

# GlueX: Photoproduction of Hybrid Mesons

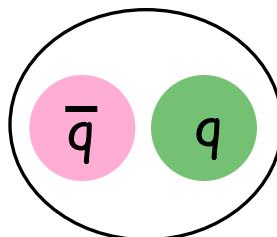
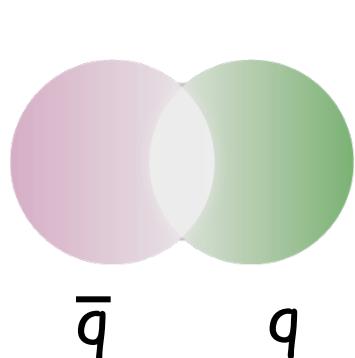
Hybrid mesons – masses and decay modes  
Expectations from LQCD and models  
Photoproduction and GlueX

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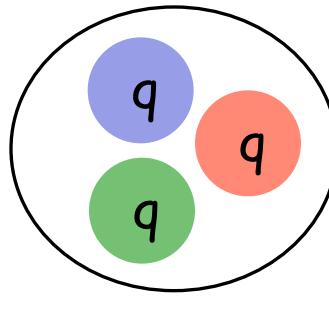
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Properties and Interaction

# Quarks are confined inside colorless hadrons

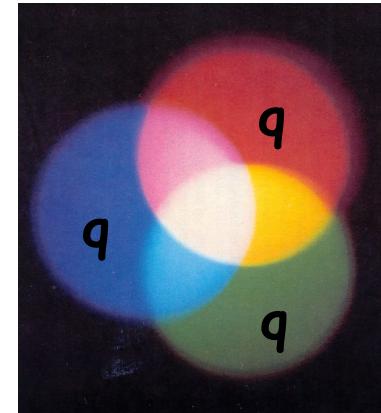
Quarks combine to “neutralize” color force



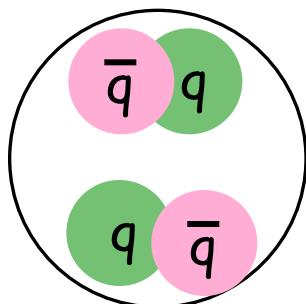
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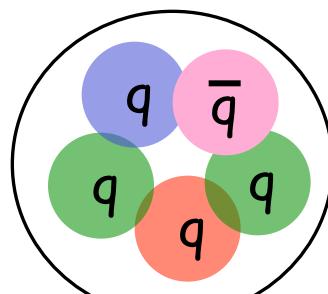
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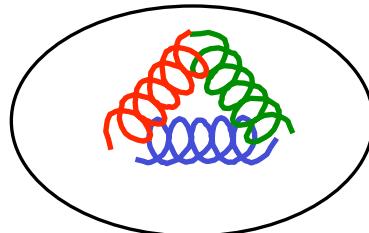
Allowed by QCD, but do they exist in nature?



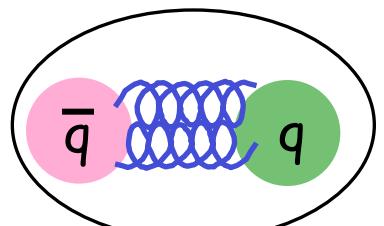
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pentaquark



glueball meson

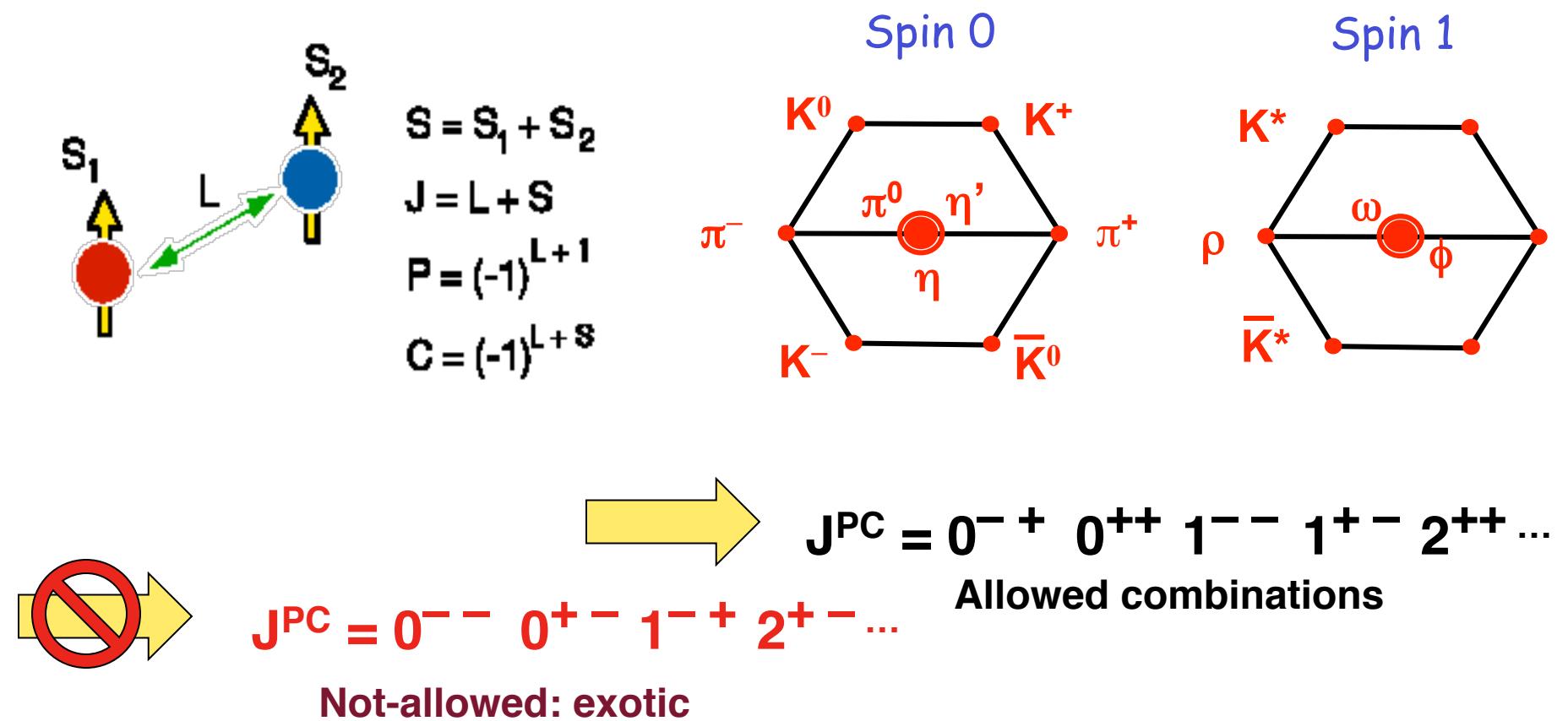


hybrid meson

# Normal Mesons – $q\bar{q}$ color singlet bound states

Spin/angular momentum configurations & radial excitations generate the known spectrum of light quark mesons.

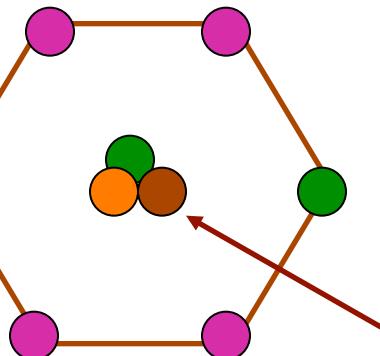
Starting with **u - d - s** we expect to find mesons grouped in **nonets** - each characterized by a given **J**, **P** and **C**.



# Families of Exotics

$K_1 \quad I^G(J^{PC}) = \frac{1}{2} \ (1^-)$

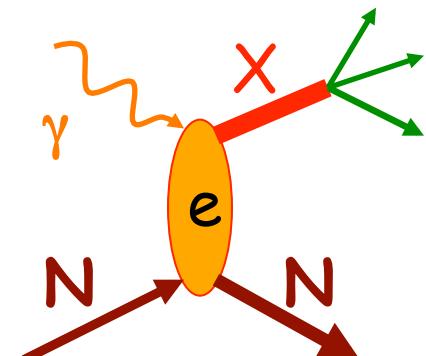
$\pi_1 \quad I^G(J^{PC}) = 1^- (1^{-+})$



$1^{-+}$  nonet

$\eta'_1 \quad I^G(J^{PC}) = 0^+ (1^{-+})$

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$\gamma \Leftrightarrow \rho, \omega, \phi$

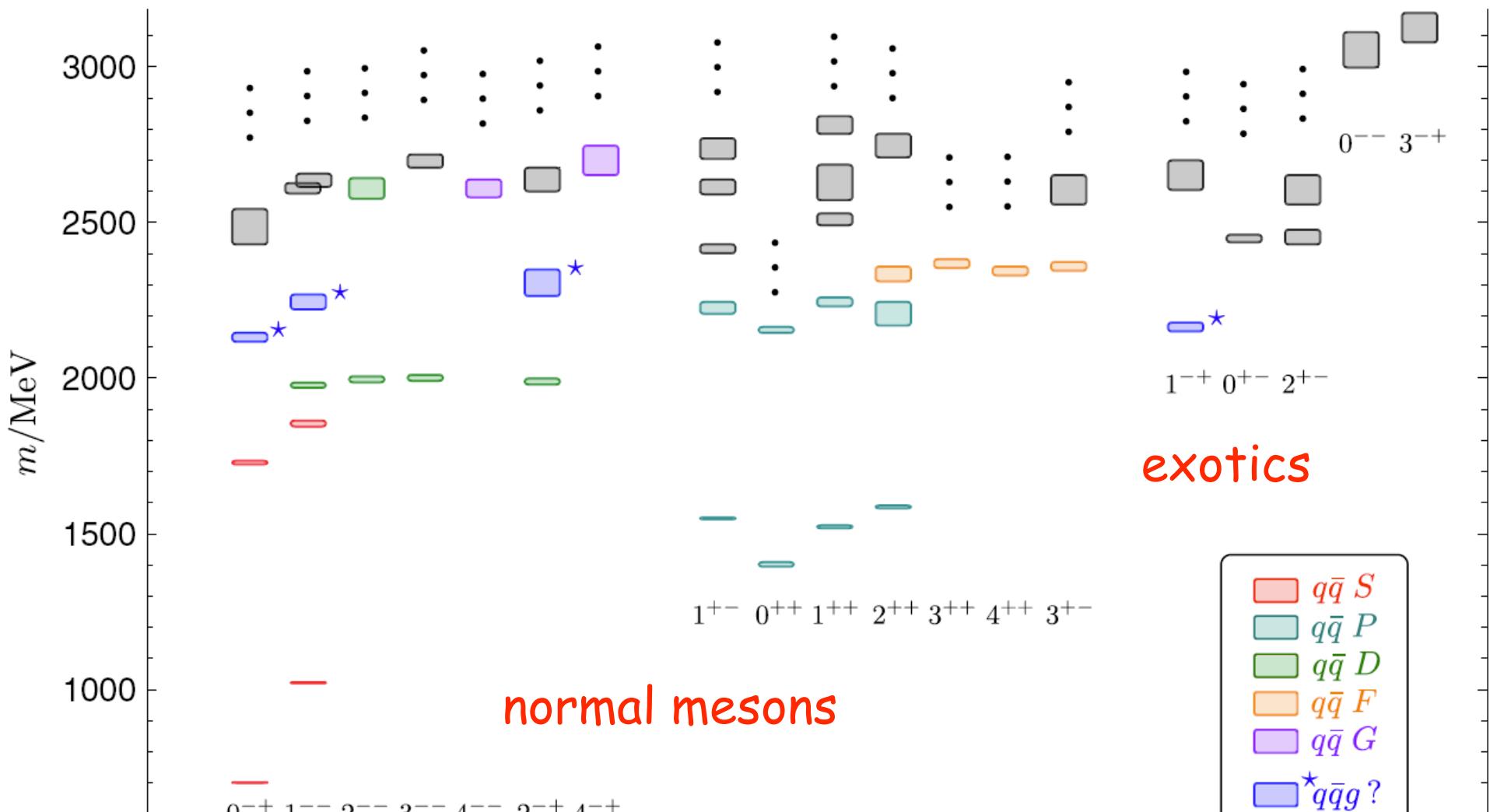
Couple to vector meson  
+ exchanged particle

