The Search for Exotic Mesons in Photoproduction

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Purpose

- The constituent quark model gives initial set of mesons formed by qq pairs.
- It is described by simplest QCD bound state.
- Production of exotics is fundamental to low-energy QCD.





Partial Wave Analysis

• Maximum Likelihood fit of the intensity:

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$$I(\tau) = \sum_{\epsilon} \sum_{\alpha,\alpha'} \rho_{\gamma} \epsilon V_{\alpha} \epsilon A_{\alpha} \epsilon V_{\alpha'} \epsilon A_{\alpha'}$$

- α is the set {J, P, |M|, L, I, λ , S} used to describe the resonance X.
- ε is the reflectivity is + or and is related to the sign of M, where M is the projection of J in z direction.

$${}^{\epsilon}A_{\alpha} = \Theta(M)(A_{\alpha}^{M} - \epsilon P(-1)^{J-M}A_{\alpha}^{-M})$$



Partial Wave Analysis

- The reaction is a series of 2 body reactions with no re-scattering.
- Decays resulting in more than 2 final states are expressed as a series of 2 body decays

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$${}^{\epsilon}A_{\alpha} = {}^{\epsilon}A_{\alpha} (X \rightarrow I\pi) {}^{\epsilon}A_{\alpha} (I \rightarrow \pi\pi)$$



PWA: Quantities of Interest

- From the PWA we get a set of complex ${}^{\epsilon}V_{\alpha}$ and have the normalization integral.
 - From this the yield (N) can be calculated for a given wave or wave set.
 - Phase differences will show interferences between 2 waves with no dependence on the strength of the waves.



 $\tan(\Delta \Phi) = \frac{Im(\epsilon V_{\alpha} \epsilon V_{\alpha'})}{Re(\epsilon V_{\alpha} \epsilon V_{\alpha'})}$



Previous Results: $\pi_1(1400)$



- At Brookhaven, E852 collaboration:
 - π⁻ p → π⁻ η p (18.3 GeV)
 - M = 1370 ±16 MeV
 - Γ = 385 ± 40 MeV
- Published a mass and width of the $\pi_1(1400)$.
- This was followed by the ηπ⁰ analysis but no consistent set of amplitude parameters were found.

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Previous Results: Summary

State	Reaction
π ₁ (1400)	$\pi^{-} p \rightarrow \eta \pi^{-} p$ $\pi^{-} p \rightarrow \eta \pi^{0} n$ $\bar{p}n \rightarrow \eta \pi^{0} \pi^{-}$ $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \eta \pi^{0} \pi^{0}$
π ₁ (1600)	$ \begin{aligned} \pi^{-} p &\to \rho^{0} \pi^{-} p \\ \pi^{-} p &\to \rho^{0} \pi^{-} p \\ \pi^{-} p &\to \eta' \pi^{-} p \\ \pi^{-} p &\to [b_{1}(1235), \eta', \rho] \pi^{-} p \end{aligned} $

- Other states
 - π₁(2000) seen in b₁π, f₁π

Mass (MeV)	Width (MeV)
$1370 \pm 16^{+50}_{-30}$ 1406 ± 20 1400 ± 28, 1360 ± 25,	$\begin{array}{l} 385 \pm 40^{+65}_{-105} \\ 180 \pm 20 \\ 310^{+71}_{-58} \\ 220 \pm 90 \end{array}$
$\begin{array}{l} 1593 \pm 8^{+29}_{-47} \\ 1620 \pm 20 \\ 1597 \pm 10^{+45}_{-10} \\ 1560 \pm 60 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} 168 \pm 20 ^{+150}_{-12} \\ 240 \pm 50 \\ 340 \pm 40 \pm 50 \\ 340 \pm 50 \end{array}$

* C. Amsler. Mesons beyond the naive quark model. Physics Reports, 387:61–117, (2004).

Photoproduction

- Beams of photons may be a more natural way to create hybrid mesons.
- Simple QN counting leads to the exotic mesons



g12

- Is a photoproduction experiment
- Ran in 2008 for 3 months
- A 5.7 GeV e⁻ beam was used to get a maximum of 5.45 GeV photons.
- Triggers: 26 billion (68 pb⁻¹)

CEBAF Large



PWA in G12

- Finished:
 - $\pi^+ \pi^-$ (by Craig Bookwalter)
 - ηπ⁻ (by Diane Schott)
- Pending analysis:
 - π⁰ π⁺ π⁻(by FSU)
 - K⁺K⁻ (by FSU and CNU)

g12 - π⁺ π⁺ π⁻



$\pi^+ \; \pi^+ \; \pi^-$





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g12 - **η**π-







ηπ



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Mass Dependent Fit

- Used relativistic BW amplitudes to fit the partial wave intensity and phase together using a χ^2 fit.
 - Includes error matrix calculated from PWA.

 a_2

- mass: 1.32 ± 0.01 GeV
- width: 0.14 ± 0.01 GeV
- PDG values:
 - mass: 1.318 ± 0.0006 GeV
 - width: 0.107 ± 0.005 GeV

Mass Dependent Fit

- Included π_1 with a_2
 - a₂ mass: 1.343 ± 0.003 GeV
 - a₂ width: 0.174 ± 0.003 GeV
 - π_1 mass: 1.39 ± 0.23 GeV
 - π_1 width: 0.58 ± 0.05 GeV

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- Results of the fit varied greatly. The best fit for the π_1 resulted in large errors for the mass and a width broader than the pion production value.

Ratio of π_1 to a_2

- From yields using E852 mass and width:
 - N_{a2}: 55240
 - N_{π1}: 19340 (fit + 2 sigma)

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$$\frac{\sigma(\gamma p \to \Delta^{++} \pi_1^{-})}{\sigma(\gamma p \to \Delta^{++} a_2^{-})} = 0.35 \text{ (CL of 95.4 \%)}$$

ηπ⁻

• From the sum of the partial wave intensity, over the mass range:

- N_{a2}: 49,518 \pm 7090 \pm 2652
- $N_{\pi 1}$: 14,686 ±4674 ±9008
- Where first is the statistical uncertainty is calculated by the sum of the squares of the error bars of the yields and second is the systematic uncertainty is calculated from the results of multiple PWA results

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$$\frac{\sigma(\gamma p \to \Delta^{++} \pi_1^-)}{\sigma(\gamma p \to \Delta^{++} a_2^-)} = 0.30 \ (\pm 0.21)$$

Summary

- Theory has predicted photoproduction of π_1 to be comparable to the a_2 .
- The PWA of the M($\eta\pi^{-}$) resulted in:
 - The wave set to be dominated by the 2^{++} partial wave coinciding with the a_2
 - The 1⁻⁺ partial wave intensity shows no structure
 - The phase difference between 1⁻⁺ and 2⁺⁺ shows a shift
- The fits of the PWA intensity and phase difference resulted in the fit of the a_2 but not of the π_1 .

Conclusion

- CLAS-g12 acquired photoproduction data for 3π and $\eta\pi$
 - Performed mass independent PWA from 1.0 2.0 GeV/c²
 - Fit PWA yields and phases for resonance masses.
 - Cleanly observe 1⁺⁺, 2⁺⁺, and 2⁻⁺ well known resonance features.
 - $\pi_1(1400)$ and $\pi_1(1600)$ exotic signal is not observed in charged exchanged photoproduction.
- Currently analyzing neutral exchange channel.
- Future meson spectroscopy experiment with greater luminosity and beam energy is a planned with GlueX.