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# Beam asymmetries of $\pi^0 \eta$ photoproduction off protons

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### Why photoproduction?

#### Hadron spectroscopy

-Still many quark models predicted resonances are missing for excited baryons (W>2 GeV) -Mass ordering problem (e.g. N(1440) and N(1535))

GeV Photon probe is
promising for searching
these missing resonances

#### Meson photoproduction

 $\gamma N \rightarrow N^* or \Delta^* \rightarrow mesons N$  for light baryon spectroscopy -Short-lived resonances are overlapped with each other





#### LEPS2/BGOegg Experiments



#### Physics





Fig.1 A picture of BGOegg inside the thermostatic booth (Left) and the drawings of BGOegg (Right).

experiments, we are planning to upgrade the detector setup as shown in Fig.3. Instead of using DC and RPC, the forward acceptance hole of the BGOegg calorimeter will be covered by additional EM calorimeters. We install the "Forward Gamma" detector, which consists of 252 PWO crystals, in the polar angle range of 3 to 16 degrees. We are also considering to cover the gap region between the BGOegg calorimeter and the Forward Gamma detector. This configuration will significantly reduce backgrounds in the direct measurement of  $\eta$ '-mass spectral shape using a nuleus target.

#### Status

The LEPS2/BGOegg experiments are carried out under the collaboration of ELPH (Tohoku University), RCNP (Osaka University), Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Kyoto University, KEK, RIKEN, JASRI (SPring-8), and many other institutes in the world. ELPH and RCNP cooperate the LEPS2 facility.





A 1.3–2.4 GeV photon beam with high linear polarization via laser Compton scattering

- LEPS2 beam is generated via laser Compton scattering.
- Other experimental facilities(CLAS, ELSA...) use coherent bremsstrahlung as a photon beam.



• LEPS2 beam polarization is **greater** than other experimental facilities at higher energies ( $E_{\gamma} \gtrsim 1.5$  GeV).

World leading energy resolution (carbon target)  $\pi^0$  mass resolution: 6.7 MeV/ $c^2$ ;  $\eta$ : 14.4 MeV/ $c^2$ )







#### **FOREST EM Calorimeter**



# PPP Y

## **Δ** Search for η' mesic nuclei

- mass reduction of 80-150 MeV at nuclear density (partial restoration of chiral symmetry inside high-density condition)
  He-ŋ bound state
- > bound  $\eta'$  mesic nuclei in the C( $\gamma$ ,p)X reaction.

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- > In-medium effect of the spectral shape of  $\eta'$  (The width of  $\eta'$  may change)
- > The width of  $\eta'$  may change
- > Aaccurately measuring the spectrum of  $\eta'$

#### D Differential cross-section and beam asymmetry of the neutral mesons

The production of mesons from liquid hydrogen targets is suitable for investigating the excitation states of nucleons.

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### $\Box \pi^0 \pi^0$ correlations

> measure the **space-time properties** of the particle emission source.

#### Hadron mass origin



Yukawa coupling and Higgs particles explain the fundamental fermions masses, while the hadron mass is generated by the strong interaction in QCD.

Chiral symmetry breaking plays a key role to explain light hadrons masses

 $U_A(1)$  symmetry breaking

 $\eta'(985)$  exceptionally large mass Mass gap between  $\eta'$  and  $\eta$ 

Search for the in-medium mass reduction of  $\eta'$  (partial restoration of spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking may weaken the anomaly effect)

Nambu-Jona-Lasinio and linear sigma models containing an  $U_A(1)$  symmetry breaking term



150 and 80 MeV mass reduction

#### Hadron mass origin

- > The mass reduction is described as an attractive potential for an  $\eta'$  meson in a nucleus
- $\succ$   $\eta'$ -nucleus bound states can be formed.
- $\succ$  To search for  $\eta'$  -nucleus bound states, we used

missing-mass spectroscopy of the  ${}^{12}C(\gamma, p)$  reaction

detecting decay products in coincidence.

