
Nuclear Physics Summer School August 2002

Aneesh Manohar

UC SAN DIEGO

Some Results-1

A new exact symmetry for baryons as $N_c \rightarrow \infty$

- A $SU(6)_c$ spin-flavor symmetry that connects the six states $u \uparrow, u \downarrow, d \uparrow, d \downarrow, s \uparrow, s \downarrow$.
- Baryons form an irreducible representation of the spin-flavor algebra.
- Relates octet N, Λ, Σ, Ξ and decuplet $\Delta, \Sigma^*, \Xi^*, \Omega$.

Some Results-2

Can compute $1/N_c$ corrections in a systematic expansion, and the expansion is useful for $N_c = 3$

- $1/N_c$ corrections can be classified by their spin-flavor transformation properties
- Relations obtained to various orders in $1/N_c$.
 $1/N_c = 1/3$ factors evident in the experimental data.
- $1/N_c$ corrections comparable in size to $SU(3)$ breaking corrections due to m_s

Some Results-3

- Provides a deeper understanding of the success of quark models.
- Many results obtained in the nonrelativistic quark model, bag model, or Skyrme model, **can be proven in QCD** to order $1/N_c$ or $1/N_c^2$.
- $SU(6)_c$ is the underlying symmetry that relates quark models to each other and to QCD.

Some Results-4

Tells you how to consistently apply chiral perturbation theory to baryons

- N_c and Δ states have to be treated together
- Cancellations in chiral loops
- Form of $SU(3)$ symmetry breaking due to m_s is constrained by the $1/N_c$ expansion.
- Provides new insights into $SU(3)$ breaking.

Some Results-5

New predictions for heavy baryon properties

- Relates heavy quark baryons to the nucleon
- Compute masses and pion couplings of the Λ_c , Λ_b , etc Results are in good agreement with experiment.
- Can combine $1/N_c$ and $1/m_Q$ expansions

Some Results-6

New predictions for excited baryons

(Carlson, Carone, Goity, Schat, Lebed, Pirjol, Yan)

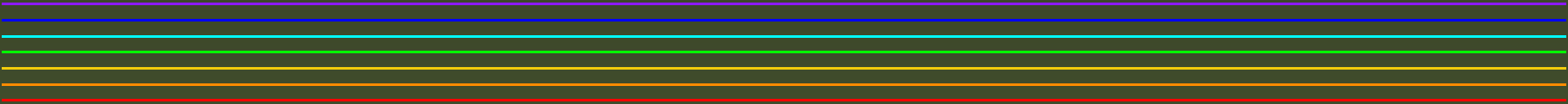
Nucleon Potential

- Explains the size of terms in the nucleon potential
- Gives Wigner supermultiplet symmetry in light nuclei

Large- N_c Baryons

$$\epsilon_{i_1 i_2 i_3 \dots i_{N_c}} q^{i_1} q^{i_2} q^{i_3} \dots q^{i_{N_c}}$$

bound state of N_c quarks
completely antisymmetric in color



completely symmetric in the quarks, since Fermi-statistics compensated by color antisymmetry.

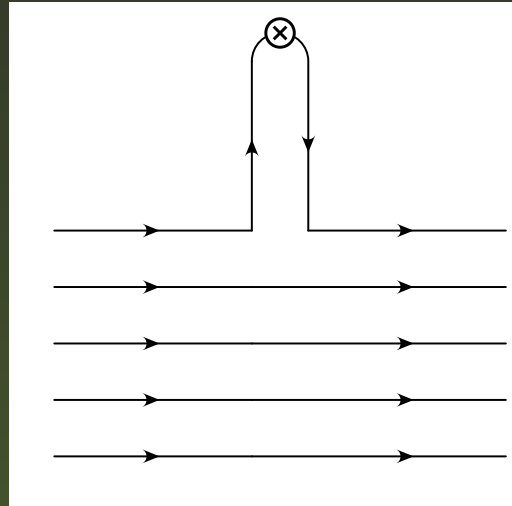
N_c Counting Rules for Baryons

Baryon is made of N_c quarks.

- Baryon mass is order N_c
- Baryon size is order $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^{-1}$ (order one)
- Baryon-meson coupling is $\leq \sqrt{N_c}$
- Each extra meson costs $1/\sqrt{N_c}$
- One-body matrix element $\langle B | \bar{q} \Gamma q | B \rangle \leq N_c$
- Two-body matrix element $(\bar{q} \Gamma q \bar{q} \Gamma q) \leq N_c^2$

Baryon-Meson Couplings

baryon-meson vertex $\sim O(\sqrt{N_c})$



$$N_c \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N_c}} \right)$$

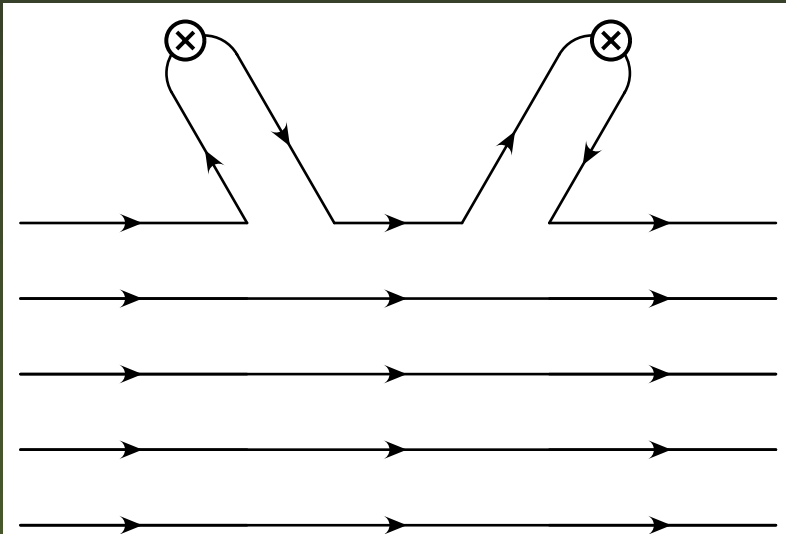
$\otimes = \bar{q}q/\sqrt{N_c}$ creates a meson with unit amplitude

