Loop mixing of the opposite parity fermion fields and its manifestation in πN scattering

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- Introduction
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- Descripting of PWA results for S_{11} and P_{11} waves
- Conclusions

Mixing of states (fields) is a well-known phenomenon existing in the systems of neutrinos, quarks and hadrons. As for theoretical description of mixing phenomena, a general tendency with time and development of experiment consists in transition from a simplified quantum-mechanical description to the quantum field theory methods.

Mixing of fermion fields has some specifics as compared with boson case. Firstly, there exists γ -matrix structure in a propagator. Secondly, fermion and antifermion have the opposite P-parity, so fermion propagator contains contributions of different parities. As a result, besides a standard mixing of fields with the same quantum numbers, for fermions there exists a mixing of fields with opposite parities (OPF-mixing) at loop level, even if the parity is conserved in Lagrangian.

Below we say about non-standard effect of OPF-mixing and its manifestation in systems of baryon resonances.

First of all, look at the non-diagonal self-energy:



Let parity is conserved in Lagrangian.

Mixing of fields with the same quantum numbers:

$$\Sigma_{12} = A(p^2) + \hat{p}B(p^2) =$$

= $\Lambda^+ [A(W^2) + WB(W^2)] + \Lambda^- [A(W^2) - WB(W^2)]$

Mixing of fields with opposite parities:

$$\Sigma_{12} = \gamma^5 C(p^2) + \hat{p}\gamma^5 D(p^2) =$$

= $\Lambda^+ \gamma^5 [C(W^2) + WD(W^2)] + \Lambda^- \gamma^5 [C(W^2) - WD(W^2)]$

Main statement: $\Sigma_{12} \neq 0$ for mixing of opposite parities fields. Fermion specifics!

Below we will discuss manifestation of OPF-mixing in πN scattering. There are two places, where we can identify this effect:

- 1. Simplest one is the pair of partial waves P_{13} , D_{13} , where baryons $3/2^{\pm}$ are produced. It was discussed in: A. Kaloshin, E. Kobeleva and V. Lomov, Int. J. Mod. Phys. A26 (2011) 2307 on the base of the matrix propagator.
- 2. OPF-mixing in another pair: S_{11} , P_{11} ($J^P = 1/2^{\pm}$) is subject of paper: A. Kaloshin, E. Kobeleva and V. Lomov, Mod. Phys. Lett. A28 (2013) 1350156. This required to develop a variant of K-matrix, which includes this effect.

We will say mainly about last item: OPF-mixing in partial waves S_{11} , P_{11} .

Partial wave analysis (PWA) of $\pi N \rightarrow \pi N$ with I = 1/2

R. A. Arndt et al. Phys. Rev. C74 (2006) 045205; (gwdac.phys.gwu.edu)



The pair of partial waves P_{13} , D_{13} looks as simplest case for identification of the discussed OPF-mixing effect.

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We need to discuss the effect of OPF-mixing in amplitudes of πN scattering and its implementation in framework of K-matrix description. For a first step one may restrict oneself by a simplified case: two resonance states and two channels.

Effective Lagrangians $\pi NN'$ without derivatives and conserving the parity:

$$\mathscr{L}_{int} = g_1 \bar{N}_1(x) N(x) \phi(x) + \text{h.c.}, \quad \text{for } J^P(N_1) = 1/2^-, \quad (1)$$

$$\mathscr{L}_{int} = \imath g_2 \bar{N}_2(x) \gamma^5 N(x) \phi(x) + \text{h.c.}, \text{ for } J^P(N_2) = 1/2^+.$$
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Let us consider two baryon states of opposite parities with masses m_1 $(J^P = 1/2^-)$, m_2 $(J^P = 1/2^+)$ and two intermediate states πN , ηN . Using the effective Lagrangians we can calculate contributions of states N_1 , N_2 to partial waves at tree level:

$\mathsf{OPF}\text{-mixing}$ and K-matrix

s-wave amplitudes:

$$\begin{split} f_{s,+}^{\text{tree}}(\pi N \to \pi N) &= -\frac{(E_N^{(\pi)} + m_N)}{8\pi W} \left(\frac{g_{1,\pi}^2}{W - m_1} + \frac{g_{2,\pi}^2}{W + m_2} \right), \\ f_{s,+}^{\text{tree}}(\pi N \to \eta N) &= -\frac{\sqrt{(E_N^{(\pi)} + m_N)(E_N^{(\eta)} + m_N)}}{8\pi W} \left(\frac{g_{1,\pi}g_{1,\eta}}{W - m_1} + \frac{g_{2,\pi}g_{2,\eta}}{W + m_2} \right), \\ f_{s,+}^{\text{tree}}(\eta N \to \eta N) &= -\frac{(E_N^{(\eta)} + m_N)}{8\pi W} \left(\frac{g_{1,\eta}^2}{W - m_1} + \frac{g_{2,\eta}^2}{W + m_2} \right) \end{split}$$
(3)

and p-wave amplitudes:

$$\begin{split} f_{p,-}^{\text{tree}}(\pi N \to \pi N) &= \frac{(E_N^{(\pi)} - m_N)}{8\pi W} \left(\frac{g_{1,\pi}^2}{-W - m_1} + \frac{g_{2,\pi}^2}{-W + m_2} \right), \\ f_{p,-}^{\text{tree}}(\pi N \to \eta N) &= \frac{\sqrt{(E_N^{(\pi)} - m_N)(E_N^{(\eta)} - m_N)}}{8\pi W} \left(\frac{g_{1,\pi}g_{1,\eta}}{-W - m_1} + \frac{g_{2,\pi}g_{2,\eta}}{-W + m_2} \right), \\ f_{p,-}^{\text{tree}}(\eta N \to \eta N) &= \frac{(E_N^{(\eta)} - m_N)}{8\pi W} \left(\frac{g_{1,\eta}^2}{-W - m_1} + \frac{g_{2,\eta}^2}{-W + m_2} \right). \end{split}$$

Here $W = \sqrt{s}$ is the total CMS energy and $E_N^{(\pi)}(E_N^{(\eta)})$ is nucleon CMS energy of system $\pi N(\eta N)$

$$E_N^{(\pi)} = \frac{W^2 + m_N^2 - m_\pi^2}{2W}.$$
(5)

Short notations for coupling constants, e.g. $g_{1,\pi} = g_{N_1\pi N}$.

The tree amplitudes (3)–(4) contain poles with both positive and negative energy, originated from propagators of N_1 and N_2 fields of opposite parities. Accounting the loop transitions results in dressing of states and also in mixing of these two fields.

Note that $W \rightarrow -W$ replacement gives

$$E_N^{(\pi)} + m_N \to -(E_N^{(\pi)} - m_N),$$
 (6)

so tree amplitudes (3)–(4) exhibit the MacDowell symmetry property (S. W. MacDowell, Phys. Rev. 116 (1959) 774)

$$f_{p,-}(W) = -f_{s,+}(-W).$$
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In K-matrix representation for partial amplitudes

$$f = K \left(1 - \imath P K \right)^{-1},\tag{8}$$

diagonal matrix iP, constructed from CMS momenta, originates from imaginary part of a loop. Therefore, *K*-matrix here is simply a matrix of tree amplitudes that should be identified with amplitudes (3), (4). As a result we come to representation of partial amplitudes for *s*- and *p*-waves

$$f_s(W) = K_s(W) (1 - iPK_s(W))^{-1}, \quad f_p(W) = K_p(W) (1 - iPK_p(W))^{-1},$$
(9)

where the matrices K_s , K_p (i.e. tree amplitudes (3), (4)), may be written in factorized form

$$K_s = -\frac{1}{8\pi}\rho_s \hat{K}_s \rho_s, \quad K_p = \frac{1}{8\pi}\rho_p \hat{K}_p \rho_p.$$
 (10)

Here ρ_s , ρ_p are

$$\rho_{s}(W) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{E_{N}^{(\pi)} + m_{N}}{W}}, & 0\\ 0, & \sqrt{\frac{E_{N}^{(\eta)} + m_{N}}{W}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (11)$$

$$\rho_{p}(W) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{E_{N}^{(\pi)} - m_{N}}{W}}, & 0\\ 0, & \sqrt{\frac{E_{N}^{(\eta)} - m_{N}}{W}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (12)$$

and matrix P consists of CMS momenta as analytic functions of W. In this case "primitive" $K\mbox{-matrices}$ contain poles with both positive and negative energies

