

# Elastic and Proton Dissociative Photoproduction of $J/\psi$ Mesons at HERA

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**Collaboration** 

# HERA as $\gamma^* p$ Collider





•  $Q^2$  : Photon Virtuality

• 
$$\mathbf{W}_{\gamma p}$$
: CM Energy of  $\gamma p$  system

• s : Squared CM Energy of *ep* system • t : (4-mom. Transfer)<sup>2</sup> at proton vtx.

HERA makes it possible, within a single experiment, to study diffractive vector meson production over a large  $W_{P}$  interval with a wide range of several scales:

$$Q^2$$
,  $t$ ,  $M_V$  (Vector Meson Mass)

# **Expectations for Diffractive Vector Meson Production**

• Regge Approach



Soft Pomeron exchange

$$\alpha_{P}(t) = \alpha_{0} + \alpha' t$$

$$\alpha_{0} = 1.08, \alpha' = 0.25 \, GeV^{-2} \quad (DL)$$

$$\frac{d \sigma}{dt} \propto e^{bt} \left(\frac{W_{\gamma P}}{W_{0}}\right)^{\delta} \qquad \delta = 4(\alpha_{0} - 1)$$

$$b = b_{0} + 4\alpha' \ln\left(\frac{W_{\gamma P}}{W_{0}}\right)$$

For light VM at  $Q^2 \approx 0, t \approx 0$  expect Slow rise of  $\sigma \propto W_{\gamma p}^{0.22...0.32}$ Shrinkage  $b = b(W_{\gamma p})$  • pQCD Approach



Exchange of  $\geq 2$  gluons

- 1. Photon fluctuates into  $q\overline{q}$  dipole
- 2. Dipole proton interaction through a gluon ladder
- 3.  $q\overline{q}$  recombines into VM

$$\sigma \propto [xg(x,Q^2)]^2$$

Expected to work if hard scale present Steep rise with increasing  $W_{\gamma p}$  due to gluon density increase at low x No shrinkage

### Photoproduction $\gamma p \rightarrow V p$

$$\sigma(\gamma p \to V p) vs W_{\gamma p}$$



- Energy dependence  $\sigma \sim W^{\delta}$
- Low mass  $(\rho, \omega, \phi, M_V^2 \simeq 1 \, GeV^2)$ : no perturbative scale ==> weak energy dependence (soft regime)
- High mass  $(J/\psi, \psi', Y)$ : perturbative scale
  - ==> strong energy dependence (hard regime, large  $M^2$  or  $Q^2$ )



transition between soft and hard regimes

# Motivation and Experimental Technique

- New H1 analysis [arXiv:1304.5162]
- Extend energy range to lower  $W_{\gamma p}$

Use data from HERA low energy run,  $E_p = 460 \, GeV$ 

- Use Fast Track Trigger (FTT)
  - \* purely based on track information
  - \* trigger both decay channels:  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \bar{\mu}$ ,  $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

\* measure elastic and p-diss. processes with the same trigger

• Use forward detectors FTS, Plug, LAr to tag p-diss. process



 Measure proton dissociation precisely at low ltl values : use Regularised Unfolding technique to disentangle elastic and p-diss. processes



Analysis Data Sets

Data Set	$E_p$	Process	$M_{Y}$	$Q^2$	t	$W_{\gamma p}$	L
HE	920 GeV	elastic p–diss	$m_p$ $m_p - 10  GeV$	$< 2.5  GeV^2$	$< 8 GeV^2$	40–110 <i>GeV</i>	$130 \ pb^{-1}$
LE	460 GeV	elastic p–diss	$m_p \ m_p - 10  GeV$	$< 2.5  GeV^2$	$< 8 GeV^2$	25–80 <i>GeV</i>	$11  pb^{-1}$



#### **Invariant Mass Distributions**



$$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$

- Student's t-function for signal description
- exponential distribution for non-resonant background



$$J/\psi \rightarrow e^+ e^-$$

mee low mass tail:
\* QED radiation losses
\* Bremsstrahlung from e
Non-resonant background subtracted by simulation (GRAPE), counting of events in signal region





# Combined $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ , $\mu^+\mu^-$ Cross Sections

Elastic and p-diss. Cross Sections measured simultaneously using Regularised Unfolding



- Combination of decay channels separately for elastic and p-diss. processes by  $\chi^2$  minimisation with
  - full statistical error matrix
  - correlated systematic errors
  - applying common uncertainties after the combination

