Measurement of $\pi^0\pi^{\pm/-}$ Photoproduction off the Deuteron and d-Butanol targets

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- Motivation for Photoproduction with $\pi^0\pi^{+/-}$
- Experimental Setup
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✓ An efficient tool for the study of decays of nucleon resonances
✓ Excitation spectrum of hadrons → the underlying symmetries and the internal degrees of freedom
Photoproduction of pion pairs off nuclei

- insight into low energy QCD (large \( \alpha \))
- 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 with $\pi^0\pi^{+/-}$

For nucleon resonances the effective degrees of freedom are not well understood and many more states have been predicted than observed. [larger mass region of the spectrum]
Motivation for Photoproduction with $\pi^0\pi^+/\pi^-$

- Higher lying resonances have tendency of cascade-like decays with an intermediate state $\rightarrow$ double pion production interesting.
- Special interests in $\pi^0\pi^+/\pi^-$ include also contributions from $\rho$ meson (forbidden in $\pi^0\pi^0$)
- Influence of $\rho$ on 2nd resonance peak $\rightarrow$ study with proton, deuteron, $^4$He and heavier targets
Experimental Setup of A2 Mainz

Crystal Ball experiment

- TAPS
- BaF$_2$
- Veto
- PID
- target
- NaI(Tl)
- CB
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## Parameters for Data taking with Unpolarized and Polarized targets

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**Table:** Parameters for deuterium(May 2009) and dButanol(Dec 2015) beamtimes
Investigated reactions of baryon spectrum: NN, $\pi N$ and $\gamma N$ (limited extent)
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  - \( \pi^+ \)
- 3 uncharged:
  - \( \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \) (98.823 %)
  - neutron participant

\( \gamma n(p) \rightarrow \pi^-\pi^0p(p) \)
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- 2 charged:
  - \( \pi^- \)
  - proton participant
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Further selection of events necessary through cuts and corrections
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  *acceptance hole between the CB and TAPS, where no particles are detected*
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Preliminary Results

Total Cross section comparison for $LD_2$ target [May’09 beamtime]

Figure: For reaction with final state $\pi^0\pi^+n$
Comparison of detection efficiency for the respective channels with d-Butanol targets

Efficiency comparison for $E_\gamma$:
- Det. Eff with d-Butanol for $\gamma n \rightarrow \pi^-$
- Det. Eff with d-Butanol for $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+$

Efficiency comparison for $W$:
- Det. Eff with d-Butanol for $\gamma n \rightarrow \pi^-$
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E-observable extraction
Asymmetry between the two helicity states

E-observable determines the contribution from $\sigma_{1/2}$ and $\sigma_{3/2}$ components

where, $\sigma_{1/2}$: photon-spin $\perp$ target-spin
and $\sigma_{3/2}$: photon-spin $\parallel$ target-spin

- Circularly polarized photon beam impinging on a longitudinally polarized nucleon target

- **V1 (Carbon subtraction method):** to determine the carbon and oxygen contributions to the dButanol
- **V2 (Direct method):** extract tot. CS from dButanol beamtime $\rightarrow$ to be normalized using $2 \times$ unpolarized CS.
Calculation of E-observable and the two helicity state cross sections

\[
\begin{array}{c|c}
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\hline
I & \frac{\sigma_\Delta}{\sigma_\Sigma} \\
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where,

\[
\sigma_\Sigma = \sigma_{1/2} + \sigma_{3/2}, \quad \sigma_\Delta = \sigma_{3/2} - \sigma_{1/2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_0 = \text{unpol. x-sec.}
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\begin{array}{c|cc}
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Preliminary Results
Missing mass for difference and sum of the yields

Figure: $\Delta M$ for dButanol for the difference $N_{3/2} - N_{1/2}$, and the sum $N_{1/2} + N_{3/2}$ of the two helicity states for the reaction on the proton (blue) and the neutron (red).
Preliminary Results: E-observable extraction with dButanol target

Figure: Preliminary E-observable for reaction with final state $\gamma p \to \pi^0 \pi^+ n$

