

## Solutions to the homework #4 (Due March 24)

### ① Griffiths, 4.32

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 (a) \Sigma^{*0} \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \pi^- & \text{Due to } \Sigma^{*0} = |1; 0\rangle & \pi^- = |1; -1\rangle, \text{ we have} \\
 (b) \Sigma^{*0} \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \pi^0 & \Sigma^+ = |1; 1\rangle & \pi^0 = |1; 0\rangle \\
 (c) \Sigma^{*0} \rightarrow \Sigma^- \pi^+ & \Sigma^0 = |1; 0\rangle & \pi^+ = |1; 1\rangle \\
 & \Sigma^- = |1; -1\rangle &
 \end{array}$$

$$M = \langle \psi_f | \hat{H} | \psi_i \rangle$$

$$(a) \psi_f = |1; 1\rangle |1; -1\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} |2; 0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} |1; 0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |0; 0\rangle$$

$$(b) \psi_f = |1; 0\rangle |1; 0\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |2; 0\rangle + 0 |1; 0\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |0; 0\rangle$$

$$(c) \psi_f = |1; -1\rangle |1; 1\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} |2; 0\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} |1; 0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |0; 0\rangle$$

$$\psi_i = |1; 0\rangle$$

$$\text{Hence } M_a = 1/2 = M_c, \text{ but } M_b = 0.$$

Finally from 100 disintegrations 50 will be in (a) decay, and 50 in (c).  
There are no disintegrations in (b).

### ② Griffiths, 4.34

$$\eta \rightarrow 2\pi; \quad \eta \rightarrow 3\pi; \quad \eta \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$$

(a)  $\eta \rightarrow 2\pi$  is forbidden for strong and e/m interactions, because of

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{"P-parity": for } \eta: P_\eta = -1 \\
 \text{for } 2\pi: P_{2\pi} = (-1)^n = 1 \quad \} P_i \neq P_f
 \end{array}$$

and because of Charge conjugation x Parity (CP) violation:

$$CP|\eta\rangle = (+1)(-1) = -1$$

$$CP|2\pi\rangle = 1.$$

(b)  $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$  is forbidden as strong interaction and allowed as e/m,  
because "P-parity" is conserved  $P_\eta = -1 = P_{3\pi} = (-1)^3 = (-1)^2 = -1$ ,  
and C-charge conjugation is conserved, but strangeness of the reaction  
is not conserved.

### 3. Griffiths 5.18

The experimental results say that

$$\Gamma(\psi \rightarrow \text{hadrons}) : \Gamma(\psi \rightarrow e^+ e^-) : \Gamma(\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = 88\% : 6\% : 6\%$$

Due to  $\Gamma = \sigma v |\psi(0)|$ , let's compare  $\sigma(\psi \rightarrow \text{hadrons}) : \sigma(\psi \rightarrow e^+ e^-) : \sigma(\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ .

$$\sigma(\psi \rightarrow \text{hadrons}) = \frac{16}{9} (\pi^2 - 9) \frac{5}{18} \alpha_s^3 \frac{\hbar^2}{m_c^2 c^2} \frac{c}{v}$$

$$\sigma(\psi \rightarrow e^+ e^-) = \sigma(\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = \frac{16\pi}{3} \left( \frac{q_c q_e}{m_c c^2} \right)^2 \frac{c}{v}$$

