

# *High Energy Behavior of Light Meson Photoproduction with CLAS & Quark Counting Rule*

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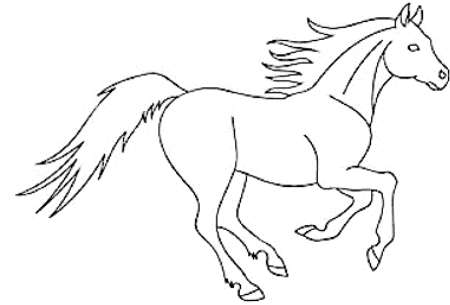
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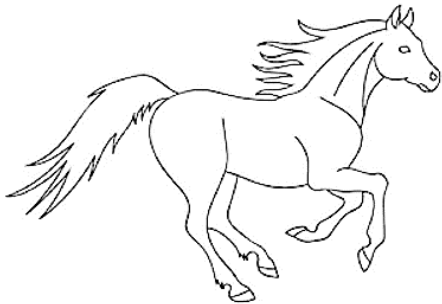
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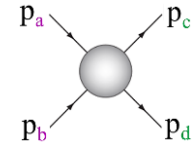
# Outline



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- Binary reactions in **QCD** with large momentum transfer involve *quark* & *gluon* exchanges between colliding particles.
- **QCR** of Brodsky-Farrar & Matveev-Muradyan-Tavkhelidze (1973) has simple recipe to predict energy dependence of differential cross sections of **two-body** reactions  $a + b \rightarrow c + d$  @ large *production* or *scattering* angles when  $t/s$  is finite & is kept constant.



S.J. Brodsky & G.R. Farrar, Phys Rev Lett **31**, 1153 (1973)

CI = 1,865

V.A. Matveev, R.M. Muradian, & A.N. Tavkhelidze, Lett Nuovo Cim **7**, 719 (1973)

CI = 1,160



- Fixed *production* or *scattering* angle ( $90^\circ$ ) behavior for exclusive processes is expected to be

$$d\sigma/dt(s) \propto s^{-(n-2)}$$

where  $n$  is number of constituents:  $(n-2) = (n_a + n_b) + (n_c + n_d) - 2$

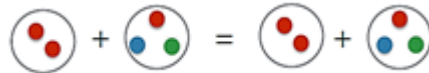
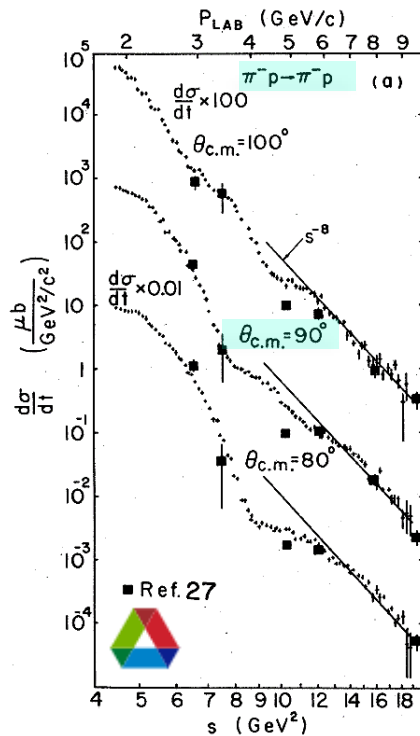


Condition is large  $s$  with large  $|t|$  &  $|u|$   
 $\Rightarrow \theta = 90^\circ$

$$s + t + u = m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2 + m_d^2$$

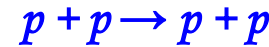
$$d\sigma/dt(s) \propto s^{-(n-2)}$$

- For *hadron-proton* interaction, QCR works well, where hadron is *pion*, *kaon*, *proton*, or *antiproton*.



$$(n-2) = (2+3) + (2+3) - 2 = 8$$

$$d\sigma/dt(s) \propto s^{-8}$$



$$(n-2) = (3+3) + (3+3) - 2 = 10$$

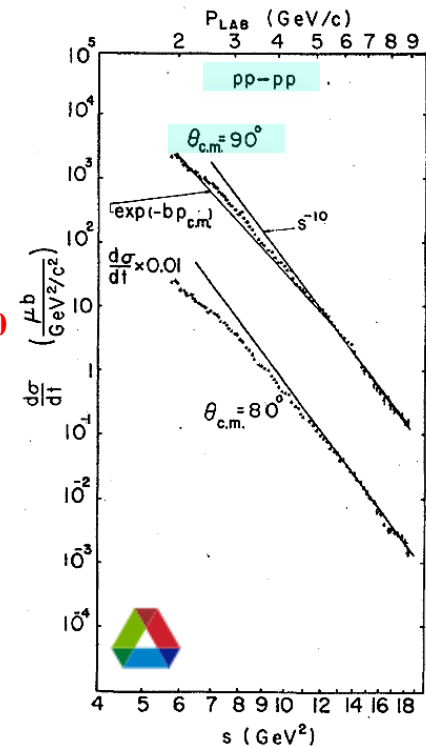
$$d\sigma/dt(s) \propto s^{-10}$$

K.A. Jenkins *et al.* Phys Rev D **21**, 2445 (1980)

Process	Constituent power	Experimental power	Range $\sqrt{s}$
$\gamma N \rightarrow \pi^+ N$	7	$7.3 \pm 0.3$ [54]	2.8-3.8
$K_L^0 p \rightarrow K_L^0 p$	8	$8.5 \pm 1.4$ [56]	2.2-3.4
$\bar{K}_0^0 p \rightarrow \pi^+ \Lambda$	8	$7.4 \pm 1.4$ [56]	2.0-4.0
$\bar{K}_0^0 p \rightarrow \pi^+ \Sigma^0$	8	$8.1 \pm 1.4$ [56]	2.3-3.4
$K^+ p \rightarrow K^+ p$	8	$7 \pm 1$ [55]	2.0-3.6
$\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- p$	8	$8 \pm 1$ [57]	2.0-4.1
$\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^+ p$	8	$7 \pm 1$ [55]	2.0-3.5
$pp \rightarrow pp$	10	$9.7 \pm 0.5$	(2.5-6.1)
$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{p}p$	10		

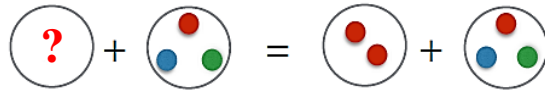


D. Sivers, Ann Phys (NY) **90**, 71 (1975)

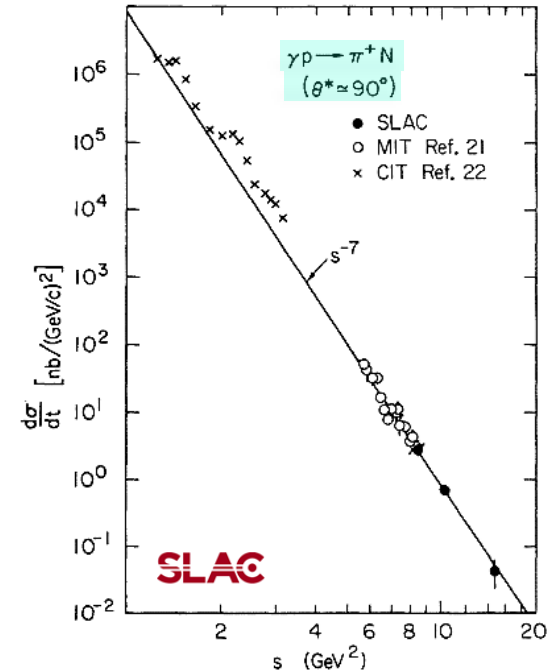


# QCR for Meson Photoproduction

$$\gamma + p \rightarrow M + B$$



$$(n - 2) = (? + 3) + (2 + 3) - 2 = ?$$



R.L. Anderson *et al.* Phys Rev D **14**, 679 (1976)

