

K^* photoproduction from the proton at CLAS

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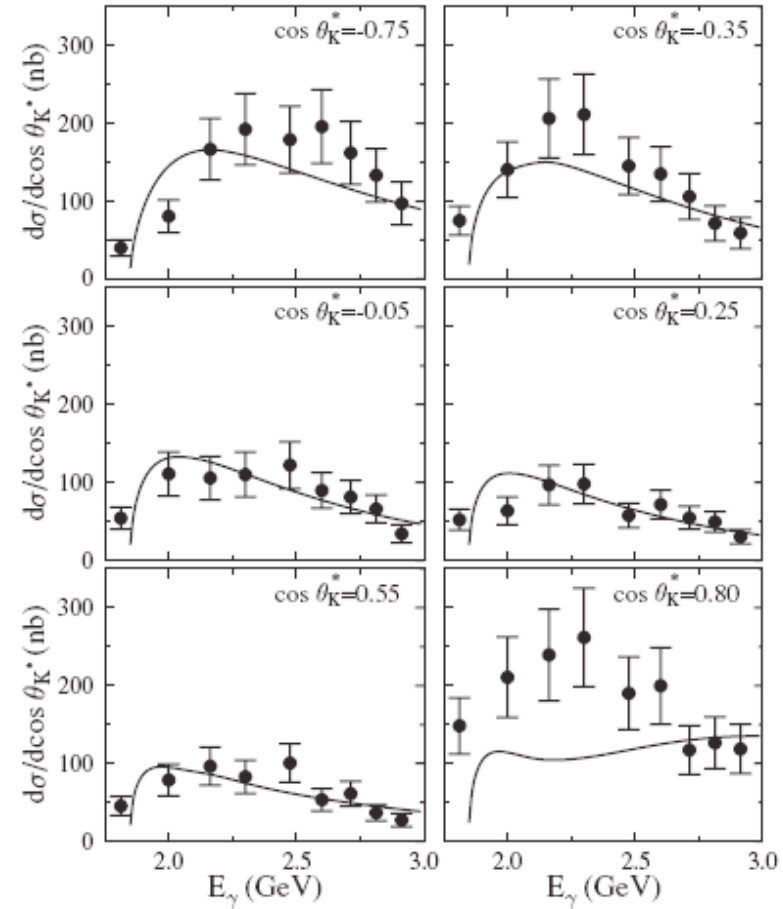
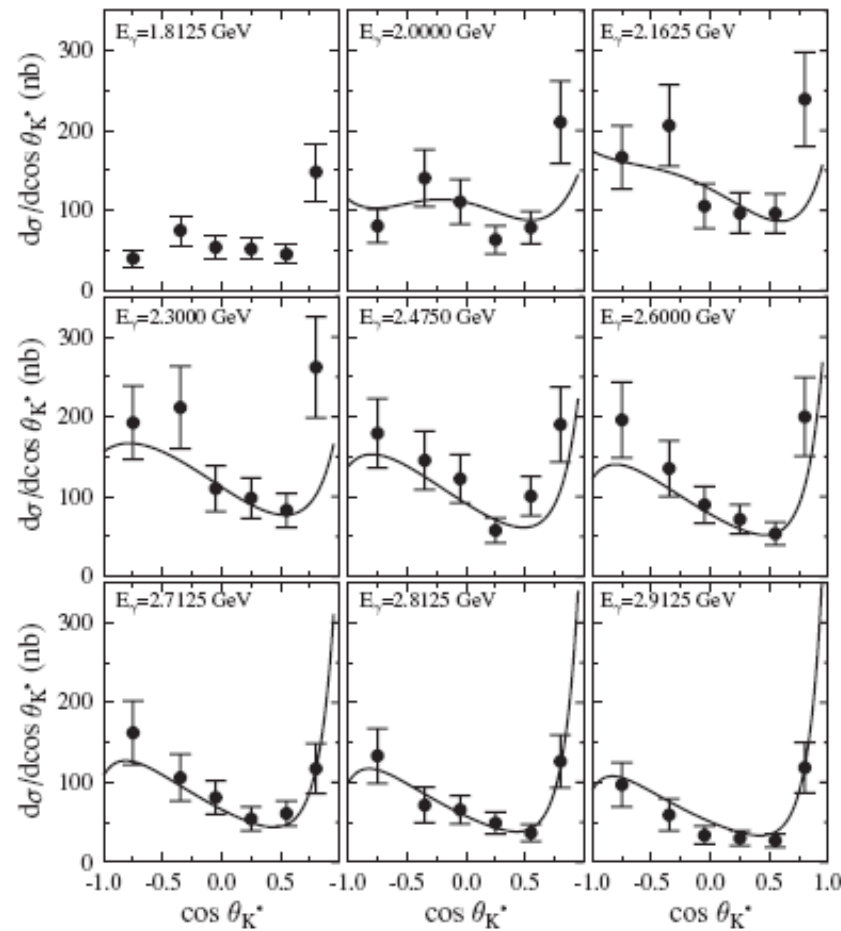
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OUTLINE

- Review of K^* photoproduction data
- Theoretical motivation
- Preliminary results

CLAS $K^{*0}\Sigma^+$ data (2007)

I. Hleiqawi et al., Phys. Rev. C 76 (2007) 039905E.



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New K^{*0} Data from CB-ELSA

