

ON ELEMENTARY AND COMPOSITE  
PARTICLES: THE CASE OF EXOTIC HADRONS.

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# THE $X(3872)$ TUNING

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- If interpreted as a molecule, the  $X(3872)$  is thought to be a  $D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$  bound state, with  $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$  and  $B \lesssim 100$  keV.  
Such a small value of  $B$  makes the  $X$  an outlier wrt to other  $X, Y, Z$  states.
- There must be a tuning of the strong interactions in the  $D\bar{D}^*$  system ("molecule") making  $a$  large (and positive) so that  $B = 1/(2ma^2) \sim 0$ .
- Most of the states are found within 10-20 MeV from meson-meson thresholds – most with central values above threshold but within  $\Gamma$ .

# THE RADIATIVE DECAYS OF $X(3872)$

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$$\mathcal{R} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(X \rightarrow \gamma \psi(2S))}{\mathcal{B}(X \rightarrow \gamma \psi(1S))} \simeq 6 \pm 4 \quad (\text{PDG})$$

The phase space ratio  $\Phi(2S)/\Phi(1S) \simeq 0.26$  would favor a small  $\mathcal{R}$  – which is still possible with the numbers given above.

We assume that  $X$  has no significant charmonium component and we distinguish between a **compact**  $c\bar{c}q\bar{q}$  and a **molecular**  $D\bar{D}^*$  interpretation.

We find that  $\mathcal{R}$  predicted in the compact case is (at least) 30 times larger,  $\mathcal{R} \gtrsim 1$ , than that predicted for a molecule,  $\simeq 0.04$ .

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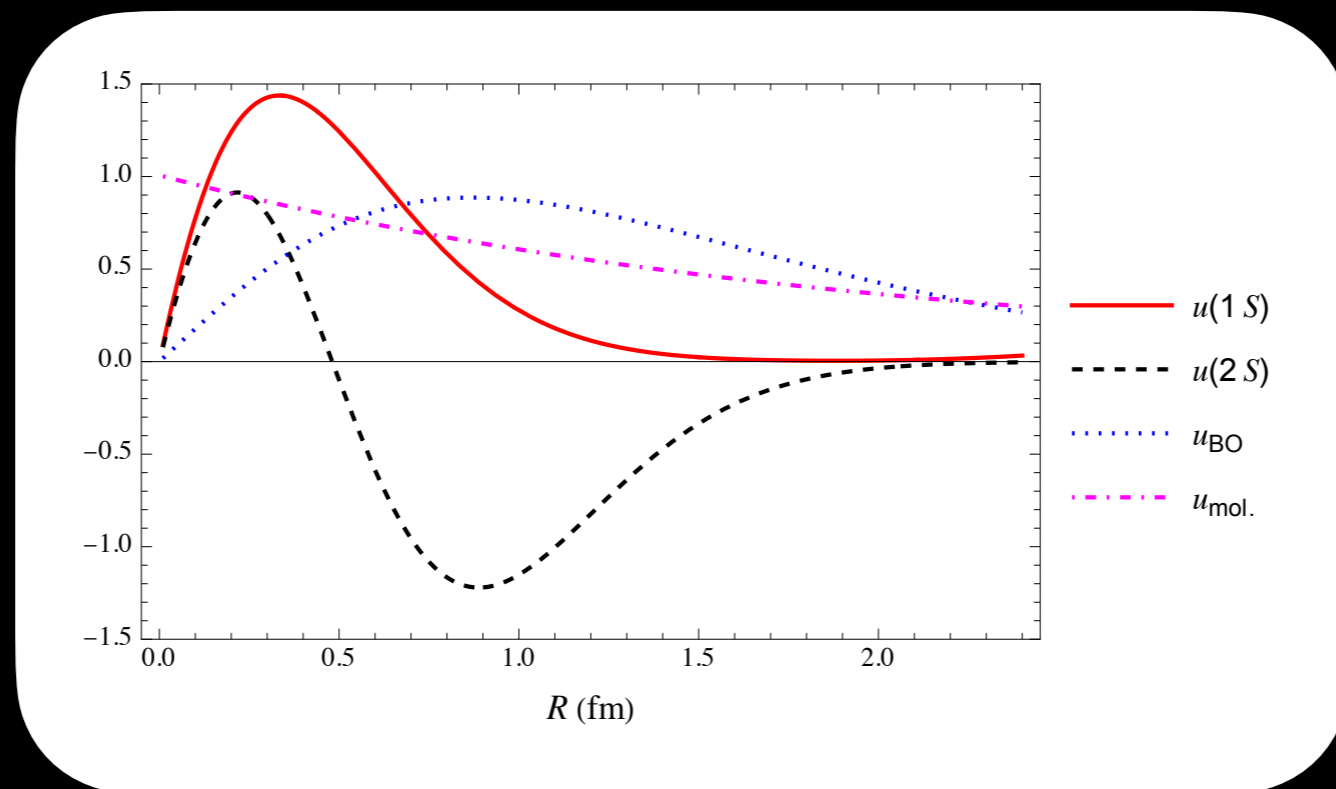
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We also find  $\mathcal{R}$  to be a rapidly increasing function of the size of the  $D^{(*)}$  mesons.
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Reduced wavefunctions  $u(r) = rR(r)$

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# THE UNIVERSAL WAVEFUNCTION $\psi_{\text{mol.}}(\mathbf{r})$

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By **universal** w.f., we mean it does not depend on the details of the potential. For small  $B$  it is expected to be broader than the potential range, so a  $\lambda \delta^3(\mathbf{r})$  potential might be used to find it

$$\psi_{\text{mol.}}(\mathbf{r}) = \left( \frac{2mB}{4\pi^2} \right)^{1/4} \frac{\exp(-r\sqrt{2mB})}{r}$$

