



Temporal Evolution and Spatial Distribution of a Dynamically Generated Nucleon Resonance

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Gamow Representation of a resonance in complex momentum space

Wavefunctions for bound states are very essential

The deuteron is a typical bound state of a proton and a neutron.

- Schrödinger equation provides
 - mass of bound state
 - wavefunction of bound state
- One can extract everything from the wavefunction.
- The wavefunction has a direct probability interpretation.

A difference between resonances and bound states

- The $\Lambda(1405)$ is located just below the $\bar{K}N$ threshold.
- It was observed mainly through the $\pi\Sigma$ channel.
- It is widely interpreted approximated as the $\pi\Sigma\text{-}\bar{K}N$ resonance though other interpretations exist.

finite lifetime $1/\Gamma$ $\longrightarrow$ complex mass $m - i\Gamma/2$

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Hermit $\hat{H}$ vs complex E

Gamow vector with complex scaling method

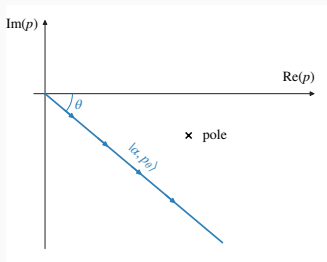
- introduce the two-particle basis with complex-scaling momentum $p \rightarrow p_\theta \equiv p e^{-i\theta}$

$$|\alpha, p_\theta\rangle = |\pi\Sigma, p_\theta\rangle, |\bar{K}N, p_\theta\rangle$$

- solve the Hamiltonian equation in the above basis

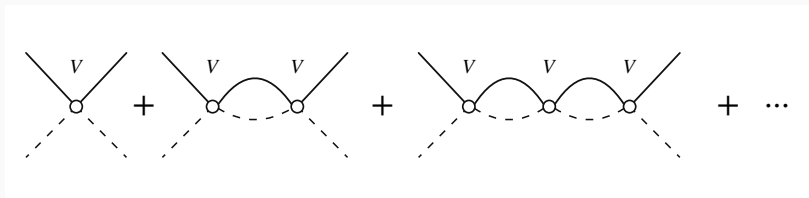
$$H|\psi^{\text{Gamow}}\rangle = (H_0 + V)|\psi^{\text{Gamow}}\rangle = E_{\text{pole}}|\psi^{\text{Gamow}}\rangle.$$

- then obtain resonance pole E_{pole} and corresponding Gamow wavefunction $|\psi^{\text{Gamow}}\rangle$.



The Gamow vector is spanned in
the complex-momentum space
which cannot be measured directly.

Alternatively Gamow wavefunction can be obtained by residues of T matrix



- obtain the T matrix by solving the Lippmann-Schwinger equation, equivalent to the resummation of the above diagrams.
- search for the poles of T matrix on the unphysical Riemann sheet.
- extract the residues $\gamma_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\theta)$ of T matrix

$$T_{\alpha,\beta}(\mathbf{p}_\theta, \mathbf{p}'_\theta; E) \approx \frac{\gamma_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\theta) \gamma_\beta(\mathbf{p}'_\theta)}{E - E_{\text{pole}}} + \dots,$$

- finally get the relation between the Gamow wavefunction and residues of T matrix

$$\psi_\alpha^{\text{Gamow}}(\mathbf{p}_\theta) \equiv \langle \alpha, \mathbf{p}_\theta | \psi^{\text{Gamow}} \rangle = \frac{\gamma_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\theta)}{E_{\text{pole}} - \omega_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\theta)},$$

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Advantage:

Close correlation to Hamiltonian eigen equation.

