

Elementary Particles I

3 – Strong Interaction

Isospin, Resonances, Strangeness, Unitary Symmetries

Strong Interaction

Originally pictured as an attractive force between nucleons, required to overcome repulsive Coulomb interaction in nuclei

Main features:

- *Strength*
- *Short range*
- *Charge independence*

For a long time, difficult to understand: lot of guesswork, many models

Today, believed to be a *residual force* between 'color neutral' particles (hadrons), a remnant of color interaction between quarks and gluons

Somewhat similar to Van der Waals/Covalent bond between 'neutral' molecules, coming from electromagnetic interaction between charged electrons and nuclei

Pions

Discovered after the II World War (Cosmic Rays, Accelerators)

Properties

Mass	{ 135 MeV	Neutral
	{ 139 MeV	Charged
Spin	0	
Parity	-	
Charge parity	+	
Lifetime	$25 \cdot 10^{-9}$ s	Charged
	10^{-16} s	Neutral
Decay modes (Dominant)	{ $\mu\nu$	Charged
	{ $\gamma\gamma$	Neutral

Stable vs. strong decays, as the *lightest hadron*

Copiously produced at first accelerators (synchrocyclotrons)

Charged pions easily focused into collimated, high energy beams

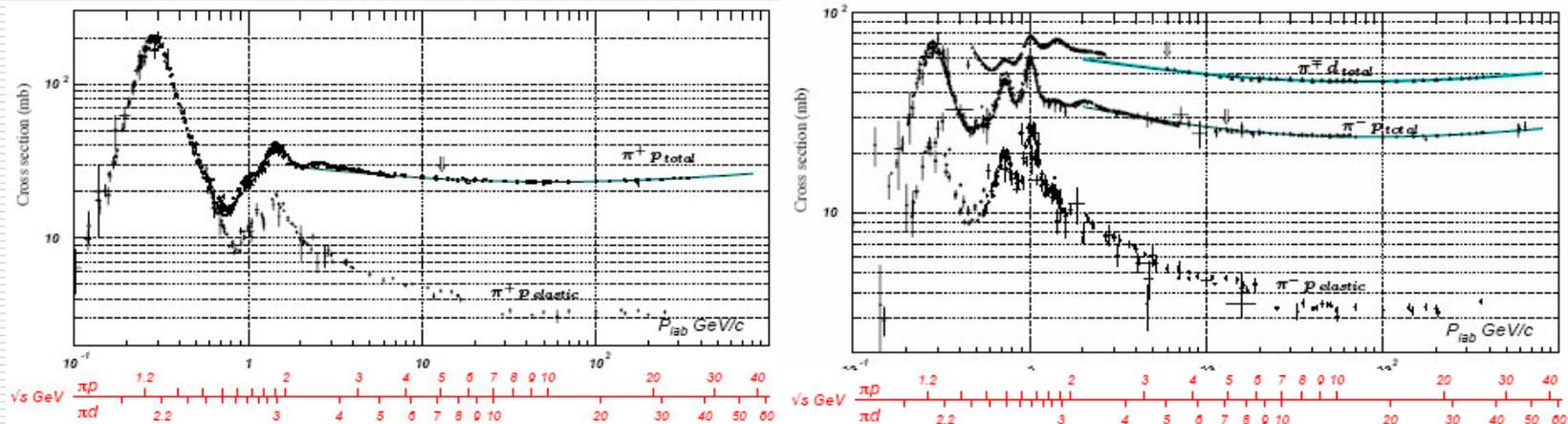
Scattering

As for electromagnetic, strong interaction can be investigated by scattering experiments

Perform experiments like

$$p + p, \quad p + n, \quad \pi^{\pm} + p, \quad \pi^{\pm} + n$$

Pion: Spinless \rightarrow Understanding πN scattering easier than NN



Total cross section plots - Observe lot of structure

Potential Scattering

Formalism of potential scattering:

*Not a proper tool to describe relativistic regime (particle creation/destruction)
→ Go for Field Theory*

Nevertheless:

Believed to be somewhat useful to get insight into simplest (2-body) reactions, like elastic scattering, even at high energy

Past: Lot of work spent in the attempt of modeling 'simplest' reactions
(E.g. Mandelstam representation, Regge poles, ...)

Now: The 'simplest' reactions finally understood to be quite more complicated than anticipated (← Non perturbative interaction regime)

Model independent, non perturbative anatomy of potential scattering:

Phase shifts analysis

Or:

Try to reconstruct the interaction structure from scattering data

Phase Shifts and Resonances - I

Partial waves expansion

$$d\sigma = v \frac{|f|^2}{v} d\Omega = |f|^2 d\Omega \rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |f|^2 \quad f(\theta) = \frac{1}{2ik} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) (e^{2i\delta_l} - 1) P_l(\cos\theta) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) \frac{e^{2i\delta_l} - 1}{2i} P_l(\cos\theta)$$

$$f_l = \frac{e^{2i\delta_l} - 1}{2i} = e^{i\delta_l} \frac{e^{i\delta_l} - e^{-i\delta_l}}{2i} = e^{i\delta_l} \sin \delta_l \rightarrow \frac{1}{f_l} = \frac{1}{\sin \delta_l} e^{-i\delta_l} = \frac{1}{\sin \delta_l} (\cos \delta_l - i \sin \delta_l) = \cot \delta_l - i$$

$$\rightarrow f_l = \frac{1}{\cot \delta_l - i}$$

$$\cot \delta_l \Big|_{\delta_l = \frac{\pi}{2}} = 0 - \frac{1}{\sin^2 \delta_l} \Big|_{\delta_l = \frac{\pi}{2}} \left(\delta_l - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) + \dots \approx - \left(\delta_l - \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

For E_R such that $\delta_l(E_R) = \frac{\pi}{2}$, expand into power series around E_R :

$$\delta_l(E) = \delta_l(E_R) + \frac{d\delta_l}{dE} \Big|_{E=E_R} (E - E_R) + \dots, \quad \frac{2}{\Gamma} \equiv \frac{d\delta_l}{dE} \Big|_{E=E_R} \rightarrow \delta_l \approx \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{E - E_R}{\Gamma/2}$$

$$\rightarrow \cot \delta_l \Big|_{E \sim E_R} \approx - \left(\delta_l - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = - \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{E - E_R}{\Gamma/2} - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \approx - \frac{E - E_R}{\Gamma/2} = \frac{E_R - E}{\Gamma/2}$$

$$\rightarrow f_l \approx \frac{1}{\frac{E_R - E}{\Gamma/2} - i} = \frac{\Gamma/2}{E - E_R + i\Gamma/2} \quad \text{Breit-Wigner resonant amplitude}$$

Phase Shifts and Resonances - II

Partial cross-section for l wave:

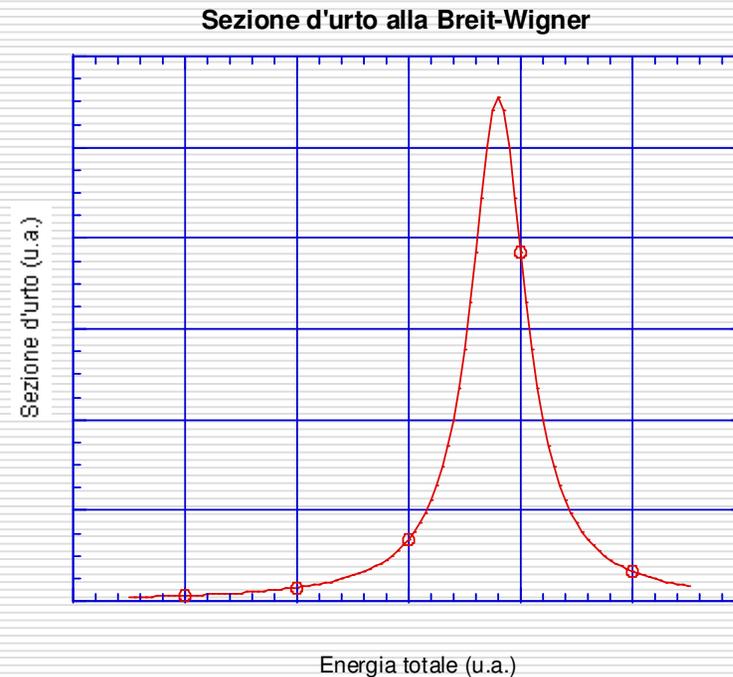
$$\rightarrow |f_l|^2 = \sin^2 \delta_l = \frac{\Gamma^2/4}{(E - E_R)^2 + \Gamma^2/4},$$

Total cross-section = Sum of partial wave cross-sections

Often dominated by a resonance in one partial wave

Resonance 'symptoms':

- a) *Fast increasing phase shift, going through $\pi/2$ at maximum rate*
- b) *$|f_l|^2$ strongly peaked*
- c) *Wave function large*
- d) *$d\delta/dk$, and delay, strongly peaked*



Resonances - I

Generalize concept of stationary state:

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \varphi(\mathbf{r}) e^{-iE_0 t} \rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-iE_0 t} e^{iEt} dt = \delta(E - E_0)$$

(Amplitude to find energy E when system prepared in the state ψ)

to a kind of non-stationary, decaying state

$$e^{-iEt} = e^{-i(E_0 - i\Gamma)t} = e^{-iE_0 t} e^{-\Gamma t}, \quad t > 0$$

Complex E : Just meaning
"System state is unstable"

$$\int_0^{+\infty} e^{-i(E_0 - i\Gamma)t} e^{iEt} dt = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-i(E_0 - E - i\Gamma)t} dt = -\frac{1}{E_0 - E - i\Gamma} e^{-i(E_0 - E - i\Gamma)t} \Big|_0^{+\infty} = \frac{1}{E - E_0 + i\Gamma}$$

(Breit-Wigner amplitude to find energy E when system prepared in the state ψ)

Probability density:

$$|\psi|^2 \propto \left| \frac{1}{E - E_0 + i\Gamma} \right|^2 = \left| \frac{E - E_0 - i\Gamma}{(E - E_0)^2 + \Gamma^2} \right|^2 = \frac{(E - E_0 - i\Gamma)(E - E_0 + i\Gamma)}{[(E - E_0)^2 + \Gamma^2]^2} = \frac{((E - E_0)^2 + \Gamma^2)}{[(E - E_0)^2 + \Gamma^2]^2} = \frac{1}{(E - E_0)^2 + \Gamma^2}$$

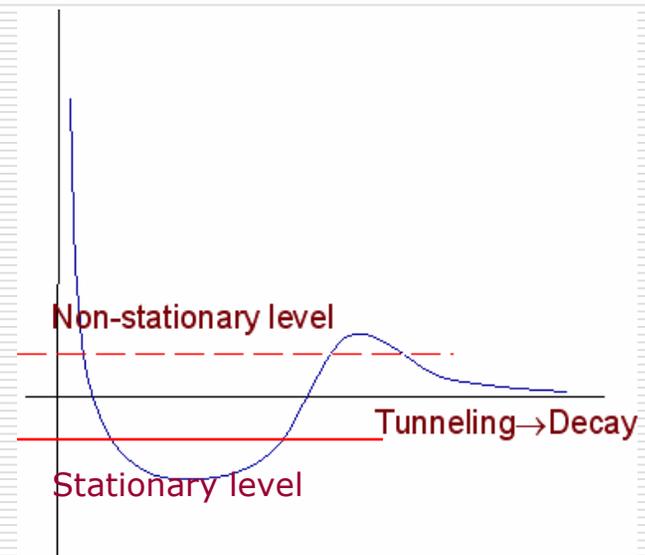
$$\Gamma = \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{1/time constant of decaying state} \approx \text{time uncertainty} \\ \text{Half width at half maximum} \approx \text{energy uncertainty} \end{array} \right\} \text{Time-Energy Indeterminacy Relation} \rightarrow \Delta E \Delta t \sim \Gamma \frac{1}{\Gamma} = 1$$

Resonances - II

Non-stationary levels may result from a particular shape of the effective potential

Non stationary, scattering state
But: *Almost* stationary...

Long lifetime, sharp quantum numbers:
Like a *stable* state



Understanding that the effective potential picture cannot be taken too seriously to represent reality, what is the actual origin of the many, observed strong interaction resonances?

Propagators in the s-channel - I

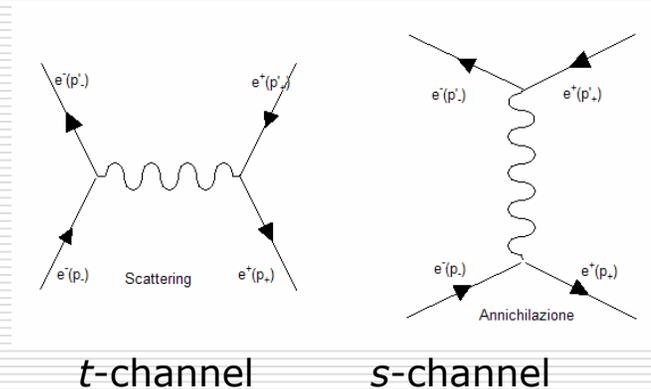
Take first a QED example: Bhabha scattering at $\sqrt{s} \ll M_{Z^0}$

$$e^- + e^+ \rightarrow e^- + e^+$$

Two one-photon diagrams

$$\text{Virtual photon propagator} = \frac{1}{q^2}$$

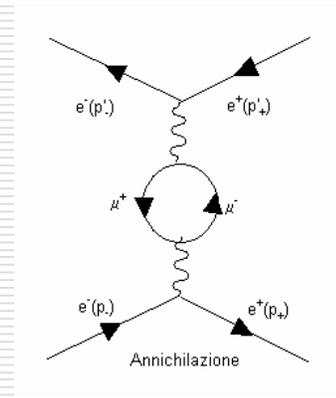
t-channel: Virtual photon has $q^2 < 0$ space-like
s-channel: Virtual photon has $q^2 > 0$ time-like



Taking radiative corrections to one loop

$$\text{Virtual photon propagator} = \frac{1}{q^2 (1 - \bar{\Pi}_\gamma^{(2)}(q^2))}$$

Correction resulting from fermion e.m. currents circulating in the loop, after renormalization



Propagators in the s-channel - II

Among all fermion currents circulating in the loop, take a muon pair.
 Now, a $\mu^+\mu^-$ pair features bound states, like those of a hydrogen atom.
 For these, total energy is $< 2m_\mu$: Binding energy < 0

When $\sqrt{s} = E_{CM} \sim M_{bound} \equiv M$

$$q^2 = s = E_{CM}^2$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{q^2 (1 - \bar{\Pi}_\gamma^{(2)}(q^2))} \approx \frac{1}{q^2 - M(M - i\Gamma)} = \frac{1}{E_{CM}^2 - M^2 + iM\Gamma}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{q^2 (1 - \bar{\Pi}_\gamma^{(2)}(q^2))} \approx \frac{1}{(E_{CM} - M) \underbrace{(E_{CM} + M)}_{\approx 2M} + iM\Gamma} \approx \frac{1}{2M} \frac{1}{(E_{CM} - M) + i\Gamma/2}$$

Breit-Wigner form

This term tied to bound state being *unstable*: $\Gamma > 0 \rightarrow \tau = 1/\Gamma < \infty$
 Unlike the H atom, muonic atom annihilates into various channels

The existence of bound states for the current coupled to the photon is reflected into resonant behavior of the s-channel scattering amplitude

NB Resonant peaks in total, elastic $e^+ e^-$ cross-section not observed because of their exceedingly small width

Propagators in the s-channel - III

General rule:

Every time the intermediate state can couple to an unstable state (excited bound state, genuine elementary particle coupled to decay channels, ...), the s-channel propagator shows resonant behavior when the total energy is close to the mass of the unstable state

Propagators in the t -channel - I

The same propagator describes the t -channel amplitude, $t=q^2 < 0$:

$$\frac{1}{q^2 (1 - \bar{\Pi}_\gamma^{(2)}(q^2))} \approx \frac{1}{q^2 - M(M - i\Gamma)} \underset{\Gamma \ll M}{\approx} \frac{1}{q^2 - M^2} \quad \text{'Pole' amplitude}$$

In this case, there is *no* resonant behavior: $q^2 - M^2 < 0$ strictly

Rather, the amplitude can be seen as an extension of the virtual photon idea, corresponding to the exchange of a *virtual particle*, with mass M and width Γ , or lifetime $1/\Gamma$. In the previous example, it would be a *virtual muonic atom*.

As for the virtual photon, the virtual particle exchanged is said to be *off mass-shell*:

$$q^2 \neq M^2$$

Propagators in the t -channel - II

Besides being very appealing as a qualitative visualization of processes, this interpretation also appears to be superficially consistent with perturbation theory. But...

...It is unfortunately not very useful as a tool for quantitative work in strong interactions physics, just because perturbative expansion cannot be maintained for strong coupling constant.

Most simply, diagrams with more than one particle exchanged correspond to amplitudes *larger* than diagrams with just one...

One π Exchange \leftrightarrow Yukawa Potential

Nevertheless, just as an interesting exercise:

Take NN scattering at small q^2 as due to *one pion exchange*: This can be maintained, to some extent (or so one believes).

