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Measurement of the Psi(2S) to J/Psi cross section ratio in photoproduction with the ZEUS detector at HERA

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The exclusive photoproduction reaction $\gamma p \to \psi(2S)p$ has been studied with the ZEUS detector in ep collisions at HERA using an integrated luminosity of 350 pb⁻¹, in the kinematic range 30 < W < 180 GeV, Q^2 < 1 GeV², $|\mathbf{t}|$ < 5 GeV², where W is the photon proton centre-of-mass energy, Q^2 - the photon virtuality and t –four-momentum transfer at the proton vertex. The $\psi(2S)$ mesons were identified via the decay channels: $\psi(2S) \to \mu^+\mu^-$ and $J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$ with $J/\psi \to \mu^+\mu^-$. The ratio of the production cross sections $R = \sigma(\psi(2S))/\sigma(J/\psi)$ was measured as a function of W and compared to predictions of the perturbative QCD.

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