



# Fully-heavy tetraquarks

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# Introduction

- Experimental motivation: CMS
- Does Nature allow fully-heavy tetraquarks?
- $QQ\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$  systems are similar to the di-positronium molecule ( $\text{Ps}_2, e^+e^+e^-e^-$ )
- $\text{Ps}_2$  was predicted long ago Wheeler (1946)
- Binding energy predicted to be 0.4 eV Ore, Hylleraas (1947)
- Produced experimentally in 2007 Cassidy, Mills, Nature 449 (2007) 195



# EFT at leading order

- Consider the Cornell potential for heavy quarkonium

$$V(r) = -\frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{r} + \sigma r$$

- For bottomonium, size  $\sim \frac{1}{m_b \alpha_s} \sim \frac{1}{m_b v} \sim \frac{1}{1.5 \text{ GeV}}$ ,  $\alpha_s(1.5 \text{ GeV}) \approx 0.31$ , then

$$\frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{r} \sim 0.6 \text{ GeV} \gg \sigma r \sim 0.12 \text{ GeV}$$

- Fully-bottom systems can be approximately treated by **considering only the color-Coulomb part** (leading order pNRQCD)
- For  $m_Q v \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ , dynamics dominated by the short-range interaction (perturbative gluon-exchange potential), weakly coupled systems Pineda, Yndurain (1998); Brambilla et al (1999)
- Examples: ground state bottomonium,  $B_c$ , doubly- and triply-heavy baryons

Titard, Yndurain (1994); Brambilla et al. (2001, 2005); Y. Jia, JHEP0610, 073

- Similar to the hydrogen binding energy  $E_H = \frac{m_e \alpha^2}{2}$ , b.e. for  $1S b\bar{b}$ :  $-\frac{4}{9} \alpha_s^2 m_b$

$$M_{b\bar{b}(1S)} = 2m_b \left(1 - \frac{2}{9} \alpha_s^2\right) = \frac{1}{4} [3M_{\Upsilon(1S)} + M_{\eta_b(1S)}] \quad \text{gives} \quad m_b = 4.82 \text{ GeV.}$$

# Approximations

- For  $bb\bar{b}\bar{b}$ , to leading order approximation, we consider

$$\mathcal{H}^{\text{NR}} = \sum_{i=1}^4 T_i + \sum_{i<j} V_{\text{SI}}(\mathbf{r}_{ij}), \quad (1)$$

where  $T_i = m_i + \mathbf{p}_i^2/(2m_i)$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_{ij} \equiv |\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|$ , and the second term is the **spin-independent OGE color Coulomb potential**,

$$V_{\text{SI}}(\mathbf{r}_{ij}) = \sum_{i<j} \frac{\lambda_i}{2} \cdot \frac{\lambda_j}{2} \frac{\alpha_s}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|}, \quad (2)$$

- Color wave function:

$$|\psi_c\rangle = \alpha|\bar{\mathbf{3}}_{12}\mathbf{3}_{34}; \mathbf{1}_{1234}\rangle + \beta|\mathbf{6}_{12}\bar{\mathbf{6}}_{34}; \mathbf{1}_{1234}\rangle,$$

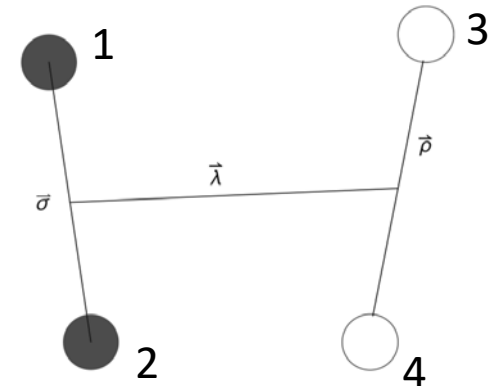
- Ground state, S-wave

$bb$  in **color anti-triplet, spin = 1, attractive**

$bb$  in **color sextet, spin = 0, repulsive**

Thus, mixing of the two components is suppressed,

**the ground state should be mainly  $|\bar{\mathbf{3}}_{12}\mathbf{3}_{34}; \mathbf{1}_{1234}\rangle$**



# Result

On the basis of the  $|\bar{\mathbf{3}}_{12}\mathbf{3}_{34}; \mathbf{1}_{1234}\rangle$  color configuration, the kinetic energy matrix elements can be written as

