

of the theory. It has been shown by Schwinger⁶ that a three-dimensional covariant theory will be invariant under the group of proper, orthochronous Lorentz transformation, if the energy density, $T^{00}(x)$, obeys the equal-time commutator relation

$$-i[T^{00}(x), T^{00}(x')] = -[T_k^0(x) + T_k^0(x')] \partial_k \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$$

The energy density operator in our theory is

$$T^{00}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \psi \alpha^k (1/i) D_k \psi + \frac{1}{2} m \psi \gamma^0 \psi + \frac{1}{4} F_{kl} F_{kl} \\ + (e/8m) (\psi \gamma^0 \sigma_{kl} q \psi) F_{kl} + \frac{1}{2} F_{kl}^0 F_{kl}^0$$

The Schwinger relation can be verified either by means of the technique of extended operators⁷ or simply by direct computation. This completes the verification of the Lorentz invariance of our interacting system.

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$K_2^0 p$ INTERACTIONS AT LOW MOMENTUM*

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An analysis is given of about 1200 $K_2^0 p$ interactions of the types $\Lambda^0 \pi^+$, $\Sigma^0 \pi^+$, and $K_1^0 p$ at a mean K_2^0 momentum of 300 MeV/c. The relation between these reactions and the scattering lengths from K^+ and K^- experiments is discussed, and a substantial P wave is reported in the $\Lambda^0 \pi^+$ reaction.

We have studied the $K_2^0 p$ interactions around 300 MeV/c.¹ As pointed out by Biswas,² a measurement of the ratio R of K_1^0 to hyperon production in the $K_2^0 p$ reaction can resolve the ambiguity between the solutions for the complex zero-range scattering lengths obtained in low-energy $K^- p$ experiments.³⁻⁵ The latest status of these solutions is that Kim obtained a unique answer⁴ in accord with the $\frac{1}{2}^-$ interpretation for the $Y^*(1405)$, while Sakitt et al.⁵ obtained two ambiguous solutions. Our determination of R shows that the only acceptable solution is the one consistent with the Dalitz-Tuan interpretation of the $Y_0^*(1405)$ as a $\bar{K}N$ virtual bound-state resonance.⁶ Thus, while the negative-strangeness amplitudes in the $K_2^0 p$

interactions are purely in the isospin $T=1$ state, our results coupled with those from $K^+ p$, $K^+ d$,⁷ and $K^- p$ experiments determine the spin and parity of the $T=0$ resonance $Y_0^*(1405)$ to be $\frac{1}{2}^-$. Furthermore, we find a considerable amount of P -wave amplitude to be present in the reaction $K_2^0 + p \rightarrow \Lambda^0 + \pi^+$, in which a strong forward-backward asymmetry is observed in the production distributions. A possible source of this P -wave amplitude seems to be the presence of the $Y_1^*(1385)$ resonance, which lies below the $\bar{K}N$ threshold.

Experimental technique.—The experimental layout at the Bevatron is illustrated in Fig. 1. A K^+ beam (~ 800 MeV/c) was produced from a target placed in the external proton beam

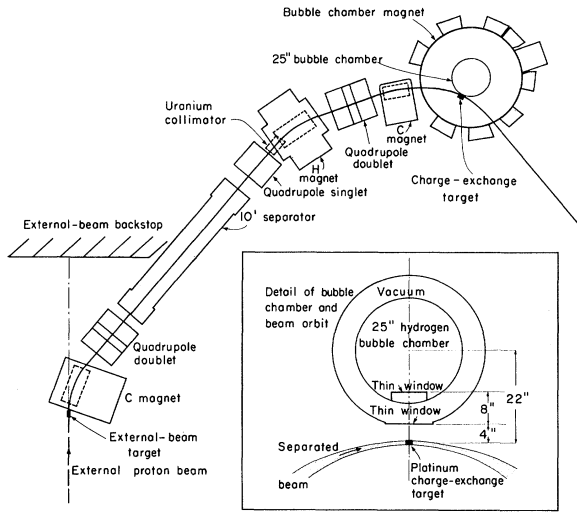


FIG. 1. Experimental arrangement at the Bevatron, with detail of 25-inch hydrogen bubble chamber and charge-exchange target.

of the Bevatron. The K^+ beam was focused to a small spot on a charge-exchange target near the 25-inch hydrogen bubble chamber⁸ creating the K_2^0 beam. Pions and protons accompanying the K^+ beam were deflected vertically by an electrostatic separator so as to miss the charge-exchange target, orbit through the bubble-chamber fringe field, and be stopped far enough away to cause no appreciable background. With 1000 K^+ particles incident on the target, about one K_2^0 entered the chamber each pulse, and a K_2^0 decay or interaction occurred, on the average, every 17 pictures. To date about 1200 interactions that lead to a visible Λ^0 or K_1^0 decay have been analyzed. This represents approximately half of our available sample.

