

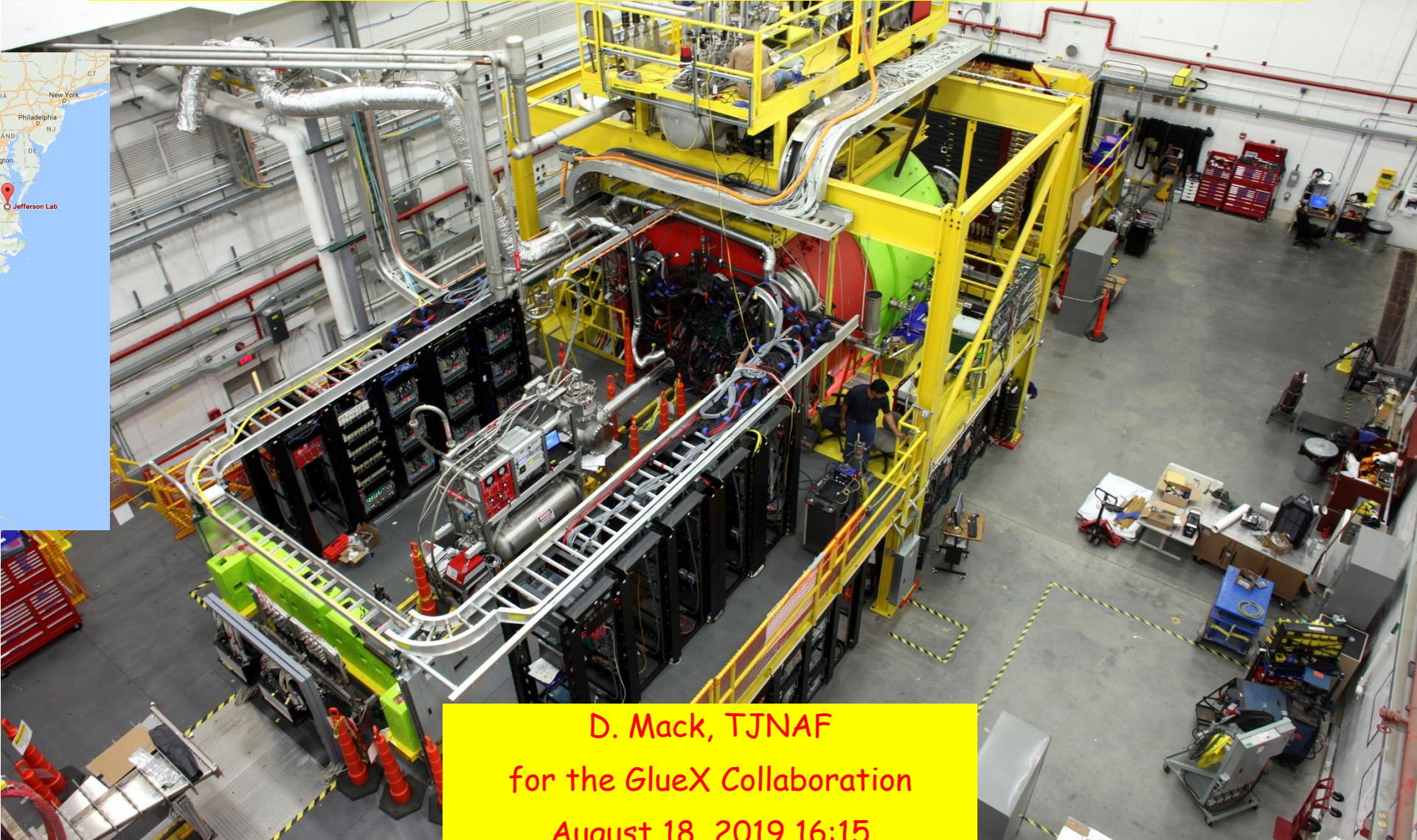
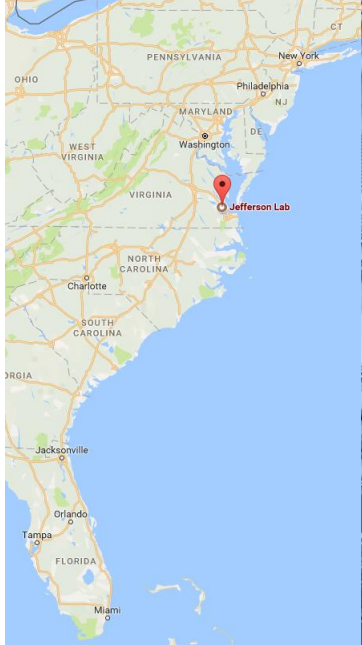
# Abstract Submitted to Hadron 2019

## Selected ~~Overview of~~ Light Meson Results from the GlueX Experiment D. Mack for the GlueX Collaboration, TJNAF

The GlueX experiment in Hall D at Jefferson Lab consists of a well-instrumented photon beamline in conjunction with a solenoidal spectrometer providing near-hermetic coverage for charged particles and photons. Since 2016, the experiment has had several run periods with a 9 GeV linearly polarized photon beam on a 30cm liquid hydrogen target, completing its initial low-intensity program. Light (i.e.,  $< 1.05 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ) meson studies have been critical to commissioning the GlueX detector, elucidating the photo-production reaction mechanism in this photon energy range, and testing the event selection techniques needed to search for exotic hybrid mesons. We have measured the beam asymmetries for photo-production of pseudo-scalar mesons including  $\pi^0$ ,  $\eta$ , and  $\eta'$ , and have preliminary results for the Spin Density Matrix Elements (SDMEs) for the vector mesons  $\omega$ ,  $\rho$ , and  $\phi$ . ~~Cross-section determinations are in progress for all these mesons, usually in more than one decay branch, and with 3-7 particles exclusively detected in the final state. The outlook appears encouraging for GlueX to measure precise, competitive Dalitz plots for  $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$  and  $\eta' \rightarrow \eta 2\pi$ . The latter  $\eta' \rightarrow \eta 2\pi$  studies are synergistic with exploratory studies of the continuum  $M(\eta 2\pi)$  spectrum between 1.5 to 2.5  $\text{GeV}/c^2$  where we plan to search for hybrid exotic mesons.~~



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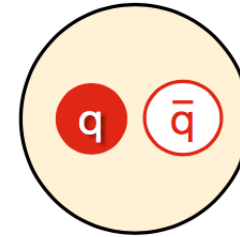
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# Overview

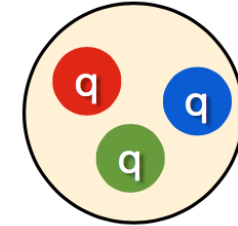
- GlueX principal motivation: hybrid meson searches
- Synergies with light meson studies (  $< 1.05 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  )
- Beam asymmetry  $\Sigma$  measurements of  $\pi^0$ ,  $\eta$ , and  $\eta'$  photo-production
- Spin Density Matrix Element (SDME) measurements of vector meson photo-production

# GlueX Principal Motivation

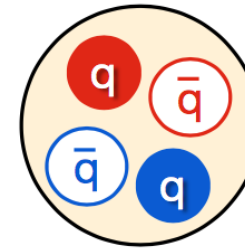
- Idea: study QCD through spectrum of bound states
  - Static properties of known hadrons well described by first- principals calculations
  - Modern experiments provide wealth of data to push boundaries of our knowledge
- Open questions:
  - What is the origin of confinement?
  - Which color-singlet states exist in nature?



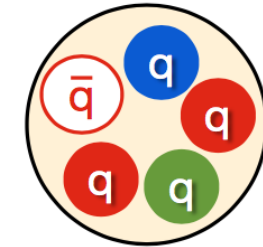
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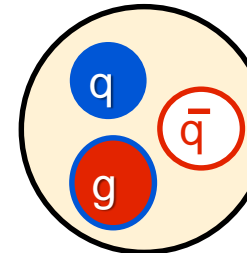


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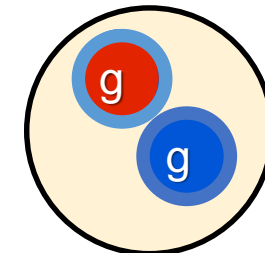


**pentaquark**

- **Do gluonic degrees of freedom manifest themselves in the bound states that we observe?**



**hybrid meson**



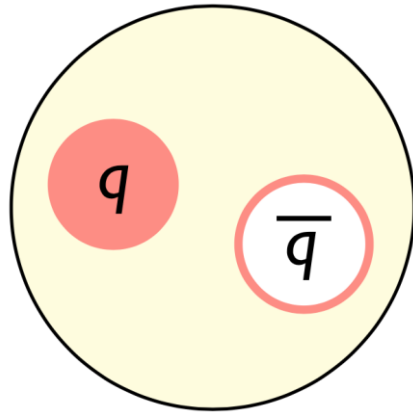
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# Search Filter for Hybrid Mesons: "Exotic" Quantum Numbers

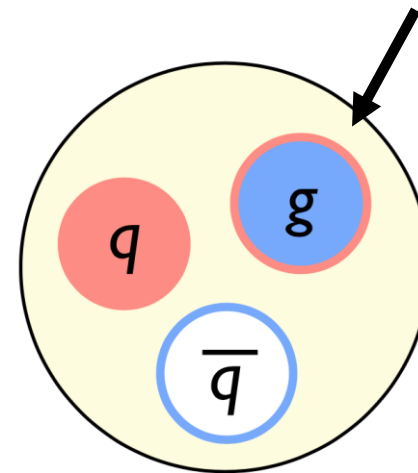
Mesons are arranged in groups of 9 ("nonets") with same  $J^{PC}$

$$J=L+S \quad P=(-1)^{L+1} \quad C=(-1)^{L+S}$$



"Normal" Meson

gluonic field excitation  $\rightarrow$   
"constituent gluon" ( $J^{PC}$ ) =  $1^{+-}$



"Hybrid" Meson

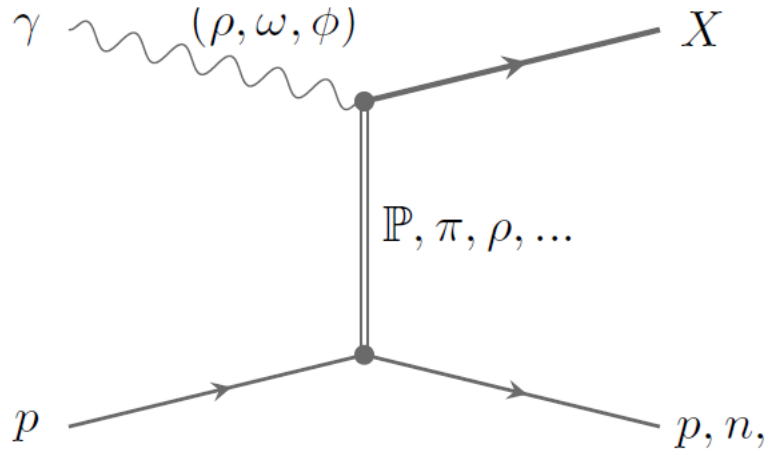
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Mesons with exotic quantum numbers of  $0^{+-}, 1^{-+}, 2^{+-}$  would be suggestive of constituent gluon content.

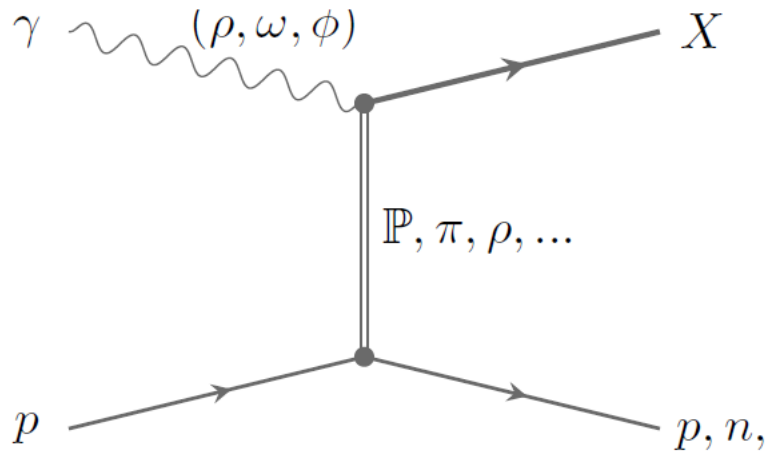
From LQCD, nominal hybrid mass search range is 1.5 - 2.5  $GeV/c^2$ .

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Exchange		Exotic Final States	
$\mathbb{P}$	$0^{++}$	$b, h, h'$	$2^{+-}, 0^{+-}$
$\pi^0$	$0^{-+}$	$b_2, h_2, h'_2$	$2^{+-}$
$\pi^\pm$	$0^{-+}$	$\pi_1^\pm$	$1^{-+}$
$\omega$	$1^{--}$	$\pi_1, \eta_1, \eta'_1$	$1^{-+}$

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 $\eta'_1 \rightarrow K^*K, K_1(1270)K, K_1(1410)K, \eta\eta'$

