Result of pentaquark search experiment at J-PARC

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1. Introduction

Pentaquark

Pentaquark Θ^+

- Genuine exotic hadron (*uudds^{bar}*)
- M = ~1540 MeV/c² (decay $\Theta^+ \rightarrow KN$)





- Θ⁺ pentaquark was first predicted by Diakonov, Petrov and Polyakov in 1997.
- Θ⁺ appears as one of antidecuplet members calculated by chiral soliton model.
- They said Θ⁺ could have narrow width less than 15 MeV.
- Its narrow width is a key !!

Diakonov et al., Z. Phys. A 359, 305 (1997).

Primary motivation

Frank Wilczek said

"a discovery of exotic pentaquarks was unlikely to require introducing new interactions of modifying QCD as basic theory of the strong interaction.

However, such measurements would offer us a golden opportunity to sharpen and expand our understanding of **QCD itself**."

R. Jaffe and F. Wilczek, Eur. Phys. J. C 33, s38 (2004).

Physics motivation

• Distinctive feature of Θ^+ pentaquark

Narrow Width

(< a few MeV)

Need some mechanism to suppress decay.



Meson-Baryon molecule

Diquark structure (Need quark rearrangement for KN decay) R.Jaffe, F.Wilczek (2003)



Useful tool to understand low energy QCD dynamics !!

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- Some reconfirmed their evidence, but many others disappeared or faded out.



DIANA Collaboration, Phys. Atom. Nucl. 66, 1715 (2003), 70, 35 (2007), 73, 1168 (2010), arXiv:1307.1653



 There are also many non-observation experiment. It is noted that some of them may have no sensitivity, because of Θ⁺ production mechanism or kinematics.



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R. Mizuk et al. (Belle Collaboration), Phys. Lett. B 632, 173 (2006).

• Kaon secondary interactions in detector material. $K^+n \rightarrow \Theta(1540)^+ \rightarrow pK_S^{0}$



$$\frac{\sigma(KN \to \Theta(1540)^+ X)}{\sigma(\bar{K}N \to \Lambda(1520)X)} < 2.5\% \text{ at the 90\% C.L.}$$

$$\Gamma(K^+n \to \Theta(1540)^+ \to pK_S^0) < 0.64 \text{ MeV}$$
 at the 90% C.L.

Previous experiments at KEK-PS



K. Miwa et al., PLB 635, 72 (2006).

• Bump structure (2.6σ)

→ Not enough to claim the existence

• Upper limit: $\sigma < 3.9 \ \mu b \ (90\% \ C.L.)$



K. Miwa et al., PRC 77, 045203 (2008).

- No peak structure
- Upper limit: $\sigma < 3.5 \ \mu b/sr \ (90\% \ C.L.)$

Hadronic production



Unknown coupling constants $g_{KN\Theta} \& g_{K^*N\Theta}$

⇒No experimental information
⇒Parameters in calculation



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2. J-PARC E19 experiment

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- 2. High resolution missing mass spectroscopy
 - K1.8 beam line & SKS : $\Delta M = 2 \text{ MeV}$ (FWHM)





Experimental setup

History of E19

	Comment	Beam Momentum	Beam intensity	π's on Target
2009/10 ~	K1.8 beam line & detector commissioning start			
2010/10-11	examine the 2.6σ bump	1.92	1.0 M	7.8 x 10 ¹⁰
1st RUN	structure observed in E522	GeV/c	/spill	
2012/02	new data at the highest	2.00	1.7 M	8.1 x 10 ¹⁰
2nd RUN	beam momentum at K1.8	GeV/c	/spill	

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3. Analysis and Result

Vertex Reconstruction



φ67.8 × 120 mm Vertex-(X vs Y) 6000 Vertex-Z LH2 target Empty target (scaled) 5000 40 Beam 4000 20 3000 window -20 window 2000 -40 1000 -60L -40 -20 20 40 60 vtx -400 -300 -200 -100 100 200 300 0 400 Vertex-Z [mm] Vertex cut efficiency : 84.8 % 24 Contamination from other materials : < 2.9 %

π

Calibration processes

- 1. $\pi^{\pm} + \mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{K}^{+} + \Sigma^{\pm}$
- 2. Beam-through runs
- Estimated missing mass resolution:

 $\Delta M_{\Theta} = 2.13 \pm 0.15 \text{ MeV}(\text{FWHM})$

 Absolute mass scale uncertainty : ±1.4 MeV for Θ⁺ region



If we would observe Θ^+ , the peak should be very sharp with good mass precision.

Consistency check with previous exp.

 \checkmark π⁺ + p → K⁺ + Σ ⁺ @ 1.37 GeV/c

- ✓ Differential cross section
 - Consistent with each other.
 - Good understanding of efficiencies and acceptance.



Consistency Check -> OK



- Missing mass of (π,K) @ scattering angle: 2—15 deg (Lab)
- No peak structure was observed.
- 2nd run has wider acceptance than 1st run.

Comparison with BG simulation



- Data can be reproduced by BG simulation.
- BG distribution has no structure in Θ^+ sensitive region: 1.50–1.56 GeV.

Upper limit for Θ^+ production cross section



< 0.28 µb/sr @ 1.50 – 1.56 GeV/c²

This limit is an order of magnitude smaller than that of KEK-E522.

4. Discussion on O⁺ decay width

Theoretical calculation of meson-induced Θ^+ production

- Effective Lagrangian approach
- Less ambiguous than photoproduction
- ✓ Theoretical uncertainty
 - Coupling scheme: PS/PV
 - Form factor: static/covariant
 - Form factor cutoff value was determined by hyperon prod.
 - Θ^+ mass dependence was considered; 1.510-1.550 GeV

There are some ambiguity,

But we took all variations into account and adopted the "most conservative" case. This is confident for "upper limit estimation".

$\pi^{-} \qquad K^{-}$ $p \xrightarrow{\mathbf{g}_{\mathrm{KN\Theta}}} \Theta^{+}$ $\Gamma_{\Theta} \propto \mathbf{g}^{2}_{\mathrm{KN\Theta}} \propto \mathbf{\sigma}$

T. Hyodo et al., PTP 128, 523 (2012).

Combined Analysis of 1st and 2nd run



- Now, we obtained results at
 2 kinds of initial
 momentum:
 1.92 and 2.01 GeV/c.
- We performed a combined analysis based on the theoretical calculation, considering about these momentum dependence.
 - Γ_{Θ^+} is an unique parameter.

Upper limit on decay width

Results of combined fitting



Discussion (for ½+) comparison with other experiment

✓ Our U.L. overcame the U.L. from Belle (Γ_{Θ} < 0.64 MeV).



For LEPS region, Γ < 0.22 MeV.

For DIANA region, Our U.L. is comparable to their width.

R.Mizuk et al.,

Summary

- J-PARC E19 is a pentaquark Θ⁺ search experiment with high statistics and high resolution.
 - $\pi^- p \rightarrow K^- \Theta^+$ reaction
 - J-PARC K1.8 B.S. and SKS
- Result of E19-1st and 2nd run was presented.
 - No peak structure was observed in MM spectrum.
 - Upper limit for Θ^+ production cross section was obtained to be 0.28 µb/sr @ 1.50 1.56 GeV/c²
- Upper limit on Θ^+ decay width was also discussed.
 - Comparing with theoretical calculation, at most decay width should be less than 0.37 and 1.9 MeV for J^P = ¹/₂+ and ¹/₂-, respectively.
 - This is extremely small as width of hadron resonance.