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# $X(3872)$ Production and Suppression

(in  $pp$  collisions)

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# General overview

- Brief review of  $X(3872)$
- Production of  $X(3872)$  at hadron colliders
- Suppression of  $X(3872)$

# Brief Review of $X(3872)$

Discovered at  $e^+e^-$  collider in  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+X$ ,  $X \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$   
[Belle (2003)]

Confirmed at  $p\bar{p}$  collider [CDF (2003)]

Observed at  $pp$  collider [LHCb (2011), CMS (2011), ATLAS (2016)]

Most precise mass and first width [LHCb (2020)]:

$$M_X = 3871.695 \pm 0.096 \text{ MeV}, \Gamma_X^{BW} = 1.19 \pm 0.19 \text{ MeV}$$

7 observed decay channels

$J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$  [Belle (2003)]

$D^0\bar{D}^0\pi^0$  [Belle (2006)]

$J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$  [BaBar (2010)]

$D^0\bar{D}^0\gamma$  [Belle (2010)]

$J/\psi\gamma$  [BaBar (2006)]

$\chi_{c1}\pi^0$  [BESIII (2019)]

$\psi(2S)\gamma$  [BaBar (2009)]

# Brief Review of $X(3872)$

Decays into  $J/\psi\pi^+\pi^- = J/\psi\rho$  and  $J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0 = J/\psi\omega$  indicate severe isospin violation

Tiny binding energy [LHCb (2020)]:

$$E_X = M_X - (M_{D^{*0}} + M_{\bar{D}^0}) = -0.07 \pm 0.12 \text{ MeV}$$

Quantum numbers:  $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$  [LHCb (2013)]

Imply  $X(3872)$  is  $S$ -wave loosely-bound charm-meson molecule

$$X = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|D^{*0}\bar{D}^0\rangle + |\bar{D}^{*0}D^0\rangle)$$

Universal properties determined by binding energy  $E_X$  (or scattering length  $a_X = 1/\gamma_X$ ) [Braaten, Kusunoki (2003)]

$$|E_X| < 0.22 \text{ MeV at 90\% C.L.}$$

$$\gamma_X = \sqrt{2\mu_{D^*\bar{D}}|E_X|} < 21 \text{ MeV}$$

Wavefunction:

$$\psi_{X(r)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi\gamma_X}} \frac{e^{-\gamma_X r}}{r}$$

Huge mean separation:

$$\langle r \rangle_X = \frac{1}{2\gamma_X} > 4.5 \text{ fm}$$

# Brief Review of $X(3872)$

## Other possibilities for $X$ :

- Hybrid: combination of heavy quarks and a constituent gluon
- Hadroquarkonia: heavy charmonium core  $c\bar{c}$  surrounded by light meson  $q\bar{q}$  bound by QCD analog of van der Waals force
- Compact tetraquark: diquark and anti-diquark bound by color interactions
- Charmonium:  $\chi_{c1}(2P)$
- Cusp: discontinuity in differential cross section across threshold

Regardless, the coupling of  $X$  to  $D^{*0}\bar{D}^0$  transforms it into a large charm-meson molecule

Much past research has tried to use decay-channel predictions to determine the nature of  $X$  but without much success

More recently production and suppression mechanisms have been used to help determine  $X$  nature

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## Two contributions to inclusive production

- Prompt production at primary collision vertex
- Production by  $b$  hadron decay at secondary vertex

## Convenient to benchmark $X(3872)$ against $\psi(2S) = \psi(3686)$

- Both are observed in  $J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$  channel
- They have similar masses

