



ρ^0 photo-production

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Vector meson



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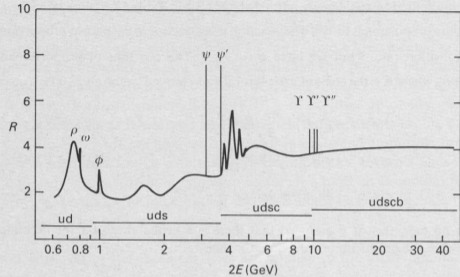


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as a function of the total centre-of-mass energy $W=2E$ (each beam has energy E). The curve is drawn through many measured points and represents only a rough average; however, it does reproduce the major features. The peaks are labelled by the conventional symbol representing that vector meson. The narrow peaks due to the ψ and Y families are shown as vertical lines; the actual values of the peak cross-section are not represented. The above- $B\bar{B}$ threshold Y states are omitted. The horizontal lines marked with quark flavours are the values expected away from resonances and in the absence of colour.

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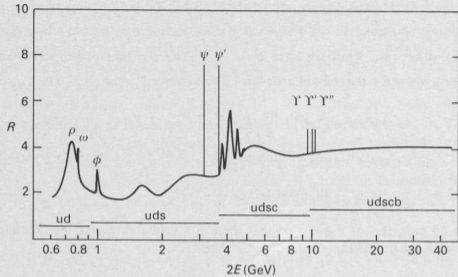


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Large ρ^0 width

2

Overlap with ω resonance

The photoproduction process

Photon Flux

The bigger the better. We want lots of virtual photons.

1

Color dipole

Ultra-periferal collision. Virtual photons from one nucleus interact with the other. QCD happens here. This is what we want to probe.

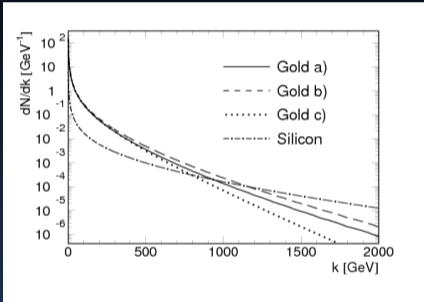
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Extra Processes

Nuclei still interact with each other after the "main event". Sometimes we use these for triggering. Sometimes they mess everything up.

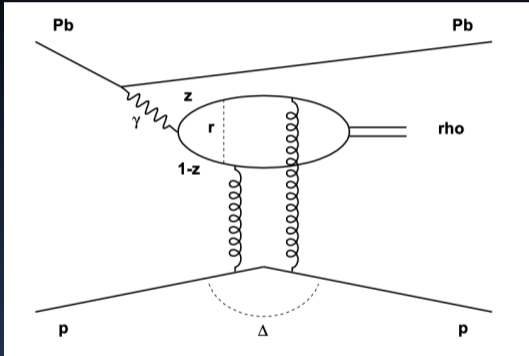
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Photon Flux



$$\frac{dN_{\gamma}(\omega)}{d\omega} = \frac{2Z^2\alpha}{\pi\omega} \left(X K_0(X) K_1(X) - \frac{X^2}{2} (K_1^2(X) - K_0^2(X)) \right)$$

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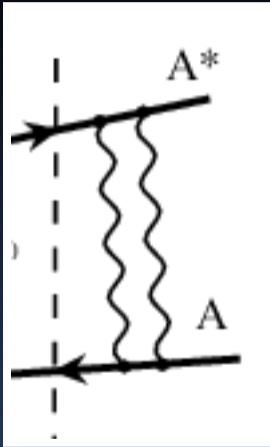
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Coherent interaction with whole nucleus \rightarrow meson with low p_T and nucleus remains

2

Incoherent interaction with only one nucleon. \rightarrow high p_T meson and nucleus breakdown

Mutual Coulomb Excitation



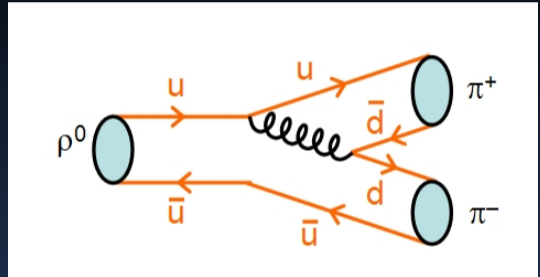
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Nuclei exchange photons and excite each other

