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Cross Sections for  $\gamma p \to p \eta$  and  $\gamma p \to p \eta \prime$  using data from CLAS at Jefferson Lab. MIKE WILLIAMS, Carnegie Mellon University, CLAS COLLABORATION — Studying  $\eta$  and  $\eta \prime$  photoproduction presents a good opportunity to search for missing  $N^*$  states, since both mesons act as isospin filters. Previous searches for these states in  $\gamma p \to p \eta \prime$  have been hindered by limited statistics in the available experimental data. I will present differential cross sections obtained from the CLAS g11a dataset. Measurements have been made in  $\cos \theta_{CM}^{\eta(\eta \prime)}$  bins of width 0.1 for  $\eta$  photoproduction in 64  $\sqrt{s}$  bins over the energy range 1.68 GeV  $<\sqrt{s}<2.84$  GeV and for  $\eta \prime$  photoproduction in 40  $\sqrt{s}$  bins over the energy range 1.92 GeV  $<\sqrt{s}<2.84$  GeV. The width of the center-of-mass energy bins is from 10 MeV-50 MeV, depending on  $\sqrt{s}$ . In total, 1082  $\eta$  and 682  $\eta \prime$  cross section points are reported. These results represent a tremendous increase in the precision of the world's  $\eta \prime$  photoproduction data and extend the energy coverage by  $\sim$  500 MeV in  $\sqrt{s}$ .

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