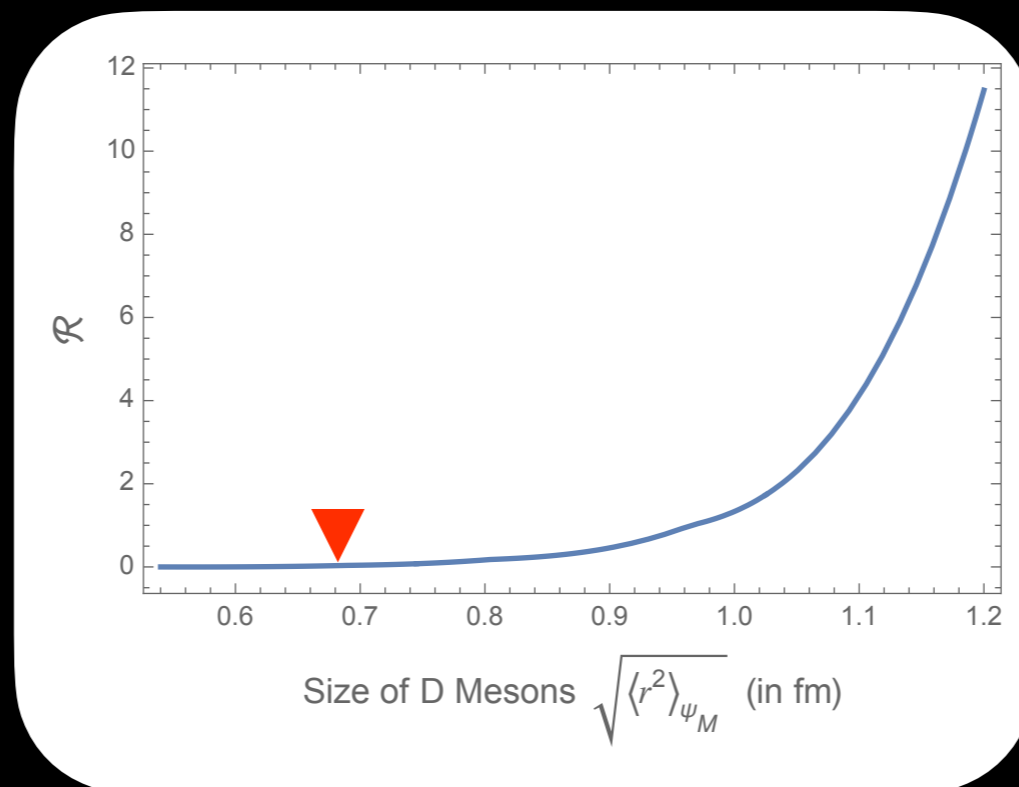
E. Braaten and M. Kusunoki, PRD69, 074005 (2004)

Corresponds to the  $E = -B$  bound state wf of the  $\lambda \delta^3(\mathbf{r})$  potential with the (renormalized) coupling

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{m\sqrt{2mB}}$$

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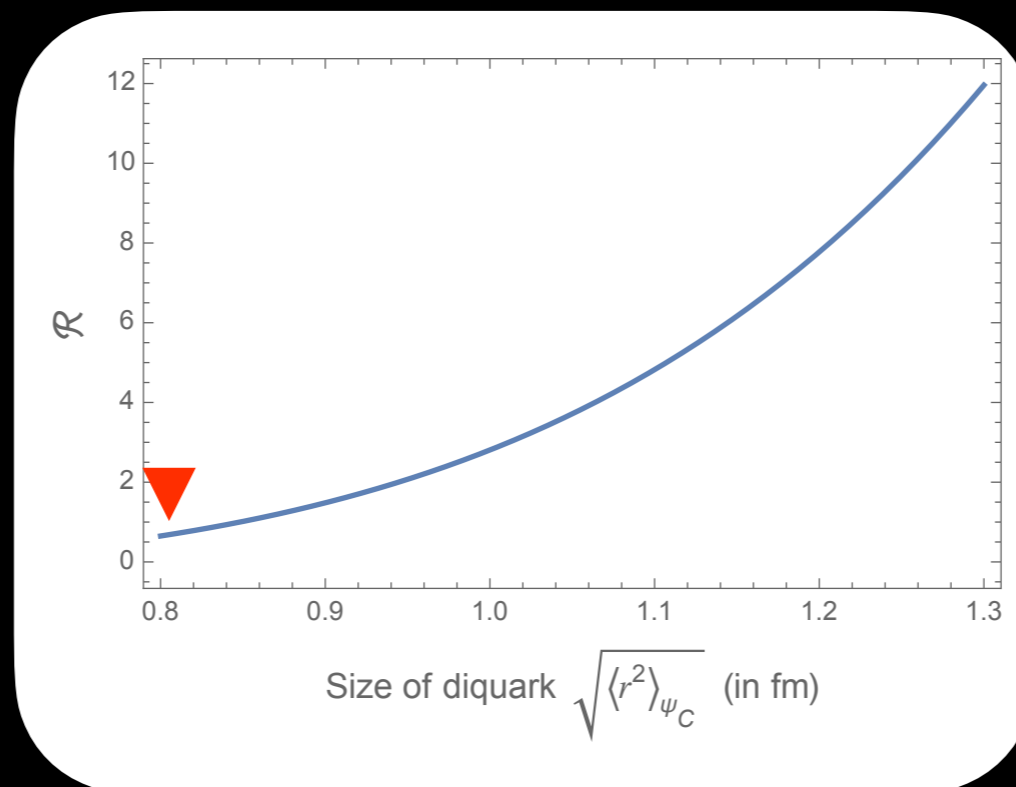
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Isgur, Scora, Grinstein, Wise (ISGW-model)

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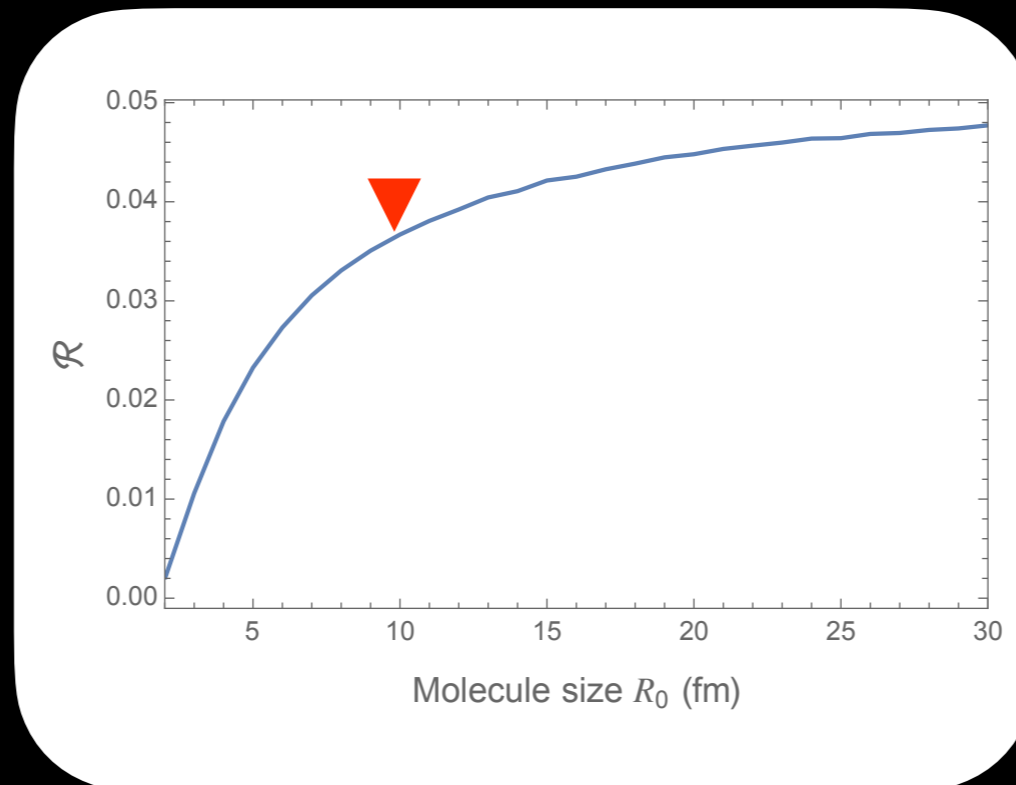