Then

$$A \propto \frac{1}{q^2 - m_\pi^2}$$

In the static potential limit

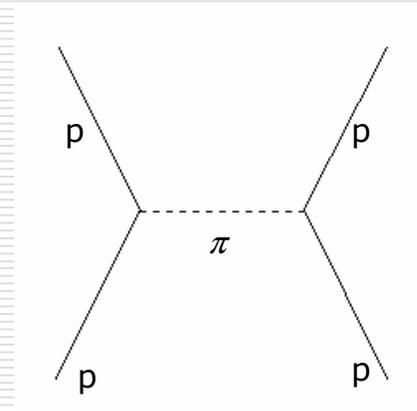
$$E_C \approx E_A$$

$$q^2 = (E_C - E_A)^2 - (\mathbf{p}_C - \mathbf{p}_A)^2 \approx -(\mathbf{p}_C - \mathbf{p}_A)^2 = -|\mathbf{q}|^2$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{q^2 - m_\pi^2} \approx \frac{1}{-|\mathbf{q}|^2 - m_\pi^2} = -\frac{1}{|\mathbf{q}|^2 + m_\pi^2}$$

Assuming Born approximation as valid here

$$V(r) \propto \int e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \left(-\frac{1}{|\mathbf{q}|^2 + m_\pi^2} \right) d^3\mathbf{q} \propto -\frac{e^{-m_\pi r}}{r} \quad \text{Yukawa potential}$$



Δ -Resonance: Formation

First observed by Fermi and collaborators in πN scattering (1951)

Indeed: Spin, quark composition are different!

With some caveats, can be considered as a kind of excited nucleon state

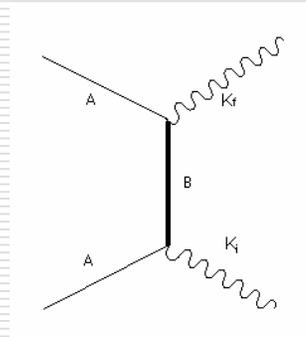
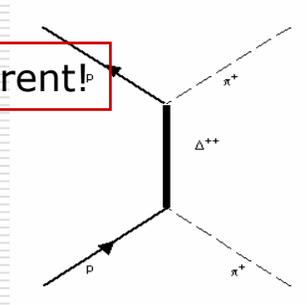


Also observed in other charge states Δ^+ , Δ^- , Δ^0 and in many different processes (strong, e.m. and weak)

Some analogy with photon excitation of atomic levels

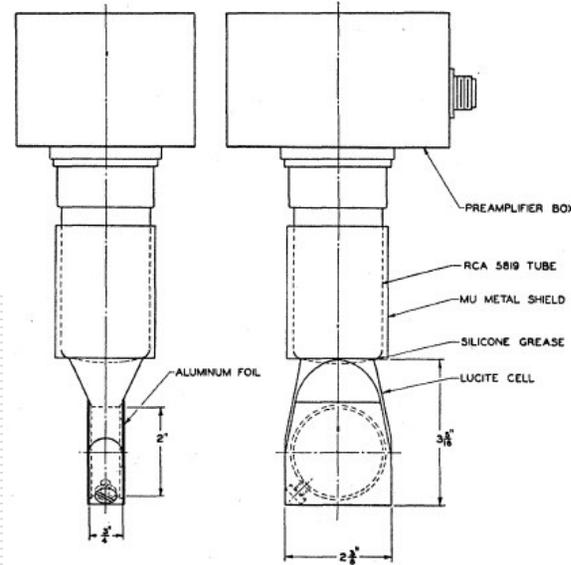
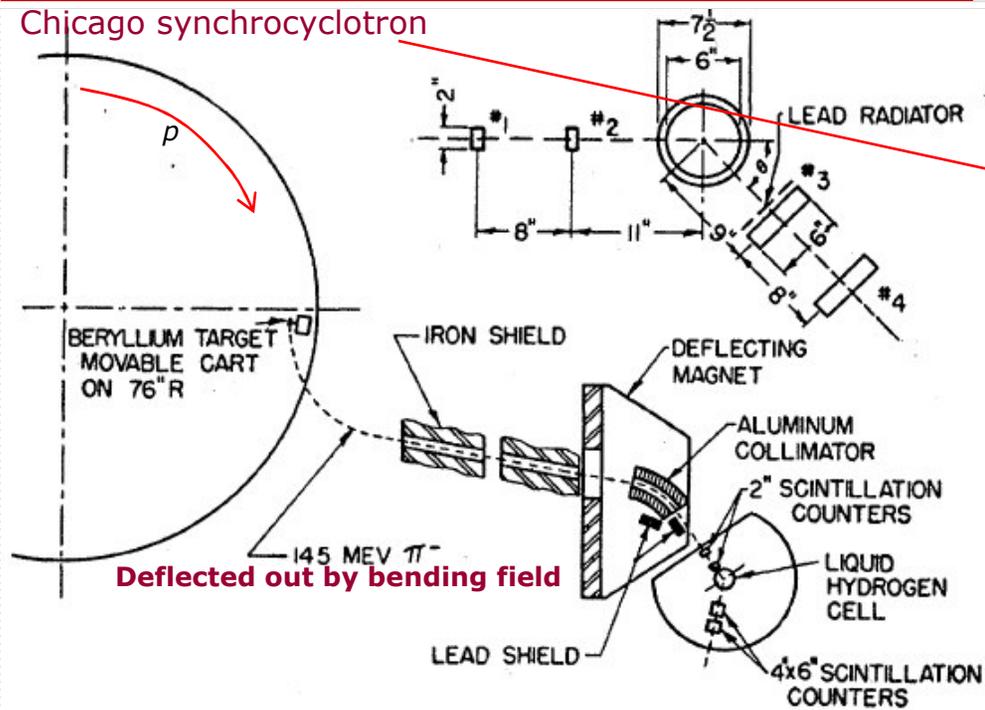


Good indication that the nucleon is a *composite* object

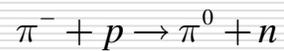
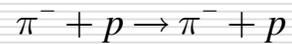


Discovery of Δ - 1951

Chicago synchrocyclotron

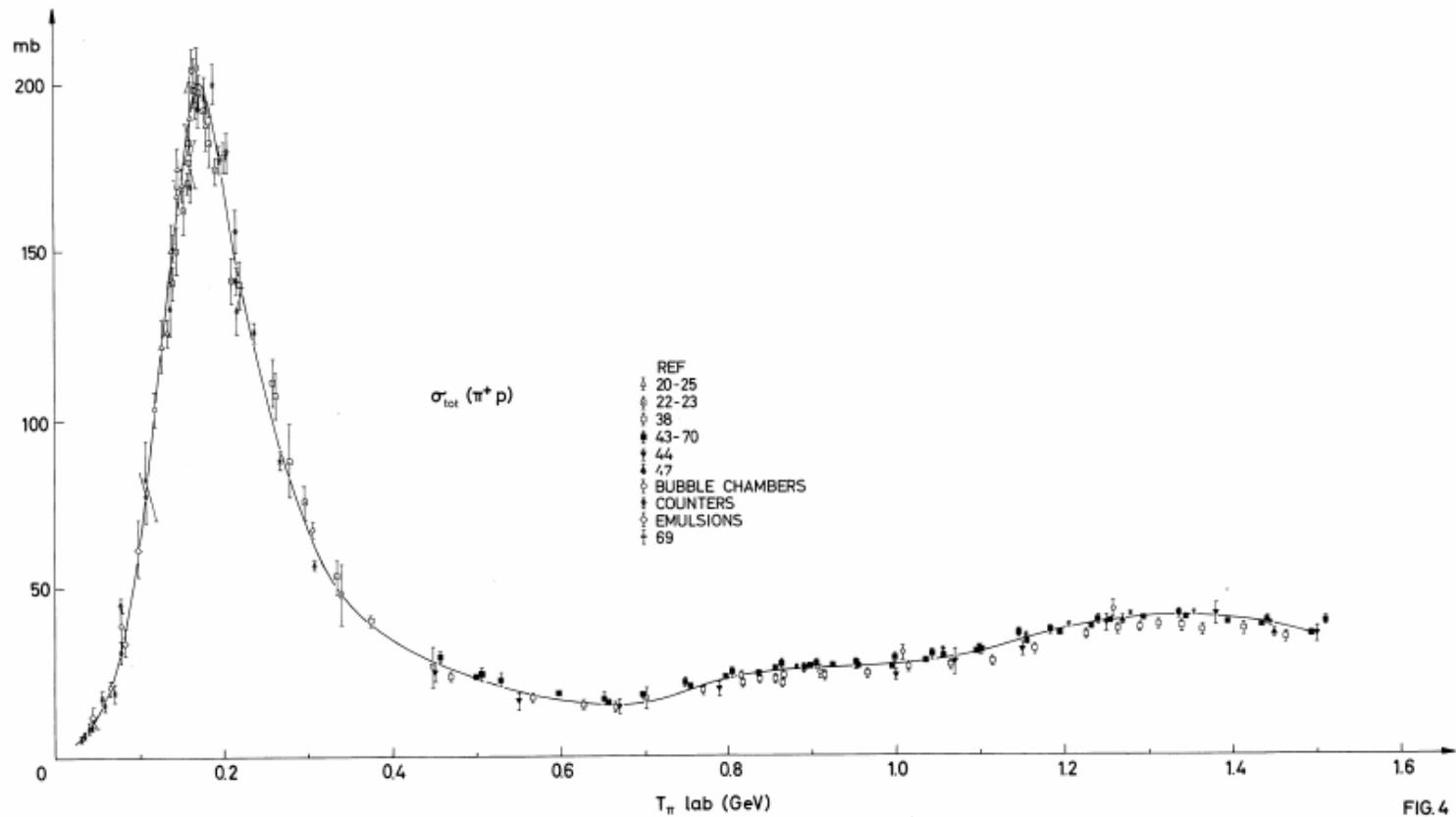


Collect first data on 2-body reactions:



Plastic scintillators

Δ^{++} Resonance



Δ Resonance Formation - I

Take πp scattering at low energy: use phase shift analysis
 Some complication arising from spin 1/2

$k \sim m, r \leq R = \frac{1}{m} \rightarrow l = kr \leq 1$ Limited range, low energy: just 2 waves S and P

$$J = 1/2 \oplus 0 \oplus l = 1/2 \oplus l = \begin{cases} 1/2 & \text{S} \\ 1/2, 3/2 & \text{P} \end{cases}$$

Expand first incident wave:

$$e^{ikz} \underbrace{\chi_{1/2}^{+1/2}}_{\text{spin eigenstate}} = \frac{1}{2ikr} \sum_{l=0}^1 (2l+1) (e^{ikr} - (-1)^l e^{-ikr}) P_l(\cos \theta) \chi_{1/2}^{+1/2}$$

$$e^{ikz} \chi_{1/2}^{+1/2} = \frac{1}{2ikr} \sum_{l=0}^1 \sqrt{4\pi(2l+1)} (e^{ikr} - (-1)^l e^{-ikr}) Y_l^0(\cos \theta) \chi_{1/2}^{+1/2}$$

$$Y_l^0 \chi_{1/2}^{+1/2} = \sqrt{\frac{l+1}{2l+1}} y_{l+1/2}^{+1/2} - \sqrt{\frac{l}{2l+1}} y_{l-1/2}^{+1/2}$$

Spin spherical harmonics

$$y_{l+1/2}^{+1/2} = \sqrt{\frac{l+1}{2l+1}} Y_l^0 \chi_{1/2}^{+1/2} + \sqrt{\frac{l}{2l+1}} Y_l^1 \chi_{1/2}^{-1/2}, \quad y_{l-1/2}^{+1/2} = \sqrt{\frac{l+1}{2l+1}} Y_l^1 \chi_{1/2}^{-1/2} - \sqrt{\frac{l}{2l+1}} Y_l^0 \chi_{1/2}^{+1/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2ikr} \sum_{l=0}^1 \sqrt{4\pi(2l+1)} (e^{ikr} - (-1)^l e^{-ikr}) Y_l^0(\cos \theta) \chi_{1/2}^{+1/2} &= \frac{1}{2ikr} \sum_{l=0}^1 \sqrt{4\pi(2l+1)} (e^{ikr} - (-1)^l e^{-ikr}) \left(\sqrt{\frac{l+1}{2l+1}} y_{l+1/2}^{+1/2} - \sqrt{\frac{l}{2l+1}} y_{l-1/2}^{+1/2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2ikr} \sum_{l=0}^1 \sqrt{4\pi} (e^{ikr} - (-1)^l e^{-ikr}) (\sqrt{l+1} y_{l+1/2}^{+1/2} - \sqrt{l} y_{l-1/2}^{+1/2}) \end{aligned}$$

Δ Resonance Formation - III

Around $\sqrt{s} \sim 1230$ MeV one finds

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{k^2} (1 + 3 \cos^2 \theta)$$

consistent with the decay of a $J=3/2$ state

Indeed, taking for example $J_z = +1/2$:

$$|3/2, +1/2\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |1/2, -1/2\rangle Y_1^{+1} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |1/2, +1/2\rangle Y_1^0$$

$$\frac{dN}{d\Omega} \propto \frac{1}{3} |Y_1^{+1}|^2 + \frac{2}{3} |Y_1^0|^2 = \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \theta + \frac{2}{3} \cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{3}{6} \cos^2 \theta \propto 1 + 3 \cos^2 \theta$$

Width

$\Delta E =$ Breit-Wigner full width at half maximum ~ 100 MeV

$$\Delta t \sim 1/\Delta E = 1/100 \text{ MeV}^{-1}$$

$$\rightarrow \Delta t = 10^{-2} \cdot \hbar c \cdot 1/c = 10^{-2} \cdot 197 \text{ MeV fm} \cdot 1/(3 \times 10^{23} \text{ fm s}) \sim 0.7 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ s}$$

Parity

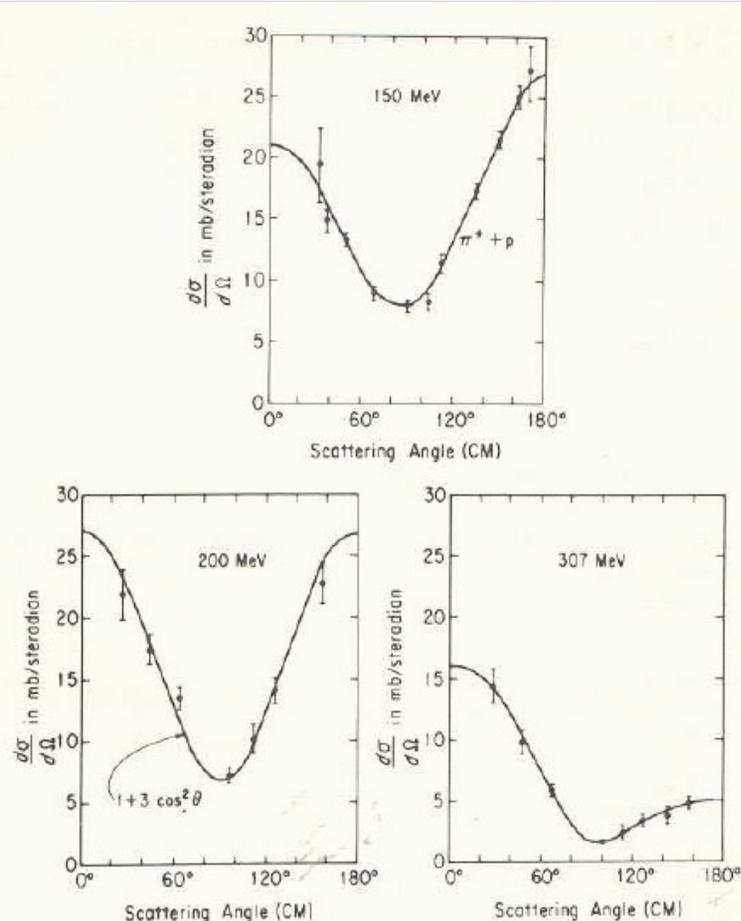
$$\eta_{\Delta} = \eta_p \eta_{\pi} \eta_{orb} = (+1)(-1)(-1)^{l=1} = +1$$

DNA Markers : Δ Angular Distributions

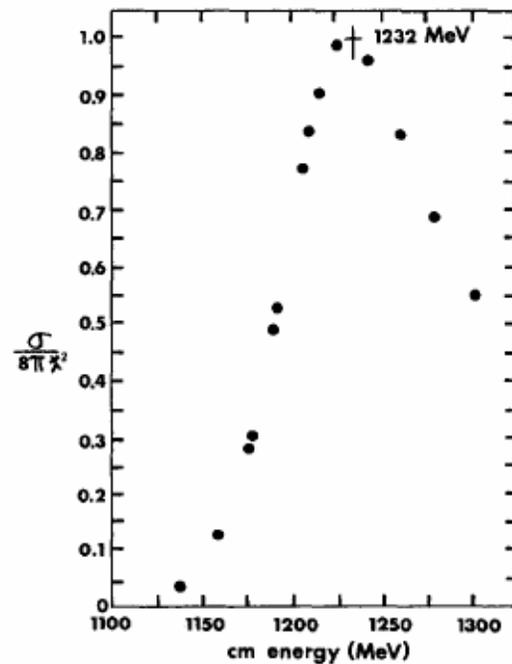
Experimental data nicely fit a simple picture where around $T_\pi = 200$ MeV the dominant amplitude is $J=3/2$, namely:

The large peak observed in the total cross-section can be traced back to a resonant amplitude in the $L=1, J=3/2$ partial wave

