

NUCLEAR PHYSICS (II)

a) FLAVOR SYMMETRY (PART II)

b) WHY IS THE PION SO LIGHT?

→ THE LINEAR SIGMA MODEL

RECAP | ISOSPIN & FLAVOR SYMMETRIES

a) $\frac{m_u}{\Lambda_{QCD}}, \frac{m_d}{\Lambda_{QCD}} \ll 1 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow U_I \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}$

b) $\frac{m_s}{\Lambda_{QCD}} < 1 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow U_F \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix}$

} Symmetries

c) $U_I \in SU(2), U_F \in SU(3)$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$

Isospin symmetry

Flavor symmetry

[REPRESENTATIONS OF $SU(2)_I$ & $SU(3)_F$]

a) $SU(2)_I \Rightarrow$ Analogous to $SU(2)$ -spin \Rightarrow Same representations

$$|I, m_I\rangle \xrightarrow{SU(2)_I} U_{m_I, m_I}^I, |I, m_I'\rangle$$

(Exactly the same as we would have done w/ spin, $|S, m_S\rangle$)

Couple isospin:

$$I_1 \otimes I_2 = |I_1 - I_2| \oplus \dots \oplus (I_1 + I_2)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \otimes \frac{1}{2} = 0 \oplus 1$$

isospin

Alternatively, we can use multiplicity:

$$\underline{2 \otimes 2 = 1 \oplus 3}$$

[REPRESENTATIONS OF $SU(2)_3$ & $SU(3)_F$]

b) $SU(3)_F \Rightarrow$ More complicated (requires two quantum numbers)

b.1) $SU(2)_3 \subseteq SU(3)_F$

\rightarrow one of the quantum numbers will be spin

b.2) Different possible choices: $[Q = \frac{2}{3} + m_3]$

\rightarrow strangeness: s-quark has

$$\boxed{S = -1} \quad \uparrow$$

\rightarrow hypercharge: $Y = B + S$
(Y)

B \rightarrow baryon number
Y \rightarrow strangeness

ANTI PARTICLES

→ Representations in $SU(3)_F$ are denoted by their multiplicity

a) $\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow U_F \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$ triplet representation $\mathbf{3}$

b) $\hat{C} |\lambda, \mathbf{R}\rangle = \lambda^* |\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\mathbf{R}}\rangle$ (charge conjugation) ←

$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{c} \\ \bar{s} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow U_F^* \begin{pmatrix} \bar{c} \\ \bar{s} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$ (transpose) $(\bar{c} \ \bar{d} \ \bar{s}) \rightarrow (\bar{c} \ \bar{d} \ \bar{s}) (U_F^*)^T$
 $\rightarrow (\bar{c} \ \bar{d} \ \bar{s}) U_F^+$

\Rightarrow antitriplet representation $\bar{\mathbf{3}}$

[TWO LIGHT QUARK & SU(3)F] (3)

a) $|q_1 q_2\rangle \Rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|q_1 q_2\rangle - |q_2 q_1\rangle)}_{3 \text{ states } (3 \text{ or } \bar{3}?)}, \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|q_1 q_2\rangle + |q_2 q_1\rangle)}_{6 \text{ states } (6)}$

b) $\langle a | = \epsilon_{abc} \langle q_b q_c | \Rightarrow \langle a | \rightarrow \langle a' | U^\dagger_{a'a} \quad (\underline{\underline{\bar{3}}})$

$\epsilon_{abc} \langle q_b q_c | \rightarrow \langle q_{b'} q_{c'} | \epsilon_{abc} U_{bb'} U_{cc'}] (1)$

$(\epsilon_{abc} \underbrace{U_{aa'} U_{bb'} U_{cc'}} = \det U \epsilon_{a'b'c'} = \epsilon_{a'b'c'}) \chi(U^\dagger_{a'a})$

$\rightarrow (U_{aa'} (U^\dagger)_{a'\beta} = \delta_{a\beta}) \rightarrow \epsilon_{\beta b' c'} U_{bb'} U_{cc'} = \epsilon_{a'b'c'} U^\dagger_{a'\beta}$

Rename $\beta \rightarrow a$: (3) = $\epsilon_{a'b'c'} U^\dagger_{a'a}$

[TWO LIGHT QUARKS & $SO(3)$] (2)

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{3 \otimes 3 = \bar{3} \oplus 6}$$

AND NOW WE WANT TO ADD A THIRD QUARK:

$$3 \otimes 3 \otimes 3 = 3 \oplus 8_S \oplus 8_A \oplus 10$$

mixed
symmetry
representations

"symmetric" "antisymmetric"
(only for $q_1 q_2$) (only for $q_1 q_2$)

[THREE LIGHT QUARKS & SU(3)] (1)

$\Rightarrow |q_1 q_2 q_3\rangle \Rightarrow$ Same trick as before: symmetry

a) Completely antisymmetric

$\epsilon_{abc} |q_a q_b q_c\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{SU(3)}} (\det U) \epsilon_{abc} |q_a q_b q_c\rangle$

\rightarrow Good representation

\equiv
 \downarrow

1 state
(singlet)

b) Completely symmetric $|uuu\rangle, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|uud\rangle + |udu\rangle + |duu\rangle),$

+ all the other possibilities

10 states
(decuplet)

[THREE LIGHT QUARKS & SU(3)] (2)

c) Mixed symmetry \Rightarrow only quarks & $\underline{8}_2$ have well-defined symmetry

c.1) $|(q_1 q_2 - q_2 q_1) q_3\rangle$

$\underline{8}_A \rightarrow$ if you count, you will find 8 states

c.2) $|(q_1 q_1 + q_1 q_1) q_3\rangle +$ (terms to ensure orthogonality with 10)

\rightarrow if we count we find 8 states (8s)

[THREE QUARKS & SU(3)] (3)

c) Mixed symmetry (continued)

$$|p_A\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|ud\rangle - |du\rangle) |u\rangle$$

$$|p_S\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [(|ud\rangle + |du\rangle) |u\rangle - 2|uud\rangle]$$

} proton states

$$\langle \Delta^+ | = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (\langle udu | + \langle ud u | + \langle duu |) \quad \langle \Delta^+ | p_S \rangle = 0$$

(see orthogonality condition in previous slide)

[How To Build A BARYON] ③

a) Baryon \Rightarrow 3 quarks (fermions) \Rightarrow Totally antisymmetric wave function

REMINDER: COLOR

$| \text{Baryon w.f.} \rangle = | \underbrace{\text{color w.f.}} \rangle \times | \text{flavor w.f.} \rangle \times | \text{spin w.f.} \rangle$

Hadrons are colorless \rightarrow ①

Baryons: $\epsilon_{ijk} |q_i q_j q_k\rangle$, $i, j, k \rightarrow$ refers to color
 \rightarrow always antisymmetric \rightarrow ②

[How To BUILD A BARYON] ②

(Spin w.f.) \times (Flavor w.f.)

always symmetric

b) Singlet:

$$|1\rangle = \epsilon_{abc} |q_a q_b q_c\rangle$$

flavor wavefunction

\Rightarrow antisymmetric

\Rightarrow Require a fully antisymmetric spin w.f.

$\epsilon_{ijk} |j_1 m_i j_2 m_j j_3 m_k\rangle \Rightarrow$ 3 different values of ms

\Rightarrow Only possible if at least one quark has $j = 3/2$
(excited states only) ($l = 1$, $s = 1/2$)

[How To Build A BARYON] (3)

c) Decuplet: $1000 \rangle \rightarrow$ totally symmetric

\Rightarrow spin w.f. also totally symmetric

$1\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow \rangle$, $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow \rangle + 1\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow \rangle + 1\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow \rangle), \dots$

$J = 3/2$

\Rightarrow Decuplet baryons:

$J = 3/2, P = +1 \rightarrow \underline{\underline{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^+}}$ states

because $l = 0$

[How To BUILD A BARYON] ④

d) Octet: $\underbrace{(\text{flavor w.f.})}_{\text{mixed symmetry}} \times \underbrace{(\text{spin w.f.})}_{\text{mixed symmetry}} = \text{totally symmetric}$

\Rightarrow Study spin wavefunctions: $\frac{1}{2} \otimes \frac{1}{2} \otimes \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \oplus \frac{1}{2} \oplus \frac{3}{2}$

$|\frac{3}{2}(S)\rangle \rightarrow$ previous slide

$|\frac{1}{2}(S)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) |\uparrow\rangle], \dots$

$|\frac{1}{2}(A)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) |\uparrow\rangle], \dots$

$(0_A \oplus 1_S) \otimes \frac{1}{2} =$

$(\frac{1}{2})_A \oplus (\frac{1}{2})_S \oplus (\frac{3}{2})_S$

[How to Build a Baryon] (S)

c) Octet (continued): \rightarrow the spin wavefunction \leftarrow

$$| \frac{3}{2} (S) \rangle = | \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \rangle, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (| \uparrow \uparrow \downarrow \rangle + | \uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \rangle + | \downarrow \uparrow \uparrow \rangle), \dots$$

$$| \frac{1}{2} (A) \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (| \uparrow \downarrow \rangle - | \downarrow \uparrow \rangle) | \uparrow \rangle, \dots$$

$$| \frac{1}{2} (S) \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [(| \uparrow \downarrow \rangle + | \downarrow \uparrow \rangle) | \uparrow \rangle - 2 | \uparrow \uparrow \downarrow \rangle], \dots$$

[How to BUILD A BARYON] (6)

c) Octet (continued):

