

#### New developments in multi-meson systems

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- Summary of n < 13 pion or kaon systems
- Recent developments
  - Really large systems:  $^{208}\pi^+$
  - Mixed species systems

# (Brief)Motivation

- Multi hadron interactions
- Meson condensates: interesting state of matter with a complex phase diagram

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- finite μ<sub>l</sub>: BEC-BCS crossover
- Spontaneous rotational symmetry breaking for  $\mu_{l \ge} m_{\rho}$



- Kaon condensation may be phenomenologically relevant in n-stars [Kaplan/Nelson]
- Complexity frontier: precursor to nuclear systems

## Bosons in a box



- Large volume expansion of ground state energy of n meson system to  $1/\mathrm{L}^7$ 
  - 2 & 3 body interactions (N body: L<sup>-3(N-1)</sup>)
  - n=2: reproduces expansion of Lüscher result

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$$C_n(t) = \left\langle 0 \left| \left[ \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \overline{d} \gamma_5 u(\mathbf{x}, t) \overline{u} \gamma_5 d(\mathbf{0}, 0) \right]^n \right| 0 \right\rangle$$
  
$$\to A \ e^{-E_n t}$$

•  $n!^2$  Wick contractions:  $(12!)^2 \sim 10^{17}$ 

$$C_3(t) = \operatorname{tr} [\Pi]^3 - 3 \operatorname{tr} [\Pi] \operatorname{tr} [\Pi^2 + 2 \operatorname{tr} [\Pi^3]$$

$$\Pi = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \gamma_5 S(\mathbf{x}, t; 0) \gamma_5 S^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}, t; 0)$$

• n=13 has  $\sim$ 150 terms

### Lattice details



- Calculations use MILC gauge configurations
  - L=2.5 fm, a=0.12 fm, rooted staggered
  - also L=3.5 fm and a=0.09 fm
- NPLQCD: domain-wall quark propagators
  - $m_{\pi} \sim 291, 318, 352, 358, 491, 591$  MeV
  - 24 propagators / lattice in best case
- $I_z=n=1,...,12$  pion and (S=n) kaon systems

#### n-meson energies

• Effective energy plots:  $log[C_n(t)/C_n(t+1)]$ 



### Pions and kaon BECs

- Analysis of these energies has allowed
  - Precise extraction of 2-pion or kaon interactions
  - First LQCD measurements of three body interactions
  - Calculation of  $\mu_I(\rho_I)$  and  $\mu_Y(\rho_Y)$ 
    - Agreement with LO $\chi$ PT important for n-star physics
  - Determine how pion gas screens  $Q\bar{Q}$  potential
  - ...

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 100:082004, 2008, Phys Rev D78:014507, 2008 Phys Rev D78:054514, 2008, Phys. Rev. Lett. 102:032004, 2009]

# Complex systems



[WD, M Savage 1001.2768]

- How do we deal with complexity of contractions?
  - One species:  $N_{\rm terms} \sim e^{\pi \sqrt{2n/3}}/\sqrt{n}$  [Ramanujan & Hardy]
  - Two-species is harder, more is not feasible
- How do we go beyond n=12?
  - Previous method fails because of Pauli principle
  - Avoid by using multiple propagator sources but this leads to contraction complexity

#### Few pion contractions





 $C_{3\pi}(t) =$ 



### Blocks

• Define a partly contracted pion correlator

$$\Pi \equiv R_1 = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} S_u(\mathbf{x}, t; x_0) \gamma_5 S_d(x_0; \mathbf{x}, t) \gamma_5 = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} S_u(\mathbf{x}, t; x_0) S_d^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}, t; x_0)$$

• Time-dependent 12x12 matrix (spin-colour indices)



Correlators

$$C_1(t) = \langle \Pi \rangle, \quad C_2(t) = \langle \Pi \rangle^2 - \langle \Pi^2 \rangle, \dots$$

