

## Light baryon spectroscopy (@ELSA)

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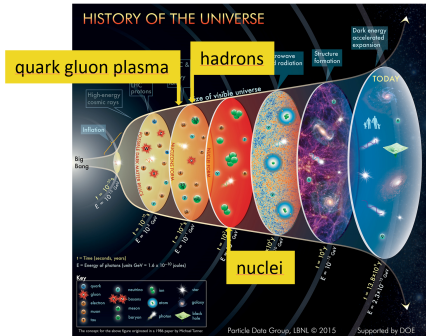
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- Future plans @ELSA
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# Why baryons?

⇔ They played an important role in the development of our universe



⇔ Transition from a soup of quarks and gluons → hadrons:  
~ 1/100 ms after the big bang



depends on the existing baryon resonances

⇔ baryons = dominant part of visible matter in the universe

$\Delta^{++} \rightarrow$  color  $\leftrightarrow$  non-abelian character of QCD

⇔ Can we claim that we have understood Quantum Chromodynamics without understanding its bound states? ⇔ **NO!**

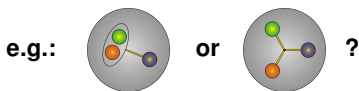
⇔ One of the worst understood areas of the standard model = a challenge!

⇔ How does QCD produce its massive bound states from almost massless quarks?

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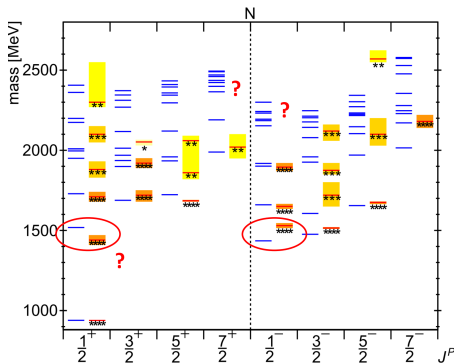
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**non-strange  $N^*$ -resonances**

(PDG'2018)

U. Loering, B. Metsch, H. Petry et al. (2001)

**relativistic quark model**

Constituent quarks, confinement potential  
+ residual interaction



$$|\vec{J}| = |\vec{L} + \vec{S}_{qqq}|$$

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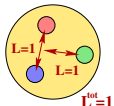
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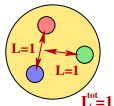
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**Or does the quark model just use the wrong degrees of freedom?**

$\leftrightarrow$  **Mesons-Baryon degrees of freedom?**

... seems to work nicely for certain resonances ...

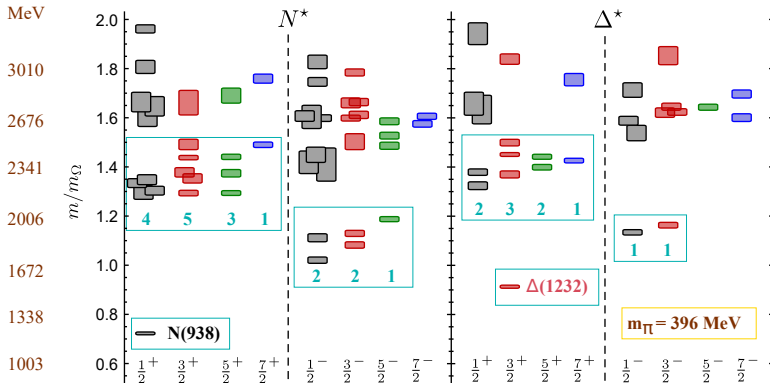
$\leftrightarrow$  **Functional methods (Dyson-Schwinger/Bethe-Salpeter equations)**

Nice results! ... spectrum so far only  $J=1/2, 3/2$  (up to  $\sim 1900$  MeV)

( $\rightarrow$  talk G. Eichmann)

# Baryon Spectroscopy

## Excited baryons from Lattice QCD:



R.Edwards et al.,  
Phys. Rev. D84  
(2011) 074508

## Exhibits the broad features expected from $SU(6) \otimes O(3)$ -symmetry

- Counting of levels consistent with non-rel. quark model  $\Leftrightarrow$  “missing resonances”
- no parity doubling

Of course there are also approximations made by lattice QCD (e.g.  $m_\pi = 396 \text{ MeV}$ )

