

Dbar-N interaction from Lattice QCD

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This Talk

Study the $\bar{D}N$ interaction with Lattice QCD using configurations generated at “physical point” (pion mass $m_\pi = 137$ MeV) by the HAL QCD collaboration

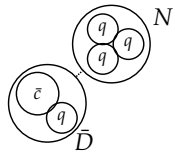
- $\bar{D}N$ potential (LO derivative expansion)
- Scattering quantities (e.g. s-wave phase shift, scattering length, effective range)

Collaborated work by the HAL QCD group.
Especially, Yan Lyu, Kotaro Murakami and Takumi Doi.

- Introduction
- Method: HAL QCD, Lattice Setup
- Results

$\bar{D}N$ system

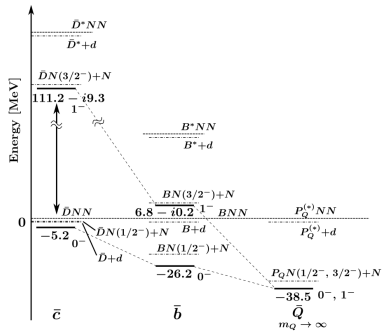
- “ \bar{c} -quark version” of KN system
- No $q\bar{q}$ annihilation:
Bound state \rightarrow Pentaquark



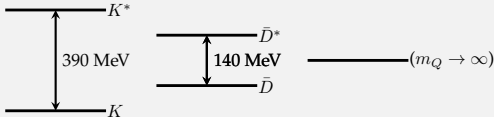
- Charmed nuclei, $\bar{D}NN\dots$
Approximate degenerate states from HQSS ($j_l \geq 1$)
- in-medium effects to the \bar{D} -meson
e.g. mass modification, impurity effects

Hosaka, Hyodo, Sudoh, Yamaguchi, Yasui, PPNP 96, 88 (2017)

A. Hosaka et al. / Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 96 (2017) 88–153



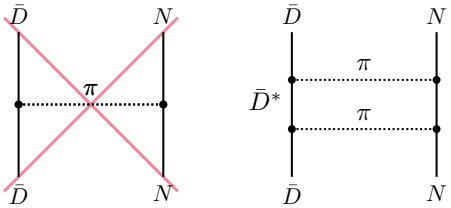
Coupling to the \bar{D}^*N channel (is thought to) enhance attraction
 ($\leftrightarrow KN$ system)



■ Contact $SU(4)_F$ “Tomozawa-Weinberg”

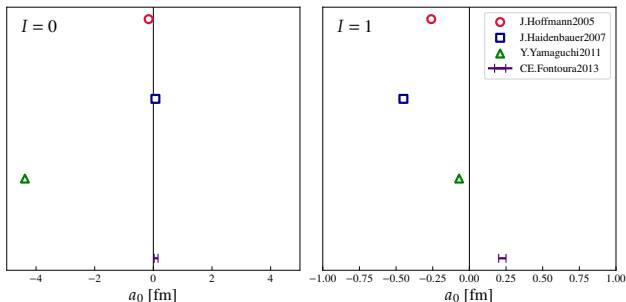
$$C_{\bar{D}N\bar{D}N}^{(I=0)} = 0 \rightarrow C_{ij}^{(I=0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{12} \\ \sqrt{12} & -4 \end{bmatrix} \simeq \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

■ π -exchange



- No consistency of existence/absence of bound state, attractive/repulsive phase shift behavior between models

Model	Bound State ($I = 0$) [MeV]	Bound State ($I = 1$) [MeV]
Hoffmann 2005	×	×
Haidenbauer 2007	×	×
Gamermann 2010	2805	×
Yamaguchi 2011	2804	×
Yamaguchi 2022	2804	2800



