

*Study of the ηN scattering amplitude
through
the associated photoproduction of φ - and η -mesons
in the region of the $N^*(1535)$ resonance*



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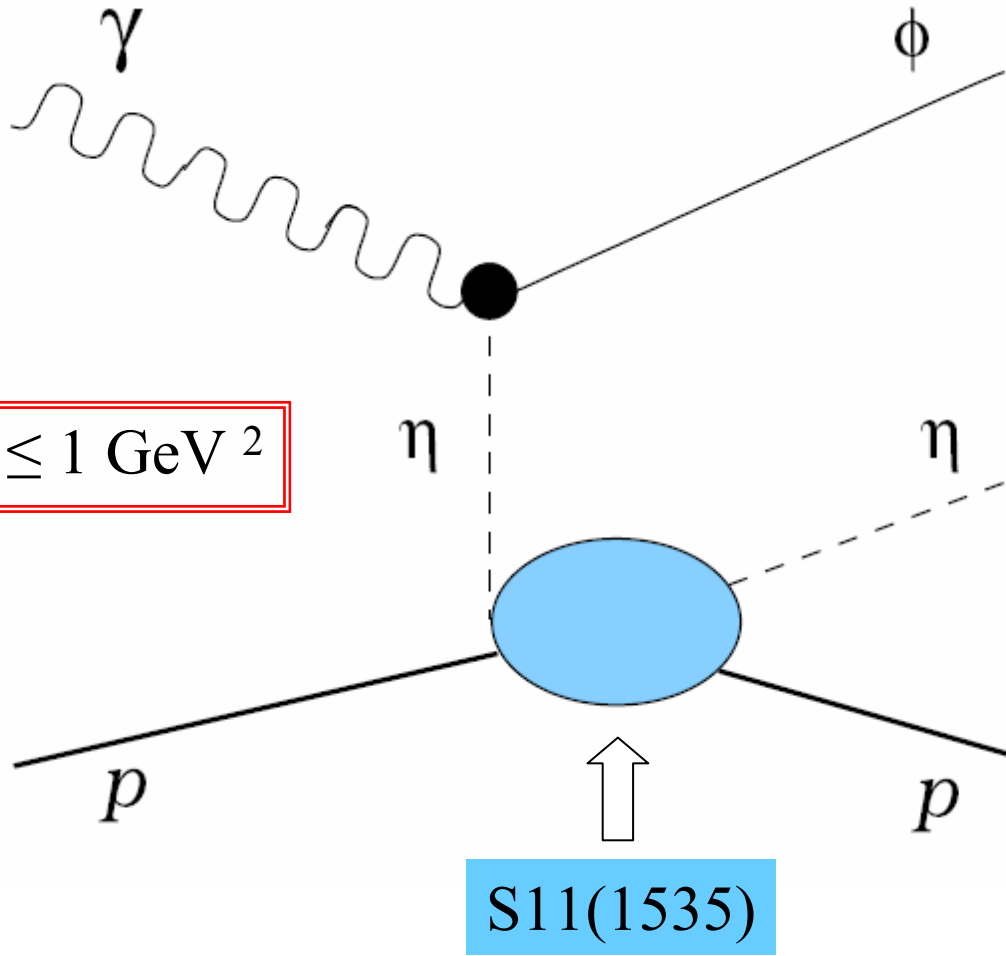
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General idea

$E_{\gamma}^{\text{Lab}} \approx 4-5 \text{ GeV}$

$|t| \leq 1 \text{ GeV}^2$



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The $N^(1535)$ resonance*

Quantum numbers: $I=1/2, J^\pi = 1/2^-$
S11 (πN)

Total width: (150 ± 25) MeV

Main hadronic decay modes:

$N \pi$	35 - 55 %
$N \eta$	30 - 55 %
$N \pi \pi$	1 - 10 %



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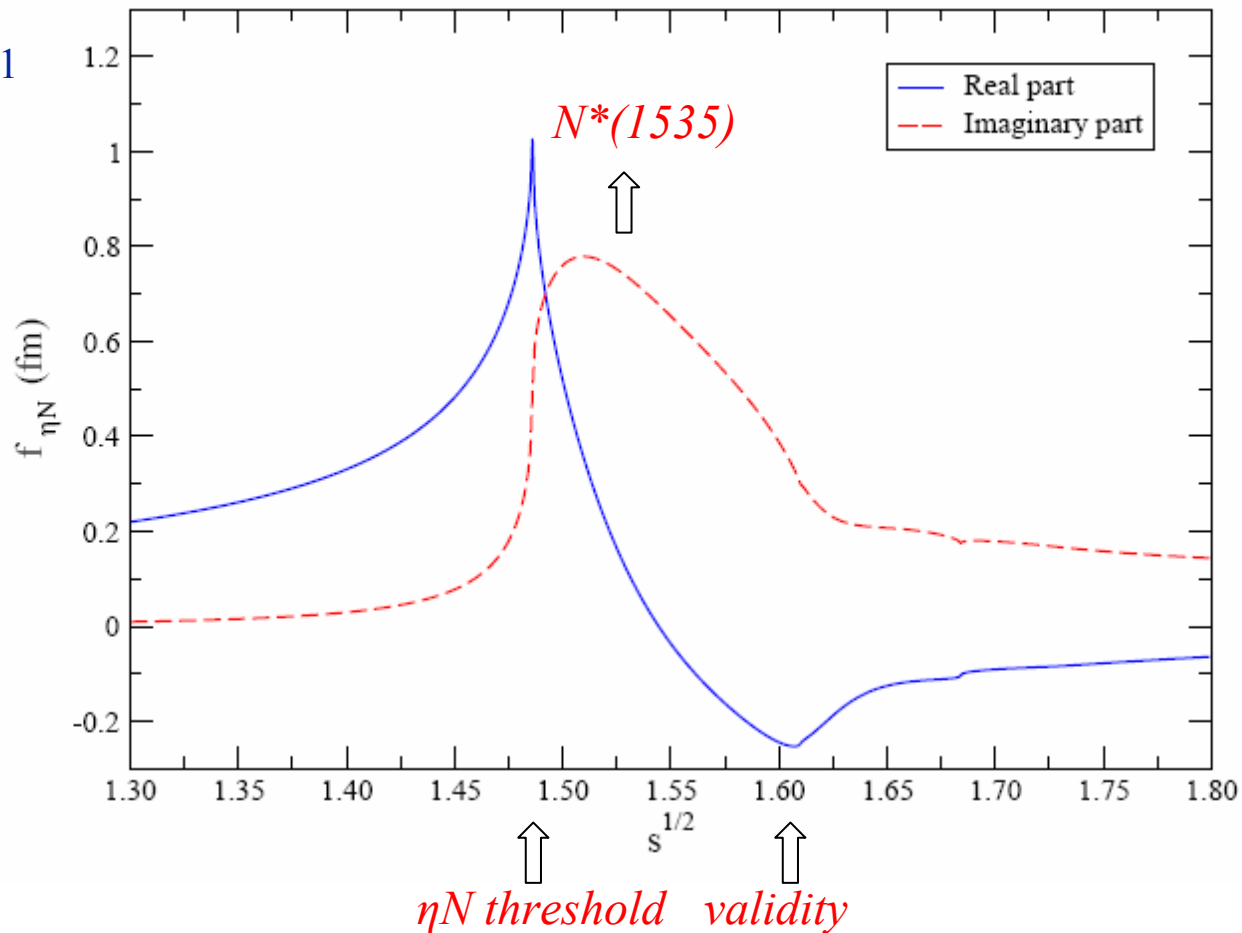
1. The η N scattering amplitude and scattering length (s-wave)

