A Model for $\pi\eta$ and $\pi\pi$ Photoproduction



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The reaction $\gamma N \rightarrow N \pi \eta$ at a glance



plane spanned by initial and final states photon and nucleon collide in CM-frame

- For the reaction $\gamma N \to N\pi\pi$, change η to π .
- η is just like π but with isospin zero and higher mass.

Why are the reactions important?

• Most of our understanding of baryon resonance properties comes from $\pi N \rightarrow \pi N$ reaction.

 \implies Those resonances **not** strongly coupled to πN **channel** are difficult or even impossible to be observed using this reaction.

- Comparison between **quark models** and **PDG baryon spectra suggests** that there are **unobserved** resonances that:
 - have **masses** around **1.7 GeV** and beyond,

- couple strongly to $\pi\eta N$ channel as well as to γN .

 $\Rightarrow \gamma N \rightarrow \pi \eta N$ is an ideal reaction to study these **supposedly** existing resonances.

- Crystal Barrel at ELSA (CB-ELSA), with neutral particle detectors is now performing experiments on $\gamma N \rightarrow N \pi \eta$ reaction.
 - \implies Analysis from Volker Credé shows the presence of $\Delta(1232)\eta$ decay. Previously, no higher resonance is known to give this decay channel (PDG).
- We also study $\gamma N \to \pi \pi N$:
 - provides a **detailed** view into the $\gamma N \to \pi \eta N$ reaction $(\gamma N \to \pi \pi N \text{ reaction is very similar to } \gamma N \to \pi \eta N \text{ reaction})$
 - data is more readily available
 - has been studied extensively for years but has not been studied in a unitary model until recently (T.-S. H. Lee, Sato, and Matsuyama, Physics Reports 439 (2007) 193-253)

Baryon spectroscopy

Understanding **baryon spectrum** is **crucial** in our efforts to study the **phenomenological interaction** between **quarks**.

 \implies Phenomenological approaches for quark interactions are developed since a direct QCD calculation is too difficult to do.

- Experiment: Reactions involving hadronic interactions like $\pi N \to \pi N$, $\gamma N \to \pi N$, $\gamma N \to \pi \pi N$, $\gamma N \to \pi \eta N$, etc. \implies Data is usually given as scattering cross-sections or partial-wave amplitudes.
- **Theory**: **Prediction** of **baryon spectrum** by using **quark model** calculations, etc.

 \implies Often given as **baryon masses** and **widths** to various channels.

In order to compare the two, a reaction model is needed.
 ⇒ provides a bridge by interpreting experimental data in terms of baryon resonance masses and widths to various channels.

Our work is to build a reaction model to allow the comparison between experimental and theoretical results.

A proposed model

Unitary and **dynamical coupled-channel** model that includes **rescattering**:

- Unitarity is important for conservation of **probability**.
- **Rescattering** needs to be taken into account:
 - The system we are studying is **strongly-interacting**. \implies **Higher-order** terms need to be taken into account.
 - We need to compare the resonance parameters extracted from fitting the data using our model to quark models.
 ⇒ Quark models provide bare values for masses and coupling constants, not dressed ones.
 - Might **reduce** the dependence on **form-factors**.
- Dynamical coupled-channel

 \implies **Rescattering** is treated using the **correct** intermediatestate coupled-channel dynamics.

Calculation of the reaction amplitude

- We start from the **tree-level Feynman diagrams** of the reaction.
- Unitarization will be implemented later.
- The vertices is constructed by using a **phenomenological** Lagrangian.
- We can form the scattering amplitude \mathcal{M} from the **Feynman** diagrams.

 \implies contains free parameters like coupling constants and bare masses of baryon.

- These **free parameters** can be fitted to the **experimental observables** to yield **baryon masses** and **widths** to various channels.
- Winston Roberts helps us in many details of the calculation.

The tree-level diagrams of the amplitude are ...



• For $\gamma N \to \pi \pi N$ reaction, change η to π .

• Here, *B* and *B'* are **baryon** intermediate states, and *M* is **me-son** intermediate state.

