

Photoproduction of the $\Lambda(1405)$ at CLAS and Future Spectroscopy Studies at GlueX

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Outline

CLAS@6GeV

- Measurements of the $\Lambda(1405)$ line shape in photoproduction
- Measurements of the cross sections of $\Lambda(1405)$, $\Sigma(1385)$, $\Lambda(1520)$

GlueX@12GeV

- Prospects of studies with GlueX
 - exotic mesons
 - Ξ baryons
 - further searches

What is the $\Lambda(1405)$?

- State known since 1950's¹
- Not known where it belongs in spectrum - CQM does not predict the mass correctly²
- Decays to $\Sigma\pi$: “line shape” = invariant mass spectrum is not a simple Breit-Wigner form
- Mass is just below $N\bar{K}$ threshold, but strongly couples to $N\bar{K}$ - why?

What are the dynamics of the $\Lambda(1405)$?

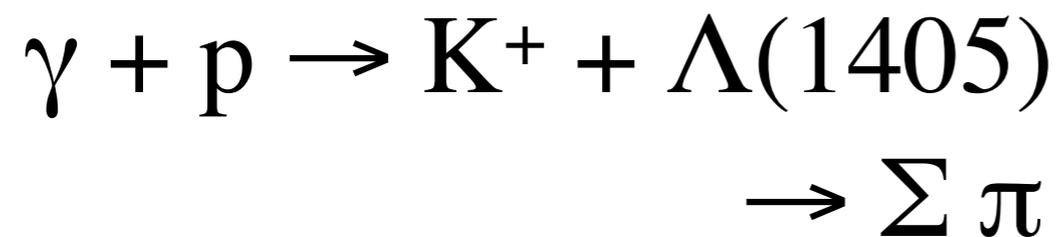
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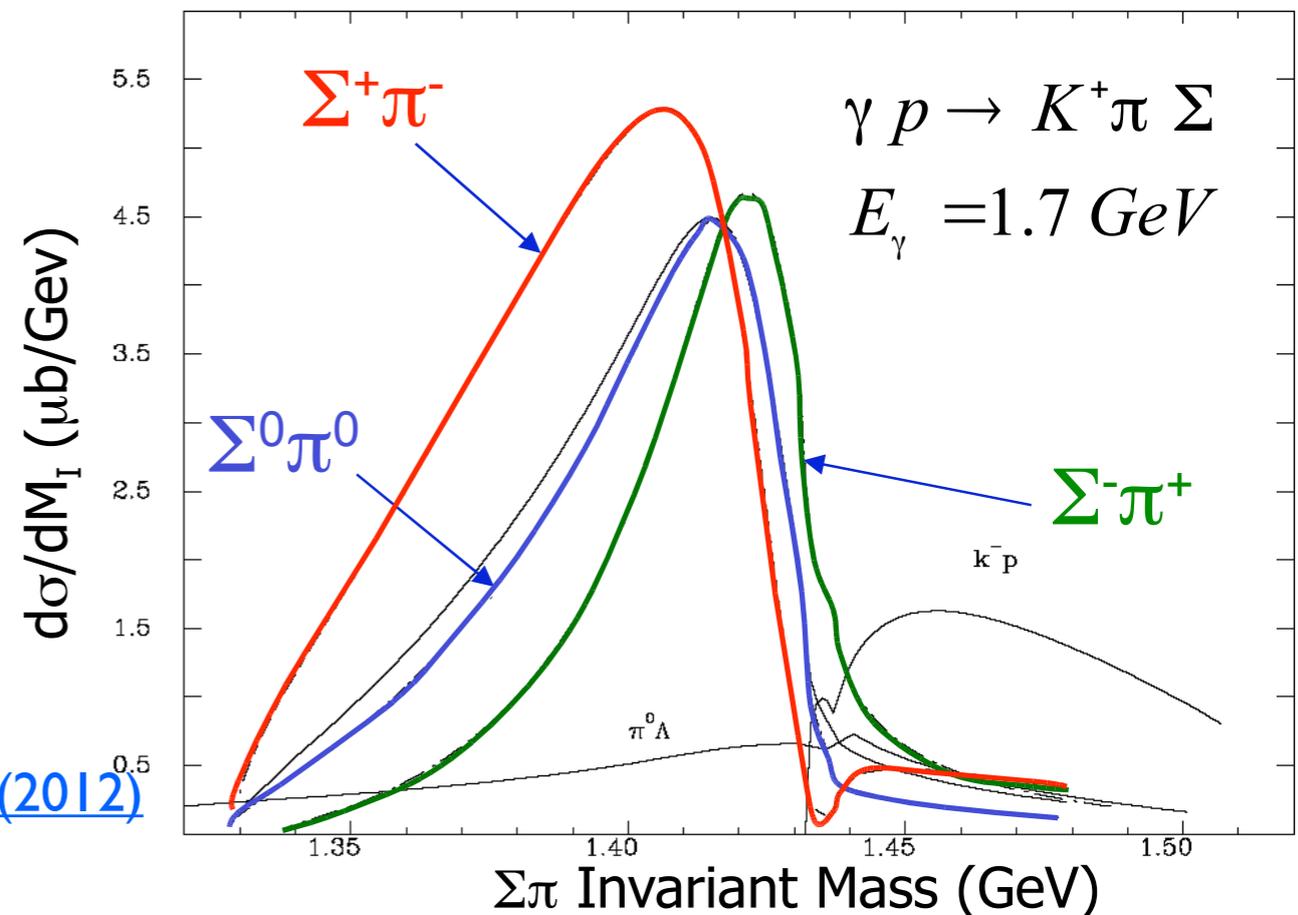
Line shape of $\Lambda(1405)$

- Chiral Unitary Theory (χ UT) predicted the line shape of the $\Lambda(1405) \rightarrow \Sigma\pi$ in photoproduction ¹
- Interference with $I=1$ amplitude causes **line shape to be different for each $\Sigma\pi$ channel**
- “Dynamically generated” resonance? ²

- Reaction:

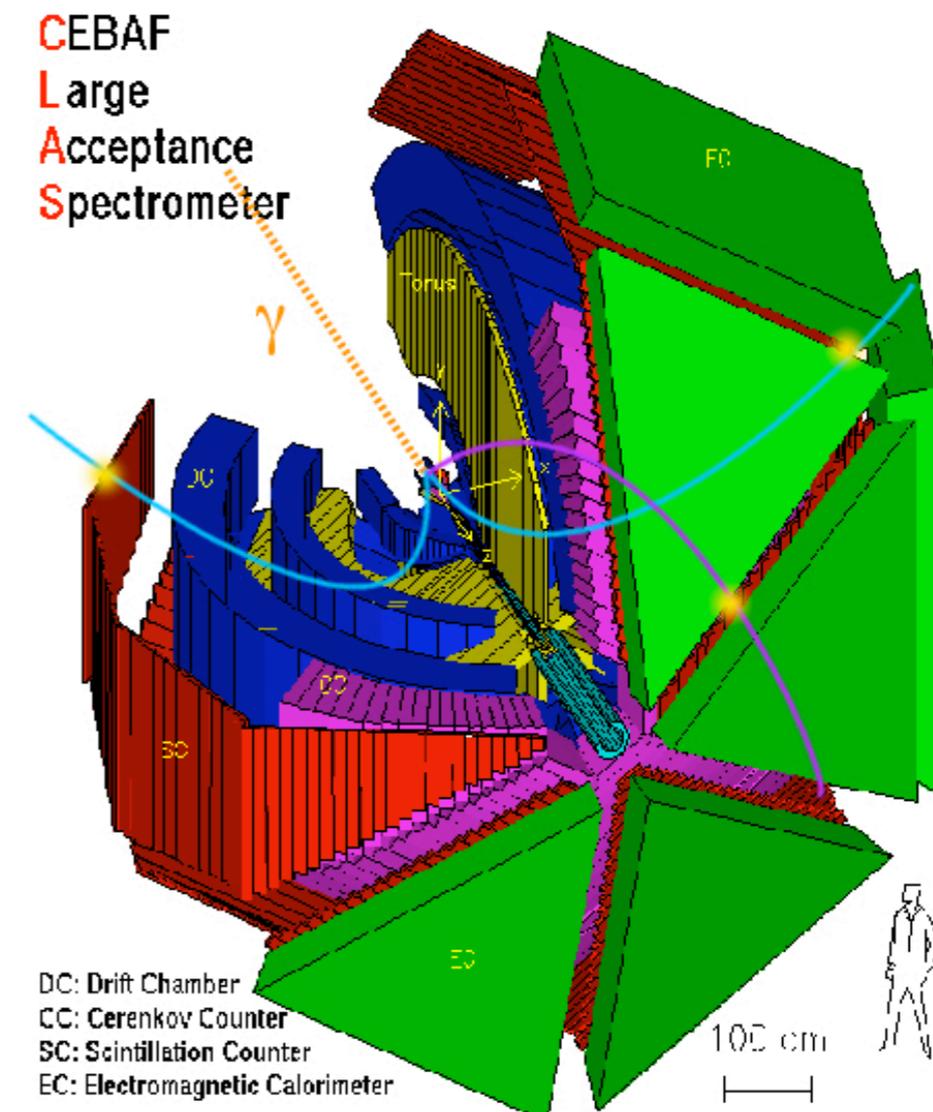


1. [Nacher, Oset, et al., Phys. Lett. B 455, 55 \(1999\)](#)
2. Recent review in [Hyodo, Jido, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 67, 55 \(2012\)](#)



