Strange-Meson Spectroscopy – from COMPASS to AMBER

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Apparatus for Meson and Baryon Experimental Research



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- 16 established states, 9 need further confirmation
- Missing states with respect to quark-model predictions
- Many measurements performed more than 30 years ago

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Main limiting factors

- Final-state particle identification
- Size of the data samples
 - Low kaon fraction in the beam ($\approx 2\%$)
 - Sample for strange-mesons about 150-times smaller than sample for non-strange mesons
 - ▶ 720 k $K^- + p \rightarrow K^- \pi^- \pi^+ + p$ events
 - ▶ 115 M $\pi^- + p \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ + p$ events





Experimental Research

Phase I: After long shutdown 2 of LHC [CERN-SPSC-2019-022]

- Proton charge-radius measurement
- Drell-Yan and charmonium production
- *p*-induced \bar{p} production cross section

Phase II: After long shutdown 3 of LHC [arXiv:1808.00848]

Physics with kaon beams

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- Strange-meson spectroscopy goal: 10× larger data sample
- Kaon-induced charmonium production

Key Requirements for the Experimental Setup

- Upgrade of final-state particle identification
 - Cover wide momentum range
 - Large and uniform acceptance
- Efficient beam-particle identification for high-purity sample
- High-resolution track reconstruction
- Efficient photon detection for access to final states with neutral particles

- Eliminate artifacts caused by limited final-state particle identification
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• Total intensity in one $(m_{3\pi}, t')$ -bin as function of phase-space variables $\vec{\tau}$:

$$\mathcal{I}(ec{ au}) = \left|\sum_{i}^{ ext{waves}} \mathcal{T}_{i}\left[\psi_{i}\left(ec{ au}
ight)\Delta_{i}\left(m_{\pi^{-}\pi^{+}}
ight) + ext{Bose Symm.}
ight]
ight|^{2}$$

Fit parameters: Production amplitudes T_i

Fixed: Angular distributions $\psi_i(\vec{\tau})$, dynamic isobar amplitudes $\Delta_i(m_{\pi^-\pi^+})$

Replace fixed isobar amplitudes by piece-wise constant function:

$$\Delta_i \left(m_{\pi^- \pi^+}
ight)
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ight) \equiv egin{bmatrix} \pi \pi \end{bmatrix}_{J^{PC}} \Delta_i^{ ext{bin}} \left(m_{\pi^- \pi^+}
ight) = egin{cases} 1, & ext{if } m_{\pi^- \pi^+} & ext{in the bin.} \ 0, & ext{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

• Each $m_{\pi^-\pi^+}$ bin behaves like an independent partial wave $\mathcal{T}_i^{\text{bin}} = \mathcal{T}_i \mathscr{T}_i^{\text{bin}}$:

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• Approach similar to binning in $m_{3\pi}$



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Freed-isobar wave set

$$\begin{array}{lll} 0^{-+}0^{+}[\pi\pi]_{0^{++}}\pi S & 1^{++}1^{+}[\pi\pi]_{1^{--}}\pi S & 2^{-+}0^{+}[\pi\pi]_{2^{++}}\pi S \\ 0^{-+}0^{+}[\pi\pi]_{1^{--}}\pi P & 2^{-+}0^{+}[\pi\pi]_{0^{++}}\pi D & 2^{-+}1^{+}[\pi\pi]_{1^{--}}\pi P \\ 1^{++}0^{+}[\pi\pi]_{0^{++}}\pi P & 2^{-+}0^{+}[\pi\pi]_{1^{--}}\pi P & 2^{++}1^{+}[\pi\pi]_{1^{--}}\pi D \\ 1^{++}0^{+}[\pi\pi]_{1^{--}}\pi S & 2^{-+}0^{+}[\pi\pi]_{1^{--}}\pi F \end{array}$$



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- Add spin exotic $1^{-+}1^{+}[\pi\pi]_{1^{--}}\pi P$ wave
 - Wave of major interest
- 12 freed-isobar waves replace 16 fixed-isobar waves
- In addition 72 fixed-isobar waves in the model
- 40 MeV wide $m_{3\pi}$ bins from 0.5 to 2.5 GeV
- 4 non-equidistant bins in t'
- 50 bins in $m_{3\pi}$, 4 bins in t': 4 × 50 = 200 independent bins



