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**Measurement of the  $t$ -dependence for the Beam Asymmetry of Photoproduced  $\eta$  Mesons at GlueX<sup>1</sup>** TOLGA ERBORA, JOERG REINHOLD, Florida International University, GLUEX COLLABORATION — We report on the photoproduction of  $\eta$  mesons studied at the GlueX experiment at Thomas Jefferson National Laboratory in Newport News, VA. These particles are produced by a linearly polarized photon beam at energies between 8.2 and 8.8 GeV incident on a liquid hydrogen target. Azimuthal ( $\phi$ ) angular distributions with respect to the direction of the polarized photon facilitate the extraction of the beam asymmetry  $\Sigma$  for the reaction  $\vec{\gamma}p \rightarrow \eta p$ .  $\Sigma$  is derived as a function of four-momentum transfer  $-t$ . Compared with previous GlueX results [1,2], the 2018 run period produced approximately 3-4 times more statistics, thereby allowing to extend these measurements to values beyond the previous limitation of  $-t \leq 1.1$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>. Preliminary results will be shown for events reconstructed from the decay of  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ . [1] S. Adhikari *et al.* [GlueX Collaboration], Phys. Rev. C **100**, no. 5, 052201 (2019). [2] P. Collins *et al.* [CLAS Collaboration], Phys. Lett. B **771**, 213 (2017).

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