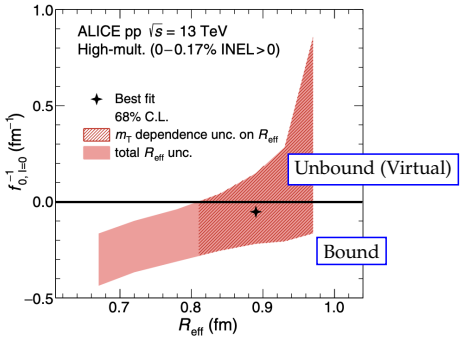
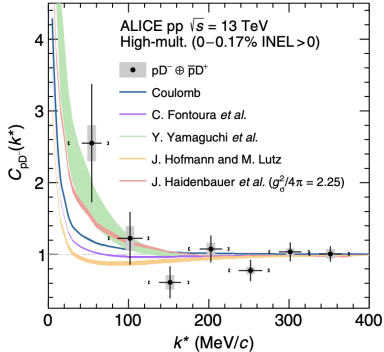
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Current Status: Experiment

D^-p correlation from pp collision

S. Acharya et al. ALICE collab. Phys.Rev.D 106 (2022) 5, 052010

- First experimental study of the two-body scattering of $\bar{D}N$
- Assuming negligible interaction in the $I = 1$ channel



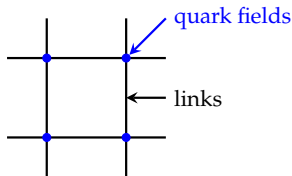
- inverse scattering length a_0^{-1} : $-0.4 \sim +0.9$ fm \rightarrow Bound state or virtual state

Numerically evaluating the path integral of QCD

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}A \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi e^{-S_{\text{QCD}}} \mathcal{O}$$

↓
Discretize spacetime

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \prod dU d\bar{\psi} d\psi e^{-S_{\text{LQCD}}} \mathcal{O}$$



- Evaluate the discretized path integral with Monte-Carlo methods $\rightarrow \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle$

$\bar{D}N$ system is suited for lattice simulations:

- No open channels ($\leftrightarrow DN$ system has lower open channels e.g. $\pi\Lambda_c, \pi\Sigma_c^{(*)}$)
- No $q\bar{q}$ annihilation suited for Lattice simulations
($q\bar{q}$ annihilation \rightarrow large computational cost)

(2-body) scattering on the Lattice

$$\begin{aligned}C(t, \vec{r}) &= \sum_{\vec{x}} \langle \mathcal{O}_1(t, \vec{x} + \vec{r}) \mathcal{O}_2(t, \vec{x}) \bar{\mathcal{J}}(0) \rangle \\ &= \sum_n A_n \psi(\vec{r}; E_n) e^{-E_n t}\end{aligned}$$

Obtain scattering info (Phase shift) from Euclidean-time correlation function:

$$C(t, \vec{r}) \longrightarrow \text{Phase shift } \delta$$

- Lüscher's finite volume method

M. Lüscher, Nucl.Phys.B 354 531-578 (1991)

Energy spectra in finite volume $\{E_n\} \rightarrow$ quantization condition (e.g. Lüscher's formula) \rightarrow Phase shift

- HALQCD method

N. Ishii, S. Aoki, and T. Hatsuda PRL 99, 022001 (2007)

Temporal + spacial info. $\psi(\vec{r}; E_n) \rightarrow$ Potential \rightarrow Phase shift

HALQCD

$$\mathcal{C}(t, \vec{r}) = \sum_{\vec{x}} \langle \mathcal{O}_1(t, \vec{x} + \vec{r}) \mathcal{O}_2(t, \vec{x}) \bar{\mathcal{J}}(0) \rangle = \sum_n A_n \psi(\vec{r}; E_n) e^{-E_n t}$$

$$\psi(\vec{r}) \rightarrow \frac{\sin(kr - l\pi/2 + \delta(k))}{kr} e^{i\delta(k)} \quad (r \gg R)$$

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2)\psi(\vec{r}; E_n) = \int d\vec{r}' V(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \psi(\vec{r}'; E_n)$$

- Energy-independent interaction kernel $V(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')$ produces the correct phase shift of the QCD S-matrix in the elastic region