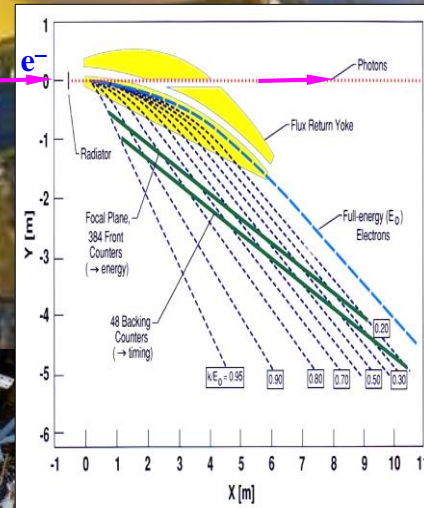
- There are *three* options of how one can consider *photon* in  $\gamma N$  interaction:

- No constituents ( $n_\gamma = 0$ ) or  $d\sigma/dt(s) \propto s^{-6}$ .
- Photon is *point-like* particle which participate strong interaction ( $n_\gamma = 1$ ) or  $d\sigma/dt(s) \propto s^{-7}$ .
- There is *q-bar-q* configuration which actually participates in interaction ( $n_\gamma = 2$ ) or  $d\sigma/dt(s) \propto s^{-8}$ .



# CEBAF Large Acceptance Spectrometer 1997-2012

Bremsstrahlung Photon Tagger  
384 E & 61 T Counters

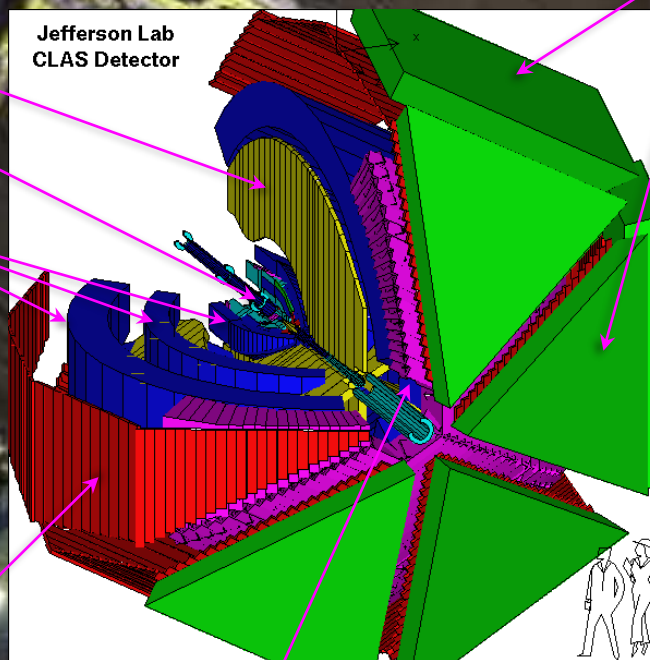


Torus Magnet  
6 Superconducting Coils

Electromagnetic Calorimeters  
Lead/Scintillator, 1296 PMTs

Target + Start Counter

Drift Chambers  
35,000 cells



Time-of-Flight Counters  
Plastic Scintillators, 684 PMTs

Gas Cherenkov Counters  
 $e/\pi$  separation, 256 PMTs



B.A. Mecking *et al.* Nucl Inst Meth A **503**, 513 (2003)

# CLAS Light Meson Photoproduction Measurements off Nucleon

- **Two decades** of **JLab6** Era has ended leaving in its wake **plethora** of cross section measurements for **light meson** photoproduction off **nucleon**. Most of them by **CLAS Collaboration** &  **$s < 11 \text{ GeV}^2$** .