Baryon-Meson Scattering

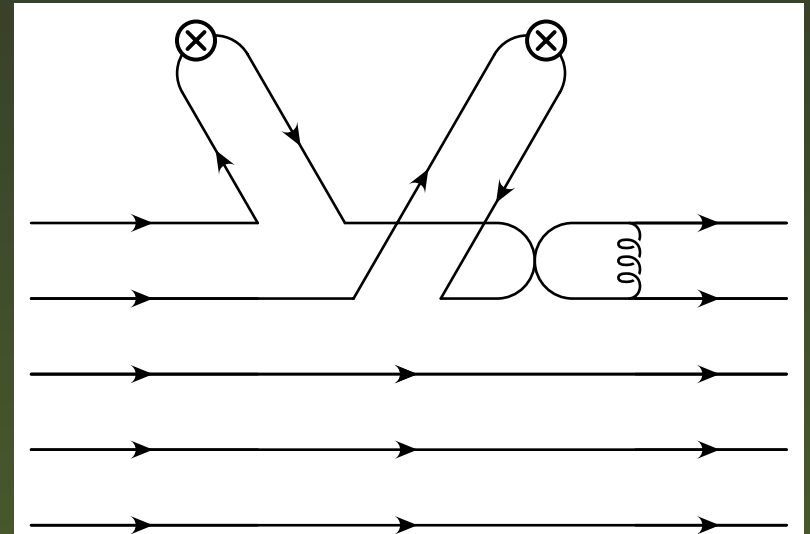
baryon + meson \rightarrow baryon + meson $\sim O(1)$

$$N_c \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N_c}} \right)^2$$

$$N_c^2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N_c}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{N_c} \right)$$



(a)



(b)

Baryon-Pion Scattering

- $M_{\text{baryon}} \sim O(N_c)$, so baryon acts as heavy static source
- Baryon propagator

$$\frac{i(\not{P} + M)}{P^2 - M^2} \rightarrow \frac{i}{k \cdot v} \left(\frac{1 + \not{v}}{2} \right) \rightarrow \frac{i}{E}$$

[Not only for pions. Argument is cleanest in this case.]

- $BB'\pi$ vertex $\sim O(\sqrt{N_c})$

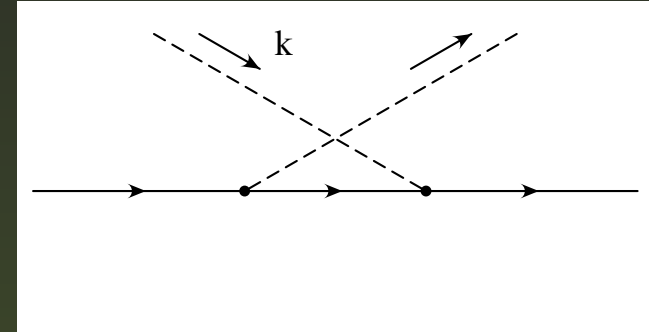
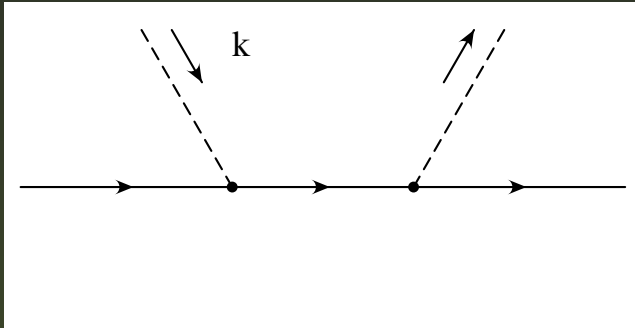
$$\frac{\partial_\mu \pi^a}{f_\pi} (A^{\mu a})_{B'B}$$

$$(A^{\mu a})_{B'B} = \langle B' | \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \tau^a q | B \rangle \sim O(N_c)$$

- $N_c \rightarrow \infty$ limit

$$\frac{\partial^i \pi^a}{f_\pi} (A^{ia})_{B'B}$$

$$A^{ia} \equiv g N_c X^{ia}$$



$$N_c [X^{ia}, X^{jb}] \leq O(1)$$

$$X^{ia} = X_0^{ia} + \frac{1}{N_c} X_1^{ia} + \frac{1}{N_c^2} X_2^{ia} + \dots$$

$$[X_0^{ia}, X_0^{jb}] = 0$$

Spin-Flavor Symmetry

- Consistency conditions for scattering of low-energy pions with baryons at large- N_c leads to derivation of contracted spin-flavor symmetry for baryons
- Consistency of large- N_c power counting rules for baryon-meson scattering amplitudes and vertices leads to non-trivial constraints on $1/N_c$ corrections to large- N_c baryon matrix elements

Contracted Spin-Flavor Algebra

$$[J^i, I^a] = 0,$$

$$[J^i, J^j] = i\epsilon^{ijk} J^k, \quad [I^a, I^b] = i\epsilon^{abc} I^c,$$

$$[J^i, X_0^{ja}] = i\epsilon^{ijk} X_0^{ka}, \quad [I^a, X_0^{ib}] = i\epsilon^{abc} X_0^{ic},$$

$$[X_0^{ia}, X_0^{jb}] = 0$$

Induced Representations

So the starting point is to work out the irreducible representations of the contracted symmetry, and then classify the $1/N_c$ corrections.

Standard theory of induced representations (e.g. Mackey) gives the Skyrme model.

Infinite dimensional unitary representations

Large- N_c Skyrme Model

- Simple understanding of spin-flavor generator X_0^{ia} as collective coordinate

$$X_0^{ia} = \text{tr } A \tau^i A^{-1} \tau^a$$

- Contracted spin-flavor symmetry for baryons in $N_c \rightarrow \infty$ limit realized exactly since

$$\left[X_0^{ia}, X_0^{bj} \right] = 0.$$

Quark Model

The SU(6) generators are

$$\begin{aligned} J^i &= q^\dagger \frac{\sigma^i}{2} q \\ T^a &= q^\dagger \frac{\tau^a}{2} q \\ G^{ia} &= q^\dagger \frac{\sigma^i}{2} \frac{\tau^a}{2} q \end{aligned}$$

with $[q, q^\dagger] = 1$.

