# BO5 – A novel approach to the baryon spectrum based on stochastic methods

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# Subject of BO5: Hadron physics



#### Strong force:

- Matter fields: quarks (q) (almost free at high energies)
- Observed particles: hadrons (low and medium energies)
  - Mesons (qq̄ states)
  - Baryons (qqq, qqq states)
    - $\downarrow$  protons, neutrons, ...
    - (+ exotic states ...)
- gauge theory: Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)
- no perturbative QCD at low & medium energies



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- background processes?
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Experimental study of hadronic reactions

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In the past: elastic or charge exchange  $\pi N$  scattering

"missing resonance problem"

In recent years: photoproduction reactions

large data base, high quality polarization observables Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 125 (2022), Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 111 (2020)

In the future: electroproduction reactions

 $= 10^5 \text{ data points for } \pi N, \eta N, KY, \pi \pi N \text{ Review: e.g. Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 67 (2012)} Member of the Helmholtz Association October 1, 2024 Slide 3112$ 



E (GeV)

# The light baryon spectrum:

#### Many open questions

- Missing resonances?
- Different analyses often not agree on parameters or even existence of a state

E.g., the Roper resonance  $N(1440)1/2^+$ : discussed since > 50 years

(Review: e.g. Burket, Roberts Rev.Mod.Phys. 91 (2019), Also: Mai, Meißner, Urbach Phys.Rept, 1001 (2023)

- $q^3$  guark models: first  $1/2^-$  state lower than first  $1/2^+$  state
- lattice OCD: e.g. Lang 2017 Phys. Rev. D 95, 014510



E (GeV)

Fig. from PRC 62 025207 (2000)

phase shift (degree)

- not a standard Breit-Wigner shape
- influence by meson-baryon background interaction?

150

1000

Iπ 1/2+1/2-P., S.,

- effects from nearby thresholds?
- $\rightarrow$  not a simple radial excitation of the nucleon?
- $\rightarrow$  information from photo- and electroproduction!  $(O^2$  dependence of helicity amplitudes)

(Review: Ramalho & Pena Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 136 (2024))



## Baryon Transition Form Factors

Y.-F. Wang et al. PRL 133 (2024)

from the Jülich-Bonn-Washington model Mai et al. EPJ A 59 (2023)

The Roper resonance  $N(1440)1/2^+$ :



#### Prerequisite:

well-defined resonance parameters & uncertainties!

#### → Jülich-Bonn model

- Zero crossing in ReA<sub>1/2</sub> at smaller Q<sup>2</sup> than in Breit-Wigner determinations or in ANL/OSAKA [Kamano, Few Body Syst. 59, 24 (2018)]
- important for quark models, DSE: meson cloud contributions or radial excitation of the nucleon?





# Jülich-Bonn DCC approach for hadronic reactions



#### The Jülich-Bonn DCC approach for $N^*$ and $\Delta$ resonances pion-induced reactions

#### Dynamical coupled-channels (DCC): simultaneous analysis of different reactions

The scattering equation in partial-wave basis

$$\begin{aligned} \langle L'S'p'|T^{IJ}_{\mu\nu}|LSp\rangle &= \langle L'S'p'|V^{IJ}_{\mu\nu}|LSp\rangle + \\ \sum_{\gamma,L''S''} \int_{0}^{\infty} dq \quad q^{2} \quad \langle L'S'p'|V^{IJ}_{\mu\gamma}|L''S''q\rangle \frac{1}{E - E_{\gamma}(q) + i\epsilon} \langle L''S''q|T^{IJ}_{\gamma\nu}|LSp\rangle \end{aligned}$$

• channels  $\nu$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\gamma$ :



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# Photoproduction



### Photoproduction in a semi-phenomenological approach

EPJ A 50, 101 (2015)



