Effective field theories for non-relativistic bound states

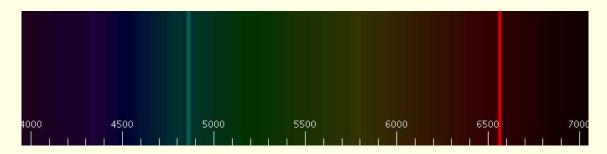
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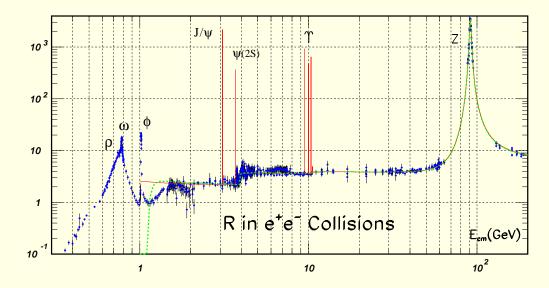


Matter is made of bound states

Electromagnetic bound states: atoms, molecules, ...



• Strong-interaction bound states: hadrons, nuclei, ... (At low T and ρ , confinement only allows for bound states!)



... many of them non-relativistic

- atoms, molecules, ...
- baryonium, pionium, ...
- quarkonium (charmonium, bottomonium, top-antitop pairs, ...)

Non-relativistic quantum theory of bound states

Non-relativistic bound states accompanied the history of the quantum theory from its inception to the establishing of the quantum theory of fields:

• 1926 Schrödinger equation: $\left(\frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m} + V\right)\phi = E\phi$

$$\begin{cases} g = g_0 + g_0(-iV)g \\ g_0 = \frac{i}{E - \mathbf{p}^2/(2m)} \end{cases} = ---- +$$

• 1927 Pauli equation:
$$\left(\frac{(\mathbf{p}-e\mathbf{A})^2}{2m}+V-\frac{{m \sigma}\cdot e\mathbf{B}}{2m}\right)\phi=E\phi$$

The relevant scales of the non-relativistic bound state dynamics are

•
$$E \sim \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m} \sim V \sim mv^2$$
, • $p \sim 1/r \sim mv$;

a crucial observation: if $v(\text{elocity}) \ll 1$, then $m \gg mv \gg mv^2$.

Relativistic quantum theory of bound states

• 1928 Dirac equation: $(i\rlap{/}D-m)\,\psi=0$

1951 Bethe–Salpeter equation:

which reduces to the Schrödinger equation in the non-relativistic limit, $E^{(\mathrm{ext})} \sim mv^2$, $p^{(\mathrm{ext})} \sim mv$:

$$K = \begin{cases} + & -iV + ... \\ + & -iV + ... \end{cases}$$

$$g_0^D(\textit{fermion/anti-fermion}) = \frac{i}{\pm p^0 + E/2 - \mathbf{p}^2/2m + i\epsilon} \frac{1 \pm \gamma^0}{2} + \dots$$

The Bethe–Salpeter equation for non-relativistic states ...

The non-relativistic expansion may be implemented systematically at the level of the Bethe–Salpeter equation:

$$K=K_V+\delta K$$
 where $K_V\approx -iV$ and $G_V=G_0+G_0K_VG_V$ can be solved
$$G=G_V+G_V\delta KG$$

O Lepage PRA 16 (1977) 863, Barbieri Remiddi NPB 141 (1978) 413

... and its problems

- cumbersome in perturbation theory;
- very poorly suited to achieve factorization (specially important in QCD).

Ex.

- It shows the difficulty of the approach the fact that going from the calculation of the $m\alpha^5$ correction in the hyperfine splitting of the positronium ground state to the $m\alpha^6 \ln \alpha$ term took twenty-five years!
 - o Karplus Klein PR 87 (1952) 848, Caswell Lepage PRA (20)(79)36 Bodwin Yennie PR 43 (1978) 267
- With few exceptions no applications to QCD and quarkonium physics.
 - o Mödritsch Kummer ZPC 66 (1995) 225

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Why?

- All energy scales of the full dynamics contribute:
 each diagram has a complicated power counting and contributes to all orders in the coupling and velocity.
- Another way of saying is that the non-relativistic bound state dynamics, described by the Schrödinger equation at the soft scale $p \sim 1/r \sim mv$, gets entangled with the relativistic dynamics at the scale m (e.g. radiative corrections) and the low-energy dynamics at the ultrasoft scale mv^2 (e.g. the Lamb shift).

Effective Field Theories

Whenever a system H, described by a Lagrangian \mathcal{L} , is characterized by 2 scales $\Lambda \gg \lambda$, observables may be calculated by expanding one scale with respect to the other. An effective field theory makes the expansion in λ/Λ explicit at the Lagrangian level.

