

lips and Rarita¹² have recently constructed a Regge-pole model which fits the $\pi^\pm p$ differential cross-section difference by including a substantial spin-flip contribution. The other alternative is to introduce a cut in the J plane for the amplitude A_0 as suggested by Mandelstam.¹³

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PION-MASS MEASUREMENT BY CRYSTAL DIFFRACTION OF MESONIC X RAYS*

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We report here the recent measurement at the 184-in. cyclotron of the $4F-3D$ transitions in π -mesonic calcium and titanium, using a 7.7-m bent-crystal spectrometer,^{1,2} and present the preliminary results of a new determination of the charged pion mass.

The experimental arrangement is shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The π^- beam, produced on an internal target, was extracted at 185 MeV/c with a 60% macroscopic duty cycle, and transported to the bent-crystal target. Pions stopping in the target were identified by a six-counter telescope. Typical stopping rates were 800 pions/g sec for the 4-g calcium and 6-g titanium targets. The bent-crystal spectrometer, built on the DuMond geometry (focus at a stationary target),³ has about a 1×10^{-6} effective fractional solid angle for the mesonic x rays

emanating from the target. A fast coincidence between the pion telescope and a 7- by 7- by $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. NaI(Tl) crystal behind the spectrometer identified a "real" event, which gated a pulse-height analyzer storing the integrated NaI pulses. The spectrometer was rotated to scan alternately the right and left first-order diffraction peaks.

The data (Fig. 3) were analyzed by a least-squares minimization method, using a known calculated line shape of arbitrary height above an arbitrary flat background. Analysis indicated a counting rate of about two events per hour above a three-per-hour random background. The spectrometer was calibrated by using the $K\alpha_1$ x ray (52.389 ± 0.001 keV)⁴ and the nuclear γ ray (84.261 ± 0.003 keV)⁵ of Yb¹⁷⁰, yielding a quartz (310) d_{18} spacing of 1177.54 ± 0.05 xu.

The measured transition energies and the

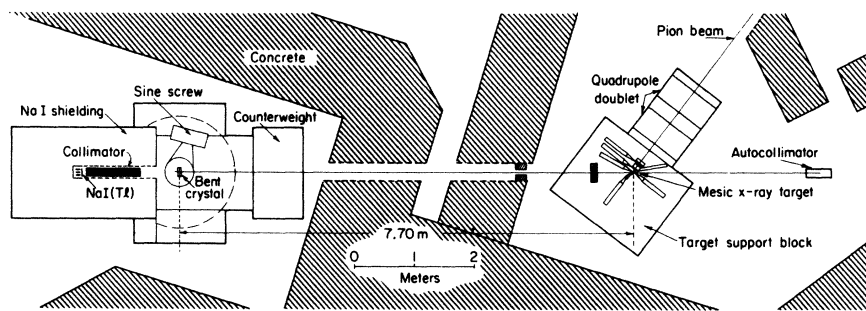


FIG. 1. Experimental arrangement. The autocollimator line of sight was held to ± 0.002 in. throughout the experiment. Considerable shielding was required around the NaI detector because of cyclotron-generated neutrons.

results of calculations of these transitions are shown in Table I. As pions have no spin, the Klein-Gordon equation is used. The vacuum polarization^{6,7} has been checked to 1% in the hydrogen atom⁸ and 3% in muonic phosphorus.⁹ The strong-interaction shift is calculated by scaling the measured shift in the $3D-2P$ π -mesonic aluminum transition² to the present cases by first-order perturbation theory using an optical model to represent the interaction. Some studies have been made on the Z , \bar{T} , and effective-mass dependence in the nuclear interaction in π -mesonic atoms,¹⁰ but as the interaction is not well understood and the experimental data are scarce, an error of $\pm 100\%$ is being assigned.

The quantum-electrodynamic corrections not included here can be estimated from the energy-level calculation for the $3D-2P$ muonic

phosphorus transition.¹¹ The largest remaining correction is expected to be the fourth-order vacuum polarization ($\sim +2$ eV). Wavefunction corrections to the second order are about $+1$ eV.¹² The finite-nuclear-size effect on the Coulomb potential is less than 0.1 eV. We use here an all-inclusive (3 ± 3) -eV correction to include these effects.