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# THE RADIATIVE DECAYS OF $X(3872)$

- The large size  $R_0 \sim 10$  fm of the molecule has a minor role. We find in any case  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{compact}} > \mathcal{R}_{\text{mol.}}$  with  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{compact}} > 1$ .



$$R_0 = 1/\sqrt{2mB}$$

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# RELATIVE MOMENTA IN MOLECULES

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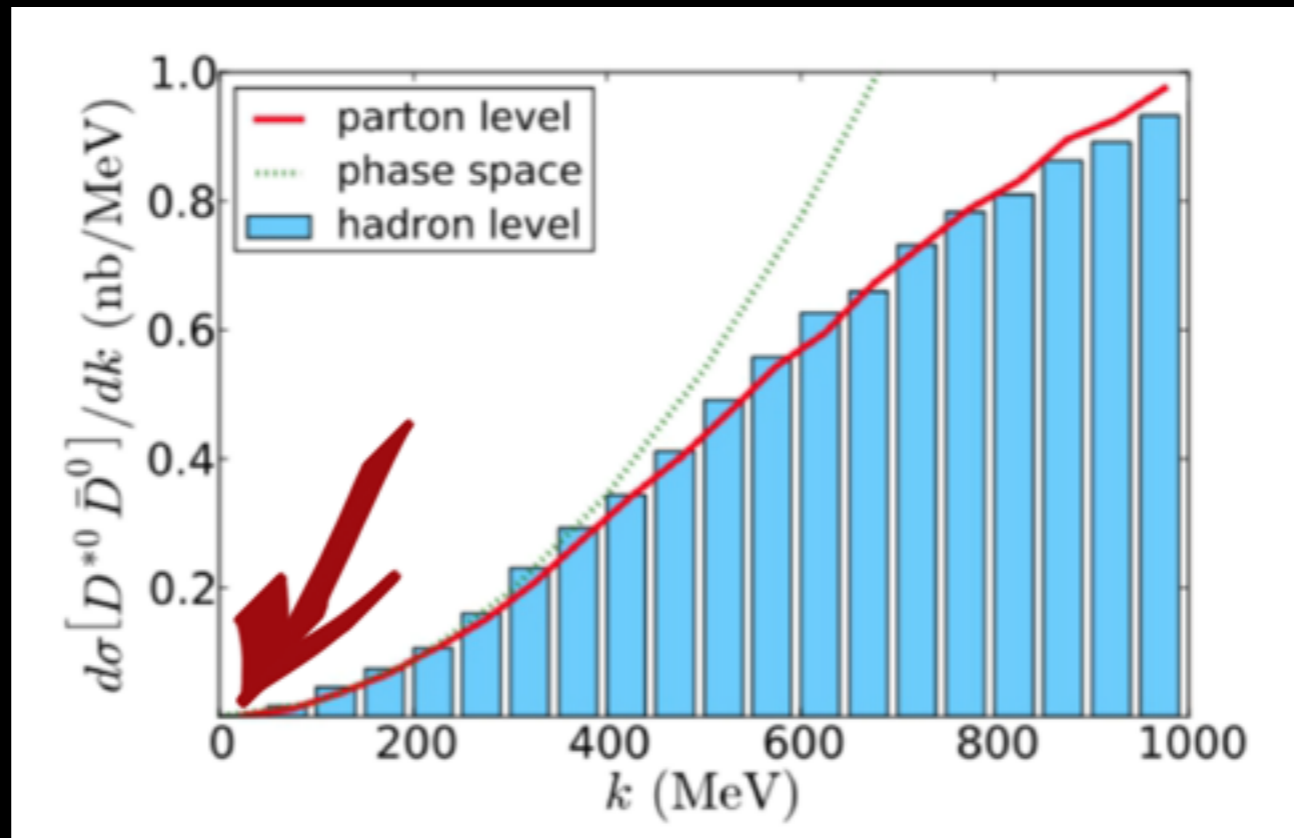
$$V(r) = \lambda \frac{\delta(r)}{4\pi r^2} \Rightarrow \langle V \rangle_{\psi_{\text{mol.}}} = 0$$

$$-B = \langle H \rangle = \langle T \rangle + \langle V \rangle = \langle T \rangle = \frac{\langle k^2 \rangle}{2m}$$

$$\langle k^2 \rangle = -2mB$$

as can also be computed directly by  $\psi_{\text{mol.}}$ . This corresponds to the pole in the shallow bound state scattering amplitude  $k = i\sqrt{2mB}$  (pole in  $E + B$ ). Here  $|k| = \sqrt{2mB} \simeq 14$  MeV

