Measurement of the cross-section ratio $\sigma\psi(2S)/\sigma J/\psi(1S)$ in exclusive photoproduction at HERA

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The exclusive photoproduction reactions $\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi(1S)p$ and $\gamma p \rightarrow \psi(2S)p$ have been measured at an ep centreof-mass energy of 318 GeV with the ZEUS detector at HERA using an integrated luminosity of 373 pb⁻¹. The measurement was made in the kinematic range 30 < W < 180 GeV, $Q^2 < 1$ GeV2 and |t| < 1 GeV², where W is the photon-proton centre-of-mass energy, Q^2 is the photon virtuality and t is the squared four-momentum transfer at the proton vertex. The decay channels used were $J/\psi(1S) \rightarrow \mu+\mu-$, $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu+\mu-$ and $\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi(1S)\pi+\pi$ with subsequent decay $J/\psi(1S) \rightarrow \mu+\mu-$. The ratio of the production cross sections, $R = \sigma \psi(2S)/\sigma J/\psi(1S)$, has been measured as a function of W and |t| and compared to previous data in photoproduction and deep inelastic scattering and with predictions of QCD-inspired models of exclusive vector-meson production, which are in reasonable agreement with the data.

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