

line from the remaining spectrum. The relative width of the line at half intensity is  $\Delta k/k \approx 0.3$ .

This fact is very important in single-pion photo-production measurements, because the line falls in the neighborhood of the first resonance.

We also performed measurements with a collimator acceptance of 0.8 mrad; the line height is decreased by a small amount, but the beam intensity is increased to  $\sim 7 \times 10^9$  equivalent quanta/minute. As far as the intensity of the beam is concerned, it should be kept in mind that a peaked spectrum is equivalent to a normal bremsstrahlung spectrum which has the same magnitude as the peak at the energy of the peak.

Simultaneously with this work we have calculated the polarization of the photon lines.<sup>10</sup> By making use of the lattice of Fig. 1(a) we find for the line at  $x = x_1$  in Fig. 1(b) a polarization  $P = (I_{\perp} - I_{\parallel}) / (I_{\perp} + I_{\parallel}) = 33\%$ , where  $I_{\perp}$  and  $I_{\parallel}$  are the bremsstrahlung intensity for photons polarized perpendicular and parallel to the plane  $(\vec{p}_1, \vec{b}_1)$ , respectively.

In the previous Letter<sup>1</sup> we gave results concerning first approximation calculations for a spectrum with  $E_1 = 6$  GeV and a line at  $k = 1$  GeV; the sum appearing in (4) was extended over the points of Fig. 1(a) enclosed in the circles only.

If the sum is extended over all the points, a line at  $k = 1$  GeV, having a peak value equal to the preceding one, is obtained for  $\theta = 0.88$  mrad and  $\vec{p}_1$  in the plane of the axes (110),  $(1\bar{1}0)$ .

The corresponding calculated value of the polarization is 34%.

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## S-WAVE $\bar{K}$ -N SCATTERING AMPLITUDES

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The recent measurements of Tripp, Watson, and Ferro-Luzzi have provided a great deal of information concerning the S-wave  $\bar{K}$ -N scattering and absorption interactions in the range of lab-system K-momentum 300-500 MeV/c.<sup>1</sup> These authors state that the data are consistent with a smooth extrapolation of the first set of  $\bar{K}$ -N scattering amplitudes proposed recently by Humphrey and Ross<sup>2</sup> (we denote this set by HR-I). The purpose of this note is to point out that the data of Tripp, Watson, and Ferro-Luzzi are not consistent with the HR-I amplitudes, but rather suggest that the real part of the isotopic spin 0 scattering amplitude is appreciably negative at the  $\bar{K}$ -N threshold. Such a large negative  $\text{Re}A_0$  is consistent with the predictions of Schult and Capps<sup>3,4</sup> and with the assumption that the 1405-MeV  $Y_0^*$  is an

S-wave resonance of the Dalitz-Tuan type.<sup>5</sup>

We denote the relative phase of the S-wave isotopic spin 0 and 1  $\bar{K}+N \rightarrow \pi + \Sigma$  amplitudes by  $\phi_{\gamma} = \phi_0 - \phi_1$ . The experimental data on the ratios of  $\Sigma^+ + \pi^-$ ,  $\Sigma^- + \pi^+$ , and  $\Sigma^0 + \pi^0$  states produced in  $K^- - p$  collisions indicate that  $\phi_{\gamma}$  is approximately equal to  $\pm 60^\circ$ ,  $\pm 90^\circ$ , and  $\pm 110^\circ$  at  $\bar{K}$ -p threshold, 175 MeV/c, and 400 MeV/c, respectively.<sup>6,1</sup> In order to explain the interference of the S-wave amplitudes with the 395-MeV/c  $D_{3/2}$  resonance, Tripp, Watson, and Ferro-Luzzi are forced to assume that  $\phi_{\gamma}$  is negative at this energy. Since no violent fluctuations in the  $\Sigma^-/\Sigma^+$  ratio are observed between 175 MeV/c and 400 MeV/c,  $\phi_{\gamma}$  must be negative below 175 MeV/c as well. However, the HR-I set is characterized by a positive value of this phase difference.<sup>2</sup>

