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Survey of Meson Spectroscopy in the  $4\gamma$  Channel<sup>1</sup> SHUANG HAN, Wuhan University, GLUEX COLLABORATION — The large acceptance of the GlueX detector provides access to mesons that decay to multiple photons. A channel that is rich in physics potential is  $\gamma+p\to p+4\gamma$ . For example, the photo-production of  $\pi^0\pi^0/\pi^0\eta$  can be used to study the properties of the  $f_0(980)$  and  $a_0(980)$  mesons, respectively, and help discriminate among models for scalars. In this talk, we will present preliminary results from our  $4\gamma$  survey of the Spring 2016 dataset, with emphasis on decays to  $\pi^0\eta$ . In addition, we will discuss backgrounds and reconstruction efficiency for upcoming GlueX measurements of the rare decay  $\eta \to \pi^0 2\gamma$ , which will be used to search for a lepto-phobic B boson in the mass range 0.14-0.5 GeV/c² via  $\eta \to \gamma + B \to \gamma + [\pi^0\gamma]$ .

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