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Exploiting Polarization in Peripheral Photoproduction: Strategies for GlueX

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Questions an experimenter might ask:

- What states of polarization are available in this beam?
- What general expressions can describe these states?
- How does polarization enter the cross section?
- Why is linear polarization of particular interest?
- What additional information is available with circular polarization?
- How (well) can we measure the polarization state?
- In what situations might target polarization be useful?
- Can we make a beam with helicity $|\lambda| \geq 2$?

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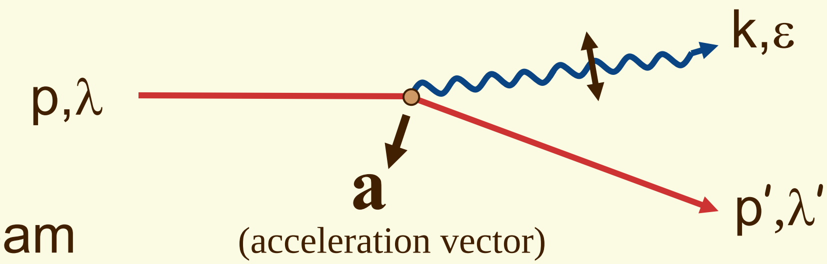

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- Circular polarization
- Combinations

> - essentially a **classical** effect
>   - like synchrotron radiation
>   - electric field ⟷ **a** vector
>   - magnetic field ⟷ ($\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{r}$)
> - crystal acts like a bending field
> - **p** changes in *discrete steps*, but mostly in *small steps*, like SR
> - vanishes at the photon end-point because <u>**a** becomes parallel to **p**</u>

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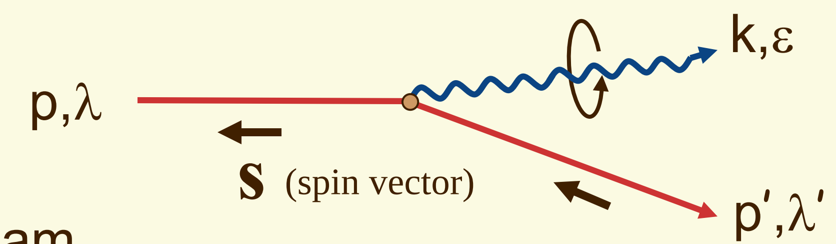

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> - essentially a **quantum** effect
> - photon helicity follows electron λ
>   - holds exactly in the chiral limit
>   - consider photon helicity basis $\varepsilon_\pm$
>
> $$\bar{u}_{p'\lambda'} A_\pm u_{p\lambda} \sim p'_\perp \left(\chi_{\lambda'}, (1 \pm 2\lambda)\chi_\lambda\right)$$
> - vanishes for colinear kinematics
> - **100% helicity transfer !**
> - chiral limit $\longrightarrow$ photon end-point

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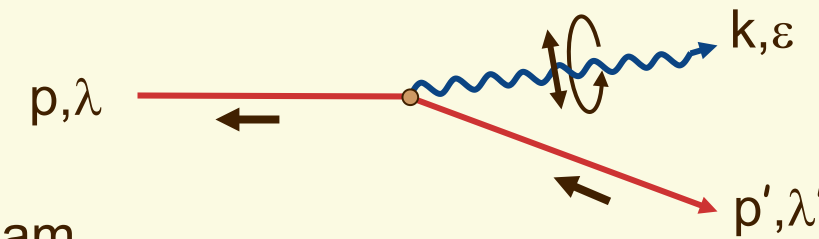

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> - both kinds **simultaneously possible**
> - a sort of <u>duality</u> exists between them
>   - linear: disappears at the end-point
>   - circular: disappears as $k \to 0$
> - limited by the sum rule
>
> $$P_o^2 + P_\perp^2 \le 1$$
>
> - requires **CB radiator** and **longitudinally polarized electrons**

