$\Lambda(1405)$ $1/2^-$

$I(J^P) = 0(\frac{1}{2}^-)$ Status: ∗∗∗∗

The nature of the $\Lambda(1405)$ has been a puzzle for decades: three-quark state or hybrid; two poles or one. We cannot here survey the rather extensive literature. See, for example, CIEPLY 10, KISSLINGER 11, SEKIHARA 11, and SHEVCHENKO 12A for discussions and earlier references.

It seems to be the universal opinion of the chiral-unitary community that there are two poles in the 1400-MeV region. ZYCHOR 08 presents experimental evidence against the two-pole model, but this is disputed by GENG 07A. See also REVAI 09, which finds little basis for choosing between one- and two-pole models; and IKEDA 12, which favors the two-pole model.

A single, ordinary three-quark $\Lambda(1405)$ fits nicely into a $J^P = 1/2^-$ SU(4) $\overline{4}$ multiplet, whose other members are the $\Lambda_c(2595)^+$, $\Xi_c(2790)^+$, and $\Xi_c(2790)^0$; see Fig. 1 of our note on "Charmed Baryons."

$\Lambda(1405)$ MASS

PRODUCTION EXPERIMENTS

VALUE (MeV)	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
$1405.1^{+1.3}_{-1.0}$ OUR AVERAGE					
$1405^{+1.4}_{-1.0}$		ESMAILI	10	RVUE	^{4}He $K^- \rightarrow \Sigma^\pm \pi^\mp X$ at rest
1406.5 ± 4.0		[1] DALITZ	91		M-matrix fit
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •					
1391 ± 1	700	[1] HEMINGWAY	85	HBC	$K^- p$ 4.2 GeV/c
~ 1405	400	[2] THOMAS	73	HBC	$\pi^- p$ 1.69 GeV/c
1405	120	BARBARO-...	68B	DBC	$K^- d$ 2.1–2.7 GeV/c
1400 ± 5	67	BIRMINGHAM	66	HBC	$K^- p$ 3.5 GeV/c
1382 ± 8		ENGLER	65	HDBC	$\pi^- p$, $\pi^+ d$ 1.68 GeV/c
1400 ± 24		MUSGRAVE	65	HBC	$\overline{p} p$ 3–4 GeV/c
1410		ALEXANDER	62	HBC	$\pi^- p$ 2.1 GeV/c
1405		ALSTON	62	HBC	$K^- p$ 1.2–0.5 GeV/c
1405		ALSTON	61B	HBC	$K^- p$ 1.15 GeV/c

EXTRAPOLATIONS BELOW $N\overline{K}$ THRESHOLD

VALUE (MeV)	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
1407.56 or 1407.50	[3] KIMURA	00		potential model
1411	[4] MARTIN	81		K-matrix fit
1406	[5] CHAO	73	DPWA	0–range fit (sol. B)
1421	MARTIN	70	RVUE	Constant K-matrix
1416 ± 4	MARTIN	69	HBC	Constant K-matrix

1403 ±3	KIM	67	HBC	K-matrix fit
1407.5±1.2	[6] KITTEL	66	HBC	0–effective-range fit
1410.7±1.0	KIM	65	HBC	0–effective-range fit
1409.6±1.7	[6] SAKITT	65	HBC	0–effective-range fit

Λ(1405) WIDTH

PRODUCTION EXPERIMENTS

VALUE (MeV)	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
50± 2		[1] DALITZ	91		M-matrix fit
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •					
24^{+4}_{-3}		ESMAILI	10	RVUE	^{4}He $K^- \rightarrow \Sigma^\pm \pi^\mp X$ at rest
32± 1	700	[1] HEMINGWAY	85	HBC	$K^- p$ 4.2 GeV/c
45 to 55	400	[2] THOMAS	73	HBC	$\pi^- p$ 1.69 GeV/c
35	120	BARBARO-...	68B	DBC	$K^- d$ 2.1–2.7 GeV/c
50±10	67	BIRMINGHAM	66	HBC	$K^- p$ 3.5 GeV/c
89±20		ENGLER	65	HDBC	
60±20		MUSGRAVE	65	HBC	
35± 5		ALEXANDER	62	HBC	
50		ALSTON	62	HBC	
20		ALSTON	61B	HBC	

EXTRAPOLATIONS BELOW $N\overline{K}$ THRESHOLD

VALUE (MeV)	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
50.24 or 50.26	[3] KIMURA	00		potential model
30	[4] MARTIN	81		K-matrix fit
55	[5,7] CHAO	73	DPWA	0–range fit (sol. B)
20	MARTIN	70	RVUE	Constant K-matrix
29 ±6	MARTIN	69	HBC	Constant K-matrix
50 ±5	KIM	67	HBC	K-matrix fit
34.1±4.1	[6] KITTEL	66	HBC	
37.0±3.2	KIM	65	HBC	
28.2±4.1	[6] SAKITT	65	HBC	

Λ(1405) DECAY MODES

	Mode	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)
Γ_1	$\Sigma\pi$	100 %
Γ_2	$\Lambda\gamma$	
Γ_3	$\Sigma^0\gamma$	
Γ_4	$N\overline{K}$	

Λ(1405) PARTIAL WIDTHS

$\Gamma(\Lambda\gamma)$ Γ_2

VALUE (keV)	DOCUMENT ID		COMMENT
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •			
27±8	BURKHARDT	91	Isobar model fit

$\Gamma(\Sigma^0\gamma)$ Γ_3

VALUE (keV)	DOCUMENT ID	COMMENT
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •		
10 ± 4 or 23 ± 7	BURKHARDT 91	Isobar model fit

$\Lambda(1405)$ BRANCHING RATIOS

$\Gamma(N\overline{K})/\Gamma(\Sigma\pi)$ Γ_4/Γ_1

VALUE	CL%	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
<3	95	HEMINGWAY 85	HBC	$K^- p$ 4.2 GeV/c

$\Lambda(1405)$ FOOTNOTES

[1] DALITZ 91 fits the HEMINGWAY 85 data.
[2] THOMAS 73 data is fit by CHAO 73 (see next section).
[3] The KIMURA 00 values are from fits A and B from a coupled-channel potential model using low-energy $\overline{K}N$ and $\Sigma\pi$ data, kaonic-hydrogen x-ray measurements, and our $\Lambda(1405)$ mass and width. The results bear mainly on the *nature* of the $\Lambda(1405)$: three-quark state or $\overline{K}N$ bound state.
[4] The MARTIN 81 fit includes the $K^{\pm}p$ forward scattering amplitudes and the dispersion relations they must satisfy.
[5] See also the accompanying paper of THOMAS 73.
[6] Data of SAKITT 65 are used in the fit by KITTEL 66.
[7] An asymmetric shape, with $\Gamma/2 = 41$ MeV below resonance, 14 MeV above.

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