Polarization Observables in Vector-Meson Photoproduction off Transversely-Polarized Protons at CLAS

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N(1900)3/2⁺ (which can be assigned as a member of the quartet of (70, 2^+_2) cannot be accommodated in the naive quark-diquark picture, both oscillators need to be excited.^{[1],[2]}

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More predicted states than experimentally observed. Lot more yet to be learnt!



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Motivation Polarization Observables The FROST Experiment using CLAS

Why are Spin Observables Important?





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- Most of the identified baryon resonances came from πN scattering. Many missing resonances may couple to photoproduction reactions.
- Baryon resonances are broad and overlapping so peak hunting is difficult. Need more observables in addition to cross sections to disentangle the resonances.

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Polarization observables are essential for the determination of the scattering amplitudes with minimal ambiguities \rightarrow 'reveal' the baryon resonances.

E.g., in single meson photoproduction:

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$$\begin{split} \sigma_{\text{total}} &= \sigma_{\text{unpol.}} [1 - \delta_l \sum \cos(2\phi) \\ + \Lambda_x \left(-\delta_l \operatorname{\mathbf{H}} \sin(2\phi) + \delta_{\odot} \operatorname{\mathbf{F}} \right) \\ - \Lambda_y \left(- \operatorname{\mathbf{T}} + \delta_l \operatorname{\mathbf{P}} \cos 2\phi \right) \\ - \Lambda_z \left(-\delta_l \operatorname{\mathbf{G}} \sin(2\phi) + \delta_{\odot} \operatorname{\mathbf{E}} \right) + \dots \end{split}$$

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M. Gottschall et al. PRL 112 (2014)



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All 3 model predictions agree with experimental results for the unpolarized cross section \rightarrow leads to ambiguous solutions for the set of contributing resonances!

Polarization Observables

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Spin Observables for $\gamma \vec{p} \rightarrow p \pi^+ \pi^- \& p \omega$ @ CLAS

FROST experiment using CLAS, JLab



- World-wide effort to extract polarization observables in photoproduction reactions: CLAS @ JLab (U.S.), ELSA, MAMI (Germany), SPring-8 (Japan), GRAAL (France)
- Getting close to completing the set of accessible polarization observables. 'Complete experiment in pseudoscalar meson production': next talk

	Beam Target	Transversely Pol.	Longitudinally Pol.
ω:	Linearly Pol.	Σ, Τ, Η, Ρ	Σ, G
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Prelim. results (Priyashree, FSU)
(Analysis Note under review)Data acquired
Prelim. results available $p\pi^+\pi^-$ (Talk by L. Net: today, 16:55)
(Talk by Z. Akbar: today, 15:45)

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The FROST Experiment using CLAS at JLab



g9a run (Oct 2007 to Jan 2008) Photon pol.: Linear/Circular **Target:** Frozen Spin Butanol **Target pol.:** Longitudinal



W range covered \sim 1.5 to 2.3 GeV

g9b run (Mar to Aug, 2010) Photon pol.: Linear/Circular **Target:** Frozen Spin Butanol **Target pol.:** Transverse

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• **Topologies for** $p\pi^+\pi^-$:

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Published Results in $\gamma p \rightarrow p \omega$

Isospin filter (sensitive to N^* only), reduces complexity



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Partial Wave Analysis of $\gamma p \rightarrow p\omega$ Observables

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BnGa PWA 2016 (coupled-channel) using ELSA data

Notable Suggestive evidence

CLAS PWA 2009



Suggestive evidence

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Need more polarization observables, in particular to understand W> 2 GeV region:

- N(~ 2.2 GeV) Uncertain J^P: 1/2⁻, 3/2⁺, 3/2⁻ or 5/2⁺?[?]
- N(> 2.1 GeV) $7/2^-$?



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 GRAAL 2006: 3-pion decay mode ELSA 2008: radiative decay mode FROST results fall nicely in-between GRAAL 06 & ELSA above 1.2 GeV. This provides good support for the FROST results.

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First Measurements of Target Asymmetry T in $\gamma \vec{p} \rightarrow p\omega$







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Double-polarization observable F



$$\sigma = \sigma_0 [1 - \Sigma \,\delta_l \cos(2\phi) \\ +\Lambda \cos(\alpha) (-\delta_l \mathbf{H} \sin(2\phi) + \delta_\odot \mathbf{F}) \\ -\Lambda \sin(\alpha) (-\mathbf{T} + \delta_l \mathbf{P} \cos(2\phi))] \\ -\Lambda_z (-\delta_l \mathbf{G} \sin(2\phi) + \delta_\odot \mathbf{E})]$$

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Results in $\vec{\gamma}\vec{p} \rightarrow p\pi^+\pi^-$

Priyashree Roy, Florida State University Baryons 2016, Tallahassee, Florida

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Sequential decay of N^* , Δ^* to the ground state.

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- Reaction described using 2 planes (5 kinematic variables) → more spin observables than in single-meson photoproduction using polarized beam and target.



2 beam-pol. observables: I^s , I^c Unlike only one (Σ observable) in single-meson photoproduction. I^s vanishes, I^c survives.

W. Roberts et al., Phys. Rev. C 71, 055201 (2005)

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Beam Asymmetry I^s in $\vec{\gamma}p \rightarrow p\pi^+\pi^-$

Example: 1.30 < E $_{\gamma}$ < 1.40 GeV (Total E $_{\gamma}$ range covered: 0.7 - 2.1 GeV)



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First Measurements of Target Asym. $P_{x,y}$ in $\gamma \vec{p} \rightarrow p \pi^+ \pi^-$



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Example: $1.30 < E_{\gamma} < 1.40$ GeV



Good agreement between experiments

 $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{I}_0 \{ \delta_l [\mathbf{I}^{\mathsf{s}} \sin(2\beta) + \mathbf{I}^{\mathsf{c}} \cos(2\beta)] \}$

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Photoproduction Cross Section



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Event-Based Qfactor Method with Likelihood Fits



• A multivariate analysis - For each event ("seed event"), find N nearest neighbors in 4-D kinematic phase space $(E_{\gamma}, \theta^*, \phi^*, \cos(\theta_p)^{c.m.})$. Plot mass distribution of the N + 1 events and fit.

• Since N is small (300), use ML method to fit the mass distribution. $L = \prod_{i} [f^{Signal}(m_{i}, \alpha) + f^{Bkg}(m_{i}, \beta)]$ $Q_{\text{seed-event}} = \frac{f^{Signal}(m_{0}, \alpha^{best})}{[f^{Signal}(m_{0}, \alpha^{best}) + f^{Bkg}(m_{0}, \beta^{best})]},$ $m_{0}\text{- seed event's mass.}$

• Computation time reasonably minimized- fits 10,000 events in 30 min.

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