

Phenomenology of excited vector mesons and predictions for a yet undiscovered $\bar{s}s$ state $\phi(1930)$

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We study the decays of two nonets of excited vector mesons which predominantly correspond to $n \ 2^{s+1}L_J = 2^3S_1$ (radially excited vector mesons) and $n \ 2^{s+1}L_J = 1^3D_1$ (angular-momentum excited vector mesons). By using a quantum field theoretical approach we evaluate the decay widths of these mesons into two pseudoscalar mesons and into pseudoscalar and ground-state vector mesons. Moreover by introducing vector meson dominance we study radiative decays of excited vector mesons into a photon and a pseudoscalar meson. We compare our results with the experimental data from PDG. We also make predictions for an unknown $s\bar{s}$ state in 1^3D_1 nonet, that we call $\phi(1930)$. This state was not yet discovered but can be found in the upcoming Gluex and Mesonex experiments at Jefferson lab.

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