$$T = \frac{\mathbf{p}_\sigma^2}{2m_1} + \frac{\mathbf{p}_\rho^2}{2m_2} + \frac{\mathbf{p}_\lambda^2}{2m_3} = \frac{1}{m_b}(\mathbf{p}_\sigma^2 + \mathbf{p}_\rho^2 + 2\mathbf{p}_\lambda^2), \quad (6)$$

where  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$  and  $m_3$  are the reduced masses of  $Q_1Q_2$ ,  $\bar{Q}_3\bar{Q}_4$  and  $Q_1Q_2 - \bar{Q}_3\bar{Q}_4$ , respectively. The spatial trial wave function is written in terms of the Jacobi coordinates of Eq. (4) and Fig. 1,

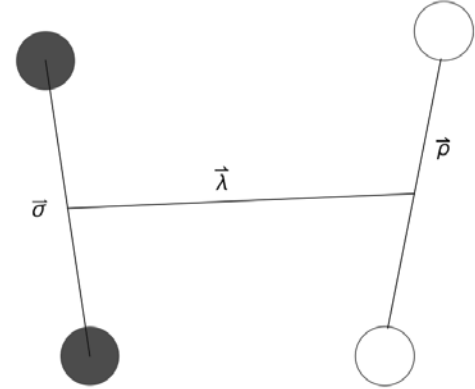
$$\psi(\sigma, \rho, \lambda)_{\text{spatial}} = \mathcal{N} \prod_{i=1}^3 \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\beta_i^2 \xi_i^2\right], \quad (7)$$

where  $(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3) \equiv (\sigma, \rho, \lambda)$ ,  $\beta_i$  are the oscillatory (variational) parameters, and

$$\mathcal{N} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{9/2} \prod_i \beta_i^{3/2}, \quad (8)$$

is the overall normalization constant. It has been recently

$$E_{bb\bar{b}\bar{b}}(1S) \equiv 4m_b - M_{bb\bar{b}\bar{b}}^{\text{gs,NR}} = (0.56 \pm 0.02) \text{ GeV}.$$



References	Mass (GeV)	$\Delta$ (GeV)
This work (NR)	$18.72 \pm 0.02$	$-0.08 \pm 0.02$
This work (REL)	18.75	-0.05
Karliner et al. [47]	$18.862 \pm 0.025$	$0.06 \pm 0.03$
Bai et al. [45]	$18.69 \pm 0.03$	$-0.11 \pm 0.03$
Berezhnoy et al. [48]	18.754	-0.04
Chen et al. [51]	$18.462 \pm 0.15$	$-0.34 \pm 0.15$
Wu et al. [49]	18.462–18.568	$-0.28 \pm 0.05$
Wang [52]	$18.84 \pm 0.09$	$0.04 \pm 0.09$

# Inequality

For  $m_Q \rightarrow \infty$ , the color w.f. of  $QQ\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$  can be approximated by  $|\bar{\mathbf{3}}_{12}\mathbf{3}_{34}; \mathbf{1}_{1234}\rangle$

$$H_4(Q_1 Q_2 \bar{Q}_3 \bar{Q}_4) = \sum_{i=1}^4 T_i(Q_i) + V_{Q_1 Q_2} + V_{\bar{Q}_3 \bar{Q}_4} + V_{Q_1 \bar{Q}_3} + V_{Q_1 \bar{Q}_4} + V_{Q_2 \bar{Q}_3} + V_{Q_2 \bar{Q}_4}. \quad (16)$$