 $m = \pi, \eta, K, B = N, \Delta, \Lambda$ 

#### $T_{\mu\kappa}$ : full hadronic *T*-matrix as in pion-induced reactions

Photoproduction potential: approximated by energy-dependent polynomials (field-theoretical description numerically too expensive )

$$\mathbf{V}_{\mu\gamma}(E,q) = \underbrace{\gamma}_{N} \underbrace{\mathbf{P}_{\mu}^{NP}}_{\mathbf{P}_{\mu}^{NP}} B + \underbrace{N}_{N} \underbrace{\mathbf{P}_{i}^{P} \qquad \gamma_{\mu}^{*}}_{\mathbf{P}_{i}^{P}} \underbrace{N^{*}, \Delta^{*}}_{B} \qquad = \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_{\mu}^{\sigma}(q)}{m_{N}} P_{\mu}^{\mathsf{NP}}(E) + \sum_{i} \frac{\gamma_{\mu,i}^{\sigma}(q) P_{i}^{\mathsf{P}}(E)}{E - m_{i}^{b}}$$



### Simultaneous fit of pion- & photon-induced reactions

calculate observables from T-matrix, Multipole amplitude M

fit free parameters of T/M to data

 $\sigma = \frac{1}{2} \frac{4\pi}{n^2} \sum_{ILS, L'S'} |\tau_{LS}^{IL'S'}|^2$ with  $\tau_{fi} = -\pi \sqrt{\rho_f \rho_i} T_f$ 

s-channel: resonances  $(T^P)$ 

 $m_{hare} + f_{\pi NN*}$ 



couplings in contact terms: one per partial wave, couplings to  $\pi N$ ,  $\eta N$ ,  $(\pi \Delta)$ ,  $K\Lambda$ ,  $K\Sigma$ 



of the polynomials

## Fit parameters vs. resonance parameters

Quantities of interest (resonance properties) cannot be controlled directly

#### Resonances: poles in the full T-matrix

- on the unphysical Riemann sheet
- Re(E<sub>0</sub>) = "mass", -2Im(E<sub>0</sub>) = "width" residues→ branching ratios
- NOT fit parameters!



#### Workflow:

- fit free model parameters to data  $\rightarrow$  Amplitude (*T*-matrix)
- search for poles in  $T \rightarrow$  resonance properties as in PDG listings

#### **Resonance uncertainties**

- from statistical & systematic uncertainties of exp. data
- from statistical & systematic uncertainties of the model

→ extract uncertainties from re-fits



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# Simultaneous fit of pion- & photon-induced reactions

#### JüBo Model:

- numerically expensive but theoretically well-founded formulation
- $\sim$  900 fit parameters in total,  $\sim$  75,000 data points

 $\downarrow \chi^2$  minimization with MINUIT, parallelization in energy (~ 200 - 400 processes)

[JURECA, Jülich Supercomputing Centre, Journal of large-scale research facilities, 2, A62 (2016)]

#### Disadvantages of using MINUIT:

- inefficient sampling of the parameter space
- cannot fit all parameters simultaneously
- cannot use parameter uncertainties as given by MINUIT
- re-fits: can obtain a few parameter sets → not enough to determine uncertainties of resonance parameters!



# Goal of BO5: Bayesian parameter estimation with HMC

#### HMC numerically challenging but rewarding:

- efficiently explore the high-dimensional parameter space (fit all parameters at once)
- determine resonance uncertainties from samples of parameter space (large enough number of samples)
- has never been applied in a complex coupled-channel framework → next level of precision for baryon spectroscopy

#### Advantages in JüBo:

- No sign problem: free parameters and  $\chi^2$  are real
- problem is ergodic: no singularities in  $\chi^2$

#### Work plan:

- Connect JüBo fortran code with HMC libraries (hand-tuned standard HMC)
- First application in a single-channel study, reduced parameter space
- coupled-channel fit, extension to  $\eta' N$
- (explore more sophisticated HMC methods)



### **Summary**

#### $N^*$ and $\Delta$ resonance spectrum

- large amount of new data & many open questions (not only the Roper!)
- Prerequisite for a reliable spectrum:
  - well defined resonance parameters and extraction procedures
  - well defined uncertainty quantification!

