Heavy- and light-quark mesons: A theory perspective

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The richness of hadron spectrum

- The structures populating hadron reactions are extremely rich
- Ultimate goal is to understand them in term of QCD degrees of freedom
- To do so, the spectrum of resonances must be correctly reconstructed

The quark model is still the simplest tool to organize the spectrum

«Exotic hadrons» are Beyond the Standard (quark) Model

Organizing them teaches us some more about quark-gluon interactions



JPAC, PPNP 127 (2022), 103981

Potential problems

We can't afford being misguided by simplistic resonance extraction! (life is already hard enough without red herrings)

Amplitude analysis requires collaboration of theorists and experimentalists

However, we don't have a universal recipe to do things right We have to proceed:

- Case-by-case
- Keep in mind the limitations of each approach
- Overstudy (the more approaches the better)
- No overstatement (do-no-harm)

Top-down approach



1) You are given a model/theory





2) You calculate the amplitude



You compare with data.
 Or you don't.

Predictive power ✓ Physical interpretation ✓ (within the model! ➤) Biased by the input ➤

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Scattering dynamics 🗸

More case-by-case 🗸 🗴

Models for every taste

Compact

Extended

Hybrids Containing gluonic degrees of freedom Multiquark Several (cluster) of valence quarks





Hadroquarkonium

Heavy core interacting with a light cloud via Van der Waals forces

Rescattering effects

Structures generated by cross-channel rescattering, very process-dependent



Molecule

Bound or virtual state generated by long-range exchange forces



S-Matrix principles







+ Lorentz, discrete & global symmetries

These are constraints the amplitudes have to satisfy, but do not fix the dynamics

They can be imposed with an increasing amount of rigor, to extract robust physics information

The «background» phenomena can be effectively parameterized in a controlled way

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Amplitudes for $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma PP$

Rodas et al., EPJC 82, 1, 80

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The $\mathcal{D}(s)$ the background physics process-dependent, smooth constrained by unitarity \rightarrow universal

 $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \pi^0 \pi^0$ and $\rightarrow \gamma K_S^0 K_S^0$

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Pole extraction



For data-driven pole extractions, see also D. Binosi, A. Pilloni, R.-A. Tripolt PLB 839, 137809

Looking at the residues



Despite the large systematics, the $f_0(1710)$ couples to kaons more than the $f_0(1500)$

Also, the $f_0(1710)$ couples to the initial gluon-rich state more than the $f_0(1500)$

Both these fact suggest a sizeable glueball component for the $f_0(1710)$

Caveats:

- some of the relevant channels are neglected, hopefully ratios not affected
- Left-hand cuts of scattering processes contribute to scattering. Poorly known and neglected here.
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J/ψ photoproduction at threshold



The common lore is that the study of vector quarkonium photoproduction at threshold is directly related to nucleon matrix elements

Assumptions:

- 1. Factorization proof for timelike DVCS can be extended at threshold as the heavy quark mass plays the role of a hard scale
- 2. The top vertex contains the trivial γ - ψ coupling $|\psi(0)|^2$
- 3. The exchange of anything but gluons is (OZI-, mass-) suppressed
- 4. The exchange is dynamically dominated by gluons carrying J = 2

Then one extracts matrix element of the energy momentum tensor $\langle p'|T_{\mu\nu}(0)|p\rangle$

Role of open charm



Du et al. Eur.Phys.J.C 80, 11, 1053

The role of intermediate open charm thresholds has been pointed out, Maybe «all that glitters is not glue»

Calculation based on EFT and known couplings, S-wave saturates the cross section

J/ψ photoproduction at threshold



Unitary reanalysis



- Differential and total cross sections are fitted with a unitary model
- In lack of polarization observables and SDME, only orbital angular momentum is considered (spinless approx.)
- Truncated sum of PWs, $\ell \leq 3$

$$F(s,t) = \sum_{\ell} (2\ell + 1) P_{\ell} (\cos \theta) F_{\ell}(s)$$

$$F_{\ell}(s) = f_{\ell} \left(1 + G T_{\ell} \right) = f_{\ell} \left(1 - G K_{\ell} \right)^{-1}$$
$$T_{\ell}(s) = K_{\ell} \left(1 - G K_{\ell} \right)^{-1},$$

The dominant S-wave can include coupled channels, for higher waves cusps are suppressed and there is no point



Contribution of open charm

$$\zeta_{\rm th} = \frac{\left| F_{\rm direct}^{\psi p}(s_{\rm th}) \right|}{\left| F_{\rm direct}^{\psi p}(s_{\rm th}) \right| + \left| F_{\rm indirect}^{\psi p}(s_{\rm th}) \right|} .$$

Naively Wilk's theorem says the single channel is unfavored at 3.7σ (no look elsewhere etc.), indication but not the end of the story

Contribution of open charm > 25% at 90% CL

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Conclusions

Bottom-up approaches are important!

