J-PARC E19 High-resolution Search for Θ^+ Pentaquark in $\pi^-p \rightarrow K^-X$ Reaction

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Positive Results



Negative Results



Θ^+ Search in meson-induced reactions

Can the "positive" low energy results be reproduced?
better statistics is needed.

- ✓ How far can we restrict the width to?
 - the width appears to be very narrow. ~ 1MeV.
- Spin and Parity \rightarrow width

hadronic reaction

Since we already know that the K* coupling is small,

the possible production mechanism will be clarified in the following meson induced reactions.



E522 experiment @ KEK-PS K2

- Θ^+ search via $\pi^-p \rightarrow K^-X$ reaction
- beam momentum : 1.87, 1.92 GeV/c
- target : Polyethylene
- intensity : 3.3 X 10⁵ π^- /spill
- net beam time : 32 hours for each momentum \rightarrow ~ 7 X 10⁹ π^{-}

a bump was observed at M =1530.8MeV/c2 at p_{π} =1.92 GeV/c but : S/N = 2.5 σ upper limit : σ_{tot} = 3.9 μ b



J-PARC E19 experiment

- natural expansion of E522 ($\pi p \rightarrow KX@K2$)
- ~5 times better resolution : ~ 2.5MeV FWHM with SKS
 - 10 times better S/N
- 100 times larger yield : 1.2 X 10⁴ Θ^{+} with 20 shifts

 expected sensitivity (lab) 75nb/sr Γ < 2 MeV → σ_{tot} ~112nb 150nb/sr Γ = 10 MeV
momentum dependence of cross section :

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 p_{π} =(1.87, 1.92, 1.97GeV/c)

confirm Θ^+ existence with high statistics

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Experimental Method

K1.8 beam line + SKS

2GeV/c π^- + p \rightarrow K⁻ + Θ^+ target : liquid H₂, reuse E559's

- K⁻ : scattered angle ≤ 40° momentum up to 0.9 GeV/c
- SKS : momentum coverage : 0.7-0.95GeV/c

angle coverage $\leq 20^{\circ}$ $p_{scattered}$ up to ~ 1.1 GeV/c $dp/p \sim 0.2\%$ @ 1GeV/c (~10 times better than KURAMA) ideal for Θ^+ detection



Missing Mass Resolution



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Missing mass simulation



Expected Yield & Sensitivity

- Improvements
 - 5 times better resolution : ~ 2.5MeV FWHM with SKS
 - 10 times better S/N
 - 100 times larger yield : 1.2 X 104 Q+ with 20 shifts
- yield
 - beam pions :160 hours beam time \rightarrow 4.8 X 10¹¹ π for each p_{π}
 - SKS acceptance : 0.1 sr
 - analysis efficiency : 50%
 - K decay : 50% ← TOF 4.7m
 - − 1.9µb/sr @ p_{π} =1.92GeV/c ← E522
 - \rightarrow 1.2 X 10⁴ events
- background
 - − 0.8 μ b/sr/MeV @ 1.530MeV for proton target ← E522
 - momentum flat

→ 5.0 X 10³ counts/MeV

statistics $62\sigma \Gamma < 2 \text{ MeV}$ sensitivity 75nb/sr Γ < 2 MeV

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Impact on Θ^+



Summary

- E522 experiment searched for Θ^+ in (π^- , K⁻) reaction and observed bump structure around 1.53GeV with statistical significance of 2.5 σ .
- J-PARC E19 experiment searches for Θ^+ in (π^- , K⁻).
 - K1.8 beam line + SKS is ideal for Θ^+ production
 - s-channel production at low energy: $\sigma \propto \Gamma$
 - hadronic reaction \rightarrow high statistics
 - with high mass resolution; 2.5MeV(FWHM)