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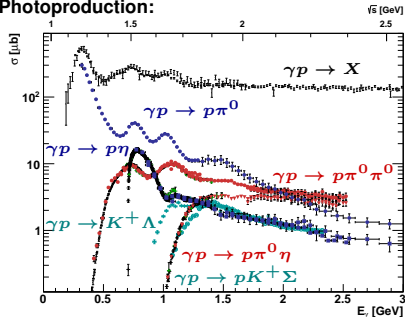
**Experimentally:**

**Broad and strongly overlapping resonances**

**Important:**

- Investigation of different final states
- Investigation of different production processes:  $\pi N$ ,  $\gamma N$ ,  $\gamma^* N$ ,  $\Psi$ ,  $\Psi'$ -decays, ... ( $\gamma^* N \rightarrow$  talk V.Burkert)
- Measurement of polarization observables (unambiguous PWA)

**Photoproduction:**



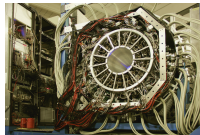
**Recently: a lot of progress from photoproduction experiments:**

CLAS (JLab),

CBELSA/TAPS (ELSA),

CBALL (MAMI),

LEPS (Spring-8), BGOOD (ELSA),  
GRAAL (ESRF), ...

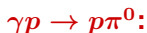


⇔ polarized beam,  
polarized target

# Double Polarization Experiments - Selected Results -

Circularly polarized photons, longitudinally polarized target

CBELSA/TAPS



PWAs:

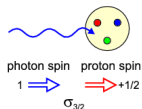
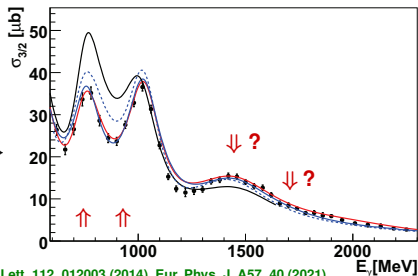
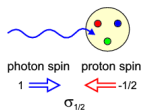
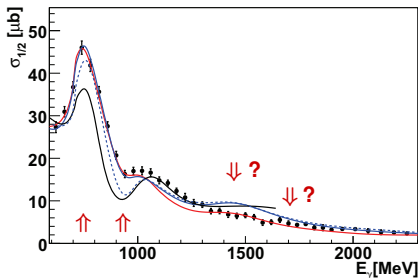
SAID (SN11, CM12), MAID

BnGa (2011\_2)

↔ describe the  
so far existing  
photoproduction  
data, but ...

large deviations →  
observed

Differences even at low →  
energies where everything  
was thought to be well  
understood ...

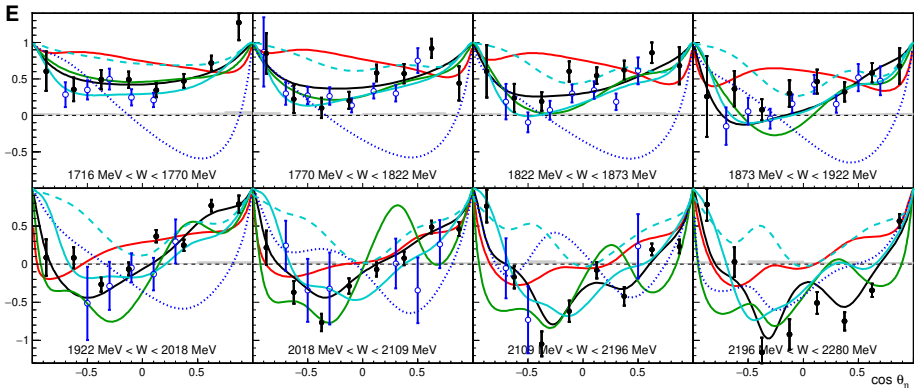


⇒  
**Sensitivity  
on high mass  
resonances !**

M. Gottschall et al. (CBELSA/TAPS) Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 012003 (2014), Eur. Phys. J. A57, 40 (2021)

# Polarization observables – selected results: $\vec{\gamma}\vec{p} \rightarrow p\eta$

circ. pol. photons, long. pol. target, CBELSA/TAPS high energy bins, **blue: CLAS**