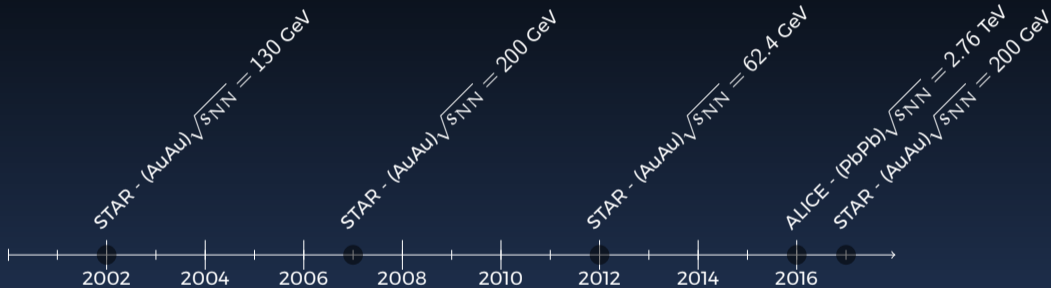
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Excited nuclei breakdown and forward neutrons at very forward rapidities

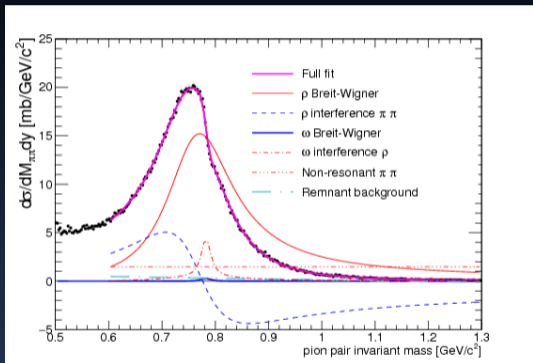
$\rho(770)^0$ decays			
Γ_i	Decay Mode	Branching Ratio (%)	Notes
Γ_6	$\pi^+\pi^-$	~ 100	
Γ_7	$\pi^+\pi^-\gamma$	$(9.9 \pm 1.6) \times 10^{-3}$	
Γ_8	$\pi^0\gamma$	$(4.7 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-4}$	S=1.4
Γ_9	$\eta\gamma$	$(3.00 \pm 0.21) \times 10^{-4}$	
Γ_{10}	$\pi^0\pi^0\gamma$	$(4.5 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-5}$	
Γ_{11}	$\mu^+\mu^-$	[a] $(4.55 \pm 0.28) \times 10^{-5}$	
Γ_{12}	e^+e^-	[a] $(4.72 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-5}$	
Γ_{13}	$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	$(1.01^{+0.54}_{-0.36} \pm 0.34) \times 10^{-4}$	
Γ_{14}	$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$	$(1.8 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-5}$	
Γ_{15}	$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$	$(1.6 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-5}$	
Γ_{16}	$\pi^0e^+e^-$	$< 1.2 \times 10^{-5}$	CL=90%
Γ_{17}	ηe^+e^-		



Previous Research



Fitting data



The Breit-Wigner, Söding interference and momentum dependent width

$$BW = \frac{M_{\pi\pi} M_{\rho} \Gamma_{\rho}}{(M_{\rho}^2 - M_{\pi\pi}^2)^2 + M_{\rho}^2 \Gamma_{\rho}^2},$$

$$I(M_{\pi\pi}) = \frac{M_{\rho}^2 - M_{\pi\pi}^2}{(M_{\rho}^2 - M_{\pi\pi}^2)^2 + M_{\rho}^2 \Gamma_{\rho}^2}$$

$$\Gamma_{\rho} = \Gamma_0 \cdot (M_{\rho}/M_{\pi\pi}) \frac{M_{\pi\pi}^2 - 4m_{\pi}^2}{(M_{\rho}^2 - 4m_{\pi}^2)^{3/2}}$$

Where are we now?

Thank you

Especially to those whose art and graphs and everything else I stole.