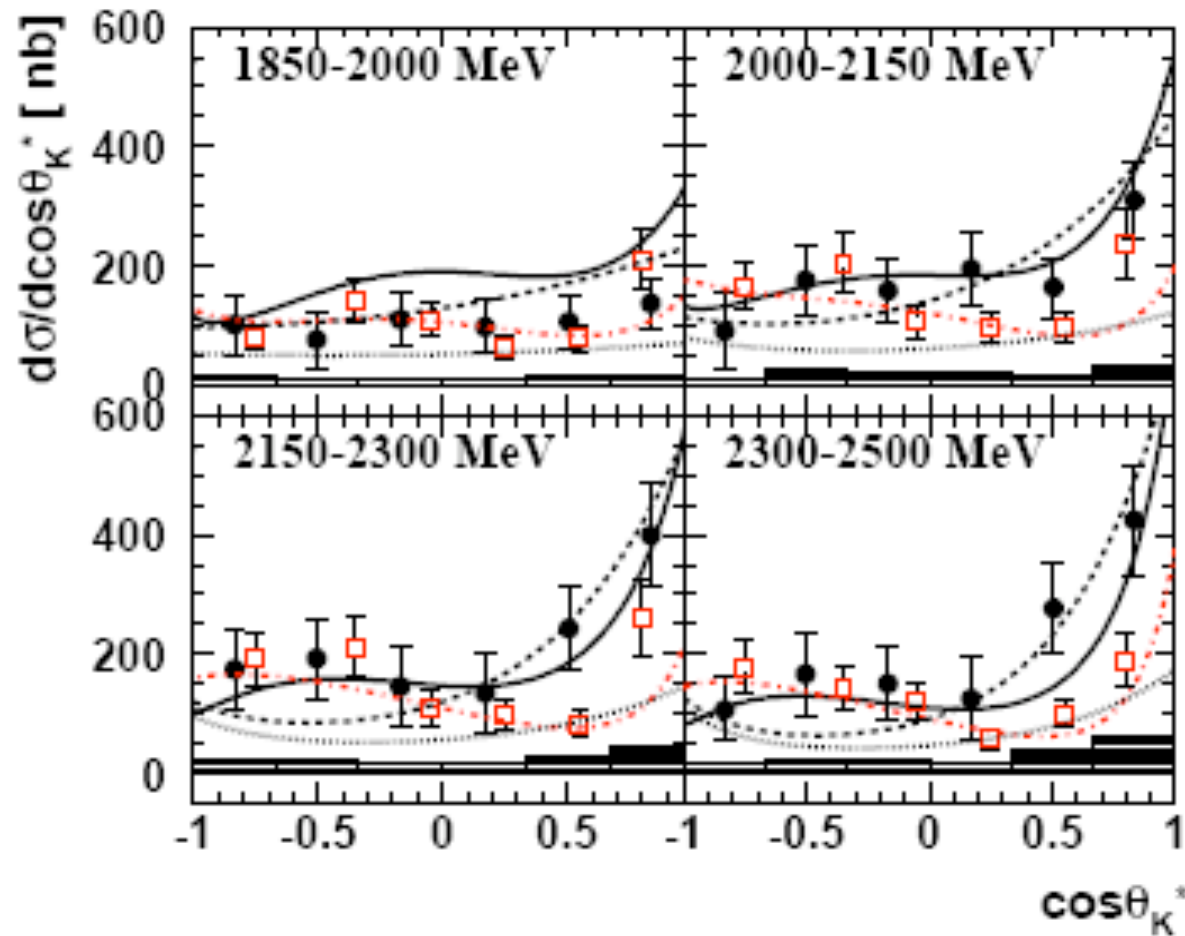
$K^0\pi^0\Sigma^+$ and $K^{*0}\Sigma^+$ photoproduction off the proton

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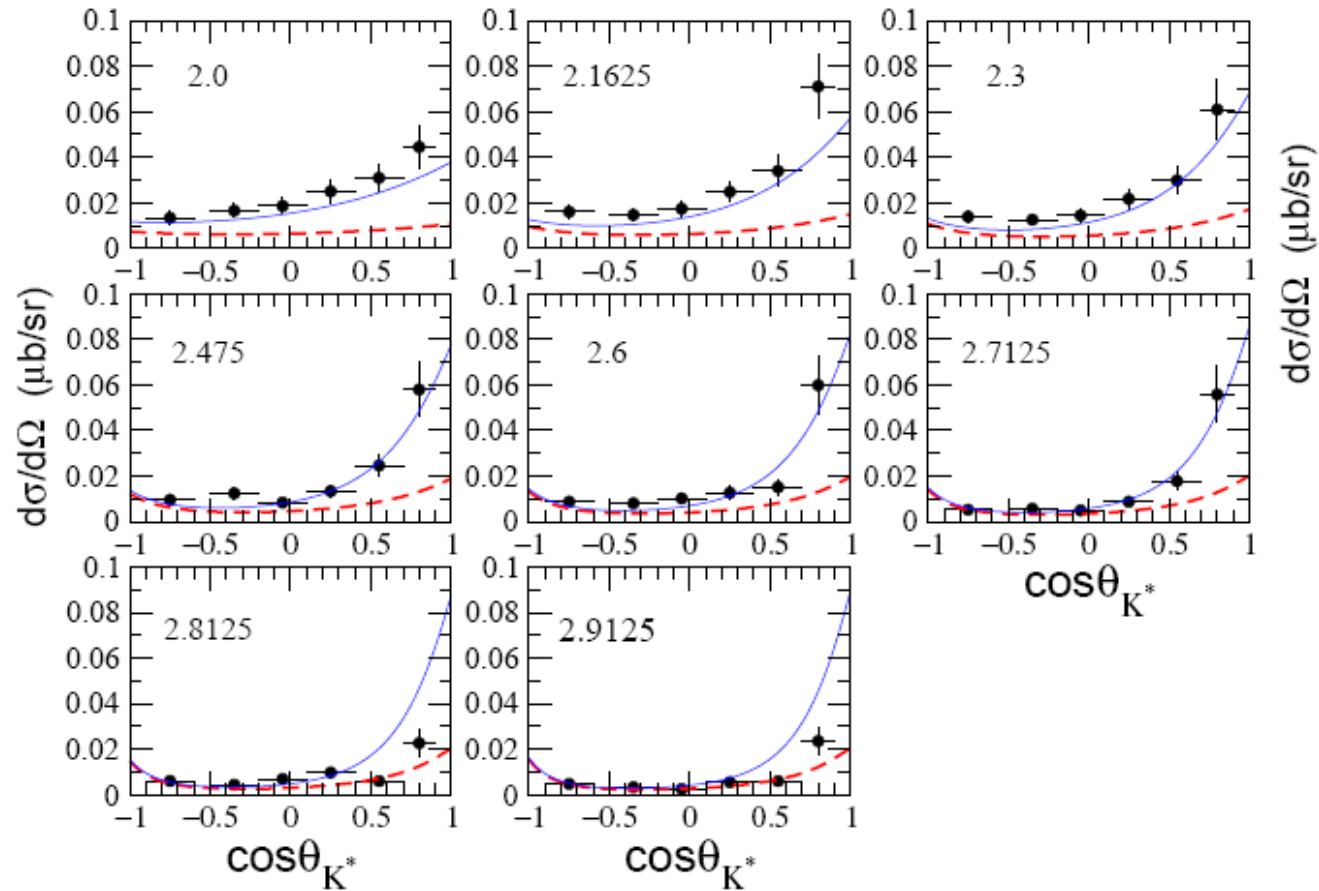
Comparison: CLAS, CB-ELSA

Red (open) = CLAS, Black (solid) = TAPS



Note the strong forward-peaking of TAPS data at higher photon energies.

