

HUGS 2021 Lectures on: Experimental Meson Spectroscopy

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LECTURE II. Meson Quantum Numbers

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* from a $q\bar{q}$ model

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* Strangeness, Charm, Bottomness

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$\rho(770)$

$$J^{PC} = 1^{+}(1^{- -})$$

See the note in $\rho(770)$ Particle Listings.

$$\text{Mass } m = 775.26 \pm 0.25 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\text{Full width } \Gamma = 149.1 \pm 0.8 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma_{ee} = 7.04 \pm 0.06 \text{ keV}$$

| $\rho(770)$ DECAY MODES | Fraction (Γ_i/Γ) | Scale factor/ Confidence level | p (MeV/c) |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| $\pi\pi$ | ~ 100 | % | 363 |
| $\rho(770)^\pm$ decays | | | |
| $\pi^\pm\gamma$ | (4.5 ± 0.5) $\times 10^{-4}$ | S=2.2 | 375 |
| $\pi^\pm\eta$ | < 6 $\times 10^{-3}$ | CL=84% | 152 |
| $\pi^\pm\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ | < 2.0 $\times 10^{-3}$ | CL=84% | 254 |
| $\rho(770)^0$ decays | | | |
| $\pi^+\pi^-\gamma$ | (9.9 ± 1.6) $\times 10^{-3}$ | | 362 |
| $\pi^0\gamma$ | (4.7 ± 0.6) $\times 10^{-4}$ | S=1.4 | 376 |
| $\eta\gamma$ | (3.00 ± 0.21) $\times 10^{-4}$ | | 194 |
| $\pi^0\pi^0\gamma$ | (4.5 ± 0.8) $\times 10^{-5}$ | | 363 |
| $\mu^+\mu^-$ | [h] (4.55 ± 0.28) $\times 10^{-5}$ | | 373 |
| e^+e^- | [h] (4.72 ± 0.05) $\times 10^{-5}$ | | 388 |

Particle Data Group (PDG) Summary Table Entry for $\rho(770)$

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| | | QUARKS | | | | |
|------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------|
| | | d | u | s | c | b |
| ANTIQUARKS | \bar{d} | $\pi^0 \eta \eta'$ | π^+ | \bar{K}^0 | D^+ | \bar{B}^0 |
| | \bar{u} | π^- | $\pi^0 \eta \eta'$ | K^- | D^0 | B^- |
| | \bar{s} | K^0 | K^+ | $\eta \eta' / \phi$ | D_s^+ | \bar{B}_s^0 |
| | \bar{c} | D^- | \bar{D}^0 | D_s^- | J/ψ | B_c^- |
| | \bar{b} | B^0 | B^+ | B_s^0 | B_c^+ | Υ |

Separate mesons into “flavored” and “unflavored” ($S = 0, C = 0, B = 0$):

Flavored:

- * the name is based on the flavor of the heaviest quark (or antiquark)

$$\implies K, D, B$$

- * a subscript is used for the flavor of the other quark (or antiquark), if there is another flavor

$$\implies D_s, B_s, B_c$$

- * include a * for $J^P = 0^+, 1^-, 2^+, 3^-, \dots$ and no * for $J^P = 0^-, 1^+, 2^-, 3^+, \dots$

$$\implies K, K^*, \dots$$

- * the spin is another subscript, but is implied for $J^P = 0^-$ and 1^-

$$\implies K_1, K_2, K_2^*, \dots$$

| | $d\bar{s}, u\bar{s}$ | $c\bar{u}, c\bar{d}$ | $c\bar{s}$ | $d\bar{b}, u\bar{b}$ | $s\bar{b}$ |
|-------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1^- | $K^*(1680)$ | | $D_{s1}^*(2700)^+$ | | |
| 2^+ | $K_2^*(1430)$ | $D_2^*(2460)$ | $D_{s2}^*(2573)^+$ | $B_2^*(5747)$ | $B_{s2}^*(5840)^0$ |
| 1^+ | $K_1(1400)$ | $D_1(2430)$ | $D_{s1}(2536)^+$ | | |
| 0^+ | $K_0^*(1430)$ | $D_0^*(2300)$ | $D_{s0}^*(2317)^+$ | | |
| 1^+ | $K_1(1270)$ | $D_1(2420)$ | $D_{s1}(2460)^+$ | $B_1(5721)$ | $B_{s1}(5830)^0$ |
| 1^- | $K^*(892)$ | $D^*(2007)^0 D^*(2010)^+$ | D_s^{*+} | B^* | B_s^{*0} |
| 0^- | $K^0 K^+$ | $D^0 D^+$ | D_s^+ | $B^0 B^+$ | B_s^0 |
| J^P | | | | | |

Given the name, you know at least the flavor and J^P .

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| | | QUARKS | | | | |
|------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------|
| | | <i>d</i> | <i>u</i> | <i>s</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>b</i> |
| ANTIQUARKS | \bar{d} | $\pi^0 \eta \eta'$ | π^+ | \bar{K}^0 | D^+ | \bar{B}^0 |
| | \bar{u} | π^- | $\pi^0 \eta \eta'$ | K^- | D^0 | B^- |
| | \bar{s} | K^0 | K^+ | $\eta \eta' / \phi$ | D_s^+ | \bar{B}_s^0 |
| | \bar{c} | D^- | \bar{D}^0 | D_s^- | J/ψ | B_c^- |
| | \bar{b} | B^0 | B^+ | B_s^0 | B_c^+ | Υ |

| | $u\bar{d}, u\bar{u}, d\bar{d}, s\bar{s}$ | $c\bar{c}$ | $b\bar{b}$ |
|----------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| excited states | | | |
| $1^{-(-)}$ | $\rho(1700)$ | $\omega(1650)$ | $\phi(1680)$ |
| $2^{+(+)}$ | $a_2(1320)$ | $f_2(1270)$ | $f_2'(1525)$ |
| $1^{+(+)}$ | $a_1(1260)$ | $f_1(1285)$ | $f_1(1420)$ |
| $0^{+(+)}$ | $a_0(1450)$ | $f_0(1370)$ | $f_0(1710)$ |
| $1^{+(-)}$ | $b_1(1235)$ | $h_1(1170)$ | $h_1(1415)$ |
| $1^{-(-)}$ | $\rho(770)$ | $\omega(782)$ | $\phi(1020)$ |
| ground state | π^0, π^+ | $\eta \eta'$ | $\eta \eta'$ |
| $J^{P(C)}$ | $I = 1$ | $I = 0$ | $I = 0$ |

Separate mesons into “flavored” and “unflavored” ($S = 0, C = 0, B = 0$):

Unflavored:

$$J^{PC} = \begin{cases} 0^{-+} & 1^{+-} & 1^{--} & 0^{++} \\ 2^{-+} & 3^{+-} & 2^{--} & 1^{++} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{cases}$$

Minimal quark content

| | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------|----------------|----------|
| $u\bar{d}, u\bar{u} - d\bar{d}, d\bar{u}$ ($I = 1$) | π | b | ρ | a |
| $d\bar{d} + u\bar{u}$ and/or $s\bar{s}$ ($I = 0$) | η, η' | h, h' | ω, ϕ | f, f' |
| $c\bar{c}$ | η_c | h_c | ψ | χ_c |
| $b\bar{b}$ | η_b | h_b | Υ | χ_b |
| $I = 1$ with $c\bar{c}$ | (Π_c) | Z_c | R_c | (W_c) |
| $I = 1$ with $b\bar{b}$ | (Π_b) | Z_b | (R_b) | (W_b) |

- * again use subscripts for the spin, when not implied
- * note that primes are ambiguous: f' is mostly $s\bar{s}$; the η' is not; sometimes $\rho' = \rho(1700)$, $\psi' = \psi(2S)$, etc.
- * spectroscopic notation is sometimes used for states with two heavy quarks

Given the name, you know at least the isospin and J^{PC} .

IIB. Meson Quantum Numbers: J^{PC} (*experiment*)

Typically, determine the spin (J) of a meson using the angular distribution of its decay to a known final state.

(1) For a decay $A \rightarrow BC$, start with A at rest with spin J and spin projection M along \hat{z} :

$$|A\rangle = |JM\rangle |P_{CM}\rangle |\alpha_A\rangle$$

CM 4-vector
other quantum numbers
(e.g. PC , flavor)

spin and spin projection

(2) The final state, assuming a particular configuration of helicities λ_B and λ_C with $\lambda \equiv \lambda_B - \lambda_C$, is then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |BC\rangle &= |JM\lambda_B\lambda_C\rangle_s |P_{CM}\rangle |\alpha_{BC}\rangle \\
 &= \int d\Omega |\theta\phi\lambda_B\lambda_C\rangle_p \langle\theta\phi\lambda_B\lambda_C|JM\lambda_B\lambda_C\rangle_s |P_{CM}\rangle |\alpha_{BC}\rangle \\
 &= \int d\Omega \sqrt{\frac{2J+1}{4\pi}} D_{M,\lambda}^{J*}(\phi, \theta, 0) |\theta\phi\lambda_B\lambda_C\rangle_p |P_{CM}\rangle |\alpha_{BC}\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

spherical wave (s)
plane wave (p)
Wigner D-function

(3) The probability to find particle B traveling in the (θ, ϕ) direction is:

$$I(\theta, \phi) \propto |D_{M,\lambda}^{J*}(\phi, \theta, 0)|^2$$

Or if B and C both have spin-0:

$$I(\theta, \phi) \propto |Y_J^M(\theta, \phi)|^2$$

spherical harmonic

II B. Meson

Typically, determining the final state of a decay is a known final state

(1) For a decay $A \rightarrow BC$

(2) The final state, assumed

(details of a few missing steps)

$$\begin{aligned}
 |BC\rangle &= |JM\lambda_B\lambda_C\rangle_s |P_{CM}\rangle |\alpha_{BC}\rangle \quad \leftarrow \text{spherical wave (s)} \\
 &= \int d\Omega |\theta\phi\lambda_B\lambda_C\rangle_p \langle\theta\phi\lambda_B\lambda_C|JM\lambda_B\lambda_C\rangle_s |P_{CM}\rangle |\alpha_{BC}\rangle \quad \leftarrow \text{plane wave (p)} \\
 &= \int d\Omega |\theta\phi\lambda_B\lambda_C\rangle_p \langle 00\lambda_B\lambda_C|\hat{R}^\dagger(\phi, \theta, 0)|JM\lambda_B\lambda_C\rangle_s |P_{CM}\rangle |\alpha_{BC}\rangle \quad \leftarrow \text{rotation to } \langle \hat{n}| = \langle \theta, \phi| \text{ from } \langle \hat{z}| = \langle 0,0| \\
 &= \int d\Omega |\theta\phi\lambda_B\lambda_C\rangle_p \sum_{J'M'} \langle 00\lambda_B\lambda_C|J'M'\lambda_B\lambda_C\rangle_s \langle J'M'\lambda_B\lambda_C|\hat{R}^\dagger(\phi, \theta, 0)|JM\lambda_B\lambda_C\rangle_s |P_{CM}\rangle |\alpha_{BC}\rangle \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \Rightarrow M' = \lambda \quad \quad \quad \Rightarrow J' = J \\
 &= \int d\Omega |\theta\phi\lambda_B\lambda_C\rangle_p \langle 00\lambda_B\lambda_C|J\lambda\lambda_B\lambda_C\rangle_s \langle J\lambda\lambda_B\lambda_C|\hat{R}^\dagger(\phi, \theta, 0)|JM\lambda_B\lambda_C\rangle_s |P_{CM}\rangle |\alpha_{BC}\rangle \\
 &= \int d\Omega \sqrt{\frac{2J+1}{4\pi}} D_{M,\lambda}^{J*}(\phi, \theta, 0) |\theta\phi\lambda_B\lambda_C\rangle_p |P_{CM}\rangle |\alpha_{BC}\rangle \quad \leftarrow \text{Wigner D-function}
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(3) The probability to find particle B traveling in the (θ, ϕ) direction is:

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Or if B and C both have spin-0:

$$I(\theta, \phi) \propto |Y_J^M(\theta, \phi)|^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{spherical harmonic}$$

IIB. Meson Quantum Numbers: J^{PC} (*experiment*)

In addition, determine the parity (P) and C -parity (C) using the conservation of P and C .