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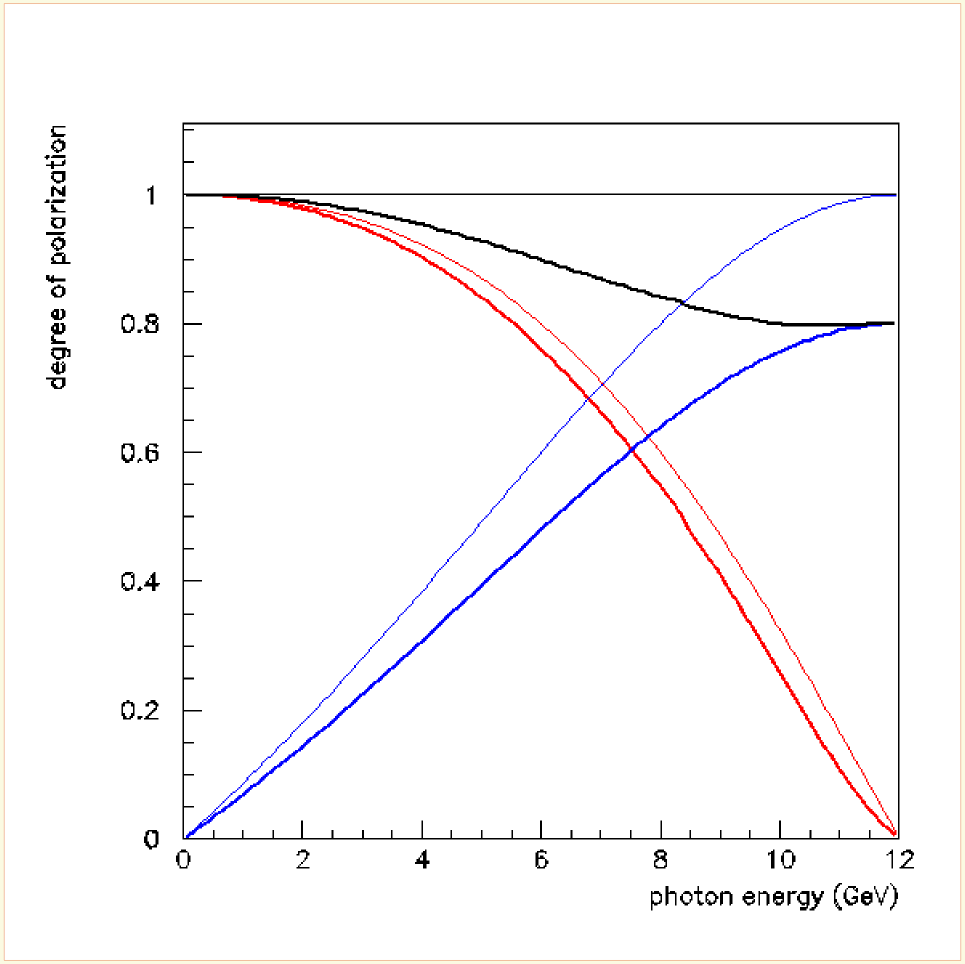
= sum in quadrature of linear and circular polarizations



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- General description: elliptical polarization
  - degree of linear polarization:

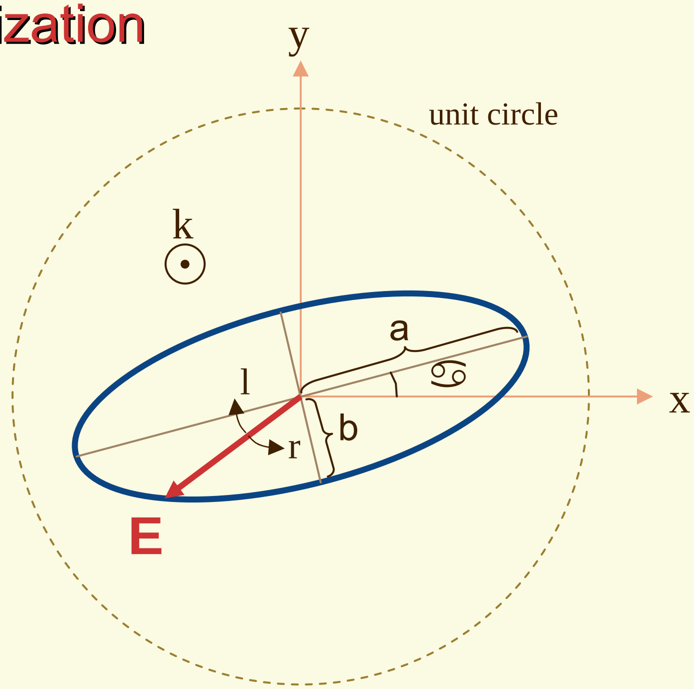
    $$P_\perp(\alpha) = \sqrt{|a|^2 - |b|^2} = \textit{eccentricity}$$

