



ORGANIZING THE SPIN-FLAVOR STRUCTURE OF BARYONS

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Outline

- Spin-flavor symmetry in baryons
- Breaking of SF symmetry: $1/N_c$, m_q ordering
- Ground state baryons
- Excited baryons: masses, photocouplings, partial widths
- Observations

Spin-flavor SU(6)

$$SU(3) \times SU(2) \subset SU(6)$$

SU(6): non-relativistic **dynamical** symmetry

Conserved currents only associated with $SU(3) \times SU(2)_{\text{spin}}$

Results from decoupling of spin in NRQM

Not good in mesons

Good in baryons

Phenomenological successes: Gursev-Radicati mass formula,

$F/D=2/3$ (Skyrme: $5/9$; phen: 0.58 ± 0.04), magnetic moments, excited baryon multiplets and observables

SU(6) from QCD: emergent symmetry in large N_c

SU(6) from consistency in large N_c

for large N_c :

$$M_{baryon} = \mathcal{O}(N_c) \quad g_{\pi BB'} = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{N_c})$$

need contracted SU(6) symmetry in large N_c

Generators:

$$\{T^a, S^i, G^{ia}\}$$

Breaking of SU(6): expansion in $1/N_c$ and $m_s - m_{u,d}$

At large N_c SU(6) plays a key role in baryons:

is $N_c = 3$ large enough?

Can only be tested through phenomenology and lattice QCD

$1/N_c$ at baryon level: expansion with effective operators built from generators of SU(6)

Bases of operators for masses, amplitudes, etc

$1/N_c$ order of effective n-body operators:

$$\nu = n - 1 - \kappa$$

Ground state baryon masses: 8 and 10

$$M_{GS} = c_1 N_c + \frac{c_{HF}}{N_c} \left(S^2 - \frac{3}{4} N_c \right) - c_S \frac{m_s - m_{u,d}}{\Lambda} S + \mathcal{O}(1/N_c^2; m_s/N_c)$$

Gursey-Radicati

Effective coefficients encode the QCD dynamics

Parameter independent relations

Linear relations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial c_n} \sum_i a_i A_i = 0$$

Quadratic relations

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial c_n \partial c_m} \sum_i a_i \Gamma_i = 0$$

Accurate to given order in expansions

Example: GS baryon masses

	$\Sigma - \Lambda = \mathcal{O}(m_s/N_c)$	74 MeV
GMO	$\Xi_8 - \Sigma_8 = \frac{1}{2}(3\Lambda - \Sigma_8) - N$	128 vs 141 MeV
ES	$\Sigma_{10} - \Delta = \Xi_{10} - \Sigma_{10}$	153 vs 145
"	$\Omega^- - \Xi_{10} = \Xi_{10} - \Sigma_{10}$	142 vs 145
8-10	$\Sigma_{10} - \Sigma_8 = \Xi_{10} - \Xi_8$	212 vs 195

Excited baryons

extend to $SU(6) \times O(3)$

$O(3)$ symmetry breaking is relatively small from phenomenology

Excited baryons organized in $SU(6) \times O(3)$ multiplets

$[56, 0^+]$, $[56, 2^+]$, $[70, 1^-]$, *etc*

Configuration mixings organized in powers of $1/N_c$:
expected to be small but poorly understood; new insights
from lattice (HSC)

Sufficient phenomenology for useful $1/N_c$ analyses

[56, 2⁺] mass relations

[56, 2 ⁺]	masses	[MeV]
State	1/N _c	PDG
N _{3/2}	1674 ± 15	1700 ± 50
Λ _{3/2}	1876 ± 39	1880 ± 30
Σ _{3/2}	1881 ± 25	(1840)
Ξ _{3/2}	2081 ± 57	
N _{5/2}	1689 ± 14	1683 ± 8
Λ _{5/2}	1816 ± 33	1820 ± 5
Σ _{5/2}	1920 ± 24	1918 ± 18
Ξ _{5/2}	1997 ± 49	
Δ _{1/2}	1897 ± 32	1895 ± 25
Σ _{1/2}	2068 ± 52	
Ξ _{1/2}	2237 ± 88	
Ω _{1/2}	2408 ± 127	
Δ _{3/2}	1906 ± 27	1935 ± 35
Σ' _{3/2}	2061 ± 44	(2080)
Ξ' _{3/2}	2216 ± 76	
Ω _{3/2}	2373 ± 110	
Δ _{5/2}	1921 ± 21	1895 ± 25
Σ' _{5/2}	2051 ± 37	(2070)
Ξ' _{5/2}	2181 ± 64	
Ω _{5/2}	2313 ± 94	
Δ _{7/2}	1942 ± 27	1950 ± 10
Σ _{7/2}	2036 ± 44	2033 ± 8
Ξ _{7/2}	2131 ± 76	
Ω _{7/2}	2229 ± 110	

