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Structure of Matter (SoM): Lecture 3: Hadrons

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Previous Lecture: Nuclei



Protons, Neutrons, etc.

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Nucleons (protons (p) and neutrons (n)) are made of "**quarks**"; the 3 one's that build the nucleon are called "**up**" (u) and "**down**" (d); they have **spin** $\frac{1}{2}$ and **electric charge** (units of the elementary charge e_0) of +2/3 (u) and -1/3 (d):



(quarks also have "color charge" ... later)



Nucleons are not the only systems made from quarks; more generally objects comprised of 3 quarks (qqq) are called "**baryons**", while quark-antiquark systems ($q\overline{q}$) are called "**mesons**"; the two species together are named "**hadrons**":



(Note: an **anti**-particle has opposite electric charge, i.e. **electron** $(-e_0)$ and anti-electron (= **positron**) $(+e_0)$)

Since there are actually **6 different quarks** ("quark-flavor"), a lot of hadrons can be made; however, the world around us contains only up-and down-quarks; others are produced in energetic collisions and the corresponding particles are unstable.

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Quark Flavors





Example: Mesons

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If only the **3 lightest quarks (u, d, s)** are considered, the following **baryons** are possible (note: 10 quark and 10 antiquark combinations):



 \rightarrow Can you find out (guess) what the numbers on the axes mean?

Taking into account that $m_u \sim m_d$ and $m_{u,d} < m_s$, the lines of the matrix discriminate the **particle masses**.

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Baryon Multiplet

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The Omega-minus (Ω^{-}) Story

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The **significance of the** Ω^{-} was twofold:

- > it was predicted within the quark model (mass, properties)
- ➢ it demonstrated the need for a property called "color" (charge)

Since **quarks** are fermions with spin 1/2, they must obey the **Pauli exclusion principle** and cannot exist in identical states. So with three strange quarks, the property which distinguishes them must be capable of at least three distinct values – this is usually visualized by the three colors **red (R), green (G)** and **blue (B)**.

It turns out that all quarks have this property and it's implications are very profound!





Quarks are the **constituents of hadrons** as can be shown, e.g., in scattering experiments of high energy electrons on protons:



Proton

But, in spite of very intense searches, **no free quarks** have ever been observed \rightarrow it is asserted that quarks cannot be isolated (they are said to be "**confined**" in hadrons)!



Quarks have fractional electric charge values – either $\frac{1}{3}$ or $\frac{2}{3}$ times the elementary charge, depending on flavor. Thus, in principle, it should be simple to detect them, e.g., in **Millikan-type** experiments (used to

identify charge quantization and to detemine the electric elementary charge e_0):



Free Quark Searches

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Quark Production Cross Section — Accelerator

X-SECT	CHG	MASS	ENERGY		
(cm ²)	(e/3)	(GeV)	(GeV)	BEAM E	VTS
<1.3E-36	± 2	45-84	130–172	e^+e^-	0
<2.E-35	+2	250	1800	р р	0
< 1.E - 35	+4	250	1800	p p	0
<3.8E-28			14.5A	²⁸ Si–Pb	0
<3.2E-28			14.5A	²⁸ Si–Cu	0
< 1.E - 40	$\pm 1,2$	<10		$p, \nu, \overline{\nu}$	0
< 1.E - 36	$\pm 1,2$	<9	200	μ	0
<2.E-10	± 2.4	1-3	200	р	0

Search for free Quarks



The reason for **quark-confinement** is that **only color-neutral** ("white") hadrons do exist in Nature (thus the analogy with colors ...):



This is possible, e.g., for baryons (if each of the quarks has one color) and also for mesons (assuming that anti-quarks have anti-color):





Nature does not restrict hadrons to be 3-quark- (**baryons**) or quarkanti-quark- (**mesons**) systems:







Indications for Tetraquark Systems

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Because of the nucleon substructure, **the nuclear force** via the exchange of particles called "pion" is also more complex:



\rightarrow Come back to this later ...





