Light Meson Spectroscopy at BESIII

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- Why light hadron physics
- Current status and forefront issues
 - Meson spectroscopy
 - Exotics
 - Light meson decays
- Upgrades on BEPCII



Why light hadron physics ?



"That [intermediate distance] scale is the richest phenomenologically, and is certainly the crux region to understand...what QCD is really about. And at the heart of the subject is the hadron spectrum, in particular the spectrum built from light quarks. (...) Without question, there is a great need... for a new round of experiments,..." James D. Bjorken (2000)

- ✓ QCD degrees of freedom at low energy
- \checkmark Understanding of the quark and gluon confinement
- \checkmark Particles beyond the QM

BEPC II/BESIII: *τ* –charm factory



Beam energy: 1-2 GeV Luminosity: 1×10^{33} cm⁻²s⁻¹ **Optimum energy: 1.89 GeV Energy spread:** 5.16 ×10⁻⁴ No. of bunches: **93 Bunch length:** 1.5 cm **Total current: 0.91** A SR mode: 0.25A @ 2.5 GeV





World largest data sample directly collected in the τ -charm region



Light meson spectroscopy



QCD allows for hadrons beyond Quark Model



Scalar and Tensor mesons

Light scalar meson

Why light scalar mesons are interesting?

- $\bullet\,$ There have been hot debates on the existence of $\,\sigma\,$ and $\kappa\,$
- σ , κ and $f_0(980)$ are also possible mutiquark states. They are all near threshold.
- Lattice QCD predicts the 0⁺⁺ scalar glueball mass ~ 1.6 GeV. $f_0(1500)$ and $f_0(1710)$ are good candidates.

Name	Mass $[MeV/c^2]$	Width $[MeV/c^2]$	Decays
$f_0(600) *$	400 - 1200	600 - 1000	$\pi\pi, \gamma\gamma$
$f_0(980) *$	980 ± 10	40 - 100	$\pi\pi, K\bar{K}, \gamma\gamma$
$f_0(1370) *$	1200 - 1500	200 - 500	$\pi\pi, \rho\rho, \sigma\sigma, \pi(1300)\pi, a_1\pi, \eta\eta, K\bar{K}$
$f_0(1500) *$	1507 ± 5	109 ± 7	$\pi\pi, \sigma\sigma, \rho\rho, \pi(1300)\pi, a_1\pi, \eta\eta, \eta\eta'$
			$K\bar{K}, \gamma\gamma$
$f_0(1710) *$	1718 ± 6	137 ± 8	$\pi\pi, K\bar{K}, \eta\eta, \omega\omega, \gamma\gamma$
$f_0(1790)$			
$f_0(2020)$	1992 ± 16	442 ± 60	$ ho\pi\pi, \pi\pi, ho ho, \omega\omega, \eta\eta$
$f_0(2100)$	2103 ± 7	206 ± 15	$\eta\pi\pi, \pi\pi, \pi\pi\pi\pi, \eta\eta, \eta\eta'$
$f_0(2200)$	2189 ± 13	238 ± 50	$\pi\pi, K\bar{K}, \eta\eta$

Unusual properties of $f_0(1370)$, $f_0(1710)$ and $f_0(1790)$

2000 Evts/25MeV $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega \pi^+ \pi^-$ 1500 1000 500 f₀(1710): 200 Evts/25MeV $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega K^+ K^-$ 150 SS dominantly decays to KK (not to $\pi\pi$) \rightarrow 100 50 *uu* I mainly produced together with ω (not ϕ) \rightarrow 500 Evts/30MeV 400 $J/\psi \rightarrow \phi \pi^+ \pi$ 300 What is it? 200 100 500 Evts/30MeV 400 $J/\psi \rightarrow \phi K^+ K$ 300 $f_0(1370)$ and $f_0(1790)$ 200 100 4000 dominantly decays to $\pi\pi$ (not to KK) $\rightarrow u \overline{u} + d d$ Evts/25MeV $\psi \rightarrow \gamma \pi^{+} \pi$ 3000 2000 SS mainly produced together with ϕ (not ω) \rightarrow 1000 750 What are they? Evts/25MeV $/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K^{T}K$ 500 Scalar Puzzle 250 \rightarrow 200 Evts/25MeV 150 100 50 0.75 1.25 2 2.25 0.25 0.5 1.5 1.75 $\pi^+\pi^-/K^+K^-$ Mass (GeV/c²)



