Chiral symmetry of QCD

Lecture 1: Introduction to ChPT

- Importance of symmetries
- Chiral symmetry
- Construction of effective Lagrangian
- Power counting

Lecture 2: Extension to resonance region

- ➢ P. w. dispersion relation
- > Applications:
 - Goldstone boson scattering
 - Photon fusion reactions

Quantum ChromoDynamics (QCD)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \sum_{\substack{f = \frac{u,d,s,}{c,b,t}}} \bar{q}_f \left(i\gamma^{\mu} D_{\mu} - m_f \right) q_f - \frac{1}{4} G^{(a)}_{\mu\nu} G^{(a) \mu\nu}$$



$$D_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} - ig_s \frac{\lambda^{(a)}}{2} A^{(a)}_{\mu}$$
$$G^{(a)}_{\mu\nu} = \partial_{\mu}A^{(a)}_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}A^{(a)}_{\mu}$$
$$+ g_s f^{abc} A^{(b)}_{\mu} A^{(c)}_{\nu}$$

The QCD coupling constant

- at high energies
 - asymptotic freedom (because of gluon self interaction)
 - perturbative QCD (deep inelastic scattering)

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At low energies coupling is large
 nonperturbative QCD
 confinement
 relevant d.o.f are (color-neutral) hadrons, not quarks and gluons

Possible way out

- Lattice calculations
- Effective field theories (ChPT)
- Dispersive analysis

Are all hadrons made out (mainly) of quark-antiquark or three quarks? Important tool - symmetries

Importance of symmetries

Steven Weinberg "Dreams of a Final Theory"

Concluded that to formulate a final theory one has to use the language of symmetries.

Quantum mechanical example: central potential V(|r|) (e.g. hydrogen atom)

- Rotational invariance
- Conservation of angular momentum
- Degenerate energy levels

In the field theory:

If the Lagrangian is invariant under a certain (symmetry) transformation, leads to conserved quantities

- Currents, charges
- \blacktriangleright Degeneracy \rightarrow states with the same mass

Importance of symmetries

- Mathematical language of symmetries is a Group Theory which is known for long time
- What is left -> connect physics with particular symmetry groups
- Simple example: scalar complex field

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\mu} \phi^* \partial_{\mu} \phi - \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^* \phi$$

Lagrangian does not change if we change the phase of w.f. (connection with QM)

$$\phi \quad \to \quad e^{i\alpha} \phi = U \phi$$

$$\phi^* \quad \to \quad \phi^* e^{-i\alpha} = \phi^* U^+$$

➤ U(1) symmetry, is the parameter of the group

Importance of symmetries

Let us consider spinor field

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}(i\gamma^{\mu}\partial_{\mu} - m)\psi$$

SU(2) – non-abelian group (the generators of group do not commute)

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \end{pmatrix} \qquad U = e^{i\alpha^a T^a}, \quad T^a - \text{Generators of group} \\ T^a = \frac{\tau^a}{2}, \quad \tau^a - \text{Pauli matrix} \\ \psi_i \quad \to \quad U_{ij} \psi_j \qquad [T^a, T^b] = i \,\epsilon^{abc} \, T^c \\ \psi_i^+ \quad \to \quad \psi_j^+ U_{ij}^+ \qquad \end{bmatrix}$$

This group may have different physical meaning. For example:

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ n \end{pmatrix}, \text{ quarks } \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}$$

Gauge theories

- The main idea of gauge theories that the Lagrangian is invariant under a certain group of local transitions
- Spinor field

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}(i\gamma^{\mu}\partial_{\mu} - m)\psi$$

$$\psi \to e^{i\alpha}\psi = U\psi$$

$$\mathcal{L} \to \bar{\psi}(i\gamma^{\mu}D_{\mu} - m)\psi - \frac{1}{4}tr(G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu})$$

$$\psi \to e^{i\alpha(x)}\psi = U(x)\psi \quad D_{\mu} \to \partial_{\mu} - gV_{\mu} \quad \text{Local U(1)}$$

The standard model is a non-abelian gauge theory with the symmetry group U(1) × SU(2) × SU(3): 12 gauge bosons

U(1)
$$V_{\mu}$$
 - photon $[\gamma, m=0]$ (1)

- SU(2) V_{μ} weak bosons $[W^{\pm}, Z^0, m \neq 0]$ (3)
- SU(3) V_{μ} gluons [g, m=0] (8)

Quantum ChromoDynamics (QCD)