We measured missing mass spectrum of the  ${}^{12}C(\gamma, p)$  reaction for the first time in coincidence with potential decay products from  $\eta'$  bound nuclei. We tagged an  $(\eta + p)$  pair associated with the  $\eta' N \rightarrow \eta N$  process in a nucleus. After applying kinematical selections to reduce backgrounds, no signal events were observed in the bound-state region. An upper limit of the signal cross section in the opening angle  $\cos \theta_{lab}^{\eta p} < -0.9$  was obtained to be 2.2 nb/sr at the 90% confidence level. It is compared with theoretical cross sections, whose normalization ambiguity is suppressed by measuring a quasifree  $\eta'$  production rate. Our results indicate a small branching fraction of the  $\eta' N \rightarrow \eta N$  process and/or a shallow  $\eta'$ -nucleus potential.

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FIG. 1. (a) The  $2\gamma$  invariant mass distribution around the  $\eta$  mass and (b) the excitation function of the  $(\eta + p_s)$  coincidence data. The region in  $\pm 2.5\sigma$  from the invariant mass peak is indicated by the blue-dashed lines.











- The asymmetries  $\Sigma$ s in the lower W bin are close to zero or slightly positive, while in the higher bin are negative values around -0.3, indicating the contribution of t-channel vector meson (natural parity) exchange in  $f_0(980)$  photoproduction.
- At the higher energies, the deviation from Σ = -1 is seen possibly because of the unnatural parity contribution of axial-vector exchange [e.g., b<sub>1</sub>(1235)] and re-scattering diagrams with two Reggeon exchange in addition to the contamination of s- and u-channel diagrams.
- The differential cross section  $d\sigma/dt$  measured in a smaller |-t| region is comparable to the theoretical prediction assuming a  $q\bar{q}$  component in  $f_0(980)$ .

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#### $\pi^0 \pi^0$ correlations





Intensity interference between identical particles effects) provides a (HBT tool to measure the spaceproperties time the of particle emission source.



γp→π<sup>0</sup>π<sup>0</sup>p



#### $\pi^0\pi^0$ correlations

 $\pi^0 \pi^0$  strong final state interaction through  $f_0(500)$  and  $f_0(980)$ 



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### $\pi^0\pi^0$ correlations

 $\pi^0\pi^0$  strong final state interaction through  $f_0(500)$  and  $f_0(980)$ 

- The preliminary results in case (1) (focusing on Δ) shows the correlation strength is very weak (almost 0) in the beam energy region of 1.3-2.4 GeV.
- □ The preliminary results in case (2) (suppressing  $\pi^0 \Delta$  or  $\pi^0 N^*$  sequential decay) indicate the pi-pi correlations strength decreases as beam energy increases. This phenomenon may be due to the fact that the contribution of the processes (f<sub>0</sub>(500) and f<sub>0</sub>(980)) directly decaying to two pions becomes smaller when the beam energy increases from 1.3 to 2.4 GeV.
- □ Including strong final state interaction of  $\pi^0 \pi^0$  through the  $f_0(500)$  and  $f_0(980)$  resonance may provide more interesting information
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#### **Beam asymmetries | Motivation**

In meson spectroscopy, more states are found experimentally than are expected from a  $q\bar{q}$  scheme. While in baryon spectroscopy, the situation is reverse (missing baryon resonances problem).

**Polarization observables** are important in photoproduction to disentangle the multitude of contributing resonances.

Linearly polarized photons induced photoproduction of single mesons shows a cos  $2\phi$  dependence. Three body polarization observables  $I^s$ ,  $I^c$  is highly sensitive to the dynamics of the reaction (intermediate resonance decay properties).

**Baryon resonances** can be **generated dynamically from** the interaction of pseudoscalar or vector **mesons** and ground- state octet or decuplet **baryons**.

