

Comparing meson-meson and diquark-antidiquark creation operators for a $\bar{b}\bar{b}ud$ tetraquark

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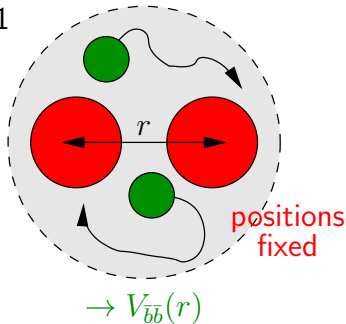


Basic idea: lattice QCD + BO

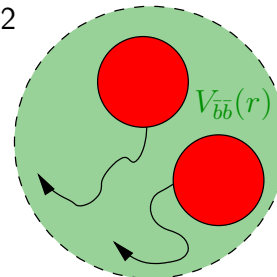
- Study heavy-heavy-light-light tetraquarks $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ in two steps.
 - (1) Compute potentials of two static quarks $\bar{b}\bar{b}$ in the presence of two lighter quarks qq ($q \in \{u, d, s, c\}$) using lattice QCD.
 - (2) Check, whether these potentials are sufficiently attractive to host bound states or resonances (\rightarrow tetraquarks) by using techniques from quantum mechanics and scattering theory.

((1) + (2) \rightarrow Born-Oppenheimer approximation).

step 1



step 2



\rightarrow existence of a tetraquark ... or not

Previous work on $b\bar{b}qq$ tetraquarks

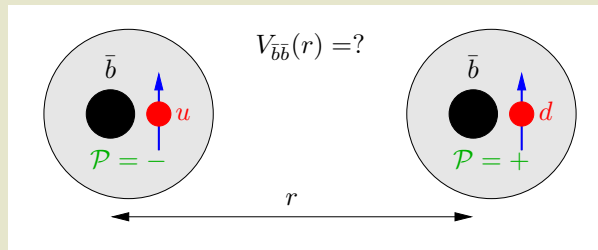
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Outline

- $\bar{b}bqq$ / BB potentials.
- Stable $\bar{b}bqq$ tetraquarks.
- Structure of a $\bar{b}bqq$ tetraquark with quantum numbers $I(J^P) = 0(1^+)$ (meson-meson versus diquark-antidiquark structure).

$\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ / BB potentials (1)

- At large $\bar{b}\bar{b}$ separation r , the four quarks will form two static-light mesons $\bar{b}q$ and $\bar{b}q$.
 - Spins of static antiquarks $\bar{b}\bar{b}$ are irrelevant (they do not appear in the Hamiltonian).
 - Compute and study the dependence of $\bar{b}\bar{b}$ potentials in the presence of qq on
 - the “light” quark flavors $q \in \{u, d, s, c\}$ (isospin, flavor),
 - the “light” quark spin (the static quark spin is irrelevant),
 - the type of the meson B, B^* and/or B_0^*, B_1^* (parity).
- Many different channels: attractive as well as repulsive, different asymptotic values ...



$\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ / BB potentials (2)

- To determine potentials, compute temporal correlation functions of operators

$$\mathcal{O}_{BB,\Gamma} = 2N_{BB}(\mathcal{C}\Gamma)_{AB}(\mathcal{C}\tilde{\Gamma})_{CD} \left(\bar{Q}_C^a(-\mathbf{r}/2)\psi_A^{(f)a}(-\mathbf{r}/2) \right) \left(\bar{Q}_D^b(+\mathbf{r}/2)\psi_B^{(f')b}(+\mathbf{r}/2) \right).$$

- The most attractive potential of a $B^{(*)}B^*$ meson pair has $(I, |j_z|, P, P_x) = (0, 0, +, -)$:

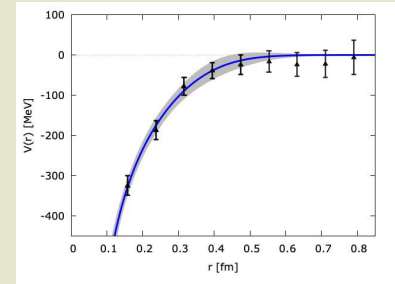
- $C = \gamma_0\gamma_2$ (charge conjugation matrix).
- $\psi^{(f)}\psi^{(f')} = ud - du$, $\Gamma \in \{(1 + \gamma_0)\gamma_5, (1 - \gamma_0)\gamma_5\}$.
- $\bar{Q}\bar{Q} = \bar{b}\bar{b}$, $\tilde{\Gamma} \in \{(1 + \gamma_0)\gamma_5, (1 + \gamma_0)\gamma_j\}$ (irrelevant).

