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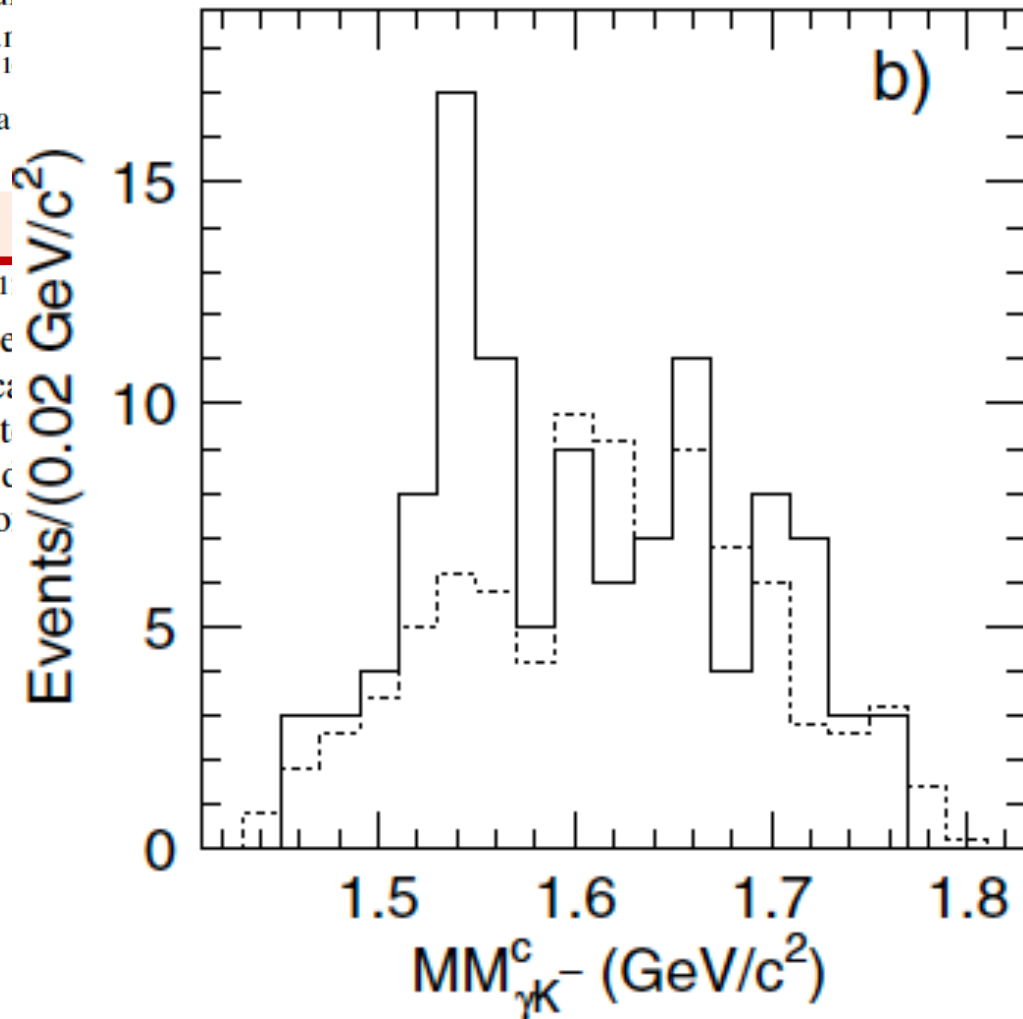
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Abstract—The status of our investigation of low-energy K^+ Xe collisions in the xenon bubble chamber DIANA is reported. In the charge-exchange reaction $K^+Xe \rightarrow K^0pXe'$, the spectrum of K^0p effective mass shows a resonant enhancement with $M = 1539 \pm 2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ and $\Gamma < 9 \text{ MeV}/c^2$. The statistical significance of the enhancement is near 4.4σ . The mass and width of the observed resonance are consistent with expectations for the lightest member of the antidecuplet of exotic pentaquark baryons, as predicted in the framework of the chiral soliton model. © 2003 MAIK “Nauka/Interperiodica”.

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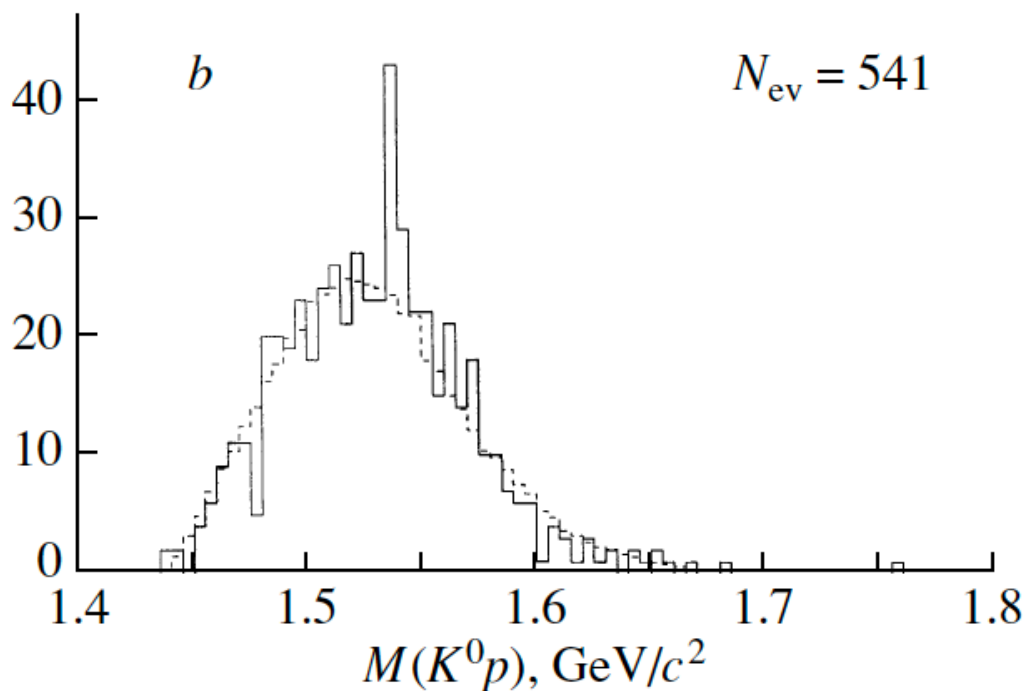
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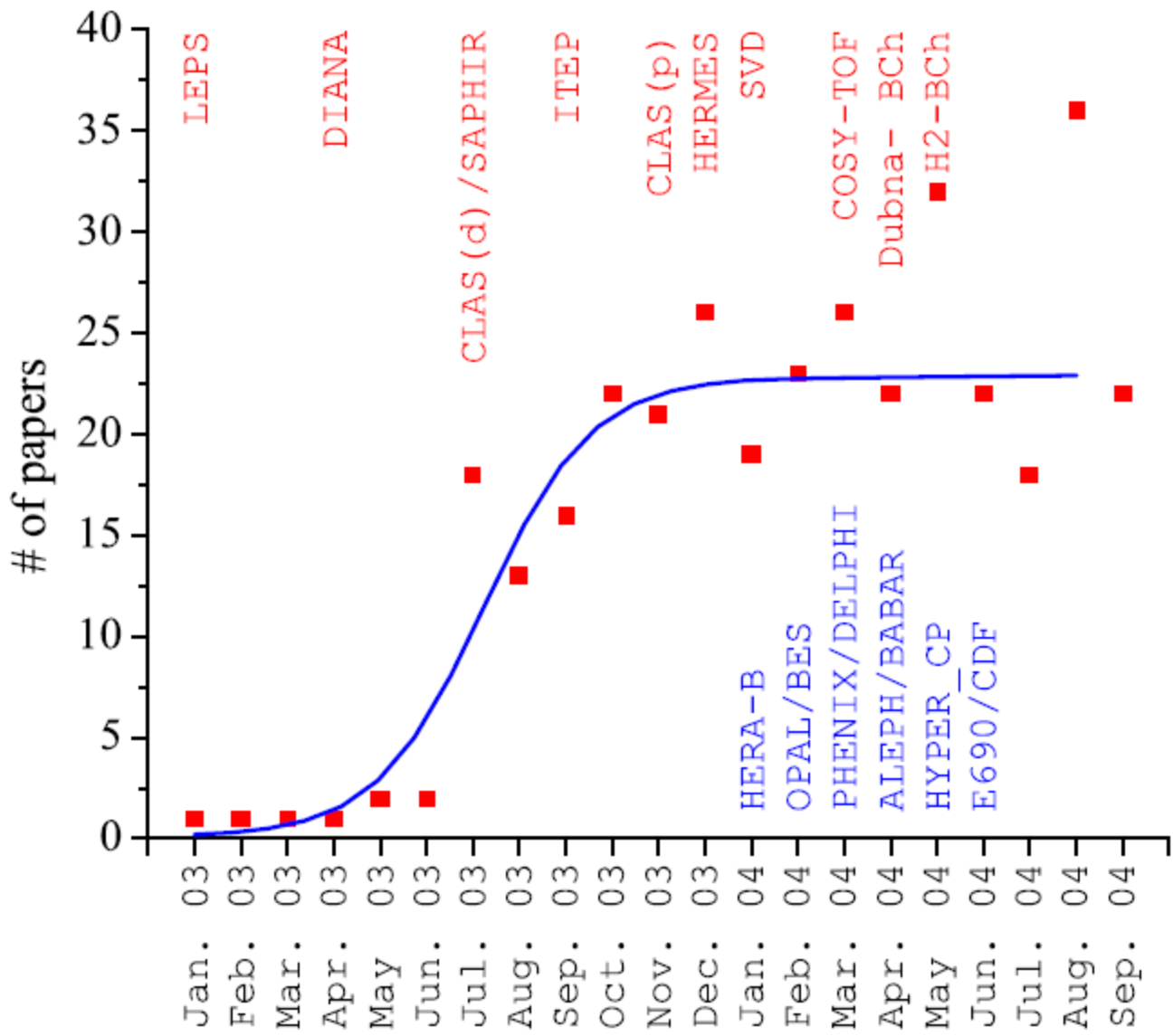
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A Subatomic Discovery Emerges From Experiments in Japan

By KENNETH CHANG

Slamming high-energy particles of light into carbon atoms, physicists have unexpectedly produced a new type of subatomic particle.

Protons and neutrons, the building blocks of atoms, are made of smaller particles known as quarks, which come in six varieties. A proton, for example, consists of three quarks — two so-called up quarks and one down quark. Physicists know of slews of particles containing two or three quarks.

Now they believe they know of a particle containing five quarks that perhaps could have been common in the very early universe. (No one

the experiments, Dr. Takashi Nakano, of the Research Center for Nuclear Physics at Osaka University, and told Dr. Nakano that he should look through the data for signs of five-quark particles.

"Dimitri Diakonov was very confident of that," Dr. Nakano said. Dr. Nakano and his collaborators looked, and they found a peak in their graphs corresponding to the mass of the five-quark particle that Dr. Diakonov had predicted. "He was right," Dr. Nakano said. "Actually, I was very surprised."

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Quarks Five alive!

An odd, new subatomic "pentaquark" has been

lighted. Quarks, one of the building blocks of matter, are known to come in six varieties: two "up" quarks, two "down" quarks, and one "strange" quark. The new pentaquark, dubbed "theta plus," was discovered by a collaboration at the SuperKEKB in Japan, which reported its findings in a paper published in the journal *Physical Review Letters* on July 1, 2003.

After word of the finding's spread among physicists, theta plus was also found in experiments at the Jefferson Laboratory in Newport News, Virginia, and at the Institut National de Physique Nucléaire in France.

The newly identified particle, dubbed a "pentaquark" because of its five ingredients, likely exists in the fractions of a second after the Big Bang, as the universe began to organize from the fiery chaos of free-floating elementary particles into the familiar components of atoms.

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Scientists find fleeting form of basic matter

JOHN MARCUS
Plain Dealer Science Writer

Teams of scientists in Japan and the United States have confirmed the existence of a previously unknown kind of matter, a strange, fleeting subatomic particle that has been the object of a 30-year search.

One of the scientists hopes the discovery to finding a new animal that doesn't fit the typical classifications of mammals or reptiles. The researchers say it's too soon to know what impact their finding will have, but they speculate that it may add to the basic understanding of how the universe was formed and how the particles that compose all matter interact.

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PARTICLE

FROM A1

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Scientists had to duplicate these conditions in the lab by firing powerful energy beams into targets of carbon or hydrogen atoms. Even then, it took months for them to analyze the data, recognize what they had done, and convince themselves it wasn't a false conclusion. Their findings will be published in *Physical Review Letters*, a prominent physics journal, later this month.