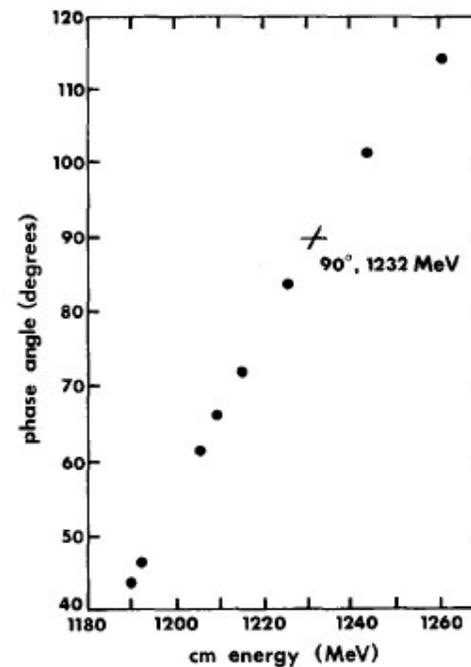
Several attempts to recover phase shifts from data in this energy range (Fermi, ...):
Messy game, lots of ambiguities



Δ^{++} : More Fingerprints



Cross-section



Phase

Production Resonances

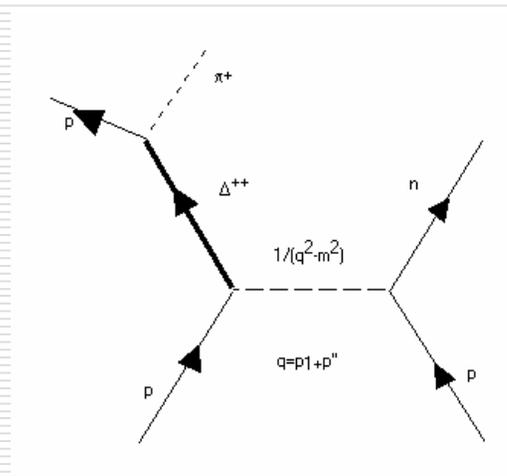
With higher energy beams available, new processes become possible. Use *virtual pions* to excite nucleon levels



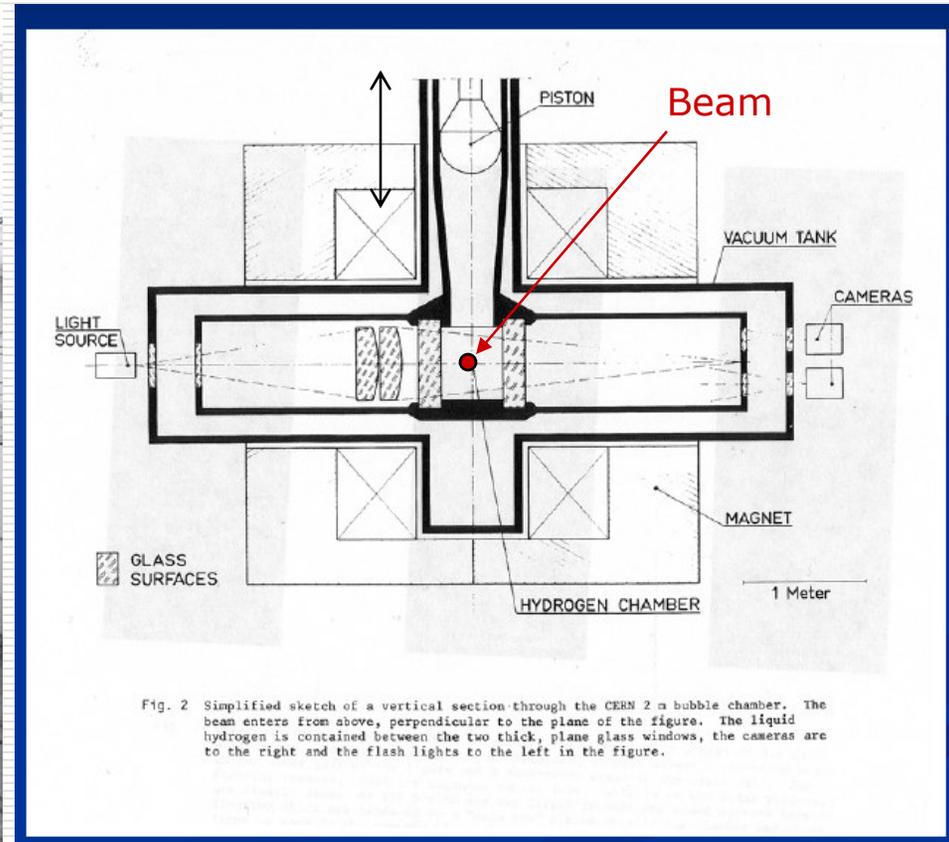
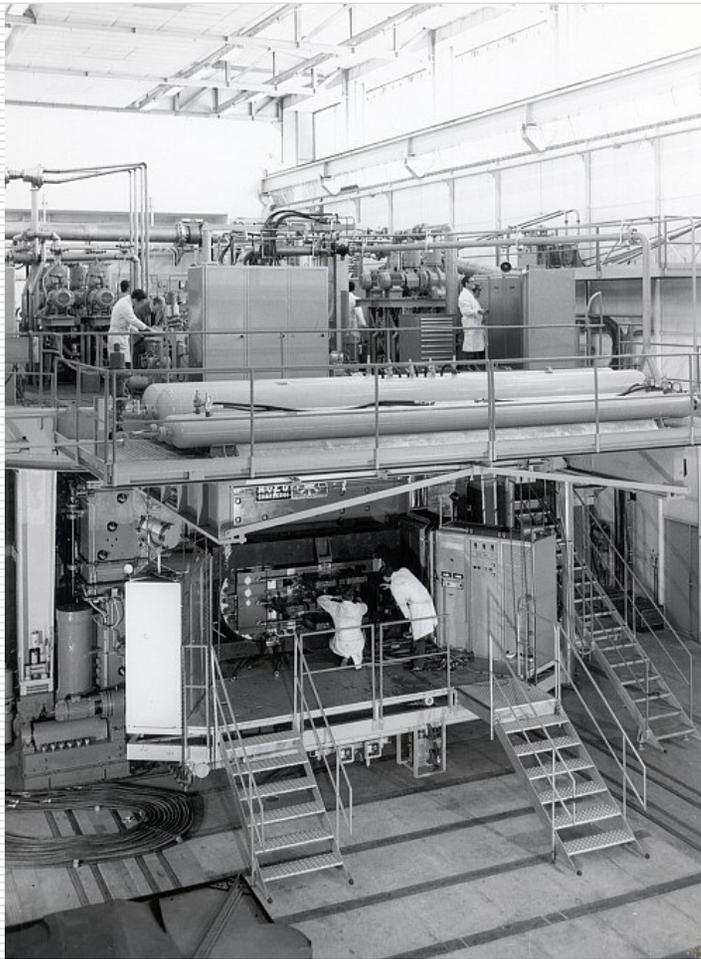
Resonance is *produced* in the *t*-channel, rather than *formed* in the *s*-channel.

Not directly observed in the cross-section vs. energy plot.

But: Resonance mass and quantum numbers are *invariant* properties, like the corresponding quantities of a stable particle

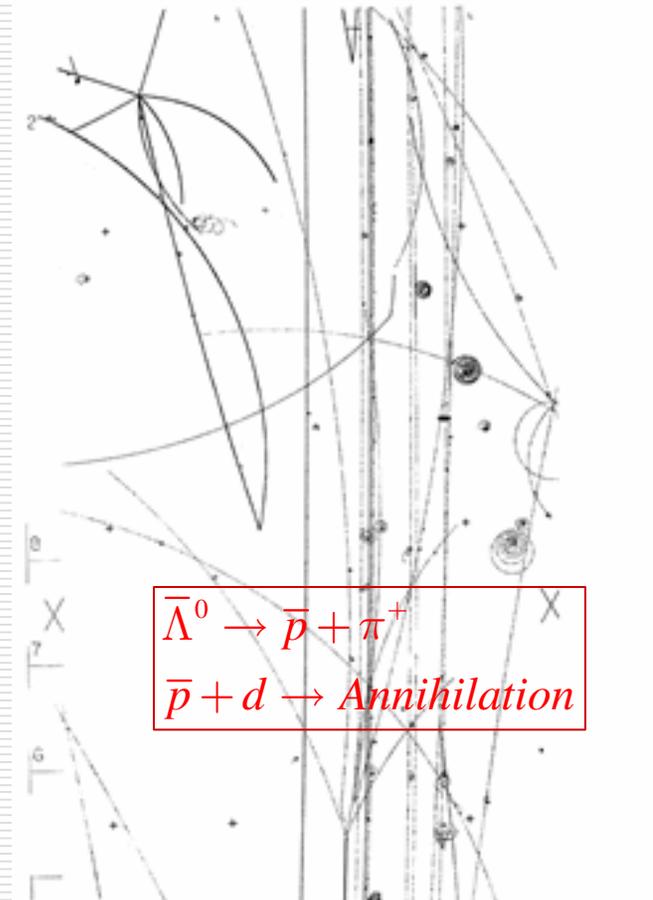
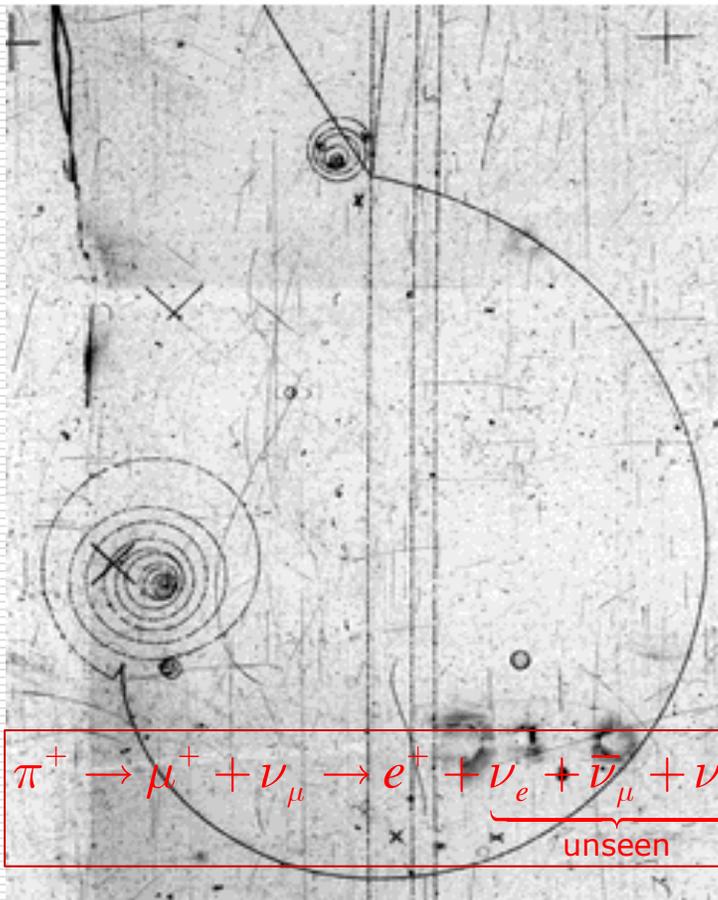


The Bubble Chamber

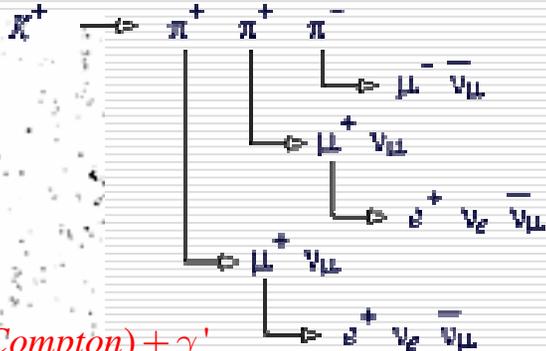
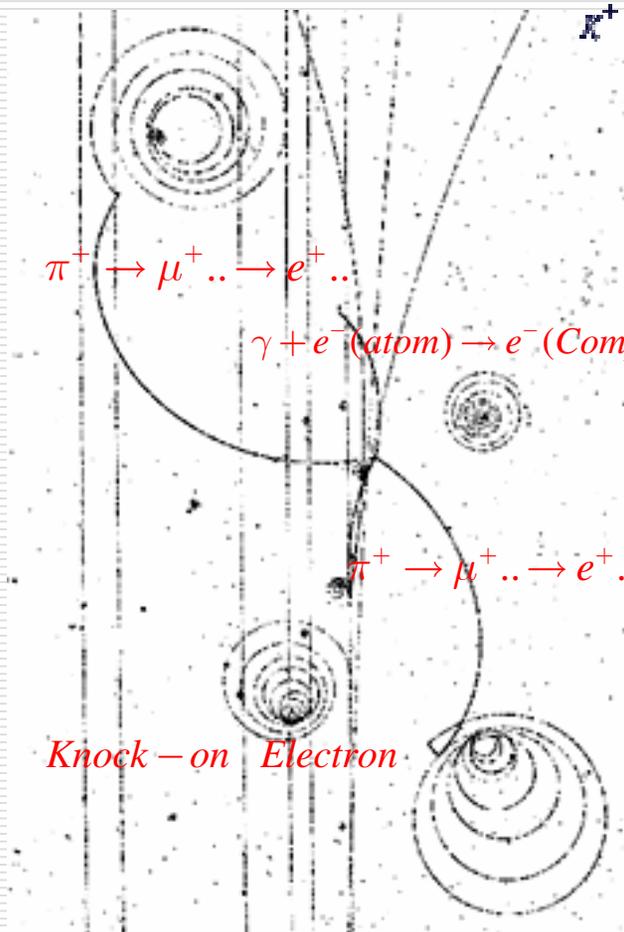


CERN 2m Bubble Chamber

Bubble Chamber Events - I



Bubble Chamber Events - II



Knock-On electron
Beam + Atomic Electron
 → *Beam + Free Electron*
 Usually modest energy

$\pi\mu e$ kinematics

π^+ only: π^- is usually captured to a π -mesic atom
 π decays after stopping: 'long' lifetime..
 μ Energy, momentum:

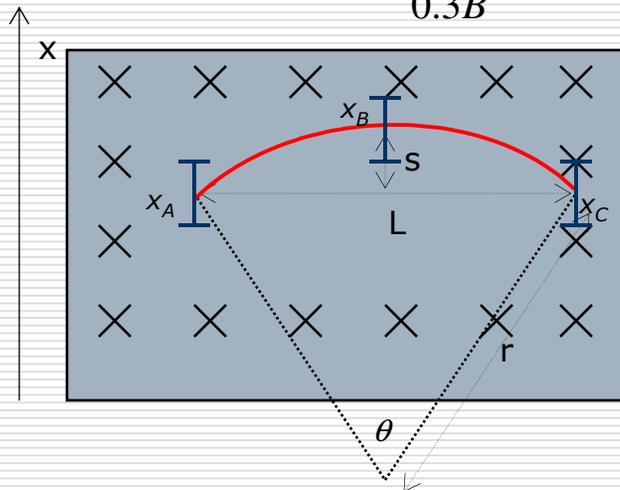
$$E_\mu = \frac{1}{2m_\pi} (m_\pi^2 + m_\mu^2 - 0) \sim 109.9 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow p_\mu = \sqrt{109.9^2 - 106^2} \sim 29.1 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\rightarrow \beta_\mu = \frac{p_\mu}{E_\mu} \sim \frac{29.1}{109.9} \sim 0.265, \gamma_\mu \sim 1.04 \text{ when created}$$
 Would expect typical path length $\sim \beta_\mu \gamma_\mu c \tau_\mu \sim 182 \text{ m}$
 But: μ quickly slows down by $\frac{dE}{dx} \rightarrow$ Total path length \sim few cm
 Positron spiralling down: Energy loss by $\begin{cases} \text{ionization} \\ \text{radiation} \end{cases}$

Magnetic Analysis & Accuracy

Motion of a charged particle in a magnetic field: Cylindrical helix coaxial to \mathbf{B}

$$r = \frac{p_{\perp}}{0.3B} \quad r: m, p_{\perp}: GeV, B: T$$



Get p from s

$$\sin \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{L}{2r} \quad L \ll 2r \quad \frac{\theta}{2} \approx \frac{L}{2r} \rightarrow \theta \approx \frac{0.3BL}{p_{\perp}}$$

$$s = r - r \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \approx r \left[1 - \left(1 - \frac{\theta^2}{4} \right) \right] = r \frac{\theta^2}{8} \approx \frac{0.3BL^2}{8p_{\perp}}$$

$$\rightarrow p_{\perp} \approx \frac{0.3BL^2}{8s}$$

Take 3 measured points, with single point accuracy σ

Then:

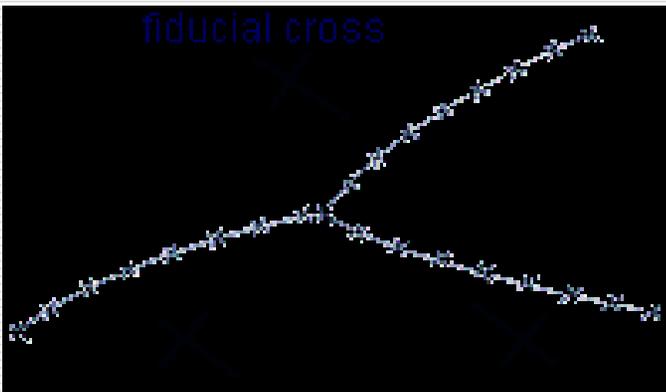
$$s = x_B - \frac{x_A + x_C}{2} \rightarrow \sigma_s^2 = \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 = \frac{3}{2}\sigma^2$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{p_{\perp}}}{p_{\perp}} = \frac{\sigma_s}{s} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\sigma}{s} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\sigma}{0.3BL^2} = \sqrt{\frac{300 \cdot 64}{18}} \frac{\sigma p_{\perp}}{BL^2} \approx 32.7 \frac{\sigma p_{\perp}}{BL^2}$$

$N \geq 10$, uniformly spaced points:

$$\frac{\sigma_{p_{\perp}}}{p_{\perp}} \approx 28.3 \frac{\sigma p_{\perp}}{BL^2 \sqrt{N+4}}$$

Bubble Chamber Reconstruction



Particle	p_x	p_y	p_z	E
K-	8213.4	-248.3	15.2	8232
p	0	0	0	938.3
Sum	8213.4	-248.3	15.2	9170.3
K-	1481.8	27.8	224	1578.1
p-	149.7	-11.3	38.8	208.6
p+	37.9	-122.2	-22.7	190.7
p	1508.6	128.5	-70.5	1782.6
K0	3545.6	-162.9	-245	3592.4
Sum	6723.6	-140.1	-75.4	7352.4
Difference	-1489.8	108.2	-90.6	-1817.9

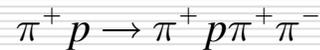
mass	1032.153
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This mass doesn't correspond to a known particle - so there must be at least two neutral particles from the collision leaving the bubble chamber undetected.

