

Neutral Pion Photo-Production at High Energies

~~Summer School~~ on Reaction Theory
Spring Workshop

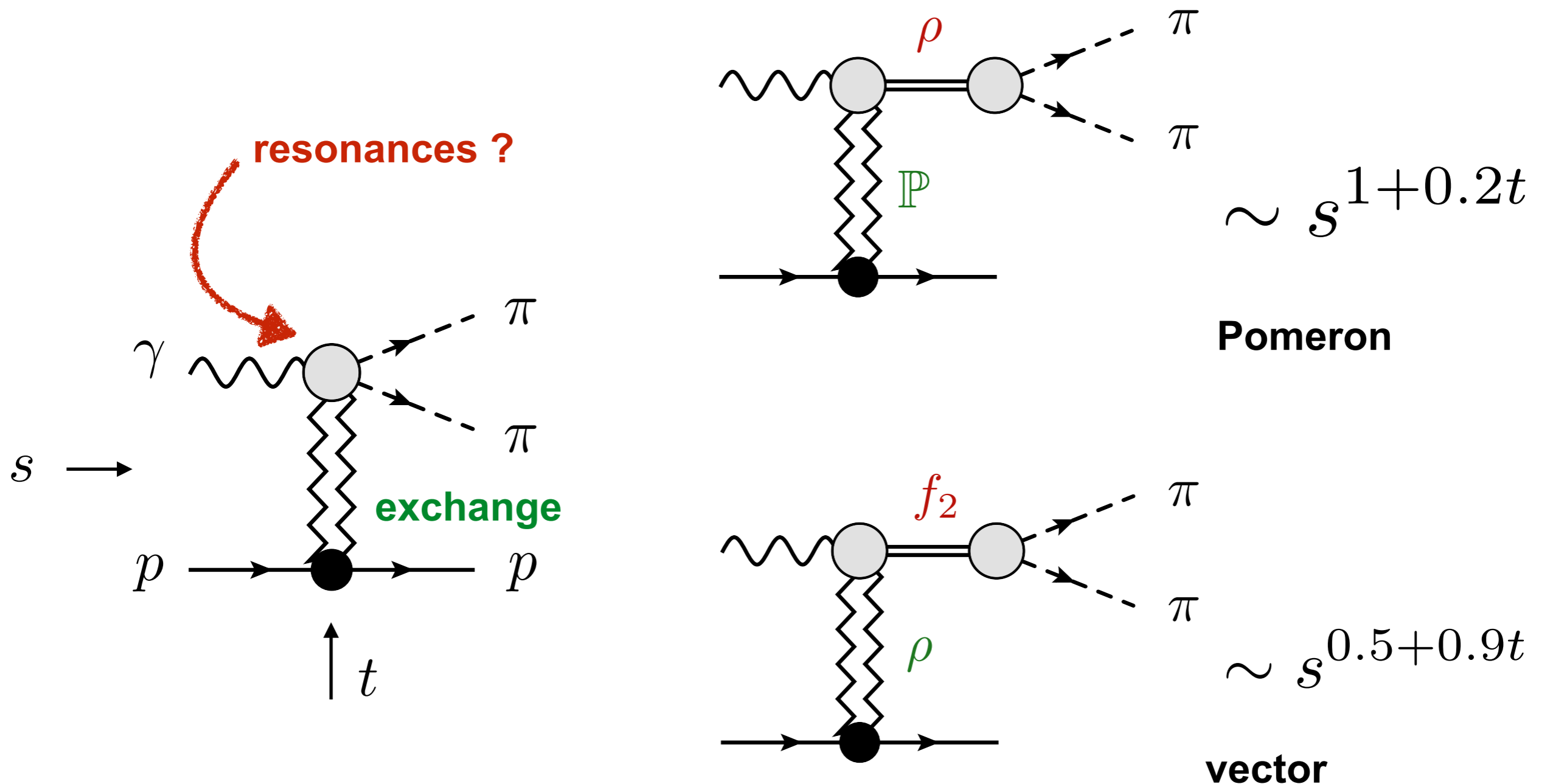
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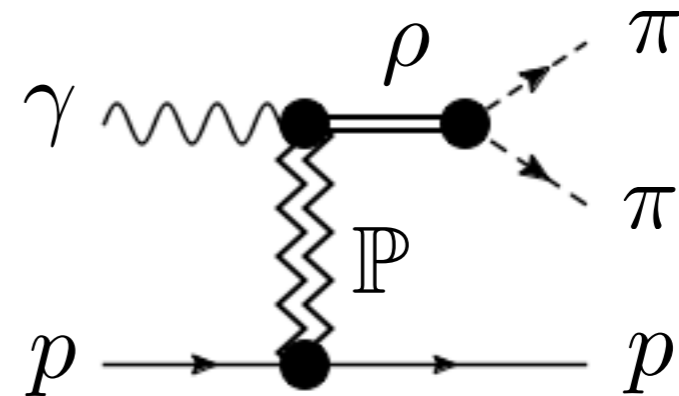
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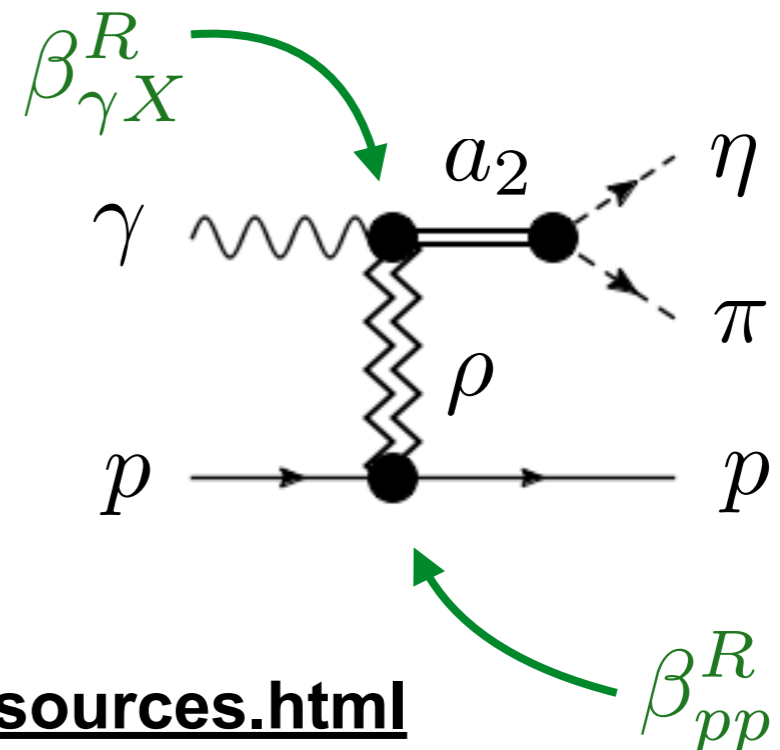
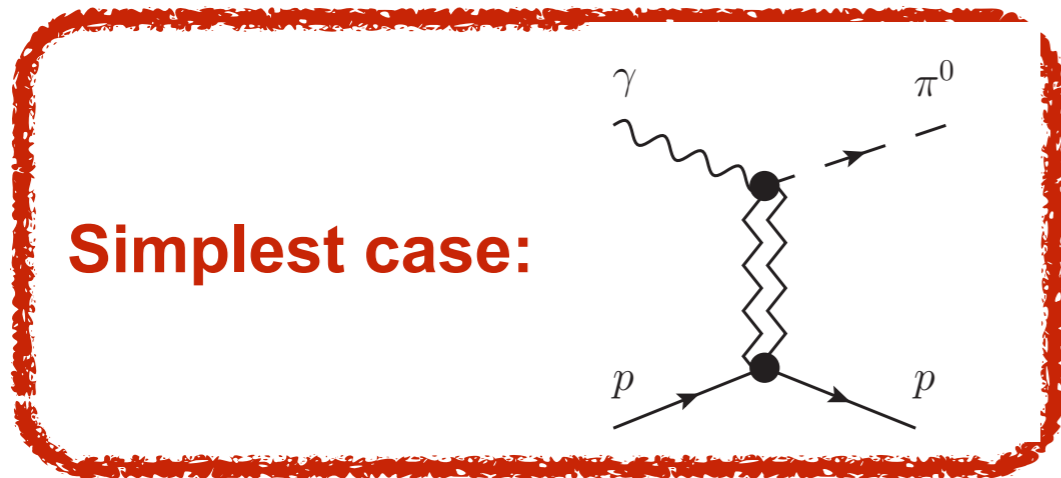
Production parameters can be, in principle, determined with other reactions

Known energy dependence

Need to extract angular (or t) dependence



$$A_X \propto \beta_{pp}^R(t) \beta_{\gamma X}^R(t) s^{\alpha_R(t)}$$

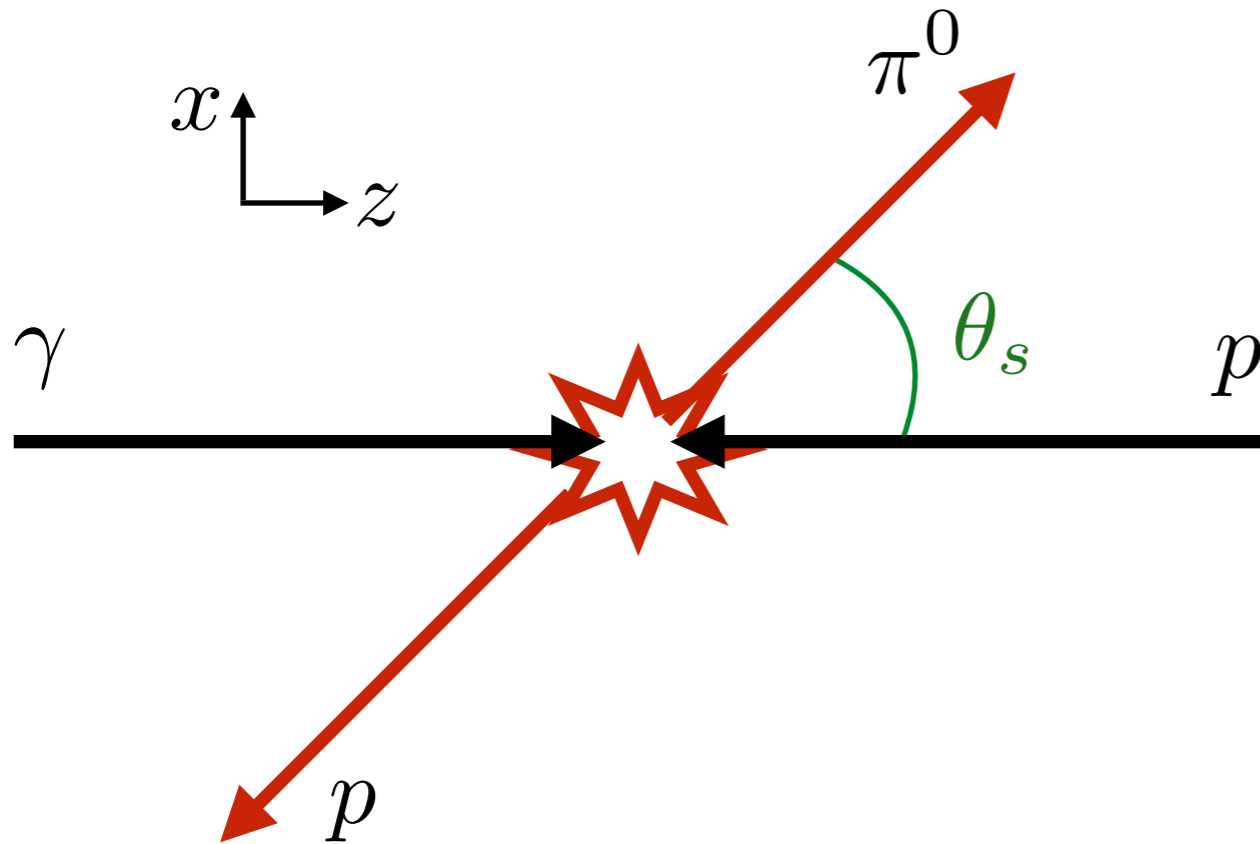


Slides, data, etc: <http://www.indiana.edu/~jpac/Resources.html>

S-Channel Kinematics

$$\gamma(p_1, \mu_1) + p(p_2, \mu_2) \rightarrow \pi^0(p_3, 0) + p(p_4, \mu_4)$$

pion mass: μ
nucleon mass: m



$$\cos \theta_s = \frac{s(t - u) + m^2(m^2 - \mu^2)}{4sq_s q'_s}$$

initial momentum: $q_s^2 = E_\gamma^2 = E_p^2 - m^2$
final momentum: $q_s'^2 = E_\pi^2 - \mu^2 = E_{p'}^2 - m^2$

$$s = (p_1 + p_2)^2 = (p_3 + p_4)^2$$

$$t = (p_1 - p_3)^2 = (p_2 - p_4)^2$$

$$u = (p_1 - p_4)^2 = (p_2 - p_3)^2$$

$$s + t + u = 2m^2 + \mu^2$$

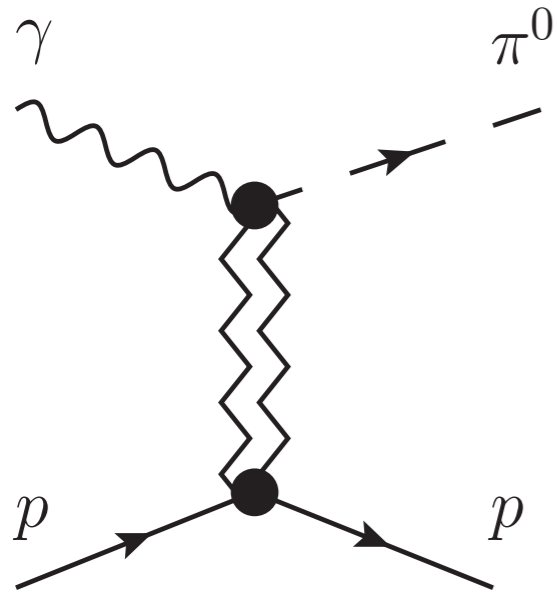
$$E_\gamma = \frac{s - m^2}{2\sqrt{s}}$$

$$E_p = \frac{s + m^2}{2\sqrt{s}}$$

$$E_\pi = \frac{s + \mu^2 - m^2}{2\sqrt{s}}$$

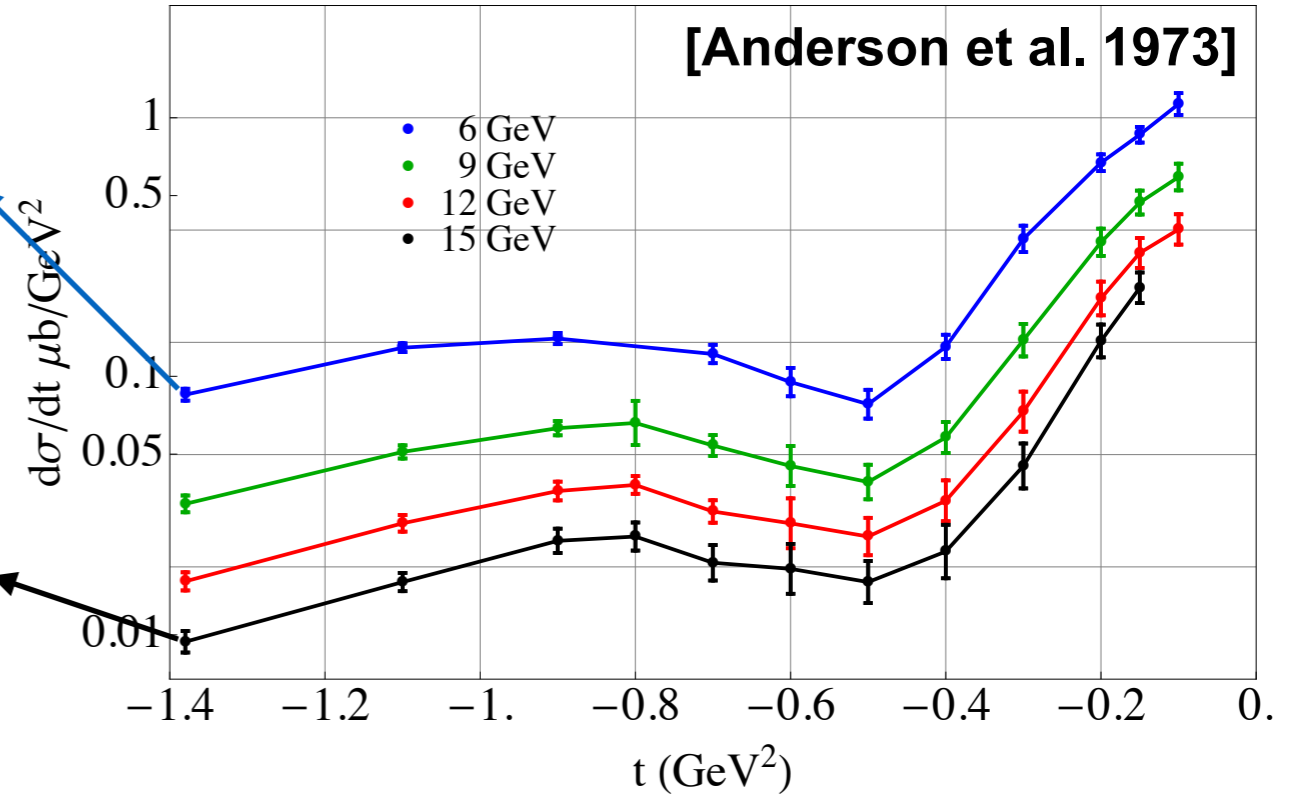
$$E_{p'} = \frac{s - \mu^2 + m^2}{2\sqrt{s}}$$

T-Channel Quantum Numbers

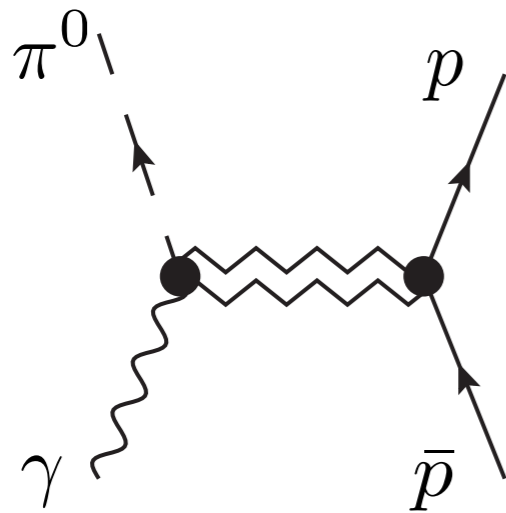


$$\cos \theta_s = 0.73$$

$$\cos \theta_s = 0.90$$



What can be exchanged in the t-channel ?