- Parameterize lattice results by

$$V_{qq,j_z,\mathcal{P},\mathcal{P}_x}(r) = -\frac{\alpha}{r} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{r}{d}\right)^p\right) + V_0$$

(1-gluon exchange at small r ; color screening at large r).

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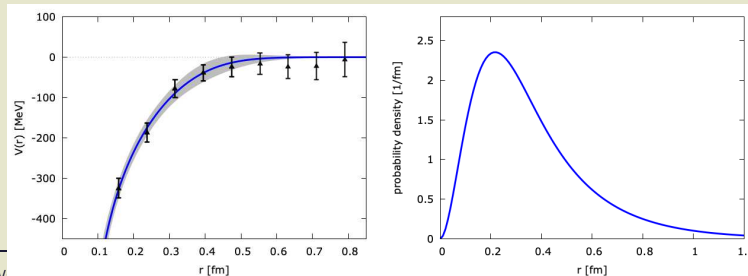
Stable $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ tetraquarks

- Solve the Schrödinger equation for the relative coordinate of the heavy quarks $\bar{b}\bar{b}$ using the previously computed $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ / BB potentials,

$$\left(\frac{1}{m_b} \left(-\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{L(L+1)}{r^2} \right) + V_{qq,j_z,\mathcal{P},\mathcal{P}_x}(r) - 2m_{sl} \right) R(r) = ER(r).$$

- Possibly existing bound states, i.e. $E < 0$, indicate stable $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ tetraquarks.
- There is a bound state for orbital angular momentum $L = 0$ of $\bar{b}\bar{b}$:
 - Binding energy $-E = 38(18)$ MeV with respect to the BB^* threshold.
 - Quantum numbers: $I(J^P) = 0(1^+)$.
- No further bound states.

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Structure of the $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ tetraquark (1)

- Two types of operators, which probe the same sector:
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– **Meson-meson operator** (BB):

$$\mathcal{O}_{BB,\Gamma} = 2N_{BB}(\mathcal{C}\Gamma)_{AB}(\mathcal{C}\tilde{\Gamma})_{CD} \left(\bar{Q}_C^a(-\mathbf{r}/2)\psi_A^{(f)a}(-\mathbf{r}/2) \right) \left(\bar{Q}_D^b(+\mathbf{r}/2)\psi_B^{(f')b}(+\mathbf{r}/2) \right)$$

with $\Gamma \in \{(1 + \gamma_0)\gamma_5, \gamma_5\}$ ($\rightarrow (j_z, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{P}_x) = (0, -, +)$).

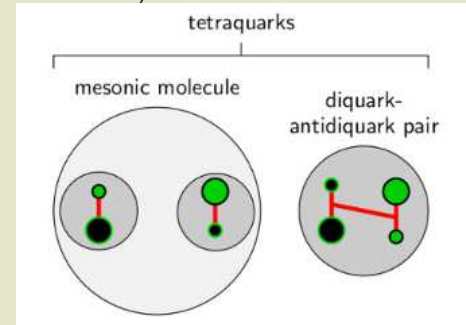
– **Diquark-antidiquark operator** (Dd):

$$\mathcal{O}_{Dd,\Gamma} = -N_{Dd}\epsilon^{abc} \left(\psi_A^{(f)b}(\mathbf{z})(\mathcal{C}\Gamma)_{AB}\psi_B^{(f')c}(\mathbf{z}) \right) \epsilon^{ade} \left(\bar{Q}_C^f(-\mathbf{r}/2)U^{fd}(-\mathbf{r}/2; \mathbf{z})(\mathcal{C}\tilde{\Gamma})_{CD}\bar{Q}_D^g(+\mathbf{r}/2)U^{ge}(+\mathbf{r}/2; \mathbf{z}) \right)$$

with $\Gamma \in \{(1 + \gamma_0)\gamma_5, \gamma_5\}$ ($\rightarrow (j_z, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{P}_x) = (0, -, +)$).