OPF-mixing and K-matrix

$$\hat{K}_{s}(W) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{g_{1,\pi}^{2}}{W - m_{1}} + \frac{g_{2,\pi}^{2}}{W + m_{2}}, & \frac{g_{1,\pi}g_{2,\eta}}{W - m_{1}} + \frac{g_{2,\pi}g_{2,\eta}}{W + m_{2}} \\ \frac{g_{1,\pi}g_{2,\eta}}{W - m_{1}} + \frac{g_{2,\pi}g_{2,\eta}}{W + m_{2}}, & \frac{g_{1,\eta}}{W - m_{1}} + \frac{g_{2,\eta}^{2}}{W + m_{2}} \end{pmatrix},$$
(13)
$$\hat{K}_{p}(W) = \hat{K}_{s}(-W) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{g_{1,\pi}^{2}}{-W - m_{1}} + \frac{g_{2,\pi}}{-W - m_{1}} + \frac{g_{2,\pi}g_{2,\eta}}{-W - m_{1}}, & \frac{g_{1,\pi}g_{2,\eta}}{-W - m_{1}} + \frac{g_{2,\pi}g_{2,\eta}}{-W - m_{1}} + \frac{g_{2,\eta}g_{2,\eta}}{-W - m_{1}} + \frac{g_{2,\eta}g_{2,\eta}}{-W - m_{1}} + \frac{g_{2,\eta}g_{2,\eta}}{-W - m_{1}} \end{pmatrix},$$
(13)

Recall that m_1 is mass of $J^P = 1/2^-$ state and m_2 is mass of $J^P = 1/2^+$ one. Generalization of this construction for the case of more channels and states is obvious.

Since CMS momenta have the property P(-W) = -P(W), the MacDowell symmetry property (7) is extended from tree amplitudes to unitarized *K*-matrix ones (9).

Look again at tree partial amplitudes:

$$\begin{split} f_{s,+}^{\text{tree}}(\pi N \to \pi N) &= -\frac{(E_N^{(\pi)} + m_N)}{8\pi W} \bigg(\frac{g_{1,\pi}^2}{W - m_1} + \frac{g_{2,\pi}^2}{W + m_2} \bigg), \\ f_{p,-}^{\text{tree}}(\pi N \to \pi N) &= \frac{(E_N^{(\pi)} - m_N)}{8\pi W} \bigg(\frac{g_{1,\pi}^2}{-W - m_1} + \frac{g_{2,\pi}^2}{-W + m_2} \bigg) \end{split}$$

From a common sense one can expect that negative energy pole should give a negligible effect in physical energy region. However, this is not the case if corresponding coupling constant is large $|g_{2,\pi}| \gg |g_{1,\pi}|$. One can compare decay width of s- and p-states

$$\Gamma(N_1 \to \pi N) = g_{N_1 \pi N}^2 \Phi_s, \quad \Gamma(N_2 \to \pi N) = g_{N_2 \pi N}^2 \Phi_p,$$
 (15)

where Φ_s , Φ_p are corresponding phase volumes. For resonance states not far from threshold, with masses, e.g. 1.5–1.7 GeV, phase volumes differ greatly, $\Phi_s \gg \Phi_p$. If both resonances have typical hadronic width $\Gamma \sim 100$ MeV, then coupling constants differ dramatically too, $|g_{N_2\pi N}| \gg |g_{N_1\pi N}|$.

Above we use the simplest effective Lagrangians (1)-(2) to derive tree amplitudes. However, it is well-known, that spontaneous breaking of chiral symmetry requires pion field to appear in Lagrangian only through derivatives

$$\mathscr{L}_{int} = f_2 \bar{N}_2(x) \gamma^5 \gamma^\mu N(x) \partial_\mu \phi(x) + \text{h.c.}, \ J^P = 1/2^+, \ f_2 = \frac{g_2}{m_2 + m_N}.$$
(16)

It is not difficult to understand how inclusion of derivative changes tree amplitudes and, hence K-matrix. Pole contribution $\pi(k_1)N(p_1) \rightarrow N_2(p) \rightarrow \pi(k_2)N(p_2)$ in that case takes the form:

$$T = f_2^2 \bar{u}(p_2) \gamma^5 \hat{k}_2 \frac{1}{\hat{p} - M} \gamma^5 \hat{k}_1 u(p_1).$$
(17)

