Light QCD exotics at **BESII**

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Non-Perturbative QCD

--how did the complex building blocks of our world come into being







Quark model seems to work really well. But, how does QCD give rise to hadrons?

- What is the origin of confinement?
- How is the mass generated in QCD? How are confinement and chiral symmetry breaking connected?
- What role do gluonic excitations play in the spectroscopy of light mesons, and can they help explain quark confinement?

QCD exotics



What are the properties of the predicted states beyond simple QM? →Gluonic Excitations provide a measurement of the excited QCD potential

Two general approaches:

- Manifested exotics, e.g.
 - quantum numbers incompatible with QM states
 - flavor: Charged-charmonium
- With internal exotic structure, no model free signature
 - Outnumbering of conventional QM states
 - Abnormal masses & decay properties...

"Discovery experiment" with high precision

-- Need a well understood conventional hadron picture 3

Charmonium decays provide an ideal lab for light hadron physics





$$\begin{split} & \Gamma(J/\psi \to \gamma G) \sim O(\alpha \alpha_s^2), \Gamma(J/\psi \to \gamma H) \sim O(\alpha \alpha_s^3), \\ & \Gamma(J/\psi \to \gamma M) \sim O(\alpha \alpha_s^4), \Gamma(J/\psi \to \gamma F) \sim O(\alpha \alpha_s^4) \end{split}$$

- Clean high statistics data samples
- Well defined initial and final states
 - Kinematic constraints
 - I(J^{PC}) filter
- "Gluon-rich" process



A few highlights

- Search for glueballs and hybrids
- Structures near $N\overline{N}$ threshold
 - X(pp) and X(1835)
- Scalars near KK threshold
 - $a_0(980) f_0(980)$ mixing

Glueball

- Direct evidence of the most fascinating property of QCD -gluon self interaction
- Critical information on the gluon field and the quantitative understanding of confinement



	m_{π} (MeV)	$m_{0^{++}}$ (MeV)	$m_{2^{++}}$ (MeV)	$m_{0^{-+}}$ (MeV)
$N_{f} = 2$	938	1417(30)	2363(39)	2573(55)
	650	1498(58)	2384(67)	2585(65)
$N_f = 2 + 1$ [22]	360	1795(60)	2620(50)	_
quenched [13]	_	1710(50)(80)	2390(30)(120)	2560(35)(120)
quenched [14]	_	1730(50)(80)	2400(25)(120)	2590(40)(130)

Low lying glueballs with ordinary QN

- →mixing with qqbar mesons
- Systematic studies are required to solve the long standing puzzle
 - Outnumbering of conventional QM states
 - Abnormal properties

Glueballs from Lattice simulations in the pure gauge theory without quarks

What we have learned so far

--from MarkIII, CLEO, BES(I, II), Crystal barrel, OBELIX, WA102, GAMS, E852, ...

Scalar: overpopulation

 LQCD : ground state 0⁺ glueball ~1.7 GeV, first excitation ~2.1 GeV

Tensor: large uncertaintyLQCD: 2⁺⁺(2.3~2.4 GeV)

Pseudoscalar: very little known above 2 GeV, puzzles in low mass region

• LQCD: 0⁻⁺(2.3~2.6 GeV)



Amplitude analysis of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta \eta / K_S^0 K_S^0$



Resonance	Mass (MeV/c^2)	Width (MeV/ c^2)	$\mathcal{P}(J/\psi \to \gamma X \to \gamma \eta \chi)$	Significance
$f_0(1500)$	1468^{+14+23}_{-15-74}	$136^{+41+28}_{-26-100}$	$(1.65^{+0.26+0.51}_{-0.31-1.40}) \times 10^{-5}$	8.2σ
$f_0(1710)$	$1759 \pm 6^{+14}_{-25}$	$172 \pm 10^{+32}_{-16}$	$(2.35^{+0.13+1.24}_{-0.11-0.74}) \times 10^{-4}$	25.0σ
$f_0(2100)$	$2081 \pm 13^{+24}_{-36}$	273^{+27+70}_{-24-23}	$(1.13_{-0.10-0.28}^{+0.001}) \times 10^{-4}$	13.9σ
$f'_2(1525)$	$1513 \pm 5^{+4}_{-10}$	75^{+12+16}_{-10-8}	$(3.42^{+0.43+1.37}_{-0.51-1.30}) \times 10^{-5}$	11.0σ
$f_2(1810)$	1822^{+29+66}_{-24-57}	$229^{+52+88}_{-42-155}$	$(5.40^{+0.60+3.42}_{-0.67-2.35}) \times 10^{-5}$	6.4σ
$f_2(2340)$	$2362^{+31+140}_{-30-63}$	$334_{-54-100}^{+62+165}$	$(5.60^{+0.62+2.37}_{-0.65-2.07}) \times 10^{-5}$	7.6σ

