# Searches for Exotic Hadrons at Gue

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# **Searching For Hybrid Mesons**

- Mesons grouped into nonets of similar J<sup>PC</sup>
  - Must establish quantum numbers and pole parameters through amplitude analysis
- Meson QNs
  - Allowed: 0-+, 0++, 1--, 1+-, 2++, 2-+,...
  - Forbidden: 0--, 0+-, 1-+, 2+-, ...
- Hybrid Meson QNs
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- Coupled channel fit in unitary reaction model describes COMPASS data



#### **Meson Photoproduction**



- Photon couples to exchanged QN via Vector Meson Dominance, generates mesons with wide variety of J<sup>PC</sup>
  - All expected hybrids can be produced
  - Little existing photoproduction data at  $E_{\chi} \approx 9$  GeV. Neutral final states at these energies are mostly **unexplored**
- Photon polarization provides constraints on production processes

# **The GlueX Experiment**



- 2016: 2 pb<sup>-1</sup>  $\approx$ 80 hours of physics-quality commissioning data
- **2017:** 21 pb<sup>-1</sup> used for most results shown here
- 2018: ≈80 pb<sup>-1</sup> GlueX Phase-I complete!

over **300 B** events and **5 PB** of data!

# **The GlueX Experiment: Photon Beam**



- Photon beam generated via **coherent bremsstrahlung** off thin diamond radiator
- Photon energies tagged by scattered electrons [precision < 25 MeV]
- Photon linear polarization  $P_{\gamma} \sim 40\%$  in peak
- Intensity of  $\sim 1-5 \times 10^7$  g/s in peak



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#### Collect Data

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- A. Austregesilo Monday @ 2:30 PM
- S. Fegan Monday @ 5:00 PM
- W. McGinley Thursday @ 3:00 PM
- N. Wickramaarachchi Thursday @ 5:30 PM



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# Spectroscopy Prospects: $\gamma p \rightarrow p + \pi^+ \pi^-$



- Take fresh look at π<sup>+</sup> π<sup>-</sup> photoproduction
  - Using two-orders of magnitude more data than SLAC
  - Enhancements seen with M > 1 GeV
  - Moment / amplitude analysis underway
- K+ K- photoproduction also being studied



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M(2γ,pair 2) [GeV]

0.9

0.8

0.7

0.6

0.5

0.4

0.3

0.2

0.1

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 $\pi^0\pi^0$ 

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 $10^{2}$ 

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# J/ψ Photoproduction at GlueX: Mass Spectrum



- Reconstruct exclusive reaction
- · Calculate J/ $\psi$  cross sections normalized by non-resonant e+e-

# J/ψ Photoproduction at GlueX: Cross Sections



#### arXiv:1905.10811: Submitted to PRL

- First J/ψ cross section measurement at threshold
  - 27% normalization uncertainty
- Model-dependent upper limits at 90% CL:
  - Br(P<sub>c</sub>(4312) → J/ψ p) < 4.6%</li>
  - Br(P<sub>c</sub>(4440) → J/ψ p) < 2.3%</li>
  - Br(P<sub>c</sub>(4457) → J/ψ p) < 3.8%</li>
- Full Phase-I data is 3x larger, unbinned analyses planned

A.N. Hiller Blin, et al., PRD 94, 034002 (2016).

# Summary

- GlueX has started mapping the **normal** meson spectrum! First step towards establishing the **hybrid** meson spectrum.
- Phase I run is complete, program of production & cross section measurements well underway
  - Focus on spectroscopy of up/down quark states, initial studies of  $J/\psi$  and other rare processes
  - First limits on  $Br(P_c \rightarrow J/\psi p)$  constrain nature of LHCb  $P_c$  states
- Phase-II High-luminosity running will begin this Fall, extend reach to strange-quark states — see J. Stevens, Tuesday @ 1:30 PM



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#### **Backup Slides**

#### Meson Quantum Numbers

Mesons are arranged in groups of 9 ("nonets") with same J<sup>PC</sup>

gluonic field excitation  $\rightarrow$  "constituent gluon"

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# **GlueX Experimental Program**

Experiment	Description	Beam Time (PAC days)
GlueX-I	Spectroscopy of light and hybrid mesons (low-intensity)	80
GlueX-II	Spectroscopy of hadrons with strange quark decays (high-intensity)	220+
PrimEx-eta	Eta radiative decay width	79
CPP	Charged pion polarizability	25
JEF	Rare eta decays	42

- Detector upgrades underway: DIRC for enhanced π/K separation being installed, CompCal for precision luminosity
- Rich menu of future ideas being developed: K<sub>L</sub> beam, ω-photoproduction in nuclei, other ideas

#### Spectroscopy Prospects: $\gamma p \rightarrow p + \pi \eta$

Counts/12 MeV/c

6000

5000

3000

2000

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 $7000 = a_0(980)$ 

 In same decay modes as COMPASS, GlueX will have 280,000 πη and 52,000 πη' events in the full data set (versus COMPASS with 116,000 & 39,000).



