0.<sup>8</sup> and 1.<sup>4</sup> and between 2.0 and 2.<sup>6</sup> MeV. These structures can be due to several things, such as particle-vibration coupling, or noncollective (2p-1h) states. In order to distinguish among the various possibilities, it is essential to measure the spins of the resonances in proton scattering and also look at the  $(d, p)$  experiments to the corresponding regions in  $Sn^{119}$ . To separate noncollective (2p-1h) strength, it is necessary to measure inelastic scattering to noncollective particle-hole states in Sn<sup>118</sup>.

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## PHENOMENOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF CP NONINVARIANCE IN  $K^{\pm} \rightarrow 3\pi$  DECAY\*.

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We analyze the effect of CP noninvariance in the decay  $K^{\pm} \rightarrow 3\pi$  under the assumption that the violation of  $CP$  invariance, first observed by Christenson  $\underline{\text{et}}\ \underline{\text{al}}., ^\text{1}$  occurs in the weak inby CIII istenson <u>Et al</u>, occurs in the weak in-<br>teractions.<sup>2</sup> It has been pointed out<sup>3,4</sup> that the violation of CP invariance may produce a difference between the Dalitz plots and partial rates for  $K^+\rightarrow 3\pi$  and its CPT conjugate state; if CPT invariance is valid, these effects also require the existence of strong final-state interaction between the pions.<sup>5</sup> The following

analysis differs from a previous calculation by Ueda and Okubo<sup>3</sup> in that  $(a)$  we use a different parametrization of the CP nonconserving effect, and (b) a pure  $I=1$  final state is not assumed. We shall examine in some detail the possibil-'ity of testing CP noninvariance with  $\Delta I > \frac{1}{2}$  as suggested earlier. $6,7$ 

We analyze the  $\tau$  and  $\tau'$  decays in terms of the four independent isospin states of three pions which can contribute to a matrix element linear in the energy of the odd pion. Assuming CPT invariance, we write

$$
M(\tau^{\pm}) = 2\lambda \exp(i\delta_{\lambda} \pm i\varphi_{\lambda}) + b \exp(i\delta_{b} \pm i\varphi_{b})(s_{3} - s_{0})/\mu^{2} + c \exp(i\delta_{c} \pm i\varphi_{c})(s_{3} - s_{0})/\mu^{2} + d \exp(i\delta_{d} \pm i\varphi_{d}),
$$
 (1)

$$
M(\tau^{\prime \pm}) = -\lambda \exp(i\delta_{\lambda}^{\ \prime} \pm i\varphi_{\lambda}) + b \exp(i\delta_{b}^{\ \prime} \pm i\varphi_{b}) (s_{3} - s_{0})/\mu^{2} - c \exp(i\delta_{c} \pm i\varphi_{c}) (s_{3} - s_{0})/\mu^{2} + 2d \exp(i\delta_{d} \pm i\varphi_{d}), \quad (2)
$$

where  $s_i = (P_K - P_i)^2 = (m - \mu)^2 - 2mT_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , and the index 3 refers to the odd pion; the symmetry point is  $s_0 = \frac{1}{3}(s_1 + s_2 + s_3)$ ,  $T_i$  is the kinetic energy of the ith pion in the rest frame of the K meson, and  $m$  and  $\mu$  are, respectively,

the K and  $\pi$  masses. The  $\delta$  are the phase shifts due to strong (CP-conserving) pion-pion interaction, the  $\varphi$  are the CP-nonconserving phases, assumed for simplicity to be independent of the

 $s_i$ , and the magnitudes  $\lambda$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$  contribute to  $I=1$ , 1, 2, and 3 states, respectively.<sup>8</sup> We see immediately that in the absence of strong final-state interactions, i.e., if all the  $\delta$  are zero (or equal), there cannot be any manifestation of CP violation since the matrix elements for  $K^+$  and  $K^-$  decay are simply complex conjugates (within an over-all phase) of each other.<sup>9</sup>

