

Nucleon resonance studies from KY electroproduction at CLAS12 23 September 2025

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Outline

Physics Motivation: Study of the nucleon excitation spectrum to understand the dynamical properties of QCD in the non-perturbative regime.

What is the role of glue?

Search for new Baryon States → Hybrid States

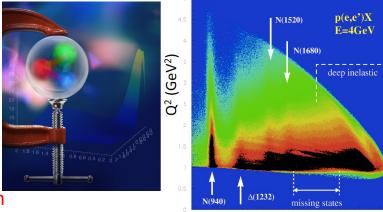
How does the role of the active degrees of freedom in the nucleon spectrum evolve with distance scale?

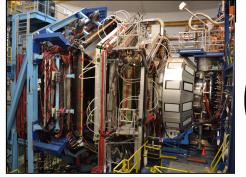
 Probe underlying degrees of freedom and their emergence from QCD via studies of the Q² evolution of electroproduction amplitudes

CLAS12 and Forward Tagger (FT) @ **JLab:** Experimental Setup description.

On-going Data Analysis:

- Results from Physics Runs: ep -> e'KY channel studied exploiting data from Fall 2018 Physics Runs in Hall B at Jefferson Lab
- Beam-Recoil <u>Hyperon Transferred Polarization Analysis</u>





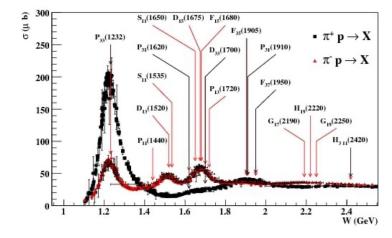


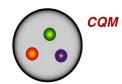
W (GeV)

Why N*? From the N* Spectrum to QCD

 Understanding the proton's ground state requires understanding its excitation spectrum.

 The N* spectrum reflects the effective degrees of freedom and the forces.







CQM+flux tubes



Quark–diquark clustering



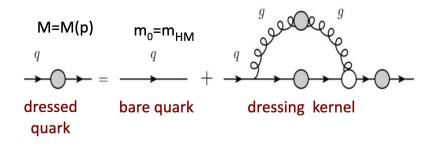
Baryon-meson system



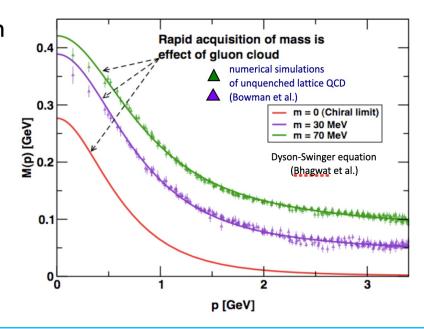
From the Constituent Quark model to QCD.

Mass Acquisition

Effective quark mass depends on its momentum



mass composition<2% Higgs mechanism>98% non-perturbative strong interaction



We need more information about the working of QCD in the non-perturbative regime

Exotic Hadrons

Standard Hadrons come in two varieties: Baryons & Mesons

Exotic Hadrons



Meson and baryon states whose properties cannot be described in terms of q anti-q or qqq degrees of freedom only

Hybrid mesons/baryons:

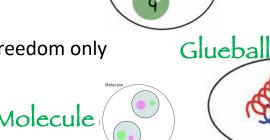
qqq or $q\bar{q}$ valence quarks plus a valence gluon Multiquark states:

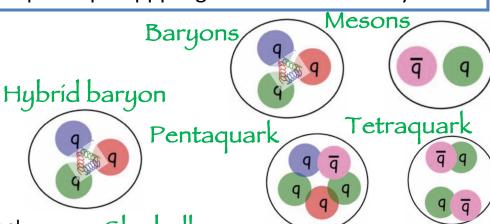
- Baryons with more than 3 valence quarks:
 pentaquarks or di-baryons
- Mesons with more than a quarkantiquark pair: tetraquarks

Glueballs:

Particles made up of gluonic degrees of freedom only

Molecules...