This gives

$$\begin{aligned} [J^i, G^{jb}] &= i\epsilon^{ijk} G^{kb} \\ [I^a, G^{jb}] &= i\epsilon^{abc} G^{jb} \\ [G^{ia}, G^{jb}] &= \frac{i}{4}\epsilon^{ijk}\delta^{ab} J^k + \frac{i}{4}\delta^{ij}\epsilon^{abc} T^c \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$G^{ia} = N_c X^{ia},$$

and take the limit $N_c \rightarrow \infty$. This reduces to the QCD symmetry derived earlier.

$$N_F = 2$$

$$J = I = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}, \dots, \frac{N_c}{2}$$

$$N, \Delta, \dots$$

An infinite tower of degenerate states as $N_c \rightarrow \infty$.

Known that the Skyrme and Quark models were equivalent as $N_c \rightarrow \infty$. By explicit calculation, and by a trick.

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

$SU(3)_F$ rep

				1	1				
			1	2	1				
		1	2	2	1				
	1	2	2	2	1				
	1	2	2	2	2	1			
	1	2	2	2	2	2	1		
	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	
	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

$\leftarrow \frac{1}{2} (N_c + 1) \text{ weights} \rightarrow$

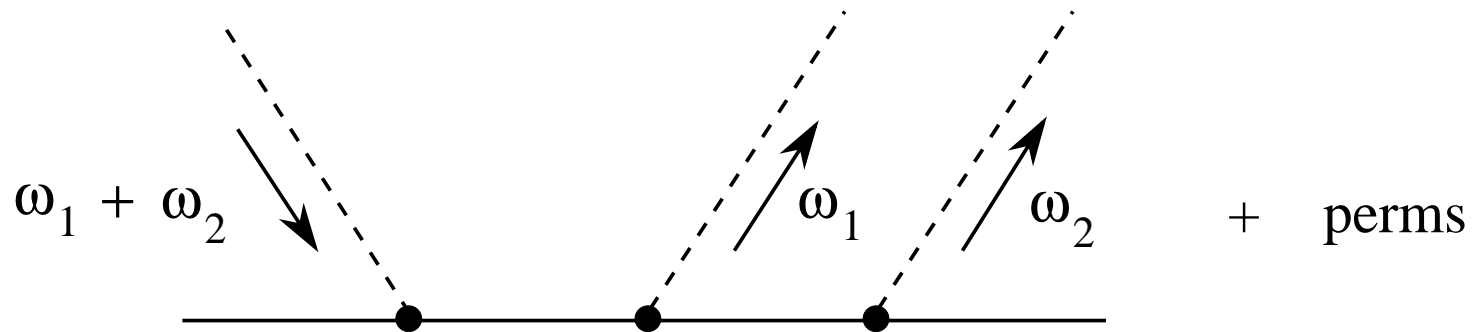
$$J = \frac{3}{2}$$

$SU(3)_F$ rep

				1	1	1	1			
			1	2	2	2	1			
		1	2	3	3	2	1			
	1	2	3	4	3	2	1			
	1	2	3	4	4	3	2	1		
	1	2	3	4	4	4	3	2	1	
1	2	3	4	4	4	4	3	2	1	
	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	
		1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	
			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	

$$\leftarrow \frac{1}{2} (N_c - 1) \rightarrow$$

$1/N_c$ CORRECTIONS



$$\text{Graph} \propto N_c^{3/2} [X^{ia}, [X^{jb}, X^{kc}]] \\ + N_c^{3/2} [X^{ia}, [X^{jb}, [X^{kc}, \Delta M]]]$$

Feynman diagrams give multiple commutators

Baryon propagator

$$\frac{i}{E - \Delta M} \rightarrow \frac{i}{E} \left(1 + \frac{\Delta M}{E} + \dots \right)$$

Expand the vertex in $1/N_c$

$$X = X_0 + \frac{1}{N_c} X_1 + \frac{1}{N_c^2} X_2 + \dots$$

Find

$$\left[X_0^{ia}, \left[X_0^{jb}, X_1^{kc} \right] \right] + \left[X_0^{ia}, \left[X_1^{jb}, X_0^{kc} \right] \right] = 0$$

$$\left[X_0^{ia}, \left[X_0^{jb}, \left[X_0^{kc}, \Delta M \right] \right] \right] = 0$$

Results (two flavors)

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &\propto X_0 \\ \Delta M &\propto \frac{J^2}{N_c} \end{aligned}$$

$$X = X_0 + \frac{1}{N_c} X_1 + \frac{1}{N_c^2} X_2 + \dots$$

No $1/N_c$ corrections to ratio of pion couplings such as $g_{\pi NN}/g_{\pi N\Delta}$.