Time-dependent method

Ishii et al. (HAL QCD), PLB712, 437(2012)

$$R(t, \vec{r}) = \frac{\mathcal{C}(t, \vec{r})}{\langle \mathcal{O}_1(t) \rangle \langle \mathcal{O}_2(t) \rangle}$$

$$\left[\frac{1 + 3\delta^2}{8\mu} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\nabla^2}{2\mu} \right] R(t, \vec{r}) = \int d\vec{r}' V(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') R(t, \vec{r}')$$

- Excited-state contamination suppressed

Configuration (F-conf)

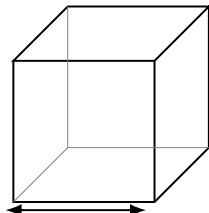
Phys. Rev. D 110, 094502 (HAL QCD collab.)

- Volume: 96×96^3
- Iwasaki gauge action ($\beta = 1.82$)
- 2+1 flavor, $\mathcal{O}(a)$ -improved Wilson quark action
- Relativistic heavy-quark action for c quark slightly heavy / light c quark (set1 / set2)
- Statistics: 360 configurations \times 96 source \times 4

$$a \simeq 0.084 \text{ fm}$$

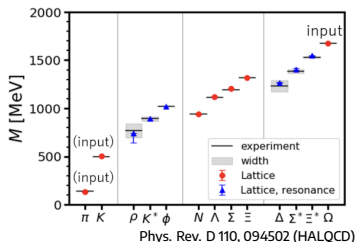
	Lattice [MeV]	PDG [MeV]
m_π	<u>137.1</u>	138
m_N	939.7	938

	set-1 [MeV]	set-2 [MeV]	PDG [MeV]
m_D	1880.1	1854.3	1865
m_{D^*}	2017.8	1994.1	2007



$$L \simeq 8 \text{ fm}$$

$$m_\pi \simeq 137 \text{ MeV}$$



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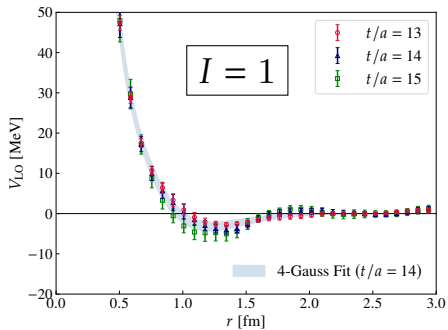
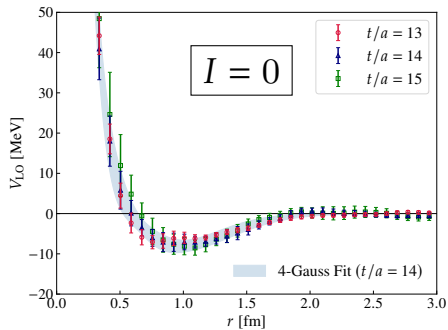
- Only consider $\bar{D}N$ channel (valid upto \bar{D}^*N threshold)
- Jackknife sampling methods for statistical uncertainties from MC
sbin = 30 (binsize dependence negligible)
- A_1^+ projection + Misner method (T. Miyamoto et.al. Phys. Rev. D 101, 074514 (2020))
Suppress $l = 4, 6, \dots$ contributions
- Linear extrapolation of set-1 and set-2 correlators to physical D^0 mass (PDG)

$$R^{\text{phys}}(t, \vec{r}) \simeq 0.411 \times R^{(1)}(t, \vec{r}) + 0.589 \times R^{(2)}(t, \vec{r})$$

s-wave $\bar{D}N$ potential

LO of the derivative expansion of $V(r, r')$

$$V(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = V_{\text{LO}}(r) \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') + \sum V_k \nabla^k \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$$



- Repulsive core + Attractive pocket
- $I = 0$ potential is more attractive than $I = 1$ potential in all regions

