

The study of unconventional baryon structure via strangeness photoproduction at the BGOOD experiment

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Status of N^* spectroscopy

Constituent quark models vs. experiment

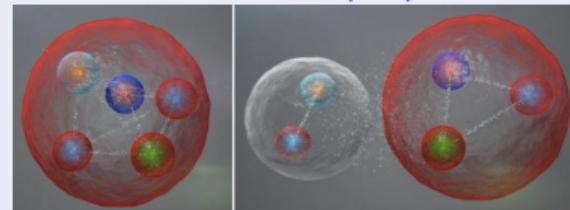
- Missing resonances & parity ordering problems of lowest states persists, despite:
- Wealth of γN data - ELSA, MAMI, GRAAL, CLAS
- Sophisticated PWA, eg Bonn-Gatchina
- Improved understanding of known N^* , but few new states observed

state	JP	PDG status in	
		2010	2020($N\gamma$)
N(1860)	5/2 ⁺	*	*
N(1875)	3/2 ⁻		**
N(1880)	1/2 ⁺		**
N(1895)	1/2 ⁻		****
N(1900)	3/2 ⁺	****	****
N(1990)	7/2 ⁺	**	**
N(2000)	5/2 ⁺	**	**
N(2060)	5/2 ⁻		***
N(2100)	1/2 ⁺	*	**
N(2120)	3/2 ⁻		***
N(2190)	7/2 ⁻	****	**
N(2220)	9/2 ⁺	****	**
N(2250)	9/2 ⁻	****	**

Relevant degrees of freedom?

- 3 quark states only?
- Molecule-like states, meson-baryon degrees of freedom?

Glozman & Riska, Phys. Rep. 268 (1996) 263,
Garcia-Recio et al., PLB 582 (2004) 49,
Lutz & Kolomeitsev, PLB 585 (2004) 243



Exotic phenomena in the charmed sector*

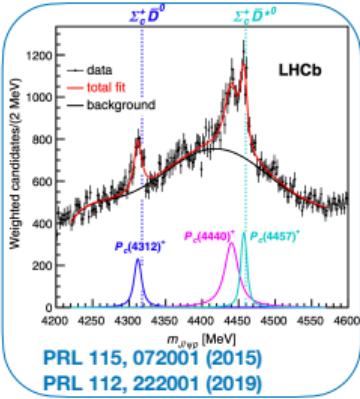
*Not what we study at BGOOD!

Pentaquarks at LHCb

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Forsaken pentaquark particle spotted at CERN

Exotic subatomic species confirmed at Large Hadron Collider after earlier false sightings.

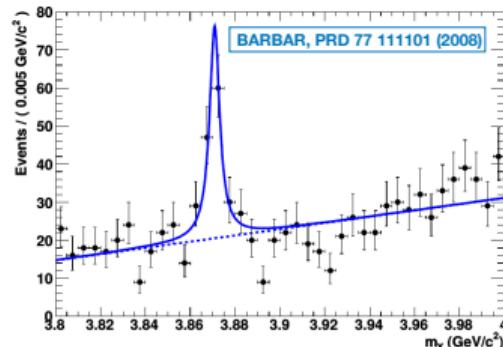


Meson-baryon dynamically generated states?

eg Wu, Molina, Oset, & Zou, PRL 105, 232001 (2010)

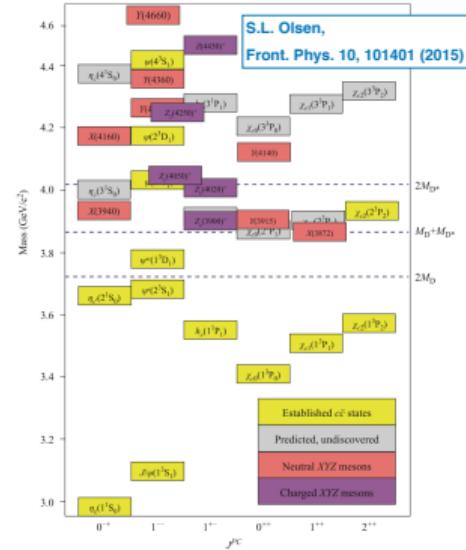
XYZ states in the charmed meson sector

$X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi$ - most cited paper from Belle
PRL 91, 262001 (2003)



$X(3872)$ - molecular $D^0 \bar{D}^0$?

eg, Törnqvist, PLB 590, 209 (2004)

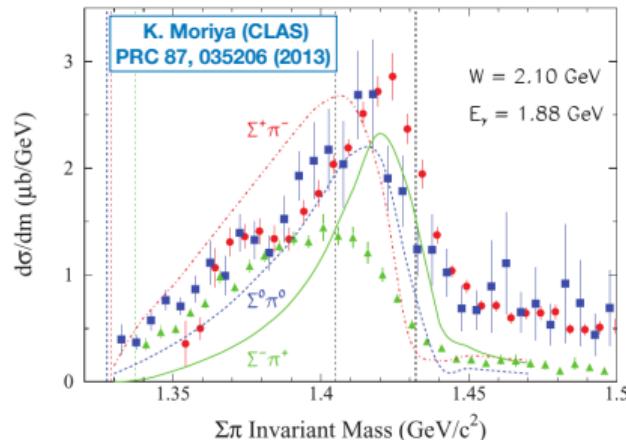


Motivation: Structure of the $\Lambda(1405)$

Back to the uds sector accessible at BGOOD!

Previous CLAS data:

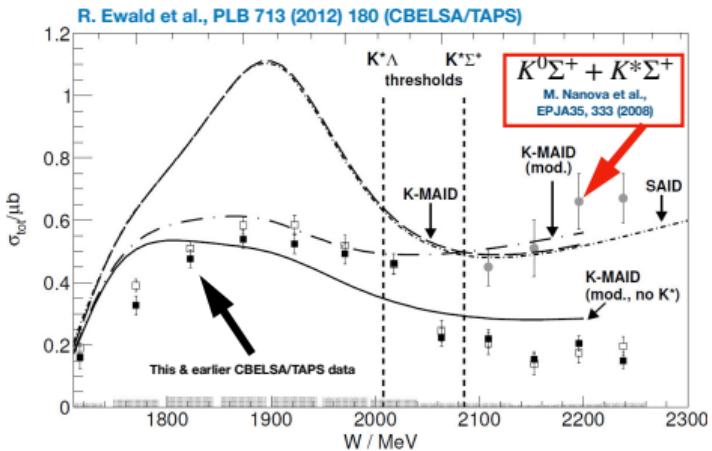
- Considered a $\bar{K}N$ molecule prior to the quark model
[Dalitz & Tuan, PRL 2 \(1959\) 425](#)
- Lies between the $\pi\Sigma$ & $\bar{K}N$ thresholds
- Difficult to reconcile within a CQM:
 - Mass too low compared to $N^*(1535)$
 - Large spin orbit splitting to $\Lambda(1520)$



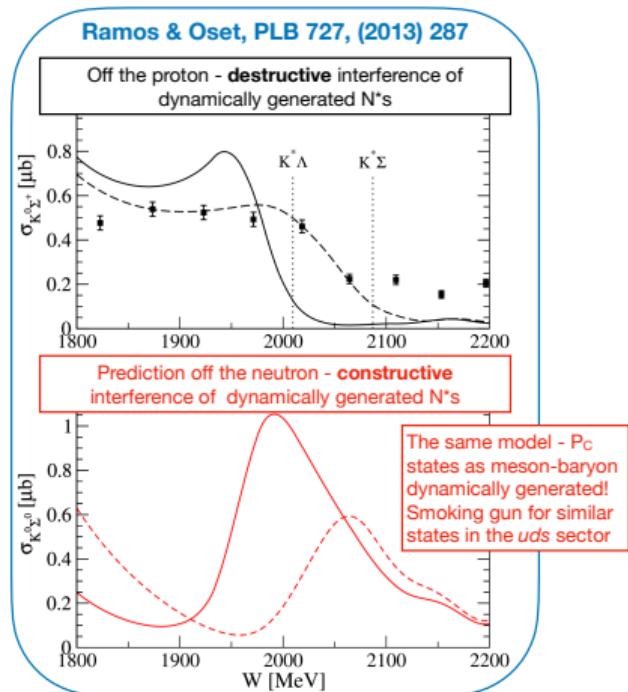
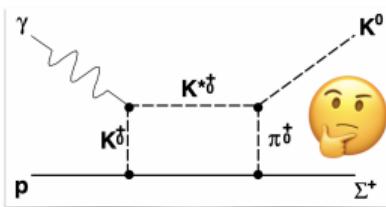
- $\Lambda(1405)$ - dynamically generated by meson-baryon interactions?
[Nacher, Oset, Toki, Ramos, & Meiβner, NPA725 \(2003\)181](#)
[Molina & Döring, PRD 94, 056010 & 079901 \(2016\)](#)
- LQCD: [Hall et al., PRL 114 \(2015\) 132002](#)

Motivation: Cusp in the $\gamma p \rightarrow K^0 \Sigma^+$ cross section

Previous CBELSA/TAPS data:



K^{*0} sub-threshold
production rescattering to
 π^0 & $K^0?$

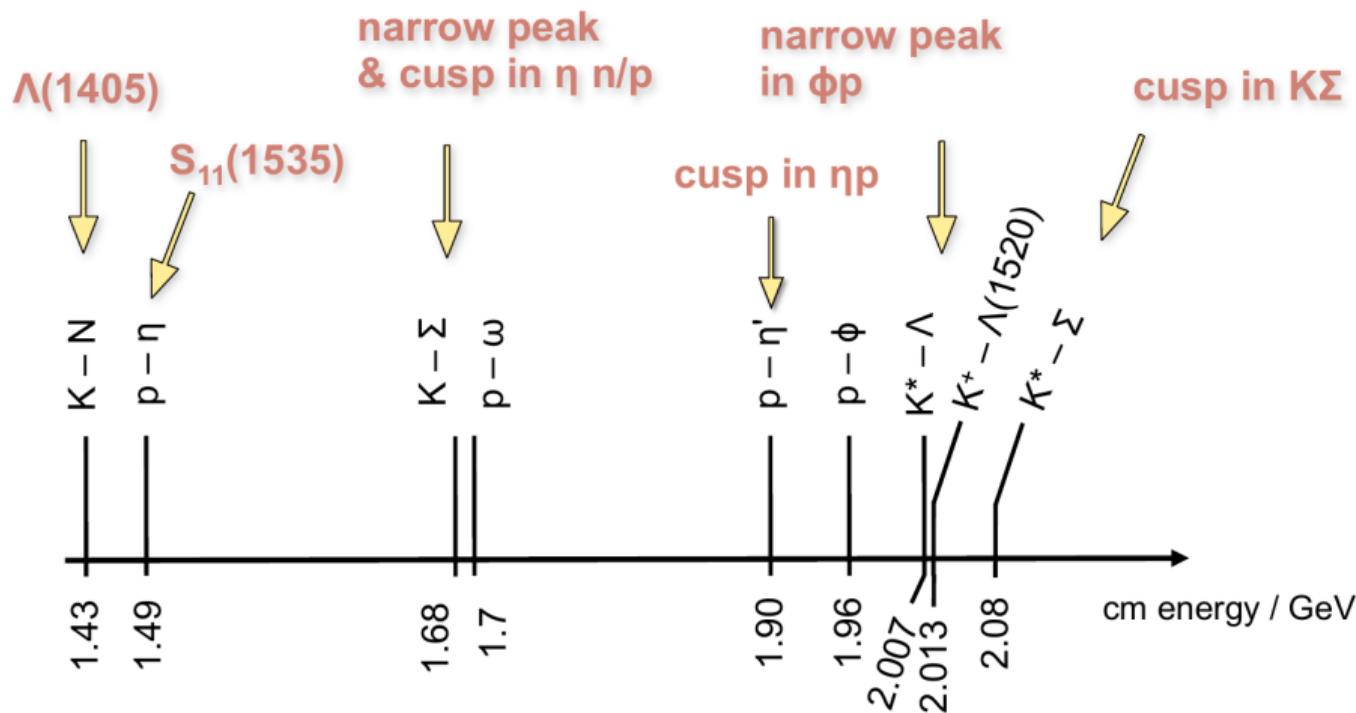


Parallels between charmed & strange sectors?

	Charmed-sector Meson	Baryons	Strange-sector Meson	Baryons
State(s)	$X(3872)$	$P_c^*(4380/4457)$	$f_1(1285)$	$N^*(2030/2080)$
π exchange transition	$D^{*0}\bar{D}^0/D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$	$\Lambda_c^*\bar{D} + \Sigma_c\bar{D}^*$	$K^*\bar{K}/K\bar{K}^*$	$\Lambda^*K + \Sigma K^*$
Quantum numbers	$J^{PC} = 1^{++}$	$J^P = 3/2^-$	$J^{PC} = 1^{++}$	$J^P = 3/2^-$
3-body threshold	$D^0\bar{D}^0\pi^0$	$\Sigma_c^+\bar{D}^0\pi^0$	$K\bar{K}\pi$	$\Sigma K\pi^0$
Closed flavour thresh.	$J/\psi\omega$	$\chi_{c1}p$	$\phi f_0(500)$	ϕp

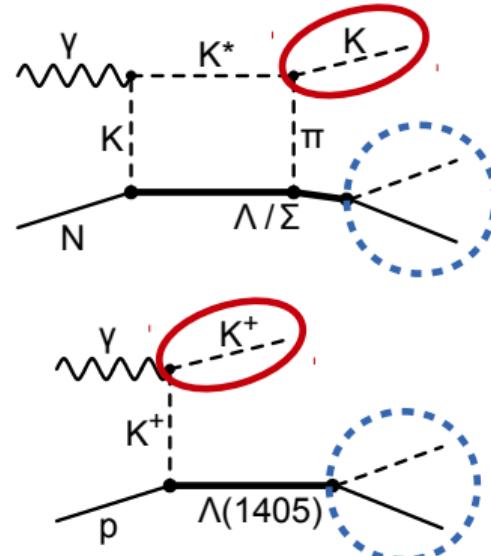


Threshold dynamics



Experimental requirements

- Charged particle identification at extremely forward angles -
reaction dynamics at very low momentum exchange
- Reconstruction of complicated, mixed charge final states -
eg $K^+ \Lambda(1405) \rightarrow K^+ (\pi^0 \Sigma^0) \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0 \gamma p \pi^-$



BGOOD at the ELSA facility, Bonn

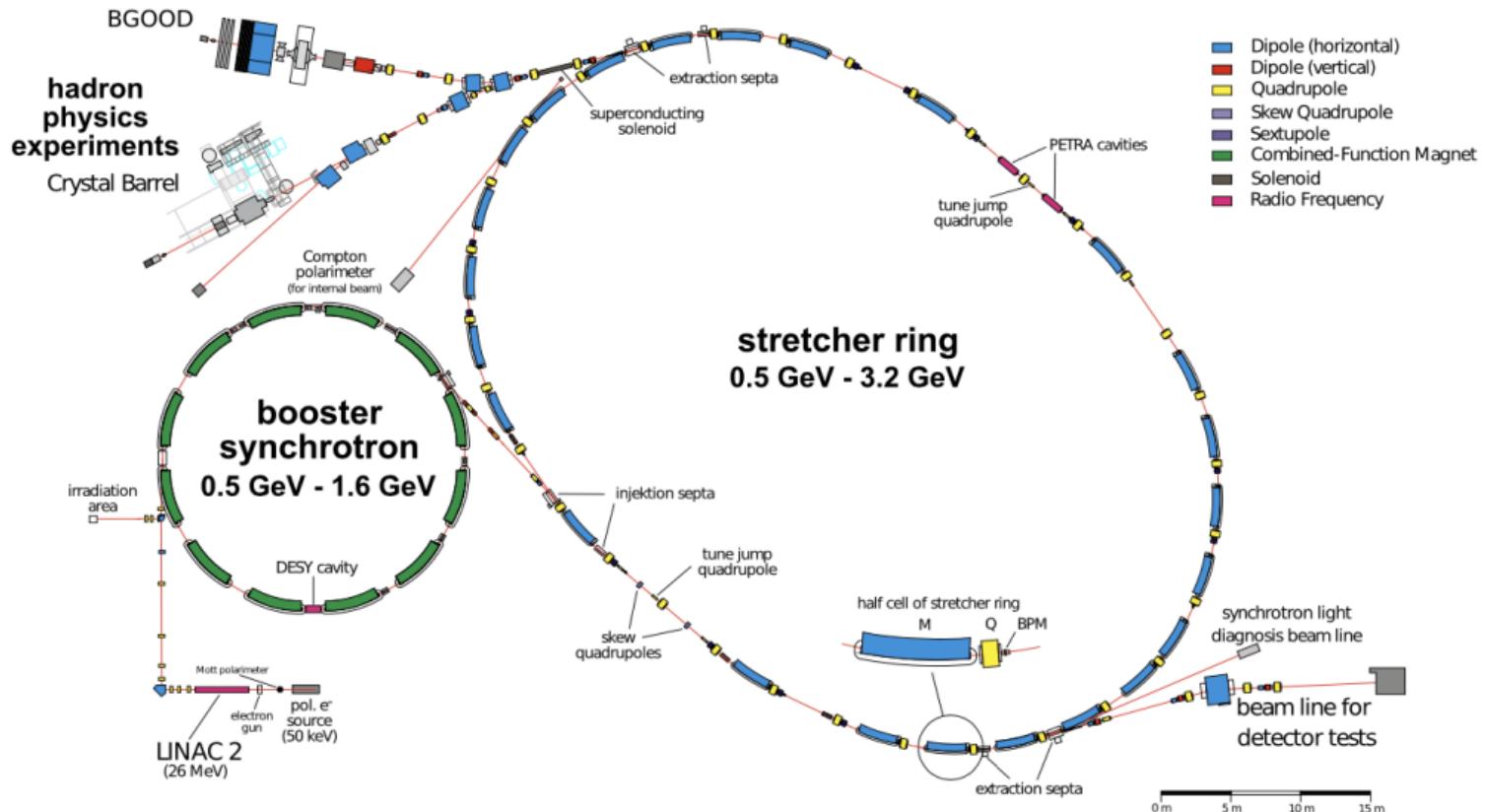
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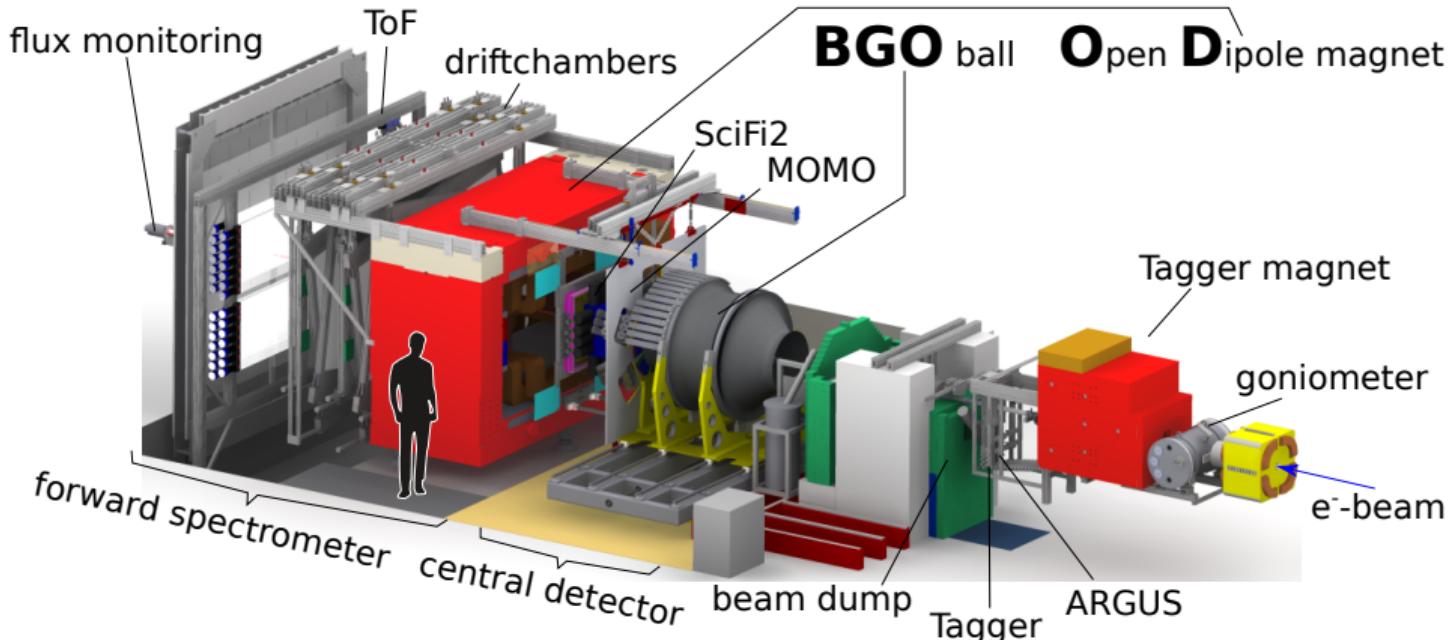
The Electron Stretcher Accelerator (ELSA)



