

New HERMES Results on Baryon Production

The photoproduction cross sections of $\bar{\Lambda}(1520)$ and $\Lambda(1520)$

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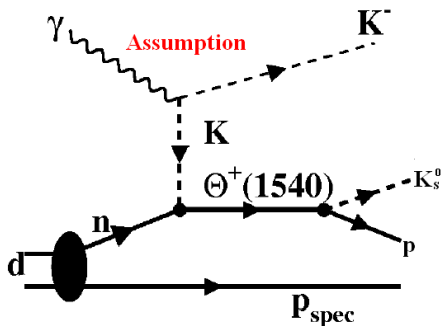
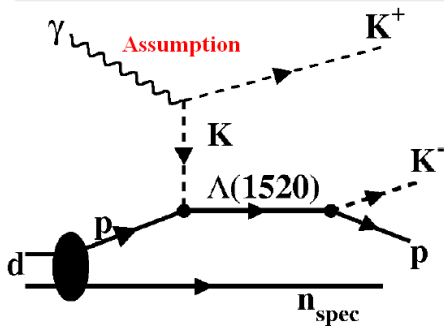
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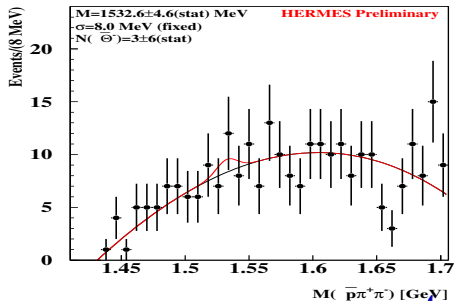
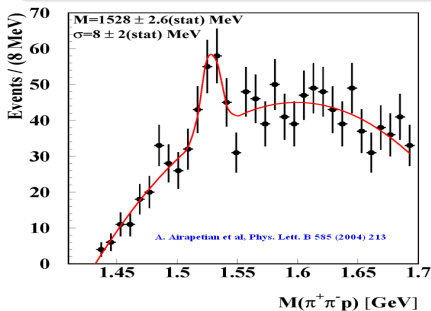
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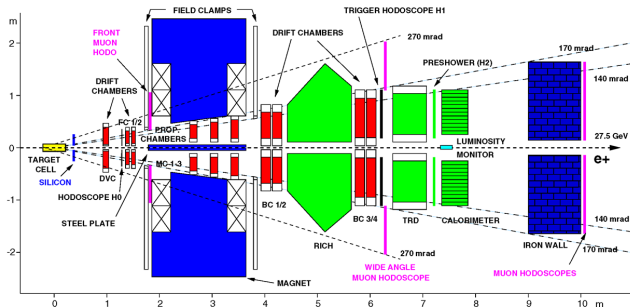


HERMES in beautiful Hamburg, Germany:

- Investigating: the quark-gluon structure of matter
- Seeking: how overall nucleon spin of $1/2$ is constructed by its constituents



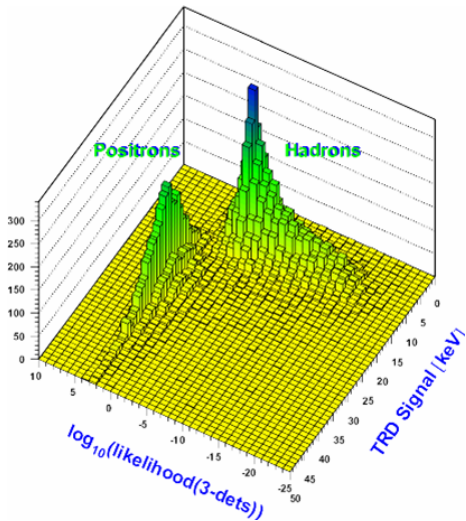
Spectrometer



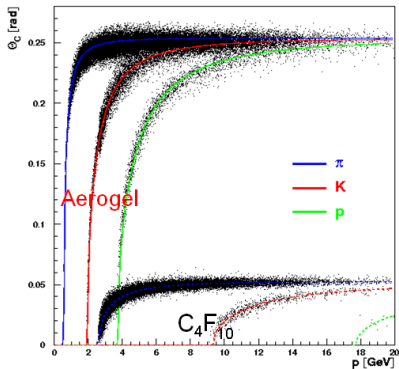
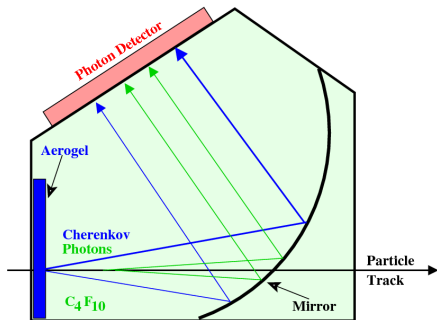
- Beam: 27.5 GeV e^+/e^-
- Target: D target, Luminosity $209 pb^{-1}$
- Forward spectrometer: $\theta_x \leq 175 mrad$, $40 mrad \leq \theta_y \leq 140 mrad$
- Reconstruction: $\Delta p/p$: 1.0 ~ 2.0% and $\Delta\theta \leq 0.6 mrad$
- Particle ID:
 - ▶ RICH, TRD, Preshower, Calorimeter (hadron/lepton)
 - ▶ Dual radiator RICH (π , K, p)