Functional definition

$$\Pi_{ij} = \bar{u}_i(x)u_k(x_0)\frac{\delta}{\delta\bar{u}_j(x)\delta u_k(x_0)}C_1(t)$$

• Generalises to

$$(R_n)_{ij} \equiv \bar{u}_i(x)u_k(x_0)\frac{\delta}{\delta\bar{u}_j(x)\delta u_k(x_0)}C_n(t)$$

#### Recursion relation

- The block objects <u>are</u> simply related
- Recursion relation

$$R_{n+1} = \langle R_n \rangle \ R_1 - n \ R_n \ R_1$$

- Initial condition is that  $R_1 = \Pi$ ,  $R_j = 0, \forall j < 1$
- Can also construct a descending recursion as we know that  $R_{13}=0$



### Multi-source systems

- To get beyond n=12, need to consider multi-source systems
- Consider two sources first

$$C_{(n_1\pi_1^+, n_2\pi_2^+)}(t) = \left\langle \left( \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \pi^+(\mathbf{x}, t) \right)^{n_1+n_2} \left( \pi^-(\mathbf{y_1}, 0) \right)^{n_1} \left( \pi^-(\mathbf{y_2}, 0) \right)^{n_2} \right\rangle$$

•  $C_{(2,1)}(t)$  contains contractions like



#### Multi-source systems

• Multiple types of blocks needed

$$A_{ab} = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} S_u(\mathbf{x}, t; x_a) S_d^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}, t; x_b)$$

 Two species case has a simple recursion relation: First define

$$P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11}(t) & A_{12}(t) \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} , P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \hline A_{21}(t) & A_{22}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $Q_{(n I,n2)}$  (generalisations of the  $R_n$ ) satisfy

$$Q_{(n_1+1,n_2)} = \langle Q_{(n_1,n_2)} \rangle P_1 - (n_1+n_2) Q_{(n_1,n_2)} P_1$$
$$+ \langle Q_{(n_1+1,n_2-1)} \rangle P_2 - (n_1+n_2) Q_{(n_1+1,n_2-1)} P_2$$

#### Extensions

- Recursions also constructed for
  - *m*-source systems
  - k-species systems:  $\pi$ 's, K's, D's, B's, ...
  - *m*-source, *k*-species systems

$$T_{\mathbf{n}+\mathbf{1}_{rs}} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \langle T_{\mathbf{n}+\mathbf{1}_{rs}-\mathbf{1}_{ij}} \rangle P_{ij} - \overline{\mathcal{N}} T_{\mathbf{n}+\mathbf{1}_{rs}-\mathbf{1}_{ij}} P_{ij}$$

where subscripts are matrices

 Implemented as matrix multiplications computationally tractable

#### Extensions

- Factorial cost reduced for N mesons
  - Each iteration involves essentially two-body contractions
  - Memory requirements
- Recursions also exist for baryon contractions but are messier
  - Different choices of basis objects for recursion
  - Allow calculations of B=4,5,... systems

### Mixed species systems

[work in preparation with B Smigielski (W&M/UW)]

- Weakly interacting two species systems: pions and kaons
- *E<sub>n,m</sub>* of *n* pions and *m* kaons depends on three 2body and four 3-body interaction parameters at L<sup>-8</sup>
  - Analytic form has been calculated but ugly (1/L<sup>6</sup>) [Smigielski & Wasem '08]
- Matching to lattice energies allows for extraction of interaction parameters
- Reduced symmetry: contractions significantly more complex – n=6 pions, m=6 kaons: 1500 terms!