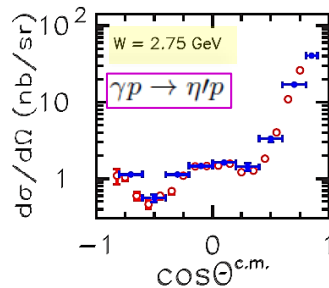
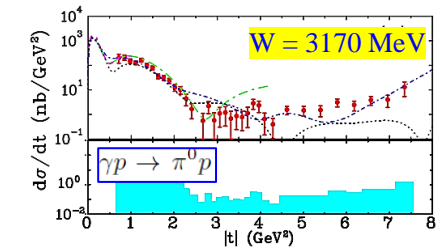
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$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 p$	2018, 2007	$\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ \Sigma^0$	2010, 2006, 2004
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$\gamma n \rightarrow \pi^- p$	2017, 2009	$\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ \Lambda(1520)$	2021, 2013
$\gamma p \rightarrow \eta p$	2020, 2009, 2002	$\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ \Sigma(1385)^0$	2013
$\gamma p \rightarrow \eta' p$	2016, 2009, 2006	$\gamma p \rightarrow K(892)^+ \Lambda$	2013
$\gamma p \rightarrow \omega p$	2009, 2003	$\gamma p \rightarrow K(892)^+ \Sigma^0$	2013
$\gamma p \rightarrow \rho^0 p$	2001	$\gamma p \rightarrow K(892)^0 \Sigma^+$	2007
$\gamma p \rightarrow \phi p$	2014	$\gamma p \rightarrow f_1(1285) p$	2016
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**24 papers [2001 – 2021]**  
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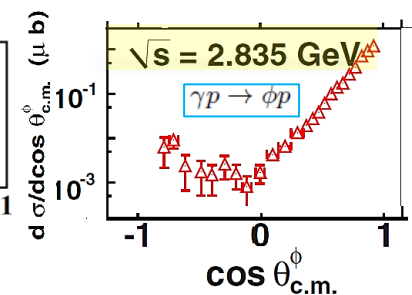
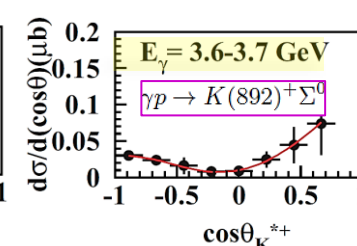
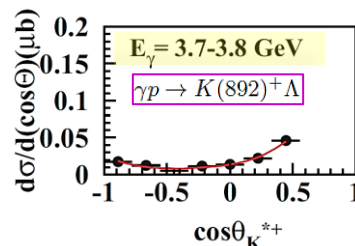
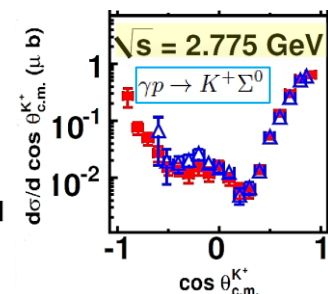
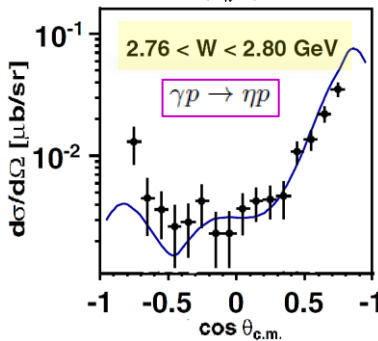
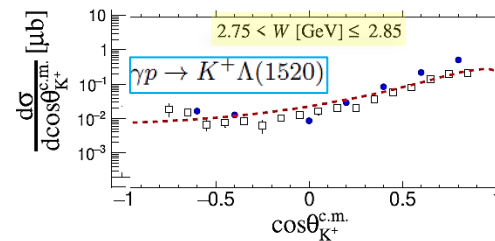
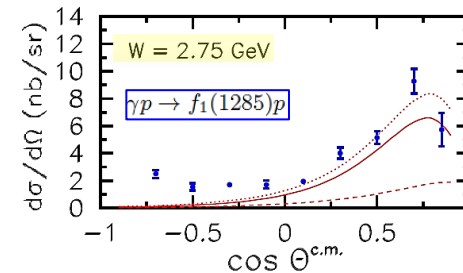
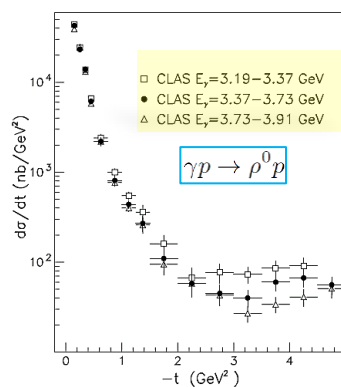
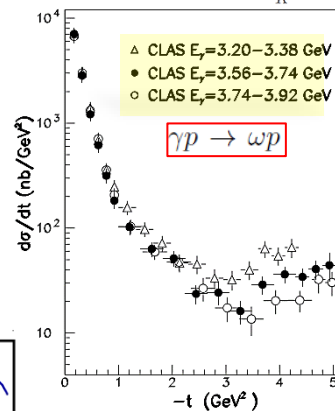
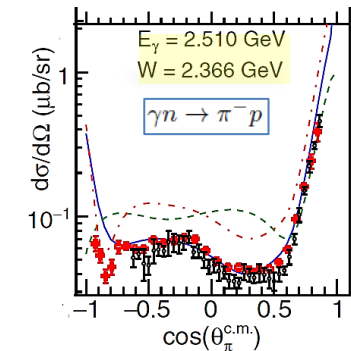
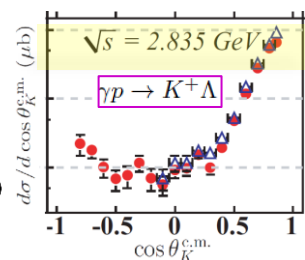
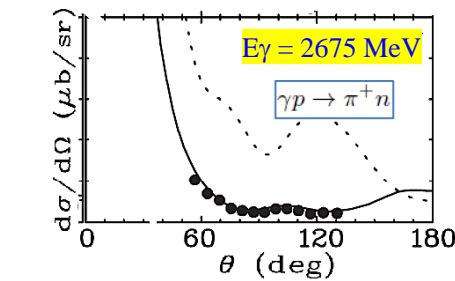
- There is **unique** opportunity to **bridge resonance** & **high-energy** regions, in particular, that encompassing region in which **Regge** theory is applicable, & evaluate **QCR** phenomenology with differential cross sections above resonance energies.







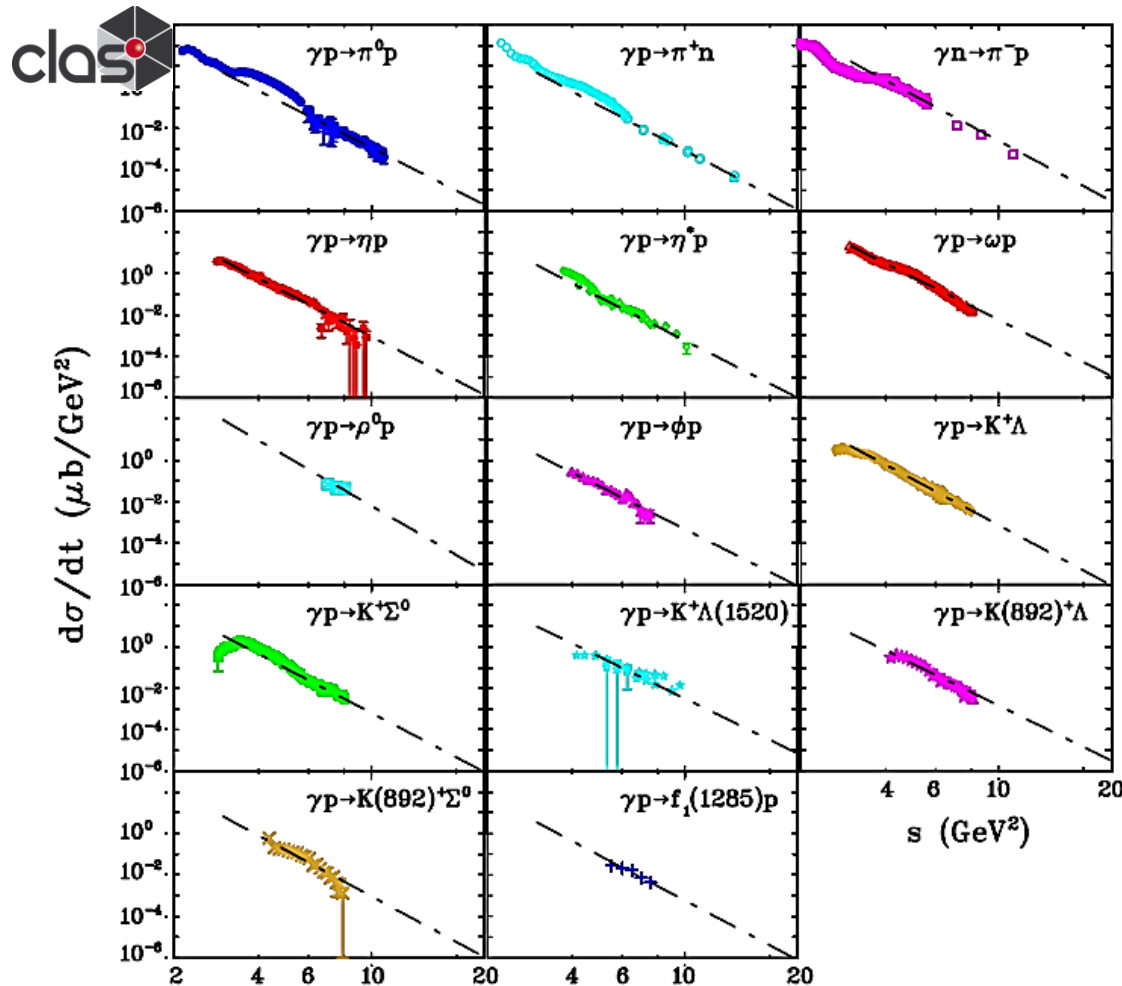
- Note: Cross sections for light meson photoproduction off nucleon @ **90°** is very small.
- It may cause problem for best-fit analysis.