$b_2 \rightarrow \omega\pi, a_2\pi, \rho\eta, f_1\rho, a_1\pi, h_1\pi, b_1\eta$   
 $h_2 \rightarrow \rho\pi, b_1\pi, \omega\eta, f_1\omega$   
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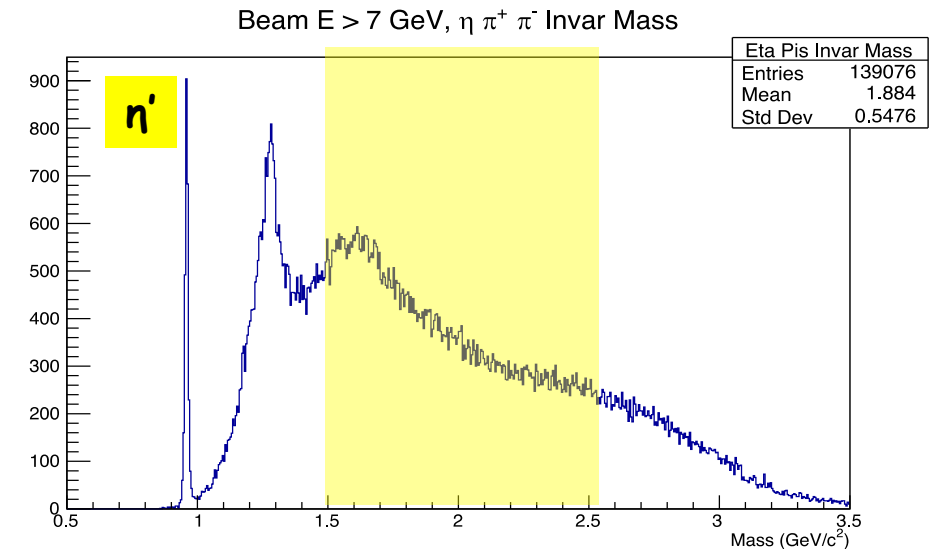
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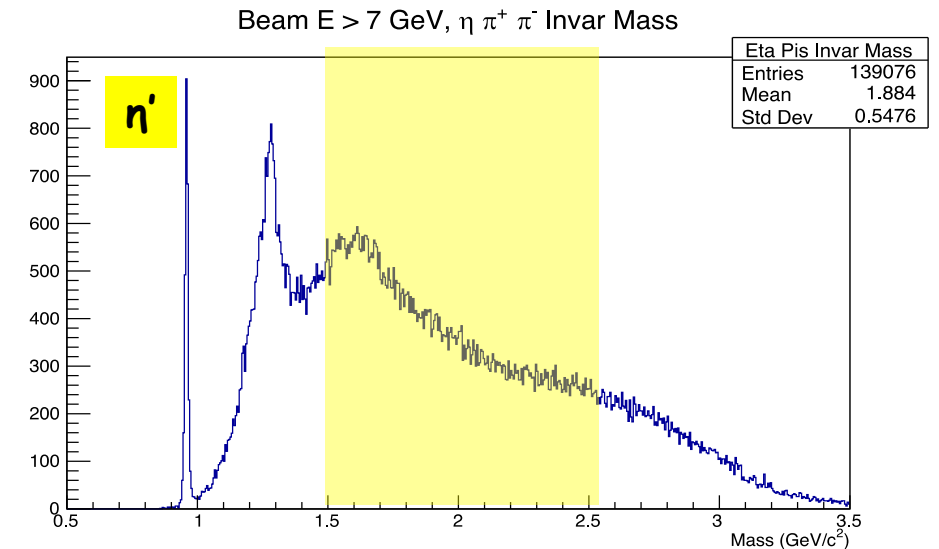
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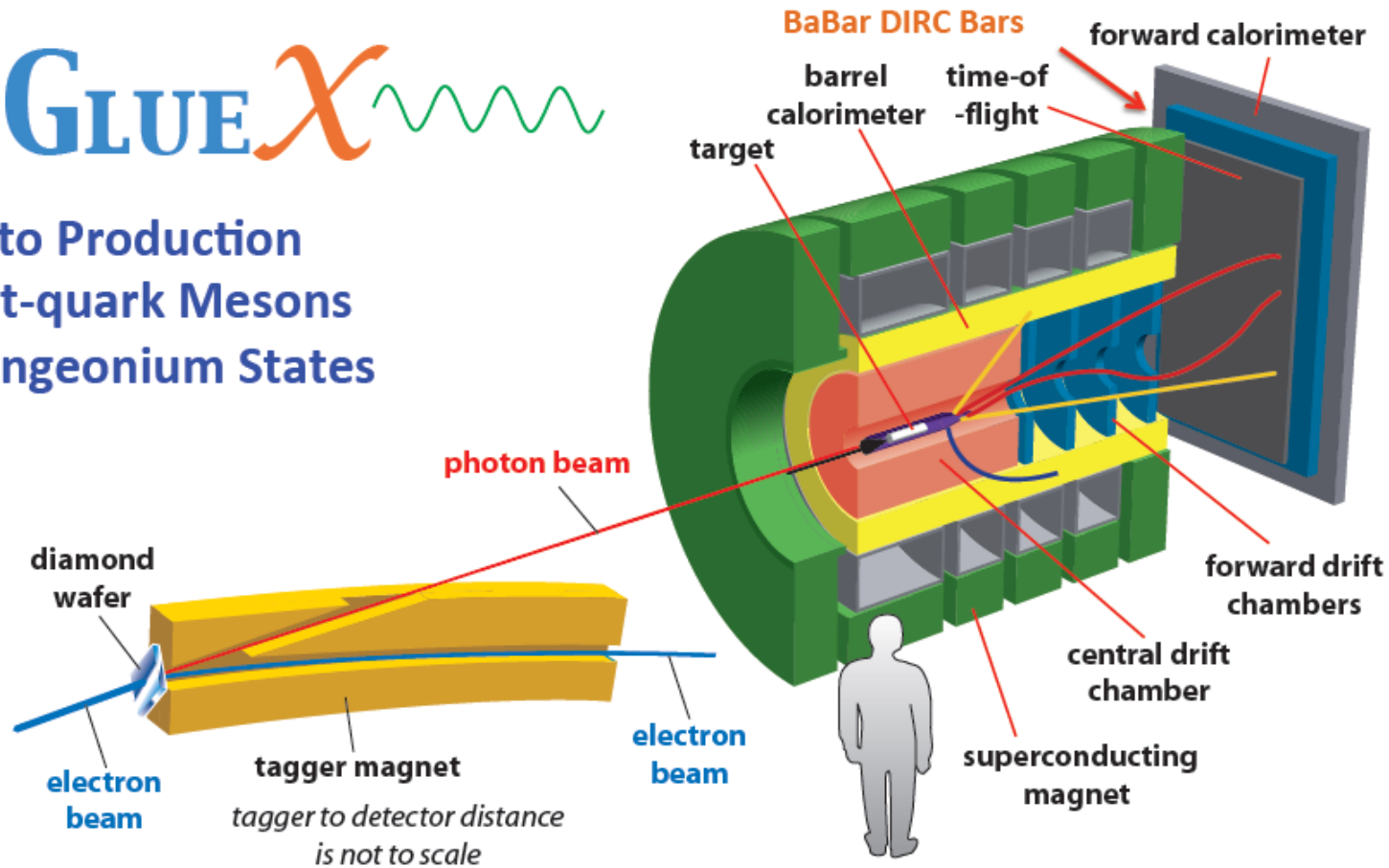
- $\Sigma$  asymmetry studies of  $\eta^{(\prime)}$  production have allowed us to develop cuts and study backgrounds while surveying higher masses.
- SDME studies of the vector mesons  $\rho$ ,  $\omega$ , and  $\phi$ , as well as cross-section studies, are testing our acceptance corrections.
- The building blocks for nearly all the hybrid meson candidates on the previous slide have now been studied in GlueX.

# The GlueX Experiment at Jefferson Lab



## GLUEX

Photo Production  
Light-quark Mesons  
Strangeonium States



Salient features for the field of meson spectroscopy:

- Intense beam of 3-12 GeV photons of known energy
- 40% linear polarization in the coherent peak near 9 GeV.

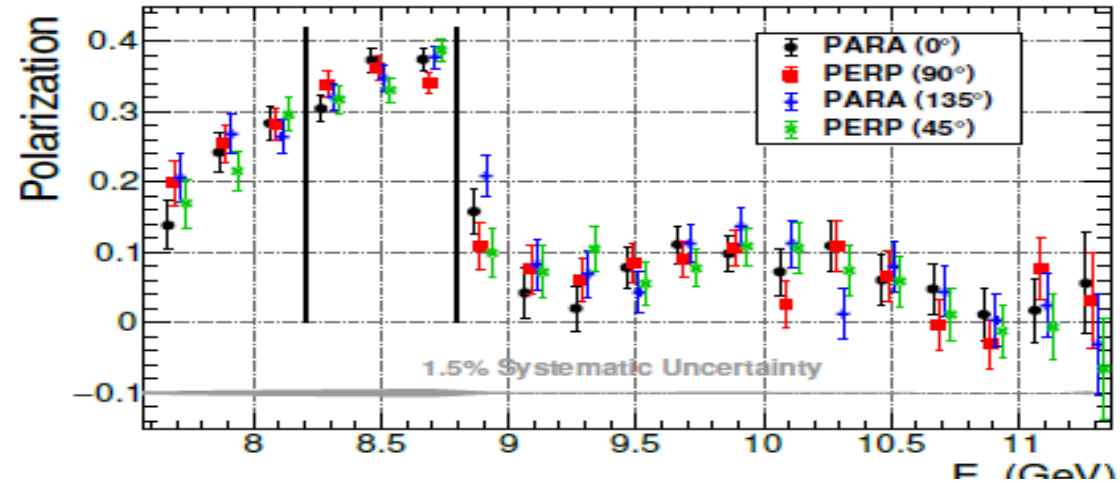
Sparse bubble chamber data from SLAC were all that existed for photons of this energy.

# Polarimetry , Flux, and $W = \text{sqrt}(s)$

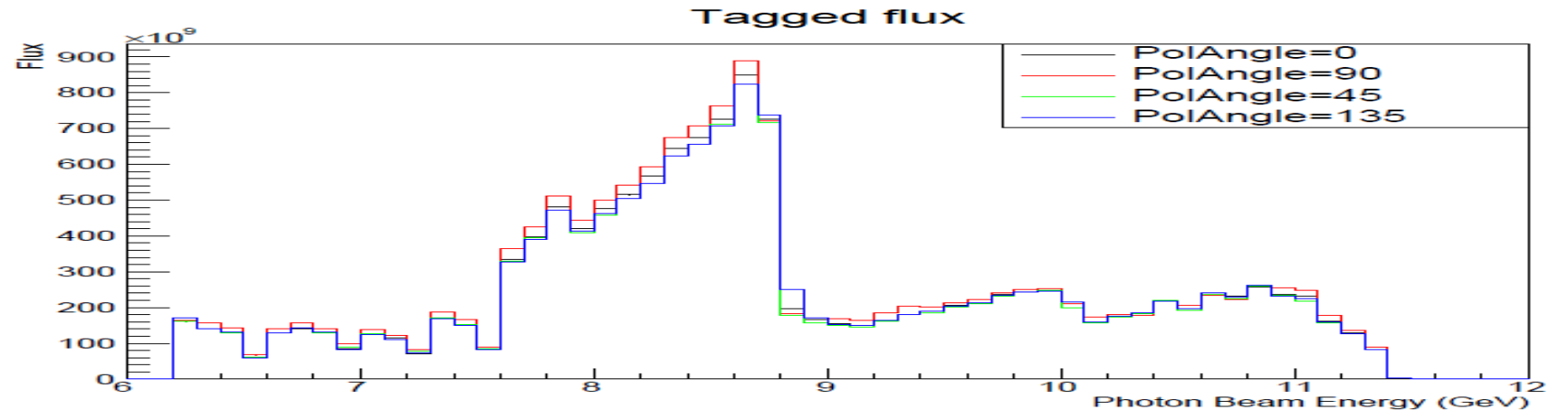
Using oriented diamond radiator, the peak polarization is near 40%.

Precision beam polarimetry (+-1.5% uncertainty) is provided by the Triplet POLarmeter (TPOL):

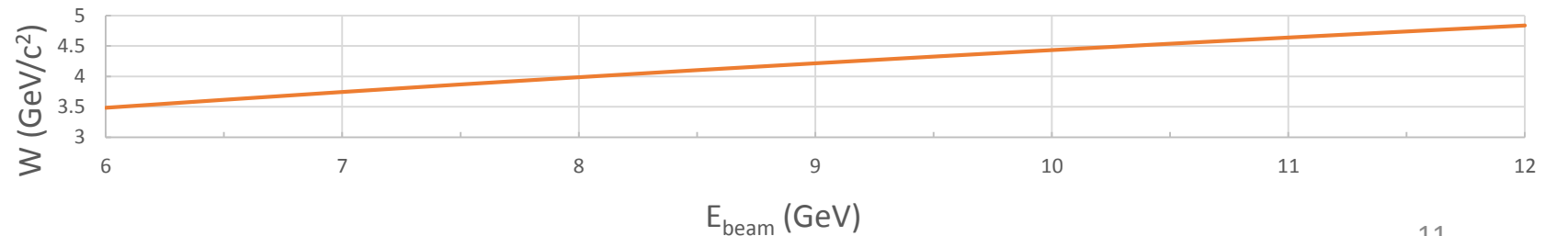
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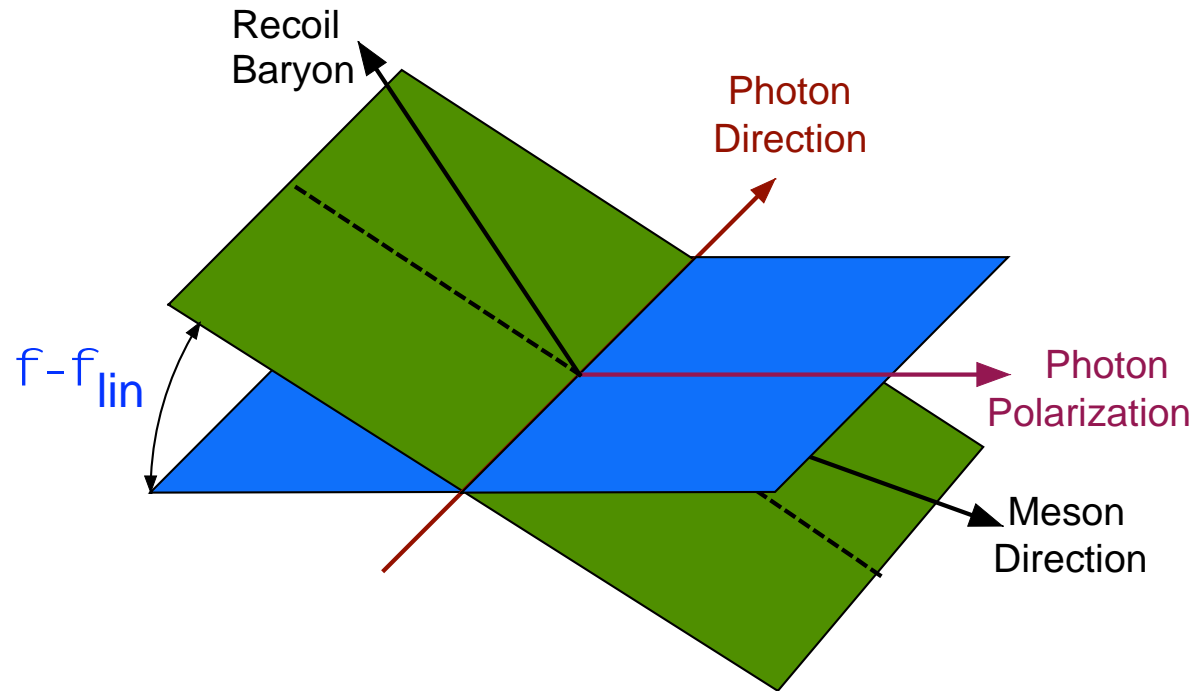


Flux also peaks near 8.8 GeV.



In the coherent peak,  
 $W = \text{sqrt}(s) \sim 4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ , well above  
the baryon resonance region.



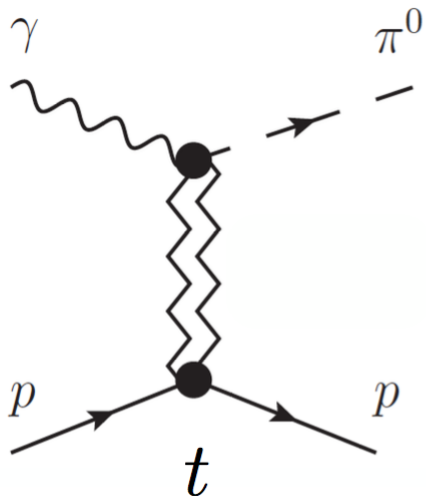


**The Beam Asymmetry,  $\Sigma$ , for  $\gamma + p \rightarrow p + PS$**   
Tests the reaction mechanism for photo-production.

See also W. McGinley MENU 2019: <https://registration.mcs.cmu.edu/event/1/contributions/145/>

# Beam Asymmetries: $\gamma p \rightarrow p + \pi^0 / \eta^{(\prime)}$

- Understanding the reaction mechanism for photo-production of pseudo-scalar mesons.
- "Production of the lightest multiplet of exotic mesons with  $J^{PC} = 1^+$  involves the same Regge exchanges that appear in the production of ordinary pseudoscalar mesons, like  $\pi^0$ ,  $\eta$ , and  $\eta'$ ." <https://arxiv.org/abs/1704.07684v2>
- Through Finite Energy Sum Rules, data at high energy described by exchange of meson Regge poles can constrain models at lower energy in the baryon resonance region. <https://arxiv.org/abs/1708.07779>
- ??? Understanding production mechanisms necessary to determine  $J^{PC}$  of mesons in amplitude analyses.



