Exotic Mesons

hybrid mesons & the GlueX experiment



lattice results from the Hadron Spectrum Collaboration

where's the glue ?

strongly coupled gluonic field of QCD is not visible in spectroscopy

well established meson states have J^{PC} quantum numbers in the set allowed to $q\bar{q}$ with orbital angular momentum

$$n^{2S+1}L_J \rightarrow \{0^{-+}, 0^{++}, 1^{--}, 1^{+-}, 1^{++}, 2^{-+}, 2^{--}, 2^{++}, \ldots\}$$

call the other possibilities **exotic quantum numbers**

$$\{0^{--}, 0^{+-}, 1^{-+}, 2^{+-}, \ldots\}$$

construct from $q\bar{q}$ plus excited glue?

hybrid mesons

construct from more quarks?

multiquarks

less likely - also expect exotic flavor combinations

experiment

searches for exotics in pion beam experiments have been inconclusive

a future direction is to use a photon beam

GlueX @ 12 GeV JLab is on the horizon

Sacha's talk next



 \Rightarrow where are the hybrids in mass?

$$m(\text{Res.}) = ?$$

 \Rightarrow do they couple strongly to photons ?



☆ pattern of hadronic decays ?

using lattice QCD to explore all these unknowns

lattice QCD

dynamical QCD studies on anisotropic lattices

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2+1 flavours of quark - clover quark action

 $a_{\rm s} \sim 0.12 \, {\rm fm}, \ a_t^{-1} \sim 5.6 \, {\rm GeV}$

V ~ (2.0)³ fm³, (2.4)³ fm³, (2.9)³ fm³, (3.8)³ fm³

*m*_π ~ 700, 520, 450, 400, (*230*) MeV

distillation technology with many operators

large scale spectrum

how its done: *Christopher Thomas* - later in the session

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 $(CGC's)_{ij...} \overline{\psi} \overleftrightarrow{D}_i \overleftrightarrow{D}_j \dots \psi$

use orthogonality of state vectors in the operator space to extract many states - *variational solution*



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quark mass dependence



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compute three-point functions

this first study is quenched

conventional - conventional transitions





 Γ_{f}

 t_f

 \mathbf{x}^{Q^2}

 $\sim \mu$

t

 $\langle 0 | (\bar{\psi} \Gamma_{\mathbf{f}} \psi)_{t_f} \cdot (\bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \psi)_t \cdot (\bar{\psi} \Gamma_{\mathbf{i}} \psi)_{t_i} | 0 \rangle$

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 t_i



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ππ isospin=2



summary

ongoing program to compute quantities of relevance to GlueX

lattice QCD efforts with Hadron Spectrum Collaboration

these works: Dudek, Edwards, Richards, Thomas @ JLab Peardon @ Trinity College, Dublin

technology to extract a large number of finite volume energy states is ready

radiative coupling physics is a relatively simple extension

reliable *resonance* physics requires inclusion of operators resembling two-mesons with momentum

constructions underway - non-resonant examples OK?