

# Diquark properties from lattice QCD

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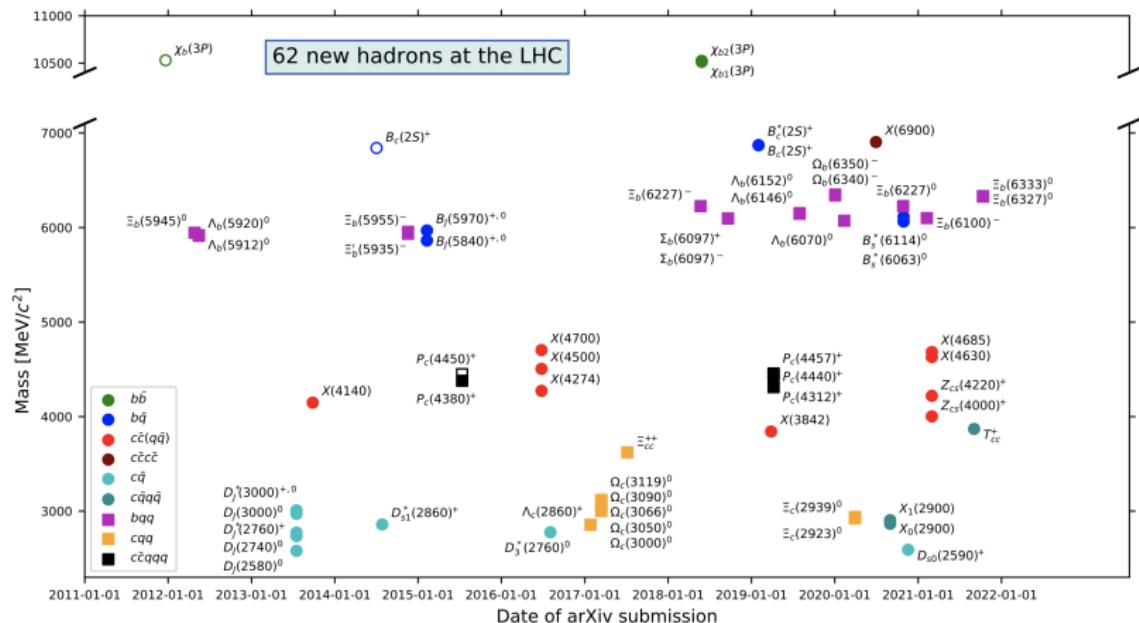


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# Heavy spectrum - a success story turned challenge to theory

- Pre  $B$ -factories: Heavy spectrum is success story
  - predicted/measured masses agree, potential model works, OZI-rule applies w/o exceptions
- In 2003:  $X(3872) \sim d\bar{u}c\bar{c}$  discovered at Belle
- Since then many exotic states and especially  $\mathcal{O}(12)$  heavy 4-/5-quark states observed

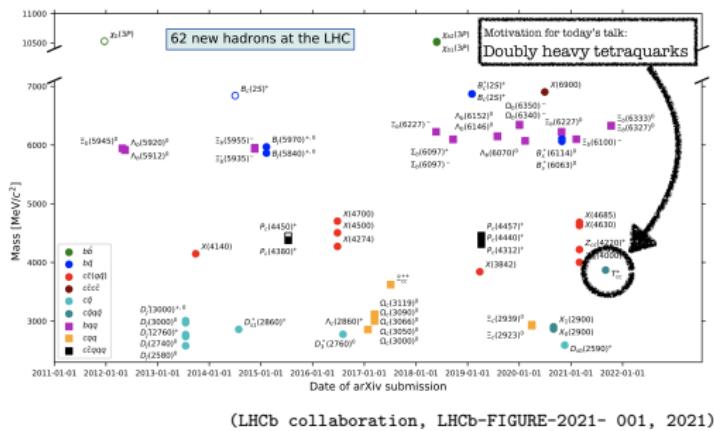


(LHCb collaboration, LHCb-FIGURE-2021- 001, 2021)

# Heavy spectrum - a precision tool

Many new and exotic hadrons observed,  
e.g. 62 at the LHC

- 4-/5-quark states not expected in quark models.
- Many predicted quark model states not found.



... many not explained in theory

QCD often approximated in models  
~~ many extensions possible  
~~ many interpretations  
~~ often contradictory statements

model	building blocks
"plain"	$q(i,c)$ , $\bar{q}(i,c)$
diquark	$[qq]_{(i,j,c)}$ & $q/\bar{q}$
triquark	$[qq\bar{q}]_{(i,j,k,c)}$ & $q/\bar{q}$
hydro-onium	$[Q\bar{Q}]_{(i,j)}$ , $[q\bar{q}]_{(i,j)}$ , $[qqq]_{(i,j,k)}$
molecular	$[Q\bar{q}]_{(i,j)}$ , $[q\bar{Q}]_{(i,j)}$ , $[qqQ]_{(i,j,k)}$ , ...

One goal: Non-perturbative insights into exotic hadrons in full QCD

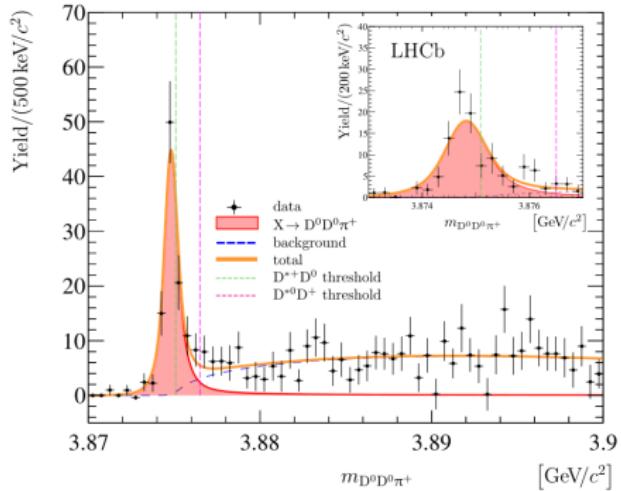
# A new family of tetraquarks? - observation of $T_{cc}$ at LHCb

Narrow state observed in  $D^0 D^0 \pi^+$

- o Fitted to  $P$ -wave BW
- o  $\delta m = -273 \pm 61 \pm 5^{+11}_{-14} \text{ keV}/c^2$  below  $D^0 D^{*+}$  threshold
- o  $\Gamma = 410 \pm 165 \pm 43^{+18}_{-38} \text{ keV}$

$$B_{T_{cc}} = 0.3 \text{ MeV}$$

↔ LHCb-PAPER-2021-031



consistent with  $cc\bar{u}\bar{d}$  tetraquark

- o Possible family of states:  $bc\bar{u}\bar{d}$ ,  $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$ ,  $bb\bar{l}\bar{s}$ , ...
- o QN:  $I(J^P) = 0(1^+)$
- o Recent discussion in theory, both in pheno and lattice
- ↔ predictions, binding mechanism