We use the indices  $t$  and  $t'$  to refer to the  $K^- + p$

and  $\bar{K}^0 + n$  threshold energies, respectively. Similarly,  $\bar{n}k$  and  $\bar{n}k'$  denote the magnitudes of the particle momenta in the center-of-mass system in the  $K^- + p$  and  $\bar{K}^0 + n$  states, respectively. In the zero-range model, the relative phase is given by

$$\phi_\gamma = \arg\left(\frac{1}{A_0^{-1} - ik'}\right) - \arg\left(\frac{1}{A_1^{-1} - ik'}\right) + \phi_c, \quad (1)$$

where  $\phi_c$  is an energy-independent constant, and the  $A_j$  denote the complex scattering lengths, i.e.,  $A_j = a_j + ib_j$ .<sup>7</sup> At the energy of the  $K^- - p$  threshold,  $k'$  is imaginary and is given approximately by  $i0.3 \text{ F}^{-1}$ . The experimental fact that at  $K^- - p$  threshold the absorption is predominantly in the  $I=0$  state leads to the condition,  $\phi_\gamma(t') - \phi_\gamma(t) > 0$ . Hence, if  $\phi_\gamma$  is negative, the experimental data imply

$$\phi_\gamma(175 \text{ MeV}/c) - \phi_\gamma(t') \leq -30^\circ. \quad (2)$$

It is seen from Eq. (1) that this condition requires either a large positive  $a_1$ , a large negative  $a_0$ , or both.

Schult and Capps predicted the existence of an  $I=0$  resonance below the  $K^- - p$  threshold from the assumption that the large difference in the  $\Sigma^- + \pi^+ / \Sigma^+ + \pi^-$  ratio, observed when stopped  $K^-$  are absorbed in hydrogen and in deuterium, results from the dependence of the production amplitudes on  $\Sigma + \pi$  energy.<sup>3</sup> Evidence for such a  $Y_0^*$  has been found by Alston *et al.*,<sup>8</sup> but this resonance has not been established definitely, and no determination of spin or parity has been made. Recently, Schult and Capps showed that their hypothesis requires that  $\phi_\gamma$  be negative, and that  $a_0 \lesssim -1.3 \text{ F}$ .<sup>4</sup> Hence,

the new evidence concerning  $\phi_\gamma$  supports this hypothesis.

The second set of amplitudes proposed by Humphrey and Ross<sup>2</sup> (HR-II) is characterized by a negative  $\phi_\gamma$  and a negative  $a_0$ , i.e.,

$$A_0 \approx -0.6 + i, \quad A_1 \approx 1.2 + 0.6i, \quad \phi_\gamma(t) \approx -62^\circ.$$

However, if this set is extrapolated to the momentum range 240-360 MeV/c, it is in contradiction with the  $K_2^0 + p$  data.<sup>9</sup> The inconsistency occurs because of the large positive value of  $a_1$  in HR-II. If  $a_1$  is chosen smaller, however, an even greater negative value of  $a_0$  is required by the condition, Eq. (2).

If one assumes a small positive effective range in the  $I=0$  state, it is possible to construct a set of amplitudes that fits all the data reasonably well. In order to illustrate this, we list below a set of amplitudes chosen somewhat arbitrarily; no systematic attempt has been made to minimize the deviation from experiment or to find all possible solutions. We write

$$A_j^{-1} = A_j^{-1}(t) + \frac{1}{2}r_j k^2, \quad (3)$$

and choose the parameters

$$\begin{aligned} A_0(t) &= (-1.3 + 0.9i) \text{ F}, & r_0 &= 0.62 \text{ F}, \\ A_1(t) &= (0.4 + 0.6i) \text{ F}, & r_1 &= 0, \\ \phi_\gamma(t) &= -60^\circ, & \epsilon &= 0.5, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where  $\epsilon$  is the ratio of the  $\pi + \Lambda$  production cross section to the total  $I=1$ ,  $\pi + Y$  production cross section. In Table I the predictions resulting from these amplitudes are compared with the 0-240

Table I. Cross sections and branching ratios for low-energy  $K^- - p$  and  $K_2^0 - p$  processes calculated from Eq. (4), compared with the predictions of HR-I and HR-II and with experiment. The ( $I=0/I=1$ ) ratio  $R$  is given by  $R = 3\Sigma^0 / (\Sigma^- + \Sigma^+ + \Lambda - 2\Sigma^0)$ . The  $\Sigma^- / \Sigma^+$  ratios are obtained by setting  $\phi_\gamma(t) = \pm 60^\circ$  and  $\epsilon = 0.5$ . The last column refers to  $K_2^0 + p$  reactions; the calculation of this branching ratio involves both  $\bar{K} + N$  amplitudes, and is explained by Luers *et al.*<sup>a</sup> The values in parentheses are obtained if the effective range  $r_0$  of Eq. (4) is set equal to zero.

