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### ABSTRACT

A review is presented of amplitude analyses of the  $\bar{K}\bar{K}$  system produced in reactions of the type  $\pi^\pm N \rightarrow \bar{K}\bar{K}N$ . These analyses establish the existence of a new S-wave  $\bar{K}\bar{K}$  state at a mass of  $\sim 1300$  MeV, having isospin 0 and a slow phase variation.

### INTRODUCTION

I will discuss the results of three experiments that have studied reactions of the type  $\pi^\pm N \rightarrow \bar{K}\bar{K}N$  and carried out amplitude analyses of the produced  $\bar{K}\bar{K}$  system. The experiments to be discussed are summarized in Table I.

Table I.  $\bar{K}\bar{K}$  Experiments

Group	Ref.	Technique	Reaction	$P_{\text{lab}}$ (GeV/c)	Events
Notre Dame, Argonne	1	Streamer chamber	$\pi^- p \rightarrow K_S^- K_S^0 n$	6, 7	5,100
Zurich, CERN, Imperial College	2	Optical spark chambers	$\pi^- p \rightarrow K_S^- K_S^0 n$	8.9	6,400
Argonne (Effective Mass Spectrometer Group)	3,4,5	Wire spark chambers	$\pi^- p \rightarrow K^- K^+ n$ $\pi^+ n \rightarrow K^- K^+ p$	6 6	110,000 50,000

The allowed quantum numbers for  $\bar{K}\bar{K}$  states are in the series  $J^{PC} = 0^{++}, 1^{--}, 2^{++}, 3^{--}, \dots$ .  $K_S^- K_S^0$  states have further restrictions on their quantum numbers since J must be even for these states. The isotopic spin I of the  $\bar{K}\bar{K}$  system can be either 0 or 1 with G-parity  $= (-1)^{I+J}$ . If we define  $A_0(A_1)$  to be the amplitude for producing an I=0 (I=1)  $K^- K^+$  system in the reaction

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$\pi^- p \rightarrow K^- K^+ n$  then the total amplitude for this reaction is  $A(\pi^- p \rightarrow K^- K^+ n) = A_0 + A_1$ , while  $A(\pi^- p \rightarrow \bar{K}^0 K^0 n) = A(\pi^+ n \rightarrow K^- K^+ p) = A_0 - A_1$ . Note further that  $A(\pi^- p \rightarrow \bar{K}^0 K^0 n) = A(\pi^- p \rightarrow K_S K_S n) + A(\pi^- p \rightarrow K_L K_L n) + A(\pi^- p \rightarrow K'_S K'_L n)$ , where the first and second terms only receive contributions from even-spin  $K\bar{K}$  states, while the last term contains only the odd-spin  $K\bar{K}$  states. Studying  $K\bar{K}$  production using both p and n targets as was done in Ref. 3 allows a separation of the produced  $K\bar{K}$  system into its  $I=0$  and  $I=1$  components.<sup>6</sup>

## DATA

We show in Fig. 1 the  $K_S K_S$  effective mass ( $M_{KK}$ ) distribution from the Notre Dame-Argonne streamer chamber experiment on the reaction<sup>1</sup>



The prominent features of this distribution are the  $S^*$  enhancement near threshold and the broad peak in the  $f-A_2$  mass region at  $\sim 1300$  MeV. Figure 1 also shows the unnormalized  $t$ -channel spherical harmonic moments for  $|t| < 0.2$  GeV<sup>2</sup> ( $t$  is the four-momentum transfer from the  $\pi^-$  to the  $K_S K_S$  system). The most prominent feature of the moments of Fig. 1 is the negative excursion of  $\langle Y_2^0 \rangle$  at  $\sim 1200$  MeV followed by a rapid increase.

Ignoring amplitudes with angular momentum  $\ell \geq 4$  and helicity  $m \geq 2$ , the possible  $K_S K_S$  amplitudes are  $S_0, D_0, D_+, D_-$ ; the notation used is  $L_m$  with  $L = S, P, D, \dots$  for  $K\bar{K}$  states of spins 0, 1, 2,  $\dots$ ,  $m = 0$  for helicity-0  $K\bar{K}$  states and  $m = +(-)$  for helicity-1  $K\bar{K}$  states produced by natural (unnatural) parity exchange. The  $K_S K_S$  moments are given in terms of the production

Table II. The moments  $\sigma \langle Y_\ell^m \rangle \equiv \sqrt{4\pi} \frac{d^2 \sigma}{dt dM_{KK}} \langle Y_\ell^m \rangle$  in terms of the production amplitudes for the reaction  $\pi^- p \rightarrow K_S K_S n$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sigma \langle Y_0^0 \rangle &= |S_0|^2 + |D_0|^2 + |D_-|^2 + |D_+|^2 \\ \sigma \langle Y_2^0 \rangle &= 2 \operatorname{Re}(D_0^* S_0) + 0.639 |D_0|^2 + 0.319 (|D_-|^2 + |D_+|^2) \\ \sigma \langle Y_2^1 \rangle &= 1.414 \operatorname{Re}(D_-^* S_0) + 0.452 \operatorname{Re}(D_-^* D_0) \\ \sigma \langle Y_2^2 \rangle &= 0.391 (|D_-|^2 - |D_+|^2) \\ \sigma \langle Y_4^0 \rangle &= 0.857 |D_0|^2 - 0.571 (|D_-|^2 + |D_+|^2) \\ \sigma \langle Y_4^1 \rangle &= 1.107 \operatorname{Re}(D_-^* D_0) \\ \sigma \langle Y_4^2 \rangle &= 0.452 (|D_-|^2 - |D_+|^2) \end{aligned}$$


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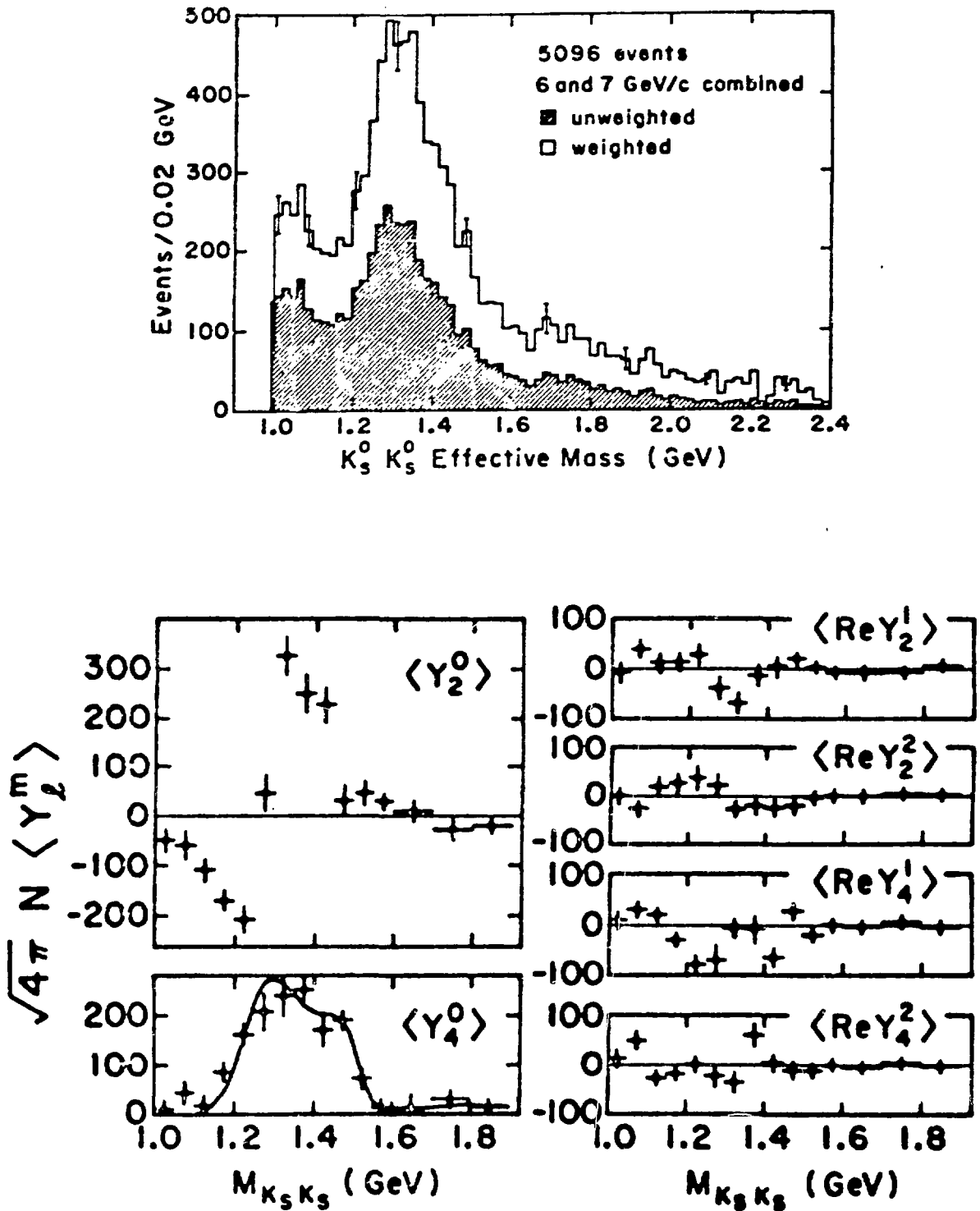