$\pi_1 \Leftrightarrow \rho\pi$

$\eta_1 \Leftrightarrow \rho b_1, \omega\phi$

$\eta'_1 \Leftrightarrow \phi\omega$

# Meson Spectroscopy from LQCD



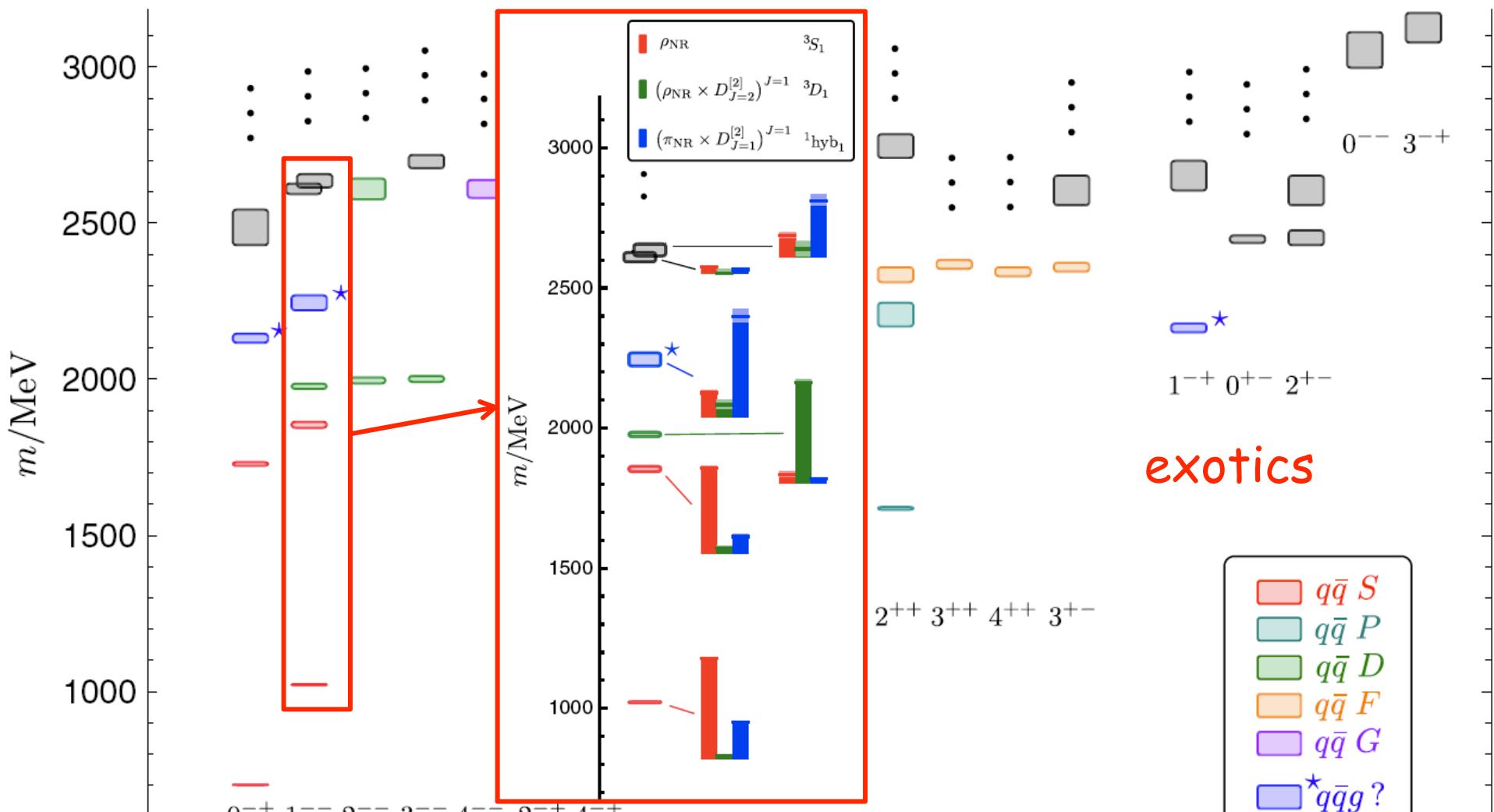
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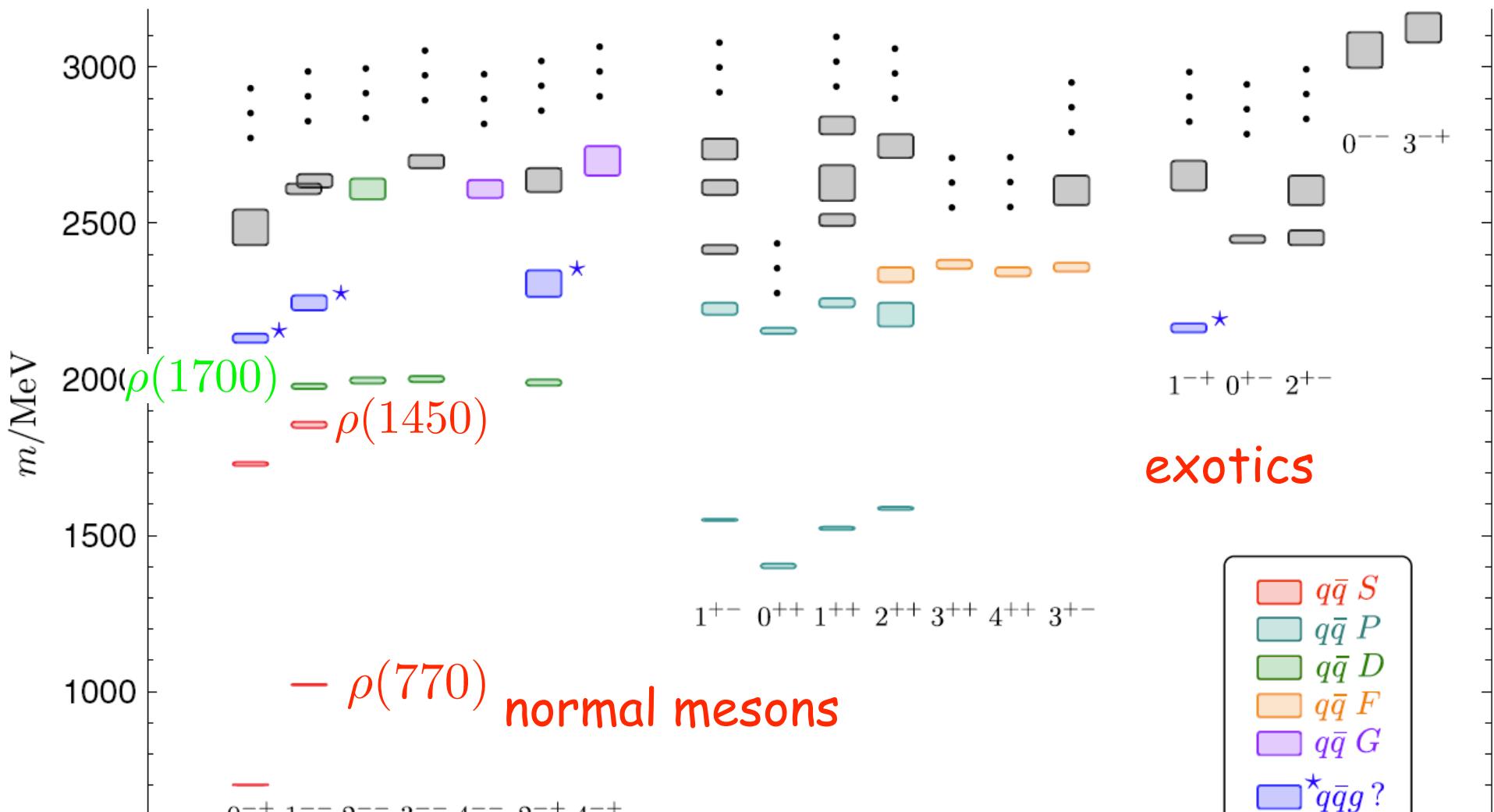
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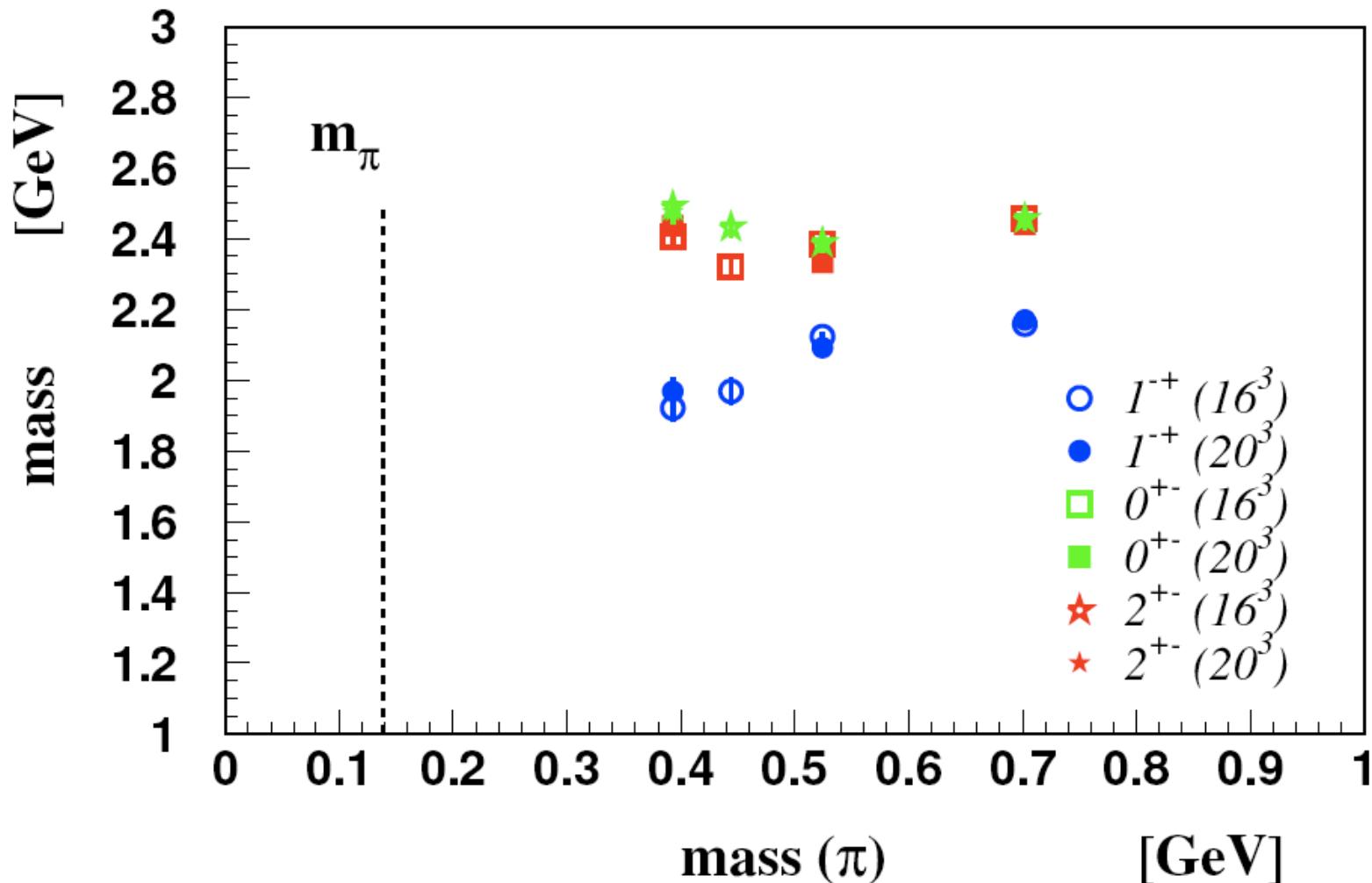
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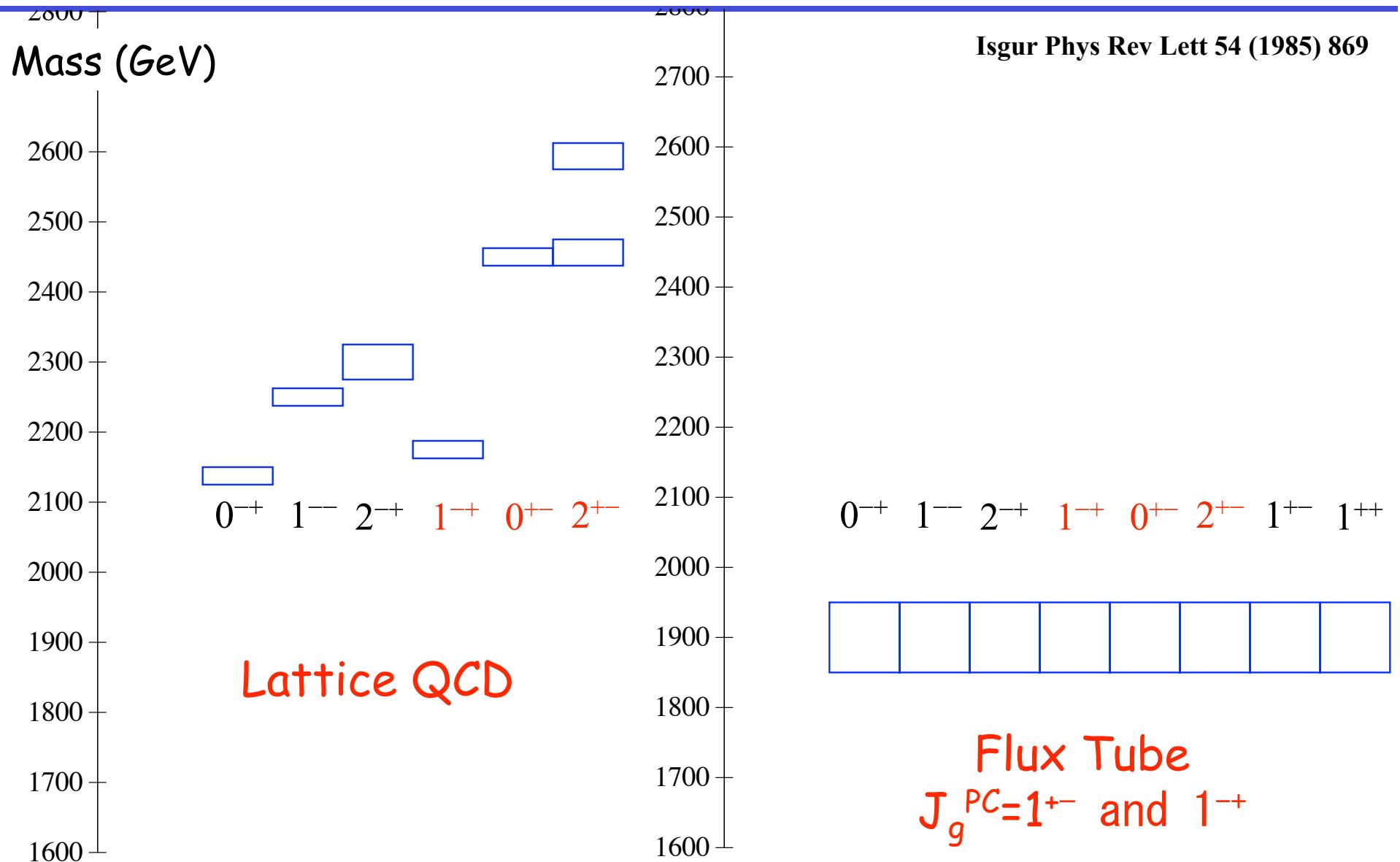
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# Extrapolation to physical mass

