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

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

In the 1998 Note on the $\Lambda(1405)$ in PDG 98, R.H. Dalitz discussed the S-shaped cusp behavior of the intensity at the N-$\overline{K}$ threshold observed in THOMAS 73 and HEMINGWAY 85. He commented that this behavior "is characteristic of S-wave coupling; the other below threshold hyperon, the $\Sigma(1385)$, has no such threshold distortion because its N-$\overline{K}$ coupling is P-wave. For $\Lambda(1405)$ this asymmetry is the sole direct evidence that $J^P = 1/2^-$."

A recent measurement by the CLAS collaboration, MORIYA 14, definitively established the long-assumed $J^P = 1/2^-$ spin-parity assignment of the $\Lambda(1405)$. The experiment produced the $\Lambda(1405)$ spin-polarized in the photoproduction process $\gamma p \to K^+ \Lambda(1405)$ and measured the decay of the $\Lambda(1405)$(polarized) $\to \Sigma^+$(polarized)π^-. The observed isotropic decay of $\Lambda(1405)$ is consistent with spin $J = 1/2$. The polarization transfer to the Σ^+(polarized) direction revealed negative parity, and thus established $J^P = 1/2^-$.

See the related review(s):

Pole Structure of the $\Lambda(1405)$ Region

$\Lambda(1405)$ REGION POLE POSITIONS

REAL PART

VALUE (MeV)	*DOCUMENT ID*		*TECN*
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •			
1429^{+8}_{-7}	[1] MAI	15	DPWA
1325^{+15}_{-15}	[2] MAI	15	DPWA
1434^{+2}_{-2}	[3] MAI	15	DPWA
1330^{+4}_{-5}	[4] MAI	15	DPWA
1421^{+3}_{-2}	[5] GUO	13	DPWA
1388 ± 9	[6] GUO	13	DPWA
1424^{+7}_{-23}	[7] IKEDA	12	DPWA
1381^{+18}_{-6}	[8] IKEDA	12	DPWA

[1] High-mass pole, solution number 4.
[2] Low-mass pole, solution number 4.
[3] High-mass pole, solution number 2.
[4] Low-mass pole, solution number 2.
[5] High-mass pole, fit II
[6] Low-mass pole, fit II.
[7] High-mass pole
[8] Low-mass pole

−2×IMAGINARY PART

VALUE (MeV)	*DOCUMENT ID*	*TECN*
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •		
24^{+4}_{-6}	[1] MAI 15	DPWA
180^{+24}_{-36}	[2] MAI 15	DPWA
20^{+4}_{-2}	[3] MAI 15	DPWA
112^{+34}_{-22}	[4] MAI 15	DPWA
38^{+16}_{-10}	[5] GUO 13	DPWA
228^{+48}_{-50}	[6] GUO 13	DPWA
52^{+6}_{-28}	[7] IKEDA 12	DPWA
162^{+38}_{-16}	[8] IKEDA 12	DPWA

[1] High-mass pole, solution number 4.
[2] Low-mass pole, solution number 4.
[3] High-mass pole, solution number 2.
[4] Low-mass pole, solution number 2.
[5] High-mass pole, fit II
[6] Low-mass pole, fit II.
[7] High-mass pole
[8] Low-mass pole

Λ(1405) MASS

PRODUCTION EXPERIMENTS

VALUE (MeV)	*EVTS*	*DOCUMENT ID*	*TECN*	*COMMENT*
$1405.1^{+1.3}_{-1.0}$ OUR AVERAGE				
1405^{+11}_{-9}		HASSANVAND 13	SPEC	$pp \to p\Lambda(1405)K^+$
$1405^{+1.4}_{-1.0}$		ESMAILI 10	RVUE	^{4}He $K^- \to \Sigma^\pm\pi^\mp X$ 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

[1] DALITZ 91 fits the HEMINGWAY 85 data.
[2] THOMAS 73 data is fit by CHAO 73 (see next section).

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	[1] KIMURA	00		potential model
1411	[2] MARTIN	81		K-matrix fit
1406	[3] 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	[4] KITTEL	66	HBC	0–effective-range fit
1410.7±1.0	KIM	65	HBC	0–effective-range fit
1409.6±1.7	[4] SAKITT	65	HBC	0–effective-range fit

[1] 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.

[2] The MARTIN 81 fit includes the $K^{\pm}p$ forward scattering amplitudes and the dispersion relations they must satisfy.

[3] See also the accompanying paper of THOMAS 73.

[4] Data of SAKITT 65 are used in the fit by KITTEL 66.

$\Lambda(1405)$ WIDTH

PRODUCTION EXPERIMENTS

VALUE (MeV)	*EVTS*	*DOCUMENT ID*		*TECN*	*COMMENT*
50.5± 2.0 OUR AVERAGE					
62 ±10		HASSANVAND	13	SPEC	$pp \to p\Lambda(1405)K^+$
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 $K^- \to \Sigma^{\pm}\pi^{\mp}X$ 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	

[1] DALITZ 91 fits the HEMINGWAY 85 data.

[2] THOMAS 73 data is fit by CHAO 73 (see next section).

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	[1] KIMURA	00		potential model
30	[2] MARTIN	81		K-matrix fit
55	[3,4] 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	[5] KITTEL	66	HBC	
37.0±3.2	KIM	65	HBC	
28.2±4.1	[5] SAKITT	65	HBC	

[1] 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.

[2] The MARTIN 81 fit includes the $K^{\pm}p$ forward scattering amplitudes and the dispersion relations they must satisfy.

[3] An asymmetric shape, with $\Gamma/2 = 41$ MeV below resonance, 14 MeV above.

[4] See also the accompanying paper of THOMAS 73.

[5] Data of SAKITT 65 are used in the fit by KITTEL 66.

$\Lambda(1405)$ DECAY MODES

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

$\Lambda(1405)$ 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

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