



A diagram illustrating the photoproduction process. A red arrow labeled  $\gamma$  points to the right. A yellow arrow labeled  $\Lambda$  points upwards and to the right. A blue arrow labeled  $K^+$  points downwards and to the right. A vertical black line is positioned to the right of the  $\Lambda$  and  $K^+$  arrows.

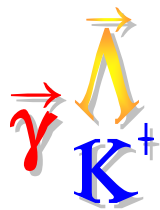
# Scaling and Resonances in $K^+\Lambda$ Photoproduction

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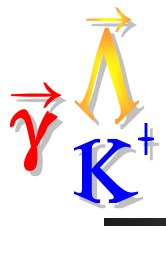
(work with Misak Sargsian, FIU)



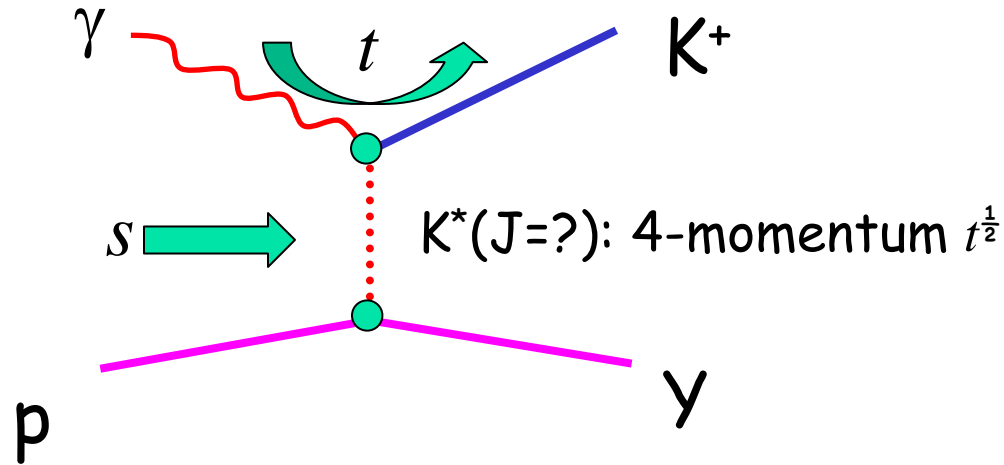


# Overview

- “Scaling” of the reaction  $\gamma + p \rightarrow K^+ + \Lambda$ 
  - Regge scaling at small  $-t$
  - Constituent-counting scaling at high  $-t$
- $N^*$  Resonances seen in Scaled Cross Sections
  - Strong correlations at large angles  $\rightarrow$  interferences
  - Connection to “missing resonance” searches
- Feasible due to recent CLAS published results
  - M. McCracken *et al.* Phys. Rev. C **81**, 025201 (2010).



# Regge Scaling at Small $-t$

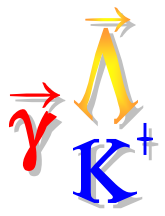


- How does  $d\sigma/dt$  vary with  $s$  and  $-t$ ?

$$d\sigma / dt = D(t) \left( \frac{s}{s_0} \right)^{2\alpha(t)-2}$$

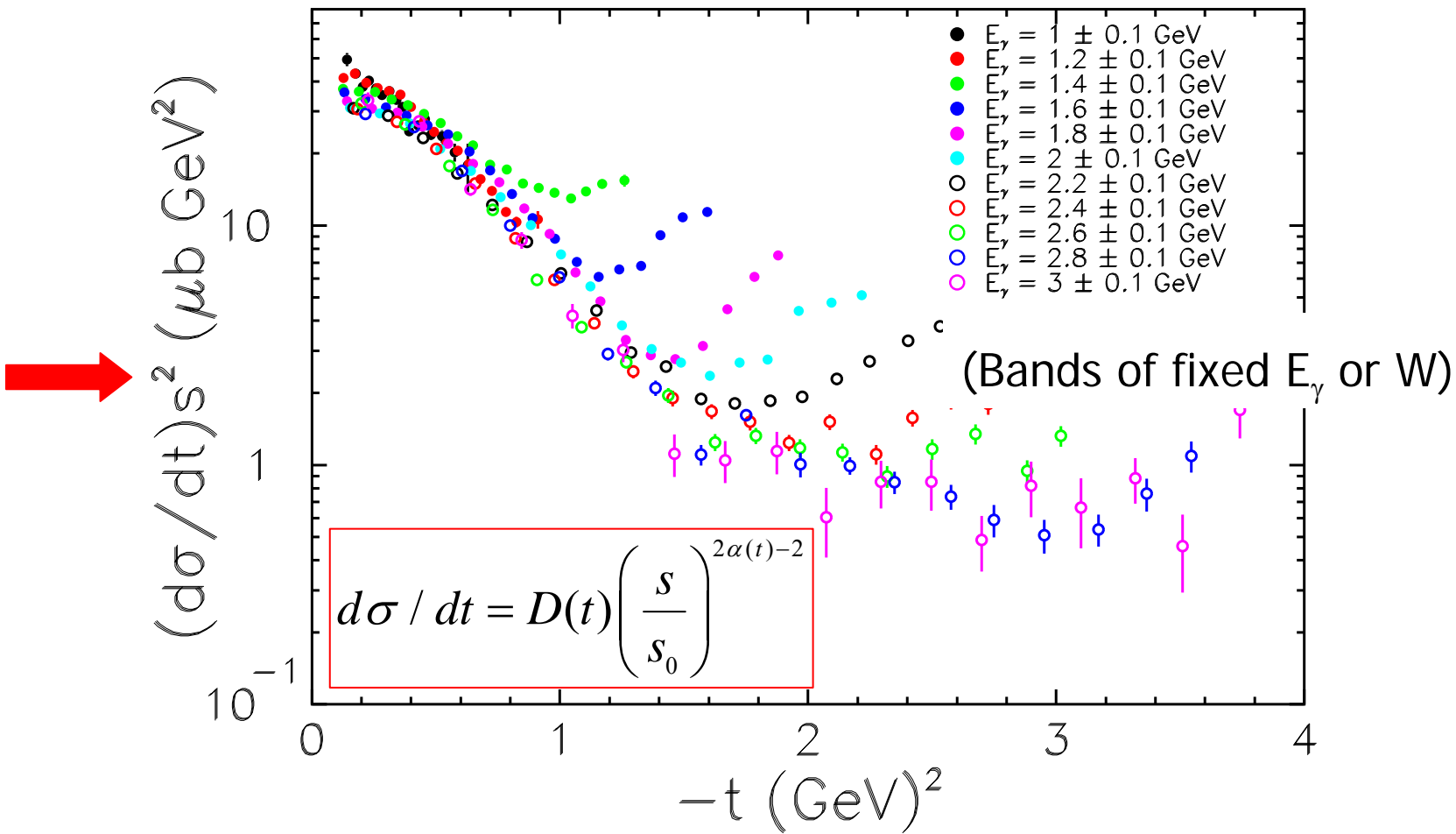
$s = W^2$  invariant mass

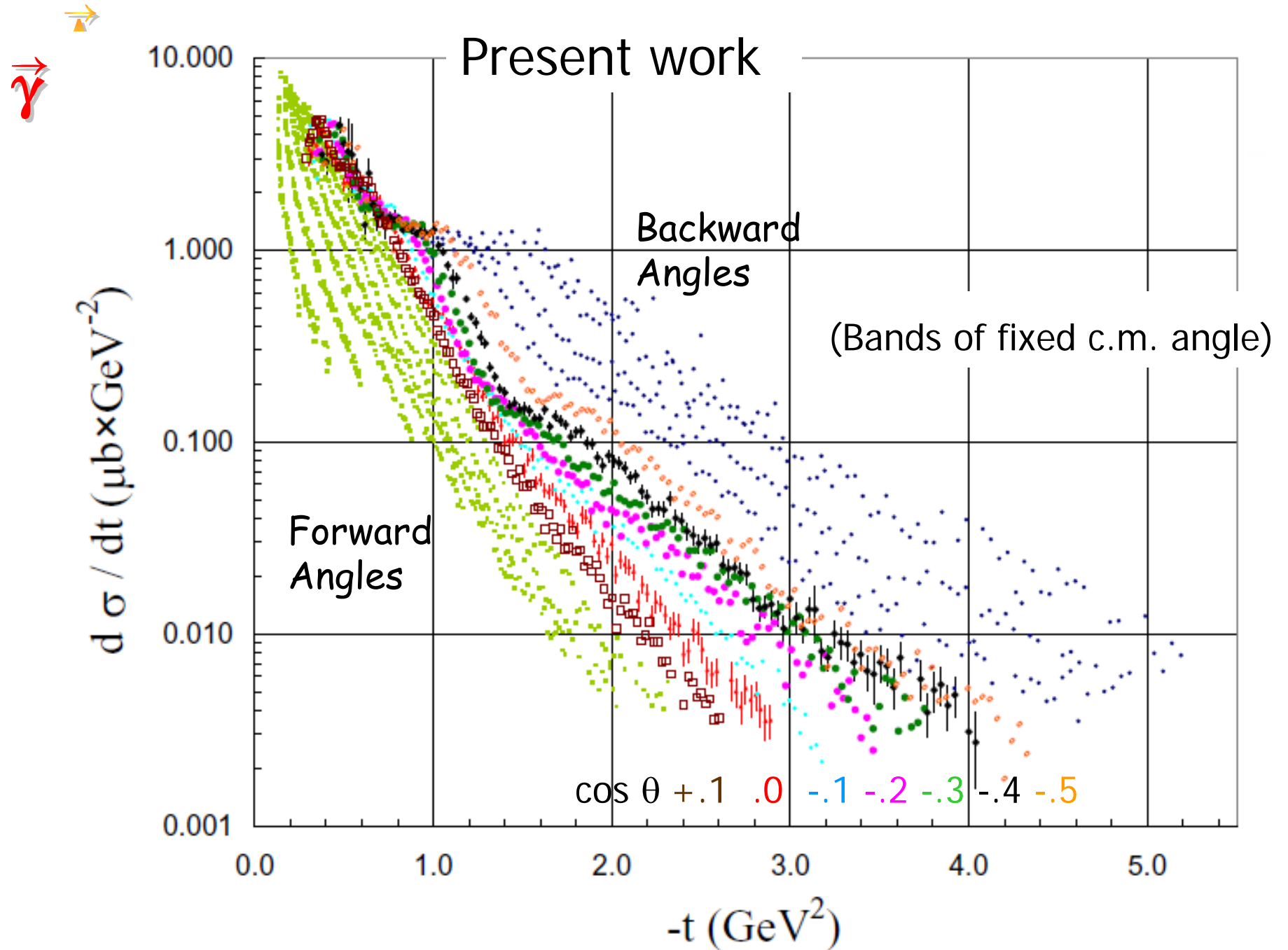
$\alpha(t) = \alpha_{t=t_{\min}} + \alpha' t$  Regge trajectory