Fig. 1. Unnormalized moments for  $\pi^- p \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0 n$  at 6 and 7 GeV/c as a function of  $M_{K_S K_S}$  for  $|t| \leq 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$ . The smooth curve on  $\langle Y_4^0 \rangle$  is a result of a fit of this moment to  $f$ - $f'$  interference.

amplitudes in Table II. The only possible negative contribution to  $\langle Y_2^0 \rangle$  comes from interference between the  $S_0$  and  $D_0$  amplitudes. Thus the behavior of  $\langle Y_2^0 \rangle$  indicates the presence of a significant S wave in the 1200-1400 MeV mass region. Cason et al. have proceeded to perform an energy independent amplitude analysis of the  $K_S K_S$  system. They have assumed that the amplitudes are nucleon-spin coherent and that  $D_-$  and  $D_0$  are phase coherent. They then fitted the expressions of Table II to obtain the magnitudes of  $S_0$ ,  $D_0$ ,  $D_-$ , and  $D_+$  and the absolute value of the  $S_0$ - $D_0$  phase difference,  $|\varphi_S - \varphi_D|$ , as functions of  $K_S K_S$  mass. The results of the amplitude analysis are shown in Fig. 2. The S-wave intensity is large at threshold (the  $S^*$ ), decreases, and has a second peak near 1270 MeV, suggesting the presence of a new S-wave resonance.  $D_0$  is large in the f mass region. Motivated by a detailed study of  $\langle Y_4^0 \rangle$  in terms of interfering f,  $A_2$ , and f' resonances carried out by the Argonne Effective Mass Spectrometer Group,<sup>7</sup> Cason et al. fitted their  $\langle Y_4^0 \rangle$  to interfering f and f' resonances (the  $A_2$  is unimportant at small t) to obtain the D-wave phase,  $\varphi_D$ , shown in Fig. 2. (The result of this fit is shown on the  $\langle Y_4^0 \rangle$  distribution of Fig. 1.) Using this value of  $\varphi_D$  they obtained the two solutions for  $\varphi_S$  shown in Fig. 2. They noted that solution 1 exhibits a Breit-Wigner phase variation, while solution 2 is slowly varying with no obvious structure. The curve shown on solution 1 is the result of a least-squares fit of this solution for  $\varphi_S$  to a Breit-Wigner and yields the resonance parameters  $M = 1255 \pm 5$  MeV and  $\Gamma = 79 \pm 10$  MeV. Although there is no a priori reason to rule out solution 2, the authors concluded on the basis of the S-wave intensity variation and the Breit-Wigner phase behavior of solution 1 that they had observed a new scalar meson ( $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$ ).

Cason et al. proceeded to perform the amplitude analysis as a function of t. The S-wave intensity still shows a large enhancement for  $0.2 < |t| < 0.5$   $\text{GeV}^2$  (Fig. 3). The t distributions for  $|S_0|^2$  and  $|D_0|^2$  are also shown in Fig. 3. The slope of the t distribution for  $|D_0|^2$  is  $11.9 \pm 1.2$   $\text{GeV}^{-2}$ , consistent with one-pion exchange (OPE) as expected for f production, but for  $|S_0|^2$  it is  $3.7 \pm 0.8$   $\text{GeV}^{-2}$ . They concluded that the new S-wave resonance is not produced dominantly by OPE, and is therefore most likely  $I^G = 1^-$ . It should be noted that at large |t| the coherence assumptions of the amplitude analysis are less likely to be valid. These assumptions are valid in a region where OPE dominates; however, at large |t|,  $A_2$  production becomes important, making the validity of the amplitude analysis at large |t| uncertain. Furthermore, the presence of interfering I=0 and I=1 S waves<sup>3</sup> makes the slope of the S-wave cross section observed in this experiment difficult to interpret.

The Zurich-CERN-Imperial College experiment of Wetzel et al.<sup>2</sup> also studied the reaction  $\pi^- p \rightarrow K_S K_S n$ . Their  $\langle Y_2^0 \rangle$  moment (Fig. 4) shows the striking  $S_0$ - $D_0$  interference pattern observed by Cason et al. A comparison of all the moments from the two experiments shows excellent agreement. The authors performed an amplitude analysis based on OPE with absorption, and the results of this analysis are also shown in Fig. 4. The S-wave intensity,  $|S_0|^2$ , from this experiment does not show the enhancement at 1270 MeV seen by Cason et al. A detailed comparison of  $|S_0|^2$ ,  $|D_0|^2$ , and  $|\varphi_S - \varphi_D|$

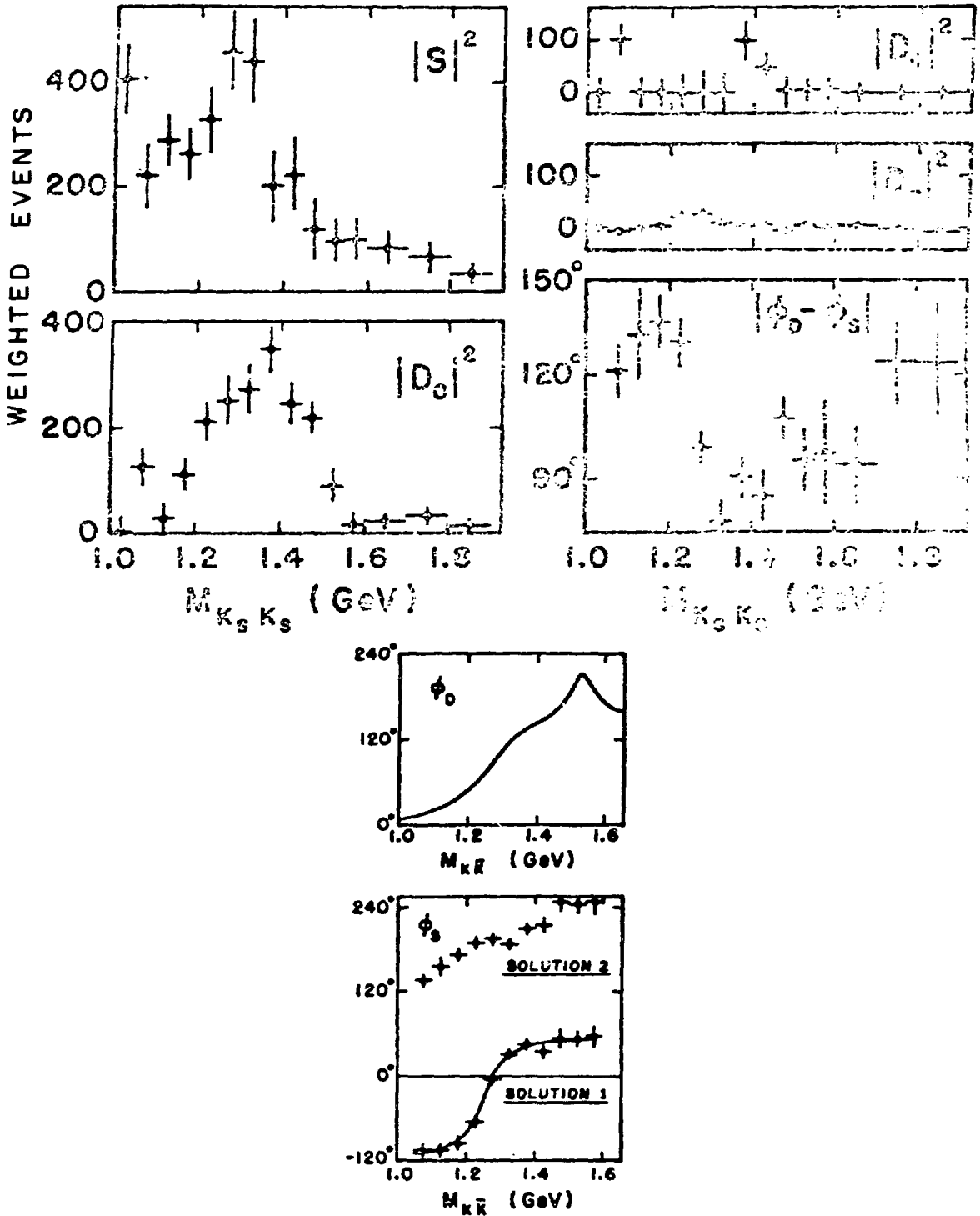


Fig. 2. Results of the amplitude analysis of the  $K_S K_S$  system for  $|t| \leq 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$ . The D-wave phase,  $\phi_D$ , comes from the  $f$ - $f'$  fit to  $\langle Y_4^0 \rangle$ . The curve on solution 1 of  $\phi_S$  is the result of a Breit-Wigner fit.

