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DIRECT EVIDENCE FOR THE MULTIPLET ASSIGNMENTS OF $\Lambda(1520)$ AND $\Lambda(1405)$ †

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A measurement has been made of the relative signs of the resonant $K^-p \rightarrow \Sigma\pi$ reaction amplitudes coming from partial waves corresponding to $\Sigma(1385)$, $\Lambda(1405)$, and $\Lambda(1520)$. From this it is shown that $\Lambda(1405)$ and $\Lambda(1520)$ are to be described as predominantly SU(3) singlets.

One of the triumphs of SU(3) has been the consistently correct prediction of the relative signs of resonant reaction amplitudes as derived from formation experiments. In particular, all the better established Y^* resonances formed in K^-p reactions and placed into singlets, octets, and decuplets according to mass formulas have correct relative signs between resonant amplitudes as measured in their $\Sigma\pi$ and $\Lambda\pi$ decay modes.^{1,2} Breaking of SU(3) often alters the predicted decay rates considerably; however, unless it is severe, the relative signs are unaffected. In this Letter we investigate the interferences between the $J^P = \frac{3}{2}^+$ resonance $\Sigma(1385)$, the $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$ resonance $\Lambda(1405)$, and the $J^P = \frac{3}{2}^-$ resonance $\Lambda(1520)$ as measured in the reaction $K^-p \rightarrow \Sigma\pi$. Taking $\Sigma(1385)$ to be in a decuplet, we shall find that

$\Lambda(1405)$ and $\Lambda(1520)$ are consistent with their conventional assignments as SU(3) singlets.

In this analysis we follow the procedure adopted by Watson, Ferro-Luzzi, and Tripp³ of parameterizing the low-momentum K^-p coupled-channel amplitudes by constant complex scattering lengths and constant reaction phases, apart from the D_{03} amplitudes corresponding to $\Lambda(1520)$ which are written as Breit-Wigner resonances. All partial waves through $J = \frac{3}{2}$ are included.⁴ The old experimental data³ spanning the momentum region 250-513 MeV/c (c.m. energy 1470-1570 MeV) have been greatly augmented (about one-hundredfold at 390 MeV/c) by our more recent bubble-chamber experiment in the region 300-450 MeV/c. This partially completed experiment has so far yielded new angular distributions in the \bar{K}^0n ,

Table I. Coupling coefficients of Y^* for various SU(3) representations.

	$g_{N\bar{K}Y^*}$	$g_{\Sigma\pi Y^*}$
Y_1^* (Σ) Decuplet	$-(\frac{1}{6})^{1/2}g_{10}$	$(\frac{1}{6})^{1/2}g_{10}$
Y_0^* (Λ) Singlet	$\frac{1}{2}g_1$	$(\frac{3}{8})^{1/2}g_1$
Octet (D and F)	$(\frac{1}{10})^{1/2}g_{8D} + (\frac{1}{2})^{1/2}g_{8F}$	$-(\frac{3}{5})^{1/2}g_{8D}$
27-plet	$(3/20)^{1/2}g_{27}$	$-(1/40)^{1/4}g_{27}$

$\Sigma^{\pm,0}\pi^{\pm,0}$, and $\Lambda\pi$ channels, and polarizations in the channels containing Σ^+ , Σ^0 , and Λ hyperons.⁵ Although the question of relative phase of the resonant amplitudes enters for this particular study only in the $K^-p \rightarrow \Sigma\pi$ reactions, we have included other channels in the analysis in order to establish simultaneously the best values for the amplitudes.

The reaction amplitudes for $K^-p \rightarrow \Sigma\pi$ may be written in terms of the $I=0$ and $I=1$ $\Sigma\pi$ reaction amplitudes⁶ as

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\Sigma^\pm\pi^\mp} &= 6^{-1/2}T_0 \pm \frac{1}{2}T_1, \\ T_{\Sigma^0\pi^0} &= -(6)^{-1/2}T_0. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

If the amplitude is resonant, it is proportional to

$$g_{N\bar{K}Y^*}g_{\Sigma\pi Y^*}/(E_R - E - \frac{1}{2}i\Gamma), \quad (2)$$

where the coefficient of the coupling of each channel to the Y^* may be obtained from the Clebsch-Gordan coefficient of SU(3).⁷ Table I shows each of these couplings for a decuplet Y_1^* , i.e., $\Sigma(1385)$, and for a Y_0^* belonging to a singlet, octet, or 27-plet. The subscripts on these real coupling constants indicate to which multiplet each belongs. We see that for the reaction $\bar{K}N \rightarrow \Sigma(1385) \rightarrow \Sigma\pi$ the numerator in the amplitude in (2) is negative: $-g_{10}^2/6$. Similarly for $\bar{K}N \rightarrow \Lambda(1520) \rightarrow \Sigma\pi$ if $\Lambda(1520)$ is a unitary singlet, the numerator is $(\frac{3}{8})^{1/2}g_1^2$, and if $\Lambda(1520)$ is a 27-plet, it is $-(3/800)^{1/2}g_{27}^2$. Thus in the interference between a decuplet and a singlet the numerators are of opposite sign; between a decuplet and a 27-plet they are of the same sign. For an octet Y_0^* the sign of the numerator depends on the relative strengths of the D and F couplings. For $\Lambda(1520)$ the only known $J^P = \frac{3}{2}^-$ octet into which it could possibly fit would make the sign¹ the same as for the decuplet. For the possibility of an octet $\Lambda(1405)$, the partially completed $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$ octet has an insufficient number of known decay rates¹ to fix the D and F couplings and therefore to predict the relative sign.