⇔ **Large sensitivity!**

⇒ **data approaches the high mass region**

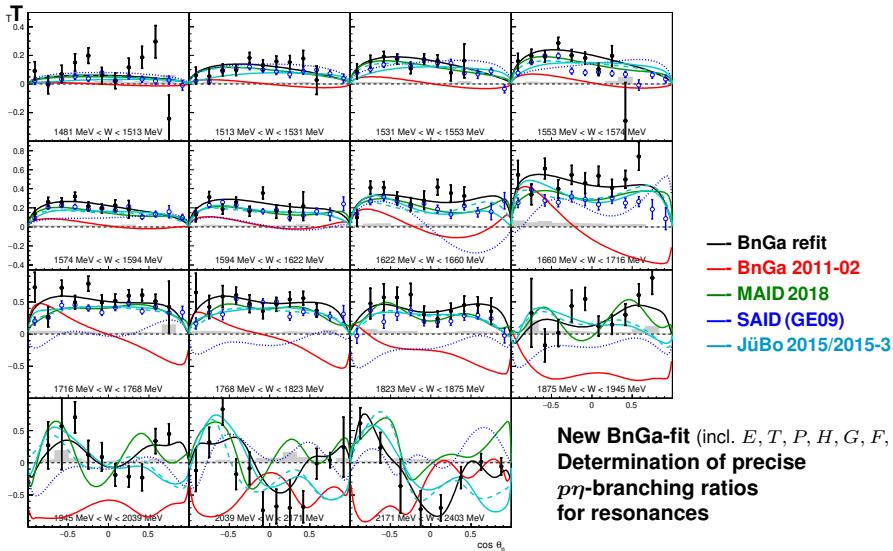
— **new BnGa-fit : Determination of precise  $p\eta$ -branching ratios for resonances**

— **BnGa refit** — **BnGa 2011-02** — **MAID 2018**  
 — **SAID (GE09)** — **JüBo 2015/2015-3**

J.Müller et al. (CBELSA/TAPS), PLB 803, 135323 (2020)

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lin. pol. photons, transv. pol. target, CBELSA/TAPS high energy bins, blue: MAMI



J.Müller et al. (CBELSA/TAPS), PLB 803, 135323 (2020)

Data allowed a new determination of  $p\eta$ -branching ratios for many resonances, e.g.:

J.Müller et al. (CBELSA/TAPS), PLB 803, 135323 (2020)

	$N(1535)1/2^-$	$N(1650)1/2^-$	$N(1710)1/2^+$	$N(1895)1/2^-$
<b>BnGa</b>	$0.41 \pm 0.04$	$0.33 \pm 0.04$	$0.18 \pm 0.10$	$0.10 \pm 0.05$
<b>PDG'2012</b>	$0.42 \pm 0.10$	$0.05 - 0.15$	$0.10 - 0.30$	no PDG estimate

⇔ Additional constraints from new (polarization) data fix PWA-solutions much better than before



Large and heavily discussed difference in the  $p\eta$ -branching ratio of  $N(1535)1/2^-$  and  $N(1650)1/2^-$  now significantly reduced

New (double) polarization data was also included in JüBo:

D. Rönchen et al., Eur. Phys. J. A58 (2022) 229



$\eta N$  residue of  $N(1650)1/2^-$  increased by almost a factor of 2!

Next step: Comparison of PWA-results of different groups including the new data  
⇔ convergence towards consistent results?

JüBo, BnGa, MAID, SAID ...

# Results: The Spectrum of Baryon Resonances

## Multi-channel Bonn-Gatchina PWA:

- ⇒ Confirmation known resonances, better determination of their properties
- ⇒ New resonances observed

	RPP 2010	our analyses	RPP'22 (2018-22)
N(1710)1/2 <sup>+</sup>	***	****	****
N(1860)5/2 <sup>+</sup>		*	**
N(1875)3/2 <sup>-</sup>		***	***
N(1880)1/2 <sup>+</sup>		***	***
N(1895)1/2 <sup>-</sup>		****	****
N(1900)3/2 <sup>+</sup>	**	****	****
N(2060)5/2 <sup>-</sup>		***	***
N(2100)1/2 <sup>+</sup>	*	***	***
N(2120)3/2 <sup>-</sup>		***	***
Δ(1600)3/2 <sup>+</sup>	***	***	****
Δ(1900)1/2 <sup>-</sup>	*	***	***
Δ(1940)3/2 <sup>-</sup>	*	**	**
Δ(2200)7/2 <sup>-</sup>	*	***	***

from 2000-2010 not one  
new baryon resonance was considered  
by the PDG

↔ Results from photoproduction  
do now enter the PDG and  
determine the properties of  
baryon resonances!