- $\psi^{(f)}\psi^{(f')} = ud - du$ ($\rightarrow I = 0$).
- $\tilde{\Gamma} = (1 + \gamma_0)\gamma_3$ (essentially irrelevant).
- Compute the 4×4 correlation matrix

$$C_{jk}(t) = \langle \Omega | \mathcal{O}_j^\dagger(t) \mathcal{O}_k(0) | \Omega \rangle.$$

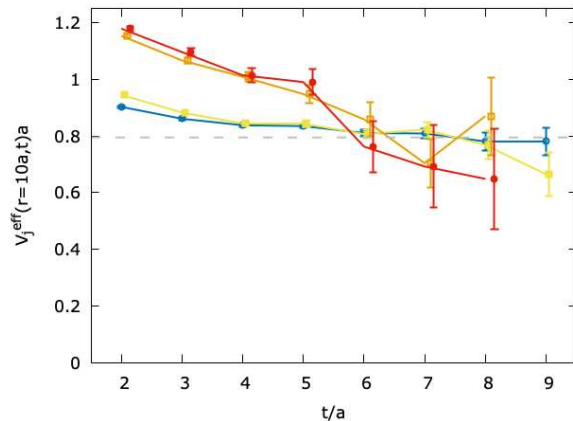
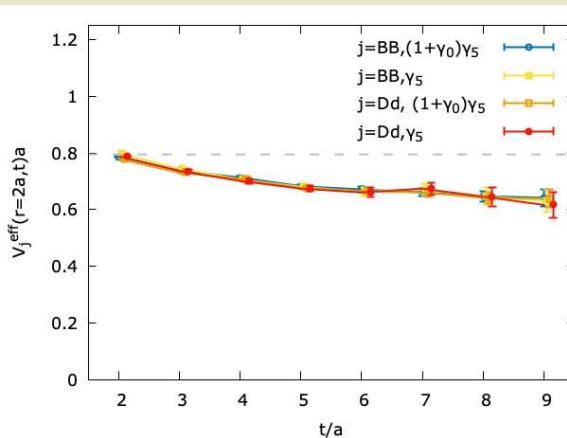


Structure of the $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ tetraquark (2)

- Effective energies corresponding to diagonal elements of the correlation matrix,

$$V_j^{\text{eff}}(r, t) = -\frac{1}{a} \log \left(\frac{C_{jj}(t)}{C_{jj}(t-a)} \right) \quad (\text{no sum over } j).$$

- For large $\bar{b}\bar{b}$ separations (right plot $r \approx 0.79$ fm), BB effective energies reach plateaus at smaller t separations than Dd effective energies.
 → BB dominates at large r , Dd not important (energetically disfavored due to flux tube).
- For small $\bar{b}\bar{b}$ separations (left plot $r \approx 0.16$ fm), BB and Dd effective energies similar.
 → More detailed investigation at small r necessary.

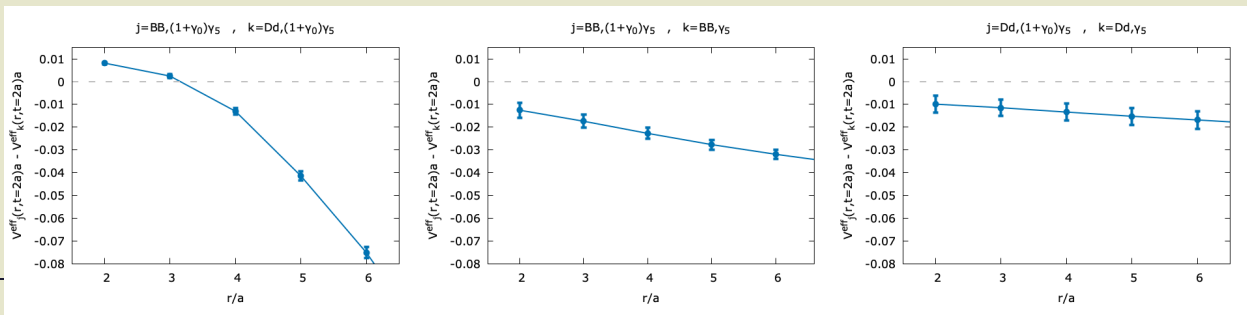


Structure of the $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ tetraquark (3)

- Differences of effective energies corresponding to diagonal elements of the correlation matrix at small temporal separation $t = 2a$ as functions of the $\bar{b}\bar{b}$ separation r ,

$$V_j^{\text{eff}}(r, t = 2a) - V_k^{\text{eff}}(r, t = 2a).$$

- BB versus Dd (left): Dd dominates for $r \lesssim 3.15 a \approx 0.25 \text{ fm}$, while BB dominates for $r \gtrsim 3.15 a \approx 0.25 \text{ fm}$.
- BB operators (center): $\Gamma = (1 + \gamma_0)\gamma_5$ leads to larger ground state overlap than $\Gamma = \gamma_5$. (Expected. Via a Fierz transformation one can show that $\Gamma = (1 + \gamma_0)\gamma_5$ generates exclusively ground state mesons, while γ_5 also generates parity excitations.)
- Dd operators (right): $\Gamma = (1 + \gamma_0)\gamma_5$ leads to larger ground state overlap than $\Gamma = \gamma_5$. (Interesting. In the literature mostly γ_5 is discussed.)



