

# Generalising Moments Analysis for Electroproduction

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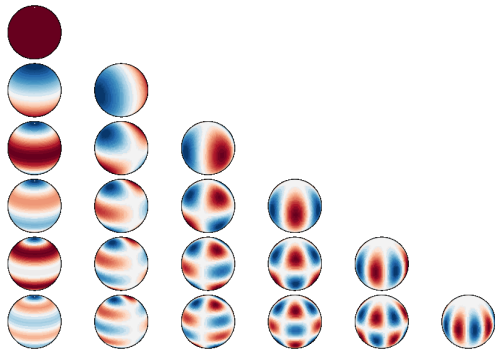
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**Figure:** Example of some spherical harmonics. Red is +1 and blue is -1. Sourced from <https://github.com/NVIDIA/torch-harmonics>.

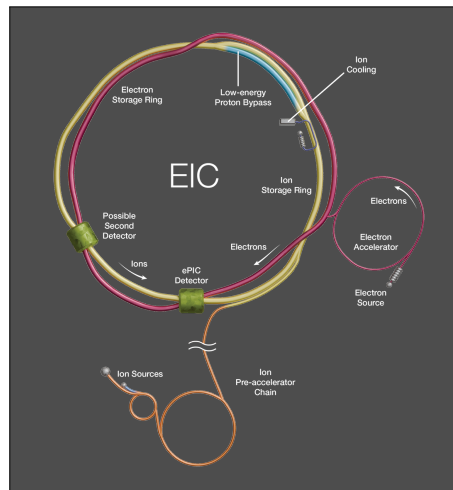
- Understand resonance production in electron–proton collisions at next-generation facilities.
- Extend moments analysis beyond photoproduction to electroproduction.
- Analyse the structure of exotic hadrons not just their existence i.e. XYZ states
- Compare and connect:
  - Schilling & Wolf (SDME formalism for vector mesons) [1],
  - Moments analysis in photoproduction [2],
  - A unified electroproduction framework.

## Goal

- Generalise the current electroproduction formalism so that moments analysis can be performed at current colliders and the future EIC.

# The Electron Ion Collider (EIC)

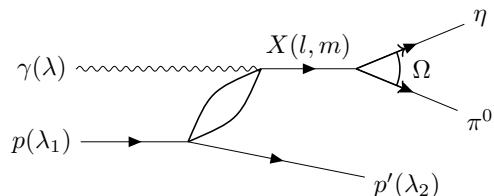
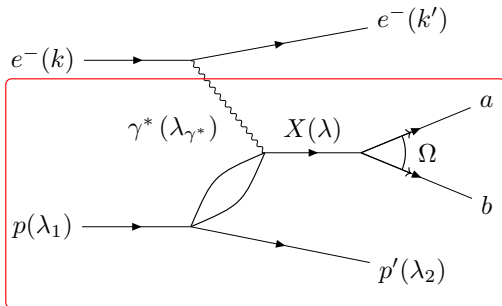
- The EIC will be the next electron–proton collider and the first since HERA.
- Electron–proton collisions are much “cleaner” than proton–proton collisions.
- Provide much higher centre-of-mass / production energies than current LINAC experiments.
- So far, moments analysis has only been performed for photoproduction (e.g. GlueX).
- To perform moments at the EIC, the current electroproduction formalism must be generalised.



**Figure:** Schematic of the EIC. Taken from <https://www.bnl.gov/eic/machine.php>

## Basic Definitions

- **Electroproduction:** production of a resonance by a *virtual* photon emitted by a scattering electron.
- **Photoproduction:** production of a resonance by a *real* photon in a photon beam.



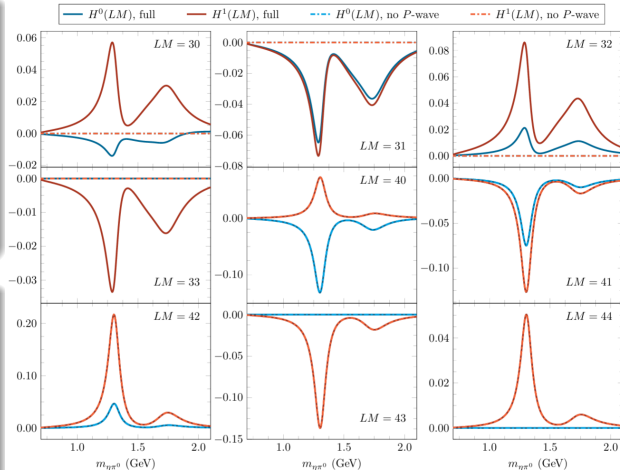
# Moments Analysis Overview (I)

## What are Moments?

- Akin to Fourier analysis but decomposing in terms of moments  $H(LM)$  (Fourier coeffs) and spherical harmonics  $Y_L^M(\Omega)$  (cosine and sine)
- Coefficients then identify and quantify the structure of the resonance

## Why Moments?

- For a single resonance (e.g. spin-1  $\rho$  meson), moments are equivalent to SDMEs.
- For multiple resonances with different spins, moments encode
  - interference between resonances,
  - relative magnitudes of partial waves.