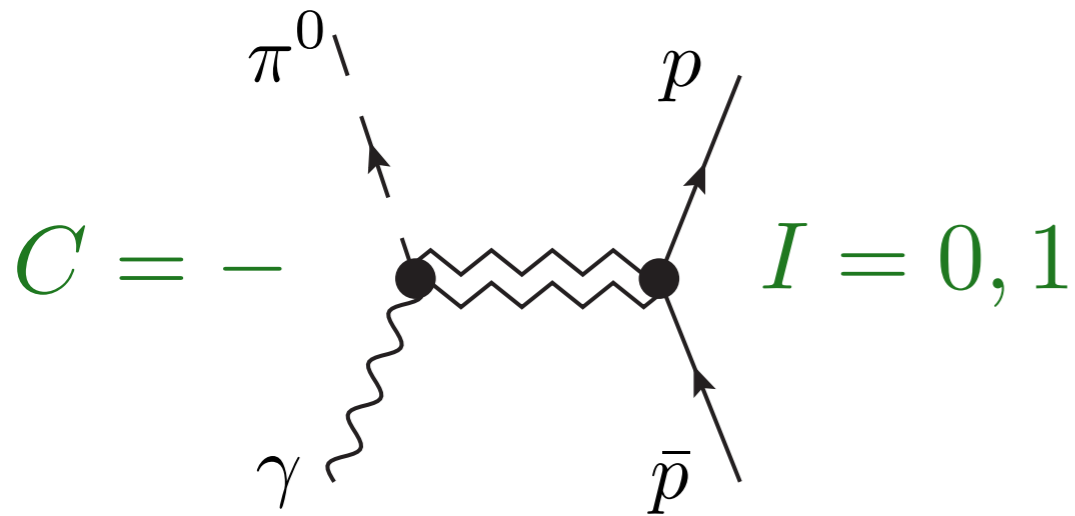
$$I^G J^PC$$

$$G = C(-1)^I$$

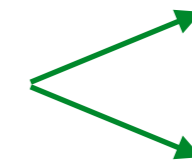
T-Channel Quantum Numbers

What can be exchanged in the t-channel ?

dominant



$$(1, 3, 5, \dots)^{--}$$



$$I^G = 0^- : \omega$$

$$I^G = 1^+ : \rho$$

$$(1, 3, 5, \dots)^{+-}$$



$$I^G = 0^- : h$$

$$I^G = 1^+ : b$$

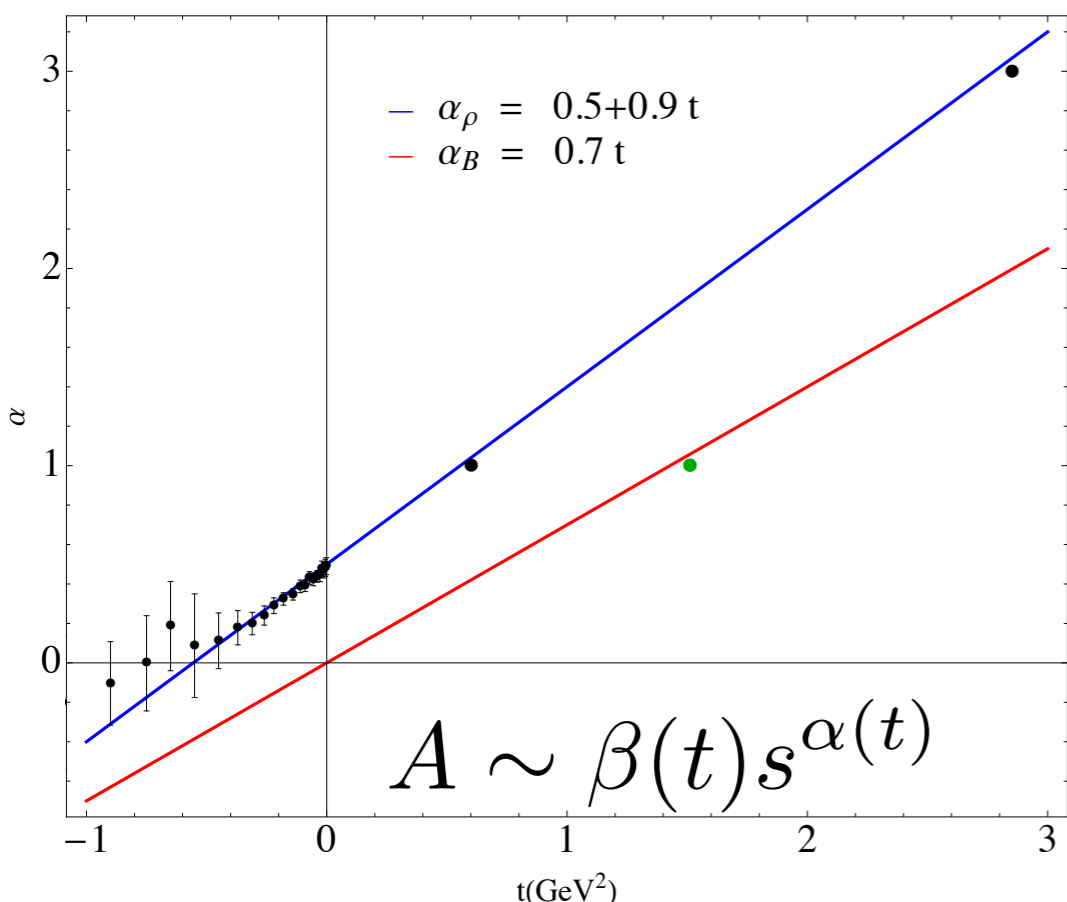
exotic ~~(0, 2, 4, \dots)^{--}~~ no observation

~~(0, 2, 4, \dots)^{+-}~~

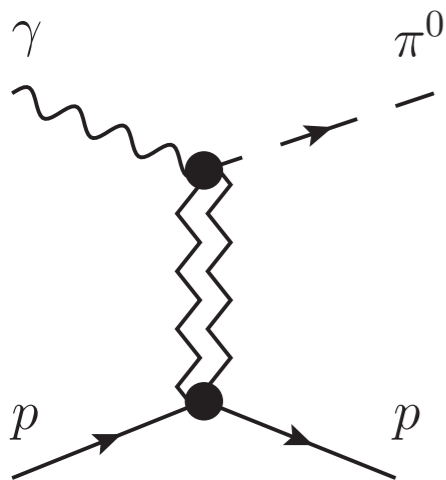
$$P = (-)^{L+1} \rightarrow L \text{ odd}$$

$$C = (-)^{L+S} \rightarrow S = 0$$

$$\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S} \rightarrow J \text{ odd}$$



Effective Trajectory

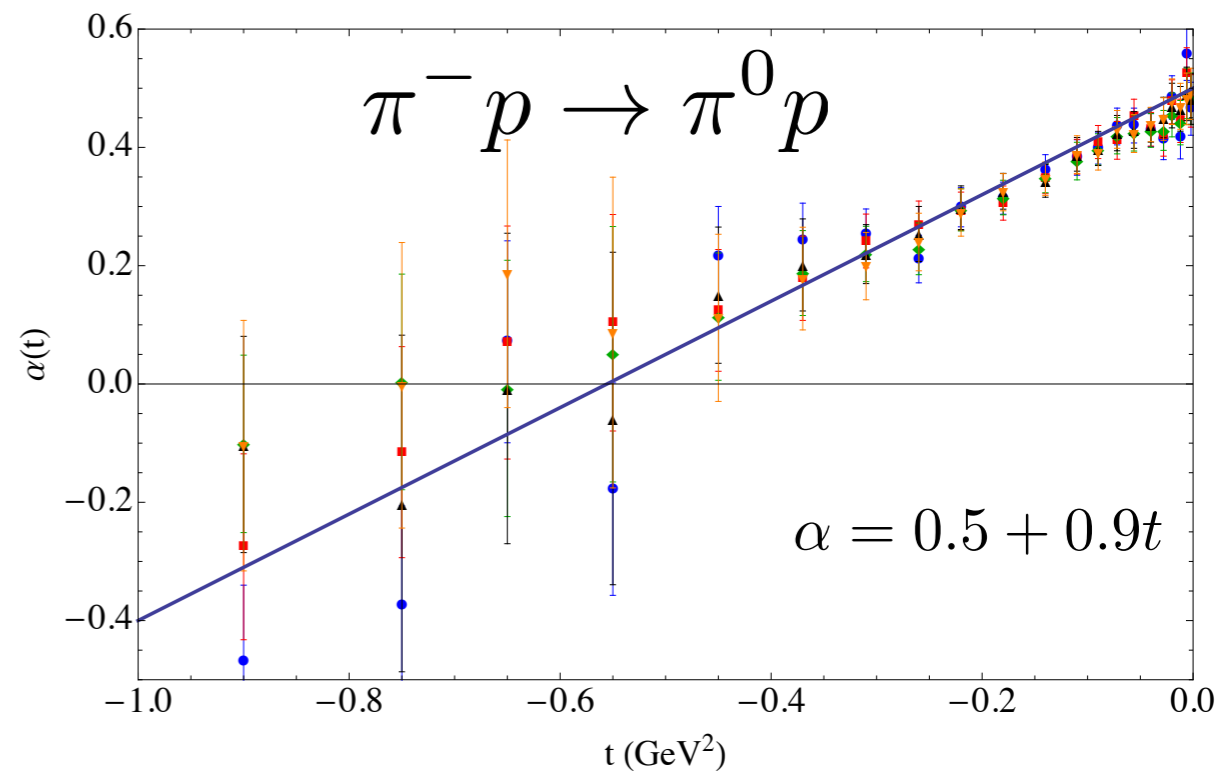
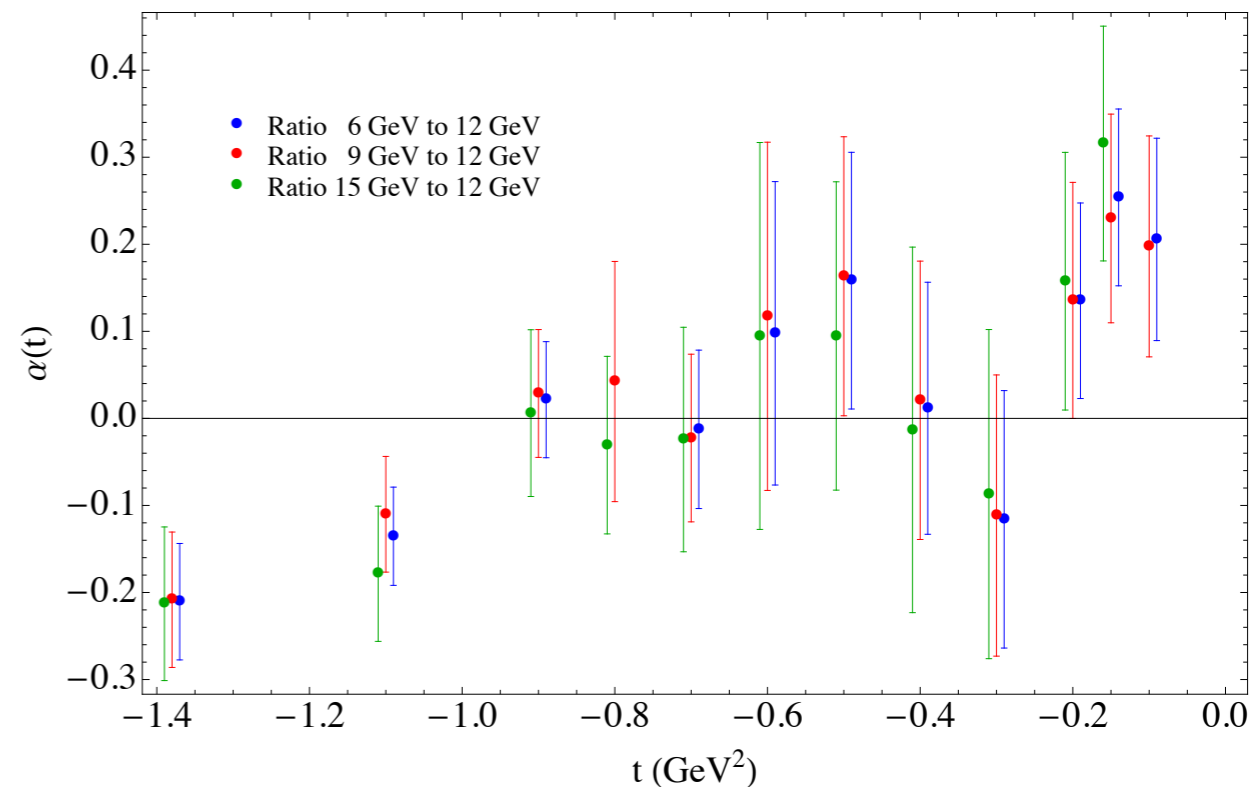


$$A \propto \beta(t) s^{\alpha(t)}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \propto \frac{1}{p^2} \beta^2(t) s^{2\alpha(t)}$$

$$\alpha_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{p^2 \frac{d\sigma}{dt}}{p_0^2 \frac{d\sigma_0}{dt}} \right) \log^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{s_0} \right)$$

