

Tetraquarks in a Bethe-Salpeter approach

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Outline

- Introduction
- Some background: Dyson-Schwinger & Bethe-Salpeter equations, applications to mesons and baryons
- Tetraquarks as meson-meson / diquark-antidiquark systems Heupel, GE, Fischer, PLB 718 (2012)
- Tetraquarks as four-quark systems Heupel, GE, Fischer, in preparation
- Summary

QCD Lagrangian: $\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}(x) \left(i\partial \!\!\!/ + gA - M\right) \psi(x) - \frac{1}{4} F^a_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}_a$

 if it were only that simple... we don't measure quarks and gluons, but hadrons



 Growing evidence for four-quark states in charmonium & bottomonium spectrum: X(3872), Y(4260), charged Z states, ...











But light scalar (0⁺⁺) mesons don't fit into the conventional meson spectrum:







- Why are *a*₀, *f*₀ mass-degenerate?
- Why are their decay widths so different?

 $\Gamma(\sigma, \kappa) \approx 550 \text{ MeV}$ $\Gamma(a_0, f_0) \approx 50-100 \text{ MeV}$

 Why are they so light? Scalar mesons ~ p-waves, should have masses similar to axialvector & tensor mesons ~ 1.3 GeV

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What if they were tetraquarks (diquark-antidiquark)? Jaffe 1977, Close, Tornqvist 2002, Maiani, Polosa, Riquer 2004



Pelaez 2004, Weinberg 2013, Cohen, Llanes-Estrada, Pelaez, Ruiz de Elvira 2014, Londergan, Nebreda, Pelaez, Szczepaniak 2013, Giacosa 2006, Parganlija, Giacosa, Rischke 2010,...

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• Extract hadron properties from **poles** in $q\bar{q}$, qqq, $qq\bar{q}\bar{q}$ scattering matrices:



· defines onshell Bethe-Salpeter amplitude. Simplest example: pion

 $\psi(q, P) = \gamma_5 \left(f_1 + f_2 \not P + f_3 \not q + f_4 \left[\not q, \not P \right] \right) \otimes \text{Color} \otimes \text{Flavor}$

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most general Dirac-Lorentz structure, Lorentz-invariant dressing functions:

$$f_i = f_i(q^2, q \cdot P, P^2 = -m^2)$$

pion is made of **s waves** and **p waves!** (relative momentum ~ orbital angular momentum)

• Use scattering equation (inhomogeneous BSE) to obtain T in the first place: $T = K + K G_0 T$



Homogeneous BSE for **BS amplitude:**



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- Vector & axial symmetries
 automatically preserved:
 - $\Rightarrow \text{ Goldstone theorem,} \\ \text{massless pion in } \chi \text{L}$
 - ⇒ em. current conservation
 - ⇒ Goldberger-Treiman



Rainbow-ladder: tree-level vertex + effective coupling

$$\alpha(k^2) = \alpha_{\rm IR}\left(\frac{k^2}{\Lambda^2}, \eta\right) + \alpha_{\rm UV}(k^2)$$

Maris, Roberts, Tandy, PRC 56 (1997), PRC 60 (1999)

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Adjust scale Λ to observable, keep width η as parameter

• BS amplitude makes only sense **onshell**, but homogeneous BSE = **eigenvalue equation**, can be solved for offshell momenta:



 $K \psi_i = \lambda_i (P^2) \psi_i \,, \qquad \lambda_i \xrightarrow{P^2 \longrightarrow -m_i^2} 1$

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Mesons

 Rainbow-ladder works well for pseudoscalar & vector mesons: masses, form factors, decays, ... Maris, Roberts, Tandy, PRC 56 (1997); Bashir etal, Commun. Theor. Phys. 58 (2012)

Pion is Goldstone boson, satisfies GMOR: $m_{\pi}^2 \sim m_q$





- · Rainbow-ladder good for 's-wave' dominated states
- Need to go **beyond rainbow-ladder** for scalar & axialvector mesons, excited states, η - η' , ... Fischer, Williams & Chang, Roberts, PRL 103 (2009) Alkofer et al, EPJ A38 (2008),

e.g. σ meson: 600-700 MeV in RL ---- ?

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Mesons



- Gluon propagator & three-gluon vertex consistent with QCD, quark-gluon vertex solved in the process. No need for model interaction!
- Badial excitations and exotics. now in the right ballpark. Scalars?