QCD, the gauge field theory (SUc(3) color group) which describes the strong interactions of color quarks and gluons

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \sum_{\substack{f = \frac{u,d,s,}{c,b,t}}} \bar{q}_f \left(i\gamma^{\mu} D_{\mu} - m_f \right) q_f - \frac{1}{4} G^{(a)}_{\mu\nu} G^{(a) \mu\nu}$$

- Quarks come in 3 colors q(red, green, blue), gluons come in 8 color combinations
- Lagrangian is invariant with respect to local transformations in color space

$$U(x) = e^{i\alpha(x)_a\lambda_a} \in SU_c(3)$$
$$q^i(x) \to [U(x)]^{ij}q^j(x)$$
$$\bar{q}^i(x) \to \bar{q}^j(x)[U^+(x)]^{ij}$$

Consequences of local color symmetry

- Only color invariant object are observable
 - Natural explanation of quark-antiquark and three-quark states (white objects)

$$\bar{q}_i q_j \rightarrow \bar{q} U^+ U q = \bar{q} q$$

$$\epsilon_{ijk} q_i q_j q_k \rightarrow det(U) \epsilon_{ijk} q_i q_j q_k = \epsilon_{ijk} q_i q_j q_k$$

- Only one universal coupling constant is a property of non-abelian gauge theories
- Only few parameters: one coupling, few quark masses (fundamental parameters!)

Hadron spectrum and quark masses

$m_u = 1.7 - 3.3 \text{ MeV}$	$m_c = 1.27^{+0.07}_{-0.09} \text{ GeV}$
$m_d = 4.1 - 5.8 \text{ MeV}$	$m_b = 4.19^{+0.18}_{-0.06} \text{ GeV}$
$m_s = 101^{+29}_{-21} \text{ MeV}$	$m_t = 172.0 \pm 0.9 \pm 1.3 \text{ GeV}$

By inspecting this table we find:

- Masses of the u, d and, to lesser extend, s quarks are small compared to the typical hadronic mass scale ~1 GeV
- QCD exhibits an addition symmetries (besides C, P and T-symmetries)
- In the following we keep only three lightest quarks in the Lagrangian
- Explore the role of light hadrons



Global symmetries of QCD

QCD Lagrangian (for to u and d quarks only)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \bar{d} \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i\gamma_{\mu}D^{\mu} - \begin{pmatrix} m_{u} & 0 \\ 0 & m_{d} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{4}G^{(a)}_{\mu\nu}G^{(a)\mu\nu}$$

 \succ U(1) - baryon number conservation (baryons cannot decay into mesons)

SU(Nf=3) – flavor symmetry if all quark mass were the same mu=md (approximate symmetry)

- Isospin (flavor conservation)
- Degenerate states (multiplets), i.e. states with equal masses and different isospin

> $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R$ – chiral symmetry if m → 0 (approximate symmetry)

Chiral symmetry

The QCD Lagrangian (here restricted to u and d quarks)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \bar{d} \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i\gamma_{\mu}D^{\mu} - \begin{pmatrix} m_{u} & 0 \\ 0 & m_{d} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{4} G^{(a)}_{\mu\nu} G^{(a)\mu\nu}$$

then the Lagrangian does not change under transformations $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R$

$$q \to \exp\left(i\theta_V^a \frac{\lambda_a}{2}\right)q, \qquad q \to \exp\left(i\gamma_5\theta_A^a \frac{\lambda_a}{2}\right)q$$

Decouple quark field according to their chirality

$$q = \frac{1 - \gamma_5}{2} q + \frac{1 + \gamma_5}{2} q = P_L q + P_R q = q_L + q_R$$
$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \sum_{f=u,d,s} (\bar{q}_{f,R} \, i\gamma^\mu D_\mu \, q_{f,R} + \bar{q}_{f,L} \, i\gamma^\mu D_\mu \, q_{f,L}) - \frac{1}{4} \, G^{(a)}_{\mu\nu} G^{(a)\,\mu\nu}$$

we will treat the mass term as a perturbation

Chiral symmetry

- In the zero mass limit chirality = helicity
- Helicity: spin points in or against flight direction.



