

Photoproduction of Mesons at CBELSA/TAPS

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Hadrons: Baryons & Mesons

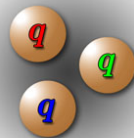
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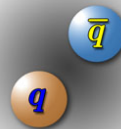
- Their structure is most obviously related to the color degree of freedom, e. g. $|\Delta^{++}\rangle = |u^\uparrow u^\uparrow u^\uparrow\rangle$.
- They are the stuff of which our world is made.



Strong Coupling QCD



Baryons



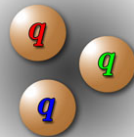
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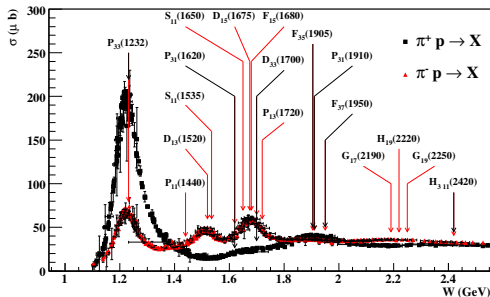
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Baryons



Courtesy of Michael Williams

→ PDG 2010, J. Phys. GG 37.



Great progress
 in recent years:

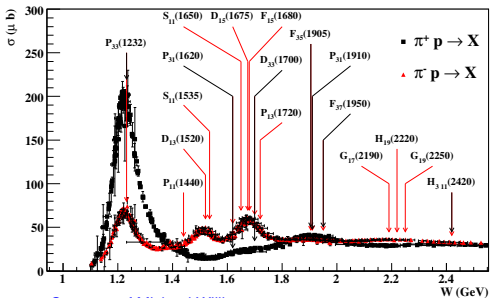
→ γN & πN data

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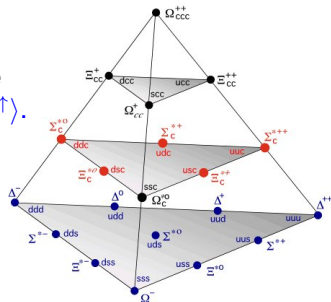
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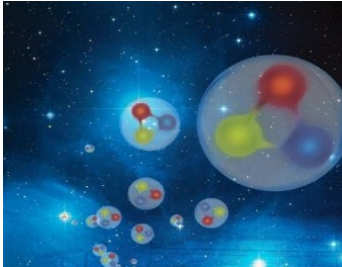
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Many Y^* QN not measured:
(Quark model assignments)

→ many Ξ^* and Ω^* , etc.

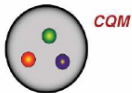
Non-Perturbative QCD



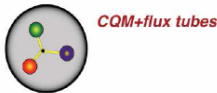
How does QCD give rise to excited hadrons?

- 1 What is the origin of confinement?
- 2 How are confinement and chiral symmetry breaking connected?
- 3 What role do gluonic excitations play in the spectroscopy of light hadrons, and can they help explain quark confinement?

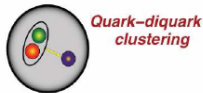
Baryons: What are the fundamental degrees of freedom inside a nucleon?
Constituent quarks? How do the degrees change with varying quark masses?



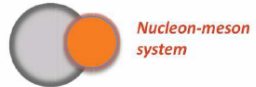
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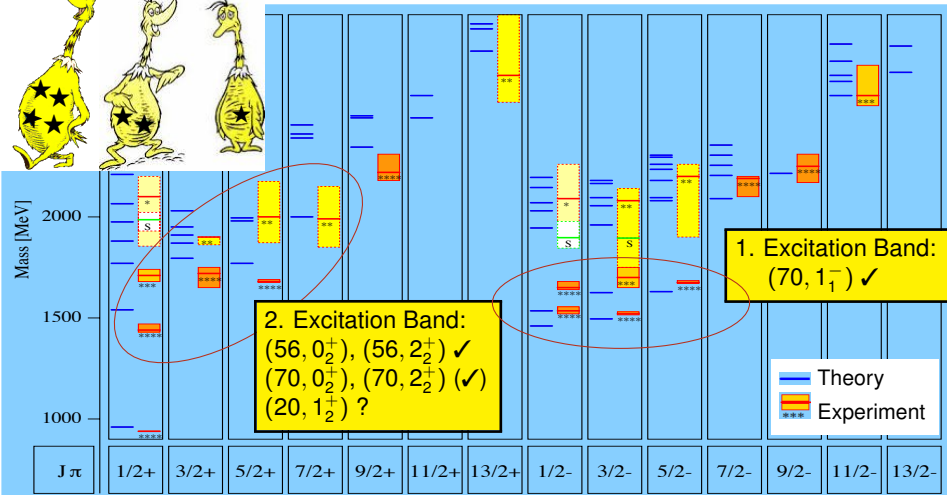
CQM+flux tubes

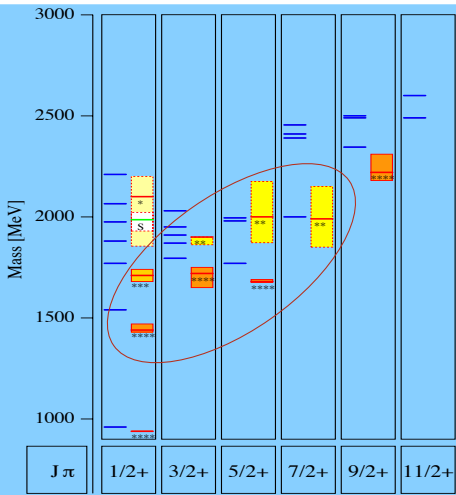


Quark-diquark clustering



Nucleon-meson system

Spectrum of N^* Resonances (PDG < 2012)

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V. C. & W. Roberts, Rep. Prog. Phys. 76 (2013)

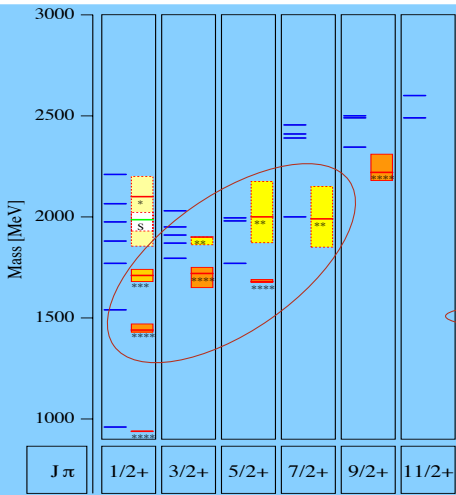
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$N(2100)$	$1/2^+ (P_{11})$	*	*
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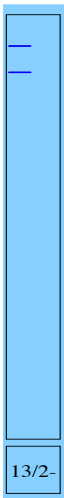


