



EXOTIC MESONS FROM COMPASS TO A000



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Where are they?

How to identify them?

- Spin-exotic: $J^{PC} = 0^{--}, 0^{+-}, 1^{-+}, \dots$
- Supernumerary states
- Flavor-exotic: $|Q|, |I_3|, |S|, |C| \ge 2$
- Comparison with theory: models, lattice





EXOTIC STATES









PARTIAL-WAVE ANALYSIS









PWA performed in two steps:

- 1. Partial-wave decomposition in small bins of m_X and t'
 - makes no assumptions on resonance content of partial wave
 - assumes that production and decay of X factorize
 - decay into multi-body final state is described by sequence of 2-body decays (isobars)
 - extended max. likelihood fit, takes into account acceptance of the apparatus
- 2. Resonance-model fit of spin-density matrix elements $\rho_{ij}(m_X, t') \coloneqq \mathcal{T}_i(m_X, t') \mathcal{T}_j^*(m_X, t')$
 - determine resonance parameters
 - use only subset of SDM

$$\mathcal{I}(\tau_n; m_X, t') = \left| \sum_{i}^{N_{\text{waves}}} \mathcal{T}_i(m_X, t') \Psi_i(\tau_n; m_X) \right|^2$$

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3π FINAL STATE – 1⁻⁺ PARTIAL WAVE





[M. Aghasyan et al. (COMPASS), Phys. Rev. D 98, 092003 (2018)]

3π FINAL STATE – 1⁻⁺ PARTIAL WAVE

Model bias due to fixed isobar parameterization?

⇒ Freed-isobar technique [F. Krinner et al., PRD 97 (2018) 114008]

- replace fixed $\pi^-\pi^+$ amplitudes for L = 0,1,2 by step-like functions in small bins of $m_{\pi\pi}$
 - \Rightarrow model-independent isobar amplitudes







[COMPASS, G.D. Alexeev et al., Phys. Rev. D 105, 012005 (2022)]

- \Rightarrow confirms decay of $\pi_1(1600)$ to $\rho\pi$
- \Rightarrow results consistent with those using fixed isobar parameterizations
- \Rightarrow reconciles apparent contradictions of previous analyses as analysis artefacts

HYBRIDS: LATTICE QCD





[J. Dudek et al., Hadron Spectrum Collaboration, Phys. Rev. D 88, 094505 (2013)]

HYBRID π_1 DECAYS

Lattice-QCD:

- hadronic decays of lightest exotic resonance
- SU(3) flavor symmetry
- $m_{\pi} \sim 700 \text{ MeV}$
- scattering amplitudes for 8 coupled channels
- analytical continuation to complex plane
- crude extrapolation to physical point



1550

 Γ_i / MeV

1500

600

[A.J. Woss, et al., PRD 103 (2021) 054502]

Model b ₁ 7	π f_1	$\pi_1\pi$	ρπ	ηπ	η'π	η (1295) π	Reference
Flux Tube, ³ P ₀ 17	70 6	50	5 - 20	0 - 10	0-10		[Isgur (1985), Close (1995)]
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Flux Tube, PSS59m=1.6 GeV/c2) 1	L4	8			1	[Page (1999)]
L-QCD 66 m=2.0 GeV/c ²	5 1	L5					[McNeil, Michael (2006)]

1600

Models:

• Partial widths in MeV



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 $\Sigma_{\rm i}\Gamma_{\rm i}$

 $b_1\pi$

_ρπ _η'π

 $\overline{K}^*\overline{K}$

 $m_R/\,{
m MeV}\eta\pi$

1650

 $f_1(1285)\pi$

 $f_1(1420)\pi$

FINAL STATES STUDIED AT COMPASS



 $K^*\overline{K}$

ηπ

P. Haas, Tue 14:25

J. Beckers, Thu 14:00

<mark>S. Wallner, Thu 14:00</mark>

- $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ + p \checkmark$ • $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \pi^0 + p \checkmark$
- $\pi^- p \to \omega \pi^- \pi^0 + p \checkmark$ • $\pi^- p \to \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ \eta + p \checkmark$ • $\pi^- p \to \pi^- \eta + p \checkmark$
- $\pi^- p \to \pi^- \eta' + p \checkmark$ • $\pi^- p \to \pi^- f_1(1285) + p \checkmark$

$$\pi^- p \to K^0_s K^0_s \pi^- + p \checkmark$$

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$$K^- p \to K^- \pi^- \pi^+ + p \checkmark$$

- $K^- p \to K^0_s \pi^- + p \checkmark$
- $K^- p \to \Lambda \overline{p} + p \checkmark$

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$$\pi^- \gamma * \to \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ \checkmark$$

• $\pi^- \gamma * \to \pi^- \pi^0 \pi^0 \checkmark$ $b_1 \pi$

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 D. Ecker, Thu 17:20 $f_1(1285)\pi$
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 $\eta' \pi$
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$\pi^{-}\pi^{+}\pi^{-}\gamma\gamma$ FINAL STATE



\Rightarrow access to $\eta \pi$, $\eta' \pi$, $f_1(1285)\pi$, depending on $\gamma \gamma$ invariant mass



- new data production: improved shower reconstruction from calorimeter
- include full data set for the first time
- about 2× more data than previously published for $\eta\pi$, $\eta'\pi$
- perform PWA in bins of t' and m_X

 $b_1\pi$

 $f_{1}(1285)\pi$ $\rho\pi$ $\eta'\pi$ $f_{1}(1420)\pi$ $K^{*}\overline{K}$ $\eta\pi$ $\eta\pi,\eta'\pi$ FINAL STATES





 $b_1\pi$



TWO EXOTIC π_1 MESONS?





