

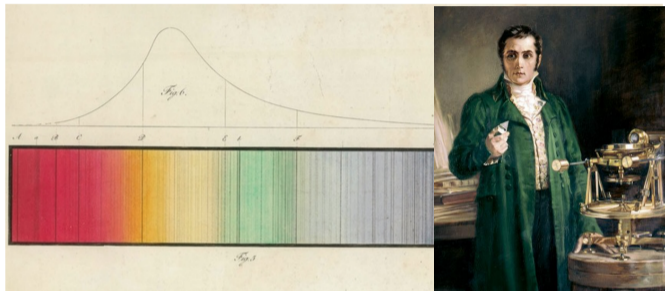
The Search for Exotic Hadrons at GlueX

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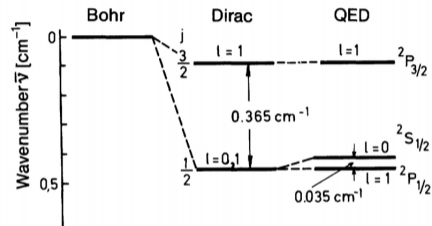
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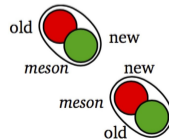
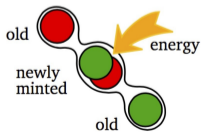
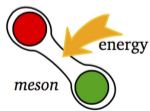
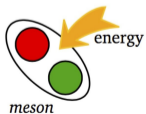
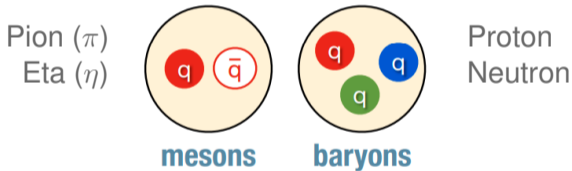
Joseph v. Fraunhofer, 1814



- Spectroscopy: study of the interaction between matter and electromagnetic radiation
- Precision measurements of the hydrogen atom spectrum ultimately lead to the development of QED
- Lasting impact on astro- and nuclear physics, solid state physics

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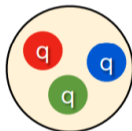
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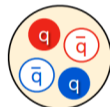


mesons



baryons

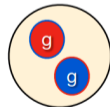
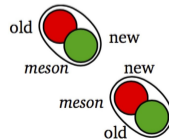
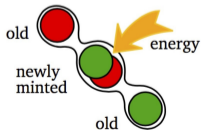
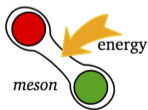
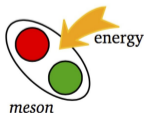
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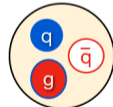
tetraquark



pentaquark



glueball

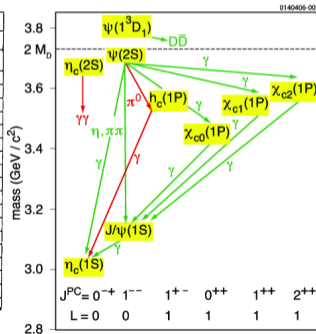
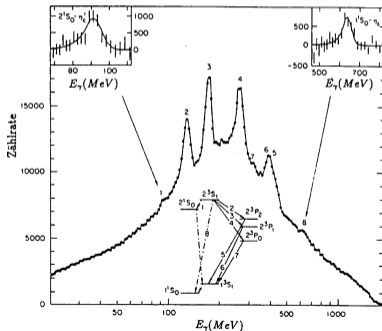


hybrid meson

Exotic Hadrons

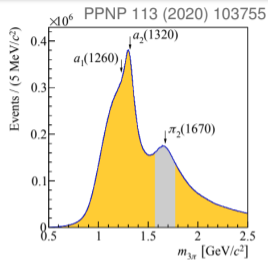
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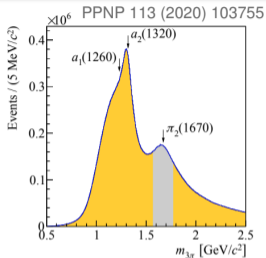
Spectroscopic Notation J^{PC}

- J: Angular momentum
- P: Parity
- C: Charge conjugation



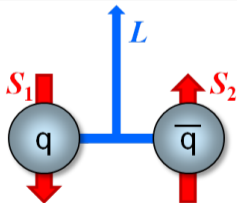
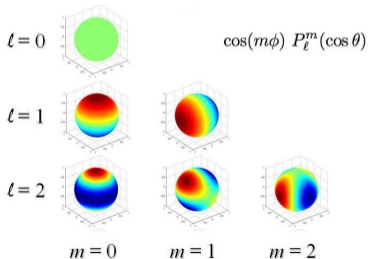
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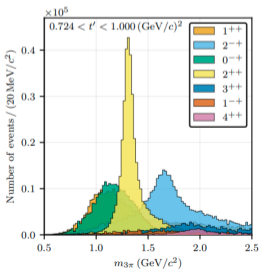
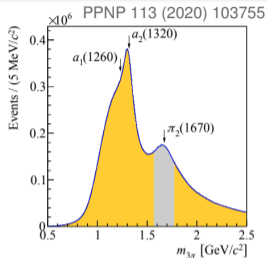
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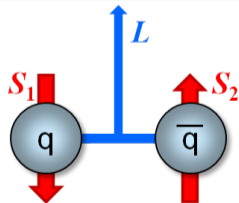
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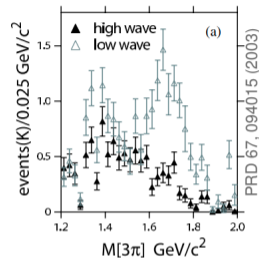


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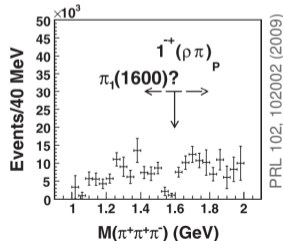
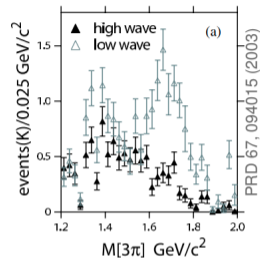
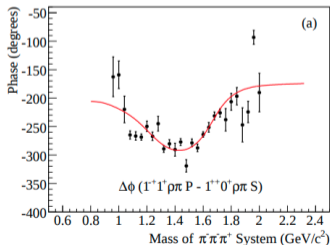
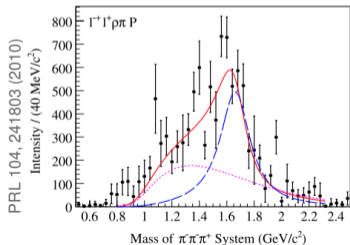
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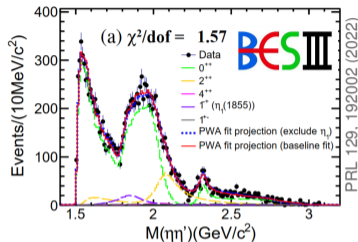
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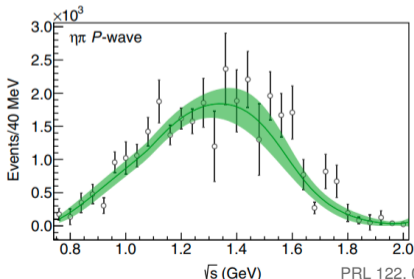