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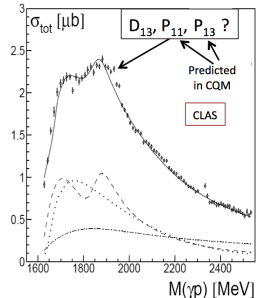
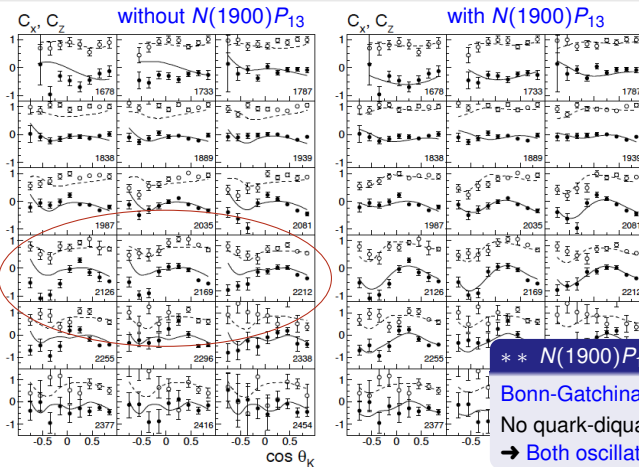
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Polarization Transfer in $\vec{\gamma} p \rightarrow K^+ \vec{\Lambda}$: C_X, C_Z



**** $N(1900)P_{13}, N(2000)F_{15}, N(1990)F_{17}$**

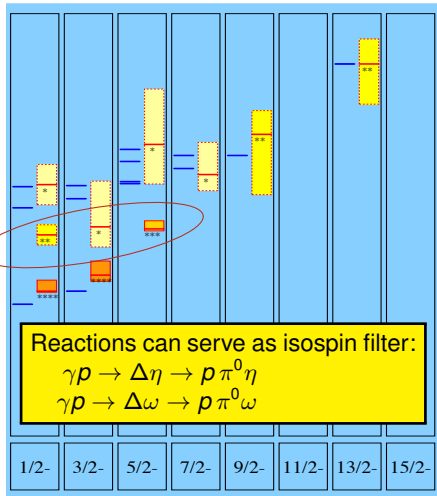
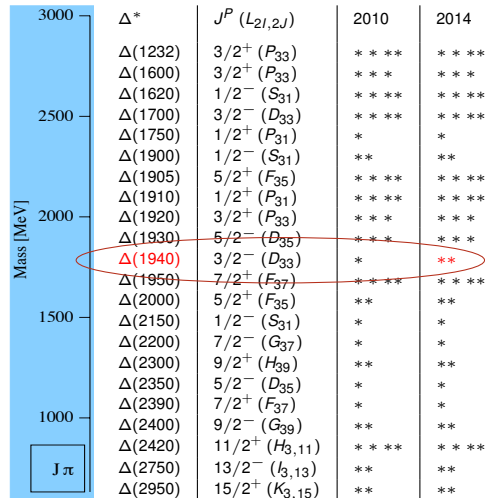
Bonn-Gatchina PWA requires $N(1900)P_{13}$

No quark-diquark oscillations!

→ Both oscillators need to be excited.

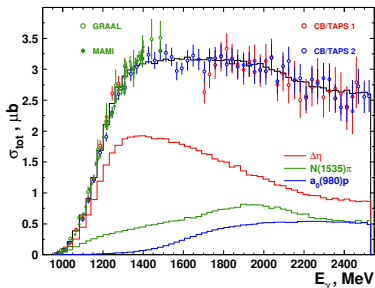
R. Bradford *et al.* [CLAS Collaboration], *PRC* **75**, 035205 (2007)

Fits: BoGa-Model, V. A. Nikonov *et al.*, *Phys. Lett. B* **662**, 245 (2008)

Spectrum of Δ^* Resonances

High Statistics Study of the Reaction $\gamma p \rightarrow p \pi^0 \eta$

E. Gutz, V. C. *et al.* [CBELSA/TAPS Collaboration], *Eur. Phys. J. A* **50**, 74 (2014)



Dominant Isobars

$$\Delta(1232)\eta, N(1535) \frac{1}{2}^- \pi, p a_0(980)$$

Observation of some

$$\Delta^* \rightarrow N(1535) \frac{1}{2}^- \pi \rightarrow p \pi \eta$$

Bonn-Gatchina

$$\Delta(1700) \frac{3}{2}^-$$

$$\Delta(1600) \frac{3}{2}^+$$

$$\Delta(1920) \frac{3}{2}^+$$

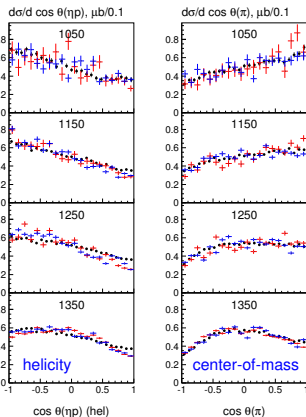
$$\Delta(1940) \frac{3}{2}^-$$

$$\Delta(1905) \frac{5}{2}^+$$

$$\Delta(2360) \frac{3}{2}^-$$

$$N(1880) \frac{1}{2}^+$$

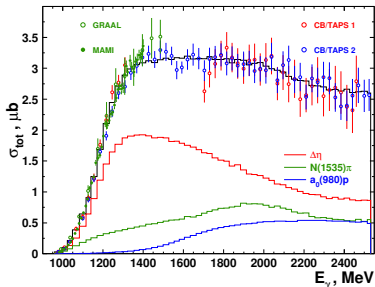
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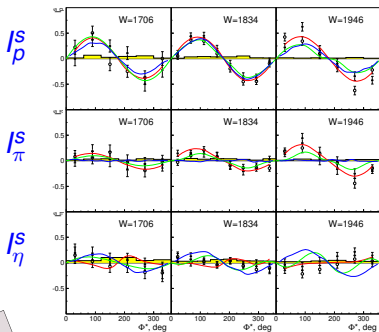
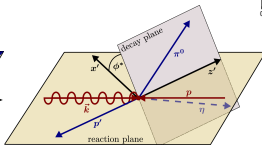
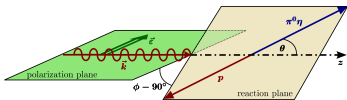
V. L. Kashevarov *et al.*, *EPJ A* **42**, 141 (2009) @MAMI