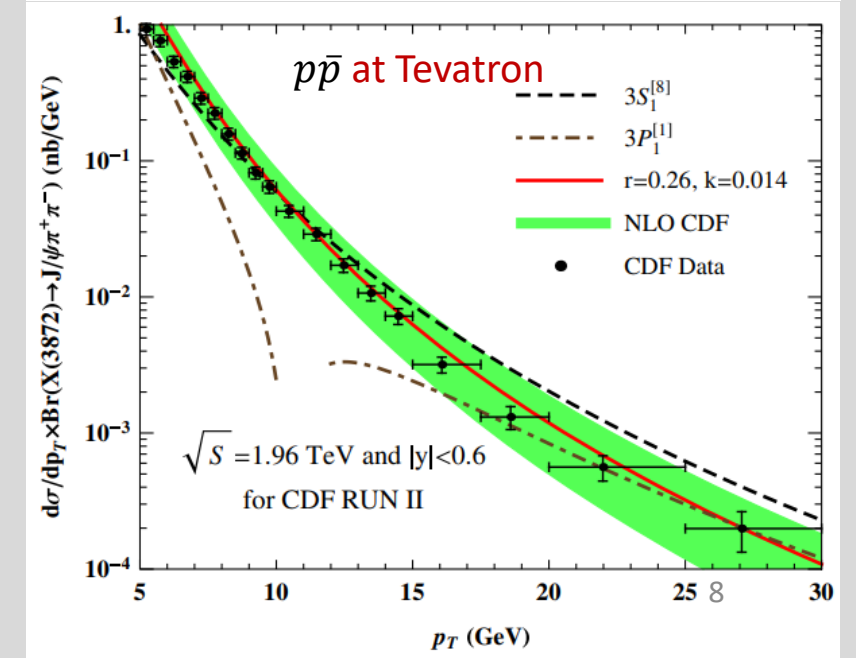
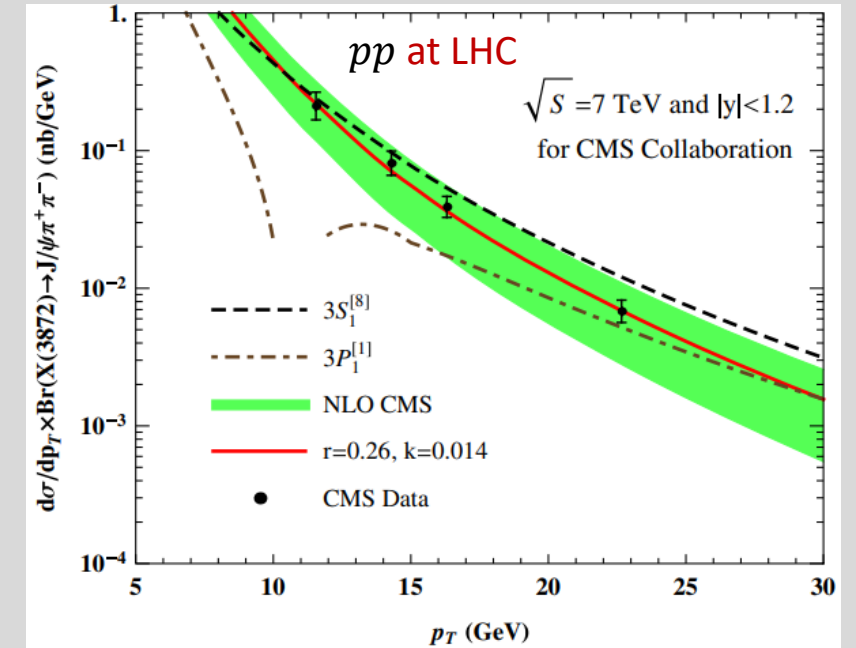
# Production of $X(3872)$ at hadron colliders in NRQCD

Cross section for producing  $X$  related to cross section for creating  $c\bar{c}$  at short distances through Long Distance Matrix Elements (LDMEs)

[Meng, Han, Chao (2017)] calculate  $p_T$ -distribution assuming production of  $X$  dominated by  $\chi_{c1}(2P)$  component

LDMEs at NLO in NRQCD:

- $\widehat{O}\chi'_{c1}(3S_1^{[8]})$ : from fits
- $\widehat{O}\chi'_{c1}(3P_1^{[1]})$ : related to  $\chi_{c1}(2P)$  wavefunction at origin
- Normalization factor  $k = Z_{c\bar{c}}\text{Br}(X \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-)$ , where  $Z_{c\bar{c}}$  is probability  $|\langle\chi'_{c1}|X\rangle|^2$ 
  - Using  $\text{Br}_{X \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-} = 4.1\%$  from [Li, Yuan (2019)] I get  $Z_{c\bar{c}} \approx 34\%$





