THE $K_2(1770)$ AND THE $K_2(1820)$

A partial-wave analysis of the $K^-\omega$ system based on about 100,000 $K^-p \rightarrow K^-\omega p$ events (ASTON 93) gives evidence for two $q\bar{q}$ D-wave states near 1.8 GeV. A previous analysis based on about 200,000 diffractively produced $K^-p \rightarrow K^-\pi^+\pi^-p$ events (DAUM 81) gave evidence for two $J^P = 2^-$ states in this region, with masses $\sim$ 1780 MeV and $\sim$ 1840 MeV and widths $\sim$ 200 MeV, in good agreement with the results of ASTON 93. In contrast, the masses obtained using a single resonance do not agree well: ASTON 93 obtains 1728 $\pm$ 7 MeV, while DAUM 81 estimates $\sim$ 1820 MeV. We conclude that there are indeed two K_2 resonances here.

We list under the $K_2(1770)$ other measurements that do not resolve the two-resonance structure of the enhancement.