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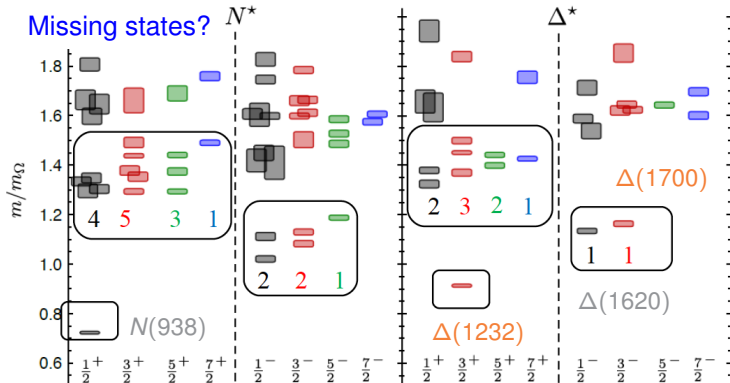
Linear Beam Polarization



— Bonn-Gatchina
 — A. Fix *et al.*
 — M. Döring *et al.*

Baryon Spectroscopy from Lattice QCD

R. Edwards *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D **84**, 074508 (2011)



$m_\pi = 396$ MeV

Exhibits broad features expected of $SU(6) \otimes O(3)$ symmetry

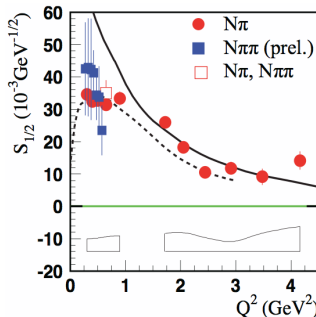
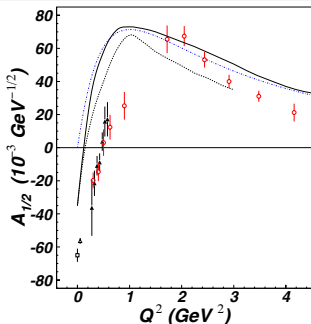
→ Counting of levels consistent with non-rel. quark model, no parity doubling.

Components of the Experimental N^* Program

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- **Probe resonance transitions at different distance scales**
Electron beams are ideal to measure resonance form factors and their corresponding Q^2 dependence.
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Current medium-energy experiments use photon beams to map out the baryon spectrum (JLab, ELSA, MAMI, SPring-8, etc.).
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Helicity Amplitudes for the “Roper” Resonance



Data from CLAS

$A_{1/2}$ and $S_{1/2}$ amplitudes:

e.g. V. Mokeev *et al.*,
 PRC **86**, 035203 (2012);
 PRC **80**, 045212 (2009).

Quark-model calculations:

— q^3 radial excitation

— $q^3 G$ hybrid state

Consistency between both channels ($N\pi\pi$, $N\pi$): sign change, magnitude, ...

- At short distances (high Q^2), Roper behaves like radial excitation.
- Low Q^2 behavior not well described by LF quark models:
 e.g. meson-baryon interactions missing

→ Gluonic excitation likely ruled out!

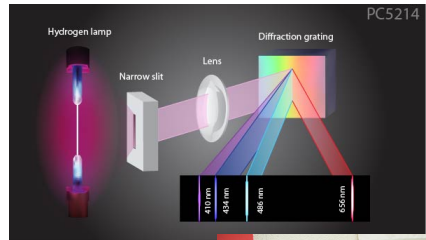
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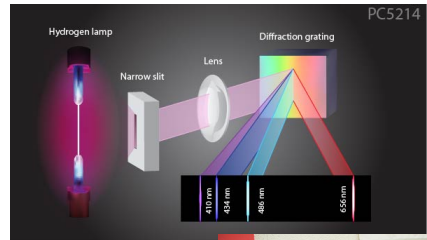
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without polarizer ... but there is more.

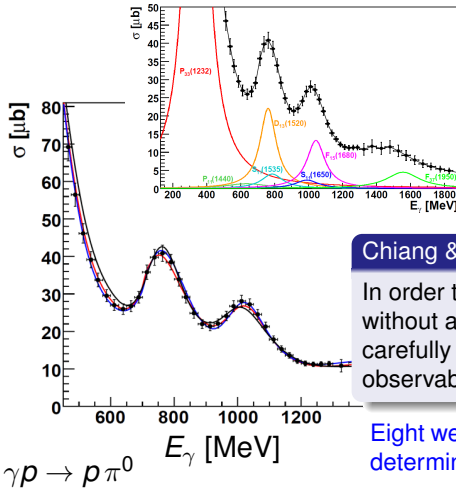


Atomic Spectrum of Hydrogen



Baryon are broad
and overlapping ...

Why are Polarization Observables Important?



For single-meson production:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \sigma_0 \left\{ 1 - \delta_I \Sigma \cos 2\phi \right. \\ \left. + \Lambda_x (-\delta_I H \sin 2\phi + \delta_\odot F) \right. \\ \left. - \Lambda_y (-T + \delta_I P \cos 2\phi) \right. \\ \left. - \Lambda_z (-\delta_I G \sin 2\phi + \delta_\odot E) \right\}$$

Chiang & Tabakin, Phys. Rev. C55, 2054 (1997)

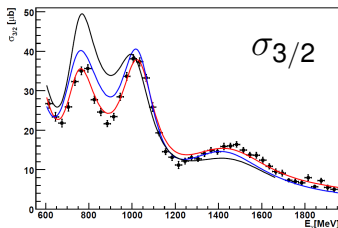
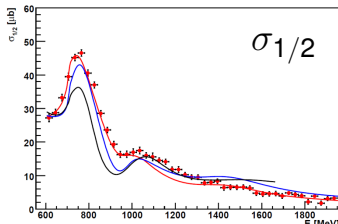
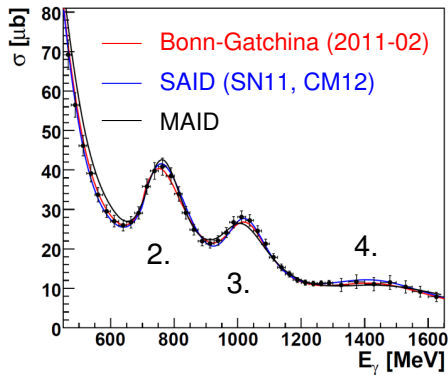
In order to determine the full scattering amplitude without ambiguities, one has to carry out eight carefully selected measurements: four double-spin observables along with four single-spin observables.