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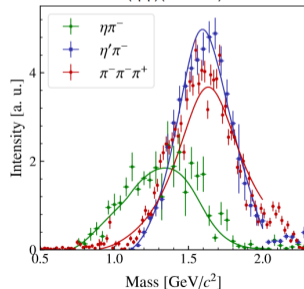
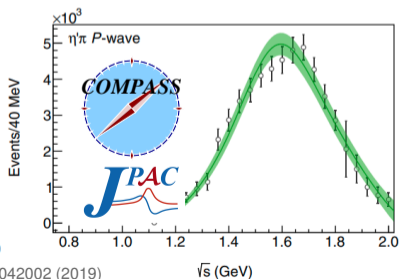
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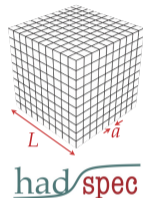
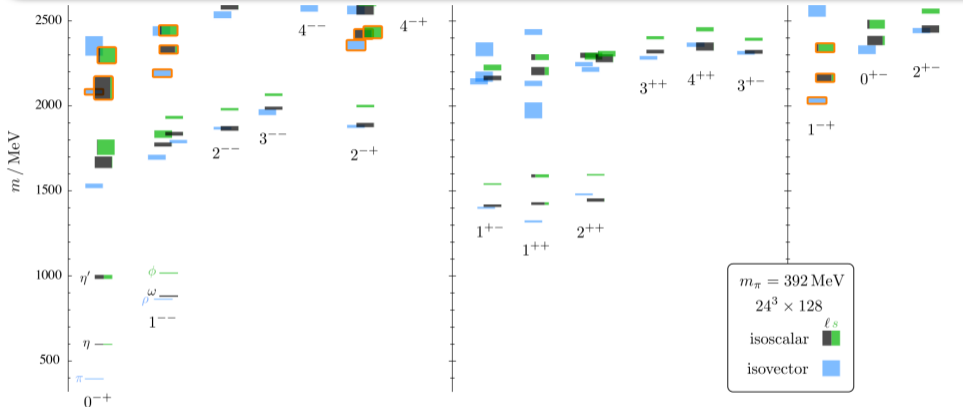


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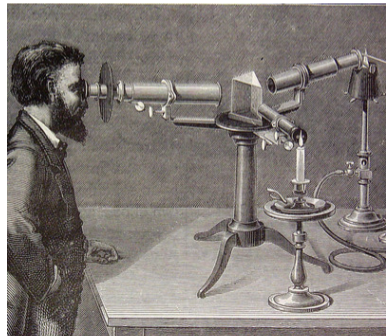
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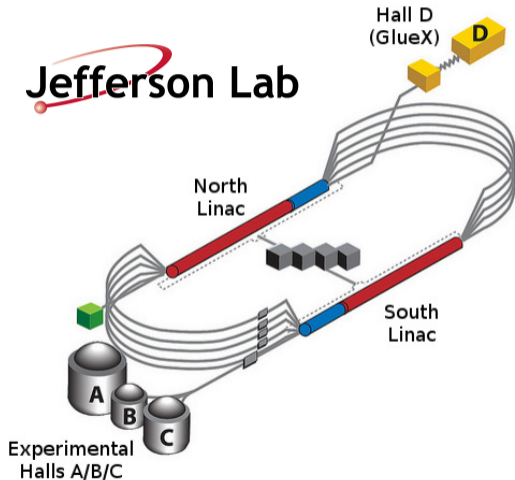
- Excited spectrum of states with identified spin, including exotic quantum numbers
- Tremendous progress in recent years: resonance parameters and decay modes
- Experimental results need to reach equivalent precision

The GlueX Experiment

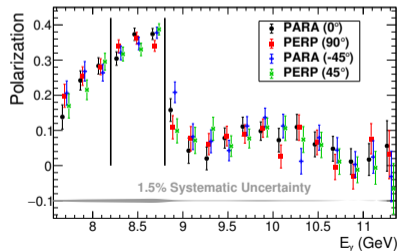
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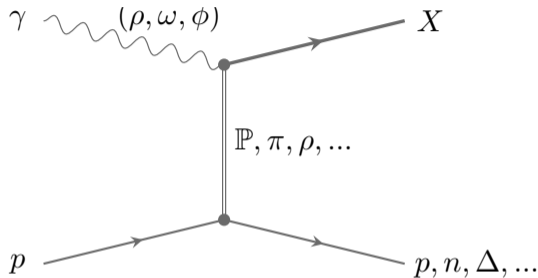
Gluonic Excitation Experiment





- 12 GeV electron beam from CEBAF accelerator
- Coherent Bremsstrahlung on diamond radiator
- Linear polarization peak $P_\gamma \sim 40\%$
- Photon energy tagged by scattered electrons
- Beam intensity: $1 - 5 \cdot 10^7 \gamma/s$ in peak





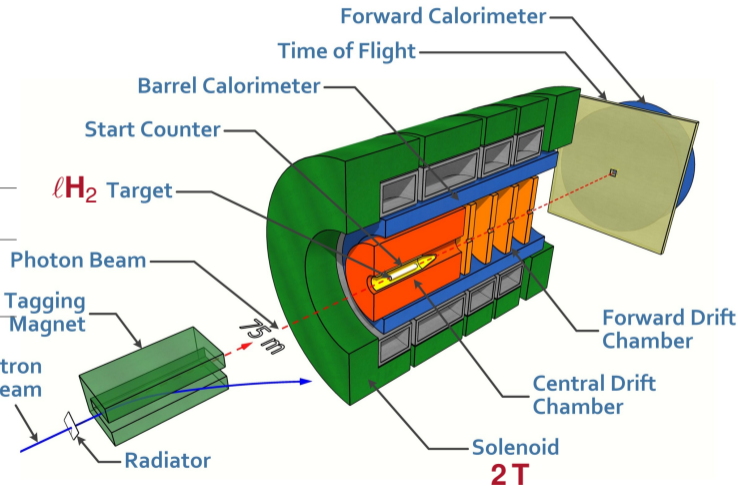
Exchange		Exotic Final States	
\mathbb{P}	0^{++}	b, h, h'	$2^{+-}, 0^{+-}$
π^0	0^{-+}	b_2, h_2, h'_2	2^{+-}
π^\pm	0^{-+}	π_1^\pm	1^{-+}
ω	1^{--}	π_1, η_1, η'_1	1^{-+}

Complementary Production Mechanism

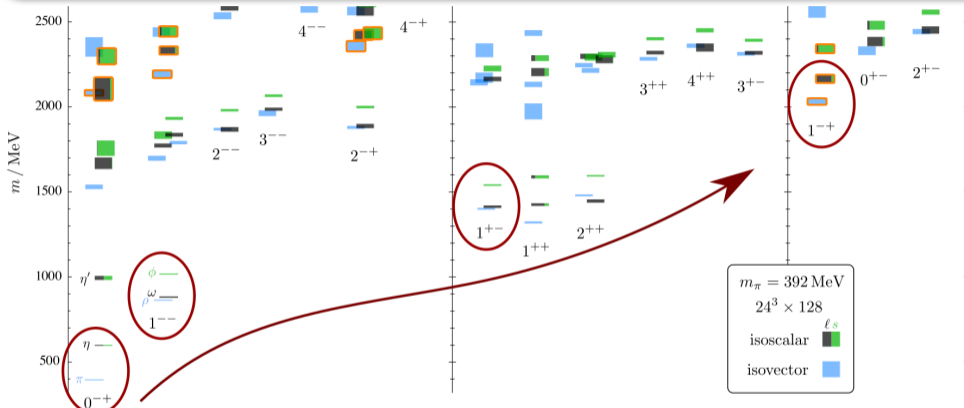
- Wide **variety of states** in spectrum accessible
- Photon polarization provides **constraints** on produced systems
- Understanding of **production mechanism** is prerequisite for interpretation
- Very limited photoproduction data existing at these energies

Light quark meson spectroscopy
with **nearly complete coverage** for
charged and neutral final states

Year	Phase	$\int \mathcal{L}$ (pb^{-1})	Status
2017	1	22	analyzed
2018	1	103	analyzed
2020	2	132	analyzed
2023	2	≈ 65	calibrating
2025	2	≈ 200	scheduled
?	3	800	proposed



