

*How many degrees of freedom has the gluon ?*

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“The Physics of Glueballs”

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

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = -\frac{1}{4}\text{Tr} G_{\mu\nu}G^{\nu\mu} + \sum \bar{q}(\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m)q$$

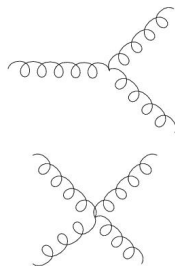
$$G_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu - ig[A_\mu, A_\nu]$$

Quark = Fundamental representation **3**

Gluon = Adjoint representation **8**

= Massless spin 1  $\rightarrow$  **2** polarization states

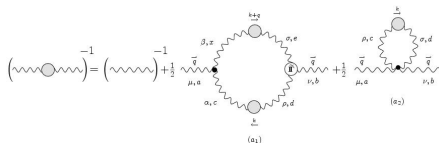
Gluon coupling  $\rightarrow$  Bound states: **Glueballs**



# GLUON MASS

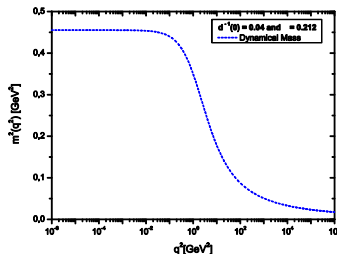
CORNWALL [Phys. Rev. D**26**, 1453 (1982)]

Gluons **massless** in the Lagrangian  
 Couplings and nonperturbative effects  
 → **Dynamical mass**



$$m^2(q^2) = m_0^2 \left[ \frac{\ln\left(\frac{q^2 + 4m_0^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{4m_0^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)} \right]^{-12/11}$$

Gluon  $\sim$  massive spin 1  $\rightarrow$  **3** polarization states



Non relativistic models for the low-lying glueballs

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

CORNWALL AND SONI [Phys. Lett. B **120**, 431 (1983)]

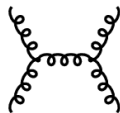
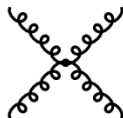
$$H^0 = \frac{p^2}{m} + 2m(1 - e^{-r/r_0}).$$

Degeneracy between states with different  $S$   
 → OGE with corrections of  $\mathcal{O}(1/m^2)$

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

with  $\lambda = -3\alpha_S$  and  $U(r) = \exp(-mr)/r$ .

Every gluons on the same footing  
 Massive exchanged gluons



CORNWALL AND SONI [Phys. Lett. B **120**, 431 (1983)]

$$C = + \text{ and } P = (-1)^L$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S} \text{ with } S = 0, 1, 2.$$

Spin-1 gluons  $\rightarrow SU(2)$

$$\mathbf{S} : \mathbf{1} \otimes \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{0}_S \oplus \mathbf{1}_A \oplus \mathbf{2}_S$$

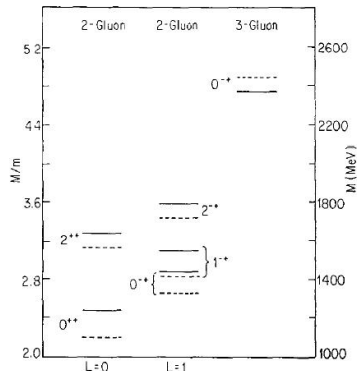
$\rightarrow$  Vector states  $1^{-+}$

Lowest three-gluon glueball  $0^{-+}$

Hierarchy with OGE:

$$0^{++} \quad 0^{-+} \quad 2^{++} \quad 1^{-+} \quad 2^{-+}$$

No lattice results at that time



Other models for 2-gluon glueballs using (massive) spin-1 gluons:

Simonov (1990), Kaidalov and Simonov (2000)

Brau and Semay (2004),

Abreu and Bicudo (2007),...