Δ -Resonance: Production

Observe Δ^{++} resonance production as a peak in the invariant (p, π^+) mass distribution

Take reaction



$$m_{p\pi_1}^2 = (p_p + p_{\pi_1})^2 = (E_p + E_{\pi_1})^2 - (\mathbf{p}_p + \mathbf{p}_{\pi_1})^2$$

$$m_{p\pi_2}^2 = (p_p + p_{\pi_2})^2 = (E_p + E_{\pi_2})^2 - (\mathbf{p}_p + \mathbf{p}_{\pi_2})^2$$

2 entries per reconstructed event:
Count everything

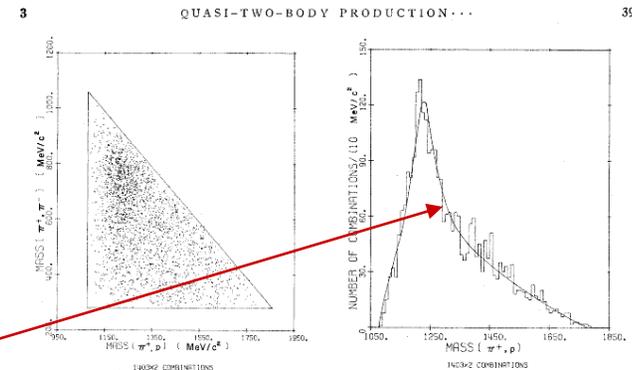


Fig. 1. Two-pion, proton-pion invariant-mass scatterplot for the reaction $\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^+ p \pi^+ \pi^-$. The boundary curve represents the kinematic limit for events produced by a 1.95-GeV/c momentum beam.

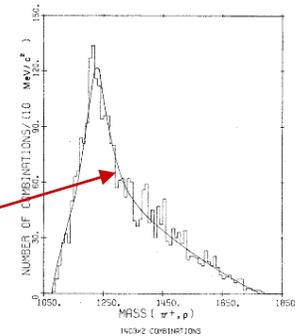


Fig. 3. Proton-pion invariant-mass distribution from the reaction $\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^+ p \pi^+ \pi^-$. The curve is the best fit to Δ^{++} resonance, ρ^0 reflection, phase space, and combinatorial background in the proportions given in Table I.

tions. The curves were constrained to be proportioned identically because the two histograms were simultaneously least-squares fitted.

The four functional forms for the hypothesized reactions were obtained by a Monte Carlo generation and contain no production dynamics. The fits to the two distributions are of suitable quality, exhibiting χ^2 values of 111 and 176 with 90 degrees of freedom in Figs. 2 and 3, respectively.

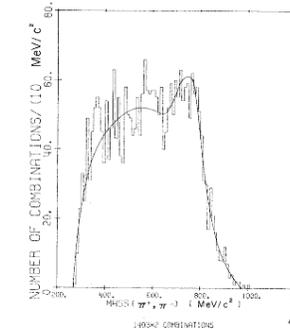


Fig. 2. Two-pion invariant-mass distribution from the reaction $\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^+ p \pi^+ \pi^-$. The fitted curve is composed of ρ^0 resonance, Δ^{++} reflections, phase space, and combinatorial background in the proportions given in Table I.

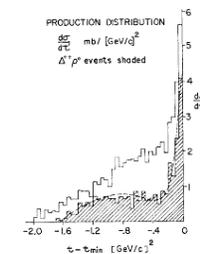


Fig. 4. Two-pion, proton-pion production distribution for $\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^+ p \pi^+ \pi^-$ events. All combinations appear in the unshaded graph and only those selected as $\Delta^{++} p^0$ appear in the shaded plot. 324 events are contained within the shaded histogram of which 46 have a combinatorial ambiguity and are plotted twice with 0.5 weight. The curve is an exponential-plus-background fit which is described in the text.

Meson Resonances - I

Expect resonant behavior also for mesonic systems, e.g. $\pi\pi$:
Virtual and real pion coupled at the strong vertex

Observation of meson resonances possible in production experiments

Remark:

Taking baryon resonances only, possible isospin:

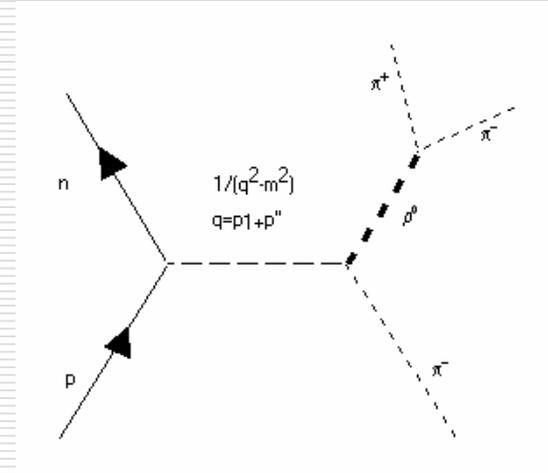
Minimum coupling is between nucleon and pion

→ Expect $1 \oplus 1/2 = 1/2, 3/2$ as observed

Take meson resonances:

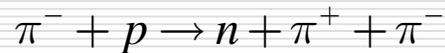
Minimum coupling is between pion and pion

→ Expect $1 \oplus 1 = 0, 1, 2$ $I=2$ mesons not observed



Meson Resonances - II

Take reaction



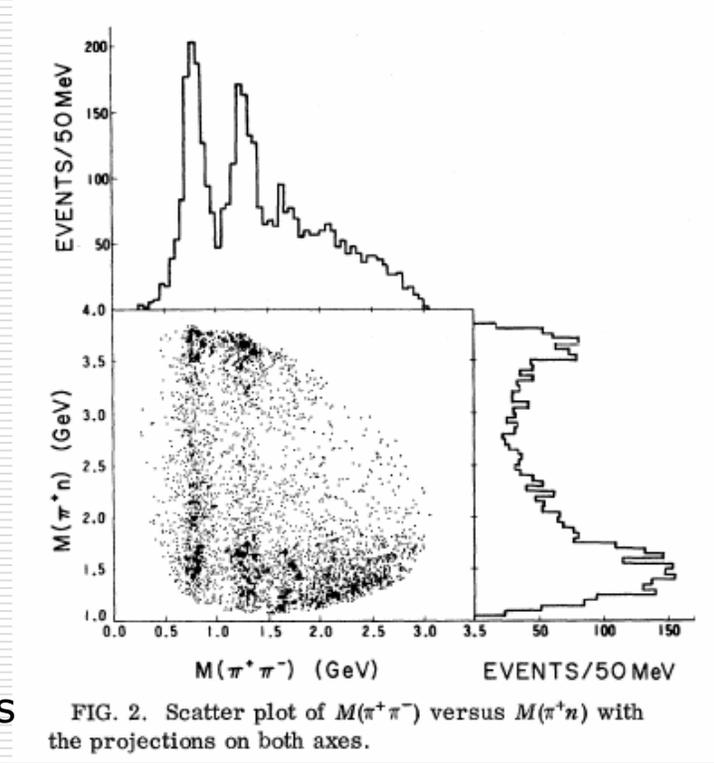
Observe strong enhancements for

$$m_{\pi\pi} \sim 760, 1260, 1550 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_{\pi n} \sim 1230 - 1550 \text{ MeV}$$

Interpretation:

Meson	Baryon	Resonances
$\left. \begin{array}{l} \rho(760) \\ f_0(1250) \\ g(1550) \end{array} \right\}$	$\rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^\mp,$	$\Delta^{+,-}(1232) \rightarrow n\pi^\pm$



Spin-parity of the ρ Meson - I

Use angular distributions to investigate ρ spin, parity

$$S_{\pi} = 0 \rightarrow J_{\rho} = L_{\pi\pi} \equiv L$$

$$\rightarrow \psi_{final} \propto Y_l^m(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$\eta_P^{(\rho)} = \eta_P^{(\pi)} \eta_P^{(\pi)} (-1)^l = (-1)^l$$

Suppose the produced ρ mesons uniformly populate the $2l+1$ J_3 substates: Then, by a property of spherical harmonics

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{2J+1} \sum_{m=-l}^{+l} Y_l^m(\theta, \varphi) Y_l^{*m}(\theta, \varphi); \quad \sum_{m=-l}^{+l} Y_l^m Y_l^{*m} = \frac{2l+1}{4\pi}$$
$$\rightarrow \frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{2J+1} \frac{2J+1}{4\pi} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \quad \text{Uniform distribution}$$

So a non-uniform angular distribution indicates some *polarization* of the decaying state, useful to perform spin-parity analysis

Spin-parity of the ρ Meson - II

Observe CM angular distribution for different $\pi\pi$ mass 'slices'

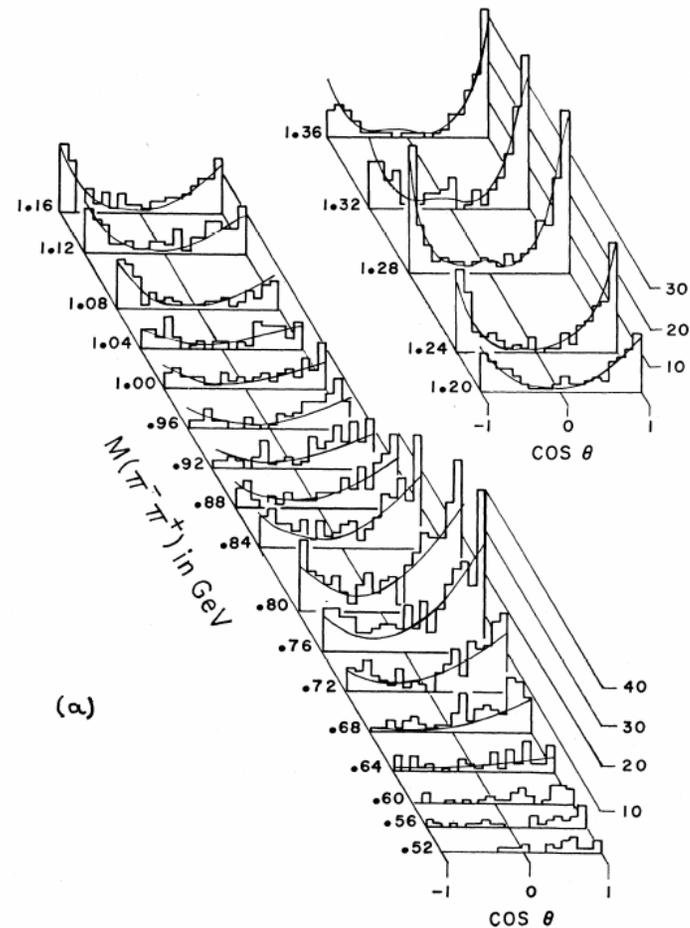
In the ρ resonance mass region (about 700-800 MeV)

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} \propto \cos^2 \theta \propto |Y_1^0(\cos \theta)|^2 \rightarrow l=1$$

→ The ρ is a *vector* particle

Interestingly, in the f_0 mass region (about 1250-1350 MeV) observe some indication of spin 2

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} \propto (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1)^2 \propto |Y_2^0|^2 \rightarrow l=2$$



Isospin - I

Charge independence leads to a new classification scheme:
 All hadrons cast into *isospin multiplets*
 Strong interaction identical for all members of each multiplet

proton p
 neutron n } 2 quantum states of the *nucleon* $N = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$ 2 states system - isospinor

Base $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv p, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \equiv n$ Base states: *doublet*

$\left. \begin{matrix} \pi^+ \\ \pi^0 \\ \pi^- \end{matrix} \right\}$ 3 quantum states of the *pion* $\pi = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix}$ 3 state system - isovector

Base $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \pi^+, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \pi^0, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \pi^-$ Base states: *triplet*

$Q = I_3 + B/2$ Gell-Mann - Nishijima relation

B = Baryon number
 Q = Charge in e units
 I₃ = Isospin 3rd component

Isospin - II

Isospins add up as angular momenta
(Astonished? More on this later...)

For πN system obtain:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \pi : I = 1 \\ N : I = 1/2 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \pi N : I = 1 \oplus 1/2 = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1/2 & \text{doublet} \\ 3/2 & \text{quadruplet} \end{array} \right.$$

By using Clebsch-Gordan coefficients, expand physical (particle) states into total isospin eigenstates

$$I_N = 1/2 ; |p\rangle = |1/2, +1/2\rangle, |n\rangle = |1/2, -1/2\rangle$$

$$I_\pi = 1 ; |\pi^+\rangle = |1, +1\rangle, |\pi^0\rangle = |1, 0\rangle, |\pi^-\rangle = |1, -1\rangle$$

$$|\pi^- p\rangle = |1, -1, 1/2, +1/2\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |3/2, -1/2\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |1/2, -1/2\rangle, \quad |\pi^+ n\rangle = |1, +1, 1/2, -1/2\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |3/2, +1/2\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |1/2, +1/2\rangle$$

$$|\pi^+ p\rangle = |1, +1, 1/2, +1/2\rangle = |3/2, +3/2\rangle, \quad |\pi^- n\rangle = |1, -1, 1/2, -1/2\rangle = |3/2, -3/2\rangle$$

$$|\pi^0 p\rangle = |1, 0, 1/2, +1/2\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |3/2, +1/2\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |1/2, +1/2\rangle, \quad |\pi^0 n\rangle = |1, 0, 1/2, -1/2\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |3/2, -1/2\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |1/2, -1/2\rangle$$

Isospin - III

Based on the observed regularities among hadron multiplets, guess isospin is a new *symmetry* for hadrons, connected to some *invariance* property (like angular momentum).

Non-trivial conservation rule follows:

Total isospin conserved by all strong processes

Interesting predictions for πN scattering and reactions:

Guess (data OK):
 $A_{3/2} \gg A_{1/2}$

$$\begin{cases} (A) \pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^+ p \\ (B) \pi^- n \rightarrow \pi^- n \end{cases} \rightarrow A_A = A_B = A_{3/2} \quad \text{pure I} = 3/2$$

$$\begin{cases} (A) \pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^+ p \\ (B) \pi^- n \rightarrow \pi^- n \end{cases} \rightarrow \sigma_A = \sigma_B$$

$$\begin{cases} (A) \pi^+ n \rightarrow \pi^+ n \\ (B) \pi^- n \rightarrow \pi^- n \end{cases} \rightarrow A_A = \frac{1}{3} A_{3/2} + \frac{2}{3} A_{1/2}, A_B = A_{3/2}$$

$$\begin{cases} (A) \pi^+ n \rightarrow \pi^+ n \\ (B) \pi^- n \rightarrow \pi^- n \end{cases} \rightarrow \sigma_A = \frac{1}{9} \sigma_B$$

$$\begin{cases} (A) \pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^+ p \\ (B) \pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- p \end{cases} \rightarrow A_A = A_{3/2}, A_B = \frac{1}{3} A_{3/2} - \frac{2}{3} A_{1/2}$$

$$\begin{cases} (A) \pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^+ p \\ (B) \pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- p \end{cases} \rightarrow \sigma_A = 9 \sigma_B$$

$$\begin{cases} (A) \pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^+ p \\ (B) \pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^0 n \end{cases} \rightarrow A_A = A_{3/2}, A_B = \sqrt{\frac{2}{9}} A_{3/2} - \sqrt{\frac{2}{9}} A_{1/2}$$

$$\begin{cases} (A) \pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^+ p \\ (B) \pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^0 n \end{cases} \rightarrow \sigma_A = \frac{9}{2} \sigma_B$$

What is Spin? - I

Take first *ordinary* spin as guideline: For sake of simplification, use a non relativistic, bottom-up approach

For any physical system with $m > 0$, we are allowed to choose CM as a reference frame.

When the system is rotationally invariant, its states are observed to group into multiplets of size n , $n=1,2,3,\dots$ (*size n = number of states*)

States of a multiplet: *Same energy*

For an elementary particle: no orbital degrees of freedom in this frame

→ States belonging to different multiplets must be distinguished by some internal quantum number: Provisionally call the corresponding observable the particle *spin*

→ States of any given multiplet must be identified by some *internal* quantum number: Provisionally call the corresponding observable the *3rd component* of the particle spin

What is Spin? - II

Question: What is the observable we have called *spin*?