For massive particles:

- Helicity: conserved in time, depends on frame of reference (isn't Lorenz invariant)
- Chirality: not conserved in time, Lorenz invariant

Spontaneous symmetry breaking

▷ $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R$ implies that hadron spectrum should consists of degenerate multiplets with opposite parity

N(940) parity +, N(1535) parity -

Chiral symmetry is spontaneously broken to the vector subgroup

 $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R = SU(3)_V \times SU(3)_A \rightarrow SU(3)_V$

The ground state (vacuum) is not invariant under axial subgroup
 According to the Goldstone theorem -> 8 massless bosons

$$\pi^{\pm}, \pi^{0}, K^{\pm}, K^{0}, \bar{K}^{0}, \eta$$

In the real world, the pions are not massless, but have small masses -> explicit symmetry breaking

Effective Field Theories

Concepts of EFTs

- An important feature: perform the systematic approximation in a certain domain with respect to some energy scale Λ
- Within the given scale: identify the relevant degrees of freedom and symmetries
- Construct the most general Lagrangian consistent with these symmetries
- Do standard QFT with this Lagrangian
- Simplifies calculations (or make them possible)

> Chiral perturbation theory (χ PT)

- Spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking \rightarrow weakly interacting Goldstone bosons $\pi^{\pm}, \pi^{0}, K^{\pm}, K^{0}, \bar{K}^{0}, \eta$
- Effective degrees of freedom: hadrons
- Power counting: Systematic expansion in powers of small Q, mP
- Unknown coupling constants fitted to the data

Chiral Lagrangian

Building blocks

Exponential parameterization of Goldstone boson

$$U = \exp(\frac{i\phi}{f_{\pi}}), \quad \phi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \pi^{0} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\eta & \sqrt{2}\pi^{+} & \sqrt{2}K^{+} \\ \sqrt{2}\pi^{-} & -\pi^{0} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\eta & \sqrt{2}K^{0} \\ \sqrt{2}K^{-} & \sqrt{2}\bar{K}^{0} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\eta \end{pmatrix}$$

The term that breaks chiral symmetry explicitly

$$\chi_0 = \begin{pmatrix} m_\pi^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_\pi^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 m_K^2 - m_\pi^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

External fields

Chiral Lagrangian

Transformation properties

Element	Chiral	С	Р
\overline{U}	RUL^+	U^T	U^+
$D_{\mu}U$	$RD_{\mu}UL^{+}$	$(D_{\mu}U)^{T}$	$(D_{\mu}U)^+$
χ	$R\chi L^+$	χ^T	χ^+

Power counting

$$U = \mathcal{O}(p^0), \quad D_{\mu}U = \mathcal{O}(p), \quad D_{\mu}D_{\nu}U = \mathcal{O}(p^2), \quad \chi = \mathcal{O}(p^2)$$

Effective Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{C}{4} tr(D_{\mu}U(D^{\mu}U)^{+}) + \frac{C}{4} tr(\chi U^{+} + U\chi^{+})$$

Applicability of ChPT

- SU(2): pions: + well convergence less predictive
- SU(3): pions, kaons, eta: + more predictive power, bad convergence
- Applications: scattering, decays, …

> Problems:

- Limited range of convergence (threshold region)
- Unitarity at perturbative level

$$T = T_2 + T_4 + \dots$$

Im $T_2 = 0$, Im $T_4 = T_2 \rho T_2$ + ...

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Extension to resonance region

Inclusion of addition degrees of freedom (light vector mesons)

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \pi^{0} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \eta & \sqrt{2} \pi^{+} & \sqrt{2} K^{+} \\ \sqrt{2} \pi^{-} & -\pi^{0} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \eta & \sqrt{2} K^{0} \\ \sqrt{2} K^{-} & \sqrt{2} \bar{K}^{0} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \eta \end{pmatrix}, V_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{\mu\nu}^{0} + \omega_{\mu\nu} & \sqrt{2} \rho_{\mu\nu}^{+} & \sqrt{2} K_{\mu\nu}^{+} \\ \sqrt{2} \rho_{\mu\nu}^{-} & -\rho_{\mu\nu}^{0} + \omega_{\mu\nu} & \sqrt{2} K_{\mu\nu}^{0} \\ \sqrt{2} K_{\mu\nu}^{-} & \sqrt{2} \bar{K}_{\mu\nu}^{0} & \sqrt{2} \phi_{\mu\nu} \end{pmatrix}$$

Nonperturbative effects are required

- Exact coupled-channel unitarity
- > Analyticity
- EM gauge invariance

A. Gasparyan and M. F. M. Lutz, Nucl. Phys. A 848, 126 (2010)

→ Apply to Goldstone boson scattering (PP → PP) and photon-fusion reactions ($\gamma\gamma \rightarrow$ PP)

Importance of VM

Resonance saturation mechanism: Low energy coefficients (LEC) of NLO counter terms are mostly saturated by vector meson exchange



Hadrogenesis conjecture

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$$0^- + 1^- \to 1^+ \to 0^- + 1^- [f_1(1282), a_1(1230), ...]$$
 M.F. Nucl.

