

# Aspects of anomalous glue

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Anomalous glue: Glue associated with the QCD axial anomaly

Chiral symmetry, eta and eta' physics: the masses of these mesons are 300-400 MeV too big for them to be pure Goldstone bosons

Recent developments in eta' physics: the eta' in nuclear matter and odd l-wave exotics from CERN

The proton spin puzzle: just 35% of the proton's spin comes from the spin of its quarks  
- aside on baryon number violation in the early Universe (sphalerons)

Open questions ...

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# Chiral symmetry

- QCD Lagrangian with massless quarks exhibits chiral symmetry

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \bar{\psi}_L (i\hat{\partial} + g\hat{A})\psi_L + \bar{\psi}_R (i\hat{\partial} + g\hat{A})\psi_R - m_q (\bar{\psi}_L\psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R\psi_L) - \frac{1}{4}G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix} \mapsto e^{i\frac{1}{2}\vec{\alpha}\cdot\vec{\tau}\gamma_5} \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} u_R \\ d_R \end{pmatrix} \mapsto e^{i\frac{1}{2}\vec{\beta}\cdot\vec{\tau}\gamma_5} \begin{pmatrix} u_R \\ d_R \end{pmatrix}$$

- Noether currents

$$J_{\mu 5}^{(3)} = [\bar{u}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 u - \bar{d}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 d]$$

$$\partial^\mu J_{\mu 5}^{(3)} = 2m_u \bar{u}i\gamma_5 u - 2m_d \bar{d}i\gamma_5 d$$

- No parity doublets in hadron spectrum  $\rightarrow$  Spontaneous Chiral symmetry breaking: non zero condensate  $\langle \text{vac} | \bar{q}q | \text{vac} \rangle < 0$  spontaneously breaks the symmetry

$\rightarrow$  Nonet of near massless Goldstone bosons with  $J^P = 0^-$

- Identify with pion, kaon, eta with meson mass squared proportional to  $m_q$

$$m_{\eta_8}^2 = \frac{4}{3}m_K^2 - \frac{1}{3}m_\pi^2$$

... where is the singlet boson ?

# Eta and Etaprime masses

- Mass matrix

$$M_{\eta-\eta'}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{3}m_K^2 - \frac{1}{3}m_\pi^2 & -\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{2}(m_K^2 - m_\pi^2) \\ -\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{2}(m_K^2 - m_\pi^2) & [\frac{2}{3}m_K^2 + \frac{1}{3}m_\pi^2 + \tilde{m}_{\eta_0}^2] \end{pmatrix}$$

- Diagonalize

$$\begin{aligned} |\eta\rangle &= \cos\theta |\eta_8\rangle - \sin\theta |\eta_0\rangle \\ |\eta'\rangle &= \sin\theta |\eta_8\rangle + \cos\theta |\eta_0\rangle \end{aligned}$$

- Eigenvalues

$$m_{\eta',\eta}^2 = (m_K^2 + \tilde{m}_{\eta_0}^2/2) \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{(2m_K^2 - 2m_\pi^2 - \frac{1}{3}\tilde{m}_{\eta_0}^2)^2 + \frac{8}{9}\tilde{m}_{\eta_0}^4}$$

- With no glue:

chiral symmetry „predicts“ eigenstates with masses 300 MeV „too small“

» „eta“  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d\rangle)$  degenerate with the pion

» „etaprime“  $|\bar{s}s\rangle$  with mass  $\sqrt{2m_K^2 - m_\pi^2}$

# Axial U(1) symmetry

- Extra gluonic mass term is associated with the QCD axial anomaly

$$J_{\mu 5} = [\bar{u}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_5 u + \bar{d}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_5 d + \bar{s}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_5 s]$$

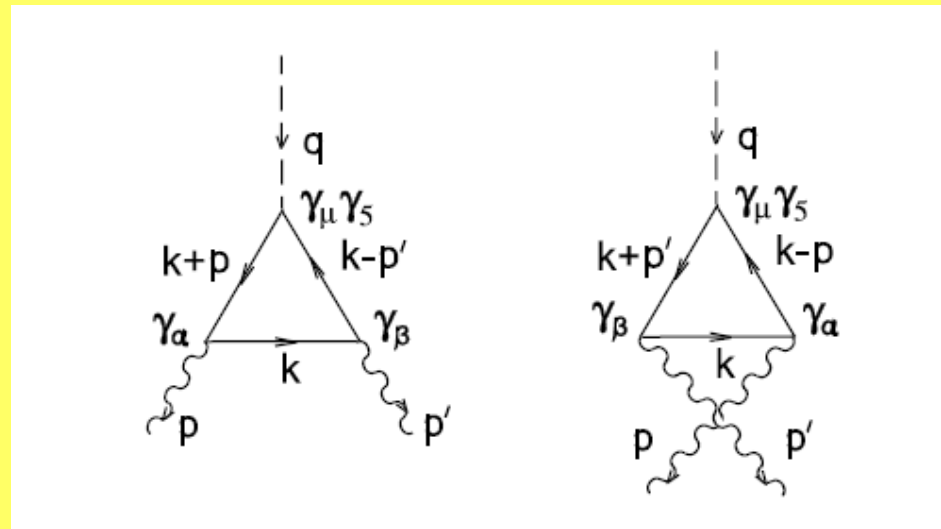
$$\partial^{\mu} J_{\mu 5} = \sum_{k=1}^f 2i [m_k \bar{q}_k \gamma_5 q_k] + N_f \left[ \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} \right]$$

- plus gluon topology (note the difference with „perturbative glue“)
- 't Hooft, Veneziano, Witten, Crewther, ...
  - possible connection to confinement (Kogut and Susskind)

Can we observe physical manifestation of this anomalous glue in low-energy physical processes involving eta and eta' mesons ?