Figure 1 shows the Argand diagrams for the S_{01} , P_{13} , and D_{03} amplitudes (the subscript notation is $L_I, 2_J$) in the $\bar{K}N$ and $\Sigma\pi$ channels. The trajectory of the D_{03} amplitude in energy is shown by the dashed circle with a vector indicating its value at resonance; the vectors labeled S_{01} and

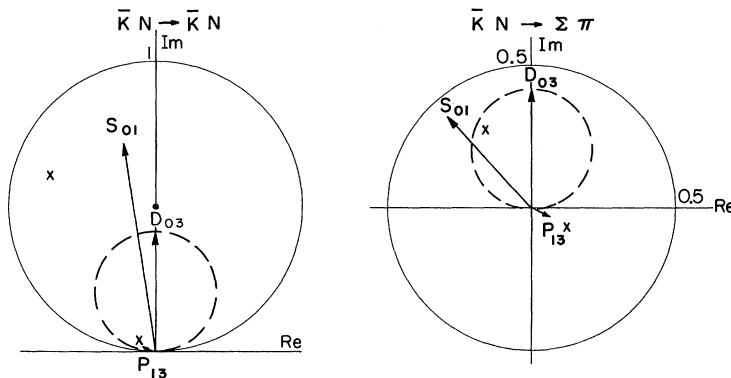


FIG. 1. Amplitudes for the reactions $\bar{K}N \rightarrow \bar{K}N$ and $\bar{K}N \rightarrow \Sigma\pi$ shown inside the unitary circles for the three partial waves of interest in this Letter. The correspondences are $\Sigma(1385) = P_{13}$, $\Lambda(1405) = S_{01}$, and $\Lambda(1520) = D_{03}$. The latter is parametrized as a resonance whose trajectory in energy is shown as a dashed circle. The overall arbitrary phase for the reaction amplitude $\bar{K}N \rightarrow \Sigma\pi$ is fixed by taking D_{03} to be imaginary at resonance. The S_{01} and P_{13} amplitudes are here parametrized as constant complex scattering lengths. Their phases in the $\Sigma\pi$ channel are left free to be determined by this experiment. It is these phases which show $\Lambda(1405)$ and $\Lambda(1520)$ to have the same relative sign, and $\Sigma(1385)$ and $\Lambda(1520)$ to have the opposite relative sign. Crosses near the heads of the arrows show where the S_{01} and P_{13} amplitudes would reach if parametrized as Breit-Wigner resonances, as described in the text.

P_{13} are shown at 395 MeV/c (corresponding to the energy of the D_{03} resonance). The $\bar{K}N$ amplitudes in Fig. 1(a) are not relevant to this discussion since the relative signs are always positive. However, they do show that the elastic channel amplitudes do have the correct orientations to be described by the behavior beyond resonance of $\Lambda(1405)$ and $\Sigma(1385)$. The $\Sigma\pi$ amplitudes in Fig. 1(b) display the signs with which we are concerned in this Letter, namely that relative to the D_{03} amplitude of $\Lambda(1520)$, the S_{01} amplitude representing the high-energy tail of $\Lambda(1405)$ has the same sign. The P_{13} amplitude given by the high-energy tail of $\Sigma(1385)$, however, shows that at its resonant energy this amplitude is negative imaginary, i.e., opposite in sign to $\Lambda(1520)$, which demonstrates that the signs of the $\Sigma\pi$ amplitudes for $\Lambda(1520)$ and $\Lambda(1405)$ relative to $\Sigma(1385)$ are as expected from unitary singlets. It also excludes the assignment of $\Lambda(1520)$ in the $\frac{3}{2}^-$ octet or the assignments of $\Lambda(1520)$ or $\Lambda(1405)$ into 27-plets.⁸