# MASSIVE GLUON WITHOUT LONGITUDINAL COMPONENT

Dynamical mass but WI satisfied

$$k^\mu \Pi_\mu^{ab}(k) = 0$$

Gauge invariance  $\rightarrow$  transverse gluons  
with no longitudinal component

Gluon massless in the UV region

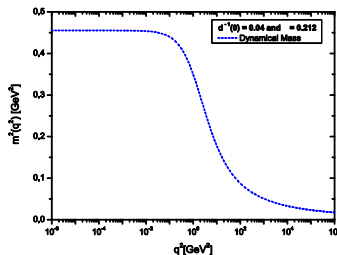
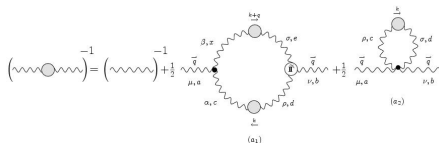
Other possibility:

Gluon with only 2 polarization states  
even though dynamical mass

$J \neq L + S$  only  $J$

Same hamiltonian but

other construction for the basis



BARNES [Z. Phys. C **10**, 275 (1981)]

$$H = \frac{p^2}{m} + \sigma r - 3 \frac{\alpha_S}{r}$$

Transverse gluons with **2 helicities**  $\{-1, +1\} \rightarrow \mathbf{J} \neq \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$

Other formalism by Jacob and Wick (1959)

General geometrical construction (with  $\Lambda = \lambda_1 - \lambda_2$ )

$$|J, M; \lambda_1, \lambda_2\rangle = \mathcal{N} \int dU \mathcal{D}_{M, \Lambda}^{J*}(\phi, \theta, -\phi) R(\phi, \theta, -\phi) |\Psi_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2}\rangle$$

State with total  $J$  in term of usual  $(L, S)$  states:

$$|J, M; \lambda_1, \lambda_2\rangle = \sum_{L, S} \left[ \frac{2L+1}{2J+1} \right]^{1/2} \langle L0S\Lambda | J\Lambda \rangle \langle s_1\lambda_1 s_2 - \lambda_2 | S\Lambda \rangle \left| {}^{2S+1}L_J \right\rangle$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} P |J, M; \lambda_1, \lambda_2\rangle &= \eta_1 \eta_2 (-1)^J |J, M; -\lambda_1, -\lambda_2\rangle, \\ P_{12} |J, M; \lambda_1, \lambda_2\rangle &= (-1)^{J-2s_i} |J, M; \lambda_2, \lambda_1\rangle, \end{aligned}$$

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

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

Hierarchy [Barnes, 1981]:

$$0^{\pm+} \quad 2^{\pm+} \quad 3^{++} \quad 4^{\pm+} \dots$$

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

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

**Degeneracies survive at the OGE in hyperfine splittings**

SZCZEPANIAK, SWANSON, JI, AND COTANCH [Phys. Rev. Lett.**76**, 2011 (1996)]

Transverse gluons with 2 helicities  $\{-1, +1\}$   
 Gluon mass given by gap equation

$$\omega^2(k) = k^2 + m^2 e^{-k/\kappa}$$

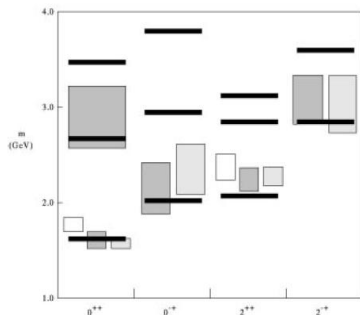
Relativistic Hamiltonian with

$$V(r) = \frac{9\sigma}{4} r (1 - e^{-\Lambda r}) - \frac{3\alpha_s}{r}$$

No vector state (Yang's theorem)

Agreement with (preliminary) lattice results  
 without OGE

Small gap, 250 MeV, between  $0^{++}$  and  $0^{-+}$



MORNINGSTAR AND PEARDON [Phys. Rev. D**60**, 034509 (1999)]

Glueball spectrum (pure gluonic operators) on a lattice

Identification of 15 glueballs below 4 GeV

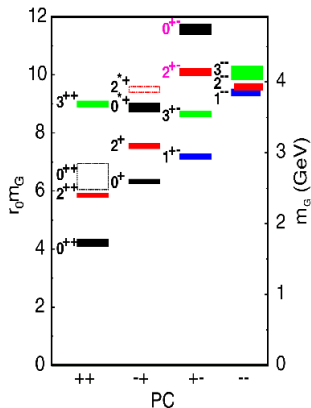
$$M(0^{++}) = 1.730 \pm 0.130 \text{ GeV}$$

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

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

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**.

