meson spectroscopy & lattice QCD

not a review !

phenomenology ?

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meson spectroscopy

ideally want to explore all aspects of the meson spectrum

resonance properties (mass, widths)

resonance couplings to electromagnetic and weak couplings

lattice QCD offers a somewhat controlled approximation to QCD and the possibility of explicit calculations

current reality

calculations with quarks heavier than in nature

extracting many excited states only recently possible

true 'resonance' physics only recently possible

- **n** excited states
- **x** phenomenology & interpretation
- **x** 'resonances'
- **x** coupling to photons

spectrum from LQCD

LQCD offers a way to numerically approximately compute QCD correlation functions

e.g. a pseudoscalar two-point function

$$C_{\gamma_5\gamma_5}(t) = \left\langle 0 \right| \sum_{\vec{x}} \bar{\psi}(\vec{x}, t) \gamma_5 \psi(\vec{x}, t) \cdot \sum_{\vec{y}} \bar{\psi}(\vec{y}, 0) \gamma_5 \psi(\vec{y}, 0) \left| 0 \right\rangle$$

general two-point function

$$C_{ij}(t) = \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_i(t) \cdot \mathcal{O}_j(0) | 0 \rangle \qquad \mathcal{O} = f(\psi, \bar{\psi}, A_\mu)$$

if the operator has meson quantum numbers then it can be that

 $\langle M_{\mathfrak{n}} | \mathcal{O}_i(0) | 0 \rangle$

takes a non-zero value for various mesons *M_n*

and hence we can show that

$$C_{ij}(t) = \sum_{\mathfrak{n}} \langle 0|\mathcal{O}_i(0)|M_{\mathfrak{n}}\rangle \langle M_{\mathfrak{n}}|\mathcal{O}_j(0)|0\rangle e^{-m_{\mathfrak{n}}t}$$
$$C_{ij}(t) = \sum Z_i^{\mathfrak{n}} Z_j^{\mathfrak{n}*} e^{-m_{\mathfrak{n}}t}$$

spectrum from LQCD



so in principle the entire spectrum of QCD with the right quantum numbers is in this correlator

but some states might not overlap well with the operator used

and fitting to a sum of exponentials is very unstable

a smart solution is to use a basis of several operators, $\mathcal{O}_i=\{\mathcal{O}_1,\,\mathcal{O}_2,\,\mathcal{O}_3\dots\}$

& form a correlator matrix, $\,C_{ij}(t)\,$

the spectrum can be extracted from this by a *variational procedure*

corresponds to solution of a certain linear algebra problem

think of Rayleigh-Ritz method in quantum mechanics, it's very similar



derivative-based ops

we cooked up a very simple, but versatile operator set:

form operators which in the continuum limit look like only a single spin

 $\overline{\psi}\Gamma\psi$ J=0,1

covariant derivatives are ideal to go beyond this, e.g.

$$\langle 1, m_1; 1, m_2 | J, m \rangle \ \overline{\psi} \Gamma_{m_1} \overleftrightarrow{D}_{m_2} \psi$$
 J=0,1,2

use simple **SO(3)** Clebsch-Gordan coefficients

at two derivatives

$$\begin{array}{c} \langle 1, m_1; J_D, m_D | J, m \rangle \\ \langle 1, m_2; 1, m_3 | J_D, m_D \rangle \quad \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{3} \\ \hline \psi \Gamma_{m_1} \overleftarrow{D}_{m_2} \overleftarrow{D}_{m_3} \psi \end{array}$$

can extend to as many derivatives as you like

our patience ran out at three derivatives

lattice symmetries

in fact the cubic lattice we use does not have the full rotational symmetry

we have to jump through numerous hoops to account for this

consider those hoops jumped through - i'll try to hide these complications from you



spin-identified spectrum

3-flavour degenerate lattices ($m_{\pi} \sim 700 \text{ MeV}$)



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isovector spectrum @ "physical pion mass"



operator overlap phenomenology







mostly **1**³**S**₁?

 n^3S_1 n^3S_1 / n^3D_1 n^3D_1 hybrid ?

currently working on estimating quark-model style mixing angles

not clear that this continues to make sense as the quark mass reduces ! exotic JPC



resonance?





two-particle states ?

probably explanation is that our $ar{\psi}\ldots\psi$ operators are not good at producing such states

but this is bad news - we need these two-meson states to really extract resonance info



Lüscher & finite volume

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we need to construct two-meson operators to include in our basis expect a delay before this is done ππ *isospin =2* as a test-bed







see Christopher Thomas's talk on Friday - will present charmonium results, GlueX relevant results coming soon

basic object:
$$ig\langle \gamma\,m'ig|mig
angle$$

$$\left\langle m' \left| \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \psi \right| m \right\rangle \left\langle \gamma \left| A_{\mu} \right| 0 \right\rangle$$

summary

have dealt with a lot of technical issues such that multiple excited states can be extracted

spin can be identified

need more operators to capture the required multi-meson states

with these in hand, some hope of extracting resonance params

need more theory progress too though - inelasticity

developing a lattice-result-based phenomenology of non-exotics and exotics

mixing of 'non-exotic hybrid' basis states into regular spectrum

kaon mixing angles - as a function of quark mass

other useful quantities like photo-couplings coming soon

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