Studying the $P_c(4450)$ resonance in J/ψ photoproduction off protons

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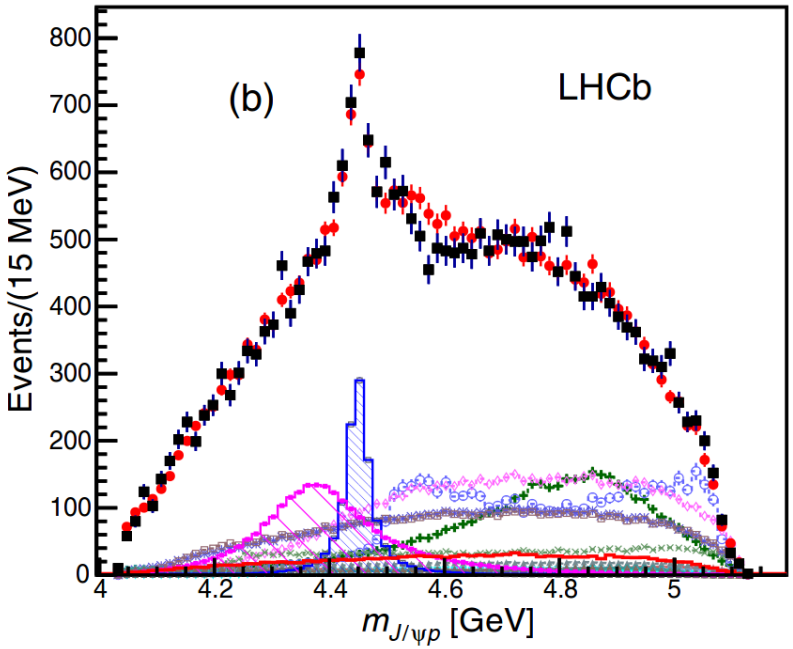


Discovery in 2015 of exotic resonances in J/ψ p channel:

LHCb collaboration, PRL 115 (2015) 072001

narrow 39 MeV, at 4.45 GeV

broad 205 MeV, at 4.38 GeV

- Its favored spin-parity assignment is: $3/2^-$ or $5/2^+$
- Narrow structure $P_c(4450)$ proposed as an excellent candidate for J/ψ **photoproduction** off a proton target

  Wang et al., PRD 92 (2015), 034022; Karliner and Rosner, PLB 752 (2016), 329
- Probing this approved for JLab Hall C Meziani et al., arXiv:1609.00676

Nature of the structures

- Triangle singularities (rescattering effects): **not a resonance**

  Mikhasenko, arXiv:1507.06552
  Liu et al., PLB 757 (2016) 231
  Guo et al., EPJA 52 (2016) 318
  Guo et al., PRD 92 (2015) 071502
  ...

- Quark degrees of freedom

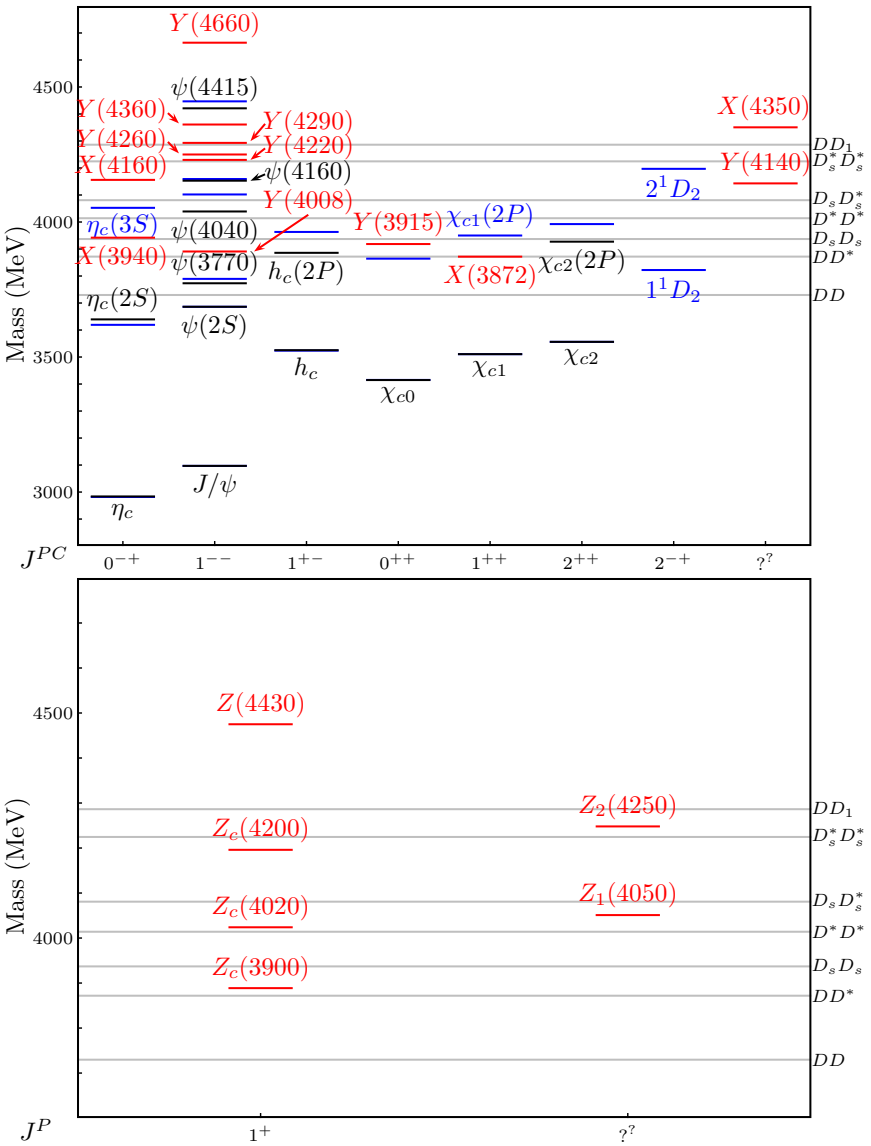
  Anisovich et al., arXiv:1507.07652
  Lebed, PLB 749 (2015) 454
  Maiani et al., PLB 749 (2015) 289
  ...

- Meson-baryon molecules or bound states

  He, PLB 753 (2016) 547
  Eides et al., PRD 93 (2016) 054039
  Meißner and Oller, PLB 751 (2015) 59
  Roca et al., PRD 92 (2015) 094003
  Chen et al., PRL 115 (2015) 172001
  ...