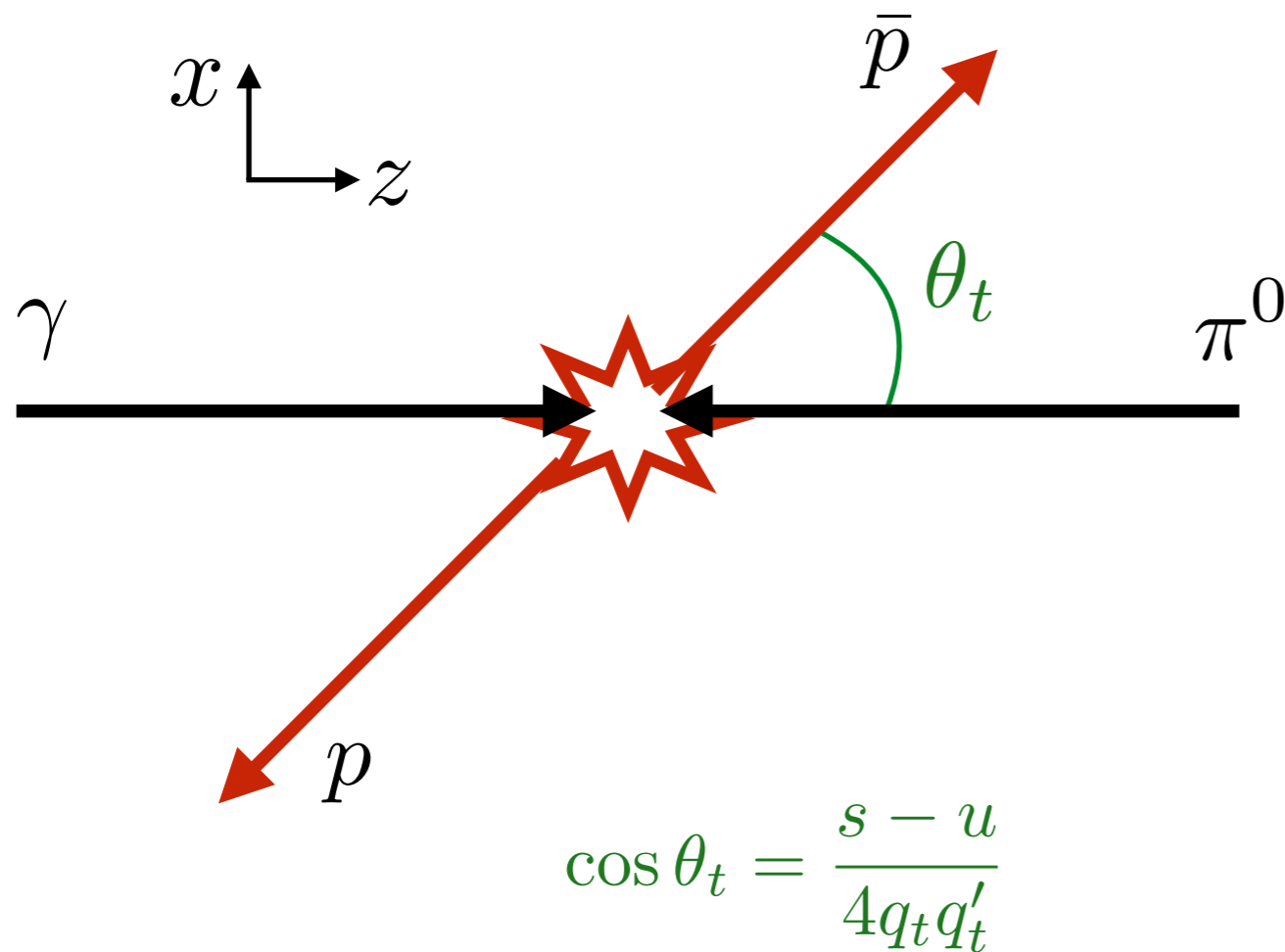
**Correct energy dependence
BUT
multiple contributions**



T-Channel Kinematics

$$\gamma(p_1, \lambda_1) + \pi^0(-p_3, 0) \rightarrow \bar{p}(-p_2, \lambda_2) + p(p_4, \lambda_4)$$

pion mass: μ
 nucleon mass: m



$$t = (p_1 - p_3)^2 > 0$$

$$s = (p_1 + p_2)^2 < 0$$

$$E_\gamma^t = \frac{t - \mu^2}{2\sqrt{t}}$$

$$E_\pi^t = \frac{t + \mu^2}{2\sqrt{t}}$$

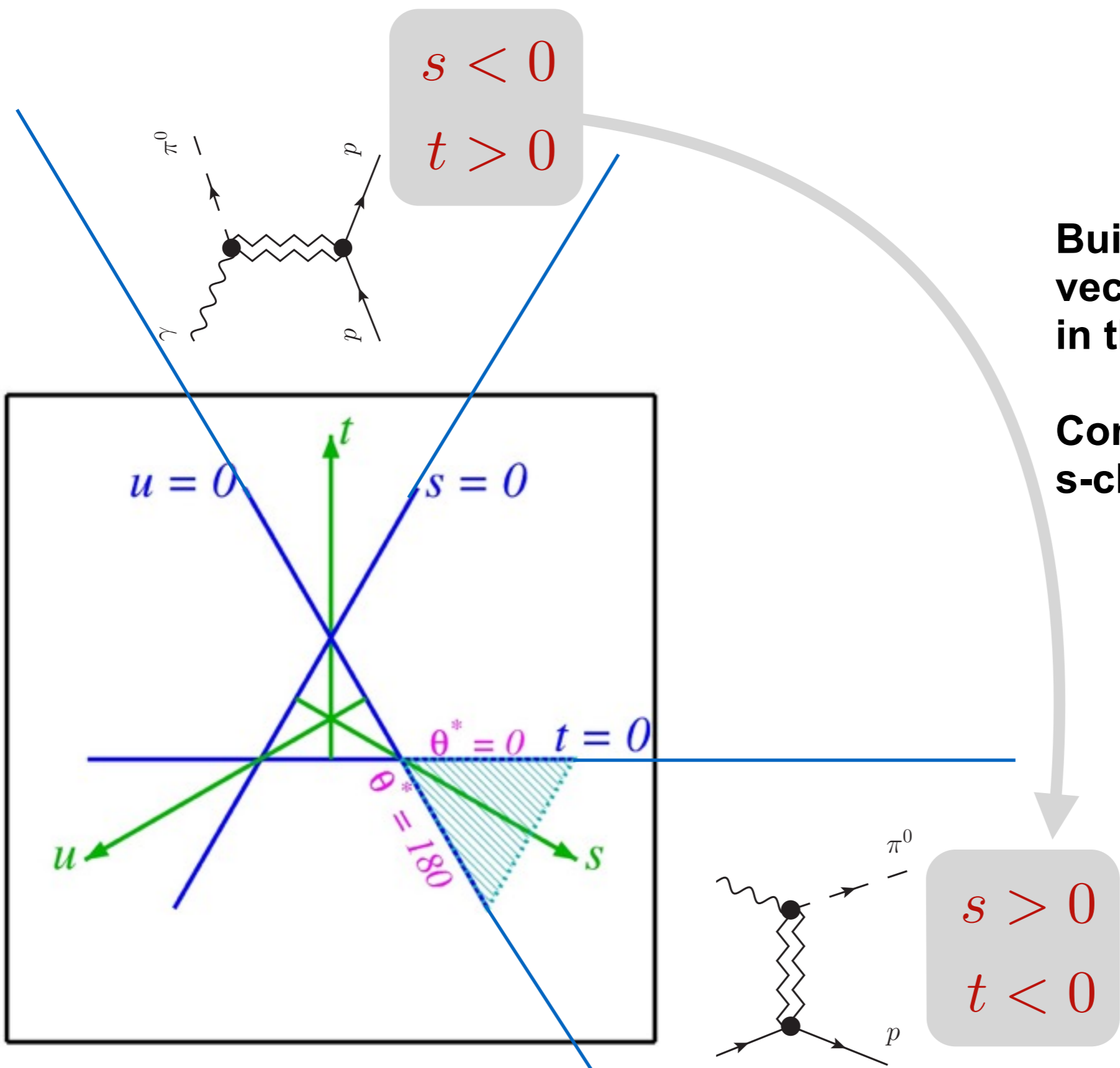
$$E_p^t = \frac{t}{2}$$

initial momentum:
 final momentum:

$$q_t^2 = E_\gamma^{t2} = E_\pi^{t2} - \mu^2$$

$$q_t'^2 = t/4 - m^2 = E_p^{t2} - m^2$$

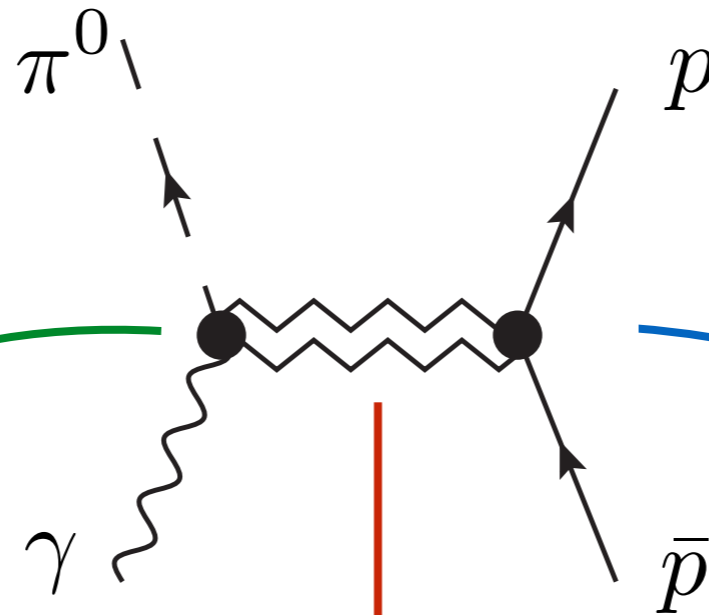
Mandelstam Plane



Build a model for vector production in the t-channel

Continue it to the s-channel

Vector Pole Model



$$\frac{1}{2} \otimes \frac{1}{2} = 1 \oplus 0$$

$$i\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} p_3^\beta p_1^\mu \varepsilon^\nu(p_1, \lambda_1)$$

$$\frac{-g^{\alpha\bar{\alpha}} + (p_1 - p_3)^\alpha (p_1 - p_3)^{\bar{\alpha}}}{m_V^2 - t}$$

$$\bar{u}(p_4, \lambda_4) \left[g_4 \gamma^{\bar{\alpha}} + g_1 \gamma^{[\bar{\alpha}} \gamma^{\sigma]} (p_2 - p_4)_\sigma \right] v(-p_2, \lambda_2)$$

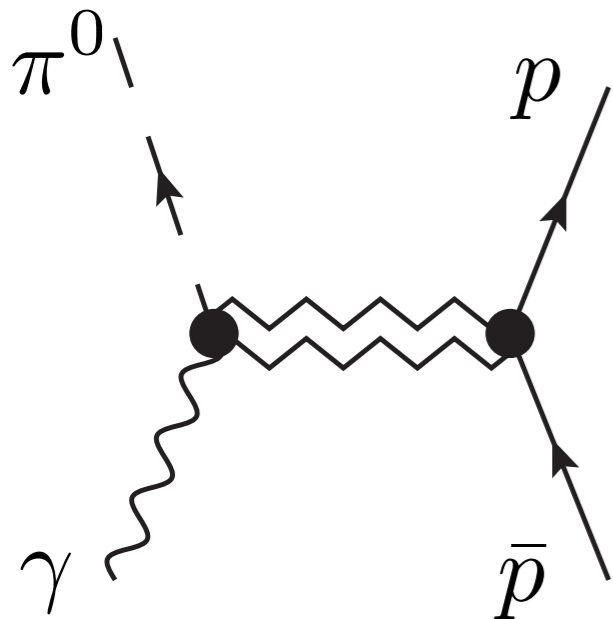
$$M_1 = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu F_{\mu\nu}$$

$$F^{\mu\nu} = \varepsilon^\mu(p_1, \lambda_1) p_1^\nu - \varepsilon^\nu(p_1, \lambda_1) p_1^\mu$$

$$M_2 = \gamma_5 p_3^\mu (p_2 + p_4)^\nu F_{\mu\nu}$$

$$M_3 = -\gamma_5 \gamma^\mu p_3^\nu F_{\mu\nu}$$

$$M_4 = \frac{i}{2} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} \gamma^\alpha p_3^\beta F_{\mu\nu}$$



$$= \bar{u}(p_4, \lambda_4) [g_1(tM_1 - M_2) + g_4M_4] v(-p_2, \lambda_2) \times \frac{1}{t - m_V^2}$$

$$= A_{\lambda_2\lambda_4;\lambda_1}^t(s, t)$$

Crossing from t - to s -channel

$$\bar{u}(p_4, \lambda_4) [g_1(tM_1 - M_2) + g_4M_4] v(-p_2, \lambda_2) \frac{1}{t - m_V^2}$$

$$s < 0$$

$$t > 0$$

$$\sim \frac{s}{t - m_V^2}$$

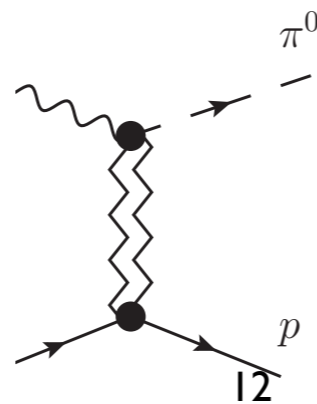
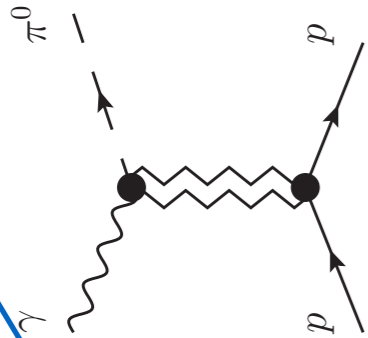
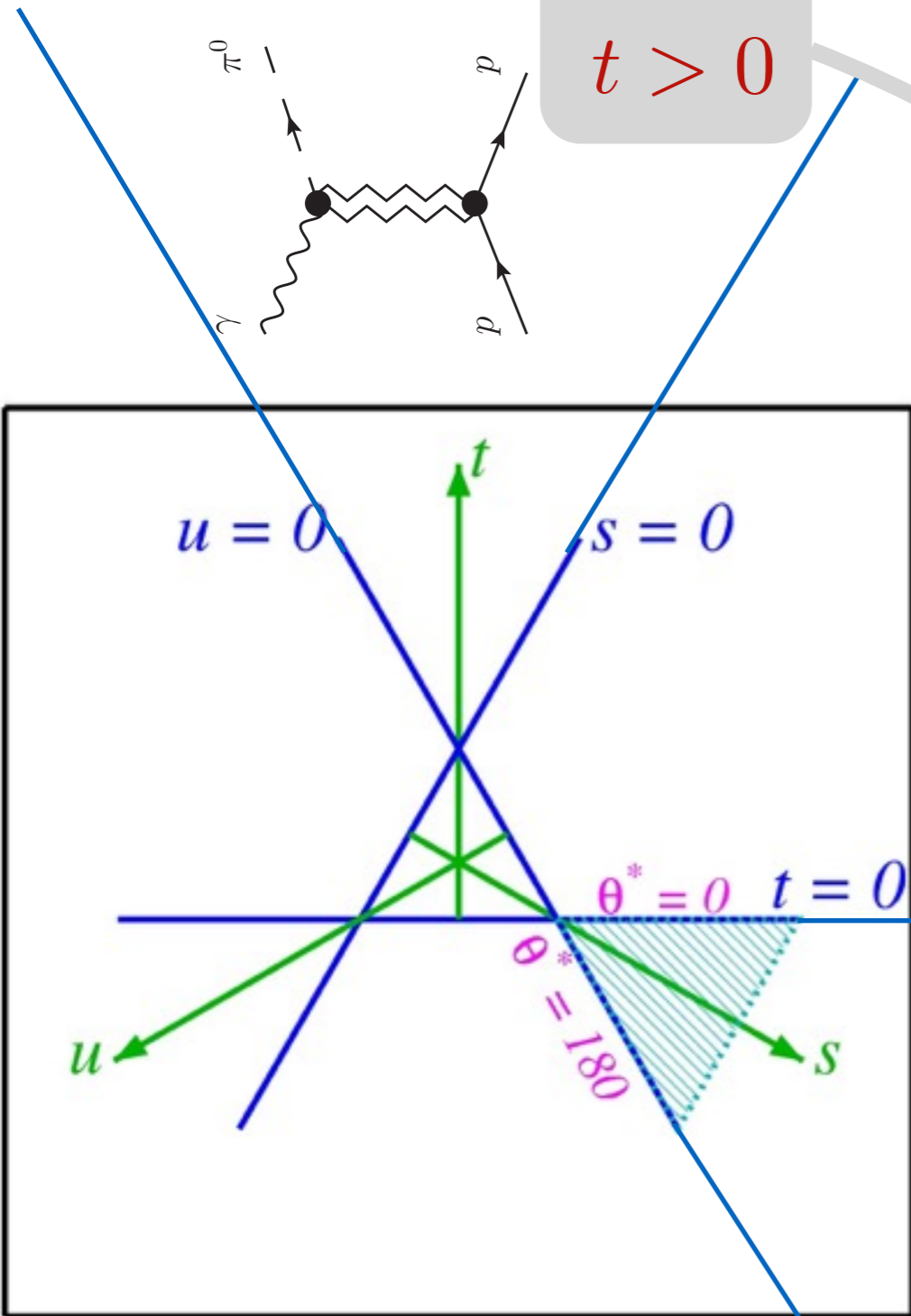
$$\frac{s}{t - m_{J=1}^2} + \frac{s^3}{t - m_{J=3}^2} + \dots$$

$$\bar{u}(p_4, \mu_4) [g_1(tM_1 - M_2) + g_4M_4] u(p_2, \mu_2)$$

$$\times \frac{\beta(t)}{s} \frac{(s)^{\alpha(t)} - (-s)^{\alpha(t)}}{2 \sin \pi \alpha(t)}$$

$$s > 0$$

$$t < 0$$



Residues

$$\bar{u}(p_4, \mu_4) [g_1(tM_1 - M_2) + g_4M_4] u(p_2, \mu_2) \times \beta(t) \frac{1 - e^{-i\pi\alpha(t)}}{2 \sin \pi\alpha(t)} s^{\alpha(t)-1}$$

Sinus produces poles at $\alpha = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

