# **EFTs and hadrons**

**Glueball-meson molecules** 

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#### **10 years of MITP**

#### Introduction



#### What about other exotic states?

## 2. Glueballs and glueball spectrum

- Gluons carry color charges: bound states of glue? Curious: Higgs field has nothing to do with mass!
- Can we predict glueball spectrum?
  - quark models: quark-antiquark potential
  - not so easy for gluons: gauge invariance
  - models (constituent, flux tube, bag, etc.)





Cornwall and Soni, PLB120 (1983) 431 Hou and Wong, PRD67, 034003 (2003)

- since gluons have spin-one, all glueballs are bosons
- Lattice QCD, QCD Sum Rules, bag models, ADS/QCD, ...

#### Glueball spectrum: masses



Morningstar and Peardon, PRD60, 034509 (1999)

Hou and Wong, PRD67, 034003 (2003)

#### • The predictions for the glueball masses "stabilized"...

Glueball	Ref. [795]	Ref. [796]	Ref. [797]	Ref. [798]	Ref. [799]	QSR [807]
$ \mathrm{GG};0^{++} angle$	$1730\pm50\pm80$	$1710\pm50\pm80$	$1475\pm30\pm65$	$1795\pm60$	$1653\pm26$	$1780^{+140}_{-170}$
$ { m GG};2^{++} angle$	$2400\pm25\pm120$	$2390\pm30\pm120$	$2150\pm30\pm100$	$2620\pm50$	$2376\pm32$	$1860^{+140}_{-170}$
$ { m GG};0^{-+} angle$	$2590\pm40\pm130$	$2560\pm35\pm120$	$2250\pm60\pm100$	-	$2561\pm40$	$2170^{+110}_{-110}$
$ \mathrm{GG};2^{-+} angle$	$3100\pm30\pm150$	$3040\pm40\pm150$	$2780\pm50\pm130$	$3460\pm320$	$3070\pm60$	$2240^{+110}_{-110}$
$ { m GGG};0^{++} angle$	$2670\pm180\pm130$	-	$2755\pm70\pm120$	$3760\pm240$	$2842\pm40$	$4460^{+170}_{-190}$
$ { m GGG};2^{++} angle$	-	-	$2880\pm100\pm130$	-	$3300\pm50$	$4180\substack{+190 \\ -420}$
$ { m GGG};0^{-+} angle$	$3640\pm60\pm180$	-	$3370 \pm 150 \pm 150$	$4490\pm590$	$3540\pm80$	$4130^{+180}_{-360}$
$ {\rm GGG};2^{-+}\rangle$	-	-	$3480\pm140\pm160$	-	$3970\pm70$	$4290^{+200}_{-220}$
$ { m GGG};1^{+-} angle$	$2940\pm 30\pm 140$	$2980\pm30\pm140$	$2670\pm65\pm120$	$3270\pm340$	$2944\pm42$	$4010\substack{+260 \\ -950}$
$ { m GGG};2^{+-} angle$	$4140\pm50\pm200$	$4230\pm50\pm200$	-	_	$4240\pm80$	$4420^{+240}_{-290}$
$ { m GGG};3^{+-} angle$	$3550\pm40\pm170$	$3600\pm40\pm170$	$3270\pm90\pm150$	$3850\pm350$	$3530\pm80$	$4300\substack{+230 \\ -260}$
$ { m GGG};1^{} angle$	$3850\pm50\pm190$	$3830\pm40\pm190$	$3240\pm330\pm150$	-	$4030\pm70$	$4910\substack{+200 \\ -180}$
$ { m GGG};2^{} angle$	$3930\pm40\pm190$	$4010\pm45\pm200$	$3660 \pm 130 \pm 170$	$4590\pm740$	$3920\pm90$	$4250\substack{+220 \\ -330}$
$ { m GGG};3^{} angle$	$4130\pm90\pm200$	$4200\pm45\pm200$	$4330\pm260\pm200$	-	-	$5590^{+330}_{-220}$

H.-X. Chen, W. Chen, X. Liu, Y.-R. Liu, S.-L. Zhu arXiv:2204.02649 [hep-ph]

## Glueball spectrum: $0^{++}$ masses

• ... but the accuracy seem not to improve much over time



#### What do we know about glueballs' widths?

- Should we expect wide or narrow glueball states?
  - difficult to say model-independently; lots of model-dependent results
  - large N<sub>c</sub> counting rules can provide guidance ('t Hooft limit)



Each coupling:

 $g \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_c}}$ 

Each quark loop:

 $N_c$ 

meson and glueball decay amplitudes



• Glueballs are narrow in the large N<sub>c</sub> limit, expect smaller widths?