M.F.M. Lutz, E. Kolomeitsev, Nucl. Phys. A **730**, 392 (2004)

• $0^- + 0^- \to 0^+ \to 0^- + 0^- \left[f_0(980), a_0(980), \dots \right]^{\text{I.}}$

I. V. Danilkin, L. I. R. Gil and M. F. M. Lutz, Phys. Lett. B **703**, 504 (2011)

• $1^- + 1^- \to 2^+ \to 1^- + 1^ f_2(1270), a_2(1320), \dots$ (open challenge)

Power-counting scheme with VM

spectrum at large N_c • expansion parameter: $\Lambda_{soft}/\Lambda_{hard}$ • pure $\chi \text{PT: } \Lambda_{\text{soft}} \sim m_P, Q$ hadrogenesis conjecture $\frac{\vdots}{\Box}$ $J^P = 0^{\pm}, 1^{\pm}, \dots$ $\Lambda_{\text{hard}} \sim 4\pi f \text{ or } m_V$ (DOF not included in the Lagrangian) Λ_{hard} • Our case: $1^- + 1^- \to 2^+$ - Vector mesons are part of the Lagrangian $0^-+0^-\rightarrow 0^+$ – Dynamical generation of resonances $(0^+, 1^+, ...)$ $J^P = 1^-$ • We expect $\Lambda_{\text{hard}} \ge (2-3)$ GeV $J^{P} = 0^{-}$

In our power-counting scheme light-vector mesons are treated as soft

 $m_V \sim O(Q)$

For the complete picture: need to explore vector-meson loop effects... (open challenge)

Chiral Lagrangian with VM

The LO chiral Lagrangian for the Goldstone-boson $P(\pi, K, \bar{K}, \eta)$ and vectormeson $V_{\mu\nu}$ ($\rho_{\mu\nu}, \omega_{\mu\nu}, K_{\mu\nu}, \bar{K}_{\mu\nu}, \phi_{\mu\nu}$) fields:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{48f^2} \operatorname{tr} \left\{ [P, \partial^{\mu} P]_{-} [P, \partial_{\mu} P]_{-} + P^4 \chi_0 \right\} - i \frac{f_V h_P}{8f^2} \operatorname{tr} \left\{ \partial_{\mu} P V^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\nu} P \right\}$$

$$- \frac{e^2}{2} A^{\mu} A_{\mu} \operatorname{tr} \left\{ P \mathcal{Q} \left[P, \mathcal{Q} \right]_{-} \right\} + i \frac{e}{2} A^{\mu} \operatorname{tr} \left\{ \partial_{\mu} P \left[\mathcal{Q}, P \right]_{-} \right\} - e f_V \partial_{\mu} A_{\nu} \operatorname{tr} \left\{ V^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{Q} \right\}$$

$$- i \frac{f_V h_P}{8f^2} \operatorname{tr} \left\{ \partial_{\mu} P V^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\nu} P \right\} + \frac{e f_V}{8f^2} \partial_{\mu} A_{\nu} \operatorname{tr} \left\{ V^{\mu\nu} \left[P, \left[P, \mathcal{Q} \right]_{-} \right]_{-} \right\}$$

$$+ \frac{e f_V h_P}{8f^2} A_{\nu} \operatorname{tr} \left\{ \left[\partial_{\mu} P, V^{\mu\nu} \right]_{-} \left[\mathcal{Q}, P \right]_{-} \right\} - \frac{1}{16f^2} \operatorname{tr} \left\{ \partial^{\mu} V_{\mu\alpha} \left[\left[P, \partial_{\nu} P \right]_{-}, V^{\nu\alpha} \right]_{-} \right\}$$

$$- \frac{b_D}{64f^2} \operatorname{tr} \left\{ V^{\mu\nu} V_{\mu\nu} \left[P, \left[P, \chi_0 \right]_{+} \right]_{+} \right\} - \frac{g_1}{32f^2} \operatorname{tr} \left\{ \left[V_{\mu\nu} , \partial_{\alpha} P \right]_{+} \left[\partial^{\alpha} P, V^{\mu\nu} \right]_{+} \right\}$$

