

# Evidence for the existence of $ud\bar{b}\bar{b}$ and the non-existence of $ss\bar{b}\bar{b}$ and $cc\bar{b}\bar{b}$ tetraquarks from lattice QCD

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# Goals, motivation (1)

- Study tetraquarks in the following way:
  - (1) **Compute potentials of two heavy quarks (e.g.  $\bar{b}\bar{b}$ ) in the presence of two lighter quarks (e.g.  $ud$ ,  $ss$  or  $cc$ ) using lattice QCD.**
  - (2) **Explore, whether these potentials are sufficiently attractive to host bound states (rather stable tetraquarks [diquark-antidiquark pairs, mesonic molecules, ...]) by solving Schrödinger equations.**
- This talk is a summary of
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  - [P. Bicudo, M.W., Phys. Rev. D 87, 114511 (2013) [arXiv:1209.6274]]
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  - [P. Bicudo, K. Cichy, A. Peters, B. Wagenbach, M.W., arXiv:1505.00613]
  - [J. Scheunert, P. Bicudo, A. Uenver, M.W., arXiv:1505.03496]
- For recent work from other groups using a similar approach cf. e.g.
  - [W. Detmold, K. Orginos, M. J. Savage, Phys. Rev. D 76, 114503 (2007) [arXiv:hep-lat/0703009]]
  - [G. Bali, M. Hetzenegger, PoS LATTICE2010, 142 (2010) [arXiv:1011.0571 [hep-lat]]]
  - [Z. S. Brown and K. Orginos, Phys. Rev. D 86, 114506 (2012) [arXiv:1210.1953 [hep-lat]]]

# Goals, motivation (2)

- **Why are such investigations important?**
  - **Quite a number of mesons are only poorly understood.**
    - Charged bottomonium states, e.g.  $Z_b(10610)^+$  and  $Z_b(10650)^+$  ... must be four quark states.
    - Charged charmonium states, e.g.  $Z_c(3940)^\pm$  and  $Z_c(4430)^\pm$  ... must be four quark states.
    - $X(3872)$ : mass not as expected from quark models; could be a  $D$ - $D^*$  molecule, a bound diquark-antidiquark, ...

# Outline

- A brief introduction to lattice QCD hadron spectroscopy.
  - QCD (quantum chromodynamics).
  - Hadron spectroscopy.
  - Lattice QCD.
- Heavy-heavy-light-light tetraquarks.
- $BB$  static potentials.
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- $B\bar{B}$  static potentials.
- Inclusion of  $B/B^*$  mass splitting.
- Outlook.

# QCD (quantum chromodynamics)

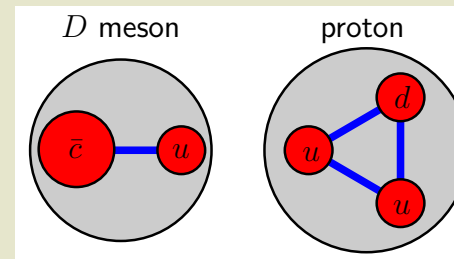
- Quantum field theory of **quarks (six flavors  $u, d, s, c, t, b$ , which differ in mass)** and **gluons**.
- Part of the standard model explaining the formation of hadrons (usually mesons =  $q\bar{q}$  and baryons =  $qqq/\bar{q}\bar{q}\bar{q}$ ) and their masses; essential for decays involving hadrons.
- Definition of QCD simple:

$$S = \int d^4x \left( \sum_{f \in \{u, d, s, c, t, b\}} \bar{\psi}^{(f)} \left( \gamma_\mu (\partial_\mu - iA_\mu) + m^{(f)} \right) \psi^{(f)} + \frac{1}{2g^2} \text{Tr} \left( F_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \right) \right)$$

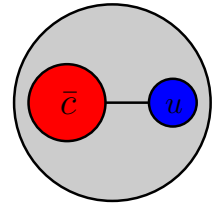
$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu - i[A_\mu, A_\nu].$$

- However, **no analytical solutions for low energy QCD observables, e.g. hadron masses, known**, because of the absence of any small parameter (i.e. perturbation theory not applicable).

→ **Solve QCD numerically by means of lattice QCD.**



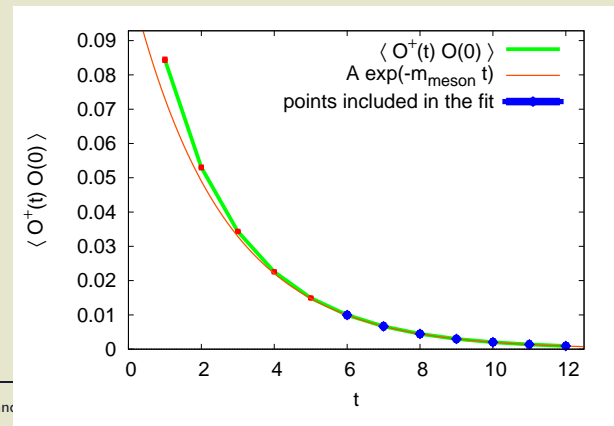
# Hadron spectroscopy



- Proceed as follows:
  - (1) Compute the temporal correlation function  $C(t)$  of a suitable hadron creation operator  $O$  (an operator  $O$ , which generates the quantum numbers of the hadron of interest, when applied to the vacuum  $|\Omega\rangle$ ).
  - (2) Determine the corresponding hadron mass from the asymptotic exponential decay in time.
- Example:  $D$  meson mass  $m_D$  (valence quarks  $\bar{c}$  and  $u$ ,  $J^P = 0^-$ ),

$$O \equiv \int d^3r \bar{c}(\mathbf{r}) \gamma_5 u(\mathbf{r})$$

$$C(t) \equiv \langle \Omega | O^\dagger(t) O(0) | \Omega \rangle \stackrel{t \rightarrow \infty}{\propto} \exp(-m_D t).$$