Hybrid meson

Photo- and Electro-Production of Mesons on Nucleon Targets

Meson photo- and electroproduction reactions



Light quark baryon spectroscopy

Two elements provided a crucial boost in the field:

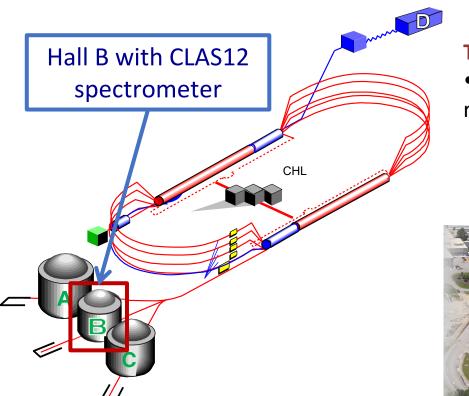
- advent of large solid angle detectors
- polarized beam and targets



single and double polarization observables

Powerful tool to study the internal structure of the nucleon

CLAS N* Experimental Program



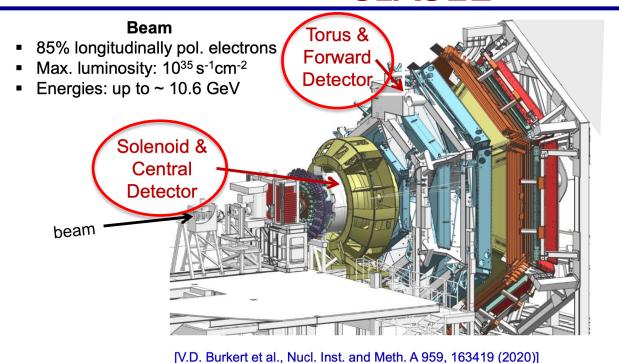
The N* program is one of the Hall B fundamental

• CLAS & CLAS12 – optimized to study exclusive reaction channels over a broad kinematic range:

pN, ω N, φ N, η N, η 'N, $\pi\pi$ N, KY, K*Y, KY*



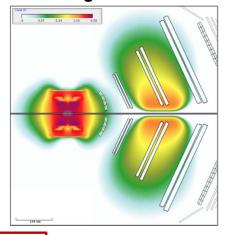
CLAS12



Targets (org. by Run Groups)

- Proton (RG-A/K)
- Deuteron (RG-B)
- Nuclei (RG-M/D/E)
- Long. pol. NH₃/ND₃ (RG-C)

Magnetic Field

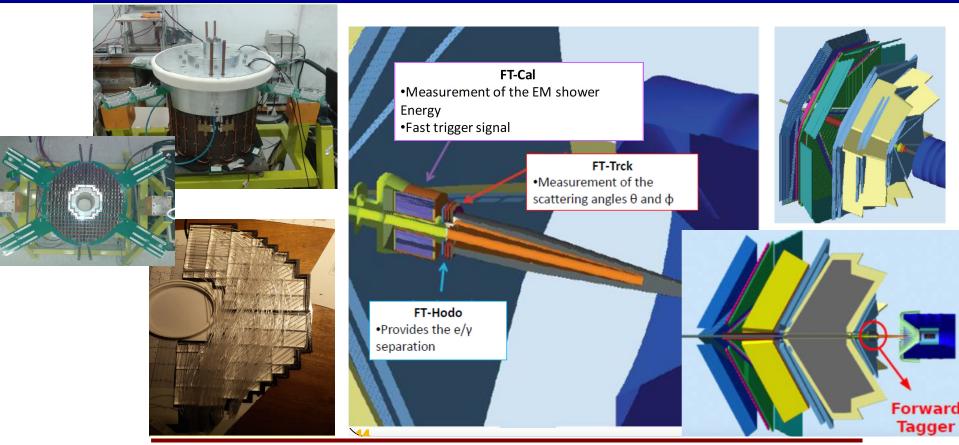


Ideal instrument to study exclusive meson electroproduction in the nucleon resonance region

CLAS12 Spectrometer

beam

Experimental Setup: Forward Tagger



Electron Beam with CLAS12

Run Group Proposal (RG K) "Color Confinement and Strong QCD":

Search for Hybrid Baryons (qqqg)

KY Electroproduction for the N* study

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RUN CONDITIONS	
Torus Current	100% (3375 A) - negative out-bending
Solenoid	-100 %
FT	ON @ 7.5 GeV -> OFF @ 6.5 GeV and 8.5 GeV
Beam/Target	Polarized electrons, un-polarized LH ₂ target
Luminosity	• ~ 5 10 ³⁴ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹ @ 7.5 GeV ~ 0.87 10 ³⁴ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹ @ 6.5 GeV 0.87 10 ³⁵ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹ @ 6.4 GeV 10 ³⁵ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹ @8.5 GeV FULL LUMINOSITY

Fall 2018: EVENTS 15.6 G Spring 2024: EVENTS 60 G (Statistics increased by a factor 4)

50% of the total

Hybrid Hadrons

Hybrid hadrons with dominant gluonic contributions are predicted to exist by QCD.

