

**Quarks, diquarks, and QCD mixing in the  $N^*$  resonance spectrum**Qiang Zhao<sup>1,2,\*</sup> and Frank E. Close<sup>3,†</sup><sup>1</sup>*Institute of High Energy Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, 100049, People's Republic of China*<sup>2</sup>*Department of Physics, University of Surrey, Guildford, GU2 7XH, United Kingdom*<sup>3</sup>*Rudolf Peierls Centre for Theoretical Physics, University of Oxford, Keble Rd., Oxford, OX1 3NP, United Kingdom*

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We identify a “ $\Lambda$  selection rule” for  $N^*$  resonances in the presence of QCD mixing effects. We quantify these mixing effects from existing data and predict amplitudes for exciting **20** representations in SU(6), which are forbidden in strict diquark models. By classifying Particle-Data-Group (PDG) states at  $N = 2$ , we show that  $\gamma N \rightarrow K\Lambda$ ,  $K^*\Lambda$ ,  $K\Sigma$ ,  $K^*\Sigma$ , and  $J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{p}N^*$  are ideal probes of baryon dynamics and for establishing whether strongly correlated diquarks survive for  $L > 0$ .

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

It is remarkable that 40 years after the quark model was first applied to the problem of baryon resonances [1] it is still not well established whether three constituent quarks are the minimal effective degrees of freedom or whether a quark-diquark dynamics, where a pair of quarks is “frozen” into a ground state, suffices. Indeed, the vast literature inspired by the apparent discovery of a metastable “pentaquark” baryon in 2003 [2] showed both how little the strong dynamics of quarks is understood and raised renewed speculation about the role and existence of highly correlated diquarks [3,4]. Furthermore, an acceptable description of baryon resonance spectroscopy has been proposed based on a quark-diquark picture [5].

The relative coordinate between the two quarks forming the diquark is constrained to be in the  $l_\rho = 0$  state. (We use the symbols  $\rho$ ,  $\lambda$  as in Ref [6] to denote the antisymmetric and symmetric two-body substates within a three-body wavefunction). In such a case, the familiar and established [SU(6),  $L^P$ ] multiplets [56,  $L^P$ ] and [70,  $L^P$ ] occur, but it is impossible to form [SU(6),  $L^P$ ] correlations, [20,  $L^P$ ] [7]. Within a  $qqq$  dynamics, where both  $\lambda$  and  $\rho$  spatial oscillators can be excited, the spectrum is richer and such **20** states can occur.

Whereas [56,  $L^P$ ] and [70,  $L^P$ ] excitations are well established, the search for [20,  $L^P$ ] has been largely ignored, primarily because they cannot be excited by mesons or photons from a **56** nucleon. This is because photons and  $q\bar{q}$  beams transform under SU(6) as **35**, which with the SU(6) forbidden transition **56**  $\otimes$  **35**  $\nrightarrow$  **20** causes them to decouple from nucleons in naive SU(6) [7,8].

The purpose of this paper is to re-examine the assumptions underlying resonance production in the quark model. This will lead us to a selection rule, that appears to have

been overlooked in the literature, and also to identify circumstances where **20** states can be excited.

A standard and phenomenologically successful assumption common to a large number of papers in the quark model is that photon transitions are additive in the constituent quarks [9–11]. This assumption also underlies models of hadronic production and decay in the sense that when  $q_1q_2q_3 \rightarrow [q_1q_2q_i] + [q_3\bar{q}_i]$ , the quark pair  $q_1q_2$  are effectively spectators and only  $q_3$  is involved in driving the transition. Such approximations lead to well known selection rules, which have proved useful in classifying resonances [11]. We adopt this approximation as a first step and show that within it there is a further selection rule that appears to have been overlooked in the literature. We shall refer to this as the “ $\Lambda$  selection rule” and show how it may help classify  $N^*$  resonances.

The above “spectator-hypothesis” for transition amplitudes will be violated by the spin-dependent forces that act between pairs of quarks and break SU(6), such as those generating the  $N$ - $\Delta$  mass gap. For example, when the nucleon is in an electromagnetic field, gauge invariance and the presence of such two-body forces imply that there occur diagrams where the photon interacts with quark number 3, say, and the exchange force acts between quarks 3 and 1 or 2. Thus electromagnetic interactions can transfer momentum to both  $\lambda$  and  $\rho$  oscillators, which both spoils the spectator-hypothesis and opens the possibility of exciting **20**-plets.

