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Proposal for a = * experiment in the Cmega Spectrometer

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INTRODUCTION

"The situation concerning the excited Ξ -states is very unpleasant. Since every octet and every decuplet requires an $I=\frac{1}{2}$ Ξ -state, we could get a vague impression of the expected Ξ -spectrum by combining the observed N and Δ states on the same plot. The predicted states should probably lie 250-400 MeV above the corresponding non-strange resonances" (Harari, Vienna 1968).

In the summary by the Particle Data Group (Ref. 1) only $3 \equiv \text{states}$ (1530, 1820 and 1930) are listed, despite relaxed selection criteria due to meagre statistics. The statistics are low because the cross-sections are no greater than a few microbarns and so far - 8 years after the introduction of RF-separated beams - the largest bubble chamber exposure has reached only 30 events/ μ b. The subject appears suitable for an Ω -experiment. On the one hand a trigger selecting incident K and recoil K will yield an S = -2 state; on the other, the large angular acceptance and high momentum resolution of the Ω can be exploited to disentangle the complicated mixture of final states.

Arrangement of apparatus

Our design is at present based on spark chamber arrangement 2 with small chambers at the sides of the target with their plates parallel to the beam, Fig. 1. Five GeV/c K from the enriched beam (No. 3 of the beam subcommittee report, CERN 70-29) will be selected by Cerenkov counter. Most of the $\stackrel{*}{=}^*$ production cross section from the reaction K + p \rightarrow $\stackrel{*}{=}^*$ + K is expected to be in the backward peak associated with baryon exchange so that the K tend to come out of the target at large angles and with low momenta. Fig. 2 shows $\stackrel{*}{=}^*$ mass contours of $\theta_{\rm K}$ as a function of both $p_{\rm K}$ and u, where

$$u = (m_p - m_K)^2 - 2m_p T_K^+$$

If the differential cross section is expressed as

$$\frac{d \sigma}{d u} = const. e^{b(u-u_0)}$$

then from other hyperon exchange reactions we expect $b \sim 4 (\text{GeV/c})^{-2}$.

Fig. 3 shows the momentum spectrum of the \textbf{K}^{\pm} for different values of b, i.e.

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dP_{K}^{+}} = \frac{d\sigma}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dP_{K}^{+}}$$

together with the revents corresponding to the K^{\pm} range in 2 or of liquid hydrogen and in 100 gm cm⁻² of copper. Bubble chamber results indicate that 2-body or quasi- 2-body interactions are generally associated with low momentum transfers; moreover, peripherally produced Ξ^{\pm} will be projected forwards into the main spark chambers where their secondary products can be accurately measured. The arrangement of the K^{\pm} detectors will therefore be lesigned to color preferentially low momentum transfers, i.e. K^{\pm} momenta loss than 600 MeV/c.

In Pig. 4 we show a counter configuration compatible with spark chamber arrangement 2. There are three vertical counter arrays (V_1 V_2 V_3) and two horisontal arrays (H_1 H_2) mounted below the small spark chambers. The vertical counter V3 shown there can be relatively small because for Ξ^* mass $\leq 2.2 \text{ GeV/s}^2$ the K^+ trajectories converge forwards into it. Figs. 5 % 5 are schematical layouts of the standard spark chambers together with the counters and two small additional chambers specific to our experiment.

K + Detectors

Each of the five counter arrays will consist of a sandwich of 9 cointillators interspersed with 3 copper plates. The counter 72 will contain 53 gm cm $^{-2}$ of copper; the remaining counters will each contain 100 gm cm $^{-2}$. All counters will be supported on a trolley as

shown in Fig. 7. The counter V3 has its own independent rails and its position can be adjusted during the experiment.

The position of the counter arrays was chosen by orbit tracing and by computer analysis of representative K^+ -trajectories. With the aid of our Monte Carlo programme, SPRUCE, we tested and made minor modifications to the arrangement. The first four Monte Carlo events obtained for $m_{\Xi}^* = 1.3 \text{ GeV/c}^2$ are illustrated in Fig. 8.

We show the K^+ -stopping efficiency as functions of the slope b, Fig. 9 and the Ξ^+ -mass, Fig. 10. Absorption in the hydrogen target, decay in flight and range in the counters have been included in evaluating this efficiency, but it represents only the stopping efficiency for K^+ and does not include the efficiency for the detection of the K^+ -decay products.

For a Ξ^* mass of 1.8 GeV/e², V3 accounts for about 1/3 of the trigger rate, V1 and V2 together for rather more than 1/3 and the horizontal counters for the remainder. For a mass of 2.4 GeV/e², V1 accounts for 3/4 of the total and most of the remainder goes to V3. We give as an example in Fig. 11 a profile of K⁺ intercepts with the plane containing V3 for mg* = 2.2 GeV/c². This shows the focusing effect of the magnetic field; for lower masses this distribution is shifted further away from the beam and for higher masses towards the beam. This explains the falloff in efficiency with increasing mass as shown in Fig. 10. (V3 has a section, centred on the beamline, of radius 30 cm cut away to permit the Ξ^* -decay secondaries to enter the main chambers).

A sketch of a typical counter array is shown in Fig. 12. We have investigated the timing properties of a counter consisting of a small scintillator (NE 102A) mounted at the end of a 2 m light guide and viewed by a 56 AVP tube. The coincidence resolving time was 1.4 ns (FWHM) for 40 photoelectrons. The replacement of the 56 AVP by a high quantum efficiency tube (RCA 3575 has 51 %) is being investigated and could well improve the timing resolution as well as

the dE/dx measurements. Tests have also shown that, by using passive pulse shaping elements at the phototube output, it is possible to obtain a 5 ns output pulse from a 56 AVP when a light diode is pulsed at the end of a 2 m light guide. Therefore, it appears reasonable to expect a scintillation counter to resolve two distinct particles separated by a time interval of about 7 ns. Further tests are being made but for the present it is assumed that a scintillation counter could clearly resolve two consecutive particles when the separation time is \geq 10 ns.

and may be identified by the appearance of a delayed coincidence signal, from one of its charged products, in either one of the two scintillation counters adjacent to this absorber. Adjacent counters can be precisely timed relative to each other.

