

# Hyperon Program in Hall D

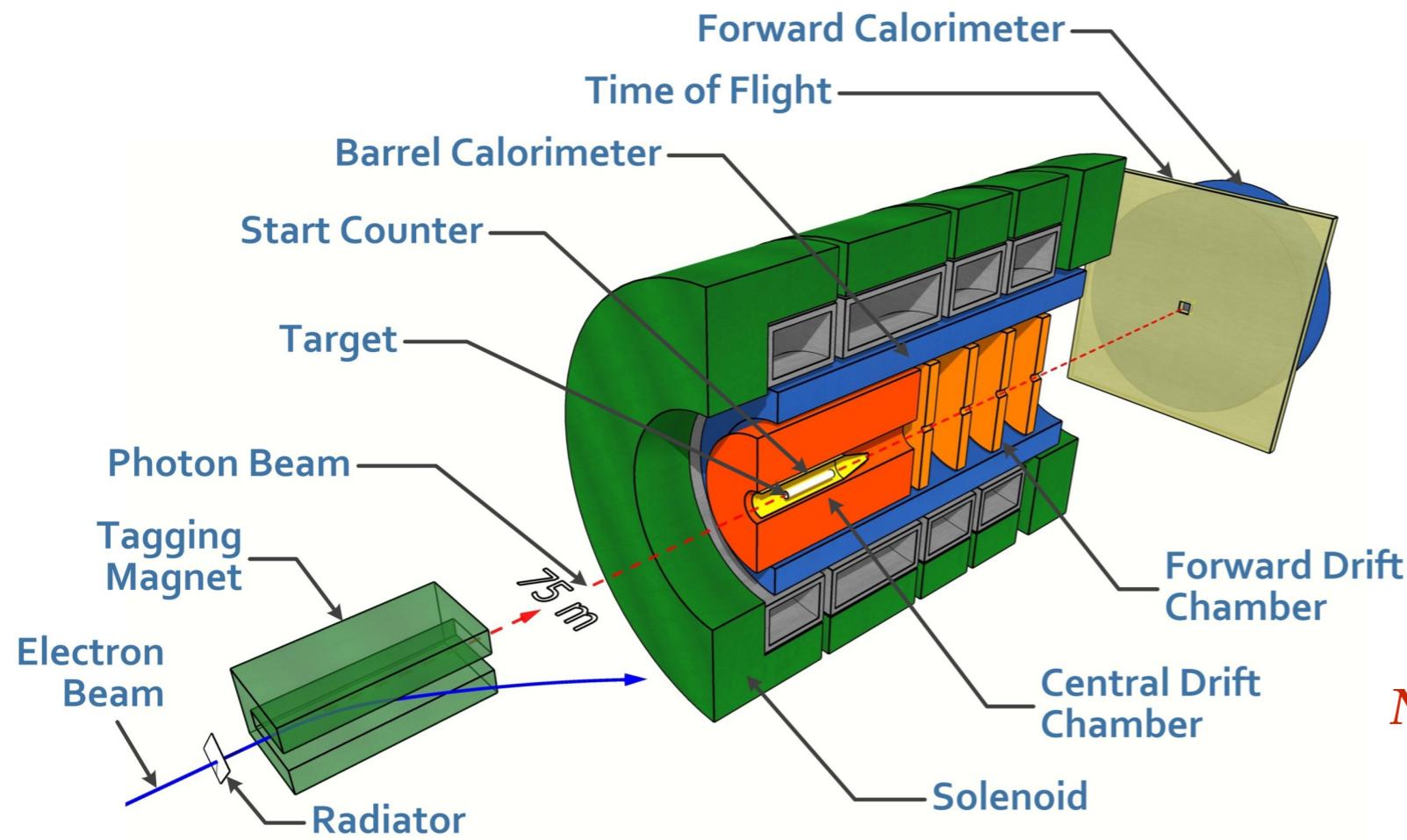
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# GlueX experiment



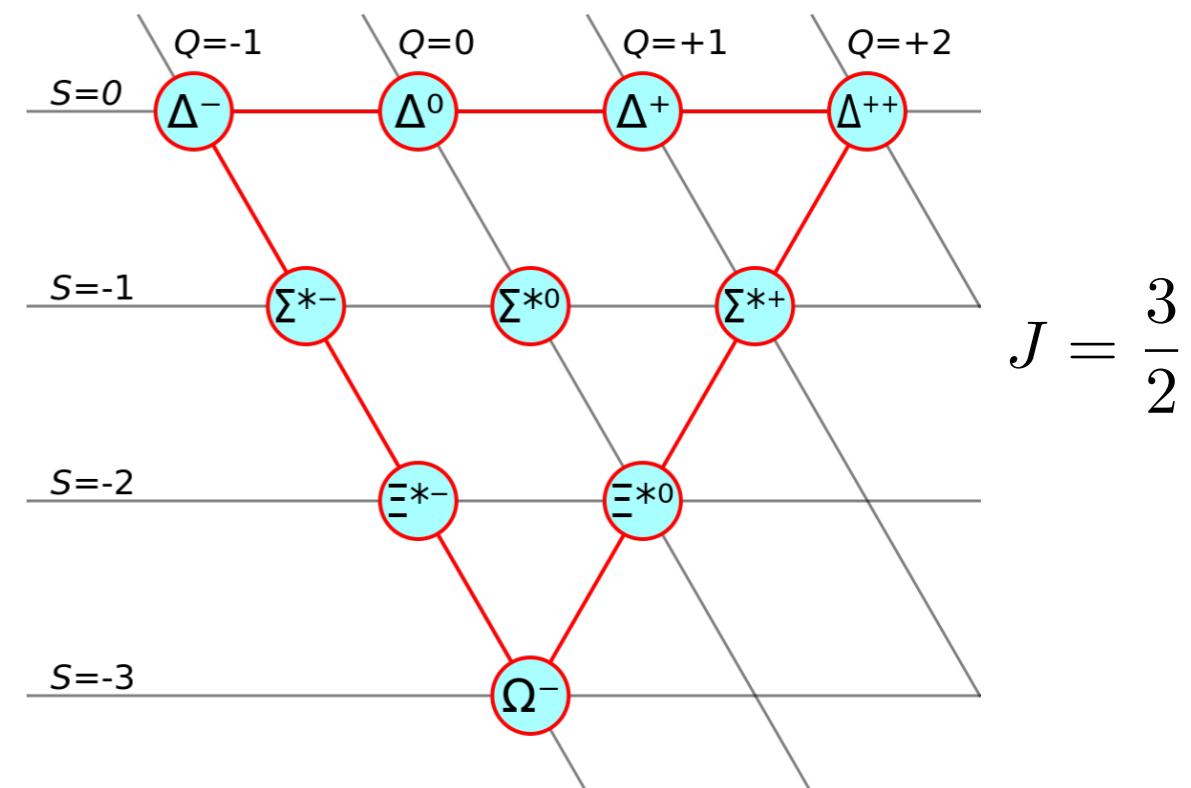
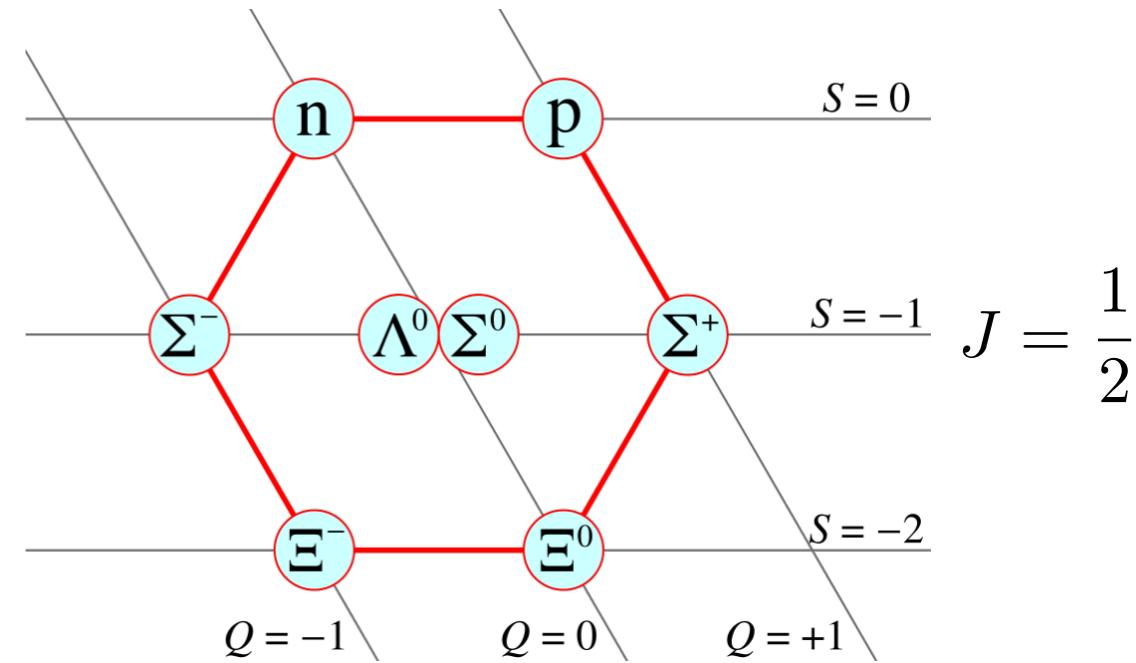
- Located in Hall D
- Photoproduction experiment
- GlueX-I: 2017-2018  
Luminosity =  $439.6 \text{ pb}^{-1}$   
( $E_\gamma > 6.0 \text{ GeV}$ )

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- Liquid hydrogen target
- Bremsstrahlung photons tagged in the energy range 3.0 - 11.6 GeV
  - Linearly polarized tagged photons  $\sim 9 \text{ GeV}$  produced by coherent bremsstrahlung
- Nearly  $4\pi$  angular coverage
- Detection of charged tracks and photons leads to exclusively reconstruct final state of a reaction
- GlueX phase II started in 2019 with DIRC detector installed

# Hyperons studied

- $\Lambda(1405) \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \pi^0$
- $Y, Y^*$  production mechanisms ( $Y = \Lambda, \Sigma$ )
  - $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\gamma$
  - $\Lambda(1520) \rightarrow K^- p$
  - $\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$
- Ground and excited states of Cascades
  - $\Xi^-(1320)$
  - $\Xi^{*-}(1530)$
  - $\Xi^{*-}(1820)$



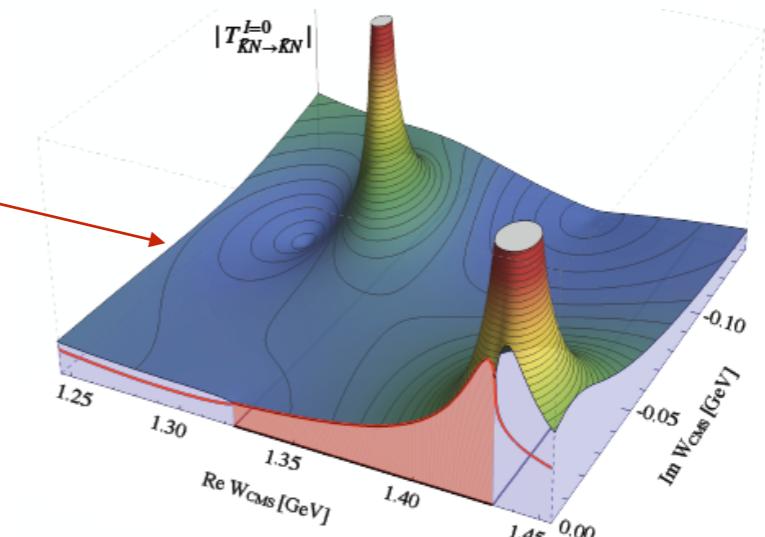
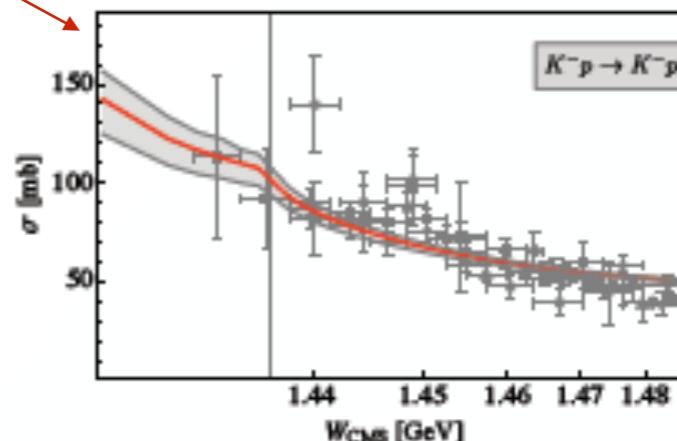
# $\Lambda(1405)$ – Introduction

- $\Lambda(1405)$  - just below  $\bar{K}N$  threshold (1.432 GeV)
- In quark model  $\Lambda(1405)$  can be considered as spin-orbit partner of  $\Lambda(1520)$
- Invariant mass (“line shape”) of  $\Lambda(1405)$  from experiments distorted from Breit-Wigner form  
(E.g. K. Moriya, et al, Phys. Rev. C 87, 035206 (2013))

Particle	$J^P$	Overall status	Status as seen in —		
			$N\bar{K}$	$\Sigma\pi$	Other channels
$\Lambda(1116)$	$1/2^+$	****			$N\pi$ (weak decay)
$\Lambda(1380)$	$1/2^-$	**	**	**	
$\Lambda(1405)$	$1/2^-$	****	****	****	
$\Lambda(1520)$	$3/2^-$	****	****	****	$\Lambda\pi\pi, \Lambda\gamma, \Sigma\pi\pi$
$\Lambda(1600)$	$1/2^+$	****	***	****	$\Lambda\pi\pi, \Sigma(1385)\pi$
$\Lambda(1670)$	$1/2^-$	****	****	****	$\Lambda\eta$
$\Lambda(1690)$	$3/2^-$	****	****	***	$\Lambda\pi\pi, \Sigma(1385)\pi$

V.D. Burkert et al., “ $\Lambda$  and  $\Sigma$  Resonances”,  
The Review of Particle Physics (2022)

- $\Lambda(1405)$  decays 100% into  $\Sigma\pi$
- Assumed to couple strongly to  $\bar{K}N$  channel
- Some chiral unitary models suggest  $\Lambda(1405)$  to be composed of two I=0 poles  
(E.g. M. Mai, U.-G. Meissner, Eur. Phys. J. A 51, 30 (2015))
- Recent PDG has  $\Lambda(1380)$  added as a two-star resonance



- $\Lambda(1405) \rightarrow \Sigma^0\pi^0$  decay is pure I=0 (no contamination from  $\Sigma^0(1385)$ ) and data is very limited

$$\frac{d\sigma(\pi^+\Sigma^-)}{dM_I} \propto \frac{1}{3}|T^{(0)}|^2 + \frac{1}{2}|T^{(1)}|^2 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\text{Re}(T^{(0)}T^{(1)*})$$

$$\frac{d\sigma(\pi^-\Sigma^+)}{dM_I} \propto \frac{1}{3}|T^{(0)}|^2 + \frac{1}{2}|T^{(1)}|^2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\text{Re}(T^{(0)}T^{(1)*})$$

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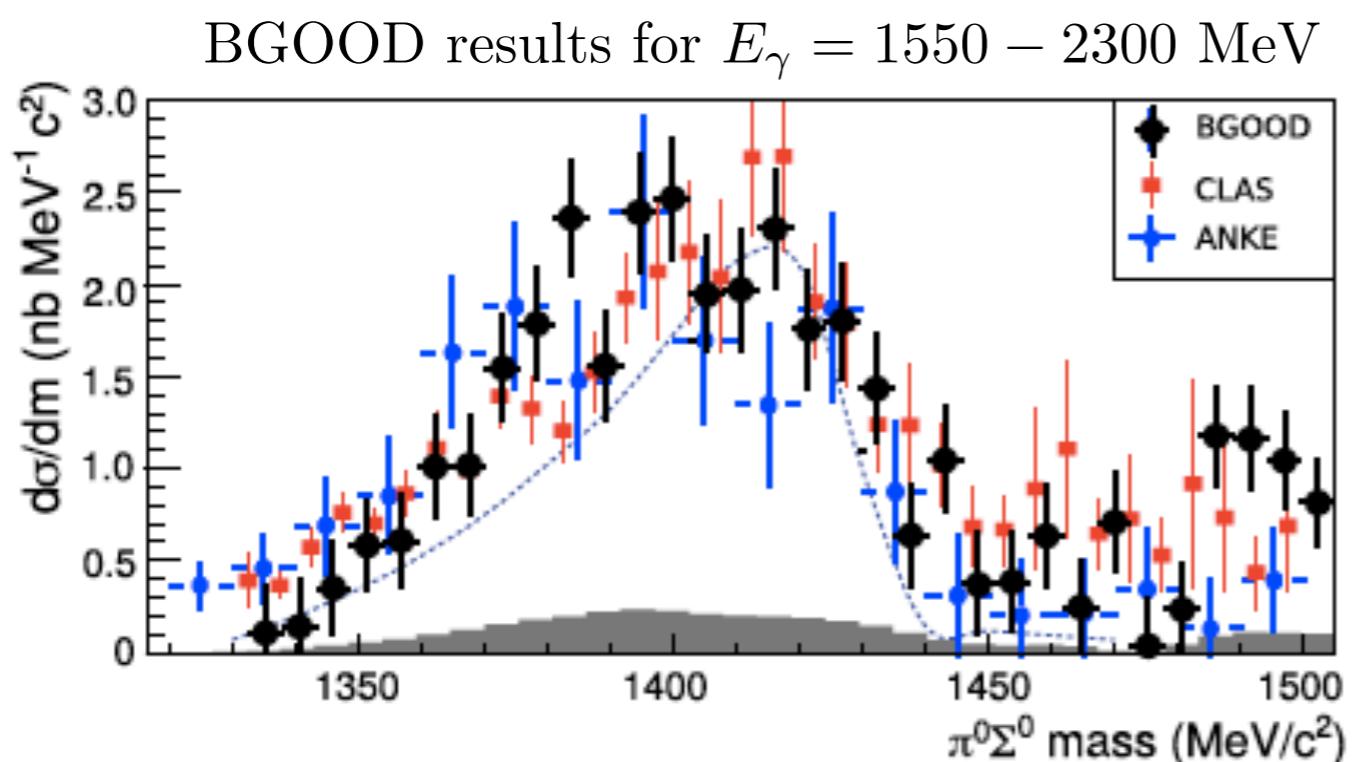
**J. C. Nacher, E. Oset, H. Toki, A. Ramos,  
Phys. Lett. B455, 55 (1999)**

- $\Sigma^0\pi^0$  decay is very useful to study the  $\Lambda(1405)$  line shape
- GlueX can reconstruct neutral showers well  $\implies$  ideal to reconstruct  $\Sigma^0\pi^0$  decay mode
- Study of the  $\Lambda(1405)$  line shape would provide more information on how the  $\Sigma\pi$  and  $N\bar{K}$  channels contribute to its production