**Figure:** Example plot of S-, P- and D- wave contributions to the moments for a toy model of an  $\eta\pi^0$  decay. Taken from V Matthieu et al. [2]

# Moments Analysis Overview (II)

## Moments Analysis

- From standard field theory we can write out our 2-body decay intensity as

$$I(\Omega, \Phi) = \frac{d\sigma}{dt dm_{ab} d\Omega d\Phi} \quad (1)$$

$$= \kappa \sum_{\substack{\lambda, \lambda' \\ \lambda_1, \lambda_2}} A_{\lambda; \lambda_1 \lambda_2}(\Omega) \rho_{\lambda \lambda'}^{\gamma(*)}(\Phi) A_{\lambda'; \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^*(\Omega).$$

- Can expand amplitudes out in a basis of spherical (2) harmonics:

$$A_{\lambda; \lambda_1 \lambda_2}(\Omega) = \sum_{\ell m} T_{\lambda m; \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{\ell} Y_{\ell}^m(\Omega) \quad (3)$$

- Intensity can also be expanded as a sum of different polarisation contributions

$$I(\Omega) = I^0(\Omega) + \mathbf{I}(\Omega) \mathbf{P}_{\gamma(*)}(\Phi), \quad (4)$$

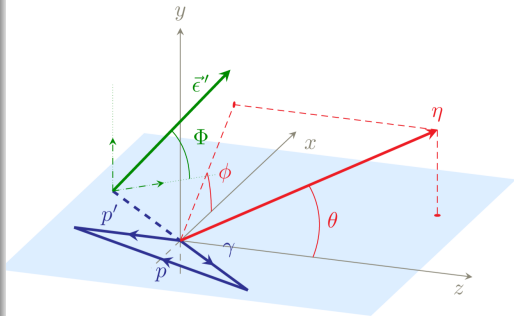


Figure: Diagram of the angles and vectors involved in the  $\eta\pi^0$  photoproduction. Taken from [2]

## Intensity Expansion

- For a simple 2-body decay, the intensities and moments can be written as

$$I^0(\Omega) = \sum_{L,M} H^0(LM) Y_L^M(\Omega), \quad \mathbf{I}(\Omega) = - \sum_{L,M} \mathbf{H}(LM) Y_L^M(\Omega), \quad (5)$$

$$H^0(LM) = \sum_{ll',mm'} \left( \frac{2l'+1}{2l+1} \right) C_{l'0L0}^{l0} C_{l'm'LM}^{lm} \rho_{mm'}^{0,ll'} \text{ and } \mathbf{H}(LM) = \sum_{ll',mm'} \left( \frac{2l'+1}{2l+1} \right) C_{l'0L0}^{l0} C_{l'm'LM}^{lm} \rho_{mm'}^{ll'} \quad (6)$$

- Bold values are just vectors containing all  $\alpha > 0$  terms
- This index  $\alpha$  just corresponds to our different polarisation modes
- $\alpha > 0$  terms are negative purely by convention so that  $H^1(00)$  is +ve for +ve naturality



## Setup

- Based on the work by Schilling and Wolf [1].
- Considers decay and electroproduction of a **vector meson**.
- Simpler case due to strict decay rules.

## Observables

- Angular distribution expressed in terms of 28 observables:
  - 26 Spin Density Matrix Elements (SDMEs)  $\rho_{\lambda\lambda'}^{\alpha}$ .
  - 2 cross sections:  $\sigma_T$  (transverse) and  $\sigma_L$  (longitudinal).

## Experimental Challenges

- Experimentally, we struggle to separate  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\alpha = 4$ .
- Angular components are non-orthogonal.
- Requires a variation of beam energies to separate the components.

$$W^{\{0,4\}}(\theta, \phi) = \frac{3}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{2}(3\rho_{00}^{\{0,4\}} - 1) \cos^2 \theta + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \rho_{00}^{\{0,4\}}) \right. \\ \left. - \sqrt{2} \operatorname{Re}(\rho_{10}^{\{0,4\}}) \sin(2\theta) \cos \phi - \rho_{1-1}^{\{0,4\}} \sin^2 \theta \cos(2\phi) \right], \quad (7)$$

$$W^{\{1,5,8\}}(\theta, \phi) = \frac{3}{4\pi} \left[ \rho_{11}^{\{1,5,8\}} \sin^2 \theta + \rho_{00}^{\{1,5,8\}} \cos^2 \theta \right. \\ \left. - \sqrt{2} \operatorname{Re}(\rho_{10}^{\{1,5,8\}}) \sin(2\theta) \cos \phi - \rho_{1-1}^{\{1,5,8\}} \sin^2 \theta \cos(2\phi) \right], \quad (8)$$

$$W^{\{2,3,6,7\}}(\theta, \phi) = \frac{3}{4\pi} \left[ \sqrt{2} \operatorname{Im}(\rho_{10}^{\{2,3,6,7\}}) \sin(2\theta) \sin \phi - \operatorname{Im}(\rho_{1-1}^{\{2,3,6,7\}}) \sin^2 \theta \sin(2\phi) \right]. \quad (9)$$

# Why Move to Electroproduction

## Electroproduction vs Photoproduction

- Main difference is that we now have a virtual photons spin density matrix compared to a real one
- Gives us new cross section components going from just  $\sigma_T$  to  $\sigma_T, \sigma_L, \sigma_{TL}$  and  $\sigma_{LT}$
- Virtual photon gives us  $Q^2$  dependence  $\Rightarrow$  different distance scales can be probed and structure of states uncovered
- The polarisation part of our virtual photon can be easily calculated from scattering kinematics so can easily tune experiments