With the use of equations of motion, we see that inclusion of derivative at vertex leads to the following modification of resonance contribution

$$g_2^2 \frac{1}{\hat{p} - M} \to f_2^2(\hat{p} + m_N) \frac{1}{\hat{p} - M}(\hat{p} + m_N).$$
 (18)

Separation of the positive and negative energy poles is performed with the off-shell projector operators $\Lambda^\pm=1/2\bigl(1\pm \hat p/W\bigr)$

$$f_2^2(\hat{p}+m_N)\frac{1}{\hat{p}-m_N}(\hat{p}+m_N) = \Lambda^+ \frac{f_2^2(W+m_N)^2}{W-M} + \Lambda^- \frac{f_2^2(W-m_N)^2}{-W-M},$$
(19)

where the first term gives contribution to p-wave and second one to s-wave. Modification of the pole contributions in "primitive" K-matrices (13)–(14) is evident

$$g_2^2 \to f_2^2 (W - m_N)^2$$
, for *s*-wave, (20)

$$g_2^2 \to f_2^2 (W + m_N)^2$$
, for *p*-wave. (21)

One can expect that the inclusion of derivatives most strongly affects on threshold properties of s-wave due to dumping factor $(W - m_N)^2$.

Fit of P_{11}

First of all, let us try to describe S_{11} and P_{11} waves separately. *p*-wave is described rather well by our formulas with derivative in vertex (20)– (21), see Fig. 1. In this case the *s*-wave states are missing in amplitudes, the *p*-wave *K*-matrix has two positive energy poles.



Figure 1: The results of fitting of P_{11} -wave of πN scattering. Dots are results of PWA (**R. A. Arndt et al. Phys. Rev. C76 (2006) 045205**), solid lines represent our amplitudes (9)–(14) in the presence of derivative in vertex (20)– (21). *K*-matrix has only *p*-wave states. Partial wave normalization corresponds to **R. A. Arndt et al.**: Im $f = |f|^2 + (1 - \eta^2)/4$.

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Quality of description is defined by:

$$\chi^2 / \text{DOF} = 273/95.$$
 (22)

The use of vertices without derivative leads to impairment of quality of description: $\chi^2 > 350$, again we need two poles with close masses. Both variants give a negative background contribution to S_{11} wave, comparable in magnitude with other contributions, as it seen on Fig. 2. Variant without derivative in vertex gives a larger background contribution, rapidly changing near thresholds. It seems that description of P_{11} partial wave without derivative in vertices contradicts to data on S_{11} . On Fig. 2 some typical curves are shown, there exist different variants with sharp behavior near thresholds. The presence of derivative in a vertex suppresses the threshold region in background contribution due to factor $(W - m_N)^2$, but in resonance region this is rather large contribution, see Fig. 2.



Figure 2: Background contribution to *s*-wave, generated by *p*-wave states, i.e. in this case *K*-matrix for *s*-wave (13) has only negative energy poles. Solid lines represent variant with derivative in vertex (corresponding to curves on Fig. 1), dashed lines – variant without derivative in vertex.

Fit of S_{11}

Attempt to describe S_{11} without background has no success: it doesn't allow to reach even qualitative agreement with PWA.

As a next step, let us add the background contribution, arising from *p*-wave states (solid lines on Fig. 1) with fixed parameters of *p*-wave.



Figure 3: Results of *s*-wave fitting with fixed parameters for *p*-wave states. Parameters of *p*-wave correspond to curves on Fig. 1, *s*-wave contains two states with K-matrix masses 1.55 and 1.75 GeV.

One can see from Fig. 3 that quality of description is unsatisfactory in this case but double-peak behavior is arisen in partial wave for the first time. It means that to describe S_{11} wave a background contribution is necessary and its value is close to solid line curves at Fig. 1

Joint fit of S_{11} and P_{11}

Let's perform the joint analysis of S_{11} and P_{11} amplitudes, when resonance states in one wave generate background in other and vice versa. In this case K-matrices (13)–(14) have poles with both positive and negative energies: we use two *s*-wave and two *p*-wave poles. This leads to noticeable improvement of description, as can be seen from Fig. 4; in this case $\chi^2/\text{DOF} = 850/190$.



Figure 4: Result of joint fitting of S_{11} and P_{11} -waves of πN scattering. Dashed lines show real and imaginary parts of (unitarized) background contribution.