#### Jülich-Bonn DCC analysis:

- **Extraction of the**  $N^*$  and  $\Delta$  spectrum in a simultaneous analysis of pion- and photon-induced reactions [Eur.Phys.J.A 58 (2022) 229, PRC 109 (2024)]
- Electroproduction: Jülich-Bonn-Washington approach [Mai et al. PRC 103 (2021), PRC 106 (2022), EPJ A 59 (2023)]
  - Baryon transition form factors [Wang et al. PRL 133 (2024)]
- $\Lambda^*$  and  $\Sigma^*$  resonance spectrum: in progress

#### Goals of BO5:

- Bayesian parameter estimation with HMC
- well defined resonance uncertainties



### Thank you for you attention!

# Appendix

### **Resonance states**

- (2 body) unitarity and analyticity respected (no on-shell factorization, dispersive parts included)
- opening of inelastic channels ⇒ branch point and new Riemann sheet

### **Resonances:** poles in the full *T*-matrix • on the unphysical Riemann sheet • Pole position $E_0$ is the same in all channels • $Re(E_0) = "mass", -2Im(E_0) = "width"$ residues $\rightarrow$ branching ratios





#### 3-body $\pi\pi N$ channel:

- **e** parameterized effectively as  $\pi\Delta$ ,  $\sigma N$ ,  $\rho N$
- $\pi N/\pi\pi$  subsystems fit the respective phase shifts
- $\downarrow$  branch points move into complex plane



# Jülich-Bonn-Washington (JBW) parametrization



- simultaneous fit to  $\pi N$ ,  $\eta N$ ,  $K \Lambda$  electroproduction off proton ( $W < 1.8 \text{ GeV}, Q^2 < 8 \text{ GeV}^2$ )
- 533 fit parameters, 110.281 data points
- Input from JüBo:  $V_{\mu\gamma}(k, W, Q^2 = 0)$ ,  $T_{\mu\kappa}(k, p, W)$ ,  $G_{\kappa}(p, W)$

 $\rightarrow$  universal pole positions and residues (fixed in this study)

Iong-term goal: fit pion-, photo- and electron-induced reactions simultaneously (meter of the teleholit association) (crober 1 2024

$$\gamma^* p \to K \Lambda$$
 at  $W = 1.7 \text{ GeV}$ 



# **Baryon Transition Form Factors (TFFs)**

#### $Q^2$ dependence of transition form factors (TFFs): $\rightarrow$ conclusions on the nature of resonances

(e.g. 3 valence quark state, meson cloud contributions, ...) Reviews: e.g. Rev.Mod.Phys. 91 (2019), Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 136 (2024)

#### TFFs from JBW:

- for the first time determined from a coupled-channel study of  $\pi N$ ,  $\eta N$ , and  $K\Lambda$  electroproduction (+ constraints from photon & pion-induced reactions!)
- first estimation of TFFs for higher excited states
- from poles, not Breit-Wigner states



Figure from Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 136 104097 (2024)

TFFs defined independently of the hadronic final state as Workman et al. PRC 87 (2013) :

$$H_h^{l\pm,l}(Q^2) = C_l \sqrt{\frac{p_{\pi N}}{\omega_0}} \frac{2\pi(2J+1)z_p}{m_N \widetilde{R}^{l\pm,l}} \widetilde{H}_h^{l\pm,l}(Q^2) \,,$$

h = 1/2, 3/2 helicity,  $\mathcal{H}$  (= $\mathcal{A}$  or  $\mathcal{S}$ ) helicity amplitudes,  $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}, \widetilde{R}$  residues,  $z_p$  pole position



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based on most recent JBW, pole parameters from JüBo2017

 $\Delta$  states:



[ANL/OSAKA: Kamano Few Body Syst. 59, 24 (2018), MAID: Tiator et al. PRC94 (2016)] Member of the Helmholtz Association October 1, 2024 Slide 4110 **JÜLICH** Forschungszentrum