# Lattice QCD (1)

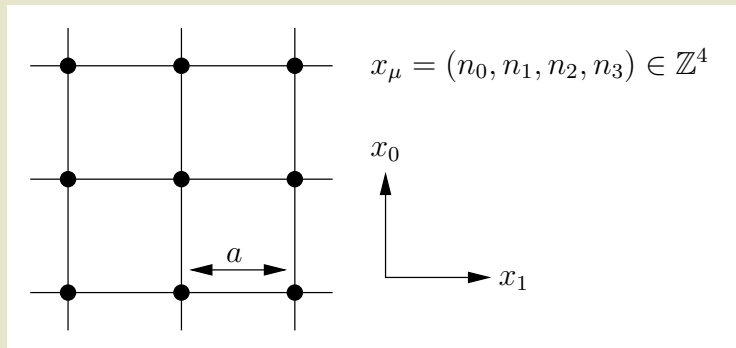
- To compute a temporal correlation function  $C(t)$ , use the path integral formulation of QCD,

$$\begin{aligned} C(t) &= \langle \Omega | O^\dagger(t) O(0) | \Omega \rangle = \\ &= \frac{1}{Z} \int \left( \prod_f D\psi^{(f)} D\bar{\psi}^{(f)} \right) DA_\mu O^\dagger(t) O(0) e^{-S[\psi^{(f)}, \bar{\psi}^{(f)}, A_\mu]}. \end{aligned}$$

- $|\Omega\rangle$ : ground state/vacuum.
- $O^\dagger(t), O(0)$ : functions of the quark and gluon fields (cf. previous slides).
- $\int (\prod_f D\psi^{(f)} D\bar{\psi}^{(f)}) DA_\mu$ : integral over all possible quark and gluon field configurations  $\psi^{(f)}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  and  $A_\mu(\mathbf{x}, t)$ .
- $e^{-S[\psi^{(f)}, \bar{\psi}^{(f)}, A_\mu]}$ : weight factor containing the QCD action.

# Lattice QCD (2)

- Numerical implementation of the path integral formalism in QCD:
  - Discretize spacetime with sufficiently small lattice spacing  $a \approx 0.05 \text{ fm} \dots 0.10 \text{ fm}$   
→ “continuum physics”.
  - “Make spacetime periodic” with sufficiently large extension  $L \approx 2.0 \text{ fm} \dots 4.0 \text{ fm}$  (4-dimensional torus)  
→ “no finite volume effects”.





# Lattice QCD (3)

- Numerical implementation of the path integral formalism in QCD:
  - After discretization the path integral becomes an ordinary multidimensional integral:

$$\int D\psi D\bar{\psi} DA \dots \rightarrow \prod_{x_\mu} \left( \int d\psi(x_\mu) d\bar{\psi}(x_\mu) dU(x_\mu) \right) \dots$$

- Typical present-day dimensionality of a discretized QCD path integral:
  - \*  $x_\mu$ :  $32^4 \approx 10^6$  lattice sites.
  - \*  $\psi = \psi_A^{a,(f)}$ : 24 quark degrees of freedom for every flavor ( $\times 2$  particle/antiparticle,  $\times 3$  color,  $\times 4$  spin), 2 flavors.
  - \*  $U = U_\mu^{ab}$ : 32 gluon degrees of freedom ( $\times 8$  color,  $\times 4$  spin).
  - \* In total:  $32^4 \times (2 \times 24 + 32) \approx \mathbf{83} \times \mathbf{10^6}$  dimensional integral.
- standard approaches for numerical integration not applicable
- sophisticated algorithms mandatory (stochastic integration techniques, so-called Monte-Carlo algorithms).

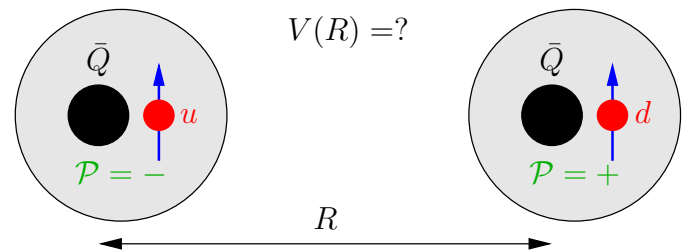
# Heavy-heavy-light-light tetraquarks (1)