The interactions considered here are⁹ the following:

$$K_2^0 + p \rightarrow K_1^0 + p, \quad K_1^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^- \quad 403 \text{ events}, \quad (1)$$

$$\rightarrow \Lambda^0 + \pi^+, \quad \Lambda^0 \rightarrow \pi^- + p \quad 481 \text{ events}, \quad (2)$$

$$\rightarrow \Sigma^0 + \pi^+, \quad \Sigma^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \Lambda^0, \quad (3)$$

$$\Lambda^0 \rightarrow \pi^- + p \quad 332 \text{ events}.$$

Of the various potential sources of scanning bias in the analysis of these reactions, nearly all are of the order of a few percent at most, and have been corrected for. The ambiguities between reactions are quite small. Because of the low energies involved, the K_1^0 and Λ^0 decays can be recognized at the scan table in

nearly every instance, and, in combination with kinematic fitting, we obtain a unique identification of the decay particle. For Λ^0 and Σ^0 production, the events look the same at the scan table, but there is only a 3% overlap after the kinematic fitting. From our data we have evaluated the ratio R given by

$$R = \frac{\sigma(K_1^0 p)}{\sigma(Y)} = \frac{\sigma(K_1^0 p)}{\sigma(\Lambda^0 \pi^+) + 2\sigma(\Sigma^0 \pi^+)}. \quad (4)$$

In the S-wave zero-effective-range approximation, the relevant cross sections are related to the strangeness = +1, $T=0$, and 1 scattering lengths a_0 and a_1 which are real,⁷ and the strangeness = -1, $T=1$, complex scattering length $\bar{A}_1 = \bar{a}_1 + i\bar{b}_1$ by²

$$\sigma(K_1^0 p) = \pi \left| \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{a_0}{1 - ika_0} + \frac{a_1}{1 - ika_1} \right) - \frac{\bar{A}_1}{1 - ik\bar{A}_1} \right|^2 \quad (5)$$

and

$$\sigma(Y) = \frac{2\pi}{k} \frac{\bar{b}}{|1 - ik\bar{A}|^2}, \quad (6)$$

where k is the momentum of the K_2^0 in the overall center of mass. This ratio is a function of K_2^0 energy, and because of interference in the $K_1^0 p$ reaction between the strangeness +1

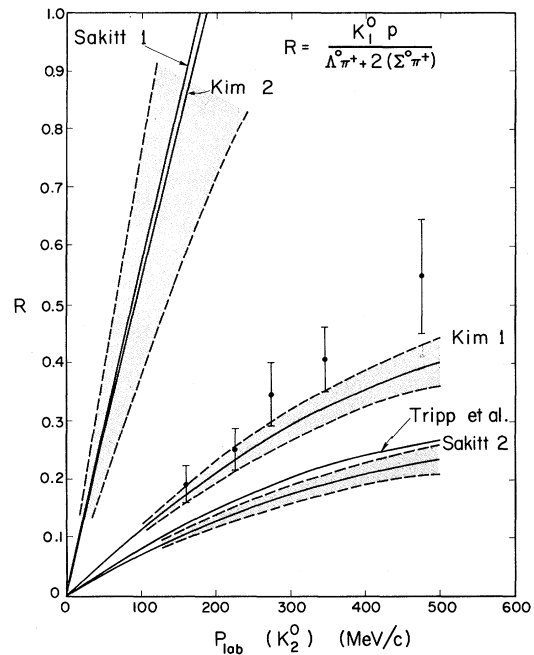


FIG. 2. R vs K_2^0 momentum. The uncertainties in the predicted values of R are indicated by the shaded bands based on the quoted errors in the K^- and K^+ experiments. The data points are the result of the present experiment.

and -1 scattering amplitude, it turns out to be quite sensitive to the differences between the two K^-p solutions. An earlier determination of R was made by Luers *et al.*¹⁰ on the basis of 111 events. For their determination in the lowest momentum range, they obtained $R = 0.4$ to 0.9 at $P(K_2^0) = 230$ MeV/ c , which lies about midway between the two solutions, and thus could not resolve the ambiguity.

