

# Polarization Observables in Vector-Meson Photoproduction off Transversely-Polarized Protons from FROST at CLAS

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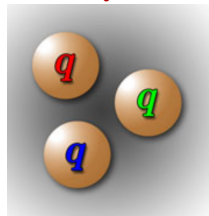
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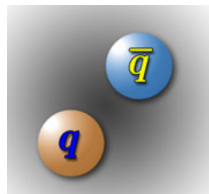
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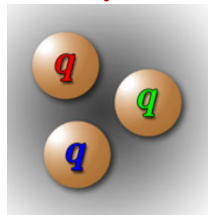
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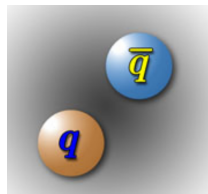
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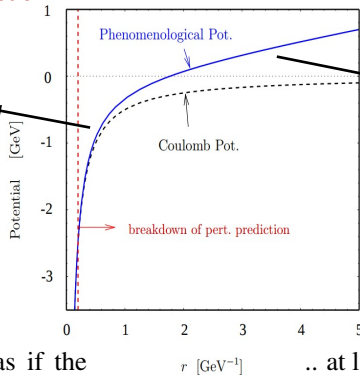
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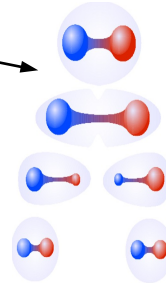
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**Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)** is the theory of the strong force which describes quark-gluon interactions. Two peculiar features of the strong force are:

**Asymptotic freedom ..**



**Confinement ..**



.. at short distances, as if the quarks were free.

.. at large distances. No free quarks! Non-perturbative regime.

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**Hadron spectroscopy** is essential to answer these questions: [map out the spectrum](#) and [study the underlying pattern](#).

- **Baryon spectroscopy**: a tool to understand the effective degrees of freedom in excited nucleons.
- **Meson spectroscopy**: a tool to search for gluonic excitations. Unlike hybrid baryons, hybrid mesons ( $q\bar{q}g$ ) can carry exotic  $J^{PC}$ . E.g.  $0^{--}$ ,  $0^{+-}$ ,  $1^{-+}$  ..



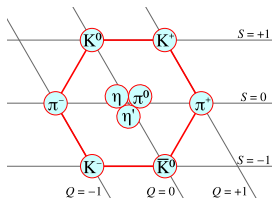
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The **ground state** of light hadrons can be grouped in SU(6) multiplets.

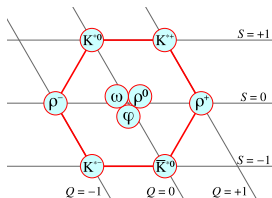
- Pseudoscalar mesons ( $J^P = 0^-$ ) in a nonet.
- Vector mesons ( $J^P = 1^-$ ) in a nonet.
- Baryons with  $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^+$  in an octet.
- Baryons with  $J^P = \frac{3}{2}^+$  in a decuplet.

All of them have been experimentally observed.

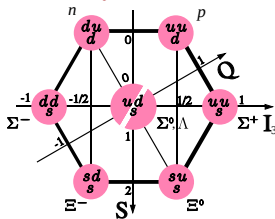
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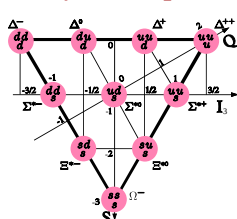
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## Baryon octet

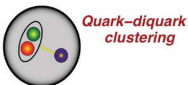
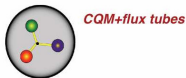
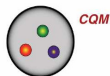


## Baryon decuplet



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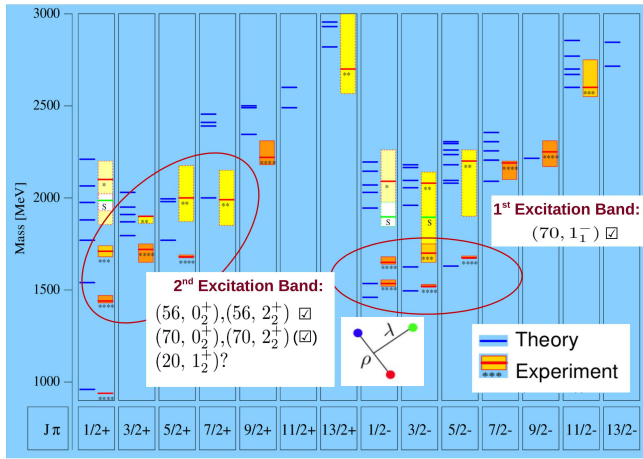
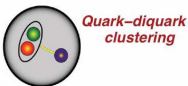
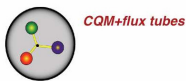
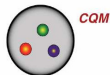
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Map out the excited states of (light) baryons, identify the underlying multiplets to understand how QCD gives rise to excited baryons.

