

Doubly Heavy Tetraquarks and other multiquarks in the quark model

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About critical stability

- ECT* (Trento) 1997
- Les Houches 2001
- ECT* Trento 2003
- Dresden 2005
- Erice 2008
- Erice 2011
- Santos 2014
- Dresden 2017
- Brazil 2021-22

Proceedings starting from 2001

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About critical stability

- Aims: Complementarity with big few-body conferences
- **Interdisciplinary**. Talks on nuclear physics, particle physics, atomic physics, quantum chemistry, solid state, mathematical physics, . . .
- Ample time for discussions in a pleasant surrounding
- Opportunity to discuss at length the onset of Efimov physics in our community

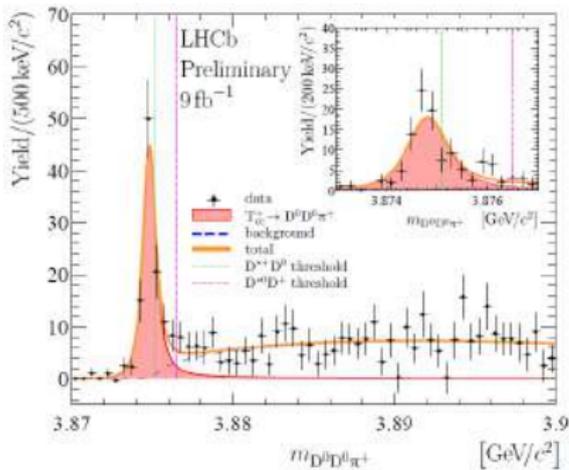
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Based on recent or old work with J.-P. Ader, P. Taxil, J. Vijande, A. Valcarce, Cafer Ay, Hyam Rubinstein, S. Zouzou, C. Gignoux, B. Silvestre-Brac, M. Genovese, Fl. Stancu, J.-L. Ballot, ...

Introduction

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Do narrow heavy multiquark states exist?

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We discuss the existence of states made of four heavy quarks in the context of poten-

Experimental situation

- Rich history, mainly in the **resonance** sector
- i.e., concerning hadrons that can decay, but not too fast.
- **Early pentaquarks** (Z) in dubious KN analyses (early 60s).
- More recent θ^+ pentaquark (2003) ($B = 1$ and $S = +1$) and its partners. Not confirmed.
- Very recent **hidden-charm pentaquarks** $\bar{c}cqqq$ by LHCb, 2015. . .
- **Baryonium** mesons around 2 GeV preferentially coupled to baryon-antibaryons channels. Not confirmed in antiproton-induced experiments. Perhaps indication in heavy meson decays.
- **Scalar mesons** An abundant spectrum, leading to speculations: $q\bar{q}$ or $s\bar{s}$ orbitally excited, hybrid states $q\bar{q}g$, meson-meson molecules, tetraquarks $qq\bar{q}\bar{q}$ and all types of mixings.
- Dibaryons
- etc.

Phenomenological models

- Several **interesting** and **innovative** models to explain or even **anticipate** the exp. candidates
- Bags, strings, diquarks, etc.
- But should be examined critically
- Lack of rigor, e.g., clustering assumed, instead from being deduced!
- Tend to predict too many states, to explain a single one!
(**Pandora box syndrome**)
- For instance, Frederickson et al. have set a warning against “demon-deuteron” states made of three diquarks
- **Bag model**, e.g., volume energy $4/3 \pi R^3 B$ increases less than N , the number of constituents, as the radius is slowly increasing.

Potential models

- Generic form

$$H = \sum_i \frac{\mathbf{p}_i^2}{2m_i} - \frac{3}{16} \sum_{i < j} \left[\tilde{\lambda}_i \cdot \tilde{\lambda}_j v(r_{ij}) + \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_i \cdot \tilde{\lambda}_j \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j}{m_i m_j} v_{ss}(r_{ij}) \right] + \dots \quad (1)$$

- where

- \dots = spin-orbit, tensor,
- $v(r)$ = quarkonium potential
- $\tilde{\lambda}$ color operator (suitably changed for antiquarks)
- v_{ss} short-range spin-spin
- m_i = constituent mass

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Questions about (1):

- Does (1) produce **stable** multiquarks?
- Does (1) produce resonances?
- Various corrections
 - String confinement
 - Relativistic kinematics
 - ...
- Do we need a **careful** handling of the 4-, 5-, 6-body problem?