# Axial anomaly primer

- Axial anomaly
  - Cannot regularize ultraviolet behaviour of the VVA (vector vector axial-vector) amplitude preserving gauge invariance and chiral symmetry at the same time
  - **Must choose current conservation at the vector or at the axial-vector vertices but cannot keep both !**
  - Gauge invariance wins !
    - » Gluon anomaly term on RHS of the divergence equation



# Gauge invariance and the anomaly

- The axial vector current, connections with chirality, spin and gluon topology

$$\partial^\mu J_{\mu 5}^{GI} = 2f\partial^\mu K_\mu + \sum_{i=1}^f 2im_i \bar{q}_i \gamma_5 q_i$$

$$K_\mu = \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \left[ A_a^\nu \left( \partial^\rho A_a^\sigma - \frac{1}{3} g f_{abc} A_b^\rho A_c^\sigma \right) \right]$$

$$J_{\mu 5}^{GI} = J_{\mu 5}^{\text{con}} + 2fK_\mu$$

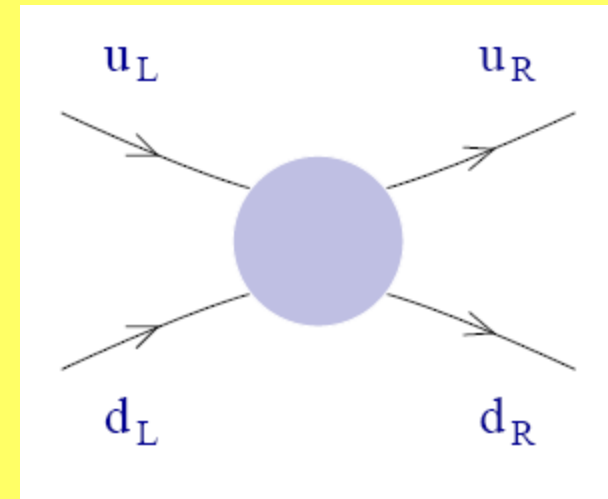
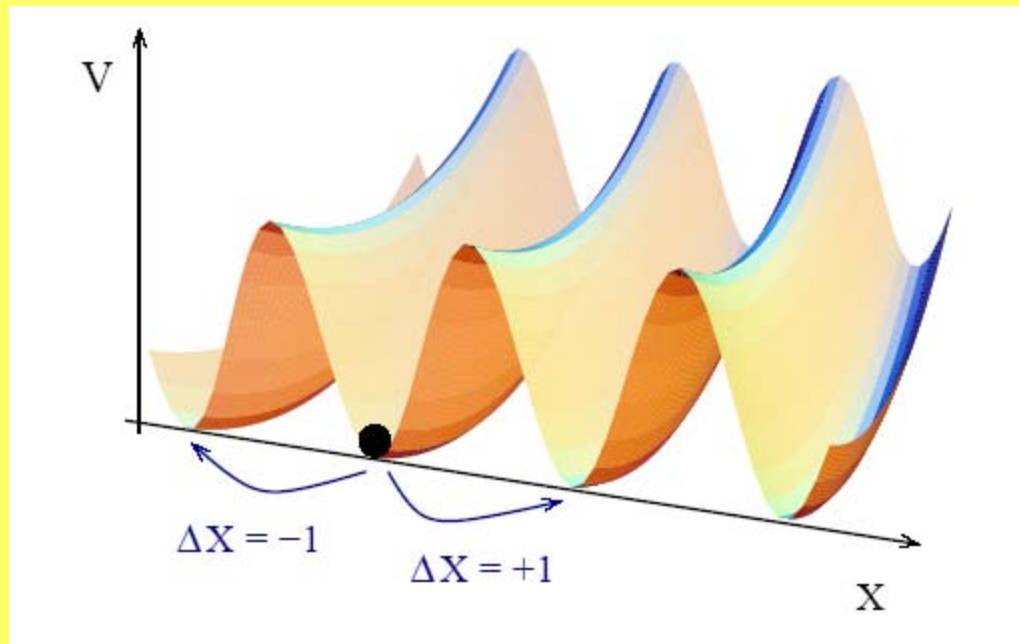
$$A_\mu \rightarrow UA_\mu U^{-1} + \frac{i}{g} (\partial_\mu U) U^{-1}$$

$$K_\mu \rightarrow K_\mu + i \frac{g}{8\pi^2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \partial^\nu (U^\dagger \partial^\alpha U A^\beta) + \frac{1}{24\pi^2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} [(U^\dagger \partial^\nu U)(U^\dagger \partial^\alpha U)(U^\dagger \partial^\beta U)]$$

» Last term measures non local gluon topology

# Chirality and anomalous glue

- Perturbative QCD conserves chirality for massless quarks
- Confinement and vacuum tunneling processes (instantons, ...) connect left and right handed quarks



- Choice of current to define chirality  
(How to include boundary conditions on the lattice ?)

# Manifestations of anomalous glue

- Etaprimes in nuclear medium
- Exotic mesons, new data from *COMPASS* with strong coupling to etaprime final states
- Proton spin puzzle
  - Aside on baryon number violation in early Universe



# Glue in etaprime physics

- Glue enters through the anomaly equation ...

$$\partial^\mu J_{\mu 5}^{GI} = 2f\partial^\mu K_\mu + \sum_{i=1}^f 2im_i \bar{q}_i \gamma_5 q_i$$

- Three important places it can contribute
  - » Gluonic potential associated with QCD vacuum gives the etaprime a big mass
  - » The etaprime has a large singlet component  
→ coupling to gluonic intermediate states (OZI violation)
  - » Gluonic Fock components in the etaprime wavefunction

# U(1) extended chiral Lagrangian

- Low energy effective Lagrangian
  - constructed to reproduce the axial anomaly in the anomalous divergence equation and the gluonic mass term for the singlet boson

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{F_\pi^2}{4} \text{Tr}(\partial^\mu U \partial_\mu U^\dagger) + \frac{F_\pi^2}{4} \text{Tr} M(U + U^\dagger) + \frac{1}{2} i Q \text{Tr}[\log U - \log U^\dagger] + \frac{3}{\tilde{m}_{\eta_0}^2 F_0^2} Q^2.$$

$$U = \exp\{i(\phi/F_\pi + \sqrt{2/3}\eta_0/F_0)\}$$

- Q is the topological charge density and the gluonic potential yields the gluonic contribution to the eta prime mass term

$$\frac{1}{2} i Q \text{Tr}[\log U - \log U^\dagger] + \frac{3}{\tilde{m}_{\eta_0}^2 F_0^2} Q^2 \mapsto -\frac{1}{2} \tilde{m}_{\eta_0}^2 \eta_0^2.$$

- Couple to sigma mean field and repeat ...

