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(1)

pion + nucleon <sup>scattering</sup>  $\rightarrow$  pion + nucleon

2 particles  $\rightarrow$  2 particles

use the underlying isospin symmetry

$SU(2)$  to relate the different cross sections of  $\pi N \rightarrow \pi N$   
 $\searrow$   
 nucleon

$\pi = \pi^+, \pi^0, \pi^-$ ,  $N = (n, p)$

$\downarrow$   
isotriplet

$I = 1$ ,  $I_3 = \begin{matrix} +1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{matrix}$

isodoublet

$I = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $I_3 = \begin{matrix} +\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{matrix}$

List of reactions

$\pi^{\pm} p \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} p$ ,  $\pi^{\pm} n \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} n$

charge-exchange reactions

$\pi^+ n \rightarrow \pi^0 p$ ,  $\pi^0 p \rightarrow \pi^+ p$

$\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^0 n$ ,  $\pi^0 n \rightarrow \pi^- p$

calculate 3 reactions

(2)



scattering cross section  $\rightarrow$  <sup>cross section is</sup> area

$$\text{scatt. cross section} = |\text{scattering amp}|^2$$

$$= \left| \langle \text{out} | \text{in} \rangle \right|^2$$



in-state  $\pi^- p$ , out-state  $\pi^- p$

$| \text{in} \rangle$

$| \text{out} \rangle$

Focus on isospin, neglect all other quantum numbers

$$| I_1 I_2 m_1 m_2 \rangle$$

$$( \text{cf } | \hat{I}_1 \hat{I}_2 m_1 m_2 \rangle )$$

Instate  $| 1 \frac{1}{2} -1 \frac{1}{2} \rangle_{\text{in}}$

Outstate  $| 1 \frac{1}{2} -1 \frac{1}{2} \rangle_{\text{out}}$

total isospin is conserved in st. intn. (3)

so better label the in-state and out-state in terms of total isospin

i.e. Don't use  $|I_1 I_2 m_1 m_2\rangle$

use  $|I_1 I_2 I m\rangle$

We know  $I = I_1 + I_2$ ,  $I_1 + I_2 - 1, \dots, |I_1 - I_2|$

i.e. convert  $|I_1 I_2 m_1 m_2\rangle$  to

$|I_1 I_2 I m\rangle$  by using

C. of coeffs.

Consider  $\pi^- p = |1 \frac{1}{2} -1 \frac{1}{2}\rangle$

to set  $|1 \frac{1}{2} I m\rangle$   
 $\begin{matrix} 1 & 1 \\ I_1 & I_2 \end{matrix}$

$$|1 \frac{1}{2} -1 \frac{1}{2}\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |1 \frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{2} -\frac{1}{2}\rangle$$

$$- \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |1 \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2}\rangle$$

so

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$$|\pi^- p\rangle_{in} = |1 \frac{1}{2} -1 \frac{1}{2}\rangle_{in}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |1 \frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{2} \frac{-1}{2}\rangle_{in} - \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |1 \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{-1}{2}\rangle_{in}$$

$$|\pi^- p\rangle_{out} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |1 \frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{2} \frac{-1}{2}\rangle_{out} - \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |1 \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{-1}{2}\rangle_{out}$$

scatt. amp for  $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- p$  is  
given by

$$M_{\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- p}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \langle 1 \frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{2} \frac{-1}{2} | 1 \frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{2} \frac{-1}{2} \rangle_{in}$$

$$+ \frac{2}{3} \langle 1 \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{-1}{2} | 1 \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{-1}{2} \rangle_{in}$$

$$(\because \langle 1 \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{-1}{2} | 1 \frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{2} \frac{-1}{2} \rangle_{in} = 0 \text{ et et})$$

Do the same calculation for other reactions

(ii)  $\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^+ p$ , (iii)  $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^0 n$

see lecture notes

We show that all these 10 cross sections are related, due to underlying  $su(2)$  isospin symmetry.

For example, consider  $\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^+ p$  (i)

$$\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- p \quad (ii)$$

$$\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^0 n \quad (iii)$$

To compute scattering cross section, <sup>we</sup> need scatt. amp.,

$$\text{scatt amplitude} = \langle \text{out} | \text{ } | \text{in} \rangle \quad | \text{in} \rangle = \text{in-state}$$

For our example, specify the in-state and out-state in terms of isospins, or better still, total isospins.