Example: Determine the J^{PC} of a meson A decaying to $\pi^+\pi^-$.

Start using known information about the pion. It has $J = 0$ and:

$$\hat{P} |\pi^\pm\rangle = - |\pi^\pm\rangle$$

$$\hat{C} |\pi^\pm\rangle = - |\pi^\mp\rangle$$

pion quantum numbers

(1) Put the $\pi^+\pi^-$ system into a definite state of J^{PC} to match the initial state, assuming A has been produced so that it has spin projection M along the \hat{z} -axis:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |J^{PC}(\pi^+\pi^-)\rangle &\equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1 + \hat{P}_{12}) |JM\rangle |P_{\text{CM}}\rangle |\pi^+\pi^-\rangle \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1 + \hat{P}_{12}) \int d\Omega |\theta\phi\rangle \langle\theta\phi|JM\rangle |P_{\text{CM}}\rangle |\pi^+\pi^-\rangle \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1 + \hat{P}_{12}) \int d\Omega Y_J^M(\theta, \phi) |\theta\phi\rangle |P_{\text{CM}}\rangle |\pi^+\pi^-\rangle \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|\pi^+\pi^-\rangle + (-1)^J |\pi^-\pi^+\rangle] \int d\Omega Y_J^M(\theta, \phi) |\theta\phi\rangle |P_{\text{CM}}\rangle
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$$|J^{PC}(\pi^+\pi^-)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|\pi^+\pi^-\rangle + (-1)^J |\pi^-\pi^+\rangle] \int d\Omega Y_J^M(\theta, \phi) |\theta\phi\rangle |P_{CM}\rangle$$

(2) Measure the $\pi^+\pi^-$ system in the state: $|\theta\phi\rangle |P_{CM}\rangle |\pi^+\pi^-\rangle$

(3) Then the angular distribution will be:

$$I(\theta, \phi) \propto |Y_J^M(\theta, \phi)|^2$$

$$J = 0, M = 0 : \quad I \propto \text{constant}$$

$$J = 1, M = \pm 1 : \quad I \propto \sin^2 \theta$$

$$J = 1, M = 0 : \quad I \propto \cos^2 \theta$$

$$J = 2, M = \pm 2 : \quad I \propto \sin^4 \theta$$

$$J = 2, M = \pm 1 : \quad I \propto \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta$$

$$J = 2, M = 0 : \quad I \propto 9 \cos^4 \theta - 6 \cos^2 \theta + 1$$

(4) The parity and C-parity are:

$$\hat{P} |J^{PC}(\pi^+\pi^-)\rangle = (-1)^J |J^{PC}(\pi^+\pi^-)\rangle$$

$$\hat{C} |J^{PC}(\pi^+\pi^-)\rangle = (-1)^J |J^{PC}(\pi^+\pi^-)\rangle$$

(5) So the possible J^{PC} are:

$$0^{++}, 1^{--}, 2^{++}, 3^{--}, \dots$$

IIB. Meson Quantum Numbers: J^{PC} (experiment)

In addition, determine the parity (P) and C-parity (C) using the conservation of P and C .

Example: Determine

(1) Put the $\pi^+\pi^-$ system into the initial state, assuming A has

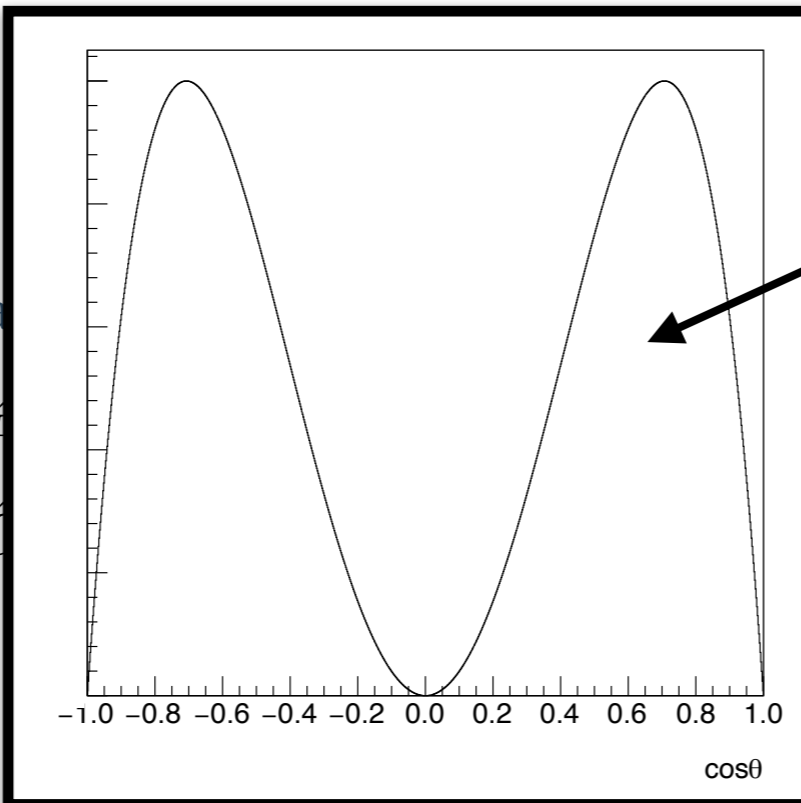
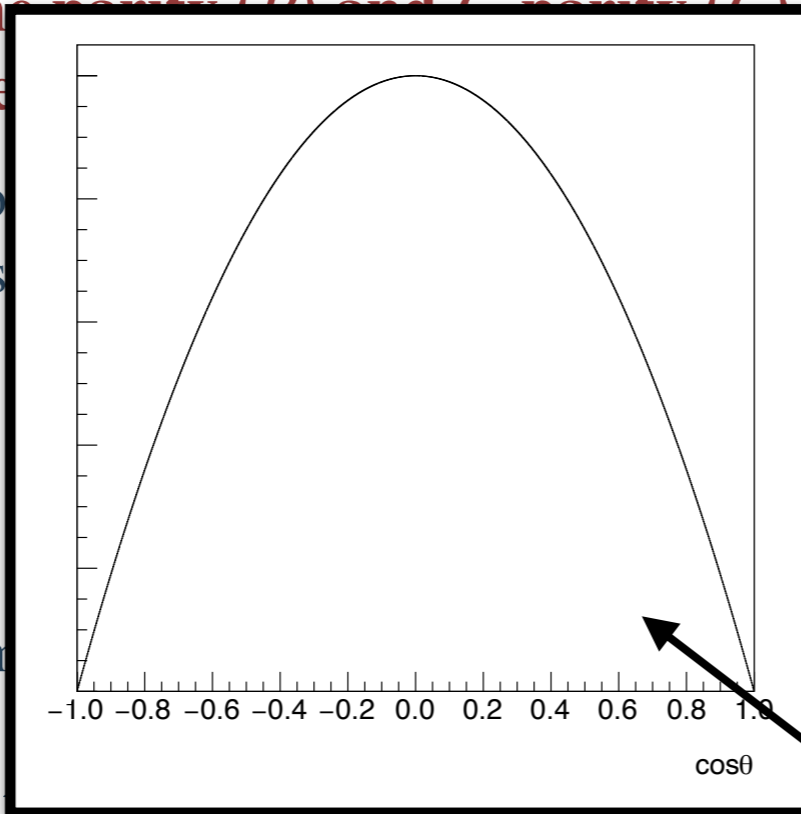
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Another Example: Determine the J^{PC} of a meson decaying to $\eta'\pi^0$.

We know the J^{PC} of the π^0 and η' are both 0^{-+} :

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{P}|\pi^0\rangle &= -|\pi^0\rangle & \hat{P}|\eta'\rangle &= -|\eta'\rangle \\ \hat{C}|\pi^0\rangle &= +|\pi^0\rangle & \hat{C}|\eta'\rangle &= +|\eta'\rangle\end{aligned}$$

Since $J = L$ and:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{P}|J^{PC}(\eta'\pi^0)\rangle &= (-1)^J |J^{PC}(\eta'\pi^0)\rangle \\ \hat{C}|J^{PC}(\eta'\pi^0)\rangle &= + |J^{PC}(\eta'\pi^0)\rangle\end{aligned}$$

the total J^{PC} will be

0^{++} (S-wave)

1^{-+} (P-wave) (*exotic*)

2^{++} (D-wave)

3^{-+} (F-wave) (*exotic*)

etc.