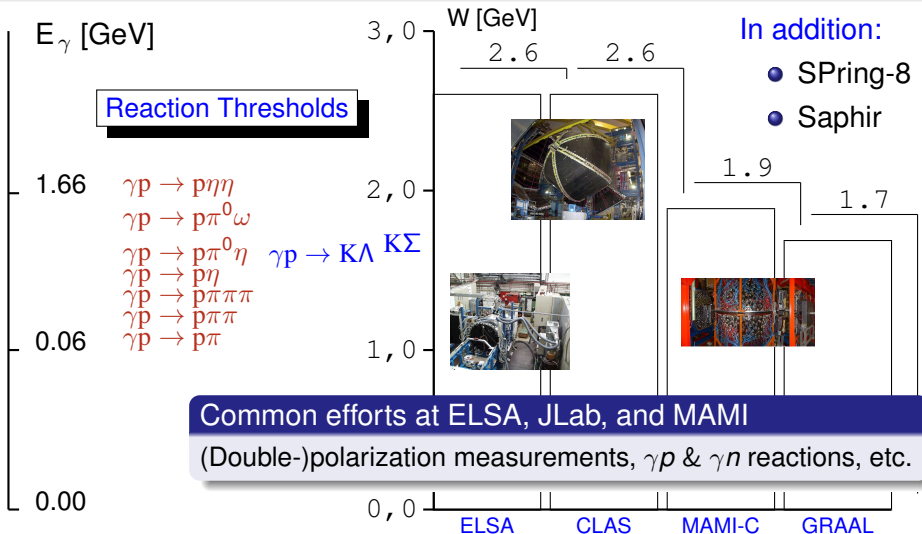
Eight well-chosen measurements are needed to fully determine production amplitudes F_1 , F_2 , F_3 , and F_4 .

Example: Ambiguities in $\gamma p \rightarrow p \pi^0$

Helicity Difference:

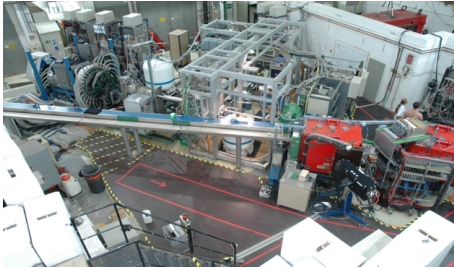
$$E = -\frac{1}{2\Lambda_z \delta_\odot} \frac{N \rightarrow \Rightarrow - N \rightarrow \Leftarrow}{N \rightarrow \Rightarrow + N \rightarrow \Leftarrow}$$





Experimental Facilities

CBELSA/TAPS at ELSA



Meson photoproduction:

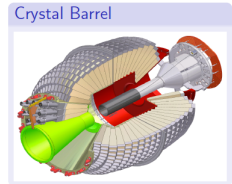
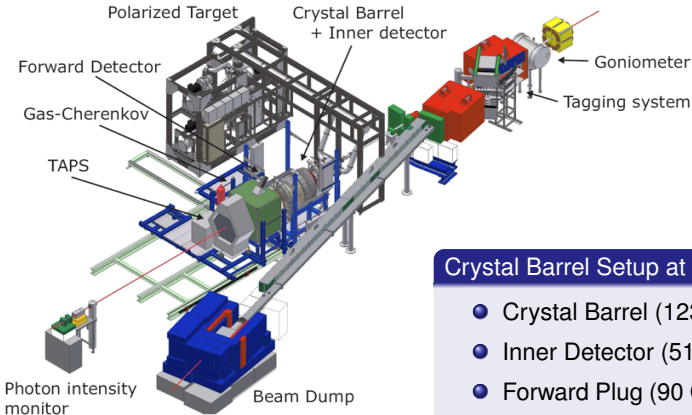
- $\gamma p \rightarrow p \pi^0 \rightarrow p \gamma \gamma$
- $\gamma p \rightarrow p \eta \rightarrow p \gamma \gamma, p 3\pi^0, p \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$
- $\gamma p \rightarrow p \omega \rightarrow p \pi^0 \gamma, \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$

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Double-Polarization: Toward Complete Experiments

Calorimeter system at ELSA is optimized for neutral particles.



Close to 4π coverage

Crystal Barrel Setup at ELSA

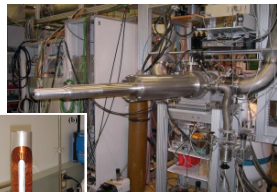
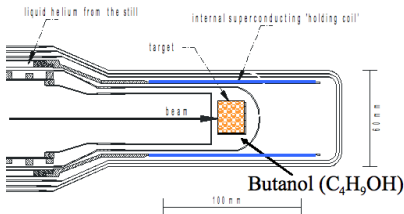
- Crystal Barrel (1230 CsI crystals)
- Inner Detector (513 scintillating fibers)
- Forward Plug (90 CsI crystals with PM's)
- MiniTAPS (216 BaF₂, 1° - 12°)

Frozen-Spin Target: Butanol (C₄H₉OH)

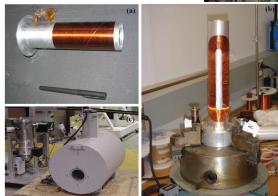
Double-Polarization: Frozen Spin Targets

Horizontal cryostat with integrated solenoid to freeze the proton spin.

- DNP at high B-field (2.5 T), holding mode at 0.4 T
- Relaxation time at ELSA ~ 500 h



“ELSA”

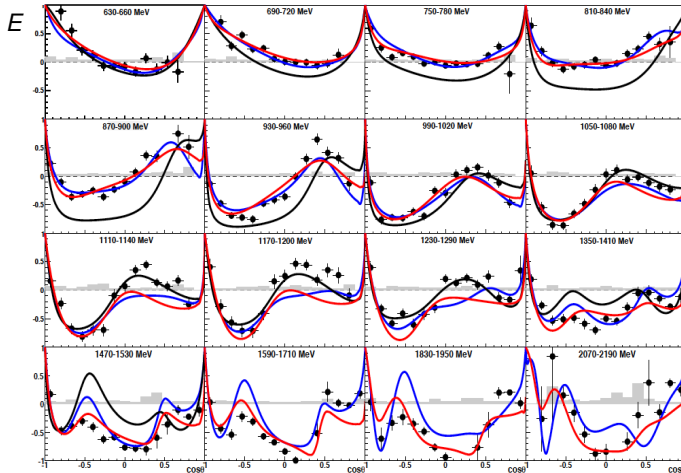


“CLAS”

Transverse Target Polarization
(race-track coil - Dipole Magnet)

Longitudinally-Polarized Target ($P_z \approx 80\%$)

Helicity Asymmetry E in $\vec{\gamma} \vec{p} \rightarrow p \pi^0$ @ ELSA



$$E = \frac{\sigma_{1/2} - \sigma_{3/2}}{\sigma_{1/2} + \sigma_{3/2}}$$

$E_\gamma \in [0.6, 2.2]$ GeV

- CBELSA/TAPS
- Maid
- Said (CM12)
- BoGa (2011_2)

Angular distributions
 sensitive to interference
 between resonances.

