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Glueballs from J/ψ decay



Scalar glueball candidate: Coupled-channel analyses of exp. data (BESIII)

- +add. data, largest overlap with $f_0(1770)$
- largest overlap with $f_0(1710)$

Pseudoscalar glueball candidate:

• X(2370)

[Sarantsev, Denisenko, Thoma, Klempt, Phys. Lett. B 816 (2021)]

[JPAC Coll., Rodas et al., Eur.Phys.J.C 82 (2022)]

[Ablikim et al. (BESIII), PRL132 (2024)]

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- Continuum extrapolation
- Operator basis
- Mixing between operators
- Physical quark masses

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Used a three-gluon vertex model tailored to reproduce lattice results. \rightarrow Insufficient for bound states.

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- [Sanchis-Alepuz, Fischer, Kellermann, von Smekal, Phys.Rev.D92, (2015)]
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Better models? Alternative: Self-consistently calculated input.

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Still truncations in equations...

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- 3PI effective action and its truncation
- Correlation functions: equations of motion, truncations, impact of extensions
- Bound state equations: kernels and their truncations, impact of extensions

3PI effective action

Effective actions



Lagrangian density of QCD \mathcal{L}_{QCD} :

- \rightarrow 1PI effective action $\Gamma[\bar{q}, q, A, \bar{c}, c]$:
 - Generating functional of correlation functions
 - Equations of motion: DSEs

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Stationarity conditions: $\frac{\delta\Gamma}{\delta D} = 0$, $\frac{\delta\Gamma}{\delta\Gamma^{(3)}} = 0 \rightarrow$ Equations of motion (already truncated):





(Similar to DSEs, but still different.)

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Start with pure gauge theory. \rightarrow [MQH, Phys.Rev.D 101 (2020)]

Landau gauge propagators



Gluon dressing function:





Ghost dressing function:



[Sternbeck, hep-lat/0609016; MQH, Phys. Rev. D 101 (2020)]

(Family of solutions [von Smekal, Alkofer, Hauck, PRL79 (1997); Aguilar, Binosi, Papavassiliou, Phys.Rev.D 78 (2008); Boucaud et al., JHEP06 (2008); Fischer, Maas, Pawlowski, Ann.Phys. 324 (2008); Alkofer, MQH, Schwenzer, Phys. Rev. D 81 (2010)])

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- Simple kinematic dependence (singlet variable *S*₀ of *S*₃), "planar degeneracy" First observation: [Eichmann, Williams, Alkofer, Vujinovic, Phys.Rev.D89 (2014)], but already in old data [Blum, Huber, Mitter, von Smekal, Phys.Rev.D89 (2014)]; lattice: [Pinto:Gómez et al., Phys.Lett.B838 (2023)]; [Aguilar et al., Eur.Phys.J.C83 (2023)]
 - \rightarrow Talks by de Soto, Rodríguez-Quintero

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 \rightarrow Cancellations between diagrams important.

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Three-gluon vertex: More methods



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 \rightarrow Agreement between lattice, FRG, DSE and 3PI.

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- Two-ghost-two-gluon vertex with 25 dressings [MQH, Eur. Phys.J.C77 (2017)]: (FRG: [Corell, SciPost Phys. 5 (2018)])



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Talks by Oliveira, de Soto, Santos [Colaco, Oliveira Silva, Phys. Rev. D 109 (2024); Aquilar et al., 2408.06135]

lattice, 4PI effective action \rightarrow possibilities for checks between three methods

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- Availability
- Kinematics
- Tensors

Tensor bases for glueballs

[MQH, Fischer, Sanchis-Alepuz, Eur.Phys.J.C81 (2021)]

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu
ho\sigma...}(p_1,p_2) = \sum \tau^i_{\mu
u
ho\sigma...}(p_1,p_2)h_i(p_1,p_2)$$



Numbers of tensors:

J	P = +1	P = -1
0	2	1
1	4	3
>2	5	4

Increase in complexity:

- 2 gluon indices (transverse)
- *J* spin indices (symmetric, traceless, transverse to *P*)
- Linear independence (nontrivial for P = -1)

Low number of tensors, but high-dimensional tensors!

 \rightarrow Computational cost increases with *J*.

ightarrow Full tensor basis used.

Input

Propagators: Full





Three-gluon vertex: Leading tensor, full kinematics



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\rightarrow Two-loop diagrams in BSEs!

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[MQH, Fischer, Sanchis-Alepuz, EPJ Web Conf. 258 (2022)]

• 0^{++} : < 2%

[MQH. Fischer, Sanchis-Alepuz, HADRON2021, Rev.Mex.Fis.Suppl. 3 (2022)]

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Thank you for your attention!

Scalar sector

 $J^{ extsf{PC}} = 0^{++} o qar{q}$ mesons, tetraquarks and glueballs

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[Jaffe, Phys. Rev. D 15 (1977)]



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Landau-Yang theorem

Two-photon states cannot couple to $J^{P} = 1^{\pm}$ or $(2n + 1)^{-}$

[Landau, Dokl.Akad.Nauk SSSR 60 (1948); Yang, Phys. Rev. 77 (1950)].

(\rightarrow Exclusion of J = 1 for Higgs because of $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$.)

Applicable to glueballs?

- \rightarrow Not in this framework, since gluons are not on-shell.
- \rightarrow Presence of J = 1 states is a dynamical question.

J = 1 not found here.
Correlation functions in the complex plane



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Test extrapolation for solvable system:

Heavy meson [MQH, Sanchis-Alepuz, Fischer, Eur.Phys.J.C 80 (2020)]

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Extrapolation for glueball eigenvalue curves



Several curves: ground state and excited states.

Gauge invariance

Couplings can be extracted from each vertex.

- Slavnov-Taylor identities (gauge invariance): Agreement perturbatively (UV) necessary.
 [Cyrol et al., Phys.Rev.D 94 (2016)]
- Difficult to realize: Small deviations → Couplings cross and do not agree.
- Here: Vertex couplings agree down to GeV regime (IR can be different).

10 10⁰ 10^{-1} $\chi(p^2)$ 10^{-2} α_{aha} 10^{-3} 10^{-4} α_{4a} 10-5 10^{-2} 10^{-1} 10⁰ 10¹ 10^{2} p[GeV]

[MQH, Phys. Rev. D 101 (2020)]