

(20) QED-1

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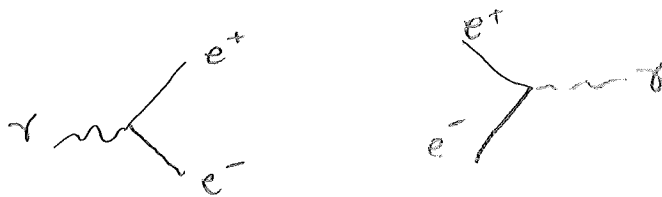
[What holds the quarks together?

A new force, called the color-force

based on the nonabelian gauge group $SU(3)$]

[Let's review EM force from point of view of Feynman diagrams]

QED vertex  [on any electrically charged particle]

Also 

• Vertex comes from e

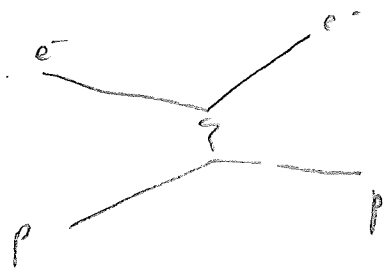
• Strength of force proportional to $\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar c} \sim \frac{e^2}{4\pi} \sim \frac{1}{137} \ll 1$ EM force is weak.

Bound states:

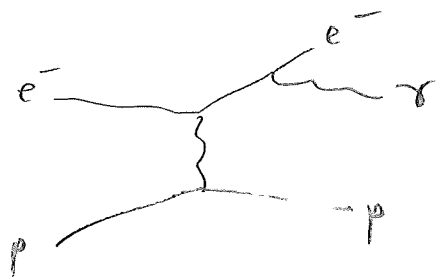
 virtual photons bind e^- & p into an electrically neutral hydrogen atom

[Is this the first time I talk about the stuff...]

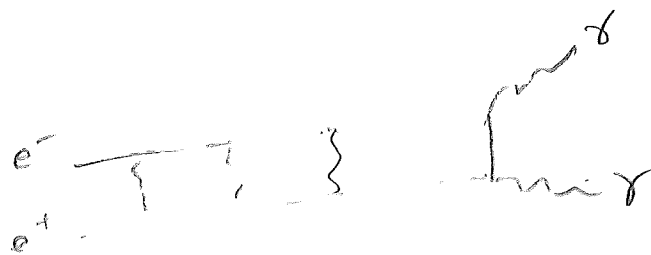
Elastic scattering: $e^- p \rightarrow e^- p$

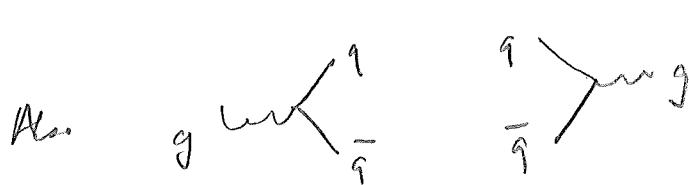
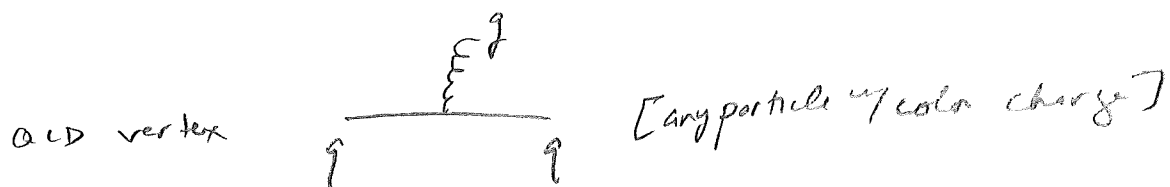


Inelastic scattering (Bremsstrahlung): $e^- p \rightarrow e^- p \gamma$



Positron annihilation: $e^- e^+ \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$



color force

gluon self-interaction
(because gluons have color too)

Vertex correction factor $\alpha_s = \text{strong coupling constant}$

$\text{strong } \alpha_s = \frac{g_s^2}{4\pi} \sim 1$, so gluon exchange much more likely & force is very strong

[F.d. of many gluons are just as important]
 Much harder to compute amplitudes but can use F.d. to indicate possibilities

Bound states:

$$\pi^+ = \begin{Bmatrix} u \\ \bar{d} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$p = \begin{Bmatrix} u \\ u \\ d \end{Bmatrix}$$

[many gluon exchanges
so we will generally
suppress them &
assume they are there]

[Why 3 qks & not 2 or 4 in baryon?]