When he first saw the computer tracing that was the signature of the new category of particle, "I thought it was some mistake," he said.

Quarks are tiny particles that make up the matter of the universe. They are made of two or three quarks, two down quarks and one known as an anti-strange quark.

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HIGH-ENERGY PHYSICS

Evidence for 'Pentaquark' Particle Sets Theorists Re-Joycing

Three quarks for those still don't? Every physicist's favorite thought: What happens if you add a fourth quark? Several experiments around the world seem to have created an exotic particle containing the quarks rather than the two or three that make up all other quark matter. If so, this new particle, dubbed the pentaquark (P⁺), might help physicists learn the last remaining details in quantum chromodynamics (QCD), the theory that describes quarks and the forces that hold them together.

QCD does not forbid five-quark particles, but because quarks combine in pairs known as baryons, or quartets known as mesons, and most of looking for baryons, the five-quark quarklets (qqqqq) were largely overlooked.

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Physics team goes where no quark has gone before

By Dan Margoshes
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News

New five-quark states found at CERN

Only a few months after the first burst of excitement over the appearance of several laboratories of what seems to be a new five-quark particle, evidence has been found for a different five-quark state that appears to be closely related.

The constituent quark model of hadrons that was invented in the 1960s has been very successful in describing the known baryons as a composite of three valence quarks. Quantum chromodynamics (QCD), the theory of strong interactions, does not forbid baryons containing more than three quarks. In fact, such states were proposed a long time ago, but a good candidate was found by experiments until recently. The search was revived by the theorist Dmitri Diakonov, Victor Korotkiy and Maxim Polyakov. They predicted that the masses of the lightest pentaquark (qqqqq) baryon multiplet, an antidecuplet (see figure 1), were rather small and that the width of the lightest member was expected to be very narrow (Diakonov et al., 1997).

Recent evidence for this state, named P⁺, has opened up a new chapter in baryon spectroscopy that will help to elucidate QCD in the non-perturbative regime (CERN Courier September 2003 p.5). The P⁺ is a multibody system, that is, it cannot be composed of three quarks. This is also the case for the other two corner members of the antidecuplet depicted in figure 1. The latter have a strangeness of S = -2, a charge of Q = +2, n_s, and form members of an isospin quartet of B⁺ states.

Experiment NA49 at the GSI Helium Super Proton Synchrotron has searched for the P⁺ and the B⁺ states in proton-proton collisions at a beam energy of 158 GeV (M. et al., 2003). Tracks of particles produced in the reaction are recorded by the detector's four large silicon-processor chambers. Their high resolution allows for a precise reconstruction of the particle trajectory and momenta as well as their identification via the measurement of the energy loss in the chamber gases. The reconstruction of secondary decay vertices makes possible the observation of the complex decay chains of the pentaquark states. After suppression of the overwhelming background by suitable selection cuts, the summed B⁺ mass distribution shows a narrow peak of 50 standard deviations at a mass of 1.962 ± 0.02 GeV/c² (see figure 2). The true width of the peak must be smaller than the observed full width at half maximum of 0.017 GeV/c², which is consistent with the resolution of the detector.

In fact, peak was seen at the same mass in the individual B⁺ and B⁺ modes or baryons, as well as in those of the antiparticles. No signal has been found yet for the P⁺, for which the background in the potential



Figure 1

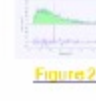
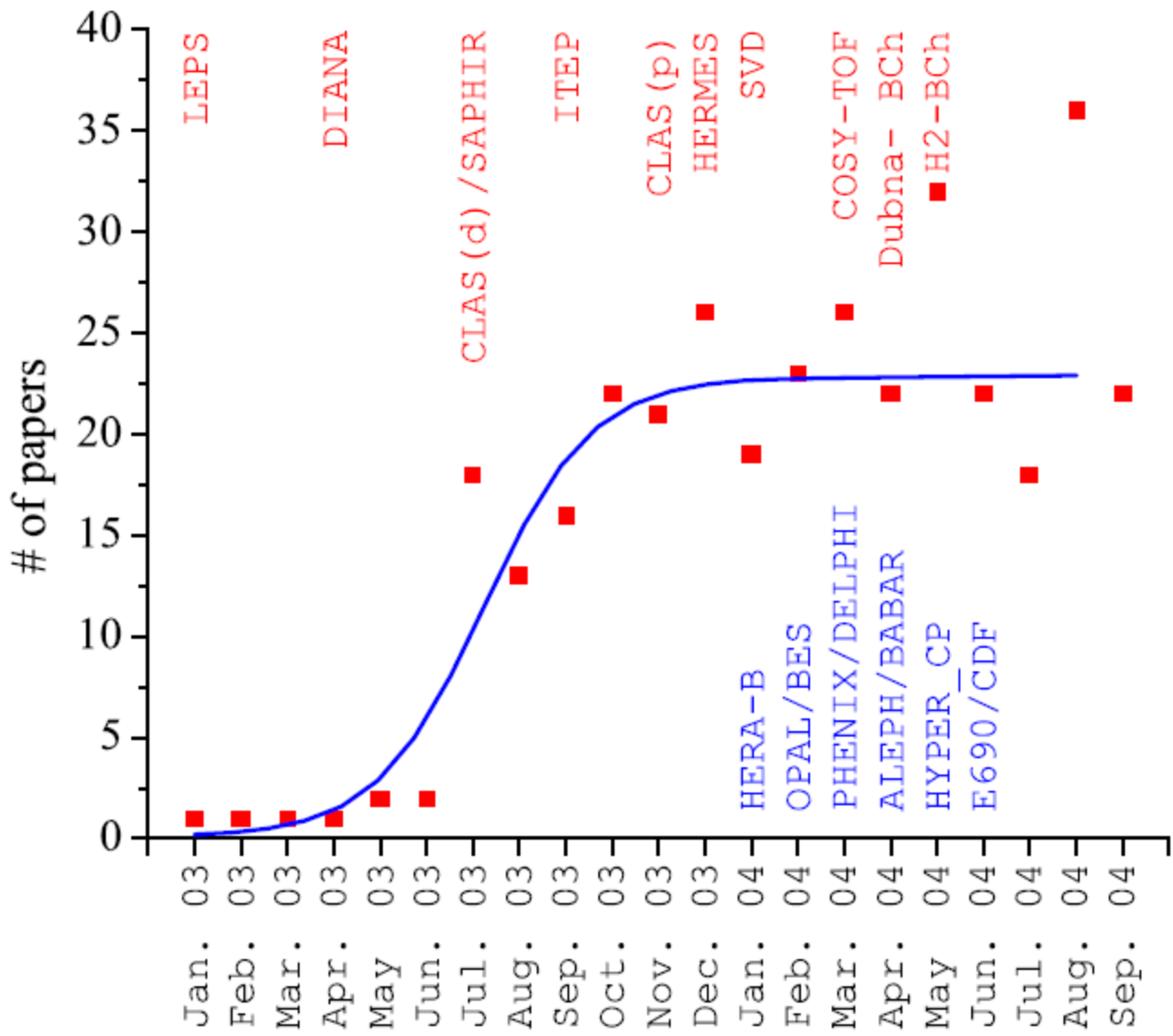


Figure 2



Quark Model

$(uudd\bar{s})$: $4 * 310 + 550 \sim 1790 \text{ MeV}$

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pentaquark: strangeness +1

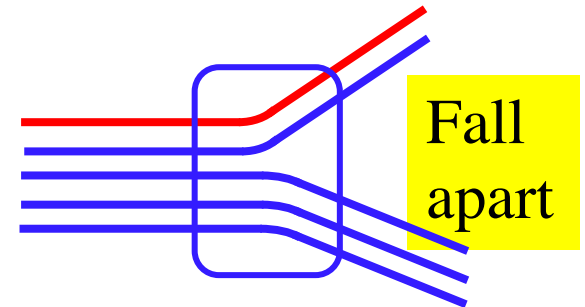
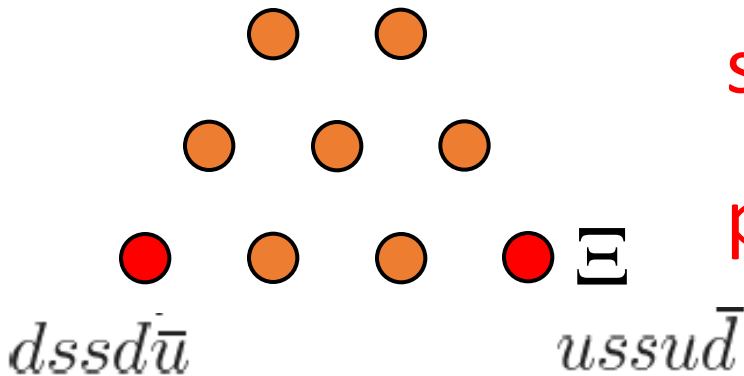
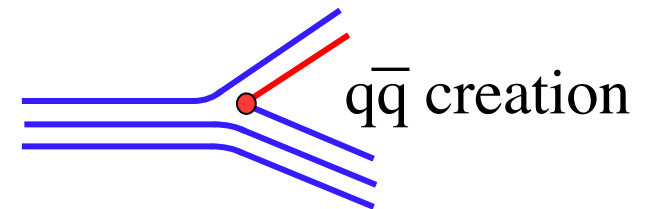
$\Gamma \sim 200 - 400 \text{ MeV}$

$uudd\bar{s}$ ● Θ^+

$E(2s) - \Theta(s) = 150 \text{ MeV}$

spin 1/2

parity -



Chiral Models

Masses are naturally smaller than in the Quark Model:
rather than adding a constituent strange quark we
add a Goldstone boson:

No $310 + 550 = 860$ MeV but $M_K = 490$ MeV

To understand small width requires some more information.

Parity is positive!

Skyrme Model

T.H.R Skyrme, Proc. Royal Soc. **A260** (1961) 127; Nucl. Phys. **31** (1962) 556.

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G.S. Adkins, C.R. Nappi and E. Witten, Nucl. Phys. **B228** (1983) 552; G.S. Adkins and C.R. Nappi, Nucl.Phys. **B233** (1984) 109.

Take Goldstone boson Lagrangian (very specific!):

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{F_\pi^2}{16} \text{Tr} (\partial_\mu U^\dagger \partial^\mu U) + \frac{1}{32e^2} \text{Tr} \left([\partial_\mu U U^\dagger, \partial_\nu U U^\dagger]^2 \right)$$

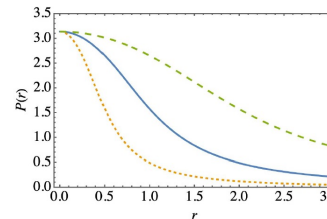
where the unitary matrix U is given in terms of pions, kaons and eta (denoted as φ_a) :

$$U = \exp (i2\varphi_a \lambda_a / F_\pi), \quad F_\pi = 186 \text{ MeV}$$

Expanding exponent gives the GBs interaction Lagrangian (predecessor of chiral perturbation theory) organized as a power series in the number of fields and their momenta. This works for low energy GB scattering.