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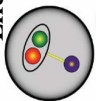
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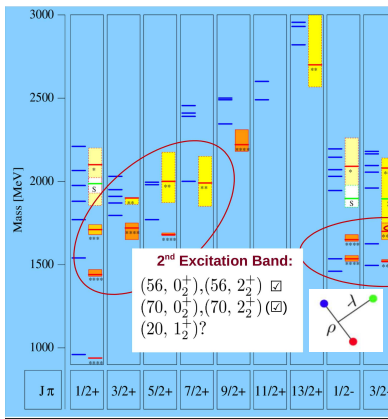
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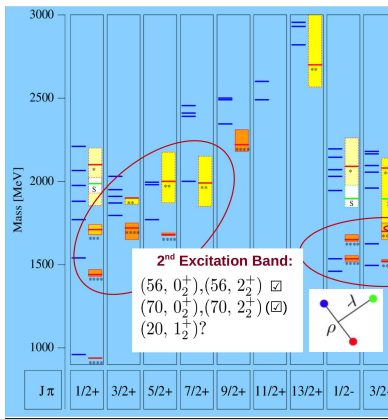
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Excitation Band:**  
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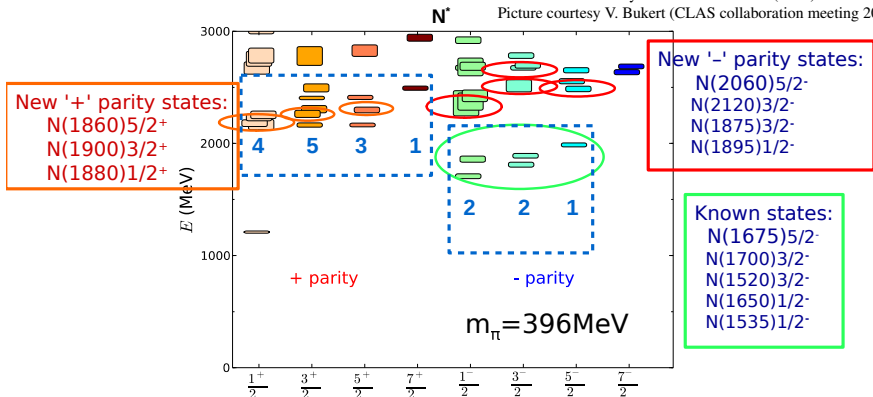
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Picture courtesy V. Buket (CLAS collaboration meeting 2015)

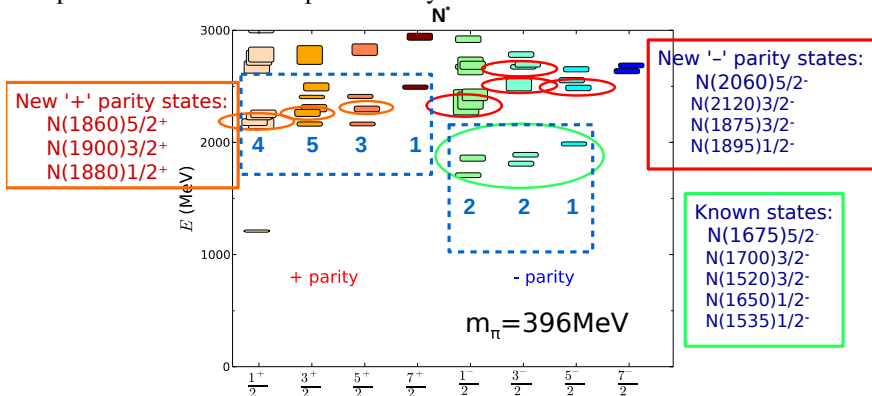


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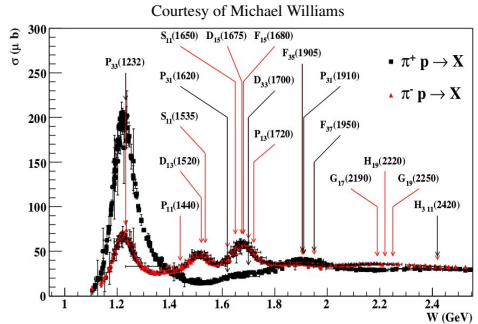
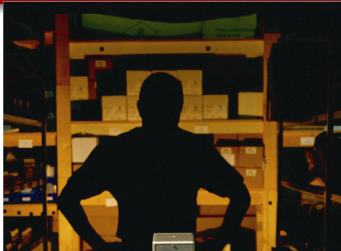
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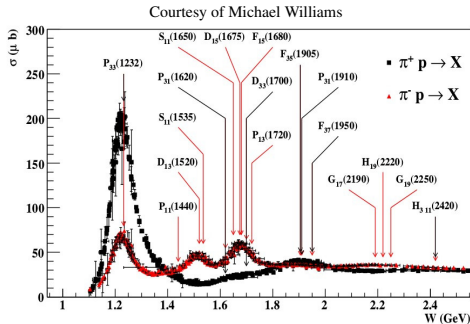
Particle Data Group 2015

# Why are Spin Observables Important?



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Need polarization observables in addition to the cross section to disentangle and reveal the resonances.

# Spin Observables for $\vec{\gamma}\vec{p} \rightarrow p\pi^+\pi^-$ & $p\omega$ @ CLAS

FROST experiment using CLAS, JLab



$$\vec{\gamma}\vec{p} \rightarrow p\omega$$

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**Prelim. results on 13 observables from this analysis**

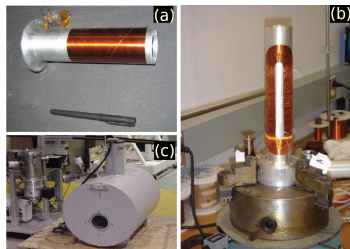
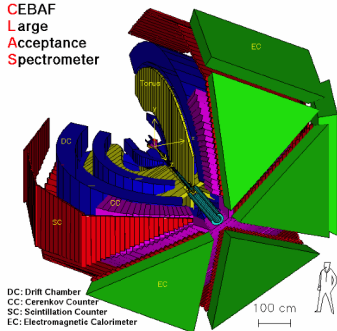
**(Analysis Note approved)**

**Data acquired**

**Prelim. results available**

# The FROST Experiment using CLAS at JLab

CEBAF  
Large  
Acceptance  
Spectrometer



W range covered  $\sim 1.5$  to  $2.3$  GeV

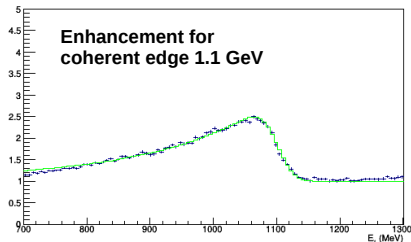
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Coherent edges: 0.9 – 2.1 GeV (0.2 GeV wide)