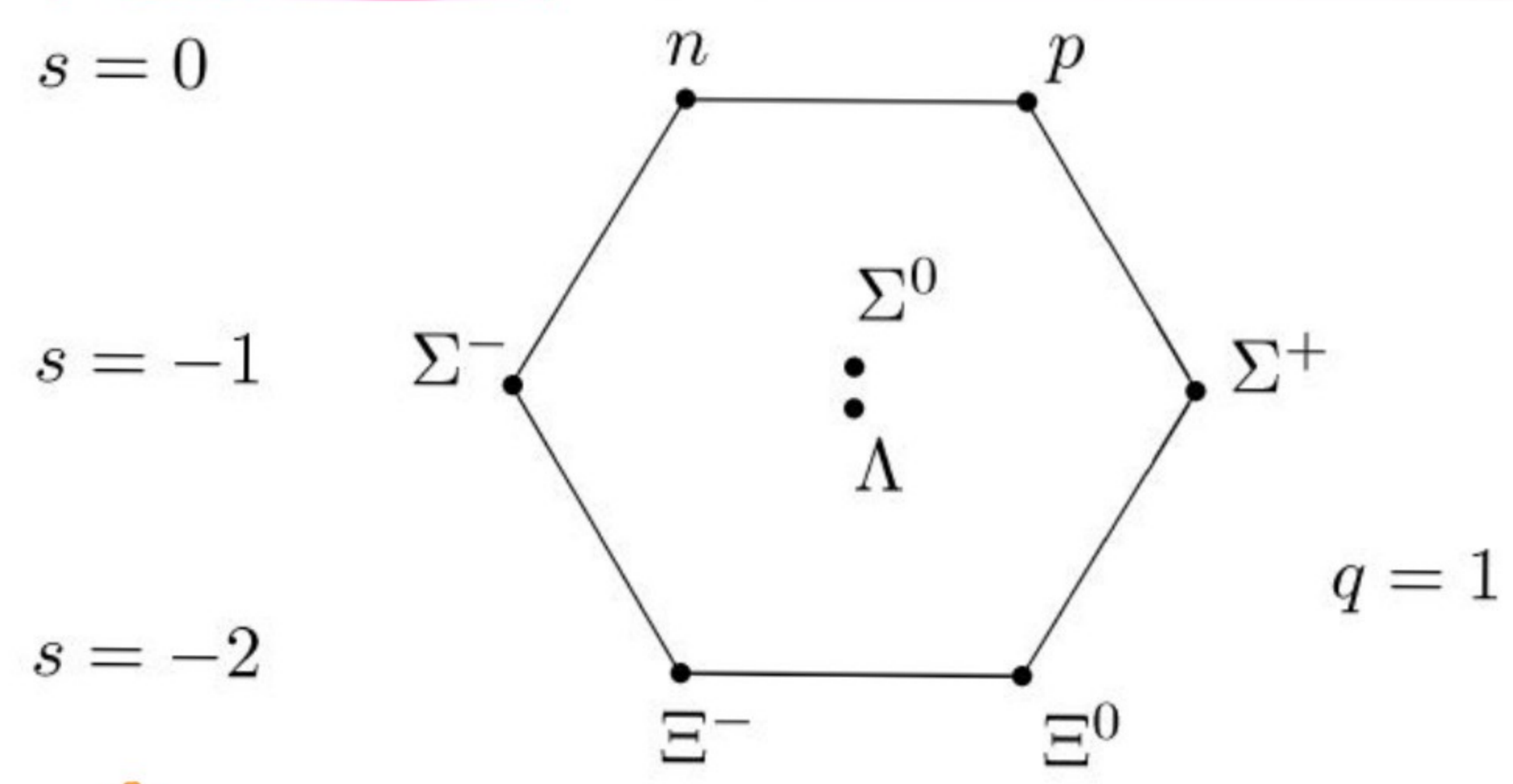
Symmetric configurations: $\left. \begin{array}{l} |B_S\rangle | \frac{1}{2}(S) \rangle \\ |B_\Delta\rangle | \frac{1}{2}(A) \rangle \end{array} \right\} (1 \leftrightarrow 2)$

But what we really want are symmetric configurations
in 1, 2, 3 ($1 \leftrightarrow 2, 2 \leftrightarrow 3, 3 \leftrightarrow 1$)

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|B_S\rangle | \frac{1}{2}(S) \rangle + |B_\Delta\rangle | \frac{1}{2}(A) \rangle) \rightarrow$ Octet
flavor & spin
wavefunction

[GROUND STATE BARYONS]

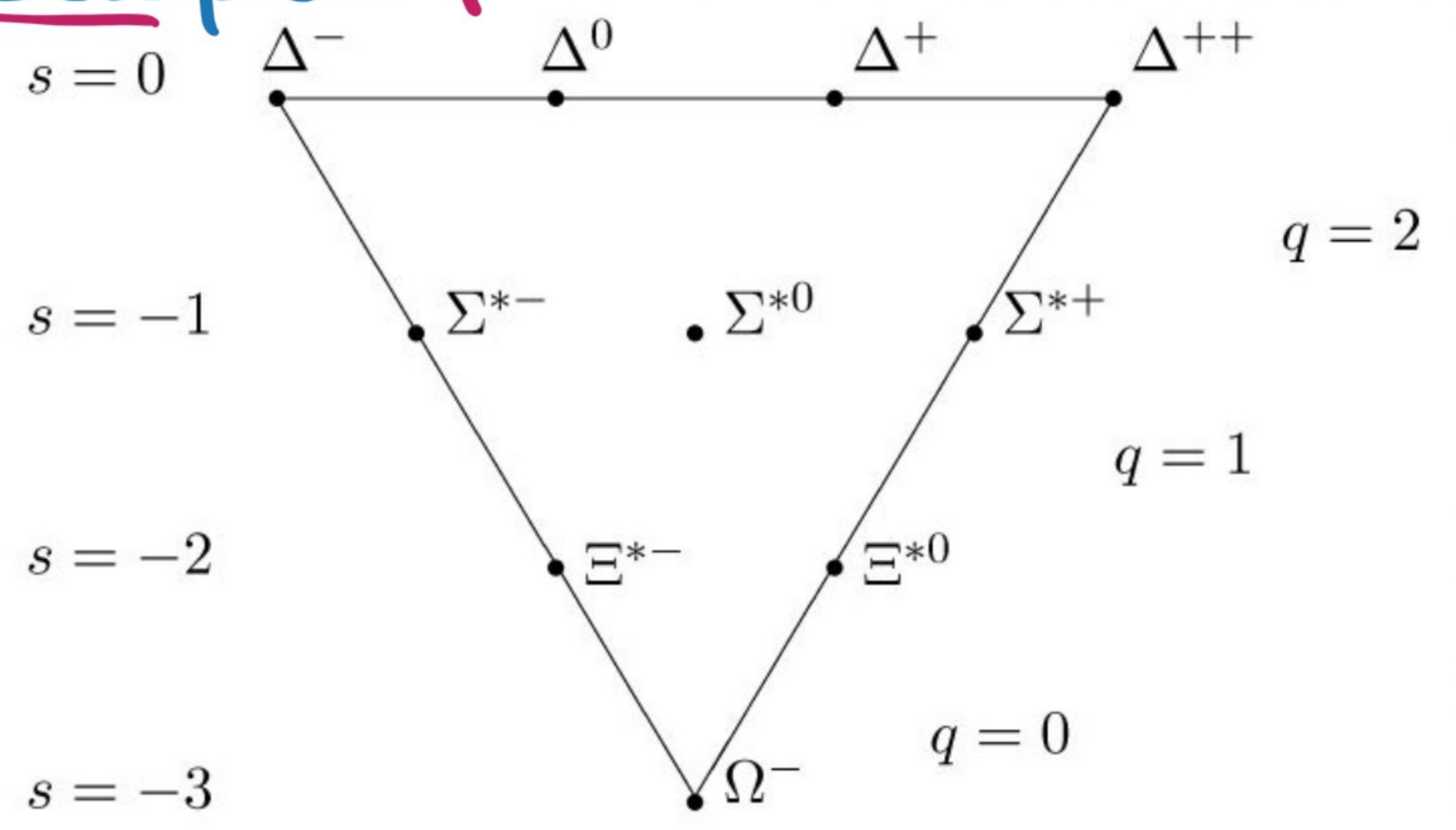
Octet:



↑
Strangeness

↑
 $J = 1/2$

Decuplet:



↑
Strangeness

↑
 $J = 3/2$

[HOW TO BUILD A MESON] \Rightarrow Quark-antiquark systems

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow U \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\bar{u} \bar{d} \bar{s}) \rightarrow (\bar{u} \bar{d} \bar{s}) U^\dagger$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix} (\bar{u} \bar{d} \bar{s}) = \begin{pmatrix} u\bar{u} & u\bar{d} & u\bar{s} \\ d\bar{u} & d\bar{d} & d\bar{s} \\ s\bar{u} & s\bar{d} & s\bar{s} \end{pmatrix}$$

SU(3) transformation
for quark-antiquark
states

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix} (\bar{u} \bar{d} \bar{s}) \rightarrow U \left[\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix} (\bar{u} \bar{d} \bar{s}) \right] U^\dagger$$

$\oplus \rightarrow$ change of basis \rightarrow trace will be invariant

[How To BUILD A MESON] (2)

$$a) \text{Tr} \left[\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix} (\bar{u} \bar{d} \bar{s}) \right] \xrightarrow{\text{SU(3)}_F} \text{Tr} \left[\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix} (\bar{u} \bar{d} \bar{s}) \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|u\bar{u}\rangle + |d\bar{d}\rangle + |s\bar{s}\rangle) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|u\bar{u}\rangle + |d\bar{d}\rangle + |s\bar{s}\rangle)$$

\Rightarrow Singlet state or $|1\rangle$

$$b) \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix} (\bar{u} \bar{d} \bar{s}) - \frac{1}{3} \text{Tr} \left[\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix} (\bar{u} \bar{d} \bar{s}) \right] \mathbb{1}_{3 \times 3} \xrightarrow{\text{SU(3)}_F} (\text{into itself})$$

\Rightarrow 8 states (9 quark states minus the trace)

\Rightarrow Octet or $|8\rangle$

[How to BUILD A MESON] (3)

$$\Rightarrow 3 \otimes \bar{3} = 1 \oplus 8$$

\Rightarrow Check how these w.f.s correspond to particles

$$|1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|u\bar{u}\rangle + |d\bar{d}\rangle + |s\bar{s}\rangle) \leftarrow \text{singlet w.f.}$$

$$|8\rangle \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} |u\bar{u}\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}|1\rangle & |u\bar{d}\rangle & |u\bar{s}\rangle \\ |d\bar{u}\rangle & |d\bar{d}\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}|1\rangle & |d\bar{s}\rangle \\ |s\bar{u}\rangle & |s\bar{d}\rangle & |s\bar{s}\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}|1\rangle \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \text{octet w.f.}$$

Let's simplify the matrix:

a) Reminder: isospin of quark-antiquark systems

$$\begin{aligned} |11\rangle &= -|u\bar{d}\rangle && \rightarrow -|\pi^+\rangle \\ |10\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|u\bar{u}\rangle - |d\bar{d}\rangle) && \rightarrow |\pi^0\rangle \\ |1-1\rangle &= |d\bar{u}\rangle && \rightarrow |\pi^-\rangle \end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(this could} \\ \text{change} \\ \text{depending} \\ \text{on } \underline{\text{conventions}}) \end{array}$$

b) We can define an isospin zero octet state:

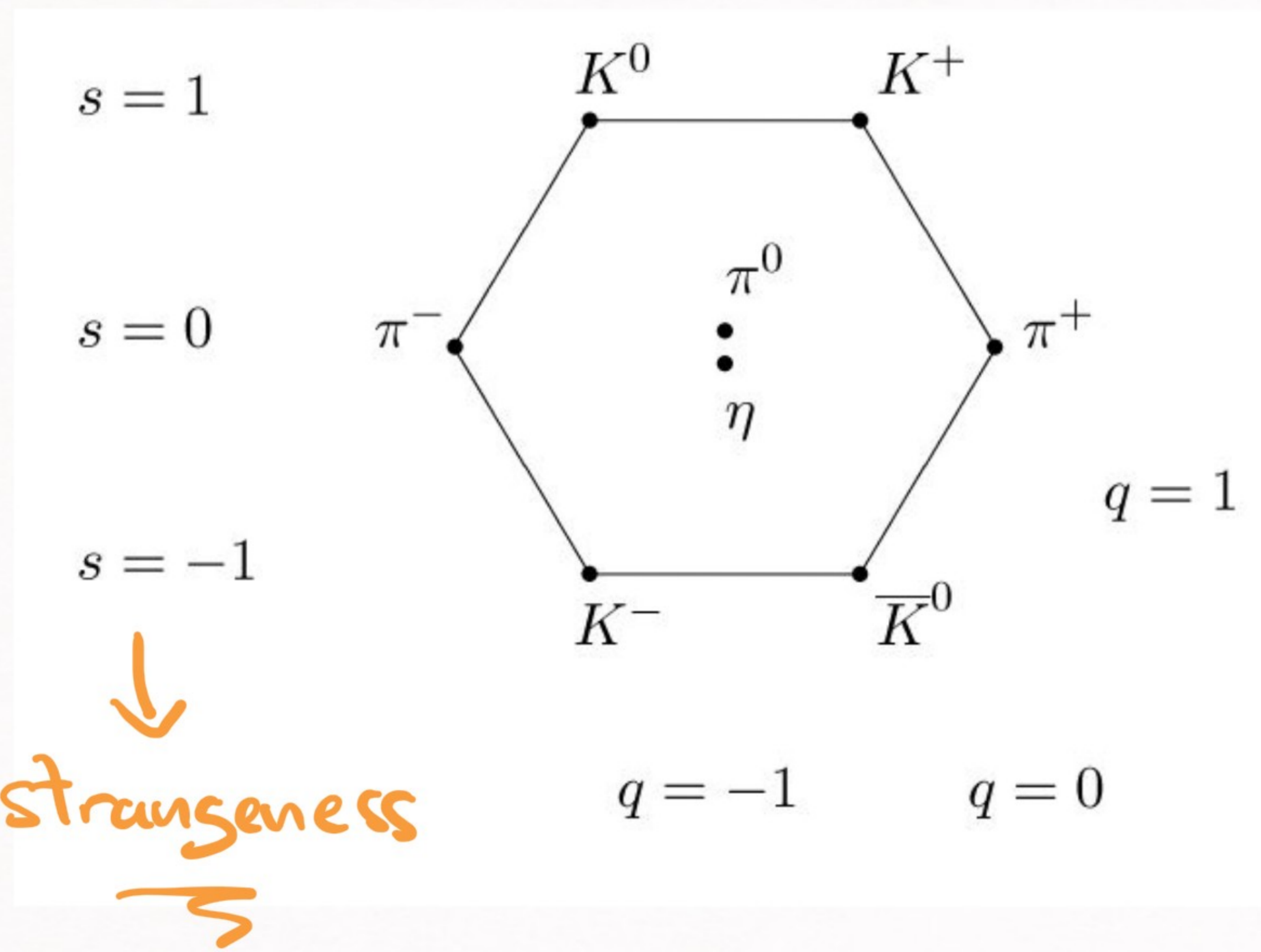
$$\underbrace{|00\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|u\bar{u}\rangle + |d\bar{d}\rangle)}_{\text{mixture of } |1\rangle \text{ \& } |0\rangle} \cong |8\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(|u\bar{u}\rangle + |d\bar{d}\rangle - 2|s\bar{s}\rangle)$$

(pure octet w/ $I=0$)

PSEUDOSCALAR OCTET

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix} (u \bar{d} \bar{s}) - \frac{2}{3} \text{Tr} \left[\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix} (u \bar{d} \bar{s}) \right] \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\pi^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \eta & \pi^+ & K^+ \\ \pi^- & -\frac{\pi^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \eta & K^0 \\ K^- & K^0 & \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \eta \end{pmatrix}$$



CAVEAT: depends on sign conventions

⇓
corresponds w/ the matrix
in slide 20

But $SU(3)_C$ is not always a good symmetry:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a) \quad |1\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|u\bar{u}\rangle + |d\bar{d}\rangle + |s\bar{s}\rangle) \\
 |8\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (|u\bar{u}\rangle + |d\bar{d}\rangle - 2|s\bar{s}\rangle)
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} |1\rangle \\ |8\rangle \end{aligned}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} (m_s \gg m_u, m_d) \\ \Rightarrow \text{(invert)} \Rightarrow \oplus \end{array}$$

$$\oplus \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} |s\bar{s}\rangle \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|u\bar{u}\rangle + |d\bar{d}\rangle) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{1/3} & -\sqrt{2/3} \\ -\sqrt{2/3} & \sqrt{1/3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |1\rangle \\ |8\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

(check it just in case)



$m_s \gg m_u, m_d \implies$ Often, physical states will correspond to $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d})$ and $|s\bar{s}\rangle$

(instead of $|11\rangle$ and $|10\rangle$)

MESON NONETS

(instead of meson octets)

Example \rightarrow vector mesons ($J^P = 1^-$)

$$|\omega\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d})$$

$$|\phi\rangle = |s\bar{s}\rangle$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \bar{d} \\ \bar{s} \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\rho^0 + \omega}{\sqrt{2}} & \rho^+ & K^{*+} \\ \rho^- & -\frac{\rho^0 + \omega}{\sqrt{2}} & K^{*0} \\ K^{*-} & \bar{K}^{*0} & \phi \end{pmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow also baryon nonets (excited baryons)

[$SU(2)_I$ & $SU(3)_F$] \Rightarrow How to use them?

a) Probabilities (cross sections & decays): $SU(2)_I$

Relative $\mathcal{P}_1 = \mathcal{P}(\Delta^{++} \rightarrow p \pi^+) \propto |\langle \Delta^{++} | p \pi^+ \rangle|^2 = 1$
 $\mathcal{P}_2 = \mathcal{P}(\Delta^+ \rightarrow p \pi^0) \propto |\langle \Delta^+ | p \pi^0 \rangle|^2 = 2/3$
 $\mathcal{P}_3 = \mathcal{P}(\Delta^+ \rightarrow n \pi^+) \propto |\langle \Delta^+ | n \pi^+ \rangle|^2 = 1/3$

$\frac{\mathcal{P}_1}{\mathcal{P}_2} = \frac{3}{2}$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{P}_1 \\ \mathcal{P}_2 \end{array} \right.$
 $\frac{\mathcal{P}_1}{\mathcal{P}_3} = 3$

\mathcal{P}_1
 \mathcal{P}_2
 \mathcal{P}_3

$|\Delta^{++}\rangle = |\frac{3}{2} \frac{3}{2}\rangle$ $|p\rangle = |\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}\rangle$

$|\Delta^+\rangle = |\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2}\rangle$ $|n\rangle = |\frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2}\rangle$

$|\pi^+\rangle = |1 1\rangle$, $|\pi^0\rangle = |1 0\rangle$

$\langle p \pi^+ | \Delta^{++} \rangle = \langle \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} 1 | \frac{3}{2} \frac{3}{2} \rangle = 1$

Clebsch-Gordan coefficient

$\textcircled{1} = 1$

[$SU(2)_3$ & $SU(3)_F$]

Clebsch-Gordan coefficients

b) Probabilities (cross section & decays): $SU(3)_F$

$\Sigma^+ \rightarrow \Sigma \pi$, $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow \Lambda \pi$ $\left\{ \rightarrow \Sigma^{*+} \rightarrow \Lambda^0 \pi^+$, etc.

$$\Sigma^{*+} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\Sigma^+ \pi^0 - \Sigma^0 \pi^+)$$

$$\Sigma^{*0} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\Sigma^+ \pi^- - \Sigma^- \pi^+)$$

etc.

From $SU(2)_3$ Clebsch
Gordan coefficient
=

10 \rightarrow 8 \oplus 8 transition

$$\langle \Sigma^+ | \Sigma \pi \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{12}}$$

$$\langle \Sigma^+ | \Lambda \pi \rangle = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{12}}$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{P}(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow \Sigma \pi)}{\mathcal{P}(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow \Lambda \pi)} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$[SU(2)_I \otimes SU(3)_F] \Rightarrow$ We need to use tables of

Example: $\left. \begin{array}{l} \Sigma^+ \rightarrow \Sigma \pi \\ \Sigma^+ \rightarrow \Lambda \pi \end{array} \right\} 10 \rightarrow 8 \oplus 8$

$SU(3)_F$ Clebsch-Gordan coefficients

Only thing required

$$10 \rightarrow 8 \otimes 8$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta \\ \Sigma \\ \Xi \\ \Omega \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} N\pi & \Sigma K \\ N\bar{K} & \Sigma\pi & \Lambda\pi & \Sigma\eta & \Xi K \\ \Sigma\bar{K} & \Lambda\bar{K} & \Xi\pi & \Xi\eta \\ & & \Xi\bar{K} & & \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 & -3 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -3 & 3 & 3 & \\ & & 12 & & \end{pmatrix}^{1/2}$$

check convention of your $SU(3)$ table

from review of "SU(3) isoscalar form factors and representation matrices" (within Review of Particle Physics)

$[SU(2)_1 \otimes SU(3)_F] \Rightarrow$ How to use them?

b) Baryon-baryon potentials: \leftarrow Our example

$$\begin{array}{c} | \\ \bullet \\ | \\ N \end{array} \quad \text{---} \quad \begin{array}{c} | \\ \bullet \\ | \\ N \end{array} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} v_1 \text{ for } I=1 \\ v_0 \text{ for } I=0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

Can we derive from this the potential in other configurations?

\rightarrow Yes, but it will be troublesome

$$8 \otimes 8 = 1 \oplus 8_S \oplus 8_A \oplus 10 \oplus 10^* \oplus 27$$

(that's really daunting)

b) Baryon-Baryon potential \rightarrow most simple case:

Reminder: $Y = B + S \Rightarrow Y = 1$ for proton
 pp we have $Y = 2$ \leftarrow \Rightarrow

NN with $I = 1$
 $(pp, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(np + pn), nn)$

TABLE II. Isoscalar factors for $\{8\} \otimes \{8\}$. Given are the isoscalar factors

$(\begin{matrix} 8 & 8 \\ I_1 Y_1 & I_2 Y_2 \end{matrix} | I Y^{\mu_\gamma}) \rightarrow$ this table uses \bar{I}

for the CG series $\{8\} \otimes \{8\} = \{27\} \oplus \{10\} \oplus \{10^*\} \oplus \{8\}_1 \oplus \{8\}_2 \oplus \{1\}$.

$Y = 2 \quad I = 1$				$Y = 2 \quad I = 0$		
$I_1, Y_1; I_2, Y_2$	27	μ_γ	$I_1, Y_1; I_2, Y_2$	10^*	μ_γ	
$\frac{1}{2}, 1; \frac{1}{2}, 1$	1		$\frac{1}{2}, 1; \frac{1}{2}, 1$	-1		

de Swart, RUI 35, number 4, 916 \rightarrow $|pp\rangle = |27\rangle$

b) Baryon-baryon: the most simple case!