Chromomagnetic binding

- $\sum \tilde{\lambda}_i \cdot \tilde{\lambda}_j \sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j$ studied by Jaffe in the 70s for **scalar mesons**
- Again Jaffe demonstrated coherences of $\sum \tilde{\lambda}_i \cdot \tilde{\lambda}_j \sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j$ for $H = uud\bar{d}\bar{s}s$
- The H was searched for in many experiments, and not seen
- For instance ${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^6\text{He} \rightarrow \text{He} + H$
- More precisely
 - For N, Λ, \dots , $\delta = (-3/16) \sum \tilde{\lambda}_i \cdot \tilde{\lambda}_j \sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j = -3/2$
 - For $\Lambda\Lambda$ $\delta = -3$
 - For $\Delta - N$ $\delta = 3$ corresponding to **300 MeV**
 - For H , minimal eigenvalue $\delta = -9/2$
 - Corresponding to **150 MeV** below threshold
- IF
 - $SU(3)_F$ flavor symmetry
 - **Same** $\langle v(r_{ij}) \rangle$ in H and baryons

Chromomagnetic binding

- The H was discussed in dozens of paper
- $SU(3)_F$ breaking does not help
- $\langle v(r_{ij}) \rangle$ smaller in H than in baryons
- Thus likely h unbound (Oka, Yazaki, Rosner, Karl, ...)
- But some recent lattice QCD finds it at the edge!
- Same mechanism and same conclusion for the 1987 pentaquark $\bar{Q}uuds$ (and usd permutations) by Gignoux et al. and Lipkin.
- Not conclusive search of this pentaquark at Fermilab

Chromoelectric binding

- What about

$$H = \sum_i \frac{\mathbf{p}_i^2}{2 m_i} - \frac{3}{16} \sum_{i < j} \tilde{\lambda}_i \cdot \tilde{\lambda}_j v(r_{ij})$$

- Which is relevant in the limit of **large** m_i ?
- No obvious excess of attraction, as

$$-\frac{3}{16} \sum_{\text{mesons}} \tilde{\lambda}_1 \cdot \tilde{\lambda}_2 = 2 = -\frac{3}{16} \sum_{i < j \in \text{tetra}} \tilde{\lambda}_i \cdot \tilde{\lambda}_j$$

- For **equal masses**, no binding, either for color $\bar{3}3$ or $6\bar{6}$ or mixing
- For **unequal masses** $QQ\bar{q}\bar{q} = MMmm$, **binding** if M/m large enough (or small enough). (Ader et al. 1981)

Chromo-electric and -magnetic binding

- To get $T_{QQ} = QQ\bar{q}\bar{q}$ bound with realistic masses, one needs to **combine** CE and CM effects
- $QQ\bar{u}\bar{d}$ vs. $Q\bar{u} + Q\bar{d}$
 - Heavy-heavy chromoelectric attraction absent in the threshold
 - Light-light chromomagnetic attraction in $I = S = 0$ absent in the threshold
- $cc\bar{u}\bar{d}$ at the edge! (Janc & Rosina, Barnea et al., etc.)
- Till the almost bound T_{cc} discovered last summer!
- T_{bb} bound. Decays weakly. **Large lifetime** as compared to bbu .

Comparison with atomic physics

- What is the **mechanism** that binds $QQ\bar{q}\bar{q}$ when $M/m \nearrow$?
- Answer: same mechanism that makes ppe^-e^- **more bound** (in units of the threshold energy) than the positronium molecule $e^+e^+e^-e^-$ (internal annihilation disregarded)
- See Adamowski et al., Froehlich et al., review by Armour et al.