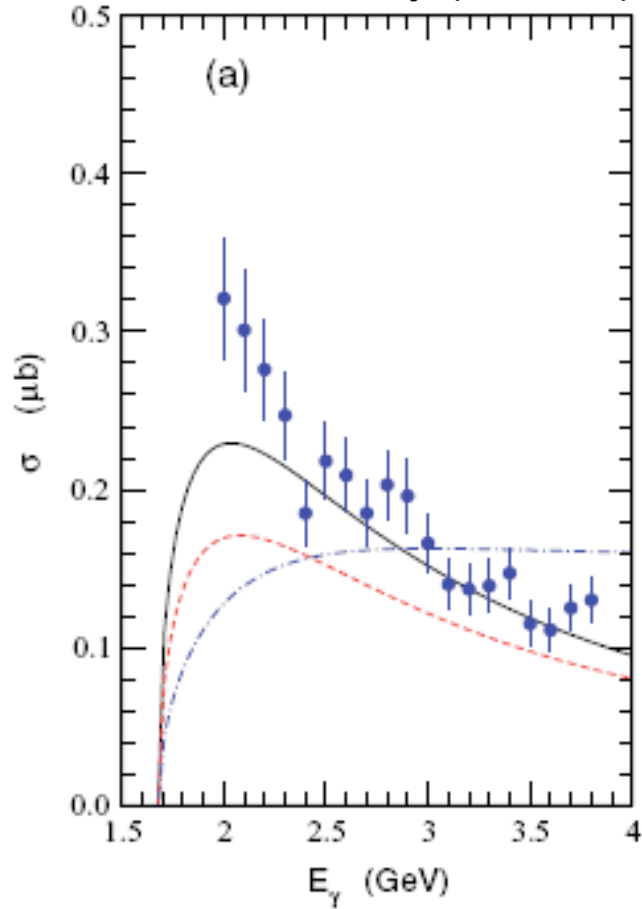
Theory calculations: $K^{*0}\Sigma^+$



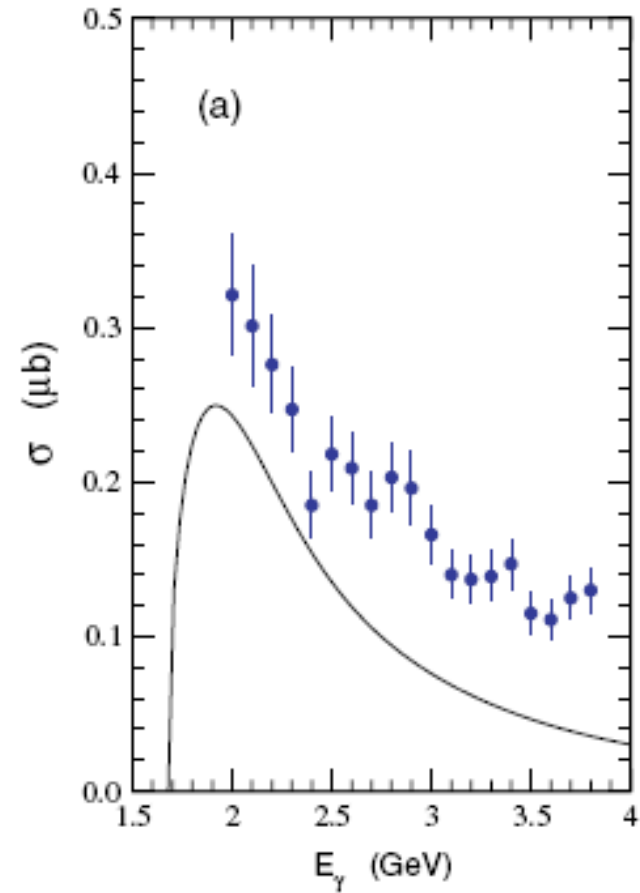
Model I (blue): no kappa form factor; Model II (red): with kappa form factor.