( before: almost entirely  $\pi N$ -scattering and  
some  $\pi$ -photoproduction )

Photoproduction provides access  
to the “inelastic channels”  
⇒ better determination of  
resonance properties

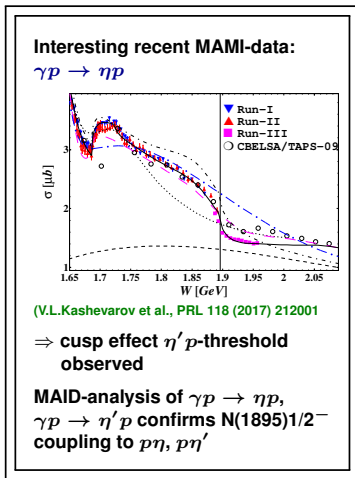


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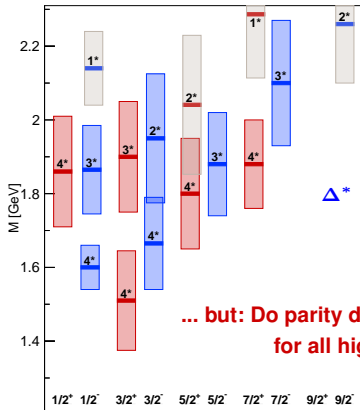
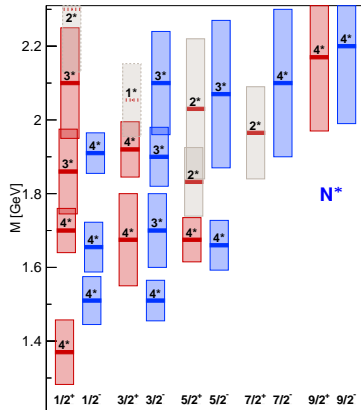
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BnGa-PWA: A. V. Anisovich et al., EPJA 48 (2012) 15, PRL 119 (2017) 062004, PLB 772 (2017) 247, J. Müller et al., PLB 803 (2020) 135323 ...

# Baryon Resonances - Parity doublets -

$N^*$ -,  $\Delta^*$ - pole positions:



(PDG'2022)

... but: Do parity doublets exist for all high mass states ?

$\Leftrightarrow$  Parity doublets occur!

- not expected by present lattice QCD calculations or constituent quark-models

$\Leftrightarrow$  Strong QCD not yet understood !

# Search for parity doublets - $\Delta$ -states at $\sim 1900$ MeV

$\Rightarrow$  Do ALL high mass states have parity partners?

$\Delta(1910)1/2^+$   $\Delta(1920)3/2^+$   $\Delta(1905)5/2^+$   $\Delta(1950)7/2^+$   
 $\Delta(1900)1/2^-$   $\Delta(1940)3/2^-$   $\Delta(1930)5/2^-$  ???  $7/2^-$

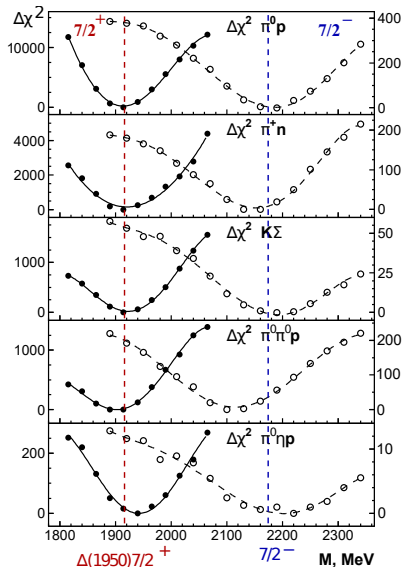
Search for the parity partner of the well known  $\Delta(1950)7/2^+$  ( $4^*$ )  $\Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow J^P = 7/2^-$ -state found at a significantly higher mass:  $m = 2200$  MeV

( $7/2^-$  (2200) - ( $1^*$ )-resonance (PDG) confirmed)

$\Leftrightarrow$  No parity-partner found

$\Rightarrow$  Certain states have parity partners, others not  
 $\Rightarrow$  Not yet understood!