- It appears that 0<sup>++</sup> glueball is the lightest glueball state
  - it must be produced copiously in the glue-rich environment and couples strongly to the color-singlet di-gluon (radiative  $J/\psi$  decays)
  - its production in gamma-gamma collisions must be suppressed
  - the decay/production amplitude for the glueballs is flavor symmetric



– it must be narrow (at least in the large  $N_c$  limit; also chiral)

Chanowitz, PRL95, 172001 (2005)

• All of this is generally true for other glueball states as well

#### **Experimental searches for glueballs**

• Searches at dedicated and general-purpose detectors



#### • No convincing observation of a pure glueball state yet. Why?

- Glueballs and some  $q\bar{q}$  states have the same quantum numbers
  - quantum mechanics requires mixing of those states

... which means that "pure glueballs" do not exist!

let us still concentrate on scalar 0<sup>++</sup> states

 $f_0(500), f_0(980), f_0(1370), f_0(1500), f_0(1710)$ 

- these states are admixtures  $|f_{0i}\rangle = \alpha_i |N\rangle + \beta_i |S\rangle + \gamma_i |G\rangle$  $N \equiv n\bar{n} = (u\bar{u} + d\bar{d})/\sqrt{2}$  $S \equiv s\bar{s}$ 

- fit to experiment (decays  $f_0 \rightarrow \pi \pi, KK, \dots J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_0, \dots$ )
- various fits exist for the relative coefficients, here is an example

$$\begin{pmatrix} |f_0(1370)\rangle \\ |f_0(1500)\rangle \\ |f_0(1710)\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.819(89) & 0.290(91) & -0.495(118) \\ -0.399(113) & 0.908(37) & -0.128(52) \\ 0.413(87) & 0.302(52) & 0.859(54) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |N\rangle \\ |S\rangle \\ |G\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

Cheng, Chua, and Liu, PRD92, 094006 (2015)

- Are there any other mechanisms for "glueball hadronization"?
  - meson-meson and meson-baryon molecular states:
    - why not glueball-meson or glueball-baryon molecular states?
    - glueballs have smaller widths than mesons in the large  $N_c$ , which might have implications for some observed highly excited states AAP, 2204.11269 [hep-ph]

- some hints from Nature from observations of a few unusual states?

- for small binding energy:  $m_{G(0^{++})} + m_{\pi} \approx m_{\pi(1800)}$ 

 $m_{G(1^{--})} + m_{\pi} \approx m_{X(3872)}$ 

 need non-relativistic description of components to build molecular states (consider lightest glueball and lightest octet of pseudoscalars)

### Molecular states with glueballs



- Lifetime of the state is expected to be governed by a lifetime of the glueball component
  - smaller widths, at least from the large
     N<sub>c</sub> arguments
  - possible large mixing with highly excited  $q\bar{q}$  states
  - expect unusually long-lived "highly excited states"
- Alternatively can be viewed as a "glueball excitation of a state"
- The lightest state (πG): 0-+ or a "pseudo-glueball" P

AAP, 2204.11269 [hep-ph]

- For a weakly-bound system need non-relativistic components
  - not an unusual situation for pionic atoms!

Kong and Ravndal, PRD61, 077506 (2000)

- kinetic part 
$$\mathcal{L}_0(\pi_i) = \pi_i^* \left( i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2m_i} \nabla^2 \right) \pi_i$$

- interaction part 
$$\mathcal{L}_{int}(\pi) = \frac{1}{4}A_0(\pi_0^*\pi_0^*\pi_0\pi_0) + B_0(\pi_+^*\pi_-^*\pi_+\pi_-)$$

$$+2\pi_{+}^{*}\pi_{0}^{*}\pi_{+}\pi_{0}+2\pi_{-}^{*}\pi_{0}^{*}\pi_{-}\pi_{0})$$

- NR pion propagator

$$G(E,\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{E - \mathbf{k}^2 / 2m_\pi + i\epsilon}$$

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#### 3a. Effective field theory for non-relativistic states

- Several constructions, all equivalent at the leading order
  - introduce a new one, closest in spirit to HQET

– Klein-Gordon Lagrangian (
$$D_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} - igA_{\mu}$$
)

$$\mathcal{L} = \left(D_{\mu}\phi\right)^{\dagger} \left(D^{\mu}\phi\right) - m^{2}\phi^{\dagger}\phi$$

– KGL can be used to obtain equation of motion ( $D^{\mu}_{\perp} = D^{\mu} - v^{\mu}v \cdot D$ )

$$(D^{2} + m^{2})\phi(x) = \left[(v \cdot D)^{2} + D_{\perp}^{2} + m^{2}\right]\phi(x) = 0$$

