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Abstract: If $K_{S,L}^*$ is a K^* resonance decaying into $K_{S,L}$ (the short-, long-lived kaon) and a neutral system S^0 of pions, one can isolate the C-even and C-odd, crossed channel contributions to $KN \rightarrow K^*N$ by using the reactions $K_L N \rightarrow K_{S,L}^* N$ whether S^0 is a C-eigenstate, or a mixture of C-even and C-odd states. Applications to the production of K_{890}^* and the Q -meson are discussed, and simple numerical predictions made for $Q_{S,L}$ production. Q -production data indicate approximate t-channel helicity conservation for the ω and P' exchanges at vertices involving a spin change, in similarity to the belief for the Pomeron. $Q_{S,L}$ production data can give information also on Q -decays.

1. INTRODUCTION

Dynamical information on the reaction $^+ KN \rightarrow K^* N$ can be obtained ^{1,2)} in $K_L N$ interactions by considering the modes (1) and (2) of this reaction

$$K_L N \rightarrow [K^+ (\text{pions})^+] N \quad (1)$$

$$\rightarrow [k^{*+} (\text{pions})^+] N \quad (2)$$

where the subsystem k^* decays as

$$k^{*+} \rightarrow K^+ (\text{pions})^0, K_S (\text{pions})^+, K_L (\text{pions})^+. \quad (2a, b, c)$$

From this, the difference of the differential cross-sections σ

$$\sigma(K^0 N \rightarrow K^{*0} N) - \sigma(\bar{K}^0 N \rightarrow \bar{K}^{*0} N) \quad (3a)$$

isolates the interference between the crossed-channel C-even and C-odd contributions. The corresponding sum

$$\sigma(K^0 N \rightarrow K^{*0} N) + \sigma(\bar{K}^0 N \rightarrow \bar{K}^{*0} N) \quad (3b)$$

provides an incoherent sum of the two crossed-channel contributions.

Similar (complementary) information is obtained from

$$\sigma(K^+ N \rightarrow K^{*+} N) \pm \sigma(K^- N \rightarrow K^{*-} N). \quad (4)$$

This procedure still does not separate the C-even from the C-odd contribution. Our proposal ^{*} is to study the modes

$$K_L N \rightarrow K_S^* N, K_S^* \rightarrow K_S S^0 \quad (5a)$$

[†] We discuss mainly the non-charge exchange modes.

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$$\text{and } K_L N \rightarrow K_L^* N, K_L^* \rightarrow K_L S^0; \quad (5b)$$

the channels (5a) and (5b) isolate, respectively, the C-odd (even) and C-even (odd) crossed-channel contributions when the neutral system S^0 of pions is a C-even (odd) eigenstate. The separation of these two crossed-channel contributions is possible, using the modes (5), also when S^0 is not a C-eigenstate. The modes (5), therefore, complement the information obtained from combinations like (3) and (4). Data on the modes (5) would be useful for a future amplitude analysis of the reaction $KN \rightarrow K^* N$.

After demonstrating the above C-odd, C-even separation, we consider applications to K_{890}^* and Q production, and make simple predictions for $Q_{S,L}$ production using $K_L p \rightarrow K_S \pi^+ \pi^- p$ data ²⁾. Available data are for the mode (1) for K_{890}^* production ¹⁾, and the mode (2,2b) for Q -production ²⁾; Q_S production requires the $K_S \pi^+ \pi^-$ system to have the characteristics of the Q , without forming the resonating subsystems ($K_S \pi^+$); $Q_S \rightarrow K_S \rho^0$ is one suitable mode. For K_{890}^* , the decay modes involved are $\pi^0 K_S$ and $\pi^0 K_L$.