Baryons consist of 3 quarks because color force is described by a nonabelian gauge group $SU(3)$

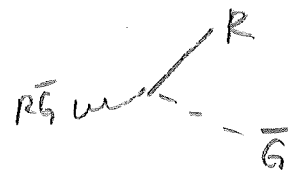
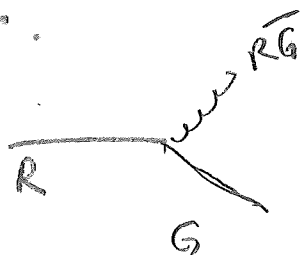
[Not GellMann's $SU(3)_F$ but $SU(3)_C$]

3 different types of color charge carried by qks, called R, G, B

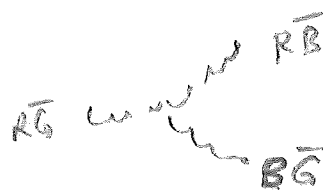
Antiquarks carry anticolor $\bar{R}, \bar{G}, \bar{B}$

Gluons carry both a color & an anticolor, eg $R\bar{G}$

QCD vertices



3 gluon vertex

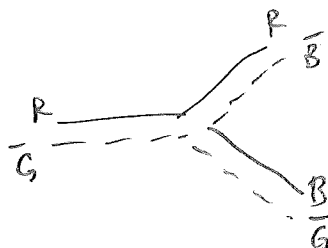
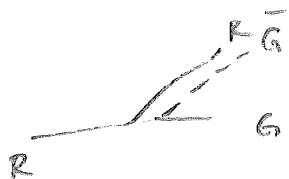


[NB Each color conserved at each vertex]

Double line notation for gluons:

$$R\bar{G} \text{ line} = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} R \\ \text{---} \bar{G} \end{array}$$

Vertices

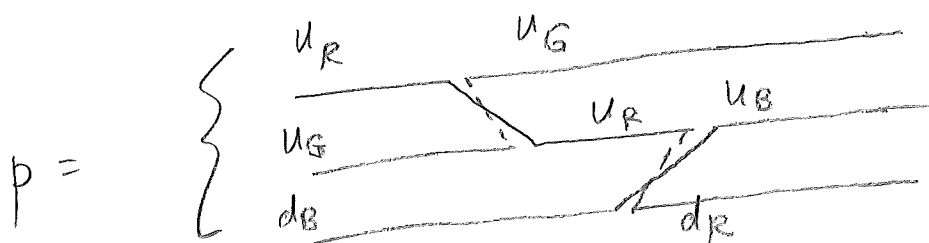
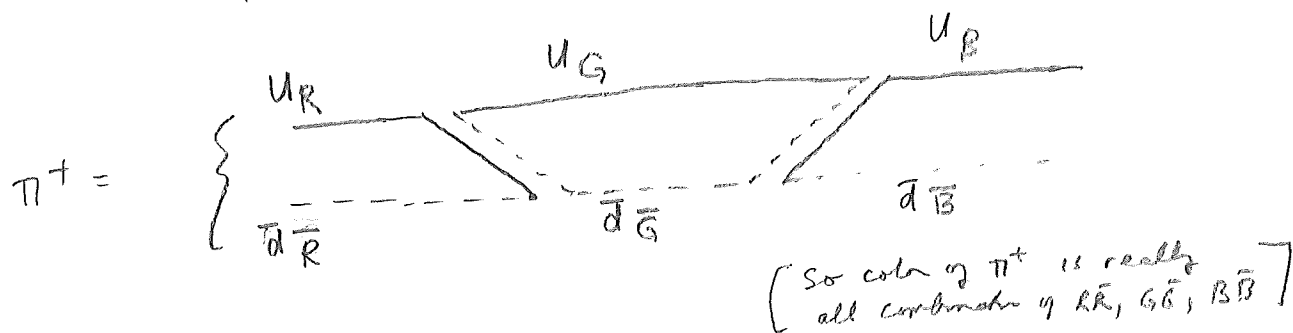