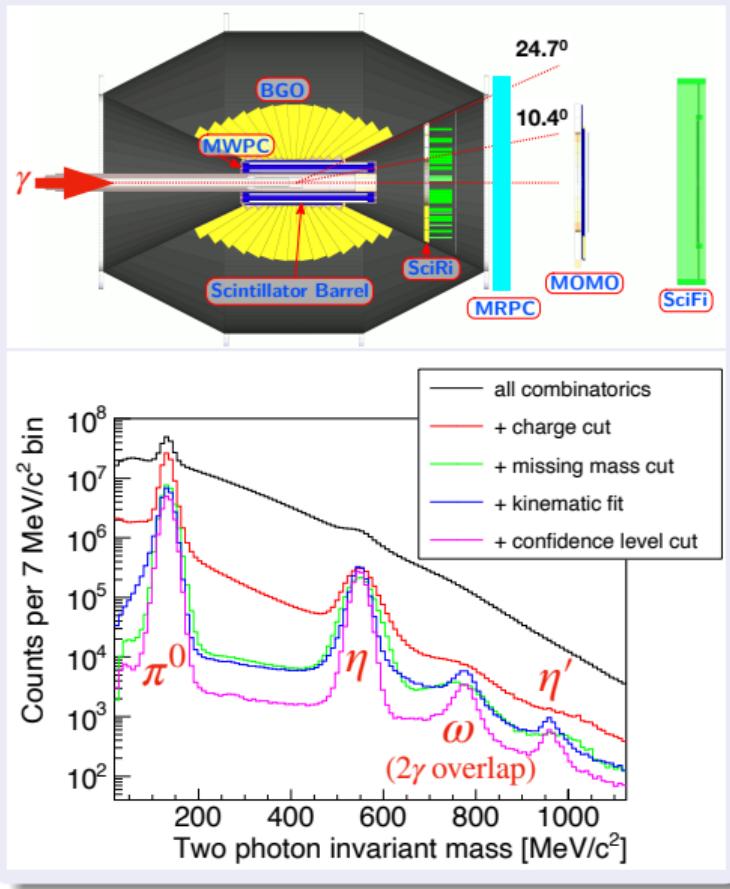
The BGOOD experiment, Eur. Phys. J. A 56:104 (2020)

Spokespersons: T.C Jude (Bonn) & P. Levi Sandri (Frascati)

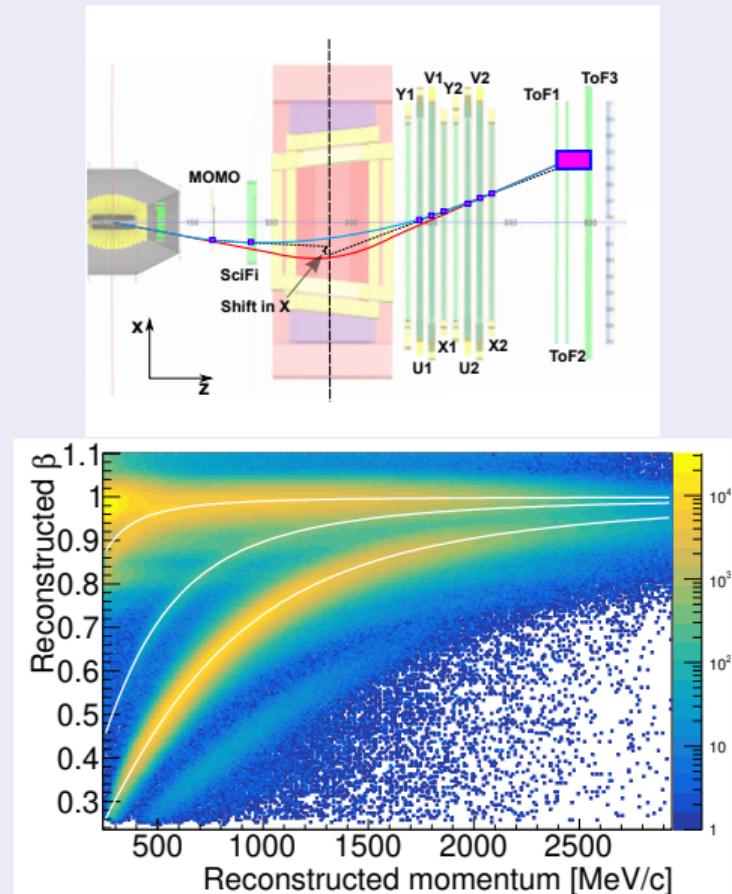
- ELSA - a 3 stage accelerator - continuous e^- beams up to 3.2 GeV
- BGOOD - BGO calorimeter (central region) & Forward Spectrometer combination