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#### $N^*$ states:



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# Extension of JüBo to $\bar{K}N$ scattering: in progress

#### S. Rawat (preliminary)

use SU(3) to adapt  $\pi N \to X$  model to  $\overline{K}N \to X$ 

- apply the same analysis tools (coupled-channel fits, pole search, ...) as for N\*s
- almost finished: coupled-channel fit to  $\bar{K}N \to \bar{K}N$ ,  $\pi\Lambda$ ,  $\pi\Sigma$



Preliminary results Λ(1405): 1430. – *i*11.19 MeV & 1338. – *i*85.20 MeV



compares well with UChPT e.g. Mai 2015 (sol 4):  $1429^{+8}_{-7} - i12^{+2}_{-3}$  MeV &  $1325^{+15}_{-15} - i90^{+12}_{-18}$  MeV

## s-, t- and u-channel exchanges

- **21** *s*-channel states (resonances) coupling to  $\pi N$ ,  $\eta N$ ,  $K\Lambda$ ,  $K\Sigma$ ,  $\pi\Delta$ ,  $\rho N$ .
- *t* and *u*-channel exchanges ("*background*", coupling constants fixed from SU(3)):

	πΝ	ρΝ	ηΝ	$\pi\Delta$	σΝ	ΚΛ	ΚΣ
πN	$N,\Delta,(\pi\pi)_{\sigma},$ $(\pi\pi)_{\rho}$	N, Δ, Ct., π, ω, a <sub>1</sub>	N, a <sub>0</sub>	Ν, Δ, ρ	Ν, π	Σ, Σ*, Κ*	$\begin{array}{c} \Lambda, \Sigma, \Sigma^*, \\ \mathrm{K}^* \end{array}$
ρΝ		N, Δ, Ct., ρ	-	Ν, π	-	-	-
ηΝ			N, f <sub>0</sub>	-	-	Κ*, Λ	$\Sigma, \Sigma^*,  \mathrm{K}^*$
$\pi\Delta$				Ν, Δ, ρ	π	-	-
σN					Ν, σ	-	-
ΚΛ						Ξ, Ξ*, f <sub>0</sub> , ω, φ	Ξ, Ξ*, ρ
ΚΣ							Ξ, Ξ*, f <sub>0</sub> , ω, φ, ρ

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### Details of the formalism

#### **Polynomials:**

$$P_{i}^{\mathsf{p}}(E) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} g_{i,j}^{\mathsf{p}} \left(\frac{E - E_{0}}{m_{N}}\right)^{j} e^{-g_{i,n+1}^{\rho}(E - E_{0})}$$

$$P_{\mu}^{\rm NP}(E) = \sum_{j=0}^{n} g_{\mu,j}^{\rm NP} \left(\frac{E-E_0}{m_N}\right)^j e^{-g_{\mu,n+1}^{\rm NP}(E-E_0)}$$

$$-E_0 = 1077 \text{ MeV}$$

-  $g_{i,j}^{\mathsf{P}}, g_{\mu,j}^{\mathsf{NP}}$ : fit parameter

-  $e^{-g(E-E_0)}$ : appropriate high energy behavior

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### The scattering potential: s-channel resonances

$$V^{\mathsf{P}} = \sum_{i=0}^{n} \frac{\gamma^{a}_{\mu;i} \gamma^{c}_{\nu;i}}{z - m^{b}_{i}}$$

- $\gamma_{\nu;i}^{c}$  ( $\gamma_{\mu;i}^{a}$ ): creation (annihilation) vertex function with **bare coupling** *f* (free parameter)
- z: center-of-mass energy
- m<sub>i</sub><sup>b</sup>: bare mass (free parameter)