**Deg. of linear beam pol.:** 40 – 60%

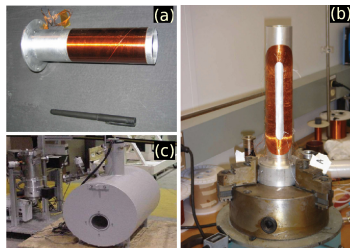


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- Av. target pol. =  $81.0 \pm 1.7\%$
- Relaxation time: 3400 hrs w/ beam, 4000 hrs w/o beam



# Outline

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- Polarization Observables
- The FROST Experiment using CLAS

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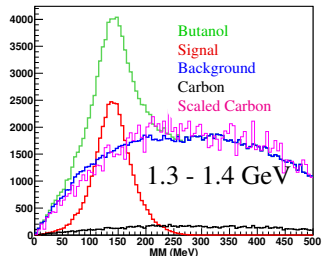
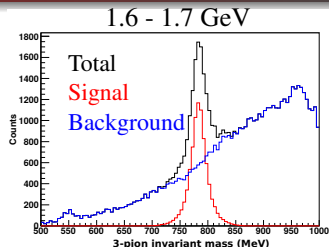
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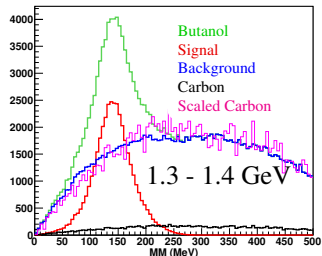
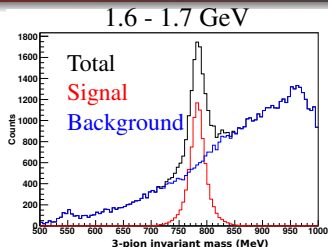
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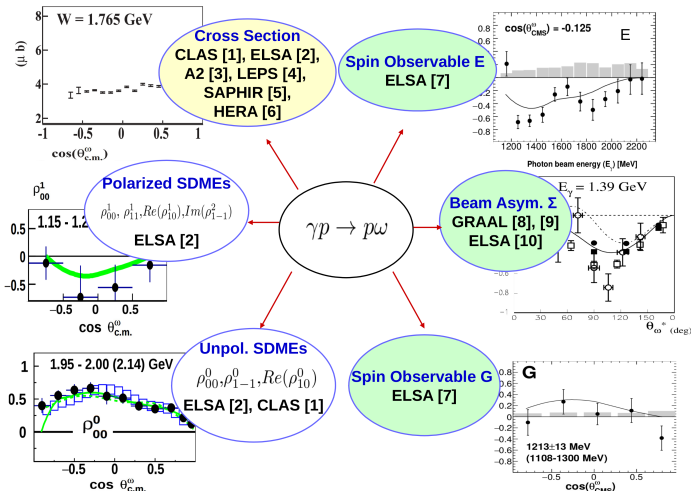
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# Results

## Results in $\vec{\gamma}\vec{p} \rightarrow p\omega$

# Published Results in $\gamma p \rightarrow p\omega$

## Isospin filter (sensitive to $N^*$ only), reduces complexity



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**BnGa PWA 2016**  
(coupled-channel) using ELSA data

 Notable contribution       Suggestive evidence

**CLAS PWA 2009**

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I. Denisenko *et al.*, Phys. Lett. B (2016)  
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**Need more polarization observables, in particular to understand  $W > 2$  GeV region:**

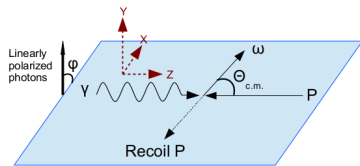
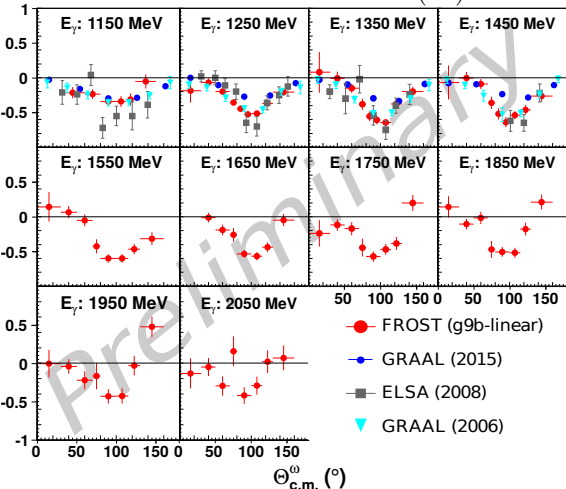
- $N(\sim 2.2 \text{ GeV})$  Uncertain  $J^P$ :  $1/2^-, 3/2^+, 3/2^-$  or  $5/2^+ ??$
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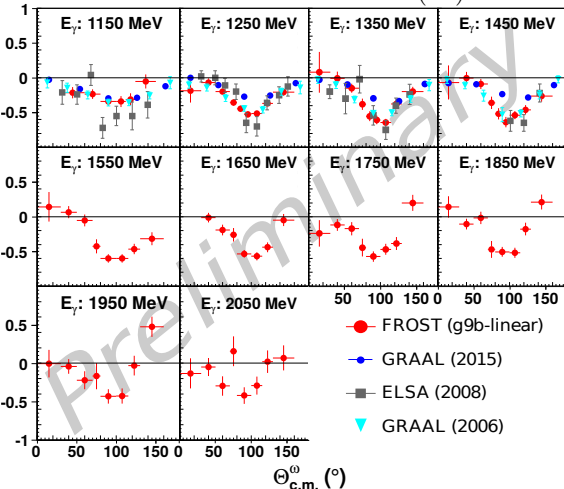
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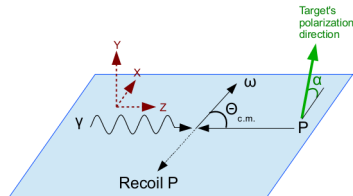
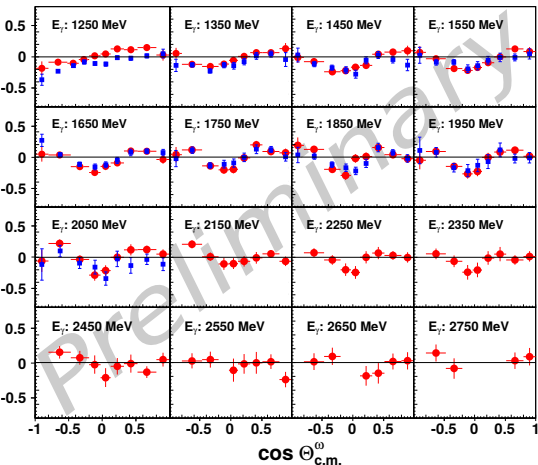
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- **FROST**: transversely pol. target (more complex analysis)  
**Others**: unpolarized H<sub>2</sub> target
- **FROST results** agree well with previously published results except for GRAAL 15.
- **First-time high quality measurements** at  $E_\gamma \in [1.5, 2.1]$  GeV. Large  $\Sigma$  indicate **significant s- and/or u-contributions** at these energies.