M.F.M. Lutz et al.,
NPA 706 (2002) 431

Re $a_{\eta N} = 1.03$ fm
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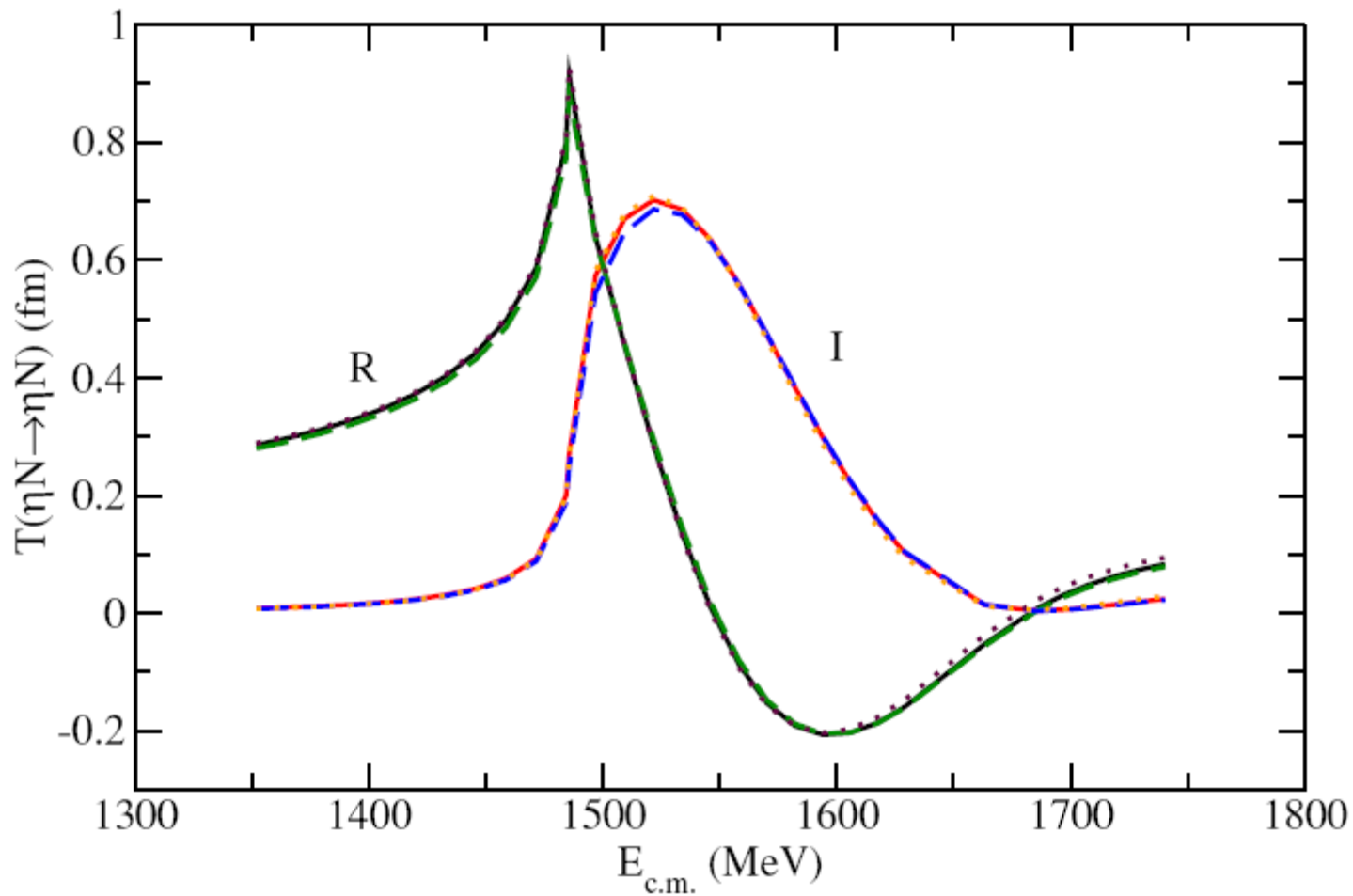


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K-matrix coupled-channel calculation



Scattering length:

- *Quantity strongly linked to the description of the $N^*(1535)$ resonance located very close (49 MeV) to threshold*
+ background contribution to the amplitude

No direct measurement from ηN scattering

- *Indirect determination from η -meson production reactions such as $\pi N \rightarrow \eta N$, $\gamma N \rightarrow \eta N$, $pn \rightarrow \eta d$, $pd \rightarrow \eta {}^3\text{He}$*



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We suggest a new process $\gamma p \rightarrow \Phi \eta p$, dominated by the $\eta N \rightarrow \eta N$ amplitude.

