

Modelling the Kaon Production

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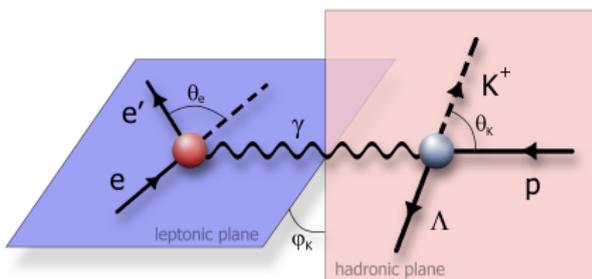
- Thanks to a rising value of α_s with decreasing energy the **perturbation theory in QCD is not suited for small energies** → introduction of effective theories and models
- Models for description of elementary electroproduction of hyperons provide a useful tool in **hypernuclear-physics calculations**
- New **precise data from LEPS, GRAAL** and particularly from **CLAS** collaborations are available for tuning free parameters of the models
- Constituent Quark Model predicts more excited nucleon states than observed in the pion production experiments → **"missing resonance" problem** (some of these unobserved resonances can possibly play a role in the strangeness production channels)

Introduction

Electroproduction Process

$$e + N \rightarrow e' + K + Y$$

- 6 channels: $N = p, n$; $K = K^+, K^0$; $Y = \Lambda, \Sigma^0, \Sigma^+$
- One-photon-exchange approximation allows the separation of **leptonic** and **hadronic** part of the process



Final state only with $K^+\Lambda$ discussed

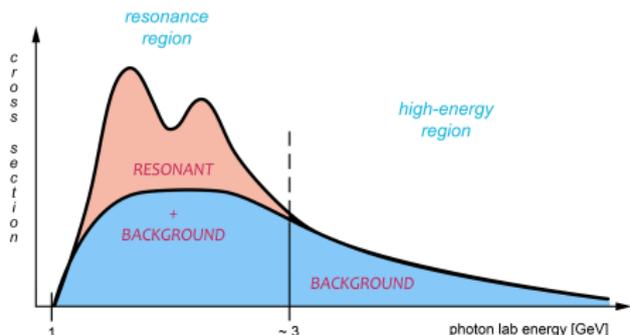
- in the other channels, due to the production of Σ hyperon there should be Δ resonances included
- for $n(\gamma, K^0)\Lambda$ channel no data are available (experiments are running on deuteron targets)

Introduction

Photoproduction Process



- In the case of photoproduction we study the reaction in the hadronic plane
- The threshold of the $p(\gamma, K^+)\Lambda$ process is $E_\gamma^{lab} = 0.911$ GeV
- In the lowest order, the reaction is described through the exchange of intermediate states (resonances)
 - Since there is no dominant resonance, it is needed to consider a number of resonances with mass ≤ 2 GeV (*third resonance region*)



- **Resonance region** dominated by resonant contributions (N^*)
- Many non-resonant contributions (exchange of p , K , Λ ; K^* and Y^*)
 \Rightarrow **background**

Electroproduction cross section

$$\frac{d^3\sigma}{dE_e' d\Omega_e' d\Omega_K^c m} = \Gamma \left[\sigma_T + \varepsilon\sigma_L + \varepsilon\sigma_{TT} \cos(2\varphi_K) + \sqrt{2\varepsilon_L(\varepsilon+1)}\sigma_{LT} \cos\varphi_K \right]$$

Single-polarisation observables

Hyperon polarisation

$$P = \frac{\sigma(\lambda_\Lambda=+1) - \sigma(\lambda_\Lambda=-1)}{\sigma(\lambda_\Lambda=+1) + \sigma(\lambda_\Lambda=-1)}$$

Target polarisation

$$T = \frac{\sigma(\lambda_p=+1) - \sigma(\lambda_p=-1)}{\sigma(\lambda_p=+1) + \sigma(\lambda_p=-1)}$$

Beam asymmetry

$$\Sigma = \frac{\sigma^{(\perp)} - \sigma^{(\parallel)}}{2\sigma_{unpol}}$$

Double-polarisation observables

Beam-recoil polarisation

- γ and Λ polarised

Beam-target polarisation

- γ and p polarised

Target-recoil polarisation

- p and Λ polarised

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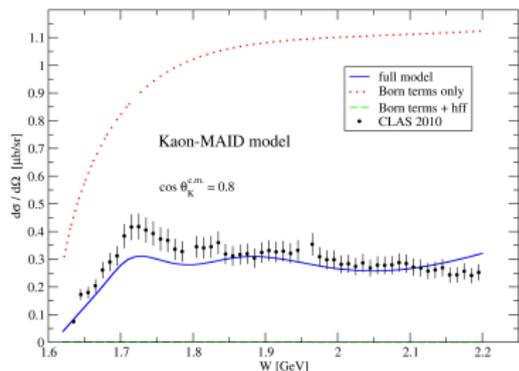
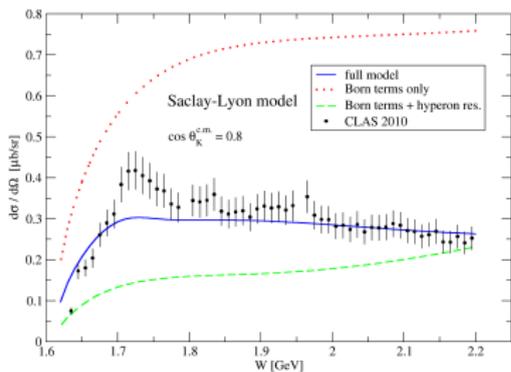
Available Experimental Data for the $p(\gamma, K^+)\Lambda$ Reaction

Observable	No. of data	Collaboration	Year
cross section $d\sigma/d\Omega$	56	SLAC	1969
	720	SAPHIR	2004
	1377	CLAS	2006
	12	LEPS	2007
	2066	CLAS	2010
beam asymmetry Σ	9	SLAC	1979
	45	LEPS	2003
	54	LEPS	2006
	4	LEPS	2007
	66	GRAAL	2007
target polarisation T	3	BONN	1978
	66	GRAAL	2008
hyperon polarisation P	7	DESY	1972
	233	CLAS	2004
	66	GRAAL	2007
	1707	CLAS	2010
C_x, C_z	320	CLAS	2007
O_x, O_z	132	GRAAL	2008