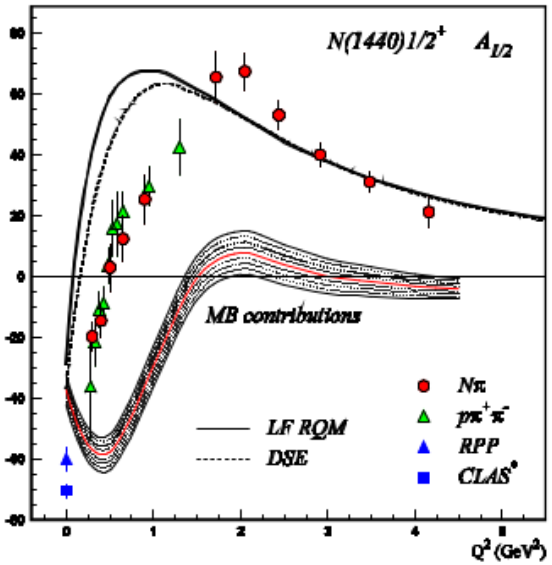
$P_c(4450)$ in J/ψ photoproduction would
exclude scenarios of kinematical effects!

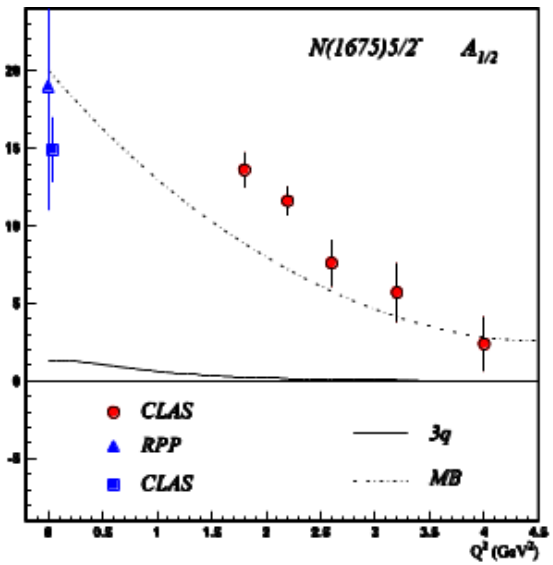
The meson sector: *XYZ*

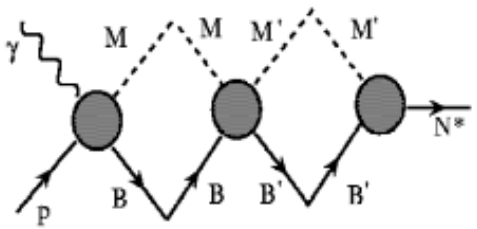


- Many unexpected structures decaying into $c\bar{c}$ + light
  $\Longrightarrow$ Hardly reconciled with quarkonium interpretation
  See talk by A. Pilloni
- It is not possible to explore $c\bar{c}q\bar{q}$ mesons at JLab
  But: $s\bar{s}q\bar{q}$ yes. $Y(2175),\ldots$
- Another bridge: assess $c\bar{c}qqq$ baryons, **pentaquarks**

Resonances beyond the 3-constituent quark models

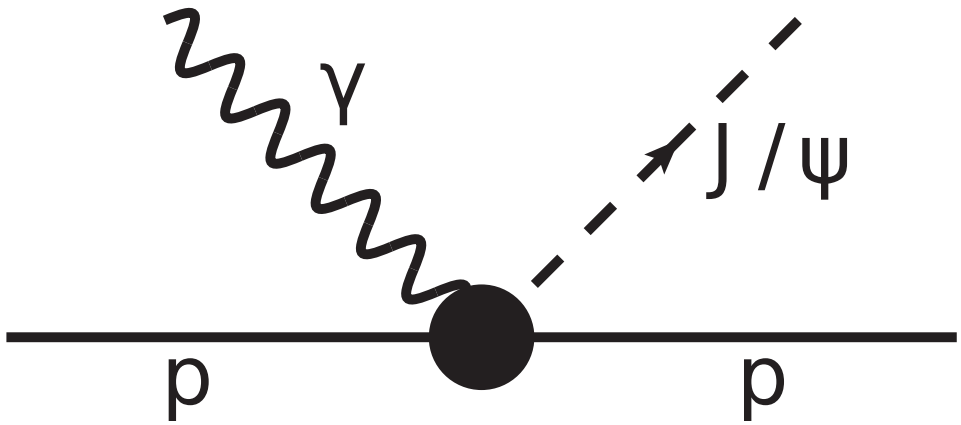






- After observing a new state: study the Q^2 dependence of the **electrocouplings** and the **hadronic decays**
- Complex interplay:
  3 constituent quarks $\leftrightarrow$ **meson-baryon cloud** $(q\bar{q})(qqq)$
- Strongly dependent on N* quantum numbers
- **New direction:** $(q\bar{q})(qqq)$ quark **core**

Reaction model



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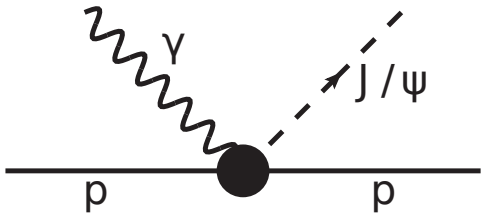
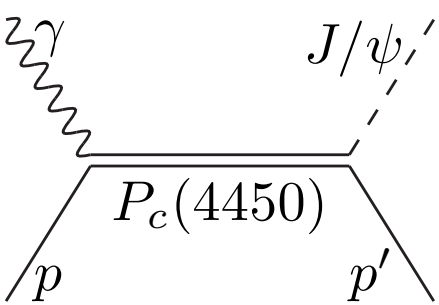
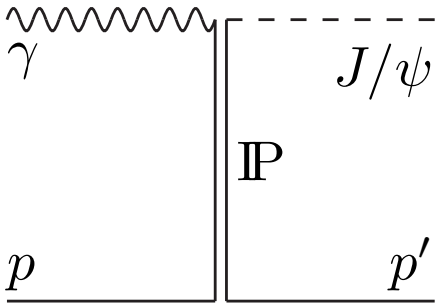


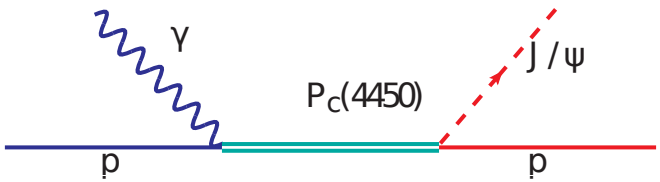
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} \sim \sum_{\lambda_\gamma,\lambda_p,\lambda_\psi,\lambda_{p'}} |\langle \lambda_\psi \lambda_{p'}| T_r |\lambda_\gamma \lambda_p\rangle|^2$$





