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# Overview of Light Meson Spectroscopy: Results and Perspectives

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  - > scalar, pseudo-scalar and tensor resonances
- Recent results
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  - > coupled channel analysis with  $\overline{p}p$  and  $\pi\pi$ -scattering data
- Perspectives
  - > new data and experiments

#### Introduction

- Light mesons are bound states consisting of u-, d- and s-quarks
- Cover the non-perturbative QCD regime
- Description very challenging
  - Iattice QCD
  - > phenomenological models
- Observation and measurements of the resonance properties very challenging
  - many overlapping resonances with same quantum numbers
  - decays in different channels



#### energy dependence of $\alpha_{\rm s}$

#### **Quark Model**

- Quark model successful for the classification of mesons
- qq̄-mesons: I<sup>G</sup> J<sup>PC</sup> determined by the isospin, the orientation of the quark spins and the orbital angular momentum

▷ 
$$P = (-1)^{L+1}$$
  $C = (-1)^{L+S}$   $G = (-1)^{I+L+S}$ 

- ▷ possible: J<sup>PC</sup> = 0<sup>-+</sup>, 0<sup>++</sup>, 1<sup>+-</sup>, 1<sup>--</sup>, 1<sup>++</sup>, 2<sup>-+</sup>, 2<sup>++</sup>, ...
- Forbidden: J<sup>PC</sup> = 0<sup>--</sup>, 0<sup>+-</sup>, 1<sup>-+</sup>, 2<sup>+-</sup>, ...
- Provides a scheme to group  $q\bar{q}$ -mesons in SU(3) nonets
- Many predicted states were found and classified
  - > example: nonets of ground state pseudo scalar and vector mesons



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#### **Exotic States**

- QCD predicts also exotic states which can be grouped in 3 categories
- Hybrids
  - >  $q\bar{q}$  states with excited gluonic degrees of freedom
- Glueballs
  - > hadrons without any valence quark content
- Multiquark states
  - > tetraquark: tightly bound  $(q\bar{q}) (q\bar{q})$  states
  - > molecule: loosely bound pair of mesons
- For exotic states also quantum numbers are possible which are forbidden for conventional  $q\bar{q}$  states:  $J^{PC} = 0^{--}, 0^{+-}, 1^{-+}, 2^{+-}, ...$





#### Light Meson Spectrum

- Rich spectrum
- Many states need confirmation
- Candidates with exotic quantum numbers observed
- Challenges
  - many overlapping resonances
     with same quantum numbers
  - distinction between conventional qq mesons and exotics difficult
  - > proper access to resonance parameters



#### Access to the Inner Structure

- Characteristics of the production
  - γ induced processes include QED effects
  - > exotics with gluonic content should
    - → be mainly produced in gluon rich environments like radiative J/ψ decays, central production, or p̄p annihilation
    - → couple weakly to  $\gamma$  induced processes like  $\gamma\gamma$  fusion



- Characteristics of the decay pattern
  - > glueballs: flavour blind decay with a rather narrow width
  - > molecules: decay into a meson pair close to threshold

### **Glueballs and Hybrids**

- LQCD: lightest glueballs with exotic quantum numbers above 4 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>
- Glueballs in the light meson mass range only with non exotic quantum numbers J<sup>PC</sup>= 0<sup>++</sup>, 0<sup>-+</sup>, 2<sup>++</sup> predicted





 Lightest hybrid expected just below 2 GeV with exotic quantum numbers J<sup>PC</sup>=1<sup>-+</sup>



- Lots of scalar resonances observed in the light meson mass region
- Too many to fit in the ground state nonet:  $\sigma$ , f<sub>0</sub>(980), f<sub>0</sub>(1370), f<sub>0</sub>(1500), f<sub>0</sub>(1710), ...

#### possible explanation

- $f_0(1370)$ ,  $f_0(1500)$ ,  $f_0(1710)$  are mixtures between  $q\bar{q}$  states and glueball
- $f_0(1500)$  and  $f_0(1710)$  are candidates with large gluonic content
  - > strongly produced in gluon rich processes and suppressed in  $\gamma\gamma$  fusion



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#### 0<sup>+</sup> (0<sup>++</sup>) States