BGOOD central region

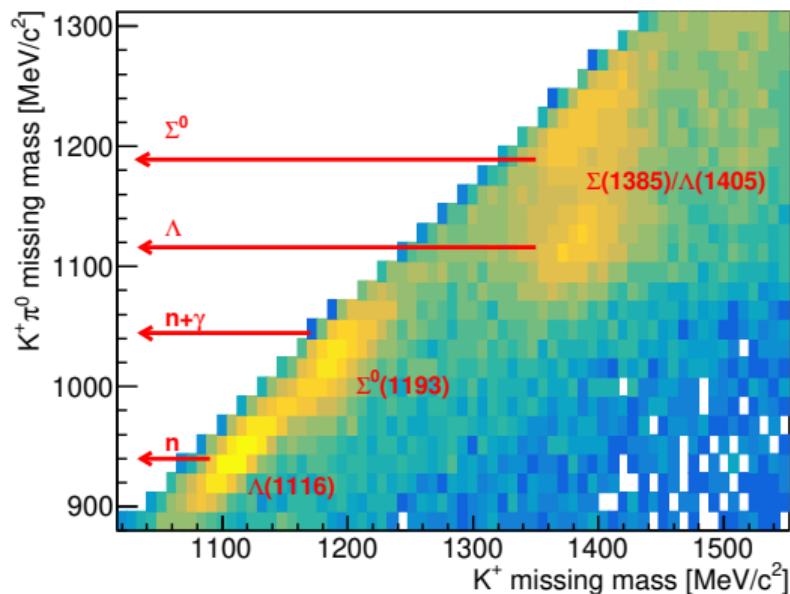
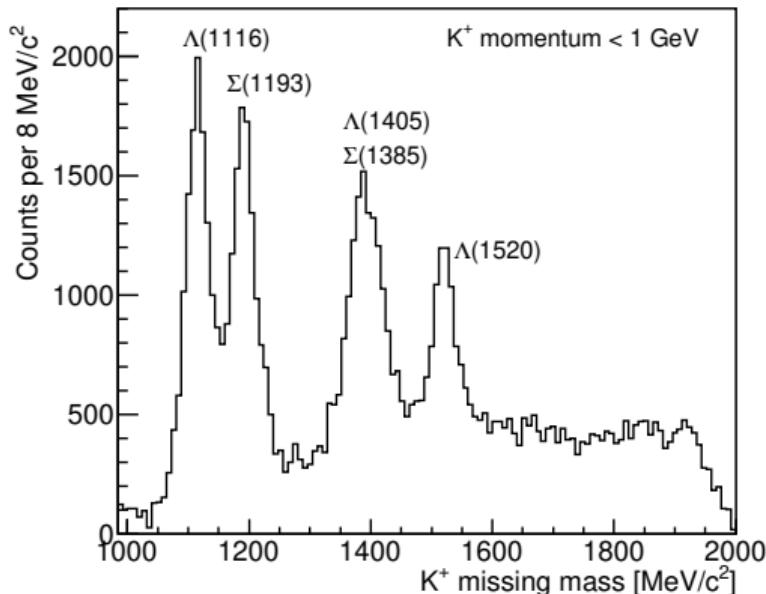


BGOOD forward region



Forward $K^+ Y$ identification

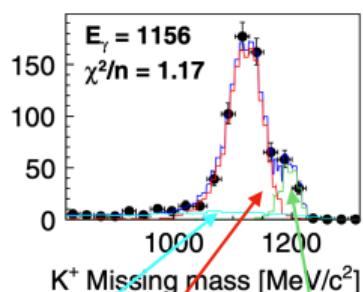
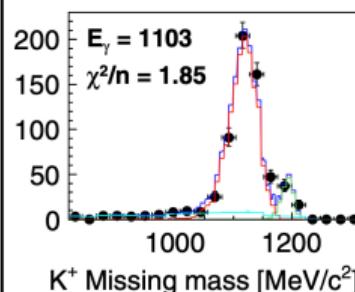
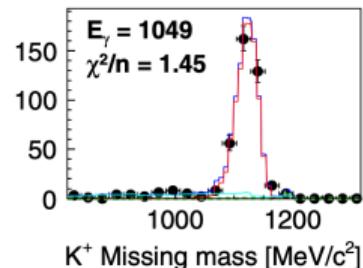
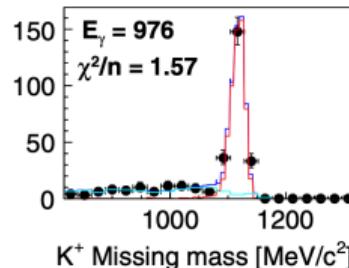
- K^+ identified in the Forward Spectrometer, $\cos \theta_{\text{CM}}^K > 0.9$
- The study of Y^* states in an extremely low momentum transfer region



$\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ \Lambda$

1. K^+ measured mass selection cut

2. Identify $\Lambda \rightarrow \pi^0 n$

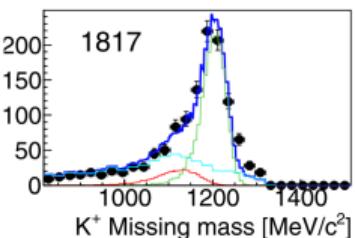
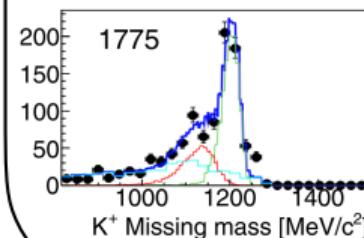
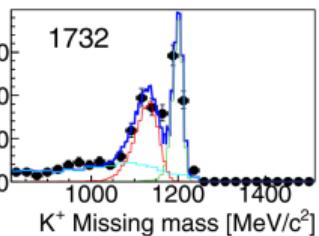
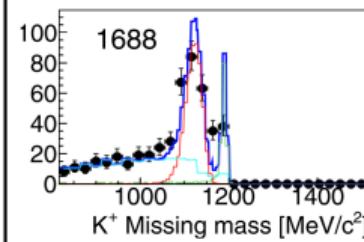
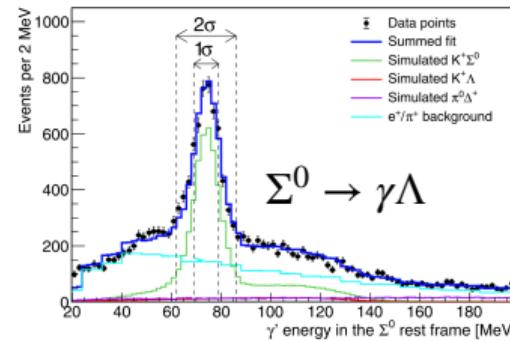


e⁺/π⁺ modelled from real e⁺/π⁻ signal

Simulated $K^+ \Lambda$

Simulated $K^+ \Sigma^0$

$\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ \Sigma^0$



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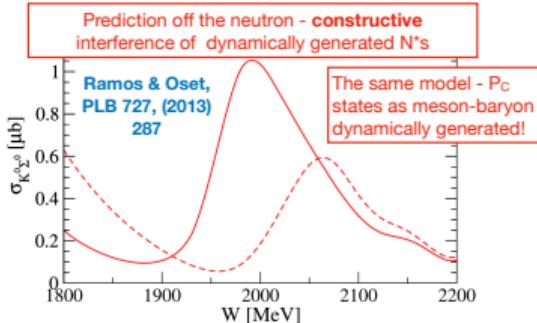
3. Searches for exotic dibaryons at BGOOD



Strange pentaquarks driving the reaction $\gamma n \rightarrow K^0 \Sigma^0$?

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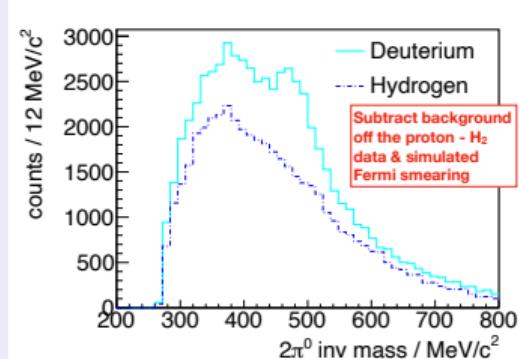
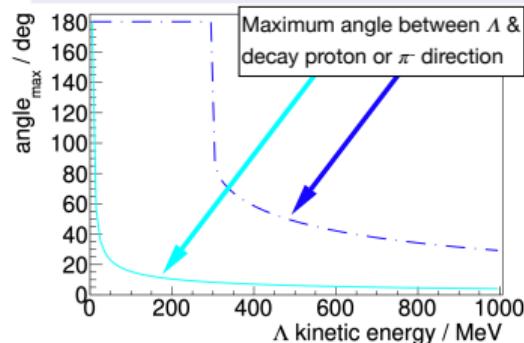
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Dynamically generated meson-baryon states? - $\Lambda^* K + \Sigma K^*$

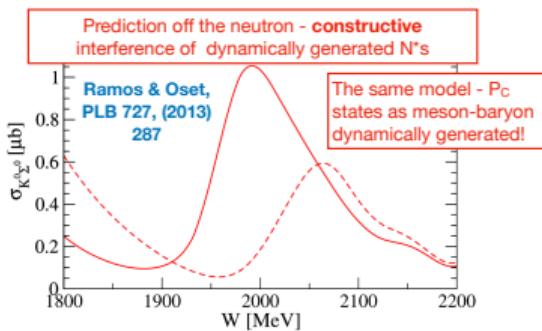
$\gamma n \rightarrow K^0 \Sigma^0$ at BGOOD

- $K^0 \rightarrow 2\pi^0$ in the BGO Rugby Ball
- Identify $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \gamma\Lambda$ & angle cut on $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$



