Spectroscopy with Jefferson Lab at 22 GeV

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Probing exotic charmonium at JLab



Pentaquark photoproduction limits







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Hall C: J/ψ -007 experiment



Even stricter limits on P_c production taking into account differential cross section $d\sigma/dt$



J/ψ photoproduction at GLUE

- * Experimentally clean and rare probe with ~2.2k J/ψ observed in GlueX-I
- Broad physics program
 driven by different
 production mechanisms



s-channel: pentaquarks









open charm



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Single channel



+ Open charm = Two channel





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Interpretation of J/ψ results



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- Improved precision required to differentiate production mechanisms and spectroscopy interpretation: GlueX-III, SOLID, etc.



- # JLab 12 GeV running since 2017: programs in hadron spectroscopy, nucleon and nuclear structure, etc.
- * Photoproduction process provides access to many proposed exotic decay channels
- * Orders of magnitude higher statistics than previous photoproduction experiments

RICH



Beamlin

Solenoid

СТОР

Jefferson Lab at 22 GeV

- * Add 6 additional "passes" with Fixed Field alternating gradient Accelerator (FFA) magnets
- Steady progress on physics program through series of workshops: recent <u>white paper</u> and <u>December 2024 workshop in Frascati</u>





White Paper: EPJA 60 (2024) 9, 173

Photoproduction of XYZ states

Complementary access to charmonium photoproduction with higher energy facilities



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Electron Ion Collider (EIC)



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J/ψ



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8

10

12

14

16

18

10⁻¹

/p Cross Section [nb]

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 $e^+e^- \to J/\psi \pi^+\pi^-$

 $Z_{c}^{\pm}(3900)$

3.8

3.9

 $M_{max}(\pi^{\pm}J/\psi)$ (GeV/c²)

100

80

60

40

20

3.7

Events / 0.01 GeV/c²

🔶 Data

Total fit

---- PHSP MC

Sideband

4.0

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More data

Background fit

Photoproduction of $Z_c^+(3900)$

- Alternative production mechanism: free of rescattering effects and sensitive to photo couplings
- * Same production mechanism near threshold (π exchange) studied with light quarks in GlueX and CLAS12





J^{PAC}: PRD 102, 114010 (2020)

Photoproduction of $Z_c^+(3900)$ EIC: $\gamma p \rightarrow n J/\psi \pi^+$ **EIC** broad energy coverage Events / 50 WeV 1200 1000 800 600 **EIC Simulation** • $Z_c(3900)^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$ 10^{2} **TPAC** PYTHIA Bkgd. $Z_{c}(3900)^{+}$ 10 $Z_{b}(10610)^{4}$ 600 $(\operatorname{u} Z u)$ [up] $-Z_{h}'(10650)^{+}$ 400 200 1 $\sigma(\gamma p$ 0 3.6 3.8 4.2 4.4 4 $M_{J/\psi\pi^{*}} \text{ (GeV)}$ 10^{-1} JLab 22 GeV: $\gamma p \rightarrow n J/\psi \pi^+$ 2000 E(e⁻) = 22 GeV 10 15 1800 5 20 ZC 1600 $\sqrt{s_{\gamma p}}$ [GeV] 1400 1200 Jefferson Lab 22 GeV 1000 800 600 High luminosity near-threshold 400 **Signal Simulation** 200 0 3.5

3.6

3.7

3.8

3.9

4

4.1

4.2

4.3

4.4 Mass $(J/\Psi \pi +)$ (GeV²)





Challenges and Next Steps

- * JLab at 22 GeV and EIC are complementary
- * Common challenges
 - * Non-resonant production
 - * Interpretation...
 - * Final states with open charm



- * Exclusive reconstruction of signal MC show clear structure with limited particle mis-ID backgrounds
- * However, need estimates for non-resonant background: can learn from ULs at COMPASS UL and/or existing data from GlueX

Next steps: quantifying interpretation

- * Any observation would be a critical confirmation of the resonance picture, but what about non-observation?
- * Current 12 GeV data on J/ψ is consistent with weak resonant (P_c) and non-resonant interpretation, limiting models for nature of P_c
- * For EIC and 22 GeV we need quantitative interpretation of photocouplings for models of Z_c microscopic structure?
 - * How to connect this with Lattice QCD or QCD-inspired models?





- Open charm continues to play important role interpretation of existing observations and can produce non-trivial structure
- * What can we learn from 12 GeV? Studies with existing GlueX data to at least set an upper limit on ground state $\gamma p \rightarrow \Lambda_c D$
- * Are detectors capable of a robust open charm program?

Summary

- * Spectroscopy of exotic states is a clear argument for a JLab energy upgrade to cross the $c\bar{c}$ production thresholds
- * The EIC and JLab 22 GeV are capable of complementary measurements to cover the relevant energies and luminosities for this exotic spectroscopy program
- * There are challenges: non-resonant background, quantifying interpretation, open charm channels, etc.
- * The next steps to address these challenges are clear, but will take some time and should proceed in collaboration between the EIC, 22 GeV and theory communities

Backup



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Photoproduction of XYZ states



Photoproduction of $\psi(2S)$