# First Measurements of Target Asymmetry $T$ in $\vec{\gamma}\vec{p} \rightarrow p\omega$

• FROST (circ. pol. beam)    ■ FROST (lin. pol. beam)



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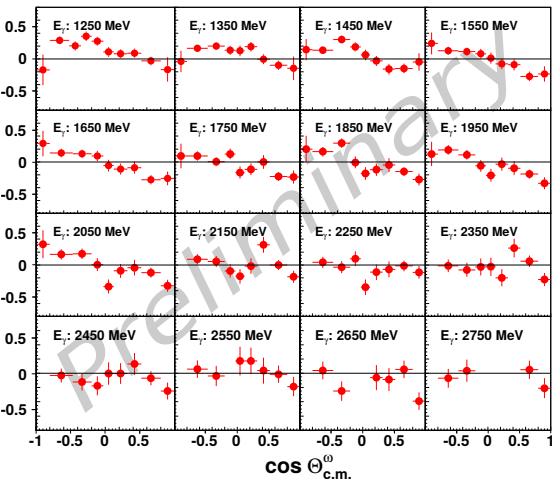
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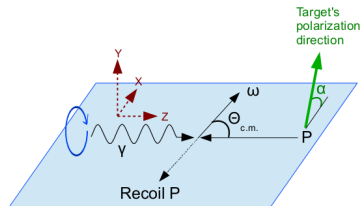
The two experimental results on target asym.  $T$  from FROST agree well.



# First Measurements of F in $\vec{\gamma}\vec{p} \rightarrow p\omega$



## Double-polarization observable F

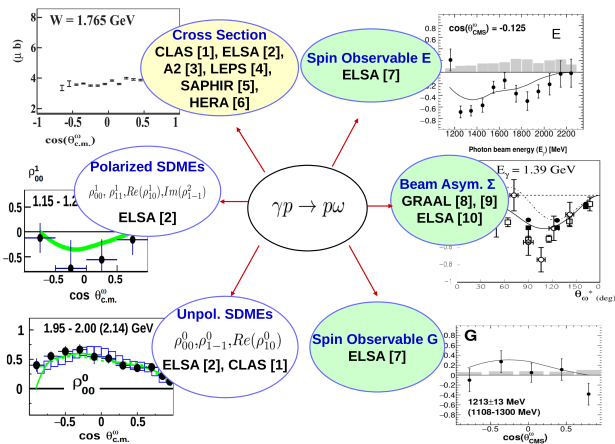


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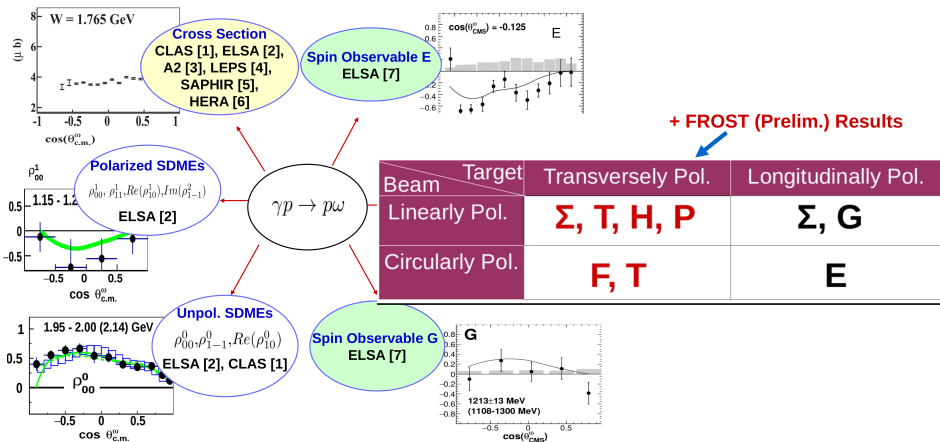
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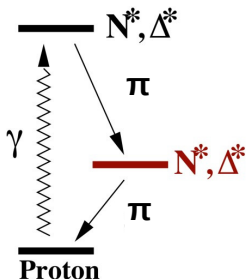


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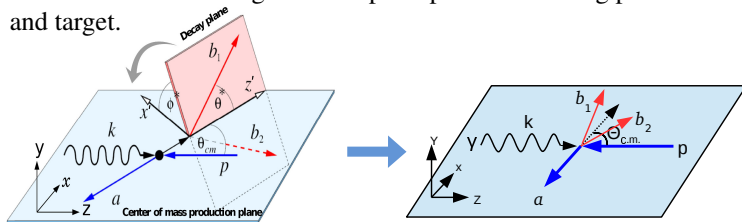
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Sequential decay of  $N^*$ ,  $\Delta^*$  to the ground state.