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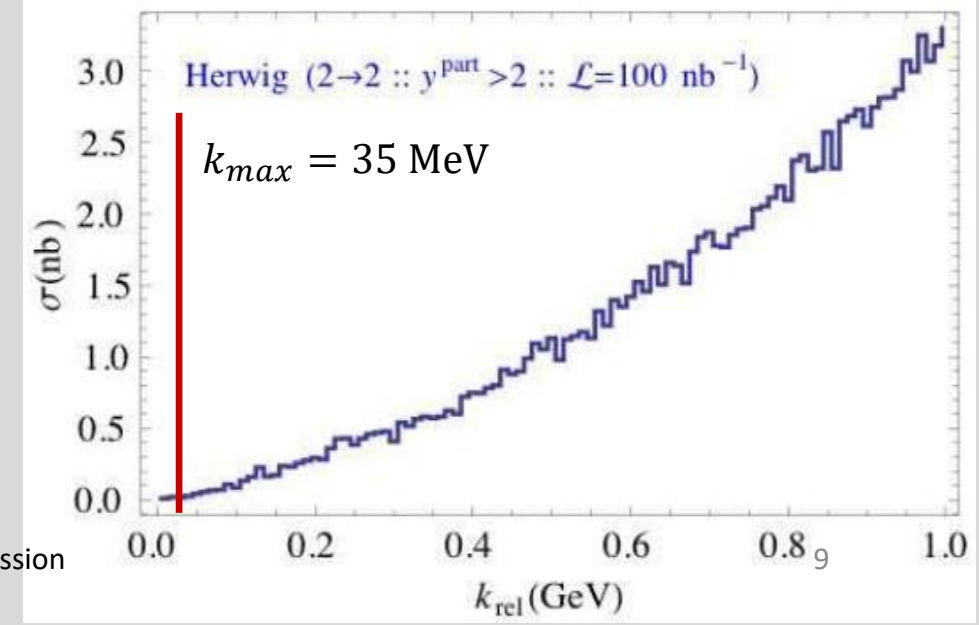
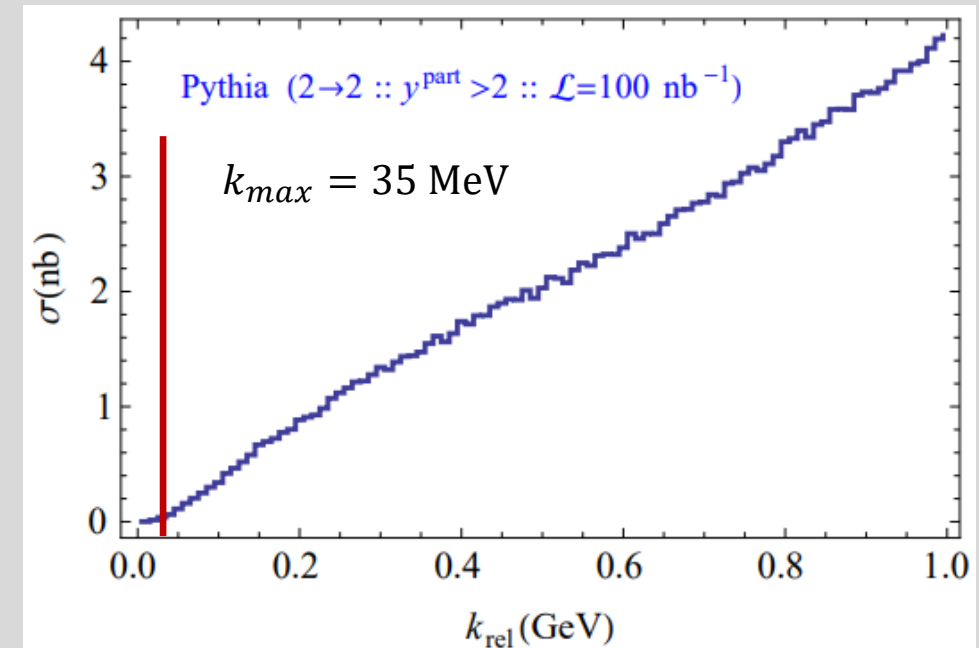
[Bignamini *et al.* (2009)] If  $X$  is a loosely bound charm-meson molecule its cross section can be approximated by the cross section for producing  $D^{*0}\bar{D}^0$  with relative momentum  $k$  less than some  $k_{max}$

$$\sigma[X] = \sigma[D^{*0}\bar{D}^0(k < k_{max})]$$

Assume that  $k_{max} \approx \gamma_X$ ,  $\gamma_X = \sqrt{2\mu_{D^{*0}\bar{D}^0}|E_X|}$

Calculate  $\sigma[D^{*0}\bar{D}^0]$  using PYTHIA and HERWIG event generator

Calculated cross section at Tevatron is orders of magnitudes smaller than observed cross section



# Production of $X(3872)$ at hadron colliders

$$\sigma[X] = \sigma[D^{*0}\bar{D}^0(k < k_{max})]$$

[Artoisenet, Braaten (2010)]

- Assume that  $k_{max} \approx m_\pi$
- Calculated  $\sigma[D^{*0}\bar{D}^0]$  using PYTHIA event generator

[Albaladejo *et al.* (2017)]

- Used deuteron to show that  $k_{max} \sim m_\pi$ , similar should be true for  $X(3872)$

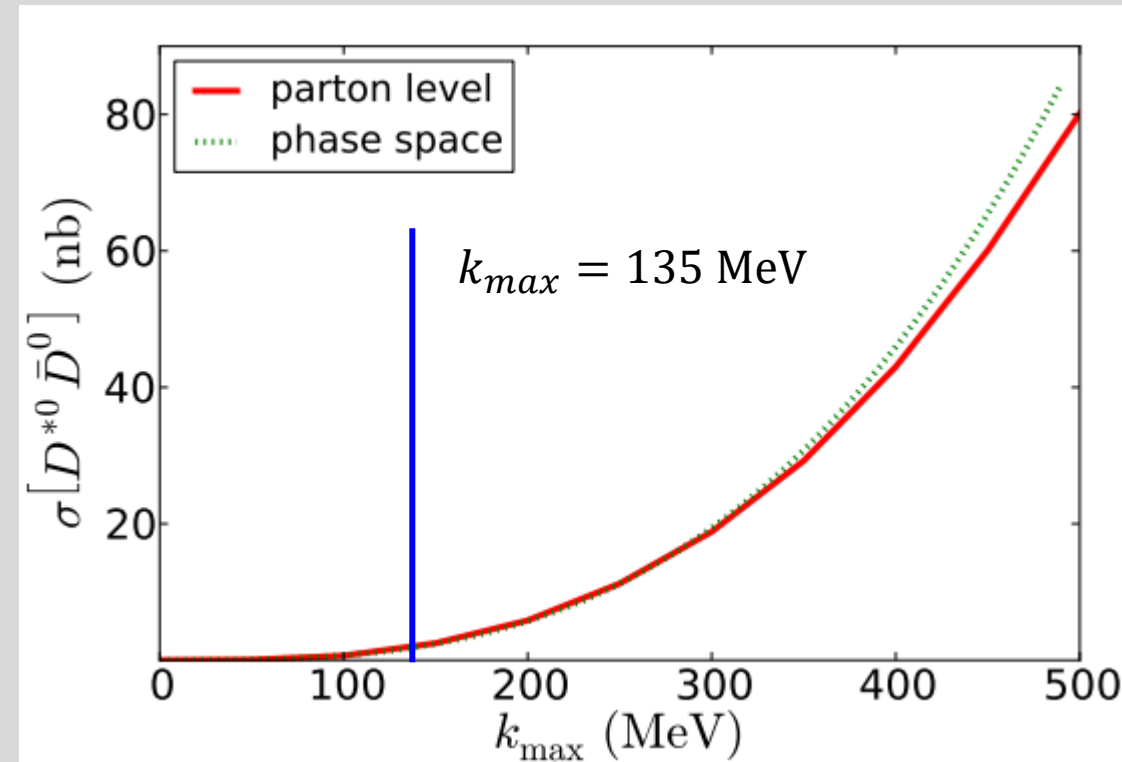
[Braaten, He, Ingles (2019)]