Ways of Describing the $p(\gamma, K^+)\Lambda$ Reaction

- **Constituent Quark Model**
 - no need to introduce the resonances, they emerge naturally as excited states of the system
 - "missing resonance" problem
- **Chiral Perturbation Theory**
 - limited to energies approximately 100 MeV above threshold
→ cannot describe physics in the resonance region
 - contributions from resonances with spin higher than 3/2 cannot be reproduced
- **Coupled-channel Analysis**
 - takes into account different intermediate processes occurring between the initial and final state (e.g. rescattering, final-state interaction)
- **Regge-plus-resonance Model**
 - description in the energy range from threshold up to $E_\gamma^{lab} \approx 16$ GeV
 - the nonresonant part of the amplitude modeled by exchanges of $K^+(494)$ and $K^{*+}(892)$ trajectories
- **Isobar Model**

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- Use of effective hadron Lagrangian
- Satisfactory agreement with the data in the energy range $E_\gamma^{lab} = 0.91 - 2.5$ GeV
- Coupling constants and $SU(3)_f$ symmetry breaking

$$-4.4 \leq \frac{g_{K\Lambda N}}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \leq -3.0, \quad 0.8 \leq \frac{g_{K\Sigma N}}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \leq 1.3$$

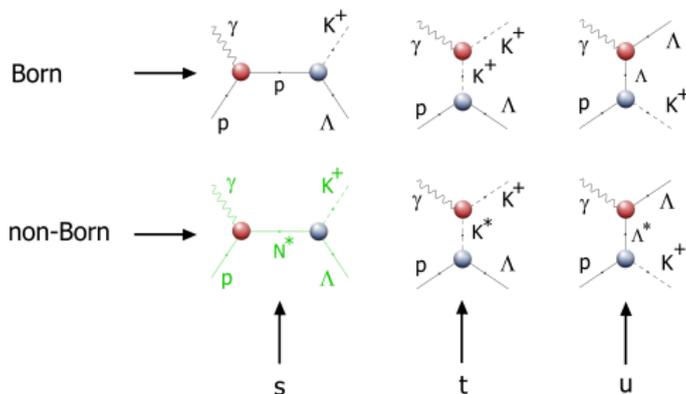
- Problem of large Born contributions (avoided in the RPR approach); solutions:
 - introduction of hyperon resonances in the u -channel (destructive interference with other background terms; Saclay-Lyon model)
 - introduction of hadronic form factors (Kaon-MAID model)
 - ignoring the ranges for $g_{K\Lambda N}$ and $g_{K\Sigma N}$

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Contributing Diagrams

Amplitude constructed as a sum of tree-level Feynman diagrams
(higher-order contributions – rescattering, FSI – included by means of effective values of the coupling constants)

- **background part:** Born terms involving an off-shell proton (s -channel), kaon exchange (t) and hyperon exchange (u); non-Born terms: the exchange of (axial) vector kaon resonances (t) and hyperon resonances (u)
- **resonant part:** s -channel Feynman diagrams with nucleon resonances in the intermediate state



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Considered Resonances: An Overview

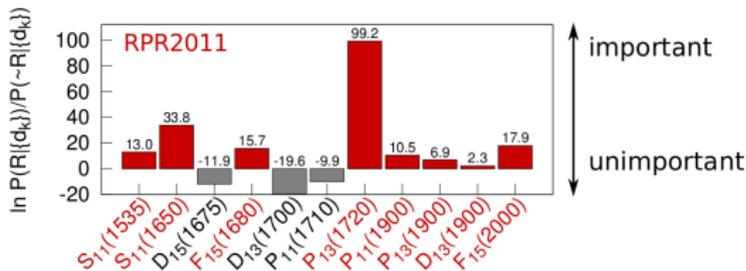
	mass [MeV]	width [MeV]	spin	isospin	parity	Kaon-MAID	Saclay-Lyon	Gent IM	RPR-2007	RPR-2011A	RPR-2011B
$K^*(892)$	892	50	1	1/2	-	✓	✓	✓			
$K_1(1270)$	1270	90	1	1/2	+	✓	✓	✓			
$P_{11}(1440)$	1440	300	1/2	1/2	+		✓				
$S_{11}(1535)$	1535	150	1/2	1/2	-					✓	✓
$S_{11}(1650)$	1655	150	1/2	1/2	-	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
$P_{11}(1710)$	1710	100	1/2	1/2	+	✓		✓	✓		✓
$P_{11}(1900)$	1895	200	1/2	1/2	+					✓	
$P_{13}(1720)$	1720	250	3/2	1/2	+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
$D_{13}(1895)$	1895	370	3/2	1/2	-	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
$P_{13}(1900)$	1900	250	3/2	1/2	+				✓	✓	
$D_{15}(1675)$	1675	150	5/2	1/2	-		✓				
$F_{15}(1680)$	1685	130	5/2	1/2	+					✓	
$F_{15}(2000)$	2000	140	5/2	1/2	+					✓	
$\Lambda(1405)$	1405	50	1/2	0	-		✓				
$\Lambda(1600)$	1600	150	1/2	0	+						
$\Lambda(1800)$	1800	300	1/2	0	-						
$\Lambda(1810)$	1810	150	1/2	0	+		✓				
$\Lambda(1520)$	1520	16	3/2	0	-						
$\Lambda(1890)$	1890	100	3/2	0	+						
$\Sigma(1660)$	1660	100	1/2	1	+		✓				
$\Sigma(1750)$	1750	90	1/2	1	-						
$\Sigma(1670)$	1670	60	3/2	1	-						

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Considered Resonances

A number of contributing resonances results in several versions:

- *Saclay-Lyon*: hyperon resonances $\Lambda(1407)$, $\Lambda(1670)$, $\Lambda(1810)$, $\Sigma(1660)$; nucleon resonances $P_{11}(1440)$, $P_{13}(1720)$, $F_{15}(1680)$; no hadronic form factors
- *Kaon-MAID*: nucleon resonances only $S_{11}(1650)$, $P_{11}(1710)$, $P_{13}(1720)$ a $D_{13}(1895)$ - "missing" resonance (both models include exchange of $K^*(890)$ and $K_1(1270)$)
- *Gent Isobar Model*, *Adelseck-Saghai model*, *Mart et al.*, etc.

