Quark Nuclear Physics

Laser Electron Photon Beat

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Laser Electron Photon beamline at SPring-8





Questions to be answered

- How are quarks confined in hadrons?
- Why does a constituent quark model work well? (and sometimes not?)
- What are effective degrees of freedom for hadrons?
- How can we learn about the structure of the hadrons from their production and decay?

Backward-Compton Scattered Photon

- 8 GeV electrons in SPring-8 + 351nm Ar laser (3.5eV) → maximum 2.4 GeV photon
- Laser Power ~6 W \rightarrow Photon Flux ~1 Mcps
- E_{γ} measured by tagging a recoil electron $\rightarrow E_{\gamma}>1.5$ GeV, $\Delta E_{\gamma} \sim 10$ MeV
- Laser linear polarization 95-100% \Rightarrow Highly polarized γ beam



Linear Polarization of y beam

ADVANTAGE OF LASER-ELECTRON PHOTON BEAM FOR HADRON PHYSICS

- Hadronic component of a photon contains a large fraction of $s\overline{s}$.
- Isospin dependence is not trivial because a γ contains both I=0 and I=1 components.
- Linear polarization can be used as a parity filter.
- The polarization can be changed easily.

Disadvantage is low interaction rates. \rightarrow Require high beam intensity and large detector acceptance.

Setup of LEPS Detectors





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PID in LEPS Spectrometer





 $\sigma_P \sim 6$ MeV/c for 1 GeV/c $\sigma_{TOF} \sim 150$ ps $\sigma_{MASS} \sim 30$ MeV/c² for 1 GeV/c Kaon

Identification of Hyperon From p/d in LEPS: Missing Mass of K⁺



Λ(1520)



K⁻Decay Asymmetry



Decay Asymmetry





- In K⁺p mode, an asymmetric distribution suggests an interference effect. The fraction of helicity-3/2 component was about 0.5.
 - In K⁻p mode, the helicity-3/2 fraction was around 0.6.

Photoproduction of $\Lambda(1520)$ from p/d





N. Muramatsu et al. (LEPS Collaboration), PRL 103, 012001 (2009)

A Large Isospin Asymmetry in Λ^* Production



S.i. Nam, A. Hosaka, and H.-Ch. Kim, Phys. Rev. D, 71, 114012 (2005)

Backward η productions



Missing mass spectra





Differential cross sections for η photoproduction



Θ+(1530)

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Quasi-free production of Θ^+ and $\Lambda(1520)$



- •Both reactions are quasi-free processes.
- •Fermi-motion should be corrected.
- •Existence of a spectator nucleon characterize both reactions.

Minimum Momentum Spectator Approximation



the minimum momentum for given $|\vec{p}_{CM}|$ and \vec{v}_{CM} .

Results of $\Lambda(1520)$ analysis

Simple (γ ,K⁺) missing mass: No correction on Fermi motion effect.



Proton is assumed to be stopped in the Lab system.

Results of $\Lambda(1520)$ analysis

pK⁻ invariant mass with MMSA: Fermi motion effect corrected.



Results of Θ^+ analysis

Simple (γ ,K⁻) missing mass: No correction on Fermi motion effect.



Neutron is assumed to be stopped in the Lab system.

Results of Θ^+ analysis

nK⁺ invariant mass with MMSA: Fermi motion effect corrected.



Next step

LARGE fluctuations are required if the peak is not real.

High statistics data was already collected in 2006-2007 with the same experimental setup.

Blind analysis is under way to check the O⁺ peak

The result will tell us if the peak structure is due to statistical fluctuations or not unambiguously.

LEPS2



LEPS2 Project at SPring-8





Main Detector Setup





Construction of LEPS2 has been started! Please join us!!