In $SU(3)$ gauge theory there are various neutral combinations of color, e.g.

$$R\bar{R} + G\bar{G} + B\bar{B} \quad \text{and} \quad RGB$$

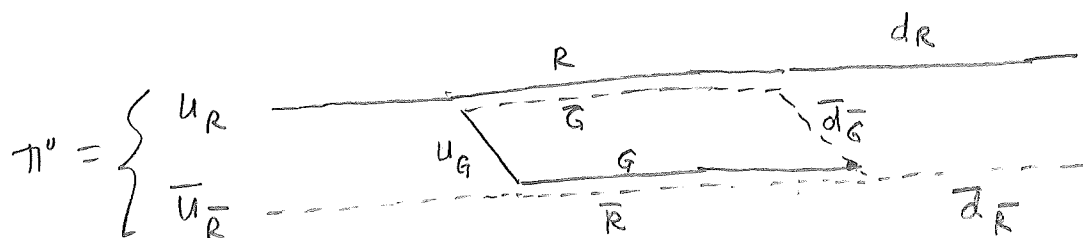
Confinement postulate: color force is so strong that only neutral combinations can appear in isolation.

Quarks & gluons, which are not neutral, cannot appear in isolation [colored chalk here].

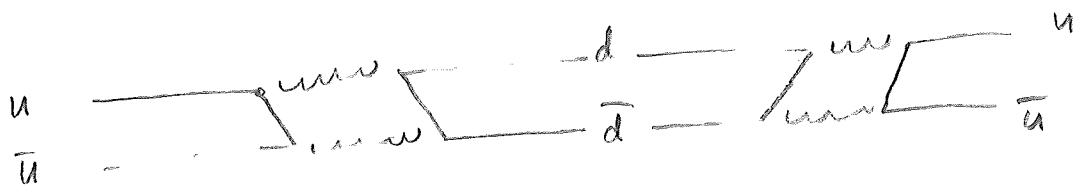


[Gluon exchange allows quarks to change color but overall color neutrality is maintained]

$$\pi^0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (u\bar{u} - d\bar{d}) \quad \leftarrow \text{what does this mean?}$$



or just

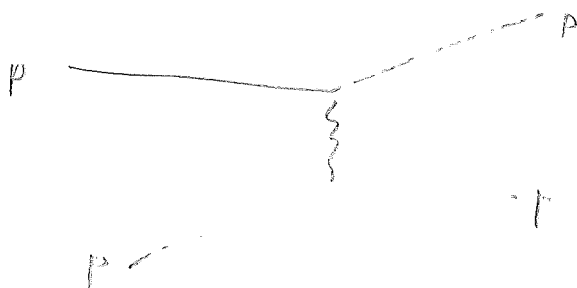


These neutral mesons are admixtures
of $u\bar{u}$, $d\bar{d}$, $s\bar{s}$

[Henceforth we won't bother drawing colors]

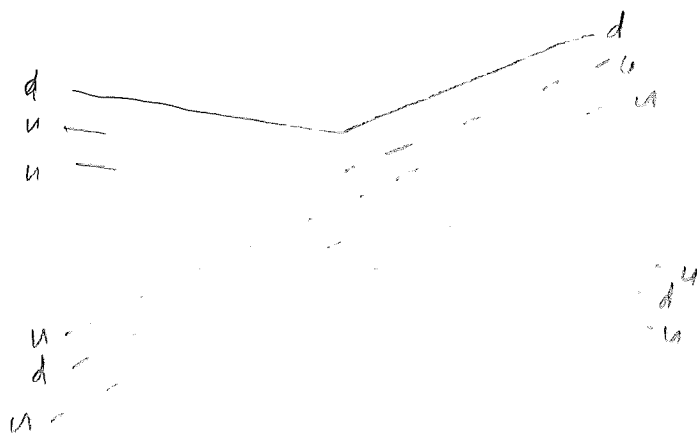
Elastic scattering of protons : $pp \rightarrow pp$

