

primarily on the former singularities, whereas the residue of the corresponding pole, and hence σ_t , depends more on the latter.

The main reason for the sensitivity of σ_t in (b) comes from the fact that $\sigma_t^{(in)}$ does not differ much from $\sigma_t^{(out)}$ over a very wide range of values of $\sigma_t^{(in)}$. In other words, $\sigma_t^{(out)}$ approaches $\sigma_t^{(in)}$ very slowly as $\sigma_t^{(in)}$ is varied. In view of all the approximations used, it was therefore thought more meaningful to calculate, not the self-consistent value of σ_t , but rather the value of $\sigma_t^{(out)}$ one obtains if one assumes the experimental value for $\sigma_t^{(in)}$. Using the elastic approximation, such a calculation gives $\sigma_t^{(out)} = 21$ mb, while the corresponding calculation in the black-disk approximation gives $\sigma_t^{(out)} = 17$ mb. These values do not differ much from the experimental value of 14 mb.

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NUCLEON AS A REGGE POLE AND THE $J = \frac{1}{2}$, $T = \frac{1}{2}$ πN PHASE SHIFTS

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The idea that the nucleon may be a composite particle lying on a Regge trajectory has attracted considerable attention recently.¹ Several high-energy experiments have been suggested to test this idea.² Also, recently Balázs³ has investigated the consequences of the assumption that the nucleon is a πN bound state on the low-energy behavior of the $J = \frac{1}{2}$, $T = \frac{1}{2}$ πN phase shifts, and he was able to make a rough prediction of the $P_{1/2}$ phase shift up to ~ 225 MeV. The purpose of this note is to propose a new "effective-range type formula" for this phase shift, based on the idea that the nucleon is a Regge pole. It will be seen that this formula gives a rather good description of this phase shift up to ~ 225 MeV.

This investigation was motivated by the fact that, as shown recently by one of us,⁴ the scattering amplitude in potential scattering at low

to intermediate energies may well be approximated by the contributions from a few leading Regge poles in the same channel. This approximation holds only if one uses the expression for the "full" contribution of a Regge pole which was given in reference 4. This latter expression has the further advantage of having the correct cuts in the z plane, and its partial-wave projection has the correct threshold behavior, two features which are missing in the usual expression for a Regge pole contribution.

The formal analytic continuations into the complex J plane of the various partial-wave amplitudes for πN scattering have been carried out by several authors.⁵ We shall follow the notation of Singh. In this problem one, in general, has, for each value of the total isotopic spin, four functions of complex J and W , the total c. m. energy,

$a_{\pm}(e,o)(J,W)$. Here the superscripts e and o refer to even or odd J -parity, respectively, with $a_{\pm}(e)(J,W)$ coinciding with the physical amplitudes for $J = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{2}, \frac{9}{2}, \dots$; and $a_{\pm}(o)(J,W)$ for $J = \frac{3}{2}, \frac{7}{2}, \frac{11}{2}, \dots$. The (\pm) subscripts differentiate the two orbital amplitudes according to $l = J \pm \frac{1}{2}$. In general, these four amplitudes have different J -plane singularities except for the correlation implied by the MacDowell symmetry,⁶ $a_{+}(e,o)(J,W) = -a_{-}(e,o)(J,-W)$. This means that, in particular, if $a_{+}(e)(J,W)$ has a pole at $J = \alpha(W)$, then $a_{-}(e)(J,W)$ will have a pole at $J = \alpha(-W)$.

Assuming the validity of the Mandelstam representation for πN scattering, one can easily show that the above four amplitudes are analytic functions of J regular in the region $\text{Re}J > J_{\min}$, where J_{\min} is related to the number of subtractions in the Mandelstam representation.⁷ If one now assumes that these functions can be continued to the left of the line $\text{Re}J = J_{\min}$, then the nucleon, being a $P_{1/2}$ state of the πN system, will demonstrate itself as a pole in $a_{+}(e)(J,W)$ at $J = \alpha(W)$ with $\alpha(m) = \frac{1}{2}$, where m is the nucleon mass. By the symmetry discussed above, there will also be a pole in $a_{-}(e)(J,W)$ at $J = \alpha(-W)$.

