

# Introduction to the PWA Isobar Technique

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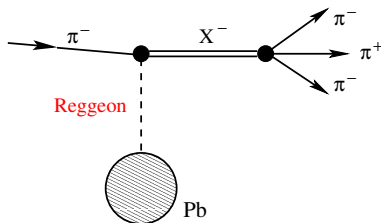
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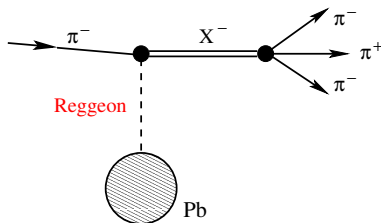
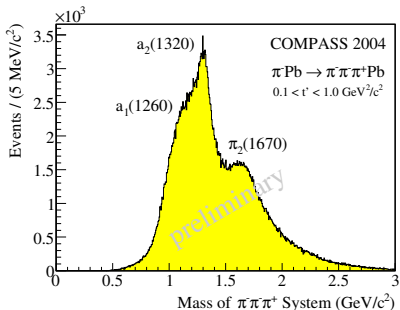


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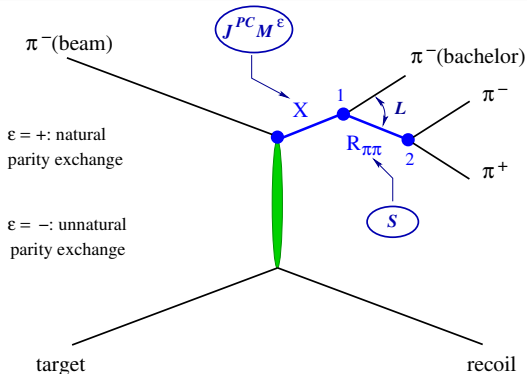
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## Partial Wave Analysis:

- Find and disentangle overlapping resonances  $X$
  - Determine  $J^P$  from angular distributions of input events
  - Take into account exp. acceptance
- Establish a **model** to fit the data

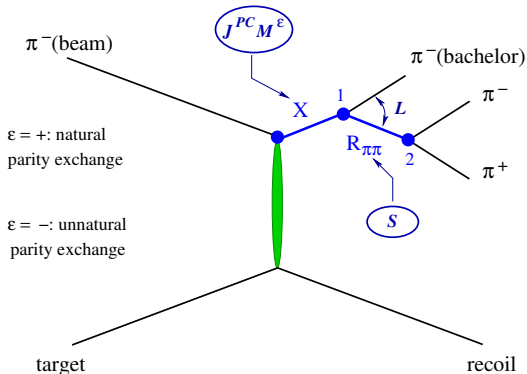
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## Decay Amplitudes $\psi(\tau, m)$

$\tau$ : phase space,  $m = m_X$

- Choose a **spin formalism**: e. g. helicity, Zemach, ... (includes ref. system)
- **reflectivity** basis:

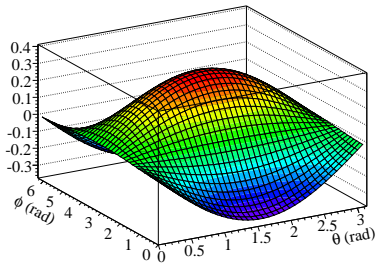
$$\psi_{JM}^\epsilon(\tau, m) = c(M) [\psi_{JM}(\tau, m) - \epsilon P(-1)^{J-M} \psi_{J(-M)}(\tau, m)]$$

- Multiply sub-amplitudes for each tree node/isobar  
→ contain angular distr. ( $D$ -funct./sph. harmonics) and isobar description

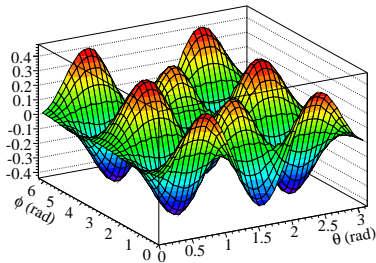


# Spherical Harmonics $Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$

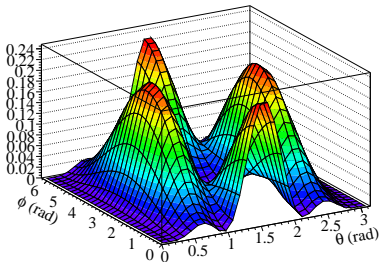
$\Re(Y_1^1)$



$\Re(Y_4^2)$



- Total intensity of  $Y_1^1$  and  $Y_4^2$
- Real life more complicated!