The EFT Lagrangian, \mathcal{L}_{EFT} , suitable to describe H at scales lower than Λ is defined by (1) a cut off $\Lambda \gg \mu \gg \lambda$;

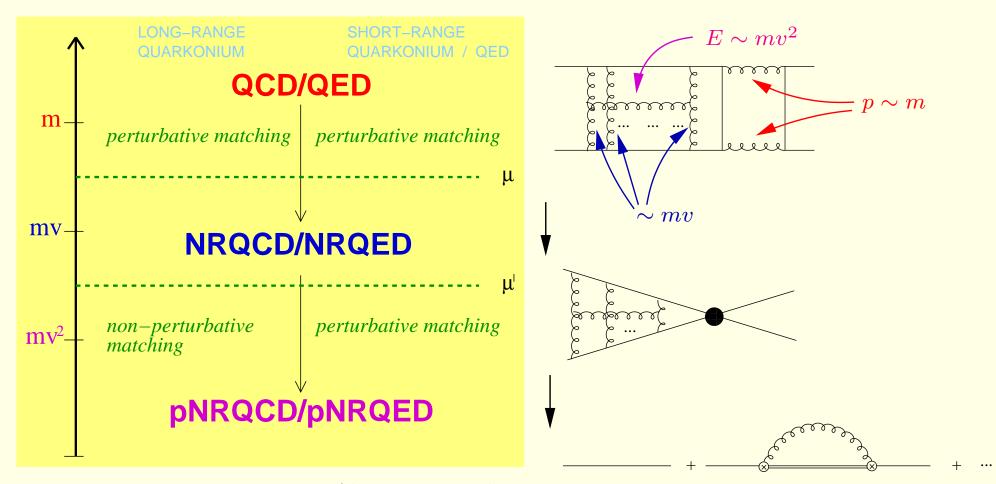
- (2) by some degrees of freedom that exist at scales lower than μ
- $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{EFT}$ is made of all operators O_n that may be built from the effective degrees of freedom and are consistent with the symmetries of \mathcal{L} .

Effective Field Theories

$$\mathcal{L}_{EFT} = \sum_{n} c_n (\Lambda/\mu) \frac{O_n(\mu, \lambda)}{\Lambda^n}$$

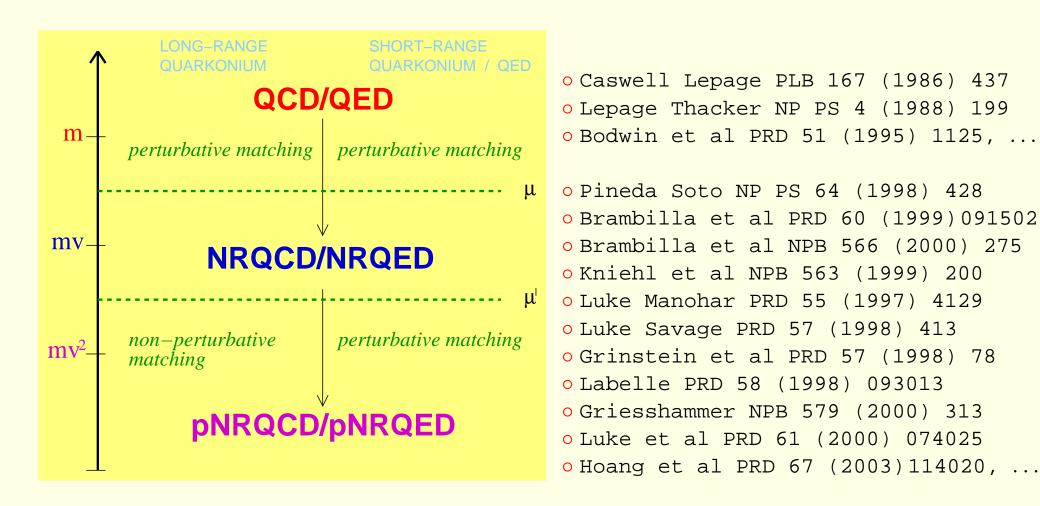
- Since at $\mu \sim \lambda$, $\langle O_n \rangle \sim \lambda^n$, the EFT is organized as an expansion in λ/Λ .
- The EFT is renormalizable order by order in λ/Λ .
- The matching coefficients $c_n(\Lambda/\mu)$ encode the non-analytic behaviour in Λ . They are calculated by imposing that \mathcal{L}_{EFT} and \mathcal{L} describe the same physics at any finite order in the expansion: matching procedure.
- In QCD, if $\Lambda \gg \Lambda_{\rm QCD}$ then $c_n(\Lambda/\mu)$ may be calculated in perturbation theory.

EFTs for systems made of two heavy quarks/fermions

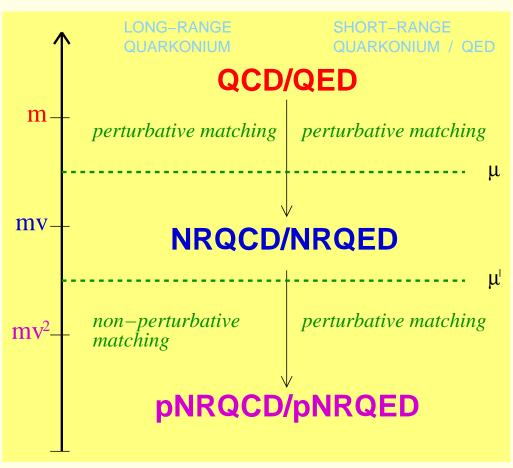


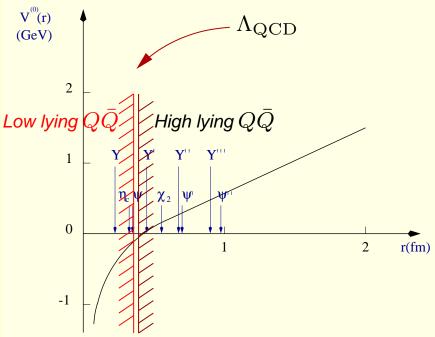
- They exploit the expansion in v/ factorization of low and high energy contributions.
- ullet They are renormalizable order by order in v.
- In perturbation theory, RG techniques provide resummation of large logs.

