Measurement of the double polarization observable E for the photoproduction of $\pi^0 \pi^{+/-}$ pairs off deuteron and dButanol targets

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Scope:

- insight into low energy **QCD**(large α)
- in medium resonances of nucleons
- Baryons could have less internal degrees of freedom than predicted in quark models
- possibilities of more complex baryonic structures(e.g pentaquarks etc.)



Motivation for Photoproduction to study baryon spectrum

•An efficient tool for the study of decays of nucleon resonances photon induced reactions > pion scattering [in the last decades] Many more states have been predicted than observed. *larger mass region of the spectrum* = missing resonances

> Quark model vs. experimental data 3000 **N*** 2500 Mass [MeV] 2000 1520 1500 1000 3/2+ 5/2+7/2+1/2-3/2-Jπ 1/2 +5/2-7/2- \mathbf{P}_{13} F15 F_{17} S., D13 D15 G₁₇ L_{2T2J} \mathbf{P}_{11}

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Motivation for Photoproduction with pion pair production

- pair production of pseudoscalar mesons \rightarrow higher lying resonances have tendency of cascade-like decays with an intermediate state \rightarrow double pion production interesting.
- single meson production reactions restrict and strongly bias against contributions from such states
- study of pion pairs \rightarrow resonance decays involving heavier mesons (f_0, ρ etc.)

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- Special interests in $\pi^0 \pi^{+/-}$ include also contributions from ρ meson (forbidden in $\pi^0 \pi^0$)

 Influence of ρ on 2nd resonance peak study with proton, deuteron, ⁴He and heavier targets



Experimental Facility in Mainz



Figure: MAMI floor-plan [5]

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Experimental Setup of A2 Mainz



Figure: Schematic overview of the Exp. Setup [5]

Parameters for Data taking with Unpolarized and Polarized targets [5,6]

Parameters	Unpolarized target	Polarized target	Polarized target	Polarized target	Polarized target
Beamtime	May'09	Dec'15	Mar'15	Feb'14	Jul'13
Target type	LD ₂	dButanol	dButanol	dButanol	dButanol
Target length[cm]	3.02	1.88	2.0	2.0	2.0
E-sum trigger	>250	>250	>250	>250	>250
Multiplicity trigger	M2+	M2+	M2+	M2+	M2+
Photon tagger range[MeV]	400-1400	400-1400	400-1400	400-1400	400-1400
Radiator	Moeller	Moeller	Moeller	Moeller	Moeller
e ⁻ beam energy[MeV]	1575.5 MeV	1557 MeV	1558 MeV	1558 MeV	1558 MeV

Table: Parameters for deuterium(May 2009) and dButanol(July 2013, February 2014, March 2015 Dec 2015) beamtimes

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$\gamma p(n) \longrightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 n(n)$	$\gamma n(p) \longrightarrow \pi^{-}\pi^{0}p(p)$
\hookrightarrow detected particles:	\hookrightarrow detected particles:
• 1 charged:	 2 charged:
- π ⁺	- 7
	 proton participant
 3 uncharged: 	 2 uncharged:
$-\pi^0 \longrightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (98.823 %)	$- \pi^0 \longrightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (98.823 %)
 neutron participant 	

Further selection of events necessary through cuts and corrections

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Proton and Charged Pion identification with PID and CB



Figure: Identification of charged particle

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Analysis Background Rejection: Missing mass analysis



(a) Missing mass comparison spectra of C-subtracted dbutanol data set with the difference of the two helicity states. (b) ΔM for dButanol for the reaction on proton (blue) and neutron (red); line shape as black line. Influence of the carbon clearly visible in the sum.

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Results: Further comparison and Discussion



Figure: double π^0 photoproduction [7]



Figure: This work i.e mixed charged pion photoproduction = - :

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Summary and Outlook

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Outlook :

- This work contributes to the world database of complete experiment
- A more refined analysis with intermediate channels is followed, although it doesn't affect the current E-asymmetry
- Publish the results of E-asymmetry

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• Nucleon Detection Efficiency

[to compensate for imperfections in the implementation of the experimental setup in GEANT and inefficiencies in the PID and the TAPS vetoes]

• CB Energy sum correction/CDF [The energy-sum trigger checks the sum of the deposited energies of the particles in CB against a threshold value]

• Gap correction

[acceptance hole between the CB and TAPS, where no particles are detected]

Analysis Background Rejection: Invariant mass cut

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Analysis Background Rejection: Coplanarity cut



Figure: The angular difference $\Delta \phi$ of the pion-pion system to the recoil nucleon for five different bins of the incident photon energy. Cut positions are indicated by the dashed lines.

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1	$\sigma_0(1 + E_{dir.})$	$\sigma_0(1-E_{dir.})$
11	$\sigma_0(1+E_C)$	$\sigma_0(1-E_C)$
III	$\frac{\sigma_{\Sigma} + \sigma_{\Delta}}{2}$	$\frac{\sigma_{\Sigma} - \sigma_{\Delta}}{2}$

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Sys. Uncertainty calc.

In determining of E, the uncertainty coming from the flux and the analysis cuts, cancel out since they appear in the numerator and denominator of the fraction;

the uncertainties coming from the carbon subtraction and different nucleon detection efficiencies of the polarised and unpolarised experiments, were estimated by

$$\Delta E = diff. |E^{vers1} - E^{vers2}|$$

and For the helicity dependent cross sections:

$$\begin{split} &\Delta\sigma_{1/2} = \textit{Max}(\Delta\sigma_{1/2}^{1}, \Delta\sigma_{1/2}^{2}, \Delta\sigma_{1/2}^{3}) \\ &\text{where, } \Delta\sigma_{1/2}^{1} = \textit{diff.} |\sigma_{1/2}^{\textit{vers1}} - \sigma_{1/2}^{\textit{vers2}}|, \ \Delta\sigma_{1/2}^{2} = \textit{diff.} |\sigma_{1/2}^{\textit{vers2}} - \sigma_{1/2}^{\textit{vers3}}|, \text{ and so on...} \end{split}$$

$$\Delta \sigma_{3/2} = Max(\Delta \sigma_{3/2}^1, \Delta \sigma_{3/2}^2, \Delta \sigma_{3/2}^3)$$

where, $\Delta \sigma_{3/2}^1 = diff. |\sigma_{3/2}^{vers1} - \sigma_{3/2}^{vers2}|$, and so on...

This systematic uncertainty accounts for uncertainties due to the carbon subtraction, differences in the nucleon detection efficiency, flux, and analysis cuts compared to the unpolarised measurement

Corrections

software trigger [cdf/CB energy sum]: The CB energy sum trigger is checking the total sum of the analog signals of all Nal(TI) crystals against a threshold, which corresponds to a certain energy. photon energy sum depends on the energy and angular distribution of the -meson and thus a certain model dependence is introduced





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