# Previous measurements for $\Lambda(1405) \rightarrow \Sigma^0\pi^0$

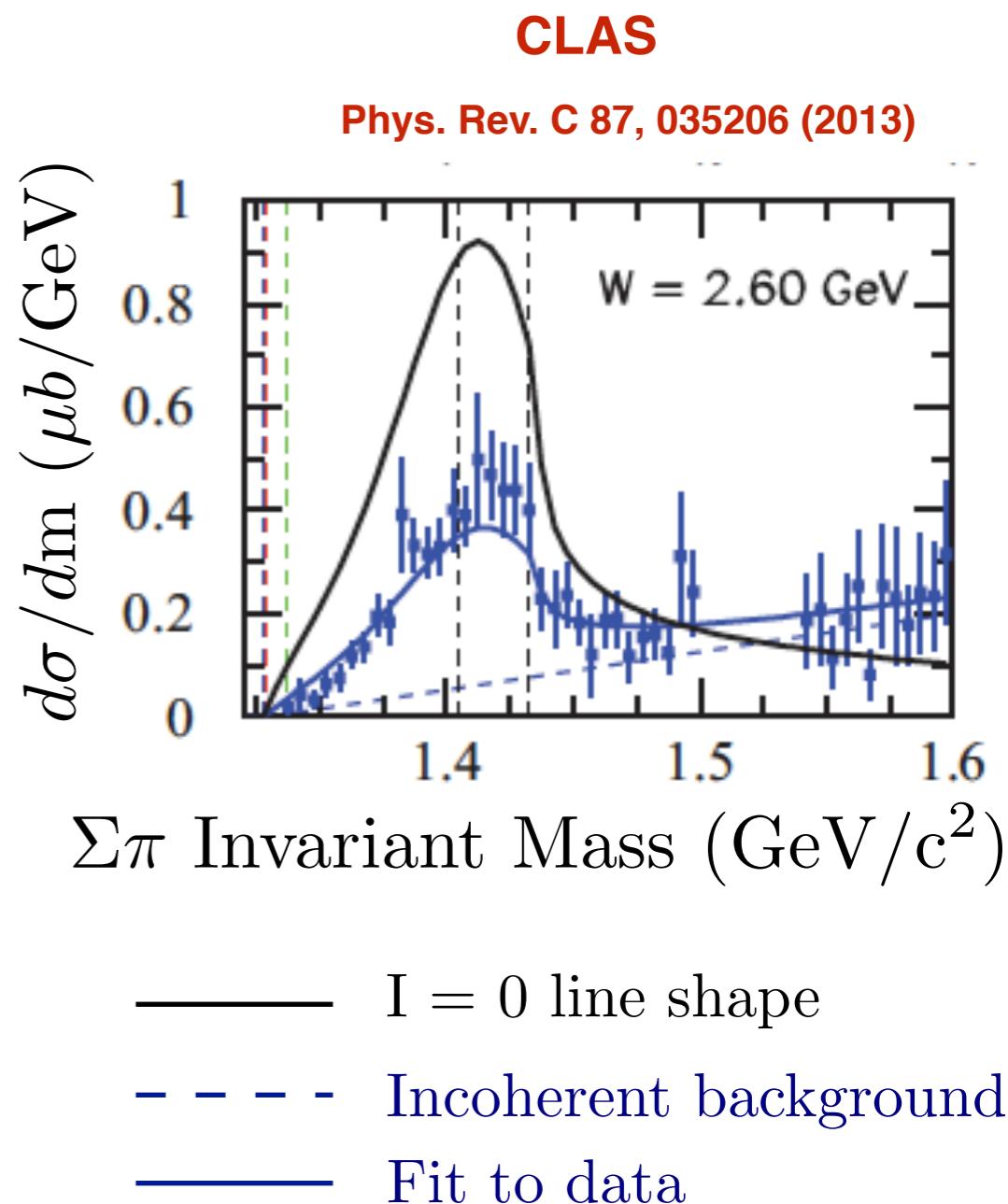
- First observed in bubble chamber experiments in 1961 ([M. Alston et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 6, 698 \(1961\)](#))  
 $K^-p$  interactions at 1.15 GeV/c

Experiment	Beam momentum / energy	Reaction
ANKE	3.65 GeV/c proton beam	$pp \rightarrow pK^+Y^0$
CLAS	$1.95 < W < 2.85$ GeV	$\gamma p \rightarrow K^+\Sigma\pi$
BGOOD	$1.55 < E_\gamma < 2.9$ GeV	$\gamma p \rightarrow K^+\Sigma^0\pi^0$



[Phys. Lett. B 833 137375 \(2022\)](#)  
[Phys. Lett. B 660 167 \(2008\)](#)

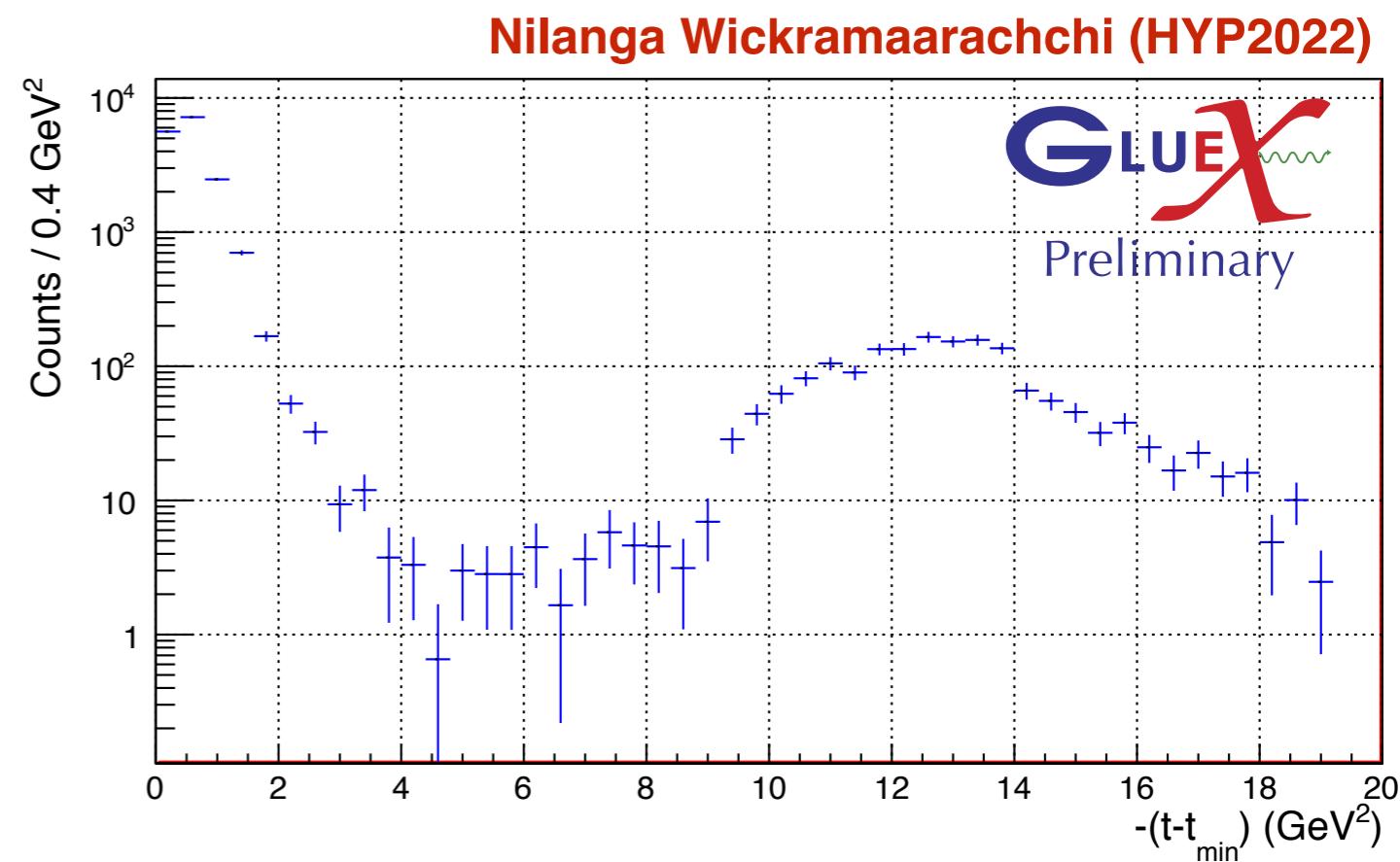
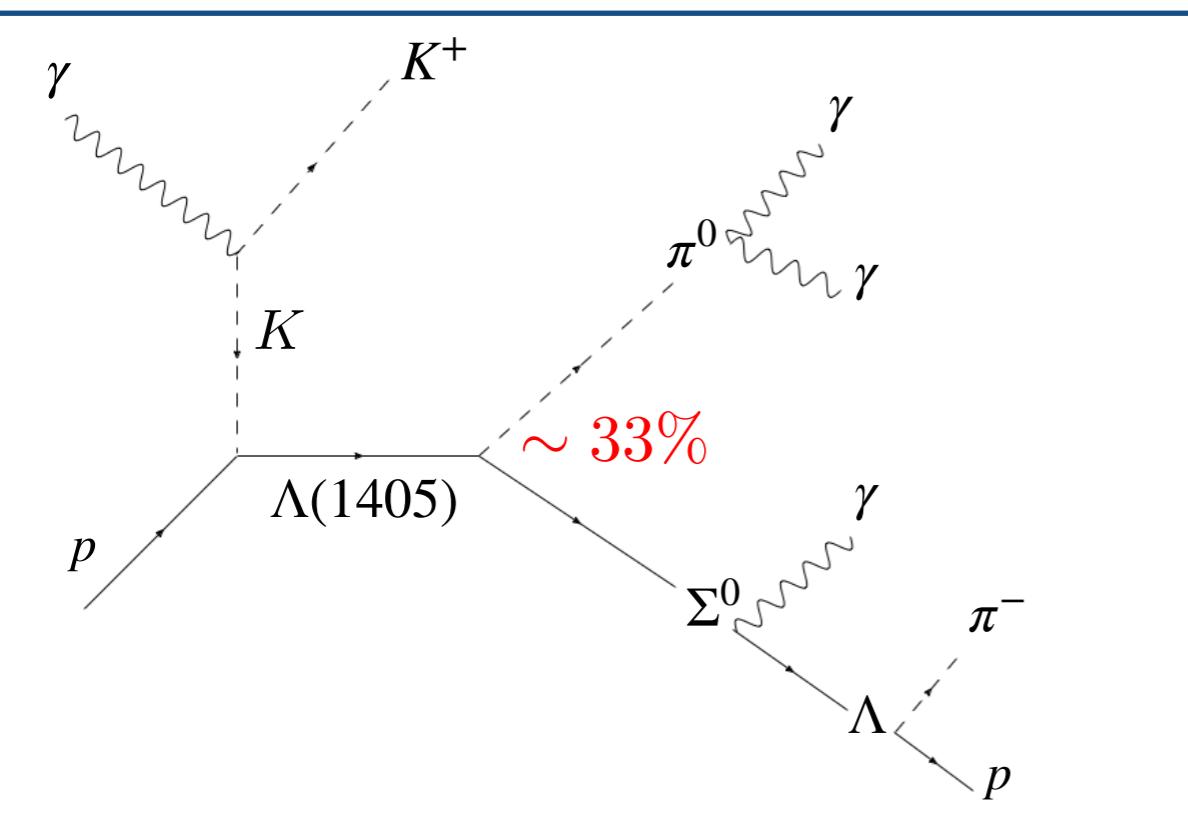
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GlueX can exclusively reconstruct  $\Lambda(1405) \rightarrow \Sigma^0\pi^0$  with use of kinematic fitting to reduce background and optimize mass resolution

# Event selection

- GlueX Phase-I data
- Photon beam energy = 6.5 - 11.6 GeV
  - Luminosity  $\sim 423 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
- Exclusive reconstruction of  $\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- p \gamma \gamma \gamma$
- Kinematic fit conserving 4-momentum and constraining event vertex
  - $\pi^0$  and  $\Sigma^0$  masses constrained to improve  $\Sigma^0 \pi^0$  mass resolution

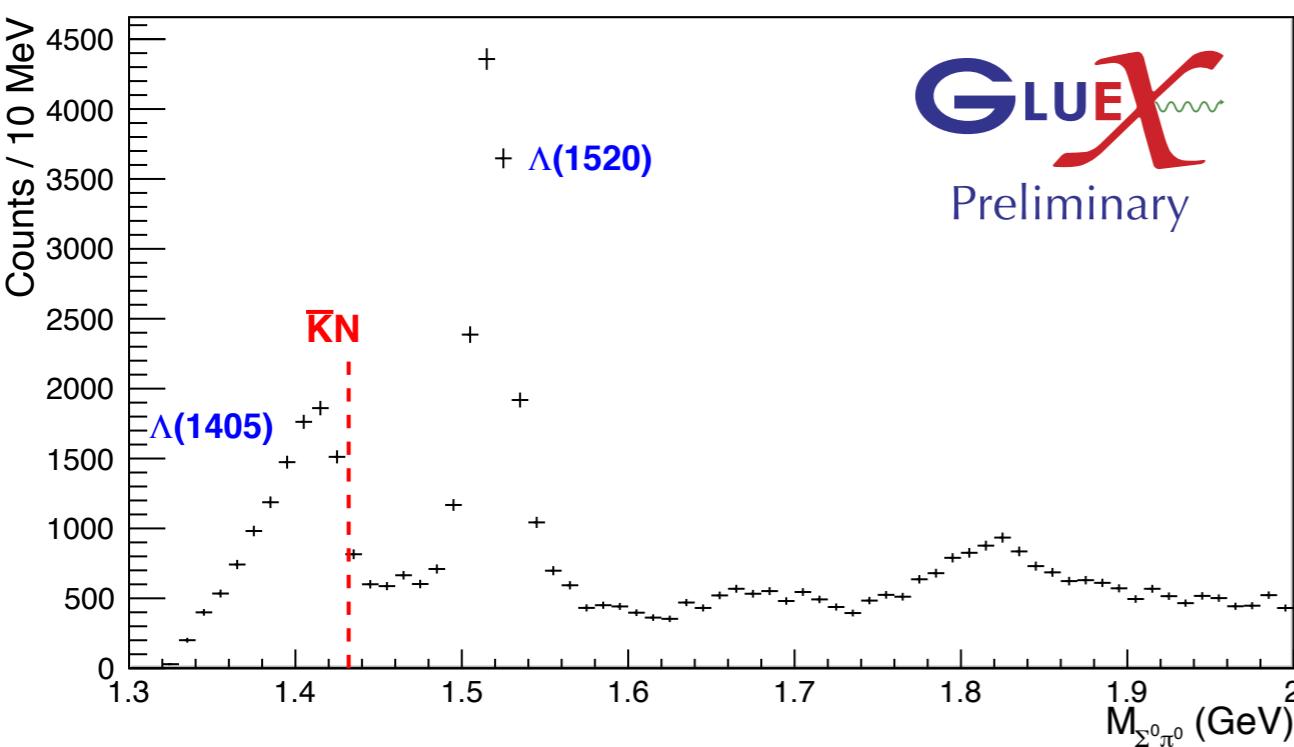


- $t = (p_{\gamma(\text{beam})} - p_{K^+})^2$

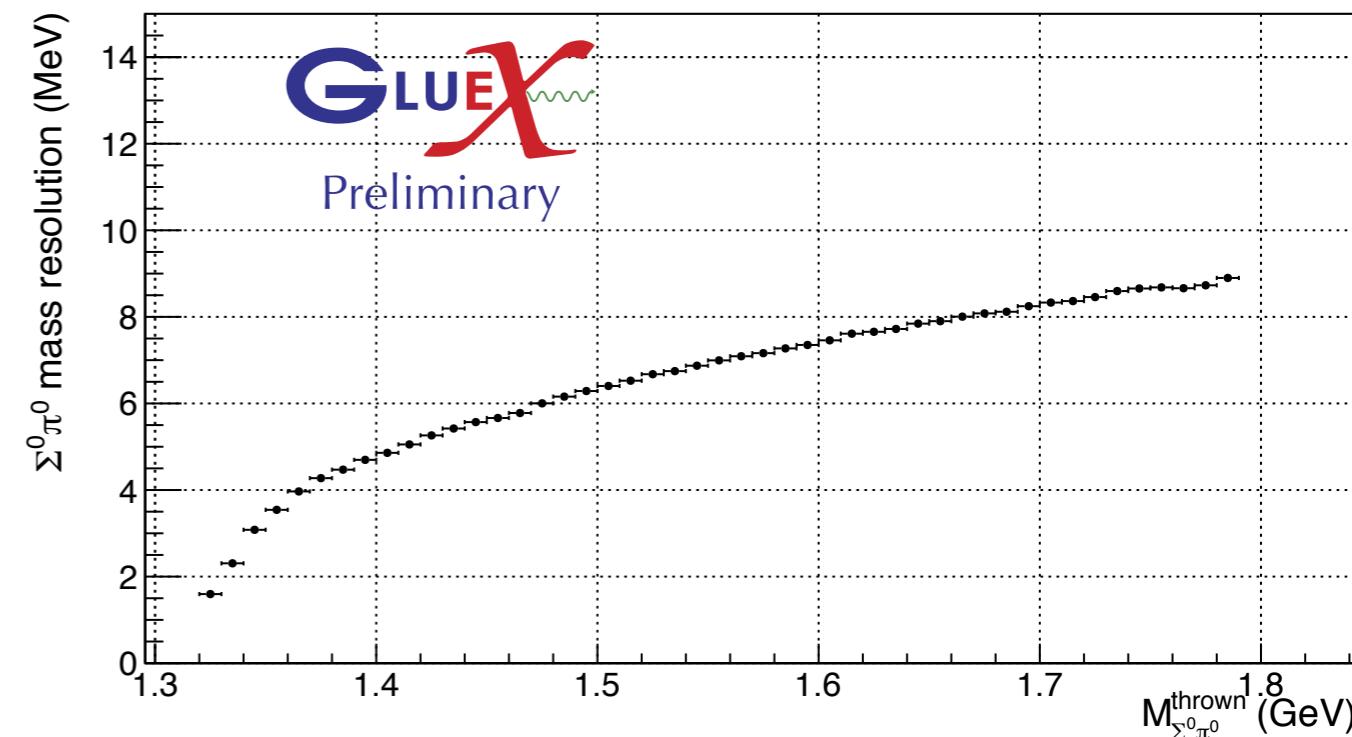
- Focus on t-channel production of  $\Lambda(1405)$

# Invariant mass of $\Sigma^0\pi^0$

- $0 \text{ GeV}^2 < -(t - t_{min}) < 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$