Dynamics of η -nucleon physics at threshold

- *Coupled-channel dynamics very important*
 ηN couples strongly to $\pi N \rightarrow$ consistent description of
 $\pi N \rightarrow \pi N, \pi N \rightarrow \eta N, \gamma N \rightarrow \pi N, \gamma N \rightarrow \eta N, \text{ etc ...}$
- *Re $a_{\eta N} > 0 \rightarrow$ attractive ηN interaction suggesting the possibility of η -nucleus bound states*

But remember the narrow structure at threshold!
 \rightarrow beware of binding and many-body effects leading to the subthreshold regime



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2. Some properties of ϕ -meson photoproduction

Recent studies of the $\gamma p \rightarrow \phi p$ reaction at E_γ^{Lab} of a few GeV

- *Data at low $|t|$ ($< 1 \text{ GeV}^2$)* Forward peak

$E_\gamma^{\text{Lab}} \leq 2.4 \text{ GeV}$ J. Barth et al., EPJ A 17 (2003) 269

$E_\gamma^{\text{Lab}} = 3.5 \text{ GeV}$ K. McCormick et al., PRC 69 (2004) 032203 S10-11

$E_\gamma^{\text{Lab}} \leq 2.37 \text{ GeV}$ T. Mibe et al., PRL 95 (2005) 182001

- *Theoretical understanding*

t-channel processes dominate the production dynamics

Meson-exchanges: π , η , scalar mesons

Pomeron-exchange,

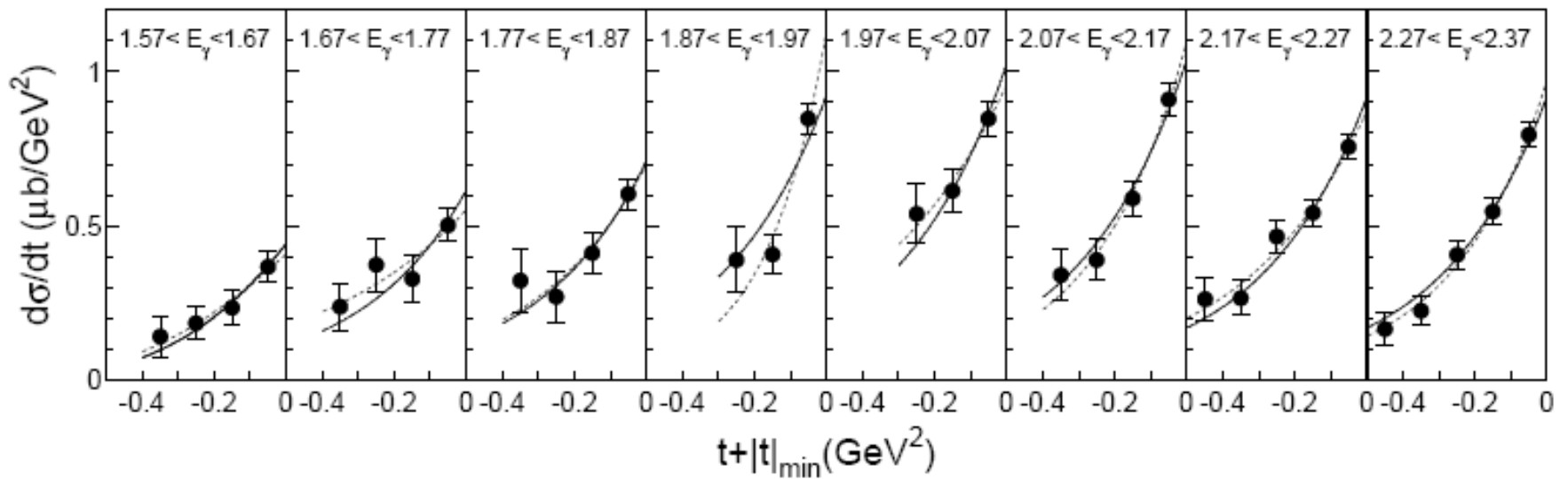
A.I. Titov and T.-S.H. Lee, PRC 67 (2003) 065205

Large uncertainties (vertices, couplings, ...)



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T. Mibe et al., PRL 95 (2005) 182001



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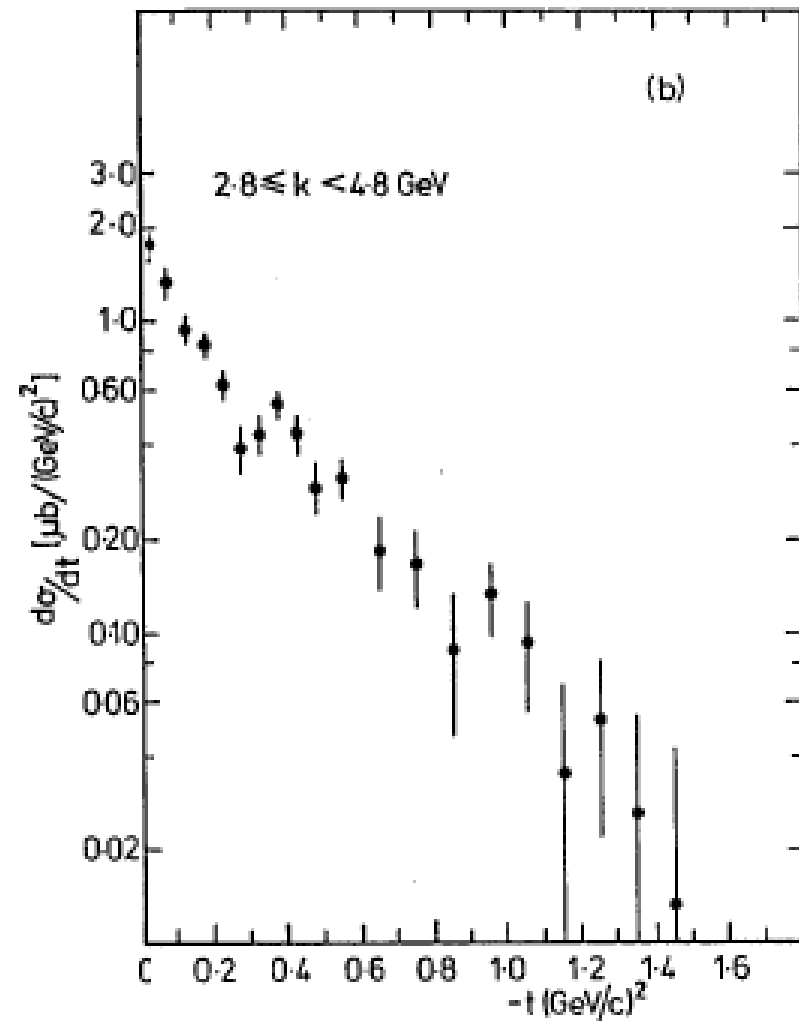
$$\gamma p \rightarrow \phi p$$

