

Phenomenology of light mesons within a chiral approach

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The phenomenology of mesons below 1.8 GeV is investigated within a chiral approach which includes (pseudo)scalar and (axial-)vector degrees of freedom [1,2]. It is shown that the inclusion of (axial-)vector degrees of freedom represents a crucial step which significantly affects the results of decay widths and scattering lengths. Particular attention is devoted to scalar mesons, including the scalar glueball and its mixing with quark-antiquark fields. The phenomenological properties of a putative pseudoscalar glueball with a lattice predicted mass of about 2.6 GeV are also presented.

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