Evidence for the charged charmonium-like state Z_c^+ from lattice QCD

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Introduction Motivation

- $\mathbf{q} \bar{q} q$ mesons?
- experiments: two c's and charge
- \blacksquare Z_c^+ not found in first principle studies (yet)
- can such a state exist within QCD?

Events / 0.01 GeV/c²

 $Z_{c}^{+}(3900)$



- gauge ensemble and methods
- the expected spectrum in $I^{G}(J^{PC}) = 1^{+}(1^{+-})$
- interpolators
- wick contractions
- results
- conclusion

Previous studies of Z_c^+ no candidate so far...

[Prelovsek, LL, 1308.2097 PLB]:

- focused on region below 4GeV
- no additional state
- no considerable energy shifts

[Y. Chen et al.,1403.1318 PRD]:

- DD^* scattering in $J^{PC} = 1^{+-}$
- extracted near threshold parameters
- they claim no candidate found
- see previous talk by L.Liu

poster by c. DeTar @Poster Session

Gauge ensemble ...and a bit about the methods

ensemble provided by A. Hasenfratz (Thank you) [Hasenfratz et al., 0805.2369 PRD,

0806.4586 PRD]

- $N_f = 2$ clover-wilson quarks
- $m_{\pi} = 266(4) MeV$
- *a* = 0.1239(13)*fm*
- $\blacksquare 16^3 \times 32$
- $L \approx 2 fm$ (advantage!)

Distillation method [Peardon et al., 0905.2160 PRD]:

- smeared sources (64 or 32 laplacian eigenvectors)
- all-to-all method (not really needed)
- propagators \rightarrow perambulators
- additionally \(\phi\) matrices (contains all interpolator structure)

Fermilab method for charm quarks [El-Khadra et al., hep-lat/9604004 PRD]:

$$m_{s.a.} = rac{1}{4} (m_{\eta_c} + 3m_{J/\psi})$$

• discretization errors suppressed in $E_n - m_{s.a.}$

• use
$$E_n - m_{s.a.}^{latt} + m_{s.a.}^{phys}$$

Simulate $I^{G}(J^{PC}) = 1^{+}(1^{+-})$ channel to study Z_{c}^{+} .

- all states with given quantum numbers appear
- various two meson states appear
- resonances/bound states appear as additional states

- Z⁺_c should appear near its physical mass
- scattering states appear near

$$E_{ni} = E_1(\frac{2\pi}{L}\vec{n}) + E_2(\frac{2\pi}{L}\vec{n})$$

Focus on specific energy region and simulate all states within.

Energy eigenstates $I^{G}(J^{PC}) = 1^{+}(1^{+-})$ channel



!many states!

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Many open channels and many relevant scattering states in FV below 4.3 GeV:

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 $J/\psi[0]\pi[0]$

 $J/\psi[1]\pi[-1]$

 $\psi(2S)[0]\pi[0]$

 $D[0]D^*[0]$ $D[1]D^*[-1]$

ψ(3770)[0]π[0] ψ₃-- [0]π[0]

Interpolators scattering interpolators

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{O}_{1} = \bar{c}\gamma_{i}c[0] \; \bar{d}\gamma_{5}u[0] \\ \mathcal{O}_{2} = \bar{c}\gamma_{i}\gamma_{t}c[0] \; \bar{d}\gamma_{5}u[0] \\ \mathcal{O}_{3} = \bar{c}\overleftarrow{\nabla}_{j}\gamma_{i}\overrightarrow{\nabla}_{j}c[0] \; \bar{d}\gamma_{5}u[0] \\ \mathcal{O}_{4} = \bar{c}\overleftarrow{\nabla}_{j}\gamma_{i}\gamma_{t}\overrightarrow{\nabla}_{j}c[0] \; \bar{d}\gamma_{5}u[0] \\ \mathcal{O}_{5} = |\epsilon_{ijk}||\epsilon_{klm}| \; \bar{c}\gamma_{j}\overleftarrow{\nabla}_{l}\overrightarrow{\nabla}_{m}c[0] \; \bar{d}\gamma_{5}u[0] \\ \mathcal{O}_{6} = |\epsilon_{ijk}||\epsilon_{klm}| \; \bar{c}\gamma_{t}\gamma_{j}\overleftarrow{\nabla}_{l}\overrightarrow{\nabla}_{m}c[0] \; \bar{d}\gamma_{5}u[0] \\ \mathcal{O}_{7} = R_{ijk}Q_{klm} \; \bar{c}\gamma_{j}\overleftarrow{\nabla}_{l}\overrightarrow{\nabla}_{m}c[0] \; \bar{d}\gamma_{5}u[0] \\ \mathcal{O}_{8} = R_{ijk}Q_{klm} \; \bar{c}\gamma_{t}\gamma_{j}\overleftarrow{\nabla}_{l}\overrightarrow{\nabla}_{m}c[0] \; \bar{d}\gamma_{5}u[0] \\ \mathcal{O}_{9} = \sum_{e_{k}=\pm e_{x,y,z}} \bar{c}\gamma_{i}c[e_{k}] \; \bar{d}\gamma_{5}u[-e_{k}] \\ \mathcal{O}_{10} = \bar{c}\gamma_{5}c[0] \; \bar{d}\gamma_{i}u[0] \\ \mathcal{O}_{11} = \bar{c}\gamma_{5}u[0] \; \bar{d}\gamma_{i}c[0] \\ \mathcal{O}_{12} = \bar{c}\gamma_{5}\gamma_{t}u[0] \; \bar{d}\gamma_{i}c_{c}[0] \\ \mathcal{O}_{13} = \bar{c}\gamma_{5}u[1] \; \bar{d}\gamma_{i}c[-1] \\ \mathcal{O}_{14} = \epsilon_{ijk}\bar{c}\gamma_{j}u[0] \; \bar{d}\gamma_{k}c[0] \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{c}\Gamma_{1}u]_{1_{c}} \; [\bar{d}\Gamma_{2}c]_{1_{c}} \; D^{*}D^{*} \\ [\bar{c}\Gamma_{1}u]_{1_{c}} \; [\bar{d}\Gamma_{2}c]_{1_{c}} \; D^{*}D^{*} \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