This lagrangian admits classical solution in a form of the hedgehog Ansatz

$$U_0 = \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\vec{n}\cdot\vec{\tau}} P(r) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Collective quantization

$$U = AU_0A^\dagger \quad A \rightarrow A(t)$$

However:

$$[U_0, \lambda_8] = 0$$

$$U_0 = \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\vec{n}\cdot\vec{\tau}P(r)} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda^8 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

As a consequence there is an equivalence: $A(t) \sim A(t)e^{-i\varphi\lambda_8}$

$$A(t)e^{-i\varphi\lambda_8} U_0 e^{i\varphi\lambda_8} A^\dagger(t) = A(t)U_0A^\dagger(t)$$

and the right index of matrix $A(t)$ lives in the SU(2) subgroup of SU(3) that corresponds to spin. On the contrary the left index goes over the entire SU(3), and corresponds to flavor. **8-th velocity is not dynamical!**

$A_{\text{flavor,spin}}$

Collective Hamiltonian

Rotational energy (mass) of a rotating baryon in SU(3) representation $\mathcal{R} = (p, q)$ is analogous to the quantum mechanical symmetric top:

$$\mathcal{E}_{(p, q)}^{\text{rot}} = M_{\text{sol}} + \frac{J(J+1)}{2I_1} + \frac{C_2(p, q) - J(J+1) - 3/4 Y'^2}{2I_2}$$

Soliton mass M_{sol} and moments of inertia $I_{1,2}$ are calculable functions of the profile function $P(r)$

J^2 - soliton angular momentum = baryon spin

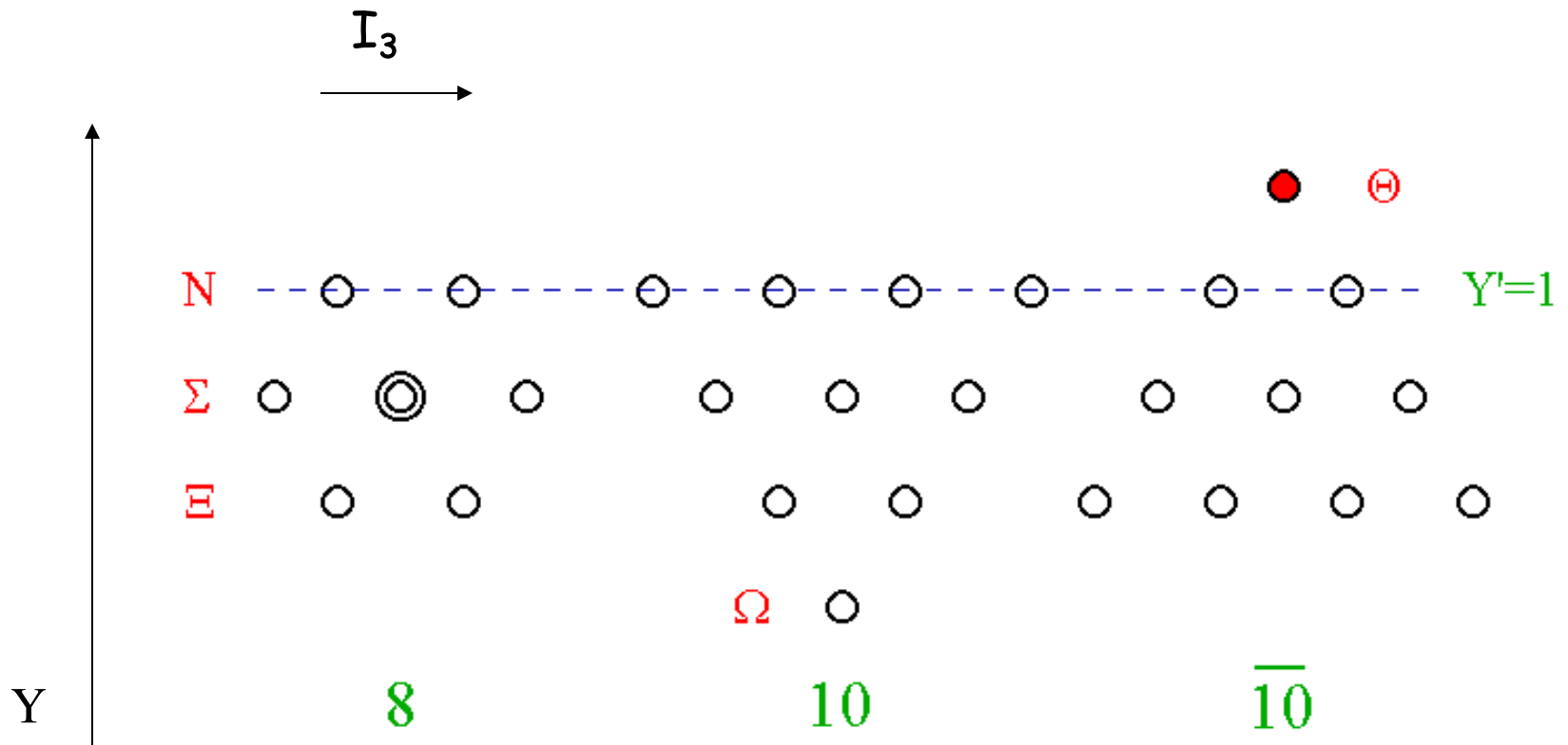
$C_2(p, q)$ - SU(3) Casimir operator

$Y' = N_c/3$ - constraint selecting allowed SU(3) representations

Isospin of states on Y' line is equal to J

Allowed SU(3) multiplets and w.f's

$$|R, B, S\rangle = \sqrt{R} D_{Y I I_3}^{(\mathcal{R})*} \underbrace{Y I I_3}_B \underbrace{Y' J J_3}_S (A) \quad J_3 = -S_3$$



Phenomenology

$$\frac{1}{I_1} = \frac{2}{3} (M_{10} - M_8) = 153 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\frac{1}{I_2} = \frac{2}{3} (M_{\overline{10}} - M_8) = ?$$

What is Theta+ mass?

What is the value of I_2 ? Model calculation from **1984**:

Monopolar Harmonics in $SU_f(3)$ as Eigenstates of the
Skyrme-Witten Model for Baryons*

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To Professor Yuval Ne'eman on the occasion of his Sixtieth Birthday

Thus the first state violating the three quark rule is a $(\overline{10}, \frac{1}{2})$, which--
using numerical values⁴⁾ in the Hamiltonian--yields an excitation energy
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&+ J(J+1)(C_{\text{rot}}^{-1} - C_{\text{SU}(3)}^{-1})], \quad (24)
\end{aligned}$$

$$E_0 = M_{\text{sol}}$$

$$C_{\text{SU}(3)} = 2I_2$$

$$C_{\text{rot}} = 2I_1$$

with the wave section having the form of an $(\text{SU}(3))_{\text{f}} \times (\text{SU}(2))_{\text{spin}}$ monopolar harmonic [21]:

$$\phi(A) = D^{[pqo]^*}_{I, I_3, Y; J, J_3, B}(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_7, \phi_8 = \pm\phi_4). \quad (25)$$

The quantum numbers are: $(\text{SU}(3))_{\text{f}}$ irrep labels $[pqo]$; isospin I, I_3 ; hypercharge Y ; spin J, J_3 ; baryon number $B = B_{\text{U}}$.

The additional moment of inertia is

$$C_{\text{SU}(3)} = \frac{1}{2} \pi \int_0^{\infty} e^{3s} [1 - \cos \theta(s)] ds \simeq 12.93. \quad (26)$$

$$\Delta_{\overline{10}-8} = 330 \text{ MeV}$$

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effective theory we believe that this gives an a posteriori excitation energy
limit on the validity. Otherwise stated this means that when baryons are
probed with momentum transfers of the order of 600 MeV one starts to feel
their compositeness.

1987

M. Praszalowicz, "SU(3) Skyrmion," Jagiellonian Univ. preprint TPJU-5-87. In *Skyrmions and Anomalies*, eds. M. Jeżabek and M. Praszalowicz, World Scientific, 1987, p. 112.

$$M_{\theta} = 1535 \text{ MeV}$$

Chiral quark soliton model χ QSM

$$\mathcal{E}_{(p,q)}^{\text{rot}} = M_{\text{sol}} + \frac{J(J+1)}{2I_1} + \frac{C_2(p,q) - J(J+1) - 3/4 Y'^2}{2I_2}$$

$$H_{\text{br}} = \alpha D_{88}^{(8)} + \beta \hat{Y} + \frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{i=1}^3 D_{8i}^{(8)} \hat{J}_i$$

1997

M = 1530

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Exotic anti-decuplet of baryons: prediction from chiral solitons

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986 citations

Decay width

Abstract. We predict an exotic Z^+ baryon (having spin $1/2$, isospin 0 and strangeness +1) with a relatively low mass of about 1530 MeV and total width of less than 15 MeV. It seems that this region of masses has avoided thorough searches in the past.



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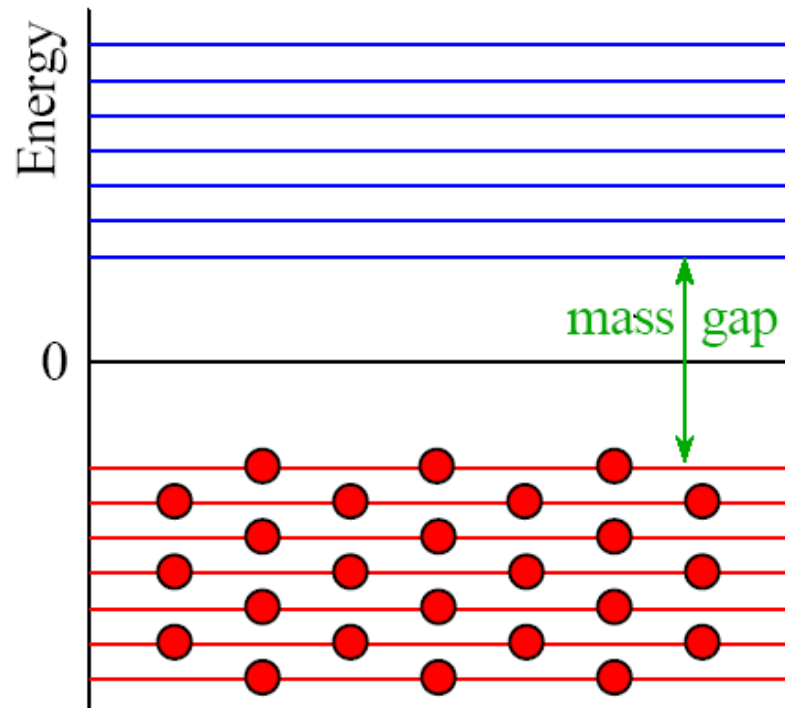
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Quark-soliton model

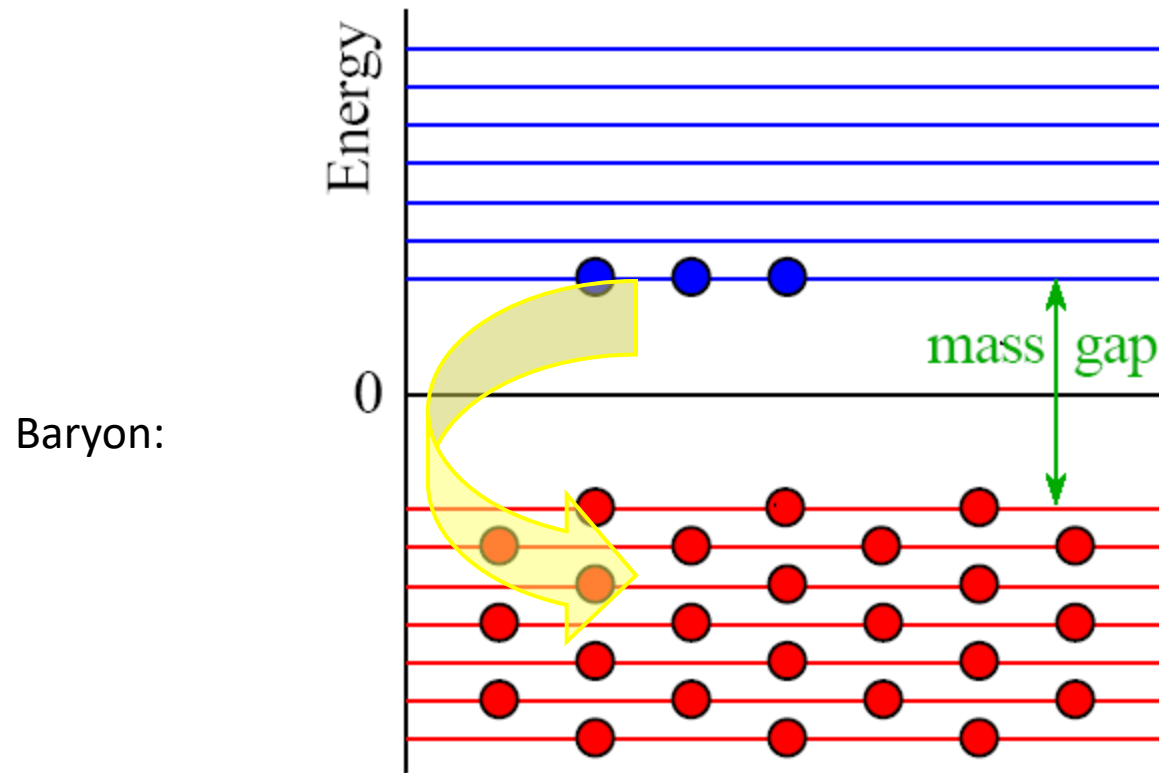
$$\left[i\not{\partial} - M \exp(i\mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\lambda} \gamma_5 P(r)) \right] q = 0$$

Minimize energy with respect to $P(r)$.