  - degree of circular polarization:

    $$P_O = \begin{cases} +b : \textit{right advance} \\ -b : \textit{left advance} \end{cases}$$

  - net polarization:

    $$P = |P_\perp|^2 + |P_O|^2 = |a|^2 \le 1$$



- Information needed: $\boxed{|a|,\ b,\ \alpha,\ \mathrm{sign}(l/r)}$

suggests a description in terms of a 3-vector

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- General description: Stokes parameterization
  - ✓ Define $\boxed{\begin{aligned} p_x &= p\, \mathit{sin}(\theta)\, \mathit{cos}(2\alpha) \\ p_y &= p\, \mathit{sin}(\theta)\, \mathit{sin}(2\alpha) \\ p_z &= p\, \mathit{cos}(\theta) \end{aligned}}$ where $\underline{\sin(\theta) = \mathit{eccentricity}}$
  - ✓ Note that $\alpha \to \alpha + \pi$ is an identity operation on the state.
  - ✓ For **k** along the z-axis:
    - ➢ **p** = $\pm\hat{\mathbf{z}}$ corresponds to ± helicity of the photon
    - ➢ **p** = $+\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ corresponds to linear polarization in the xz plane
    - ➢ **p** = $-\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ corresponds to linear polarization in the yz plane
    - ➢ **p** = $\pm\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ corresponds to linear polarization along the 45° diagonals

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	± helicity basis	|x>, |y> basis
spinor	$\begin{pmatrix} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} e^{-i\alpha} \\ \sin\frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\alpha} + \sin\frac{\theta}{2} e^{-i\alpha} \\ i\cos\frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\alpha} - i\sin\frac{\theta}{2} e^{-i\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$
density matrix	$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+\cos\theta}{2} & \frac{\sin\theta\, e^{-2i\alpha}}{2} \\ \frac{\sin\theta\, e^{2i\alpha}}{2} & \frac{1-\cos\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ $= \frac{1}{2}\left(1 + \mathbf{p}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}\right)$	$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+\sin\theta\cos 2\alpha}{2} & \frac{-i\cos\theta + \sin\theta\sin 2\alpha}{2} \\ i\frac{\cos\theta + \sin\theta\sin 2\alpha}{2} & \frac{1-\sin\theta\cos 2\alpha}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ $= \frac{1}{2}\left(1 + p_x\sigma_z + p_y\sigma_x + p_z\sigma_y\right)$

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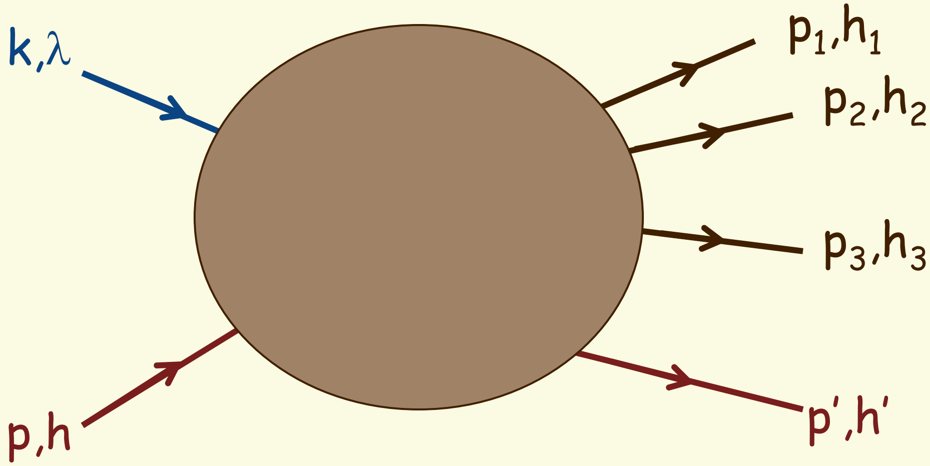