- Study possibly existing  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}qq$  and  $\bar{Q}Q\bar{q}q$  tetraquark states ( $q \in \{u, d, s, c\}$ ):
  - Use the static approximation for the heavy quarks  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$  and  $\bar{Q}Q$  (reduces the necessary computation time significantly).
  - Most appropriate for  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q} \equiv \bar{b}\bar{b}$  and  $\bar{Q}Q \equiv \bar{b}b$ , e.g.  $Z_b(10610)^+$  and  $Z_b(10650)^+$ .
  - Could also provide information about  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q} \equiv \bar{c}\bar{c}$  and  $\bar{Q}Q \equiv \bar{c}c$ , e.g.  $Z_c(3940)^\pm$  and  $Z_c(4430)^\pm$ .
- Proceed in two steps:
  - (1) Compute potentials of two “heavy quarks”  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$  and  $\bar{Q}Q$  in the presence of two “light quarks”  $qq$  and  $\bar{q}q$  ( $q \in \{u, d, s, c\}$ ) using lattice QCD.
  - (2) Solve non-relativistic Schrödinger equations for the relative coordinate of the heavy quarks  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$  and  $\bar{Q}Q$ ; the existence of bound states would indicate rather stable tetraquark states.

# Heavy-heavy-light-light tetraquarks (2)

- The spins of the two static quarks  $Q$  are irrelevant.
- At large  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$  (or  $\bar{Q}Q$ ) separation  $R$ , the four quarks will form two static-light mesons  $\bar{Q}q$  and  $\bar{Q}q$  (or  $\bar{Q}q$  and  $\bar{q}Q$ ).
- Consider only pseudoscalar/vector mesons ( $j^{\mathcal{P}} = (1/2)^-$ , PDG:  $B, B^*$ ) and scalar/pseudovector mesons ( $j^{\mathcal{P}} = (1/2)^+$ , PDG:  $B_0^*, B_1^*$ ), which are among the lightest static-light mesons ( $j$ : spin of the light degrees of freedom).
- Study the dependence of the 4-quark/2-meson potential  $V(r)$  on
  - the “light” quark flavors  $u, d, s$  and/or  $c$  (isospin),
  - 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/  
quantum numbers ... attractive,  
repulsive ...



# $BB$ static potentials (1)

- In the following  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}qq$ , i.e. “ $BB$ ” (not  $\bar{Q}Q\bar{q}q$ , i.e. “ $B\bar{B}$ ”).
- To extract the potential(s) of a given sector  $(I, I_z, |j_z|, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{P}_x)$ , compute the temporal correlation function of the trial state

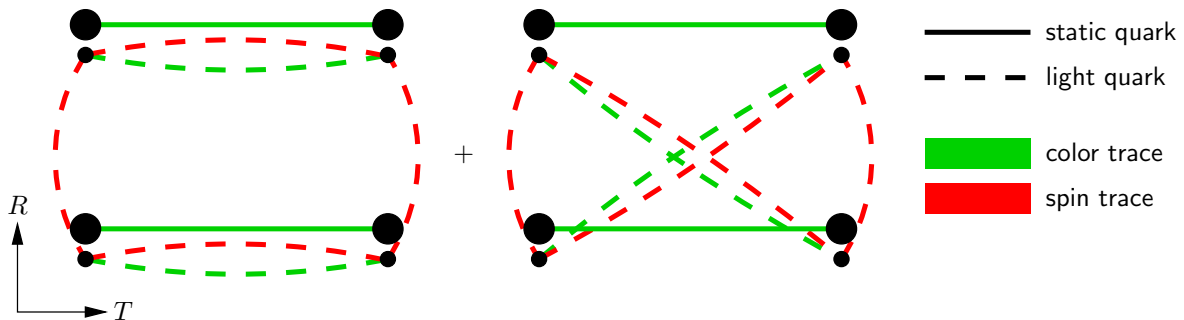
$$(\mathcal{C}\Gamma)_{AB}(\mathcal{C}\tilde{\Gamma})_{CD} \left( \bar{Q}_C(-\mathbf{r}/2)q_A^{(1)}(-\mathbf{r}/2) \right) \left( \bar{Q}_D(+\mathbf{r}/2)q_B^{(2)}(+\mathbf{r}/2) \right) |\Omega\rangle.$$

–  $\mathcal{C} = \gamma_0\gamma_2$  (charge conjugation matrix).

–  $q^{(1)}q^{(2)} \in \{ud - du, uu, dd, ud + du, ss, cc\}$  (isospin  $I, I_z$ ).