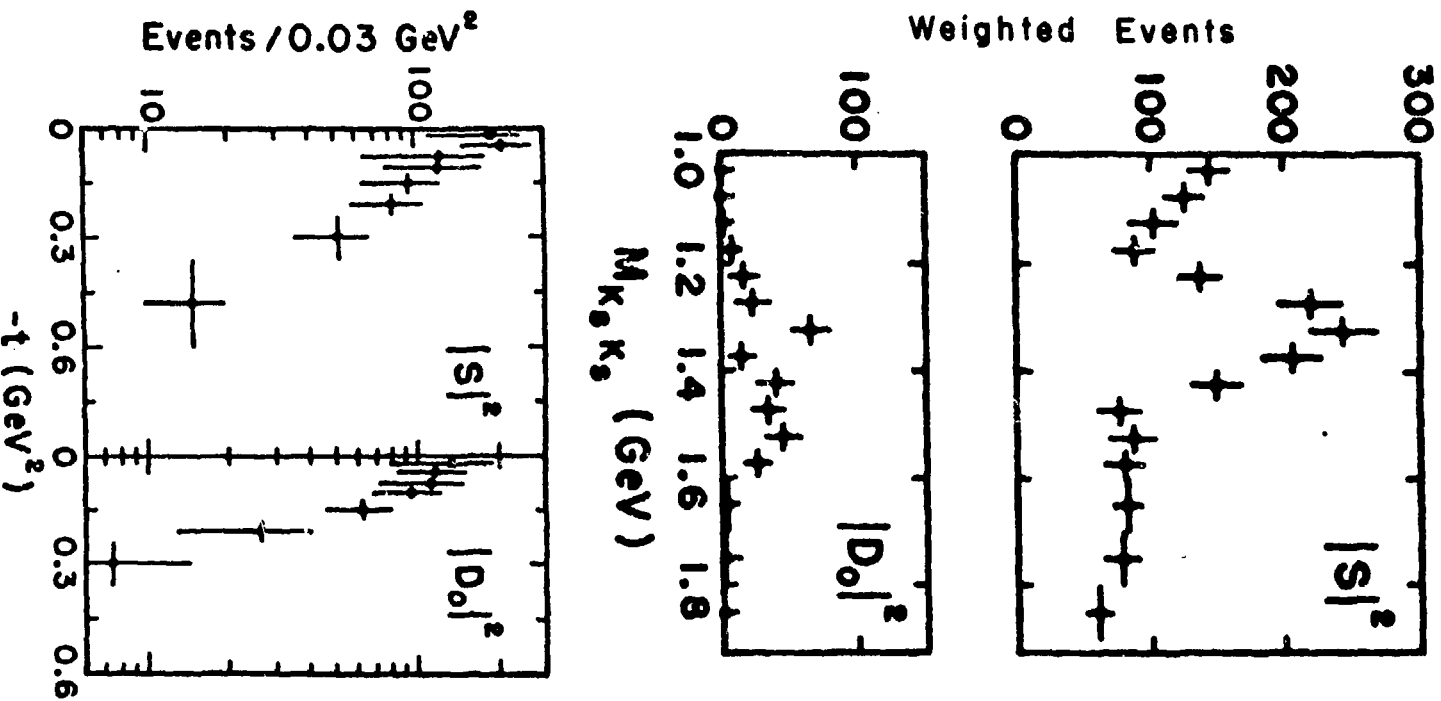


Fig. 3. Results of the amplitude analysis of the  $K_S K_S$  system for  $0.2 < |t| < 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ , and  $|S|^2$  and  $|D_0|^2$  as a function of  $t$  for  $1.22 \text{ GeV} < M_{K_S K_S} < 1.32 \text{ GeV}$ .

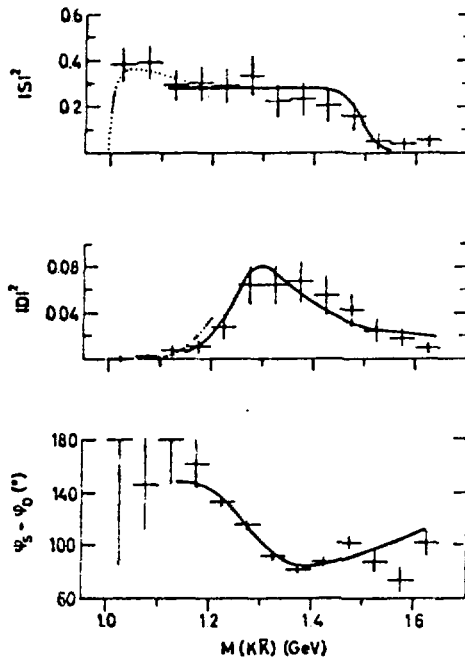
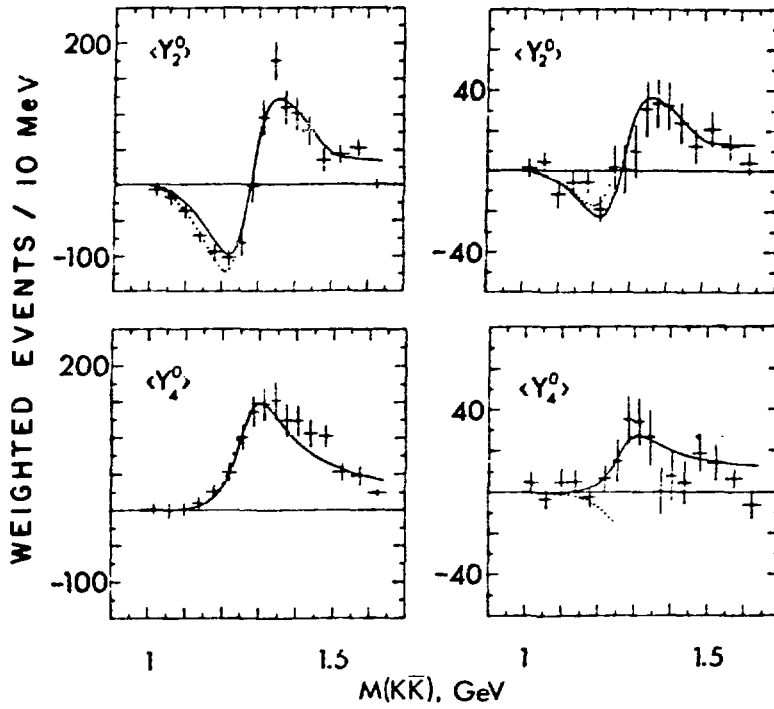


Fig. 4. Unnormalized  $\langle Y_2^0 \rangle$  and  $\langle Y_4^0 \rangle$  moments and amplitude analysis results for  $\pi^- p \rightarrow K_S K_S n$  at 8.9 GeV/c. The moments on the left are for  $|t| < 0.2$  GeV<sup>2</sup>, while those on the right are for  $0.2 < |t| < 0.5$  GeV<sup>2</sup>. For a discussion of the curves see Ref. 2.

from the two experiments shows, within statistics, excellent agreement. Wetzel et al. concluded that "the peaking in the S-wave observed by Cason et al. may therefore be considered as a statistical fluctuation."

As shown in Table I, the Argonne Effective Mass Spectrometer (EMS) experiment has greater statistics than the two experiments discussed above, and furthermore, studies  $K\bar{K}$  production in both the reactions

$$\pi^- p \rightarrow K^- K^+ n \quad (2)$$

and 
$$\pi^+ n \rightarrow K^- K^+ p \quad , \quad (3)$$

to allow a separation of the  $K\bar{K}$  system into its  $I=0$  and  $I=1$  components as discussed above. In addition to the  $S_0$ ,  $D_0$ ,  $D_+$ , and  $D_-$  amplitudes,  $P_0$ ,  $P_+$ , and  $P_-$  are now allowed. While having  $P$  waves present can lead to additional ambiguous solutions compared to the simpler  $K_S K_S$  system, as we shall see below the requirement that the  $P$  wave behave reasonably, in fact leads to a unique solution for the amplitudes. The assumptions made in the amplitude analysis carried out by the EMS group are based on OPE with absorption. We assume that  $S_0$ ,  $P_0$  and  $D_0$  are  $t$ -channel nucleon helicity non-flip (nf) with an OPE  $t$  dependence, while the  $m=1$  amplitudes arise from absorption of the dominant  $m=0$  amplitudes. The explicit form for the  $t$ -channel amplitudes is:

$$S_0 = S_0^{nf} = A_S \frac{\sqrt{-t}}{\mu^2 - t} e^{B_S(t - \mu^2)}$$

$$P_0 = P_0^{nf} = A_{P_0} \frac{\sqrt{-t}}{\mu^2 - t} e^{B_{P_0}(t - \mu^2)}$$

$$D_0 = D_0^{nf} = A_{D_0} \frac{\sqrt{-t}}{\mu^2 - t} e^{B_{D_0}(\mu^2 - t)}$$

$$P_-^{nf} = A_{P_-} \sqrt{\frac{t'}{t}} e^{(B_{P_-} t' + C_{P_-} t'^2)}$$

$$P_-^f = \sqrt{\frac{t_{\min}}{t'}} P_-^{nf}$$

$$D_-^{nf} = A_{D_-} \sqrt{\frac{t'}{t}} e^{B_{D_-} t'}$$

$$D_-^f = \sqrt{\frac{t_{\min}}{t'}} D_-^{nf}$$

In the above expressions  $t' = t - t_{\min}$  and  $\mu^2 = 0.0195 \text{ GeV}^2$ . The parameters describing the  $t$  dependence of the amplitudes ( $B_{S_0}$ ,  $B_{P_0}$ , etc.) were taken

from studies of the reaction  $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ n$ .<sup>8</sup> The results are insensitive to reasonable variations of these parameters. Based on the observation that  $\langle Y_2^2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle Y_3^2 \rangle$ , and  $\langle Y_4^2 \rangle$  are  $\sim 0$  over the mass and  $t$  range considered, we further assumed that  $P_+ = P_-$  and  $D_+ = D_-$ . We then proceeded to fit the 9  $t$ -channel moments with  $\ell \leq 4$  and  $m \leq 1$  to determine  $|S_0|$ ,  $|P_0|$ ,  $|D_0|$ ,  $\varphi_{P_0} - \varphi_{S_0}$ ,  $\varphi_{D_0} - \varphi_{S_0}$ ,  $A_{P_0}$  and  $A_{D_0}$ . This was done for  $M_{KK}$  regions of reactions (2) and (3) separately. There are four solutions for these parameters for each mass slice of each reaction; these solutions were found using the method of Barrelet zeros.