Answer: Get some insight from conservation laws. Discover spin is just another kind of (non-orbital) angular momentum

For every system, then: $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$ Total angular momentum

Extend to \mathbf{J} known properties of \mathbf{L} :

- By assuming rotational invariance, H and \mathbf{J}^2 commute $\rightarrow \mathbf{J}^2, J_3$ are conserved
- Besides other quantum numbers, all possible stationary states are then labeled by \mathbf{J}^2, J_3 according to angular momentum algebra:

\mathbf{J}^2 Eigenvalues: $j(j+1), j = 0, 1/2, 1, 3/2, 2, \dots$ Sequence of multiplets

J_3 Eigenvalues: $\underbrace{-j \dots + j}_{2j+1}, 2j+1 \equiv$ Multiplet size = 1, 2, 3, ...

in agreement with observations

- Each multiplet is said to realize an *irreducible representation* of the 3D rotation group $O(3)$ in the Hilbert space

What is Spin? - III

Representation: A set of matrices acting on some kind of 'vectors'
Each matrix corresponds to a specific rotation

Since matrices represent 3D rotations of 'vectors':

→ Must depend on 3 parameters (= rotation angles)

→ Must have 3 independent matrices (= base) for each representation

→ Must have $2j+1$ independent 'vectors' (= base) for each representation

Since each matrix should preserve 'vector' norm:

Take $2j+1 = \text{Odd integer} \rightarrow j = \text{Integer}$

In this case, 'vectors' are called *spherical tensors*

Require *real, orthogonal* matrices \rightarrow 3 parameters OK

Take $2j+1 = \text{Even integer} \rightarrow j = \text{Half-Integer}$

In this case, 'vectors' are called *spinors*

Require *complex, unitary* matrices \rightarrow 4 parameters OK (?)

Matrix Fun - I

Take $j=1/2$: Represent rotations of 2-component spinors by 2x2 matrices

$$M \equiv \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \text{ orthogonal} \rightarrow MM^T = 1 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 + b^2 & ac + bd \\ ac + bd & c^2 + d^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} a^2 + b^2 = 1 \\ c^2 + d^2 = 1 \\ ac + bd = 0 \end{cases} \text{ \& } a, b, c, d \text{ real} \rightarrow 1 \text{ free parameter} \rightarrow \text{KO to represent a 3D rotation}$$

$$U \equiv \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \text{ unitary} \rightarrow UU^\dagger = 1 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{a} & \bar{c} \\ \bar{b} & \bar{d} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a\bar{a} + b\bar{b} & a\bar{c} + b\bar{d} \\ c\bar{a} + d\bar{b} & c\bar{c} + d\bar{d} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} a\bar{a} + b\bar{b} = 1 \\ c\bar{c} + d\bar{d} = 1 \\ a\bar{c} + b\bar{d} = 0 \\ c\bar{a} + d\bar{b} = 0 \end{cases} \text{ \& } a, b, c, d \text{ complex} \rightarrow 4 \text{ free parameters}$$

Possible because absolute phase of states is irrelevant

Require extra condition:

$$\det M = 1 \rightarrow ad - bc = 1 \rightarrow 3 \text{ free parameters} \rightarrow \text{OK to represent a 3D rotation}$$

Matrix Fun - II

Take the set of all the matrices satisfying the 4 conditions above: As shown before, the set is a representation of the group of rotations in 3D, $O(3)$

On the other hand, the set constitutes a group in itself, called the *Special Unitary* group of dimension 2, or $SU(2)$.

We can then consider the set of all the irreducible representations of $SU(2)$: it will contain all the tensor and spinor representations of $O(3)$.

The moral: $O(3)$ and $SU(2)$ are *more or less* the same group

Why more or less?

They differ on their action *at large*: There are 2 $SU(2)$ matrices corresponding to any $O(3)$ matrix (Rotations by 2π and 4π are equivalent in $O(3)$ but not in $SU(2)$)

They are equivalent on their *local* action (Rotations by a small angle)

$SU(2)$ - I

Instead of starting from rotations, we can just start from $SU(2)$ defined as the set of all the 2×2 , unitary matrices (with $\det=1$): The algebra will stay the same as for $O(3)$.

But now we are not bound to interpret this transformation of states as induced by a rotation of axis in the physical, 3D space.

We are free to interpret any $SU(2)$ matrix as representing a unitary, unimodular transformation in the Hilbert space of any two-state, degenerate system.

We do not need to specify what is the physical system whose two independent states we take as base vectors in the Hilbert space.

What about higher representations? As for angular momentum, they can be taken as unitary, unimodular transformations of more complicated systems [One can think of these as *mathematically* composed of 2,3,... basic, 2-states building blocks, but this is not always *physically* the case]

$SU(2)$ - II

Some matrix fun:

4 complex parameters \rightarrow 8 real parameters

$$4 \text{ unitarity conditions: } \left. \begin{array}{l} UU^\dagger = 1 \\ (U^\dagger)_{ij} = U_{ji}^* \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^2 a_{ij} a_{jk}^* = \delta_{ik}, \quad i, k = 1, 2$$

1 unimodularity condition: $\det U = 1$

$\rightarrow 8 - 5 = 3$ free parameters

U unitary $\rightarrow U = e^{iH}$, H Hermitian

$$\det U = 1 \rightarrow \det e^{iH} = 1 \rightarrow e^{i \operatorname{tr}(H)} = 1 \rightarrow \operatorname{tr}(H) = 0$$

3 free parameters \rightarrow 3 generators = 3 Hermitian, traceless 2×2 matrices

Any $SU(2)$ matrix can be written as a linear combination of the 3 generators, the *Pauli matrices*:

$$\sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

One diagonal generator, σ_3
 \rightarrow Rank 1 group
 \rightarrow One invariant function of generators

Quadratic:
 $\sigma^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2$

What is Isospin? - I

When looking at strongly interacting particles, observe particle states similarly grouping themselves into multiplets of size 1,2,3,4

States of a multiplet \cong Same mass

→States belonging to different multiplets must be distinguished by some internal quantum number: By analogy, call the corresponding observable the particle *isospin*

→States of any given multiplet must be identified by some *internal* quantum number: Call the corresponding observable the 3rd component of the particle *isospin*

Notice: Isospin symmetry is not exact (broken), still is quite good

Indeed:

$$\frac{m_n - m_p}{m_n} \simeq \frac{939.57 - 938.27}{939.57} \simeq 0.0014$$

$$\frac{m_{\pi^\pm} - m_{\pi^0}}{m_{\pi^\pm}} \simeq \frac{139.6 - 135.0}{139.6} \simeq 0.011$$

What is Isospin? - II

Question: What is the observable we have called *isospin*?

Answer: *There is no classical analogy!*

Simply, when we first observe that neutron and proton are almost degenerate in mass, we can state they are just two states of the same physical system, the *nucleon*.

We guess the two nucleon states are the 'vectors' spanning the fundamental representation of a symmetry group, which we identify with $SU(2)$. Remember: *Any 2-state, degenerate system will exhibit $SU(2)$ symmetry*

Since (p,n) fill the fundamental representation, we guess $SU(2)$ is also a symmetry of all the strongly interacting particles.

What is Isospin? - III

Therefore, we are led to predict that :

All strong interacting particles should fill some $SU(2)$ representation

As for any other symmetry, we expect the assumed invariance property do correspond to a conservation law

What is conserved in this case? Since there is no classical analogy, we should stick to our algebraic skills to get insight

Now, $SU(2)$ algebra is just the same as $O(3)$, so we can expect the same conserved observables for a closed system of strongly interacting particles:

$$\mathbf{J}^2, J_3 \leftrightarrow \mathbf{I}^2, I_3$$

This is the origin of the common wisdom 'Isospin is like Angular Momentum'

$SU(2)$ Multiplet Graphics

Within any given $SU(2)$ multiplet, states can be represented as points on a straight line

Reason is the group structure of $SU(2)$:

3 parameters \rightarrow 3 generators

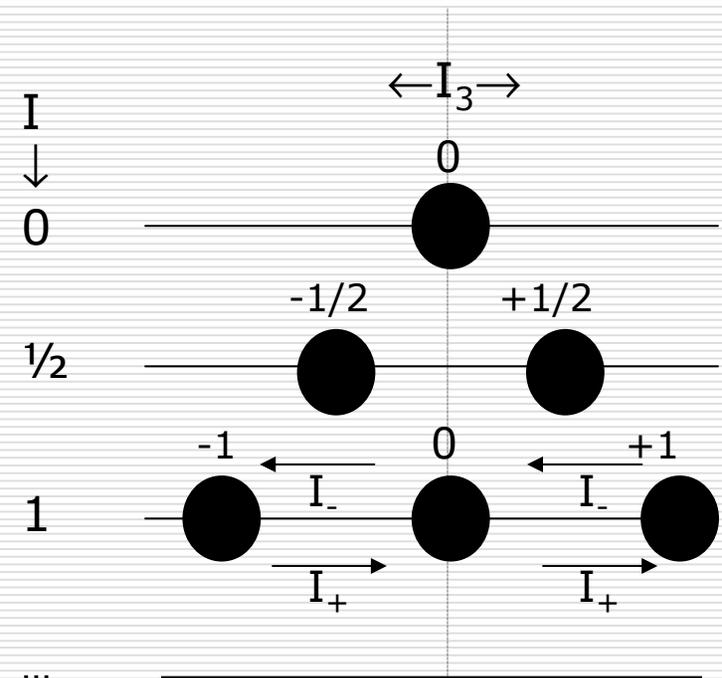
*Just 1 invariant function of generators: \mathbf{I}^2
 \rightarrow Multiplets identified just by I*

*Generators do not commute with each other
 \rightarrow States in any multiplet identified just by I_3*

Define 2 ladder operators:

$$I_{\pm} = I_1 \pm iI_2$$

Action: Shift states right or left on the multiplet line, i.e. increment/decrement I_3 by 1



Notice:
 I_3 eigenvalues symmetric wrt 0

Conjugate Representation

More fun with matrices...

$$\psi' = D(\alpha)\psi$$

D : Any representation...

$$\rightarrow D(\alpha) = e^{i\alpha F}, F \text{ hermitian} \quad \leftarrow \text{True because } D \text{ is unitary}$$

$$\psi^* = D^* \psi^*$$

Take complex conjugate of equations

$$D^* = e^{-i\alpha(F)^*} = e^{i\alpha[-(F)^*]} \equiv e^{i\alpha\tilde{F}}$$

Get another representation

$$\rightarrow \tilde{F} = -(F^*)$$

Relation between new and old generators

Take D of $SU(2)$ fundamental representation:

F Hermitian $\rightarrow \tilde{F}$ Hermitian

\rightarrow Real eigenvalues for both F, \tilde{F} , and $f_i = -f_i^*$

*True for $SU(2)$,
false in general*

\rightarrow Since f_i are symmetric wrt 0, so are f_i^*

$\rightarrow \{f_i\} \equiv \{f_i^*\}$ \tilde{F} eigenvalues are just a re-labeling of F 's

Direct and conjugate representations are said to be *equivalent*

Product of Representations

Take a system made of 2 nucleons: *What is the total isospin?*
 $SU(2)$ is equivalent to $O(3) \rightarrow$ Can use Clebsch-Gordan coefficients

But: Can also re-formulate this problem in a different way
 States of each nucleon span the fundamental representation of $SU(2)$, $\mathbf{2}$
 Then a 2 nucleon system span the *direct product rep.* $\mathbf{2} \otimes \mathbf{2}$

Question:

What are the irreducible representations of $SU(2)$ contained in any state of 2 nucleons? Need to decompose $\mathbf{2} \otimes \mathbf{2}$ into a *direct sum* of irr.rep.

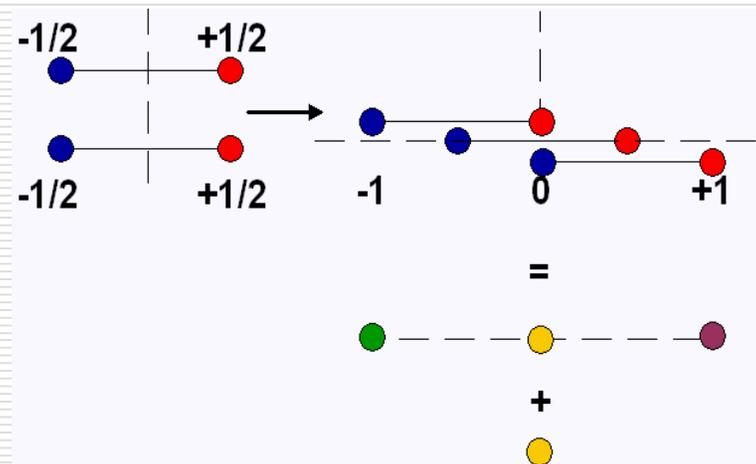
Answer (After a little group theory):

$$\mathbf{2} \otimes \mathbf{2} = \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{3}$$

Answer (Graphical):

Center the segment carrying the 2 states of representation $\mathbf{2}$ (1st nucleon) over the 2 states of representation $\mathbf{2}$ (2nd nucleon)

\rightarrow Get a set of 4 states, decomposing into 2 sets of 1 and 3 states



I-Spin Multiplets: The Nonstrange Zoo

Amazingly *large* number of resonant states

p, n	P_{11}	****	$\Delta(1232)$	P_{33}	****
$N(1440)$	P_{11}	****	$\Delta(1600)$	P_{33}	***
$N(1520)$	D_{13}	****	$\Delta(1620)$	S_{31}	****
$N(1535)$	S_{11}	****	$\Delta(1700)$	D_{33}	****
$N(1650)$	S_{11}	****	$\Delta(1750)$	P_{31}	*
$N(1675)$	D_{15}	****	$\Delta(1900)$	S_{31}	**
$N(1680)$	F_{15}	****	$\Delta(1905)$	F_{35}	****
$N(1700)$	D_{13}	***	$\Delta(1910)$	P_{31}	****
$N(1710)$	P_{11}	***	$\Delta(1920)$	P_{33}	***
$N(1720)$	P_{13}	****	$\Delta(1930)$	D_{35}	***
$N(1900)$	P_{13}	**	$\Delta(1940)$	D_{33}	*
$N(1990)$	F_{17}	**	$\Delta(1950)$	F_{37}	****
$N(2000)$	F_{15}	**	$\Delta(2000)$	F_{35}	**
$N(2080)$	D_{13}	**	$\Delta(2150)$	S_{31}	*
$N(2090)$	S_{11}	*	$\Delta(2200)$	G_{37}	*
$N(2100)$	P_{11}	*	$\Delta(2300)$	H_{39}	**
$N(2190)$	G_{17}	****	$\Delta(2350)$	D_{35}	*
$N(2200)$	D_{15}	**	$\Delta(2390)$	F_{37}	*
$N(2220)$	H_{19}	****	$\Delta(2400)$	G_{39}	**
$N(2250)$	G_{19}	****	$\Delta(2420)$	$H_{3,11}$	****
$N(2600)$	$h_{1,11}$	***	$\Delta(2750)$	$l_{3,13}$	**
$N(2700)$	$K_{1,13}$	**	$\Delta(2950)$	$K_{3,15}$	**

