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# Effects of Attractive $K\bar{K}$ and Repulsive $KK$ Interactions in $KK\bar{K}$ Three-Body Resonance

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$KK\bar{K}$  three-body resonance is discussed based on the coupled-channel complex-scaling method. We introduce three channels  $KK\bar{K}$ ,  $\pi\pi K$  and  $\pi\eta K$  and determine the resonance energy and width using two-body  $KK$ ,  $K\bar{K} - \pi\pi$ ,  $K\bar{K} - \pi\eta$  and  $\pi K$  potentials determined to fit two-body scattering properties. It is shown that the three-body resonance can be interpreted as  $K(1460)$ . The  $\pi\pi K$  channel and the range of interaction make important effects on the resonance width and the  $\pi\eta K$  channel and the repulsive  $KK$  interaction play essential roles in the resonance energy.

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## 1. Introduction

Recently, two-body and three-body hadronic resonances have been discussed intensively. Because the hadron number is not a good quantum number, the concept of *compositeness* of hadronic resonances is important to characterize these resonances [1].  $\Lambda(1405)$  has been interpreted as coupled-channel  $\pi\Sigma - \bar{K}N$  resonance and  $a_0(980)$  and  $f_0(980)$  were described by coupled-channel two-meson  $\pi\eta - K\bar{K}$  and  $\pi\pi - K\bar{K}$  resonances, respectively.

Using the Faddeev equation and the variational calculation, A. M. Torres et al. [2] showed that a possible three-meson  $KK\bar{K} - \pi\pi K - \pi\eta K$  resonance can be interpreted as  $K(1460)$ . But they did not determine the resonance energy directly. In this paper, we use the complex-scaling method [5,6] in the semi-relativistic framework to determine the three-meson resonance  $KK\bar{K} - \pi\pi K - \pi\eta K$ . Using simple local meson-meson potentials determined so as to reproduce meson-meson scattering properties, we obtain a three-body resonance and show that this resonance can be interpreted as  $K(1460)$ . We discuss the effects of the interaction range and repulsive  $KK$  interaction on the resonance energy and width.

## 2. Semi-relativistic coupled-channel complex-scaling method for three-meson system

To determine the three-body resonance in the coupled-channel  $KK\bar{K} - \pi\pi K - \pi\eta K$  system, we use the semi-relativistic coupled-channel complex-scaling method. The relativistic kinematics is essential because of very light pion mass. We start from the semi-relativistic Hamiltonian  $H = \{H_{A,B}\}$  given by

$$H_{A,B} = \delta_{A,B} \left\{ \sqrt{m_{A1}^2 + \mathbf{p}_1^2} + \sqrt{m_{A2}^2 + \mathbf{p}_2^2} + \sqrt{m_{A3}^2 + \mathbf{p}_3^2} \right\} + V_{A,B}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3) \quad (1)$$

under the condition  $\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 + \mathbf{p}_3 = \mathbf{0}$ .  $A, B = 1, 2, 3$  correspond to the channels  $|KK\bar{K}\rangle$ ,  $|\pi\pi K\rangle$  and  $|\pi\eta K\rangle$ , respectively.  $V_{A,B}$  consists of the sum of meson-meson potentials (coupling potentials for  $A \neq B$ ).

In the complex-scaling method, we introduce the rotation angle  $\theta$  and define the complex-scaled Hamiltonian  $H^\theta = \{H_{A,B}^\theta\}$  by the transformations  $\mathbf{r}_i \rightarrow \mathbf{r}_i e^{i\theta}$  and  $\mathbf{p}_i \rightarrow \mathbf{p}_i e^{-i\theta}$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) in Eq. (1).