$$\mathcal{L}_{\sigma Q} = Q^2 g_\sigma^Q \sigma$$

$$\tilde{m}_{\eta_0}^2 \mapsto \tilde{m}_{\eta_0}^{*2} = \tilde{m}_{\eta_0}^2 \frac{1+2x}{(1+x)^2} < \tilde{m}_{\eta_0}^2$$

where

$$x = \frac{1}{3} g_\sigma^Q \sigma \tilde{m}_{\eta_0}^2 F_0^2.$$

# Eta(prime) bound states in nuclei

[SDB + AW Thomas, Phys Lett B634 (2006) 368,  
Acta Phys Pol B 45 (2014) 627]

- New experiments + big effort ...
- Binding energies and effective masses in nuclei are sensitive to
  - Coupling to scalar sigma field in the nuclei in mean field approx.
  - Nucleon-nucleon and nucleon-hole excitations in the medium
- TH: Solve for the meson self-energy in the medium

$$k^2 - m^2 = \text{Re } \Pi(E, \vec{k}, \rho)$$

$$\Pi(E, \vec{k}, \rho) \Big|_{\{\vec{k}=0\}} = -4\pi\rho \left( \frac{b}{1 + b\langle\frac{1}{r}\rangle} \right), \quad b = a\left(1 + \frac{m}{M}\right)$$

- Where  $a$  is the „eta(prime)-nucleon scattering length“

# Eta bound-states in nuclei

- Sigma mean field couples to light quarks and not to strange quarks  
→ Flavour-singlet component is important !

The bigger the eta-eta' mixing angle, the bigger the singlet component in the eta

- greater the attraction
- more binding
- bigger eta-N scattering length

Likewise, more mixing gives smaller singlet component in the eta'

- reduced binding and smaller eta'N scattering length

## QCD arguments

- gluonic mass term is suppressed in the medium  
but theory technology to calculate the size of the effect  
direct from QCD still some time away  
→ look at QCD inspired models

# QCD Inspired Models

- Quark Meson Coupling Model:
  - Can vary the mixing angle !
  - Use large eta and eta' masses to treat the eta and eta' as MIT Bags embedded in the medium with coupling between the light-quarks and the sigma mean field

Solve for in-medium mass and binding energy

- Extract an „effective“ scattering length for the model
- Increases with increasing singlet component in the eta !

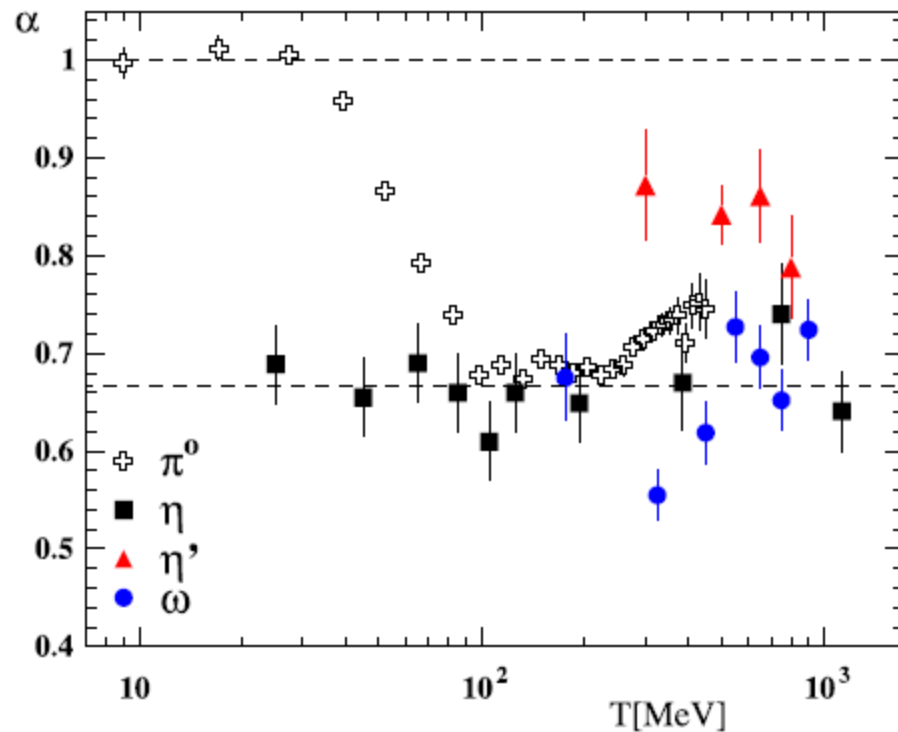
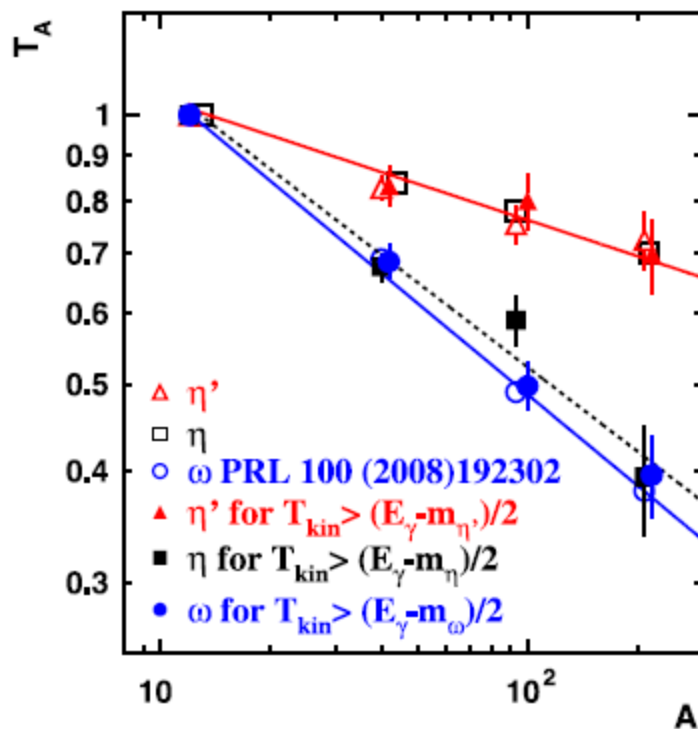
	$m$ [MeV]	$m^*$ [MeV]	$\text{Re } a$ [fm]
$\eta_8$	547.75	500.0	0.43
$\eta (-10^\circ)$	547.75	474.7	0.64
$\eta (-20^\circ)$	547.75	449.3	0.85
$\eta_0$	958	878.6	0.99
$\eta' (-10^\circ)$	958	899.2	0.74
$\eta' (-20^\circ)$	958	921.3	0.47

