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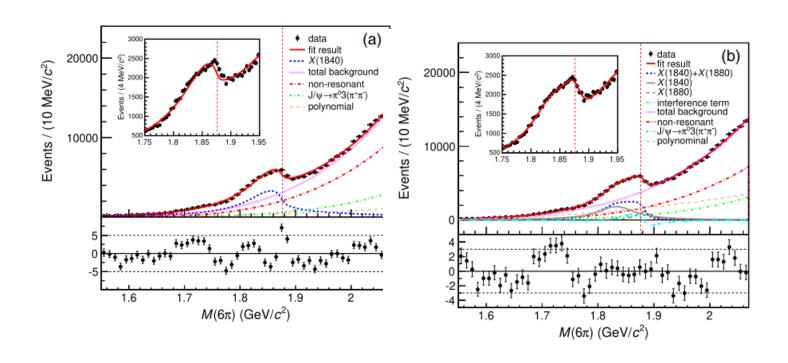
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利用100亿J/psi事例,分析 $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma^{3(\pi^{+}\pi^{-})}$ 衰变道

Observation of p+pbar state?

Experiment: X(1840)+X(1880)



Supports the existence of p+pbar states

Theoretical prediction of baryonium

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Baryonium with a phenomenological Skyrmion-type potential

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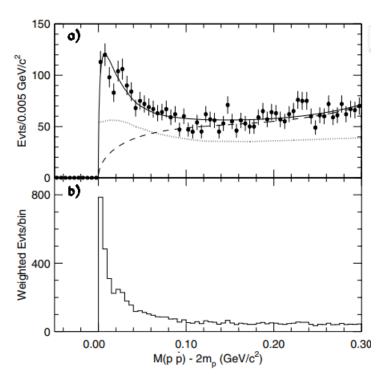
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In this paper, we investigate the nucleon-antinucleon static energies in the Skyrme model with the product Anzatz. The calculation shows that, in the ungroomed $S\overline{S}$ (Skyrmion and anti-Skyrmion) channel which leads to rapid annihilation, there exists a quasistable bound state which may give a natural explanation for the near-threshold enhancement in the proton-antiproton $(p\overline{p})$ mass spectrum reported by the BES Collaboration and the Belle Collaboration. Similar to the phenomenological well potential of the deuteron, we construct a phenomenological Skyrmion-type potential to study this narrow $p\overline{p}$ -resonance in $J/\psi \to \gamma p\overline{p}$. By this potential model, a $p\overline{p}$ baryonium with small binding energies is suggested and the decay width of this state is calculated by WKB approximation. In this picture the decay is attributed to quantum tunneling and $p\overline{p}$ annihilation. Prediction on the decay mode from the baryonium annihilation at rest is also pointed out.

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Observation of a Near-Threshold Enhancement in the $p\overline{p}$ Mass Spectrum from Radiative $J/\psi \to \gamma p\overline{p}$ Decays



利用5800万J/psi事例,分析 gamma+p+pbar 衰变道

Observation of a new state X(1859)?

Different interpretations

Baryonium p+pbar state

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Flavorless gluon state

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Final state interaction

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Baryonium from a Skyrmion-type potential model

- Skyrmion: Skyrme proposed that solitons from the SU(2) chiral fields can describe nucleon static properties from the theory.
- The soliton picture of baryons is consistent with QCD in the large N_c limit, as shown by Witten.
- We treat the skyrmion and anti-skyrmion system and find a solution of bound state near the 2m_p.
- Then we construct a Skyrmion-type potential model for proton-anti-proton with the existence of a protonium.

