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## Excitation of the Roper Resonance in Single and Double-Pion Production\*

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## **Summary**

The Roper resonance has been a puzzle ever since its detection in  $\pi N$  phase shifts. In most investigations no apparent resonance signatures could be found in the observables. Not only its nature has been a matter of permanent debate, also its resonance parameters show a big scatter in their values.

In the pp  $\rightarrow$  np $\pi$ + reaction measured at CELSIUS-WASA at several energies a pronounced resonance structure at M\_n $\pi$ +\* 1350 MeV with  $\Gamma$  \* 140 MeV has been found. These numbers agree very favourably with recent SAID  $\pi$ N phase shift results for the Roper pole as well as with the very recent BES results from J/ $\psi$   $\rightarrow$  NbarN. With the pole position being roughly 100 MeV below the previously believed value of the N(1440), also its decay branchings (defined at the pole position) change dramatically. From near-threshold two-pion production, when Roper excitation is the only significant process, we find the decay N  $\rightarrow$  N $\sigma$  to be the by far dominant process pointing to a breathing mode nature of the Roper resonance.supported by BMBF (06 TU 261), DFG (Europ. Grad. School), COSY-FFE

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