Baryons
 $I=1/2$ $I=3/2$

$L_{2J+1, 2I+1}$ $L = S, P, D, \dots$

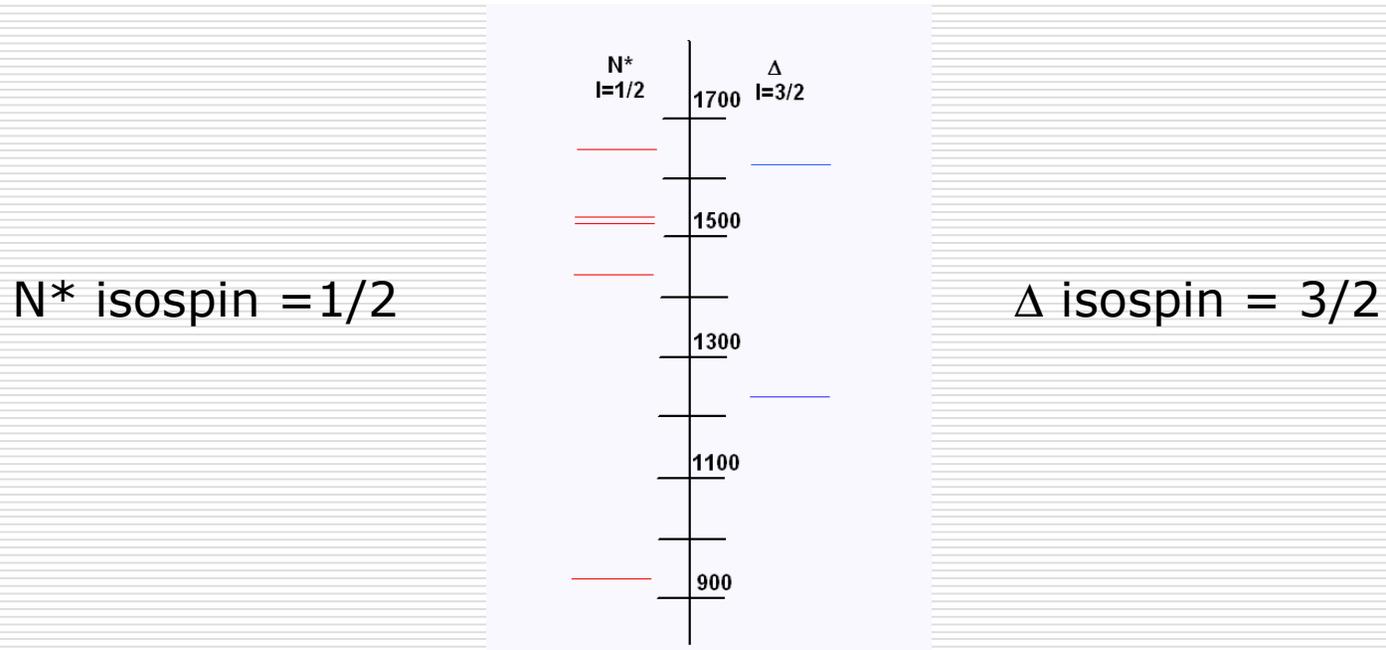
LIGHT FLAVORED ($S = B = 0$)			
	$J^P(J^{PC})$		$J^P(J^{PC})$
• π^+	$1^-(0^-)$	• $\pi_2(1670)$	$1^-(2^-+)$
• π^0	$1^-(0^-)$	• $\phi(1680)$	$0^-(1^-)$
• η	$0^+(0^-)$	• $\rho_3(1690)$	$1^+(3^-)$
• $f_0(400-1200)$	$0^+(0^+)$	• $\rho(1700)$	$1^+(1^-)$
• $\rho(770)$	$1^+(1^-)$	• $f_0(1710)$	$0^+(0^+)$
• $\omega(782)$	$0^-(1^-)$	• $a_2(1750)$	$1^-(2^+)$
• $\eta'(958)$	$0^+(0^-)$	• $\eta(1760)$	$0^+(0^-)$
• $f_0(980)$	$0^+(0^+)$	• $X(1775)$	$1^-(?^-)$
• $a_0(980)$	$1^-(0^+)$	• $\pi(1800)$	$1^-(0^-)$
• $\phi(1020)$	$0^-(1^-)$	• $f_2(1810)$	$0^+(2^+)$
• $h_1(1170)$	$0^-(1^+)$	• $\phi_3(1850)$	$0^-(3^-)$
• $b_1(1235)$	$1^+(1^+)$	• $\eta_2(1870)$	$0^+(2^-)$
• $a_1(1260)$	$1^-(1^+)$	• $X(1910)$	$0^+(?^+)$
• $f_2(1270)$	$0^+(2^+)$	• $f_2(1950)$	$0^+(2^+)$
• $f_4(1285)$	$0^+(1^+)$	• $X(2000)$	$1^-(?^+)$
• $\eta(1295)$	$0^+(0^-)$	• $f_2(2010)$	$0^+(2^+)$
• $\pi(1300)$	$1^-(0^-)$	• $f_0(2020)$	$0^+(0^+)$
• $a_2(1320)$	$1^-(2^+)$	• $a_4(2040)$	$1^-(4^+)$
• $f_0(1370)$	$0^+(0^+)$	• $f_4(2050)$	$0^+(4^+)$
• $h_1(1380)$	$?^-(1^+)$	• $f_0(2060)$	$0^+(0^+)$
• $\pi_3(1400)$	$1^-(1^-)$	• $\pi_2(2100)$	$1^-(2^-)$
• $f_1(1420)$	$0^+(1^+)$	• $f_2(2150)$	$0^+(2^+)$
• $\omega(1420)$	$0^-(1^-)$	• $\rho(2150)$	$1^+(1^-)$
• $f_2(1430)$	$0^+(2^+)$	• $f_0(2200)$	$0^+(0^+)$
• $\eta(1440)$	$0^+(0^-)$	• $f_2(2220)$	$0^+(2^+)$
• $a_0(1450)$	$1^-(0^+)$		or $4^+ +$
• $\rho(1450)$	$1^+(1^-)$	• $\eta(2225)$	$0^+(0^-)$
• $f_0(1500)$	$0^+(0^+)$	• $\rho_3(2250)$	$1^+(3^-)$
• $f_1(1510)$	$0^+(1^+)$	• $f_2(2300)$	$0^+(2^+)$
• $f_2(1525)$	$0^+(2^+)$	• $f_4(2300)$	$0^+(4^+)$
• $f_2(1565)$	$0^+(2^+)$	• $f_2(2340)$	$0^+(2^+)$
• $\pi_2(1600)$	$1^-(1^-)$	• $\rho_3(2350)$	$1^+(5^-)$
• $X(1600)$	$2^+(?^-)$	• $a_6(2450)$	$1^-(6^+)$
• $a_1(1640)$	$1^+(1^+)$	• $f_6(2510)$	$0^+(6^+)$
• $f_2(1640)$	$0^+(2^+)$	• $X(3250)$	$?^?(?^?)$
• $\eta_2(1645)$	$0^+(2^-)$		
• $\omega(1650)$	$0^-(1^-)$		
• $X(1650)$	$0^-(?^-)$		
• $a_2(1660)$	$1^-(2^+)$		
• $\omega_3(1670)$	$0^-(3^-)$		

$I=2$???

Mesons
 $I=0, 1$

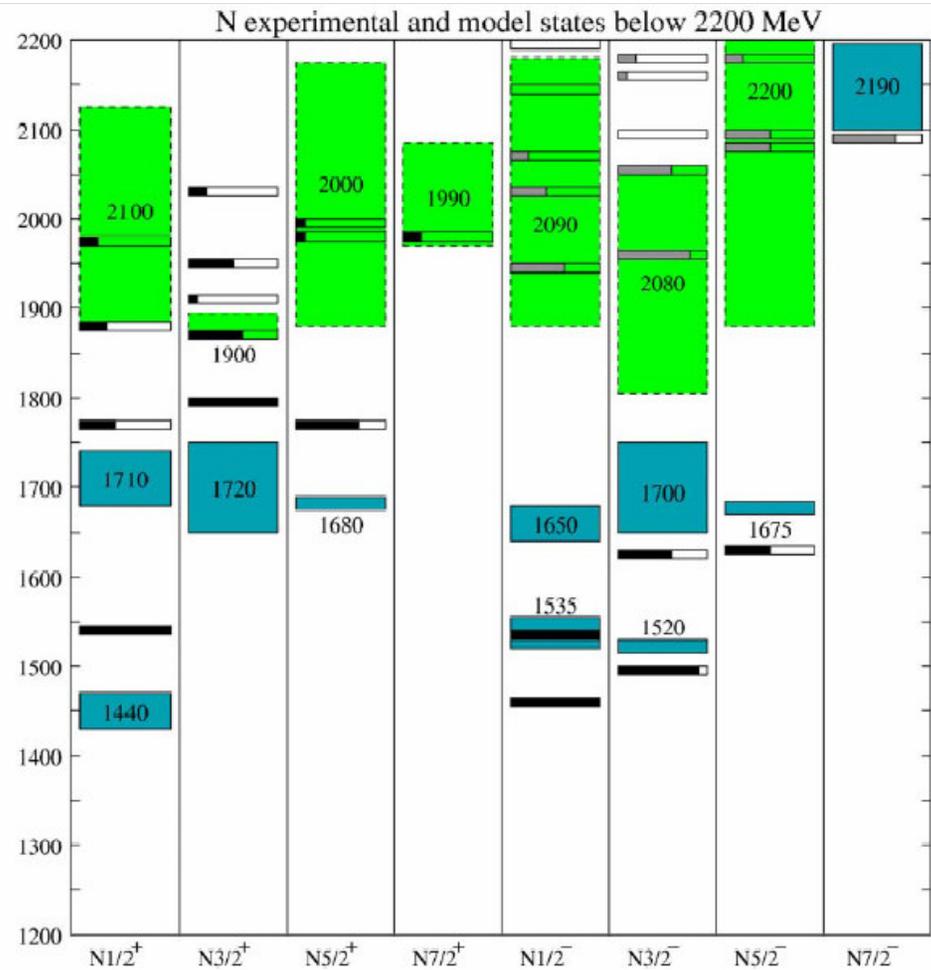
Baryon Resonances Systematics

Two families of nucleon excited states: First, lightest states

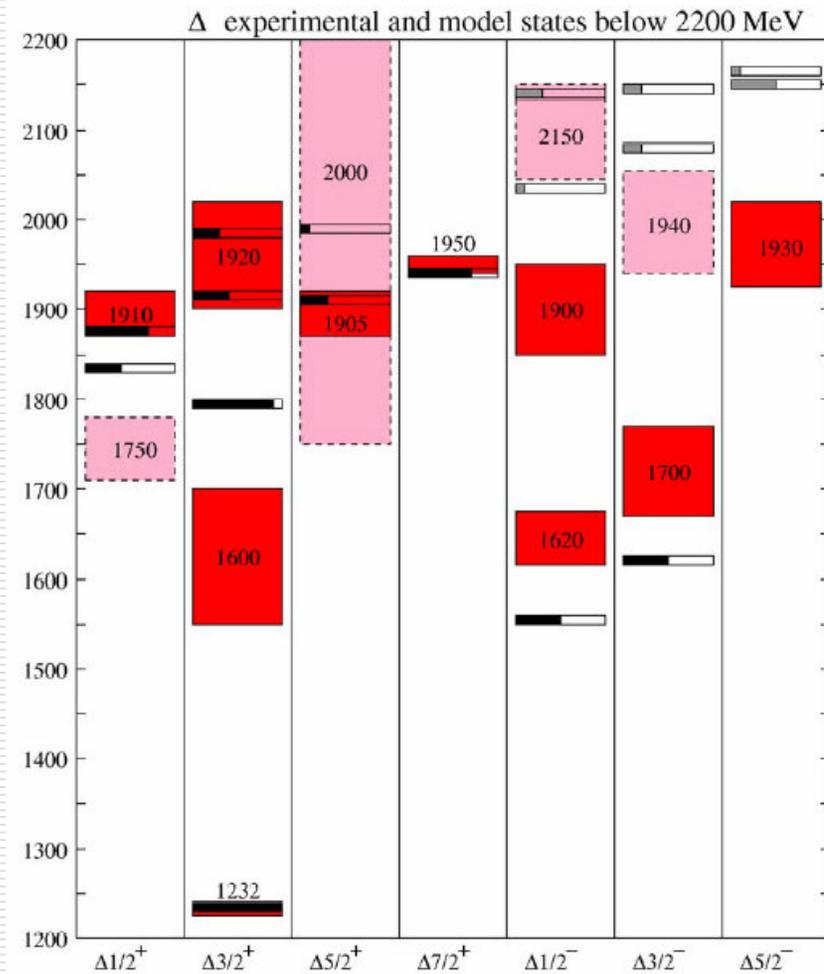


Many sub-families for each one (increasing J, parity + or -)

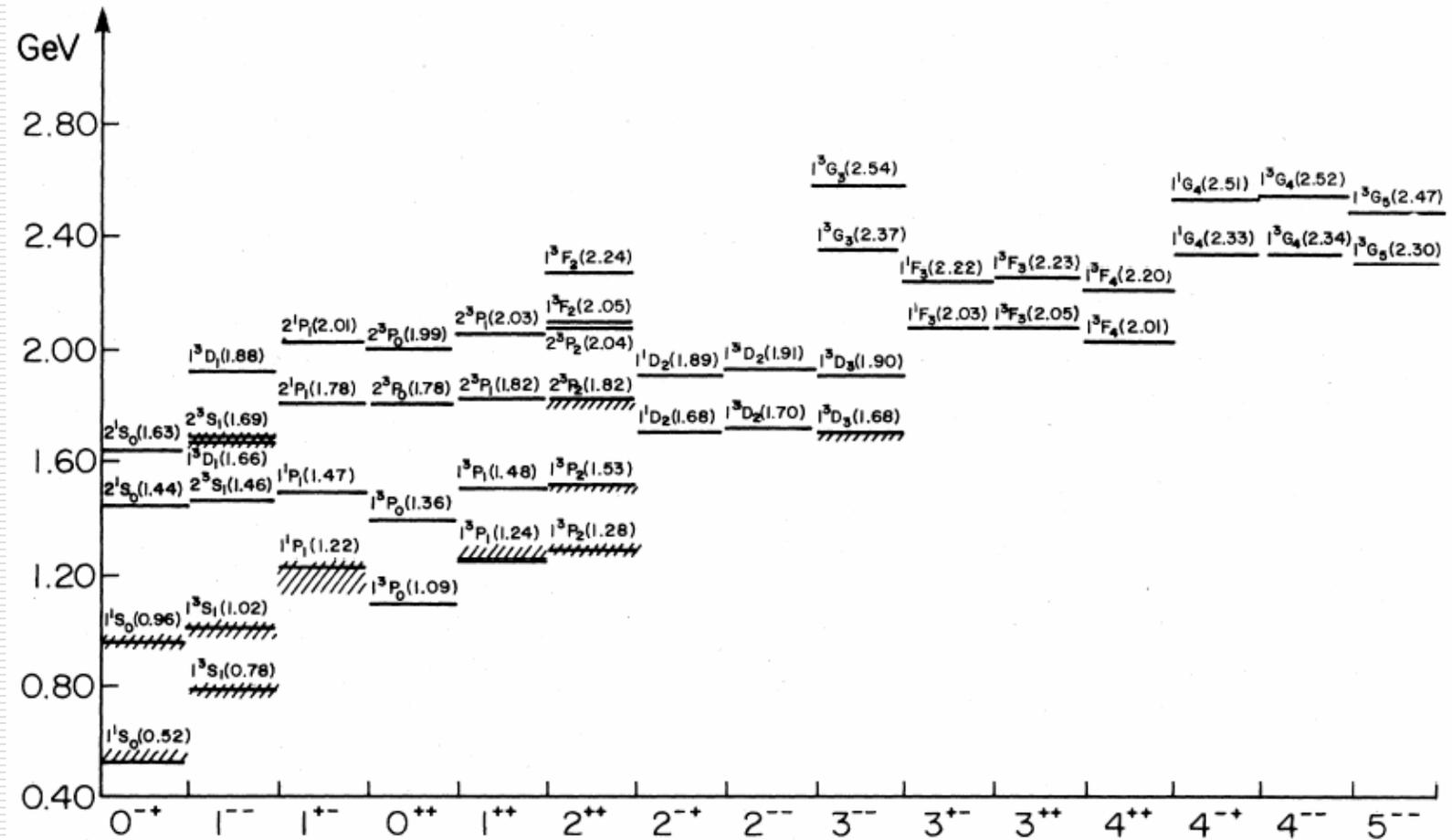
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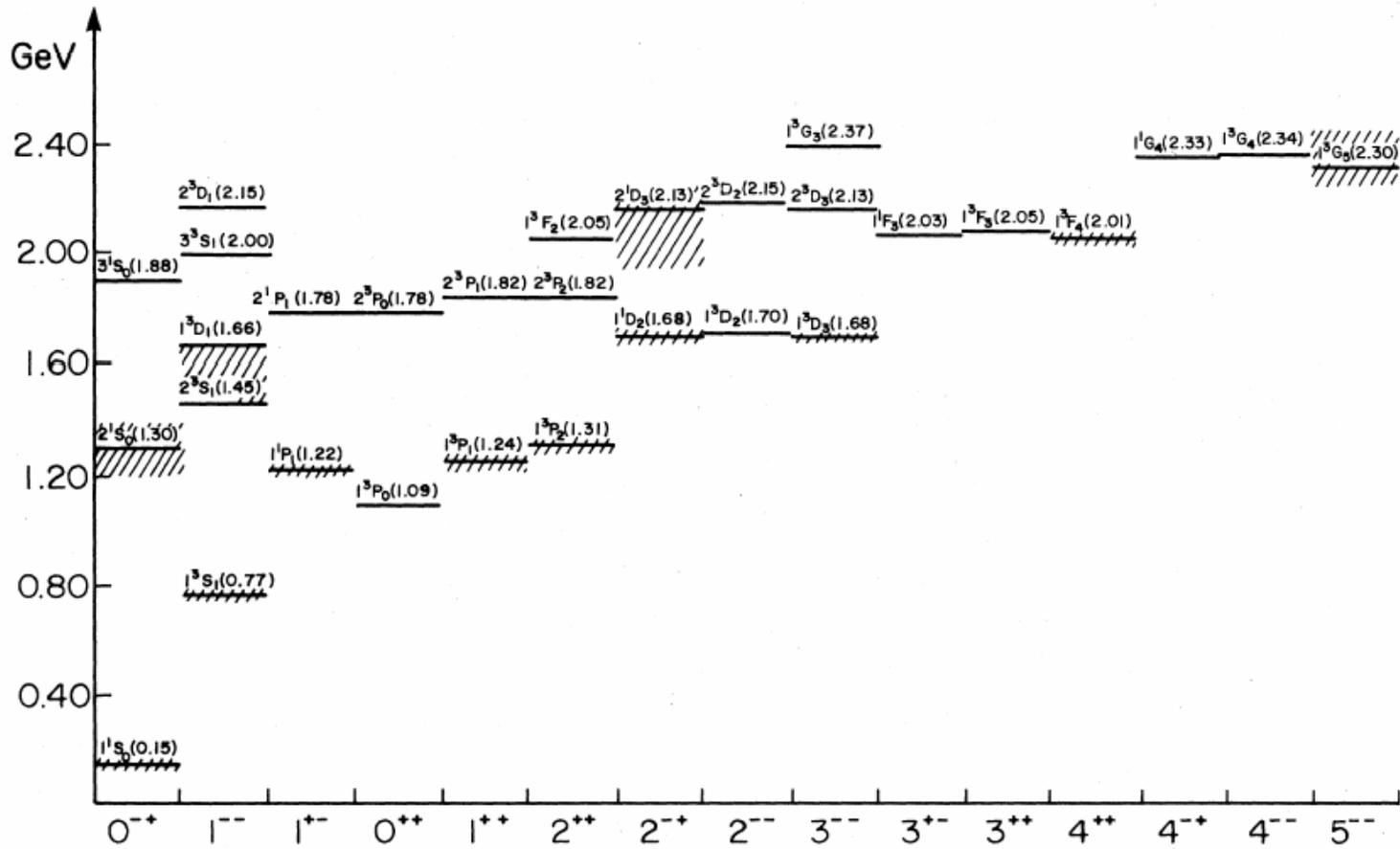
Non-strange Baryons - $I=3/2$



Non-Strange Mesons – $I=0$



Non-Strange Mesons - $I=1$



Strangeness - I

Strange particles discovered in cosmic rays at the end of the '40s, and then quickly observed at the first GeV accelerators
Why strange?