In practice, the EMS group did not fit to the usual  $\langle Y_\ell^m \rangle$  moments, but rather to so-called  $\langle Q_i \rangle$  moments which are linear combinations of the various  $\langle Y_\ell^m \rangle$ 's that more clearly display the underlying structure of the amplitudes. The  $\langle Q_i \rangle$  moments are defined<sup>9</sup> in Fig. 5 where they are shown for reaction (2) for  $|t| < 0.08 \text{ GeV}^2$  and  $M_{KK} < 1600 \text{ MeV}$  along with the results of the fit. The assumed parametrization of the amplitudes clearly provides an excellent description of the experimentally-measured moments. The fits to reaction (3) (not shown) are equally good.

Figure 6 shows the intensities of  $S_0$ ,  $P_0$ , and  $D_0$  for reaction (3) for  $|t| < 0.08 \text{ GeV}^2$  as determined by this amplitude analysis. There are two sets of solutions for  $S_0$  and  $P_0$  which differ only for  $M_{KK} > 1200 \text{ MeV}$ , while  $D_0$ , being fixed by  $\langle Y_4^0 \rangle$ , has only one solution. One set of solutions (solution 1) exhibits an enhancement in  $S_0$  at  $\sim 1300 \text{ MeV}$  along with a small  $P_0$  amplitude, while the other solution (solution 2) shows an enhancement in  $P_0$  at  $1300 \text{ MeV}$  along with a small  $S_0$  amplitude. The  $S^*$  effect near threshold is prominent in the  $S_0$  amplitude for both solutions, while  $D_0$  shows the expected enhancement in the  $f$  region. Recall that, except for the contribution of the amplitudes with  $\ell$  odd, the moments for reactions (1) and (3) should be the same after taking the unobserved  $K_L K_L n$  final state into account for reaction (1). So, we can use the  $\pi^- p \rightarrow K_S K_S n$  data to select the correct solution set for reaction (3). In particular we note that

$$\sqrt{4\pi} \left( \frac{d^2\sigma}{dt dm} \langle Y_2^0 \rangle (\pi^+ n \rightarrow K^- K^+ p) - 2 \frac{d^2\sigma}{dt dm} \langle Y_2^0 \rangle (\pi^- p \rightarrow K_S K_S n) \right) = 0.894 |P_0|^2 + (m=1 \text{ terms}) ,$$

where the  $m=1$  terms are small. The factor of 2 multiplying the  $K_S K_S n$  term in the above equation accounts for the  $K_L K_L n$  final state. A comparison of  $\langle Y_2^0 \rangle$  for reactions (1) and (3) (Fig. 7) clearly rules out the solution with large  $P_0$ , leaving the solution with the S-wave enhancement at  $1300 \text{ MeV}$  and the small  $P_0$  amplitude as the correct solution.

The amplitudes for reaction (2) for  $|t| < 0.08 \text{ GeV}^2$  are shown in Fig. 8. Again there are two sets of solutions, and these are qualitatively similar to the solutions for reaction (3), although the substantial quantitative differences

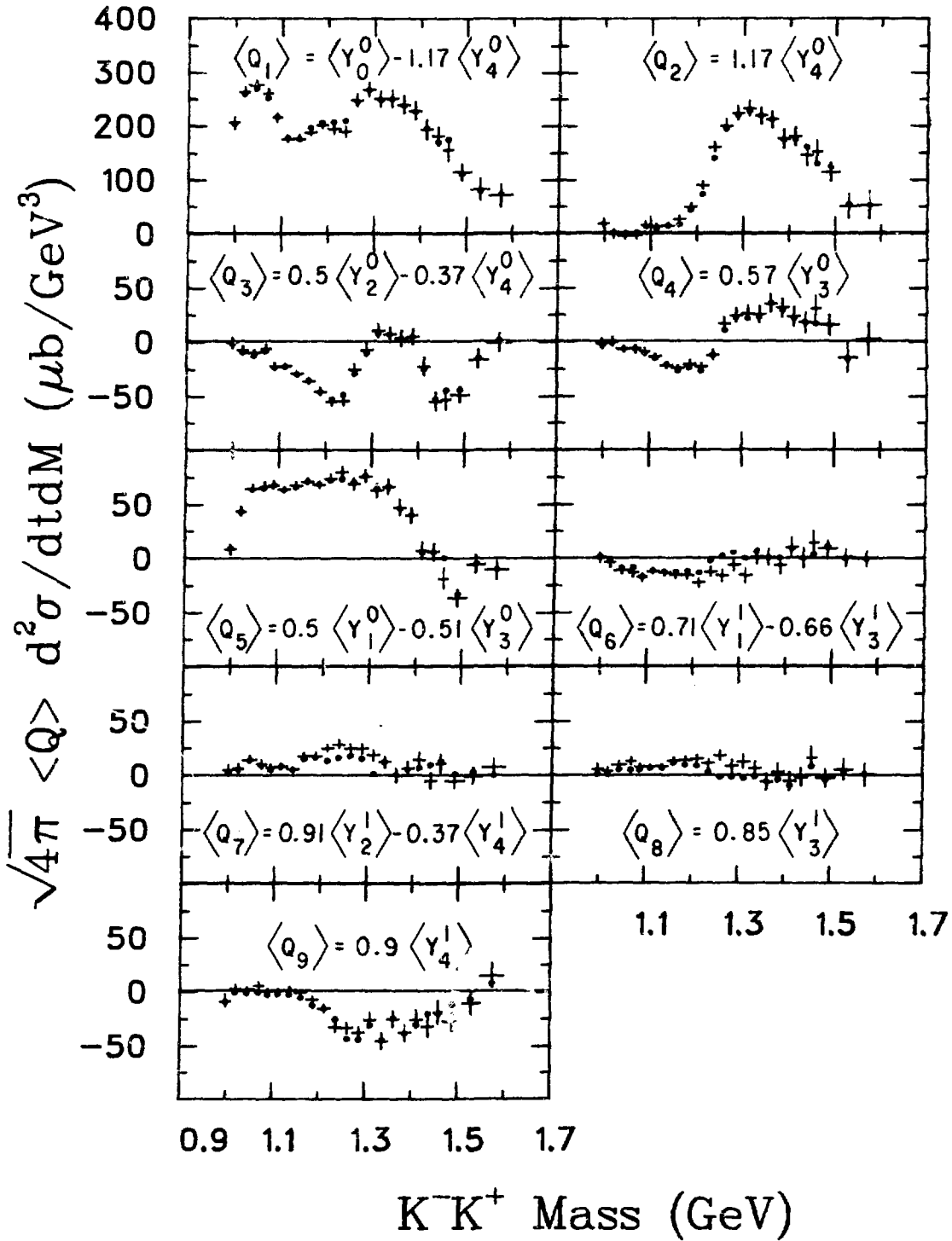


Fig. 5.  $\langle Q_i \rangle$  moments for  $\pi^- p \rightarrow K^- K^+ n$  for  $|t| < 0.08 \text{ GeV}^2$ . The dots are the result of the fit discussed in the text. The dominant amplitude contributions to the large moments are  $\sigma(Q_1) = |S_0|^2 + |P_0|^2$ ,  $\sigma(Q_2) = |D_0|^2$ ,  $\sigma(Q_3) = S_0 \cdot D_0 + 0.45 |P_0|^2$ ,  $\sigma(Q_4) = P_0 \cdot D_0$ ,  $\sigma(Q_5) = S_0 \cdot P_0$ .

