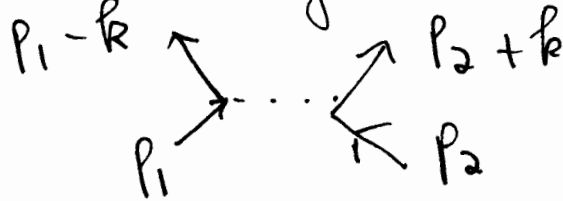


32(4): Application of Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle to the Pion

Reference

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Yukawa is 1935 explained the short range of the force between a neutron and a proton by the creation and exchange of a pion, causing temporary violation of conservation of mass energy. The pion is not directly observable and is called a virtual particle. The process can be described by



$$\underline{p}_1 + \underline{p}_2 = \underline{p}_1 + \underline{p}_2 - \underline{k} + \underline{k} \quad - (1)$$
$$= \underline{p}_3 + \underline{p}_4$$

where

$$\underline{p}_3 = \underline{p}_1 - \underline{k} \quad - (2)$$

$$\underline{p}_4 = \underline{p}_2 + \underline{k} \quad - (3)$$

The range of the force is limited by the fact that the pion can only exist for a short time allowed by the Heisenberg uncertainty principle in the standard model. Conservation of mass energy is violated for an amount of time:

$$t \sim \frac{h}{4\pi \Delta E} \quad - (4)$$

no process can detect the violation.

The distance the pion travels is:

$$d \sim c \Delta t, \quad - (5)$$

2) so its lifetime is:

$$t \sim \frac{d}{c} \quad (6)$$

if it travels close to the speed of light. If $d \sim 10^{-15}$ m then

$$t \sim 3.310 \times 10^{-24} \text{ s} \quad (7)$$

and

$$E = \frac{h}{4\pi \Delta t} = 1.610 \times 10^{-11} \text{ J} \quad (8)$$
$$\sim 100 \text{ neV}$$

So the mass of the pion is:

$$m = \frac{E}{c^2} \quad (9)$$

To many physicists this has always been an unsatisfactory procedure. It is entirely rejected by the ECE School of physics, because HUP has been refused in great detail in UFTTS, now a classic.

The simplest way of describing the quantization of a wave particle is to use the de Broglie-Dirac equations:

$$E = \gamma mc^2 = \hbar \omega \quad (10)$$

$$p = \gamma m \underline{v} = \hbar \underline{k} \quad (11)$$

In m theory, eq. (10) becomes:

$$E = \gamma m(r) mc^2 = \hbar \omega \quad (12)$$

and this can be expressed as

$$E^2 = p^2 c^2 + m(r)^2 m^2 c^4 = \hbar^2 \omega^2 \quad (13)$$

3) If the particle is at rest then:

$$E = m(r)^{1/2} mc^2 = h\nu - (14)$$

$$= 2\pi h f$$

$$= \frac{2\pi h}{t}$$

s. the Heisenberg principle is changed to:

$$Et = 2\pi h - (15)$$

i.e.

$$E = \frac{h}{t} - (16)$$

The distance travelled by the particle in time t is

$$d = ct - (17)$$

so

$$t = \frac{d}{c} - (18)$$

and

$$E = \frac{hc}{d} = \frac{2\pi h c}{d} - (19)$$

Therefore its mass is:

$$m = \frac{2\pi h}{n(r)^{1/2} c d} - (20)$$

Comparing eqs (14) and (20):

$$m(r)^{1/2} = \frac{2\pi h}{m c d} - (21)$$

S. the mass of any particle is determined by the $n(r)^{1/2}$ function.

Now consider the energy equation (13):

$$E - m(r)^{1/2} mc^2 = \frac{p^2 c^2}{E + m(r)^{1/2} mc^2} \quad - (22)$$

so

$$E = \frac{p^2 c^2}{E + m(r)^{1/2} mc^2} + m(r)^{1/2} mc^2 \quad - (23)$$

This equation can be used to describe the loss of a meson from a proton:

$$\underline{p} \rightarrow \underline{p} - \underline{k} \quad - (24)$$

so

$$E = \frac{c^2}{E + m(r)^{1/2} mc^2} (\underline{p} - \underline{k}) \cdot (\underline{p} - \underline{k}) + m(r)^{1/2} mc^2 \quad - (25)$$

and in the $SU(2)$ basis:

$$E = \underline{\sigma} \cdot (\underline{p} - \underline{k}) \frac{c^2}{E + m(r)^{1/2} mc^2} \underline{\sigma} \cdot (\underline{p} - \underline{k}) + m(r)^{1/2} mc^2 \quad - (26)$$