Model based on S-matrix theory

- Analyticity
- Unitarity



 $b_1\pi$



[A. Rodas, BK, et al. (JPAC), Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 042002 (2019)]

TWO EXOTIC π_1 MESONS?



 $b_1\pi$

 $f_1(1285)\pi$

 $\rho \pi \eta' \pi f_1(1420)\pi$

 $K^*\overline{K}$

 $\eta\pi$



 $\pi^- + p \to \eta^{(')} + \pi + p$

TWO EXOTIC π_1 MESONS?





- only a single pole needed to describe both peaks
- consistent with $\pi_1(1600)$

Poles	Mass (MeV)	Width (MeV)
$a_2(1320)$	$1306.0 \pm 0.8 \pm 1.3$	$114.4 \pm 1.6 \pm 0.0$
$a_2'(1700)$	$1722 \pm 15 \pm 67$	$247 \pm 17 \pm 63$
π_1	$1564 \pm 24 \pm 86$	$492\pm54\pm102$

first coupled-channel extraction of resonance pole of a hybrid candidate

Also compatible with $\bar{p}p$ and $\pi\pi$ scattering data [B. Kopf et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 12, 1056 (2021)]

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 $f_1 \pi$ FINAL STATE





t' dependence



 $f_1(1285)\pi$ $\rho\pi$ $\eta'\pi$ $f_1(1420)\pi$ $K^*\overline{K}$ $\eta\pi$

$b_1\pi$ FINAL STATE



 $\pi^{-}\pi^{+}\pi^{-}4\gamma$ final states \Rightarrow access to $b_{1}\pi \rightarrow \omega\pi\pi$



- new data production: improved shower reconstruction from calorimeter
- full COMPASS data set
- 720 k exclusive events of $\pi^-\pi^0\omega(782)$
 - \Rightarrow largest data sample world-wide: 5 × more data than BNL E852
 - \Rightarrow perform fit in 4 bins in $t' \times 57$ bins in m_X

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 $f_1(1420)\pi$

 $K^*\overline{K}$

$b_1\pi$ FINAL STATE



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- PWA: select about 70 waves from a pool of 893 waves (+ flat), depending on t' and m_X
- Clear signal in spin-exotic $1^{-+} b_1 \pi S$ and D-waves at 1.6 GeV/ c^2
- BNL E852: second state $\pi_1(2015)$



$b_1\pi$



$K_S^0 K_S^0 \pi$ FINAL STATE





- COMPASS full data set: 244k events
- All a_I , π_I states accessible
- Spin-exotic $\pi_1(1600)$ expected to decay to $K^*\overline{K}$
- Search for $a_1(1420)$ •
- K_S^0 identified by secondary vertex: $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$
- Identification of $X \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi$ limited at low masses due to RICH constraints



 K_S^0

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HYBRID π_1 MULTIPLET



So far:

- resonant nature of only one member of the 1⁻⁺ multiplet confirmed
- branching fractions to dominant decay channels will be extracted

Need to:

- observe other members
- including ones with strangeness
- BES III
- AMBER

https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.00621

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- 25 kaon states listed by PDG (M < 3.1 GeV), 9 of those need confirmation
- many predicted quark-model states still missing
- most measurements performed more than 30 years ago

COMPASS:

- h^- beam has ~2.4% admixture of K^-
- tagged by CEDAR detectors
- final state $K^-\pi^-\pi^+$: 720 k events
 - \Rightarrow access to all kaon states: K_J, K_J^*
- limited by PID in RICH



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- $J^P = 0^-$:
 - K(1460) signal in $\rho K P$ -wave, but affected by leakage
 - \Rightarrow fix parameters to PDG
 - stable peak and clear phase motion at 1.7 GeV
 - \Rightarrow K(1630) signal, significance 8.3 σ

 $\Rightarrow m = (1687 \pm 10^{+2}_{-67}) \text{MeV}/c^2, \Gamma = (140 \pm 20^{+50}_{-50}) \text{MeV}/c^2$

- shoulder at 1.9 GeV, but no clear phase motion
 - \Rightarrow evidence for K(1830), phase motion compensated by resonances in reference waves



ntensity $[10^4 (\text{GeV}/c^2)^{-1}]$

SUMMARY OF KAON SPECTRUM





- 11 strange mesons found in COMPASS data \Rightarrow results to be published soon
- evidence for 3 excited *K* states
- quark model only predicts 2: *K*(1460), *K*(1830)?
- K(1630) supernumerary \Rightarrow candidate for exotic strange meson



Triangle singularity (?)

[COMPASS, M.G. Alexeev et al., PRL 127, 082501 (2021)]

SUMMARY OF KAON SPECTRUM



Goal for AMBER: $10 - 20 \times 10^6$ exclusive $K^- \pi^- \pi^+$ events

Talk by O. Denisov: Fri 14:00



Requirements:

- High intensity of K in secondary beam
 - ⇒ Beam studies ongoing (RF and conventional)
- High-efficiency / high-purity beam particle identification
- Final-state PID at higher momenta (depending on beam momentum)
- Full solid-angle coverage for photons / electrons
- \Rightarrow Monte-Carlo simulation campaign ongoing
- \Rightarrow Proposal to be submitted to SPSC in 2024
- \Rightarrow Additional ideas and collaborators welcome!

CONCLUSIONS AND OUTLOOK



- QCD in the strong coupling regime still far from being understood
- Pattern of exotic hadron states not yet clear
- COMPASS has unique data set on diffractive production of light mesons \Rightarrow gives access to all π_J , a_J states in wide mass range $\pi_1 a_1 \pi_1 a_2 \pi_2 a_3 a_4 \pi_4 a_6$



• AMBER:

- Phase I started: PbarX measurement ongoing
- will perform precision spectroscopy of K_J and K_J^* states in Phase II