Signature produces zeros at $\alpha = 0, \pm 2, \pm 4, \dots$

Amplitudes has poles at $\alpha = \pm 1, \pm 3, \dots$

Amplitudes is finite at $\alpha = 0, \pm 2, \pm 4, \dots$

Trajectory is the spin of the particle exchanged

$$\alpha(0.75^2) = 1$$

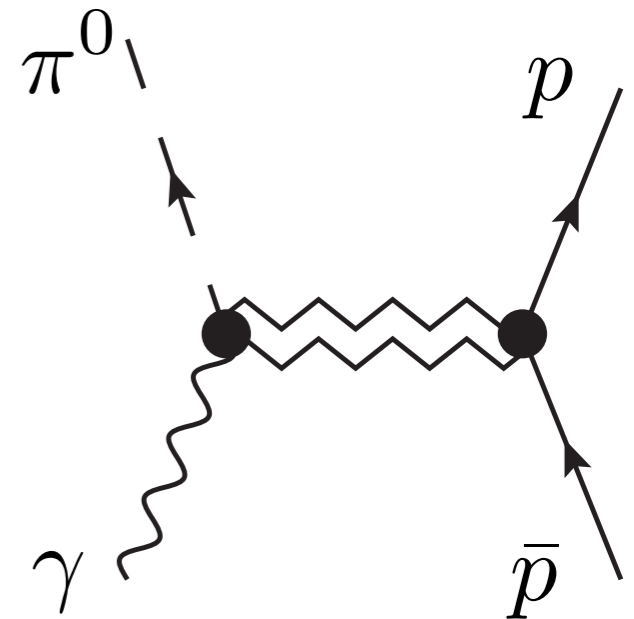
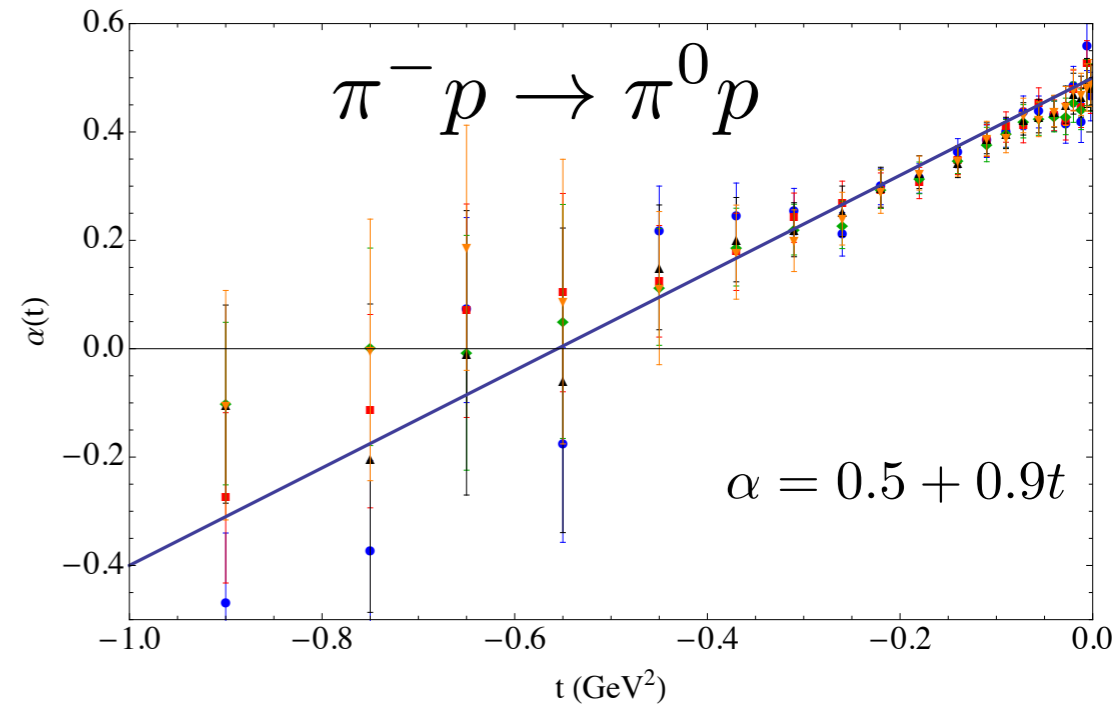
$$\alpha(-0.55) = 0$$

$$\alpha(-1.66) = -1$$

$$M = 1 \rightarrow \alpha \neq 0$$

$$\rightarrow \beta(-0.55) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \beta(t) \propto \alpha(t)$$

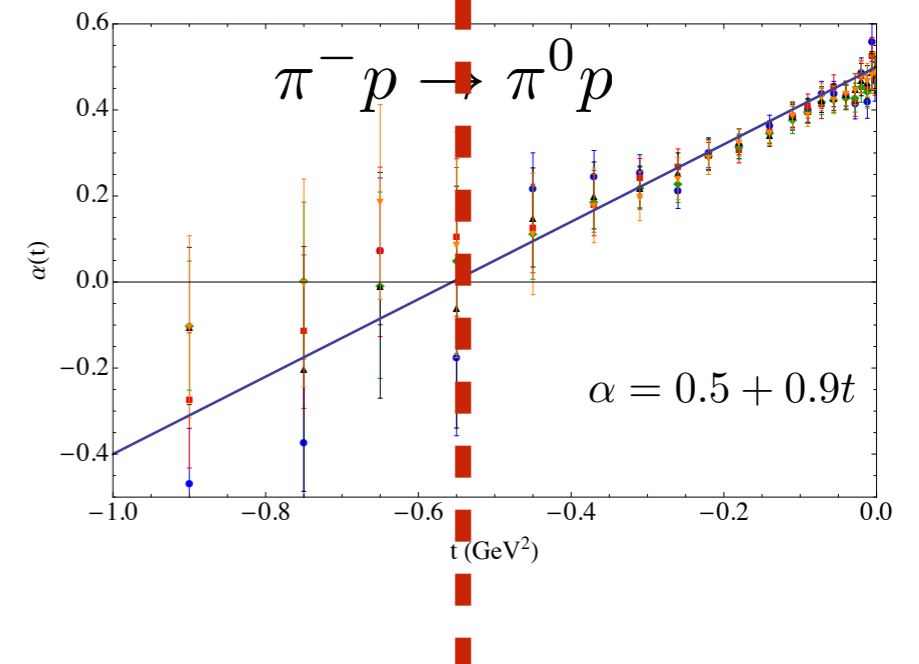
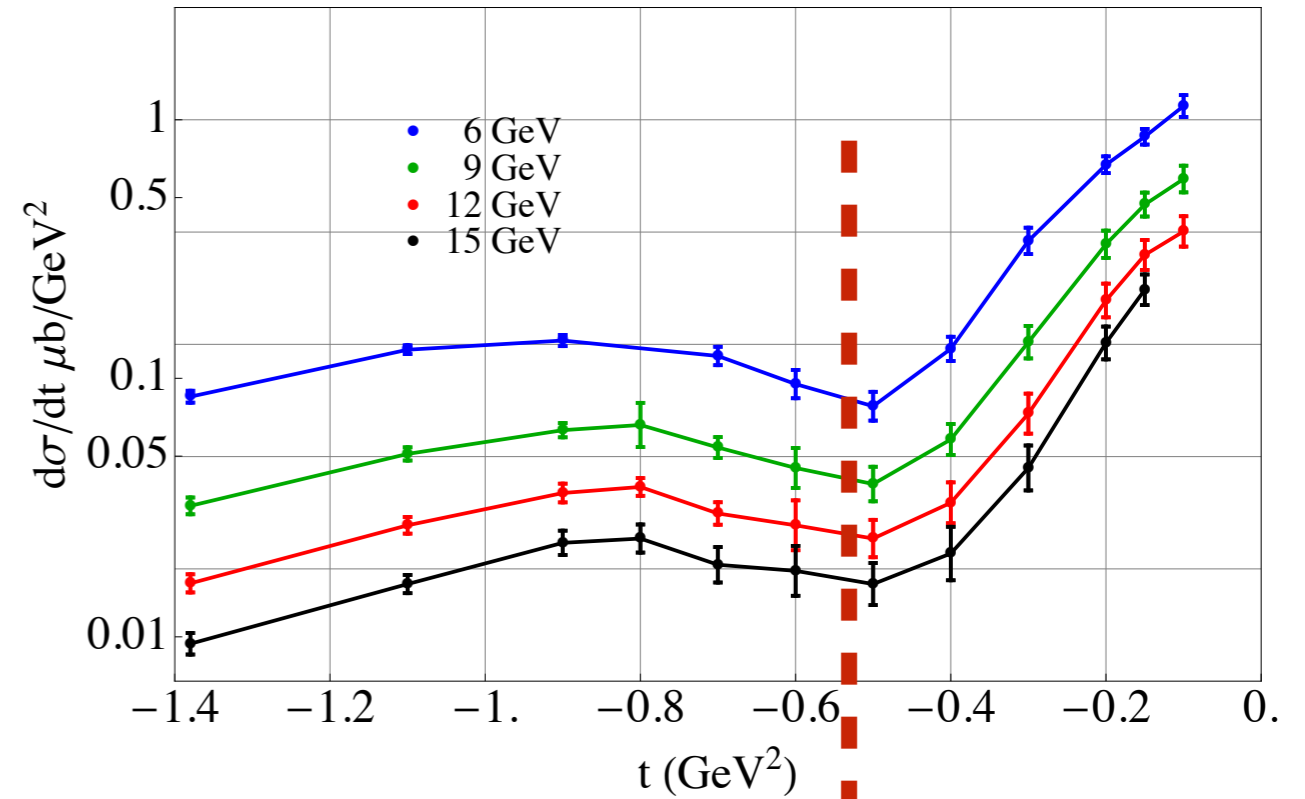
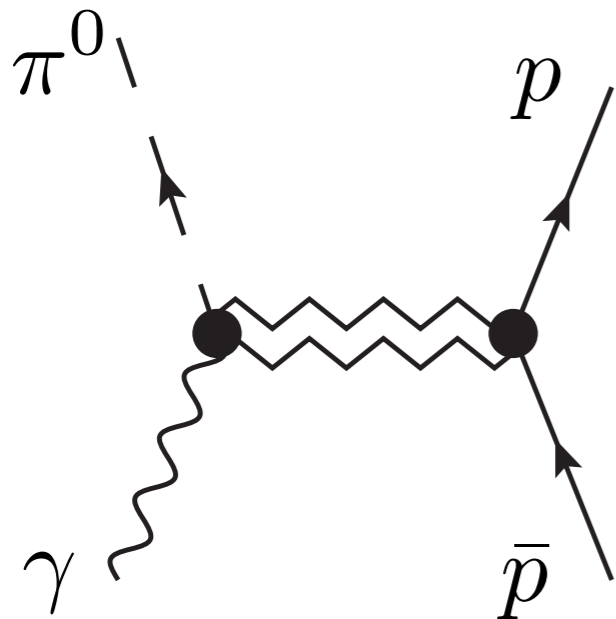


$$\beta(t) \propto \alpha(t)(\alpha(t) + 1)$$

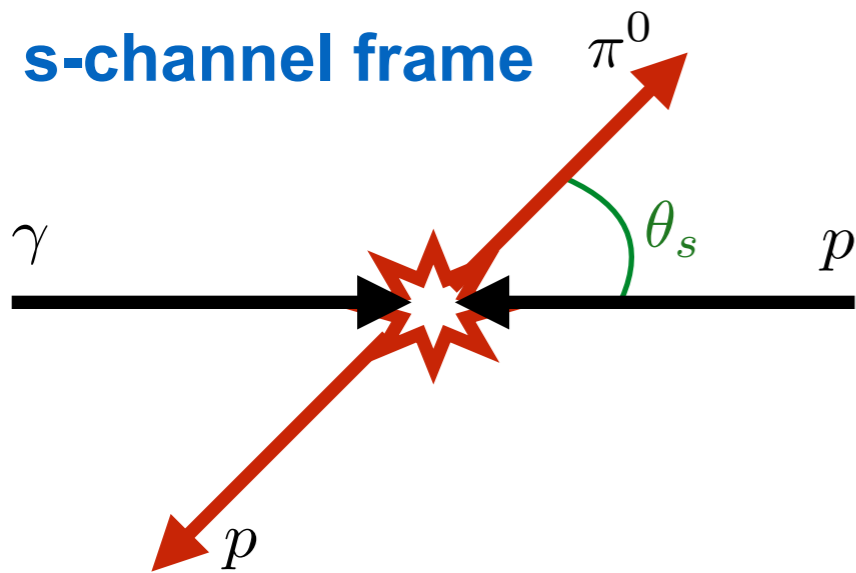
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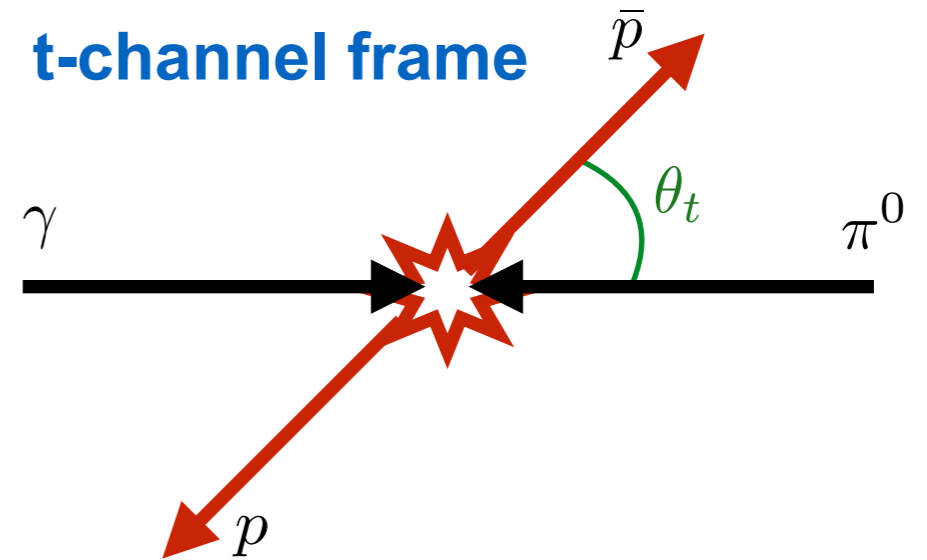
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Helicity Amplitudes



$$A_{\mu_4; \mu_2 \mu_1}^s = \bar{u}(p_4, \mu_4) \left[\sum_{i=1}^4 A_i M_i \right] u(p_2, \mu_2)$$



$$A_{\lambda_4 \lambda_2; \lambda_1}^t = \bar{u}(p_4, \lambda_4) \left[\sum_{i=1}^4 A_i M_i \right] v(-p_2, \lambda_2)$$

**Observables can be expressed in either frame.
Choose the t-channel for simplicity**

model

$$A_1 = -tA_2$$

$$A_2 = -g_1 \alpha(t) (\alpha(t) + 1) \frac{1 - e^{-i\pi\alpha(t)}}{2 \sin \pi\alpha(t)} s^{\alpha(t)-1}$$

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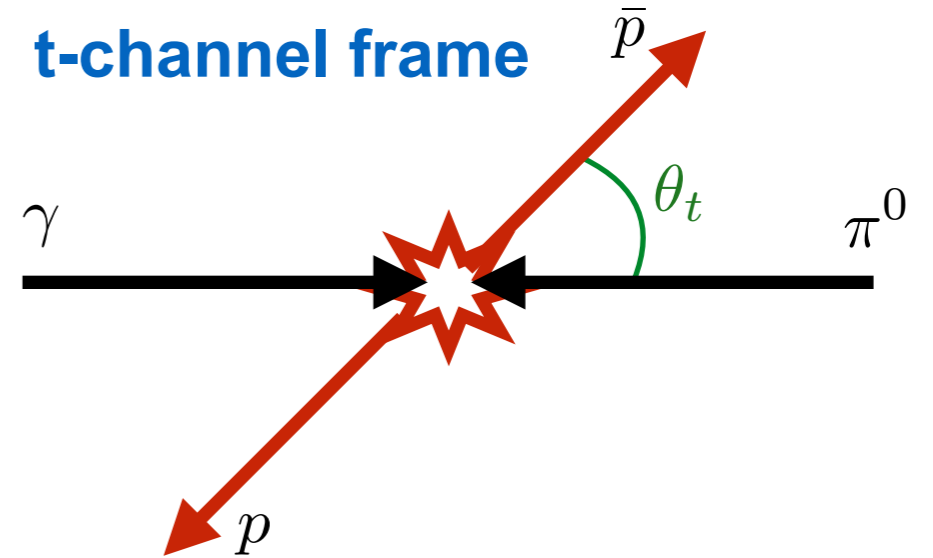
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correct angular dependence $\rightarrow d_{\lambda_2 - \lambda_4, \lambda_1}^1(\theta_t)$