- Freed-isobar analysis: much more freedom than fixed-isobar analysis
 - Causes continuous mathematical ambiguities in the model
- "Zero mode" = dynamic isobar amplitude $\Omega(m_{\pi^-\pi^+})$, that does not contribute to the **total** amplitude
- Spin-exotic wave:

$$\psi(\vec{\tau}) \Omega(m_{\pi^-\pi^+}) + \text{Bose Symm.} = 0$$

at every point $\vec{\tau}$ in phase space



- Process: $X^- \to \xi \pi_3^- \to \pi_1^- \pi_2^+ \pi_3^-$.
- Condition for zero mode at all points $\vec{\tau}$ in phase-space:

$$\psi\left(\vec{\tau}_{123}\right)\Omega\left(m_{12}\right) + \text{Bose Symm.} = 0 \tag{1}$$

• Tensor formalism with pion momenta defined in the X^- rest frame:

 $\psi\left(ec{ au}_{ extsf{123}}
ight) \propto ec{oldsymbol{
ho}}_{ extsf{1}} imes ec{oldsymbol{
ho}}_{ extsf{3}}$

• Bose symmetrization $(\pi_1^- \leftrightarrow \pi_3^-)$:

$$ec{p}_{1} imes ec{p}_{3} \,\Omega\left(m_{12}
ight) + ec{p}_{3} imes ec{p}_{1} \,\Omega\left(m_{23}
ight) = ec{p}_{1} imes ec{p}_{3} \left[\Omega\left(m_{12}
ight) - \Omega\left(m_{23}
ight)
ight]$$

- Fulfill eq. (1) at every point in phase space $\Rightarrow \Omega(m_{\xi}) = \text{const.}$
- If Ω (m_ξ) is added to the physical dynamic isobar amplitude Δ^{phys} (m_ξ), the total amplitude, and thus the intensity, is not altered:

$$\left|\psi\left(\vec{\tau}\right)\Delta^{\mathrm{phys}}\left(m_{\xi}\right)+\mathrm{B.~S.}\right|^{2}=\left|\psi\left(\vec{\tau}\right)\left[\Delta^{\mathrm{phys}}\left(m_{\xi}\right)+\mathcal{C}\Omega\left(m_{\xi}\right)\right]+\mathrm{B.~S.}\right|^{2}$$

for any complex-valued zero-mode coefficient $\ensuremath{\mathcal{C}}$

• C: complex-valued ambiguity in the model

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$$\Delta_{\mathsf{BW}}(m_{\pi^{-}\pi^{+}}) + C\Omega(m_{\pi^{-}\pi^{+}})$$

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(2)



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- Now for $m_{\pi^-\pi^+}$ bins: $\vec{\mathcal{T}}^0 = \{\Omega(m_{\mathrm{bin}})\}$ for all $m_{\pi^-\pi^+}$ bins
- The fitting algorithm might find a solution, shifted away from the physical solution $\vec{\mathcal{T}}^{\rm phys}$:

 $\vec{\mathcal{T}}^{\rm phys} = \vec{\mathcal{T}}^{\rm fit} + \mathcal{C}\vec{\mathcal{T}}^0$

- Obtain physical solution: constrain ${\cal C}$ by conditions on the resulting dynamic amplitudes $\vec{\cal T}^{\rm fit}$
- In the case of the $1^{-+}1^{+}[\pi\pi]_{1^{--}}\pi P$ wave:
 - use the Breit-Wigner for the ρ (770) resonance with fixed resonance parameters as in the fixed-isobar analysis
 - use a Breit-Wigner for the ρ (770) resonance with floating resonance parameters
- Final results: weighted average of these two methods
- **Note:** Resolving the ambiguity fixes only a single complex-valued degree of freedom. *n*_{bins} 1 complex-valued degrees of freedom remain free.

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The spin-exotic wave

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• Example: Single $(m_{3\pi}, t')$ bin

- ► $1.58 < m_{3\pi} < 1.62 \, {\rm GeV}/c^2$
- $0.326 < t' < 1.000 (\text{GeV}/c)^2$
- Zero-mode ambiguity resolved with ρ (770) used as constraint











Freed-Isobar Analysis

 $J^{PC} = 1^{-+}$ Wave with freed $j^{pc} = 1^{--}$ Isobar Amplitude





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