As a specific and quantifiable example we shall assume these spin-dependent forces arise from gluon exchange in QCD. This has considerable quantitative support [12] and also has been shown to induce mixings, including **70**-plet configurations, into the nucleon wavefunction [13]. Taking into account that the  $N$ - $\Delta$  mass gap of 300 MeV is on the scale of  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ , the resulting mixing effects can be sizeable. Whereas **56**  $\otimes$  **35**  $\nrightarrow$  **20**, the coupling **70**  $\otimes$  **35**  $\rightarrow$  **20** is allowed. Consequently the SU(6) breaking that induces **70** correlations into the nucleon enables the excitation of **20**-plets by photons and mesons. Interestingly, we shall

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see that the  $\Lambda$  selection rule still manifests itself in  $N^* \rightarrow K\Lambda$  transitions even though the  $SU(6)$  symmetry is broken. This phenomenon will be useful for clarifying the excitation of **20**-plets in the  $N^*$  spectrum.

In the next section we first present the “ $\Lambda$  selection rule”. We then show how QCD-generated wavefunction mixing allows production of **20**-plets. We formulate these ideas in a QCD quark model [13] though the qualitative results should be more generally true. In the final section we quantify these effects and discuss their application to  $N^*$  classification.

## II. THE MODEL

For reference, we specify our nomenclature. The standard  $SU(6) \otimes O(3)$  wavefunction can be constructed from three fundamental representations of group  $S_3$ :

$$SU(6): \mathbf{6} \otimes \mathbf{6} \otimes \mathbf{6} = \mathbf{56}_s + \mathbf{70}_\rho + \mathbf{70}_\lambda + \mathbf{20}_a, \quad (1)$$

where the subscripts denote the corresponding  $S_3$  basis for each representation, and the bold numbers denote the dimension of the corresponding representation. The spin-flavor wavefunctions can be expressed as  $|\mathbf{N}_6, {}^{2S+1}\mathbf{N}_3\rangle$ , where  $\mathbf{N}_6$  ( $= \mathbf{56}, \mathbf{70}$  or  $\mathbf{20}$ ) and  $\mathbf{N}_3$  ( $= \mathbf{8}, \mathbf{10}$ , or  $\mathbf{1}$ ) denote the  $SU(6)$  and  $SU(3)$  representation and  $S$  stands for the total spin. The  $SU(6) \otimes O(3)$  (symmetric) wavefunction is

$$|SU(6) \otimes O(3)\rangle = |\mathbf{N}_6, {}^{2S+1}\mathbf{N}_3, N, L, J\rangle, \quad (2)$$

where explicit expressions follow the convention of Isgur and Karl [14–16].

The basic rules follow from application of the Pauli exclusion principle to baryon wavefunctions together with an empirically well tested assumption that electro-weak and strong decays are dominated by single quark transitions where the remaining two quarks, or diquark, are passive spectators [6]. In particular, selection rules for specific processes can resolve the underlying dynamics. For example, the Moorhouse selection rule [17] states that transition amplitudes for  $\gamma p$  to all resonances of representation  $[\mathbf{70}, {}^4\mathbf{8}]$ , such as  $D_{15}(1675)$ , must be zero due to the vanishing transition matrix element for the charge operator.

Such correlations also lead to a “ $\Lambda$  selection rule”, which appears to have been overlooked in the literature. It states that  $N^*$  in  $[\mathbf{70}, {}^4\mathbf{8}]$  decouple from  $\Lambda K$  and  $\Lambda K^*$  channels. This follows because the  $[ud]$  in the  $\Lambda$  has  $S = 0$  and in the spectator approximation, the strangeness emissions in  $N^* \rightarrow \Lambda K$  or  $\Lambda K^*$ , the spectator  $[ud]$  in the  $N^*$  must also be in  $S_{[ud]} = 0$ , whereby such transitions for the  $N^*$  of  $[\mathbf{70}, {}^4\mathbf{8}]$  with  $S_{[ud]} = 1$  are forbidden.