Theory: $K^{*+}\Lambda$

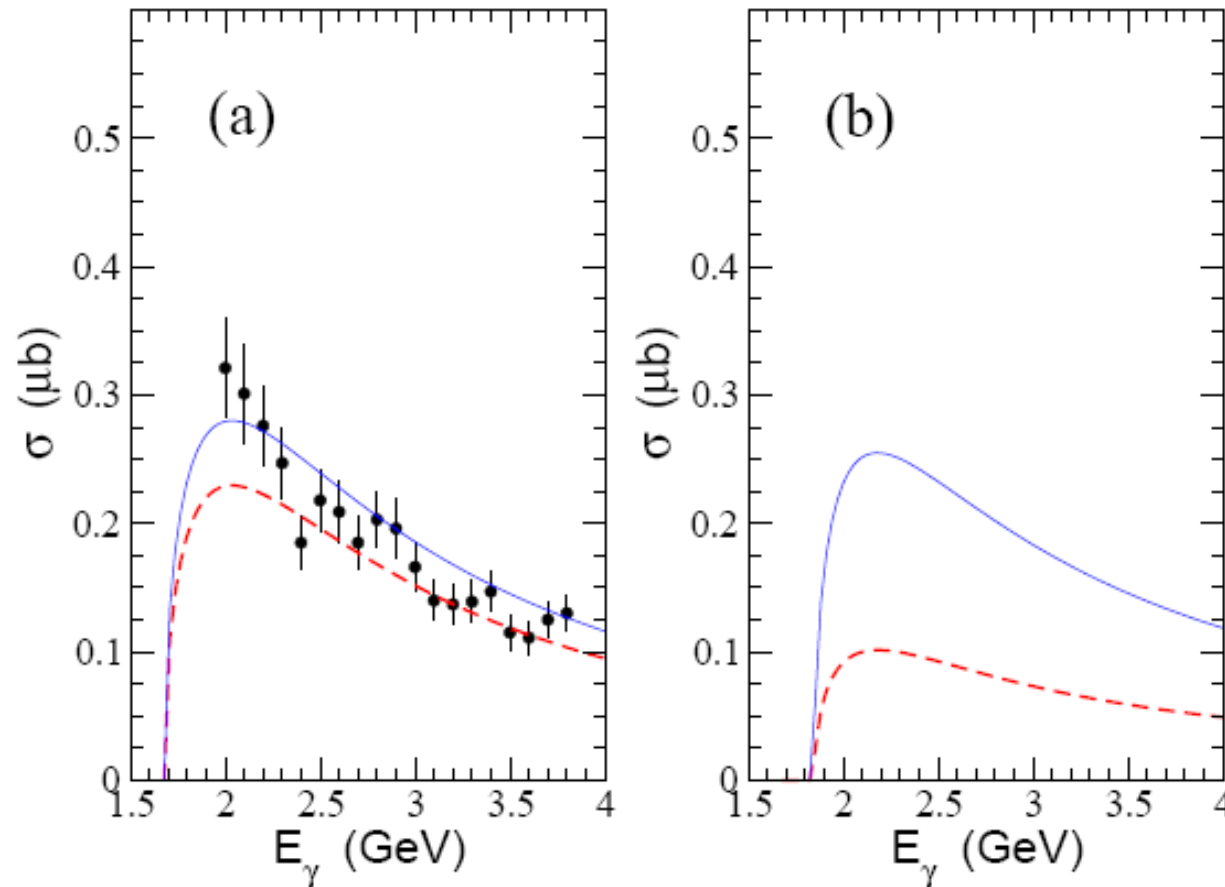
Full calculation (solid line)
 K^+ t-channel only (dashed)



Regge model (kaon trajectory)



Theory: a) $K^{*+}\Lambda$, b) $K^{*0}\Sigma^+$

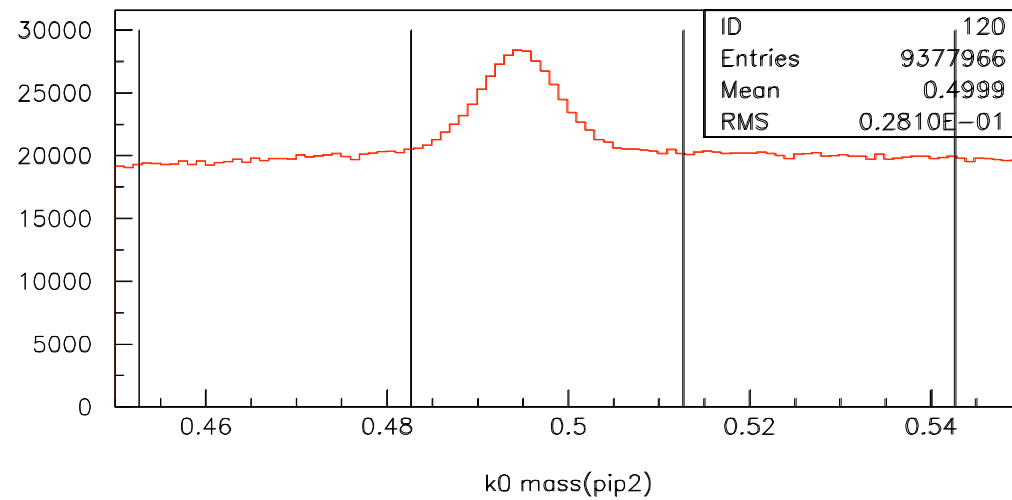
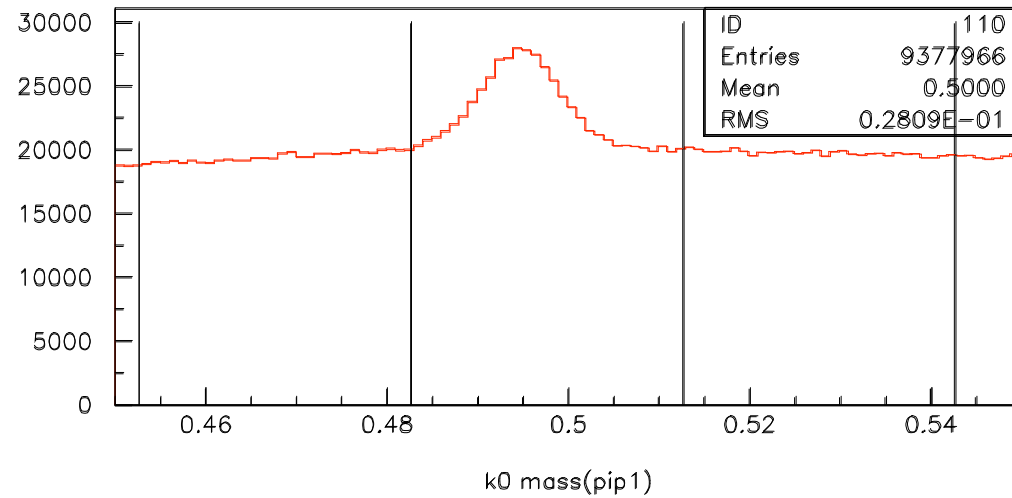