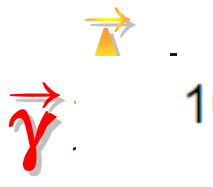


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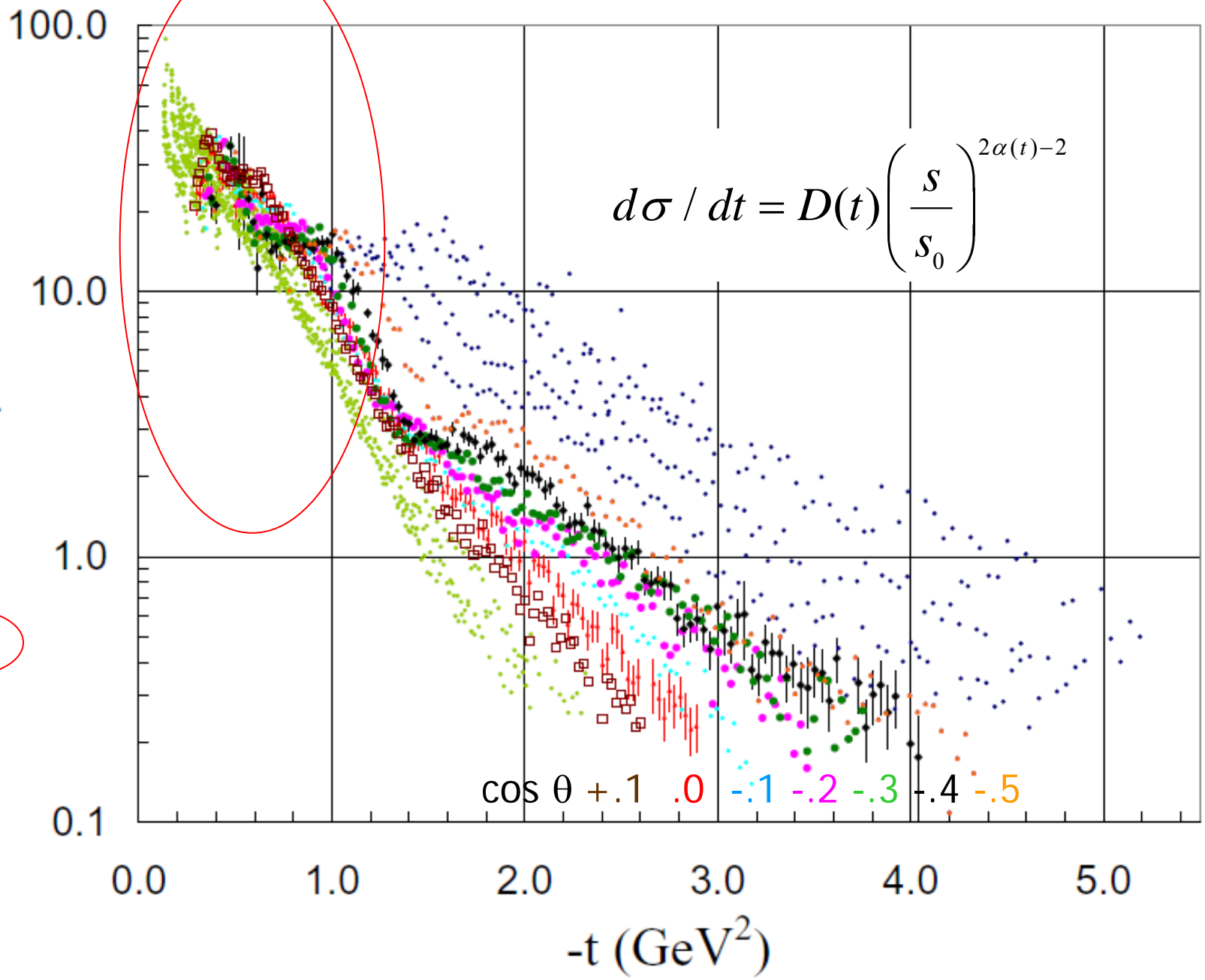
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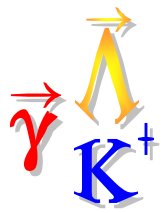






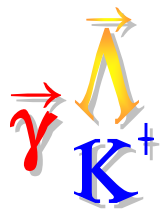
$s^2 d\sigma / dt (\mu\text{b} \times \text{GeV}^0)$





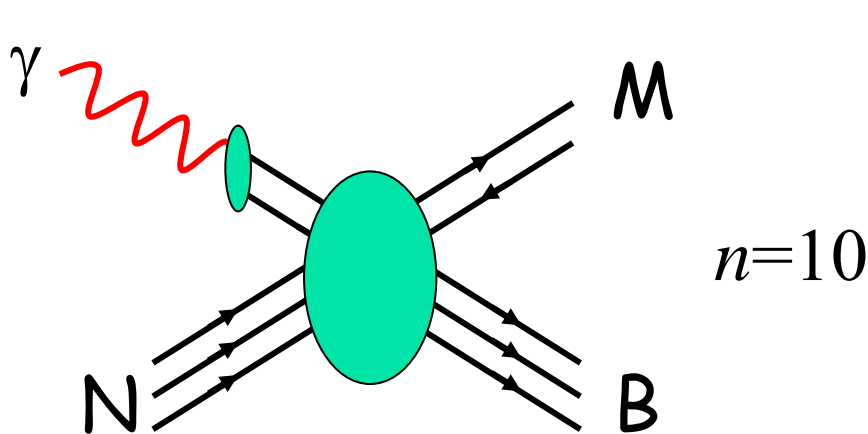
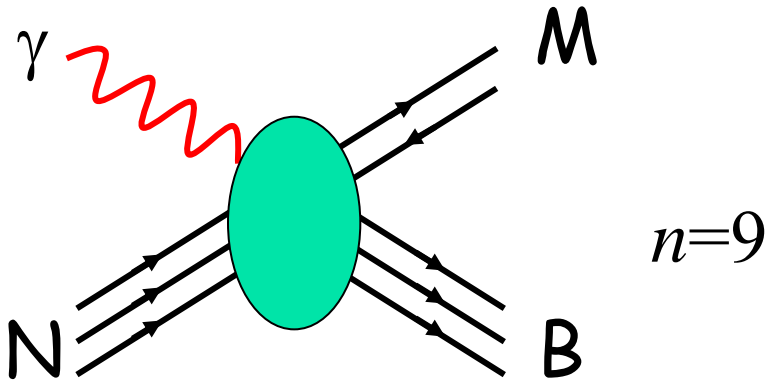
# Regge Scaling at Small $-t$

- New and previous CLAS  $K^+\Lambda$  results are in good agreement
- Observation of approximate  $s^{-2}$  "Regge scaling" is confirmed
  - Implies that  $\alpha_{eff} = \alpha_{K^+} + \alpha_{K^*(892)} \approx 0, t \rightarrow 0$
- Model calculation of  $\alpha(t)$  remains as an open task...