**Exchange  $J^{PC}$**

$1^{--} : \omega, \rho$

$1^{+-} : b, h$

$$\Sigma = \frac{|\omega + \rho|^2 - |h + b|^2}{|\omega + \rho|^2 + |h + b|^2}$$

$\Sigma \sim 1$  means dominance of vector (natural parity) exchange.

$\Sigma \sim -1$  means dominance of axial vector (unnatural parity) exchange



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To avoid having to correct for  $A(\phi)$ , we combine measurements at two values of  $\phi_s$ ,

for  $\phi_s = 0^\circ$  (Parallel), 
$$Y_{\text{Para}}(\phi) = \sigma_0[1 - P\Sigma\cos(2\phi)] A(\phi)$$

for  $\phi_s = 90^\circ$  (Perpendicular), 
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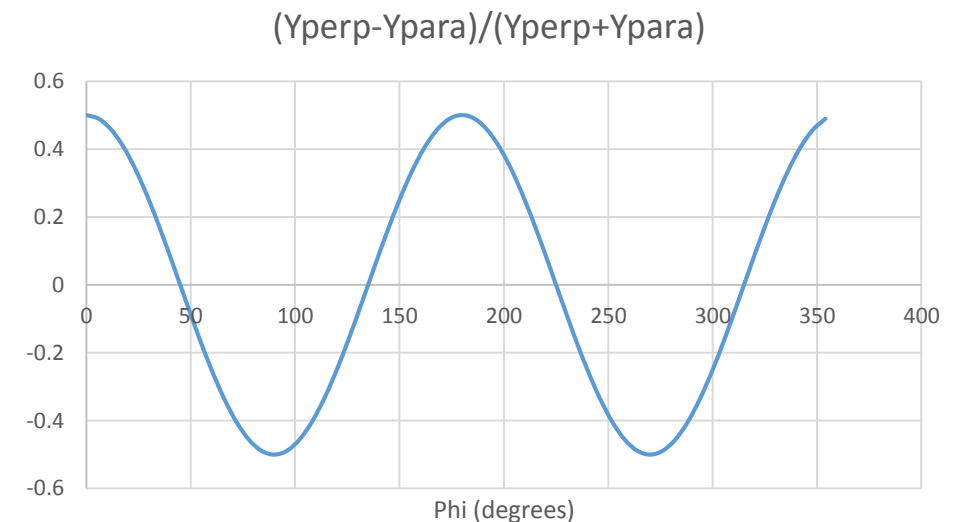
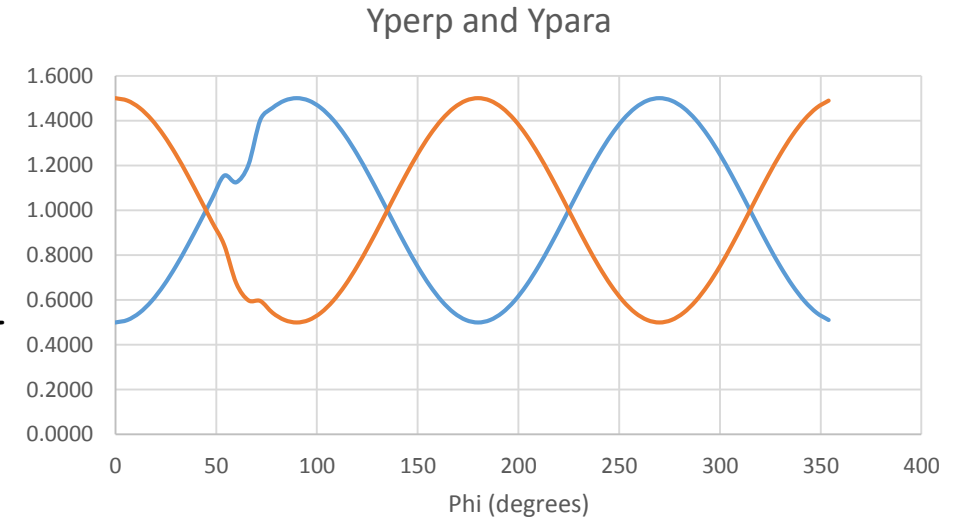
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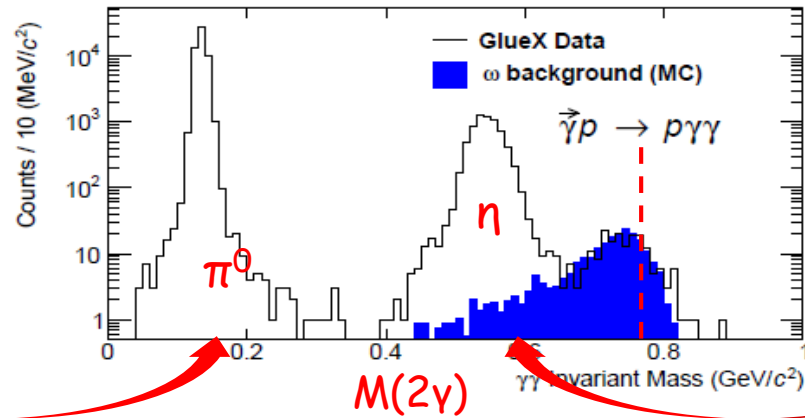
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As long as the inefficiency doesn't change with time, it cancels exactly.

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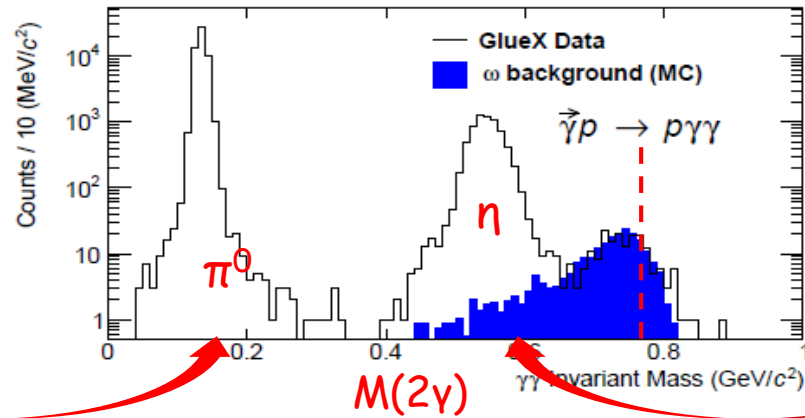
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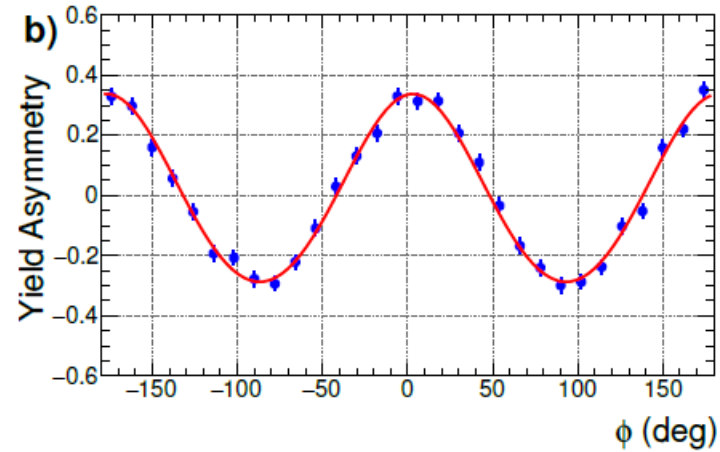
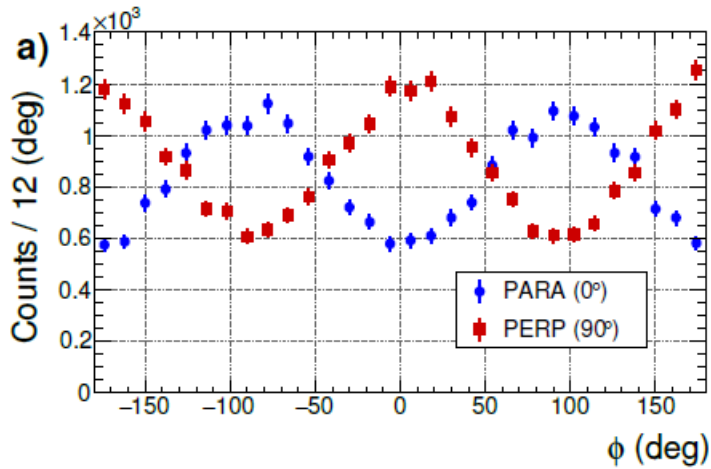


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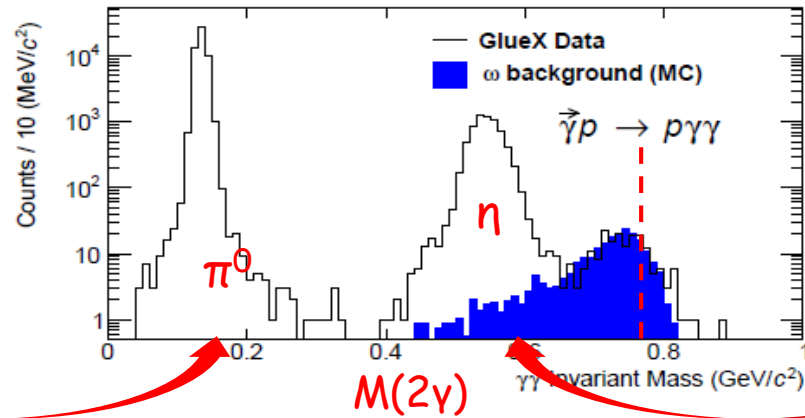
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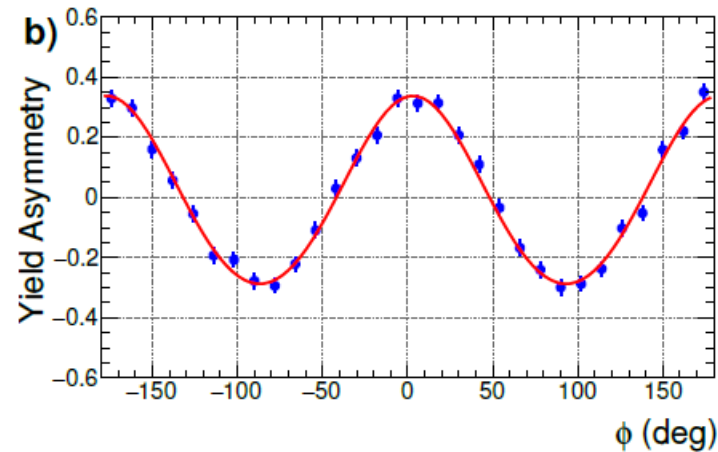
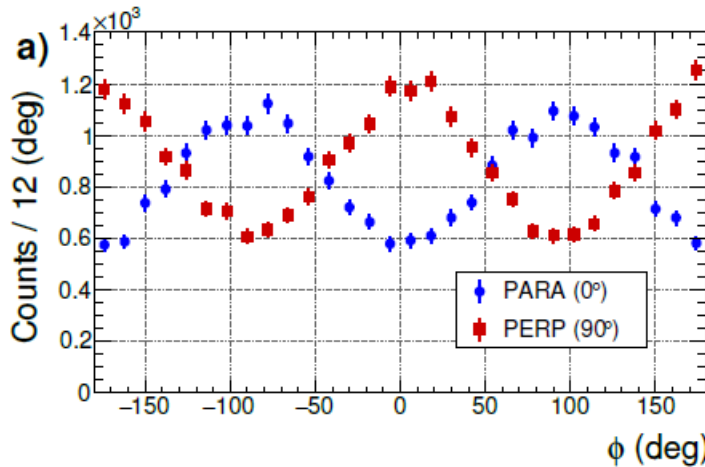


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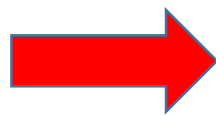
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In practice, we fit  $\Sigma$  allowing for  $P_{\text{perp}} \neq P_{\text{para}}$  as well as a small azimuthal offset between  $\phi$  of the detector and  $\phi_s$  of the diamond.

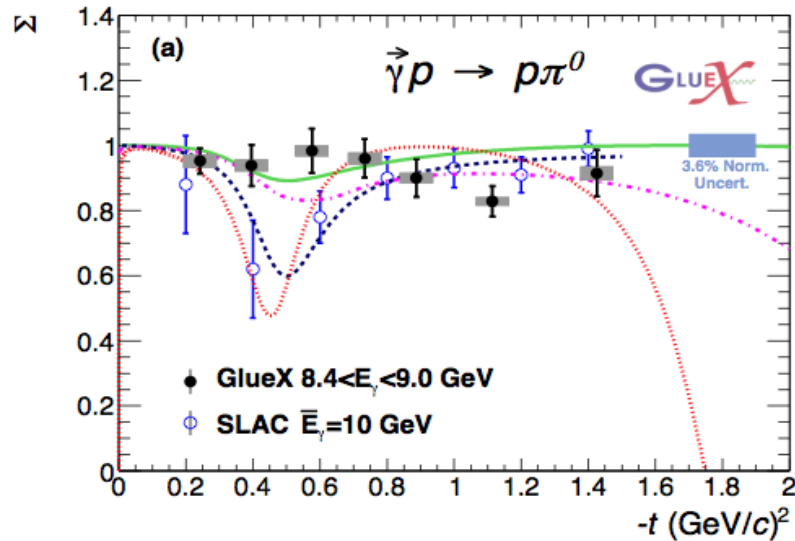


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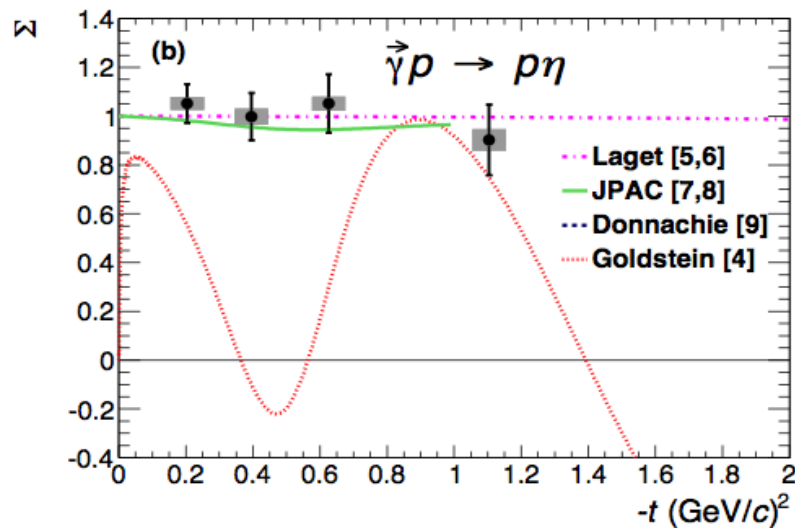


# Beam Asymmetries from 2016: $\gamma p \rightarrow p + \pi^0 / \eta$

Asymmetry  $\Sigma$



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Our first GlueX physics publication!

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<https://arxiv.org/abs/1701.08123>

Sabbatical project of Zhenyu "Jane" Zhang, Wuhan U.

