## Lecture 8. Tetraquarks vs. molecules: the Weinberg criterium for X(3872) and the double charm $\mathcal{T}_{cc}^+(3875)$

### • Summary

- 1. The overall panorama  $\checkmark$
- 2. Constituent Quark Model and masses of conventional mesons and baryons  $\checkmark$
- 3. Light and Heavy Tetraquarks. First comparison with hadron molecules  $\checkmark$
- 4. Tetraquarks and the EightFold Way. Di-J/ $\Psi$  resonances  $\checkmark$
- 5. X(3872) and its missing partners  $\checkmark$
- 6. Born-Oppenheimer approximation for double charm baryons and tetraquarks  $\checkmark$
- 7. Multiquark states in N colours, in the  $N \to \infty$  limit  $\checkmark$
- 8. Tetraquarks vs. molecules: the Weinberg criterium for *X*(3872) and the double charm  $\mathcal{T}_{cc}^+(3875)$   $\checkmark$

## The doubly charmed Tetraquark, $T_{cc}^+$

- The existence of doubly charmed tetraquarks,  $[QQ\bar{q}\bar{q}]$ , was considered in 2013 by Esposito et al. Esposito *et al*, PRD **88**(2013) 054029)
- Starting from the mass of the doubly charmed baryon, Karliner and Rosner estimated of the mass of the lowest lying, I=0 state at  $M(T_{cc}^+) = 3882 \pm 12$  MeV, 7 MeV above the  $D^0D^{*+}$  threshold. M. Karliner and J. L. Rosner, PRL **119**(2017) 202001.
- A similar value was obtained by Eichten and Quigg

E. J. Eichten and C. Quigg, PRL **119** (2017) 202002

- A value close to the  $D^0 D^* \gamma$  threshold is obtained in the Born -Oppenheimer Approximation, using constituent quark masses derived from the meson spectrum L. Maiani et al., PRD 100 (2019) 074002
- The value  $M(T_{cc}^+) M(D^0D^+) = -23 \pm 11$  MeV is obtained in lattice QCD calculation P. Junnarkar *et al*, PRD **99**(2019) 034507
- The closeness to the  $D^0D^{*+}$  threshold has nonetheless invited speculations about a molecular,  $D^0D^{*+}$ , nature of  $T_{cc}^+$ .

# 2. Molecule or compact? Back to the fundamentals



• for a neutron-proton pair, the question posed by Weinberg was; is the deuteron a bound state or is there an "elementary" dibaryon ?

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## Molecule or compact? the QCD framework

- We know for sure that QCD produces hidden charm, confined hadron states: charmonia,  $D^*\bar{D} + \bar{D}^*D$ . ??? Do confined tetraquarks exist??
- Suppose we switch off the interactions between confined hadrons. The space of possible hidden charm states is made by two components



### How can we know?

- The key is the  $D^*\bar{D}$  scattering amplitude, *f*, that near threshold (k=center of mass momentum~0) can be written as  $1/f = k \cot \delta(k) ik = -\kappa_0 + \frac{1}{2}r_0k^2 ik + \dots$
- With Weinberg, we find

$$\kappa_0^{-1} = 2\frac{1-Z}{2-Z}\kappa^{-1} + O(1/m_{\pi}); \ r_0 = -\frac{Z}{1-Z}\kappa^{-1} + O(1/m_{\pi})$$

$$\kappa^{-1} = \sqrt{2\mu B}, B = M(D^*) + M(D) - M(X)$$
 (the "binding energy")

- It turns out that *the parameters*  $\kappa_0$ ,  $r_0$  *can be determined from the X(3872) ( or*  $T^+_{cc}$ ) *line-shape* R. Aaij *et al.* (LHCb), PRD **102**, 092005 (2020)
- in the molecular case (Z=0) one has  $r_0 = O(1/m_{\pi})$

• In the molecular case and for attractive potentials, one can show that the unspecified part of  $O(1/m_{\pi})$  is positive:  $r_0 > 0$ 

## A little theorem (Landau-Smorodinski)

• Consider the Schroedinger's equation for the radial wave function of the molecular constituents

$$u_k''(r) + \left[k^2 - U(r)\right]u_k(r) = 0$$

with  $U(r) = 2\mu V(r)$ , V(r) < 0 is the potential, assumed to be attractive everywhere.

