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RESULTS ON TWO-PHOTON INTERACTIONS FROM MARK II AT SPEAR*

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ABSTRACT

Preliminary results on two-photon interactions from the SLAC-LBL Mark II magnetic detector at SPEAN are presented. The cross section for n° production by the reaction $e^{\frac{1}{2}}e^{-\frac{1}{2}}e^{\frac{1}{2}}e^{-\frac{1$

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I. Introduction

In this talk we report some preliminary results on two-photon interactions from the Mark II experiment at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center $e^{+}e^{-}$ storage ring facility SPEAR. The basic dingram for the two-photon process is shown in Fig. 1. Lepton pairs produced by the two-photon process have been observed in several experiments¹⁻³ but only very few events

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with hadrons in the final state have been observed so far.^{3,4} The first evidence of a meson resonance produced by the two-photon interaction has been reported recently by the Mark II collaboration;⁵ the reaction



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has been observed by detecting the $n^{*} + \pi^{*}\pi^{*}\gamma$ final state.

Fig. 1. Diagram for the two-photon production of the state x.

The production cross section of a resonance R by the two-photon interaction is directly proportional to fix radiative width $\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}(R)$ as has been pointed out by low.⁶ Measurements of $\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}(R)$ allow an interesting direct confrontation of experiments with quark model calculations,⁷ aspecially in the case of the n⁴ meaon.⁹

Aftar a short description of the Mark II detector we will present here preliminary results on craction (1) including all the data accumulated at SPEAR for beam energies E_b above 1.95 GeV. This represents an increase in the integrated luminosity of about a factor) over the previously published data sample.⁵ We have searched for the following final states from two-photon resonance production: $f(1270) + n^0\gamma$, $h_2(1310) + p^{4}e^{7}$ and f(1270), $A_2(1310)$ or $f^*(1515)$ decaying into $\kappa^4\kappa^r$. No signal has been found. Upper limits on the radiative width of these resonances have been obtained from these measurements which will be described in the last chapter.

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II. The hark II Detector

A schematic view of the SLAC-LBL Mark II magnetic detector is shown in Fig. 2. Its configuration and performance have been described else-

where.^{5.9} The detector consists essentially of a large cylindrical drift chamber with 16 layers followed by time-of-filight (TOF) scintillation counters, both embedded in a solenoidal magnet, which in turn is surrounded by a liquid argon electromagnetic shower calorimeter (LA) and a mon detaction system. Additional mover counters cover both muds of the cylindrical detector.

The performance features may be summarized as follows. The azimuthal coordinates for charged tracks are measured in





the drift chamber to a res accuracy of about 210 µm per layer. The magnetic field is 4.1 kG, and when tracks are constrained to pass through the known beam position the moment of charged particles are determined with a resolution $\delta p/p = \pm [(0.005p)^2 + (0.0145)^2]^2$ where p is the momentum in GeV/c. The rms time-of-flight resolution for hadrons is 300 ps which provides a v vs. K separation at the one standard deviation level at mements of 1.35 GeV/c and K vs. p at 2.0 GeV/c. The rms energy resolution for photons and electrons in the liquid argon calorimeter has been measured to be $\delta E/E = 0.11/E$ (f n GeV) at high energies (E 2 0.5 GeV) and mightly worse (0.11/E) at lower energies because of the increasing importance of the energy loss in the 1.36 rediction lengths of material (coll and supports) in front of the calorimeter. The rms angular resolution is about 8 read both in azimuth and dip angle for low energy photons. 15% at 100 MeV, 50% at 200 MeV and 290% above 400 MeV, exclusive of geometry. The LA detector is also used for electron-plon separation. Pion misidentification probabilities of less than 4% and electron efficiencies above 7% are achieved for particle momenta greater than 500 MeV/c. These improve at higher momenta. Finally, muons are detected above $p \sim 700$ MeV/c with a segmented steel hadron absorber. The fraction of the full solid angle covered by the drift chamber and the TOF counters is 75%, by the LA detector is 65%, and by the muon detection system is 55%.