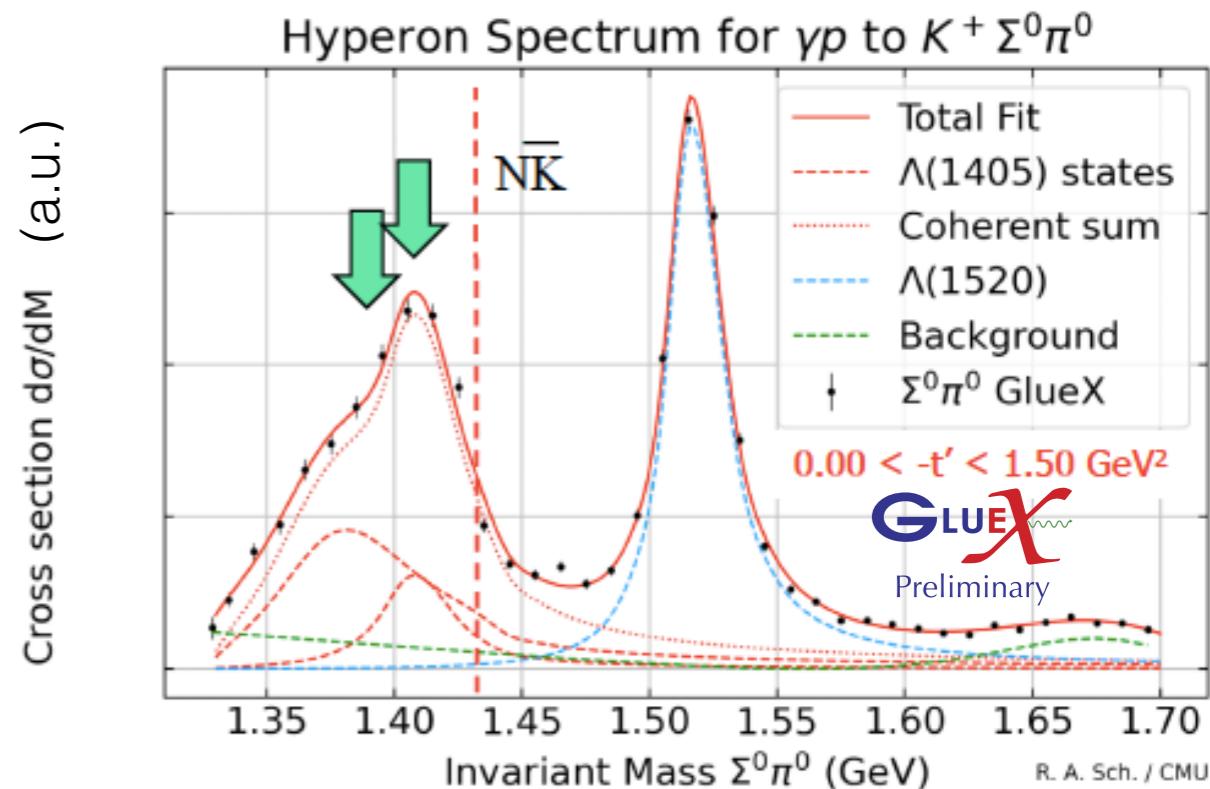
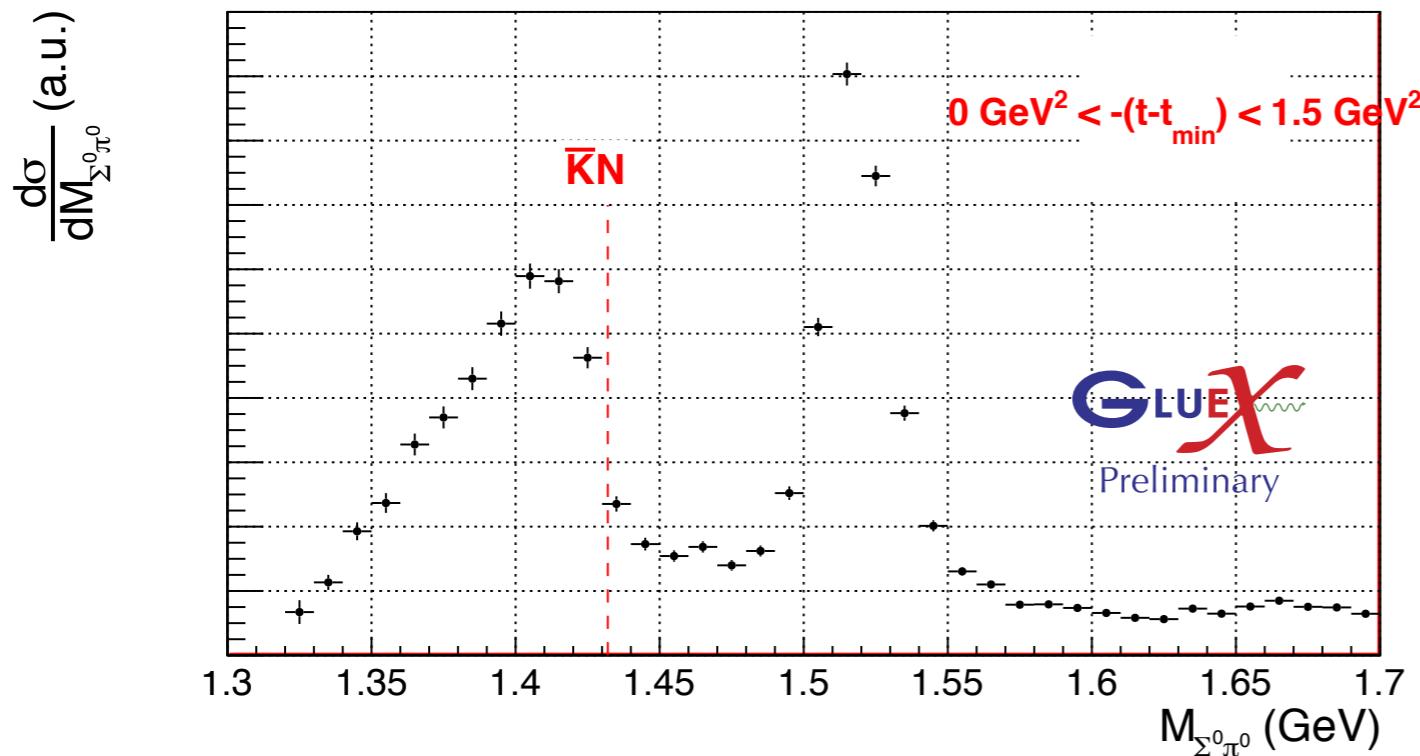
$\Sigma^0\pi^0$  mass resolution from MC



- Clear peaks of  $\Lambda(1405)$  and  $\Lambda(1520)$
- $13351 \pm 139$  counts in the  $\Lambda(1405)$  region ( $M_{\Sigma^0\pi^0} < 1.47 \text{ GeV}$ )  
(Assumed background free)
- A sharp drop of yield at  $\bar{K}N$  threshold seen for  $\Lambda(1405)$
- Simulations indicate good resolution for  $\Sigma^0\pi^0$  mass in  $\Lambda(1405)$  region

# $\Lambda(1405)$ line shape -

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dM_{\Sigma^0\pi^0}}$$

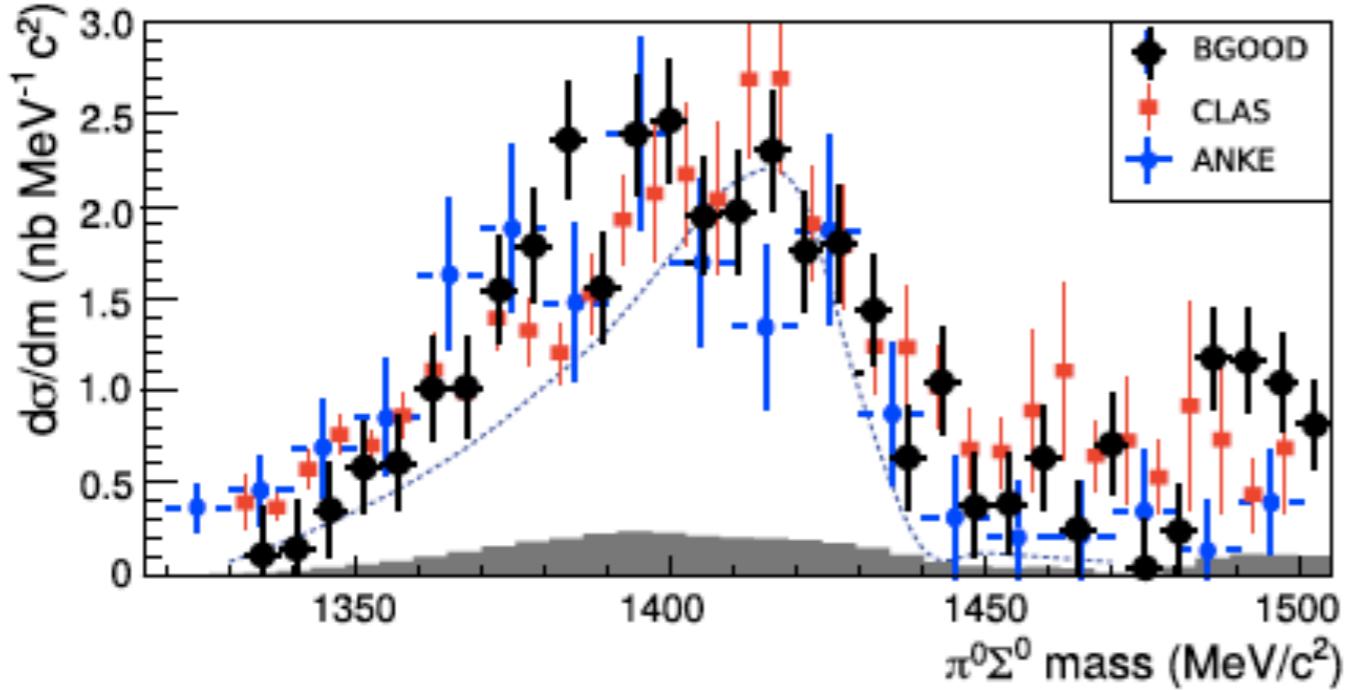


- Normalization yet to be finalized
- Uncertainties are only statistical
- $\Lambda(1405)$  line shape deviates from a Breit-Wigner form
- Compound coherent  $\Lambda(1405)$ 's
- Flatte-type amplitude
- Incoherent  $\Lambda(1520)$  and backgrounds
- $\Lambda(1405)$  is split into two centroids at  $\sim 1387$  MeV and  $\sim 1409$  MeV
- K-matrix fits in progress

# $\Lambda(1405)$ line shape -

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dM_{\Sigma^0\pi^0}}$$

BGOOD results for  $E_\gamma = 1550 - 2300$  MeV

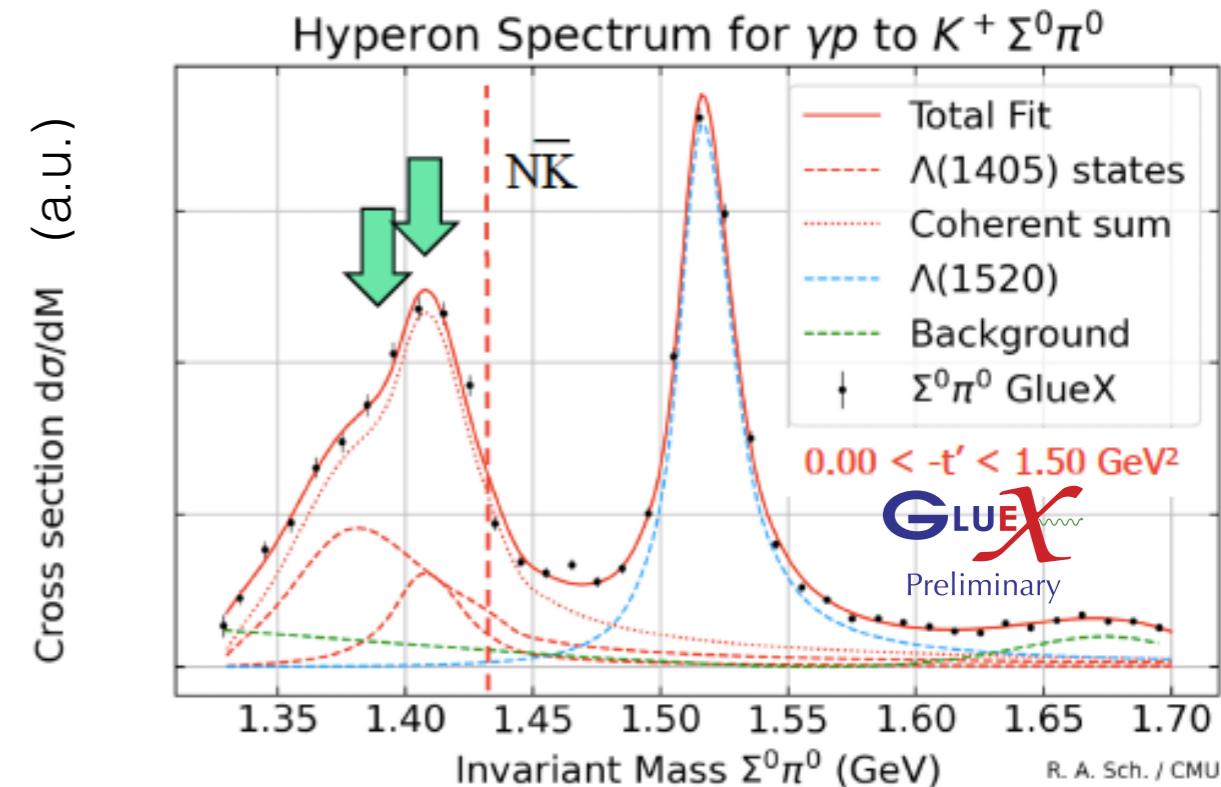


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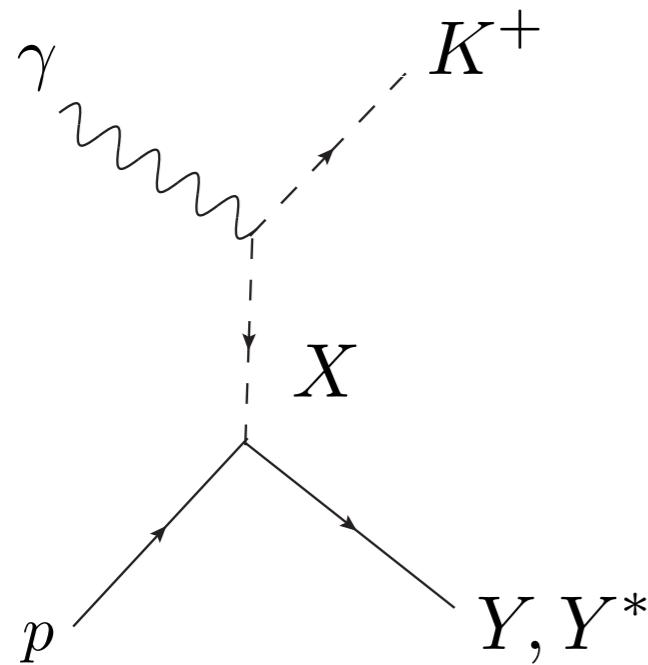
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- $\Lambda(1405)$  line shape deviates from a Breit-Wigner form
- High statistics in GlueX to study  $\Lambda(1405)$  line shape

- Compound coherent  $\Lambda(1405)$ 's
- Flatte-type amplitude
- Incoherent  $\Lambda(1520)$  and backgrounds
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# $Y, Y^*$ production mechanisms

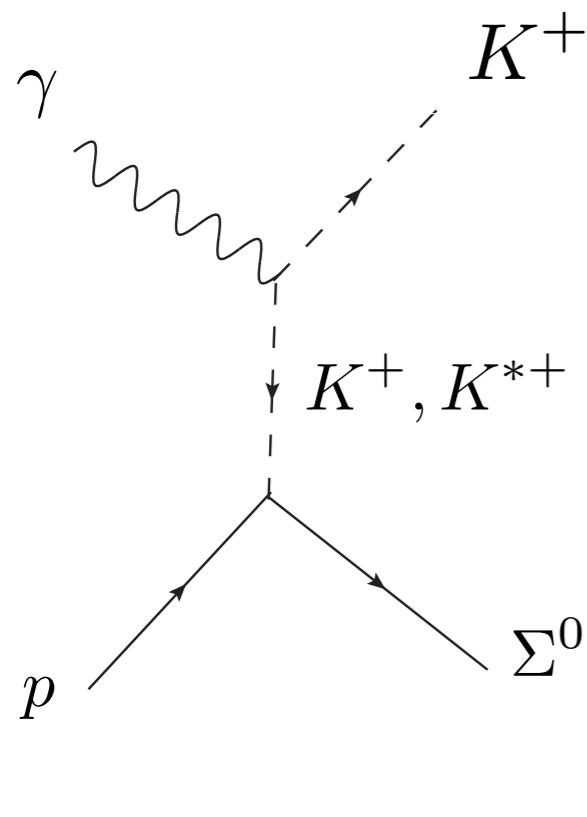


$X$  – Exchanged particle in  $t$ -channel  
(Regge trajectory)