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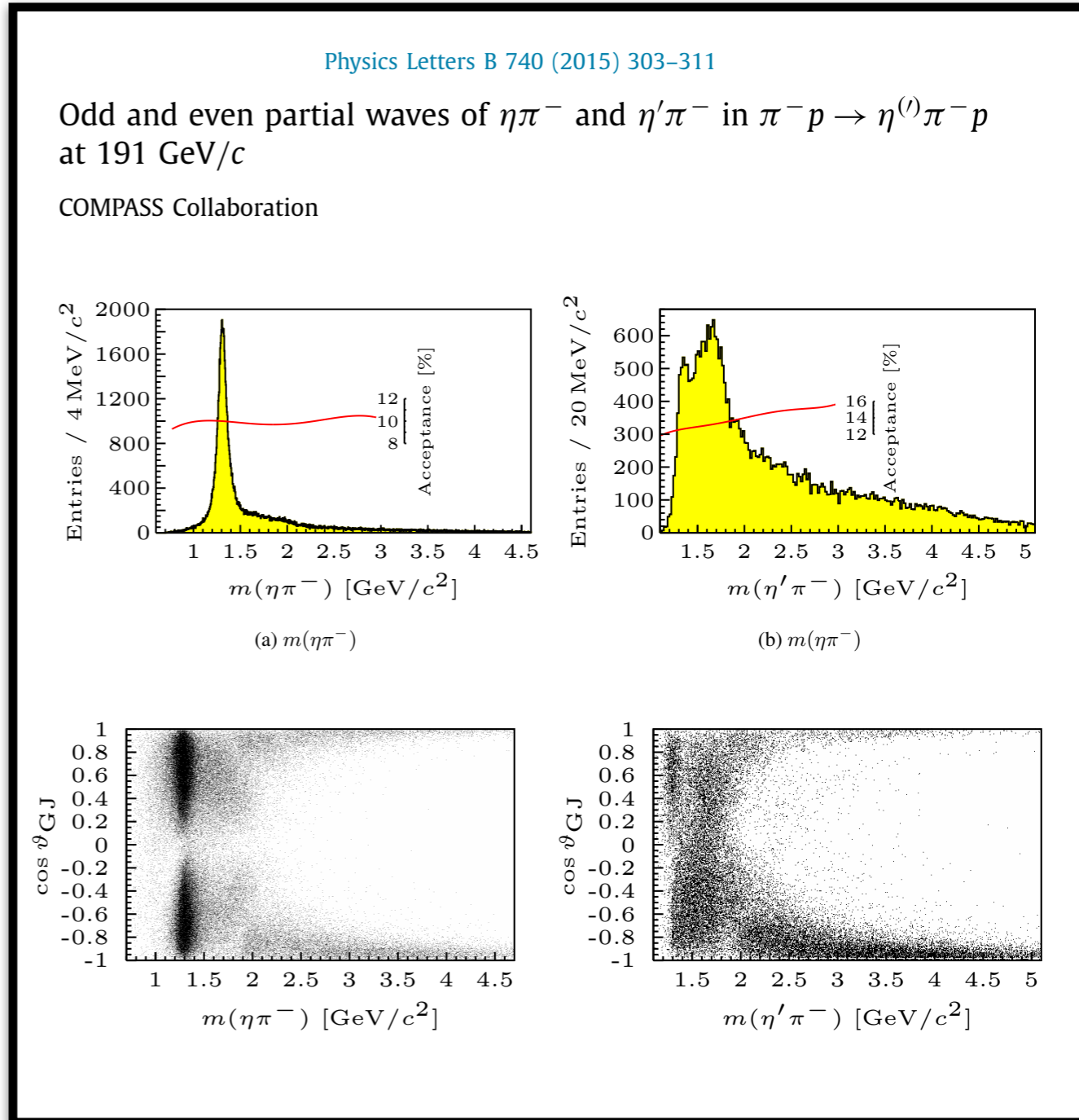
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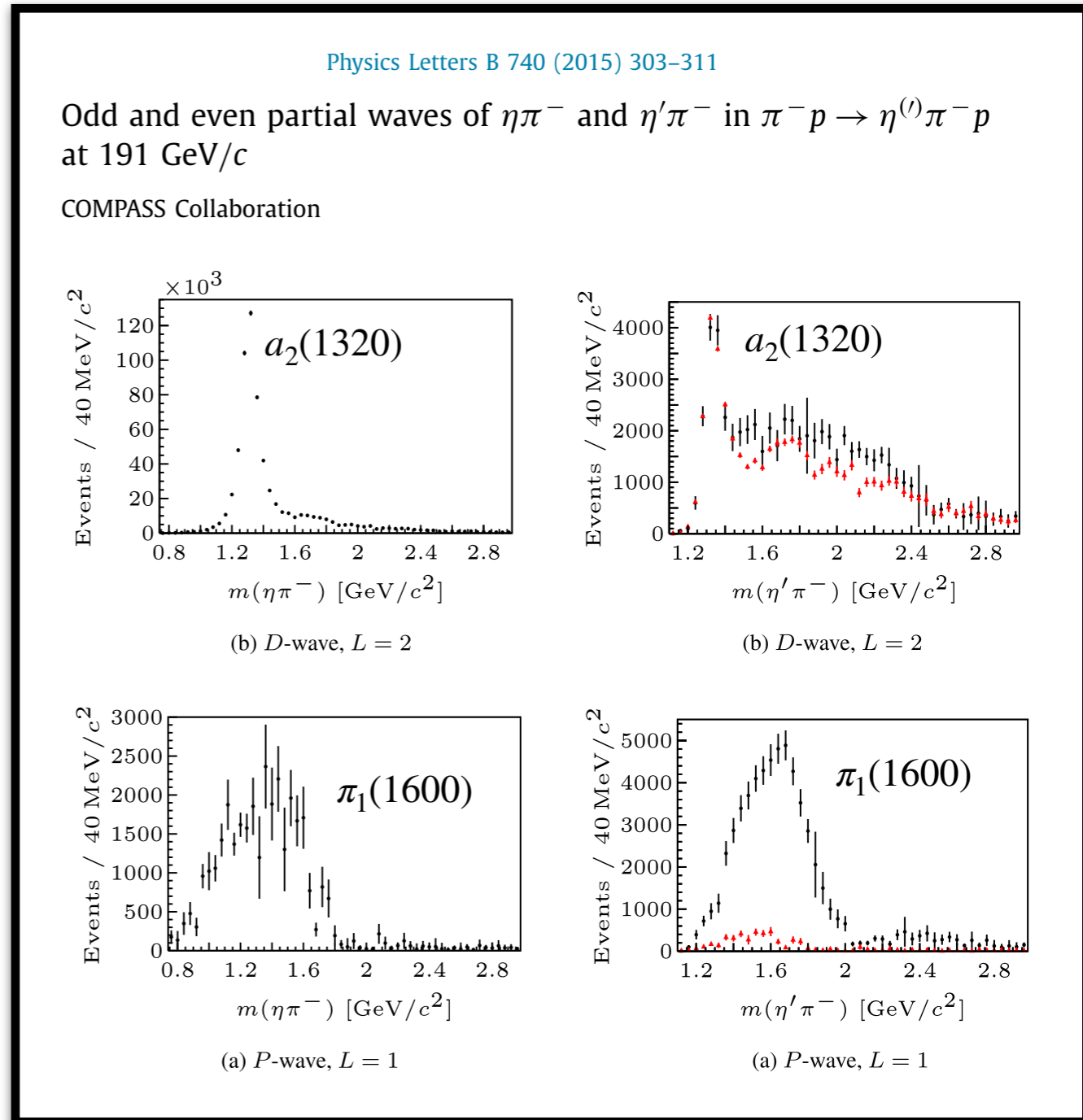
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IIB. Meson Quantum Numbers: J^{PC} ($q\bar{q}$ model)

In the quark model, the J^{PC} of a meson can be related to the internal $q\bar{q}$ state:

$$P = (-1)^{L+1} \text{ and } C = (-1)^{L+S}.$$

(1) Start with a quark and an antiquark:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 |s_1; s_{1z}\rangle & |\vec{r}_1\rangle & |q_1\rangle & |c_1\rangle \\
 |s_2; s_{2z}\rangle & |\vec{r}_2\rangle & |\bar{q}_2\rangle & |\bar{c}_2\rangle
 \end{array}$$

spin state position flavor color anticolor

(2) Combine them:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |nLSJJ_z\rangle |q_1\bar{q}_2\rangle (|c\rangle) &= \sum_{L_z S_z} \langle LS; L_z S_z | JJ_z \rangle \sum_{s_{1z} s_{2z}} |s_1 s_2; s_{1z} s_{2z}\rangle \langle s_1 s_2; s_{1z} s_{2z} | SS_z \rangle \\
 &\times \int d^3 r |\vec{r}\rangle \langle \vec{r} | nLL_z \rangle |q_1\bar{q}_2\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_i |c_{1i}\bar{c}_{2i}\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{s_{1z} s_{2z}} \sum_{L_z S_z} C_{JJ_z; L_z S_z}^{LS} C_{SS_z; s_{1z} s_{2z}}^{s_1 s_2} |s_1 s_2; s_{1z} s_{2z}\rangle \\
 &\times \int d^3 r R_{nL}(r) Y_L^{L_z}(\hat{n}) |\vec{r}\rangle |q_1\bar{q}_2\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_i |c_{1i}\bar{c}_{2i}\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

Clebsch-Gordan coefficients spin state color singlet radial wavefunction spherical harmonic

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(3) Antisymmetrize them:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |n^{2S+1} L_J(q_1 \bar{q}_2)\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1 - \hat{P}_{12}) |nLSJJ_z\rangle |q_1 \bar{q}_2\rangle \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \sum_{s_1 z s_2 z} \sum_{L_z S_z} C_{JJ_z; L_z S_z}^{LS} C_{SS_z; s_1 z s_2 z}^{s_1 s_2} |s_1 s_2; s_1 z s_2 z\rangle \int d^3 r R_{nL}(r) Y_L^{L_z}(\hat{n}) |\vec{r}\rangle \\
 &\quad \times \left[|q_1 \bar{q}_2\rangle + (-1)^{L+S} |\bar{q}_2 q_1\rangle \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

exchange antisymmetry

spectroscopic notation

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 &\quad \times \int d^3 r |\vec{r}\rangle \langle \vec{r} | nLL_z \rangle |q_1 \bar{q}_2\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_i |c_{1i} \bar{c}_{2i}\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{s_1 z s_2 z} \sum_{L_z S_z} C_{JJ_z; L_z S_z}^{LS} C_{SS_z; s_1 z s_2 z}^{s_1 s_2} |s_1 s_2; s_1 z s_2 z\rangle \\
 &\quad \times \int d^3 r R_{nL}(r) Y_L^{L_z}(\hat{n}) |\vec{r}\rangle |q_1 \bar{q}_2\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_i |c_{1i} \bar{c}_{2i}\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

Clebsch-Gordan coefficients

spin state

color singlet

radial wavefunction spherical harmonic

IIB. Meson Quantum Numbers: J^{PC} ($q\bar{q}$ model)

