

6 Compositeness and weak-binding relation

6.1 Introduction

- Study of hadron structure : problem with unknown potential
 - Inter-quark potential is not accessible by confinement
 - Inter-hadron potential is not observable in a strict sense
(Change of potential can be absorbed by change of w.f. keeping observables unchanged)
- Internal structure of hadron resonances : superposition of all possible configurations

$$|\Lambda(1405)\rangle = C_{3q}|uds\rangle + C_{5q}|uds\bar{q}q\rangle + C_{MB}|MB\rangle + \dots \quad (44)$$

C_i : weight of each component

- Traditional method : Comparison of model calculation with experimental data
Calculation with $|uds\rangle$ model, calculation of $|\bar{K}N\rangle$ model, etc.
→ Dominant C_i is given by the model which well reproduces the experimental data
- Problems :
 - By refinements (with many parameters introduced), any model can describe data
 - Is Eq. (44) well-defined? (orthogonality of $5q$ and MB ? structure of unstable resonance?)
 - Wave function is not an observable? energy scale?
- Weak-binding relation : Model-independent method
→ relate observables to internal structure
- History :
 - 1960's : Discussion to identify elementary particles out of composite particles
 - 1965 : Weak-binding relation by Weinberg (bound state) [18]
 - 2003 : Application to hadron physics (integration of spectral function) [36]
 - 2011 : “Compositeness” in hadron physics [37]
 - 2015 : Generalization of weak-binding relation to resonances [19, 20]

6.2 Weak-binding relation

- Compositeness X of stable bound state (deuteron case) [18]

$$|d\rangle = \sqrt{X}|NN\rangle + \sqrt{Z}|\text{others}\rangle, \quad X + Z = 1$$

$|d\rangle$: wave function of deuteron

$|NN\rangle$: two-nucleon (s -wave) component

$|\text{others}\rangle$: all other components

Z : elementarity/elementariness

- $(X, Z) = (1, 0)$: composite like state, $(X, Z) = (0, 1)$: elementary like state
- Cautions
 - $|NN\rangle$ is labeled by continuous variable such as momentum, and X is sum of all the components
 - $|\text{others}\rangle$ contains $6q$ states, $N\Delta$ states, $NN(d\text{-wave})$ states, and so on
 - Because $|\text{others}\rangle$ is historically introduced as a single-particle state, Z is called “elementarity”

- **Weak-binding relation**

$$a_0 = R \left\{ \frac{2X}{1+X} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{R_{\text{typ}}}{R}\right) \right\}, \quad R = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\mu B}}$$

a_0 : NN scattering length (3S_1 channel)

B : deuteron binding energy, $\mu = M_N/2$: NN reduced mass

R : deuteron radius (length scale associated with the binding energy)

R_{typ} : typical length scale of interaction

- When B is small (R_{typ}/R is negligible), compositeness X is determined by observables (a_0, B)
- Condition
 - X is the compositeness in s wave scattering channel (not applicable to $\ell \neq 0$)
 - Stable bound state (no decay)
- Using $B = 2.22$ MeV and $a_0 = 5.42$ fm for deuteron, [38]

$$X = 1.68_{-0.83}^{+2.15}$$

Uncertainty estimated by $\mathcal{O}(R_{\text{typ}}/R)$ term with $R_{\text{typ}} \sim 1/m_\pi = 1.43$ fm

By definition (see below) $X \leq 1 \Rightarrow 0.85 \leq X \leq 1$: more than 80 % of deuteron is NN composite

- Without using the nuclear force and deuteron w.f., structure is determined by observables

6.3 Compositeness in effective field theory

- Hamiltonian of EFT [19, 20]

$$\begin{aligned} H &= H_{\text{free}} + H_{\text{int}} \\ H_{\text{free}} &= \int d\mathbf{r} \left[\frac{1}{2M} \nabla \psi^\dagger \cdot \nabla \psi + \frac{1}{2m} \nabla \phi^\dagger \cdot \nabla \phi + \frac{1}{2M_0} \nabla B_0^\dagger \cdot \nabla B_0 + \omega_0 B_0^\dagger B_0 \right] \\ H_{\text{int}} &= \int d\mathbf{r} \left[g_0 \left(B_0^\dagger \phi \psi + \psi^\dagger \phi^\dagger B_0 \right) + v_0 \psi^\dagger \phi^\dagger \phi \psi \right] \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