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Δ++ + π− η, η → γγ

 $a_2(1320)$ 

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# **Work Towards Vector Meson Production Cross Sections**

- Vector meson production cross sections provide important benchmarks
  - Require understanding of efficiencies and photon flux
  - Comparison with previous measurements
  - Photon energy and t dependence gives more insight into production mechanisms
- Very preliminary "Work In Progress" shows similar beam energy dependence to previous measurements



#### Spectroscopy Prospects: $\gamma p \rightarrow p + \eta \pi^+ \pi^-$

- Large sample of multiparticle decays collected as well
  - Example:  $\eta \pi^+ \pi^-$  can have contributions from  $\eta_1$  and  $b_1$  hybrids
- Will analyze with models built from experience with 3-body reactions



# Spin Density Matrix Elements (SDMEs): $\gamma p \rightarrow p + \omega$

- SDMEs measure the transfer of polarization from the photon to the vector meson
  - Require understanding of detector acceptance
- Two matrix elements are particular sensitive to exchange particle in ω polarization transfer
  - Pomeron: +1/2 and -1/2
  - Pion: -1/2 and +1/2
- We observe around +0.35 and -0.35
- Updating with more data
- $\gamma p \rightarrow p + \phi$  and  $p + \rho$ also under analysis



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- Resonance character not conclusively established



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- Coupled channel analysis for P-waves and D-waves
- High precision data & theoretical advances required to extract pole parameters
  P/D-wave in ηπ / η'π



A. Rodas et al. (JPAC) [PRL 122, 042002 (2019)]

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# **Searching For Hybrid Mesons**

- Wish: Unambiguous narrow Breit-Wigner peaks in a mass spectrum
- **Reality:** Must establish resonance nature and determine pole parameters
  - Requires high-quality data in multiple channels and rigorous models: experimentalists and theorists working closely
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- First measurement of pseudoscalar beam asymmetry using GlueX commissioning data
  - Σ ≈ 1 indicates vector exchange dominates at this energy
  - First η measurement at this energy
- GlueX energies dominated by t-channel processes
  - Constrains background to baryon resonance production at lower energies

First JLab 12 GeV publication: Phys.Rev.C 95, 042201 (2017)



W. McGinley — Thursday @ 3:00 PM



- Updated preliminary results using 20% of Phase-I data
- Σ ≈ 1 indicates vector exchange dominates at this energy
- First η measurement at this energy
  - Stronger constraints on production models
- Many other processes under study
  - Ση ≈ Ση' implies negligible φ exchange

# Beam Asymmetries: $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^- \Delta^{++}$



- Charged pseudoscalar beam asymmetry has more complicated t-dependance
- Preliminary results use order of magnitude more data than previous measurements

B.G Yu (Korea Aerospace U.), arxiv:1611.09629v5 (16 GeV)

J. Nys (JPAC), arxiv: 1710.09394v1 (8.5 GeV) Asymmetry Σ  $\pm$  7% norm. uncertainty **SLUE** Preliminary  $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^- \Delta^{++}$ 0.5 (~8.5 GeV) Asymmetry ∑ Natural exchange -0.5 favored (e.g.  $\rho$ ,  $a_2$ ) Unnatural exchange favored (e.g.  $\pi$ ) 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 -1-t (GeV<sup>2</sup>)



Phys. Rev. D 20, 1553 (1979)

#### Cross Section Measurements: $\gamma p \rightarrow \eta p$

W = 2.70 GeV



- Cross section measurements provide complementary constraints on production process
  - Requires understanding of absolute efficiency and photon flux
- GlueX plans to measure differential cross sections over large energy range
  - Dedicated run to compare with existing CLAS measurements

# Spin Density Matrix Elements: $\gamma p \rightarrow \rho^0 p$

- Vector meson polarization described by spin density matrix
  - 9 elements from linear polarization
- Matrix elements extracted through fits to angular distributions
  - Understanding of detector acceptance required
- Dominated by natural parity exchange
  - Well described by Regge models at low-t



#### JPAC: PRD 97 094003 (2018)

# GlueX-II: Enter the DIRC



#### To study hybrids containing strange quarks, need clean identification of charged pions and kaons

- New addition: **DIRC** (Detection of Internally Reflected Cherenkov light)
- Installation & commissioning currently underway

#### **Prospects for Hyperon Measurements**

- Rich GlueX data enables wide range of measurements
- The Cascade (ssd, ssu) spectrum is poorly known — exclusive measurements allow determination of quantum numbers
- Detailed studies of baryon—antibaryon production, first observation of  $\Lambda \overline{\Lambda}$  production



A. Ernst – Friday @ 9:45 AM

# $\gamma p \rightarrow \Lambda \overline{\Lambda} p$



H. Li – Friday @ 9:15 AM