Note that the  $\Lambda$  selection rule applies to both proton and neutron resonances of  $[\mathbf{70}, {}^4\mathbf{8}]$ , in contrast to the Moorhouse selection rule, which applies only to the proton. The nearest that we can find to this in the literature is that  $\Lambda^*[\mathbf{70}, {}^4\mathbf{8}] \not\rightarrow \bar{K}N$  [18]. While the associated zero in

$N^*[\mathbf{70}, {}^4\mathbf{8}] \rightarrow K\Lambda$  is implicit in work that has calculated the couplings of baryon resonances [19], the source and generality of the rule does not seem to have been noted [20].

## III. APPLICATION TO $N^*$ SPECTRUM

An immediate application of the rules is to the  $D_{15}(1675)$ , which is in  $[\mathbf{70}, {}^4\mathbf{8}]$ . According to the Moorhouse selection rule, the amplitudes for  $\gamma p \rightarrow D_{15}$  should vanish. However, the experimental values are not zero, though they are small. Nonzero amplitudes arise from QCD mixings induced by single gluon exchange in the physical nucleon [13]. The effective interaction

$$H_{FB} = \frac{2\alpha_s}{3m_i m_j} \left[ \frac{8\pi}{3} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \delta^3(\mathbf{r}_{ij}) + \frac{1}{r_{ij}^3} \left( \frac{3(\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij})(\mathbf{S}_j \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij})}{r_{ij}^2} - \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \right) \right] \quad (3)$$

induces significant mixings between the  ${}^2\mathbf{8}$  and  ${}^4\mathbf{8}$  in the  $\mathbf{56}$  and  $\mathbf{70}$  [16] and the nucleon wavefunction becomes [13]

$$|N\rangle = 0.90|{}^2S_S\rangle - 0.34|{}^2S_{S'}\rangle - 0.27|{}^2S_M\rangle - 0.06|{}^4D_M\rangle, \quad (4)$$

where subscripts,  $S$  and  $M$ , refer to the spatial symmetry in the  $S$  and  $D$ -wave states for the nucleon internal wavefunction. Thus, the  $O(\alpha_s)$  admixtures at  $N = 2$  comprise a 34% in amplitude excited  $\mathbf{56}$  and 27%  $\mathbf{70}$  each with  $L = 0$  and 6%  $\mathbf{70}$  with  $L = 2$ . The  $\mathbf{70}$  admixture quantitatively agrees with the most recent data [21] for the  $\gamma p \rightarrow D_{15}$  amplitudes, neutron charge radius and  $D_{05} \rightarrow \bar{K}N$  [13]. The results assume that mixing effects in the  $D_{15}$  are negligible relative to those for the nucleon [13]: this is because there is no  $[\mathbf{70}, {}^2\mathbf{8}; L^P = 1^-]$  state available for mixing with the  $D_{15}$ , and the nearest  $J = 5/2$  state with negative parity is over 500 MeV more massive at  $N = 3$ . Within this  $O(\alpha_s)$  analysis, such mixing is negligible: transitions from the large components of the nucleon to small in  $D_{15}$  have  $\Delta N = 3$ . The leading  $O(\alpha_s)$  amplitude for  $\gamma p \rightarrow D_{15}$  is dominantly driven by the small components in the nucleon and the large component in the  $D_{15}$  [15] for which  $\Delta N = 1$ .

This violation of the Moorhouse selection rule supports the hypothesis of QCD mixing in the wavefunction of the  $N$ . The  $\Lambda$  selection rule also remains robust, in the context of the diquark model, as admixtures of  $[ud]$  with spin one, which would violate it, are only expected at most to be 20% in amplitude [22], to be compared with 27% for the nucleon in Eq. (4). Therefore, we expect the  $\Lambda$  selection rule to be at least as good as the Moorhouse rule even at  $O(\alpha_s)$ . Thus decays such as  $D_{15} \rightarrow K\Lambda$  will effectively still vanish relative to  $K\Sigma$ ; for the  $D_{15}(1675)$  the phase space inhibits a clean test but the ratio of branching ratios

for the analogous state at  $N = 2$ , namely  $F_{17}(1990) \rightarrow K\Lambda:K\Sigma$ , may provide a measure of its validity. Secondly, for  $\gamma n \rightarrow D_{15}$ , where the Moorhouse selection rule does not apply, the amplitudes are significantly large and consistent with experiment [21]. However, due to the  $\Lambda$  selection rule, the  $D_{15}^0 \rightarrow K^0\Lambda$  which makes the search for the  $D_{15}$  signals in  $\gamma N \rightarrow K\Lambda$  interesting. An upper limit of  $B.R. < 1\%$  is set by the PDG [21] which in part may be due to the limited phase space; a measure of the ratio of branching ratios for  $K\Lambda:K\Sigma$  would be useful. The  $F_{17}(1990)$ , which is the only  $F_{17}$  with  $N = 2$ , is an ideal candidate for such a test, which may be used in disentangling the assignments of the positive parity  $N^*$  at the  $N = 2$  level.