Consider process (i), the individual isospin of the particle involved is known

$$p = \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle, \quad \pi^+ = \left| 1, +1 \right\rangle$$

$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$   
 $I^2 \quad I_3$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{like ang. mom} \\ |j, m\rangle, \text{ we have} \\ |I, m\rangle \end{array} \right\}$

So the in-state in process (i) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^+ p &\rightarrow \left| 1, +1 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \left| 1, +1 \right\rangle \\ &\quad I_1 \quad I_2 \quad m_1 \quad m_2 \end{aligned}$$

Express in terms of total isospin quantum numbers.

Recall  $\vec{I}_1, \vec{I}_2 \rightarrow \vec{I} = \vec{I}_1 + \vec{I}_2$

$(j_1, m_1) \quad (j_2, m_2) \quad (j, m)$

Addition of two angular momenta,  $\vec{I}_1, \vec{I}_2$

$$j = (j_1 + j_2), \quad j_1 + j_2 - 1, \dots, |j_1 - j_2|$$

$$m = m_1 + m_2$$

Clebsch-Gordan expansion,

$$|j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2\rangle = \sum_{j, m} |j_1 j_2 j m\rangle \langle j m | j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2\rangle$$

$$|j_1 j_2 j m\rangle = \sum_{m_1 m_2} |j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2\rangle \langle m_1 m_2 | j_1 j_2 j m\rangle$$

So express  $\pi^+ p = \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ I_1 & I_2 & m_{I_1} & m_{I_2} \end{array} \right\rangle$

in terms of  $|I, I_2, I m\rangle$

since  $I_1 = 1, \quad I_2 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \therefore I = \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2},$

using Clebsch-Gordan table

$$\pi^+ p = \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ I_1 & I_2 & m_{I_1} & m_{I_2} \end{array} \right\rangle$$

$$= \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ I_1 & I_2 & I & m \end{array} \right\rangle_{in}$$

Similarly, for process (i), the out-state is

$$\pi^+ p = \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ I_1 & I_2 & m_{I_1} & m_{I_2} \end{array} \right\rangle = \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ I_1 & I_2 & I & m \end{array} \right\rangle_{out}$$

So scatt. amp for (i) is

$$M_{(i)} = \langle \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ I_1 & I_2 & I & m \end{array} \rangle_{out} \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ I_1 & I_2 & I & m \end{array} \right\rangle_{in}$$

For (ii)  $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- p$

$$\pi^- p = \left| 1 -1 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2} +\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

$\uparrow$   
 $I_1$

$\uparrow$   
 $m_{I_1}$

$\uparrow$   
 $I_2$

$\uparrow$   
 $m_{I_2}$

$$= \left| \frac{1}{2} -1 +\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

$\uparrow$   
 $I_1$

$\uparrow$   
 $I_2$

$\uparrow$   
 $m_{I_1}$

$\uparrow$   
 $m_{I_2}$

c.s.g.

$$\stackrel{\text{Table}}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left| \frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{2} -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \left| \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$\text{scatt. amp } M_{(ii)} = \frac{1}{3} \langle \frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{2} -\frac{1}{2} | \frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{2} -\frac{1}{2} \rangle_{in} + \frac{2}{3} \langle \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2} | \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2} \rangle_{in} \quad HW$$

For (iii)  $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^0 n$

$$\pi^0 n = \left| 1 0 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle = \left| \frac{1}{2} 0 -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \left| \frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{2} -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left| \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \quad (\text{To check, HW})$$

$$\text{scatt. amp} = \langle \pi^0 n | \pi^- p \rangle_{in} = M_{(iii)}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \langle \frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{2} -\frac{1}{2} | \frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{2} -\frac{1}{2} \rangle_{in} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \langle \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2} | \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2} \rangle_{in}$$

The 3 scatt. amps  $M_{(i)}$ ,  $M_{(ii)}$  and  $M_{(iii)}$  are related as will be shown below.

$$M_{(i)} : M_{(ii)} : M_{(iii)} = \left\langle \overset{I}{\downarrow} \overset{M}{\downarrow} \overset{I}{\downarrow} \overset{M}{\downarrow} \right\rangle_{\text{out}} \left| \overset{I}{\downarrow} \overset{M}{\downarrow} \right\rangle_{\text{in}} :$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{3} \left\langle \overset{3}{\downarrow} \overset{-1}{\downarrow} \middle| \overset{3}{\downarrow} \overset{-1}{\downarrow} \right\rangle_{\text{in}} + \frac{2}{3} \left\langle \overset{1}{\downarrow} \overset{-1}{\downarrow} \middle| \overset{1}{\downarrow} \overset{-1}{\downarrow} \right\rangle_{\text{in}} \right) :$$

$$\left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \left\langle \overset{3}{\downarrow} \overset{-1}{\downarrow} \middle| \overset{3}{\downarrow} \overset{-1}{\downarrow} \right\rangle_{\text{in}} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \left\langle \overset{1}{\downarrow} \overset{-1}{\downarrow} \middle| \overset{1}{\downarrow} \overset{-1}{\downarrow} \right\rangle_{\text{in}} \right)$$

