Search for Hidden-strangeness Pentaquark States near ϕp Threshold

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 $f_1(1420) \rightarrow \phi f_0(500) J^{PC} = 1^{++}$









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 $P_{c}(4440) \rightarrow J/\psi p J^{P} = 3/2^{-1}$ $\Sigma_c \overline{D} + \Sigma_c \overline{D}^*$





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 $\Lambda K^* + \Sigma K^*$

Exotic Particles with Hidden Flavor

Hidden Charm Pentaquarks



• LHCb claimed evidence for three hidden-charm pentaquark states near open-charm decay thresholds for $\Sigma_c^+ \overline{D}^0$ and $\Sigma_c^+ \overline{D}^{*0}$ in $\Lambda_b \to J/\psi p K^-$ decays.



Ps Search with Meson Beams

J/ψ Photoproduction from GlueX



L. Pentchev (GlueX), QNP 2022; M-L Du et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 80 (2020) 1053.

Total cross sections are in agreement with open-charm exchange.



Hidden-Strangeness Pentaquark(s) (Ps)



- A strange partner Ps (uudss) was searched for in the Cabibbo-suppressed $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \phi p \pi^0$ decay at Belle and BESIII.(B($\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow P_s \pi^0$) · B($P_s \rightarrow \phi p$) < 8.3 × 10⁻⁵ at 90% CL)
- Limited phase-space leads to a very small decay ratio.

G. Mezzadri, Ph.D thesis, Ferrada U (2018).

ϕ Photoproduction near Threshold



• Enhancement near 2.1 GeV in $\gamma p \rightarrow \phi p$ draws considerable attention

K. Mizutani et al. (LEPS Collab), PRC 96, 062201(R)(2017); B. Dey et al. (CLAS Collab), PRC 89, 055208(2014) 6

ϕ Photoproduction near Threshold



- $\Lambda(1520)$ channel does not contribute to the 2.1 GeV bump in $\gamma p \rightarrow \phi p$.
- The bump structure was reconfirmed without the Phi-L interference region.



H. Seraydaryan et al. (CLAS Collab), PRC 89, 055206(2014) S.Y. Ryu et al. (LEPS Collab), PRL 116, 232001(2016)

Possible Candidates for Enhanced ϕp Production



- The ϕp bump structure observed could be regarded as a $\Sigma K *$ molecular state (J = 3/2-). Triangular singularity could also explain the bump structure with $\Sigma K * \rightarrow \phi p$.
- The measured parity spin asymmetry shows that natural-parity exchange is dominant in $\gamma p \rightarrow K^{*0}\Sigma$ + reaction.
- The nature of the bump structure should be further investigated using circularly polarized photon beam and a polarized (HD) target. J-J. Xie and F-K Guo, PLB 774, 108 (2017);

J. He, PRD 95, 074031(2017). S.H. Hwang et al. (LEPS Collab.), PRL 108, 092001(2012).

Indication to Strong ϕp Interaction



ALICE, Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 172301 (2021)

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Indication to Weak ϕp Interaction





Polarized Photon Beam at LEPS2/SPring-8



Ps from Photoproduction

Ps Search with Meson Beams

Solenoid Spectrometer

Barrel-RPC

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LEPS2 Detector



The LEPS2 solenoid detector comprises TPC, SC, DCs, forward and barrel RPCs, Barrel Pb/Scint calorimeter (14.3 X0), and neutron counters as well as a photon tagger placed approximately 150 m upstream from the detector.

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Preliminary Results from LEPS2



Ps

Ps from Photoproduction with LEPS2

- Circularly polarized photon beam + polarized HD target (J = $\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \leftarrow; J = 3/2 \leftarrow \leftarrow$)
- Cross-section measurements for $\gamma p \rightarrow K^{*0}\Sigma^+$, $\gamma p \rightarrow K^{*+}\Sigma^0$, $\gamma p \rightarrow K^{*+}\Lambda$, $\gamma p \rightarrow \phi p$ reactions near 2 GeV.







Ps Photoproduction and Pion-induced Reactions

- While t-channel dominates in $\gamma p \rightarrow \phi p$, s-channel dominates in $\pi^- p \rightarrow \phi n$.
- Each reaction probes Ps with a different electric charge.
- Pion-induced reactions have larger production cross sections.



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Pion-induced Ps Production



$\pi^- p \rightarrow \phi n$ at J-PARC P95



$K^+p \rightarrow K^+\phi p$ at J-PARC

• No other background but $K^*(1680)$ in $K^+p \rightarrow K^+\phi p$.



S. Nam, Phys. Rev. D 103, 054040 (2021)

Summary

- Observation of hidden charm pentaquark states (Pc) poses a question on the existence of their strange partner (Ps).
- A 2.1 GeV bump in forward cross sections for $\gamma p \rightarrow \phi p$ indicates a possible existence of Ps decaying to ϕp .
- Formation of Ps via $\pi^- p \rightarrow \phi n$ is critical to the Ps search without serious contributions from other resonances.
- LEPS2 will search for a Ps in total cross sections for $\gamma p \rightarrow \phi p, K^{*0} \Sigma^+, K^{*+} \Sigma^0, K^{*+} \Lambda$ near 2.1 GeV.