- Quantitative estimate on  $k_{max} = 7.7\gamma_X$ , where

$$\gamma_X = \sqrt{2\mu_{D^{*0}\bar{D}^0}|E_X|}$$

Note:  $7.7^3 \approx 500$

Cross section of  $X(3872)$  as a molecule reproduces order of magnitude of experiments



LHCb:  $2.5 < y < 4.5$ ,  $5 < p_T < 20$  GeV/c  
 $\sigma[X]\text{Br}[X \rightarrow J\psi\pi^+\pi^-] = 5.4 \pm 1.3 \pm 0.8$  nb

CMS:  $y < |1.2|$ ,  $10 < p_T < 20$  GeV/c  
 $\sigma[X]\text{Br}[X \rightarrow J\psi\pi^+\pi^-] = 1.06 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.15$  nb

# Production of $X(3872)$ at hadron colliders in XEFT

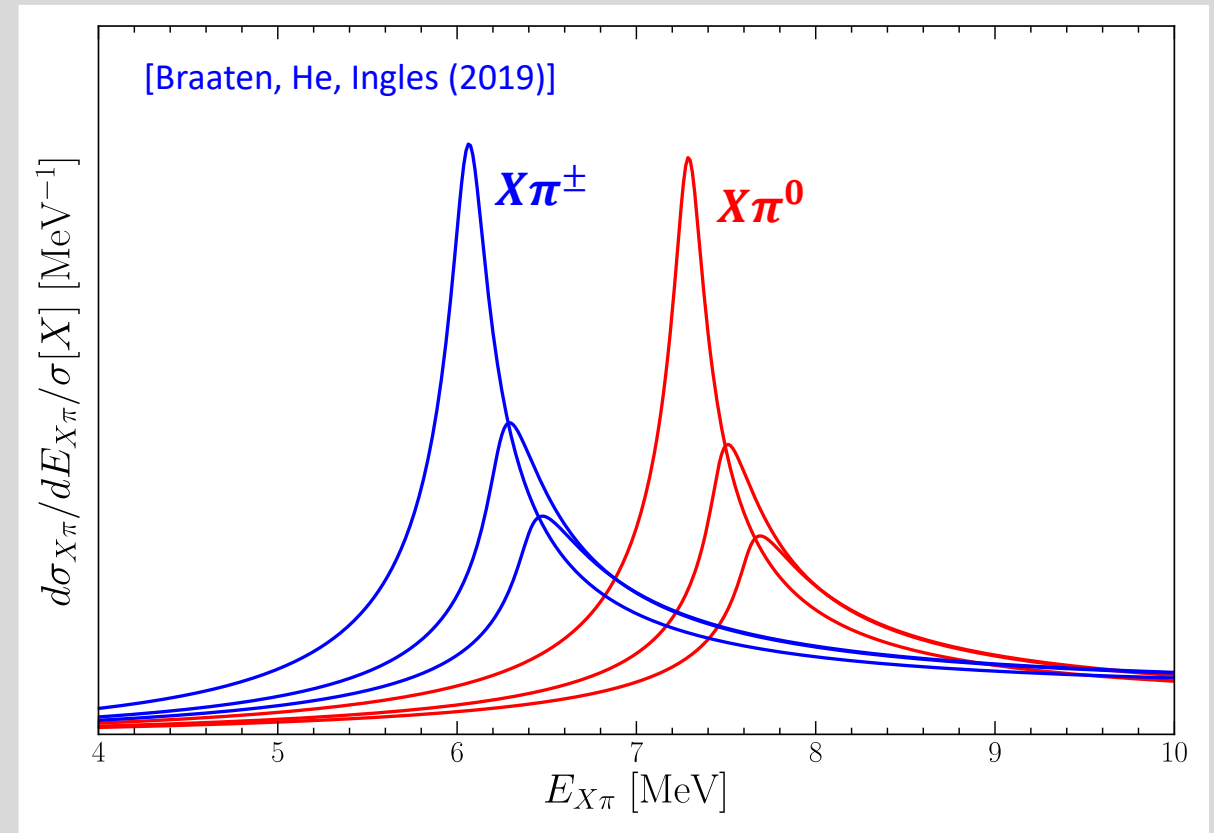
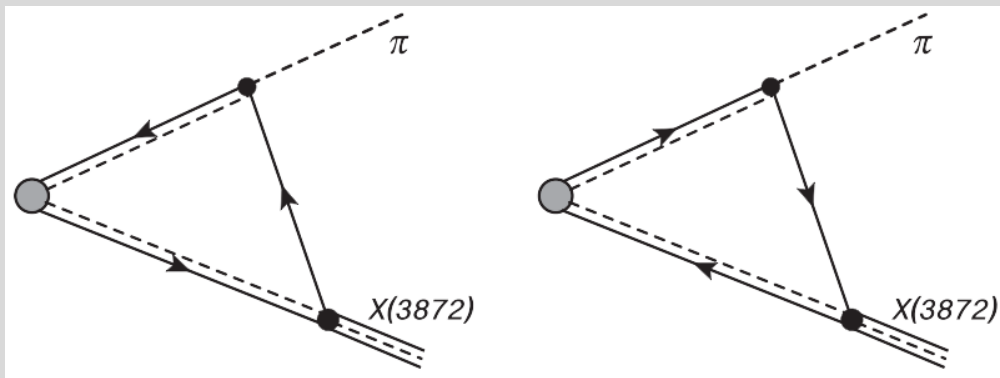
Production of  $X$  can come from creation of  $\bar{D}^0 D^{*0}, D^0 \bar{D}^{*0}$  at short distances