In general, because of the final-state interaction, the energy dependence of  $\tau$  and  $\tau'$  decay can have a form much more complicated than that used above. The justification for using the linear energy dependence lies in its simplicity and in its good fit to the experimen tal data.<sup>10</sup> Since the  $\Delta l = \frac{1}{2}$  rule is fairly well satisfied,  $c$  and  $d$  must be small compared with b and  $\lambda$ , respectively. The c term must arise from intrinsic structure, but the  $b$  term which gives rise to most of the dependence on the energy of the odd pion might be due entirely to the final-state interaction of the pions; in that case there would be no justification for putting  $\varphi_b$  different from  $\varphi_{\lambda}$  since the strong interaction is CP conserving to a good accuracy. However, if one assumes that the S-wave  $\pi\pi$  interaction in the  $I=0$  state is attractive and larger than in the  $I=2$  state, then intrinsic structure for the  $b$  term must be assumed in order to give the correct slope.<sup>11</sup> If such an intrinsic structure is due for example to the  $K\rho\pi$ coupling, then the introduction of a CP-nonconserving phase  $\varphi_b \neq \varphi_\lambda$  is justified.

The phase shift  $\delta$  can in principle be calculated from the two-body  $\pi\pi$  interaction by, for

example, using the unsubtracted dispersion relation of Khuri and Treiman or Sawyer and<br>Wali.<sup>12</sup> We shall include only the S-wave I= Wali.<sup>12</sup> We shall include only the S-wave  $I=0$  $\pi\pi$  scattering, neglecting the smaller S-wave  $I=2$  and low-energy P-wave interactions, so only  $\delta_{\lambda}$  and  $\delta_{\lambda}'$  are appreciable. To estimate the effect of final-state interactions for the total  $I=1$  state, we write<sup>13</sup>

$$
M_1(\tau^+) = \lambda \left[ \frac{5}{3} \frac{1}{D(s_1)} - \frac{2}{3} \right] + \lambda \left[ \frac{5}{3} \frac{1}{D(s_2)} - \frac{2}{3} \right],
$$
  

$$
M_1(\tau'^+) = -\lambda \left[ \frac{5}{3} \frac{1}{D(s_3)} - \frac{2}{3} \right],
$$

where

$$
\frac{1}{D(s)} = \exp\left(\frac{s-4\,\mu^2}{\pi}\right) \int_{4\,\mu^2}^{\infty} \frac{\delta_0(s')ds'}{(s'-4\,\mu^2)(s'-s-i\epsilon)} \simeq \frac{1}{1-ika}
$$

in the scattering length approximation for the S-wave  $I=0$   $\pi\pi$  interaction. An estimate of the average  $\delta_{\lambda}$  is obtained by taking

$$
\tan\delta_{\lambda}^{\prime} \simeq \tan\delta_{\lambda} = \frac{\text{Im}M_1(\tau^+)}{\text{Re}M_1(\tau^+)}\Big|_{S_1 = S_2 = S_3 = S_0}
$$
  
 
$$
\simeq (5/3)k_0 a_0, \text{ where } k_0 = \left(\frac{s_0}{4} - \mu^2\right)^{1/2} \approx 0.6 \,\mu,
$$
  

$$
\simeq a_0 \,\mu.
$$

Since the strength of the S-wave  $\pi\pi$  interaction is not clear,<sup>14</sup> we shall assume that  $a_0 \mu \approx \frac{1}{2}$ is not clear, twe shall assum<br>which yields tan $\delta_\lambda \cong \sin\delta_\lambda \cong \frac{1}{2}.$ 

In order to use all available experimental data on  $K-3\pi$  decays, we also write the matrix elements for  $K_2^0 \rightarrow 3\pi$  in the same approximation for the final-state interaction,

$$
M(K_2^0 - \pi^+ + \pi^- + \pi^0) = \tilde{\lambda} \exp(i\delta_\lambda) \cos\tilde{\varphi}_\lambda - \tilde{b} \cos\varphi_b(s_3 - s_0) / \mu^2 + (i\tilde{c}/\sqrt{3}) \sin\tilde{\varphi}_c(s_2 - s_1) / \mu^2 + \tilde{d} \cos\tilde{\varphi}_d,
$$
  