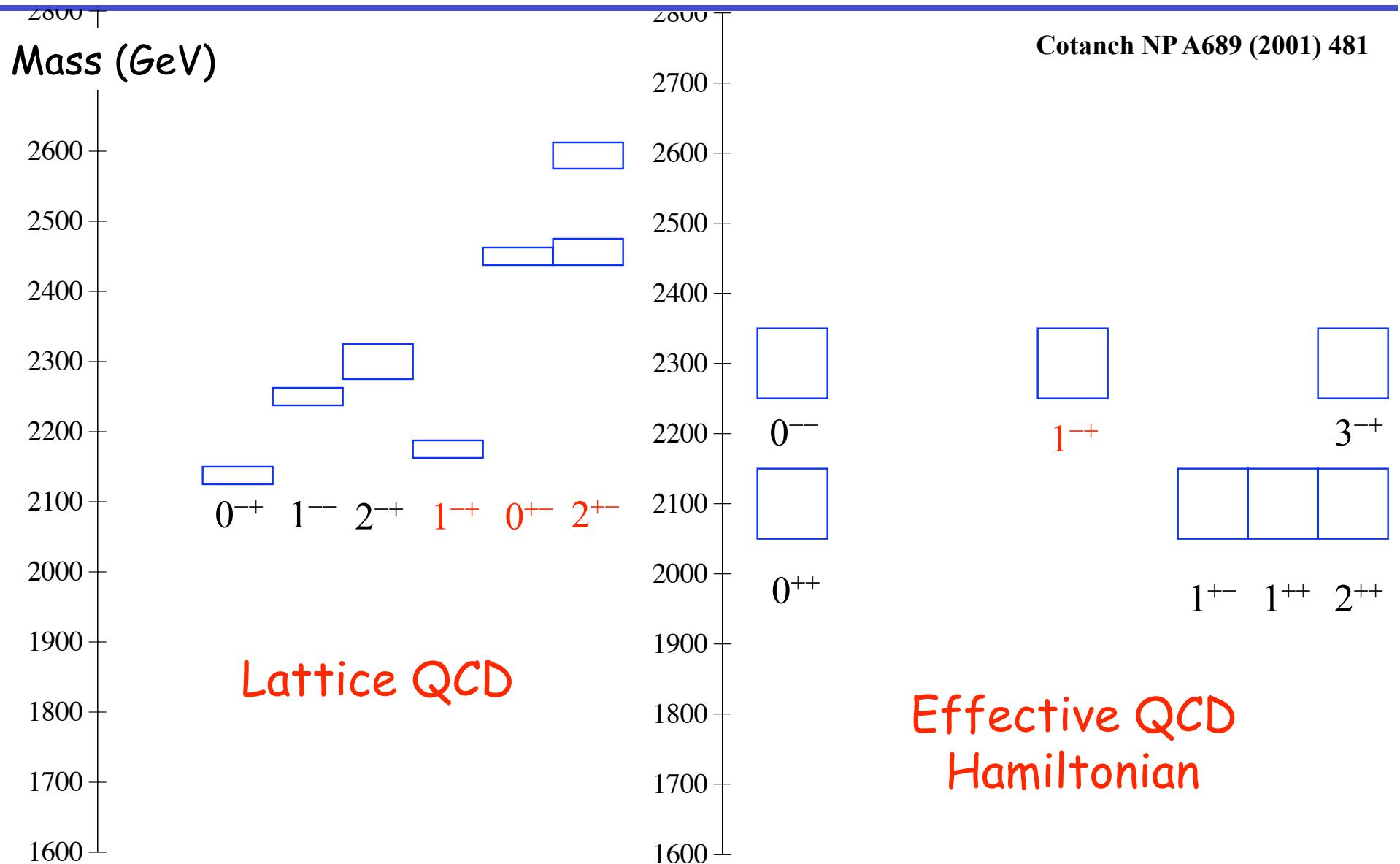
At  $m_\pi = 400$  MeV, mass ( $1^+$ )  $\sim 1.9$  GeV, mass ( $0^{+-}$ )  $\sim 2.5$  GeV