Production of  $X\pi^+$  with soft  $\pi$  can come from creation of  $D^{*+} \bar{D}^{*0}$  at short distances

- Triangle singularity in process  $D^{*+} \bar{D}^{*0} \rightarrow X\pi^+$  gives peak about 6 MeV above  $X\pi^+$  threshold with width  $< 1$  MeV

Charm-meson triangle loop  $\Rightarrow$  triangle singularity

Decay width of  $D^*$  and binding energy of  $X$  reduce  $\log^2$ -divergence to narrow peak



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## Proton-proton collision:

- Interactions with comoving gluons (or pions)  
Comover Interaction Model (CIM)

## Proton-nucleus collision:

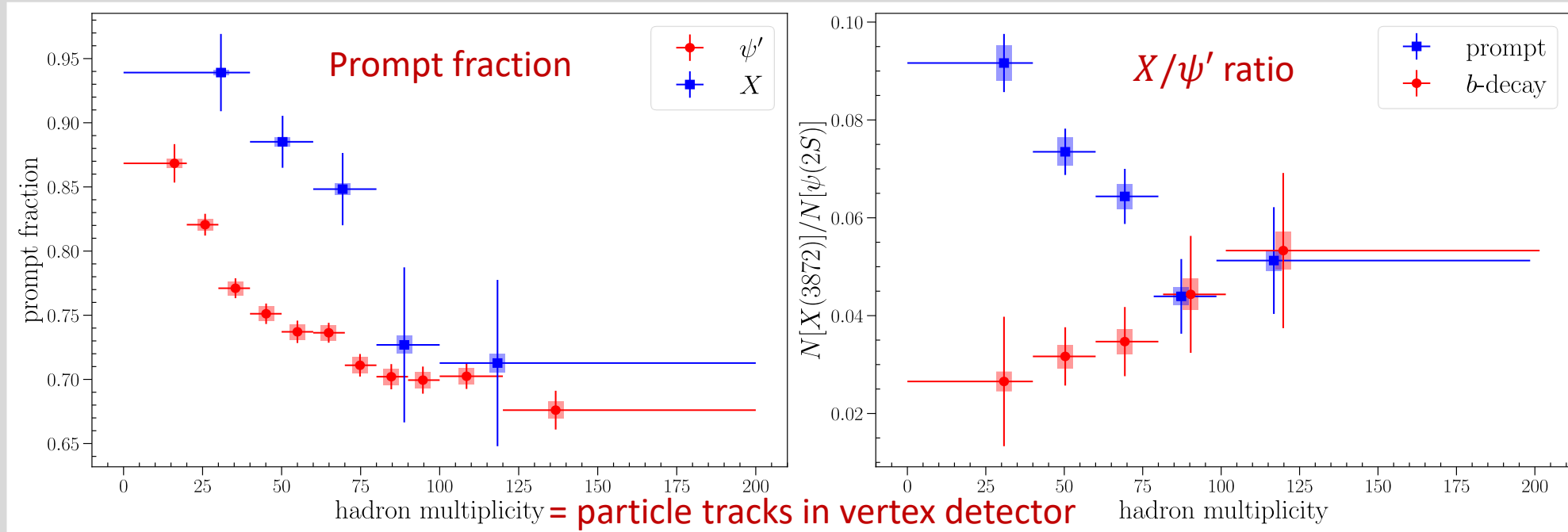
- Interactions with comoving gluons (or pions)
- Cold nuclear matter effects: PDFs of  $p$  and  $n$ , nuclear shadowing, absorption by nucleons etc.

