φ-meson photoproduction New results from LEPS/SPring-8



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Vector Meson Photoproduction



Glueball hunt by ϕ meson photoproduction

Application of Regge phenomenology to Daughter pomeron trajectory.



Data from DESY(1978),Bonn(1974)

Ordinary meson exchange



M.A. Pichowsky and T.-S. H. Lee PRD 56, 1644 (1997)

- Prediction from
 Pomeron exchange
- – Prediction from meson exchange

Data from: LAMP2('83), DESY('76), SLAC('73), CERN('82), FNAL('79,'82), ZEUS('95,'96)

Polarization observables with linearly polarized photon

φ K+K-



Photon Polarization

ε_γ Κ⁺ Κ⁻

Decay angular distribution of ϕ meson Decay Plane $//\vec{\gamma}$ natural parity exchange $(-1)^{J}$ (Pomeron, 0+ glueball, Scalar mesons)

Decay Plane γ unnatural parity exchange -(-1)^J (Pseudoscalar mesons π,η)

Relative contributions from natural, unnatural parity exchanges

Decay angular distribution of ϕ meson



Available data



Bonn

Unpol, E_y=2.0 GeV (NP B70(1974)257)

CLAS @J-lab

Unpol, E_{γ} =3.3-3.6 GeV (PRL85(2000)4862) (hep-ex/0311024) Unpol, linear pol. data at E_{γ} =1.6-2.5 GeV

SAPHIR @ELSA/Bonn Unpol, E_γ=1.6-2.6 GeV (EPJ A17(2003)269)

New measurements near threshold at LEPS @SPring-8 linear pol. , E_{γ} =1.6-2.4 GeV

Super Photon ring-8 Ge

Third-generation synchrotron radiation facility

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- Circumference: 1436 m
- 8 GeV
- 100 mA
- 62 beamlines

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The LEPS facility

Laser Electron Photon at SPring-8



Linearly polarized photon



The tagging counter



Charged particle spectrometer



Summary of data taking

- Trigger condition : TAG*STA*AC*TOF
- Run period

2000, Dec. – 2001, June (50mm-long LH2 target) 2002, May – 2003, Apr (150mm-long LH2 target) 2002, Oct. – 2003, June (150mm-long LD2 target)

- The first data set with 50mm-long LH2 target
 - Total number of trigger

1.83*10⁸ trigger (48% Horizontal, 52% Vertical pol.)

- Number of events with charged tracks

4.37*10⁷ events

Charged particle identification

Reconstructed mass





 σ (mass) = 30 MeV(typ.) for 1 GeV/c Kaon

Charged particle identification

•KKp mode •K⁺ track •K⁻ track •proton track •K+K- mode •K⁺ track •K⁻ track •K⁺p mode •K⁺ track •proton track •K⁻p mode •K⁻ track •proton track



Missing mass distribution

Reconstruction mode



KK invariant mass cut



Cut condistion for φ selection |M_{KK}-1.019|< 10 MeV

Background subtraction



Acceptance

- Monte Carlo simulation based on GEANT3
- All materials and geometry information.
- Detector efficiency and resolution
- Realistic do/dt and decay angular distribution feedbacked from real data



Consistency between KK and Kp modes





Good consistency between KK and Kp modes

(1) Acceptance calculation,(2) Background subtraction are working well.

HZ and VT consistency



 $-0.2 < t+|t|_{min} < 0. \text{ GeV}^2$

Simultaneous fit to distributions from VT and HZ data.

Good consistency between HZ and VT data

Results

differential cross sections



Fitting function $(d\sigma/dt)_{t+|t|\min=0} e^{b(t+|t|\min)}$

Solid curve: E_{γ} independent slope Dashed curve: E_{γ} dependent slope

Differential cross sections



SAPHIR J. Barth et al. EPJ A17(2003)269

CLAS D. J. Tedeschi in Proceedings of the International Symposium "EMI2001", Osaka, 2001

Differential cross section at t=-|t|_{min}



Solid curve : Model (Pomeron + Pseudo scalar exchange) by A. Titov

Decay angular distribution

$-0.2 < t+|t|_{min} < 0. \text{ GeV}^2$



Curves are fit to the data.

Summary of LEPS measurement

- Differential cross section at t=-|t|min
 - Peaking structure around E_{γ} =2.0 GeV
 - Prediction from Regge theory:
 - contribution from Pomeron increases with energy.
 - Meson and/or glueball exchange could be candidates to make the bump.
- Decay angular distribution
 - Dominant contribution from helicity conserving amplitude.
 - Natural parity exchange (N) > Unnatural parity exchange (UN).
 - No energy dependence in polarization observables. Ratio (N/UN) is energy independent.
- The bump can not be explained by pseudo scalar exchange only.
- Possible presence of additional natural parity exchange.

Open questions

- What is origin of the peaking structure ?
 - Natural parity exchange
 - Signiture of 0⁺ glueball ?
 - A fit by simple model failed.

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(\gamma p \to \phi p)(t=0) = C \left(\frac{p_{\phi}}{p_{\gamma}}\right)^2 \left(\left(\frac{s-u}{2s_0}\right)^{0.16} + a \left(\frac{s-u}{2s_0}\right)^{\delta}\right)$$

- Need for further theoretical studies.
- Isospin symmetry ?
 - Glueball should be "flavor blind"
 - LEPS Deuteron target data (2002-2003)
 - CLAS Deuteron data (g2, g10)
- Measurements at E_γ=2.4-3 GeV
 - near future plan at LEPS
 - Ongoing analysis for large |t| at CLAS (g1)

Summary

- New LEPS results for differential cross section of γp φp reaction and decay angular distribution near threshold.
- Non-monotonic rise of differential cross section at t=-|t|_{min} with energy
- Dominant contribution from natural parity exchange, no energy dependence near the bump.
- A possible presence of additional natural parity exchange.

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