Jefferson Lab and CLAS

- Located in Newport News, VA (USA)
- CEBAF accelerator provides electron beam every 2 ns
- Currently up to 6 GeV, future running @12 GeV
- CLAS detector provides charged particle tracking with DC/TOF
- Photoproduction on a liquid H₂ target
- Large statistics, more than 20B triggers



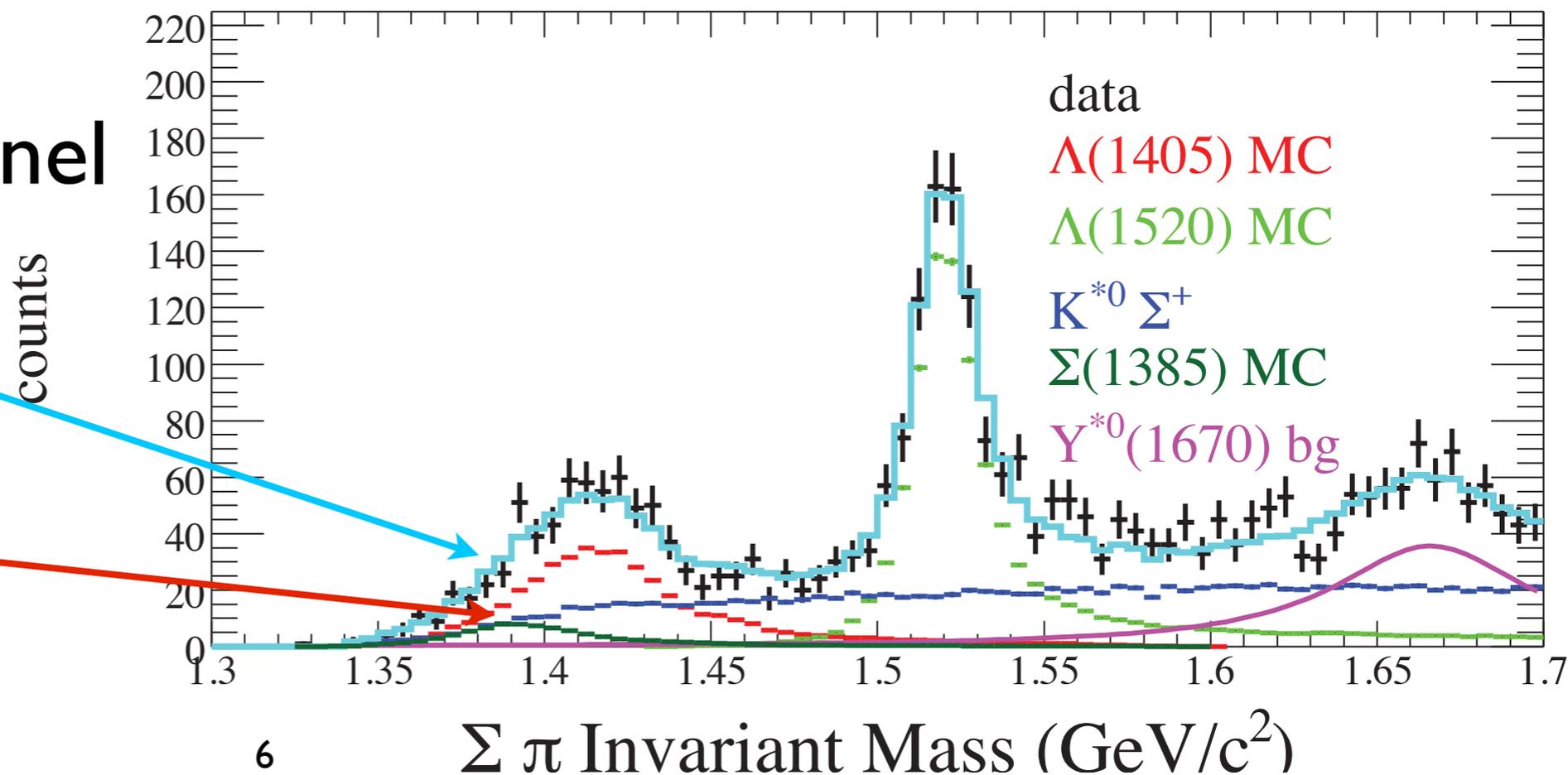
Extraction of $\Lambda(1405)$

- Reconstruct ground state $\Lambda\pi$, $\Sigma\pi$ states
- Remove $\Sigma(1385) \rightarrow \Sigma\pi$ by scaling down contribution from dominant $\Lambda\pi$ channel
- Remove other channels ($K^*\Sigma$, $\Lambda(1520)$) by incoherent fits with Monte Carlo templates