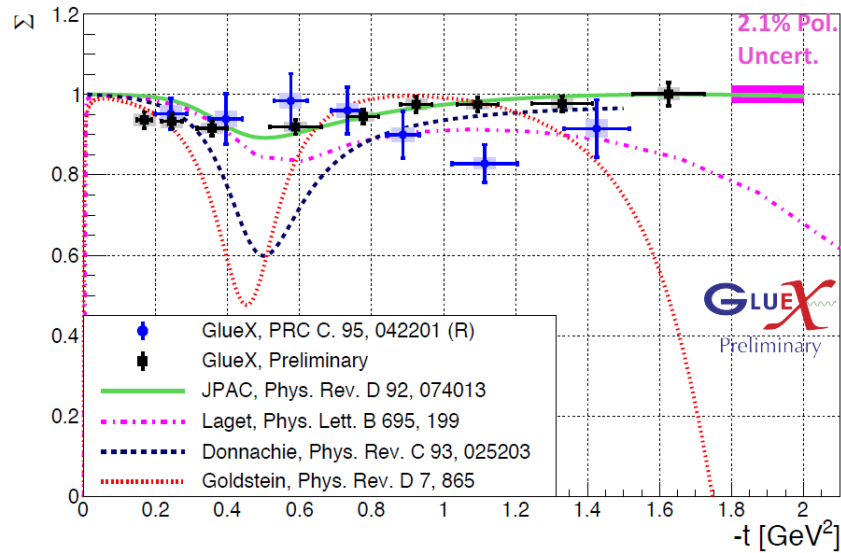
Exclusive, very low bkg measurements of  $\gamma p \rightarrow p + 2\gamma$  using only 2016 data:

- $\Sigma \approx 1$  indicates vector exchange dominates this beam energy and  $-t$  range.
- The  $\eta$  measurement is the first in this beam energy range.

# Updated Beam Asymmetries from 2017: $\gamma p \rightarrow p + \pi^0 / \eta$

$\pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma$

Asymmetry  $\Sigma$



$\pi^0$  and  $\eta$  results have been updated with the 8x larger 2017 dataset.

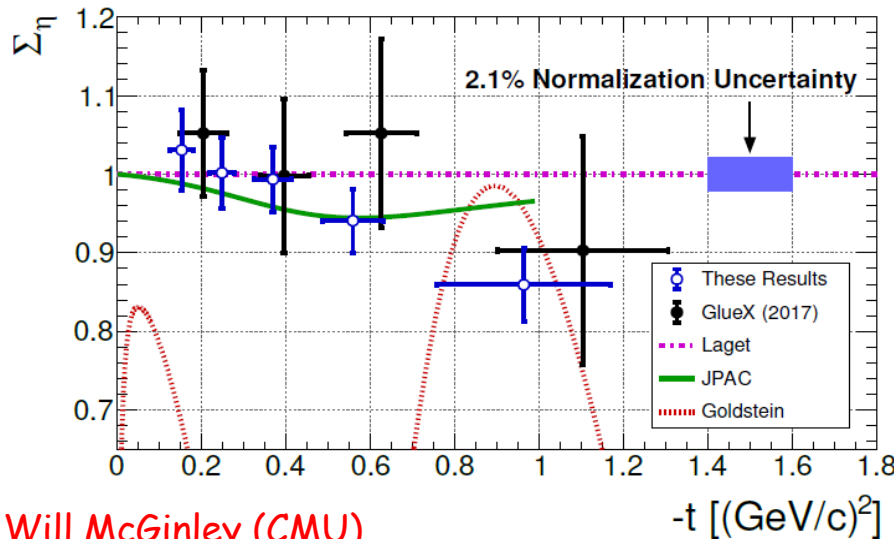
High statistics  $\pi^0$  data allowed us to explore fit systematics at the sub-percent level.

Paper draft under internal review.

These much more precise data (in blue) elucidate the higher order contributions from axial vector meson exchange such as the  $b_1(1235)$

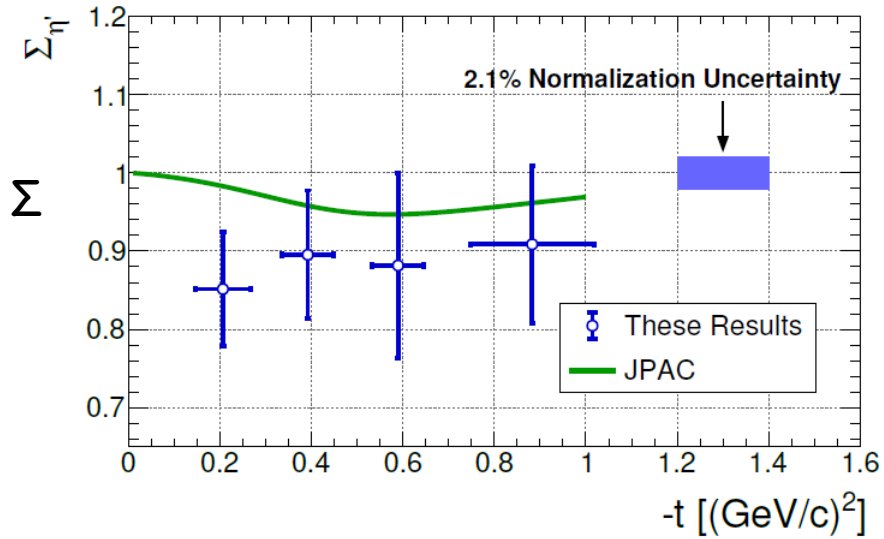
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Thesis work of Will McGinley (CMU)

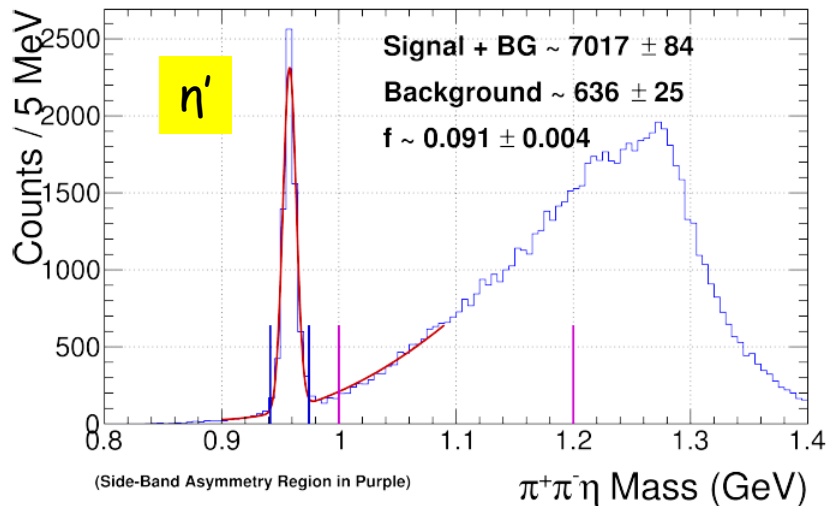
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- Uses our cleanest, highest yield  $\eta'$  channel:  $\eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^- \rightarrow 2\gamma \pi^+ \pi^-$
- All 5 final state particles (including the recoil proton) are detected with an acceptance of  $\sim 10\%$ .

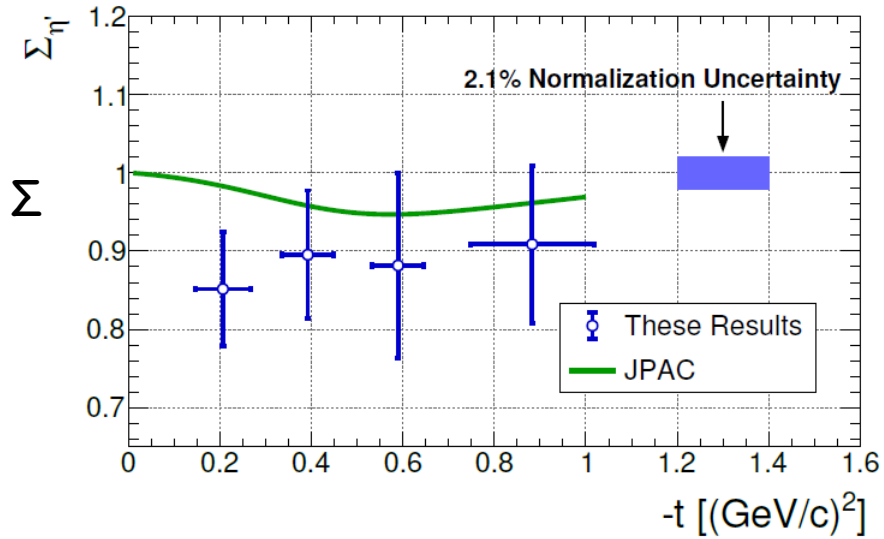
With these limited  $\eta'$  statistics, all we can say with confidence is that the  $\eta'$  results are dominated by vector meson exchange.

$\pi^+ \pi^- \eta$  Mass Post-Cut



Thesis topic of Tegan Beattie (U. Regina)

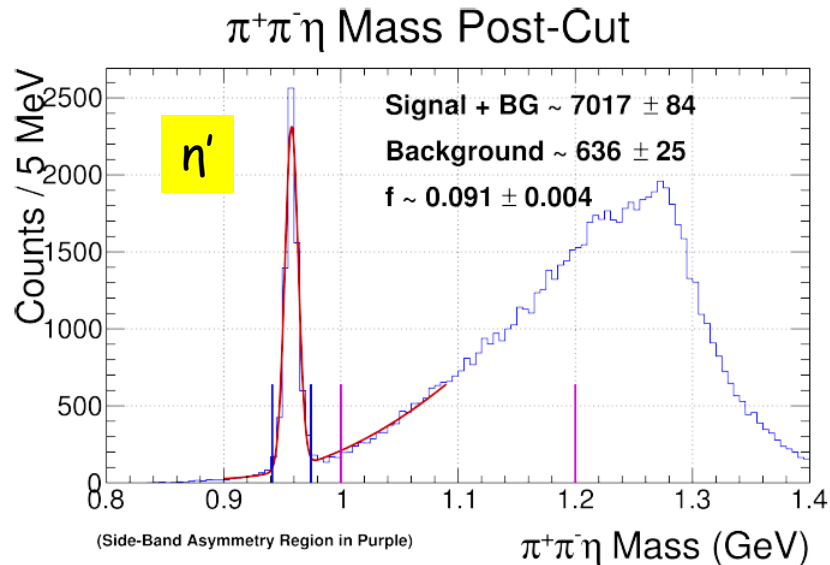
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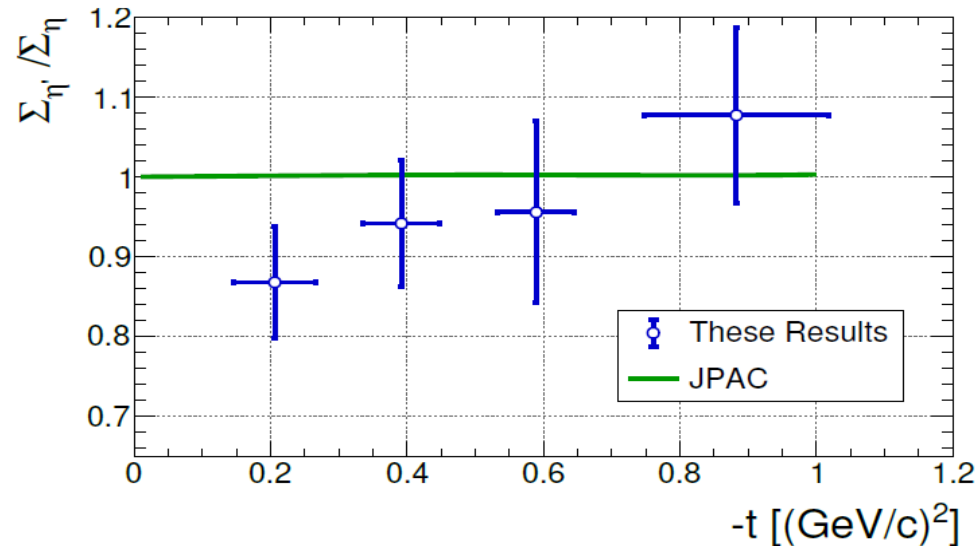
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- All 5 final state particles (including the recoil proton) are detected with an acceptance of  $\sim 10\%$ .

With these limited  $\eta'$  statistics, all we can say with confidence is that the  $\eta'$  results are dominated by vector meson exchange.

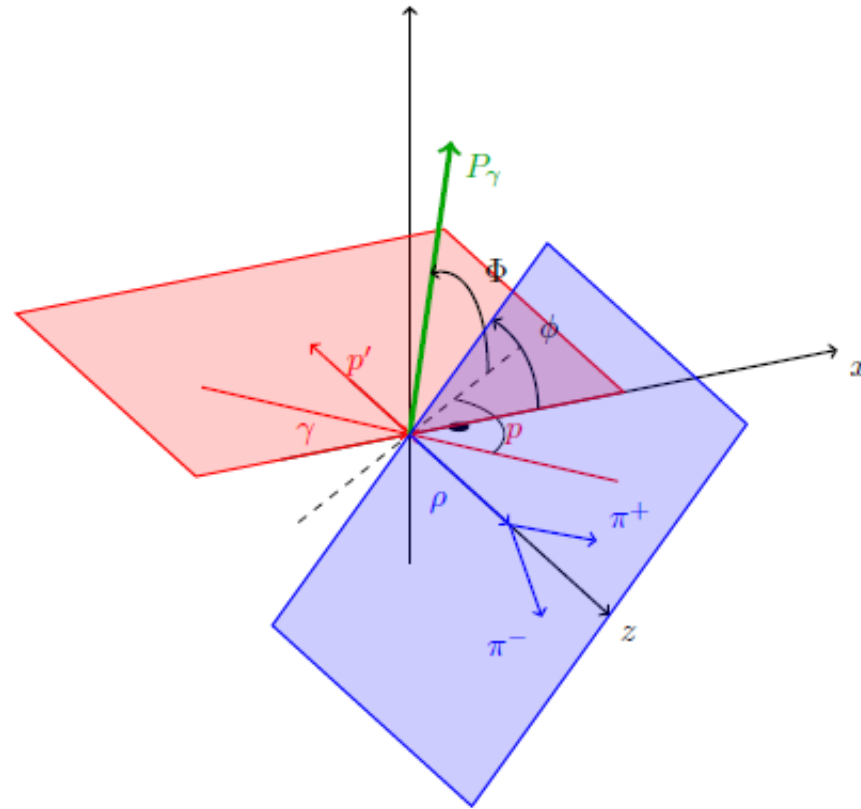
The ratio of  $\eta'/\eta$  asymmetries should be exactly 1 without hidden strangeness (eg,  $\phi$  exchange). With expected levels of s-sbar in the nucleon, the ratio should be  $\sim 1.005$ . <https://arxiv.org/abs/1704.07684>



Thesis topic of Tegan Beattie (U. Regina)



The 4x larger 2018 dataset would allow a more convincing check that  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$  photoproduction are similar as expected.



## Spin Density Matrix Elements (SDME's) for Vector Meson Photo-production

Also tests the reaction mechanism for photo-production, but now including the richer information provided by decay of a vector meson.