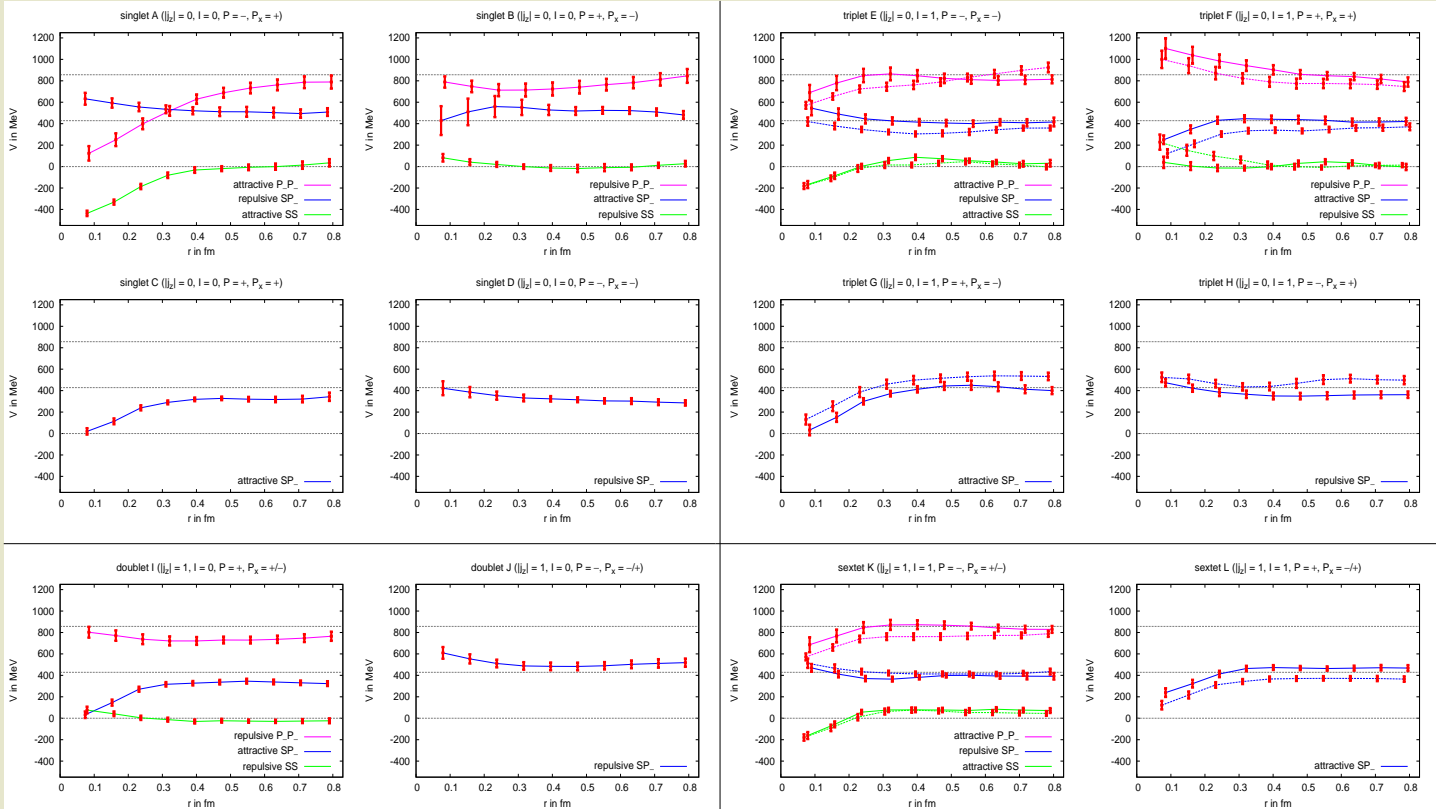
–  $\Gamma$  is an arbitrary combination of  $\gamma$  matrices (spin  $|j_z|$ , parity  $\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{P}_x$ ).

–  $\tilde{\Gamma} \in \{(1 - \gamma_0)\gamma_5, (1 - \gamma_0)\gamma_j\}$  (irrelevant).



# $BB$ static potentials (2)

- $I = 0$  (left) and  $I = 1$  (right);  $|j_z| = 0$  (top) and  $|j_z| = 1$  (bottom).



# $BB$ static potentials (3)

## Why are certain channels attractive and others repulsive? (1)

- Wave function of two identical fermions (light quarks  $q^{(1)}q^{(2)}$ ) must be antisymmetric (Pauli principle); in quantum field theory/QCD automatically realized on the level of states.
- $q^{(1)}q^{(2)}$  isospin:  $I = 0$  antisymmetric,  $I = 1$  symmetric.
- $q^{(1)}q^{(2)}$  spin:  $j = 0$  antisymmetric,  $j = 1$  symmetric.
- $q^{(1)}q^{(2)}$  color:
  - $(I = 0, j = 0)$  and  $(I = 1, j = 1)$ : must be antisymmetric, i.e. a triplet  $\bar{3}$ .
  - $(I = 0, j = 1)$  and  $(I = 1, j = 0)$ : must be symmetric, i.e. a sextet  $6$ .
- The four quarks  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}q^{(1)}q^{(2)}$  must form a color singlet:
  - $q^{(1)}q^{(2)}$  in a color triplet  $\bar{3}$  → static quarks  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$  also in a triplet  $3$ .
  - $q^{(1)}q^{(2)}$  in a color sextet  $6$  → static quarks  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$  also in a sextet  $\bar{6}$ .

# $BB$ static potentials (4)

## Why are certain channels attractive and others repulsive? (2)

- Assumption: attractive/repulsive behavior of  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$  at small separations  $r$  is mainly due to 1-gluon exchange (the static quarks  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$  are rather close, inside a large light quark cloud formed by  $q^{(1)}q^{(2)}$ , i.e. no color screening of the color charges  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$  due to  $q^{(1)}q^{(2)}$ ),

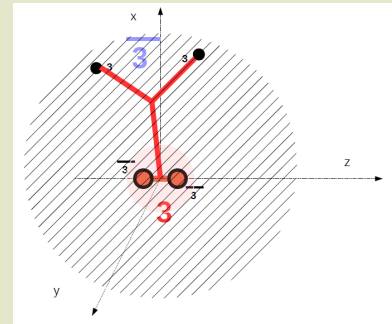
- color triplet  $\mathbf{3}$  is attractive,  $V(r) = -2\alpha_s/3r$ ,
- color sextet  $\bar{\mathbf{6}}$  is repulsive,  $V(r) = +\alpha_s/3r$

(easy to calculate in LO perturbation theory).