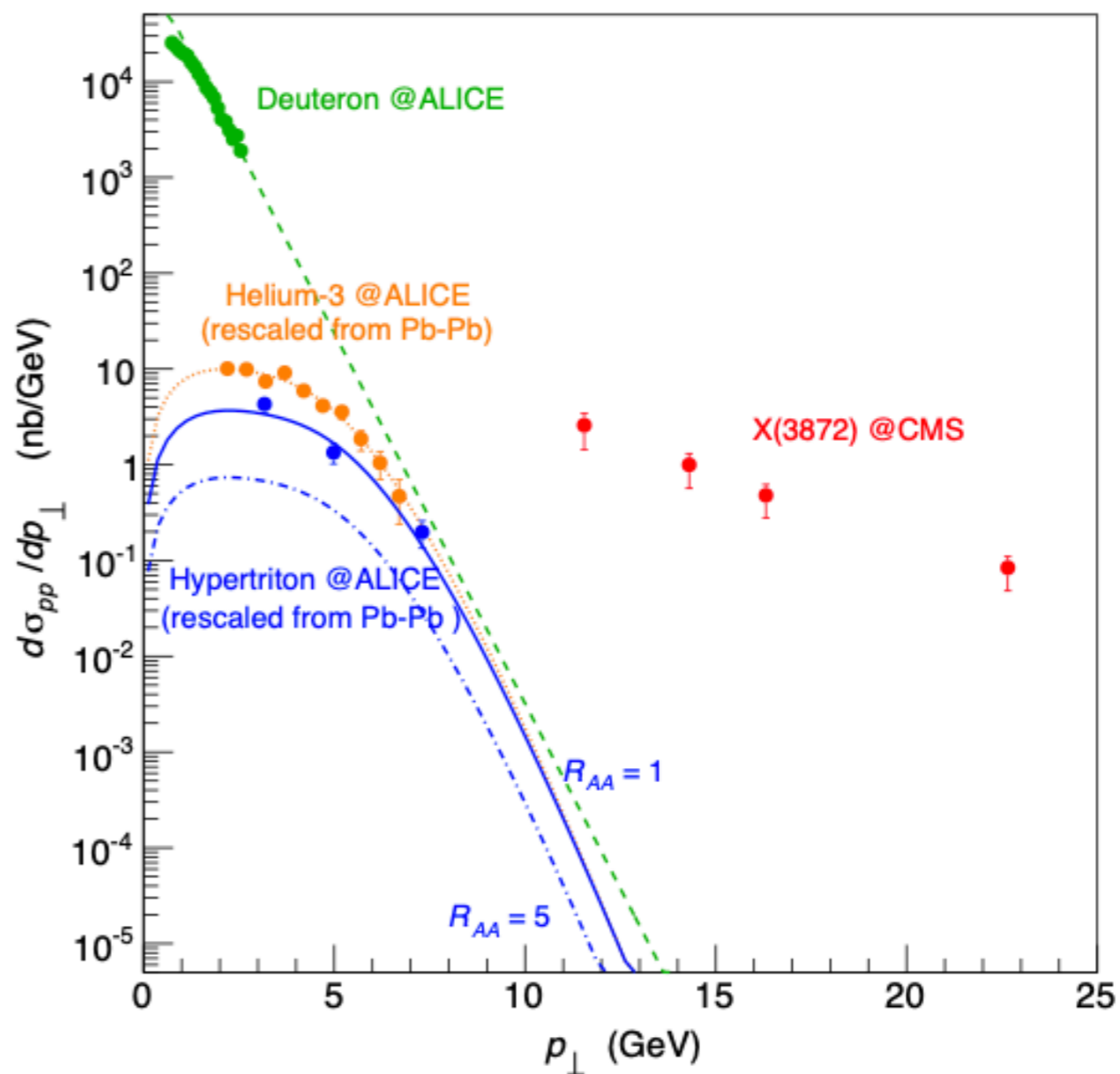
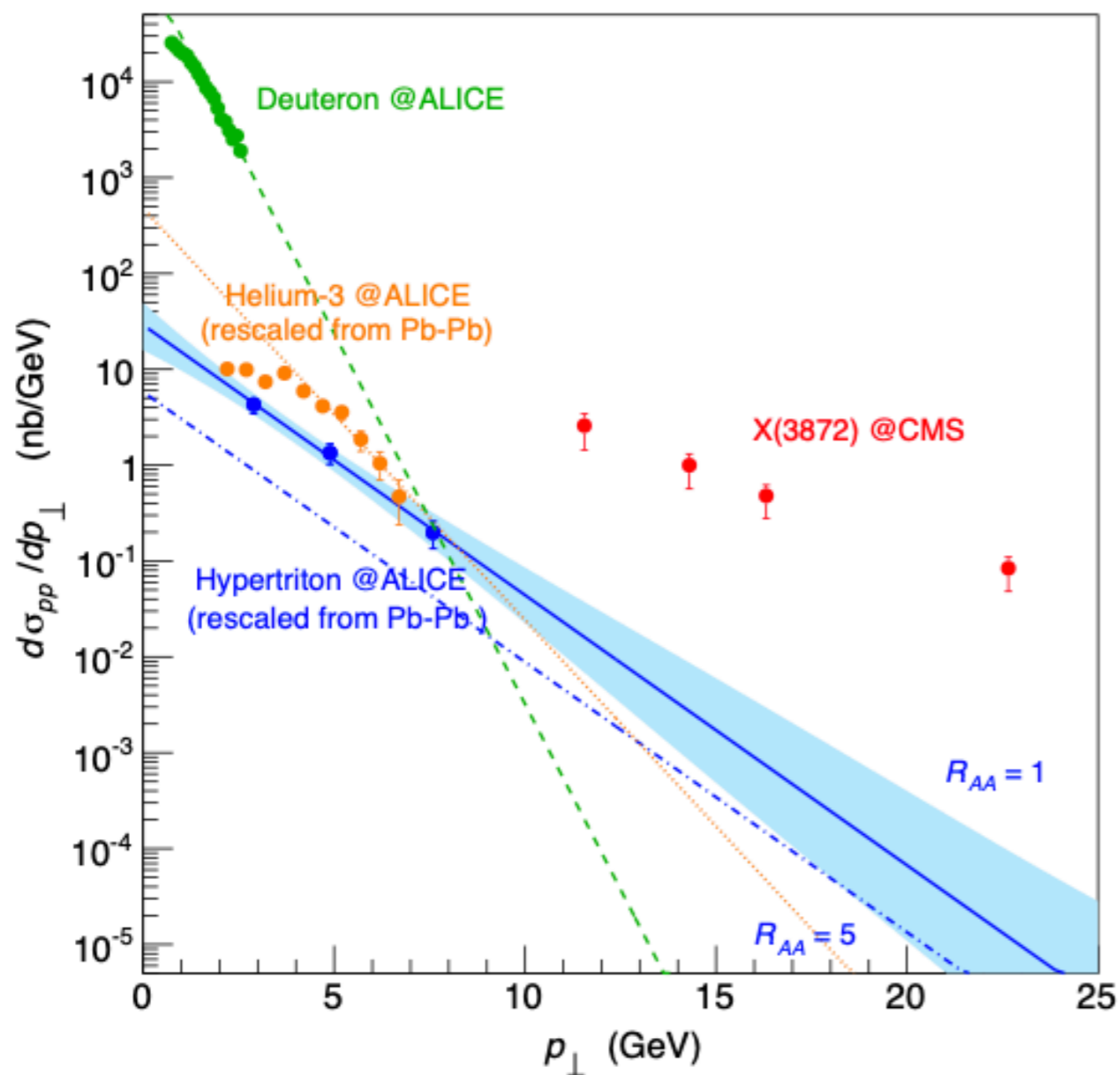
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Braaten and Artoisenet, PRD81103 (2010) 114018