In the quark model, the J^{PC} of a meson can be related to the internal $q\bar{q}$ state:

$$P = (-1)^{L+1} \text{ and } C = (-1)^{L+S}.$$

(3) Antisymmetrize them:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |n^{2S+1} L_J(q_1 \bar{q}_2)\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1 - \hat{P}_{12}) |nLSJJ_z\rangle |q_1 \bar{q}_2\rangle \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \sum_{s_1 s_2} \sum_{L_z S_z} C_{JJ_z; L_z S_z}^{LS} C_{SS_z; s_1 z s_2 z}^{s_1 s_2} |s_1 s_2; s_1 z s_2 z\rangle \int d^3 r R_{nL}(r) Y_L^{L_z}(\hat{n}) |\vec{r}\rangle \\
 &\quad \times \left[|q_1 \bar{q}_2\rangle + (-1)^{L+S} |\bar{q}_2 q_1\rangle \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

exchange antisymmetry

spectroscopic notation

(4) Determine the parity and C-parity (when $q_1 = q_2$):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{P} |n^{2S+1} L_J(q_1 \bar{q}_2)\rangle &= (-1)^{L+1} |n^{2S+1} L_J(q_1 \bar{q}_2)\rangle \\
 \hat{C} |n^{2S+1} L_J(q\bar{q})\rangle &= (-1)^{L+S} |n^{2S+1} L_J(q\bar{q})\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

using $P_q = -P_{\bar{q}}$

(5) Also write the state in terms of observable properties:

$$|J^{P(C)}(q_1 \bar{q}_2)(\text{mass})\rangle = \underbrace{|J^P(\text{mass})\rangle}_{\text{spin, parity, mass, etc.}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\underbrace{|q_1 \bar{q}_2\rangle}_{\text{flavor and C-parity}} + \underbrace{C}_{\text{C is set by convention when } q_1 \neq q_2} \underbrace{|\bar{q}_2 q_1\rangle}_{\text{flavor and C-parity}} \right]$$

IIB. Meson Quantum Numbers: J^{PC} ($q\bar{q}$ model)

| | | $u\bar{d}, u\bar{u}, d\bar{d}, s\bar{s}$ | | | $c\bar{c}$ | $b\bar{b}$ | $d\bar{s}, u\bar{s}$ | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|--|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| ↑ excited states | $1^{-(-)}$ | $\rho(1700)$ | $\omega(1650)$ | $\phi(1680)$ | $\psi(3770)$ | $\Upsilon(4S)$ | $K^*(1680)$ | | | |
| | $2^{+(+)}$ | $a_2(1320)$ | $f_2(1270)$ | $f_2'(1525)$ | $\chi_{c2}(1P)$ | $\chi_{b2}(1P)$ | $K_2^*(1430)$ | | 1^3P_2 | |
| | $1^{+(+)}$ | $a_1(1260)$ | $f_1(1285)$ | $f_1(1420)$ | $\chi_{c1}(1P)$ | $\chi_{b1}(1P)$ | $K_1(1400)$ | | 1^3P_1 | |
| | $0^{+(+)}$ | $a_0(1450)$ | $f_0(1370)$ | $f_0(1710)$ | $\chi_{c0}(1P)$ | $\chi_{b0}(1P)$ | $K_0^*(1430)$ | | 1^3P_0 | |
| | $1^{+(-)}$ | $b_1(1235)$ | $h_1(1170)$ | $h_1(1415)$ | $h_c(1P)$ | $h_b(1P)$ | $K_1(1270)$ | | 1^1P_1 | |
| | $1^{-(-)}$ | $\rho(770)$ | $\omega(782)$ | $\phi(1020)$ | $J/\psi(1S)$ | $\Upsilon(1S)$ | $K^*(892)$ | | 1^3S_1 | |
| | ground state | $0^{-(+)}$ | π^0 | π^+ | $\eta \eta'$ | $\eta_c(1S)$ | $\eta_b(1S)$ | K^0 | K^+ | 1^1S_0 |
| | | | $J^{P(C)}$ | | | | | | | |

| | | $c\bar{u}, c\bar{d}$ | | $c\bar{s}$ | $d\bar{b}, u\bar{b}$ | | $s\bar{b}$ | |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------|----------|
| ↑ excited states | $1^{-(-)}$ | | | $D_{s1}^*(2700)^+$ | | | | |
| | $2^{+(+)}$ | $D_2^*(2460)$ | | $D_{s2}^*(2573)^+$ | $B_2^*(5747)$ | $B_{s2}^*(5840)^0$ | | 1^3P_2 |
| | $1^{+(+)}$ | $D_1(2430)$ | | $D_{s1}(2536)^+$ | | | | 1^3P_1 |
| | $0^{+(+)}$ | $D_0^*(2300)$ | | $D_{s0}^*(2317)^+$ | | | | 1^3P_0 |
| | $1^{+(-)}$ | $D_1(2420)$ | | $D_{s1}(2460)^+$ | $B_1(5721)$ | $B_{s1}(5830)^0$ | | 1^1P_1 |
| | $1^{-(-)}$ | $D^*(2007)^0 D^*(2010)^+$ | | D_s^{*+} | B^* | B_s^{*0} | | 1^3S_1 |
| | ground state | $0^{-(+)}$ | D^0 | D^+ | D_s^+ | B^0 | B^+ | B_s^0 |
| $J^{P(C)}$ | | | | | | | | |

PDG Quark Model Assignments

Since $P = (-1)^{L+1}$ and $C = (-1)^{L+S}$, not all J^{PC} are allowed for $q\bar{q}$ states (e.g. 1^{-+}).

IIB. Meson Quantum Numbers: J^{PC} ($q\bar{q}$ model)

Examples in charmonium:

Connect J^{PC} to $n^{2S+1}L_J$ with $P = (-1)^{L+1}$ and $C = (-1)^{L+S}$.

$\eta_c(1S)$ [ground state]

$$\begin{aligned} n &= 1, L = 0, S = 0 \\ n^{2S+1}L_J &= 1^1S_0 \\ J^{PC} &= 0^{-+} \end{aligned}$$

$J/\psi(1S)$

$$\begin{aligned} n &= 1, L = 0, S = 1 \\ n^{2S+1}L_J &= 1^3S_1 \\ J^{PC} &= 1^{--} \end{aligned}$$

$h_c(1P)$

$$\begin{aligned} n &= 1, L = 1, S = 0 \\ n^{2S+1}L_J &= 1^1P_1 \\ J^{PC} &= 1^{+-} \end{aligned}$$

$\chi_{c0}(1P)$

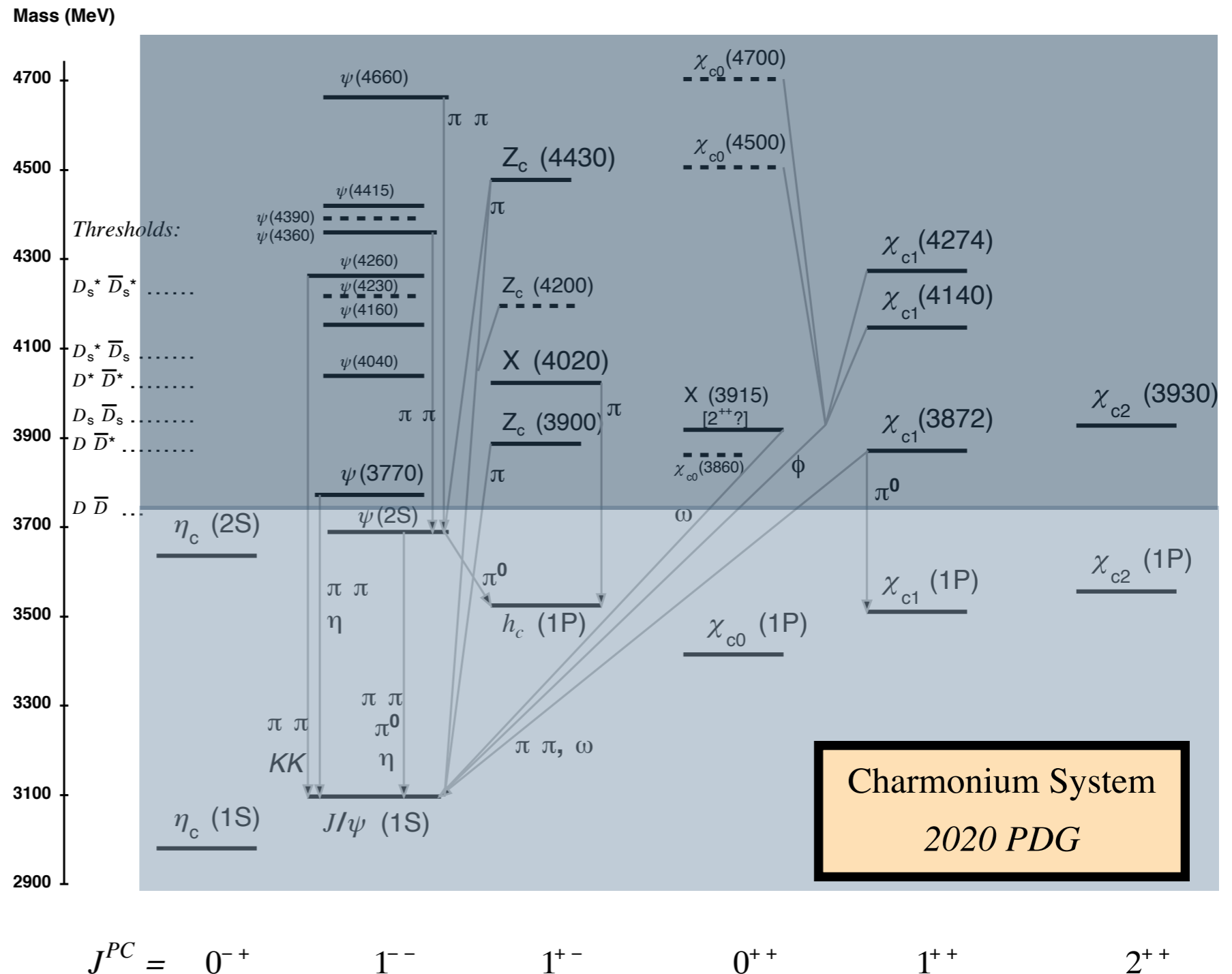
$$\begin{aligned} n &= 1, L = 1, S = 1 \\ n^{2S+1}L_J &= 1^3P_0 \\ J^{PC} &= 0^{++} \end{aligned}$$

$\chi_{c1}(1P)$

$$\begin{aligned} n &= 1, L = 1, S = 1 \\ n^{2S+1}L_J &= 1^3P_1 \\ J^{PC} &= 1^{++} \end{aligned}$$

