# The Search for QCD Exotics and

The Jefferson Lab Hall D Project

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# Outline



Meson spectroscopy and gluonic excitations

**Experimental Evidence** 

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Summary





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## Flux Tubes and Confinement



# **Color** Field: Because of self interaction, confining flux tubes form between static color charges

Notion of flux tubes comes about from model-independent general considerations. Idea originated with Nambu in the '70s

## Lattice QCD Flux tubes realized







Confinement arises from flux tubes and their excitation leads to a new spectrum of mesons

#### **Normal Mesons**

Normal mesons occur when the flux tube is in its ground state

Spin/angular momentum configurations & radial excitations generate our known spectrum of light quark mesons

Nonets characterized by given  $\mathbf{J}^{PC}$ 





Not allowed: exotic combinations:

#### **Excited Flux Tubes**

# How do we look for gluonic degrees of freedom in spectroscopy?



Exotic mesons are not generated when S=0

$$J^{PC} = 1^{--} 1^{++}$$



#### **Crystal Barrel Results: antiproton-proton annihilation at rest**

Discovery of the  $f_0(1500)$ Discovery of the  $a_0(1450)$   $f_0(1500) 
ightarrow \pi\pi$ , ηη, ηη', KK, 4π  $f_0(1370) 
ightarrow 4\pi$ 







## **E852 Results**

 $\pi^{-}p \to \eta \pi^{-}p$  (18 GeV)

$$\pi_1(1400) \quad \begin{array}{ll} \text{Mass} = 1370 + -16^{+50} & \text{MeV/c}^2 \\ \text{Width} = 385 + -40^{+65} & \text{MeV/c}^2 \end{array}$$

The  $a_2(1320)$  is the dominant signal. There is a small (few %) exotic wave.

Interference effects show a resonant structure in 1<sup>-+</sup>. (Assumption of flat background phase as shown as 3.)



#### **Crystal Barrel Results: antiproton-neutron annihilation**

 $Mass = 1400 + 20 + 20 MeV/c^2$  $\pi_1(1400)$ Width=  $310+-50^{+50}$  MeV/c<sup>2</sup>

Without  $\pi_1 \chi^2/\text{ndf} = 3$ , with = 1.29

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#### Same strength as the a<sub>2</sub>.

Produced from states with one unit of angular momentum.





#### **E852 Results**





#### **Results of Partial Wave Analysis**





Benchmarks are needed to show resonant behavior.



#### **Current Evidence**

#### Have gluonic excitations been observed ?

#### Glueballs

Overpopulation of the scalar nonet and LGT predictions suggest that the glueball and the scalar mesons are mixed

Complication is mixing with conventional qq States

Need to observe additional glueball states

#### **Hybrids**

J<sup>PC</sup> = 1<sup>-+</sup> states reported

 $\pi_1$ (1400)  $\rightarrow \eta \pi$ 

 $\pi_1$ (1600)  $\rightarrow \rho \pi, \eta' \pi$ 

by BNL E852, CBAR and VES Not without controversy

Not in expected decay modes

#### **Collaboration**

#### **US Experimental Groups**

**Carnegie Mellon University Catholic University of America Christopher Newport University University of Connecticut Florida International University Florida State University Indiana University** Jefferson Lab Los Alamos National Lab **Norfolk State University Old Dominion University Ohio University University of Pittsburgh Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute**  A. Dzierba (Spokesperson) - IU C. Meyer (Deputy Spokesperson) - CMU E. Smith (JLab Hall D Group Leader)