## Nucleus-Nucleus collision:

- Interactions with comoving gluons (or pions)
- Cold nuclear matter effects
- Thermal effects in quark-gluon plasma
- Thermal effects in expanding, cooling hadron gas

# Suppression of $X(3872)$ in $pp$ collisions

[LHCb (2021)] measured  $X$  and  $\psi'$  yields as functions of hadron multiplicity



Prompt fractions for  $X$  and  $\psi'$  decrease with multiplicity

Prompt fraction for  $\psi'$  seems to saturates at large multiplicity

# Suppression of $X(3872)$ in $pp$ collision

Survival probability in Comover Interaction Model [Armesto, Capella (1998)]

$$S = \exp \left[ - \frac{\langle v\sigma \rangle}{\sigma_0} \frac{dN}{dy} \log \left( \frac{1}{N_0} \frac{dN}{dy} \right) \right]$$

$N_0$ : multiplicity at which interactions stop

$\sigma_0$ : parameter that depends center-of-mass energy

Model for breakup reaction rate and momentum distribution for comovers  
[Ferreiro, Lansberg (2018)]

$$\langle v\sigma \rangle = \pi \langle r^2 \rangle;$$

$$f(E_{co}) = (e^{E/T_{eff}} - 1)^{-1}$$

$$T_{eff} = (250 \pm 50) \text{ MeV}$$

$r^2$ : separation squared of constituents

$E^{thr}$ : energy required to break  $X$  apart

$E$ : gluon (or pion) relativistic energy

# Suppression of $X(3872)$ in $pp$ collisions

[Esposito, *et al.* (2020)] estimated  $X/\psi'$  ratio assuming CIM and

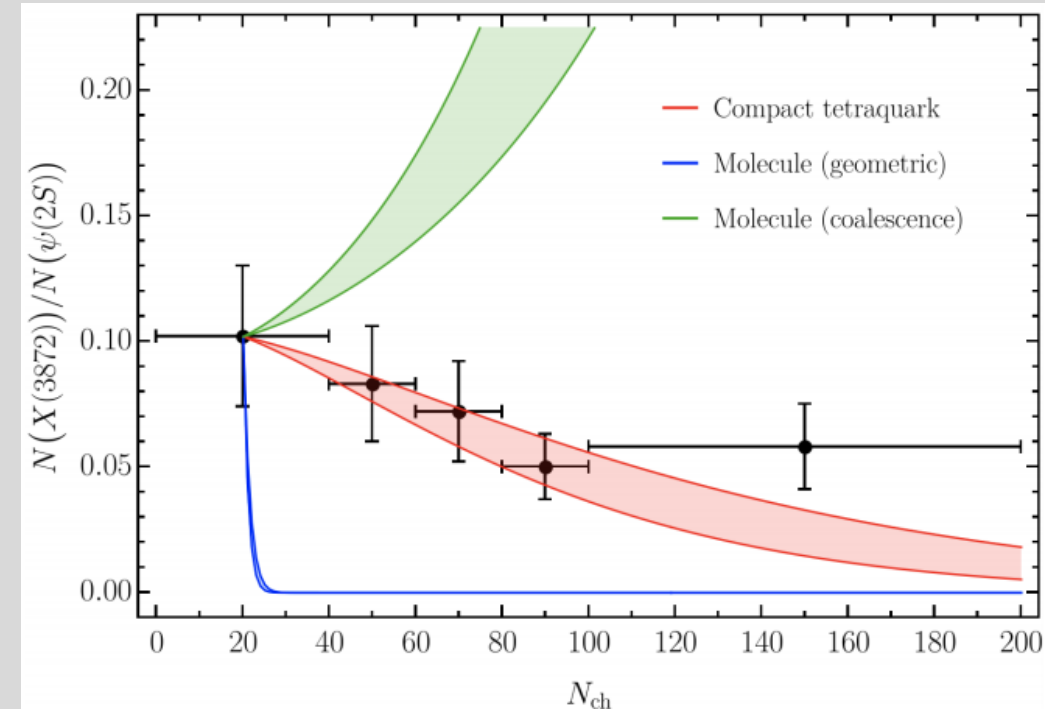
- $X$  as a tightly bound tetraquark  $\langle v\sigma \rangle \sim 10$  mb
- $X$  as charm-meson molecule  $\langle v\sigma \rangle \sim 1200$  mb
- $X$  as charm-meson molecule and with processes  $\pi\bar{D}D^* \rightarrow X\pi$

## Glauber Monte Carlo modeling

- Generate distribution of comovers' momentum and spacetime distributions
- $X$  can only interact with comovers within range  $r$  given by geometric cross section  $\pi\langle r^2 \rangle$