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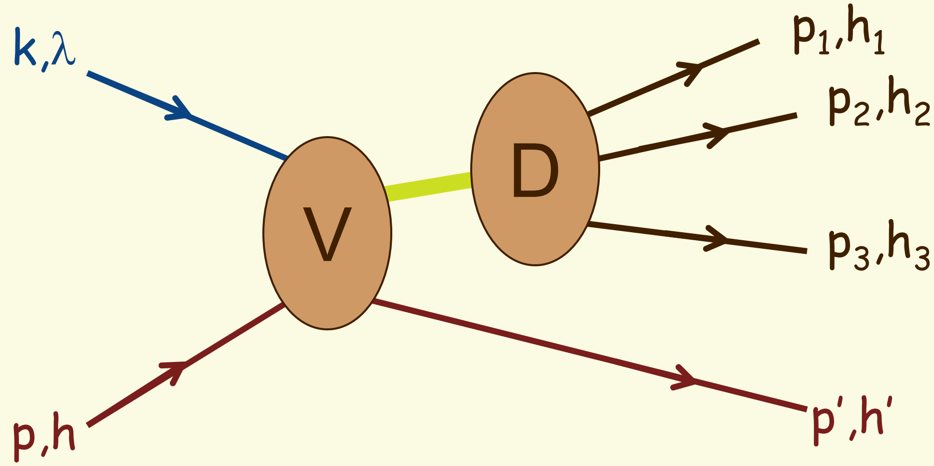

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$$d\sigma_\lambda = \sum_{J,M} \left| V^{J,M}_{\lambda,h,h'}(s,t) \right|^2 \left| D^J_{M,h_1\ldots} \right|^2 d\Omega$$

- Reaction factorizes into a sum over resonances labelled by J,M
- **Quite general, eg. not specific to t-channel reactions**

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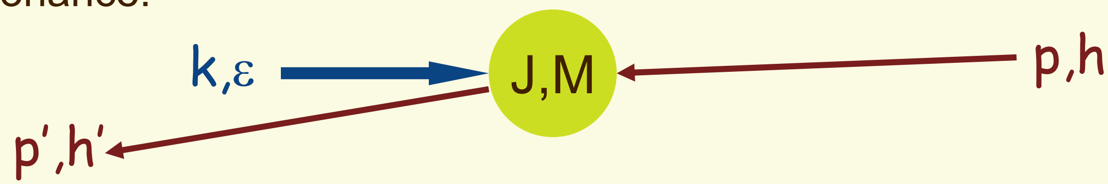

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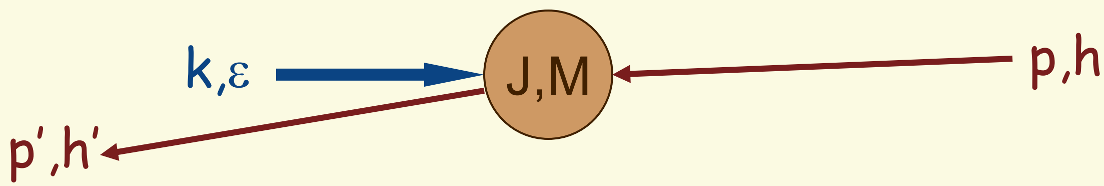

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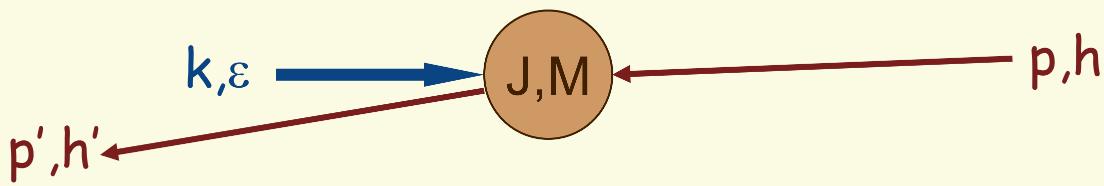

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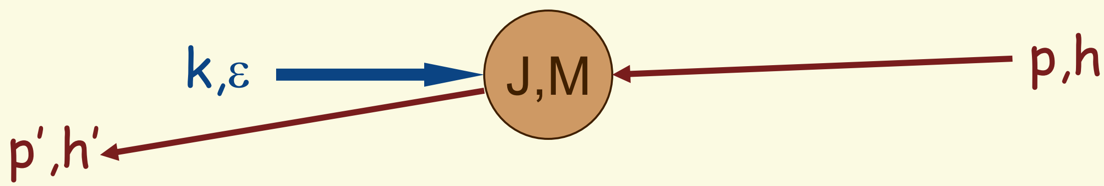