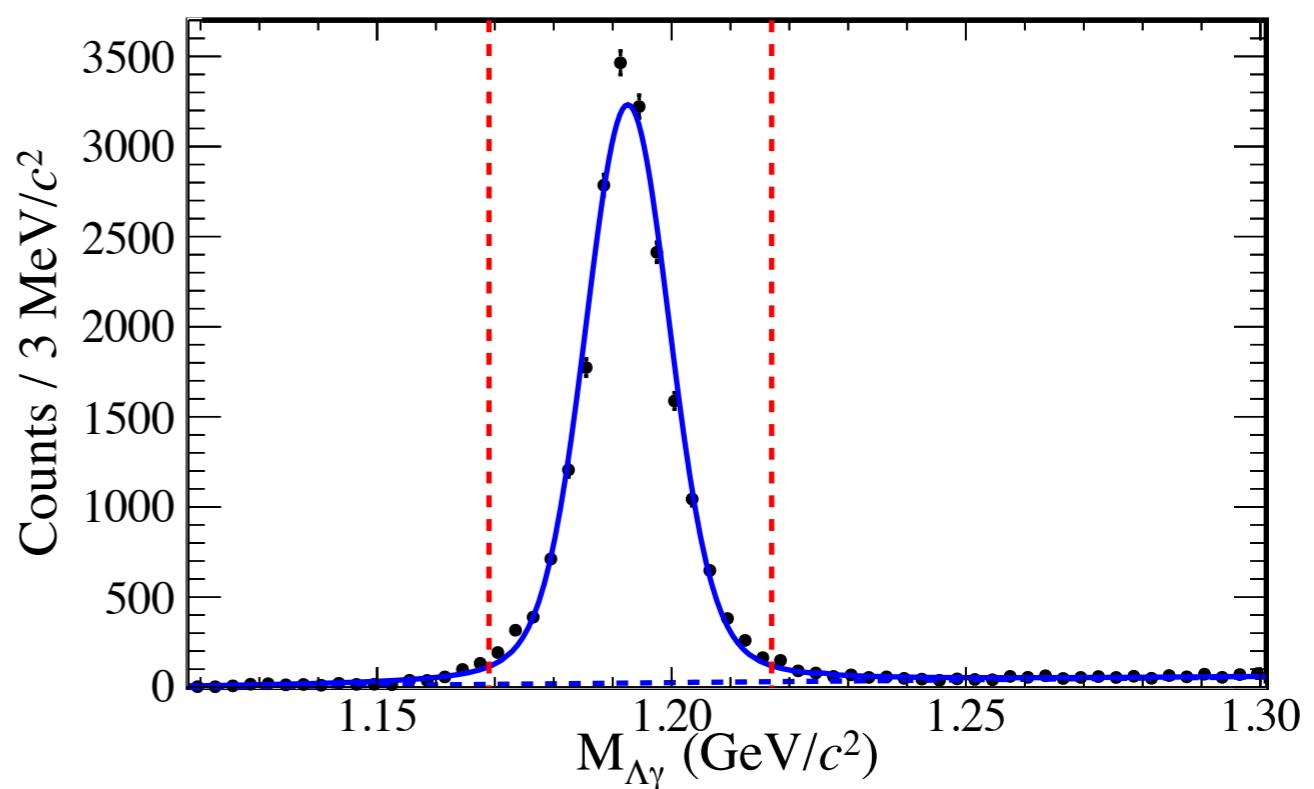
$Y$  –  $\Lambda, \Sigma$

- $t$ -channel exchange expected to dominate at GlueX photon beam energies  
 $t = (p_\gamma - p_{K^+})^2$
- For exchanged particle with parity  $P$  and spin  $J$ , naturality  $\eta = P(-1)^J$ 
  - $\eta = +1 \Rightarrow$  natural parity
  - $\eta = -1 \Rightarrow$  unnatural parity
- Study type of parity exchanged by measuring beam asymmetry ( $\Sigma$ ) and spin density matrix elements (SDME)
  - $K^+\Sigma^0$  beam asymmetry
  - $\Lambda(1520)$  SDMEs

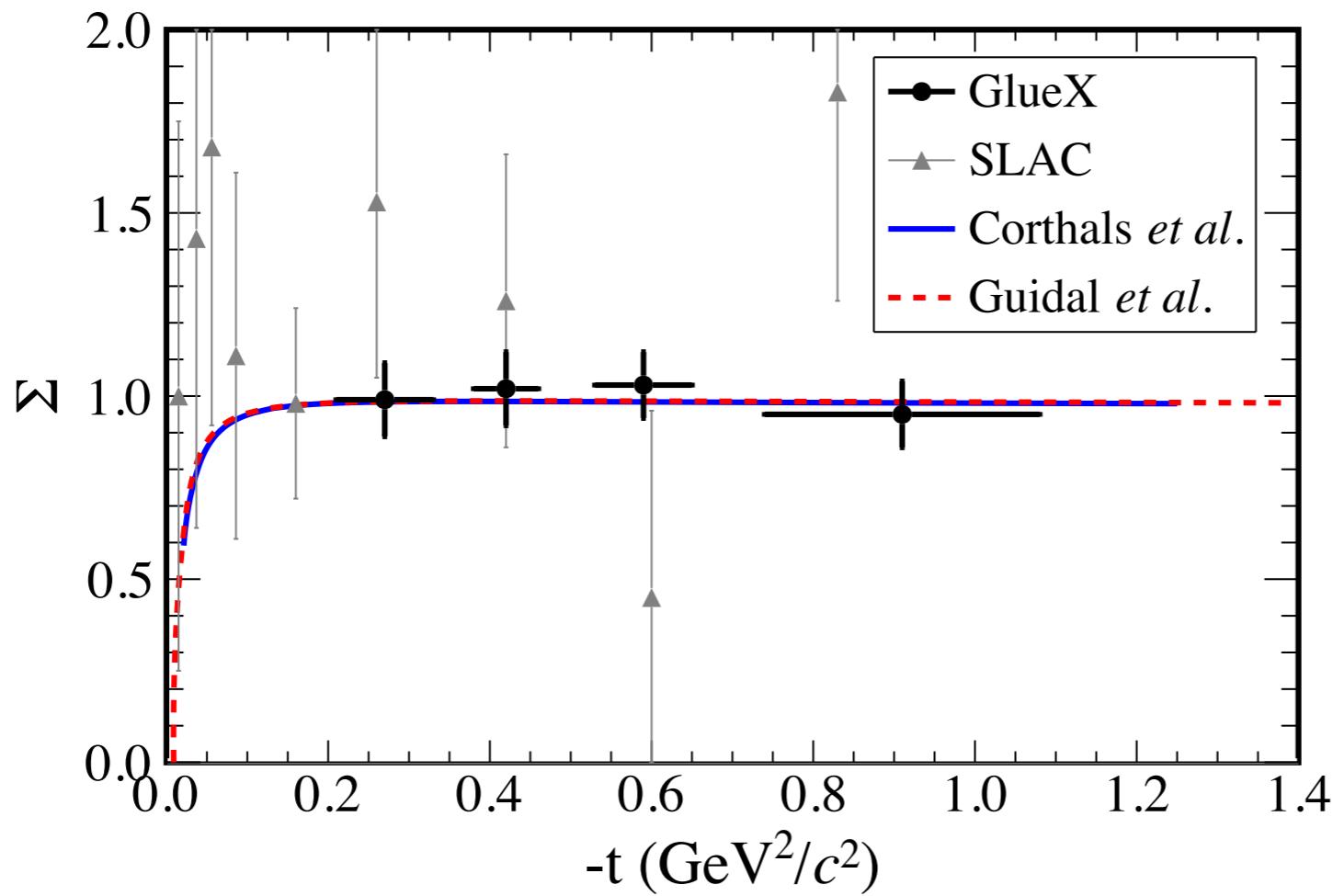
# $K^+\Sigma^0$ beam asymmetry



- $\sim 20\%$  of GlueX-I data
- Photon beam energy = 8.2 - 8.8 GeV
- Measure beam asymmetry  $\Sigma$ 
  - Difference between cross sections for photon polarized perpendicular and parallel to reaction plane



**Phys. Rev. C 101, 065206 (2020)  
(GlueX Collaboration)**



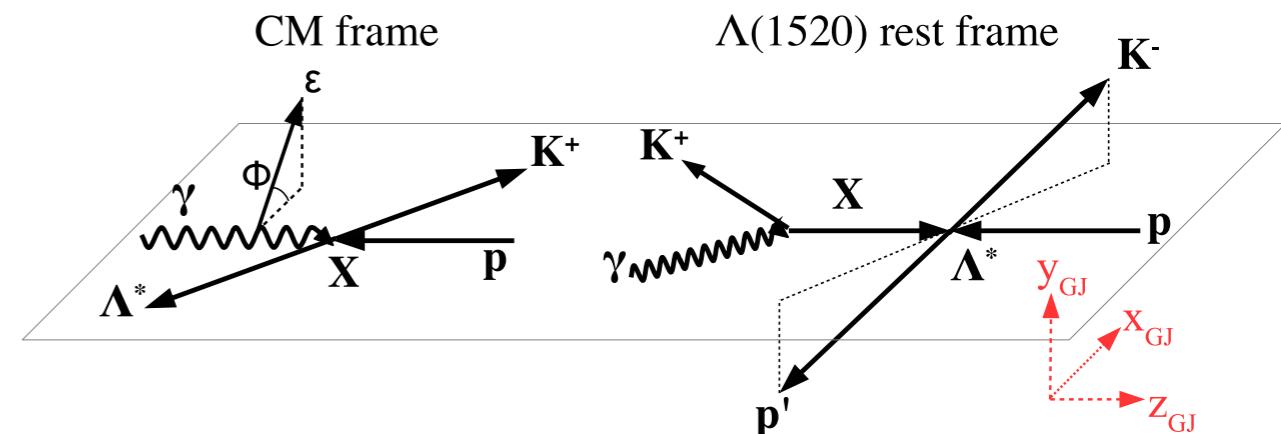
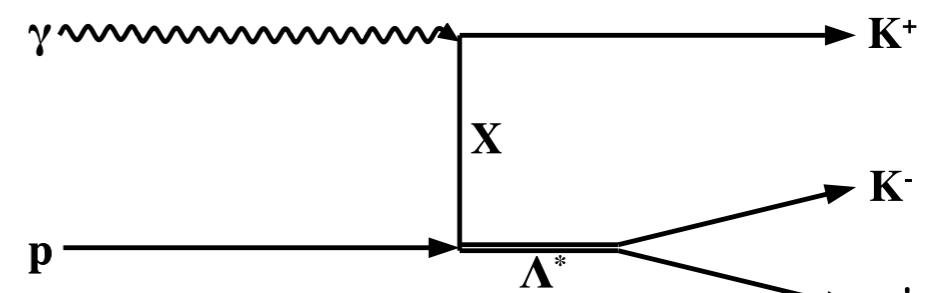
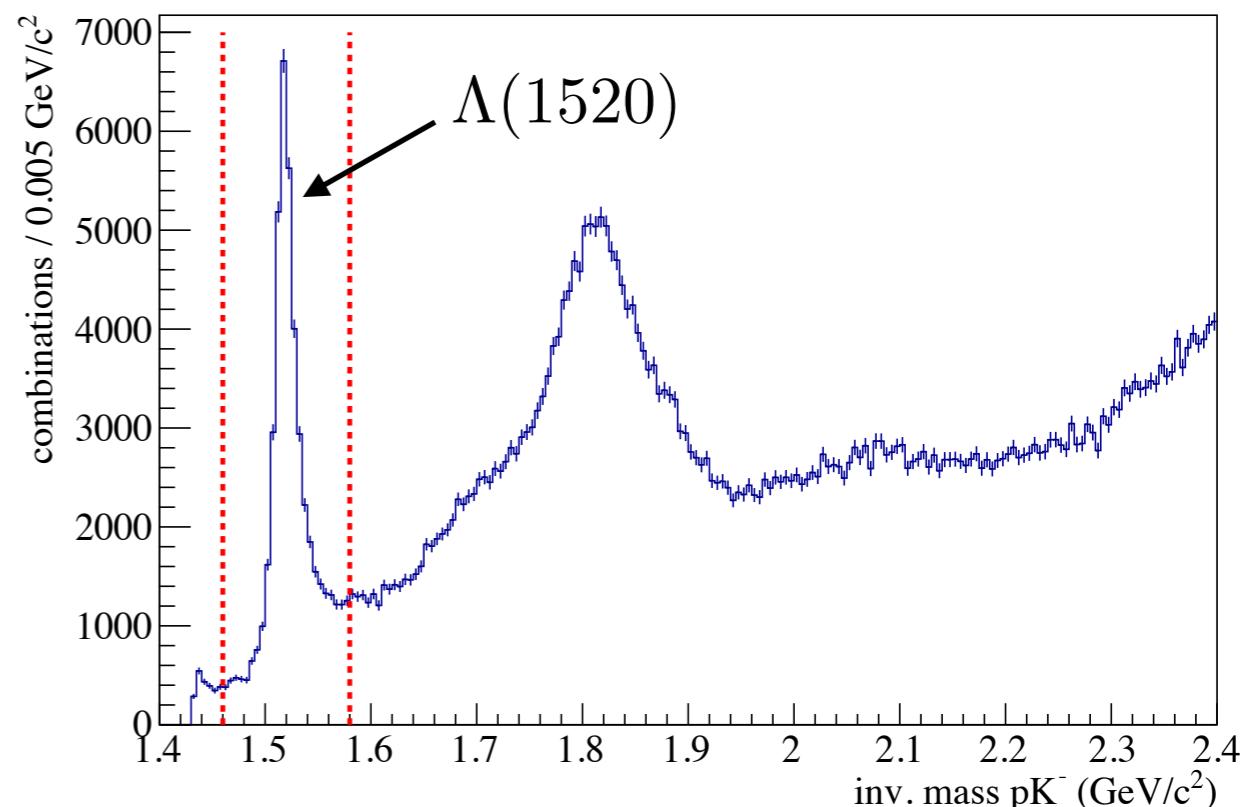
**Phys. Rev. C 101, 065206 (2020)**  
**(GlueX Collaboration)**

- Natural parity exchange dominates in  $t$ -channel  
 Average  $\Sigma = 1.00 \pm 0.05$
- Consistent with theoretical predictions  
[Phys. Rev. C 75, 045204 \(2007\)](#)  
[Nucl. Phys. A 627, 645 \(1997\)](#)
- SLAC results at  $E_\gamma = 16$  GeV  
[Phys. Rev. D 20 1553 \(1979\)](#)
- Higher statistical precision from GlueX compared to SLAC

# $\Lambda(1520)$ SDMEs

Phys. Rev. C 105, 035201 (2022)  
 (GlueX Collaboration)

- Polarization transfer to  $\Lambda^*$  with  $J^P = \frac{3}{2}^-$
- $\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ \Lambda(1520)$   
 $\Lambda(1520) \rightarrow K^- p$   
 (Branching fraction = 22.5%)
- $\sim 20\%$  of GlueX-I data
- Photon beam energy = 8.2 - 8.8 GeV
- Study  $t$ -channel exchange in Gottfried-Jackson frame



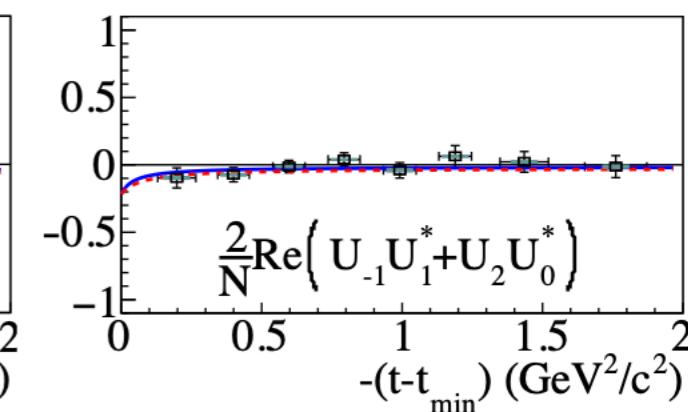
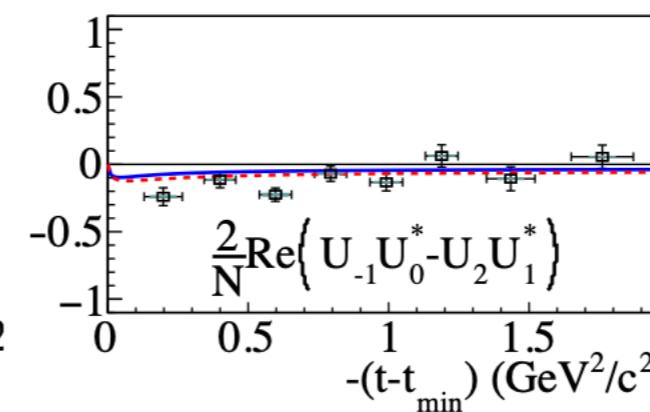
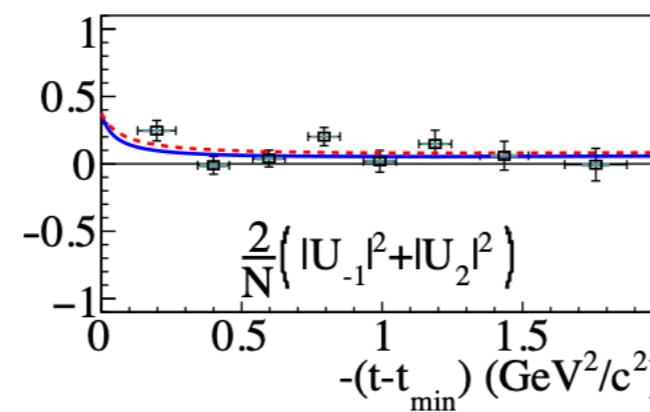
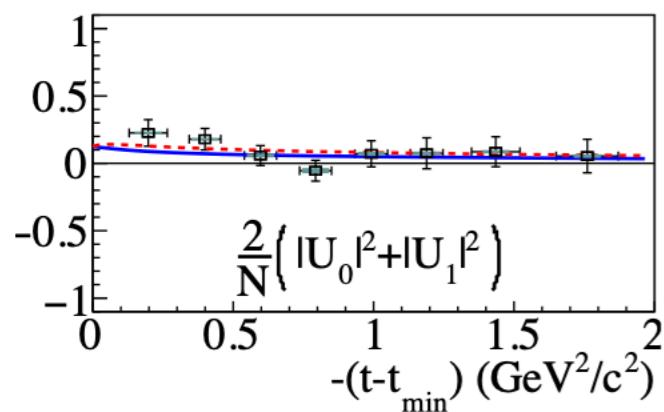
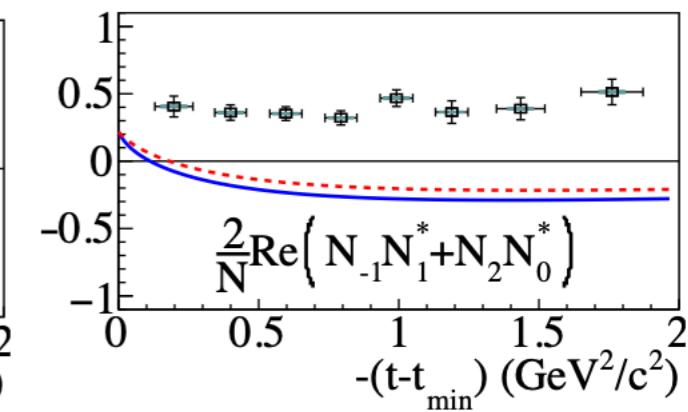
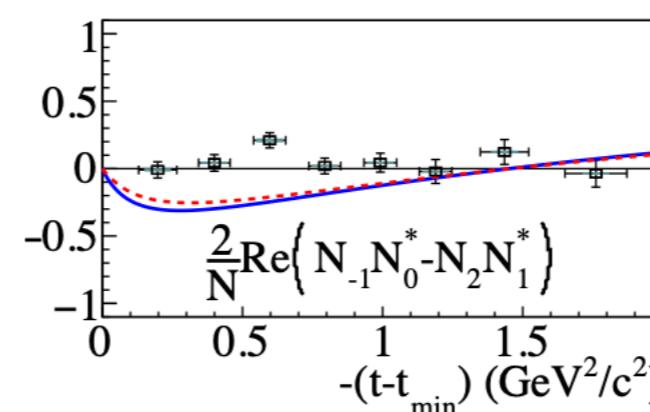
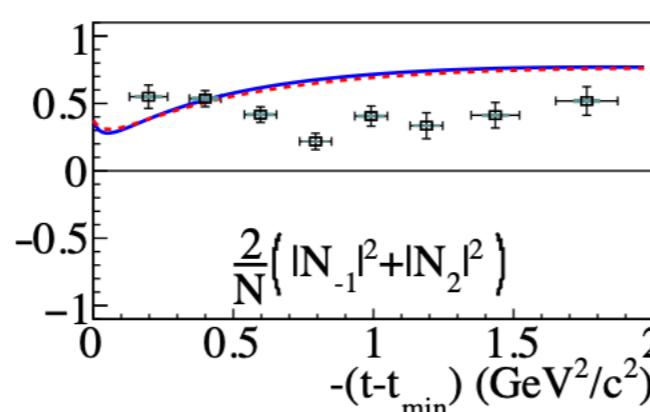
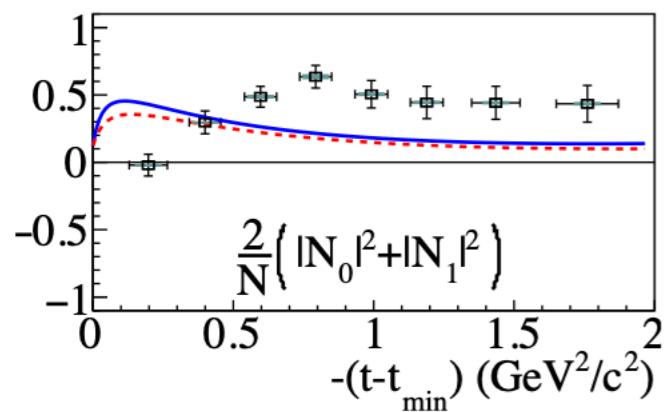
- Combinations of SDMEs can be expressed as linear combinations of purely natural or purely unnatural exchange amplitudes