Fit to $\Sigma^+\pi^-$ channel

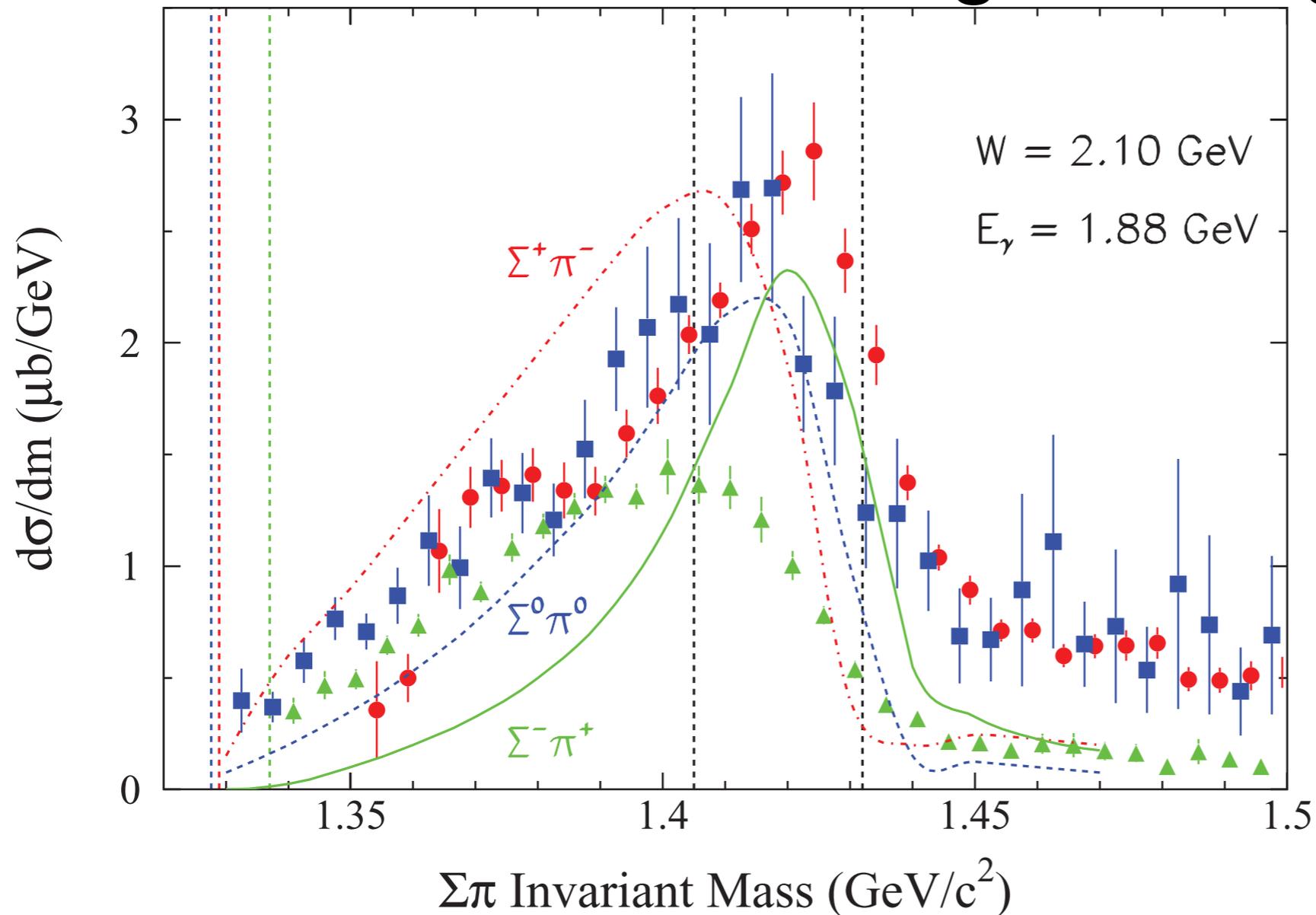
total fit result

iterated $\Lambda(1405)$
line shape



Line shape of the $\Lambda(1405)$

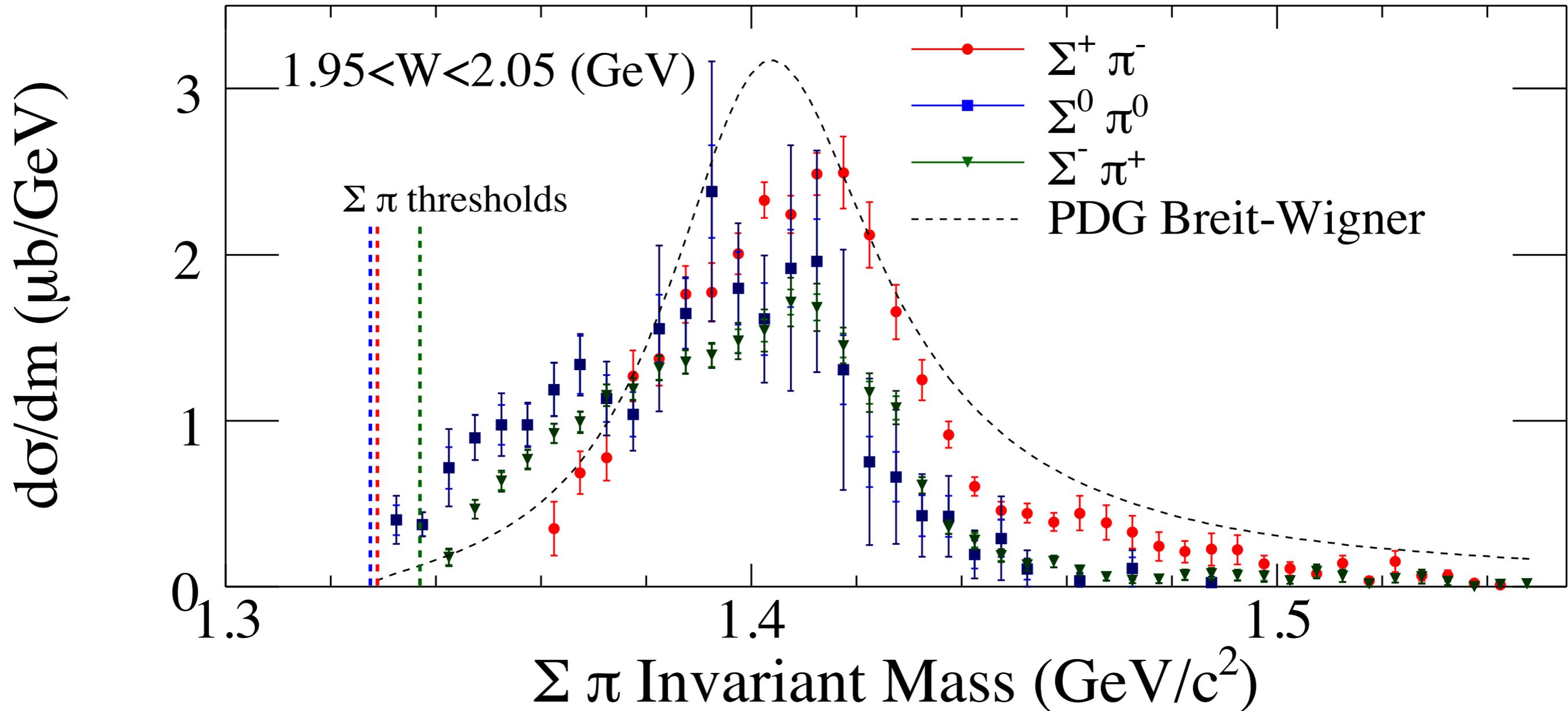
- CLAS has measured the line shape for **all** $\Sigma\pi$ channels over a broad range of energies¹



- Line shapes are different for each $\Sigma\pi$ channel

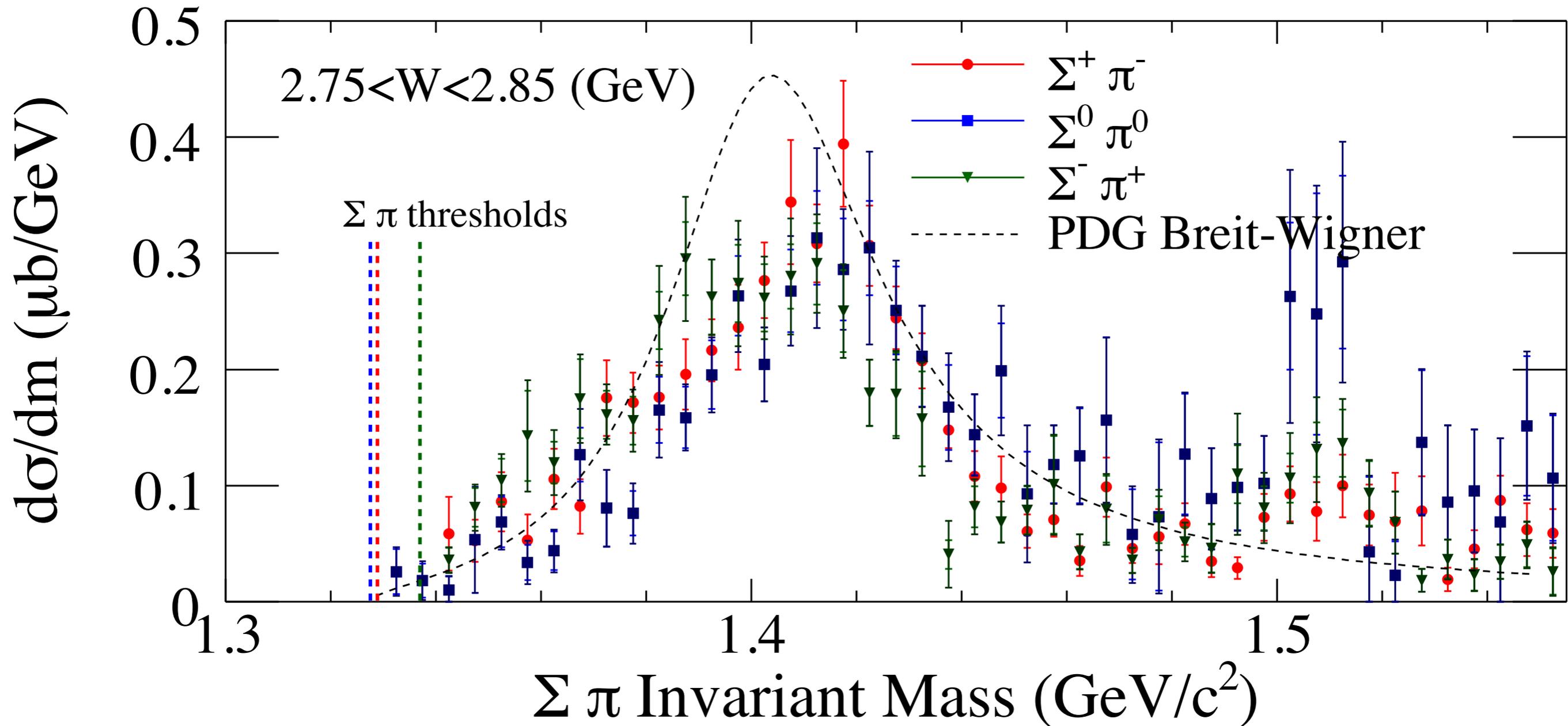
1. [Moriya et al. \(CLAS\), PRC 87, 035206 \(2013\)](#),
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Evolution of Line Shapes



near threshold,
 $E_\gamma \sim 1.6 \text{ GeV}$

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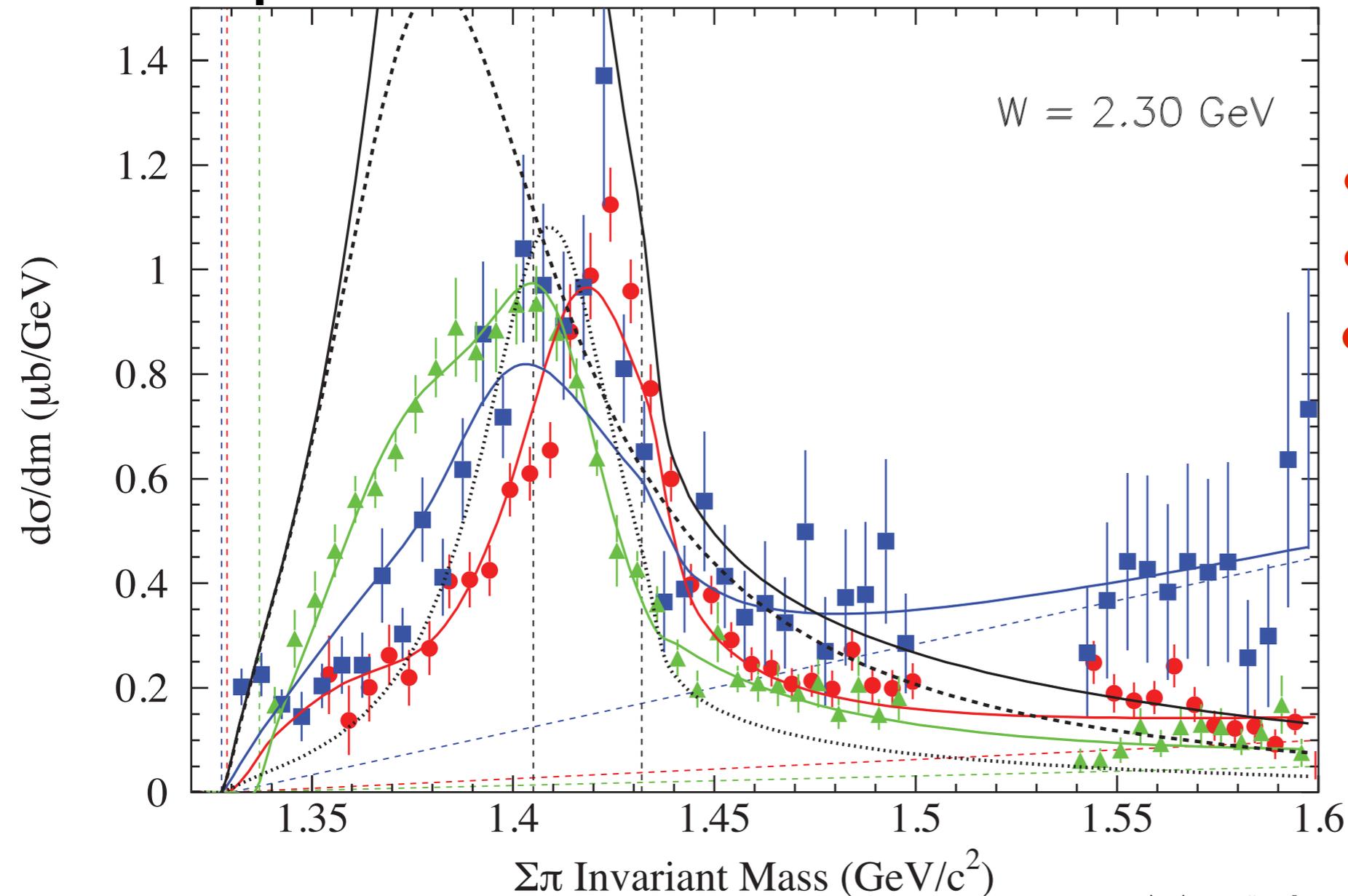