The QCD admixture of  $[70, 28, 2, 0, 1/2]$  in the nucleon wavefunction enables the excitation of **20**-plets. There has been considerable discussion as to whether the attractive forces of QCD can cluster  $[ud]$  in color  $\bar{3}$  so tightly as to make an effective bosonic ‘‘diquark’’ with mass comparable to that of an isolated quark. Comparison of masses of  $N^*(u[ud])$  and mesons  $u\bar{d}$  with  $L \geq 1$  support this hypothesis of a tight correlation, at least for excited states [5,23]. If the quark-diquark dynamics is absolute, then  $SU(6) \otimes O(3)$  multiplets such as  $[20, 1^+]$  cannot occur. The spatial wavefunction for **20** involves both  $\rho$  and  $\lambda$  degrees of freedom; but for an unexcited diquark, the  $\rho$  oscillator is frozen. Therefore, experimental evidence for the excitations of the **20** plets can distinguish between these prescriptions.

Pauli symmetry requires an antisymmetric spatial wavefunction for a **20** e.g. for the lowest state  $[20, 1^+]$

$$\psi_{211}^a(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \sqrt{2}(\rho_x + \lambda_z - \lambda_x + \rho_z) \frac{\alpha_h^5}{\pi^{3/2}} e^{-\alpha_h^2(\boldsymbol{\rho}^2 + \boldsymbol{\lambda}^2)/2}, \quad (5)$$

where  $\rho_{\pm} \equiv \mp(\rho_x \pm i\rho_y)/\sqrt{2}$  and  $\lambda_{\pm} \equiv \mp(\lambda_x \pm i\lambda_y)/\sqrt{2}$ , and hence both  $\rho$  and  $\lambda$  degrees of freedom have to be excited. Furthermore **20** decouples from  $35 \otimes 56$  but is allowed to  $35 \otimes 70$ . A 27% **70** admixture in the nucleon has potential implications for resonance excitation that may be used to look for **20**-plets.

For transitions between representation  $[70, 28, 2, 0, 1/2]$  and  $[20, 28, 2, 1, J]$  the matrix element  $\langle \psi_{210}^a | e^{ikr_{3z}} | \psi_{200}^p \rangle \equiv 0$ . Nonzero photon transitions can occur by the orbital flip ‘‘electric’’ term. Since  $L = 1$ , the nucleon component  $[70, 28, 2, 0, 1/2]$  can be excited to  $J = 1/2$  and  $3/2$  corresponding to  $P_{11}$  and  $P_{13}$  in  $[20, 28, 2, 1, J]$ . The helicity amplitudes (not including the mixing angle) are presented in Table I with the spatial integral

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 6 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{k_0}} \mu_0 \frac{1}{g} \langle \psi_{211}^a | e^{ikr_{3z}} p_{3+} | \psi_{200}^p \rangle \\ &= -6 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{k_0}} \mu_0 \frac{1}{g} \times \frac{2k}{3\sqrt{3}} e^{-k^2/6\alpha_h^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

TABLE I. Helicity amplitudes for  $[70, 28, 2, 0, 1/2] \rightarrow [20, 28, 2, 1, J]$  for  $P_{11}$  and  $P_{13}$ , and  $[70, 28, 2, 0, 1/2] \rightarrow [70, 48, 1, 1, J]$  for  $D_{15}$ .  $A$  and  $B$  are the corresponding spatial integrals. The theory calculations with the mixing angle and experimental data [21] for  $\gamma p \rightarrow D_{15}(1675)$  are also listed with unit  $10^3 \times \text{GeV}^{1/2}$ .