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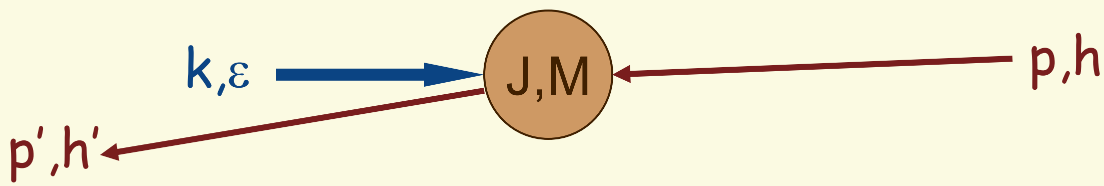

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- **Summary of results from the general analysis**
  - ✓ One circular and two linear polarization observables appear.
  - ✓ One unpolarized + **two polarization observables** are sufficient to separate the four helicity amplitudes (one phase is unobservable).
  - ✓ **Any 2 of the 3 polarization states** would be sufficient, but having access to all three would provide ***useful control of systematics***.

- **Specific results for t-channel reactions**
  - Break up **V** into a sum of allowed t-channel exchanges.
  - Exploit **parity** to eliminate some of the terms in the expansion.
  - Use the two **linear polarization observables** to construct a filter that gives *two very different views of the same final states*.
  - Analogous to a **polaroid filter.**

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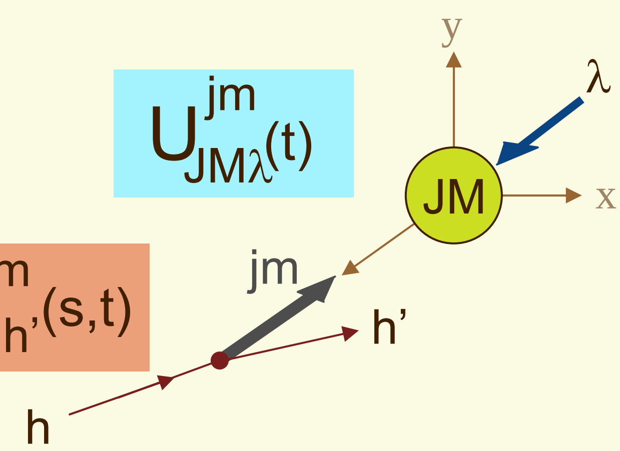

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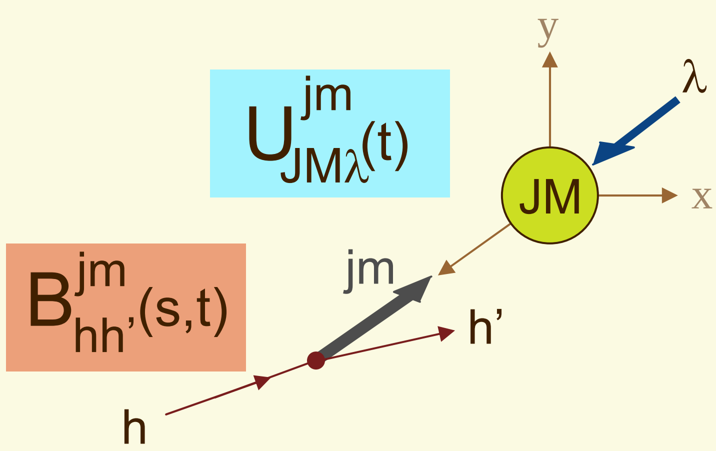

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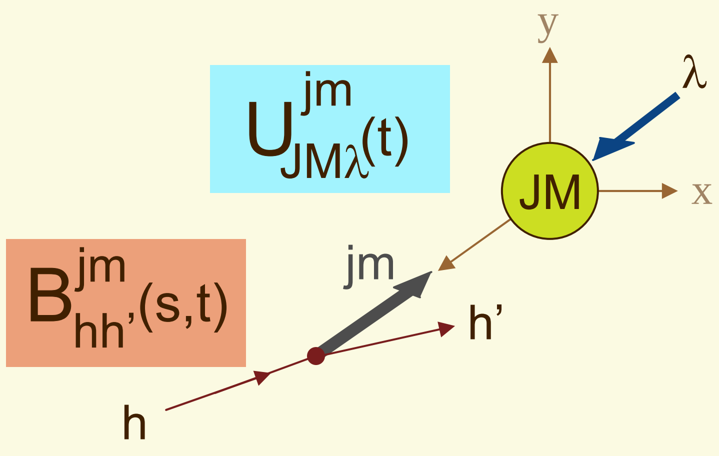