- Various scenarios are existing for the mixing of (uū+dd), (ss) and (gg) states based on the observed production and decay strengths
- Challenge: proper description of the dynamics above the KK threshold due to several contributing decay channels

$$egin{pmatrix} |f_0(1370)
angle\ |f_0(1500)
angle\ |f_0(1710)
angle \end{pmatrix} = U \cdot egin{pmatrix} |u\overline{u} + d\overline{d}
angle\ |s\overline{s}
angle\ |gg
angle \end{pmatrix}$$

More accurate measurements and sophisticated analyses in particular for the region above the KK threshold are needed



### 0<sup>+</sup> (0<sup>-+</sup>) States

- Many pseudo-scalar resonances observed
   γ, η', η(1295), η(1405), η(1475), η(1760), . . .
- $\eta(1405)$  is favored to be the 0<sup>-+</sup> glueball
  - > strongly produced in radiative J/ $\psi$  decays and also seen in  $\overline{p}p$  annihilation
  - ν weak coupling to γγ
  - η(1295) and η(1475) radial excitations of ground state members η and η'
- But
  - >  $\eta(1405)$  not seen in central production
  - LQCD predictions: Mg(0<sup>-+</sup>) > 2 GeV
  - > does the  $\eta(1295)$  exist at all?
  - > are  $\eta(1405)$  and  $\eta(1475)$  two different states?



#### 0<sup>+</sup> (2<sup>++</sup>) States

- 2 isoscalar nonets result from the quark model:  ${}^{(2S+1)}L_J = {}^{3}P_2$  and  ${}^{3}F_2$
- More than 10 conventional  $q\bar{q}$  states should exist in the light meson sector
- Poor knowledge in the mass region above the  $\bar{p}p$  threshold so far
- Lightest tensor glueball predicted between 2 2.4 GeV
- Hints in  $\pi p \rightarrow \phi \phi n$  at BNL with unexpected large cross section for 3 tensor mesons between 2 2.4 GeV



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#### Status: Light Meson Spectroscopy

- Over the last 30 years significant amount of data analyzed, but still many unresolved questions
- Lots of broad and overlapping resonances
- Mixtures between conventional  $q\bar{q}$  and exotic states possible
- Complete and unambiguous knowledge of all qq multiplets is needed
- Many resonance properties obtained from single channel analyses with Breit-Wigner parametrization
- Multi channel analyses with sophisticated approaches (unitarity, analyticity) by combining data with different decay and production modes are needed

#### **Dynamical Functions**

- Breit-Wigner functions widely used
  - > good approximation for isolated resonances appearing in a single channel
  - resonance parameters depend on the production mechanism
- More sophisticated descriptions needed for
  - resonances decaying into multiple channels
  - several resonances appearing in the same channel
  - $\succ$  resonances located at thresholds  $\rightarrow$  distortion of the line shape

Approaches with an adequate consideration of unitarity and analyticity needed (K-matrix, N/D-method, Two-potential decomposition)

#### JPAC Analysis of COMPASS Data

- Coupled channel analysis of the 1<sup>-+</sup> and 2<sup>++</sup> wave in  $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- \eta^{(+)} p$
- 2 hybrid candidates
  - $\succ$  at around 1.4 GeV only seen in  $\pi\,\eta$
  - > at around 1.6 GeV seen in  $\pi\,\eta$  ' but not in  $\pi\,\eta$
- Enforcing analyticity and unitarity utilizing N/D method
- Mass shapes and phase shifts between 1<sup>-+</sup> and 2<sup>++</sup> are considered
- Decay channels to  $\rho \pi$ ,  $b_1 \pi$  or  $f_1 \pi$  not considered



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#### JPAC Analysis of COMPASS Data

Only one 1<sup>-+</sup> pole is needed to describe the peaks at 1.4 GeV in  $\pi \eta$  and at 1.6 GeV in  $\pi \eta$ '



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#### PWA with pp Data from Crystal Barrel at LEAR

- Fixed target experiment at CERN
- In operation between 1989 and 1996
  - leading pp-experiment in the field of light meson spectroscopy
- $\overline{p}p$  annihilation at rest and in flight
  - > highest beam momentum 1.94 GeV/c



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## Coupled channel analysis of $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \eta$ , $\pi^0 \eta \eta$ and $K^+ K^- \pi^0$ at 900 MeV/c and of $\pi \pi$ -scattering data

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#### Motivation: $\overline{p}p \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^0$ , $\pi^0 \pi^0 \eta$ , $\pi^0 \eta \eta$

#### Why $\overline{p}p \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^0$ , $\pi^0 \eta^0 \eta$ , $\pi^0 \eta \eta$ ?