$$- \frac{g_2}{32f^2} \operatorname{tr} \left\{ \left[V_{\mu\nu} , \partial_{\alpha} P \right]_{-} \left[\partial^{\alpha} P, V^{\mu\nu} \right]_{-} \right\} - \frac{g_3}{32f^2} \operatorname{tr} \left\{ \left[\partial_{\mu} P, \partial^{\nu} P \right]_{+} \left[V_{\nu\tau} , V^{\mu\tau} \right]_{+} \right\}$$

$$- \frac{g_5}{32f^2} \operatorname{tr} \left\{ \left[V^{\mu\tau} , \partial_{\mu} P \right]_{-} \left[V_{\nu\tau} , \partial^{\nu} P \right]_{-} \right\} - \frac{h_A}{16f} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \operatorname{tr} \left\{ \left[\partial^{\alpha} V^{\mu\nu} , V^{\tau\beta} \right]_{+} \partial_{\tau} P \right\}$$

 \mathcal{Q} - charge matrix, $\chi_0 \approx \operatorname{diag}(m_\pi^2, m_\pi^2, 2m_K^2 - m_\pi^2)$

Scattering amplitudes

We calculated the following tree-level diagrams



Valid at low energies only (will serve as an input in the nonperturbative coupled channel calculations)

The coupled-channel states



• Consider scattering and rescattering of the type $\gamma \gamma \rightarrow PP$ and $PP \leftrightarrow PP$, respectively, but disregard $PP \leftrightarrow VV$, VP (important for $\sqrt{s} > 1.1 - 1.2$ GeV)

Dispersion relation

Cauchy theorem



If function

Analytic in a cut plane

 Falls off sufficiently fast on the large semi circle (otherwise need subtractions)

$$T(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C ds' \frac{T(s')}{s' - s} = \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{ds'}{\pi} \frac{\operatorname{Disc} T(s')}{s' - s} + \int_{4m^2}^\infty \frac{ds'}{\pi} \frac{\operatorname{Disc} T(s')}{s' - s}$$

Dispersion relation

Unitarity and analyticity

$$T_{ab}^{J}(s) = U_{ab}^{J}(s) + \sum_{c,d} \int_{\mu_{thr}^{2}}^{\infty} \frac{ds'}{\pi} \frac{s - \mu_{M}^{2}}{\bar{s} - \mu_{M}^{2}} \frac{T_{ac}^{J}(s') \rho_{cd}^{J}(s') T_{db}^{J*}(s')}{s' - s - i\epsilon}$$

separate left- and right-hand cuts

- ➤ the generalized potential U(s) contains all left-hand cuts
 - ➤ U(s) computed in ChPT in the threshold region
 - analytically extrapolated (conformal mapping)
- EM gauge invariance
- matching with ChPT
- > The phase space function $\operatorname{Im} T_{ab}^{J}(s) = \sum_{c,d} T_{ac}^{J}(s) \,\rho_{cd}^{J}(s) \,T_{db}^{J*}(s) \,, \quad \rho_{ab}^{J}(s) = \frac{1}{8\pi} \left(\frac{p_{cm}}{\sqrt{s}}\right)^{2J+1} \,,$

N/D method

> We reconstruct the scattering amplitude by means of the N/D technique

G.F.Chew, S.Mandelstam, Phys. Rev. 119 (1960) 467-477

$$T_{ab}(s) = \sum_{c} D_{ac}^{-1}(s) N_{cb}(s),$$

➤ where the contributions of left- and right-hand singularities are separated respectively into N(s) and D (s) functions,

$$N_{ab}(s) = U_{ab}(s) + \sum_{c,d} \int_{\mu_{thr}^2}^{\infty} \frac{d\bar{s}}{\pi} \frac{s - \mu_M^2}{\bar{s} - \mu_M^2} \frac{N_{ac}(\bar{s}) \rho_{cd}(\bar{s}) \left[U_{db}(\bar{s}) - U_{db}(s)\right]}{\bar{s} - s}$$
$$D_{ab}(s) = \delta_{ab} - \sum_{c} \int_{\mu_{thr}^2}^{\infty} \frac{d\bar{s}}{\pi} \frac{s - \mu_M^2}{\bar{s} - \mu_M^2} \frac{N_{ac}(\bar{s}) \rho_{cb}(\bar{s})}{\bar{s} - s - i\epsilon}$$

Approximation for the U(s)

- In ChPT one can compute amplitudes only in the close-to-threshold region (asymptotically growing potential)
- ➤ The potential U(s) is needed only for energies above threshold
- Reliable extrapolation is possible: conformal mapping techniques
- → Typical example: U(ω) = ln(ω) (left-hand cut at ω < 0)

Expansion around $\omega = 1$?

