0.0029
Υ	0.00051±0.00003 [17]	0.00047

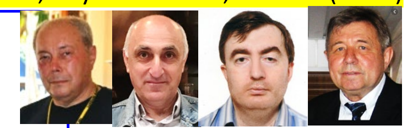
While 007$^{J/\psi}$ data lacks coverage in **q** to make firm statement about existence of **dip**, more recent CLAS electroproduction data *do not show* evidence of **dip**. Still, uncertainties are very large (low statistics).

- Agreement between all three J/ψ data sets GlueX 007$^{J/\psi}$ CLAS shows no indication of systematic differences between methodologies.

Phenomenology for Vector Meson Nucleon Scattering Length

Vector Meson – Nucleon SL Determination

IIS, D. Epifanov, & L. Pentchev, Phys Rev C **101**, 042201 (2020)
IIS, L. Pentchev, & A.I. Titov, Phys Rev C **101**, 045201 (2020)



- Small ***positive*** or ***negative*** *VN* ***SL*** may indicate weakly ***repulsive*** or ***attractive*** ***V****N* interaction if there is no *VN* bound state below experimental q_{min}.
- For evaluation of *absolute* value of *VN* ***SL***, we apply *VMD* approach that links near-thr photoprod *Xsections* of ***γp → Vp*** & elastic ***Vp → Vp***

q → 0

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma p\to Vp}}{d\Omega}\Big|_{thr} = \frac{q}{k}\frac{1}{64\pi}|T^{\gamma p\to Vp}|^2 = \frac{q}{k}\cdot\frac{\pi\alpha}{g_V^2}\frac{d\sigma^{Vp\to Vp}}{d\Omega}\Big|_{thr} = \frac{q}{k}\cdot\frac{\pi\alpha}{g_V^2}|\alpha_{Vp}|^2$$

V CM momentum

Photon CM momentum

k = (s – M²) / 2 s^1/2 ($k = (s - M^2)/2s^{1/2}$)

Invariant amplitude of *V* photoproduction

$$g_V^2 = \frac{\pi\cdot\alpha^2\cdot m_V}{3\cdot\Gamma(V\to e^+e^-)}$$

Fine-structure constant

VMD coupling constant, related to ***V*** ***EM*** decay width ***Γ(V→ e⁺e⁻)***

- Absolute value *SL* is determined by interplay of *strong* (*hadronic*) & ***EM*** dynamics as:

$$|\alpha_{VN}|^2 = (h\ B)^2$$

where *hadronic* component is $h^2 = a$ & *linear term* **a** came from $\sigma_t = a\ q + b\ q^3 + c\ q^5$ ⟸ Experiment

pure ***EM*** ***VMD***-motivated kinematic factor $B^2 = \frac{\alpha}{12\pi}\ \frac{m_v\ k_{thr}}{\Gamma(V\to e^+\ e^-)}$ ⟸ PDG

- For VN system, to avoid theor uncertainties, we do not
  - Determine *sign* of ***SL***,
  - Separate Re & Im *parts* of ***SL***,
  - Extract *total angular momentum* **1**/**2** & **3**/**2** contributions

VMD Model

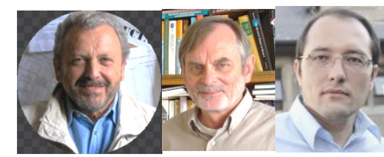
VMD for VN Interaction

- ρp & ωp *SL* were determined from photoprod reactions **γp→Vp** with *VDM*.
  Non-perturbative QCD-related approach employing dressed quarks & gluons as ingredients for **γp→Vp** reaction model is under development in

- To estimate theoretical uncertainty related to *VMD* model, one refers to estimation of Xsec of **J/ψ** photoproduction in *peripheral model* & found strong energy dependence close to threshold because non-diagonal **γp→Vp** & elastic **Vp→Vp** must have larger transfer momenta *vs* elastic scattering.
  This results in violation of *VMD* by factor of **5**.

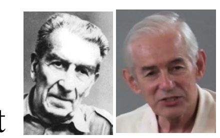
K.G. Boreskov & B.L. Ioffe, Sov J Nucl Phys **25**, 331 (**1977**)

- **Color** factor for *hidden charm* is **1/9**, while for *open charm* is **8/9**.



B.Z. Kopeliovich, I. Schmidt, & M. Siddikov, Phys Rev C **95**, 065203 (**2017**)

- Strong suppression in *VN* interaction close to thr is observed because of $Q\bar{Q}$ pair in point-like configuration lacks sufficient time to form complete wave function of *vector meson*;
  that is, proton interacts with "*young*" (undressed quarks) *vector meson* whose size is smaller than that of "*old*" one participating in elastic ***Vp→Vp*** scattering.



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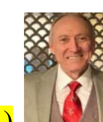
- In recent study, effect of *VMD* assumption was studied in formalism of *Dyson-Schwinger equations,* which one can consider alternative interpretation of "*young age*" in connection to QCD.

Y.Z. Xu, S. Chen, Z.Q. Yao, D. Binosi, Z.F. Cui, & C.D. Roberts, Eur Phys J C **81**, 895 (**2021**)



Nucleon Formfactor

Vector Meson – Nucleon SL Puzzle

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- In photoproduction, $Q\bar{Q}$ pair is produced @ point (locally) by *point-like photon*, & heavy quarks do not have sufficient time to fly away @ distances corresponding to normal size of **V** wave function.
- That is, actually, we deal with small-sized $Q\bar{Q}$ pair-proton interaction & not with normal **Vp** scattering.
- On other hand, within pQCD, corresponding Xsec **σ($Q\bar{Q}$+p) ∝ r²**, where **r** is $Q\bar{Q}$ separation.
- Indeed, small size (*young*) colorless object is almost sterile with respect to QCD interaction.
- Therefore, ***SL***, *ie*, Xsec measured in photo(electro)prod, is smaller than that for **Vp → Vp** interaction.
- This is interesting effect that we can observe in photoprod experiments.

- Recall that, strictly speaking, to measure **SL** of **J/ψ**-proton interaction, we have to consider not J/ψ photoprod but **J/ψ** elastic scattering on proton.
- In comparison with elastic process in case of photoprod, we have *three* additional factors that may depend on $\mathbf{M_V}$.

- ***Zero mass*** of incoming photon is much smaller than **V** mass $\mathbf{M_V}$.
- In terms of VMD, resulting amplitude is proportional to **γ→V** transition coupling $\mathbf{f_V(M_V^2)}$, amplitude probability not to destroy target proton $\mathbf{F_N(t)}$, & $\bar{c}c$**→J/ψ** transition **FF** $\mathbf{F_\psi(t)}$.

- We have to emphasize that to produce heavy (J/ψ) meson @ thr, we need to have rather large momentum transferred **t**. For case of J/ψ @ thr **t = −2.2** GeV^2.

- Thus, ***SL*** extracted via VMD from photoprod of heavy **V** will be smaller than that in elastic *meson-proton* scattering by factor of $\mathbf{F_N(t)\ F_\psi(t)\ f_V(M_V^2)}$.
  Keeping in mind large uncertainty in $\mathbf{F_N}$, we take $\mathbf{f_V\ F_\psi = 1}$.

Vector Meson – Nucleon SL Puzzle

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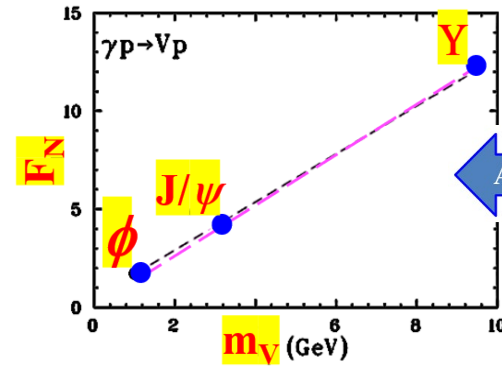
- We do not know $\mathbf{F_N(t)}$ experimentally, and for our numerical estimate will take ***pole*** form:

$$F_N(t) = \frac{1}{1 - t/\Lambda^2}$$

Meson	Photoproduction SL (fm)	$-t_{min}$ (GeV^2)
ϕ	0.063±0.010 [14]	0.50
J/ψ	0.00274±0.00027†	2.22
Υ	0.00051±0.00003 [17]	8.07



Arisen or appeared unexpectedly

- Besides ***FF*** suppression, we expect smaller **SL** due to "***young effect***," where reaction, rather than proceeding through **Vp** interaction, proceeds through interaction of recently produced $Q\bar{Q}$ pair, whose size is smaller than that of fully formed **V**.

- To study both "*form factor*" & "*young effect*" in more detail, it would be interesting to measure electroproduction @ $\mathbf{Q^2}$ values comparable to $\mathbf{M_{J/\psi}^2}$.

- Another interesting piece of information may come from J-PARC facility, which can measure near-thr **V** production using *negative* low- & high-energy *pion beams*.

Vector Meson Nucleon Scattering Length Puzzle

Vector Meson SL Accounting Nucleon FF

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- Besides exp error bars, uncertainties of our results come from accuracy of VMD model.

