

## 2<sup>++</sup> glueball

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The mixing between the  $f_2(1270)$ , the  $f_2'(1525)$ , and the 2<sup>++</sup> glueball is determined and tested. The mass and the hadronic decay widths of two bodies of the  $G_2$  are predicted. The search for the  $G_2$  state in the radiative decay of the  $J/\psi$  is discussed.

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The glueball states are solutions of nonperturbative QCD. The study of 2<sup>++</sup> glueball has a long history. The MIT bag model predicts  $m = 1.29$  GeV for the tensor glueball [1]. In Ref. [2], the mass of the 2<sup>++</sup> glueball state is predicted in the range of 1.45–1.87 GeV. In Refs. [2,3], it is argued that there are glueball components in the  $f_2(1270)$  and the  $f_2'(1525)$  mesons. In Ref. [4], the smallness of the ratio of the helicity amplitude  $y = \frac{T_2}{T_0}$  of the decay  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_2(1270)$  is explained by the fact that the meson  $f_2(1270)$  contains a substantial component of the 2<sup>++</sup> glueball. There are many studies on the 2<sup>++</sup> glueball [5]. Many 2<sup>++</sup> isoscalar states have been discovered [6]. It is known that the  $f_2(1270)$  and the  $f_2'(1525)$  are ground states of the 2<sup>++</sup> mesons. In this paper, the mixing of these two states and a 2<sup>++</sup> glueball is revisited.

The  $f_2(1270)$ ,  $f_2'(1525)$ , and the  $G_2$  glueball are the eigenstates of the mass matrix of the  $f_8, f_0$ , and the pure 2<sup>++</sup> glueball  $g_2$ , where  $f_8, f_0$  are the 2<sup>++</sup> octet and singlet states, respectively. The matrix of the mass square operator  $\hat{m}^2$  is expressed as

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_1 \Delta_1 \Delta_2 \\ \Delta_1 m_2 \Delta_3 \\ \Delta_2 \Delta_3 m_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1)$$

where  $m_1 = m_{f_8}^2$ ,  $m_2 = m_{f_0}^2$ ,  $m_3 = m_{g_2}^2$ , and  $\Delta_1 = \langle f_8 | \hat{m}^2 | f_0 \rangle$ ,  $\Delta_2 = \langle f_8 | \hat{m}^2 | g_2 \rangle$ ,  $\Delta_3 = \langle f_0 | \hat{m}^2 | g_2 \rangle$ . The units of the matrix elements (1) are GeV<sup>2</sup>. From the quark model and up to the first order in the chiral expansion, we obtain

$$m_1 = \frac{1}{3}(4m_{K^*}^2 - m_{a_2}^2), \quad m_2 = \frac{1}{3}(2m_{K^*}^2 + m_{a_2}^2). \quad (2)$$

The masses of the  $f_2(1270)$  and the  $f_2'(1525)$  are taken as inputs. Two more inputs are required to determine all the six elements of Eq. (1). The branching ratios of  $f_2'(1525) \rightarrow K\bar{K}$ ,  $\pi\pi$  are listed [6] as

$$\begin{aligned} B(f_2'(1525) \rightarrow K\bar{K}) &= (88.7 \pm 2.2)\%, \\ B(f_2'(1525) \rightarrow \pi\pi) &= (8.2 \pm 1.5) \times 10^{-3}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

The  $B(f_2'(1525) \rightarrow K\bar{K})$  is larger than the  $B(f_2'(1525) \rightarrow \pi\pi)$  by two orders of magnitude. On the other hand, both

are  $D$ -wave decays. The phase space of the  $\pi\pi$  channel is much larger than the one of the  $K\bar{K}$  channel,

$$\frac{\left(1 - \frac{4m_\pi^2}{m_{f_2'}^2}\right)^{(5/2)}}{\left(1 - \frac{4m_K^2}{m_{f_2'}^2}\right)^{(5/2)}} = 3.61.$$