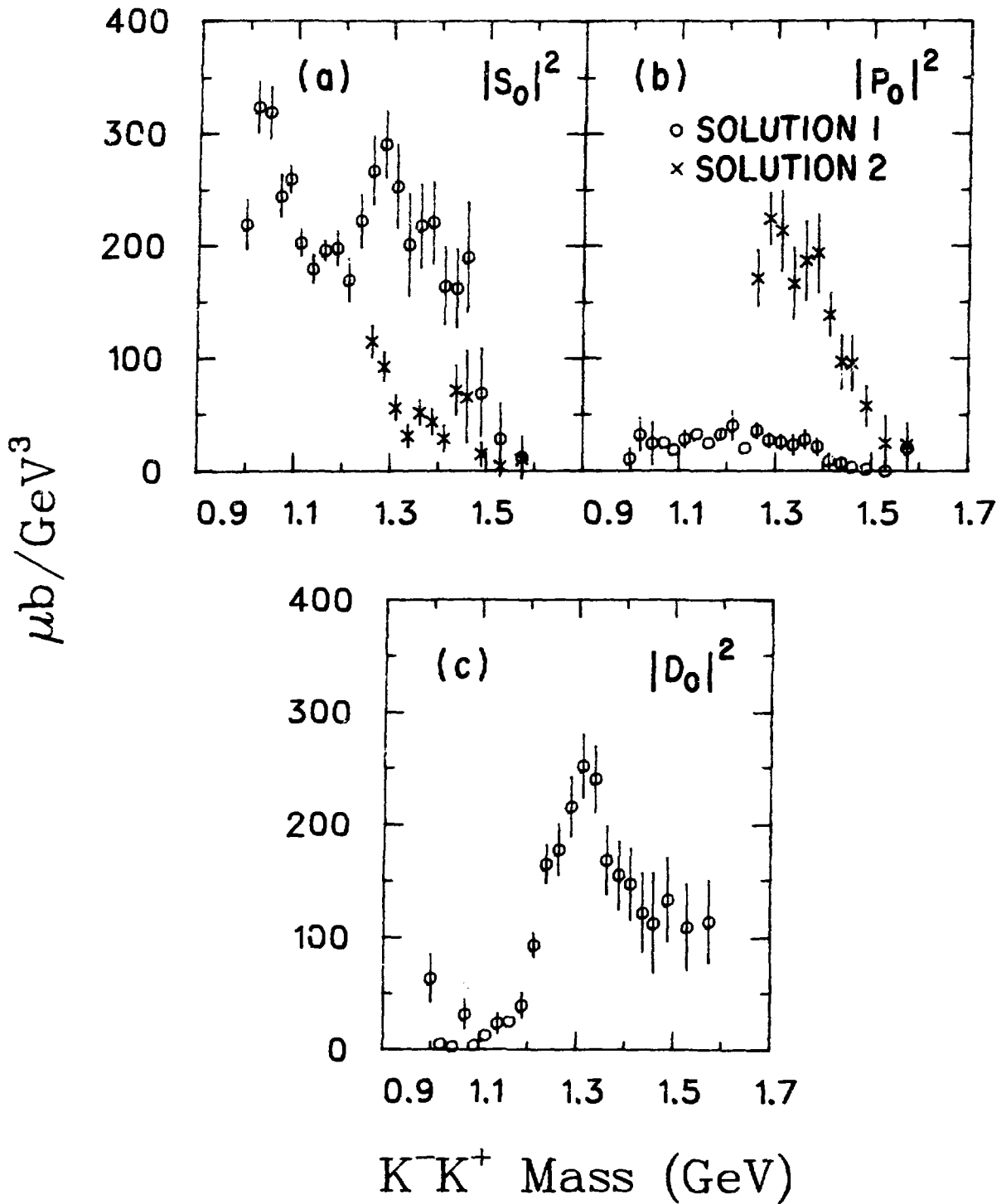


Fig. 6.  $S_0$ ,  $P_0$ , and  $D_0$  intensities for  $\pi^- n \rightarrow K^- K^+ p$  at 6 GeV/c for  $|t| < 0.08 \text{ GeV}^2$ . There are two sets of solutions for  $S_0$  and  $P_0$  which differ for  $M_{KK} > 1.2 \text{ GeV}$ .

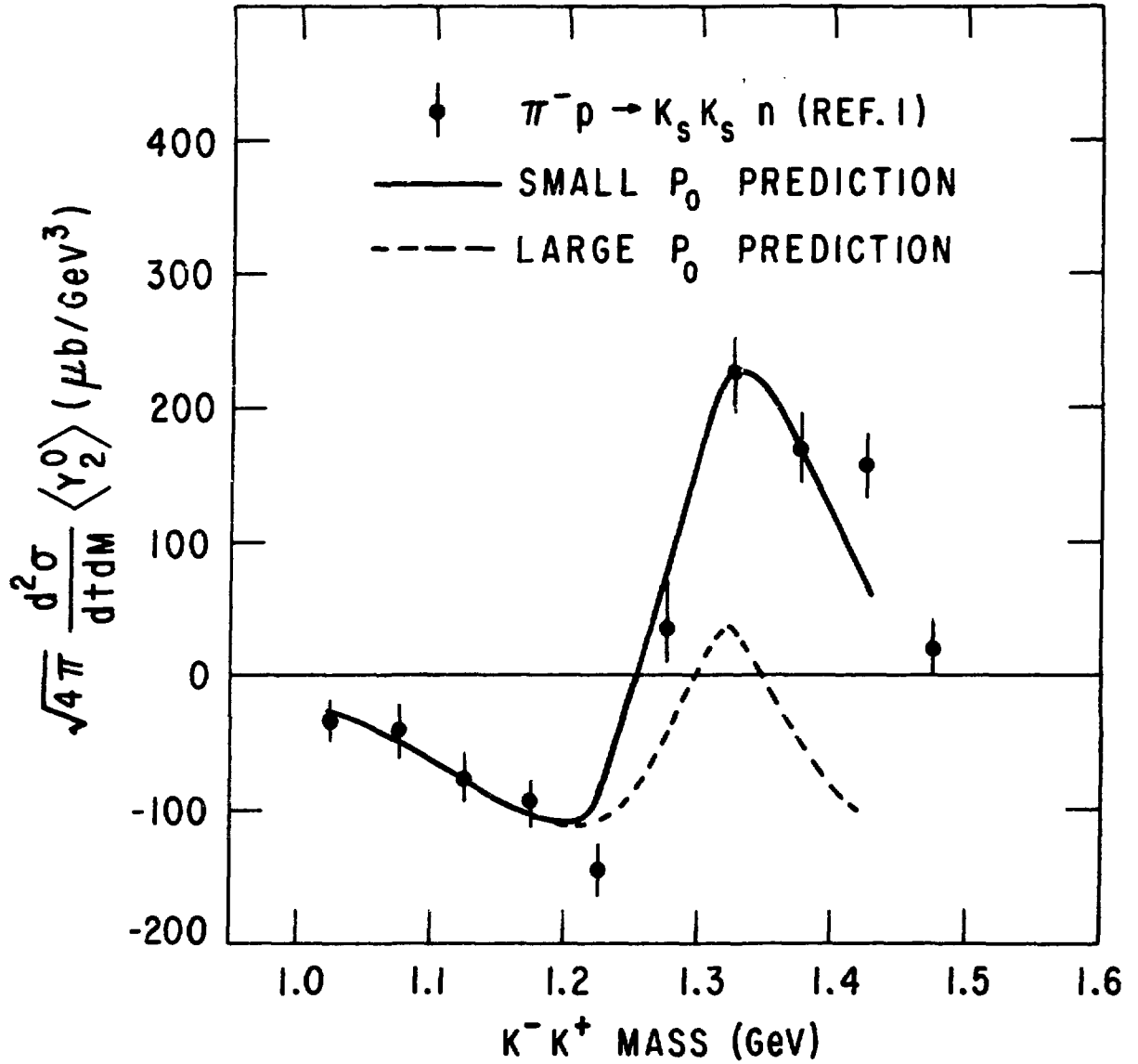


Fig. 7. The  $\langle Y_2^0 \rangle$  moment for  $\pi^- p \rightarrow K_S K_S n$  ( $|t| < 0.20 \text{ GeV}^2$ ). The  $K_S K_S$  data have been normalized to the  $\pi^+ n \rightarrow K^+ K^- p$  data using the  $\langle Y_4^0 \rangle$  moment. The solid curve is the prediction for the  $K_S K_S$   $\langle Y_2^0 \rangle$  moment based on the  $\langle Y_2^0 \rangle$  moment from  $\pi^+ n \rightarrow K^- K^+ p$  and assuming the solution with the small  $P_0$  amplitude is correct, while the dashed curve assumes that the large  $P_0$  amplitude is correct.