Bignamini, Grinstein, Piccinini, ADP, Sabelli, PRL103 (2009) 162001

# THE $X$ BY A $c\bar{c}$ CORE



Esposito, Guerrieri, Maiani, Piccinini, Pilloni, ADP, Riquer, *Phys. Rev. D* 92 (2015) 3, 034028

# THE $X$ BY A $c\bar{c}$ CORE

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The typical conclusion is that the hadronization into  $X$  proceeds via the production of a  $c\bar{c}$  pair (e.g. *recoiling a gluon*)

- In the compact picture we have in mind here a  $(c\bar{c})_8(q\bar{q})_8$  state is formed and its dynamics could be described in the *Born-Oppenheimer approximation* (fast light quarks and slow heavy quarks). This explains the use we did before of a  $\psi_{\text{BO}}$ .
- According to others the  $c\bar{c}$  core combines with light quarks evolving in a  $D\bar{D}^*$  loosely bound molecule.

# $D\bar{D}^*$ SCATTERING

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From scattering theory it is known that the scattering amplitude of the molecule constituents has a pole at a shallow level  $E = -B$  with  $B > 0$  (if  $E = -B$  is on the non-physical sheet one speaks of *virtual state*) with

$$f = -\frac{A_0^2}{2m} \frac{1}{E + B}$$

with the *reduced* normalized wf (the universal wf discussed above) of the corresponding stationary state

$$\chi = A_0 \exp(-r\sqrt{2mB})$$

# $D\bar{D}^*$ SCATTERING

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Indeed using (suggested from the  $\delta^3(r)$  potential)

$$\frac{A_0^2}{2m} = \frac{\sqrt{2mB}}{m}$$

$$f(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) = -\frac{A_0^2}{2m} \frac{1}{E+B} = -\frac{\sqrt{2mB}}{m} \frac{1}{E+B}$$

This is obtained by  $A_0$  in

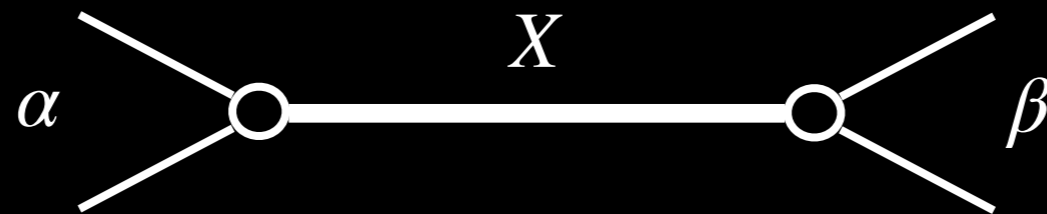
$$\chi = A_0 \exp(-r\sqrt{2mB})$$

which, including  $Y_0^0$ , gives the  $\psi$  found before in  $\lambda\delta^3(r)$

$$\psi_{\text{mol.}}(r) = \left(\frac{2mB}{4\pi^2}\right)^{1/4} \frac{\exp(-r\sqrt{2mB})}{r}$$

# THE POLAR FORMULA FOR THE $D\bar{D}^*$ SCATTERING

Introduce the coupling to  $X$



Neglecting terms of order  $B^2$  and  $E^2$  ( $E = k^2/2m$ ) one finds in the case of the  $X$

$$f(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) = -\frac{1}{8\pi m_X} \frac{g^2}{(p_D + p_{D^*})^2 + m_X^2 - i\epsilon} \simeq -\frac{1}{16\pi m_X^2} \frac{g^2}{E + B}$$

ADP Phys. Lett. B746, 248 (2015)



# LANDAU ARGUMENT

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The potential scattering of two slow particles ( $kR \ll 1$ ) described by an attractive potential  $U$ , with range  $R$ , featuring a shallow bound state at  $-B$  has a **universal** scattering amplitude

$$f(ab \rightarrow ab) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2m}} \frac{\sqrt{B} - i\sqrt{E}}{E + B}$$

obtained by  $\cot \delta_0 = -\sqrt{B/E}$ . This is independent on the details of  $V$  and affected only by the value of  $B$ . A comparison with the pole formula

$$f(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \simeq -\frac{1}{16\pi m_{\chi}^2} \frac{g^2}{E + B}$$

can be done at  $k = i\sqrt{2mB}$  where the numerator in the first is  $2\sqrt{B}$

# LANDAU ARGUMENT

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This leads to

$$g^2 = \frac{16\pi m_X^2}{m} \sqrt{2mB}$$

$$f(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) = \frac{1}{16\pi m_X^2} \frac{g^2}{E+B} = \frac{\sqrt{2mB}}{m} \frac{1}{E+B}$$

Which is the same formula found before: the independency on the form of the potential.

L.D. Landau, JETP 39, 1865 (1960)

# WEINBERG ARGUMENT

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The previous formula for  $g^2$  is valid only if the  $X$  is purely molecular, or  $Z = 0$

$$g^2 = \frac{16\pi m_X^2}{m} \sqrt{2mB} = 8mm_X^2 \times (g_W)_{Z=0}$$

with

$$g_W^2 = \frac{2\pi\sqrt{2mB}}{m^2} (1 - Z)$$

and

$$|X\rangle = \sqrt{Z} |\mathfrak{X}\rangle + \int_k C_k \underbrace{|D\bar{D}^*(k)\rangle}_{|\alpha\rangle}$$

S. Weinberg Phys. Rev. 137, B672 (1965)

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From this we have that

$$\frac{A_0^2}{2m} = \frac{g^2}{16\pi m_X^2} = \frac{mg_W^2}{2\pi}$$

Finding the residue at the pole of the amplitude in eff. range exp.

