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# DYNAMICAL THEORY OF NONLEPTONIC HYPERON $P$ WAVES IN $SU(6)$ SYMMETRY

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On the basis of  $CP$  invariance and of transformation of the nonleptonic interaction as the  $\underline{35}$  of  $SU(6)$ , a definite understanding of nonleptonic hyperon  $S$  waves has recently been reached.<sup>1</sup> The presence of orbital angular momentum has not allowed so far for a simple understanding of nonleptonic hyperon  $P$  waves. Orbital angular momentum can be introduced following the

general scheme proposed by Gell-Mann.<sup>2</sup> However, the large number of parameters in such a general treatment does not allow for useful predictions on the  $P$  waves. In this note we propose a dynamical theory of nonleptonic hyperon  $P$  waves. We supplement the assumptions of  $CP$  invariance and of behavior as  $\underline{35}$  of the interaction with the assumption of dominance

of the baryon intermediate states of  $\underline{56}$  in a one-variable dispersion relation. We find the following relations for the  $P$  amplitudes (in addition to those following from  $\Delta T = \frac{1}{2}$ ):

$$P(\Sigma_-^-) = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$P(\Lambda_-^0) = \sqrt{3} P(\Sigma_0^+), \quad (2)$$

$$\sqrt{2} P(\Xi_-^-) = P(\Omega_-^- \pi_-), \quad (3)$$

$$P(\Omega_-^- \pi_-) = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{1/2} P(\Omega_-^- K_-). \quad (4)$$

Equations (1) and (2) are obtained also with the lower symmetry  $SU(4)(T) \otimes SU(2)(X) \otimes W(Y)$ ,<sup>3</sup> instead of the full  $SU(6)$  symmetry—actually

Eq. (1) is strictly inherent to the dynamical model.

Comparison with the data must be carried out for the same choice of amplitudes that was found to agree with the  $SU(6)$  predictions for  $S$  waves.<sup>4</sup> Equation (1) reads  $-0.39 \pm 0.60 = 0$ ; Eq. (2) reads  $2.0 \pm 0.25 = \sqrt{3}(3.6 \pm 0.35)$  for Solution (i), or  $2.0 \pm 0.25 = \sqrt{3}(1.7 \pm 0.2)$  if one chooses Solution (ii). The latter solution is then preferred. It is known, however—*risus dolore miscebitur*—that neither Solution (i) nor (ii) agrees well with the  $\Delta T = \frac{1}{2}$  relation  $\sqrt{2} \Sigma_0^+ = -\Sigma_-^- + \Sigma_+^+$ . Equations (3) and (4) can be used to derive lower limits to the rates of  $\Omega_-^- \rightarrow \Xi_0^0 + \pi^-$  (briefly  $\Omega_-^- \pi_-$ ) and of  $\Omega_-^- \rightarrow \Lambda^0 + K^-$  (briefly  $\Omega_-^- K_-$ ). We obtain<sup>4</sup>

$$\Gamma(\Omega_-^- \rightarrow \Xi_0^0 + \pi^-) \geq \Gamma_P(\Omega_-^- \rightarrow \Xi_0^0 + \pi^-) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{\Xi}^2}{m_{\Lambda} m_{\Omega}} \left(\frac{K_{\Xi}}{K_{\Lambda}}\right)^3 2\Gamma_P(\Xi_-^-) \approx 118 \times 10^7 \text{ sec}^{-1}, \quad (5)$$

$$\Gamma(\Omega_-^- \rightarrow \Lambda^0 + K^-) \geq \Gamma_P(\Omega_-^- \rightarrow \Lambda^0 + K^-) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{\Xi}}{m_{\Omega}} \left(\frac{K_{\Lambda}'}{K_{\Lambda}}\right)^3 3\Gamma_P(\Xi_-^-) \approx 64.5 \times 10^7 \text{ sec}^{-1}, \quad (6)$$

where  $\Gamma_P$  is the rate for decay into  $P$  wave;  $K_{\Xi}$  and  $K_{\Lambda}'$  are the momenta of the final  $\Xi$  and  $\Lambda$  in  $\Omega_-^-$  decay, respectively;  $K_{\Lambda}$  is the momentum of the  $\Lambda$  emitted in  $\Xi$  decay. The predicted  $P$ -wave rates, Eqs. (5) and (6), are smaller than the estimates by Glashow and Socolow, who give  $\Gamma_P(\Omega_-^- \rightarrow \Xi_0^0 + \pi^-) \approx 178 \times 10^7 \text{ sec}^{-1}$  and  $\Gamma_P(\Omega_-^- \rightarrow \Lambda^0 + K^-) \approx 94 \times 10^7 \text{ sec}^{-1}$ .<sup>5</sup>