– with  $\phi_0 \equiv (v \cdot D) \phi$  KGE becomes

$$(v \cdot D)\phi_0(x) + D_{\perp}^2\phi(x) + m^2\phi(x) = 0$$

- this equation can be solved in the Feshbach-Villars approach

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\theta(x) + \chi(x)\right)$$
$$\phi_0(x) = -\frac{im}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\theta(x) - \chi(x)\right)$$

#### Effective field theory for non-relativistic states

- Now, solution of KGE for  $\phi(x)$  is a solution for  $\theta(x)$  and  $\chi(x)$ 
  - the new fields,  $\theta(x)$  and  $\chi(x)$ , can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \phi(x) + \frac{i}{m} (v \cdot D) \phi(x) \right] \\ \chi(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \phi(x) - \frac{i}{m} (v \cdot D) \phi(x) \right] \end{aligned} \quad \text{with} \quad \Phi(x) = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \theta(x) \\ \chi(x) \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- KGE takes the matrix form

$$iv \cdot D \Phi(x) = \frac{1}{2m} \left(\sigma_3 + i\sigma_2\right) D_{\perp}^2 \Phi(x) + m\sigma_3 \Phi(x)$$

– with the corresponding Lagrangian for the field  $\Phi(x)$  (with  $\overline{\Phi} = \Phi^{\dagger} \sigma_3$ )

$$\mathcal{L} = \overline{\Phi} \left[ iv \cdot D - \frac{1}{2m} \left( \sigma_3 + i\sigma_2 \right) D_{\perp}^2 \Phi(x) - m\sigma_3 \right] \Phi$$

– Mode expansion:

$$\Phi = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{Em}} \left[ \left( \begin{array}{c} m+E\\ m-E \end{array} \right) \hat{a}_p e^{-ip \cdot x} + \left( \begin{array}{c} m-E\\ m+E \end{array} \right) \hat{b}_p e^{ip \cdot x} \right]$$

- Constructing EFT for non-relativistic scalars
  - consider HQET-like expansion of the "spinor" field

- project out large and small components of the field

– this leads to the Lagrangian for  $\eta$  and  $\xi$  fields

$$\mathcal{L} = \eta^{\dagger} \left[ iv \cdot D - \frac{D_{\perp}^2}{2m} \right] \eta - \xi^{\dagger} \left[ iv \cdot D + \frac{D_{\perp}^2}{2m} + 2m \right] \xi$$
$$-\eta^{\dagger} (i\sigma_2) \frac{D_{\perp}^2}{2m} \xi + \xi^{\dagger} (i\sigma_2) \frac{D_{\perp}^2}{2m} \eta$$

– integrating out  $\xi$ , after field redefinitions

$$\mathcal{L} = \eta^{\dagger} \left( iv \cdot D \right) \eta - \eta^{\dagger} \frac{D_{\perp}^2}{2m} \eta + \eta^{\dagger} \frac{D_{\perp}^4}{(2m)^3} \eta + \dots$$

Blechman, Gonderinger, AAP

### 3b. Components: scalar glueball in EFT

• It is sufficient to have an effective description of a O<sup>++</sup> glueball

- consider massless QCD 
$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = -\frac{1}{4}G^a_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu,a} + i\overline{q}\,D\!\!/ q$$

- use the fact that QCD is classically invariant under dilatations

$$x^{\mu} \to \lambda x^{\mu} , \quad \psi_q(x) \to \lambda^{3/2} \psi_q(\lambda x) , \quad A^a_{\mu}(x) \to \lambda A^a_{\mu}(\lambda x)$$

- this symmetry is broken at quantum level

$$(T_{\rm YM})^{\mu}_{\mu} = \frac{\beta(g)}{4g} G^{a}_{\mu\nu} G^{a,\mu\nu} \neq 0,$$

- can introduce a scalar dilaton field G describing the trace anomaly

$$\mathcal{L}_{ ext{dilaton}} = rac{1}{2} \left( \partial_{\mu} \tilde{G} 
ight)^2 - rac{1}{4} rac{m_G^2}{\Lambda^2} \left[ ilde{G}^4 \log \left| rac{ ilde{G}}{\Lambda} 
ight| - rac{1}{4} ilde{G}^4 
ight]$$

Salomone, Schechter, Tudron Migdal and Shifman

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- To calculate the binding energy need to couple pions and glueballs
  - use extended linear sigma model  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\rm LSM} + \mathcal{L}_{\rm dilaton} + \mathcal{L}_{\rm int}$

Jankowski et al, PRD84, 054007 (2011)