If the nucleon trajectory is the only trajectory with quantum numbers $B=1$, $S=0$, $T=\frac{1}{2}$, and even J -parity, then, in the spirit of the approximation proposed in reference 4, the contribution of this Regge trajectory should at low energies give a good approximation to the amplitudes of even J -parity. The argument is basically a familiar polology-type argument. In other words, the function $a_{+}(e)(J,W)$ at $J = \frac{1}{2}$, i. e., the $P_{1/2}$ amplitude, is determined by the contribution of the nearest singularity in the J plane which for values of W just above threshold is just the nucleon pole $J = \alpha(W)$. For low energies, $\text{Re}\alpha(W)$ would not have moved too far from its value at $W = m$. It is our aim to check this approximation with experiment.

In the usual form the contribution of the nucleon pole to the two $T = \frac{1}{2}$ Pauli amplitudes for πN scattering is⁸

$$\begin{aligned} f_2(W, z) &= -\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\beta(W)}{\cos\pi\alpha(W)} [P'_{\alpha(W) + \frac{1}{2}}(-z) + P'_{\alpha(W) + \frac{1}{2}}(z)] \\ &\quad + \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\beta(-W)}{\cos\pi\alpha(-W)} [P'_{\alpha(-W) - \frac{1}{2}}(-z) - P'_{\alpha(-W) - \frac{1}{2}}(z)], \\ f_1(W, z) &= -f_2(-W, z). \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Here z is the cosine of the c. m. scattering angle and $\beta(W)$ is the residue of $a_{+}(e)(J,W)$ at $J = \alpha(W)$. The terms in the brackets in (1) have cuts in the z plane starting at $z = 1$ and $z = -1$, respectively. However, we know that the correct thresholds in the z plane are given by

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \cosh\xi_1 = 1 + 2/k^2 \quad (\text{right-hand cut}); \\ z &= -\cosh\xi_2 = [(W^2 - m^2 - 2)/2k^2 - 1] \\ &\quad (\text{crossed nucleon pole}). \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

We have taken the pion mass to be unity, and k is the c. m. momentum.

To obtain the full contribution of the nucleon pole, we use the method of reference 4 to modify the derivation of (1). We get

$$\begin{aligned} f_2(W, z) &= [R_1(W, z; \alpha(W) + \frac{1}{2}) + R_2(W, z; \alpha(W) + \frac{1}{2})] \\ &\quad + [R_1(-W, z; \alpha(-W) - \frac{1}{2}) - R_2(-W, z; \alpha(-W) - \frac{1}{2})], \\ f_1(W, z) &= -f_2(-W, z). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

The functions R_1 and R_2 are given by

$$\begin{aligned} R_1(W, z; \lambda) &= \beta(W) \left\{ \frac{-\frac{1}{2}\pi P'_{\lambda}(-z)}{\cos(\lambda - \frac{1}{2})\pi} + \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\xi_1} \frac{\exp[(\lambda + \frac{1}{2})x]}{(\cosh x - z)^{3/2}} dx \right\}, \\ R_2(W, z; \lambda) &= \beta(W) \left\{ \frac{-\frac{1}{2}\pi P'_{\lambda}(z)}{\cos(\lambda - \frac{1}{2})\pi} + \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\xi_2} \frac{\exp[(\lambda + \frac{1}{2})x]}{(\cosh x + z)^{3/2}} dx \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where $\lambda = \alpha(W) + \frac{1}{2}$. R_1 has a right-hand cut in the z plane starting at $z = \cosh\xi_1 = 1 + 2/k^2$ and no left-hand cut. R_2 has only a left-hand cut starting at $z = -\cosh\xi_2$.

We can now project out the contribution of the nucleon pole to the $P_{1/2}$ partial wave amplitude and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} a_{+}(\frac{1}{2}, W) &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\beta(W)}{\alpha(W) - \frac{1}{2}} [\exp\{[\alpha(W) + \frac{1}{2}]\xi_1\} \exp(-\xi_1) \\ &\quad + \exp\{[\alpha(W) + \frac{1}{2}]\xi_2\} \exp(-\xi_2)] \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The terms with $\alpha(-W)$ do not contribute at all to the $P_{1/2}$ amplitude. However, the $S_{1/2}$ amplitude,

$a_{-}(\frac{1}{2}, W)$, will only have contributions from the $\alpha(-W)$ terms which can be obtained from (5) by using the MacDowell symmetry.