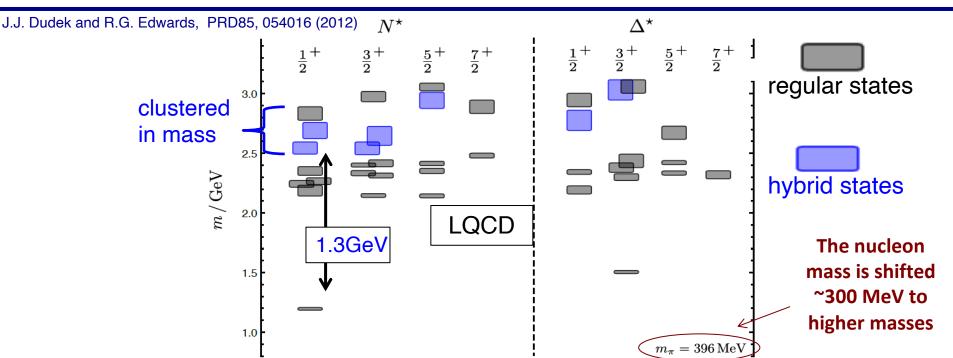
Experimentally:

- **Hybrid mesons** $|q\bar{q}g\rangle$ states may have exotic quantum numbers J^{PC} not available to pure $|q\bar{q}\rangle$ states GlueX, MesonEx, COMPASS, PANDA
- Hybrid baryons |qqqg> have the same quantum numbers J^P as |qqq> electroproduction with CLAS12 (Hall B).

Theoretical predictions:

- ♦ MIT bag model T. Barnes and F. Close, Phys. Lett. 123B, 89 (1983).
- ♦ QCD Sum Rule L. Kisslinger and Z. Li, Phys. Rev. D 51, R5986 (1995).
- → Flux Tube model S. Capstick and P. R. Page, Phys. Rev. C 66, 065204 (2002).

Hybrid Baryons in LQCD



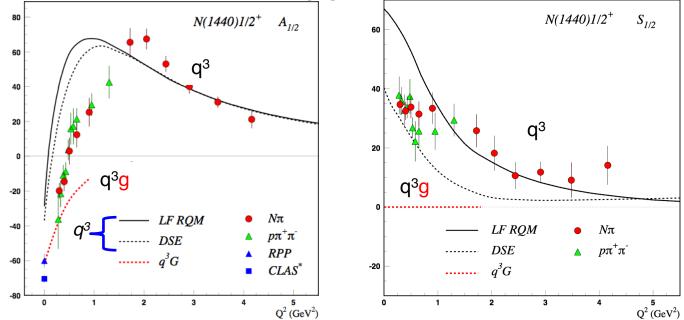
Hybrid states have same J^P values as qqq baryons. How to identify them?

- Overpopulation of N 1/2+ and N 3/2+ states compared to QM projections.
- $A_{1/2}$ ($A_{3/2}$) and $S_{1/2}$ show different Q^2 evolution.

Separating q³g from q³ states?

CLAS results on electrocouplings clarified nature of the Roper.

Will CLAS12 data be able to identify gluonic contributions?



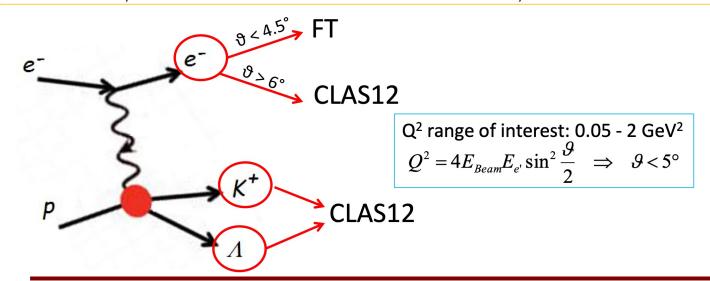
For hybrid "Roper", $A_{1/2}(Q^2)$ drops off faster with Q^2 and $S_{1/2}(Q^2) \sim 0$.