- Many  $a_0$ ,  $a_2$ ,  $f_0$  and  $f_2$  resonances appear in two or all three channels
  - constraints due to common production amplitudes
  - > description of the dynamics via K-matrix (unitarity and analyticity)
- Exotic spin wave  $\pi_1(1400) \rightarrow \pi \eta$  so far only seen in  $\overline{p}p$  data at rest
  - > also visible in  $\overline{p}p$  data in flight @ 900 MeV/c beam momentum?

#### Why scattering data?

- Processes only characterized by elasticity and phase motion
   → good and easy access to resonance properties
- Considered for I=0 S- and D-wave and I=1 P-wave
- Good constraints for  $f_0$ ,  $f_2$  and  $\rho$  resonances

#### Some Fit Results



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#### **Extracted Resonance Properties**

name <i>K</i> *(892) $\phi(1020)$	relevant data $\bar{p}p$ $\bar{p}p$	Breit-Wigner mass $[MeV/c^2]$ $892.2 \pm 0.5 \pm 1.7$ $1018.4 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.1$	Breit-Wigner width $\Gamma$ [MeV] 54.4 $\pm$ 0.9 $\pm$ 1.7 4.2 (fixed)	More pro re	than 50 diff perties ext levant Rier	ferent reso racted on nann-she	onance the ets
name	relevant data	pole mass [MeV/ $c^2$ ] 1404 7 + 3 5 <sup>+15.1</sup>	pole width $\Gamma$ [MeV] 628.3 + 27.1 + 35.8				
$ \begin{array}{c} f_0(500) \\ f_0(980)^{++} \\ f_0(980)^{+++} \\ f_0(1370) \end{array} $	scat scat scat scat	$1404.7 \pm 3.5_{-17.7}$ $857.0 \pm 5.7 \pm 366.4$ $977.8 \pm 0.6 \pm 1.6$ $992.8 \pm 0.8 \pm 1.0$ $1280.6 \pm 1.6 \pm 47.4$	$\begin{array}{c} 628.3 \pm 27.1 \\ -138.2 \\ 771.6 \pm 8.3 \pm 291.1 \\ 97.8 \pm 1.2 \pm 5.4 \\ 61.3 \pm 1.3 \pm 4.4 \\ 410.5 \pm 3.5 \pm 41.5 \\ \end{array}$	All obtained properties are within the ballpark of other measurements			
$f_0(1500) f_0(1710) f_2(1810) f_2(1950)$	$\bar{p}p$ + scat $\bar{p}p$ + scat scat scat	$1496.0 \pm 1.2 \substack{+4.4\\-26.4}$ $1803.5 \pm 3.5 \substack{+45.5\\-10.4}$ $1845.0 \pm 2.2 \substack{+1.6\\-7.2}$ $1978.2 \pm 1.8 \substack{+28.4\\-16.9}$	$\begin{array}{c} 80.8 \pm 0.6 \substack{+20.0 \\ -5.0} \\ 289.7 \pm 5.0 \substack{+32.6 \\ -19.3} \\ 260.9 \pm 3.9 \substack{+199.9 \\ -38.2} \\ 237.6 \pm 1.6 \substack{+41.6 \\ -15.5} \end{array}$				
name	relevant data	pole mass $[MeV/c^2]$	pole width $\Gamma$ [MeV]	$\Gamma_{KK}/\Gamma_{\eta\pi^0} \ [\%]$	_		
$\begin{array}{c} a_0(980)^{}\\ a_0(980)^{-+}\\ a_0(1450)\\ a_2(1320)\\ a_2(1700) \end{array}$	<u></u> рр <u>рр</u> рр рр рр	$\begin{array}{c} 1002.4 \pm 1.4 \pm 6.6 \\ 1004.1 \pm 1.5 \pm 6.5 \\ 1302.1 \pm 1.1 \pm 3.9 \\ 1312.5 \pm 0.7 \pm 2.6 \\ 1638.9 \ \pm 2.3 \ \substack{+57.4 \\ -0.1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 127.0 \pm 2.3 \pm 6.7 \\ 97.2 \pm 1.9 \pm 5.7 \\ 112.4 \pm 1.4 \pm 3.4 \\ 106.9 \pm 1.2 \pm 3.7 \\ 224.0 \pm 2.5 \begin{array}{c} ^{+1.8} \\ ^{-48.3} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 14.9 \pm 0.1 \pm 3.9 \\ 13.8 \pm 0.1 \pm 3.5 \\ 188.7 \pm 4.1 \pm 97.0 \\ 35.2 \pm 1.1 \pm 17.5 \\ 413.4 \pm 10.6  {}^{+490.9}_{-298.8} \end{array}$	_		
name	relevant data	pole mass $[MeV/c^2]$	pole width $\Gamma$ [MeV]	$\Gamma_{\pi\pi}/\Gamma_{[\%]}$	$\Gamma_{\!K\!K}/\Gamma \ [\%]$	$\Gamma_{\eta\eta}/\Gamma_{[\%]}$	
$ \begin{array}{c} f_2(1270) \\ f_2'(1525) \\ \rho(770) \\ \rho(1700) \end{array} $	$\bar{p}p$ + scat $\bar{p}p$ + scat scat $\bar{p}p$ + scat	$\begin{array}{c} 1263.3 \pm 0.2 \pm 1.5 \\ 1495.0 \pm 1.1 \pm 8.1 \\ 766.8 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2 \\ 1688.7 \pm 3.1 \begin{array}{c} ^{+141.1} \\ ^{-1.3} \end{array}$	$193.7 \pm 0.4 \pm 1.6 \\ 104.8 + 0.9 + 9.8 \\ 126.2 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.4 \\ 150.9 \pm 2.5 \ ^{+60.0}_{-10.6}$	$\begin{array}{c} 85.6 \pm 0.1 \pm 5.0 \\ 3.4 \pm 1.5 \pm 1.0 \\ 100.5 \pm 0.1 \pm 6.7 \\ 10.8 \pm 1.7  {}^{+16.2}_{-0.4} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 3.3 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.5 \\ 74.6 \pm 0.2 \pm 16.6 \\ 0.5 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.1 \\ 0.7 \pm 0.6 \substack{+4.1 \\ -0.2 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.4 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.2 \\ 5.9 \pm 0.3 \pm 2.6 \end{array}$	