A two stage hardware trigger¹⁰ has been used to select, with efficiency 299%, all interactions that have at least one charged particle with transverse momentum $p_{\perp} > 100$ MeV/c, such that it traverses the entire drift chamber, and enother particle which passes through at least the first five layers.

III. Measurement of the Two-Photon Production of the n'

First results on reaction (1) have been reported recently from the Mark II experiment.⁵ In the following analysis we have used the asses method with similar event selection criteria. All data accumulated at beam energies E_{b} above 1.95 GeV have been used; the results presented here include the proviously published data sample.

The events searched for were $n^1 + \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$ decays with no additional final state particles detected. The outgoing π^+ and e^- in reaction (1) were not detected. Therefore, events were selected which have only two oppositely charged tracks coming from the interaction region and one photon measured in the 1.4 detector.

The charged particles were identified as pions if their TOF was within 3 standard deviations of the expected time, they deposited less energy in the LA than that expected for electrons, and there were no track-associated hits in the muon chambers behind the hadron absorber. Only those events with an invariant $\pi^+\pi^-$ pair mass of less than 1 GeV/c², with each pion momentum less than 1 GeV/c, and with a photon energy E_y within 0.180 < E_y < 1.0 GeV have been considered further. With the lower photon energy cut we have remeved background that is generated by electronic noise fluctuations (nyurlows photons). Kinematical cuts have then been applied to reduce the contributions from the following two main background sources. Possible background from one photon e⁺e⁻ annihilation events with some of the final state particles not detected has been decreased by requiring that the transverse momentum ρ_1 of the $\pi^+\pi^-\gamma$ state be less than 250 MeV/c and that the acoplanarity angle do between the $\pi^+\pi^-$ and the γ momentum vectors projacted into a plane perpendicular to the beam axis be less than 20⁰ (dop = 0⁰ for back-to-back decays). The background from lepton or plan pairs produced in two-photon interactions combined with noise-generated spurious photons was suppressed by requiring that the transverse momentum of the $\pi^+\pi^-$ state be larger than 50 KeV/c and that the acoplenarity angle between the two pions be larger than 3⁰.

The stary invariant mass distribution makery for the events which satisfy all the selection criteria is shown in Fig. 3(a). There is a clear signal of events with an n' *** y decay detected. The observed width of about 40 MeV/c (rms) for the n' mass signal is mostly due to the photon energy resolution and agrees well with a Nonte Carlo calculation. The shift of the n' signal by ~25 MeV/c² towards higher masses is caused by the steep rise of the photon detection afficiency as a function of the deposited energy in the LA for energies below 400 NeV. This mass shift can be investigated experimentally in the following way. Resonances produced in two-photon interactions at SPEAR emergies occur sainly at very low transverse momenta p, with respect to the axis of the colliding electron beams. This fact can be exploited by constraining the events to zero nat p, and using a calculated photon energy instead of the measured one. This procedure reduces the expected mass resolution for the n' signal to about 15 MeV/c² (rms) and removes the mass shift. However, for events with an η^{\prime} produced with non-zero ρ_{1} it gives a wrong mass value. The mass distribution with the constraint $p_r = 0$ is shown in Fig. 3(b) for the n' region and displays the expected features.

The only explicit cut applied on the dipion mass has been $m_{\pi \Psi} < 1$ GeV/c². We find that the dipion mass distribution for the events in the n^{+} mass region, defined as 900 < $\alpha_{\pi \pi \Psi} < 1050$ MeV/c², is compatible with the hypothesis that all pairs in the $n^{+} = n^{+}\pi^{+}$ signal come from ρ^{-} decays.

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Fig. 3. (a) $\pi^+\pi^-\gamma$ invariant mass distribution. Events from beam energies equal or above 2.6 GeV are shown shaded. (b) $\pi^+\pi^-\gamma$ invariant wass distribution with $p_1 = 0$ constraint.