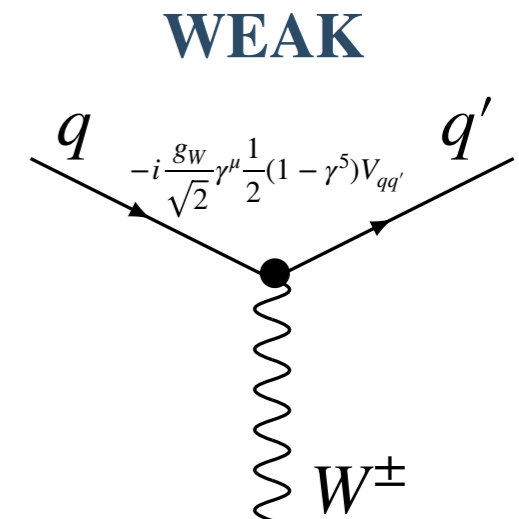
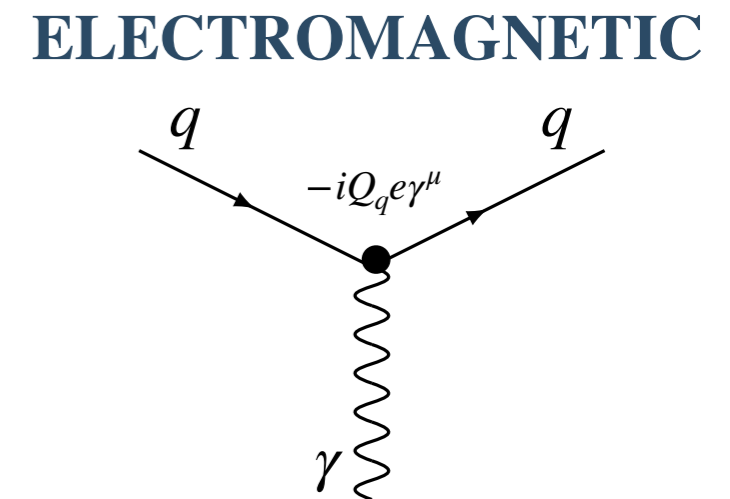
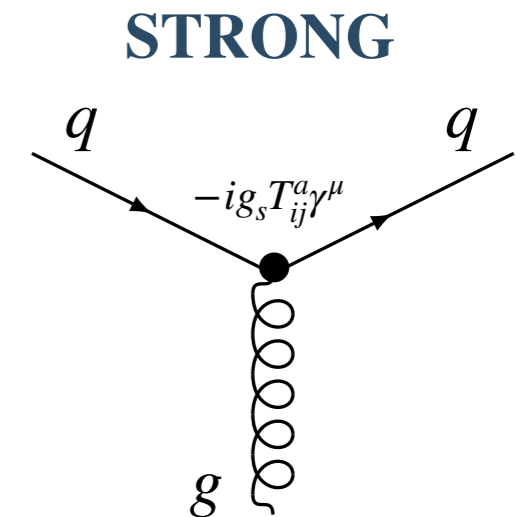
$\chi_{c2}(1P)$

$$\begin{aligned} n &= 1, L = 1, S = 1 \\ n^{2S+1}L_J &= 1^3P_2 \\ J^{PC} &= 2^{++} \end{aligned}$$



IIC. Meson Quantum Numbers: Flavor

| | | QUARKS | | | | |
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| | \bar{s} | K^0 | K^+ | $\eta \eta'$ ϕ | D_s^+ | \bar{B}_s^0 |
| | \bar{c} | D^- | \bar{D}^0 | D_s^- | J/ψ | B_c^- |
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Also:

$$I_3 \equiv \frac{1}{2}U + \frac{1}{2}D$$

(third component of isospin)

$$Y \equiv \frac{1}{3}U - \frac{1}{3}D + \frac{2}{3}S$$

(hypercharge)

These are absolutely conserved by the strong and electromagnetic forces.

III. Meson Quantum Numbers: Flavor

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| | \bar{b} | B^0 | B^+ | B_s^0 | B_c^+ | Υ |

Examples:

$$K^*(892)^+ \rightarrow K^0 \pi^+$$

$$(S = 1, U = 1, I_3 = \frac{1}{2})$$

$$B_{s2}^*(5840) \rightarrow B^+ K^-$$

$$(B = 1, S = -1)$$

$$X(2900)^0 \rightarrow D^- K^+$$

$$(C = -1, D = -1, S = 1, U = 1, I_3 = 0)$$

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Off-diagonal combinations are eigenstates of $H_{s,em}$:

For example,

$$\langle q\bar{q} | H_{s,em} | u\bar{d} \rangle = 0$$

whenever $q\bar{q} \neq u\bar{d}$

implies

$$\begin{aligned} H_{s,em} | u\bar{d} \rangle &= \sum_{q\bar{q}} | q\bar{q} \rangle \langle q\bar{q} | H_{s,em} | u\bar{d} \rangle \\ &= \langle u\bar{d} | H_{s,em} | u\bar{d} \rangle | u\bar{d} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

* but note $\langle u\bar{u}u\bar{d} | H_{s,em} | u\bar{d} \rangle = ?$

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On-diagonal combinations are not necessarily eigenstates of $H_{s,em}$:

For example,

$$\langle u\bar{u} | H_{s,em} | d\bar{d} \rangle \neq 0$$

$$\implies |u\bar{u}\rangle \text{ and } |d\bar{d}\rangle \text{ are not eigenstates of } H_{s,em}$$

$$\langle u\bar{u} | H_{s,em} | s\bar{s} \rangle \text{ small}$$

$$\implies |s\bar{s}\rangle \text{ might be nearly an eigenstate of } H_{s,em}$$

$$\langle u\bar{u} | H_{s,em} | c\bar{c} \rangle \approx 0$$

$$\implies |c\bar{c}\rangle \text{ is more likely an eigenstate of } H_{s,em}$$

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IIC. Meson Quantum Numbers: Flavor (**Isospin**)

Since $m_u \approx m_d$, the strong force has an additional, *approximately conserved*, quantum number: **isosopin**.

Strong interactions are almost invariant under SU(2) rotations that mix the up and down quarks (*using the 2d fundamental representation 2*):

$$\begin{pmatrix} u' \\ d' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b^* & a^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix} = e^{i\alpha \cdot \hat{I}} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}$$

This is just like spin and leads to a new conserved quantum number called isospin.

Just like spin, we have states labeled by I and I_3 with the usual properties:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{I}_3 |I, I_3\rangle &= I_3 |I, I_3\rangle \\ \hat{I}^2 |I, I_3\rangle &= I(I+1) |I, I_3\rangle \\ \hat{I}_\pm |I, I_3\rangle &= \sqrt{(I \mp I_3)(I \pm I_3 + 1)} |I, I_3 \pm 1\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Relabel the up and down quark flavors using $|u\rangle \equiv |\frac{1}{2}, +\frac{1}{2}\rangle$ and $|d\rangle \equiv |\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle$.

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The corresponding rotation for antiquarks is given by (*using the 2d conjugate representation $\bar{\mathbf{2}}$*):

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{u}' \\ \bar{d}' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^* & b^* \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \bar{d} \end{pmatrix}$$

This can be transformed to look like the quark rotations (*using the 2d fundamental representation $\mathbf{2}$*). Multiply left and right by $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u}' \\ \bar{d}' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a^* & b^* \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \bar{d} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\bar{d}' \\ \bar{u}' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b^* & a^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\bar{d} \\ \bar{u} \end{pmatrix}$$

note: using
the convention
 $\hat{C}|u\rangle = |\bar{u}\rangle$
 $\hat{C}|d\rangle = |\bar{d}\rangle$

Relabel the up and down antiquark flavors using $|\bar{u}\rangle \equiv |\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle$ and $|\bar{d}\rangle \equiv -|\frac{1}{2}, +\frac{1}{2}\rangle$.

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Combine isodoublets into higher-order representations just like spin (e.g. $\mathbf{2} \otimes \mathbf{2} = \mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1}$):

$$\begin{pmatrix} |u\rangle = |\frac{1}{2}, +\frac{1}{2}\rangle \\ |d\rangle = |\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} -|\bar{d}\rangle = |\frac{1}{2}, +\frac{1}{2}\rangle \\ |\bar{u}\rangle = |\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -|ud\rangle = |1, +1\rangle \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|u\bar{u}\rangle - |d\bar{d}\rangle) = |1, 0\rangle \\ |d\bar{u}\rangle = |1, -1\rangle \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|u\bar{u}\rangle + |d\bar{d}\rangle) = |0, 0\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

($I = 0$ part will also contain $s\bar{s}$ in two different combinations)

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| | \bar{s} | K^0 | K^+ | η η' / ϕ | D_s^+ | \bar{B}_s^0 | |
| | \bar{c} | D^- | \bar{D}^0 | D_s^- | J/ψ | B_c^- | |
| | \bar{b} | B^0 | B^+ | B_s^0 | B_c^+ | Υ | |

With this notation:

$$|J^{P(C)}(q_1\bar{q}_2)(\text{mass})\rangle = |J^P(\text{mass})\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|q_1\bar{q}_2\rangle + C |\bar{q}_2q_1\rangle]$$

The pion is:

$$|\pi^+\rangle = |0^-(140)\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [-|ud\rangle - |\bar{d}u\rangle] \quad \text{(choose } C = + \text{ for } \pi^\pm \text{ to match } \pi^0 \text{)}$$

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note:
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note:
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|---|------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
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| | $0^{+(+)}$ | $a_0(1450)$ | $f_0(1370)$ | $f_0(1710)$ |
| | $1^{+(-)}$ | $b_1(1235)$ | $h_1(1170)$ | $h_1(1415)$ |
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| | $0^{-(+)}$ | π^0 | $\eta \eta'$ | $\eta \eta'$ |
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| ground state | | | | |

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$$\begin{pmatrix} |u\rangle = |\frac{1}{2}, +\frac{1}{2}\rangle \\ |d\rangle = |\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} -|\bar{d}\rangle = |\frac{1}{2}, +\frac{1}{2}\rangle \\ |\bar{u}\rangle = |\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -|u\bar{d}\rangle = |1, +1\rangle \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|u\bar{u}\rangle - |d\bar{d}\rangle) = |1, 0\rangle \\ |d\bar{u}\rangle = |1, -1\rangle \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|u\bar{u}\rangle + |d\bar{d}\rangle) = |0, 0\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

($I = 0$ part will also contain $s\bar{s}$ in two different combinations)

$I = \frac{1}{2}$

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$I = 1$

$I = 0$

With this notation:

$$|J^{P(C)}(q_1 \bar{q}_2)(\text{mass})\rangle = |J^P(\text{mass})\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|q_1 \bar{q}_2\rangle + C |\bar{q}_2 q_1\rangle]$$