- Hints from CBELSA/TAPS for etaprime [Nanova et al, 2013]
  - » Mass shift -37 pm 10 pm 10 MeV, width 20 pm 5 MeV

# CBELSA/TAPS: Transparency Ratios

- Medium is reasonably transparent to eta' propagation

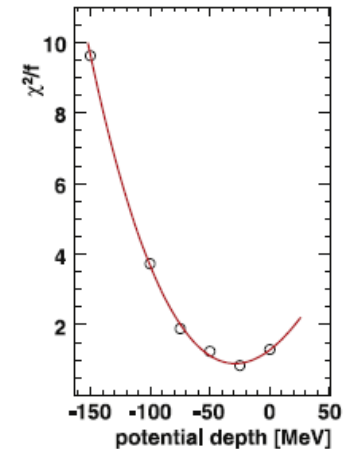
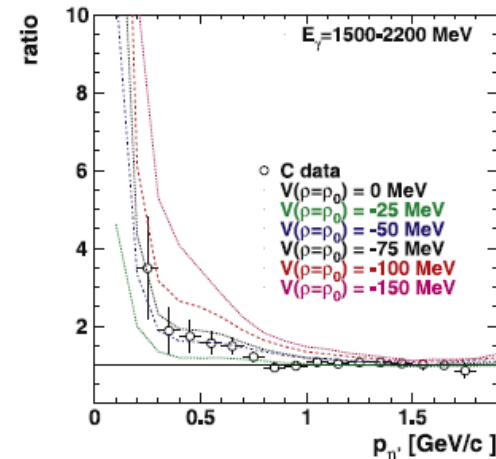
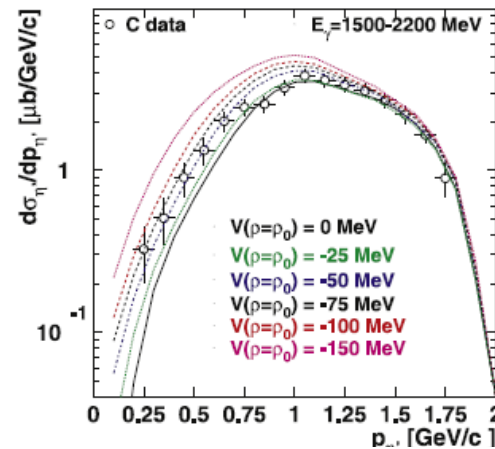
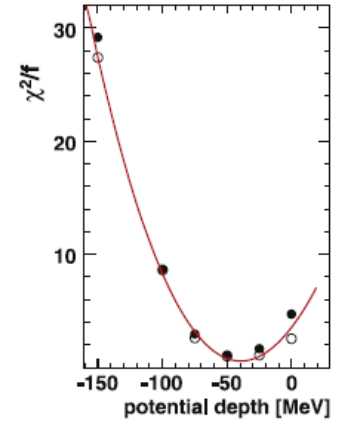
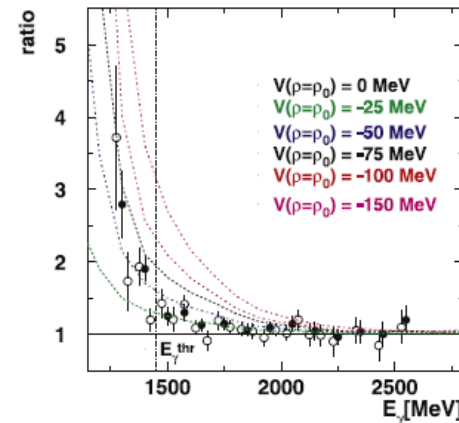
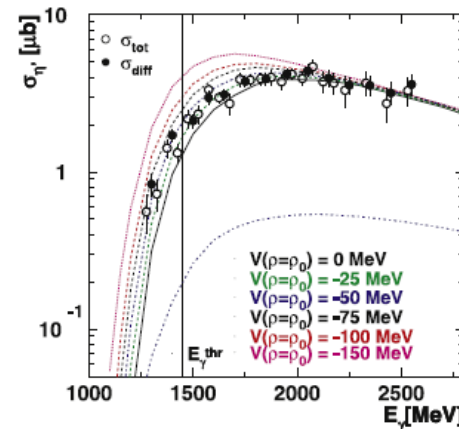
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$$\sigma(A) = \sigma_0 A^{\alpha(T)}$$

# CBELSA/TAPS: Excitation Functions and Momentum distributions

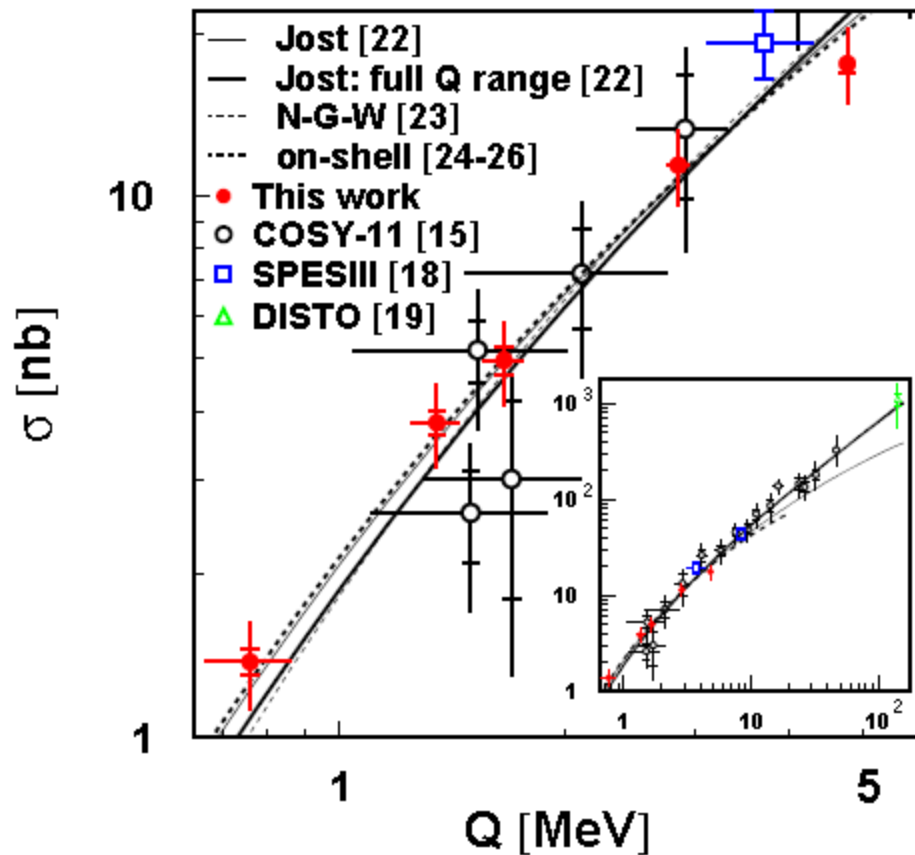
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$$V_{\text{real}}(\rho_0) = m^* - m = -37 \pm 10(\text{stat.}) \pm 10(\text{syst.}) \text{ MeV}$$