Interaction between Nucleons

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Nucleon Interaction \rightarrow Nuclear Radii



The **nucleon** (proton, neutron) is the most important hadron, comprised of quarks that are confined in a "bag" by the strong quark-quark force (later more); the **nucleon radius** is about 0.84 fm (10⁻¹⁵ m):







Methods to determine the Proton Size

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The **distribution of electric charge** of **proton** and **neutron** can be deduced from such scattering experiments; since the quarks are charged, the **neutron** has a complex distribution (+ in the middle, - on the surface, the sum being zero):





In **collisions** between, e.g., hadrons or photons/electrons with nucleons, the energy can be used to **excite the nucleon**: <u>Example</u>: "Strangeness" production





Hadrons (baryons, mesons) can be excited to so called **resonances**, i.e. they exhibit a spectrum of internal excitations (like atoms, nuclei):



By contrast to atoms and nuclei, the **spectrum is not well known/ understood** for both theoretical (\rightarrow underlying force) and experimental (\rightarrow resonances are broad and overlapping) reasons.





Nucleon excited states:

The " Δ -resonance" (left) is interpreted as a flip of one of the quark spins, which "costs" about 200 MeV of energy:



Excited Nucleon States

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The free neutron is unstable (ß-decay)



$n \rightarrow p^+ + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e + 782 \text{ keV}$

Inside many nuclei it is stabilized because of the **Pauli exclusion principle** (no energetically possible empty proton level). If, however, such a level is empty, nuclear ß-decay will happen!





Neutron Lifetime

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The **free proton** is **very stable** – it's lifetime is much larger than the age of the universe. It is not clear whether it decays at all, for example in the following way:







Proton Lifetime

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A hyperon is any baryon containing one or more strange quarks (s):



They were called "**strange**" particles, because by the time of their discovery, it was not understood, why many of them have such a long lifetime $(10^{-10} - 10^{-11} \text{ s instead of } < 10^{-19} \text{ s})$; the reason is strangeness conservation in strong interactions (see below).

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Lifetimes of Strange Particles

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A **hypernucleus** is a nucleus which contains at least one hyperon in addition to nucleons; a number of such nuclei have been produced



Hypernuclei

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Other Baryons ... with c- and b-Quarks

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Mesons are hadronic subatomic particles composed of one quark and one antiquark; all mesons are unstable, with the longest-lived lasting for only a few hundredths of a microsecond. The importance of lighter mesons is that they are the particles that **transmit the nuclear force**:





Mesons qq Mesons are bosonic hadrons These are a few of the many types of mesons.									
Symbol	Name	Quark content	Electric charge	Mass GeV/c ²	Spin				
π+	pion	ud	+1	0.140	0				
K-	kaon	sū	-1	0.494	0				
ρ+	rho	ud	+1	0.776	1				
B ⁰	B-zero	db	0	5.279	0				
η _c	eta-c	cē	0	2.980	0				

Examples of Mesons

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The Story of the J/ Ψ Meson

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Excited Meson States

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In mesons we have learned that anti-quarks exist; thus not surprisingly Nature also builds systems comprising **3 anti-quarks** (**anti-baryons**); an important example is the **antiproton**:

Symbol	Name	Quark content	Electric charge	Mass GeV/c ²	Spin
р	proton	uud	1	0.938	1/2
p	anti- proton	ūūd	-1	0.938	1/2

But also neutral baryons have their antiparticles, e.g. antineutron:





Observation of Antiprotons*

Owen Chamberlain, Emilio Segrè, Clyde Wiegand, and Thomas Ypsilantis

Radiation Laboratory, Department of Physics, University of California, Berkeley, California (Received October 24, 1955)



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Discovery of the Antiproton

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Of cource, once one has antiprotons, on can also produce **antimatter**, for example **anti-hydrogen** (anti-proton + anti-electron (positron)):



A <u>side remark</u>: one currently discussed and investigated question is whether hydrogen and antihydrogen have **exactly the same** atomic excitations, i.e. the "charge mirror" is perfect (\rightarrow spectroscopy).







Discovery of Antimatter: Antihydrogen





Antimatter





Where is all the Antimatter?

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Mesons can only have charges $+(e_0)$, 0, and $-(e_0)$; the charged mesons are particle and antiparticle, respectively:

Example:



Since for every particle, there exists an antiparticle, **neutral mesons** are their own antiparticles (as usual, in some cases it turns out to be more complicated).



The quarks have certain **quantum numbers**, which can be thought of as labels:

Flavor	Ι	I_3	S	С	Β*	Т	Q/e
u	1/2	1/2	0	0	0	0	+2/3
d	1/2	-1/2	0	0	0	0	-1/3
S	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1/3
с	0	0	0	1	0	0	+2/3
b	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-1/3
+	0	0	0	0	0	1	+2/3

Antiquarks have corresponding quantum numbers with all the signs reversed.