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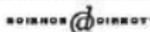
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Stability of few-charge systems in quantum mechanics

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Breaking particle identity

- Assume $\mu\mu\bar{\mu}\bar{\mu}$ is stable for some **flavor independent** interaction V
- Break **particle identity** in both sectors
- $Mm\bar{M}\bar{m}$ becomes unstable if $M/m \nearrow$
- QED
 - $\mu^+\mu^+\mu^-\mu^-$ stable
 - $M^+m^+M^-m^-$ unstable for $M/m \gtrsim 2.2$ (Bressanini, Varga, ...)
- Quark model with central forces
 - $q'q'\bar{q}'\bar{q}'$ unstable
 - $Qq\bar{Q}\bar{q}$ more and more unstable, vs. $Q\bar{Q} + q\bar{q}$
- However, some **metastability** can be envisaged, see
 - hydrogen-antihydrogen
 - $XYZ = (Q\bar{q}) + (\bar{Q}q)$

Breaking charge conjugation

- $(M^+ M^+ m^- m^-)$ vs. $(\mu^+ \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^-)$ with $2\mu^{-1} = M^{-1} + m^{-1}$
- Same threshold
- The decomposition $H = H_{\text{even}} + H_{\text{odd}}$

$$\frac{\mathbf{p}_1^2}{2M} + \frac{\mathbf{p}_2^2}{2M} + \frac{\mathbf{p}_3^2}{2m} + \frac{\mathbf{p}_4^2}{2m} + V = \left[\sum \frac{\mathbf{p}_i^2}{2\mu} + V \right] + \left(\frac{1}{4M} - \frac{1}{4m} \right) [\mathbf{p}_1^2 + \mathbf{p}_2^2 - \mathbf{p}_3^2 - \mathbf{p}_4^2]$$

- Implies $E(H) < E(H_{\text{even}})$
- This explains why H_2 is more stable than Ps_2 .
- Same reasoning holds for $QQ\bar{q}\bar{q}$ in a central interaction:
 - It starts unstable for $M = m$
 - It becomes stable if M/m large enough

The equal-mass case

- **Conflicting** results also for $QQ\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$
- Simple QED → quarks extrapolation

QQ $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$ STATES: MASSES, PRODUCTION, AND DECAYS

Marek Karliner, Shmuel Nussinov, and Jonathan L. Rosner

existence of “dipositronium” thus implies that an analog di-quarkonium state exists

- Even for the simple NR, color-additive model

$$H = \sum_i \frac{\mathbf{p}_i^2}{2m} - \frac{3}{16} \sum_{i < j} \tilde{\lambda}_i \cdot \tilde{\lambda}_j v(r_{ij}),$$

where v is the quarkonium potential, results differ!!!

- Vary et al., e.g., got binding
- Most 4-body calculations do not get binding!
- **Why?**

Ps₂ vs. tetraquark

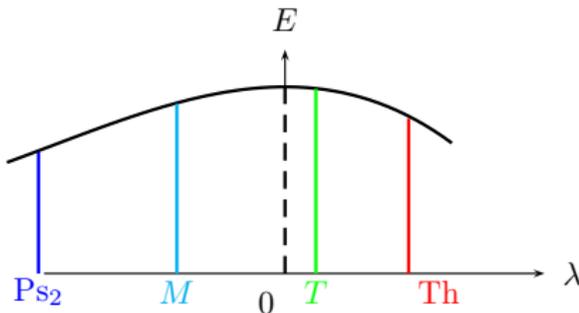
Meson-meson, atom-atom, Ps₂, tetraquark of frozen color given by

$$H = \sum \mathbf{p}_i^2 / (2m) + \sum g_{ij} v(r_{ij}) . \quad \sum g_{ij} = 2 \quad v \text{ attrac.}$$

After suitable renumbering:

$$H = \sum \frac{\mathbf{p}_i^2}{2m} + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \lambda \right) [v_{12} + v_{23}] + \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \right) [v_{13} + v_{14} + v_{23} + v_{24}] .$$

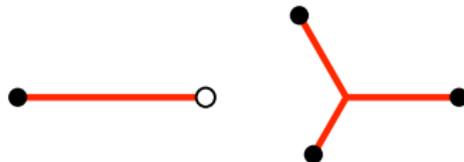
- Atomic physics Ps₂ vs. **Threshold**
- Quark model with frozen color $T = (\bar{3}, 3)$ or $M = (6, \bar{6})$



Tetraquarks penalized by the non-Abelian algebra!!!