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- f₀(1710) and f₀(2100) are dominant scalars
- f₀(1500) exists (8.2σ)
- f₂'(1525) is the dominant tensor
- f₂(1810) and f₂(2340) exist (6.4 and 7.6σ)

• No evidence for f_J(2220)

Resonance	Mass (MeV/ c^2)	Width (MeV/ c^2)	$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \to \gamma X \to \gamma \eta \eta)$	Significance
$f_0(1500)$	1468^{+14+23}_{-15-74}	$136^{+41+28}_{-26-100}$	$(1.65^{+0.26+0.51}_{-0.31-1.40}) \times 10^{-5}$	8.2σ
$f_0(1710)$	$1759 \pm 6^{+14}_{-25}$	$172 \pm 10^{+32}_{-16}$	$(2.35^{+0.13+1.24}_{-0.11-0.74}) \times 10^{-4}$	25.0σ
$f_0(2100)$	$2081 \pm 13^{+24}_{-36}$	273^{+27+70}_{-24-23}	$(1.13^{+0.09+0.64}_{-0.10-0.28}) \times 10^{-4}$	13.9σ
$f'_2(1525)$	$1513 \pm 5^{+4}_{-10}$	75^{+12+16}_{-10-8}	$(3.42^{+0.43+1.37}_{-0.51-1.30}) \times 10^{-5}$	11.0σ
$f_2(1810)$	1822^{+29+66}_{-24-57}	$229^{+52+88}_{-42-155}$	$(5.40^{+0.60+3.42}_{-0.67-2.35}) \times 10^{-5}$	6.4σ
$f_2(2340)$	$2362^{+31+140}_{-30-63}$	$334_{-54-100}^{+62+165}$	$(5.60^{+0.62+2.37}_{-0.65-2.07}) imes 10^{-5}$	7.6σ







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Model independent

- 0^{++} : σ , $f_0(1370)$, $f_0(1500)$, $f_0(1710)$ and $f_0(2020)$
- 2++: dominated by f₂(1270)

PWA of J/ų→γφφ

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	1. 3B	J/ψ	• 0 ⁻⁺ r •• 0 ⁻⁺ r	model independent model dependent	Resonance	$M(MeV/c^2)$	$\Gamma({ m MeV}/c^2)$
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ລ ຊ1500	—	<mark>ب</mark> 1	2** 2**	model independent model dependent	$\eta(2100)$	$2050^{+30}_{-24}{}^{+75}_{-26}$	$250^{+36}_{-30}{}^{+181}_{-164}$
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- Dominant contribution from pseudoscalars
 - $\eta(2225)$ is confirmed;
 - $\eta(2100)$ and X(2500) are observed
- The three tensors f₂(2010), f₂(2300) and f₂(2340) stated in p⁻p reactions are also observed



- Confirmed the enhancement observed at BESII
- M= 1795±7⁺¹³-5 ±19(model) MeV/c2, Γ=95±10⁺²¹-34 ±75(model) MeV
- Spin-parity is determined to be 0⁺
- the same as $f_0(1710)/f_0(1790)$, or a new state ?

0⁺ : experimental results saturated

- $f_0(1710)/f_0(1790)$, one or two
- Large production rate of $f_0(2100)$ in gluon rich environment ppbar annihilations and J/psi radiative decays



2⁺: complicated situation around 2 GeV





About f₀(1710): "Still controversial"?

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TABLE V: Comparison of two different types of models for the mixing matrices of the isosinglet scalar mesons $f_0(1370)$, $f_0(1500)$ and $f_0(1710)$. Experimental results are taken from Sec. III.

