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#### Introduction

## **Scattering length**

Scattering length: amplitude at threshold

- characterizes the low energy scattering
- changes the sign if there is a bound state

$$a = -f(k,\theta)|_{k \to 0}$$



J.J. Sakurai, Modern Quantum Mechanics, p. 415

(In hadron physics we usually adopt the opposite sign--> positive for attraction, negative for repulsion)

#### Introduction

## **Importance of the** $\pi\Sigma$ scattering length

#### Structure of $\Lambda(1405)$ and threshold behavior of $\pi\Sigma$ scattering

Y. Ikeda, T. Hyodo, D. Jido, H. Kamano, T. Sato, K. Yazaki, PTP 125, 1205 (2011)

## Simple model extrapolation with $\overline{K}N(I=0)$ being fixed --> large uncertainty at low energy

Model	A1	A2	B E-dep	B E-indep
parameter $(\pi \Sigma)$	$d_{\pi\Sigma} = -1.67$	$d_{\pi\Sigma} = -2.85$	$\Lambda_{\pi\Sigma} = 1005 \text{ MeV}$	$\Lambda_{\pi\Sigma} = 1465 \text{ MeV}$
parameter $(\bar{K}N)$	$d_{\bar{K}N} = -1.79$	$d_{\bar{K}N} = -2.05$	$\Lambda_{\bar{K}N} = 1188 \text{ MeV}$	$\Lambda_{\bar{K}N} = 1086 \text{ MeV}$
pole 1 [MeV]	1422 - 16i	1425 - 11i	1422 - 22i	1423 - 29i
pole 2 $[MeV]$	1375 - 72i (R)	1321 (B)	1349 - 54i (R)	1325 (V)
$a_{\pi\Sigma}$ [fm]	0.934	-2.30	1.44	5.50
$r_e \; [{ m fm}]$	5.02	5.89	3.96	0.458
$a_{\bar{K}N}$ [fm] (input)	-1.70 + 0.68i	-1.70 + 0.68i	-1.70 + 0.68i	-1.70 + 0.68i

1320

1360

W [MeV]

1400

1440





#### **π** scattering case

## **Determination of the scattering length**

**Extraction of hadron scattering length** 

- shift and width of atomic state (c.f. Kaonic hydrogen)
- extrapolation of low energy phase shift
- final state interaction from heavy particle's decay

## Cabibbo's method for π-π scattering length

N. Cabibbo, Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 121801 (2004)



x 10<sup>2</sup>

#### Threshold cusp

## **Decay process and loop function**

Decay diagrams for  $\Lambda_c \rightarrow \pi \pi_l \Sigma_l$  process



**Spectral representation of the loop function** 

$$G(W) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{W_{th}}^{\infty} dW' \frac{\rho(W')}{W - W' + i\epsilon} + (\text{subtractions}) \qquad \rho(W) = 2M_h \frac{q(W)}{4\pi W}$$

#### ρ: phase space, q: three-momentum

Imaginary part of the loop function (on-shell part):

Im 
$$G(W) = -\frac{\rho(W)}{2}\Theta(W - W_{th})$$

amplitude (a) : real amplitude (b) : real (W < W<sub>th</sub>), complex (W > W<sub>th</sub>)

#### Threshold cusp

## **Threshold cusp in the spectrum**

## **Real and imaginary part of the amplitude:**

 $\mathcal{M}(W) = \mathcal{M}_0(W) + \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_1(W) m_h \delta$ 

## $\delta \sim$ velocity, vanish at threshold

#### The $\pi_{I} \Sigma_{I}$ invariant mass spectrum

 $\left| \mathcal{M} \right|^2$  $|\mathcal{M}|^{2} = \begin{cases} (\mathcal{M}_{0})^{2} + (\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{1}m_{h})^{2}|\delta|^{2} & \text{for } W > W_{\text{th}} \\ (\mathcal{M}_{0})^{2} + 2\mathcal{M}_{0}\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{1}m_{h}\delta + (\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{1}m_{h})^{2}\delta^{2} & \text{for } W < W_{\text{th}} \end{cases}$ 



$$\frac{d|\mathcal{M}|^2}{dW}\bigg|_{W\to W_{\rm th}=0} - \frac{d|\mathcal{M}|^2}{dW}\bigg|_{W\to W_{\rm th}=0} \propto -\frac{2\mathcal{M}_0\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_1m_hM_h}{M_h+m_h}\frac{1}{\delta} + \mathcal{O}(\delta)$$