Interpolators diquark interpolators

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_{15} &= N_L^3 \; \epsilon_{abc} \epsilon_{ab'c'} (\bar{c}_b C \gamma_5 \bar{d}_c \; c_{b'} \gamma_i C u_{c'} - \bar{c}_b C \gamma_i \bar{d}_c \; c_{b'} \gamma_5 C u_{c'}) \quad \Big\} \; [\bar{c} \Gamma_1 \bar{d}]_{3_c} \; [c \Gamma_2 u]_{\bar{3}_c} \\ \mathcal{O}_{16} &= N_L^3 \; \epsilon_{abc} \epsilon_{ab'c'} (\bar{c}_b C \bar{d}_c \; c_{b'} \gamma_i \gamma_5 C u_{c'} - \bar{c}_b C \gamma_i \gamma_5 \bar{d}_c \; c_{b'} C u_{c'}) \quad \Big\} \; [\bar{c} \Gamma_1 \bar{d}]_{3_c} \; [c \Gamma_2 u]_{\bar{3}_c} \\ \mathcal{O}_{17} &= \mathcal{O}_{15} \\ \mathcal{O}_{18} &= \mathcal{O}_{16} \Bigg\} \; Nv = 32 \end{aligned}$$

Note: operators implement well within the distillation method.

4q interpolators are very different than scattering interpolators [Jaffe, hep-ph/0409065 PR]

- \$\mathcal{O}_{15}\$ is combination of "good" and "bad" positive parity diquarks
- $\epsilon_{abc} \bar{c}_b C \gamma_5 \bar{d}_c$ has $J^P = 0^+$
- $\epsilon_{abc} \bar{c}_b C \gamma_i \bar{d}_c$ has $J^P = 1^+$
- symmetrize to get good C!

- O₁₆ is combination of negative parity diquarks
- $\epsilon_{abc} \bar{c}_b C \bar{d}_c$ has $J^P = 0^-$
- $\epsilon_{abc} \bar{c}_b C \gamma_i \gamma_5 \bar{d}_c$ has $J^P = 1^-$
- symmetrize to get good C!

Note: π has γ_5 and negative parity. Similar diquark with γ_5 has positive parity!

Wick contractions 3×3 flavor structure matrix



Analysis

create correlator matrix:

$$C_{ij}(t) = \langle \Omega | \mathcal{O}_i(t_{src}) \mathcal{O}_j(t_{src} + t) | \Omega \rangle$$

 $C_{ij}(t) = \sum_n Z_i^n Z_j^{*n} e^{-E_n t}$

- *E_n* is the discrete energy of the *n*-th state
- if resonance, *E_n* is approximate mass
- Zⁿ_i tells us composition of *n*-th state
- solve the GEVP:

$$C(t)\vec{u}(t) = \lambda(t)C(t_0)\vec{u}(t)$$

• and determine E_n from eigenvalues

$$\lambda(t) \propto e^{-E_n t}$$

- observe the spectrum and identify with variation of basis
- determine Zⁿ_i

$$Z_{i}^{n}(t) = e^{E_{n}t/2} \frac{|C_{ij}(t)\vec{u_{j}}^{n}(t)|}{|C^{1/2}(t)\vec{u}^{n}(t)|}$$

- Z_iⁿ gives overlap of *i*-th operator to the *n*-th state
- confirm or improve identification
- determine state composition

Results effective masses



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Results the full result - spectrum



- 18 × 18 correlator matrix spectrum
- some states less reliable than others
- black dots: fits from simulation
- lines: non-interacting levels
- expected: 9 energy levels below 4.3GeV
- seen: more!
- candidates for additional state

Results the full result - a candidate



- scattering states
- additional state!
- red star: Z_c^+
- arguments: basis variation + Zfcators

Results identification of states - basis variation



Results identification of states - Zfactor composition



- this work [S. Prelovsek, C.B. Lang, LL, D. Mohler, 1405.7623]
- overlaps of states to operators
- confirmed identification
- Z⁺_c has dominant contributions from O₁₅ and O₁₇

Results The Candidate



- inelastic scattering
- extremely difficult to extract scattering parameters
- Lüscher-type analysis requires multiple volumes
- large volumes (L = 2 fm +) have very dense scattering levels ($p = \frac{2\pi}{L}$)
- rigorous treatment predicts additional state!

- when simulating: include "exotic" interpolators!
- Z_c^+ is exotic
- Z_c^+ exists within QCD

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$$m_{Z_c^+} = 4.16 \pm 0.16 \pm \mathcal{O}(\Gamma_{Z_c^+})$$
 GeV



Thank you for your attention :)