# Update on VM Photoproduction @ Threshold

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- Proposed experiments with that are aimed to measure *Charmonium & Quarkonium* in Photo- & ElectroProduction off proton & nuclei @ threshold.
- They will allow further studies of J/ψ–N and Y–N interactions & will also give access to variety of other interesting physics aspects that are present in near-threshold region.
- There is special interest to study  $J/\psi N \& Y N$  interaction because of *small size* of *Charmonium* & *Quarkonium* that can be used to probe internal structure of nucleon.
- This is *Hard Process* (with scale defined by charm quark mass) with some similarity to DIS, however,  $J/\psi N \& Y N$  are not sensitive to *EM* but *Gluonic* distribution.
- Experimentally, *Charmonium–N* & *Quarkonium–N* interaction can be investigated using  $J/\psi \& Y$  PhotoProduction within *VMD* model.
- Moreover, *VM*s can, compared to other mesons, be measured to very high precision. This stems from fact that *VM*s have same quantum numbers as *Photon*  $I^{G}(J^{PC}) = 0^{-}(1^{-})$ .





#### VM-Nucleon SL Determination

IS, L. Pentchev, & A.I. Titov, Phys Rev C **101** (2020)

• For evaluation of *absolute* value of *VM*–*N SL*,

we apply VMD approach that

links near-threshold photoproduction *Xsections* of  $\gamma p \rightarrow VMp$  & elastic  $VMp \rightarrow VMp$ 

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

**k** is photon CM momentum  $k = (s - M^2) / 2 s^{1/2}$ **g** is VM CM momentum

 $T^{\gamma p \rightarrow V p}$  is the invariant amplitude of VM PhotoProduction

 $\alpha$  is fine-structure constant

 $g_v$  is VMD coupling constant, related to VM EM decay width  $\Gamma_{v \rightarrow e+e-}$ 

$$g_V = \sqrt{\frac{\pi \alpha^2 m_V}{3\Gamma_{V \to e^+e^-}}}$$

 Finally, one can express *absolute* value of *SL* as product of pure *EM VMD*-motivated kinematic factor

 $R_V^2 = \alpha m_V k / 12\pi \Gamma_{V \to e^+e^-} \& h_{Vp} = \sqrt{b_1} ,$ where b<sub>1</sub> came from best-fit  $\sigma_t(q) = b_1 q + b_3 q^3 + b_5 q^5$ ,

that is determined by interplay of strong (hadronic) & EM dynamics as

$$|\alpha_{Vp}| = R_V h_{Vp}$$

• To avoid theoretical uncertainties, we did not

- determine sign of SL,
- separate *Re* & *Im* parts of *SL*,
- extract Isospin 1/2 & 3/2 contributions.



### VMD Approach: EM Factor







#### Total Cross Sections for VM Photoproduction off Proton

• Traditionally,  $\sigma$ , behavior of near-threshold • *Linear* term is determined by two independent binary *inelastic* reaction  $m_a + m_b < m_c + m_d$ S-waves only with total spin 1/2 &/or 3/2. is described as series of *odd* powers in *q* • Contributions to *cubic* term come from both (even powers in case of elastic). *P*-wave amplitudes & W dependence of *S*-wave amplitudes,  $\sigma_t(q) = b_1 q + b_3 q^3 + b_5 q^5$ • *Fifth*-order term arises from *D*-waves & W dependencies of *S*- & *P*-waves. 10 γp→ωp **∧**7 8 p→øp x20cla  $b_1 = (4.42\pm0.14) \times 10^{-2} \,\mu b/(MeV/c)$ IS, S. Prakhov, Ya. Azimov et al, Phys Rev C 91, 045207 (2015) 6  $(q\eta)$ γp→J/ψp x2000 class  $b_1 = (3.40 \pm 1.15) \times 10^{-4} \, \mu b/(MeV/c)$ IS, L. Pentchev, & A.I. Titov, Phys Rev C 101, 045201 (2020) **Guiletic b**<sub>1</sub> = (0.46±0.16) x 10<sup>-6</sup> μb/(MeV/c) IS, D. Epifanov, & L. Pentchev, Phys Rev C 101, 042201 (2020) 2 216 MeV/c Dramatic differences in hadronic factors  $\mathbf{h}_{\mathbf{V}\mathbf{p}} = (\mathbf{b}_1)^{1/2},$ as slopes  $(b_1)$  of  $\sigma_t$  @ threshold as function of q 0 1200 varies significantly from  $\omega$  to  $\phi$  to  $J/\psi$ . 400800 0 (MeV/c)a

• Therefore, such big difference in SL of VMs is determined mainly by hadronic factor  $h_{Vp}$ .