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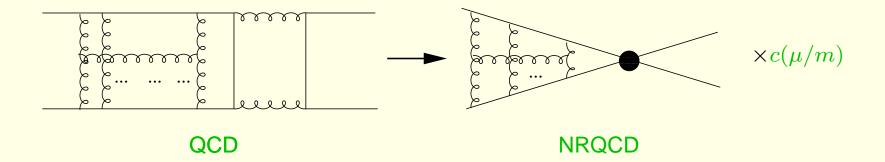


A potential picture arises at the level of pNRQCD:

- ullet the potential is perturbative if $mv\gg \Lambda_{
 m QCD}$
- ullet the potential is non-perturbative if $mv \sim \Lambda_{
 m QCD}$

NRQCD

NRQCD is obtained by integrating out modes associated with the scale m



- The matching is perturbative.
- The Lagrangian is organized as an expansion in 1/m and $\alpha_s(m)$:

$$\mathcal{L}_{NRQCD} = \sum_{n} c(\alpha_{s}(m/\mu)) \times O_{n}(\mu, \lambda)/m^{n}$$

Suitable to describe annihilation and production of quarkonium.

pNRQCD

pNRQCD is obtained by integrating out modes associated with the scale $\frac{1}{r} \sim mv$

$$\frac{1}{E-p^2/m-V(r)}$$
 NRQCD

• The Lagrangian is organized as an expansion in 1/m , r, and $lpha_{
m s}(m)$:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{pNRQCD}} = \sum_{k} \sum_{n} \frac{1}{m^{k}} \times c_{k}(\alpha_{s}(m/\mu)) \times V(r\mu', r\mu) \times O_{n}(\mu', \lambda) \ r^{n}$$

Case 1: pNRQCD for $mv \gg \Lambda_{\rm QCD}$

Degrees of freedom:

Q- \bar{Q} states, with energy $\sim \Lambda_{\rm QCD},\, mv^2$ and momentum $\lesssim mv$ \Rightarrow (i) singlet S (ii) octet O

Gluons with energy and momentum $\sim \Lambda_{\rm QCD}$, mv^2

Power counting:

$$p \sim \frac{1}{r} \sim mv$$
; all gauge fields are multipole expanded: $A(R,r,t) = A(R,t) + \mathbf{r} \cdot \nabla A(R,t) + \dots$ and scale like $(\Lambda_{\rm QCD} \text{ or } mv^2)^{\rm dimension}$.

Non-analytic behaviour in $r \to \text{matching coefficients } V$

Case 1: pNRQCD for $mv \gg \Lambda_{\rm QCD}$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^{a} F^{\mu\nu a} + \text{Tr} \left\{ \mathbf{S}^{\dagger} \left(i \partial_{0} - \frac{\mathbf{p}^{2}}{m} - V_{s} \right) \mathbf{S} \right.$$

$$\left. + \mathbf{O}^{\dagger} \left(i D_{0} - \frac{\mathbf{p}^{2}}{m} - V_{o} \right) \mathbf{O} \right\} \qquad \underline{\qquad}$$

LO in r

Feynman graphs

• The equation of motion of the singlet,

$$\left(i\partial_0 - \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{m} - V_s\right)\mathbf{S} = 0,$$

is the Schrödinger equation!

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 NLO in r

- Higher-order terms correct the leading Schrödinger equation (e.g. higher order terms are responsible for the Lamb shift).
- The potential, V_s , emerges as a Wilson coefficient of the EFT: it undergoes renormalization, develops scale dependence and satisfies renormalization group equations, which allow to resum large logarithms.

The static potential in perturbation theory

$$\lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{i}{T} \ln \langle \boxed{\boxed{}} \rangle = V_s(r, \mu) - i \frac{g^2}{N_c} V_A^2 \int_0^\infty \!\! dt \, e^{-it(V_o - V_s)} \, \langle \text{Tr}(r \cdot E(t) \, r \cdot E(0)) \rangle(\mu) + \dots$$
ultrasoft contribution

The static potential in perturbation theory

$$e^{ig \oint dz^{\mu} A_{\mu}} = ----+ - \otimes ----- + ...$$
NRQCD pNRQCD

$$\lim_{T\to\infty}\frac{i}{T}\ln\langle\boxed{\phantom{\frac{1}{1}}}>=V_s(r,\mu)-i\frac{g^2}{N_c}V_A^2\int_0^\infty\!\!\!dt\,e^{-it(V_o-V_s)}\,\langle\mathrm{Tr}(r\cdot \underline{E(t)}\,r\cdot\underline{E(0)})\rangle(\mu)+\dots$$
 ultrasoft contribution