M. Gottschall *et al.*, PRL 112, 012003 (2014)

$\cos \theta_{\pi^0}$

Asymmetry G in $\vec{\gamma} \vec{p} \rightarrow p \pi^0$ @ ELSA

A. Thiel *et al.*, PRL **109**, 102001 (2012)

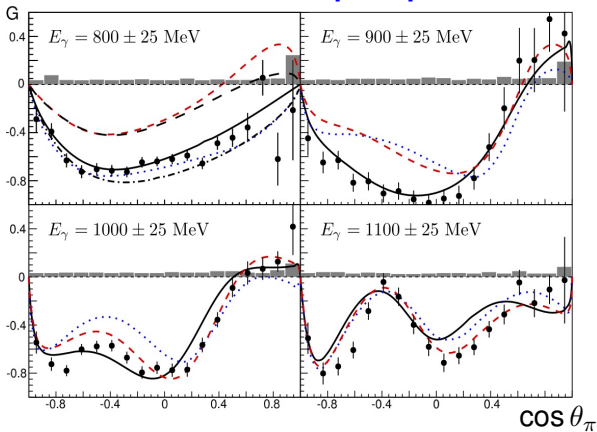
Full data set: arXiv:1604.02922 [nucl-ex]

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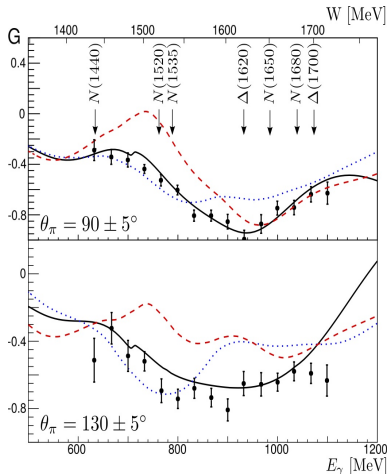


Surprisingly, π production also not well understood at lower energies:

- BoGa
- - SAID
- ... MAID



Asymmetry G in $\vec{\gamma} \vec{p} \rightarrow p \pi^0$ @ ELSA



A. Thiel *et al.*, PRL **109**, 102001 (2012)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \sigma_0 \{ 1 - \delta_I \Sigma \cos 2\phi + \Lambda_x (-\delta_I H \sin 2\phi + \delta_\odot F) - \Lambda_y (-T + \delta_I P \cos 2\phi) - \Lambda_z (-\delta_I G \sin 2\phi + \delta_\odot E) \}$$

$$\theta_\pi = 90 \pm 5^\circ$$

Surprisingly, π production also not well understood at lower energies.

$$\theta_\pi = 130 \pm 5^\circ$$

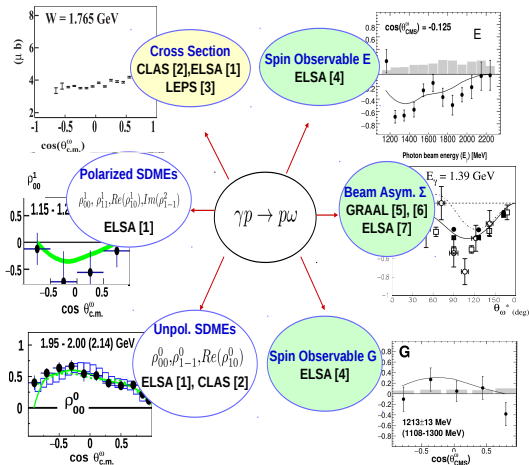
Below 1 GeV, discrepancies can be traced to the E_{0+} and E_{2-} multipoles, which are related to certain resonances:

$$E_{0+}: N(1535) \frac{1}{2}^-, N(1650) \frac{1}{2}^-, \Delta(1620) \frac{1}{2}^-$$

$$E_{2-}: N(1520) \frac{3}{2}^-, \Delta(1700) \frac{3}{2}^-$$

Baryon Resonances in the Reaction $\gamma p \rightarrow p \omega$

➔ Vector-meson photoproduction (ω , ρ , ϕ) is still underexplored.



Particle J^P	Status as seen in —									
	overall	πN	γN	$N\eta$	$N\sigma$	$N\omega$	ΔK	ΣK	$N\rho$	$\Delta\pi$
$N(1700) 3/2^-$	***	***	**	*			*	*	*	***
$N(1710) 1/2^+$	***	***	***	***		**	***	**	*	**
$N(1720) 3/2^+$	****	****	***	***			**	**	**	*
$N(1860) 5/2^+$	**	**							*	*
$N(1875) 3/2^-$	***	*	***			**	***	**		***
$N(1880) 1/2^+$	**	*	*		**		*			
$N(1895) 1/2^-$	**	**	**	**			**	*		
$N(1900) 3/2^+$	***	**	***	**		**	***	**	*	**
$N(1990) 7/2^+$	**	**	**				*			
$N(2000) 5/2^+$	**	*	**	**			**	*	**	
$N(2040) 3/2^+$	*									
$N(2060) 5/2^-$	**	**	**	*				**		
$N(2100) 1/2^+$	*									
$N(2150) 3/2^-$	**	**	**				**			**
$N(2190) 7/2^-$	****	****	***			*	**		*	
$N(2220) 9/2^+$	****	****								
$N(2250) 9/2^-$	****	****								
$N(2600) 11/2^-$	***	***								
$N(2700) 13/2^+$	**	**								

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Bonn-Gatchina & CLAS PWA

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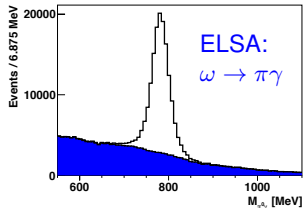
$- \Lambda_z (-\delta_I G \sin 2\phi + \delta_\odot E)$

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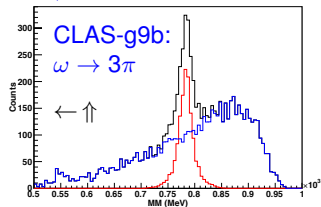
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full energy range



