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The $P_c(4312)^+$ exotic







Introduction

Minimal quark model



Infinite options for color singlets



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State superposition

$$|M\rangle = \alpha_0 |q\bar{q}\rangle + \alpha_1 |gg\rangle + \alpha_2 |q\bar{q}g\rangle + \alpha_3 |q\bar{q}gg\rangle + \alpha_4 |q\bar{q}q\bar{q}\rangle \dots$$

 $|B\rangle = \alpha_0 |qqq\rangle + \alpha_1 |qqqq\bar{q}\rangle + \alpha_2 |qqqgg\rangle + \alpha_3 |qqqq\bar{q}g\rangle \dots$

$$\sum_{i} |\alpha_i|^2 = 1$$

Example: pentaquark



The minimal quark content is that of a pentaquark

Signals



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Amplitude analysis of the $P_c(4312)^+$



CFR et al. (Joint Physics Analysis Center), PRL 123 (2019) 092001

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P_c(4312)⁺ signal



Signal interpretation



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S-matrix theory

- Probability conservation ⇒ Unitarity
- Particle↔antiparticle ⇒ Crossing symmetry
- Causality \Rightarrow Analyticity and no poles in 1st Riemann sheet
- Additional symmetries: gauge, chiral, etc.

Spectrum and singularities



Poles and cuts

- The amplitude is an analytical function in the complex plane
- Singularities determine the amplitude (*aka* the structure)



Riemann sheets structure

— Physical axis



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Near-threshold theory: hypotheses

- Hypotheses:
 - Only one partial wave contributes to the signal
 - The threshold drives the physics (tested)
 - Further singularities are irrelevant (tested)
- Caveat:
 - We fit the J/ ψ p projection (no info on quantum numbers)

Near-threshold theory: equations

$$\frac{dN}{d\sqrt{s}} = \rho(s) \left[|F(s)|^2 + B(s) \right] \qquad F(s) = \frac{\Lambda_b^0}{K^+} \underbrace{T_{i1}}_{p}$$

$$F(s) = P_1(s)T_{11}(s) \qquad \left(T^{-1}\right)_{ij} = M_{ij} - ik_i\delta_{ij} \qquad 2:\Sigma_c^+\bar{D}^0$$

$$M_{ij}(s) = m_{ij} - c_{ij}s$$

Matrix elements *M_{ij}* are singularity free and can be Taylor expanded

Frazer, Hendry PR134 (1964) B1307

Near-threshold amplitude



Scattering length approximation if $c_{ij}=0$

Only poles on sheets II and IV

If $c_{ij} \neq 0$ (effective range approximation); poles in any sheet

Fits: scattering length vs effective range



$$\chi^2/dof = 48.1/(66 - 7) = 0.82$$

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Poles



Pole movement: scattering length



Conclusions

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Summary of the current consensus

- Universally accepted by the hadron molecule community that *the* P_cs are hadron molecules
- Universally accepted by the quark model community that the P_cs are compact pentaquarks
- Universally accepted by the hadrocharmonium community that the P_cs are hadrocharmonia
- The triangles community is universally dissapointed because LHCb rules them out for two of the states

Conclusions

- Seems that $P_c(4312)$ dynamics is driven by the threshold
- Molecule? Virtual state?
- We favor the virtual state explanation
- We have to wait for the quantum numbers, although a lot of (sensible) especulation is already in the market



Thanks.

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