- They allow us to get the most out of high statistics data!
- JPAC and ExoHad will continue providing tools and results to understand the exciting spectrum of QCD





Thank you!

Joint Physics Analysis Center





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BACKUP





How theorists think of experiments

All the information about hadrons is collected by the Particle Data Group



Changing beam and target, you can change the font

Full width $\Gamma = 250$ to (
	600 MeV	
1(1260) DECAY MODES	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)	p (MeV/c
3π	seen	57
$(ho\pi)_{S- ext{wave}}$ $ ho o \pi\pi$	seen	353
$(ho \pi)_{{\sf D}-{\sf wave}},~ ho o ~\pi \pi$	seen	353
$(ho(1450)\pi)_{S- ext{wave}},~ ho ightarrow\pi\pi$	seen	
$(ho(1450)\pi)_{D- ext{wave}}, \ ho o \ \pi\pi$	seen	
$f_0(500)\pi$, $f_0 ightarrow \pi\pi$	seen	-
$f_0(980)\pi$, $f_0 ightarrow \pi\pi$	not seen	17
$f_0(1370)\pi$, $f_0 ightarrow \pi\pi$	seen	
$f_2(1270)\pi$, $f_2 \rightarrow \pi\pi$	seen	
$\pi^{+}\pi^{-}\pi^{0}$	seen	57
$\pi^{0}\pi^{0}\pi^{0}$	not seen	57
$KK\pi$	seen	25
K*(892)K	seen	

Real(istic) conversations between theorists and experimentalists



BUT THERE'S NOTHING MORE OBNOXIOUS THAN A PHYSICIST FIRST ENCOUNTERING A NEW SUBJECT.

- T: How could you not find the XXX quantum numbers?E: Well, you know, 5D fit, O(100) parameters, local minima, systematics...
- T: You are not that good, are you?
- T: You shouldn't use Breit Wigners!
- E: Gimme some better
- T: I have an analytic unitary parametrization, but it works in a given mass window and only knows about energy dependence, you can't add background terms to it... E: Breit Wigners
- E: Breit Wigners.
- T: Stop using complex couplings!
- Е: НАНАНАНАНАНАНАНАНАНАНАНА

In defense of VMD

The weak point of the whole approach is the use of VMD While in the light sector it works reasonably, for heavy states is not justified

The X(3872) observed in purely hadronic and photonic modes gives us unique clue to efficacy of VMD

Belle extracted the coupling $X(3872) \rightarrow \gamma \gamma^*$, that can be compared with the VMD predictions from $X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi \rho, \omega$

Q	V	${\cal E}$	$g_{Q\gamma\gamma^*} \times 10^3$
	γ	γ^*	3.2
X(3872)	1/0/2	ho	5.38
	J/ψ	ω	3.54

Other estimate lead to differences of a factor ~ 3



New pentaquarks discovered



The lowest $P_c(4312)$ appears as an isolated peak at the $\Sigma_c^+ \overline{D}^0$ threshold

A detailed study of the lineshape provides insight on its nature

Bottom-up: DON'T YOU DARE describing everything!!! Focus on the peak region

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Minimal(istic) model with ANN

Ng, et al. (JPAC), PRD 105, L091501



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Differential cross section



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Spectroscopy from peripheral production







Need to establish Regge factorization

Single Regge pole dominate



Total cross section



With optical theorem one gets the total cross section $J/\psi p \rightarrow X$.

This has been estimated from the A-dependence of nuclear targets, 4mb at $\sqrt{s} = 6.2$ GeV.

