Highly excited and exotic meson spectroscopy from lattice QCD

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Overview – reminder

Light meson spectroscopy

GlueX (JLab), BESIII, PANDA

Exotics (1⁻⁺, ...)?

Photocouplings

Extracting excited meson spectra using Lattice QCD...

Photoproduction at GlueX (JLab 12 GeV upgrade)



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Eigenvectors \rightarrow optimal linear combination of operators to overlap on to a state

$$\Omega^{(n)} \sim \sum_i v_i^{(n)} O_i$$

Z⁽ⁿ⁾ related to eigenvectors

$$ig|Z_i^{(n)}\equiv <0|O_i|n>$$

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Irrep	A ₁	A ₂	T ₁	T ₂	E
dim	1	1	3	3	2
cont. spins	0,4,6,	3,6,7,	1,3,4,	2 ,3,4,	2 ,4,5,

(and others for half-integer spin)

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• As an example: three degenerate 'light' quarks (N_f = 3, $M_{\pi} \approx 700$ MeV)

Dynamical (unquenched). Only connected diagrams (isovectors and kaons)

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Z values – spin 4





Multi-particle states?



On lattice: discrete allowed momenta – discrete spectrum of multiparticle states

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Summary and Outlook

Summary

- First results on light mesons technology and method work
- Spin identification is possible using operator overlaps
- First spin 4 meson extracted and confidently identified on lattice
- Exotics (and non-exotic hybrids?)

Outlook – ongoing work

- Multi-meson operators
- Disconnected diagrams isoscalars
- Baryons (Robert Edwards' talk on Friday)
- Photocouplings



Exotics summary



Kaons

Lower the light quark mass $(N_f = 2+1) - SU(3)$ sym breaking

M_{π} / MeV	700	520	440	400	c.f. physical
${\rm M}_{\rm K}/~{\rm M}_{\pi}$	1	1.2	1.3	1.4	$M_{\rm K}/M_{\pi}$ = 3.5

No longer have (a generalisation) of C-parity as a good quantum number

Combine J^{P+} and J^{P-} operators

Physically axial kaon [K₁(1270), K₁(1400)] mixing angle suggested $\approx 45^{\circ}$

But...





Kaons – Overlaps in T₁⁺



Kaons - spectrum