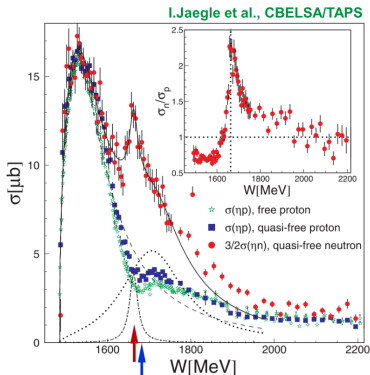
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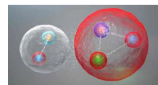
- ⇔ **Certain resonances have parity partners others don't** ⇔ **Why?**
- ⇔ **Does the SU(6)xO(3) 20'plet exist? / or in generell the still *missing* states?**
  - **Needs to be explained by theory**
    - ⇔ **effective degrees of freedom / effective forces**
    - ⇔ **meson-baryon or 3q or .....**
  - **Existing but experimentally not found yet?**
    - ⇔ **photoproduction of the neutron** ← next
    - ⇔ **multi-meson photoproduction** ← interesting results - not discussed today
- ⇒ **Clarify the systematics in the system!**  
(SU(6): u ↑↓ d ↑↓ s ↑↓)
  - ⇔ **photoproduction of strange baryons**  
**= the obvious next step into the future** ← plans at ELSA

# $\eta$ - photoproduction off the neutron

Nature of complex bound states in QCD = ?



qqq



meson-baryon

Photoproduction off the neutron

$\neq$  Photoproduction of the proton (Isospin dependence)

$\Leftrightarrow$  Interesting structures

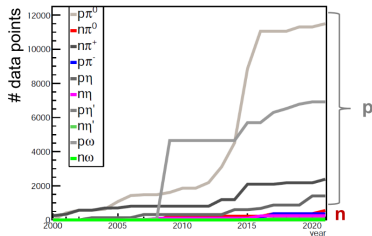
$\Leftrightarrow$  New states?

Measurement of polarization observables important

but: **Very scarce !**

$N^*$ -resonances may decouple from the proton and couple to the neutron

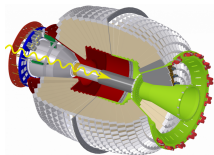
Existing polarization data



A. Thiel, F. Afzal, Y. Wunderlich, PPNP 125 (2022) 103949

# Photoproduction off the neutron at ELSA

Recent Crystal Barrel calorimeter upgrade:



APDs and Sampling  
ADC-readout  $\Leftrightarrow$  Trigger/time

$\Rightarrow$  Flat trigger acceptance for  
all neutral final states

$\rightarrow$  Photoproduction  
off the neutron

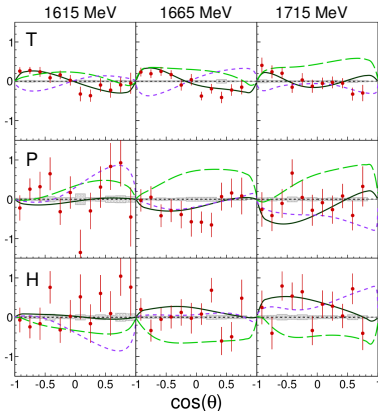
$\Rightarrow$  Higher data taking rates  
(factor  $\sim 7$ )

$\rightarrow$  e.g. multi-particle final  
states (higher stat.)

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transversally polarized target  $\Leftrightarrow$  T, P, H

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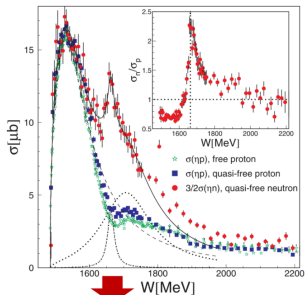
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Best fit to all  $\gamma n \rightarrow n\eta$  data: No narrow  $1/2^+$ -state needed!