The skyrmion and anti-skyrmion system

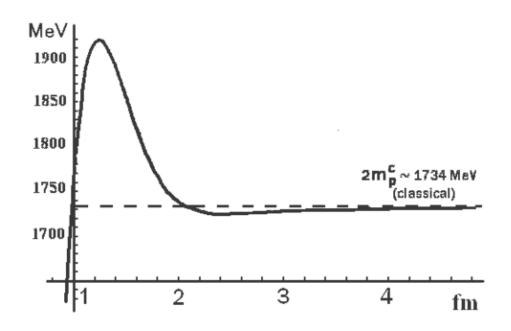


FIG. 1. The static energy of the Skyrmion–anti-Skyrmion system, where m_p^c is the classical single Skyrmion mass without quantum correction.

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A phenomenological model with skyrmion-type potential

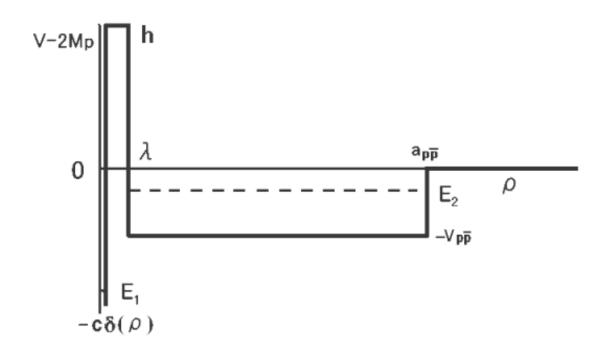


FIG. 2. The Skyrmion-type potential of the $p\overline{p}$ -system.

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A Skyrmion-type potential model

- We conclude that the near-threshold narrow enhancement in the ppbar invariant mass spectrum from J/psi to gamma+p+pbar might be interpreted as a state of protonium.
- We predict new decay mode: the baryonium hadronic decay should also mostly favor processes with 4 to 7 pseudoscalar mesons in the final states over those with two or three mesons.
- This prediction is nontrivial and has been confirmed by EBS experiments.

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Prediction of a new baryonium decay mode

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two or three pions [23]. Considering that the binding energy of the nucleon (or antinuleon) is rather small (compared with the mass of nucleon), the annihilation of the baryonium occurs nearly at rest. Therefore, we would predict that the baryonium hadronic decay should also mostly favor processes with 4 to 7 pseudoscalar mesons in the final states over those with two or three mesons, even though the phase spaces for the latter are larger than the former. This prediction is nontrivial and needs to be tested by experiments.

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More detailed BES analyses

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Observation of a $p\bar{p}$ mass threshold enhancement in $\psi' \to \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi(J/\psi \to \gamma p\bar{p})$ decay*

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Spin-Parity Analysis of $p\bar{p}$ Mass Threshold Structure in J/ψ and $\psi(3686)$ Radiative Decays

A partial wave analysis of the $p\bar{p}$ mass-threshold enhancement in the reaction $J/\psi \to \gamma p\bar{p}$ is used to determine its J^{PC} quantum numbers to be 0^{-+} , its peak mass to be below threshold at $M=1832^{+19}_{-5}(\mathrm{stat})^{+18}_{-17}(\mathrm{syst}) \pm 19(\mathrm{model})~\mathrm{MeV}/c^2$, and its total width to be $\Gamma < 76~\mathrm{MeV}/c^2$ at the 90% C.L. The product of branching ratios is measured to be $\mathrm{BR}[J/\psi \to \gamma X(p\bar{p})]\mathrm{BR}[X(p\bar{p}) \to p\bar{p}] =$

With the inclusion of Julich-FSI effects, the mass is measured to be M=1832 MeV/c^2.

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Conclusions

- BES earlier observation of near-threshold enhance of J/psi to gamma+p+pbar could be interpreted as the existence of p+pbar bound state.
- A skyrmion-type potential model was established to explain such state.
- A new decay channel was predicted to test such p+pbar bound state: decay to 4 to 7 mesons.
- The new BESIII experiment of J/psi to gamma+3 (pion+pion-) aligns with such prediction.
- More theoretical and experimental investigations are still needed to confirm the existence of protonium or baryoniums.