In the following:

- o new work on diquarks as possible effective d.o.f's in QCD
- o was motivated by our studies of doubly heavy tetraquarks

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*Diquarks - attractive building blocks for ordinary and exotic hadrons*

# Diquarks - an attractive concept

"The concept of diquarks is almost as old as the quark model, and actually predates QCD [1]"  
~~ arXiv:2203.16583; [1] PR 155, 1601 (1967)

- Successful for low-lying baryons and exotic hadrons.
  - Well founded in QCD with many predictions.
  - But, experimental evidence has been elusive.
- Light diquarks:
  - special "good" ( $\bar{3}_F, \bar{3}_c, J^P = 0^+$ ) configuration
  - quarks on "good" diquarks attract each other
  - large mass splitting in good, bad and not-even-bad
  - non-vanishing size or compact?
- HQSS-limit: A diquark acts as an antiquark  $[QQ] \leftrightarrow \bar{Q}$ .  
~~ currently one motivation for  $T_{QQ}$ -type hadrons, next slide

**3 types of diquark:**  
**good, bad** and not-even bad

Diquark operator:

$$D_\Gamma = q^c C \Gamma q'$$

~~  $c, C$  = charge conjugation

~~  $\Gamma$  acts on Dirac space

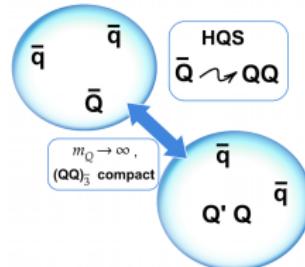
$J^P$	C	F	Op: $\Gamma$
$0^+$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{3}$	$\gamma_5, \gamma_0 \gamma_5$
$1^+$	$\bar{3}$	6	$\gamma_i, \sigma_{ij}$
$0^-$	$\bar{3}$	6	$\mathbb{1}, \gamma_0$
$1^-$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{3}$	$\gamma_i \gamma_5, \sigma_{ij}$

# The case for doubly heavy tetraquarks - Diquarks and $qq'\bar{Q}\bar{Q}'$

Revisit ideas for stable multiquarks based on diquarks

~~Ader et al. ('82); Manohar, Wise ('93); ...

- Effective  $q - q$  interaction in "good" diquarks
- HQS ( $Q \sim b$ ) relates  $[\bar{Q}\bar{Q}]_3 \leftrightarrow Q$
- $[\bar{Q}\bar{Q}]_3^{m_Q \rightarrow \infty}$  becomes compact
- Combine (HH)+(II) diquarks into tetraquarks:  
$$\{qq'\}[\bar{Q}\bar{Q}'] = (qC\gamma_5 q')(\bar{Q}C\gamma_i\bar{Q}') := T_{QQ'}$$

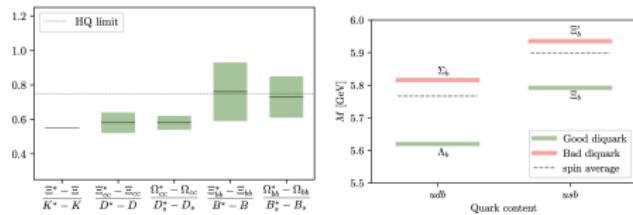


Model expectations:

- Wave-fct, prefer  $J^P(T_{QQ'}) = 1^+$
- HQS, prefer  $\bar{b}\bar{b}$   
⇒ heavier  $[\bar{Q}\bar{Q}']$  more binding
- Diquark, prefer  $\{ud\}$  type  
⇒ lighter  $\{qq'\}$  more binding

Binding opportunity in model

- PDG mesons/baryons provide constraints



# Doubly heavy tetraquarks - deeply bound $J^P = 1^+$ $T_{bb}$ and $T_{bb}^{\ell s}$

HQ spin symmetry - good diquark (HQS-GDQ) picture predictions:

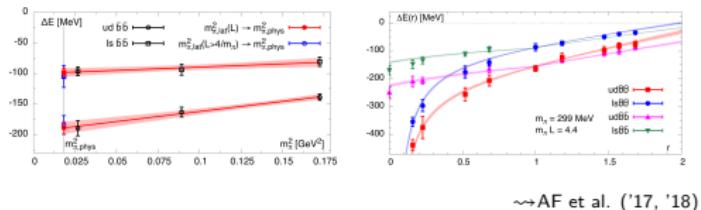
- $J^P = 1^+$  ground state tetraquark
- Deeper binding with:  
 $\rightarrow$  heavier  $Q$  in  $[\bar{Q}'\bar{Q}]$   
 $\rightarrow$  lighter  $q$  in  $\{qq'\}$

## All observed on the Lattice!

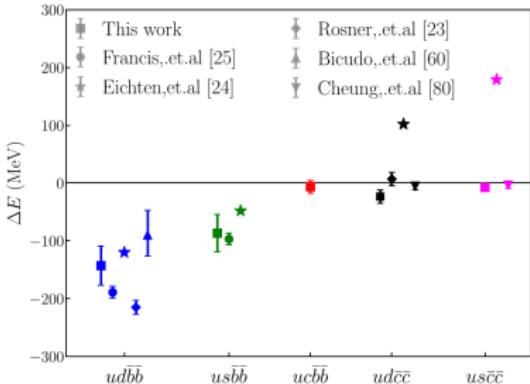
$bb\bar{q}\bar{q}'$  are a focal point  $\rightarrow$  All efforts observe deeply bound  $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$

- Junnarkar, Mathur, Padmanath ('18)
- Leskovec, Meinel, Plaumer, Wagner ('19)
- HadronSpectrum Coll. ('17)
- Mohanta, Basak ('20)
- Colquhoun, AF, Hudspith, Lewis, Maltman ('17, '18, '20)

## Lattice energies give robust predictions



## Community overview



↔ Mathur et al. ('19)

# Diquarks - Towards understanding $T_{QQ'}^{qq'}$ and other hadrons

## HQS-GDQ predictions all observed on the Lattice!

Many open questions:

- o Binding mechanism? Flavor dependence?
- o Role of diquarks?
- o Structure of  $T_{QQ'}^{qq'}$ ?
- o Consequences for other hadrons?

HQS-GDQ picture in  $T_{QQ'}^{qq'}$  is just one example where diquarks play a crucial role in understanding the hadron spectrum.