#### Elastic and P-diss. Cross Sections vs. |t|



Parameterisation:

- Elastic  $d\sigma/dt = N_{el} e^{-b_{el}|t|}$ 
  - P-diss.  $d\sigma/dt = N_{pd} (1 + (b_{pd}/n) |t|)^{-n}$
- Simultaneous fit of elastic and p-diss. cross sections

HE: fit includes previous high |t| data H1(03) [PL B568(2003) 205]

$$b_{el} = 4.88 \pm 0.15 \, GeV^2$$

$$HE \quad b_{pd} = 1.79 \pm 0.12 \, GeV^2$$

$$n = 3.58 \pm 0.15$$

$$E \qquad b_{el} = 4.3 \pm 0.2 \, GeV^2 \\ b_{pd} = 1.6 \pm 0.2 \, GeV^2 \\ n = 3.58 \text{(fixed)}$$

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#### P-diss. Cross Section vs. t



- Comparison with the previous high |t| measurement [H1(03)]
- High |t| data extrapolated to match  $W_{\gamma p}$ ,  $Q^2$  and  $M_Y$  range of present data
- The new p-diss. measurement extends the reach to small values of |t|.
- Good agreement in the overlap region

# Elastic and P-diss. Cross Sections vs. $W_{\gamma p}$



- Simultaneous fit, taking into account correlations between elastic and p-diss. cross sections
- Fit function parametrised as:  $\sigma = N(W_{\gamma p}/W_0)^{\delta}$ with  $W_0 = 90 \, GeV \quad \delta(t) = 4(\alpha(t) - 1)$
- Results:  $\delta_{el} = 0.67 \pm 0.03$   $\delta_{pd} = 0.42 \pm 0.05$
- These values are in agreement with previous H1 measurements

#### Comparison to other HERA measurements



- Large overlap with previous H1 and ZEUS [hep-ex/0201043] measurements
- Similar precision in range  $30 \, GeV < W_{\gamma p} < 110 \, GeV$

Good agreement of HERA experiments

# HERA data in comparison with fixed target and LHCb data



- New measurements in the transition region from fixed target to HERA data
- Fixed target data: steeper slope, lower normalisation ?
- Fit to H1 data, extrapolated to higher  $W_{\gamma p}$ , describes the LHCb data

# Comparison to QCD Calculations



- LO and NLO fits to previous
   J/ψ measurements at HERA
   (A.Martin at al. [arXiv:0709.4406])
- Both fits extrapolated to higher  $W_{\gamma p}$
- LO fit describes LHCb data
- High precision  $J/\psi$  data give important input to gluon at small x

• Note: NLO gluon density determined from fits to  $J/\psi$  data of H1 (2005) and ZEUS (2002) (thus, agreement with data is expected)

# **Conclusions**

- Differential cross sections have been measured for elastic and proton dissociative diffractive J/ψ meson production as function of |t| and W<sub>γp</sub> in the kinematic range |t| < 8 GeV2 and 25 GeV < W<sub>γp</sub> < 110 GeV.</li>
   The measurements in J/ψ → μ+μ-and J/ψ → e+e-decay channels are combined and interpreted using fits .
- The elastic and proton dissociative cross sections are extracted simultaneously using an unfolding technique.
- The cross section of p-diss. diffractive  $J/\psi$  production is measured precisely at small |t| for the first time at HERA.
- Data from HERA proton low energy run add information at lower  $W_{\gamma p}$  values
- Good agreement with previous HERA measurements
- QCD inspired model is able to describe HERA and LHC data
- Fixed target data differ in slope and possibly in normalisation

# Backup

# **Regularised Unfolding of the Cross Sections**

#### (F. Huber)

- Use regularised unfolding for disentangling of elastic and proton dissociative process and for taking correctly into account the migrations.
- Unfolding is done to true variables.

$$y = A_R \cdot x$$

A<sub>R</sub> Response matrix

X

true number of events

y reconstructed number of events

L regularisation matrix



# Elastic and P-diss. Cross Sections vs. $W_{\gamma p}$



• These values are in agreement with previous H1 measurements

#### Ratio $\sigma_{pd}/\sigma_{el}$ vs. $W_{\gamma p}$





Ratio  $\sigma_{pd} / \sigma_{el}$  only slowly decreasing with increasing  $W_{\mathcal{P}}$