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I. Jaegle et al, EPJA 47 (2012) 89 (CBELSA/TAPS)



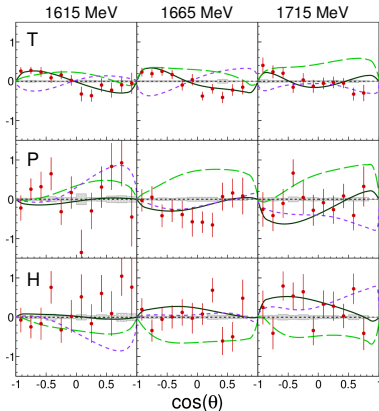
$W = 1665 \pm 25 \text{ MeV}$



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# Strange baryons ( $\Lambda^*$ , $\Sigma^*$ ) ... future plans @ ELSA

**Strange baryons:** “... the field is starved for data ” (PDG’2022)

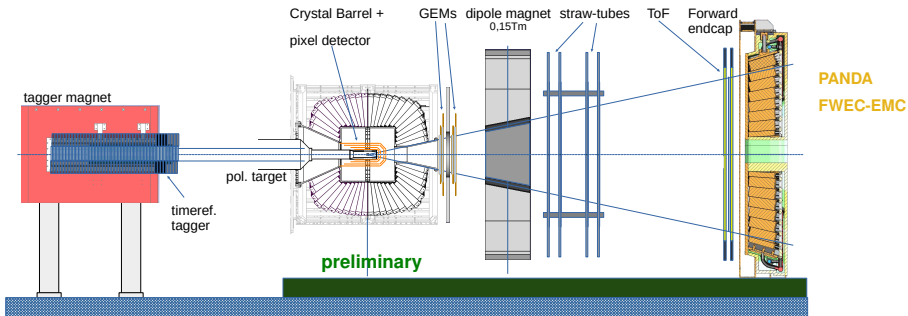
Established resonances remained the same for the last  $\sim 40$  years!

Interesting exception: Two pole structure of the  $\Lambda(1405)$

$\Leftrightarrow$  Not even all states of the first excitation band known

- spectrum and properties of  $\Lambda^*$ ,  $\Sigma^*$   $\leftrightarrow$   $SU(6) \times O(3)$ ?
- multi-quark states? molecules? 2-pole structures?

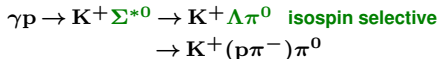
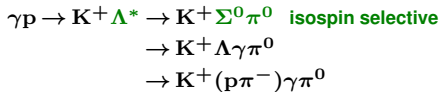
$\Leftrightarrow$  **New data urgently needed!**



$\Leftrightarrow$  **new final states including strange baryons!**

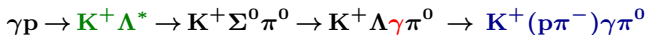


@ELSA, e.g.:

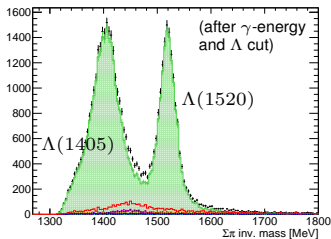
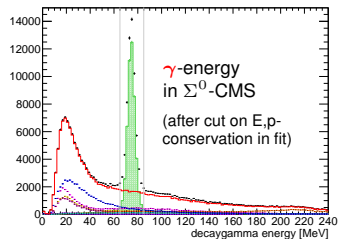


How well can we measure strange baryons?

One example (simulations):



$\Leftrightarrow K^+ \Lambda(1405)$  ( $0.5\mu b$ ) and  $K^+ \Lambda(1520)$  ( $0.7\mu b$ )



background channels:

- $K^+ \Sigma(1385)$ :  $0.8\mu b$
- $K^0 \Sigma^+$ :  $0.6\mu b$
- $K^+ \Sigma^0$ :  $1.8\mu b$
- $p\pi^0 \eta$ :  $3.5\mu b$
- $p\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ :  $9\mu b$
- $K^+ \Sigma(1385) \pi^0$ :  $0.4\mu b$
- $K^+ \Sigma^+ \pi^-$ :  $1\mu b$
- $K^+ \Lambda \pi^0$ :  $1\mu b$
- sum

$\leftrightarrow$  Very convincing signal

## Summary: $N^*$ and $\Delta^*$ resonances

- Based on the new photoproduction data, our knowledge of the spectrum and the properties of baryons is steadily increasing !