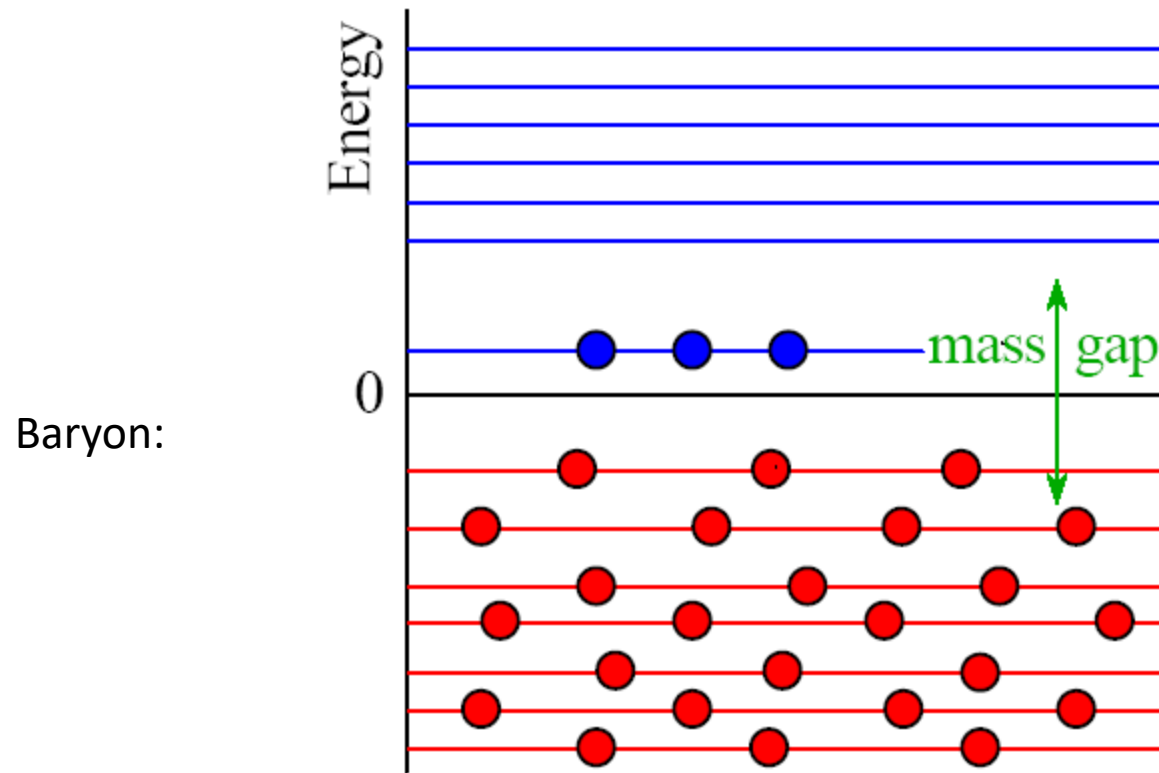
Vacuum.



Spectrum of the Dirac operator



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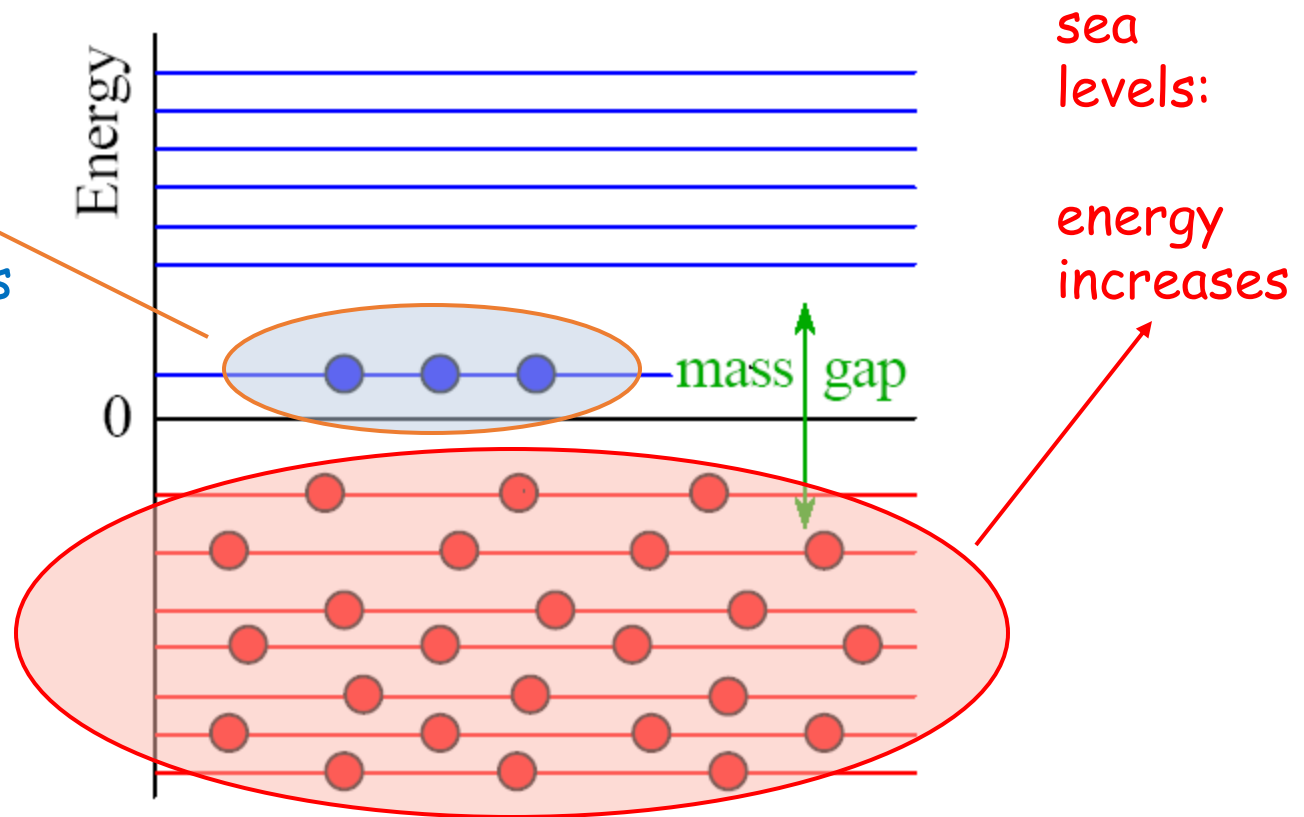


Spectrum of the Dirac operator

valence
level:

energy
decreases

Baryon:



sea
levels:

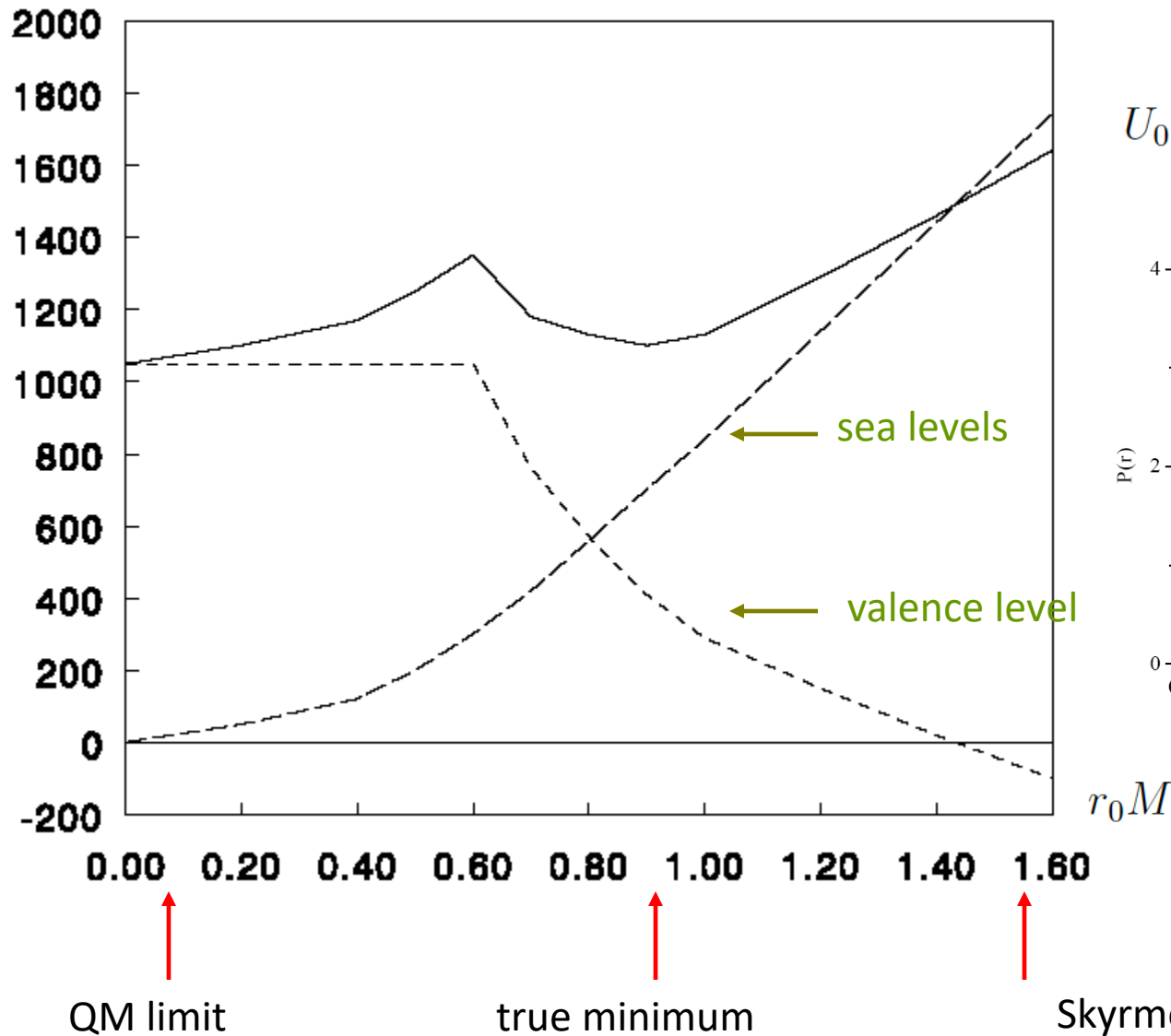
energy
increases

system stabilizes

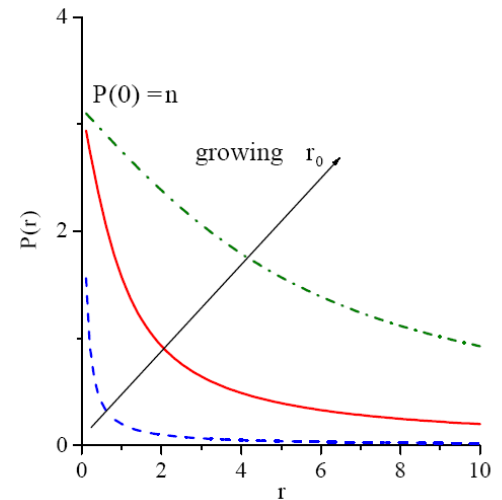
variational approach: $P(r)=P(r/r_0)$

r_0 - soliton size

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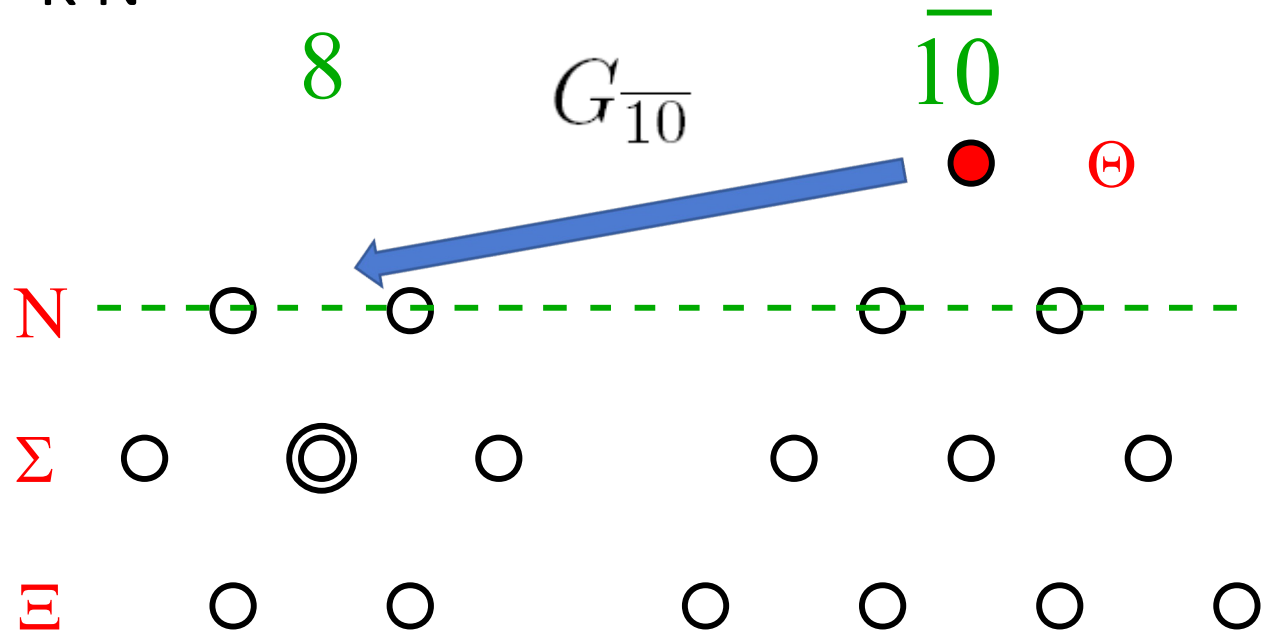