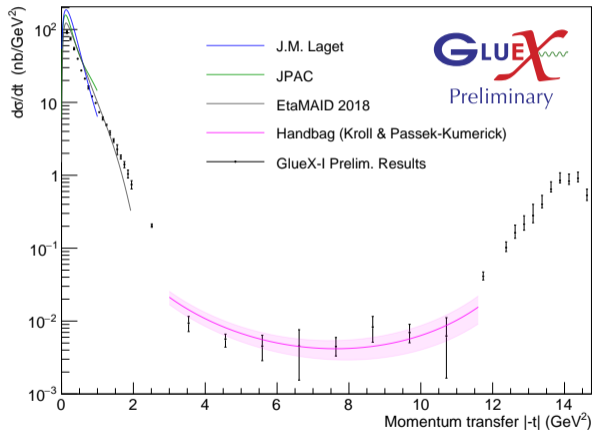
The Path to Exotic Hadrons



Close Collaboration between GlueX Experiment and Theory / Phenomenology

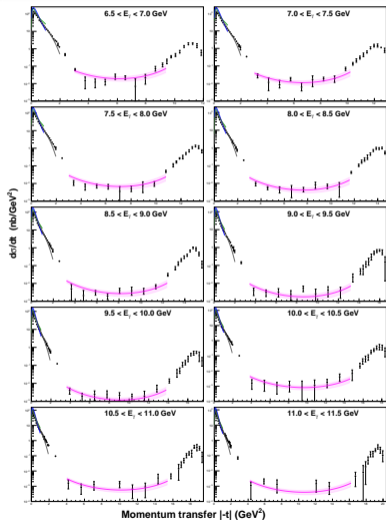
- Detailed study of photoproduction mechanism with polarization, robust theoretical models
- Develop capable analysis frameworks, evaluate with known states in the spectrum

η Diff. Cross Sec. $8.0 < E_\gamma < 8.5$ GeV



$\gamma p \rightarrow \eta p$

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- Regge models at low $|t|$, Handbag for intermediate $|t|$



GLUEX
Preliminary

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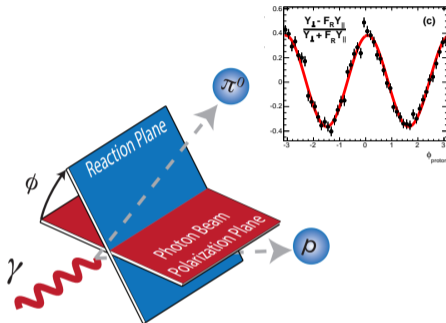
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- Energy coverage: 3 – 12 GeV
Overlap with previous measurements

Many other channels

- Precise measurement for many different final states ongoing
- Consistency between decay modes limits systematic uncertainties

Polarization Transfer

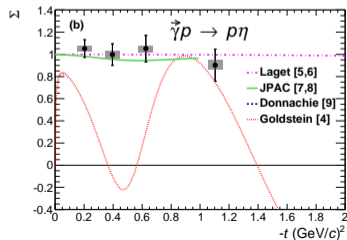
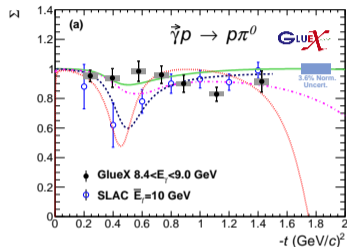
First GlueX Publication: PRC 95, 042201 (2017)

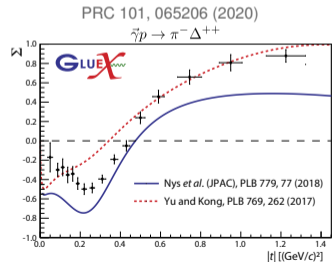
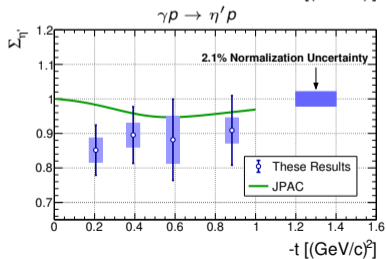
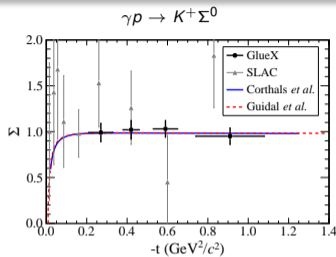
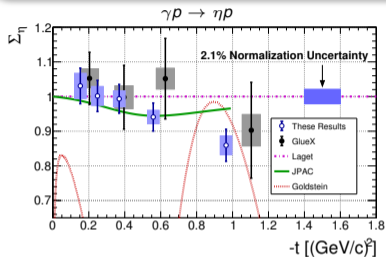


$$\sigma_{\text{pol}}(\phi) = \sigma_{\text{unpol}} [1 - P_{\gamma} \Sigma \cos 2\phi]$$

π^0 and η from 2016 Commissioning Data

- Modeling production mechanism: Σ sensitive to exchanged J^{PC}
- Cancel systematic effects by rotating polarization plane by 90°
- First measurement for η in this energy





PRC 100, 052201 (2019)

PRC 103, 02201 (2021)

Beam Asymmetry Measurements

- η : significantly higher precision
- η' : first measurement in this energy
- K^+ : no visible t -dependence
- π^- : unnatural exchange important at small t

Photoproduction

- Neutral exchange: **natural parity exchange** dominates
- Charge exchange: unnatural parity exchange for **small t**

Extraction of SDMEs

with Amplitude Analysis Technique

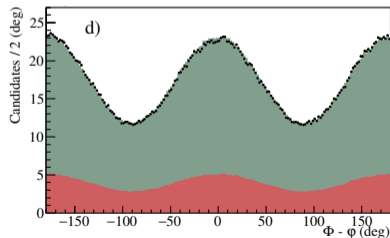
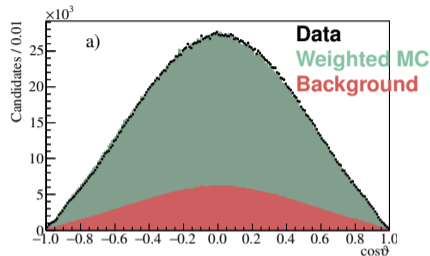
Extended Maximum-Likelihood Fit

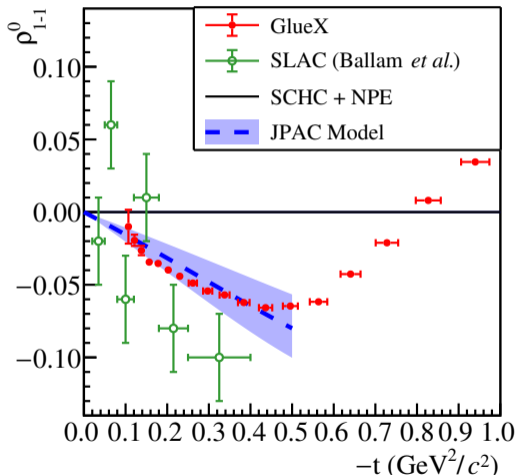
$$\ln L = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{\text{events}} \ln \mathcal{I}(\tau_i)}_{\text{Experiment}} - \underbrace{\int d\Omega \mathcal{I}(\tau) \eta(\tau)}_{\text{Normalization Integral}}$$

- Choose SDMEs such that intensity fits the observed events
- Normalization integral evaluated by a phase-space Monte Carlo sample with the acceptance $\eta(\tau) = 0/1$