The triggering electronics may be divided into two logically distinct systems (F and I). System F will identify K^{\dagger} decay products emitted into the forward hemisphere (relative to the K^{\dagger} direction) within a gate width of 25 ne generated 6 ns after the prompt K^{\dagger} signal. These are called F triggers. On the other hand, system B will identify K^{\dagger} decay products emitted in the backward hemisphere and occurring incide the same gate but now delayed by 10 ns relative to the prompt K^{\dagger} pulse. The trigger F + B will include the M^{\dagger} v and π^{\dagger} π^{\dagger} decay modes with branching ratios 65.5 β and 20.9 β respectively. Using the delays and the gate width indicated, 62 β of the forward and 44 β of the backward decaying K^{\dagger} will remain and, of these, 87 β will decay within the 25 ns gate. The detection efficiency for the K^{\dagger} decay is therefore estimated to be: (0.62 + 0.44) x 0.5 x 0.87 x (.64 + .21) = 0.39.

Additional information that will be stored and monitored on-line will include relative timing and $dB/d\pi$ measurements for the counter array that supplied the K^+ trigger. The K^+ range can be extracted from the array status word.

Yields and triggering rates

The following parameters are used in our yield calculations:

- 1) K⁺ stopping efficiency, 0.4
 2) K⁺ decay detection efficiency, 0.39
- 3) Liquid hydrogen target length L, 40 cm
- 4) Liquid hydrogen density ρ , .07 gm cm⁻³
- 5) K intensity M', 2. x 10⁴ per PS burst (see NP Internal Report, 70-29)

then

events/µb/burst = NoTE L.H'g =
$$(6 \times 10^{25}) \times (10^{-30})$$

 $\times .16 \times 40. \times (2 \times 10^{4}) \times .07$
= 5.2×10^{-3} events/µb/burst.

Assuming a 20 hour PS day we get about 2000 events per microbarn for a 14 day PS period. In the present state of knowledge extrapolation from this figure to estimate the number of Ξ^* 's we can expect to obtain can be little better than speculation. We can only say that the cross sections for the peripherally produced Ξ^* (1820) and Ξ^* (2030) have been quoted as $\approx 3 \,\mu b$ (ref. 4).

The figures that we have given above for the efficiency have been estimated from the available data. The major uncertainty is in the beam performance. We realise that it may not be possible to achieve adequate separation at 5.0 GeV/c. We would like to run at this momentum because it gives a range of Ξ^* -masses extending up to a phase space limit of 2.7 GeV/c². However, a beam momentum above 4.0 GeV/c still gives an interesting range of Ξ^* -masses up to 2.5 GeV/c².

It is difficult to predict the triggering background. No single proton and only 2 % of single pions stopping in the counters can simulate a K⁺. We expect the triggering background to be due to such stopping particles accompanied by a delayed particle which spiralled in the magnetic field. This background, if troublesome, can be reduced by tightening the correlation between the layer in which the K⁺ is thought to stop and the layers in which delayed decay pulses are seen. Accidental coincidences, due to high singles rates in the scintillators (background in the West Hall) can also be controlled by such adjustments. The on-line filtering cannot be very cophicticated. However the extensive information recorded on magnetic tape can subsequently be analysed to limit the number of measurements required on the HFD.

Kinematic Analysis and Lientification of the Final State

In order to measure the branching ratios of the various \cong *'s it will be necessary to identify as many as possible of the final states in which the \cong 'is produced. SU (3) calculations for some predicted \cong * states are given in Table 1 (from reference 5). The \cong mass resolution is also dependent on the ability to identify the final state. Invariant mass gives a better mass resolution than the missing mass and the kinematic constraints at decay and production vertices can be used to improve significantly on this resolution.

Events will be selected in which the momentum of the particle entering the K^+ detector is consistent with the range and dE/dx measurement for K^+ and inconsistent with π or proton.

Certain restrictions are thus imposed on the final state. The system recoiling against the K⁺ must have quantum numbers (B = 1, Q = -1, S = -2). Within this restriction many final states can be produced involving Ξ^* decays into (nucleon, $\overline{K}\overline{K}$), (Σ \overline{K} , Λ \overline{K}), (Ξ π) and (Ω \overline{K}) systems.

The next stage in the analysis will be to reconstruct and identify a V^O decay. Table II contains a list of the final states satisfying the defined quantum number condition and specifies the V^O decay to be identified. The corresponding topologies listed in this table are illustrated in figure 13. We define topology such that additional charged pions (and in the 4-C topologies, a neutral pion) can be included at the production vertex.

From our experience with the CERN-ETH-IC spark chambers we know that the direction of a neutral decay can be reconstructed with a precision ~ 1 mrad even when the vertex is not seen. The mean decay length of the \equiv or 7 cm per GeV/c and of the \equiv it is 3.8 cm per GeV/c so the decay in topologies involving \equiv decays will originate from a point typically 20-25 cm from the production vertex; its angular separation will be \sim 35 mrads.

Already it will be possible to separate the list of final states into certain categories:

- i) a Λ coming from the production vertex can only result from $(\Lambda \bar{K})$ and $(\Sigma^0 \bar{K})$ systems.
- ii) a Λ which does not come from the production vertex identifies the $(\equiv \pi)$ systems (or production of Λ
- iii) a K O s decay, coming from the production vertex indicates the (nucleon $\overline{K}\overline{K})$ and $(\Sigma$ $^{+}$ $\overline{K})$ systems.

To determine the capabilities of the proposed set-up for resolving these final states and to assess the precision which is required from the K^+ momentum measurements we have made a Monte Carlo study. We have generated a sample of events of the $t\gamma$ pe

We have generated a sample of events of the type
$$K^{-} + p \rightarrow K^{+} = *(1800)$$

$$P_{K^{-}} = 5 \text{ GeV/c}$$

$$p_{\pi^{-}}$$

and
$$K^- + p \rightarrow K^+ + \equiv * (1800)$$

$$= {}^{\circ} \pi^{-}$$

$$\uparrow \pi^{\circ}$$

$$p \pi^{-}$$

we then 'adjusted' the charged track parameters by adding perturbations corresponding to measurement errors and multiple scattering. These events were then passed through GRIND (the kinematic hypothesis testing programme) and we tried to identify these events with various hypotheses as listed below.