$$U_0 = \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\vec{n}\cdot\vec{\tau}} P(r) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Decay of Theta⁺

$$\Theta^+ \rightarrow K N$$



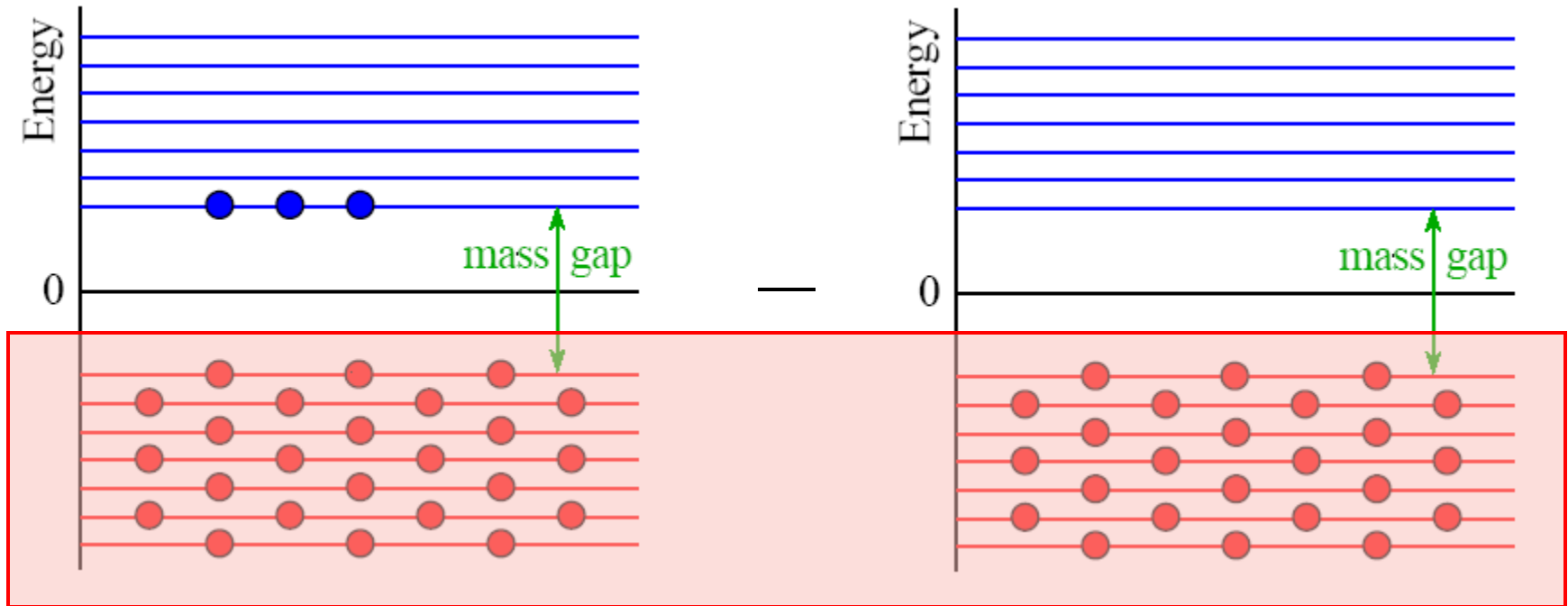
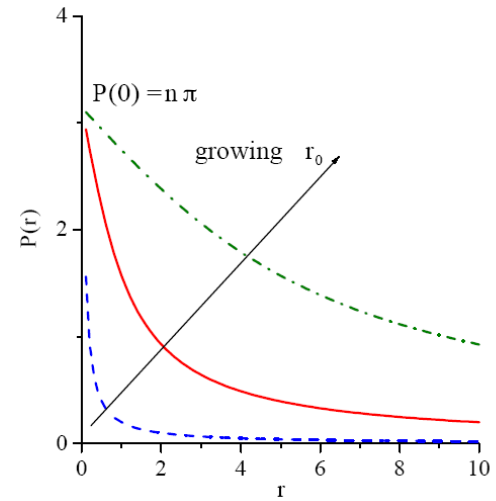
$$g_{\Theta N K} = G_{\overline{10}}$$

NRQM Limit

Diakonov, Petrov, Polyakov, Z.Phys A359 (97) 305

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energy is calculated
with respect to the vacuum:



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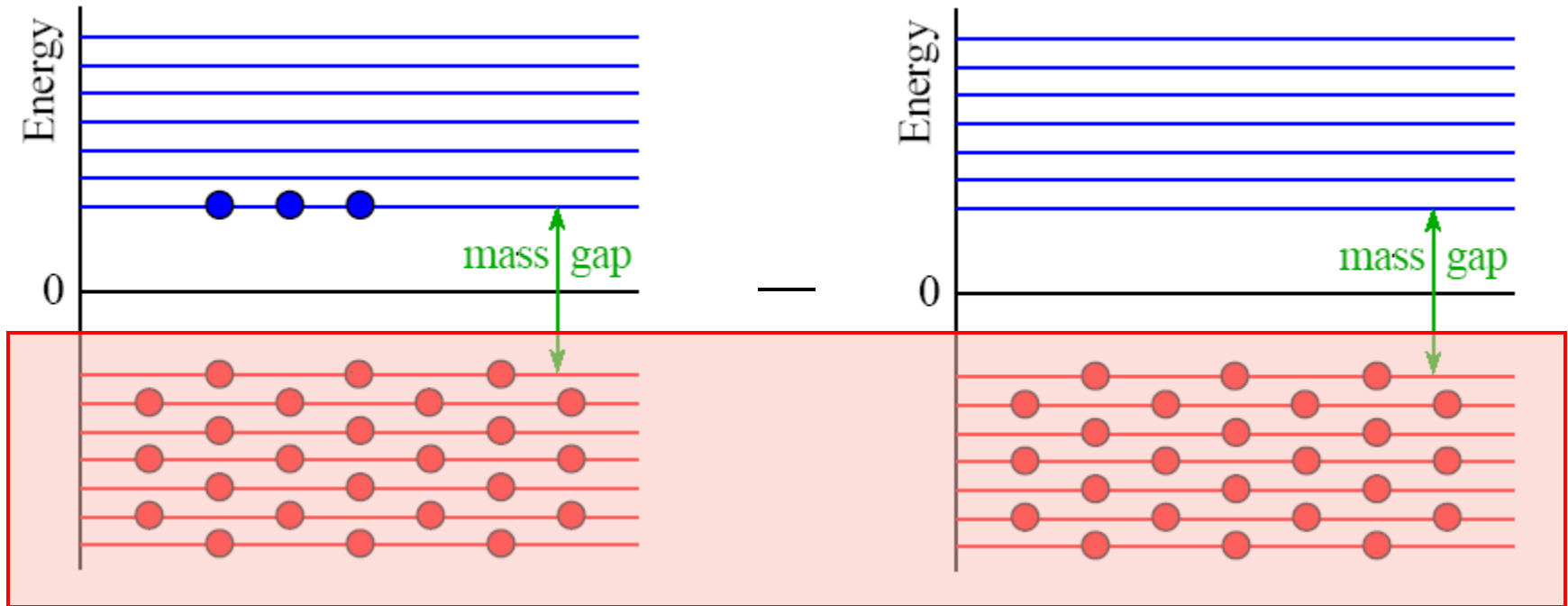
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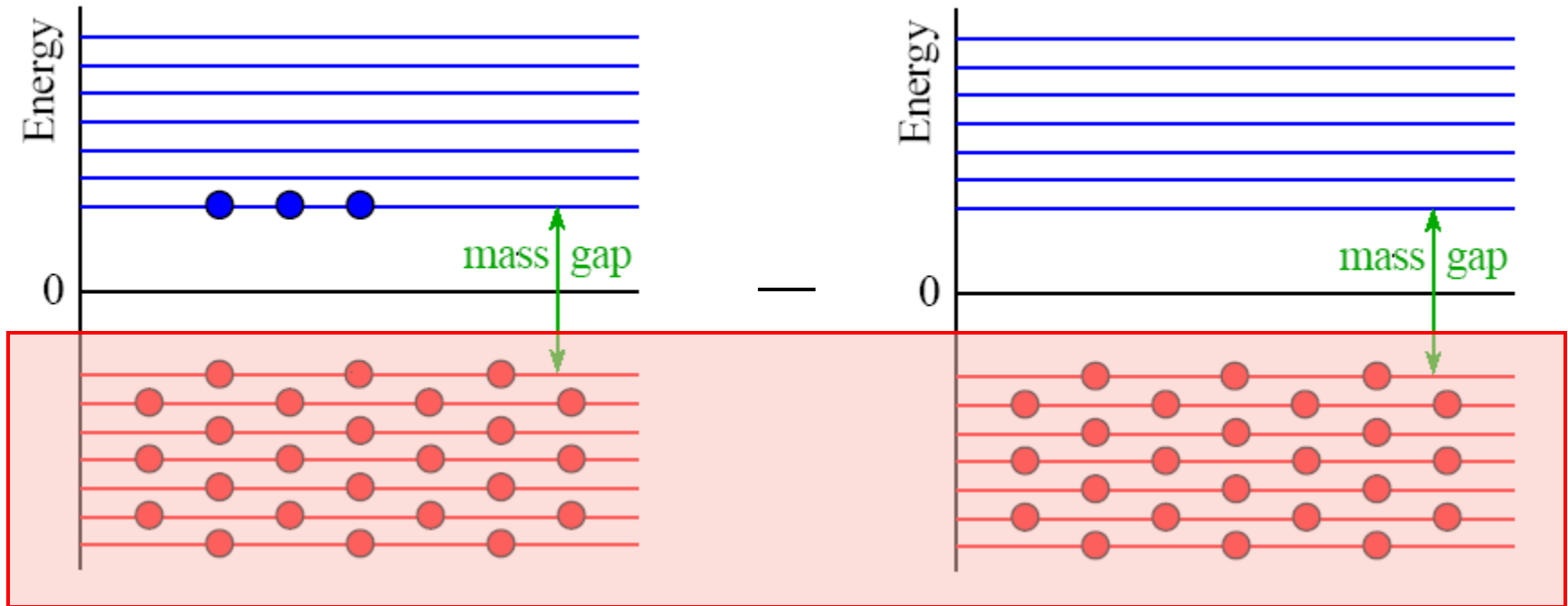
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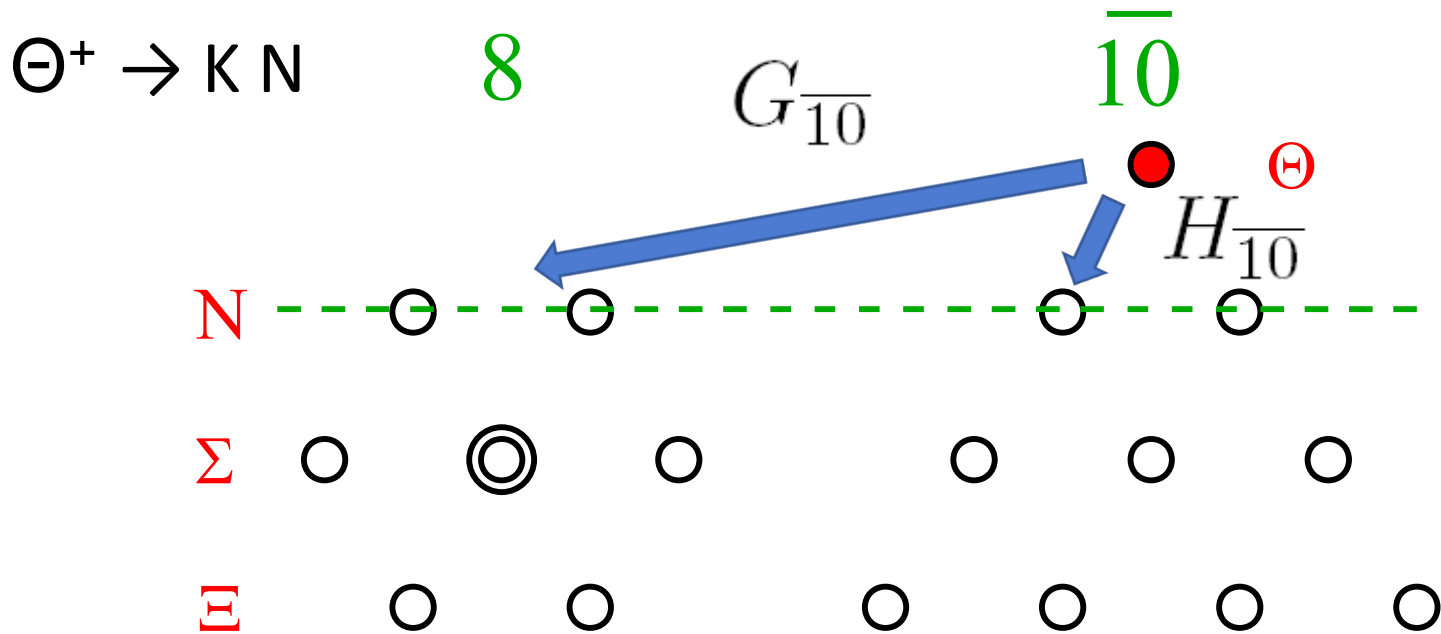
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$$G_{10} = 0$$