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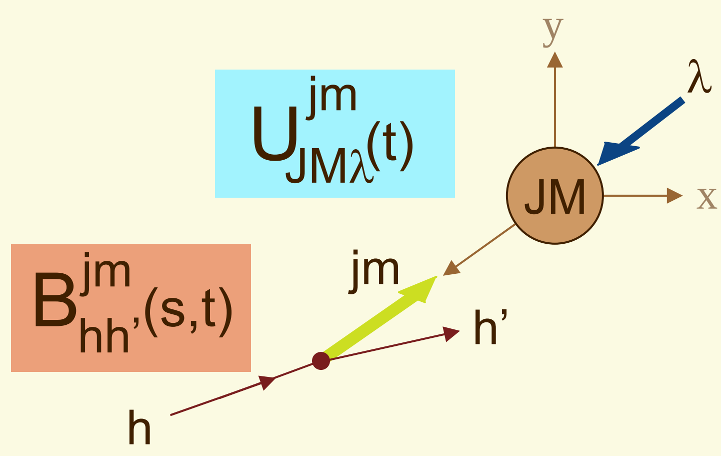

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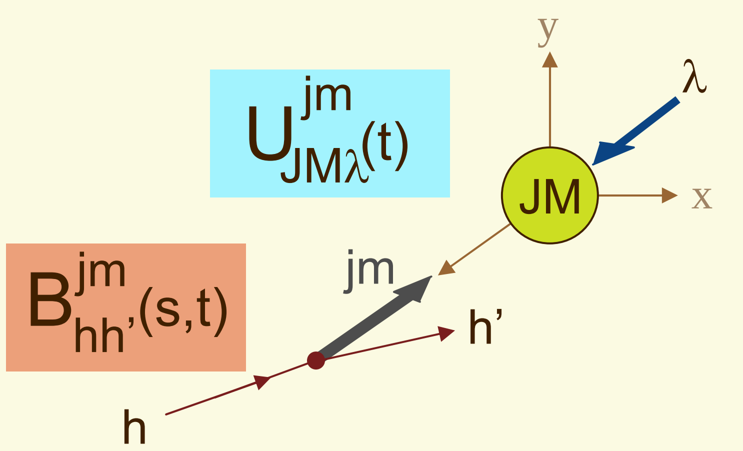

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photon polarization (x: ε=-1, y: ε=+1)

naturality of exchanged object n_j

Why is linear polarization of particular interest?

In the amplitude leading to a final state of spin J,|M| and parity r, only exchanges of naturality +r [-r] can couple to y-polarized [x-polarized] light.

caveat

- Selection of exchanges according to naturality is only exact in the high-energy limit (leading order in 1/s).
- For m≠0 partial waves there may be non-negligible violations at GlueX energies.

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What additional information is available with circular polarization?

- Does this mean that circular polarization is useless without a polarized target?

  NO

- What circular polarization cannot do (alone):
  - affect the total yields of anything
  - any dependence of the differential cross section on α
  - produce interference between exchanges of opposite parity
  - reveal any unique information that is otherwise unobservable

- What circular polarization can do:
  - generate interferences between final states of ±M
  - together with either p_x or p_y can provide the same information as having both p_x and p_y (2 out of 3 rule)
  - provide a useful consistency check, control over systematics

How (well) can we measure the polarization state?

- Linear polarization measurement – method 1
  - measure distribution of $(\varphi_{GJ}-\alpha)$ in ρ_0 photoproduction
  - dominated by natural exchange (eg. Pomeron), spin non-flip
  - distribution $\sim \sin^2(\theta_{GJ})\,[\,p_x \cos(2\varphi_{GJ}) + p_y \sin(2\varphi_{GJ})\,]$
  - non-leading contribution (spin-flip) is governed by small parameter $(t/s)^{1/2}$ – expect 10% corrections at GlueX energies
  - large cross section, clean experimental signature make this method ideal for continuously monitoring $p_\perp$
  - An absolute method is needed, *independent of assumptions of high-energy asymptotics*, to calibrate this one.

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- Linear polarization measurement – method 2
  - uses the well-understood QED process of pair-production
  - analyzing power ~30%, calculated to percent accuracy
  - GlueX pair spectrometer also provides a continuous monitor of the collimated beam intensity spectrum
  - thin O(10^{-4} rad.len.) pair target upstream of GlueX is compatible with continuous parallel operation
- Linear polarization measurement – method 3
  - calculated from the measured intensity spectrum
  - to be reliable, must fit both precollimated (tagger) and collimated (pair spectrometer) spectra.