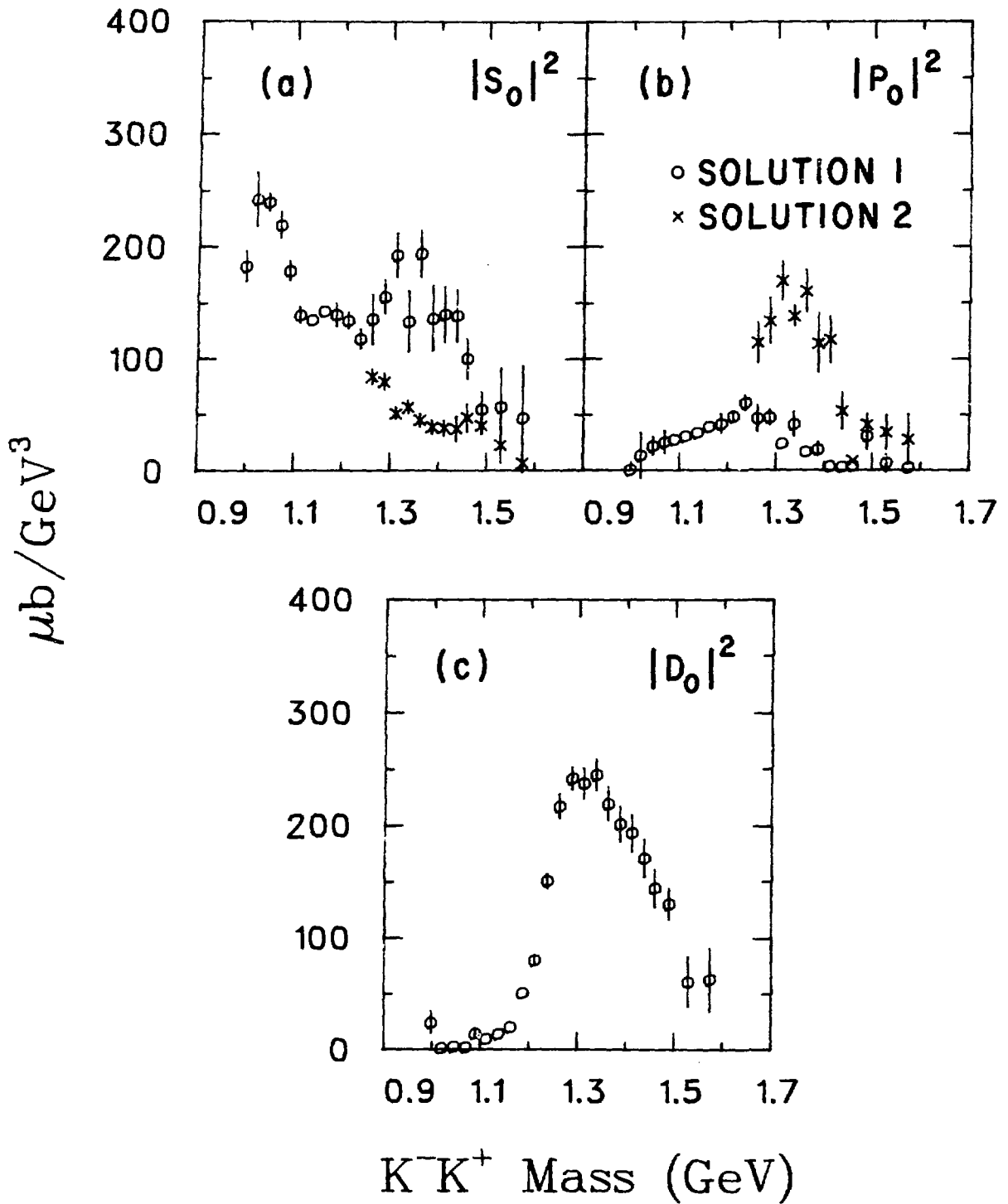


Fig. 8.  $S_0$ ,  $P_0$ , and  $D_0$  intensities for  $\pi^- p \rightarrow K^- K^+ n$  for  $|t| < 0.08 \text{ GeV}^2$ .

indicate the presence of interfering  $I=0$  and  $I=1$  amplitudes. There are no data presently available that can determine the correct solution set in this case.<sup>10</sup>

The amplitude analysis yields only relative phases, but, as discussed above, the EMS group has carried out detailed fits to  $\langle Y_4^0 \rangle$  in terms of interfering  $f$ ,  $f'$  and  $A_2$  resonances<sup>7</sup> which allow one to extract the D-wave phase  $\varphi_D$ , and hence determine the S- and P-wave phases,  $\varphi_S$  and  $\varphi_P$ . Each set of solutions for S and P gives rise to two sets of solutions for  $\varphi_S$  and  $\varphi_P$ . The two sets of phase solutions for reaction (3) are shown in Fig. 9. The solutions for  $\varphi_S$  are consistent with the two solutions of Cason *et al.* (see Fig. 2). We note that the solution that exhibits a Breit-Wigner like phase variation for  $\varphi_S$  also has a rapid phase variation for  $\varphi_P$ , while the slowly varying  $\varphi_S$  solution is accompanied by a slowly varying  $\varphi_P$  solution. For reaction (2) there are four sets of phase solutions, and these are shown in Fig. 10.

We are now in a position to extract the  $I=0$  and  $I=1$ , S-wave and P-wave  $m=0$  amplitudes. Recall that

$$\begin{aligned} S_{I=0} &= \frac{1}{2}(S_{\pi p}^- + S_{\pi p}^+) & S_{I=1} &= \frac{1}{2}(S_{\pi p}^- - S_{\pi p}^+) \\ P_{I=0} &= \frac{1}{2}(P_{\pi p}^- + P_{\pi p}^+) & P_{I=1} &= \frac{1}{2}(P_{\pi p}^- - P_{\pi p}^+) \end{aligned}$$

Each combination of a possible solution set for  $S$ ,  $P$ ,  $\varphi_S$  and  $\varphi_P$  from reaction (2) with a solution set from reaction (3) gives one solution for the magnitude and phases of the  $I=0$  and  $I=1$  S-wave and P-wave amplitudes. Since we have four solutions for reaction (2) and two solutions for reaction (3) we obtain eight solutions for the  $I=0$  and  $I=1$  S-wave and P-wave amplitudes. There are, in fact, four unique solutions for the magnitudes of the amplitudes, each of which has two phase solutions. These solutions are shown in Figs. 11 and 12, with Fig. 11 coming from the solution of reaction (2) with the large  $S$  amplitude at 1300 MeV. Also shown superimposed on the solutions is the behavior expected for the  $I=1$  P-wave amplitude if it were dominated by the high-mass tail of the  $\rho$  meson decaying into  $K^-K^+$ , with a  $\rho KK$  coupling given by  $SU(3)$ .<sup>11</sup> We note that both the magnitude and phase of  $P_{I=1}$  for solution I(b) agree extremely well with what is expected from the  $\rho$  tail. None of the other solutions agrees with this prediction. The preferred solution I(b) exhibits the  $S^*$  effect at threshold and an  $I=0$  S-wave enhancement at  $\sim 1300$  MeV, and has a slowly varying  $I=0$  S-wave phase.  $S_{I=1}$  and  $P_{I=0}$  are both small

in this solution. Solution I(a) has both a rapidly varying  $\varphi_S^{I=1}$  and  $\varphi_P^{I=0}$ . The other solutions (II, III, and IV) have both  $I=1$  S-wave and  $I=0$  P-wave enhancements at  $\sim 1300$  MeV. Thus on the basis of selecting the solution that agrees with that expected for the  $\rho$  tail, this analysis has shown that the new S-wave enhancement is  $I=0$  and has a slowly varying phase.

The EMS group has also carried out the amplitude analysis at larger  $|t|$  ( $0.2 < |t| < 0.4$  GeV<sup>2</sup>), and the resultant S-wave and P-wave intensities

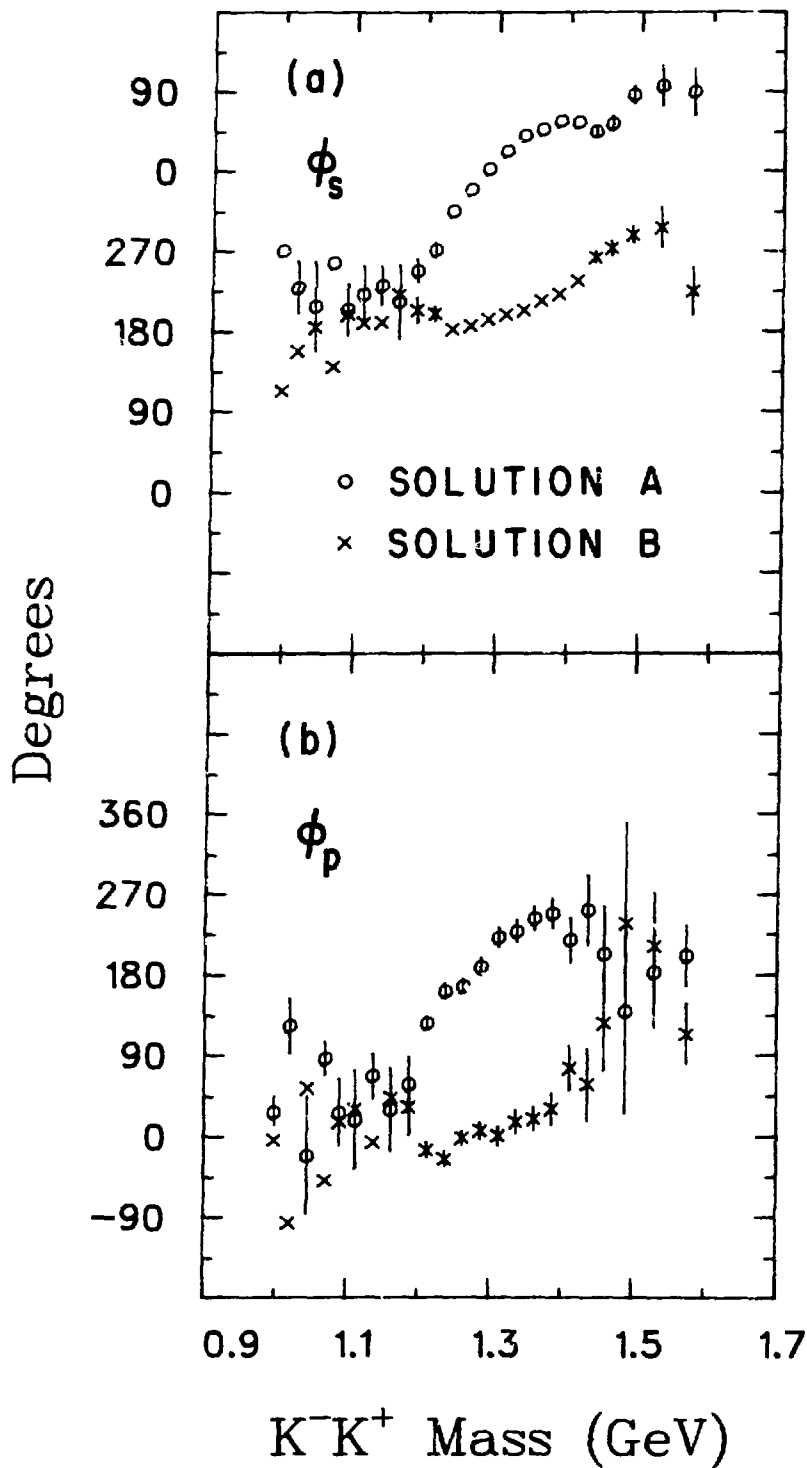


Fig. 9. S-wave and P-wave phases for  $\pi^+ n \rightarrow K^- K^+ p$  for  $|t| < 0.08 \text{ GeV}^2$ . The error bars for both solutions are the same.