Hybrid Baryons

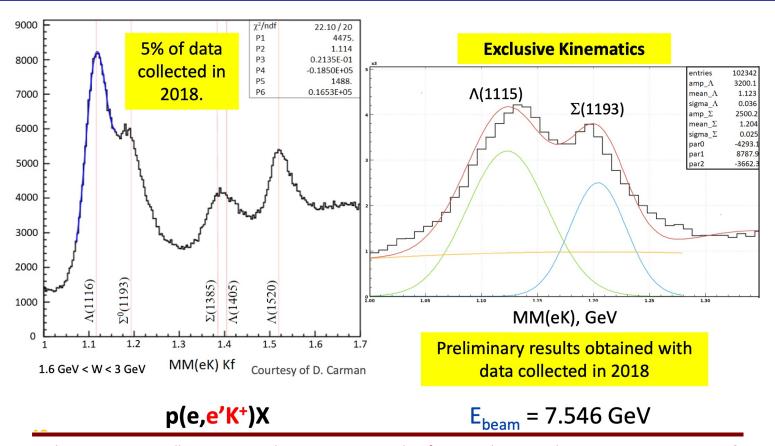
Data from KY are critical to provide the extraction of the electrocoupling amplitudes:

$$e p \rightarrow e' K^+ \Lambda$$
, $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$

FT allows to probe the **crucial Q² range** where hybrid baryons may be identified due to their fast dropping $A_{1/2}(Q^2)$ amplitude and the suppression of the scalar $S_{1/2}(Q^2)$ amplitude.



Preliminary Results: electron in the FD(CLAS)/FT



Recoil and Transferred Polarization in K⁺Y Electroproduction in the Nucleon Resonance Region with CLAS12

If we consider the case of a polarized-electron beam incident on an unpolarized target producing a polarized recoil hyperon,

$$\frac{d\sigma_v}{d\Omega_{K}^{c.m.}} = \sigma_0(1 + hA_{LT'} + P_{x'}\hat{x}' \cdot \hat{S}' + P_{y'}\hat{y}' \cdot \hat{S}' + P_{z'}\hat{z}' \cdot \hat{S}')$$

Each of the hyperon polarization terms $P_{x'}$, $P_{y'}$, $P_{z'}$, can be split into a **beam helicity independent part**, called the **induced or recoil polarization**, and a **beam helicity dependent part**, called the **transferred polarization**. The polarization components can be written as:

$$P_{i'} = P_{i'}^0 + h P_{i'}'$$

Beam-Recoil Transferred Polarization in K+Y Electroproduction in the Nucleon Resonance Region with CLAS12

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Beam-recoil transferred polarization in K^+Y electroproduction in the nucleon resonance region with CLAS12

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Analysis of CLAS12 RG-K data from Fall 2018

- 6.535 GeV and 7.546 GeV electrons on LH₂ target
- Extract beam-recoil transferred polarization from longitudinally polarized beam electron to final state $A = \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-} = \nu_Y \alpha_\Lambda P_b \mathcal{P}_Y' \cos \theta_p^{RF}$ by parange of Ω^2 W, $\cos \theta$ c.m. hyperon vs. Q^2 , W, $\cos \theta_{\kappa}$ c.m.

$$\mathcal{P}'$$
 = transferred polarization

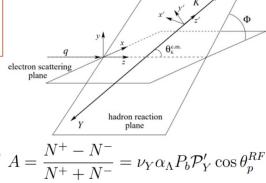
$$\mathcal{P}'_{x'} = K_I \sqrt{1 - \epsilon^2} R_{TT'}^{x'0}$$

$$\mathcal{P}'_{y'} = 0$$

$$\mathcal{P}'_{z'} = K_I \sqrt{1 - \epsilon^2} R_{TT'}^{z'0}$$

$$\mathcal{P}^0$$
 = recoil polarization

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
\mathcal{P}_{x'}^{0} & 0 \\
\mathcal{P}_{y'}^{0} & K_{I}(R_{T}^{y'0} + \epsilon R_{L}^{y'0}) \\
\mathcal{P}_{z'}^{0} & 0
\end{array}$$