$E_\gamma \sim 3.7 \text{ GeV}$

Line shapes merge

Fits to Data

- Difference in $\Sigma\pi$ channel \Rightarrow isospin dependence
- Rapid fall-off at $N\bar{K}$ threshold shows strong coupling



Fit with interfering

- I=0 (main $\Lambda(1405)$)
- I=0 (high mass)
- I=1

Flatté-type Breit-Wigner functions show centroids, widths

ratio of coupling strengths to $\Sigma\pi/N\bar{K}$

Schumacher, Moriya, Nucl. Phys.A (in press), <http://arxiv.org/abs/1303.0860>

See also Roca, Oset, [PRC 87, 055201 \(2013\)](http://arxiv.org/abs/1303.0860)

isospin-amps-three-5

Amplitude	Centroid m_R (MeV)	Width Γ_0 (MeV)	Phase $\Delta\Phi_I$ (radians)	Flatté γ Factor
I = 0 (low mass)	1338 ± 10	44 ± 10	N/A	0.94 ± 0.20
I = 0 (high mass)	1384 ± 10	76 ± 10	1.8 ± 0.4	N/A
I = 1	1367 ± 20	54 ± 10	2.2 ± 0.4	1.19 ± 0.20

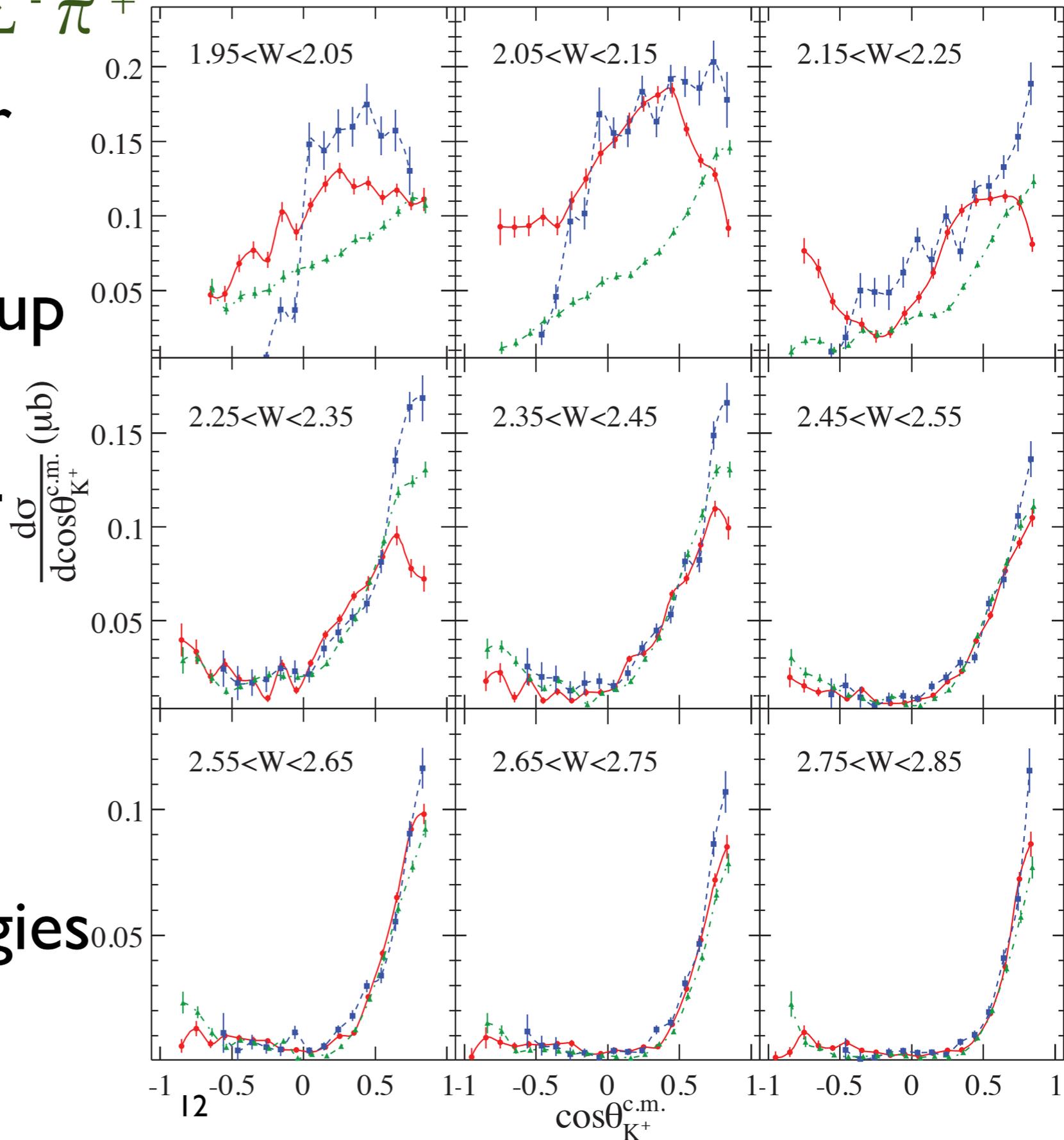
Differential cross sections

- Differential cross sections give information on **production mechanism**, more understanding of formation dynamics in photoproduction
- Measured for
 - $\Lambda(1405)$ ($J^P = 1/2^-$) in $\Sigma\pi$ channels
 - $\Sigma(1385)$ ($J^P = 3/2^+$) in $\Lambda\pi^0$ channel
 - $\Lambda(1520)$ ($J^P = 3/2^-$) in $\Sigma\pi$ channels
- Interesting to compare the cross sections of three excited hyperons with different quantum numbers

$\Lambda(1405)$ Cross Sections

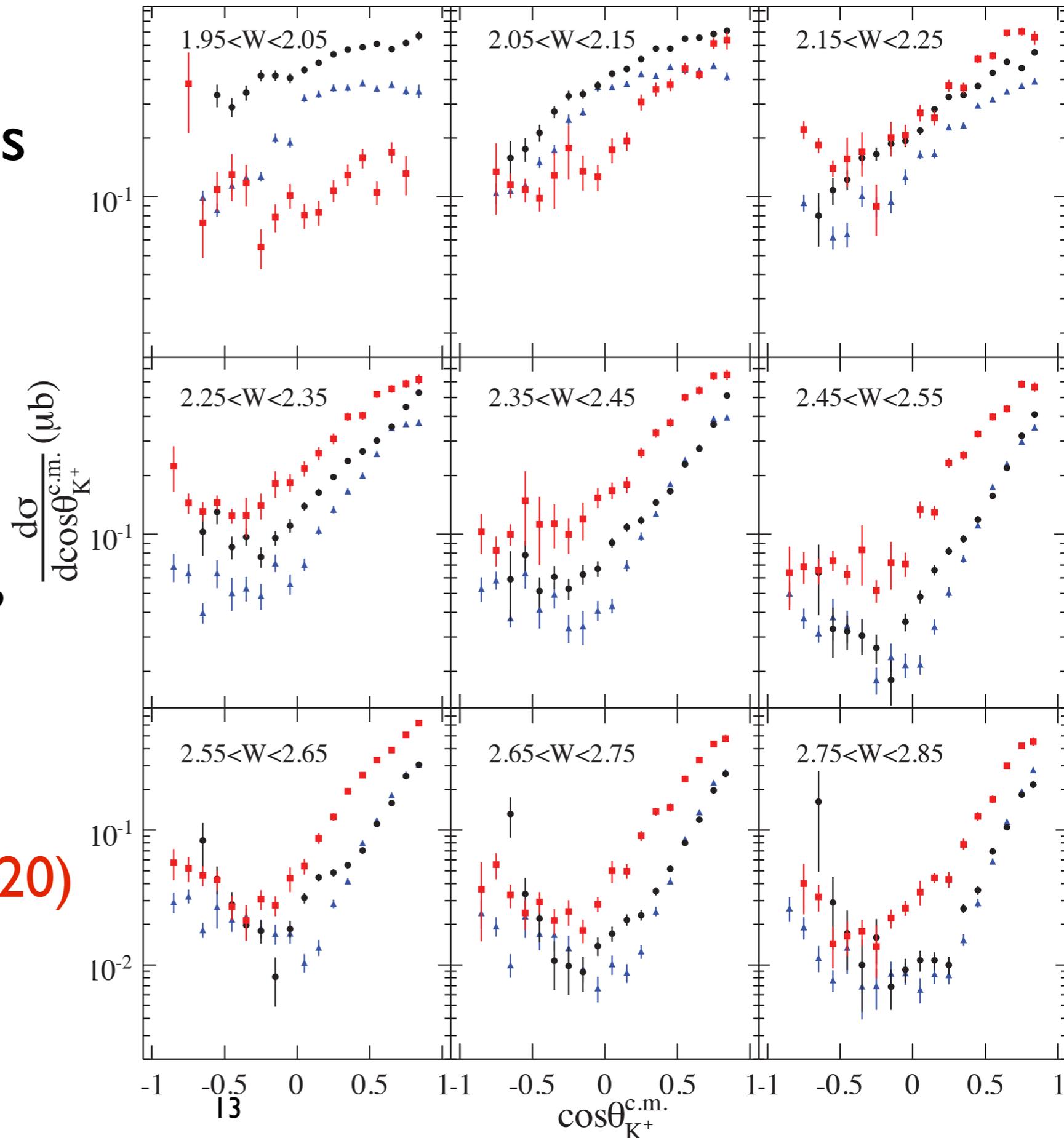
● $\Sigma^+ \pi^-$ ● $\Sigma^0 \pi^0$ ● $\Sigma^- \pi^+$