$$E_{\gamma}^{\text{Lab}} \approx 4 \text{ GeV}$$

D.P. Barber et al.,
Z. Phys. C 12 (1981) 1

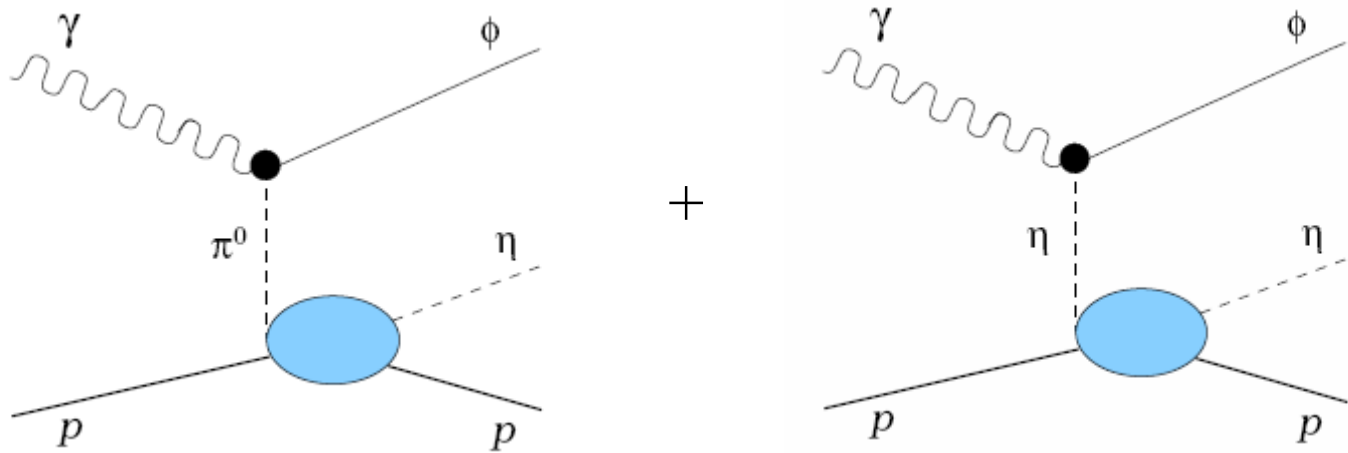


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3. t-channel model of the $\gamma p \rightarrow \phi \eta p$ reaction in the $N^*(1535)$ region

3.1. Diagrams: exchange of pseudoscalar mesons



$$|t| \leq 1 \text{ GeV}^2$$

Dynamical inputs: $\gamma\phi\pi$ and $\gamma\phi\eta$ vertices
 $\pi^0 p \rightarrow \eta p$ and $\eta p \rightarrow \eta p$ amplitudes



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3.2. $\gamma\phi\pi$ and $\gamma\phi\eta$ vertices

Anomalous interaction Lagrangian

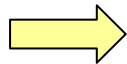
$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi\chi\gamma}^{\text{int}} = e \frac{g_{\phi\chi\gamma}}{2m_\phi} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \phi_\mu (\partial_\nu \chi) F_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \partial_\alpha A_\beta - \partial_\beta A_\alpha$$

χ : pseudoscalar field (π, η)

$$\Gamma_{\phi\pi^0\gamma} = (5.24 \pm 0.49) \text{ keV}$$

$$\Gamma_{\phi\eta\gamma} = (55.17 \pm 1.71) \text{ keV}$$



$$|g_{\phi\pi\gamma}| \simeq 0.13$$

$$|g_{\phi\eta\gamma}| \simeq 0.70$$

- π -exchange contribution to the cross section suppressed by a factor of 29
- Sign of the $\pi\eta$ interference unknown

3.3. $\pi p \rightarrow \eta p$ and $\eta p \rightarrow \eta p$ amplitudes

M. Lutz, Gy. Wolf, B. Friman, Nucl. Phys. A 706 (2002) 431

Selfconsistent and relativistic coupled-channel study of the πN and γN reactions involving the γN , πN , ηN , ρN , ωN , $\pi \Delta$, $K \Lambda$, $K \Sigma$ channels

Kinematics: $1.40 < s^{1/2} < 1.75 \text{ GeV}$

Only relative s-wave in the vector meson-nucleon final state (also in the ηN channel)

Only relative s- and d-waves in the πN channel (S11, S31, D13, D33 baryon resonances)



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Dynamics: Effective meson-meson-baryon-baryon Lagrangian

Assumptions:

Fundamental fields: photon, mesons, nucleon, $\Delta(1232)$

Baryon resonances (S11, S31, D13, D33):

generated dynamically through Bethe-Salpeter equation

Vector Dominance Assumption (generalized)

to relate amplitudes involving (real) photons to amplitudes involving vector mesons