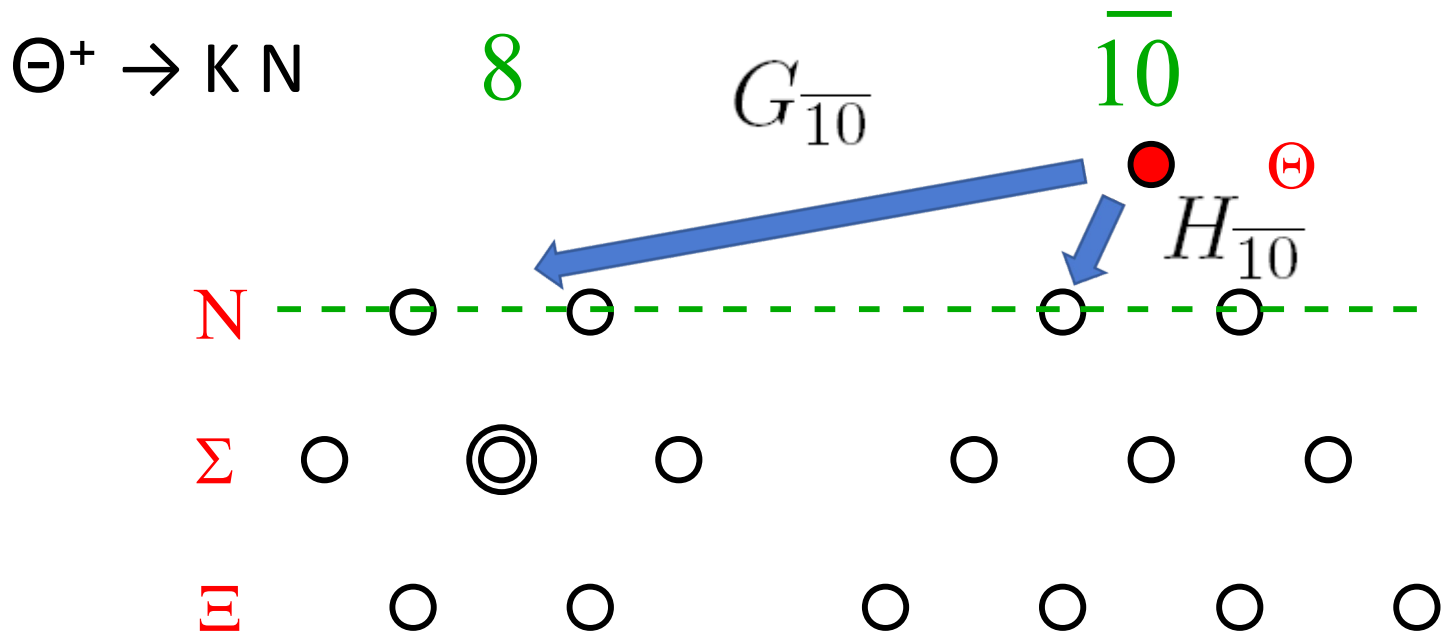
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Antidecuplet: small

small

large negative!

Is small width “unnatural”?

$$\Theta^+ \rightarrow KN \quad p_K = 262 \text{ MeV} \quad \Gamma < 0.64 \text{ (BELLE)}$$

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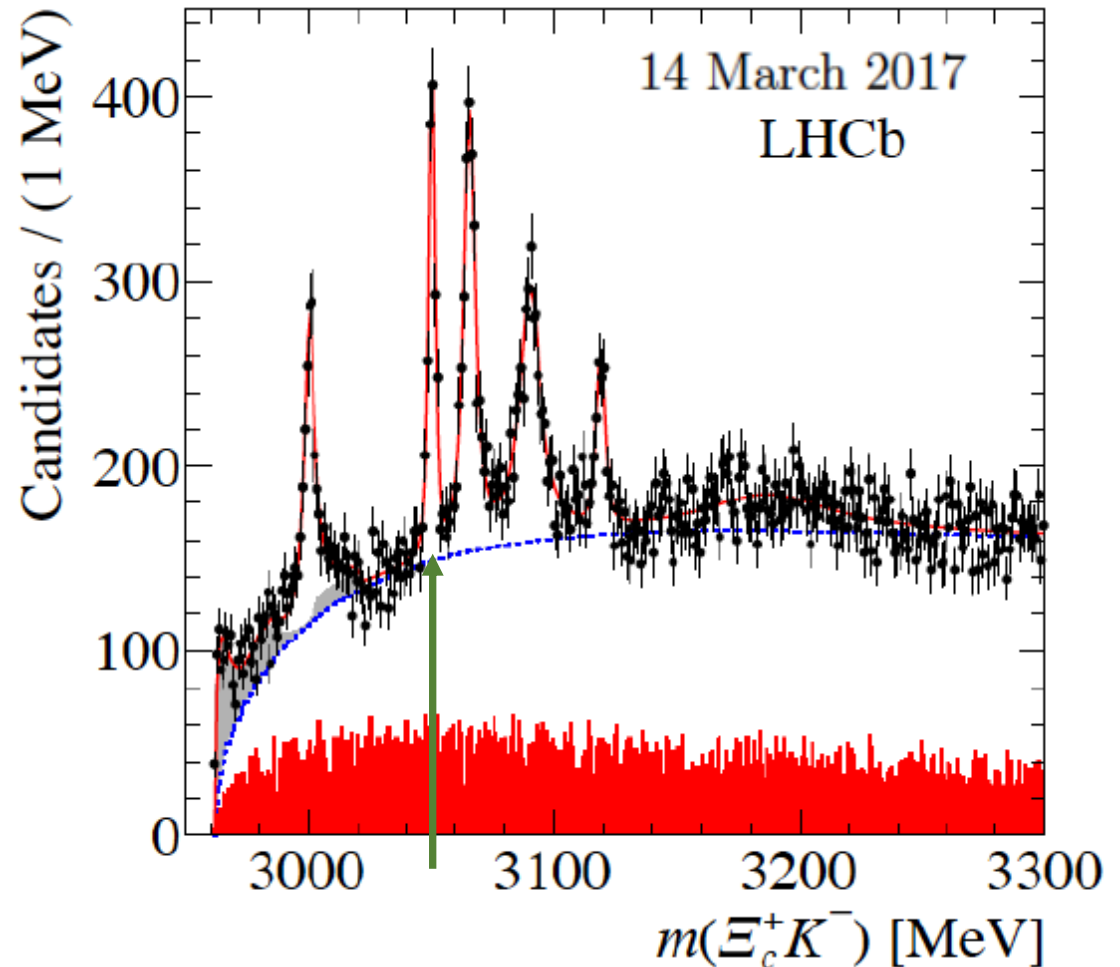
$$\Theta^+ \rightarrow KN \quad p_K = 262 \text{ MeV} \quad \Gamma < 0.64 \text{ (BELLE)}$$

In 2017 LHCb discovers
five excited Ω_c^* states

$$\Omega_c^*(3050) \rightarrow \Xi_c K$$

$$\Gamma < 0.8 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.1$$

$$p_K = 275 \text{ MeV}$$



Experiment

Experimental evidence: DIANA

Ideal formation experiment: K^+n (in practice K^+ beam on nuclear target)

Breit-Wigner cross-section

$$\sigma_{BW}(E) = \frac{2J + 1}{(2S_1 + 1)(2S_2 + 1)} \frac{\pi}{k^2} B_{in} B_{out} \frac{\Gamma^2}{(E - M)^2 + \Gamma^2/4}$$

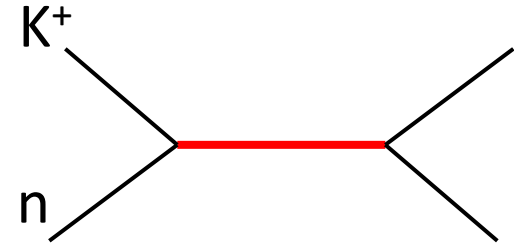
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$$\sigma_{BW}(M) = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sim 16.8 \text{ [mb]}$$



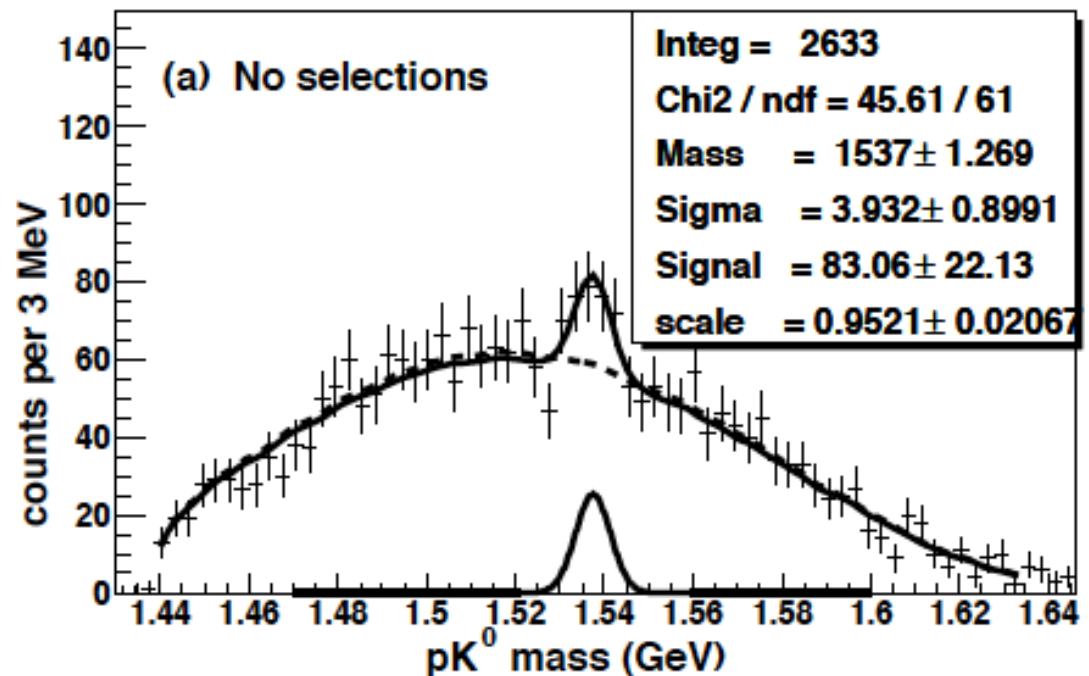
$$\sigma_{BW}^{tot} = \frac{\pi}{4k^2} 2\pi\Gamma \sim 26.4 \times \frac{\Gamma}{1 \text{ MeV}} \text{ [mb} \times \text{MeV]}$$

Experimental evidence: DIANA

DIANA@ITEP Xe bubble chamber K^+ 850 MeV beam

- Phys.Rev. C89 (2014) 4, 045204: $M = 1538 \pm 2 \text{ MeV}$, $\Gamma = 0.34 \pm 01 \text{ MeV}$
- 2003 Yad. Phys. 66 (2003) 1763
- 2007 Yad. Phys. 70
- 2010 Yad. Phys. 73

not seen with the secondary
 K^+ beam at BELLE experiment
 $\Gamma < 0.6 \text{ MeV}$