- Resonant amplitude — Breit-Wigner ansatz
- Non-resonant contribution — Pomeron exchange

Breit-Wigner s-channel contribution: hadronic couplings

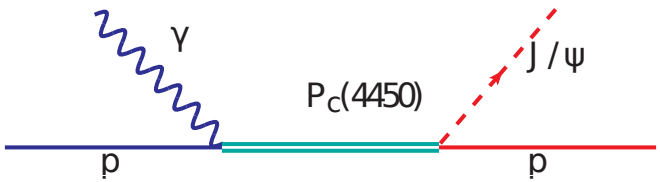


$$\langle \lambda_\psi \lambda_{p'} |\, T_r \,| \lambda_\gamma \lambda_p \rangle = \frac{\langle \lambda_r |\, T^\dagger_{\text{em}} \,| \lambda_\gamma \lambda_p \rangle \, \langle \lambda_\psi \lambda_{p'} |\, T_{\text{dec}} \,| \lambda_r \rangle}{M_r^2 - W^2 - \mathrm{i}\Gamma_r M_r}$$

- Three independent (parity) helicity amplitudes $\sim g_{\lambda_{p'},\lambda_\psi}$:
  - $\lambda_\psi = \pm 1, 0$, $\lambda_p = \pm\frac{1}{2} \longrightarrow$ in total 6 helicity amplitudes
  - Assumption: $g_{\lambda_{p'},\lambda_\psi} = g$
  - g extracted from hadronic decay width

$$\Gamma_{\psi p} = \mathcal{B}_{\psi p}\Gamma_r = \mathcal{B}_{\psi p}\ 39\ \mathrm{MeV}$$

Breit-Wigner s-channel contribution: photocouplings



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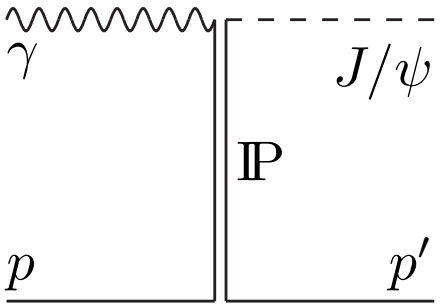
- Photocouplings $A_{1/2}, A_{3/2}$ estimated with VMD:

  Karliner and Rosner, PLB 752 (2016) 329

  - J/ψ exchange dominates radiative decays
  - Electromagnetic width Γ_γ related to hadronic width:

$$\Gamma_\gamma = \Gamma_{\psi p} \left(\frac{e \, f_\psi}{M_\psi} \right)^2 \left(\frac{p_i}{p_f} \right)^{2\ell+1} \times \frac{4}{6} \Longrightarrow A_{1/2},\, A_{3/2} \text{ fixed by } g$$

Pomeron t-channel exchange



- Background described by Pomeron exchange

$$iA \left(\frac{s - s_t}{\mathrm{GeV}^2} \right)^{\alpha_0 + \alpha' t} e^{b_0 (t - t_{\mathrm{min}})} \delta_{\lambda_p \lambda_{p'}} \delta_{\lambda_\psi \lambda_\gamma}$$

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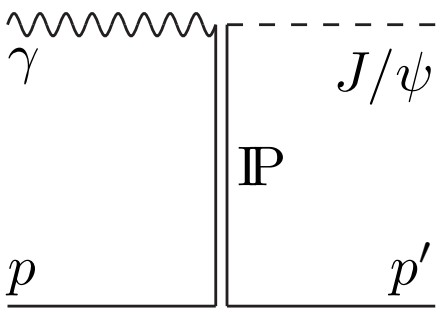

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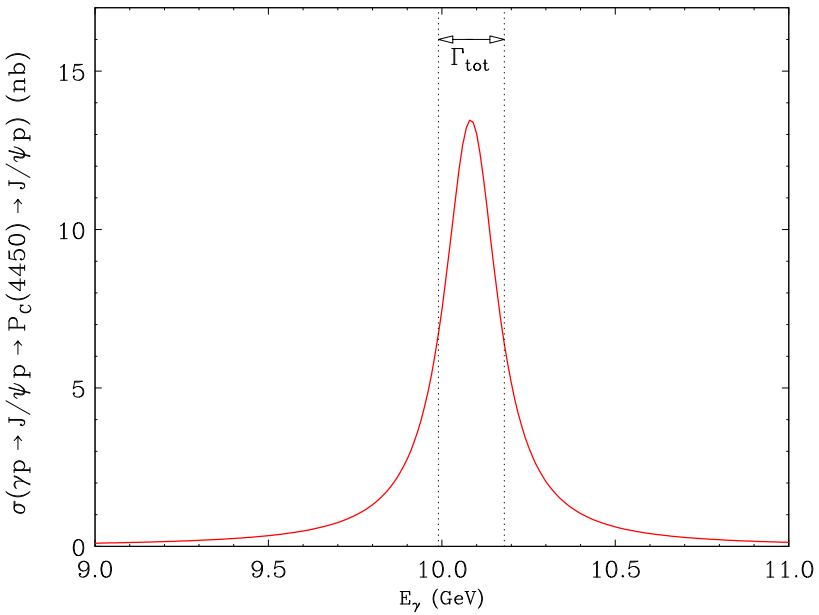
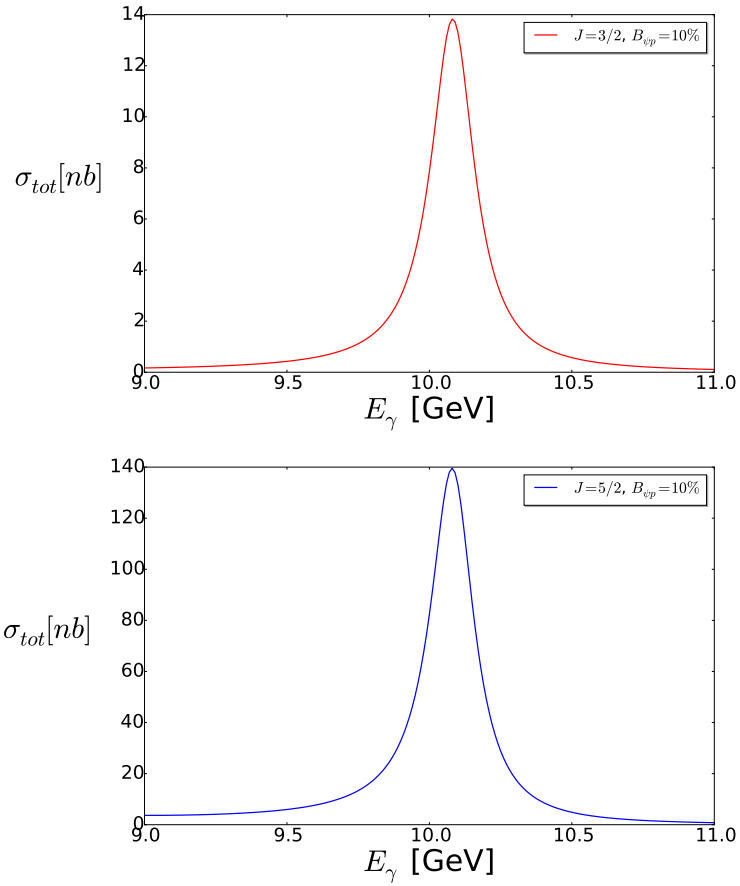
- A, b_0, s_t, α_0, α' fitted to world J/ψ photoproduction data from threshold up to 300 GeV
- Simultaneous fit with **branching ratio** $\mathcal{B}_{\psi p}$
- **Bootstrap fit** takes into account parameter correlations and propagates uncertainties to observables