Natural - e.g.  $K^*(892), K_2^*(1430)$

Unnatural - e.g.  $K(492), K_1(1270)$

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### Natural



### Unnatural

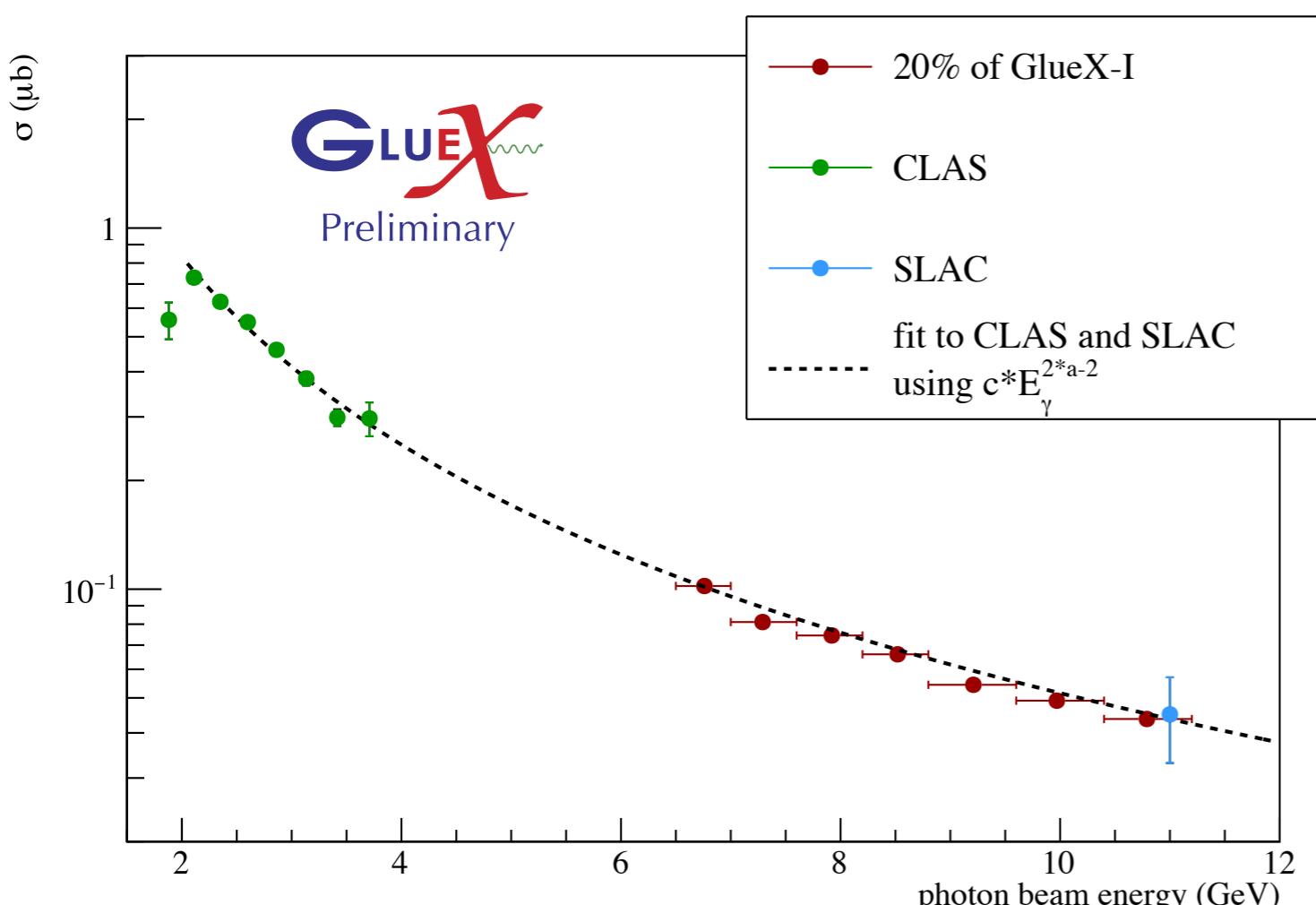
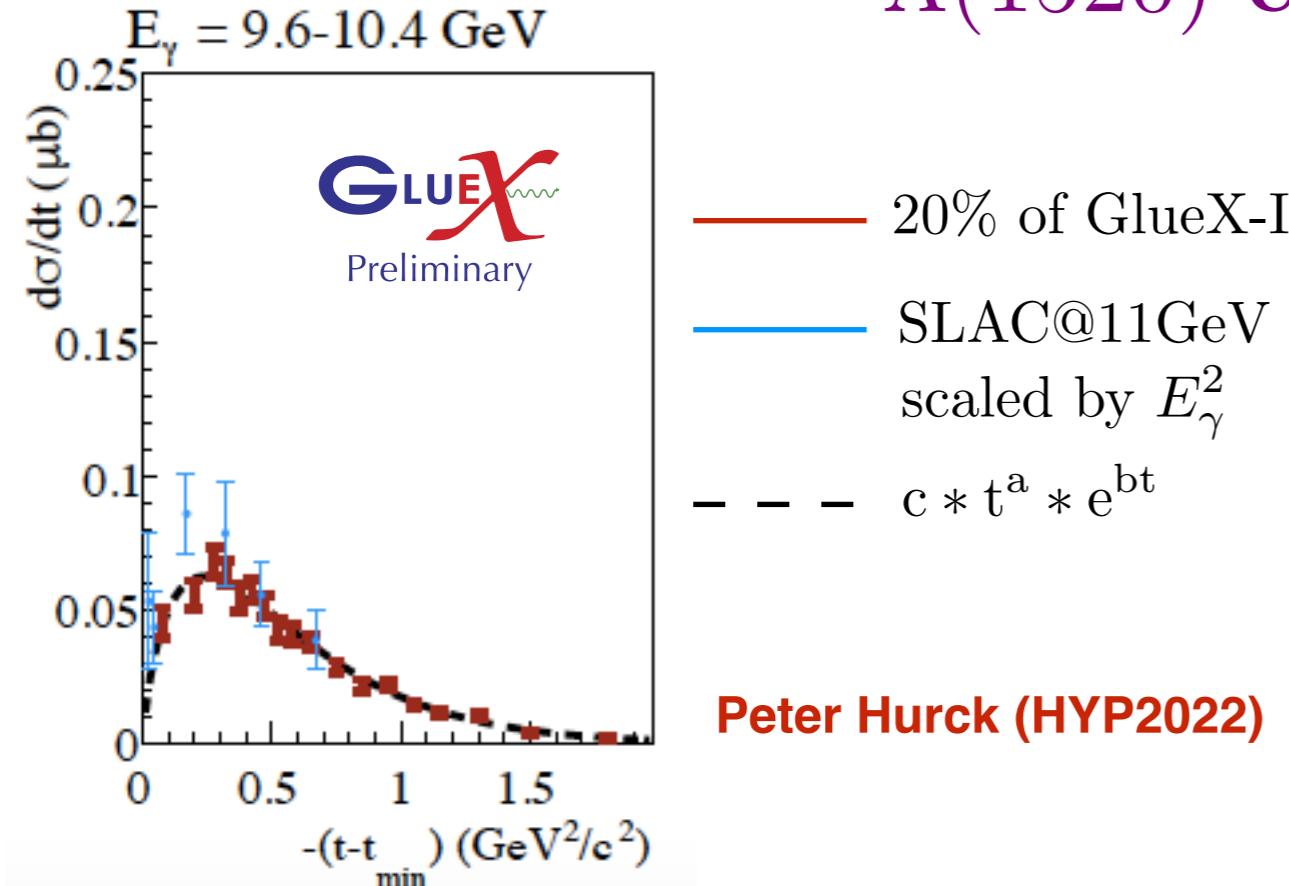
----- Model predictions in  
——— Reggeized framework

Byung-Geel Yu and Kook-Jin Kong,

Phys. Rev. C 96, 025208 (2017)

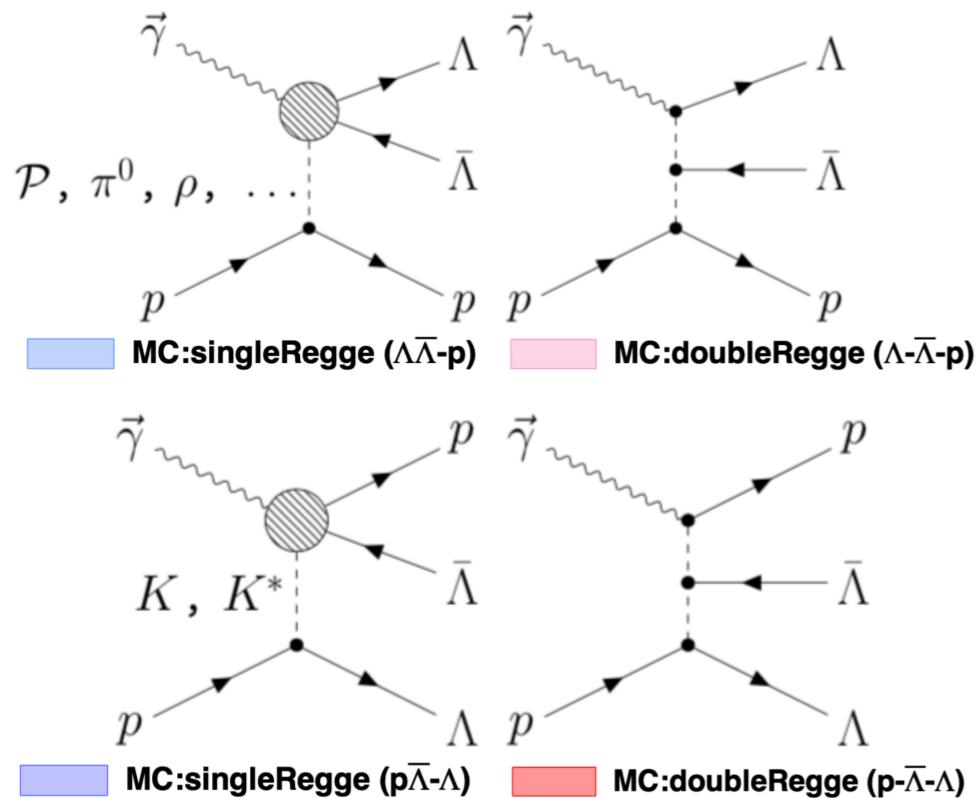
- Natural amplitudes exchange dominates

# $\Lambda(1520)$ cross section

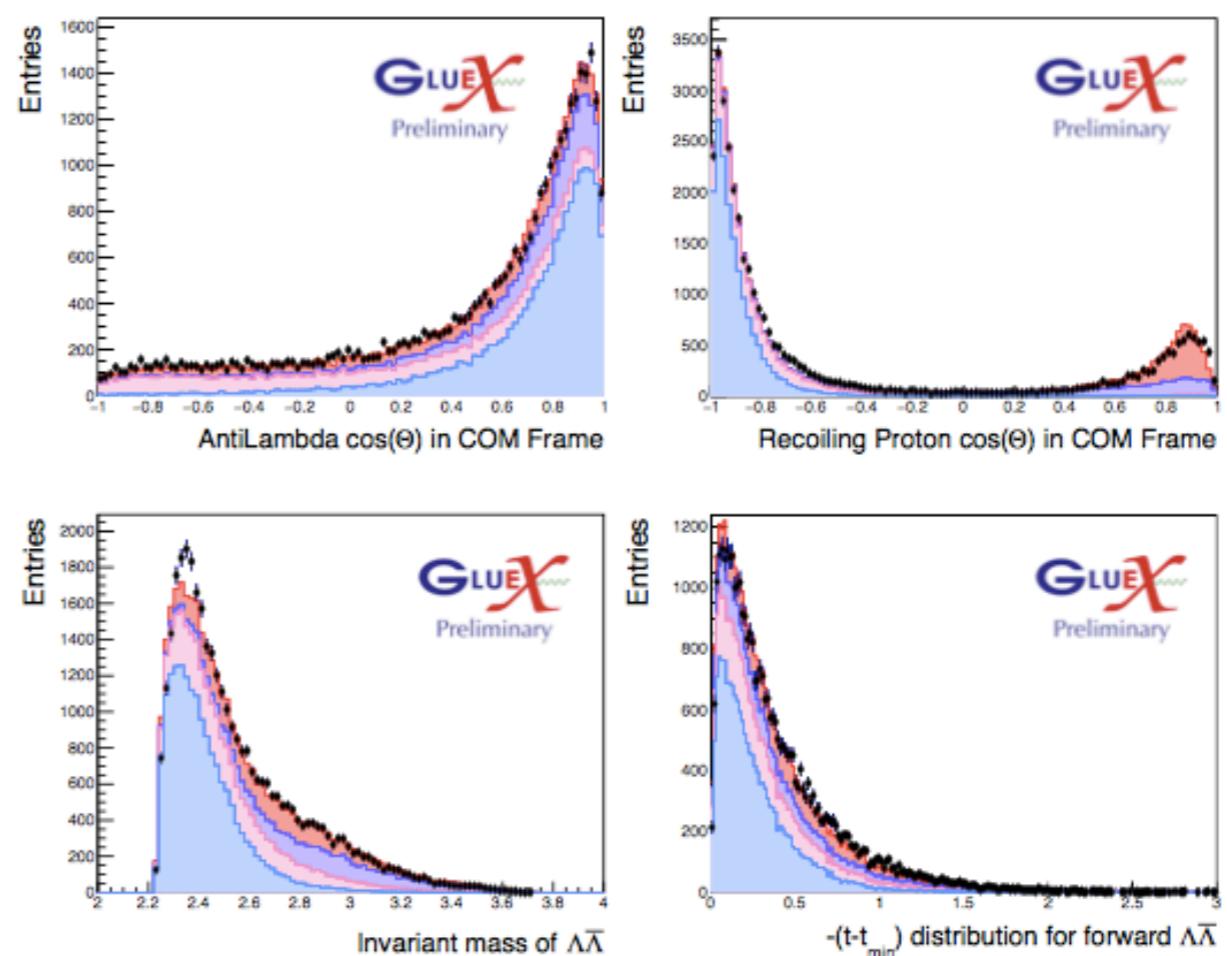
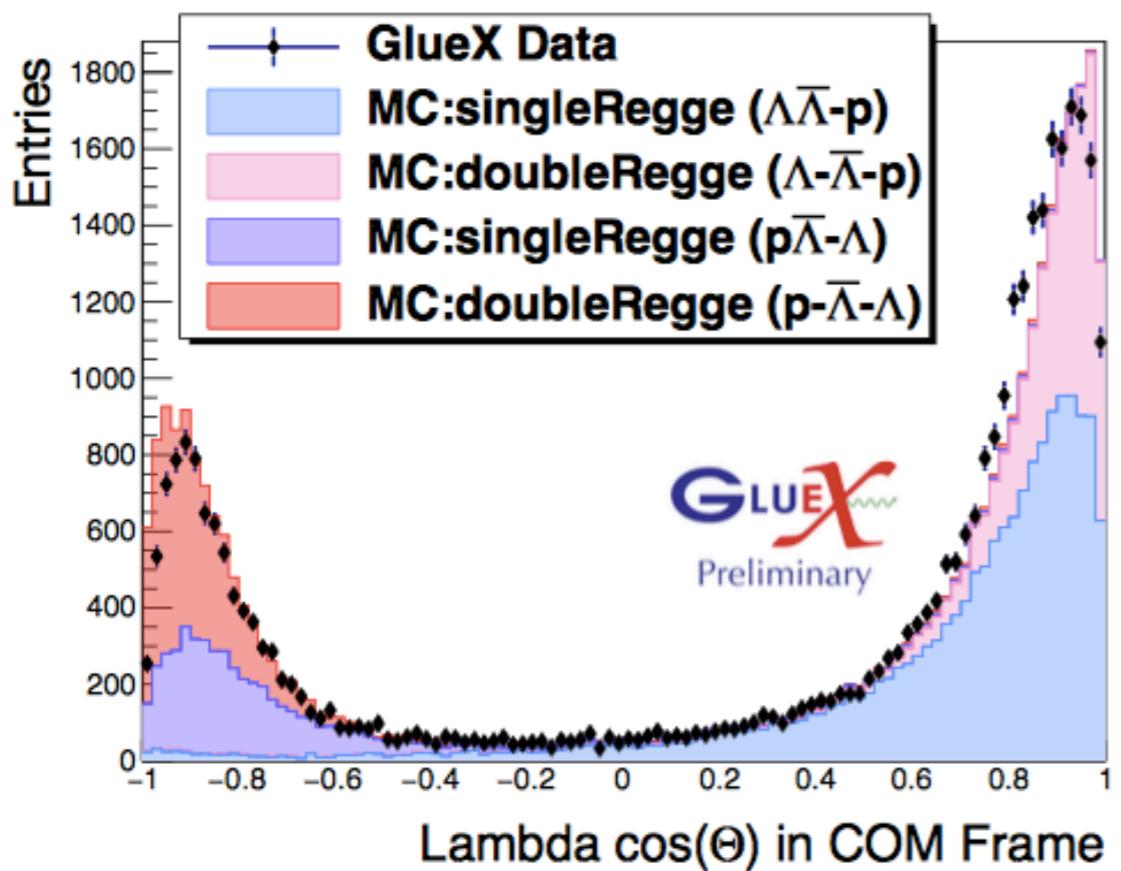