The kinematics of two-photon reactions are very char-tterisfic and different from other processes. For the n' produced by reaction (1) the kinematics are distinct, for example, from those of mesons in sulti-hadron events from one photon c's annihilation reactions. The transverse momentum p₁ distribution is shown in Fig. 4 for all the data (full histogram) and for the subsample of events lying in the n' mass region (shaded). The n' mesons have lower p₁ than the background events. The distribution of the total energy E is shown in Fig. 5. The energy of n' appears to be confined to low values, excluding the possibility that the n' is produced in a two-body annihilation reaction like n'y with the y not detected. The angular distribution of the n' mesons is strongly peaked along the beams. Their rapidity (y) distribution, given in Fig. 6, is flat over the whole detector acceptance of about -0.5 < y < 0.5, whereas the background events cred to peak around y=0.



Fig. 4. Transverse momentum distribution. Events in the y peak 0.90 < $m_{y^+y^-\gamma}$ < 1.05 GeV/c² are choiced.

The background has been studied with two different wethods. In the first wethod we have analyzed multihadron a⁺e⁻ evaluation events. The some analysis cuts as for reaction (1) except for the topolcay selection have been apolied to events with three or more charged proper and at least one photon. The resulting mass distribution is smooth and reaches a broad maximum over the range from 0.8 to 1.3 GeV/c². The transwerse momentum distribution rises below about 125 MeV/c. and stays approximately constant above. In the second



Fig. 5. Total energy distribution. Events in the n' peak $0.90 < m_{m+m-\gamma} < 1.05 \text{ GeV/c}^2$ are shaded.



Fig. 6. Rapidity distribution for the $\pi^+\pi^-\gamma$ states, with the events in the η' peak shaded.

method we have used all the original selection criteria including the arclusive two-charged prongs and only one photon topology but have then combined the dipion state from one event with the photon from the next event. This analysis reproduces the shape and the nermalisation of the observed background in the mass and transverse momentum distributions. Both these studies suggest a smooth background shape under the n' signal, and we have therefore made a direct subtraction using the adjacent mass regions (aeo Table I). This subtraction makes no apecific assumptions on the origin of the background. We notice that the background contribution is lower for the data taken at the higher base mergies than for the low energy part of the data (see Fig. 3(a)).

TABLE I

E ₅ (GeV)	∫£dt (nb ⁻¹)	E	°n'	σ(η') (nb)
1.95-2.21	4199	0.0231	7.7±5.1	0.27±0.18
2.25-2.50	2131	0.0224	4.3±2.6	0.30±0.18
2.50-3.00	6655	0.0211	25.9±7.1	0.62 ± 0.17
3.00-3.35	4009	0.0177	20.0 ± 5.9	0.94 ± 0.28
3.70	984	0.0125	3.1±2.2	0.84 ± 0.60

Summery of the Cross Section Calculation

 E_b is the beam energy, $\int \mathscr{L} dt$ is the integrated luminocity, ϵ is the detection efficiency not including $B(n^* * \pi \pi)$, n_n is the background subtracted number of n^* events and $o(n^*)$ is the observed cross section. Only statistical errors are shown.

The cross section has been calculated using the detection efficiency t for reaction (1) and the branching ratio $\delta(n^2 + q^2 + \gamma) = 0.298 \pm 0.017^{-11}$ The detection probability has been determined by a Monte Carlo simulation. Events have been generated according to the cross section calculation and angular distribution of Ref. 12. These events have then been subject to the same detector generity and selection criteria as the real data except for the LA shower cuts on the charged tracks. Because of the difficulties of describing in detail the interaction of pions in the shower counter material, the efficiencies of the latter cuts (typically 953) have been determined experimentally with unablegously identified pions from ψ decays. Furthermore, there is a small (52) loss of events due to additional spurious photons which has also been determined experimentally. The observed cross section $\sigma(n^2)$, and t, are given in Table I. The cross section $\sigma(n^2)$ is also displayed in Fig. 7 as a function of the

beam energy and is found to be compatible with the expected slow rise with increasing energy. The errors shown for $\sigma(n^2)$ are statistical only and do not include an estimated overall systematic uncertainty of 1202. We have not corrected the displayed cross mections for initial state radiation in reaction (1).