Meson	Photoproduction SL (fm)	$-t_{min}$ (GeV^2)	SL/F$_N(t)$ (fm)	pQCD (fm)	dynSL (fm)
ϕ	0.063±0.010 [14]	0.50	0.109±0.017	0.065	0.123
J/ψ	0.00274±0.00027†	2.22	0.0113±0.0011	0.0029	0.00634
Υ	0.00051±0.00003 [17]	8.07	0.0063±0.0004	0.00047	0.00196

- <u>Finally</u>, recall that actually we deal with $Q\bar{Q}$-proton interaction & not with elastic **Vp → Vp** scattering.
- Size of this pair, produced by point-like photon, is smaller than normal **V** size.
- Thus, it is natural to expect smaller Xsec. This "*young effect*" explains relatively small values of **SL** measured in photoprod.

- **First**, this is possible contribution of $Q\bar{Q}$ states (produced by ***photon***), other than **V** of interest. In terms of DRs over mass of intermediate state, besides resonance peak, there may exist another contribution. The hope is that this contribution is negligibly small.

- **Next**, is role of **FF**s. <u>On one hand</u>, momentum transfer needed to produce heavy **V** @ threshold is quite large. <u>On other hand</u>, meaning/physics of **FF** is probability of keeping particle intact, & not producing some complicated excited state. But working very close to thr, we have no phase space sufficient to produce new system with same quantum numbers (say, baryon charge **B=1**) except for proton & our **V**.

- That is, it looks reasonable that dynamics of interaction account for large momentum transferred, & therefore we have to consider obtained **SL** as real **SL** of photoprod on proton.

Can Young Hypothesis Explain Vector Meson – Nucleon SL Puzzle ?

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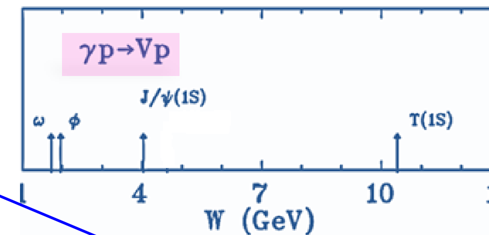
- Due to ***small size*** of "*young*" ***V*** vs "*old*" ***V***, measured & predicted ***SL*** is very small.
- ***V*** created by photon @ threshold then most probably ***V*** is not *formed completely* & its radius is smaller than that for normal ("*old*") ***V***.
- Therefore, one observes stronger suppression for ***Vp*** interaction.

$|\alpha_{\Upsilon p}| \ll |\alpha_{J/\psi p}| \ll |\alpha_{\phi p}| \ll |\alpha_{\omega p}|$



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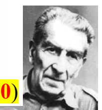

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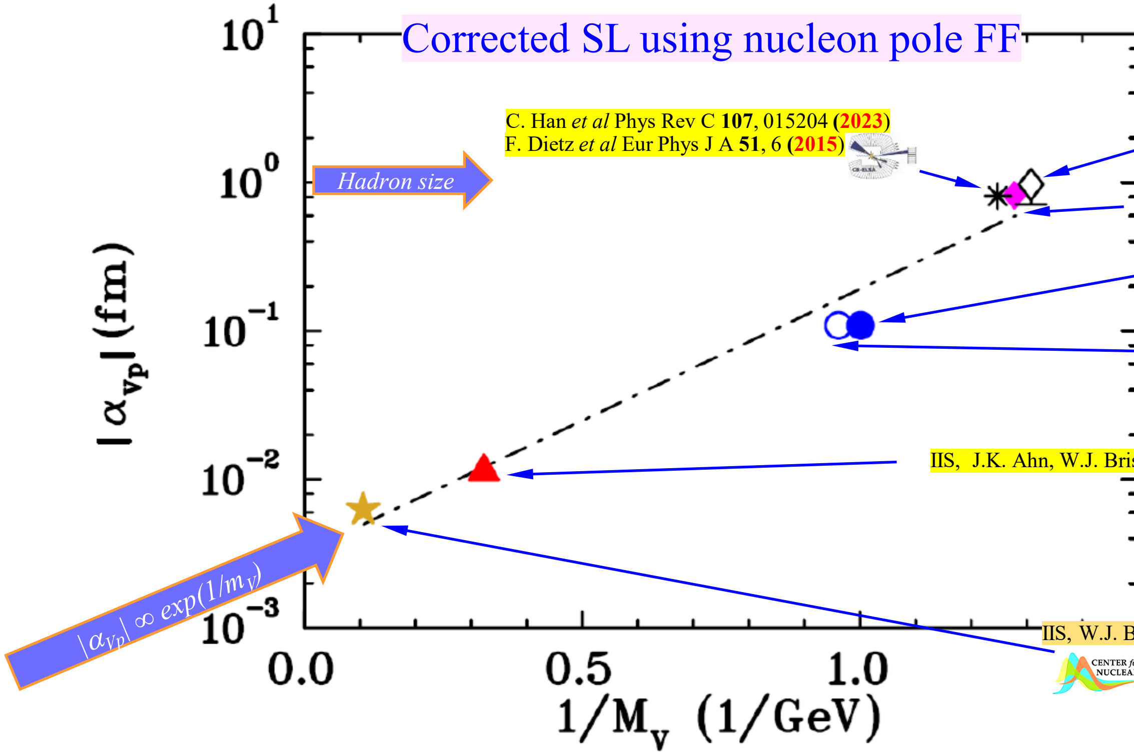

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- ***p→V*** coupling $\bar{q}q$ is proportional to $\boldsymbol{\alpha_s}$ & *separation* of corresponding quarks.
- This *separation* (in *zero approximation*) is proportional to $1/m_V$.

Perturbative QCD Effect

pQCD for VN SL

IIS, J.K. Ahn, W.J. Briscoe, M.G. Ryskin, & A. Schmidt, Phys Rev D **113**, 114023 (**2026**)

- Our analysis shows almost linear (on exponential scale) increase in $|\alpha_{Vp}| \propto \exp(1/m_V)$ with increasing $1/M_V$.
- This is interesting observation; however, behavior does not satisfy expected asymptotic $\alpha_{Vp} \to 0$ as $m_V \to \infty$.

- In fact, in *pQCD*, **p → V** coupling is proportional to strong coupling α_s & separation of corresponding quarks. This separation (in zero approximation) is proportional to $1/m_V$, or $1/m_Q$, where m_Q is *current* quark mass.

- Taking *current* quark masses PDG as m_s = **0.1 GeV**, m_c = **1.3 GeV**, & m_b = **4.2 GeV**, along with constant Λ = **350 MeV**, & inserting

$$\alpha_{Vp} = 1/30\ (0.197[\mathrm{fm}\cdot\mathrm{GeV}])\ \alpha_s(m_Q) / m_Q$$

with *one-loop* $\alpha_s = (4\pi/b_0) / \ln(m_Q^2/\Lambda^2)$,

but if $\alpha_s > 1$, then $\alpha_s = 1$ (*ie*, α_s is frozen @ **1**; & b_0 is referred to as *one-loop* β-function coefficient b_0 = **8.33** for **4** light quarks: **u**, **d**, **s**, & **c**).

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- Of course, expression is not real *perturbative QCD* calculation. This is just *naive estimate*. However, it demonstrates that observed **SL**s are consistent with *perturbative QCD* & account for suppression due to *young* effect.

- Recall that aim of our project is not to build model that describes data, but phenomenological analysis. (Model(s) & corresponding theoretical uncertainties can be found, *eg*, in & UNIVERSITÄT BONN.)

SU(3) for Omega to Phi

$SU(3)_F$ for VN SL

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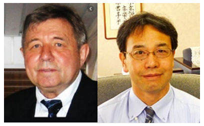
- Actually, Eq. (8) from paper by Titov *et al*. gives relationship between **SL**s of **ϕN** & **ωN** using **$SU(3)_F$** symmetry:

A.I. Titov, T. Nakano, S. Date, & Y. Ohashi, Phys. Rev. C **76**, 048202 (**2007**).



$$|\alpha_{\phi N}| = \epsilon\, |\alpha_{\omega N}|$$

where

$$\epsilon \equiv -tg(\Delta\theta_V) \;\; \& \;\; \Delta\theta_V \simeq 3.7^0$$

represents deviation of ϕ-ω mixing angle from ***ideal mixing angle***.
(Vector mixing angle $\theta_V = 36.5^0$ is very close to ideal mixing angle.) PDG

Relation (8) assumes that **SL** originates from *light* (**u**,**d**) quarks only, most likely from nucleon resonances.

- Ratio of our phenomenological **SL** determination

$$(|\alpha_{\omega N}| = 0.82 \text{ fm} \;\; \& \;\; |\alpha_{\phi N}| = 0.063 \text{ fm})$$

corresponds to $\Delta\theta_V \simeq 4.4^0$

- In **$SU(3)_F$**, there should be similar relation for $|\alpha_{\phi N}|$ with $|\alpha_{\omega N}|$ & $|\alpha_{\phi N}|$ with $|\alpha_{\rho N}|$.
  However, for **ρ**, it may be partly spoiled by large **ρ** *width*.
  Besides this, in **ρp** case, result may be affected by ***isobars*** (**I** = **3/2**).

That is likely why $|\alpha_{\omega N}| \simeq 4\, |\alpha_{\rho N}|$, as was reported recently.