Therefore, the magnitude of the amplitude of the  $f_2'(1525) \rightarrow K\bar{K}$  is about 20 times that of the one of  $f_2'(1525) \rightarrow \pi\pi$ . The physical state of the  $f_2'(1525)$  contains both the  $q\bar{q}$  and the gluon-gluon components. It is reasonable to assume that the  $\pi\pi$  is from the gluon-gluon component of the  $f_2'(1525)$ . Therefore, the  $q\bar{q}$  component is dominated by the  $s\bar{s}$ . The physical state of the  $f_2'(1525)$  is expressed as

$$f_2'(1525) = a_2 f_8 + b_2 f_0 + c_2 g_2. \quad (4)$$

The  $f_2'(1525)$  is an eigenstate of Eq. (1). The  $s\bar{s}$  dominance in the  $f_2'(1525)$  leads to

$$a_2 = -\sqrt{2}b_2. \quad (5)$$

The processes  $f_2(1270) \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$  are  $D$ -wave decays, and only the quark components contribute to the decays. In the chiral limit, the decay widths are expressed as

$$\Gamma(f_2 \rightarrow \pi\pi) = |T|^2 m_{f_2} \left(\frac{a_1}{\sqrt{2}} + b_1\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{4m_\pi^2}{m_{f_2}^2}\right)^{(5/2)}, \quad (6)$$

$$\Gamma(f_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K}) = |T|^2 m_{f_2} \frac{1}{3} \left(2b_1 - \frac{a_1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{4m_K^2}{m_{f_2}^2}\right)^{(5/2)}. \quad (7)$$

The  $f_2(1270)$  is an eigenstate of Eq. (1) and  $f_2(1270) = a_1 f_8 + b_1 f_0 + c_1 g_2$ . In the chiral limit,  $T$  of Eqs. (6) and (7) are the same. These two decay widths are measured [6]. Inputting the experimental value of the ratio

$$\frac{\Gamma(f_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K})}{\Gamma(f_2 \rightarrow \pi\pi)} = 0.054[6], \quad a_1 = 0.504b_1 \quad (8)$$

is determined. Using these six inputs and solving the three eigen equations, the three off-diagonal matrix elements of Eq. (1) are determined:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_1 &= -0.258 \text{ GeV}^2, & \Delta_2 &= 0.0186\Delta_3, \\ \Delta_3 &= -0.172 \text{ GeV}^2, & \Delta_2 &= 0.0032 \text{ GeV}^2.\end{aligned}\quad (9)$$

The masses of the pure glueball  $g_2$  and the new physical state  $G_2$  are predicted:

$$m_{g_2} = 1.352 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_{G_2} = 1.40 \text{ GeV}.\quad (10)$$

The mixing of the  $f_2, f'_2, G_2$  are determined:

$$\begin{aligned}f_2 &= 0.359f_8 + 0.711f_0 + 0.605g_2, \\ f'_2 &= 0.801f_8 - 0.566f_0 + 0.196g_2, \\ G_2 &= 0.482f_8 + 0.402f_0 - 0.772g_2.\end{aligned}\quad (11)$$

Using the mixing (11), we can make predictions about the decays,  $f_2, f'_2, G_2 \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}, \eta\eta$ . The decay width of the  $f_2 \rightarrow \eta\eta$  is derived as

$$\Gamma(f_2 \rightarrow \eta\eta) = |T|^2 m_{f_2} \frac{1}{3} \left( b_1 - \frac{a_1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 \left( 1 - \frac{4m_\eta^2}{m_{f_2}^2} \right)^{(5/2)},\quad (12)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma(f_2 \rightarrow \eta\eta)}{\Gamma(f_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K})} = 0.0545.\quad (13)$$

In the chiral limit, the amplitude  $T$  of Eq. (12) is the same as the one in Eqs. (6) and (7). The experimental data [6] is  $0.087 \pm 0.025$ . There is mixing between the  $\eta, \eta'$  and the  $0^{-+}$  glueball, and the small mixing effect is not taken into account in this study. The theoretical result agrees with the data within the experimental error reasonably well. Replacing  $a_1, b_1, m_{f_2}$  by  $a_2, b_2, m_{f'_2}$  in Eqs. (7) and (12), the decay widths of  $f'_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K}, \eta\eta$  are obtained and the ratio is predicted:

$$\frac{\Gamma(f'_2 \rightarrow \eta\eta)}{\Gamma(f'_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K})} = 0.29.\quad (14)$$

The data of this ratio are following (corresponding to Refs. [7,8,6], respectively):

$$0.069 \pm 0.012 \quad 0.33 \pm 0.03, \quad 0.12 \pm 0.03.$$

It is reasonable to assume that in the chiral limit, the  $|T|^2$  in Eqs. (6), (7), and (12) are about the same for the two body decays of the  $f_2, f'_2$  and the  $G_2$ . It is obtained

$$\frac{\Gamma(f'_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K})}{\Gamma(f_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K})} = 6.52.\quad (15)$$