Final state	$A_{1/2}^p$	$A_{3/2}^p$
$P_{11}$	$-\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}A$	$\dots$
$P_{13}$	$\frac{1}{3\sqrt{6}}A$	$\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}}A$
$D_{15}$	$\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\frac{1}{15}}B$	$\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{15}}B$
Theo.	14	20
Exp.	$19 \pm 8$	$15 \pm 9$

These amplitudes may be compared with those for  $\gamma p \rightarrow D_{15}$  as listed in Table I, for which the spatial integral is

$$\begin{aligned} B &= 6 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{k_0}} \mu_0 k \langle \psi_{110}^p | e^{ikr_{3z}} | \psi_{200}^p \rangle \\ &= 6 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{k_0}} \mu_0 k \times (-i) \frac{k}{3\alpha_h} e^{-k^2/6\alpha_h^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Additional  $P_{11}$  and  $P_{13}$  from representation **20** automatically raise questions about the quark model assignments of the observed  $P_{11}$  and  $P_{13}$  states, among which  $P_{11}(1440)$ ,  $P_{11}(1710)$ , and  $P_{13}(1720)$  are well-established resonances, while signals for  $P_{13}(1900)$  and  $P_{11}(2100)$  are quite poor [21].

#### IV. POSITIVE PARITY $N^*$ UP TO 2 GEV

At  $N = 2$  in the quark model a quark-diquark spectrum allows  $[56, 0^+]$ ,  $[56, 2^+]$ , and  $[70, 0^+]$   $[70, 2^+]$ . If all  $qqq$  degrees of freedom can be excited, correlations corresponding to  $[20, 1^+]$  are also possible.

This implies the following  $N^*$  and  $\Delta$  states (the superscripts denoting the  $qqq$  net spin state as  $2S + 1$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} [56, 0^+] &= P_{11}(^2N); & P_{33}(^4\Delta) \\ [56, 2^+] &= P_{13}, F_{15}(^2N); & P_{31}, P_{33}, F_{35}, F_{37}(^4\Delta) \\ [70, 0^+] &= P_{11}(^2N); & P_{13}(^4N); & P_{31}(^2\Delta) \\ [70, 2^+] &= P_{11}, P_{13}, F_{15}, F_{17}(^4N); & P_{13}, F_{15}(^2N); \\ & & P_{33}, F_{35}(^2\Delta). \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Without the **20**-plets, a commonly accepted scheme is as follows [6,16].

The  $P_{11}(1440)$  is assigned to  $[56, 0^+]$  at  $N = 2$  with  $P_{33}(1660)$  as its isospin 3/2 partner [24,25]. The photo-production amplitudes off proton and neutron,  $A_{1/2}^p = -0.065 \pm 0.004$  and  $A_{1/2}^n = +0.040 \pm 0.010$  ( $\text{GeV}^{-1/2}$ ),

are consistent with M1 transitions in ratio  $-3:2$  as for the nucleons [9,10,21]. The mass splitting of the  $N(1440) - \Delta(1660)$  is consistent with the hyperfine splitting.

For the  $[56, 2^+]$  the  $F_{37}(1950)$  is uniquely assigned. The hyperfine mass splitting naturally associates the  $F_{15}(1680)$  as a partner; this is further confirmed by its photoproduction amplitudes, which satisfy selection rules from both proton and neutron targets [9,10]. The  $P_{13}(1720)$  is *prima facie* associated with the  $F_{15}(1680)$  but the photoproduction amplitudes do not easily fit: the helicity  $3/2$  amplitude of the  $P_{13}$  is predicted to be one-half that of the  $F_{15}$ , which does not fit well with the data [21]. The overall message from the **56** is that the constituent quark degrees of freedom are manifested at  $N = 2$  even though  $N\pi$  couplings are strong as evidenced by  $\Gamma_T \sim 350$  MeV for  $P_{11}(1440)$ . This sets the challenge of assessing the situation for the rest of the  $N = 2$  levels.

Only three  $P_{11}$  states are expected at  $N = 2$  if the **20**-plets cannot be excited. As to assigning these states: (i) The  $P_{11}(1440)$  has already been assigned to **56**; (ii) the  $P_{11}$  of  $[70, 48; 2^+]$  is expected to be heavier [6,16] and the signals for  $F_{17}(1990)$ ,  $F_{15}(2000)$ ,  $P_{13}(1900)$  and  $P_{11}(2100)$  [21] lead to a plausible assignment of these four in  $[70, 48, 2, 2, J]$ ; (iii) this leaves  $P_{11}(1710)$  a natural candidate for  $[70, 28, 2, 0, 1/2]$ . Nonetheless, there are still states of  $[70, 28, 2, 2, J]$  missing, and another  $P_{13}$  and  $F_{15}$  are needed.