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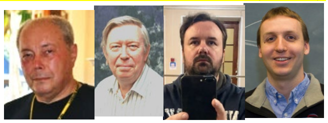
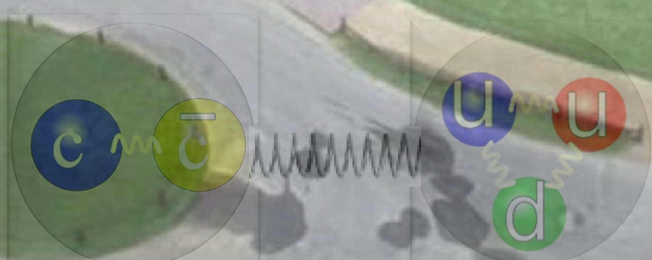


Nanjing & Bonn Us, & HAL for J/ψ–P SL



for *VM Photoproduction*

Abstract A reaction model for $\gamma + p \to V + p$, $V = \rho^0, \phi, J/\psi, \Upsilon$, which exposes the quark-antiquark content of the photon in making the transition $\gamma \to q\bar{q} + \mathbb{P} \to V$, where q depends on V, and couples the intermediate $q\bar{q}$ system to the proton's valence quarks via Pomeron ($\mathbb{P}$) exchange, is used to deliver a unified description of available data – both differential and total cross sections – from near threshold to very high energies, W, for all the V-mesons. For the Υ, this means $10 \lesssim W/\text{GeV} \lesssim 2000$. Also provided are predictions for the power-law exponents that are empirically used to characterise the large-W behaviour of the total cross sections and slope parameters characterising the near-threshold differential cross sections. Appealing to notions of vector meson dominance, the latter have been interpreted as vector-meson–proton scattering lengths. The body of results indicate that it is premature to link any $\gamma + p \to V + p$ data with, for instance, in-proton gluon distributions, the quantum chromodynamics trace anomaly, or pentaquark production. Further developments in reaction theory and higher precision data are required before the validity of any such links can be assessed.

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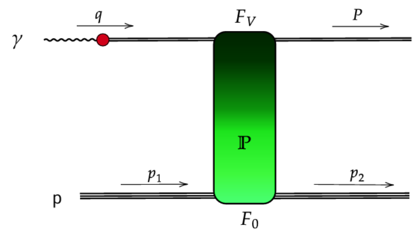

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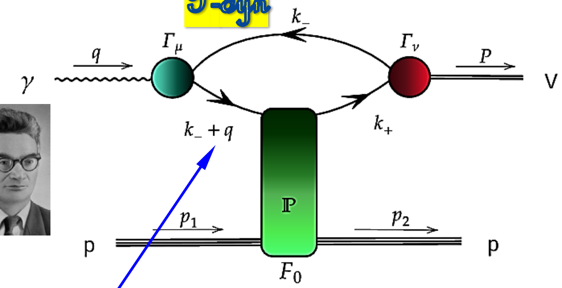
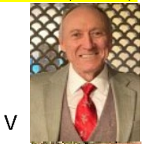
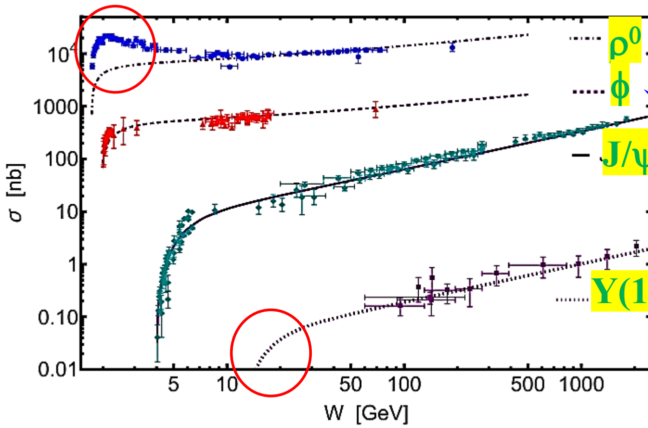




- Good description of data is mainly provided by explicit implementation of *upper quark loop*.
- Of course, there is NO reason for ***Pomeron*** dominance near thr.
- There is **no fit** to diff. & total Xsec & predictions are really good.



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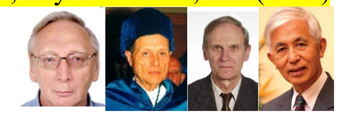
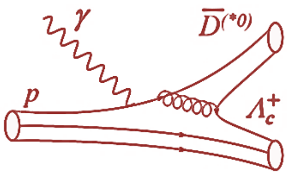
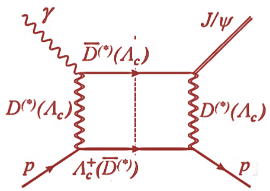
Deciphering Mechanism of Near-Threshold J/ψ Photoproduction

Meng-Lin Du, V. Baru, Feng-Kun Guo, Ch. Hanhart, U.-G. Meissner, A. Nefediev, & IIS, Eur Phys J C **80**, 1053 (**2020**)

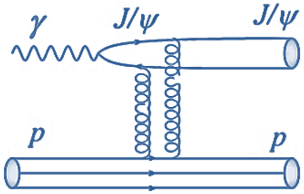
- It was shown that *fluctuation* of *photon* into ***open charm*** $\gamma p \rightarrow \Lambda_c \bar{D}$.
  is preferable than into *hidden charm J/ψ*. K. Boreskov, A. Capella, A. Kaidalov, & J. Tran Than Van, Phys Rev D **47**, 919 (**1993**)







- $\bar{c}c$ *pair* is produced by *1g* & interacts with *proton*.



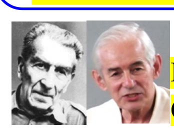
- $\bar{c}c$ *pair* is produced by ***photon*** via *VMD* & interacts with *proton* through *2g* exchange.

- Coupled-channel mechanism with *VMD*

$$|a^{J=1/2}| = 0.2\ldots3.1 \text{ mfm}$$
$$|a^{J=3/2}| = 0.2\ldots3.0 \text{ mfm}$$

- These ***two*** *mechanisms* act simultaneously.
  Assuming there is only ***first*** one,
  then key consequence: *threshold cusps* **!**
- There is no fit to GlueX data.

- One **should study** *two-component* problem accounting for *interference* between these *two components*.
- Effect of *charm* exchange is smaller than *gluon* exchange.
- *Gluon* contribution can be strongly *suppressed* due to "*young*" effect.



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J/ψ-p Scattering Length from HAL (Hadrons to Atomic nuclei from Lattice QCD)

Yan Lyu, Takumi Doi, Tetsuo Hatsuda, & Takuya Sugiura, PoS **LATTICE2024**, 103 (**2025**)

$\bar{c}cp \to p\bar{c}c$

channel	a_0 [fm]
N-$J/\psi(^4S_{3/2})$	$0.30(2)\left(^{+0}_{-2}\right)$
N-$J/\psi(^2S_{1/2})$	$0.38(4)\left(^{+0}_{-3}\right)$

- We make deal with **TWO** different quantities:
- **SL** "measured" via VMD in **$\gamma p \to Vp$**.
  VDM tries to connect two values (**$Vp \to Vp$** & **$\gamma p \to Vp$**) but due to "***young***" effect phenomenological & Lattice values are not the same.
  We deal with "***young***" (not finally formed) meson which as rule has smaller *radius* & smaller *Xsec*, that is smaller **SL**.
- Lattice HAL **SL** corresponding to initial **V** (in its equilibrium state) scattering.

- Crucial point for $\pi^- p \to Vn$ case (as J-PARC will measure) is that ***photon*** creates/produces $Q\bar{Q}$ pair @ POINT while in ***pion*** case we deal with two quarks separated one from another @ beginning.

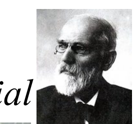
Revisited Vp Scattering Length

- In models & , where interaction is mediated by heavy quark loop & two gluon exchange, these factors are accounted for automatically.
  Both groups calculated SLs for reactions $\gamma p \to Vp$,

- Whereas in Lattice they deal with $(\bar{c}c)p$ elastic.
  Puzzle is that in $(\bar{c}c)p$ case, SL is much larger. *Young effect* explains this puzzle.

- All previous ***theoretical*** results (including *potential* approaches & *LQCD* calculations) gave much-much larger ***SL***.

- Most probably, so large SL results from ***large distances tail*** of *van der Waals potential* which in QCD should be killed by *confinement*.



