

# Comparison of molecular and compact states for the **Tcc(3875)** and **X(3872)**

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- 1) Dai, Song & Oset , Evolution of genuine states to molecular ones: **The Tcc(3875) case**, [arXiv: 2306.01607](#), PLB846(2023)138200
- 2) Song, Dai & Oset , Evolution of compact states to molecular ones with coupled channels: **The X(3872) case**, [arXiv: 2307.02382](#), PRD108(2023)114017

# 1. Tcc(3875)

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# Motivation

**The dilemma** between **molecular** states and **compact (genuine)** quark states is the subject of a **continuous debate** in hadron physics.

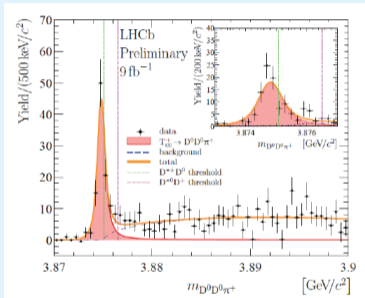


here we take  $T_{cc}(3875)$  as an example

# LHCb experiment

Nature Physics 18 (2022) 751;

Nature Communication 13 (2022) 3351



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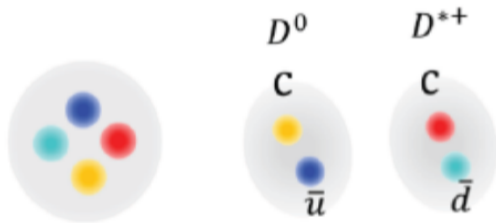
$$M_{T_{cc}} = M_{D^{*+}D^0} + \delta m_{\text{exp}}$$

$$\Gamma = 48 \pm 2_{-14}^{+0} \text{ keV}$$

$$M_{D^{*+}D^0} = 3875.09 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\delta m_{\text{exp}} = -360 \pm 40_{-0}^{+4} \text{ keV}$$

$$T_{cc}^+(3875) \quad (cc\bar{u}\bar{d})$$



**compact (genuine) states?**    **molecular states?**  
**mixture?**

**We can see the debate ...**

# Various models for Tcc(3875)

## Molecular state

PLB826(2022)136897; CTP73(2021)125201;  
PRD104(2021)114015; PRD104(2021)116010;  
AHEP2022(2022)9103031; EPJC82(2022)581;  
PLB829(2022)137052; PRD105(2022)014024;  
PLB833(2022)137290; EPJC82(2022)313;  
PRD105(2022)054015; EPJC82(2022)144;  
JHEP06(2022)057; EPJA58 (2022)131;  
Phys Rep 1019 (2023)1;  
NPB985(2022)115994; PLB833(2022)137391;  
EPJC82(2022)724; PRD105(2022)034028;  
PLB841(2023)137918  
.....

## Compact state

PRD37(1988)744; ZPC57(1993)273;  
ZPC61(1994)271; PLB393(1997)119;  
PLB123(1983)449; ZPC30(1986)457;  
PRD105(2022)014021; EPJA58(2022)110;  
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## a mixture

PRD105(2022)014007;  
Few Body Syst 35 (2004)175;  
.....

**debate**  $\implies$  the nature of **molecular** or **compact** or **mixture**?

# In the present work

- We develop the general formalism in single channel calculation
- Application to  $T_{cc}(3875)$

We start with a compact state proving that in the limit of small binding the state becomes purely molecular.

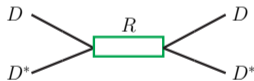
The conclusions are general.

# develop general formalism

in single-channel calculation

Dai, Song, Oset, PLB846(2023)138200 [arXiv: 2306.01607]

- **assume** a hadronic state of bare mass  $m_R$  (original compact state)
- **simplify**  $\implies$  consider an  $I = 0$  state in the single-channel calculation ( $D^{*+}D^0$ ).



$$\tilde{t}_{DD^*,DD^*}(s) = \frac{\tilde{g}^2}{s - s_R} \quad (0.1)$$

Fig. 1.  $DD^*$  amplitude based on the genuine resonance  $R$ .

This amplitude is **not unitarity**.