The μ dependence cancels between the two terms in the right-hand side:

- $V_s \sim \ln r\mu, \ln^2 r\mu, \dots$
- ultrasoft contribution $\sim \ln(V_o V_s)/\mu, \ln^2(V_o V_s)/\mu, ... \ln r\mu, \ln^2 r\mu, ...$

- The static Wilson loop is known up to N³LO.
 - O Schröder PLB 447 (1999) 321
 Brambilla Pineda Soto Vairo PRD 60 (1999) 091502
 Brambilla Garcia Soto Vairo PLB 647 (2007) 185
 Smirnov Smirnov Steinhauser PLB 668 (2008) 293
 Anzai Kiyo Sumino PRL 104 (2010) 112003
 Smirnov Smirnov Steinhauser PRL 104 (2010) 112002
- The octet potential is known up to NNLO.
 - o Kniehl Penin Schröder Smirnov Steinhauser PLB 607 (2005) 96
- $V_A = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$.
 - o Brambilla Garcia Soto Vairo PLB 647 (2007) 185
- The chromoelectric correlator $\langle \operatorname{Tr}(r \cdot E(t) \ r \cdot E(0)) \rangle$ is known up to NLO.
 - o Eidemüller Jamin PLB 416 (1998) 415

The static potential at N⁴LO

$$\begin{split} V_s(r,\mu) &= -C_F \frac{\alpha_{\rm s}(1/r)}{r} \left[1 + a_1 \frac{\alpha_{\rm s}(1/r)}{4\pi} + a_2 \left(\frac{\alpha_{\rm s}(1/r)}{4\pi} \right)^2 \right. \\ &+ \left(\frac{16\pi^2}{3} C_A^3 \ln r\mu + a_3 \right) \left(\frac{\alpha_{\rm s}(1/r)}{4\pi} \right)^3 \\ &+ \left(a_4^{L2} \ln^2 r\mu + \left(a_4^{L} + \frac{16}{9}\pi^2 C_A^3 \beta_0 (-5 + 6 \ln 2) \right) \ln r\mu + a_4 \right) \left(\frac{\alpha_{\rm s}(1/r)}{4\pi} \right)^4 \right] \end{split}$$

- The logarithmic contribution at N³LO may be extracted from the one-loop calculation of the ultrasoft contribution;
- the single logarithmic contribution at N⁴LO may be extracted from the two-loop calculation of the ultrasoft contribution.

The static potential at N³LL

$$V_{s}(r,\mu) = V_{s}(r,1/r) + \frac{2}{3}C_{F}r^{2} \left[V_{o}(r,1/r) - V_{s}(r,1/r)\right]^{3} \times \left(\frac{2}{\beta_{0}} \ln \frac{\alpha_{s}(\mu)}{\alpha_{s}(1/r)} + \eta_{0} \left[\alpha_{s}(\mu) - \alpha_{s}(1/r)\right]\right)$$

$$\eta_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[-\frac{\beta_1}{2\beta_0^2} + \frac{12}{\beta_0} \left(\frac{-5n_f + C_A(6\pi^2 + 47)}{108} \right) \right]$$

 The leading logarithmic contribution has been resummed using RG equations at LL accuracy.

o Pineda Soto PLB 495 (2000) 323

- The next-to-leading logarithmic contribution has been resummed using RG equations at NLL accuracy.
 - o Brambilla Garcia Soto Vairo PRD 80 (2009) 034016

Static quark-antiquark energy at N³LL

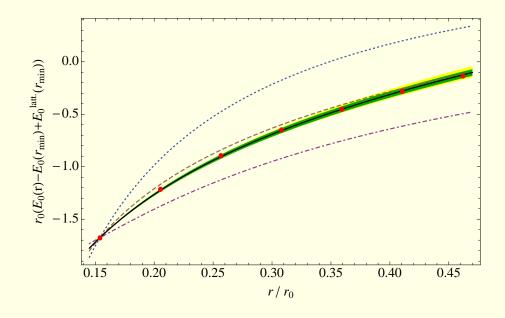
$$E_{0}(r) = V_{s}(r,\mu) + \Lambda_{s}(r,\mu) + \delta_{\text{US}}(r,\mu)$$

$$\Lambda_{s}(r,\mu) = N_{s}\Lambda + 2C_{F}(N_{o} - N_{s})\Lambda r^{2} \left[V_{o}(r,1/r) - V_{s}(r,1/r)\right]^{2} \times \left(\frac{2}{\beta_{0}} \ln \frac{\alpha_{s}(\mu)}{\alpha_{s}(1/r)} + \eta_{0} \left[\alpha_{s}(\mu) - \alpha_{s}(1/r)\right]\right)$$

$$\delta_{\text{US}}(r,\mu) = C_{F} \frac{C_{A}^{3}}{24} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\alpha_{s}(\mu)}{\pi} \alpha_{s}^{3}(1/r) \left(-2 \ln \frac{\alpha_{s}(1/r)N_{c}}{2r\mu} + \frac{5}{3} - 2 \ln 2\right)$$

 N_s , N_o are two arbitrary scale-invariant dimensionless constants Λ is an arbitrary scale-invariant quantity of dimension one

Static quark-antiquark energy at N³LL vs lattice



- o Brambilla Garcia Soto Vairo PRL 105 (2010) 212001 quenched lattice data from Necco Sommer NPB 622 (2002) 328
 - Perturbation theory (known up to NNNLO) + renormalon subtraction describes well the static potential up to about 0.25 fm ($r_0 \approx 0.5$ fm).
 - Indeed one can use this to extract $\Lambda_{\overline{\rm MS}} r_0$ and in perspective r_0 (high precision unquenched lattice data is needed).