Put

$$\left\langle \overset{3}{\downarrow} \overset{3}{\downarrow} \middle| \overset{3}{\downarrow} \overset{3}{\downarrow} \right\rangle_{\text{in}} = M_{\frac{3}{2}}$$

different m

$$\stackrel{?}{=} \left\langle \overset{3}{\downarrow} \overset{-1}{\downarrow} \middle| \overset{3}{\downarrow} \overset{-1}{\downarrow} \right\rangle_{\text{in}} \quad \text{Why?} = \text{Wigner-Eckart theorem}$$

i.e.  $M_{3/2}$  depends on  $I = 3/2$  but not on m

$$\left\langle \overset{1}{\downarrow} \overset{-1}{\downarrow} \middle| \overset{1}{\downarrow} \overset{-1}{\downarrow} \right\rangle = M_{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$M_{(i)} : M_{(ii)} : M_{(iii)} = M_{\frac{3}{2}} : \left( \frac{1}{3} M_{\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{2}{3} M_{\frac{1}{2}} \right) :$$

$$\left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} M_{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} M_{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

scattering amplitude depends on energy of incident particles,

At CM energy 1232 MeV<sup>2</sup>,  $M_{\frac{3}{2}} \gg M_{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,

Then

$$M_{(i)} : M_{(ii)} : M_{(iii)} = \left( 1 : \frac{1}{3} : \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \right) \\ = (3 : 1 : \sqrt{2})$$

$$\text{Cross section} = |M|^2$$



$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_{(i)} : \sigma_{(ii)} : \sigma_{(iii)} &= |M_{3/2}|^2 : \left| \frac{1}{3} M_{3/2} + \frac{2}{3} M_{\frac{1}{2}} \right|^2 \\
&: \left| \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} M_{3/2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} M_{\frac{1}{2}} \right|^2 \\
&\approx |M_{\frac{3}{2}}|^2 : \left| \frac{1}{3} M_{3/2} \right|^2 : \left| \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} M_{\frac{3}{2}} \right|^2 \\
&= 1 : \frac{1}{9} : \frac{2}{9} = 9 : 1 : 2
\end{aligned}$$

If we are interested in the cross section ratio of  $\sigma_{\pi^+p}$  and  $\sigma_{\pi^-p}$  for the 3 processes

$$\frac{\sigma_{\pi^+p}}{\sigma_{\pi^-p}} = \frac{9}{1+2} = 3$$

where  $\sigma_{\pi^-p} = \sigma_{(ii)} + \sigma_{(iii)}$

The calculated ratio agrees with the experimental result. see Fig in page (21)

We now extend isospin  $SU(2)$  to higher flavour symmetries,  $SU(3)$ ,  $SU(4)$ , ...  $SU(6)$

$$\sigma_a : \sigma_c : \sigma_j = 9|\mathcal{M}_3|^2 : |\mathcal{M}_3 + 2\mathcal{M}_1|^2 : 2|\mathcal{M}_3 - \mathcal{M}_1|^2 \quad (4.49)$$