Eq. (26) quantizes with:

$$\underline{p} \psi = -i\hbar \underline{\nabla} \psi \quad - (27)$$

To give energy levels of E :

$$\psi = \underline{\sigma} \cdot \left(-i\hbar \underline{\nabla} - \underline{k} \right) \left(\frac{c^2}{E + m(r)^{1/2} mc^2} \right) \underline{\sigma} \cdot \left(-i\hbar \underline{\nabla} - \underline{k} \right) \psi + m(r)^{1/2} mc^2 \psi$$

The Hamiltonian is:

$$H = E + U \quad - (28) \quad - (29)$$

here U is the potential energy equivalent to the force between proton and neutron.

Therefore the complete minimal prescription is:

$$E \rightarrow E + \bar{U} \quad (29)$$

$$p \rightarrow p - \underline{k} \quad (30)$$

Therefore eq. (28) becomes:

$$(H - U)\psi = \underline{\sigma} \cdot (-i\hbar \underline{\nabla} - \underline{k}) \left(\frac{c^2}{E + m(r)^{1/2} mc^2} \right) \underline{\sigma} \cdot (-i\hbar \underline{\nabla} - \underline{k}) \psi + m(r)^{1/2} mc^2 \psi \quad (31)$$

For a slow moving particle

$$E \sim m(r)^{1/2} mc^2 \quad (32)$$

$$\psi = - \frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m(r)^{1/2} m} \psi + U\psi + m(r)^{1/2} mc^2 \psi + \dots \quad (33)$$

$$= E\psi$$

Now consider:

$$H_0 \psi := (H - m(r)^{1/2} mc^2) \psi \quad (34)$$

$$= \left(- \frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m(r)^{1/2} m} + U \right) \psi$$

values are energy levels:

The expectation

$$E = \langle H_0 \rangle = \int \psi^* \left(- \frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m(r)^{1/2} m} \right) \psi d\tau + \int \psi^* U \psi d\tau \quad (35)$$

These energy levels give a mass spectrum, and the pion masses.

Finally the potential energy U is evaluated from the force:

$$F = - \frac{\frac{d m(r)}{dr} m^{1/2}(r)}{2m(r) - r \frac{d m(r)}{dr}} E - (36)$$

where

$$E^2 = p^2 c^2 + m(r) m^2 c^4 - (37)$$

and

$$F = - \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} - (38)$$

For a slow moving particle:

$$E = m^{1/2}(r) m c^2 - (39)$$

so

$$F = - \frac{\frac{d m(r)}{dr} m(r) m c^2}{2m(r) - r \frac{d m(r)}{dr}} - (40)$$

Assuming that

$$r \frac{d m(r)}{dr} \ll 2m(r) - (41)$$

then

$$F = - \frac{\frac{d m(r)}{dr} m c^2}{2} - (42)$$

and

$$U = \frac{1}{2} m(r) m c^2 - (43)$$

Therefore in this approximation the energy eigenvalue

is:

$$E = \langle H_0 \rangle = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int \psi^* \nabla^2 \left(\frac{\psi}{m(r)^{1/2}} \right) d\tau + \int \psi^* U \psi d\tau \quad - (44)$$

There are many more terms that can be considered in Eq. (31), as in previous HFT papers. The mass term is:

$$m = \frac{\langle H_0 \rangle}{c^2} \quad - (45)$$

Summary

In considering the interaction of a proton and a neutron, the meson momentum \underline{k} is considered to play the role of the vector potential \underline{A} in electromagnetic interactions. There is no need to postulate a virtual particle. The Feynman diagram is replaced by a minimal prescription:

$$\underline{E} \rightarrow \underline{E} + \underline{A} \quad - (46)$$

$$\underline{p} \rightarrow \underline{p} - \underline{k} \quad - (47)$$