

All-Heavy Tetraquarks

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Based on recent work with J. Vijande, A. Valcarce,
older work with Cafer Ay et Hyam Rubinstein
and ongoing work with Emiko Hiyama, Makoto Oka and Atsushi
Hosaka.



History

- $(Q_1 Q_2 \bar{Q}_3 \bar{Q}_4)$: many speculations
- Encouraged by the success of quarkonium and quarkonium-like (XYZ) spectroscopy
- Can we get a bound or resonant double quarkonium?
- $(cc\bar{c}\bar{c})$, $(bc\bar{c}\bar{c})$, $(bb\bar{c}\bar{c})$, ...
- Exp. J/ψ trigger seems easier
- Th. How well can we extrapolate quarkonium dynamics to higher configurations
- New colour substructures, 3- or 4-body forces, etc.
- A wave of encouraging results on the possibility of $(cc\bar{c}\bar{c})$ or $(bb\bar{b}\bar{b})$, Vary, Karliner et al. Bai et al., Zhu et al., etc.
- Critically examined in the case of constituent models (Valcarce, Vijnade, R., PRD in press)



Chromoelectric limit

- Chromomagnetic terms $\propto (m_i m_j)^{-1}$ less important in the heavy quark sector
- Simplest chromoelectric prototype in the literature

$$H = \sum \frac{\mathbf{p}_i}{2 m_i} - \frac{16}{3} \sum \tilde{\lambda}_i \cdot \tilde{\lambda}_j v(r_{ij}) ,$$

- with 2-body forces and colour as a global operator
- where $v(r)$ is the [quarkonium](#) potential
- has some analogy with 4-unit-charges systems in QED

$$H = \sum \frac{\mathbf{p}_i}{2 m_i} + \sum e_i e_j / r_{ij} .$$



Chromoelectric limit-2

- **Striking mass dependence**, $(QQ\bar{q}\bar{q})$ favored in the CE limit, $(M^+M^+m^-m^-)$ more stable than $(m^+m^+m^-m^-)$
- $(M^+m^+M^-m^-)$ unstable in QED if $M/m \gtrsim 2.2$
- Naive CE limit and QED differ in the **equal-mass case**
 - $(e^+e^+e^-e^-) = P_{S_2}$ **stable** (Wheeler, Hylleraas and Ore, ...)
 - $(QQ\bar{Q}\bar{Q})$ **unstable** in serious 4-body estimates in naive CE model.
- Delicate 4-body problem, as e.g., the tetra neutron
- Some approximations favor binding artificially, e.g.

$$a(r_{12}^2 + r_{34}^2) + b \sum_{\substack{i=1,2 \\ j=3,4}} r_{ij}^2 = \begin{cases} (a + b)(x^2 + y^2) + 2bz^2 (\text{exact}) \\ (a \quad \quad)(x^2 + y^2) + 2bz^2 (\text{diquarks}) \end{cases}$$

if $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1$, $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{r}_4 - \mathbf{r}_3$ and $\mathbf{z} = (\mathbf{r}_3 + \mathbf{r}_4 - \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)/\sqrt{2}$



More on symmetry breaking

- Role of **symmetry breaking**
- $\min(p^2 + x^2 + \lambda x) < \min(p^2 + x^2)$ in elementary QM
- $\min(H_{\text{even}} + H_{\text{odd}}) < \min H_{\text{even}}$
- $\min(M^+ M^+ m^- m^-) < \min(\mu^+ \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^-)$, $2\mu^{-1} = M^{-1} + m^{-1}$
- $(M^+ M^+ m^- m^-)$ and $(\mu^+ \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^-)$ have the **same threshold**

$$\frac{p_1^2}{2M} + \frac{p_2^2}{2M} + \frac{p_3^2}{2m} + \frac{p_4^2}{2m} + V =$$

$$\left[\sum \frac{p_i^2}{2\mu} + V \right] + \left(\frac{1}{4M} - \frac{1}{4m} \right) [p_1^2 + p_2^2 - p_3^2 - p_4^2]$$

$$\Rightarrow \min(H_{C\text{-even}} + H_{C\text{-odd}}) < \min H_{C\text{-even}}$$

and this explains why H_2 is more stable than Ps_2 .



Breaking particle identity?

- same reasoning?

$$\frac{\mathbf{p}_1^2}{2M} + \frac{\mathbf{p}_2^2}{2m} + \frac{\mathbf{p}_3^2}{2M} + \frac{\mathbf{p}_4^2}{2m} + V =$$

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

- Thus $(M^+ m^+ M^- m^-)$ more stable than $(\mu^+ \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^-)$????
- No!
- Since symmetry breaking benefits **more** to $(M^+ M^-) + (m^+ m^-)$!!!
- But some kind of metastability below the other threshold, $(M^+ m^-) + \text{c.c.}$
- In short (un)favorable **symmetry breaking** can (spoil) generate **stability**.