1) electromagnetic: (long range $\sim \frac{1}{r^2}$)



exchange of virtual γ
cause moment transfer

2) strong: (short range $\sim 1 \text{ fm}$) Residual force between color neutral objects



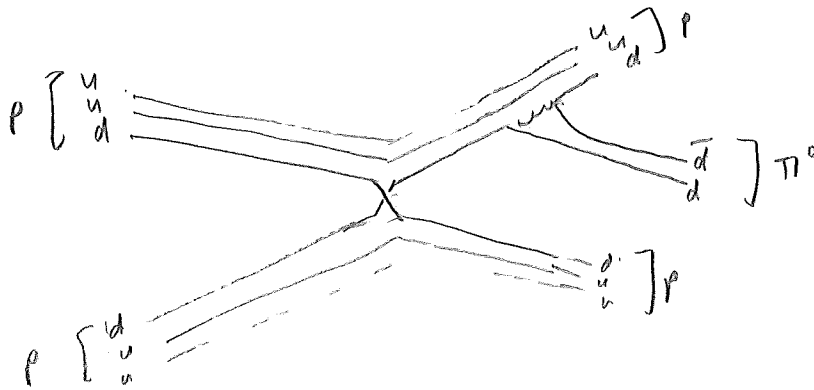
exchange of γ gluons (not 1)

$8 \times 8 = 1 + \dots$

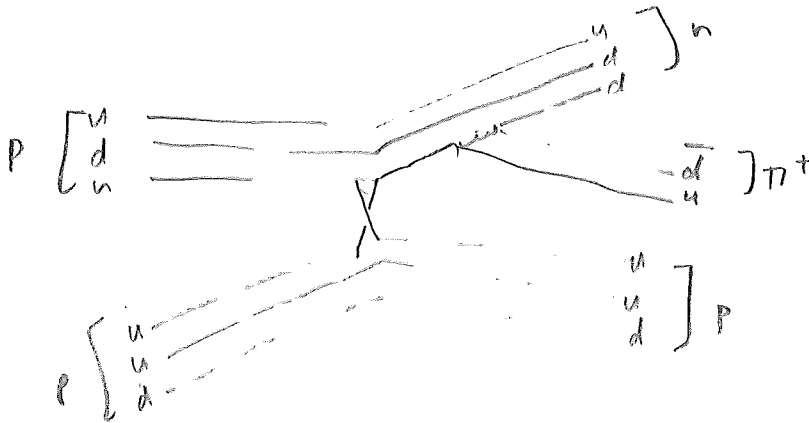


[Read from scratch!]