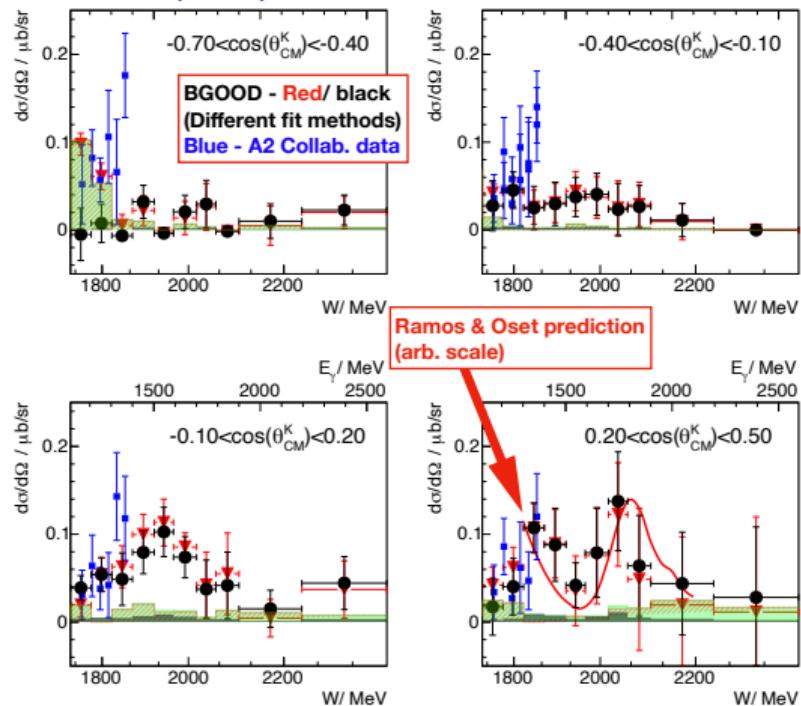
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- Further data & new analysis methods - A. Sonnenschein, PhD thesis (in preparation)

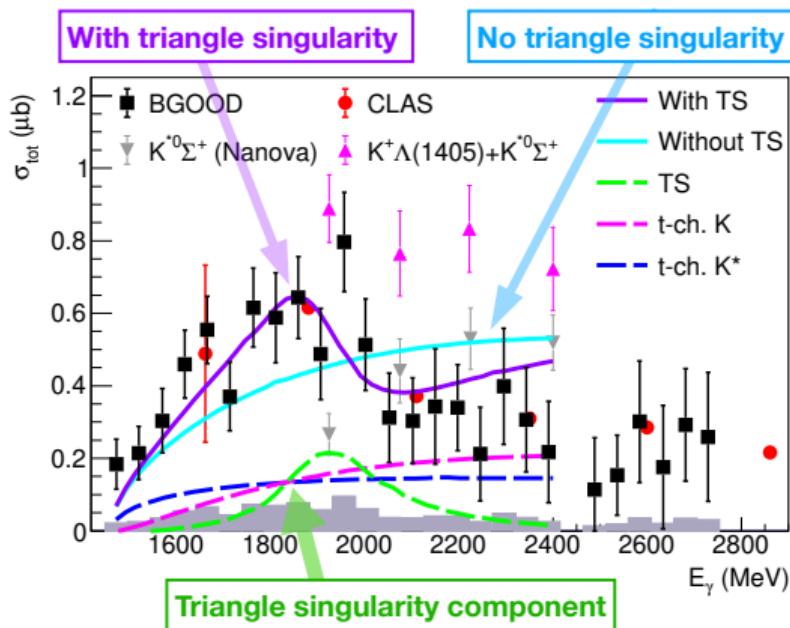
blue squares - Akondi et al. (A2) EPJA 55 11, 202 (2019)



$$\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ \Lambda(1405) \rightarrow K^+ (\Sigma^0 \pi^0)$$

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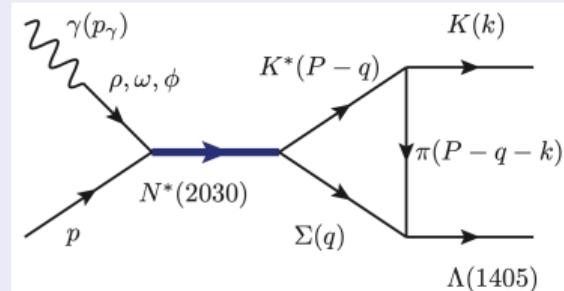
- $K^+ \Lambda(1405) \rightarrow K^+ \Sigma^0 \pi^0 \rightarrow K^+ \gamma \Lambda \pi^0 \rightarrow K^+ 3\gamma p \pi^-$ & kinematic fit



Triangle singularity in $\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ \Lambda(1405)$

Wang et al. PRC 95, 015205 (2017)

- The same dynamically generated $N^*(2030)$ proposed for cusp in $K^0\Sigma^+$



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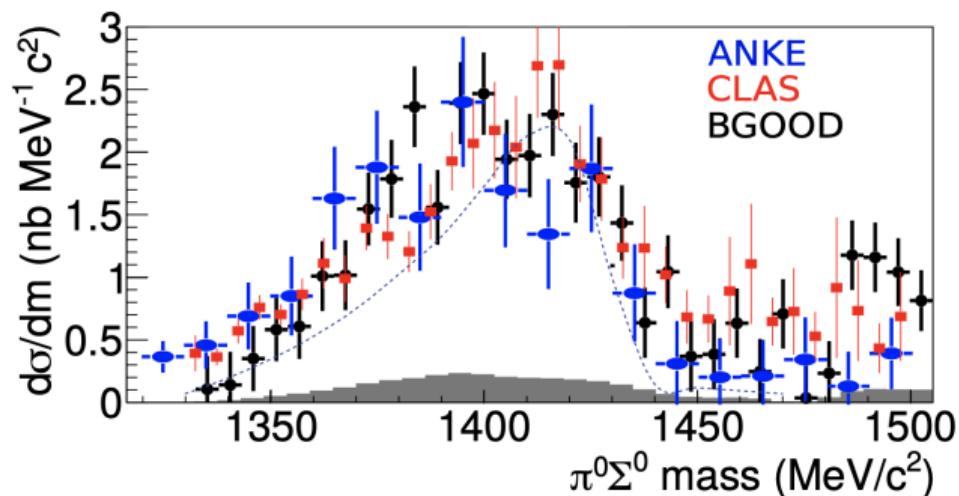
- Line shape - 2 peak structure at 1395 & 1425 MeV/c²?
- Close to the $\Lambda(1405)$ proposed 2-pole structure

Oller & Mei  ner, PLB 500, 263 (2001)

CLAS: Moriya, et al PRC 87, 035206 (2013)

ANKE: Zychor et al, PLB 660, 167 (2008)

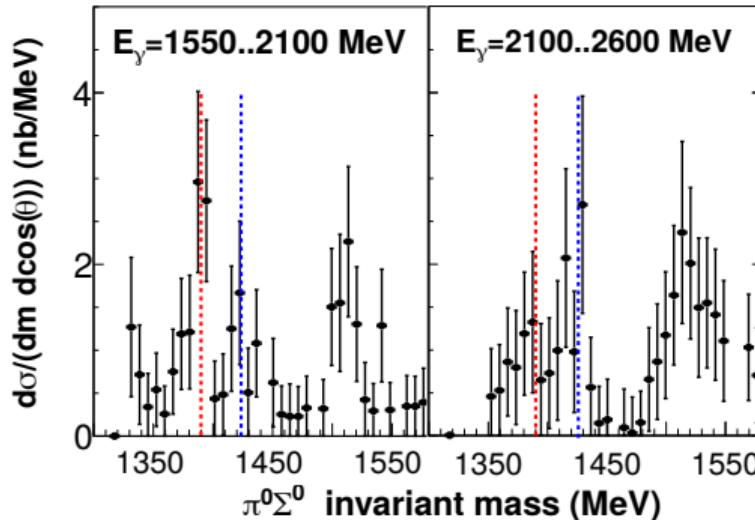
Dashed line: Nacher et al, PLB 455, 55 (1999)



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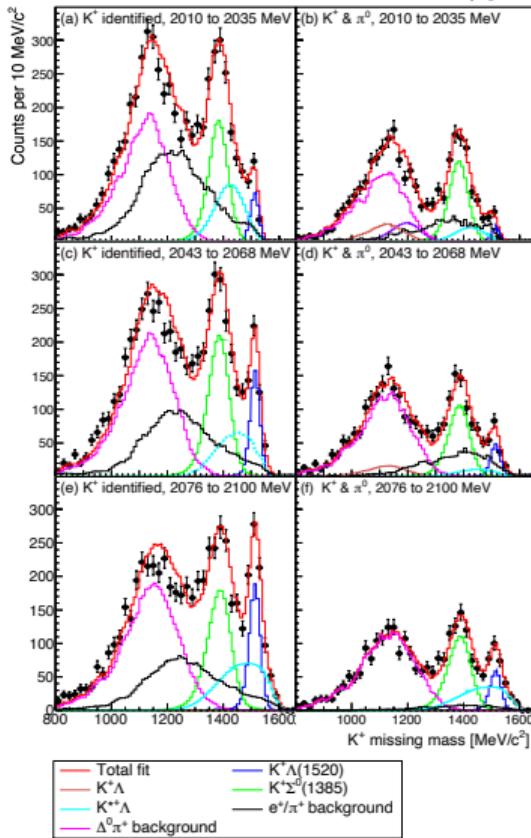
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- Cross section of “poles” appears to change at forward angles
- K^+ in the forward spectrometer ($\sigma_{\text{Mass}} \sim 13 \text{ MeV}/c^2$, $\cos \theta_{\text{CM}}^K > 0.86$):