Quantum numbers have a profound impact on hadronic reactions and decays (see below).



The quantum numbers of quarks and antiquarks give rise to corresponding **quantum numbers** of the hadrons, which provides an ordering scheme:

S = 0		$ = \frac{1}{2}$
S = 0		I = 3/2
S = -1		I = 0
S = -1		I = 1
S = -2		$ = \frac{1}{2}$
S = -3		I = 0
	C = +1	
		B = -1
S = 0	C = 0	B = 0
S = +- 1	C = 0	B = 0
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The quantum numbers are related to **conservation laws**:

> Electric charge: in any reaction or decay, electric charge is conserved:

Baryon number: in any reaction or decay, the baryon number is conserved;



The quantum numbers are related to **conservation laws**:

Strangeness (S): in any strong or electromagnetic reaction or decay, strangeness is conserved; this is NOT the case in weak interactions:

$$\checkmark \qquad \pi^{-} + p \rightarrow K^{0} + \Lambda^{0}$$

$$S: 0 \quad 0 \quad +1 \quad -1$$

$$\checkmark \qquad \pi^{-} + p \not\Rightarrow K^{0} + n$$

$$S: 0 \quad 0 \quad +1 \quad 0$$

$$\overline{K}^{0} \to \pi^{+} + \pi^{-}$$
S -1 0 0 $\to \Delta S = 1$

$$\Xi^{-} \not i n + \pi^{-}$$

S -2 0 0
$$\rightarrow \Delta S = 2$$





Antiproton Production in pp Collisions

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		Interaction	
Conserved quantity, Quantum number	Strong	Electromagnetic	Weak
Energy-momentum	Yes	Yes	Yes
Electric charge	Yes	Yes	Yes
Baryon number	Yes	Yes	Yes
Isospin	Yes	No	No
Strangeness	Yes	Yes	No

Why some quantities are **not conserved** in certain reactions/decays (interactions) **is NOT UNDERSTOOD yet !**

Conservation of Quantum Numbers

Lecture 3 – Hadrons – Summary



Hadrons are atomic **particles made of quarks** in a way that they are color-neutral ("white").

Many hadrons exist; they are cataloged into **baryons** (3 quark states) and **mesons** (quark-antiquark states), "multiplets", but other combinations (e.g., tetraquarks) may also exist.

Hadrons can be excited into **resonances**, which decay by emission of particles (mesons) and photons.

All hadrons (except the lightest one – the proton – which has not yet been shown to decay) are **unstable**.

Protons and neutrons (nucleons) have **spin** ½ and thus have to obey the Pauli exclusion principle, which leads to the structure of the nucleus.

We now know 6 quarks and the electron – is this all? → Next lecture!





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Quantum Number "(Iso-) Spin"







Fermio	ons	Bosons		
Leptons and Quarks	Spin = $\frac{1}{2}$	Spin = 1*	Force Carrier Particles	
Baryons (qqq)	Spin = <u>1</u> , <u>3</u> , <u>5</u>	Spin = 0, 1, 2	Mesons (qq̄)	



	OBSERVED EVENTS	UNOBSERVED EVENTS	-
	1. n —> p+e [−] + υ _e	11. n + p> p + p	
	2. π ⁺ + n → p + π ^₀	12.p> π ⁺ + π⁰	
	3. $\pi^- + p \longrightarrow n + \pi^- + \pi^+$	13.p [·] > π ⁺ + π [−]	
	4. $\pi^- + p \longrightarrow p + \pi^0 + \pi^-$	14. π ⁺ +n → K ⁺ + K°	
	5. $\Delta \longrightarrow p + \pi^-$	15. $\Delta \longrightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^- + \pi^0$	
	6. Δ → n + π ^o	16. △> K ⁺ + K ⁻	
Le	7. $n + p \longrightarrow p + p + \pi^-$	17. $\pi^0 + \pi \longrightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^-$	ns
	8. p + p \rightarrow p + n + π^+	18. π⁰ + n> p + p̄	
	9. e⁺+e [−] > p+ p	19 . Δ → n + π ⁰ + υ _e	
Electron	10.e ⁺ + e > γ+γ	20. $\pi^- \longrightarrow e^- + \gamma$	Baryons
			Baryons