Analysis Strategy

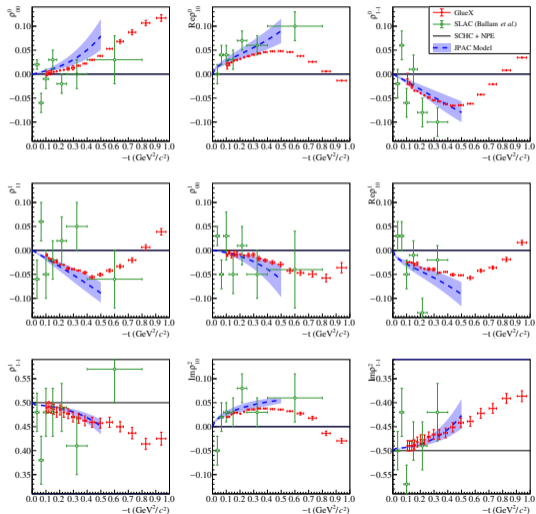
- Improve theoretical description of photoproduction process
- Understand and evaluate detector acceptance
- Prerequisites for amplitude analysis of possible exotic signals





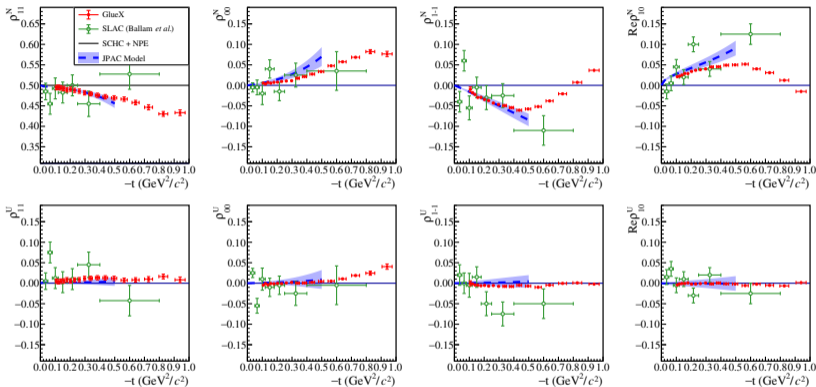
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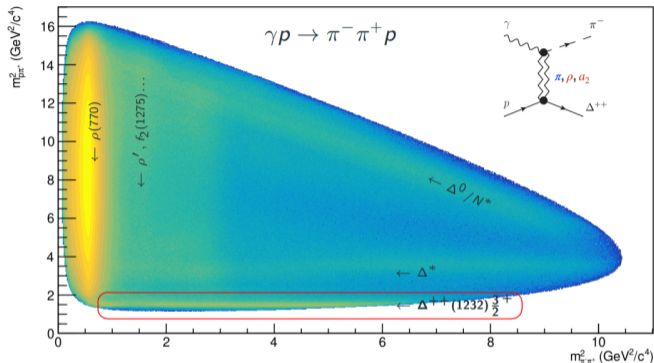
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- Natural parity exchange dominates across t range
- Deviation from s-channel helicity conservation (\mathbb{P})
 \Rightarrow Contribution from f_2, a_2

Spin-Density Matrix Element Analysis for other Hadrons

- $\Lambda(1520)$ photoproduction [PRC 105, 035201 (2022)], analysis of $\omega(782)$, $\phi(1020)$ ongoing
- Improve theoretical description of photoproduction process and evaluate detector acceptance

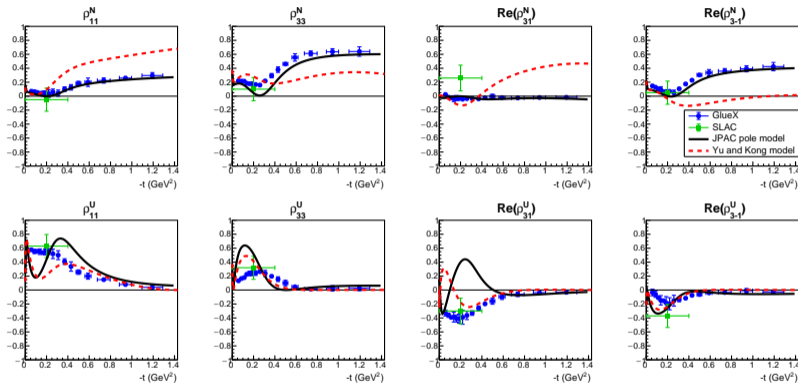


- Only small overlap between $\rho(770)$ and $\Delta^{++}(1232)$ production in same final state
- Access to spin density matrix elements for $\Delta^{++}(1232)$ photoproduction
- High statistical precision

$$\begin{aligned}
 W(\cos \vartheta, \varphi, \Phi) = & \frac{3}{4\pi} \left\{ \rho_{33}^0 \sin^2 \vartheta + \rho_{11}^0 \left(\frac{1}{3} + \cos^2 \vartheta \right) - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \operatorname{Re} \left(\rho_{31}^0 \sin 2\vartheta \cos \varphi - \rho_{3-1}^0 \sin^2 \vartheta \cos 2\varphi \right) \right. \\
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SDMEs in $\Delta^{++}(1232)$ Photoproduction

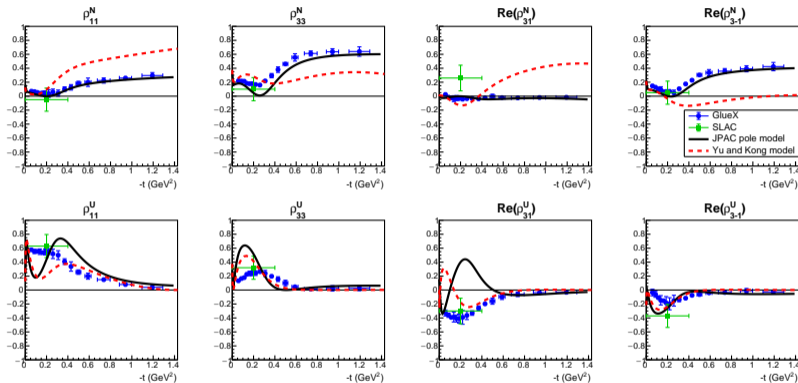
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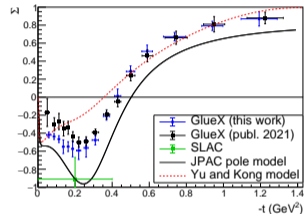
- Models under-constrained by previous measurements, do not describe unnatural parity exchange
- Sensitive to relative sign of exchange couplings

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$$\Sigma = 2(\rho_{11}^1 + \rho_{33}^1)$$

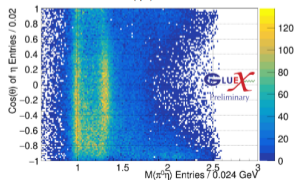
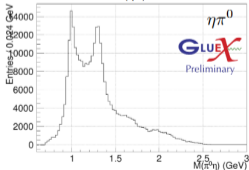
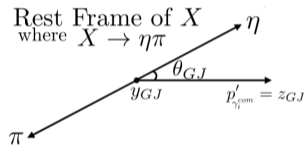
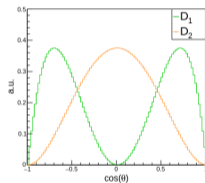
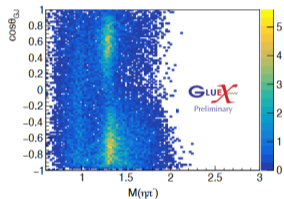
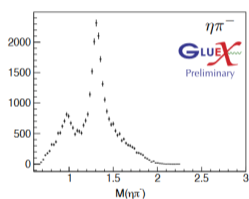


Systematic deviations in beam asymmetry Σ by Δ^{++} decay

- Models under-constrained by previous measurements, do not describe unnatural parity exchange
- Sensitive to relative sign of exchange couplings

