

The Physics of Glueballs

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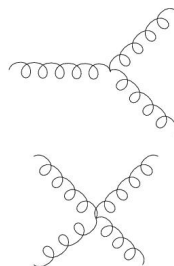
QCD = gauge theory with the **color group** $SU(3)$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{QCD} &= -\frac{1}{4}\text{Tr} G_{\mu\nu}G^{\nu\mu} + \sum \bar{q}(\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m)q \\ G_{\mu\nu} &= \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu - ig[A_\mu, A_\nu]\end{aligned}$$

Quark = fundamental representation **3**

Gluon = Adjoint representation **8**

Observable particles = color singlet **1**



Mesons: $\mathbf{3} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{3}} = \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{8}$

Baryons: $\mathbf{3} \otimes \mathbf{3} \otimes \mathbf{3} = \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{8} \oplus \mathbf{8} \oplus \mathbf{10}$

Glueballs: $\mathbf{8} \otimes \mathbf{8} = (\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{8} \oplus \mathbf{27}) \oplus (\mathbf{8} \oplus \mathbf{10} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{10}})$

$$\mathbf{8} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{8} = \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{8} \oplus \dots$$

Colored gluons \rightarrow color singlet with only gluons

INTRODUCTION - GLUEBALLS

Prediction of the QCD

Production in **gluon rich processes** (OZI forbidden,...)

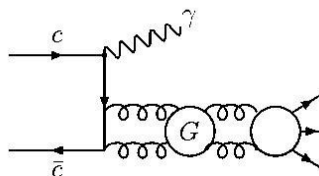
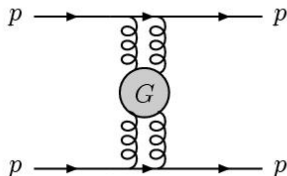
Closely linked to the **Pomeron**:

$$J = 0.25M^2 + 1.08$$

Mixing between glueball 0^{++} and light mesons

Candidates: $f_0(1370)$ $f_0(1500)$ $f_0(1710)$

One scalar glueball between those states [Klempt, Phys. Rep. 454].



PHYSICAL STATES

Pure states: $|gg\rangle$, $|n\bar{n}\rangle$, $|s\bar{s}\rangle$

$$|G\rangle = |gg\rangle + \frac{\langle n\bar{n}|gg\rangle}{M_{gg} - M_{n\bar{n}}} |n\bar{n}\rangle + \frac{\langle s\bar{s}|gg\rangle}{M_{gg} - M_{s\bar{s}}} |s\bar{s}\rangle$$

Analysis of

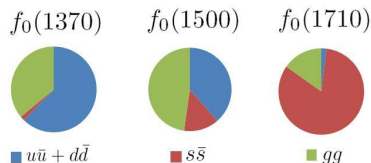
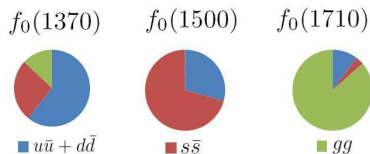
Production: $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_0, \omega f_0, \phi f_0$

Decay: $f_0 \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}, \eta\eta$

Two mixing schemes

Cheng *et al* [PRD**74**, 094005 (2006)]

Close and Kirk [PLB**483**, 345 (2000)]



$$M_{n\bar{n}} < M_{s\bar{s}} < M_{gg}$$

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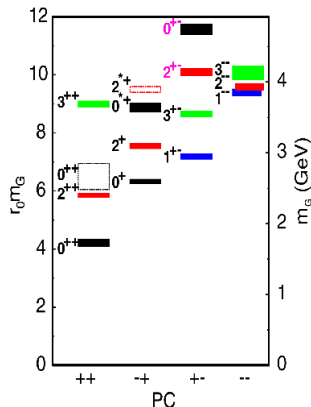
Investigation of the glueball spectrum
(**pure gluonic operators**) on a lattice by
Morningstar and Peardon
[Phys. Rev. D**60**, 034509 (1999)]
Identification of **15 glueballs** below 4 GeV