## Intensity In Terms of Polarisation Vector

- Can also write out our intensity in terms of the virtual-photon's polarisation vector to get

$$I(\Omega, \Phi) = (1 + \epsilon + \delta)^{-1} \left[ I^0 - P_T I^1 \cos 2\Phi - P_T I^2 \sin 2\Phi + P_C P_0 I^3 + P_L I^4 + P_I I^5 \cos \Phi - P_I I^6 \sin \Phi + P_C I^7 (P_1 \cos \Phi + P_2 \sin \Phi) + P_C I^8 (P_1 \sin \Phi - P_2 \cos \Phi) \right] \quad (10)$$

# Practical Issues with SDMEs

## Polarisation Variables

- Here  $P^i$  where  $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$  are the virtual photon 4-polarisation vector components
- The other constants are the collected terms  $P_T = \epsilon$ ,  $P_C = \frac{2m}{Q}(1 - \epsilon)$ ,  $P_L = \epsilon + \delta$ ,  $P_I = \sqrt{2\epsilon(1 + \epsilon + 2\delta)}$

## Normalised Observables

- Common to quote SDMEs in terms of the 23 normalised observables  $r_{ik}^\alpha$ .
  - $R = \sigma_L/\sigma_T$
  - $\delta$  is an electron mass correction
  - $\epsilon$  is a polarisation parameter
- Get photoproduction result back in the limit  $R \rightarrow 0$
- This is standard in many current experiments and previous analyses (e.g. HERA [3], HERMES [4], COMPASS [5], etc).

$$r_{ik}^{04} = \frac{\rho_{ik}^0 + (\epsilon + \delta)R \rho_{ik}^4}{1 + (\epsilon + \delta)R}, \quad (11)$$

$$r_{ik}^\alpha = \begin{cases} \frac{\rho_{ik}^\alpha}{1 + (\epsilon + \delta)R}, & \alpha = 1-3, \\ \frac{\sqrt{R} \rho_{ik}^\alpha}{1 + (\epsilon + \delta)R}, & \alpha = 5-8. \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

# Moments Analysis for Photoproduction (I)

## Generalisation to Moments

- Generalisation of photoproduction in terms of moments by Vincent Mathieu et al.[2].
- Moments analysis applied to a toy model:

$$X \rightarrow \eta\pi^0.$$

## Why $\eta^{(\prime)}\pi$ ?

- $\eta^{(\prime)}\pi$  decays are a *golden channel* for exotic mesons.
- Exotic behaviours appear in individual partial-wave resonances and their interferences.
- Allows spectroscopic identification of possible exotic states.

## Note!

- As this is photoproduction we are only considering  $\alpha = 0, 1, 2, 3$

## From SDMEs to Partial Waves

- Replace SDMEs by their partial-wave expansion.
- Work in the **reflectivity basis**:
  - Basis change where  $\pm$  reflectivity states correspond to  $\pm$  naturality exchanges.
  - Decouples the system into two independent reflectivities/naturalities.
- Using parity relations, one can decouple target(nucleon) initial and final helicities:
  - $k = 0$ : no spin-flip,
  - $k = 1$ : single spin-flip.

$$[I]_{m;0}^{\epsilon} = {}^{(\epsilon)}T_{m;++}^I = T_{+1m;++} - \epsilon(-1)^m T_{-1-m;++} \quad (13)$$

$$[I]_{m;1}^{\epsilon} = {}^{(\epsilon)}T_{m;+-}^I = T_{+1m;+-} - \epsilon(-1)^m T_{-1-m;+-} \quad (14)$$

## Definition

- Naturality (natural parity) is defined as

$$\eta = P(-1)^J,$$

where:

- $P$  is the parity,
- $J$  is the total angular momentum of the meson.

## Examples

- **Natural** ( $\eta = +1$ ) exchanges:
  - pomerons,  $\rho$ s, vector mesons.
- **Unnatural** ( $\eta = -1$ ) exchanges:
  - $\pi$ s, pseudoscalar mesons.

## Aim

- Generalise the previously shown formalism.
- Express Schilling & Wolf SDMEs in terms of our reflectivity basis partial waves.

## Procedure

- I followed the derivation from Schilling & Wolf.
  - Derive the virtual photon SDMEs from the leptonic part of the matrix element
  - Use these in the von Neumann equation to obtain the vector meson SDMEs.
  - Decompose the vector meson SDMEs in terms of our 9  $\alpha$  states.

## Issue!

- Electroproduction introduces helicity-0 states that cannot be transformed by the previous reflectivity transform.