# LQCD calculations

- One ensemble of anisotropic clover lattices
  - Dynamical N<sub>f</sub>=2+1 lattices from JLab/HSC Jefferson Lab
  - $m_{\pi}$ =390 MeV,  $a_s$ =0.123 fm,  $\xi$ =3.5, 20<sup>3</sup>×128
  - ~30K measurements: ~75 sources on ~400 cfgs



- Anti-periodic BCs for quarks (periodic for mesons)
  - Correlators have complicated time dependence
- Correlators for all sets of  $\{n,m\}$  with n+m<13

### LQCD correlators

• Extend single species construction

$$C_{N\pi,MK}(t) = \left\langle \left(\sum_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{O}_{d}^{\dagger}(x)\right)^{N} \left(\sum_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{O}_{s}^{\dagger}(x)\right)^{M} \left(\mathcal{O}_{d}(0)\right)^{N} \left(\mathcal{O}_{s}(0)\right)^{M} \right\rangle$$

where

$$\mathcal{O}_q(x) = \overline{u}(x)\gamma_5 q(x) \text{ and } x = (\mathbf{x}, t)$$

• Can show the expected behaviour is

$$C_{N\pi,MK}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=0}^{M} \sum_{n=0}^{N} Z_{n,m}^{N-n,M-m} e^{-(E_{N-n,M-m}+E_{n,m})T/2} \times t_{T} = t-7$$

$$\cosh\left(\left(E_{N-n,M-m}-E_{n,m}\right)t_{T}\right) + \frac{1}{2} Z_{\frac{N}{2},\frac{M}{2}}^{\frac{N}{2},\frac{M}{2}} e^{E_{N/2,M/2}T/2} \delta_{N,2I} \delta_{M,2k}$$

### (1/2) Four pion correlation

 $Z_{4\pi} \left( e^{-4E_{4\pi}t} + e^{-4E_{4\pi}(T-t)} \right)$ 





 $Z_{3/1\pi} \left( e^{-E_{3\pi}t} e^{-E_{1\pi}(T-t)} + e^{-E_{3\pi}(T-t)} e^{-E_{1\pi}t} \right)$ 





 $Z_{2/2\pi}e^{-E_{2\pi}t}e^{-E_{2\pi}(T-t)} = Z_{2/2\pi}e^{-E_{2\pi}T}$ 



### Analysis

- Extracting the eigen-energies (or interaction parameters) from these correlators is involved
- Huge parameter space; O(90) correlators
  - $C_{4\pi,2K}$  involves 18 parameters
  - Correlations between different {*n*,*m*} important
  - Variable projection: minimize the  $\chi^2$  function analytically for analytic parameters
  - Augment  $\chi^2$  via Bayesian priors



## Extracted energies



### Interaction parameters



• Extracted interaction parameters

$$\begin{split} m_{K}\bar{a}_{KK} &= 0.444 \pm 0.0123 \pm 0.005 \\ m_{\pi}\bar{a}_{\pi\pi} &= 0.243 \pm 0.016 \pm 0.007 \\ m_{\pi K}\bar{a}_{\pi K} &= 0.136 \pm 0.015 \pm 0.007 \\ m_{\pi}\bar{\eta}_{3\pi}f_{\pi}^{4} &= 1.002 \pm 0.303 \pm 0.149 \\ m_{K}\bar{\eta}_{3K}f_{K}^{4} &= 0.800 \pm 0.314 \pm 0.127 \\ \left(\frac{m_{K}m_{\pi}}{m_{K}+2m_{\pi}}\right) \ \bar{\eta}_{3,\pi KK} \ f_{\pi KK}^{4} &= 1.123 \pm 0.379 \pm 0.162 \\ \left(\frac{m_{K}m_{\pi}}{m_{\pi}+2m_{K}}\right) \ \bar{\eta}_{3,\pi \pi K} \ f_{\pi \pi K}^{4} &= 0.769 \pm 0.348 \pm 0.150 \end{split}$$

• Single species parameters consistent with previous calculation but with better precision in 3-body case

#### Summary

- LQCD is making progress in many-body systems
  - Explore novel types of QCD matter
  - Properties and effects of meson condensates
- New algorithms to ameliorate contraction complexity
- (Light) Nuclei?