$$M(0^{++}) = 1.730 \pm 0.130 \text{ GeV}$$

$$M(0^{-+}) = 2.590 \pm 0.170 \text{ GeV}$$

$$M(2^{++}) = 2.400 \pm 0.145 \text{ GeV}$$

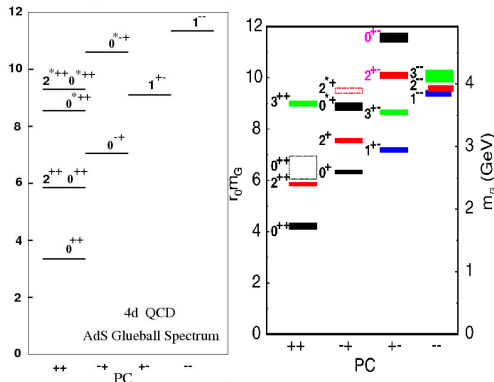
Quenched approximation (gluodynamics)
→ mixing with quarks is neglected



Lattice studies with $n_f = 2$ exist. The lightest scalar would be sensitive to the inclusion of sea quarks but **no definitive conclusion**.

AdS/CFT correspondence:

Correspondance between conformal theories and string theories in AdS spacetime

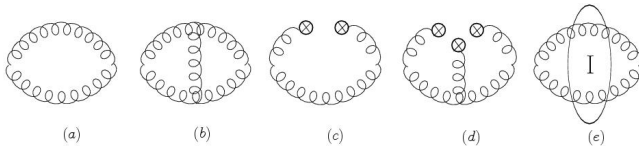
QCD not conformal \rightarrow breaking conformal invariance somehowIntroduction of a black hole
in AdS to break conformal
invarianceParameter adjusted on 2^{++} Same hierarchy but
some states are missing
(spin 3,...)[R. C. Brower *et al.*, Nucl. Phys. B**587**, 249 (2000)]

Gluonic currents: $J_S(x) = \alpha_s G_{\mu\nu}^a(x) G_{\mu\nu}^a(x)$ $J_P(x) = \alpha_s G_{\mu\nu}^a(x) \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a(x)$

$$\Pi(Q^2) = i \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle 0 | T J_G(x) J_G(0) | 0 \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\text{Im}\Pi(s)}{s + Q^2} ds$$

Theoretical side (OPE):

$$J_G(x) J_G(0) = C_{(a)+(b)+(e)} \mathbf{1} + C_{(c)} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu} + C_{(d)} f_{abc} G_{\alpha\beta}^a G_{\beta\gamma}^b G_{\gamma\alpha}^c + \dots$$



Confinement parameterized with condensates $\langle 0 | \alpha_s G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu} | 0 \rangle, \dots$

Phenomenological side:

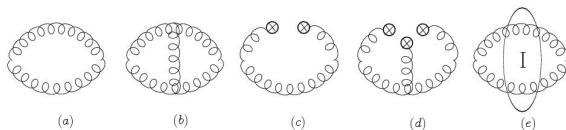
$$\text{Im}\Pi(s) = \sum_i \pi f_{G_i}^2 m_{G_i}^4 \delta(s - m_{G_i}^2) + \pi \theta(s - s_0) \text{Im}\Pi(s)^{\text{Cont}}$$

SUM RULES \rightarrow CONSTITUENT MODELS

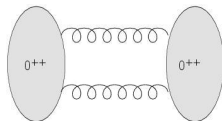
Sum rules calculation by Forkel [Phys. Rev. D**71**, 054008 (2005)]

$$M(0^{++}) = 1.25 \pm 0.20 \text{ GeV} \quad M(0^{-+}) = 2.20 \pm 0.20 \text{ GeV} \quad (1)$$

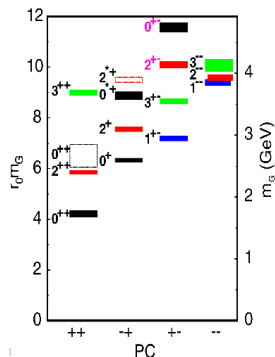
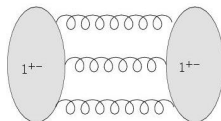
Two gluons in interaction



Two gluons $\rightarrow C = +$



Three gluons $\rightarrow C = -$

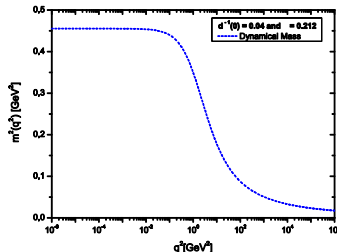
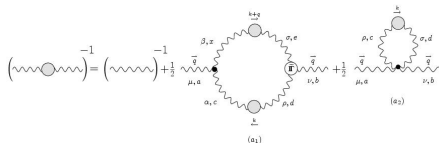