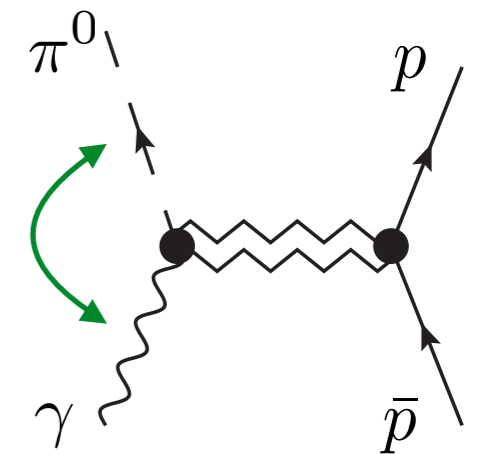
$$A_{++ , 1}^t = \sqrt{2} q_t \frac{\sin \theta_t}{2} \left[\sqrt{t} (A_1 - 2M A_4) - 2q'_t (A_1 + tA_2) \right]$$

$$A_{-- , 1}^t = \sqrt{2} q_t \frac{\sin \theta_t}{2} \left[\sqrt{t} (A_1 - 2M A_4) + 2q'_t (A_1 + tA_2) \right]$$

$$A_{+- , 1}^t = \sqrt{2} q_t \sin^2 \frac{\theta_t}{2} \left[-(2M A_1 - tA_4) + 2q'_t \sqrt{t} A_3 \right]$$

$$A_{-+ , 1}^t = \sqrt{2} q_t \cos^2 \frac{\theta_t}{2} \left[-(2M A_1 - tA_4) - 2q'_t \sqrt{t} A_3 \right]$$

not in this model (vector pole)



helicity flip at the gamma-pion vertex

Differential Cross Section: Model I

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} = \frac{1}{64\pi m^2 E_\gamma^2} \sum_{\lambda} |A_{\lambda}^t|^2$$

model

$$A_1 = -tA_2$$

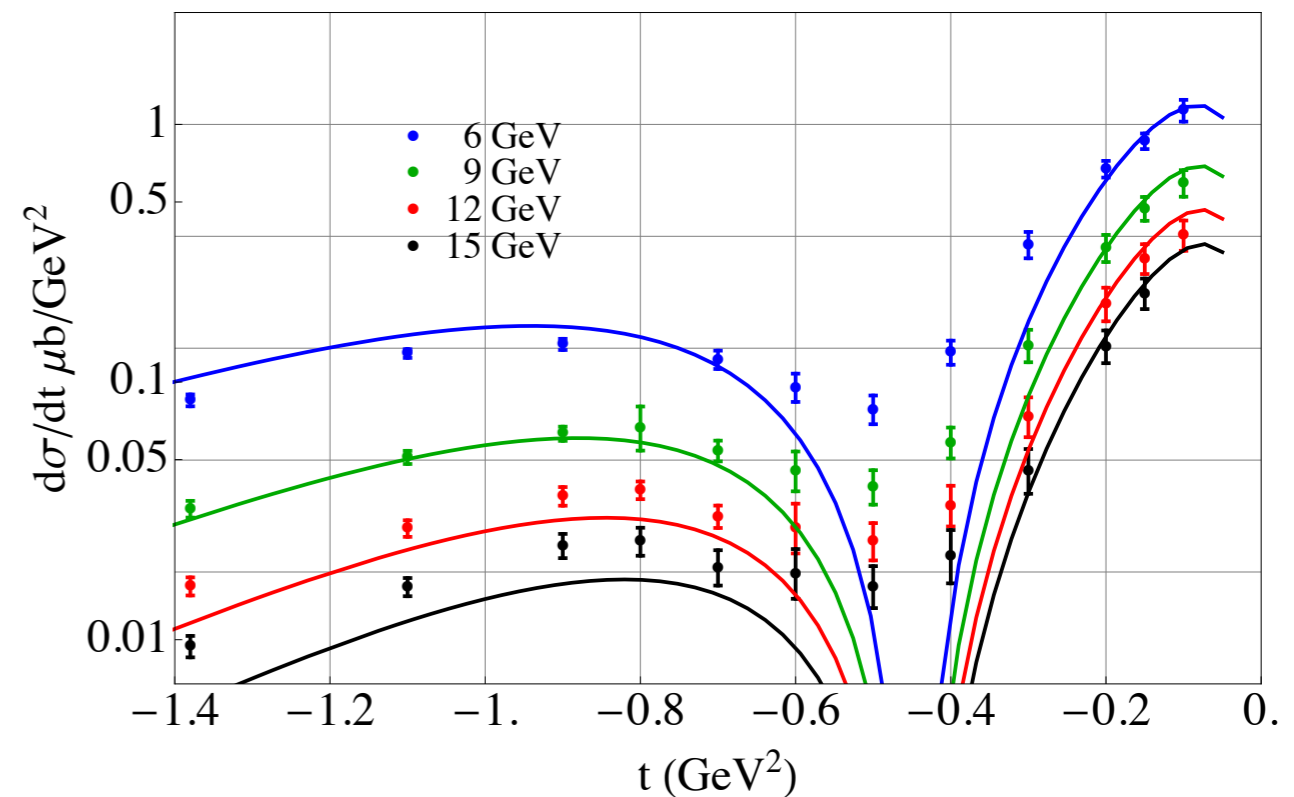
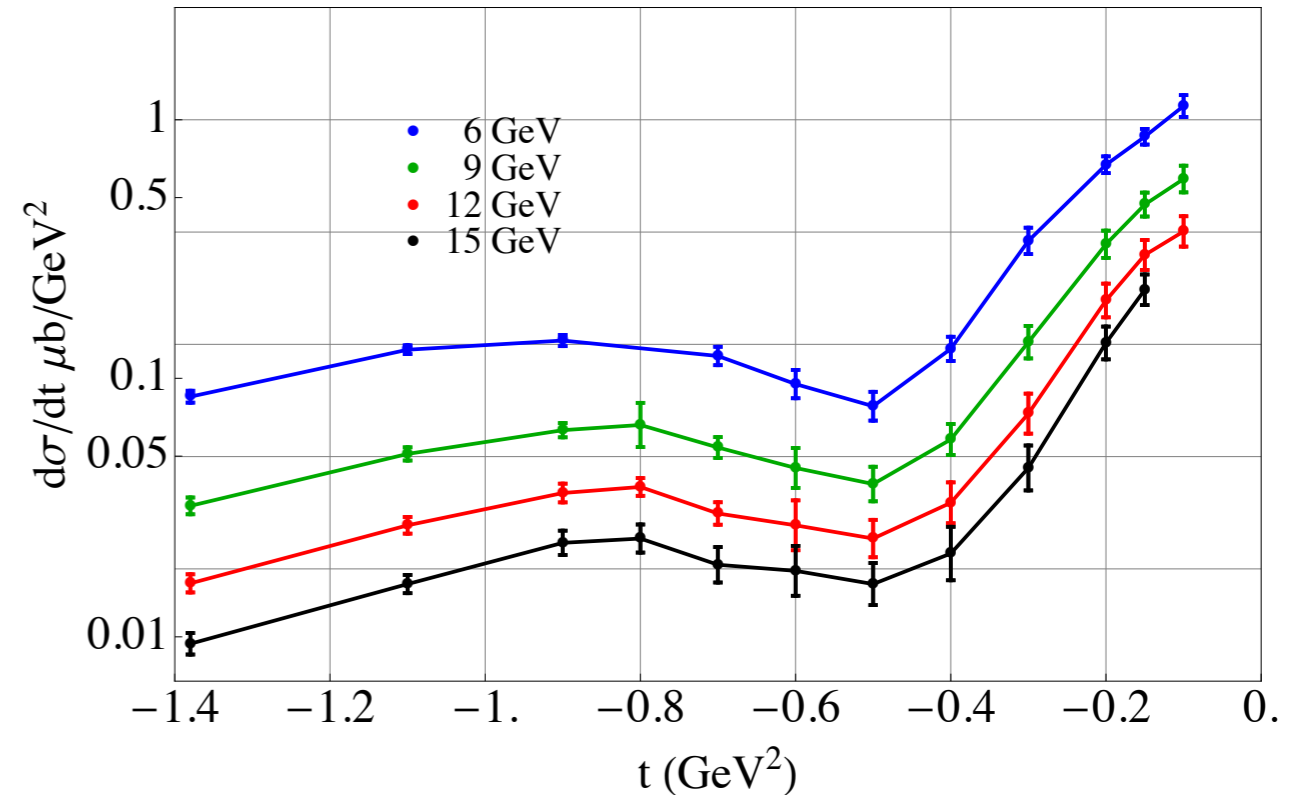
$$A_2 = -g_1 \alpha(t) (\alpha(t) + 1) \frac{1 - e^{-i\pi\alpha(t)}}{2 \sin \pi\alpha(t)} s^{\alpha(t)-1}$$

$$A_3 = 0$$

$$A_4 = g_4 \alpha(t) (\alpha(t) + 1) \frac{1 - e^{-i\pi\alpha(t)}}{2 \sin \pi\alpha(t)} s^{\alpha(t)-1}$$

$$\alpha(t) = \alpha_0 + \alpha' t$$

	Estimate	Standard Error
g4	42.0091	3.55691
g1	13.7525	16.6151
α_0	0.345466	0.0092382
α'	0.772804	0.0161112