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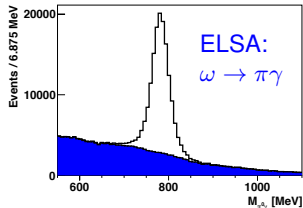
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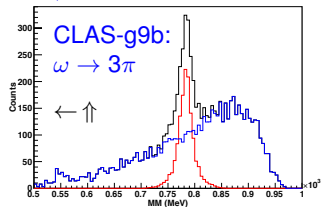
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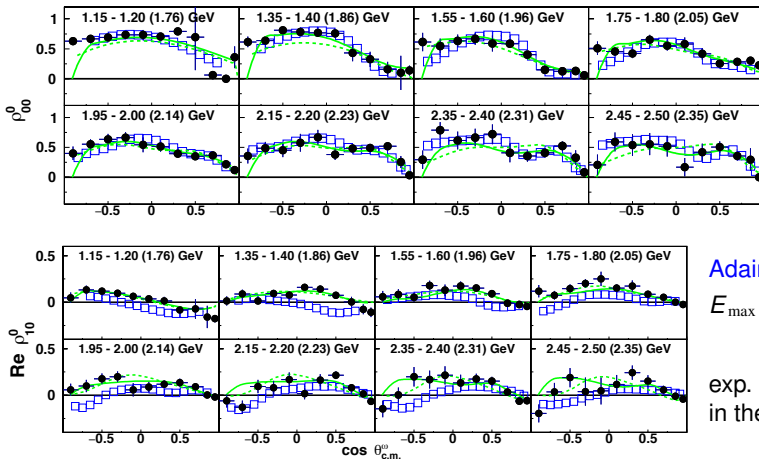
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Complete Experiments in $\gamma p \rightarrow p \omega$: SDMEs



Adair Frame

$E_{\max} \approx 3.8$ GeV (CLAS)

exp. disagreement
 in the element $\text{Re } \rho_{10}^0$

Complete Experiments in $\gamma p \rightarrow p \omega$ (& $\gamma p \rightarrow p \pi^+ \pi^-$)

Spin-Density Matrix Elements: $\Sigma_\omega = \rho_{00}^1 + 2\rho_{11}^1$

$$W_1(\Omega_d, \rho) = \sin^2 \theta_d \rho_{00}^1 + (1 + \cos^2 \theta_d) \rho_{11}^1 + \sin^2 \theta_d \cos 2\phi_d \rho_{1-1}^1 + \sqrt{2} \sin 2\theta_d \cos \phi_d \operatorname{Re} \rho_{10}^1$$

- Event-based background subtraction

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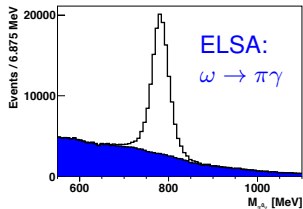
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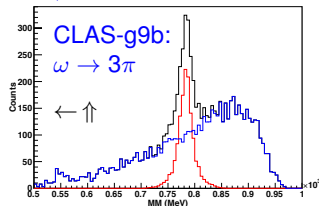
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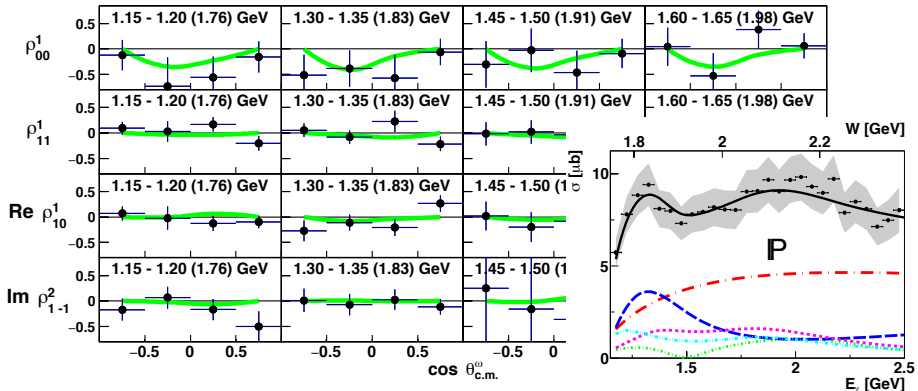


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Complete Experiments in $\gamma p \rightarrow p \omega$: SDMEs

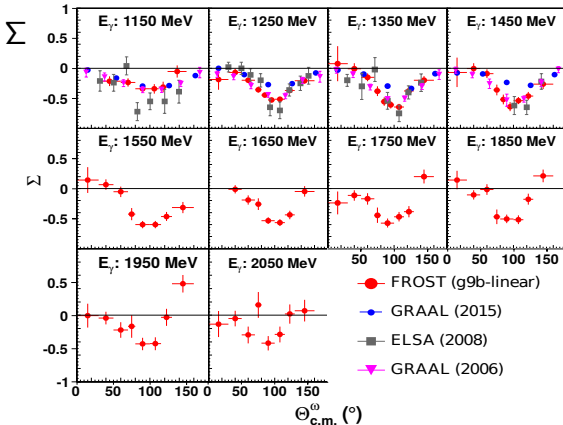
→ Among non-resonant contributions: pomeron-exchange dominates.



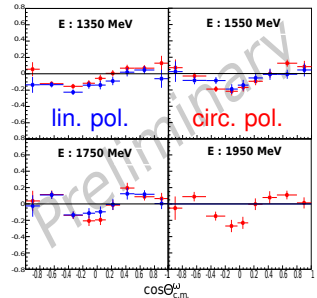
A. Wilson *et al.* [CBELSA/TAPS], Phys. Lett. B **749**, 407 (2015)

Beam- & Target-Asymmetry in $\gamma p \rightarrow p \omega$

We are close to a complete experiment in $\gamma p \rightarrow p \omega \dots$

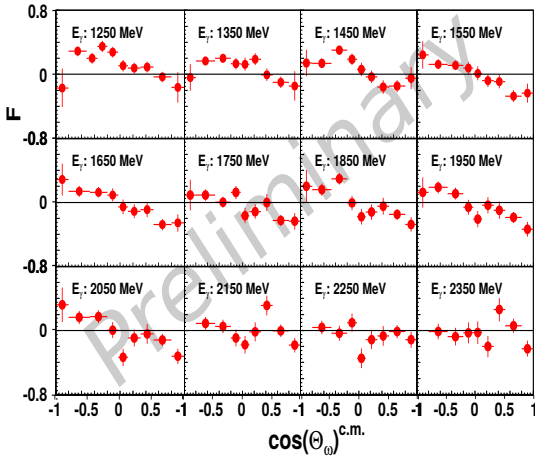


Target-Asymmetry (CLAS)
 (first-time measurement)