The $\eta\pi$ and $\eta'\pi$ Systems

- Strongest evidence for exotic $\pi_1(1600)$ from COMPASS in these channels
- Competitive statistical precision, but different production and multiple decay modes
- Collaboration with theory on development of amplitudes and models



- Clear signals for $a_0(980)$ and $a_2(1320)$
- Different angular distribution between charged (top) and neutral (bottom) final state
- Production mechanism populates states with different spin-projections

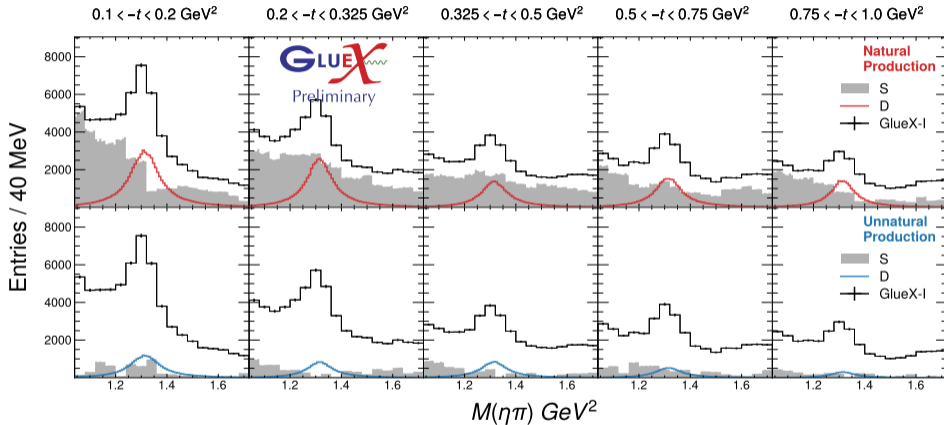
⇒ **Amplitude Analysis**

$$\mathcal{I}(\Omega, \Phi) = \mathcal{I}^0(\Omega) - P_\gamma \mathcal{I}^1(\Omega) \cos 2\Phi - P_\gamma \mathcal{I}^2(\Omega) \sin 2\Phi$$

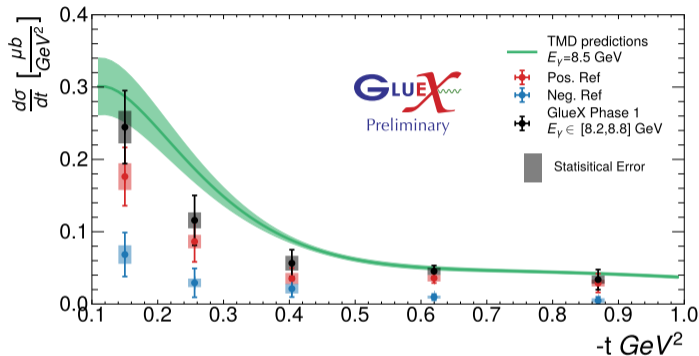
- New amplitude formalism in reflectivity basis with $Z_\ell^m(\Omega, \Phi) = Y_\ell^m(\Omega) e^{-i\Phi}$: JPAC [PRD 100, 054017 (2019)]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}(\Omega, \Phi) \propto & (1 - P_\gamma) \left| \sum_{\ell, m} [\ell]_m^{(\varepsilon=-)} \text{Re} Z_\ell^m(\Omega, \Phi) \right|^2 + (1 - P_\gamma) \left| \sum_{\ell, m} [\ell]_m^{(\varepsilon=+)} \text{Im} Z_\ell^m(\Omega, \Phi) \right|^2 + \\ & + (1 + P_\gamma) \left| \sum_{\ell, m} [\ell]_m^{(\varepsilon=+)} \text{Re} Z_\ell^m(\Omega, \Phi) \right|^2 + (1 + P_\gamma) \left| \sum_{\ell, m} [\ell]_m^{(\varepsilon=-)} \text{Im} Z_\ell^m(\Omega, \Phi) \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$

- Reflectivity $\varepsilon = \pm$ corresponds to naturality of exchange
 - Describes all two-pseudoscalar meson systems ($\pi\pi$, $K\bar{K}$, $\pi\eta$, etc.)
- Fully mass-independent analysis difficult due to complexity of wave set: $S_0^\pm, P_{-1,0,1}^\pm, D_{-2,-1,0,1,2}^\pm, \dots$
 - Require theory input to limit number of amplitudes or constrain mass dependence of known resonances



Semi-mass dependent method: impose Breit-Wigner shape for $a_2(1320)$



Partial-Wave Analysis

- All possible S and D waves
- Shared phase between individual m projections

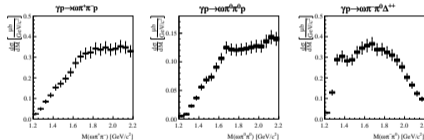
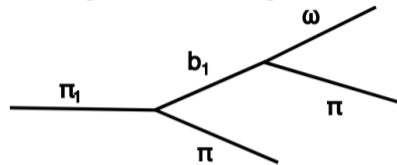
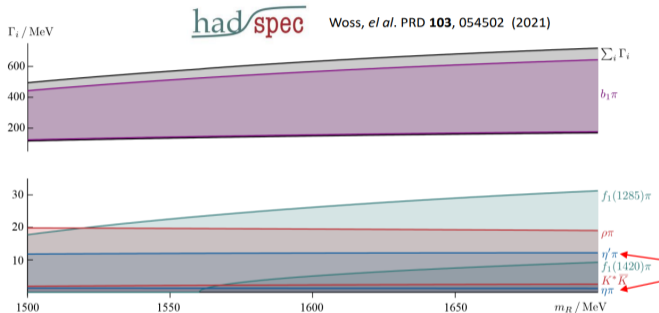
Prediction

- Tensor Meson Dominance $S_0^\pm, D_{0,1}^\pm, D_{-1}^-, D_2^+$

- Good agreement with theory prediction, demonstrate validity of method
- Separation of natural and unnatural parity exchange mechanisms, natural exchange dominant
- Reference for search for exotic $\pi_1(1600)$ in $\eta'\pi$

Projection for $\pi_1(1600) \rightarrow \eta^{(\prime)}\pi$

arXiv:2407.03316 (2024)



$\pi_1(1600)$ branching fractions from LQCD

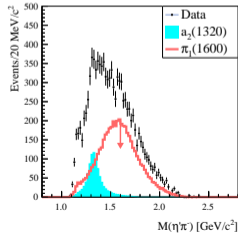
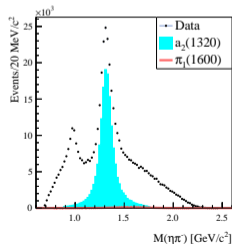
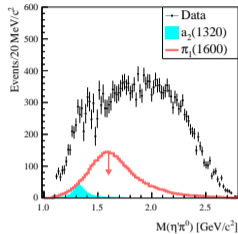
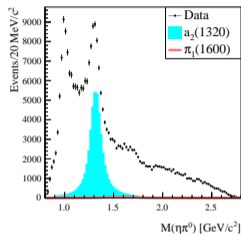
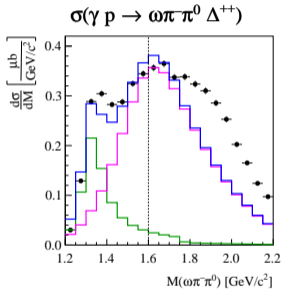
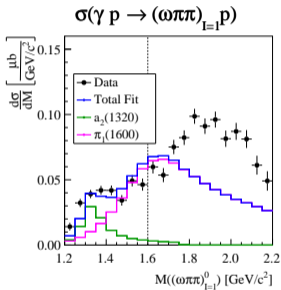
Iso-vector ($I = 1$) $b_1\pi$ cross section

