

# Role of a triangular singularity in the $\gamma p \rightarrow p\pi^0\eta$ reaction

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Recently structures in invariant mass distributions and excitation energy spectra have been attributed to triangular singularities as discussed in e.g., [1,2] and in the review by Guo et al. [3]. These singularities emerge under specific kinematic conditions when new reaction channels open up. It will be shown that a triangular singularity associated with the opening of the  $\gamma p \rightarrow p a_0 \rightarrow p\pi^0\eta$  channel can explain the observation of a structure in the  $M_{p\eta}$  invariant mass distribution near 1700 MeV/c<sup>2</sup> in the  $\gamma p \rightarrow p\pi^0\eta$  reaction [4].

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