- $\Lambda(1405)$ measured for each $\Sigma\pi$ channel
- Defined as threshold up to $1.5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- Very different isospin-dependence at lower energies
- All three merge into forward-peaking behavior at high energies



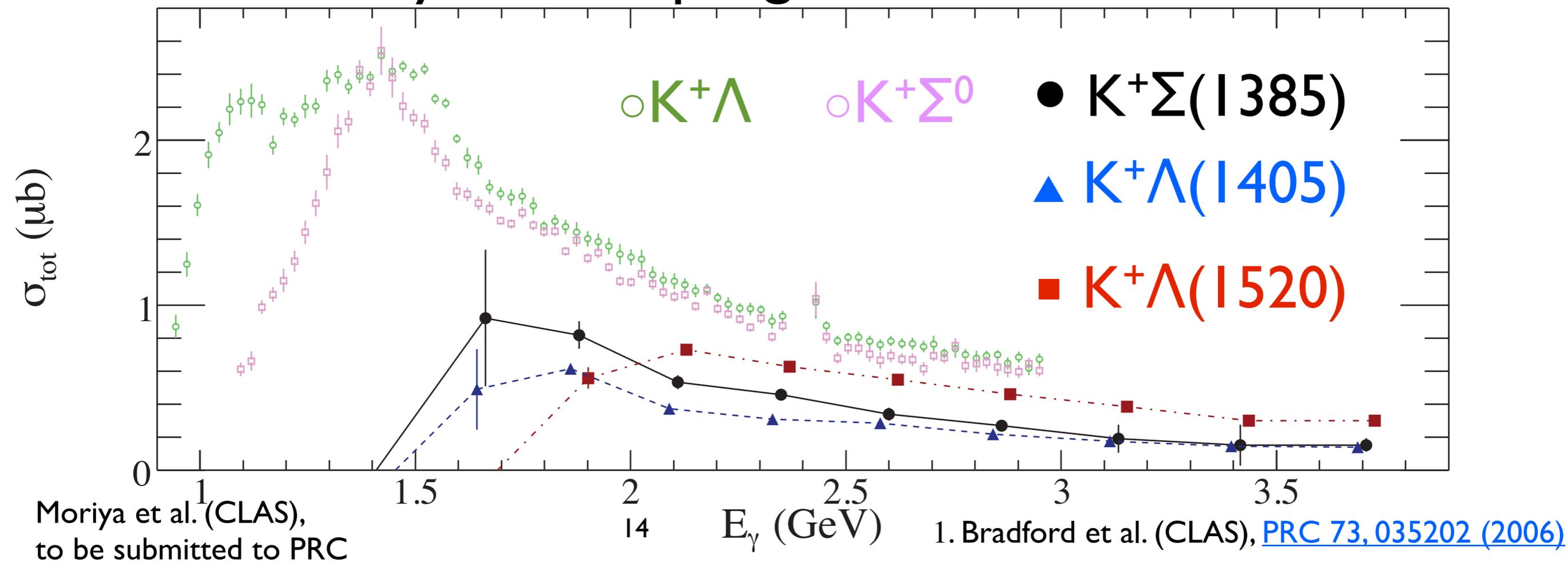
Comparison of Cross Sections

- All three hyperons show similar forward rise at higher energies
- Similar strengths at lower energies, but $\Lambda(1520)$ dominates
- $\Sigma(1385)$ ■ $\Lambda(1520)$
▲ $\Lambda(1405)$ (sum)



Total Cross Sections

- Total cross sections are extrapolated over all angles
- Cross sections are comparable to ground state $K^+\Lambda$, $K^+\Sigma^0$ production¹
- Binning is coarse (100 MeV in W), but detailed studies may find couplings to N^* states



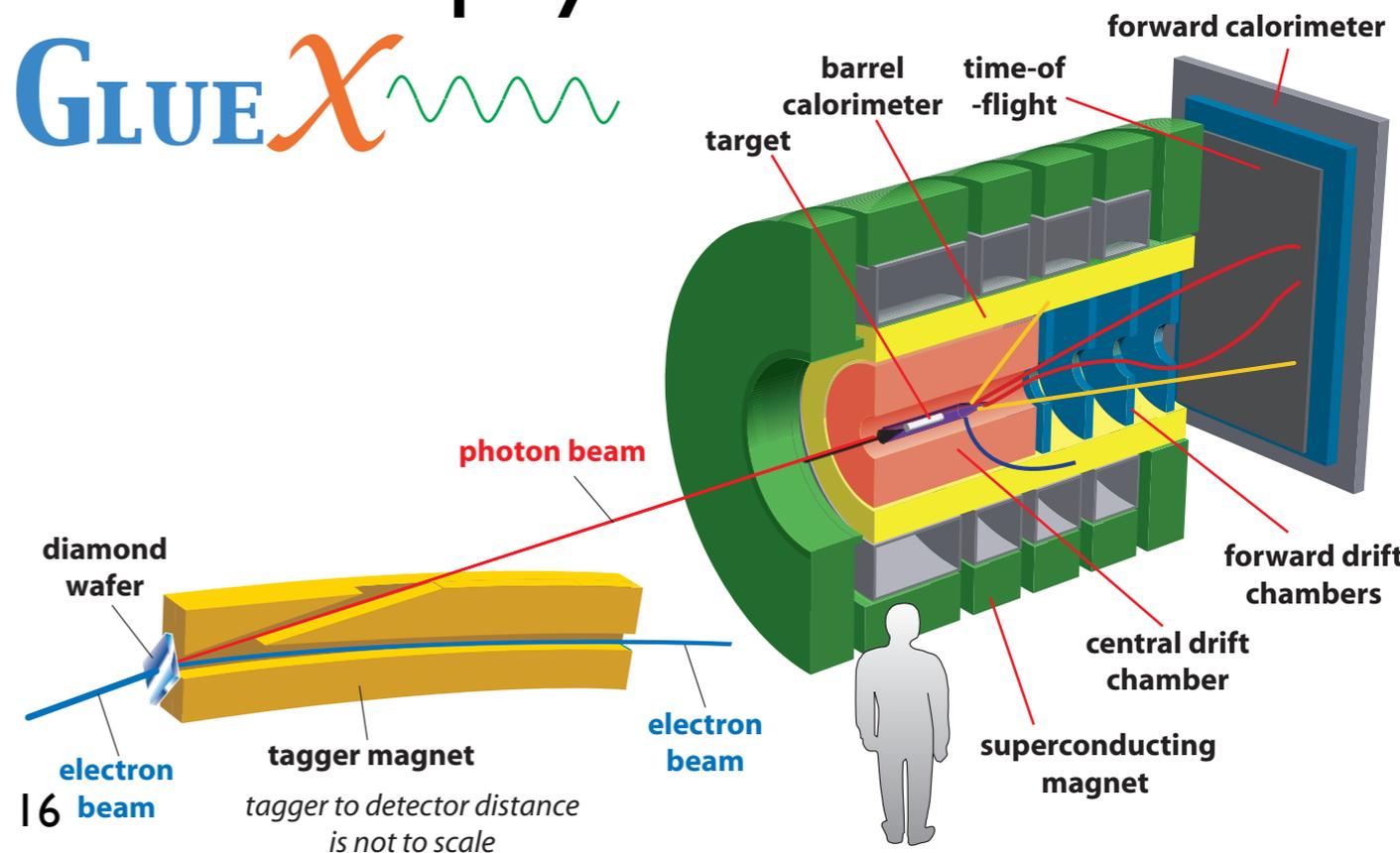
Summary of CLAS Results

- The line shape results of the $\Lambda(1405)$ show the strong dynamics that form the state
- Comparison of differential cross sections show that $\Lambda(1405)$, $\Sigma(1385)$, and $\Lambda(1520)$ are produced with similar strengths, and show similar behavior at higher energies
- New information on rather large cross sections compared to ground state production
- May give hints on coupling of these states to N^* states