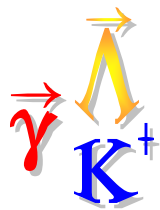
# Constituent-Counting Scaling

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} = f\left(\frac{t}{s}\right) s^{2-n}$$

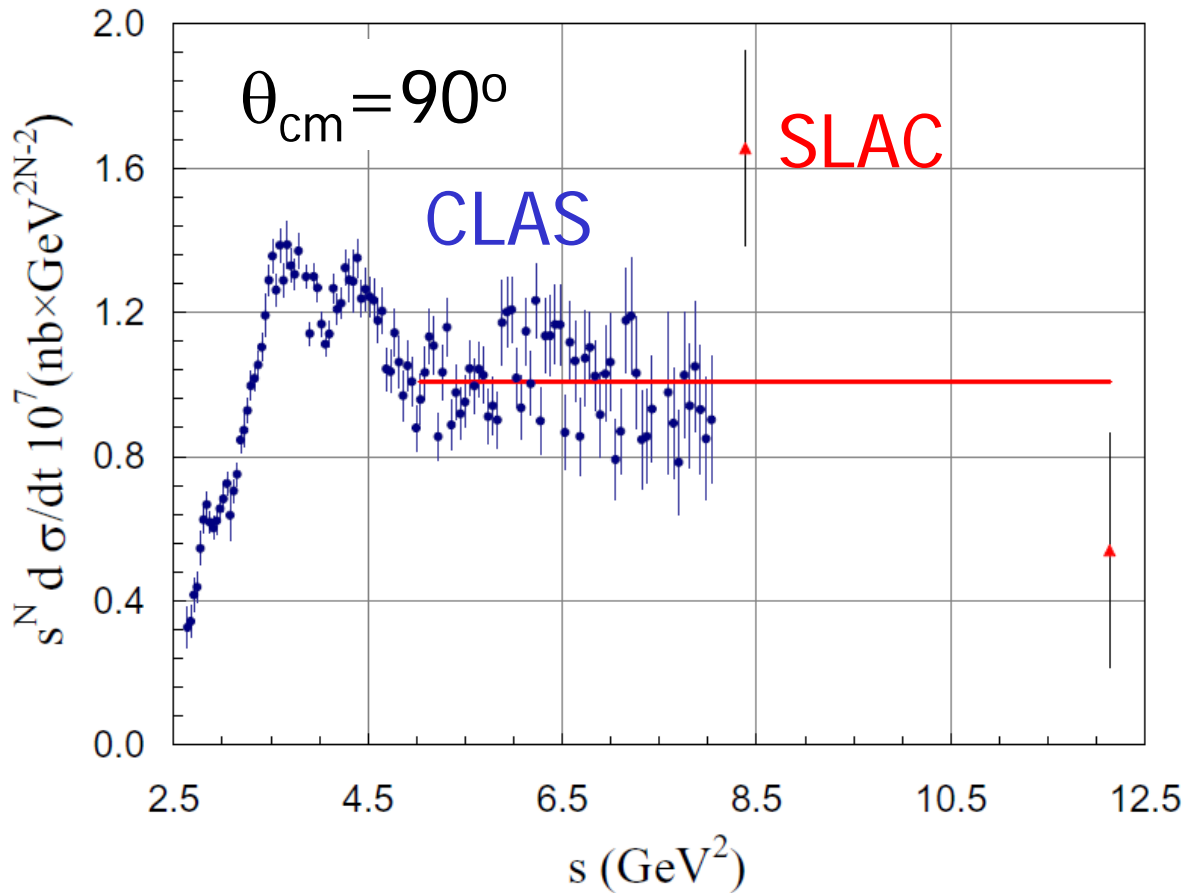


- Constituent counting rules for exclusive scattering
- "Valid" for  $s \rightarrow \infty$  and  $t/s$  fixed
  - $t/s \sim \cos(\theta_{\text{cm}})$  as  $s \rightarrow \infty$
- $n$  = number of point-like constituents
- Follows from pQCD

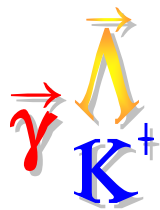




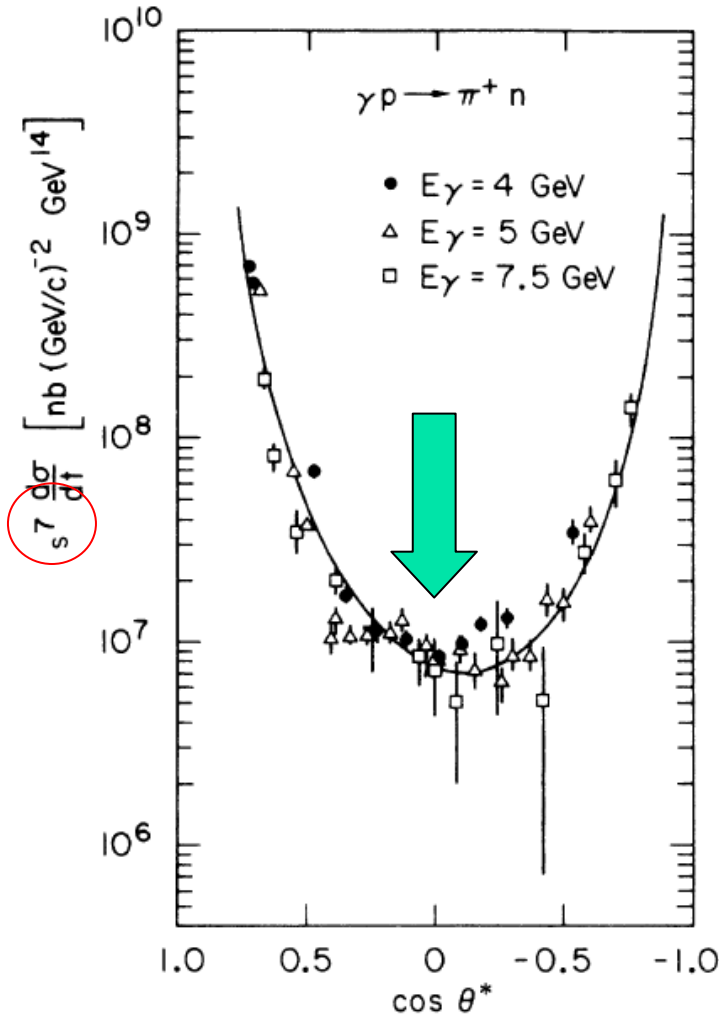
# Scaling Power Determination



- Optimize  $N$  in a fit of  $s^{-N}$  scaling
- Best fit:  
 $N = 7.1 \pm 0.1$
- $\chi^2_{\nu} = 92/60$ : fair fit
- Supports hypothesis of photon as a single bare elementary field
- Assume  $N \equiv 7$  henceforth...

