Dimesons and dibaryons with heavy quarks using lattice QCD

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T_{cc} tetraquark
 T_{bc} tetraquark
 Heavy dibaryons
 Only heavy 'flavored' hadrons

 $\begin{array}{l} T_{cc}: \mbox{ PRL 129 (2022) 032002, PRD 109 (2024) 094509} \\ T_{bc}: \mbox{ PRL 132 (2024) 201902, PRD XXXXXX} \\ \mbox{ Heavy dibaryons}: \mbox{ PRL 130 (2023) 111901, PRL 123 (2019) 162003,} \\ \mbox{ PRD 106 (2022) 054511} \end{array}$

T_{cc} tetraquark

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Doubly heavy tetraquarks: T_{cc}^+



☆ The doubly charmed tetraquark T_{cc}^+ , I = 0 and favours $J^P = 1^+$. Nature Phys., Nature Comm. 2022 Striking similarities with the longest known heavy exotic, X(3872).

- ☆ No features observed in $D^0 D^+ \pi^+$: possibly not I = 1.
- * Many more exotic tetraquark candidates discovered recently, T_{cs} , $T_{c\bar{s}}$, X(6900). Prospects also for T_{bc} in the near future. See talk by Ivan Polyakov at Hadron 2023
- 2 Doubly heavy tetraquarks: theory proposals date back to 1980s.

c.f. Ader&Richard PRD25(1982)2370

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Hadron spectroscopy using lattice QCD

Compute matrices of two point correlation functions

$$C_{ji}(t) = \langle 0|\bar{O}_j(t)O_i(0)|0\rangle = \sum_n \frac{Z_i^n Z_j^{n*}}{2E_n} e^{-E_n(t)}$$

- ☆ For doubly charmed four quark systems near DD^* threshold. we use 'only' O of type $(\bar{q}\Gamma_1 c)_{1_c} (\bar{q}'\Gamma_2 c)_{1_c}$.
- **\therefore** Wick contractions to compute: [c, q, q']



☆ Lattice QCD ensembles : CLS Consortium $m_{\pi} \sim 280$ MeV, $m_{K} \sim 467$ MeV, $a \sim 0.086$ fm Spatial volumes: $L \sim 2$ fm and $L \sim 2.7$ fm Charm quark masses (m_c^2) : $m_D \sim 1762$ MeV and 1927 MeV

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Mass/Energy extraction

Euclidean two point current-current correlation matrices *

$$C_{ji}(t_f - t_i) = \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_j(t_f) \bar{\mathcal{O}}_i(t_i) | 0 \rangle = \sum_n \frac{Z_i^{n*} Z_j^n}{2m_n} e^{-E_n(t_f - t_i)}$$

where $\mathcal{O}_i(t_f)$ and $\overline{\mathcal{O}}_i(t_i)$ are the desired interpolating operators and $Z_i^n = \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_i | n \rangle$.

- Solving generalized eigenvalue problem \$ $C(t)v^{(n)}(t) = \lambda^{(n)}(t)C(t_0)v^{(n)}(t)$
- Effective mass defined as $\log\left[\frac{\lambda(t)}{\lambda(t+1)}\right]$ *





DD^* scattering in $l = 0, 1 @ m_c^{(h)}$ with an ERE



More recent lattice studies:

Chen et al 2206.06185 [PLB], Lyu et al 2302.04505 [PRL], Green @ Lattice 2023, Whyte, Wilson, Thomas 2405.15741

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Results and inferences with ERE approach

	$m_D [{\rm MeV}]$	$\delta m_{T_{cc}}$ [MeV]	T_{cc}
lat. $(m_{\pi} \simeq 280 \text{ MeV}, m_c^{(h)})$	1927(1)	$-9.9^{+3.6}_{-7.2}$	virtual bound st.
lat. $(m_{\pi} \simeq 280 \text{ MeV}, m_c^{(l)})$	1762(1)	$-15.0(^{+4.6}_{-9.3})$	virtual bound st.
exp.	1864.85(5)	-0.36(4)	bound st.

 \mathbf{s} A shallow virtual bound state pole in s-wave related to T_{cc} .

Observations in line with the expected behaviour of a near-threshold molecular bound state pole in simple Quantum Mechanical potentials.