Applications to quarkonium physics

- c and b masses at NNLO, N³LO*, NNLL*;
- B_c mass at NNLO;
- B_c^* , η_c , η_b masses at NLL;
- Quarkonium 1P fine splittings at NLO;
- $\Upsilon(1S)$, η_b electromagnetic decays at NNLL;
- $\Upsilon(1S)$ and J/ψ radiative decays at NLO;
- $\Upsilon(1S) \to \gamma \eta_b$, $J/\psi \to \gamma \eta_c$ at NNLO;
- tt̄ cross section at NNLL;
- QQq and QQQ baryons: potentials at NNLO, masses, hyperfine splitting, ...;
- Thermal effects on quarkonium in medium: potential, masses (at $m\alpha_{\rm s}^5$), widths, ...;
- ...
- o for reviews QWG coll. Heavy Quarkonium Physics CERN Yellow Report CERN-2005-005
 QWG coll. arXiv:1010.5827
 Vairo EPJA 31 (2007) 728, IJMPA 22 (2007) 5481

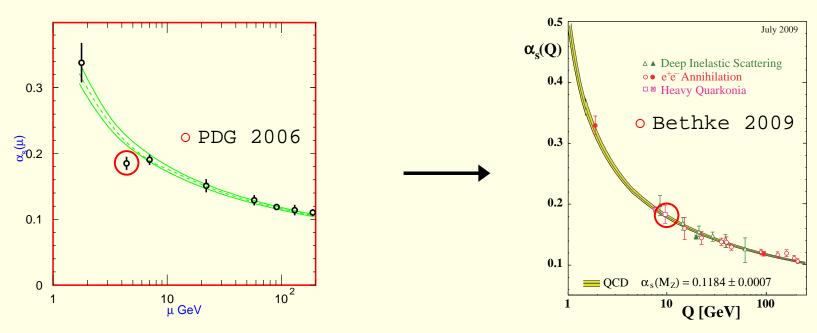
$\alpha_{\rm s}$ from $\Upsilon(1S)$ decay

- New CLEO data on $\Upsilon(1S) \to \gamma X$,
- new lattice determinations of NRQCD matrix elements,

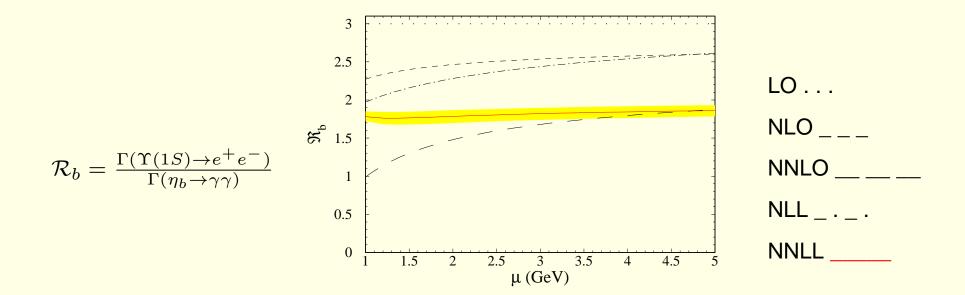
have led to an improved NLO analysis of $\Gamma(\Upsilon(1S) \to \gamma X)/\Gamma(\Upsilon(1S) \to X)$ and to an improved determination of α_s at the Υ -mass scale:

$$\alpha_{\rm s}(M_{\Upsilon(1S)}) = 0.184^{+0.015}_{-0.014}, \qquad \alpha_{\rm s}(M_Z) = 0.119^{+0.006}_{-0.005}$$

o Brambilla Garcia Soto Vairo PRD 75 (2007) 074014



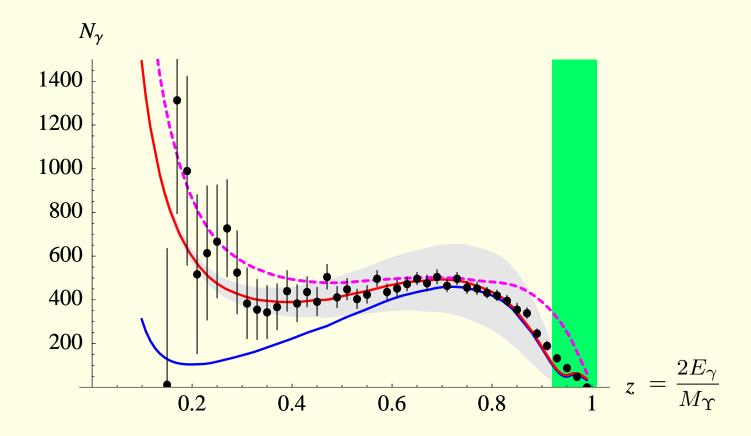
Electromagnetic decays of $\Upsilon(1S)$ and η_b