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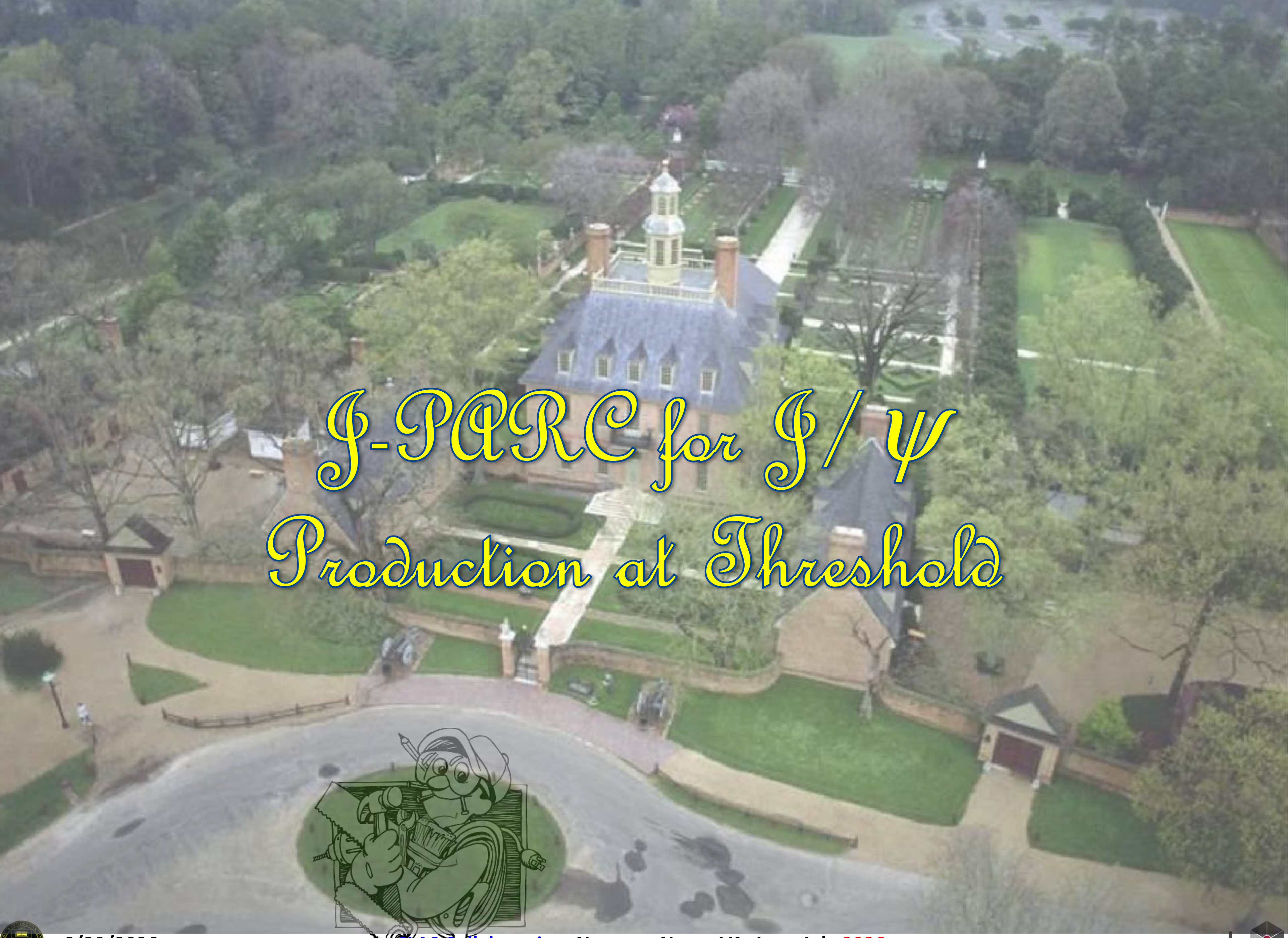
- Evaluation of $\gamma p \to J/\psi p$ Xsec of proton, which was reported by 007$^{J/\psi}$ & clas, it is challenging to extend beyond our previous phenomenological determination of $J/\psi p$ SL.



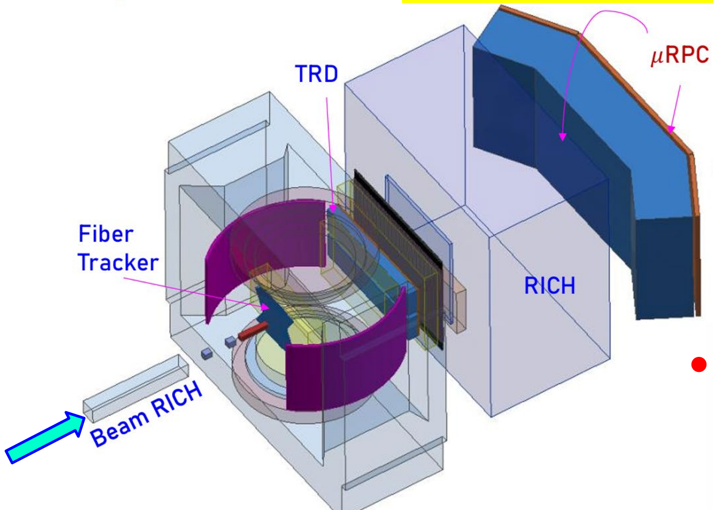
J-PARC for J/ψ Production at Threshold

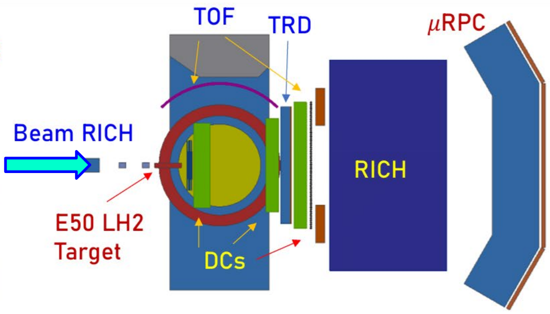
J-PARC for $\pi^- p \to J/\psi\, p \to (\ell^+\ell^-)\, p$

S.Y. Ryu *et al*. Proposal **P111** for J-PARC (**2024**)

- New high-energy π20/K10 beamline, utilized by P111 experiment

Spectrometer (MARQ & Dilepton Det)





- Two additional detectors will be added to the E50 spectrometer, which are the μRPC and the TRD (transition radiation detector).
- For detection of the $J/\psi \to e^+e^-$ decay, we also consider alternative detector candidates such as a large array of the forward EM calorimeter and/or preshower sampling calorimeters in the magnet.

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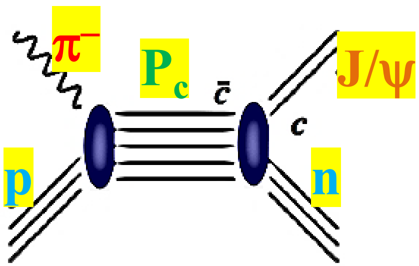
- Theoretical predictions for J/ψ production Xsec span wide range, from **0.1 pb** to **50 nb**, depending on interpretations of these limits.
- If Xsec reaches approximately 4 nb @ p = 9.5 GeV/c, Anticipated J/ψ yield in momentum range p = 8.2 − 11.0 GeV/c is estimated to be 1.0×10^4 events.

Courtesy of Sun Young Ryu, **September 2025**

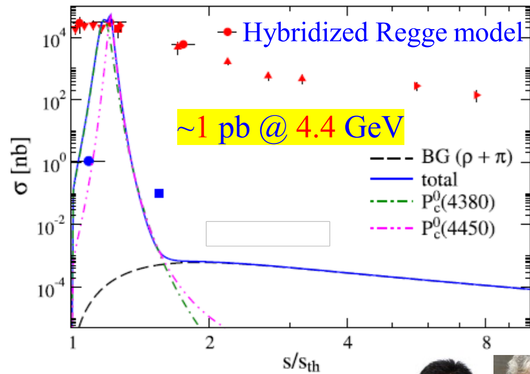
STAY TUNED

- Key distinction of **$\pi^- p \to J/\psi n$** reaction @ J-PARC is that, unlike photon-induced reactions - where photon creates quark pair @ interaction point, as seen in GlueX, 007, & clas – pion-induced process involves *two quarks* that are already separated from beginning.
- We would add, however, that in s-channel resonance, $\bar{c}c$ separation may be different from that in J/ψ photoproduction.

Theory for J/ψ Production using Pion Beam



- Looking for bumps via ***constructive interference*** between **s**-channel P_c Res & non-resonant background.



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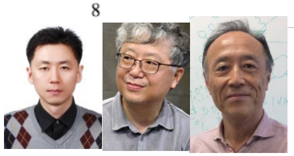

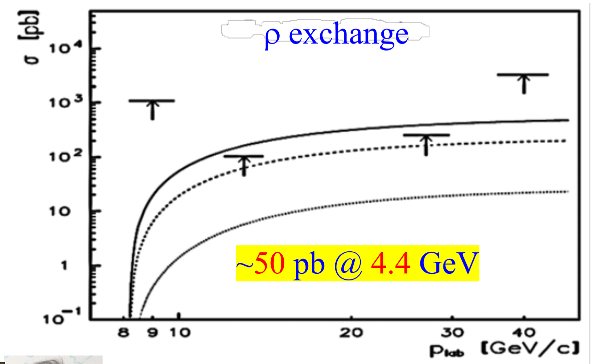

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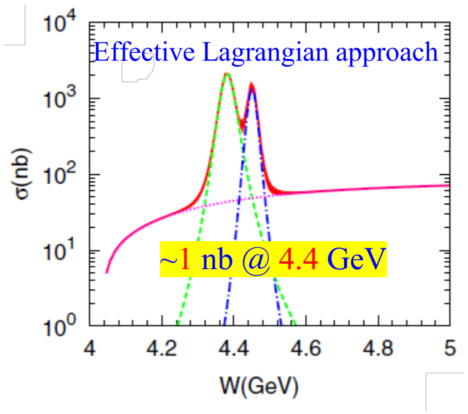