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}_{\text{LSM}} &= \text{Tr}\left[ \left( \partial^{\mu} \Phi \right)^{\dagger} \left( \partial_{\mu} \Phi \right) \right] - \lambda_{1} \left( \text{Tr}\left[ \Phi^{\dagger} \Phi \right] \right)^{2} \\ &- \lambda_{2} \text{ Tr}\left[ \left( \Phi^{\dagger} \Phi \right)^{2} \right] + \text{Tr}\left[ H \left( \Phi^{\dagger} + \Phi \right) \right] \\ &+ c \left( \det(\Phi^{\dagger}) + \det(\Phi) \right), \\ &\text{ with } \quad \Phi = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sigma + i \eta_{N} \right) \sigma^{0} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \vec{a}_{0} + i \vec{\pi} \right) \cdot \vec{\sigma} \end{split}$$

- ... with the interaction term

$${\cal L}_{
m int} = -m_0^2 \; {
m Tr} \left[ \left( {{ ilde G} \over \Lambda} 
ight)^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi 
ight]$$

• Small momentum transfer: match to determine  $\pi G$  coupling

- Matching to NR EFT for pions and glueballs
  - expand G and  $\sigma$  about the minimum (G  $\rightarrow \Lambda$  + G,  $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma + \langle \sigma \rangle$ )...

– ... resulting in

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi \mathrm{G}} = -\lambda \pi^2 G^2$$
 with  $\lambda = \frac{m_0^2}{2\Lambda^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{\langle \sigma \rangle^2}{m_\sigma^2} \left( 2\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \right) \right]$ 

• Now we can calculate the low energy π-G scattering amplitude AAP, 2204.11269 [hep-ph]

- Calculate binding energy from the pole of transition amplitude
  - in quantum mechanics

$$T_{\pi G} = \frac{4\pi}{\mu_{\pi G}} \frac{1}{p \cot \delta_s - ip} = -\frac{4\pi}{\mu_{\pi G}} \frac{a}{1 + ipa}$$

 QFT: solve Lippmann-Schwinger equation to find the transition amplitude

$$G = G = G + \pi \pi \pi$$

$$iT_{\pi G} = -i\lambda + \int \frac{d^4q}{(2\pi)^4} \left(iT_{\pi G}\right) G_{\pi G}\left(-i\lambda\right)$$

• Need to evaluate one loop integral: divergence?

#### Glueball-meson molecules: binding energy

- Calculate binding energy from the pole of transition amplitude
  - resuming the "bubbles"...

$$T_{\pi G} = \frac{\lambda}{1 + i\lambda \widetilde{A}}$$

- ...need to calculate (expect a divergence, move to d-1 dim),  $\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_R$ 



$$\widetilde{A} = -rac{i}{2} rac{\mu_{\pi G}}{m_G m_{\pi}} \int rac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} rac{1}{ar{q}^2 - 2\mu_{\pi G} E - i\epsilon}$$

- We find a scattering amplitude with a pole corresponding to

$$E_{\text{bound}} = E_{pole} = \frac{32\pi^2}{\lambda_R^2} \frac{m_\pi^2 m_G^2}{\mu_{\pi G}^3}$$

AAP, 2204.11269 [hep-ph]

– NR bound state: small binding energy. Observed state of  $\pi(1800)$ ?

S. Weinberg

#### The $\pi$ (1800) puzzle?



### $\pi$ (1800) as a glueball-meson molecule

- It appears that most issues with understanding of  $\pi(1800)$  would go away if a dominant part of the  $\pi(1800)$  wave function is built up from a glueball- $\pi$  molecule
  - lifetime of a glueball-pi molecule is driven by a glueball lifetime

– expect smaller width than usual  $q\bar{q}$  excitations

- $\pi$ (1800) mass is tantalizingly close to that of a G(0<sup>++</sup>)- $\pi$  molecule
  - for small binding energy, as considered before,

$$m_{G(0^{++})} + m_{\pi} \approx m_{\pi(1800)}$$

If it looks like a duck, swims like a duck, and quacks like a duck, then it probably is a duck. Wikipedia's definitions of a "Duck test"

### 4. Phenomenology of glueball molecules

- Phenomenology of glueball molecules: a word of caution
  - note: quantum mechanics requires that the states of different nature but the same quantum numbers mix
  - we can only make definite statements if molecular component dominates!
  - assume:  $\pi(1800)$  is mostly a glueball molecular state
- Phenomenology of glueball molecules: production
  - the molecular state  ${\mathscr P}$  can be produced where the glueballs can be produced
    - heavy ion collisions
    - decays of the heavy quark states such as  $J/\psi 
      ightarrow \gamma \pi \mathscr{P}$
- Phenomenology of glueball molecules: decay patterns
  - decays of the molecular state  $\mathscr{P}$  are driven by the glueball decay
    - decays  $\mathscr{P} \to 3\pi$ ,  $\mathscr{P} \to \pi K K$ , etc. can be related
    - decays in the  $f_0$  states can be related