$1NN(I=1) \rangle = 127 \rangle \Rightarrow$ Look for more $127 \rangle$'s
(because they will have the same ν)

$Y=1 \quad I=\frac{3}{2}$

$I_1, Y_1; I_2, Y_2$	27	10	μ_γ
$\frac{1}{2}, 1; 1, 0$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	$-\sqrt{2}/2$	
$1, 0; \frac{1}{2}, 1$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	

$Y=0 \quad I=0$

$I_1, Y_1; I_2, Y_2$	27	8_1	1	8_2	μ_γ
$\frac{1}{2}, 1; \frac{1}{2}, -1$	$\sqrt{15}/10$	$\sqrt{10}/10$	$1/2$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	
$\frac{1}{2}, -1; \frac{1}{2}, 1$	$-\sqrt{15}/10$	$-\sqrt{10}/10$	$-1/2$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	
$1, 0; 1, 0$	$-\sqrt{10}/20$	$-\sqrt{15}/5$	$\sqrt{6}/4$	0	
$0, 0; 0, 0$	$3\sqrt{30}/20$	$-\sqrt{5}/5$	$-\sqrt{2}/4$	0	

$Y=1 \quad I=\frac{1}{2}$

$I_1, Y_1; I_2, Y_2$	27	8_1	8_2	10^*	μ_γ
$\frac{1}{2}, 1; 1, 0$	$\sqrt{5}/10$	$3\sqrt{5}/10$	$1/2$	$-1/2$	
$1, 0; \frac{1}{2}, 1$	$-\sqrt{5}/10$	$-3\sqrt{5}/10$	$1/2$	$-1/2$	
$\frac{1}{2}, 1; 0, 0$	$3\sqrt{5}/10$	$-\sqrt{5}/10$	$1/2$	$1/2$	
$0, 0; \frac{1}{2}, 1$	$3\sqrt{5}/10$	$-\sqrt{5}/10$	$-1/2$	$-1/2$	

$Y=-1 \quad I=\frac{3}{2}$

$I_1, Y_1; I_2, Y_2$	27	10^*	μ_γ
$\frac{1}{2}, -1; 1, 0$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	$-\sqrt{2}/2$	
$1, 0; \frac{1}{2}, -1$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	

$Y=0 \quad I=2$

$I_1, Y_1; I_2, Y_2$	27	μ
$1, 0; 1, 0$	1	

$Y=-1 \quad I=\frac{1}{2}$

$I_1, Y_1; I_2, Y_2$	27	8_1	8_2	10	μ_γ
$\frac{1}{2}, -1; 1, 0$	$-\sqrt{5}/10$	$-3\sqrt{5}/10$	$1/2$	$1/2$	
$1, 0; \frac{1}{2}, -1$	$\sqrt{5}/10$	$3\sqrt{5}/10$	$1/2$	$1/2$	
$\frac{1}{2}, -1; 0, 0$	$3\sqrt{5}/10$	$-\sqrt{5}/10$	$-1/2$	$1/2$	
$0, 0; \frac{1}{2}, -1$	$3\sqrt{5}/10$	$-\sqrt{5}/10$	$1/2$	$-1/2$	

$Y=0 \quad I=1$

$I_1, Y_1; I_2, Y_2$	27	8_1	8_2	10	10^*	μ_γ
$\frac{1}{2}, 1; \frac{1}{2}, -1$	$\sqrt{5}/5$	$-\sqrt{30}/10$	$\sqrt{6}/6$	$-\sqrt{6}/6$	$\sqrt{6}/6$	
$\frac{1}{2}, -1; \frac{1}{2}, 1$	$\sqrt{5}/5$	$-\sqrt{30}/10$	$-\sqrt{6}/6$	$\sqrt{6}/6$	$-\sqrt{6}/6$	
$1, 0; 1, 0$	0	0	$\sqrt{6}/3$	$\sqrt{6}/6$	$-\sqrt{6}/6$	
$1, 0; 0, 0$	$\sqrt{30}/10$	$\sqrt{5}/5$	0	$1/2$	$1/2$	
$0, 0; 1, 0$	$\sqrt{30}/10$	$\sqrt{5}/5$	0	$-1/2$	$-1/2$	

$Y=-2 \quad I=1$

$I_1, Y_1; I_2, Y_2$	27	μ
$\frac{1}{2}, -1; \frac{1}{2}, -1$	1	

$Y=-2 \quad I=0$

$I_1, Y_1; I_2, Y_2$	10	μ_γ
$\frac{1}{2}, -1; \frac{1}{2}, -1$	1	

$1 \Sigma \Sigma (\Gamma=2) \rangle = 127 \rangle$

$1 \equiv \equiv (I=1) \rangle = 127 \rangle$

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |N \Sigma + \Sigma N (\Gamma=3/2) \rangle = 127 \rangle$

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} | \equiv \equiv + \equiv \equiv (\Gamma=3/2) \rangle = 127 \rangle$

b) Baryon-baryon potential: 127

$$1NN (\Gamma=1) \rightarrow (S=0)$$

$$1\Sigma\Sigma (\Gamma=2) \rightarrow (S=0)$$

$$1\Xi\Xi (\Gamma=1) \rightarrow (S=0)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1\Sigma N (3/2) + N\Sigma (3/2)) \rightarrow (S=0)$$

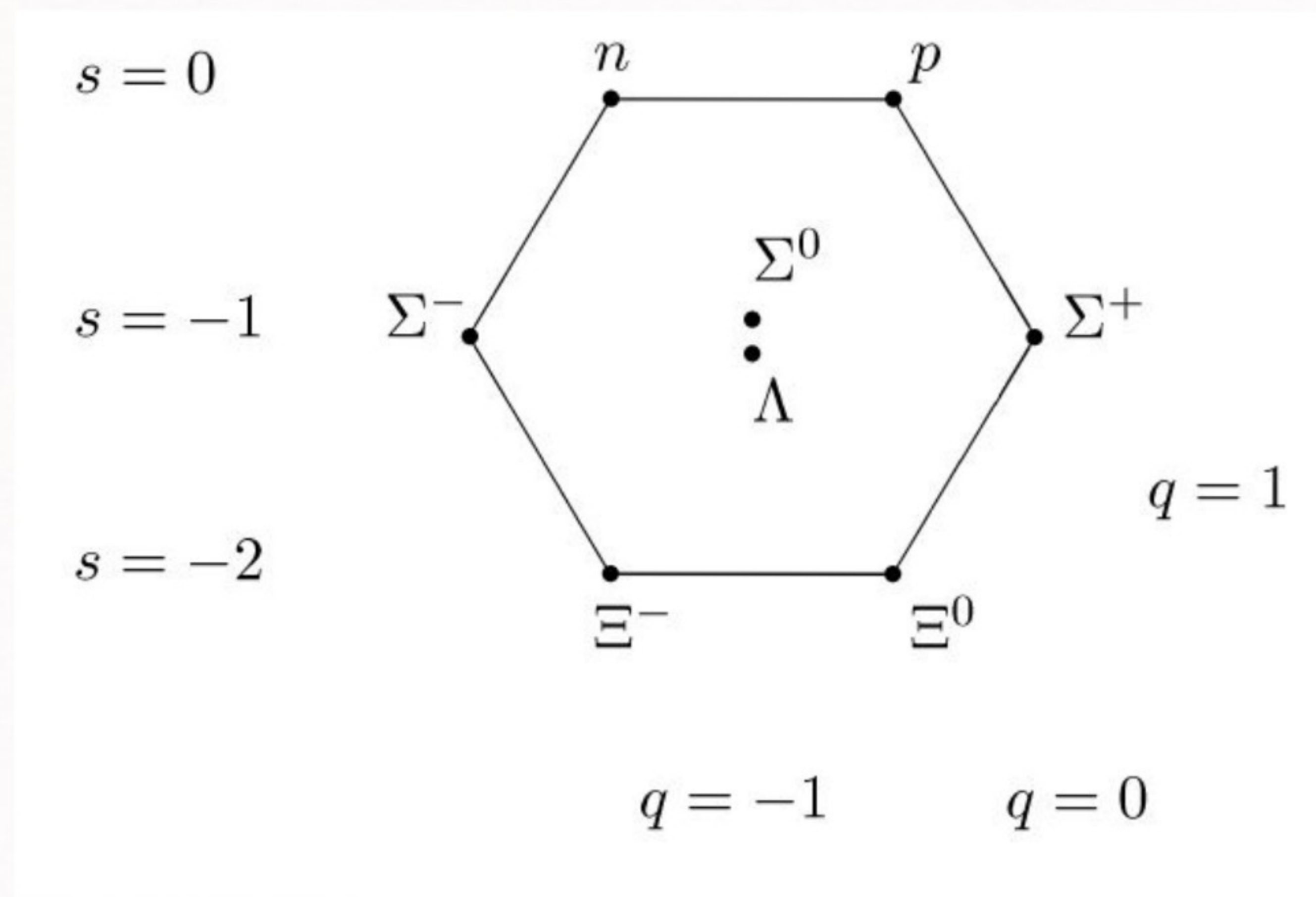
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1\Xi\Sigma (3/2) + \Sigma\Xi (3/2)) \rightarrow (S=0)$$

\Rightarrow All these systems will have the same potential
(except for symmetry breaking effects)
(e.g. $m_s \gg m_u, m_d$)

because total w.f.
is antisymmetric

$SU(3)_F$: How WELL DOES IT WORK?

CASE $s = 0 \Rightarrow$ Octet baryons



$$m_n \approx m_p \approx 940 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_\Lambda \approx 1115 \text{ MeV (+15\%)}$$

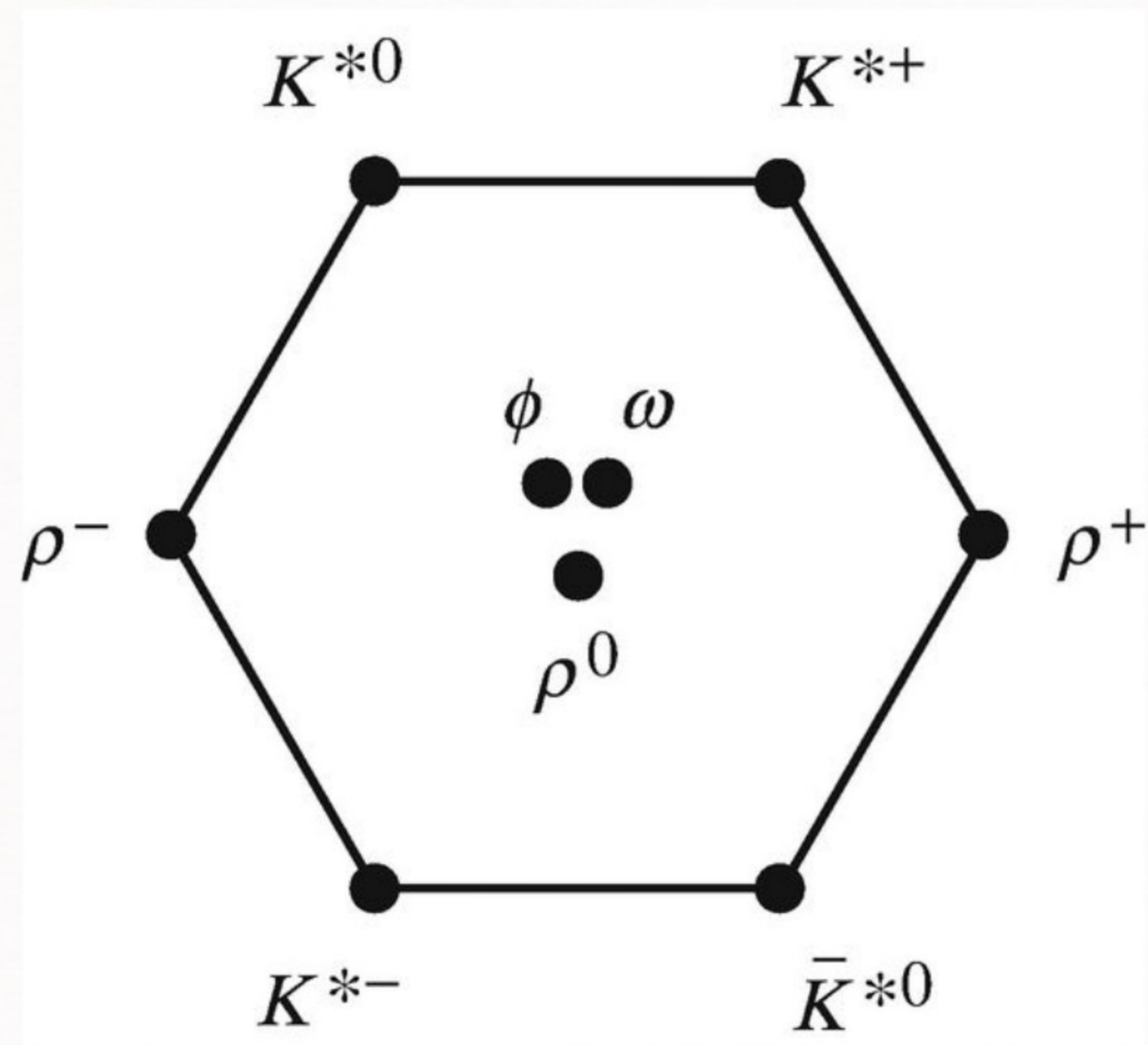
$$m_\Sigma \approx 1193 \text{ MeV (+20\%)}$$

$$m_\Xi \approx 1318 \text{ MeV (+30\%)}$$

\rightarrow not terribly bad \leftarrow

SU(3)_F : HOW WELL IT WORKS?