VMD estimates provide values at least 1 order of magnitude smaller

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Exotic landscape in $c\bar{c}$

Esposito, AP, Polosa, Phys.Rept. 668 JPAC, PPNP



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Exotic landscape

Broad mesons seen in *b* decay: *X*(4140), *Z*(4430), *Z*_{cs}(4000)...

Scarce consistency between various production mechanisms

Narrow structures seen in b decay: $X(3872), P_c, (P_{cs})$

Narrow structures seen in e^+e^- : X(3872), Y(4260), $Z_{c,b}^{(\prime)}$

Why photoproduction?

- It's new: no XYZ state has been uncontroversially seen so far
- Rescattering mechanisms that could mimic resonances in multibody decays can be controlled better (one can change the energy beam but not the *B* mass...)
- The framework is (relatively) clean from a theory point of view
- Radiative decays offer another way of discerning the nature of the states

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Threshold vs. high energy

- Fixed-spin exchanges expected to hold in the low energy region
- t channel grows as s^j, exceeding unitarity bound, Regge physics kicks in: Reggeized tower of particles with arbitrary spin at HE



Z photoproduction

- The Zs are charged charmoniumlike 1⁺⁻ states close to open flavor thresholds
- Focus on $Z_c(3900)^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$, $Z_b(10610)^+$, $Z_b'(10650)^+ \rightarrow \Upsilon(nS) \pi^+$
- The pion is exchanged in the t-channel



X photoproduction

- Focus on the famous $1^{++} X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi \rho, \omega$
- $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ and $\boldsymbol{\rho}$ exchanges give main contributions:



Semi-inclusive photoproduction

- Semi-inclusive cross sections are typically larger
- For small t and large x, one can assume the process to be dominated by pion exchange
- The bottom vertex depends on the (known) pion-proton total cross section
- The pion is exchanged in the t-channel
- Model benchmarked on b_1 production



Semi-inclusive photoproduction

• For the Z_c^+ , the inclusive cross section is sizably larger than the exclusive process



Semi-inclusive photoproduction

At higher energies the triple Regge regime is reached, cross sections saturate



$\sigma(\gamma p \to Q^{\pm} \mathcal{X}) [pb]$			$\sigma(\gamma p \to Q^+ n)$ [pb]			
Q	$30{ m GeV}$	$60 { m GeV}$	$90 \mathrm{GeV}$	$30 \mathrm{GeV}$	$60{ m GeV}$	$90 { m GeV}$
$b_1(1235)$	$60 \cdot 10^3$	$60 \cdot 10^3$	$61 \cdot 10^3$	43	2.3	$< 10^{-8}$
$Z_{c}(3900)$	187	146	140	19	1.0	$< 10^{-8}$
$Z_b(10610)$	163	15	5	150	10	$< 10^{-8}$
$Z_b(10650)$	40	4	1	37	2.4	$< 10^{-8}$

Hybrid hunting

Constituent gluon (quasiparticle excitation), $J^{PC} = 1^{+-}$, mass ~ 1.0–1.5 GeV

Look for a
$$\pi_1$$
 state with $J^{PC} = 1^{-+}$
decaying into
$$\begin{cases} \eta \pi \text{ and } \eta' \pi \\ \rho \pi \to 3\pi \\ b_1 \pi \to 5\pi \end{cases}$$





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The $n(s) \rightarrow$ background physics, process-dependent, smooth

Fit to $\eta^{(\prime)}\pi$



Pole hunting



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Final results



Poles	Mass (MeV)	Width (MeV)	A
$a_2(1320)$	$1306.0 \pm 0.8 \pm 1.3$	$114.4 \pm 1.6 \pm 0.0$	
$a_2'(1700)$	$1722\pm15\pm67$	$247 \pm 17 \pm 63$	Tł
π_1	$1564 \pm 24 \pm 86$	$492\pm54\pm102$	of

Agreement with Lattice is restored

That's the most rigorous extraction of an exotic meson available so far!

Glueballs

The clearest sign of confinement in pure Yang-Mills The worst state to search in real life



 $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \pi^0 \pi^0$ and $\rightarrow \gamma K_S^0 K_S^0$

We consider the S and D wave by BESIII to use the information about their relative phase.

