



# Deciphering the Nature of X(3872) in Heavy Ion Collisions

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\* Quark Model: Meson  $(q\bar{q})$  e.g.  $\pi(0^-), \rho(1^-)$ 

Baryon(qqq) e.g.  $p(1/2^+), \Lambda(1/2^+)$ 

\* Multiquarks: Meson ( $qq\bar{q}\bar{q}, qqq\bar{q}\bar{q}\bar{q}, q\bar{q}g...$ )

Baryon ( $qqqq\bar{q}, qqqq\bar{q}q\bar{q}, \ldots$ )

Gell-Mann, PL8(1964)214, Jaffe, PRD15(1977)267

• The observation of the *X*(3872) in 2003 Belle, PRL91(2003)262001



- $B^{\pm} \rightarrow K^{\pm}(J/\psi \pi^{+}\pi^{-})$
- $3872.0 \pm 0.6(\text{stat}) \pm 0.5(\text{syst}) \text{ MeV}$
- Near  $D\bar{D}^*$  threshold

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#### The X(3872) in Heavy Ion Collision

- \* Numerous heavy quarks v.s.  $e^+e^-$ , pp,  $p\bar{p}$
- Order of magnitude difference for different scenarios
- Sensitive to the size of the hadrons



CMS, arXiv: 2102.13048



ExHIC, PRL106(2011)212001

#### The Motivation

\* Compact object ( $r \sim 1 \text{ fm}$ )



\* Loose hadronic molecule ( $r \sim 10$  fm)



• Size effect



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• Estimate the yield of X(3872) in HIC Zhang, Liao, Wang, QW, Xing, PRL126(2021)012301

# The multi-phase transport (AMPT) model



Heavy Ion Jet Interaction Generator

Generate the initial conditions

Zhang's Parton Cascade

Partonic scattering

• Diquark and antidiquark pairs in

"Quark Coalescence"

•  $D^{(*)}$  and  $\overline{D}^{(*)}$  in "ART"

Lin, et.al, PRC72(2005)064901

\* The success of the AMPT model

- Lin, et.al, PRC90(2014)1403,6321
- Evolution of transverse flow and effective temperatures
- Pb+Pb Collisions@ 5.02 TeV Ma, Lin, PRC93(2016)054911
- Two-particle angular correlations in pp and p-Pb collisions <sup>14</sup> Zhang, et.al., PRC98(2018)034912

# Our framework

Molecular state



- $D^{(*)}$  and  $\bar{D}^{(*)}$  in "ART"
- 5 fm <  $r_{D\bar{D}^*}$  < 7 fm
- $2M_D < M_X < 2M_{D^*}$

#### Zhang, Liao, Wang, QW, Xing, PRL126(2021)012301

\* Tetraquark



- Diquark [cq] and antidiquark [ $\bar{c}\bar{q}$ ] pairs in partonic coalescence
- $r_{[cq][\bar{c}\bar{q}]} < 1 \text{ fm}$
- $2M_{|00\rangle_0} < M_X < 2M_{|11\rangle_0}$

Maiani, et. al., PRD89(2014)114010

# $p_T$ and rapidity distributions

Molecular state

\* Tetraquark

 $2.2 \times 10^{5}/10^{6}$  yields

 $9 \times 10^2 / 10^6$  yields



• HM is 2 times order larger

• Similar to the normal hadrons

Zhang, Liao, Wang, QW, Xing, PRL126(2021)012301

### **Centrality distribution**



- Strongly decreasing for HM
- Mild change for compact tetra quark
- System size dependance could be a good probe to X(3872) inner structure
- The size dependance is universal for all the hadrons





• Elliptic flow 
$$v_2 \equiv \frac{p_x^2 - p_y^2}{p_x^2 + p_y^2}$$

 $p_x, p_y, p_z$  the three momentum of the produced hadron, with *z*-axis beam direction

#### CMS, PRL121(2018)082301

- The constituent quark scaling:  $v_2/n_q$  is within [0.5,1.5] GeV for normal light hadrons
- Elliptic flow is the key observable for collective property of bulk medium
- This study showed the first estimation of elliptic flow for exotic states
- The lower statistic for tetra quark do not allow for the  $v_2$  plot



- First estimate the pT, rapidity, centrality dependence of the X(3872) in HM picture and tetra quark pictures in HIC
- The fireball volume plays a crucial role, leading to a two-order-ofmagnitude and significant centrality dependence
- HIC provide a unique opportunity to differentiate hadronic molecule and compact tetra quark scenarios for X(3872)
- The elliptic flow is another key value to study the internal structure of the X(3872)



• Further simulations / measurements in HIC:

Pb-Pb, Xe-Xe, Cu-Cu, O-O, d/p-Au, due to the system-size dependence of X(3872)

• Estimate the yields of other exotics in HIC

# Thanks for your attention!