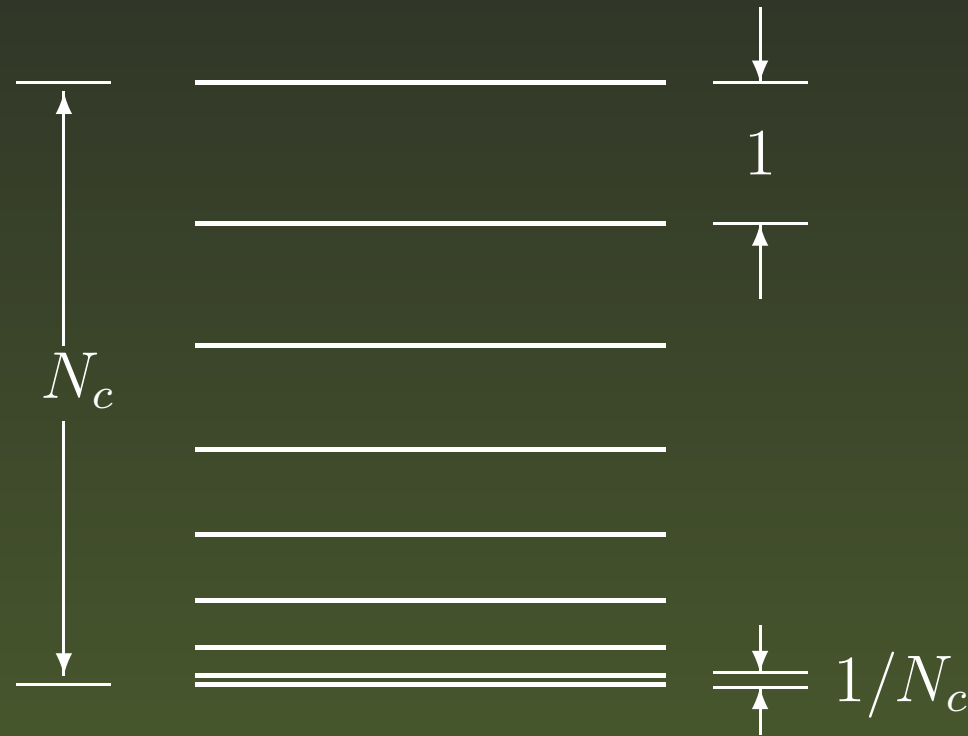
Pion Couplings

Explains why the Skyrme/Quark model predictions work well for the ratios, but not for the absolute values. The ratios are the same as in QCD to order $1/N_c^2$.

	Theory	Experiment
$g_{\pi N\Delta}$	13.2	20.3
$g_{\pi NN}$	8.9	13.5
$g_{\pi N\Delta}/g_{\pi NN}$	1.48	1.5

(From Adkins, Nappi, Witten)

Hyperfine Mass Splittings



The $1/N_c$ corrections are small only in a part of the irreducible representation.

Form of $1/N_c$ Expansion ($N_F = 2$)

$$N_c^? \mathcal{P} \left(X_0^{ia}, \frac{J^i}{N_c}, \frac{I^a}{N_c} \right)$$

Or one can use

$$N_c^? \mathcal{P} \left(\frac{G^{ia}}{N_c}, \frac{J^i}{N_c}, \frac{I^a}{N_c} \right)$$

Two equivalent representations.

Form of $1/N_c$ Expansion ($N_F = 3$)

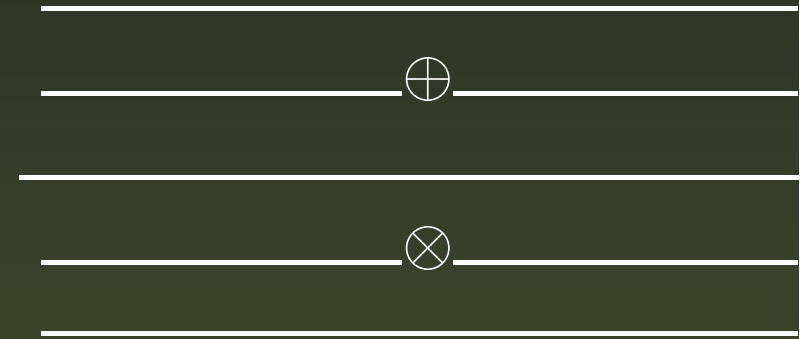
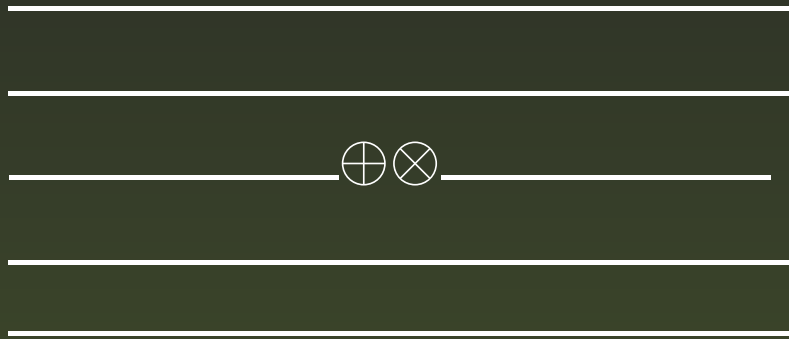
$N_F = 3$ using isospin flavor symmetry only

$$N_c \mathcal{P} \left(X_0^{ia}, \frac{J^i}{N_c}, \frac{I^a}{N_c}, \frac{S}{N_c} \right)$$

where S is the strangeness. Thus $1/N_c$ constrains the form of $SU(3)$ breaking.

n -body Quark Operators

- 0-body: $\mathbf{1}$
- 1-body:
$$J^i = q^\dagger \left(\frac{\sigma^i}{2} \otimes \mathbf{1} \right) q$$
$$I^a = q^\dagger \left(\mathbf{1} \otimes \frac{\tau^a}{2} \right) q$$
$$G^{ia} = q^\dagger \left(\frac{\sigma^i}{2} \otimes \frac{\tau^a}{2} \right) q$$
$$N_c = q^\dagger q$$
- 2-body: $\{ J^i, G^{ja} \}$
 \vdots



$$G^{ia} = \sum_{\ell=1}^{N_c} q_{\ell}^{\dagger} \left(\frac{\sigma^i}{2} \otimes \frac{\tau^a}{2} \right) q_{\ell},$$

$$J^i I^a = \sum_{\ell, \ell'} \left(q_{\ell}^{\dagger} \frac{\sigma^i}{2} q_{\ell} \right) \left(q_{\ell'}^{\dagger} \frac{\tau^a}{2} q_{\ell'} \right)$$

Note that commutators reduce n -body $\rightarrow (n - 1)$ -body.

Operator Analysis

The general solution of the consistency conditions is to expand a given QCD quantity Q as

$$Q = N_c^? \mathcal{P} \left(\frac{G^{ia}}{N_c}, \frac{J^i}{N_c}, \frac{T^a}{N_c} \right)$$

where \mathcal{P} is a polynomial.

