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A Coupled Partial Wave Analysis of  $p\eta$  and  $p\eta'$  in photoproduction using CLAS<sup>1</sup> ZEBULUN KRAHN, Carnegie Mellon University, CLAS COLLAB-ORATION — In late 2004, a very large photoproduction data set was collected using the CLAS detector at Jefferson Lab. This data set contains several hundred thousand events of the type  $\gamma p \rightarrow \eta p$  and  $\gamma p \rightarrow \eta' p$ . Results of a coupled partial wave analysis, (pwa), of these two data sets will be presented. The pwa analysis uses a covariant tensor formalism with the aim of disentangling resonance structure in the  $\eta p$  and  $\eta' p$  systems. Such a formalism also allows a method to handle *t*-channel contributions to the cross sections. In addition, the use of a coupled channel approach takes advantage of the fact that given sufficient phase space, all intermediate states that couple to  $\eta$  must also couple to  $\eta'$ . Given both the different acceptances and systematic errors for the two data sets, this provides for a more contrained method of pulling out partial waves from the two data sets.

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