

The Search for Glueballs

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Feynman lectures on gravitation:

In fact, his work led to two sets of very useful results. The first, purely pedagogical, is embodied in the *Feynman Lectures on Gravitation* (publication [123]). In those lectures, Feynman develops the quantum field theory of a neutral massless spin 2 particle (the *graviton*), emphasizing the special features that arise, in comparison to theories of spin 0 and spin 1 particles, as well as the complications that result for a zero-mass particle in trying to create a self-consistent theory. As in the case of spin 1, masslessness results in redundant degrees of freedom, since Lorentz invariance requires that a *massless* particle can spin only along or opposite to its direction of momentum (positive or negative *chirality*), while a massive spin 2 particle may take up five different orientations relative to any arbitrary quantization direction. Eliminating the unwanted degrees of freedom is achieved by imposing certain “gauge conditions,” which in the gravitational case brings about nonlinearity in the form of **graviton–graviton interaction**. Feynman shows that the classical limit of a properly gauged massless spin 2 theory is described by the Einstein gravitational field equations.³

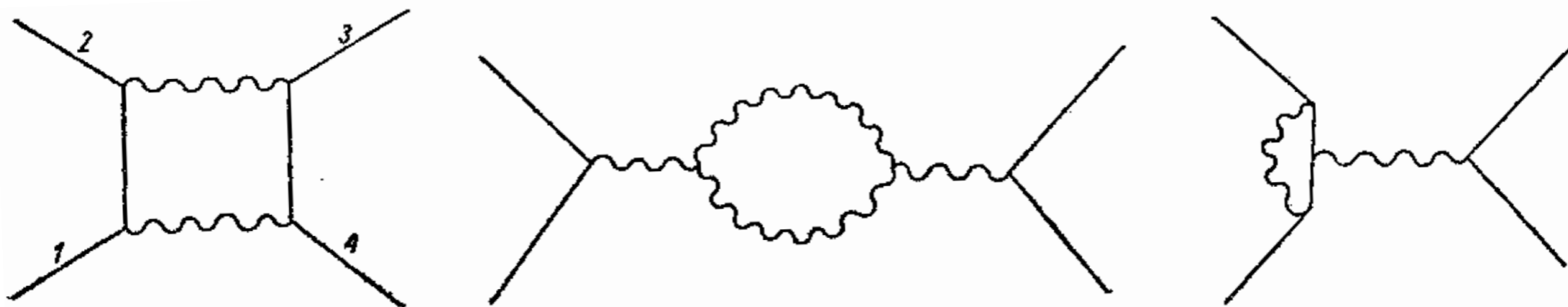
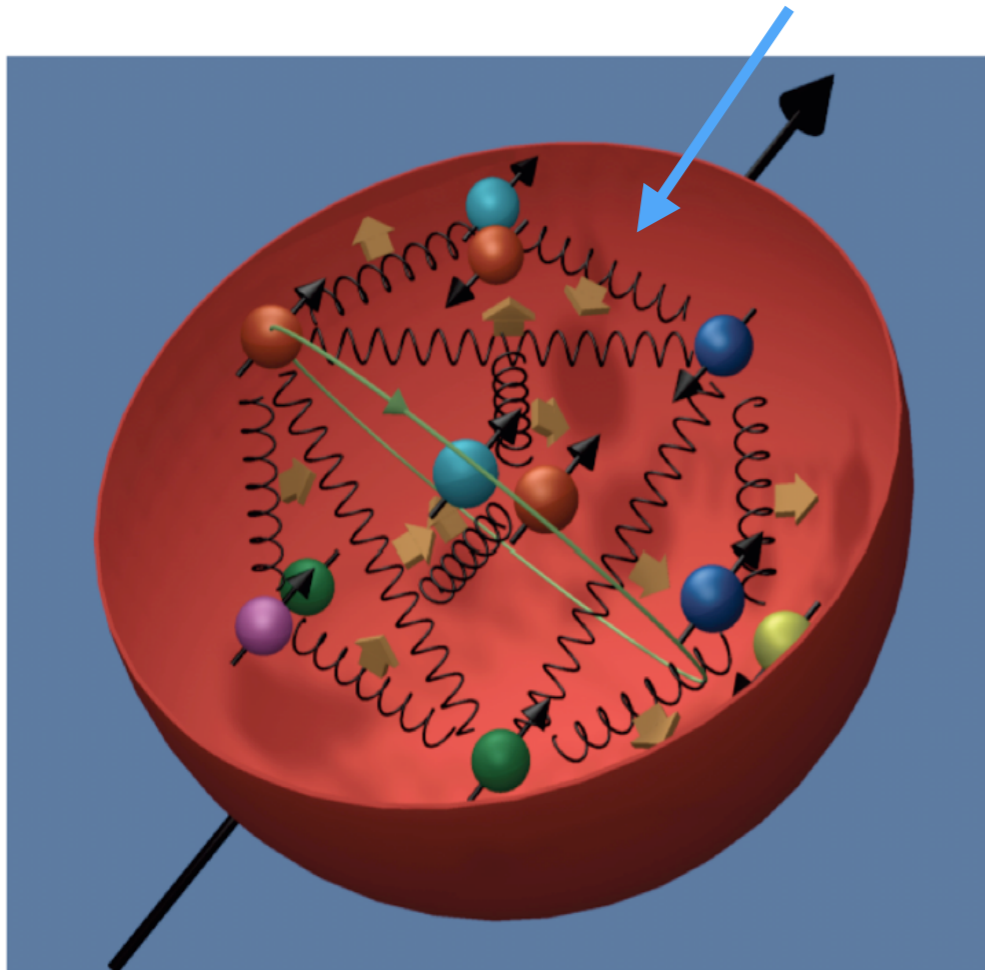


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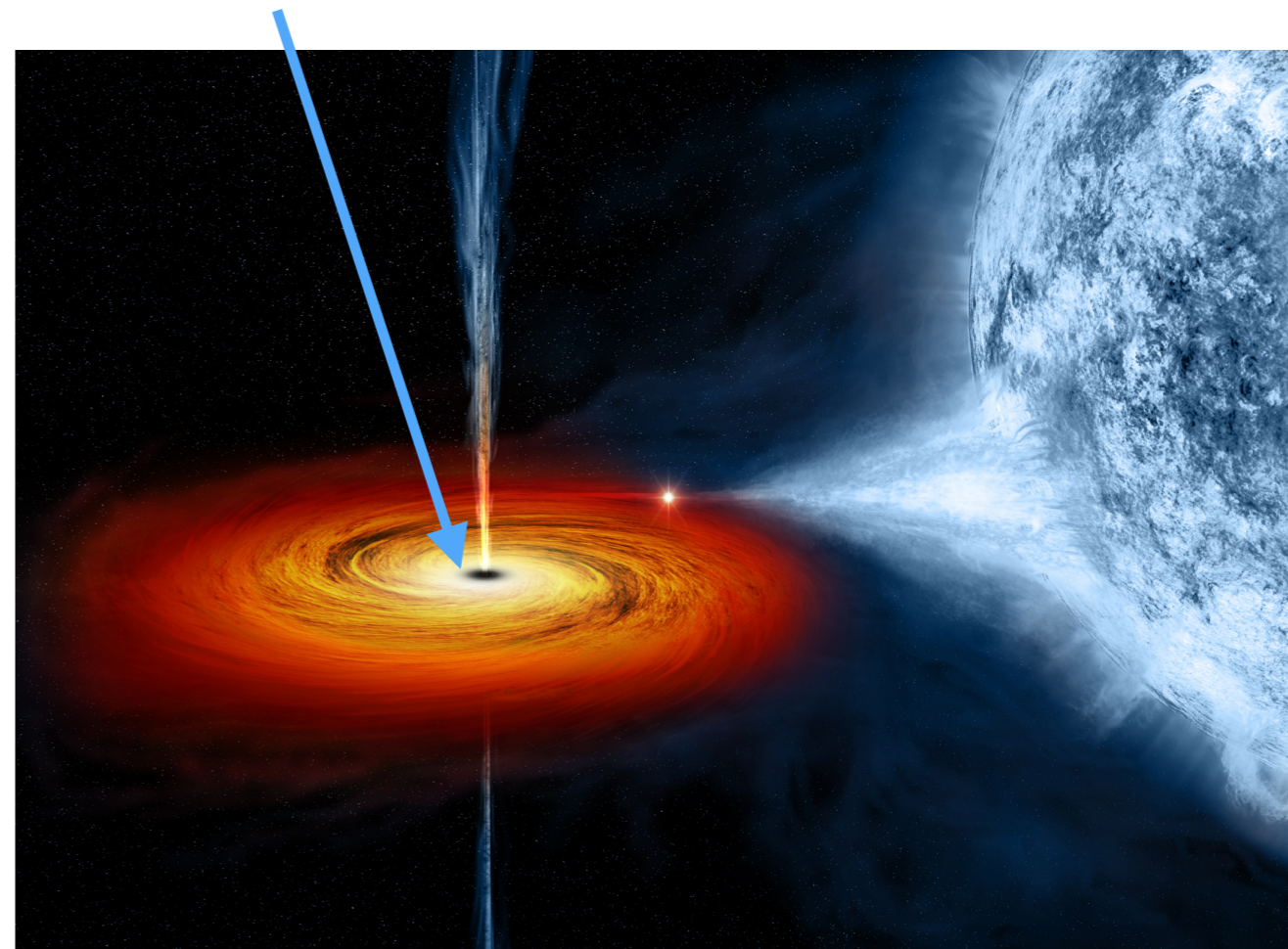
Binding of masses of confined objects

Confining particles:

Massless gluons



Massless gravitons



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Glueballs are one of the most fascinating facets of QCD:

↳ massless gluons come together to form massive states

Hadron physics is the place on earth to study non-Abelian massless gauge boson - gauge boson interaction in a controlled manner.