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#### n correlations



Three-body

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$$\begin{split} \Delta E_{(n)} &= \sqrt{|\mathbf{q}_{(n)}|^2 + m_A^2} + \sqrt{|\mathbf{q}_{(n)}|^2 + m_B^2 - m_A - m_B} \\ q_{(n)} \cot \delta(q_{(n)}) &= \frac{1}{\pi \ L} S\left(\frac{q_{(n)}L}{2\pi}\right) \\ S(\eta) &= \lim_{\Lambda \to \infty} \left[ \sum_{\vec{n}}^{|\vec{n}| < \Lambda} \frac{1}{|\vec{n}|^2 - \eta^2} - 4\pi\Lambda \right] \end{split}$$

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- Exact relation provided r«L
- Used for  $\pi \pi$ , KK, NN,  $\Lambda$ N, ...
- What about n>2 hadrons?



#### Pion scattering



#### $\pi^+\pi^+\pi^+$ interaction



 $m_{\pi} = 352 \text{ MeV}$ 

#### $2\pi^+$ and $2K^-$ interaction

• Scattering lengths



curves: Weinberg

#### $3\pi$ + and 3K- interaction

• First QCD three body interaction



Naïve dimension analysis: I



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 $F_1(r,T)$  [GeV] 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2  $T/T_c = 0.82$ 0 -0.2 -0.4 -0.6 -0.8 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1 1.2 1.4 1.6 1.8 0 2 2.2 r [fm]

• Screening: evidence for quark-gluon plasma

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#### In medium effects

$$G_{n,W}(R, t_{\pi}, t_{W}, t) = \frac{C_{n,W}(R, t_{\pi}, t_{W}, t)}{C_{n}(t_{\pi}, t)C_{W}(R, t_{w}, t)}$$
$$\longrightarrow \# \exp\left[-\delta V(R, n)(t - t_{w})\right]$$



### $\delta V(R, n=1 \& 5)$



DWF on MILC: a=0.09 fm,  $28^3$ x96, m<sub> $\pi$ </sub>=318 MeV

# Pion screening

- r independent shift in  $Q\overline{Q}$  force
  - Dielectric medium inside flux tube
  - Small effect:  $\delta F(n=1)/F = 0.002$ at large R
- Hadronic medium effect
- Relevance to  $J/\psi$  suppression @ SPS/RHIC?





#### Mixed species case

$$\begin{split} \Delta \tilde{E}_{\pi K}(n,m,L) &= \frac{2\pi \bar{a}_{\pi K} mn}{m_{\pi K} L^3} \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{\bar{a}_{\pi K}}{\pi L}\right)^{\mathcal{I}} + \left(\frac{\bar{a}_{\pi K}}{\pi L}\right)^2 \\ &\times \left( \mathcal{I}^2 + \mathcal{J} \left[ -1 + \frac{\bar{a}_{\pi}}{\bar{a}_{\pi K}} (n-1) \left(\frac{1}{m_{\pi K}} + \frac{2}{m_{\pi}}\right) \right] \\ &+ \frac{\bar{a}_K}{\bar{a}_{\pi K}} (m-1) \left(\frac{1}{m_{\pi K}} + \frac{2}{m_K}\right) \right] \right) + \left(\frac{\bar{a}_{\pi K}}{\pi L}\right)^3 \\ &\left( -\mathcal{I}^3 + f^{\mathcal{K},\pi K} \left(\frac{\bar{a}_{\pi} \bar{a}_K}{\bar{a}_{\pi K}^2}\right) \mathcal{K} \\ &+ \sum_{i=0}^2 \sum_{p=\pi,K} \left( f_i^{\mathcal{I}\mathcal{J},p} \mathcal{I}\mathcal{J} + f_i^{\mathcal{K},p} \mathcal{K} \right) \left(\frac{\bar{a}_p}{\bar{a}_{\pi K}}\right)^i \right) \right] \\ &+ \frac{nm(n-1)\bar{\eta}_{3,\pi\pi K}(L)}{2L^6} + \frac{nm(m-1)\bar{\eta}_{3,\pi KK}(L)}{2L^6} + \mathcal{O}(L^{-7}). \end{split}$$

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