SOLID BLUE: no kappa form factor; DASHED RED: with kappa form factor

K^{*+} Photoproduction

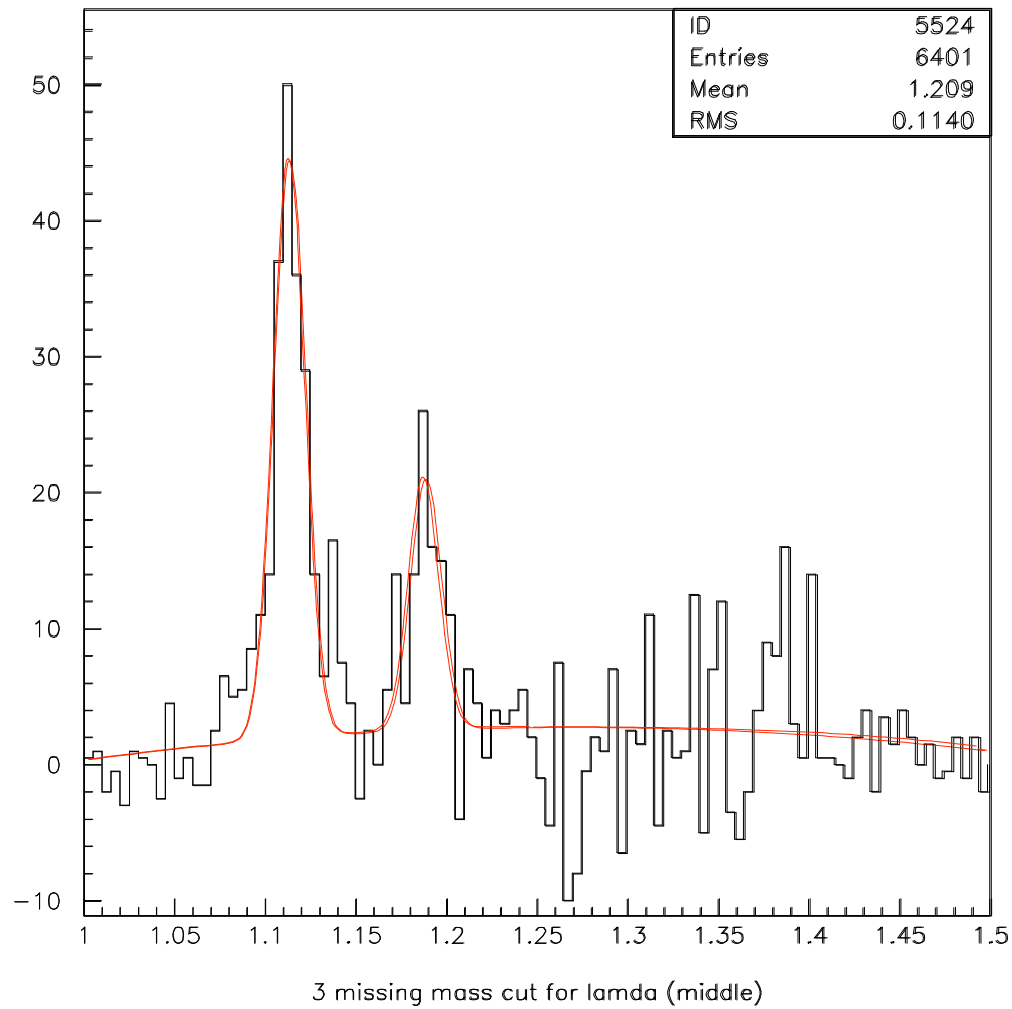
- Using CLAS g11 data set
- Detecting: $\pi^+\pi^-$ pair and another π^+ .
- Missing mass of Lambda and Sigma
- Preliminary acceptance using GSIM
- Absolute normalization
 - Checked using $K^0\Sigma^+$ photoproduction.

K^0 mass peak



Sample fit: one E_γ bin

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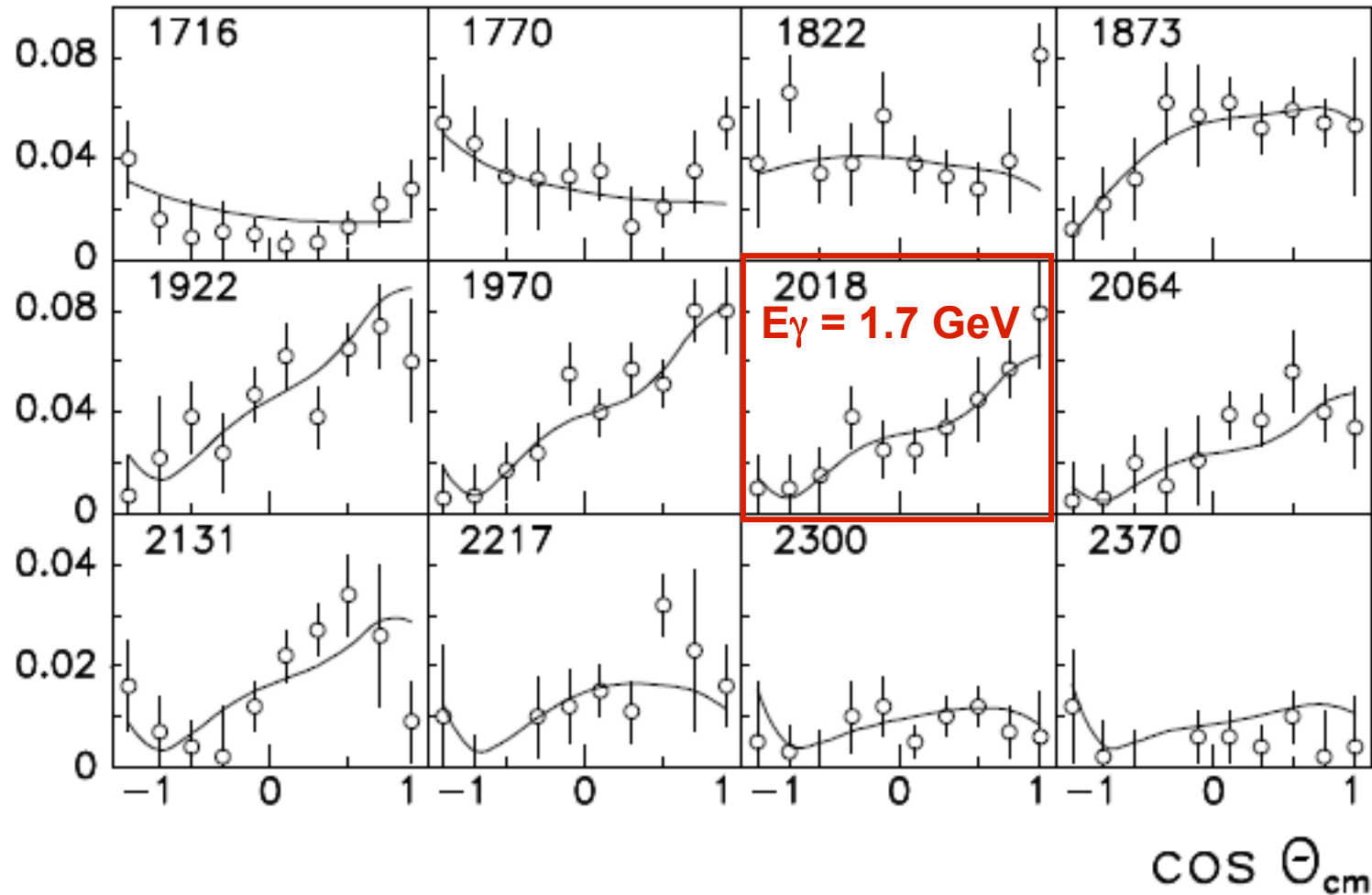