Three-body dynamics of a **full quark model** or a **quark-diquark** picture (one of the constituent particles of a baryon can be regarded as a quark and the other particle can be considered as a tightly bound state of two quarks, or diquark).





polarization plane

#### **Beam asymmetries** Motivation

#### The CBELSA/TAPS Collaboration Eur. Phys. J. A (2014) 50: 74

#### High statistics study of the reaction $\gamma p \rightarrow p \pi^0 \eta$

**Abstract.** Photoproduction off protons of the  $p\pi^0\eta$  three-body final state was studied with the Crystal Barrel/TAPS detector, at the electron stretcher accelerator ELSA in Bonn, for incident energies from the  $\pi^0 \eta$  production threshold up to 2.5 GeV. Differential cross sections and the total cross sections are presented. The use of linearly polarized photons gives access to the polarization observables  $\Sigma$ ,  $I^s$ , and  $I^c$ . the latter two characterize beam asymmetries in case of three-body final states.  $\Delta(1232)\eta$ ,  $N(1535)1/2^{-\pi}$ . and  $pa_0(980)$  are the dominant isobars contributing to the reaction. The partial wave analysis confirms the existence of some nucleon and  $\Delta$  resonances, for which so far only fair evidence was reported. A large number of decay modes of known nucleon and  $\Delta$  resonances is presented. It is shown that detailed investigations of decay branching ratios may provide a key to unravelling the structure of nucleon and  $\Delta$ resonances.

#### Polarized beam energy up to $\sim 1.7$ GeV

W=1946

cos θ(p)

0.5

 $\cos \theta(\pi^0)$ 

0.5

 $\cos \theta(n)$ 

W=1946

W=1946

0 0.5



Fig. 31. Two-body beam asymmetry  $\Sigma$  for the reaction  $\gamma p \to p \pi^0 \eta$ . Top to bottom: incoming photon energy ranges  $1085 \pm$  $115 \text{ MeV}, 1325 \pm 125 \text{ MeV}, 1550 \pm 100 \text{ MeV}$ . Left: asymmetries obtained from the  $\phi$  distributions of the recoiling (left to right)  $p, \eta, \pi^0$  as function of the invariant mass of the other two particles [67]. Right: The same as function of the  $\cos\theta$  of the recoiling particle. Systematic error estimate from acceptance studies (yellow). Curves: BnGa-PWA (red), Fix et al. [69] (green), Döring et al. [50] (blue)



Fig. 32. Three-body beam asymmetries  $I^s$  (left) and  $I^c$  (right) [49]. Closed symbols:  $I^s(\phi^*)$  ( $I^c(\phi^*)$ ) as extracted from the data. Open symbols:  $-I^{s}(2\pi - \phi^{*})$ ,  $I^{c}(2\pi - \phi^{*})$  (see eqs. (22) and (23)). Grey bars: systematic error estimate from acceptance studies. Curves: BnGa-PWA (red), Fix et al. [69] (green), Döring et al. [50] (blue).

#### $\pi^0\eta$ 光生反应束流极化度分析



 $\pi^0\eta$ 光生反应实验





Fig. 29. Angle definitions for the extraction of beam asymmetries. Left: quasi two-body approach. Right: additional degree of freedom occurring in full three-body kinematics.

Quasi two body approach: 1)p – 
$$(\pi^0\eta)$$
; 2)  $\pi^0$  –  $(\eta p)$ ; 3)  $\eta$  –  $(\pi^0 p)$ 

Cross section  $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_0 \left(1 + P\Sigma cos 2\phi\right)$ 

*P*: degree of polarization of photon beam

Fit: 
$$f(\phi) = A + P \cdot B \cdot cos2\phi$$
  
Beam Asymmetry:  $\Sigma = B/A$ 

#### $\phi(p)$ binned in $\phi *$

#### $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta p$ beam asymmetries

50 100 150 200 250 300

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*I<sup>s</sup>*: C/A

#### Σ binned in $cos(\theta_{cm})$





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#### $\Sigma$ binned in the invariant mass





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Energy overlap 🖌

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Is

#### BGOegg 2014B



26

200

<u>l<sup>s</sup>(()\*)</u>

W=2150-2320 MeV

200

 $l_{\pi}^{s}(\phi^{*})$ 

W=2150-2320 MeV

200

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W=2150-2320 MeV

300

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300

300

100

100

100

#### Discussion

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#### **Table 3.** Branching ratios of nucleon and $\Delta$ resonances.