- \mathcal{C} $M_{red}(\propto m_c)$ is the reduced mass of the DD^* system.
- ***** The mass of the particle exchanged during the interaction $M_{ex}(\propto m_{u/d})$.

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MP, Prelovsek PRL 2022

m_c dependence of the T_{cc} pole [ERE]





Collins, Nefediev, MP, Prelovsek 2402:14715

 $m_{\pi} \sim 280 \text{ MeV}$

- **\therefore** Virtual bound poles at all values of m_c .
- $\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} \text{ Critical mass:} \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{m}}_D^{\text{crit}}(\text{ERE}) = 2.71 \binom{+34}{-26} \text{ GeV}$
- ✿ ERE: Questionable [OPE interactions and lhc]

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Pion exchange interactions/left-hand cut: ERE and QC

A two fold problem: (Unphysical pion masses used in lattice)

 $m_{\pi} > m_{D^*} - m_D \quad \Rightarrow \quad D^* \to D\pi$ is kinematically forbidden.

 $2 \rightarrow 2$ Generalized LQC: does not subthreshold lhc effects.

Raposo&Hansen 2311.18793, Dawid et al 2303.04394, Hansen et al 2401.06609

ERE convergence fails at the nearest singularity.

Left-hand cut in the DD^* system close below the DD^* threshold.

Du, Baru, Hanhart et al 2303.09441[PRL]

✿ Unphysical pion masses $(m_{\pi} > \Delta M = M_{D^*} - M_D$, stable D^* meson):



Figure taken from Du, Baru, Hanhart et al 2303.09441[PRL]

Long range pion exchange interactions: the origin of left-hand singularity and cut. Fits with a potential that incorporates the one pion exchange:

Virtual bound states \Rightarrow Virtual resonances

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Solving Lippmann-Schwinger Equation for the DD^* amplitude

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\$ The potential: a sum of short range and long range interactions

$$V(\boldsymbol{p}, \boldsymbol{p}') = V_{\rm CT}(p, p') + V_{\pi}^{S}(p, p') \quad \text{with} \quad V_{\rm CT}(p, p') = 2c_0 + 2c_2(p^2 + {p'}^2) + \mathcal{O}(p^4, {p'}^4)$$

- ***** The scattering amplitude $T^{-1} \propto p \cot \delta_0 ip$
- The pion decay constant f_{π} and $DD^*\pi$ coupling g_c at $m_{\pi} \sim 280$ MeV following the 1-loop χ PT.

Du, Baru, Hanhart et al 2303.09441[PRL]

Collins, Nefediev, MP, Prelovsek 2402:14715

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 m_c dependence of the T_{cc} pole [EFT]





- ***** Resonance poles below threshold at all values of m_c except the heaviest.
- \mathbf{r} At the heaviest m_c : virtual bound poles
- ***** Weak m_c dependence in $V(\boldsymbol{p}, \boldsymbol{p}')$.

 $m_{\pi} \sim 280 \text{ MeV}$

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Pole positions and scattering rate [EFT]



* Subthreshold resonance pole pair moving towards the real axis with increasing m_c .

- Collide on the real axis below threshold and turn back-to-back. At the heaviest m_c : virtual bound poles [in Red]
- ***** With increasing m_c , subthreshold resonance poles evolves to become a pair of virtual bound poles.
- Enhancement in the DD^* scattering rate $(p|T_0|^2)$.

Collins, Nefediev, MP, Prelovsek 2402:14715

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m_{π} dependence of the T_{cc} pole [EFT]





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- **2** Qualitative study of m_{π} dependence using $V_{\text{CT}}(p, p') = 2c_0 + 2c_2(p^2 + p'^2)$
- ***** Two parameter fit (c_0, c_2) [left] and a single parameter fit $(c_0, \text{ with } c_2 = 0)$ [right].
- ☆ Resonance poles at $m_{\pi} \sim 348$ and ~ 280 MeV. Shallow virtual bound poles at $m_{\pi} = 146$ MeV.
- Stronger attraction for lighter m_{π} . $[c_{\text{eff}}]$ stronger binding in T_{cc} for lighter pions.
- ☆ $m_{\pi} = 146$ MeV: HALQCD procedure.
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Isovector T_{cc} : Weak repulsion



 \mathcal{C}_2 determining the isospin effects. Weakly repulsive interactions.