Differential Cross Section: Model II

model

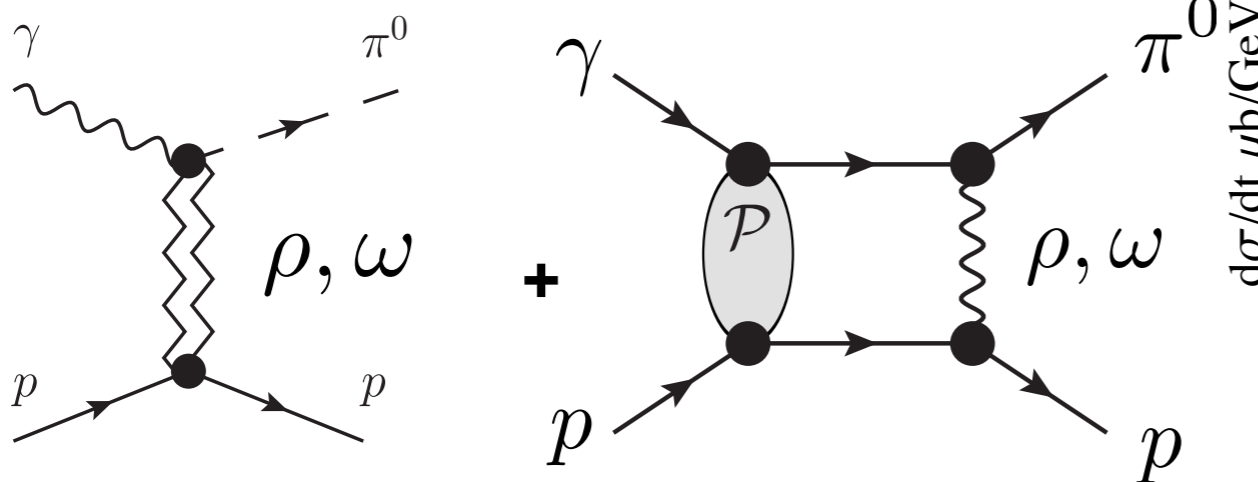
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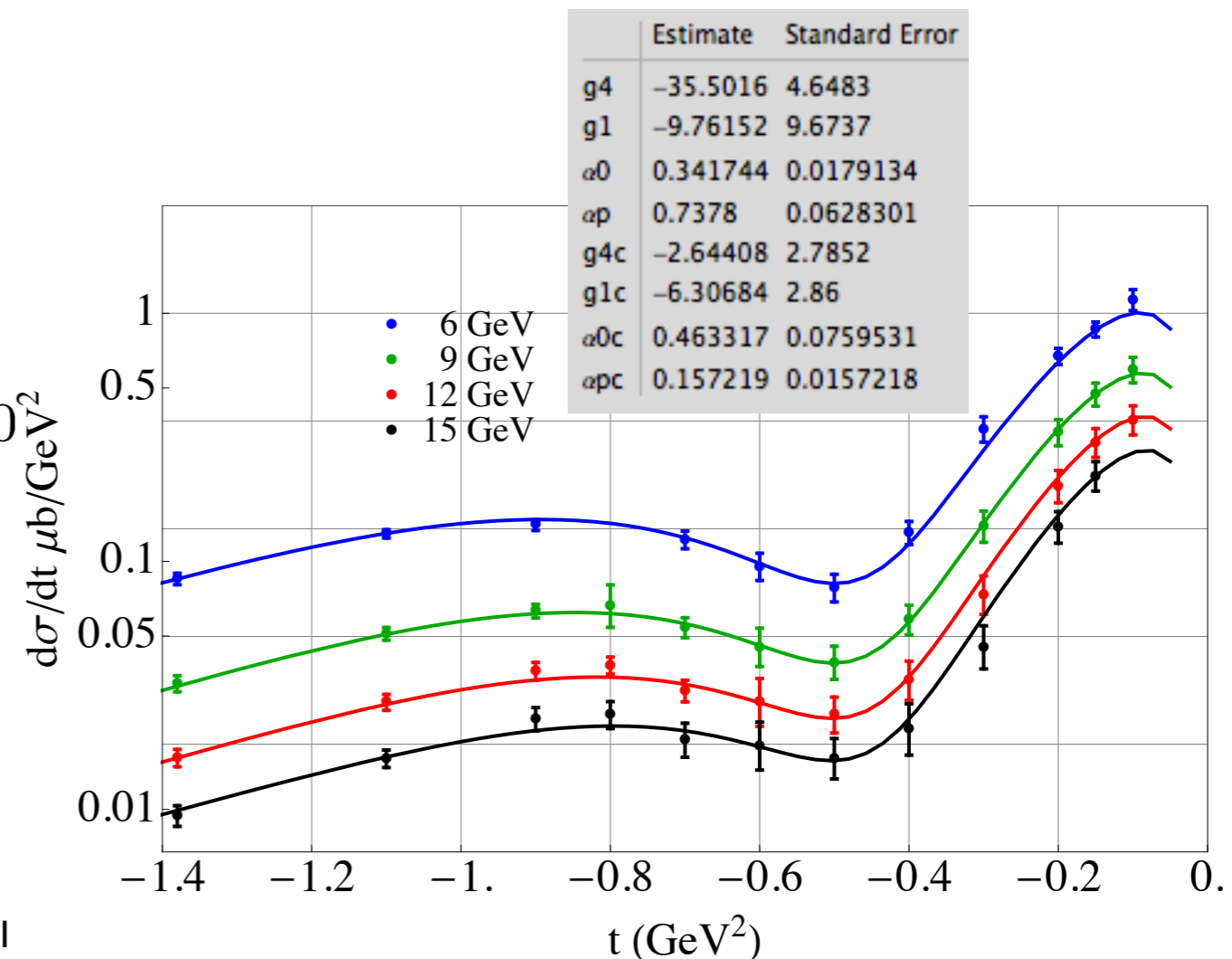
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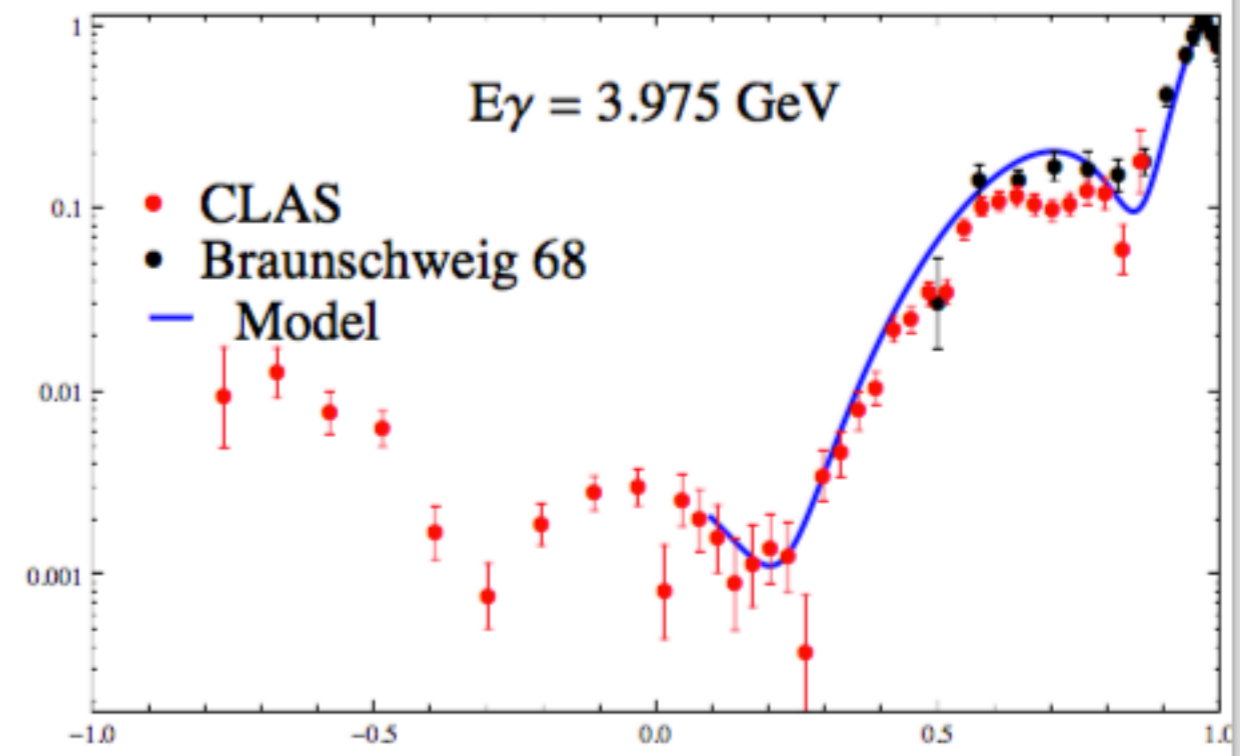
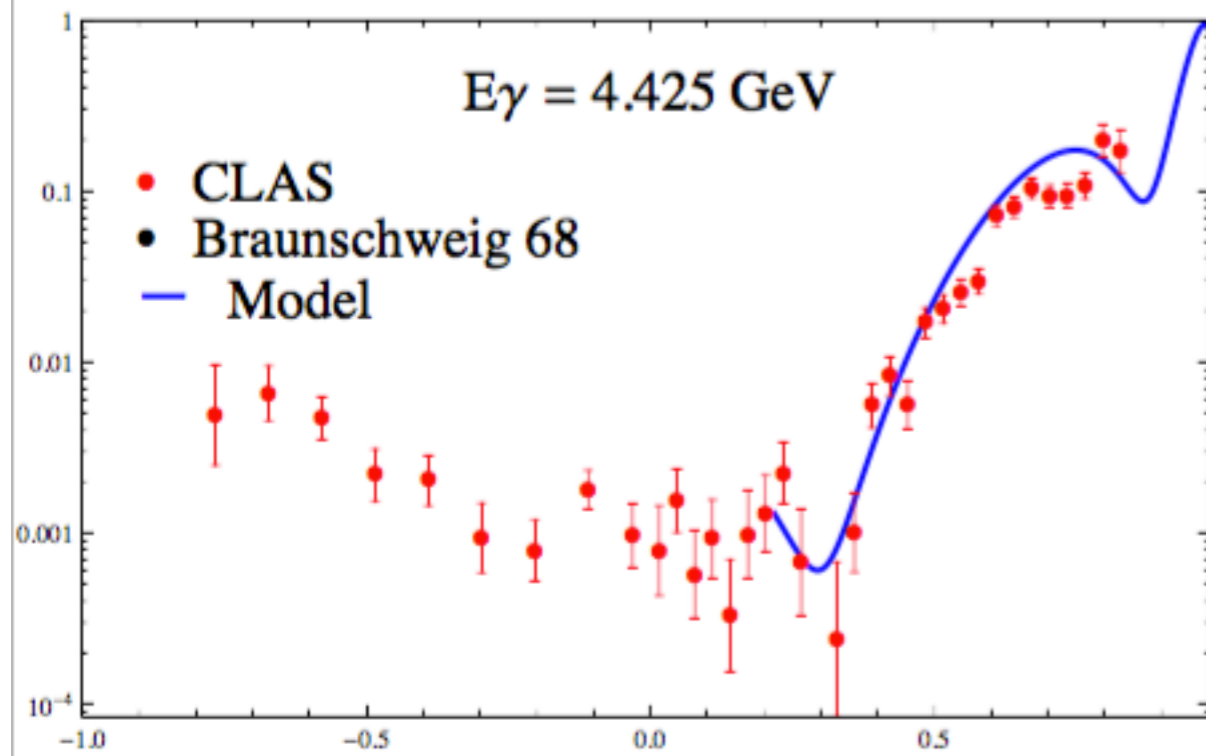
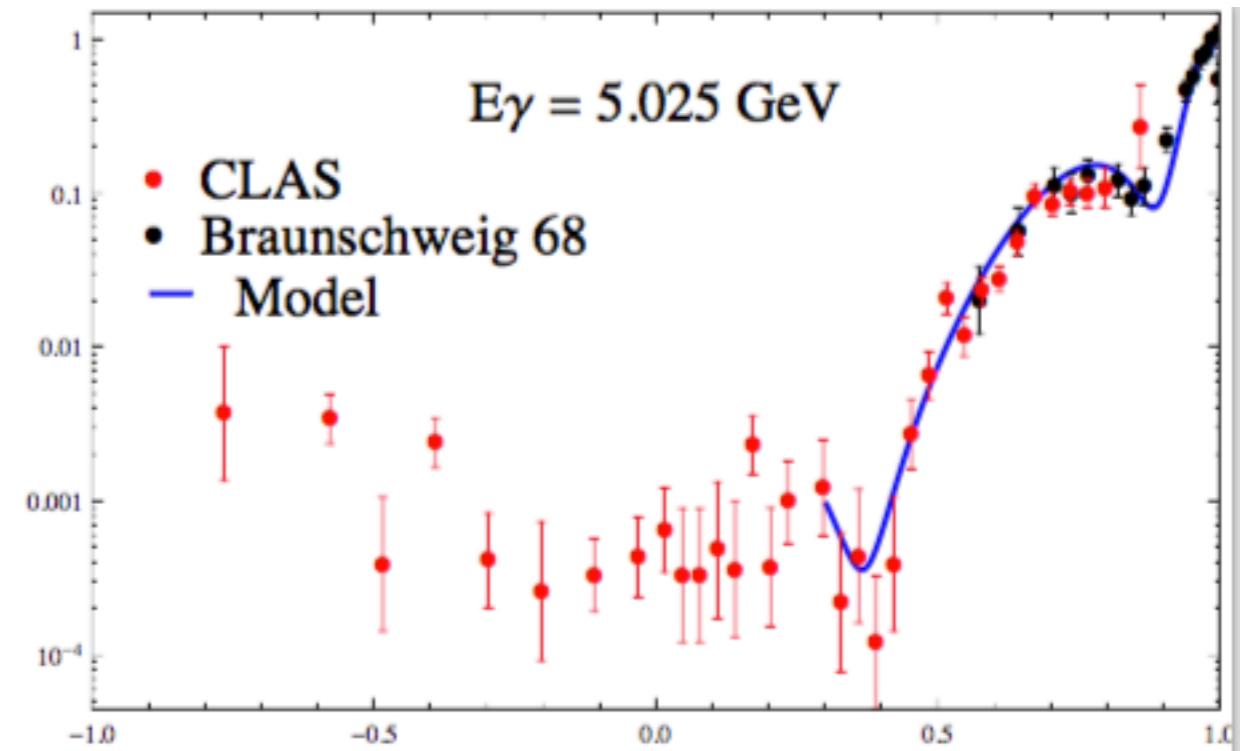
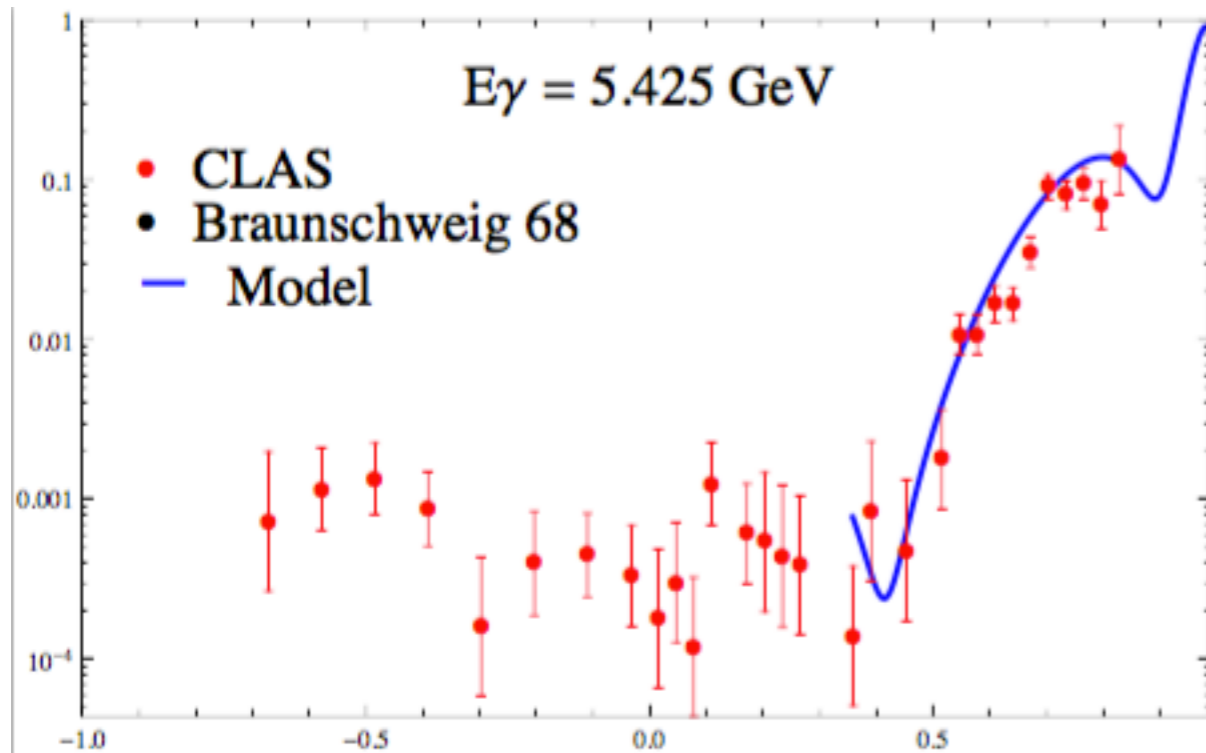
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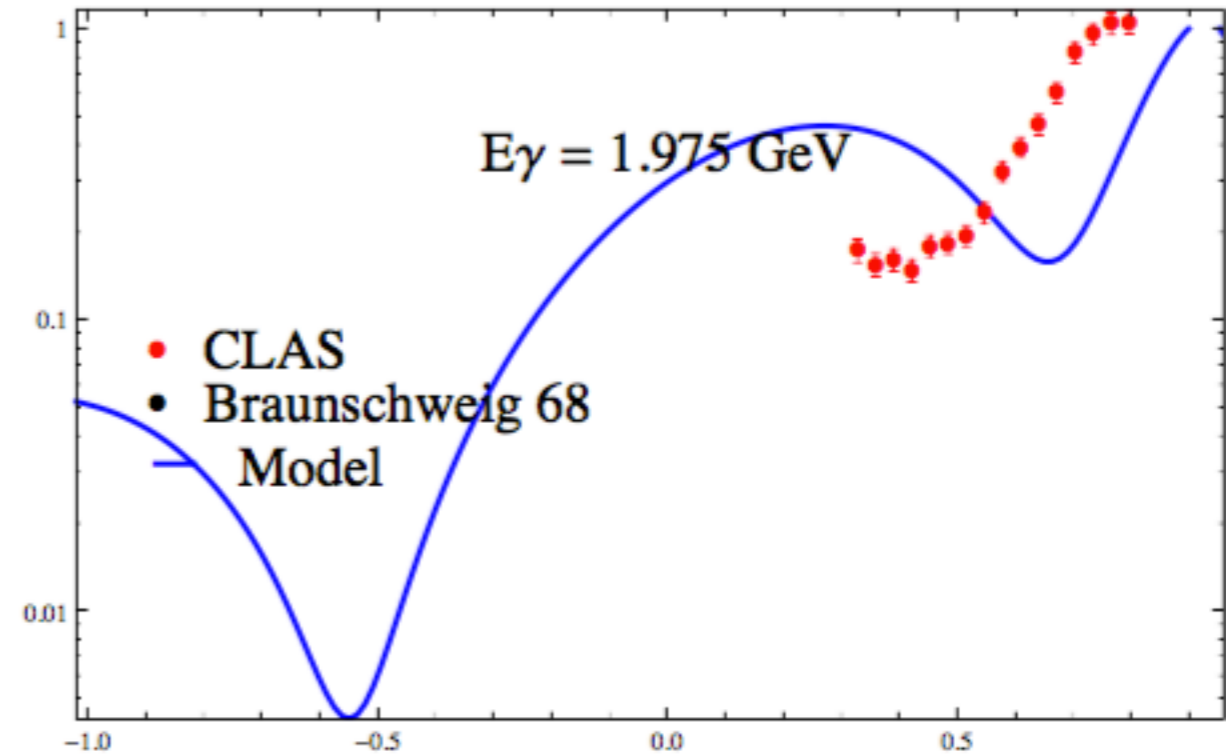
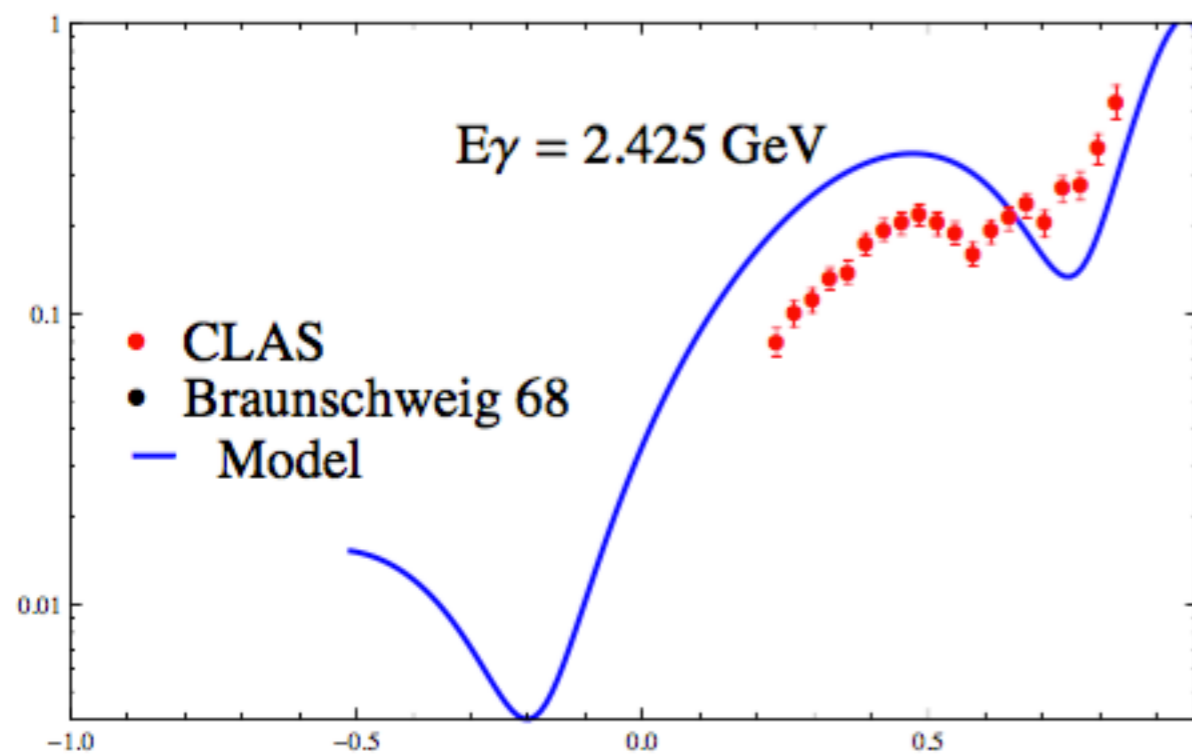
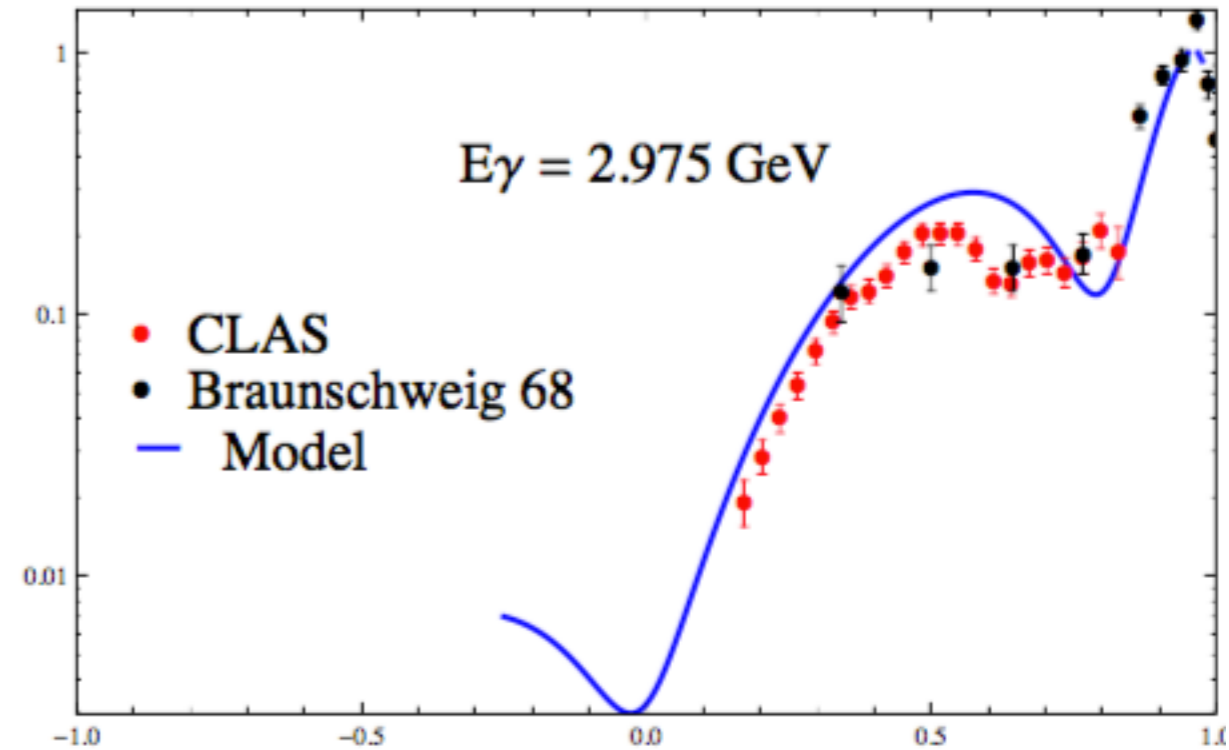
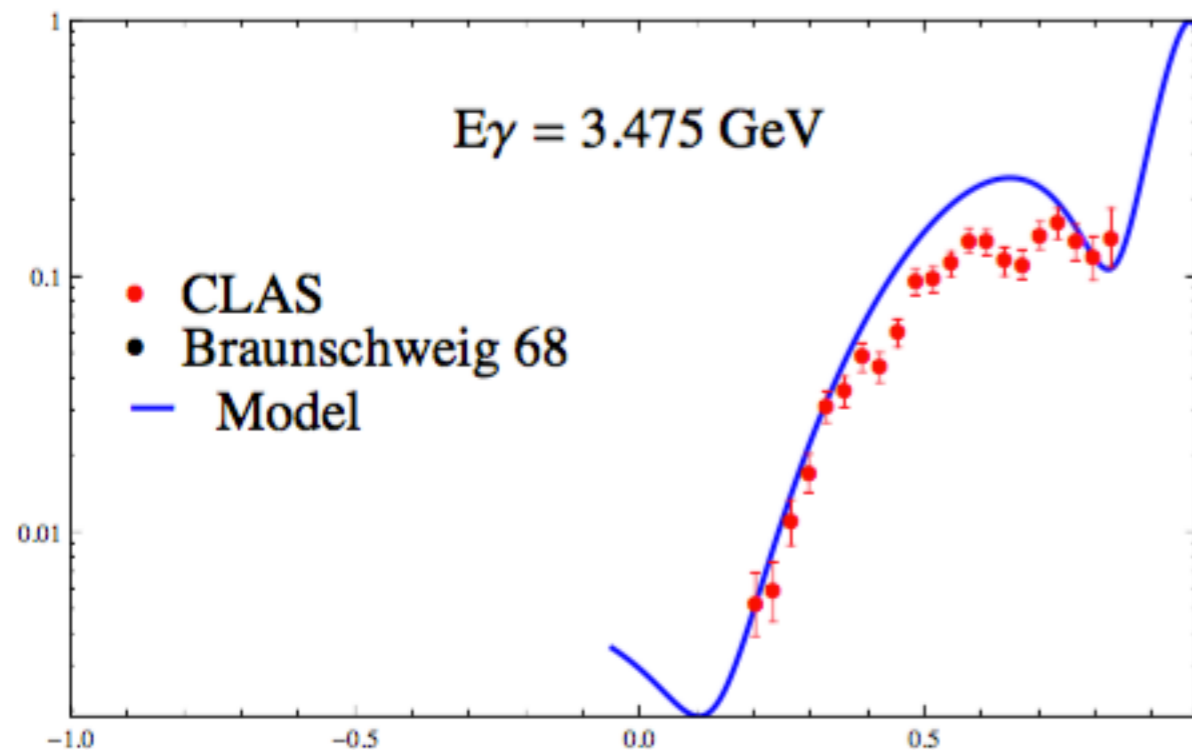