2. THE C-SEPARATION

Assume, temporarily, CP-invariance for K^0 decays; then, the initial state (omitting the proton for simplicity) $|K_L^0\rangle = |K^0\rangle - |\bar{K}^0\rangle$ results in

$$f |K^{*0}\rangle - \bar{f} |\bar{K}^{*0}\rangle = \frac{f+\bar{f}}{2} |K^{*0} - \bar{K}^{*0}\rangle + \frac{f-\bar{f}}{2} |K^{*0} + \bar{K}^{*0}\rangle \quad (6)$$

where f and \bar{f} are, respectively, the $K^0 p \rightarrow K^{*0} p$ and $\bar{K}^0 p \rightarrow \bar{K}^{*0} p$ amplitudes, suppressing spin indices. For $K^* \rightarrow K \pi$ decay, the $K^+ \pi^-$ decays (from K^{*0}) can be physically distinguished from $K^- \pi^+$ decays (from \bar{K}^{*0}) and determine $|f|$ and $|\bar{f}|$ respectively; however, interference effects arise in the $K^0 \pi^0$ and $\bar{K}^0 \pi^0$ modes. If $C|K^{*0}\rangle = |\bar{K}^{*0}\rangle$, the $\pi^0 K_S$ and $\pi^0 K_L$ modes are produced by the amplitudes $\frac{1}{2}(f-\bar{f})$ and $\frac{1}{2}(f+\bar{f})$ respectively. The argument of this paragraph is essentially from ref. ³⁾.

While $|f|$ and $|\bar{f}|$ can be determined by the channels (1) and (2) or (assuming charge-symmetry) by $K^{\pm}n \rightarrow K^{*\pm}n$, the relative phases (see Eq. (16) for example) of the corresponding f and \bar{f} amplitudes (implied by a knowledge of $f_{\pm}\bar{f}$) cannot be so determined; hence the usefulness of the channels (5). The combinations $(f_{\pm}\bar{f})$ have definite charge-conjugation. Polarisation and K^* decay density-matrix data help to separate the various helicity amplitudes.

As for ordinary regeneration $K_L p \rightarrow K_S p$ ⁴⁾, the above C-separation does not ⁵⁾ require CP-invariance for neutral kaon decays; this is because with only CPT-invariance, the C-eigenstates $K\bar{K} + \bar{K}K$ and $K\bar{K} - \bar{K}K$ correspond to $K_L K_L - K_S K_S$ and $K_L K_S - K_S K_L$ respectively, apart from overall factors. With only CPT-invariance, (6) gets replaced by (retaining K^* decays involving neutral kaons only)

$$f^+ \sum_i \left[\alpha_i |K_L P_i^0\rangle + \beta_i |K_S M_i^0\rangle \right] + f^- \sum_i \left[\alpha_i |K_S P_i^0\rangle + \beta_i |K_L M_i^0\rangle \right] \quad (7)$$

where $f^{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}(f \pm \eta \bar{f})$ are the C-even and C-odd amplitudes; $C|K^{*0}\rangle = \eta|\bar{K}^{*0}\rangle$; the amplitude f (and similarly, \bar{f}) now refers to K^{*0} production where $K^{*0} \rightarrow K^0 S^0$, $S^0 = \sum_i \left[\alpha_i P_i^0 + \beta_i M_i^0 \right]$, the system S^0 is a mixture (with coefficients α_i and β_i) of the C-even (P_i^0) and C-odd (M_i^0) pionic components.

The C-separation follows from (7) which holds for both $\eta = +1$ and -1 . When S^0 is a C-eigenstate, the statement immediately following (5) results from (7). For K_{890}^* , S^0 is just π^0 . If P^0 and M^0 are physically distinguishable (e.g., $Q^0 \rightarrow K^0 \omega$, $K^0 \pi^0 \pi^0$), the production rates ^{*} for $K_L P^0$ and $K_S M^0$ components in (7) give $|f^+|^2$, while those for $K_L M^0$ and $K_S P^0$ give $|f^-|^2$, assuming α and β to be known (from $K^{*\pm}$ decays, for example). The third case is when P^0 and M^0 are not different; for $Q \rightarrow K^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$, the $\pi^+ \pi^-$ may be isovector (M^0) or isoscalar (P^0). To illustrate the C-separation in such cases, we consider $K_L p \rightarrow Q p$, $Q \rightarrow K(\pi\pi)$; taking α and β to be known.⁺

* One can easily get $|\alpha/\beta|^2$ also therefrom.

