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1 - 22 Production of the Neutral $Z^0(4430)$

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As an exotic charmonium-like state, the $Z(4430)$ has attracted a lot of attention after it was found in the $\psi'\pi^-$ invariant mass distribution in $B \rightarrow \psi'\pi^-K$ decays by the Belle Collaboration^[1]. In 2013, the existence of this charged $Z^\pm(4430)$ state was confirmed from a full amplitude analysis of the subsequently updated results on the $B \rightarrow \psi'\pi^-K$ decays by Belle Collaboration^[2]. Very recently, the LHCb Collaboration reported the first independent confirmation of the existence of the charged $Z^-(4430)$ with 4D model-dependent amplitude method^[3]. In addition, its spin parity (J^P) was measured to be $J^P = 1^+$. The most possible explanation would be considering the $Z(4430)$ as a tetraquark state. If the charged $Z^\pm(4430)$ is indeed a tetraquark state, then the lightest charged four-quark state should be constructed by $(c\bar{c}u\bar{d})$ or $(c\bar{c}d\bar{u})$ quarks.

However, the production mechanism of the neutral $Z^0(4430)$ state has still not been well understood both theoretically and experimentally. Similar to the observation of the neutral partners of $Z_c(3900)$ and $Z_c(4020)$, the neutral $Z_c^0(3900)$ and $Z_c^0(4020)$ has been reported by CLEO-c and BESIII, respectively. Hence, searching for the neutral partner of $Z(4430)$ state in an independent production process will not only provide important information about $Z(4430)$ but also it is a significant way to investigate and confirm its inner structure.

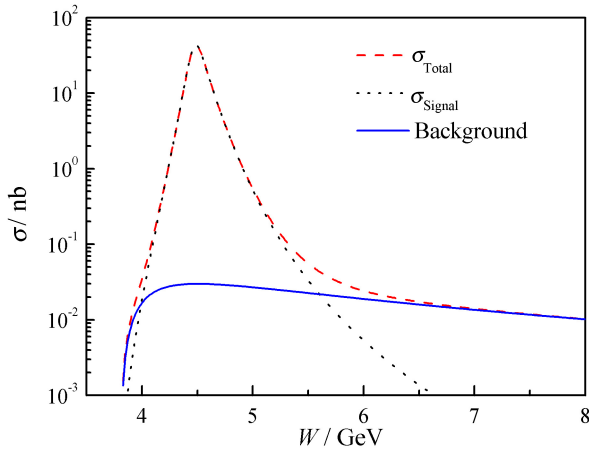


Fig. 1 (color online) The energy dependence of the total cross sections for the process of $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \psi'\pi^0$. Here, the σ_{Signal} and σ_{Total} are the results obtained from only s-channel $Z^0(4430)$ and the full model, respectively.

By assuming the $Z(4430)$ as a tetraquark state, we study the production of the neutral $Z^0(4430)$ by antiproton-proton annihilation through s-channel using the approach of effective Lagrangian in terms of hadrons^[4]. Meanwhile, as shown in Fig.1, the background from the $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \psi'\pi^0$ process through t-channel and u-channel by exchanging a proton are also considered. From Fig.1, it is found that there is an obvious peak for the production of signal near the $Z(4430)$ threshold. The feasibility of searching the neutral $Z^0(4430)$ at PANDA detector are discussed, which will be important in promoting a better understanding of the exotic tetraquark candidate, both in theory and through experimentation.

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