~~ [2203.16583][2203.03230]

## Need for fully non-perturbative insight

Towards a clearer understanding and footing in QCD using lattice calculations

1. **diquark formalism:** Find gauge invariant probe
2. **diquark spectrum:** Fundamental properties
3. **diquark structure:** Probe  $q - q$  interaction

## Surveyed $T_{QQ'}^{qq'}$ candidates

observed (>1 group)

no deep binding

observed (1 group)

not confirmed (>1 group)

channel	deeply bound
$J^P = 1^+$	$bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$ $bc\bar{u}\bar{d}$ $bb\bar{l}\bar{s}$ $bc\bar{l}\bar{s}$ $bs\bar{u}\bar{d}$ $cs\bar{u}\bar{d}$ $bb\bar{u}\bar{c}$ $bb\bar{s}\bar{c}$ $cc\bar{u}\bar{d}$ $cc\bar{l}\bar{s}$ $bb\bar{b}\bar{b}$
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*Diquarks on the lattice*

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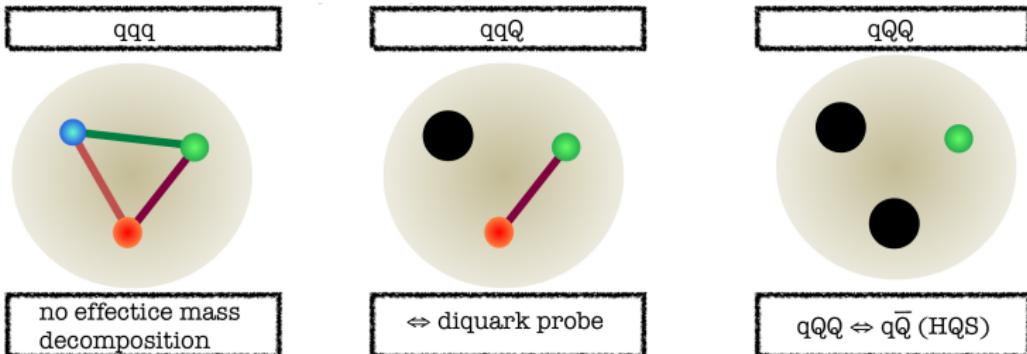
↔ lattice and Dyson-Schwinger, see e.g. [15-20] in 2106.09080

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  - Diquark properties exposed in a gauge-invariant way.

↔ hep-lat/0510082, hep-lat/0509113, hep-lat/0609004, arxiv:1012.2353

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↔  $t \rightarrow \text{large}$ ,  $m_Q \rightarrow \text{large}$



↔ picture of baryons from Hosaka, 2013

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- **Lattice correlator:** Diquark embedded in a static-light-light baryon

$$C_\Gamma(t) = \sum_{\vec{x}} \left\langle [D_\Gamma Q](\vec{x}, t) [D_\Gamma Q]^\dagger(\vec{0}, 0) \right\rangle$$

↔ static quark= $Q$  and  $D_\Gamma = q^c C \Gamma q$

↔ flavor combinations  $ud$ ,  $\ell s$ ,  $ss'$

↔ static-light mesons  $[\bar{Q} \Gamma q]$

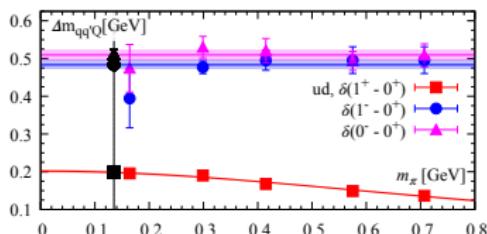
Clearer understanding by studying the diquark ...

1. **spectrum:** [diquark] mass differences are fundamental characteristics of QCD  
(Jaffe '05, arXiv:hep-ph/0409065)
2. **spatial correlations:** study attraction and special status of the "good" diquark
3. **structure:** estimate size and shape of the "good" diquark

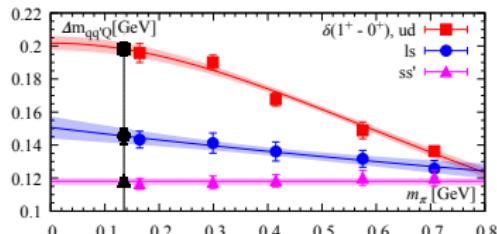
## *Diquark spectroscopy*

# Lattice spectroscopy - diquark-diquark differences

$ud\ 0^+$  versus  $1^+, 0^-$  and  $1^-$



$(1^+ - 0^+)_{qq'}$  splitting



We consider mass differences of  $qq'Q$  baryons:

$$C_\Gamma^{qq'Q}(t) - C_{\gamma\gamma}^{qq'Q}(t)$$

$\rightsquigarrow Q$  drops out  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  measures diquark-diquark mass difference

Bad-good diquark splitting:

- o Special status of good diquark observed
- o Good  $0^+$   $ud$  diquark lies lowest in the spectrum
- o Bad  $1^+$   $ud$  diquark 100-200 MeV above
- o  $0^-$  and  $1^-$   $ud$  diquarks  $\sim 0.5$  GeV above
- o Pattern repeated in  $ls$  and  $ss'$

$\Delta m_{qq'Q}(m_\pi)$  dependence:

- o Chiral limit:  $\sim \text{const}$
- o Heavy-quark limit: decreases  $\sim 1/(m_{q_1} m_{q_2})$ , with  $m_\pi \sim (m_{q_1} + m_{q_2})$

$$\delta(1^+ - 0^+)_{q_1 q_2} = A / \left[ 1 + (m_\pi / B)^{n \in 0, 1, 2} \right]$$

## Lattice spectroscopy - diquark-quark differences

We consider mass differences of a  $qq'Q$  baryon and a light-static meson:

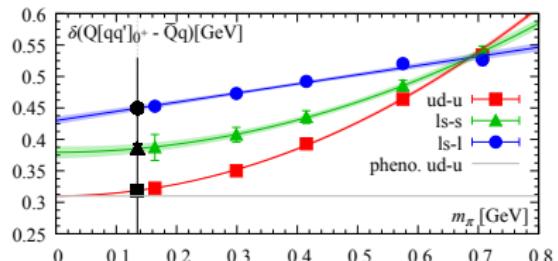
$$C_{\Gamma=\gamma_5}^{qq'Q}(t) - C_{\gamma_5}^{q'\bar{Q}}(t)$$

$\rightsquigarrow Q$  drops out  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  diquark-quark mass difference

$\Delta m_{qq'Q}(m_\pi)$  dependence:

- Chiral vs. heavy-quark limiting behaviours, as before

### $Qqq' - \bar{Q}q'$ splittings



$$\delta(Q[q_1 q_2]_{0+} - \bar{Q}q_2) = C [1 + (m_\pi/D)^{n \in 0,1,2}]$$

Diquark-quark splitting:

- Established mass differences between a good diquark and an [anti]quark
- May prove useful in identifying favourable tetra-, pentaquark channels
- Omits possible distortions through additional light quarks, Pauli-blocking, spin-spin interactions ...