Using suitable basic functions, we determine the eigenvalues of  $H^\theta$ . In practice, we use the Gaussian basis functions (the *Gaussian expansion method*) for every Jacobi coordinates  $\boldsymbol{\rho}_{Ai}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{R}_{Ai}$  ( $A = 1, 2, 3$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) and give the wave function in the form like as

$$\Psi = \Psi_1|KK\bar{K}\rangle + \Psi_2|\pi\pi K\rangle + \Psi_3|\pi\eta K\rangle, \quad (2)$$

$$\Psi_A = \Phi_{A1}(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{A1}, \boldsymbol{R}_{A1}) + \Phi_{A2}(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{A2}, \boldsymbol{R}_{A2}) + \Phi_{A3}(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{A3}, \boldsymbol{R}_{A3}), \quad (3)$$

$$\Phi_{Ai}(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{Ai}, \boldsymbol{R}_{Ai}) = \sum_{\alpha\beta} C_{A,i,\alpha\beta} N_\alpha \exp(-\rho_{Ai}^2/\rho_\alpha^2) N_\beta \exp(-R_{Ai}^2/R_\beta^2). \quad (4)$$

In our calculations, we introduce 18 Gaussian basis functions for each Jacobi coordinates, that is,  $\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, 18$  in Eq. (4). The coefficients  $C_{A,i,\alpha\beta}$  are given as the solutions of the generalized eigenvalue problem of the complex symmetric matrix  $H^\theta$ :

$$\sum_{B,j,\alpha',\beta'} H_{A,i,\alpha\beta;B,j,\alpha',\beta'}^\theta C_{B,j,\alpha',\beta'} = E \sum_{j,\alpha',\beta'} N_{A,i,\alpha\beta;A,j,\alpha',\beta'} C_{A,j,\alpha',\beta'} \quad (5)$$

By symmetry consideration of boson system, the dimension of the matrix to be diagonalized is reduced to  $2268 = 7 \times 18 \times 18$ . The  $\theta$ -independent eigenvalues are identified with the energies of resonances or bound states.

### 3. Meson-meson potentials

Among meson-meson potentials relevant to the coupled-channel  $KK\bar{K}-\pi\pi K-\pi\eta K$  system (with  $I = 1/2$  and angular momentum  $J = 0$ ), we assume temporarily  $V_{\pi\eta-\pi\eta} = V_{\pi K-\eta K} = V_{\eta K-\eta K} = 0$  (we ignore the coupling between channels 2 and 3). For simplicity, we assume one-range Gaussian potentials with a common range  $r_G$ . We try some different ranges  $r_G = 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6$  and  $0.7$  fm and discuss the  $r_G$ -dependence of the three-meson resonance. Potential strengths are determined to reproduce meson-meson scattering properties and their values for each  $r_G$  are listed in Table I.

For  $V_{K\bar{K}-K\bar{K}}$ ,  $V_{\pi\pi-K\bar{K}}$ ,  $V_{\pi\pi-\pi\pi}$  ( $I = 0, J = 0$ ) potentials, we have three potential strengths,  $V_{11}$ ,  $V_{12}$  and  $V_{22}$ , that is,

$$V_{\pi\pi-\pi\pi} = V_{11}e^{-r^2/r_G^2}, \quad V_{\pi\pi-K\bar{K}} = V_{12}e^{-r^2/r_G^2}, \quad V_{K\bar{K}-K\bar{K}} = V_{22}e^{-r^2/r_G^2}. \quad (6)$$

These strengths are determined so as to reproduce  $f_0$  resonance ( $M = 980$  MeV,  $\Gamma/2 = 35$  MeV) and  $\pi\pi$  phase shift ( $\delta = 55^\circ$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 600$  MeV) given by experimental analysis. For  $V_{K\bar{K}-K\bar{K}}$  and  $V_{\pi\eta-K\bar{K}}$  ( $I = 1, J = 0$ ) potentials ( $V_{\pi\eta-\pi\eta} = 0$  is assumed), we have only two strengths parameters:

$$V_{\pi\eta-\pi\eta} = 0, \quad V_{\pi\eta-K\bar{K}} = V_{12}e^{-r^2/r_G^2}, \quad V_{K\bar{K}-K\bar{K}} = V_{22}e^{-r^2/r_G^2} \quad (7)$$

which are determined to reproduce  $a_0$ -resonance ( $M = 980$  MeV,  $\Gamma/2 = 35$  MeV). For  $V_{\pi K}$  potentials ( $I = 1/2$  and  $3/2$ ), the strengths are determined to reproduce the phenomenological  $\pi K$  phase shifts ( $\delta = 40^\circ$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 900$  MeV for  $I = 1/2$ , and  $\delta = -15^\circ$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 900$  MeV for  $I = 3/2$ ).