If the nucleon Regge pole is the only $T = \frac{1}{2}$ trajectory of even J -parity that goes above or near $\text{Re}J=0$ for low energies, then according to the arguments of reference 4 the right-hand side of (5) is a good approximation to the $a_{+}(\frac{1}{2}, W)$ amplitude in the region where $\xi_1 > 1$ and $\xi_2 > 1$. Given $\beta(W)$ and $\alpha(W)$, we can easily compute the expression in (5) and compare with experimental results on the δ_{11} phase shift to check our assumption that there are no other important singularities contributing to the $P_{1/2}$ amplitude. Unfortunately, we do not know β and α , and we have to proceed through an approximation and an extrapolation procedure.

Let us list the properties of $\alpha(W)$, $\beta(W)$, and $a_{+}(\frac{1}{2}, W)$ which we know and which will help us in estimating (5). First, we know that $\alpha(m) = \frac{1}{2}$, and in the region $m \leq W \leq m+2$ it is reasonable to assume that $\text{Re}\alpha(W)$ can be approximated by a straight line. We write

$$\text{Re}\alpha(W) \approx \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon(W - m). \quad (6)$$

The imaginary part of $\alpha(W)$ is zero near threshold, and we shall assume that it is negligible in the low-energy region we are considering. Furthermore, we know that $\beta(W)$ has the following threshold behavior

$$\beta(W) \sim (k^2/s_0)^{\alpha_0 + \frac{1}{2}}; \quad \alpha_0 = \alpha(W) \Big|_{k^2=0}. \quad (7)$$

We also know that as $W \rightarrow m$, $a_{+}(\frac{1}{2}, W)$ approaches the usual perturbation theory pole term, namely,

$$a_{+}(\frac{1}{2}, W) \sim 3f^2[1/(W - m)], \quad (8)$$

where $f^2 = 0.08$.

The most obvious way to proceed is to factor out the threshold behavior of $\beta(W)$ and then extrapolate to the pole in (8). However, in that case we will have to determine the constant s_0 . To avoid this we follow a path which is more suited to the expression (5) that we have.

The main point is to notice that the exponentials in (5) have the following threshold behavior:

$$\begin{aligned} \exp[(\alpha + \frac{1}{2})\xi_1] &\sim (\frac{1}{4}k^2)^{-[\alpha_0 + \frac{1}{2}]}, \\ \exp[(\alpha + \frac{1}{2})\xi_2] &\sim [k^2/(2m - 1)]^{-[\alpha_0 + \frac{1}{2}]}. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Thus the product $\beta(W) \exp[(\alpha + \frac{1}{2})\xi_1]$ would be slowly varying and essentially real near threshold.

Our approximation consists of writing⁸

$$\beta(W) \exp[(\alpha + \frac{1}{2})\xi_1] = C, \quad (10)$$

where C is a real constant. This is certainly correct near threshold and might not be too far off even for $W \approx m+2$.

We can now substitute (10) and (6) in (5) and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} a_{+}(\frac{1}{2}, W) &= (C/2\epsilon) \{ \exp(-\xi_1) + \exp[(\alpha + \frac{1}{2})(\xi_2 - \xi_1)] \\ &\quad \times \exp(-\xi_2) \} / (W - m). \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

The constant C/ϵ can now be determined by extrapolation and comparison with (8). We get

$$\begin{aligned} a_{+}(\frac{1}{2}, W) &= -\frac{3}{2}f^2 [\exp(-\xi_1) + \exp\{ [1 + \epsilon(W - m)](\xi_2 - \xi_1) \} \\ &\quad \times \exp(-\xi_2)] / (W - m). \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

This last expression has no arbitrary constants. For the slope ϵ of the trajectory, we take the usual value determined by the position of the N^{***} , in our units $\epsilon = 0.4$. Furthermore, it is easy to check both in (5) and (11) that the expressions for $a_{+}(\frac{1}{2}, W)$ have the threshold behavior of a P -wave amplitude, $a_{+}(\frac{1}{2}, W) \sim k^2$ as $k^2 \rightarrow 0$.