Improved chromoelectric model

- Based on the string model
- Linear confinement interpreted as

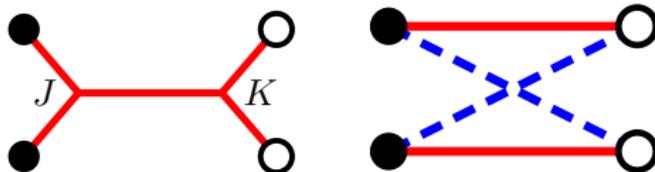


- Not very visible in baryon spectroscopy as compared to

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of the naive additive model.

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Relativistic kinematics

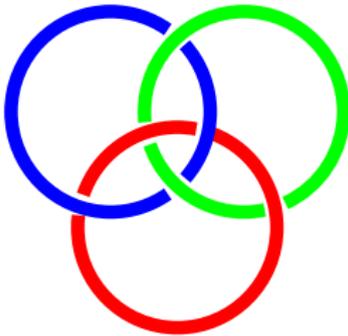
- Many relativistic effects
- If one concentrates on **relativistic kinematics**

$$\frac{p^2}{2m} \rightarrow \sqrt{p^2 + m^2} - m$$

- For given V , energy ↘
- But more for twice 2-body than for 4-body
- Thus **less binding**

Backup slides

Borromean binding



- Obvious for tetraquarks: no $QQ\bar{q}$
- Cannot be built by adding the constituents one by one
- H_2 not Borromean, as pe^- and $pe^- e^-$ are stable
- But $M^+ m^+ M^- m^-$ is Borromean for $M/m \sim 2$
- $M^+ m^-$ is stable, but none of the 3-body systems, such as $M^+ m^+ m^-$, is stable

Diquark approximation

- The Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{\mathbf{p}_1^2}{2M} + \frac{\mathbf{p}_2^2}{2M} + \frac{\mathbf{p}_3^2}{2m} - \text{c.o.m} + v(r_{12}) + [v(r_{13}) + v(r_{23})] ,$$

- is **not** very well approximated by

$$H' = \left[\frac{\mathbf{p}_x^2}{M} + v(x) \right] + \left[\frac{\mathbf{p}_y^2}{\mu} + 2 v(\sqrt{3} y/2) \right] ,$$

with $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1$, $\mathbf{y} = (2\mathbf{r}_3 - \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)/\sqrt{3}$, which factorizes.

- The diquark internal energy is **modified** by the third quark.

Doubly-heavy baryons

- For instance, in the case of the harmonic oscillator this gives

$$H' = \left[\frac{\mathbf{p}_x^2}{M} + x^2 \right] + \left[\frac{\mathbf{p}_y^2}{\mu} + \frac{3}{2} y^2 \right],$$

instead of the exact

$$H = \left[\frac{\mathbf{p}_x^2}{M} + \frac{3}{2} x^2 \right] + \left[\frac{\mathbf{p}_y^2}{\mu} + \frac{3}{2} y^2 \right],$$

- But the *Born-Oppenheimer* treatment is very good
- Especially if done in \mathbf{y} at fixed \mathbf{x} , instead of \mathbf{r}_3 at fixed \mathbf{r}_1 and \mathbf{r}_2
- For instance, with a **linear potential**, masses $M/m = 5$,
- $E_{\text{var}} = 4.940$ $E_{\text{BO}} = 4.938$ $E_{Dq} = 4.749$ (arbitrary units)