# (Our) PWA Technique

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  - Practical approach to determine production amplitudes and BW parameters  
→ task split into two parts: **mass-indep. PWA** and **mass-dep. fit**

## Mass-Independent Cross-Section and Spin Density Matrix $\rho$

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## Fitting Package

- “Fumili/Ascoli/Kachaev” fitter: first and second derivatives used
- Multiple solutions ( $\Delta \ln L \leq 1$ ) tested  $\rightarrow$  additional error

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- **Intensity** of a partial wave:  $\rho_{ii}^\epsilon$
- **Interference** between partial waves described by off-diagonal elements  $\rho_{ij}^\epsilon$

$$\rho_{ij}^\epsilon = r_{ij}^\epsilon e^{i\phi_{ij}^\epsilon} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Coh}_{ij}^\epsilon = \frac{r_{ij}^\epsilon}{\sqrt{\rho_{ii}^\epsilon \rho_{jj}^\epsilon}}$$

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## Further Remarks

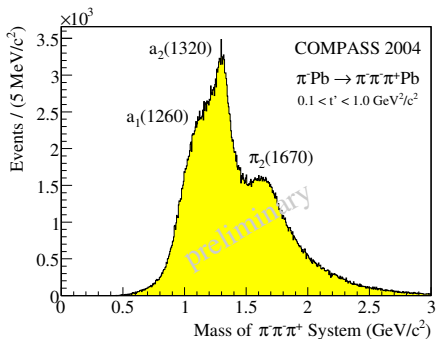
- “BW” functions can also stand for background (like Deck effect)
- MINUIT used for fitting:  $\chi^2$  fit

# Example: Diffractive Meson Production at COMPAS

(Selected Results from 2004)

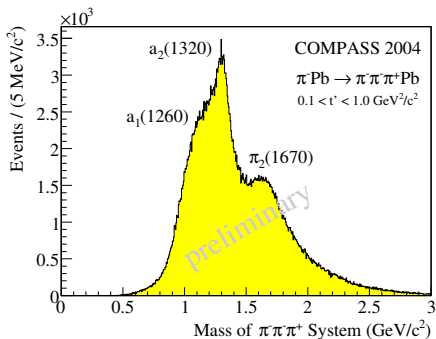
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## PWA Details

- Mass-independent fit:
  - 40 MeV/c<sup>2</sup> mass bins, 42 waves (lower mass thresholds)
  - **Isobars**:  $\rho(770)$ ,  $f_2(1270)$ ,  $\rho_3(1690)$ ,  $(\pi\pi)_s$  (separated  $f_0(980)$ ),  $f_0(980)$
  - Nucleon target  $\Rightarrow$  rank 2, Pomeron exchange  $\Rightarrow$  more  $\epsilon = +1$  waves
  - Large  $t'$  range  $\Rightarrow t'$ -dependence of PWs modelled
- Mass-dependent fit: 7 waves (all with  $\epsilon = +1$ )