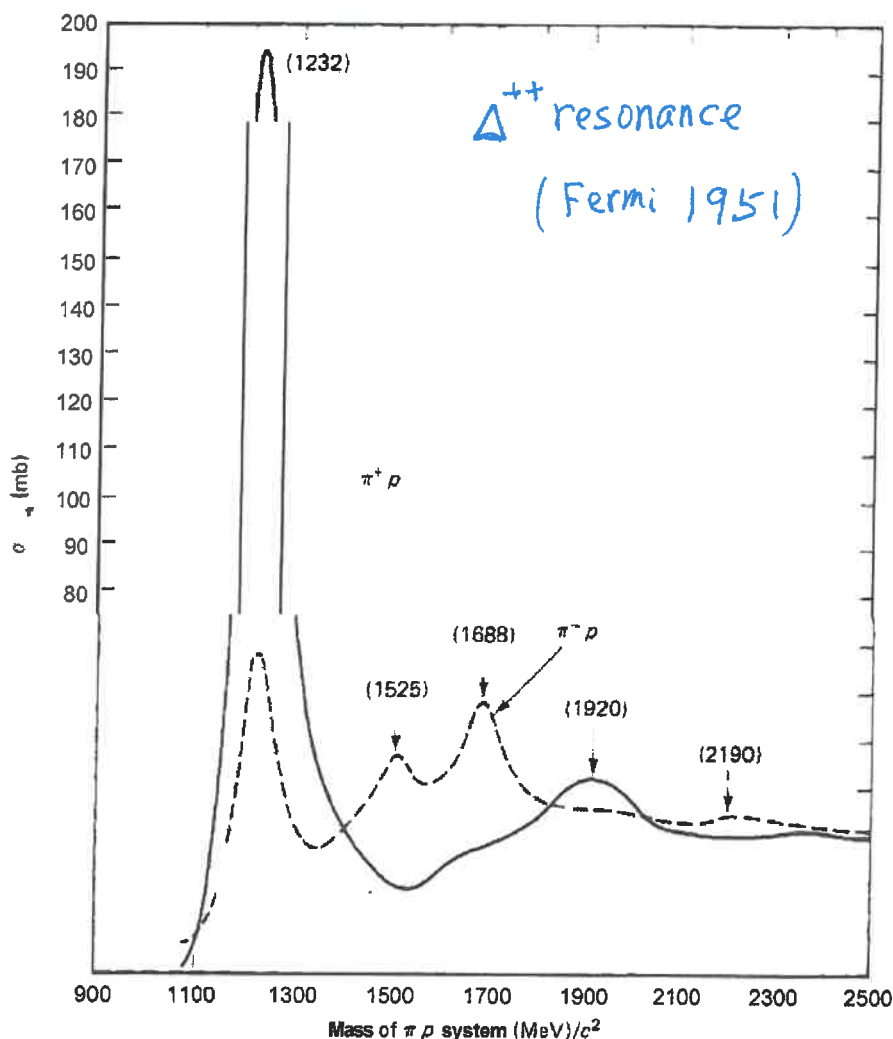
At a  $CM$  energy of  $1232 \text{ MeV}$  there occurs a famous and dramatic bump in pion-nucleon scattering, first discovered by Fermi in 1951;<sup>7</sup> here the pion and nucleon join to form a short-lived "resonance" state—the  $\Delta$ . We know the  $\Delta$  carries  $I = \frac{3}{2}$ , so we expect that at this energy  $\mathcal{M}_3 \gg \mathcal{M}_1$ , and hence

$$\sigma_a : \sigma_c : \sigma_j = 9 : 1 : 2 \quad (4.50)$$

Experimentally, it is easier to measure the total cross sections, so (c) and (j) are combined:

$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{tot}}(\pi^+ + p)}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}(\pi^- + p)} = 3 \quad (4.51)$$

As you can see in Figure 4.6, this prediction is well satisfied by the data.



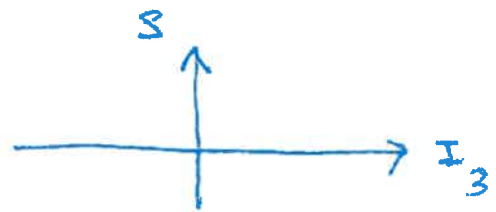
**Figure 4.6** Total cross sections for  $\pi^+p$  (solid line) and  $\pi^-p$  (dashed line) scattering. (Source: S. Gasiorowicz, *Elementary Particle Physics* (New York: Wiley, copyright © 1966, page 294. Reprinted by permission of John Wiley and Sons, Inc.)

## Quark flavour

$$J^2 = \text{Casimir operator}$$

Originally (Heisenberg, 1932) isospin was introduced to classify elementary particles into doublet (p, n), or triplet ( $\pi^+$ ,  $\pi^0$ ,  $\pi^-$ ) etc. The isospin group is  $SU(2)$   $|j m\rangle, |I m_I\rangle$

In early 1960, many more elementary particles were found,  $SU(2)$  isospin as a classification scheme is not adequate. A new quantum number, strangeness  $S$ , was introduced.



Many particles can then be accommodated into representations of a bigger symmetry group  $SU(3)$

Mesons form singlet or octet representations of  $SU(3)$

Baryons form singlet, octet (eight fold way) decuplet representations of  $SU(3)$

Questions were then raised why only these three types of representation of  $SU(3)$  are realized by elementary particles at that time?

The quark model (3 quarks) explains this. Mesons are made of quark and antiquark. Baryon are made of 3 quarks