# Multi-meson photoproduction off the proton - recent results from the CBELSA/TAPS experiment

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### Introduction



 $\gamma p \rightarrow p \pi^0 \pi^0$ 

- importance increases with  $E_{\gamma}$
- access to sequential decays
- less background amplitudes than  $p\pi^+\pi^-$  but cannot discriminate between N\*/ $\Delta^*$







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### Event selection

Selection of  $\gamma \mathbf{p} \!\rightarrow\! \mathbf{p} \pi^0 \pi^0 \!\rightarrow\! \mathbf{p} 4 \gamma$  cuts on

- charge (1 charged + 4 neutral)
- $\vartheta,\varphi$  difference of p to  $4\gamma$
- mass of calculated proton





after all cuts global background  $\lesssim 1.5\,\%$ 







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# 3-body final state $\pi^0$ y = y' $\vec{\varepsilon}$ θ\* φ p $\pi^0$ p

### Polarisation Observables

5 kinematic variables:

•  $E_{\gamma}$ 

•  $\cos \vartheta_{\pi^0 \pi^0}$ 

*m*<sub>π</sub><sup>0</sup><sub>π</sub><sup>0</sup>

•  $\phi^*_{\pi^0\pi^0}$ 

•  $\theta^*_{\pi^0\pi^0}$ 

$$\begin{split} \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}\Omega} &= \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_0}{\mathrm{d}\Omega} \cdot \Big\{ 1 + \Lambda_x \cdot P_x + \Lambda_y \cdot P_y \\ &+ \delta_\ell \sin(2\phi) \cdot I^s + \delta_\ell \cos(2\phi) \cdot I^c \\ &+ \Lambda_y \, \delta_\ell \sin(2\phi) \cdot P_y^s + \Lambda_x \, \delta_\ell \sin(2\phi) \cdot P_x^s \\ &+ \Lambda_x \, \delta_\ell \cos(2\phi) \cdot P_x^c + \Lambda_y \, \delta_\ell \cos(2\phi) \cdot P_y^c \Big\} \end{split}$$
  
W. Roberts, T. Oed, Phys. Rev. C 71 (2005)

Photon Pol.		Target Pol. Axis		
		x	y	z
unpolarised	σ	$P_x$	$P_y$	$P_z$
linear $\sin(2\phi)$	$I^s$	$P_x^s$	$P_u^s$	$P_z^s$
linear $\cos(2\phi)$	$I^{c}$	$P_x^c$	$P_{y}^{c}$	$P_z^c$
circular	$I^{\odot}$	$P_x^{\odot}$	$P_y^{\odot}$	$P_z^{\odot}$

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### Target asymmetry $P_y$ - 4D



### Branching ratios

$\Delta(1910)\frac{1}{2}^+$ , $\Delta(1920)\frac{3}{2}^+$ , $\Delta(1905)\frac{5}{2}^+$ , $\Delta(1950)\frac{7}{2}^+$	
• BR into N(938) $\pi$ or $\Delta(1232)\pi$	$(44\pm7)\%$
• BR into N(1520) $\pi$ or N(1535) $\pi$	$(5\pm 2)\%$

# $N(1880)\frac{1}{2}^+$ , $N(1900)\frac{3}{2}^+$ , $N(2000)\frac{5}{2}^+$ , $N(1990)\frac{7}{2}^+$

• BR into N(938) $\pi$  or  $\Delta(1232)\pi$  (34 ± 6)% • BR into N(1520) $\pi$ , N(1535) $\pi$  or N $\sigma$  (21 ± 5)%

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• BR into N(1520) $\pi$ , N(1535) $\pi$  or N $\sigma$ 

 $(34 \pm 6) \%$  $(21 \pm 5) \%$ 

spatial wave function

• 
$$M_{S} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[0s \times 0d] - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[0d \times 0s]$$
  
•  $M_{A} = -[0p \times 0p]$ 

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- dual oscillator excitation
  - $\rightarrow$  sequential decay
- mixed oscillator  $\rightarrow$  both occur

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Double polarization  $P_u^c$  – new data



### Beam polarization $I^c$ – new data



### Summary

CBELSA/TAPS experiment ideally suited for the measurement of neutral meson final states

reaction  $\gamma p \rightarrow p \pi^0 \pi^0$ 

- intermediate states directly visible in Dalitz plots
- $\bullet$  observables  $P_x, P_y, P_x^s, P_x^c, P_y^s, P_y^c$  determined in multiple kinematic variables
- for  $E_{\gamma} \leq 1250 \, {\rm MeV}$  observables determined in 4D

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{BnGa}\text{-}\mathsf{PWA} \Rightarrow \mathsf{branching\ ratios\ of\ resonances} \\ \hookrightarrow \mathsf{hints\ for\ wave\ function\ structure\ of\ baryon\ resonances} \end{array}$ 

### further analysis of multi-meson final states

- $p\pi^0\pi^0 + p\pi^0\eta$ : beam polarisation observables  $I^s, I^c$  at high energies
- $p\pi^0\pi^0$ : double polarisation observables  $P_x^s, P_x^c, P_y^s, P_y^c$  at higher energies