Mass operators @ O(1/N_c, m_q):
 1 LO, 2 NLO, 3 SU(3) breaking
 22 PIRs; 7 can be tested

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{O}(\Lambda/N_c^2) \quad \text{Exp}[MeV] \\
 \frac{1}{2}(\Delta_{5/2} - \Delta_{3/2} - N_{5/2} + N_{3/2}) &= -12 \pm 33 \\
 \sqrt{\frac{2}{53}}(\Delta_{7/2} - \Delta_{5/2} - \frac{7}{5}(N_{5/2} - N_{3/2})) &= 15 \pm 15 \\
 \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}(\Delta_{7/2} - \Delta_{1/2} - 3(N_{5/2} - N_{3/2})) &= 24 \pm 34 \\
 \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}(\Lambda_{5/2} - \Lambda_{3/2} + \Sigma_{5/2} - \Sigma_{3/2} - 2(\Sigma'_{5/2} - \Sigma'_{3/2})) &= 11 \pm 36 \\
 \frac{1}{\sqrt{218}}(7 \Sigma'_{3/2} + 5 \Sigma_{7/2} - 12 \Sigma'_{5/2}) &= -7 \pm 38 \\
 \frac{1}{\sqrt{57}}(4 \Sigma_{1/2} + \Sigma_{7/2} - 5 \Sigma'_{3/2}) &=
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{O}(m_s/N_c^2) \quad \text{Exp}[MeV] \\
 \frac{1}{\sqrt{3346}}(8\Lambda_{3/2} - 8N_{3/2} + 37\Lambda_{5/2} - 22N_{5/2} - 15\Sigma_{5/2} - 30\Sigma_{7/2} + 30\Delta_{7/2}) &= 8.5 \pm 12 \\
 \frac{1}{2\sqrt{13}}(\Lambda_{5/2} - \Lambda_{3/2} + 3(\Sigma_{5/2} - \Sigma_{3/2}) - 4(N_{5/2} - N_{3/2})) &= 34 \pm 34
 \end{aligned}$$

(GMO)

$$2(N + \Xi) = 3\Lambda + \Sigma$$

(EQS)

$$\Sigma - \Delta = \Xi - \Sigma = \Omega - \Xi$$

[70, 1⁻] mass relations

Mass operators: 1 LO, 12 NLO, 3 SU(3) break;
15 PIRs

Masses [MeV]

State	Exp	Large N_c
$N_{1/2}$	1538 ± 18	1541
$\Lambda_{1/2}$	1670 ± 10	1667
$\Sigma_{1/2}$	(1620)	1637
$\Xi_{1/2}$	(1690)	1779
$N_{3/2}$	1523 ± 8	1532
$\Lambda_{3/2}$	1690 ± 5	1676
$\Sigma_{3/2}$	1675 ± 10	1667
$\Xi_{3/2}$	1823 ± 5	1815
$N'_{1/2}$	1660 ± 20	1660
$\Lambda'_{1/2}$	1785 ± 65	1806
$\Sigma'_{1/2}$	1765 ± 35	1755
$\Xi'_{1/2}$		1927
$N'_{3/2}$	1700 ± 50	1699
$\Lambda'_{3/2}$		1864
$\Sigma'_{3/2}$		1769
$\Xi'_{3/2}$		1980
$N_{5/2}$	1678 ± 8	1671
$\Lambda_{5/2}$	1820 ± 10	1836
$\Sigma_{5/2}$	1775 ± 5	1784
$\Xi_{5/2}$		1974
$\Delta_{1/2}$	1645 ± 30	1645
$\Sigma''_{1/2}$		1784
$\Xi''_{1/2}$		1922
$\Omega_{1/2}$		2061
$\Delta_{3/2}$	1720 ± 50	1720
$\Sigma''_{3/2}$		1847
$\Xi''_{3/2}$		1973
$\Omega_{3/2}$		2100
$\Lambda''_{1/2}$	1407 ± 4	1407
$\Lambda''_{3/2}$	1520 ± 1	1520

