Search for the $\Xi(1620)$



$\Xi(1620)$: From 1-star to 2-star

Nucleon resonances are rated using the "star" system:

- Poor evidence of existence
- ** Fair evidence of existence

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$$J^P$$
) = $\frac{1}{2}(?^2)$ Status:
P need confirmation.

- OMITTED FROM SUMMARY TABLE
 - What little evidence there is consists of weak signals in the $\Xi\pi$ channel. A number of other experiments (e.g., BORENSTEIN 72 and HASSALL 81) have looked for but not seen any effect.

Ξ(1620) MASS

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≈ 1620 OUR ESTIM	ATE				
1624 ± 3	31	BRIEFEL	77	HBC	K p 2.87 GeV/c
1633 ± 12	34	DEBELLEFON	75 B	HBC	$K^- p \rightarrow \Xi^- \overline{K} \pi$
1606 ± 6	29	ROSS	72	HBC	К [—] р 3.1–3.7 GeV/с

Citation: S. Navas et al. (Particle Data Group), Phys. Rev. D 110, 030001 (2024)

1.65

1.6

 $I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(?^?)$ Status: ** J, P need confirmation.

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- HBC 1972 - HBC 1975

HBC 1977 BELL 2019

1.7

1.75

The clearest evidence is a peak in $\Xi^-\pi^+$ seen by SUMIHAMA 19. Older low-statistics experiments (e.g., BORENSTEIN 72 and HAS-SALL 81) have looked for the state but have not seen any effect.

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Assumed bump structure, compared to Belle



• No accidental subtraction

Background (red) : [First order polynomial]*[sigmoid]



Assumed bump structure, compared to Belle





CLAS Ξ and $\Xi(1530)$



- Reaction: $\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ K^+ X$
- Here, *X* represent the missing particle(s)
- Ostensibly, X is Ξ^{-} or Ξ^{-*}
 - from $\gamma p \to K^+ Y^*$, where $Y^* \to K^+ \Xi^-$
 - $E_{\gamma} < 5.4 \text{ GeV}$
- A lot of background from many types of final states
 - $\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ K^+ X$ is very inclusive of Ξ^{-*} type states with decays NOT limited to
 - Ξπ
 - $\Xi^*\pi$
 - *AK*
 - *K*\Sigma
 - or ?

CLAS comparison



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Reaction

where and

- $\gamma p \longrightarrow K^{+}K^{+}\Xi^{-}\pi^{0},$ $\Xi^{-} \longrightarrow \Lambda\pi^{-}$ $\Lambda \longrightarrow p\pi^{-}$
- Mass of Ξ^- not constrained
- The Ξ^- has a long lifetime

<u>-</u> MEAN LIFE

Measurements with an error $> 0.2 \times 10^{-10}$ s or with systematic errors not included have been omitted.

VALUE (10^{-10} s)	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
1.639±0.015 OUR AV	ERAGE				
$1.65 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.12$	2478 ± 68	ABDALLAH	06E	DLPH	from Z decays
$1.652 \!\pm\! 0.051$	32k	BOURQUIN	84	SPEC	Hyperon beam
$1.665 \!\pm\! 0.065$	41k	BOURQUIN	79	SPEC	Hyperon beam
1.609 ± 0.028	4286	HEMINGWAY	78	HBC	4.2 GeV/ <i>c K</i> [−] <i>p</i>
1.67 ± 0.08		DIBIANCA	75	DBC	4.9 GeV/c K^-d
1.63 ± 0.03	4303	BALTAY	74	HBC	1.75 GeV/c K ⁻ p
$1.73 \ {}^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$	680	MAYEUR	72	HLBC	2.1 GeV/ <i>c K</i>
1.61 ± 0.04	2610	DAUBER	69	HBC	
1.80 ± 0.16	299	LONDON	66	HBC	
1.70 ± 0.12	246	PJERROU	65 B	HBC	
1.69 ± 0.07	794	HUBBARD	64	HBC	
$1.86 \begin{array}{c} +0.15 \\ -0.14 \end{array}$	517	JAUNEAU	63 D	FBC	



Pathlength study

- Vertex analysis uses pathlength significance as given on page 13 of https://halldweb.jlab.org/DocDB/0046/004607/004/DSelectorDoc.pdf
- As was suggested, I made sure that the end of the Ξ^- path was downstream of the origin



Overall best (lowest value of σ_Y/Y)



$\Xi^* \rightarrow \Xi \pi^0$ hybrid subtraction

Each photon is associated only with best combo for that photon



Accidental subtraction using hybrid method





Ground State Ξ - Fits

From 1477.5 to 1557.5 MeV





Ground State Ξ - Fits

Next: From 1567.5 to 1647.5 MeV





Ground State Ξ - Fits

Next: From 1657.5 to 1737.5 MeV





Ground State Ξ - Fits

Last: From 1747.5 to 1777.5 MeV













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Monte Carlo: Resolution of mass[$\Xi^{-}\pi^{0}$]