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- Reaction described using 2 planes (5 kinematic variables)  $\rightarrow$  more spin observables than in single-meson photoproduction using polarized beam and target.



2 beam-pol. observables:  $I^S, I^C$

Unlike only one ( $\Sigma$  observable) in single-meson photoproduction.

$I^S$  vanishes,  $I^C$  survives.

W. Roberts *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C **71**, 055201 (2005)

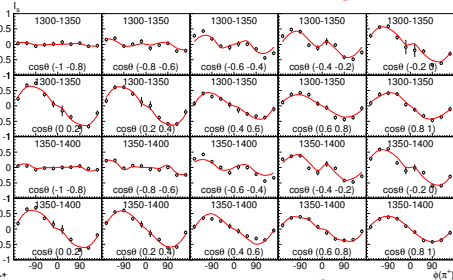
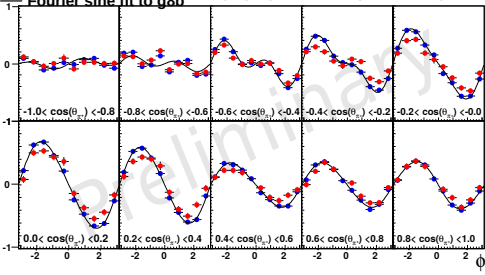
# Beam Asymmetry $I^S$ in $\vec{\gamma}p \rightarrow p\pi^+\pi^-$

Example:  $1.30 < E_\gamma < 1.40$  GeV (Total  $E_\gamma$  range covered: 0.7 - 2.1 GeV)

- FROST (preliminary)
- C. Hanretty *et al.*, CLAS-g8b run (in preparation for publication)

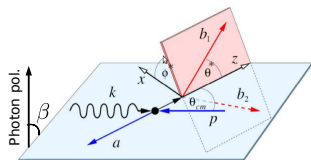
— BnGa fits to  $I^S$ , CLAS-g8b run

Fourier sine fit to g8b



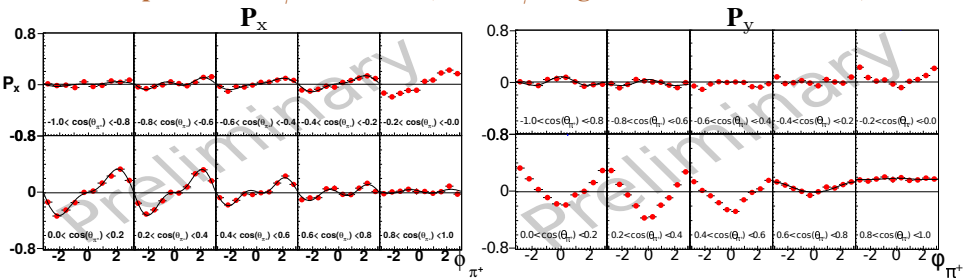
Good agreement between experiments

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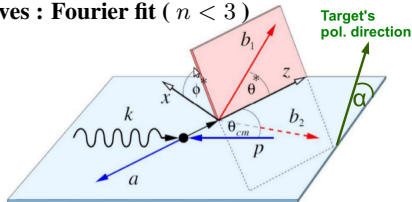
FROST g9b (lin. pol. beam)

Solid curves : Fourier fit ( $n < 3$ )

3-dim. phase space:  $(E_\gamma, \phi_{\pi^+}^*, \cos\theta_{\pi^+}^*)$

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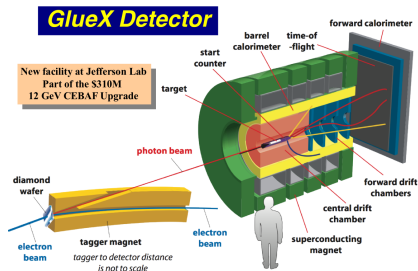
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- **The high-quality FROST results are expected to put tight constraints on data interpretation tools**, immensely aiding in determining contributing  $N^*$  with minimal ambiguities.
- The findings in the light baryon sector together with the findings in strange and heavy flavor sectors (GlueX, LHCb, BES III etc.), will help us **understand confinement and the evolution of bound states of QCD from light to heavy-quark regime.**



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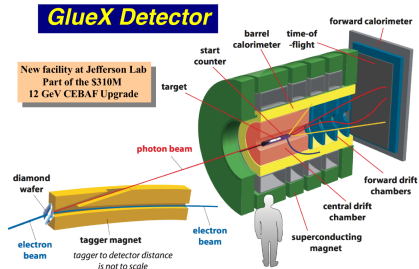
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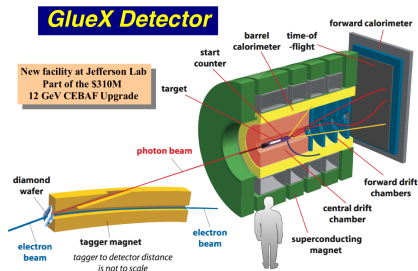
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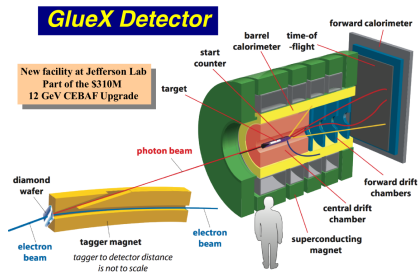
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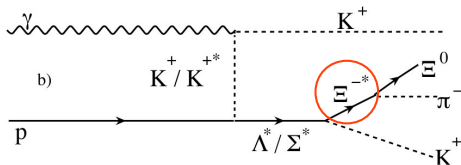
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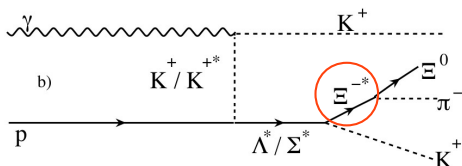
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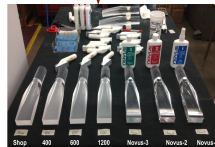
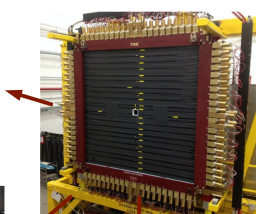
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These steps were necessary to minimize the loss of light and improve the resolution.

