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Light meson structure from a lightfront Hamiltonian approach



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Basis Light-front Quantization

• Nonperturbative eigenvalue problem

 $P^{-}|\beta\rangle = P_{\beta}^{-}|\beta\rangle$

- *P*⁻: light-front Hamiltonian
- $|\beta\rangle$: mass eigenstate
- P_{β}^{-} : eigenvalue for $|\beta\rangle$
- Evaluate observables for eigenstate $O \equiv \langle \beta | \hat{O} | \beta \rangle$
- Fock sector expansion



[Vary et al, PRC 2010]

 $|\mathrm{meson}\rangle = a|q\bar{q}\rangle + b|q\bar{q}g\rangle + c|q\bar{q}q\bar{q}\rangle + d|q\bar{q}gg\rangle + \cdots$

- Discretized basis
 - Transverse: 2D harmonic oscillator basis: $\Phi_{n,m}^b(\vec{p}_{\perp})$.
 - Longitudinal: plane-wave basis, labeled by k.
 - Basis truncation:

$$\sum_{i} (2n_i + |m_i| + 1) \le N_{max},$$

$$\sum_{i} k_i = K.$$

 N_{max} , K are basis truncation parameters.

Large N_{max} and K: High UV cutoff & low IR cutoff

Light-front Hamiltonian





Light mesons up to $|q\bar{q}g\rangle$

$$|\text{meson}\rangle = |q\bar{q}\rangle + \cdots$$

• [J. Lan et al, PRL122, 172001(2019)] [J. Lan et al, PRD 101 (2020) 034024]

$$|\text{meson}\rangle = a|q\bar{q}\rangle + b|q\bar{q}g\rangle + \cdots$$

[J. Lan et al, PLB 825 (2022) 136890] [Z. Zhu et al, PLB 839(2023) 137808] [S. Kaur et al, PLB 851 (2024) 138563]

Light mesons up to $|q\bar{q}q\rangle$ $|\text{meson}\rangle = a|q\bar{q}\rangle + b|q\bar{q}g\rangle$ $P^{-} = H_{K.E.} + H_{trans} + H_{longi} + H_{Interact}$ $H_{K.E.} = \sum_{i} \frac{p_i^2 + m_q^2}{p_i^+}$ $H_{trans} \sim \kappa_T^4 r^2$ ---Brodsky, Teramond arXiv: 1203.4025 $$\begin{split} H_{longi} &\sim -\sum_{ij} \kappa_L^4 \partial_{x_i} \left(x_i x_j \partial_{x_j} \right) \quad \text{---Y Li, X Zhao , P Maris , J Vary, PLB 758(2016)} \\ H_{Interact} &= H_{Vertex} + H_{inst} = g \overline{\psi} \, \gamma^{\mu} T^a \, \psi \, A_{\mu}^a + \frac{g^2 C_F}{2} \, j^+ \frac{1}{(i\partial^+)^2} j^+ \end{split}$$



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"...how one can obtain a massless π meson in such a picture without having at the same time a massless ρ :

The key observation to resolve this problem is that one needs to find a mechanism which dynamically generates a large helicity flip amplitude."

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$$u(p,\lambda) = \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ \frac{im_f}{p^+}\\ \frac{(ip^1 - p^2)}{p^+} \end{pmatrix}, & \text{if } \lambda = +1/2; \\ \begin{pmatrix} (ip^1 - p^2)\\ \frac{p^+}{p^+} \end{pmatrix}, & \text{if } \lambda = -1/2. \end{cases}$$

$\underline{\pi - \rho}$ mass splitting .VS. m_f



Light meson mass spectrum





• At middle x, $\psi \sim p_{\perp}$: a little bit wide 2024年7月2日 强子物理

Pion form factor



- FF is in reasonable agreement with experimental data
- $F(Q^2) \propto 1/Q^2$ for large Q^2

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[J. Lan et al, PLB 825 (2022) 136890]



• Consistent with FNAL-E-791 experiment on Drell-Yan (pion-platinum) process

Pion PDF at model scale



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Pion PDF with QCD evolution





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$$m_{f}$$

$$spin-flip$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 0\\ \frac{im_{f}}{p^{+}}\\ \frac{(ip^{1}-p^{2})}{p^{+}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{if } \lambda = +1/2;$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 1\\ \frac{(-ip^{1}-p^{2})}{p^{+}}\\ \frac{(im_{f}}{p^{+}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{if } \lambda = -1/2.$$



Pion $q\bar{q}g$ BLFQ .vs. BSE

We introduce a LF model:

$$|\text{Meson}\rangle = |q\bar{q}\rangle + |q\bar{q}g\rangle$$
$$\psi_{q\bar{q}g;(i_q,i_{\bar{q}},a)}^{(s_q,s_{\bar{q}},\lambda)} = \frac{1}{M_\pi^2 - M_{0,q\bar{q}g}^2} \left[V \psi_{q\bar{q};(i_q,i_{\bar{q}})}^{(s_q,s_{\bar{q}})} \right],$$