First the V° was tested with the hypotheses

$$K^{\circ}s \rightarrow \pi^{+} + \pi^{-}$$

$$\Lambda \rightarrow P + \pi^{-}$$

$$\overline{\Lambda} \rightarrow \pi^{+} + \overline{P}$$

$$\gamma \rightarrow e^{+} + e^{-}$$

and then at the production vertex

$$K^{-} + p \rightarrow K^{+} K^{-}$$

$$\sum_{0}^{0} K^{+} K^{-}$$

$$\sum_{0}^{0} \pi^{+} \pi^{-}$$

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The last three hypotheses have been included here to assess the importance of the independent K^{\dagger} identification. The measurement errors used to 'adjust' the momenta of the charged particle trajectories are the same as those found in the CERN-ETH spark chamber

photographs measured with the HPD; multiple scattering errors corresponding to the Omega radiation length of 70 meters were used. The K^+ measurement errors have however been treated independently and various values have been tried (spatial resolution $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{y}}$ ranging from 0.5 mm to 10 mm). The results of this preliminary analysis are given in Tables III \rightarrow V.

In Table III the GRIND results from the 100 generated Λ 's are shown. On the basis of a X^2 cut of 1% 84 of these Λ 's were unambiguously identified. The Ξ^0 events were used to examine the performance of the system in identifying topology. We have not yet incorporated in our JAIND programme the possibility of testing the $\Xi^0 \to \Lambda \pi^0$ hypothesis (a decay vertex with no measured tracks) so we have studied the results of trying to fit events generated as Ξ^0 's to the hypotheses of topology Λ , where the Λ originates from the production vertex. The results are given in Table IV for two different assumptions on the K⁺ measurement precision. Only $\sim 20\%$ of events fit topology Λ . Moreover the Λ K⁺ K⁻ hypothesis is virtually uncontaminated. As expected the angular precision on the direction of the reconstructed Λ is sufficient to exclude its origin at the production vertex except in the case of short Ξ decay lengths or forward-backward $\Xi \to \Lambda \pi$ decays.

The events generated as Λ K⁺ K⁻ are listed in Table V. We see that $\Lambda - \Sigma^{\circ}$ ambiguities are the main problem; after a $P(X^2) > 1$ % cut only 35-40 % of the Λ K⁺K⁻ events can be unambiguously identified and this does not appear to depend critically on the K⁺ measurement precision. We shall therefore be obliged to treat this ambiguity with statistical techniques similar to those used in bubble chambers. Figure 15, for example, is a plot of the fitted γ energy from the Σ° decay. Gauine Σ° 's of momentum about 3.3 GeV/c should have a very different spectrum with 85 % of γ energies higher than 75 MeV/c. Here again we see that the prior K⁺ identification serves to . eliminate the high cross section Λ π^+ $\pi^ \pi^{\circ}$ state.

The remaining final states involve a K°s decay from the production vertex. We have found in previous experiments that the identification of K°s decays (even if the apex is not seen) is not difficult. The problem of the Λ -K ambiguity is less serious for genuine $K_s^0\to\pi^+\pi^-$ than for genuine $\Lambda\to p\pi^-$. The (nucleon \overline{KK}) systems provide 1-C and 4-C fits without problems but the ($\Sigma^{\pm}\overline{K}$) systems will be more difficult since the Σ decay will often not be seen in the chambers. Σ^{\pm} decays however belong to unique (bar Ω^-) topologies. When Σ^{\pm} decay is seen a 4-C production vertex fit can be made but if not the fit is 1-C and the K $^+$ momentum measurement is important

As an example of the mass resolution we plot in figure 16 the invariant mass of events generated as Ξ^{-*} (1800) - Λ K⁻. The upper figure shows the mass from the charged decay products; below are shown the same events analysed as a 4-C fit. Despite the large K⁺ errors assumed (σ = 10 mm) the distribution is well centred and the width significantly reduced.

We have seen above that although we can resolve fairly satisfactorily most of the Ξ^+ decay modes we shall be left with some ambiguities which must be carefully examined to minimise biases in measuring branching ratios and angular distributions. Most of the ambiguities will arise from short decay lengths, but the number of these can be estimated. Second order effects will bias the trigger efficiency - for example, $\Xi^-\pi^+\pi^-$ will interfere more with V_3 triggers than will Λ K $^-$. Here and elsewhere we shall be greatly helped by having 5 independent decay detectors. And, as in bubble chamber experiments, the weights introduced to allow for detection efficiency can be checked by comparing for example Σ^- K $^-$ and Σ^- K $^-$.

Concluding remarks

experiment we will build a counter array with light guides as illustrated in figure 12 and test its efficiency for K^+ detection at the Rutherford laboratory or at CERN. When we are satisfied with its performance we will construct and test the remaining counter arrays. We hope then that we shall be able to test one or more of the counter arrays in the Ω magnet. We do not think that our counter V2 should disturb unduly any other user. If one or more other users were prepared to run with the chamber around the target restricted in depth to 125 cm we could also test counter arrays H_1 and H_2 . The counter V_1 could be tested during runs with a fast forward trigger; we should like also to explore the possibility of using a fast proton trigger in parallel with our own K^+ trigger or at least to use the forward Cerenkov counter to increase our efficiency in Λ identification.

We can obtain useful data in an unseparated beam and although we would prefer to run at about 5 GeV/c we do not exclude other momenta. We have made a Monte Carlo trial of our detection efficiency for \equiv^* 1800 at 8 GeV/c. The stopping efficiency for V_2 alone is 9 %. For V_1 and V_2 it is 9 %, for V_1 6 % and for V_3 placed 60 cm from the beam line it is 11 %. We can moreover make valuable trials of K^+ detection from the reaction π^- + p \rightarrow Y^{-*} + K^+ .