CLAS Preliminary Data



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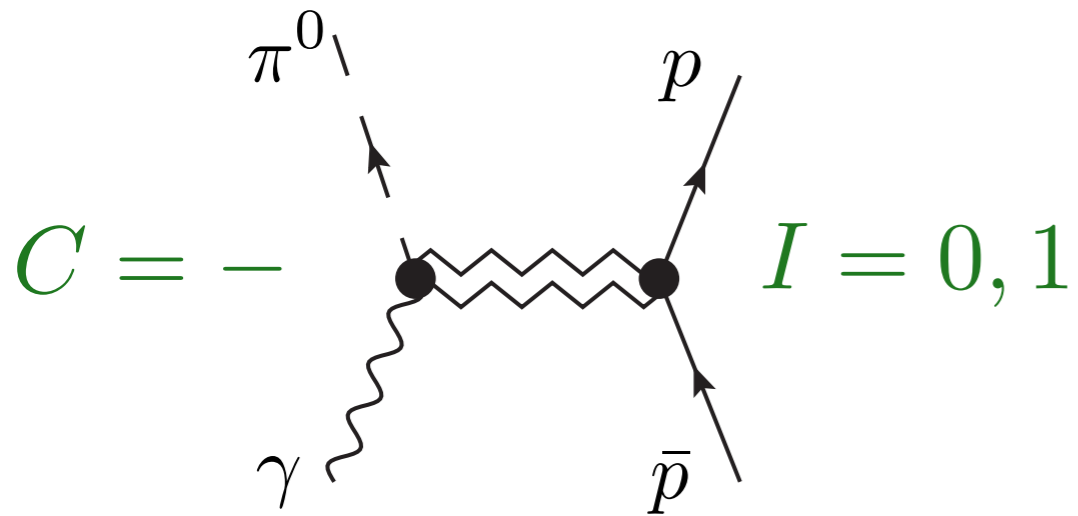
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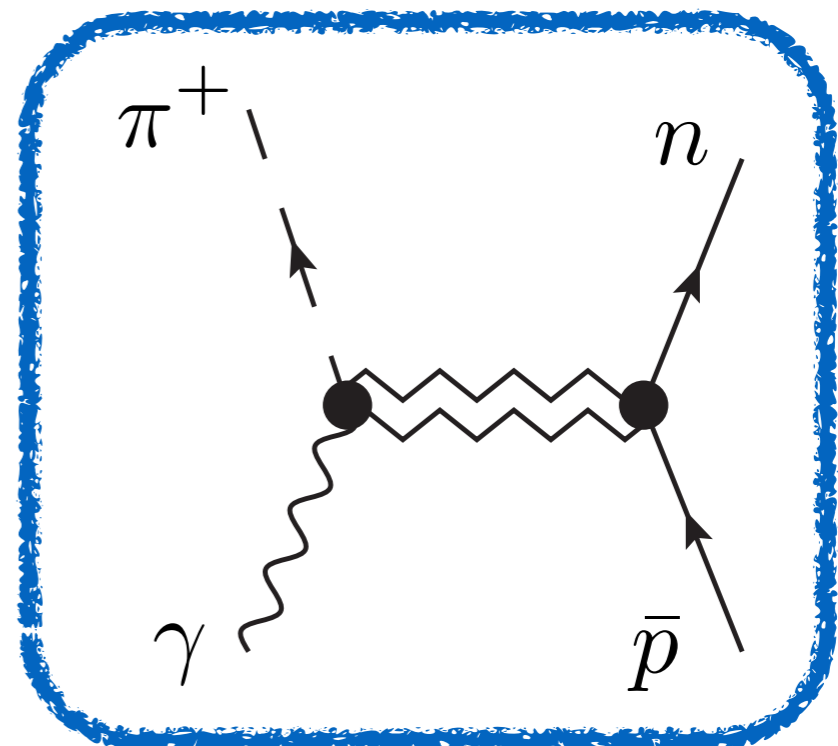
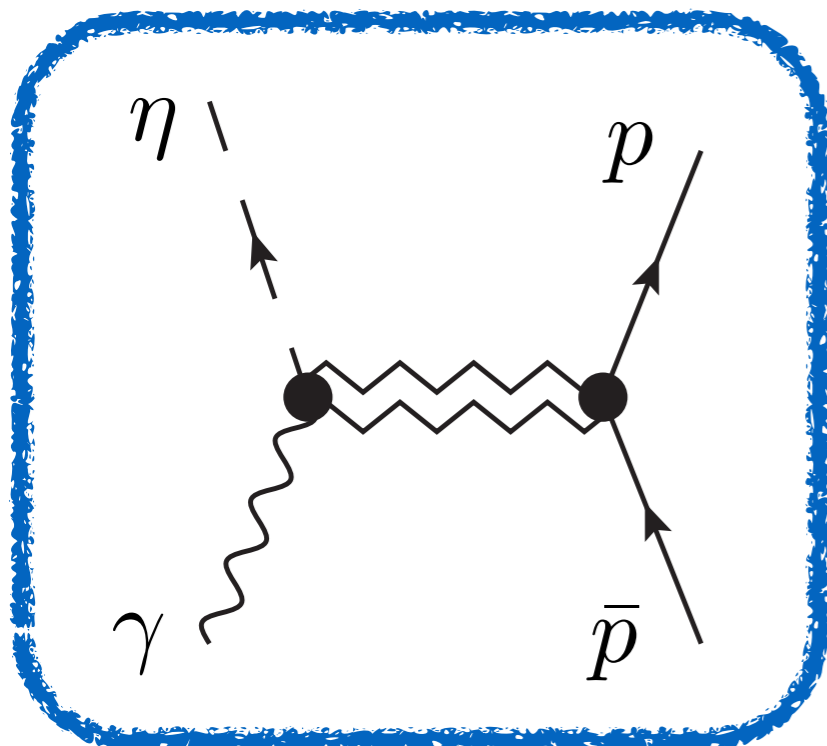
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$$(\cancel{0}, 2, 4, \dots)^{--}$$



T-Channel Quantum Numbers

			$\gamma\pi^0$	$\gamma\eta$	$\gamma\pi^\pm$
$F_1 = -A_1 + 2MA_4,$	$\eta = +1,$	$CP = +1,$	ρ, ω	ρ, ω	a
$F_2 = A_1 + tA_2,$	$\eta = -1,$	$CP = -1,$	b, h	b, h	π, b
$F_3 = 2MA_1 - tA_4,$	$\eta = +1,$	$CP = +1,$	ρ, ω	ρ, ω	a
$F_4 = A_3,$	$\eta = -1,$	$CP = +1.$	$\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{\omega}$	$\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{\omega}$	\tilde{a}

$$\eta = P(-1)^J \quad G = C(-1)^I \quad I^G J^{PC}$$

$$\rho : 1^+(1, 3, \dots)^{--}$$

$$b : 1^+(1, 3, \dots)^{+-}$$

$$\pi : 1^-(0, 2, \dots)^{-+}$$

$$\omega : 0^-(1, 3, \dots)^{--}$$

$$h : 0^-(1, 3, \dots)^{+-}$$

$$a : 1^-(0, 2, \dots)^{++}$$

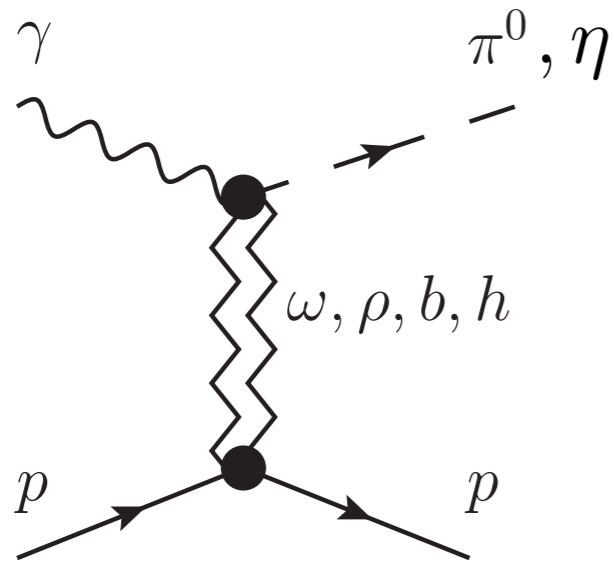
$$\tilde{\rho} : 1^+(2, 4, \dots)^{--}$$

$$\tilde{a} : 1^-(1, 3, \dots)^{--}$$

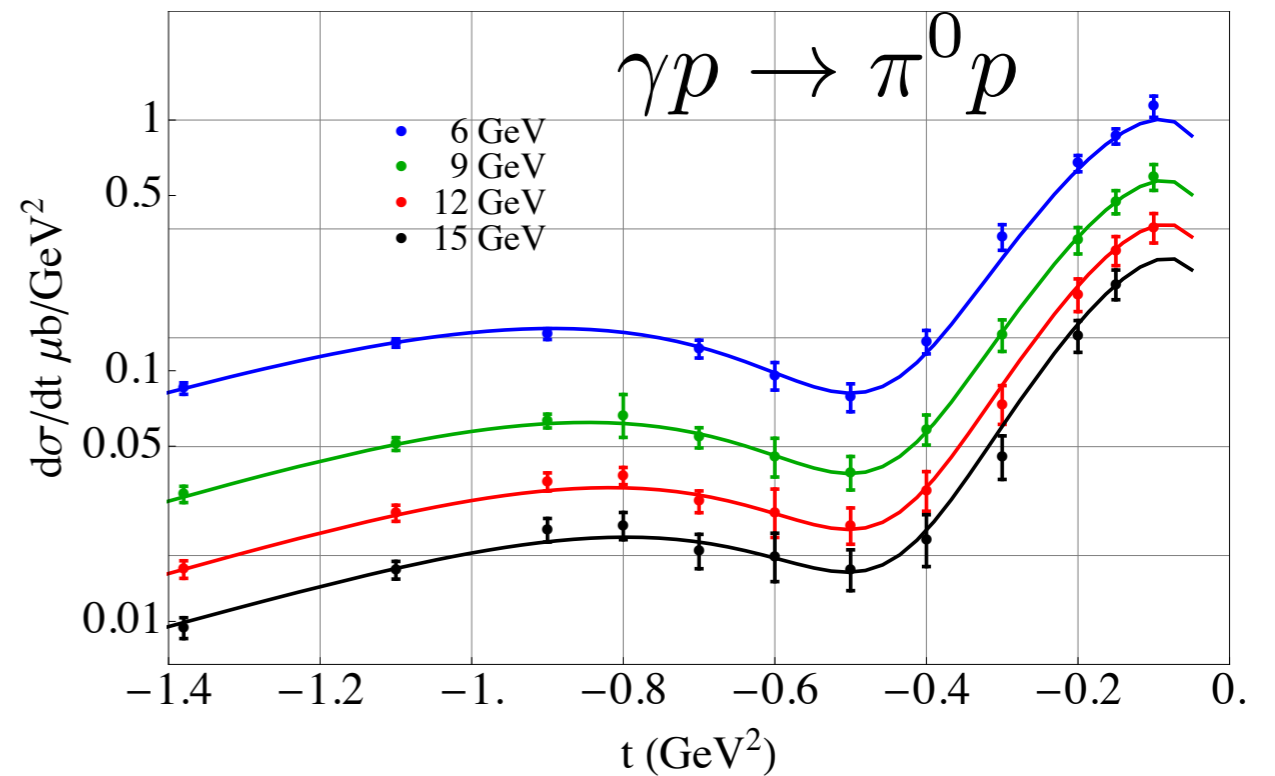
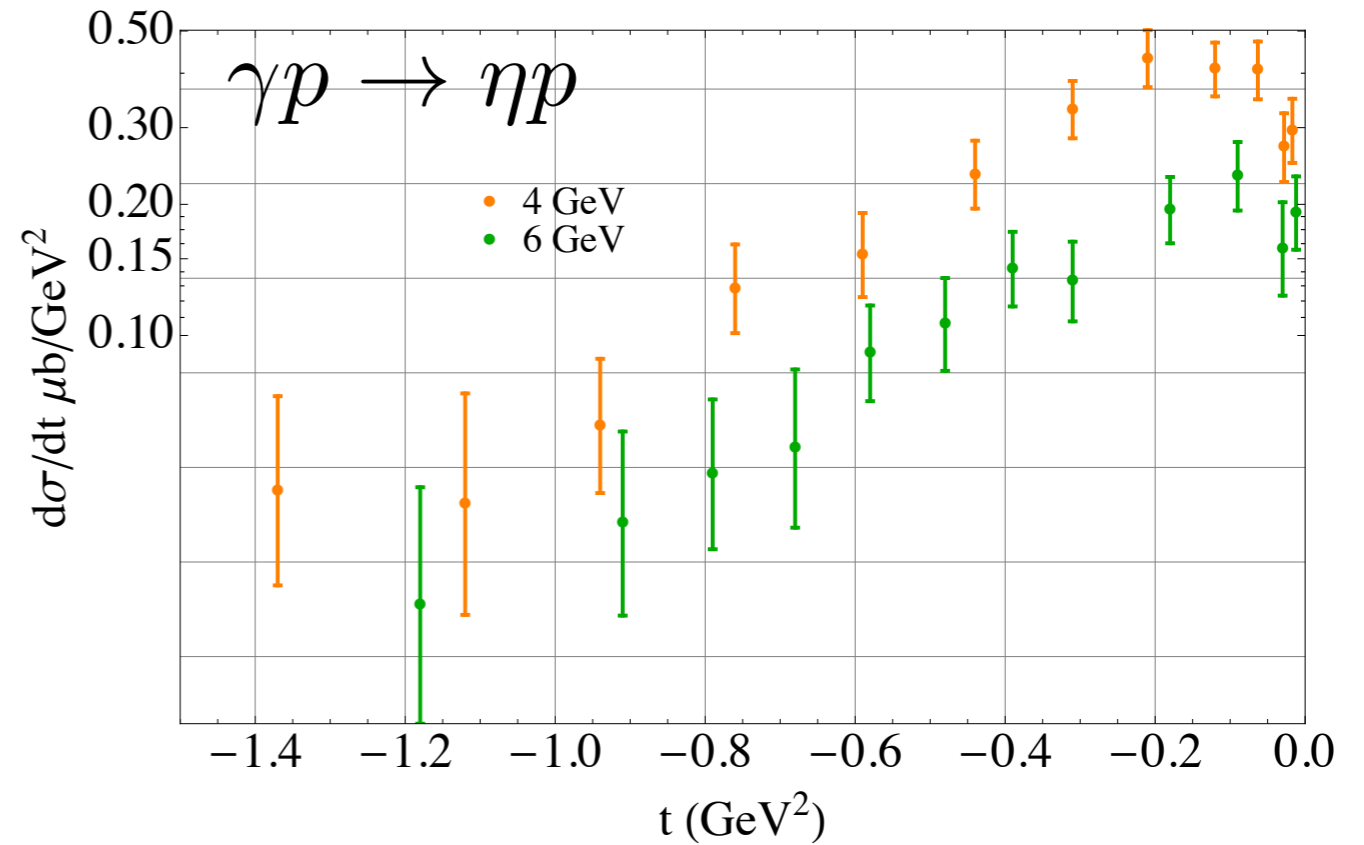
$$\tilde{\omega} : 0^-(2, 4, \dots)^{--}$$