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Advantage and Disadvantage of Gamow wavefunction

Disadvantage:

(1) Divergence of Gamow wavefunctions at infinite distance.

$$\chi_p(r) \cong \frac{1}{S(p)} e^{-ipr} - e^{+ipr} \xrightarrow{p \rightarrow p_{\text{pole}}} 0 - e^{+ip_R r} e^{p_I r} \rightarrow \infty$$

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Disadvantage:

(2) Complex compositeness with its real part sometimes even negative.

for the higher pole of $\Lambda(1405)$ using our model parameters

$$X_{\pi\Sigma}^H = -0.20 - 0.17i, \quad X_{\bar{K}N}^H = 1.20 + 0.17i$$

For how to calculate the channel compositeness X_α derived from the Gamow state, one can

see [Sekihara:2014kya,Garcia-Recio:2015jsa,Kamiya:2015aea,Miyahara:2018onh] or more references in our work 2606.07411.

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Disadvantage:

(3) Strong tensions between

- Gamow vector in Complex momentum space;
- experimental measurements in Real momentum space.

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(3) constrained by Hamiltonian eigen equation.

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(4) describes the behaviors that a resonance not only decays but also emits.

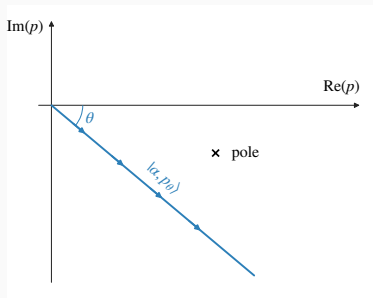
$$\exp(-iHt) |\Lambda(1405)^{\text{phys}}\rangle \longrightarrow \begin{cases} \Lambda(1405) \text{ decreases} \\ \pi \Sigma \dots \text{ increase} \end{cases}$$

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(5) consistent with experimental measurements.

A natural transition to the representation in the real world

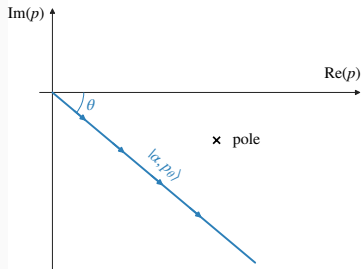


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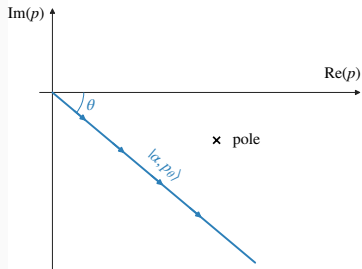
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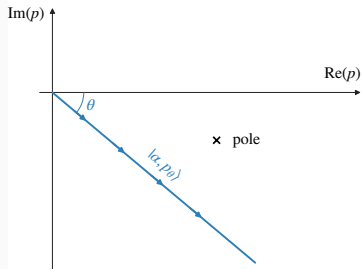
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One can

- fit the Gamow wavefunction in complex momentum space with a complete analytic function set;
- and then extrapolate to the real momentum axis.

However, such a back-rotation is an ill-posed inverse problem and may amplify numerical noise [Kruppa:2013ala]

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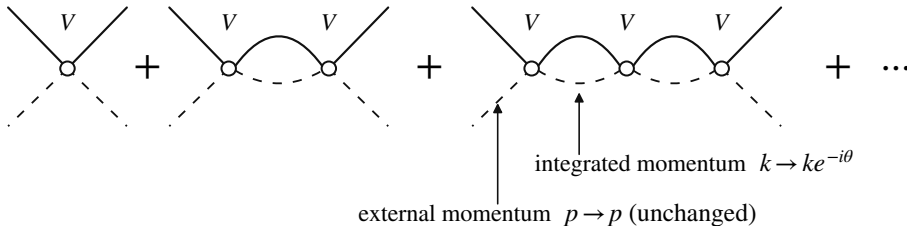
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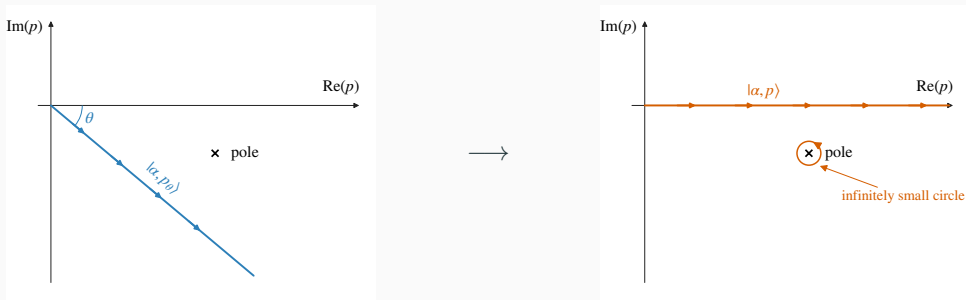
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- By introducing a auxiliary vector state spanned around the basis states with the kinetic energy approaching the pole