Joint fit of S_{11} and P_{11}

At last, background can be generated not only by negative energy poles but by other terms. We accounted it by adding to elastic amplitudes $\pi N \to \pi N$ a smooth contributions of the form:

$$\hat{K}_{s}^{B} = A + B(W - m_{N})^{2}, \quad \hat{K}_{p}^{B} = A + B(W + m_{N})^{2},$$
 (23)

which do not violate the MacDowell symmetry property. Note that we have quite good description $\chi^2/\text{DOF} = 584/187$ and background contribution in S_{11} is close to simplest variant of Fig. 2.



Figure 5: Result of joint fitting of S_{11} and P_{11} waves of πN scattering.

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Poles in complex plane

In Table 1 we present the pole masses and widths obtained by continuation of our amplitudes to complex W plane. As a whole, we see that our values for m_p , Γ_p are rather close to previously obtained. The only hint for disagreement is appearance at some sheets of a stable pole $1/2^+$ with $m_p\approx 1500~{\rm MeV}$ instead of generally accepted mass $m_p\approx 1365~{\rm MeV}.$

Partial wave, PDG values	This work	Some other works
S_{11} , $1/2^-$		
N(1535) (1510, 70)	(1507, 87)	$(1502, 95), (1648, 80)^{\dagger}$
N(1650) (1655, 165)	(1659, 149)	(1519, 129), (1669, 136) ^{††}
$P_{11}, 1/2^+$		
N(1440) (1365, 190)	(1365, 194)	$(1359, 162)^{\dagger}$
	(1500, 160)	(1385, 164)*
		(1387, 147) ^{††}

Table 1: Pole masses and widths (M_R, Γ_R) extracted from poles position in the complex plane W: $W_0 = M_R - i\Gamma_R/2$.

[†] R. Arndt et al. Phys. Rev. C74 (2006) 045205. ^{††} M. Doring et al. Nucl. Phys. A829 (2009) 170. ^{*} G. Hohler πN Newslett. (1993) 108.

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 Effect of mixing of fermion fields with opposite parity can be readily realized in the framework of K-matrix approach. It leads to well-known MacDowell symmetry

$$f_{l,+}(W) = -f_{l+1,-}(-W),$$

connecting two partial waves.

BUT: Taking OPF-mixing into account, MacDowell symmetry leads to practical consequences: resonance in one partial wave gives rise to background contribution in another and vice versa.

- ► This connection, as in case of 3/2[±] resonances, works mainly in one direction: it generates large negative background in a wave with lower orbital momentum.
- As for practical use: we suppose that this connection may be of interest as a source of additional information about wave with higher orbital momentum (in our case about P₁₁ and baryons 1/2⁺)

Thank you for your attention!

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- We used simplified description of πN partial waves (σN is some "quasi-channel") to recognize the effect of OPF-mixing in system of baryons $1/2^{\pm}$. Rather unexpectedly we obtained a good quality of description $\chi^2/\text{DOF} = 584/187$, which is comparable with much more comprehensive analyses up to 6 channels.
- It seems that OPF-mixing may be introduced into dynamical models used for baryon physics, e.g. H. Kamano, S. Nakamura, T.-S. Lee and T. Sato, Phys. Rev. C81 (2010) 065207. Besides theoretical constrains it can have also some practical meaning.

We will use **off-shell** projection operators Λ^{\pm} :

$$\Lambda^{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 \pm \frac{\hat{p}}{W} \right), \quad W = \sqrt{p^2},$$

where W is the rest-frame energy. Main properties of projection operators are:

$$\begin{split} \Lambda^{\pm}\Lambda^{\pm} &= \Lambda^{\pm}, \quad \Lambda^{\pm}\Lambda^{\mp} = 0, \quad \Lambda^{\pm}\gamma^{5} = \gamma^{5}\Lambda^{\mp}, \\ \Lambda^{+} &+ \Lambda^{-} = 1, \quad \Lambda^{+} - \Lambda^{-} = \frac{\hat{p}}{W}. \end{split}$$