$\phi(\mathbf{r})$, $\psi(\mathbf{r})$, $B_0(\mathbf{r})$: field operators, M , m , M_0 : masses, ω_0 : bare energy

Each term of free Hamiltonian H_{free} is equivalent to the kinetic term of \mathcal{L}_{eff} in §5

g_0 , v_0 : coupling constants

H_{int} : contact interactions (Fig. 19), $\psi\phi \leftrightarrow \psi\phi$ and $\psi\phi \leftrightarrow B_0$

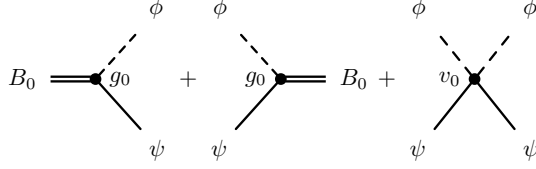


Figure 19: Feynman rules for the interaction Lagrangian (45).

- Eigenstates of H_{free}

$$H_{\text{free}}|B_0\rangle = \omega_0|B_0\rangle \quad (\text{discrete state } B_0, \text{ elementary component})$$

$$H_{\text{free}}|\mathbf{p}\rangle = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2\mu}|\mathbf{p}\rangle \quad (\psi\phi \text{ scattering states with relative momentum } \mathbf{p}, \text{ composite component})$$

Explicit forms and orthonormality

$$|B_0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V_p}}\tilde{B}_0^\dagger(\mathbf{0})|0\rangle, \quad |\mathbf{p}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V_p}}\tilde{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{p})\tilde{\phi}^\dagger(-\mathbf{p})|0\rangle$$

$$\langle B_0|B_0\rangle = 1, \quad \langle B_0|\mathbf{p}\rangle = 0, \quad \langle \mathbf{p}'|\mathbf{p}\rangle = (2\pi)^3\delta^3(\mathbf{p}' - \mathbf{p})$$

$|0\rangle$: vacuum, $V_p = (2\pi)^3\delta^3(\mathbf{0})$: phase space, $\tilde{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}) = \text{F.T. } \alpha(\mathbf{r})$: momentum space field operators

- Complete set : from particle number conservation,

$$1 = |B_0\rangle\langle B_0| + \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3}|\mathbf{p}\rangle\langle \mathbf{p}| \quad (46)$$

Relation with Feshbach projections [39] ($P + Q = 1$)

$$P = \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3}|\mathbf{p}\rangle\langle \mathbf{p}| \quad (\text{projection to } \psi\phi \text{ scattering states})$$

$$Q = |B_0\rangle\langle B_0| \quad (\text{projection to discrete state } B_0)$$

Field theory equivalent to the single-resonance approximation of Q channel in §4

- Bound state $|B\rangle$ with binding energy B as eigenstate of H (physical state)

$$H|B\rangle = -B|B\rangle$$

- Compositeness X (overlap with scattering states), elementarity Z (overlap with discrete state)

$$X \equiv \langle B|P|B\rangle = \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3}|\langle \mathbf{p}|B\rangle|^2 \geq 0$$

$$Z \equiv \langle B|Q|B\rangle = |\langle B_0|B\rangle|^2 \geq 0$$

Regarding B_0 as a bare state, Z is field renormalization constant

- From the normalization of the bound state $\langle B|B\rangle = 1$ and the completeness relation (46),

$$Z + X = 1$$

By definition, X and Z are nonnegative, and sum is normalized to 1 : interpreted as probabilities

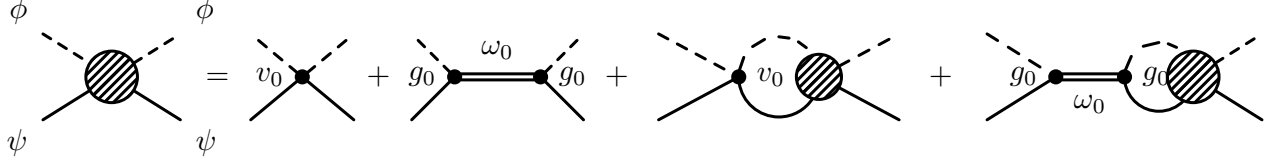


Figure 20: Feynman diagrams of the $\psi\phi$ scattering amplitude.