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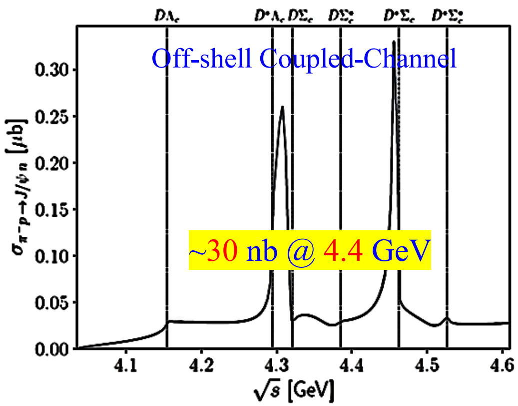

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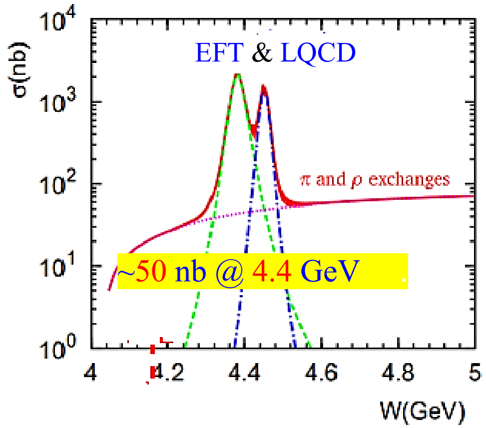

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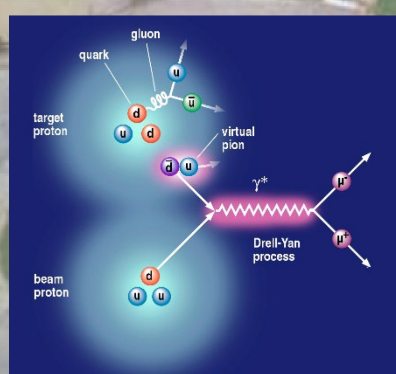
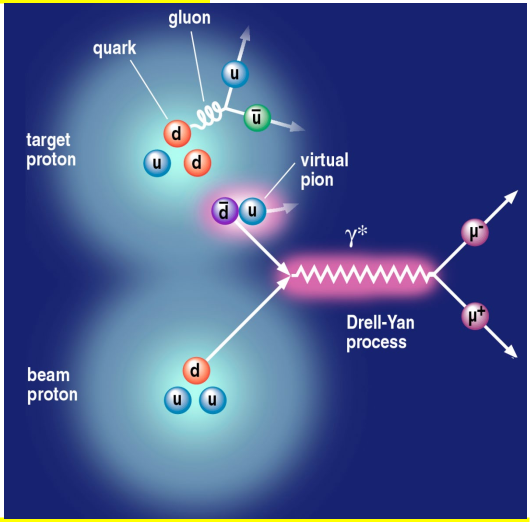
Polarization of Quarkonium

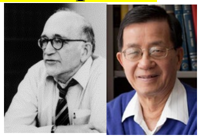


J-PARC for $\pi^- p \to J/\psi\, p \to (e^+e^-)\, p$

- Crucial point for **$\pi^- p \to Vp$** case (as J-PARC will be measured) is that *photon* creates/produces quark pair @ POINT (@ GlueX) while in *pion* case, we deal with two quarks separated from one another @ beginning.



- Depending on production mechanism for J/ψ, polarization of J/ψ could change. For example, some production mechanisms are expected to produce largely unpolarized J/ψ (such as inclusive production), while other mechanisms can produce polarized J/ψ (such as exclusive production or thr production).
  For example, when ***NuSea*** Collaboration measured polarization of J/ψ produced in *pA* inclusive production @ 800 GeV beam energy,
  they found that
  J/ψ is somewhat polarized, but much less polarized than *Drell-Yan* di-leptons.



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Jen-Chieh Peng: ``*Polarization of quarkonium remains mystery*''.

J/ψ polarization matrix is measured via angular distribution of electrons in $J/\psi \to e^+e^-$ decay.


SUMMARY

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- "*Young*" V hypothesis may explain fact that obtained SL value for ϕ-p, compared to typical hadron size of 1 fm, indicates that proton is more transparent for ϕ-meson compared to ω-meson & is much more transparent for J/ψ-meson.

$$|\alpha_{\Upsilon p}| << |\alpha_{J/\psi p}| << |\alpha_{\phi p}| << |\alpha_{\omega p}|$$

- Furthermore, *pQCD* predictions support phenomenological determination of heavy vector meson-nucleon scattering lengths.

- & ability allows us to understand dynamics of $\bar{s}s$ & $\bar{c}c$ & $b\bar{b}$ production @ threshold.

- Jefferson Lab further studies on both *nucleons* & ***nuclei*** SRC in *heavy* **V** photo- & ***electro-production*** RGA & RGK will significantly extend our knowledge of gluonic structure of nuclear matter.

Today, 3 pm

- J-PARC is able to measure $\pi^- p \to \phi\, n$ E95 & $\pi^- p \to J/\psi\, n$ P111 @ thresholds, which are free from VMD, which is important input to phenomenology (PWA).

- Upcoming J-PARC threshold measurements of reaction $\pi^- p \to J/\psi\, n \to (l^+ l^-) n$ will help to evaluate possible role of heavy pentaquark, P_c, states in low-energy J/ψ production & effects caused by nucleon FFs.

- *Polarized measurements* are important contribution to model-independent PWA.

ϕ Meson with CLAS

$\gamma^* N \to \phi N \to (K^+K^-)N$ Measurements from CLAS


PHYSICAL REVIEW C, VOLUME 63, 065205 (2001)

- **Exclusive electroproduction of ϕ mesons at 4.2 GeV**

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PHYSICAL REVIEW C 78, 025210 (2008)

- **Electroproduction of $\phi(1020)$ mesons at $1.4 \leq Q^2 \leq 3.8$ GeV^2 measured with the CLAS spectrometer**

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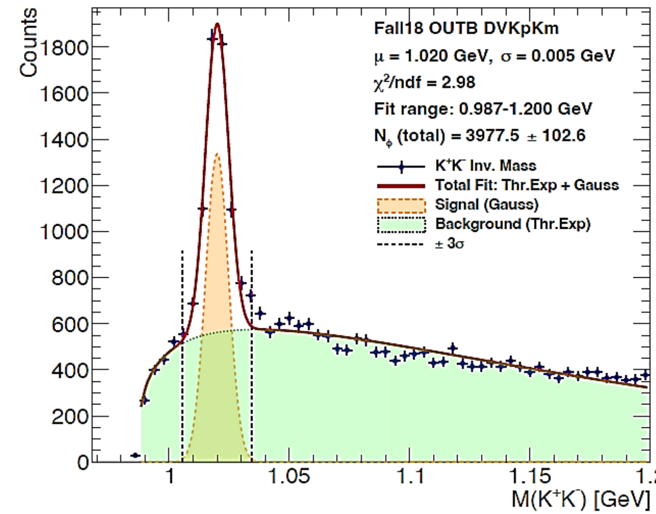

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- The extraction of ϕ–N total cross section from $d(\gamma, pK^+K^-)n$

CLAS Collaboration

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- **Data analysis techniques, differential cross sections, and spin density matrix elements for the reaction $\gamma p \to \phi p$**

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Mystery of ϕ(1020)

PDG particle data group

Citation: S. Navas *et al.* (Particle Data Group), Phys. Rev. D 110, 030001 (2024) 025 update

$\phi(1020)$ $\quad I^G(J^{PC}) = 0^-(1^{--})$

$\phi(1020)$ MASS

VALUE (MeV)	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
1019.460 ±0.016 OUR AVERAGE				
1019.443 ±0.010 ±0.060	1.28M	[1] ACHASOV 24	SND	$e^+e^- \to K_L^0 K_S^0$
1019.463 ±0.061	2.3M	[2] KOZYREV 18	CMD3	$e^+e^- \to K^+K^-$, $K_S^0 K_L^0$

$\phi(1020)$ WIDTH

VALUE (MeV)	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
4.249±0.013 OUR AVERAGE		Error includes scale factor of 1.1.		
4.212±0.20 ±0.13	1.28M	[1] ACHASOV 24	SND	$e^+e^- \to K_L^0 K_S^0$
4.245±0.013	2.3M	[2] KOZYREV 18	CMD3	$e^+e^- \to K^+K^-$, $K_S^0 K_L^0$

$\phi(1020)$ DECAY MODES

	Mode	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)	Scale factor/ Confidence level
Γ_1	K^+K^-	(49.9 ±0.5) %	S=1.5
Γ_2	$K_L^0 K_S^0$	(33.6 ±0.4) %	S=1.3
Γ_3	$\rho\pi + \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	(14.9 ±0.4) %	S=1.3
Γ_4	$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$		
Γ_5	$\eta\gamma$	(1.306±0.024) %	S=1.2