## Diquark spectroscopy - comparing results

- We want to compare our results with phenomenology
  - ↪ more details in extra info slides
- Key resource: (Jaffe '05, arXiv:hep-ph/0409065), updated with PDG 2021 input
- For pheno estimates combine charm and bottom hadron masses such that leading  $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$  ( $Q = c, b$ ) cancel
- The main spectroscopy results are summarised as:

All in [MeV]	$\delta E_{\text{lat}}(m_\pi^{\text{phys}})$	$\delta E_{\text{pheno}}$	$\delta E_{\text{bottom}}^{\text{pheno}}$	$\delta E_{\text{charm}}^{\text{pheno}}$
$\delta(1^+ - 0^+)_{ud}$	198(4)	206(4)	206	210
$\delta(1^+ - 0^+)_{\ell s}$	145(5)	145(3)	145	148
$\delta(1^+ - 0^+)_{ss'}$	118(2)			
$\delta(Q[ud]_{0^+} - \bar{Q}u)$	319(1)	306(7)	306	313
$\delta(Q[\ell s]_{0^+} - \bar{Q}s)$	385(9)	397(1)	397	398
$\delta(Q[\ell s]_{0^+} - \bar{Q}\ell)$	450(6)			

↪ use the bottom estimate for static  
↪ use charm-bottom difference as estimate for deviation from static  
 $\Rightarrow \lesssim \mathcal{O}(7)\text{MeV}$  deviation

- Overall, very good agreement observed.

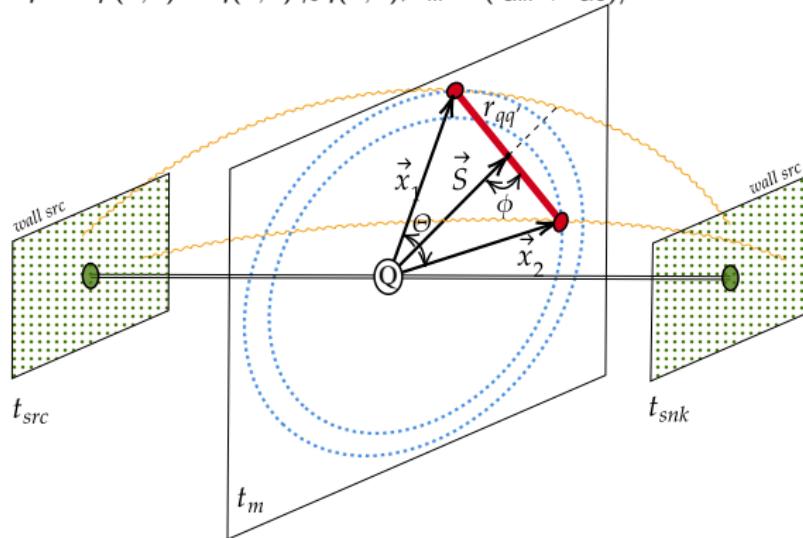
## *Diquark structure*

## Diquarks - spatial correlations

We access (good) diquark structure information through density-density correlations:

$$C_{\Gamma}^{dd}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, t) = \left\langle \mathcal{O}_{\Gamma}(\vec{0}, 2t) \rho(\vec{x}_1, t) \rho(\vec{x}_2, t) \mathcal{O}_{\Gamma}^{\dagger}(\vec{0}, 0) \right\rangle := \rho_2(r_{ud}, S, \phi; \Gamma)$$

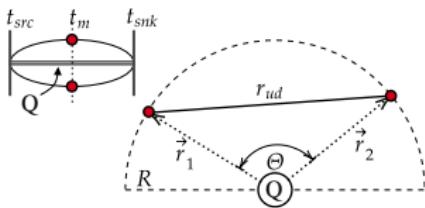
$\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{O}_{\Gamma} = q^c C \Gamma q$  and  $\rho(\vec{x}, t) = \bar{q}(\vec{x}, t) \gamma_0 q(\vec{x}, t)$ ,  $t_m = (t_{src} + t_{snk})/2$  to minimize excited states



Main tool: Correlations between two light quarks' relative positions to the static quark.  
 $S, r_{ud}$  fixed: Distance between static quark  $Q$  and closer of the two light quarks  $q, q'$  is

- o Minimized for  $\phi = \pi$ , possible disruption due to  $Q$  is largest
- o Maximized for  $\phi = \pi/2$ , possible disruption due to  $Q$  is smallest

# Good diquark attraction



Setting  $\phi = \pi/2$ :

- $|\vec{x}_1| = |\vec{x}_2| = R$ , use  $R, \Theta$ :  

$$\rho_2^\perp(R, \Theta) = \rho_2(r_{ud}, S, \pi/2)$$
- Attraction visible through increase in  $\rho_2^\perp$  for small  $\Theta$  at any fixed  $R$

Two limiting cases for the two quarks:

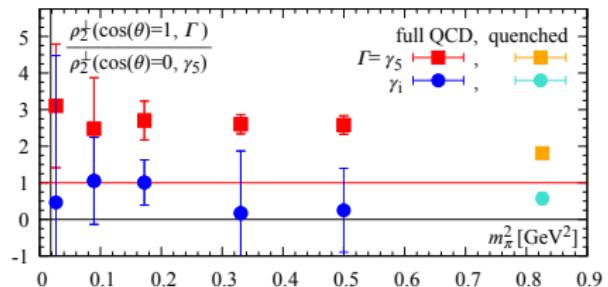
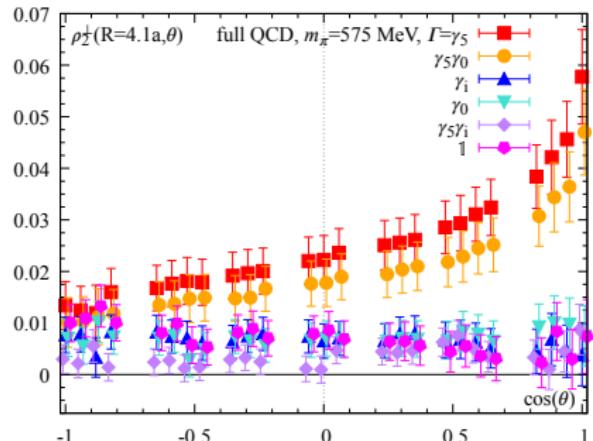
- $\cos(\Theta) = 1$  on top of each other
- $\cos(\Theta) = -1$  opposite each other

"Lift" as qualitative criterion:

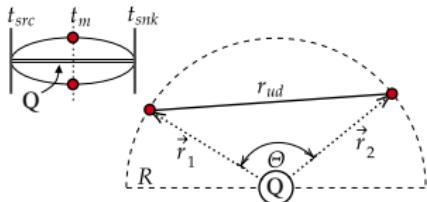
$$\frac{\rho_2^\perp(R, \Theta = 0, \Gamma)}{\rho_2^\perp(R, \Theta = \pi/2, \gamma_5)}$$

Increase observed in good diquark only

## Spatial correlation over $\Theta$



## Good diquark size



- Distance between quarks:

$$r_{ud} = R \sqrt{2(1 - \cos(\Theta))}$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  different visualisation

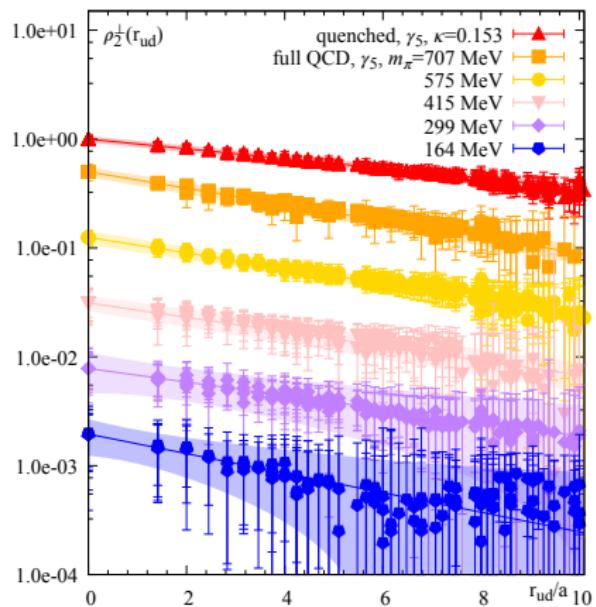
- $\rho_2^\perp(R, r_{ud}) \sim \exp(-r_{ud}/r_0)$   
 $\rightsquigarrow$  "characteristic size"  $r_0$
- Need to control:

- interference from  $Q$   
 $\rightsquigarrow$  we limit analysis to  $r_{ud} < R$
- periodicity effects  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  in practice we find  $L = 5r_0$

- Further checks:  
 $A(R, r_{ud} = 0) \sim \exp(-R/R_0)$

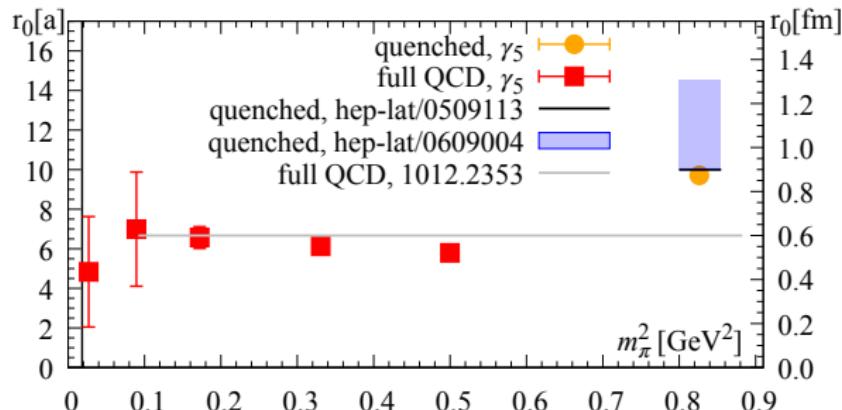
Data well described by (single)  
exponential Ansatz

## Spatial correlation over $r_{ud}$



- $r_{ud} = 0$  normalised, offset for each  $m_\pi$
- all  $R$  shown simultaneously
- combined fits over  $\forall R$  with shared  $r_0$

## Size dependence $r_0(m_\pi)$



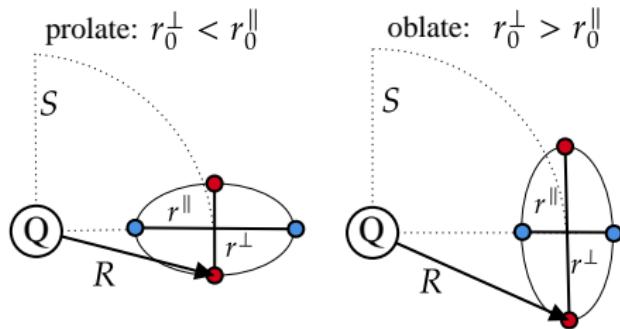
Good diquark size:

- Agreement w/ prev. quenched and dynamical
- Refinement through our results
- $r_0 \simeq \mathcal{O}(0.6)\text{fm}$  weak  $m_\pi$  dependence  
 $\rightsquigarrow \sim r_{\text{meson, baryon}}$ , arXiv:1604.02891

$r_0(m_\pi)$  dependence:

- $m_{q,q'} \uparrow$  should produce more compact object
- But, diquark attraction  $\downarrow$  works opposite
- Former effect dominates at large  $m_\pi$ ?
- But, in quenched diquarks definitely larger...

## Shape of good diquarks - studying wavefunction "oblateness"



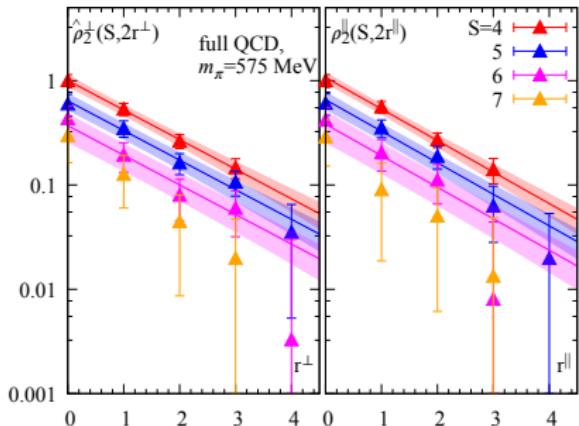
### Tangential and radial spatial correlation decay

As opposed to before  $R \neq \text{fixed}$ :

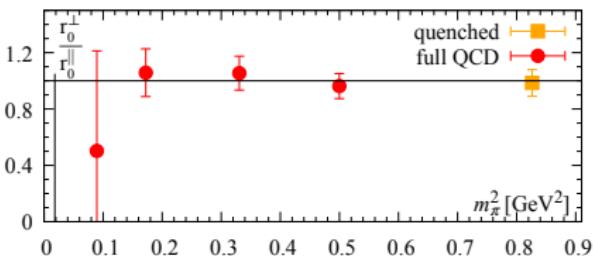
- $\phi = \pi$ : radial correlation,  
size  $\sim r_0^{\parallel}$
- $\phi = \pi/2$ : tangential correlation,  
size  $\sim r_0^\perp$
- $r_0^\perp / r_0^{\parallel}$  gives information on shape:  
 $= 1$ , spherical  
 $\neq 1$ , prolate/oblate

- Probe  $J = 0$  nature of good diquark (spherical,  $S$ -wave expectation)
- Diquark polarisation through static quark?