# MODEL WITH MASSIVE GLUONS

BRAU AND SEMAY [Phys. Rev. D **70**, 014017 (2004)]

Massive gluons  $\rightarrow \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$

Spin-spin and spin-orbit interactions to split degeneracies

Hamiltonian with OGE

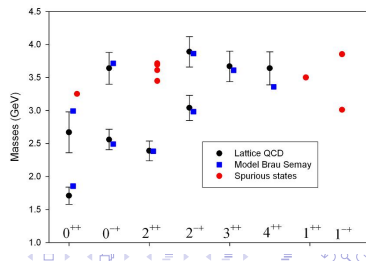
$$H = 2\sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2} + \frac{9}{4}\sigma r - \frac{3\alpha_s}{r} + V_{\text{OGE}}$$

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)*	

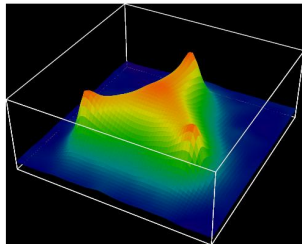


V.M., SEMAY, AND SILVESTRE-BRAC [Phys. Rev. D**77**, 094009 (2008)]

Extension of the model to three-gluon systems

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

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



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

$$- \frac{9\alpha_S}{4\mu^2} \sum_{i<j=1}^3 \mathbf{L}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{ij} \frac{1}{r_{ij}} \frac{d}{dr_{ij}} U(r_{ij}) \quad \text{with } U(r) = \frac{e^{-\mu r}}{r}$$

Eigenvalues found thanks to a **Gaussian basis**

# THREE-GLUON GLUEBALLS $C = -$

V.M., SEMAY, AND SILVESTRE-BRAC [Phys. Rev. D**77**, 094009 (2008)]

Gluons with spin  $\rightarrow J = L + S$

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

**Disagreement with lattice QCD** for  
 $PC = +-$

**Impossible to explain** the splitting  $\sim 2$   
GeV between  $1^{+-}$  and  $0^{+-}$

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

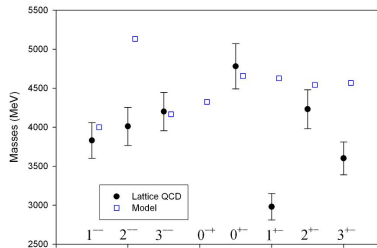
$$d_{abc} A_{\mu}^a A_{\nu}^b A_{\rho}^c \quad [((\mathbf{88})_{\mathbf{8}_s} \mathbf{8})^1] \quad C = -$$

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

$S$	$S_{\text{int}}$	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	$3^{--}$

$J^{PC}$	$(L, S)$	$J^{PC}$	$(L, S)$
$1^{--}$	(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.



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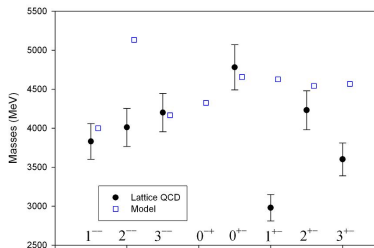
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Other models for 3-gluon glueballs with **massive gluons** by:

Hou and Soni (1984),

Kaidalov and Simonov (2000 and 2006),

Llanes-Estrada, Bicudo and Cotanch (2005),...

But **not the same conclusion !!!**

V.M., BUISSERET AND SEMAY [Phys. Rev. D **77**, 114022 (2008)]Gluons with 2 polarization states  $\rightarrow$  Jacob and Wick formalism

$$|S_+; 0^+\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |^1S_0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |^5D_0\rangle$$

$$|S_-; 0^-\rangle = |^3P_0\rangle$$

$$|D_+; 2^+\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} |^5S_2\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{4}{7}} |^5D_2\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{7}} |^5G_2\rangle$$

Application with a simple Cornell potential

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

Parameters:

$$\sigma = 0.185 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$\alpha_s = 0.45$$

Same matrix elements ( $L^2$ ,  $S^2$ ,  $L \cdot S$ ) for  $0^{++}$  and  $0^{-+}$  !Addition of an **instanton** induced interaction to split the degeneracy between  $0^{++}$  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 [Forkel, 2005]

# TWO TRANSVERSE GLUONS

V.M., BUISSERET AND SEMAY [Phys. Rev. D **77**, 114022 (2008)]

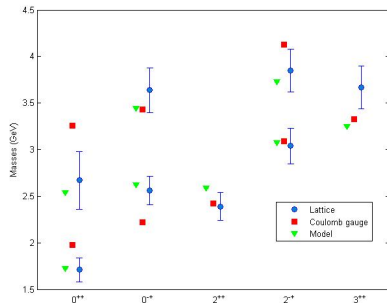
SZCZEPANIAK AND SWANSON [Phys. Lett. B **577**, 61 (2003)]

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Very good agreement **without spin-dependent potential**

Instanton interactions required

Extension for three-body systems ?