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Dyson–Schwinger equation for dressed propagator G(p):

$$G(p) = G_0 + G\Sigma G_0, \tag{24}$$

where G_0 is a bare propagator and Σ is a self-energy. We can expand all elements in (24) in the basis of projection operators:

$$G = \sum_{M=1}^{2} \mathcal{P}_M G_M, \quad \mathcal{P}_1 = \Lambda^+, \ \mathcal{P}_2 = \Lambda^-.$$
(25)

After it Dyson-Schwinger equation is reduced to equations on scalar functions:

$$G_M = G_{0,M} + G_M \Sigma_M G_{0,M}, \quad M = 1, 2,$$
 (26)

or

$$(G^{-1})_M = (G_0^{-1})_M - \Sigma_M.$$
 (27)

<ロト < 部 ト < 言 ト < 言 ト 三 の Q (や 28/37 Decomposition of inverse dressed propagator:

$$G^{-1} = \mathcal{P}_1(W - m - \Sigma_1) + \mathcal{P}_2(-W - m - \Sigma_2).$$
(28)

Usual form of the self-energy is

$$\Sigma(p) = A(p^2) + \hat{p}B(p^2),$$
 (29)

and its decomposition in projection basis:

$$\Sigma_1 = A(W^2) + WB(W^2), \quad \Sigma_2 = A(W^2) - WB(W^2).$$
 (30)

Note the property of coefficients in the projection basis:

$$\Sigma_2(W) = \Sigma_1(-W).$$

Dressed propagator has a form:

$$G = \mathcal{P}_1 \frac{1}{W - m - \Sigma_1} + \mathcal{P}_2 \frac{1}{-W - m - \Sigma_2}.$$
 (31)

When we have two fermion fields Ψ_i , the inclusion of interaction leads also to mixing of these fields. In this case the Dyson–Schwinger equation (24) acquires matrix indices:

$$G_{ij} = (G_0)_{ij} + G_{ik} \Sigma_{kl} (G_0)_{lj}, \quad i, j, k, l = 1, 2.$$
(32)

Therefore we have the same equation, but all factor are matrices 2×2

$$G(p) = G_0 + G\Sigma G_0. \tag{33}$$

The simplest variant is when the fermion fields Ψ_i have the same quantum numbers and the parity is conserved in the Lagrangian. Inverse propagator in this case:

$$G^{-1} = \mathcal{P}_1 S_1(W) + \mathcal{P}_2 S_2(W) =$$

$$\mathcal{P}_1 \begin{pmatrix} W - m_1 - \Sigma_{11}^1 & -\Sigma_{12}^1 \\ -\Sigma_{21}^1 & W - m_2 - \Sigma_{22}^1 \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{P}_2 S_1(-W).$$
(34)

The matrix coefficients as before have the symmetry property $S_2(W) = S_1(-W)$. To obtain the matrix dressed propagator G(p) one should reverse the matrix coefficients:

$$G(p) = \mathcal{P}_1 \big(S_1(W) \big)^{-1} + \mathcal{P}_2 \big(S_2(W) \big)^{-1}.$$
(35)

We see that with use of projection basis the problem of fermion mixing is reduced to studying of the same mixing matrix as for bosons besides the obvious replacement $s - m^2 \rightarrow W - m$.

Appendix: Off-shell projection operators and fermion dressing

First of all, look at the non-diagonal self-energy:



Let parity is conserved in Lagrangian.

Mixing of fields with the same quantum numbers:

$$\Sigma_{12} = A(p^2) + \hat{p}B(p^2) =$$

= $\Lambda^+ [A(W^2) + WB(W^2)] + \Lambda^- [A(W^2) - WB(W^2)]$

Mixing of fields with opposite parities:

$$\Sigma_{12} = \gamma^5 C(p^2) + \hat{p}\gamma^5 D(p^2) =$$

= $\Lambda^+ \gamma^5 [C(W^2) + WD(W^2)] + \Lambda^- \gamma^5 [C(W^2) - WD(W^2)]$

Main statement: $\Sigma_{12} \neq 0$ for mixing of opposite parities fields. Fermion specifics!

Let us consider the joint dressing of two fermion fields of opposite parities provided that the parity is conserved in a vertex. In this case the diagonal transition loops Σ_{ii} contain only I and \hat{p} matrices, while the off-diagonal ones Σ_{12} , Σ_{21} must contain γ^5 .