Large production cross section → Like ordinary hadrons
Long lifetime → Like weak decays

Understood as carriers of a new quantum number: *Strangeness*

Ordinary hadrons $S = 0$
Strange particles $S \neq 0$

Strangeness conserved by strong, e.m. processes, violated by weak

Explain funny behavior, also predicting *associated production* to guarantee S conservation in strong & EM processes:

Strange particles always produced in pairs

Strangeness - II

For strong processes, S similar to electric charge and to baryon or lepton numbers

But:

S not absolutely conserved
 S not the source of a physical field

Large variety of strange particles, both baryons and mesons, including many strange resonances

Generalize Gell-Mann Nishijima relation to

$$Q = I_3 + \frac{B+S}{2} = I_3 + \frac{Y}{2}$$

Hypercharge

The Lightest Strange Particles

I_3	$S=+1$	$S=-1$
+1/2	K^+	K^0
-1/2	\bar{K}^0	K^-

Spin 0

I_3	$S=+1$	$S=-1$
+1/2	K^{*+}	\bar{K}^{*0}
-1/2	K^{*0}	K^{*-}

Spin 1

I_3	S	nome
0	-1	Λ^0
+1,0,-1	-1	$\Sigma^+, \Sigma^-, \Sigma^0$
+1/2,-1/2	-2	Ξ^0, Ξ^-
0	-3	Ω^-

Baryons

I_3	S	nome
0	+1	$\bar{\Lambda}^0$
+1,0,-1	+1	$\bar{\Sigma}^+, \bar{\Sigma}^0, \bar{\Sigma}^-$
+1/2,-1/2	+2	$\bar{\Xi}^0, \bar{\Xi}^-$
0	+3	$\bar{\Omega}^-$

Antibaryons

Isospin of Strange Particles

Isospin conservation in

$$\pi^- + p \rightarrow \pi^- + p$$

leads in a natural way to extend to virtual states like

$$\pi^- + p \rightarrow (K^0 + \Lambda^0)^* \rightarrow \pi^- + p$$

Therefore strange particles should group into I-spin multiplets.

Λ^0 only observed as a neutral state \rightarrow Singlet, $I = 0$

Observe 3 charge states for K: Triplet?

$$\pi^- + p : I = 1/2, 3/2 \rightarrow K \text{ must be } I = 1/2, 3/2$$

Quartets not observed \rightarrow 2 Doublets! Predict *two* neutral *K* states, with opposite *S*

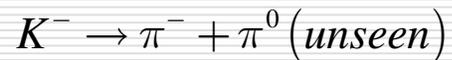
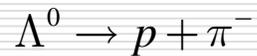
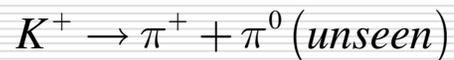
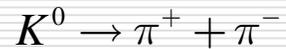
Would imply charge +2

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^- + p &\rightarrow K^0 + \Lambda^0 \\ p + \bar{p} &\rightarrow K^0 + \bar{K}^0 \end{aligned}$$

Must be different particles!

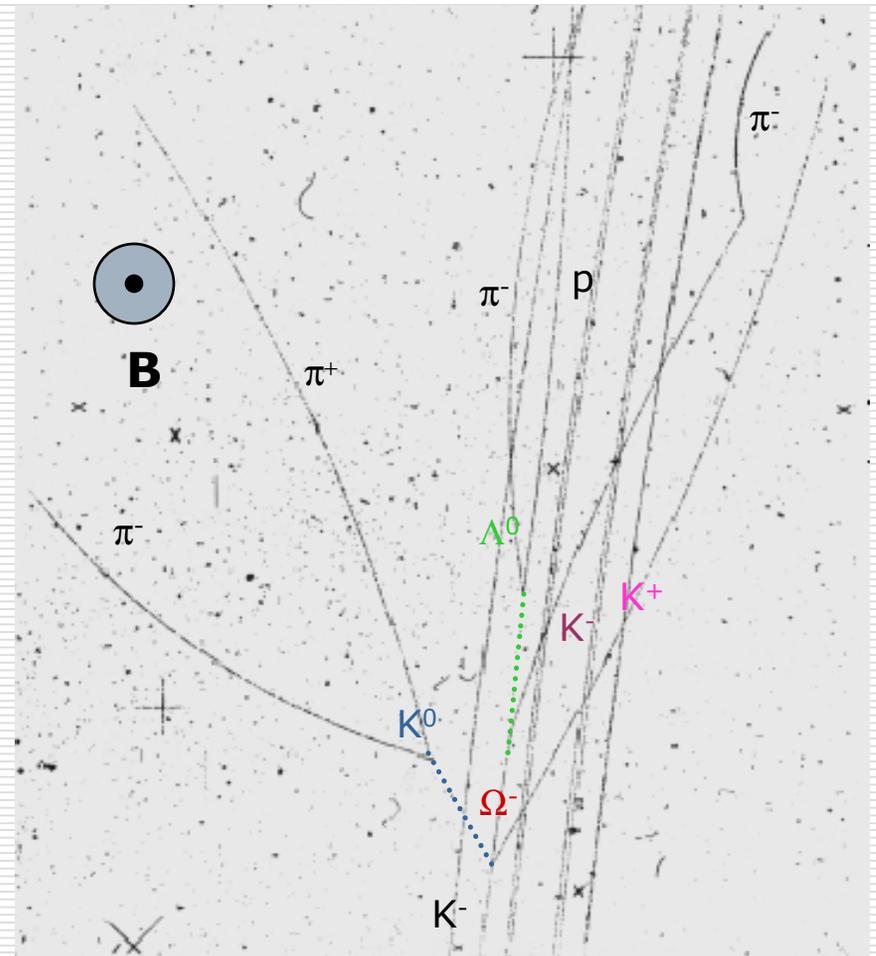
Bubble Chambers & Particle Zoology

Example: Historical Picture



Beam momentum 4.2 GeV

Magnetic field 2 T



Old Hyperon Beam & Spectrometer

FNAL - '70s Beam & Detector of Hyperon Experiment

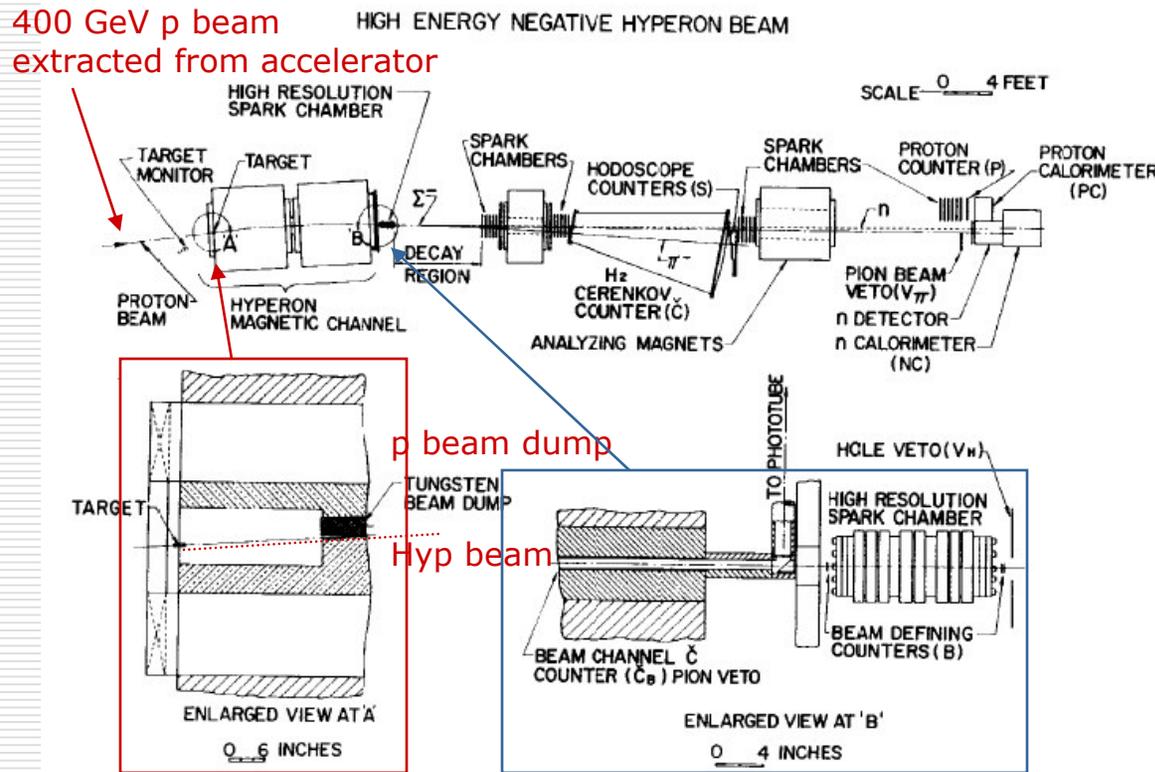


Fig. 1



Figure 1
The Hyperon Magnet under construction

Hyperon Gymnastics

Old Hyperon Beam & Spectrometer

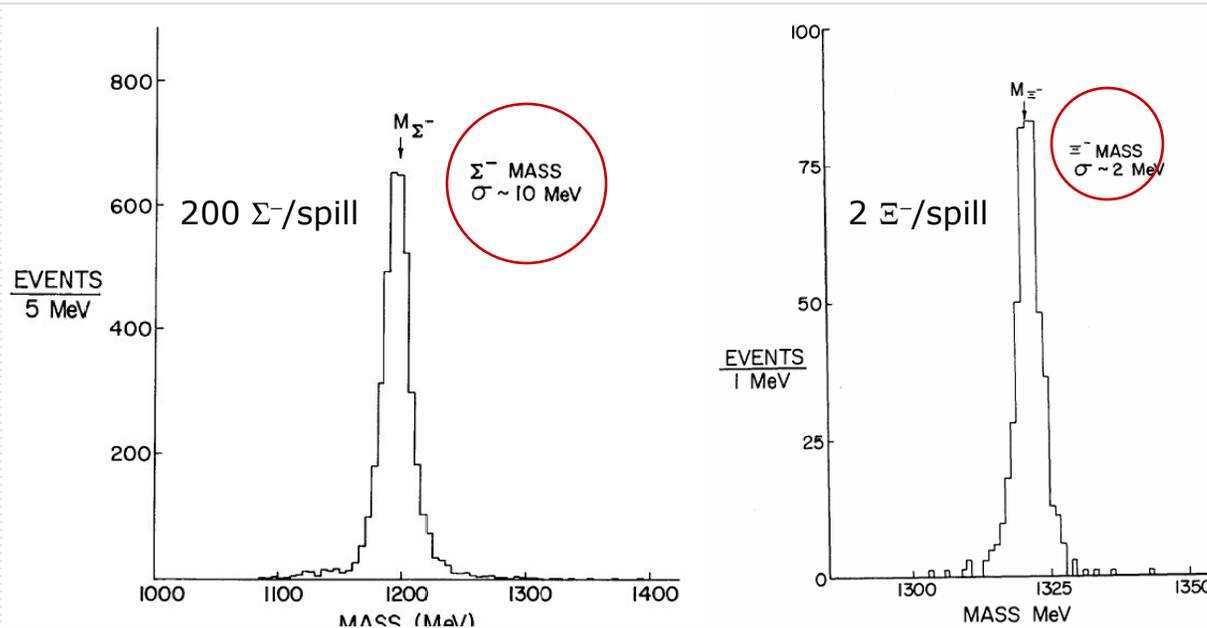
Reconstruct decays: $\Sigma^- \rightarrow n + \pi^-$, $\Xi^- \rightarrow \Lambda^0 + \pi^-$

π^- : Identification (Threshold Cherenkov) + Magnetic Analysis

n : Calorimeter

p : Identification (Cherenkov π Veto) + Magnetic Analysis + Calorimeter

$\Lambda^0 \rightarrow p + \pi^-$: Identification + Magnetic Analysis



Particle Identification: Cherenkov - I

Fast, charged particle passing through a dielectric medium
 Cherenkov radiation emitted for $\beta > \frac{1}{n}$, n refractive index

Main features:

Emission angle:

$$\cos \theta_c = \frac{1}{\beta n} \quad \text{Cherenkov angle}$$

For ultrarelativistic particles:

$$\lim_{\beta \rightarrow 1} (\cos \theta_c) = \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{Asymptotic angle}$$

Spectrum:

Representative radiators

<i>Medium</i>	<i>n</i>	θ_{min} <i>deg</i>	$P_{thresh}(\pi)$ <i>GeV</i>	N_{ph} <i>eV⁻¹cm⁻¹</i>
Air	1.00028	1.36	5.9	0.21
Isobutane	1.00217	3.77	2.12	0.94
Aerogel	1.0065	6.51	1.3	4.7
Water	1.33	41.2	0.16	160.8
Quartz	1.46	46.7	0.13	196.4

$1/\lambda^2$ spectrum: Blue/Near UV very important...

$$\frac{d^2N}{dx d\lambda} = 2\pi\alpha z^2 \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \sin^2 \theta_c \quad \text{photons/cm}^2, z \text{ particle charge in } e \text{ units}$$

$$\frac{d^2N}{dx dE} = \frac{\alpha}{\hbar c} z^2 \sin^2 \theta_c \approx 365 z^2 \sin^2 \theta_c \quad \text{photons/(cm}\cdot\text{eV)}$$

Number of photons/cm is small...

Particle Identification: Cherenkov - II

Translate light signal into an electric charge: *Photomultiplier*, or similar
 Typical result with a PM:

$$N_{pe} \approx 365L \int_{E_{min}}^{E_{max}} \epsilon_{coll}(E) \epsilon_{det}(E) \sin^2 \theta_c(E) dE \quad \text{N. of photoelectrons obtained}$$

Collection efficiency
 Conversion efficiency

Cherenkov angle depending on E :

$$\cos \theta_c = \frac{1}{\beta n(\lambda)} = \frac{1}{\beta n(E)} \quad \text{Dispersion of refractive index}$$

Typically:

$$N_{pe} \sim 450 \sin^2 \theta_c \quad \text{Photoelectrons/cm}$$

Threshold counter

$$\beta > \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow \frac{p}{E} > \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow \frac{p}{\sqrt{p^2 + m^2}} > \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow p^2 > \frac{1}{n^2} (p^2 + m^2)$$

$$\rightarrow p^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}\right) > \frac{m^2}{n^2} \rightarrow p^2 > \frac{m^2}{n^2 - 1} \rightarrow p > \frac{m}{\sqrt{n^2 - 1}} \quad \text{Threshold momentum}$$

Can discriminate among different masses with the same momentum

The Strange Zoo

Λ	P_{01}	****	Ξ^0	P_{11}	****	Σ^+	P_{11}	****	• K^\pm	$1/2(0^-)$
$\Lambda(1405)$	S_{01}	****	Ξ^-	P_{11}	****	Σ^0	P_{11}	****	• K^0	$1/2(0^-)$
$\Lambda(1520)$	D_{03}	****	$\Xi(1530)$	P_{13}	****	Σ^-	P_{11}	****	• K_S^0	$1/2(0^-)$
$\Lambda(1600)$	P_{01}	***	$\Xi(1620)$	*	*	$\Sigma(1385)$	P_{13}	****	• K_L^0	$1/2(0^-)$
$\Lambda(1670)$	S_{01}	****	$\Xi(1690)$	***	***	$\Sigma(1480)$	*	*	$K_0^+(800)$	$1/2(0^+)$
$\Lambda(1690)$	D_{03}	****	$\Xi(1820)$	***	***	$\Sigma(1560)$	**	**	• $K^+(892)$	$1/2(1^-)$
$\Lambda(1800)$	S_{01}	***	$\Xi(1950)$	***	***	$\Sigma(1580)$	D_{13}	*	• $K_1(1270)$	$1/2(1^+)$
$\Lambda(1810)$	P_{01}	***	$\Xi(2030)$	***	***	$\Sigma(1620)$	S_{11}	**	• $K_1(1400)$	$1/2(1^+)$
$\Lambda(1820)$	F_{05}	****	$\Xi(2120)$	*	*	$\Sigma(1660)$	P_{11}	***	• $K^+(1410)$	$1/2(1^-)$
$\Lambda(1830)$	D_{05}	****	$\Xi(2250)$	**	**	$\Sigma(1670)$	D_{13}	****	• $K_0^+(1430)$	$1/2(0^+)$
$\Lambda(1890)$	P_{03}	****	$\Xi(2370)$	**	**	$\Sigma(1690)$	*	**	• $K_2^+(1430)$	$1/2(2^+)$
$\Lambda(2000)$	*	*	$\Xi(2500)$	*	*	$\Sigma(1750)$	S_{11}	***	$K(1460)$	$1/2(0^-)$
$\Lambda(2020)$	F_{07}	*				$\Sigma(1770)$	P_{11}	*	$K_2(1580)$	$1/2(2^-)$
$\Lambda(2100)$	G_{07}	****				$\Sigma(1775)$	D_{15}	****	$K(1630)$	$1/2(?)^?$
$\Lambda(2110)$	F_{05}	***				$\Sigma(1840)$	P_{13}	*	$K_1(1650)$	$1/2(1^+)$
$\Lambda(2325)$	D_{03}	*				$\Sigma(1880)$	P_{11}	**	• $K^+(1680)$	$1/2(1^-)$
$\Lambda(2350)$	H_{09}	***				$\Sigma(1915)$	F_{15}	****	• $K_2(1770)$	$1/2(2^-)$
$\Lambda(2585)$	**	**				$\Sigma(1940)$	D_{13}	***	• $K_3^+(1780)$	$1/2(3^-)$
						$\Sigma(2000)$	S_{11}	*	• $K_2(1820)$	$1/2(2^-)$
						$\Sigma(2030)$	F_{17}	****	$K(1830)$	$1/2(0^-)$
						$\Sigma(2070)$	F_{15}	*	$K_0^+(1950)$	$1/2(0^+)$
Ω^-	****	****				$\Sigma(2080)$	P_{13}	**	$K_2^+(1980)$	$1/2(2^+)$
$\Omega(2250)^-$	***	***				$\Sigma(2100)$	G_{17}	*	• $K_4^+(2045)$	$1/2(4^+)$
$\Omega(2380)^-$	**	**				$\Sigma(2250)$		***	$K_2(2250)$	$1/2(2^-)$
$\Omega(2470)^-$	**	**				$\Sigma(2455)$		**	$K_3(2320)$	$1/2(3^+)$
						$\Sigma(2620)$		**	$K_5^+(2380)$	$1/2(5^-)$
						$\Sigma(3000)$		*	$K_4(2500)$	$1/2(4^-)$
						$\Sigma(3170)$		*	$K(3100)$	$?^?(?^?)$