Br of $f_0(1710) \sim 10x$ larger than $f_0(1500)$

Resonance	$M ({\rm MeV}/c^2)$	$M_{\rm PDG}~({\rm MeV}/c^2)$	$\Gamma ({\rm MeV}/c^2)$	$\Gamma_{\rm PDG}~({\rm MeV}/c^2)$	Branching fraction	Significance
K*(892)	896	895.81 ± 0.19	48	47.4 ± 0.6	$(6.28^{+0.16+0.59}_{-0.17-0.52}) \times 10^{-6}$	35σ
$K_1(1270)$	1272	1272 ± 7	90	90 ± 20	$(8.54^{+1.07+2.35}_{-1.20-2.13}) \times 10^{-7}$	16σ
$f_0(1370)$	$1350 \pm 9^{+12}_{-2}$	1200 to 1500	$231 \pm 21^{+28}_{-48}$	200 to 500	$(1.07\pm0.08\pm0.36)$ \times 10 ⁻⁵	25σ
$f_0(1500)$	1505	1504 ± 6	109	109 ± 7	$(1.59^{+0.16+0.18}_{-0.16-0.56}) \times 10^{-5}$	23σ
$f_0(1710)$	$1765 \pm 2^{+1}_{-1}$	1723^{+6}_{-5}	$146 \pm 3^{+7}_{-1}$	139 ± 8	$(2.00^{+0.03+0.31}_{-0.02-0.10}) \times 10^{-4}$	$\gg 35\sigma$
$f_0(1790)$	$1870\pm7^{+2}_{-3}$		$146 \pm 14^{+7}_{-15}$		$(1.11_{-0.06-0.32}^{+0.06-0.32}) \times 10^{-5}$	24σ
$f_0(2200)$	$2184 \pm 5^{+4}_{-2}$	2189 ± 13	$364 \pm 9^{+4}_{-7}$	238 ± 50	$(2.72^{+0.08+0.17}_{-0.06-0.47}) \times 10^{-4}$	$\gg 35\sigma$
$f_0(2330)$	$2411\pm10\pm7$		$349 \pm 18^{+23}_{-1}$		$(4.95^{+0.21}_{-0.21}{}^{+0.66}_{-0.21}) \times 10^{-5}$	35σ
$f_2(1270)$	1275	1275.5 ± 0.8	185	$186.7^{+2.2}_{-2.5}$	$(2.58^{+0.08+0.59}_{-0.09-0.20}) \times 10^{-5}$	33σ
$f'_2(1525)$	1516 ± 1	1525 ± 5	$75\pm1\pm1$	73^{+6}_{-5}	$(7.99^{+0.03+0.69}_{-0.04-0.50}) \times 10^{-5}$	$\gg 35\sigma$
$f_2(2340)$	$2233 \pm 34^{+9}_{-25}$	2345^{+50}_{-40}	$507\pm 37^{+18}_{-21}$	322_{-60}^{+70}	$(5.54^{+0.34+3.82}_{-0.40-1.49}) \times 10^{-5}$	26σ
0 ⁺⁺ PHSP					$(1.85^{+0.05+0.68}_{-0.05-0.26}) \times 10^{-5}$	26σ
2 ⁺⁺ PHSP					$(5.73^{+0.99+4.18}_{-1.00-3.74}) \times 10^{-5}$	13σ



Scalar glueball candidate



 $f_0(1710)$ largely overlapped with scalar glueball

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Tensor glueball candidate

$$\Gamma(J/\psi
ightarrow \gamma G_{2^+}) = 1.01(22) keV$$

 $\Gamma(J/\psi
ightarrow \gamma G_{2^+})/\Gamma_{tot} = 1.1 imes 10^{-2}$

CLQCD, Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 091601 (2013)