The weighted average of the two measurements in Table I is 139.580 ± 0.015 MeV,¹³ in agreement with the presently accepted value of 139.60 ± 0.05 MeV. The latter value was derived by combining the muon mass⁹ with the measured muon momentum from pion decay at rest,¹⁴ assuming that the muon neutrino has zero mass. By comparing these measurements, we find

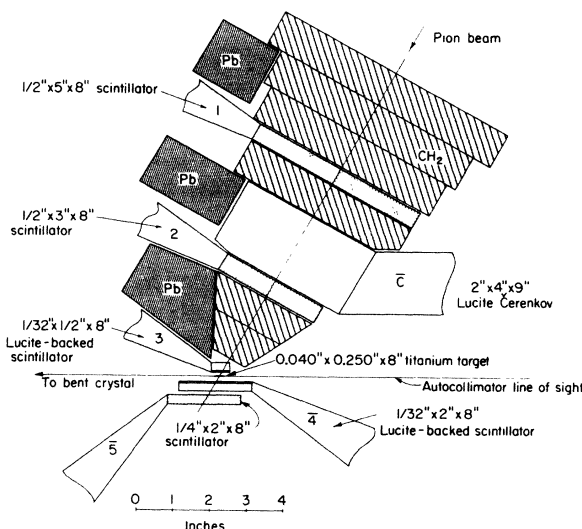


FIG. 2. Counter telescope. Logic $12\bar{C}345$ identified a stopping pion.

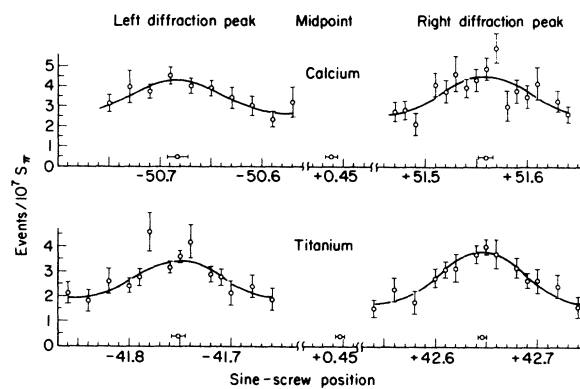


FIG. 3. The right and left first-order diffraction peaks for Ca and Ti, plotted as events per 10^7 stopped pions versus sine-screw turns. The smooth curve represents the best fit as described in the text, yielding (for all curves combined) $\chi^2/N-1 = 31/41$. Horizontal flags represent the calculated means and their standard deviations. The two midpoints differ by 0.009 ± 0.007 turn (20% probability). The standard deviation of the spectrometer resolution is 60 eV for Ca and 90 eV for Ti.

Table I. Calculations of the $4F-3D$ transition energies using $m_{\pi}c^2 = 139.580$ MeV.

| Effect | Calcium | Titanium |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Klein-Gordon equation ^a (keV) | 72.388 ± 0.001 | 87.622 ± 0.001 |
| Reduced mass (keV) | -0.270 | -0.273 |
| Vacuum polarization (second order) (keV) | +0.228 | +0.298 |
| Orbital-electron screening (keV) | -0.001 ± 0.001 | -0.001 ± 0.001 |
| Strong-interaction shift (keV) | +0.002 ± 0.002 | +0.004 ± 0.004 |
| Other quantum electrodynamics (keV) | +0.003 ± 0.003 | +0.003 ± 0.003 |
| Transition energy (calc.) (keV) | 72.350 ± 0.004 | 87.653 ± 0.005 |
| Transition energy (meas.) (keV) | 72.352 ± 0.009 | 87.652 ± 0.009 |
| Natural linewidth (eV) | ~6 | ~10 |
| Calculated π^- mass (MeV) | 139.584 ± 0.020 | 139.578 ± 0.017 |

^a $\alpha^2 = 5.32492 \times 10^{-5} \pm 9$ ppm [Phys. Today 17, No. 2, 49 (1964)].

the most probable (real) value of the muon neutrino mass to be zero, with upper limits of 2.1 MeV (68% confidence level) and 2.8 MeV (90% confidence level).

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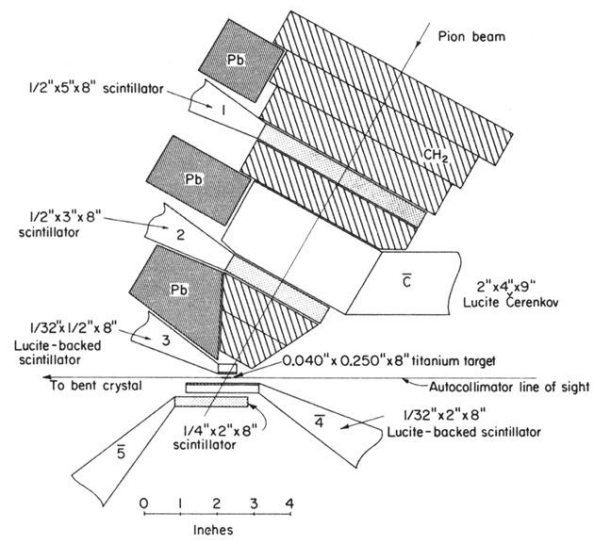


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