The two-photom production cross section for a resonance R is directly proportional to the resonance.⁶ This can be seen for example in the equivalent photon approximation calculation of Ref. 13



Pig. 7. Cross section for $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-n'$ as a function of the beam energy. The curve is the result of Eq. (2) with $\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}(n') = 6$ keV.

$$\sigma_{ee + ceR} = 16\alpha^2 (2J+1) n_R^{-3} r_{\gamma\gamma}(R) = \left(\ln \frac{E_b}{m_e} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 f\left(\frac{m_R}{2E_b} \right)$$
(2)

with

$$f(x) = (2+x^2)^2 \ln \frac{1}{x} - (1-x^2)(3+x^2)$$

J denotes the spin and \mathbf{n}_{k} the mass of the resonance. E_{b} is the basim energy and \mathbf{n}_{c} the electron mass. From the measured cross section for restion (1) we have determined $\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}(n^{1}) \approx 5.8 \pm 1.1$ keV using the two-photon calculation of Ref. 12. In this calculation we have included the correction for initial state radiation effects. The error reflects the statistical accuracy of the measurement but does not include an estimated overall aystematic uncertainty of 1202. Uppet limits an $\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}(n^2)$ in the range lit to 35 koV had been obtained in other sourches^{24+k} for reaction (1). From the radiative width we have deduced the total width $\Gamma_{tot}(n^2) = 293 \pm 67$ keV (±202 systematic uncertainty) using the $B(n^2 + \gamma\gamma) = 0.0197 \pm 0.0026.^{11}$ This measurement of $\Gamma_{tot}(n^2)$ is an good agreement with the value 280 ±100 keV reported in Ref. 14.

The radiative width for the n' has been calculated by several authors^{0,15,16} as will be discussed by F. J. Gilman in the following talk.⁷ In short, quark models with fractionally charged quarks lead, under the assumptions of a small pseudoscalar octer-singlet mixing angle and of equal singlet and octer decay constants, to the prediction of $r_{\gamma\gamma}(n') \simeq 6$ keV in very good agreement with our measurement. Applying the same assumptions, the data is not compatible with integral charge quark models, for which a radiative decay width of about 26 keV is predicted. However, the validity of these assumptions has been questioned.

IV. Upper Limits on the Radlative Widths of the Tensor Mesone f, A, and f'

The radiative widths of the tensor mesons f(1270), A₂(1310) and f'(1515) are experimentally not known. From SU(3) symmetry they are expected to have values in the ratio 25:9:2 for the case of ideal mixing and with phase space corrections neglected.⁷ The $\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}$ for the f(1270) meson has been calculated by several authors, see for example Refs. 17 and 18, which predict $\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}$ (f) to be in the range of about 5 to 20 keV.

We have investigated exclusive final states for the following reactions

$$e^{-}e^{-} + e^{+}e^{-}f(1270)$$
 (3)

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- \Lambda_2(1310)$$
 (4)

$$e^{+}e^{-} + e^{+}o^{-}f(1270)$$
 (5)

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- A_2(1310)$$
 (6)
 $\downarrow \longrightarrow \kappa^+\kappa^-$

by searching for signals in the invariant mass distributions of the respective final states which would occur at low transverse momenta. As in the masurement of reaction (1), the final state e^{+} and e^{-} remained undetected. No signal shows background has been detected for reactions (3) to (7). We have used the data taken at beam energies above 2.25 GeV (14 pb⁻¹ integrated luminosity) to determine upper limits on the radiative widths of these tensor mesons as described below. The study of final state pion pairs from two-photon interactions, including reaction (8) and the direct process $e^{+}e^{-}e^{-}e^{+}e^{-}$, is not yet completed.