\n
$$
M(K_2^0 - 3\pi^0) = -3\tilde{\lambda} \exp(i\delta_\lambda) \cos\tilde{\varphi}_\lambda + 2\tilde{d} \cos\tilde{\varphi}_d,
$$
\n(4)

(index 3 labels the  $\pi^0$ ). We discuss below the extent to which the parameters  $\tilde{\lambda} \cdots \tilde{d}$  can be related to  $\lambda \cdots d$ .

The decay rates and spectra  $are^{15}$  as follows:

$$
\gamma(\tau^{\pm}) = \frac{4\lambda^2}{2!} \left[ 1 + \frac{d}{\lambda} \cos(\delta_{\lambda} \pm \varphi_{\lambda} \delta) + \frac{(1.22)^2}{16} \frac{b^2}{\lambda^2} \right],\tag{5a}
$$

$$
\gamma(\tau^{\prime \pm}) = \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} \left[ 1 - \frac{4d}{\lambda} \cos(\delta_{\lambda} \pm \varphi_{\lambda \delta}) + \frac{(1.35)^2}{4} \frac{b^2}{\lambda^2} \right],\tag{5b}
$$

$$
\gamma (K_2{}^0 + \pi^+ + \pi^- + \pi^0) = \bar{\lambda}^2 \cos^2 \tilde{\varphi}_1 \left[ 1 + \frac{2\tilde{d} \cos \tilde{\varphi}_d}{\tilde{\lambda} \cos \tilde{\varphi}_1} \cos \delta_\lambda + \frac{(1.39)^2}{4} \frac{\tilde{b}^2 \cos^2 \varphi_b}{\tilde{\lambda}^2 \cos^2 \tilde{\varphi}_1} \right],
$$
(5c)

$$
\gamma (K_2^0 - 3\pi^0) = \frac{9\tilde{\lambda}^2 \cos^2 \tilde{\varphi}_{\lambda}}{3!} \left[ 1 - \frac{4}{3} \frac{\tilde{d} \cos \tilde{\varphi}_{d}}{\tilde{\lambda} \cos \tilde{\varphi}_{\lambda}} \cos \delta_{\lambda} \right];
$$
\n(5d)

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$$
a(\tau^{\pm}) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{b}{\lambda} \cos(\delta_{\lambda} \pm \varphi_{\lambda b}) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{c}{\lambda} \cos(\delta_{\lambda} \pm \varphi_{\lambda c}),
$$
 (6a)

$$
a(\tau^{\prime \pm}) = \frac{b}{\lambda} \cos(\delta_{\lambda} \pm \varphi_{\lambda} b) - \frac{c}{\lambda} \cos(\delta_{\lambda} \pm \varphi_{\lambda c}),
$$
 (6b)

$$
a(K_2^{\circ} - \pi^+ + \pi^- + \pi^{\circ}) = \frac{\tilde{b}\cos\tilde{\varphi}}{\tilde{\lambda}\cos\tilde{\varphi}}\cos\delta_{\lambda},
$$
 (6c)

where the  $\gamma$ 's are the rates divided by phase space (with the statistical factor for like pions included in  $\gamma$ ), and the slopes a are defined<sup>16</sup> by  $|M|^2 = 1 + 2a\alpha\gamma$ . We have neglected terms of order bc,  $c^2$ , or  $d^2$  compared with  $\lambda^2$ . The detection of any of the following quantities would demonstrate violation of  $CP$  invariance: (i) Differences in rates or branching ratios<sup>17</sup>:

$$
\Delta \Gamma(\tau) = \frac{\Gamma(\tau^+) - \Gamma(\tau^-)}{\Gamma(\tau^+)} = -2\frac{d}{\lambda} \sin \delta_\lambda \sin \varphi_{\lambda d}, \tag{7a}
$$

$$
\Delta \Gamma(\tau') = \frac{\Gamma(\tau'^{+}) - \Gamma(\tau'^{-})}{\Gamma(\tau'^{+})} = -4 \Delta \Gamma(\tau), \tag{7b}
$$

$$
\Delta R(\tau, \tau') = \frac{\gamma(\tau^{+})}{4\gamma(\tau'^{+})} - \frac{\gamma(\tau^{-})}{4\gamma(\tau'^{-})} = -10\frac{d}{\lambda}\sin\delta_{\lambda}\sin\varphi_{\lambda d}.
$$
 (7c)