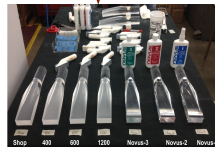
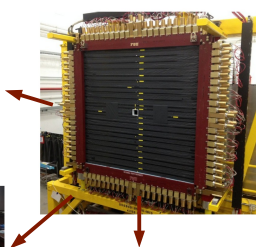
TOF resolution achieved:  $\sim 100$  ps.

Particle id  $\pi/K/p$  up to  $\sim 2$  GeV/c at  $4\sigma$ .

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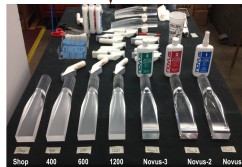
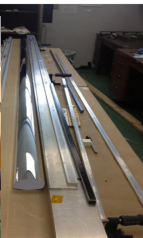
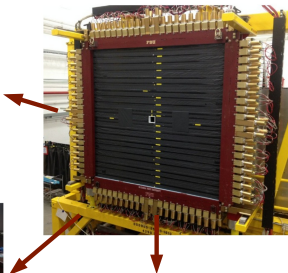
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It was a fun experience!



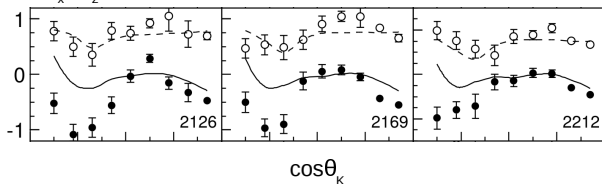
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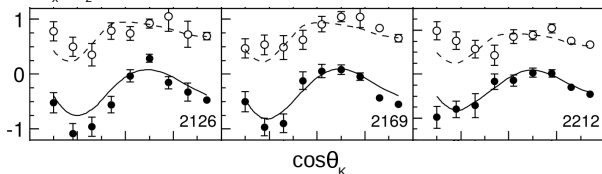
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- [1] R. Bradford *et al.* (CLAS), PRC **75**, 035205 (2007), Observables  $C_x, C_z$  from  $\bar{\gamma}p \rightarrow K^+\bar{\Lambda}$   
 [2] Fits: BnGa Model, V.A. Nikonov *et al.*, Phy. Lett. B **662**, 245 (2008)

$C_x, C_z$  Fits without N(1900)3/2<sup>+</sup> resonance



$C_x, C_z$  Better Fit Results with N(1900)3/2<sup>+</sup>!



$N^*$	$J^P (L_{21,2J})$	2010	2012
$N(1440)$	$1/2^+ (P_{11})$	****	****
$N(1520)$	$3/2^- (D_{13})$	****	****
$N(1535)$	$1/2^- (S_{11})$	****	****
$N(1650)$	$1/2^- (S_{11})$	****	****
$N(1675)$	$5/2^- (D_{15})$	****	****
$N(1680)$	$5/2^+ (F_{15})$	****	****
<del><math>N(1685)</math></del>			*
$N(1700)$	$3/2^- (D_{13})$	***	***
$N(1710)$	$1/2^+ (P_{11})$	***	***
$N(1720)$	$3/2^+ (P_{13})$	****	****
<del><math>N(1860)</math></del>	$5/2^+$		**
<del><math>N(1875)</math></del>	$3/2^-$		**
<del><math>N(1880)</math></del>	$1/2^+$		**
<del><math>N(1895)</math></del>	$1/2^-$		**
<b><math>N(1900)</math></b>	<b><math>3/2^+ (P_{13})</math></b>	<b>**</b>	<b>***</b>
$N(1990)$	$7/2^+ (F_{17})$	**	**
$N(2000)$	$5/2^+ (F_{15})$	**	**
<del><math>N(2080)</math></del>	<del><math>D_{13}</math></del>	<del>**</del>	
<del><math>N(2090)</math></del>	<del><math>S_{11}</math></del>	<del>*</del>	
$N(2040)$	$3/2^+$		*
$N(2060)$	$5/2^-$		**
$N(2100)$	$1/2^+ (P_{11})$	*	**
$N(2120)$	$3/2^-$		**
$N(2190)$	$7/2^- (G_{17})$	****	****
<del><math>N(2290)</math></del>	<del><math>D_{15}</math></del>	<del>**</del>	
$N(2220)$	$9/2^+ (H_{19})$	****	****

Sophisticated data interpretation tools such as Partial Wave Analysis and Phenomenological models are required to identify the contributing resonances.