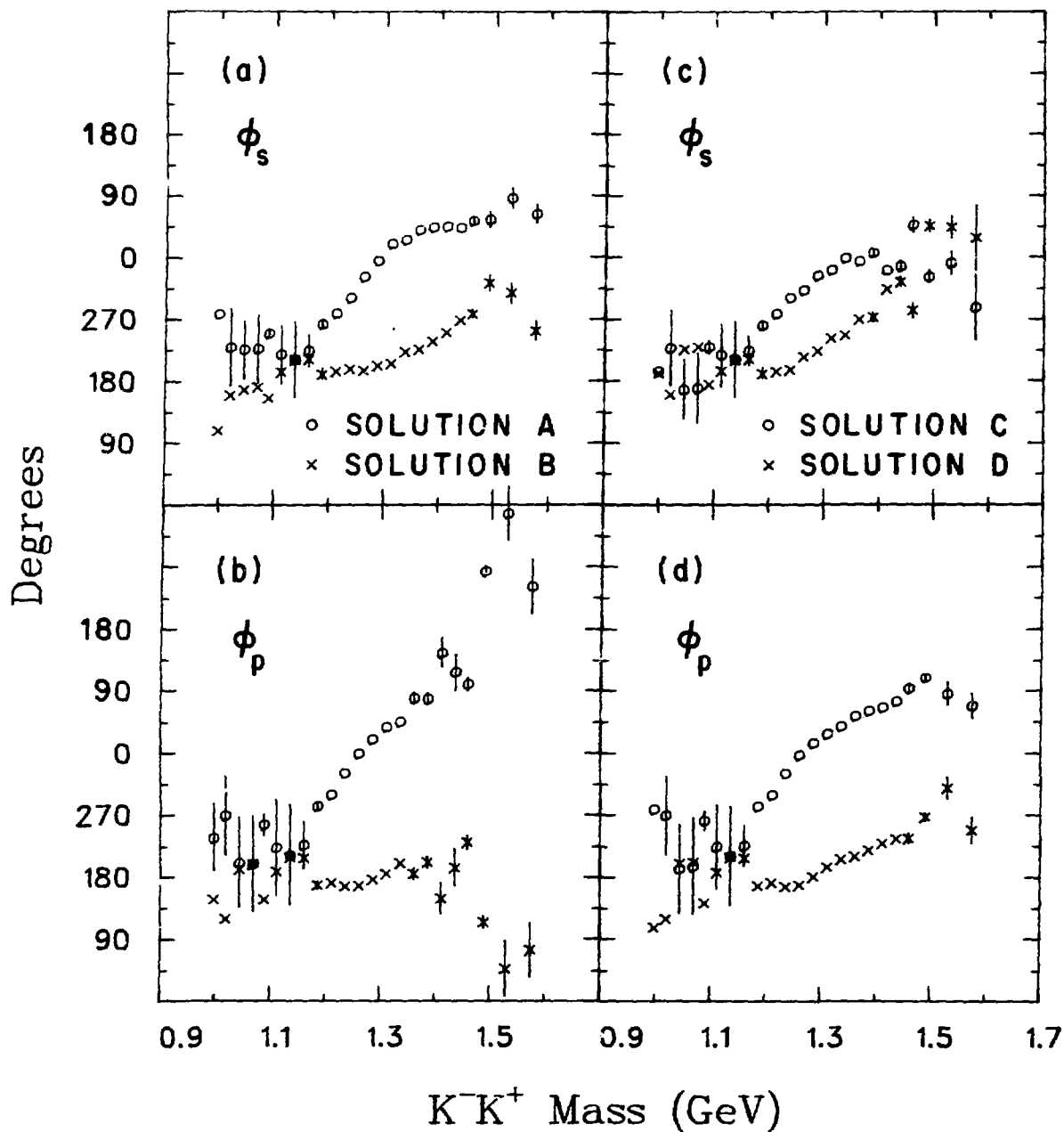


Fig. 10. S-wave and P-wave phases for  $\pi^- p \rightarrow K^- K^+ n$  for  $|t| < 0.08 \text{ GeV}^2$ . Solutions A and B for  $\phi_S$  and  $\phi_P$  arise from solution 1 of Fig. 8, while solutions C and D arise from solution 2 of Fig. 8. The error bars for solutions A and B, as well as those for C and D are the same.

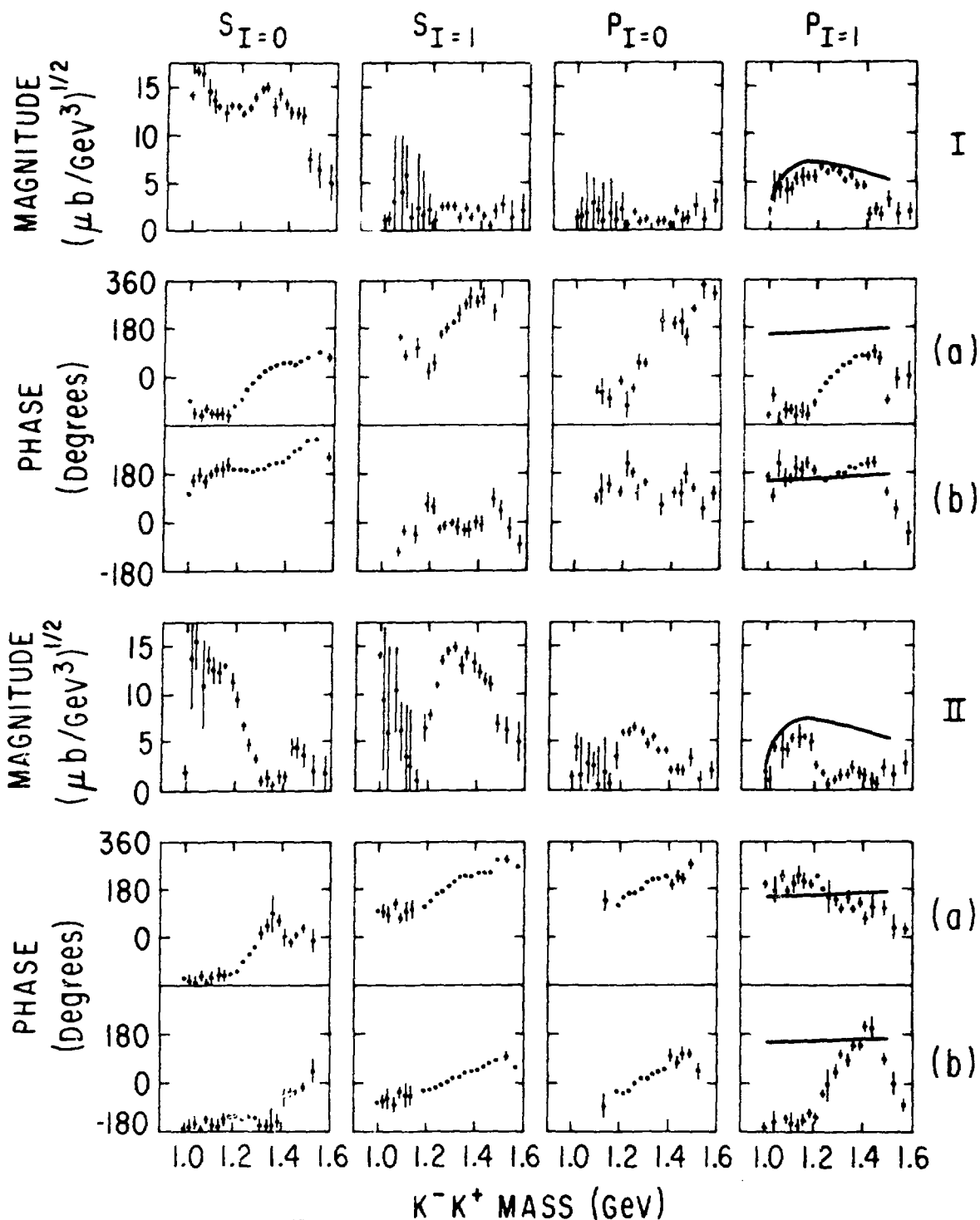


Fig. 11.  $I=0$  and  $I=1$  S-wave and P-wave amplitudes for  $|t| < 0.08 \text{ GeV}^2$ . These four solutions use the solution for  $\pi^- p \rightarrow K^- K^+$  that has the large  $S_0$  amplitude (solution 1 of Fig. 8). The curves superimposed on  $P_{I=1}$  represent the behavior expected for the  $I=1$  P-wave amplitude if it were dominated by the high mass tail of the  $\rho$  meson decaying into  $K^- K^+$ .

