Hadron Physics from the Lattice

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Lattice Hadron PhysicsComputing

QCD on a lattice

- Discretise Euclidean space-time on a 4d-lattice.
- Matter fields on sites, gauge fields on links.



- Provides a non-perturbative regulator of the QCD path integral.
- Enables importance-sampling Monte Carlo calculations.

$$C(t_1-t_0) = \langle 0|\boldsymbol{\phi}(t_1)\boldsymbol{\phi}^{\dagger}(t_0)|0\rangle = \sum_{k} \left|\langle 0|\boldsymbol{\phi}|k\rangle\right|^2 e^{-E_k(t_1-t_0)}$$

$$\int \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi}\mathcal{D}\psi \ \psi_a\bar{\psi}_b \ e^{-\bar{\psi}M\psi} = [M^{-1}]_{ab} \det M$$

- Represent quarks in path-integral as Grassmann-valued fields.
- More numerically challenging to handle, both in importance sampling step and measurement of quark propagation.
- Advances in numerical methods and computer power mean we are now in the era of physically realistic calculations.

Connections

• Lattice practitioners typically work with experts in or have expertise in ...



- Significant expertise across Europe.
- Can we build stronger connections?

Physics projects

Structure and precision physics:

- **Parameters:** α_s , m_u , m_d , . . .
- Decay constants: f_B, f_{Ds}
- Nucleons: g_A , $\sigma_{\pi N}$, pdfs,
- Matrix elements for CKM, g-2

Beyond the standard model:

- Composite Higgs models
- Supersymmetry
- g-2 and precision tests
- Dark matter searches

Finite temperature and density:

- QCD phase diagram
- Transport properties
- Hadrons in hot, dense matter

Spectroscopy:

- Scattering and resonances
- Exotic hadrons, XYZs
- Internal excitations

Spectroscopy

- Until few years ago, spectroscopy meant energies of "stable" hadrons.
- Excited states via variational methods.



- Now hadron elastic scattering including coupled-channel and resonances.
- Developments in numerical methods and use of Lüscher formalism for elastic scattering.
- Extend these ideas to matrix elements, three-body, ...

Lüscher formalism

Recent review: Briceno, Dudek, Young (Rev.Mod.Phys 90 (2018) no.2, 025001)

- Lattice (Monte Carlo) calculations in Euclidean metric
- Lüscher: relate elastic scattering to the energy spectrum of field theory in a finite volume



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Coupled-channel $\pi\pi$, $K\bar{K}$

Taken from Briceno et. al. Phys.Rev.Lett 118 (2017) no 2, 022002



- Scattering amplitudes including coupled $\pi\pi$ and $K\bar{K}$
- $m_{\pi} = 391$ MeV (so σ stable)
- Extended to matrix elements, three-body formalisms ...

Future prospects

Near future? European lattice groups working on

- Precision tests of the standard model
- Strong interactions in other gauge theories (BSM)
- Hot, dense QCD
- Deeper understanding of the internal structure of hadrons
- Better connections to experiments?
- Where next?
 - Machine learning?
 - quantum computing?