V: interaction connecting $q\bar{q}$ and $q\bar{q}g$ sector

$$\begin{split} \left[V\psi_{q\bar{q};(i_{q},i_{\bar{q}})}^{(s_{q},s_{\bar{q}})} \right] &= \frac{g_{s}\sqrt{2}}{x_{q} + x_{g}} \sum_{i_{1}s_{1}} T_{i_{q}i_{1}}^{a} W_{\lambda}^{(s_{q},s_{1})}(p_{q},p_{g}) \\ &\times \psi_{q\bar{q};(i_{1},i_{\bar{q}})}^{(s_{1},s_{\bar{q}})}(x_{\bar{q}},\vec{p}_{\bar{q}\perp}) - \frac{g_{s}\sqrt{2}}{x_{\bar{q}} + x_{g}} \\ &\times \sum_{i_{1}s_{1}} T_{i_{1}i_{\bar{q}}}^{a} \bar{W}_{\lambda}^{(s_{1},s_{\bar{q}})}(p_{\bar{q}},p_{g}) \psi_{q\bar{q};(i_{q},i_{1})}^{(s_{q},s_{1})}(x_{q},\vec{p}_{q\perp}). \end{split}$$

• To get the LFWF for $|q\bar{q}g\rangle$ based on the LFWF for $|q\bar{q}\rangle$ with the interaction V.

Pion $q\bar{q}g$ BLFQ .vs. BSE

To get LFWF for $|q\bar{q}g\rangle$



BLFQ: [PLB 825 (2022) 136890] BSE: [PRD 103 (2021) 014002]

[Phys. Rev. D 50 (1994) 6895]

Take a power-law form for simplicity:

$$\psi_{pl}(x_q, \boldsymbol{p}_{q\perp}) = N \left[1 + \frac{A_{0,eff}(x_q, \boldsymbol{p}_{q\perp})/4 - m_q^2}{\beta^2} \right]^{-s}$$
$$A_{0,eff}(x_q, \boldsymbol{p}_{q\perp}) = \frac{\boldsymbol{p}_{q\perp}^2 + m_q^2}{x_q} + \frac{\boldsymbol{p}_{q\perp}^2 + m_q^2}{x_{\overline{q}}}$$

Fitting the valence PDF of both the BLFQ and the BSE:

$$s = 1.4$$
$$\beta/m_q = 1.16$$



- Model II agrees with BLFQ: a large bump at low-x is reproduced
- BSE result differs from Model III: BSE result contains contributions from $q\bar{q}ng$, where $n = 1, 2, ..., \infty$
- $q\bar{q}g$ Fock sector is mostly important at small- x



- An increase of m_g leads to a shift of quark PDF to lower values of x
- A larger m_g gives a gluon PDF shifted towards larger- x
- Perturbative results agree qualitatively with the BLFQ

Pion GPD



Pion TMD

• Increase in low- \overline{x} region (because of m_f)

[K. Fu, et al, in preparation]

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Fix parameters by fitting states (π , ρ , $a_1(1260)$) and DC of pion

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[J. Chen et al, in preparation] 2024年7月2日 • A larger m_f provides $\pi - \rho$ mass splitting

Strange meson mass spectrum

$|\text{meson}\rangle = a|q\bar{q}\rangle + b|q\bar{q}g\rangle + c|q\bar{q}q\bar{q}\rangle$

	N _{max}	K	b (GeV)	m_q (GeV)	$m_s({ m GeV})$	$m_f({ m GeV})$	g
$q\overline{q}$	8	7	0.271	1.2306	-	5.58	5.785
s <i>s</i>	8	7	0.271	-	1.2659	5.58	5.785
qīs	8	7	0.271	1.2306	1.2659	5.58	5.785

• Agree with experimental data: *K*, *K*^{*}(892), *K*(1460)

[J. Chen et al, in preparation]

LFWF in qq Fock sector

- At endpoint x, $\psi \sim p_{\perp}$: lightly narrow
- At middle x, $\psi \sim p_{\perp}$: a little bit wide
- Oscillations: HO basis artifact in transverse direction

[J. Chen et al, in preparation]

Pion and rho PDAs

• Narrower compare to pQCD

[J. Chen et al, in preparation]

Pion form factor

• FF is in good agreement with experimental data at lower Q^2

[J. Chen et al, in preparation]

Pion PDFs

• a low-*x* bump (because of m_f)

• Larhe-x behavior $(1 - x)^{3.3}$ closer to pQCD

[J. Chen et al, in preparation]

Pion GPD

Pion TMD

Conclusion & Outlook

- BLFQ : A non-perturbative approach based on light-front QCD Hamiltonian
- LF QCD Hamiltonian \Rightarrow Wave functions \Rightarrow Observables
- Solved for light mesons structure based on $q\bar{q} + q\bar{q}g + q\bar{q}q\bar{q}$ Fock components
- An independent quark mass in vertex interaction (m_f) provide a large $\pi \rho$ mass splitting
- A larger m_f reflects a bump at low-x quark PDF and gluon PDF shifted towards larger-x
- BLFQ results qualitatively agree with BSE results

 $|\text{Meson}\rangle = |q\bar{q}\rangle + |q\bar{q}|g\rangle + |q\bar{q}|q\bar{q}\rangle + |q\bar{q}|gg\rangle$ $+|q\bar{q} q\bar{q} g\rangle + |q\bar{q} ggg\rangle + |gg\rangle + \cdots$

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