N^*

Particle	J^P	overall	Status as seen in $N\gamma$	$N\pi$	$\Delta\pi$	$N\sigma$	$N\eta$	ΛK	ΣK	$N\rho$	$N\omega$	$N\eta'$
N	$1/2^+$	****										
$N(1440)$	$1/2^+$	****	****	****	****	***						
$N(1520)$	$3/2^-$	****	****	****	****	**	****					
$N(1535)$	$1/2^-$	****	****	****	***	*	****					
$N(1650)$	$1/2^-$	****	****	****	***	*	****	*				
$N(1675)$	$5/2^-$	****	****	****	****	***	*	*	*			
$N(1680)$	$5/2^+$	****	****	****	****	***	*	*	*			
$N(1700)$	$3/2^-$	***	**	***	***	*	*			*		
$N(1710)$	$1/2^+$	****	****	****	*		***	**	*	*	*	
$N(1720)$	$3/2^+$	****	****	****	***	*	*	****	*	*	*	
$N(1860)$	$5/2^+$	**	*	**		*	*					
$N(1875)$	$3/2^-$	***	**	**	*	**	*	*	*	*	*	
$N(1880)$	$1/2^+$	***	**	*	**	*	*	**	**		**	
$N(1895)$	$1/2^-$	****	****	*	*	*	****	**	**	*	*	****
$N(1900)$	$3/2^+$	****	****	**	**	*	*	**	**		*	**
$N(1990)$	$7/2^+$	**	**	**			*	*	*			
$N(2000)$	$5/2^+$	**	**	*	**	*	*				*	
$N(2040)$	$3/2^+$	*		*								
$N(2060)$	$5/2^-$	***	***	**	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
$N(2100)$	$1/2^+$	***	**	***	**	**	*	*		*	*	**
$N(2120)$	$3/2^-$	***	***	**	**	**		**	*		*	*
$N(2190)$	$7/2^-$	****	****	****	****	**	*	**	*	*	*	
$N(2220)$	$9/2^+$	****	**	****			*	*	*			
$N(2250)$	$9/2^-$	****	**	****			*	*	*			
$N(2300)$	$1/2^+$	**		**								
$N(2570)$	$5/2^-$	**		**								
$N(2600)$	$11/2^-$	***		***								
$N(2700)$	$13/2^+$	**		**								

Δ^*

Particle	J^P	overall	Status as seen in $N\gamma$	$N\pi$	$\Delta\pi$	ΣK	$N\rho$	$\Delta\eta$
$\Delta(1232)$	$3/2^+$	****	****	****				
$\Delta(1600)$	$3/2^+$	****	****	***	****			
$\Delta(1620)$	$1/2^-$	****	****	****	****			
$\Delta(1700)$	$3/2^-$	****	****	****	****	*	*	
$\Delta(1750)$	$1/2^+$	*	*	*		*		
$\Delta(1900)$	$1/2^-$	***	***	***	*	**	*	
$\Delta(1905)$	$5/2^+$	****	****	****	**	*	*	**
$\Delta(1910)$	$1/2^+$	****	***	****	**	**		*
$\Delta(1920)$	$3/2^+$	***	***	***	***	**		**
$\Delta(1930)$	$5/2^-$	***	*	***	*	*		
$\Delta(1940)$	$3/2^-$	**	*	**	*			*
$\Delta(1950)$	$7/2^+$	****	****	****	**	***		
$\Delta(2000)$	$5/2^+$	**	*	**	*		*	
$\Delta(2150)$	$1/2^-$	*		*				
$\Delta(2200)$	$7/2^-$	***	***	**	***	**		
$\Delta(2300)$	$9/2^+$	**		**				
$\Delta(2350)$	$5/2^-$	*		*				
$\Delta(2390)$	$7/2^+$	*		*				
$\Delta(2400)$	$9/2^-$	**	**	**				
$\Delta(2420)$	$11/2^+$	****	*	****				
$\Delta(2750)$	$13/2^-$	**		**				
$\Delta(2950)$	$15/2^+$	**		**				

- There are baryons with BR to **Nω** & **Nρ**. If one can trust in LHCb pentaquarks, then we will have **NJ/ψ** Res.
  Then **question** is: why are there no baryons with **Nϕ** BR? Or have we not observed them yet?

- At first glance, no **Nϕ** yet, perhaps because **J/ψ** is easier to detect than **ϕ** through its decay to e^+e^- &/or $\mu^+\mu^-$.

- Presence of pentaquark with **Nϕ** branching (which contains $s\bar{s}$ pair) is not excluded.
  Problem is that it may have large width (Γ_{tot}), so it is not clearly visible. Some people say that there should be bound state in **Nϕ** potential. In the case of **Nρ** (**Nω**), these may be usual **qqq** states that create new light $\bar{q}q$ pair during decay.
  Problem is not exotic, but ***large mass***; for example, width of N(1900) [3/2+] is about 250 MeV.
  Additionally, **OZI** suppressed for ordinary **qqq** states.


BACKUP

Total Cross Sections for Vector Meson Photoproduction off Proton

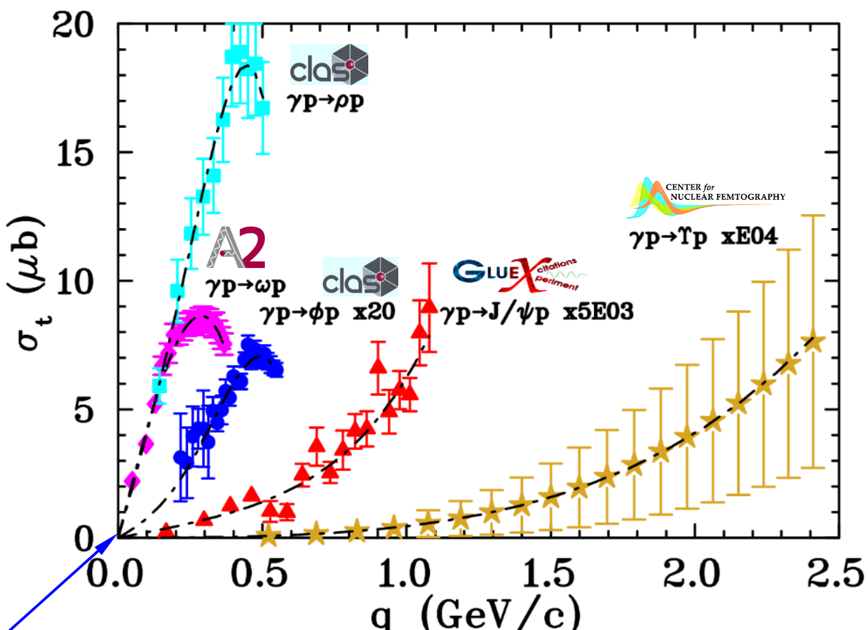
- Traditionally, σ_t behavior of near-threshold binary *inelastic* reaction

$$m_a + M_b < m_c + M_d$$

is described as series of ***odd*** powers in ***q*** (*even* powers in case of *elastic*).

$$\sigma_t = a\,q + b\,q^3 + c\,q^5$$

- ***Linear*** term is determined by two independent ***S***-waves only with total spin *1/2* &/or *3/2*.
- Contributions to ***cubic*** term come from both ***P***-wave amplitudes & ***W*** dependence of ***S***-wave amplitudes,
- ***Fifth***-order term arises from ***D***-waves & ***W*** dependencies of ***S***- & ***P***-waves.



- Our ***assumption*** is that there are no ***VN bound states*** below experimental q_{min}.

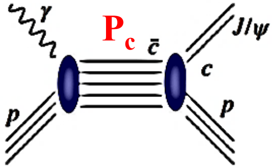
ω	A2	a = (4.42±0.14) x 10^{-2} μb/(MeV/c) IIS, S. Prakhov, Ya. Azimov *et al*, Phys Rev C **91**, 045207 (**2015**)
ρ^0	clas	a = (3.99±0.52) x 10^{-2} mb/(MeV/c) IIS, V. Mokeev, E. Isupov, A. Schmidt, Phys Rev D **112**, 114045 (**2025**)
ϕ	clas	a = (0.34±0.12) x 10^{-3} μb/(MeV/c) IIS, L. Pentchev, & A.I. Titov, Phys Rev C **101**, 045201 (**2020**)
J/ψ	GlueX	a = (0.43±0.12) x 10^{-6} μb/(MeV/c) IIS, D. Epifanov, & L. Pentchev, Phys Rev C **101**, 042201 (**2020**)
Υ	Center for Nuclear Femtography	a = (0.37±0.04) x 10^{-9} μb/(MeV/c) IIS, W.J. Briscoe, L. Pentchev, & A. Schmidt, Phys Rev C **104**, 074028 (**2021**)

- Dramatic differences in hadronic factors

$$h^2 = a,$$

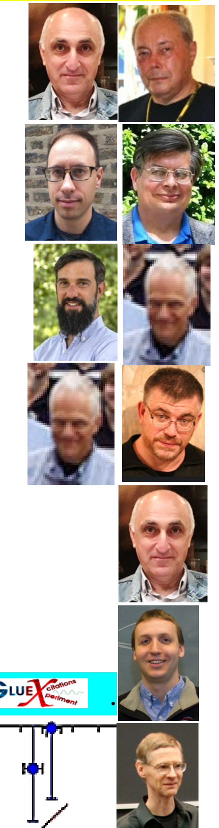
as slopes (***a***) of σ_t @ threshold as function of ***q*** varies significantly from *ω* to *ϕ* to *J/ψ* to *Υ*.

- Therefore, such big difference in *SL* is determined mainly by *hadronic* factor *h*.