- Differential cross sections  $\frac{d\sigma}{dt}$  for  $\Lambda(1520)$  photoproduction
- Compared to SLAC measurements at  $E_\gamma = 11 \text{ GeV}$   
[Phys. Lett. B 34 , 547 \(1971\)](#)
- Good agreement with SLAC data particularly at higher beam energies
- Fit  $\frac{d\sigma}{dt}$  results with function  $ct^a e^{bt}$  and integrate to get total cross section
- CLAS and SLAC data are fit using function  $cE_\gamma^{2a-2}$   
[Phys. Rev. C 88 , 045201 \(2013\)](#)  
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- GlueX results agree very well with the fit

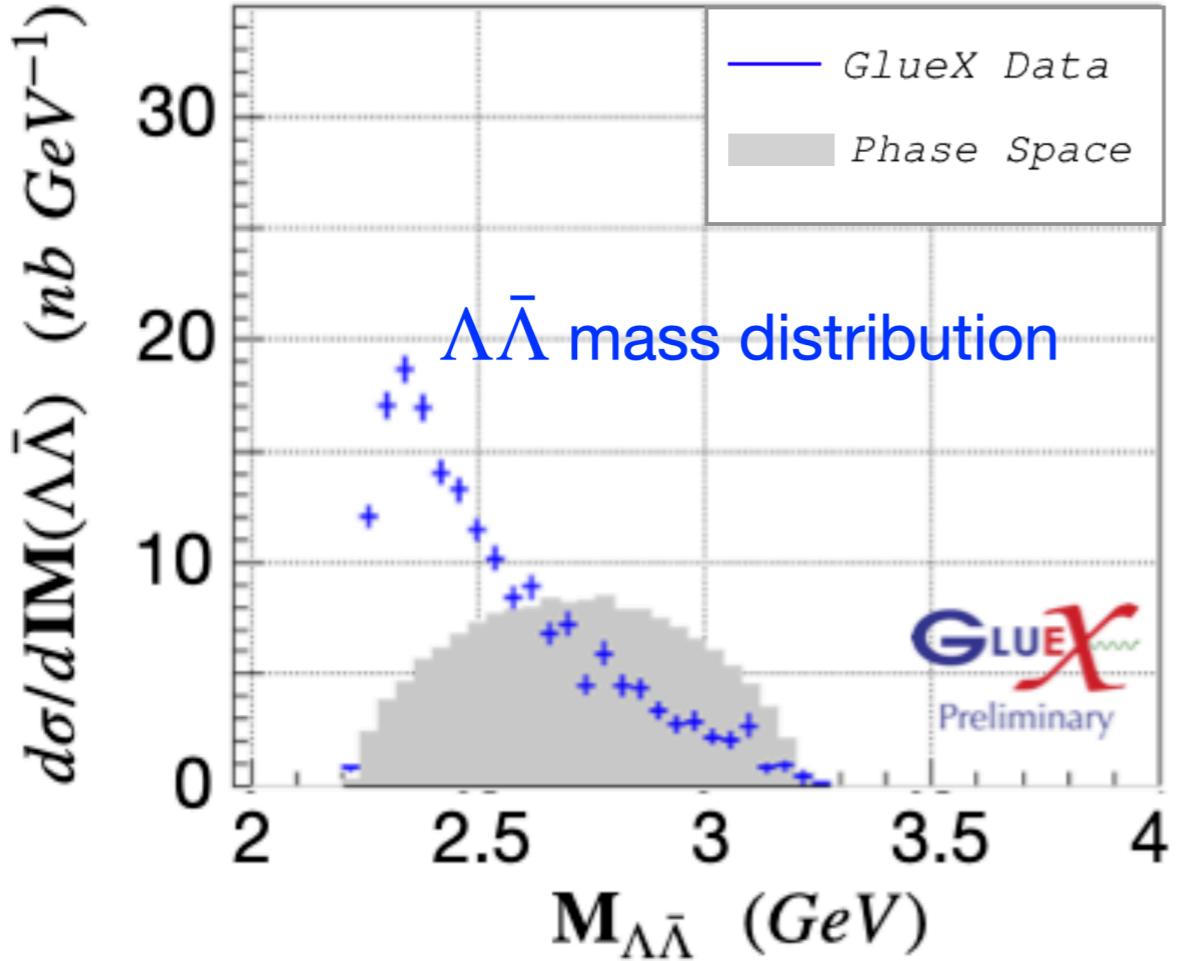
# $\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$ photoproduction



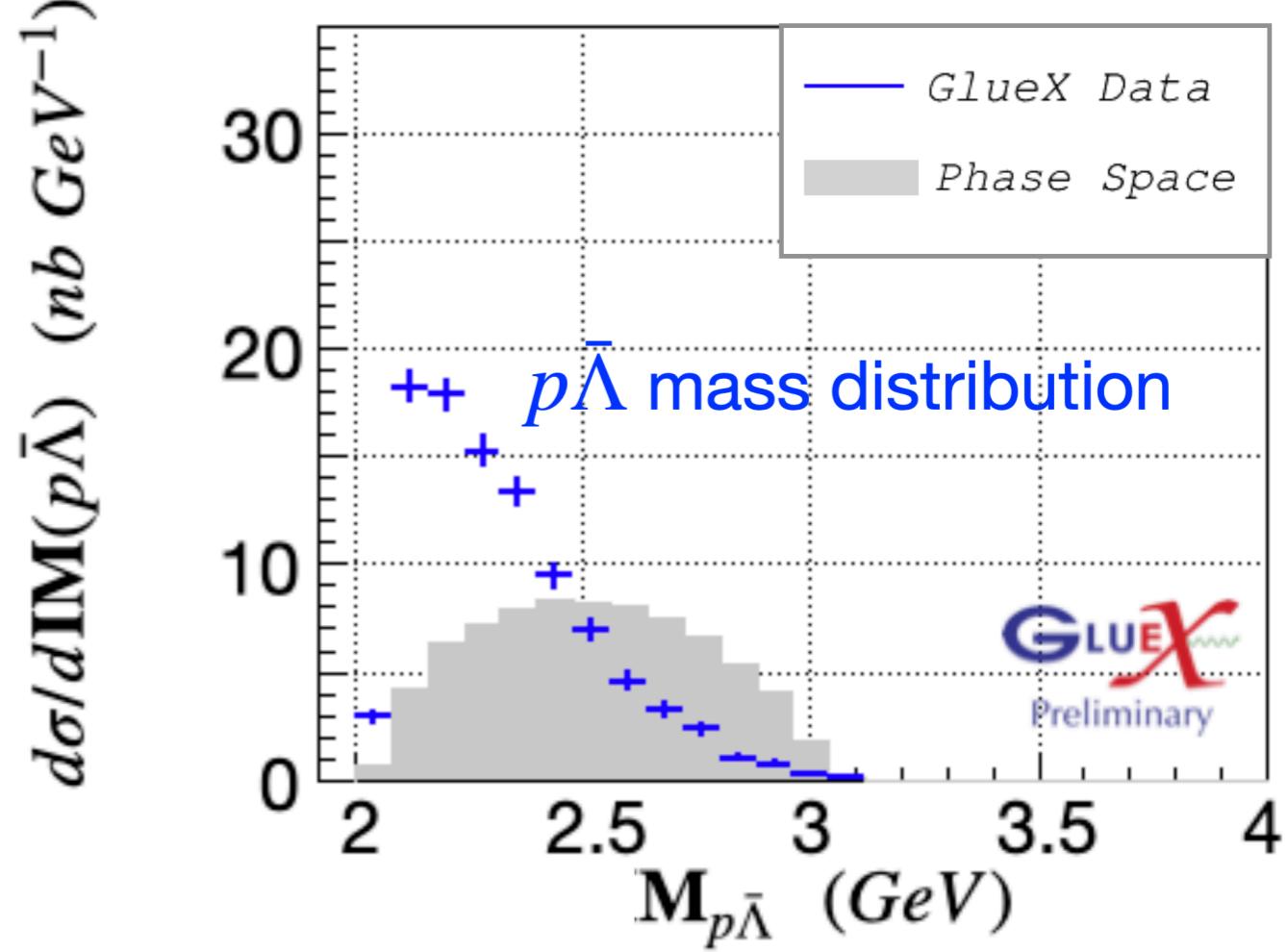
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## $\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$ - system



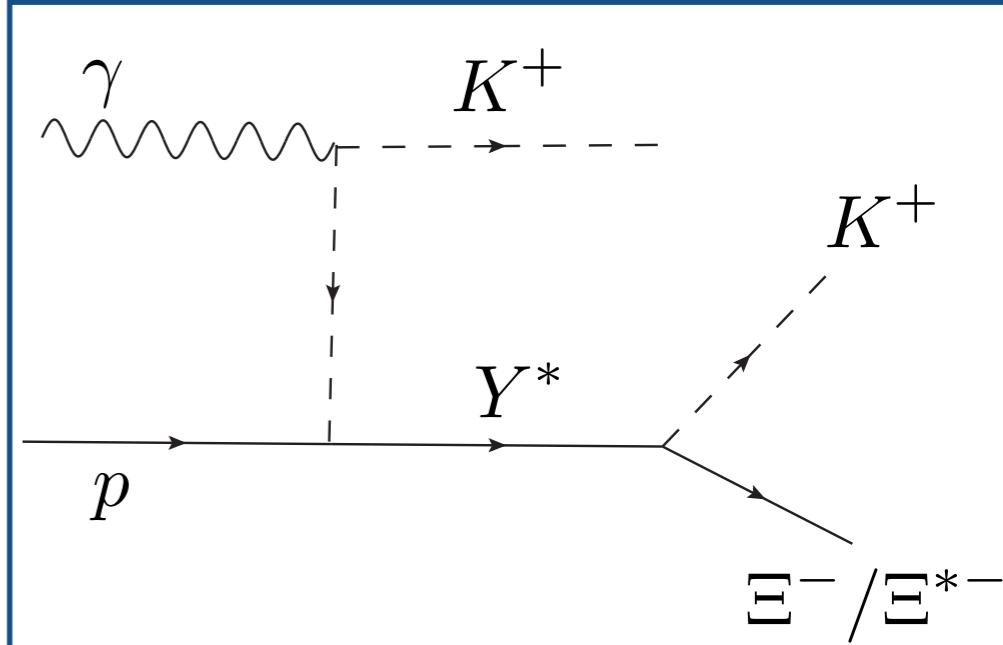
## $p\bar{\Lambda}$ - system



- Measure cross sections to study reaction mechanisms
- Investigating enhancements at threshold
- Also studying polarization of  $\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$  pair

# Cascades

- Hyperons with strangeness  $S = -2$
- Data for  $\Xi$  resonances is very limited
  - Production cross sections are small
  - Final states are complicated to analyze



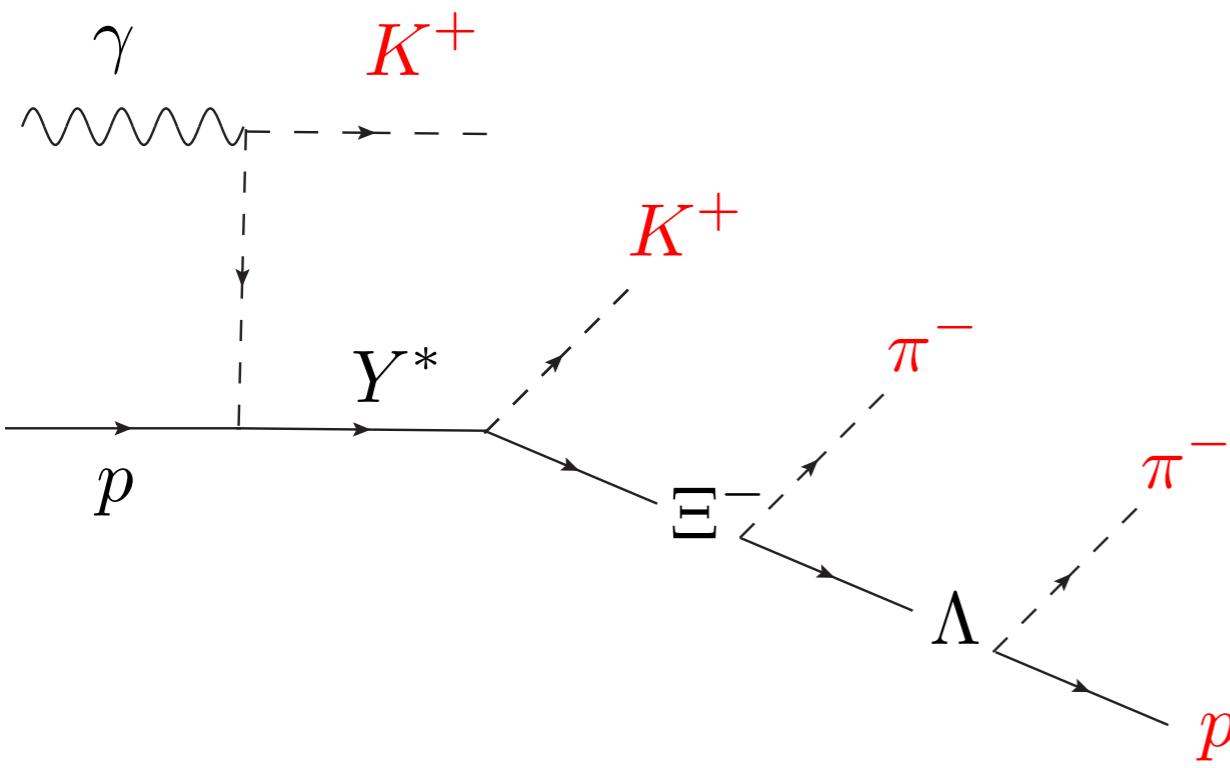
Particle	$J^P$	Overall status	Status as seen in —					
			$\Xi\pi$	$\Lambda K$	$\Sigma K$	$\Xi(1530)\pi$	Other channels	
$\Xi(1318)$	$1/2+$	****					Decays weakly	
$\Xi(1530)$	$3/2+$	****	****					
$\Xi(1620)$		*	*					
$\Xi(1690)$		***		***	**			
$\Xi(1820)$	$3/2-$	***	**	***	**	**		
$\Xi(1950)$		***	**	**		*		
$\Xi(2030)$		***		**	***			
$\Xi(2120)$		*		*				
$\Xi(2250)$		**					3-body decays	
$\Xi(2370)$		**					3-body decays	
$\Xi(2500)$		*		*	*		3-body decays	

C.G. Wohl, “ $\Xi$  Resonances”, The Review of Particle Physics (2022)

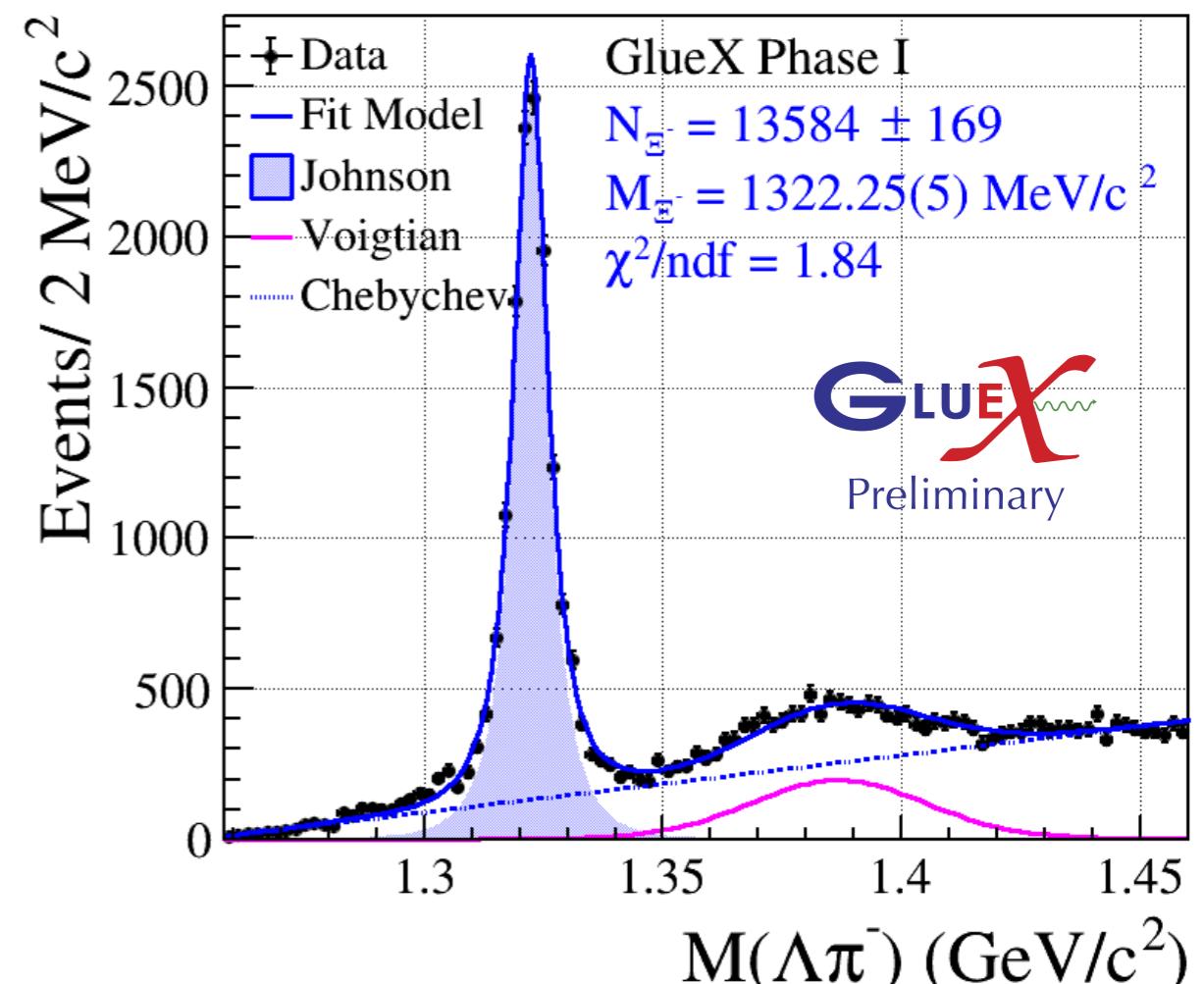
- GlueX is able to reconstruct final states exclusively and will provide more data on  $\Xi$  resonances