$$\frac{1}{A_0^2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2mB}} - \frac{1}{2}r_0$$

# $r_0$ AND $a$ FORMULAE

Solving the previous formula for  $r_0$

$$r_0 = -\frac{Z}{1-Z}R + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\Lambda}\right)$$

$$\alpha \quad \pi \quad \beta$$

$$R = \frac{1}{\kappa} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2mB}}$$

The (positive!) scattering length is obtained using the expression of  $r_0$  given above into  $\left(-\kappa_0 + \frac{1}{2}r_0k^2 - ik\right)_{k=i\kappa} = 0$

$$a = \frac{2(1-Z)}{2-Z}R + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\Lambda}\right)$$

(scattering length  $> 0$ )

# THE $\Lambda$ SCALE

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In the case of the deuteron  $d$

$$\Lambda = m_\pi \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\Lambda} \simeq 1 \text{ fm}$$

because the pion can be integrated out given that

$$m_n - m_p \ll m_\pi$$

In the case of the  $X$ , pion interactions between  $D$  and  $\bar{D}^*$  (u-channel)

$$\Lambda^2 = m_\pi^2 - \underbrace{(m_{D^*} - m_D)^2}_{q_0^2} \simeq (44 \text{ MeV})^2$$

giving

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda} \simeq 4.5 \text{ fm}$$

# THE SIGN OF $r_0$ IN A ATTRACTIVE $V$

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Scattering in the presence of shallow bound states generated by *purely attractive potentials* in NRQM are characterized by

$$r_0 \geq 0$$

even if there is a repulsive core, but in a *very narrow region* around the origin. *Therefore the 1 fm estimated above is +1 fm*

$$r_0 \simeq -\frac{Z}{1-Z}R + 1 \text{ fm} = r_0^{\text{exp.}} = +1.74 \text{ fm}$$

So we conclude that  $Z \simeq 0$ . The deuteron is a molecule!  
Only a "large" (wrt 1 fm) and negative  $r_0$  would have been the token of the elementary deuteron.

# DATA ON X: LHCb ANALYSIS

arXiv:2005.13419

For small kinetic energies

$$f(X \rightarrow J/\psi\pi\pi) = - \frac{(2N/g)}{(2/g)(E - m_X^0) - \sqrt{2\mu_+\delta} + E\sqrt{\mu_+/2\delta} + ik}$$

$$-\frac{1}{a} = \frac{2m_X^0}{g} + \sqrt{2\mu_+\delta} \simeq -6.92 \text{ MeV} \quad \text{positive } a$$

$$r_0 = -\frac{2}{\mu g} - \sqrt{\frac{2\mu_+}{2\mu^2\delta}} \simeq -5.34 \text{ fm} \quad \text{negative } r_0$$

using  $E = k^2/2\mu$ ,  $\mu$  being the reduced mass of the neutral  $D\bar{D}^*$  pair, and taking  $g$  (LHCb) and  $m_X^0$  (stable determination) from the experimental analysis. Since  $g$  can be larger,  $r_0 \leq -2$  fm.



# DETERMINATION OF $Z$

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Neglect for the moment  $\mathcal{O}(1/\Lambda)$  corrections

$$r_0 = -\frac{Z}{1-Z}R = -5.34 \text{ fm}$$
$$a = \frac{2(1-Z)}{2-Z}R = 197/6.92 \text{ fm}$$

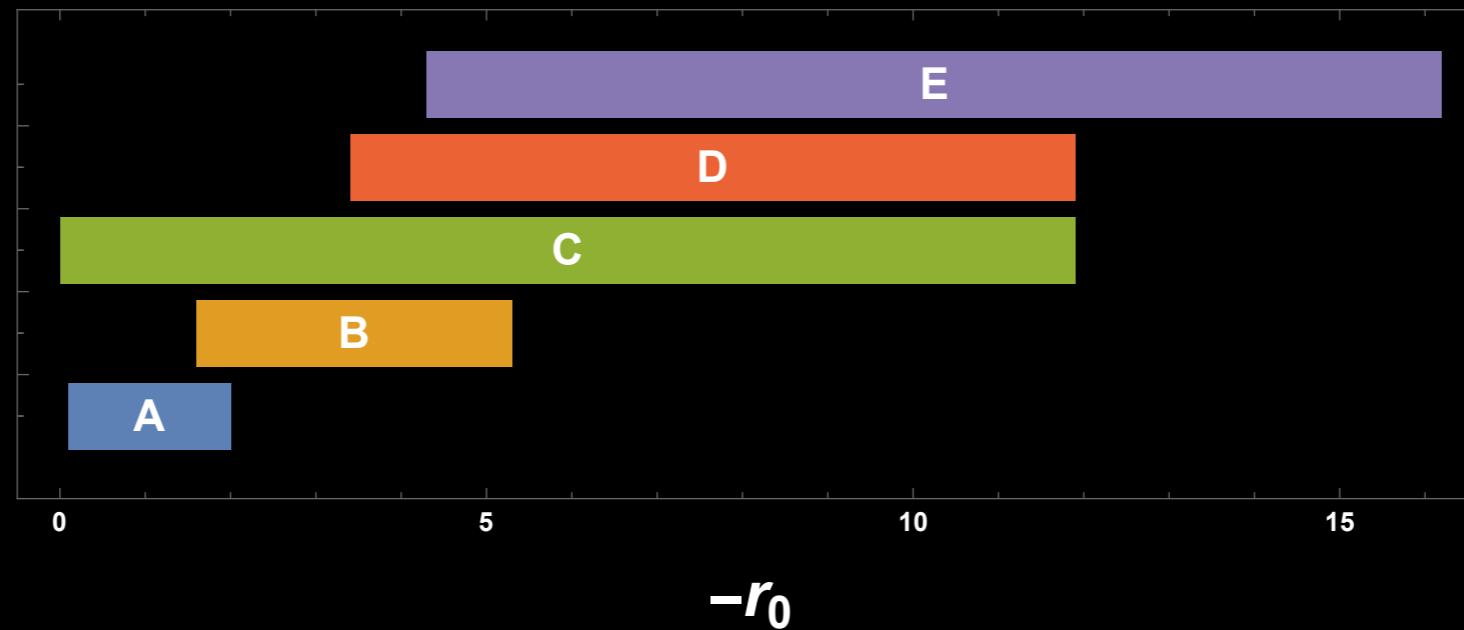
Gives  $Z = 0.15 \neq 0!$  and  $B = 20$  keV

Including  $\pm 5$  fm makes quite a difference depending on the sign. In the case of  $-5$  fm we might have  $Z = 0$  even with  $r_0^{\text{exp}} = -5.32$  fm! In the case of  $+5$  fm, a negative experimental  $r_0$  is the proof of the compact state.

