

The GlueX Experiment: Commissioning is underway

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In a nutshell

- The Physics: flagship experiment at JLab
 - How do \mathcal{L}_{QCD} quark and gluon d.o.f. manifest themselves in the hadron spectrum?
 - Elucidate the phenomenon of confinement in QCD
 - Discover exotic J^{PC} hybrid mesons
- The Tools
 - 12 GeV electrons, 9 GeV tagged, linearly polarized photons with high flux
 - Detector: hermiticity, resolution, charged and neutrals, strange and non-strange
 - Spin-amplitude analysis and Boosted Decision Trees
 - Computing power: petabytes/yr data, distributed computing, grid tools
- Barrel Calorimeter: description and commissioning

The Collaboration



Collaboration governance:

Board, Spokesman, Deputy, ExecutiveWorking Groups, Technical CommitteesMembership

Flux Tubes in QCD

In the simple quark model, glue is not needed to describe hadrons.

But in QCD:Allowed systems:gg,ggg,qqq,qqqqGlueballsHybridsMolecules

COLOR FIELD: GLUONS POSSESS COLOR CHARGE: THEY COUPLE TO EACH OTHER!



Quantum Numbers

Q: How do we look for gluonic degrees of freedom in spectroscopy? A: By isolating objects with unique JPC quantum numbers.







In the first-excited state the linear combinations lead to $J^{PC} = 1^{-+}$ or $J^{PC} = 1^{+-}$ for the excited glue string.



Where are the Hybrids?

Exotic QN compilation: masses, widths and decay channels

	Approximate	J^{PC}	Total Wid	th (MeV)	Relevant Decays	Final States
	Mass (MeV)		PSS	IKP		
π_1	1900	1^{-+}	80 - 170	120	$b_1\pi^\dagger, ho\pi^\dagger,f_1\pi^\dagger,a_1\eta,\eta^\prime\pi^\dagger$	$\omega\pi\pi^{\dagger},3\pi^{\dagger},5\pi,\eta3\pi^{\dagger},\eta'\pi^{\dagger}$
η_1	2100	1^{-+}	60 - 160	110	$a_1\pi,f_1\eta^{\dagger},\pi(1300)\pi$	$4\pi, \eta 4\pi, \eta \eta \pi \pi^{\dagger}$
η_1'	2300	1^{-+}	100 - 220	170	$K_1(1400)K^{\dagger},K_1(1270)K^{\dagger},K^*K^{\dagger}$	$KK\pi\pi^{\dagger},KK\pi^{\dagger},KK\omega^{\dagger}$
b_0	2400	0+-	250-430	670	$\pi(1300)\pi,h_1\pi$	4π
h_0	2400	0+-	60 - 260	90	$b_1\pi^\dagger,h_1\eta,K(1460)K$	$\omega\pi\pi^{\dagger},\eta3\pi,KK\pi\pi$
h_0'	2500	0+-	260-490	430	$K(1460)K,K_1(1270)K^\dagger,h_1\eta$	$KK\pi\pi^{\dagger},\eta3\pi$
b_2	2500	2^{+-}	10	250	$a_2\pi^\dagger,a_1\pi,h_1\pi$	$4\pi, \eta\pi\pi^{\dagger}$
h_2	2500	2^{+-}	10	170	$b_1\pi^\dagger, ho\pi^\dagger$	$\omega\pi\pi^{\dagger},3\pi^{\dagger}$
h_2'	2600	2^{+-}	10 - 20	80	$K_1(1400)K^\dagger,K_1(1270)K^\dagger,K_2^*K^\dagger$	$KK\pi\pi^\dagger,KK\pi^\dagger$

Experimental Candidates

Low statistics

•Possible acceptance leakage

- Insufficient number of wave sets
- Interpretation of line shapes and phases
- •Controversial decay channels

LQCD Periodic Table



Jefferson Lab



The GlueX Detector



The Barrel Calorimeter

Built at the University of Regina





Key component of the GlueX detector

- Crucial for reconstructing the energy of γ from π^0 and η resulting from decay mesons
- Provides timing information (neutrals/charged)
- With the CDC it provides charged particle PID

Geometry & Configuration

- 48 azimuthal sections (modules)
- Sampling calorimeter (9.5% sampling fraction)
- BCAL: 28 tonnes

BCAL Readout



MPPC Assemblies



BCAL Installation

Sep '13: installed

Dec '13: cabled

Jan '14: power

Feb '14: N2 & cooling

Mar '14: turn on

Summer '14: LED and cosmics



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Bottom Line

- Understand quark and gluon d.o.f. in hadron spectrum; advance knowledge on quark confinement.
- Study a new spectrum of mesons as predicted by Lattice QCD and flux-tube model.
- The definitive experiment is GlueX at the 12GeV JLab.

Ongoing "Data Challenges" on the Grid "Engineering data" in Oct-Dec 2014 "Physics data" in 2015 "Flat-out" running for at least 5 years

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