The glueball hunter's guide

Use gluon-rich processes to form and find them

Glueballs are super-numerous states among the nonets

↳ precise hadron spectroscopy experiments and analyses

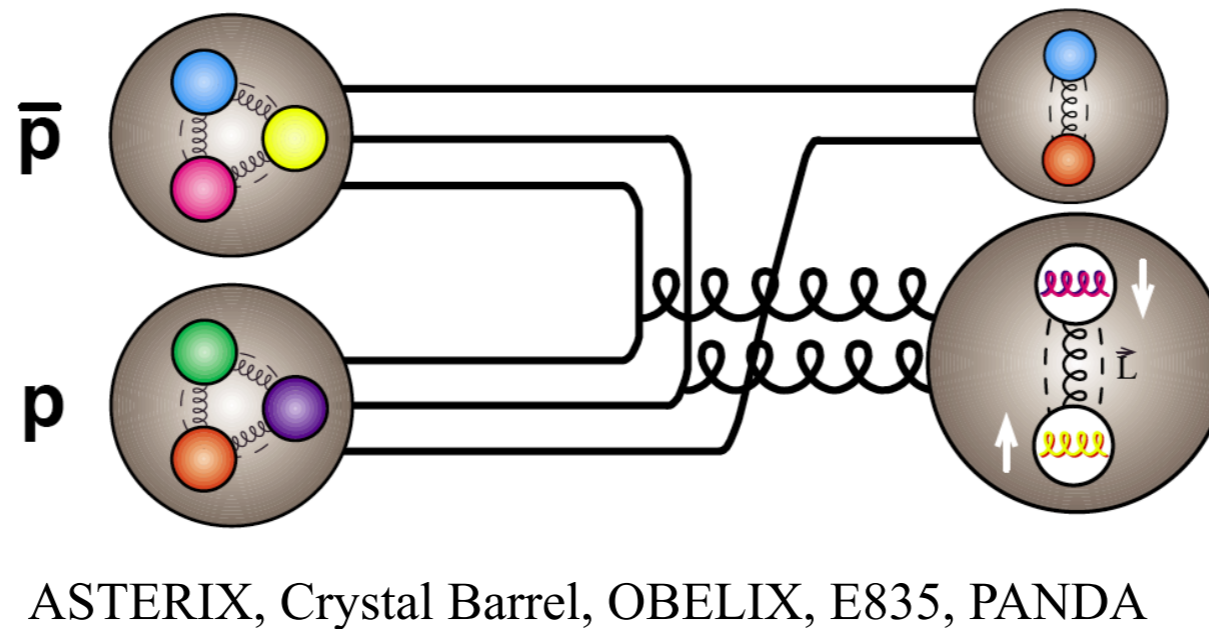
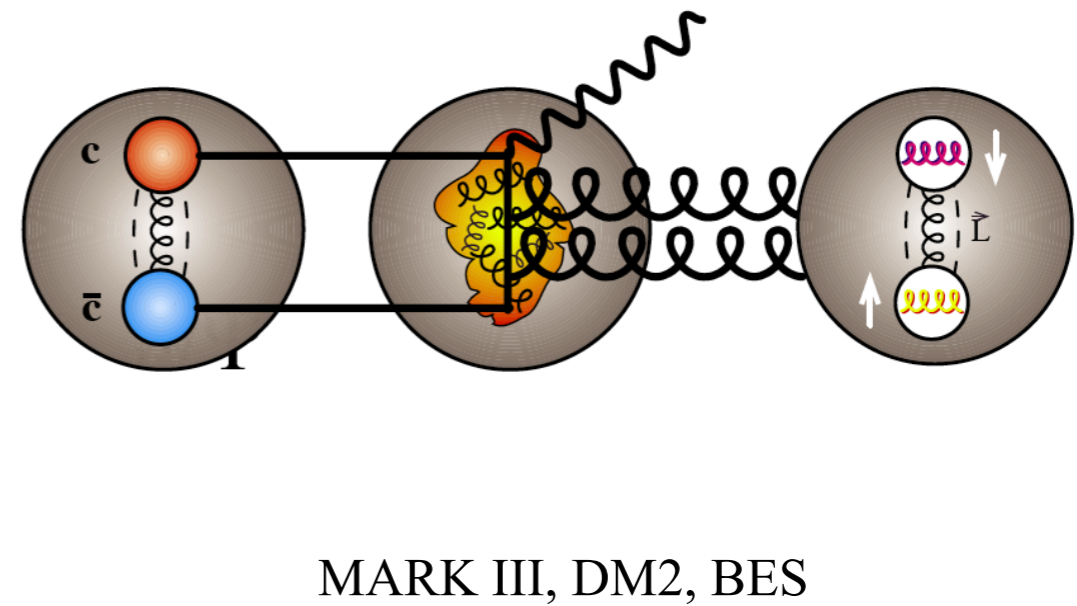
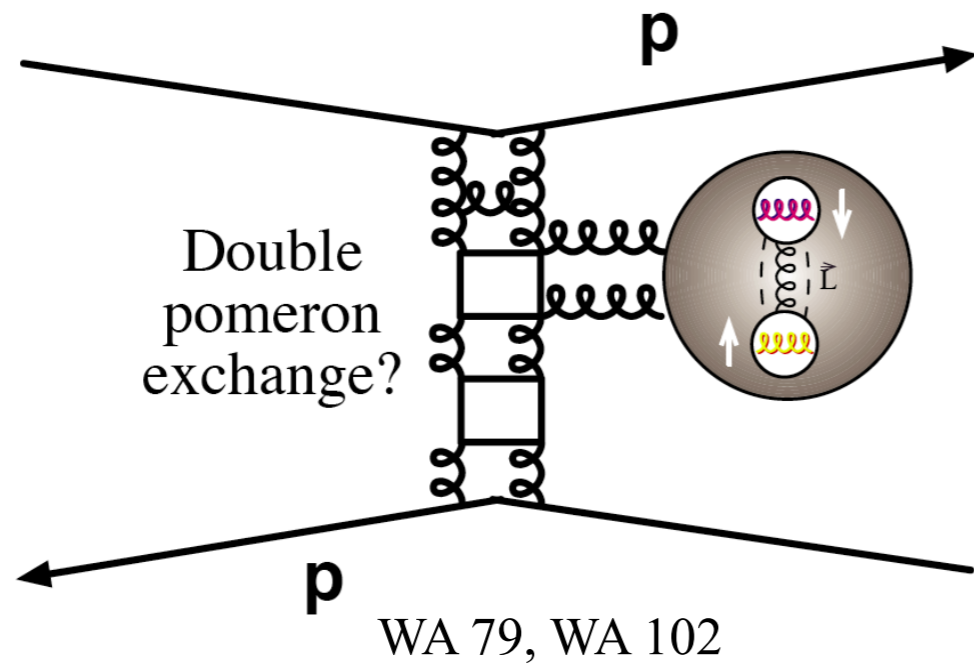
Glueballs decay flavor blind:

↳ study decay patterns

Glueballs do not couple to photons (at least in first order)

↳ use different beam particles

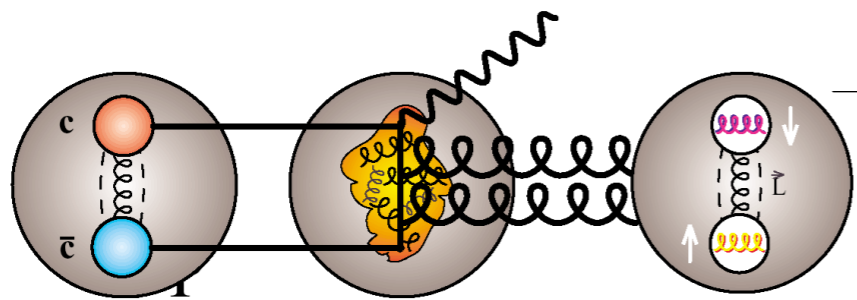
Particle production: “gluon-rich” processes



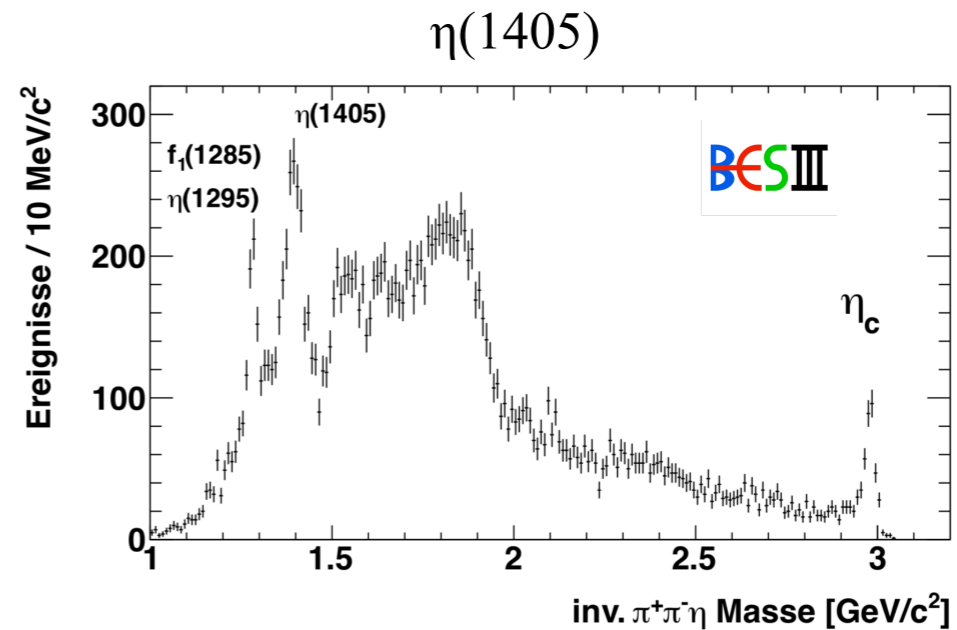
Glueballs

Massless gluons come together to form massive states

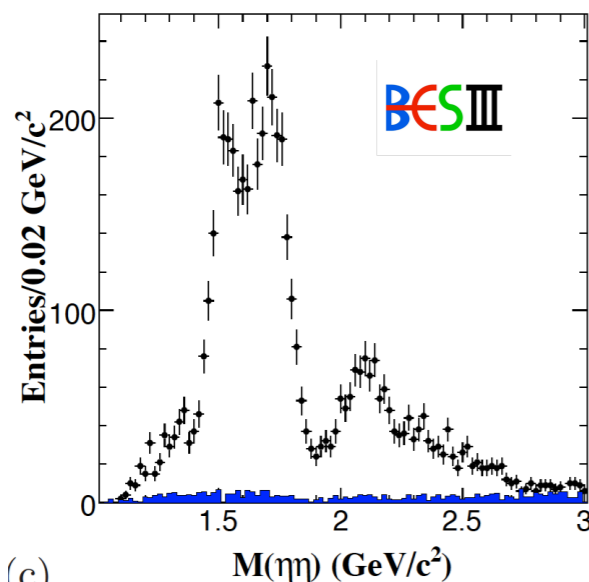
Many candidates are proposed and observed in gluon-rich processes:



Radiative J/Ψ decays

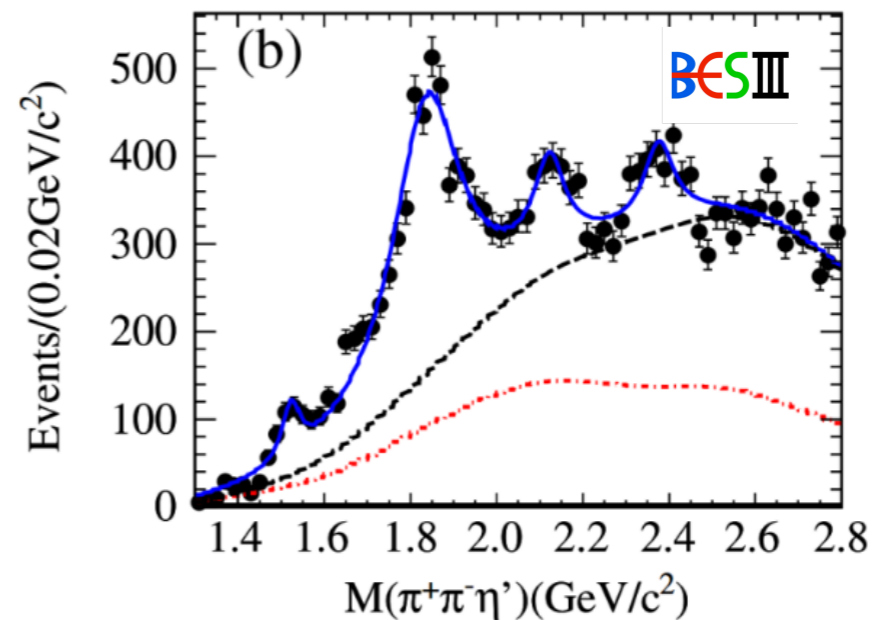


$f_0(1500)$ and $f_0(1710)$

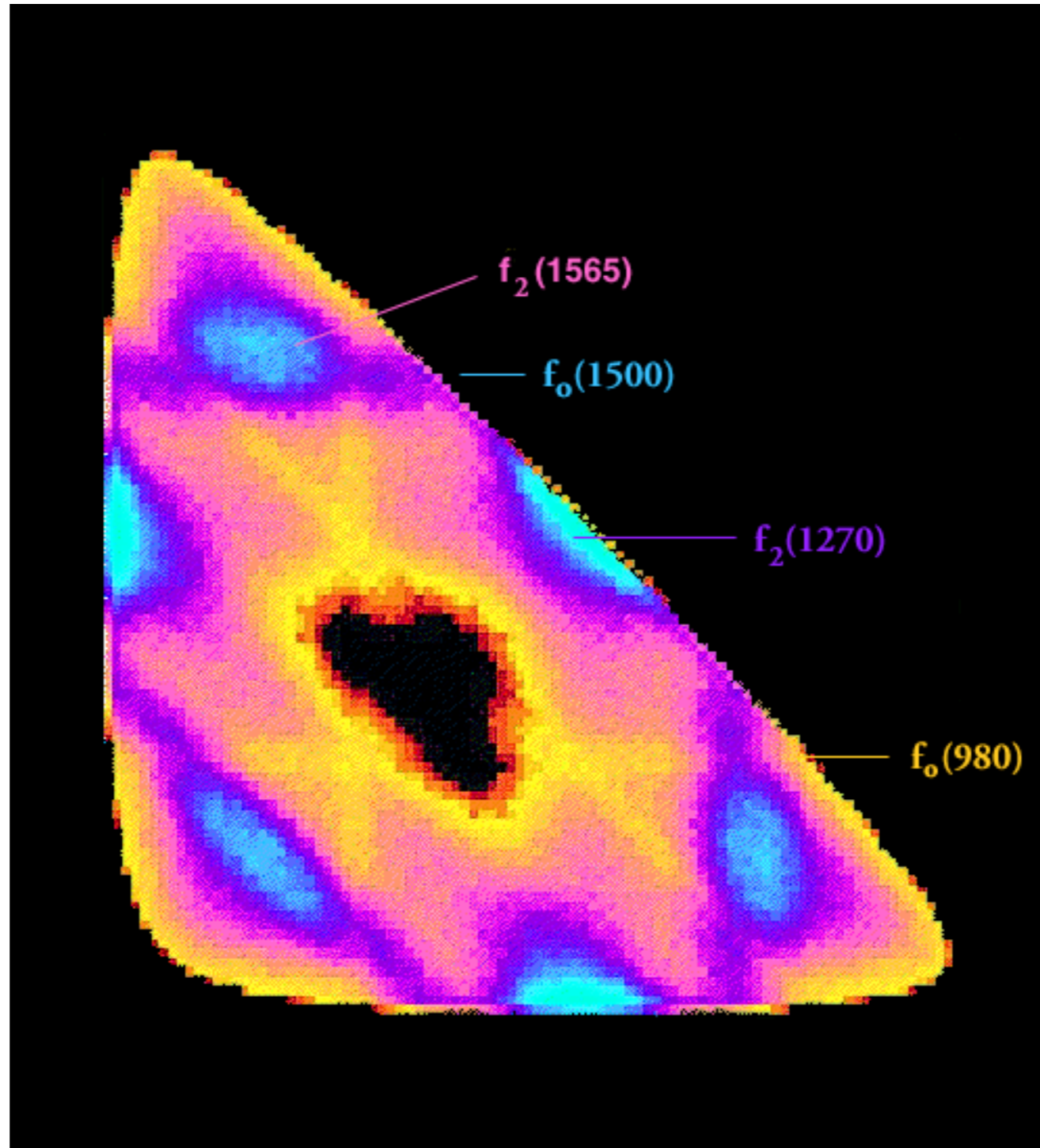


(c)

X(1835)



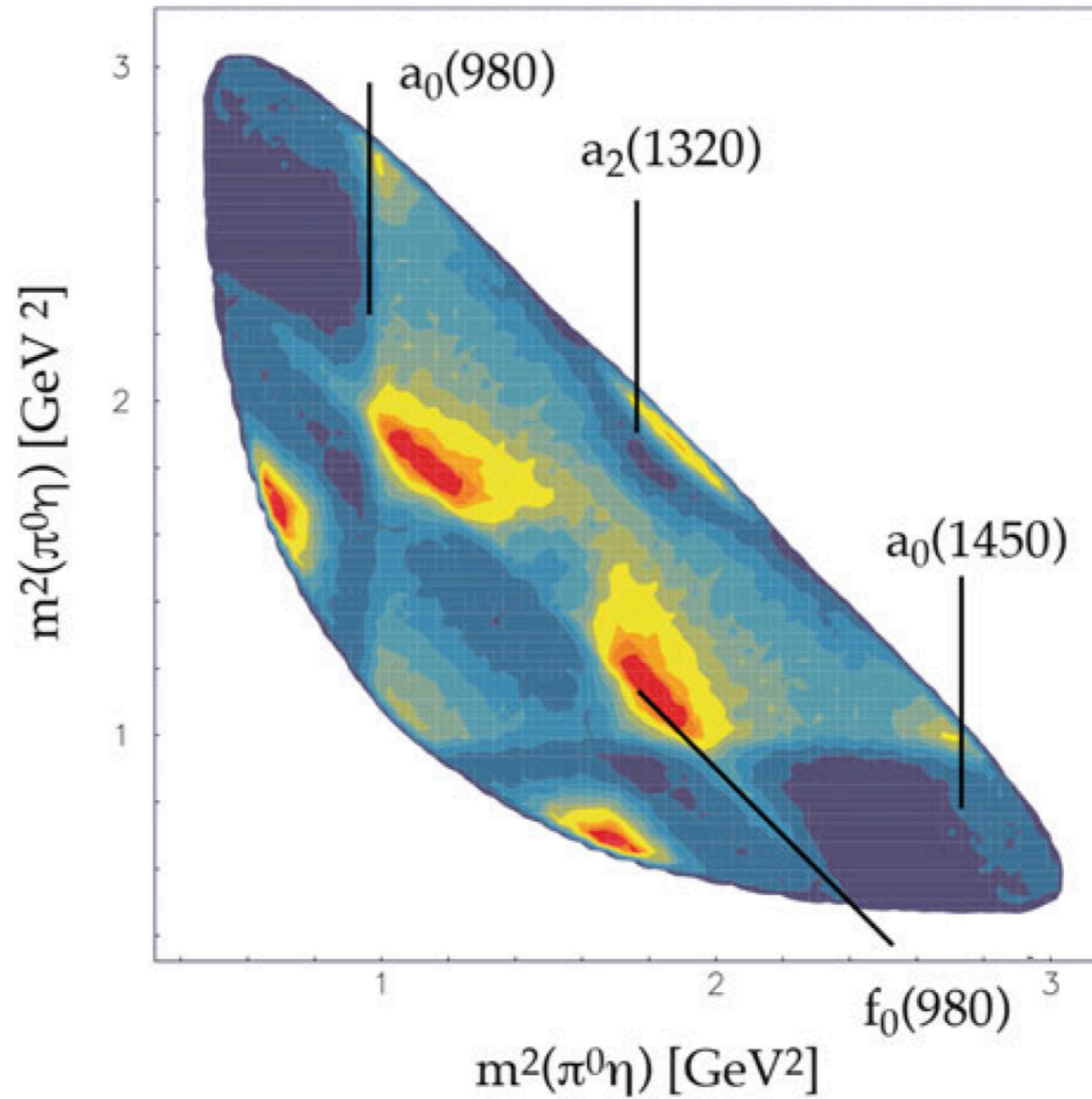
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Crystal Barrel

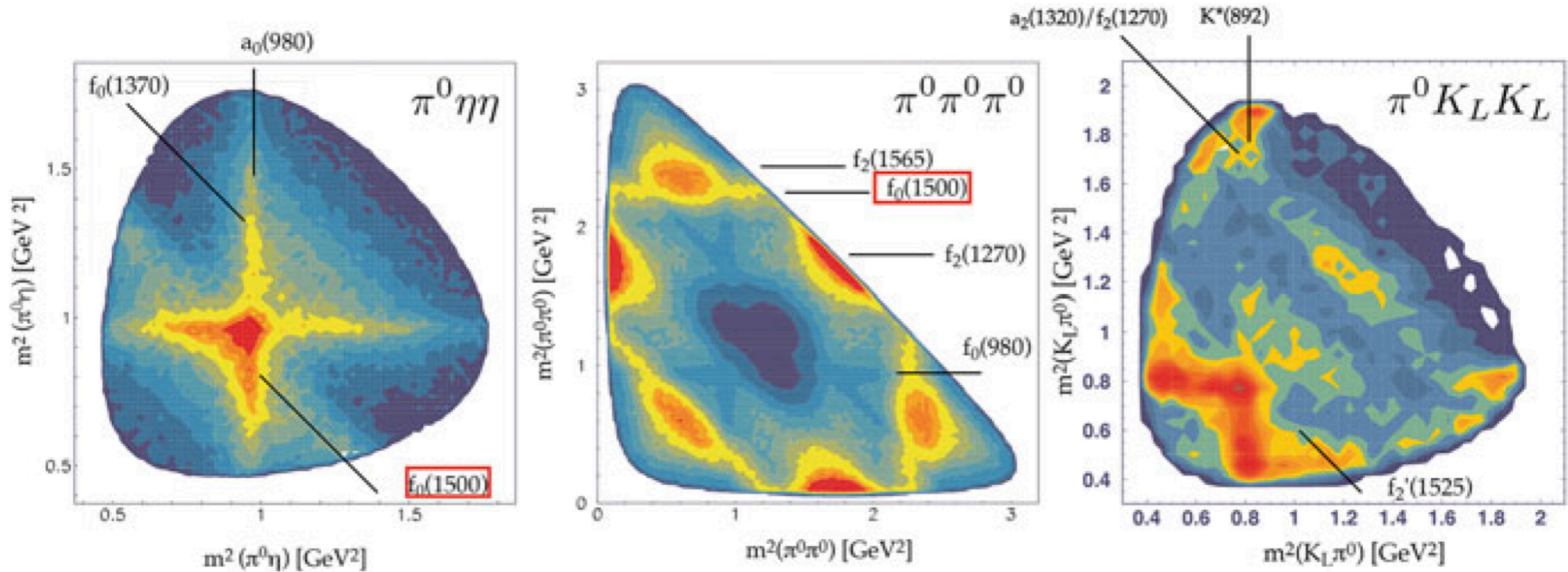
700000 events = 6×700000 entries

Data: $\rho\bar{\rho} \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\eta$ Dalitz plot



Amsler, C.: Rev. Mod. Phys. 70, 1293 (1998)

Data: $p\bar{p}$ Dalitz plots



Amsler, C.: Rev. Mod. Phys. 70, 1293 (1998)

Lots of information in the PDG

2018 Review of Particle Physics.

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

LIGHT UNFLAVORED MESONS

($S = C = B = 0$)

For $I = 1$ (π, b, ρ, a): $u \bar{d}, (u \bar{u} - d \bar{d})/\sqrt{2}, d \bar{u}$;

for $I = 0$ ($\eta, \eta', h, h', \omega, \phi, f, f'$): $c_1(u \bar{u} + d \bar{d}) + c_2(s \bar{s})$

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$f_0(1500) \quad I^G(J^{PC}) = 0^+(0^{++})$

See also the mini-reviews on scalar mesons under $f_0(500)$ (see the index for the page number) and on non- $q \bar{q}$ candidates in [PDG 2006](#), Journal of Physics G33 1 (2006).