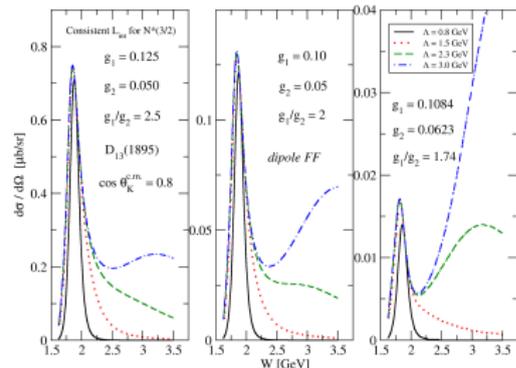
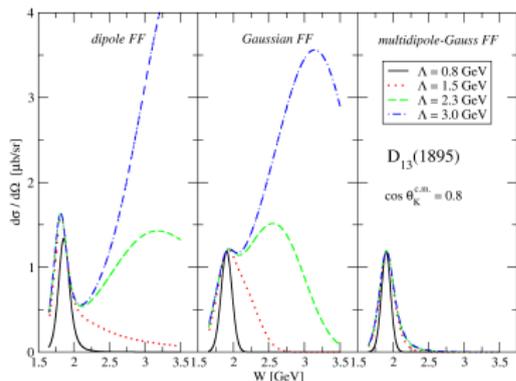


- Claim: dual role of Λ^*
 - reducing the χ^2 value
 - keeping the hadronic cut-off parameter reasonably hard

fig. from P. Vancaeyvelde: *Bayesian inference of the resonance content of $p(\gamma, K^+)\Lambda$* , MESON 2012

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Form Factors in the Isobar Model



- Hadrons have internal structure, vertices can not be treated as point-like interactions \Rightarrow use of form factors
- Effectively, the FF ensures that the resonant diagram does not contribute far from the mass pole of the exchanged particle
- With the FF the **cut-off dependence** is introduced to the cross section \rightarrow the use of **Gaussian** and **dipole** FF creates an artificial cut-off value dependent peak
- The Gent group proposed a **multi-dipole-Gauss** FF as a solution
 - for $J_R = 1/2$ it reduces to the Gauss FF
 - for higher spin, the FF effectively increases the multiplicity of the propagator pole ensuring that the N^* resonates at $s = m_R^2$

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Newly Introduced Formalism for Spin-3/2 Resonances

- The Rarita-Schwinger propagator for the spin-3/2 fields

$$S_{\mu\nu}(q) = \frac{q+m}{q^2 - m^2 + i m \Gamma} P_{\mu\nu}^{(3/2)} - \frac{2}{3m^2} (q+m) P_{22,\mu\nu}^{(1/2)} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}m} \left(P_{12,\mu\nu}^{(1/2)} + P_{21,\mu\nu}^{(1/2)} \right)$$

- Formerly, inconsistent spin-3/2 \mathcal{L}_{int} were used \rightarrow propagation of **unphysical spin-1/2 modes**
- A consistent theory for interacting spin-3/2 fields formulated by V. Pascalutsa (Phys. Rev. D **58** (1998) 096002)
 \rightarrow propagation of **spin-3/2 modes** only (spin-1/2 modes cancel in the amplitude)
- Pascalutsa's spin-3/2 formalism introduced to $N^*(3/2)$ as well as to $Y^*(3/2)$
- The spin-3/2-resonance coupling constants have different normalization factors in both prescriptions

$$G_{inc} \sim \frac{g_{K\Lambda R} g_{\gamma p R}}{m_R}; \quad G_{cons} \sim \frac{g_{K\Lambda R} g_{\gamma p R}}{m_R^2 m_K (m_R + m_i)}, \quad m_i \equiv m_p \text{ or } m_\Lambda$$

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Newly Introduced Formalism for Spin-3/2 Resonances: $Y^*(3/2)$

Spin-3/2 modes operator

$$P_{\mu\nu}^{(3/2)} = g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{3}\gamma^\mu\gamma^\nu - \frac{1}{3u}(q^\mu q^\nu + q^\nu q^\mu)$$

- u can be zero in the physical region
 \Rightarrow **potentially dangerous term**
- u vanishes in the amplitude

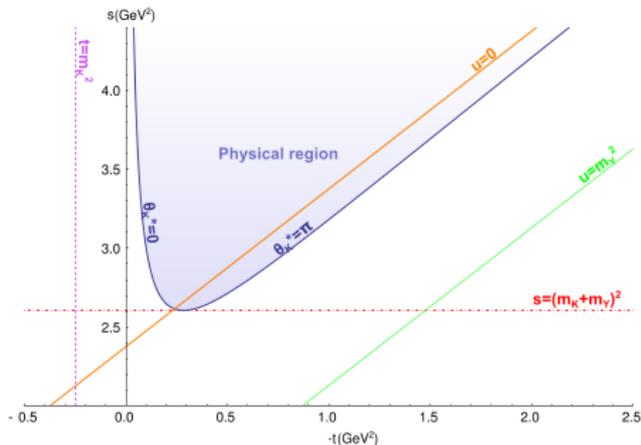


fig. from PhD Thesis of L. De Cruz

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -f\varepsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho}i\gamma_5\gamma^\lambda q^\mu p_K^\rho (q+m_R) \frac{1}{3u}(q^\alpha q^\beta + q^\beta q^\alpha) [g_1 q^\alpha (k_\alpha \varepsilon_\beta - k_\beta \varepsilon_\alpha) + g_2 q (k_\beta \varepsilon - k \varepsilon_\beta)] \\
 & = \frac{-fg_2}{3} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} i\gamma_5 \gamma^\lambda q^\mu p_K^\rho (q+m_R) [\gamma^\nu k (q \cdot \varepsilon) - \gamma^\nu \varepsilon (q \cdot k)]
 \end{aligned}$$

Resonance selection

- K^* : $K^*(892)$, $K_1(1272)$
- N^* : $S_{11}(1535)$, $S_{11}(1650)$, $P_{11}(1900)$, $P_{13}(1720)$, $P_{13}(1900)$, $D_{13}(1900)$, $F_{15}(1680)$, $F_{15}(2000)$...inspired by RPR2011 choice
 - inconsistent $N^*(3/2)$ \mathcal{L}_{int} : $\chi^2/n.d.f. \approx 2.7$; consistent: $\chi^2/n.d.f. \approx 1.8$
 - no $N^*(5/2) \Rightarrow \chi^2/n.d.f. \approx 2.2$; with $N^*(5/2) \Rightarrow \chi^2/n.d.f. \approx 1.8$
- Y^* : $\Lambda(1405)$, $\Lambda(1600)$, $\Lambda(1800)$, $\Lambda(1810)$, $\Sigma(1660)$, $\Sigma(1750)$, $\Lambda(1520)$, $\Lambda(1890)$, $\Sigma(1670)$
 - interchanging $Y^*(1/2)$ with $Y^*(3/2)$ leads to reducing the Y^* coupling constant values by a factor of 10