We have evaluated the ratio R in five momentum intervals. The result is given in Fig. 2 and Table I, along with the predictions based on the scattering-length determination from the experiments of Sakitt *et al.*,⁵ and of Kim⁴ at low energy, and from Tripp at somewhat higher energies.¹¹ From Fig. 2 we conclude that the correct set of solutions is the one giving the smaller values for R .¹² This is the set that predicts a $\bar{K}N$ bound state near 1405 MeV. We further conclude that our data agree well with the prediction for R based upon the $T = 1$ scattering lengths from Kim's experiment, but differ considerably from that based upon the preferred solution of Sakitt *et al.*⁵ These predictions also depend upon the strangeness $= +1$ scattering lengths, which are assumed from previous K^+ experiments. It should be pointed out that above 250 to 300 MeV/ c one may expect a breakdown of the zero-effective-range approximation and that the theoretical predictions in this region may not be quite correct.

In the K^-p experiments below 300 MeV/ c , there has been no need to assume amplitude other than S wave in order to explain the observed distributions.^{3-5,11} In Fig. 3 we show the variation of the $\Lambda^0\pi^+$ angular distribution with momentum (see also Table I). At the lowest momentum there is only a small amount of P wave compared with S wave (about 15% in the amplitude). As the momentum increases, a strong backward peak appears in the distributions, indicating the presence of a larger amount of P -wave amplitude (40% in the amplitude). Table I gives the results of fitting these curves to Legendre polynomials. Expansions to orders higher than second do not improve the fits significantly except perhaps in the 250- to 300-MeV/ c region. The presence of such a substantial amount of P wave in the $T = 1$ state may be explained in terms of the $Y_1^*(1385)$ resonance, which lies 50 MeV below the $\bar{K}N$ threshold. The high-energy tail of that resonance extends into the energy region being studied in this experiment. We have calculated the expect-

Table I. ^a R , ϵ , and coefficients in Legendre-polynomial expansion to fit production angular distributions.

Range of K_2^0 Momentum (MeV/ c)	Av. K_2^0 Momentum (MeV/ c)	Observed No. of Events	R	ϵ	Fit to $\Lambda^0\pi^+$ distribution (Fig. 4)				Fit to $K_1^0 p$ distributions			Confidence level of fit (%)		
					A_1	A_2	A_3	A_4	A_1	A_2	A_3			
0 to 200	160	261	0.19±.03	0.35±.03	-0.52±.15					0.36±.33			76	31
200 to 250	225	304	0.25±.04	0.36±.03	-0.99±.14	0.49±.21				-0.41±.32			34	81
250 to 300	275	224	0.35±.05	0.32±.04	-1.07±.17	-0.19±.25	0.40±.32		-1.06±.63	-0.13±.31			5	24
300 to 400	340	277	0.40±.05	0.34±.04	-0.94±.18	0.61±.25				-0.53±.20			13	94
Above 400	460	150	0.55±.10	0.41±.06	-1.18±.23	1.02±.27				-1.12±.22	0.68±.33	-1.15±.41	25	77

a. In this table R , ϵ , and the coefficients A_1 , A_2 , A_3 , and A_4 are based upon the corrected number of events. The coefficients have been normalized

to a constant term $A_0 = 1$. The Σ^0 production distributions are all consistent with isotropy.

b. $\epsilon = \sigma(\Lambda^0)/[\sigma(\Lambda^0) + 2\sigma(\Sigma^0)]$.