$$|\psi^{\text{auxiliary}}\rangle = \sum_{\{\alpha \mid \theta_\alpha \neq 0\}} \oint_{C_\epsilon^\alpha \rightarrow p_\alpha^{\text{on}}} dp p^2 \frac{\gamma_\alpha(p)}{E_{\text{pole}} - \omega_\alpha(p)} |\alpha, p\rangle,$$

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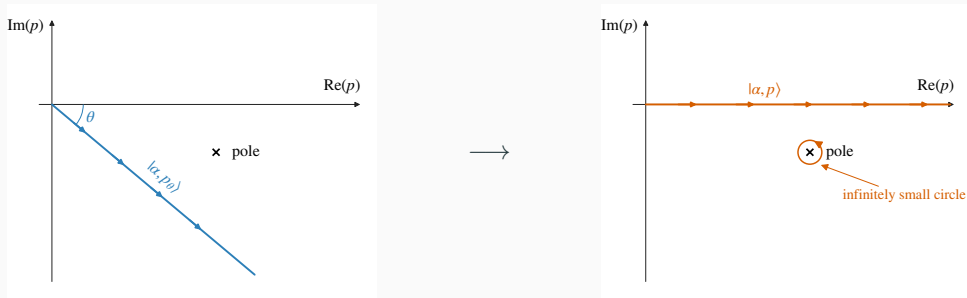


- we can prove

$$H(|\psi^{\text{phys}}\rangle + |\psi^{\text{auxiliary}}\rangle) = E_{\text{pole}} (|\psi^{\text{phys}}\rangle + |\psi^{\text{auxiliary}}\rangle)$$

- $|\psi^{\text{phys}}\rangle$ in the ordinary Hilbert space
- $|\psi^{\text{auxiliary}}\rangle$ in the special complex space closely around the pole

A New Relations between Gamow and Physical Representations



- With respect to the Hamiltonian equation,

$$|\psi^{\text{Gamow}}\rangle \cong |\psi^{\text{phys}}\rangle + |\psi^{\text{auxiliary}}\rangle ,$$

which is a new essential relation between $|\psi^{\text{Gamow}}\rangle$ and $|\psi^{\text{phys}}\rangle$ in addition to their analytic connection.

**Application to the $\Lambda(1405)$
Dynamically Generated by
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Our framework for the dynamics of $\Lambda(1405)$

In this work,

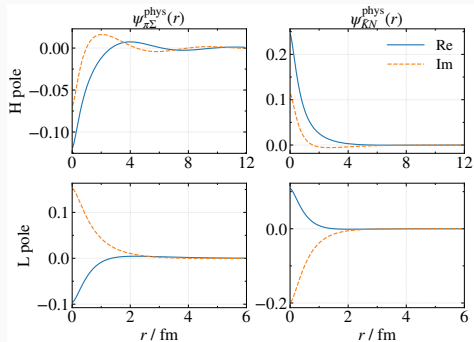
- we assume that $\Lambda(1405)$ is mainly a $\bar{K}N$ - $\pi\Sigma$ dynamically generated state.
- we use a simple separable interaction in the $\pi\Sigma$ and $\bar{K}N$ channels

$$V_{\alpha\beta}(p, p') = \frac{3v_{\alpha\beta}}{4\pi^2 f_\pi^2} u_\alpha(p) u_\beta(p'), \quad u_\alpha(p) = \left(1 + \frac{p^2}{\Lambda_\alpha^2}\right)^{-2}.$$