Calibration: $\gamma p \rightarrow K^0 \Sigma^+$ reaction

- Same K^0 identification in final state
- Same photon flux, target, etc.
- Similar simulation calc. (minus one pion)
- Other data exist
 - CLAS (unpub.) B. Carnahan PhD (2003).
 - SAPHIR: R. Lawall et al., Eur. Phys. J. (2005).

SAPHIR: $K^0\Sigma^+$ data

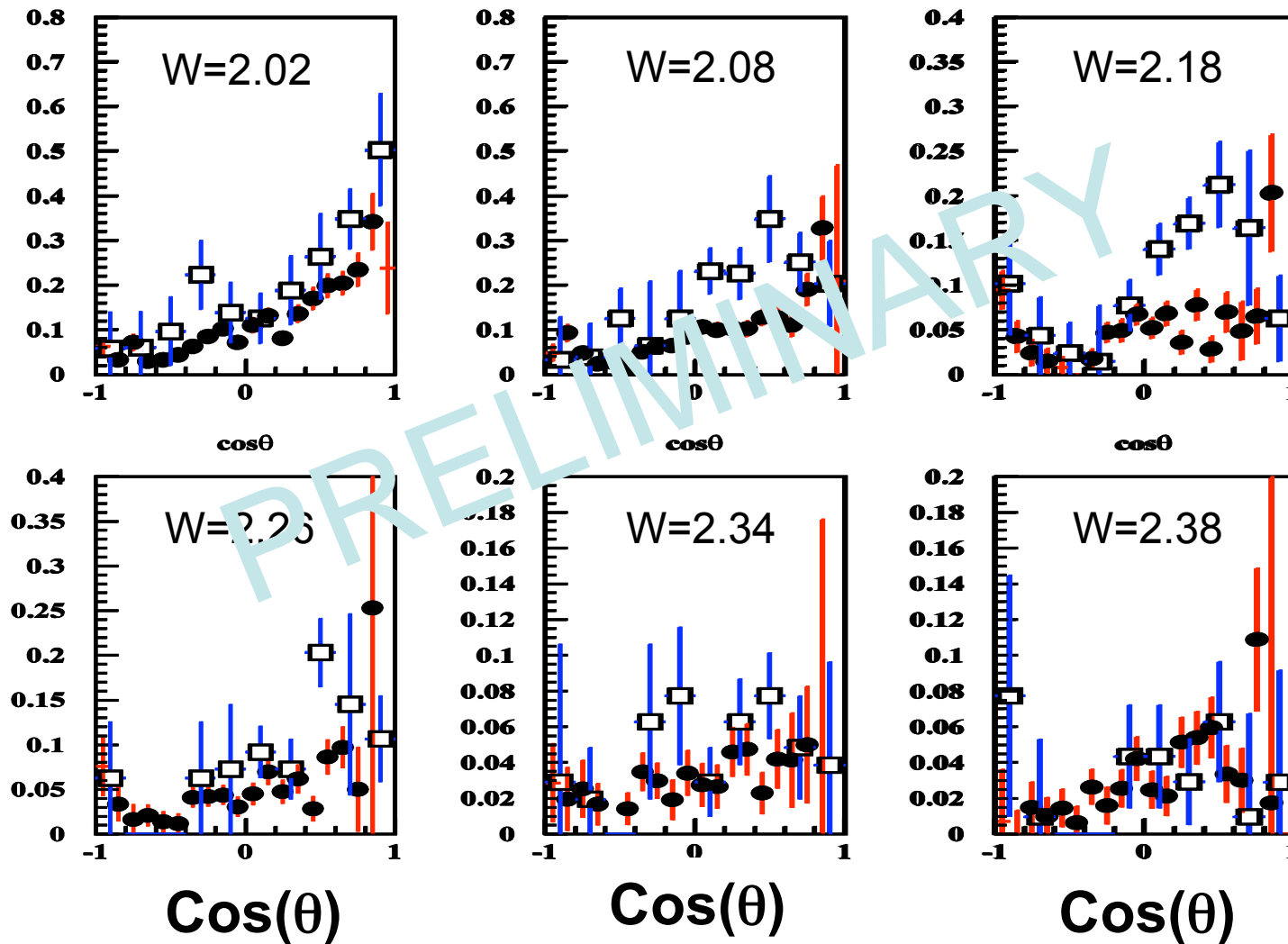
$d\sigma/d\Omega, \mu\text{b}/\text{sr}$



Open points = SAPHIR data, Closed points = CLAS data

Calibration: $K^0\Sigma^+$ cross sections

Differential Cross Sections (μb)