CASE 2 ⇒ vector meson nonet



$$m_{\rho} \approx 770 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_{\omega} \approx 780 \text{ MeV}$$

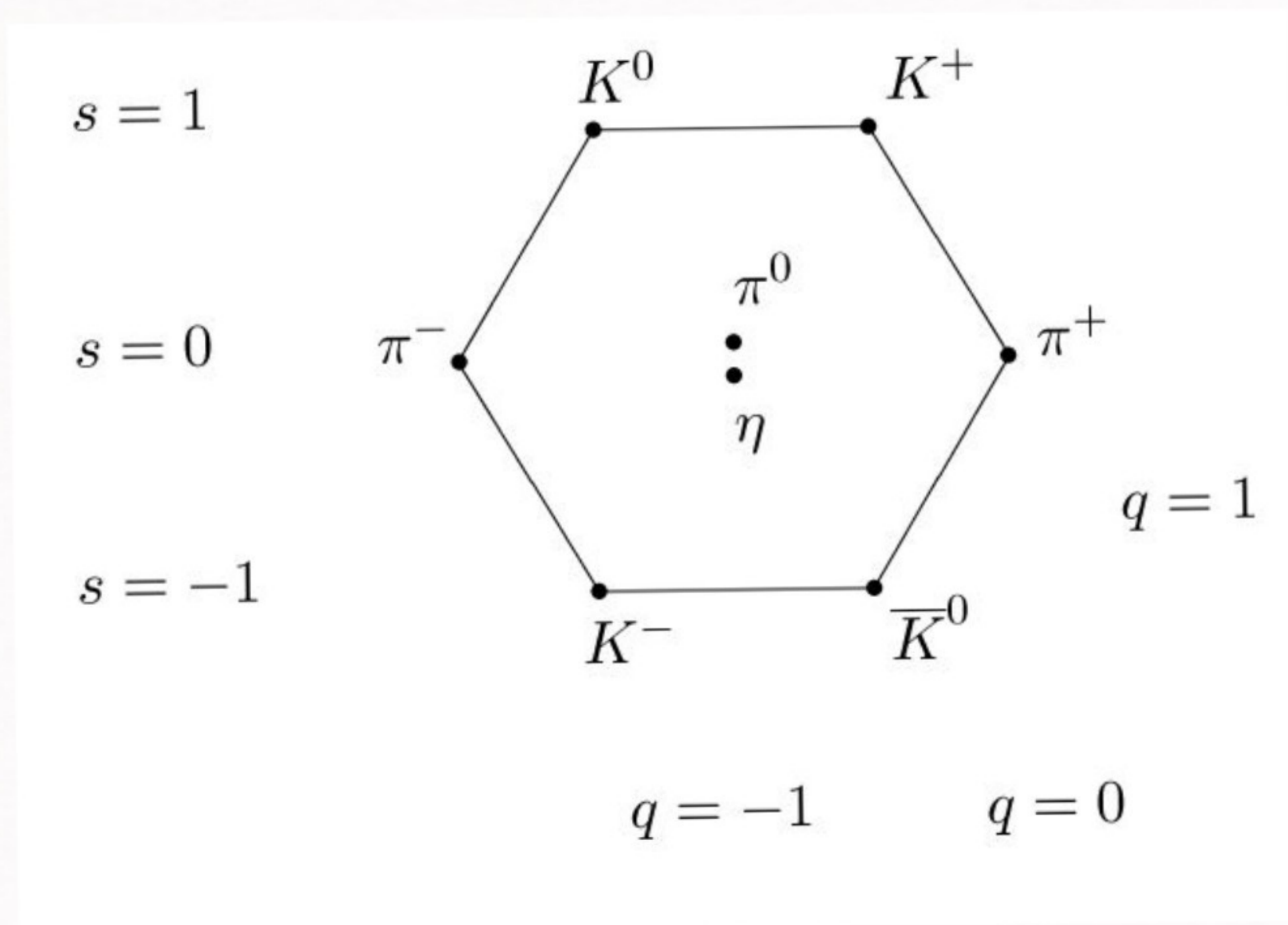
$$m_{K^*} \approx 890 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_{\phi} \approx 1020 \text{ MeV}$$

→ not terribly bad ←

SU(3)_F | : How WELL IT WORKS?

CASE 3 \Rightarrow Pseudoscalar meson octet



$$m_{\pi} \approx 138 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_K \approx 495 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_{\eta} \approx 548 \text{ MeV}$$

\rightarrow there is a problem \leftarrow

\rightarrow Needs an explanation \leftarrow

THE QUESTION HERE IS ... [WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?]

→ [CHIRAL SYMMETRY]

Getting here  will require a few steps

- 1) the linear sigma model
- 2) Goldstone theorem

RECAP

- a) $SU(3)$ -flavor works (more or less) well in most cases
 - Baryon masses, vector meson masses ✓
- b) But the pseudoscalar mesons are an exception ✗
 - Pion is unnaturally light
- c) Path to Chiral symmetry (the explanation for the small pion mass)
 - c.1) the linear σ model
 - c.2) Nambu-Goldstone theorem

Let's reconsider this problem

From the point of view of NATURALNESS

\Rightarrow NATURAL: $\frac{m_p}{m_N} \sim 0.8 \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ (From previous lessons)

$m_{\text{meson}} \sim 2\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim 0.7 \text{ GeV} + (\text{mass of } s\text{-quark})$

$m_{\text{baryon}} \sim 3\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim 0.9 \text{ GeV} + (\text{mass of } s\text{-quark})$

\Rightarrow BUT THE PION: $\frac{m_\pi}{m_p} \sim \frac{1}{7} \ll \mathcal{O}(1) \rightarrow \text{fine-tuning}$

The pion is different:

$$\boxed{\frac{m_\pi}{m_p} \sim \frac{1}{7}}$$

\Rightarrow

a) ~~Chance~~

b) Symmetry \rightarrow Chiral symmetry



this fine-tuning comes from a symmetry

NOTE THIS $\Rightarrow \frac{m_\pi}{m_p} \sim \frac{1}{7}$ also indicates a good

separation of scales \Rightarrow EFT

(EFT for pion \rightarrow Chiral perturbation theory)

PROBLEM:

explain $\frac{m_n}{m_p} \sim \frac{2}{7}$

SOLUTION:

(long & tortuous) →

this is just
new physics
works

↓
Series of steps

For preparing yourself for chiral symmetry:

- a) Gell-Mann's & Levi's linear σ model
- b) Goldstone theorem

[THE TWO INTERMEDIATE STEPS]

a) Linear σ -model (Gell-Mann & Leu, 70's)

a theory in which we begin with a massless nucleon and a massive pion and end up with a massive nucleon and massless pion

b) Goldstone Theorem

general explanation for what is happening in the LSM & a lot of other models

LINEAR SIGMA MODEL

3) We begin with this basic QFT:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{LOM}} = \underbrace{i\bar{N}\not{\partial}N}_{(a)} + \underbrace{g\bar{N}(\phi_0 + i\gamma_5\vec{\tau}\cdot\vec{\Phi})N}_{(b)} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^3 \underbrace{\lambda_i \phi_i \partial^\mu \phi_i}_{(c)}}_{(c)} - \underbrace{V(\Phi)}_{(d)}$$

(a) massless Dirac field (nucleon)

(c) kinetic term of this ϕ -field

(b) ϕ -N interaction

(d) mass + interaction terms of ϕ -field

2) Let's see $V(\phi)$ in more detail:

$$V(\phi) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \mu^2 \sum_{i=0}^3 \phi_i^2}_{\text{mass term}} + \underbrace{\frac{\lambda}{4} \left(\sum_{i=0}^3 \phi_i^2 \right)^2}_{\text{kinetic term}} \rightarrow \phi^4 \text{ theory}$$

3) Details to pay attention to:

3.a) N is a massless field

3.b) $(\phi_0, \vec{\phi})$ are massive ($m = \mu$)

[THE MEXICAN HAT POTENTIAL] ①

⇒ But this is not what we want! (N massless, d massive)

What we want is the following:

[N massive, d massless]

⇒ Luckily there is a magic trick to make this happen:



⇒ The Mexican hat potential

[THE MEXICAN HAT POTENTIAL] (2)



a) What does this trick achieves?

↳ massless, ϕ massive



↳ massive, ϕ massless

b) How this is achieved?

$$V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 \left(\sum_{i=0}^3 \phi_i^2 \right) + \frac{\lambda}{4} \left(\sum_{i=0}^3 \phi_i^2 \right)^2 \Rightarrow \text{We take } \underline{\underline{\mu^2 < 0}}$$

