Positronium on the Light-front

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Outline

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- Numerical Results
- Summary and Outlook

Light-front Quantization

[Dirac, 1949]



Basis Light-front Quantization

- Nonperturbative eigenvalue problem $P^{-}|\beta\rangle = P^{-}_{\beta}|\beta\rangle$
 - *P*⁻: light-front Hamiltonian
 - $|\beta\rangle$: mass eigenstate
 - P_{β}^{-} : eigenvalue for $|\beta\rangle$
- Evaluate observables for eigenstate $O \equiv \langle \beta | \hat{O} | \beta \rangle$
- Fock sector expansion
 - Eg. $|\mathbf{Ps}\rangle = a|e\bar{e}\rangle + b|e\bar{e}\gamma\rangle + c|\gamma\rangle + d|e\bar{e}e\bar{e}\rangle + \dots$
- Discretized basis
 - Transverse: 2D harmonic oscillator basis: $\Phi_{n,m}^b(\vec{p}_{\perp})$.
 - Longitudinal: plane-wave basis, labeled by k.
 - Basis truncation:

$$\sum_{i} (2n_i + |m_i| + 1) \le N_{max},$$

$$\sum_{i} k_i = K.$$

 N_{max} , K are basis truncation parameters.

Large N_{max} and K: High UV cutoff & low IR cutoff

[Vary et al, 2008]

More talks about Light-front dynamics & basis light-front quantization:

- Shaoyang Jia, "Valence structures of light and strange mesons from the basis light-front quantization framework", 20/pm
- Jiangshan Lan, "On light mesons Parton distribution functions from basis light front quantization", 18/pm
- Siqi Xu, "three dimension imaging of proton from BLFQ", 20/am
- Sreeraj Nair, "Quark Wigner distributions Using Light-front Wave Functions", 20am
- Xingbo Zhao, "Basis Lightfront Approach to Hadron Structure", 20/pm
- Chandan Mondal, "Wigner distribution and spin structure of pion from light front holographic QCD", 20/pm

Why Positronium

Positronium is a test bed for

- Relativistic bound state structure beyond leading Fock-sector
- Basis Light-front Quantization on first-principle of QED, esp., nonperturbative renormalization procedure
- Connection with one-photon-exchange effective theory

[Wiecki, et al, 2015]

Light-front QED Hamiltonian

- QED Lagrangian $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \bar{\Psi}(i\gamma^{\mu}D_{\mu} m_{e})\Psi$
- Light-front QED Hamiltonian from standard Legendre transformation

$$P^{-} = \int d^{2}x^{\perp}dx^{-} F^{\mu+}\partial_{+}A_{\mu} + i\bar{\Psi}\gamma^{+}\partial_{+}\Psi - \mathcal{L} \qquad \text{Light-cone gauge: } (A^{+}=0)$$

$$= \int d^{2}x^{\perp}dx^{-} \frac{1}{2}\bar{\Psi}\gamma^{+}\frac{m_{e}^{2} + (i\partial^{\perp})^{2}}{i\partial^{+}}\Psi + \frac{1}{2}A^{j}(i\partial^{\perp})^{2}A^{j} \qquad \text{kinetic energy terms}$$

$$+ ej^{\mu}A_{\mu} + \frac{e^{2}}{2}j^{+}\frac{1}{(i\partial^{+})^{2}}j^{+} \qquad \text{instantaneous}$$

$$\text{interaction} \qquad \text{photon}$$

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Interaction Part Of Hamiltonian



Ground State Binding Energy



Binding energy looks convergent. nontrivial

[Kaiyu Fu et al, in preparation]

Mass Renormalization



- Mass renormalization is performed on the level single physical electron
- Mass counterterm is determined by fitting single electron mass
- Plug the physical electron and positron into the positronium.

Mass counterterm is much larger than E_B

[Kaiyu Fu et al, in preparation][▶]

Energy spectrum



lowest 8 states of Mj=0 : parity and charge conjugation parity agree with hydrogen atom.

[Kaiyu Fu et al, in preparation]



[Kaiyu Fu et al, in preparation]

Probability Of $|e^+e^-\rangle$



- Interaction mediated through photon.
- Finite probability to find photon



1 – probability of $|e^+e^-\rangle$: the probability to find photon Excited states have larger $|e\bar{e}\gamma\rangle$ component

[Kaiyu Fu et al, in preparation]

Photon Distribution In Positronium



- In excited states photons have larger probability at small-x region
- Photon is massless, so peak is at small-x region

Wavefunction

This work Nmax=20,K=21,MJ=0



The effective one-photon-exchange Nmax=20,K=19,MJ=0



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[Kaiyu Fu et al, in preparation]

[Wiecki, et al, 2015]

Conclusions

- Solve positronium system based on first-principle of QED
- Direct access to photon content
- Consistent access to both spectrum and structure
- Rotation Symmetry is restoring as basis size increase
- Mass renormalization is performed on the level of electron
- Wave function and energy spectrum for low-lying states reasonably agree with those from the effective one-photon-exchange approach
- The convergence of physical results looks promising

Outlook

- Further convergence study
- More observables: PDF, GPD, TMD, GTMD, Wignar distribution, double parton distribution function...
- Heavy quarkonium & Light meson systems
- Exotic hadron states