It is rendered **unitary** immediately by **iterating** the diagram of Fig. 1 as shown in Fig. 2

# insert the $DD^*$ selfenergy in the propagator

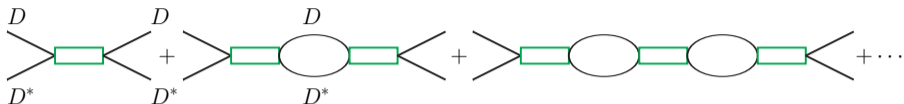


Fig. 2. implementing unitarity of the  $DD^*$  amplitude.

$$t_{DD^*,DD^*}(s) = \frac{\tilde{g}^2}{s - s_R - \tilde{g}^2 G_{DD^*}(s)} \quad (0.2)$$

$\Downarrow$   
 selfenergy

we choose to regularize with a sharp cutoff

$$G_{DD^*}(s) = \int_{|q| < q_{\max}} \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{2\omega_1\omega_2} \frac{1}{s - (\omega_1 + \omega_2)^2 + i\epsilon} \quad (0.3)$$

where  $\omega_i = \sqrt{\mathbf{q}^2 + m_i^2}$ . The selfenergy is negative, we take  $s_R = m_R^2$  above the  $DD^*$  threshold.



The condition that a **pole** appears at  $s_0$  (the square of the mass of the physical state) below the threshold

$$s_0 - s_R - \tilde{g}^2 G_{DD^*}(s_0) = 0 \quad (0.4)$$

↓  
the value of  $\tilde{g}^2$  can be obtained

## Molecular probability

PRD81(2010)014029; IJMPA28(2013)1330045

$$P = -g^2 \left. \frac{\partial G}{\partial s} \right|_{s=s_0}, \quad \tilde{g}^2 = \lim_{s \rightarrow s_0} (s - s_0) \frac{\tilde{g}^2}{s - s_R - \tilde{g}^2 G_{DD^*}(s)} = \left. \frac{\tilde{g}^2}{1 - \tilde{g}^2 \frac{\partial G}{\partial s}} \right|_{s=s_0},$$

**Thus the molecular probability is**

$$P = - \left. \frac{\tilde{g}^2 \frac{\partial G}{\partial s}}{1 - \tilde{g}^2 \frac{\partial G}{\partial s}} \right|_{s=s_0} \quad (0.5)$$

## Several limits:

- 1)  $\tilde{g}^2 \rightarrow 0, P \rightarrow 0$ , the compact state survives
- 2)  $\tilde{g}^2 \rightarrow \infty, P \rightarrow 1$ , the state becomes pure molecular
- 3)  $s_0 \rightarrow s_{\text{th}}, P \rightarrow 1$ , the state becomes pure molecular **which is interesting**



It is a consequence of **unitarity** and **analyticity** of the  $t$  and  $G$  functions.

When the binding energy goes to zero, the state becomes fully molecular, the compact component has been **fagocitated** by the molecular component.

### 3. Results scenario 1 ( $\beta = 0$ )

for molecular probability

$$\sqrt{s_R} = \sqrt{s_{\text{th}}} + \Delta\sqrt{s_R}$$

$\sqrt{s_0} \Rightarrow$  assumed value of the energy of the bound state

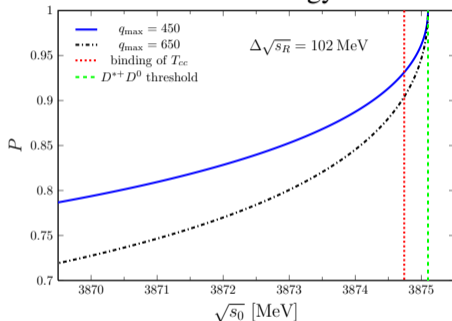


Fig. 3. as a function of  $\sqrt{s_0}$  with  $\Delta\sqrt{s_R} = 102$  MeV [PRL119(2017)202002]

1) when  $\sqrt{s_0} \rightarrow \sqrt{s_{\text{th}}}$ ,  $P \rightarrow 1$ .