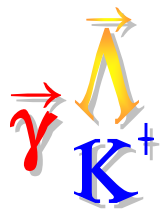


# Scaling in Pion Production

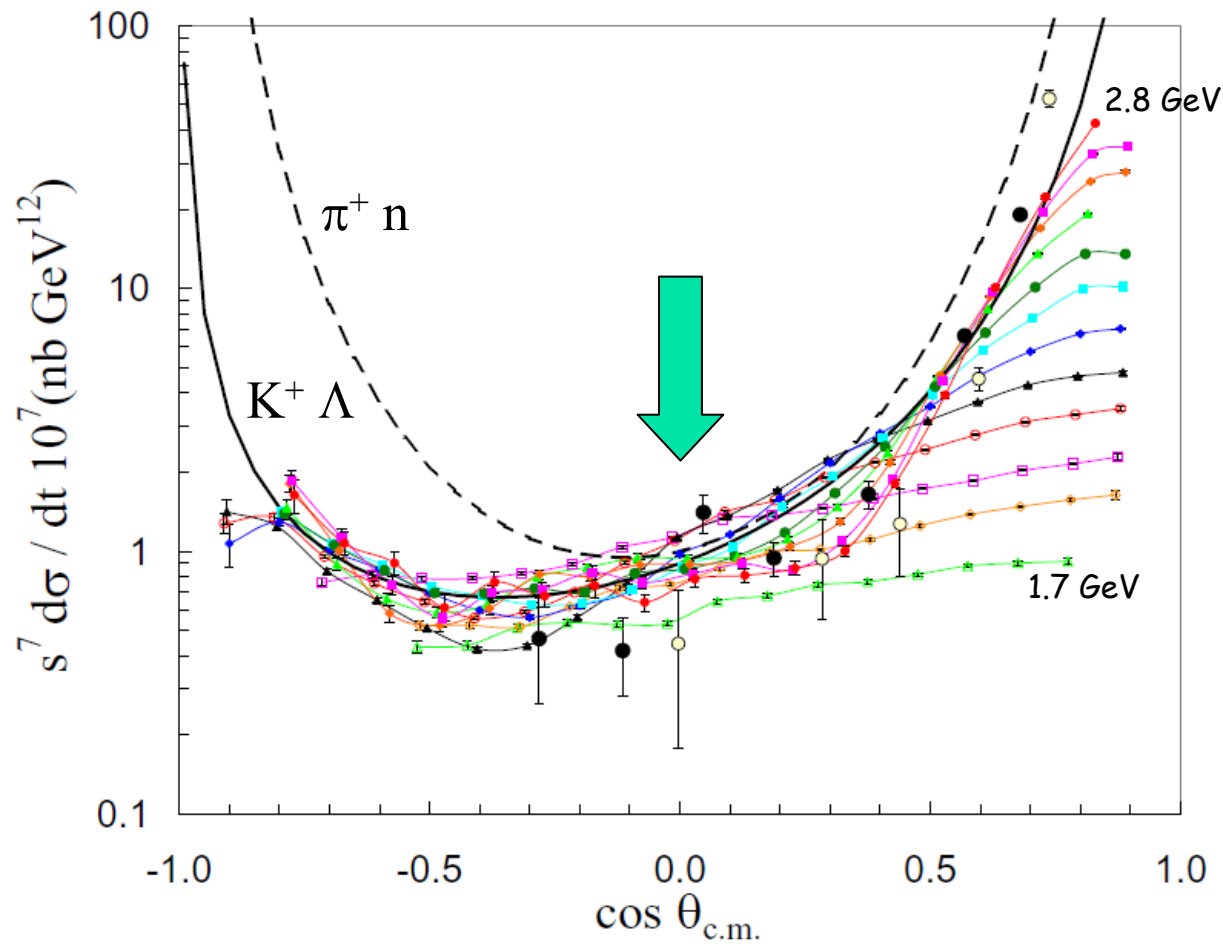


- “perturbative QCD” scaling at SLAC
- $s^{-7}$  scaling found to “work” for  $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ n$ ,  $\pi^0 p$ ,  $\pi^- \Delta^{++}$ ,  $\rho^0 p$ , and maybe  $KY$
- The curve is totally ad hoc
- Expect the best evidence for scaling near  $90^\circ$

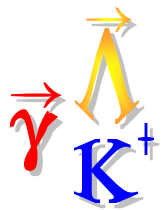
FIG. 6.  $s^7 d\sigma/dt$  versus  $\cos\theta^*$  for the reaction  $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ n$ . The solid line shows the empirical function  $(1-z)^{-5}(1+z)^{-4}$  where  $(z = \cos\theta^*)$ , which is an empirical fit to the angular distribution.



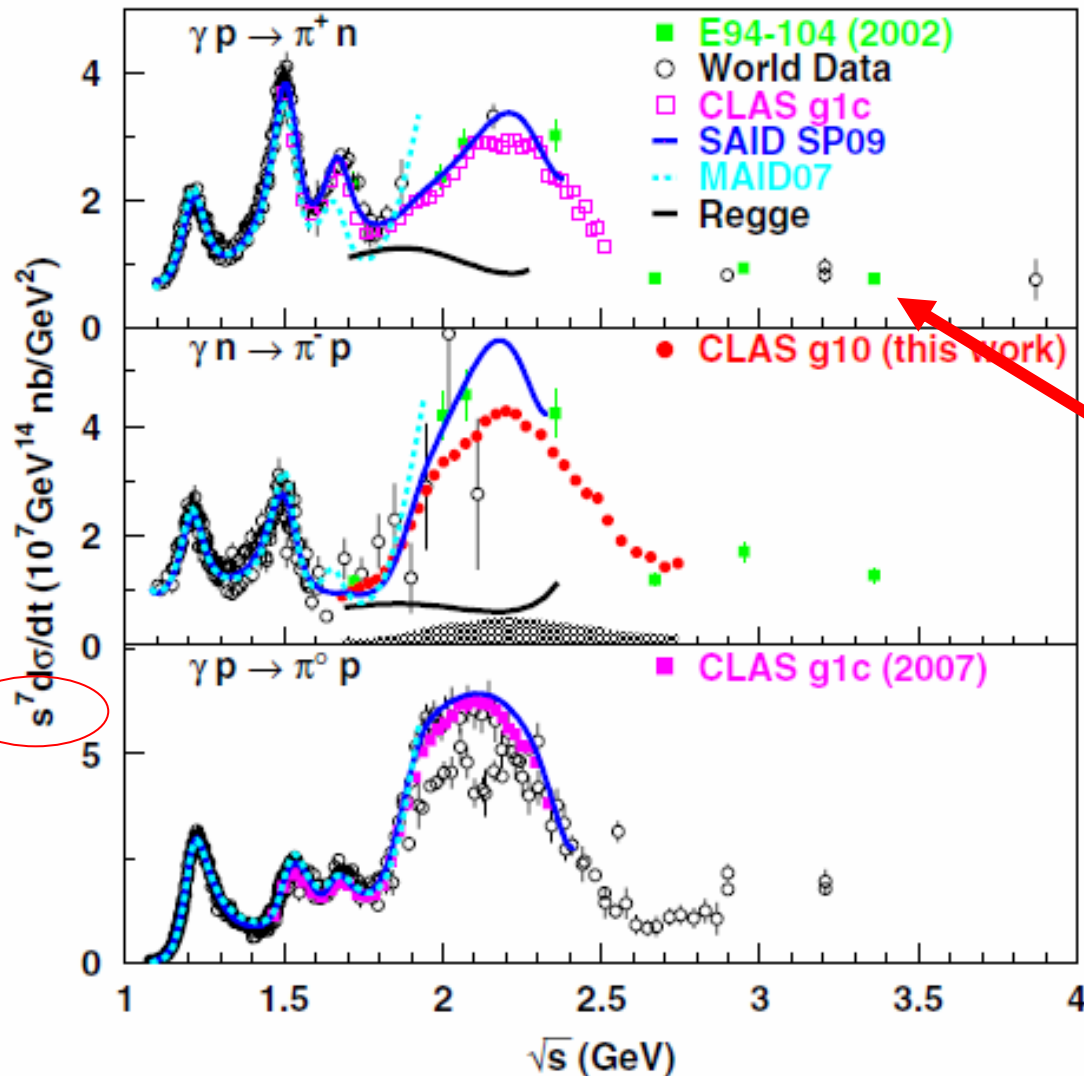
# Evidence for $s^{-7}$ Scaling...



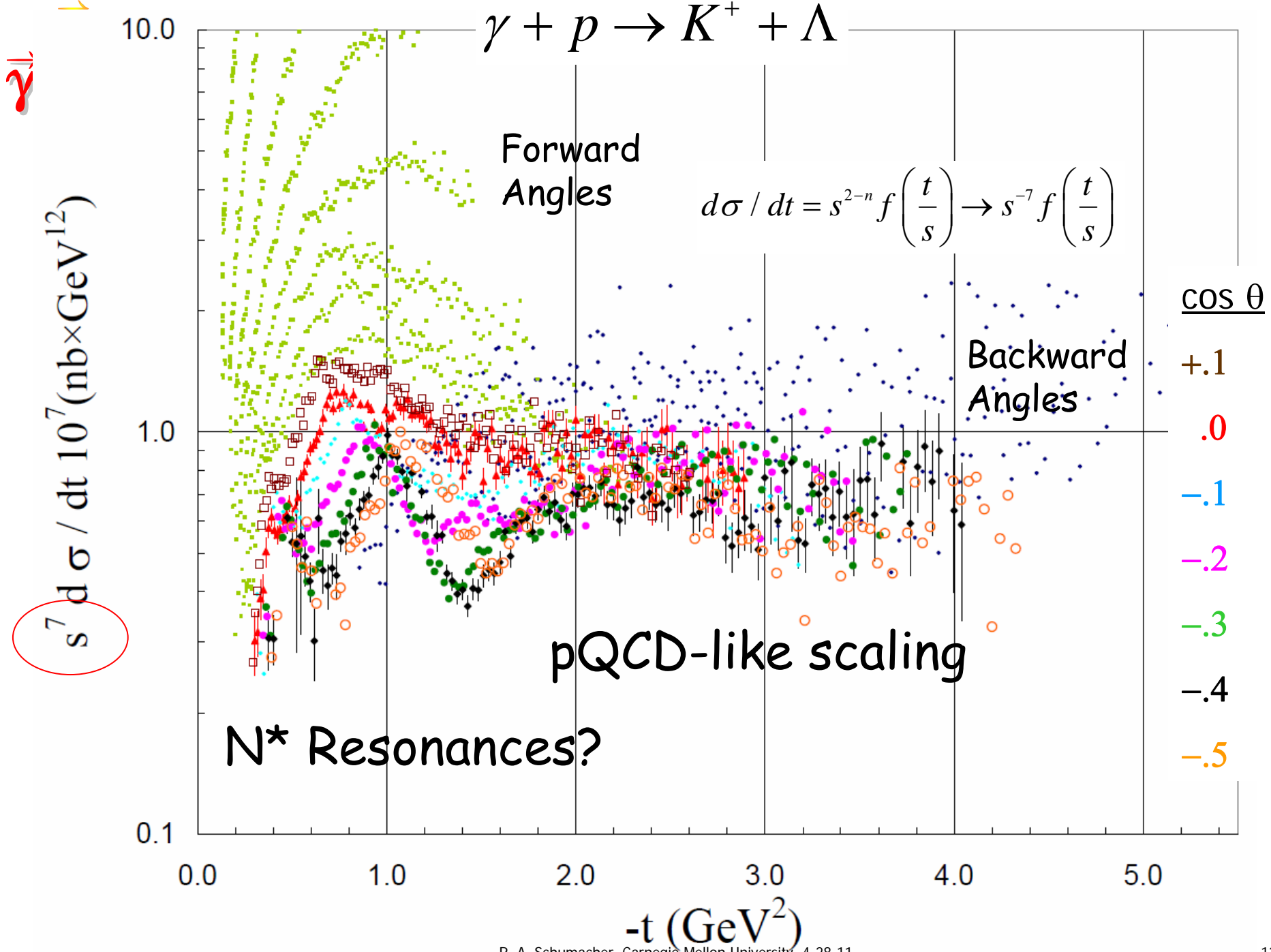
- CLAS: 100 MeV wide bins in  $W$ 
  - Green 1.7 GeV
  - Red 2.8 GeV
- SLAC:
  - Black 2.9 GeV
  - White 3.5 GeV
  - CLAS & SLAC show good agreement
- $s^{-7}$  scaling happens for  $W >$  about 2.3 GeV
- Pions and Kaons scale to same value near  $90^\circ$ 
  - Interesting: are the quark mass differences irrelevant?