20 to 25 free parameters:

- $g_{K\Lambda N}$, $g_{K\Sigma N}$
- K^* have vector and tensor couplings
- spin-1/2 resonance \rightarrow 1 parameter;
spin-3/2 and 5/2 resonance \rightarrow 2 parameters
- 2 cut-off parameters for form factor

Around 3400 data points

- cross section (CLAS 2005 & 2010; LEPS, Adelseck-Saghai; Phys. Rev. C 42 (1990) 108)
- hyperon polarisation (CLAS 2010)
- beam asymmetry (LEPS)

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Fitting Procedure

	n96	n103	n65	n75	f1	f1 (inc)	f3	f4
$g(S_{11}(1535))$	0.39	0.55	0.51	0.43	0.51	0.57	0.45	0.44
$g(S_{11}(1650))$	-0.25	-0.28	-0.26	-0.22	-0.26	-0.28	-0.28	-0.27
$g_1(P_{13}(1720))$	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.07	0.09	0.05	0.10	0.10
$g_2(P_{13}(1720))$	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.66	0.01	0.01
$g_1(D_{13}(1895))$	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.14	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11
$g_2(D_{13}(1895))$	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06
$g(P_{11}(1900))$	0.27	0.18	0.11	0.15	0.11	0.05	0.28	0.32
$g_1(P_{13}(1900))$	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.12	0.07	0.07
$g_2(P_{13}(1900))$	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.68	0.03	0.03
$g_1(F_{15}(2000))$	—	—	-1.27	-1.34	-1.28	0.33	-0.73	-1.15
$g_2(F_{15}(2000))$	—	—	-0.83	-1.05	-0.83	-0.03	-0.51	-0.71
$g_1(F_{15}(1680))$	—	—	-2.63	-4.12	-2.56	0.12	-2.07	-2.99
$g_2(F_{15}(1680))$	—	—	-0.49	-1.93	-0.43	0.12	-0.92	-1.42
$g(\Lambda(1405))$	12.07	15.54	14.01	3.84	14.92	1.40	—	14.58
$g(\Lambda(1600))$	—	—	—	-38.38	—	—	—	—
$g(\Lambda(1800))$	-24.69	-28.81	-50.00	-50.00	-48.57	-49.99	39.89	—
$g(\Lambda(1810))$	50.00	90.00	50.00	50.00	49.89	46.70	—	—
$g_1(\Lambda(1520))$	—	—	—	—	—	—	-4.19	—
$g_2(\Lambda(1520))$	—	—	—	—	—	—	-1.69	—
$g_1(\Lambda(1890))$	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.59	7.96
$g_2(\Lambda(1890))$	—	—	—	—	—	—	-0.83	-1.04
$g(\Sigma(1660))$	-42.50	-76.89	-43.01	—	-42.97	-49.99	-7.67	-0.47
$g(\Sigma(1750))$	—	—	15.60	45.48	11.66	68.78	—	—
$g_1(\Sigma(1670))$	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.89	3.62
$g_2(\Sigma(1670))$	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	1.30
Λ_{bgr}	1.11	1.15	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.08	1.12	1.07
Λ_{res}	1.67	1.65	1.39	1.54	1.38	2.50	1.59	1.49
$\chi^2/n.d.f.$	2.22	2.15	1.77	1.66	1.77	2.71	1.76	1.77

One of the best results \rightarrow model f4 with $\chi^2/\text{n.d.f.} = 1.77$

- Resonances:

- K^* : $K^{*+}(892)$, $K_1(1272)$
- N^* : $S_{11}(1535)$, $S_{11}(1650)$, $P_{11}(1900)$, $P_{13}(1720)$, $D_{13}(1895)$,
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- Y^* : $\Lambda(1405)$, $\Sigma(1660)$, $\Lambda(1890)$, $\Sigma(1670)$

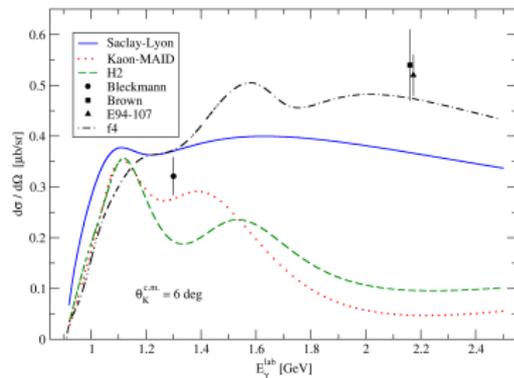
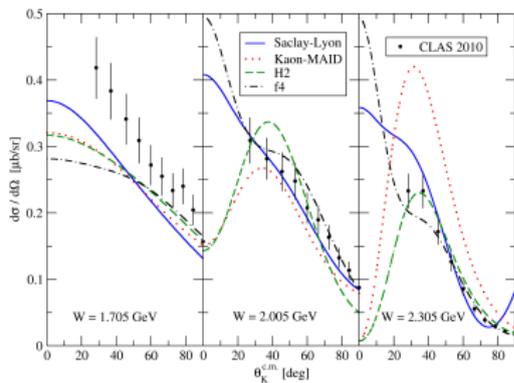
- Hadronic form factor of dipole shape

$$F_{dipole}(x) = \frac{\Lambda^4}{\Lambda^4 + (x - m_x^2)^2}$$

- cut-off parameter for background terms: $\Lambda_{bgr} = 1.0671 \text{ GeV}$
- cut-off parameter for resonances: $\Lambda_{res} = 1.4942 \text{ GeV}$

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Forward-Angle Predictions



- For $\theta_K < 40^\circ$ predictions of the models differ (more apparent at larger energy)
- Factors concerning model behaviour for small angles:
 - hadron form factor (cut-off dependence: the lower the cut-off value the harder the cross-section suppression)
 - relative sign between vector and tensor coupling of kaon resonances
 - hyperon spin-1/2 resonances
 - nucleon spin-3/2 resonances with consistent formalism
- The lack of experimental data in the very-forward-angle region does not allow to test reliably the models