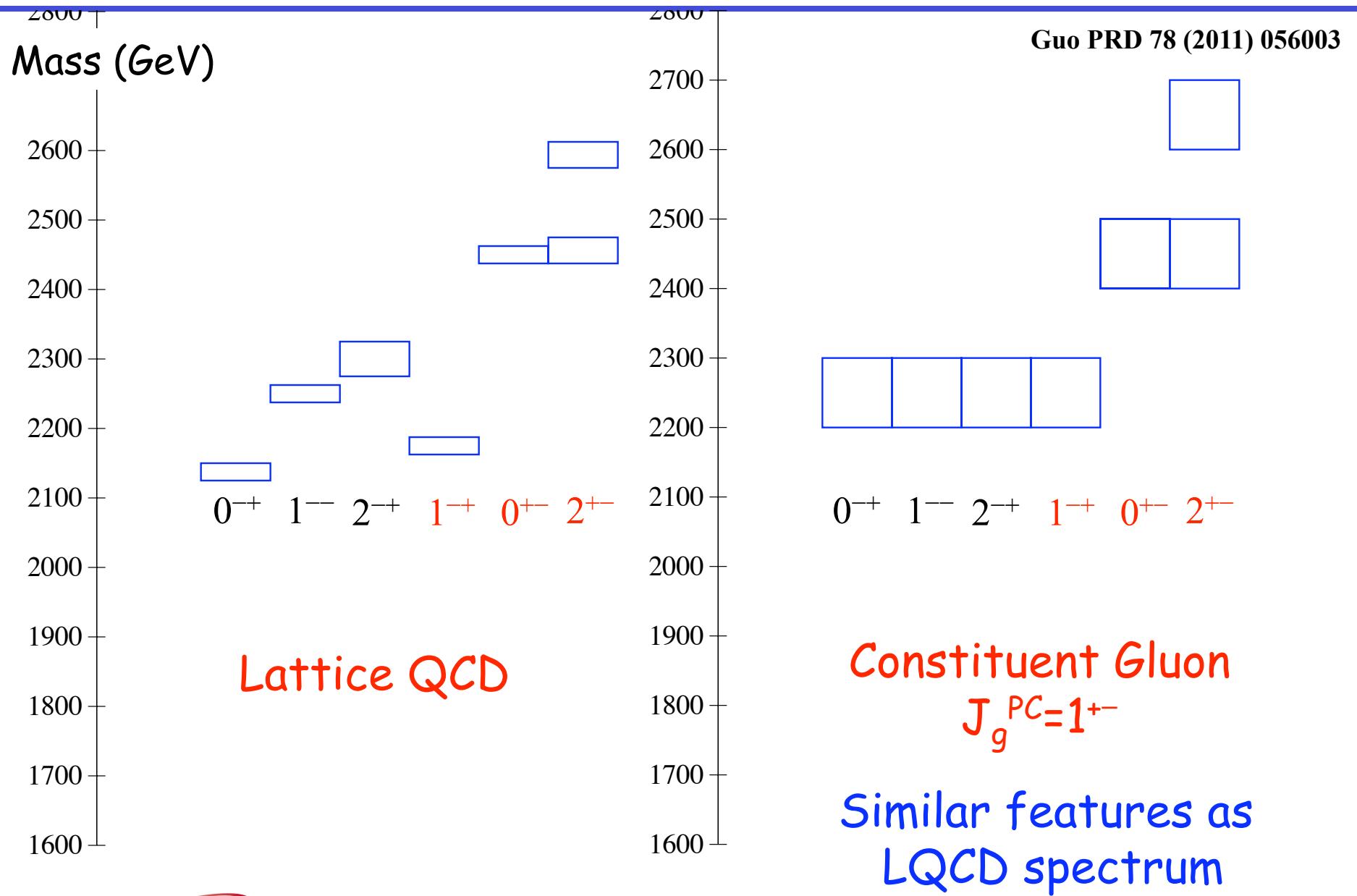
# Models for hybrid mesons



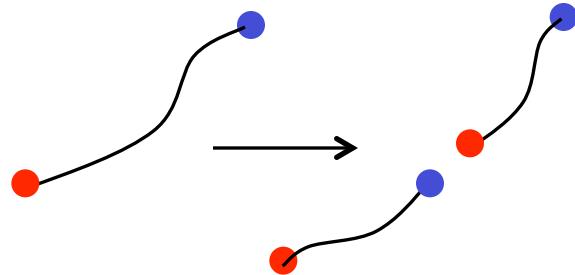
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# How do exotics decay?



Flux Tube Model

The angular momentum in the flux tube stays in one of the daughter mesons ( $L=1$ ) and ( $L=0$ ) meson, e.g:

Possible daughters:

$L=1: a, b, h, f, \dots$

$L=0: \pi, \rho, \eta, \omega, \dots$

flux tube  $L=1$

quark  $L=1$

Example:  $\pi_1 \rightarrow b_1 \pi$

$\hookrightarrow \omega \pi \rightarrow (3\pi)\pi$

or  $\omega \pi \rightarrow (\pi\gamma)\pi$

simple decay modes such as  $\eta\pi, \rho\pi, \dots$  are suppressed.

# Partial width dependence on hybrid mass

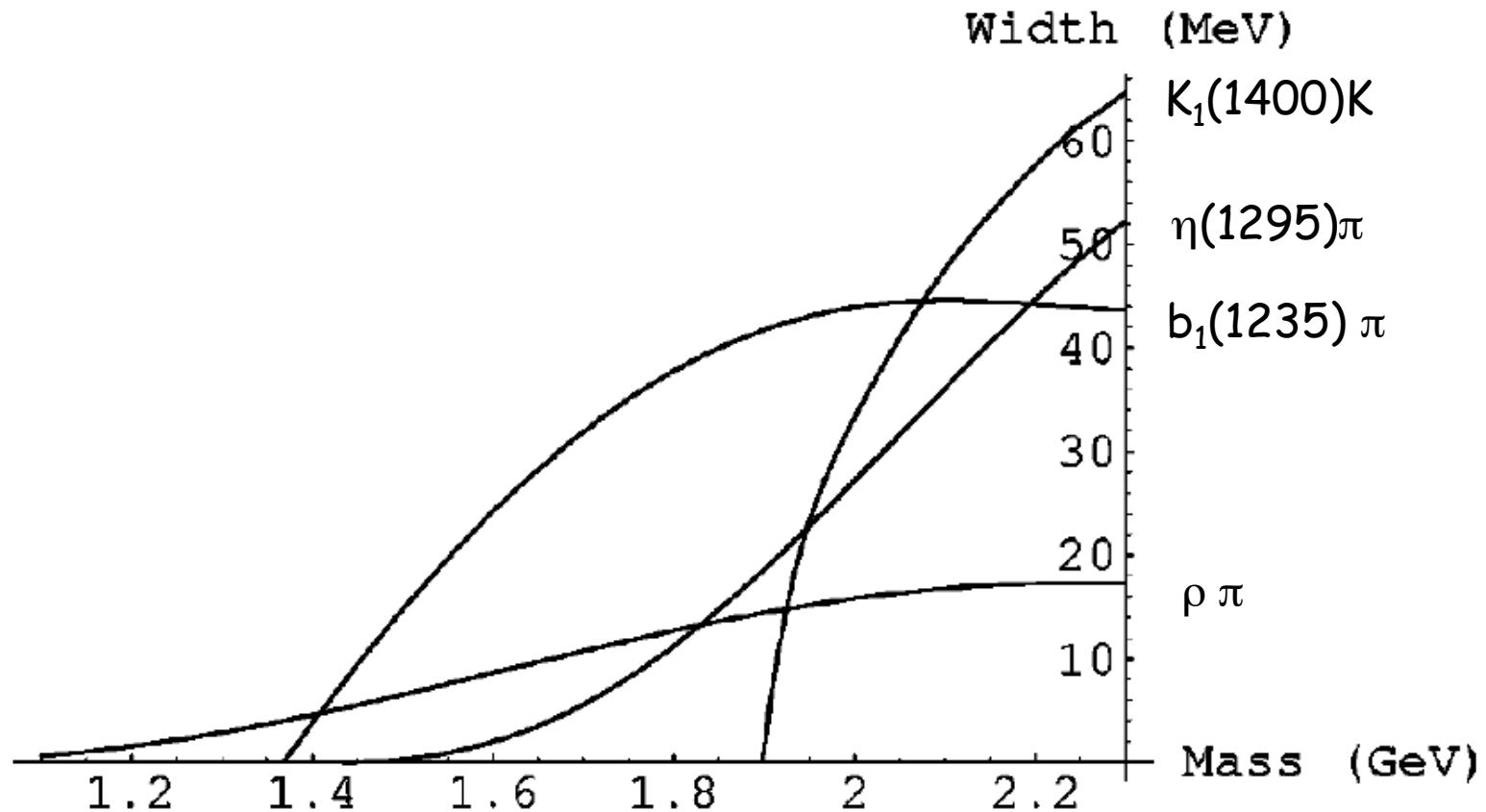
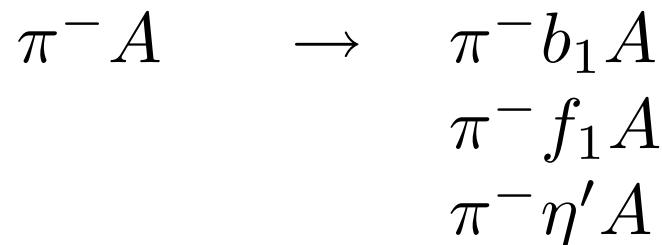


FIG. 1. Dominant partial widths of a  $1^{-+}$  isovector hybrid at various hybrid masses. The partial widths to  $K_1(1400)K$ ,  $\eta(1295)\pi$ ,  $b_1\pi$  and  $\rho\pi$  correspond to the highest to the lowest intersections with the vertical axis.

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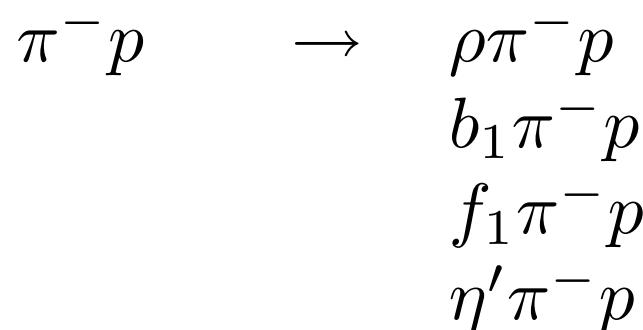
# Experimental status of exotic $1^{-+}$ $\pi(1600)$

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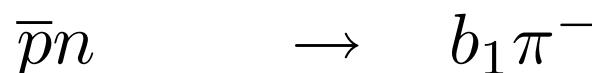


For review see  
Meyer PRC 82 (2010) 025208  
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E852



Crystal Barrel



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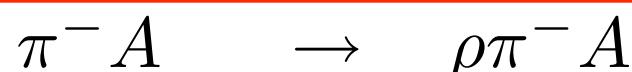