Comparing with previous work



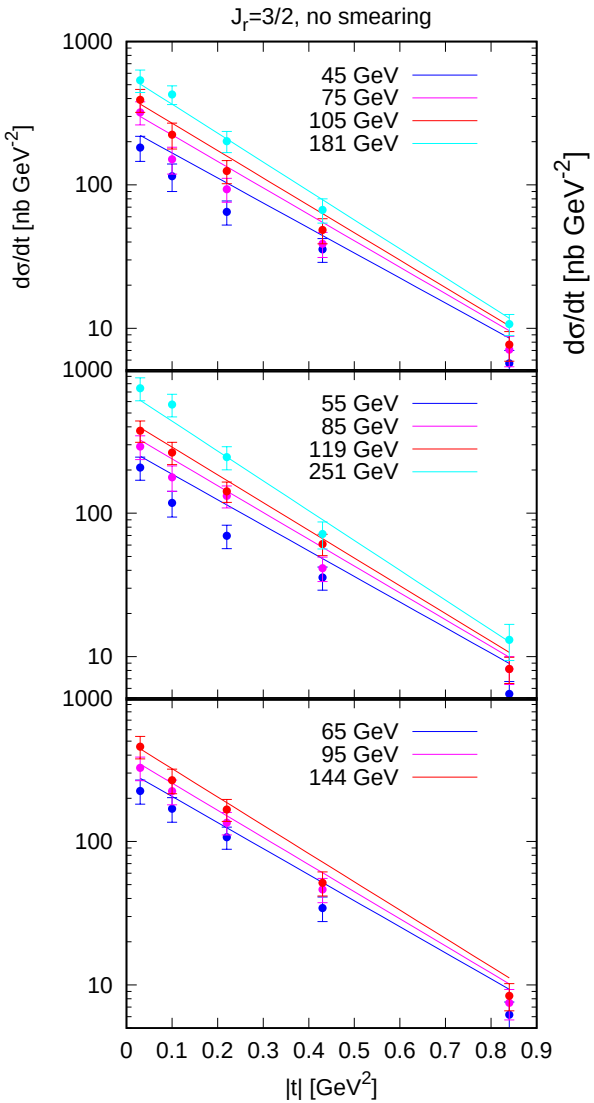


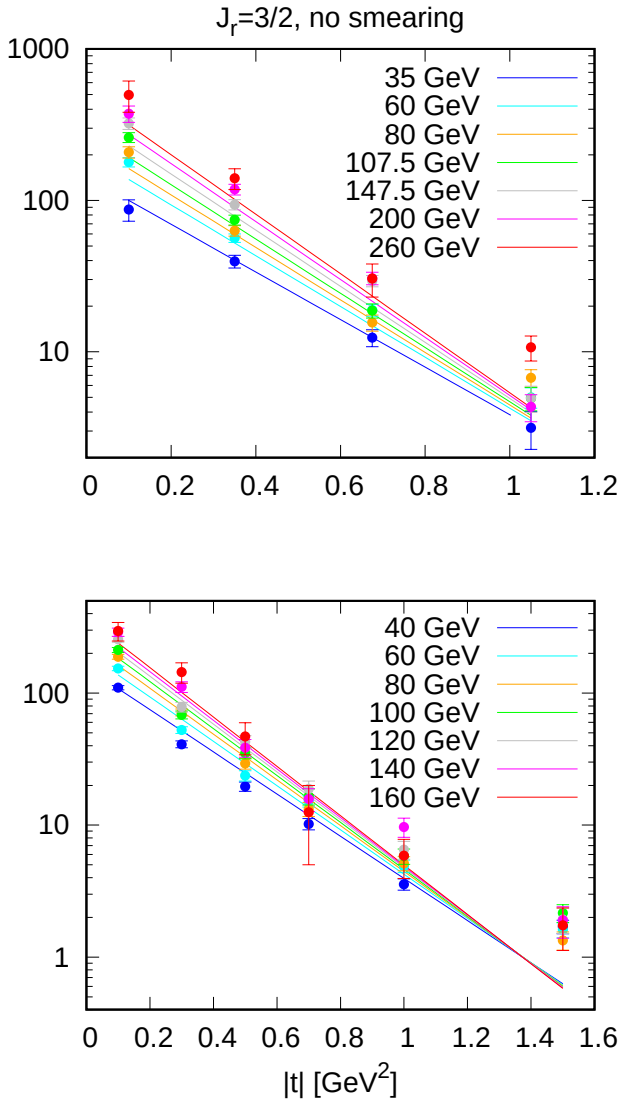
Karliner and Rosner, PLB 752 (2016) 329

For $\begin{cases} E_\gamma = E_r = 10.1 \text{ GeV} \\ \mathcal{B}_{\psi p} = 10\% \\ J = 3/2 \\ \text{no background} \end{cases}$

we reproduce $\sigma(\gamma\ p \to J/\psi\ p) \approx 14$ nb

Background fit to high-energy data...