However we shall see that in the molecular case  $\mathcal{O}(1/\Lambda) \rightarrow -0.2$  MeV

# $(-r_0)$ ACCORDING TO SOME ESTIMATES

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A: Baru et al., 2110.07484

B: Esposito et al., 2108.11413

C: LHCb, 2109.01056

D: Maiani & Pilloni GGI-Lects

E: Mikhasenko, 2203.04622

H. Xu, N. Yu and Z. Zhang 2401.00411:  $r_0 \approx -14$  fm combining LHCb and Belle data (for the  $\mathbf{X}$ )

# $r_0$ FROM LATTICE

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M. Padmanath and S. Prelovsek, Phys. Rev. Lett. 2202.10110

Applying the lattice Lüscher method, the authors study the  $D\bar{D}^*$  scattering amplitude and make a determination of the scattering length and of the effective range for  $\mathcal{T}_{cc}$

$$a = -1.04(29) \text{ fm}$$
$$r_0 = +0.96^{+0.18}_{-0.20} \text{ fm}$$

The mass of the pion is  $m_\pi = 280$  MeV, to keep the  $D^*$  stable. This result, for the moment, is compatible with a *virtual state* because of the negative  $a$  – like the singlet deuteron. As for LHCb (2109.01056 p.12)

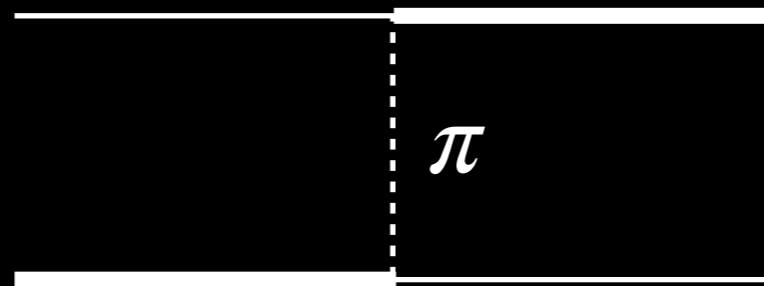
$$a = +7.16 \text{ fm}$$
$$-11.9 \leq r_0 \leq 0 \text{ fm}$$

# $r_0$ IN THE MOLECULAR PICTURE

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$$H_{DD^*} = \frac{\mathbf{p}_{D^*}^2}{2m_{D^*}} + \frac{\mathbf{p}_D^2}{2m_D} - \lambda_0 \delta^3(\mathbf{r})$$

A perturbation to the  $\delta^3(\mathbf{r})$  potential derives from



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Potential = FT of the propagator in NR approximation

$$\int \frac{q_i q_j e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}}}{q^2 + m_\pi^2 - i\epsilon} d^3q \xrightarrow{\text{NR}} \int \frac{q_i q_j e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}}}{\mathbf{q}^2 - \mu^2 - i\epsilon} d^3q \approx \int \frac{q_i q_j e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}}}{\mathbf{q}^2 - i\epsilon} d^3q$$

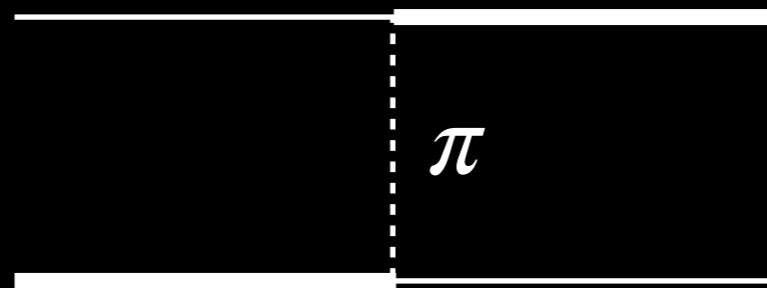
$$\int \frac{q_i q_j e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}}}{\mathbf{q}^2 - i\epsilon} d^3q = -\frac{(2\pi)^3}{4\pi} \left( \frac{3\hat{r}_i \hat{r}_j}{r^3} - \frac{\delta_{ij}}{r^3} - \frac{4\pi}{3} \delta^3(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$

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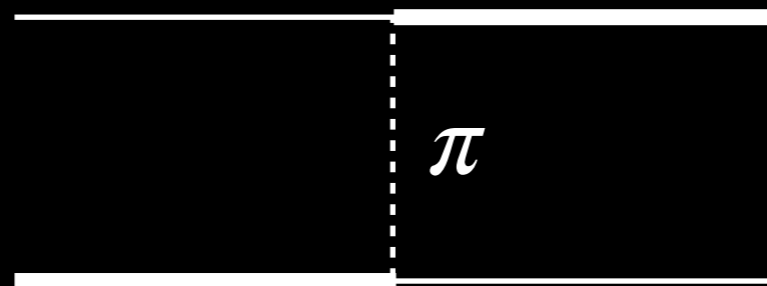


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In  $S$ -wave we have to include the condition  $\langle \hat{r}_i \hat{r}_j \rangle = \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij}$   
which, for  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{0}$ , leaves only an extra  $\delta^3(\mathbf{r})$  potential term.

But  $\boldsymbol{\mu}^2 = (m_{D^*} - m_D)^2 - m_\pi^2 \simeq 44$  MeV, and this requires  
an extra, **complex potential term**.

# THE COMPLEX POTENTIAL



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Keep  $\mu$  finite! Are the corrections to  $r_0$  of the size  $O(1/m_\pi)$  or  $O(1/\mu)$ ?

$$V_w = -\frac{g^2}{2f_\pi^2} \int \frac{q_i q_j e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}}}{\mathbf{q}^2 - \mu^2 - i\epsilon} \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} = -\underbrace{\frac{g^2}{6f_\pi^2}}_{\beta} \left( \delta^3(\mathbf{r}) + \mu^2 \frac{e^{i\mu r}}{4\pi r} \right) \delta_{ij}$$

The contraction with polarizations  $e_i^{(\lambda)} \bar{e}_j^{(\lambda')}$  gives  $\delta_{\lambda\lambda'}$ .

As for the  $\delta^3(\mathbf{r})$  potential from  $\pi$  alone, it has not the right weight to make the bound state at  $\mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{B}$ . But combined with the strong one, an overall  $\lambda$  can be defined to make it.