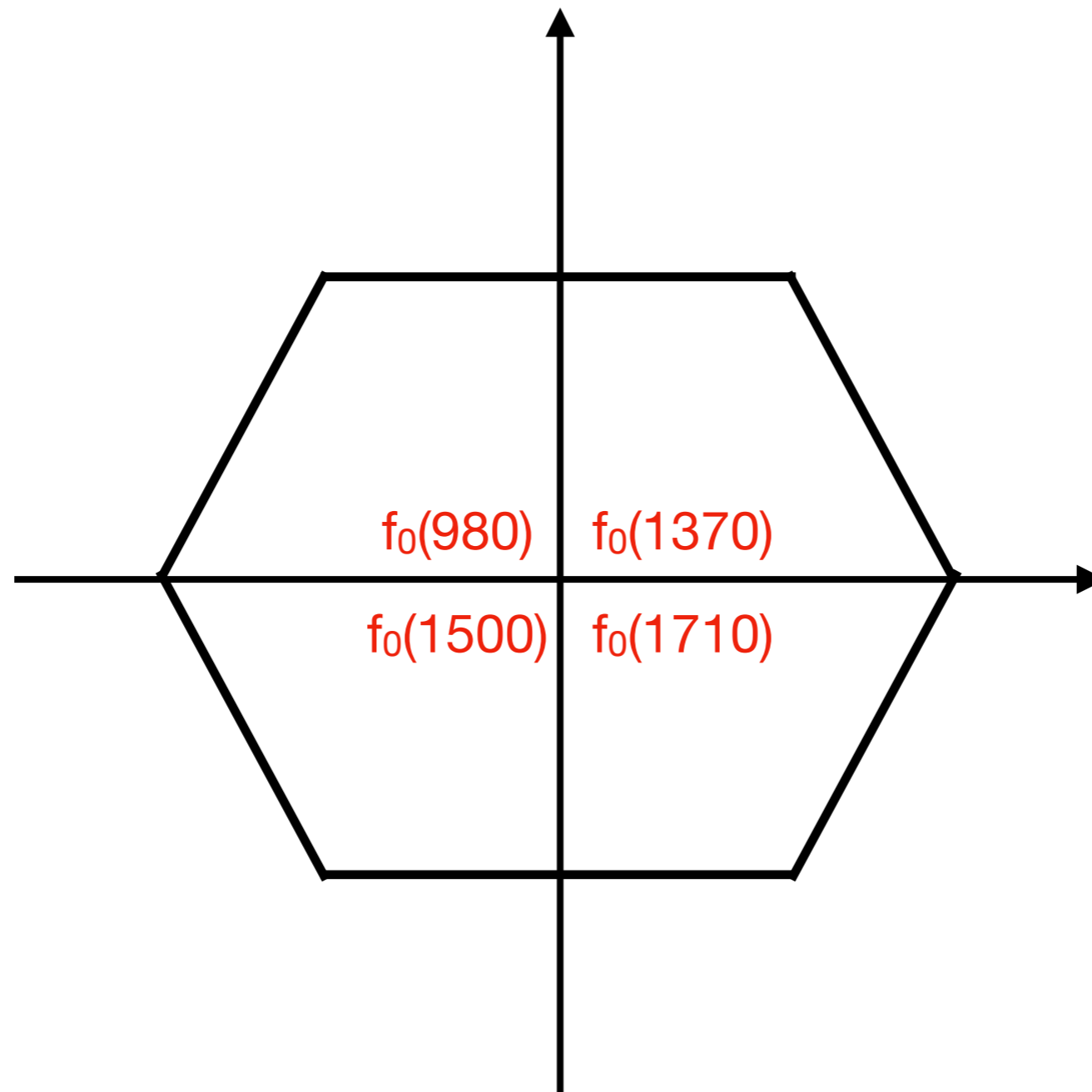
$f_0(1500)$ MASS	1504 ± 6 MeV (S = 1.3)
$f_0(1500)$ WIDTH	109 ± 7 MeV

Decay Modes

Mode	Fraction (Γ_i / Γ)	Scale Factor/ Conf. Level	P (MeV/c)
$\Gamma_1 \quad \pi\pi$	$(34.9 \pm 2.3)\%$	S=1.2	740
$\Gamma_2 \quad \pi^+\pi^-$	seen		739
$\Gamma_3 \quad 2 \pi^0$	seen		740
$\Gamma_4 \quad 4 \pi$	$(49.5 \pm 3.3)\%$	S=1.2	691
$\Gamma_5 \quad 4 \pi^0$	seen		691
$\Gamma_6 \quad 2 \pi^+ 2 \pi^-$	seen		686
$\Gamma_7 \quad 2 (\pi\pi)_{S\text{-wave}}$	seen		
$\Gamma_8 \quad \rho\rho$	seen		-1
$\Gamma_9 \quad \pi(1300)\pi$	seen		143
$\Gamma_{10} \quad a_1(1260)\pi$	seen		217
$\Gamma_{11} \quad \eta\eta$	$(5.1 \pm 0.9)\%$	S=1.4	515
$\Gamma_{12} \quad \eta\eta' (958)$	$(1.9 \pm 0.8)\%$	S=1.7	-1
$\Gamma_{13} \quad K\bar{K}$	$(8.6 \pm 1.0)\%$	S=1.1	568
$\Gamma_{14} \quad \gamma\gamma$	not seen		752

constrained fit information

The glueball ground state (0^{++}) and the scalar nonet



4 ?? \rightarrow 1 particle super numerous \Rightarrow which one is the glueball??

The $f_0(980)$ - glueball?

Scalar Glueball–Quarkonium Mixing and the Structure of the QCD Vacuum
John Ellis, Hirotugu Fujii and Dmitri Kharzeev

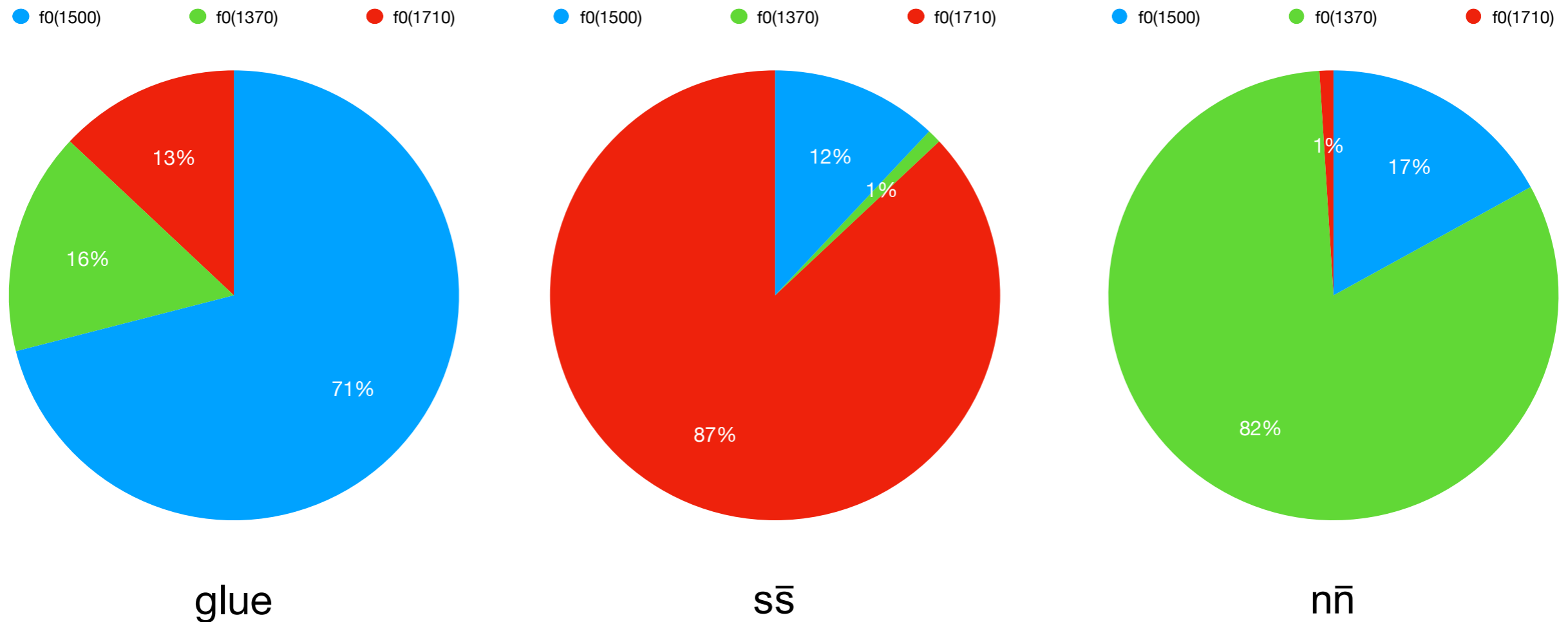
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Sum rules based on the Ward identities of broken scale invariance:

We have found empirically that the sum rules are probably dominated by the $f_0(980)$ state, with contributions from the lighter and heavier f_0 mesons each contributing around the 10% level. Does this mean that one should identify the $f_0(980)$ as the lightest scalar glueball?

Certainly not until one has analyzed the pattern of mixing with $q\bar{q}$ states, a complicated issue which we approach in this paper.

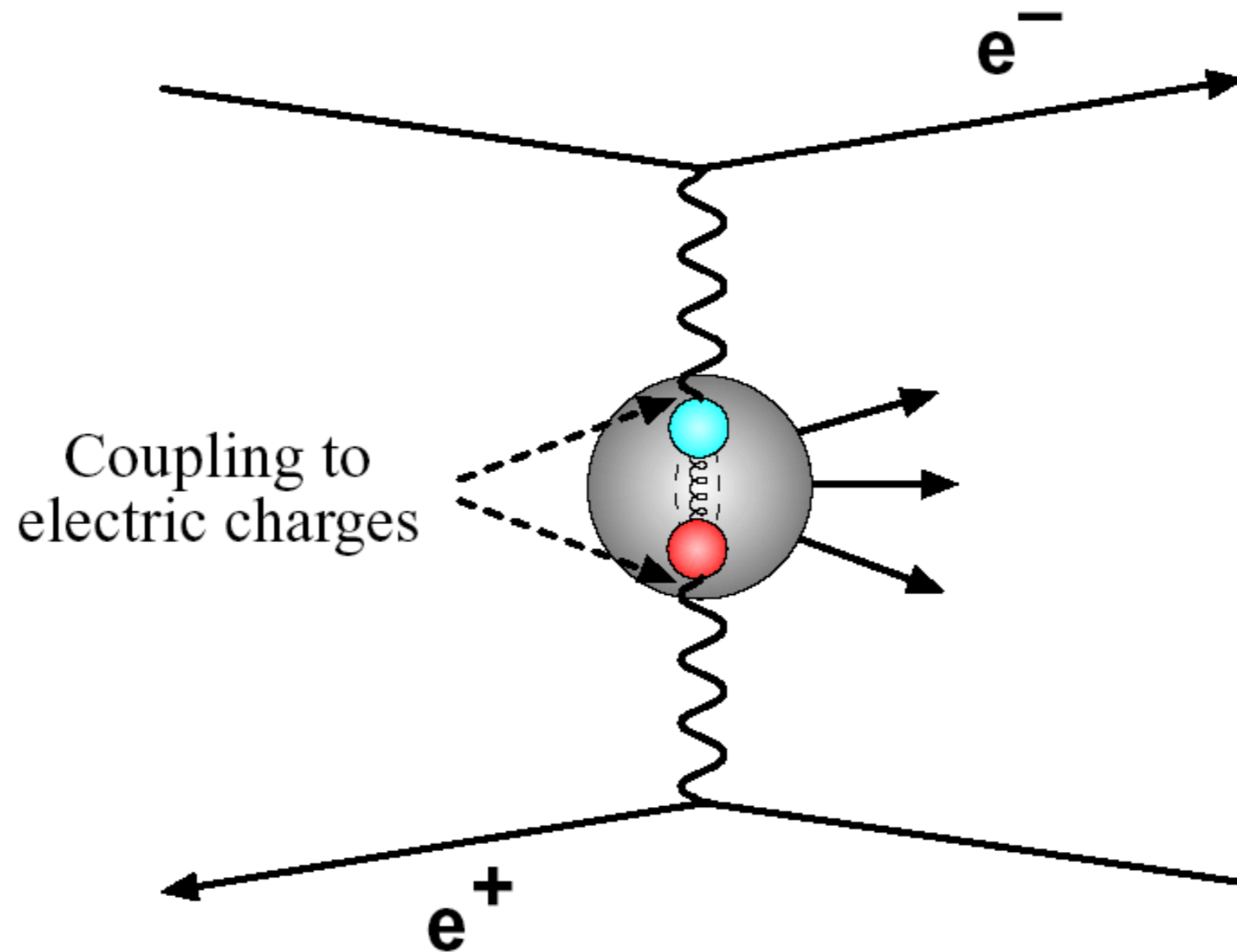
The mixing of states



Different mixing schemes exist.

