Helicity amplitudes in the hypercentral Constituent Quark Model

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- The hypercentral Constituent Quark Model
- Results for the longitudinal and transverse helicity amplitudes
- Meson cloud and/or quark-antiquark pair effects
- Conclusions

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Hypercentral Model (1)  

$$H_{3q} = 3m + \sum_{i=1}^{3} \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + V(x) + H_{hyp}$$
H. Ferreris, M. M. Giamini, M. Pizzo, E. Santopinto, L. Tietor, Phys. Lett. B964 (1996), 231  
•  $V(x) = -\frac{\tau}{x} + \alpha x;$   $H_{hyp} = A \left[ \sum_{i < j} V^S(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j) \ \sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j + \text{tensor} \right]$   
• 3 parameters  $\tau \ \alpha \ A \leftarrow \text{fixed to the spectrum}, \ m = \frac{M}{3}$   $\mathbf{x} = \sqrt{\rho^2 + \lambda^2}$   
May  $\Lambda \leftarrow \mathbf{x} = 1.61 \text{ fm}^{-1}$   
 $A \leftarrow (N - \Delta)$ 

# Motivations

• QCD fundamental mechanism



• Flux tube model



• Hypercentral approximation

$$\sum_{i < j} V(\mathbf{r}_{ij}) pprox V(\mathbf{x}) + \dots$$



PDG 4\* & 3\*



# hCQM & Electromagnetic properties

- Photocouplings
- Helicity amplitudes (transition f.f.)
- Elastic form factors of the nucleon
- Structure functions

Fixed parameters  $\longrightarrow$  predictions

#### HELICITY AMPLITUDES

## Definition

$$\begin{split} A_{1/2} &= < N^* J_z = 1/2 \mid H^T_{em} \mid N J_z = -1/2 > * \zeta \\ A_{3/2} &= < N^* J_z = 3/2 \mid H^T_{em} \mid N J_z = 1/2 > * \zeta \\ S_{1/2} &= < N^* J_z = 1/2 \mid H^L_{em} \mid N J_z = 1/2 > * \zeta \\ N, N^* \text{ nucleon and resonance as } 3q \text{ states} \\ H^T_{em} H^I_{em} \text{ model transition operator} \end{split}$$

 $\zeta$  overall sign -> problem

§ results for the negative parity resonances: M. Aiello et al. J. Phys. G24, 753 (1998)



In order to extract the helicity amplitudes the sign of the strong vertex is used

Need for : a definite way of extracting the photon vertex a general consensus



D<sub>13</sub> transverse helicity amplitudes (proton)





F15 transverse helicity amplitudes











S11(1535) helicity amplitudes (proton)





### please note

- the calculated proton radius is about 0.5 fm (value previously obtained by fitting the helicity amplitudes)
- the medium Q<sup>2</sup> behaviour is fairly well reproduced
- there is lack of strength at low Q<sup>2</sup> (outer region) in the e.m. transitions specially for the A 3/2 amplitudes
- emerging picture: quark core (0.5 fm) plus (meson or sea-quark) cloud



"On the other hand, the confinement radius of  $\approx 0.5$  fm, which is currently used in order to give reasonable results for the photocouplings, is substantially lower than the proton charge radius and this seems to indicate that other mechanisms, such as **pair production and sea quark** contributions may be relevant."

M. Aiello, M. Ferraris, M.M.G, M. Pizzo, E. Santopinto, Phys.Lett.B387, 215 (1996).

### Bare vs dressed quantities

#### QM calculations

• the aim is the description of observables not a fit

### (dressed quantities)

- with success: spectrum, magnetic moments, ...
- the separation between bare and dressed quantities is meaningful within a definite theoretical approach
- CQ have a mass, some dressing is implicitly taken into account in fact CQs are effective degrees of freedom
- something similar may occur in the spectrum
  - e.g. the consistent inclusion of quark loops effects in the meson description does not alter the form of the qqbar potential but renormalizes the string constant (Geiger-Isgur)
- a consistent and systematic CQM approach may be helpful in order to put in evidence explicit dressing effects

Explicit evaluation of the meson cloud contribution to the excitation of the nucleon resonances (Mainz Group and coworkers)





GE-MZ coll., EPJA 2004 (Trieste 2003)





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## Conclusions

- Phenomenological problems
  - Sign of helicity amplitudes
  - PDG values (often average of quite different sets)
  - Need for more data
- A comparison of systematic CQM results and data
  - understanding where meson cloud or (better) q-qbar effects are important (transition and elastic ff, structure functions,....)
  - a good basis for including consistently these effects provided by (h)CQM
- Theoretical problems
  - Relativity (not important for helicity amplitudes)
  - Consistent inclusion of quark-antiquark pair creation effects