Resonance	$\pi N$	$N(1535)\pi$	$\Delta(1232)\eta$
$N(1710)1/2^+$	$5\pm3\%$	$15\pm6\%$	_
$N(1880)1/2^+$	$6\pm3\%$	$8\pm4\%$	_
$N(1900)3/2^+$	$3\pm3\%$	$7\pm3\%$	_
$N(2100)1/2^+$	$3\pm2\%$	$22\pm8\%$	_
$N(2120)3/2^{-}$	$5\pm3\%$	$15\pm8\%$	_
$arDelta(1700)3/2^-$	$22\pm4\%$	$1\pm0.5\%$	$5\pm2\%$
$arDelta(1900)1/2^-$	$7\pm2\%$	—	$1\pm1\%$
$\Delta(1905)5/2^+$	$13\pm2\%$	$\leq 1\%$	$4\pm2\%$
$arDelta(1910)1/2^+$	$12\pm 3\%$	$5\pm3\%$	$9\pm4\%$
$\Delta(1920)3/2^+$	$8\pm4\%$	$\leq 2\%$	$11\pm6\%$
$arDelta(1940)3/2^-$	$2\pm1\%$	$8\pm6\%$	$10\pm6\%$
$\Delta(1950)7/2^{+}$	$46\pm2\%$		$\leq 1\%$

N(1710)1/2

$N(1710)1/2^+$ pole parameters						
$M_{ m pole}$	$1690 \pm 15$		$\Gamma_{\rm pole}$	$170\pm20$		
$A^{1/2}$	$0.052 \pm 0.014$		Phase:	$(-10 \pm 50)^{\circ}$		
$N(1710)1/2^+$ transition residues				phase		
$\pi N \to \pi N$			$6\pm3~({\rm MeV})$	$(120 \pm 45)^{\circ}$		
$2(\pi N \to N(1535)\pi)/\Gamma$			$10 \pm 4\%$	$(140 \pm 40)^{\circ}$		
$(\gamma p)^{1/2} \rightarrow N(1535)$	$\delta)\pi$	$M_{1-}$	$8.5\pm 3.5\ 10^{-3}$	$(25 \pm 35)^{\circ}$		
$N(1710)1/2^+$ Breit-Wigner parameters						
$M_{BW}$	$1715\pm20$		$\Gamma_{BW}$	$175\pm15$		
$\operatorname{Br}(\pi N)$	$5\pm3\%$		$\operatorname{Br}(N(1535)\pi)$	$15\pm6\%$		
$A_{BW}^{1/2}$	$0.050\pm0.010$					

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#### BGOegg 2014B

Polarized beam energy up to ~2.4 GeV

## (1) cascade processes of higher mass resonances into a resonance with intrinsic orbital angular momentum can be studied

(2) The comparison of these decay modes with decays into  $N\pi$  is very helpful for identifying mechanisms responsible for the decays of N and  $\Delta$  resonances.

(3) More information about branching ratios for decays into N $\pi$ , N(1535) $\pi$ , and  $\Delta$ (1232) $\eta$  can be obtained. **□**Preliminary results of beam asymmetries of  $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta p$  in the beam energy region of 1.3-2.4 GeV were obtained.

**\Box** The quasi 2-body polarization observables  $\Sigma$  and 3-body observables  $I^s$ ,  $I^c$  above

~1.7 GeV ( $E_{\gamma}$ ) are new experimental data in the world.

**Our results are consistent with CBELSA's results in the beam energy region of 1.3-**

- **1.7 GeV** within error bars
- **Systematic uncertainties estimation is currently underway**

Cooperation with PWA could provide more interesting information about cascade processes of higher mass resonances and branching ratios for decays into Nπ, N(1535)π, and Δ(1232)η

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