$$W(\rho_0) = -10 \pm 2.5 \text{ MeV}$$

# COSY 11



$$|M_{pp \rightarrow pp\eta'}|^2 \approx |M_0|^2 \cdot |M_{FSI}|^2$$

$$M_{FSI} = M_{pp}(k_1) \times M_{p_1\eta'}(k_2) \times M_{p_2\eta'}(k_3)$$

$$\text{Re}(a_{p\eta'}) = 0 \pm 0.43_{stat} \text{ fm}$$

$$\text{Im}(a_{p\eta'}) = 0.37 \begin{matrix} +0.02_{stat} & +0.38_{sys} \\ -0.11_{stat} & -0.05_{sys} \end{matrix} \text{ fm}$$

- E. Czerwinski et al (2014), COSY 11 Collaboration, arXiv:1404.5436

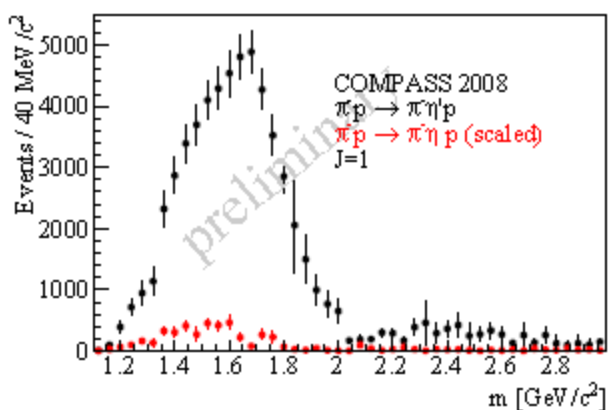


# New Compass results

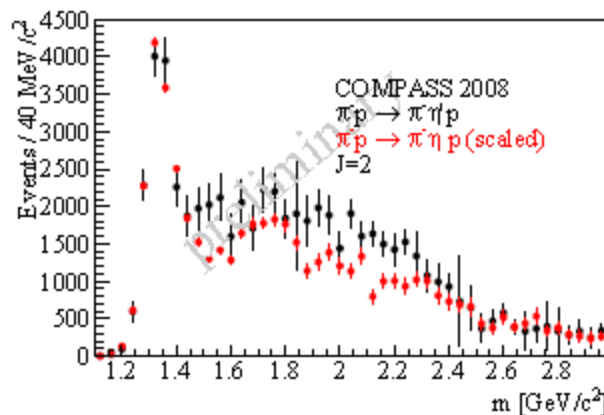
- Iterate  $\mathcal{L}_{m2Q} = \lambda Q^2 \text{Tr} \partial_\mu U \partial^\mu U^\dagger$  in Bethe Salpeter equation

dynamically generates  $1^{++}$  exotic resonance with mass  $\sim 1400$  MeV

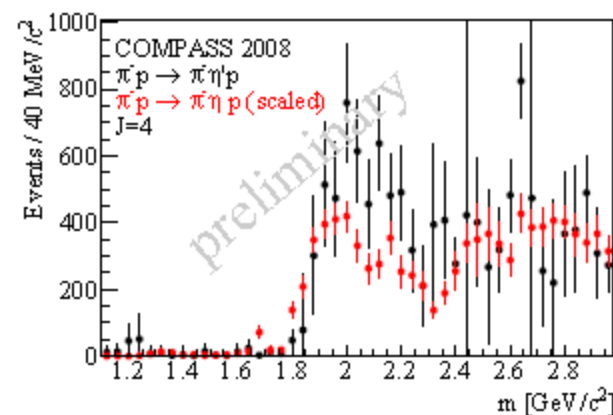
[SDB and E Marco, PRD 65 (2002) 057503]



(a)  $P$ -wave,  $J = 1$



(b)  $D$ -wave,  $J = 2$



(c)  $G$ -wave,  $J = 4$

J	1	2	3	4	5	6
$\frac{I_J(\eta\pi^-)}{I_{\text{total}}(\eta\pi^-)}$ [%]	4.4	81.9	0.3	6.9	0.1	0.7
$\frac{I_J(\eta'\pi^-)}{I_{\text{total}}(\eta'\pi^-)}$ [%]	41.7	42.3	3.7	8.4	0.9	1.2
$R_{\text{corr}}$	$0.17 \pm 0.01$	$0.94 \pm 0.02$	$0.16 \pm 0.05$	$0.83 \pm 0.07$	$0.15 \pm 0.12$	$0.68 \pm 0.15$