Inelastic scattering: $pp \rightarrow pp\pi^0$



$pp \rightarrow np\pi^+$

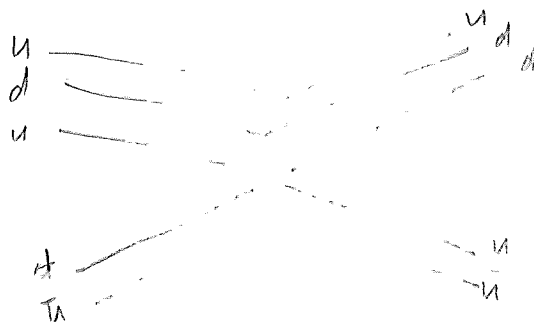


Kinematically allowed if
 $E_{cm} \geq m_n + m_p + m_\pi$

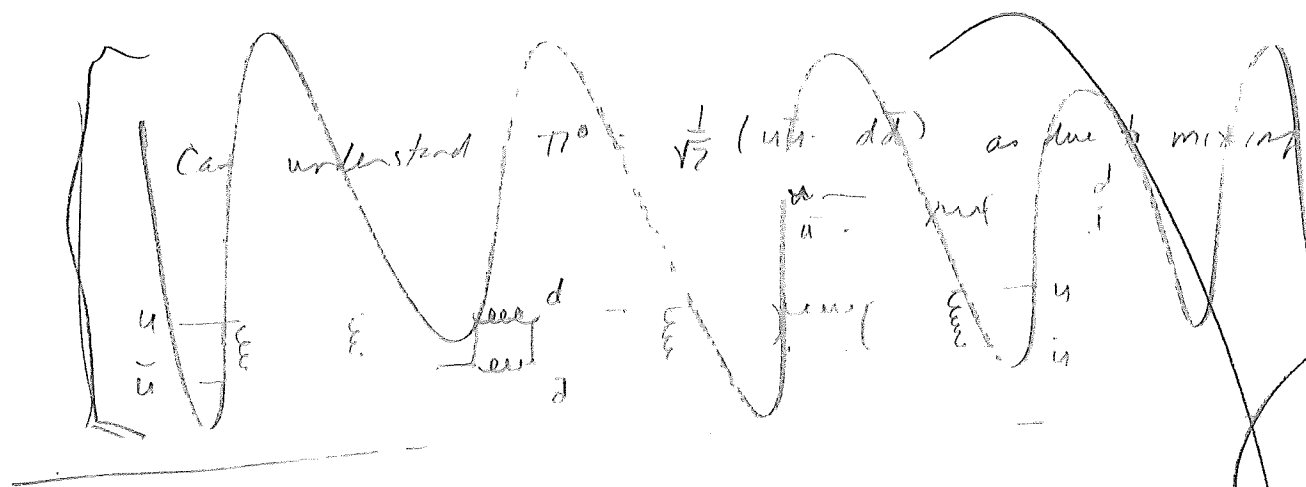
Pion production in cosmic rays & accelerators via strong force!

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

(via exchange of quarks)



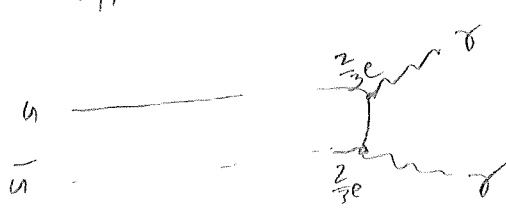
old notes



redo

pi0 decay Like positronium, π^0 is unstable to EM decay

$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \quad (\tau \sim 10^{-16} \text{ s})$$

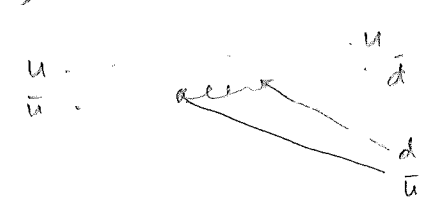


$$\Gamma \sim \left(\frac{2}{3}e\right)^2$$

rho decay Heavier mesons can also decay via EM but usually more likely to decay through strong force

$$\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \quad [\text{kinematically allowed: } 770 > 2(140)]$$

look up PPD: $\Gamma \sim 150 \text{ MeV}$
 $\Rightarrow \tau \sim 10^{-23} \text{ s}$



$$\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$$

$$\Gamma \sim (g_s)^2$$

Because strong force coupling constant $g_s \gg e$

$$\Gamma_{\text{strong}} \gg \Gamma_{\text{EM}} \quad \text{and so} \quad \tau_{\text{strong}} \ll \tau_{\text{EM}}$$

typical $\tau_{\text{strong}} \sim 10^{-23} \text{ s}$

[don't do $\eta, \eta' \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$ decay]

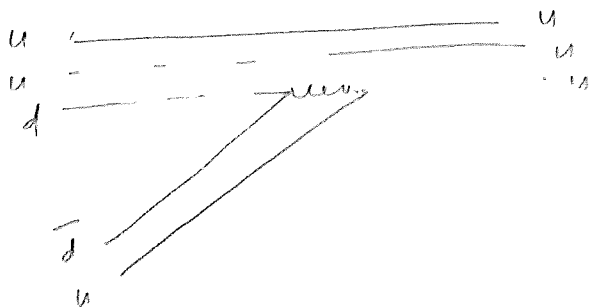
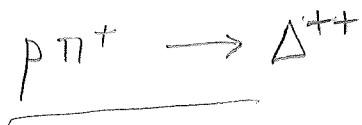
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Heavier baryons also created in cyclotrons [Fermi 1951]