To derive the above results we assume a one-variable dispersion relation in the squared initial four momentum and the dominance of the intermediate baryon states of  $\underline{56}$ . The general amplitude is a linear combination of the following four terms (corresponding to the four possible invariants that can be formed out of the baryon tensor  $B^{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ , the mesons  $M_{\alpha}^{\beta}$ , the intermediate baryons  $\bar{B}^{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ , and the orbital angular-momentum spurion  $t_{\alpha}^{\beta}$ ):

$$\sum_P B_{\lambda\mu\nu} \dagger M_{\rho}^{\sigma} t_{\sigma}^{\rho} \bar{B}^{\lambda\mu\nu} \eta(\alpha\beta\gamma) \times \bar{B}_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \dagger B^{\alpha\beta\delta} x_{\delta}^{\gamma} \gamma_{\delta}^{\alpha} \beta_{\delta}^{\gamma}, \quad (7)$$

$$\sum_P B_{\lambda\mu\sigma} \dagger M_{\rho}^{\sigma} t_{\nu}^{\rho} \bar{B}^{\lambda\mu\nu} \eta(\alpha\beta\gamma) \times \bar{B}_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \dagger B^{\alpha\beta\delta} x_{\delta}^{\gamma} \gamma_{\delta}^{\alpha} \beta_{\delta}^{\gamma}, \quad (7')$$

$$\sum_P B_{\lambda\mu\rho} \dagger M_{\nu}^{\sigma} t_{\sigma}^{\rho} \bar{B}^{\lambda\mu\nu} \eta(\alpha\beta\gamma) \times \bar{B}_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \dagger B^{\alpha\beta\delta} x_{\delta}^{\gamma} \gamma_{\delta}^{\alpha} \beta_{\delta}^{\gamma}, \quad (7'')$$

$$\sum_P B_{\lambda\sigma\rho} \dagger M_{\mu}^{\rho} t_{\nu}^{\sigma} \bar{B}^{\lambda\mu\nu} \eta(\alpha\beta\gamma) \times \bar{B}_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \dagger B^{\alpha\beta\delta} x_{\delta}^{\gamma} \gamma_{\delta}^{\alpha} \beta_{\delta}^{\gamma}. \quad (7''')$$

In Eqs. (7)-(7'''),  $x_{\alpha}^{\beta}$  is the weak spurion,  $\sum_P$  denotes summation on all permutations of the indices  $\lambda\mu\nu$  into  $\alpha\beta\gamma$ , and the weight factor  $\eta(\alpha\beta\gamma)$  accounts for the normalizations of the components of  $B^{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ ;  $\eta(\alpha\beta\gamma) = 1, 3, 6$  for  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma$ , or  $\alpha = \beta \neq \gamma$ , or  $\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma$ , respectively.<sup>6</sup> Carrying out the summation and noting that  $\bar{B}^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \eta(\alpha\beta\gamma) \bar{B}_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \dagger = 1$  (not summed on the indices), the above four amplitudes become

$$B_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \dagger M_{\rho}^{\sigma} t_{\sigma}^{\rho} B^{\alpha\beta\delta} x_{\delta}^{\gamma}, \quad (8)$$

$$[B_{\alpha\beta\sigma} \dagger t_{\gamma}^{\rho} + 2B_{\alpha\gamma\sigma} \dagger t_{\beta}^{\rho}] M_{\rho}^{\sigma} B^{\alpha\beta\delta} x_{\delta}^{\gamma}, \quad (8')$$