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Baryons



Delta: Sanchis-Alepuz et al., PRD 84 (2011)

Nucleon: GE. Alkofer. Krassnigg, Nicmorus, PRL 104 (2010); GE, PRD 84 (2011)

o-meson: Maris & Tandy, PRC 60 (1999)

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Use quark-diquark model as template:

 Assumption: separable qq scattering matrix ⇒ Faddeev equation simplifies to quark-diquark BSE



Oettel, Hellstern, Alkofer, Reinhardt, PRC 58 (1998), Cloet, GE, El-Bennich, Klahn, Roberts, Few Body Syst. 46 (2009)

- Quark exchange between quark & diquark binds nucleon
- All quark and diquark properties calculated from quark level, same rainbow-ladder interaction:

scalar diquark \sim 800 MeV, axialvector diquark \sim 1 GeV

 N and ∆ masses & form factors very similar: quark-diquark model is good approximation for three-body equation

Nucleon and Δ electromagnetic FFs, $N \rightarrow \Delta \pi$ decay, $N \rightarrow \Delta \gamma$ transition GE, Cloet, Alkofer, Krassnigg, Roberts, PRC 79 (2009), Nicmorus, GE, Alkofer, PRD 82 (2010), Mader, GE, Blank, Krassnigg, PRD 84 (2011), GE, Nicmorus, PRD 85 (2012)

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Tetraquark masses:

Heupel, GE, Fischer, PLB 718 (2012)

- up/down: $m \sim 400 \text{ MeV} \iff \sigma / f_0 (500)$?
- The σ is so light because it 'feels' Goldstone nature of the pion diquarks completely irrelevant!
- Resolves problem with diquark-antidiquark interpretation:
 2 x 800 MeV - binding energy '~ 500 MeV?!
- All-strange tetraquark: m ~ 1.2 GeV all-charm tetraquark: m ~ 5.3 GeV (below 2n_c threshold)
- ⇒ Artifact of 2-body approximation or genuine result? What about κ , a_0 / f_0 ?



Start from four-quark bound-state equation:



Two-body interactions:

• $K \otimes I + I \otimes K - K \otimes K$ structure necessary to prevent overcounting in T-matrix $T = K + K G_0 T$ Kvinikhidze & Khvedelidze. Theor. Math. Phys. 90 (1992)

plus permutations:

 $(qq)(\bar{q}\bar{q}), (q\bar{q})(q\bar{q}), (q\bar{q})(q\bar{q})$ (12)(34) (23)(14) (13)(24)

Keep two-body interactions with rainbow-ladder kernel: well motivated by many other studies, tetraquark is s-wave Three-body interactions (+ permutations)

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Four-body interactions

General structure of **Bethe-Salpeter amplitude** $\Gamma(p, q, k, P)$ complicated:

 $\Gamma(p,q,k,P) = \sum_{i} f_i(p^2,q^2,k^2,\ldots)$ $\tau_i(p,q,k,P)$ 2 Color tensors Flavor \otimes $3 \otimes \overline{3}$, $6 \otimes \overline{6}$ or 256 Dirac-9 Lorentz invariants $1 \otimes 1$, $8 \otimes 8$ Lorentz tensors (Fierz-equivalent)

$$P = p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + p_4$$





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General structure of **Bethe-Salpeter amplitude** $\Gamma(p,q,k,P)$ complicated:



Arrange Lorentz invariants into multiplets of permutation group S4:

GE, Fischer, Heupel, 1505.06336

 $\Rightarrow f_i(\mathcal{S}_0, \nabla, \mathbf{O}) \bigcirc$

- Singlet: $S_0 = \frac{1}{4} (p^2 + q^2 + k^2)$
- **Doublet:** $D_0 = \frac{1}{4S_0} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}(q^2 p^2) \\ p^2 + q^2 2k^2 \end{bmatrix}$
- 2 Triplets: (), (



Keep **s waves** only: Fierz-complete, **16** tensors:

e.g.
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} C^T \gamma_5 \otimes \gamma_5 C \\ C^T \gamma^\mu \otimes \gamma^\mu C \\ \dots \end{array} \right\}$$
 in (12)(34)

automatically includes also $\gamma_5 \otimes \gamma_5$ in (23)(14), (31)(24)