\Rightarrow First upper limit on the **photoproduction cross section** of the spin-exotic $\pi_1(1600)$

Projection for $\pi_1(1600) \rightarrow \eta^{(\prime)}\pi$

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- Saturate measured $\omega\pi\pi$ cross section ($l = 1$) with $a_2(1320)$ and $\pi_1(1600)$ lineshapes

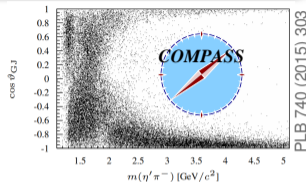


- Upper limit for photoproduction cross sections $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi_1^0(1600)p$ and $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi_1^-(1600)\Delta^{++}$
- Project this cross section into $\eta\pi$ and $\eta'\pi$
 \Rightarrow Could **dominate $\eta'\pi^0$ and $\eta'\pi^-$ channels**

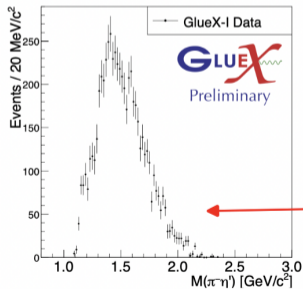
First look at $\gamma p \rightarrow \eta' \pi^- \Delta^{++}$

Invariant mass of $\eta' \pi^-$ vs $\cos \vartheta$

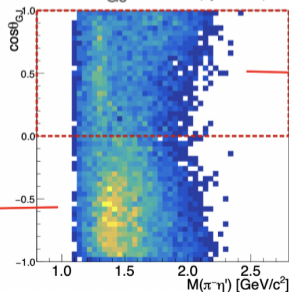
- Striking **forward/backward asymmetry**, similar to COMPASS observation
- Significant progress on PWA and moment analysis



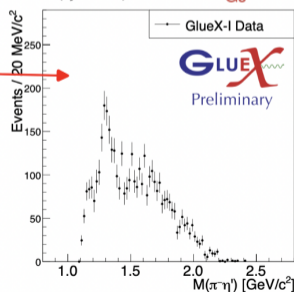
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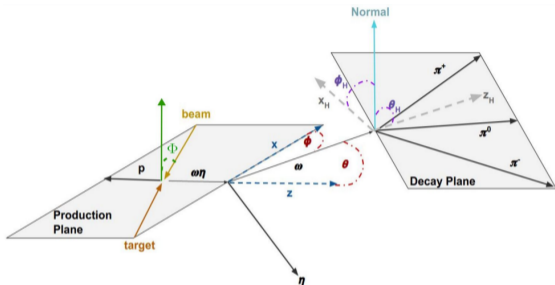


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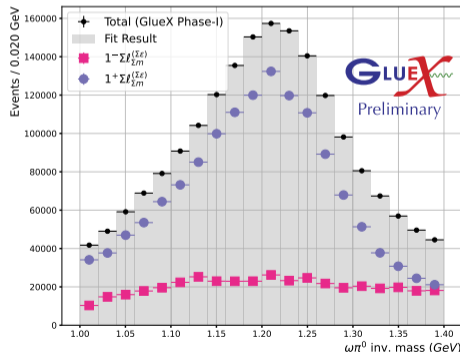


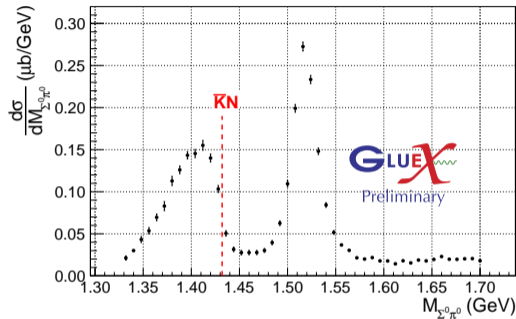
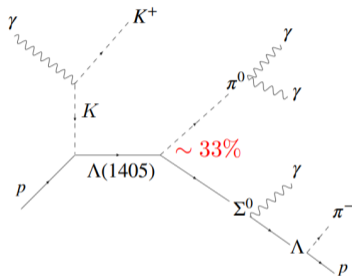
- Ω describes the decay of the resonance
- Ω_H describes the decay of the vector meson
- Φ indicates the orientation of the polarization plane
- All vector-pseudoscalar meson systems ($\omega\pi$, $\omega\eta$, $\phi\pi$, ...)

PWA of $\gamma p \rightarrow \omega\pi^0 p$

- High statistical precision
- Clear separation of $b_1(1235)$ (1^+) and $\rho(1450)$ (1^-)
- Production dominated by natural parity exchange

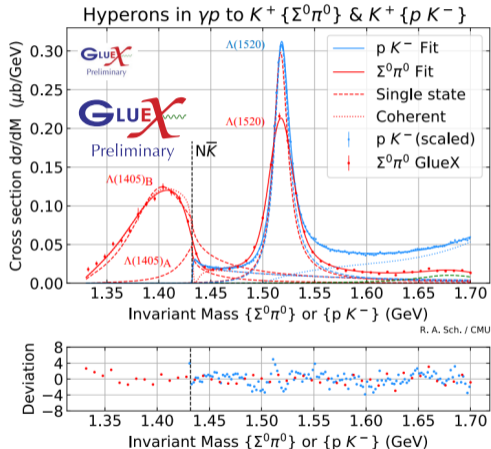
⇒ K. Scheuer (W&M), Session B





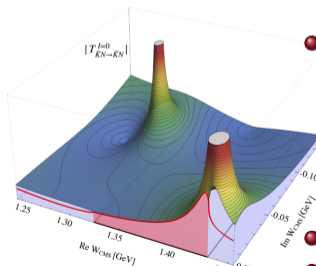
Differential Cross Section

- Neutral $\Sigma^0\pi^0$ decay isolates isospin 0
- $\Lambda(1405)$ line shape deviates from pure Breit-Wigner form
- GlueX studies $\Lambda(1520)$ independently in $\gamma p \rightarrow K^+\Lambda(1502)$ [PRC 105, 035201 (2022)]



Two-Pole Hypothesis

- Simultaneous fit to both channels
- K-matrix parametrization for $\Lambda(1405)$
- Incoherent sum of $\Lambda(1520)$ and background
- Fit favors two poles, currently working towards determination of pole positions



• Consistent with chiral unitary models (e.g. [EPJ A 51, 30 (2015)])

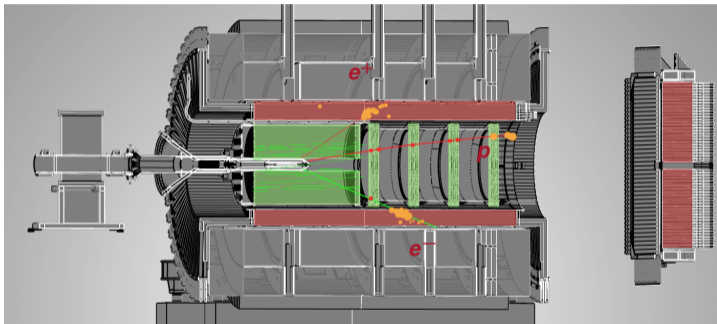
- Support from Lattice QCD
- PDG added $\Lambda(1380)$ with **