# Power Factor ( $n-2$ ) for Light Meson Photoproduction off Nucleon from CLAS

M.J. Amarian, W.J. Briscoe, M.G. Ryskin, & IIS, arXiv:2102.03633



$$d\sigma/dt(s) \propto s^{-(n-2)}$$

Reaction	s (GeV <sup>2</sup> )	t  (GeV <sup>2</sup> )	(n-2)	Ref.
$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 p$	5.9–11.1	2.1–4.7	$6.89 \pm 0.26$	[17]
$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ n$	6.3–14.9	2.3–6.6	$7.14 \pm 0.22$	[8, 11, 27]
$\gamma n \rightarrow \pi^- p$	4.0–11.3	0.2–4.6	$7.29 \pm 0.14$	[11, 28]
$\gamma p \rightarrow \eta p$	3.2–9.6	0.6–3.8	$7.02 \pm 0.16$	[29]
$\gamma p \rightarrow \eta' p$	4.2–9.3	0.8–2.6	$6.92 \pm 0.22$	[30, 33, 34]
$\gamma p \rightarrow \omega p$	3.5–8.1	0.3–2.9	$6.80 \pm 0.11$	[12, 35]
$\gamma p \rightarrow \rho^0 p$	7.0–8.0	2.3–2.9	$7.9 \pm 0.3^a$	[10]
$\gamma p \rightarrow \phi p$	4.0–7.5	0.6–2.4	$6.86 \pm 0.22$	[36]
$\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ \Lambda$	4.0–8.0	0.3–2.9	$7.28 \pm 0.06$	[38]
$\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ \Sigma^0$	5.2–8.0	0.3–2.8	$7.12 \pm 0.21$	[41]
$\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ \Lambda(1520)$	4.8–9.0	0.9–3.2	$6.65 \pm 0.41$	[42, 43]
$\gamma p \rightarrow K(892)^+ \Lambda$	4.2–8.1	0.7–2.6	$6.65 \pm 0.38$	[44]
$\gamma p \rightarrow K(892)^+ \Sigma^0$	4.3–7.9	0.7–2.4	$7.34 \pm 0.45$	[44]
$\gamma p \rightarrow f_1(1285) p$	6.0–7.6	1.2–2.0	$7.19 \pm 0.96$	[33]

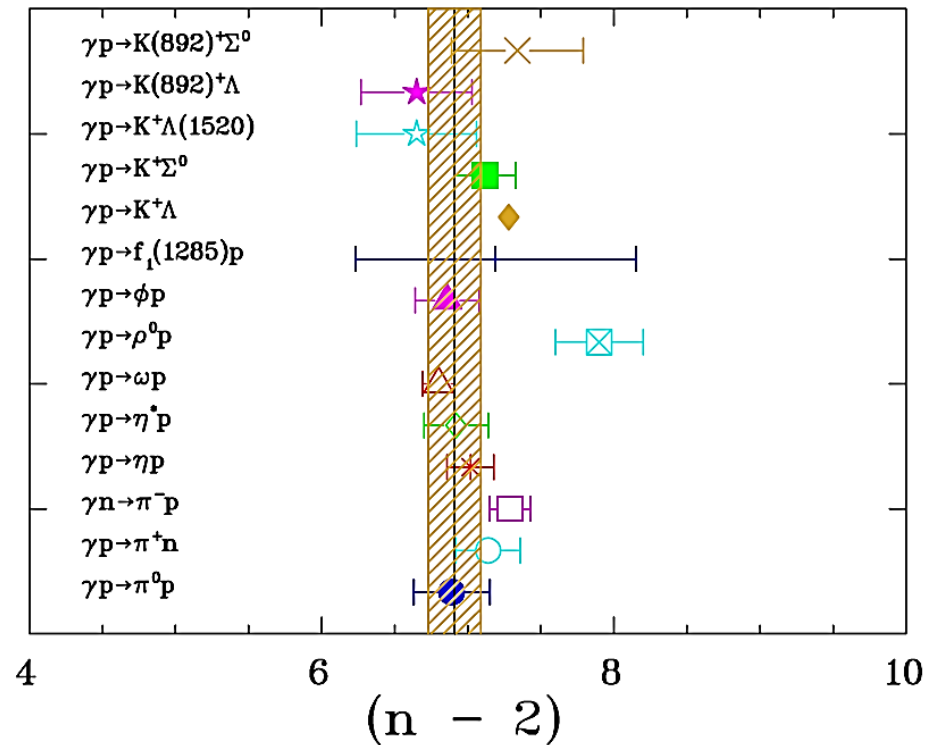
For  $\pi^+$ , we added *Hall A* & *SLAC* data  
For  $\rho^0$ , result came from PRL2001



# Point-like Nature of Photon in $\gamma N$ Interaction

M.J. Amarian, W.J. Briscoe, M.G. Ryskin, & IIS, arXiv:2102.03633

$$d\sigma/dt(s) \propto s^{-(n-2)}$$



$$\langle n - 2 \rangle = 6.91 \pm 0.18$$

• Thanks to point-like nature of photon,  $90^\circ$  cross section or  $ds/dt(s) \propto s^{-7}$



# Sudakov Form Factor

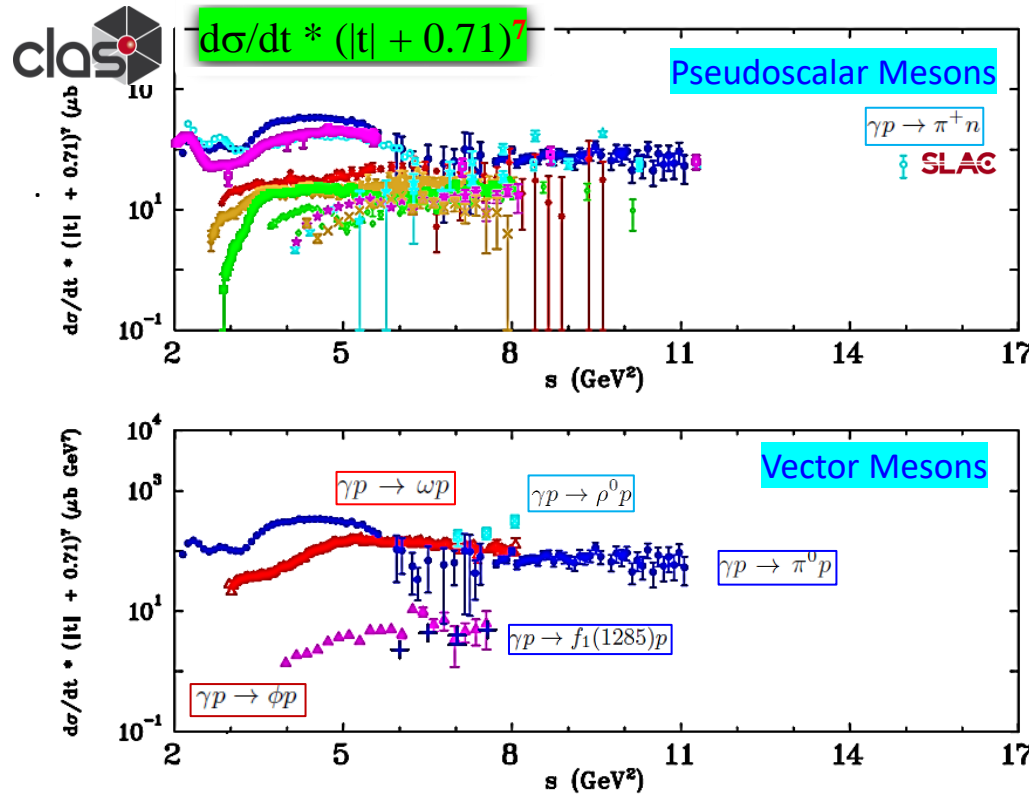
- QCR accounts for minimum numbers of elementary hard processes needed to provide large momentum transfer to hadron.
- @ very large energies, this QCR is modified by so-called Sudakov form factor.
- It is very improbable that two ensembles of constituents can get strong transverse kick & radiate no gluons.
- Of course, probability of new gluon emission is suppressed by QCD coupling constant  $\alpha_s$ , but simultaneously it can be enhanced by large  $\ln^2 s$ .
- Probability not to emit any additional gluons is called Sudakov form factor.
- Thus, for very large  $s$ , we expect that cross section of large angle hadron-hadron scattering should fall down with  $s$  faster than QCR prediction.
- Theoretically was shown in [G.R. Farrar, G.F. Sterman, & H. Zhang, Phys Rev Lett **62**, 2229 (1989)] that due to point-like nature of photon, Sudakov form factor is absent in case of large angle meson photoproduction.
- Thus, our phenomenological result confirms QCR in processes where there is no Sudakov correction.