Gluons **massless** in the Lagrangian
Non-perturbative effects → **dynamical mass**

Aguilar and Papavassiliou [Eur. Phys. J. A**35**,189 (2008)]

$$m^2(q^2) = m_0^2 \left[\frac{\ln\left(\frac{q^2 + \rho m_0^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{\rho m_0^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)} \right]^\gamma$$

Gluons \sim heavy quarks



Gluonium models for the low-lying glueballs with Spinless Salpeter Hamiltonian

$$H_{gg} = 2\sqrt{p^2 + m^2} + V(r)$$

bare mass $m = 0$ and effective mass $\mu = \langle \Psi | \sqrt{p^2} | \Psi \rangle$ state dependent (Simonov 1994)
Gluons **spin-1** particles with the usual rules of spin coupling

TWO-GLUON GLUEBALLS $C = +$

Brau and Semay [Phys. Rev. D **70**, 014017 (2004)]

Two-gluon glueballs $\rightarrow C = +$ and $P = (-1)^L$
 $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$ with $S = 0, 1, 2$.

$$H^0 = 2\sqrt{p^2} + \frac{9}{4}\sigma r - 3\frac{\alpha_s}{r}$$

Cornell potential **does not lift the degeneracy**
 between states with different S

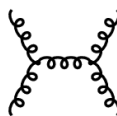
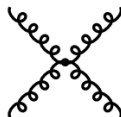
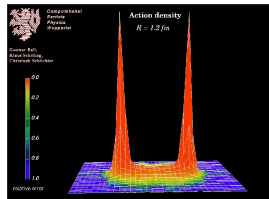
Corrections of order $\mathcal{O}(1/\mu^2)$, with

$$\mu = \langle \Psi | \sqrt{p^2} | \Psi \rangle$$

Structures coming from the **OGE**

$$V_{\text{oge}} = \lambda \left[\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{S}^2 \right) U(r) - \frac{\pi}{\mu^2} \delta(\mathbf{r}) \left(\frac{5}{2} \mathbf{S}^2 - 4 \right) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{3}{2\mu^2} \frac{U'(r)}{r} \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S} - \frac{1}{6\mu^2} \left(\frac{U'(r)}{r} - U''(r) \right) T \right]$$

with $\lambda = -3\alpha_s$ and $U(r) = \exp(-\mu r)/r$.



Eigenvalue problem → decomposition in a basis

$$H|\psi\rangle = E|\psi\rangle \quad |\psi\rangle = \sum_i \alpha_i |\phi^i\rangle$$

Matrix elements: $\mathcal{H}^{ij} = \langle \phi^j | H | \phi^i \rangle = \mathcal{T}^{ij} + \mathcal{V}^{ij}$, $\mathcal{N}^{ij} = \langle \phi^j | \phi^i \rangle = \delta^{ij}$

2-body problem → one radial variable r

$$H = 2\sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2} + \frac{9}{4}\sigma r - 3\frac{\alpha_s}{r}$$

Lagrange mesh (x_i) based on Laguerre polynomials

Not a variational procedure ! Matrix elements evaluated on the mesh (x_i)

$$\mathcal{V}^{ij} = \langle \phi^j | V | \phi^i \rangle = V(x_i) \delta^{ij}$$

$\langle \phi^j | \mathbf{p}^2 | \phi^i \rangle$ analytical → computation of $\langle \phi^j | \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m^2} | \phi^i \rangle$

Applications to **nuclear physics**

D. Baye and P.-H. Heenen, J. Phys. A **19**, 2041 (1986)

C. Semay, D. Baye, M. Hesse and B. Silvestre-Brac, Phys. Rev. E **64**, 016703 (2001)

TWO-GLUON GLUEBALLS $C = +$

Smearing of the attractive $\delta^3(\mathbf{r})$ by a **gluon size**

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}, \gamma) = \exp(-r/\gamma)/r$$

Replacement of potentials by **convolutions** with the size function

$$V(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \tilde{V}(\mathbf{r}, \gamma) = \int V(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{r}^*) \rho(\mathbf{r}^*, \gamma) d\mathbf{r}^*$$