LEPS @ Spring-8: $\gamma n \rightarrow \text{H}^+ K^-$

T. Nakano et al., [hep-ex/0301020] Phys.Rev.Lett. 91 (2003) 012002

Detector was constructed for another experiment: $\phi \rightarrow K^- K^+$

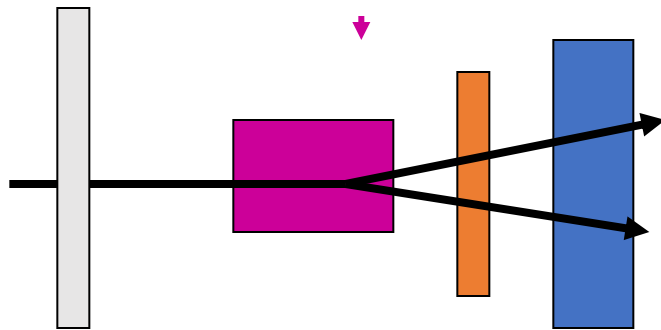
Liquid Hydrogen

5 cm thick

Silicon strip
vertex detector

magnetic
field
0.7 T

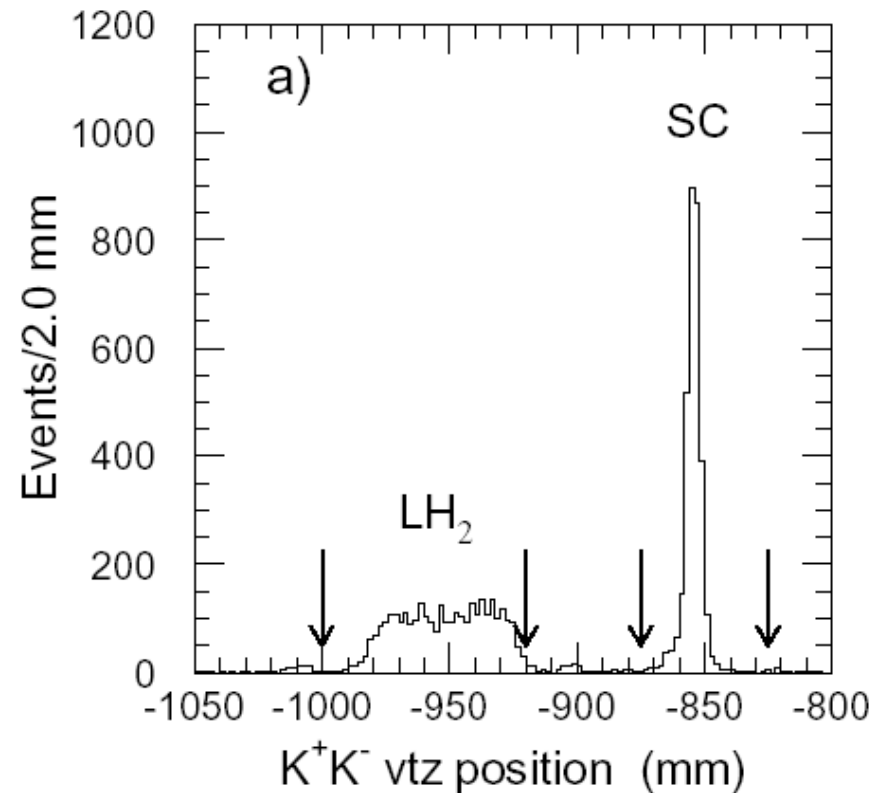
Charge veto



Start Counter

plastic scintillator

0.5 cm thick 9.5 cm from LH₂
contains carbon

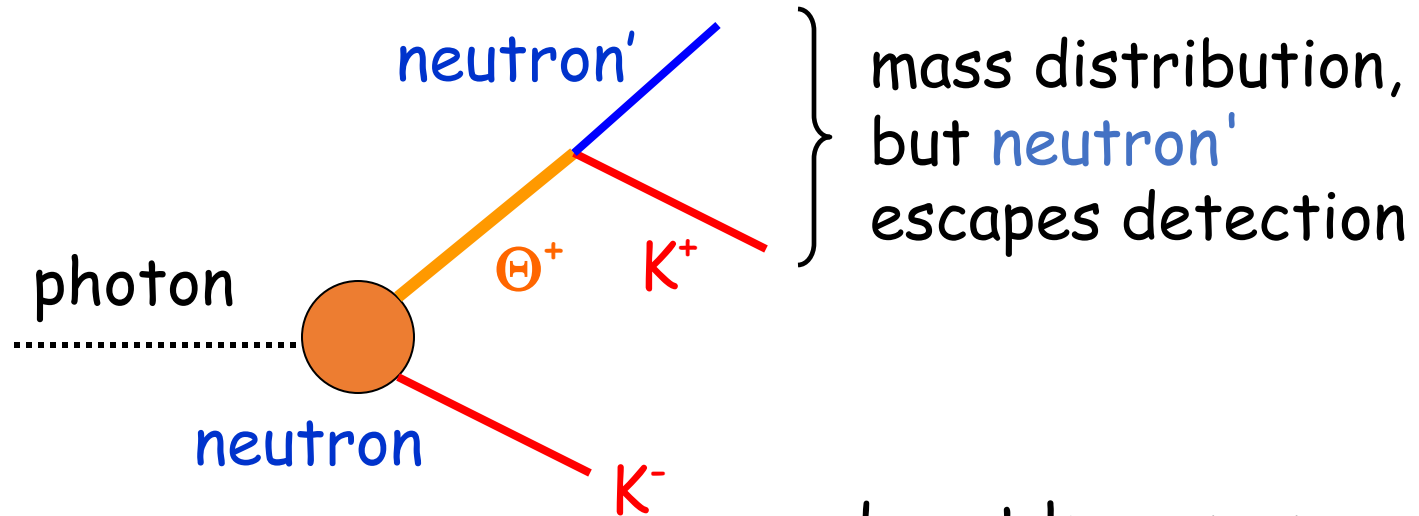




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LEPS @ Spring-8: $\gamma n \rightarrow \text{H}^+ \text{K}^-$



$$MM_{\gamma K^-} = \gamma + n - K^- = n' + K^+$$

we do not know momentum of **neutron** because it is inside Carbon, correction for Fermi motion is needed

Experimental evidence: LEPS

$$\gamma n \rightarrow K^- \Theta^+ \rightarrow K^- K^+ n$$

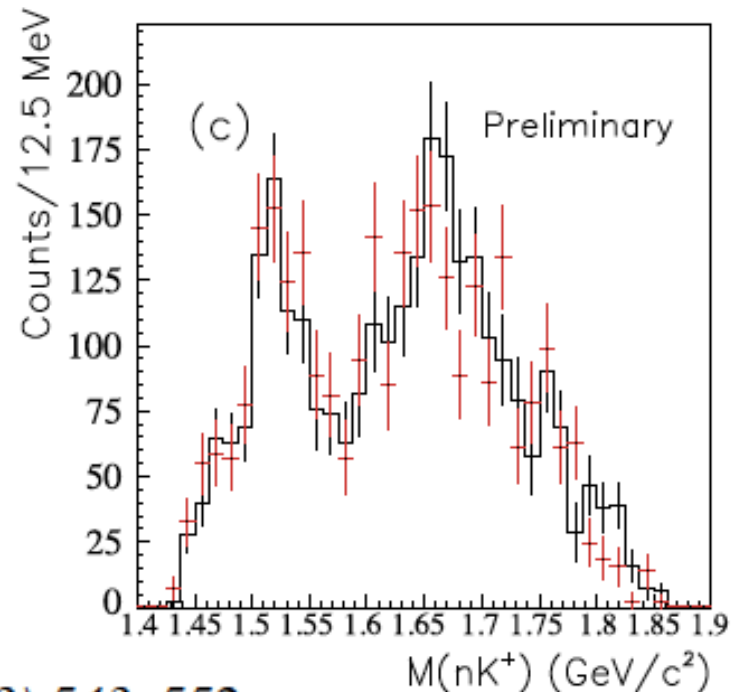
- Photoproduction on C target (neutron): PANIC Oct. 2002
- CLAS: gamma-d similar peak interpreted as fluctuation (unpubl.)
- 2009 LEPS confirms earlier result on C in gamma-d (5 sigma)

PRC 79 (2009) 025210 $M = 1524$

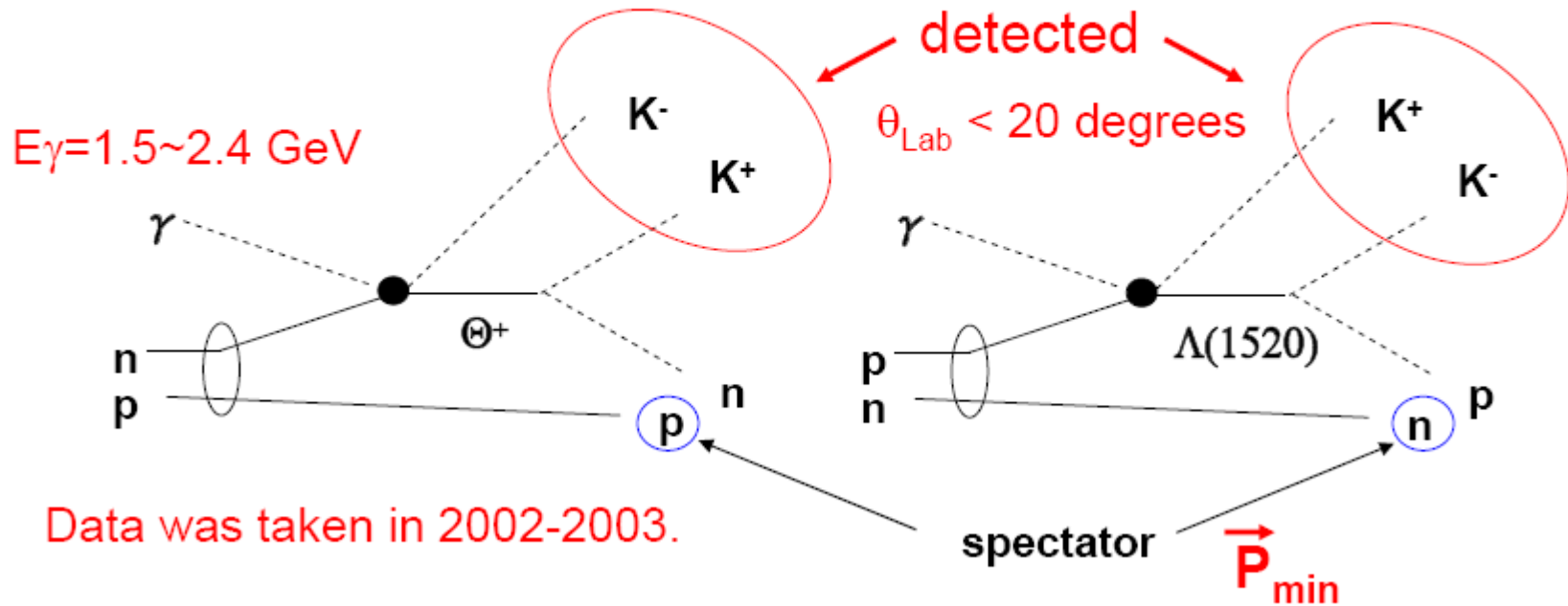
- 2013 LEPS2 gamma-d
no firm statement, analysis
in progress

main problems:

- neutron not seen
- Fermi motion
- background estimation



Θ^+ search at LEPS/SPring-8



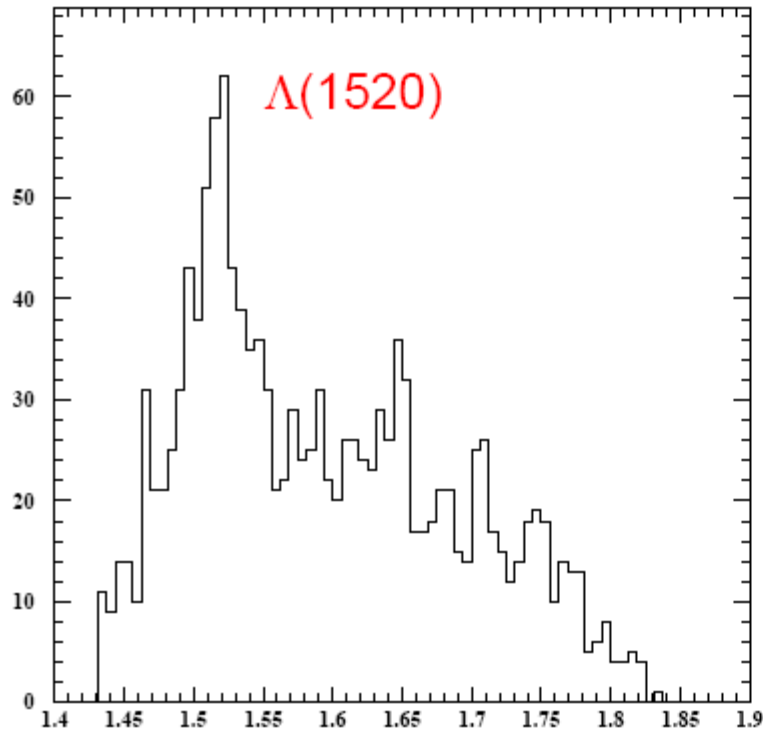
Evidence of the Θ^+ in the $\gamma d \rightarrow K^+ K^- pn$ reaction.