The data [6] is  $7.63 \pm 1.75$ . Theory agrees with data within the experimental errors. The decay widths of

$\Gamma(G_2 \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}, \eta\eta)$ , whose formulas are obtained by replacing  $a_1, b_1, m_{f_2}$  by  $a_3, b_3, m_{G_2}$  in Eqs. (6), (7), and (12), are calculated by inputting  $|T|^2$  which is determined by  $\Gamma(f_2 \rightarrow \pi\pi) = 158 \pm 6.32 \text{ MeV}$  [6].

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma(G_2 \rightarrow \pi\pi) &= 102.0 \pm 3.0 \text{ MeV}, \\ \Gamma(G_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K}) &= 2.77 \pm 0.15 \text{ MeV}, \\ \Gamma(G_2 \rightarrow \eta\eta) &\sim 0.034 \text{ MeV}.\end{aligned}\quad (16)$$

The  $\pi\pi$  is the dominant decay channel. Because of small  $\frac{1}{3}(2b_3 - \frac{a_3}{\sqrt{2}})^2(1 - \frac{4m_\pi^2}{m_{G_2}^2})^{(2/5)}$ , the  $G_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K}$  decay is suppressed. Because of very small  $\frac{1}{3}(b_3 - \frac{a_3}{\sqrt{2}})^2(1 - \frac{4m_\eta^2}{m_{G_2}^2})^{(2/5)}$ , the  $G_2 \rightarrow \eta\eta$  decay is strongly suppressed. Especially, for the very small  $\Gamma(G_2 \rightarrow \eta\eta)$ , the strong cancellation in  $b_3 - \frac{a_3}{\sqrt{2}}$  plays a very important role. Because of this cancellation, the  $\Gamma(G_2 \rightarrow \eta\eta)$  is very small and very sensitive to the values of  $a_3$  and  $b_3$ . The errors of the inputs lead to the errors of the coefficients. Therefore,  $\Gamma(G_2 \rightarrow \eta\eta)$  cannot be predicted accurately.

Eqs. (9) show that the element  $\Delta_2$  is much smaller than the  $\Delta_1, \Delta_3$ . The reason of the smallness of the  $\Delta_2$  can be found from the  $N_C$  expansion. The  $N_C$  expansion of QCD was proposed by 't Hooft [9] and studied by Witten [10]. It is successfully and widely used in hadron physics, including glueballs. The study presented in Ref. [11] is an example of the  $N_C$  expansion. In this chiral field theory of mesons, the  $N_C$  expansion is naturally embedded. The theory is very successful phenomenologically. In the approach of this paper, there are both chiral and  $N_C$  expansions. At the leading order  $O(m_q^0)$ ,

$$m_{a_2}^2 = m_{K^*}^2 = m^2.$$

In the two expansions, the elements  $m_1, m_2$  of Eq. (1) are up to the next leading orders in the chiral expansion and the leading order in the  $N_C$  expansions. The  $m_3$  is at the leading orders in both the chiral and the  $N_C$  expansions. The orders of the  $\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \Delta_3$  are

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_1 &\sim m^2 O\left(\frac{m_q}{m}\right), & \Delta_2 &\sim m^2 O\left(\frac{m_q}{m} \frac{1}{N_C}\right), \\ \Delta_3 &\sim m^2 O\left(\frac{1}{N_C}\right).\end{aligned}\quad (17)$$

The study presented in this paper is up to either next leading order in the chiral expansion  $O(\frac{m_q}{m})$  or to the next leading order in the  $N_C$  expansion  $O(\frac{1}{N_C})$ . Obviously, the  $\Delta_2$  is at higher order in the two expansions, and for the sake of consistency

$$\Delta_2 = 0\quad (18)$$

should be taken. Very small  $\Delta_2$  determined phenomenologically (9) above is the consequence of the  $N_C$  expansion. Now, Eqs. (18), (2), and (5) and the  $m_{f_2}^2, m_{f'_2}^2$  are taken

as inputs. Solving the three eigen equations, it is determined

$$\Delta_1 = -0.275 \text{ GeV}^2, \quad \Delta_3^2 = 0.0311 \text{ GeV}^4. \quad (19)$$