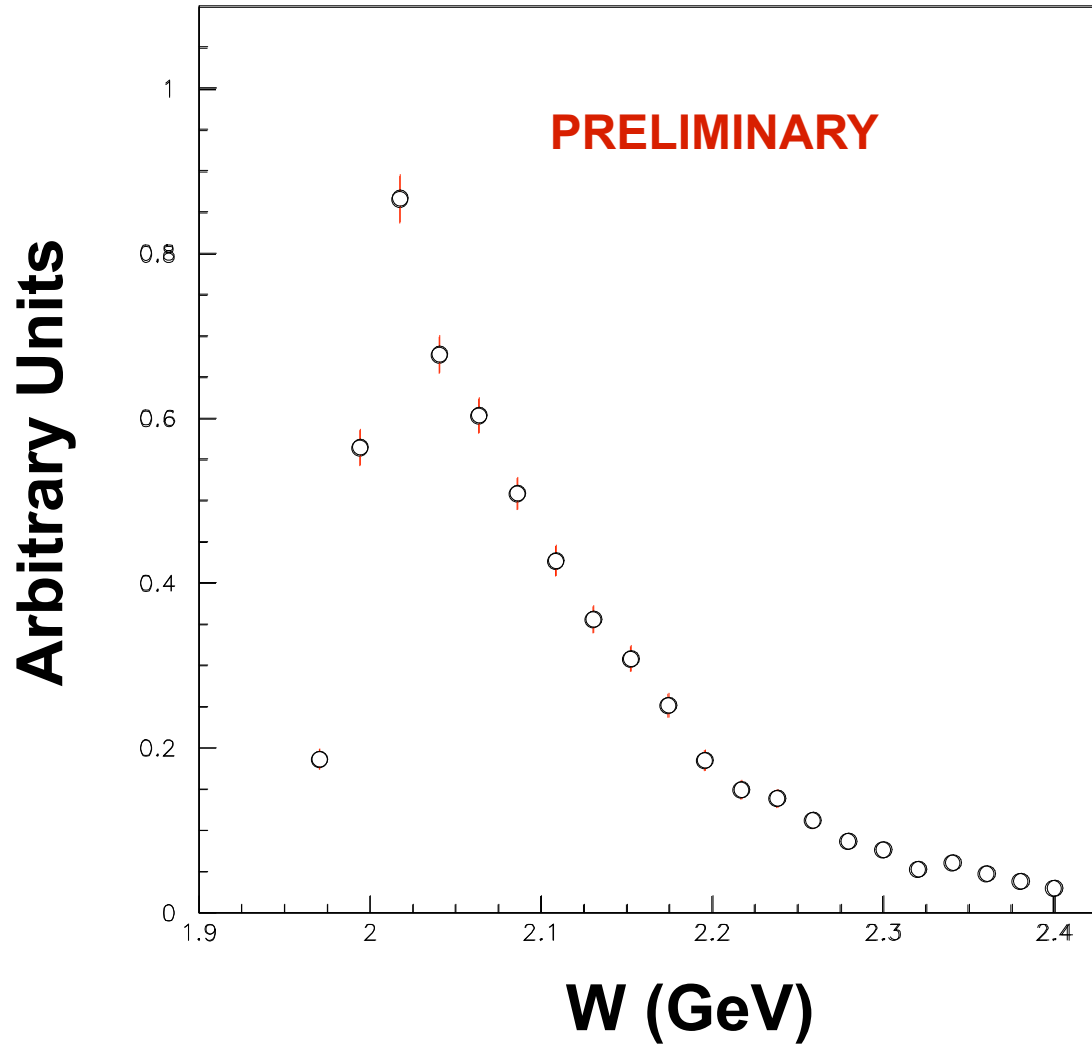
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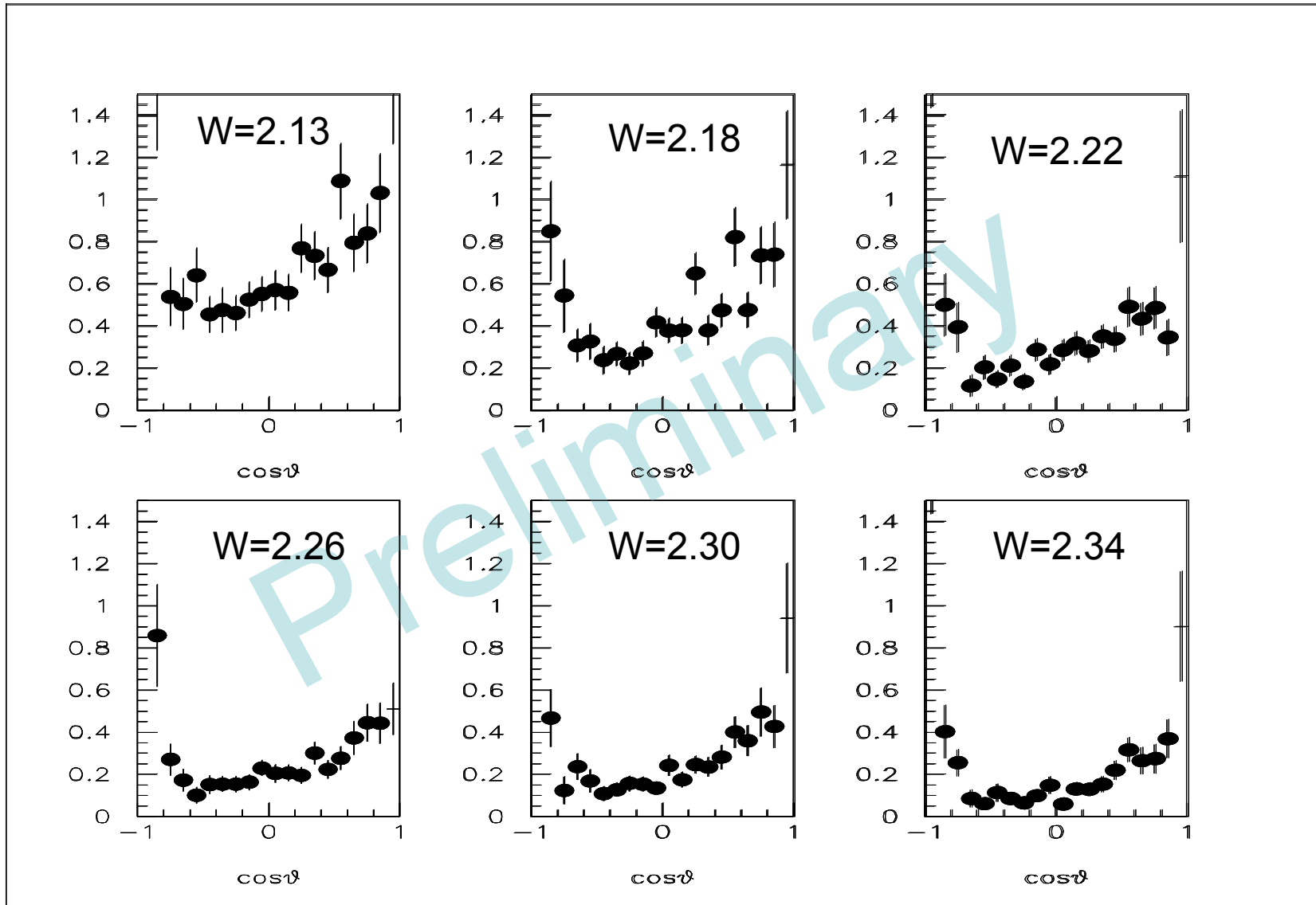
$K^{*+}\Lambda$ Total Cross Sections