Within the approximations that excitation and decays are dominated by single quark transition, and that there is no mixing among the **56** and **70** basis states, the assignments of  $P_{13}$  and  $F_{15}$  can be determined. The Moorhouse and  $\Lambda$  selection rules give the following filters for these states:  $P_{13}(^4N)$  in  $[70, 0^+]$  decouples from  $K\Lambda$  and  $\gamma p$  but couples to  $\gamma n$ . This contrasts with  $P_{13}(^2N)$  in either of  $[70, 2^+]$  or  $[56, 2^+]$  which couple to all three channels. The helicity  $3/2$  amplitude of  $F_{15}$  in either of the  $[70, 2^+]$  or  $[56, 2^+]$  couples to photons with amplitude that is twice the size of its  $P_{13}$  counterparts.

Table II shows the photoproduction amplitudes expected. The  $P_{11}(1710)$  fits with  $[70, 28, 2, 0, 1/2]$  due to the large error bars, however neither of the  $P_{13}(1710/1900)$  fit easily with being pure **56** or **70** states.

When the QCD mixing effects are included the agreement improves, in that small couplings of  $4N$  states to  $\gamma p$  are predicted, in accord with data. However, the implication is the added complexity that an additional  $P_{11}$  and  $P_{13}$  correlation in  $[20, 1^+]$  is allowed. Most immediately this prevents associating the  $P_{11}(1710)$  as  $[70, 0^+]$  simply on the grounds of elimination of alternative possibilities. Thus we now consider what are the theoretical signals and what does experiment currently say.

Qualitatively one anticipates  $P_{13}(^4N)$  having a small but nonzero coupling to  $\gamma p$ , the  $\gamma n$  being larger while the  $K\Lambda$  decay is still forbidden. For the **20** states  $P_{11,13}(^2N)$  both  $\gamma p$  and  $\gamma n$  amplitudes will be small and of similar magnitude. However, mixing with their counterparts in **56** and **70** may be expected. In Table II, we list the helicity amplitudes for the  $P_{11}(1710)$ ,  $P_{13}(1720)$  and  $P_{13}(1900)$  with all the possible quark model assignments and the mixing angles from Eq. (4). The amplitudes for the  $P_{11}$  and  $P_{13}$  of  $[20, 28, 2, 1, J]$  are the same order of magnitude as the Moorhouse-violating  $\gamma p \rightarrow D_{15}(1675)$  in Table I. For the  $P_{11}(1710)$  all three possible configurations have amplitudes compatible with experimental data. For  $P_{13}(1720)$ , assignment in either  $[56, 28; 2^+]$  or  $[70, 28; 2^+]$  significantly overestimates the data [27,28] for  $A_{1/2}^p$  if it is a pure state. Table II shows that the presence of **20** cannot be ignored, should be included in searches for so-called “missing resonances”, and that a possible mixture of the **20**-plets may lead to significant corrections to the results based on the conventional **56** and **70**.

As a benchmark for advancing understanding we propose the following scenario, as a challenge for experiment: can one eliminate the *extreme* possibility that  $P_{11}(1710)$  and  $P_{13}(1720)$  are consistent with being in **20** configurations? There are already qualitative indications that they are not simply **56** or **70**. Their hadronic decays differ noticeably from their sibling  $P_{11}(1440)$ : compared with the  $P_{11}(1440)$  in **56** for which  $\Gamma_T \sim 350$  MeV with a strong coupling to  $N\pi$ , their total widths are  $\sim 100$  MeV, with  $N\pi$  forming only a small part of this.

Consider now the phenomenology were these states in **20**. As **20**  $\not\rightarrow$  **56**  $\otimes$  **35**, whereas **20**  $\rightarrow$  **70**  $\otimes$  **35** is allowed, decay to  $N\pi$  will be allowed only through the **70** admix-

TABLE II. Helicity amplitudes for the  $P_{11}(1710)$  and  $P_{13}(1720)$  with all the possible quark model assignments for them. The data are from PDG [21], and numbers have a unit of  $10^3 \times \text{GeV}^{1/2}$ . The numbers with “\*” are from multichannel studies [26].

