

Direct measurement of the $\bar{K}N \rightarrow \pi\Sigma$ scattering
amplitude below the $\bar{K}N$ threshold employing the
 $d(K^-, N)''\pi\Sigma''$ reaction

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 History of the $\Lambda(1405)$

$\Lambda(1405)$ はストレンジネス $S = -1$ 、アイソスピン $I = 0$ 、スピンとスピンパリティ $J^P = (1/2)^-$ を含むハイペロンである。最新の粒子データグループ (PDG) [1] では、後述のいくつかの論文 [5] に基づいて、 $\Lambda(1405)$ の質量と幅はそれぞれ $1405.1^{+1.3}_{-1.0}\text{MeV}$ と $50.5 \pm 2.0\text{MeV}$ に割り当てられています。

$\Lambda(1405)$ の存在は、1959 年に Dalitz と Taun によって $\bar{K}N$ の準結合状態として初めて予言されました [2]。1961 年、ローレンス放射線研究所において、 $K^-p \rightarrow \Sigma\pi\pi\pi$ 反応を用いた $\Sigma\pi$ スペクトルで $\Lambda(1405)$ 的過剰状態がバブルチャンバーにより観測された [3]。彼らは、 $\pi^-\Sigma^-$ や $\pi^+\Sigma^+$ スペクトルの二重荷電スペクトルに対して、中性 $\pi\Sigma$ スペクトルで $\Lambda(1405)$ 的な過剰状態を報告した。Hemingway は、4.2GeV の K^- ビームを用いた水素バブルチェンバーによる $\Lambda(1405)$ の高統計生成に成功したことを報告した [4]。彼らは、 $K^-p \rightarrow \pi\Sigma(1660) \rightarrow \pi\pi\Lambda(1405) \rightarrow \pi\pi(\pi\Sigma)$ の反応レンマの同定が $\Lambda(1405)$ の生成を促進したと主張している。

Dalitz and Deloff evaluated the mass and width of the $\Lambda(1405)$ as $1406.4 \pm 4.0\text{MeV}$ and $50 \pm 2\text{MeV}$ by adapting an M-matrix/K-matrix analysis to $\pi^-\Sigma^+$ spectrum of this data, which has almost no background come from non-resonant and the $\Lambda(1520)$ [5].

In the 2000's, the chiral unitary model claimed that the $\Lambda(1405)$ is a dynamical molecular state contributed from two poles, $\pi\Sigma$ in the low-mass region and $\bar{K}N$ in the high-mass region. According to the this model, the high-mass pole coupled to $\bar{K}N$ is $1426 + 16i\text{MeV}$ and the low-mass pole coupled to $\pi\Sigma$ is $1390 + 66i\text{MeV}$. That means the $\pi\Sigma$ spectrum is expected to shift high mass region from the conventional 1405MeV by directly accessing to the $\bar{K}N$ pole.

Experimentally, the $\Lambda(1405)$ production was also carried out employing various reaction mechanisms. Niiyama et al. performed photoproduction $\gamma p \rightarrow K^+\Lambda(1405)$ employing a γ beam at $E_\gamma = 1.5 - 2.4\text{GeV}$ at the LEPS beamline in the Spring-8 [8]. They measured the scattering angle in center

of mass system of K^+ at $0.8 < \Theta_{K^+} < 1.0$, reported mass spectra of $\pi^-\Sigma^+$ and $\pi^+\Sigma^-$ in the $\Lambda(1405) \rightarrow \pi\Sigma$ decay and observed a difference between the two spectra in the $\Lambda(1405)$ region. This fact means existence of the interference term between the isospin $I = 0$ and $I = 1$ channel. The CLAS collaboration employing a 1.61-1.91 GeV γ beam for photoproduction at the Jefferson Labolatory and measured the scattering angle in center of mass system of K^+ at $0.6 < \Theta_{K^+} < 0.9$ [9, 10]. They reported all three $\pi^-\Sigma^+$, $\pi^+\Sigma^-$ and $\Sigma^0\pi^0$ spectra. The centroid of those three spectra appear to be at 1405 MeV, but their lineshapes are different indicating contribution of $I = 1$ strength in this reaction.

The HADES collaboration performed $\Lambda(1405)$ production in p-p collisions using the 3.5 GeV/c proton beam [11]. They reported $\pi^-\Sigma^+$, $\pi^+\Sigma^-$ and these average spectra, which clearly show a peak below 1405 MeV.

1.2 $\Lambda(1405)$ and the $\bar{K}N$ interaction

As mentioned as before section, the $\Lambda(1405)$ has been predicted as a quasi-bound state of the $\bar{K}N$ state and has been discussed as such. In order words, it is necessary the information of the $\bar{K}N$ interaction in order to understand the structure of the $\Lambda(1405)$. In the 1960-70's, various $\bar{K}N$ scattering data from K^- beam were measured with the bubble chamber at the CERN [12–16]. These data were included up to 2.1 GeV in the center-of-mass frame and were fitted by partial wave analysis. The $\bar{K}N$ scattering amplitudes are well analysed, especially in the high energy region.