4 Gaussian Fit

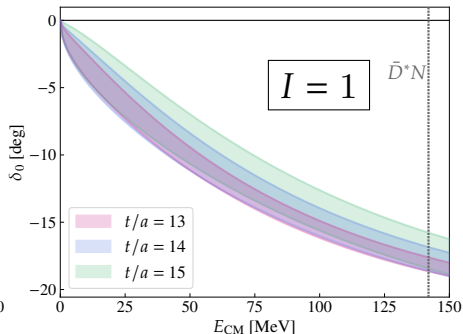
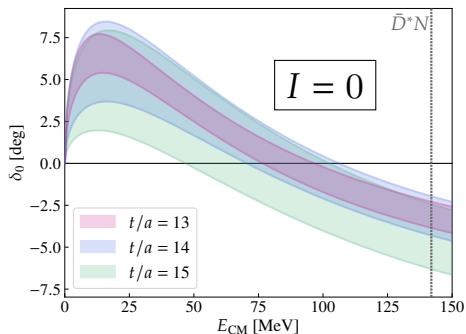
$$V_{\text{LO}}^{\text{fit}}(r) = \sum_{k=1}^4 a_i \exp[-r^2/b_i^2]$$

	χ^2/dof ($I = 0$)	χ^2/dof ($I = 1$)
$t/a = 13$	0.31	1.36
$t/a = 14$	0.46	0.82
$t/a = 15$	0.24	0.66

s-wave Phase Shifts

Solve schrödinger equation using fitted potential

$$\left[H_0 + V_{LO}^{\text{fit}} \right] \psi(r) = E\psi(r)$$

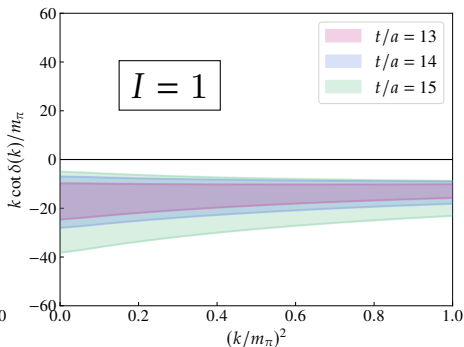
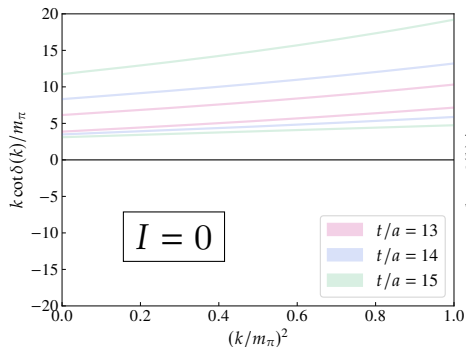


- $I=0$: Phase shift shows weak attractive behavior in the low-energy region
- $I=1$: Phase shift shows repulsive behavior in all energy regions
- No bound state in $I=0$ and $I=1$ channel

Scattering Length, Effective Range

Effective-Range Expansion

$$k \cot \delta(k) = \frac{1}{a_0} + \frac{1}{2} r_0 k^2 + \mathcal{O}(k^4)$$



	a_0 [fm]	r_0 [fm]
$I = 0$ ($t/a = 14$)	0.247 ± 0.105	8.92 ± 2.97
$I = 1$ ($t/a = 14$)	-0.084 ± 0.049	15.21 ± 26.49

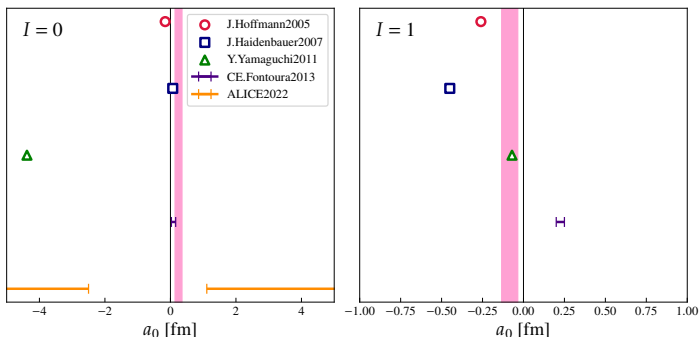
- Scattering length: systematic uncertainties from choosing different time slices
~20% ($I=0$), ~12% ($I=1$)