The $\rho(770)$ is:

$$|\rho^+\rangle = |1^-(770)\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [-|u\bar{d}\rangle + |\bar{d}u\rangle] \quad \text{(choose } C = - \text{ for } \rho^\pm \text{ to match } \rho^0 \text{)}$$

$$|\rho^0\rangle = |1^-(770)\rangle \frac{1}{2} [|u\bar{u}\rangle - |d\bar{d}\rangle - |\bar{u}u\rangle + |\bar{d}d\rangle]$$

$$|\rho^-\rangle = |1^-(770)\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|d\bar{u}\rangle - |\bar{u}d\rangle]$$

note:
 $\hat{C}|\rho^+\rangle = +|\rho^-\rangle$

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|---|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| ↑ excited states ground state | 1 ⁻⁽⁻⁾ | ρ(1700) | ω(1650) | φ(1680) |
| | 2 ^{^(+)} | a ₂ (1320) | f ₂ (1270) | f' ₂ (1525) |
| | 1 ^{^(+)} | a ₁ (1260) | f ₁ (1285) | f ₁ (1420) |
| | 0 ^{^(+)} | a ₀ (1450) | f ₀ (1370) | f ₀ (1710) |
| | 1 ^{^(-)} | b ₁ (1235) | h ₁ (1170) | h ₁ (1415) |
| | 1 ⁻⁽⁻⁾ | ρ(770) | ω(782) | φ(1020) |
| | 0 ⁻⁽⁺⁾ | π ⁰ | η η' | η η' |
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IIC. Meson Quantum Numbers: Flavor (**Isospin**)

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Also combine up and down quarks with other quarks to make isodoublets ($2 \otimes 1 = 2$):

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| | | QUARKS | | | | |
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The kaon can then be identified as:

$$|K^+\rangle = |0^-(494)\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|u\bar{s}\rangle + |\bar{s}u\rangle]$$

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(choose $C = +$ using quark model $(-1)^{L+S}$)

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The K_S^0 and K_L^0 are linear combinations of K^0 and \bar{K}^0 :

$$|K_S^0\rangle \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|K^0\rangle + |\bar{K}^0\rangle]$$

$$|K_L^0\rangle \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|K^0\rangle - |\bar{K}^0\rangle]$$

So that:

$$\hat{C}\hat{P} |K_S^0\rangle \approx + |K_S^0\rangle$$

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(and the J^{PC} of the K_S^0 is 0^{+-})

isospin, approximately conserved,

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Combine pion isotriplets using Clebsch-Gordon coefficients ($\mathbf{3} \otimes \mathbf{3} = \mathbf{5} \oplus \mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1}$):

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \left(\begin{array}{l} |\pi^+\rangle = |1, 1\rangle \\ |\pi^0\rangle = |1, 0\rangle \\ |\pi^-\rangle = |1, -1\rangle \end{array} \right) \otimes \left(\begin{array}{l} |\pi^+\rangle = |1, 1\rangle \\ |\pi^0\rangle = |1, 0\rangle \\ |\pi^-\rangle = |1, -1\rangle \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{l} |2, 2\rangle \\ |2, 1\rangle \\ |2, 0\rangle \\ |2, -1\rangle \\ |2, -2\rangle \end{array} \right) \oplus \left(\begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\pi^+\pi^0\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\pi^0\pi^+\rangle \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\pi^+\pi^-\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\pi^-\pi^+\rangle \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\pi^0\pi^-\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\pi^-\pi^0\rangle \end{array} \right) \oplus \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |\pi^+\pi^-\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |\pi^0\pi^0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |\pi^-\pi^+\rangle \right) \\
 I = 1 \qquad I = 1 \qquad I = 2 \qquad I = 1 \qquad I = 0
 \end{array}$$

Comparing to the general $\pi^+\pi^-$ system in a definite state of J^{PC} (*first example, slide ≈ 8*):

$$|J^{PC}(\pi^+\pi^-)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|\pi^+\pi^-\rangle + (-1)^J |\pi^-\pi^+\rangle] \int d\Omega Y_J^M(\theta, \phi) |p\theta\phi\rangle |P_{\text{CM}}\rangle$$

$$I = 0 \text{ for even } J \quad (0^{++}, 2^{++}, \dots = f_0, f_2, \dots)$$

$$I = 1 \text{ for odd } J \quad (1^{--}, 3^{--}, \dots = \rho_1, \rho_3, \dots)$$

IIC. Meson Quantum Numbers: Flavor (**G-Parity**)

Combine isospin rotations and charge conjugation to define **G-Parity**.
Like isospin, G-parity is approximately conserved by the strong force.

$$\hat{G} \equiv \hat{C} \hat{R}_y(\pi) = \hat{R}_y(\pi) \hat{C} = \hat{C} e^{-i\pi \hat{I}_y}$$

The states $|\pi^+\rangle$ and $|\rho^+\rangle$, for example, are not eigenstates of \hat{C} , but are eigenstates of \hat{G} .

Starting with the **3** representation of $\hat{R}_y(\pi)$:

$$\hat{R}_y(\pi) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & +1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ +1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

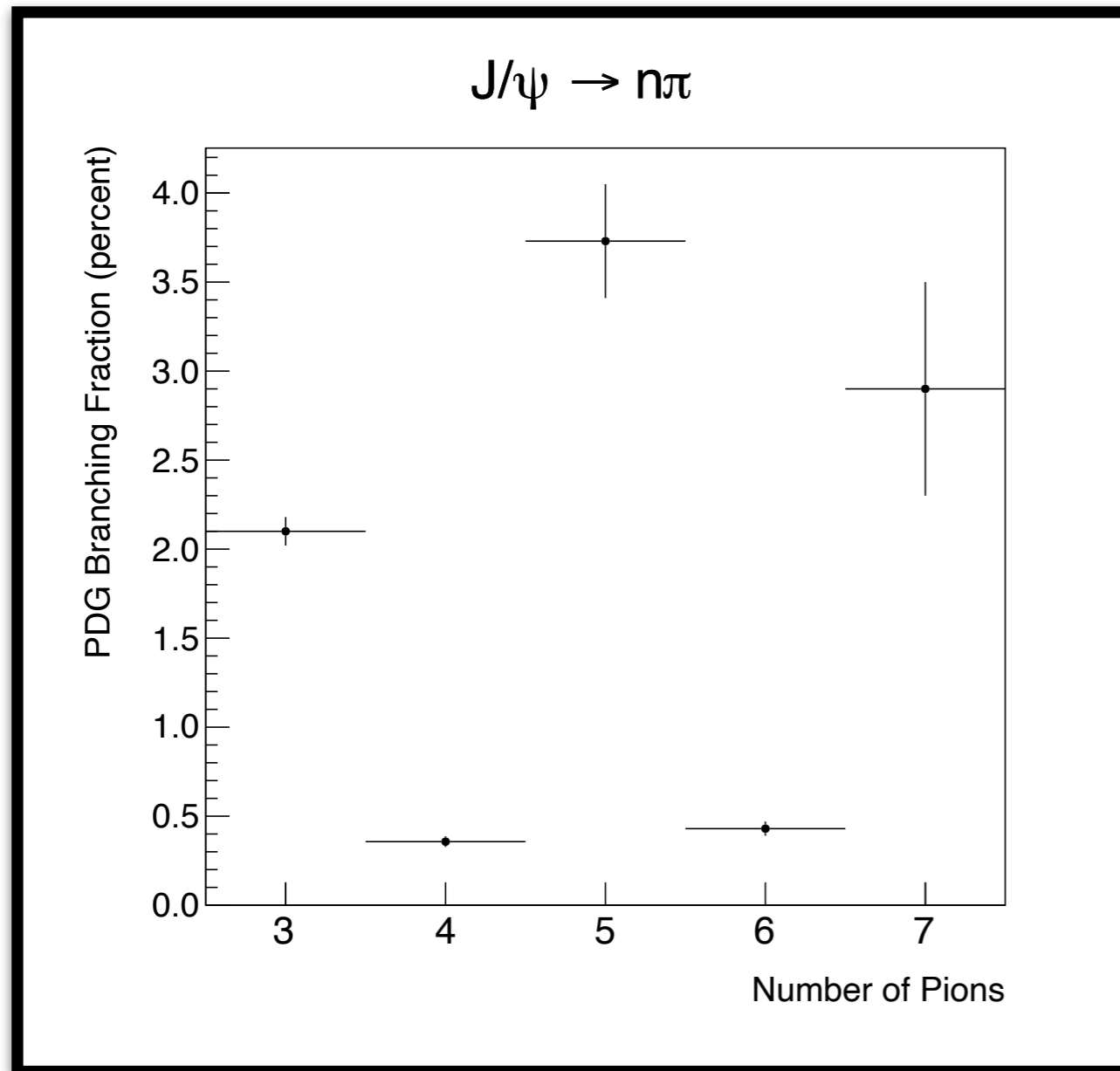
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In general, for eigenstates of \hat{G} :

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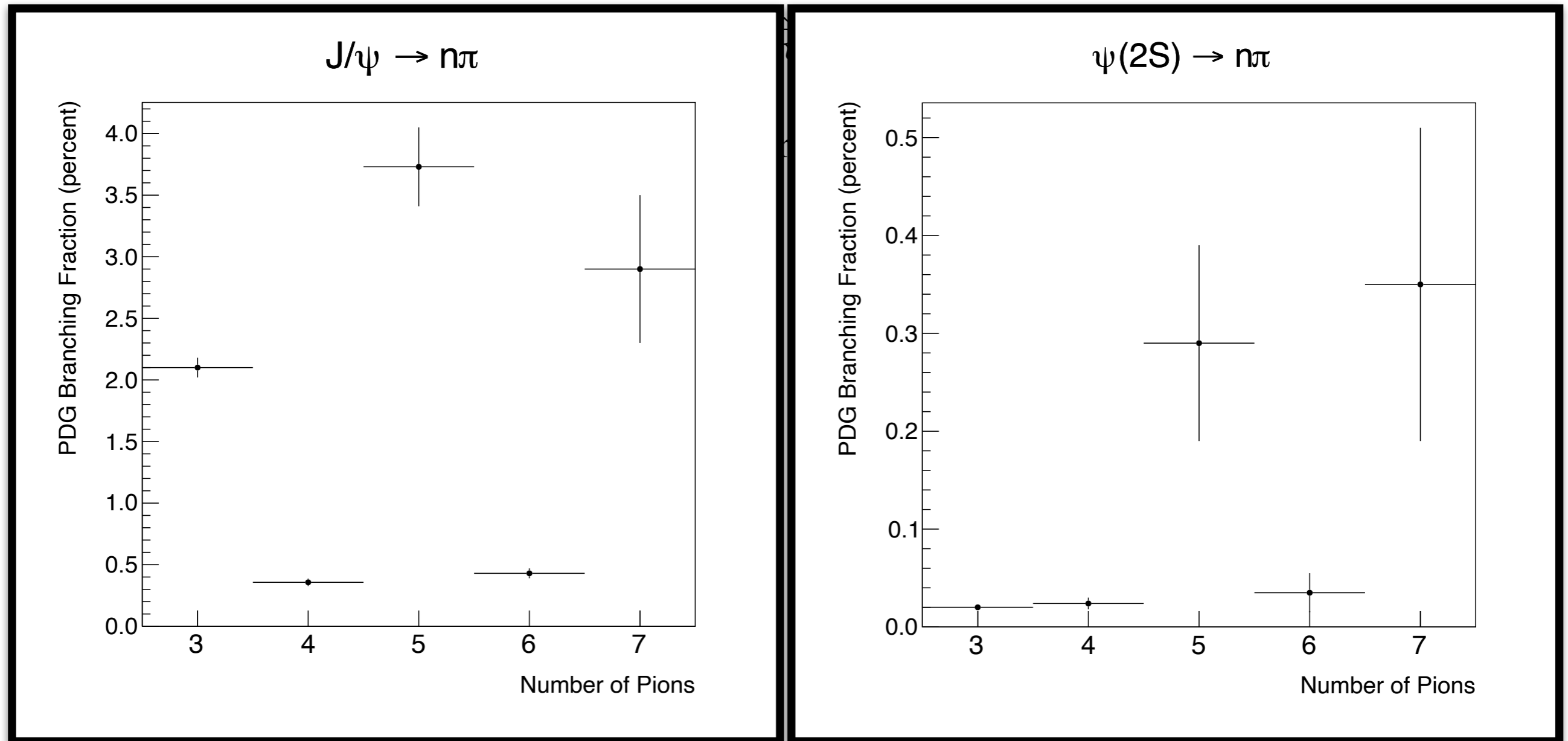
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SU(2) Flavor Symmetry (isospin)

$$\begin{pmatrix} u' \\ d' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b^* & a^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix} = e^{i\alpha \cdot \hat{I}} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}$$