# THREE-GLUON GLUEBALLS WITH TRANSVERSE GLUONS

BOULANGER, BUISSERET, V.M. AND SEMAY [Eur. Phys. J. A **38**, 317 (2008)]  
 $SU(2) \times SU(3)$  decomposition for two gluons  $\rightarrow$  to the lowest  $J$ :

$$F_{\mu\nu}^a \otimes F_{\alpha\beta}^b \rightarrow \delta^{ab} \left( F_{\alpha\mu}^c F_{\mu\beta}^c - \frac{1}{4} g_{\alpha\beta} F_{\mu\nu}^c F_{\mu\nu}^c \oplus F_{\mu\nu}^a F_{\mu\nu}^a \right) \oplus \epsilon^{ab}(\dots)$$

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

Lowest  $J$  allowed for 3 gluons with helicity:

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

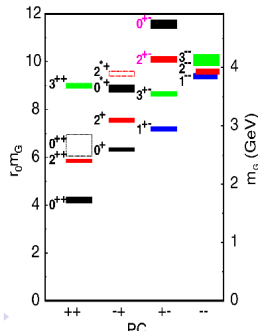
Low-lying states are  $J = 1$  and  $J = 3$  with **symmetric color** function and  $J = 0$  with an antisymmetric color function

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

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

Models with transverse gluons agrees with **Lattice**

What about **experiments** ?





LEVAI AND HEINZ [Phys. Rev. C **57**, 1879 (1998)]

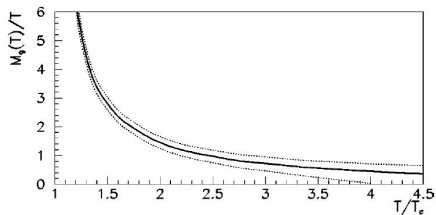
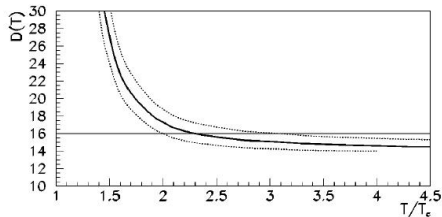
Equations of state for **Gluon Plasma**

Number of effective gluonic degrees of freedom  $D(T)$

Fitted thanks to lattice data for  $P_g(T)$  and  $\epsilon_g(T)$

$$D(T) = 14.5 \pm 1$$

Close to 8 colors  $\times$  2 helicities



Support the transverse gluon picture

# CONCLUSION

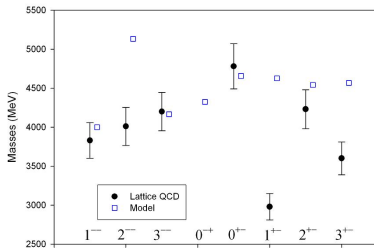
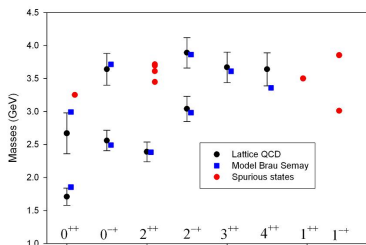
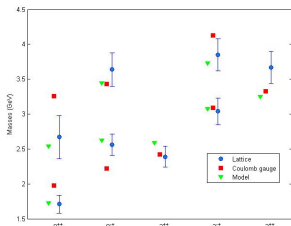
**Spin-1 gluons** Models for  $C = +$   
Agreement with lattice but with **OGE** and  
**unwanted vector states**

**Spin-1 gluons** Models for  $C = -$   
**cannot** reproduce the lattice data

**Helicity-1 gluons** Models for  $C = +$   
Agreement with lattice **without** OGE and but  
instanton interaction

**helicity formalism** for three transverse gluons  
would solve the hierarchy problem ?

Pure gauge but what about **experiments**

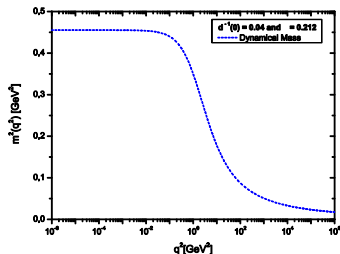


# CONCLUSION

How many degrees of freedom has the gluon ?

Helicity-1 particle  $\{+1, -1\}$  ?

Spin-1 particle  $\{+1, 0, -1\}$  ?



A smooth function from 2 (UV) to 3 (IR) ?



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