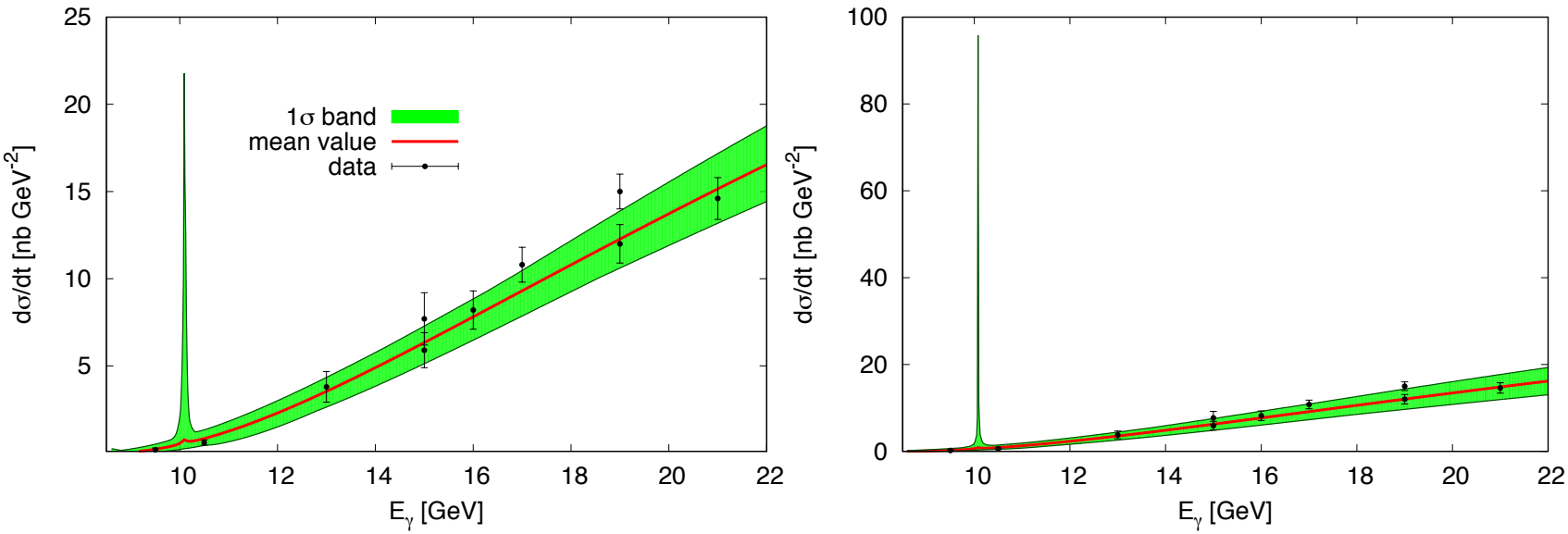
Chekanov et al. [ZEUS], EPJC 24 (2002) 345

Aktas et al. [H1], EPJC 46 (2006) 585

. . . simultaneously to low-energy data

First results: no smearing due to experimental resolution

Spin-3/2 vs. spin-5/2



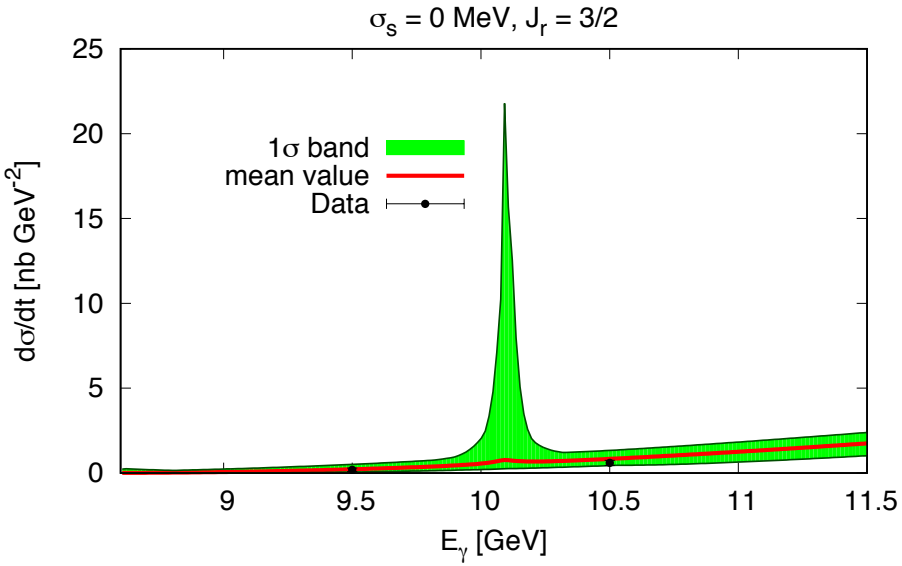
Camerini et al., PRL 35 (1975) 483

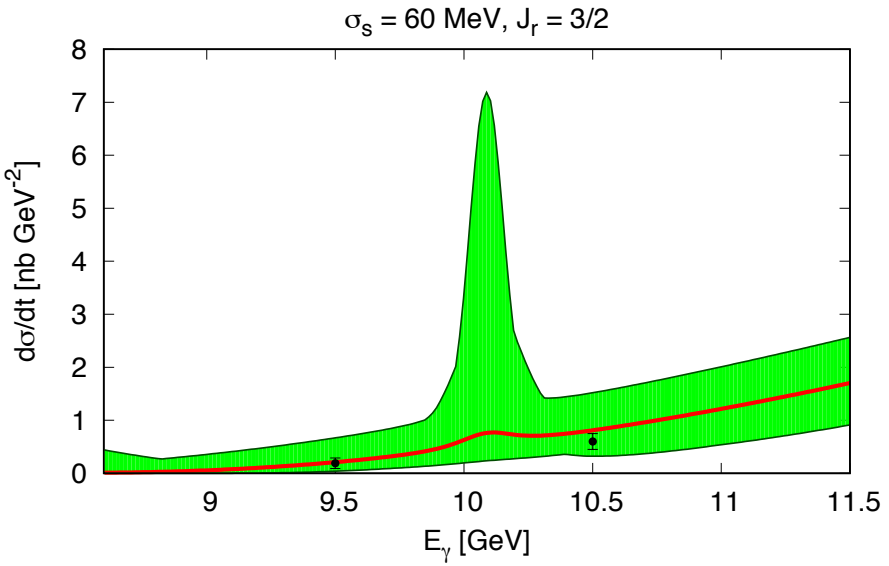
Two points closest to threshold: unpublished SLAC data