Alternative Solution for GlueX Data

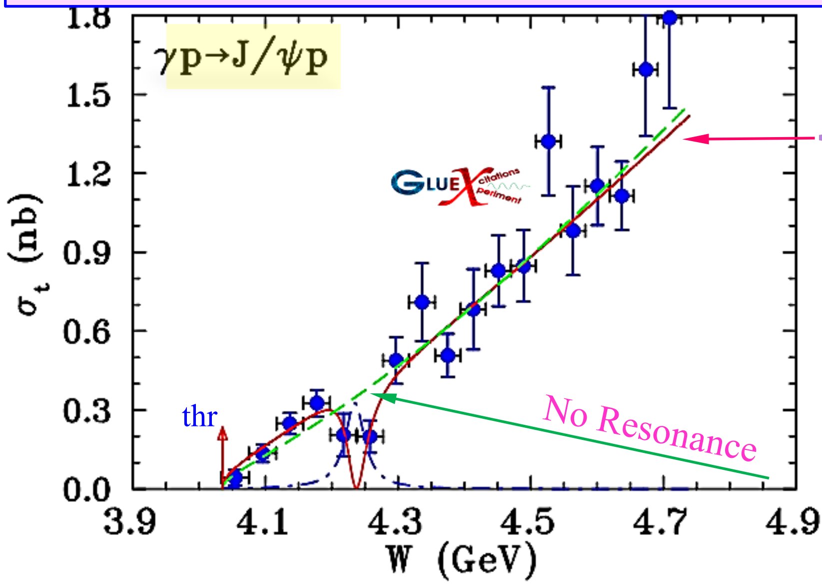
IIS, W.J. Briscoe, E. Chudakov, I. Larin, L. Pentchev, A. Schmidt, & R.L. Workman, Phys Rev C **108**, 015202 (**2023**)
S. Adhikari *et al*, Phys Rev C **108**, 025201 (**2023**)



- We suggested to apply *rearrangement interference* for revealing *faint* resonance signals (***amplification*** by *interference* with *strong* background signal).
- Relative *phase* α leads to *constructive* (***bump***) or *destructive* (***dip***) *interference* for particular **PW**.

$$f = b + R \cdot \exp(2i\alpha)$$

2016–2018 data: **2270**±**58** $\gamma p \to J/\psi p \to e^+e^- p$ & **320** pb^{-1}

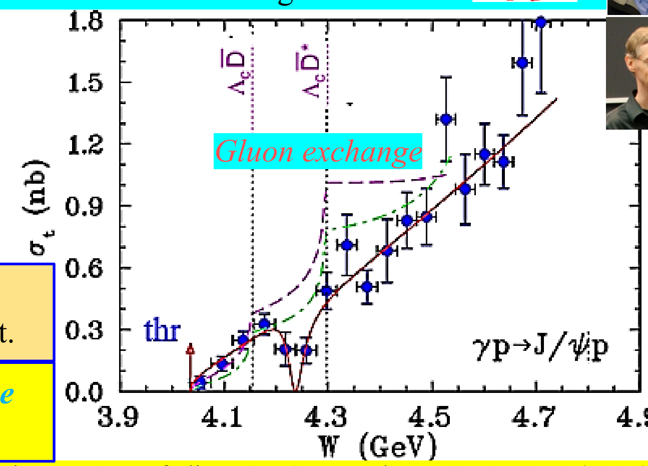


Resonance: χ^2/ndf=11.99/12=**1.00**

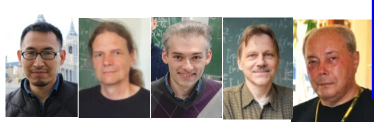
M=	4235 ±8 MeV
Γ=	35.4±8.2 MeV
X=	0.023±0.005
α=	40.8±5.7 deg

Resolution ~6 MeV

- ***Cusp*** effect is visible & in agreement with GlueX.



- Effect of *charm* exchange is smaller than *gluon* exchange.
- *Gluon* contribution can be strongly *suppressed* due to "*young*" effect.



- Interference between *open charm* & ***gluon exchange*** may produce *dip*, but there is room for *resonance*.

Meng-Lin Du, V. Baru, Feng-Kun Guo, Ch. Hanhart, U.-G. Meissner, A. Nefediev, & IIS, Eur Phys J C **80**, 1053 (**2020**)

Deciphering Mechanism of Near-Threshold J/ψ Photoproduction

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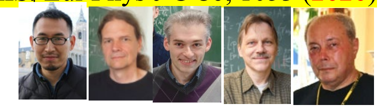
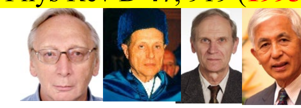
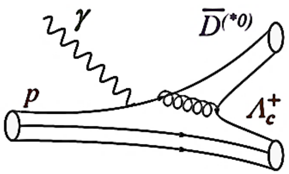
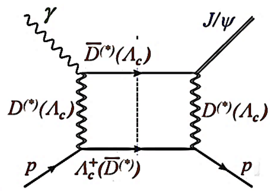


- It was shown that *fluctuation* of *photon* into ***open charm*** $\gamma p \to \Lambda_c \bar{D}$.
  is preferable than into *Charmonium J/ψ*.

K. Boreskov, A. Capella, A. Kaidalov, & J. Tran Than Van, Phys Rev D **47**, 919 (**1993**)







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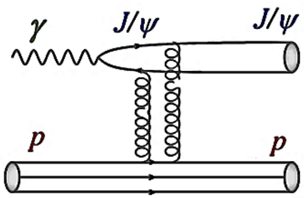

- $\bar{c}c$ *pair* is produced by ***photon*** via *VMD* & interacts with *proton* through *2g* exchange.

- These ***two*** *mechanisms* act simultaneously.
  Assuming there is only ***first*** one,
  then key consequence: *threshold cusps* **!**
- There is no fit to GlueX data.

- One **should study** *two-component* problem accounting for *interference* between these *two components*.
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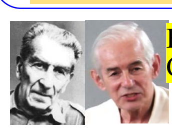

E.L. Feinberg, Sov Phys Usp, **23**, 629 (**1980**)
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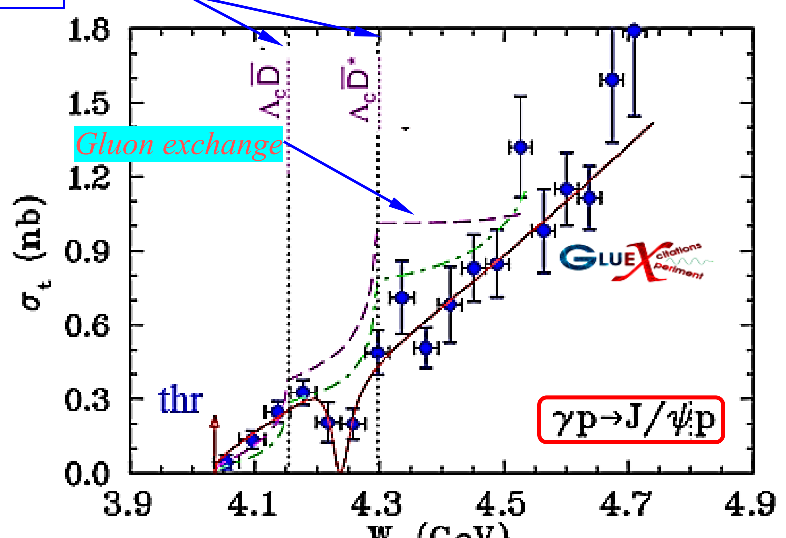

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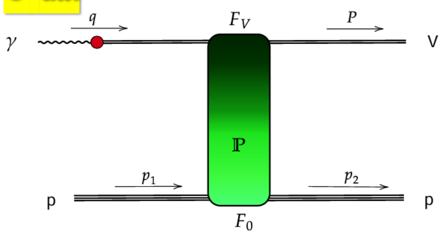

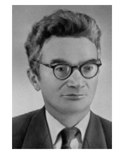

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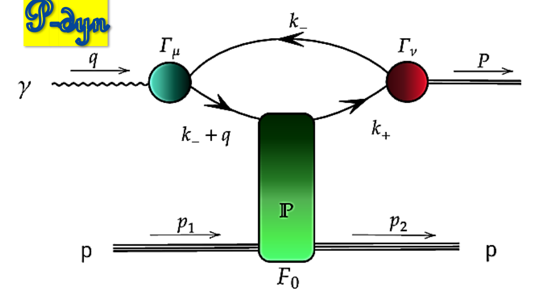