- Summary:

- $(I = 0, j = 0)$  and  $(I = 1, j = 1) \rightarrow$  attractive  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$  potential  $V(r)$ .
- $(I = 0, j = 1)$  and  $(I = 1, j = 0) \rightarrow$  repulsive  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$  potential  $V(r)$ .

**This expectation is consistent with the obtained lattice results** (for ground state potentials  $[B, B^*]$ ; can be extended to excitations  $[B_0^*, B_1^*]$ ).



# $BB$ static potentials (5)

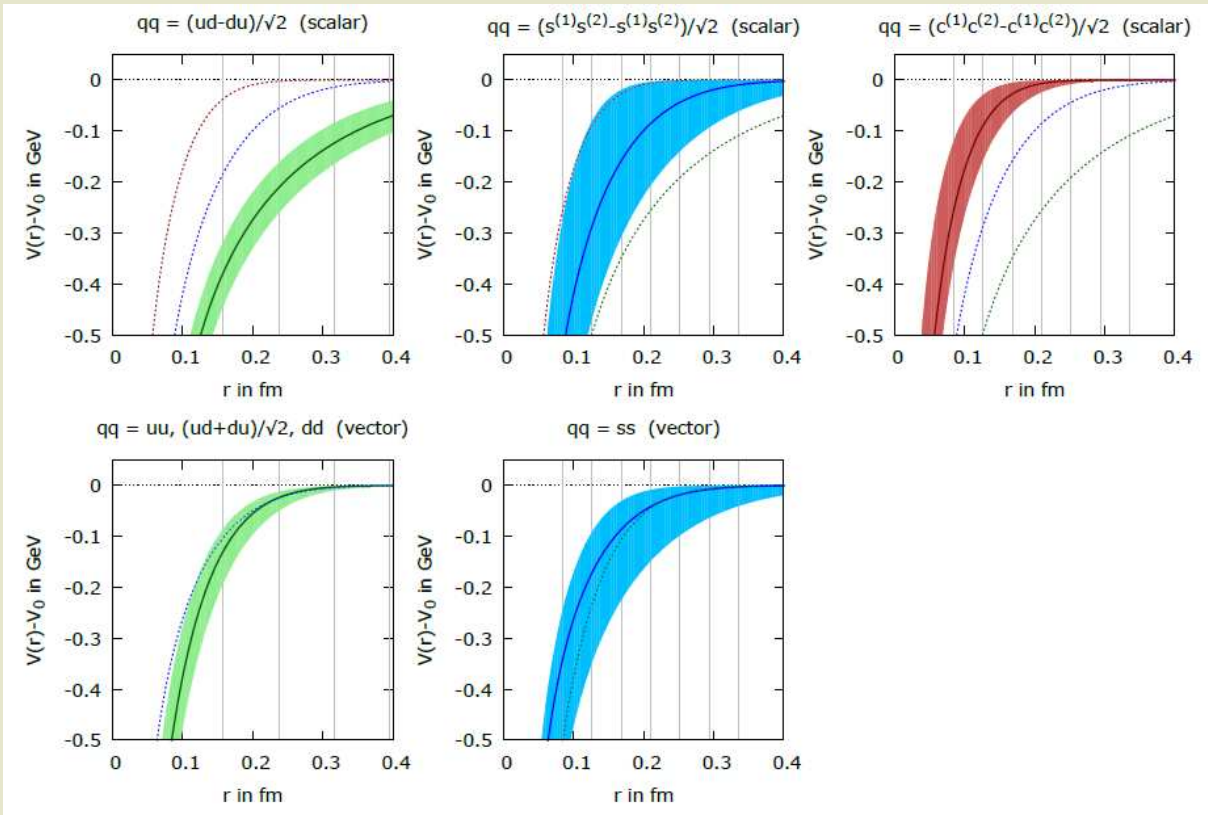
- Focus on the two attractive channels between  $B$  and  $B^*$ :
  - Scalar isosinglet (more attractive,  $(I, |j_z|, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{P}_x) = (0, 0, -, +)$ ):  
 $qq = (ud - du)/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\Gamma = (1 + \gamma_0)\gamma_5$ .
  - Vector isotriplet (less attractive,  $(I, |j_z|, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{P}_x) = (1, \{0, 1\}, -, \pm)$ ):  
 $qq \in \{uu, (ud + du)/\sqrt{2}, dd\}$ ,  $\Gamma = (1 + \gamma_0)\gamma_j$ .
- Computations for  $qq = ll, ss, cc$  ( $l \in \{u, d\}$ ) to study the mass dependence.
- Describe the lattice potential results by continuous functions obtained by  $\chi^2$  minimizing fits of

$$V(r) = -\frac{\alpha}{r} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{r}{d}\right)^p\right) + V_0 :$$

- $1/r$  term: 1-gluon exchange at small  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$  separations.
- $\exp(-(r/d)^p)$  term: color screening at large  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$  separations due to meson formation.
- Fit parameters  $\alpha$ ,  $d$  and  $V_0$ ;  $p = 2$  from quark models.