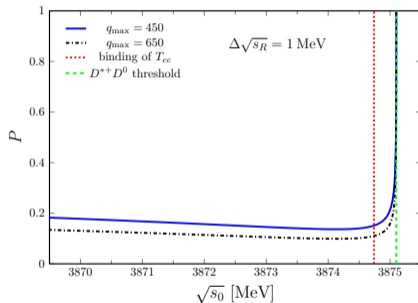
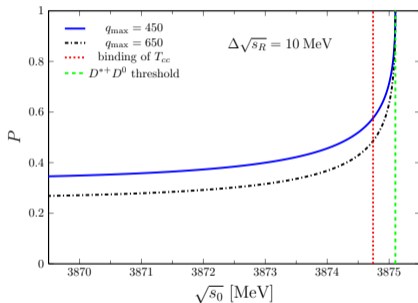
2) for  $q_{\text{max}} = 450$  MeV, at  $s_0^{\text{exp}} = \sqrt{s_{\text{th}}} - 0.36$  MeV,  $P \sim 0.9 \Rightarrow$  indicating that the original compact state has evolved to become practically a molecular state.

“scale” with  $\Delta\sqrt{s_R} = 10 \text{ MeV}$  and  $\Delta\sqrt{s_R} = 1 \text{ MeV}$



blue curve for  $q_{\text{max}} = 450 \text{ MeV}$

It is seen that the “scale” shows up clearly.



- 1) when  $\sqrt{s_0} \rightarrow \sqrt{s_{\text{th}}}$ , molecular probability  $P \rightarrow 1$ , the same trend.
- 2) at  $s_0^{\text{exp}}$ :  $\Delta\sqrt{s_R} = 1 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $P \sim 0.15 \Rightarrow$  indicating that the state remains mostly **nonmolecular**.
- 3) It can be seen that  $\Delta\sqrt{s_R} = 10 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $P \sim 0.55 \Rightarrow$  as  $\Delta\sqrt{s_R}$  becomes smaller,  $P$  is decreasing.

**The binding energy by itself cannot give a proof of the nature of the state.**

**So what other magnitudes can really tell us about the nature of the state?**

- **Scattering length**
- **Effective range**

## For scattering length & effective range

The unitarity of the  $t_{DD^*,DD^*}$  amplitude

$$\text{Im } t^{-1} = \text{Im} \left( \frac{s - s_R}{\tilde{g}^2} - G_{DD^*}(s) \right) = -\text{Im } G_{DD^*}(s) = \frac{k}{8\pi\sqrt{s}} \quad (0.6)$$

with  $k$  the meson-meson on shell momentum.

The relationship with the  $f^{\text{QM}}$  [Quantum Mechanics]

$$t = -8\pi\sqrt{s}f^{\text{QM}} \simeq -8\pi\sqrt{s} \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2}r_0k^2 - ik} \quad (0.7)$$

It is easy to induce

$$-\frac{1}{a} = \frac{s_{\text{th}} - s_R}{\tilde{g}^2} - \text{Re } G_{DD^*}(s_{\text{th}}) \quad (0.8)$$

$$r_0 = 2\frac{\sqrt{s}}{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left\{ (-8\pi\sqrt{s}) \left( \frac{s - s_R}{\tilde{g}^2} - \text{Re } G_{DD^*}(s) \right) \right\} \Big|_{s=s_{\text{th}}} \quad (0.9)$$

# scattering length and effective range

$$q_{\max} = 450 \text{ MeV at } s_0^{\text{exp}} = \sqrt{s_{\text{th}}} - 0.36 \text{ MeV}$$

$\Delta\sqrt{s_R}$ [MeV]	$a$ [fm]	$r_0$ [fm]
0.1	0.87	-114.07
0.3	1.19	-79.33
1	2.10	-38.20
5	4.62	-9.26
10	5.74	-4.51
50	7.25	-0.47
70	7.39	-0.17
102	7.51	0.06

It can be seen that as  $\Delta\sqrt{s_R}$  becomes smaller (decreasing the  $P$ ),  $a$  becomes smaller and smaller and  $r_0$  grows indefinitely.