6.4 Weak-binding relation in effective field theory

- $\psi\phi$ scattering amplitude (derived as in §5, see Fig. 20)

$$f(E) = -\frac{\mu}{2\pi} \frac{1}{1/v(E) - G(E)} \quad (47)$$

$$v(E) = v_0 + \frac{g_0^2}{E - \omega_0}, \quad (48)$$

$$G(E) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\Lambda dp \frac{p^2}{E - p^2/(2\mu) + i0^+} \quad (49)$$

- Cutoff Λ : momentum scale at which hadron interaction can be regarded as pointlike

$$\Rightarrow R_{\text{typ}} = \frac{1}{\Lambda}$$

- Expression of compositeness by scattering amplitude

$$X = \frac{G'(E)}{G'(E) - [1/v(E)]'} \Big|_{E=-B}, \quad A'(E) = \frac{dA(E)}{dE}$$

- Expanding the scattering length in terms of (R_{typ}/R)

$$a_0 = -f(E=0) = \frac{\mu}{2\pi} [1/v(0) - G(0)]^{-1} \quad (50)$$

$$= \dots = R \left\{ \frac{2X}{1+X} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{R_{\text{typ}}}{R}\right) \right\}, \quad R = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\mu B}} \quad (51)$$

- If $\mathcal{O}(R_{\text{typ}}/R)$ is negligible, **compositeness X is determined by observables (a_0, B)**

- Cautions

- X is the compositeness in P channel
- When multiple discrete/continuum states are included in the Q channel, the leading order term in Eq. (51) does not change and the same result holds
- With different UV regularizations (except for dimensional regularization) in Eq. (49), the leading order term in Eq. (51) does not change and the same result holds
- It is assumed that the coefficients of the effective range expansion does not give larger length scale than R_{typ} (assumption of the order of $\Delta v_{\text{inv}}(0)$ in Exercise 6)

Exercise 6

1) Denoting $1/v(E) = v_{\text{inv}}(E)$ and the expansion of a function $F(E)$ around $E = -B$ as

$$F(E) = F(-B) + (E + B)F'(-B) + \Delta F(E), \quad \Delta F(E) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (E + B)^n F^{(n)}(-B),$$

show that the scattering length is written as $a_0 = \mu/(2\pi)[-BG'(-B)/X + \Delta v_{\text{inv}}(0) - \Delta G(0)]^{-1}$.

2) Evaluating the integral in Eq. (49), we obtain

$$G(E) = \frac{\mu}{\pi^2} \left[-\Lambda + \sqrt{-2\mu E - i0^+} \arctan \frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{-2\mu E - i0^+}} \right].$$

Expanding $\arctan x$ around $x = +\infty$ in this expression, show the following relations with $\Lambda = 1/R_{\text{typ}}$ and $R = 1/\sqrt{2\mu B}$ (Note : Eq. (41) in Ref. [20] contains typos.):

$$-BG'(-B) = \frac{\mu}{4\pi R} \left[1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{R_{\text{typ}}}{R}\right) \right], \quad -\Delta G(0) = \frac{\mu}{4\pi R} \left[1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{R_{\text{typ}}}{R}\right)^3\right) \right].$$

3) Assuming $R\Delta v_{\text{inv}}(0)/\mu \sim \mathcal{O}((R_{\text{typ}}/R)^3)$, derive the weak-binding relation (51).