# Light Meson Photoproduction off Nucleon from CLAS

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- Let us reframe  $d\sigma/dt(s) \rightarrow d\sigma/dt(s) * [s^3/G(t)^2]$ .
- Proton dipole form factor  $G(t) = 1 / (1 + |t|/0.71)^2$  describes all four-momentum dependencies of both electric & magnetic form factors of proton quite well.
- Then, we expect  $d\sigma/dt(s) \propto G(t)^2 / s^3$ .
- It appears natural to introduce similar "infrared cutoff" @ lower  $s$  as well & to replace  $1/s^3$  by  $1/(|t| + 0.71)^3$ .



- Accuracy & dispersion of data is better seen here than on pg. 9.
- It demonstrates possible role of "infrared cutoff".

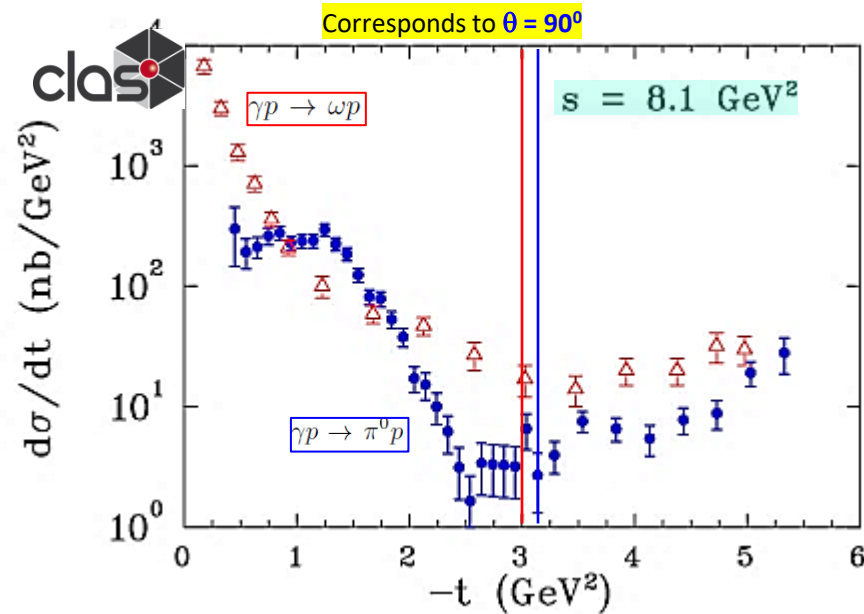
- When only  $90^\circ$  production angle data are selected, all cross sections @ higher values of  $s$  reach same level as well as all other meson production data, except  $\phi$  &  $f_1$ , which lie significantly below other mesons plateau @ higher energies.





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M. Williams *et al.* Phys Rev C **80**, 065208 (2009)



M. Kunkel *et al.* Phys Rev C **98**, 015207 (2018)



- For lower values of  $|t|$ ,  $d\sigma/dt$  of  $\omega$  photoproduction is order of magnitude higher than that of  $\pi^0$ , for higher values of  $|t|$ ,  $\omega$  photoproduction  $d\sigma/dt$  is little bit higher.
- $d\sigma/dt(t)$  for light meson photoproduction off nucleon @  $90^\circ$  is minimal.

# CLAS Data: Partial Evaluation



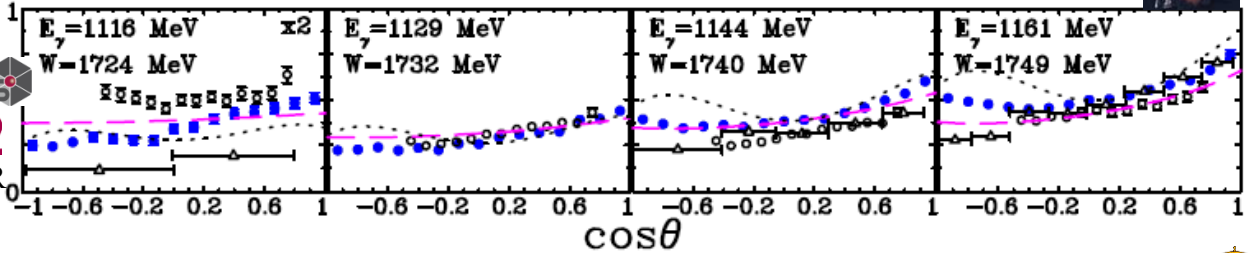
Meson	(n-2)	s (GeV <sup>2</sup> )	Reference
$\rho^0$	$7.9 \pm 0.3$	$7.0 - 8.0$	M. Battaglieri <i>et al.</i> Phys Rev Lett <b>87</b> , 172002 (2001)
$K^+ \Lambda$	$7.1 \pm 0.1$	$5.0 - 8.5$	R. Schumacher & M. Sargsian, Phys Rev C <b>83</b> , 025207 (2011)
$K^+ \Lambda$	7	$6.3 - 8.1$	B. Dey, Phys Rev D <b>90</b> , 014013 (2014)
$K^+ \Sigma$	7	$6.3 - 8.1$	B. Dey, Phys Rev D <b>90</b> , 014013 (2014)
$\eta'$	7	$6.3 - 7.8$	B. Dey, Phys Rev D <b>90</b> , 014013 (2014)
$\eta$	$12.7 \pm 1.2$	$6.4 - 7.8$	B. Dey, Phys Rev D <b>90</b> , 014013 (2014)
$\phi$	$12.3 \pm 0.6$	$6.3 - 8.1$	B. Dey, Phys Rev D <b>90</b> , 014013 (2014)
$\omega \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$	$9.4 \pm 0.1$	$6.3 - 8.1$	B. Dey, Phys Rev D <b>90</b> , 014013 (2014)
$\omega \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$	$9.08 \pm 0.11$	$5 - 8$	T. Reed <i>et al.</i> arXiv: 2005.13067
$\omega \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$	$7.2 \pm 0.7$	$7.1 - 8.1$	M. Battaglieri <i>et al.</i> Phys Rev Lett <b>90</b> , 022002 (2003)
$\omega \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ [BR = 89.3%]	$6.80 \pm 0.11$	$3.5 - 8.1$	M.J. Amarian <i>et al.</i> , arXiv:2102.03633