**The lesson** we draw is the  $a$  and  $r_0$  are very **useful** to determine the molecular probability of the state.

## scenario 2 (hybrid)

assume a **mixture** of the compact state and the molecular one, by taking a potential

$$V' = V + \frac{\tilde{g}^2}{s - s_R} \quad (0.10)$$

It is easy to generalize the probability

$$P = - \frac{[\tilde{g}^2 + (s - s_R)V] \frac{\partial G}{\partial s}}{1 - [\tilde{g}^2 + (s - s_R)V] \frac{\partial G}{\partial s} - VG} \Big|_{s=s_0} \quad (0.11)$$

The pole at  $s_0$  appears when

$$s_0 - s_R - [\tilde{g}^2 + (s_0 - s_R)V] G(s_0) = 0 \quad (0.12)$$



# scenario 3 (direct interaction)

just a test for short of binding, we take a potential

$$1 - VG(s_{\text{th}}) = 0, \quad V = \beta V_{\text{LHG}} \quad (0.13)$$

where  $V_{\text{LHG}}$  is the attractive potential from the local hidden gauge approach [Phys. Rep. 164, 217; Phys. Rep. 381, 1; Phys. Rep. 161, 213; Phys. Rev. D 79, 014015]

$\Delta\sqrt{s_R}$ [MeV]	$\beta = 0$	$\beta = 0.74$
10	0.58	0.94
20	0.73	0.97
50	0.87	0.99

**There is some attractive interaction, the molecular probability increases appreciably.**

# Extension to X(3872)

Song, Dai, Oset, Evolution of compact states to molecular ones with coupled channels: The case of the X(3872),  
PRD108(2023)114017

# Develop general formalism (coupled-channel)

Same as above in single-channel for Tcc(3875), we start with a bare mass  $m_R$  in coupled-channel for X(3872)

$$|D^*\bar{D}, I = 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(D^{*0}\bar{D}^0 + D^{*+}D^-) \quad (0.14)$$

$$t_{D^*\bar{D}}(I = 0) = \frac{\tilde{g}^2}{s - s_R} \quad (0.15)$$

If we decide to have a bound state at  $s_0$ , once given  $s_R$ , we can obtain  $\tilde{g}^2$  as

$$\tilde{g}^2 = \frac{s - s_R}{\frac{1}{2}G_1 + \frac{1}{2}G_2} \Big|_{s_0}. \quad (0.16)$$

The loop functions  $G_i$  of  $i = 1$  for  $\bar{D}^0D^{*0}$  and  $i = 2$  for  $D^-D^{*+}$ .

# Couplings and probabilities

$$g_1^2 = \lim(s - s_0)T_{11}; \quad g_2^2 = \lim(s - s_0)T_{22} \quad (0.17)$$

$$g_2 = g_1 \lim(s - s_0) \frac{T_{21}}{T_{11}}$$

By using **L'Hospital's rule** we easily find

$$g_1^2 = \left. \frac{\frac{1}{2}\tilde{g}^2}{1 - \frac{1}{2}\tilde{g}^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial s}(G_1 + G_2)} \right|_{s_0}; \quad g_2 = g_1 \quad (0.18)$$

$$P_1 = -g_1^2 \left. \frac{\partial G_1}{\partial s} \right|_{s_0} = - \left. \frac{\frac{1}{2}\tilde{g}^2 \frac{\partial G_1}{\partial s}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}\tilde{g}^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial s}(G_1 + G_2)} \right|_{s_0} \quad (0.19)$$

$$P_2 = -g_2^2 \left. \frac{\partial G_2}{\partial s} \right|_{s_0} = - \left. \frac{\frac{1}{2}\tilde{g}^2 \frac{\partial G_2}{\partial s}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}\tilde{g}^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial s}(G_1 + G_2)} \right|_{s_0}$$

The  $X(3872)$  is closer to the  $D^{*0}\bar{D}^0$  ( $i = 1$ ), we find

1) when  $\tilde{g}^2 \rightarrow 0$ ,  $P_1 \rightarrow 0, P_2 \rightarrow 0$ , compact state.

2) when  $\tilde{g}^2 \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $P_1 + P_2 = 1$ , completely molecular.