$\mathcal{O}(m_s/N_c^2; m_s^2)$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{16930}} (14(\Lambda_{3/2}^{\sim} + \Lambda_{3/2}^{\tilde{\prime}}) + 63\Lambda_{5/2}^{\sim} + 36(\Sigma_{1/2}^{\sim} + \Sigma_{1/2}^{\tilde{\prime}}) - 68(\Lambda_{1/2}^{\sim} + \Lambda_{1/2}^{\tilde{\prime}}) - 27\Sigma_{5/2}^{\sim})$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1570}} (14(\Sigma_{3/2}^{\sim} + \Sigma_{3/2}^{\tilde{\prime}}) + 21\Lambda_{5/2}^{\sim} - 9\Sigma_{5/2}^{\sim} - 18(\Lambda_{1/2}^{\sim} + \Lambda_{1/2}^{\tilde{\prime}}) - 2(\Sigma_{1/2}^{\sim} + \Sigma_{1/2}^{\tilde{\prime}}))$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{8066}} (14\Sigma_{1/2}^{\tilde{\prime\prime}} + 49\Lambda_{5/2}^{\sim} + 23(\Sigma_{1/2}^{\sim} + \Sigma_{1/2}^{\tilde{\prime}}) - 45(\Lambda_{1/2}^{\sim} + \Lambda_{1/2}^{\tilde{\prime}}) - 19\Sigma_{5/2}^{\sim})$$

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{695}} (14\Sigma_{3/2}^{\tilde{\prime\prime}} + 28\Lambda_{5/2}^{\sim} + 11(\Sigma_{1/2}^{\sim} + \Sigma_{1/2}^{\tilde{\prime}}) - 27(\Lambda_{1/2}^{\sim} + \Lambda_{1/2}^{\tilde{\prime}}) - 10\Sigma_{5/2}^{\sim})$$

GMO $8_{3/2}$

$$2(N_{3/2} + \Xi_{3/2}) - 3\Lambda_{3/2} - \Sigma_{3/2} = -19 \pm 26 \text{ MeV}$$

$\Xi_{1/2}(1690)$

BaBar 06

GMO gives $M_{\Xi_{1/2}} = 1779 \pm 30 \text{ MeV}$

[56,2⁺] photocouplings $B_\lambda(M)$

All PIRs are accurate up to corrections $1/N_c$

Nucleons

$$\frac{\sqrt{2} p_{1/2}(1680) + \sqrt{2} n_{1/2}(1680)}{p_{3/2}(1680) + n_{3/2}(1680)} = 1 \quad \text{Exp} : 0.19 \pm 0.16 \quad E_2$$

$$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{p_{1/2}(1720) + n_{1/2}(1720)}{p_{3/2}(1720) + n_{3/2}(1720)} = 1 \quad \text{Exp} : -0.94 \pm 3.5 \quad M_1, E_2$$

Deltas

$$\frac{\Delta_{1/2}(1950)}{\Delta_{3/2}(1950)} = \sqrt{3/5} = 0.77 \quad \text{Exp} : 0.78 \pm 0.15 \quad M_3, E_4$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{7/27} \Delta_{1/2}(1910) - \Delta_{1/2}(1920) + \Delta_{1/2}(1905)}{0.484 \Delta_{1/2}(1950)} = 1 \quad \text{Exp} = 1.84 \pm 0.60 \quad M_{1,3}, E_{2,4}$$

[70, 1⁻] photocouplings

PIRs for Nucleons

$$E_1 \quad \frac{p_{1/2}(1535) + n_{1/2}(1535)}{p_{1/2}(1650) + n_{1/2}(1650)} \times \frac{\cos \theta_1 + \sqrt{2} \sin \theta_1}{\sqrt{2} \cos \theta_1 - \sin \theta_1} = -1 \quad \text{Exp} = -1.82 \pm 2.1$$

$$\theta_1 = 0.39$$

$$M_2, E_3 \quad \sqrt{2} \frac{p_{1/2}(1675) + n_{1/2}(1675)}{p_{3/2}(1675) + n_{3/2}(1675)} = 1 \quad \text{Exp} : 1.1 \pm 0.3$$

Violations to Moorhouse rule: ${}^4N \not\rightarrow p\gamma$

holds in single-quark transition model

Moorhouse suppressed couplings

$$\underbrace{p_{1/2}(1650)}_{\theta_1} \quad 1 - \underbrace{p_{1/2}(1700)}_{\text{body}}, \quad 2 - \underbrace{p_{1/2}(1675)}_{\text{body}}$$