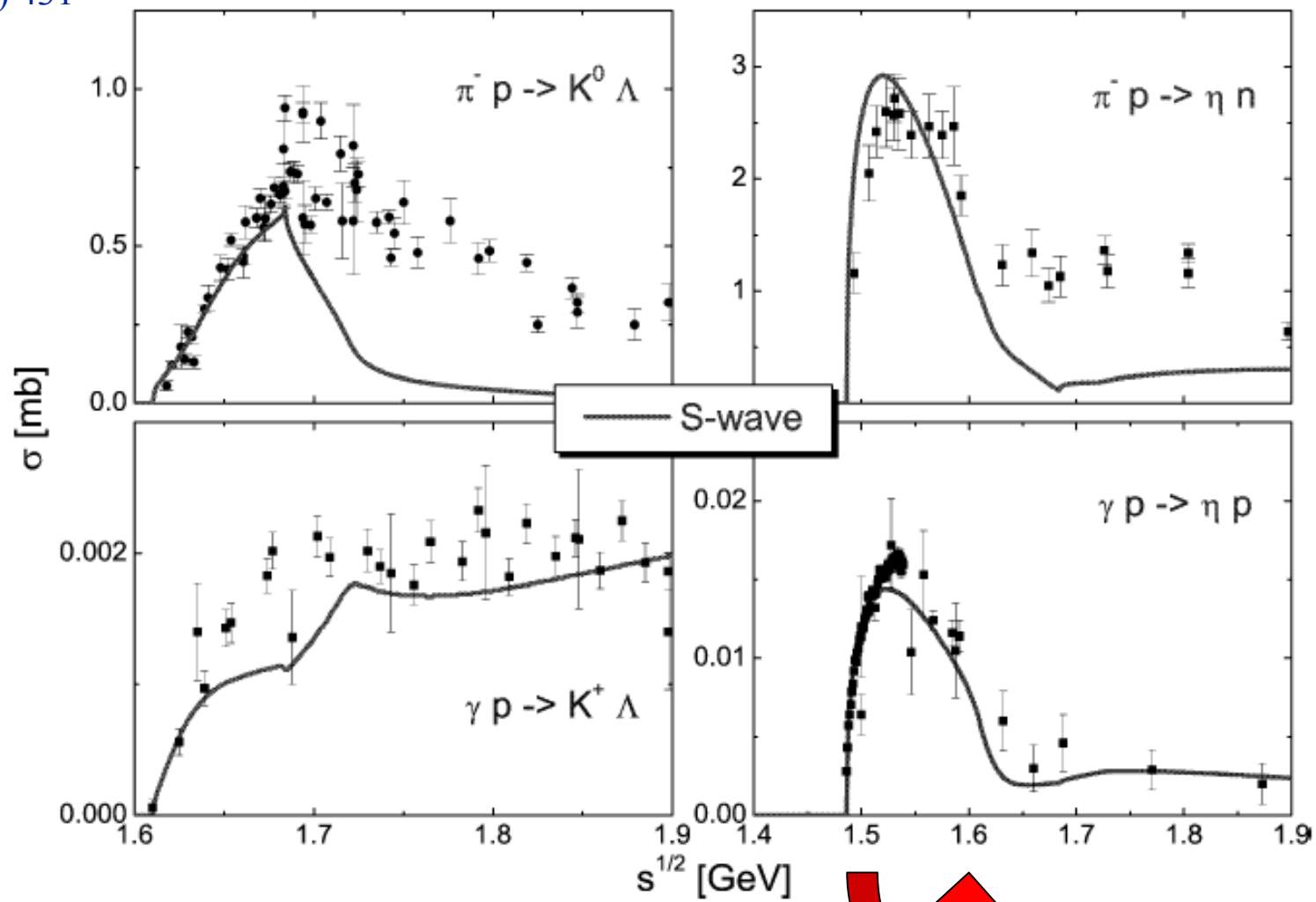
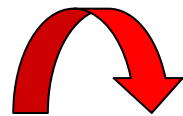
Fitting procedure: Use all available data (phase shifts, inelasticity parameters, pion-photoproduction multipole amplitudes, inelastic cross sections) to fit the effective Lagrangian parameters (56)



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\Rightarrow Satisfactory fit to the data in the interval
 $1.40 < s^{1/2} < 1.75$ GeV (or less when higher
partial waves matter)



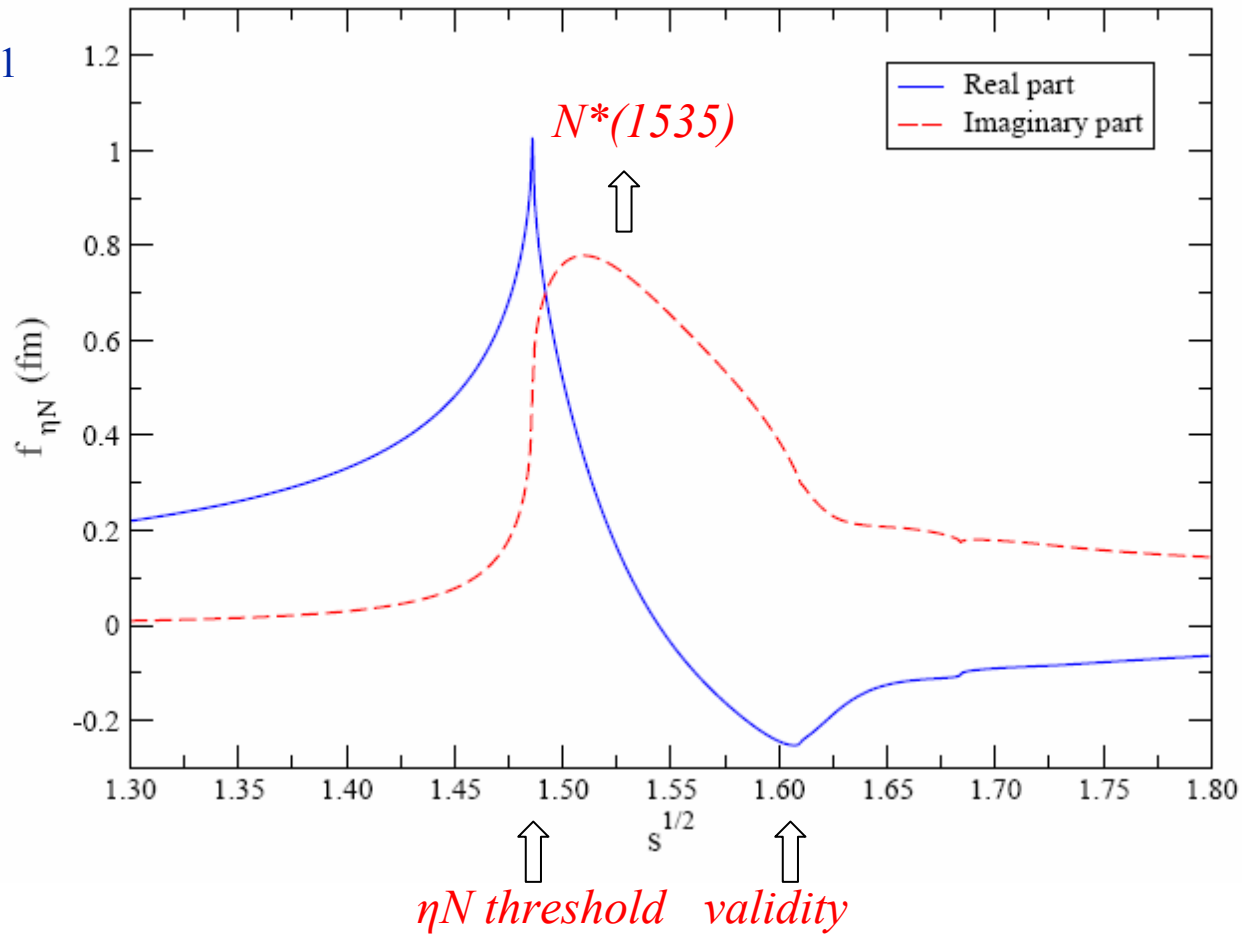
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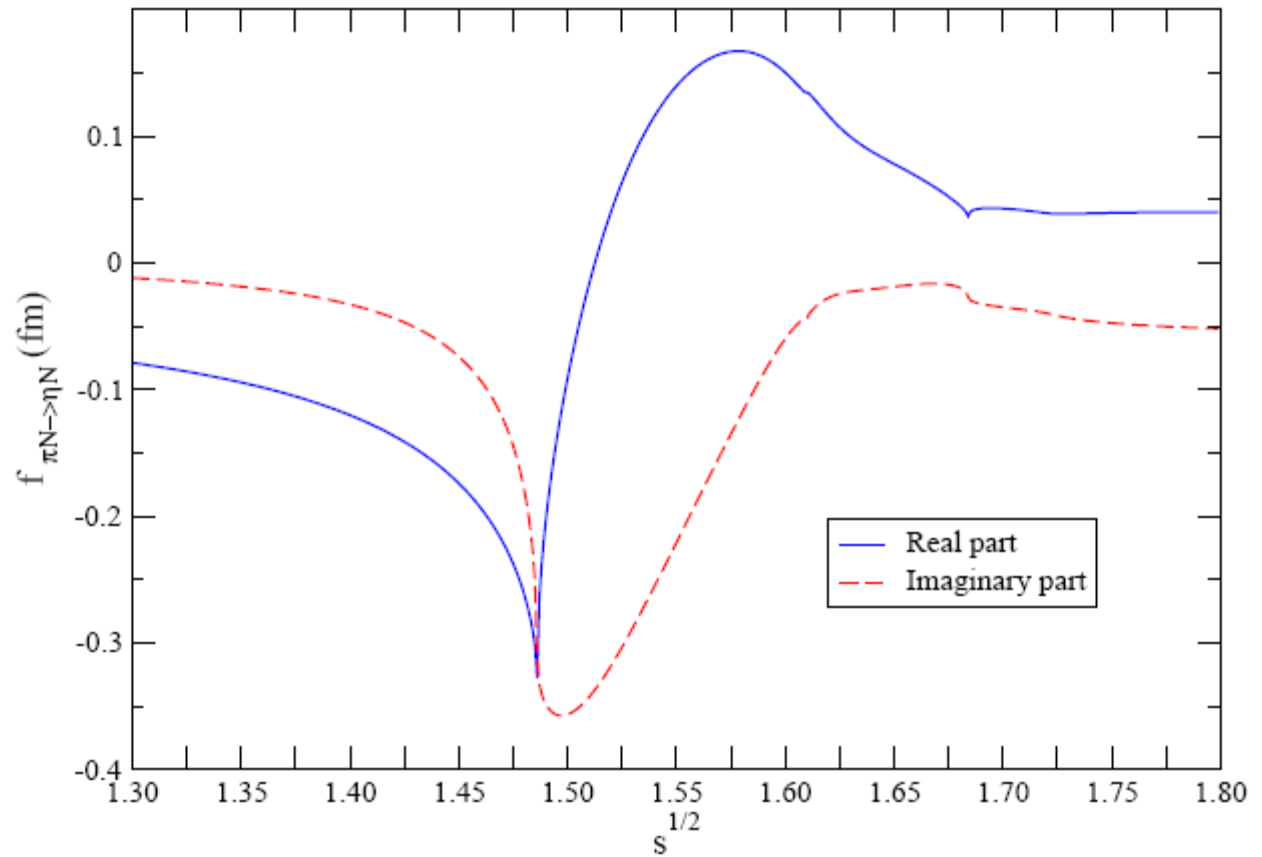
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$\pi p \rightarrow \eta p$ amplitude
significantly smaller
than the $\eta p \rightarrow \eta p$
amplitude in the
threshold region