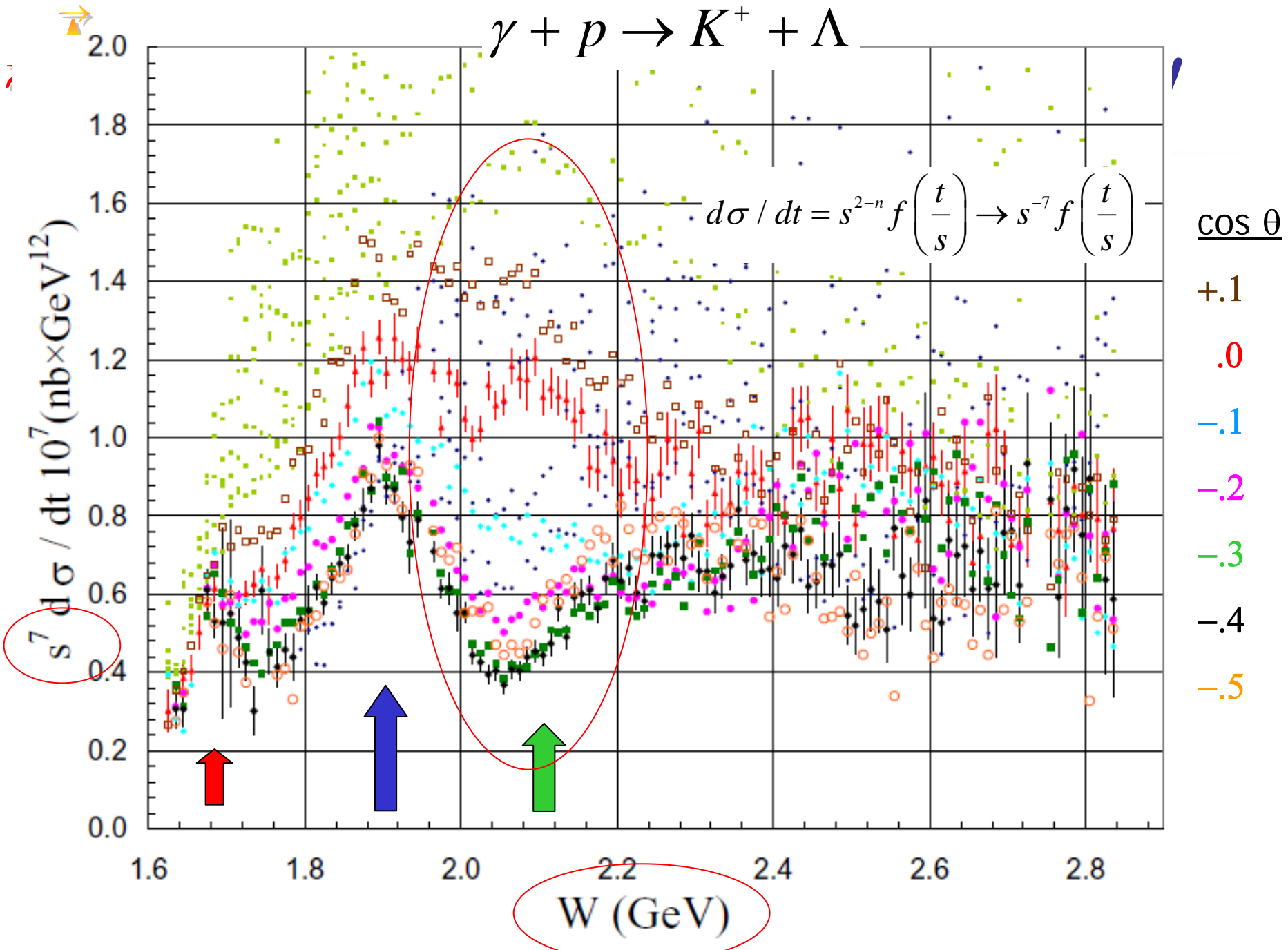
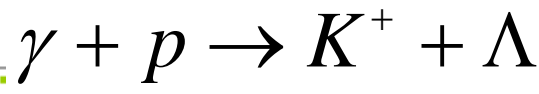


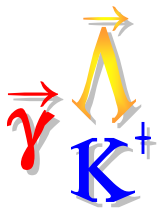
# Scaling in Pion Production



- Three pion channels at  $90^\circ$  vs.  $W$
- pQCD scaling seen for  $W > 2.6 \text{ GeV}$
- $N^*$  resonances seen below  $2 \text{ GeV}$

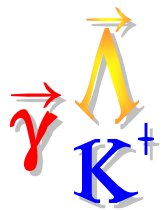




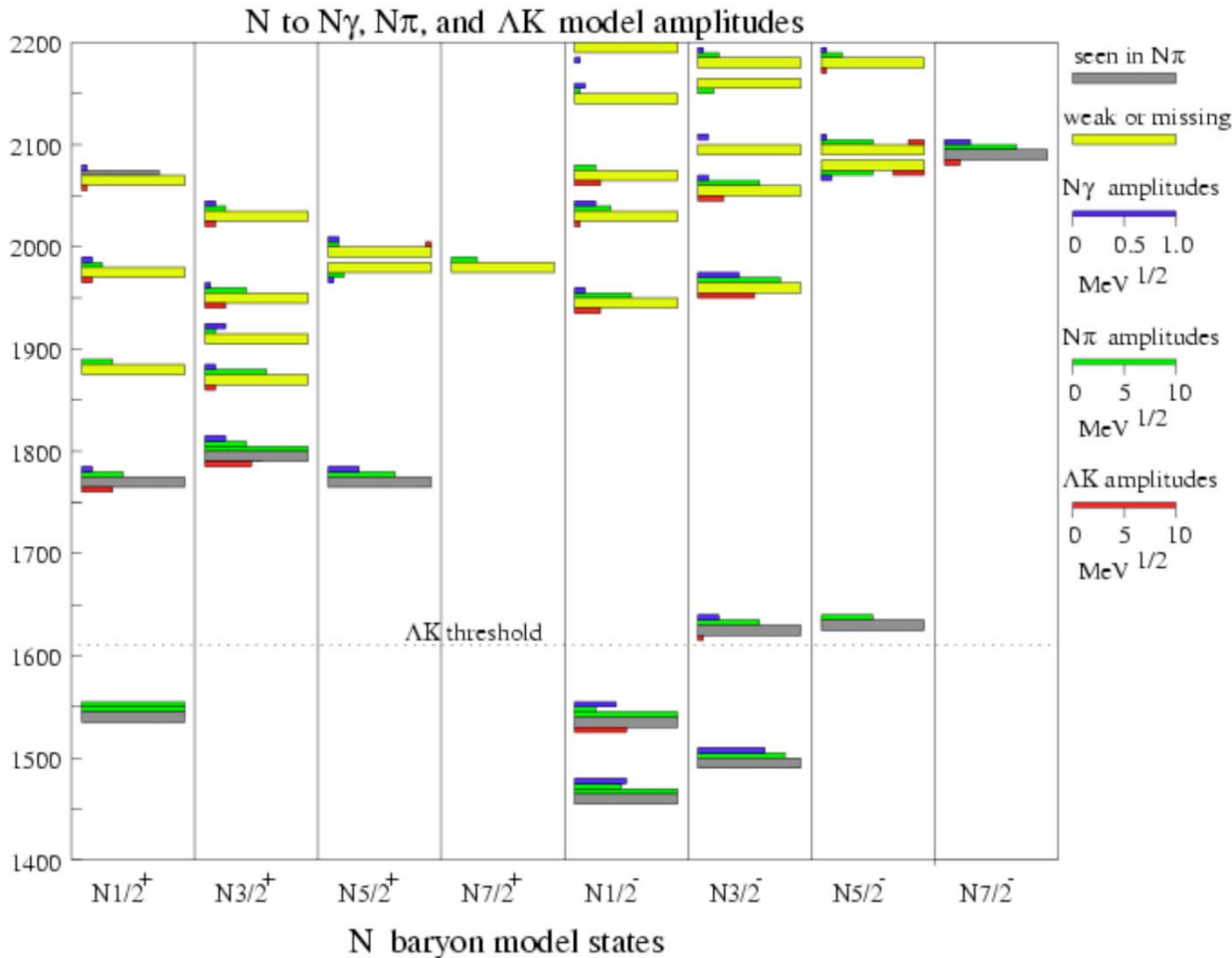


# Resonances in $K^+\Lambda$ Production

- Scaled cross section enhances visibility of resonances near 1.7, 1.9, & 2.1 GeV
- Strong interference signal near 2.1 GeV
- Model the cross section using S, P, D - wave resonances with relativistic-BW amplitudes