Despite the evident inconvenience of our counter $V_{\overline{j}}$ we think that several other users should be able to make useful tests during a Ξ^{-*} production run. Our provisional design ensures that our apparatus can be quickly rolled in and out of the magnet; we expect that after more detailed discussion with other users we shall be able to modify it in the interests of overall compatibility.

We hope that the two small chambers in front of the target, sketched in figure 5, could be made at CERN. Although the design that we have discussed here is based on the use of standard chambers flanking the target we could obtain greater precision in K⁺ measurement by using special chambers which we could design and construct ourselves. We are glad to acknowledge the advice which we have received from Dr. Gildemeister concerning possible chambers and hope that we may continue in the future to profit from his guidance.

We should like to do some preliminary measurements with HPD Ω but 1/3 of the time on the Imperial College HPD is used for magnet spark chamber measurements; this should be adequate for the modest number of photographs that we expect to measure.

FIGURES

- 1. Spark Chamber arrangement 2.
- 2. P_{K}^{+} vs θ_{K}^{+} , kinematics for $K^{-}p \rightarrow \Xi^{*}K^{+}$
- 3. do/dP_K+
- 4. Counter arrangment, plan view.
- 5. Complete apparatus, plan view
- 6. Complete apparatus, elevation
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- 10. K^+ stopping efficiency as a function of Ξ^* mass.
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- 12. Sketch of counter module
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- 14. $P(X^2)$ for Monte Carlo generated Λ decays analysed as Λ and as K_S^0 decays.
- 15. γ -energy spectrum observed when Monte Carlo generated Λ K⁺ K⁻ eventScan be fitted as Σ $^{\circ}$ K⁺ K⁻.
- 16. Mass distribution of $\equiv \frac{*}{1800} \rightarrow \wedge \text{ K}^-$

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Table I SU(3) Decay Rates (ref. 5)

PREDICTED			OBSERVED (a)				
Multiplet		Mass (MeV)	Decay Mode	Partial width (MeV)	Mass (MeV	Total Width (MeV)	Comments
7/2+	Decuplet	2160			-	-	
			Ξπ	21			No observed
			ΣK	15			candidate
			Ξη	3			
			ΛK	26			
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			Ξπ	70			Eπ large
			ΣK	18			
	·	:	Ξη	0			-
 .		<u></u>	ΛĶ	14	·		ΛK small
5/2+	Octet	1985			2030	~ 50	
			Ξπ	0			Eπ small
			Σĸ	25			Σκ ~70%
			Εη	0			
			Λĸ	5			ΛΚ ~20%
1/2	Nonet	1825			1820	~30	
			Ξπ	62			Επ ~10%
			ΣΚ	17			
			Λĸ	80			ΛK ~30%
3/2	Nonet	1800			1820	~30	
•			Ξπ	4			Ξπ ~10%
			ΣΚ	³ 5		;	
			ν <u>κ</u>	7		·	ΛK ~30%

Table II

K+p -> K+		V° to be identified	Topology
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Table IV

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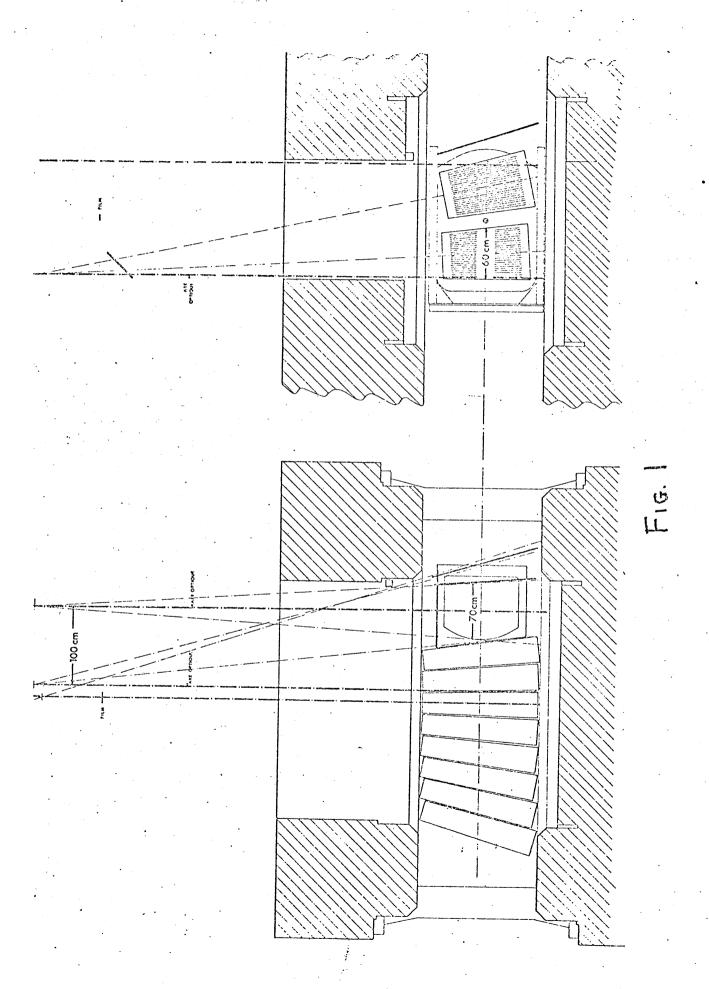
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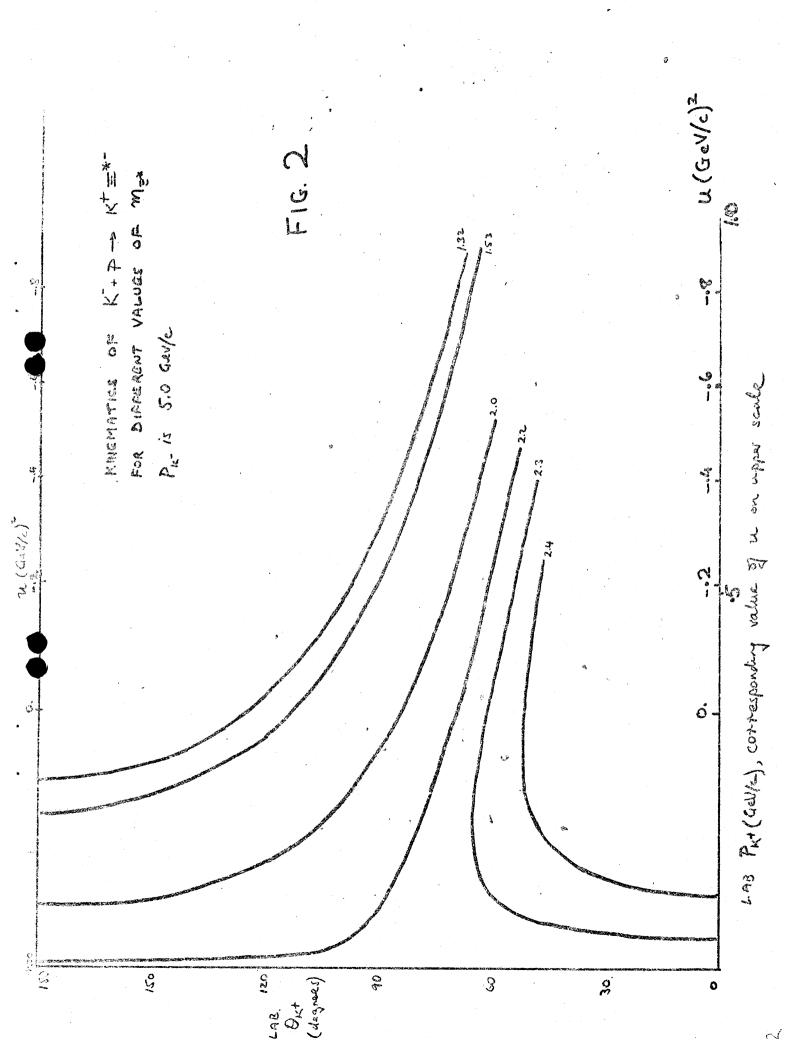
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Kt measurement errors used