Parameters

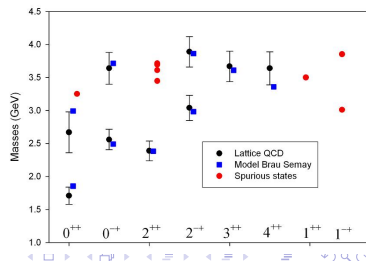
$$\sigma = 0.21 \text{ GeV}^2 \quad \alpha_s = 0.50 \quad \gamma = 0.5 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

Good agreement with lattice QCD

Gluons = **spin 1** \rightarrow **spurious $J = 1$ states** and indetermination of states

For instance, 0^{++} can be $(L, S) = (0, 0)$ or $(2, 2)$

J^{PC}	(L, S)		
0^{++}	(0,0)	(2,2)	$(0,0)^*$
0^{-+}	(1,1)	$(1,1)^*$	
2^{++}	(0,2)	(2,0)	(2,2)
2^{-+}	(1,1)	$(1,1)^*$	
3^{++}	(2,2)		
4^{++}	(2,2)		
1^{++}	(2,2)		
1^{-+}	(1,1)	$(1,1)^*$	

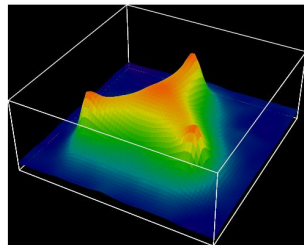


THE MODEL

Extension of the model to three-gluon systems

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^3 \sqrt{p_i^2} + \frac{9}{4}\sigma \sum_{i=1}^3 |\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{R}_{\text{cm}}| + V_{\text{OGE}}$$

Same parameters $(\sigma, \alpha_S, \gamma)$ as for two-gluon
glueballs



$$V_{\text{OGE}} = -\frac{3}{2}\alpha_S \sum_{i < j=1}^3 \left[\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{S}_{ij}^2 \right) U(r_{ij}) - \frac{\pi}{\mu^2} \delta(\mathbf{r}_{ij}) \left(\beta + \frac{5}{6} \mathbf{S}_{ij}^2 \right) \right] \\ - \frac{9\alpha_S}{4\mu^2} \sum_{i < j=1}^3 \mathbf{L}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{ij} \frac{1}{r_{ij}} \frac{d}{dr_{ij}} U(r_{ij}) \quad \text{with } U(r) = \frac{e^{-\mu r}}{r}$$

We find the eigenvalue of this operator thanks to a **Gaussian basis**

Gaussian functions \rightarrow analytical matrix elements

$$|\phi_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, A, u)\rangle = \exp[-\tilde{\mathbf{z}} A_i \mathbf{z}] \mathcal{Y}_{LM}(\tilde{u}_i \mathbf{z}) = \exp[-\tilde{\mathbf{z}} A_i \mathbf{z}] |\tilde{u}_i \mathbf{z}|^L Y_{LM}(\widehat{\tilde{u}_i \mathbf{z}})$$

$$\langle \phi_i | V(|\alpha \mathbf{x} + \beta \mathbf{y}|) | \phi_j \rangle \rightarrow \int_0^\infty V(r) e^{-kr^2} dr.$$

Three-body systems, $\tilde{\mathbf{z}} = (\mathbf{x} \quad \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow$ **five variational parameters**
Fourier transform is also a Gaussian^a:

$$\mathcal{F}[|\phi_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, A, u)\rangle] \propto \phi_i(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}, A^{-1}/4, A^{-1}u)\rangle$$

$$A_i = \begin{pmatrix} a_i & c_i \\ c_i & b_i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{u}_i = \begin{pmatrix} d_i & e_i \end{pmatrix}$$

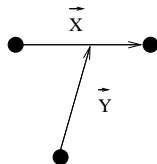
\rightarrow Computation of $\langle \phi_i | \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m^2} | \phi_j \rangle$

Basis infinite dimensional but we fix the number of Gaussian

\rightarrow the energy is an upper bound of the real energy

Variational problem realized with **MINUIT** :

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial A_i} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial u_i} = 0 \quad \forall i$$



^aSilvestre-Brac and V.M., PRE**76**, 046702 (2007); PRE**77**, 036706 (2008)

THREE-GLUON GLUEBALLS $C = -$

THE RESULTS

Gluons with spin $\rightarrow \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$