$$\Gamma(\eta_b(1S) \to \gamma\gamma) = 0.659 \pm 0.089 \text{(th.)}^{+0.019}_{-0.018} (\delta\alpha_s) \pm 0.015 \text{(exp.)} \text{ keV}$$

o Penin et al NPB 699 (2004) 183, Pineda Signer NPB 762 (2007) 67

$$\Upsilon(1S) \to \gamma X$$



Photon spectrum at NLO (continuous lines, pNRQCD + SCET) vs CLEO data

• Garcia Soto PRD 72 (2005)054014, Fleming Leibovich PRD 67 (2003)074035

Applications to QED bound states

Many QED calculations have remarkably benefitted from the EFT approach and corrections of very high order in perturbation theory have been calculated in the last years for many observables after decades of very slow or no progress ...

... just to mention that

- for the hyperfine splitting of the positronium ground state the terms of order $m\alpha^6$, $m\alpha^7 \ln^2 \alpha$ and $m\alpha^7 \ln \alpha$ are now available!
 - o for reviews on positronium Karshenboim IJMPA 19 (2004) 3879

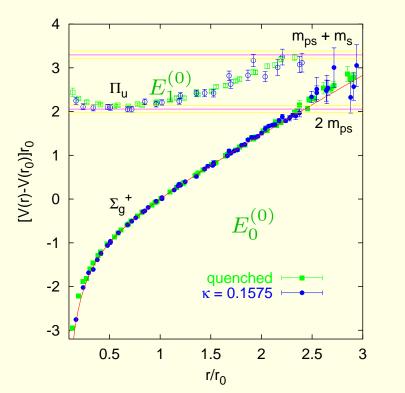
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- All scales above mv^2 are integrated out (including $\Lambda_{\rm QCD}$).
- All gluonic excitations between heavy quarks are integrated out since they develop a gap of order $\Lambda_{\rm QCD}$ with the static $Q\bar{Q}$ energy.



 \circ Bali et al PRD 62 (2000) 054503 $(r_0 \simeq 0.5\, {
m fm})$

 \Rightarrow The singlet quarkonium field S of energy mv^2 is the only degree of freedom of pNRQCD (up to ultrasoft hadrons, e.g. pions).

Case 2: pNRQCD for $mv \sim \Lambda_{\rm QCD}$

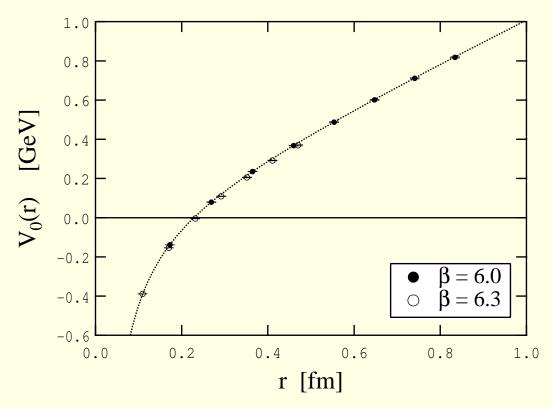
$$\mathcal{L} = \operatorname{Tr}\left\{ \mathbf{S}^{\dagger} \left(i\partial_0 - \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{m} - V_s \right) \mathbf{S} \right\}$$

o Brambilla Pineda Soto Vairo PRD 63 (2001) 014023

- The potential V_s (Re $V_s + i \operatorname{Im} V_s$) is non-perturbative:
 - (a) to be determined from the lattice;
 - o Bali PR 343 (2001) 1
 - (b) to be determined from QCD vacuum models.
 - o Brambilla Vairo PRD 55 (1997) 3974
- (Without light hadrons) the Schrödinger equation is exact!
 ... which confirms the physical picture underlying potential models for heavy quarks.

The non-perturbative static potential

$$V_s^{(0)} = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{i}{T} \ln \langle \boxed{} \rangle$$



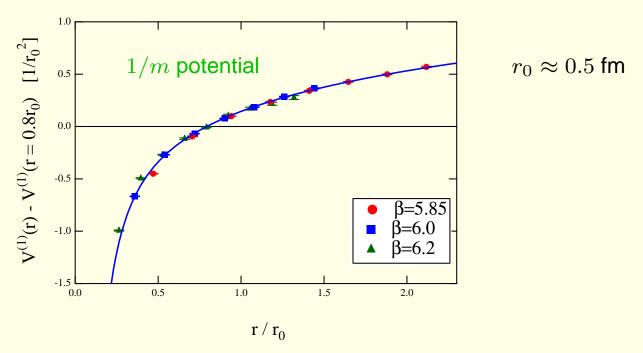
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The non-perturbative 1/m potential

1/m and $1/m^2$ potentials may be expressed in terms of expectation values of field insertions in a static Wilson loop.