Authors conclude that CIM favors tetraquark interpretation

Prompt  $X$ -to- $J/\psi$  ratio





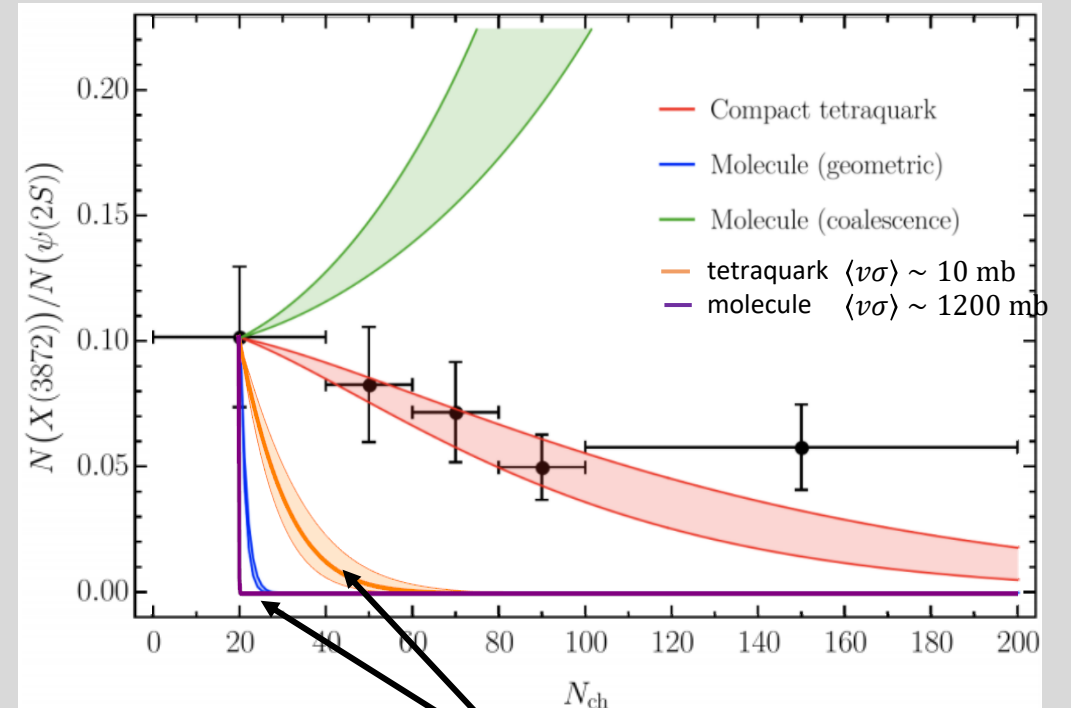
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Problem with few-body physics from [Esposito \*et al.\* \(2020\)](#): their breakup reaction rate given by geometric cross section  $\pi\langle r^2 \rangle$  where  $\langle r^2 \rangle \propto E_X^{-1}$

But breakup reaction rate in the high energy limit should be given by cross section for scattering with constituents  $\sim (m_\pi/f_\pi^2)^2$

Survival probability from CIM gives exponential suppression as function of multiplicity

- LHCb data indicates a saturation



$$S = \exp \left[ - \frac{\langle v\sigma \rangle}{\sigma_0} \frac{dN}{dy} \log \left( \frac{1}{N_0} \frac{dN}{dy} \right) \right]$$

# Suppression of $X(3872)$ in $pp$ collisions

From LHCb data, prompt fraction for  $\psi'$  seems to saturates at large multiplicity

Assumptions of arXiv:2012.13499:

1. prompt cross section is sum of

- term with survival probability  $S = \exp \left[ -\frac{\langle v\sigma \rangle (dN/dy)}{\sigma_0} \log \left( \frac{dN/dy}{N_0} \right) \right]$
- term with survival probability 1