Structure of the $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ tetraquark (4)

- Optimize trial states

$$|\Phi_{b,d}\rangle = |b\rangle|\Phi_{BB,(1+\gamma_0)\gamma_5}\rangle + |d\rangle|\Phi_{Dd,(1+\gamma_0)\gamma_5}\rangle$$

($|\Phi_j\rangle = \mathcal{O}_j|\Omega\rangle$) by minimizing effective energies

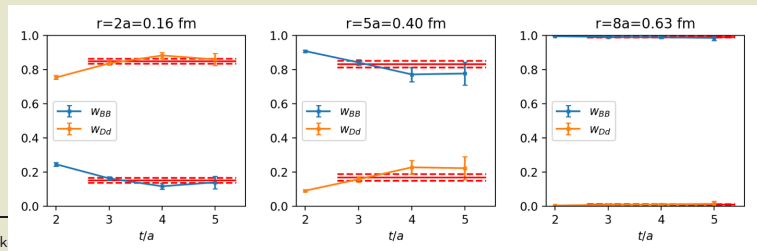
$$V_{b,d}^{\text{eff}}(r, t) = -\frac{1}{a} \log \left(\frac{C_{[b,d][b,d]}(t)}{C_{[b,d][b,d]}(t-a)} \right), \quad C_{[b,d][b,d]}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ d \end{pmatrix}_j^\dagger C_{jk}(t) \begin{pmatrix} b \\ d \end{pmatrix}_k.$$

with respect to $b, d \in \mathbb{C}$.

- Since norm and phase of b and d are irrelevant, consider relative weights of BB and Dd ,

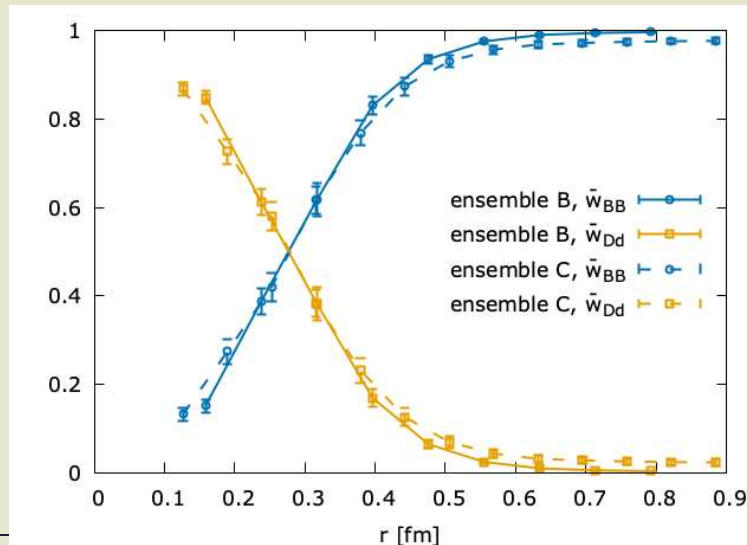
$$w_{BB} = \frac{|b|^2}{|b|^2 + |d|^2}, \quad w_{Dd} = \frac{|d|^2}{|b|^2 + |d|^2} = 1 - w_{BB}.$$

- For fixed $\bar{b}\bar{b}$ separation r , w_{BB} and w_{Dd} depend only weakly on t .
 $\rightarrow w_{BB}$ and w_{Dd} estimate the percentage of BB and of Dd .



Structure of the $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ tetraquark (5)

- w_{BB} and w_{Dd} as functions of the $\bar{b}\bar{b}$ separation r (for two ensembles, $a \approx 0.079$ fm and $a \approx 0.063$ fm).
- $r \lesssim 0.2$ fm: Clear diquark-antidiquark dominance.
- $0.2 \text{ fm} \lesssim r \lesssim 0.3 \text{ fm}$: Diquark-antidiquark dominance turns into meson-meson dominance.
- $0.5 \text{ fm} \lesssim r$: Essentially a meson-meson system.