One can now easily compute (12). In Fig. 1 we plot our results for the phase shift δ_{11} , where $a_{+}(\frac{1}{2}, W) = \sin\delta_{11} \exp(i\delta_{11})/k$. As can be seen from this figure, our result is in fairly good agreement with the experimental data.⁹ When compared to previous effective-range type calculations,¹⁰ which all tended to give a phase shift considerably larger in magnitude than that observed, our calculation gives a result which stays small all the way up to ≈ 200 MeV. For $k^2 \ll 1$, our result gives $a_{+} \approx -0.96f^2k^2$ while the pure perturbation-theory pole gives $a_{+} \approx -3f^2k^2$.

It may be noted that our phase shift does not change sign in the energy range considered. Thus the Fermi (i) and Yang solutions of Deahl et al.¹¹ at 225 MeV would not be consistent with our results, while their Fermi (ii) solution would.

In closing, we make a few remarks about the other two $T = \frac{1}{2}$ phase shifts, namely, the $S_{1/2}$ and the $P_{3/2}$. It is clear from (5) and the MacDowell symmetry that to compute the contribution of the nucleon pole to the $S_{1/2}$ amplitude we would have to know $\alpha(-W)$ for $m \leq W \leq m+2$. Extrapolation would be dangerous in this case as it involves going from $W \approx m$ to $W \approx -m$. In addition, even

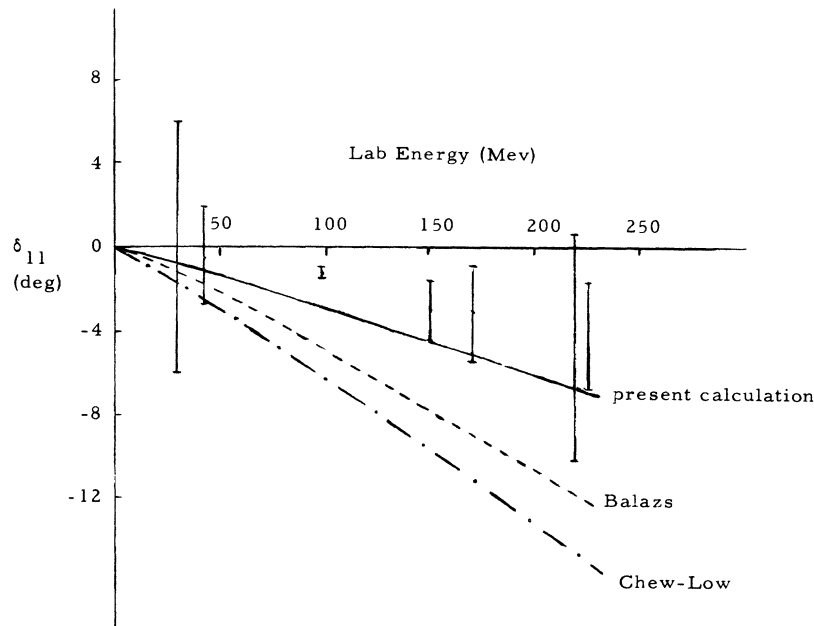


FIG. 1. Plot of δ_{11} phase shift as a function of pion lab energy. The experimental values are taken from S. W. Barnes, M. Winick, K. Miyake, and K. Kinsey, *Phys. Rev.* **117**, 238 (1960) (30 to 98 MeV); from solution A of H.-Y. Chiu and E. L. Lomon, *Ann. Phys.* **6**, 50 (1959) (150 to 220 MeV); and from the Fermi (ii) solution of J. Deahl, M. Derrick, J. Fetkovitch, T. Fields, and G. B. Yodh, *Phys. Rev.* **124**, 1987 (1961).

if we know how to extrapolate that far, it is not clear whether if $\alpha(-W)$ becomes negative this singularity will continue to be the dominant one.