+ Possible determination of α and β is discussed later.

The amplitudes for the modes $K_S \pi^{\pm} \pi^{\mp}$ and $K_L \pi^{\pm} \pi^{\mp}$ are, from (7),

$$A(K_S \pi^{\pm} \pi^{\mp}) = \alpha f^{\mp} \pm \beta f^{\pm} \quad , \quad (8a)$$

$$A(K_L \pi^{\pm} \pi^{\mp}) = \alpha f^{\pm} \pm \beta f^{\mp} \quad (8b)$$

which gives, symbolically, the production cross-sections σ as

$$\sigma(Q_S) \equiv \sigma(K_S \pi^{\pm} \pi^{\mp}) + \sigma(K_S \pi^{\mp} \pi^{\pm}) = 2 \left[|\alpha f^{\mp}|^2 + |\beta f^{\pm}|^2 \right] \quad , \quad (9a)$$

$$\sigma(Q_L) \equiv \sigma(K_L \pi^{\pm} \pi^{\mp}) + \sigma(K_L \pi^{\mp} \pi^{\pm}) = 2 \left[|\alpha f^{\pm}|^2 + |\beta f^{\mp}|^2 \right] \quad , \quad (9b)$$

$$R = \frac{\sigma(Q_S) + \sigma(Q_L)}{\sigma(Q_S) - \sigma(Q_L)} = \frac{(|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2)(|f^{\mp}|^2 + |f^{\pm}|^2)}{(|\alpha|^2 - |\beta|^2)(|f^{\mp}|^2 - |f^{\pm}|^2)} \quad . \quad (9c)$$

Given $|\alpha|$ and $|\beta|$, R gives $|f^{\mp}/f^{\pm}|^2$; using $\sigma(Q_S)$ or $\sigma(Q_L)$ gives $|f^{\mp}|^2$ and $|f^{\pm}|^2$ separately, Q.E.D. One may determine $|f^{\pm}|^2 + |f^{\mp}|^2$ needed in R also from the separate data on Q^0 and \bar{Q}^0 channels, and combine it with $\sigma(Q_S)$ or $\sigma(Q_L)$ to get the needed C-separation.

3. $K^*(890)$ PRODUCTION

Since pion is the dominant unnatural parity Regge pole in $KN \rightarrow K_{890}^* N$, the present analyses (see, for example, ⁶⁾) cannot uniquely determine the other unnatural parity exchanges (isovectors of odd-C, and isoscalars) which are usually neglected. The C-separation from $K_{S,L}^*$ production would be obviously useful here. For natural parity exchanges also, the C-separation would be useful. The question of the fast energy dependence ⁷⁾ of the $K^{\pm} p \rightarrow K^{*\pm} p$ cross-sections would be usefully illumined by knowing the energy-dependence of separately the C-odd (even) contributions from $K_S^*(K_L^*)$ production.

Unlike $K_L p \rightarrow K_S p$ ⁴⁾, model-independent predictions for the phases of $K_{S,L}^*$ production are difficult because now, the optical theorem is not applicable and, in general, more helicity amplitudes contribute. We

illustrate the qualitative expectation for forward K_{890}^* production. For K_S^* production, ρ -exchange \gg ω -exchange $^+$, in contrast to $K_L p \rightarrow K_S p$ where the ω dominates $^4)$. The reason now is that the relevant s-channel amplitude ($0 \frac{1}{2}, -1 - \frac{1}{2}$) involves nucleon helicity flip, and is stronger $^8)$ for the ρ ; at the meson vertex, the ω/ρ coupling ratio is 1 for an ideal vector nonet. Similarly, A_2 exchange should dominate over P' . In fact, the P', ω and Pomeron contributions may be rather small because they seem $^8)$ to conserve s-channel helicity at the nucleon vertex.

