Analysis of Y p -> $pK^{0}_{s}K^{0}_{s}$ from the g12 data set

This note presents the analysis of the reaction gamma.p->Ks.Ks.p->pi+.pi-.pi+.pi-.(p) from the CLAS g12 run data. The authors found several peaks in the KsKs background-subtracted mass spectrum. They discuss, in particular, a peak found about 1500 MeV. They study two t four-momentum regions and show that the peak is enhanced in the low-t region. They conclude that the production in this mass region is associated with a t-channel mechanism. An spherical harmonics moments angular analysis is performed to study the spin-parity stricture in this mass region and to estimate the contributions of the f'2(1525) and f0(1500) to this peak.

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• Status (11/3/16): <u>Waiting on author's response to 2nd</u> round (as in last CLAS Coll meeting). Main author was out of reach for several months. She now started a new job and we were told that she will return to finish the note soon.

Most Important Points:

a) A new note was submitted where the moments analysis was changed to an angular analysis (comparing data to pure S and D waves distributions). Due to acceptance and statistics limitations, it is difficult to obtain definitive conclusions on the contributions of the f'2 and f0 to the observed peak.

b) The committee indicated a few new analyses: to use a more realistic t-distribution weighting, a different treatment of the background subtraction, make clear in the note the problems on the analysis of the quantum-numbers associated with the peak and future possibilities (in CLAS12). The authors are working in answering those requests.