More on the equal-mass case-2

- So far, asymmetry in the kinetic energy
- Similar for the **potential energy**

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

If g_{ij} are equal: **highest** energy, and, roughly speaking, the broader the distribution of g_{ij} , the lower the energy.

- Now, if you compare Ps_2 and quark models: Ps_2 favored

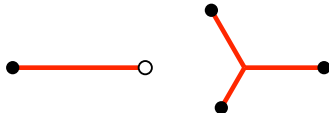
$(abcd)$	$v(r)$	g_{ij}	\bar{g}	Δg
Thr $(1,3)_+(2,4)$	$-1/r, r$	$\{0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0\}$	1/3	0.22
Ps_2	$-1/r$	$\{-1, -1, 1, 1, 1, 1\}$	1/3	0.89
$[(qq)_{\bar{3}}(\bar{q}\bar{q})_3]$	$-1/r, r$	$\{1/2, 1/2, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4\}$	1/3	0.01
$[(qq)_{\bar{6}}(\bar{q}\bar{q})_{\bar{6}}]$	$-1/r, r$	$\{-1/4, -1/4, 5/8, 5/8, 5/8, 5/8\}$	1/3	0.17

Mixing effects small



Improved chromoelectric model

- Based on the string model
- Linear confinement interpreted as

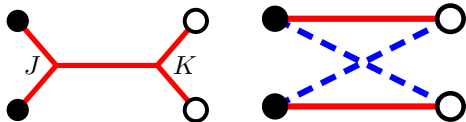


- Not very visible in baryon spectroscopy as compared to

$$V_{\text{conf}} = \frac{1}{2}(r_{12} + r_{23} + r_{31})$$

of the naive additive model.

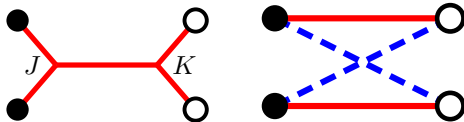
- For **tetraquarks**, the minimum of



provides some extra attraction (Vijande et al., 2007, Bai et al. 2017). The connected diagram alone binds for $M \gg m$.



Adiabaticity and color-mixing

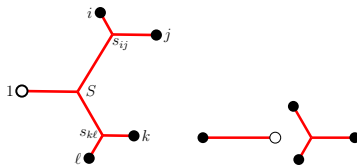


- The string potential corresponds to a Born-Oppenheimer treatment of the gluon field.
- With **free rotations** of the color wave function
- This is possible for $(bc\bar{b}\bar{c})$, **not** for $(bb\bar{b}\bar{b})$
- So the result by Bai et al corresponds to a fictitious $(bb'\bar{b}\bar{b}')$ state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



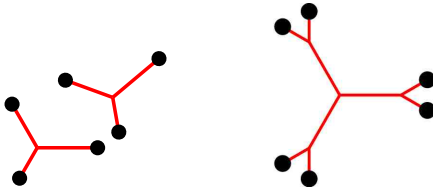
Higher configurations: pentaquark

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



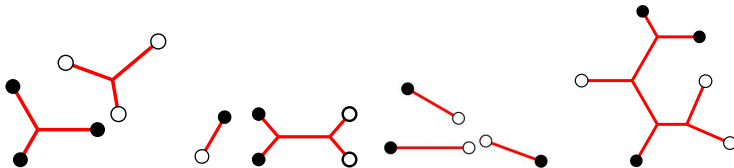
Higher configurations: dibaryon

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



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!



Chromomagnetic binding-2

- Other configurations found, such as the heavy P (Gignoux et al., Lipkin, 1987) ($\bar{Q}qqqq$)
- Any correction repulsive: binding is not secured
- In particular $SU(3)_F$ breaking
- Short-range factor $\langle \delta(\mathbf{r}_{ij}) \rangle$ borrowed from baryons
- The model was improved by Høgassen et al., and later by Stancu, Zhu et al., ...

$$H = - \sum_{i < j} C_{ij} \lambda_i^{(c)} \cdot \lambda_j^{(c)} \sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j ,$$

C_{ij} tuned to qq, cq, cs, \dots in ordinary hadrons

- Astonishing picture of the $X(3872)$
- Further studies, e.g., PKU
- b -sector, and/or all-heavy systems more problematic.
- as it requires interplay of chr.-elec. and magn. effects



Summary

- In charm sector, both chromoelectric and magnetic effects to be included
- Naive chromoelectric model (additive with color factors) follow the trends of $(+ + --)$ in QED
- But less favorable, due to the **non-Abelian** algebra of charges
- For non-identical quarks and antiquarks, **string** potential offers good opportunities
- The 4-body (and higher!) problem is delicate. The diquark-antidiquark approximation is antivariational, and thus might produce artificial binding.



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

Figs from the Roma group