Finally we have:  $\Gamma(\psi \rightarrow \text{hadrons}) : \Gamma(\psi \rightarrow e^+ e^-) : \Gamma(\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) =$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{16}{9} (\pi^2 - 9) \frac{5}{18} \alpha_s^3 \frac{\hbar^2}{m_c^2 c^2} : \frac{16\pi}{3} \left( \frac{q_c q_e}{m_c c^2} \right)^2 : \frac{16\pi}{3} \left( \frac{q_c q_e}{m_c c^2} \right)^2 = \\ & \sim 0.424 \alpha_s^3 \hbar^2 : 16.747 \frac{(q_c q_e)^2}{c^2} : 16.747 \frac{(q_c q_e)^2}{c^2} = 0.424 \alpha_s^3 \hbar^2 : \frac{16.747}{c^2} \left( \frac{2}{3} \times 1e^2 \right)^2 : \frac{16.747}{c^2} \left( \frac{2}{3} \times 1e^2 \right)^2 = \\ & 0.424 \alpha_s^3 : \left( \frac{e^2}{\hbar c} \right)^2 7.411 : \left( \frac{e^2}{\hbar c} \right)^2 7.411 = 4.24 \times 10^{-4} : 7.411 \alpha^2 : 7.411 \alpha^2 = 4.24 \times 10^{-4} : 3.97 \times 10^{-4} : 3.97 \times 10^{-4} = \end{aligned}$$

1.07 : 1 : 1 = 35% : 32.5% : 32.5%, Which is not consistent with the experiment.

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(b) For "beautifull" mesons:

$$M(b\bar{u}) = m_b + m_u - 3 \frac{m_u^2}{m_u m_b} \times 160 = 4700 + 310 - 480 \frac{310}{4700 \cdot 310} \approx \boxed{4978 \text{ MeV}/c^2}$$

$$\text{The experiment result: } \boxed{M(b\bar{u}) = 5281 \text{ MeV}/c^2}$$

$$M((b\bar{u})^*) = m_b + m_u + \frac{1}{4} \times 160 \frac{(2 \cdot m_u)^2}{m_b m_u} = \boxed{5021 \text{ MeV}/c^2}$$

$$M(b\bar{d}) = M(b\bar{u}) = \boxed{4978 \text{ MeV}/c^2}$$

$$M((b\bar{d})^*) = M((b\bar{u})^*) = \boxed{5021 \text{ MeV}/c^2}$$

$$M(b\bar{s}) = m_b + m_s - \frac{3 \times 160 \times m_u^2}{m_b m_s} = \boxed{5163 \text{ MeV}/c^2}$$

$$M((b\bar{s})^*) = m_b + m_s + \frac{160 \times m_u^2}{m_b m_s} = \boxed{5189 \text{ MeV}/c^2}$$

$$M(b\bar{c}) = m_b + m_c - 3 \frac{m_u^2 \times 160}{(m_b m_c)} = \boxed{6193 \text{ MeV}/c^2}$$

$$M((b\bar{c})^*) = m_b + m_c + \frac{m_u^2 \times 160}{(m_b m_c)} = \boxed{6202 \text{ MeV}/c^2}$$

$$M(b\bar{b}) = 2m_b - 3 \frac{m_u^2 \times 160}{m_b^2} = \boxed{9398 \text{ MeV}/c^2}$$

$$M((b\bar{b})^*) = 2m_b + \frac{m_u^2 \times 160}{m_b^2} = \boxed{9401 \text{ MeV}/c^2}$$

④ Griffiths 5.23

$$M(\text{meson}) = m_1 + m_2 + A \cdot \frac{(\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2)}{m_1 m_2}, \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{for pseudoscalars } \vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 = -\frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 \\ \text{for scalars } \vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 = \frac{1}{4} \hbar^2 \end{array}$$

$$(a) \quad M(\eta_c(c\bar{c})) = 2m_c + \frac{\vec{S}_c \cdot \vec{S}_{\bar{c}}}{m_c^2} \cdot \left(\frac{2m_u}{\hbar}\right)^2 \frac{160 \text{ MeV}}{c^2} = 2 \cdot 1.5 \times 10^3 \text{ MeV} + \frac{(-\frac{3}{4}) \cdot 4 \cdot 160 \text{ MeV}}{(1500 \text{ MeV})^2}$$

$$= 2 \times (1.5 \times 10^3 \text{ MeV}) - \frac{3}{4} \times 160 \text{ MeV} \frac{(2 \times 310 \text{ MeV})^2}{(1500 \text{ MeV})^2} \approx \boxed{2979.5 \text{ MeV}}$$