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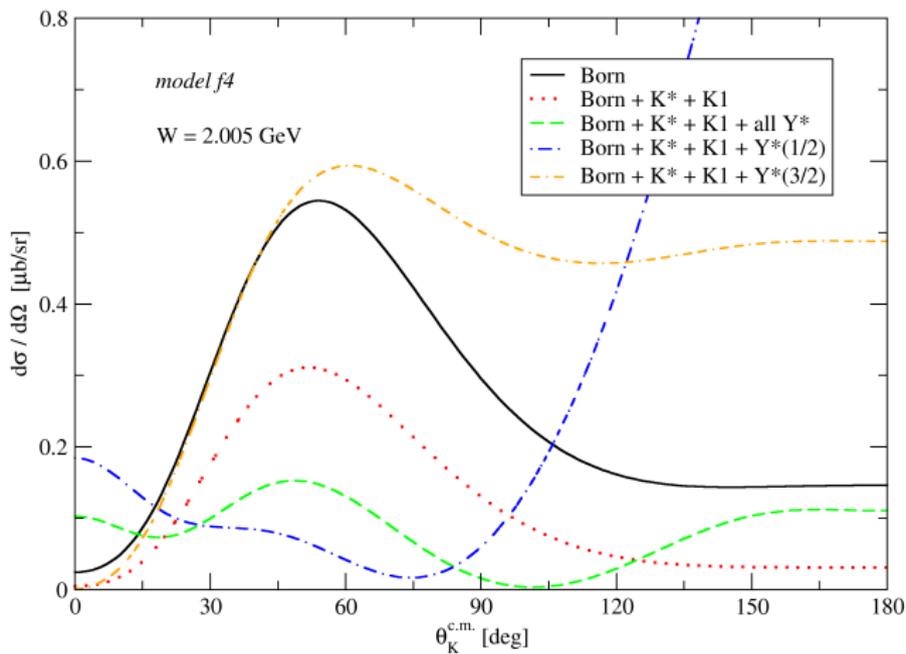


Figure : Forward-angle prediction of the background part of the model f4. The only significant contribution for $\theta_K^{c.m.} \leq 20^\circ$ stems from $Y^*(1/2)$.

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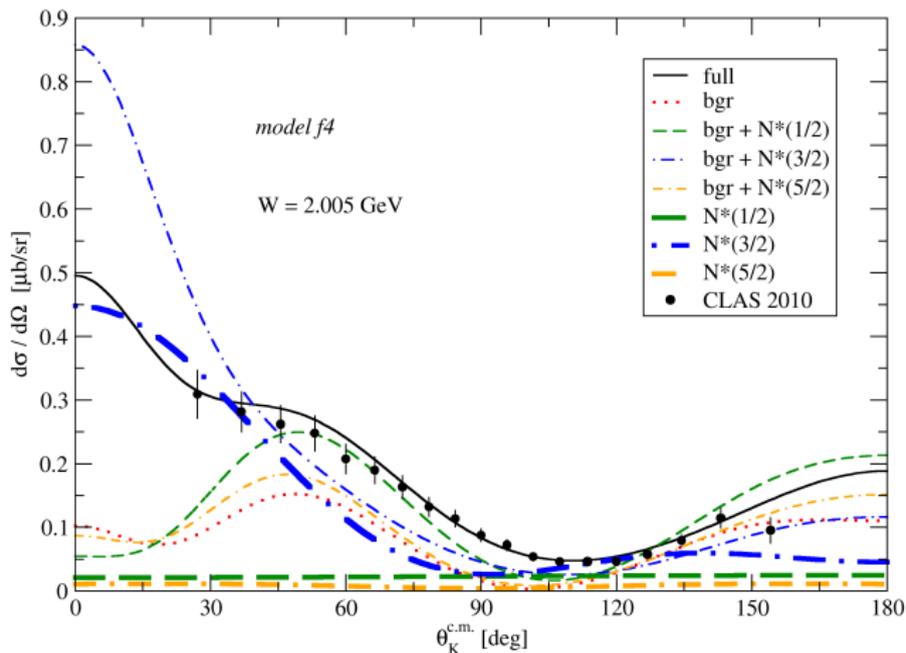


Figure : Forward-angle prediction of N^* with spin $1/2$, $3/2$ and $5/2$.

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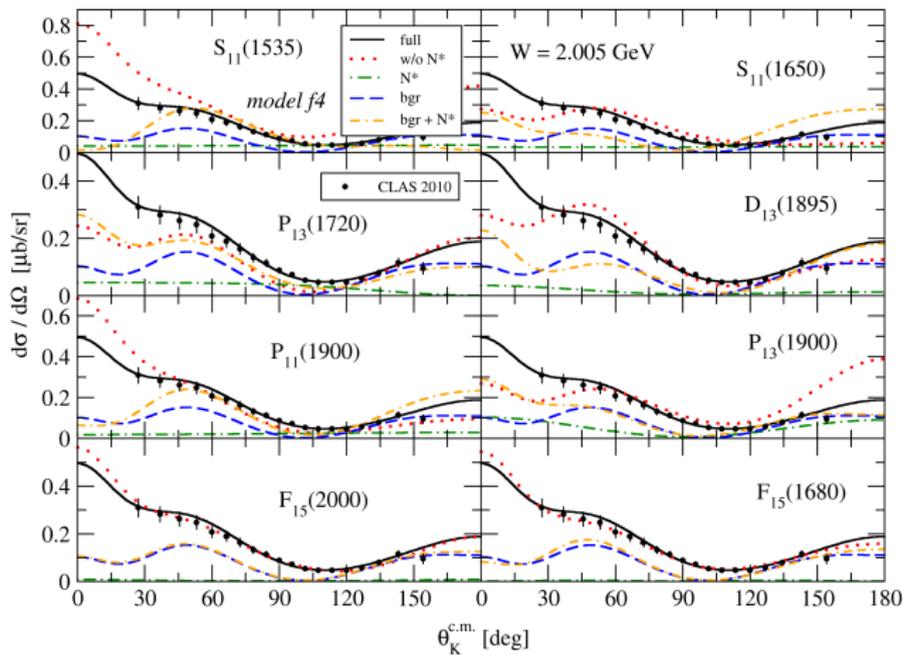
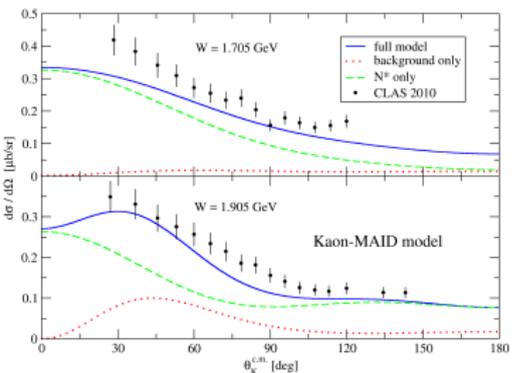
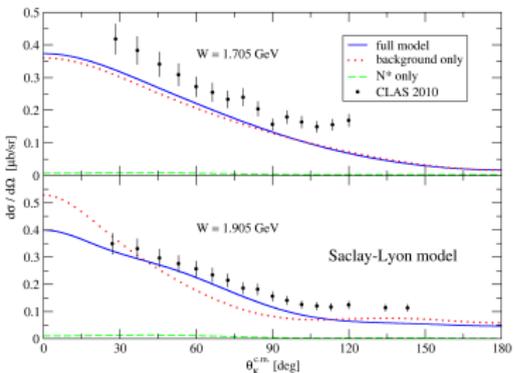


Figure : Contributions of background, different N^* and their combination with background terms to the cross-section prediction in the forward-angle region.