(ii) Differences in spectra:

$$
\Delta a(\tau) = \frac{a(\tau^+) - a(\tau^-)}{a(\tau^+)} = \frac{-2[b \sin \varphi_{\lambda b} + c \sin \varphi_{\lambda c}] \sin \delta}{b \cos(\delta_{\lambda} + \varphi_{\lambda b}) + c \cos(\delta_{\lambda} + \varphi_{\lambda c})},
$$
(8a)

$$
\Delta a(\tau') = \frac{a(\tau'^+) - a(\tau'^-)}{a(\tau'^+)} = \frac{-2[b \sin \varphi_{\lambda b} - c \sin \varphi_{\lambda c}] \sin \delta_{\lambda}}{b \cos(\delta_{\lambda} + \varphi_{\lambda b}) - c \cos(\delta_{\lambda} + \varphi_{\lambda c})},
$$
(8b)

$$
\Delta N(\tau) = \left(\frac{N_u - N_l}{N}\right)_{\tau} + \left(\frac{N_u - N_l}{N}\right)_{\tau} = \frac{8\alpha}{3\pi} \left[\frac{b}{\lambda} \sin\varphi_{\lambda b} + \frac{c}{\lambda} \sin\varphi_{\lambda c}\right] \sin\delta_{\lambda},\tag{8c}
$$

$$
\Delta N(\tau') = \left(\frac{N_u - N_l}{N}\right)_{\tau'} + \left(\frac{N_u - N_l}{N}\right)_{\tau'} = -\frac{16\alpha}{3\pi} \left[\frac{b}{\lambda} \sin\varphi_{\lambda b} - \frac{c}{\lambda} \sin\varphi_{\lambda c}\right] \sin\delta_{\lambda'},\tag{8d}
$$

where  $N_u$  and  $N_l$  denote the number of events in the upper and lower halves, respectively, of the Dalitz plot and  $N = N_u + N_l$ . (iii) Asym<br>metry in  $K_2^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^- + \pi^0$ :

$$
\Delta N(K_2^o) = [N_{\gamma}(T_+ > T_-) - N_l(T_+ < T_-)]/N,
$$
  

$$
= \frac{8\alpha}{3\pi} \frac{\tilde{c} \sin \tilde{\varphi}}{\tilde{\lambda} \cos \tilde{\varphi}} \sin \delta_{\lambda},
$$
 (9)

where  $N_{\gamma}$  and  $N_{l}$  denote the number of events in the right and left halves, respectively, of the Dalitz plot, and  $N = N_{\gamma} + N_{l}$ .

We now note the restrictions placed on the parameters involved in our description of the decay  $K \rightarrow 3\pi$  by the present experimental information. The observed slopes<sup>10</sup>  $a(\tau^+)$  = 0.107

 $\pm 0.01$ ,  $a(\tau'^+) = -0.25 \pm 0.02$ , and<sup>18</sup>  $a(\tau^-) = 0.094$  $\pm 0.016$  require that

$$
(b/\lambda)\cos(\delta_{\lambda} + \varphi_{\lambda b}) = -0.23 \pm 0.02, \quad (10a)
$$

$$
(c/\lambda)\cos(\delta_{\lambda} + \varphi_{\lambda c}) = 0.02 \pm 0.02, \qquad (10b)
$$

$$
\Delta a(\tau) = 0.13 \pm 0.18. \quad (10c)
$$

All other data on  $K - 3\pi$  are consistent with the  $\Delta I = \frac{1}{2}$  rule to within about 10%.