Vertex	$\mathcal{L}_{int}$
$N^{*}(S_{11})N\pi$	$\frac{f}{m_{\pi}} \bar{\Psi}_{N^*} \gamma^{\mu} \vec{\tau}  \partial_{\mu} \vec{\pi}  \Psi + \text{h.c.}$
$N^*(S_{11})N\eta$	$rac{f}{m_\pi} ar{\Psi}_{N^*} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \eta \Psi +  ext{h.c.}$
$N^*(S_{11})N\rho$	$f  ar{\Psi}_{N^*} \gamma^5 \gamma^\mu ec{ au}  ec{ ho}_\mu  \Psi \; + \; { m h.c.}$
$N^*(S_{11})\Delta\pi$	$\frac{f}{m_\pi} \bar{\Psi}_{N^*} \gamma^5 \vec{S} \partial_\mu \vec{\pi} \Delta^\mu + \text{h.c.}$

#### ■ 5/2 ≤ J ≤ 9/2: correct dependence on L (centrifugal barrier)

 $\gamma_{\nu;i}^{c} (\gamma_{\mu;i}^{a})$  from effective  $\mathcal{L}$ 

$$\begin{split} \left(\gamma^{a,c}\right)_{\frac{5}{2}-} &= \frac{k}{M} \left(\gamma^{a,c}\right)_{\frac{3}{2}+} \\ \left(\gamma^{a,c}\right)_{\frac{7}{2}-} &= \frac{k^2}{M^2} \left(\gamma^{a,c}\right)_{\frac{3}{2}-} \\ \left(\gamma^{a,c}\right)_{\frac{9}{2}-} &= \frac{k^3}{M^3} \left(\gamma^{a,c}\right)_{\frac{3}{2}+} \end{split}$$

$$(\gamma^{a,c})_{\frac{5}{2}} + = \frac{k}{M} (\gamma^{a,c})_{\frac{3}{2}} -$$

$$(\gamma^{a,c})_{\frac{7}{2}} + = \frac{k^2}{M^2} (\gamma^{a,c})_{\frac{3}{2}} +$$

$$(\gamma^{a,c})_{\frac{9}{2}} + = \frac{k^3}{M^3} (\gamma^{a,c})_{\frac{3}{2}} -$$
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 $J \le 3/2$ :

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# Interaction potential from effective Lagrangian

J. Wess and B. Zumino, Phys. Rev. 163, 1727 (1967); U.-G. Meißner, Phys. Rept. 161, 213 (1988); B. Borasoy and U.-G. Meißner, Int. J. Mod. Phys. A 11, 5183 (1996).

consistent with the approximate (broken) chiral  $SU(2) \times SU(2)$  symmetry of QCD