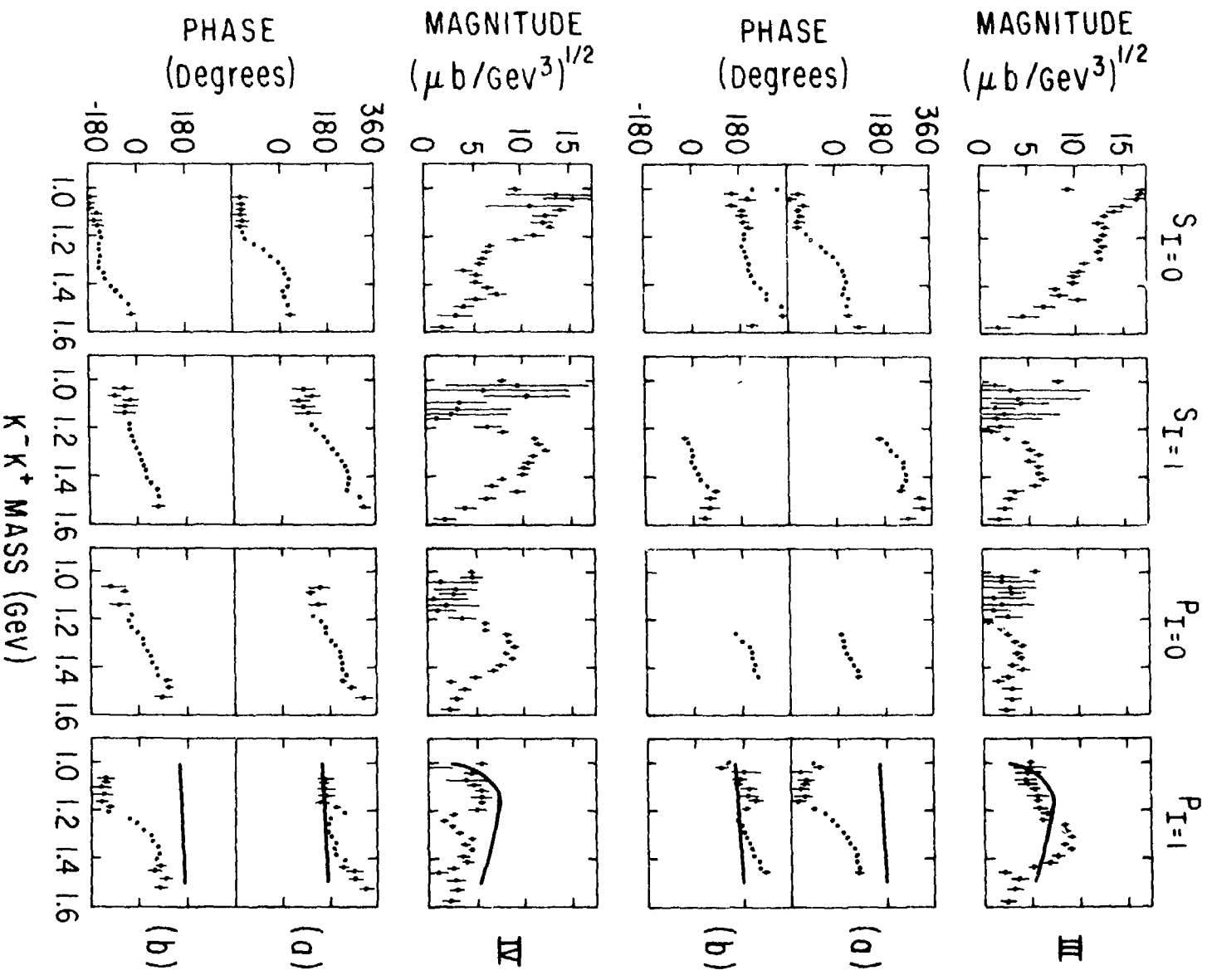


Fig. 12.  $I=0$  and  $I=1$  S-wave and P-wave amplitudes for  $|t| < 0.08 \text{ GeV}^2$ . These four solutions use the solution for  $\pi^- p \rightarrow K^- K^+ n$  that has the small  $S_0$  amplitude (solution 2 of Fig. 8). See Fig. 11 for a discussion of the curves.

are shown in Fig. 13. The same caveats apply here as were made in discussing the large  $|t|$  analysis of Cason *et al.* Again, comparison with the data of Cason *et al.* selects the solution with the large S wave at 1300 MeV and small P wave as being the correct solution for  $\pi^+ n \rightarrow K^- K^+ p$ . The two solutions for  $\pi^- p \rightarrow K^- K^+ n$  are indistinguishable. No separation of the amplitudes into  $I=0$  and  $I=1$  components has been done at large  $|t|$ , although the large difference between the S-wave intensity for the two reactions indicates the presence of both  $I=0$  and  $I=1$  S-wave amplitudes at large  $|t|$ .

## DISCUSSION

The observation of the new  $I=0$  S-wave state discussed in this review puts the  $SU(3)$  classification of the  $0^{++}$  mesons into some doubt. Two years ago Morgan<sup>12</sup> classified the scalar mesons into a non-ideally mixed nonet ( $\theta \sim 65^\circ$ ) comprising the  $\delta(975)$ ,  $S^*(993)$ ,  $\kappa(1250)$ , and the  $\epsilon(1300)$ . He was able to obtain a self-consistent set of masses and coupling constants. This classification scheme has difficulty in explaining the new  $I=0$  S-wave state. The intensity variation in the  $I=0$  S-wave amplitude can be qualitatively understood as being due to the interference of the  $S^*(993)$  with the broad  $\epsilon(1300)$ ; however, this would imply an anomalously large coupling of the  $\epsilon$  to  $K\bar{K}$ . In addition, the S-wave enhancement at large  $t$  may be indicative of an additional  $I=1$  S-wave state. The new  $\kappa(1450)$  discussed at this conference<sup>13</sup> also does not easily fit into Morgan's classification scheme. Alternative schemes based on the M.I.T. bag model<sup>14</sup> which classify some of the established states as four-quark states have been proposed.

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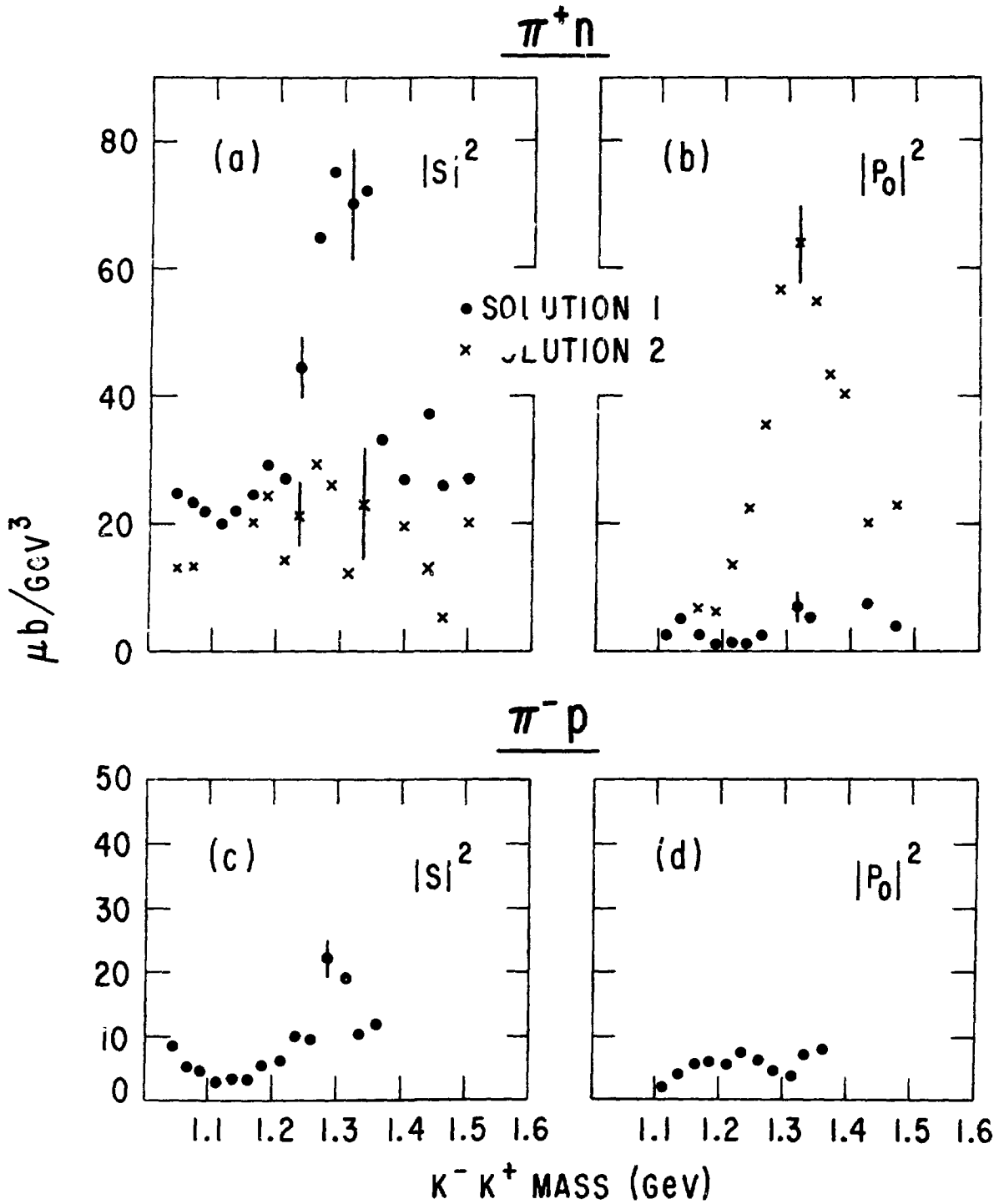


Fig. 13.  $S_0$  and  $P_0$  intensities for  $\pi^+ n \rightarrow K^- K^+ p$  and  $\pi^- p \rightarrow K^- K^+ n$  for  $0.2 < |t| < 0.4 \text{ GeV}^2$ . Only typical error bars are shown.

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