Doubly-heavy baryons



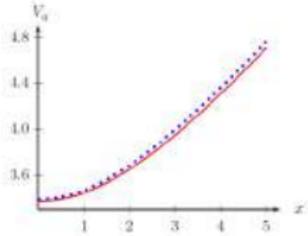
Born-Oppenheimer potential for (QQq) , $M/m = 5$, $V \propto \sum_{i<j} r_{ij}$
 Fleck, R., PTP 82 (1989) 760

$(QQ\bar{q}\bar{q})$ Eichen-Quigg prescription

- Based on heavy-diquark–heavy-antiquark symmetry
- See Lipkin, Nussinov, . . . : analogies (QQq) , $(Qq\bar{q})$ and $(QQ\bar{q}\bar{q})$
- But more quantitative (spin refinements omitted here)

$$(QQ\bar{q}\bar{q})^? = (QQq) + (Qq\bar{q}) - (Q\bar{q})$$

- Exact at $M/m \rightarrow \infty$ for our toy model H_T
- Overestimates $(QQ\bar{q}\bar{q})$ for finite M/m
- Linear case $m = 1$ and $M = 5$, lhs = 4.362 rhs = 4.335
- BO approach: exact at $R = 0$, but V_{BO} grows much faster for $(QQ\bar{q}\bar{q})$ than for (QQq) [shifted here by $(Qq\bar{q}) - (Q\bar{q})$]

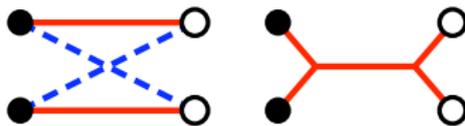


- Diff. vs. atomic physics for H_2^+ BO potential vs. H_2

String potential for $QQ\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$?

- Instead of $\propto \sum \tilde{\lambda}_i \cdot \tilde{\lambda}_j r_{ij}$, use

$$V = \min \left\{ r_{13} + r_{24}, r_{14} + r_{23}, \min_{J,K} (r_{1J} + r_{2J} + r_{JK} + r_{K3} + r_{K4}) \right\},$$



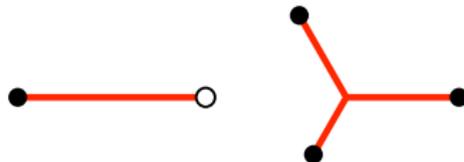
- Not so difficult (one does not need to compute the location of the junctions (Ay, R., Rubinstein (2009), Bicudo et al.)
- gives **more attraction** (R., Vijande and Valcarce, 2007), and even binding for *equal masses not submitted to the Pauli principle*, say $(QQ'\bar{Q}\bar{Q}')$ with $M(Q) = M(Q')$ but $Q \neq Q'$.
- This restriction was forgotten in some recent papers

Summary for all-heavy

- $(cc\bar{c}\bar{c})$ and $(bb\bar{b}\bar{b})$ not bound in additive model nor in string-inspired variant
- Pity, would be suitable for J/ψ or Υ triggers.
- $(bb\bar{c}\bar{c})$ a little more favorable, mass ratio Q/q perhaps not large enough
- $(bc\bar{b}\bar{c})$ metastable, i.e., below its highest threshold, so a type of $(B_c\bar{B}_c)$ molecule that can annihilate or rearrange itself into $(b\bar{b}) + (c\bar{c})$

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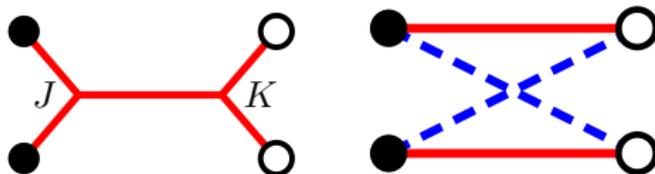