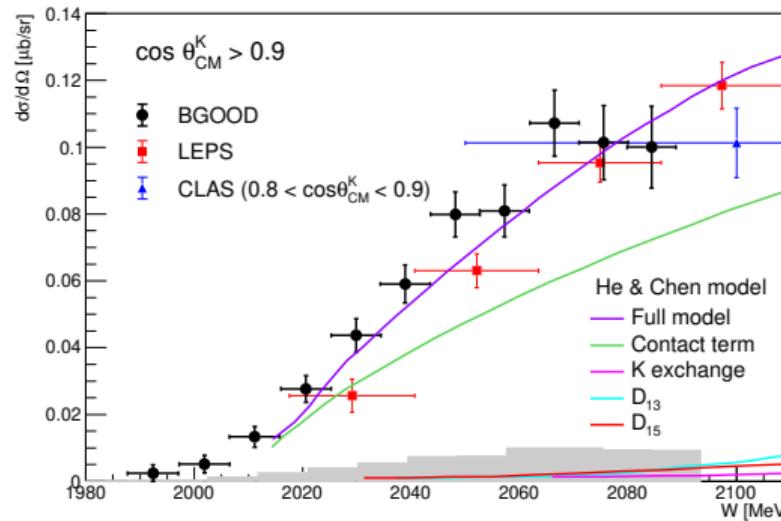


Further data being analysed & $K^+(\Lambda(1405) \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \pi^-)$ studies also underway

Forward $\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ \Lambda(1520)$ differential cross section



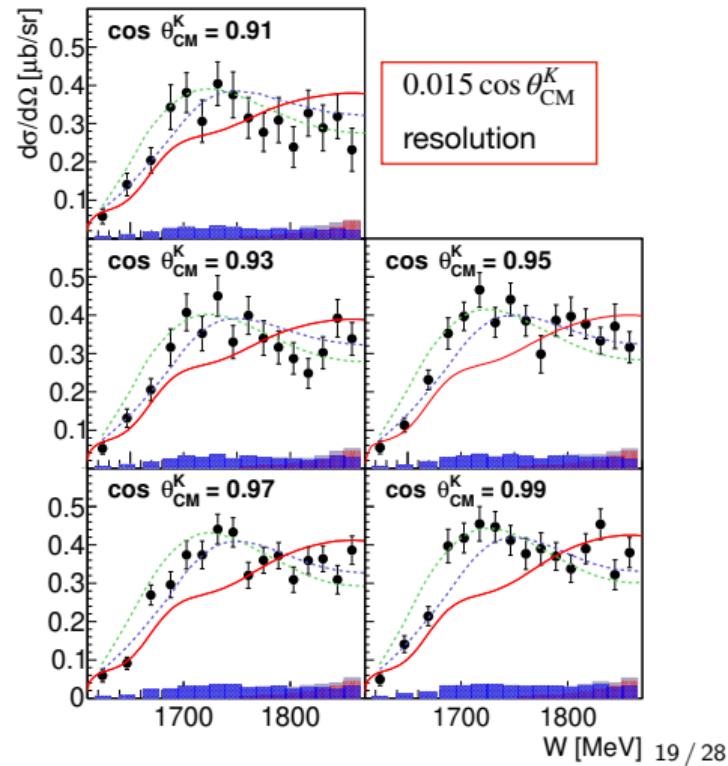
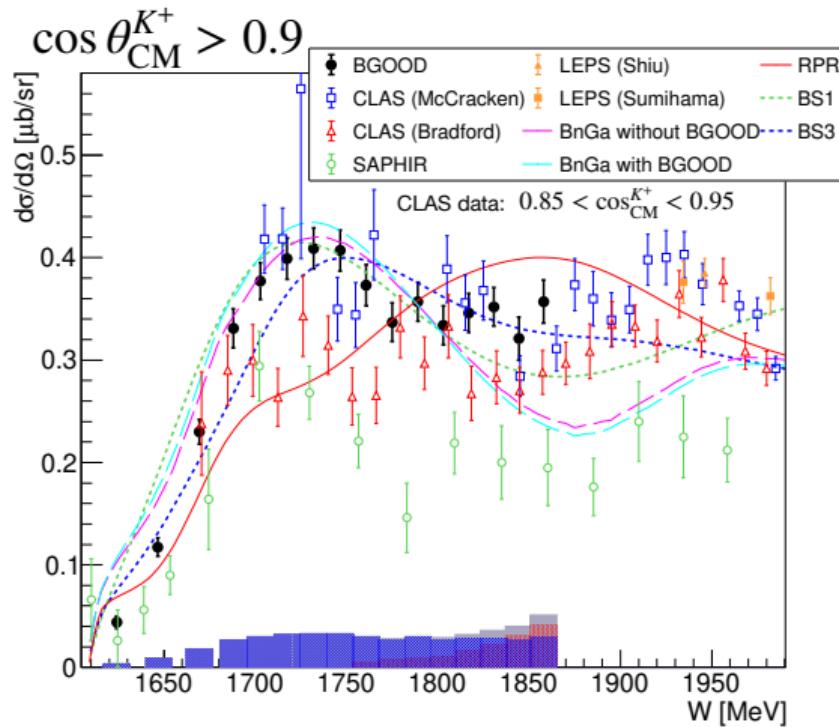
- E. Rosanowski, T.C Jude et al.
arXiv:2406.01121 (To be submitted to EPJA)
- First precision data at forward angles near threshold



J. He and X.-R. Chen.
PRC, 86(035204),
2012.
H. Kohri, et al.
(LEPS). PRL.,
104:172001, 2010.
U. Shrestha et al.
(CLAS). PRC,
103:025206, 2021.

Forward $\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ \Lambda$, Eur. Phys. J. A (2021) 57:80

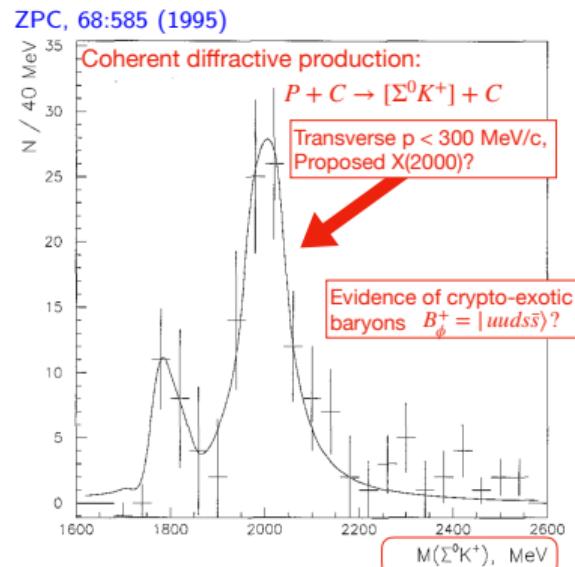
- Low t data - constraint on hypernuclei electroproduction
- Forward angles - sensitive to high spin N^*



Forward $\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ \Sigma^0$ - Motivation

- Limited data at forward K^+ angles
- At the $K^+ K^- p$ threshold (1900 MeV), many predictions:
 - ϕN bound systems
Gao, Huang, Liu, Ping, Wang & Z. Zhao, PRC, 95:055202, 2017
 - Molecular $K\Sigma$ states, $J^P = 1/2^-$ & $3/2^-$ consistent with $N^*(1875)$ & $N^*(2100)$
Huang, Zhu & Ping, PRD 97:094019, 2018.
 - A 3-hadron $K\bar{K}N$ molecule with $a_0(980)N$ & $f_0(980)N$ components
Martínez Torre, Khemchandani, Meißner & Oset, EPJA 41:361, 2009.

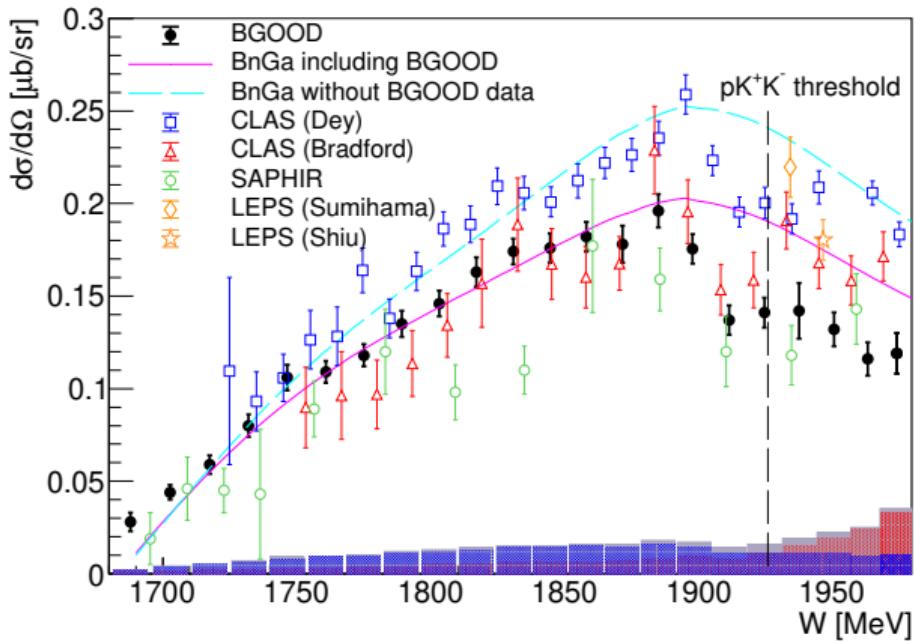
Previous SPHINX data



Low transverse p requires forward kinematics in photoproduction!

