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CANCELLED Unitary coupled channel approach to diffractive scattering and its application to axial vector states

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Summary

We show that a single $I = 1$ spin-parity $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$ a_1 resonance can manifest itself as two separated mass peaks, one decaying into an S-wave $\rho\pi$ system and the second decaying into a P-wave $f_0(980)\pi$ system, with a rapid increase of the phase difference between their amplitudes arising mainly from the structure of the diffractive production process. This study clarifies questions related to the mass, width, and decay rates of the a_1 resonance raised by the recent high statistics data of the COMPASS collaboration on a_1 production in $\pi N \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi N$ at high energies. This presentation will be based on Phys Rev Letters 114, 192001 (2015) with Jean-Louis Basdevant and more recent research.

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