Experimental results

Br(J/ $\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_2(2340) \rightarrow \gamma \eta \eta$) = (3.8^{+0.62+2.37}_{-0.65-2.07})×10⁻⁵ Phys.Rev. D87, 092009 (2013)

Br(J/ ψ → f₂(2340) → γφφ) = (1.91±0.14^{+0.72}_{-0.73})×10⁻⁴ Phys.Rev. D93, 112011 (2016)

Br(J/ ψ → $\gamma f_2(2340)$ → $\gamma K_S K_S$) = (5.54^{+0.34+3.82}_{-0.40-1.49})×10⁻⁵ Phys.Rev. D98, 072003 (2018)





- f₂(2010), f₂(2300) and f₂(2340) stated in π⁻p reactions are observed with a strong production of f₂(2340)
- Consist with central exclusion production in WA102

It is desirable to search for more decay modes

Pseudoscalar glueball

The small number of expected pseudoscalars in the quark model provide a clean and promising environment for the search of glueballs



Where is the 0^{-+} glueball

- LQCD: 0⁻⁺(2.3~2.6 GeV)
- Does $\eta(1295)$ exist?
- What' s the nature of the outnumbered $\eta(1405)$?



Long standing E-*i* puzzle

$$M = 1416 \pm 8^{+7}_{-5}; \Gamma = 91^{+67}_{-31-38} \text{ MeV}/c^2$$
$$M = 1490^{+14+3}_{-8-6}; \Gamma = 54^{+37+13}_{-21-24} \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

Isospin-violating decay of $\eta(1405) \rightarrow f_0(980)\pi^0$







BESIII PRL 108 182001

f0(980) is extremely narrow: $\Gamma \cong 10$ MeV. PDG: Γ (f0(980)) \cong 40~100 MeV.

Isospin-violating decay of $\eta(1405) \rightarrow f_0(980)\pi^0$

Inspired by BESIII's observation, the triangle singularity mechanism plays an important role in the study of threshold phenomena

[Phys.Rev.Lett. 108 (2012) 081803]



→No need for two pseudoscalars around 1.4 GeV
 →Look for pseudoscalar glueball in higher mass region
 →Manifestations of triangle singularity in various process

[e.g. Rev.Mod.Phys. 90 (2018) 015004, Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 112 (2020) 103757]

Structures >2 GeV



X(2370)

Landscape of glueballs has been updated with BESIII's inputs

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✓ Trajectory:

 η(1405) /η(1475) can be one resonance

□ Above 2 GeV: X(2370)?

Hybrids



Only π_1 canditates are observed

Hybrids

- χ_{c1} provides another suitable environment to look for 1⁻⁺
 - π_1 (1600) studied in $\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \eta' \pi^+ \pi^-$ by CLEO-c [PRD 84 112009(2011)]
 - only π_1 (1400) has been reported decays to $\eta\pi$



- Clear evidence for $a_2(1700)$ in χ_{c1} decays.
- First measurement of $g'_{\eta'\pi} \neq 0$ using $a_0(980) \rightarrow \eta\pi$ line shape.
- Measured upper limits for $\pi_1(1^{-+})$ in 1.4 2.0 GeV/c² region.



- Establishing a spectrum of hybrids is necessary. Isoscalar 1⁻⁺ is critical
- Isoscalar 1⁻⁺ is expected to be produced J/ ψ radiative decays • J/ $\psi \rightarrow \gamma + a_1 \pi / \eta f_1 / K_1 K / \eta \eta' / \eta f_2 /...,$
- Synergies between other experiments

10B J/ ψ and 3B ψ' provide great opportunities to mapping the spectrum of light mesons and gluonic excitations

	0+	2+	0-
Ϳ/ψ→γΡΡ			
J/ψ→γVV			
Ϳ/ψ→γΡΡΡ			
Ϳ/ψ→γΡΡΡΡ			

Flavor Filters:

$$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X \rightarrow \gamma \gamma V \qquad J/\psi \rightarrow \omega/\phi + X$$



Anti filter:



• 0^+ , 2^+ : coupled channel analysis ● J/ψ→γPP • $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega/\phi + X$ ● 0⁻ : trajectory >2 GeV, X(2370) • $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma PPP$ • $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \gamma V$ 1-+ • $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta_1^{(\prime)}$ • $\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \eta \eta_1^{(\prime)}, \pi \pi_1$

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X(1835)/X($p\bar{p}$)'s structure at $p\bar{p}$ threshold



 $a_0(980) - f_0(980)$ mixing



First direct measurement with > 5σ , [BESIII PRL 121 022001]



Significance of $a_0 - f_0$ mixing signal VS. coupling of $a_0(f_0^3) \rightarrow K\overline{K}$

Explore light hadrons with charmed meson decays



Summary

- Understanding how the strong interaction of quarks and gluons generate the structures and properties of hadrons remains an interesting (and important) question
 - The light quark sector is more complicated, but indispensable
 - Different experiments with complementary information are needed
- BESIII has a unique role to leading the efforts
 - Unprecedented high-statistics data sets of charmonia provide a gluon rich environment. Will continue to run for ~10 years
 - To fully explore the data sets, more advanced tools and closer experiment<->theory cooperation are needed

Thank you for your attention

Other information on scalars

Two photon couplings

"Stickness"

PDG2018

Citation: M. Tanabashi et al. (Particle Data Group), Phys. Rev. D 98, 030001 (2018)

$f_0(1710) \Gamma(i)\Gamma(\gamma\gamma)/\Gamma(total)$

Γ(<i>ΚҠ</i>) × Γ([,]	$(\gamma\gamma)/\Gamma_{ ext{total}}$				Γ1Γ4
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<480 <110	95 95	ALBRECHT ¹ BEHREND	90G 89C	ARG CELL	$\begin{array}{ccc} \gamma\gamma ightarrow & K^+ K^- \ \gamma\gamma ightarrow & K_S^0 K_S^0 \end{array}$

Belle PRD 78 052004

TABLE VI: Fitted parameters of the $f_0(Y)$

Parameter	$\text{Belle}(\pi^0\pi^0)$	Crystal Ball	$f_0(1370)(PDG)$	$f_0(1500)(PDG)$	Unit
Mass	$1470 \begin{array}{c} +6 \\ -7 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} +72 \\ -255 \end{array}$	1250	1200 - 1500	1507 ± 5	MeV/c^2
$\Gamma_{ m tot}$	$90 \begin{array}{c} +2 & +50 \\ -1 & -22 \end{array}$	268 ± 70	150 - 200	109 ± 7	MeV
$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}\mathcal{B}(\pi^0\pi^0)$	$11 \begin{array}{c} +4 \\ -2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} +603 \\ -7 \end{array}$	430 ± 80	Unknown	Not seen	eV

$f_0(1370)? f_0(1500)?$

$B_s → J/ψf_0$ is selective for ss PLB 797 (2019) 134789



observation of $f_0(1500)$, non-observation of $f_0(1710)$

Assignment requires further study with more sophisticated model 27

Central Exclusive Production

F. Close, A. Kirk, Phys.Lett.B397:333-338,1997

We shall suggest that it is driven primarily by the variable $dP_T \equiv |\vec{p'_T} - \vec{q'_T}|$ and that gg configurations are enhanced in kinematic configurations where the gluons can flow "directly" into the final state with only small momentum transfer, in particular when $dP_T \rightarrow 0$.



From R. McNulty, Snowmass2021 Workshop

$p\bar{p}$ threshold enhancement X($p\bar{p}$)

- First observed in $J/\psi \to \gamma p \overline{p}$ at BESII, confirmed by BESIII and CLEO-c
- PWA of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma p \overline{p} : J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$
 - The fit with a BW and S-wave FSI (I=0) factor can well describe $p\overline{p}$ mass threshold structure
- Non-observation in hadronic decays: not from pure FSI





X(1835)

- Observed by BESII in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta' \pi^+ \pi^-$, confirmed at BESIII
- PWA of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_s K_s \eta$
 - X(1835) $\rightarrow K_S K_S \eta$ is observed (the $K_S K_S$ system is dominantly produced through the f₀(980))
 - J^{PC}=0⁻⁺