- by adjusting the coupling parameters, we obtain
 - the higher-mass (H) pole $E_{\text{pole}}^{\text{H}} = 1430 - 22 i \text{ MeV}$,
 - the lower-mass (L) pole $E_{\text{pole}}^{\text{L}} = 1338 - 89 i \text{ MeV}$.

Coordinate Wavefunctions of $\Lambda(1405)$

The wavefunctions $\psi_{\alpha}^{\text{phys}}(r) \equiv \langle \alpha, r | \psi^{\text{phys}} \rangle$ in coordinate space can be obtained by Fourier transformation.



In $\Lambda(1405)$, $\pi\Sigma$ and $\bar{K}N$ are confined within finite ranges.

Compositeness from $|\psi^{\text{Gamow}}\rangle$ vs probability from $|\psi^{\text{phys}}\rangle$

$|\psi^{\text{Gamow}}\rangle \rightarrow$ Compositeness

$$X_{\alpha} \equiv \int dp_{\theta} p_{\theta}^2 \langle \alpha, p_{\theta} | \psi^{\text{Gamow}} \rangle^2$$

$\rightarrow$ reflect constituents of a resonance.

$|\psi_{\text{H}}^{\text{phys}}\rangle:$

ordinary Hilbert-space vector

$\rightarrow$ natural probability interpretation.

In the higher pole of $\Lambda(1405)$:

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In the higher pole of $\Lambda(1405)$:

$\pi\Sigma$ constituents occupy 46%;

$\bar{K}N$ constituents occupy 54%.

imaginary part!

negative real part!

Same parameters in our model are used for both compositeness from $|\psi^{\text{Gamow}}\rangle$ and probability from $|\psi^{\text{phys}}\rangle$.

Temporal evolution for the two $\Lambda(1405)$ poles

With

$$|\psi^{\text{phys}}\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} \int dp p^2 \frac{\gamma_{\alpha}(p)}{E_{\text{pole}} - \omega_{\alpha}(p)} |\alpha, p\rangle ,$$

we can calculate the evolution of the states

$$|\psi^{\text{phys}}, t\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\psi^{\text{phys}}\rangle .$$

In detail

- insert the completeness relation with $|\alpha, p\rangle$
- discretize the resulting momentum integrals using Gaussian quadrature
- thus reduce time evolution to a finite-dimensional matrix-vector operation for numerical solutions.

Resonances decay with the scattering states emitted

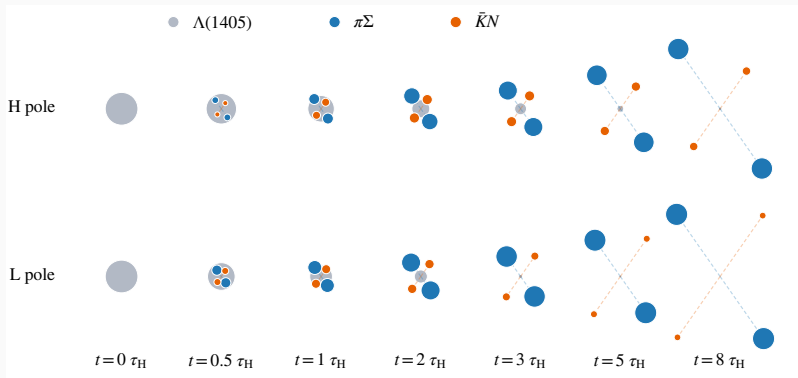


Illustration of the time evolution $|\psi^{\text{phys}}, t\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\psi^{\text{phys}}\rangle$ of the resonance components