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3.4. Kinematics

Initial photon energy:

linked to the momentum transfer range

$$E_{\gamma}^{\text{Lab}} = 3 \text{ GeV (threshold)} \rightarrow |t_{\text{min}}| = 1.2 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$E_{\gamma}^{\text{Lab}} = 4 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow |t_{\text{min}}| = 0.38 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$E_{\gamma}^{\text{Lab}} = 5 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow |t_{\text{min}}| = 0.26 \text{ GeV}^2$$



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$4 < E_{\gamma}^{\text{Lab}} < 5 \text{ GeV}$ to reach sufficiently low momentum transfers for meson-exchange pictures to be valid

Structure of the π -exchange, η -exchange and $\pi\eta$ interference contributions to the cross section for the $\gamma p \rightarrow \phi \eta p$ reaction

$$\sum_{\lambda_\gamma, \lambda, \bar{\lambda}_\phi, \bar{\lambda}} \frac{1}{4} |M_{\gamma p \rightarrow \phi \eta p}^{\pi\text{-exchange}}|^2 = \frac{e^2 g_{\phi\pi\gamma}^2 (m_\phi^2 - t)^2}{4 m_\phi^2 (t - m_\pi^2)^2} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\lambda, \bar{\lambda}} |M_{\pi p \rightarrow \eta p}|^2,$$

$$\sum_{\lambda_\gamma, \lambda, \bar{\lambda}_\phi, \bar{\lambda}} \frac{1}{4} |M_{\gamma p \rightarrow \phi \eta p}^{\eta\text{-exchange}}|^2 = \frac{e^2 g_{\phi\eta\gamma}^2 (m_\phi^2 - t)^2}{4 m_\phi^2 (t - m_\eta^2)^2} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\lambda, \bar{\lambda}} |M_{\eta p \rightarrow \eta p}|^2,$$

$$\sum_{\lambda_\gamma, \lambda, \bar{\lambda}_\phi, \bar{\lambda}} \frac{1}{4} |M_{\gamma p \rightarrow \phi \eta p}^{\text{interference}}|^2 = \frac{e^2 g_{\phi\pi\gamma} g_{\phi\eta\gamma}}{4 m_\phi^2} \frac{(m_\phi^2 - t)^2}{(t - m_\pi^2)(t - m_\eta^2)} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\lambda, \bar{\lambda}} (M_{\pi p \rightarrow \eta p}^+ M_{\eta p \rightarrow \eta p} + M_{\eta p \rightarrow \eta p}^+ M_{\pi p \rightarrow \eta p}).$$