The masses of the pure glueball  $g_2$  and the new state  $G_2$  are predicted as

$$m_{G_2} = 1.404 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_{g_2} = 1.356 \text{ GeV}. \quad (20)$$

They are almost the same as the ones of Eq. (10). On the other hand, there are errors in this study. The sources of the errors are the following. The inputs  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$ ,  $m_{f_2}^2$ ,  $m_{f_2'}^2$  and  $a_2 = -\sqrt{2}b_2$  have errors. For example, the input  $a_2 = -\sqrt{2}b_2$  causes about 5% error. It is estimated that the errors of this study are about 10%. Therefore, the mass of the  $G_2$  state is expressed as

$$m_{G_2} = 1.40 \pm 0.14 \text{ GeV}. \quad (21)$$

The mass of the new state  $G_2$  is predicted in the range between 1.26 GeV to 1.54 GeV. On the other hand, this study is up to  $O(\frac{m^2}{m})$  and  $O(\frac{1}{N_C})$ . The errors caused by the terms at higher orders in both the chiral and the  $N_C$  expansions are unknown. The 10% error is marginal, and it could be greater than 10%.

It is interesting to notice that the values of the  $\Delta_1$  and the  $\Delta_3$  (19) are much smaller than the values of the  $m_1$  and the  $m_2$ . These results (19) show that both the chiral expansion and the  $O(N_C)$  expansion work.

Using the values of the  $\Delta_1$ ,  $\Delta_3$ ,  $m_{G_2}^2$ , the expressions of the three physical  $2^{++}$  states are determined from the three eigen equations of the mass matrix (1),

$$f_2(1270) = 0.357f_8 + 0.718f_0 + 0.597g_2, \quad (22)$$

$$f_2'(1525) = 0.799f_8 - 0.565f_0 + 0.204g_2, \quad (23)$$

$$G_2 = 0.495f_8 + 0.402f_0 - 0.770g_2. \quad (24)$$

The  $G_2$  state contains substantial  $q\bar{q}$  components and the glueball component. The glueball component in the  $f_2$  is large and in  $f_2'$  is small. In this study, the  $g_2$  is a pure glueball state, and the  $G_2$  is a new  $2^{++}$  state. Without the pure glueball state  $g_2$ , the  $G_2$  doesn't exist.

Using the mixing, the ratios of two-body decays of the  $f_2$ ,  $f_2'$  are predicted:

$$\frac{\Gamma(f_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K})}{\Gamma(f_2 \rightarrow \pi\pi)} = 0.0548. \quad (25)$$

The experimental value of this ratio is [6]  $0.054 \pm 0.007$ . Theory agrees with the data very well.

$$\frac{\Gamma(f_2 \rightarrow \eta\eta)}{\Gamma(f_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K})} = 0.055. \quad (26)$$

The experimental data [6] is  $0.087 \pm 0.025$ . As mentioned above, there is mixing between the  $\eta$ ,  $\eta'$  and the  $0^{-+}$  glueball, and the mixing effect is not taken into account in this study. The theoretical result agrees with the experimental data within the experimental error reasonably well.

$$\frac{\Gamma(f_2' \rightarrow \eta\eta)}{\Gamma(f_2' \rightarrow K\bar{K})} = 0.29 \quad (27)$$

is predicted, which is the same as Eq. (14). The predicted

$$\frac{\Gamma(f_2' \rightarrow K\bar{K})}{\Gamma(f_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K})} = 6.34 \quad (28)$$

is in agreement with the data [6] which is  $7.63 \pm 1.75$ . Theory agrees with data within the experimental errors.

The decay widths of  $\Gamma(G_2 \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}, \eta\eta)$  are predicted

$$\Gamma(G_2 \rightarrow \pi\pi) = 101.2 \pm 3.0 \text{ MeV},$$

$$\Gamma(G_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K}) = 2.4 \pm 0.1 \text{ MeV}, \quad (29)$$

$$\Gamma(G_2 \rightarrow \eta\eta) \sim 0.017 \text{ MeV}.$$

Comparing the results with  $\Delta_2 = 0$  (18) and the results without Eq. (18), it can be found that the most changes are just few percents. Only  $\Gamma(G_2 \rightarrow \eta\eta)$  has changed by a factor of two. The reason has been mentioned above: this approach predicts a very small  $\Gamma(G_2 \rightarrow \eta\eta)$  and cannot predict the accurate value of this decay width.