• We consider the wave function for two values of the momentum:  $u_{k_{1,2}} \equiv u_{1,2}$ With simple manipulations we find the identity

$$u_2 u_1' - u_2' u_1 \Big|_0^R = (k_2^2 - k_1^2) \int_0^R dr \, u_2 u_1 \quad (A)$$

 $R >> a_0$ , the range of the potential (  $\simeq 1/m_{\pi}$ ).

• Consider now the free equation,  $\psi_k''(r) + k^2 \psi_k(r) = 0$ , from which we also obtain

$$\psi_2 \psi'_1 - \psi'_2 \psi_1 \bigg|_0^R = (k_2^2 - k_1^2) \int_0^R dr \, \psi_2 \psi_1 \quad (B)$$

• Normalizing to unity at r=0, the general expression for  $\psi_k$  is

$$\psi_k(r) = \frac{\sin(kr + \delta(k))}{\sin \delta(k)}, \text{ and: } \psi'_k(0) = k \cot \delta(k).$$

- The radial wave function  $u_k$  vanishes at r=0, and we normalize so that it tends exactly to the corresponding  $\psi_k$  for large enough radii.
- Now, subtract (A) from (B) and let  $R \to \infty$  (the integral now is convergent) to find

$$k_2 \cot \delta(k_2) - k_1 \cot \delta(k_1) = (k_2^2 - k_1^2) \int_0^\infty dr \left(\psi_2 \psi_1 - u_2 u_1\right)$$

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 (C)

We compare (C) with the parameters of the scattering amplitude. First we set  $k_1 = 0$ . Since  $\lim_{k_1 \to 0} k_1 \cot \delta(k_1) = -\kappa_0$   $k_2 \cot \delta(k_2) = -\kappa_0 + k_2^2 \int_0^\infty dr \left(\psi_2 \psi_0 - u_2 u_0\right)$ For small momenta:  $k_2 \cot \delta(k_2) = -\kappa_0 + \frac{1}{2}r_0k_2^2 + \dots$  so that  $r_0 = 2 \int_0^\infty dr \left(\psi_0^2 - u_0^2\right)$ 

We know that  $u_0(0) = 0$ ,  $\psi_0(0) = 1$ . Defining  $\Delta(r) = \psi_0(r) - u_0(r)$  we have

 $\Delta(0) = +1, \ \Delta(\infty) = 0$ 

The equations of motion imply  $\Delta''(r) = -U(r)u_0(r)$ . In presence of a single bound state, where u(r) has no nodes, we get

$$\Delta''(r) > 0 \to \psi_0(r) > u_0(r) \qquad \text{that is}$$

 $r_0 > 0$ 

- reassuringly:  $r_0$ (deuteron) = + 1.75 fm,
- conversely a negative value of  $r_0 > 0$  implies Z > 0

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## X lineshape: from Breit-Wigner to scattering lengths

• Consider  $D^{*0}\overline{D}^0$  scattering above threshold. If there is a resonance slight below, the amplitude takes the Breit-Wigner form

$$f = -\frac{\frac{1}{2}g_{BW}^2}{E - m_{BW} + \frac{i}{2}g_{BW}^2k}$$
 (A)  
• for E=  $\frac{k^2}{2\mu}$ , the BW has the same form of the scattering amplitude  

$$f = \frac{1}{-\kappa_0 + \frac{1}{2}r_0k^2 - ik + \dots}$$
 (B)

thus, from the parameters of the line-shape (A) we can determine  $\kappa_0$  and  $r_0$  (B)