# Electroproduction SDMEs: Formulae

## Von Neumann Equation

$$\rho_{mm'}^{\alpha, ll'} = \sum_{\lambda, \lambda_1, \lambda_2} T_{\lambda m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^l \rho_{\lambda \lambda'}^{\alpha} T_{\lambda' m', \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{l'*}, \quad (15)$$

## Vector Meson SDMEs

$$\rho_{mm'}^{0, ll'} = \frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_{\lambda=\pm 1} T_{\lambda m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^l T_{\lambda m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{l'*}$$

$$\rho_{mm'}^{1, ll'} = \frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_{\lambda=\pm 1} T_{-\lambda m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^l T_{\lambda m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{l'*}$$

$$\rho_{mm'}^{2, ll'} = \frac{i\kappa}{2} \sum_{\lambda=\pm 1} \lambda T_{-\lambda m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^l T_{\lambda m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{l'*}$$

$$\rho_{mm'}^{3, ll'} = \frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_{\lambda=\pm 1} \lambda T_{\lambda m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^l T_{\lambda m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{l'*}$$

$$\rho_{mm'}^{4, ll'} = \kappa T_{0m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^l T_{0m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{l'*}$$

$$\rho_{mm'}^{5, ll'} = \frac{\kappa}{2\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\lambda=\pm 1} \lambda (T_{0m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^l T_{\lambda m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{l'*} + T_{\lambda m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^l T_{0m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{l'*})$$

$$\rho_{mm'}^{6, ll'} = \frac{i\kappa}{2\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\lambda=\pm 1} (T_{0m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^l T_{\lambda m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{l'*} - T_{\lambda m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^l T_{0m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{l'*})$$

$$\rho_{mm'}^{7, ll'} = \frac{\kappa}{2\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\lambda=\pm 1} (T_{0m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^l T_{\lambda m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{l'*} + T_{\lambda m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^l T_{0m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{l'*})$$

$$\rho_{mm'}^{8, ll'} = \frac{i\kappa}{2\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\lambda=\pm 1} \lambda (T_{\lambda m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^l T_{0m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{l'*} - T_{0m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^l T_{\lambda m, \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{l'*})$$

# The Ansatz: New Reflectivity with $T/L$

## Extended Reflectivity Basis

- Make an ansatz: define a new reflectivity basis as before, but introduce an additional index  $T/L$

$$[I]_{Tm;k}^{\epsilon} = {}^{(\epsilon)}T_{Tm;+/+/-} = T_{+1m;+/+/-} - \epsilon(-1)^m T_{-1-m;+/+/-} \quad (16)$$

$$[I]_{Lm;k}^{\epsilon} = {}^{(\epsilon)}T_{Lm;+/+/-} = T_{0m;+/+/-} - \epsilon(-1)^m T_{0-m;+/+/-}. \quad (17)$$

- corresponding to transverse and longitudinal components of the partial wave.
- Each partial wave now has transverse and longitudinal pieces in the reflectivity basis.

## k-basis reminder

- Here our k-basis again just refers to the fact we can reduce our nucleon/target spins from  $\lambda_1\lambda_2 = (++)$ ,  $(--)$ ,  $(+-)$  and  $(-+)$  to  $k=0,1$ ; as  $(++/--)$  and  $(+-/-+)$  states are related through parity

## Consistency Check

- To cast this into the  $k$ -basis, we first check the high-energy parity relation.
- Then we compare the number of degrees of freedom (d.o.f.) with the original system.

# Parity Relations and the $k$ -Basis

## Proof

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{P} \, {}^{(\epsilon)} T'_{Lm;\lambda_1\lambda_2} &= {}^{(\epsilon)} T_{L-m;-\lambda_1-\lambda_2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ T'_{0-m;-\lambda_1-\lambda_2} - \epsilon(-1)^m T'_{0m;-\lambda_1-\lambda_2} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ (-1)^{m+\lambda_1-\lambda_2} T'_{0m;\lambda_1\lambda_2} - \epsilon(-1)^{\lambda_1-\lambda_2} (-1)^{2m} T'_{0-m;\lambda_1\lambda_2} \right] \\
 &\implies \text{under exchange } m \leftrightarrow -m \\
 {}^{(\epsilon)} T_{Lm;-\lambda_1-\lambda_2} &= -\epsilon(-1)^{\lambda_1-\lambda_2} {}^{(\epsilon)} T_{Lm;\lambda_1\lambda_2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

## Casting L into $k$ -basis

- Always have  ${}^{(\epsilon)} T_{Lm;\lambda_1\lambda_2} = \pm {}^{(\epsilon)} T_{Lm;-\lambda_1-\lambda_2}$
- $k$ -basis  $[I]_{Lm;k}^\epsilon$  is valid also for the longitudinal part

## Reflectivity Basis

- For our partial waves  $[I]_{Tm;k}^\epsilon$  and  $[I]_{Lm;k}^\epsilon$  the total d.o.f. is

$$\underbrace{2 \times 2(2I+1)}_T + \underbrace{2 \times \frac{2(2I+1)}{2}}_L = 6(2I+1), \quad (18)$$

where the longitudinal part is **symmetric** under  $-m \Leftrightarrow m: [I]_{Lm;k}^\epsilon = -\epsilon (-1)^m [I]_{Lm;k}^\epsilon$ .

- For  $m=0$ , only an **unnatural contribution remains**.