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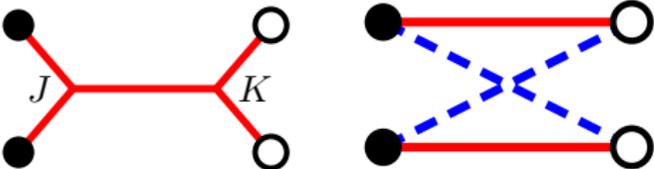
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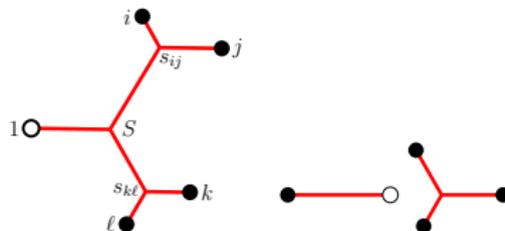
Adiabaticity and color-mixing



- The string potential corresponds to a Born-Oppenheimer treatment of the gluon field.
- With **free rotations** of the color wave function
- This is possible for $(bc\bar{b}\bar{c})$, **not** for $(bb\bar{b}\bar{b})$
- So the result by Bai et al corresponds to a fictitious $(bb'\bar{b}\bar{b}')$ state with $b' \neq b$, though same mass.

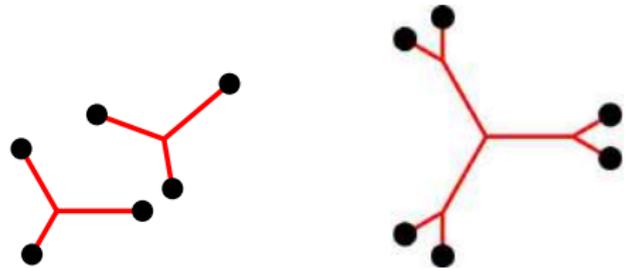
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- Same finding for **pentaquark**. In absence of constraints from antisymmetrization, pentaquark binding below the meson + baryon thresholds



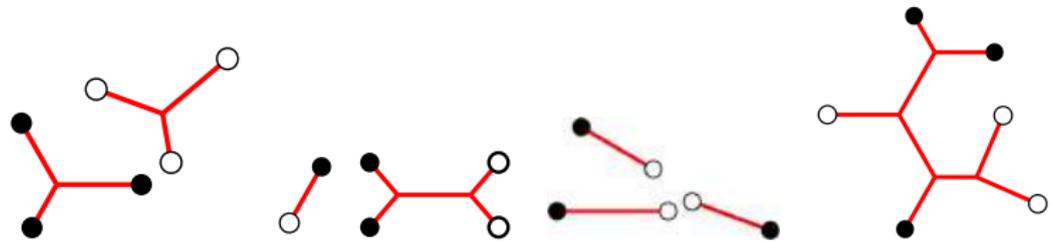
Higher configurations: dibaryon

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Higher configurations: baryonium

- Same finding for $(3q, 3\bar{q})$. In absence of constraints from antisymmetrization, at least for some mass configurations, binding below the various thresholds (baryon-antibaryon, 3 mesons, meson + tetraquark)



Chromomagnetic binding

- In the 70s, the hyperfine splitting between hadrons ($J/\psi - \eta_c$, $\Delta - N$, etc.) explained à la Breit–Fermi, by a potential

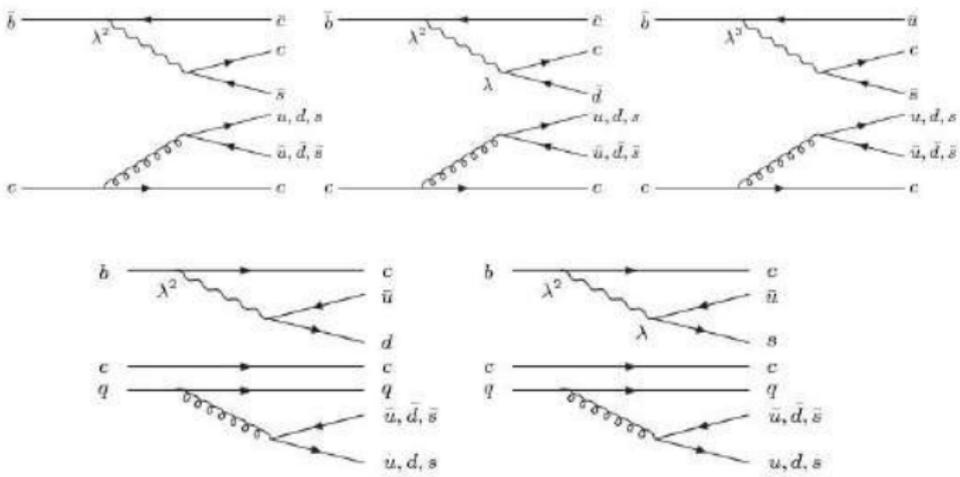
$$V_{SS} = -A \sum_{i < j} \frac{\delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{r}_{ij})}{m_i m_j} \lambda_i^{(c)} \cdot \lambda_j^{(c)} \sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j ,$$