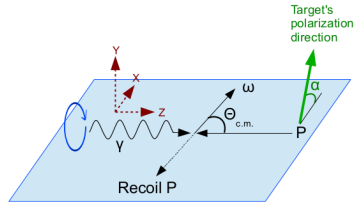


Priyashree Roy (Florida State), to be published

Beam-Target Asymmetry F in $\vec{\gamma} \vec{p} \rightarrow p \omega$ (CLAS-g9b)



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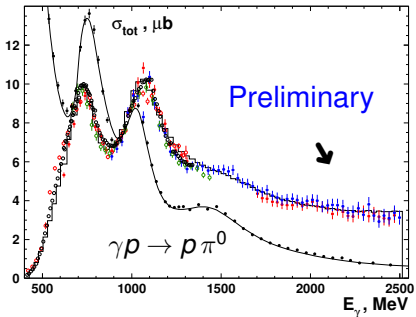


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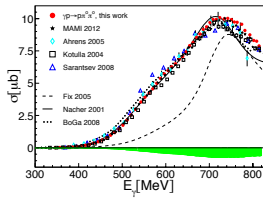
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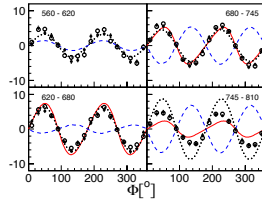
Observation of Decay Cascades in $\gamma p \rightarrow p \pi^0 \pi^0$



F. Zehr *et al.*, Eur. Phys. J. A **48**, 98 (2012) @MAMI



Cross Sections

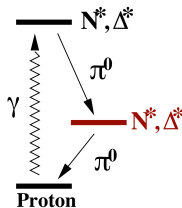


Beam Asymmetry, I°

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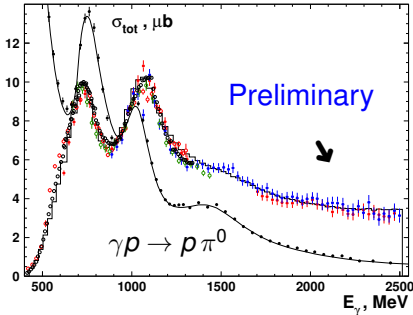
— Bonn-Gatchina PWA

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→ Search for states in decay cascades!

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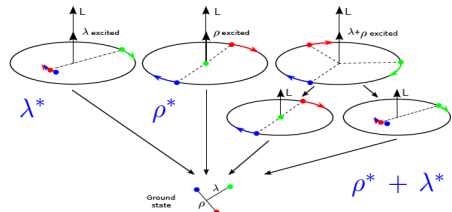
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Observation of Decay Cascades in $\gamma p \rightarrow p \pi^0 \pi^0$

Decays observed
in PWA into, e. g.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} N(1880) 1/2^+ \\ N(1900) 3/2^+ \\ N(2000) 5/2^+ \\ N(1990) 7/2^+ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} N(1520)\pi \\ N(1535)\pi \\ N(1680)\pi \\ N\sigma (l=1) \end{array}$$

→ Quartet of $(70, 2_2^+)$ with $S = \frac{3}{2}$.

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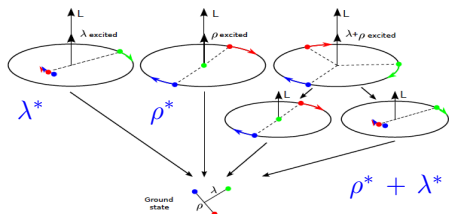
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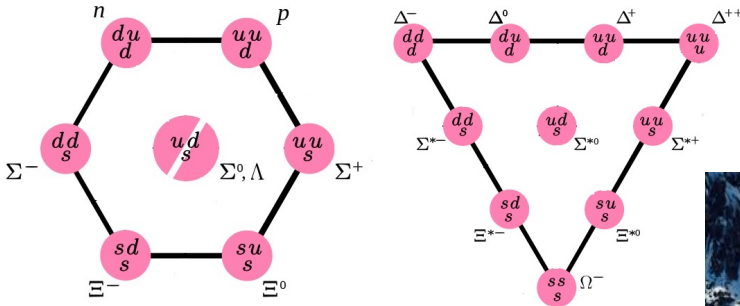


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Cascade Spectrum and Multiplets

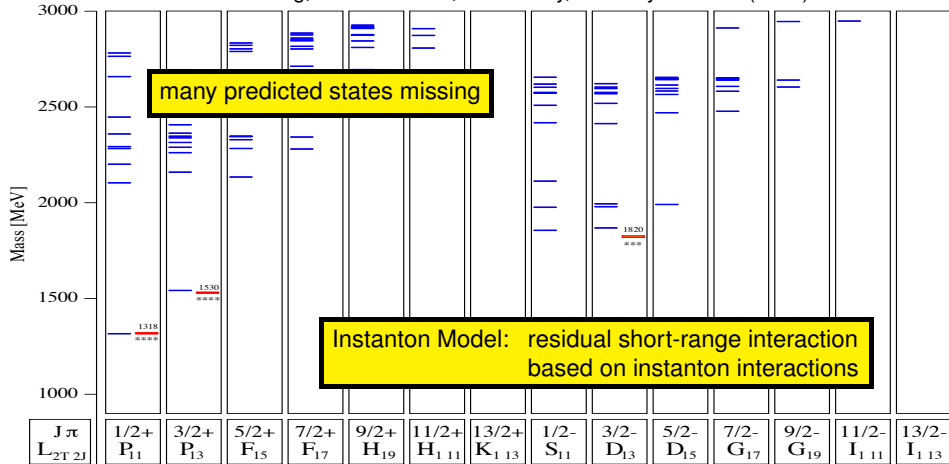


The decuplets consist of Δ^* , Σ^* , Ξ^* , and Ω^* resonances, but also the octets consist of an Ξ^* state.

→ We expect as many Ξ^* 's as N^* & Δ^* states together. Moreover, their properties should be related.