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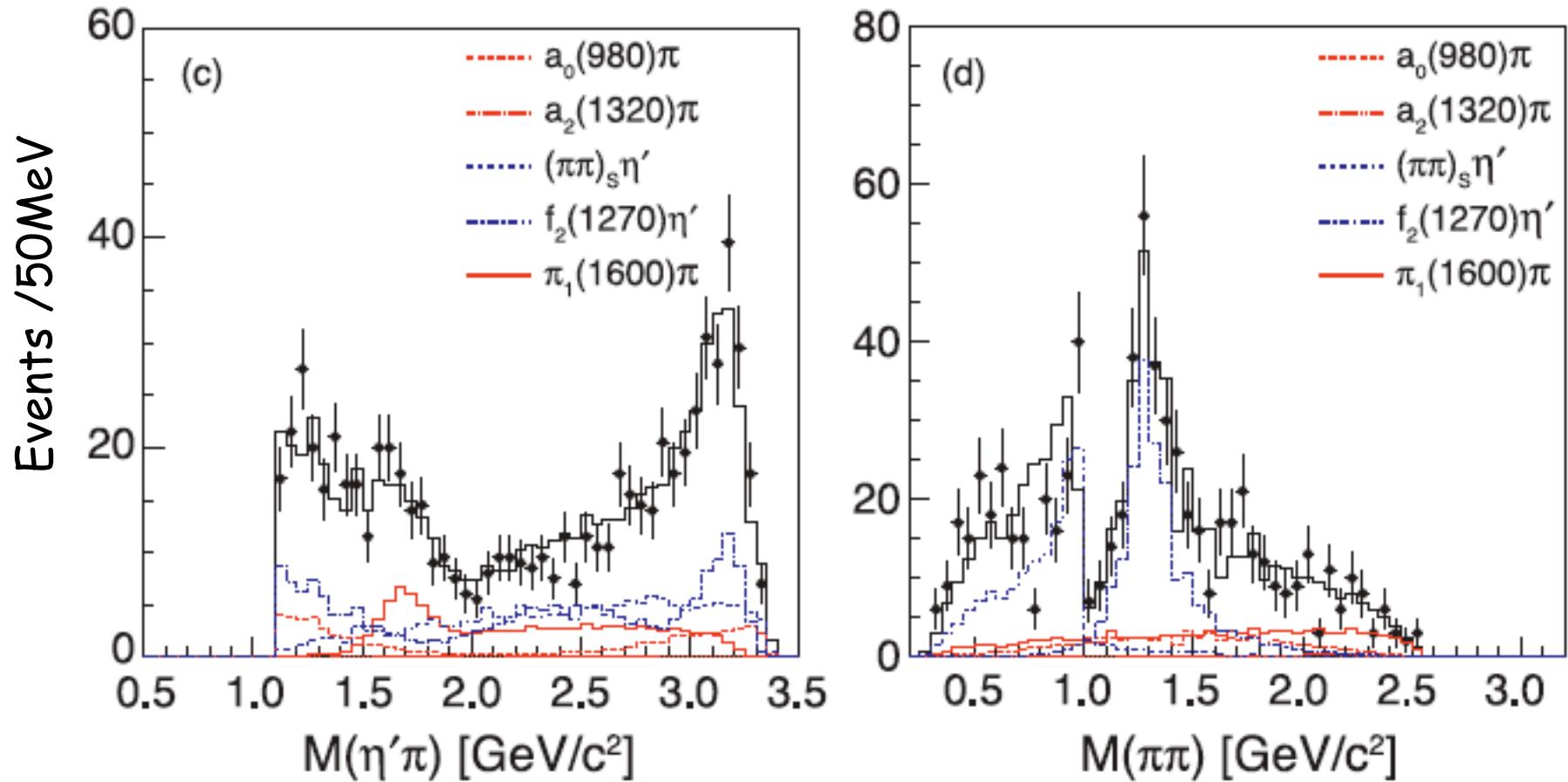


CLEO-c



# CLEO-c exotic $\pi_1$

$$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c1}, \quad \chi_{c1} \rightarrow \eta'\pi^+\pi^-$$



Exotic  $1^+$   $\pi_1 \rightarrow \eta'\pi$  Mass =  $1670 \pm 36$  MeV,  $\Gamma = 240 \pm 78$  MeV  
4 sigma significance

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# Other suspected hybrid signals

New state  $\Upsilon(4260)$   $1^{--}$  state found by Babar/CLEO

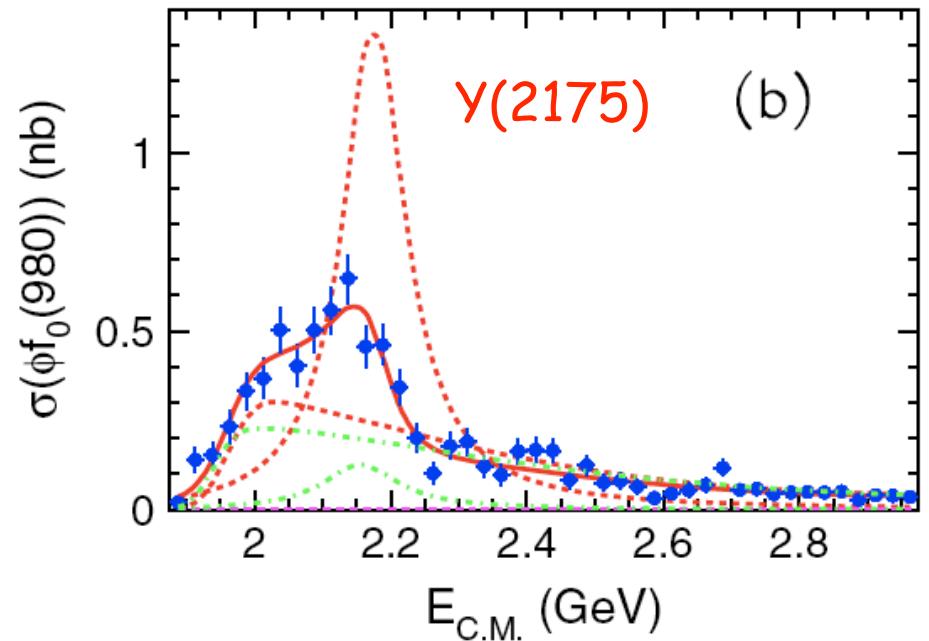
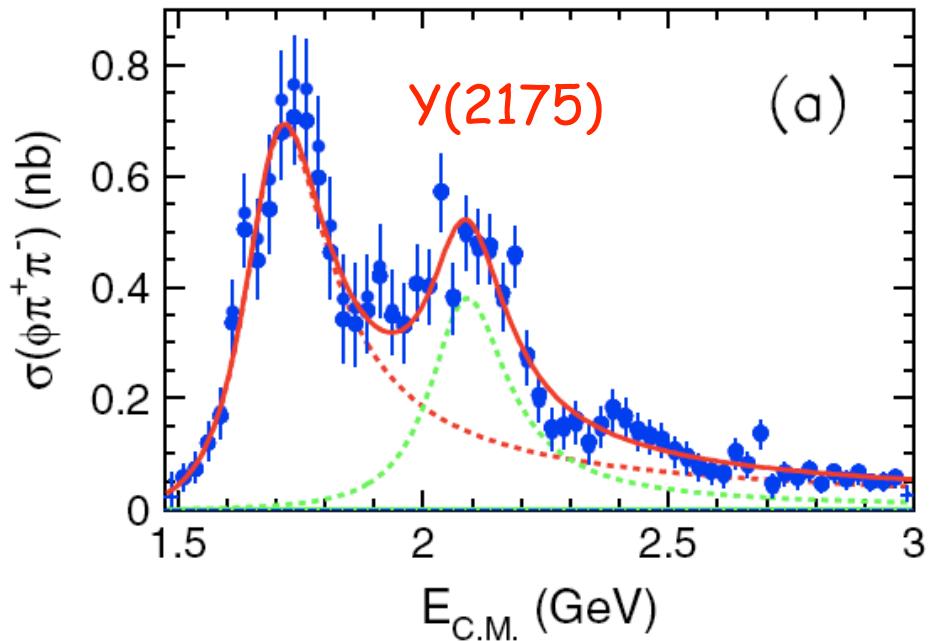
Does not fit into the quark model spectrum

Properties consistent with hybrid charmonium state.

[Friday C2] Zhu Int J Mod Phy E 17 (2008) 283

A second new state  $\Upsilon(2175)$  is proposed as its  
light quark analog  $s\bar{s}g$

[Friday C1]  
Belle PRD 80 (2009) 031101



# Photoproduction

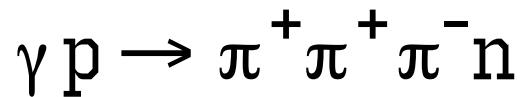
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Decomposition of total cross section  $E_\gamma = 9.3 \text{ GeV}$

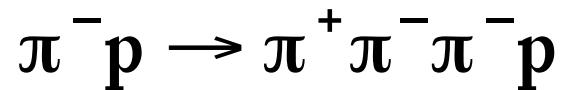
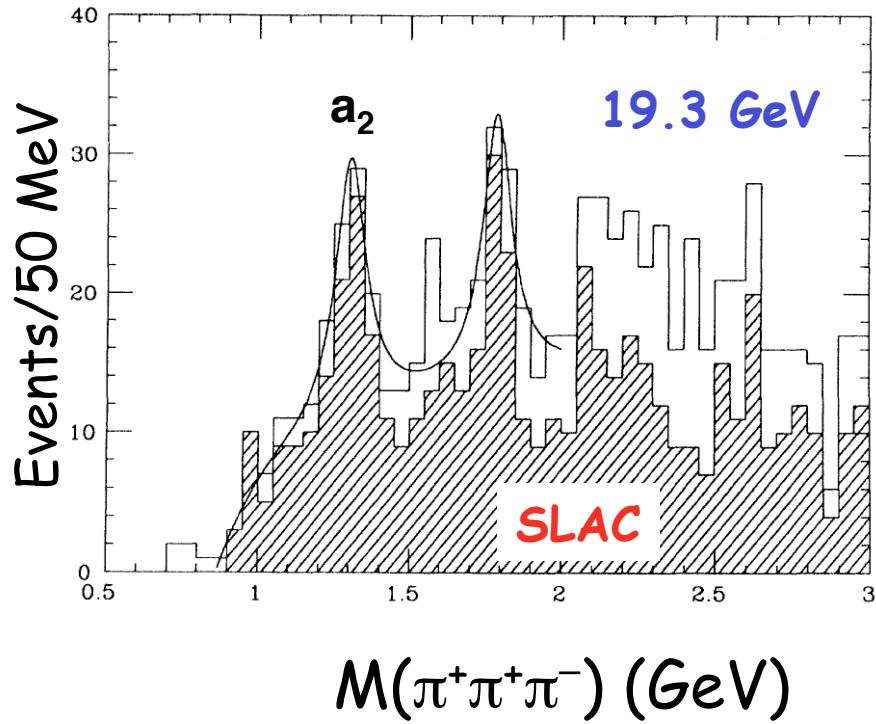
Topology	$\sigma$ ( $\mu\text{b}$ )	% of $\sigma$ with neutrals
1-prong	$8.5 \pm 1.1$	100
3-prong	$64.1 \pm 1.5$	$76 \pm 3$
5-prong	$34.2 \pm 0.9$	$86 \pm 4$
7-prong	$6.8 \pm 0.3$	$86 \pm 6$
9-prong	$0.61 \pm 0.08$	$87 \pm 21$
With visible strange decay	$9.8 \pm 0.4$	-
Total	$124.0 \pm 2.5$	$82 \pm 4$

Approximately the 70% of total cross section in the energy region  $E_\gamma \sim 7\text{-}12 \text{ GeV}$  has multiple neutrals and is completely unexplored