a prototype being the magnetic part of one-gluon-exchange.

- Attractive coherences in the spin-color part: $\langle \sum \lambda_i^{(c)} \cdot \lambda_j^{(c)} \sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j \rangle$ sometimes larger for multiquarks than for the threshold.
- In particular $\langle \dots \rangle$ **twice** larger (and attractive) in the best ($uuddss$) as compared to $\Lambda + \Lambda$.
- But $\langle \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{r}_{ij}) \rangle$ much weaker for multiquarks than for ordinary hadrons, and needs to be computed. Hence uncertainties.
- Astonishing success with > 20 experiments on H and still lattice computations of H 40 years later!

Production of T_{CC} from B_C or Ξ_{bc}

Figs from the Roma group



The Born-Oppenheimer limit

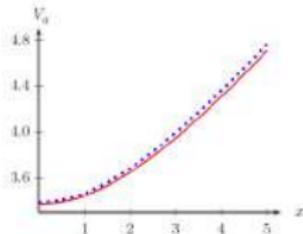
- Eichen-Quigg rule, following Lipkin, Nussinov, ...
- Based on **heavy-diquark–heavy-antiquark symmetry**
- Analogies of $Q\bar{q}$, QQq , Qqq and $QQ\bar{q}\bar{q}$

$$(QQ\bar{q}\bar{q}) \stackrel{?}{=} (QQq) + (Qqq) - (Q\bar{q})$$

- Exact at $M/m \rightarrow \infty$
- Works rather well for finite M/m
- Can be understood in the **Born-Oppenheimer** approach

The Born-Oppenheimer limit

- Already for QQq baryons, the Born-Oppenheimer method is very efficient. See, e.g. Fleck & R. (1989)
- $QQ\bar{q}\bar{q}$ for large M dominated by the $\bar{3}3$ color configuration, and one can compare the BO potentials
- BO approach: exact at $R = 0$, but V_{BO} similar for $(QQ\bar{q}\bar{q})$ and (QQq) [shifted here by $(Qq\bar{q}) - (Q\bar{q})$]



- In atomic physics differences between H_2^+ BO potential vs. H_2

Hidden-charm pentaquarks

- Two recent contributions:
- **Bound states below the threshold**
 - Valcarce, Vijande, R., Phys. Lett. B774 (2017) 710-714 [arXiv:1710.08239]
 - $(\bar{c}cqqq)$ with $I = 1/2$ and $J = 5/2$ below the lowest S-wave threshold $\bar{D}^* \Sigma_c^*$ (but above $N\eta_c$ in D-wave)
 - For $I = 3/2$ and $J = 1/2, 3/2$ binding below S- and D-wave thresholds
 - Both chromo-electric and -magnetic parts necessary for binding
- **Resonances in the quark model**
 - Hiyama et al. (work in progress): real scaling, borrowed from electron-atom and electron-molecule scattering to separate, among the energies above the threshold, actual resonances from fictitious states produced by the variational method. Looks promising.
 - Similar to Luscher criteria for lattice, stability plateau in QCDSR
 - See Hiyama contribution at “Critical Stability”, Dresden, Oct. 2017