Eta Photoproduction

Same exchanges



no dip at $\alpha=0$
different residues



Summary

Choose appropriate variable(s)

Simple energy dependence at

high energy $A \sim \beta(t) s^{\alpha(t)}$

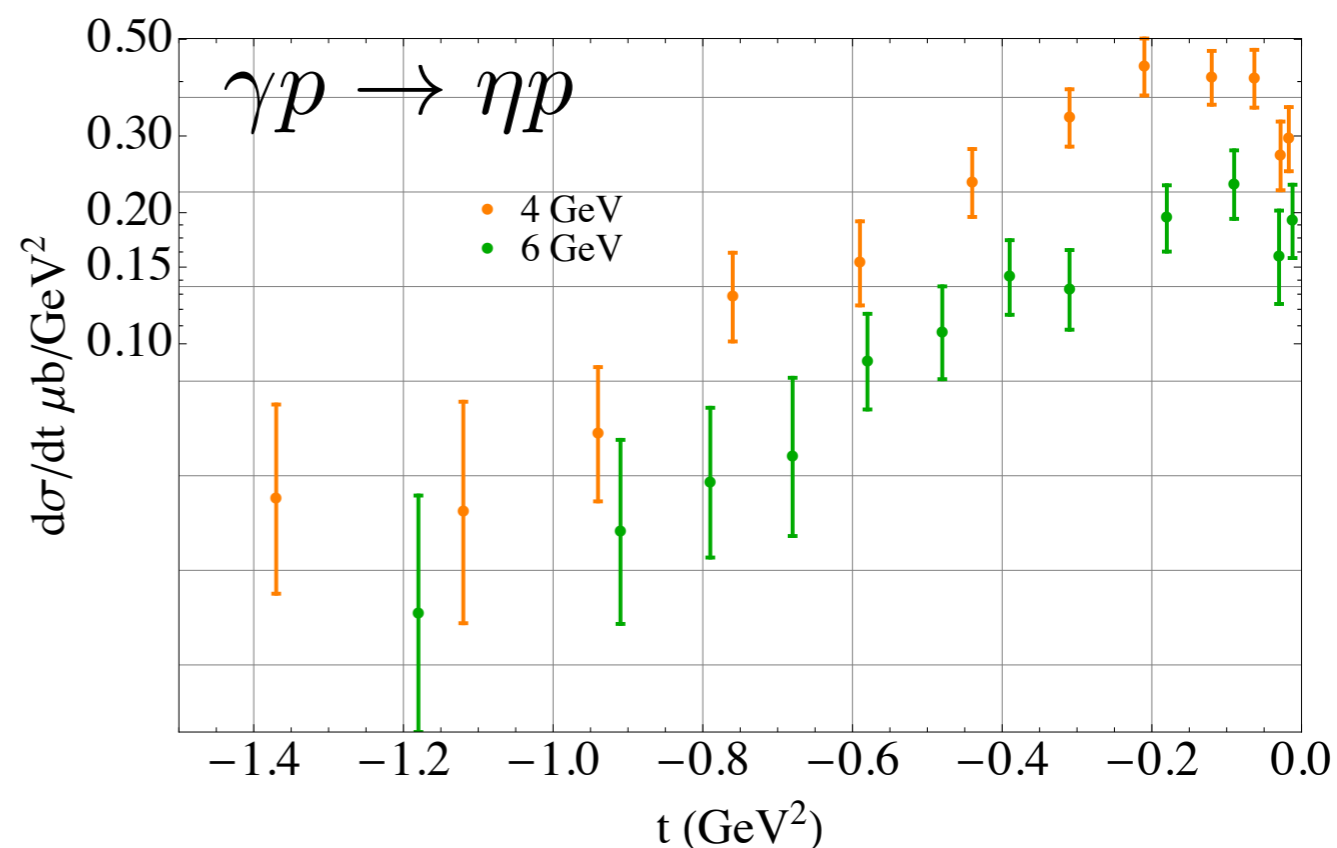
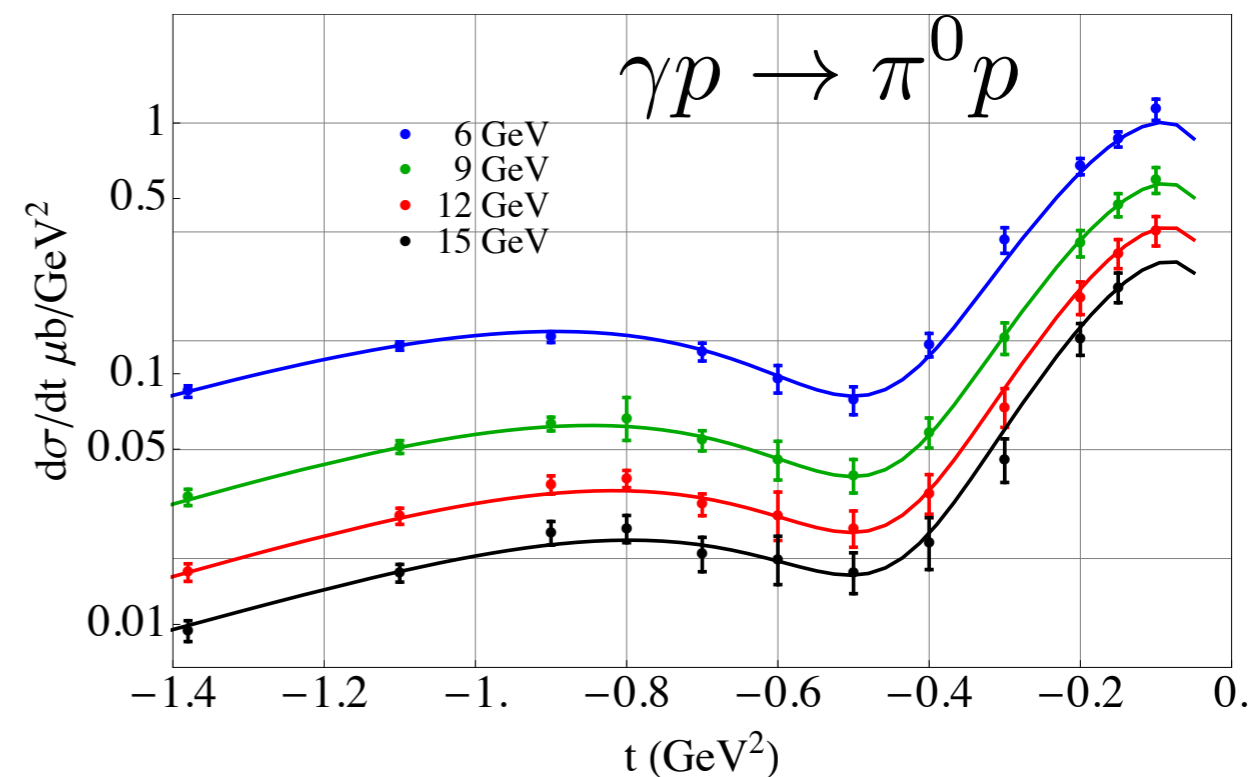
Separate kinematics (Mi) from model (Ai)

$$A_{\lambda_4 \lambda_2; \lambda_1}^t = \bar{u}(p_4, \lambda_4) \left[\sum_{i=1}^4 A_i M_i \right] v(-p_2, \lambda_2)$$

Physics constraint on residues

$$\beta(t) \propto \alpha(t) [\alpha(t) + 1]$$

Ok for neutral pion but not for eta



Improvements

FESR constrain residues

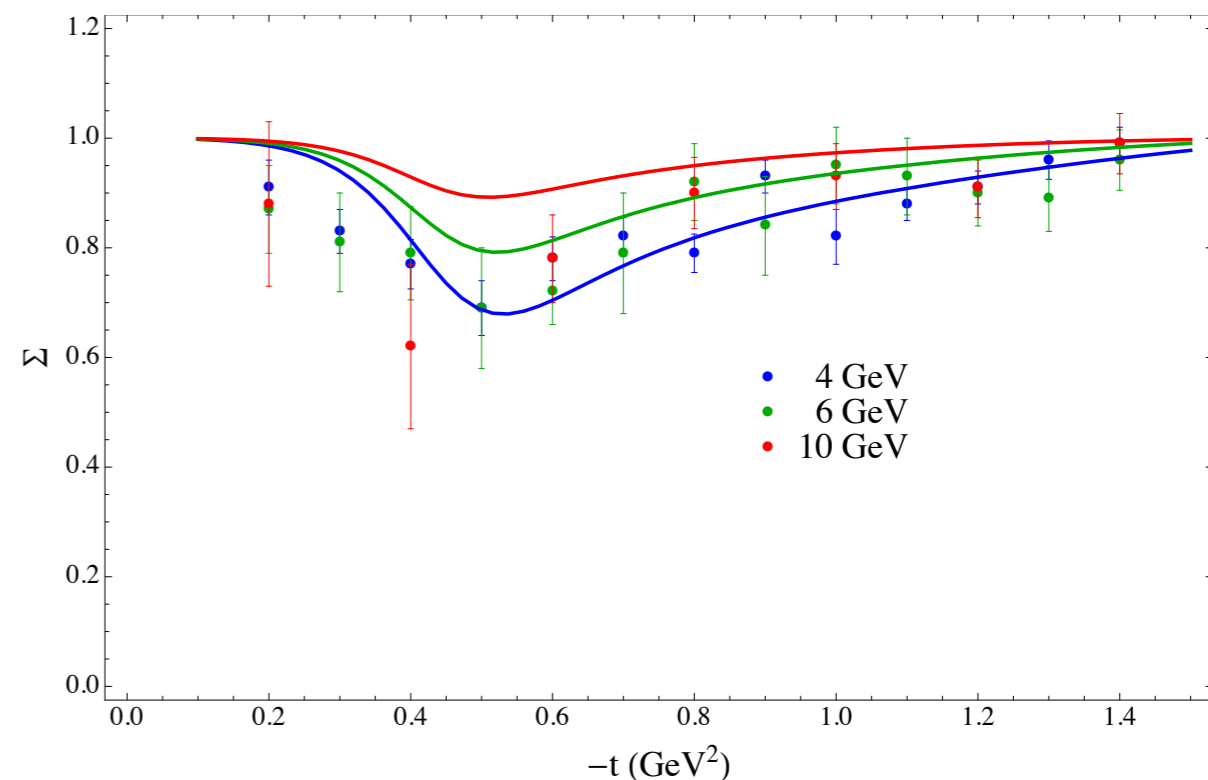
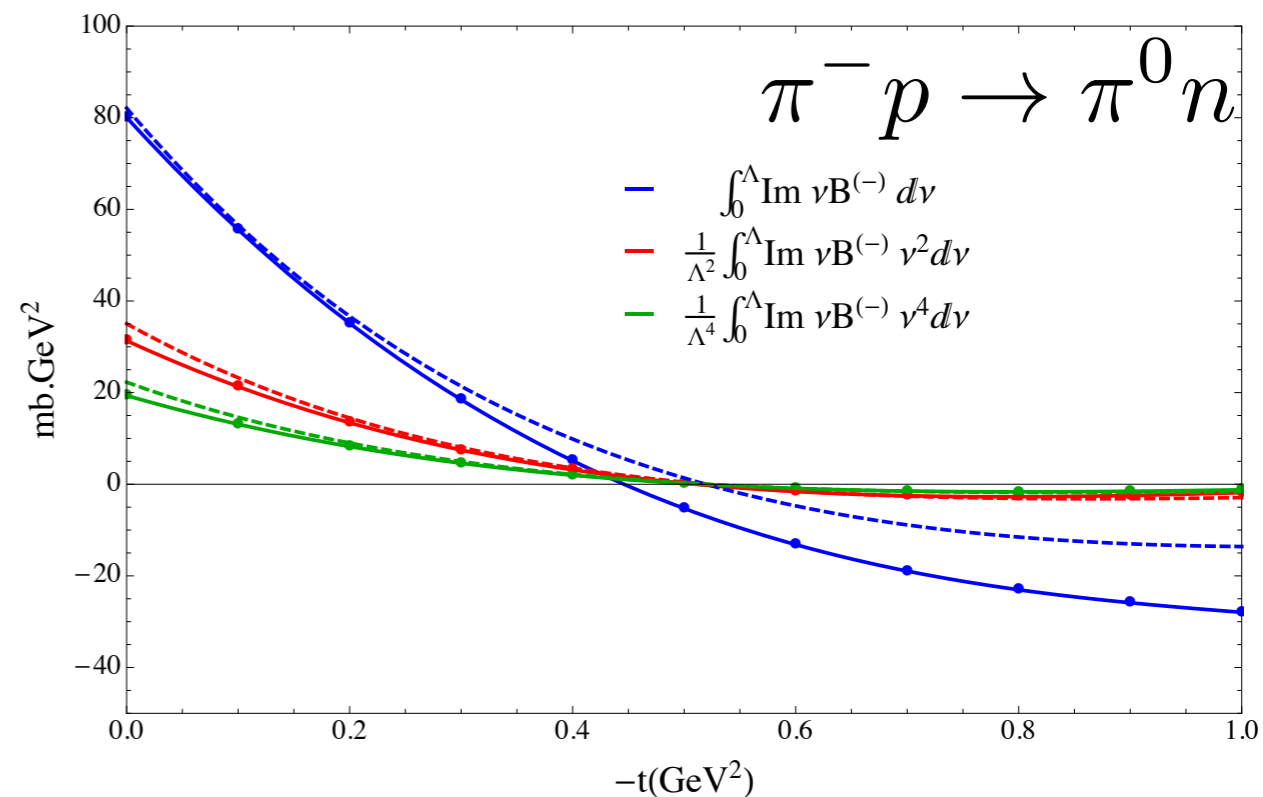
$$\beta(t) \propto \alpha(t) [\alpha(t) + 1]$$

Polarization observables
sub-leading contributions

Not intuitive in photoproduction

$$\Sigma = \frac{\sigma_{\parallel} - \sigma_{\perp}}{\sigma_{\parallel} + \sigma_{\perp}} = \frac{(\rho + \omega) - (b + h)}{(\rho + \omega) + (b + h)}$$

$$\sim \frac{s^{0.5+0.9t} - s^{0.7t}}{s^{0.5+0.9t} + s^{0.7t}}$$



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