See also A. Austregesilo MENU 2019: <https://registration.mcs.cmu.edu/event/1/contributions/41/>

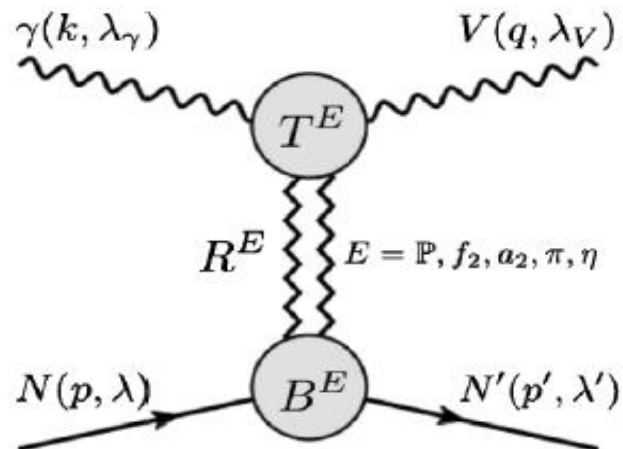


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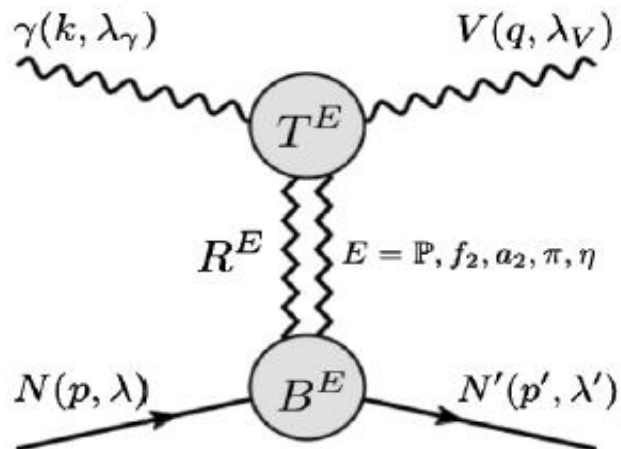
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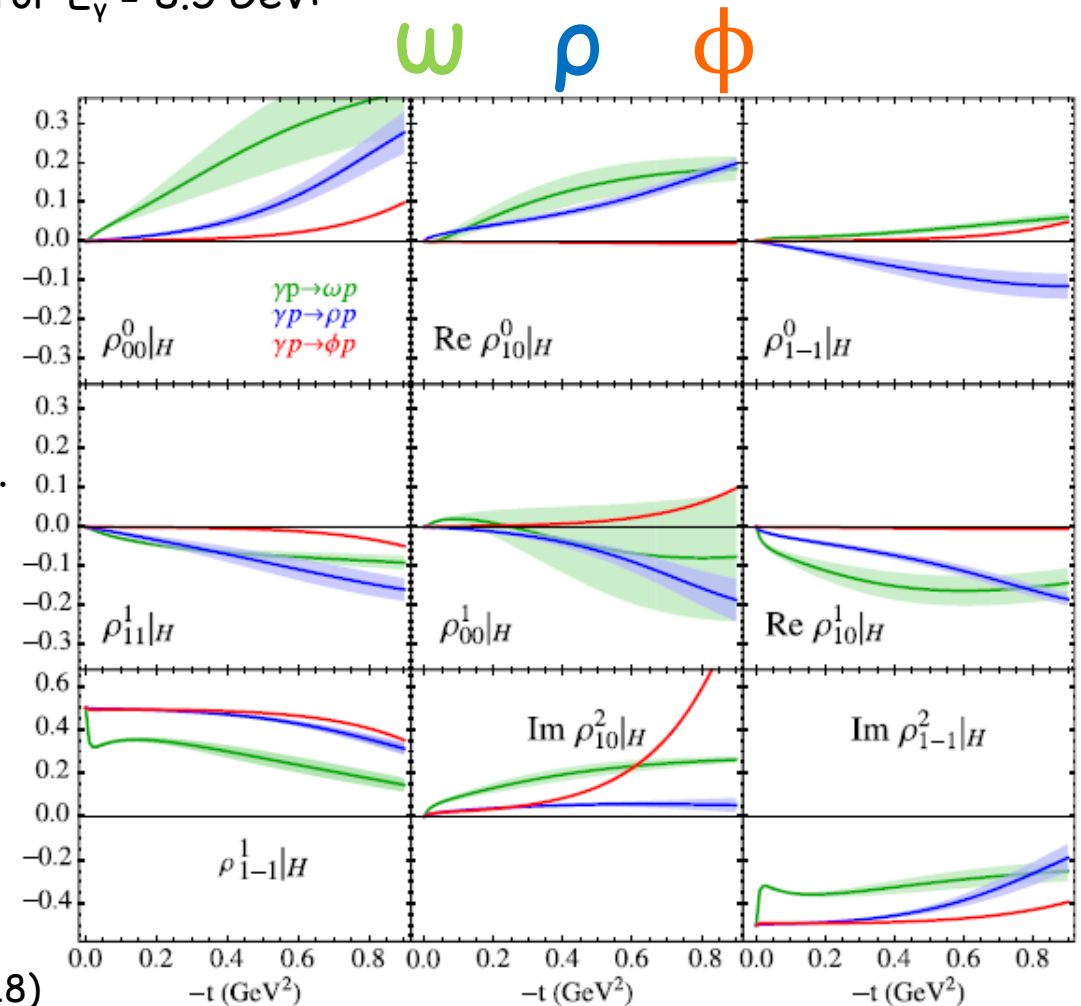
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Although these vector mesons have the same  $J^{PC}$ , the predicted SDME's are quite different in this example for  $E_\gamma = 8.5$  GeV:



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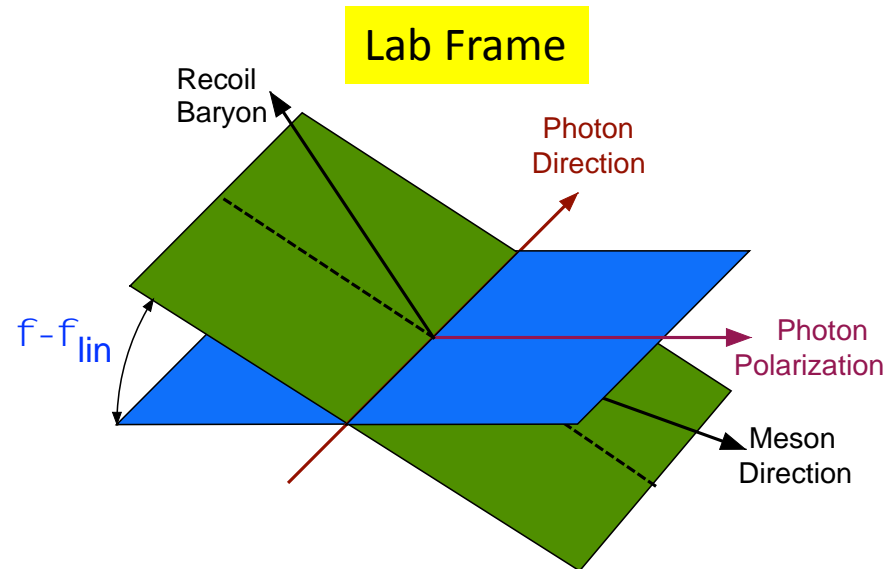
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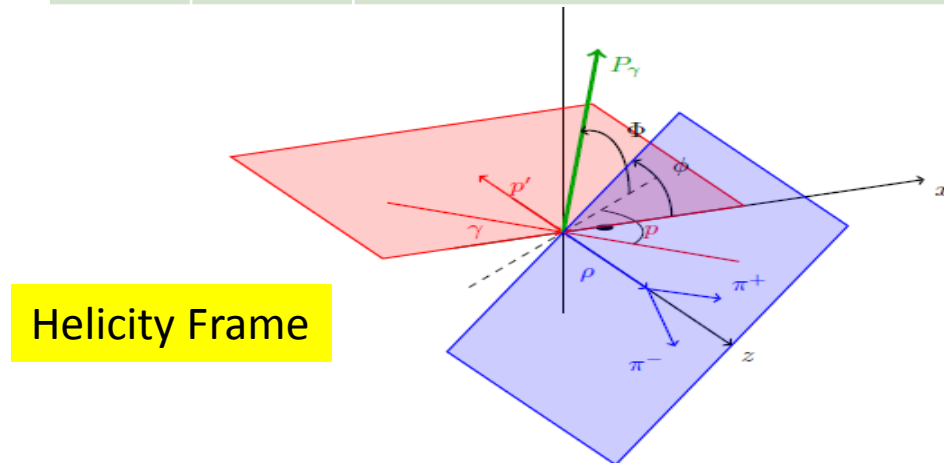
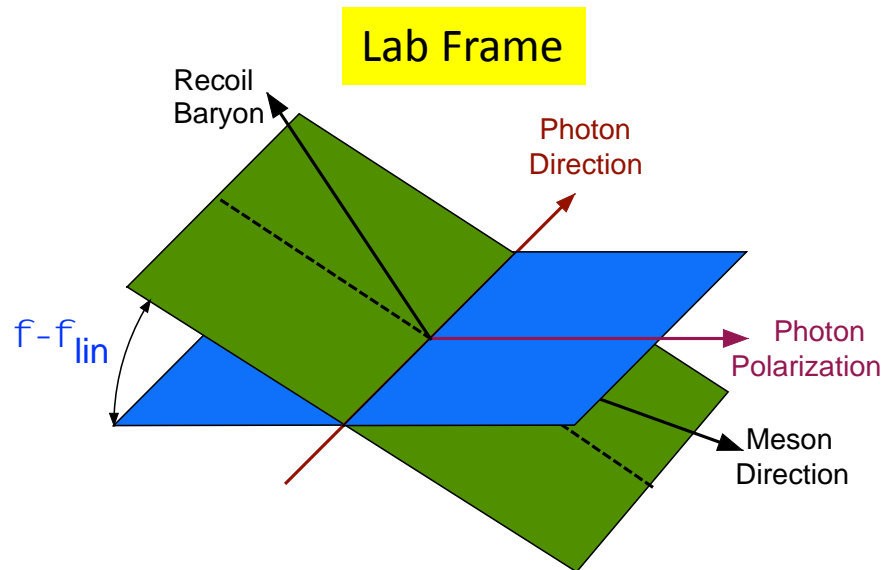
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Because the decay distribution of spin 1 particles depends on the final polarization, it makes sense to transfer into the helicity frame. There are two additional decay angles and some potentially confusing nomenclature overlaps:

$\Sigma$	SDME's	Description
$\phi$		Meson production plane
$\phi_s$		Linear Polarization plane
$\phi - \phi_s$	$\Phi$	Difference between production and polarization planes.
---	$\phi$	Azimuthal decay angle in helicity frame
---	$\theta$	Polar decay angle in helicity frame



# How the SDME's are Measured: $\omega$ example

The SDMEs describe the polarization of the vector meson.

The angular distribution for the vector decay in the helicity frame is

$$\frac{dN}{d \cos \theta d\phi} \equiv W(\cos \theta, \phi)$$

where

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Plots like this for each bin in -t.

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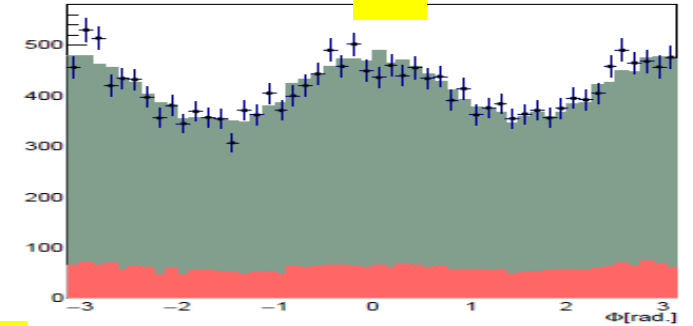
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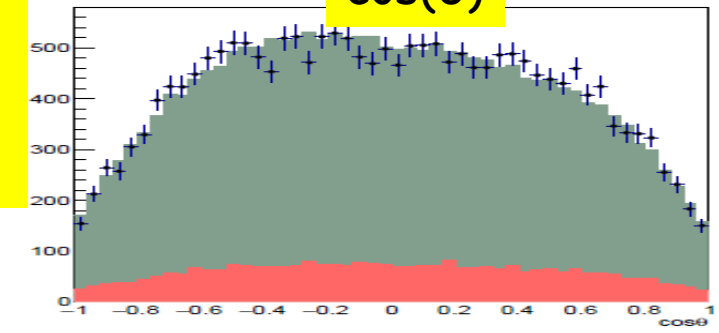
Although there is cancellation of some instrumental asymmetries when we combine data for Para and Perp, the SDME's are a bigger challenge than the  $\Sigma$  asymmetry because acceptance corrections are needed in  $\phi$  and  $\theta$ .

M. Staib, PhD thesis, Sept 2017, CMU

$\Phi$

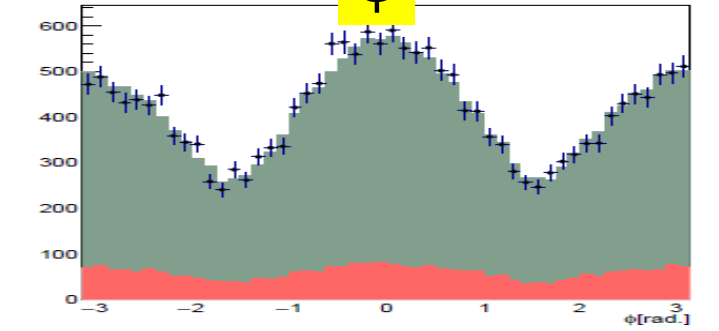


$\cos(\theta)$



Fit quality is Good!