Good results for 1^{--} and 3^{--} but
higher $2^{--} \leftarrow$ **symmetry**

Disagreement with lattice QCD for
 $PC = +-$

This model cannot explain the splitting
 ~ 2 GeV between 1^{+-} and 0^{+-}

$0^{+-}, 1^{+-}, 2^{+-}, 3^{+-}$ are $L = 1$ and
degenerate in a model with spin

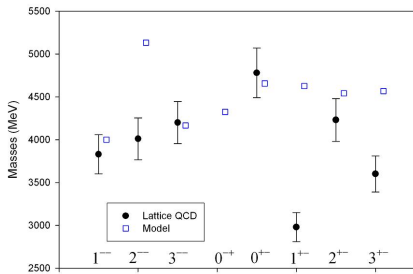
J^{PC}	(L, S)	J^{PC}	(L, S)
1^{--}	(0,1)	0^{+-}	(1,1)
2^{--}	(0,2)	1^{+-}	(1,1)
3^{--}	(0,3)	2^{+-}	(1,1)
0^{-+}	(1,1)	3^{+-}	(1,2)

Solution: Implementation of the helicity
formalism for three transverse gluons.

$$d_{abc} A_{\mu}^a A_{\nu}^b A_{\rho}^c \quad [(\mathbf{88})_{\mathbf{8}_s} \mathbf{8}]^1 \quad C = -$$

$$f_{abc} A_{\mu}^a A_{\nu}^b A_{\rho}^c \quad [(\mathbf{88})_{\mathbf{8}_a} \mathbf{8}]^1 \quad C = +$$

S	S_{int}	Symmetry	J^{PC}
0	0	1 A	0^{-+}
1	0, 1, 2	1 S, 2 MS	1^{--}
2	1, 2	2 MS	2^{--}
3	2	1 S	3^{--}

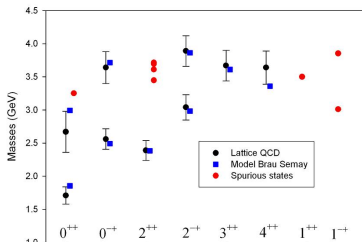


Yang's theorem: $\rho \nrightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$\gamma\gamma \sim gg \rightarrow J \neq 1$

$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$ cannot hold for relativistic system. \mathbf{J} is the only relevant quantum number.

Solution: Helicity formalism for transverse gluons with helicity $s_i = 1$. Only two projection, $\lambda_i = \pm 1$.



Formalism to handle with **massless particles** [Jacob and Wick (1959)]

State J^{PC} in term of usual (L, S) states (with $\Lambda = \lambda_1 - \lambda_2$):

$$|J, M; \lambda_1, \lambda_2\rangle = \sum_{L, S} \left[\frac{2L+1}{2J+1} \right]^{1/2} \langle L 0 S \Lambda | J \Lambda \rangle \langle s_1 \lambda_1 s_2 - \lambda_2 | S \Lambda \rangle \left| {}^{2S+1} L_J \right\rangle.$$

Not eigenstates of the **parity** and of the **permutation operator**.

$$P |J, M; \lambda_1, \lambda_2\rangle = \eta_1 \eta_2 (-1)^J |J, M; -\lambda_1, -\lambda_2\rangle,$$

$$P_{12} |J, M; \lambda_1, \lambda_2\rangle = (-1)^{J-2s_i} |J, M; \lambda_2, \lambda_1\rangle,$$

Construction of states symmetric (bosons) and with a good parity \rightarrow **selection rules**.

$$\begin{aligned} |S_+; (2k)^+\rangle &\Rightarrow 0^{++}, 2^{++}, 4^{++}, \dots \\ |S_-; (2k)^-\rangle &\Rightarrow 0^{-+}, 2^{-+}, 4^{-+}, \dots \\ |D_+; (2k+2)^+\rangle &\Rightarrow 2^{++}, 4^{++}, \dots \\ |D_-; (2k+3)^+\rangle &\Rightarrow 3^{++}, 5^{++}, \dots \end{aligned}$$

States expressed in term of the usual basis (useful to compute matrix elements!).