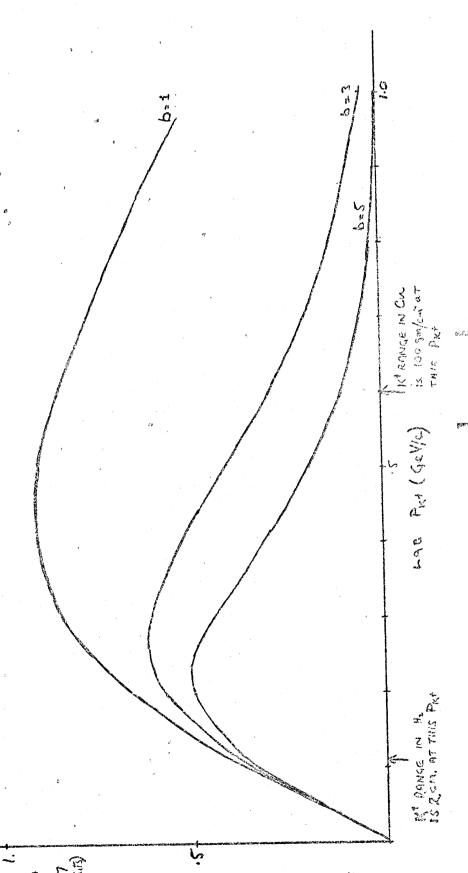
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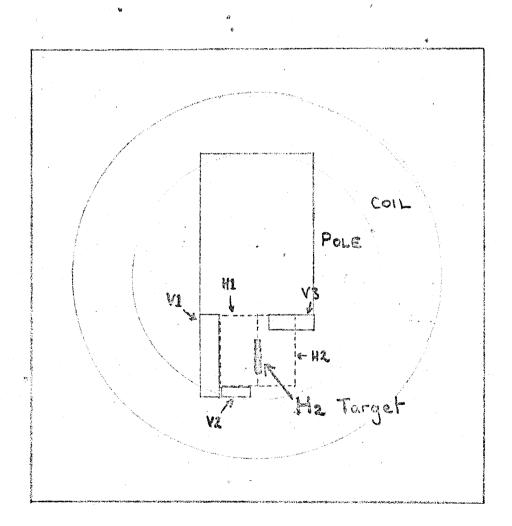