- neglecting experimental errors on the parameters, for the X(3872) and the LHCb data, we find:
- $\kappa_0 \simeq 6.92$  MeV;  $r_0 = -5.3$  fm, well into the compact tetraquark region.
- using a more recent error analysis, the effective radius is found to be in the range

$$-1.6 \text{ fm} > r_0 > -5.3 \text{ fm}$$

A.Esposito *et al*, arXiv:2108.11413

V. Baru et al., arXiv:2110.07484



## Details

• Flatte' function to fit the X(3972) lineshape to determine the parameters  $m_X^0$ ,  $g_{LHCb}$ 

$$T(X \to J/\psi \pi^{+} \pi^{-}) = -\frac{N}{E - m_{X}^{0} + \frac{i}{2}g_{\text{LHCb}}\left(\sqrt{2\mu E} + \sqrt{2\mu_{+}(E - \delta)}\right) + \frac{i}{2}\left(\Gamma_{\rho}^{0}(E) + \Gamma_{\omega}^{0}(E) + \Gamma_{0}^{0}\right)}$$

$$\mu = \frac{D^{*0}\bar{D}^0}{D^{*0} + \bar{D}^0} = 967 \text{ MeV} \qquad \mu^+ = \frac{D^{*+}D^-}{D^{*+} + D^-} = 969 \text{ MeV} \qquad \delta = D^{*+} + D^- - D^{*0} - \bar{D}^0 = 8.3 \text{ MeV}$$

• Parametrization of the denominator

$$Den = E - m_X^0 + \frac{i}{2} g_{\text{LHCb}} \left( \sqrt{2\mu E} + \sqrt{2\mu_+ (E - \delta)} \right) \sim \frac{2}{g_{\text{LHCb}}} (T - m_X^0) - \sqrt{2m_+ \delta} + T \sqrt{\frac{m_+}{2\delta}} + ik \quad T = \frac{k^2}{2\mu}$$

$$\kappa_0 = -\frac{2m_X^0}{g_{\text{LHCb}}} - \sqrt{2\mu_+ \delta} \simeq 6.92 \text{ MeV}$$
best fit:  

$$g_{LHCb} = 0.108$$

$$m_X^0 = -7.18 \text{ MeV}$$

• Taking into account the error on  $g_{LHCb}$ :

## $-1.7 \text{ fm} > r_0 > -5.3 \text{ fm}$

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- Log Likelihood is very insensitive to the value of  $g_{LHCb}$
- $10 > g_{LHCb} > 0.108$
- leads to the range  $r_0$

## The value of Z

• From previous Weinberg formulae, we derive

$$Z = \frac{-r_0\kappa}{1 - r_0\kappa}$$

and with  $\kappa \simeq \kappa_0$ , we find

0.14 > Z > 0.052 > 0

- Z is often idenified with the admixture of X with the compact (tetraquark) state. In this case one would say that X is "essentially" a molecule
- This interpretation of Z, however, holds in the free theory only. With interaction, the compact state vector may be renormalized and the sternght of Z losses its meaning.
- With Weinberg, we think that what counts is that Z is non vanishing, indicating that *there are*, in the Hilbert space, states, states different from D D\* states: *the true token that the deuteron is composite is an effective range*  $r_0$  *small and positive rather than large and negative and an elementary deuteron would have* 0<Z<1.

## Latest: double charm tetraquark

LHCb arXiv:2109.01056v2



for 
$$\mathcal{T}_{cc}^+$$

$$\mu = \frac{D^{*+}D^{0}}{D^{*+} + \bar{D}^{0}} = 967.5 \text{ MeV } \mu^{+} = \frac{D^{*0}D^{+}}{D^{*0} + D^{+}} = 968.0 \text{ MeV } \delta = D^{*0} + D^{+} - D^{*+} - \bar{D}^{0} = 1.7 \text{ MeV}$$

$$(r_{0})_{u.l.} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_{+}}{2\mu^{2}\delta}} = -3.4 \text{ fm}$$
lower limit
$$(r_{0})_{l.l.} = -11.9 \text{ fm}$$
LHCb, arXiv:2109.01056



A new analysis by the Valencia group claims  $r_0 \sim +1$  fm for  $T_{cc}^+$ .

No consensus yet, but it seems we are on a very promising road. Stay tuned!!