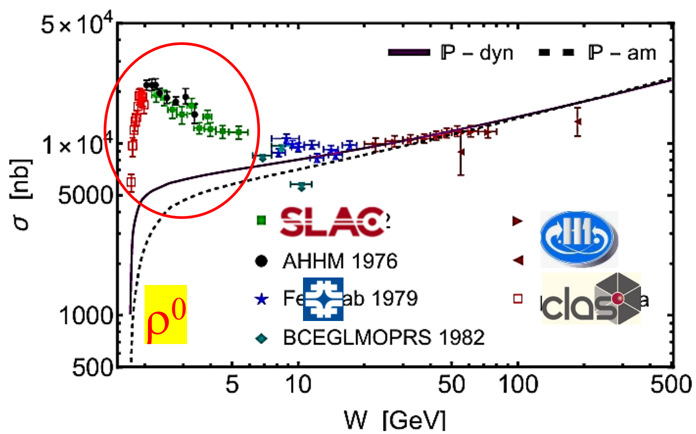

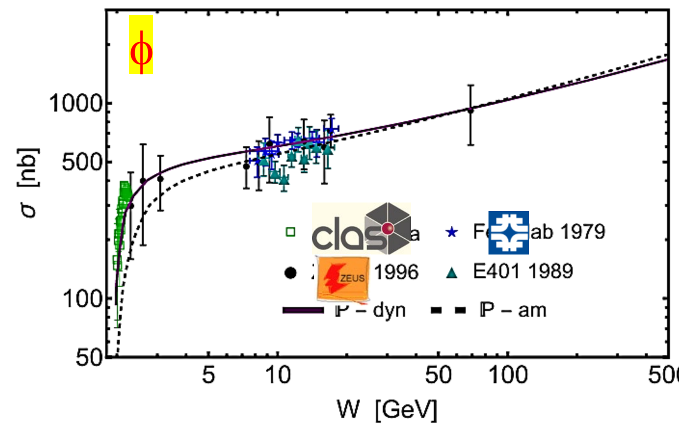

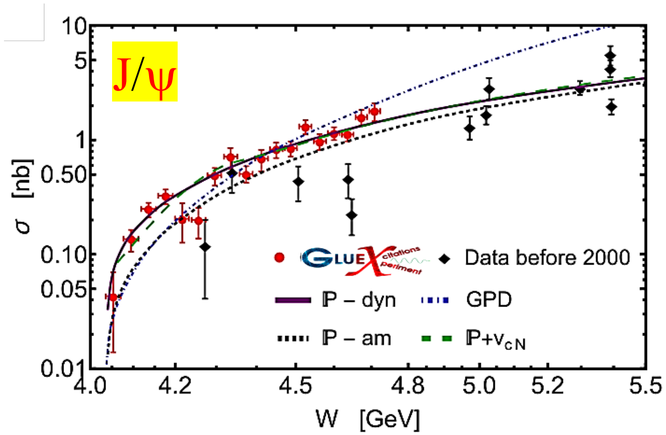

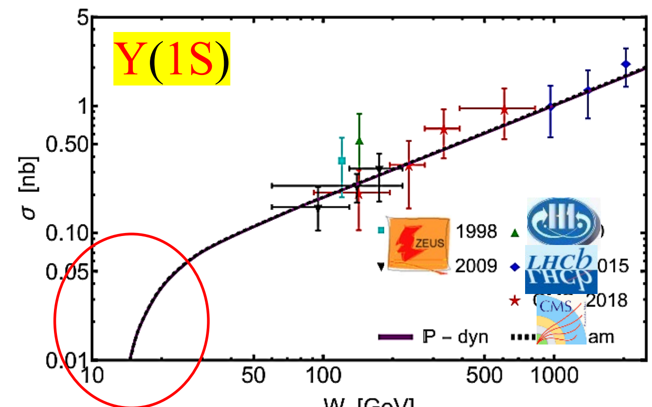

Deciphering Mechanism of Near-Threshold J/ψ Photoproduction

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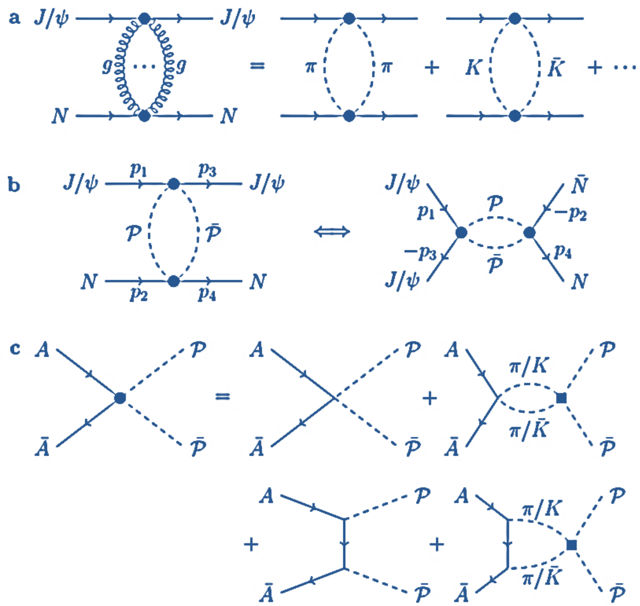

Soft-gluon exchange between **J/ψ** & N

Crossing symmetry between **J/ψ**N scattering & $J/\psi J/\psi \to N\bar{N}$

$A\bar{A} \to \mathcal{P}\bar{\mathcal{P}}\,(A = N, J/\psi,\text{ and } \mathcal{P} = \pi, K)$

- Scattering can happen through **two** distinct mechanisms:

  coupled-channel mechanism via *open-charm* meson-baryon intermediate states,

  $a_{J/\psi N} \in [-10, -0.1] \times 10^{-3}$ fm

  soft-gluon exchange mechanism - Authors said - this mechanism is dominant.

  $a_{J/\psi N} \lesssim -0.16$ fm

- They still get *SL* larger than that from GlueX.
- They account only for *pion* & *kaon* in **t**-channel neglecting heavier contribution (that is final *SL* may be bit larger).

for $\pi^- p \to \phi\, p$

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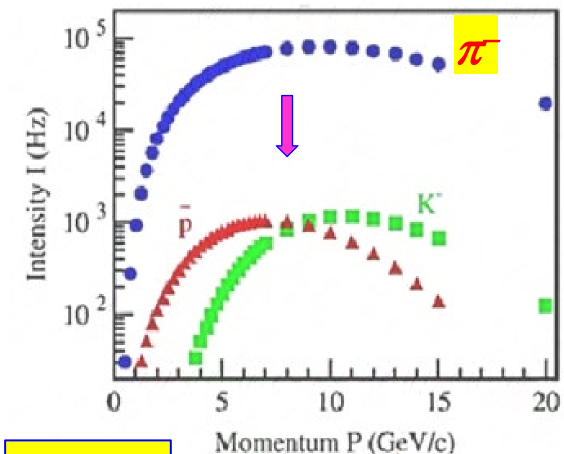

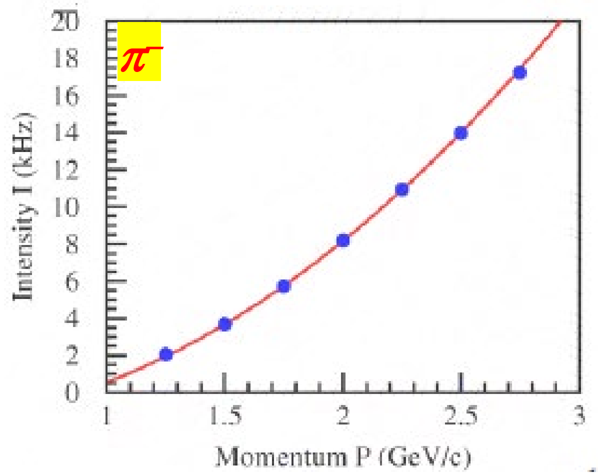

- *π20/K10* can detect J/ψ to e^+e^- & $\mu^+\mu^-$ pairs.
- *π20/K10* can use incident beam P = 2 – 20 GeV/c from π20 beamline.
- One can measure J/ψ production @ P = 8 – 10 GeV/c.
- W_{thr} = 4 GeV (P_{thr} = 8.06 GeV/c).
- Momentum bite is expected to be ±3%.

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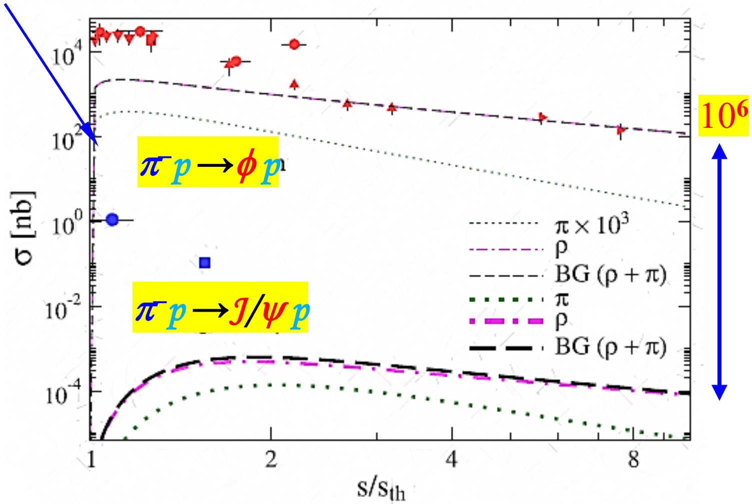
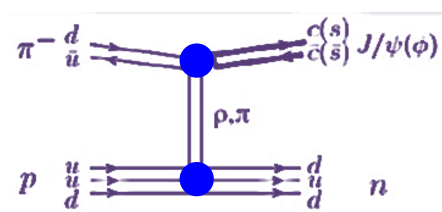


$g_{\phi\rho\pi} > g_{J/\psi\rho\pi}$



- New *π20/K10* measurement allows to understand dynamics of $\bar{c}c$ production @ threshold.
- It is free from VMD & allows to determine J/ψ p SL independently on GlueX
- It allows to look for effect of LHCb P_c

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