Collect all the **nonresonant** interactions:



The diagrams can be written **compactly** as follows:



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Unitarization of the scattering amplitude

- Unitarization is done by including rescattering.
- **Diagrammatically**, it can be described as:



• Therefore, the **tree-level** diagrams become, after **dressing**:



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The **dressed vertices** and **propagators** are:

• Hadronic dressed vertices $\Gamma_{N_i^* \leftarrow MB}(E)$ and $\Gamma_{MB \leftarrow N_i^*}(E)$







 $\Gamma_{MB \leftarrow N_i^*}(E) = \Gamma^0_{MB \leftarrow N_i^*}(E) + \sum_{M'B'} t_{MB \leftarrow M'B'} G_{M'B'}(E) \Gamma^0_{M'B' \leftarrow N_i^*}(E)$

• Electromagnetic dressed vertices $\Gamma_{N_i^* \leftarrow \gamma N}(E)$



 $\Gamma_{N_i^* \leftarrow \gamma N}(E) = \Gamma^0_{N_i^* \leftarrow \gamma N}(E) + \sum_{M'B'} \Gamma^0_{N_i^* \leftarrow M'B'}(E) G_{M'B'}(E) t_{M'B' \leftarrow \gamma N}$

Here $t_{M'B' \leftarrow MB}$ and $t_{MB \leftarrow \gamma N}$ are **iterated** to **all orders**:





$$t_{MB\leftarrow\gamma N}(E) = V_{MB\leftarrow\gamma N}(E) + \sum_{M'B'} t_{MB\leftarrow M'B'}(E) G_{M'B'} V_{M'B'\leftarrow\gamma N}(E)$$

in which $V_{MB \leftarrow MB}(E)$ and $V_{MB \leftarrow \gamma N}(E)$ are sums of all nonresonant diagrams.

• Dressed propagator $G_{ij}(E)$

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which can be **solved** to give:

$$G(E)_{ij} = \frac{1}{(E - M_{N_i^*}^0)\delta_{ij} - \Sigma_{ij}(E)}$$

with self-energy term $\Sigma_{ij}(E)$:



$$\Sigma_{ij}(E) = \sum_{M'B'} \Gamma^0_{N^*_j \leftarrow M'B'}(E) G_{M'B'}(E) \Gamma_{M'B' \leftarrow N^*_i}(E).$$

- The correction prescribed here is enough to implement **two-body unitarity**.
- Here, **two-body** is meant to designate any two bodies appear in a decay channel, for example $N\pi$, $N\eta$, $\Delta(1232)\eta$, $N(1535)\pi$, $N\rho(770)$, etc.

Present results

Study of $\pi\pi$ photoproduction (preliminary)

- Rescattering is implemented only in the propagator of the excited baryon states (to develop resonance widths).
 ⇒ Not a thoroughly unitary model.
- The diagrams are treated relativistically in the phenomenological Lagrangian approach.
 ⇒ Contain γ, N, π(139), ρ(770), and ω(782).
 ⇒ Baryon resonances include Δ(1232), N(1440), and N(1520).
- **Coupling constants** are adjusted to the **decays** of various resonances to various channels.
 - \implies But allow a little freedom when fitting data.
- Also try to fit **signs** between coupling constants.

Our preliminary results



- Reactions γp → pπ⁺π⁻ and γp → pπ⁰π⁰ seem to be described quite well. But, γp → nπ⁺π⁰ and γn → pπ⁻π⁰ reactions do not seem to be well-described by the model.
- Other works done in **similar** fashion (using phenomenological Lagrangian and fitting coupling constants to decay widths) also suffer the **same problem**, i.e. **Tejedor and Oset** (Nucl. Phys. A600: 413-435, 1996).
- Adding N(1535) does not cause a significant change in the cross sections.
- This points out the necessity to include:
 - vertex correction from rescattering
 - final state interaction of the two pions (in some cases known to give a significant contribution)
 - more **baryon resonances** with higher energy and spin.

Preliminary study of $\pi\eta$ photoproduction

• Study of this reaction will **benefit** much from our study of $\pi\pi$ **photoproduction**.

 \implies will be performed after solid results on $\pi\pi$ photoproduction are obtained.

- Of particular interest are decays to $\Delta(1232)\eta$ and $N(1535)\pi$ because of the strong coupling $\Delta \to N\pi$ and $N(1535) \to N\eta$. \implies These decays might actually come from the **unobserved** resonances.
- Moreover, their threshold energies are close to the energy where the unobserved resonances are predicted to be.
 ⇒ Less nonresonant interference to deal with.
- We can only provide the total cross-section **without baryon resonance contribution** at this point (shown **without** formfactors at the strong and EM vertices).

Total cross-section (no baryon resonances present)

Comparison between $\pi\eta$ and $\pi\pi$ photoproduction



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Summary and Outlook

- $\pi\eta$ photoproduction is a good place to look for new resonances.
- **Poorly** understood resonances may also be studied **better** using this reaction.
- Recent developments in $\pi\eta$ photoproduction experiments are a further reason for a model of this reaction to be constructed **soon**.

 \implies This model can be useful in guiding the experimental effort.

- Later, when experimental data is **ready**, this model can also serve as a bridge to compare with **quark model results**.
- Our model under development includes rescattering.
 ⇒ Direct comparison with quark models results is possible.
- With this model in hand, **calculation** for any two-meson photoproduction will be relatively easy to develop.

Thank you!

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