4. Q-PRODUCTION

The main decay mode of interest here is $Q^0 \rightarrow K^0(\pi\pi)$. It is believed $^9)$ that there is no evidence for Q decay modes other than πK_{890}^* and $K\rho$. The $K^* \pi$ mode implies both the $K^0 P^0$ and the $K^0 M^0$ types; the $K^0 \rho^0$ is purely $K^0 M^0$ type. Even if there be no other decay modes (like $K^0 \epsilon^0$), the parameters α and β of (7) are unknown because the strength of the $K^* \pi$ and $K\rho$ modes is not established $^9)$. The amplitude β can be determined, through isospin, from the $K^{\pm}(\pi^{\mp} \pi^0)$ modes because both M^0 and $(\pi^{\pm} \pi^0)$ here are isovectors. The amplitudes α and β can be determined, by charge symmetry, from $Q^{\pm} \rightarrow K^{\pm}(\pi^{\pm} \pi^{\mp})$ decays. In general, one needs detailed decay distributions in the various angles to deduce α and β . In fact, one may determine (α/β) from $Q_{S,L}$ production data; see point (D) below.

Our simple predictions for $Q_{S,L}$ production are an average over the laboratory momentum interval $4 \rightarrow 12$ GeV/c because they are based on similarly averaged $K_L p \rightarrow K_S \pi^+ \pi^- p$ data $^2)$.

(A) Density Matrix - Because t-channel states of nonzero Q-helicity are weakly produced $^2)$, we retain only the dominant t-channel amplitudes

$\mathcal{G}_{00, \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}}(K^0 p \rightarrow Q^0 p)$ and $\bar{\mathcal{G}}_{00, \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}}(\bar{K}^0 p \rightarrow \bar{Q}^0 p)$. Amplitudes of a definite charge-conjugation other than $\mathcal{G}_{00, \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}}^{\pm}$ are then small. This is interesting

+ An s-channel helicity conserving absorption would not alter this statement made for pure Regge-poles.

information, for C-even and C-odd exchanges separately, on the helicity structure at the meson vertex in this diffractive process. Since, in general, the amplitudes for $Q_{S,L}$ production are combinations like $(\alpha g^{\mp} + \beta g^{\pm})$, see (7), the results ²⁾

$$\rho_{00}^t \simeq 1, \quad \text{Re } \rho_{10}^t \simeq 0, \quad \rho_{1-1}^t \simeq 0 \quad (10)$$

for Q^0 and \bar{Q}^0 production should hold also for $Q_{S,L}$ production over the same (s,t) range.

Only natural parity effective t-channel contributions are henceforth needed because unnatural parity exchanges populate states of only ⁺ nonzero Q-helicity. In the forward direction ^{*}, the only contributions $g_{00, \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}}^{\pm}$ are dominated ⁸⁾ by the isoscalars (P' +Pomeron) and ω ; the above evidence for t-channel helicity conservation is then mainly for isoscalars. Because of the absence ²⁾ of a turnover in the near-forward differential cross-sections for Q^0 and \bar{Q}^0 production, the amplitudes $g_{00, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}}^{\pm}$ may ^{+*} be rather small. To that extent, since the isovectors (ρ and A_2) are not negligible ⁸⁾ as compared to the isoscalars in these (t-channel nucleon-flip) amplitudes, the above indication for approximate t-channel helicity conservation for isoscalar exchanges holds for the whole t-range over which the amplitudes for nonzero Q-helicity are found ²⁾ small.

The statement for ω and P' exchanges is interesting. At vertices involving no spin change, they are believed to conserve s-channel helicity, ⁸⁾ like the Pomeron. The indication now is that also at vertices involving a spin change, they behave like the Pomeron ¹⁰⁾ - i.e., conserve t-channel helicity. More accurate and complete data are, however, needed to establish this firmly; the argument is especially weak for the ω because of its comparatively small contribution, Eqs. (14,15b).

⁺ In general, it holds for pure Regge-poles; but in the forward direction where we shall mainly use it, it holds also in the presence of s-channel helicity conserving absorption.

^{*} There, t- and s-channel helicity conservation are equivalent.

^{+*} This can be checked by baryon polarisation data.