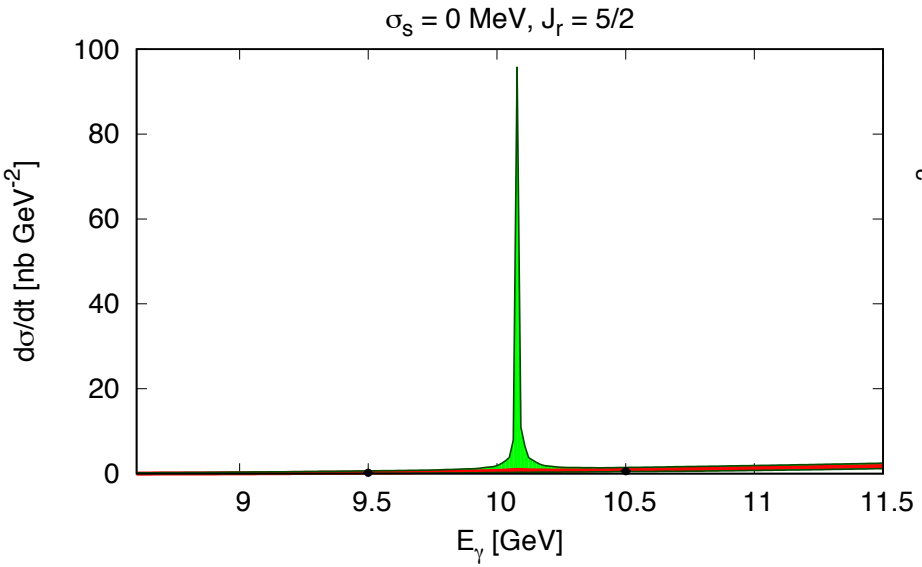
Ritson, AIPCP 30 (1976) 75; Anderson, SLAC-PUB-1741 (1976)

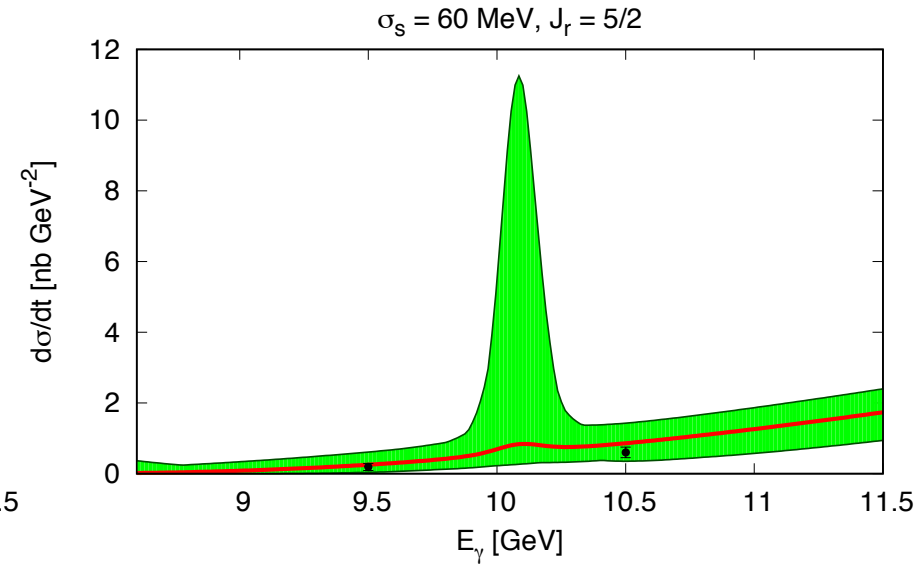
Relevant for the pentaquark peak!

Different smearing scenarios









Branching ratio and fit results

Branching ratio $P_c(4450) \to J/\psi p$ not yet known

We gave the first prediction for its upper limit!

σ_s (MeV)	0	60	120
A	$0.156^{+0.029}_{-0.020}$	$0.157^{+0.039}_{-0.021}$	$0.157^{+0.037}_{-0.022}$
α_0	$1.151^{+0.018}_{-0.020}$	$1.150^{+0.018}_{-0.026}$	$1.150^{+0.015}_{-0.023}$
α' (GeV^{-2})	$0.112^{+0.033}_{-0.054}$	$0.111^{+0.037}_{-0.064}$	$0.111^{+0.038}_{-0.054}$
s_t (GeV^2)	$16.8^{+1.7}_{-0.9}$	$16.9^{+2.0}_{-1.6}$	$16.9^{+2.0}_{-1.1}$
b_0 (GeV^{-2})	$1.01^{+0.47}_{-0.29}$	$1.02^{+0.61}_{-0.32}$	$1.03^{+0.49}_{-0.31}$
$\mathcal{B}_{\psi p}$ (95% CL)	$\leq$ **29** %	$\leq$ **30** %	$\leq$ **23** %