# The spin structure of the nucleon

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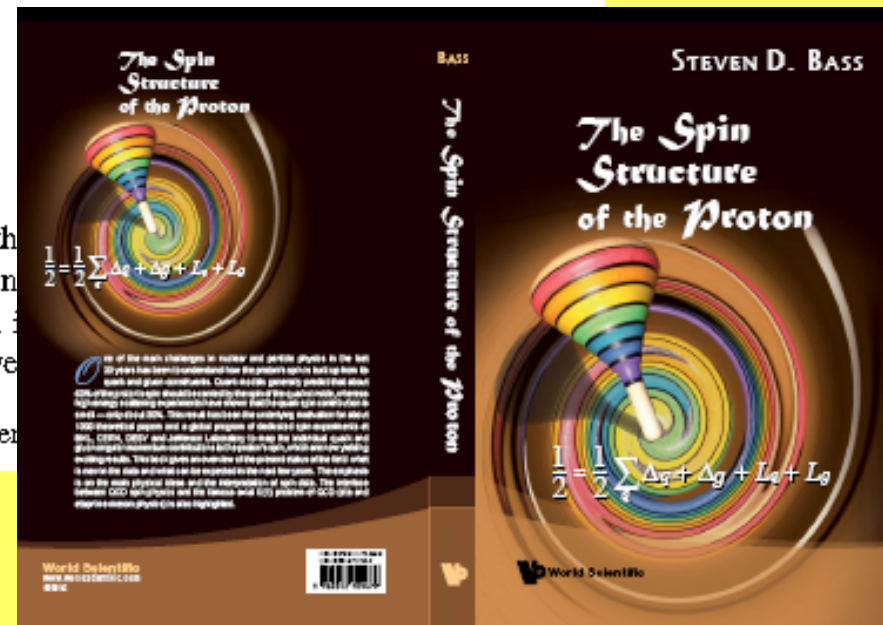
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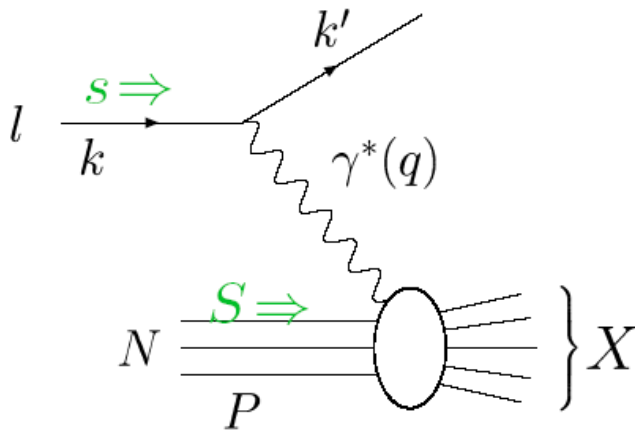
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# The proton spin puzzle

- Historically, Relativistic quark models
  - ~ 60% of proton's spin carried by intrinsic spin of quark constituents
- Polarized Deep Inelastic Scattering → quark "spin content" ~ 35%
- Where is the missing "spin" ?
- (measured by singlet axial-current, polarized gluons,  $L_z$ , ... ?)
- Vigorous TH and EP programme ... Experiments at COMPASS, HERMES, RHIC
- Today: Good convergence for helicity structure within good errors



$$Q^2 = -q^2 \gg m^2$$

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot q} = \frac{Q^2}{2m\nu}$$

$$\left( \frac{d^2\sigma_{\uparrow\downarrow}}{d\Omega dE'} + \frac{d^2\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}}{d\Omega dE'} \right) = \frac{\alpha^2}{4E^2 M \sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}} \left[ 2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} F_1 + \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \frac{M}{\nu} F_2 \right]$$

$$\left( \frac{d^2\sigma_{\uparrow\downarrow}}{d\Omega dE'} - \frac{d^2\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}}{d\Omega dE'} \right) = \frac{4\alpha^2}{MQ^2} \frac{E'}{E\nu} \left[ (E + E' \cos \theta) g_1 - 2xM g_2 \right]$$

# Deep inelastic spin sum rules

$$\int_0^1 dx g_1^P(x, Q^2) = \left( \frac{1}{12} g_A^{(3)} + \frac{1}{36} g_A^{(8)} \right) \left\{ 1 + \sum_{\ell \geq 1} c_{\text{NS}\ell} \alpha_s^\ell(Q) \right\} \\ + \frac{1}{9} g_A^{(0)}|_{\text{inv}} \left\{ 1 + \sum_{\ell \geq 1} c_{\text{S}\ell} \alpha_s^\ell(Q) \right\} \\ + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{Q^2}\right) + \beta_\infty.$$

- Measures axial-current matrix elements

$$2Ms_\mu \Delta q = \langle p, s | \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 q | p, s \rangle.$$

$$g_A^{(3)} = \Delta u - \Delta d,$$

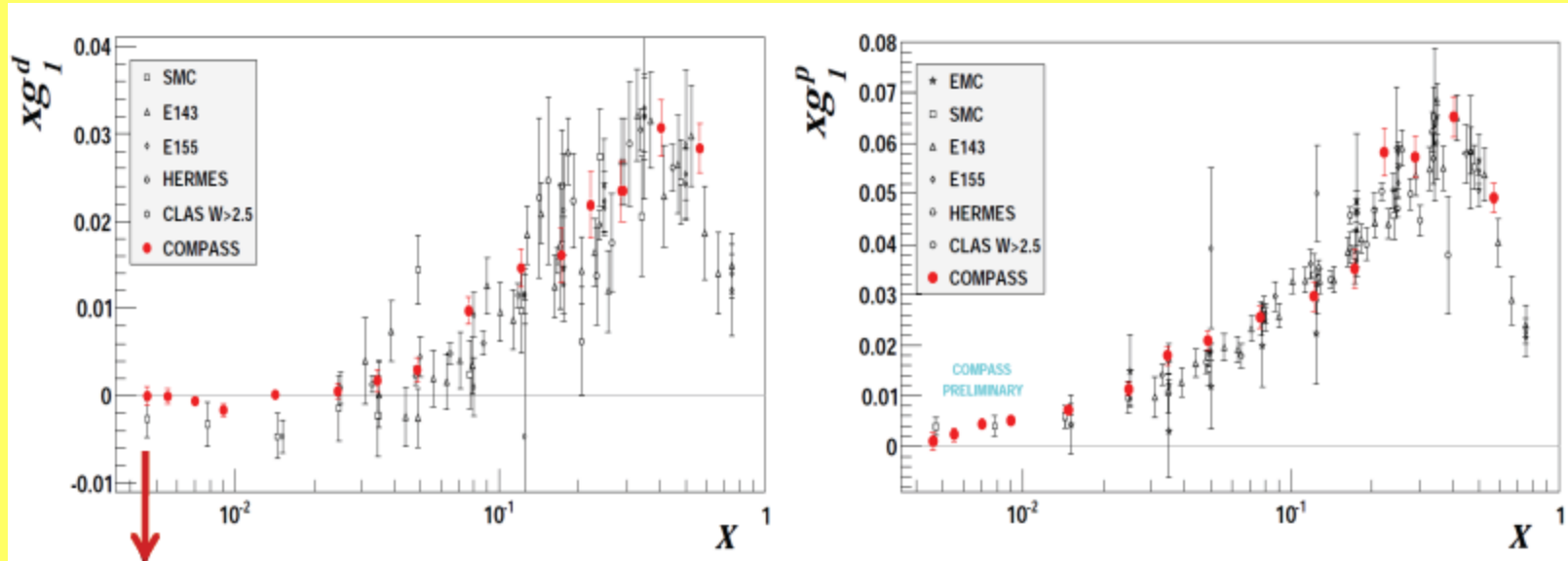
$$g_A^{(8)} = \Delta u + \Delta d - 2\Delta s,$$