Agrees with the digrammatic analysis: each extra quark needs a gluon-exchange $\Rightarrow 1/N_c$

$SU(6)$ Operator Identities

$2 \{J^i, J^i\} + 3 \{T^a, T^a\} + 12 \{G^{ia}, G^{ia}\} = 5N(N+6)$	(0, 0)
$d^{abc} \{G^{ia}, G^{ib}\} + \frac{2}{3} \{J^i, G^{ic}\} + \frac{1}{4} d^{abc} \{T^a, T^b\} = \frac{2}{3} (N+3) T^c$	(0, 8)
$\{T^a, G^{ia}\} = \frac{2}{3} (N+3) J^i$	(1, 0)
$\frac{1}{3} \{J^k, T^c\} + d^{abc} \{T^a, G^{kb}\} - \epsilon^{ijk} f^{abc} \{G^{ia}, G^{jb}\} = \frac{4}{3} (N+3) G^{kc}$	(1, 8)
$-12 \{G^{ia}, G^{ia}\} + 27 \{T^a, T^a\} - 32 \{J^i, J^i\} = 0$	(0, 0)
$d^{abc} \{G^{ia}, G^{ib}\} + \frac{9}{4} d^{abc} \{T^a, T^b\} - \frac{10}{3} \{J^i, G^{ic}\} = 0$	(0, 8)
$4 \{G^{ia}, G^{ib}\} = \{T^a, T^b\} \quad (27)$	(0, 27)
$\epsilon^{ijk} \{J^i, G^{jc}\} = f^{abc} \{T^a, G^{kb}\}$	(1, 8)
$3 d^{abc} \{T^a, G^{kb}\} = \{J^k, T^c\} - \epsilon^{ijk} f^{abc} \{G^{ia}, G^{jb}\}$	(1, 8)
$\epsilon^{ijk} \{G^{ia}, G^{jb}\} = f^{acg} d^{bch} \{T^g, G^{kh}\} \quad (10 + \overline{10})$	(1, 10 + $\overline{10}$)
$3 \{G^{ia}, G^{ja}\} = \{J^i, J^j\} \quad (J=2)$	(2, 0)
$3 d^{abc} \{G^{ia}, G^{jb}\} = \{J^i, G^{jc}\} \quad (J=2)$	(2, 8)

Operator Reduction Rule $N_F = 3$

- All operators in which two flavor indices are contracted using δ^{ab} , d^{abc} , or f^{abc} or two spin indices on G 's are contracted using δ^{ij} or ϵ^{ijk} can be eliminated.

Baryon Masses

- Combined expansion in $1/N_c$ and $SU(3)$ flavor symmetry breaking
- Flavor symmetry breaking expansion extends to 3rd order in $SU(3)$ breaking
- For $N_c = 3$, only need to keep the expansion till 3-body operators

$$M = M^1 + M^8 + M^{27} + M^{64}$$

Jenkins & Lebed

Baryon Masses $N_F = 3$

$$M^1 = N_c \mathbf{1} + \frac{1}{N_c} J^2$$

$$M^8 = T^8 + \frac{1}{N_c} \{J^i, G^{i8}\} + \frac{1}{N_c^2} \{J^2, T^8\}$$

$$M^{27} = \frac{1}{N_c} \{T^8, T^8\} + \frac{1}{N_c^2} \{T^8, \{J^i, G^{i8}\}\}$$

$$M^{64} = \frac{1}{N_c^2} \{T^8, \{T^8, T^8\}\}$$

- 8 independent operators \leftrightarrow 8 masses:

$$N, \Lambda, \Sigma, \Xi, \Delta, \Sigma^*, \Xi^*, \Omega$$

Baryon Mass Hierarchy $N_F = 3$

- Unknown coefficient multiplies each operator: order in $1/N_c$ and in $SU(3)$ flavor breaking predicted
- 8, 27, 64 operators are first, second, third order in $SU(3)$ flavor breaking parameter $\epsilon \sim m_s/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim 30\%$
- Order in $1/N_c$ given by explicit factor of $1/N_c$ times leading N_c -dependence of operator matrix element $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle$

Baryon Mass Hierarchy $N_F = 3$

- Each operator contributes to unique linear combination of masses

$$\frac{J^2}{N_c} : \quad \frac{1}{8} (2N + \Lambda + 3\Sigma + 2\Xi) - \frac{1}{10} (4\Delta + 3\Sigma^* + 2\Xi^* + \Omega)$$