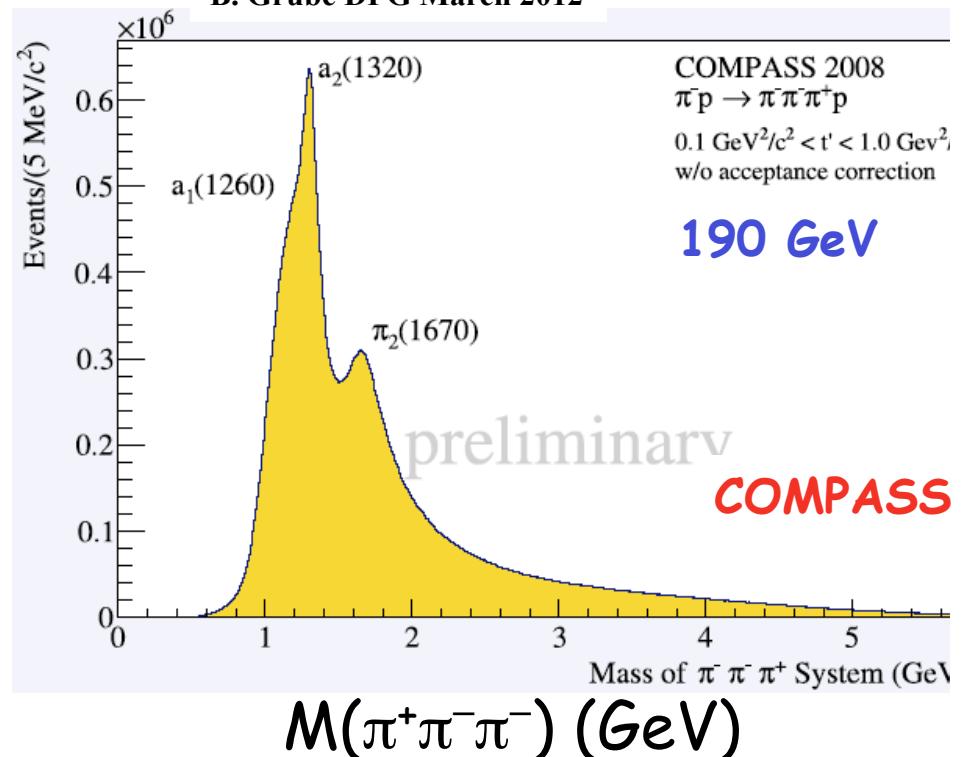
# $\gamma$ and $\pi$ beams



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Note: much more photon data from Jlab at lower energy



# Photoproduction and linear polarization

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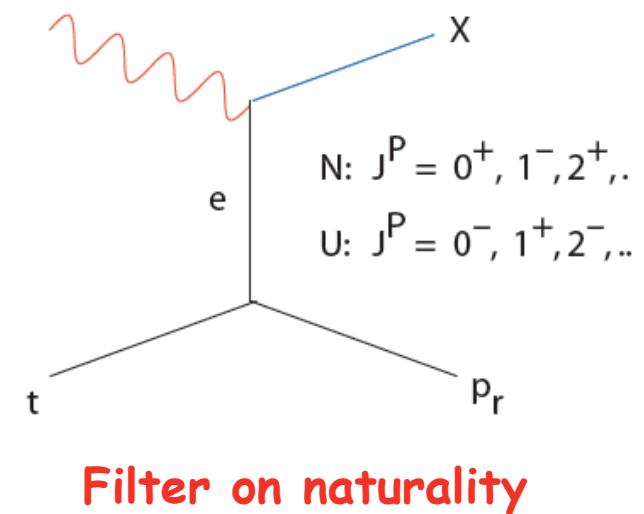
- The expectation from the flux tube model is that hybrids will be produced at a rate comparable to normal mesons.
- This expectation is corroborated by recent lattice calculations that show that the strength of charmonium hybrid radiative decays are similar to normal mesons

$$\Gamma(\eta_{c1} \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma) \sim 100\text{keV}$$

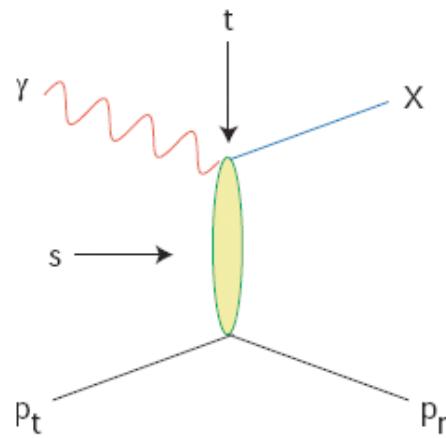
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## ■ Polarization

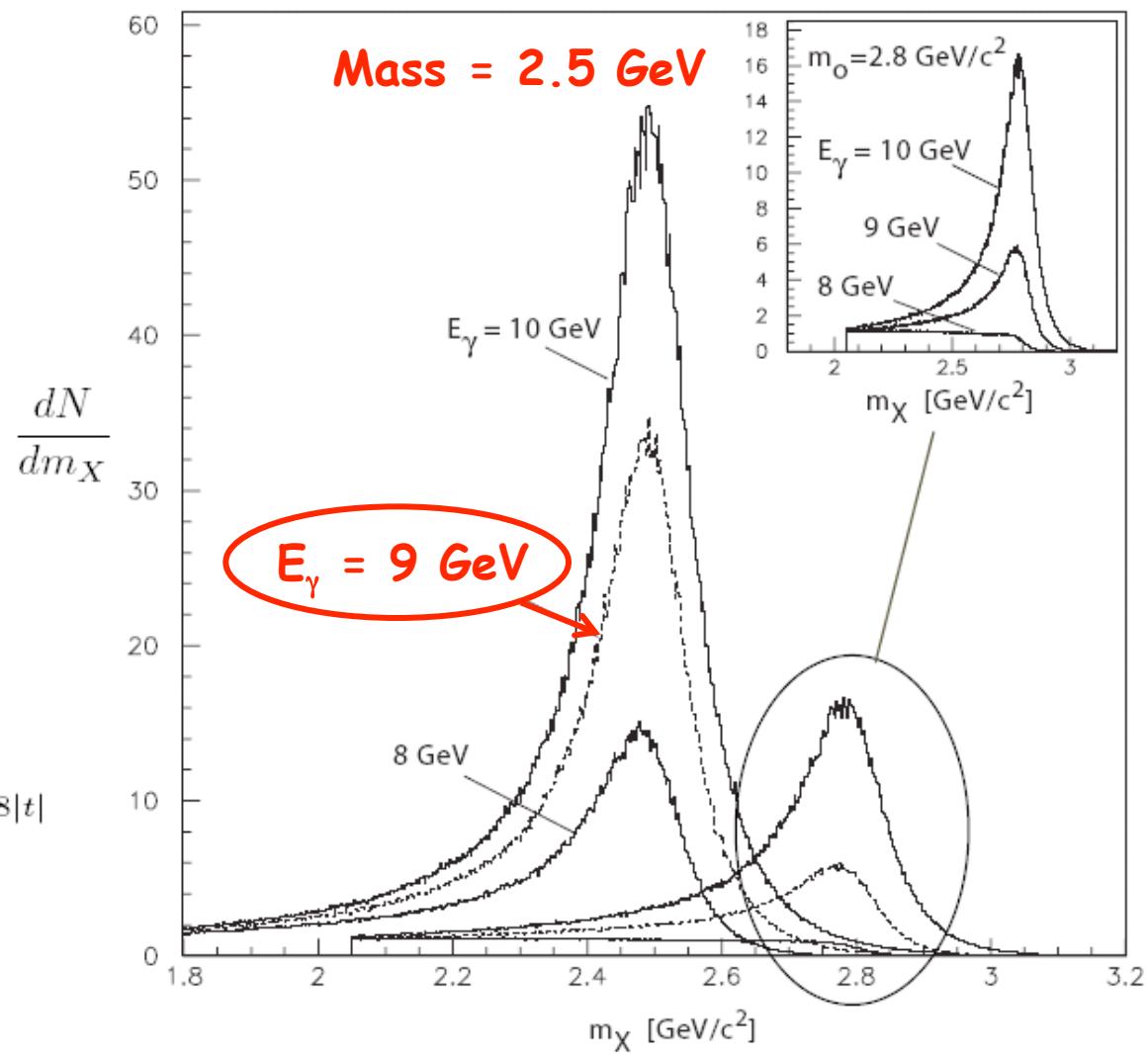
- For a given produced resonance, linear polarization enables one to distinguish between naturalities of exchanged particles.
- If the production mechanism is known, linear polarization enables one to filter resonances of different naturalities.



# Minimum photon energy for search



$$N(m_X) = A \cdot BW(m_X) \cdot e^{-8|t|}$$



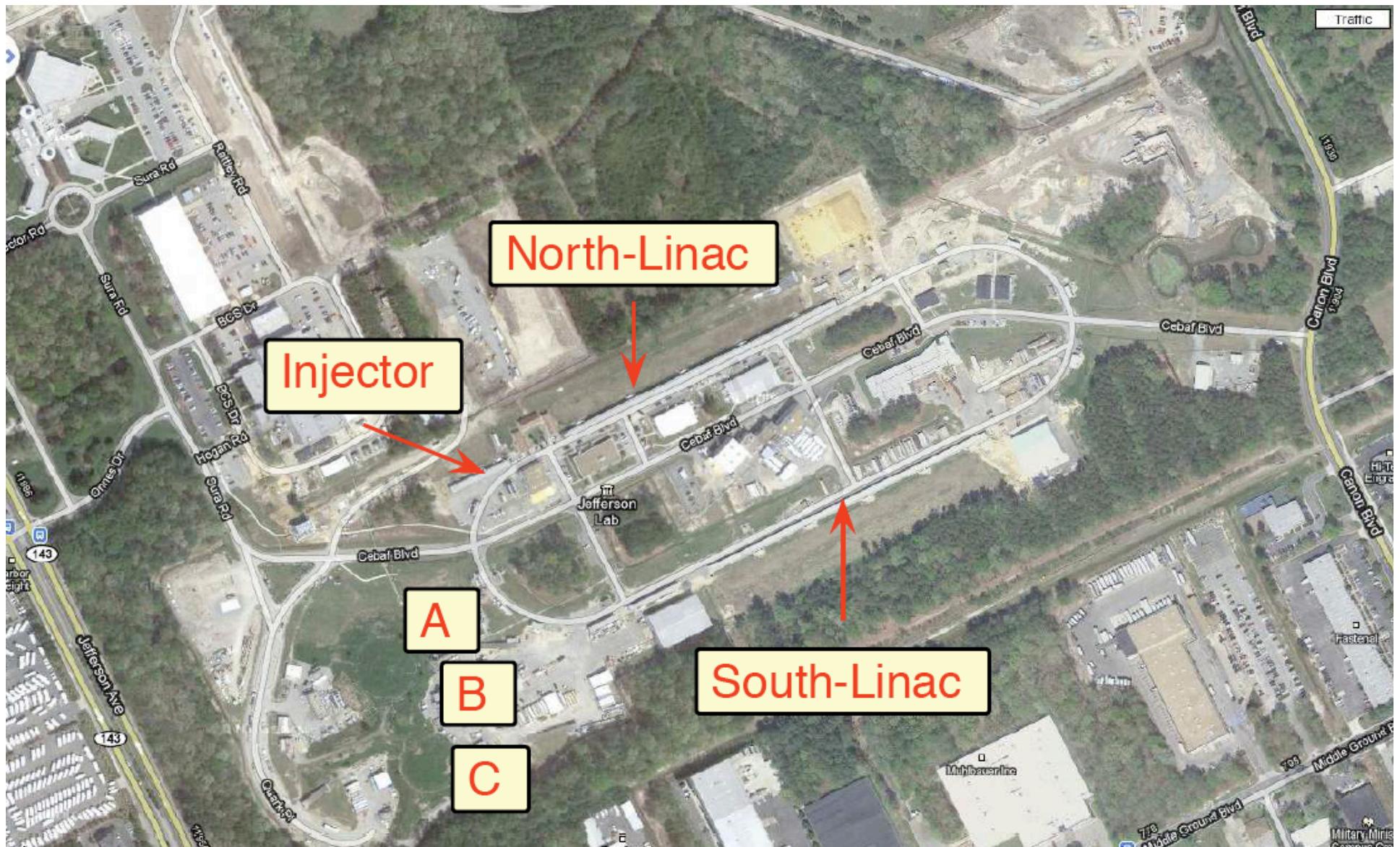
Resonant shapes generated with the same widths and production cross sections. Yield and line shape determined by production kinematics.