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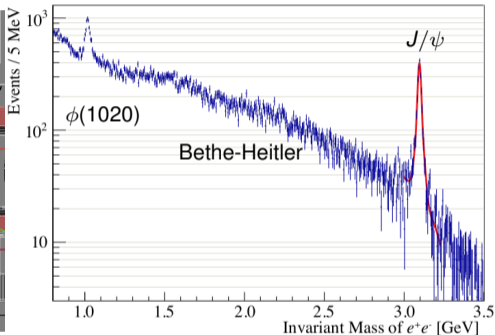
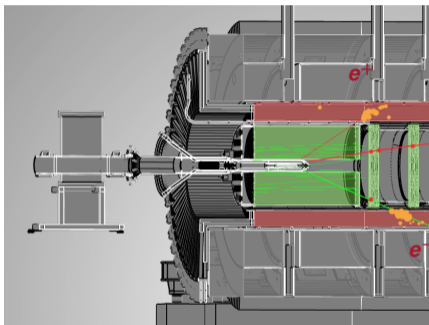
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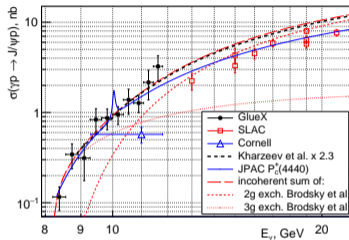
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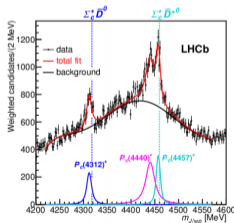
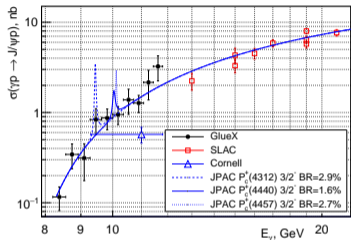


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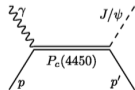
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LHCb, PRL 122, 222001 (2019)

JPAC, PRD 94, 034002 (2016)



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Search for Resonance in J/ψ

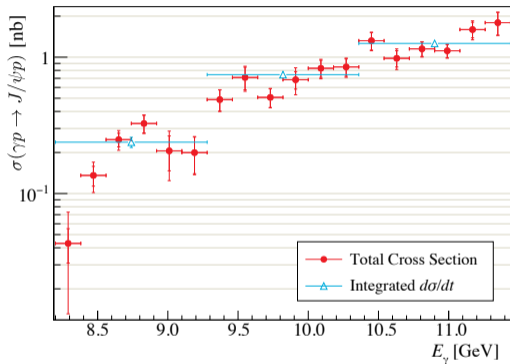
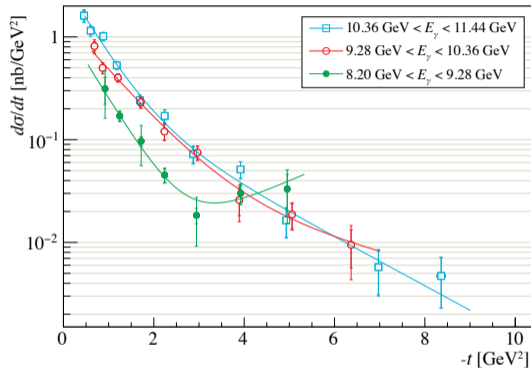
- No evidence for P_c^+ states
- Model-dependent upper limit for $J^{PC} = 3/2^-$

State	BR (90% CL)
$P_c^+(4312)3/2^-$	$< 2.9\%$
$P_c^+(4440)3/2^-$	$< 1.6\%$
$P_c^+(4457)3/2^-$	$< 2.7\%$

- Disfavors hadrocharmonium and some molecular models

J/ψ Cross Section with GlueX-I Data

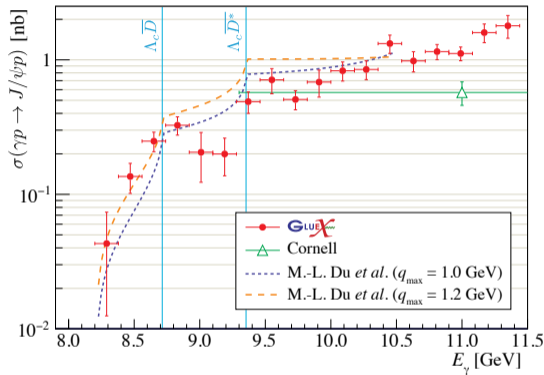
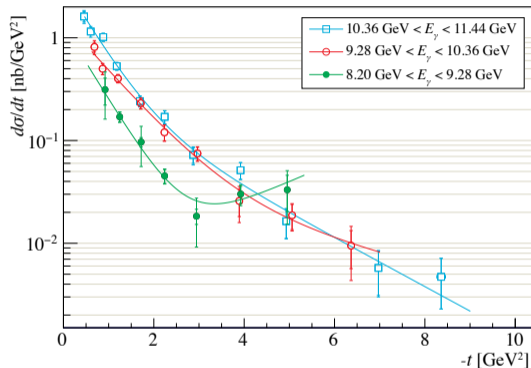
PRC 108, 025201 (2023)



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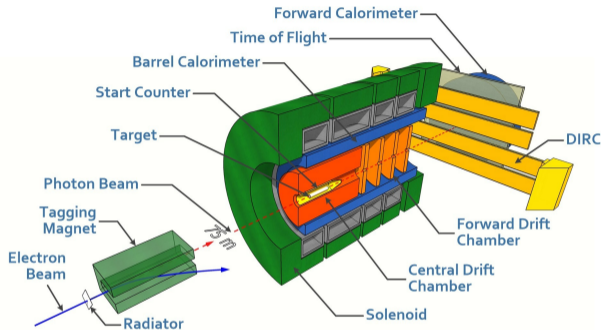
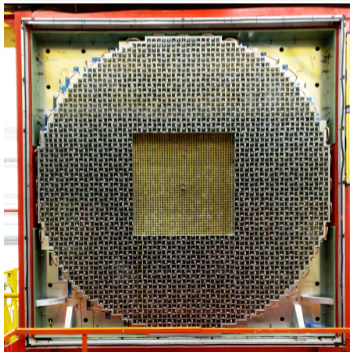
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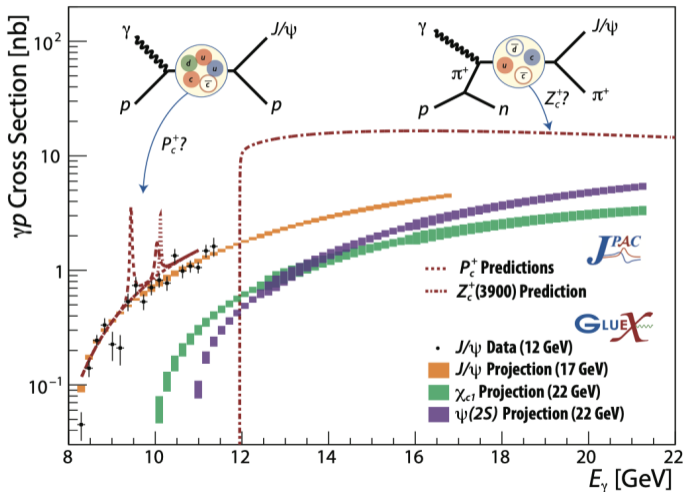
Detector Upgrades

- DIRC: Extend kaon/pion separation (Fall 2019)
- FCal2: PbWO₄ insert with higher granularity Commissioned by the end of 2024



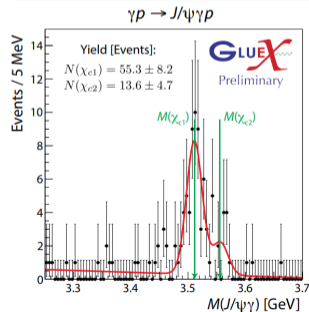
GlueX Phase II + JLab Eta Factory

- Started 2020, 2023, continue with FCal2 in 2025
- Emphasis on final states with strangeness
- Higher luminosity: rare processes



Charmonium spectroscopy

- Exclusive photoproduction of J/ψ , χ_c and $\psi(2S)$
- Prediction for large cross section of $Z_c(3900)$ near threshold
JPAC, PRD 106, 094009 (2022)