Also, one method of measuring the $\bar{K}N$ scattering length at the $\bar{K}N$ threshold is X-ray from kaonic nuclei. In this method, the X-ray shift emitted by the capture of K^- meson by the nuclei is compared with that of the electromagnetic force alone to assess the effect of the strong force. In 1970-80's, some groups reported $\bar{K}N$ interaction is repulsive by X-ray from the kaonic hydrogen at the CERN, which is inconsistent with the scattering experiment. In 1997, Iwasaki et al. reported this negative shift from a high-resolution experiment at KEK-PS E228 and concluded that the $\bar{K}N$ interaction was an attractive force [17]. This result was verified and updated by the DAΦNE collaboration in 2005 and the SIDDAHARTA collaboration in 2011 [18]. The $\bar{K}N$ scattering lengths and effective range obtained by these experiments provide strong constraints on the $\bar{K}N$ scattering amplitude at the $\bar{K}N$ threshold.

Some theoretical groups consistently reproduced the $\bar{K}N$ scattering amplitude on this constraint and scattering data above the $\bar{K}N$ threshold using various approach based on low energy scattering theory [19–24]. Although, there are large uncertainty due to shortage of the data in low energy region.

1.3 J-PARC E31 experiment

As the situation is described in the previous section, it is desirable to measure $\bar{K}N$ directly scattering amplitudes, especially below the $\bar{K}N$ threshold. However, due to energy conservation laws, kaon and nucleon cannot be directly scattered in free space. Therefore, an experiment using the $d(K^-n)$ reaction was planned and carried out at J-PARC E31 [25]. A similar experiment was carried out at CERN in 1977 using a bubble chamber and reported a spectrum with a peak position shifted to the high mass side above 1405 MeV, albeit only in $\Sigma^-\pi^+$ [26]. This spectrum shape was successfully reproduced by theoretical calculations using the chiral unitary model [28]. It is known that P -wave scattering $\Sigma(1385)$ of isospin $I = 1$ exists in the near region. The $\pi\Lambda$ spectrum of $I = 1$ in the same experiment was successfully reproduced by a similar theoretical calculation including P -waves scattering [32]. These theoretical calculations assume a 2-step reaction, $K^-p \rightarrow \bar{K}N$ scattering in 1 step and $\bar{K}N \rightarrow \pi\Sigma$ in 2 step.

In this experiment, due to the low momentum of the K^- beam and the unknown angle of the nucleon knocked out in the first step, some argued that there was a contribution from a reaction in which the K^- beam and nucleon in deuteron were directly converted to $\pi\Sigma$ in the first step reaction and the $\Lambda(1405)$ contribution was unknown.

Therefore, we measured the nucleon knocked out at super-forward angle employing the $d(K^-,n)$ reaction with 1GeV/ c K^- beam by the forward detector systems. In the case of a direct reaction between the K^- beam and the nucleon to $\pi\Sigma$, the $\pi\Sigma$ mass is distributed near the kinematic limit ($\sim 1.9\text{GeV}/c$) due to the small Fermi momentum of the nucleon in the deuteron and the energy given by the K^- beam. This means that the contribution from a direct 1-step reaction is negligible. In the case of 2-step reaction, the $\bar{K}N \rightarrow \pi\Sigma$ scattering of the second step can be accessed to below the $\bar{K}N$ threshold due to the virtual particle of recoiled \bar{K} between the first and second steps. In addition, the momentum transfer is small due to the small momentum of the recoiled \bar{K} , and the second scattering is expected to enhance S -wave scattering against P -wave, D -waves and so on.

Also, previous experiment reported about $\pi^+\Sigma^-$ and $\pi^-\Lambda$ spectra for $I = 0$ and $I = 1$, respectively. Hence, it was not possible to decompose the isospin for these spectra and discuss the contribution of each isospin, in particular the contribution of the $I = 0$ and $I = 1$ interference term. We identified the final state and decay modes by measuring decay particles from produced hyperons by the cylindrical detectors system surrounding the liquid deuterium target and performed isospin decomposition on the obtained spectra.

Since the J-PARC E31 experiment was proposed, theoretical $\pi\Sigma$ spectra were reported using various KN interactions and kinematics. Onishi et al.

reported the $\pi^-\Sigma^+, \pi^0\Sigma^0$ and $\pi^+\Sigma^-$ spectrum from a full three-body calculation using two types of $\bar{K}NN$ interactions, whose one is an effective theory of $\mathbf{SU}(3)$ fields, called the energy-dependent model, and the other is a phenomenological potential, called the energy-independent model [29]. Miyagawa et al. reported spectra contracted from two subsystems, $\bar{K}N \rightarrow \bar{K}N$ and $KN \bar{K}N \rightarrow \pi\Sigma$. The first step $\bar{K}N \rightarrow \bar{K}N$ interaction was used on the basis of recent partial wave analysis as it has a large K^- beam momentum. On the other hand, the second step $\bar{K}N \rightarrow \pi\Sigma$ interaction was used based on various results from the chiral unitary model, a low-energy scattering theory.

Chapter 2

Experimental setup

Chapter 3

Analysis

Chapter 4

Discussion and conclusion

Appendix A

Appendix Title.1

Appendix B

Appendix Title.2

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