## Standard Basis

- In the standard basis  $T_{\lambda m; \lambda_1 \lambda_2}^I$  (and considering **parity**):

$$\frac{3 \times 2^2(2I+1)}{2} = 6(2I+1), \quad (19)$$

# Expanding the SDMEs

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho_{mm'}^{0,ll'} &= \kappa \sum_k [l]_{T-m;k}^\epsilon [l']_{T-m';k}^{\epsilon*} + (-1)^{m'-m} [l]_{Tm;k}^\epsilon [l']_{Tm';k}^{\epsilon*} \\
 \rho_{mm'}^{1,ll'} &= -\epsilon \kappa \sum_k (-1)^m [l]_{T-m;k}^\epsilon [l']_{Tm';k}^{\epsilon*} + (-1)^{m'} [l]_{Tm;k}^\epsilon [l']_{T-m';k}^{\epsilon*} \\
 \rho_{mm'}^{2,ll'} &= -i\epsilon \kappa \sum_k (-1)^m [l]_{T-m;k}^\epsilon [l']_{Tm';k}^{\epsilon*} - (-1)^{m'} [l]_{Tm;k}^\epsilon [l']_{T-m';k}^{\epsilon*} \\
 \rho_{mm'}^{3,ll'} &= \kappa \sum_k [l]_{T-m;k}^\epsilon [l']_{T-m';k}^{\epsilon*} - (-1)^{m'-m} [l]_{Tm;k}^\epsilon [l']_{Tm';k}^{\epsilon*} \\
 \rho_{mm'}^{4,ll'} &= 2\kappa [l]_{Lm}^\epsilon [l']_{Lm'}^{\epsilon*} \\
 \rho_{mm'}^{5,ll'} &= -\frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{2}} \epsilon \sum_k (-1)^m ([l]_{Lm}^\epsilon [l']_{Tm'}^{\epsilon*} - [l]_{Tm}^\epsilon [l']_{Lm'}^{\epsilon*}) + (-1)^{m'} ([l]_{Lm}^{\epsilon*} [l']_{Tm'}^\epsilon - [l]_{Tm}^{\epsilon*} [l']_{Lm'}^\epsilon) \\
 \rho_{mm'}^{6,ll'} &= \frac{i\kappa}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_k [l]_{Lm}^\epsilon [l']_{Tm'}^{\epsilon*} - [l]_{Tm}^\epsilon [l']_{Lm'}^{\epsilon*} - \epsilon \left( (-1)^{m'} [l]_{Lm}^{\epsilon*} [l']_{Tm'}^\epsilon - (-1)^m [l]_{Tm}^{\epsilon*} [l']_{Lm'}^\epsilon \right) \\
 \rho_{mm'}^{7,ll'} &= -\frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{2}} \epsilon \sum_k (-1)^m ([l]_{Lm}^\epsilon [l']_{Tm'}^{\epsilon*} + [l]_{Tm}^\epsilon [l']_{Lm'}^{\epsilon*}) + (-1)^{m'} ([l]_{Lm}^{\epsilon*} [l']_{Tm'}^\epsilon + [l]_{Tm}^{\epsilon*} [l']_{Lm'}^\epsilon) \\
 \rho_{mm'}^{8,ll'} &= \frac{i\kappa}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_k [l]_{Lm}^\epsilon [l']_{Tm'}^{\epsilon*} - [l]_{Tm}^\epsilon [l']_{Lm'}^{\epsilon*} + \epsilon \left( (-1)^{m'} [l]_{Lm}^{\epsilon*} [l']_{Tm'}^\epsilon - (-1)^m [l]_{Tm}^{\epsilon*} [l']_{Lm'}^\epsilon \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

## General Expression

- Expanding the SDMEs in terms of the new reflectivity basis yields a **completely general** formula.
- One can substitute any  $I$  (not restricted to vector mesons).
- Different choices of  $I$  produce different intensities and moment contributions.

## Advantages

- Clean separation of transverse/longitudinal and natural/unnatural contributions.
- Direct bridge between SDMEs and partial-wave moments.

## Definitions

- Definitions of intensities and moments were given previously in Eqs(5)(6).
- Difference between photo- and electroproduction are the inclusion of coefficients  $\alpha = 4, 5, 6, 7, 8$ .

## Derivation Sketch

- Multiply SDMEs by Clebsch–Gordan coefficients.
- Multiply moments by corresponding angular parts (Wigner  $D$ -functions).
- Combine and simplify using parity and trace relations.
- Expand SDMEs in terms of partial waves in the new reflectivity basis.
- Express moments in terms of our partial waves
- For complicated amounts of possible  $l$ s use a symbolic solver (e.g. Mathematica) to calculate