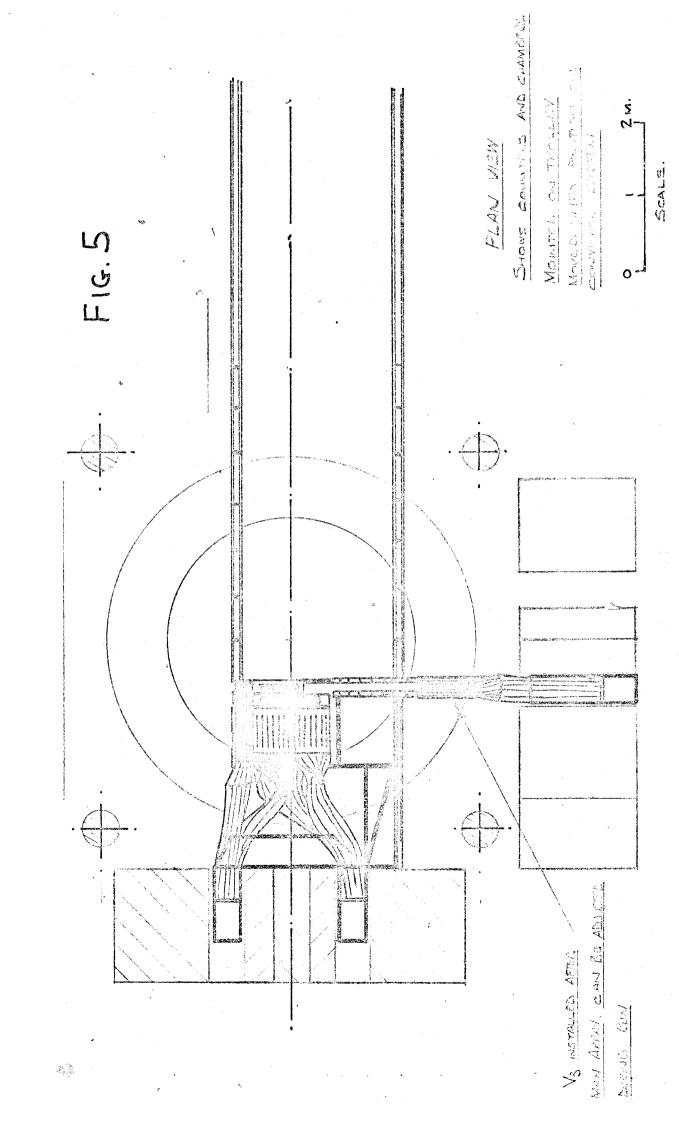
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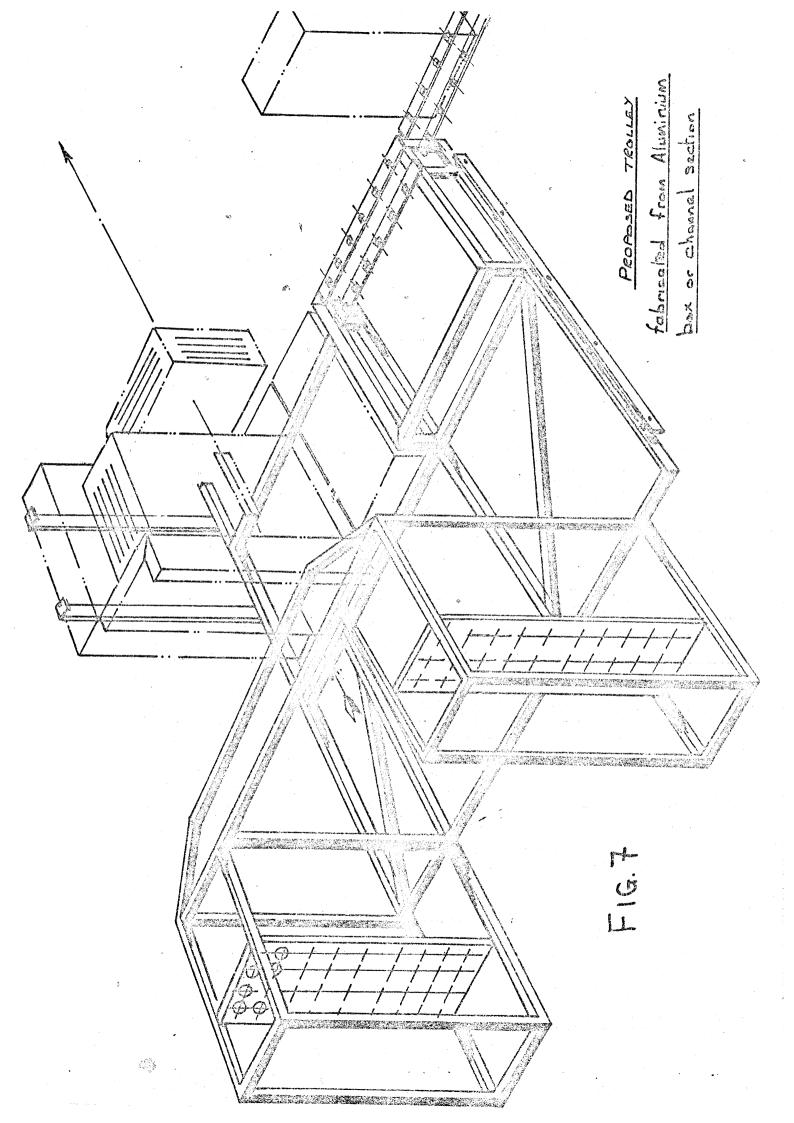