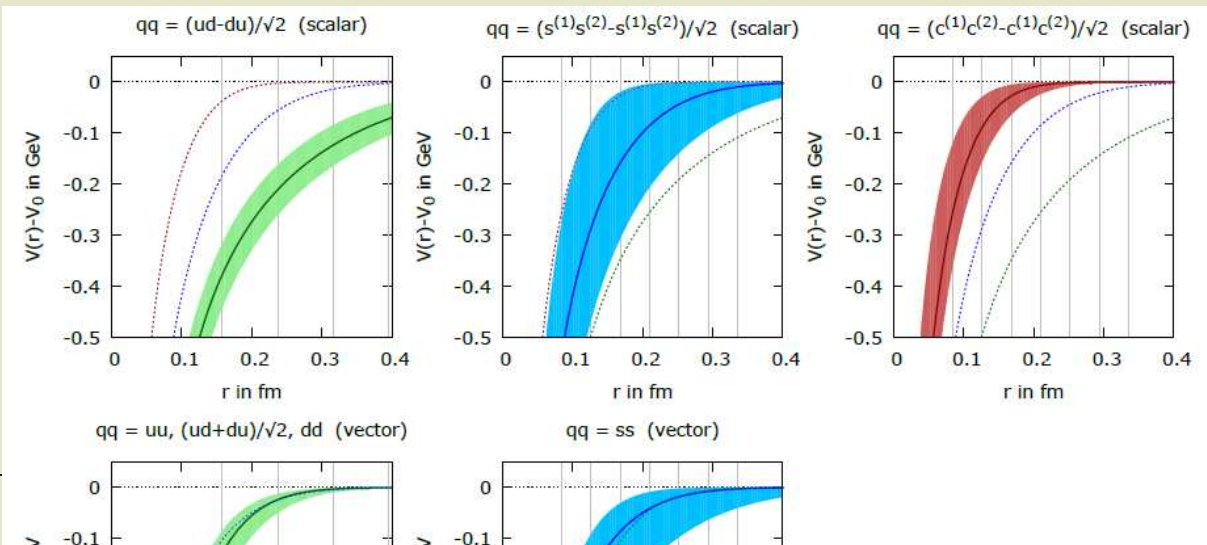


# $BB$ static potentials (6)



# $BB$ static potentials (7)

- Two competing effects:
  - The potential for light quarks is wider/deeper, i.e. favors the existence of a bound state (a tetraquark).
  - Heavier quarks correspond to heavier mesons ( $m(B) < m(B_s) < m(B_c)$ ), which form more readily a bound state (a tetraquark), i.e. require a less wide/deep potential for a bound state.



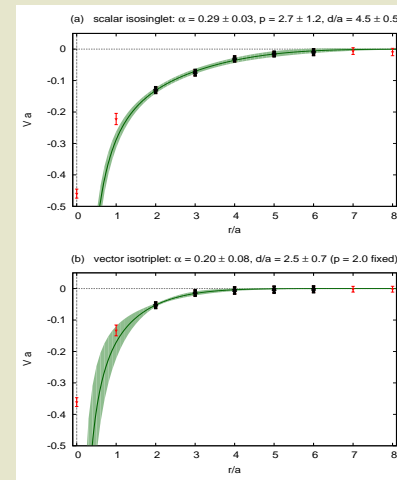
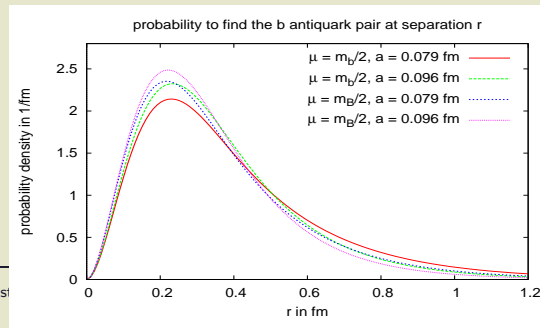
# $BB$ tetraquarks (1)

- Solve the non-relativistic Schrödinger equation for the relative coordinate of the heavy quarks  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$ ,

$$\left( -\frac{1}{2\mu}\Delta + V(r) \right) \underbrace{\psi(\mathbf{r})}_{=R(r)/r} = E\psi(\mathbf{r}) \quad , \quad \mu = m(B_{(s,c)})/2;$$

a bound state, i.e.  $E < 0$ , would be an indication for a tetraquark state.

- There is a bound state for the scalar isosinglet and  $qq = ll$  (i.e.  $BB$ ), binding energy  $E = -90_{-42}^{+46}$  MeV, i.e. confidence level  $\approx 2\sigma$ .
- No binding for the vector isotriplet or for  $qq = ss, cc$  (i.e.  $B_s B_s, B_c B_c$ ).