$ \begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$	Experiment	Model I [28]	Model II [23]	
$\begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$	$ \begin{pmatrix} f_0(1370)\rangle\\ f_0(1500)\rangle\\ f_0(1710)\rangle \end{pmatrix} = (\dots) \begin{pmatrix} N\rangle\\ S\rangle\\ G\rangle \end{pmatrix} $	$\begin{pmatrix} -0.91 & -0.07 & 0.40 \\ -0.41 & 0.35 & -0.84 \\ 0.09 & 0.93 & 0.36 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0.78(2) & 0.52(3) & -0.36(1) \\ -0.55(3) & 0.84(2) & 0.03(2) \\ 0.31(1) & 0.17(1) & 0.934(4) \end{pmatrix}$	
$\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $	Mass of the lightest scalar ${\cal G}$	$M_G \sim 1464 - 1519~{\rm MeV}$	$M_G \sim 1665 \text{ MeV}$	
$\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $	in LQCD $\sim \mathcal{O}(1700) \mathrm{MeV}$			
$\begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$	$\frac{\Gamma(J/\psi \to f_0(1710)\gamma)}{\Gamma(J/\psi \to f_0(1500)\gamma)} \sim \mathcal{O}(10)$	If $f_0(1500)$ is primarily a glueball,	Yes, as $ f_0(1710)\rangle \sim G\rangle$	
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$ \begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$	$\frac{\Gamma(f_0(1710) \to \pi\pi)}{\Gamma(f_0(1710) \to HM)} = 0.31 \pm 0.05$	$f_0(1710)$ dominated by $s\bar{s}$	Chiral suppression	
$\begin{array}{c c} \frac{\Gamma(f_0(1500) \rightarrow \pi\pi)}{\Gamma(f_0(1500) \rightarrow KK)} = 4.1 \pm 0.5 & \mbox{this ratio will be of order unity.} & \mbox{flavor octet structure of } \\ \hline \Gamma(f_0(1500) \rightarrow KK) = 0.48 \pm 0.15 & 0.24 & 0.52 \substack{+0.33 \\ -0.34} \\ \hline \frac{\Gamma(f_0(1710) \rightarrow KK)}{\Gamma(f_0(1710) \rightarrow KK)} = 0.48 \pm 0.15 & 0.24 & 0.52 \substack{+0.33 \\ -0.34} \\ \hline \frac{\Gamma(f_0(1500) \rightarrow \eta\eta)}{\Gamma(f_0(1500) \rightarrow \pi\pi)} = \begin{cases} 0.230 \pm 0.097 \\ 0.18 \pm 0.03 \\ 0.080 \pm 0.033 \\ \hline 0.19 & 0.078 \substack{+0.025 \\ -0.027} \\ 0.080 \pm 0.033 \\ \hline \frac{\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow f_0(1710)\omega)}{\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow f_0(1710)\omega)} = \begin{cases} 3.3 \pm 1.3 \\ 1.3 \pm 0.4 \\ Needs large OZI-violating effects. \\ Needs large OZI-violating effects. \\ in f_0(1710) \\ 0.00ninant f_0(1710) \\ 0.00ninant f_0(1700) \\ in B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^{\pm} \pi^{-1} by LHCb \\ \hline Near mass degeneracy of \\ a_0(1450) and K_0^*(1430) & as M_S - M_N \approx 200-300 \text{ MeV} \\ \hline \end{array}$		If $f_0(1500)$ is primarily a glueball,	Well explained with the	
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$\frac{\text{in }\gamma\gamma \to \pi^0\pi^0}{1-1-1-1}$	$\frac{\text{in } \gamma \gamma \to \pi^0 \pi^0}{2}$			

Clarify $f_0(1710) / f_0(1790) / f_0(1810)$

- Pure glueball "cannot" decay to ωφ
- **Establish** *f*₀(2100)
 - First excitation of scalar glueball?
- Search for $f_0(1710)$ and $f_0(2100)$ in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta' \eta^{(\prime)}$
 - Complete information on flavor
 - Pure glueball "cannot" decay to $\eta\eta'$
- Couple channel analysis

Where is the glueball?