We consider the various possibilities of testing CP noninvariance in the following cases:

(1) The  $\Delta l = \frac{1}{2}$  rule is exact  $(\bar{\lambda} = \lambda, \bar{\psi}_{\lambda} \approx \psi_{\lambda},$  $\overline{\delta} = b$ ,  $\overline{\phi}_b = \phi_b$ ,  $\overline{c} = \overline{\tilde{c}} = d = \overline{\tilde{d}} = 0$ . - In this case there will be no differences between the  $K^+$  and  $K^$ partial decay rates, $^{\text{3}}$  but differences in the slopes of the odd-pion spectra may appear if  $\varphi_b \neq \varphi_\lambda$ . We have

$$
\Delta a(\tau) = \Delta a(\tau') = \frac{-2 \sin \varphi_{\lambda b} \sin \delta_{\lambda}}{\cos(\delta_{\lambda} + \varphi_{\lambda b})},
$$
(11)

and the experimental limit (10c) requires  $tan(\varphi_{\lambda} - \varphi_b) \approx 0.13 \pm 0.18$ ; then  $\Delta N(\tau') = 0.03$  $\pm 0.04$ . The ratio  $\gamma (K_2^0 - \pi^+ + \pi^- + \pi^0)/2\gamma(\tau^{\prime +})$ =0.88 ± 0.07 sets a separate limit on  $\varphi_{\lambda}$  alone<sup>19</sup>:

$$
|\varphi_{\lambda}| \lesssim 0.4.
$$

(2) The  $\Delta I = \frac{1}{2}$  rule is not exact. - The best evidence for this is the decay of  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^0$ , and small admixtures of  $I=2$  and  $I=3$  states in  $K^+ \rightarrow 3\pi$  (say  $c/\lambda \approx d/\lambda \approx 2.5\%$ ) with maximal *CP*-nonconserving phases  $\varphi_{\lambda C} \approx \varphi_{\lambda d} \approx \pi/2$ , are not incompatible with the present data. If for simplicity we here take  $\varphi_b = \varphi_\lambda = 0$ , i.e., ascribe all the  $CP$  nonconservation to the breaking of the  $\Delta I = \frac{1}{2}$  rule, we have from (8a) and (8b)

$$
\Delta a(\tau) = -\Delta a(\tau') \simeq -5(c/\lambda)\sin\varphi_c, \qquad (12)
$$

so that a difference in slopes of up to  $10\%$  would not be unreasonable. Then the integrated difference,

$$
\Delta N(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \Delta N(\tau') \approx -\frac{4}{3\pi} \frac{c}{\lambda} \sin \varphi_c,
$$

could be about  $1\%$ . A corresponding estimate<sup>20</sup> for the parameters  $\tilde{c}/\tilde{\lambda}$  and  $\varphi_c$  in the decay  $K_2^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^- + \pi^0$  would give the  $\pi^+\pi^-$  asymmetry  $\Delta N(K_2^0) \sim 1\%$ . We note from Eqs. (11) and (12) that CP nonconservation in the state with  $I=2$  can be distinguished from that in  $I=1$  (case 1 above) by a comparison of the asymmetries between the slopes  $\tau^{\pm}$  and  $\tau'^{\pm}$ .

Differences in the  $K^+$  and  $K^-$  partial rates may also be detectable if some  $I=3$  amplitude is present; we have

$$
\Delta \Gamma(\tau) \simeq (d/\lambda) \sin \varphi_d \sim \pm 2.5 \%,
$$
  

$$
\Delta \Gamma(\tau') \simeq -4 \Delta \Gamma(\tau) \sim \mp 10 \%,
$$

and the difference in the  $\tau/4\tau'$  branching ratio,  $\Delta R \sim 12.5\%$ .