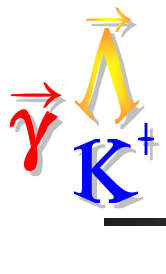


# N\* Baryons: Seen & "Missing"

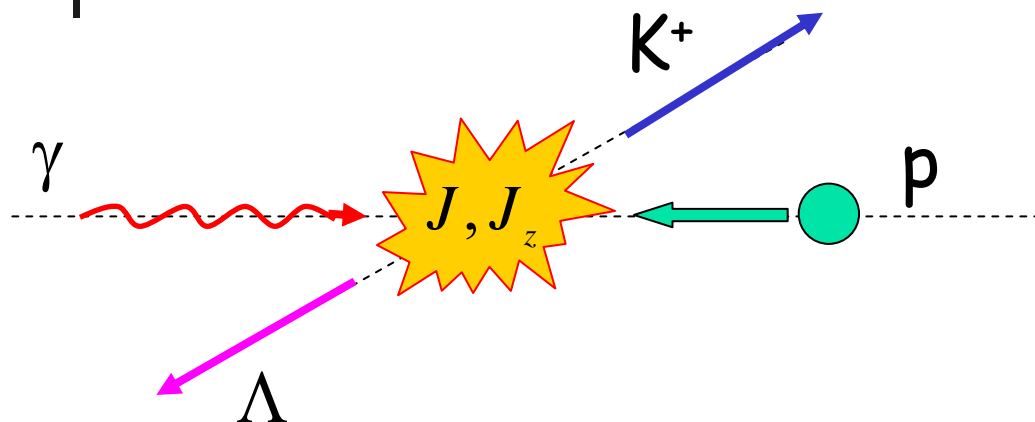


- Relativised CQM
  - Classify oscillator-model states by I, J, P
- Only low-mass states in each band seen in  $\pi$ N 3\*, 4\* status
- Where are the higher masses?
  - $\pi$ N couplings shrink
  - KY coupling are significant





# Physics Model



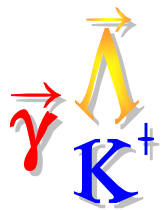
- Quantize along beam axis
- Final state amplitude  $\psi_L(J, J_z)$
- $\alpha_{\frac{1}{2}, \pm\frac{1}{2}}$  nucleon spinors
- $Y_{LM}$  spherical harmonic of final state

Example:  $J=3/2$  resonance formed in  $J_z=+1/2$  substate, decaying to P-wave

$$\psi_{L=1} \left( J=\frac{3}{2}, J_z=\frac{1}{2} \right) = \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} Y_{1,1} \alpha_{\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} Y_{1,0} \alpha_{\frac{1}{2}, +\frac{1}{2}} \right\} BW_{1/2}(m)$$

Similar expressions for

$$\psi_P \left( \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2} \right), \psi_D \left( \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2} \right), \psi_D \left( \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right), \psi_S \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right)$$



# Physics Model

$$BW_{J_z}(m) = \frac{\sqrt{mm_0 \Gamma_{J_z, \gamma p \rightarrow N^*} \Gamma_{N^* \rightarrow K\Lambda}(q)}}{m^2 - m_0^2 - im_0 \Gamma_{tot}(q)}$$

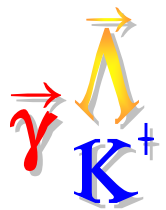
$$\Gamma_{tot}(q) = \Gamma_{N^* \rightarrow K\Lambda}(q) + \Gamma_s(q)$$

$$\Gamma_{N^* \rightarrow K\Lambda}(q) = \Gamma_0 \left( \frac{q}{q_0} \right)^{2L+1} \quad (L \in 0, 1, 2)$$

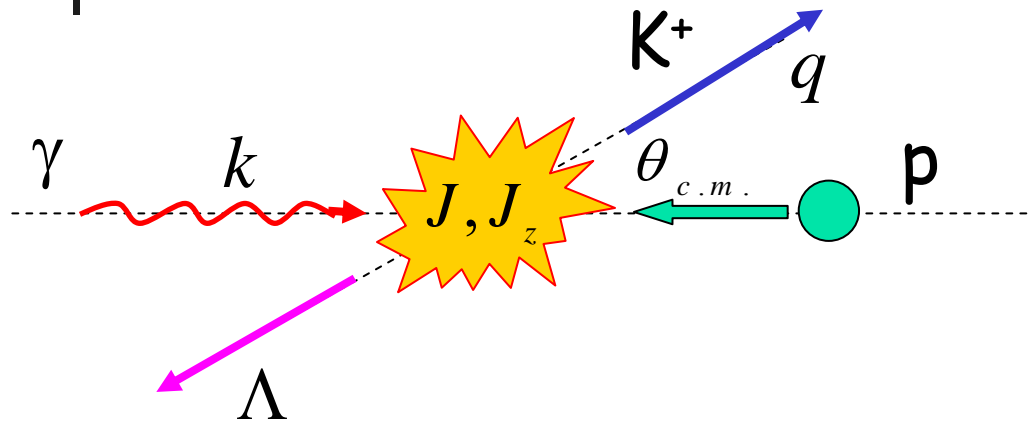
$$\Gamma_s(q) = \Gamma_{s_0} \left( \frac{q}{q_s} \right)^7$$

- Each resonance represented as a relativistic Breit-Wigner

- Phenomenological damping of high-mass tail to achieve  $s^{-7}$  scaling



# Physics Model



- Compute coherent total amplitude
- Scale cross section
- Fit to optimize observed angular distributions

Total amplitude:

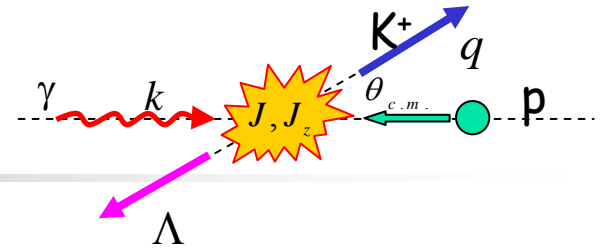
$$\left| A(m, \cos \theta_{c.m.}) \right|^2 = \left| \psi_S \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right) + \psi_P \left( \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right) + \psi_P \left( \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2} \right) + \psi_D \left( \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right) + \psi_D \left( \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2} \right) \right|^2$$

Cross section to fit:

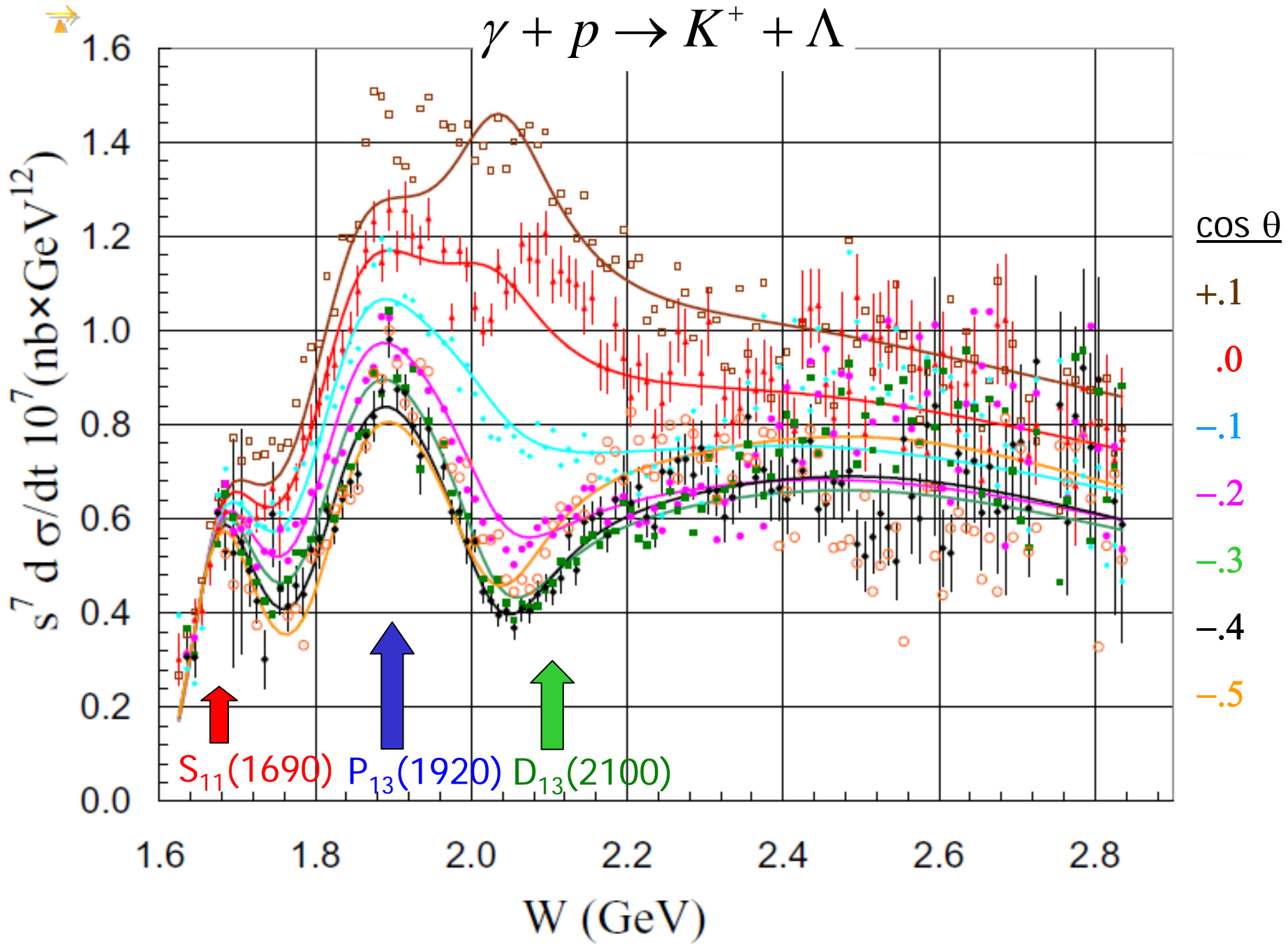
$$s^7 \frac{d\sigma}{dt} = s^7 \frac{(hc)^2}{64\pi} \frac{1}{s} \frac{1}{k^2} \left| A(m, \cos \theta_{c.m.}) \right|^2$$