## Oblateness results at $m_\pi = 575\text{MeV}$



## Shape dependence $r_0^\perp / r_0^\parallel(m_\pi)$



- Goal:

- $r_0^\perp, r_0^\parallel$  at fixed  $S$

### Technical issue:

- ( $\parallel$ ) as before:

$$R = S$$

- ( $\perp$ ) different:  $R = \sqrt{(r^\perp)^2 + S^2}$

### Solution:

- Introduce "nuisance" parameter  $R_0$
- Adjusted in figure
- Parallel lines  $\leadsto r_0^\perp = r_0^\parallel$

- $r_0^\perp / r_0^\parallel(m_\pi)$  dependence:

- Ratio  $\simeq 1$  for all  $m_\pi$   $\Rightarrow$  spherical
- Consistent w/ scalar,  $J = 0$ , shape
- No diquark polarisation through  $Q$  observed

## Summary - Diquarks on the lattice

Gauge invariant approach to diquarks in  $n_f = 2 + 1$  lattice QCD

- Lattice setup with short chiral extrapolations, continuum limit still required

Diquark spectroscopy

- Special status of "good" diquark confirmed, attraction of 198(4)MeV over "bad"
- Chiral and flavor dependence modelled through simple Ansatz
- Very good agreement with phenomenological estimates

Diquark structure

- $q - q$  attraction in good diquark induces compact spatial correlation
- Good diquark size  $r_0 \simeq \mathcal{O}(0.6)\text{fm} \sim r_{\text{meson, baryon}}$ , weakly  $m_\pi$  dependent
- Good diquark shape appears nearly spherical

Outlook

- Results provide clear, quantitative support for the good diquark picture
- Hope to refine diquark model parameters
- Insights for studies of exotic tetraquarks (esp. doubly heavy), heavy-baryons, etc.
- Refinement towards diquarks in light baryons? Tetraquark diquark content? ...

*Thank you for your attention.*



*Further material*

## A gauge invariant probe - lattice calculation details

- **Lattice correlator:** Diquark embedded in a static-light-light baryon

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~> static quark=Q and  $D_\Gamma = q^c C \Gamma q$   
~> flavor combinations  $ud$ ,  $\ell s$ ,  $ss'$   
~> static-light mesons  $[\bar{Q} \Gamma q]$

setting up on the lattice - we recycle

- $n_f = 2 + 1$  full QCD,  $32^3 \times 64$ ,  $a = 0.090\text{fm}$ ,  $a^{-1} = 2.194\text{GeV}$  (PACS-CS gauges)
- $m_\pi = 164, 299, 415, 575, 707\text{ MeV}$ ,  $m_s \simeq m_s^{\text{phys}}$ , propagators re-used from before
- Quenched gauge  $a \simeq 0.1\text{fm}$ ,  $m_\pi^{\text{valence}} = 909\text{ MeV}$ , to match [hep-lat/0509113](#)

# Diquark spectroscopy - phenomenological estimates

We want to compare our results with phenomenology

- o Key resource: (Jaffe '05, arXiv:hep-ph/0409065), updated with PDG 2021 input
- o For pheno estimates use charm and bottom hadron masses where leading  $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$  ( $Q = c, b$ ) can be cancelled

Four estimates considered:

- o  $\delta(1^+ - 0^+)_{ud}$ : 
$$\frac{1}{3} (2M(\Sigma_Q^*) + M(\Sigma_Q)) - M(\Lambda_Q)$$

- o  $\delta(1^+ - 0^+)_{us}$ : 
$$\frac{2}{3} (M(\Xi_Q^*) + M(\Sigma_Q) + M(\Omega_Q)) - M(\Xi_Q) - M(\Xi'_Q)$$

- o  $\delta(Q[ud]_{0^+} - \bar{Q}u)$ : 
$$M(\Lambda_Q) - \frac{1}{4} (M(P_{Qu}) + 3M(V_{Qu}))$$

$\rightsquigarrow P_{Qu}, V_{Qu}$  are the ground-state, heavy-light mesons

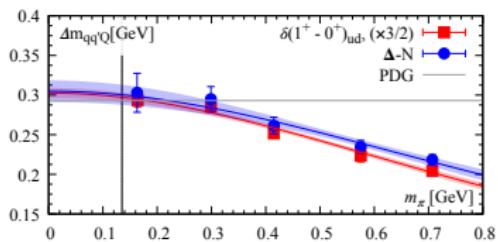
- o  $\delta(Q[us]_{0^+} - \bar{Q}s)$ :

$$M(\Xi_Q) + M(\Xi'_Q) - \frac{1}{2}(M(\Sigma_Q) + M(\Omega_Q)) - \frac{1}{4}(M(P_{Qs}) + 3M(V_{Qs}))$$

$\rightsquigarrow P_{Qs}, V_{Qs}$  are the ground-state, heavy-strange mesons

# $\Delta$ -Nucleon mass difference

$[\Delta - N](m_\pi)$



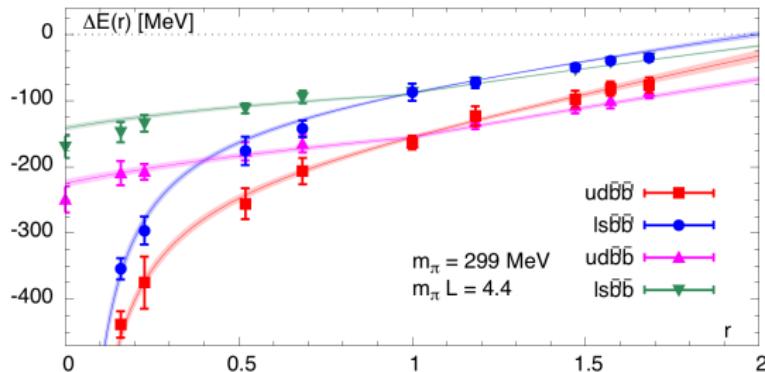
Measured the mass difference of  $\Delta - N$

- Prediction:  $\delta(\Delta - N) = 3/2 \times \delta(1^+ - 0^+)_{ud}$
- Same Ansatz as before
- Prediction holds well, even at fairly large  $m_\pi$

# A tunable system - opportunity together with pheno

AF et al. ('18)

\*5 parameter pheno-Ansatz in Appendix



- E.g. scans in  $m_b'$  map out the heavy quark mass dependence.
- Away from physical masses the binding mechanism can be probed.
  - Mass dependence can be confronted with model predictions.
  - System can be tuned continuously from the bound to the resonant or non-interacting regimes.
  - Requires robust control of finite volume spectrum.