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<sup>17</sup>The absolute rates such as  $\Gamma(\tau^+)$  can be replaced by branching ratios  $\Gamma(\tau^+)/\Gamma(K^+ \to \text{all})$  or  $\Gamma(\tau^+)/\Gamma(K^+ \to \mu$ +v), etc., since CPT invariance ensures  $\Gamma(K^+ \rightarrow all)$ =  $\Gamma(K^- \to \text{all})$ , etc. We note that the equality  $\Gamma(\tau^+)$  $+ \Gamma(\tau') = \Gamma(\tau^{-}) + \Gamma(\tau')$  is also guaranteed by CPT invariance.

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## ISOBAR PRODUCTION IN  $p + p \rightarrow p + p + \pi^+ + \pi^-$  AT 6.6 GeV/c\*

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At 6.6 GeV/c, the reaction  $p+p\rightarrow p+\pi^+ +p+\pi^-$  proceeds dominantly through the  $N^{*+}+p\pi^$ channel. When peripheral  $N^{*++}$ 's are selected, the  $p\pi^-$  angular distribution reproduces the angular distributions of free  $\pi^- p$  scattering in the c.m. energy range from threshold to 2.0 GeV. The diffraction scattering at the upper end of this energy band can account for the  $1.4$ -GeV  $N^*$  deduced in recoil-proton spectrum studies.

The spectrum of masses recoiling against a final-state proton in proton-proton collisions has been measured in several recent counter recent measured in several recent counter<br>and spark-chamber experiments<sup>1-5</sup> for incident momenta from 2 to 26 GeV/ $c$ . The "missing" mass" spectra have demonstrated the formation of various baryon isobars. Of particular interest is the enhancement near 1.43 GeV which appears with a full width of  $\sim 0.2$  GeV. These experiments,  $1-5$  although performed at a variety of incident momenta and proton recoil angles, all essentially agree on the existence of this enhancement, particularly for low momentum transfers ( $\leq 0.1$  GeV<sup>2</sup>) to the "isobar." It has been tempting to associate this enhancement with a  $P_{11}$  resonance at approximately the same mass which has been inferred $6,7$  from phaseshift analyses of pion-proton elastic scattering. However, the study of the recoil proton spectrum alone in the above experiments cannot rule out the possibility that an observed enhancement is, in fact, due to a kinematic effect.

We have investigated this question in an analysis of 2097 events of the type

$$
p + p \to p + p + \pi^+ + \pi^-, \tag{1}
$$

produced by  $6.6$ -GeV/c incident protons in the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory 72-inch hydrogen bubble chamber. The inelasticity of the  $P_{11}$  resonance is apparently large<sup>8</sup>; therefore a detailed analysis of Reaction (1) appears to

be a suitable way to investigate the relation of the  $P_{11}$  resonance<sup>9</sup> to the 1.43-GeV enhancement reported in Refs. 1-5. Our results lead to the following conclusions: (a) Reaction (1) is dominated by one-pion exchange with pionnucleon elastic scattering at each vertex. (b) A large enhancement of the  $p\pi^+\pi^-$  mass spectrum in the 1.38- to 1.58-GeV range is observed; this enhancement can be understood as a kinematic reflection of the  $p\pi$ <sup>-</sup> elastic scattering at one vertex.

Thus we find no evidence in our data for the formation of a resonant state in the 1.38- to 1.58- GeV mass range which decays into the  $p\pi^+\pi^$ channel. Furthermore, the enhancement which we do observe can account quantitatively for the low-mass enhancement observed in counter experiments at nearby momenta.<sup>4,5</sup>

The dominance of peripheral  $N^{*++}(1238)$  production in Reaction (1) is illustrated in the following manner. Two  $p\pi$ <sup>+</sup> effective-mass combinations can be formed from the final-state particles of Reaction (1); furthermore, for each mass combination the invariant momentum transfer from either projectile or target proton may be considered. However, for each  $p\pi^+$  combination only the smaller of the two possible momentum transfers is plotted on a Chew-Low graph. The clustering of events in the  $N^{\ast+\ast}$  mass range and at low momentum transfer is strikingly apparent. A  $p\pi$ <sup>+</sup> mass