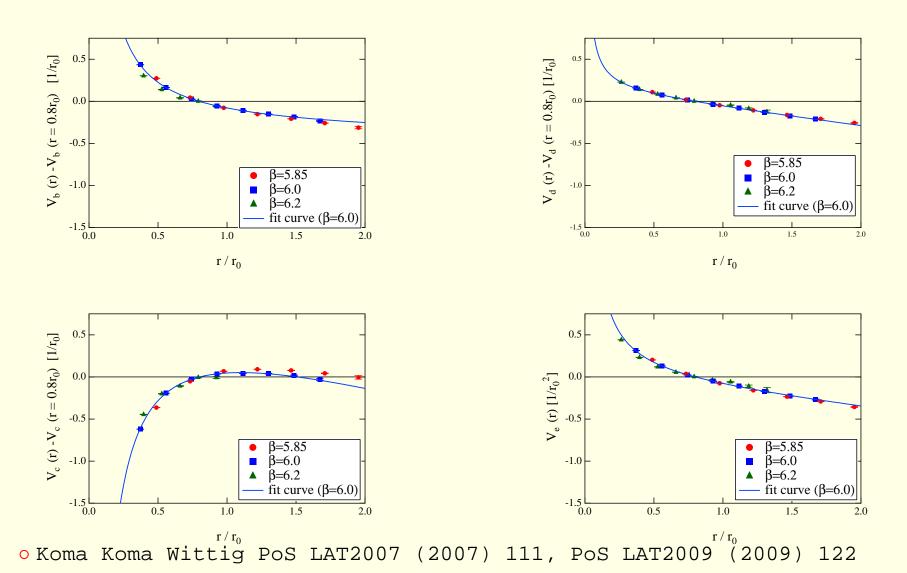
- o Brambilla Pineda Soto Vairo PRD 63 (2001) 014023
- o Pineda Vairo PRD 63 (2001) 054007

Lattice provides a non-perturbative determination of the potentials.

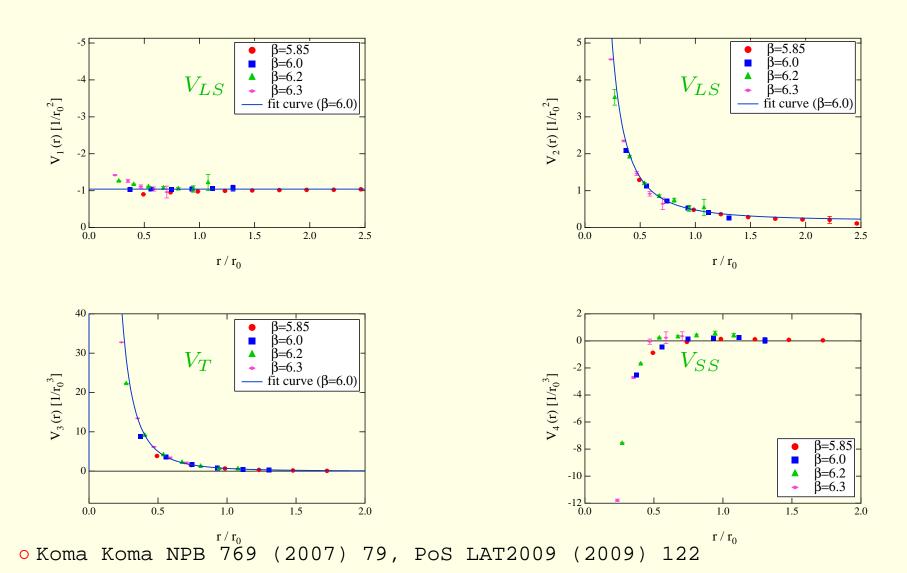


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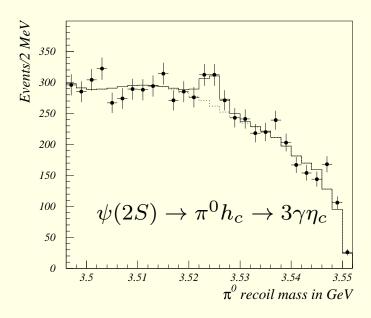
The non-perturbative spin-independent p^2/m^2 potentials



The non-perturbative spin-dependent $1/m^2$ potentials



h_c



$$M_{h_c} = 3524.4 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.4 \; {
m MeV}$$

 • CLEO PRL 95 (2005) 102003

Also

$$M_{h_c} = 3525.8 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2 \; {
m MeV}, \qquad \Gamma < 1 \; {
m MeV}$$
 o E835 PRD 72 (2005) 032001

• To be compared with $M_{\rm c.o.g.}(1P) = 3525.36 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2 \; {\rm MeV}.$

Poincaré invariance

Non-relativistic EFTs are equivalent, order by order in v, to the original relativistic quantum field theory. In particular, this applies also to Poincaré invariance, which is apparently badly broken, but actually is not.