4. Numerical results

-Optimize the choice of the total ηN center of mass energy to be close to the ‘spike’ of the real part of the $\eta N \rightarrow \eta N$ amplitude

$$\overline{w} = 1.49 \text{ and } 1.54 \text{ GeV}$$

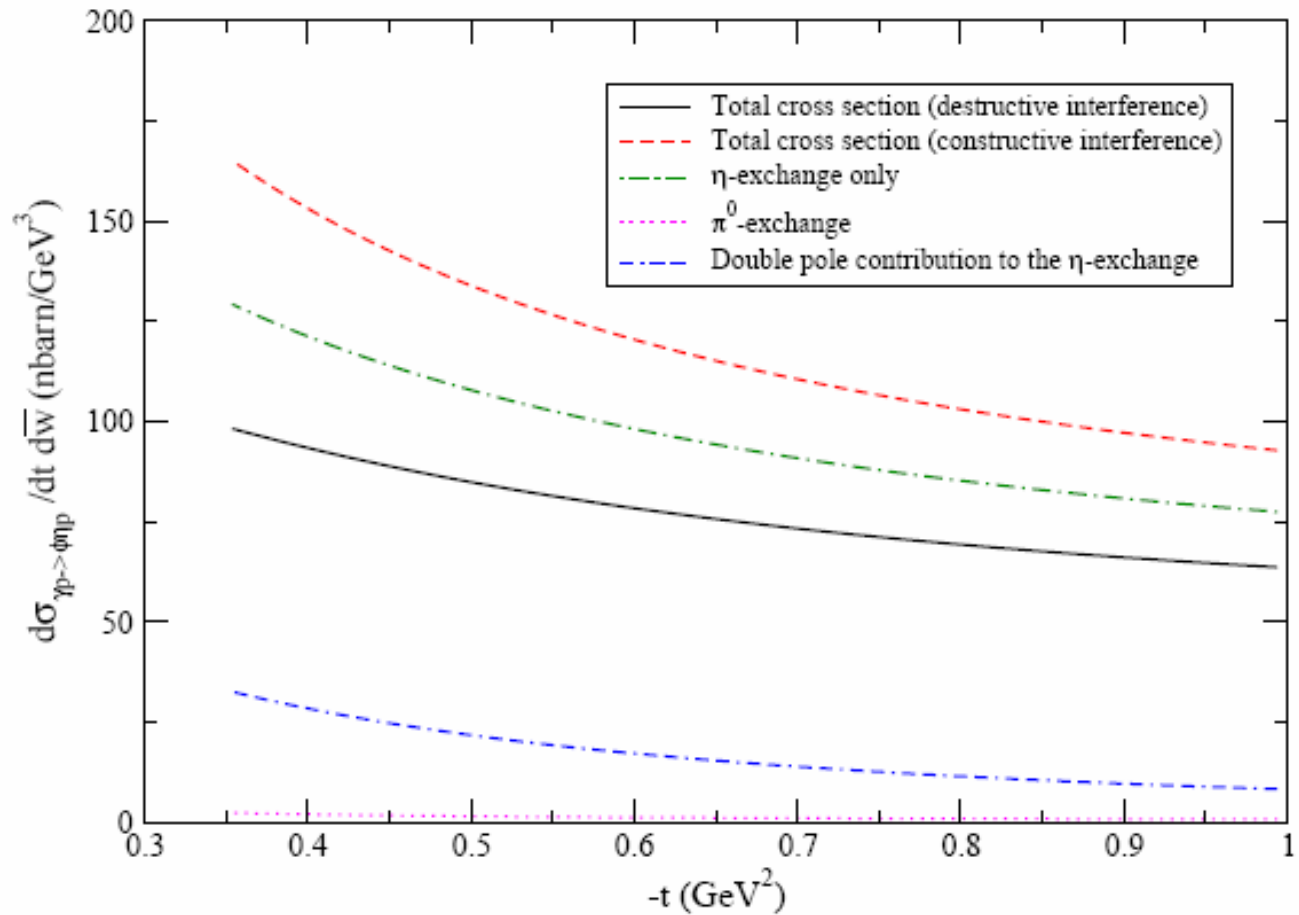
(Re + Im) (Im)



- Consider constructive and negative $\pi\eta$ interferences
- No $\gamma\pi\phi$ or $\gamma\eta\phi$ form factor (dynamics?)
- No ϕN final state interaction (large relative momentum)

