Status of and Prospects for N* Spectroscopy

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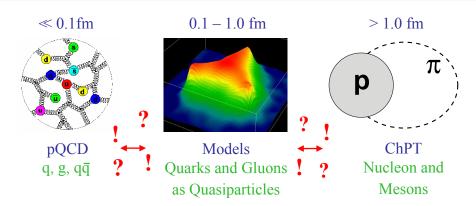


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- What are the relevant degrees of freedom?
- What are the corresponding effective interactions responsible for hadronic phenomena?



The Excited Baryon Program at JLab

The excited baryon program has two main components:

- Establish the systematics of the spectrum
 - → Provides information on the nature of effective degrees of freedom in strong QCD
- Probe resonance transitions at different distance scales (electron beams are ideal to measure transition form factors)
 - → Provides information on the confining forces of the 3-quark system



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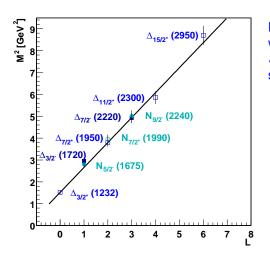
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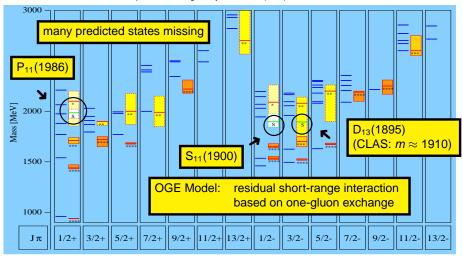


Regge trajectory for Δ^* states with intrinsic spin S=1/2 and S=3/2, and for N* states with spin S=3/2 (M^2 versus L, not J)

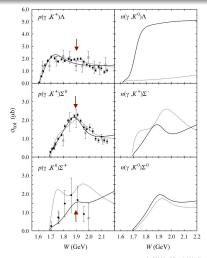
- ① Common Regge trajectory for N/ \triangle states with S = 3/2
- Not shown, but slope of the Regge trajectory for meson and Δ excitations is identical
- → Are baryons quark-diquark excitations?

Nucleon Resonances: Status – 2001

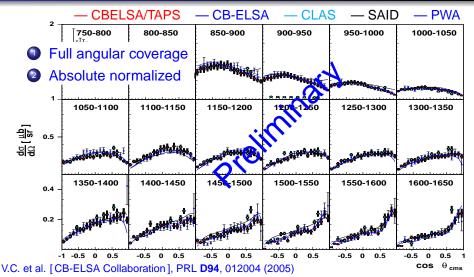
S. Capstick and N. Isgur, Phys. Rev. D34 (1986) 2809



Baryon Resonances in Hyperon Photoproduction



Analysis of $\gamma p \rightarrow p \eta$ (New Data from CB-ELSA/TAPS)



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