Baryons, $S=-1,-2,-3$
(Antibaryons not shown)

Mesons, $S=\pm 1$

Higher Symmetry

Experimental evidence for several 'multiplets of multiplets'

$J^P=0^-$

I	S=+1	S=0	S=-1
0		η, η'	
1/2	K		\bar{K}
1		π	

$J^P=1/2^+$

I	S=-2	S=-1	S=0
0		Λ^0	
1/2	Ξ		N
1		Σ	

$J^P=1^-$

I	S=+1	S=0	S=-1
0		ω, φ	
1/2	K^*		\bar{K}^*
1		ρ	

$J^P=3/2^+$

I	S=-3	S=-2	S=-1	S=0
0	Ω^-			
1/2		Ξ^*		
1			Σ^*	
3/2				Δ

$J^P=2^+$

I	S=+1	S=0	S=-1
0		f_0, f_1	
1/2	K^{**}		\bar{K}^{**}
1		a_2	

Mesons

Baryons

Remember:

Each square is a I-spin multiplet, with size $2I+1$
Total of 45 particle states in this page!

$SU(3)$ - I

Try to find a larger group to encompass both strangeness and isospin into a unified symmetry scheme.

Requirements:

2 commuting generators, since both S and I_3 are defined within any observed supermultiplet ($SU(2)$ has just one, I_3)

Multiplet structure matching experimental data

Take $SU(3)$ as candidate to extend $SU(2)$:

Group of unitary, unimodular 3×3 matrices

9 complex parameters \rightarrow 18 real parameters

9 unitarity conditions:
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} UU^\dagger = 1 \\ (U^\dagger)_{ij} = U_{ji}^* \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^3 a_{ij} a_{jk}^* = \delta_{ik}, \quad i, k = 1, \dots, 3$$

1 unimodularity condition: $\det U = 1$

$\rightarrow 18 - 10 = 8$ free, real parameters

$SU(3)$ - II

As usual, for any unitary matrix

$U = e^{iH}$, H Hermitian

$$\det U = 1 \rightarrow \det e^{iH} = 1 \rightarrow e^{i \operatorname{tr}(H)} = 1 \rightarrow \operatorname{tr}(H) = 0$$

8 parameters \rightarrow 8 generators

Generalize Pauli matrices to *Gell-Mann matrices*

$$\lambda_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_7 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda_8 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Two diagonal generators, λ_3 and λ_8
 \rightarrow Rank 2 group
 \rightarrow Two invariant functions of generators

Quadratic:

Cubic:

SU(3) Surprises

$$F_i \equiv \frac{\lambda_i}{2} \quad \text{Definition}$$

$$\text{Identify: } \begin{cases} I_3 = F_3 & \text{Isospin 3rd component} \\ Y = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} F_8 & \text{Hypercharge} \end{cases}$$

Fundamental representation (3 x 3 matrices): **3**

Find eigenvalues & eigenvectors for 3:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} I_3 = \frac{1}{2} \\ Y = \frac{1}{3} \end{cases}; \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} I_3 = -\frac{1}{2} \\ Y = \frac{1}{3} \end{cases}; \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} I_3 = 0 \\ Y = -\frac{2}{3} \end{cases}$$

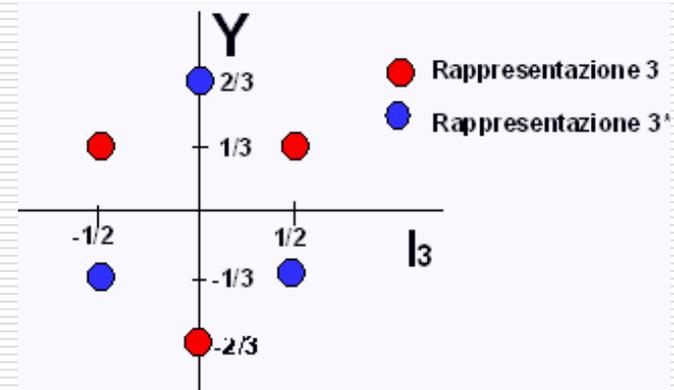
→ 3 independent base states

→ I_3, Y eigenvalues not symmetrical wrt origin

→ Conjugate representation: 3^* different from 3

→ For both $3, 3^*$ hypercharge eigenvalues fractionary → $Q = I_3 + Y/2$ fractionary!!!

$$Y = B + S$$



SU(3) Multiplets

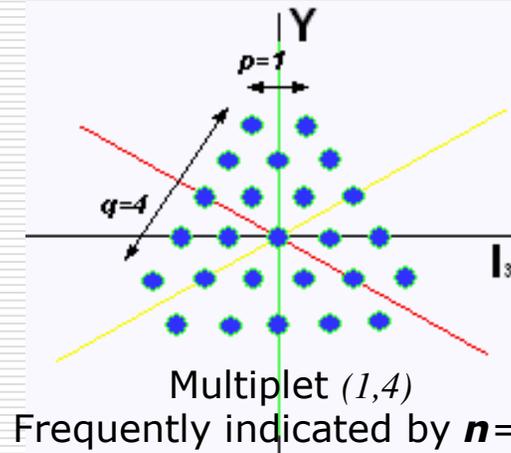
States identified by Y, I_3 eigenvalues
 → Points in a plane

Hexagonal/Triangular symmetry

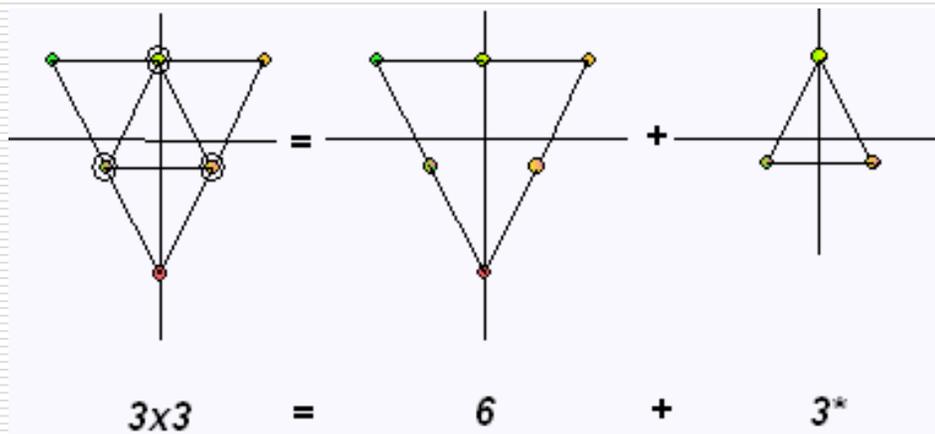
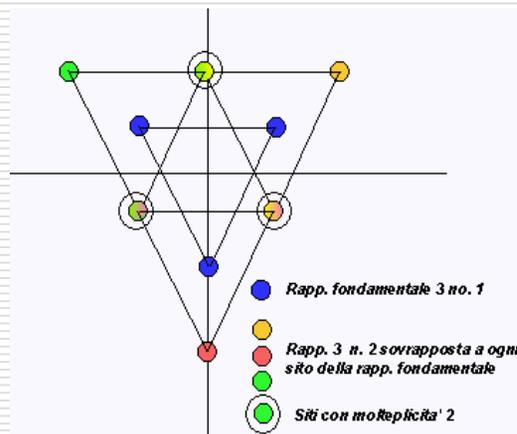
Specified by 2 integers (p, q)

Multiplicity (i.e. size)

$$n = \frac{1}{2}(p+1)(q+1)(p+q+2)$$



Products and decomposition into irr.rep.: Proceed graphically as for SU(2)

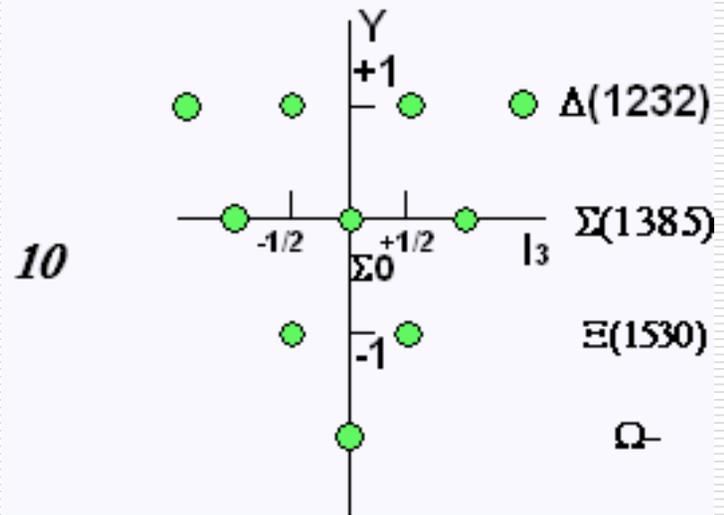
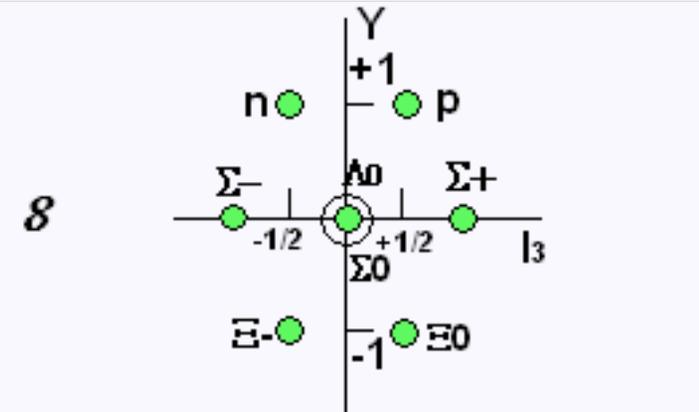
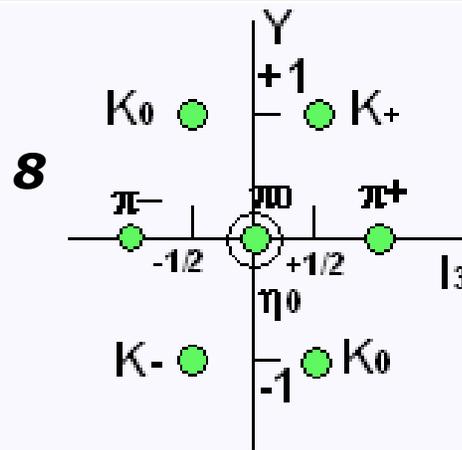
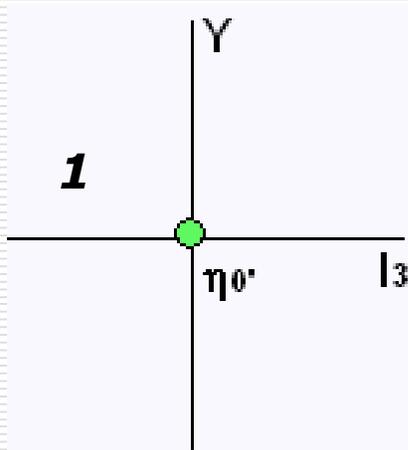


Hadrons and $SU(3)$: The Eightfold Way

- All the hadronic multiplets nicely fit some $SU(3)$ representation
- No hadron found which does not fit

Baryons $J^P = 1/2^+, 3/2^+$

Mesons $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$



The Hard Facts: $SU(3)$ Breaking

$J^P=0^-$

I	S=-1	S=0	S=+1
0		$\eta(547), \eta'(958)$	
1/2	$\bar{K}(496)$		$K(496)$
1		$\pi(137)$	

$J^P=1/2^+$

I	S=-2	S=-1	S=0
0		$\Lambda^0(1116)$	
1/2	$\Xi(1317)$		$N(938)$
1		$\Sigma(1192)$	

$J^P=1^-$

I	S=-1	S=0	S=+1
0		$\omega(782), \varphi(1020)$	
1/2	$\bar{K}^*(892)$		$K^*(892)$
1		$\rho(770)$	

$J^P=3/2^+$

I	S=-3	S=-2	S=-1	S=0
0	$\Omega^-(1672)$			
1/2		$\Xi^*(1530)$		
1			$\Sigma^*(1385)$	
3/2				$\Delta(1232)$

$J^P=2^+$

I	S=-1	S=0	S=+1
0		$f_2(1270), f_2'(1525)$	
1/2	$\bar{K}^{**}(1430)$		$K^{**}(1430)$
1		$a_2(1320)$	

As before, but including masses:
 $SU(3)$ is not an exact symmetry

Mass differences within a multiplet are large, typ. $\Delta m/m \sim 10-20\%$

$SU(3)$ Breaking: Mass Formulas - I

Since $SU(3)$ is a broken symmetry, try to find a sensible breaking scheme

Take a phenomenological step:

Take an *effective Hamiltonian* as:

Part $SU(3)$ -Invariant + Part non $SU(3)$ -Invariant

$$m_{hadron} \simeq \langle hadron | H_S | hadron \rangle, \quad H_S = H_0 + H'$$

$$\langle a | H_S | a \rangle \rightarrow \underbrace{\langle a | U^{-1} H_0 U | a \rangle}_{SU(3)\text{-transformed state}} + \underbrace{\langle a | U^{-1} H' U | a \rangle}_{SU(3)\text{-transformed state}}$$

$$\rightarrow \langle a | U^{-1} (H_0 + H') U | a \rangle = \langle a | U^{-1} H_0 U | a \rangle + \langle a | U^{-1} H' U | a \rangle$$

$$H_0: \text{ invariant} \quad \rightarrow U^{-1} H_0 U = H_0$$

$$H': \text{ non invariant} \quad \rightarrow U^{-1} H' U \neq H'$$

$$\rightarrow \langle a | H | a \rangle = \langle a | U^{-1} H_0 U | a \rangle + \langle a | U^{-1} H' U | a \rangle = \langle a | H_0 | a \rangle + \langle a | U^{-1} H' U | a \rangle$$

Must guess $SU(3)$ properties of H'

$SU(3)$ Breaking: Mass Formulas - II

Since the largest breaking concerns strange particles, suppose:

$$H' \propto F_8 \propto Y \quad \text{Remember: } I_3 = F_3, \quad Y = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} F_8$$

According to $SU(3)$ algebra: Gell-Mann Okubo

$$\langle a | H' | a \rangle \propto \langle a | F_8 | a \rangle \propto A + BY + C \left[Y^2/4 - I(I+1) \right]$$

A, B, C , constants, representation dependent

$$m(Y, I) = m_0 + bY + c \left[Y^2/4 - I(I+1) \right]$$

$S=-3$ decuplet member not observed.

What is the mass?

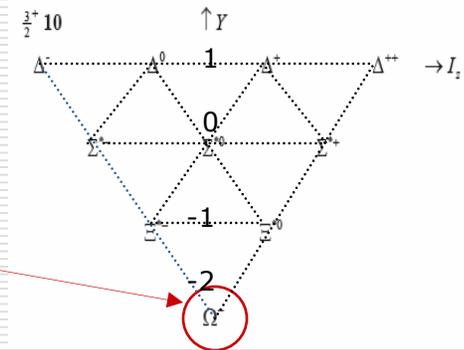
Take mass differences between decuplet members:

$$\Delta m_{ij} = m_i - m_j = b(\Delta Y)_{ij} + c \left[(Y_i^2 - Y_j^2)/4 - (I_i(I_i+1) - I_j(I_j+1)) \right]$$

From $\Delta(1232)$, $\Sigma^*(1385)$, $\Xi^*(1530)$:

$$m_\Sigma - m_\Delta \approx m_\Xi - m_\Sigma \approx 150 \text{ MeV}$$

→ Predict missing $S = -3$, $J = 3/2$ decuplet baryon with mass $m_\Omega \approx 1672 \text{ MeV}$



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