3) when  $s_0 \rightarrow s_{th1}$ ,  $P_1 \rightarrow 1, P_2 \rightarrow 0$ , **completely molecular** state dominated by the  $D^{*0}\bar{D}^0$  ( $i=1$ ) component.



**interesting case**

We should stress that even if  $P_1 \rightarrow 1, P_2 \rightarrow 0$ , in strong interaction of zero range what matters is the wave function at the origin and the  $D^{*0}\bar{D}^0$  and  $D^{*+}D^-$  components become equally important

[PRD80(2009)014003; PRD81(2009)014029]

# Inclusion of direct interaction

In the local hidden gauge approach the interaction comes from the exchange of vector mesons  
[Phys. Rept. 164 (1988) 217; Phys. Rept. 381 (2003)1; Phys. Rept. 61 (1988) 213; PRD79(2009)014015]

$$\frac{1}{2}V = -g'^2 \frac{4 m_{D^*0} m_{D^0}}{m_V^2}. \quad (0.20)$$

with  $g' = \frac{m_V}{2f_\pi}$ ,  $m_V = 800$  MeV,  $f_\pi = 93$  MeV.

$$\frac{\tilde{g}^2}{s - s_R} \rightarrow \frac{\tilde{g}^2}{s - s_R} + \beta V \quad (0.21)$$

# Scattering length and effective range

At first threshold

$$-\frac{1}{a_1} = (-8\pi\sqrt{s}) \left[ \frac{s - s_R}{\frac{1}{2}[\tilde{g}^2 + \beta V(s - s_R)]} - \text{Re}G_1 - G_2 \right] \Big|_{s_{\text{th1}}}, \quad (0.22)$$

$$r_{0,1} = 2 \frac{\sqrt{s}}{\mu_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left\{ (-8\pi\sqrt{s}) \left[ \frac{s - s_R}{\frac{1}{2}[\tilde{g}^2 + \beta V(s - s_R)]} - \text{Re}G_1 - G_2 \right] \right\} \Big|_{s_{\text{th1}}}, \quad (0.23)$$

At second threshold

$$-\frac{1}{a_2} = (-8\pi\sqrt{s}) \left[ \frac{s - s_R}{\frac{1}{2}[\tilde{g}^2 + \beta V(s - s_R)]} - \text{Re}G_2 - G_1 \right] \Big|_{s_{\text{th2}}}, \quad (0.24)$$

$$r_{0,2} = 2 \frac{\sqrt{s}}{\mu_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left\{ (-8\pi\sqrt{s}) \left[ \frac{s - s_R}{\frac{1}{2}[\tilde{g}^2 + \beta V(s - s_R)]} - \text{Re}G_2 - G_1 \right] \right\} \Big|_{s_{\text{th2}}}, \quad (0.25)$$

with  $\mu_i$  the reduced mass of the channel.

$\Delta\sqrt{s}_R = 100 \text{ MeV}$ , Molecular probability of  $P_1$  and  $P_2$   
 scenario 1 ( $\beta = 0$ ) [red lines:  $D^0 D^{*0}$  threshold]