- Define dimensionless quantity

$$\frac{\sum B_i}{\sum |B_i|/2}$$

Theory: $1/N_c^2$

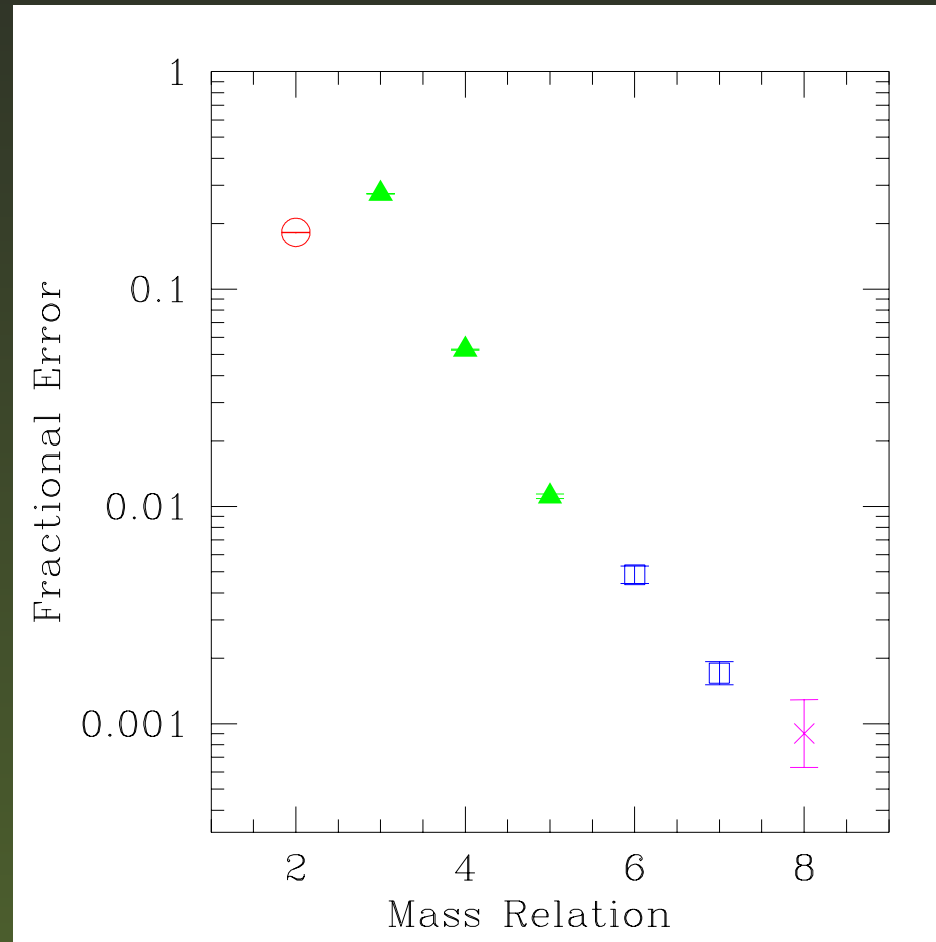
Expt: $(18.21 \pm 0.03)\%$

Baryon Mass Hierarchy

Mass Splitting	$1/N_c$	Flavor	Expt.
$\frac{5}{8}(2N + 3\Sigma + \Lambda + 2\Xi) - \frac{1}{10}(4\Delta + 3\Sigma^* + 2\Xi^* + \Omega)$	N_c	1	*
$\frac{1}{8}(2N + 3\Sigma + \Lambda + 2\Xi) - \frac{1}{10}(4\Delta + 3\Sigma^* + 2\Xi^* + \Omega)$	$1/N_c$	1	$18.21 \pm 0.03\%$
$\frac{5}{2}(6N - 3\Sigma + \Lambda - 4\Xi) - (2\Delta - \Xi^* - \Omega)$	1	ϵ	$20.21 \pm 0.02\%$
$\frac{1}{4}(N - 3\Sigma + \Lambda + \Xi)$	$1/N_c$	ϵ	$5.94 \pm 0.01\%$
$\frac{1}{2}(-2N - 9\Sigma + 3\Lambda + 8\Xi) + (2\Delta - \Xi^* - \Omega)$	$1/N_c^2$	ϵ	$1.11 \pm 0.02\%$
$\frac{5}{4}(2N - \Sigma - 3\Lambda + 2\Xi) - \frac{1}{7}(4\Delta - 5\Sigma^* - 2\Xi^* + 3\Omega)$	$1/N_c$	ϵ^2	$0.37 \pm 0.01\%$
$\frac{1}{2}(2N - \Sigma - 3\Lambda + 2\Xi) - \frac{1}{7}(4\Delta - 5\Sigma^* - 2\Xi^* + 3\Omega)$	$1/N_c^2$	ϵ^2	$0.17 \pm 0.02\%$
$\frac{1}{4}(\Delta - 3\Sigma^* + 3\Xi^* - \Omega)$	$1/N_c^2$	ϵ^3	$0.09 \pm 0.03\%$

(From Jenkins & Lebed)

Baryon Mass Hierarchy



$$\frac{1}{N_c^2} : \frac{\epsilon}{N_c} : \frac{\epsilon}{N_c^2} : \frac{\epsilon}{N_c^3} : \frac{\epsilon^2}{N_c^2} : \frac{\epsilon^2}{N_c^3} : \frac{\epsilon^3}{N_c^3}$$

Isospin Splittings

Jenkins and Lebed

Get relations that work to 0.1 MeV accuracy. Clear evidence for the $1/N$ hierarchy. Many relations cannot be tested because the baryon masses are not well-measured.

One prediction, that the Coleman-Glashow relation

$$(p - n) - (\Sigma^+ - \Sigma^-) + (\Xi^0 - \Xi^-)$$

should work more accurately, because it is of order $\epsilon\epsilon'/N_c$ has been confirmed recently due to a more accurate measurement of the Ξ^0 mass.

Baryon Axial Vector Couplings

Octet (B) and Decuplet (T) baryons have an interaction

$$2D \operatorname{Tr} \bar{B} S^\mu \{A_\mu, B\} + 2F \operatorname{Tr} \bar{B} S^\mu [A_\mu, B] \\ + C (\bar{T}^\mu A_\mu B + \bar{B} A_\mu T^\mu) + 2H \bar{T}^\mu S^\nu A_\nu T_\mu$$

Large N_c predicts (to an accuracy $1/N_c^2$)

$$F/D = 2/3, \quad C = -2D, \quad H = -3F .$$

which agrees with experimental fit using chiral perturbation theory.

A more detailed analysis including $SU(3)$ breaking gives a good description of the data.

One result (to all orders in $SU(3)$ breaking) is that the pion coupling has the form

$$g = N_c \left(A + B \frac{S}{N_c} + \dots \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(\Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma\pi) - g(\Delta \rightarrow N\pi) &= g(\Xi^* \rightarrow \Xi\pi) - g(\Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma\pi) \\ g(\Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma\pi) &= g(\Sigma^* \rightarrow \Lambda\pi). \end{aligned}$$