Comparison: Models, Femtoscopy

- No bound states in $I=0$ and $I=1$

Study	Bound State ($I = 0$) [MeV]	Bound State ($I = 1$) [MeV]
Hoffmann 2005	×	×
Haidenbauer 2007	×	×
Gamermann 2010	2805	×
Yamaguchi 2022	2804	2800
ALICE 2022	△	—
HAL 2025	×	×

- Scattering Length a_0 (Pink band: Our Result)



Summary

■ $\bar{D}N$ system

Possibility of Pentaquark, Charmed nuclei...

■ Limited experimental data input for theoretical studies

→ Lattice simulations (expect good signal because no lower open channels, no $q\bar{q}$ annihilation)

■ Our Results:

- (Small) Attractive behavior in the low energy region of $l=0$ channel
- Repulsive behavior in the $l=1$ channel
- No bound states for both $l=0$ and $l=1$
- Results differ from models (& ALICE results)

Outlook

■ Coupled-channel analysis of $\bar{D}N-\bar{D}^*N$

Coupling of $\bar{D}N-\bar{D}^*N$ is important to explain the attraction

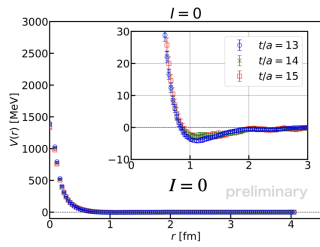
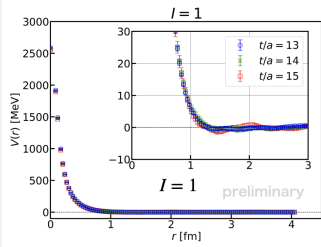
■ Multi-body systems (e.g. $\bar{D}NN...$) or Femtoscopy analysis using the $\bar{D}N$ HALQCD potential

Supplementary Materials

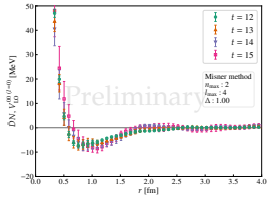
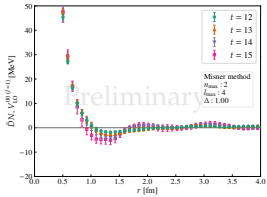
Comparison vs KN

$\bar{D}N$ has stronger attraction than KN

KN potential by Kotaro Murakami (HADRON 2025)



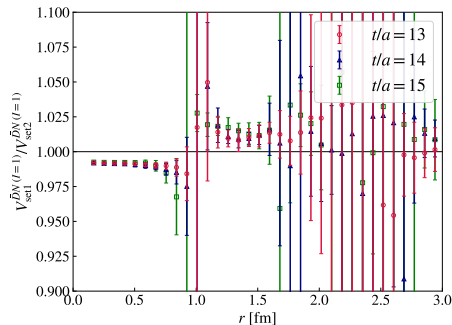
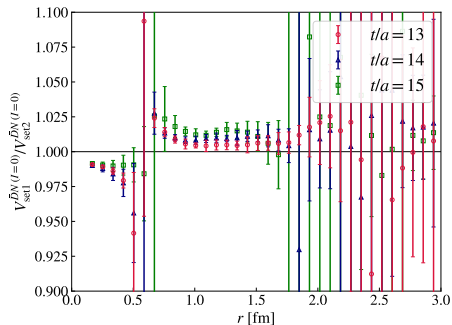
$\bar{D}N$



LO potential: m_c dependence

Ratio between set-1 LO potential and set-2 LO potential

$$\frac{V_{LO}^I}{V_{LO}^{II}}$$



- Heavier c quark \rightarrow stronger attraction ($\sim 1-2\%$)
c.f. mass difference of \bar{D} meson between set-1 & set-2 $\approx 1.5\%$

4-gauss Fit of the $\bar{D}N$ LO potential

$$V_{LO}^{\text{fit}} = a_1 e^{-(b_1 r)^2} + a_2 e^{-(b_2 r)^2} + a_3 e^{-(b_3 r)^2} + a_4 e^{-(b_4 r)^2}$$