Cascade Resonances: Status of 2015

— U. Loering, B. Ch. Metsch, H. R. Petry, Eur. Phys. J. **A10** (2001) 447-486



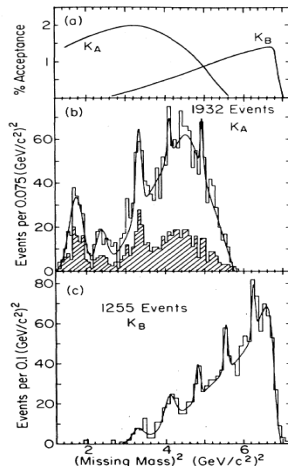
Measurements at BNL in $K^-p \rightarrow K_{\text{slow}}^+ + X^-$

“Existence of Ξ Resonances above 2 GeV”

(C.M. Jenkins *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **51**, 951 (1983))

Observed Ξ States:

$\Xi(1320)$	****	$I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}^+)$
$\Xi(1530)$	****	$I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{3}{2}^+)$
$\Xi(1820)$	***	$I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{3}{2}^-)$
$\Xi(2030)$	***	$I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(\geq \frac{5}{2}^?)$
$\Xi(2370)$	***	$I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(??)$
$\Xi(2500)$	***	$I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(??)$

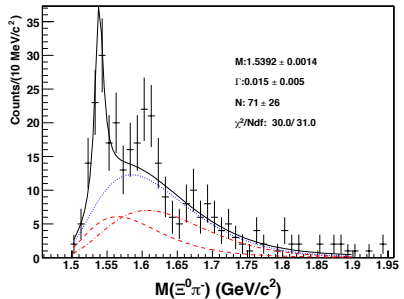


CLAS g11a: Excited States in $\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ K^+ \pi^- (X)$

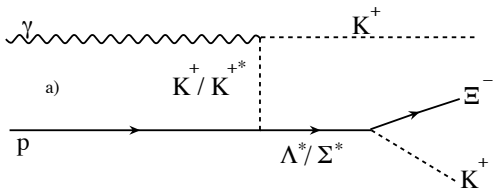
From the paper: *Although a small enhancement is observed in the $\Xi^0 \pi^-$ invariant mass spectrum near the controversial 1-star Ξ^- (1620) resonance, it is not possible to determine its exact nature without a full partial wave analysis.*

Need high-statistics, high-energy data from an experiment designed to see Ξ states:

- 3- or 4-track trigger
- Reconstruction of full decay chain
- Higher photon energy
- Improved detectors

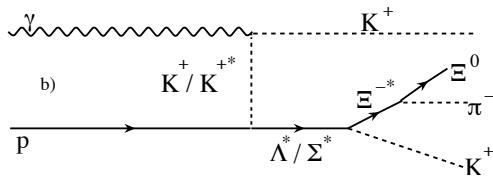


Possible Production Mechanisms



$K^+(\Xi^- K^+)$, $K^+(\Xi^0 K^0)$, $K^0(\Xi^0 K^+)$

→ Cross sections, beam asymmetries
(similar to $p\pi\pi$ & pKK^*)



Production of excited states via a

- 1 forward-going K^0 meson
→ $K^0(\Xi^- \pi^+) K^+$, etc.
- 2 forward-going K^+ meson
→ $K^+(\Xi^- \pi^+) K^0$,
 $K^+(\Xi^0 \pi^-) K^+$, etc.

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

Ξ Spectroscopy with the GlueX Detector

The Ξ octet ground states (Ξ^0 , Ξ^-) will be challenging to study via exclusive t -channel (meson exchange) production. The typical final states have kinematics for which the baseline GlueX detector has very low acceptance due to:

- the high-momentum forward-going kaon and
- the relatively low-momentum pions produced in the Ξ decay.

The production of the Ξ decuplet ground state, $\Xi(1530)$, and other excited Ξ 's decaying to $\Xi\pi$ results in a lower momentum kaon at the upper vertex, and these heavier Ξ states produce higher momentum pions in their decays.

The lightest excited Ξ states are expected to decouple from $\Xi\pi$ and can be searched for and studied also in their decays to $\Lambda\bar{K}$ and $\Sigma\bar{K}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma p \rightarrow K Y^* &\rightarrow K^+ (\bar{K}\Lambda)_{\Xi^-*} K^+, \quad K^+ (\bar{K}\Lambda)_{\Xi^{0*}} K^0, \quad K^0 (\bar{K}\Lambda)_{\Xi^{0*}} K^+, \\ \gamma p \rightarrow K Y^* &\rightarrow K^+ (\bar{K}\Sigma)_{\Xi^-*} K^+, \quad K^+ (\bar{K}\Sigma)_{\Xi^{0*}} K^0, \quad K^0 (\bar{K}\Sigma)_{\Xi^{0*}} K^+. \end{aligned}$$

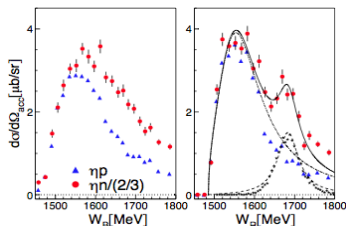
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Open Issues in (Light) Baryon Spectroscopy

- 1 What are the relevant degrees of freedom in (excited) baryons?
→ Can the high-mass states be described by the dynamics of three flavored quarks? To what extent are diquark correlations, gluonic modes or hadronic degrees of freedom important in this physics?
- 2 Can we identify unconventional states in the strangeness sector, e.g. a $\Lambda(1405)$ or the $N(1440)$?
- 3 Can we identify the leading interactions between the constituents?
- 4 Do we understand the decay of high-mass baryon resonances? Is a similar dynamical mechanism applicable (hadronic d.o.f.)?
- 5 Do we observe states *truly* beyond the simple $|qqq\rangle$ picture, e.g. in $\gamma n \rightarrow n\eta$? →
- 6 What are the missing resonances and why are so many still missing?



Summary and Outlook

Baryon Spectroscopy: Are we there, yet? Certainly not ...

New era in the spectroscopy of strange baryons (GlueX, LHCb, PANDA, ...)

- Mapping out the spectrum of Ξ baryons is the primary motivation (including parity measurements); some hope for peak hunting.
- Ground-state Ξ in $\gamma p \rightarrow KK \Xi$ will allow the spectroscopy of Σ^* / Λ^* states.

The multi-strange baryons provide a missing link between the light-flavor and the heavy-flavor baryons. Also:

- 1 Do the lightest excited Ξ states in certain partial waves decouple from the $\Xi\pi$ channel, confirming the flavor independence of confinement?
- 2 Ξ baryons as a probe of excited hadron structure?
→ Measurements of the isospin splittings in spatially excited Ξ states appear possible for the first time (similar to $n - p$ or $\Delta^0 - \Delta^{++}$).