$$g_A^{(0)}|_{\text{inv}}/E(\alpha_s) \equiv g_A^{(0)} = \Delta u + \Delta d + \Delta s.$$

$$E(\alpha_s) = \exp \int_0^{\alpha_s} d\tilde{\alpha}_s \gamma(\tilde{\alpha}_s) / \beta(\tilde{\alpha}_s)$$

# The Spin Structure of the Proton

## Polarized Deep Inelastic Scattering



Measure  $g_1$  spin structure function

First moment  $\rightarrow$

$$g_A^{(0)} \Big|_{\text{pDIS}, Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} = 0.33 \pm 0.03(\text{stat}) \pm 0.05(\text{syst}).$$

WHERE IS THE „MISSING SPIN“ ?

$\rightarrow$  „Strangeness polarization“

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta s_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} &= \frac{1}{3} (g_A^{(0)} \Big|_{\text{pDIS}, Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} - g_A^{(8)}) \\ &= -0.08 \pm 0.01(\text{stat}) \pm 0.02(\text{syst}), \end{aligned}$$

# Sum rules

- Sum rules for

$g_A^{(0)}$  singlet axial charge (... e.g. Ellis-Jaffe #2)

what dynamics separates its value from  $g_A^{(8)}$  ?

and

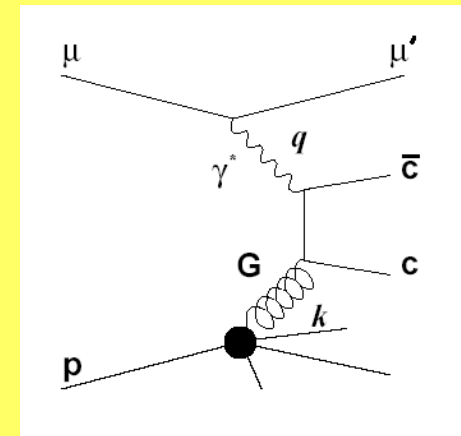
$$\frac{1}{2} = \text{Quark spin} + \text{Glue spin} + \text{Orbital}$$

# Polarized glue

- Attempts to understand the polarized DIS values of  $g_A^{(0)}$  and  $\Delta s$ 
  - Gluon polarization
  - Sea and valence quark polarization
- measure through hard processes in (semi-inclusive) DIS, jets, polarized pp collisions at RHIC ...

$$g_A^{(0)} = \left( \sum_q \Delta q - 3 \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \Delta g \right)_{\text{partons}} + C_\infty$$

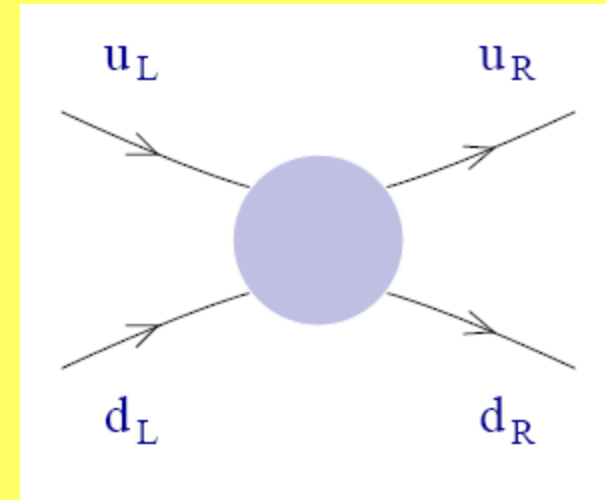
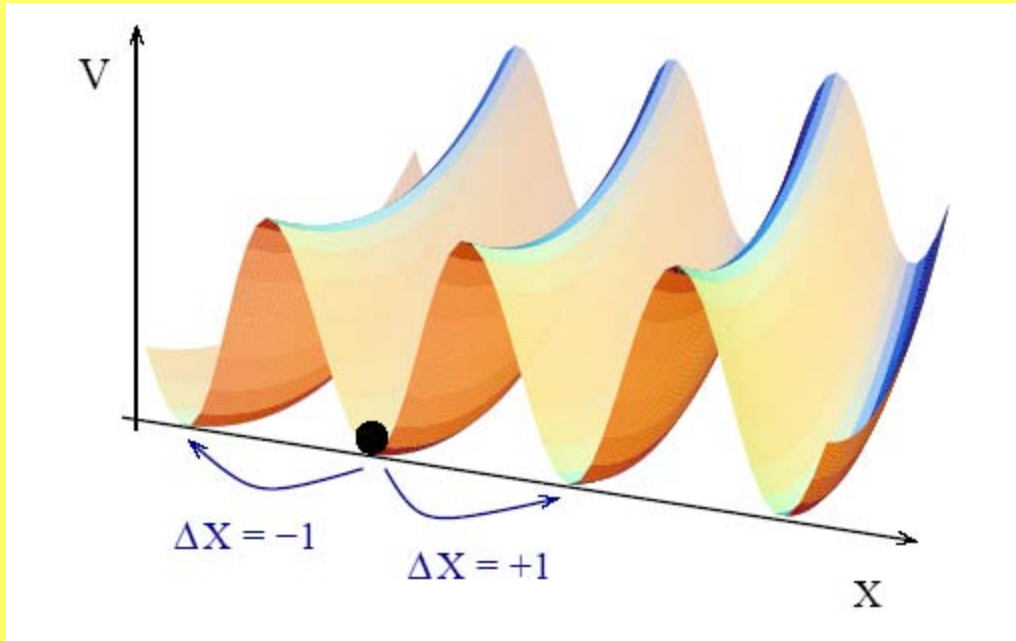
$$\alpha_s \Delta g \sim \text{constant}, \quad Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$$