3 generators: $\hat{I}_1, \hat{I}_2, \hat{I}_3$

SU(3) Flavor Symmetry

$$\begin{pmatrix} u' \\ d' \\ s' \end{pmatrix} = (\mathbf{3}) \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix} = e^{i\alpha \cdot \hat{T}} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix}$$

8 generators: $\hat{T}_1, \hat{T}_2, \hat{T}_3, \hat{T}_4, \hat{T}_5, \hat{T}_6, \hat{T}_7, \hat{T}_8$

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| <i>s̄</i> | K^0 | K^+ | $\eta \eta'$ ϕ | D_s^+ | \bar{B}_s^0 |
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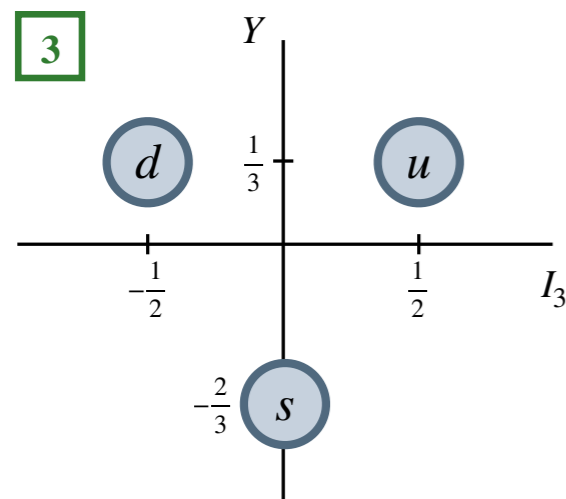
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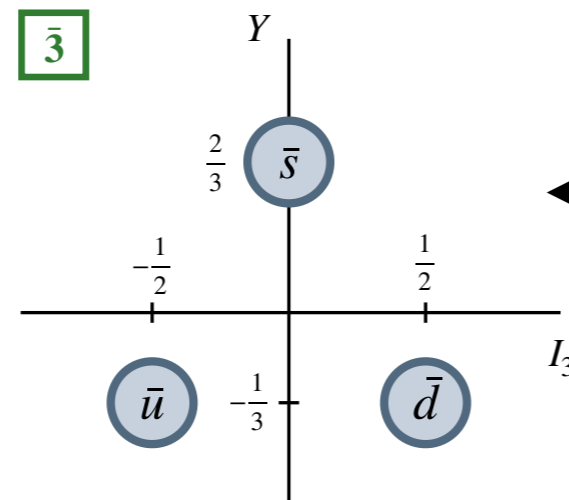
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The 8 **SU(3)** generators:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{isospin subgroup} \quad & \hat{T}_1 = \hat{I}_1 \\ & \hat{T}_2 = \hat{I}_2 \\ & \hat{T}_3 = \hat{I}_3 \\ & \hat{T}_8 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{Y} \quad \text{hypercharge quantum number} \end{aligned}$$

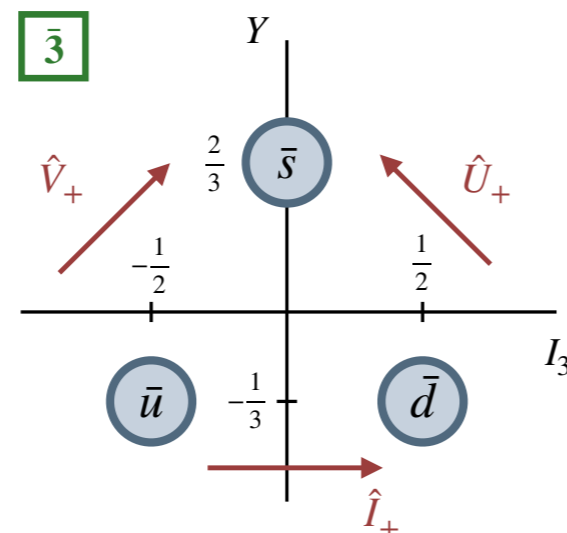
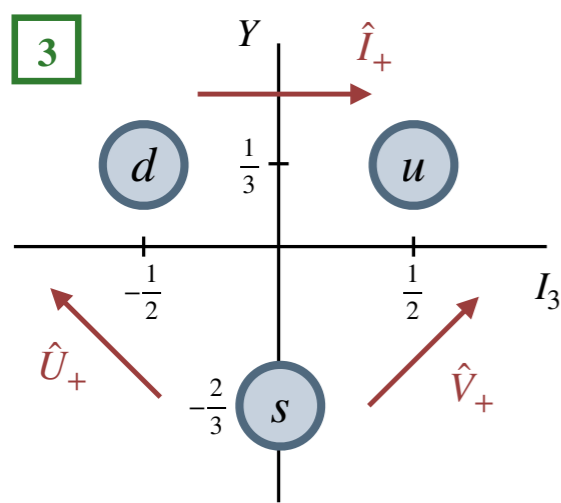
$$\begin{aligned} \text{raising and lowering} & \quad \hat{T}_1 \pm i\hat{T}_2 = \hat{I}_\pm \\ \text{operators} & \quad \hat{T}_4 \pm i\hat{T}_5 = \hat{V}_\pm \\ & \quad \hat{T}_6 \pm i\hat{T}_7 = \hat{U}_\pm \end{aligned}$$

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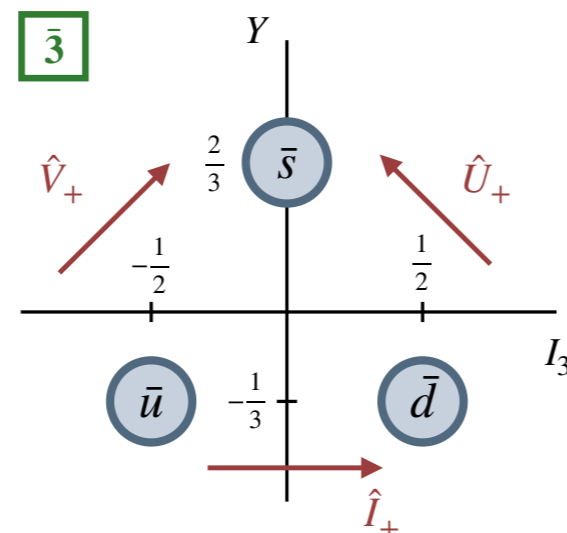
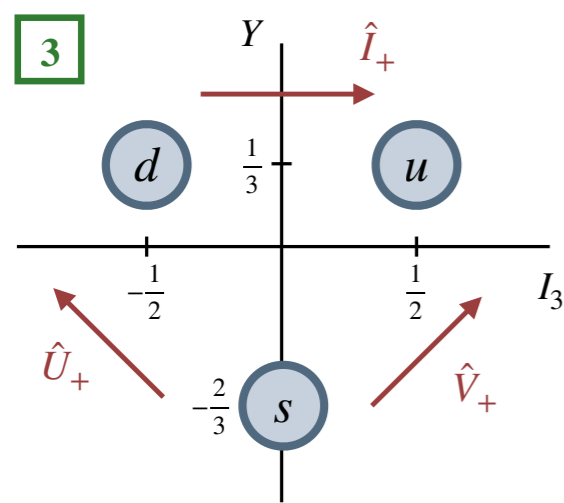
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In the **3** representation, $\hat{T}_i = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_i$:

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

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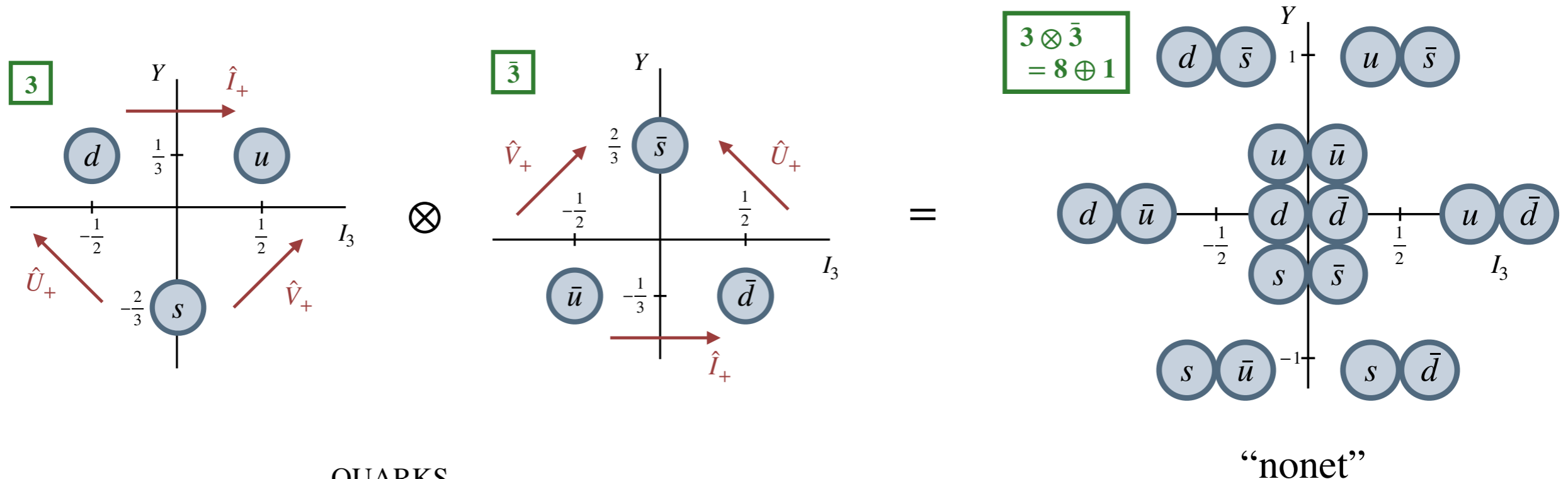