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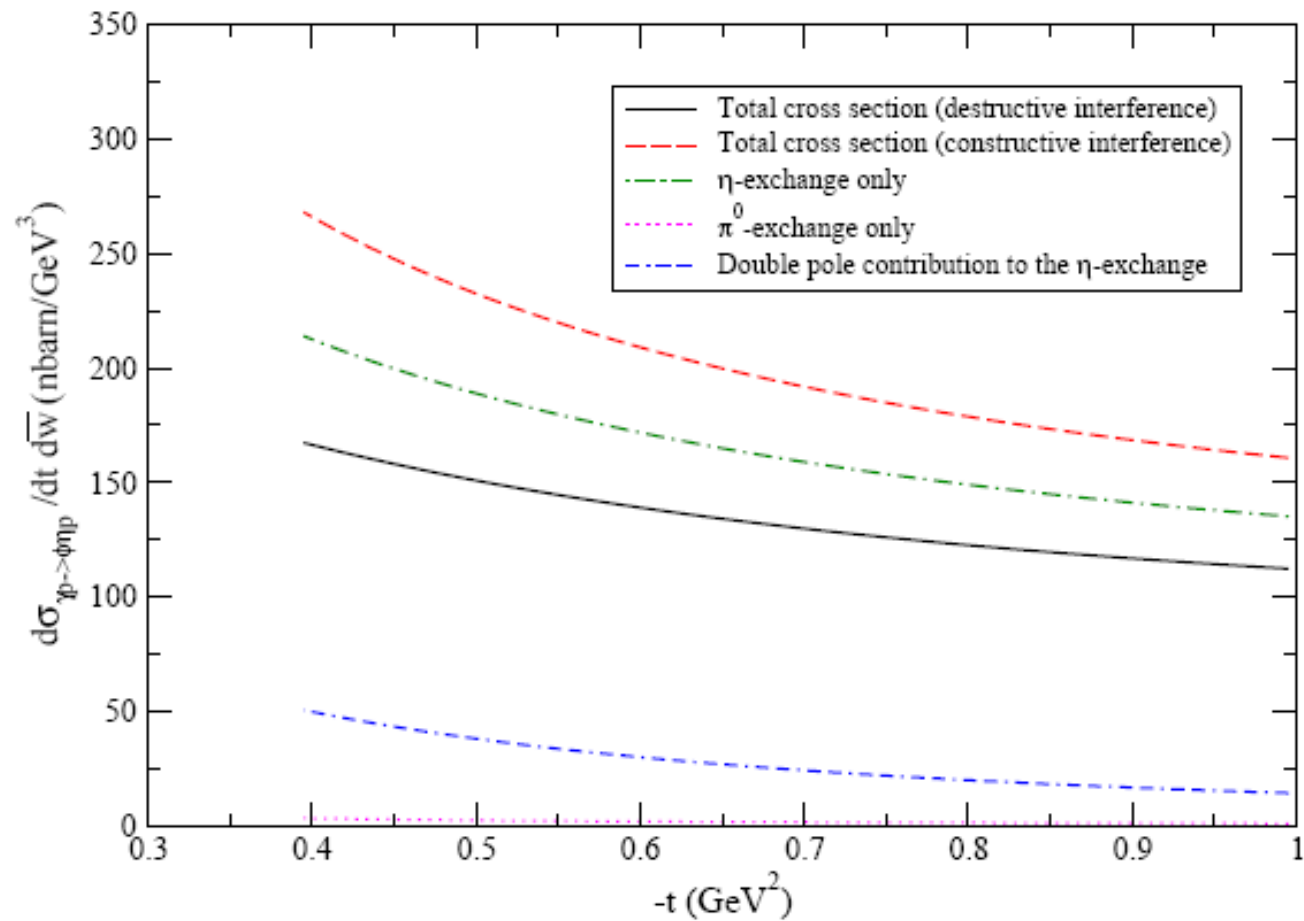
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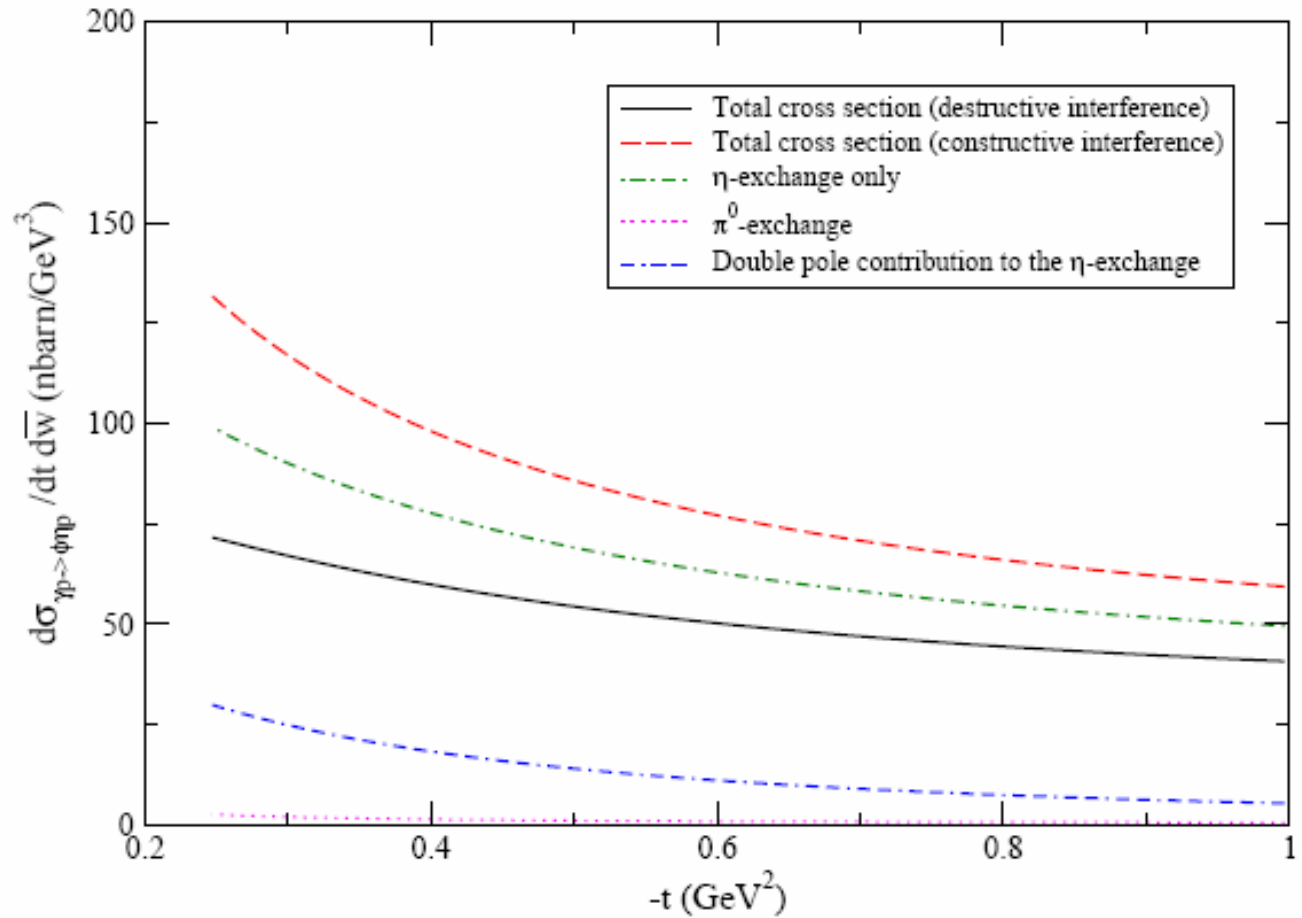
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$$\gamma p \rightarrow \phi \eta p \quad E_{\gamma}^{\text{Lab}} = 4 \text{ GeV} \quad \bar{w} = 1.54 \text{ GeV}$$



$$\gamma p \rightarrow \phi \eta p \quad E_{\gamma}^{\text{Lab}} = 5 \text{ GeV} \quad \bar{w} = 1.49 \text{ GeV}$$



5. Concluding remarks

- The $\gamma p \rightarrow \varphi \eta p$ reaction in the $N^*(1535)$ region is very sensitive to the $\eta p \rightarrow \eta p$ scattering amplitude in the threshold region.
- The actual magnitude of the $\gamma p \rightarrow \varphi \eta p$ cross section is strongly linked to the relative sign of the $\gamma\pi\varphi$ or $\gamma\eta\varphi$ coupling constants (interference between π - and η -exchanges).
- Accurate data at $E_\gamma^{\text{Lab}} \approx 4\text{-}5$ GeV (JLab) involving t -distributions at different ηp invariant masses would clearly contribute to the understanding of the $\eta p \rightarrow \eta p$ scattering amplitude in the threshold region.