# $\Xi^-(1320)$

- Ground state Cascade

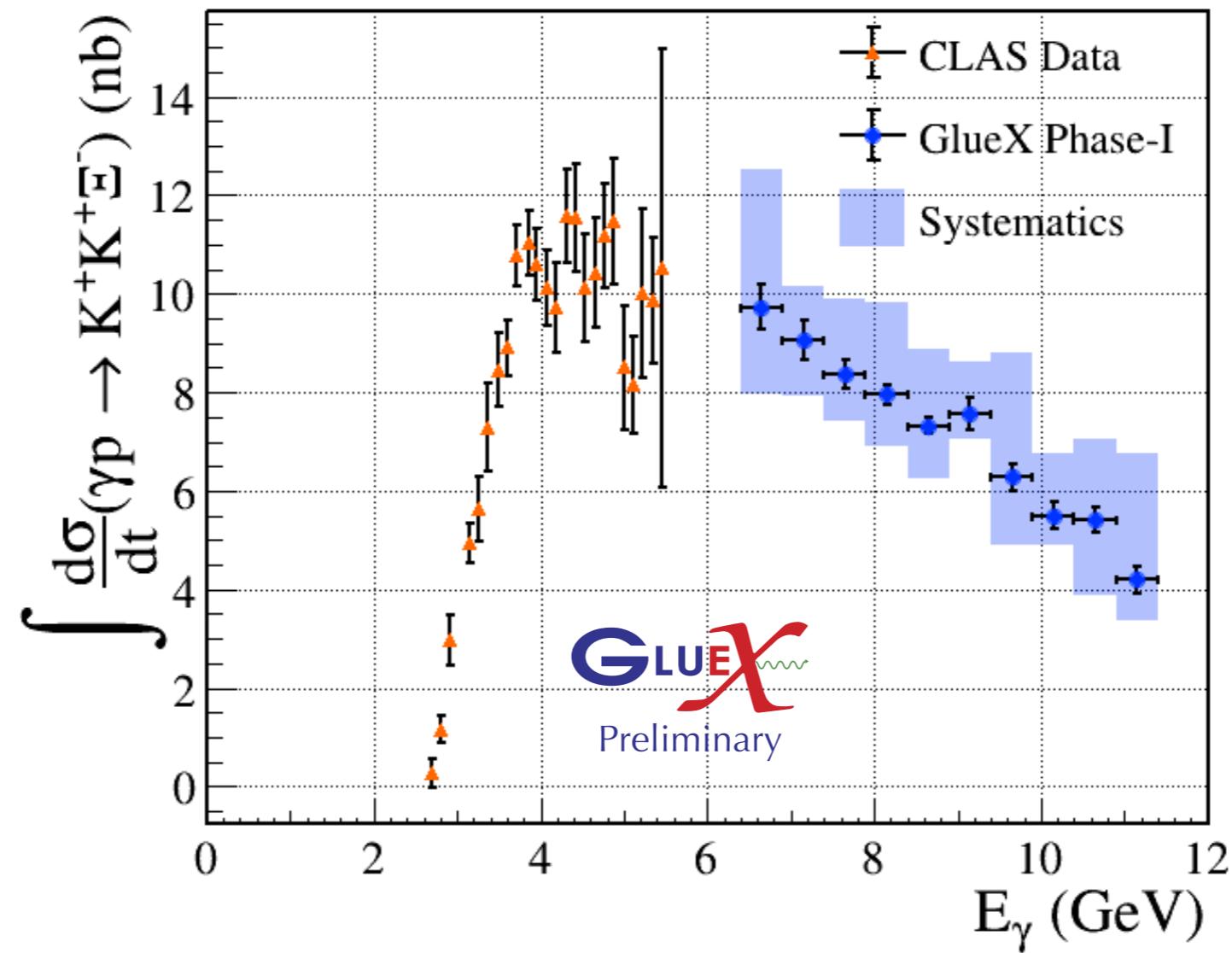


Jesse Hernandez (Baryons 2022)



- Final state particles:  $K^+K^+\pi^-\pi^-p$
- GlueX-I data
- Clear peak of  $\Xi^-$  in the  $\Lambda\pi^-$  mass spectrum

# $\Xi^-$ cross section

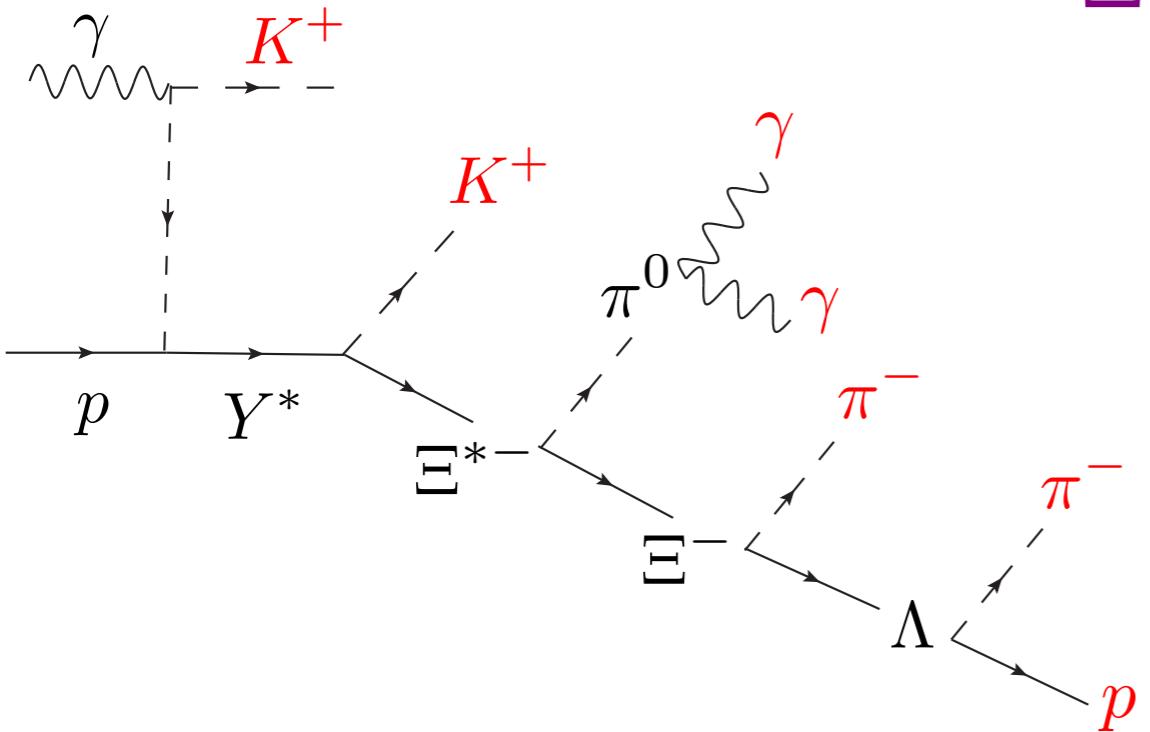


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- $t$  calculated using high momentum  $K^+$

$$t = (p_\gamma - p_{K_{high}^+})^2$$

- Integrated differential cross section compared with CLAS data ([Phys. Rev. C 98, 062201\(R\) \(2018\)](#))
- Systematics are being evaluated
- Observe cross section falls with energy



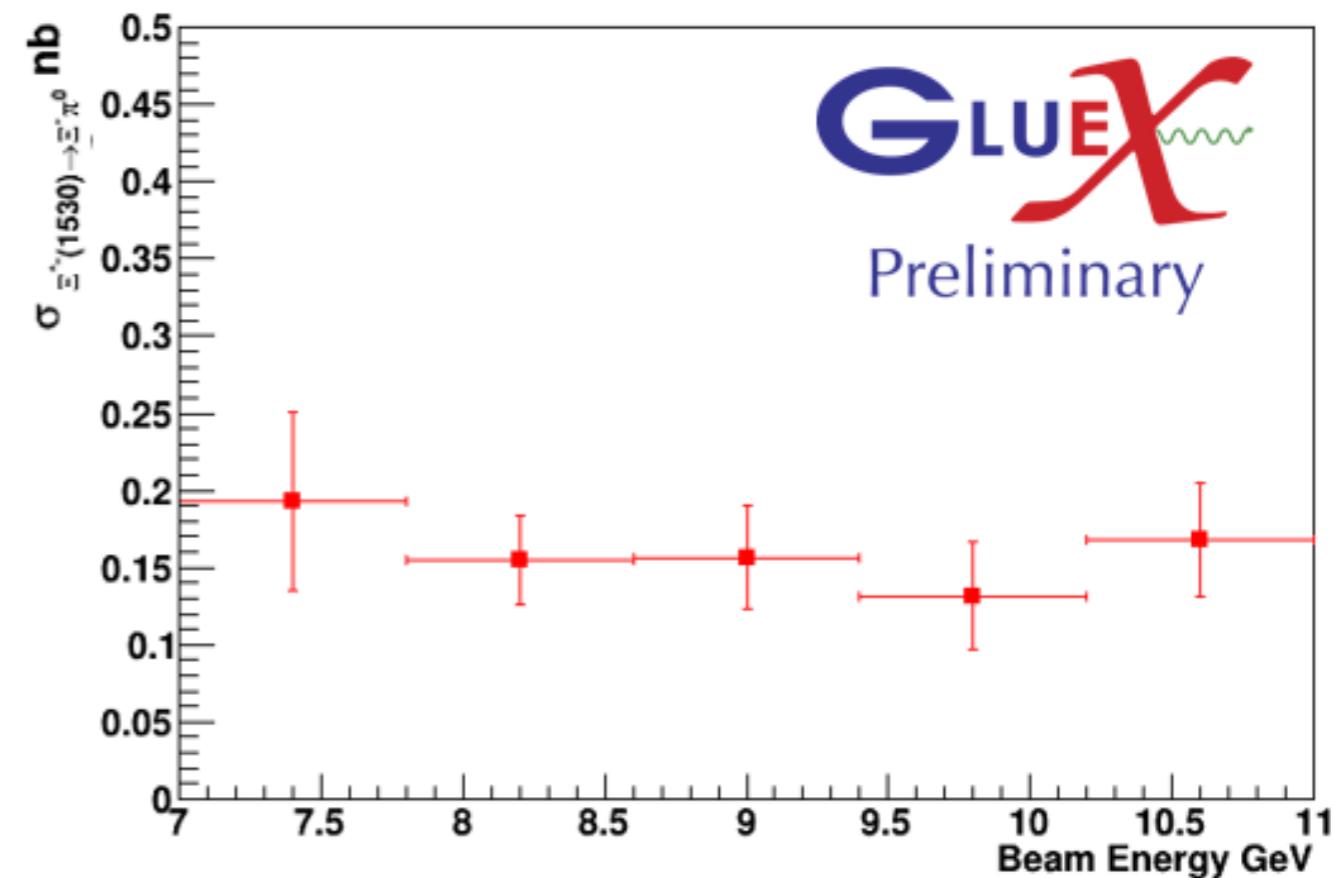
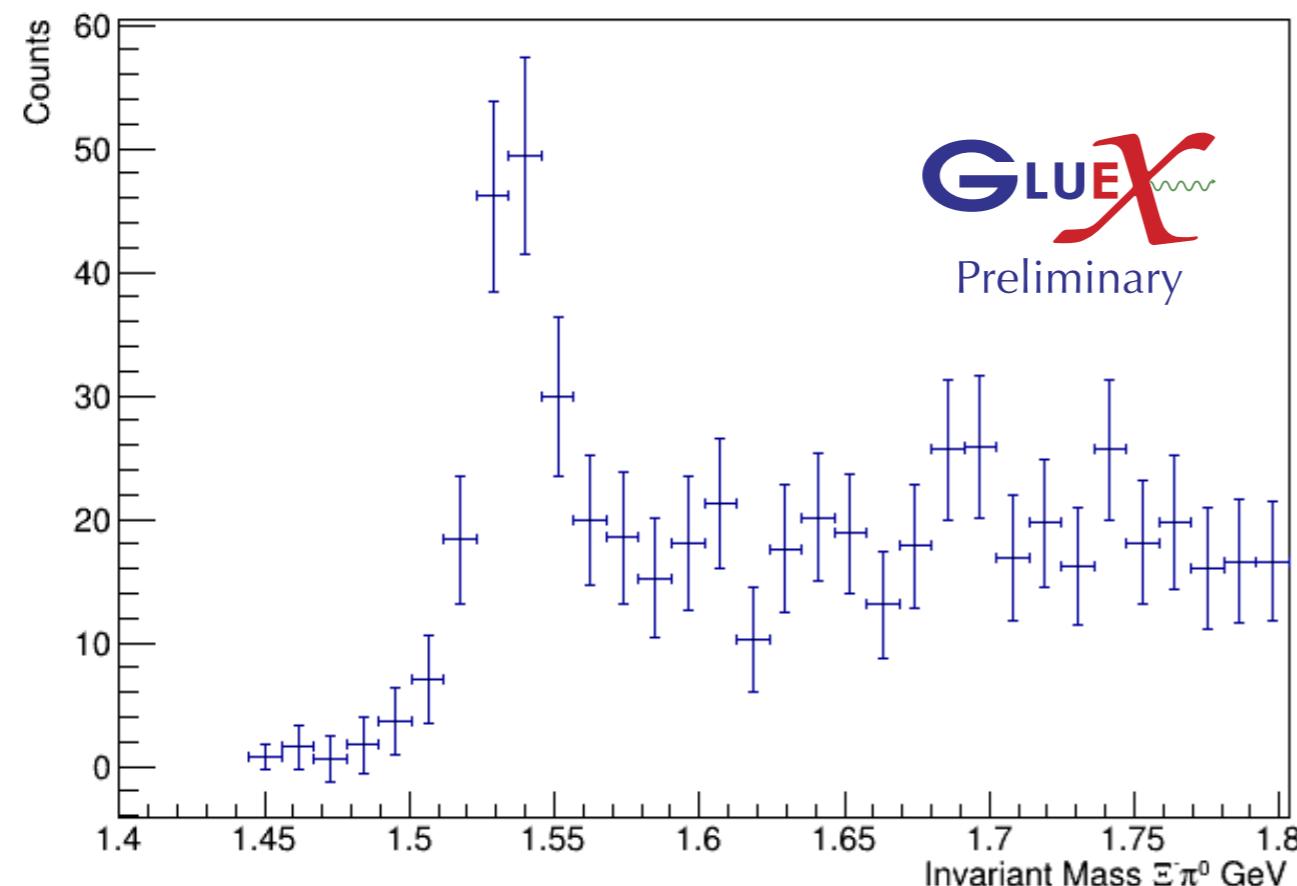
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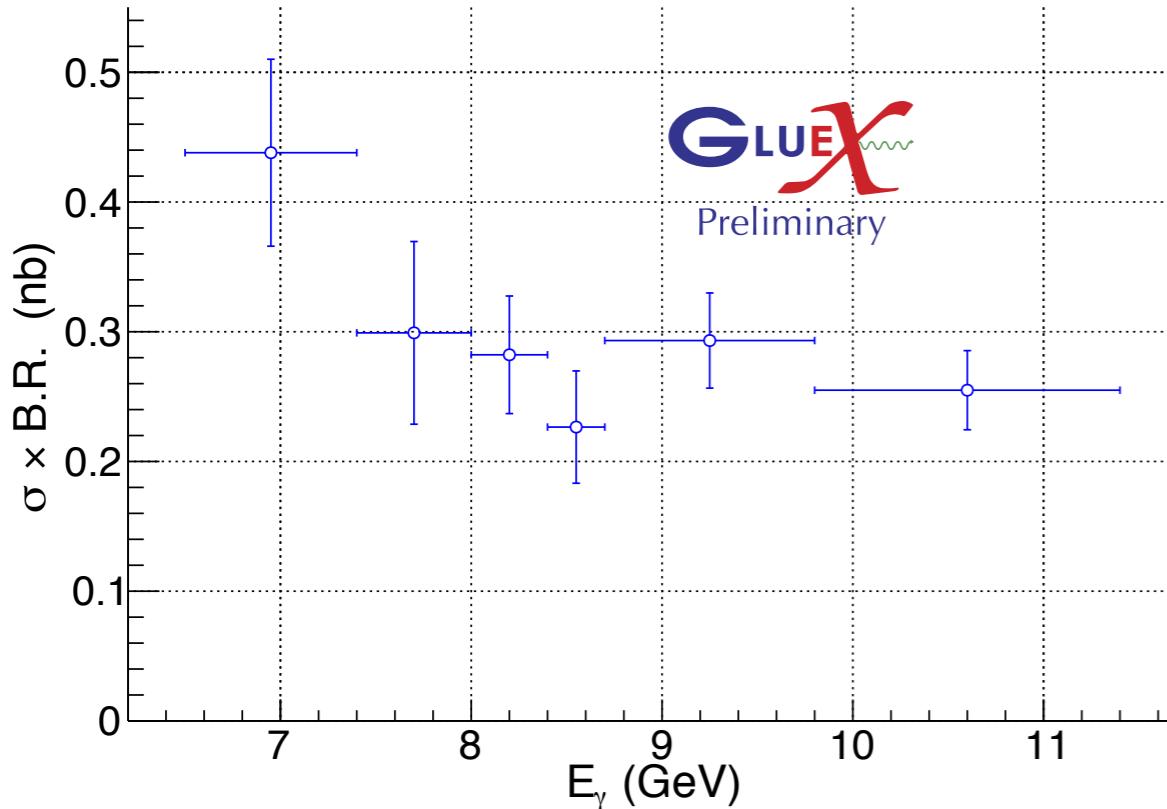
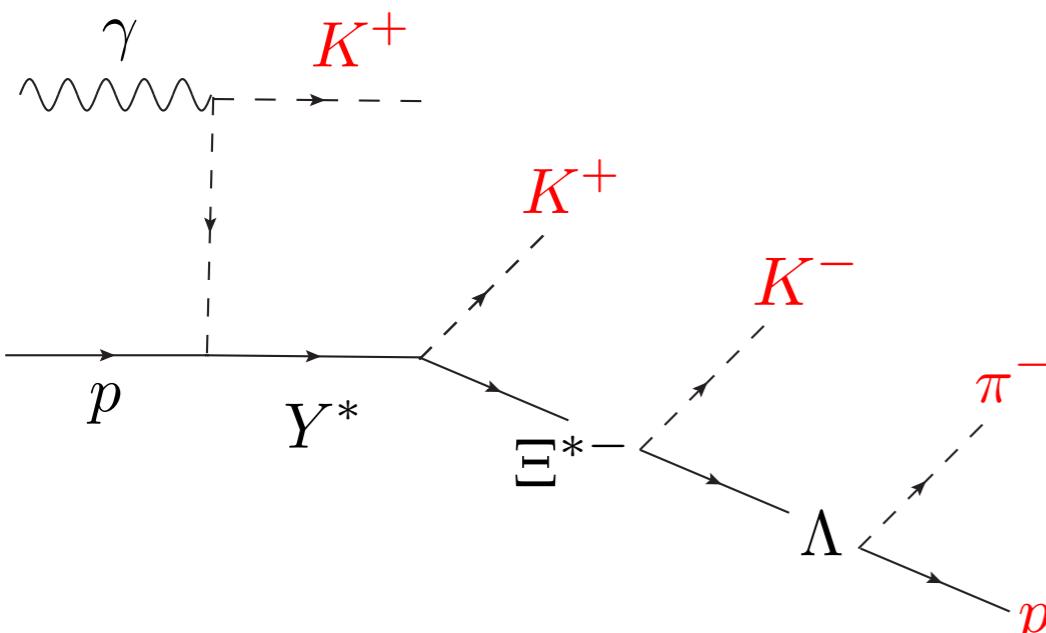
- $\sim 50\%$  of GlueX-I data
- Masses of  $\Lambda$  and pions are constrained in the kinematic fit
- $\Xi^*(1530) \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^0$
- No significant energy dependence for cross section