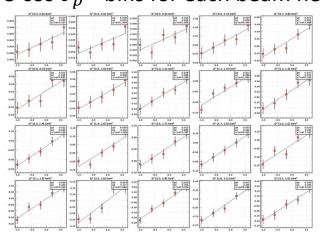


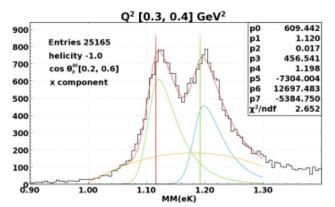
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The RM-ToV analysis consists of the direct exploitation of equation

$$A = \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-} = \nu_Y \alpha_\Lambda P_b \mathcal{P}_Y' \cos \theta_p^{RF}$$

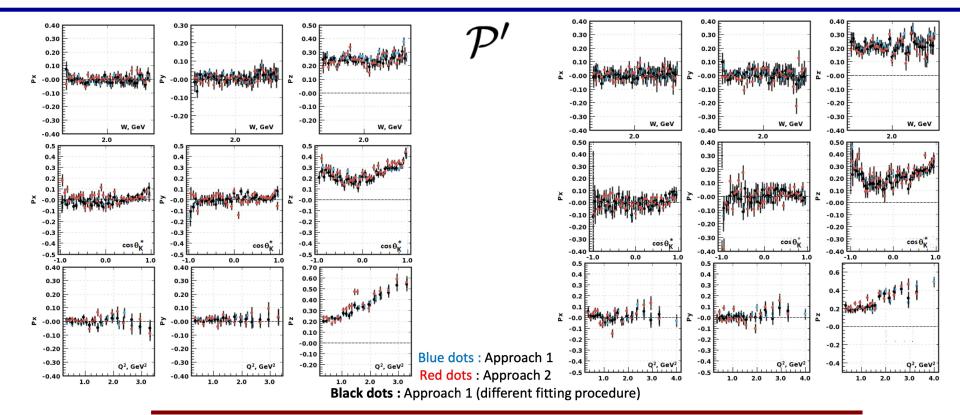
The events in each kinematic bin of Q^2 , W and $\cos \vartheta_K^*$ were divided into 5 $\cos \vartheta_p^{RF}$ bins for each beam helicity...



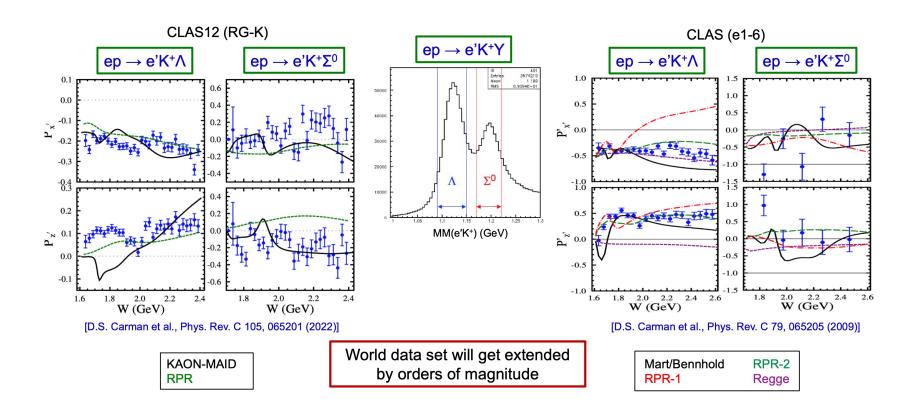


... and the number of Λ events was extracted using a fit of the MM(eK⁺) spectrum

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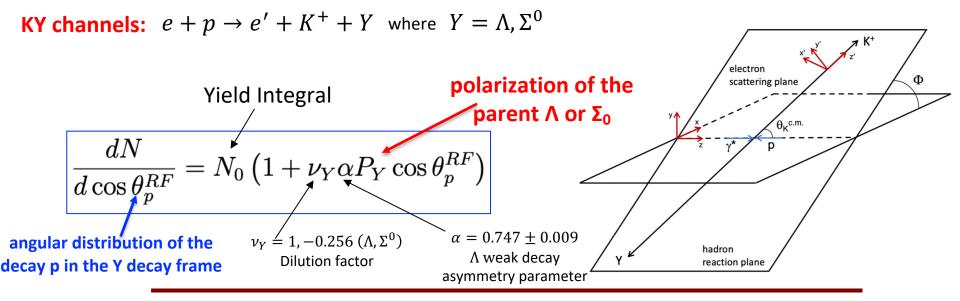


K⁺Y Transferred Polarization CLAS12 vs. CLAS



Recoil Polarization in K+Y Electroproduction in the Nucleon Resonance Region with CLAS12

- RG-K Λ and Σ⁰ recoil polarization analysis by D. Carman, A. D'Angelo, L. Lanza, V. Mokeev: Paper submitted to PRC
- This work aims at extending the available data from CLAS to provide more complete input to available reaction models to improve our understanding of strong QCD in the non-perturbative domain.



