recent progress on hadron spectroscopy from lattice QCD

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Mike Pennington

this presentation is dedicated to the memory of Mike Pennington,

scientist,

mentor,

friend

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unexpected ?



















the lattice as a tool for QCD

quark & gluon fields on a finite space-time grid (in Euclidean time)

introduce: lattice spacing, lattice volume, often $m_q > m_q^{phys}$

Monte Carlo sample field configurations

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hadron spectrum from two-point correlation functions

$$\left\langle 0 \left| \mathcal{O}'(t) \, \mathcal{O}(0) \right| 0 \right\rangle = \int \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}A \left[\mathcal{O}'(t) \, \mathcal{O}(0) \right] e^{-S[\psi,\bar{\psi},A]}$$

field configuration probability

$$\left\langle 0 \left| \mathcal{O}'(t) \, \mathcal{O}(0) \right| 0 \right\rangle = \sum_{\mathfrak{n}} A'_{\mathfrak{n}} \, A_{\mathfrak{n}} \, e^{-\frac{E_{\mathfrak{n}} t}{\operatorname{spectrum of}}}$$

V = 1 fm



precise spectroscopy of stable hadrons

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but much of the excitement in hadron spectroscopy is in heavier states

and they are **resonances** observed through their decays



same non-perturbative dynamics **binds** and causes the **decay** – can't be separated within QCD ...

a faithful QCD calculation should give all the scattering physics at once ...



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resonances on the lattice ?

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the approach can be illustrated within **one-dimensional quantum mechanics**

imagine two identical bosons separated by a distance z interacting through a finite-range potential V(z)





$$\psi(|z| > R) \sim \cos\left(p |z| + \underbrace{\delta(p)}_{\text{v}}\right)$$
phase-shift



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now put the system in a 'box' – periodic boundary condition at $z = \pm L/2$

$$\psi(|z| > R) \sim \cos\left(p |z| + \delta(p)\right) \qquad \qquad \psi(L/2) = \psi(-L/2) \\ \frac{d\psi}{dz}(L/2) = \frac{d\psi}{dz}(-L/2) \qquad \qquad \text{momentum quantization condition} \\ p = \frac{2\pi}{L}n - \frac{2}{L}\delta(p)$$





reversing the logic:

if you can compute the **discrete finite-volume spectrum** in a quantum theory, you can find the **scattering amplitude**





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canonical resonance 'bump' described by a rapidly rising phase-shift

scattering phase-shift



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an elastic resonance – the ρ in $\pi\pi$ – lattice QCD





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most resonances decay into more than one final state

e.g. two-channel scattering described by a *t*-matrix

$$\mathbf{t}(E) = \begin{pmatrix} t_{11}(E) & t_{12}(E) \\ t_{21}(E) & t_{22}(E) \end{pmatrix}$$

finite-volume spectrum as a function of scattering becomes more complicated



matrix of known kinematic functions

no longer a one-to-one mapping from energy to scattering ...

... can parameterize the energy dependence of the scattering *t*-matrix

first lattice QCD calculations of **coupled meson-meson scattering** have appeared in the last four years ...





*a*₀(980) in *πη*

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a narrow resonance seen in the $\pi\eta$ final state

right at the $K\overline{K}$ threshold



will need a coupled $\pi\eta$, $K\overline{K}$ approach ...

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first calculation – unphysically heavy *u*,*d* quarks

m_π ~ 391 MeV m_K ~ 549 MeV m_η ~ 587 MeV





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is there a resonance causing this?



$\pi\eta/K\overline{K}$ scattering – the a_0 resonance

a **resonance** can be rigorously defined to be a **pole singularity** at a **complex energy**

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with pole position E

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combination of broad σ resonance and narrow $f_0(980)$ at $K\overline{K}$ threshold







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$\pi\pi$, $K\overline{K}$, $\eta\eta$ scattering

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have demonstrated presence of coupled-channel resonances in (lattice) QCD at unphysical quark masses initially

can determine pole positions (mass, width) and couplings to decay channels

would like to know if there're simple ways to 'understand' them

e.g. big differences between scalar, vector, tensor mesons

long-standing ideas of $q\overline{q}$ versus $qq\overline{qq}$ versus meson-meson molecules

one possible approach to this

- consider their couplings to external currents ...

coupling resonances to currents

0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 Q^2 / GeV^2

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addressing the new observations in charmonium (XYZ)

- challenging, often lie above several thresholds \Rightarrow multiple coupled channels

predicting resonant properties of hybrid hadrons

- preferred decay modes, couplings to photons (relevant to GlueX, see next talk)

(finally) understanding the scalar mesons ?

- studying their behaviour with changing quark mass, evaluating their form-factors ...
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- a big current challenge is the importance of three-body final states
 - $\mbox{ lack of a complete finite-volume formalism so far}$

recent pedagogic review

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Scattering processes and resonances from lattice QCD

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The vast majority of hadrons observed in nature are not stable under the strong interaction; rather they are resonances whose existence is deduced from enhancements in the energy dependence of scattering amplitudes. The study of hadron resonances offers a window into the workings of quantum chromodynamics (QCD) in the low-energy nonperturbative region, and in addition many probes of the limits of the electroweak sector of the standard model consider processes which feature hadron resonances. From a theoretical standpoint, this is a challenging field: the same dynamics that binds quarks and gluons into hadron resonances also controls their decay into lighter hadrons, so a complete approach to QCD is required. Presently, lattice QCD is the only available tool that provides the required nonperturbative evaluation of hadron observables. This article reviews progress in the study of few-hadron reactions in which resonances and bound states appear using lattice QCD techniques. The leading approach is described that takes advantage of the periodic finite spatial volume used in lattice QCD calculations to extract scattering amplitudes from the discrete spectrum of QCD eigenstates in a box. An explanation is given of how from explicit lattice QCD calculations one can rigorously garner information about a variety of resonance properties, including their masses, widths, decay couplings, and form factors. The challenges which currently limit the field are discussed along with the steps being taken to resolve them.

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