Poincaré invariance manifests itself in the EFT by constraining the form of the potentials:

$$V_{LS}^{(2,0)} - V_{L_2S_1}^{(1,1)} + \frac{V^{(0)\prime}}{2r} = 0$$

$$V_{L^2}^{(2,0)}(r) + V_{L^2}^{(0,2)}(r) - V_{L^2}^{(1,1)}(r) + \frac{r}{2}V^{(0)\prime}(r) = 0$$

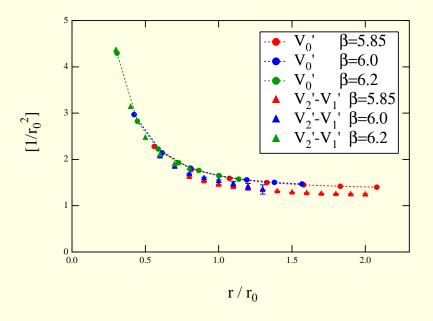
$$-2(V_{\mathbf{p}^2}^{(2,0)}(r) + V_{\mathbf{p}^2}^{(0,2)}(r)) + 2V_{\mathbf{p}^2}^{(1,1)}(r) - V^{(0)}(r) + rV^{(0)\prime}(r) = 0$$

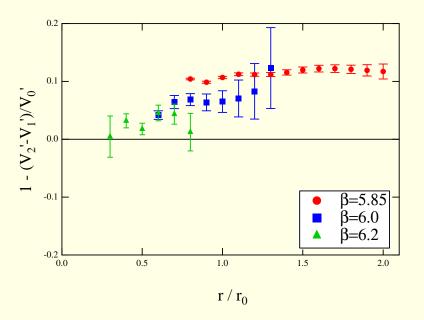
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- o Dirac RMP 21 (1949) 392, Foldy PR 122 (1961) 275
- o Gromes ZPC 26 (1984) 401
- o Barchielli Brambilla Prosperi NCA 103 (1990) 59
- o Brambilla Gromes Vairo PRD 64 (2001) 076010, PLB 576 (2003) 314
- o Brambilla Mereghetti Vairo PRD 79 (2009) 074002

Constraint on the spin-dependent potentials

A lattice determination of
$$\ V_{LS}^{(2,0)} - V_{L_2S_1}^{(1,1)} + \frac{V^{(0)\prime}}{2r} = 0$$

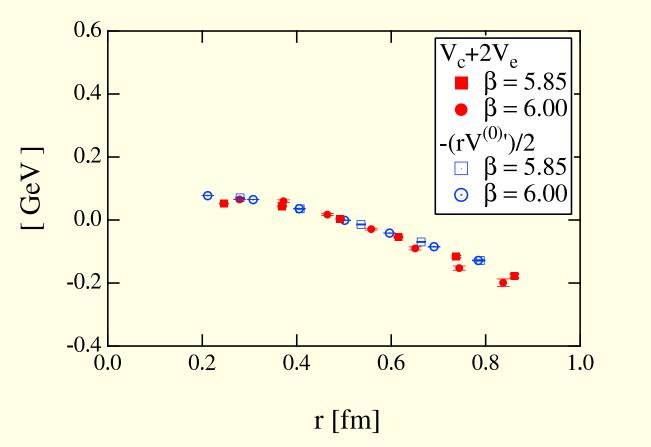




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Constraint on the spin-independent potentials I

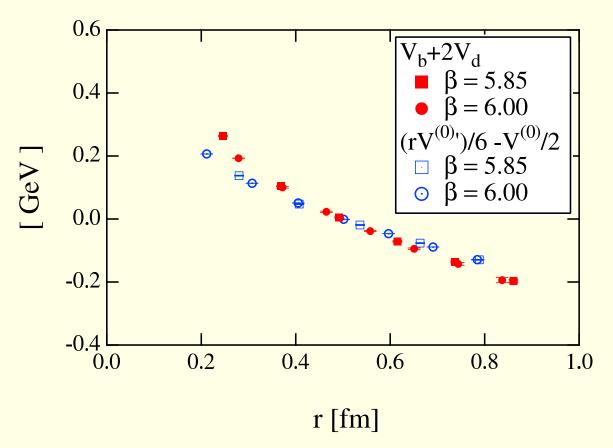
A lattice determination of
$$V_{\mathbf{L}^2}^{(2,0)}(r) + V_{\mathbf{L}^2}^{(0,2)}(r) - V_{\mathbf{L}^2}^{(1,1)}(r) + \frac{r}{2}V^{(0)\prime}(r) = 0$$



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Constraint on the spin-independent potentials II

A lattice determination of $-2(V_{\mathbf{p}^2}^{(2,0)}(r) + V_{\mathbf{p}^2}^{(0,2)}(r)) + 2V_{\mathbf{p}^2}^{(1,1)}(r) - V^{(0)}(r) + rV^{(0)\prime}(r) = 0$



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Conclusions

Non-relativistic bound states have a prominent role in nature, as we know it, because they are at the basis of human-scale processes. For the same reason, they had a prominent role in the development of the quantum theory from the Schrödinger equation of the hydrogen atom to the quantum theory of fields. In face of the enormous difficulties in treating bound states in field theory, a long journey started in the seventies that eventually led to a new understanding of the Schrödinger equation.

The Schrödinger equation we have come back encompasses all the complexity and richness of field theory in the systematic setting of non-relativistic effective field theories. The counting rules and structure of the EFTs have allowed to perform calculation with unprecedented precision, where higher-order perturbative calculations were possible, and to systematically factorize short from long range contributions where observables were sensitive to the non-perturbative, infrared dynamics of QCD.