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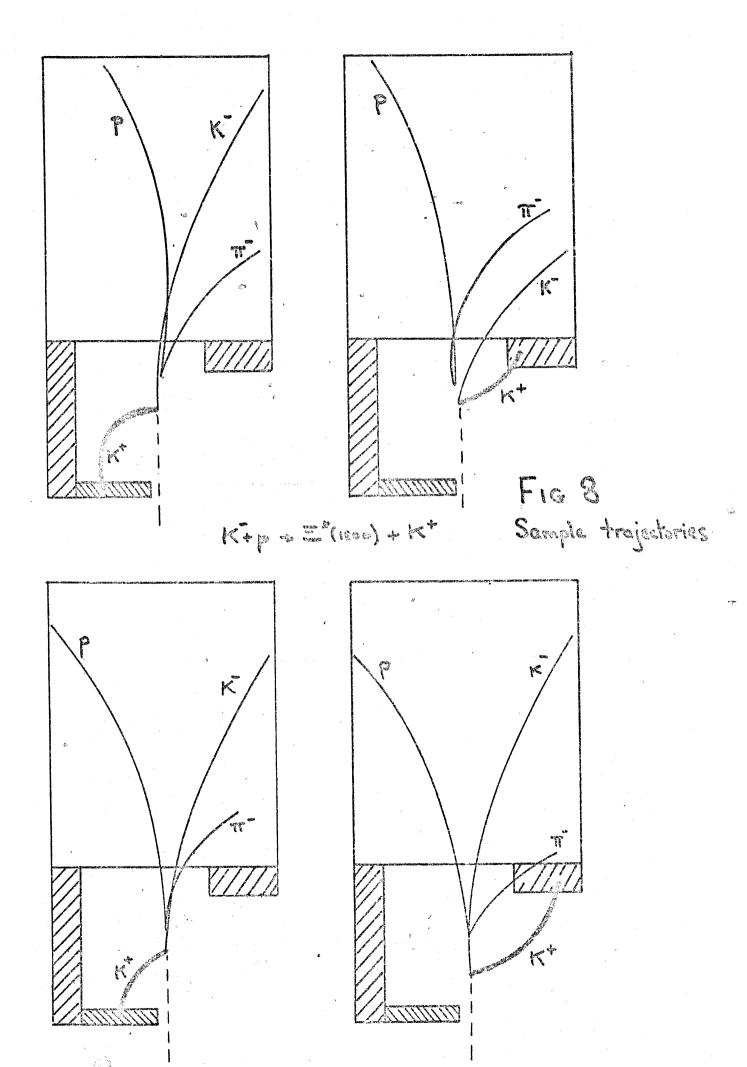
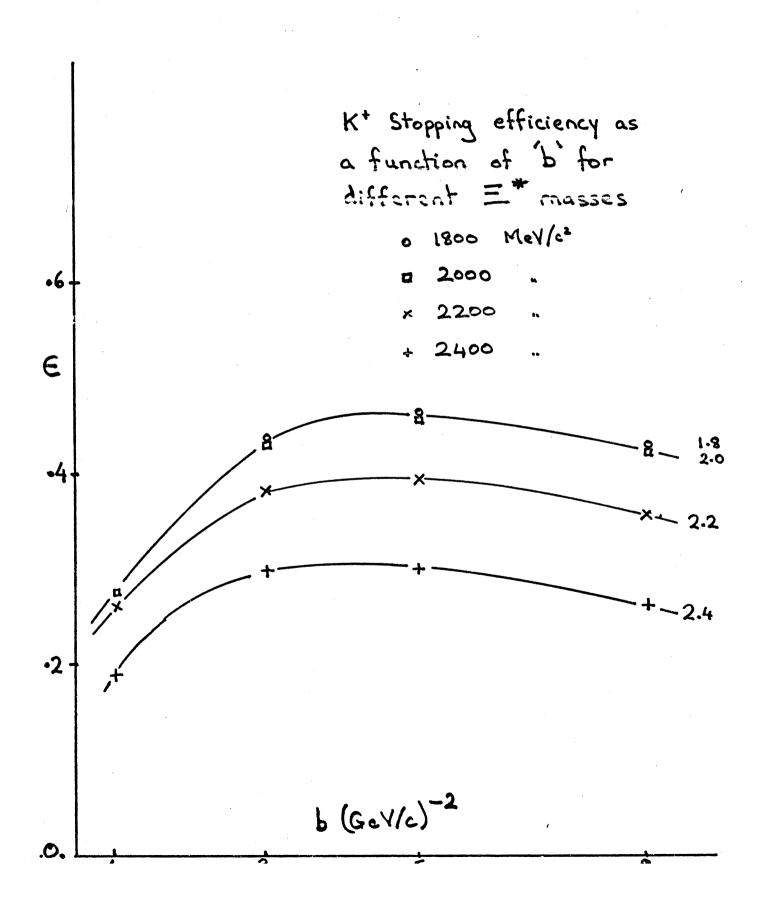
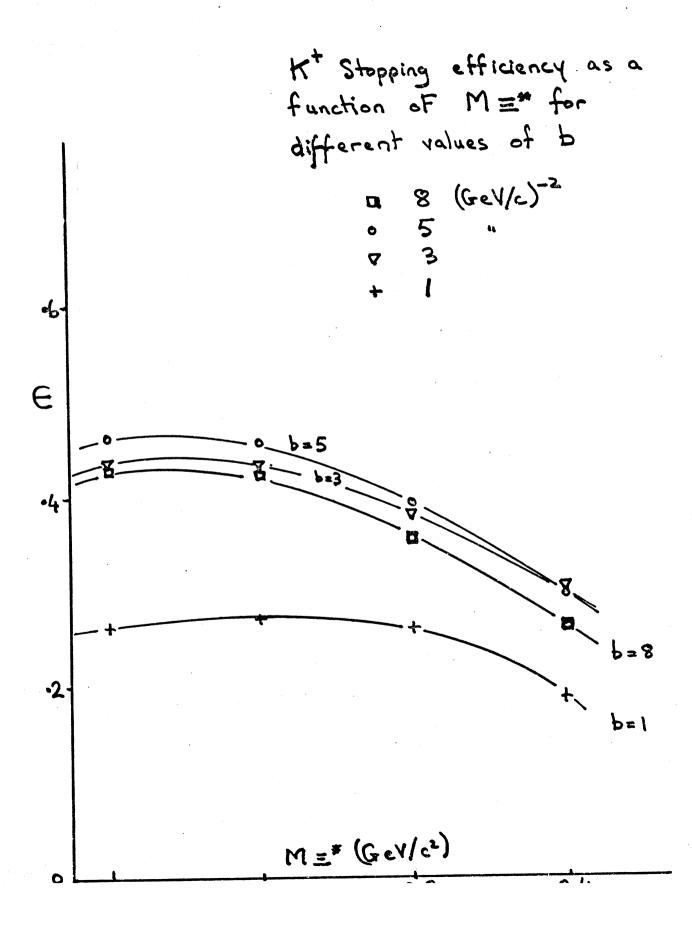
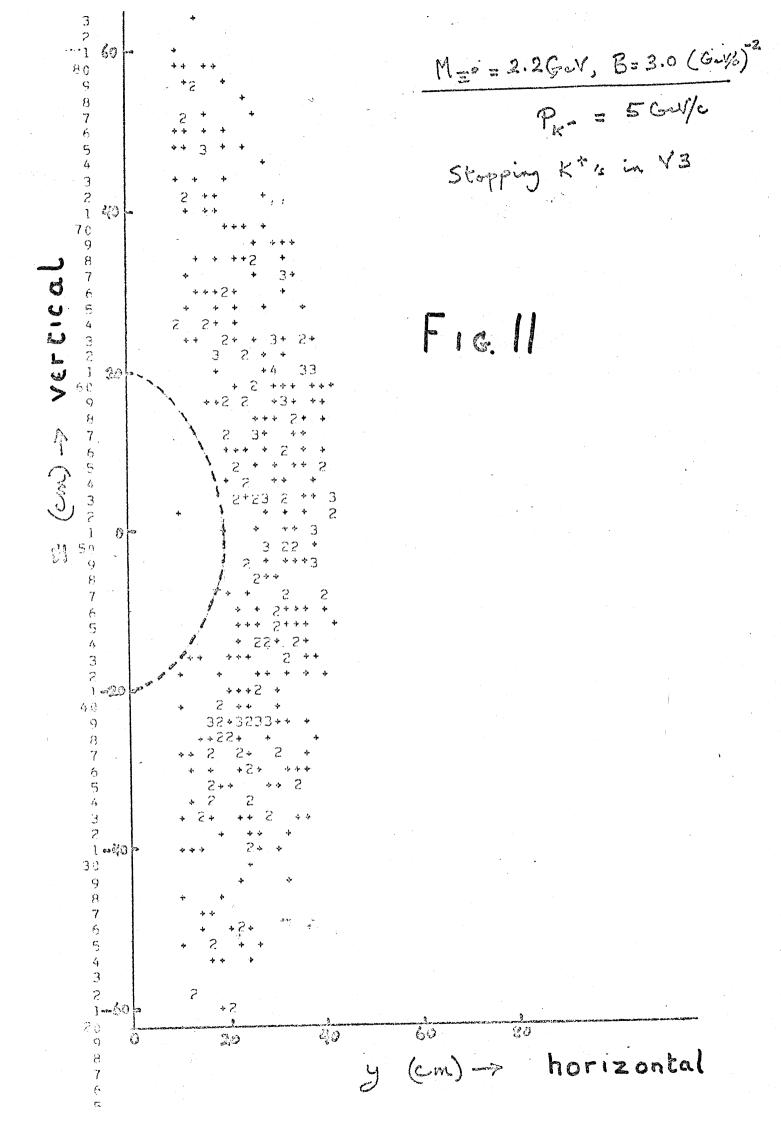