- Measurements at COMPASS, RHIC, HERMES:  $\Delta g < 0.5$ ,  $Q^2 \sim 3 \text{ GeV}^2$
- SIDIS: No evidence of negative strangeness polarization  
 $\Delta s = -0.02 \pm 0.02 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.02 \text{ (syst)} @ 0.003 < x < 0.3$

# Example of $x=0$ polarization

- Vacuum tunneling processes (instantons, and interaction with QCD theta vacuum)



- Chirality of moving quarks gets flipped but the total is conserved
  - Is absorbed into the vacuum and
  - Spin asymmetry of moving partons gets washed out with spin shifted to  $x=0$
  - „ $x=0$ “ carries some of the spin!  
(corresponds to subtraction constant in dispersion relation for  $g_1$ )

[SDB, Rev Mod Phys 77 (2005) 1257]



# Understanding the proton spin

- Non-perturbative physics is important !

$$g_A^{(8)} = 0.46 \pm 0.05$$

- SU(3) breaking through pion cloud  
[SDB and AW Thomas, PLB 684 (2010) 216]
  - Role of gluon topology in dynamical symmetry breaking and the transition from current to constituent quarks
  - Spin transferred from (valence) quarks to the QCD „theta-vacuum“
- SIDIS data + RHIC Spin → Glue and sea polarization appears small
- Proton spin puzzle is „valence like“  
→ connected with chiral dynamics and complex vacuum structure of QCD in (iso-)singlet channel

# Baryon number violation in the early Universe: What is baryon number ?

- Definition of baryon number in e-weak theory is subtle because of the axial anomaly

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_\mu &= \bar{\Psi} \gamma_\mu \Psi \\
 &= \bar{\Psi} \gamma_\mu \frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma_5) \Psi + \bar{\Psi} \gamma_\mu \frac{1}{2}(1 + \gamma_5) \Psi.
 \end{aligned}$$

- SU(2) gauge bosons couple only to left handed quarks → axial anomaly is important!

$$\partial^\mu J_\mu = n_f (-\partial^\mu K_\mu + \partial^\mu k_\mu).$$

$$\partial^\mu K_\mu = \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} W_{\mu\nu} \tilde{W}^{\mu\nu}$$

- Suggests choice of currents to define baryon number:
  - (1) the gauge invariant renormalized current
  - OR
  - (2) (gauge invariant observables associated with) the conserved (but gauge dependent) current

$$J_\mu^{\text{con}} = J_\mu - n_f (-K_\mu + k_\mu)$$

$$\partial^\mu J_\mu^{\text{con}} = 0$$

# Anomalous commutators

- Consider the charges

$$Y(t) = \int d^3z J_0(z), \quad B = \int d^3z J_0^{\text{con}}(z).$$

- Gauge invariant baryon number  $B$  is defined through the commutators

$$[B, \mathcal{O}]_- = B\mathcal{O}$$

despite gauge dependence of the operator

- $B$  charge is renormalization scale invariant (as baryon number should be!) whereas  $Y$  is not.
- Also, the time derivative of the spatial components of the  $W$  boson field has zero  $B$  charge and non-zero  $Y$  charge

$$[B, \partial_0 A_i]_- = 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t' \rightarrow t} [Y(t'), \partial_0 A_i(\vec{x}, t)]_- \\ = \frac{in_f g^2}{4\pi^2} \tilde{W}_{0i} + O(g^4 \ln |t' - t|) \end{aligned}$$

# Sphaleron processes in the early Universe

- E-weak instanton tunneling processes strongly suppressed

$$e^{-4\pi \sin^2 \theta_W / \alpha} \sim 10^{-170}$$

- BUT at high temperatures of order the potential barrier (multi TeV) in the early Universe thermal fluctuations can induce vacuum transitions „Sphalerons“ and the suppression factor goes away

- Key equations

$$J_\mu^{\text{con}} = J_\mu - n_f (-K_\mu + k_\mu)$$

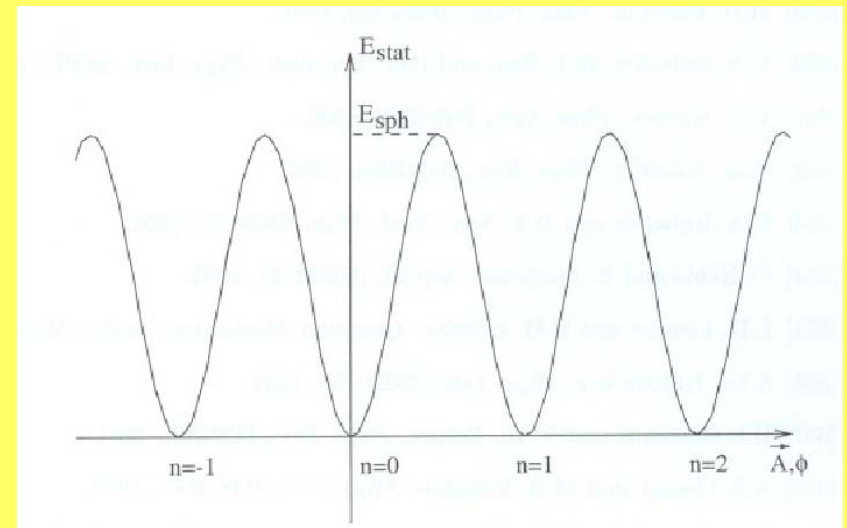
$$\Delta Y = \Delta B - n_f m.$$

- B-L is conserved while B+L is violated

- Tunneling and vacuum transitions can yield baryon number non-conservation

$$q + q \rightarrow 7\bar{q} + 3\bar{l},$$

- Baryon number violation associated with formation of „topological condensate“, with phenomenology = ?? [SDB, PLB 590 (2004) 115]



# Outlook and Conclusions

- Eta and etaprime physics probes the role of long range gluonic dynamics
  - Etas and etaprimes in nuclei:
    - Aspects of Confinement, chiral symmetry and their interplay, range of masses for pseudoscalars to be treated as Goldstone states in the models
    - Binding energies and scattering lengths sensitive to the flavour-singlet component in the eta(-prime)
  - Anomalous glue in the proton spin puzzle
    - Phenomenology of „topological condensates“, also in early Universe
- ... QCD theory meets experiment !