Evidence for S=+1 Pentaquark Baryon

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What are penta-quarks?

- Minimum quark content is 5 quarks.
- "Exotic" penta-quarks are those where the antiquark has a different flavor than the other 4 quarks $(qqqq\overline{Q})$
- Quantum numbers cannot be defined by 3 quarks alone.

Example: uudds

Baryon number = 1/3 + 1/3 + 1/3 + 1/3 - 1/3 = 1Strangeness = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 1 = 1

Exotic S=+1 Baryon

NOTE ON THE S = + 1 BARYON SYSTEM

(PDG 1986; Phys. Lett. B170, 289)

The evidence for strangeness +1 baryon resonances was reviewed in our 1976 edition,¹ and more recently by Kelly² and by Oades.³ Two new partial-wave analyses⁴ have appeared since our 1984 edition. Both claim that the P_{13} and perhaps other waves resonate.

However, the results permit no definite conclusion- the same story heard for <u>15 years</u>. The standards of proof must simply be much more severe here than in a channel in which many resonances are already known to exist. The general prejudice against baryons not made of three quarks and the lack of any experimental activity in this area make it likely that it will be another <u>15 years</u> before the issue is decided.

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Θ^+ Baryon



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- Exotic: S=+1
- Low mass: 1530 MeV
- Narrow width: ~ 15 MeV
 - J^p=1/2⁺ Accident?

M = [1890-180*Y] MeV

Θ⁺ Production from Neutron



Super Photon ring-8 GeV SPring-8

Third-generation synchrotron radiation facility Circumference: 1436 m 8 GeV

100 mA 62 beamlines

Laser Electron Photon facility at SPring-8





Identification of Θ^+

 $\gamma \mathbf{n} \rightarrow \mathbf{K}^{-} \Theta^{+} \rightarrow \mathbf{K}^{-} \mathbf{K}^{+} \mathbf{n}$

- K⁻ missing mass gives Θ^+ mass
- K⁺K⁻ missing mass gives n

Problems:

- "background"
 - φ→K⁺K⁻
 - (produced from n & p)
- Fermi motion distorts a missing mass spectrum.



Fermi motion correction



Correction: $MM_{\gamma K+}$ (corrected) = $MM_{\gamma K+}$ - $MM_{\gamma K+\pi-}$ + M_n

Fermi motion corrected K⁺ missing mass

 γ p(n) \rightarrow K⁺K⁻p(n)



 $MM^{c}_{\gamma K+} = MM_{\gamma K+} - MM_{\gamma K+K-} + M_{n}$ $\gamma p \rightarrow \Lambda (1520) K^+$

 $MM_{\gamma K}^{c}$ + (GeV/c²)

K-p

Θ^+ identification

 $M = 1.54 \pm 0.01 MeV$



CEBAF Large Acceptance Spectrometer



Time-of-flight counters plastic scintillators, 684 photomultipliers

CLAS/JLAB Exclusive process

• Detect K⁺ K⁻ p

hep-ex/0307018

 $\gamma \mathbf{d} \rightarrow \mathbf{p} \mathbf{K}^+ \mathbf{K}^- \mathbf{n}$



Kinematic reflections



• Kinematic reflections due to $f_2(1275)$, $a_2(1320)$ and $\rho_3(1690)$ can generate a narrow enhancement in K⁺n effective mass.



CLAS/JLAB on protons

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 $\gamma \mathbf{p} \rightarrow \pi^{+} \mathbf{K}^{+} \mathbf{K}^{-} (\mathbf{n})$

- Detect $K^+ K^- \pi^+$
- •Reconstruct neutron from missing 4-momentum.



M = 1555 ±1 ±10 MeV Γ < 26 MeV •Require $\cos \theta \pi > 0.8 \& \cos \theta_{\rm K} < 0.6$



SAPHIR detector at ELSA

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The reaction $\gamma p \rightarrow \Theta^+ K_s^0$, where $K_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ and $\Theta^+ \rightarrow nK^+$



 $\sigma \sim 200$ nb No evidence for Θ^{++}

CLAS has not seen the signal in this reaction mode.

DIANA/ITEP Result



•P_{K+} < 530 MeV/c
•Require θ_K<100deg. & θ_p<100 deg.
•Remove cos φ_{pK} <0 ← back-to-back

$$K^+ n \rightarrow \Theta^+ \quad \clubsuit \quad \Theta^+ \rightarrow K^+ n$$

 $\Gamma = 0.9 \pm 0.3 \text{ MeV}$

Cahn and Trilling hep-ph/0311245

consistent with KN phase shift analysis by Arndt et. al. Phys. Rev. C68, 042201(R)

Neutrino scattering hep-ex/0309042 Reanalysis of bubble chamber experiments from WA21, WA25, WA59, E180, E632 $M = 1533 \pm 5 MeV$ $\Gamma < 20 \text{ MeV}$ $K^*(892)^+ \rightarrow Ks \pi^+ p \sim 291 \text{ MeV}$

IM(Kp(π)) ~ 1.58 **GeV**

M(K_sp) spectrum



Figure Invariant mass of the K_{SP}^0 system for Neon and Deuterium data **19** mbined (top panel). The dots depict the random-star background. A fit of the same $m(K_{SP}^0)$

SVD/IHEP result

hep-ex/041024

$pA \rightarrow p K_s^{0}+X$



- 70GeV/c proton beam
- *p*K_s⁰ production with a limited multiplicity.
- •Require $\cos(\alpha) > 0$. $\alpha: pK_s^0$ angle in CM system.
- • $P_{Ks} < P_p$ to suppress Σ^{*+} events.



Summary of positive results

Experiment LEPS/SPring-8 DIANA CLAS(d) **SAPHIR ITEP**(ν) CLAS(p) **HERMES ITEP(p)** ZEUS

Θ ⁺ Mass (MeV)	Γ (MeV)
: $1540 \pm 10 \pm 5$: 25
: 1539 ± 2 ± few	:9
$: 1542 \pm 2 \pm 5$: 21
$: 1540 \pm 4 \pm 2$: 25
$: 1533 \pm 5$: 20
$: 1555 \pm 1 \pm 10$: 26 ± 7
$: 1528 \pm 2.6 \pm 2.1$	$: 19 \pm 5 \pm 2$
$: 1526 \pm 3 \pm 3$: 24
:?	:?

Questions to be answered

- To be or not to be?
- What is the true mass?
 - Ranges from 1526 MeV to 1555 MeV.
- How narrow is the width?
 - Only upper limits were given.
 - Hard to explain if Γ <1 MeV.
- What is the Spin and Parity? How to measure?
 - 1/2⁻ (Lattice, Quark Model) or 1/2⁺ (Di-quark, Chiral soliton)
- Is there J⁺=2/3⁺ partner? Still narrow?
- Other members of the anti-decuplet?

Next things to do Confirmation with high statistics experiment.

- New results from LEPS will be available soon.
- CLAS High Stat. Exp. will start in March.
- Study other reaction modes.
 - e⁺e⁻ collider, K⁺ beam, p p collision, RHIC,,,
- Production mechanism.
- High resolution exp.
 - Talks by H. Gao and K. Imai.

To determine Spin and Parity

- Polarize Θ^+ and measure the K+ direction and the neutron spin.
- Double or triple polarization experiment?







Photoproducion by linearly polarized photon Decay Plane $// \vec{\gamma}$



Summary

- Evidence for an S=+1 baryon at 1.54 GeV with a narrow width has been observed by several experimental groups.
- "existence ranges from very likely to certain, but further confirmation is desirable" - "three-star" definition by PDG.