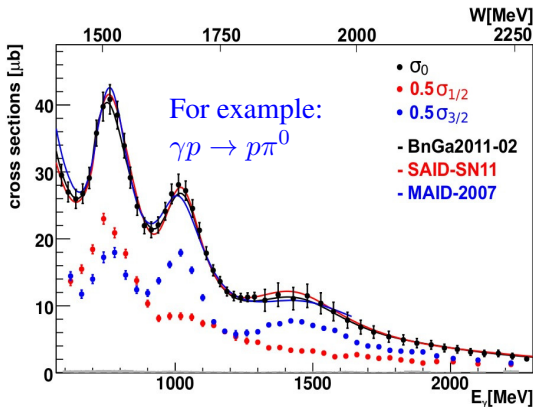
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M. Gottschall *et al.* PRL 112 (2014)

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\text{total}} = & \sigma_{\text{unpol.}} [1 - \delta_l \Sigma \cos(2\phi) \\ & + \Lambda_x (-\delta_l \mathbf{H} \sin(2\phi) + \delta_{\odot} \mathbf{F}) \\ & - \Lambda_y (-\mathbf{T} + \delta_l \mathbf{P} \cos 2\phi) \\ & - \Lambda_z (-\delta_l \mathbf{G} \sin(2\phi) + \delta_{\odot} \mathbf{E}) \\ & + \dots] \end{aligned}$$

$\delta_{\odot}(\delta_l)$  : degree of beam pol.

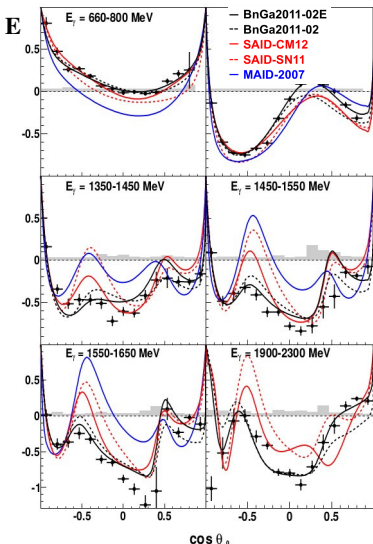
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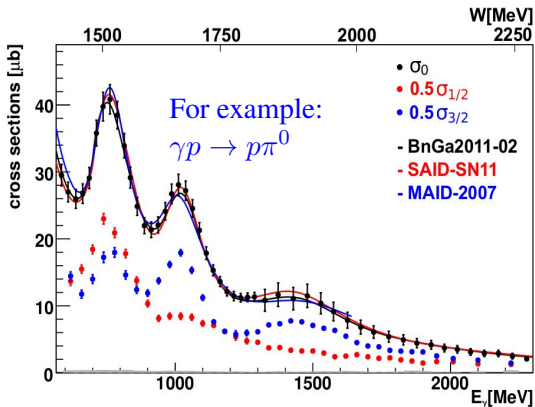
All 3 model predictions agree with experimental results for the unpolarized cross section  $\rightarrow$  leads to **ambiguous solutions** for the set of contributing resonances!



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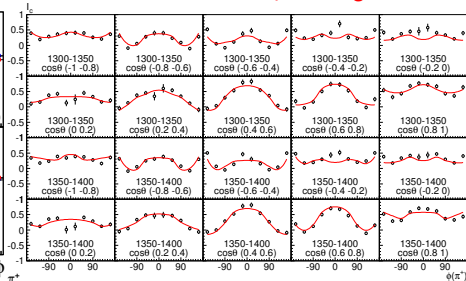
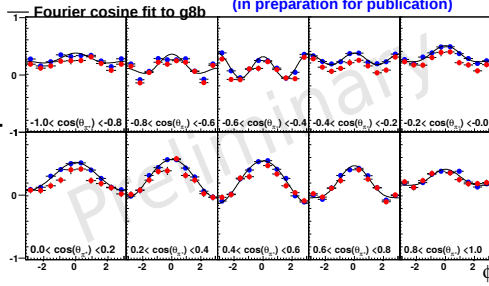
Spin observables sensitive to the interference between resonances. Reveal discrepancies between model predictions and experimental data.

# Beam Asymmetry $I^c$ in $\vec{\gamma}p \rightarrow p\pi^+\pi^-$

Example:  $1.30 < E_\gamma < 1.40$  GeV

- FROST (preliminary)
- C. Hanretty et al., CLAS-g8b run (in preparation for publication)

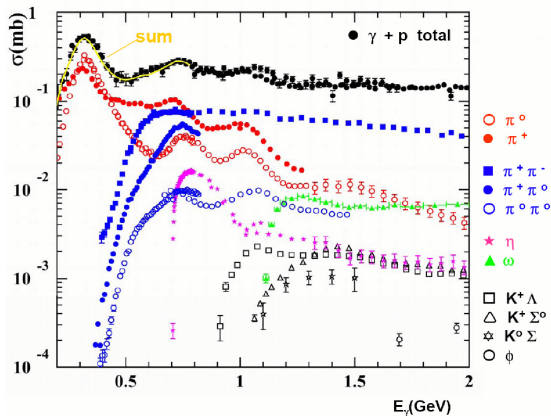
— BnGa fits to  $I^c$ , CLAS-g8b run



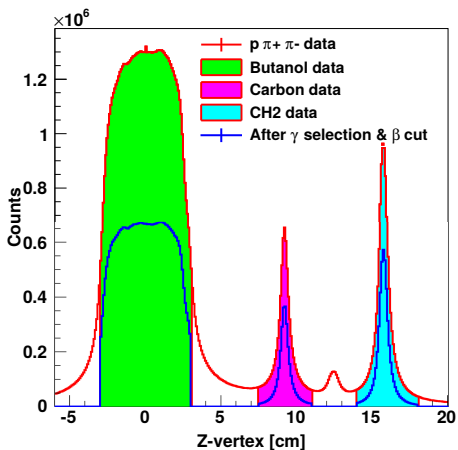
Good agreement between experiments

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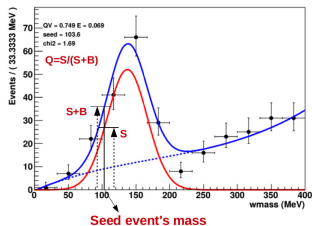
# Photoproduction Cross Section



# Vertex cut



# Event-Based Qfactor Method with Likelihood Fits



- **A multivariate analysis** - For each event ("seed event"), find  $N$  nearest neighbors in 4-D kinematic phase space ( $E_\gamma, \theta^*, \phi^*, \cos(\theta_p)^{c.m.}$ ). Plot mass distribution of the  $N + 1$  events and fit.

