



Investigating the structure of X(3872)

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- brief summary of known X(3872) properties
- radiative X decays to charmed mesons: are they sensitive to a possible molecular structure?
- conclusions

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X(3872): discovery and properties

Observed in 2003 by four experiments in two production channels:



PDG07



X(3872): other experimental information

Belle, BaBar

Observation of $B \to XK$ $\downarrow D^0 \overline{D}{}^0 \pi^0$

Mass enhancement is observed at

$$M = 3875.2 \pm 0.7 \pm_{1.6}^{0.3} \pm 0.8 \text{ MeV}$$

Presumably the same state: approx. 4 MeV higher than the world average!

X(3872): what is it?

In the **charmonium** interpretation, due to $J^{PC}=1^{++,}$ it should be identified with χ'_{c1} Possible explanation of isospin violation: See Suzuki, PRD 72, 114013 (05)



Some other possibilities: \Rightarrow hybrid state $c\overline{c}g$

🗱 tetraquark state





X(3872): **molecule** vs charmonium

X proximity to $D^0 \overline{D}^{*0}$ threshold:

 $M(X) = 3871.9 \pm 0.5$ MeV



Swanson, Brateen, Voloshin

 $M(D^0\overline{D}^{*0}) = 3871.2 \pm 1.0$ MeV $M(D^+D^{*-}) = 3879.3$ MeV

Suggests that a molecular state made of charmed mesons contributes to the structure of X

Voloshin



Mixing of the molecule (dominant component) with other states such as pure charmonium — no definite isospin

Binding by light hadron exchange

$$D^0 \longrightarrow D^{*0}$$

 $\overline{D}^{*0} \longrightarrow \overline{D}^0$

X(3872): molecule vs charmonium- role of radiative decays

Voloshin

In the molecular scenario $X \to D^0 \overline{D}{}^0 \gamma$ & $X \to D^+ D^- \gamma$ arise from the radiative decays of the individual vector mesons $D^{*0} \to D^0 \gamma$, $\overline{D}{}^{*0} \to \overline{D}{}^0 \gamma$ & $D^{*\pm} \to D^{\pm} \gamma$

The decay $X \to D^+ D^- \gamma$ is strongly suppressed with respect to $X \to D^0 \overline{D}{}^0 \gamma$ because

Stronger distructive interference in the emission of γ by the charged meson pair in X

W Binding by pion exchange is repulsive for $D^{*+}D^{-}$ molecules (Tornqvist-

Close & Godfrey)

If observed, the suppression of $X \to D^+ D^- \gamma$ with respect to $X \to D^0 \overline{D}{}^0 \gamma$ would support the molecular interpretation (Voloshin)



X(3872) as the first radial excitation of χ_{c1} : radiative decays



Standard mechanism for radiative X transitions into charmed states











The analysis of this diagram does not rely on any interpretation for $\Psi(3770)$





$$\ll Coupling of \gamma to c and q:$$

$$c D(k_1)\gamma(k,\tilde{\epsilon})|D^*(p_1,\xi)\rangle = i e c' \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\tau\theta} \tilde{\epsilon}^*_{\alpha} \xi_{\beta} p_{1\tau} k_{\theta}$$

 $\Lambda_q \text{ can be fixed using: } \Gamma(D^{*+}) = 96 \pm 22 \quad \text{keV}$ and $\mathcal{B}(D^{*+} \to D^+ \gamma) = (1.6 \pm 0.4)\%$



Effective Lagrangian approach

Multiplet of radial excitations of $\chi_{c2}, \chi_{c1}, \chi_{c0}, h_c$

$$P^{(Q\bar{Q})\mu} = \left(\frac{1+\not v}{2}\right) \left(\chi_2^{\mu\alpha}\gamma_\alpha + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\epsilon^{\mu\alpha\beta\gamma}v_\alpha\gamma_\beta\chi_{1\gamma} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\gamma^\mu - v^\mu)\chi_0 + h_1^\mu\gamma_5\right) \left(\frac{1-\not v}{2}\right)$$

to be identified with X(3872)

Doublet of
$$Q\overline{q}$$
 mesons D^* , D : $H_{1a} = \left(\frac{1+\not p}{2}\right) [M_a^\mu \gamma_\mu - M_a \gamma_5]$

Effective Lagrangian:

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Can be evaluated as a function of the ratio of the two unknown couplings $\frac{c}{\hat{g}_1}$



R<0.7

• in the $c\bar{c}$ description R is very small for small values of $\frac{c}{\hat{g}_1}$ (when the ψ pole contribution is negligible)

the suppression of R is not peculiar of the molecular scenario



2nd scenario: large values of $\frac{c}{\hat{g}_1}$



intermediate Ψ dominates the amplitude

Both peaked at ≈ 100 MeV A second peak being present in the neutral channel

The spectra would be different in the molecular scenario depending on the parameters of the WF of D D^{*} bounded in X





Values of \hat{g}_1 typical of hadronic couplings can reproduce the small width of X(3872)

Charmonium vs molecule/four quark scenarios: analysis of the modes $X \rightarrow \chi_{cJ} \pi(\pi)$ Voloshin, 0709.4474

<u>charmonium</u>

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- among $X \to \chi_{cJ}$ transitions the dominant one should be $X \to \chi_{c1} \pi \pi$
- $X \rightarrow \chi_{c2}$ is strongly suppressed
- $X \to \chi_{c0}$ is forbidden
- they are anyway very small: $\Gamma(X \to \chi_{c1} \pi \pi) \approx 1$ KeV
- isospin breaking 1π transitions are still weaker

molecule

- no suppression of 1π transitions: expected to be due to the I=1 part of the X wave function should be dominant over the kinematically suppressed 2π emissions
- all the χ_{cJ} states are allowed in the final state
- no reliable estimate of such rates in the composite scenarios, an approximate estimate (Voloshin) predicts no suppression of the modes $X \rightarrow \chi_{cJ} \pi^0$ with respect to $X \rightarrow J / \psi \pi^+ \pi^-$

Conclusions

- Since its discovery in 2003, X(3872) is still a puzzling meson
- Main goal: distinguishing among the different interpretations
- Radiative decays: useful tool however the suppression of the mode $X \to D^+ D^- \gamma$ with respect to $X \to D^0 \overline{D}{}^0 \gamma$ is not peculiar of the molecular scenario
- some other tools: analysis of the photon spectrum

other modes, such as $X \to \chi_{cI} \pi(\pi)$

X line shapes \longrightarrow see talk by Brateen