[70, 1⁻] partial widths

$$\tilde{\Gamma}_i = \frac{\Gamma_i \Lambda^{2\ell_\pi}}{k_\pi^{1+2\ell_\pi}}$$

relations at LO

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial c_n \partial c_m} \sum_i a_i \tilde{\Gamma}_i = 0$$

LO: S-wave 4 operators, | 1-body
D-wave 5 operators, “

relations valid to N_c^0 & no SU(3) breaking

NLO corrections to $\tilde{\Gamma}_i \sim 60\%$

S-wave relations

S – wave

<i>State</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>Mass</i> (<i>MeV</i>)	Γ_{total} (<i>MeV</i>)	<i>Channel</i>	Γ (<i>MeV</i>)
<i>N</i> (1535)	1/2	1535	150(25)	<i>N</i> π	67.5(18.8)
				<i>N</i> η	78.75(17.3)
<i>N</i> (1520)	3/2	1520	112.5(12.5)	$\Delta\pi$	9.56(4.1)
<i>N</i> (1650)	1/2	1655	165(20)	<i>N</i> π	128(32.8)
				<i>N</i> η	10.7(9.2)
				ΛK	11.55(6.7)
Λ (1670)	1/2	1670	37.5(12.5)	<i>NK</i>	9.4(3.6)
				$\Lambda\eta$	6.56(3.56)
				$\Sigma\pi$	15(7.5)
Λ (1800)	1/2	1800	300(100)	<i>NK</i>	97.5(39.5)
Λ (1405)	1/2	1406	50(2)	$\Sigma\pi$	50(2)
Σ (1750)	1/2	1750	110(50)	<i>NK</i>	27.5(20.7)
				$\Sigma\pi$	4.4(4.4)
				$\Sigma\eta$	38.5(28.1)
Δ (1620)	1/2	1630	142.5(7.5)	<i>N</i> π	35.6(7.4)
Δ (1700)	3/2	1700	300(100)	$\Delta\pi$	112.5(53)

<i>S – wave Relation</i>	<i>Exp Test</i>
$\frac{N(1650) \rightarrow \pi N}{N(1535) \rightarrow \eta N} = \frac{N(1535) \rightarrow \pi N}{N(1650) \rightarrow \eta N}$	0.6 ± 0.2 vs 4.4 ± 4.0
$\frac{N(1650) \rightarrow \eta N}{\Sigma(1750) \rightarrow \eta \Sigma} = 1$	0.12 ± 0.14
$\frac{N(1535) \rightarrow \eta N}{\Lambda(1670) \rightarrow \eta \Lambda} = 1$	5.4 ± 3.2
$\frac{\Delta(1620) \rightarrow \pi N}{\Delta(1700) \rightarrow \pi \Delta} = 2/5$	0.29 ± 0.15
$\frac{N(1535) \rightarrow \pi N}{\Lambda(1670) \rightarrow \pi \Sigma} = 1$	4.4 ± 2.5
$\frac{N(1650) \rightarrow \pi N}{\Lambda(1670) \rightarrow \eta \Lambda} = \frac{\Lambda(1670) \rightarrow \pi \Sigma}{N(1650) \rightarrow \eta N}$	2.1 ± 0.9 vs 0.8 ± 0.6
$\frac{N(1650) \rightarrow \pi N}{N(1535) \rightarrow \eta N} = \frac{N(1535) \rightarrow \pi N}{N(1650) \rightarrow \eta N}$	0.6 ± 0.2 vs 4.4 ± 4.0
$\frac{N(1535) \rightarrow \pi N}{N(1650) \rightarrow \pi N}$	$\theta_1 = 0.30 \pm 0.08$ 1.6 ± 0.08
$\frac{N(1535) \rightarrow \pi N}{\Delta(1620) \rightarrow \pi N}$	$\theta_1 = 0.33 \pm 0.08$ 1.57 ± 0.08
$\frac{N(1535) \rightarrow \eta N}{N(1650) \rightarrow \eta N}$	$\theta_1 = 0.68 \pm 0.14$ 1.22 ± 0.14
$\frac{N(1520) \rightarrow \pi \Delta}{\Delta(1700) \rightarrow \pi \Delta}$	$\theta_3 = 2.48 \pm 0.08$ 2.96 ± 0.09