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Pion poles in $f_i(\mathcal{S}_0, \nabla, \triangle, \bigcirc)$



- Four-body equation dynamically generates pion poles outside the integration domain, although equation knows nothing about pions
- drive tetraquark mass from 1.4 GeV to ~500 MeV
- Poles enter integration domain above threshold $M > 2m_{\pi}$: the tetraquark becomes a resonance

Gap in Mandelstam triangle due to **pion poles**, diquarks far away \Rightarrow irrelevant



• Four-quark equation produces **bound state** together with its **decay channels!**



Tetraquark mass



Evolution with current-quark mass:

Resonance close to $\pi\pi$ threshold, becomes bound state in charm region

Same pattern for multiplet partners:

 $\sigma \sim$ 380 MeV, $\kappa \sim$ 700 MeV, $a_0 / f_0 \sim$ 920 MeV

Outlook?



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Summary

- Two-body and four-body equations give consistent results, suggest light scalar mesons are tetraquarks
- $\sigma \sim 380 \text{ MeV}, \ \kappa \sim 700 \text{ MeV}, \ a_0 / f_0 \sim 920 \text{ MeV}$
- Dominated by pseudoscalar Goldstone bosons, diquarks irrelevant: 'meson molecule' (but resonance)
- Extract widths? Maybe, not sure yet (look for poles in complex plane)
- Tetraquarks in **heavy-quark regime?** Maybe, but rainbow-ladder problematic for heavy-light systems
- First solution of genuine four-quark BSE (which is also a resonance!)

Backup slides

Bethe-Salpeter amplitude $\Gamma(p,q,k,P)$ depends on **four independent momenta:**



 $P = p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + p_4$

General structure quite complicated:

$$\begin{split} \Gamma(p,q,k,P) = \sum_{i} f_i\left(p^2,q^2,k^2,\{\omega_j\},\{\eta_j\}\right) \tau_i(p,q,k,P) & \otimes \quad \text{Color} \quad \otimes \quad \text{Flavor} \\ \begin{array}{c} \textbf{9} \text{ Lorentz invariants:} & \textbf{256} & \textbf{2} \text{ Color} \\ p^2, q^2, k^2 & \text{Dirac-} \\ \textbf{Lorentz} \\ \omega_1 = q \cdot k & \eta_1 = p \cdot P \\ \omega_2 = p \cdot k & \eta_2 = q \cdot P \\ \omega_3 = p \cdot q & \eta_3 = k \cdot P \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 3 \otimes \overline{3}, \ 6 \otimes \overline{6} \text{ or} \\ 1 \otimes 1, \ 8 \otimes 8 \\ (\text{Fierz-equivalent}) \\ P^2 = -M^2 \end{split}$$

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Keep **s waves** only: Fierz-complete, **16** Dirac-Lorentz tensors

#	Structure
1	$(C^T \gamma_5)_{2,1} \otimes (\gamma_5 C)_{3,4}$
2	$\mathcal{C}^T \gamma_5 \mathbb{P} \otimes \gamma_5 \mathcal{C} + \mathcal{C}^T \gamma_5 \otimes \gamma_5 \mathbb{P} \mathcal{C}$
3	$\mathcal{C}^T \gamma_5 \not\!\!P \otimes \gamma_5 \mathcal{C} - \mathcal{C}^T \gamma_5 \otimes \gamma_5 \not\!\!P \mathcal{C}$
4	$\mathcal{C}^T\gamma_5 I\!\!\!/ \otimes \gamma_5 I\!\!\!/ \mathcal{C}$
5	$\mathcal{C}^T \gamma^{\mu}_T \otimes \gamma^{\mu}_T \mathcal{C}$
6	$C^T \gamma^{\mu}_T P \otimes \gamma^{\mu}_T C + C^T \gamma^{\mu}_T \otimes \gamma^{\mu}_T P C$
7	$C^T \gamma^{\mu}_T \not\!$
8	$\mathcal{C}^T \gamma^{\mu}_T \mathbb{P} \otimes \gamma^{\mu}_T \mathbb{P} \mathcal{C}$
9	$C^T \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1}C$
10	$C^T \gamma^{\mu}_T P \otimes \gamma^{\mu}_T C + C^T \gamma^{\mu}_T \otimes \gamma^{\mu}_T P C$
11	$C^T \gamma^{\mu}_T \not\!$
12	$\mathcal{C}^T \gamma^{\mu}_T P \otimes \gamma^{\mu}_T P \mathcal{C}$
13	$C^T \gamma^{\mu}_T \gamma_5 \otimes \gamma^{\mu}_T \gamma_5 C$
14	$\mathcal{C}^T \gamma^{\mu}_T \gamma_5 \not\!$
15	$C^T \gamma^{\mu}_T \gamma_5 P \otimes \gamma^{\mu}_T \gamma_5 C - C^T \gamma^{\mu}_T \gamma_5 \otimes \gamma^{\mu}_T \gamma_5 P C$
16	$C^T \gamma^{\mu}_T \gamma_5 P \otimes \gamma^{\mu}_T \gamma_5 P C$