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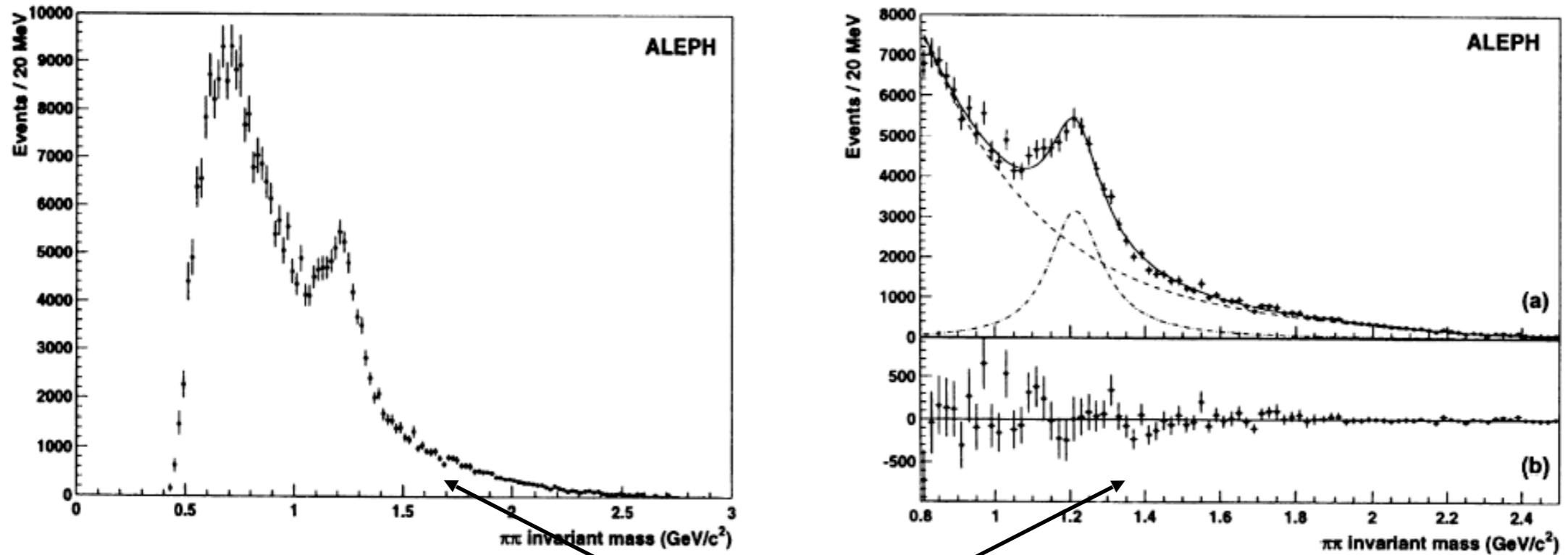
Meson production in $\gamma\gamma$ collisions



... act as anti-glueball filter

$\gamma\gamma$ collisions from ALEPH

(anti-glueball filter)



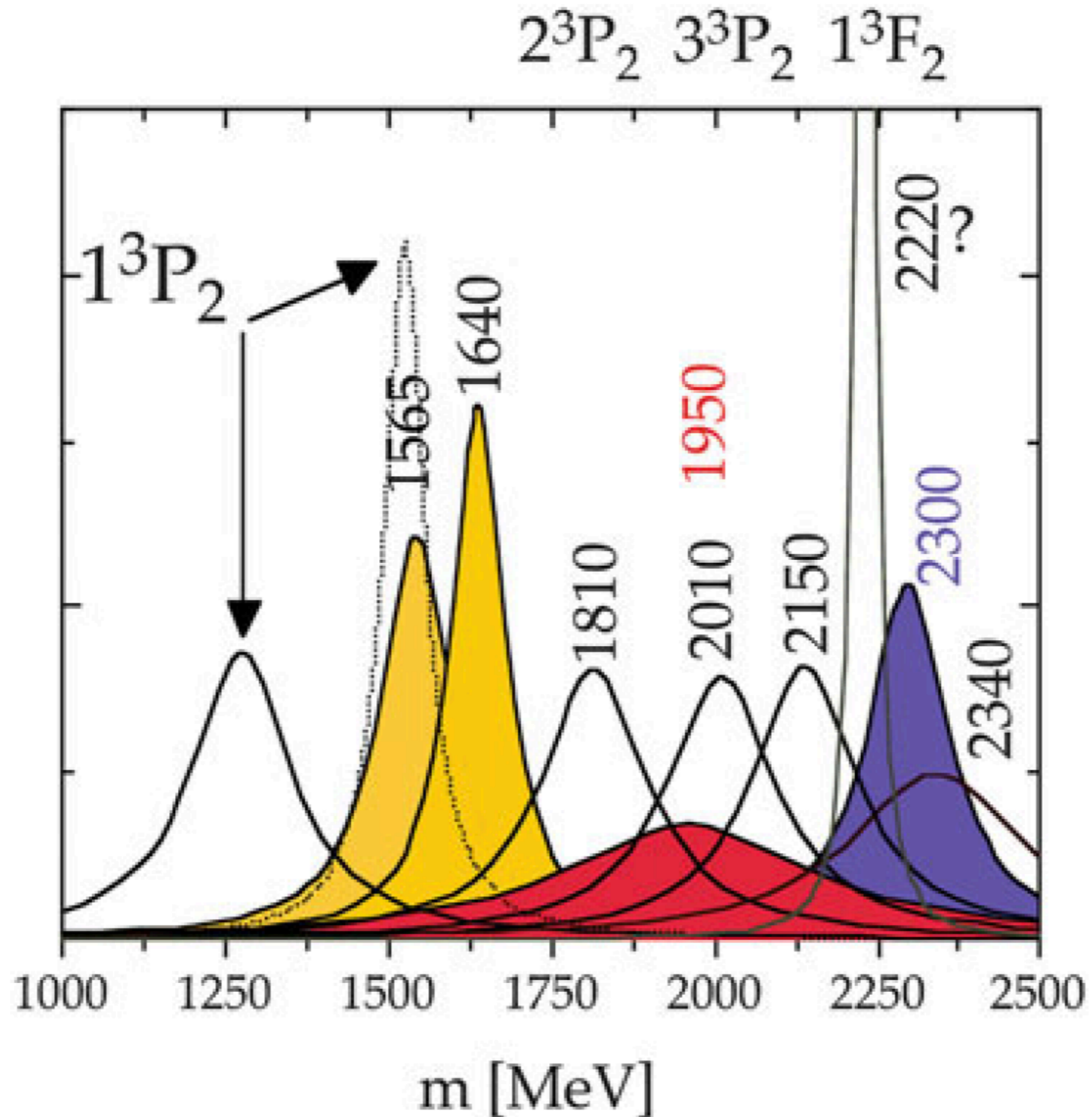
no $f_0(1500)$

upper limit:

$$\Gamma(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow f_0(1500)) \cdot BR(f_0(1500) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) < 0.31 \text{ keV}$$

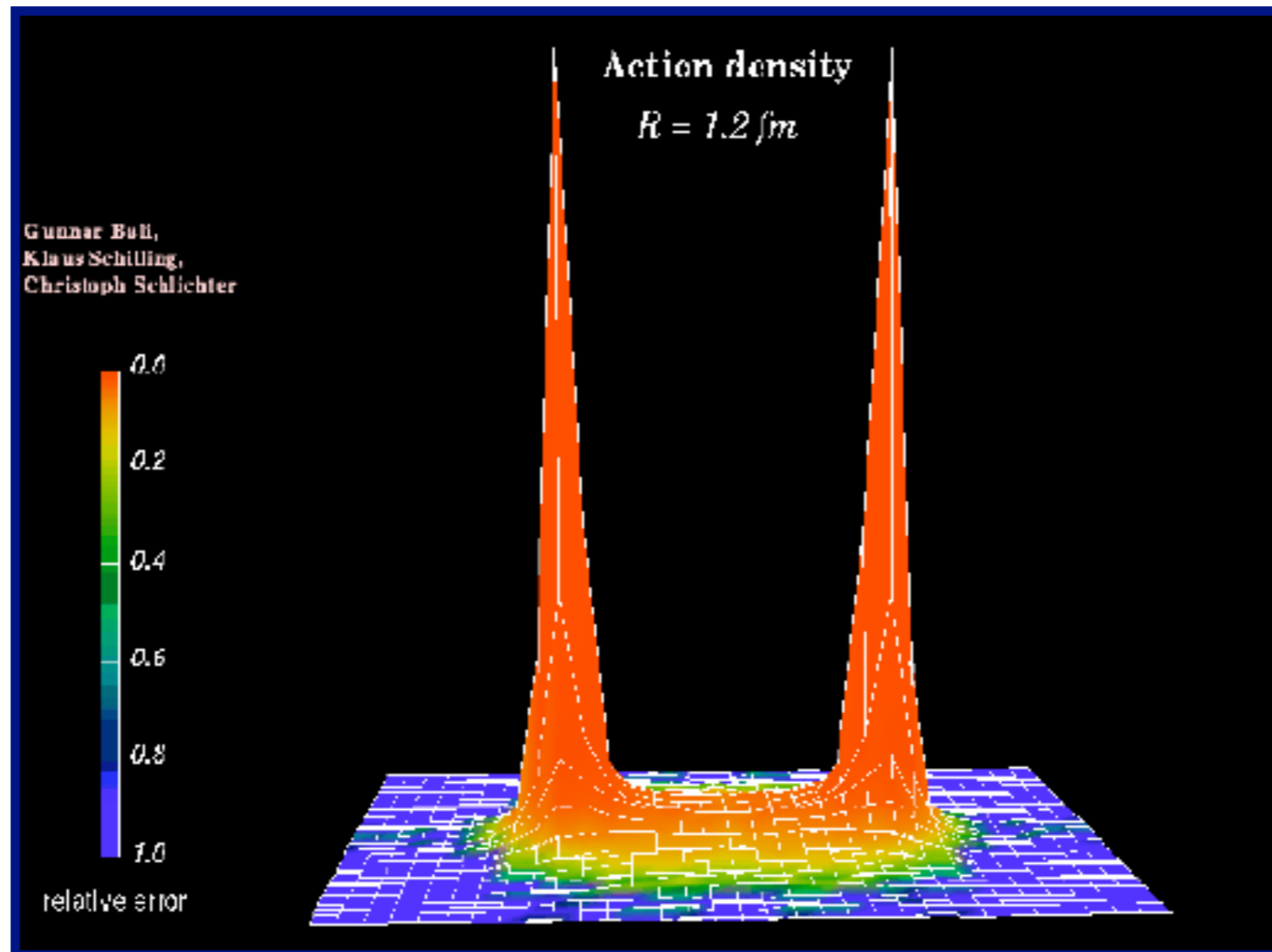
Phys. Lett. B472 (2000) 189.

The tensor ($J^{PC} = 2^{++}$) particles



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QCD on the computer: lattice calculations



Quark separation: 1.2 fm; string tension (OGE) : 16 t !

QCD flux tube (LGT, G.Bali et al.; hep-ph/010032)

Towards the glueball spectrum from unquenched lattice QCD

E. Gregory, A. Irving, B. Lucini, C. McNeile, A. Rago, C. Richards, E. Rinaldi, JHEP10 (2012) 170, arXiv:1208.1858 [hep-lat]

J^{PC}	Mass MeV			
	Unquenched This work	Quenched		
		M&P	Ky	Meyer
0^{-+}		2590(40)(130)	2560(35)(120)	2250(60)(100)
2^{-+}	3460(320)	3100(30)(150)	3040(40)(150)	2780(50)(130)
0^{-+}	4490(590)	3640(60)(180)		3370(150)(150)
2^{-+}				3480(140)(160)
5^{-+}				3942(160)(180)
0^{--} (exotic)	5166(1000)			
1^{--}		3850(50)(190)	3830(40)(190)	3240(330)(150)
2^{--}	4590(740)	3930(40)(190)	4010(45)(200)	3660(130)(170)
2^{--}				3.740(200)(170)
3^{--}		4130(90)(200)	4200(45)(200)	4330(260)(200)
1^{+-}	3270(340)	2940(30)(140)	2980(30)(140)	2670(65)(120)
3^{+-}	3850(350)	3550(40)(170)	3600(40)(170)	3270(90)(150)
3^{+-}				3630(140)(160)
2^{+-} (exotic)		4140(50)(200)	4230(50)(200)	
0^{+-} (exotic)	5450(830)	4740(70)(230)	4780(60)(230)	
5^{+-}				4110(170)(190)
0^{++}	1795(60)	1730(50)(80)	1710(50)(80)	1475(30)(65)
2^{++}	2620(50)	2400(25)(120)	2390(30)(120)	2150(30)(100)
0^{++}	3760(240)	2670(180)(130)		2755(30)(120)
3^{++}		3690(40)(180)	3670(50)(180)	3385(90)(150)
0^{++}				3370(100)(150)
0^{++}				3990(210)(180)
2^{++}				2880(100)(130)
4^{++}				3640(90)(160)
6^{++}				4360(260)(200)

M&P: C. J. Morningstar and M. J. Peardon, The glueball spectrum from an anisotropic lattice study, Phys. Rev. D60 (1999) 034509, [hep-lat/9901004].