A. p⁰y Final State

It has been recently proposed18 that the f(1270) meson could have a relatively large branching fraction into p⁰y, namely 3 to 5%. We have searched for reaction (3) using the same method as described in the preceding chapter for the measurement of reaction (1). The same cuts have been applied except that the lower photon energy cut hus been increased to 250 MeV in order to further suppress backgrounds. The resulting "" mass distribution is shown in Fig. 8(a) and the p. distribution in Fig. 8(b) with the events from the mass interval 1.15 < m. < 1.40 GeV/c² shaded. No signal at the f(1270) mass is present. The n' signal appears reduced due to the more stringent photon energy cut. The background mass distribution can be well described with artifically generated events in which the dipion state has been combined with the photon from the next event of the same two charged prongs and only one photon topology. The overall detection efficiency for reaction (3) has been determined in the same way as for reaction (1) and found to be 0.020. The data therefore allow us to set a 95% C.L. upper limit on the product $\sigma(f) = B(f + py) < 0.14$ mb at the luminosity-weighted average beam energy of 2.85 GeV. With Eq. (2) this equates to $\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}(f) \times B(f + \rho\gamma) < 0.8 keV.$ Both limits include an estimated 202 systematic uncertainty.

B. p[±]π[∓] Final State

To search for reaction (4). we have selected the event topology which contains two oppositely charged pions and two photons. All events with two photons in the energy range 0.1 < E_ < 1.0 GeV and with a two-photon invariant mass myy within 0.075 < myy « 0.200 GeV/c² have been selected. For these events the photon energies were adjusted to constrain my to myo. These wo have been combined with either one of the charged pions to form the invariant mass m_{ntno}. Only those events with a pt candidate, defined as 0.5 < m_t=0 < 1.0 GeV/e², have been retained any further. Special cuts have been necessary to suppress the background coming



Fig. 8. (a) $\pi^{+}\pi^{-}\gamma$ invariant mass distribution for the f(1270) $\rightarrow p^{0}\gamma$ search. (b) Transverse momentum distribution; evence from the f(1270) mass region 1.15 < $m_{\pi^{+}\pi^{-}}\gamma$ < 1.40 GeV/c² ore shaded.

from τ lepton pair production with their subsequent decays into $\rho^{\pm}\nu_{\tau}$ and final states containing single or multiplons which have been measured in the same experiment.¹⁹ Both the ρ^{\pm} and the η^{\pm} measured been required to be less than 800 MoV/c. Finally, the invariant $\rho^{\pm}\pi^{\mp}$ mass has been formed, and a transverse momentum cut of $\rho_{\perp} < 250$ MeV/c on it has been applied to reduce the bockground from one photon $e^{\pm}c^{-}$ annihilation events. The $m_{\rho^{\pm}\pi^{\mp}}$ and ρ_{\perp} distributions are shown in Figs. 9(a) and 9(b), with the venter lying in the A_{2} mass region 1.20 < $m_{\sigma^{\pm}\pi^{\mp}} < 1.45$ GaV/c² shaded in

Fig. 9(b). From the observed background in the main distribution, the known $B(A_{+} + 0^{\pm} \pi^{\mp}) = 0.703 \pm 0.021^{11}$ and the overall detection efficiency for reaction (4) c = 0.0028 which is groatly reduced due to the low energy whoton efficiency, one deduces a 95% C.L. upper limit for o(A₂) < 0.36 pb at E₄ = 2.85 Cell for reaction (k) From Eq. (2) it follows that F. (A₂) ≤ 2.5 keV. A possible systematic error of 25% has here included in these limits

C. K"K" Final State

The K⁺K⁻ decay modes of the f(1270), A₂(1310) and f'(1515) mesons can be used to study their two-photon production with little background from one photon etc annihilation processes. For this purpose we have selected

