Partial Wave Analysis of two pion final states at CLAS

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Meson Spectroscopy in п⁺п⁻

The two pion channel is a rich final state for meson spectroscopy studies in the light quark sector

- Dominant contribution from $\rho(770)$ meson in the P wave
- Significant contribution of :
 - scalar meson in the S wave
 - of the $f_2(1270)$ in the D wave
- Two-body final state:
 - relatively easy to be accessed experimentally (large statistics)
 - "relatively" simple PWA

Main Focus of present analysis:

- Study of scalar mesons photoproduction
- Use of $\rho(770)$ as a benchmark

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- same quantum numbers of the QCD vacuum
- responsible for chiral symmetry breaking





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The f₀(980) meson

The $f_0(980)$ is one of the lowest mass scalar and isosinglet candidate of the first nonet:

→ Unusual mas hierarchy of the multiplet (f₀(980) almost degenerate with a₀(980)) and decays led to propose these states as TETRAQUARKs

Detailed measurement of the **S wave** around the resonance mass needed to determine the nature of this state





High precision data from BES, KLOE, BABAR, CLAS and others now available can shed light on this puzzle

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Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility

- → E: 0.75 -6 GeV
- \rightarrow I_{max}: 200µA
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CEBAF Large Acceptance Spectrometer



Hall-B Photon Tagger



Maximum photon energy of 5.7 GeV
 - W_{max} ~ 3.4 GeV

***** Beam intensity $10^7 \text{ } \gamma/\text{s}$

- Photon beam produced from the primary electron beam via Bremsstrahlung
- Gold and diamond radiator for In/ Coherent Bremsstrahlung
- Energy coverage: 0.2-0.95 E₀
- Efficiency ~ 80%
- Energy Resolution ~ 10⁻³
- Timing Resolution ~100 ps



Photoproduction of Pion Pairs

Study of $\pi^+\pi^-$ production on the proton and study of scalar mesons

- Bremsstrahlung photon beam: 1.6-3.8 GeV
- 40 cm long liquid hydrogen target
- $\sim 7 \cdot 10^9$ triggers
- Integrated Luminosity ~ 80 pb⁻¹
- \bullet Proton and π^+ detected in CLAS
- Reactionπ γp→pπ⁺π⁻ isolated via missing mass
- Analysis focused on high energy (3.0-3.8 GeV) and low -t (0.4-1.0 GeV²) region
- 41 M events selected



Photoproduction of Pion Pairs



- $\pi\pi$ mass spectrum dominated by $\rho(770)$ contribution
- $\Delta(1232)$ peak visible in the pT spectra introduces smooth background in the TT mass

Photoproduction of Pion Pairs

I) Extraction of Moments of the Di-Pion Angular Distribution

$$\langle Y_{\lambda\mu} \rangle (E_{\gamma}, t, M) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \int d\Omega_{\pi} \frac{d\sigma}{dt dM d\Omega_{\pi}} Y_{\lambda\mu}(\Omega_{\pi})$$

- Moments are expanded on a set of basis function and weighted with Monte Carlo events to account for detector acceptance and efficiency
- Moments are fitted to the data using an unbinned likelihood procedure

2) Evaluation of Partial Waves from Experimental Moments

Moments can be expressed as bilinear combination of partial wave amplitudes

$$\begin{split} \langle Y_{00} \rangle &= N \left[|S|^2 + |P_-|^2 + |P_0|^2 + |P_+|^2 + |D_-|^2 \right. \\ &+ |D_0|^2 + |D_+|^2 + |F_-|^2 + |F_0|^2 + |F_+|^2 \right] \\ \langle Y_{10} \rangle &= N \left[SP_0^* + P_0 S^* + \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \left(P_- D_-^* + P_- S^* + P_+ D_+^* \right) \right] \end{split}$$

- Partial Waves are parameterized using Dispersion Relations in term of known pp phase shifts and unknown coefficients and fitted to the experimental moments
- Partial Wave cross sections are derived and can be compared with models



Moments Extraction

Projection of the differential cross section onto spherical harmonics

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- Moments can be expressed as bi-linear in terms of partial waves
- Depending on L and M, show specific sensitivity to subset of PW
- Are physics observables that can be compared to models

Extraction technique:

- Moments are expanded on a set of basis function and weighted with Monte Carlo events (4 B) to account for detector acceptance and efficiency
- Moments are fitted to the data using an unbinned likelihood procedure
- Parameterization based on moments or amplitudes were implemented and used for comparison and systematic studies

Moments



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Partial Wave Extraction

Partial Wave Amplitudes can be evaluated from moments:

$$\langle Y_{00} \rangle = |S|^2 + |P_-|^2 + |P_0|^2 + |P_+|^2 + |D_-|^2 + |D_0|^2 + |D_+|^2 + |F_-|^2 + |F_0|^2 + |F_+|^2$$

$$\langle Y_{10} \rangle = SP_0^* + P_0S^* + \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}(P_-D_-^* + P_-^*D_- + P_+D_+^* + D_+P_+^*) + \sqrt{\frac{4}{5}}(P_0D_0^* + D_0P_0^*) + \dots$$

Extraction technique:

- Partial Waves are parameterized using Dispersion Relations in term of known ππ phase shifts and inelasticities
- Constructed amplitudes have the correct analytical (singularities, cuts, ...) properties expected for partial waves
- Unknown coefficients are fitted to the experimental moments
- Partial Wave cross sections are derived and can be compared with models



Partial Wave Amplitudes

PWA fit:

- ★ Partial Waves fitted to moment with L≤4 and M≤3
- ★ Waves up to I=3 (S,P,D,F)
- ***** $M(\pi^+\pi^-)$ spectrum below 1.5 GeV:
 - P-wave: ρ meson
 - D-wave: f₂(1270)
 - S-wave: f₀(600), f₀(980) and f₀(1370)
- Systematic error estimated from comparison of fits of different sets of moments

Known states well reproduced, e.g. ρ(770)

First observation of f₀(980) in photoproduction



Cross sections

Cross sections for meson resonances were evaluated from the extracted partial waves

- ρ(770) differential cross section is found to be in agreement with world data
- S-wave cross section in the mass region of the $f_0(980)$ is found to be ~50 times smaller than the $\rho(770)$



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Summary and Perspectives

- Two pion photo-production data from CLAS were analyzed to study meson spectroscopy and scalar production
- A full PWA analysis was performed, evaluating moments of the di-pion angular distribution and extracting amplitudes from the experimental moments
- The dominant $\rho(770)$ was used as a benchmark for the whole analysis procedure confirming the reliability of the extracted results
- The cross section of the S wave in the mass region of the $f_0(980)$ was found to be ~50 times smaller than the dominant $\rho(770)$ cross section
 - First observation of the $f_0(980)$ in photo-production
- PWA of KK final states with the same procedure is in progress