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**EM** factor  $R_V$  for each VM are close to each other.

- Therefore, such big difference in *SL* is determined mainly by *hadronic* factor  $h_{Vp}$ .
- Such small value of  $\phi p$  SL compared to typical *hadron* size of **1 fm**,

indicates that proton is more transparent for  $\phi$ -meson compared to  $\omega$ -meson, & is much less transparent than for  $J/\psi$ -meson.

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



•  $p \rightarrow V$  coupling is proportional to  $\alpha_s$  & separation of corresponding quarks. This separation (in zero approximation) is proportional to  $\frac{1}{m_V}$ .



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#### EIC Central detector overview







Exclusive Reaction  $\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi p \rightarrow e^+e^-p @ J/\psi$  Threshold

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

### $\frac{PDG}{BR(J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-)} = (5.971 \pm 0.032)\% BR(Y \rightarrow e^+e^-) = (2.38 \pm 0.11)\% BR(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = (5.961 \pm 0.033)\% BR(Y \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = (2.48 \pm 0.05)\%$



 Electrons separated from pions by E/p – energy deposition in calorimeters over measured momentum (pions >10<sup>3</sup> times more than electrons)





## Charm Photo- & Electroproduction

• It was shown that fluctuation of photon into *Open Charm*  $\gamma p \rightarrow D^0 \Lambda_c^+$  is preferable than into *Charmonium*  $J/\psi$ . Suppression is just available phase space:  $W_{thr}(Open Charm) = 4.30$  GeV while

 $W_{thr}(Charmonium) = 4.03 \text{ GeV}$ . K. Boreskov

K. Boreskov et al, Phys Rev D 47, 919 (1993)



• There are no  $\sigma_t$  for *Open Charm* @ threshold.



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- High accurate measurements near-threshold by A2, closed, & Currents allow to determine  $\sigma_t$  of reactions  $\gamma p \rightarrow VMp$  & IS, S. Prakhov, Ya. Azimov et al, Phys Rev C 91, 045207 (2015) to estimate absolute value of VM-p SLs within VMD model. IS, L. Pentchev, & A.I. Titov, Phys Rev C 101, 045201 (2020) IS, D. Epifanov, & L. Pentchev, Phys Rev C 101, 042201 (2020)
- We found strong exponential increase of *VM-p SL* with inverse mass of *VM*s  $\alpha_{Vp} \propto \exp(1/m_V)$
- It is remarkable that proton is quite so *transparent* to  $J/\psi$ , though general progression from  $\omega$  to  $\phi$  to  $J/\psi$ is perhaps qualitatively reasonable on account of OZI rule  $|\alpha_{J/\psi p}| \ll |\alpha_{\phi p}| \ll |\alpha_{\omega p}|$
- Due to *small size* of 'young'  $J/\psi$  vs 'old'  $J/\psi$ , measured SL is very small.  $J/\psi$  crated by photon @ threshold then most probably  $J/\psi$  is not formed completely & its radius is smaller than that for normal ('old')  $J/\psi$ . Therefore, one observe stronger suppression for  $J/\psi$ -p interaction. E.L. Feinberg, Sov Phys Usp, 23, 629 (1980) Courtesy of Michael Ryskin, July 2020
- Light VMs can be 'young' as well This depends on particular kinem  $|\alpha_{J/\psi p}| \ll (|\alpha_{\phi p}|) \ll |\alpha_{\omega p}|$ Another point is that for slow *heavy* quark, one need more time to reach *equilibrium*, i.e., to form final (long-living/static) VM.







- Obviously, facility will open new window in solving the *VM-N SL* puzzle. It will allow to make deal with `*young*' *Y*-meson as well.
- It was observed that J/ψ-N cross section measured via J/ψ re-scattering/absorption inside nucleus is anomaly small in case of low energy photoproduction. This can be explained by fact that we dealt with `young' J/ψ of too small radius. Y-photoproduction on both proton & nucleus will extend our J/ψ study.
- In case of J/ψ (even Y) electroproduction, we deal with the `young' J/ψ (Y) for larger Q<sup>2</sup> & we will have smaller formation time & correspondingly smaller radius of heavy *Charmonium & Quarkonium*.













## Expectation from Jefferson Lab

Total Superior Statistics for 2016–2018



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## Expectation from Jefferson Lab



• Present & future experiments @ **CLAS12**& **007**<sup>J</sup><sup>\*</sup> that are aimed



### Total X section for $\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi p \rightarrow e^+e^-p @ J/\psi$ Threshold

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