$$[B_{\alpha\beta\rho} \dagger M_{\gamma}^{\sigma} + 2B_{\alpha\gamma\rho} \dagger M_{\beta}^{\sigma}] t_{\sigma}^{\rho} B^{\alpha\beta\delta} x_{\delta}^{\gamma}, \quad (8'')$$

$$[B_{\alpha\rho\sigma} \dagger M_{\gamma}^{\rho} t_{\beta}^{\sigma} + B_{\alpha\rho\sigma} \dagger M_{\beta}^{\rho} t_{\gamma}^{\sigma} + B_{\gamma\rho\sigma} \dagger M_{\beta}^{\rho} t_{\alpha}^{\sigma}] B^{\alpha\beta\delta} x_{\delta}^{\gamma}. \quad (8''')$$

The first term, Eq. (8), does not contribute; the second and the third, Eqs. (8') and (8''), give equal contributions. Eliminating the two independent parameters one finds Eqs. (1), (2), (3), and (4).

Partial inclusion of symmetry breaking, by restricting the symmetry to the subgroup  $SU(4)(T) \otimes SU(2)(X) \otimes W(Y)$ , leaves Eqs. (1) and (2) unchanged. Under  $SU(4)(T) \otimes SU(2)(X)$  the nucleons transform as  $(20, 1)$ ,  $\Sigma$  and  $\Lambda$  as  $(10, 2)$ ,  $\pi$  as  $(15, 1)$ . The weak spurion  $x$  transforms as  $(4, 2)$ , and the angular-momentum spurion  $t$  as  $(15, 1) \oplus (1, 3)$ . The main point is to observe that the  $(1, 3)$  component of  $t$  cannot contribute because of its  $SU(2)(X)$  behavior—we call to mind the related selection rules following from conservation of  $G'$  parity.<sup>3</sup> The component  $(15, 1)$  of  $t$  introduces four invariants [correspond-

ing to the fourfold appearance of  $(1, 1)$  in  $(20, 1) \otimes (15, 1) \otimes (15, 1) \otimes (20, 1)$ ] in one-to-one correspondence with the analogous invariants in  $SU(6)$ .

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## COVARIANCE, $SU(6)$ , AND UNITARITY

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In a recent note<sup>1</sup> it has been shown how the method of relativistic completion of  $SU(6)$  leads to fully covariant and crossing-symmetric effective vertices and matrix elements. We continue to mean by  $SU(6)$  a group property of zero-three-momentum one-particle states. For brevity we denoted all these effective quantities as "S-matrix quantities," so that the term S matrix is used in a phenomenological sense. It was found that this completion procedure is in general not unique. The lack of uniqueness is due to the fact that there are (with the exception of the  $\underline{6}$  representation) inequivalent ways in which an  $SU(6)$  representation can be boosted to momentum  $\vec{p}$ . The total set of ways in which this can be done is fully determined by the spin content of the  $SU(6)$  representation in hand. The inequivalent boosts are effectively indistinguishable when applied to bilinear forms (free particles), but they are effectively distinct when applied to  $n$ -point functions,  $n > 2$ . For the meson( $\underline{35}$ )-baryon( $\underline{56}$ ) three-

point function, the set of covariant but inequivalent vertices was given. It was noted that the noncompact booster group  $SU(12)_{\mathcal{G}}$  provides a convenient way of keeping track of the inequivalent boosts of a given  $SU(6)$  representation. In particular it was found that a unique meson-baryon vertex emerges if one assigns the  $SU(12)_{\mathcal{G}}$  representations<sup>1,2</sup>  $\underline{364}$  and  $\underline{143}$  to the boosted  $\underline{56}$  and  $\underline{35}$ , respectively. Similar results for this vertex have been obtained independently by several other authors.<sup>2</sup> It was further observed<sup>1</sup> that the same methods can be applied to any  $n$ -point function to yield covariant and crossing-symmetric answers.

Within the conventional framework of quantum mechanics and relativity theory, the description in terms of this covariant  $SU(6)$ -invariant effective S matrix is only approximate in a dynamical sense. It should indeed be recalled<sup>1,3</sup> that the completion procedures cannot be applied in general to a Lagrangian field theory with interaction, where the free kinet-