

The role of the triangle singularity in $\Lambda(1405)$ production in the $\pi^- p \rightarrow K^0 \pi \Sigma$ and $pp \rightarrow p K^+ \pi \Sigma$ processes

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We have investigated the cross section for the $\pi^- p \rightarrow K^0 \pi \Sigma$ and $pp \rightarrow p K^+ \pi \Sigma$ reactions paying attention to a mechanism that develops a triangle singularity. The triangle diagram is realized by the decay of a N^* to $K^* \Sigma$ and the K^* decay into πK , and the $\pi \Sigma$ finally merges into $\Lambda(1405)$. The mechanism is expected to produce a peak around 2140 MeV in the $K\Lambda(1405)$ invariant mass. We found that a clear peak appears around 2100 MeV in the $K\Lambda(1405)$ invariant mass which is about 40 MeV lower than the expectation, and that is due to the resonance peak of a N^* resonance which plays a crucial role in the $K^* \Sigma$ production. The mechanism studied produces the peak of the $\Lambda(1405)$ around or below 1400 MeV, as is seen in the $pp \rightarrow p K^+ \pi \Sigma$ HADES experiment.

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