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maths allow this

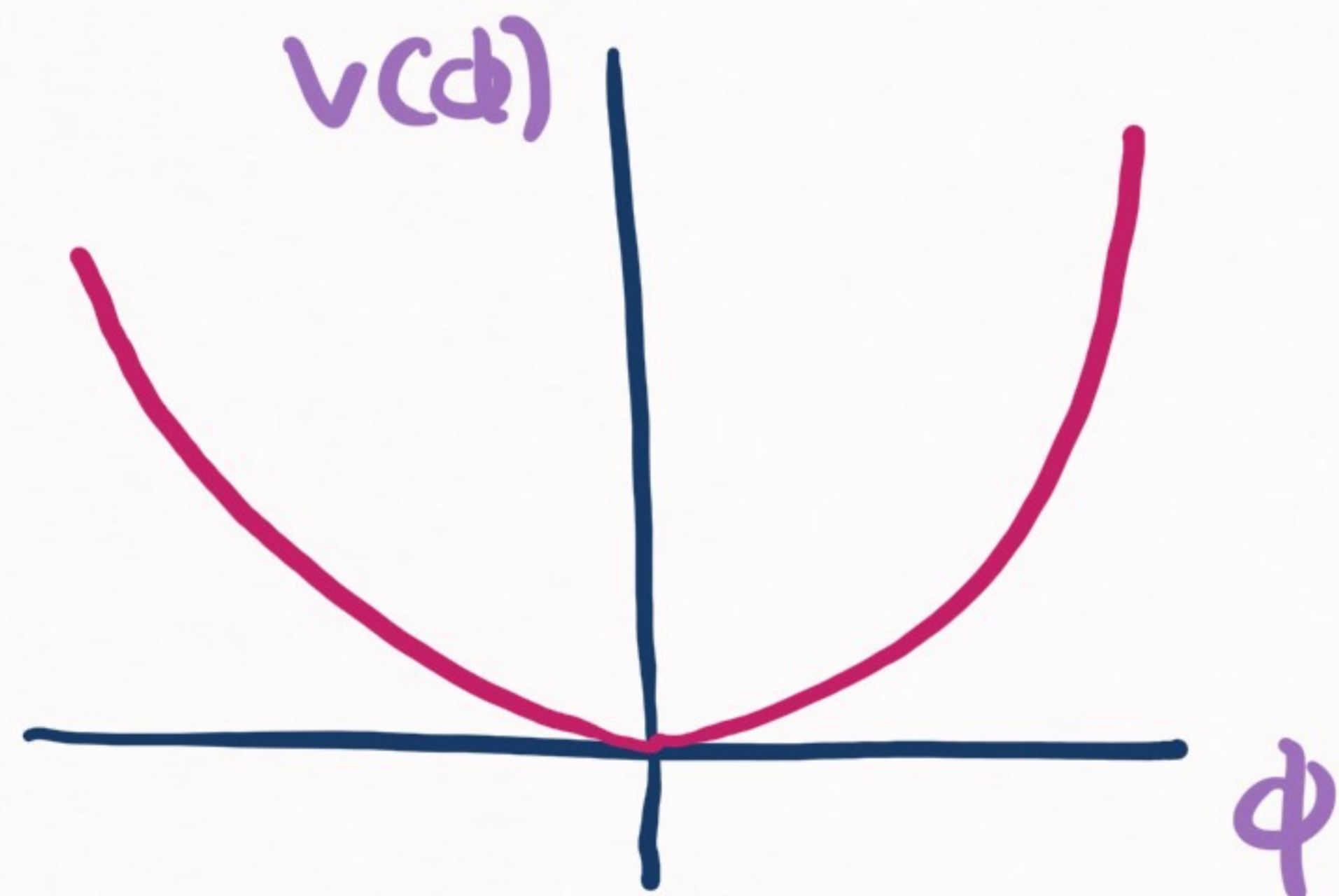
[THE MEXICAN HAT POTENTIAL] (3)

LSM \rightarrow 4 ϕ fields

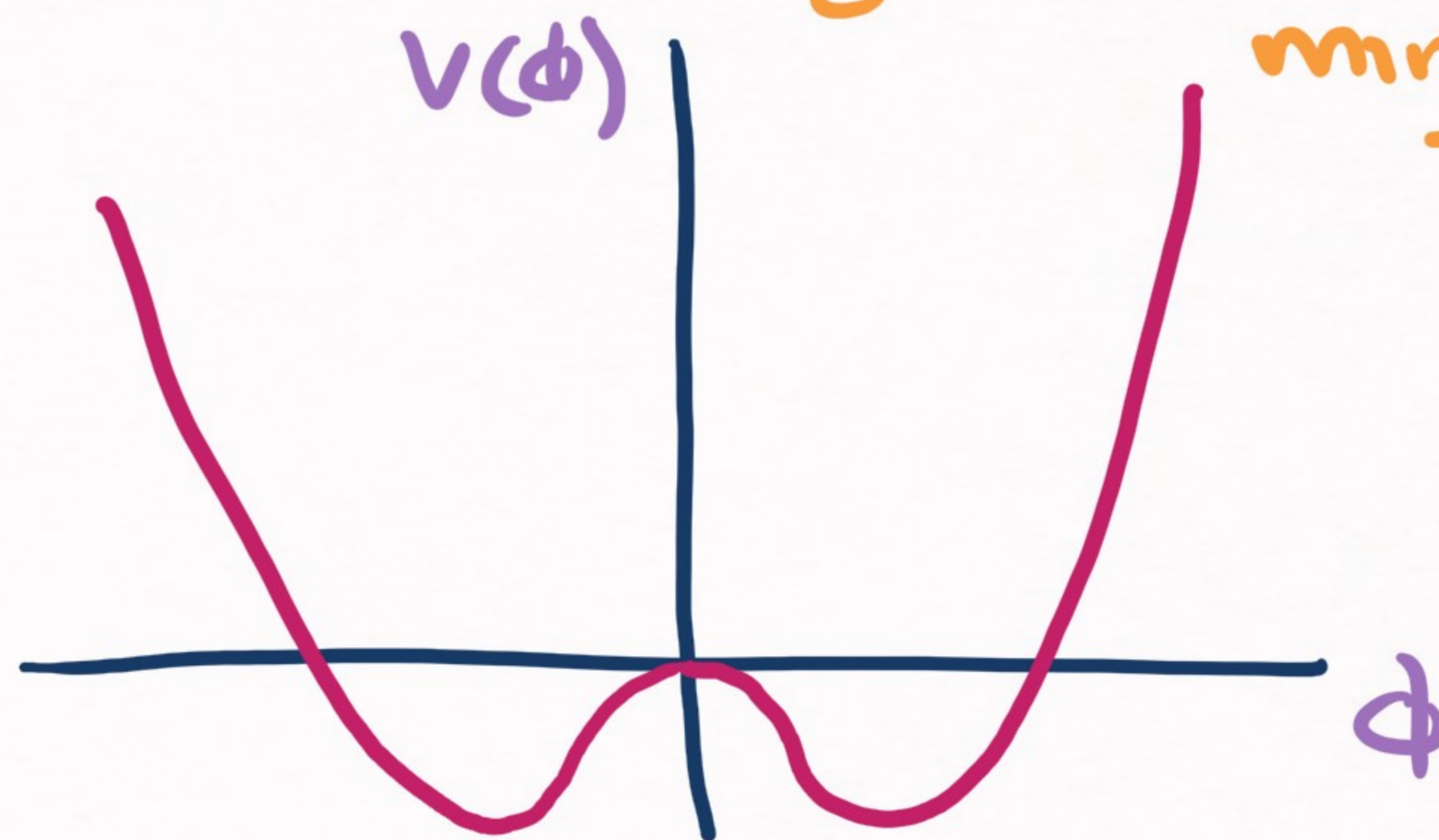
1) Imagine we only have one ϕ field:

$$V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 \phi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} \phi^4$$

\rightarrow this choice generates two minima



$\mu^2 > 0, \lambda > 0$



$\mu^2 < 0, \lambda > 0$

TWO SCENARIOS

1.a) Usual quartic potential: $\mu^2 > 0, \lambda > 0$

[μ is the mass of the ϕ field]

1.b) Mexican hat potential: \rightarrow try to interpret
this

$$\mu^2 < 0, \lambda > 0$$

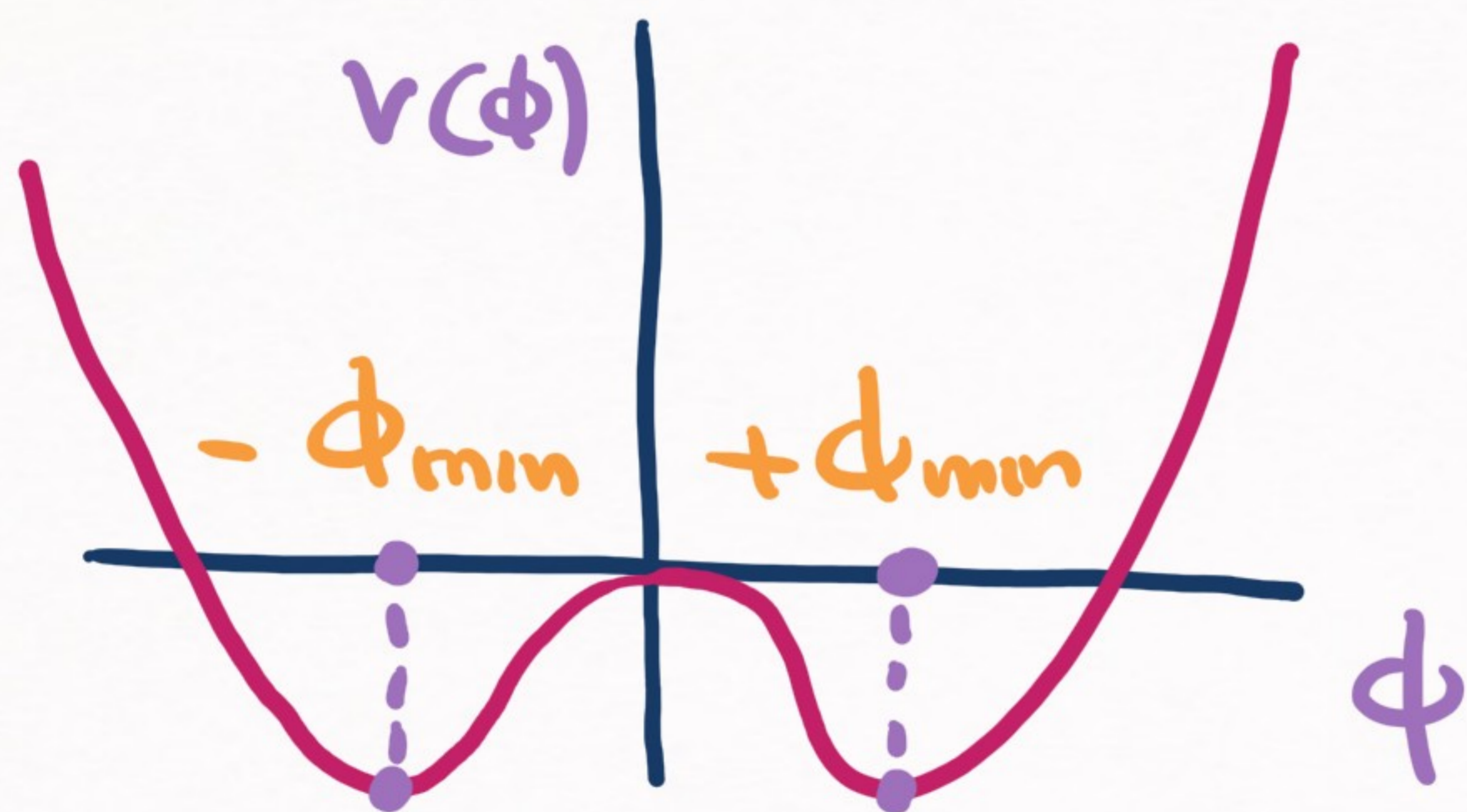
\rightarrow allowed by mathematics, but μ cannot
be interpreted as the mass of the ϕ field

[HOW TO INTERPRET THIS?] ①

a) If $\mu^2 < 0$, μ can't be a mass \leftarrow

ground state
of our QFT

b) Nature likes minimal energy states:



$\langle \phi \rangle \neq 0$ but $\langle \phi \rangle = \pm \phi_{\min}$

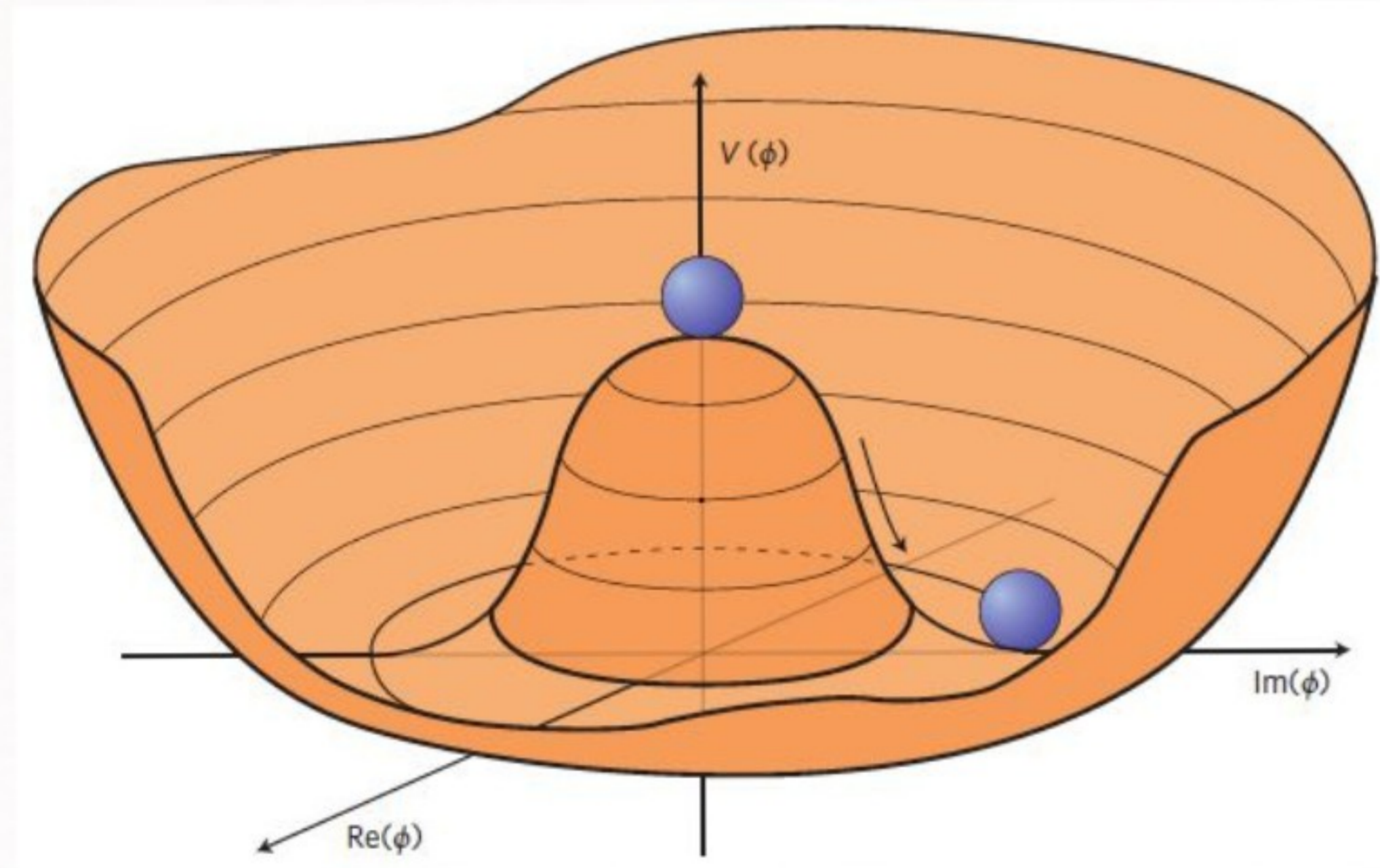
$$V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2}\mu^2\phi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4}\phi^4, \quad \left. \frac{dV}{d\phi} \right|_{\phi=\phi_{\min}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mu^2 + \lambda\phi^2)\phi = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_{\min}^2 = -\frac{\mu^2}{\lambda}, \quad \phi_{\min} = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{\mu^2}{\lambda}} \\ = \pm \underline{\underline{v}}$$

[How TO INTERPRET THIS?] (2)

\Rightarrow Graphically, we have: \rightarrow classically, the ball (the field) will fall to the lowest energy state



\Rightarrow This example shows a complex ϕ -field

$$V(\phi, \phi^*) = \frac{\lambda}{2} \mu^2 |\phi|^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} |\phi|^4, \quad \phi_{\min} = \sqrt{\frac{-\mu^2}{\lambda}} e^{i\theta_0}$$

[How to INTERPRET THIS?] (3)

a) Observation \rightarrow All QFT we know how to solve
at the end reduce to a bunch of
harmonic oscillators

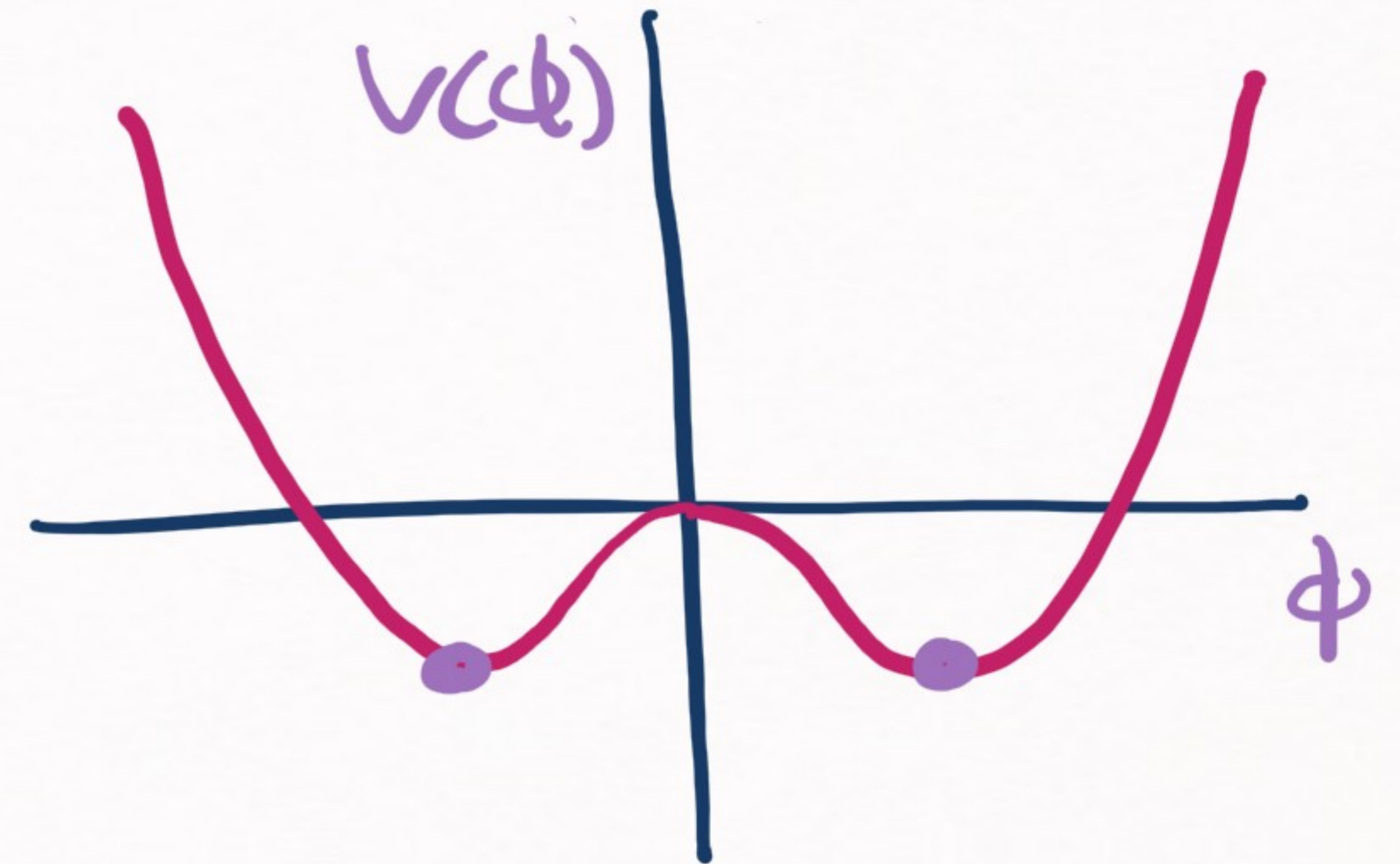
$[\phi(x), \dot{\phi}(y)] = i \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{y})$ (why? \rightarrow canonical quantization)

$$\phi(x) = \int \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega}} [a(\vec{p}) e^{i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} + a^\dagger(\vec{p}) e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}}]$$

$$[a(\vec{p}), a^\dagger(\vec{p}')] = (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p} - \vec{p}')$$

\hookrightarrow totally analogous to the creation/annihilation operators for the harmonic oscillator

\Rightarrow This QFT observation means
 we know how to quantize
the minima of $V(\phi)$



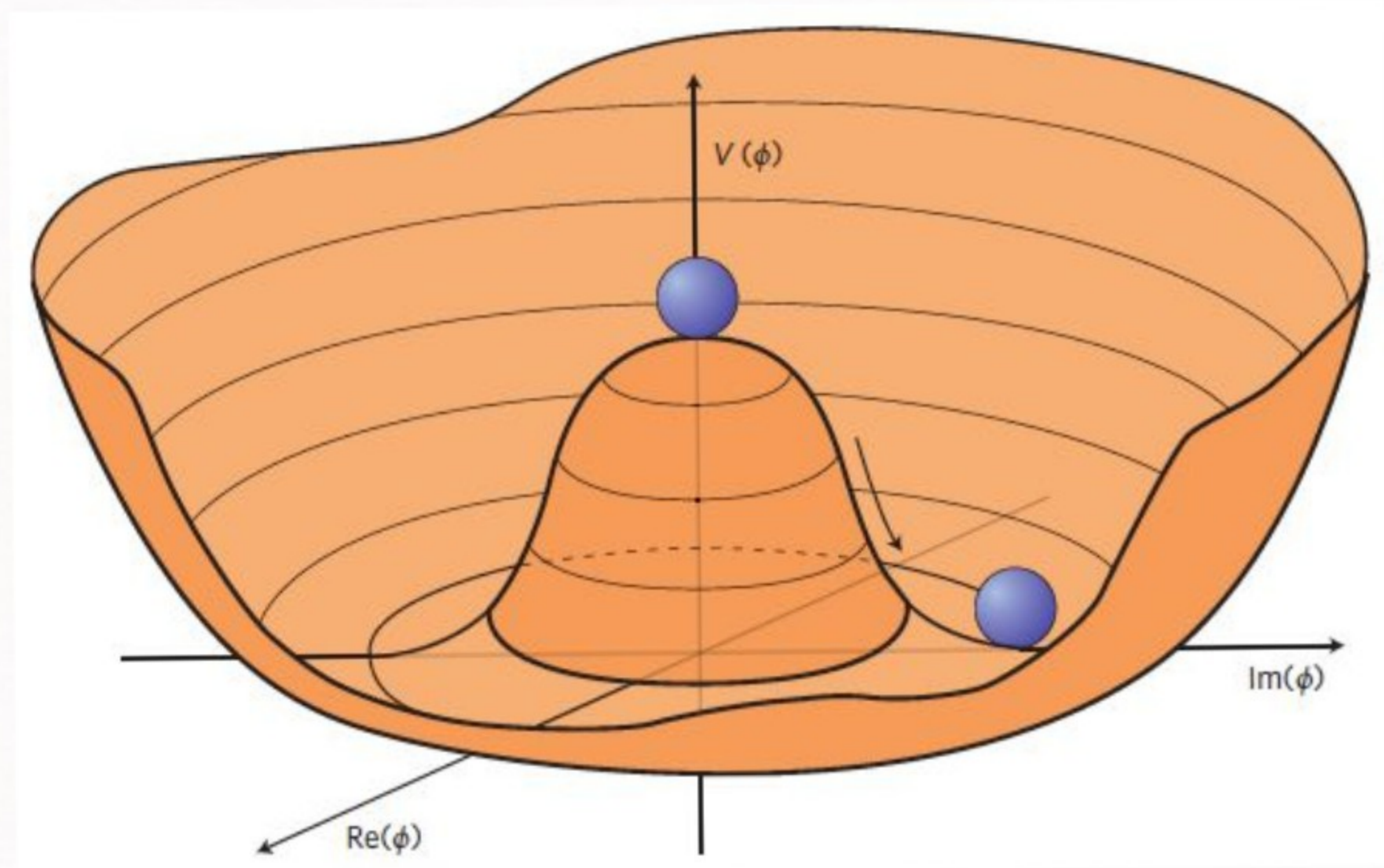
Why? $\Rightarrow V(\phi_{\min} + \delta\phi) = V(\phi_{\min})$

$$+ \delta\phi \frac{dV}{d\phi} \Big|_{\phi_{\min}} + \frac{1}{2} (\delta\phi)^2 \frac{d^2V}{d\phi^2} \Big|_{\phi_{\min}} \rightarrow \dots$$

\odot (because the minimum)

\Rightarrow Around $\phi = \phi_{\min}$, $V(\phi)$ will look like a
 quadratic potential
 (like a h.o.)