Reso.	Heli. amp.	$[56, 28; 2^+]$	$[70, 28; 0^+]$	$[70, 28; 2^+]$	$[70, 48; 0^+]$	$[70, 48; 2^+]$	$[20, 28; 1^+]$	Exp. data
$P_{11}(1710)$	$A_{1/2}^p$	*	32	*	*	-8	-15	$+9 \pm 22$
$P_{13}(1720)$	$A_{1/2}^p$	100	*	-71	17	7	-11	$+18 \pm 30$
	$A_{3/2}^p$	30	*	-21	29	12	-18	$-19 \pm 20$
$P_{13}(1900)$	$A_{1/2}^p$	110	*	-78	14	9	-10	$-17^*$
	$A_{3/2}^p$	39	*	-28	24	16	-17	$+31^*$

tures in the nucleon. Using the wavefunction in Eq. (4), this implies that  $N\pi$  widths will be suppressed by an order of magnitude relative to allowed widths such as from **56** or **70** initial states. Decays  $\mathbf{20} \rightarrow N^*(\mathbf{70}) + \pi \rightarrow N\pi\pi$  or  $N\eta\pi$  can occur in leading order when phase space allows. These results make the  $P_{11}(1710)$  and  $P_{13}(1720)$  extremely interesting as not only are their total widths significantly less than the  $P_{11}(1440)$  but the dominant modes for  $P_{11}(1710)$  and  $P_{13}(1720)$  are to  $N\pi\pi$ , which allows a possible cascade decay of  $\mathbf{20} \rightarrow N^*(\mathbf{70})\pi \rightarrow N\pi\pi$ . In particular,  $B.R._{P_{13}(1720) \rightarrow N\pi\pi} \sim 70\%$  could contain significant  $N^*(\mathbf{70})\pi$ ; present partial wave analysis has not included this possibility [29]. For  $P_{11}(\mathbf{20})$  the  $S$ -wave decay  $P_{11} \rightarrow S_{11}\pi$  is expected to be a dominant two-body decay; hence we urge a search for  $P_{11} \rightarrow N\eta\pi$ . Decays to  $\mathbf{56} + M$  (where  $M$  denotes a meson) will occur through mixing, as for photoproduction, and so  $K\Lambda$  may be expected at a few percent in branching ratio. In general we advocate that partial wave analyses of  $N\pi\pi$  allow for the possible presence of  $N^*(\mathbf{70})\pi$ .

In order to classify these states, we advocate that partial wave analysis quantifies the couplings to  $N^*(\mathbf{70})\pi$  and also includes data on  $K\Lambda$  and/or  $K^*\Lambda$  relative to  $K\Sigma$  as the  $\Lambda$  selection rule can then be brought to bear. The  $\Lambda$  selection rule is useful for classifying the  $P_{11}$  and  $P_{13}$  in either [56, 28] and [70, 28], or [70, 48] and [20, 28], by looking at their decays into  $K\Lambda$  and/or  $K^*\Lambda$ . The Moorhouse selection rule can distinguish [70, 48] and [20, 28] since the [70, 48] will be suppressed in  $\gamma p$  but sizeable in  $\gamma n$ ,

while the [20, 28] will be suppressed in both. The [70, 48] decays to  $K\Lambda$  will be suppressed relative to  $K\Sigma$  for both charged and neutral  $N^*$ .  $J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{p} + N^*$  is a further probe of  $N^*$  assignments, which accesses **56** in leading order and **70** via mixing while **20** is forbidden. Hence for example  $J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{p} + (P_{11}:P_{13})$  probes the **56** and **70** content of these states. Combined with our selection rule this identifies  $J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{p} + K\Lambda$  as a channel that selects the **56** content of the  $P_{11}$  and  $P_{13}$ .

In summary, with interest in  $N^*$  with masses above 2 GeV coming into focus at Jefferson Laboratory and accessible at BEPC with high statistic  $J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{p} + N^*$ , this new selection rule should be useful for classifying baryon resonances and interpreting  $\gamma N \rightarrow K\Lambda$ ,  $K^*\Lambda$ ,  $K\Sigma$  and  $K^*\Sigma$  [30,31]. A coherent study of these channels may provide evidence on the dynamics of diquark correlations and the presence of **20**-plets, which have hitherto been largely ignored.

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