Projection basis should be supplemented by elements containing γ^5 , it is convenient to choose the γ -matrix basis as:

$$\mathcal{P}_1 = \Lambda^+, \ \mathcal{P}_2 = \Lambda^-, \ \mathcal{P}_3 = \Lambda^+ \gamma^5, \ \mathcal{P}_4 = \Lambda^- \gamma^5.$$
(36)

In this case the $\gamma\text{-matrix}$ decomposition has four terms:

$$S = \sum_{M=1}^{4} \mathcal{P}_M S_M,\tag{37}$$

where the coefficients S_M are matrices and have the obvious symmetry properties $S_2(W) = S_1(-W)$, $S_4(W) = S_3(-W)$.

Inverse propagator in this basis looks as:

$$S(p) = \mathcal{P}_{1} \begin{pmatrix} W - m_{1} - \Sigma_{11}^{1} & 0 \\ 0 & W - m_{2} - \Sigma_{22}^{1} \end{pmatrix} + \\ + \mathcal{P}_{2} \begin{pmatrix} -W - m_{1} - \Sigma_{11}^{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -W - m_{2} - \Sigma_{22}^{2} \end{pmatrix} + \\ + \mathcal{P}_{3} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\Sigma_{12}^{3} \\ -\Sigma_{21}^{3} & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{P}_{4} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\Sigma_{12}^{4} \\ -\Sigma_{21}^{4} & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$
(38)

where the indices i, j = 1, 2 in the self-energy \sum_{ij}^{M} numerate dressing fermion fields and the indices $M = 1, \ldots, 4$ are referred to the γ -matrix decomposition (37).

Reversing of (38) gives the matrix dressed propagator:

$$G = \mathcal{P}_{1} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-W - m_{2} - \Sigma_{22}^{2}}{\Delta_{1}} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{-W - m_{1} - \Sigma_{11}^{2}}{\Delta_{2}} \end{pmatrix} + \\ + \mathcal{P}_{2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{W - m_{2} - \Sigma_{22}^{1}}{\Delta_{2}} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{W - m_{1} - \Sigma_{11}^{1}}{\Delta_{1}} \end{pmatrix} + \\ + \mathcal{P}_{3} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{\Sigma_{12}^{3}}{\Delta_{1}}\\ \frac{\Sigma_{21}^{3}}{\Delta_{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} + + \mathcal{P}_{4} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{\Sigma_{12}^{4}}{\Delta_{2}}\\ \frac{\Sigma_{21}^{4}}{\Delta_{1}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$
(39)

$$\Delta_1 = (W - m_1 - \Sigma_{11}^1)(-W - m_2 - \Sigma_{22}^2) - \Sigma_{12}^3 \Sigma_{21}^4,$$

$$\Delta_2 = (-W - m_1 - \Sigma_{11}^2)(W - m_2 - \Sigma_{22}^1) - \Sigma_{12}^4 \Sigma_{21}^3 = \Delta_1(W \to -W).$$

Note that our K-matrix differs from one used by other authors (e.g. R. A. Arndt et al. Phys. Rev. C74 (2006) 045205) by:

- Another form of phase-space factor (QFT calculations);
- Presence of the negative energy poles in \hat{K} .

These two points together lead to MacDowell symmetry.

We will use our K-matrix for description of partial waves S_{11} and P_{11} of πN scattering in the energy region W < 2 GeV. Following to idea of **M. Batinic et al. Phys. Rev. C51 (1995) 2310**, we will use three channels of reaction: πN , ηN and σN , where the last is "effective" channel, imitating different $\pi \pi N$ states.

"Primitive" \hat{K} -matrices have a form (13)–(14) but can contain several $J^P=1/2^+$ and $J^P=1/2^-$ states.

Note that our *K*-matrix amplitudes (9) may be rewritten in other form, close to the one used in **R. A. Arndt et al. Phys. Rev. D32 (1985) 1085**

$$f_{s}(W) = -\frac{1}{8\pi} \rho_{s} \hat{K}_{s} \left[1 + i\rho_{s} P \rho_{s} \hat{K}_{s}(W) / (8\pi) \right]^{-1} \rho_{s},$$

$$f_{p}(W) = \frac{1}{8\pi} \rho_{p} \hat{K}_{p} \left[1 - i\rho_{p} P \rho_{p} \hat{K}_{p}(W) / (8\pi) \right]^{-1} \rho_{p}.$$
(40)