Structure of the $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ tetraquark (6)

- Generalized eigenvalue problem (GEVP)

$$C_{jk}(t)v_k^{(n)}(t) = \lambda^{(n)}(t)C_{jk}(t_0)v_k^{(n)}(t_0) \quad , \quad n = 0, \dots, N-1$$

for $t_0/a \geq 1$ and $t/a > t_0/a$ with corresponding effective energies

$$V^{\text{eff},(n)}(r, t) = -\frac{1}{a} \log \left(\frac{\lambda^{(n)}(t)}{\lambda^{(n)}(t-a)} \right).$$

- **Eigenvector components** $v_j^{(n)}(t)$ (which we always normalize according to $\sum_j |v_j^{(n)}(t)|^2 = 1$) contain information about the relative importance of the operators. For large t and t_0 ,

$$|n\rangle \approx \sum_j v_j^{(n)}(t) |\Phi_j\rangle,$$

where \approx denotes an approximate expansion of the **energy eigenstate** $|n\rangle$ in terms of the trial states $|\Phi_j\rangle$.

Structure of the $\bar{b}\bar{b}q\bar{q}$ tetraquark (7)

- One can show: For $t_0 = t - a$, optimizing trial states by minimizing effective energies (as on previous slides) is equivalent to solving a GEVP, i.e.

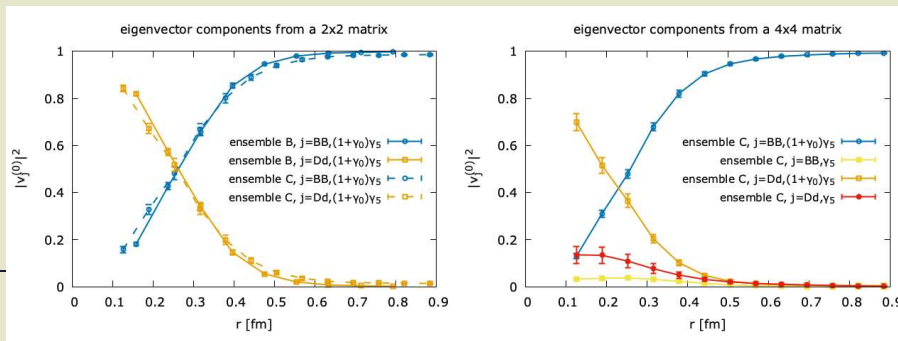
$$(w_{BB}, w_{Dd}) = (|v_{BB,(1+\gamma_0)\gamma_5}^{(0)}|^2, |v_{Dd,(1+\gamma_0)\gamma_5}^{(0)}|^2)$$

(might offer another perspective on GEVP eigenvector components).

→ Results for w_{BB} and w_{Dd} can also be interpreted as GEVP results.

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- In the literature typically small values for t_0 are used, e.g. $t_0/a = 1$ (instead of $t_0 = t - a$ as used to obtain w_{BB} and w_{Dd} on previous slides).
- Similar results also for $t_0/a = 1$, when using a 2×2 correlation matrix (left plot).
- Consistent results, when using a 4×4 correlation matrix (right plot).



Structure of the $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ tetraquark (8)

- Define the r dependent BB and Dd percentages,

$$p_{BB}(r) = w_{BB} \quad , \quad p_{Dd}(r) = w_{Dd}$$

and use the probability density of the $\bar{b}\bar{b}$ separation

$$p_r(r) = 4\pi|R(r)|^2$$

obtained from the BO wave function $R(r)/r$, to estimate the total BB and Dd percentages of the $\bar{b}\bar{b}ud$ tetraquark with quantum numbers $I(J^P) = 0(1^+)$:

$$\%BB = \int dr p_r(r)p_{BB}(r) \quad , \quad \%Dd = \int dr p_r(r)p_{Dd}(r) = 1 - \%BB.$$

- We find $\%BB = 0.58$, $\%Dd = 0.42$.
- Using $|v_{BB,(1+\gamma_0)\gamma_5}^{(0)}|^2$, $|v_{Dd,(1+\gamma_0)\gamma_5}^{(0)}|^2$ instead of w_{BB}, w_{Dd} we find $\%BB = 0.60$, $\%Dd = 0.40$.
- Results are in qualitative agreement with a GEVP result we obtained in a full lattice QCD computation, where the \bar{b} quarks are treated within NRQCD.

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[Talk by M. Pflaumer, today in this session at 6:45 a.m.]

Summary

- The hadronically stable $\bar{b}b u d$ tetraquark with quantum numbers $I(J^P) = 0(1^+)$ is neither exclusively a meson-meson system nor a diquark-antidiquark pair.
- $r \lesssim 0.2$ fm: Clear diquark-antidiquark dominance.
- $r \gtrsim 0.3$ fm: Clear meson-meson dominance.
- Total BB and Dd percentages: $\%BB \approx 0.60$, $\%Dd \approx 0.40$.