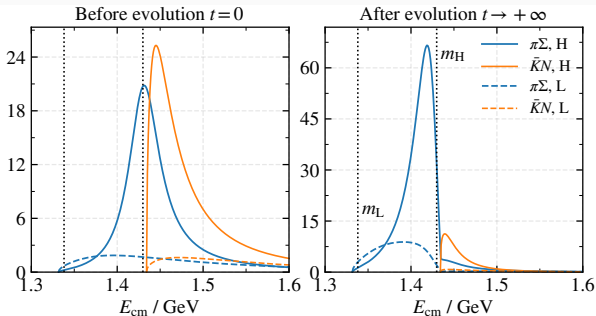
- The gray area is proportional to the survival probability and decreases with time in units of $\tau_H = 1 / |\Gamma_{\text{pole}}^H|$
- The emitted $\pi\Sigma$ and $\bar{K}N$ move away from the interaction region. Their distances from the center are proportional to their root-mean-square radii.

The asymptotic state at the infinite time

The asymptotic state $|\psi^{\text{phys}}, t \rightarrow +\infty\rangle$ in the Schrödinger picture

$$|\psi^{\text{phys}}, t \rightarrow +\infty\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} \int dp p^2 \psi_{\alpha}^{\text{phys}}(p) \times \left(e^{-i\omega_{\alpha}(p)t} |\alpha, p\rangle + \sum_{\beta} \int dq q^2 \frac{T_{\beta,\alpha}(q, p; E)}{\omega_{\beta}(q) - \omega_{\alpha}(p) + i\epsilon} e^{-i\omega_{\beta}(q)t} |\beta, q\rangle \right).$$

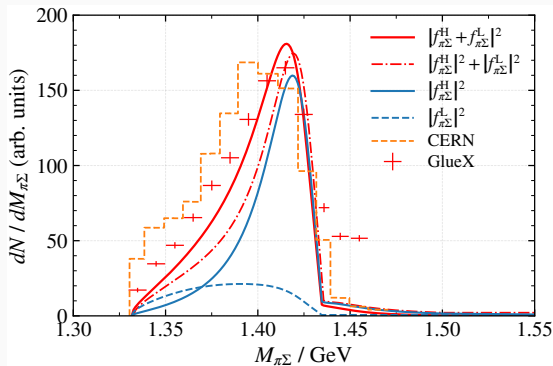
The resulting distribution $|f_{\alpha}(E)|^2 = |\langle \alpha, E | \psi^{\text{phys}}(t = +\infty) \rangle|^2$



For the high-mass pole

- the $\bar{K}N$ component is significant when initially formed
- most of it turns into the $\pi\Sigma$ rather than $\bar{K}N$ scattering states because of
 - energy conservation when $t \rightarrow \infty$
 - the larger mass of $\bar{K}N$ than $m_{\text{pole}}^{\text{H}}$

Comparison with the experimental measurements



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We give the full results with both

- the strongest interference scenario $|f_{\pi\Sigma}^H(E) + f_{\pi\Sigma}^L(E)|^2$
- no interference assumption $|f_{\pi\Sigma}^H(E)|^2 + |f_{\pi\Sigma}^L(E)|^2$

The currently observed $\pi\Sigma$ spectrum prefers the strongest interference scenario.

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For resonances, we have showed a physical description $|\psi^{\text{phys}}\rangle$ which is

- spanned in real momentum space and automatically confined in finite range;
- able to transform into and back from Gamow wavefunction;
- constrained by Hamiltonian eigen equation;
- able to describe the behaviors that a resonance not only decays but also emits;
- consistent with experimental measurements.

Bound state: wavefunction $\longrightarrow$ extract all its properties.

Resonance: wavefunction will play much more important roles in future when other observables in addition to mass and width are focused and measured.

Thank you for your attention!