	$I = 0 (t/a = 14)$	$I = 1 (t/a = 14)$
a_1 [latt unit]	$0.12496607 \pm 0.10321802$	$0.16384792 \pm 0.05043241$
b_1 [latt unit]	$0.11414286 \pm 0.04742497$	$0.11571616 \pm 0.00822781$
a_2 [latt unit]	$0.10975638 \pm 0.01943871$	$0.16256342 \pm 0.01280945$
b_2 [latt unit]	0.3704377 ± 0.03930028	0.31399445 ± 0.0126255
a_3 [latt unit]	$0.15532092 \pm 0.02018262$	$0.30985708 \pm 0.01617404$
b_3 [latt unit]	$0.75811416 \pm 0.04901691$	0.6783387 ± 0.01245769
a_4 [latt unit]	$-0.11483858 \pm 0.11301206$	$-0.13140795 \pm 0.05119623$
b_4 [latt unit]	$0.10176603 \pm 0.01632742$	$0.10814738 \pm 0.00685318$

Range of attractive tail $\sim b_4$

$$b_4^{I=0} = 238 \pm 38 \text{ MeV}$$

$$b_4^{I=1} = 253 \pm 16 \text{ MeV}$$

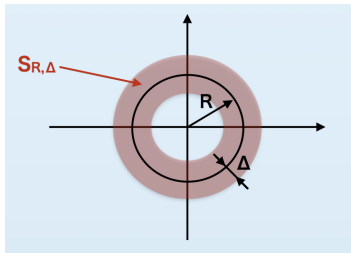
c.f. $2m_\pi \approx 274 \text{ MeV}$

Higher partial-wave contamination in the A_1^+ R-correlator

- Misner method

C. W. Misner, Class. Quantum Grav. 21 (2004) S243-S247

T. Miyamoto et. al. Phys. Rev. D 101, 074514 (2020)



$$R(\vec{r}) \approx \sum_{nlm} c_{nlm} G_n^{R,\Delta}(R) Y_{lm}(\hat{r})$$

$$G_n^{R,\Delta}(R) = \frac{1}{r} \sqrt{\frac{2n+1}{2\Delta}} P_n\left(\frac{r-R}{\Delta}\right)$$

$$c_{nlm} = \langle \tilde{\mathcal{Y}}_{nlm} | \mathcal{Y}_{nlm} \rangle$$

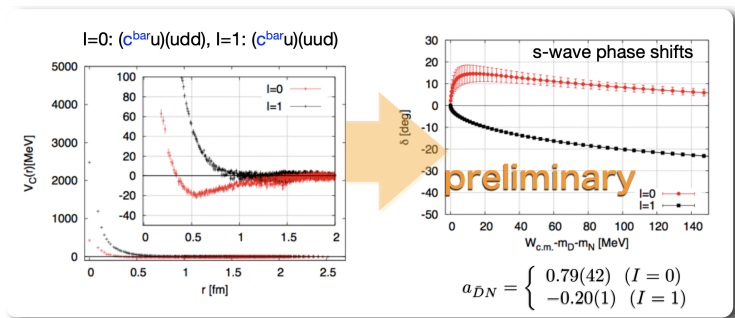
From T.Miyamoto slides 2019

In the following the expansion of the R-correlator is truncated at

- $n_{\max}=2$, $l_{\max}=4$
- $\Delta=1.00$ lattice unit

Comparison to results with heavier pion mass $m_\pi = 410$ MeV (PACS-CS config.)

Y. Ikeda slides 10th APCTP-BLTP/JINR-RCNP-RIKEN Joint Workshop Aug.2016



- $I = 0$: smaller pion mass, shallower attractive pocket
($m_\pi \simeq 137$ MeV case) has smaller scattering length but is still positive
- $I = 1$: ($m_\pi \simeq 137$ MeV case) has slightly smaller repulsion
scattering length closer to zero