ηN scattering length from **coherent** π⁰η photoproduction on the deuteron

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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, PR137, B672 (1965).

X can be also used for the near threshold T. Hyodo, PRL111, 132002 (2013).

compositeness for N(1535)S₁₁

 $X_{nN} = 0.04 + i0.37$

T. Sekihara *et al.*, PRC 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 Im: ~ 0.25 fm Re: scattered





ideal method to extract a_{nn}

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



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).

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Or alternative method

coherent $\pi^0\eta$ photoproduction on the deuteron $(\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0\eta d)$

- 1. no Δ-Kroll-Ruderman or meson-pole Born term
- 2. final-state interaction is significantly enhanced



experiment ~ photo beam





determined by detecting the corresponding post-bremsstrahlung electron

 $E_{\gamma} = 0.74 \sim 1.15 \text{ GeV} \ (E_{\gamma}^{\text{thr}} \simeq 0.81 \text{ GeV})$

tagging intensity ~ 20 MHz (photon intensity ~ 10 MHz)

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).

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Or experiment ~ detector



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event selection for $\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta d$

- 1. 4 neutral particles and 1 charged particle
- 2. π^0 : $\gamma\gamma$ decay
- 3. η: γγ decay
- 4. time difference is less than $3\sigma_t$ between every two neutral clusters out of 4

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Backward Gamma

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- d is detected with SPIDER time delay is longer than 1 ns wrt γγγγ energy deposit is higher than 2E_{mip}
- 6. sideband background subtraction photon between STB-Tagger II and FOREST



O total cross section

excitation function below 1 GeV is well-reproduced by the theoretical calculation with the final-state



extraction of ann

ηn scattering is dominant in distortion from the impulse approximation

real part of the ηn scattering length is determined to reproduce the experimentally obtained excitation function below 1 GeV



O differential cross section

angular distribution of deuteron emission is not reproduced, suggesting a sequential process:





coherent $\pi^0\eta$ photoproduction on the deuteron ($\gamma d \rightarrow \pi^0\eta d$) has been measured to determine the ηN scattering length $a_{\eta N}$

 $a_{\eta N}$ is found to be $a_{\eta N} = (0.77 \pm 0.04) + i0.29$ fm (imaginary part is fixed) from the excitation function of the total cross section below 1.2 GeV

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O current status

ηn invariant mass distribution



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