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$d\sigma/d\Omega$  ( $\mu\text{b/sr}$ )

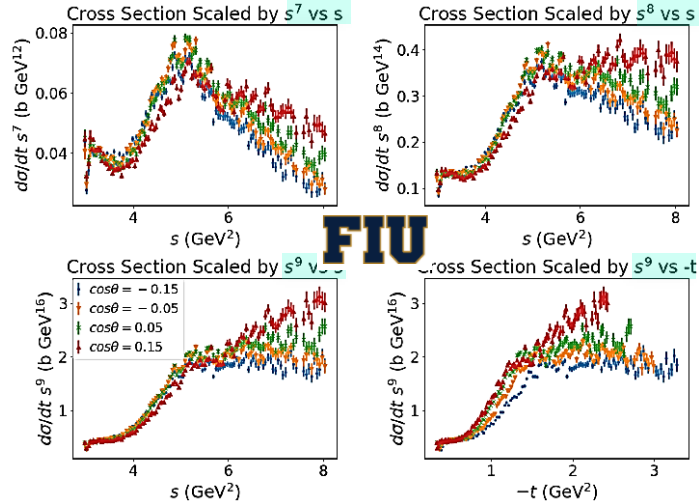
$\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$  [BR = 8.4%]



M. Williams *et al.* Phys Rev C **80**, 065208 (2009)  
 IIS *et al.* Phys Rev C **91**, 045207 (2015)  
 J. Barth *et al.* Eur Phys J A **18**, 117 (2003)

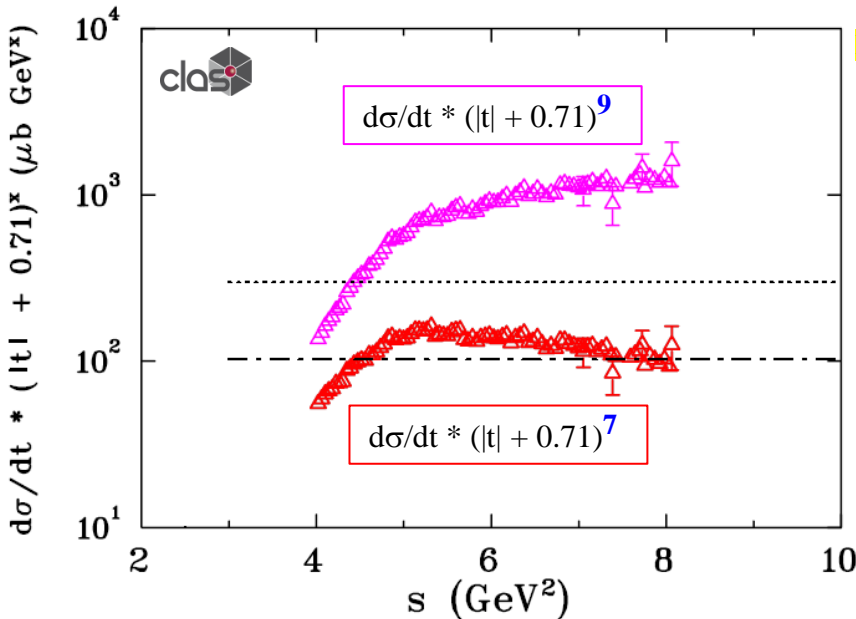


# CLAS Data: Partial Evaluation



T. Reed, C. Leon, F. Vera, L. Guo, & B. Raue, arXiv: 2005.13067

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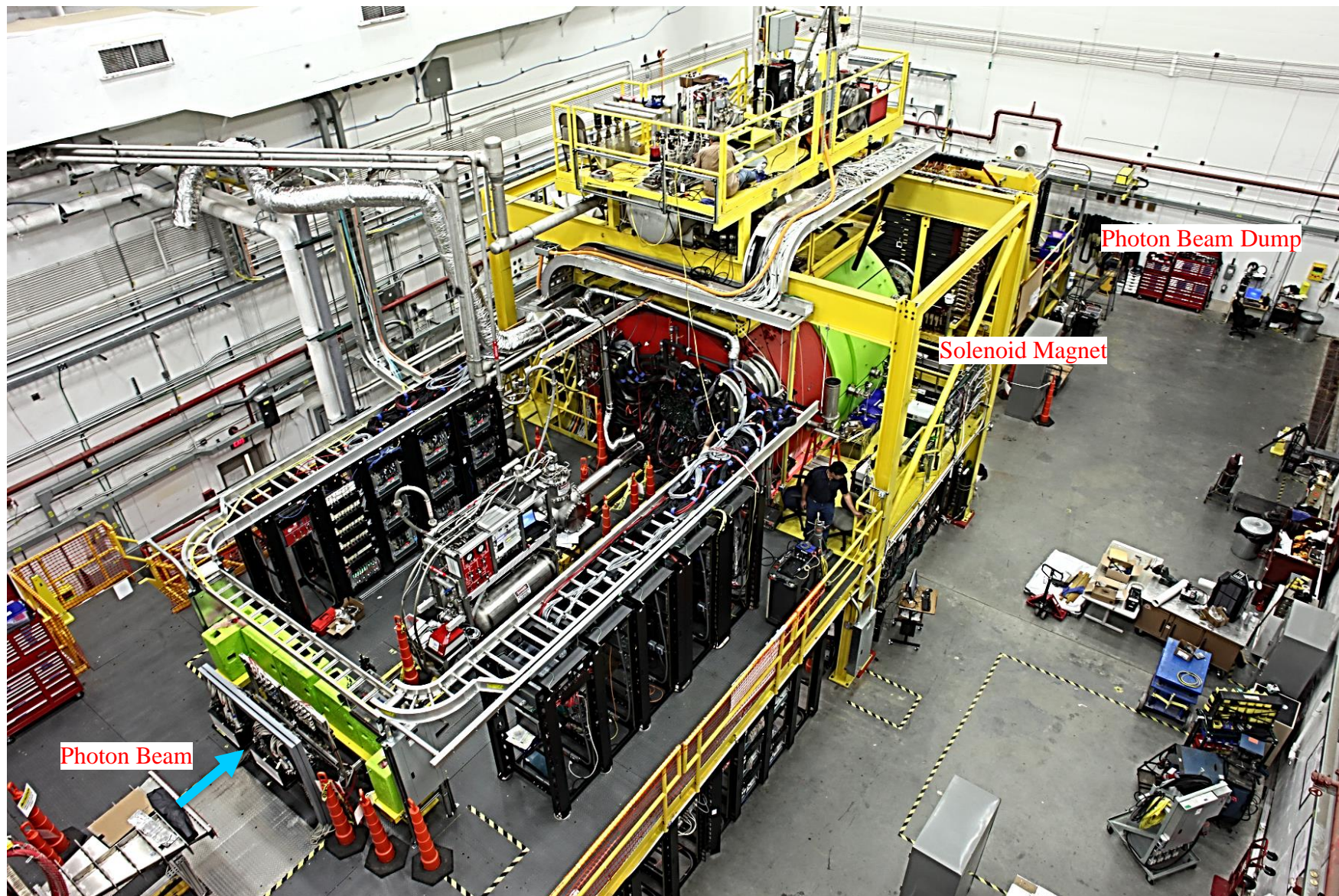
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M. Battaglieri *et al.* Phys Rev Lett **90**, 022002 (2003)

- It looks that for large  $s > 5 - 6 \text{ GeV}^2$  both '-7' & '-9' are not good.
- Best will be something like '-8'.
- However, accounting for lower  $s$  power '-7' is better.