- Main features of isobar models discussed
 - new consistent formalism for spin-3/2 resonances
 - unphysical lower-spin components vanish
 - the choice of contributing resonances and their role
 - consistent formalism for $N^*(3/2)$ gives lower χ^2 values
 - introducing $Y^*(3/2)$ leads to lower Y^* coupling constants
- Forward-angle predictions of the models (important for calculations of hypernuclei production cross sections) differ significantly
 - new precise data for $\theta_K^{c.m.} = 0 - 20^\circ$ and $W = 2 - 3 \text{ GeV}$ needed to test the models and properly understand the reaction mechanism in this region

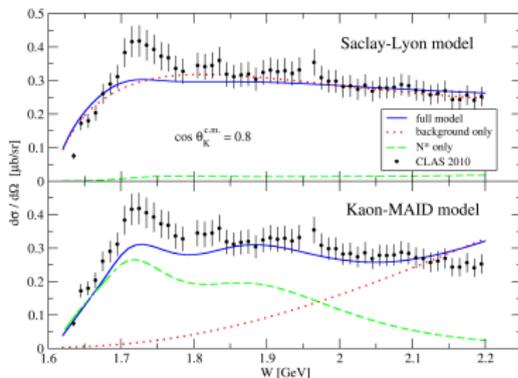
Back Up

Isobar Model: Contributions of N^* and Background to the Cross Section



- Apart from background and resonant terms, the interference terms also contribute to the cross section
- Schematically:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \sim |M_{bgr}|^2 + \text{Re}M_{bgr}M_{res}^* + |M_{res}|^2$$



- Reaction amplitude consists of several s -, t - and u -channel (non-)Born contributions, *i. e.*

$$\mathbb{M} = \sum_x \mathbb{M}_x, \text{ where } x \equiv s, t, u, N^*, K^*, Y^*$$

- Each contribution can be written in the compact form

$$\mathbb{M}(p, p_\Lambda, k) = \bar{u}_\Lambda(p_\Lambda) \gamma_5 \left(\sum_{j=1}^6 \mathcal{A}_j(s, t, u) \mathcal{M}_j \right) u_p(p),$$

where \mathcal{A}_j are scalar amplitudes and \mathcal{M}_j are **gauge-invariant** operators, *i. e.* $k_\mu \mathcal{M}_j^\mu = 0$, of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_1 &= \frac{1}{2} [k \not{\epsilon} - \not{\epsilon} k], & \mathcal{M}_2 &= (p \cdot \epsilon) - (k \cdot p) \frac{(k \cdot \epsilon)}{k^2}, \\ \mathcal{M}_3 &= (p_\Lambda \cdot \epsilon) - (k \cdot p_\Lambda) \frac{(k \cdot \epsilon)}{k^2}, & \mathcal{M}_4 &= \not{\epsilon} (k \cdot p) - \not{k} (p \cdot \epsilon), \\ \mathcal{M}_5 &= \not{\epsilon} (k \cdot p_\Lambda) - \not{k} (p_\Lambda \cdot \epsilon), & \mathcal{M}_6 &= \not{k} (k \cdot \epsilon) - \not{\epsilon} k^2. \end{aligned}$$

- Gauge invariance related to the principle of charge conservation
- Contributions from the u -channel Born and all non-Born terms are gauge invariant
- Problem arises for the s - and t -channel Born terms which are not individually gauge invariant:

$$\mathbb{M}_{Bs} = \bar{u}_\Lambda(p_\Lambda) \gamma_5 \left[\mathcal{A}_1 \mathcal{M}_1 + \mathcal{A}_2 \mathcal{M}_2 + \mathcal{A}_4 \mathcal{M}_4 + \mathcal{A}_6 \mathcal{M}_6 + i e g_{K\Lambda p} \frac{(k \cdot \varepsilon)}{k^2} \right] u_p(p),$$

$$\mathbb{M}_{Bt} = \bar{u}_\Lambda(p_\Lambda) \gamma_5 \left[\mathcal{A}_2 \mathcal{M}_2 + \mathcal{A}_3 \mathcal{M}_3 - i e g_{K\Lambda p} \frac{(k \cdot \varepsilon)}{k^2} \right] u_p(p),$$

- **Gauge non-invariant term** is canceled in the total amplitude
- Another problem emerges while introducing form factors at hadron vertex \rightarrow addition of contact term needed

- Using de Swart's convention for the unbroken $SU(3)_f$ symmetry, one can determine the two main KYN coupling constants as

$$g_{K\Lambda N} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}(3 - 2\alpha_D)g_{\pi NN}, \quad g_{K\Sigma N} = (2\alpha_D - 1)g_{\pi NN}$$

- It is known that the $SU(3)_f$ symmetry is not exact, assuming the symmetry breaking at the level of 20 % one gets the following ranges for the coupling constants (taking experimental value $g_{\pi NN}^2/4\pi = 14.4$ and $\alpha_D = 0.644$)

$$-4.4 \leq \frac{g_{K\Lambda N}}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \leq -3.0, \quad 0.8 \leq \frac{g_{K\Sigma N}}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \leq 1.3$$

- While introducing form factors, the gauge non-invariant terms in s - and t -channel will no longer cancel

$$\mathbb{M}_{s-el} = F_s e g_{K\Lambda p} \bar{u}_\Lambda(p_\Lambda) \gamma_5 \frac{\not{p} + \not{k} + m_p}{s - m_p^2} \gamma^\mu u_p(p) \varepsilon_\mu,$$

$$\mathbb{M}_t = F_t e g_{K\Lambda p} \bar{u}_\Lambda(p_\Lambda) \gamma_5 \frac{(2p_K - k)^\mu}{t - m_K^2} u_p(p) \varepsilon_\mu$$