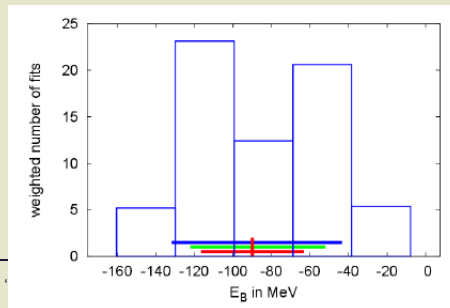
# $BB$ tetraquarks (2)

- Estimate the systematic error by varying input parameters:

- the  $t$  fitting range to extract the potential from effective masses,
- the  $r$  fitting range for

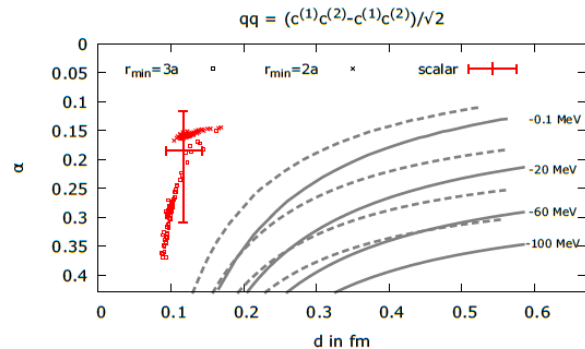
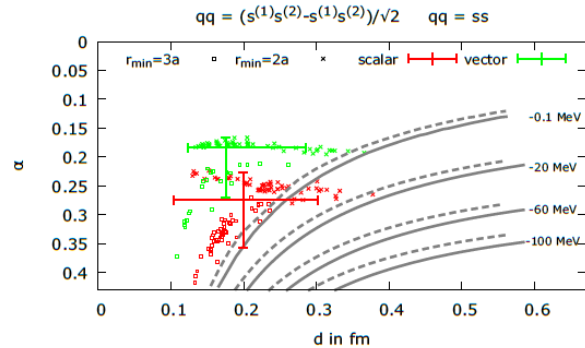
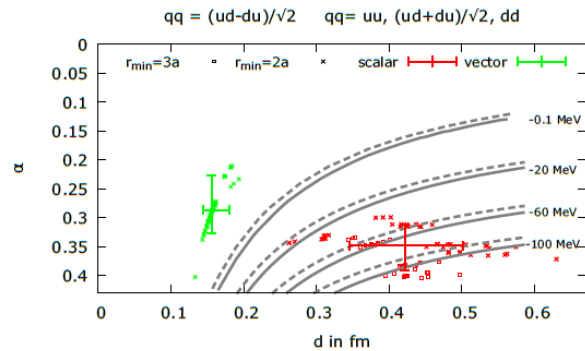
$$V(r) = -\frac{\alpha}{r} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{r}{d}\right)^p\right) + V_0.$$

- Left: isoline plots of the binding energy  $E$ .
- Bottom: histogram for the binding energy  $E$  of the scalar isosinglet with  $qq = ll$ .



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$b\bar{b}$  and  $c\bar{c}$



# BB tetraquarks (3)

- To quantify “no binding”, we list for each channel the factor, by which the effective mass  $\mu$  in Schrödinger’s equation has to be multiplied, to obtain a tiny but negative energy  $E$ .

$qq$	spin	factor
$(ud - du)/\sqrt{2}$	scalar	0.46
$uu, (ud + du)/\sqrt{2}, dd$	vector	1.49
$(s^{(1)}s^{(2)} - s^{(2)}s^{(1)})/\sqrt{2}$	scalar	1.20
$ss$	vector	2.01
$(c^{(1)}c^{(2)} - c^{(2)}c^{(1)})/\sqrt{2}$	scalar	2.57

- Factors  $\ll 1$  indicate strongly bound states, while for values  $\gg 1$  bound states are essentially excluded.
- Light quarks ( $u/d$ ) are unphysically heavy (correspond to  $m_\pi \approx 340$  MeV); physically light  $u/d$  quarks are expected to yield stronger binding for the scalar isosinglet, might lead to binding also for the vector isotriplet (computations in progress).
- Mass splitting  $m(B^*) - m(B) \approx 50$  MeV, neglected at the moment, is expected to weaken binding (coupled channel analysis; see later slides).

# $BB$ tetraquarks (4)

What are the quantum numbers of the  $\bar{b}\bar{b}ll$  tetraquark (light scalar isosinglet)?

- Light scalar isosinglet:  $I = 0$ ,  $J = 0$ ,  $ll$  in a color  $\bar{3}$ ,  $\bar{b}\bar{b}$  in a color  $3$  (antisymmetric) ... as discussed above.
- Wave function of  $\bar{b}\bar{b}$  must also be antisymmetric (Pauli principle); in the lattice QCD computation not automatically realized (static quarks are spinless color charges, which can be distinguished by their positions).
  - $\bar{b}\bar{b}$  is flavor symmetric.
  - $\bar{b}\bar{b}$  spin must also be symmetric, i.e.  $J_b = 1$ .
- The  $\bar{b}\bar{b}ll$  tetraquark has isospin  $I = 0$ , spin  $J = 1$ .
- We study states, which correspond for large  $\bar{b}\bar{b}$  separations to pairs of  $B_{(s,c)}^{(*)}$  mesons in a spatially symmetric s-wave. **Therefore, the  $\bar{b}\bar{b}ll$  tetraquark has parity  $P = +$**  (the product of the parity quantum numbers of the two mesons, which are both negative).