$\phi$



# Parity Asymmetry

The parity asymmetry has a similar physical interpretation to  $\Sigma$ :

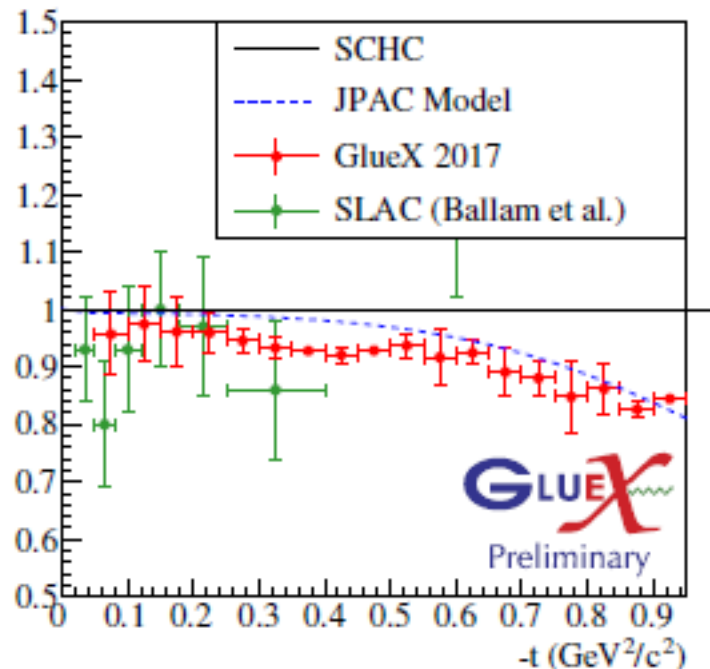
$$P_\sigma = \frac{\sigma^N - \sigma^U}{\sigma^N + \sigma^U} = 2\rho_{1-1}^1 - \rho_{00}^1$$

For the  $\rho$ , it will be particularly useful to transform to linear combinations which are Natural or Unnatural. (next slide)

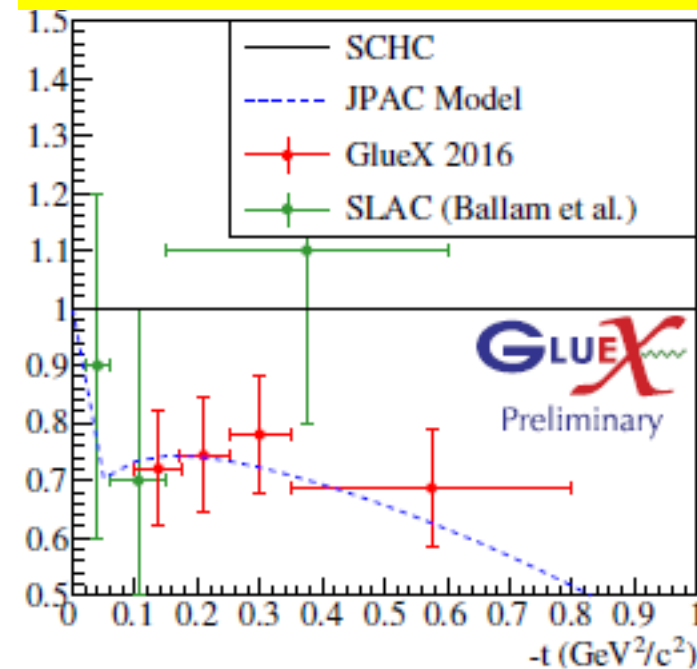
$$\rho_{ik}^{N,U} = \frac{1}{2}(\rho_{ik}^0 \mp (-1)^i \rho_{-ik}^1)$$

Schilling *et al.* [Nucl. Phys. B, 15 (1970) 397]

**$\rho$** : Natural parity dominates for the  $\rho$  at low  $-t$ .



**$\omega$** : Unnatural parity exchange is significant even at low  $-t$  for the  $\omega$ .

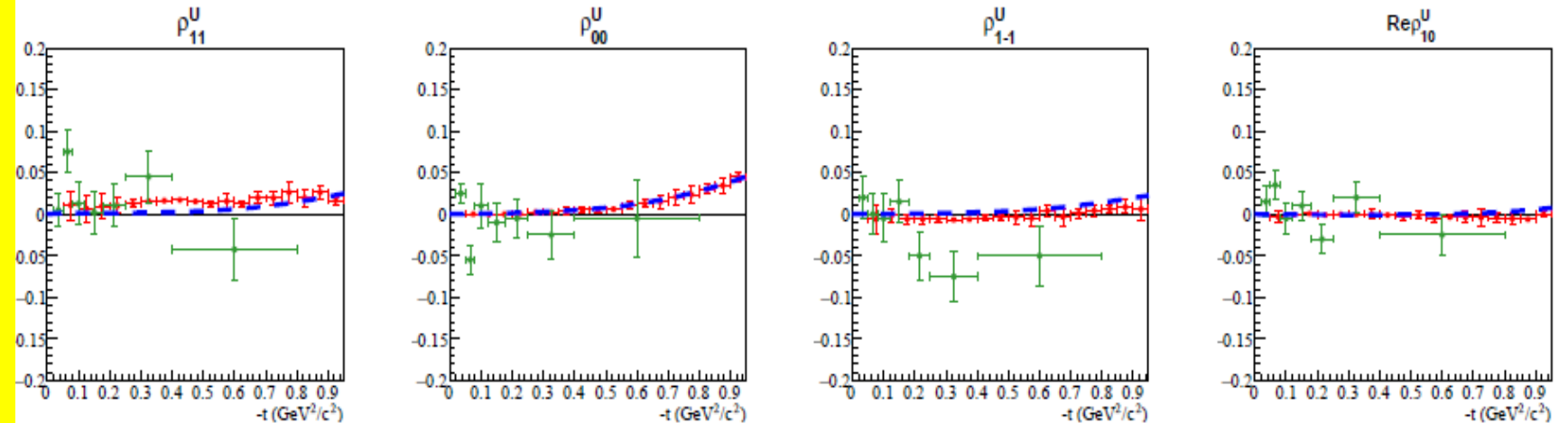
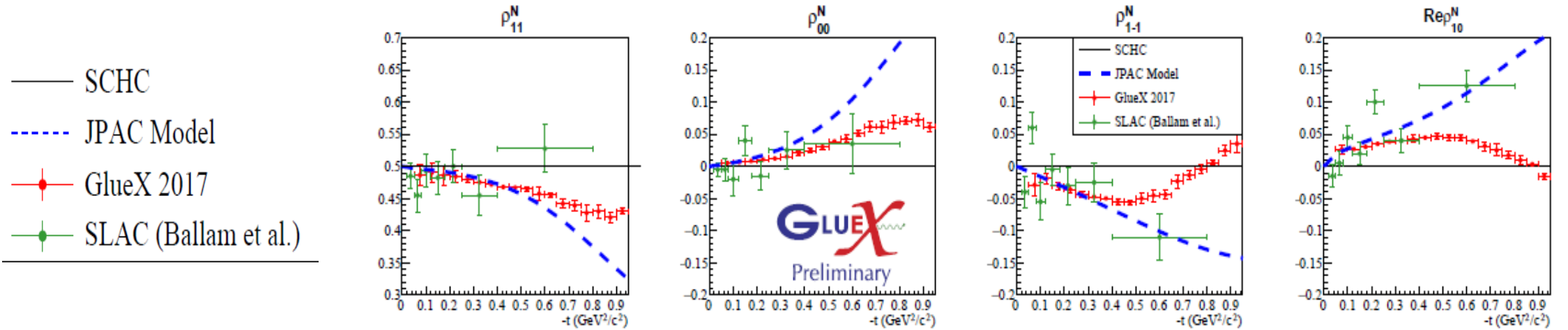


This unnatural parity exchange may be from  $\pi^0$  exchange due in part to the large BR for  $\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$ .



# Natural and Unnatural Projections for the $\rho$

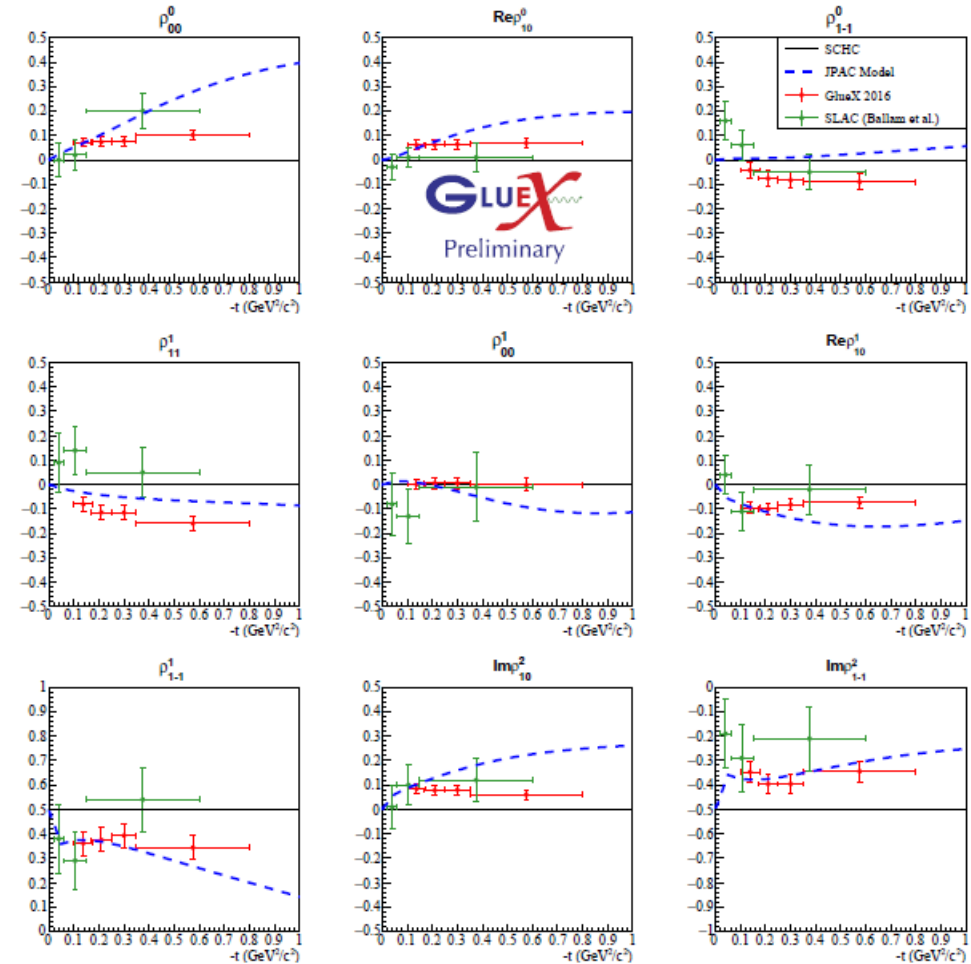
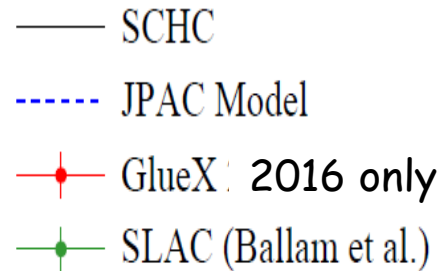
For the  $\rho$ , all the natural exchange terms (top) are larger than the unnatural exchange terms (bottom).



- SCHC only works in  $-t \rightarrow$  limit.
- GlueX  $\rho$  2017 data have enormously improved statistics.
- JPAC model works fairly well below  $-t \sim 0.5$ .
- Even natural exchange has unexpected behavior at  $-t > 0.5$

# JPAC Model vs GlueX 2016 Data for $w$

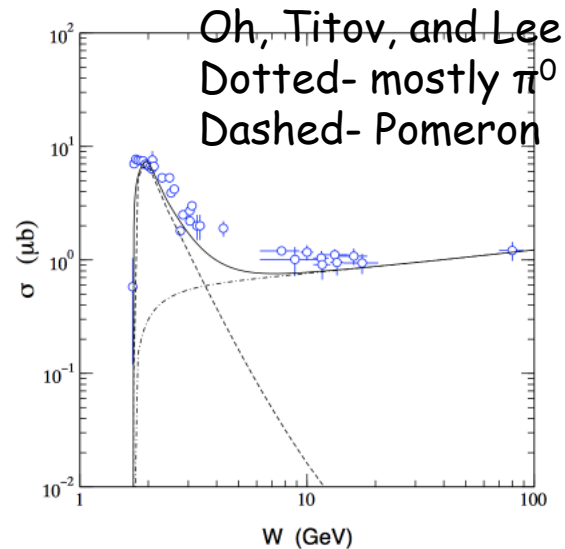
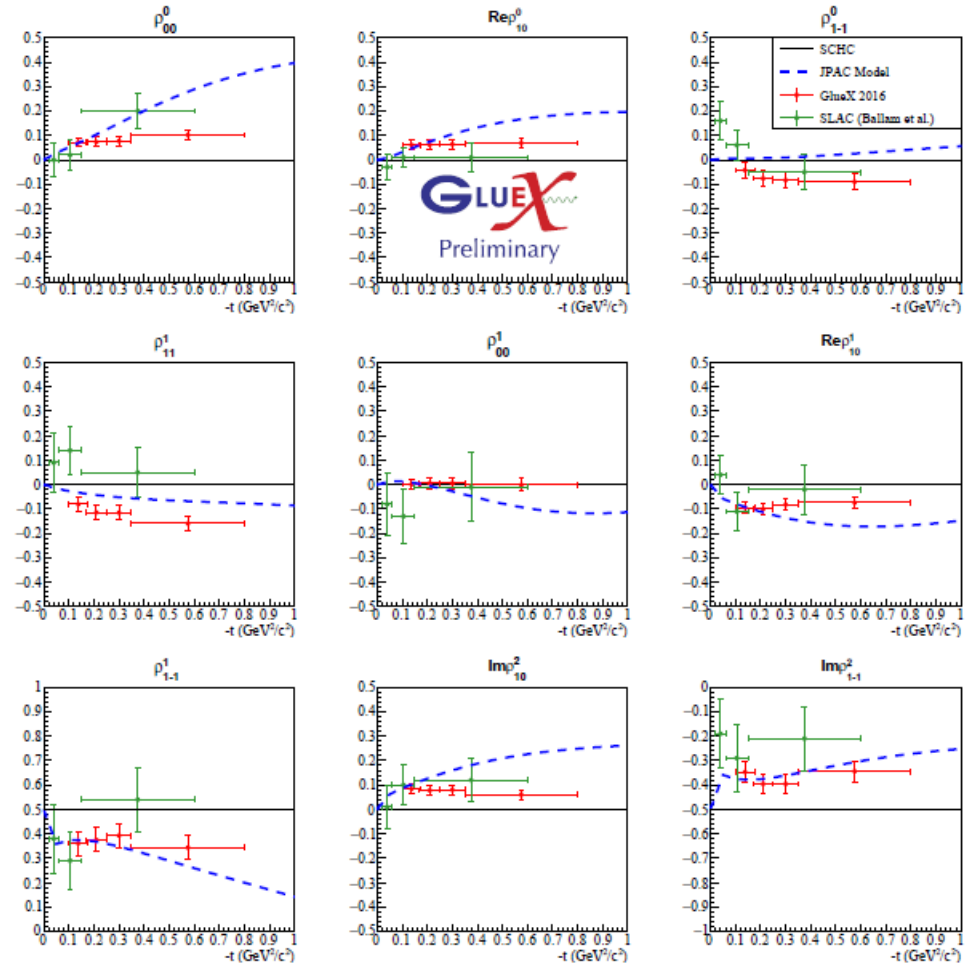
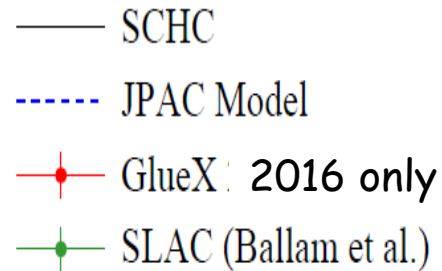
For the  $w$ , on the right are the regular projections (ie not the Natural and Unnatural linear combinations):



- SCHC only works in  $-t \rightarrow$  limit.
- 2016 GlueX  $w$  data have significantly improved statistics
- JPAC model agreement with preliminary data is only qualitative.
- No breakdown of amplitudes in JPAC paper, but OTL model suggests results are mainly sensitive to  $\pi^0$  and Pomeron

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<https://arxiv.org/abs/nucl-th/0006057>

# Summary

- GlueX is a fixed target, linearly polarized photo-production facility with the beam energy, acceptance, and intensity to search for hybrid mesons in the expected mass range of 1.5-2.5  $\text{GeV}/c^2$ .
- The detectors and beamline instrumentation are all working well: eg, exclusive  $\eta'$  photo-production is reconstructed with low background by detecting 5 tracks+showers with a total efficiency of  $\sim 10\%$ .

## $\Sigma$ Asymmetries:

- Our 2016 data were analyzed to extract beam asymmetry ( $\Sigma$ ) measurements of  $\pi^0$  and  $\eta$  photo-production:
  - i. first  $\Sigma$  measurements on the  $\eta$  in this beam energy range (**published**)
  - ii. natural parity exchange (ie vectors) dominates for  $-t$  below 1  $(\text{GeV}/c)^2$ .
- Our 2017 data, larger by x8, have now been analyzed to extract  $\Sigma$  (**draft paper being circulated internally**)
  - i. first  $\Sigma$  measurements on the  $\eta'$  in this beam energy range. Natural parity exchange also dominates here, but a detailed comparison of  $\eta$  vs  $\eta'$  will require our 2018 dataset.
  - ii. more precise results for the  $\pi^0$  and  $\eta$ , approaching a systematic limit of a few percent at low  $-t$ .