# Example for S- and P-Waves (Intensities)

$$\begin{aligned}
 I^0 &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[ 3 \left( \rho_{00}^{0,11} - \rho_{1-1}^{0,11} - \rho_{11}^{0,11} \right) \cos^2(\theta) + \left( 3\rho_{00}^{0,01} + \rho_{00}^{0,10} \right) \cos(\theta) + \rho_{00}^{0,00} + 3 \left( \rho_{1-1}^{0,11} + \rho_{11}^{0,11} \right) \right] \\
 I^1 &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[ 3 \left( -\rho_{00}^{1,11} + \rho_{1-1}^{1,11} + \rho_{11}^{1,11} \right) \cos^2(\theta) - \left( 3\rho_{00}^{1,01} + \rho_{00}^{1,10} \right) \cos(\theta) - \rho_{00}^{1,00} - 3 \left( \rho_{1-1}^{1,11} + \rho_{11}^{1,11} \right) \right] \\
 I^2 &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[ -3 \left( \rho_{00}^{2,11} - \rho_{01}^{2,11} + 2\rho_{10}^{2,11} \right) \cos^2(\theta) - \left( 3\rho_{00}^{2,01} + \rho_{00}^{2,10} + 2\rho_{10}^{2,10} \right) \cos(\theta) - \rho_{00}^{2,00} - 3\rho_{01}^{2,11} \right] \\
 I^3 &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[ -3 \left( \rho_{00}^{3,11} - \rho_{01}^{3,11} + 2\rho_{10}^{3,11} \right) \cos^2(\theta) - \left( 3\rho_{00}^{3,01} + \rho_{00}^{3,10} + 2\rho_{10}^{3,10} \right) \cos(\theta) - \rho_{00}^{3,00} - 3\rho_{01}^{3,11} \right] \\
 I^4 &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[ 3 \left( -\rho_{00}^{4,11} + \rho_{1-1}^{4,11} + \rho_{11}^{4,11} \right) \cos^2(\theta) - \left( 3\rho_{00}^{4,01} + \rho_{00}^{4,10} \right) \cos(\theta) - \rho_{00}^{4,00} - 3 \left( \rho_{1-1}^{4,11} + \rho_{11}^{4,11} \right) \right] \\
 I^5 &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[ -3 \left( \rho_{00}^{5,11} - \rho_{01}^{5,11} + 2\rho_{10}^{5,11} \right) \cos^2(\theta) - \left( 3\rho_{00}^{5,01} + \rho_{00}^{5,10} + 2\rho_{10}^{5,10} \right) \cos(\theta) - \rho_{00}^{5,00} - 3\rho_{01}^{5,11} \right] \\
 I^6 &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[ -3 \left( \rho_{00}^{6,11} - \rho_{01}^{6,11} + 2\rho_{10}^{6,11} \right) \cos^2(\theta) - \left( 3\rho_{00}^{6,01} + \rho_{00}^{6,10} + 2\rho_{10}^{6,10} \right) \cos(\theta) - \rho_{00}^{6,00} - 3\rho_{01}^{6,11} \right] \\
 I^7 &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[ 3 \left( -\rho_{00}^{7,11} + \rho_{1-1}^{7,11} + \rho_{11}^{7,11} \right) \cos^2(\theta) - \left( 3\rho_{00}^{7,01} + \rho_{00}^{7,10} \right) \cos(\theta) - \rho_{00}^{7,00} - 3 \left( \rho_{1-1}^{7,11} + \rho_{11}^{7,11} \right) \right] \\
 I^8 &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[ 3 \left( -\rho_{00}^{8,11} + \rho_{1-1}^{8,11} + \rho_{11}^{8,11} \right) \cos^2(\theta) - \left( 3\rho_{00}^{8,01} + \rho_{00}^{8,10} \right) \cos(\theta) - \rho_{00}^{8,00} - 3 \left( \rho_{1-1}^{8,11} + \rho_{11}^{8,11} \right) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$



