A narrow $p\bar{p}$ enhancement near $M_{p\bar{p}} \approx 2m_p$ in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma p\bar{p}$

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Representing:



NN bound states (baryonium)??

There is lots & lots of literature about this possibility

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deuteron:
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attractive nuclear force

loosely bound 3-q 3-q color singlets with $M_d = 2m_p - \epsilon$

baryonium:

attractive force??

loosely bound 3-q $3-\overline{q}$ color singlets with $M_b = 2m_p - \delta$?

Is there a narrow $J^{PC}=1^{--}p\overline{p}$ system near $M_{p\overline{p}}=2m_p$?



Figure 6: (a) Total multihadronic cross section (FENICE data and the average over previous experiments) with superimposed the result of the fit to a narrow resonance close to the $N\overline{N}$ threshold; (b) comparison of the proton FF data to the expected behaviour for the presence of such a resonance.



Figure 7: Cross section for the reaction $e^+e^- \rightarrow 6\pi$ measured by the DM2 experiment.

Fit: $M = 1870 \pm 10 \text{ MeV}$ $\Gamma = 10 \pm 5 \text{ MeV}$

R. Calabrese PEP-N work-shop proceedings

$\overline{p}d \rightarrow 5\pi + p_s$ at rest

O.D.Dalkarov et al, PLB392, 229 (1996) [also D.Bridges et al, PLB180, 313(1986)]



study pp from $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma p \bar{p}$

- •*C*-parity = +
- •*S* (*P*?)-wave (for $M_{pp} \approx 2m_p$)
- : probes $J^{PC} = 0^{-+} (0^{++}?)$ states
 - •complements $p\overline{p} \rightarrow e^+e^-$ and e^+e^- annihilation

unpolluted (by other hadrons) environment

The BES Detector



Side view of the BES detector

End view of the BES detector

Belle sees low-mass pp systems in B decays



Use BESII's 58M J/\u03c6 decays

- Select $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma p \overline{p}$
- 4-C kinematic fit
- *dE/dx* for proton id
- non-pp bkg small
- main bkg from $J/\psi \rightarrow \pi^0 p \overline{p}$
- $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c$; $\eta_c \rightarrow p\overline{p}$ (calibration reaction)



Are these really p's & p's ?

p and \overline{p} in signal region mostly stop in TOF counters in front of the BSC. The p does nothing; the \overline{p} annihilates.



Study J/ $\psi \rightarrow \pi^0 p \bar{p}$ bkg with MC & data



Fit signal with an
$$S(P)$$
-wave
BW
 $BW \propto \frac{M_0 \Gamma_0 (q/q_0)^{2l+1} k^3}{(M^2 - M_0^2)^2 + (M_0 \Gamma_0)^2}$
keep
constant

q = daughter momentumq₀ = daughter momentum @ peak

Fit to data



Is M_{peak} really less than 2m_p?

weight events by q_0/q : (i.e remove threshold factor)



P-wave fit?? OK!

M=1876 ± 3 MeV Γ < 30 MeV (90% CL)



D-wave fit?? NG!!

M=1885 ± ? MeV Γ < 30 MeV (90% CL)





mass determination bias



include possible biases as (asymmetric) statistical & systematic errors

if what we see is an *S*-wave resonance: M=1859 ⁺³ ⁺⁵ ₋₁₀ ₋₂₅ MeV/c² Γ < 30 MeV/c² (90% CL)

Summary

- a large enhancement seen near $2m_p$ in the $M_{p\bar{p}}$ distribution for $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \bar{p} p$ decays.
- not apparent in $J/\psi \rightarrow \pi^{o}\overline{p}p$ decays
- not consistent with any PDG meson state
- S- or P-wave can fit data
- if it is an S-wave resonance:
 - M_{peak} is below $2m_p (M=1859^{+3}_{-10} + 5_{-25} MeV/c^2)$
 - full width is narrow (Γ <30 MeV/c²)
 - $dN/dcos\theta_{\gamma}$ consistent with $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$ or 0^{++}
- Is this a scalar baryonium partner to the 1– 1870 MeV state in e⁺e⁻ and pd annihilations?

could it be a tail of a known resonance?

0⁻⁺ resonances in PDG tables: $\eta(1760)$ M=1760 Γ = 60 MeV $\pi(1800)$ M=1801 Γ = 210 MeV



Comments

- peak below, but near $2m_p$: baryonium?
- narrow width: why so long-lived?
- similar patterns seen in baryon-antibaryon systems produced in B meson decays $-B \rightarrow p\bar{p}K$ $B \rightarrow p\bar{p}D$ $B \rightarrow \bar{p}\Lambda\pi$ $B \rightarrow \bar{p}\Lambda_c\pi$

Strange & charmed systems



Coulomb effect? $v(3-v^2)$ $\pi \alpha / v$ * $1 - \exp(-\pi \alpha / v)$ phase-space coulomb term factor



Systematic errors

Fit variation	SNI	δM	$\delta\Gamma$
	O IN _{evts}	(MeV/c^2)	(MeV/c^2)
$A_1 \& A_2$ at $\pi^0 p \overline{p}$ values	+202	-7	0
Float $A_1 \& A_2$	+94	-2	0
resolution $\sigma = 1 \text{ MeV}$	0.0	+1	0
resolution $\sigma = 3 \text{ MeV}$	+3	+3	0
resolution $\sigma = 6 \text{ MeV}$	+27	+5	0
SOBER acceptance	+84	0	0
Coarser bins	+11	-2	0
BW at 2.2 GeV ($\Gamma = 0.2$ GeV)	+17	0	0
BW at 2.2 GeV ($\Gamma = 0.3$ GeV)	+43	-1	0
Likelihood $\rightarrow \chi^2$	-15	0	0
Quadrature sums	+224 -15	+5 -7	+0 -0

vary all procedures: fit results don't change much