## SDME's:

- Preliminary SDME's for  $\rho$ ,  $\omega$ , and  $\phi$  have been produced.
  - i. For the  $\rho$ , impressive 2017 statistics and good agreement with JPAC model below  $-t \sim 0.5 (\text{GeV}/c)^2$ .
  - ii. For the  $\omega$ , good 2016 statistics but only qualitative agreement with the JPAC model.

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Arizona State, Athens, Carnegie Mellon, Catholic University, Univ. of Connecticut, Florida International, Florida State, George Washington, Glasgow, GSI, Indiana University, IHEP, ITEP, Jefferson Lab, U. Mass Amherst, MIT, MePhi, Norfolk State, North Carolina A&T, Univ. North Carolina Wilmington, Northwestern, Old Dominion, Santa Maria, University of Regina, Tomsk, Wuhan and Yerevan Physics Institute.

Over 125 collaborators from more than 25 institutions with others joining and more are welcome.



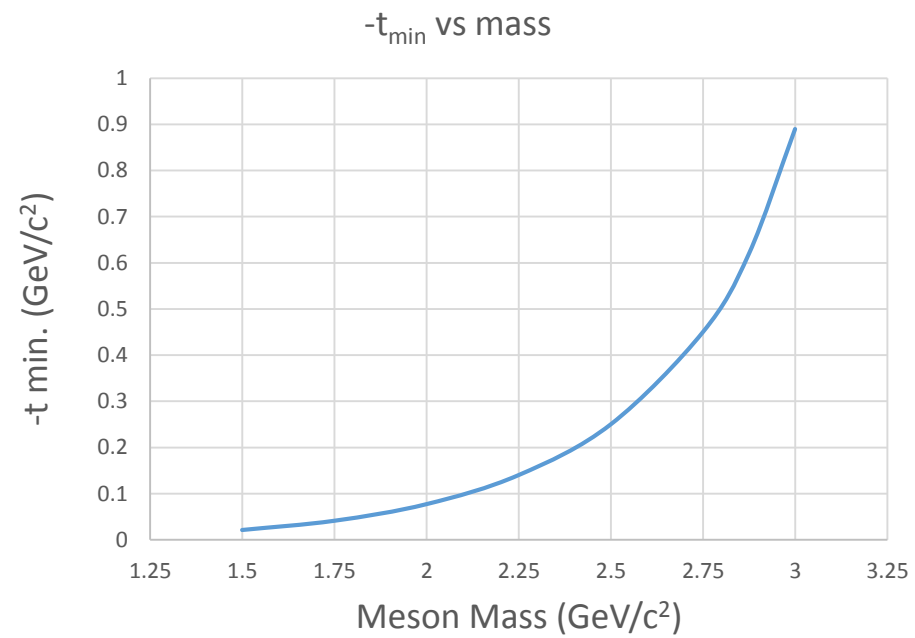
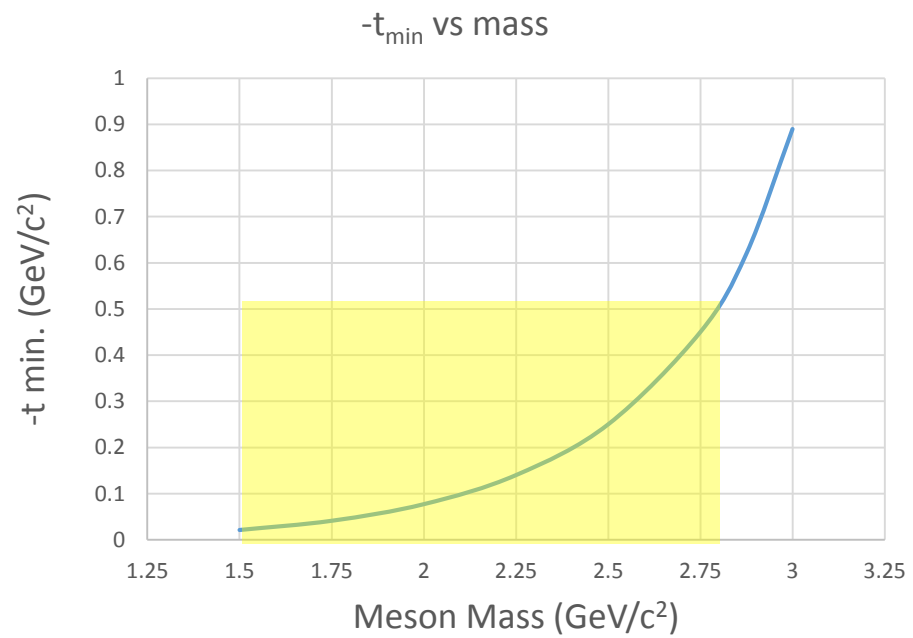


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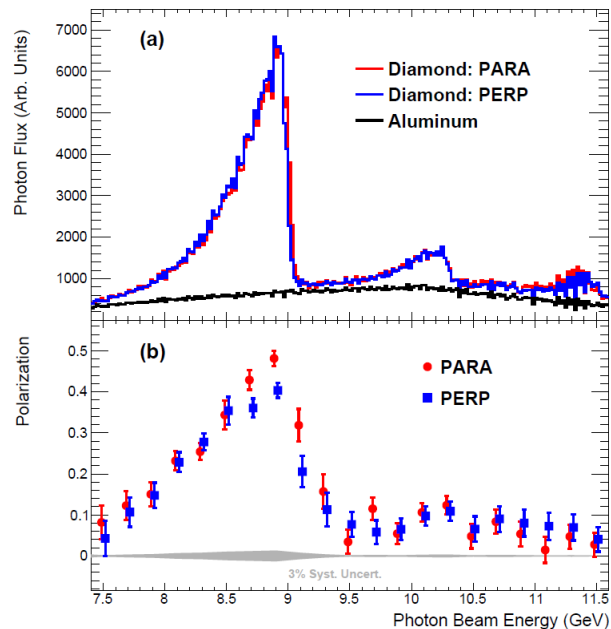
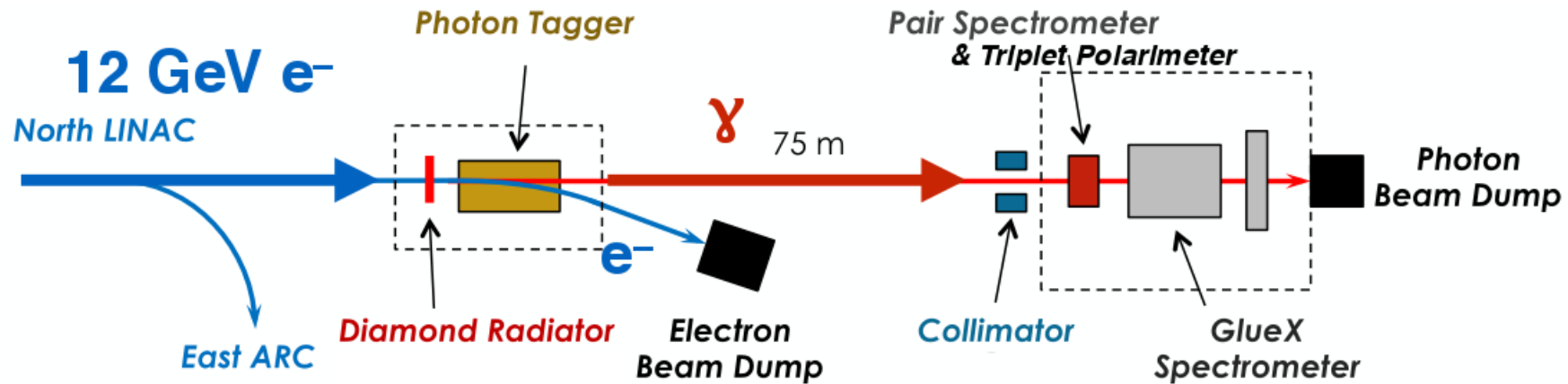
Physics results:	GlueX Sigma Asymmetry on $\pi^0$ , $\eta$	Phys.Rev.C 95, 042201 (2017)	<a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/1701.08123">https://arxiv.org/abs/1701.08123</a>
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	$\varphi$ SDME's	A. Barnes, PhD thesis, May 2017, U. of Connecticut	
	$\eta$ and $\eta'$ $\Sigma$ asymmetry	T. Beattie, PhD thesis, March 2019, U. of Regina	

# Theory References (updated 8/7/19)

Oh, Titov, and Lee	Omega photoproduction	PRC 63, 025201	<a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/nucl-th/0006057">https://arxiv.org/abs/nucl-th/0006057</a>
Misc JPAC references	Pi0 Regge model	PRD 92, 074013	<a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/1505.02321">https://arxiv.org/abs/1505.02321</a>
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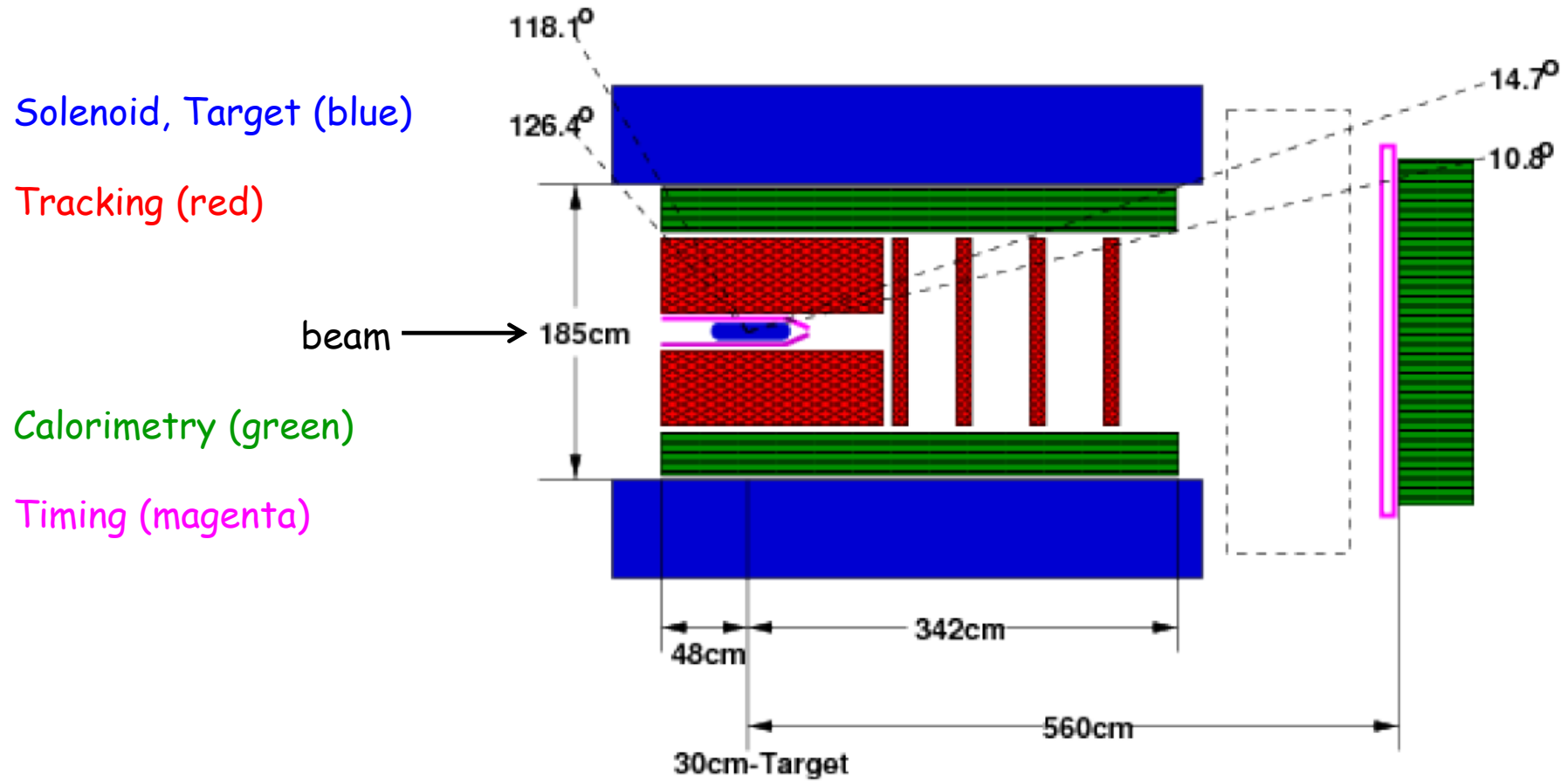
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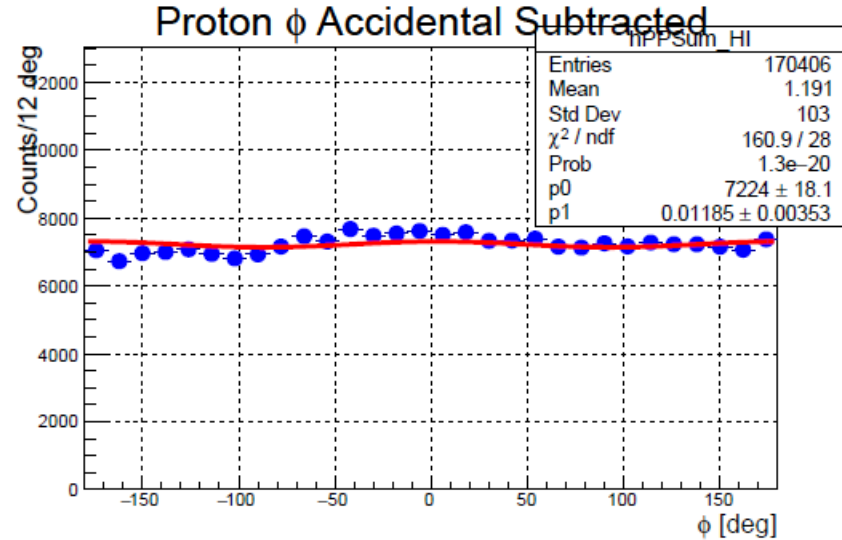
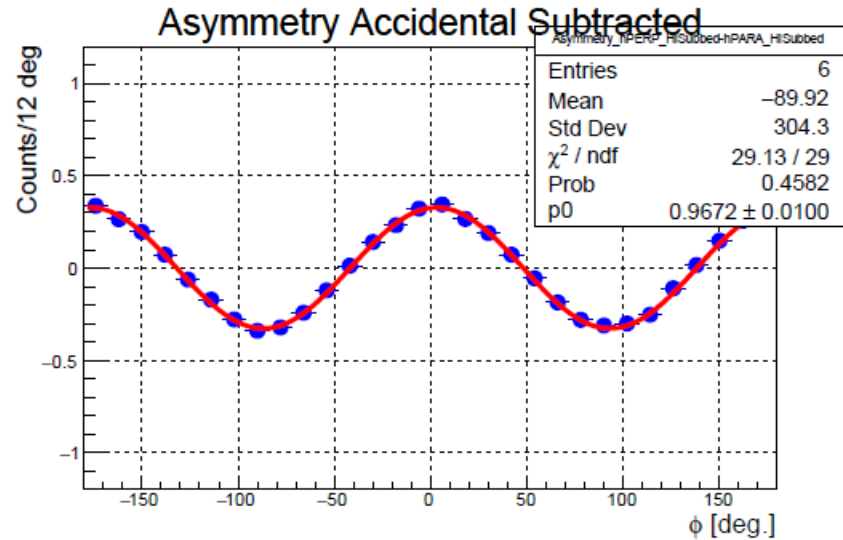
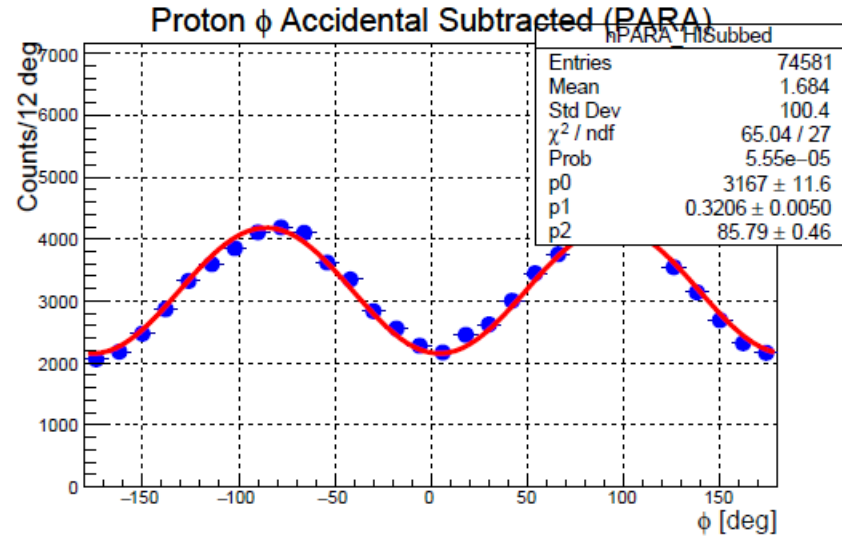
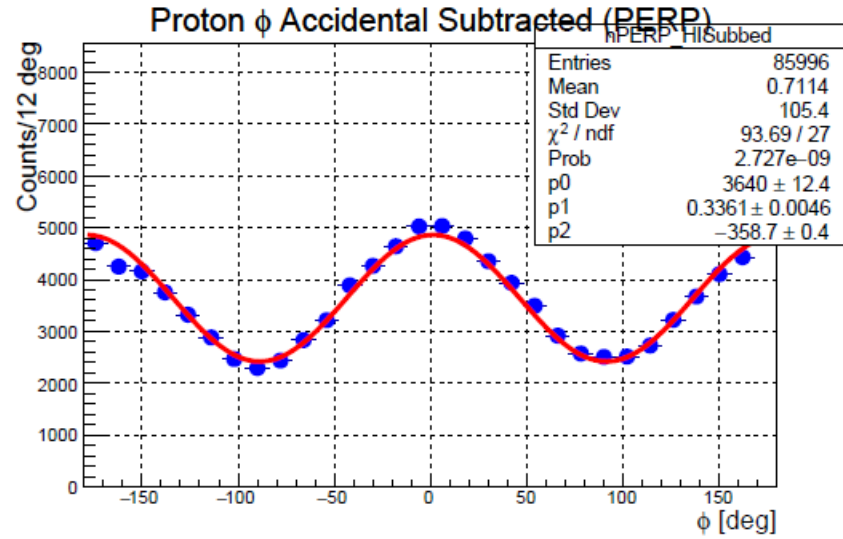