### Glueball molecules: decays into $f_0$ states

- Study decay patterns into the  $f_0$  states:
  - assume:  $\pi(1800)$  is mostly a glueball molecular state
    - decays  $\pi(1800) \rightarrow \pi f_0(1500)$  and  $\pi(1800) \rightarrow \pi f_0(1370)$  can be related
- Recall: the  $f_0$  states seem to contain varying amounts of glue

$$\begin{pmatrix} |f_0(1370)\rangle \\ |f_0(1500)\rangle \\ |f_0(1710)\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.819(89) & 0.290(91) & -0.495(118) \\ -0.399(113) & 0.908(37) & -0.128(52) \\ 0.413(87) & 0.302(52) & 0.859(54) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |N\rangle \\ |S\rangle \\ |G\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

• ... then the decay amplitude for a decay into an  $f_0$  state can be written as

 $\mathcal{A}(\pi(1800) \to \pi f_0) = \langle f_0 | G \rangle \langle \pi G | \mathcal{H} | \pi(1800) \rangle$ 

• ... where for different  $f_0$  states we can write (must invert the matrix above)

 $|G\rangle = \langle f_0(1370|G\rangle | f_0(1370) \rangle + \langle f_0(1500) | G\rangle | f_0(1500) \rangle$ 

 $+ \langle f_0(1710) | G \rangle | f_0(1710) \rangle$ 

• Recall: the  $f_0$  states seem to contain varying amounts of glue

 $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{M} \mathbb{Q},$ 

$$\mathbb{M}_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.78 & 0.51 & -0.36 \\ -0.54 & 0.84 & -0.03 \\ 0.32 & 0.18 & 0.93 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbb{M}_{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.79 & -0.54 & 0.29 \\ 0.49 & 0.84 & 0.22 \\ -0.37 & 0.023 & 0.93 \end{pmatrix}$$

• ... then the ratios of the branching ratios can be written as

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\pi(1800) \to \pi f_0(1500))}{\mathcal{B}(\pi(1800) \to \pi f_0(1370))} = \left| \frac{\langle f_0(1500) | G \rangle}{\langle f_0(1370) | G \rangle} \right|^2 r_p \quad \text{with} \ r_p = p_{f_0(1500)} / p_{f_0(1500)}$$

• ... then numerically

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\pi(1800) \to \pi f_0(1500))}{\mathcal{B}(\pi(1800) \to \pi f_0(1370))} = (4 \div 7) \times 10^{-3}$$

AAP, 2204.11269 [hep-ph]

- Glueballs are expected to be there from QCD
  - smaller widths, at least from the large N<sub>c</sub> arguments
  - possible large mixing with highly excited  $q\bar{q}$  states
  - expect unusually long-lived highly excited states
- Proposed a new mechanism for "glueball hadronization"
- Alternatively can be viewed as a "glueball excitation of a qq-bar or a qqq state"
  - opens up new opportunities in identifying gluon degrees of freedom of ordinary hadrons
- How do you know that X(3872) and other molecules/tetraquarks contain charmed quarks? What about new pentaquark states?

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#### Effective field theory for non-relativistic states

• Mode decompositions of the effective fields

$$\begin{split} \eta &= \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{|E|\,m}} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} m+|E|\\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \hat{a}_{\vec{p}} \ e^{-i((|E|-m)t-\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x})} \\ &+ \begin{bmatrix} m-|E|\\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \hat{b}_{\vec{p}}^{\dagger} \ e^{+i((|E|+m)t-\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x})} \right\} \\ \zeta &= \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{|E|\,m}} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ m-|E| \end{bmatrix} \hat{a}_{\vec{p}} \ e^{-i((|E|-m)t-\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x})} \\ &+ \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ m+|E| \end{bmatrix} \hat{b}_{\vec{p}}^{\dagger} \ e^{+i((|E|+m)t-\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x})} \right\} \end{split}$$

- Lingo: what do we mean by "exotic" (quark model-driven)?
  - exotic states:
    - quantum numbers are not allowed in  $q\bar{q}'$  or qq'q''
    - states require more than 2 or 3 quarks
  - cryptoexotic states:
    - mass/width do not fit in meson or baryon spectra
    - production or decay properties incompatible with ordinary states

We often do not follow our own definitions. This talk included.