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Ξ(1690):

- Fits have shape of $\Xi(1690)$ due entirely to detector resolution
- In general: Not enough statistics for the $\Xi(1690)$
- If we can say anything at all, the best we can do for the $\Xi(1690)$ will probably be an upper limit

Ξ(1620):

• With current statistics, the best we can do for the $\Xi(1620)$ will probably be an upper limit





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 - Center = 1536(2) MeV
 - Width = 13(17) MeV



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Ξ(1530) ⁻	MASS			
VALUE (MeV)	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
1535.0 ± 0.6	OUR FIT			
1535.2 ± 0.8	OUR AVERAGE			
$1534.5 \!\pm\! 1.2$		DEBELLEFON 75B	HBC	$K^- p \rightarrow \Xi^- \overline{K} \pi$
$1535.3\!\pm\!2.0$		ROSS 73B	HBC	$K^- p \rightarrow \Xi \overline{K} \pi(\pi)$
$1536.2\!\pm\!1.6$	185	KIRSCH 72	HBC	<i>К[—] р</i> 2.87 GeV/ <i>с</i>
$1535.7 \!\pm\! 3.2$	38	LONDON 66	HBC	<i>К[—] р</i> 2.24 GeV/ <i>с</i>
• • • We de	o not use the followin	g data for averages, fits,	limits,	etc. • • •
1540 ± 3	48	BERTHON 74	HBC	Quasi-2-body σ
$1534.7 \!\pm\! 1.1$	334	BALTAY 72	HBC	$K^- p$ 1.75 GeV/ c

Ξ(1530)[—] WIDTH VALUE (MeV)	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
9.9 ^{+1.7} OUR AVERAGE				
9.6±2.8	DEBELLEFON	75 B	HBC	$K^- p \rightarrow \Xi^- \overline{K} \pi$
8.3 ± 3.6	ROSS	73 B	HBC	$K^- p \rightarrow \Xi \overline{K} \pi(\pi)$
$7.8^{+3.5}_{-7.8}$	BALTAY	72	HBC	$K^- p$ 1.75 GeV/ c
16.2 ± 4.6	KIRSCH	72	HBC	$\Xi^{-}\pi^{0}$, $\Xi^{0}\pi^{-}$



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Ξ(1620) WIDTH

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32 + 8 9 OUR AVI	ERAGE	Error includes sca	le fac	tor of 2.	2. See the ideogram below.
$59.9 \pm \ 4.8 {+2.8 \atop -7.1}$		SUMIHAMA	19	BELL	$\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi(1620) \pi^+$
22.5 ± 7.5	31	¹ BRIEFEL	77	HBC	<i>К[—] р</i> 2.87 GeV/ <i>с</i>
40 ±15	34	DEBELLEFON	75 B	HBC	$K^- p \rightarrow \Xi^- \overline{K} \pi$
21 ± 7	29	ROSS	72	HBC	$K^- p \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ K^{*0}$ (892)



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- Width = 13(17) MeV
- $\Xi(1620)$:
 - Center = 1597(7) MeV
 - Width = 28(39) MeV

- *Ξ*(1530):
 - Center = 1538(2) MeV
 - Width = 7(14) MeV
- $\Xi(1620)$:
 - Center = 1592(9) MeV
 - Width = 14(34) MeV

Ξ^* Generator Refinement

- Starting with code from Brandon build for $\Xi(1530)$ and modifying for general Ξ^*
- Taking the initial reaction as $\gamma p \to K Y^*$
- Mandelstam variables have relationship:
 - $s+t+u = m_{\gamma}^2 + m_p^2 + m_K^2 + m_{Y*}^2$
- We can lock down the kinematics of the initial reaction by specifying *s*, *t* and m_{Y^*}
- Started with Mandelstam *s* and *t*

Ξ^* Comparison of Reconstructed MC to Actual Data

- 1st: of MC to set *t*-slope (parameter *b* in $Ae^{-b|t|}$) to 1.138/GeV² assuming $\gamma p \rightarrow K_{\text{fast}} Y^*$
- 2^{nd} : Shaping mass[*Y**] and mass[Ξ^*]
- 3^{rd} : Shaping K_{slow} distribution assuming $Y^* \to K_{slow} \Xi^*$

Ξ^* Comparison of Reconstructed MC to Actual Data (slide 1)

Counts

P(K_{fast})/GeV

8

100



5

6

30

20

10



 $-t_{\rm fast}$

- MC

Data

Ξ^* Comparison of Reconstructed MC to Actual Data (slide 2)









Next Steps

Create MC for isolated $\Xi(1530)$, $\Xi(1620)$, $\Xi(1690)$ and background using parameters from fit to data