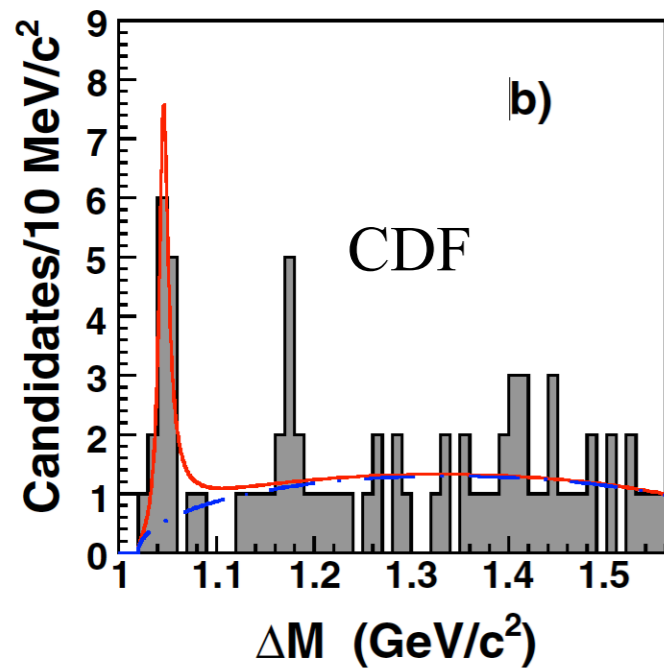
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H. B. Meyer, Glueball Regge trajectories, hep-lat/0508002. Ph.D. Thesis.

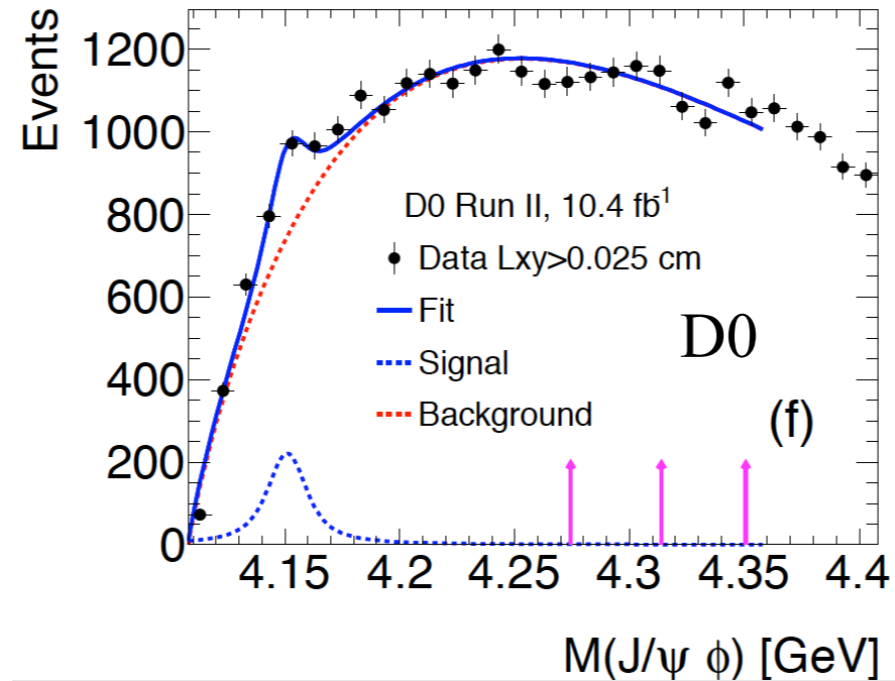
Glueballs

My personal glueball candidate for 1^{++} glueball: $X(4140)$ $M = 4147 \text{ MeV}/c^2$, $\Gamma = \sim 19 \text{ MeV}$
 \hookrightarrow decay mode $J/\psi \phi$ (flavor blind)

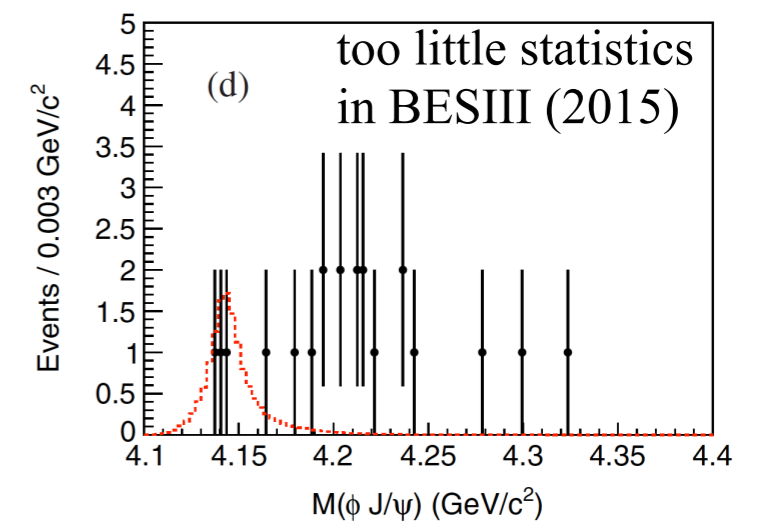
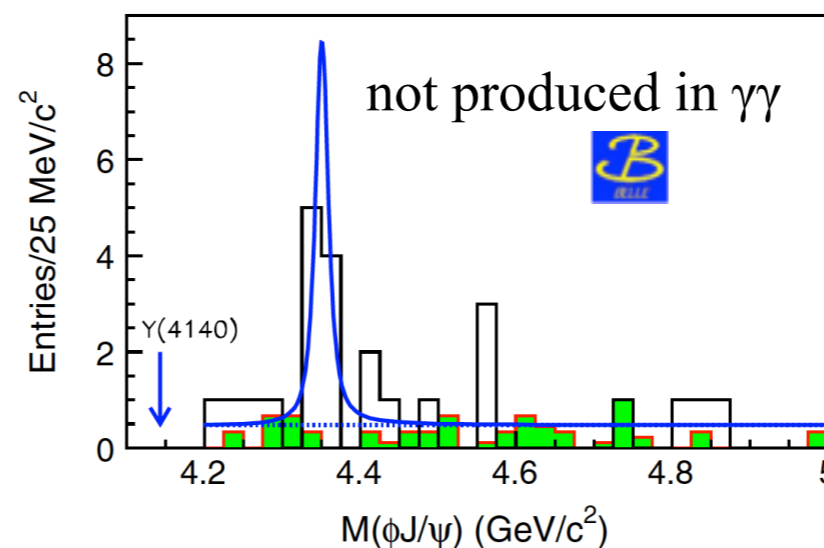
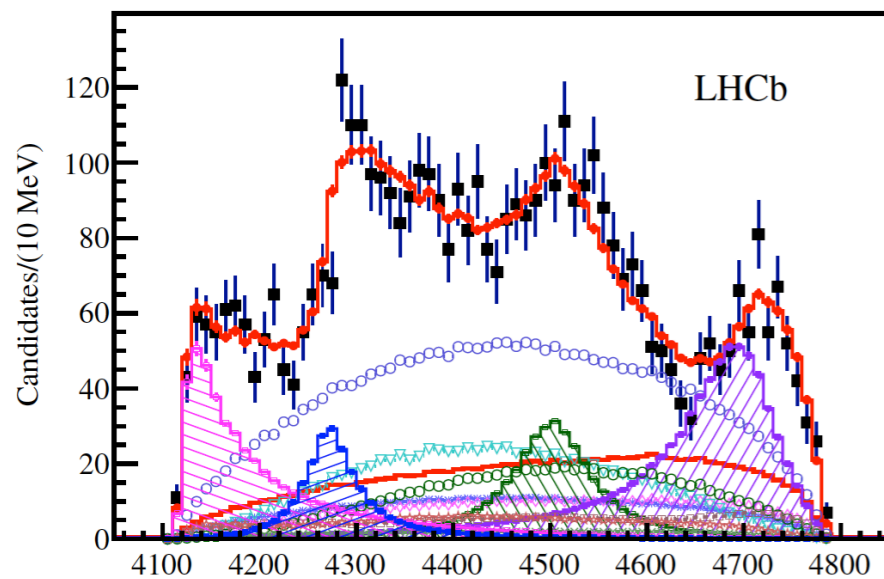
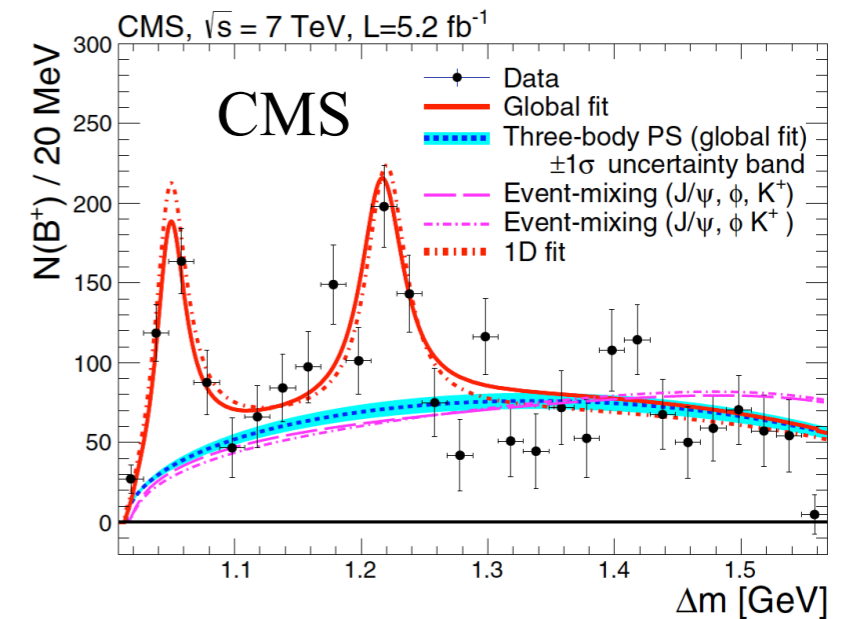
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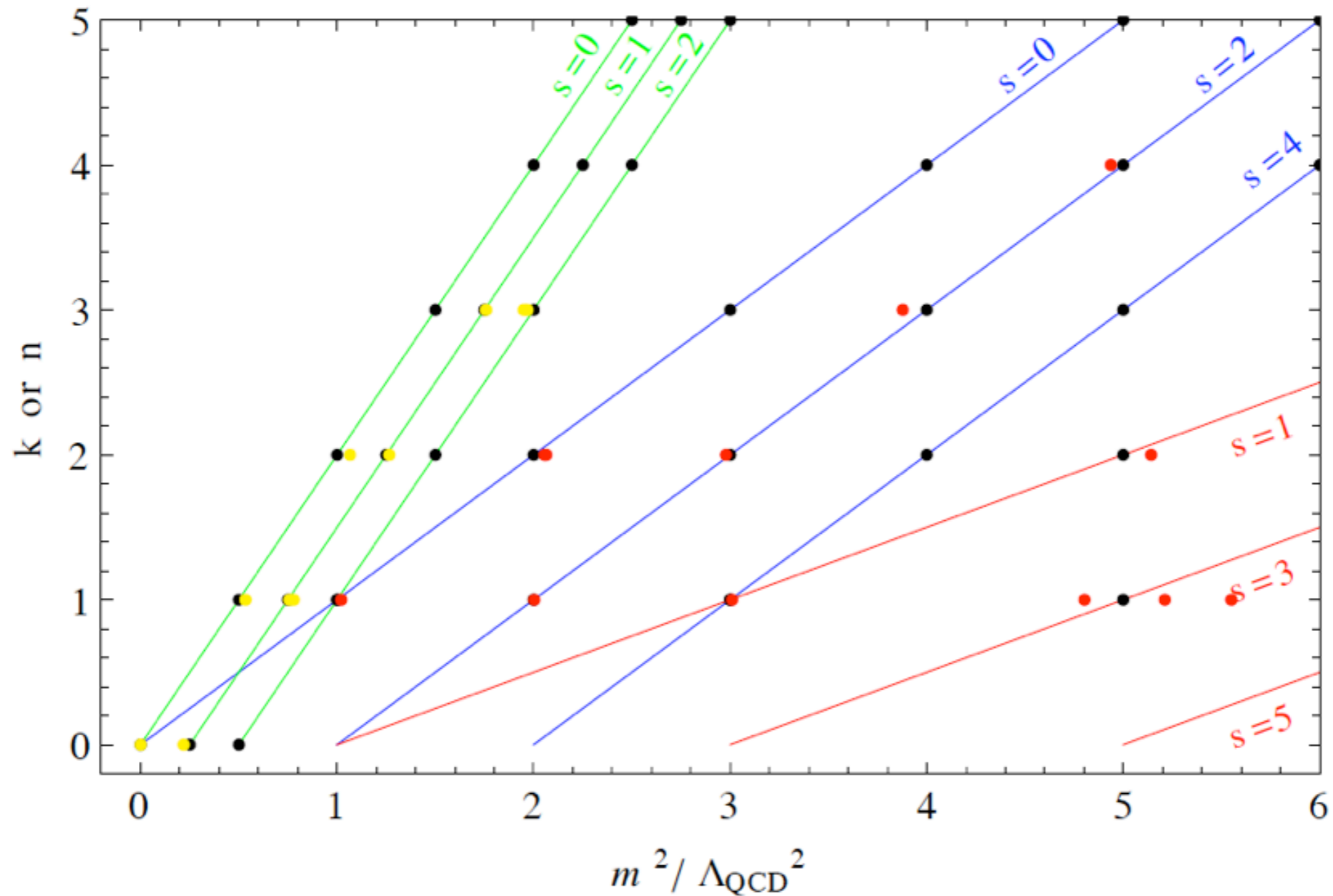


