Meson Spectroscopy

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QCD in the Standard Model

- Three quark colors
- Color singlets required
- Two typical arrangements: mesons and baryons



Baryons (e.g., proton and neutron)







Higgs Boson



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Evidence of Color







$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \to D^- \pi^+) = 2.7 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$B^0 \longrightarrow D^-$$



Interactions in QCD

Have: freely propagating spin-1/2 quark in *rgb* space

Want: "physics" to remain invariant under unitary color transformations

 $\left(\begin{array}{c}\psi_r\\\psi_g\\\eta/\eta_h\end{array}\right)\to U\left(\begin{array}{c}\psi_r\\\psi_g\\\eta/\eta_h\end{array}\right)$ $\mathcal{L} = i(\hbar c)\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}\psi - (mc^2)\bar{\psi}\bar{\psi}$

This requires the introduction of eight massless gauge fields (the gluons) and several interaction terms -- note that gluons interact with each other!



gluons



quark-gluon vertex



three-gluon vertex



four-gluon vertex



Higher Order Corrections

 In QED, vacuum polarization acts to "screen" the charges of interacting particles resulting in weaker force at large distance.



scale of corrections set by $\alpha = 1/137$

 In QCD quark loops screen the QCD force, but gluon loops provide an "antiscreening" effect that dominates, resulting in a stronger force at large distances.



scale of QCD corrections set by $\alpha_s > 0.1$

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QCD Features

- Gluon-gluon interactions in QCD give rise to fascinating features of QCD
 - running of the effective coupling: confinement (?) and asymptotic freedom
 - generation of a significant amount of the nucleon mass
 - nonperturbative theory

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- At low energy, we must study QCD through hadrons
- QCD Lagrangian suggests hadrons could be built with any colorless combination of quarks and gluons
 - > 3 quarks, glueballs, quark-gluon hybrids all seem to be allowed



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Other Types of Hadrons



- Goal: understand what the QCD Lagrangian is telling us about the rules for building hadrons
 - Do this by studying the spectrum of mesons



Constituent Quark Model

- Assemble mesons from spin 1/2 constituent quarks with effective masses
 - a model: not the quark fields in the QCD Lagrangian





$$J = L + S P = (-1)^{L+1} C = (-1)^{L+S}$$

S = 0 or I, and L = 0, I, 2, ...



Evidence for Constituent Quarks



Patterns are Essential!

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Meson Quantum Numbers

color singlet quark anti-quark



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Allowed J^{PC}: 0⁻⁺, 0⁺⁺, 1⁻⁻, 1⁺⁻, 2⁺⁺, ... Forbidden J^{PC}: 0⁻⁻, 0⁺⁻, 1⁻⁺, 2⁺⁻, ...



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- What can we measure about a meson that informs us about its place in the spectrum?
 - mass



- charge
- production and decay tendencies



An Example: Measuring J









cosv

cost





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DIFFERENTIAL π - π CROSS SECTIONS: EVIDENCE FOR THE SPIN OF THE ρ MESON^{*}

D. Duane Carmony[†] and Remy T. Van de Walle[‡] Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, University of California, Berkeley, California (Received November 6, 1961; revised manuscript received December 27, 1961)

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π_I→η'π

 $E852 \pi^{-}p \rightarrow \eta'\pi^{-}p$ [PRL 86, 3977 (2001)]





$Z(3900)^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm}J/\psi$



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$f_2(1270)$ and $f_2'(1525)$

PRD 92, 052003 (2015)

Events / 15 MeV/c²

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J/ψ→γK⁺K⁻



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hadron probes

electromagnetic probes











ongoing/future

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- Repeat the last two steps with increasing complexity
 - a versatile and robust software framework for data analysis is required