How (well) can we measure the polarization state?

- Circular polarization measurement – method 1
  - calculated from the known electron beam polarization
  - well-understood in terms of QED (no complications from atomic form factors, crystal imperfections, etc.)
  - relies on a polarimetry measurement in another hall, reliable beam transport calculations from COSA
  - can be used to calibrate a benchmark hadronic reaction
  - once calibrated, the GlueX detector measures its own p_z
- Circular polarization measurement – method 2
  - put a thin magnetized iron foil into the pair spectrometer target ladder, measure p_z using pair-production asymmetry

In what situations might target polarization be useful?

- **More experimental control over exchange terms**
  - Unpolarized nucleon SDM ⇒ cross section is an incoherent sum of positive and negative parity contributions.
  - Polarization at the nucleon vertex gives rise to new terms that contain **interferences between + and – parity** that change sign under target polarization reversal.

But

  - The new terms represent an additional complication to the partial wave analysis.
  - A real simplification does not occur unless **both the target and recoil spins** are polarized / measured.
  - **Spin structure of the baryon couplings is not really the point.**

Can we make a beam with helicity $|\lambda| \geq 2$?

- **Example:** how to construct a state with m=2, $\langle k \rangle = k\hat{z}$
  1. start with a E2 photon in the m=2 substate
  2. superimpose a E3 photon in m=2 with amplitude 1
  3. superimpose a E4 photon with m=2 with amplitude 1
  4. continue indefinitely
- **Result:**
  1. a one-photon state with m=2
  2. **not an eigenstate of momentum k**, but a state that is arbitrarily well collimated along the z axis

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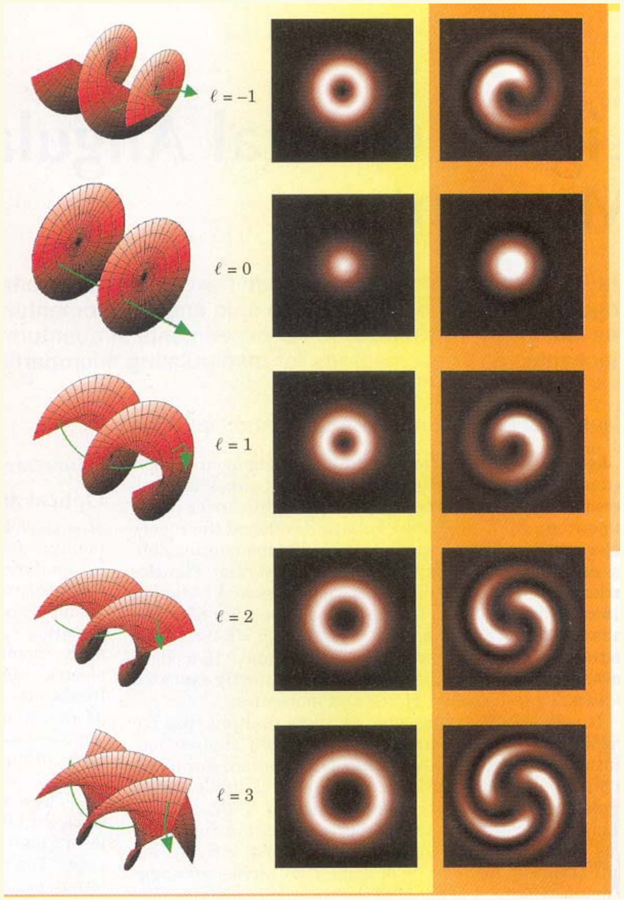
- Padgett, Cordial, Alen, *Physics Today* (May 2004) 35. **Light's Orbital Angular Momentum**
  - a new way to think about light
  - can be produced in a crystal
- How might gammas of this kind be produced?
  - from a crystal
  - using laser back-scatter
- Problems
  - transverse size
  - phase coherence



Summary and conclusions:

- Simultaneous linear and circular polarization is possible and useful for resolving the spin structure of the production amplitude.
- Linear polarization is of unique interest in t-channel reactions for isolating exchanges of a given naturality to a given final state.
- Circular polarization can be used by observing changes in angular distributions (not yields) with the flip of the beam polarization.
- Target polarization introduces interference between terms of opposite parity, but these terms are non-leading in 1/s.
- The restriction of exchange amplitudes of a given parity to particles of a given naturality a leading-order in 1/s argument – not exact.