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Glueballs on Regge trajectories like mesons?

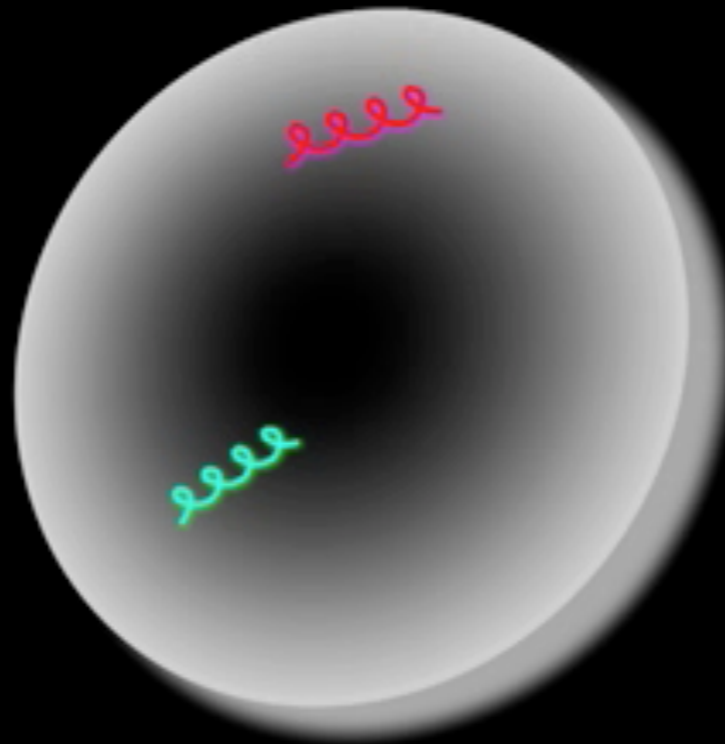


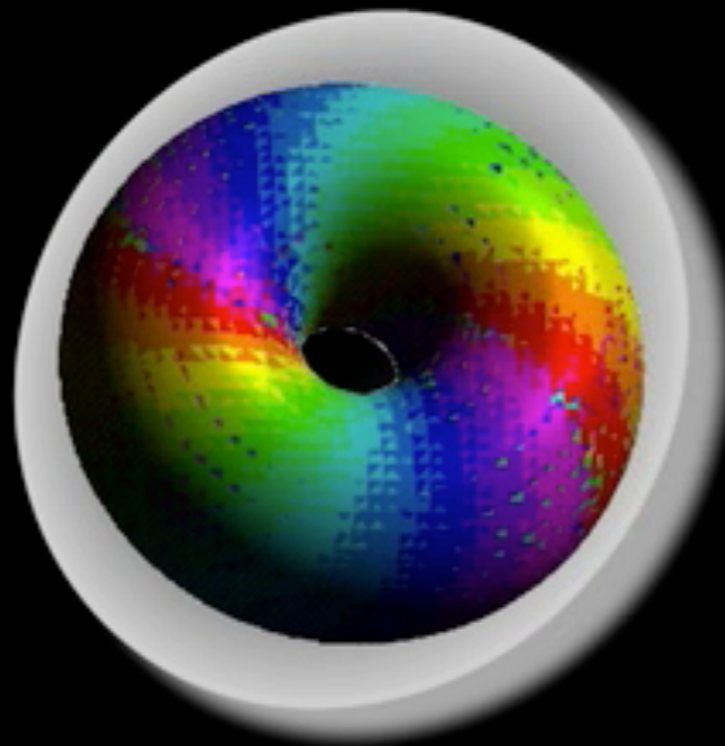
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Harvey B. Meyer, Michael J. Teper; Phys.Lett. B605 (2005) 344-354

G. S. Bali et al.; arXiv:1302.1502

Glueballs





Glueballs, closed fluxtubes and $\eta(1440)$

Ludvig Faddeev, Antti Niemi and Ulrich Wiedner

Phys.Rev.D70:114033, 2004

Glueball Mass Spectrum from Supergravity*

LBNL-42987
UCB-PTH-99/08
hep-th/9903142

Csaba Csáki[†] and John Terning

see also: JHEP 9901:017,1999

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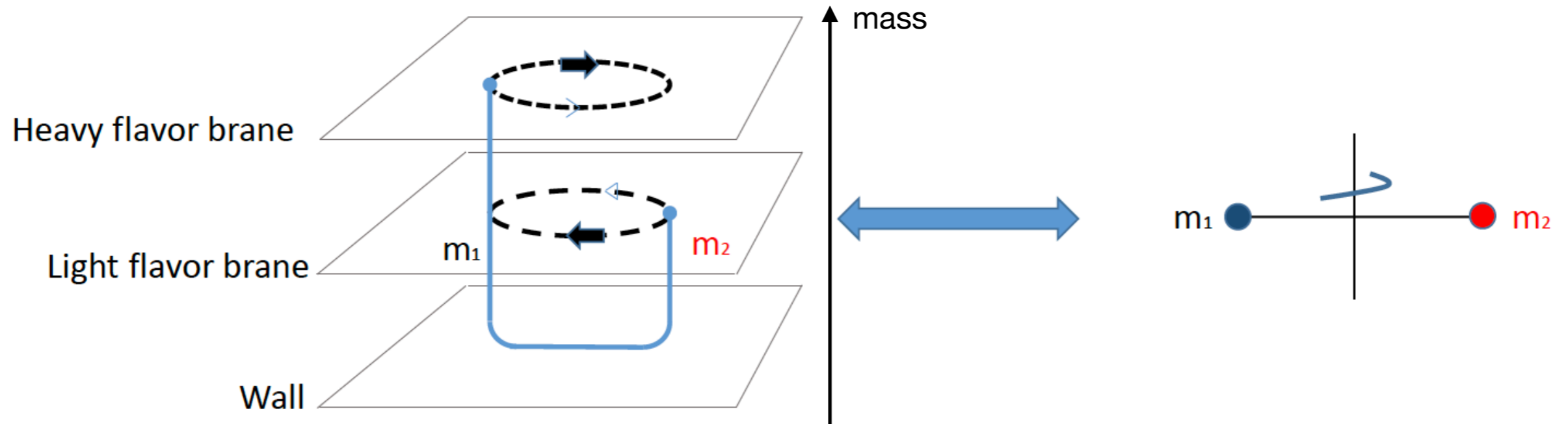
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TABLE III. Masses of the first few 0^{++} glueballs in QCD_4 , in GeV, from supergravity compared to the available lattice results. The first column gives the lattice result [7,16,17], the second the supergravity result for $a = 0$ while the third the supergravity result in the $a \rightarrow \infty$ limit. The change from $a = 0$ to $a = \infty$ in the supergravity predictions is tiny. Note, that for the excited state the supergravity calculation came before the lattice results.

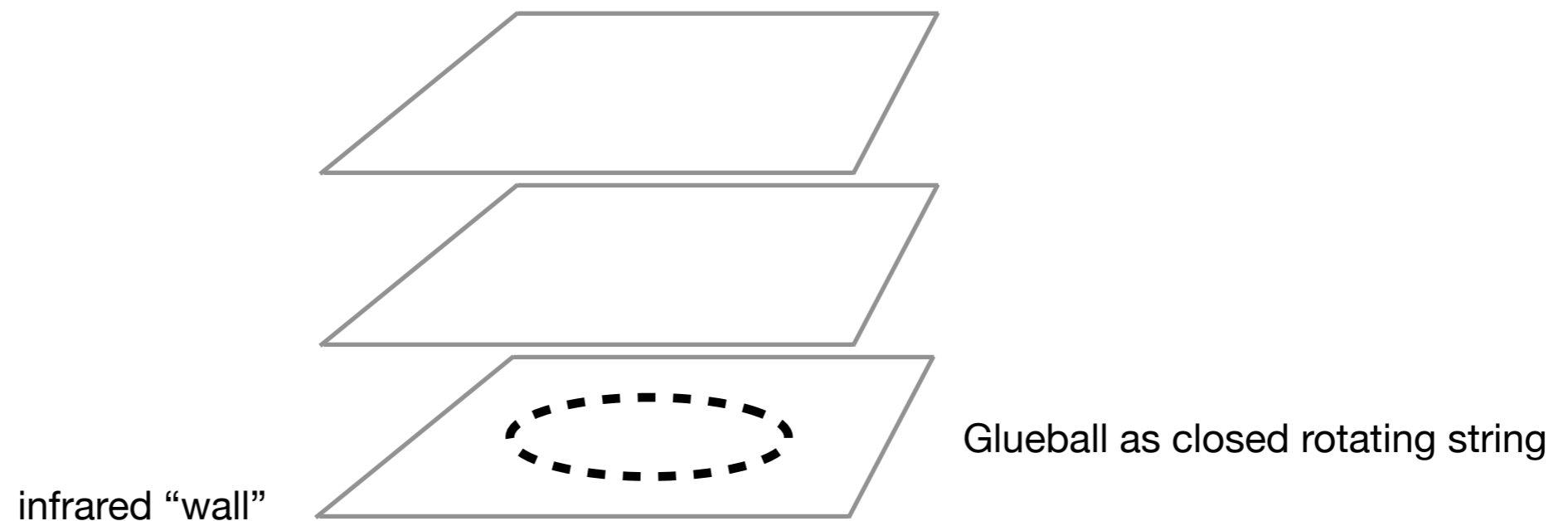
state	lattice, $N = 3$	supergravity $a = 0$	supergravity $a \rightarrow \infty$
0^{++}	1.61 ± 0.15	1.61 (input)	1.61 (input)
0^{++*}	2.48 ± 0.18	2.55	2.56
0^{++**}	-	3.46	3.48
0^{++***}	-	4.36	4.40