## 9 GeV Polarized Photon Beam

- Coherent Bremsstrahlung on thin diamond
- Energy tagged by scattered electrons
- Collimator to suppress incoherent part
- Linear polarization in peak  $P_\gamma \approx 40\%$ , measured by Triplet polarimeter:  
 $\gamma e^- \rightarrow e^- e^+ e^-$
- Beam intensity:  $1 - 5 \cdot 10^7 \gamma/s$  in peak

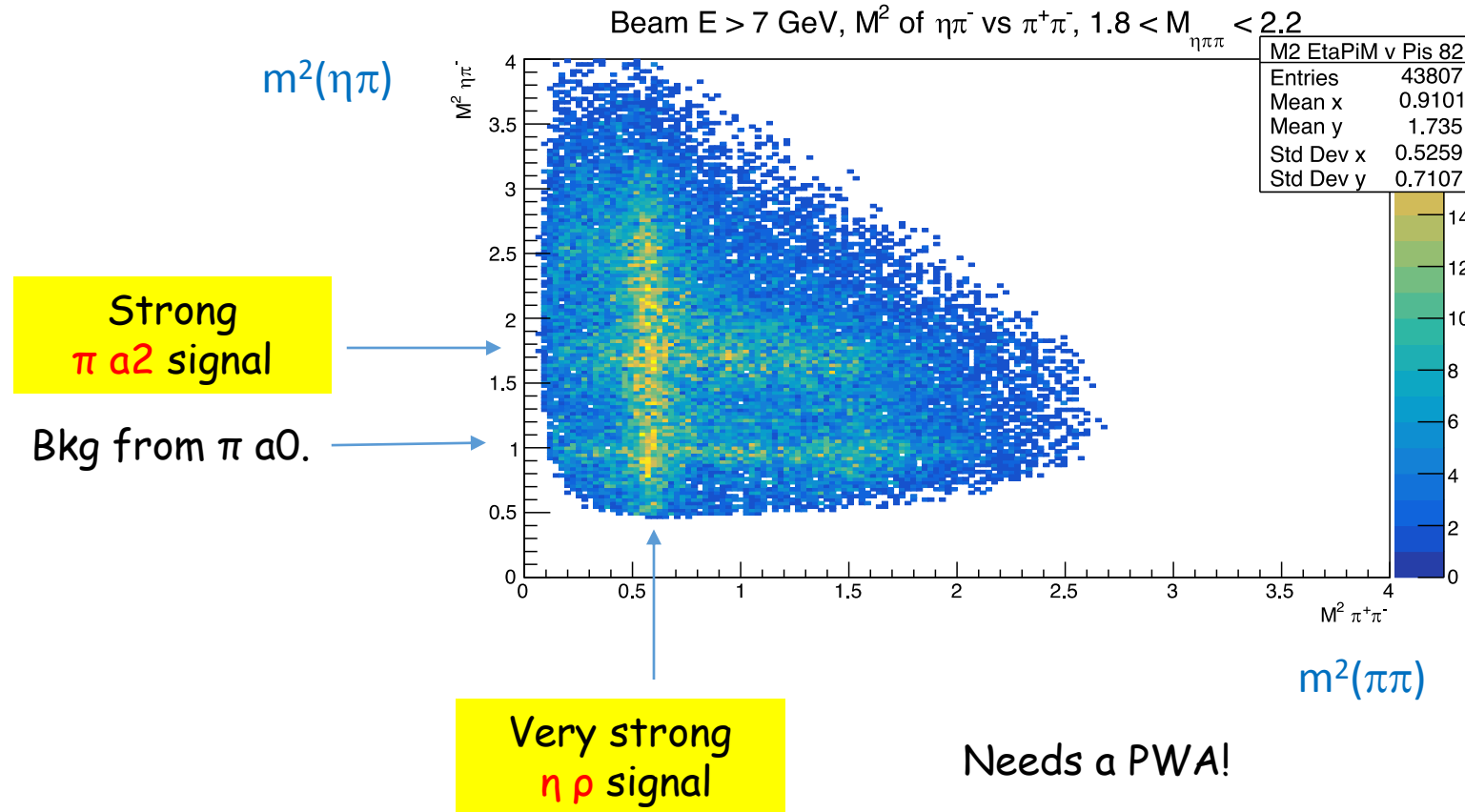
# GlueX Detector





# $M(\eta\pi)$ vs $M(2\pi)$ in $\gamma+p \rightarrow \rho\eta\pi^+\pi^-$

$M(\eta\pi\pi)$  cut to meson masses  $\sim 2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$



We're just getting started with the fairly complex event selection.



# Selected Light Meson Results from GlueX



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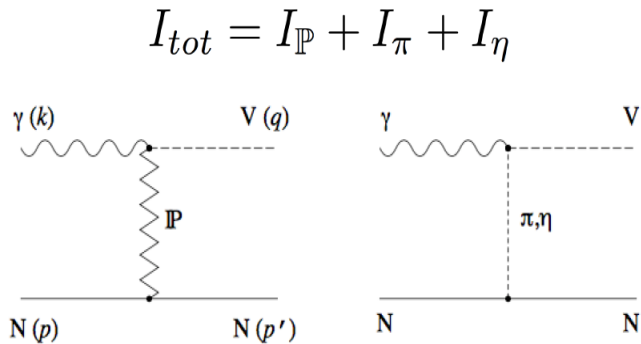
# Pie in the sky content of 20+5 minute talk

Slides	topic
1	Overview
6	Intro: What is GlueX? Why light mesons? And good physics in its own right. Beamline and polarimetry
6	Beam asymmetries of the $\pi^0$ , $\eta$ , and $\eta'$ . (EWG draft paper and analysis notes) <del><math>a_0 \rightarrow \eta \pi^0</math> work, and synergy with exotic hybrid searches. (Stuart, Shuang)</del>
8	SDME's of the $\omega$ , $\rho$ , and $\phi$ . (Alex A's recent talk)
2	Cross Sections $\eta'$ , and synergy with exotic hybrid searches. (George's work)
2	Outlook for "precision measurements" (note that SDMEs are precise!): i. Dalitz Plots for $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$ , and $\eta' \rightarrow \eta 2\pi$ ii. Rare decays? (Daniel's work. JEF stuff?)
1	Summary
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# SDME's of Vector Mesons

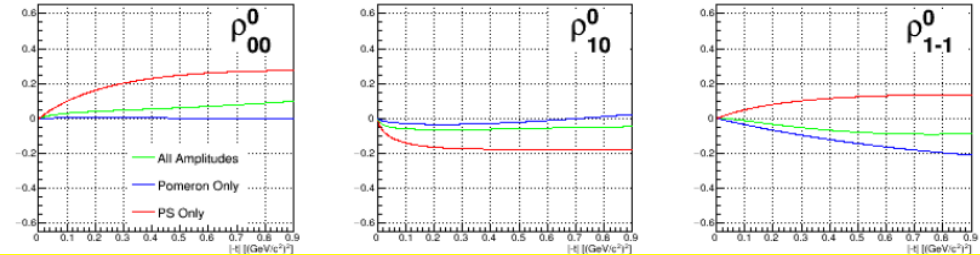
In the OTL model, the  $w$  SDMEs are sensitive to the relative amounts of Pomeron and PS meson exchange (mostly  $\pi^0$  due to the large value of  $g_{\pi NN}$ ).

Oh, Titov, Lee model

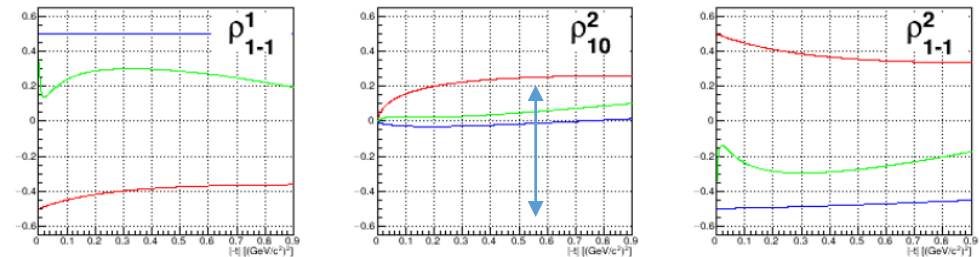
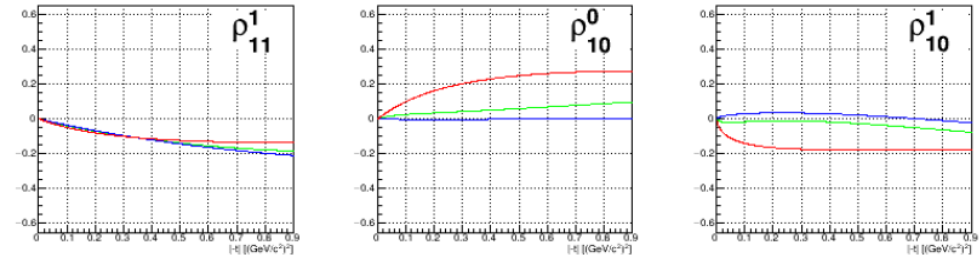


Model the nonresonant amplitude as the sum of Pomeron and Pseudoscalar exchange

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Blue – Pomeron Only    Red – Pseudoscalar Only    Green – Combined



-t dependence of  $w$  SDMEs

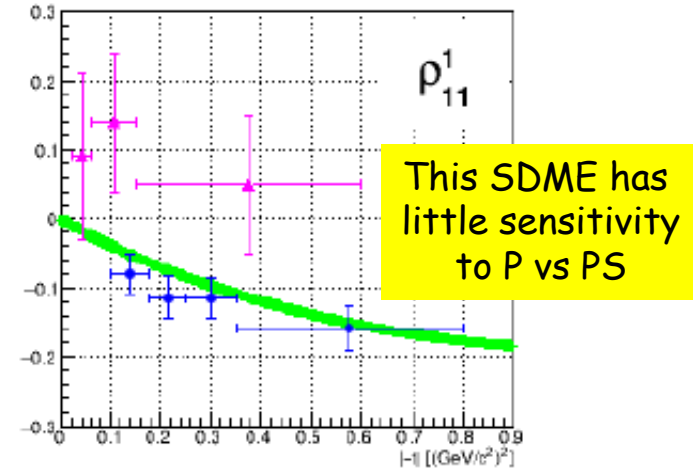
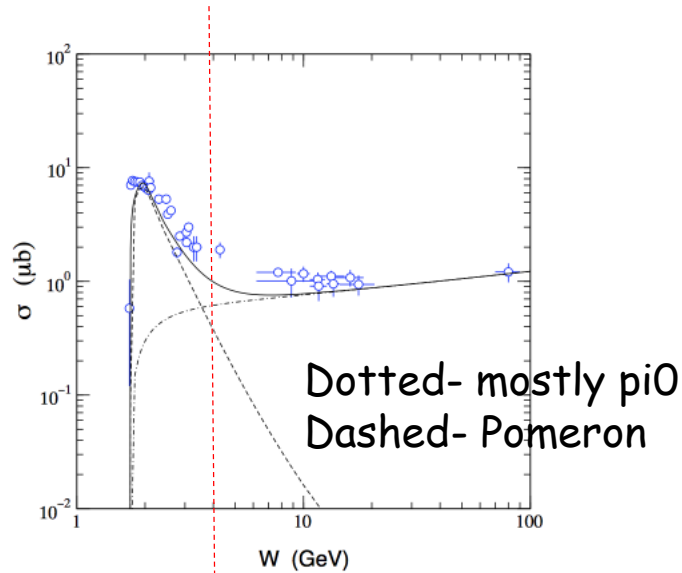
Note the often very different behavior predicted for Blue/Pomeron vs Red/PS exchange.



# SDME's of $\omega$ Mesons

Broadly speaking, results are consistent with the dominance of Pomeron exchange at our beam energy and range of  $-t$ .

In the context of the OTL model, a small adjustment in the relative strengths of the Pomeron and  $\pi^0$  may be needed.



$\omega$  SDME's, M. Staib, PhD thesis, Sept 2017, Carnegie Mellon U.