# GlueX strategy for hybrid meson search

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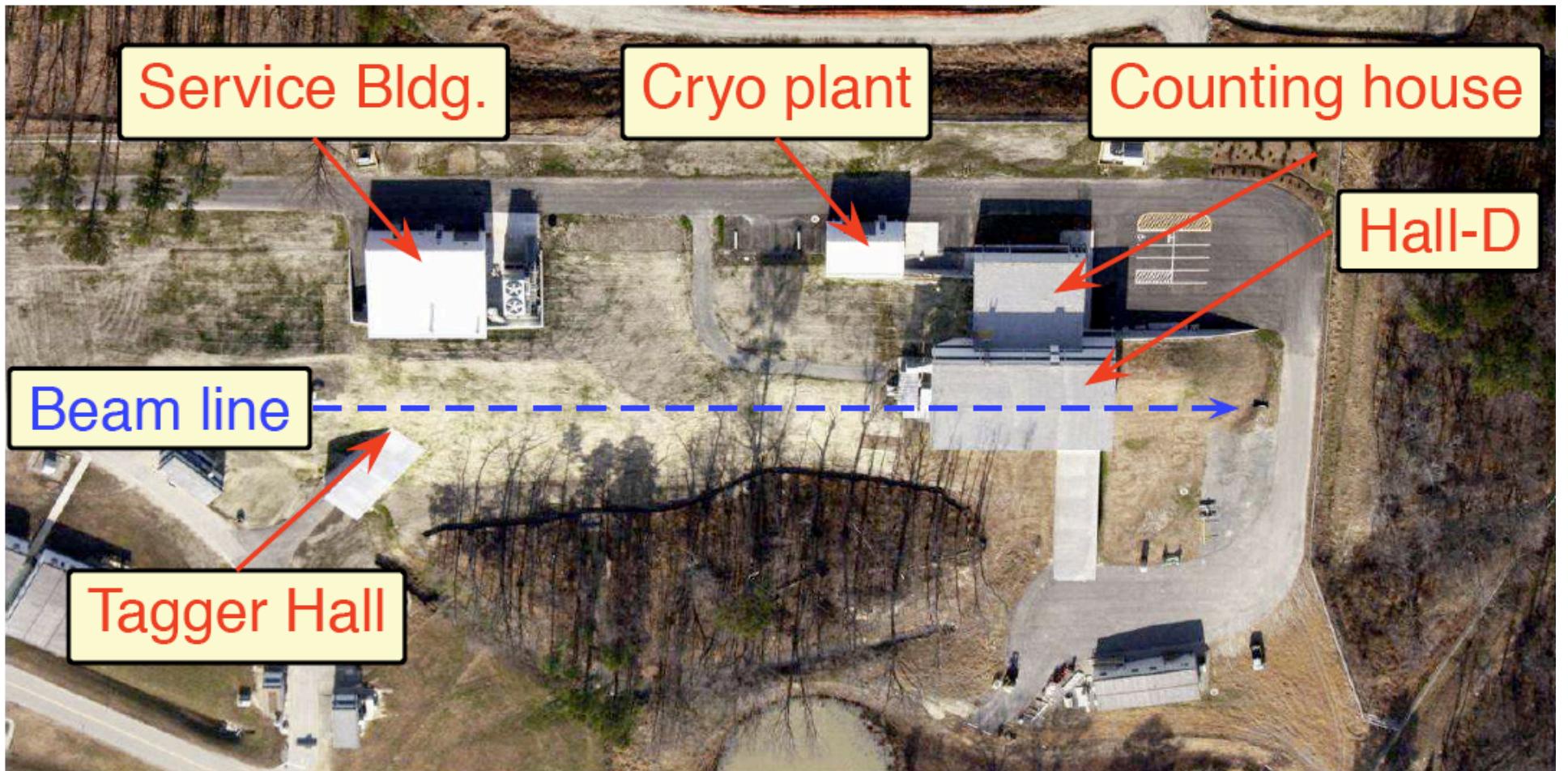
- Use 8 – 9 GeV polarized photons (12 GeV electron beam)
  - Expect production of hybrids to be comparable to normal mesons
  - Dearth of experimental data
- Use hermetic detector with large acceptance
  - Decay modes expected to have multiple particles
  - hermetic coverage for charged and neutral particles
  - high data acquisition rate to enable amplitude analysis
- Perform amplitude analysis
  - identify quantum numbers as a function of mass
  - check consistency of results in different decay modes

# Areal view of accelerator



# Hall D civil construction complete

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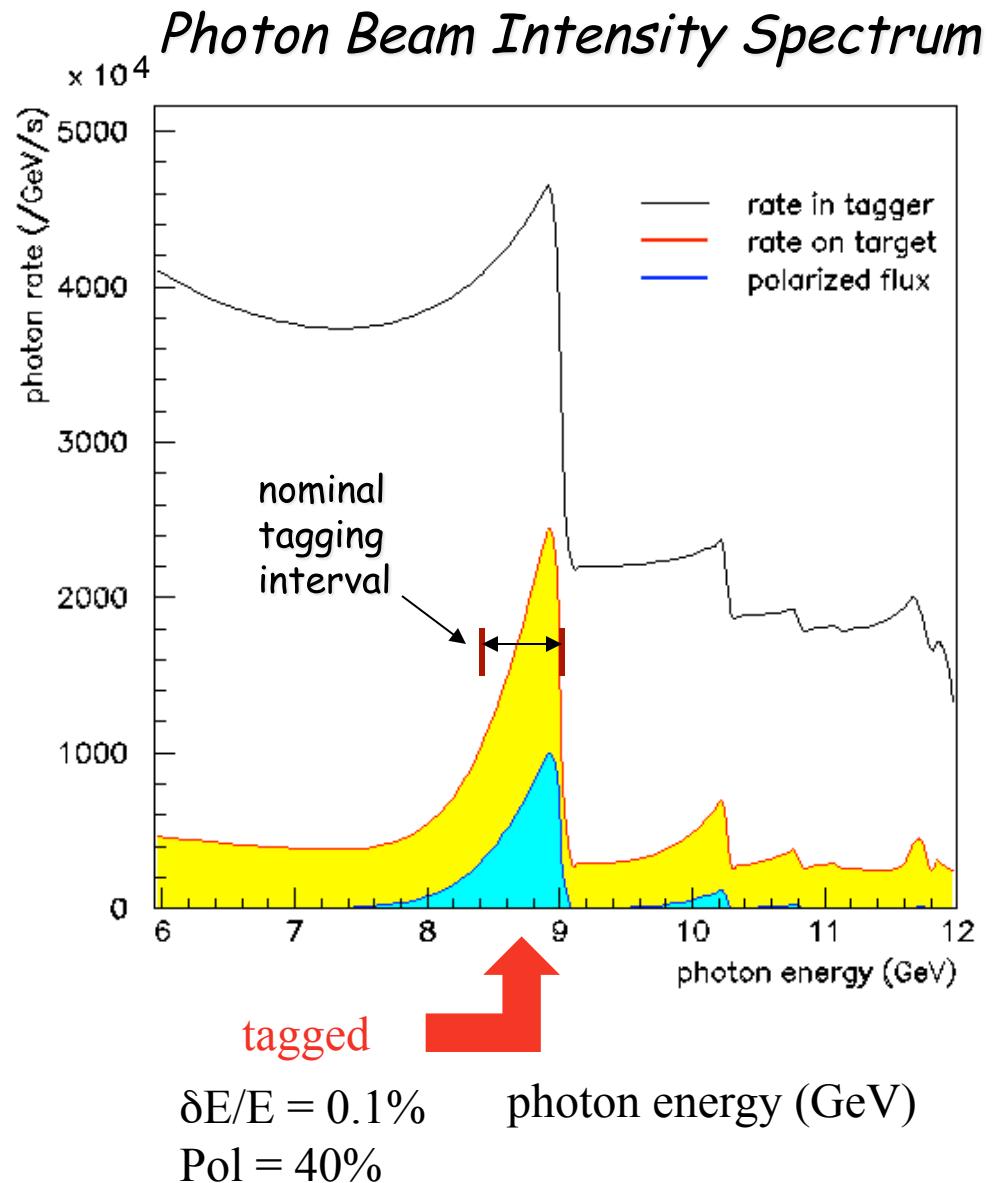
# Linearly Polarized Photon Beam

Rates are based on

- 12 GeV electron beam
- 20  $\mu\text{m}$  diamond crystal
- 300 nA electron beam
- Rad-collimator: 76 m
- Collimator diameter: 3.5mm