(B) The C-Separation and Relative Phase of the Forward ($t'=0$) Amplitudes

for $(K^0 p \rightarrow Q^0 p)$ and $(\bar{K}^0 p \rightarrow \bar{Q}^0 p)$ - The only independent amplitudes for

forward production are $F \equiv \mathcal{G}_{\omega, \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}}^t$ and $\bar{F} \equiv \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{\omega, \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}}^t$. Using particle symbols for isospin and charge-conjugation, and keeping all decay modes,

$$F(K^0 p \rightarrow Q^0 p) = f^0 + \omega + \rho + A_2, \quad (11a)$$

$$\bar{F}(\bar{K}^0 p \rightarrow \bar{Q}^0 p) = \eta_Q (f^0 - \omega - \rho + A_2), \quad (11b)$$

$$F^- = \frac{1}{2} (F - \eta_Q \bar{F}) = \omega + \rho, \quad (11c)$$

$$F^+ = \frac{1}{2} (F + \eta_Q \bar{F}) = f^0 + A_2, \quad (11d)$$

$C|Q^0\rangle = \eta_Q |\bar{Q}^0\rangle$, $\eta_Q = +1$ or -1 . From ref. ²⁾, normalising $|F|^2 = \sigma(Q)$, one gets

$$|\text{Im}(\omega + \rho)| \simeq \frac{|\bar{F}|^2 - |F|^2}{4|F|} = \frac{\sigma(\bar{Q}) - \sigma(Q)}{4\sqrt{\sigma(Q)}} \Big|_{t'=0} \quad (12a)$$

$$= 0.17 \sqrt{(3.9 \pm 0.8 \text{ mb, GeV}^{-2})} \quad (12b)$$

where $\sigma(Q) \equiv \frac{d\sigma}{dt'}$ ($K^0 p \rightarrow Q^0 p$) and $\sigma(\bar{Q}) \equiv \frac{d\sigma}{dt'}$ ($\bar{K}^0 p \rightarrow \bar{Q}^0 p$). This gives

$$|\text{Im}(\omega + \rho)|^2 = (0.11 \pm 0.02) \text{ mb/ GeV}^2. \quad (12c)$$

With an intercept $\frac{1}{2}$ for the ρ and ω trajectories ^{*},

$$\text{Re}(\omega + \rho) = \text{Im}(\omega + \rho). \quad (13)$$

This gives

$$|F^-|^2 = |\omega + \rho|^2 = (0.23 \pm 0.05) \text{ mb, GeV}^{-2}, \quad (14)$$

$$|F^+|^2 = |f^0 + A_2|^2 = \frac{1}{2} (|F|^2 + |\bar{F}|^2) - |F^-|^2 \quad (15a)$$

^{*} Since the ω dominates ⁸⁾ the ρ for the relevant (nucleon nonflip) amplitude, the ρ/ω coupling ratio being 1 at the meson vertex for an ideal vector nonet, Eq. (13) uses mainly $\alpha_\omega(0) = 1/2$. This, and (13), are very analogous ⁴⁾ to $K_L p \rightarrow K_S p$.

$$\cong (5.0 \pm 1.1) \text{ mb. GeV}^{-2} \quad (15b)$$

where $\sigma(Q)$ and $\sigma(\bar{Q})$ from ²⁾ have been used.

So, the C-separation is available in Eqs. (14) and (15b). This, in fact, implies that the dominant amplitudes F and \bar{F} are consistent with being relatively real; their relative phase ϕ is given by

$$\cos \phi = \frac{1}{4} \eta_Q (|F + \eta_Q \bar{F}|^2 - |F - \eta_Q \bar{F}|^2) / |F \bar{F}| \quad (16a)$$

$$\cong \eta_Q (0.94 \pm 0.29) \quad (16b)$$

using $\sigma(Q)$ and $\sigma(\bar{Q})$ from ²⁾, and Eqs. (14,15b).