Isvector Magnetic Moments

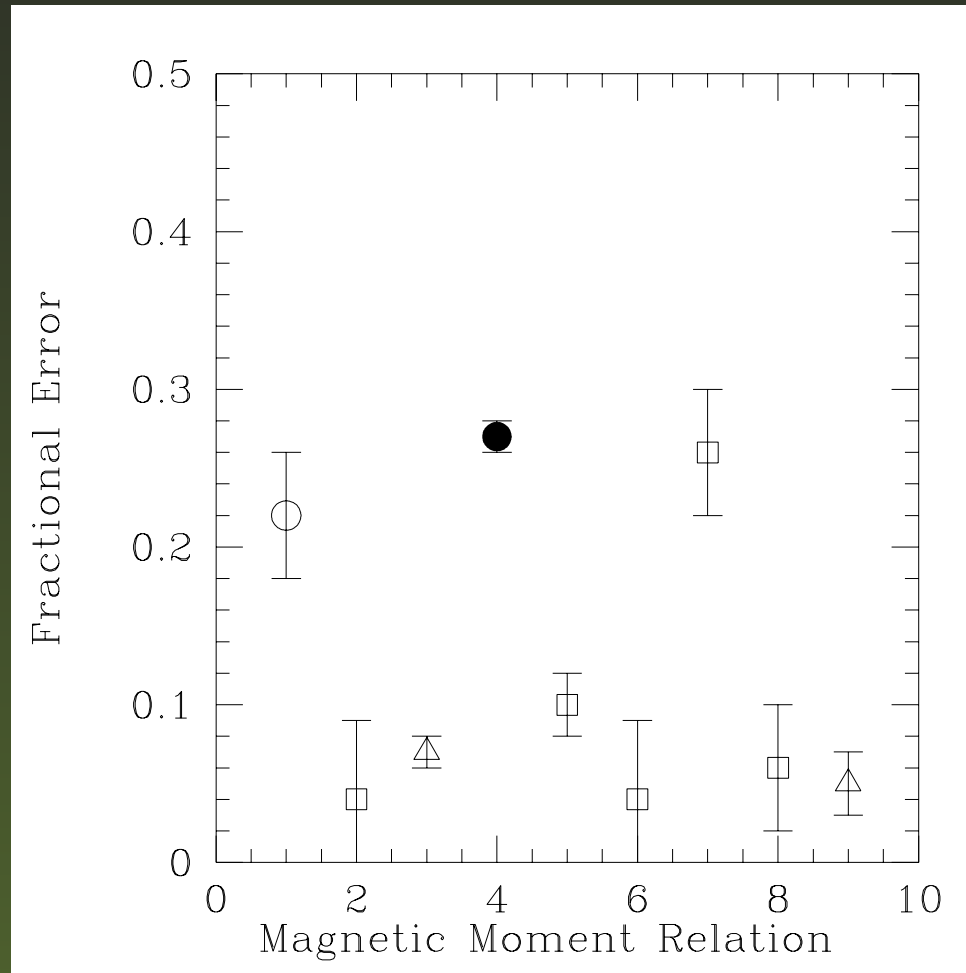
	Isvector	$1/N_c$	Flavor	Expt.
V1	$(p - n) - 3(\Xi^0 - \Xi^-) = 2(\Sigma^+ - \Sigma^-)$	$1/N_c$	—	$10 \pm 2\%$
V2	$\Delta^{++} - \Delta^- = \frac{9}{5}(p - n)$	$1/N_c$	—	
V3	$\Lambda\Sigma^{*0} = -\sqrt{2}\Lambda\Sigma^0$	$1/N_c$	—	
V4	$\Sigma^{*+} - \Sigma^{*-} = \frac{3}{2}(\Sigma^+ - \Sigma^-)$	$1/N_c$	—	
V5	$\Xi^{*0} - \Xi^{*-} = -3(\Xi^0 - \Xi^-)$	$1/N_c$	—	
V6	$\sqrt{2}(\Sigma\Sigma^{*+} - \Sigma\Sigma^{*-}) = (\Sigma^+ - \Sigma^-)$	$1/N_c$	—	
V7	$\Xi\Xi^{*0} - \Xi\Xi^{*-} = -2\sqrt{2}(\Xi^0 - \Xi^-)$	$1/N_c$	—	
V8	$-2\Lambda\Sigma^0 = (\Sigma^+ - \Sigma^-)$	$1/N_c$	—	$11 \pm 5\%$
V9	$p\Delta^+ + n\Delta^0 = \sqrt{2}(p - n)$	$1/N_c$	—	$3 \pm 3\%$
V10 ₁	$(\Sigma^+ - \Sigma^-) = (p - n)$	1	—	$27 \pm 1\%$
V10 ₂	$(\Sigma^+ - \Sigma^-) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{N_c}\right)(p - n)$	1	ϵ	$13 \pm 2\%$

Isoscalar Magnetic Moments

Isoscalar	$1/N_c$	Flavor	Expt.
$(p + n) - 3(\Xi^0 + \Xi^-) = -3\Lambda + \frac{3}{2}(\Sigma^+ + \Sigma^-) - \frac{4}{3}\Omega^-$	$1/N_c^2$	—	$4 \pm 5\%$
$\Delta^{++} + \Delta^- = 3(p + n)$	$1/N_c^2$	—	
$\frac{2}{3}(\Xi^{*0} + \Xi^{*-}) = \Lambda + \frac{3}{2}(\Sigma^+ + \Sigma^-) - (p + n) + (\Xi^0 + \Xi^-)$	$1/N_c^2$	—	
$\Sigma^{*+} + \Sigma^{*-} = \frac{3}{2}(\Sigma^+ + \Sigma^-) + 3\Lambda$	$1/N_c^2$	—	
$\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}(\Sigma\Sigma^{*+} + \Sigma\Sigma^{*-}) = 3(\Sigma^+ + \Sigma^-) - (\Sigma^{*+} + \Sigma^{*-})$	$1/N_c^2$	—	
$\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}(\Xi\Xi^{*0} + \Xi\Xi^{*-}) = -3(\Xi^0 + \Xi^-) + (\Xi^{*0} + \Xi^{*-})$	$1/N_c^2$	—	
$5(p + n) - (\Xi^0 + \Xi^-) = 4(\Sigma^+ + \Sigma^-)$	$1/N_c$	—	$22 \pm 4\%$
$(p + n) - 3\Lambda = \frac{1}{2}(\Sigma^+ + \Sigma^-) - (\Xi^0 + \Xi^-)$	$1/N_c$	ϵ	$7 \pm 1\%$

Additional Relations

Isoscalar/Isovector Relations	$1/N_c$	Flavor	Expt.
$(\Sigma^+ + \Sigma^-) - \frac{1}{2}(\Xi^0 + \Xi^-) = \frac{1}{2}(p + n) + 3\left(\frac{1}{N_c} - \frac{2}{N_c^2}\right)(p - n)$	1	ϵ	$10 \pm 3\%$
$\Delta^{++} = \frac{3}{2}(p + n) + \frac{9}{10}(p - n)$	$1/N_c^2$	–	$21 \pm 10\%$



○ = $1/N_c$, □ = $1/N_c^2$, △ = ϵ/N_c

$$\Delta \rightarrow N\gamma$$

(Jenkins, Ji, AM)

Two helicity amplitudes, and one finds

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{A_{3/2}}{A_{1/2}} &= \sqrt{3} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N_c^2}\right) \\ &= 1.73(1.89 \pm 0.10)\end{aligned}$$