--> threshold cusp It is purely kinematical effect. General phenomena. **M**<sub>1</sub> amplitude: proportional to the scattering length

W

#### Example of the spectrum

## **Determination of \pi\Sigma scattering length**

#### Expansion of the decay spectrum --> scattering length

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = \begin{cases} A + C' |\delta|^2 + \mathcal{O}(|\delta|^4) & \text{for } W > W_{\text{th}} \\ A + B\delta + C\delta^2 + \mathcal{O}(\delta^3) & \text{for } W < W_{\text{th}} \end{cases}$$

weak process 
$$M_0^{h(0)}, M_0^{(0)}$$

$$a_{h\to l} = \frac{|B|}{2m_h \sqrt{A} |\mathcal{M}_0^{h(0)}|}, \quad \frac{a_{h\to l}}{|a_{h\to l}|} = \frac{\mathcal{M}_0^{(0)}}{|\mathcal{M}_0^{(0)}|} \cdot \frac{\mathcal{M}_0^{h(0)}}{|\mathcal{M}_0^{h(0)}|} \cdot \frac{B}{|B|} \quad \frac{\text{spectrum}}{A, B, C}$$



#### possible decay modes

## **Determination of \pi\Sigma scattering length**

#### Isospin violation in $\pi\Sigma$ channels



To utilize threshold cusp, appreciable mass difference between  $(\pi\Sigma)_h$  and  $(\pi\Sigma)_l$  is necessary.

 $\pi^+\Sigma^- \to \pi^-\Sigma^+, \quad \pi^+\Sigma^- \to \pi^0\Sigma^0, \quad \pi^+\Sigma^0 \to \pi^0\Sigma^+,$ 

#### possible decay modes

## **Determination of \pi\Sigma scattering length**

#### Three decay channels

$$a^{-+} = \frac{1}{3}a^{0} - \frac{1}{2}a^{1} + \frac{1}{6}a^{2} + \cdots,$$
  

$$a^{00} = \frac{1}{3}a^{0} - \frac{1}{3}a^{2} + \cdots,$$
  

$$a^{0+} = -\frac{1}{2}a^{1} + \frac{1}{2}a^{2} + \cdots,$$

mode	$\Lambda_c \to \pi(\pi\Sigma)_h$	$\Lambda_c \to \pi(\pi\Sigma)_l$
$a^{-+}$	$1.7 \pm 0.5 ~\%$	$3.6 \pm 1.0 ~\%$
$a^{00}$	$1.7\pm0.5~\%$	$1.8 \pm 0.8~\%$
$a^{0+}$	$1.8 \pm 0.8~\%$	not known

## A lot of $\Lambda_c$ (Belle, Babar, LHC, ...) --> feasible?

Structure around the cusp in  $(\pi\Sigma)_{I}$  + spectrum in  $(\pi\Sigma)_{h}$  --> extraction of the scattering length

# Three unknown scattering lengths, two constraints $a^{-+} - a^{00} = a^{0+} + \cdots$

I=2 scattering length: lattice QCD (Y. Ikeda et al., 17pSG12)

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# **πΣ** scattering length from $Λ_c$ decay

**πΣ scattering length** is important for low energy KN-πΣ amplitude.
 --> K nuclei and Λ(1405) physics

Y. Ikeda, T. Hyodo, D. Jido, H. Kamano, T. Sato, K. Yazaki, Prog. Theor. Phys. 125, 1205 (2011)

# Solution Threshold cusp in $\Lambda_c \rightarrow m\Sigma$ decay is related with the πΣ scattering length. T. Hyodo, M. Oka, Phys. Rev. C 83, 055202 (2011)

**3** isospin states vs. 2 decay modes:

Lattice QCD can help to complete.