Leptons \Rightarrow Hadrons Separation:



Hadrons $\Rightarrow \pi/K/p$ (RICH)



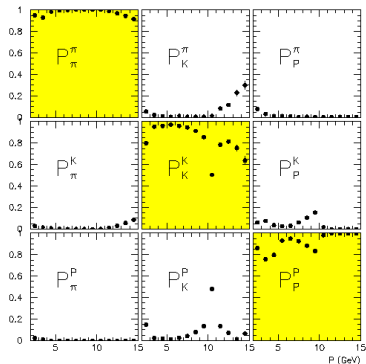
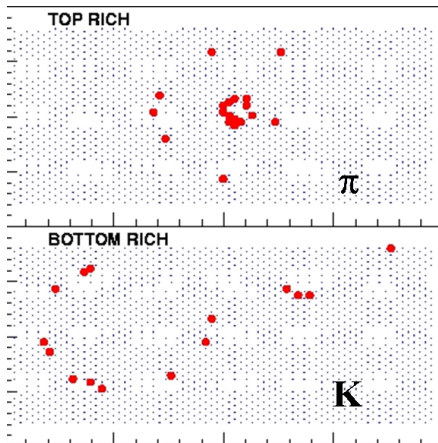
Dual Radiator RICH:

- Silica Aerogel: $n = 1.0304$
- C_4F_{10} : $n = 1.0014$

Particle Identification:

- Cherenkov angle: $\cos \theta_C = \frac{1}{\beta n}$
- $P = \frac{m\beta c}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}$

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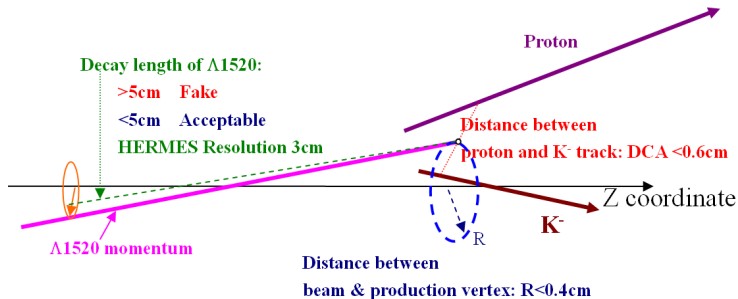
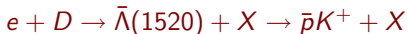
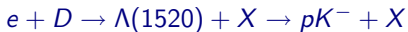


Detection Efficiencies:

- Diagonal: Identified
- Off-Diagonal: Mis-Identified



Reconstruction of $\Lambda(1520)$ and $\bar{\Lambda}(1520)$



Topology of $\Lambda(1520)$ ($c\tau \approx 12.6$ fm)

- p and K from one vertex $DCA < 0.6$ cm
- $\Lambda(1520)$ decayed from Beam $R < 0.4$ cm
- Decayed inside target cell $|Z < 18$ cm
- $\Lambda(1520)$ decay Length < 5 cm (Resolution along z: 3cm)

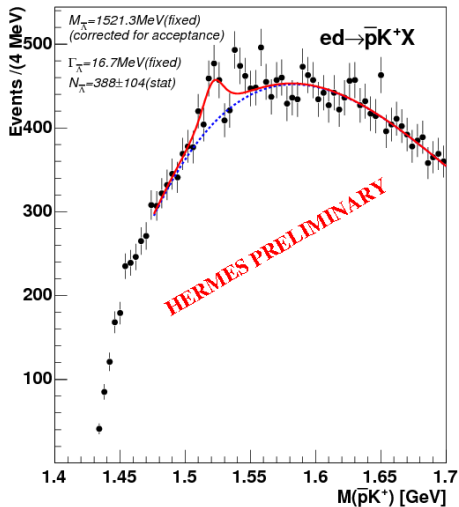
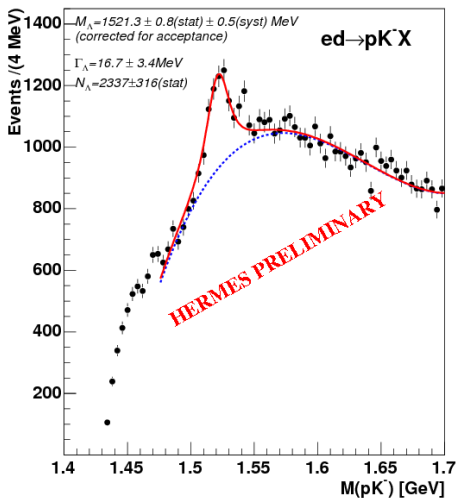
to Fit:

Unbinned Maximum Likelihood Fit

- With $\frac{1}{(x-M)^2 + \frac{1}{4}\Gamma^2} \otimes \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) + (a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3)$
 - ▶ **Breit-Wigner Function**: Γ for intrinsic width
 - ▶ **Gaussian Function**: $\sigma = 4\text{MeV}$ for HERMES resolution(MC)
 - ▶ **Polynomial function** for baseline
- Steps to get $N_{\Lambda(1520)}$ and $N_{\bar{\Lambda}(1520)}$:
 - 1 With **Fix $\sigma = 4\text{MeV}$** fit $M(pK^-)$ spectrum and get M , Γ and $N_{\Lambda(1520)}$
 - 2 Fix **$\sigma = 4\text{MeV}$** , take the M and Γ from $\Lambda(1520)$ to get $N_{\bar{\Lambda}(1520)}$ on $\bar{p}K^+$ spectrum



$\Lambda(1520)$ and $\bar{\Lambda}(1520)$ Spectra



Partial Cross Section ($P_z > 6 \text{ GeV}$)

Calculated with the acceptance of HERMES spectrometer(MC) and integrated luminosity, partial cross sections are:

Partial cross section of $\Lambda(1520)$ and $\bar{\Lambda}(1520)$

$$\sigma_{\bar{\Lambda}(1520)} 9.8 \pm 2.6(\text{stat}) \pm 0.9(\text{syst}) \text{ nb}$$

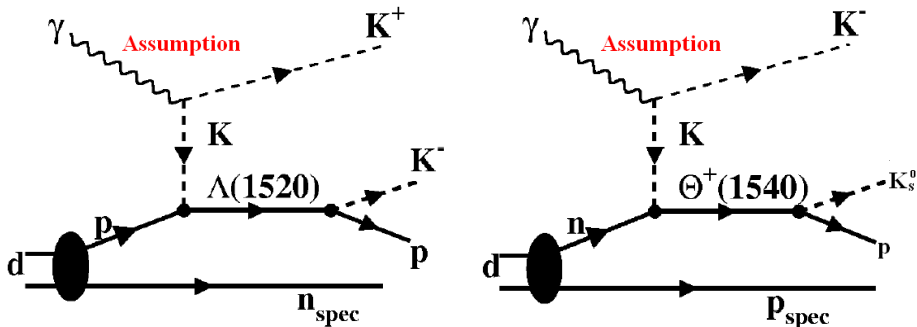
$$\sigma_{\Lambda(1520)} 65.3 \pm 8.8(\text{stat}) \pm 6.9(\text{syst}) \text{ nb}$$

Systematic Errors:

- Effect on acceptance from difference of the initial momentum distributions



Estimate of $N_{\bar{\Theta}^+}$ in HERMES



Base on the assumption of same production mechanism for $\Lambda(1520)$ and Θ^+ , and also assumption of $\frac{N_{\bar{\Theta}^+}}{N_{\Theta^+}} = \frac{N_{\bar{\Lambda}}}{N_{\Lambda}}$, $N_{\bar{\Theta}^+}$ estimated as

- ① $N_{\bar{\Theta}^+} = \frac{N_{\bar{\Lambda}}}{N_{\Lambda}} N_{\Theta^+} \approx 10 \pm 4$ should be seen
- ② $N_{\bar{\Theta}^+} = 3 \pm 6$ has been seen

Summary

- 1 The cross sections of the $\Lambda(1520)$ and $\bar{\Lambda}(1520)$ were presented
- 2 The number of $\bar{\Theta}^+$ candidates that HERMES should see was given according to the assumption of similar ratio of $\bar{\Lambda}(1520)/\Lambda(1520)$ and number of Θ^+ candidates seen at HERMES
- 3 Nucleons like the universe: at HERMES energy, it can easily produce $\Lambda(1520)$ but not easily create a $\bar{\Lambda}(1520)$ from the sea. It will be interesting to see how the ratios of particle and antiparticle for hyperons change with invariant mass.