#### 1<sup>-+</sup> Wave in $\overline{p}p \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \eta$

- 1<sup>-+</sup> wave seen in the decay  $\pi^0\eta$
- Phase difference between the  $\pi_1$  and  $a_2$  wave from  $T_{\pi\eta \to \pi\eta}$  in good agreement with COMPASS measurement
- Pole position of the  $\pi_1$ : M = (1404.7 ± 3.5 (stat.)  $^{+9.0}_{-17.3}$  (sys.)) MeV/ $c^2$

 $\Gamma = (628.3 \pm 27.1 \text{ (stat.)} ^{+35.8}_{-138.2} \text{ (sys.)}) \text{ MeV}$ 



### Coupled Channel Analysis with pp and COMPASS Data

- Extension: simultaneous fit of  $\pi\pi$ -scattering data,  $\overline{p}p \rightarrow K^+K^-\pi^0$ ,  $\pi^0\pi^0\eta$ ,  $\pi^0\eta\eta$ and  $\pi^-p \rightarrow \pi^-\eta^{(')}p$
- Good description with one pole scenario for the 1<sup>-+</sup> wave
- Still under investigation



#### Perspectives

- GlueX
  - study of light mesons up to 3 GeV in photoproduction
  - > search for hybrid states
- BELLE II
  - high statistics yy data
- New J/ $\psi$  data at BESIII
  - ~ 10 billion decays have been recorded
  - > new insight in particular for radiative decays
- LHCb
  - B(s) decays
- PANDA at FAIR
  - pp annihilations from 1.5 15 GeV/c
  - cover lack of data close to and above the pp threshold
- $\bar{p}$  physics with COMPASS++ / AMBER
- $K_L$  facility at Jefferson Lab







### Summary

- Many new insights have been gained in the last decades
- Still many unresolved questions in the light meson region
- Many broad and overlapping resonances with the same quantum numbers
- Mixtures between conventional  $q\bar{q}$  and exotic states possible
- Access to the inner structure by investigating the different production processes and decay modes
- Sophisticated analysis methods are needed for the proper extraction of resonance properties e.g.
  - JPAC analysis of the spin exotic 1<sup>-+</sup> wave: peak at 1.4 GeV in πη and at 1.6 GeV in πη' can be described by one pole
  - > coupled channels analysis with  $\overline{p}p$  annihilation and  $\pi\pi$  scattering data
- New experiments and high statistics data important to shed more light on the still unresolved questions in the light meson region