From an experiment  $M_{\eta_c} = 2979.8 \pm 2.1 \text{ MeV}$  where  $c=1$   $\Rightarrow$  Good agreement with experiment!

$$M(D(c\bar{u})) = m_c + m_u - \frac{3}{4} \times 160 \text{ MeV} \left[ \frac{610^2}{m_u \cdot m_c} \right] = 1500 + 310 - \frac{3}{4} \times 160 \frac{610^2}{1500 \cdot 310} \approx \boxed{1411 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c^2}}$$

The experimental result:  $M_D = 1865 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

$$M(F(c\bar{s})) = m_c + m_s - 3 \times 160 \times \frac{310^2}{m_c m_s} = 1500 + 483 - 3 \times 160 \times \frac{310^2}{1500 \cdot 483} \approx \boxed{1920 \text{ MeV}/c^2}$$

The experiment result:  $M_F = 1971 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

$$M(\psi(c\bar{c})) = 2m_c + \frac{1}{4} \times 160 \left( \frac{2 \cdot 310}{m_c} \right)^2 = 2 \cdot 1500 + 40 \left( \frac{620}{1500} \right)^2 = \boxed{3007 \text{ MeV}/c^2}$$

From experiments:  $M_{\psi} \approx 3097 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

$$M(D^*(c\bar{u})) = m_c + m_u + 160 \left( \frac{310^2}{m_c m_u} \right) = \boxed{1843 \text{ MeV}/c^2} \quad \text{Experiment } M_{D^*} = 2010 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c^2}$$

$$M(F^*(c\bar{s})) = m_c + m_s + 160 \times \frac{310^2}{m_c m_s} = \boxed{2004 \text{ MeV}/c^2}$$

⑤ Griffiths 5.24

The spin-flavor wave function for  $\Sigma^+ | \uparrow \uparrow \rangle$  and  $\Lambda | \downarrow \downarrow \rangle$ : mixed symmetry  $J = 1/2$

$$| \Sigma^+ : \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \rangle = \psi_{\Sigma^+}(\text{spin}) \cdot \psi_{\Sigma^+}(\text{flavor}) =$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} (\psi_{12}(\text{spin}) \psi_{12}(\text{flavor}) + \psi_{23}(\text{spin}) \psi_{23}(\text{flavor}) + \psi_{31}(\text{spin}) \psi_{31}(\text{flavor})) =$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) (u s u - s u u) + \frac{1}{2} (|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle - |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle) (u s s - u s u) + \frac{1}{2} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) (u s s - s u u) \right] =$$

$$= \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} [2u(\uparrow)u(\uparrow)s(\downarrow) - u(\uparrow)u(\downarrow)s(\uparrow) - u(\downarrow)u(\uparrow)d(\uparrow)] + \text{permutations.}$$

$$| \Lambda : \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \rangle = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left[ (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) (u s d - s u d + d s u - s d u) + \right.$$

$$\left. + (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) (u d s - s d u + u d s - u s d) + (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) (u d s - d s u + u d s - u s d) \right]$$

⑥ Griffiths, 5.32

The mass of the baryon can be found from the equation:

$$M = m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + A' \left[ \frac{\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2}{m_1 m_2} + \frac{\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_3}{m_1 m_3} + \frac{\vec{S}_2 \cdot \vec{S}_3}{m_2 m_3} \right]$$

$\Xi$  baryon has a constitution  $uss$ :  $I=1/2$ ,  $S=-2$ , hence

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\Xi} &= 2m_s + m_u + \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \left( \frac{2m_u}{\hbar} \right)^2 \times 50 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c^2} \left[ \frac{1}{m_s^2} - \frac{4}{m_u m_s} \right] = \\ &= 2 \times 538 + 363 + 363^2 \times 50 \left[ \frac{1}{538} - \frac{4}{538 \cdot 363} \right] = \boxed{1327 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Experiment:  $M_{\Xi} = 1318 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c^2}$