The  $f_2$  state has  $4\pi$  decays whose branching ratio is about 10%. The  $4\pi$  decay mode is from the  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d})$  component of the  $f_2$  state. The  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d})$  component of the  $G_2$  state should lead to the  $4\pi$  decays, too. The mass of the  $G_2$  is about 10% higher than  $m_{f_2}$ . Ignoring the mass difference of the  $f_2$  and  $G_2$ , it is estimated

$$\frac{\Gamma(G_2 \rightarrow 4\pi)}{\Gamma(f_2 \rightarrow 4\pi)} \sim \left(\frac{0.614}{0.793}\right)^2 = 0.6,$$

$$\Gamma(G_2 \rightarrow 4\pi) \sim 11 \text{ MeV}$$

$$B(G_2 \rightarrow 4\pi) \sim 10\%.$$

Detailed study of the 4-body decays of the  $f_2$ ,  $f_2'$ ,  $G_2$  are beyond the scope of this paper.

The total width of the  $G_2$  state is

$$\Gamma_{G_2} = 114.6 \pm 11 \text{ MeV}.$$

The estimated 10% error is resulted in the errors of the inputs, the chiral, and the  $N_C$  expansion and the estimation of the partial decay width of  $4\pi$ .

This study predicts a tensor glueball of  $1.26 \text{ GeV} < m < 1.54 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\Gamma = 114 \pm 11 \text{ MeV}$ , and  $\pi\pi$  is the dominant decay channel. The  $f_2(1430)$  state is listed in Ref. [6]. In Ref. [12], the reaction  $pp \rightarrow pp\pi^+\pi^-$  is studied. It is

mentioned that the “ $D$ -wave shows a clear enhancement between 1200 MeV and 1500 MeV which cannot be fitted by  $f(1270)$  alone,” and a  $2^{++}$  resonance of  $m = 1480 \pm 50$  MeV and  $\Gamma = 150 \pm 50$  MeV in addition to the  $f_2(1270)$  is discovered. No sign of this state is found in the  $\eta\eta$  channel. Because of the problem of particle identification, this experiment is unable to investigate whether this state is present in the  $K^+K^-$  channel. However, Refs. [6,15] show that the resonance observed in Ref. [12] is not revealed from the analysis of the  $K_s^0K_s^0$  system of the reaction  $\pi^-p \rightarrow K_s^0K_s^0n$ . The study of this paper predicts  $B(G_2 \rightarrow K_s^0K_s^0) \sim 2\%$ . The experimental results [12,13] are in agreement with the predictions of the  $G_2$  state.

On the other hand, very narrow resonances have been observed in the  $K\bar{K}$  system. In Ref. [14], in the channel  $K_sK_s$  of the reaction  $\pi^-p \rightarrow K_sK_s n$ , a narrow state of  $m = 1453 \pm 4$  MeV and  $\Gamma = 13 \pm 5$  MeV has been found. However, the quantum numbers of this state are not well-determined:  $J^P = 0^{++}$  or  $2^{++}$ . In Ref. [15], a state of  $m = 1439_{-6}^{+5}$  MeV and  $\Gamma = 43_{-18}^{+17}$  MeV has been reported in the reaction  $\pi^-p \rightarrow K^0\bar{K}^0n$ . Its quantum numbers are unable to be determined.  $J^P = 0^+, 2^+, 4^+$  are all possible. In Ref. [16], both structures of  $m = 1412 \pm 3$  MeV,  $\Gamma = 14 \pm 6$  MeV and  $m = 1436_{-16}^{+26}$  MeV,  $\Gamma = 81_{-29}^{+56}$  MeV have been observed in  $K_s^0K_s^0$  and  $K^+K^-$  systems, respectively, in  $\pi^-p \rightarrow K\bar{K}n$ . The quantum numbers of these states are determined to be  $2^{++}$ . According to Ref. [6], the quantum numbers of these states are not well-determined, and it is either  $0^{++}$  or  $2^{++}$ . On the other hand, these narrow resonances of the  $K\bar{K}$  are not observed by another experiment of  $\pi^-p \rightarrow K\bar{K}n$  [6,13]. Comparing with the  $G_2$  state, the decay widths of these resonance states of  $K\bar{K}$  systems are too narrow, and it is difficult to associate these very narrow resonances with the  $G_2$  state of  $\Gamma = 114 \pm 11$  MeV.