Having seen that the S_{01} and P_{13} amplitudes at our energy have phases in both $\bar{K}N$ and $\Sigma\pi$ which are quite consistent with an interpretation that they are the high-energy tails of their respective resonances,⁹ we have altered the parametrization of these states from the previous constant-scattering-length description to that of simple Breit-Wigner resonances. Threshold dependences were given by appropriate phase-space and centrifugal-barrier factors. Reminimization of all amplitudes yielded fits with higher χ^2 than the previous parametrization,¹⁰ but nonetheless gratifyingly good considering the simplicity and highly constrained nature of this model, in which there are no free phases for the resonant amplitudes. In these fits we have fixed the masses and partial widths at resonance of $\Sigma(1385)$ and $\Lambda(1405)$ at their experimental values,¹¹ whereas the $\bar{K}N$ partial widths (of course below 1423 MeV) were left free to be determined by this experiment. For $\Sigma(1385)$ the ratio of the reduced $\bar{K}N$ width thus obtained to that expected by SU(3) was 1.5, and for $\Lambda(1405)$ it was 8.0. This indicates that deviations from SU(3) symmetry are small for $\Sigma(1385)$ but are quite appreciable for $\Lambda(1405)$, as has been noted previously.¹²

It is perhaps worthwhile to exhibit the data that are most relevant to the sign determination. The interference between $\Sigma(1385)$ and $\Lambda(1520)$ appears most clearly in the A_3 coefficient of the Legendre polynomial expansion of the angular distribution, since this coefficient arises only from $P_{13}-D_{03}$ in-

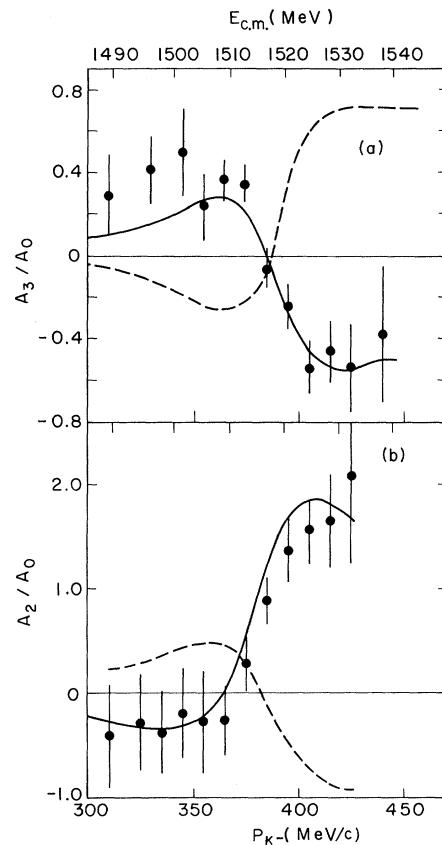


FIG. 2. Data from this experiment showing most clearly the interference between $\Lambda(1520)$ and the high-energy tails of $\Sigma(1385)$ and $\Lambda(1405)$. (a) The difference between the A_3/A_0 coefficient of the Legendre polynomial expansion of the $\Sigma^+\pi^-$ and $\Sigma^-\pi^+$ angular distributions. This arises primarily from $P_{13}-D_{03}$ interference. The solid curve shows the best fit to all the data measured in the experiment; the dashed curve results from reversing the P_{13} phase. (b) A_2/A_0 for $\Sigma^0\pi^0$. This arises primarily from $S_{01}-D_{03}$ interference. The solid curve is the best fit to all data; the dashed curve is the fit with the phase of S_{01} reversed.

terference. From Eq. (1), if we take the difference in the A_3 coefficients between $\Sigma^+\pi^-$ and $\Sigma^-\pi^+$, the interference occurs only between states of different isospin. Since the $I=1$ D amplitude is small, this quantity comes almost purely from $\Sigma(1385)-\Lambda(1520)$ interference. Figure 2(a) displays the data expressed as a ratio A_3/A_0 (we do not yet have measurements of the partial cross sections) and the curves corresponding to the two choices of relative sign. The large excursion from positive to negative, passing through zero at 385 MeV/c (just before resonance), requires the P_{13} amplitude to be as indicated in Fig. 1(b). Similarly the $I=0$ $\Sigma^0\pi^0$ angu-

lar distribution best shows the interference between $\Lambda(1405)$ and $\Lambda(1520)$. Figure 2(b) shows the A_2/A_0 ratio that arises primarily from the S and D states and their interference, since the P amplitudes are small compared with S and D . The curves correspond to the two choices of relative sign of $\Lambda(1405)$ with respect to $\Lambda(1520)$. It is clear from the data that beyond resonance the two amplitudes must be nearly in phase, as is required if both resonances are SU(3) singlets.

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VENEZIANO FORMULA WITH TRAJECTORIES SPACED BY TWO UNITS*

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By representing a scattering amplitude as a sum of terms of the Veneziano type, we can cancel alternate trajectories and remain with trajectories spaced by two units of angular momentum. This result is obtained without imposing a supplementary condition and without introducing poles in the Regge residues at nonsense wrong-signature integers.

Veneziano¹ has proposed a formula for a scattering amplitude which has Regge asymptotic behavior in all channels. The Regge trajectories in such an amplitude are normally spaced at unit distance from one another in α , but Veneziano has proposed a supplementary condition² on the

trajectory parameters which would remove alternate trajectories. A somewhat different formula for an amplitude with Regge asymptotic behavior in all channels has been proposed by Virasoro.³ Virasoro's amplitude has trajectories spaced by two units, even though he does not impose a sup-