(C) Forward $K_L p \rightarrow Q_{S,L} p$: Phases of the Amplitudes; the differential cross-

section $d\sigma/dt'$; Energy-Dependence - For definiteness, we consider

$Q^0 \rightarrow K^0(\pi^+ \pi^-)$ with amplitudes α and β for the $\pi^+ \pi^-$ system to be isoscalar ⁺ (P^0) and isovector (M^0) respectively. Denoting F^\pm by f^\pm and detecting (as assumed hereafter throughout) charges symmetrically, Eqs. (9a,b) give

$\frac{d\sigma}{dt'}$ ($K_L p \rightarrow Q_{S,L} p$). In general, the unknown parameters α and β may be comparable; it is the case if the supposedly ⁹⁾ dominant mode πK_{890}^* is the only one. Since $|f^+|^2 \simeq 25 |f^-|^2$ from Eqs. (14,15b), both Q_S and Q_L production should be determined mainly by $|f^+|^2$ for comparable values of α and β . Because of the known ²⁾ energy-dependence of the integrated cross-sections for Q^0 and \bar{Q}^0 production, the Pomeron seems dominant over P' and A_2 exchanges in $|f^+|^2$; the phase of f^+ is predominantly imaginary. The energy dependence of f^- is $\sim S^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ and its phase given by Eq. (13). Thus, for $|\alpha| \approx |\beta|$, the energy-dependence of both Q_S and Q_L production would be rather flat; and the phase predominantly imaginary. For illustration, take $|\alpha| = |\beta|$; Eqs. (9a,b) give

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt'} (K_L p \rightarrow Q_{S,L} p) = 2|\alpha|^2 (|F^+|^2 + |F^-|^2) \quad (17a)$$

$$\simeq (10.5 \pm 2.3) |\alpha|^2 \text{ mb. GeV}^{-2} \quad (17b)$$

⁺ This implies, of course, the $K^0(\pi^0 \pi^0)$ mode also.

using Eqs. (14,15b); for $|\alpha|^2 = \frac{1}{4}$, (17b) is comparable to the measured $\sigma(Q) = (3.9 \pm 0.8) \text{ mb. GeV}^{-2}$.

On the other hand, if the $\pi^+\pi^-$ system in $Q^0 \rightarrow K^0(\pi^+\pi^-)$ is overwhelmingly C-even ($|\alpha| \gg 5|\beta|$) or C-odd ($5|\alpha| \ll |\beta|$), one can get the $|F^-|^2$ contribution from Q_S or Q_L production respectively: With $\frac{d\sigma}{dt'} = A e^{Bt'}$, the value (14) gives an integrated cross-section of $|\alpha|^2$ or $|\beta|^2$ times $(46 \pm 10) \mu\text{b}$ for $B = 10 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$, using the B value ⁴⁾ for the similar reaction $K_L p \rightarrow K_S p$. This value for the "charge-conjugation exchange" cross-section is similar to that ($\sim 30 \mu\text{b}$) expected ²⁾ for charge or hypercharge exchange Q -production reactions in the momentum range 5-10 GeV/c.

(D) Relative Strength α/β of the C-even and C-odd $\pi\pi$ Components in $Q^0 \rightarrow K^0(\pi\pi)$ and Possible Determination of the Branching Ratio $Q \rightarrow (\pi K_{890}^*/K\rho)$ -

Together with $K^0 p \rightarrow Q^0 p$ and $\bar{K}^0 p \rightarrow \bar{Q}^0 p$ data, Eqs. (8) can be used to get information on α and β in various ways. We only mention the determination of $|\alpha/\beta|$ from Eq. (9c) in the easier experiment of detecting $\pi\pi$ charges symmetrically: Since for forward $Q_{S,L}$ production, the amplitudes $|f^{\pm}|^2$ of Eq. (9c) are given by Eqs. (14,15b), knowing R gives $|\alpha/\beta|$.

Because nonzero α arises from only the πK^* decay mode and because a given α from this mode implies a definite contribution to β from this mode, the above determination of α/β would help to determine (two possible values for) the branching ratio ($Q \rightarrow \pi K^*/Q \rightarrow K\rho$), assuming πK^* and $K\rho$ to be the only ⁹⁾ decay modes, for α/β real.

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