Recoil Polarization in K+Y Electroproduction in the Nucleon **Resonance Region with CLAS12**

$$\frac{dN}{d\cos\theta_p^{RF}} = N_0 \left(1 + \nu_Y \alpha P_Y \cos\theta_p^{RF}\right)$$
 Recoil polarization for Λ and Σ^0 relating plane Λ and Λ recoil polarization for Λ and Λ relating plane Λ relating plane Λ i.e. $\cos\theta_{\rm RF} > 0$ $N_F = \int_0^1 N_0 (1 + \nu_Y \alpha P_Y \cos\theta_p^{RF}) d\cos\theta_p^{RF} = N_0 + N_0 \cdot \frac{\nu_Y \alpha P_Y}{2}$ rise, Λ reaction plane Λ reaction plan

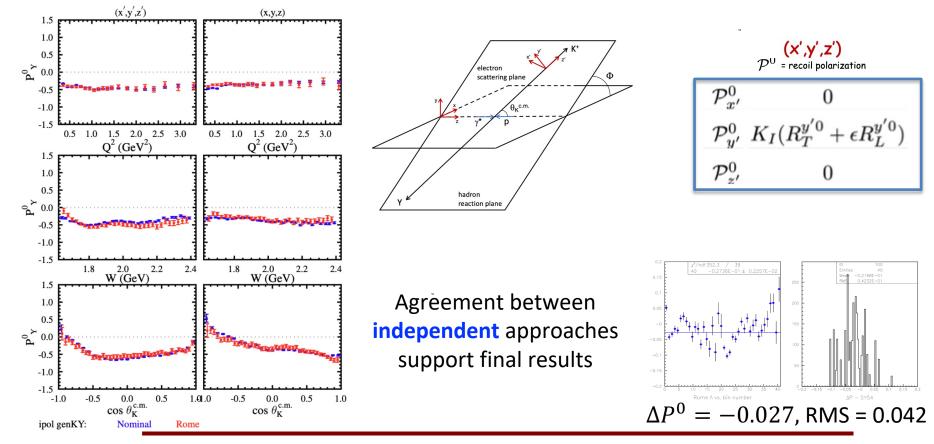
$$A_{FB} = \frac{\frac{N_F}{A_F} - \frac{N_B}{A_B}}{\frac{N_F}{A_F} + \frac{N_B}{A_B}} = \frac{v_Y \alpha P_Y}{2}$$
 Forward-backward yield asymmetry

Sensitivity to the detector acceptance Correction

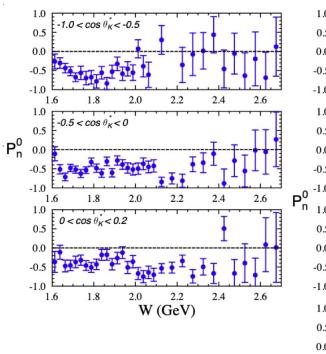


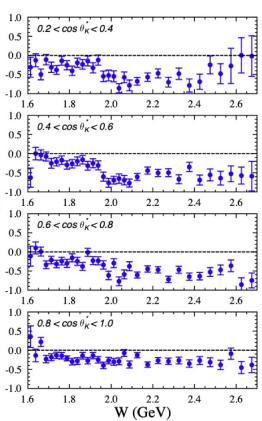
$$A_{F,B} = \frac{N_{F,B}^{REO}}{N_{F,B}^{MO}}$$

K+Y Induced Polarization CLAS12: Independent Analyses Match



K+Y Induced Polarization: Previous Results from CLAS e1f





A recoil polarization in the ep reaction was first measured from the CLAS e1f experiment using a 5.479 GeV electron beam

Kinematic range:

Q^{2:} 0.8–3.5 GeV² W: 1.6–2.7 GeV.