- Since  $N$  is small (300), use ML method to fit the mass distribution.

$$L = \prod_i [f^{Signal}(m_i, \alpha) + f^{Bkg}(m_i, \beta)]$$

$$Q_{\text{seed-event}} = \frac{f^{Signal}(m_0, \alpha^{best})}{[f^{Signal}(m_0, \alpha^{best}) + f^{Bkg}(m_0, \beta^{best})]},$$

$m_0$ - seed event's mass.

- **Computation time reasonably minimized**- fits 10,000 events in 30 min.

## Scattering Amplitudes in $\gamma p \rightarrow p\pi^+\pi^-$ and $\gamma p \rightarrow p\omega$

$\gamma p \rightarrow p\pi^+\pi^-$  reaction: [Roberts and Oed, PRC 71, 055201 \(2015\)](#)

- 8 independent helicity amplitudes after parity invariance operation.
- Need 15 carefully selected observables at each kinematic bin for fully determining the helicity amplitudes.
- A complete measurement will require certain single, double and triple polarization observables in addition to the differential cross section.

$\gamma p \rightarrow p\omega$  reaction: [Pichowsky \*et al.\*, PRC 53 \(1996\)](#)

- 12 independent helicity amplitudes after parity invariance.
- 8 single spin, 51 double spin, 123 triple spin and 108 quadrupole spin ( $\gamma, p, p',$  vector and tensor pol. of  $\omega$ ) observables after parity conservation.
- Need 23 carefully selected observables for determining the helicity amplitudes.
- A complete experiment doesn't seem plausible, but it is useful to extract experimental observables to extract useful dynamical information.

# CLAS experiment details

Capability	Quantity	Range
Coverage	Charged-particle angle	$8^\circ \leq \theta \leq 140^\circ$
	Charged-particle momentum	$p \geq 0.2 \text{ GeV}/c$
	Photon angle (4 sectors)	$8^\circ \leq \theta \leq 45^\circ$
	Photon angle (2 sectors)	$8^\circ \leq \theta \leq 75^\circ$
	Photon energy	$E_\gamma \geq 0.1 \text{ GeV}$
Resolution	Momentum ( $\theta \lesssim 30^\circ$ )	$\sigma_p/p \approx 0.5\%$
	Momentum ( $\theta \gtrsim 30^\circ$ )	$\sigma_p/p \approx (1-2)\%$
	Polar angle	$\sigma_\theta \approx 1 \text{ mrad}$
	Azimuthal angle	$\sigma_\phi \approx 4 \text{ mrad}$
	Time (charged particles)	$\sigma_t \approx (100-250) \text{ ps}$
	Photon energy	$\sigma_E/E \approx 10\%/\sqrt{E}$
Particle ID	$\pi/K$ separation	$p \leq 2 \text{ GeV}/c$
	$\pi/p$ separation	$p \leq 3.5 \text{ GeV}/c$
	$\pi^-$ misidentified as $e^-$	$\leq 10^{-3}$
Luminosity	Electron beam	$L \approx 10^{34} \text{ nucleon cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
	Photon beam	$L \approx 5 \times 10^{31} \text{ nucleon cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
Data acquisition	Event <b>rate</b>	4 kHz
	Data <b>rate</b>	25 MB/s
Polarized target	Magnetic field	$B_{\text{max}} = 5 \text{ T}$

## Multiplets in the $2^{nd}$ excitation band of $N^*$

V. Crede and W. Roberts, Rept.Prog.Phys. **76** (2013)

$SU(6)$  (flavor + spin),  $O(3)$  : orthogonal group of rotations

$$6 \otimes 6 \otimes 6 = 56_S \oplus 70_M \oplus 70_M \oplus 20_A$$

$$56 = 10^4 \oplus 8^2, (4 = 2(\frac{3}{2}) + 1)$$

$$70 = 10^2 \oplus 8^4 \oplus 8^2 \oplus 1^2$$

$$20 = 8^2 \oplus 1^4$$

Why is 20plet inconsistent with the static quark-diquark picture?

The static diquark:  $6 \otimes 6 = 21 \oplus 15$

The symmetry of diquark requires it to be 21 since the color  $\Psi$  is antisymmetric.

The static diquark + the third quark:  $21 \otimes 6 = 56 \oplus 70$ , i.e. no 20plet!

Only two  $N^*$  states with 1-star rating have been assigned to the 20plet.



## FROST Target and Detector Information

Polarizing field: 5 T, Temperature  $\sim 0.5$  K

Holding field: 0.5 T, Temperature  $\sim 30$  mK

Average target polarization: 80 – 86%

Typical relaxation times for '+' target pol.:

2800 hrs with beam, 3600 hrs without (g9a)

3400 hrs with beam, 4000 hrs without (g9b)

E-T plane resolution: 110 ps

Average time resolution for reconstructed electrons in CLAS: 150 ps

Momentum resolution varied with angle,

average fractional momentum resolution: 0.5 – 1%

# Measuring $\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ at GlueX

# Gluonic Excitations: Physics beyond the Quark Model

- Hybrid baryons do not have exotic quantum numbers, hence they are very difficult to identify.
- Hybrid mesons can have exotic  $J^{PC}$ . From conventional  $q\bar{q}$  picture:
  - ◇  $S = 0$  (anti-aligned) or 1 (aligned).
  - ◇  $P = (-1)^{L+1}$
  - ◇  $C = (-1)^{L+S}$
  - ◇  $\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$
  - ◇ Not all quantum numbers allowed in  $q\bar{q}$ !  
E.g.  $J^{PC} = 0^{--}, 0^{+-}, 1^{-+}, 2^{+-}$