The color-antitriplet potential  $V_{Q\bar{Q}}^{(\bar{\mathbf{3}})}$  between any quark (or antiquark) pair can be related to the color-singlet quark-antiquark potential,  $V_{Q\bar{Q}}^{(\mathbf{1})}$  [88], via

$$V_{Q\bar{Q}}^{(\bar{\mathbf{3}})} = \frac{1}{[N_c - 1]} V_{Q\bar{Q}}^{(\mathbf{1})}, \quad (17)$$

where  $1/[N_c - 1]$  is the overall ratio of the color coefficient in the leading  $SU(N_c)$  group. The above relation can also be verified by using the eigenvalues of the Casimir invariants from the Table 2, and it holds when the  $QQ$  and  $Q\bar{Q}$  pairs are in the same spin and orbital quantum states. With the use of  $V_{Q\bar{Q}}^{(\bar{\mathbf{3}})} = \frac{1}{2} V_{Q\bar{Q}}^{(\mathbf{1})}$  for  $SU(3)$ , Eq. (16) can be rearranged as follows

$$H_4(Q_1 Q_2 \bar{Q}_3 \bar{Q}_4) = \sum_{i=1}^4 T_i(Q_i) + \frac{1}{2} (V_{12}^{(\mathbf{1})} + V_{34}^{(\mathbf{1})}) + \sum_{i=1,2; j=3,4} V_{Q_i \bar{Q}_j}, \quad (18)$$

$$\sum_{i < j} V_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (V_{12}^{(\mathbf{1})} + V_{34}^{(\mathbf{1})}) + \frac{1}{4} (V_{13}^{(\mathbf{1})} + V_{14}^{(\mathbf{1})} + V_{23}^{(\mathbf{1})} + V_{24}^{(\mathbf{1})}). \quad (22)$$

This means that under the approximation of one-gluon exchange and that the two quarks are in color anti-triplet, the four-quark Hamiltonian [Eq. (18)] can be expressed in the following form,

$$H_4(Q_1 Q_2 \bar{Q}_3 \bar{Q}_4) = \frac{1}{2} (H_{12} + H_{34}) + \frac{1}{4} (H_{13} + H_{14} + H_{23} + H_{24}), \quad (23)$$

where  $H_{ij} = T_i + T_j + V_{ij}^{(\mathbf{1})}(\mathbf{r}_{ij})$  is the quarkonium Hamil-

**In heavy quark limit, there should be**

$$M_{Q_1 Q_1 \bar{Q}_2 \bar{Q}_2} \leq 2M_{Q_1 \bar{Q}_2(1S)}$$

$$M_{bb\bar{b}\bar{b}} \lesssim 2M_{b\bar{b}(1S)} = 18.89 \text{ GeV}$$

# Decays

- If below the two- $\eta_b$  threshold, the **dominant decay channels:**  
**hadronic final states with a bottom and an anti-bottom hadron**  
 (through annihilating  $Q\bar{Q}$  into a gluon)

$$\Gamma(X_{bb\bar{b}\bar{b}} \rightarrow h_1 h_2 \dots) \propto \alpha_s(m_b) |R_{bb\bar{b}(8)}(0)|^2$$

- Rough estimate:

$$\Gamma(X_{bb\bar{b}\bar{b}} \rightarrow h_1 h_2 \dots) \simeq \frac{1}{\alpha_s(m_b)} \Gamma(\eta_b \rightarrow \text{hadrons})$$

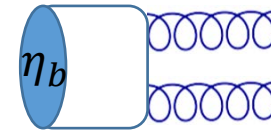
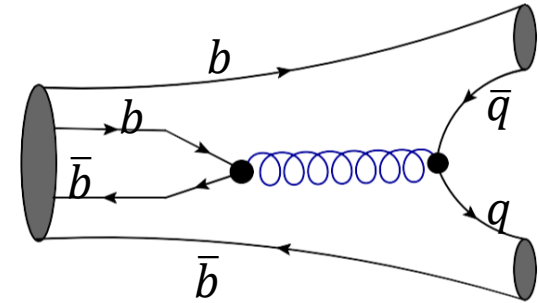
with  $\Gamma(\eta_b) = 10_{-4}^{+5}$  MeV and  $\alpha_s(m_b) \approx 0.22$ ,

$$\Gamma(X_{bb\bar{b}\bar{b}}) = \mathcal{O}(50 \text{ MeV}).$$

- Partial width of  $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$  into final states with a pair of charmed hadrons:

$$\Gamma(X_{cc\bar{c}\bar{c}} \rightarrow c\bar{c}g) \simeq \frac{\Gamma(\eta_c)}{\alpha_s(m_c)} = \mathcal{O}(100 \text{ MeV}).$$