↔ single and double polarisation experiments (many final states)

⇒ Observation of new resonances

⇒ Confirmation of known states, determination of their properties

e.g.: - puzzling difference between  $p\eta$ -BR of  $N(1535)1/2^-$   
and  $N(1650)1/2^-$  now very much reduced  
- multi-meson-decays of baryon resonances

⇒ much more interesting results to come  
and data to be analysed

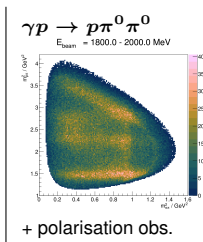
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and the properties of baryon resonances

↔ Quark models/first lattice calculations do not yet provide  
the expected systematics in the spectrum

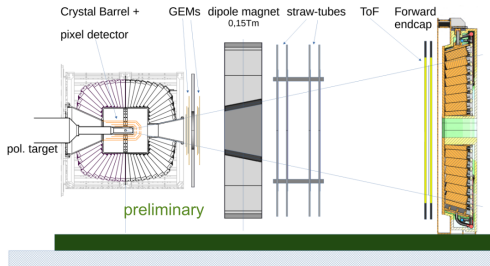
Experiment: - no alternating pattern of positive and negative parity states  
- parity doublets observed (not for all states (?))



**Bound states of QCD are not yet understood! ↔ new insights: strange baryons**



# ... future plans @ ELSA



**4 $\pi$  measurement of photons and detection of charged particles**

$$\sqrt{s_{\max}} = 2.6 \text{ GeV}$$

**+ polarisation measurements**

**Non-strange baryon spectroscopy:**

**Gain a complete picture of the light-quark  $N^*$ ,  $\Delta^*$ - baryon spectrum:**

- **Polarized photoproduction off the polarized proton and neutron!**

⇔ unambiguous PWA not possible without the measurement of polarization observables

- **Multi-meson photoproduction**

**Strange baryon spectroscopy ( $\Lambda^*$ ,  $\Sigma^*$ ):**

**More states expected than in the u, d-sector but much less states found so far!**

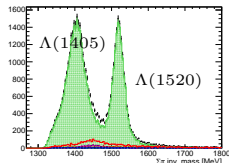
⇔ **Do they exist ?**

⇔ **Are they consistent with SU(6)xO(3)- symmetry?**

⇔ **Nature of the observed states=?**

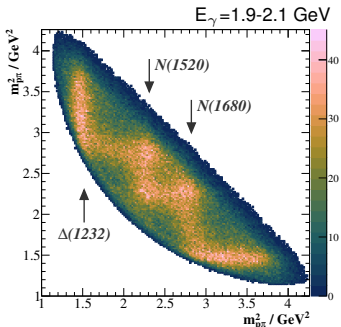
e.g.  $\Lambda(1405)$ , 2-pole structures / multiquark-states?

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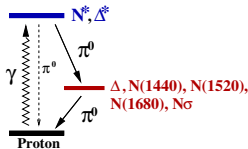




# Multi-Meson-Photoproduction: $\gamma p \rightarrow p\pi^0\pi^0$ , $\gamma p \rightarrow p\pi^0\eta$



⇔ Observation of cascade decays:



- Event based maximum likelihood fit of unpolarised data
- including single and double polarisation observables in the fit

•  $\Delta(1910)1/2^+$ ,  $\Delta(1920)3/2^+$ ,  $\Delta(1905)5/2^+$ ,  $\Delta(1950)7/2^+$

in average: negligible decay fraction ( $5 \pm 2\%$ ) into:

$N(1520)3/2^- \pi$ ,  $N(1535)1/2^- \pi$ , ( $L \neq 0$ -resonances)

•  $N(1880)1/2^+$ ,  $N(1900)3/2^+$ ,  $N(2000)5/2^+$ ,  $N(1990)7/2^+$

in average: 21% decays into:

$N(1520)3/2^- \pi$ ,  $N(1535)1/2^- \pi$ ,  $N\sigma$  ( $L \neq 0$ -resonances)

V. Sokhoyan et al. (CBELSA/TAPS-collaboration), EPJA 51 (2015) 95

A. Thiel et al. (CBELSA/TAPS-collaboration), PRL 114 (2015) 091803, T.Seifen et al., arXiv:2207.01981 [nucl-ex]

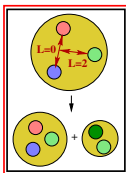
... Why ?