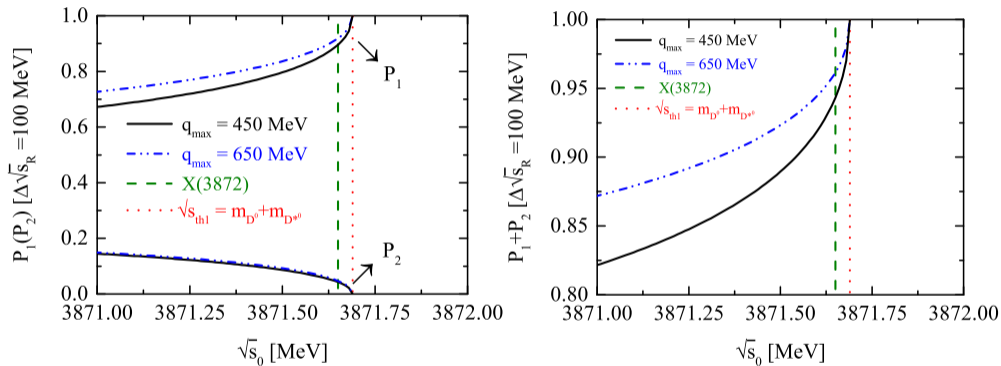
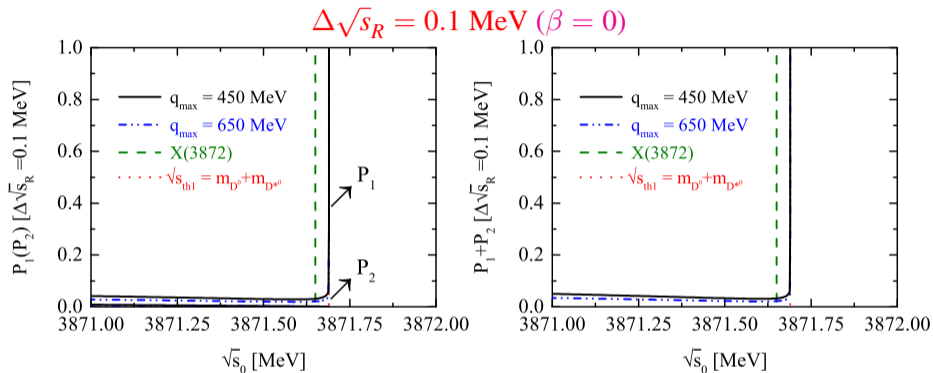


Fig. 4. as a function of  $\sqrt{s}_0$ .

- 1) when  $\sqrt{s}_0 \rightarrow s_{\text{th1}}$ ,  $P_1 \rightarrow 1$ ,  $P_2 \rightarrow 0$ ,  $P_1 + P_2 \rightarrow 1$
- 2) at the energy of  $X(3872)$ , the probability  $P_1 \sim 0.9$  and  $P_2 \sim 0.05$ ,  $P_1 + P_2 \sim 0.95$

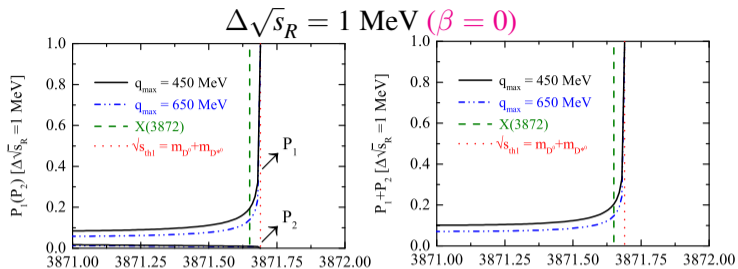


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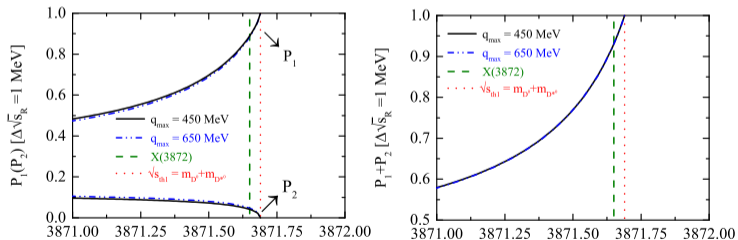


For  $\Delta\sqrt{s_R} = 0.1 \text{ MeV}$ , we see that the  $P_1 + P_2$  is around 0.02, indicating that the induced molecular component is negligible.

**The conclusion:** The binding energy by itself does not give us the molecular probability. It is possible to have a very **small binding** and still have a **negligible molecular** component.



$\Delta\sqrt{s}_R = 1 \text{ MeV}$  and  $\beta \neq 0$  (mixture)  $\Leftarrow$  by adding the **direct interaction**



The presence of a reasonable **direct meson-meson interaction** has as a consequence a **drastic increase** in the molecular probability of the state.