The nucleon pole makes a negligible contribution to the $P_{3/2}$ phase shift δ_{31} , since the latter is connected with an amplitude of odd J -parity. In the framework of the present approach, the main contribution to δ_{31} should come from the Regge trajectory of odd J -parity on which the N^{**} resonance ($D_{3/2}$) lies.

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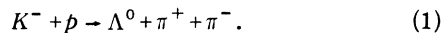
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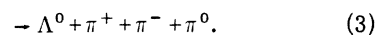
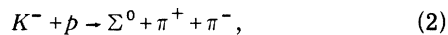
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A resonance in the ($\Lambda\pi$) system, Y_1^* , with a mass of 1385 MeV has been reported by many groups.¹ Although most of the properties of this resonance are well known,² its spin has not been determined with a high degree of confidence, and its parity is unknown. The strongest evidence for the Y_1^* spin has been obtained by Ely *et al.*,³ in the reaction $K^- + p \rightarrow \Lambda^0 + \pi^+ + \pi^-$ at 1.1 BeV/c, which indicates a spin $\geq \frac{3}{2}$. However, many other experiments⁴ performed under varied conditions failed to give clear confirmation of this result. Furthermore, it has been pointed out by Adair⁵ that the spin- $\frac{3}{2}$ result could be stimulated by a spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ Y_1^* interfering with a D -wave background intensity of as little as 5%. In this Letter we present further evidence on the Y_1^* spin, the observed decay correlations indicating a spin $\geq \frac{3}{2}$.

Our sample of Y_1^* 's were produced by the interaction of 2.24-BeV/c K^- mesons in the 20-in. BNL hydrogen bubble chamber via the reaction



Details of the exposure and beam are discussed elsewhere.⁶ All events consisting of a neutral V decay associated with a two-prong vertex were analyzed using the BNL TRED-KICK system⁷; 326 events were found to fit Reaction (1), 76 of which could be interpreted as Y_1^{*+} production events. The background events which occur with reasonable frequency and which can simulate Reaction (1) are



An examination of the following neutral missing

mass distribution,

$$M_0 = \{(E_{K^-} + M_p - E_{\pi^-} - E_{\pi^+})^2 - (\vec{p}_{K^-} - \vec{p}_{\pi^-} - \vec{p}_{\pi^+})^2\}^{1/2},$$

shows no peaking at the Σ^0 or π^0 masses, respectively, indicating that contamination from (2) and (3) is small.⁸ Detailed studies indicate that the total contamination from all sources is $\leq 20\%$.

The Dalitz plot for Reaction (1) along with the invariant mass distribution for the ($\Lambda\pi^+$) state are shown in Figs. 1(a) and 1(b). The peak in the mass distribution has been fitted by a Breit-Wigner resonance formula of the form $[(m - m_0)^2 + (\frac{1}{2}\Gamma)^2]^{-1}$, giving a Y_1^* mass m_0 of 1380 ± 3 MeV, and a half-width $\frac{1}{2}\Gamma$, of 25 ± 5 MeV, in excellent agreement with the currently accepted values.² The strong production of the Y_1^* in the positive charge state, along with little or no production of either ρ^0 or Y_1^{*-} , are evident features of Fig. 1(a). As a result, the interference between resonant channels is negligible. Furthermore, at this energy, dynamical interference effects⁹ between the pions must be small because of the high velocity of the Y_1^* in the $K^- - p$ rest frame.

If the Y_1^* 's are polarized in the production process, parity conservation constrains the polarization to lie along the normal to the production plane, $\hat{n} \propto \hat{p}_{K^-} \times \hat{p}_{Y^*}$. The distribution of $\hat{n} \cdot \hat{p}_{\pi^+}$, where \hat{p}_{π^+} is the direction of the π^+ from the Y_1^* decay as measured in the Y_1^* rest frame, may be used to investigate the spin if the Y_1^* 's are either polarized or aligned. Specifically, the predicted distribution is isotropic for $J = \frac{1}{2}$, and of the form $1 + A[\hat{n} \cdot \hat{p}_{\pi^+}]^2$ for $J = \frac{3}{2}$. The observed distribution in $[\hat{n} \cdot \hat{p}_{\pi^+}]$ for the 76 events in which the Y_1^* mass lies between $1340 < m_0 < 1420$ is shown in Fig. 2.