# Example for S- and P-Waves (SDMEs)

$\rho_{00}^{0,00} = 2 S_{T,0} ^2$	$\rho_{-10}^{1,11} = P_{T,1}P_{T,0}^* - P_{T,-1}P_{T,0}^*$	$\rho_{-11}^{5,11} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (2i\Im(P_{T,1}P_{L,-1}^*) - P_{L,1}P_{T,-1}^* + P_{T,-1}P_{L,1}^*)$
$\rho_{0-1}^{0,01} = S_{T,0}P_{T,-1}^* - S_{T,0}P_{T,1}^*$	$\rho_{-11}^{1,11} =  P_{T,-1} ^2 +  P_{T,1} ^2$	$\rho_{0-1}^{5,11} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (2\Re(P_{T,-1}P_{L,0}^*) + P_{L,-1}(-P_{T,0}^*) - P_{T,0}P_{L,-1}^*)$
$\rho_{00}^{0,01} = 2S_{T,0}P_{T,0}^*$	$\rho_{0-1}^{1,11} = P_{T,0}P_{T,1}^* - P_{T,0}P_{T,-1}^*$	$\rho_{00}^{5,11} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (2P_{L,0}P_{T,0}^* - 2P_{T,0}P_{L,0}^*)$
$\rho_{01}^{0,01} = S_{T,0}P_{T,1}^* - S_{T,0}P_{T,-1}^*$	$\rho_{00}^{1,11} = -2 P_{T,0} ^2$	$\rho_{01}^{5,11} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (2\Re(P_{T,1}P_{L,0}^*) + P_{L,1}(-P_{T,0}^*) - P_{T,0}P_{L,1}^*)$
$\rho_{-10}^{0,10} = P_{T,-1}S_{T,0}^* - P_{T,1}S_{T,0}^*$	$\rho_{01}^{1,11} = P_{T,0}P_{T,-1}^* - P_{T,0}P_{T,1}^*$	$\rho_{1-1}^{5,11} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (2i\Im(P_{T,1}P_{L,-1}^*) - P_{L,1}P_{T,-1}^* + P_{T,-1}P_{L,1}^*)$
$\rho_{00}^{0,10} = 2P_{T,0}S_{T,0}^*$	$\rho_{1-1}^{1,11} =  P_{T,-1} ^2 +  P_{T,1} ^2$	$\rho_{10}^{5,11} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (2\Re(P_{T,1}P_{L,0}^*) + P_{L,1}(-P_{T,0}^*) - P_{T,0}P_{L,1}^*)$
$\rho_{10}^{0,10} = P_{T,1}S_{T,0}^* - P_{T,-1}S_{T,0}^*$	$\rho_{10}^{1,11} = P_{T,-1}P_{T,0}^* - P_{T,1}P_{T,0}^*$	$\rho_{11}^{5,11} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (2i\Im(P_{T,1}P_{L,-1}^*) - P_{L,1}P_{T,-1}^* + P_{T,-1}P_{L,1}^*)$
$\rho_{-1-1}^{0,11} =  P_{T,-1} ^2 +  P_{T,1} ^2$	$\rho_{11}^{1,11} = 2\Re(P_{T,1}P_{T,-1}^*)$	$\rho_{10}^{5,11} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (2\Re(P_{T,1}P_{L,0}^*) + P_{L,1}(-P_{T,0}^*) - P_{T,0}P_{L,1}^*)$
$\rho_{-10}^{0,11} = P_{T,-1}P_{T,0}^* - P_{T,1}P_{T,0}^*$	$\rho_{00}^{2,00} = 0$	$\rho_{11}^{5,11} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (2\Re(P_{T,1}P_{L,0}^*) + P_{L,1}(-P_{T,0}^*) - P_{T,0}P_{L,1}^*)$
$\rho_{-11}^{0,11} = 2\Re(P_{T,1}P_{T,-1}^*)$	$\rho_{0-1}^{2,01} = -i(S_{T,0}P_{T,-1}^* + S_{T,0}P_{T,1}^*)$	$\rho_{10}^{5,11} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (2\Re(P_{T,1}P_{L,0}^*) + P_{L,1}(-P_{T,0}^*) - P_{T,0}P_{L,1}^*)$
$\rho_{0-1}^{0,11} = P_{T,0}P_{T,-1}^* - P_{T,0}P_{T,1}^*$	$\rho_{00}^{2,01} = 0$	$\rho_{11}^{5,11} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (2P_{T,1}P_{L,1}^* - 2P_{L,1}P_{T,1}^*)$
$\rho_{00}^{0,11} = 2 P_{T,0} ^2$	$\rho_{01}^{2,01} = -i(S_{T,0}P_{T,-1}^* + S_{T,0}P_{T,1}^*)$	$\rho_{00}^{6,00} = 0$
$\rho_{01}^{0,11} = P_{T,0}P_{T,1}^* - P_{T,0}P_{T,-1}^*$	$\rho_{-10}^{2,10} = -i(P_{T,-1}(-S_{T,0}^*) - P_{T,1}S_{T,0}^*)$	$\rho_{0-1}^{6,01} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} (S_{L,-1}P_{T,0}^* + S_{L,0}P_{T,-1}^* - S_{T,-1}P_{L,0}^* - S_{T,0}P_{L,-1}^*)$
$\rho_{1-1}^{0,11} = 2\Re(P_{T,1}P_{T,-1}^*)$	$\rho_{00}^{2,10} = 0$	$\rho_{00}^{6,01} = 0$
$\rho_{10}^{0,11} = P_{T,1}P_{T,0}^* - P_{T,-1}P_{T,0}^*$	$\rho_{10}^{2,10} = -i(P_{T,-1}(-S_{T,0}^*) - P_{T,1}S_{T,0}^*)$	$\rho_{01}^{6,01} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} (S_{L,0}P_{T,1}^* + S_{L,1}P_{T,0}^* - S_{T,0}P_{L,1}^* - S_{T,1}P_{L,0}^*)$
$\rho_{11}^{0,11} =  P_{T,-1} ^2 +  P_{T,1} ^2$	$\rho_{-1-1}^{2,11} = 2\Im(P_{T,-1}P_{T,1}^*)$	$\rho_{-10}^{6,10} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} (P_{L,-1}S_{T,0}^* - P_{L,0}S_{T,-1}^* - P_{T,-1}S_{L,0}^* + P_{T,0}S_{L,-1}^*)$
$\rho_{00}^{1,00} = -2 S_{T,0} ^2$	$\rho_{-10}^{2,11} = -i(P_{T,-1}(-P_{T,0}^*) - P_{T,1}P_{T,0}^*)$	$\rho_{00}^{6,10} = 0$
$\rho_{0-1}^{1,01} = S_{T,0}P_{T,1}^* - S_{T,0}P_{T,-1}^*$	$\rho_{-11}^{2,11} = -i( P_{T,-1} ^2 -  P_{T,1} ^2)$	
$\rho_{00}^{1,01} = -2S_{T,0}P_{T,0}^*$	$\rho_{0-1}^{2,11} = -i(P_{T,0}P_{T,-1}^* + P_{T,0}P_{T,1}^*)$	
$\rho_{01}^{1,01} = S_{T,0}P_{T,-1}^* - S_{T,0}P_{T,1}^*$	$\rho_{00}^{2,11} = 0$	

## Validation and Toy Models

- Test the formalism using dedicated toy models and input some form-factor  $Q^2$  dependence.
- Compare with existing photoproduction results in real/quasi-real photon limit.

## Applications to Data

- Investigate current reaction data at polarised electron-beam experiments (e.g. JLab / CLAS).
- At the EIC, exploit access to a polarised proton beam by extending the treatment to polarised targets (nucleons),
- Extend from 2-body to 3-body decays for richer spectroscopy.

- Reviewed the Schilling & Wolf SDME formalism for electroproduction.
- Connected moments analysis in photoproduction to a generalised electroproduction framework.
- Introduced an extended reflectivity basis with transverse/longitudinal components and checked its consistency.
- Laid groundwork to apply moments analysis to electroproduction to the EIC and previous exlectroproduction experiments.