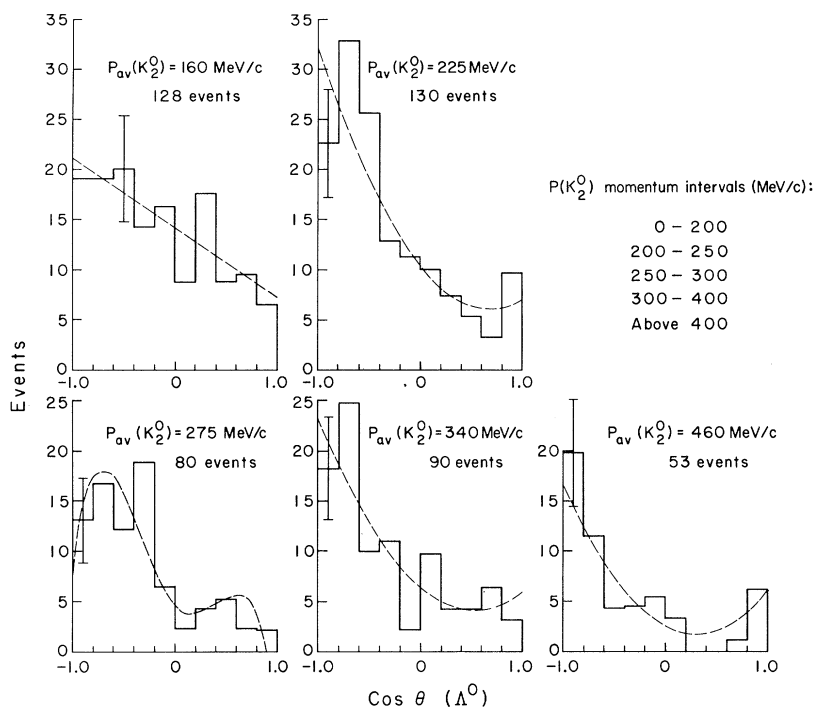


FIG. 3. Corrected c.m. angular distributions for $\Lambda^0\pi^+$ production from the reaction $K_2^0 + p \rightarrow \Lambda^0 + \pi^+$. The production angle is defined here to be the direction of the Λ^0 relative to the K_2^0 in the over-all center of mass. The total number of events is 481. The dashed curves represent the best fit to the data, as given in Table I.

ed amount of P wave from the $Y_1^*(1385)$, using the Breit-Wigner formula with energy-dependent widths, and find substantial agreement with the observed asymmetry, except in the lowest momentum interval. Here the predicted P -wave amplitude is somewhat in excess of that observed.¹³ We observe no significant Λ^0 polarization, which implies that the S - and P -wave amplitude vectors must be relatively real.

The angular distributions for $K_1^0 p$ production are much more isotropic, and can be fitted to a linear function of $\cos\theta$, except for the highest momentum region (see Table I). One would expect less asymmetry to appear in this reaction than for $\Lambda^0\pi^+$ for two reasons: (1) The P -wave amplitude is still smaller, since the phase-space and barrier-penetration factors are more inhibiting than for the Λ^0 channel and (2) the P -wave amplitude vector resulting from the tail of the $Y_1^*(1385)$ is expected to be approximately real and negative, while the S wave is largely imaginary due to the strong absorption. As a consequence, the two vectors are nearly out of phase.

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EXPERIMENTAL TEST OF TIME-REVERSAL INVARIANCE IN $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda^0 + e^+ + e^-$

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Bernstein, Feinberg, and Lee¹ and S. Barshay² have suggested that the observed violation of time-reversal invariance (T) in K_2^0 decays³ could be accounted for by the existence of a T -nonconserving electromagnetic interaction of the strongly interacting particles. This suggestion has been supported by recent evidence from the charged decay of the η^0 .⁴ Such an interaction could also give rise to a polarization of the Λ^0 in the Dalitz decay of an unpolarized Σ^0

$$\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda^0 + e^+ + e^- \quad (1)$$

The polarization direction would be expected to be along the normal to the decay plane of process (1), defined by

$$\vec{N} = \hat{p}_\Lambda \times (\hat{p}_+ + \hat{p}_-), \quad (2)$$

where \hat{p}_Λ , \hat{p}_+ , and \hat{p}_- are unit vectors along the directions of the Λ^0 , the positron, and the electron in the Σ^0 center-of-mass system. We have looked for such an effect in 907 events

of this type used in our determination of the relative parity of the Σ and Λ .^{5,6}

In the one-photon exchange approximation, a polarization along the normal (2) requires a violation of T but is consistent with parity conservation and with charge conjugation invariance of the electromagnetic interactions of the leptons. Polarization of the Λ^0 can also arise from the decay of polarized Σ^0 hyperons. In these experiments, the Σ^0 's are thought to originate from interactions at rest of K^- mesons or Σ^- hyperons on unpolarized protons which will produce unpolarized Σ^0 's. In any case, in the one-photon approximation, the direction of the normal (2) is independent of the Σ^0 spin; hence, a Λ polarization correlated with the Σ^0 spin direction will not affect our results.

The presence of a T -nonconserving interaction would, in general, give rise to a nonzero mean value for the quantity $\vec{N} \cdot \hat{p}_p$, where \vec{N} is a unit vector in the direction of the normal