Figure: Preliminary E-observable for reaction with final state $\pi^0 \pi^- p$
Preliminary Results

Comparison plots of total cross sections between liq.deuterium and d-Butanol targets

Figure: For $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ n$ channel

Figure: For $\gamma n \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^- p$ channel
Preliminary Results

Comparison of Difference of the two helicity state cross sections $[\sigma_\Delta]$ with d-Butanol target

(a) For reaction with final state $\pi^0 \pi^+$

(b) For reaction with final state $\pi^0 \pi^-$

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Two helicity state cross sections extracted with different versions [in terms of \( W \)]

**Figure:** For \( \gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ n \) channel

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![Diagram](image.png)

Meson candidate (red) and recoil nucleon (blue) lie in the reaction plane, separated by azi. $\delta \varphi = 180^\circ$. 
Analysis-Result

dE-E Proton exclusion and selection cut

Proton and Charged Pion identification with PID and CB

(a) For $\pi^+$ channel: pion

(b) For $\pi^-$ channel: pion and proton

Figure: Identification of charged particle
Preliminary Results

Total Cross section comparison for LD$_2$ target [May’09 beamtime]

(a) For reaction with final state $\pi^0\pi^+$

(b) Influence of the CB energy sum & Gap correction on total Cross section for $\pi^0\pi^-p$ final state
Preliminary Results

Figure: Influence of the CB energy sum correction on total Cross section for $\pi^0\pi^-p$ final state
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\[ m_{n[\text{part.}]} = \sqrt{(p_{\text{beam}}^4 + p_{\text{target}}^4 - p_{\pi^+}^4 - p_{\pi^0}^4)^2} \]

where,

- \( p_{\text{beam}}^4 = (0,0,E_\gamma, E_\gamma) \) incoming tagged photon
- \( p_{\text{target}}^4 = (0,0,0,m_{p[\text{part.}]}) \) participant proton initially assumed at rest (fermi momentum smearing increases inaccuracy of this assumption)
- \( p_{\pi^+}^4 \) and \( p_{\pi^0}^4 \) measured final state pions (accurate for \( p_{\pi^0}^4 \) and with slight correction factor for low energy \( p_{\pi^+}^4 \))
- \( m_{n[\text{part.}]} = \) mass of the final state participant neutron
- spectator omitted from this calculation (assumed \( p_{n[\text{spec.}]}^4(\text{initial}) = p_{n[\text{spec.}]}^4(\text{final}) \))
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Coplanarity cut—

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Missing mass cut—

Mass $M$ of the nucleon can be calculated from the initial state and the detected final state particles, assuming that the nucleon in the initial state is at rest:

$$M = \sqrt{(E_\gamma + m_N - E_\eta)^2 - (\vec{p}_\gamma - \vec{p}_\eta)^2},$$

where $E_\gamma$ and $\vec{p}_\gamma$ are energy and momentum of the incident photon beam, $E_\eta$ and $\vec{p}_\eta$ are the energy and momentum of the $\eta$ meson, and $m_N$ is the nucleon mass. With a correct identification of the reaction, the corresponding spectra should have a clear peak at the nucleon mass $m_N$. Thus, the nucleon mass was directly subtracted to get the missing mass:

$$\Delta M = M - m_N.$$
**Corrections**

**software trigger [cdf/CB energy sum]:** The CB energy sum trigger is checking the total sum of the analog signals of all NaI(Tl) 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.
nucleon detection efficiency correction: The PID detector was shifted upstream during the December 2007 beamtime and to ensure a clean discrimination of protons and neutrons, a strict cut on the nucleon polar angle was applied in the data analysis. The corrections described here were determined for deuterium beamtime by setting the same detector thresholds in the hydrogen analysis and the corresponding deuterium analysis. This is most crucial for the PID and Veto thresholds that have a strong influence on the proton detection efficiency, and the TAPS CFD thresholds, which are important for the detection of neutrons.
Example of mm-fit for C-subtraction method

![Graphs showing data for different energy levels: $E_\gamma = 650$ MeV.](image)