$$\langle \sigma \rangle = 0.16 \text{ nb}$$

standard deviation = 0.06 nb

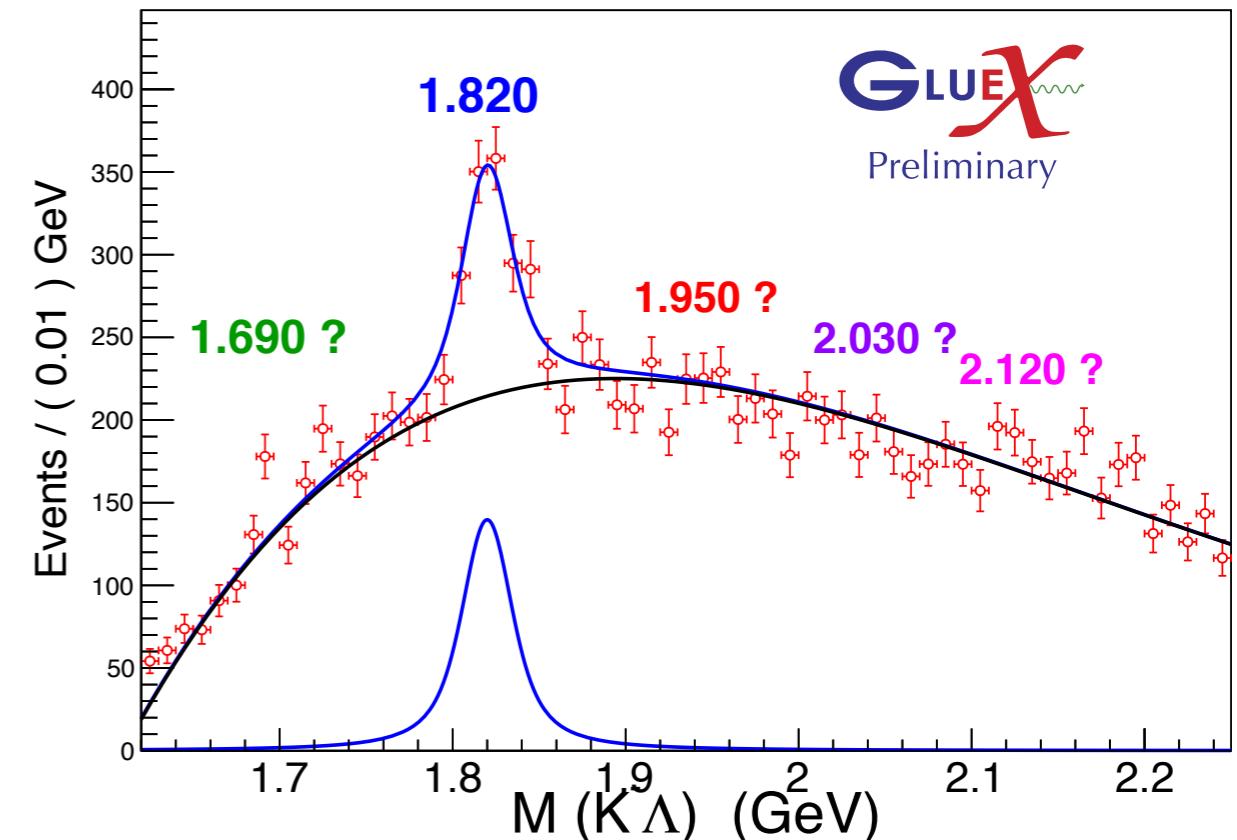
Brandon Sumner  
(GHP 2023)





Cross section for  $\Xi^{*-}(1820) \rightarrow K^- \Lambda$

Statistical uncertainties only



- GlueX-I data
- $\Xi^{*-}(1820) \rightarrow K^- \Lambda$
- First cross section results for  $\Xi^{*-}(1820) \rightarrow K^- \Lambda$  in photoproduction
- No significant energy dependence for cross section

# Summary and Outlook

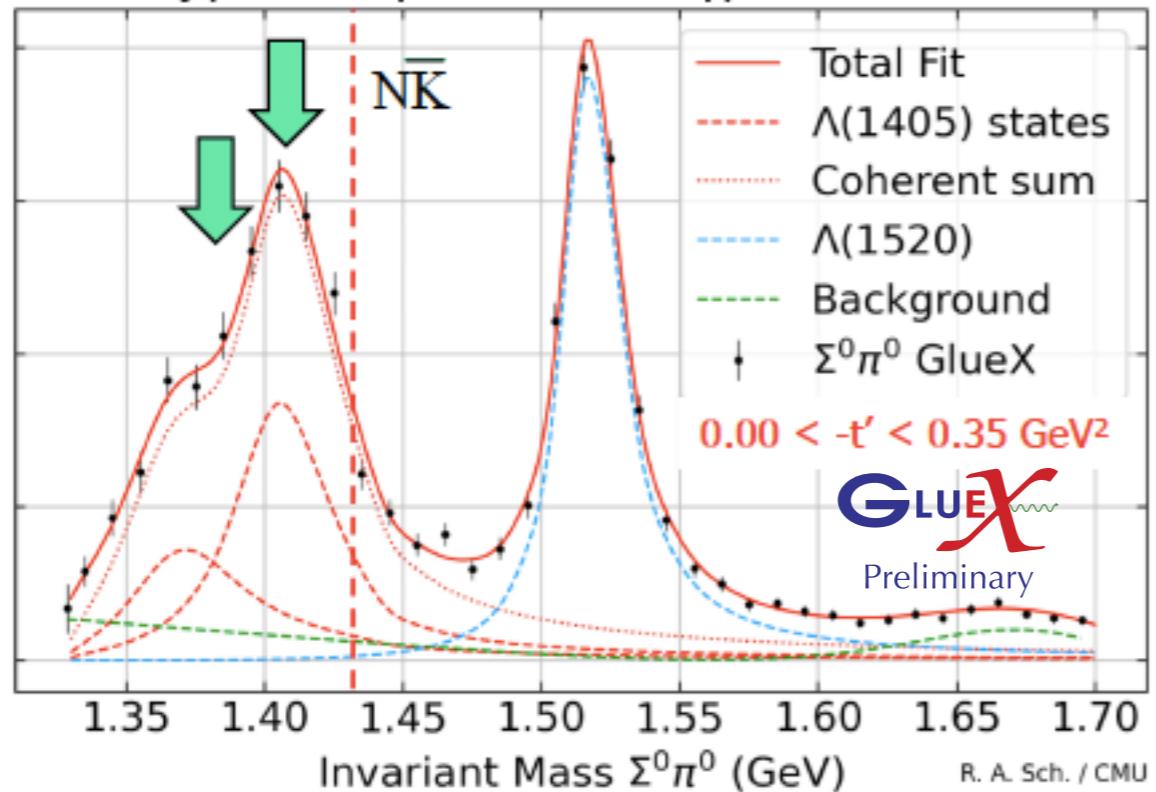
- GlueX is ideally suited for exclusive reconstruction of  $\Lambda(1405) \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \pi^0$ 
  - Observed  $\Lambda(1405)$  line shape clearly deviates from a Breit-Wigner form
  - Preliminary fits support two-pole structure for  $\Lambda(1405)$
- Studying  $Y, Y^*$  production mechanisms in photoproduction
  - $K^+ \Sigma^0$  beam asymmetry
  - $\Lambda(1520)$  SDMEs and cross section
  - $\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$  photoproduction
- GlueX data will provide valuable information on Cascades
  - $\Xi^-(1320)$
  - $\Xi^{*-}(1530)$
  - $\Xi^{*-}(1820)$

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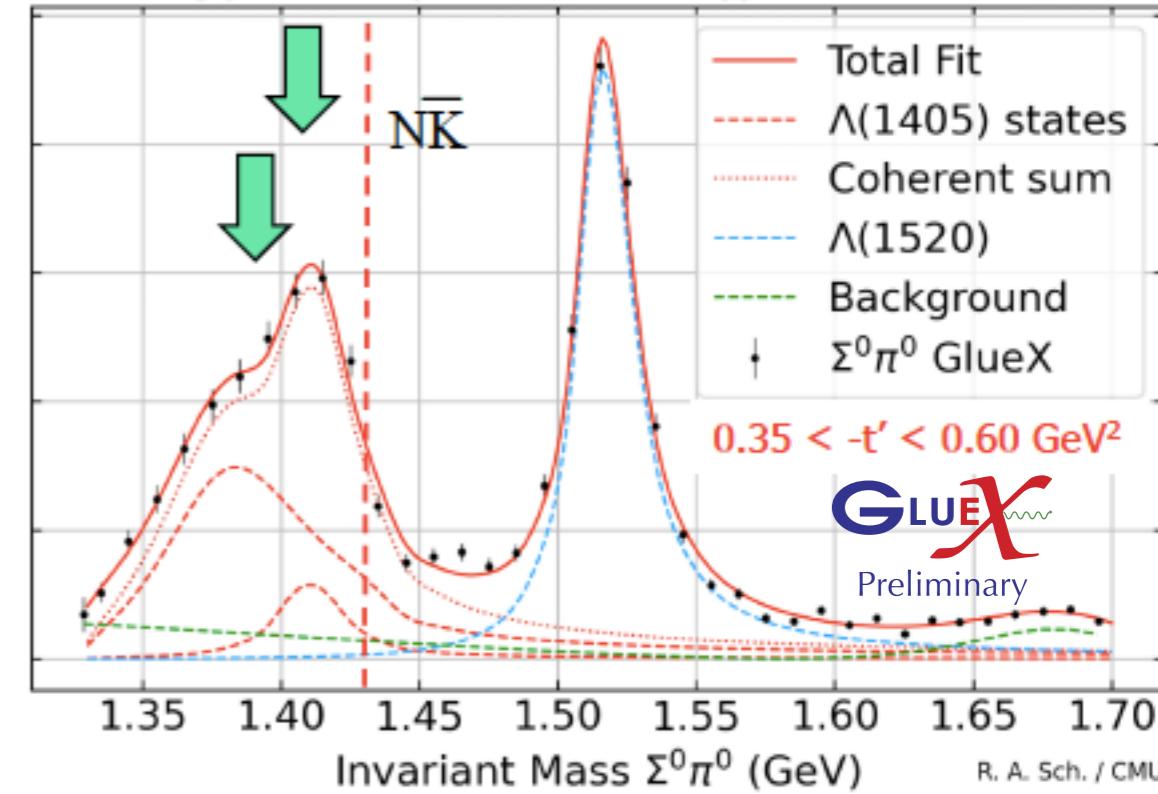


# Backup – $\Lambda(1405) \rightarrow \Sigma^0\pi^0$

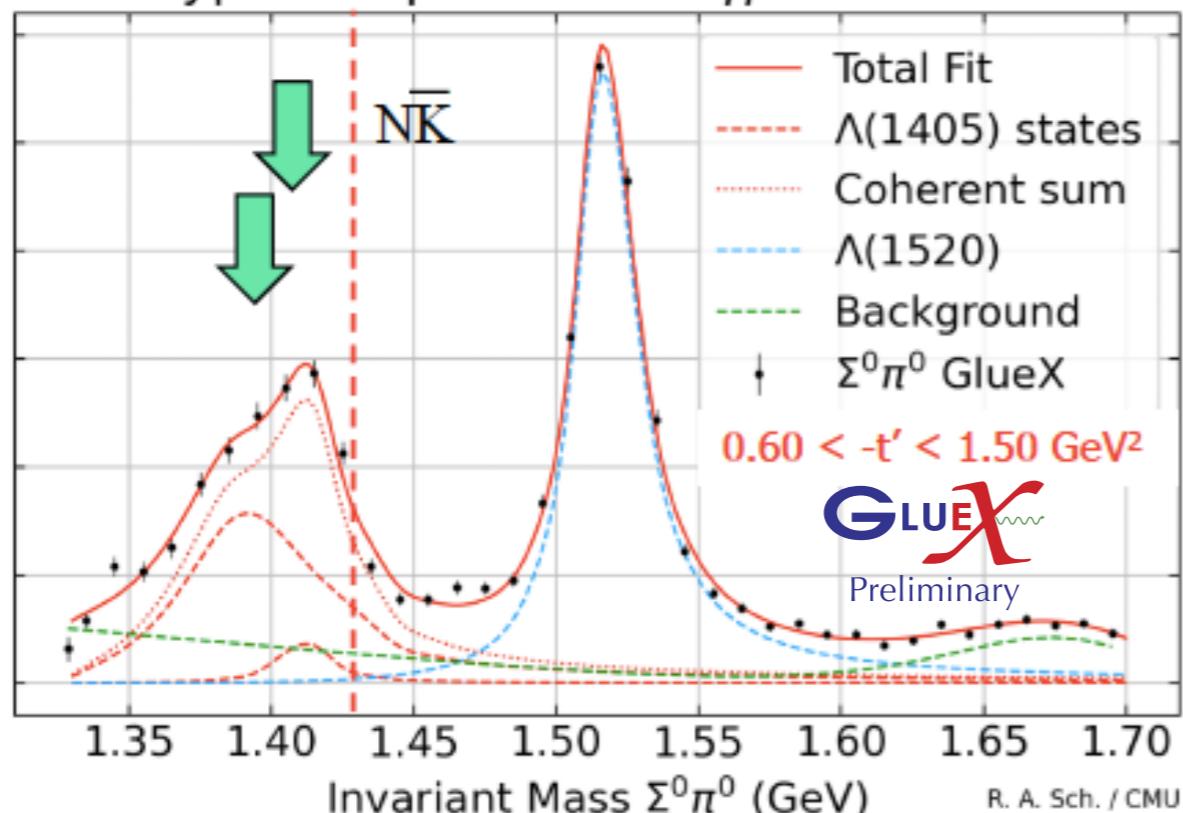
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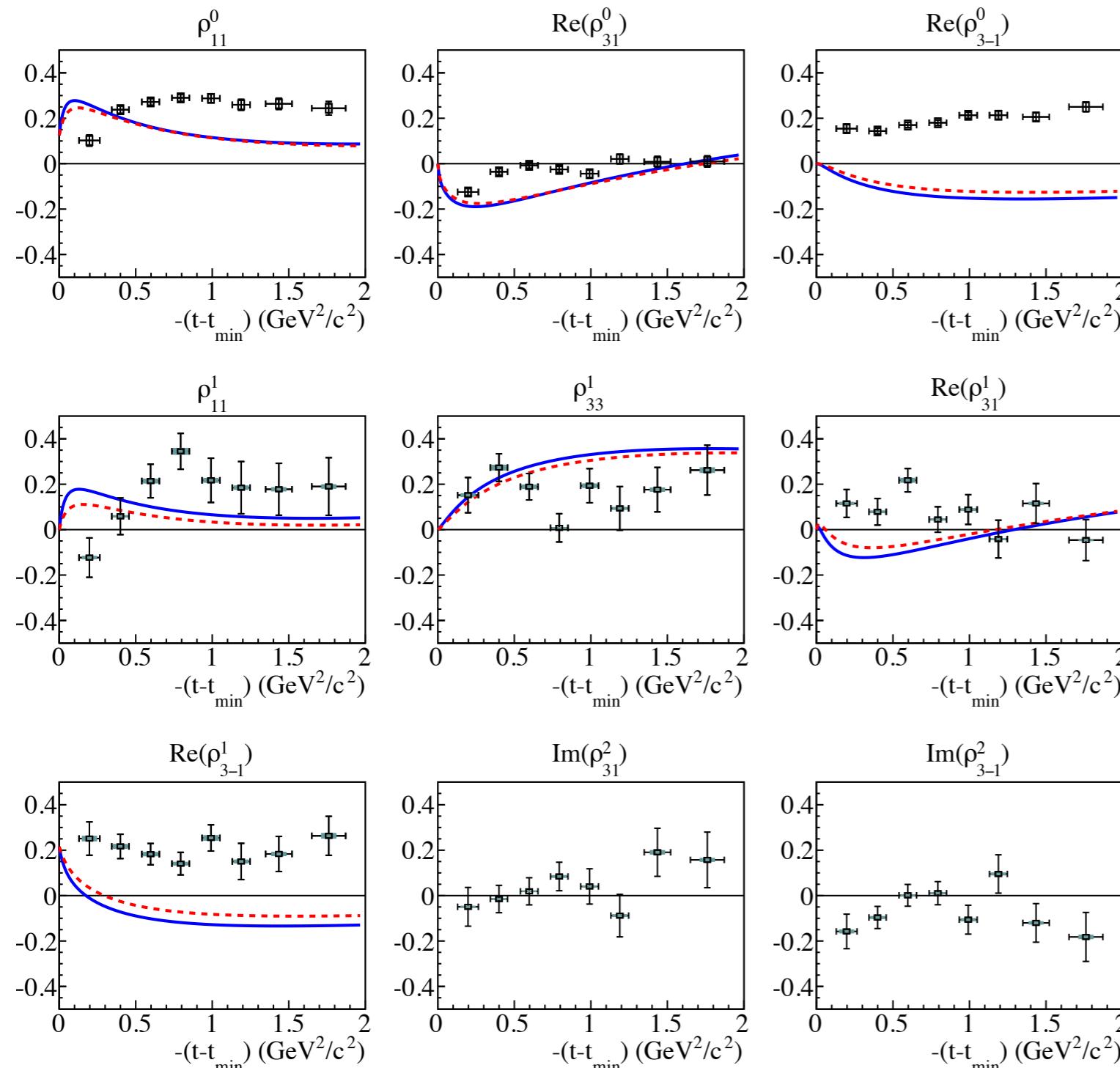


- Coherent fit to two  $\Lambda(1405)$ 's
- Incoherent  $\Lambda(1520)$  and backgrounds
- Relative intensities of two  $\Lambda(1405)$  's change with  $-t'$
- Fits describe the data well in all  $-t'$  bins
- Fits support two-pole structure
- K-matrix fits in progress

# $\Lambda(1520)$ SDMEs

- SDMEs are directly related to helicity amplitudes of the production process

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--- Model predictions in  
— Reggeized framework

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