# New Data on Elastic $J/\psi$ Production from H1 at HERA

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e- and  $\gamma$ -production:  $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^$ backward Si-tracker for High W separation of proton dissociation

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   Q<sup>2</sup>-dependence
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## Introduction: Vector Mesons at HERA



Total cross sections for photoproduction of vector mesons:

- $\rho$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\phi$  show Regge behaviour  $\sigma(\gamma p \rightarrow Vp) \propto W^{0.22}$
- $J/\psi$  not described by Regge, strong rise of cross section  $\sigma(\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi p) \propto W^{0.8}$

Break-down of Pomeron Universality



## Theoretical Concepts of Exclusive VM Production



$$\sigma(W) \propto \frac{W^{4(\alpha_{\mathbf{P}}(0)-1)}}{b(W)} \sim W^{0.20}_{\gamma p}$$

shrinkage of differential xsection

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \propto e^{-b|t|} \ , \ b = b(W_0) + 2\alpha' \ln\left(\frac{W^2}{W_0^2}\right)$$

s-channel helicity conservation (SCHC)



steep rise of total cross section with W, in leading order:

$$\sigma(W) \propto \left(\alpha_S(\tilde{Q}^2) x_g g(x_g, \tilde{Q}^2)\right)^2 \quad \begin{array}{c} \tilde{Q}^2 \sim \\ Q^2 + M_V^2 \end{array}$$

universal slope of t distribution, independent of flavor and energy W some models:  $\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \sim |t|^{-n}$ 

violation of s-channel helicity conservation

access to Generalized Parton Distributions

# Analysis Strategy

data from 1999/2000 (HERA I): 55 pb<sup>-1</sup> central, 30 pb<sup>-1</sup> backward





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## High W: Tracking in the Backward Silicon Tracker (BST)



## Tagging of Proton Dissociation



proton dissociation ("pd") background:

suppressed by kinematic cut: |t| < 1.2 GeV

further cuts:  $E_{\text{LAr(<10^\circ)}} < 0.75 \text{ GeV}$   $N_{\text{FMD}} \leq 1 \text{ hit}$  $N_{\text{PRT}} = 0 \text{ hits}$ 



## Signal Extraction



## Determination of Cross Sections

Jacquet-Blondel ( $\gamma$ -prod), double angle (e-prod) kinematics: 
$$\begin{split} \sigma_{\gamma^* p \to J/\psi p} &= \frac{N_{\rm notag}(1-f_{\psi'})(1-f_{\rm pd})}{F \cdot \varepsilon_{\rm tot} \cdot B \cdot L} C_{\rm rad} \end{split}$$
 $f_{\psi'}$  : contamination from  $\psi' \rightarrow \psi + \text{neutrals}$  (4% -> 0.5 %)  $f_{
m pd}$  : residual proton dissociation background (  $M_Y < 1.6~{
m GeV}$  )  $\varepsilon_{\rm tot}$  : total efficiency (typically ~ 25 %) main systematic uncertainties: < 6 5 % trigger efficiency : signal extraction (form of background) : < 6 % 5 % pd separation :

## **Results:** Q<sup>2</sup>-Dependence



$$2 < Q^2 < 80 \text{ GeV}^2$$

Fit: 
$$\sigma \propto (Q^2 + M_V^2)^{-n}$$

 $n = 2.486 \pm 0.080 \pm 0.068$ 

(in agreement with ZEUS)

QCD-prediction (MRT) normalized to  $\gamma$ -prod point

small downward shift compared to old H1 data (also seen in  $\gamma$ -prod), but in agreement within the errors







no dependence on Q<sup>2</sup> within the errors

 note: the scale is already "hard", set by the mass of the J/Ψ (10 GeV<sup>2</sup>), combined scale ~ (M<sup>2</sup> + Q<sup>2</sup>)

## t-Dependence (Photo- and Electroproduction)



## W-t Dependence

photoproduction



## **Effective Pomeron Trajectory**



photoproduction:

 $\alpha(t) = (1.224 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.012) + (0.164 \pm 0.028 \pm 0.030) \text{ GeV}^{-2} t$ 

#### electroproduction:

 $\alpha(t) = (1.183 \pm 0.054 \pm 0.030) + (0.019 \pm 0.139 \pm 0.076) \text{ GeV}^{-2} t$ 

trajectories similar within errors

#### Shrinkage of the Forward Peak



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#### s-Channel Helicity Conservation



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## Fits to the Angular Distributions





## Spin Density Matrix elements



#### Longitudinal and Transverse Cross Sections



# Summary and Conclusions

- New measurements of elastic J/Ψ photoproduction for 40 < W<sub>yp</sub> < 305 GeV, and electroproduction for 0 < Q<sup>2</sup> < 80 GeV<sup>2</sup>
- Improved statistics, reduced systematics:
   Final (but still preliminary) answer from H1 @ HERA I
- New data in good agreement with previous measurements at HERA, strong rise of photoproduction cross section with W confirmed
- W, Q<sup>2</sup> dependences well described by QCD calculations
- t dependences well described by a single exponentials, dipole forms clearly disfavored
- Extracted spin density matrix elements show no violation of s-channel helicity conservation
- high sensitivity of elastic J/Ψ production to g(x,Q<sup>2</sup>)? -> talk by T. Teubner in this session