By LEPS Collaboration (T. Nakano *et al.*).

Published in **Phys.Rev.C79:025210,2009.**

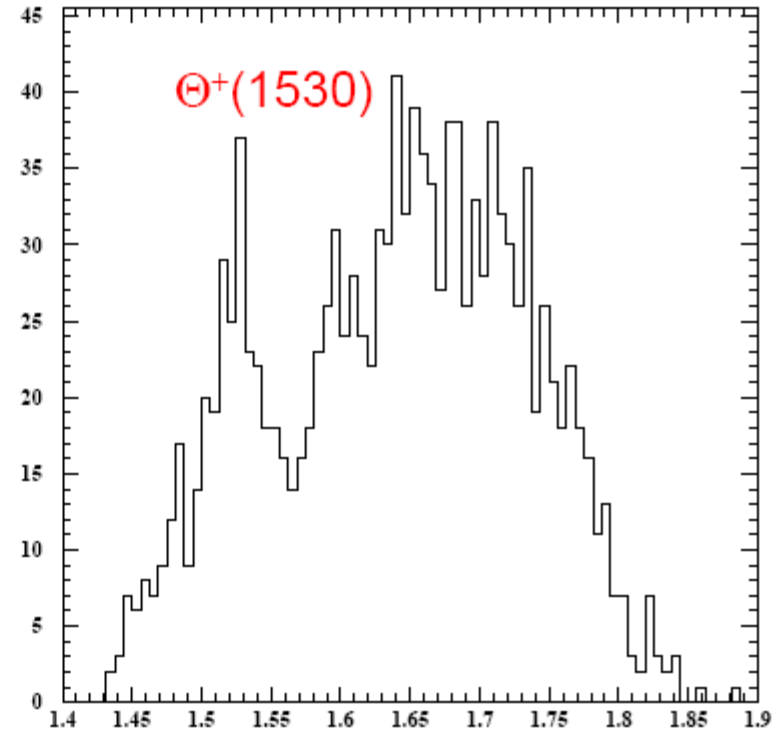
e-Print: **arXiv:0812.1035**

$|p_{\min}| < 50 \text{ MeV}/c$



M_{pK^-} (GeV/c²)

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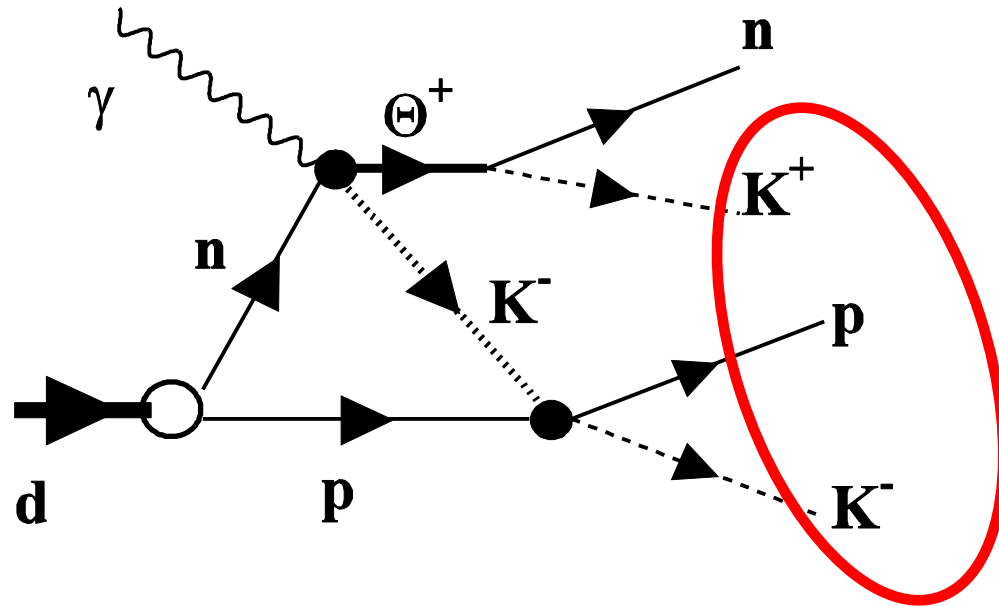


M_{nK^+} (GeV/c²)

- Significance is estimated by dividing the Gaussian peak height by its uncertainty. Estimated significance is ~ 5 .

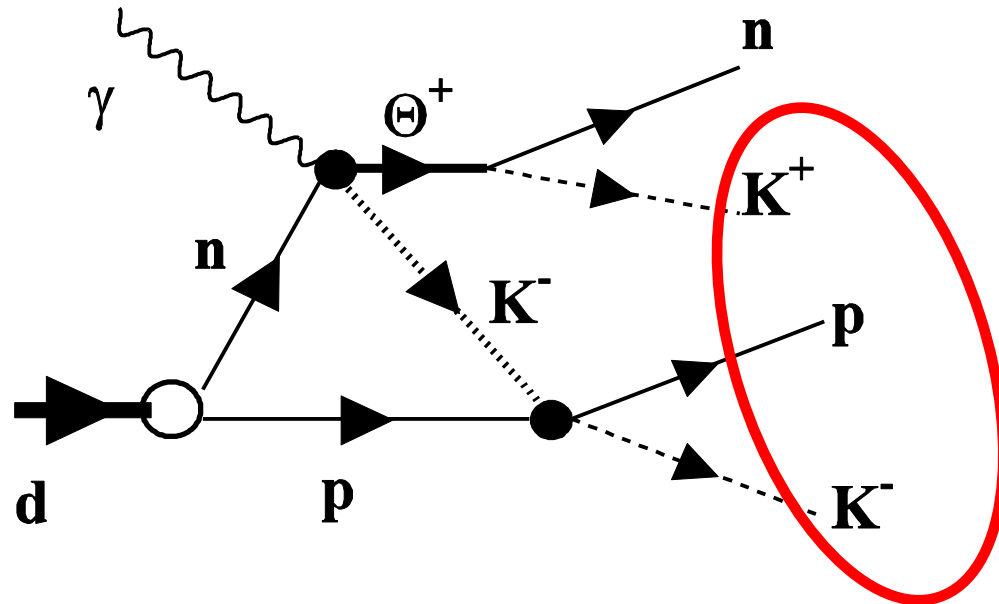
LEPS2 taking data 2022/23 !!!!

Gamma deuteron at CLAS



S. Stepanyan *et al.* [CLAS], "Observation of an exotic $S = +1$ baryon in exclusive photoproduction from the deuteron," *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **91**, 252001 (2003).

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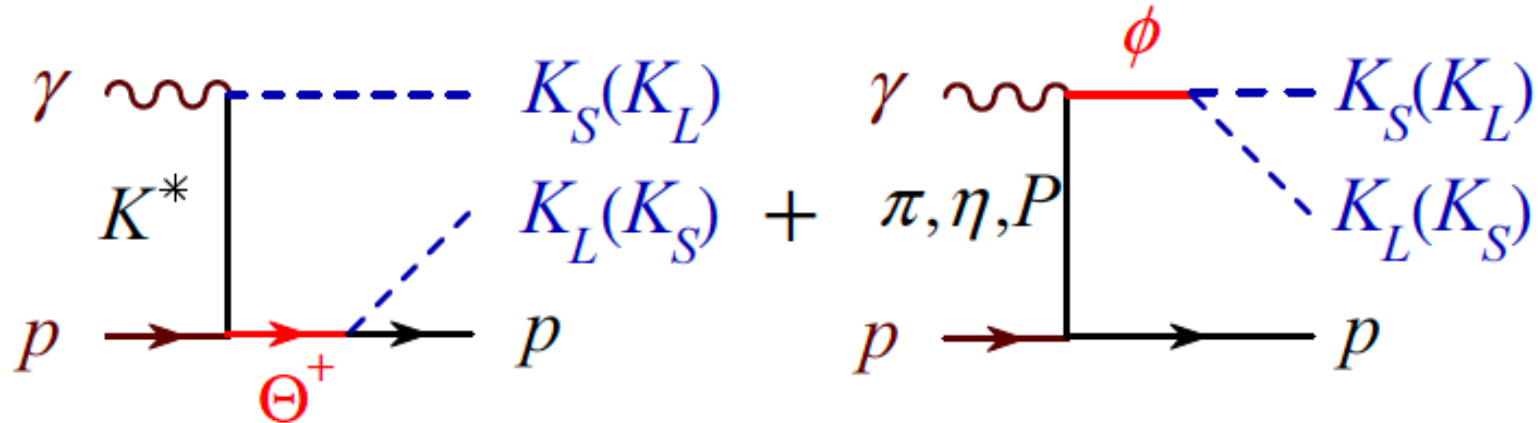
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B. McKinnon *et al.* [CLAS], "Search for the Θ^+ pentaquark in the reaction $\gamma d \rightarrow p K^- K^+ n$," Phys. Rev. Lett. **96**, 212001 (2006).

CLAS@JLab interference experiment

Photoproduction cross-section for Θ^+ production is small due to the smallness of $g_{\Theta NK}$ coupling and unknown (small) coupling of gamma to K^*K .

Negative result from CLAS. However, Phi meson is copiously produced.



To see the exotic Θ^+ baryon from interference

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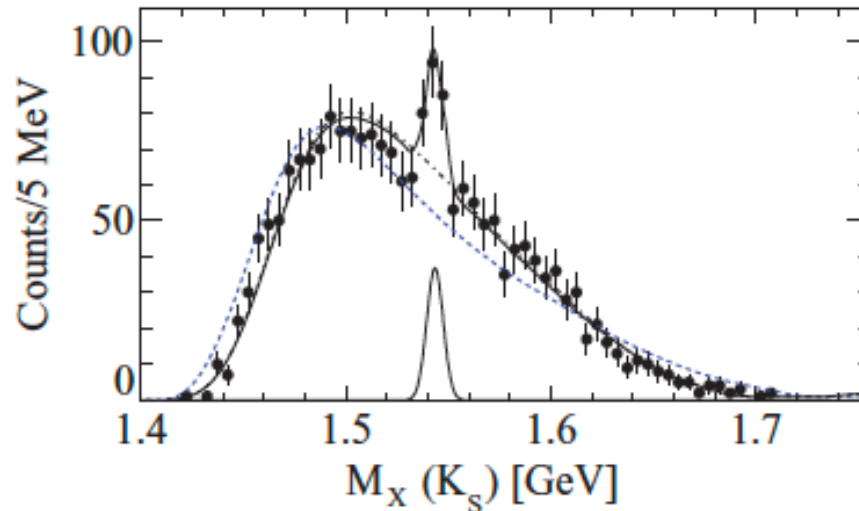
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CLAS@JLab interference experiment

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 85, 035209 (2012)

Observation of a narrow structure in ${}^1\text{H}(\gamma, K_S^0)X$ via interference with ϕ -meson production

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$M = 1543 \text{ MeV}$
Gaussian width = 6 MeV
significance = 5.3σ

FIG. 11. (Color online) Missing mass of K_S with cuts $-t_\Theta < 0.45 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $M(pK_S) < 1.56 \text{ GeV}$. The dashed line is the result of a ϕ Monte Carlo simulation, the dashed-dotted line is a modified Monte Carlo distribution, and the solid line is the result of a fit with a modified Monte Carlo distribution plus a Gaussian function.

CLAS@JLab interference experiment

Comment on the narrow structure reported by Amaryan *et al.*

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5 years!



An extensive review of the analysis in Ref. [1] was carried out by two separate committees of the Hadron Spectroscopy Physics Working Group in the CLAS Collaboration. In both cases, the committees came to the same conclusion: the physics claims of Ref. [1] could not be supported. The reasons for this conclusion are manyfold, but a primary concern is the lack of justification for the kinematic cuts used in that analysis.

Happy ending?

Very likely the reports of Theta+ death are greatly exaggerated. We still need to wait for a conclusive formation experiment. In the meantime new LEPS2 results may shed some light on a missing victim. K^0 program at CLAS may also shed light on Theta+

Thank you