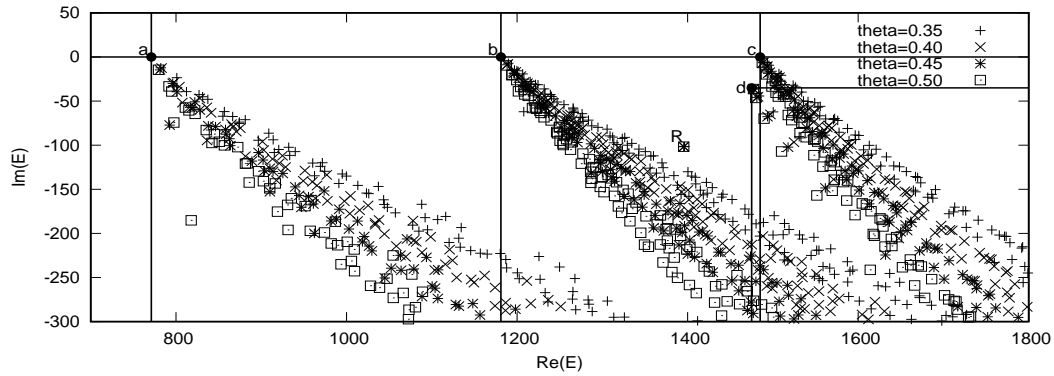
For  $KK$  ( $I = 1, J = 0$ ) potential, experimental phase shifts are not yet available but have been predicted based on theoretical models [7, 8]. These models predicted the repulsive phase shifts around  $-10^\circ$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 1200$  MeV. We employ this value and introduce an artificial factor  $f$  like as

$$V_{KK-KK} = f \times V_{11}e^{-r^2/r_G^2} \quad (8)$$

By changing  $f$ , we discuss the effect of the repulsive  $KK$  interaction on the three-meson resonance.

**Table I.** Meson-meson potentials used in the  $KK\bar{K}-\pi\pi K-\pi\eta K$  ( $I = 1/2, J = 0$ ) calculations.

	$\pi\pi - K\bar{K}(I = 0)$			$\pi\eta - K\bar{K}(I = 1)$			$\pi K(I = 1/2)$	$\pi K(I = 3/2)$	$KK(I = 1)$
$r_G$	$V_{11}$	$V_{12}$	$V_{22}$	$V_{11}$	$V_{12}$	$V_{22}$	$V_{11}$	$V_{11}$	$V_{11}$
0.3	-1877	-417	-2006	0	-1099	-1335	-1489	3694	903.0
0.4	-1164	-383	-1327	0	-686	-928	-895	1174	366.3
0.5	-800	-350	-969	0	-480	-695	-607	556	196.4
0.6	-590	-322	-763	0	-362	-550	-405	324	125.5
0.7	-456	-305	-635	0	-288	-456	-357	215	88.3
(fm)									(MeV)



**Fig. 1.** An example of eigenvalues of complex-scaled Hamiltonian  $H_{A,B}^\theta$  for  $\theta = 0.35, 0.40, 0.45, 0.50$  radian ( $r_G = 0.5$  fm). Points a, b, c and d are  $\pi\pi K$ ,  $\pi\eta K$ ,  $KK\bar{K}$  and  $f_0 K$  thresholds, respectively. A  $\theta$ -independent eigenvalue is found at  $E = 1395 - 102i$  MeV, which is labeled R.

## 4. Result

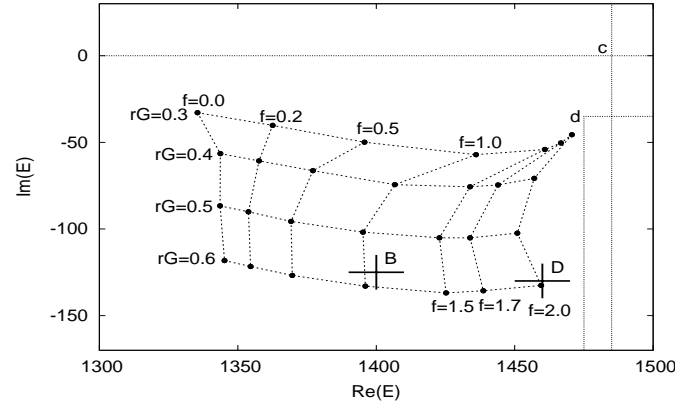
An example of the eigenvalues for the coupled-channel  $KK\bar{K}-\pi\pi K-\pi\eta K$  system is shown in Fig. 1. For each  $\theta$ , we find three lines (not exactly linear due to relativistic kinematics) of eigenvalues starting from the three channel-thresholds (points a, b and c in Fig. 1) and a line from  $f_0 K$  threshold (point d at  $1475 - 35i$  MeV). In addition, we find a  $\theta$ -independent eigenvalue at  $E = 1395 - 102i$  MeV, which corresponds to the three-meson resonance with mass 1395 MeV and width 204 MeV.