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Fig. 9. (a) $o^{\pm}\pi^{\mp}$ invariant mass distribution. (b) Transverse momentum distribution; events from the A2(1310) mass region 1.20 < m + + + < 1.45 GoV/e2 are shaded.

events with only two oppositely charged prongs and no detocted photons. Noth tracks have been required to be unambigously identified as knows by the TOF measurement. This has been achieved by a cut on the probability Ievel²⁰ which has been required to be larger than 0.65 for both tracks to be a kaon. In order to reduce sources other than two-photon production we have applied two loose kinematical cuts: the acoplanarity angle ap between the two kaons had to be <20° and the $p_{\rm i}$ of the $K^{+}K^{-}$ state had to be <250 MeV/c. The invariant mass m and the p distributions are given in Figs, 10(a) and 10(b). The p of most of the events is seen to be very small as expected for reactions (5) to (7).



Non-romant production can also contribute to $K^+K^$ final states from two-photon interactions. We have estimated the expected background in the m_{KK} distribution from the nonresonant process

with the equivalent photon approximation of Ref. 21. The curve in Fig. 10(c) shows the result of using a simple knon form factor with a 4 pole of the form $|F_{y}(s)| = (1 - s/m_{\star}^{2})^{-1}$ With this assumption for the form factor the contribution of reaction (9) appears to be small (10% over the range of observed K⁺K⁻ masses). The low statistics of the data in Fig. 10(a) only allows us to extract upper limits on the production cross



Fig. 10. (a) Invariant X^+X^- mass distribution. The curve shows the expected contribution from montesonant two-photon interactions (see text). (b) Transverse momentum distribution of the X^+X^- system.

sections for the f(1270) and A₂(1310) mesons in reactions (5) and (6), where we have used the branching ratios¹¹ into k^+k^- of 0.0165±0.002 and 0.0235±0.0025 and overall detection efficiencies of 0.0167 and 0.0172, respectively, at the average beam energy of 2.85 GeV. The results as well as the upper limits on $\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}$ from Eq. (2) are given in Table II. The branching ratio of the f¹(1515) meson into KX is not known, but expected to be dowingnet¹¹ (i.e., 8(f' + X⁺) nos? 0.5). The data together with

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Final State	Neson	£	σ (nb)	Г _{үү} 5. (keV)
۵°۲	£(1270)	0.0200	σ×B(f+ργ) < 0.14	Γ _{ΥΥ} × B(f + ρ) < 0.8
o [±] #	A2(1310)	0,0028	< 0.36	· < 2.5
K ⁺ K ⁻	f (1270)	0,0167	< 4.2	< 24.0
K⁺K [−]	A ₂ (1310)	0,0172	< 2.6	< 17.0
к ⁺ к ⁻	f'(1515)	0.0195	σ×B(E'→K ⁺ X ⁻) < 0.052	Σ _{ΥΥ} × B(f' + K ⁴ K ⁻) < 0.6

Upper limits (95% C.L.) on the two-photon production cross section σ and the radiative width $\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}$ of the tensor mesons at the luminosity weighted average beam energy 2.85 GeV. The overall detection efficiency is listed under c and B stands for branching ratio.

the calculated detection efficiency of 0.0195 provides therefore only upper limits on $B(\xi^* + k^* k^*) \times a(\xi^*)$ and $B(\xi^* + k^* k^*) \times r_{\gamma\gamma}(\xi^*)$ for reaction (7). These upper limits are also listed in Table II. A systematic uncertainty for the $k^* k^*$ flual states of 157 has been included in the listed 952 C.L. upper limits.

We have summarized in Table II the upper limits on the radiative widths of the f(1270), $A_2(1310)$ and f'(1515) mesons obtained from the finul states studied so far. All of these limits are consistant with the expected values mentioned at the beginning of this chapter.

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