- $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k!} [\omega 1]^k$
- $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k \left[\xi(\omega)\right]^k$



Conformal mapping

Conformal mapping for $U(\omega) = ln(\omega)$



• the coefficients $C_k = \frac{d^k U(\omega(\xi))}{k! d\xi^k}|_{\xi=0}$ are determined at $\omega = 1$ $(\xi = 0)$ • 29

Conformal mapping ($PP \rightarrow PP$)

 \succ We need U(s) for energies above threshold

$$U(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{N} C_k \left[\xi(s)\right]^k \quad \text{for} \quad s < \Lambda_s^2$$

Reliable approximation is within red area



The coefficients C_k are determined at $s = 4m_{\pi}^2$, where χPT is reliable

Conformal mapping ($\gamma \gamma \rightarrow PP$)

We need U(s) for energies above threshold

$$U(s) = \int_{-\frac{9m_{\pi}^2}{4}}^{0} \frac{ds'}{\pi} \frac{\Delta T(s')}{s'-s} + \sum_{k=0}^{N} C_k \left[\xi(s)\right]^k \quad \text{for} \quad s < \Lambda_s^2$$

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Results for pion-kaon scattering



Results for pion-pion scattering



Cutoff dependence



Results for pion-eta scattering



- there is no elastic scattering data
- $\pi\eta$ channel can be populated by inelastic $\gamma\gamma \to \pi^0\eta$ data

Motivation to study $\gamma \gamma \rightarrow PP$



- $PP = \pi \pi, KK, \eta \eta, \pi \eta$
- J^{PC} restricted to be (even)⁺⁺
- $\gamma\gamma$ reactions probe scalar resonances (e.g. σ , $f_0(980)$, ...)

> The total cross sections for $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow$ PP are very sensitive to hadronic final state interaction

➢ New experimental data have been reported by the Belle Collaboration not only for $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$ but also for $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\eta$ and $\eta\eta$

Photon-fusion reactions

The differential cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{\bar{p}_{cm}}{32\,\pi\,s\,\sqrt{s}} \,\left(|\phi_{++}|^2 + |\phi_{+-}|^2\right)$$

with two helicity amplitudes

$$\phi_{++} = \sum_{\text{even } J \ge 0} (2J+1) t_{++}^{(J)} d_{00}^{(J)}(\cos \theta)$$
$$\phi_{+-} = \sum_{\text{even } J \ge 2} (2J+1) t_{+-}^{(J)} d_{20}^{(J)}(\cos \theta)$$

- Five unknown parameters (coupling from the Lagrangian) have to be determined
- Strategy: fix them from $\gamma \gamma \rightarrow \pi 0 \pi 0$, $\pi + \pi -$, $\pi 0 \eta$ and $\eta \rightarrow \pi 0 \gamma \gamma$
- \succ Cross sections $\gamma\gamma$ → KK, ηη are pure predictions

Results for $\gamma \gamma \rightarrow \pi \pi$, $\pi \eta$



Rare eta decay



• $\eta \to \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$ is linked to $\gamma \gamma \to \pi^0 \eta$ by crossing symmetry

• $d\Gamma/dM_{\gamma\gamma}^2 \sim \sum_{pol} |T_{\eta \to \pi^0 \gamma\gamma}|^2 dM_{\gamma_2\pi}^2$

• We fix h_O and g_3

The fit gives the full width for the η decay of

$$\Gamma_{\eta \to \pi^0 \gamma \gamma} = 0.31 \,\mathrm{eV} \Gamma_{\eta \to \pi^0 \gamma \gamma}^{exp} \approx 0.35 \pm 0.09 \,\mathrm{eV}$$

Comparison with pure ChPT



 \triangleright Results are consistent with χ PT

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- ChPT: NLO
- ChPT: NNLO

Predictions for $\gamma \gamma \rightarrow KK$, $\eta \eta$





- Solid curves: unitarized result
- Dashed curves: tree-level result
- The bands correspond to $g_5 \in [-5, 5]$
- Reduction of a Born amplitude for $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow K^+K^-$
- First description of $\gamma\gamma
 ightarrow \eta\eta$ data

Cutoff dependence



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