Spin-3/2 case

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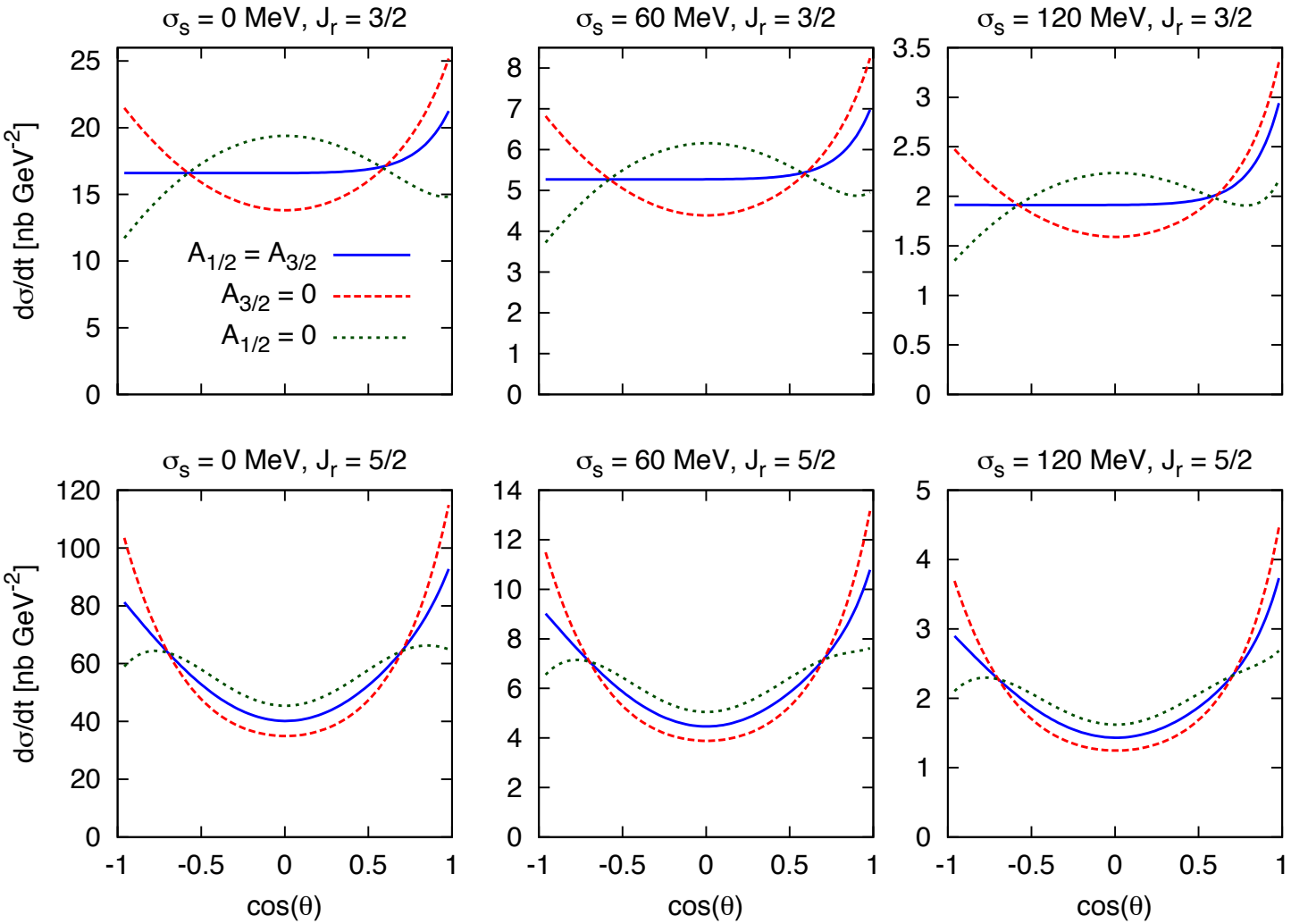
α_0	$1.154^{+0.020}_{-0.020}$	$1.156^{+0.027}_{-0.028}$	$1.156^{+0.033}_{-0.028}$
α' (GeV^{-2})	$0.120^{+0.064}_{-0.052}$	$0.125^{+0.076}_{-0.089}$	$0.126^{+0.077}_{-0.105}$
s_t (GeV^2)	$16.6^{+1.6}_{-1.1}$	$16.6^{+2.2}_{-1.5}$	$16.6^{+2.1}_{-2.0}$
b_0 (GeV^{-2})	$0.95^{+0.51}_{-0.51}$	$0.90^{+0.85}_{-0.65}$	$0.90^{+1.00}_{-0.69}$
$\mathcal{B}_{\psi p}$ (95% CL)	$\leq$ **17** %	$\leq$ **12** %	$\leq$ **8** %

Spin-5/2 case

Angular dependence of the differential cross section



Relax VMD condition on $A_{1/2}$ and $A_{3/2}$:

Angular behavior and choice of **photocouplings** strongly related!

Studying angular distributions experimentally

- Data close to threshold:
  scarce and only for **forward angles**
- $\gamma\ p \to p\ J/\psi$ experiment:
  approved with A rating at Hall C, JLab
- Study the **angular distribution** at the $P_c(4450)$ energy:
  excellent opportunity to fix the **photocouplings**!
- In our estimates:
  natural sizes
  compatible with known N^* photocouplings

Summary and outlook

Summary

- $P_c(4450)$ in J/ψ **photoproduction** to **confirm** resonance
- Scarce data: experiment approved at **JLab Hall C**

Our work

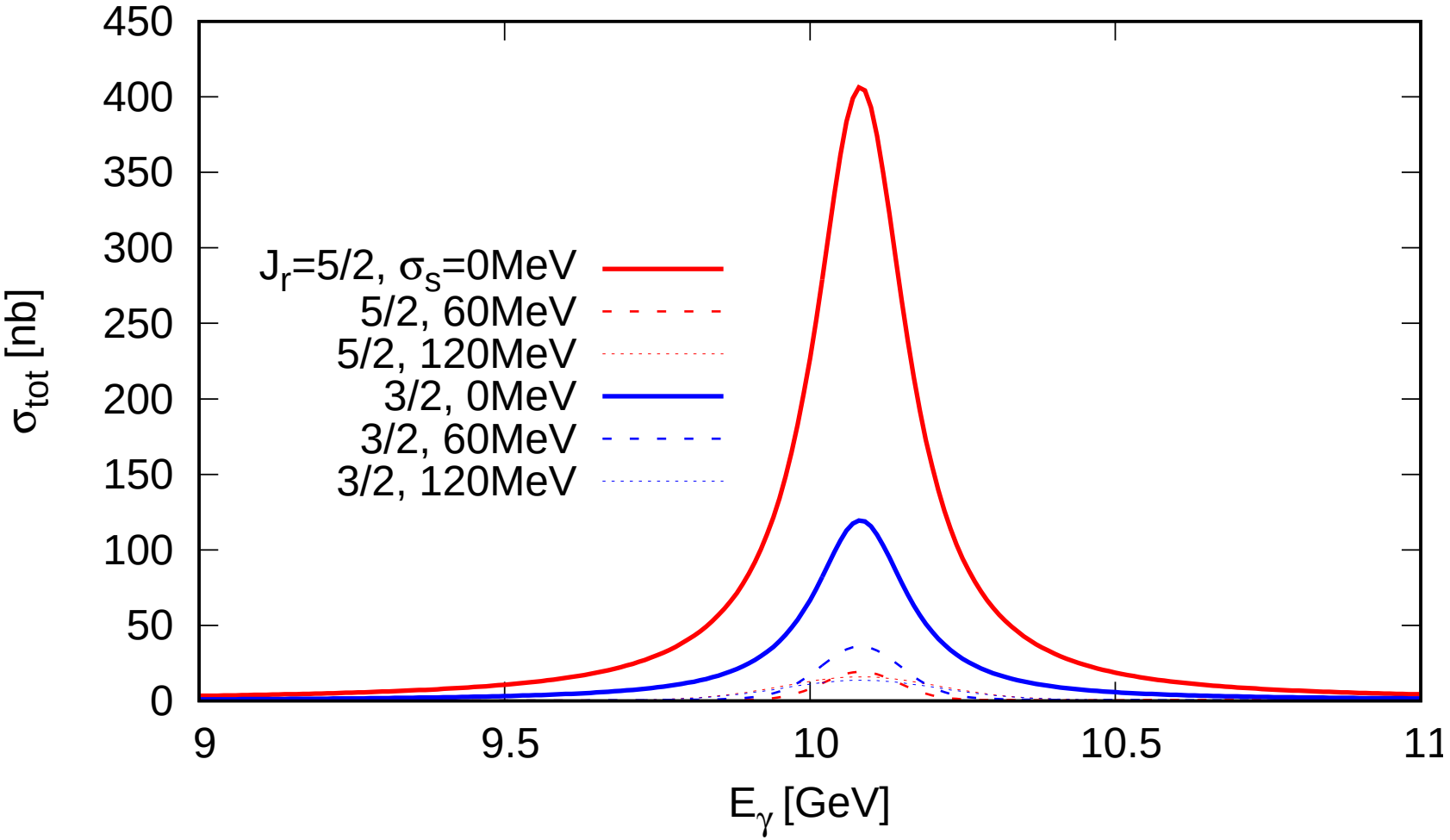
- The narrow resonance could have escaped detection until now
- We estimate the upper limit of the **branching ratio**
- Strong correlation **angular distributions** $\leftrightarrow$ **photocouplings**: helps fixing them **experimentally**!
- Code and **interactive website** (own parameter choices) available at **www.indiana.edu/∼jpac/**

