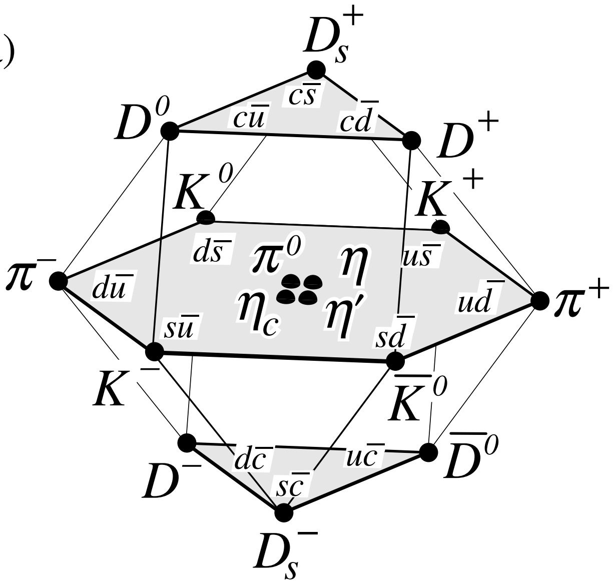

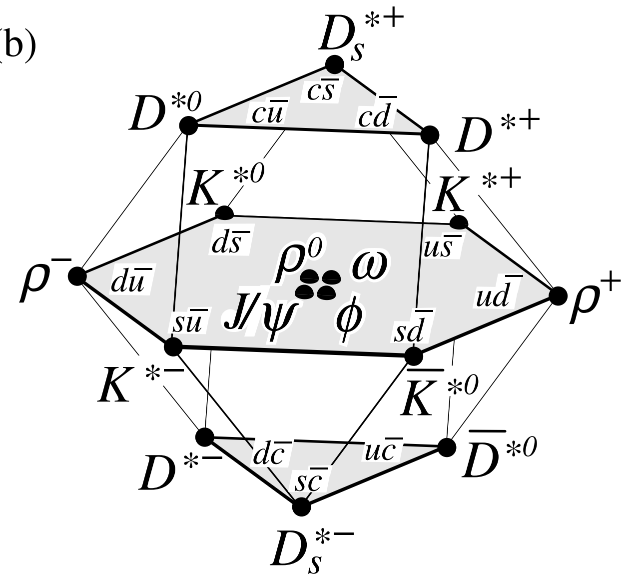

Figure 30.1: SU(4) 16-plets for the (a) pseudoscalar and (b) vector mesons made of u, d, s, and c quarks. The nonets of light mesons occupy the central planes, to which the $c\bar{c}$ states have been added. The neutral mesons at the centers of these planes are mixtures of $u\bar{u}$, $d\bar{d}$, $s\bar{s}$, and $c\bar{c}$ states.

A fourth quark such as charm can be included in this scheme by extending the symmetry to SU(4), as shown in Fig. 30.1. Bottom extends the symmetry to SU(5); to draw the multiplets would require four dimensions.

For the pseudoscalar mesons, the Gell-Mann-Okubo formula is

$$m_\eta^2 = \frac{1}{3}(4m_K^2 - m_\pi^2) \ , \tag{30.2}$$