kinematically allowed if

$$E_{cm} \gtrsim m_{\Delta} \sim 1230 \text{ MeV}$$

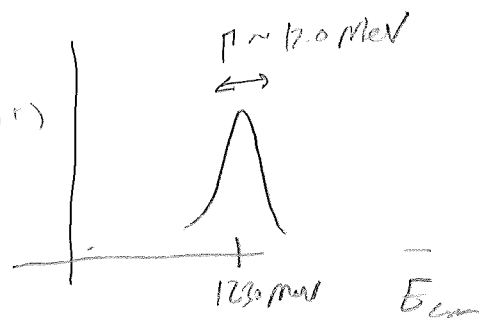
$$(m_p - m_{\pi} \sim 1180 \text{ MeV})$$



Δ^{++} decay just as quickly via strong force



Therefore Δ^{++} "observed" as resonance in $\sigma(p\pi^+ \rightarrow p\pi^+)$



$$\Gamma \sim 120 \text{ MeV} \Rightarrow \tau = \frac{\hbar}{\Gamma} = \frac{6.6 \times 10^{-22} \text{ MeV sec}}{120 \text{ MeV}} \approx 0.5 \times 10^{-23} \text{ s}$$

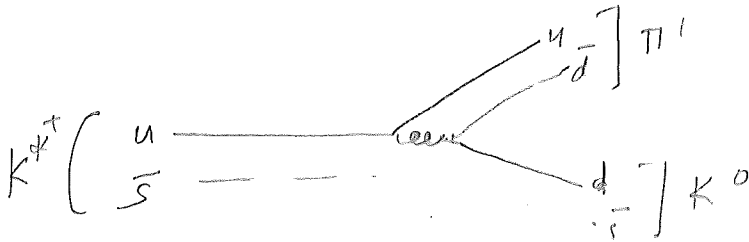
$$c\tau \sim 1 \text{ fm}$$

Strangeness

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Flavor quantum nos. are conserved in strong + EM interactions

Strangeness: $K^{*+} \longrightarrow K^0 \pi^+$ kinematically allowed
 $892 > 495 + 140$



Since strong + EM interactions don't change flavor of quarks
 the # of strange quarks does not change
 $\Rightarrow$ strangeness is conserved in strong + EM int's

• But K^0 cannot decay strongly because it's the lightest strange hadron

$$\text{Since } q = \frac{1}{2}(A + S) + I_3$$

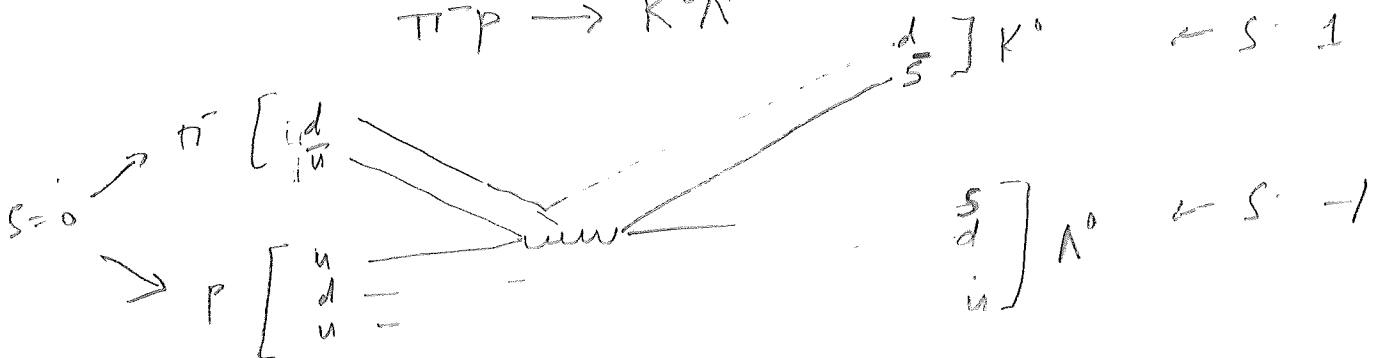
and since A + q are always conserved in standard model