Ortiz-Pacheco, MP, et al., 2312.13441

✿ Consistent with observations reported in Chen *et al.*, 2206.06185 [PLB]

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T_{bc} tetraquark

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Doubly heavy tetraquarks using lattice QCD, T_{bb} and T_{cc} : $I(J^P) = O(1^+)$



* Deeper binding in doubly bottom tetraquarks $\mathcal{O}(100 MeV)$. Fig: Hudspith&Mohler 2023 Red box: ILGTI work on QQ tetraquarks: Junnarkar, Mathur, MP PRD 2019

 Shallow bound state in doubly charm tetraquarks $\mathcal{O}(100 keV)$.
 Fig: Lyu et al.PRL 2023

 Red box: T_{cc} (RQCD) [PRL 2022] and its quark mass dependence [2402.14715].

 Whyte, Wilson and Thomas arXiv:2405.15741

✿ No concrete conclusions in the bottom-charm tetraquark sector.
 A summary of different lattice investigations → see review by Pedro Bicudo, 2212.07793

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Lattice setup for bottom hadrons



- **\$** MILC dynamical ensembles with $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ HISQ fields.
- \clubsuit Valence quark fields with masses ranging from light to charm: overlap action
- ✿ Bottom quark evolution using a NRQCD Hamiltonian. tuned using kinetic mass of 1S bottomonium spin averaged $\overline{M}^{\overline{b}b}$ Mathur *et al* Lattice 2016

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Correlation functions and Interpolators: $I(J^P) = 0(1^+)$

- **\therefore** Focus on the T_{1g} finite volume irrep in the rest frame.
- **\$** Two point correlations computed as

$$\mathcal{C}_{ij}(t) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left\langle \mathcal{O}_i(\mathbf{x}, t) \mathcal{O}_j^{\dagger}(0) \right\rangle = \sum_n \frac{Z_i^n Z_j^{n\dagger}}{2E^n} e^{-E^n t},$$

with wall smearing for quark fields at source.

 \clubsuit Focus only on the ground state energy splitting. Relevant low lying two meson thresholds

$DB^* \ [included]:$	$E_{et}^{phys} \sim$	7.190 GeV
$BD^{*} \ [included]:$	$E_{it1}^{phys} \sim$	7.290 GeV
D^*B^* [excluded] :	$E_{it2}^{phys} \sim$	7.334 GeV

Local 2 two-meson-like interpolators and one diquark-antidiquark-like interpolator

$$\begin{array}{lll} \mathcal{O}_1(x) &=& [\bar{u}\gamma_i b][\bar{d}\gamma_5 c](x) - [\bar{d}\gamma_i b][\bar{u}\gamma_5 c](x), \\ \mathcal{O}_2(x) &=& [\bar{u}\gamma_5 b][\bar{d}\gamma_i c](x) - [\bar{d}\gamma_5 b][\bar{u}\gamma_i c](x), \\ \mathcal{O}_3(x) &=& [(\bar{u}^T \Gamma_5 \bar{d} - \bar{d}^T \Gamma_5 \bar{u})(b\Gamma_i c)](x). \end{array}$$

MP et al PRL 2024

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Spectrum extraction: $I(J^P) = 0(1^+)$

 $\mathcal{C}_{ij}(t) \text{ are solved for the generalized eigenvalue problem [GEVP]} \\ \mathcal{C}(t)v^n(t) = \lambda^n(t)\mathcal{C}(t_0)v^n(t)$

Fits to the eigenvalue correlators $[\lambda^n]$ and the ratio of eigenvalue correlators with a non-interacting correlator $[R^n(t) = \frac{\lambda^n(t)}{\mathcal{C}_{m_1}(t)\mathcal{C}_{m_2}(t)}]$. MP *et al* Lattice 2021



☆ t_{min} dependence of energy estimates from fits to $R^0(t)$ and $\lambda^0(t) \rightarrow$



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The ground state spectrum: $I(J^P) = 0(1^+)$



‡ Consistent negative energy shifts. Decreasing magnitude with increasing $m_{u/d}$ or M_{ps}

 $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{s}}$ Non-trivial lattice spacing dependence.