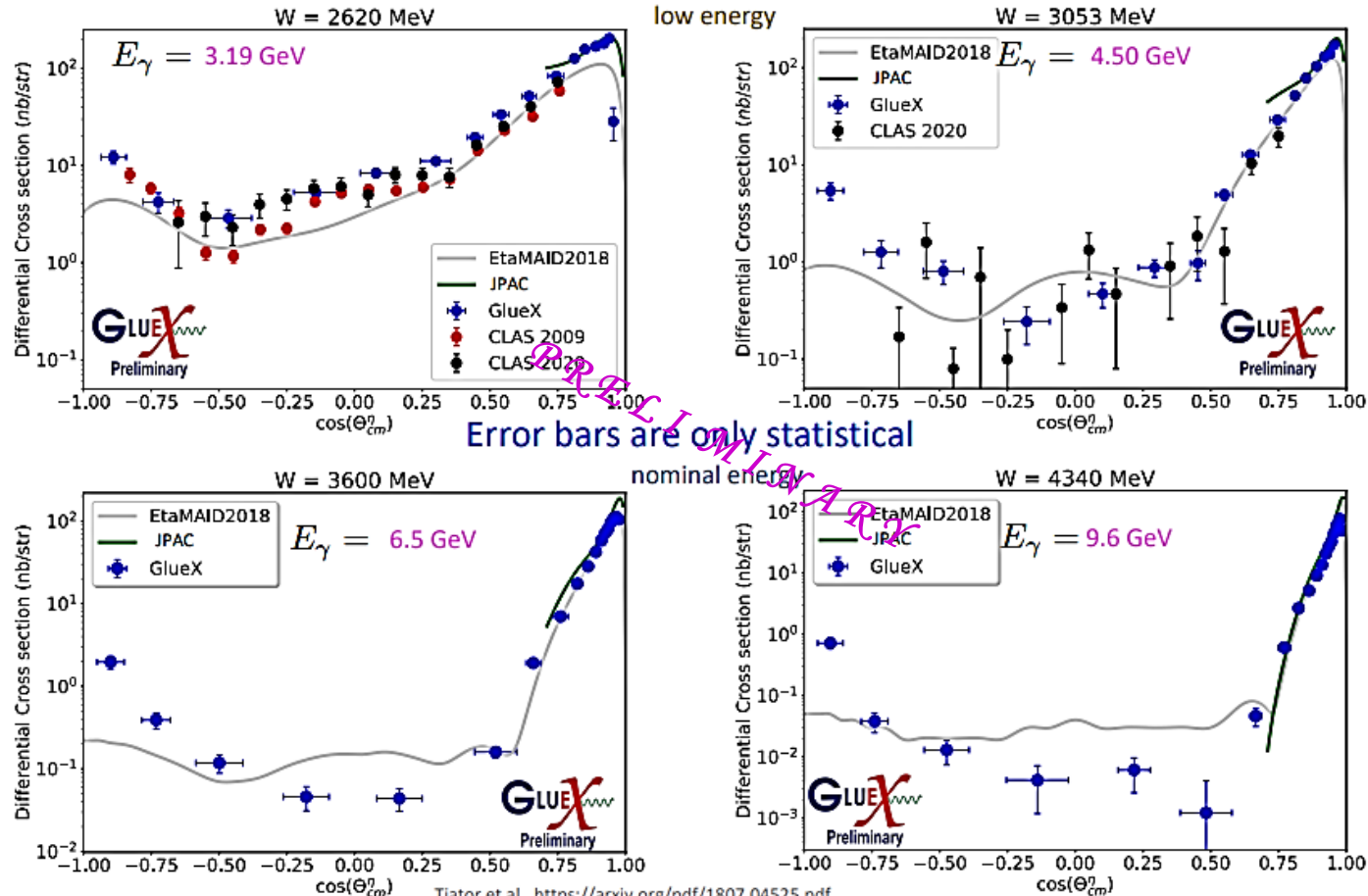


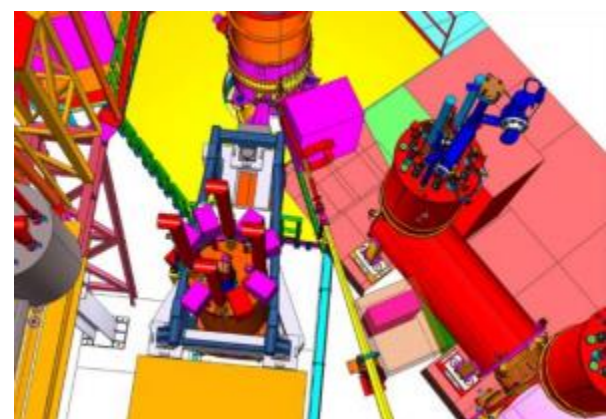
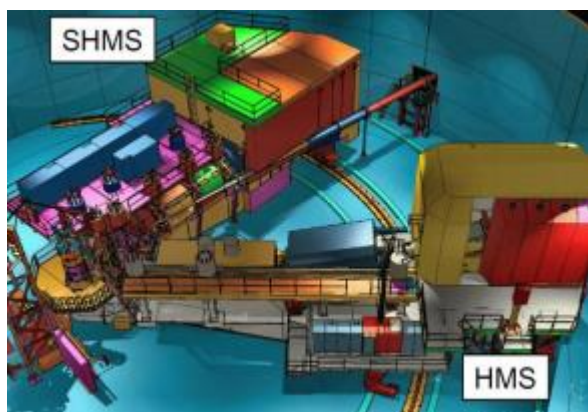