Holography Inspired Stringy Hadron model

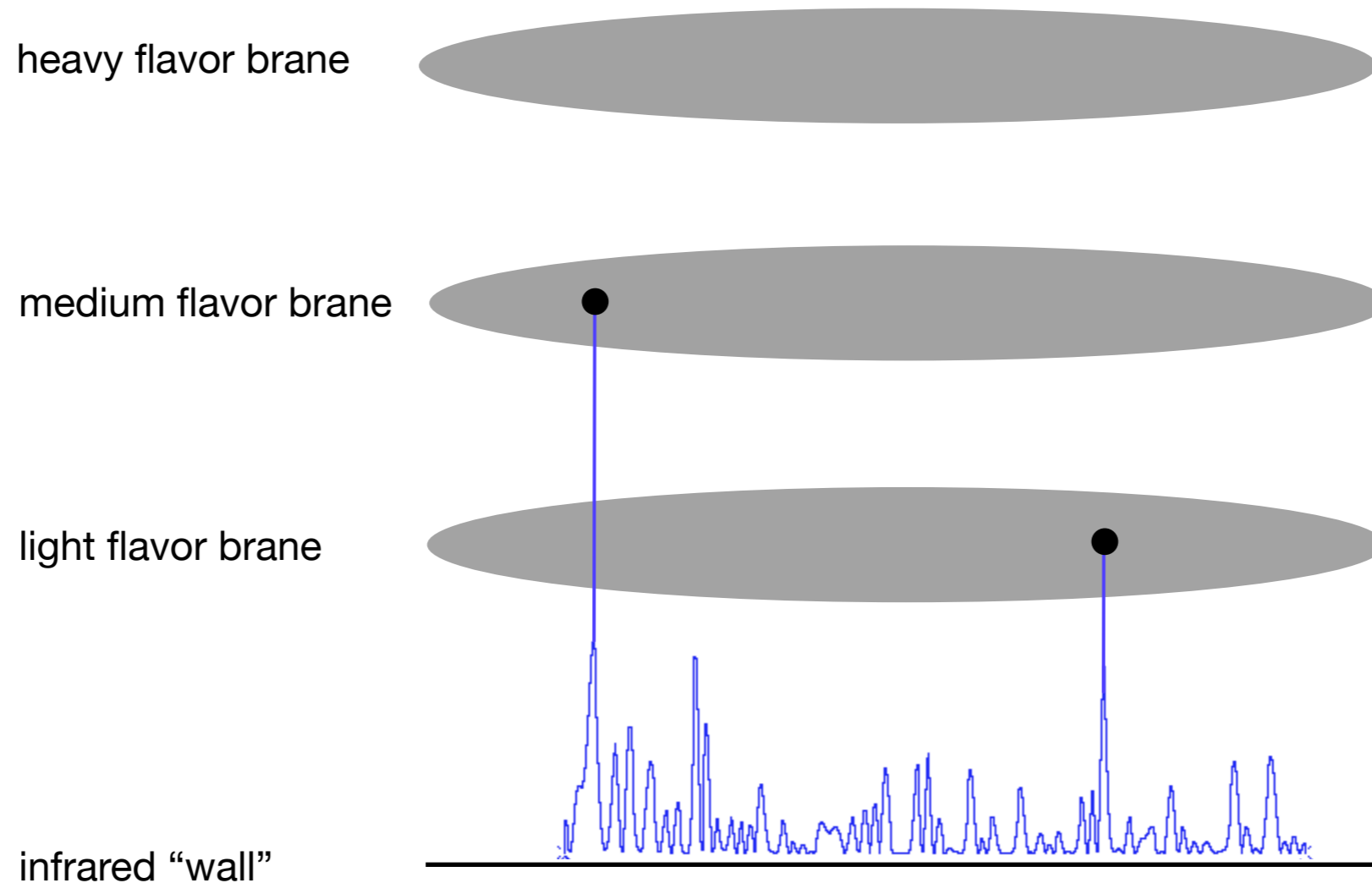


Rotating holographic string
Connected to different flavor branes

Rotating string in flat space-time
with massive endpoints



Holography Inspired Stringy Hadron model: decays



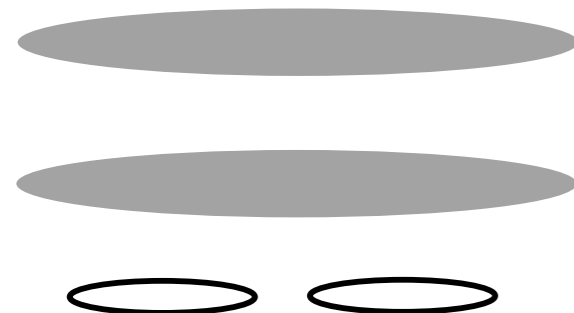
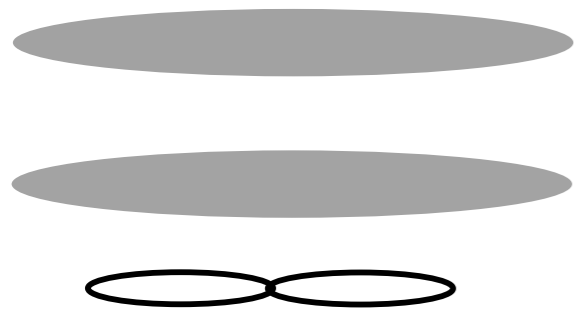
Fluctuations of the gluon string reaching flavor branes cause decays

Jacob Sonnenschein, Dorin Weissman, *JHEP* 1512 (2015) 011, arXiv:1507.01604.

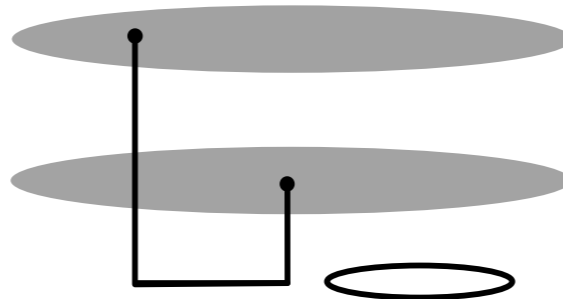
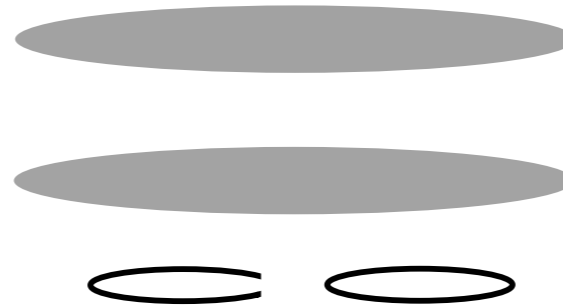
Jacob Sonnenschein, Dorin Weissman, *Eur.Phys.J.C* 79 (2019) 4, 326 • e-Print: [1812.01619](#) [hep-ph]

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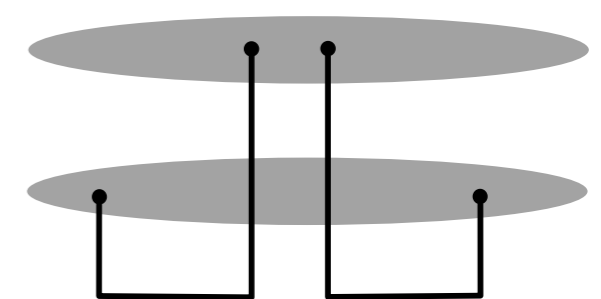
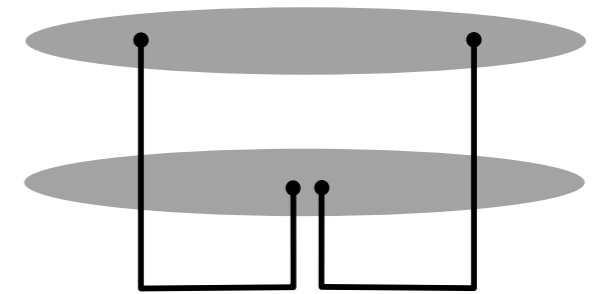
Holography Inspired Stringy Hadron model: decay patterns



glueball \rightarrow 2 glueballs



glueball \rightarrow meson + glueball



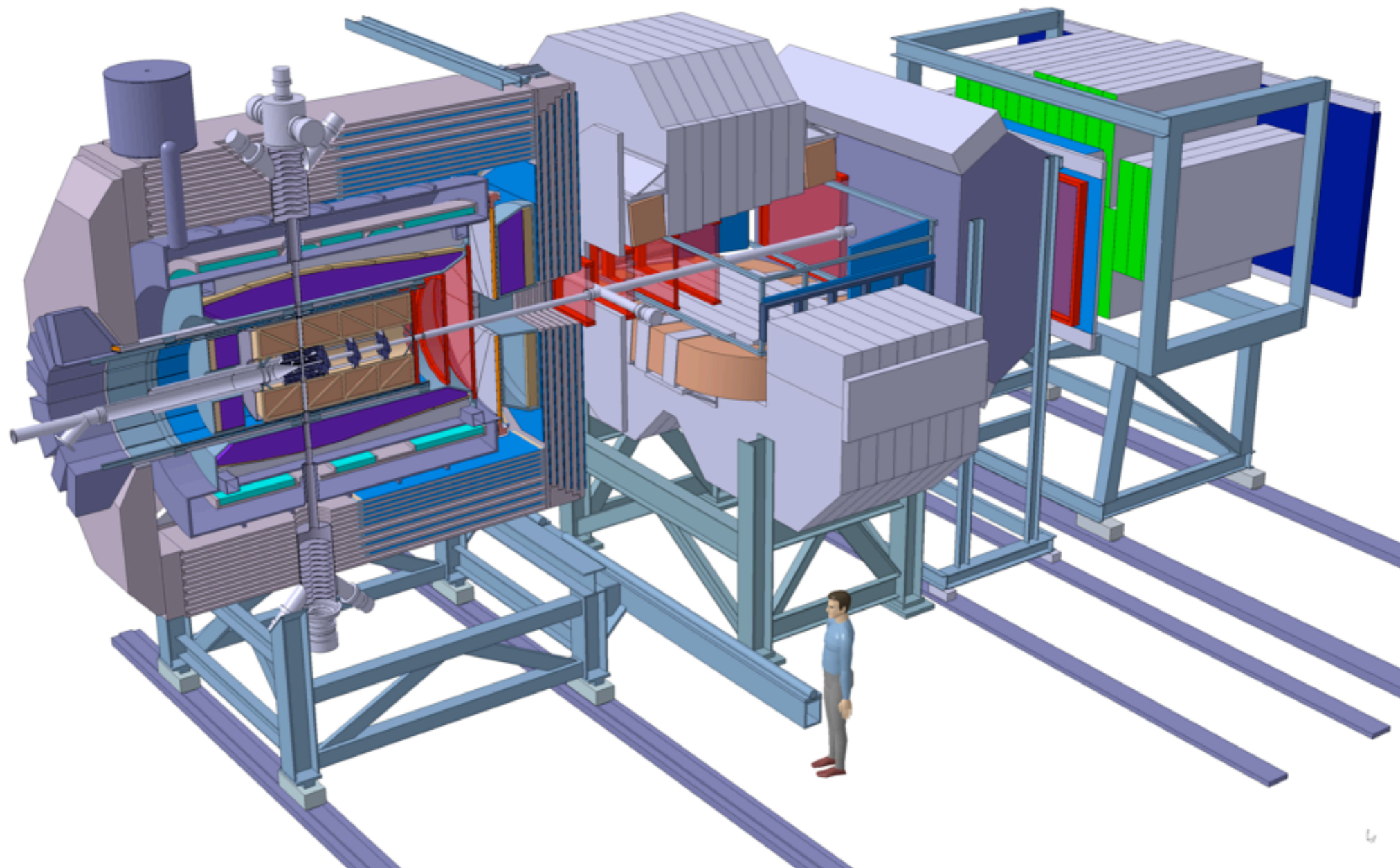
glueball \rightarrow 2 mesons

$$\Gamma(Gb \rightarrow 2 \text{ light}) : \Gamma(Gb \rightarrow K\bar{K}) : \Gamma(Gb \rightarrow \phi\phi) = 1 : e^{-1} : e^{-2}$$

$$\Gamma(GB \rightarrow \omega\omega) : \Gamma(GB \rightarrow K^{*0}K^{*0}) : \Gamma(GB \rightarrow \phi\phi) = 1 : 0.30 : 0.07.$$

PANDA @ FAIR

- gluon-rich (antiprotons)
- no limitations on q.n. of glueballs (even exotic)
- glueballs (and other particles) up to 5.4 GeV
- excitation curve of resonances



Thank you for your attention!