Vertex	$\mathcal{L}_{int}$	Vertex	$\mathcal{L}_{int}$
$NN\pi$	$-rac{g_{NN\pi}}{m_\pi}\Psi\gamma^5\gamma^\muec  au\cdot\partial_\muec \pi\Psi$	NNω	$-g_{NN\omega} \bar{\Psi} [\gamma^{\mu} - rac{\kappa_{\omega}}{2m_N} \sigma^{\mu u} \partial_{ u}] \omega_{\mu} \Psi$
$N\Delta\pi$	$rac{g_{N\Delta\pi}}{m_{\pi}}ar{\Delta}^{\mu}ec{S}^{\dagger}\cdot\partial_{\mu}ec{\pi}\Psi~+$ h.c.	$\omega \pi \rho$	$rac{g_{\omega\pi ho}}{m_{\omega}}\epsilon_{lphaeta\mu u}\partial^{lpha}ec{ ho}^{eta}\cdot\partial^{\mu}ec{\pi}\omega^{ u}$
$\rho\pi\pi$	$-g_{ ho\pi\pi}(ec{\pi} imes\partial_\muec{\pi})\cdotec{ ho}^\mu$	$N\Delta\rho$	$-i\frac{g_{N\Delta\rho}}{m_{\rho}}\bar{\Delta}^{\mu}\gamma^{5}\gamma^{\mu}\vec{S}^{\dagger}\cdot\vec{\rho}_{\mu\nu}\Psi + \text{h.c.}$
$NN\rho$	$-g_{NN ho}\Psi[\gamma^{\mu}-rac{\kappa_{ ho}}{2m_{N}}\sigma^{\mu u}\partial_{ u}]ec{ au}\cdotec{ ho}_{\mu}\Psi$	ρρρ	$g_{NN ho}(ec{ ho}_{\mu} imesec{ ho}_{ u})\cdotec{ ho}^{\mu u}$
ΝΝσ	$-g_{NN\sigma}ar{\Psi}\Psi\sigma$	ΝΝρρ	$\frac{\kappa_{\rho}g_{NN\rho}^{2}}{2m_{N}}\bar{\Psi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\vec{\tau}\Psi(\vec{\rho}_{\mu}\times\vec{\rho}_{\nu})$
$\sigma\pi\pi$	$rac{g_{\sigma\pi\pi}}{2m_{\pi}}\partial_{\mu}ec{\pi}\cdot\partial^{\mu}ec{\pi}\sigma$	$\Delta\Delta\pi$	$\frac{g_{\Delta\Delta\pi}}{m_{\pi}} \bar{\Delta}_{\mu} \gamma^5 \gamma^{\nu} \vec{T} \Delta^{\mu} \partial_{\nu} \vec{\pi}$
$\sigma\sigma\sigma$	$-g_{\sigma\sigma\sigma}m_{\sigma}\sigma\sigma\sigma$	$\Delta\Delta\rho$	$-g_{\Delta\Delta\rho}\bar{\Delta}_{\tau}(\gamma^{\mu}-i\frac{\kappa_{\Delta\Delta\rho}}{2m_{\Delta}}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\nu})$
			$\cdot ec{ ho}_{\mu} \cdot ec{T} \Delta^{ au}$
$NN ho\pi$	$\tfrac{g_{NN\pi}}{m_{\pi}} 2g_{NN\rho} \bar{\Psi} \gamma^5 \gamma^{\mu} \vec{\tau} \Psi(\vec{\rho}_{\mu} \times \vec{\pi})$	$NN\eta$	$-rac{g_{NN\eta}}{m_\pi}ar{\Psi}\gamma^5\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu\eta\Psi$
NNa <sub>1</sub>	$-rac{g_{NN\pi}}{m_{\pi}}m_{a_1}ar{\Psi}\gamma^5\gamma^\muec{ au}\Psiec{a}_\mu$	NNa <sub>0</sub>	$g_{NNa_0} m_\pi \bar{\Psi} \vec{\tau} \Psi \vec{a_0}$
$a_1 \pi \rho$	$-\frac{2g\pi a_1\rho}{m_{a_1}}[\partial_\mu\vec{\pi}\times\vec{a}_\nu-\partial_\nu\vec{\pi}\times\vec{a}_\mu]\cdot[\partial^\mu\vec{\rho}^\nu-\partial^\nu\vec{\rho}^\mu]$	$\pi\eta a_0$	$g_{\pi\eta a_0} m_\pi \eta ec \pi \cdot ec a_0$
	$+\frac{2g_{\pi a_1}\rho}{2m_{a_1}}[\vec{\pi}\times(\partial_{\mu}\vec{\rho}_{\nu}-\partial_{\nu}\vec{\rho}_{\mu})]\cdot[\partial^{\mu}\vec{a}^{\nu}-\partial^{\nu}\vec{a}^{\mu}]$		



# Theoretical constraints of the S-matrix

#### Unitarity: probability conservation

- 2-body unitarity
- 3-body unitarity: discontinuities from t-channel exchanges
  - → Meson exchange from requirements of the *S*-matrix [Aaron, Almado, Young, Phys. Rev. 174, 2022 (1968)]

#### Analyticity: from unitarity and causality

- correct structure of branch point, right-hand cut (real, dispersive parts)
- to approximate left-hand cut  $\rightarrow$  Baryon *u*-channel exchange