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- Highest statistics to date for $\cos \theta_{\text{CM}}^K > 0.9$ (CLAS data in $\cos \theta_{\text{CM}}^K$ 0.85 to 0.95)
- Resolve discrepancies in world data set & reveals “cusp” at $W \sim 1900$ MeV

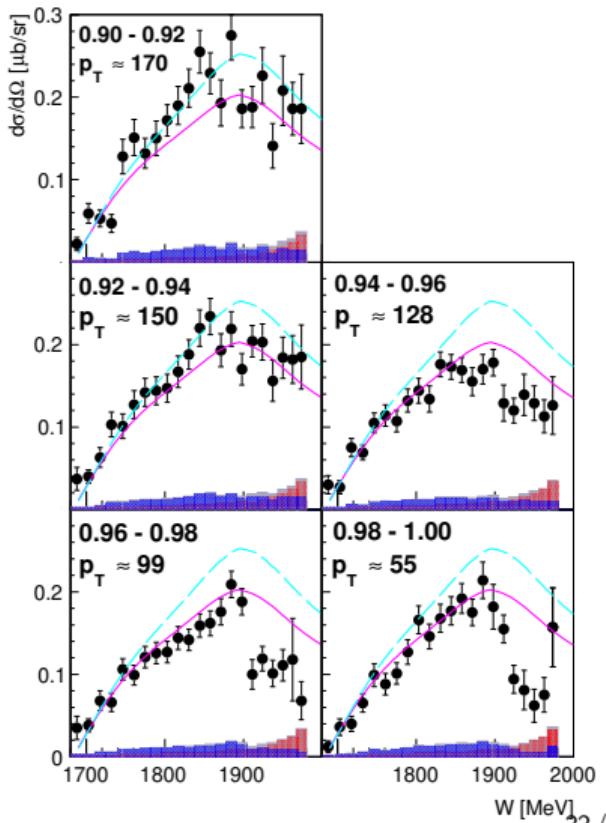
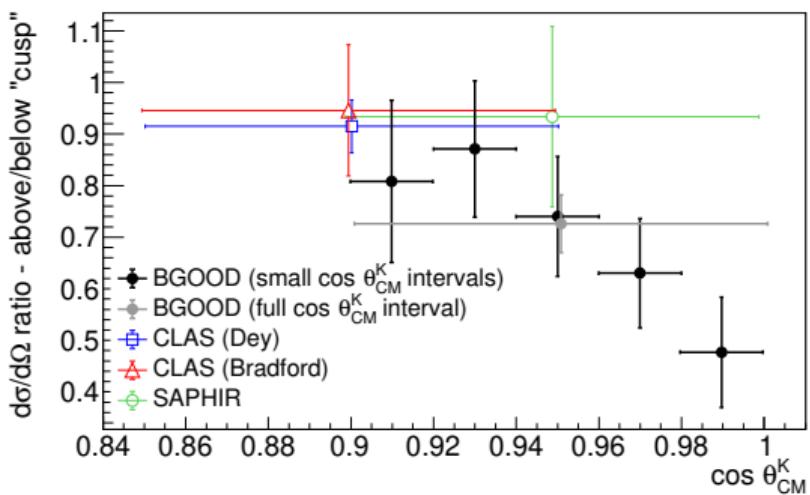


- Cusp regarded as a peak before - PWA have attributed $D_{13}(1895)$, $S_{31}(1900)$, $P_{31}(1910)$ & $P_{13}(1900)$

R. Bradford et al. (CLAS), PRC 73, 035202 (2006),
 B.Dey et al. (CLAS), PRC 82, 025202 (2010),
 CLAS data in $\cos \theta_{\text{CM}}^K$ 0.85 to 0.95 interval,
 K.H. Glander et al. (SAPHIR), EPJA 19, 251 (2004),
 BnGa PWA - without BGOOD/with BGOOD

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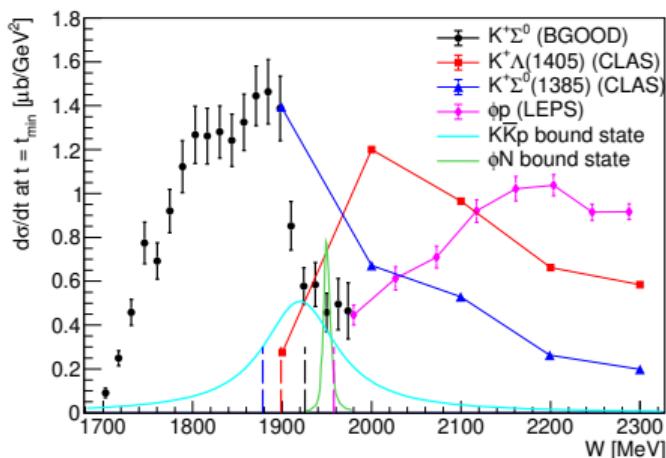
- Cusp increases quickly with $\cos \theta_{\text{CM}}^K$ and K^+ transverse momentum (p_T)
- Consistent with the “extent of cusp” seen at CLAS:



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Data extrapolated to $t_{\min}, \cos \theta_{CM}^K = 1$



CLAS data extrapolated from: K. Moriya. PhD thesis, Carnegie Mellon University, 2010.
[https://www.jlab.org/Hall-B/general/thesis/Moriya thesis.pdf](https://www.jlab.org/Hall-B/general/thesis/Moriya%20thesis.pdf).
 LEPS: Mibe et al. PRL.95:182001,2005.
 $K\bar{K}p$ bound state: Mart et al., EPJA, 41:361, 2009.
 ϕN bound state: Gao, et al, PRC, 95:055202, 2017.

The Cusp is....

- in the same kinematic regime to the $X(2000)$ proposed by SPHINX
- at predicted $K\bar{K}p$ and ϕp bound states
- 20 MeV above predicted bound $\Sigma(1385)K$ state

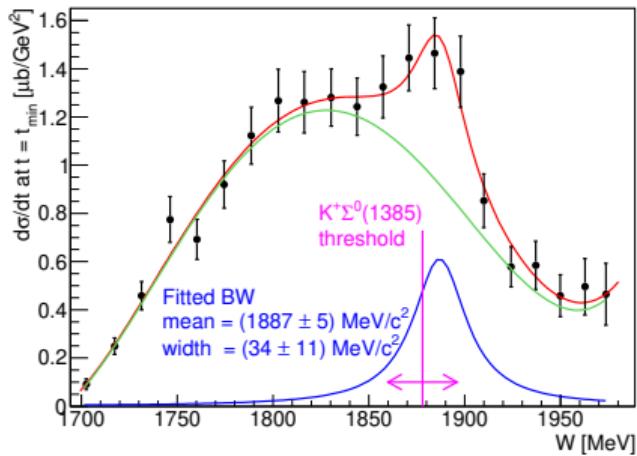
Channel thresholds:

- A “smooth” transition between $K^+ \Sigma^0$ & $p\phi$
- Similar behaviour of $K^+ \Sigma^0(1385)$

$$\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ \Sigma^0$$

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- A bound $K^+ \Sigma(1385)$ system? interesting parallels to proposed P_C states
- Peak-like structure on a smooth background?