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• **Singlet:** symmetric variable, carries overall scale:

 $S_0 = \frac{1}{4} \left(p^2 + q^2 + k^2 \right)$

• **Doublet:** $D_0 = \frac{1}{4S_0} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}(q^2 - p^2) \\ p^2 + q^2 - 2k^2 \end{bmatrix}$

Mandelstam triangle, outside: meson and diquark poles!



Lorentz invariants can be grouped into **multiplets of the permutation group S4:** GE, Fischer, Heupel, Williams, 1411.7876

• Triplet:
$$\tau_0 = \frac{1}{4\mathcal{S}_0} \begin{bmatrix} 2\left(\omega_1 + \omega_2 + \omega_3\right) \\ \sqrt{2}\left(\omega_1 + \omega_2 - 2\omega_3\right) \\ \sqrt{6}\left(\omega_2 - \omega_1\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

tetrahedron bounded by $p_i^2 = 0$, outside: **quark singularities**

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• Second triplet: 3dim. sphere

$$\mathcal{T}_1 \ = \frac{1}{4\mathcal{S}_0} \left[\begin{array}{c} 2 \left(\eta_1 + \eta_2 + \eta_3 \right) \\ \sqrt{2} \left(\eta_1 + \eta_2 - 2\eta_3 \right) \\ \sqrt{6} \left(\eta_2 - \eta_1 \right) \end{array} \right]$$

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Idea: use symmetries to figure out relevant momentum dependence:

 $f_i(\mathcal{S}_0, \nabla, \mathbf{O})$

- cf. photon four-point function ⇔ hadronic LbL scattering contribution to muon g-2 GE, Fischer, Heupel, Williams, 1411.7876
- cf. three-gluon vertex: angular variation in Mandelstam plane is negligible, only \mathcal{S}_0 relevant GE, Williams, Alkofer, Vujinovic, PRD 89 (2014)



Tetraquark mass

Tetraquark mass driven by momentum dependence close to r = 1: visible from phase space cuts (larger eigenvalue ⇔ smaller mass)



But dense eigenvalue spectrum: **spurious states?**

No, just numerical artifact: pion poles at large $\,\mathcal{S}_0\,\,(\text{UV!})\,$ not properly resolved

⇒ Implement pion (and diquark) poles analytically: ground state unchanged, but low-lying excitations disappear



Electromagnetic form factors



Quark-photon vertex

Structure of quark-photon vertex is reflected in form factors.

Experimentally (sketch): $F(Q^2)$ timelike: not spacelike: $e^+e^- \rightarrow N\bar{N}$ accessible $e^-N \rightarrow e^-N$ charge, magnetic moment,... radius BC + T BC + T Q^2 $-4M^{2}$ 0 Calculated: (Sketch) $F(Q^2)$ · Ball-Chiu part is dominant (em. gauge invariance): charge, magnetic moments Ball-Chiu · Transverse part changes Ball-Chiu + transverse slope and charge radii. No pion cloud in RL \Rightarrow timelike *p*-meson poles Q^{2} $-4M^{2}$ 0

Electromagnetic form factors

Nucleon charge radii:

isovector (p-n) Dirac (F1) radius



• Pion-cloud effects missing in chiral region (⇒ divergence!), agreement with lattice at larger quark masses.

Nucleon magnetic moments:

isovector (p-n), isoscalar (p+n)



Exp: $\kappa^s = -0.12$ Calc: $\kappa^s = -0.12(1)$ GE, PRD 84 (2011)

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