	$K^- - p$ at rest		$\sigma_{\text{el}}$ (mb)	$K^- - p$ at 175 MeV/c			$K_1^0 / (\Lambda + 2\Sigma^0)$ at 240 MeV/c
	$R$	$\Sigma^- / \Sigma^+$		$\sigma(\bar{K}^0 n)$ (mb)	$\sigma(\Sigma^\mp \pi^\pm)$ (mb)	$\Sigma^- / \Sigma^+$	
HR-I	4.8	2.1	61	17	44	0.96	0.19
HR-II	4.2	2.1	60	18	41	1.2	1.2
Eq. (4)	4.2	2.1	60 (54)	16 (17)	43 (40)	1.2 (1.4)	0.48
Experiment	4 ~ 8	~ 2.2	70 ~ 90	11 ~ 19	33 ~ 49	0.7 ~ 2	0.4 ~ 0.9

<sup>a</sup>See reference 9.

MeV/c,  $K^- + p$  and  $K_2^0 + p$  data, and with the predictions of the HR amplitudes.<sup>7</sup> The real part of  $A_1$  has been chosen smaller than that of HR-II in order not to contradict the 240-360 MeV/c  $K_2^0 + p$  data.<sup>9</sup> The amplitudes of Eq. (4) are also in rough agreement with the 400-MeV/c data of reference 1. (The value of  $A_0$  at 400 MeV/c is very close to that of HR-I.) Of course, there is no reason to believe that the effective range corrections to  $A_1$  and to  $\phi_C$  [see Eq. (1)] are negligible; however, a small effective range correction to  $A_0$  makes an appreciable effect because of the small value of  $A_0^{-1}$ .

We emphasize again that the amplitudes of Eq. (4) are quite arbitrary. The essential point of this note is that the requirement that  $\phi_\gamma$  be negative, together with the assumption that the effective ranges are not large compared to 0.5 F, requires an appreciably negative value of  $a_0(t)$  in order to fit the low-energy  $K^- + p$  data and the  $K_2^0 + p$  data.

Since the key to this argument is the statement that the 400-MeV/c data<sup>1</sup> requires  $\phi_\gamma$  to be  $\approx -110^\circ$  rather than  $\approx 110^\circ$ , we shall summarize briefly the features of the data that lead to this conclusion. We define  $T(\Sigma^\mp + \pi^\pm) = \frac{1}{2}(T_0 \pm T_1)$ , and  $T(\Sigma^0 + \pi^0) = \frac{1}{2}T_0$ .<sup>10</sup> A value  $\phi_\gamma = \pm 110^\circ$ , together with the observed  $|T_1/T_0|$  ratio, leads to the phase differences between charge states,  $\phi(\Sigma^+) - \phi(\Sigma^0) = \phi(\Sigma^0) - \phi(\Sigma^-) \approx \pm 60^\circ$ , where the upper signs are to be taken together. The rapid variations in angular distribution and polarization near 400 MeV/c result from interference of the S-wave amplitudes with a resonating  $D_{3/2}$  amplitude in the  $I=0$  state. The angular distribution and polarization data imply that this resonant amplitude is in phase with the S-wave  $\Sigma^+ + \pi^-$  amplitude at a momentum of about 400 MeV/c. The assumption  $\phi(\Sigma^+) - \phi(\Sigma^0) = \phi(\Sigma^0) - \phi(\Sigma^-) \approx -60^\circ$  then leads to the conclusions that the polar-equatorial ratio for the  $\Sigma^- + \pi^+$  events should be negative somewhat below 400 MeV/c and large and positive above this energy,

and the corresponding ratio for the  $\Sigma^0 + \pi^0$  events should reach its maximum somewhat above 400 MeV/c. Both these predictions are in excellent agreement with the data. On the other hand, the assumption  $\phi(\Sigma^+) - \phi(\Sigma^0) = \phi(\Sigma^0) - \phi(\Sigma^-) \approx 60^\circ$  leads to predicted polar-equatorial ratios for the  $\Sigma^- + \pi^+$  and  $\Sigma^0 + \pi^0$  events that are essentially "reflections" through 400 MeV/c of the observed ratios.

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