Low-lying states:

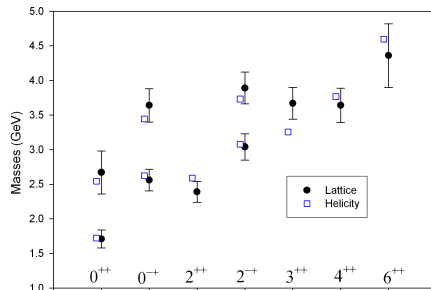
$$\begin{aligned} |S_+; 0^+\rangle &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |^1S_0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |^5D_0\rangle, \\ |S_-; 0^-\rangle &= |^3P_0\rangle, \\ |D_+; 2^+\rangle &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} |^5S_2\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{4}{7}} |^5D_2\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{7}} |^5G_2\rangle, \\ |D_-; 3^+\rangle &= \sqrt{\frac{5}{7}} |^5D_3\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{2}{7}} |^5G_3\rangle, \\ |S_-; 2^-\rangle &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} |^3P_2\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} |^3F_3\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Same hierarchy as the lattice QCD
Application with a simple Cornell
potential

$$H^0 = 2\sqrt{p^2} + \frac{9}{4}\sigma r - 3\frac{\alpha_s}{r}.$$

Parameters:

$$\sigma = 0.185 \text{ GeV}^2 \quad \alpha_s = 0.45$$



Addition of an instanton induced interaction to split the degeneracy between the 0^{++} and 0^{-+}

$$\Delta H_I = -P \mathcal{I} \delta_{J,0} \quad \text{with } \mathcal{I} = 450 \text{ MeV}.$$

Instanton attractive in the scalar channel and repulsive in the pseudoscalar and equal in magnitude

Very good agreement without spin-dependent potential

Extension for three-body systems ?

THREE-GLUON GLUEBALLS WITH TRANSVERSE GLUONS

$SU(2) \times SU(3)$ decomposition for two gluons \rightarrow to the lowest J :

$$\square^a \otimes \square^b = \square\square^{(ab)} \oplus \bullet^{(ab)} \oplus \square^{[ab]}$$

Lowest J allowed for 3 gluons with helicity:

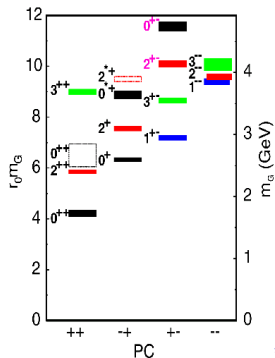
$$\square^a \otimes \square^b \otimes \square^c = \square\square\square^{(abc)} \oplus \square^{(abc)} \oplus \dots \oplus \bullet^{[abc]}$$

Low-lying states are $J = 1$ and $J = 3$ with **symmetric colour** function and $J = 0$ with an antisymmetric colour function

Low-lying states are the $1^{\pm-}$, $3^{\pm-}$ and the $0^{\pm+}$

$J = 0^{P-}$ are not allowed for three-gluon glueballs
 $\rightarrow 0^{+-}$ four transverse gluons

The result should be confirmed by a detailed analysis of the **three-body helicity formalism**
 These developments are under construction



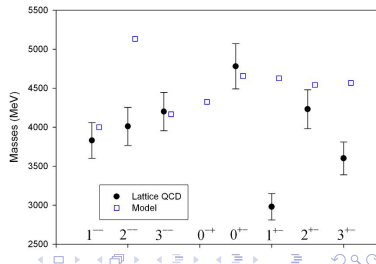
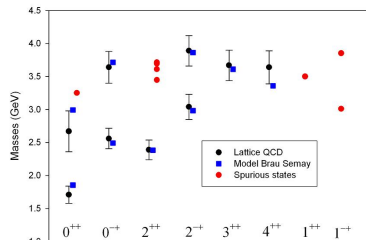
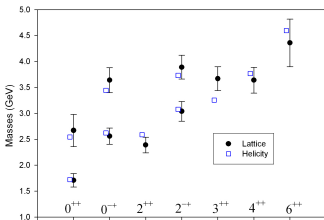
CONCLUSION

Model with **spin-1 gluons** reproduces the pure gauge spectrum but **spin-dependent** potentials should be added and the spectrum is plagued with **unwanted states**

Three-gluon glueballs with **massive gluon** cannot **reproduce the lattice data**

With two **transverse gluons**, a simple linear+Coulomb potential reproduce the lattice QCD results.

Implementation of the **helicity formalism** for three transverse gluons should solve the hierarchy problem





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