Leads to  $10^7 \gamma/\text{s}$  on target

Design is expandable to  
 $10^8 \gamma/\text{s}$

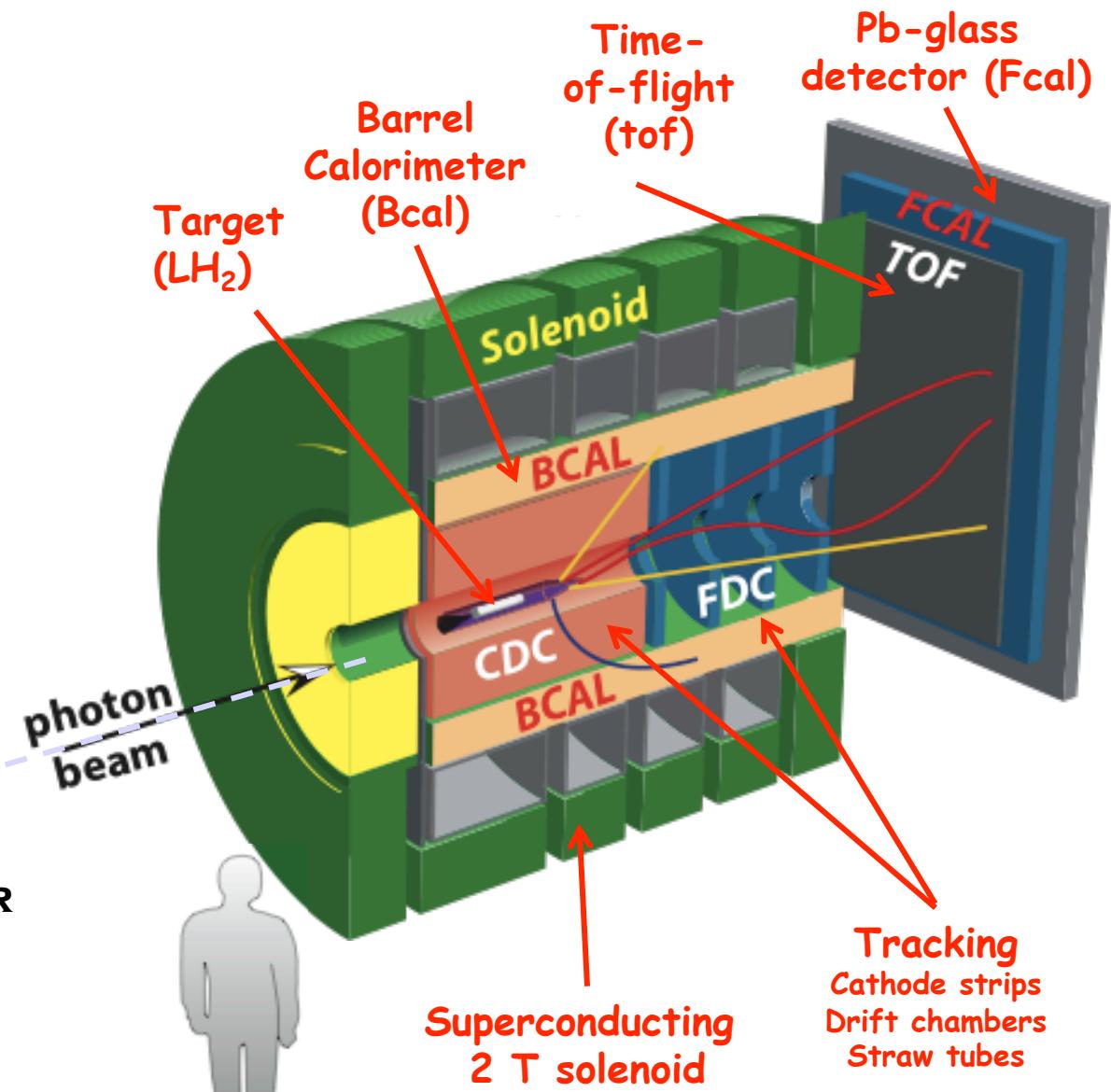


# Hall D – GlueX detector

Hermetic detection  
of charged and  
neutral particles in  
solenoid magnet

Initial Flux  $10^7$   $\gamma/s$   
18,000 FADCs  
4,000 pipeline TDCs  
20 KHz L1 trigger  
300 MB/s to tape

**TAGGER SPECTROMETER  
(UPSTREAM)**



# Detector status

Solenoidal Magnet: tested at 1500 A



CDC: all 3500 wires strung



FDC: 60% done

BCAL: All 48 modules built



FCAL: all 2800 lead glass and PMTs



Electronics: 70% ordered

# Sample amplitude analysis with GlueX

$$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^- n$$

generated waves

$$a_1(1260) \rightarrow \rho\pi \quad (\text{S - wave})$$

$$a_2(1320) \rightarrow \rho\pi \quad (\text{D - wave})$$

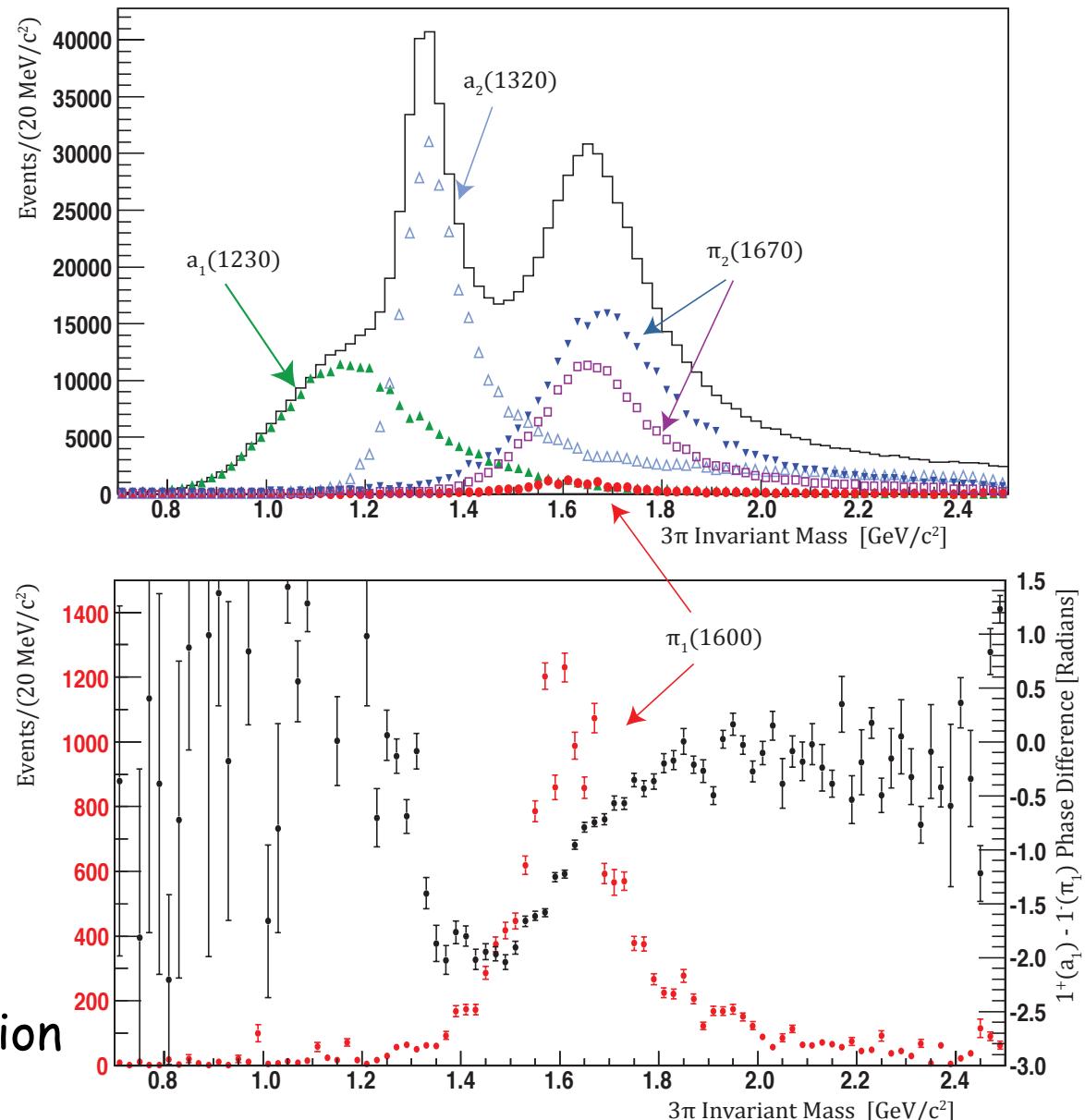
$$\pi_1(1600) \rightarrow \rho\pi \quad (\text{P - wave})$$

$$\pi_2(1670) \rightarrow f_2\pi \quad (\text{S - wave})$$

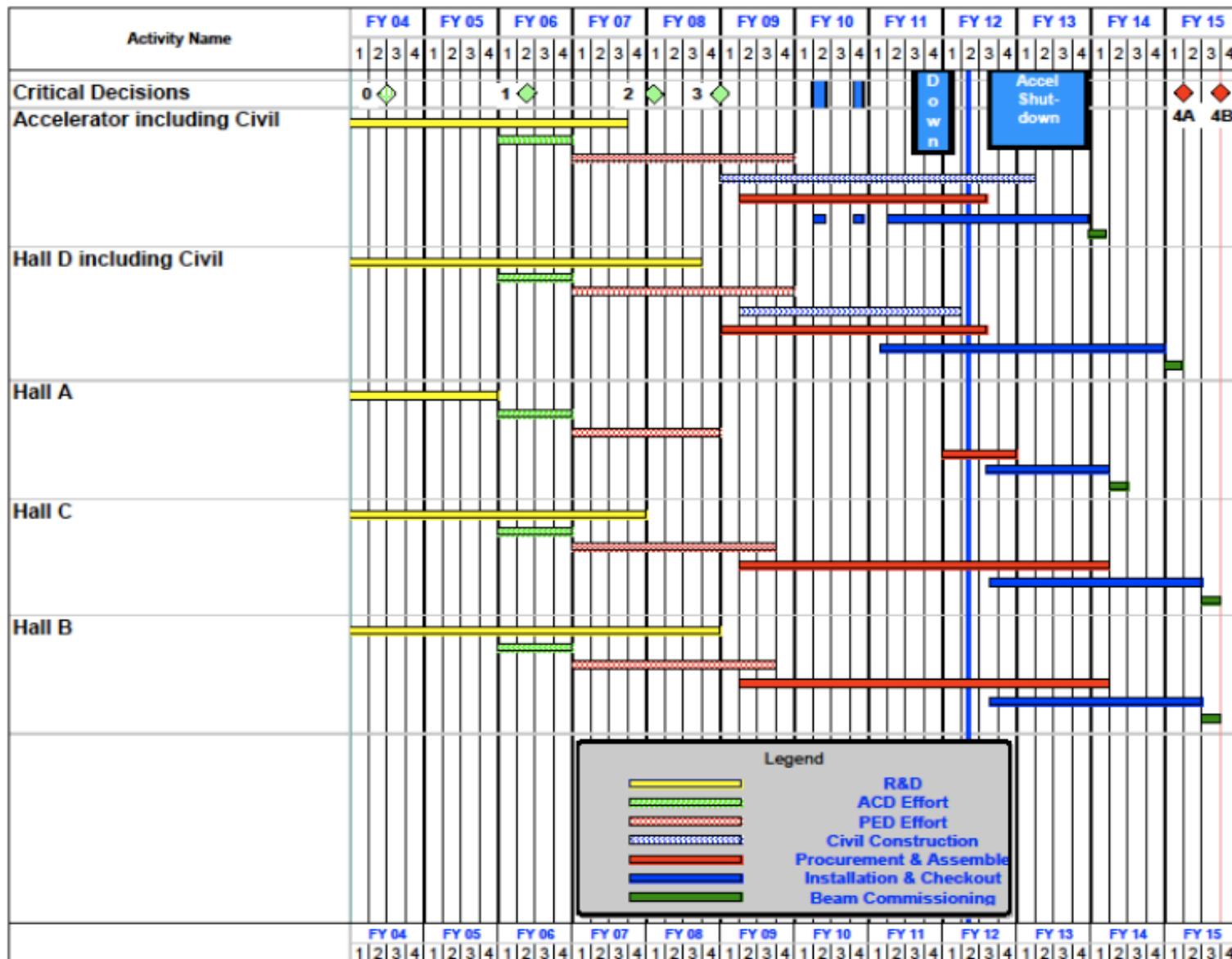
$$\pi_2(1670) \rightarrow \rho\pi \quad (\text{P - wave})$$

$1^{-+}$  exotic wave  
generated with 1.6%  
relative strength

Corresponds to 3.5 hours  
GlueX data, full detector  
simulation and reconstruction



# 12 GeV Project Schedule



- Hall A commissioning start Jan 2014
- Hall D commissioning start October 2014
- Halls B and C commissioning start April 2015

# Summary

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- QCD on the Lattice
  - Lattice calculations have made great strides in calculating the spectrum of normal and hybrid mesons.
  - Hybrid masses are expected in the range of 1.8 to 2.7 GeV
  - The spectrum is consistent with the constituent gluon model ( $J_g=1^{+-}$ )
- Model expectations
  - In photoproduction, gluonic excitations will be produced with roughly the same cross sections as normal mesons.
  - Gluonic excitations are expected to decay preferentially to multi-particle final states
- The GlueX experiment will study the spectrum of mesons with a polarized photon beam up to  $M \sim 2.8$  GeV with sensitivities of a few percent of the total cross section.