6.5 Generalization to unstable states

- For the application to hadron resonances, generalization to unstable states is necessary
- Add decay channel to the EFT of previous sections (Fig. 21)

Fields : $\phi_1, \psi_1, \phi_2, \psi_2, B_0$

four-point contact interactions : $\psi_1\phi_1 \leftrightarrow \psi_1\phi_1, \psi_1\phi_1 \leftrightarrow \psi_2\phi_2, \psi_2\phi_2 \leftrightarrow \psi_2\phi_2$

three-point contact interactions : $\psi_1\phi_1 \leftrightarrow B_0, \psi_2\phi_2 \leftrightarrow B_0$

- When threshold energy $-\nu$ of the added channel 2 ($\psi_2\phi_2$) is lower than B , eigenenergy becomes complex, describing unstable resonance state (discussion in §4)

$$H|R\rangle = E_h|R\rangle, \quad E_h \in \mathbb{C}$$

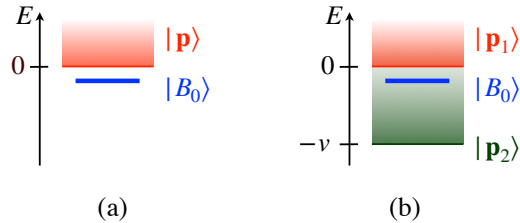


Figure 21: Spectrum of free Hamiltonian. (a) : EFT in Sec. 6.3 and 6.4, (b) : EFT in Sec. 6.5.

- Normalization condition of resonances ($\langle R | R \rangle$ diverges)

$$\langle \tilde{R} | R \rangle = 1$$

$\langle \tilde{R} |$ is the left-eigenvector with the same complex eigenvalue

$$\langle \tilde{R} | H = E_h \langle \tilde{R} |$$

(Because of the non-hermiticity, left-eigenvector is not conjugate of right-eigenvector)

- Complete set

$$1 = P + Q$$

$$P = \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} |\mathbf{p}_1\rangle \langle \mathbf{p}_1| \quad (\text{projection to } \psi_1\phi_1 \text{ scattering states})$$

$$Q = |B_0\rangle \langle B_0| + \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} |\mathbf{p}_2\rangle \langle \mathbf{p}_2| \quad (\text{projection to discrete state } B_0 \text{ and } \psi_2\phi_2 \text{ scattering states})$$

- Compositeness X , elementarity Z

$$X = \langle \tilde{R} | P | R \rangle = \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \langle \tilde{R} | \mathbf{p}_1 \rangle \langle \mathbf{p}_1 | R \rangle \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$Z = \langle \tilde{R} | Q | R \rangle = \langle \tilde{R} | B_0 \rangle \langle B_0 | R \rangle + \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \langle \tilde{R} | \mathbf{p}_2 \rangle \langle \mathbf{p}_2 | R \rangle \in \mathbb{C}$$

- While sum of X and Z is normalized to 1, each term is **complex** and not interpreted as probabilities
- Expand the scattering length of channel 1 by (R_{typ}/R) (R, a_0 are complex)

$$a_0 = R \left\{ \frac{2X}{1+X} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left|\frac{R_{\text{typ}}}{R}\right|\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\left|\frac{l}{R}\right|^3\right) \right\}, \quad R = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-2\mu E_h}}, \quad l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\mu\nu}} \quad (52)$$

ν : threshold energy difference, l : corresponding length scale

- If $\mathcal{O}(R_{\text{typ}}/R)$ and $\mathcal{O}(|l/R|^3)$ are negligible, compositeness X is determined by observables (a_0, B)
- Interpretation of complex X : several proposals [19, 20, 25, 40, 41], not yet established
- $\Lambda(1405)$ case :

– channel 1 is $\bar{K}N$, channel 2 is $\pi\Sigma$

– Eigenenergy and scattering length : $E_h = -10 - 26i$ MeV, $a_0 = 1.39 - 0.85i$ fm [42, 43]

– For $|R| \sim 2$ fm, $R_{\text{typ}} \sim 0.25$ fm (ρ meson exchange), $l \sim 1.08$ fm ($\pi\Sigma$ channel)

Neglecting the correction terms, we obtain

$$X = 1.2 + i0.1$$

X is close to 1 $\Rightarrow \bar{K}N$ molecular component is dominant