The D-wave is populated by two almost elastic resonances: the $f_2(1270)$ and $f_2'(1525)$



Same model as before

A. Rodas, AP et al. (JPAC) EPJC82, 1, 80 (2022)

Two/three channels, $i, k = \pi \pi, KK, \rho \rho$ Two waves, J = S, D 40-56 parameters

$$D_{ki}^{J}(s) = \left[K^{J}(s)^{-1}\right]_{ki} - \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{s_{k}}^{\infty} ds' \frac{\rho N_{ki}^{J}(s')}{s'(s'-s-i\epsilon)}$$

$$K_{ki}^{J}(s) = \sum_{R} \frac{g_{k}^{(R)} g_{i}^{(R)}}{m_{R}^{2} - s} + c_{ki}^{J} + d_{ki}^{J} s$$

3 *K*-matrix pole for the S-wave 3 *K*-matrix poles for the D-wave

$$\rho N_{ki}^{J}(s') = \delta_{ki} \frac{\lambda^{J+1/2} \left(s', m_{\eta^{(\prime)}}^2, m_{\pi}^2\right)}{\left(s' + s_R\right)^{2J+1+\alpha}}$$

$$n_{k}^{J}(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{3} a_{n}^{J,k} T_{n}\left(\frac{s}{s+s_{0}}\right)$$

Primakoff X photoproduction



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Using measurement of $\Gamma(X \rightarrow \gamma \gamma^*)$ from Belle, one can get predictions for Primakoff

Makes use of ion targets, enhancement of cross sections as Z^2



Diffractive production, dominated by Pomeron (2-gluon) exchange

$$R_Y = \frac{ef_{\psi}}{m_{\psi}} \sqrt{\frac{g^2(Y \to \psi \pi \pi)}{g^2(\psi \to \psi g g)}} \frac{g^2(\psi' \to \psi g g)}{g^2(\psi' \to \psi \pi \pi)}$$

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How to rescale from J/ψ to ψ' ?

$$R_{\psi'} = \sqrt{\frac{g^2(\psi' \to \gamma gg)}{g^2(\psi \to \gamma gg)}} \sim 0.55 \qquad g^2(\psi \to \gamma gg) = \frac{6m_{\psi}\mathcal{B}(\psi \to \gamma gg)\Gamma_{\psi}}{PS(\psi \to \gamma gg)}$$

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Caveat : $BR(Y \rightarrow \psi \pi \pi)$ only known times the leptonic width Γ_{ee}^{Y}



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Total cross section

- 1. Single channel (1C): Only interactions involving the $J/\psi p$ are included;
- 2. Two channels (2C): We include contributions from an intermediate $\bar{D}^*\Lambda_c$ channel;²

3. Three channels (3C): We include both $\bar{D}^{(*)}\Lambda_c$ channels. In this case we find two classes of solutions which we discuss separately below.



Vector Meson Dominance

Since unitary model parametrize separately the production and scattering amplitude, one can compare with the predictions of VMD



The value of the scattering amplitude at threshold is called scattering length With the unitary model, the value of the amplitude at threshold is an According to VMD, a small photoproduction cross sections implies a small unrelated parameter, the scattering length enters with the energy dependence scattering length O(1am)

VMD:
$$F^{\psi p}(s_{\rm th}, x) = -8\pi \sqrt{s_{\rm th}} g_{\gamma\psi} a_{\psi p}$$

1C:
$$F^{\psi p}(s \to s_{\text{th}}, \theta) = n_S^{\psi p} \left(1 - i q a_{\psi p}\right)$$

Vector Meson Dominance

VMD badly excluded, except for the poorly constrained 3C-R model

$$R_{\rm VMD}(x) = \frac{F^{\psi p}(s_{\rm th}, x) / g_{\gamma \psi}}{T^{\psi p, \psi p}(s_{\rm th}, x)}$$

Scattering lengths generally of O(1fm), but smaller ones are not excluded

Crucial to constrain better these fits by measuring open charm final states

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$R_{\rm VMD}(t=0)$	$[1.3, 2.0] \times 10^{-2}$	$[1.3, 5.1] \times 10^{-2}$	$[0.08, 8.9] \times 10^{-2}$	$[5.4 \times 10^{-2}, 1.8]$
$a_{\psi p}~[{ m fm}]$	[0.56, 1.00]	$[0.11, \ 0.79]$	[-2.77, 0.35]	[-0.04, 0.19]