Future Plans @12 GeV

- JLab is currently upgrading CEBAF accelerator:
6 GeV \rightarrow 12 GeV
- New experimental Hall D = GlueX¹
- High intensity photoproduction experiment
- Multi-purpose detector with broad physics program²

GLUEX 



1. <http://www.jlab.org/Hall-D/>

2. current PAC proposal at <http://arxiv.org/abs/1305.1523>

Search for Exotic Mesons

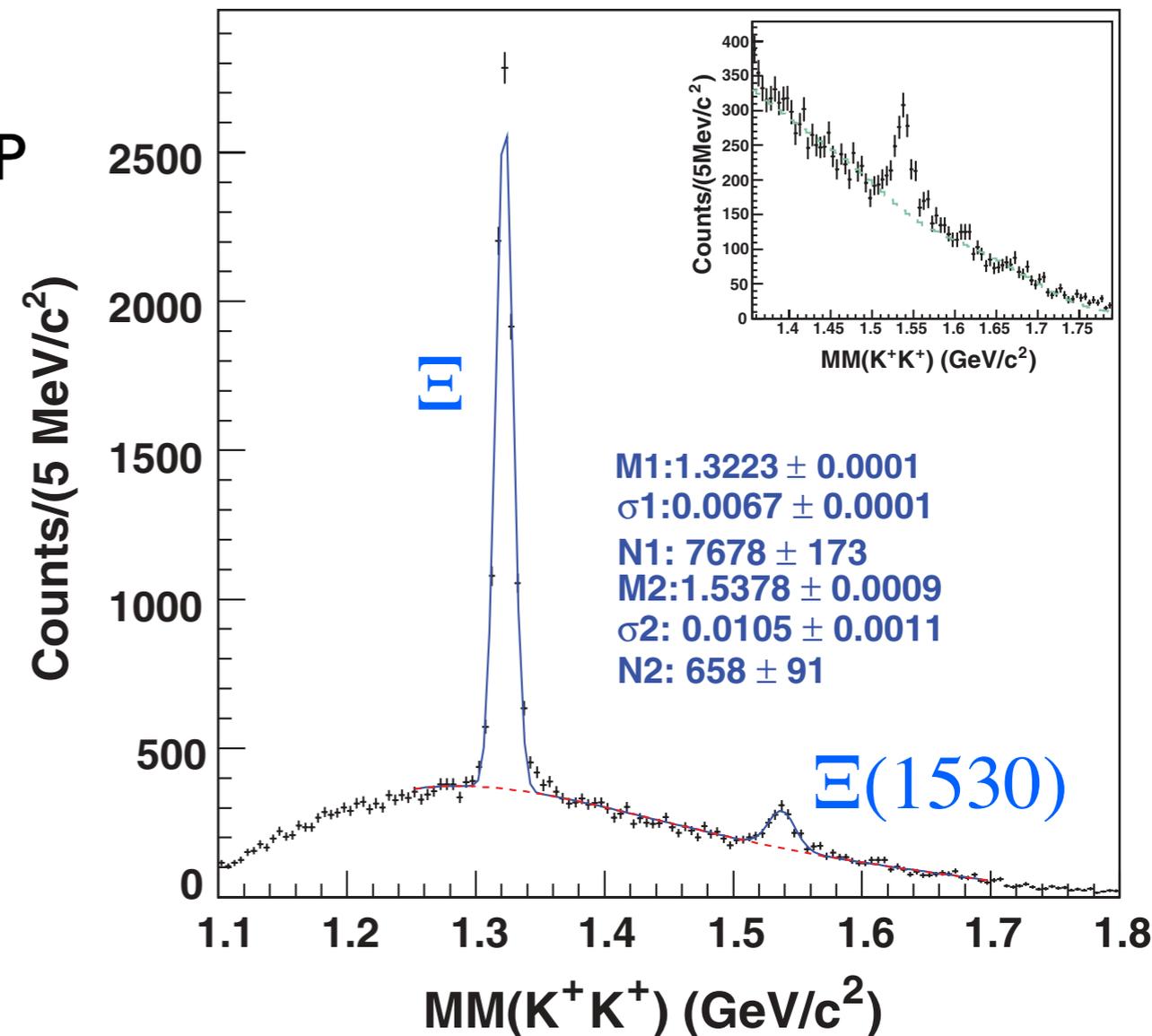
- $q \bar{q}$ states \Rightarrow Can only have states with specific J^{PC}
- QCD allows states with degrees of freedom beyond $q\bar{q}$, and are predicted by ℓ QCD¹
- If gluonic degrees of freedom contribute to quantum numbers, hybrid states of 0^{--} , 0^{+-} , 1^{-+} , etc. may exist
- These would show previously unknown roles of gluons in

S=0		S=1	
L:even	L:odd	L:even	L:odd
0^{++}	1^{+-}	1^{--}	0^{++}
2^{++}	3^{+-}	2^{--}	1^{++}
4^{++}	5^{+-}	3^{--}	2^{++}
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots

allowed J^{PC} for $q \bar{q}$

Search for $\Xi^{(*)}$ States

- Ξ baryons have two s-quarks
- Spectrum of Ξ^* not well-known
 - 2 Ξ^{*++} states, 4 Ξ^{*+} states
 - almost no information on J^P
 - relatively narrow widths
- CLAS¹ did not have enough energy/statistics to confirm higher Ξ^* states
- GlueX will have much higher energy range, higher forward acceptance - expect $\sim 800k$ Ξ , $\sim 100k$ $\Xi(1530)$

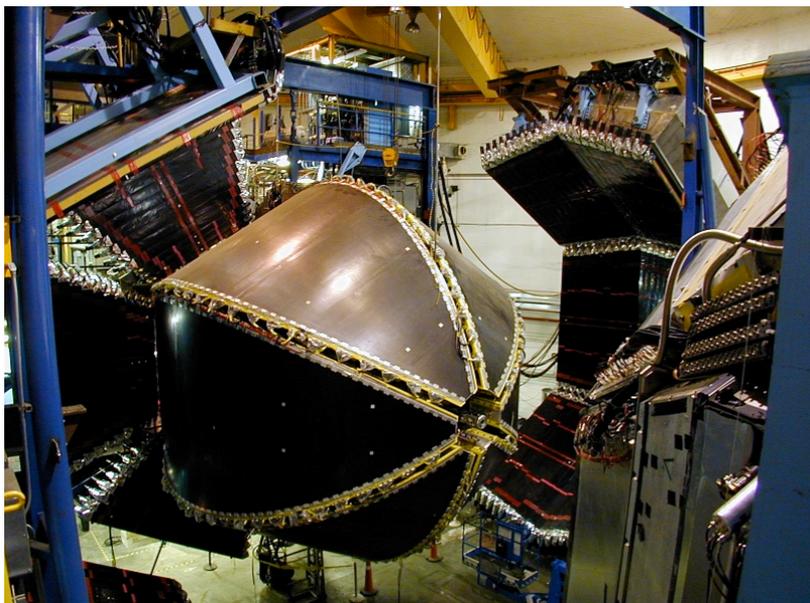


Conclusions

- JLab@6 GeV has produced many results for nuclear/hadron studies
- Line shape, cross section measurements of $\Lambda(1405)$ and other excited hyperons are input towards a systematic understanding of QCD
- The 12 GeV upgrade at JLab is ongoing
- GlueX will have a broad physics program, including searches for exotic mesons, $\Xi^{(*)}$ baryons, and more

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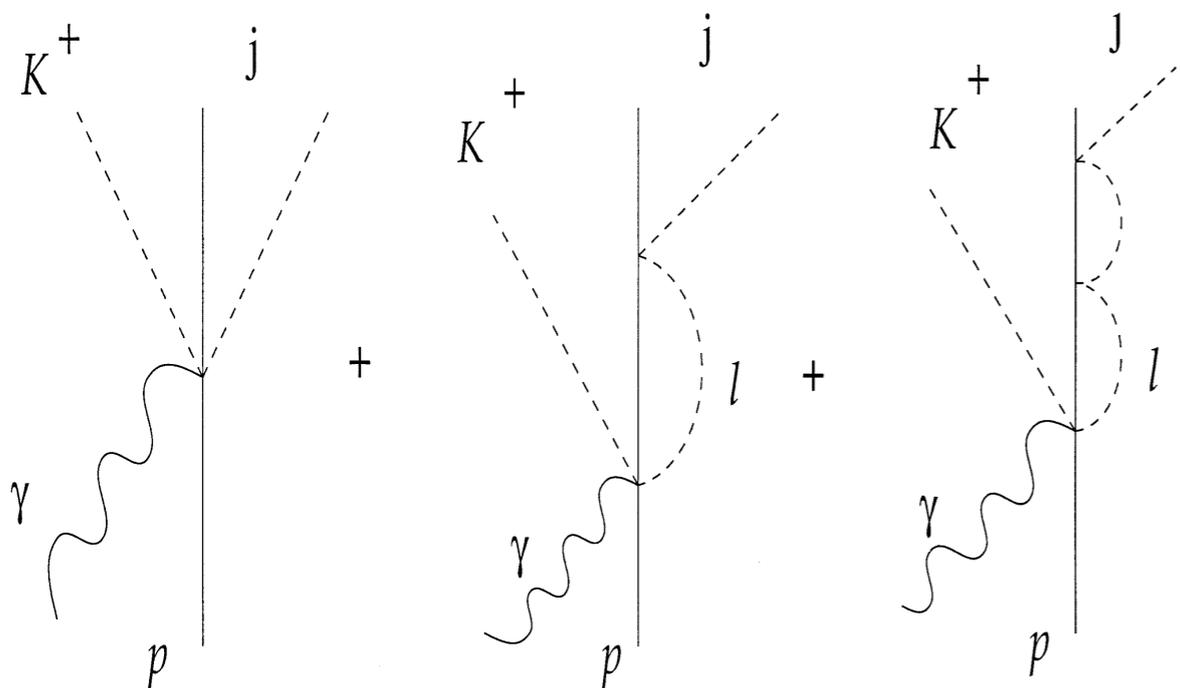