In QCD, the radiative decay of the  $J/\psi$  is described as  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma gg$ . The contribution of the glueball component of a meson state to the production of this state in the  $J/\psi$  radiative decay is at the leading order in the  $N_C$  expansion. Therefore, a state with larger glueball component should have larger production rate in  $J/\psi$  radiative decay. Eqs. (22)–(24) show that the  $f_2'$  contains less glueball component than the  $f_2$  state does. Qualitatively, the theory predicts that the  $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_2)$  is much larger than the  $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_2')$ . The experiments [6] support this prediction.

On the other hand, the glueball component of the  $G_2$  state is  $0.770 g_2$  (24) which is larger than the glueball component,  $0.597 g_2$  (22), of the  $f_2$  state. Qualitatively, the theory predicts  $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_2)$  is comparable or greater than the  $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_2)$ . So far, there is only one measurement of  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X, X \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ , where  $m_X$  is around 1.4 MeV [17]. In 1987, the DM2 collaboration has reported a narrower state [17] in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\pi^+\pi^-$ :

for all  $\gamma\pi^+\pi^-$  events:  $m_X = 1421 \pm 7$  MeV,

$$\Gamma_X = 69 \pm 18 \text{ MeV},$$

for events after the  $\cos\theta_\pi$  cut:  $m_X = 1421 \pm 5$  MeV,

$$\Gamma_X = 30 \pm 9 \text{ MeV}.$$

From the first fit,  $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X) \times B(X \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) = (7.9 \pm 2.4 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-5}$  is determined. If the  $X$  state found by this experiment is the  $G_2$  state, the branching ratio of  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_2, G_2 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$  should be much greater than the one reported. However, there are issues about this measurement which should be addressed:

- (1) As mentioned in Ref. [17], this small branching ratio is obtained from all events (see Fig. 5a of that paper) and “the cut of the  $\cos\theta$  “ enhances the mass region around 1400 MeV (see Fig 5b). The branching ratio from the events after cut of the  $\cos\theta$  is not presented. Figs. 5a, 5b show that the peak around 1400 MeV is really enhanced after the cut, and the branching ratio of the enhanced state should be enhanced, too.
- (2) The quantum number of the  $X$  state is not well-determined. In Ref. [17], it is only mentioned that “when the  $\cos\theta_\pi$  cut is applied, a  $J^P = 0^+$  assignment for these events is excluded.”
- (3) In Ref. [17], the authors tried to explain the excess of events by an interference effect between  $f_2(1270)$  and  $f_2'(1525)$  amplitudes in the  $\pi^+\pi^-$  final state: “the best agreement is obtained, but the  $f_2$  fitted width is still too large ( $206 \pm 7$  MeV).”
- (4)  $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_2, f_2 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) = (7.50 \pm 0.30 \pm 1.12) \times 10^{-4}$  is less than the  $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_2, f_2 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) = (9.14 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-4}$  measured by BES [18] by about 22%.

The present data of DM2 is not enough to make conclusion for the existence of the  $G_2$  state.

Theoretically, this approach predicts that the  $f_2, G_2$  have similar properties. They decay to  $\pi\pi$  dominantly, and the  $K\bar{K}, \eta\eta$  channels are suppressed. Their masses of these two states overlap. This theory predicts coherent productions of the  $f_2, G_2$  states in the  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X, X \rightarrow \pi\pi$  where  $1.2 \text{ GeV} < m_X < 1.5 \text{ GeV}$ . It is suggested to use these two states together to fit the data of  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X, X \rightarrow \pi\pi$  in the mass region of the  $f_2, G_2$ , as was done in Ref. [17].

Both the chiral and the  $N_C$  expansions are applied to study the mixing of the  $f_2, f_2'$  and a tensor glueball. The predictions are in agreement with the data. The mass of the new tensor state  $G_2$  is predicted to be  $1.40 \pm 0.14$  GeV.  $\pi\pi$  is the dominant decay mode of the  $G_2$  state, and both the  $K\bar{K}$  and  $\eta\eta$  decay modes are strongly suppressed. The decay width of the  $G_2$  state is about 110 GeV. So far, the experimental data presented in Refs. [12,13] are in agreement with these predictions. Qualitatively, the study predicts  $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_2') < B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_2)$  which is consistent with the data. Coherent productions of the  $f_2, G_2$  in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\pi\pi$  are expected.

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