- The remedy is to introduce a contact term of the form

$$\mathbb{M}_{contact} = e g_{K\Lambda p} \bar{u}_\Lambda \gamma_5 \left[\frac{2\not{p}^\mu + \not{k} \gamma^\mu}{s - m_p^2} (\hat{F} - F_s) + \frac{2\not{p}_K^\mu}{t - m_K^2} (\hat{F} - F_t) \right] u_p \varepsilon_\mu$$

- This ensures the gauge invariance:

$$k_\mu (\mathbb{M}_{s-el}^\mu + \mathbb{M}_t^\mu + \mathbb{M}_{contact}^\mu) = 0$$

- Considered Λ^* :

	mass [GeV]	width [GeV]	spin	isospin	parity
$S_{01}(1405)$ 'L1'	1.405	0.050	1/2	0	-1
$P_{01}(1600)$ 'L2'	1.600	0.150	1/2	0	1
$S_{01}(1670)$ 'L3'	1.670	0.035	1/2	0	-1
$S_{01}(1800)$ 'L4'	1.800	0.300	1/2	0	-1
$P_{01}(1810)$ 'L5'	1.810	0.150	1/2	0	1

- Claim: dual role of Λ^*
 - reducing the χ^2 value
 - keeping the hadronic cut-off parameter reasonably hard

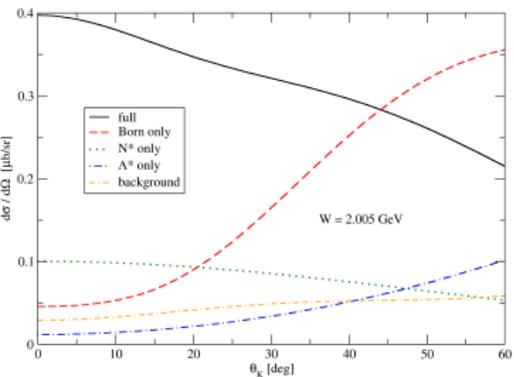
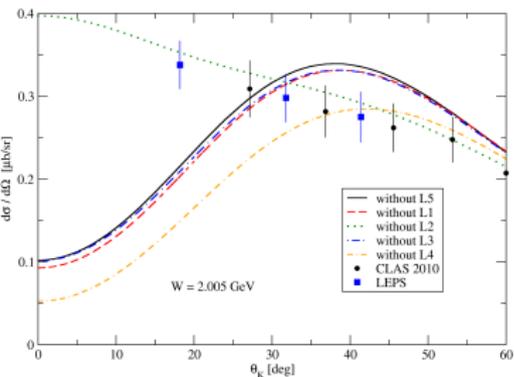
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Isobar Model: The Role of Hyperon Resonances

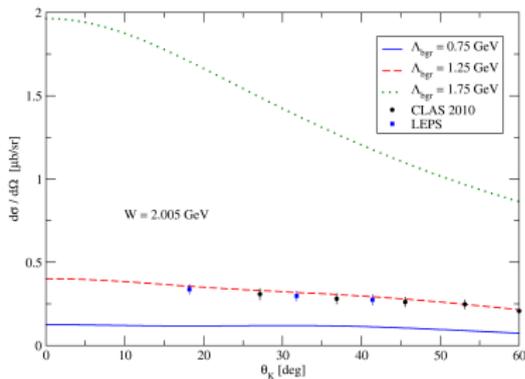
Λ^*	Λ_{bgr} [GeV]	$\chi^2/\text{n.d.f.}$	Λ^*	Λ_{bgr} [GeV]	$\chi^2/\text{n.d.f.}$
no Λ^*	0.55	1.38	L2+L3+L4	1.09	1.10
L1	0.64	1.29	L3+L4+L5	0.78	1.12
L2	0.90	1.26	L1+L3+L4	0.54	1.03
L3	0.66	1.42	L1+L4+L5	0.73	1.13
L4	0.65	1.49	L2+L4+L5	0.78	1.18
L5	0.87	1.25	L1+L3+L5	0.73	1.15
L1+L2	0.77	1.18	L1+L2+L5	0.75	1.16
L1+L3	0.62	1.41	L1+L2+L3	0.99	1.03
L1+L4	0.65	1.19	L2+L3+L5	0.76	1.17
L1+L5	0.75	1.15	L1+L2+L4	0.76	1.14
L2+L3	0.76	1.17	L1+L2+L3+L4	0.74	1.11
L2+L4	0.77	1.19	L2+L3+L4+L5	0.79	1.13
L2+L5	0.81	1.32	L1+L3+L4+L5	1.25	1.03
L3+L4	0.67	1.40	L1+L2+L4+L5	0.77	1.18
L3+L5	0.77	1.15	L1+L2+L3+L5	1.10	1.42
L4+L5	1.23	1.10	L1+L2+L3+L4+L5	0.98	1.12

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Isobar Model: The Role of Hyperon Resonances



- Cross-section predictions of fit without L2 differ significantly from predictions of other fits
 - the difference caused mainly by the value of $\Lambda_{bgr} = 1.25$ (background terms weakly regularised) \rightarrow strong cut-off dependence



- Hadronic form factors

- dipole: $F_{dipole}(x) = \frac{\Lambda^4}{\Lambda^4 + (x - m_x^2)^2}$
- Gaussian: $F_{Gauss}(x) = \exp\left(-\frac{(x - m_x^2)^2}{\Lambda^4}\right)$
- Multi-dipole-Gauss:

$$F_{mG}(x) = \left[\frac{m_x^2 \tilde{\Gamma}^2}{(x - m_x^2)^2 + m_x^2 \tilde{\Gamma}^2} \right]^{J-1/2} F_{Gauss}(x), \quad \tilde{\Gamma}(J) = \frac{\Gamma}{\sqrt{2(1/2J)-1}}$$

HFF introduced by the method of Davidson and Workman

$$F = F_s(s) + F_t(t) - F_s(s)F_t(t)$$

- Framework for the **high-energy** ($E_\gamma^{lab} > 4 \text{ GeV}$) **forward-angle** kinematical region
- Instead of the exchange of single particles, the reaction dynamics is governed by the exchange of entire **Regge trajectories**
 - This is achieved by replacing the usual Feynman propagator of a single particle with a Regge one

$$\frac{1}{t - m_X^2} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{Regge}^X(\alpha_X(t))$$