# What happens for scattering length and effective range

Table 1:  $q_{\max} = 450 \text{ MeV}$  ( $\beta = 0$ )

$\Delta\sqrt{s_R}$	$a_1$ [fm]	$r_{0,1}$ [fm]	$a_2$ [fm]	$r_{0,2}$ [fm]
0.1	1.42	-663.61	$0.0073 - i 0.00003$	$-664.79 - i 1.56$
0.3	3.16	-273.51	$0.0176 - i 0.00020$	$-273.04 - i 1.56$
1	7.48	-89.71	$0.0530 - i 0.00180$	$-88.46 - i 1.56$
10	18.45	-9.68	$0.3957 - i 0.10756$	$-8.10 - i 1.56$
50	21.35	-2.29	$0.7558 - i 0.58190$	$-0.68 - i 1.56$
100	21.78	-1.37	$0.7818 - i 0.78157$	$0.25 - i 1.56$

- 1)  $r_{0,1} = -5.34 \text{ fm}$  **LHCb data** in PRD102(2020)092005  
 $-2.78 \text{ fm} < r_{0,1} < 1 \text{ fm}$ ,  $a_1 \approx 28 \text{ fm}$  in PLB833(2022)137290
- 2)  $\Delta\sqrt{s_R} = 0.1 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$  become small, and most important,  $r_{0,1}$ ,  $r_{0,2}$  become extremely large, where we had a negligible molecular component.  $\implies$  **enough to discard this scenario.**
- 3)  $\Delta\sqrt{s_R} = 100 \text{ MeV}$ , would be **basically acceptable**, but  $P \rightarrow 1$ .

# scenario 2 (hybrid)

Table 2:  $q_{\max} = 450 \text{ MeV}$  ( $\beta \neq 0$ )

$\Delta\sqrt{s_R}$	$a_1$ [fm]	$r_{0,1}$ [fm]	$a_2$ [fm]	$r_{0,2}$ [fm]
0.1	15.60	-24.97	$0.7068 - i 1.116$	$1.17 - i 1.56$
0.3	19.65	-7.13	$0.7060 - i 1.118$	$1.16 - i 1.56$
1	21.38	-2.30	$0.7024 - i 1.125$	$1.14 - i 1.56$
10	22.13	-0.63	$0.7818 - i 0.780$	$-3.62 - i 1.56$
100	22.21	-0.47	$0.7385 - i 1.038$	$1.15 - i 1.56$

$r_{0,1} = -5.34 \text{ fm}$  LHCb data in PRD102(2020)092005  
 $-2.78 \text{ fm} < r_{0,1} < 1 \text{ fm}$ ,  $a_1 \approx 28 \text{ fm}$  in PLB833(2022)137290

- 1)  $\Delta\sqrt{s_R} = 0.1 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $a_1$  and  $r_{0,1}$  are still **unacceptable**.
- 2)  $\Delta\sqrt{s_R} = 1 \text{ MeV}$ , acceptable with the current uncertainty in the experimental values  
 $\Rightarrow$  This scenario with  $P_1 + P_2 \sim 0.95$  can not be discarded.

# scenario 3

Table 3:  $\tilde{g}^2 = 0$  and  $\Delta\sqrt{s_R} = 1$  MeV at threshold in different  $q_{\max}$

$q_{\max}$ [MeV]	$a_1$ [fm]	$r_{0,1}$ [fm]	$a_2$ [fm]	$r_{0,2}$ [fm]
450	22.22	-0.449	$0.736 - i 1.04$	$1.17 - i 1.56$
650	22.07	-0.763	$0.765 - i 0.94$	$0.82 - i 1.56$

- 1) the  $r_{0,1}$  (-0.449 fm) is appreciably different here versus  $-2.30$  fm in Table 2.  
 $\implies$  It is thus clear that **an improvement in the measured value of  $r_{0,1}$**  can shed further light on the issue.
- 2) There is extra information from  $a_2$  and  $r_{0,2}$ , which are **drastically different** from those in Table 1 (only the compact state)

**All this is telling us that the precise values of  $a_1$ ,  $r_{0,1}$  and  $a_2$ ,  $r_{0,2}$  are crucial to pin down the precise nature of the  $X(3872)$ .**

# Summary

We develop the general formalisms in single-channel and coupled-channel calculations.

As an application, we make the comparison of molecular and compact states for the Tcc(3875) and X(3872) in **three different scenarios**.

## **main conclusion:**

The **binding energy itself does not determine the compositeness of a state**, but the additional information of the scattering length and effective range can provide an answer.

Thank you (谢谢)