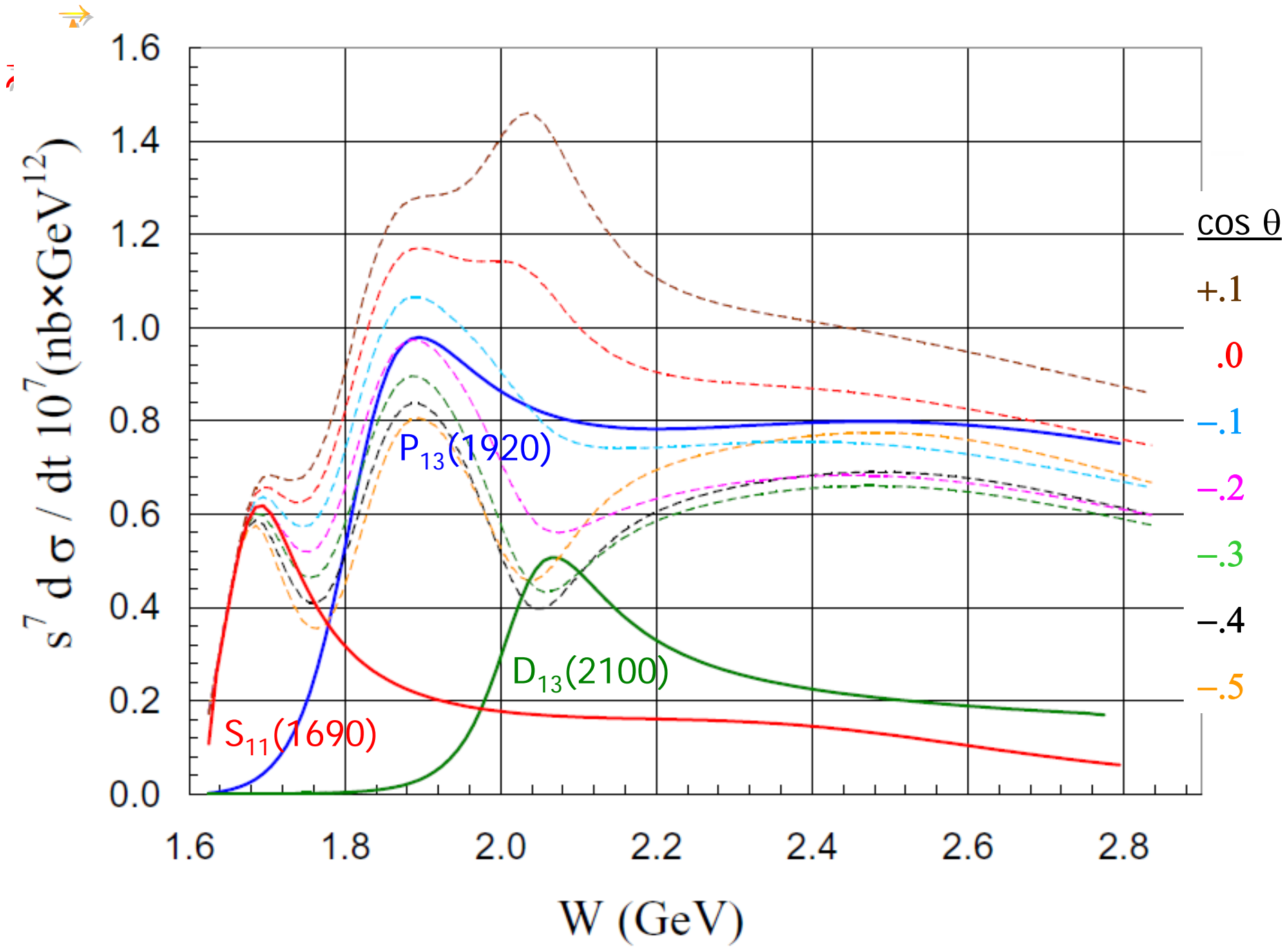


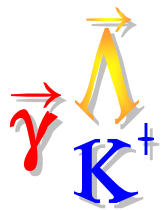
# Physics Model



- Resonance combinations tested:
  - Low mass:  $S_{11}$
  - Medium mass:  $S_{11}, P_{11}, P_{13}$
  - High mass:  $S_{11}, P_{11}, P_{13}, D_{15}, D_{13}$
- Free parameters:
  - Masses, widths, couplings
- Not included:
  - Additional near-threshold  $P_{11}$  or  $P_{13}$  waves
  - Spin observables were not fitted