D-wave relations

D – wave

<i>State</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>Mass</i> (<i>MeV</i>)	Γ_{total} (<i>MeV</i>)	<i>Channel</i>	Γ (<i>MeV</i>)
<i>N</i> (1535)	1/2	1535	150(25)	$\Delta\pi$	0.75(0.75)
<i>N</i> (1520)	3/2	1520	112.5(12.5)	<i>N</i> π	67.5(9.4)
				$\Delta\pi$	13.5(2.7)
<i>N</i> (1650)	1/2	1655	165(20)	$\Delta\pi$	6.6(5.0)
<i>N</i> (1700)	3/2	1700	100(50)	<i>N</i> π	10(7.1)
				ΛK	1.5(1.5)
<i>N</i> (1675)	5/2	1675	147.5(17.5)	<i>N</i> π	59(10.2)
				ΛK	0.74(0.74)
Λ (1690)	3/2	1690	60(10)	$N\bar{K}$	15(3.9)
				$\Sigma\pi$	18(6.7)
Λ (1830)	5/2	1830	85(25)	$N\bar{K}$	5.5(3.4)
				$\Sigma\pi$	46.75(21.9)
				$\Sigma_{10}\pi$	6.37(6.4)
Λ (1520)	3/2	1519	15.6(1)	$N\bar{K}$	7.02(0.5)
				$\Sigma\pi$	6.55(0.45)
Σ (1670)	3/2	1670	60(20)	$N\bar{K}$	6.0(2.7)
				$\Lambda\pi$	6.0(3.6)
				$\Sigma\pi$	27(12.7)
Σ (1775)	5/2	1775	120(15)	$N\bar{K}$	48.0(7.0)
				$\Lambda\pi$	20.4(4.4)
				$\Sigma\pi$	4.2(1.9)
				$\Sigma_{10}\pi$	12(2.8)
Δ (1620)	1/2	1630	142.5(7.5)	$\Delta\pi$	64.1(21.6)
Δ (1700)	3/2	1700	300(100)	<i>N</i> π	45(21.2)
				$\Delta\pi$	12.0(9.8)

D – wave Relation

$$\frac{N(1675) \rightarrow \pi N}{\Lambda(1830) \rightarrow \pi \Sigma} = 1$$

$$\frac{\Sigma(1670) \rightarrow \pi \Lambda}{\Sigma(1670) \rightarrow \pi \Sigma} = 1/2$$

$$\frac{\Sigma(1775) \rightarrow \pi \Lambda}{\Sigma(1775) \rightarrow \pi \Sigma} = 1/2$$

$$\frac{\Sigma(1775) \rightarrow \pi \Sigma}{\Sigma(1775) \rightarrow \pi \Sigma_{10}} = 8/7$$

$$\frac{2\Delta(1620) \rightarrow \pi \Delta + \Delta(1700) \rightarrow \pi \Delta}{8\Delta(1700) \rightarrow \pi N + N(1675) \rightarrow \pi N} = 1$$

$$\frac{\frac{2}{9} N(1535) \rightarrow \pi \Delta + \frac{2}{9} N(1650) \rightarrow \pi \Delta + \frac{20}{3} \Delta(1620) \rightarrow \pi \Delta}{16\Delta(1700) \rightarrow \pi N + 15N(1675) \rightarrow \pi N} = 1$$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{36} N(1520) \rightarrow \pi N + \frac{1}{36} N(1700) \rightarrow \pi N + \frac{5}{12} \Delta(1620) \rightarrow \pi \Delta}{\Delta(1700) \rightarrow \pi N + N(1675) \rightarrow \pi N} = 1$$

Exp Test

$$0.92 \pm 0.46$$

$$0.12 \pm 0.10$$

$$3.1 \pm 1.6$$

$$1.3 \pm 0.6$$

$$2.9 \pm 1.2$$

$$2.6 \pm 1.2$$

$$2.5 \pm 1.2$$

OBSERVATIONS

- $1/N_c$ expansion justifies use of SU(6) symmetry in baryons
- Analyses of various baryon observables to NLO gives consistent picture in most cases: natural size NLO corrections
- PIRs provide a useful test at given order; some gold plated predictions to $1/N_c$; model independent predictions to given order
- New insights on spin-flavor structure of baryons emerging from Lattice QCD (HSC)! - promising for testing the $1/N_c$ expansion
- Open issues: understanding physics encoded in effective constants; configuration mixings; beyond the Algebra - include EFT dynamics (being done in ChPT)



Thank you