At BESIII

- $f_0(1710)$ and $f_0(2100)$ are observed in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta \eta, \gamma \pi^0 \pi^0$
 - **f₂(2340) is observed in** J/ψ → γηη/φφIπ⁰π⁰
 - X(2120) and X(2370) in of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^- \eta'$
- Systematic studies needed
 - $J/\psi \to \gamma \eta \eta'$
 - $J/\psi \to \gamma \eta' \eta'$
 - $J/\psi \to \gamma K_s K_s$
 - $J/\psi \to \phi X, \omega X$

Low lying glueballs have ordinary quantum number \rightarrow mixing with q q mesons



PWA of J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma p p

- PWA of J/ $\psi \rightarrow \gamma p p$ was first performed
- The fit with a BW and S-wave FSI(I=0) factor can well describe p p mass threshold structure.
- It is much better than that without FSI effect, and $\Delta 2 lnL=51 (7.1\sigma)$
- Spin-parity of X(p p): J^{PC}=(

>6.8σ better than other J^{pc} assignments





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No similar structure was observed in $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega p \ p, J/\psi \rightarrow \phi p \ p$

PRD 87, 112004(2013)

Confirmation of X(1835) and two new structures





BESIII fit results:

Resonance	M(MeV/c²)	Γ (MeV/c²)	Stat.Sig.
X(1835)	$1836.5 \pm 3.0^{+5.6}_{-2.1}$	190.1±9.0 ⁺³⁸ -36	> 20σ
X(2120)	2122.4±6.7 ^{+4.7} -2.7	$83 \pm 16^{+31}_{-11}$	7.2σ
X(2370)	2376.3±8.7 ^{+3.2} -4.3	83±17 ⁺⁴⁴ -6	6.4σ

✓Nature of X(2120)/X(2370): pseudoscalar glueball ? η/η' excited states?

Observation of X(1840) in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma 3(\pi^+\pi^-)$



- Mass is consistent with that of X(1835), but the width is much smaller than $\Gamma_{x(1835)} = 190.1 \pm 9.0^{+38}$.₃₆ MeV
- A new decay modes of X(1835)?

Comparisons of the observations at BES



X(18??) near the threshold position of proton-antiproton

Are they the same particle? It is crucial to identify these observations.

Latest result on X(1835) from $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta' \pi^+ \pi^-$ 1.3B J/ψ



existence of a structure strongly coupling to p p !

Search exotics in $\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^-$



Strangeonia spectrum

Like charmonia, a similar pattern for the strangeonia is expected
Much less well understood, most of them have not been observed yet
Strangeonia serve as a bridge between short and large distance behavior of QCD confinement potential







Collaboration	Process	$M \; ({\rm MeV}/c^2)$	$\Gamma (MeV)$
BABAR [2]	$e^+e^- \to \phi f_0 \ (ISR)$	$2175\pm10\pm15$	$58 \pm 16 \pm 20$
BESII [3]	$J/\psi \to \eta \phi f_0(980)$	$2186 \pm 10 \pm 6$	$65\pm23\pm17$
BELLE [4]	$e^+e^- \to \phi f_0 \ (ISR)$	$2079 \pm 13^{+79}_{-28}$	$192 \pm 23^{+25}_{-61}$
BABAR(updated) [5]	$e^+e^- \to \phi f_0 \ (ISR)$	$2172\pm10\pm8$	$96 \pm 19 \pm 12$
BESIII	$J/\psi \to \eta \phi f_0(980)$	$2200\pm6\pm5$	$104\pm15\pm15$

hybrids or strangeonium ?

$\mathbf{J/\psi} \rightarrow \mathbf{\phi} \eta \eta'$

PRD99,112008(2019)









• Too narrow for φ(2170) ?

- New strangeonium state?
- ΛΛbar mass threshold enhancement?





 $1^{--}(1650 \text{ MeV}/c^2)$ $1^{--}(2050 \text{ MeV}/c^2)$

Clear structures were observed
 Further study needed for the structures observed in K+K- mass spectrum



Search for Zs in e+e- $\rightarrow \phi \pi \pi$

PRD99, 011101



Upgrades on BEPCII/BESIII

- Beam energy
 - Ebeam = 2.3→2.35 GeV in 2019
 - Ebeam = 2.35→2.45 GeV in 2020-21
- Top-up injection
 - Data taking efficiency increases by 20-30%
- Inner tracker \rightarrow CGEM inner tracker
 - Construction by Italian group
 - Will be shipped to IHEP this summer, installation in summer 2020
- Super conducting magnet
 - New valve box of SC magnet



- BESIII plays an important role in light hadron physics
- Rich physics in light hadrons
 - search for exotics \rightarrow QCD
 - study of strangeonia \rightarrow Quark model
- Couple channel analysis may help map the spectroscopy
- 10 billion J/ψ events available !
- More surprises @ **BESIII**

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Thank you !