⇒ Even more clear in the complex ϕ case:



→ classically, the movement of the ball around the minimum is a harmonic oscillator (but only in the direction away from the origin)

second direction:
just free movement

IDEAL FOR
QUANTIZATION

[THE MEXICAN HAT POTENTIAL]

a) We do a change of variable

this is our trick
for quantizing

a.1) One dimensional case:

$$\phi = \phi_{\min} + \underline{\sigma} = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{\mu^2}{\lambda}} + \underline{\sigma}$$

$$\Rightarrow V(\sigma) = -\frac{\mu^4}{4\lambda} \left[-\mu^2 \sigma^2 \right] \left(\pm \lambda \sqrt{-\frac{\mu^2}{\lambda}} \sigma^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4} \sigma^4 \right) \quad \text{for simplicity}$$

a.2) Complex field ϕ case: $\phi_{\min} = \sqrt{-\frac{\mu^2}{\lambda}} e^{i\Theta_0} + \Theta_0 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = \phi_{\min} e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}} + \sigma \leq \phi_{\min} + i\pi + \sigma$$

$$\Rightarrow V(\sigma, \pi) = -\frac{\mu^4}{4\lambda} \left[-\mu^2 \sigma^2 \right] + \lambda \sqrt{-\frac{\mu^2}{\lambda}} \sigma (\sigma^2 + \pi^2) + \frac{\lambda}{4} (\sigma^2 + \pi^2)^2$$

[THE MEXICAN HAT POTENTIAL]

b) Now we add the kinetic term:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b.1) Real } \phi \Rightarrow \mathcal{L} &= \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma - V(\phi) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma + \underline{\underline{\mu^2 \sigma^2}} + \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{interaction} \\ \text{terms} \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Reminder } \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{KG} &= \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 \\ &\text{(Klein-Gordon Lagrangian)} \end{aligned}$$



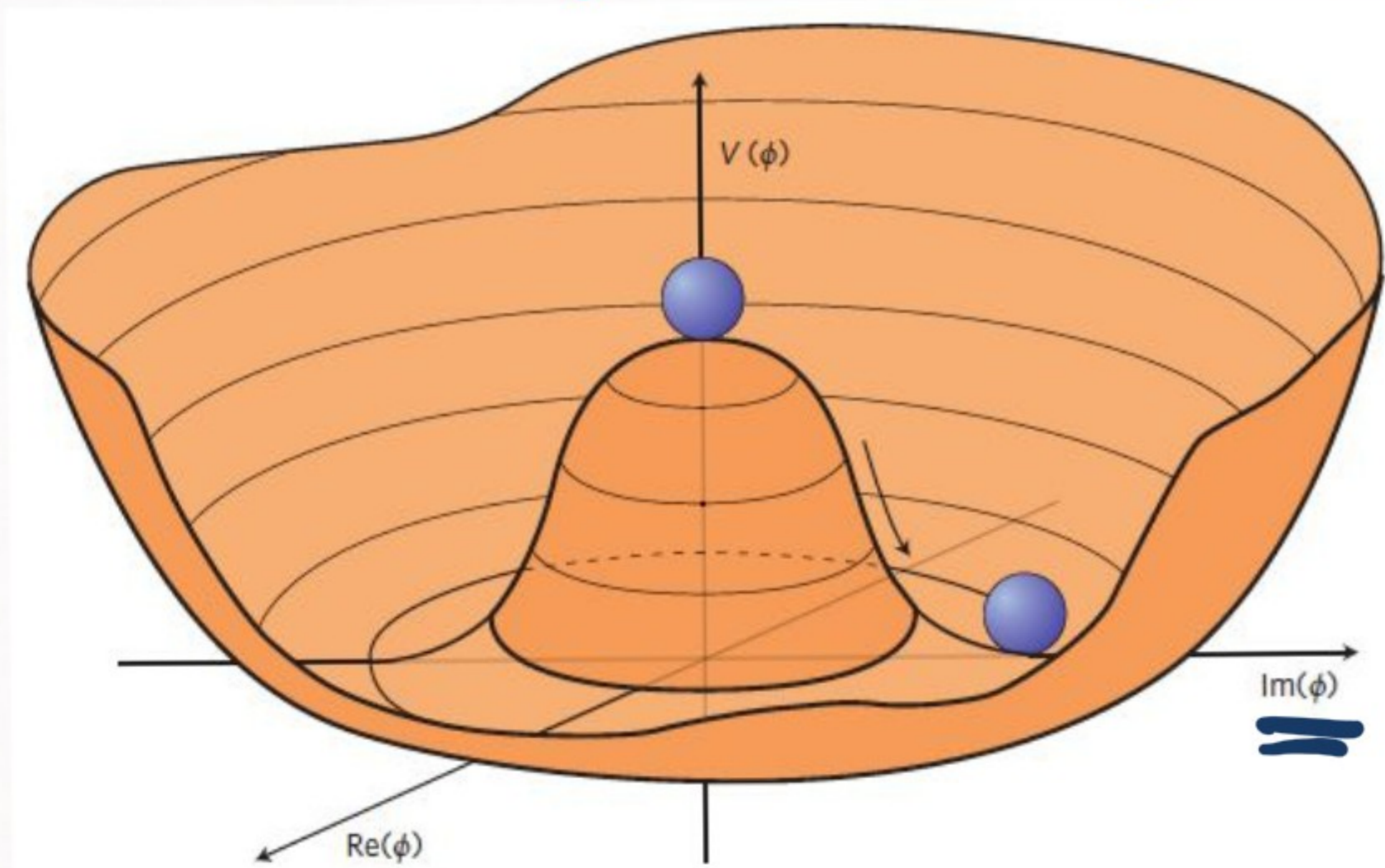
$$m^2(\sigma) = -2\mu^2 + \mu^2 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{m^2(\sigma) > 0}$$

We end up w/
a massive field
(with positive mass)

b. 2) Complex ϕ : $\phi = \phi_1 + i\phi_2$ $\mathcal{L}_{kin} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi_1 \partial^\mu \phi_1 + \partial_\mu \phi_2 \partial^\mu \phi_2)$
 $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{kin} + V(\sigma, \pi)$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma - \mu^2 \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \pi \partial^\mu \pi + \underbrace{O(\pi^2)}_{\text{interaction terms}}$

$\phi_{min} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\lambda}} e^{i\pi}$



- $\sigma \Rightarrow$ just as before (massive, positive mass)
 $\pi \Rightarrow$ a massless field
 \Rightarrow { a) movement in one direction is harmonic $\rightarrow \boxed{\sigma}$
 b) movement in the other direction is free $\rightarrow \boxed{\pi}$

LINEAR SIGMA MODEL | \rightarrow complicated version of previous examples

a) We began with: $\mathcal{L} = i\bar{N}\not{\partial}N + g\bar{N}(a_0 + i\gamma^5 \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\Phi})N$
 $+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^3 \partial_\mu \phi_i \partial^\mu \phi_i - V(\phi)$

b) Again, minimum at $\phi_0 = \sqrt{-\frac{\mu^2}{\lambda}} \Rightarrow$ Change of variables
 $\phi_0 = v + \sigma$, $\vec{\Phi} = \vec{\pi}$ ($v = \sqrt{-\frac{\mu^2}{\lambda}}$)

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L} = i\bar{N}(\not{\partial} - g\underline{v})N + g\bar{N}(\sigma + i\gamma^5 \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\pi})N$
 $+ \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma - \underline{\lambda v^2} \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \vec{\pi} \partial^\mu \vec{\pi} + \left(\text{interaction terms} \right)$
 $+ O(\vec{\pi}^2)$

[LINEAR SIGMA MODEL] → Meaning of the terms

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L} = \underbrace{\bar{N}(i\not{\partial} - g\nu)N}_{(1)} + \underbrace{g\bar{N}(\sigma + i\gamma^5 \vec{e} \cdot \vec{\pi})N}_{(2)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu\sigma\partial^\mu\sigma - \lambda\nu^2\sigma^2}_{(3)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu\vec{\pi}\partial^\mu\vec{\pi}}_{(4)} + \dots$$

(1) → nucleons are now massive ($m_N = g\nu$)

(2) → pion-nucleon interaction ($g_{\pi NN} = g_{\sigma NN} = g$)

(3) → massive scalar field σ ($m_\sigma = 2\lambda\nu^2$)

(4) → pions are massless (hurray!!)

[A FEW COMMENTS] (5)

a) This explains why the pion is so light

→ possible to add a small mass to the pion

by adding this term: $\Delta V = -e v^3 \phi_0$

b) Prediction for $g_{\sigma NN}$ and $g_{\pi NN}$: ($v = f_\pi$,

$$g_{\nu} = M_N)$$

$$g_{\pi NN} = (g_A) \frac{M_N}{f_\pi}, \quad g_{\sigma NN} = \frac{M_N}{f_\pi}$$



only difference is $g_A \approx 1.26 \rightarrow 26\%$ discrepancy
wrt LSM ($g_A = 1$)

[A FEW COMMENTS] ②

g) Predicts the existence of a scalar meson

→ For many years the σ was not found experimentally (only happened much later → $\rho_0(500)$ in the PDG)

→ Gell-Mann & Levi proposed an alternative model called non-linear σ Model

RECAP & OUTLOOK

- a) Pion is unnaturally light \Rightarrow Requires an explanation
- b) There is a trick: Mexican hat potential
- c) LQM uses this trick to generate a light pion
- d) Next lesson \Rightarrow this is just a particular case of a much more general result
(the Nambu-Goldstone theorem)


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- [General introduction](#)
- [The two-nucleon system](#)
- [Nuclear Structure](#)

Additional materials: [SU\(3\) Clebsch-Gordan coefficients](#).

 In case you
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