Equivalently,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{E2}{M1} &= \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N_c^2}\right) \\ &= -0.025 \pm 0.005\end{aligned}$$

Nucleon-Nucleon Potential

D.B. Kaplan & AM

$$V_{NN} = V_0^0 + V_\sigma^0 \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 + V_{LS}^0 \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S} + V_T^0 S_{12} + V_Q^0 Q_{12} \\ + (V_0^1 + V_\sigma^1 \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 + V_{LS}^1 \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S} + V_T^1 S_{12} + V_Q^1 Q_{12}) \tau_1 \cdot \tau_2$$

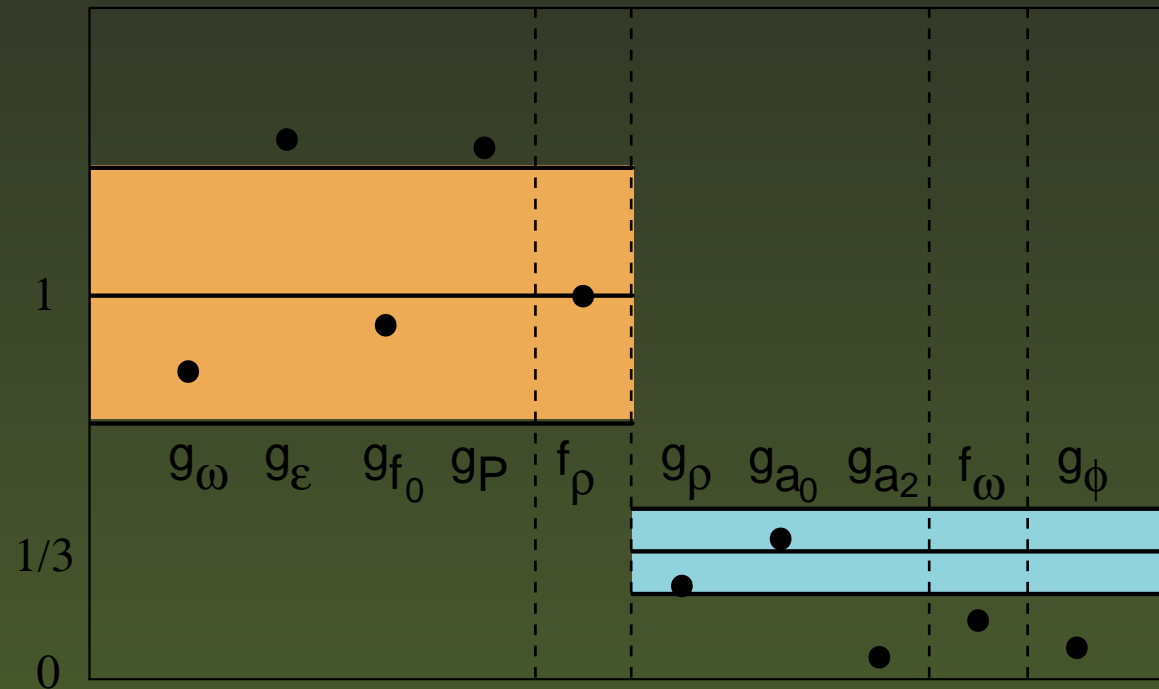
where

$$S_{12} \equiv 3\sigma_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} \sigma_2 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} - \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 \\ Q_{12} = \frac{1}{2} \{(\sigma_1 \cdot \mathbf{L}), (\sigma_2 \cdot \mathbf{L})\}$$

Isospin	V_0	V_σ	V_{LS}	V_T	V_Q
$\mathbf{1} \cdot \mathbf{1}$	N_c	$1/N_c$	$1/N_c$	$1/N_c$	$1/N_c^3$
$\tau_1 \cdot \tau_2$	$1/N_c$	N_c	$1/N_c$	N_c	$1/N_c$

The potential in the large N_c limit has Wigner supermultiplet symmetry under which the $p \uparrow p \downarrow, n \uparrow, n \downarrow$ transform as a 4 of $SU(4)$.

Fit to parameters in the Nijmegen potential



$I = J$ Rule

Mattis, Braaten

Mattis' $I = J$ Rule and its generalization:
Couplings are of order $N^{1-|I-J|/2}$.

e.g the ρ is $I = 1$, so the dominant ρ coupling is $J = 1$,
i.e. magnetic moment-like (F_2 form factor). The ω
has $I = 0$, and its dominant coupling is $J = 0$, i.e.
charge-like (F_1).

For the ρ , $F_2/F_1 \sim 3$

For the ω , $F_1/F_2 \sim 3$.

Heavy Baryons

Jenkins

Form a $\bar{3}$ Λ_Q and Ξ_Q and a 6 , Σ_Q , Ξ'_Q , Ω_Q (and their spin-3/2 partners).

Heavy-quark hyperfine splittings ($\Sigma_Q^* - \Sigma_Q$) are 150 MeV for the c , and 60 MeV for the b

Light-quark hyperfine splittings ($\Xi'_Q - \Xi_Q$) are 150 MeV.

In this case, results before the measurements.

-
- Can relate the pion couplings of heavy baryons to those of the p up to corrections of order $1/N_c$ (rather than $1/N_c^2$).
 - Obtain mass relations for heavy baryons, e.g.

$$\frac{1}{3} (\Sigma_Q + \Sigma_Q^*) = \frac{2}{3} (\Delta - N) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N_c^2}\right)$$

-
- The Ξ'_c mass was predicted to be 2580 ± 2.1 MeV before the measurement of 2576.5 ± 2.3 MeV.
 - Predictions for other c baryon masses, and all the b baryon masses in terms of the Λ_b mass.

Conclusions

- $1/N_c$ expansion useful and predictive for QCD baryons, and most of the spin-flavor structure of baryons can be understood using the $1/N_c$ expansion.
- $1/N_c$ hierarchy evident in baryon masses, axial couplings and magnetic moments
- Intricate pattern of spin-flavor breaking since $1/N_c$ and $SU(3)$ breaking comparable. Restricts the form of $SU(3)$ breaking, and so is important in understanding baryon chiral perturbation theory
- Provides a unifying symmetry that connects QCD with various models such as the quark and Skyrme model.