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$K^{*+}\Delta$ Normalized Yields

Arbitrary Units

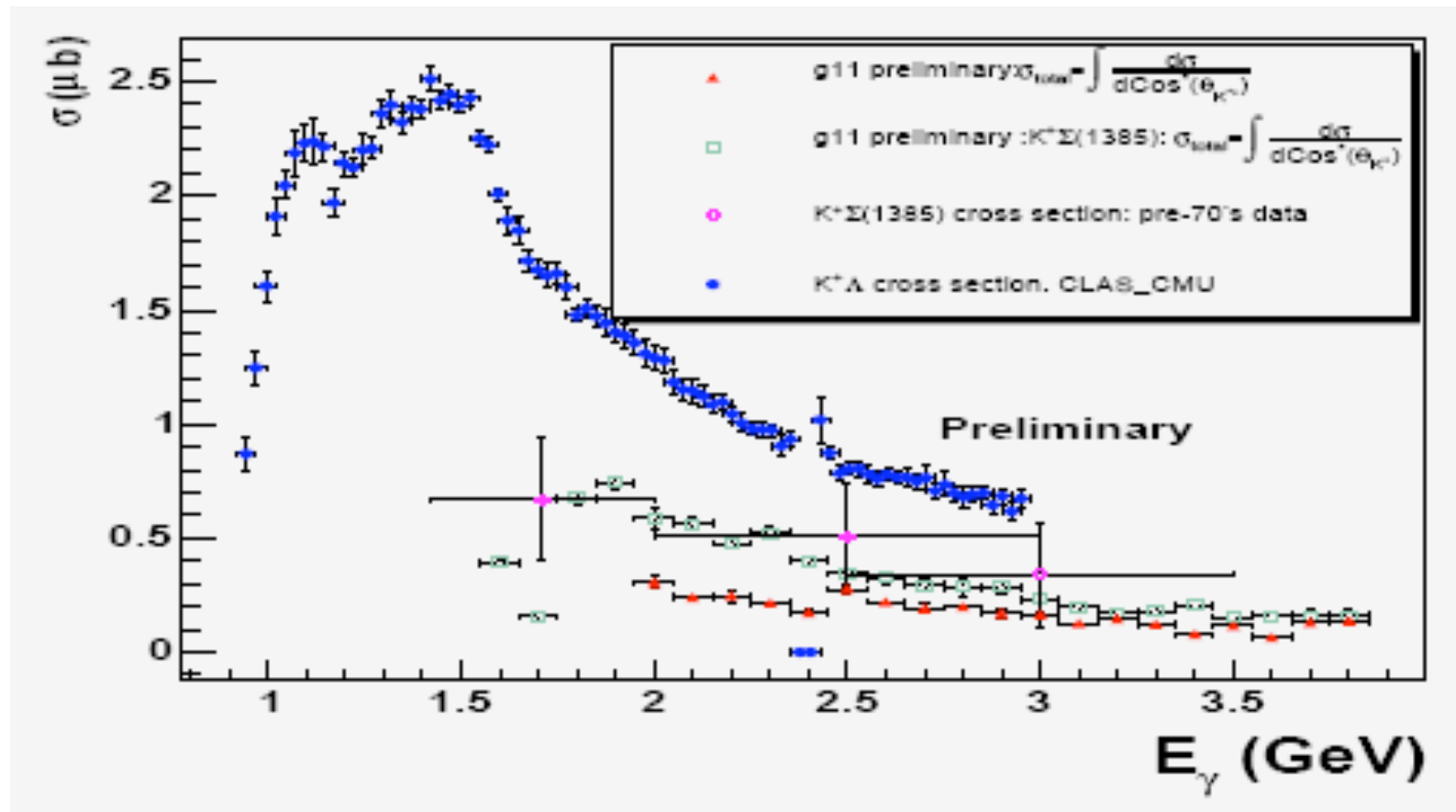


Summary

- $K^{*+}\Lambda$ cross sections are nearly final.
 - Normalizations appear to be understood.
 - Good agreement with most of the SAPHIR data for $K^0\Sigma^+$, but higher precision.
 - For K^{*+} , we will also do Λ polarization.
- In addition to the K^{*+} we plan to redo K^{*0} cross sections with higher precision.
 - Together, these data can be used to test theoretical models including a kappa meson.

$K^{*+}\Lambda$ (CLAS preliminary)

L. Guo and D. Weygand, N* 2005 Conf., hep-ex/060101.



$K^{*+}\Lambda$ shown by the RED points, quoted with 20% uncertainty.

Details on data and cuts

- Runs 43526 – 44107 used ($E=4.02$ GeV).
- Bad paddles were removed.
- Photon identified using 1.0 ns time cuts.
- Particle ID from SC and tagger time cuts.
- Standard fiducial and vertex cuts applied.
- Sideband subtraction to isolate K^0 events.
- K^{*+} mass cut from 0.80-0.98 GeV.