#### **Collaboration Board**

L. Dennis (FSU) J. Kellie (Glasgow) G. Lolos (Regina) (chair)

**Experimental Groups** 

**Institute for HEP - Protvino** 

**Budker Institute - Novosibirsk** 

**Moscow State University** 

**University of Regina** 

90 collaborators

25 institutions

**University of Glasgow** 

Other

R. Jones (U Conn) A. Klein (ODU) A. Szczepaniak (IU)

#### **Theory Group**

**CSSM & University of Adelaide Carleton University Carnegie Mellon University Insitute of Nuclear Physics - Cracow Hampton University Indiana University** Los Alamos North Carolina Central University **University of Pittsburgh** University of Tennessee/Oak Ridge



electrons

**Polarized** 

**Photons** 

Hall D

\$35 Million for Hall D \$45 Million for A,B and C





### **Solenoid & Lead Glass Array**

#### **Recycling of existing equipment**

#### LASS/MEGA Solenoid



#### BNL E852 Pb-Glass Array



Being Moved to JLab



## **Optimal Photon Energy**



to use an all-solenoidal detector.

## Why Photoproduction ?



Quark spins anti-aligned

A pion or kaon beam, when scattering occurs, can have its flux tube excited

Much data in hand but little evidence for gluonic excitations (and not expected)



Quark spins aligned

Almost no data in hand in the mass region where we expect to find exotic hybrids when flux tube is excited Very little photoproduction data exist. What little there is hint at a different resonance structure than what is seen in pion production.

In one year of initial running, expect 100 times pion statistics



#### Detector designed to do Partial Wave Analysis





# **Detection of Exotic Mesons**

Hybrids predicted to decay to S+P mesons  $S=\pi,\rho$  nonets  $P=b_j,a_j$  nonets

	Predicted	Observed?
$egin{array}{c} \pi_1 \ \eta_1 \end{array}$	$f_1\pi$ , $b_1\pi$ (high multiplicity) $a_1\pi$ , $a_2\pi$	ρπ, ηπ, η'π

γ**p** -> [ππππ , ηπππ , ωππ] Ν

#### **Hybrid Decays**

Hall D will be sensitive to a wide variety of decay modes - the measurements of which will be compared against theory predictions.

Gluonic excitations transfer angular momentum in their decays to the internal angular momentum of quark pairs not to the relative angular momentum of daughter meson pairs - this needs testing.

To certify PWA - consistency checks will be made among different final states for the same decay mode, for example:

$$b_1 \to \omega \pi \begin{cases} \omega \to \pi^0 \gamma \to 3\gamma \\ \omega \to \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^- \to 2\gamma \pi^+ \pi^- \end{cases}$$

Should give same results



#### Complete Study of neutral and charged final states

Hybrids are expected to decay into complicated final states. Exotic QN's are smoking guns, but there are non exotic QN's as well. Need to know decay patterns to understand mixing.

Initial running will be at  $5*10^7 \gamma/s$ , will eventually reach  $10^8$ 

One year of initial running will yield 100 times pion statistics in the  $3\pi$  channel. Many weaker channels will have sufficient statistics for full PWA. (Will probe fraction of nb cross sections)

PWA is sensitive to channels at about 0.5% of major component and to widths of several hundred MeV.

If Exotics are there, they will be seen. If they are not there, then we will need to reexamine our understanding of QCD. The first hints of exotic states already disagree with what we think we understand about them.

# **PROJECT STATUS**

January	1999	Letter of Intent to Jlab PAC
December	1999	<b>Cassell Committee Review of Project</b>
August	2000	Key Part of the JLAB 12 GeV Upgrade
December	2000	Presentation at NSAC Town Meeting
April	2001	<b>Reccomendation in NSAC</b> LRP
August	2001	<b>DOE Review of JLAB, push for CD0</b>
January	2002	NSAC LRP Released
Winter	2002	<b>CD0 Status at DOE</b>

2007 Start Data Taking (hopefully).

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QCD predicts a spectrum of states directly associated with the gluonic degree of freedom and confinement. Exotic Quntum numbers are a definitive signature

Experiments have started to observe states with exotic quantum numbers, but the observations are few, and not in agreement with theoretical expectations.

Photoproduction is expected (vector meson beams) are expected be a very good, yet unexplored way to produce these states.

Hall D will be able to map out a detailed picture of these states and their decays with statistics 100 times better than current pion experiements. Such information will yield important data on the dynamics of glue and its role in QCD.