Outlook

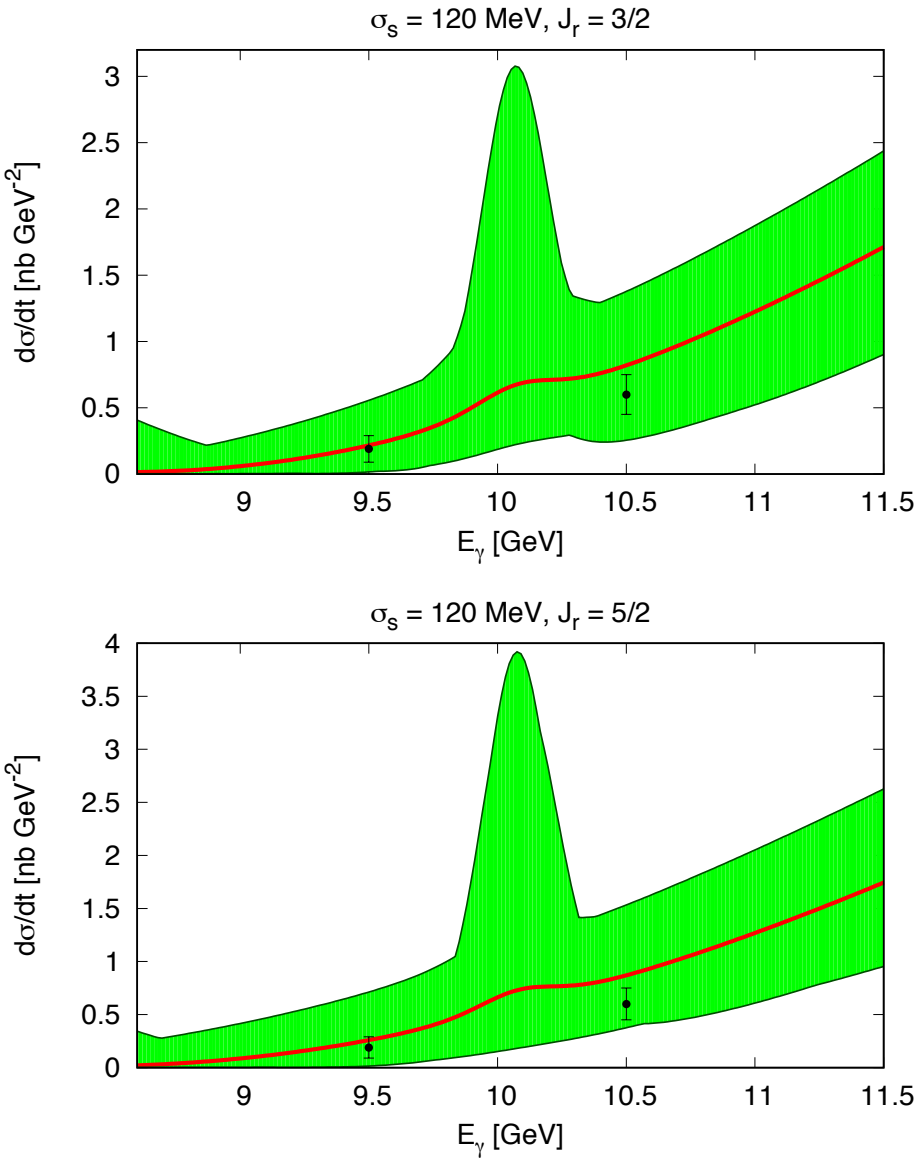
- Extension to J/ψ **electro**production (approved: JLab Hall A)
- To obtain **SDMs**: upgrade CLAS12 to **muon detection**

Additional material

Integrated cross section in the different best-fit scenarios



Different smearing and spin scenarios



Couplings and widths for the spin-3/2 case

J_r^P	$3/2^-$		
σ_s (MeV)	0	60	120
$\mathcal{B}_{\psi p}$	$\leq 29\%$	$\leq 30\%$	$\leq 23\%$
g (GeV)	≤ 2.1	≤ 2.2	≤ 1.9
Γ_γ (keV)	≤ 14.4	≤ 14.9	≤ 11.0
$A_{1/2,3/2}$ ($\mathrm{GeV}^{-1/2}$)	≤ 0.007	≤ 0.007	≤ 0.006
$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}t}\vert_{E_\gamma=E_r,t=t_{\mathrm{min}}}$ (nb GeV^{-2})	≤ 21.8	≤ 7.2	≤ 3.1
$\sigma_{\mathrm{tot}}\vert_{E_\gamma=E_r}$ (nb)	≤ 120	≤ 38	≤ 14

Couplings and widths for the spin-5/2 case

J_r^P	$5/2^+$		
σ_s (MeV)	0	60	120
$\mathcal{B}_{\psi p}$	$\leq 17\%$	$\leq 12\%$	$\leq 8\%$
g (GeV)	≤ 2.0	≤ 1.5	≤ 1.4
Γ_γ (keV)	≤ 56.9	≤ 33.5	≤ 26.8
$A_{1/2,3/2}$ ($\mathrm{GeV}^{-1/2}$)	≤ 0.017	≤ 0.013	≤ 0.012
$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}t}\big\vert_{E_\gamma=E_r,t=t_{\mathrm{min}}}$ (nb GeV^{-2})	≤ 95.8	≤ 11.3	≤ 3.9
$\sigma_{\mathrm{tot}}\vert_{E_\gamma=E_r}$ (nb)	≤ 396	≤ 44	≤ 14