5 40³x64 [L₁] 40³x64 [L₁] 3 48³x144 [S₃] 32³x96 [S₂] 24³x64 [S₁] 0 0.04 0.06 0.08 0.10 0.12 a [fm] MP et al PBL 2024

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Finite volume analysis and continuum extrapolation: $I(J^P) = O(1^+)$



- ☆ Elastic DB^* scattering: finite volume analysis à la Lüscher. Only ground states used and only scattering length in an ERE. $[kcot\delta_0 \sim -1/a_0]$
- A linear lattice spacing dependence assumed for the fitted amplitude.
- ***** Determined DB^* scattering length in the continuum limit for all M_{ps} . Results indicate attractive interaction between D and B^* mesons at all M_{ps} .

MP et al PRL 2024

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M_{ps} dependence of $DB^{(*)}$ scattering length



\$ Light quark mass $(m_{u/d} \text{ or } M_{ps})$ dependence.

 $f_l(M_{ps}) = \alpha_c + \alpha_l M_{ps}, \quad f_s(M_{ps}) = \beta_c + \beta_s M_{ps}^2, \quad \text{and} \quad f_q(M_{ps}) = \theta_c + \theta_l M_{ps} + \theta_s M_{ps}^2.$ indicates a real bound state at physical pion mass.

 \mathbf{r} DB^* scattering length and binding energy in the continuum limit

 $a_0^{phys} = 0.57(^{+4}_{-5})(17) \text{ fm} \text{ and } \delta m_{T_{bc}} = -43(^{+6}_{-7})(^{+14}_{-24}) \text{ MeV}$

 \therefore DB scattering length and binding energy in the continuum limit

$$a_0^{phys} = 0.61 \binom{+3}{-4}(18) \text{ fm} \text{ and } \delta m_{T_{bc}} = -39 \binom{+4}{-6} \binom{+8}{-18} \text{ MeV}$$

MP et al PRL 2024, Radhakrishnan, MP, Mathur, PRD 2024

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Heavy dibaryons

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Deuteron: the longest known dibaryon



✿ Nucleus of Deuterium discovered in 1932.

Urey, Brickwedde & Murphy

- ☆ A very fine-tuned binding energy $\Delta E = M_D M_p M_n = 2.2$ MeV.
- Big bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN) has a deuteron bottleneck: Determines the abundances of light nuclei.
- How will the binding energy vary with quark masses? Could there be dineutrons or diprotons with heavier light quark masses.

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The scalar dihyperon





NAGARA event: Takahashi PRL 87, 212502 (2001)

☆ Bound *uuddss* flavor-singlet dihyperon with $J^P = 0^+$: Perhaps a stable Dihyperon

Jaffe PRL 38 195 (1977)

✿ NAGARA event: Strongest constraint on binding energy. $B_H < B_{\Lambda\Lambda}^{Nagara} = 6.91 \pm 0.16 \text{ MeV}$

Takahashi et al., PRL 87, 212502 (2001)

 \clubsuit ALICE @ LHC: constraints on $\Lambda\Lambda$ interactions from femtoscopic measurements

ALICE 1905.07209 PLB

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d^* resonance



- ☆ Prediction for an isoscalar $\Delta\Delta$ configuration with $J^P = 3^+$. Assumed SU(6) symmetry.
- α Resonance feature at 2.38 GeV with $\Gamma \sim 70$ MeV and $I(J^P) = 0(3^+)$. Pole in the coupled ${}^3D_3 - {}^3G_3$ partial waves.
- ***** Whether isosymmetric partner of d^* with maximal isospin exists? Other possible nonstrange dibaryon candidates, if any.

Dyson and Xuong PRL 13 815 (1964) $\,$

Adlarson et al., 1402.6844 PRL

Baryon-baryon interactions: Other prospects

 \clubsuit Hyperon formation \Leftarrow Large nuclear densities in astrophysical objects

Bazavov et al, 1404.6511 PRL, 1404.4043 PLB

Chatterjee and Vidaña 1510.06306 EPJA, Vidaña et al 1706.09701 PLB



 A handful of experimental efforts using large nuclei reactions. Inputs on LECs to EFTs ⇒ nuclear many body calculations.