# Partial Wave Set for Mass-Indep. Fit (42 Waves)

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$0^{-+}0^{+}$	$S$	$f_0\pi$	1.40
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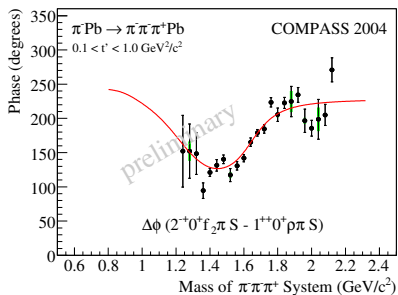
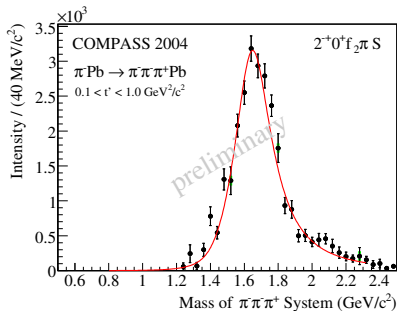
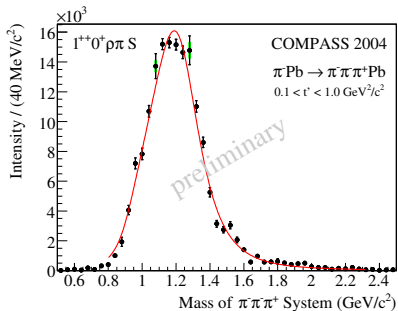
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$$M = (1.256 \pm 0.006 \begin{smallmatrix} +0.007 \\ -0.017 \end{smallmatrix}) \text{ GeV}$$

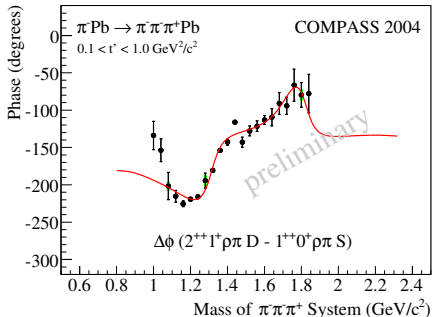
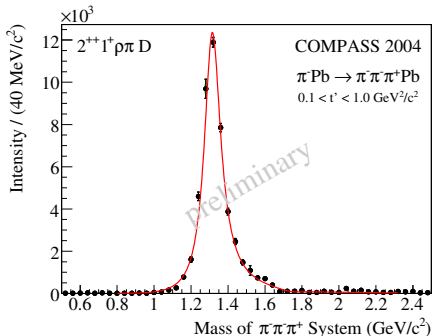
$$\Gamma = (0.366 \pm 0.009 \begin{smallmatrix} +0.028 \\ -0.025 \end{smallmatrix}) \text{ GeV}$$

- BW for  $\pi_2(1670)$ :

$$M = (1.659 \pm 0.003 \begin{smallmatrix} +0.024 \\ -0.008 \end{smallmatrix}) \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Gamma = (0.271 \pm 0.009 \begin{smallmatrix} +0.022 \\ -0.024 \end{smallmatrix}) \text{ GeV}$$

# $2^{++}1^+\rho\pi D$



- Two Breit-Wigners needed to describe  $2^{++}1^+\rho\pi D$  phase motion:  
BW1 for  $a_2(1320)$  + BW2 for  $a_2(1700)$
- $M = (1.321 \pm 0.001_{-0.007}^{+0.000})$  GeV,  $\Gamma = (0.110 \pm 0.002_{-0.015}^{+0.002})$  GeV
- $a_2(1700)$  parameters fixed to PDG values:  $M = 1.732$  GeV,  $\Gamma = 0.194$  GeV

# Summary and Outlook

- **PWA technique** (Illinois-Provino-Munich Program)
  - Basic assumption: **isobar model**
  - Two-step procedure: **mass-independent PWA** and **mass-dependent fit**
  - Physics observables derived from **spin density matrix**
- Examples from **COMPASS 2004** data
- Crosscheck with BNL-E852 Program planned
- Different fitting packages could be tried
  - A. Caldwell, “Bayesian Fitting - BAT, a new tool”, Friday, 11:20
- Include relativistic effects in PWA (decay amplitudes)
  - J. Friedrich, “Relativistic Effects in PW Formulation”, Friday, 12:00

THANK YOU!