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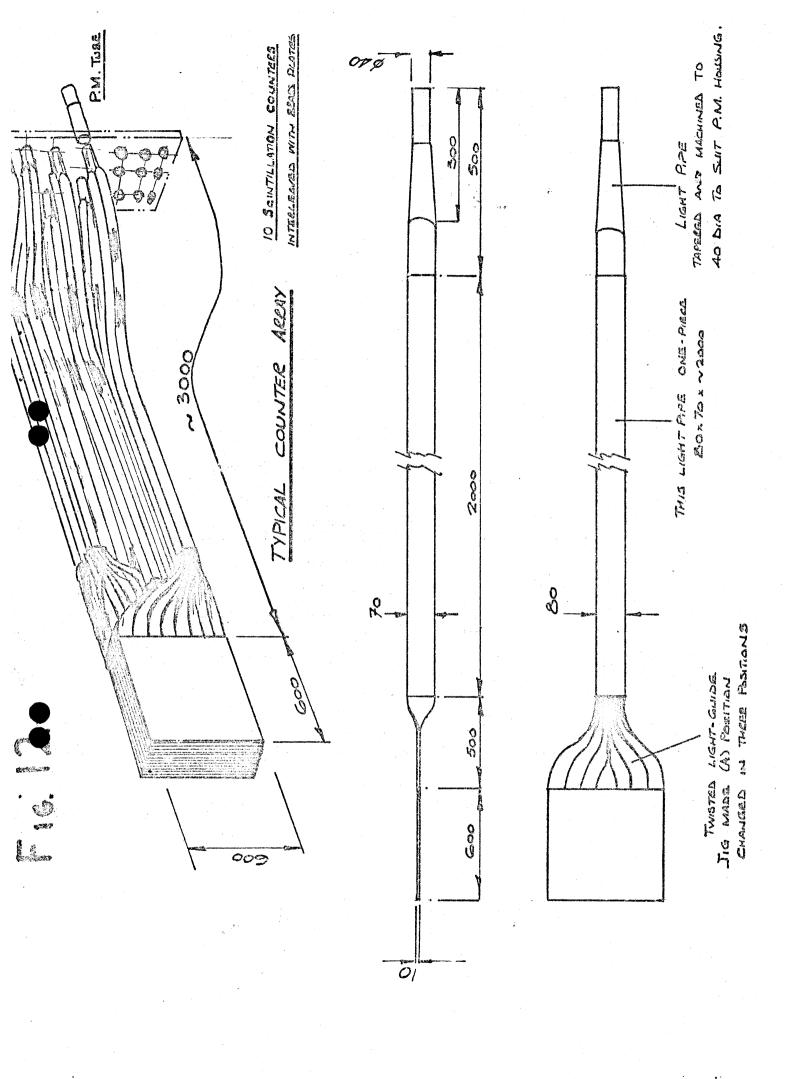
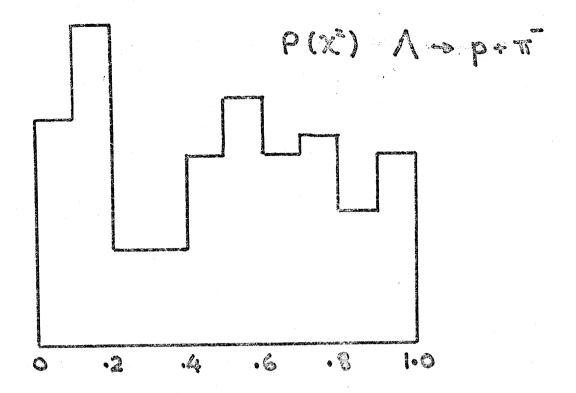


FIG. 13. Topologies with 3



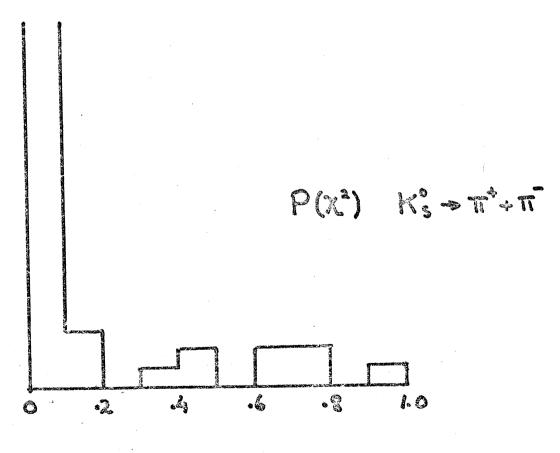


Fig. 14