Epelbaum 2005, INT-NFPNP 2022, $0\nu\beta\beta$ PSWR 2022

- * Heavy dibaryons: Relatively free of the light quark chiral dynamics.
- theavy dibaryons: no near three or four particle thresholds. Simple model studies (ΩΩ scattering): widely different inferences.
 Richard et al 2005.06894 PRL, Liu et al 2107.04957 CPL, Huang et al 2011.00513 EPJC

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Deuteron-like Heavy dibaryons



Elastic thresholds in red text

Junnarkar and Mathur 1906.06054 PRL

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Triply flavored heavy dibaryons



Elastic thresholds in red text

Junnarkar and Mathur 2206.02942 PRD

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Single flavored heavy dibaryons (\mathcal{D}_{6q})



Heavy spin 0 single flavored partner of $d^*(2380)$?? Dyson and Xuong PRL 13 815 (1964) Leading m_l dependence could arise from pair produced 2π exchanges. Calculations at m_Q : Relatively cheap calculations with clean signals.

Mathur, MP and Chakraborty 2205.02862 PRL

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Heavy dibaryons results summary



$$\Delta E = E - M_{H_1} - M_{H_2}$$

Junnarkar and Mathur 1906.06054 PRL (\mathcal{D}_{bc} , \mathcal{D}_{bs} , \mathcal{D}_{cs} , \mathcal{D}_{bu} , \mathcal{D}_{cu}), Mathur, MP, Chakraborty 2205.02862 PRL (\mathcal{D}_{6b}),

Junnarkar and Mathur 2206.02942 PRD (\mathcal{H}_{bcs})

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Light quark mass dependence



Junnarkar and Mathur 1906.06054 PRL,

Junnarkar and Mathur 2206.02942 PRD

Heavier the quark masses, stronger the binding. Different pattern of binding compared to T_{QQ}

MP, Prelovsek 2202.10110 PRL, Collins, MP, et al., 2402.14715 PRD

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Baryon-baryon interactions in heavy sector



Mathur, MP, Chakraborty 2205.02862 PRL

Not limited to just a finite volume spectrum extraction. Involved scattering analysis with a zero-range approximation.

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Amplitude analysis and binding energy estimate



- ★ Fits with "-1/a₀^[0] a/a₀^[1]," is found to be the best with $\chi^2/d.o.f. = 0.7/2$ $a_0^{[0]} = 0.18(^{+0.02}_{-0.02}) \text{ fm},$ $a_0^{[1]} = -0.18(^{+0.18}_{-0.11}) \text{ fm}^2$
- Constraint $k.cot\delta(k) = -\sqrt{-k^2}$ gives us a bound state pole with $\Delta E_{\mathcal{D}_{6b}}^{cont} = -81(^{+14}_{-16})(14)$ MeV.

Using $M_{\Omega_{hhh}}^{lphys} = 14366(7)(9)$ MeV, we compute the mass of this bound state as

$$M_{\mathcal{D}_{6b}}^{phys} = 2M_{\Omega_{bbb}}^{lphys} + \Delta E_{\mathcal{D}_{6b}}^{cont} = 28651(^{+16}_{-17})(15) \text{ MeV}$$

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Summary

- T_{cc} on the lattice, long range pion exchange interactions and left-hand cuts
- ☆ Analysis using an Effective Range Expansion and an Effective Field Theory. Either parametrizations of DD^* interactions indicate a possibly bound system for heavier m_c and lighter m_{π} .
- ☆ The binding of T_{cc}^+ observed in experiments: Possibly a delicate interplay between m_c and m_{π} .
- **\therefore** Attractive interactions between *D* and $B^{(*)}$ mesons. Potential real bound states in axialvector and scalar channels.
- ✿ Baryon-baryon interactions in the charm and heavy sector: Results for \mathcal{D}_{6Q} , \mathcal{D}_{Qq} , $\mathcal{H}_{Q_1Q_2q}$
- Expected bound systems for heavier m_c and heavier m_{π} . Quark mass dependence different from that for the tetraquarks.

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 \clubsuit $T_{cc}:$ Sara Collins, Luka Leskovec, Alexey Nefediev,
 Emmanuel Ortiz-Pacheco, Sasa Prelovsek, and Ivan Vujmilovic
- $\ensuremath{\clubsuit}$ T_{bc} : Nilmani Mathur, Archana Radhakrishnan
- Heavy dibaryons: Debsubhra Chakraborty, Parikshit Junnarkar, and Nilmani Mathur

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