*Review of doubly heavy tetraquarks in lattice QCD*

Confirm and predict doubly heavy tetraquarks non-perturbatively

Tetraquarks as ground states? What would their binding mechanism/properties be?

**HQS-GDQ picture, consequences for  $qq'\bar{Q}'\bar{Q}$  tetraquarks:**

- $J^P = 1^+$  ground state tetraquark below meson-meson threshold
- Deeper binding with heavier quarks in the  $\bar{Q}'\bar{Q}$  diquark
- Deeper binding for lighter quarks in the  $qq'$  diquark

**Ideal for lattice:** Diquark dynamics and HQS could enable  $J^P = 1^+$  ground state doubly heavy tetraquarks with flavor content  $qq'\bar{Q}\bar{Q}'$ .

**Goal:**  $\Delta E = E_{\text{tetra}} - E_{\text{meson-meson}}$ , e.g. in  $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$ ,  $bb\bar{l}\bar{s}$  and others  
⇒ Verify, quantify predictions of binding mechanism in mind.

Lattice point of view

- Hidden flavor  $qQ\bar{q}'\bar{Q}$  are tetraquark candidates as excitations of  $Q\bar{Q}'$ .  
~~ technical difficulty for lattice calculations, need to resolve many f.vol states.  
~~  $qq'\bar{Q}\bar{Q}'$ , i.e. ground state candidates would be better to handle.

In the following

- Tetraquarks with two heavy ( $c, b$ ) and two light ( $\ell, s$ ) quarks.
- Lattice evidence for  $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$ ,  $bb\bar{l}\bar{s}$ .
- Recent updates on systematics.
- Survey of candidates status.

# Lattice tetraquarks - 4 main approaches

## 1. Static quarks ( $m_Q = \infty$ )

Fitted potentials used to predict bound states and resonances.

- Allows for potential formulation.
- Ansatz fitted to lattice data.
- Plug into Schrödinger Eq. for  $E_n$ .

$\rightsquigarrow bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$ , Bicudo et al. ('17,'19)

## 3. Finite volume energy levels

Lattice energies equated to (un)observed states.

- Operator matrix (GEVP) gives  $\lambda_i \propto E_i$   
⇒ Finite volume states.
- Binding? Get  $\Delta E = E_0 - E_{thresh}$ .
- Mechanism? Vary quark masses.

$\rightsquigarrow$ AF et al. ('17,'18, '20), Hughes et al. ('17), Junnarkar et al. ('18), Leskovec et al. ('19), Mohanta et al. ('20)

## 2. HAL QCD method

Lattice potentials studied for scattering properties.

- Expansion of energy dependent potential (systematics?).
- Method under debate, best motivated for heavy systems.

$\rightsquigarrow$ HAL QCD ('16,'18)

## 4. Scattering analysis

Lattice energies studied in terms of scattering phase shifts.

- Excited state energies via GEVP.
- Analyse fvol spectrum ⇒ Resonant, bound, virtual bound, free.

$\rightsquigarrow$ Hadron Spectrum Coll. ('18,'20)

## Lattice tetraquarks - 4 step recipe

The main tool is to adopt a variational approach

Lattice GEVP gives access to finite volume energy states (masses, overlaps).

**Beware:** Operator overlaps do not necessarily connect to the naively expected structures. Be careful when equating lattice correlators with trial-wave functions.

Step I: Set up a basis of operators, here  $J^P = 1^+$

Diquark-Antidiquark:

$$D = \left( (q_a)^T (C\gamma_5) q'_b \right) \times \left[ \bar{Q}_a (C\gamma_i) (\bar{Q}'_b)^T - a \leftrightarrow b \right]$$

Dimeson:  $M = (\bar{b}_a \gamma_5 u_a) (\bar{b}_b \gamma_i d_b) - (\bar{b}_a \gamma_5 d_a) (\bar{b}_b \gamma_i u_b)$

Step II: Solve the GEVP and fit the energies

$$F(t) = \begin{pmatrix} G_{DD}(t) & G_{DM}(t) \\ G_{MD}(t) & G_{MM}(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad F(t)\nu = \lambda(t)F(t_0)\nu,$$

$$G_{O_1 O_2} = \frac{C_{O_1 O_2}(t)}{C_{PP}(t)C_{VV}(t)}, \quad \lambda(t) = A e^{-\Delta E(t-t_0)}.$$

$\rightsquigarrow \Delta E = E_{\text{tetra}} - E_{\text{thresh}}$  in case of binding correlator  $(C_{O_1 O_2}(t))/(C_{PP}(t)C_{VV}(t))$ .

Most use these operators, but a larger basis has been worked out.

$\Rightarrow$  Need to be used by more groups.

$\rightsquigarrow$  HadronSpectrum Coll. ('17)

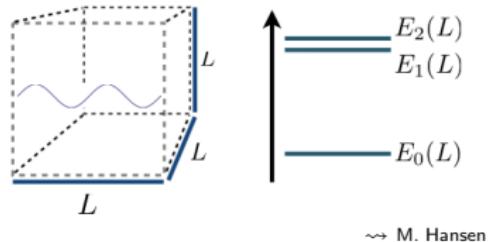
### Step III: Finite volume corrections

Large energy shifts are possible due to the finite lattice volume.

#### Scenario I: Scattering state

The finite volume energy belongs to a scattering state, the corrections go as

$$E_{b,L} \sim E_{b,\infty} \cdot \left[ 1 + \frac{a}{L^3} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{L^4}\right) \right]$$



#### Scenario II: Stable state

The corrections are exponentially suppressed with  $\kappa = \sqrt{E_{b,\infty}^2 + p^2}$

$$E_{b,L} \sim E_{b,\infty} \cdot \left[ 1 + Ae^{-\kappa L} \right]$$

With a single volume available:

- In a bound state corrections are  $\sim \exp(\text{binding momentum})$   
↔ strong supp.  $m_{\text{had}} = \text{heavy}$
- In a scattering state expect large deviation around threshold

