### Determination of eta-nucleon scattering length from eta photoproduction on the deuteron

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# $\bigcirc$ introduction ~ $N(1535)S_{11}$

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C. DeTar and T. Kunihiro, Phys. Rev. D 39, 2805 (1989); T. Hatsuda and M. Prakash, Phys. Lett. B 224, 11 (1989); D. Jido, M. Oka, and A. Hosaka, Prog. Theor. Phys. 106, 873 (2001).

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### chiral partner of the nucleon *N*(940) ? *N*(940) and *N*(1535) degenerate at high density and/or high temperature

elementary: single particle

> composite: molecule-like state

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### compositeness X:

overlap with the two-body scattering state *X* is directly given by the scattering length *a* and effective range *r* 

$$a = \frac{2X}{X+1}R, \quad r = \frac{X-1}{X}R, \quad R = (2\mu B)^{-1/2}$$

S. Weinberg, Phys. Rev. 137, B672 (1965). X can be also used for the near threshold

T. Hyodo, Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 132002 (2013).

# compositeness for $N(1535)S_{11}$

 $X_{\eta N} = 0.04 + i0.37$ 

resonances

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T. Sekihara et al., Phys. Rev. C 93, 035204 (2016).



# **Scattering length**

low-energy scattering is characterized with the S-wave phase shift  $\delta(p)$ 

$$p \cot \delta(p) = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2}rp^2 + O(p^4)$$

*a* : scattering length

# *r* : effective range

- positive (negative) *a* provides attraction (repulsion)
- *a* is negative if a bound state is available



# scattering length

## fundamental and important

### difficult to determine the scattering length between neutral hadrons

eta-nucleon scattering lm: ~ 0.25 fm **Re: scattered** 

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# **Scattering length**

# final-state interaction (FSI) is utilized 1) relative momentum: low 2) FSI with another: known or small effects 3) production: known or small effects

## $\omega N$ scattering length from $\gamma p \rightarrow \omega p$

T. Ishikawa *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C 101, 052201 (R) (2020). 1) Iow; 2) no; 3) small effects

# *nn* scattering length from $\gamma^* d \rightarrow \pi^+ nn$

S.X. Nakamura, T. Ishikawa, T. Sato, arXiv:2003.02497. 1) Iow; 2) known & small effects; 3) known & small effects



# $\circ \eta N$ scattering length

# proposed kinematics for $a_{\eta N}$ determination using $\gamma d \rightarrow \eta p n$





# $\eta N$ scattering length

### differential cross section for for $\gamma d \rightarrow \eta pn$ as a function of $\eta n$ invariant mass



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- 2) eta-meson identification (EM calorimeter)
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# **experiments**

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the energy of each produced photon: determined by detecting the corresponding post-bremsstrahlung electron

 $E_{\gamma} = 0.80 \sim 1.25 \text{ GeV}$ 

T. Ishikawa et al., NIMA 622, 1 (2010); T. Ishikawa et al., NIMA 811, 124 (2016); Y. Matsumura et al., NIMA 902, 103 (2018); Y. Obara et al., NIMA 922, 108 (2019). T. Ishikawa May 18, 2020 12



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### data acquired two particles in FOREST

	hydrogen	deuterium	empty
2017.10.30~11.20	0.40 G	0.31 G	0.02 G
2017.11.23~11.30	0.20 G		0.05 G
2018.06.07~06.25	0.47 G	0.49 G	0.09 G
2018.10.12~11.04	0.75 G	0.88 G	0.07 G
2019.04.08~05.06	0.75 G	1.39 G	0.12 G
2020.04.09~	> 0.77 G	> 2.58 G	> 0.08 G

### current statistics: $\sim \frac{1}{2}$ of the original plan



# **O** current status

### $\eta n$ invariant mass distribution



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summary

differential cross section for  $\gamma p \rightarrow \eta pn$  is measured to extract  $a_{\eta N}$  $E_{\gamma}$ =940 MeV and  $\theta_{p}$ =0° is the ideal condition 940 MeV/c

S.X. Nakamura, H. Kamano, T. Ishikawa, Phys. Rev. C 96, 042201 (R) (2017); T. Ishikawa *et al.*, Acta Phys. Pol. B 51, 27 (2020).

### current statistics: $\sim \frac{1}{2}$ analysis is on-going



at o deg. 940 MeV/c

well-separated

*n*o MeV/c

o MeV/c

 $\eta$  production

 $\pi$  or  $\eta$ 

low-energy

 $\eta n$  scattering

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