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| | \bar{s} | K^0 | K^+ | $\eta \eta' / \phi$ | D_s^+ | \bar{B}_s^0 | |
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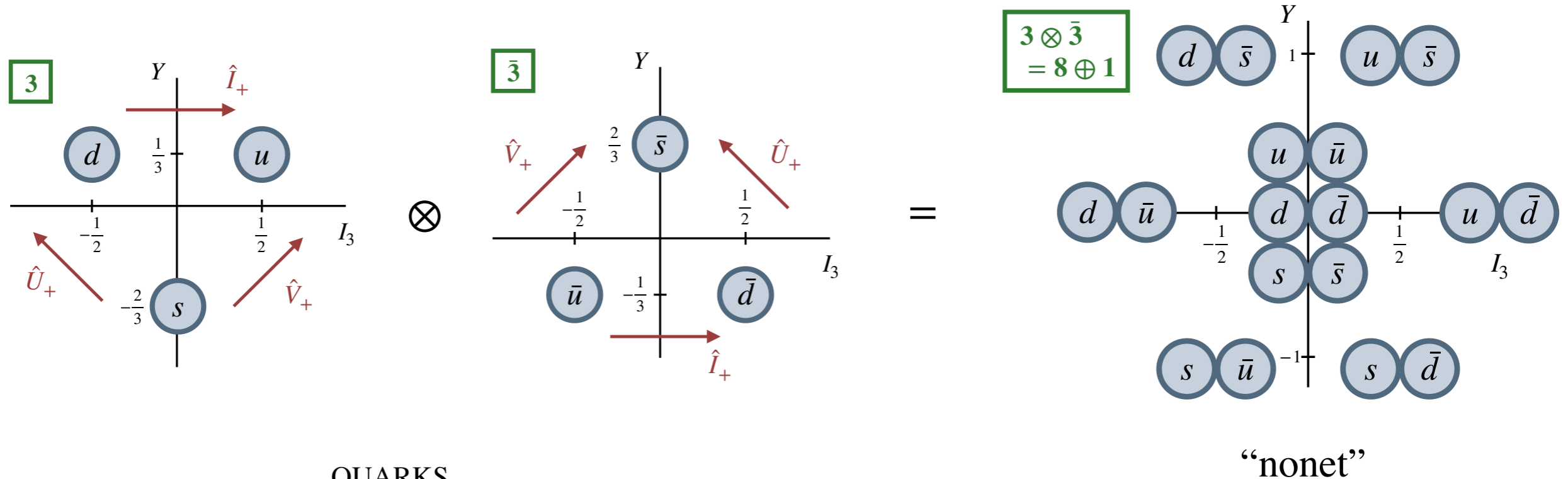
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$$I_3 \equiv \frac{1}{2}U + \frac{1}{2}D$$

$$Y \equiv \frac{1}{3}U - \frac{1}{3}D + \frac{2}{3}S$$

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|------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------------|--|
| | | d | u | s | c | b | |
| ANTIQUARKS | \bar{d} | $\pi^0 \eta \eta'$ | π^+ | \bar{K}^0 | D^+ | \bar{B}^0 | |
| | \bar{u} | π^- | $\pi^0 \eta \eta'$ | K^- | D^0 | B^- | |
| | \bar{s} | K^0 | K^+ | $\eta \eta'$ ϕ | D_s^+ | \bar{B}_s^0 | |
| | \bar{c} | D^- | \bar{D}^0 | D_s^- | J/ψ | B_c^- | |
| | \bar{b} | B^0 | B^+ | B_s^0 | B_c^+ | Υ | |

In the center of the nonet:

$$|\pi^0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|u\bar{u}\rangle - |d\bar{d}\rangle] \quad m_\pi^0 \approx 135 \text{ MeV}$$

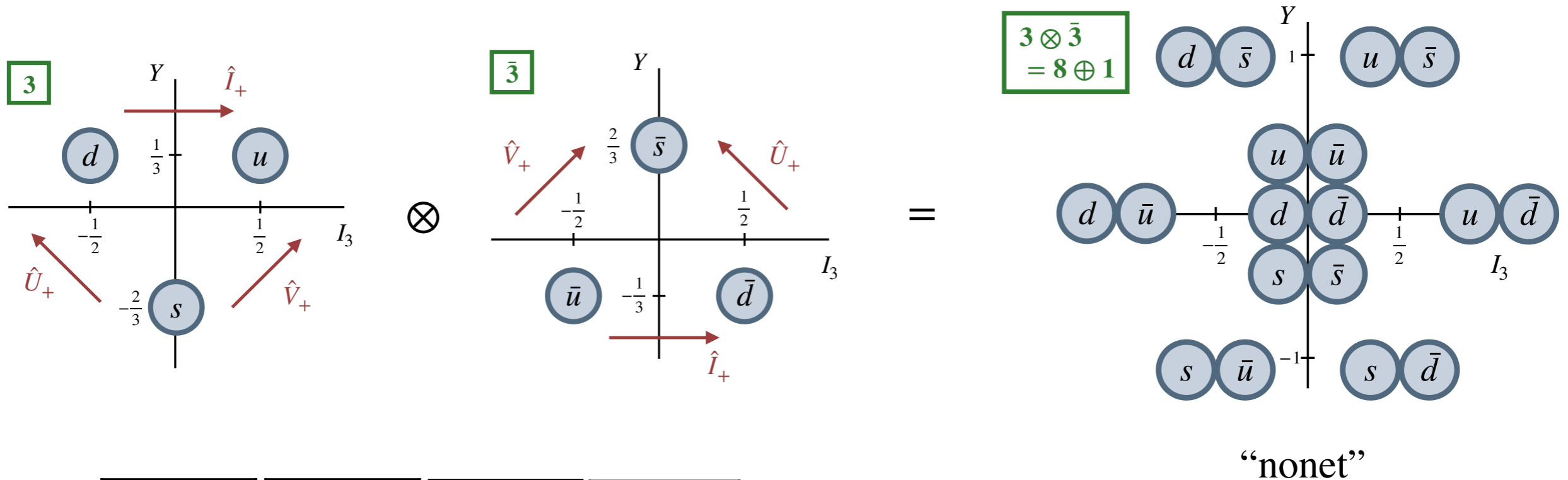
$$|\eta\rangle \approx |\eta_8\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [|u\bar{u}\rangle + |d\bar{d}\rangle - 2|s\bar{s}\rangle] \quad m_\eta \approx 548 \text{ MeV}$$

$$|\eta'\rangle \approx |\eta_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} [|u\bar{u}\rangle + |d\bar{d}\rangle + |s\bar{s}\rangle] \quad m_{\eta'} \approx 958 \text{ MeV}$$

note: $m_{\eta'}$ is much larger than quark model expectations!

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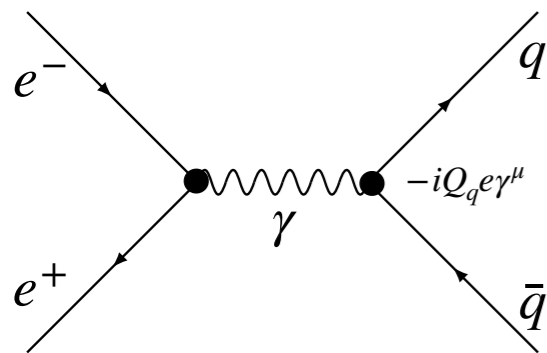
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There are many ways to probe the quark content, e.g. Γ_{ee} :



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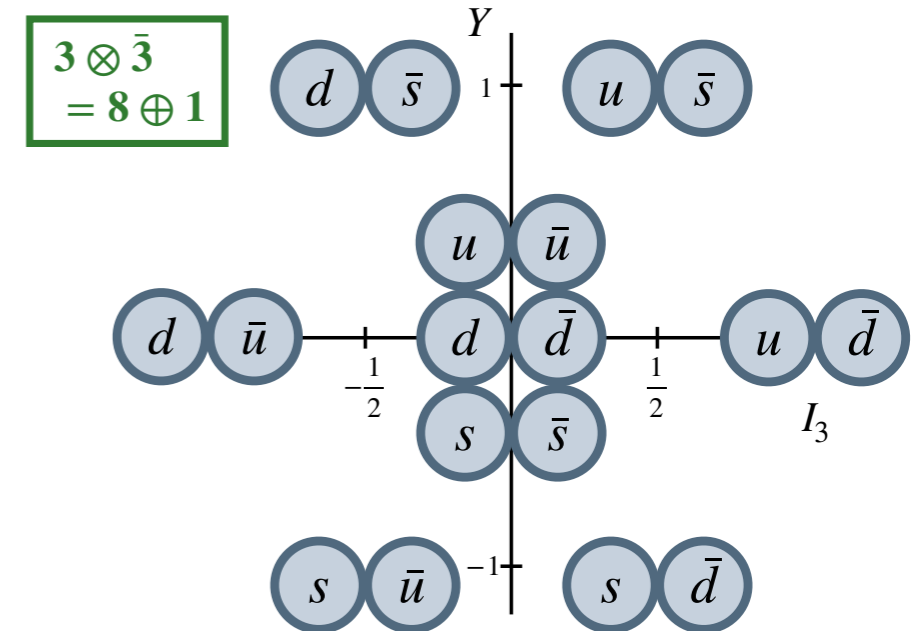
$$\Gamma_{ee}(\omega) \propto \frac{1}{2}(Q_u + Q_d)^2 = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{18}(1)$$

$$\Gamma_{ee}(\phi) \propto (Q_s)^2 = \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{18}(2)$$

Experiment:

$$\Gamma_{ee}(\rho) = 6.98 \text{ keV}, \Gamma_{ee}(\omega) = 0.62 \text{ keV}, \Gamma_{ee}(\phi) = 1.26 \text{ keV (with errors } \approx 1\%)$$

$$\implies \Gamma_{ee}(\rho) : \Gamma_{ee}(\omega) : \Gamma_{ee}(\phi) = 11.2 : 1.0 : 2.0$$



“nonet”

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* Strangeness, Charm, Bottomness

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The J^{PC} and flavor can also be mapped to a meson's quark content, but with ambiguities.

Given the name of a meson, you know its J^{PC} and flavor.