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An interpretation using quarkmodel-wave-functions:

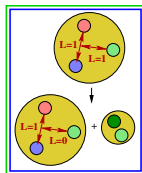
$\Delta^*$ 's  
@1900 MeV:

symmetric  
wave function  
(56'plet)

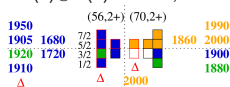


$N^*$ 's  
@1900 MeV:

wave function:  
 $M_S / M_A$   
(70'plet)

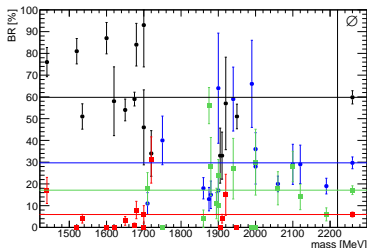


SU(6)  $\otimes$  O(3) for L=2, N=0



$\Rightarrow$  would explain the  
observation!

... and it seems to hold more general ...



$\Leftrightarrow$  supports a two-oscillator  
picture of resonances (3q)

... confirmation in further  
(polarisation) measurements

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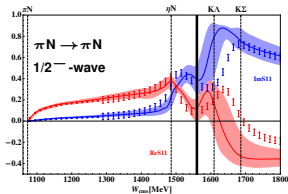
# Interpretations of the $1/2^-$ states: $N(1535)1/2^-$ , $N(1650)1/2^-$

## Effective degrees of freedom: $3q$ vs. meson-baryon

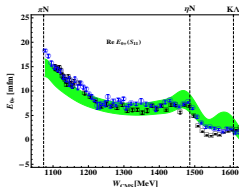
- Coupled-channel unitarized chiral pert. theo.:

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parameters fixed in the strong sector:



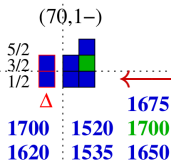
parameter-free prediction  $\gamma p \rightarrow p\pi^0$ :



Bruns, Mai, Meißner,  
PLB 697 (2011) 254  
Mai, Bruns, Meißner,  
PRD 86 (2012) 094033

- $SU(6) \times O(3)$ :

$N(1535)1/2^-$ ,  $N(1650)1/2^-$ ,  $\Delta(1620)1/2^-$  are part of the  $70^1$ plet



seems unnatural to steal two of those ...



- are dynamically generated poles and “ $3q$ ”-poles different descriptions of the same object?

↔  **$3q$  and molecular component?**

- or orthogonal states?

⇔ **No spectrum of molecular states ( $N^*$  /  $\Delta^*$ ) predicted, yet**

# Interpretations of the $1/2^-$ states:

Effective degrees of freedom in the baryon spectrum:  $3q$  vs. meson-baryon

## Non-strange baryon sector:

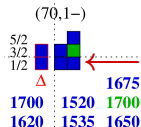
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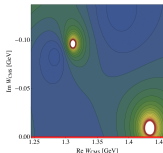
## Strange baryon sector:

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$\Leftrightarrow$  2-pole structure of  $\Lambda(1405)$

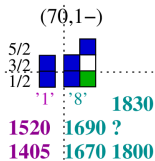
$$\Lambda(1325) \leftrightarrow '1'$$

$$\Lambda(1405) \leftrightarrow '8'$$

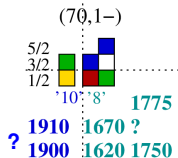


- $SU(6) \times O(3)$ :

$\Lambda^*$ :



$\Sigma^*$ :



$\leftrightarrow$   $\Lambda(1325)$  cannot be accommodated ...

Here we are in contradiction with an simple  $qqq$ -model picture