2.  $b$ -decay cross section independent of  $dN/dy$

26 data points

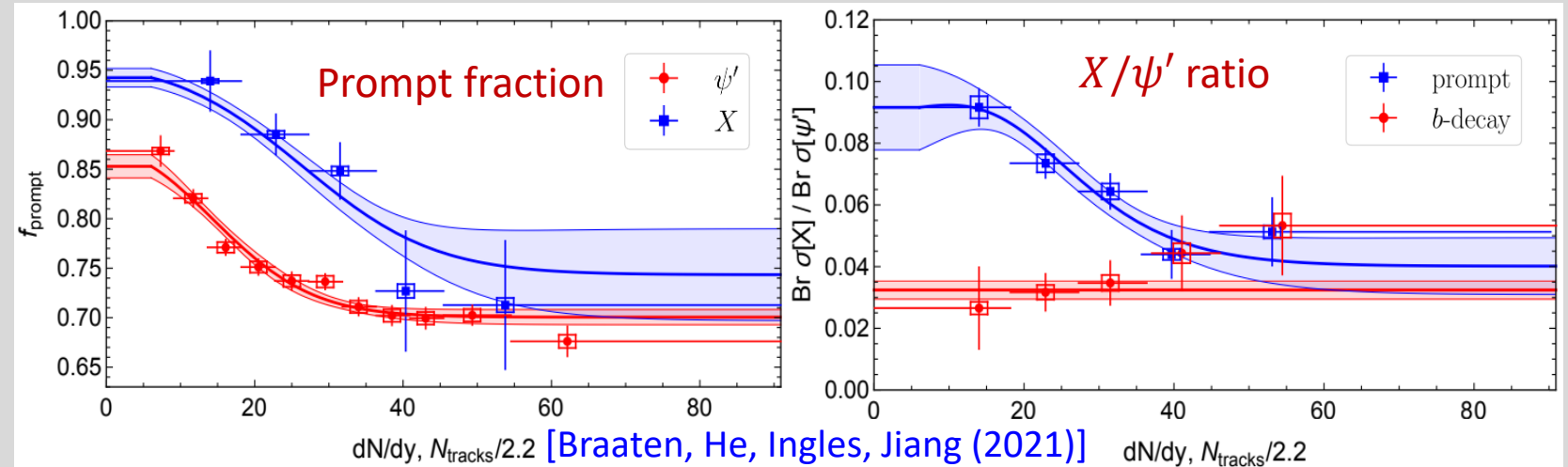
7 fitting parameters

$$\chi^2/\text{dof} = 0.99$$

Fitted reaction rates

$$\langle v\sigma \rangle_{\psi'} = 3.9 \pm 0.8 \text{ mb}$$

$$\langle v\sigma \rangle_X = 2.6 \pm 0.7 \text{ mb}$$



# Suppression of $X(3872)$ in $pp$ collisions

Cross section for  $\pi X$  scattering in XEFT

$E_c$  - comover energy relative to  $\pi X$  threshold

Narrow peak in  $\pi^+ X$  6 MeV above threshold

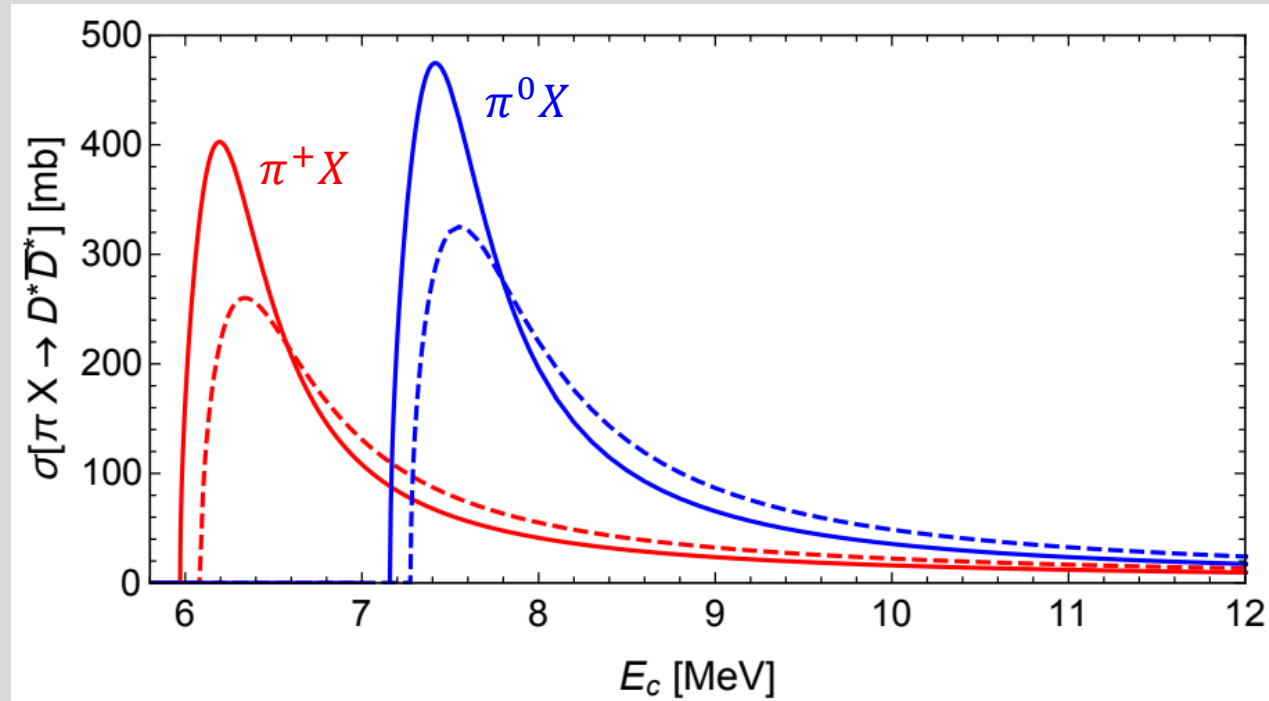
Narrow peak in  $\pi^0 X$  8 MeV above threshold

Order of magnitude at peak is geometric mean of geometric cross section  $\pi\langle r^2 \rangle$  and cross section for scattering with constituents

$$\left(\frac{m_\pi}{f_\pi}\right)^2$$

Cross section for  $\pi X$  scattering decreases to cross section for scattering with constituents  $\pi D^{(*)}$  at higher energies

$$\sigma(\pi X) \sim \left(\frac{m_\pi}{f_\pi}\right)^2 = 25 \text{ mb}$$



# Summary

Still no consensus on nature of  $X(3872)$

Studying production and suppression mechanisms will help reveal  $X(3872)$  nature

Important to use correct few-body physics for  $X(3872)$

Fitted results of multiplicity dependence from LHCb suggest breakup reaction rate for  $X(3872)$  from collisions with comoving pions should be of order 3 mb

**THANK YOU!**