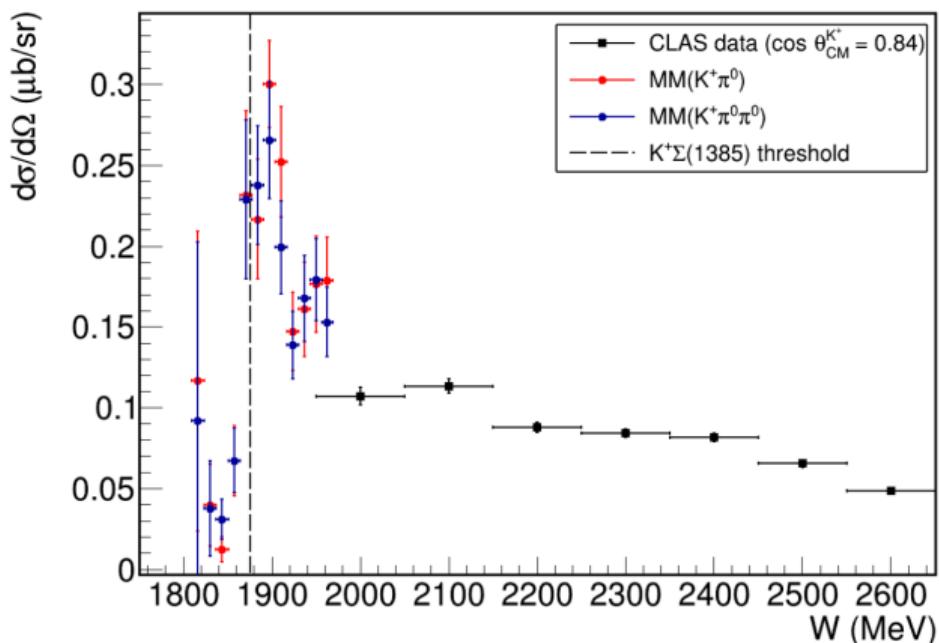
J^P	C-sector		Threshold	S-sector Evidence
	Threshold	State		
$\frac{1}{2}^-$	$\Sigma_c \bar{D}$	$P_C(4312)$	$\Sigma^0 K^+$	$N^*(1535)?$
$\frac{3}{2}^-$	$\Sigma_c^* \bar{D}$	$P_C(4382)$	$\Sigma^0(1385) K^+$	Peak in $K^+ \Sigma^0$
$\frac{3}{2}^-$	$\Sigma_c \bar{D}^*$	$P_C(4457)$	$\Sigma^0 K^{*+}$	Peak/cusp in $K^0 \Sigma^0/+$ TS in $K^+ \Lambda(1405)$
$\frac{1}{2}^- / \frac{5}{2}^-$	$\Sigma_c^* \bar{D}^*$	-	$\Sigma(1385)^0 K^{*+}$	-

Proposed P_C states - [Du et al, PRL 124, 072001 \(2020\)](#)

$K^+\Sigma^0(1385)$ photoproduction

M. Jena Masters thesis (Uni Bonn 2024), data considered preliminary

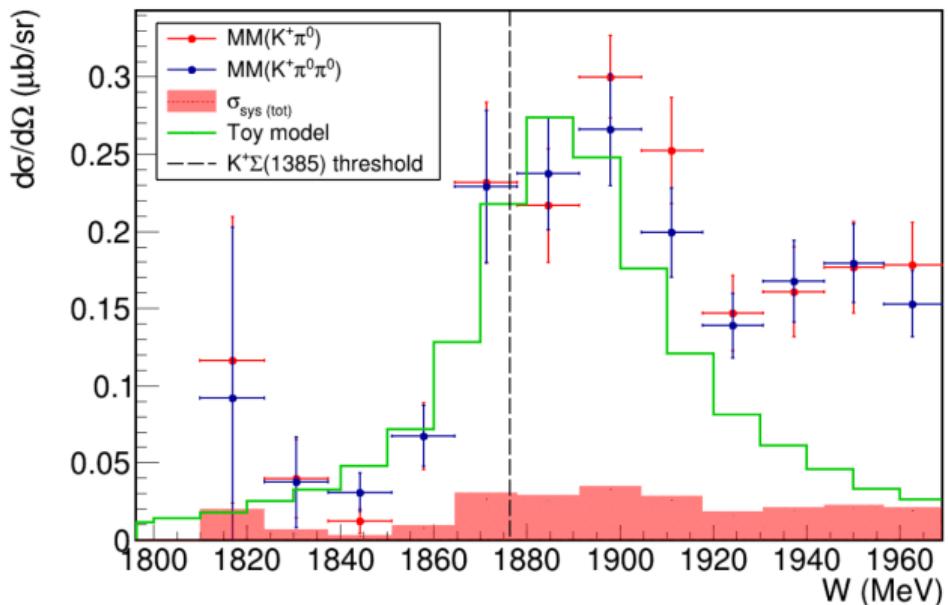
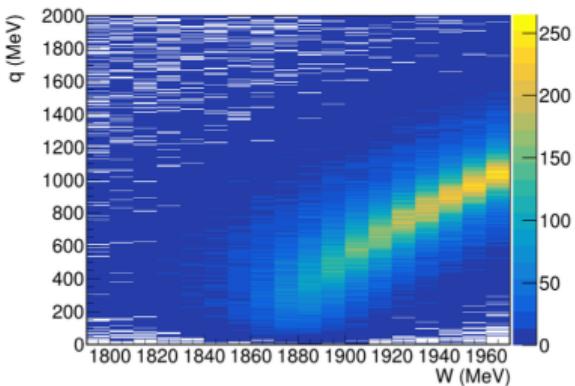
- Differential cross section for $\cos \theta_{\text{CM}}^K > 0.9$
- To avoid $\Lambda(1405)$ background
 - fitted to missing mass from $K^+\pi^0$ & $K^+\pi^0\pi^0$ systems
- First data from threshold
- large peak at $W \approx 1900$ MeV



$K^+\Sigma^0(1385)$ photoproduction

M. Jena Masters thesis (Uni Bonn 2024), data considered preliminary

- Origin of peak - momentum dependent ρ rescattering?
- Relative $K^+ - \Sigma(1385)$ momentum:

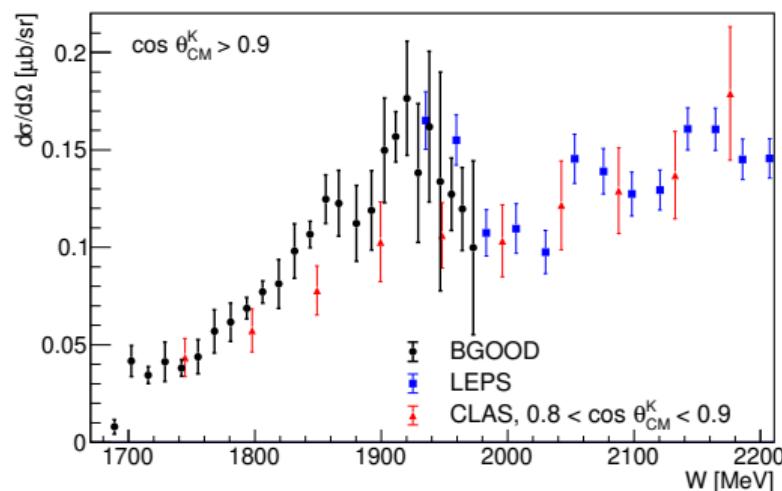
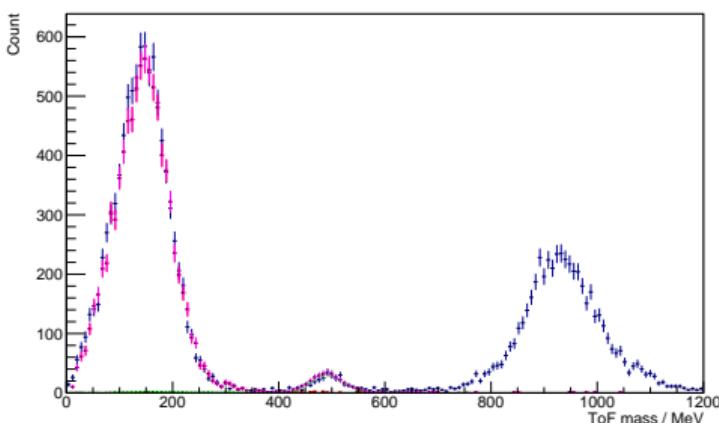


- Assume $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto \frac{1}{(m_\rho^2 + q^2)^2}$

$K^+ \Sigma^-$ photoproduction

J. Groß PhD thesis in preparation, data considered preliminary

- Fit to the reconstructed forward particle mass to extract K^+ yield from deuterium target data.
- Subtract normalised yield from hydrogen data
- First data from threshold for $\cos \theta_{CM}^K > 0.9$
- Interesting structure around $W \sim 1920$ MeV?



The BGOOD experiment at ELSA - the story so far

- Molecular-like structure in the uds sector?
- BGOOD - photoproduction at forward angles & low momentum transfer
[Eur. Phys. J. A 56:104 \(2020\)](#)
- $\gamma n \rightarrow K^0\Sigma^0$ - dynamically generated meson-baryon resonance contributions?
(parallels to P_C states) [K. Kohl, T.C. Jude, et al., EPJA 59 \(2023\) 254](#)
- $\gamma p \rightarrow K^+(\Lambda(1405) \rightarrow \Sigma^0\pi^0)$ - triangle diagram mechanism?
[G. Scheluchin, T.C. Jude et al. Phys. Lett. B 833 \(2022\) 137375](#)
- Cusp in $\gamma p \rightarrow K^+\Sigma^0$ - at thresholds & bound state predictions
[T.C. Jude et al., Phys. Lett. B 820 \(2021\) 136559, Eur. Phys. J. A \(2021\) 57:80](#)
- Unaccounted reaction mechanisms in coherent $\pi^0\pi^0d$ and $\pi^0\eta d$ - dibaryons or pion rescattering terms?
[T.C. Jude, et al., Phys. Lett. B 832 \(2022\) 137277, A.J. Clara Figueiredo, T.C. Jude, arXiv:2405.09392](#)

Extra slides