# $B\bar{B}$ static potentials

- Experimentally more interesting case:  $\bar{Q}Q\bar{q}q$ , i.e. “ $B\bar{B}$ ”, trial states

$$\Gamma_{AB}\tilde{\Gamma}_{CD}\left(\bar{Q}_C(-\mathbf{r}/2)q_B^{(1)}(-\mathbf{r}/2)\right)\left(\bar{q}_A^{(2)}(+\mathbf{r}/2)Q_D(+\mathbf{r}/2)\right)|\Omega\rangle.$$

- At the moment only preliminary results for  $\bar{q}q = \bar{c}c$ , “ $I = 1$ ”.
- Qualitative difference to  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}qq$ : all channels are attractive (for  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}qq$  half of them are attractive, half of them are repulsive).
- Can again be understood by the 1-gluon exchange potential of  $\bar{Q}Q$ :
  - No Pauli principle for  $\bar{q}^{(1)}q^{(2)}$  (particle and antiparticle are not identical).
  - $\bar{q}^{(1)}q^{(2)}$  can be in a symmetric color singlet 1 for any isospin/spin orientation.
  - $\bar{q}^{(1)}q^{(2)}$  in a color singlet 1  $\rightarrow$  static quarks  $\bar{Q}Q$  also in a singlet 1.
  - Color singlet is attractive,  $V(r) = -4\alpha_s/3r$  (LO perturbation theory).

# Inclusion of $B/B^*$ mass splitting (1)

- Mass splitting  $m_{B^*} - m_B \approx 46$  MeV has been neglected so far.
- Mass splitting  $m_{B^*} - m_B$  is, however, of the same order of magnitude as the previously obtained binding energy  $E = -90_{-42}^{+46}$  MeV.
- Moreover, two competing effects:
  - An attractive  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}qq$  channel corresponds to a linear combination of  $BB$ ,  $BB^*$  and/or  $B^*B^*$ , e.g.  
scalar isosinglet  $\equiv BB + B_x^*B_x^* + B_y^*B_y^* + B_z^*B_z^*$ .
  - The  $BB$  interaction is a superposition of attractive and repulsive  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}qq$  potentials.
- Goal: take mass splitting  $m_{B^*} - m_B \approx 46$  MeV into account  
→ refined “Schrödinger calculation” with the computed  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}qq$  potentials.
- Will there still be a bound state?



# Inclusion of $B/B^*$ mass splitting (2)

## Solve a coupled channel Schrödinger equation (1)

- Previously:
  - A wave function  $\psi$  with 1 component corresponding to  $BB$  ( $B \equiv B^*$ ).
- Now:
  - A static light meson can correspond to  $B$  or  $B^* = (B_x^*, B_y^*, B_z^*)$ .
  - Therefore, a wave function  $\vec{\psi}$  with 16 components corresponding to  $(BB, BB_x^*, BB_y^*, BB_z^*, B_x^*B, B_x^*B_x^*, B_x^*B_y^*, B_x^*B_z^*, \dots, B_z^*B_z^*)$ .
- Coupled channel Schrödinger equation  $H\vec{\psi}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = E\vec{\psi}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$ ,

$$H = \frac{\mathbf{p}_1^2}{2m_b} + \frac{\mathbf{p}_2^2}{2m_b} + M \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes M + V(|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|),$$

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- Specific limits:

–  $V = 0$ , i.e. no interactions:

$$E = m_B + m_B, m_B + m_{B^*}, \dots$$

–  $m_{B^*} = m_B$ , i.e. “old 1-component SE calculation”:

$$E = 2m_B - 93_{-43}^{+47} \text{ MeV}.$$

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- Transform the  $16 \times 16$  Schrödinger equation to block diagonal structure:
  - Total spin  $J = 0$ :  $2 \times 2$  structure.
  - Total spin  $J = 1$ :  $3 \times 3$  structure ( $3 \times$  due to  $J_z$  degeneracy).
  - Total spin  $J = 2$ :  $1 \times 1$  structure ( $5 \times$  due to  $J_z$  degeneracy).
- Work in progress ...
  - **Rather preliminary results indicate that for  $I(J^P) = 0(1^+)$  the bound state does still exist** (however, with significantly reduced binding energy,  $E \approx 2m_B - 15$  MeV).
  - Persistence of the bound state additionally supported by unphysically heavy  $u/d$  quarks ( $m_\pi \approx 340$  MeV) ... physically light quarks are expected to lead to more attractive  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}qq$  potentials.

# Outlook (1)

- **Study  $BB$ , which is experimentally more relevant** ( $Z_b(10610)^+$ ,  $Z_b(10650)^+$ , ...).
- Future plans for  $BB$  and  $B\bar{B}$ :
  - Computations with light  $u/d$  quarks of physical mass ( $m_\pi \approx 140$  MeV instead of  $m_\pi \approx 340$  MeV).
  - Light quarks of different mass:  $BB_s$ ,  $BB_c$  and  $B_s B_c$  potentials.

# Outlook (2)

- Future plans for  $BB$  and  $B\bar{B}$ :
  - Study the structure of the states corresponding to the computed potentials:
    - \* In a lattice computation two different creation operators generating the same quantum numbers yield the same potential.
    - \* At the moment exclusively creation operators of mesonic molecule type.
    - \* For  $BB$  use also
      - creation operators of diquark-antidiquark type.
    - \* For  $B\bar{B}$  use also
      - creation operators of diquark-antidiquark type,
      - creation operators of bottomonium + pion type ( $Q\bar{Q}$  string +  $\pi$ ),
      - for  $I = 0$  creation operators of bottomonium type ( $Q\bar{Q}$  string).
    - \* Resulting correlation matrices provide information about the structure.