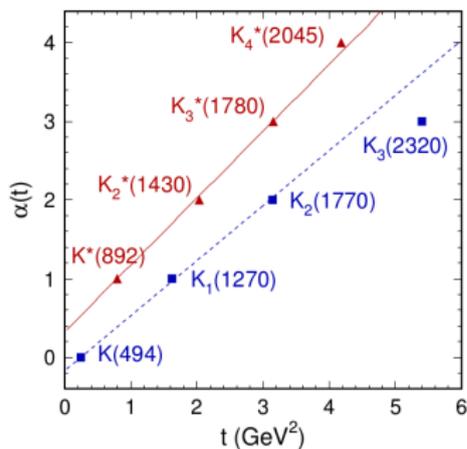
- The Regge amplitude can then be written as

$$\mathbb{M}_{Regge} = \beta_X \mathcal{P}_{Regge}^X(\alpha_X(t))$$

- The focus on the forward-angle kinematical region implies the exchange of kaonic trajectories in the t -channel

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Regge Model: Regge Trajectories and Propagators



- Regge trajectory \equiv set of mesons sharing the same internal quantum numbers
- The $K(494)$ and $K^*(892)$ trajectories are dominant contributions to the high-energy amplitudes

$$\alpha_{K^+}(t) = 0.70 \text{ GeV}^{-2}(t - m_{K^+}^2)$$

$$\alpha_{K^*}(t) = 1 + 0.85 \text{ GeV}^{-2}(t - m_{K^*(892)}^2)$$

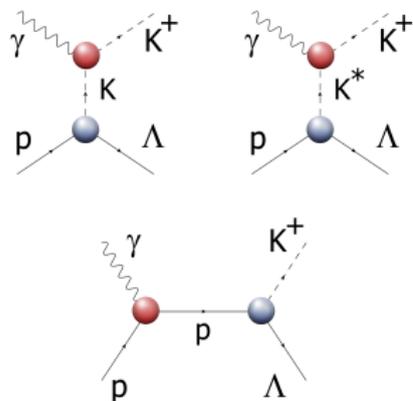
- Corresponding Regge propagators are

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{Regge}}^{K(494)}(s, t) = \frac{(s/s_0)^{\alpha_K(t)}}{\sin(\pi\alpha_K(t))} \frac{\pi\alpha'_K}{\Gamma(1+\alpha_K(t))} \left\{ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ e^{-i\pi\alpha_K(t)} \end{matrix} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{Regge}}^{K^*(892)}(s, t) = \frac{(s/s_0)^{\alpha_{K^*}(t)-1}}{\sin(\pi(\alpha_{K^*}(t)-1))} \frac{\pi\alpha'_{K^*}}{\Gamma(\alpha_{K^*}(t))} \left\{ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ e^{-i\pi(\alpha_{K^*}(t)-1)} \end{matrix} \right\}$$

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Regge Model: Gauge Invariance Restoration



- Exchange of the $K^+(494)$ in the t -channel breaks gauge invariance
 - in the typical effective-Lagrangian theory, the Born terms do not individually obey gauge invariance, but their sum does
 - in addition to the $K^+(494)$ and $K^{*+}(892)$ trajectory exchanges, the Regge amplitude should also include a contribution from the [Reggeized](#) electric part of the s -channel Born term

Regge amplitude

$$M_{\text{Regge}} = M_{\text{Regge}}^{K^+} + M_{\text{Regge}}^{K^{*+}} + M_{\text{Feyn}}^{p,el} \cdot \mathcal{P}_{\text{Regge}}^{K^+} \cdot (s - m_p^2)$$

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Regge-plus-resonance Model

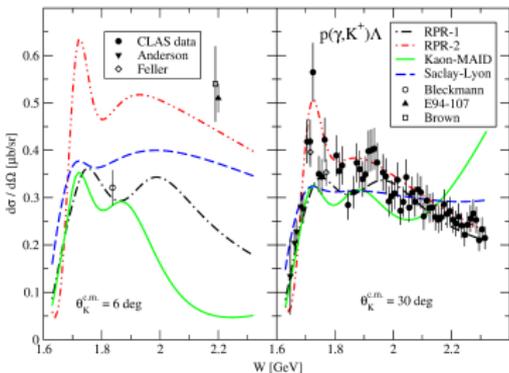
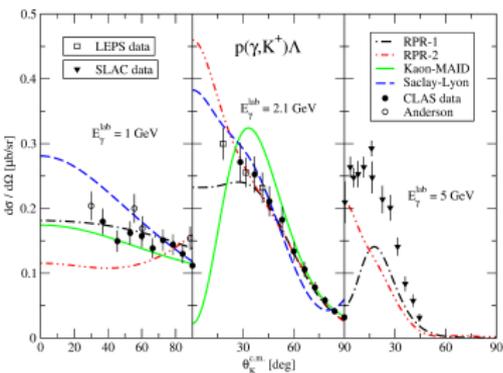
- Description in the energy range from threshold up to $E_{\gamma}^{lab} \approx 16$ GeV
- The nonresonant part of the amplitude modeled by exchanges of $K^+(494)$ and $K^{*+}(892)$ trajectories \rightarrow only three free parameters of background: $g_{K\Lambda p}$, $G_{K^*}^v$, $G_{K^*}^t$
 - the resonant part described by adding resonant s -channel diagrams with standard Feynman propagators
 - in the high-energy regime, all resonant contributions vanish (thanks to inclusion of a form factor at $K\Lambda R$ vertices) and only the Regge part of the amplitude remains

$$\mathcal{M}_{RPR} = \sum_{\mathcal{K}} \left(\begin{array}{c} \gamma \text{---} (\gamma K \mathcal{K}) \\ \bullet \\ \downarrow \alpha_{\mathcal{K}}(t) \\ \bullet \\ p \text{---} (p \mathcal{K} Y) \end{array} \right)_{Regge} + \sum_R \left(\begin{array}{c} \gamma \text{---} (\gamma p R) \\ \bullet \\ \rightarrow R \rightarrow \bullet \\ (RKY) \\ \downarrow \\ Y \end{array} \right)_{Feyn}$$

- The unreasonably large Born contribution is absent \rightarrow no hadronic form factors for the background needed

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Regge-plus-resonance Model: Comparison with Isobar Models



- Bayesian analysis inspired us to construct new RPR models assuming nucleon resonances $S_{11}(1535)$, $S_{11}(1650)$, $P_{11}(1710)$, $P_{13}(1720)$, $D_{13}(1895)$ selected in the analysis
- Attention to the behaviour of the models in the forward-angle region have been paid
- Both models fitted to LEPS and CLAS cross section data:
 - RPR-1 fitted to the whole angular range
 - RPR-2 fitted only to the forward-angle data ($\theta_K < 90^\circ$)
- Prediction of the models differ significantly for kaon angles smaller than 40° (more apparent at larger energy)