Due to limited statistics the polarization was provided in **coarse bins** in W and $cos\vartheta_{c.m.}^{K}$ integrated over Q²

RGK data have \sim 5 times the statistics compared to e1f

Summary and Outlook

Summarizing:

- The study of N* states is one of the crucial topics of the CLAS and CLAS12 physics programs:
 - -CLAS has produced a huge amount of data up to $Q^2 < 5 \text{ GeV}^2$
 - -CLAS12 was designed to extend these studies for $0.05 < Q^2 < 12 \text{ GeV}^2$
- The first results of the CLAS12 N* program have been obtained with the analysis of KY polarization transfer data from the RGK Fall 2018 Run
 - -The RGK dataset is 5x larger than the available KY world data in the resonance region
 - -Only 10% of expected statistics has been analyzed.
- On going analyses:
 - -First paper on KY electroproduction has been published on PRC
 - -Second paper on KY electroproduction accepted for publication on PRC
 - -Other analyses based on the existing RG-K data are in progress
 - -More data have been collected in Spring 2024

And in the future...

• Future work with these data is expected to face up he most challenging problems of the Standard Model on the nature of hadron mass, confinement, and the emergence of N* states from quarks and gluons

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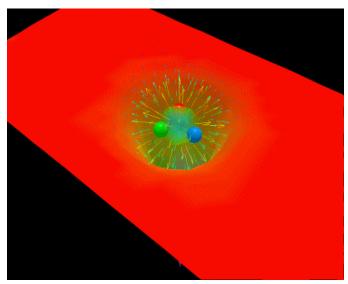
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Critical QCD Questions Addressed

The light N* spectrum: what is the role of glue?



Derek B. Leinweber - University of Adelaide

"Nucleons are the stuff of which our world is made.

As such they must be **at the center of any discussion of why the world** we actually experience **has the character it does.**"

Nathan Isgur, NStar2000, Newport News, Virginia

Search for new baryon states

$\Lambda(1520)$

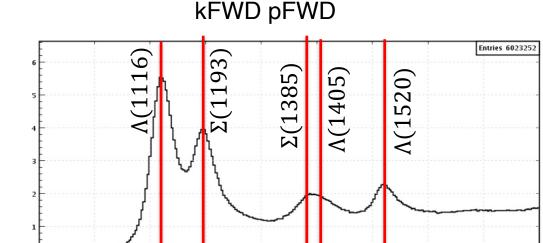
Other channels could be exploited as final states for possible new resonances..

$$ep \rightarrow eK^+\Lambda(1520) \rightarrow eK^+K^-p$$

The existence of several nonstrange N* resonances with significant (\sim 5%) branching ratios into the decay channel $K^+\Lambda(1520)$ has been predicted



→ Simon Chapstick and W. Roberts, Phys. Rev. D 58 074011



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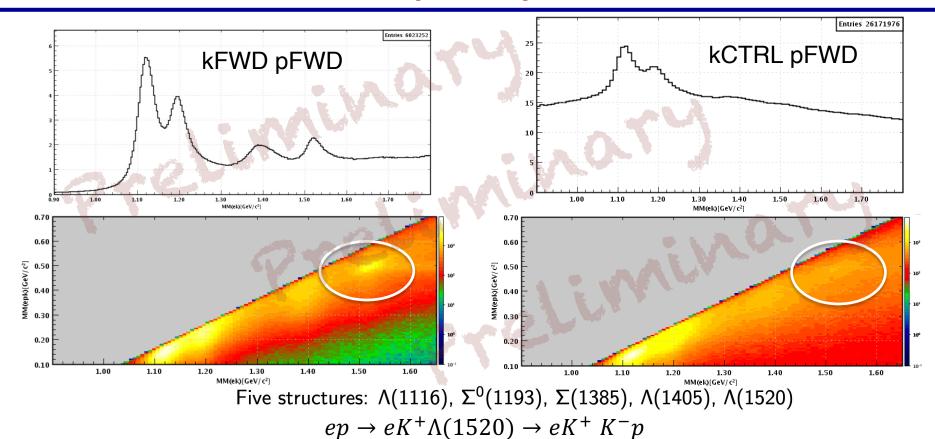
1.20

 $\Lambda(1520)$ arises as a separate structure

1.60

1.70

$\Lambda(1520)$



$\Lambda(1520)$