# GlueX Differential Cross Sections for $\gamma p \rightarrow \eta p$

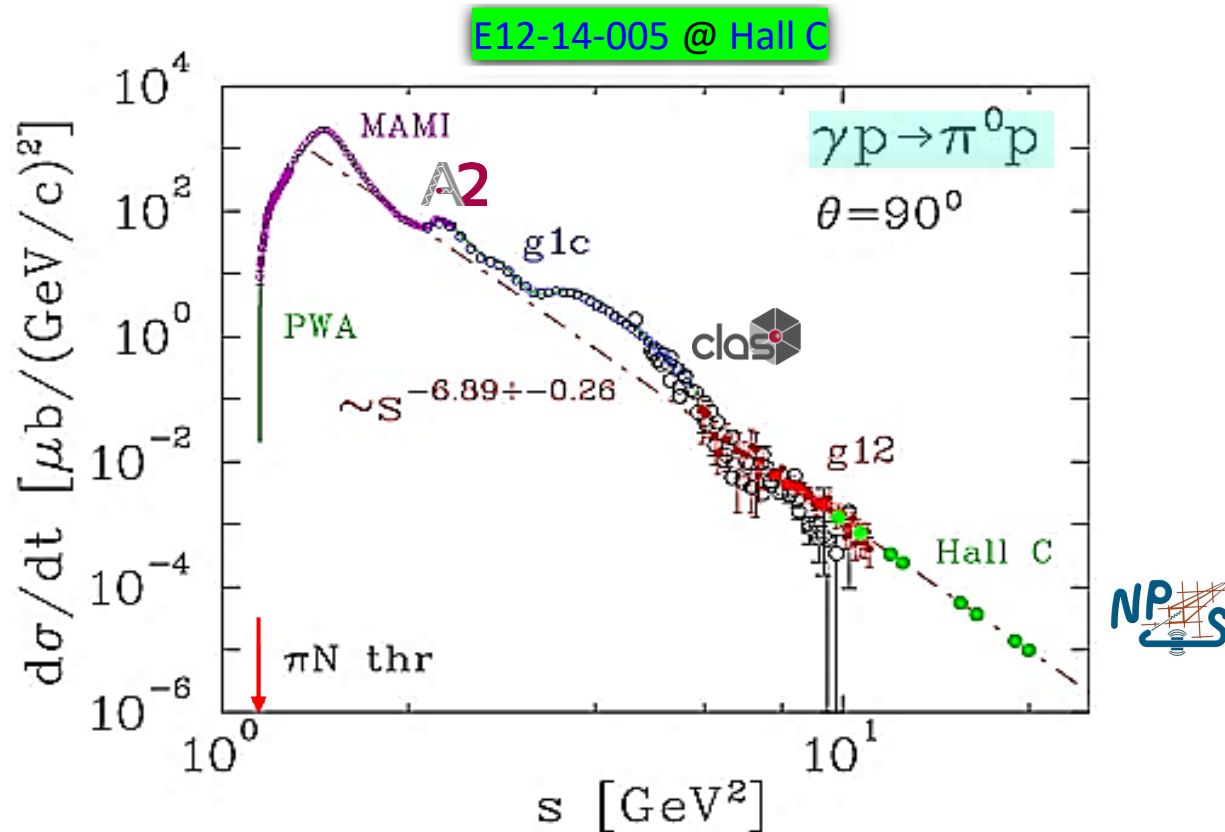
$s = 12.6 - 21.9 \text{ GeV}^2$







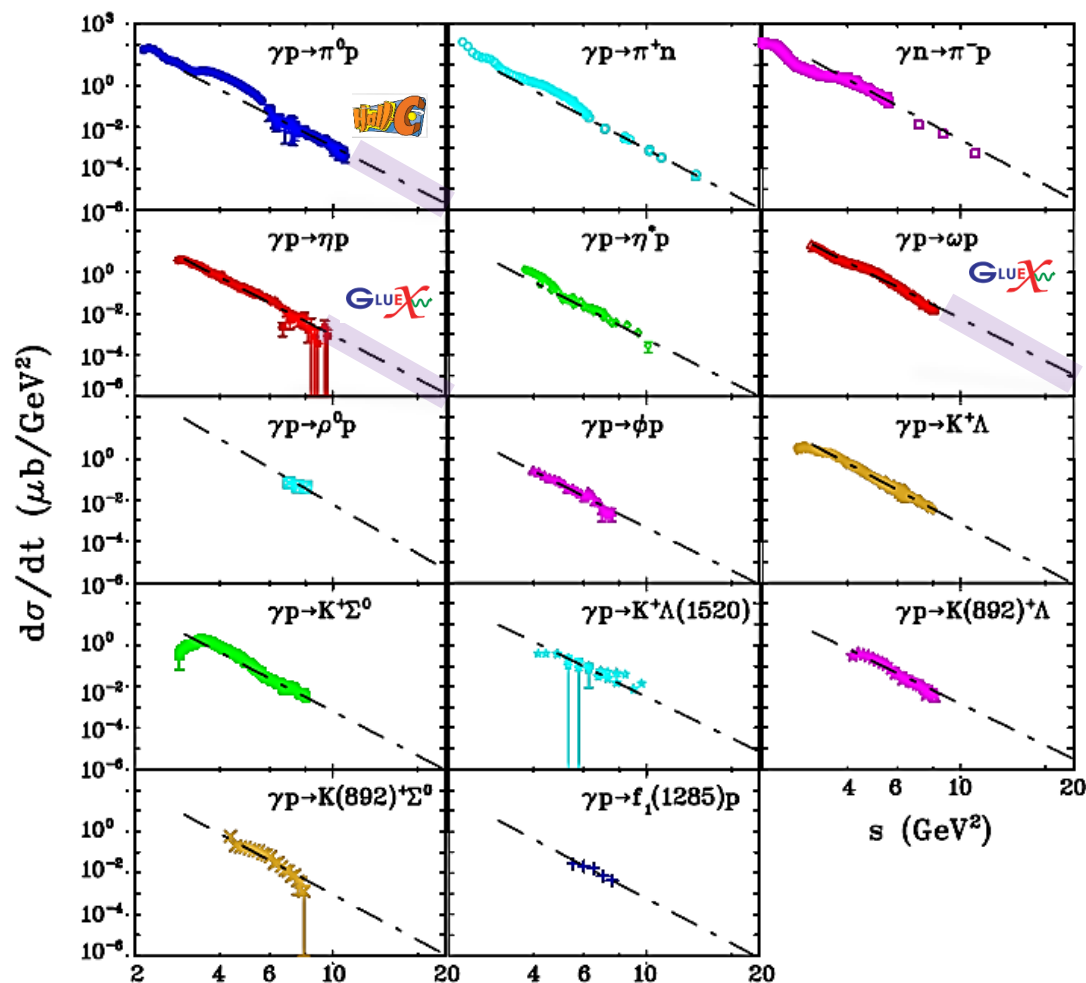
# Wide Angle Exclusive Photoproduction of $\pi^0$ Mesons



Wide angle exclusive photoproduction of  $\pi^0$  mesons,  
Spokespersons: D. Dutta, H. Gao, S. Sirca, M. Amarian, M. Kunkel, & IIS  
[RCS and NPS Collaborations], JLab Proposal E12-14-005.



# Expectation for Power Factor for Light Meson Photoproduction off Nucleon



- From  $s = 11 \text{ GeV}^2$  to  $s = 21 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $d\sigma/dt(90^\circ)$  drops down by factor of  $10^4$ .





# SUMMARY

- We studied energy dependence of  $90^\circ$  pseudoscalar & vector *meson photoproduction* off *nucleon*.
- We evaluated practically all available experimental data obtained by CLAS Collaboration over more than last **two** decades & compare results with QCR predictions.
- We found that one can consider *photon* in  $\gamma N$  interaction as *point-like* particle.
- We emphasized that in case of photoproduction, QCR prediction does not affected by Sudakov form factor.

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- Obviously, JLab6 program is limited by  $s \sim 11 \text{ GeV}^2$ .
- Within JLab12 program, Hall C ( $\pi^0$  may come), GlueX ( $\eta$  &  $\omega$  are coming), & CLAS12 can extend measurements up to  $s \sim 21 \text{ GeV}^2$ .