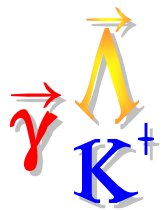




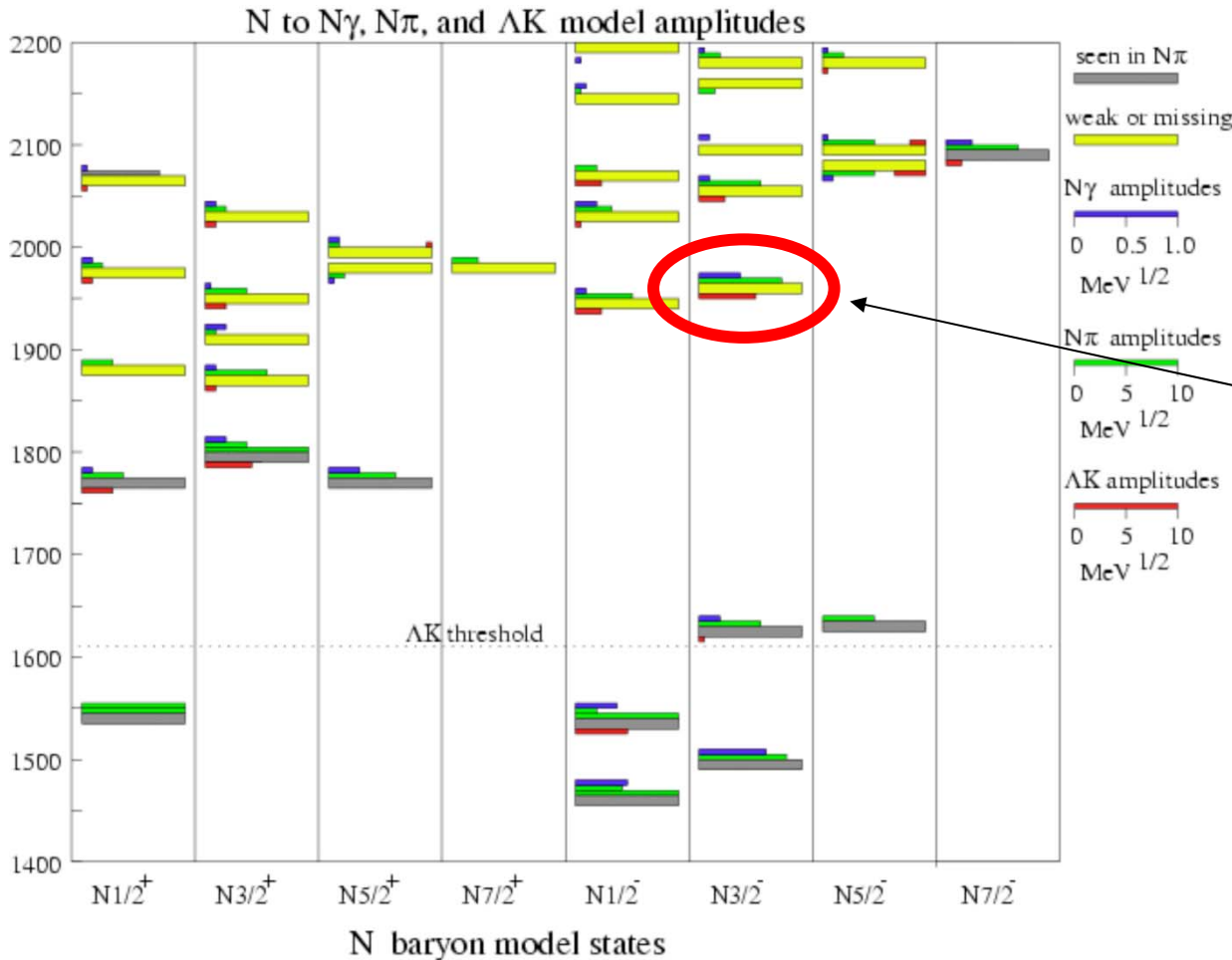
# Model Results

Resonance & Decay	$m_0$ (GeV)	$\Gamma_0$ (MeV)	$\sqrt{\Gamma_{1/2, \gamma p \rightarrow N^*}}$ (GeV) <sup>1/2</sup> Phase	$\sqrt{\Gamma_{3/2, \gamma p \rightarrow N^*}}$ (GeV) <sup>1/2</sup> Phase
$S_{11}$	$1690 \pm 10$	$80 \pm 20$	$1.83 \pm .10$ $(-142 \pm 5)^\circ$	
$P_{13}$	$1920 \pm 10$	$440 \pm 100$	$1.93 \pm .10$	$1.67 \pm .07$
<b>New</b> $D_{13}$	$2100 \pm 20$	$200 \pm 50$	— $0.61 \pm .10$ $(45 \pm 5)^\circ$	— $1.19 \pm .10$ $(45 \pm 5)^\circ$

$$\Gamma_s(q) = \Gamma_{s_0} \left( \frac{q}{q_s} \right)^7 \begin{cases} \Gamma_{s_0} = 0.50 \text{ GeV} \\ q_s = 0.77 \text{ GeV}/c \end{cases}$$

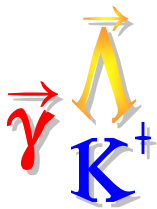


# N\* Baryons: Seen & "Missing"



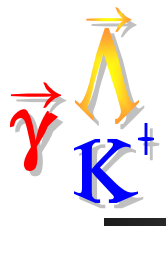
- Relativised CQM
  - Classify oscillator-model states by  $I, J, P$
- Possible observation of a "missing" N\* state in  $K^+ \Lambda$
- There is a PDG "\*\*\*" state  $N(2080) D_{13}$ 
  - Weak evidence in  $K\Lambda$
  - Mart & Bennhold: confused with the  $P_{13}$  at 1900MeV.



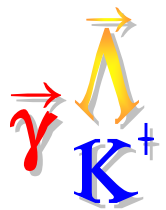


# Conclusions

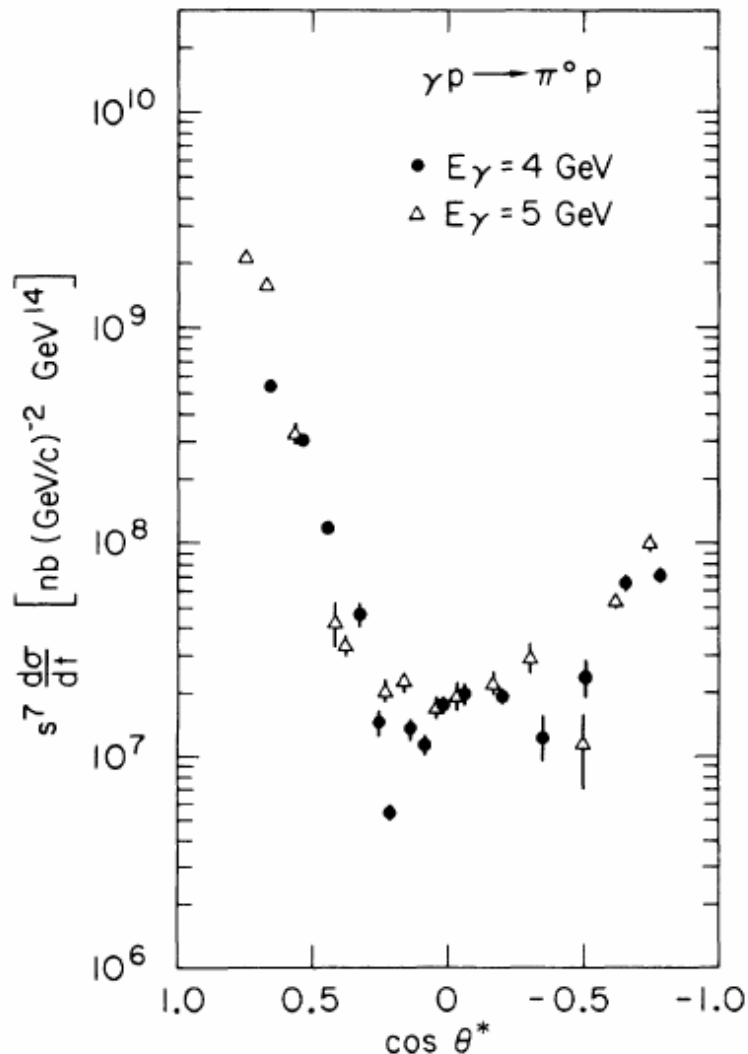
- We see three phenomena in  $K^+\Lambda$  photoproduction:
  - Regge scaling  $s^{-2}$  small  $-t$  - confirmed
  - Constituent-counting  $s^{-N}$  - holds for  $N = 7$ 
    - Photon is a "single elementary field"
  - Evidence for  $N^*$  production & interference
    - Angular distributions tested included:  
 $S_{11}P_{11}P_{11}$ ,  $S_{11}P_{11}S_{11}$ ,  $S_{11}P_{13}D_{13}, \dots$
    - Present best fit has:  $S_{11}(1690) P_{13}(1920) D_{13}(2100)$
    - PDG lists a "\*\*\*"  $D_{13}(2080)$ ; a "missing" state possibly seen
- For full details, see:  
R.A. Schumacher and M.M. Sargsian Phys. Rev. C **83** 025207 (2011).



# Supplemental Slides



# Scaling in pion production



- pQCD scaling at SLAC

FIG. 9.  $s^7 d\sigma/dt$  versus  $\cos \theta^*$  for the reaction  $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 p$ .



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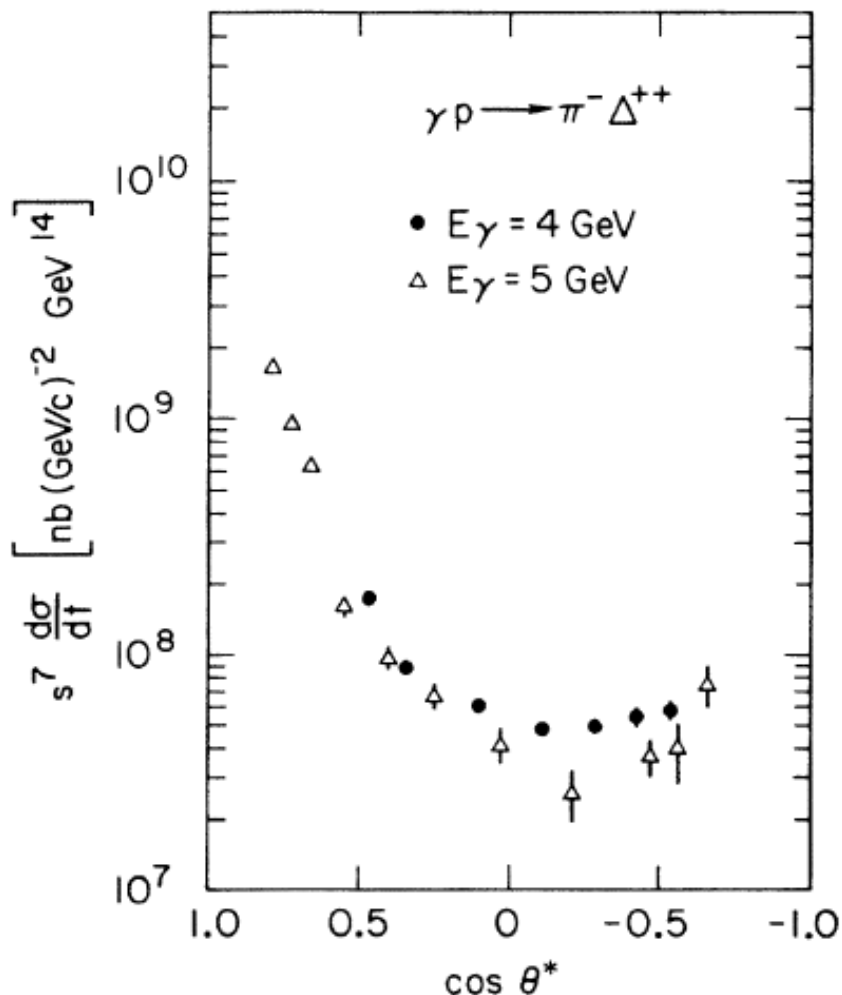


FIG. 12.  $s^7 d\sigma/dt$  versus  $\cos \theta^*$  for the reaction  $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^- \Delta^{++}$ .