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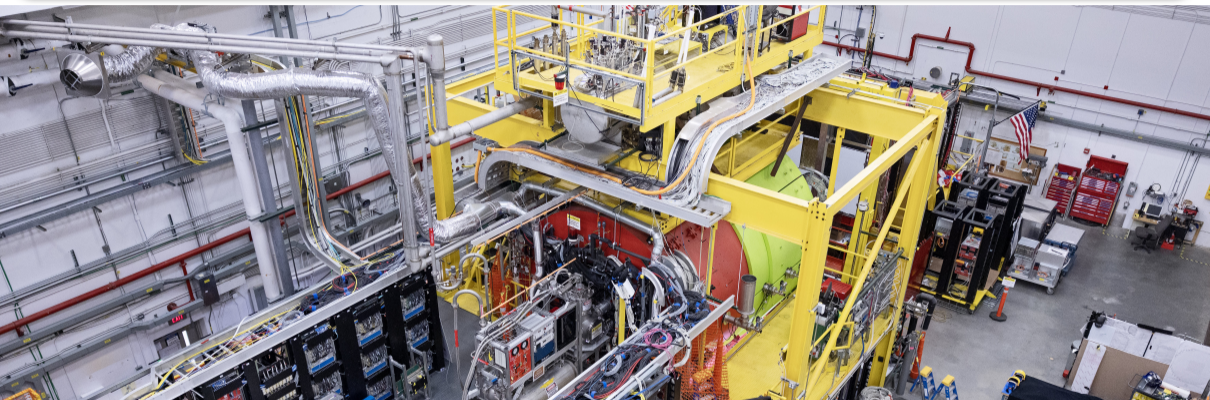
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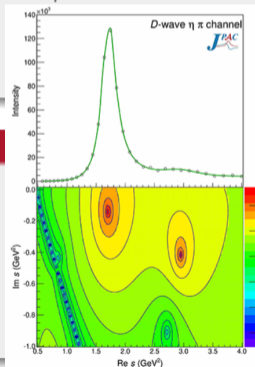
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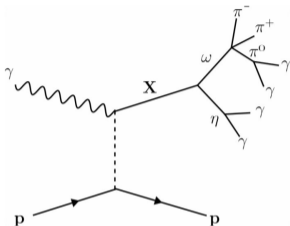
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Step 2: Model for Mass Dependence for Results from Step 1

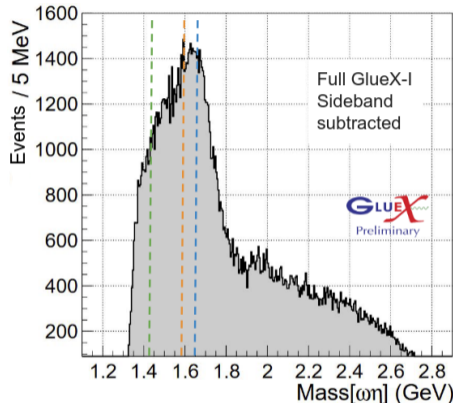
- Breit-Wigner function for narrow, isolated resonances
- Approximations for coupled channels: Flatté, K-matrix, ...
- Amplitudes for dynamical effects: triangle singularity, ...
- Treatment of background

Extraction of physical quantities: pole positions, coupling constants

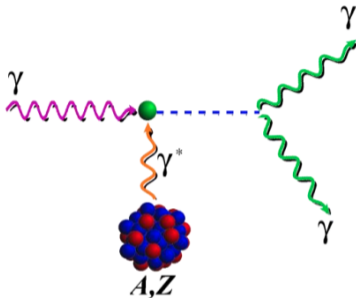


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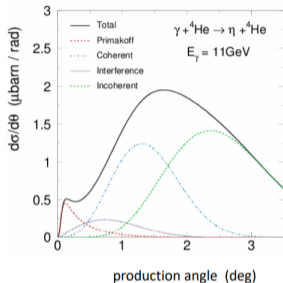
- 1^{--} : $\omega(1650)$, $\omega(1420)$
- 1^{+-} : $h_1(1595)$ (needs confirmation)
- 0^{--} and 2^{+-} : exotic quantum numbers
- 2^{--} : never observed



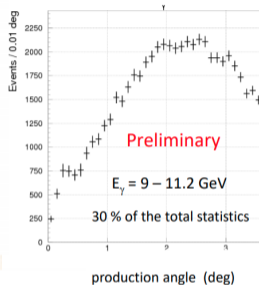
Analysis of several Vector-Pseudoscalar Systems ongoing



MC predictions

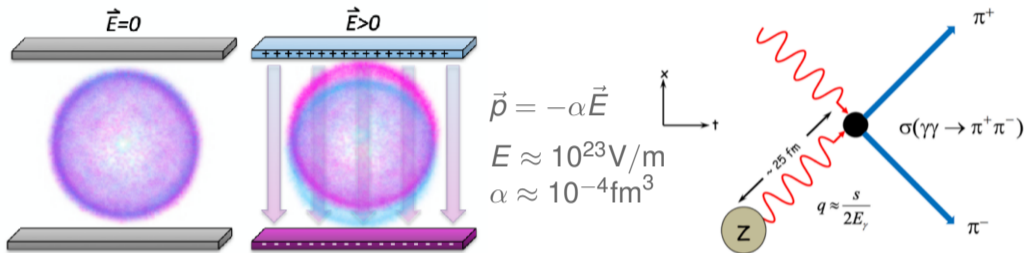


He target, Spring 2019



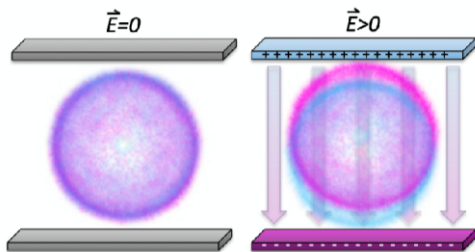
PrimEx- η : Precision measurement of η decay

- Primakoff production of η meson on nuclear target (Helium)
- Precise measurement of cross section at small production angles
- Experiment completed in three beam times 2019, 2021 and 2022
- Compton cross section measured simultaneously to verify systematic effects and monitor stability



Status and Projection for Sensitivity

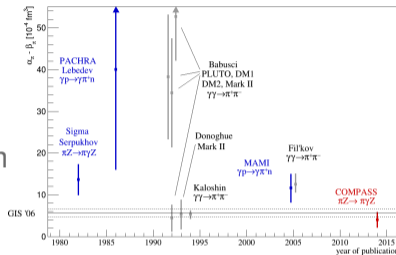
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$$\vec{p} = -\alpha \vec{E}$$

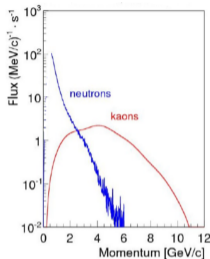
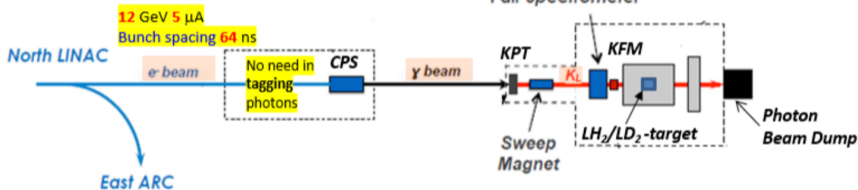
$$E \approx 10^{23} \text{V/m}$$

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- Precision for π^\pm estimated to be comparable with COMPASS, but different systematic effects
- Neutral pion polarizability has never been measured



Strange Hadron Spectroscopy with Secondary K_L Beam

- Use secondary photon beam to produce tertiary beam of neutral kaons
- GlueX detector with 4π acceptance for charged and neutral final states
- World-wide unique facility, planned to be ready after 2027
- Hyperon spectroscopy to identify missing baryon resonances, $K\pi$ scattering to study κ meson