CLAS detector
(6 GeV era)

1. <https://www.jlab.org>

Details of Chiral Dynamics

Effective chiral Lagrangian + Unitary coupled channels

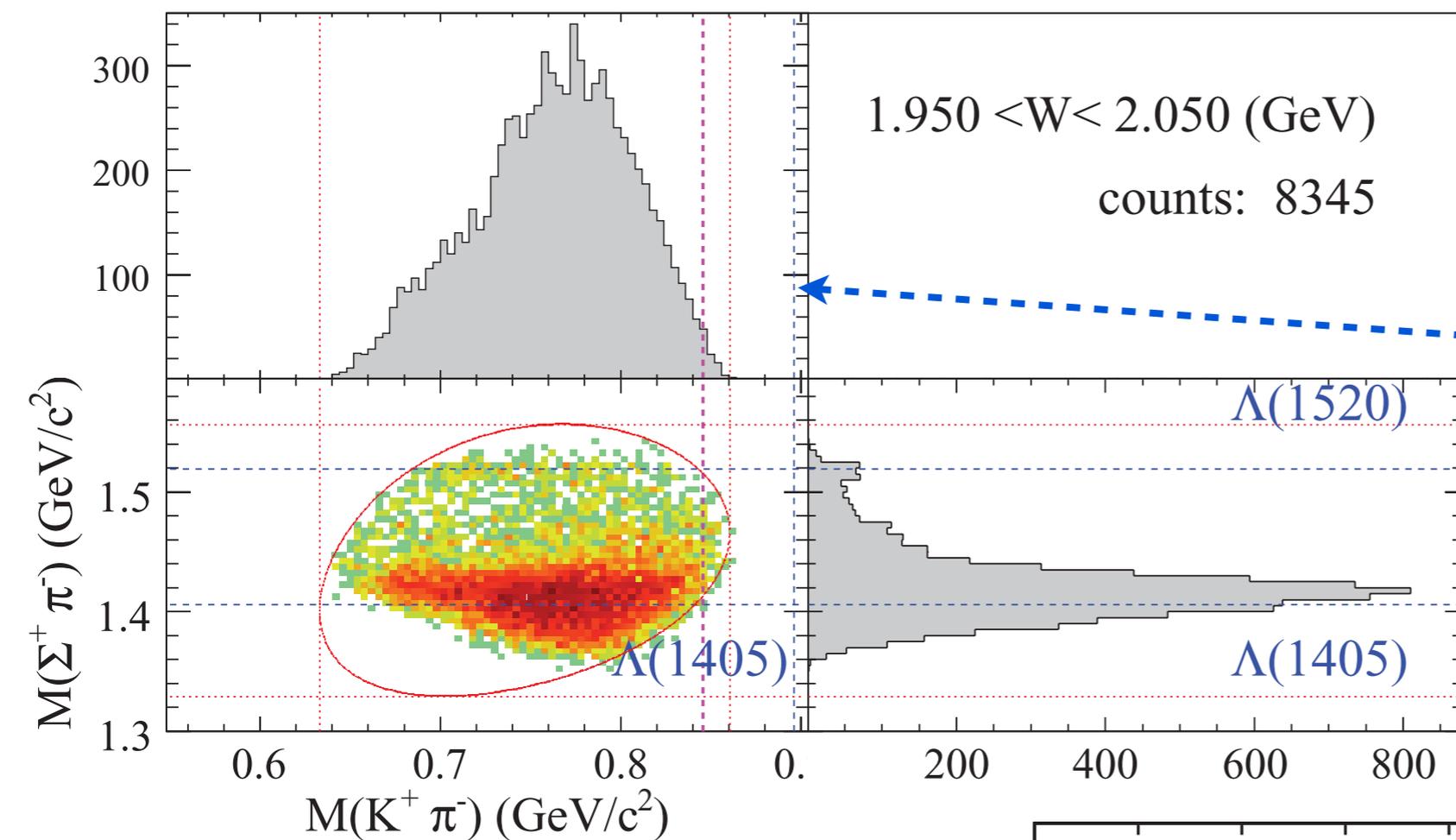


Rescattering of meson baryon interaction creates $\Lambda(1405)$

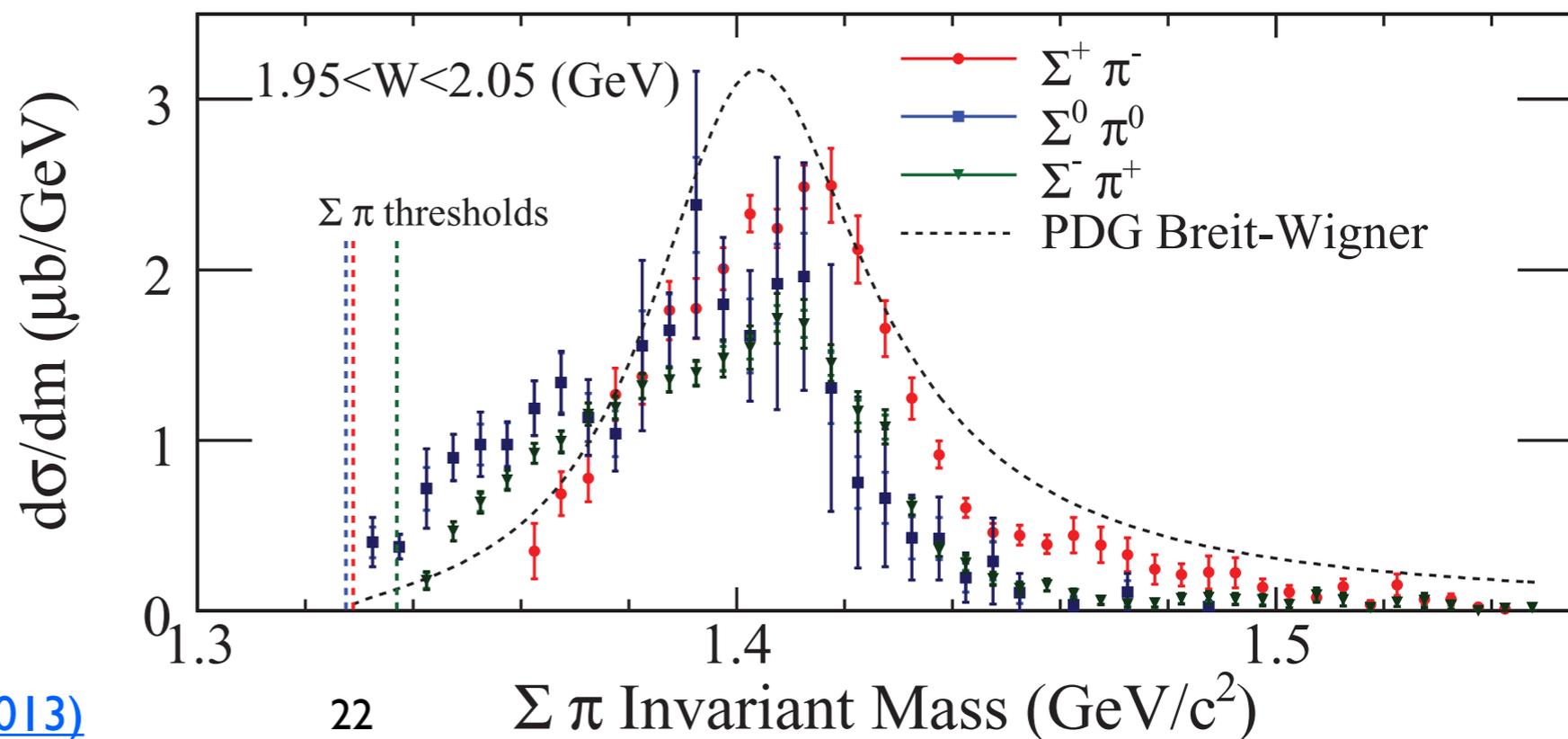
isospin decomposition

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

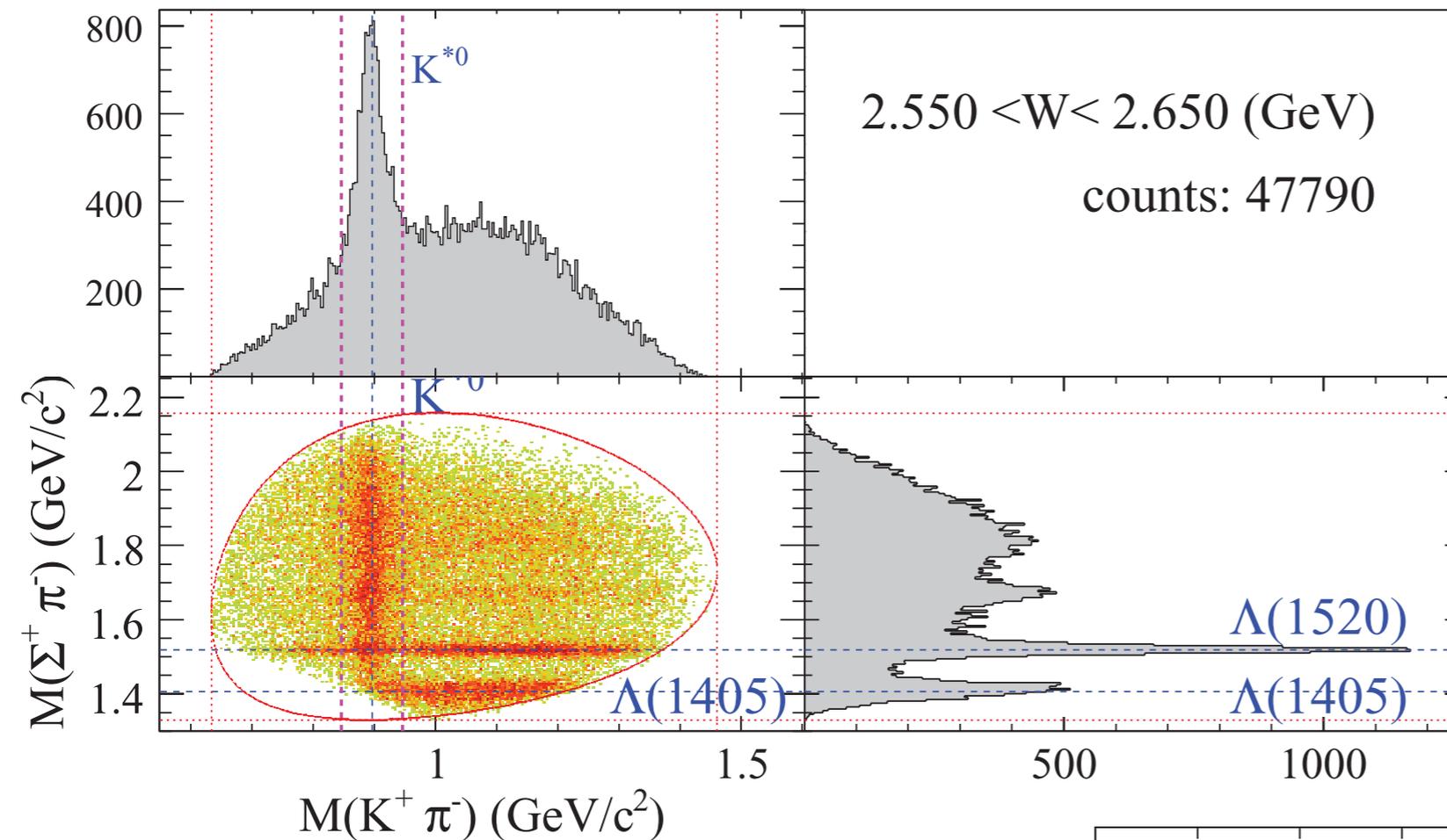
Below K^* threshold



Line shapes are still very different



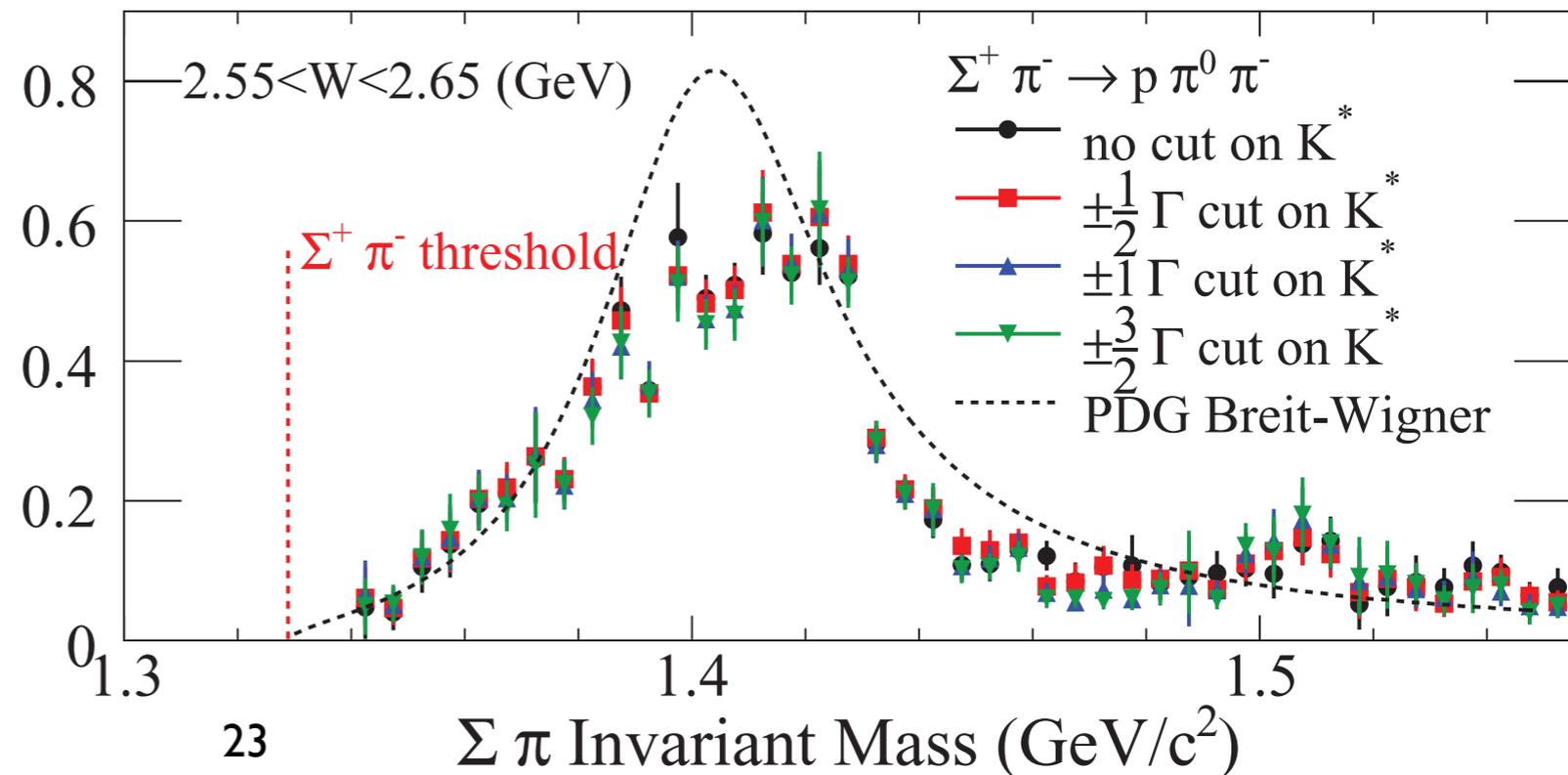
K^* Background Studies



remove regions
centered around K^*

acceptance-corrected
results do not change

[Moriya et al. \(CLAS\), PRC 87, 035206 \(2013\)](#)



Flatté Function¹

For a 2-channel resonance where the resonance straddles the threshold to one channel, preserve analyticity to below threshold

Breit-Wigner amplitude

$$B_I(m) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[\frac{\sqrt{m_R m \Gamma_I^0 (q/q_R)^{2L}}}{m_R^2 - m^2 - i m_R \Gamma_{\text{tot}}(q)} \right]$$

total width

$$\Gamma_{\text{tot}}(m) = \Gamma_{I,1}(q_1(m)) + \Gamma_{I,2}(q_2(m))$$

dependence of Γ on breakup momentum

$$\Gamma_{\text{tot}}(q) \rightarrow \Gamma_{I,1}(q_1) = \Gamma_{I,1}^0 \frac{m_R}{m} \left(\frac{q_1(m)}{q_R} \right)^{2L+1}$$

Below threshold for decay mode 2, the total decay width is

$$\Gamma_{\text{tot}}(m) = \Gamma_{I,1}(q_1(m)) + i\gamma \Gamma_{I,1}(q_2'(m)), \quad (25)$$

while above the threshold the total decay width is

$$\Gamma_{\text{tot}}(m) = \Gamma_1(q_1(m)) + \gamma \Gamma_1(q_2(m)), \quad (26)$$

analyticity:

More Info On GlueX

- Webpage (goals, physics, members): <http://gluex.org>
- Current PAC proposal: <http://arxiv.org/abs/1305.1523>

Ξ^* Spectrum

- Many predicted states
- Only 2 *****, 4 *** states
- J^P determined for only three states

predicted states
discovered states

Ξ experimental and CI model states below 2300 MeV