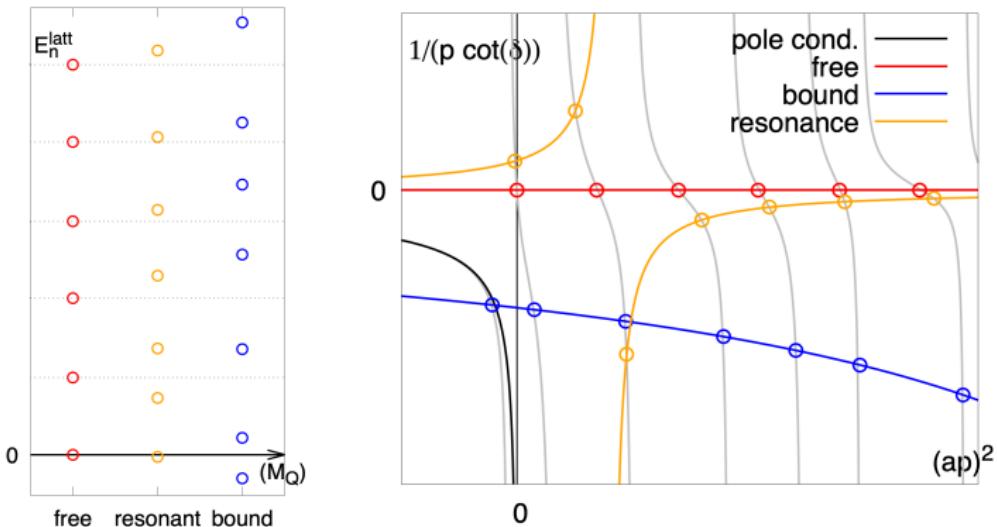
With multiple volumes available:

- Track mass dependence  
↔ decide bound/scatt. state
- Power law corrections might be too small to resolve

## Step IV: Finite volume / Scattering analysis

Limitation: Small GEVP without f.vol analysis ok for deeply bound states.  
Insufficient to tell apart free, resonant or virtual bd. states.

**Extension:** Connect energies to scattering phase shifts via finite volume quantisation conditions (Lüscher-formalism).

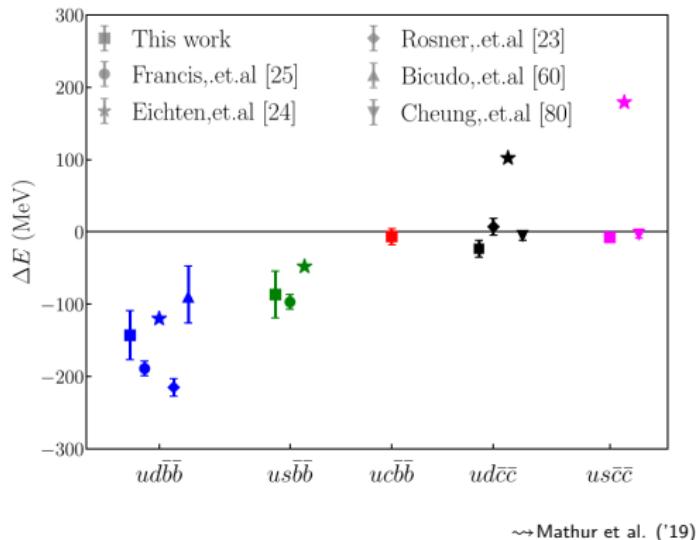


- connect (many) f.vol states to scattering parameters (sketch: BW)
- resonance: extra state(s) appear, lowest state close to threshold

## *What we know: A review of recent lattice studies*

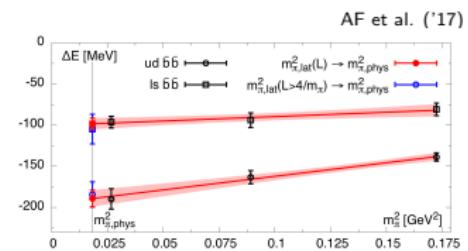
# What we know: Deeply bound $J^P = 1^+$ $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$ and $bb\bar{l}\bar{s}$ tetraquarks

## Community overview



Qualitative agreement with pheno

- All three predictions met:
  - $J^P = 1^+$  bound ground state.
  - deeper binding with  $m_Q \uparrow$ .
  - deeper binding with  $m_q \downarrow$ .
- $bb\bar{q}\bar{q}'$  are a focal point → All efforts observe deeply bound  $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$



- Junnarkar, Mathur, Padmanath ('18)
- Leskovec, Meinel, Plaumer, Wagner ('19)
- HadronSpectrum Coll. ('17)
- Mohanta, Basak ('20)
- Colquhoun, AF, Hudspith, Lewis, Maltman ('17, '18, '20)

# Overview -possible doubly heavy tetraquark candidates

## Surveying candidates

observed (>1 group)

no deep binding

observed (1 group)

not confirmed (>1 group)

channel	deeply bound
$J^P = 1^+$	$bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$ $bc\bar{u}\bar{d}$ $bb\bar{l}\bar{s}$ $bc\bar{l}\bar{s}$ $bs\bar{u}\bar{d}$ $cs\bar{u}\bar{d}$ $bb\bar{u}\bar{c}$ $bb\bar{s}\bar{s}$ $cc\bar{u}\bar{d}$ $cc\bar{l}\bar{s}$ $bb\bar{b}\bar{b}$
$J^P = 0^+$	$bb\bar{u}\bar{u}$ $cc\bar{u}\bar{u}$ $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$ $bc\bar{u}\bar{d}$ $bb\bar{l}\bar{s}$ $bc\bar{l}\bar{s}$ $bb\bar{s}\bar{s}$ $cc\bar{s}\bar{s}$ $bs\bar{u}\bar{d}$ $cs\bar{u}\bar{d}$ $bb\bar{u}\bar{c}$ $bb\bar{s}\bar{c}$ $bb\bar{c}\bar{c}$ $cc\bar{u}\bar{d}$ $bb\bar{b}\bar{b}$

## Deeply bound states

Focus: strong interaction stable

→  $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$  and  $bb\bar{l}\bar{s}$  in  $J^P = 1^+$ .

→  $cc\bar{q}\bar{q}'$  not deep.

→  $bc\bar{q}\bar{q}'$  not clear.

→ further candidates not observed.

→ none observed in  $J^P = 0^+$ .

~~Bicudo et al. ('17), AF et al. ('17,'18, '20), HadSpec Coll. ('18), Hughes et al. ('17), Junnarkar et al. ('18), Leskovec et al. ('19), Mohanta et al. ('20)

## States above threshold, resonances?

→  $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$  in  $J^P = 1^+$  /w static quarks find a resonance just above threshold.

~~Bicudo et al. ('19)

→ No results from other approaches.

→ What about  $cs\bar{u}\bar{d}$  ?

~~ under investigation Hudspith, AF et al.('20), HadSpec ('20)

## Shallow binding?

○  $cc\bar{u}\bar{d}$  now observed by LHCb, robust lattice post-diction?

→ Work to remove current limitations.