Similar to result in K.-T. Chao, ZPC7(1981)317

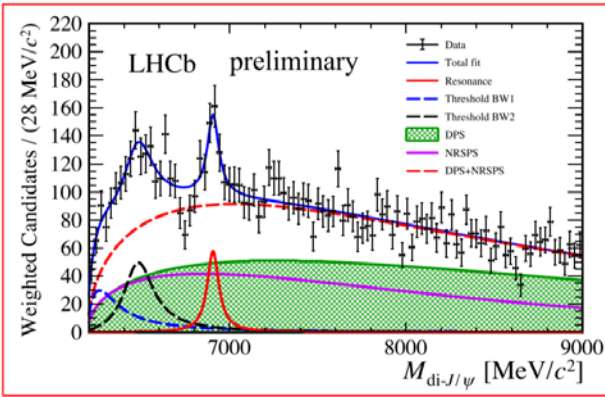


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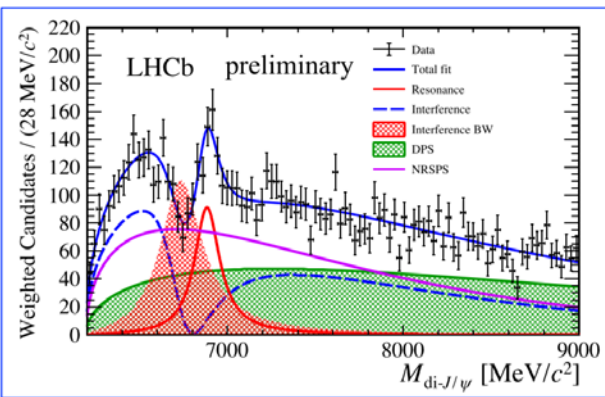
- The LHCb di- $J/\psi$  structure: Liupan An, LHC Seminar on 16/06/2020



**preliminary**

No-interference fit:  
 ✓ Fit  $p$ -value: 4.6%  
 ✓ Parameters for 6.9  $\text{GeV}/c^2$  peak  
 $M = 6905 \pm 11(\text{stat}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$   
 $\Gamma = 80 \pm 19(\text{stat}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$   
 $N_{\text{signal}} = 252 \pm 63$

[LHCb-PAPER-2020-011]



**preliminary**

A simple model with interference:  
 ✓ Fit  $p$ -value: 15.5%  
 ✓ Parameters for 6.9  $\text{GeV}/c^2$  peak  
 $M = 6886 \pm 11(\text{stat}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$   
 $\Gamma = 168 \pm 33(\text{stat}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$   
 $N_{\text{signal}} = 784 \pm 148$

[LHCb-PAPER-2020-011]  
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**Table 1a.** The quantum numbers and masses for the  $(cc)_3^* - (\bar{c}\bar{c})_3$  states (without spin-dependent forces between two clusters)

$L$	$S$	$J^{PC}$	Mass (GeV)
1	0	$1^{--}$	6.55
	1	$0^{-+}, 1^{-+}, 2^{-+}$	
	2	$1^{--}, 2^{--}, 3^{--}$	
2	0	$2^{++}$	6.78
	1	$1^{+-}, 2^{+-}, 3^{+-}$	
	2	$0^{++}, 1^{++}, 2^{++}, 3^{++}, 4^{++}$	
3	0	$3^{--}$	6.98
	1	$2^{-+}, 3^{-+}, 4^{-+}$	
	2	$1^{--}, 2^{--}, 3^{--}, 4^{--}, 5^{--}$	

K.-T. Chao, ZPC7(1981)317



# Conclusion

- The LO calculation in the pNRQCD approach supports the existence of a fully-bottom tetraquark below the two- $\eta_b$  threshold
- In heavy quark limit, the ground state  $M_{Q_1 Q_1 \bar{Q}_2 \bar{Q}_2} \leq 2M_{Q_1 \bar{Q}_2(1S)}$
- Width:  $\Gamma(X_{bb\bar{b}\bar{b}}) = \mathcal{O}(50 \text{ MeV})$ .

Experiments      Lattice

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EFT, models

Thank you for your attention!