# THE COMPLEX POTENTIAL

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So we divide  $V$  into

$$V = V_s + V_w = - \underbrace{(\lambda_0 + 4\pi\beta)}_{\lambda} \delta^3(\mathbf{r}) - \alpha\mu^2 \frac{e^{i\mu r}}{r}$$

To compute any amplitude, all orders in  $V_s$  are needed, and possibly only the first order in  $V_w$ .

Can we find  $r_0$  as a result of the correction to  $f$  due to the complex potential?

# DISTORTED WAVE BORN APPROXIMATION

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$$f = \frac{1}{k \cot \delta(k) - ik} = f_s + f_w = \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{a} - ik} + f_w$$

$$f_w = -\frac{2m}{4k^2} \int V_w(r) \chi_s^2(r) dr$$

Where  $\chi_s(\mathbf{r})$  are scattering w.f. of the  $\delta^3(\mathbf{r})$  potential, and  $m$  is the invariant  $DD^*$  mass. Thus  $r_0$  is determined by the  $\mathbf{k}^2$  coefficient in the *double expansion* around  $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \mathbf{0}$  of the expression

$$f^{-1} = \left( \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{a} - ik} - \frac{2m}{4k^2} \int V_w(r) \chi_s^2(r) dr \right)^{-1}$$



# CALCULATION OF $r_0$ (DWBA)

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$$r_0 = 2m\alpha \left( \frac{2}{\mu^2 a^2} + \frac{8i}{3\mu a} - 1 \right)$$

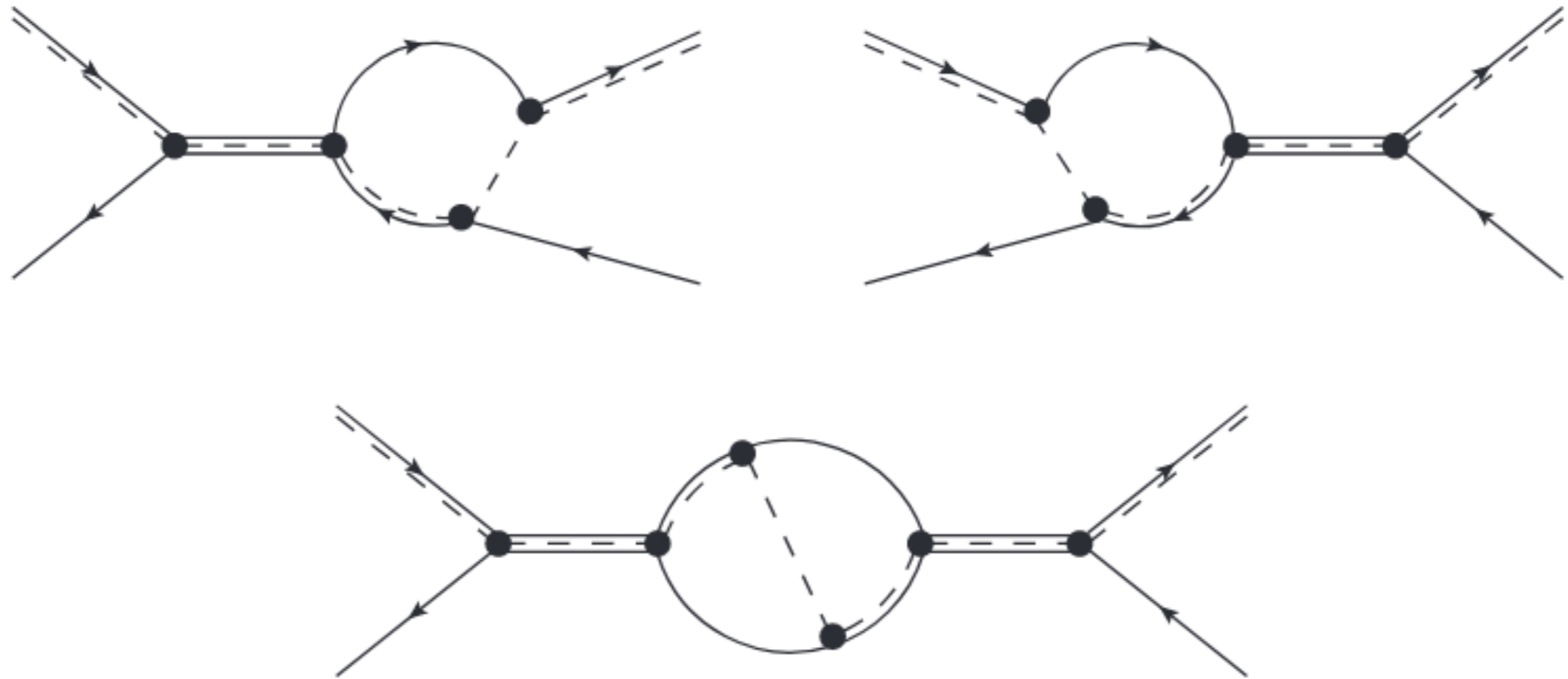
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$$-0.20 \text{ fm} \lesssim \text{Re } r_0 \lesssim -0.15 \text{ fm}$$

$$0 \text{ fm} \lesssim \text{Im } r_0 \lesssim 0.17 \text{ fm}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{g^2}{24\pi f_\pi^2} = \frac{5 \times 10^{-4}}{\mu^2}$$

These results agree, analytically, with what found by Braaten et al. using EFT. It turns out that the real part of  $r_0$  is just a tiny (negative!) fraction of a Fermi. This confirms the fact that the Weinberg criterion can be extended to the **X(3872)** too.



Braaten, Galilean invariant XEFT, Phys. Rev. D 103, 036014 (2021),  
 arXiv:2010.05801 [hep-ph]

# SOME MORE TECHNICAL CONCLUSIONS

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- It would be useful to have new comparative studies on the  $r_0$  of the  $X(3872)$  and of the  $\mathcal{T}_{QQ}$  particles, and to agree on the way to extract information from data (not easy).
- It would be of great relevance to learn more, on the experimental side, about deuteron production at high  $p_T$ .
- Some states are produced promptly in  $pp$  collisions, some are not. There is no clear reason why!
- Are there loosely bound molecules  $B\bar{B}^*$ ? Can we formulate more stringent bounds on  $X^\pm$  particles?
- Derive Weinberg criterium in a modern language.
- More basically: are we on the right questions?