Any Questions?

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- Use these for additional derivation details, intermediate steps, or checks.
- Add specific algebra for:
  - parity relations for Transverse reflectivity,
  - k-basis example, can describe coordinates in terms of  $(1,0)$ ,  $(-1,0)$ ,  $(0,-1)$  and  $(0,1)$  but ofcourse these 4 are equivalently just  $(1,0)$  and  $(0,1)$  or  $(-1,0)$  and  $(0,-1)$  as they are -ves of each other
  - Screenshot of mathematica and outputs?,
  - Maybe have matrix and decomposition?

## Full Spin Density Matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 - \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2} P \cos \alpha_2 & e^{-i\Phi} \left( \sqrt{\varepsilon(1 + \varepsilon + 2\delta)} - \sqrt{\varepsilon(1 - \varepsilon)} P \cos \alpha_2 \right) & -\varepsilon e^{-2i\Phi} \\ e^{i\Phi} \left( \sqrt{\varepsilon(1 + \varepsilon + 2\delta)} - \sqrt{\varepsilon(1 - \varepsilon)} P \cos \alpha_2 \right) & 2(\varepsilon + \delta) & -e^{-i\Phi} \left( \sqrt{\varepsilon(1 + \varepsilon + 2\delta)} + \sqrt{\varepsilon(1 - \varepsilon)} P \cos \alpha_2 \right) \\ -\varepsilon e^{2i\Phi} & -e^{i\Phi} \left( \sqrt{\varepsilon(1 + \varepsilon + 2\delta)} + \sqrt{\varepsilon(1 - \varepsilon)} P \cos \alpha_2 \right) & 1 + \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2} P \cos \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Why can we decompose this?

- As our spin density matrix is a hermitian matrix it can always be decomposed into  $N^2$  basis matrices ( $N$  is the dimension of the matrix)
- General complex matrices form a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  of dimension  $2N^2$
- Hermitian matrices are a subspace of this with half the d.o.f so they form a vector space of  $N^2$

## $\gamma^*$ Vector of Coefficients

$$\Pi = \left\{ 1, -\varepsilon \cos(2\Phi), -\varepsilon \sin(2\Phi), \frac{2m}{Q}(1-\varepsilon)P_0, \varepsilon + \delta, \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon+2\delta)} \cos \Phi, \right. \\ \left. \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon+2\delta)} \sin \Phi, \frac{2m}{Q}(1-\varepsilon)(P_1 \cos \Phi + P_2 \sin \Phi), \frac{2m}{Q}(1-\varepsilon)(P_1 \sin \Phi - P_2 \cos \Phi) \right\}$$

## Vector of Vector Meson SDME Coefficients

$$\Pi = \frac{1}{1 + (\varepsilon + \delta)R} \left\{ 1, -\varepsilon \cos(2\Phi), -\varepsilon \sin(2\Phi), \frac{2m}{Q}(1-\varepsilon)P_0, \varepsilon + \delta, \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon+2\delta)} \cos \Phi, \right. \\ \left. \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon+2\delta)} \sin \Phi, \frac{2m}{Q}(1-\varepsilon)(P_1 \cos \Phi + P_2 \sin \Phi), \frac{2m}{Q}(1-\varepsilon)(P_1 \sin \Phi - P_2 \cos \Phi) \right\}$$



## Basis Matrices

$$\Sigma^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Sigma^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Sigma^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\Sigma^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Sigma^4 = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Sigma^5 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\Sigma^6 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & i \\ 0 & -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Sigma^7 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Sigma^8 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



# k-Basis Example

- Why can we convert our nucleon lambdas into this spin-flip/non-spin-flip basis?
  - From our parity relation we have (ignoring other indices)  $T_{++} = \pm T_{--}$  and  $T_{+-} = \pm T_{-+}$
  - Redundant to have all four summed over if  $(--)$  is needed we just take  $\pm$  of  $(++)$
- $+$  factor is trivial but why can we reduce our basis even when they are related by the factor  $-1$ ?

## Example:

- Can describe a standard 2-D cartesian basis in terms of  $(1, 0), (0, 1), (-1, 0), (0, -1)$
- With this we can describe every point on a 2-D plane
- Clearly redundant as  $(-1, 0) = -(1, 0)$
- So we just express our basis in terms of the linearly independent  $(1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1)$
- Same principle but applied to a more abstract case

## Proof

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{\mathcal{P}}^{(\epsilon)} T_{Tm;\lambda_1\lambda_2}^I &= {}^{(\epsilon)}T_{T-m;-\lambda_1-\lambda_2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ T_{1-m;-\lambda_1-\lambda_2}^I - \epsilon(-1)^m T_{-1m;-\lambda_1-\lambda_2}^I \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ -(-1)^{m+\lambda_1-\lambda_2} T_{-1m;\lambda_1\lambda_2}^I + \epsilon(-1)^{\lambda_1-\lambda_2} (-1)^{2m} T_{1-m;\lambda_1\lambda_2}^I \right] \\
 &\implies \text{under exchange } m \leftrightarrow -m \\
 {}^{(\epsilon)}T_{Tm;-\lambda_1-\lambda_2} &= \epsilon(-1)^{\lambda_1-\lambda_2} {}^{(\epsilon)}T_{Tm;\lambda_1\lambda_2}.
 \end{aligned}$$