$\Rightarrow I_3$ is also conserved in strong + EM int's

i.e. flavor is always conserved

If strangeness is conserved, how are strange particles ever produced?
 Then equal & opposite pairs, via "associated production".

$$\pi^- p \longrightarrow K^0 \Lambda^0$$



HW problem

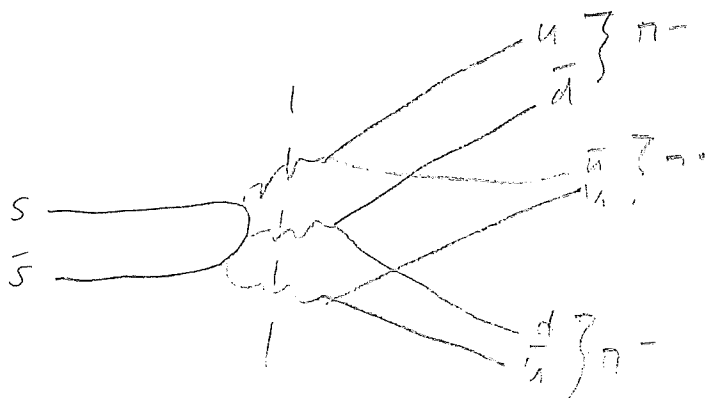
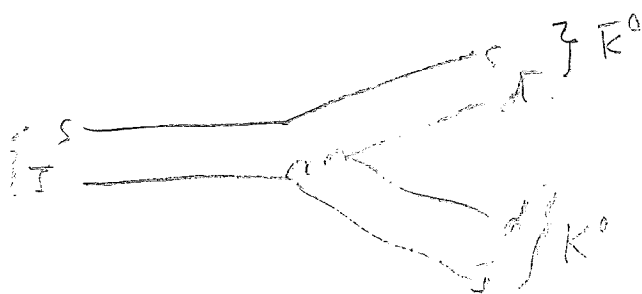
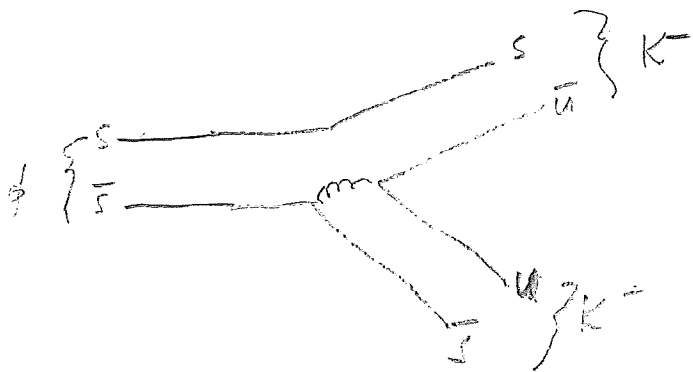
$$\phi(1020) = \bar{s}s$$

$$m = 1020 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\tau = 1.5 \times 10^{-22} \text{ s} \quad (\text{strong decay})$$

	<u>BR</u>	<u>Q</u>
$\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$	49%	30 MeV
$\rightarrow K_L^0 K_S^0$	34%	
$\rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \pi^-$	15%	600 MeV

$0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ violates
G parity



$\phi \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ suppressed

could be considered
associated production!
(but ϕ already has $s\bar{s}$)

Problem

$\Delta^{++} \rightarrow p \pi^+$

$$\Delta^4 \quad \cdot \quad p11^2, m11^1$$

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

$$\Delta \rightarrow \pi\pi^-$$

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

$$\Sigma^{K^0} \rightarrow (\tau^0 \overset{\text{not}}{n^0}) \rightarrow \pi^0, \pi^{\pm}, \Lambda^0 \pi^0$$

$$\Sigma^{*-} \rightarrow \Sigma^- \pi^0, \Sigma^- \pi^-, \Lambda^0 \pi^-$$

$$-K_4 \rightarrow -\gamma^{10}, \quad \therefore \gamma^{11}$$

$$-1 \quad \pi^0 \quad \pi^0 \quad \pi^0$$

$$\Omega \rightarrow K^0$$

show no kinematically allowed decay to K^0 's

Also, redox agent (use POK)