For various ranges  $r_G$ , we find resonances as listed in Table II. In the two-channel  $KK\bar{K}-\pi\pi K$  calculation, we obtain resonances with much higher mass and somewhat narrower width than three-channel calculation (no resonance is found for  $r_G = 0.3$  and  $0.7$  fm). On the other hand, in the two-channel  $KK\bar{K}-\pi\eta K$  calculation, we obtain the resonances with much narrower width than the three channel calculation. We find that the  $\pi\pi K$  channel provides very important contribution to the width and the  $\pi\eta K$  channel does to the mass of the resonance. This can be understood by strengths of channel coupling and differences between thresholds.

In Fig.2, we show the  $r_G$ - and  $f$ -dependence of the resonance position in the three channel calculation. We find that the width ( $-2\text{Im}(E)$ ) depends strongly on the potential range  $r_G$ . This can be explained by the overlap between the coupling potential and the resonance wave function. On the other hand, the resonance mass ( $\text{Re}(E)$ ) depends strongly on  $f$  (the strength of repulsive  $KK$  potential). This means that the main component of resonance is  $KK\bar{K}$ , that is, the resonance is almost the quasi-bound state of  $KK\bar{K}$ , which seems to have  $f_0 K$  structure. From Fig.2, we can say that this resonance is interpreted as  $K(1460)$  for the range  $r_G = 0.5 - 0.6$  fm and the repulsive  $KK$  interaction.

**Table II.** Resonance positions in three-channel  $KK\bar{K}-\pi\pi K-\pi\eta K$  and two-channel  $KK\bar{K}-\pi\pi K$  and  $KK\bar{K}-\pi\eta K$  calculations. Hyphens mean no resonance is found.

	$KK\bar{K}-\pi\pi K-\pi\eta K$		$KK\bar{K}-\pi\pi K$		$KK\bar{K}-\pi\eta K$	
$r_G$	Re( $E$ )	Im( $E$ )	Re( $E$ )	Im( $E$ )	Re( $E$ )	Im( $E$ )
0.3	1436.0	-57.1	-	-	1445.5	-12.9
0.4	1406.7	-74.4	1464.7	-48.7	1432.4	-14.0
0.5	1395.2	-101.9	1457.7	-72.0	1424.0	-14.3
0.6	1396.1	-133.0	1465.3	-87.3	1414.5	-14.6
0.7	-	-	-	-	1404.0	-16.2
(fm)	(MeV)					



**Fig. 2.**  $r_G$ - and  $f$ -dependence of the  $KK\bar{K}-\pi\pi K-\pi\eta K$  resonance. Points c and d are the same with those in Fig. 1. Crosses B and D are experimental resonance position of  $K(1460)$  [3, 4] (their sizes are arbitrary).

## 5. Summary

Using the complex-scaling method, we determined the three-meson  $KK\bar{K}-\pi\pi K-\pi\eta K$  resonance. This resonance can be interpreted as  $K(1460)$  resonance discovered in two SLAC experiments. For this interpretation, the interaction range  $r_G \sim 0.5 - 0.6$  fm is supported and the repulsive  $KK$  interaction is necessary. In addition, the coupling to the  $\pi\pi K$  channel is essential to reproduce the large width of the resonance and the coupling to  $\pi\eta K$  channel makes large contribution to the mass of the resonance. We need some refinements, for example, to use more realistic two-body potentials, to include  $p$ -wave components and to include the  $\eta\eta K$  channel. In addition, to confirm our interpretation, we must calculate the partial decay widths for  $\epsilon K$ ,  $K^* \pi$  and  $\rho K$  modes observed in experiments.

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