

# Dibaryons – a new state of matter?

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## Collaboration

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## Abstract content

Despite their long painful history dibaryon searches (where dibaryon means a baryon number  $B = 2$  state independently on the internal structure: genuine six-quark state/baryonic-molecule) have recently received new interest, in particular by the recognition that there are more complex quark configurations than just the familiar  $q\bar{q}$  and  $qqq$  systems. The “hidden color” aspect makes dibaryons a particularly interesting object in QCD. A resonance like structure recently observed in double-pionic fusion to deuteron, at  $M = 2.38\text{GeV}$  with  $\Gamma = 70\text{MeV}$  and  $I(J^P) = 0(3^+)$  meanwhile proved to be the so called “inevitable dibaryon”  $d^*$ . To investigate its structure we have measured its decay branches into the  $d\pi^0$ ,  $d\pi^+$ ,  $p\pi^0$ ,  $p\pi^-$ ,  $n\pi^0$ ,  $n\pi^+$  channels by  $pd$  and  $dp$  collisions in the quasi-free reaction mode, utilizing the WASA detectors.

Wave analysis with inclusion of these data reveals a pole in the complex plane of the  $^3D_3$  partial wave at  $(2380 \pm 10)\text{MeV} - i(40 \pm 5)\text{MeV}$  in accordance with the  $d^*$  resonance hypothesis. Since in the double-pionic fusion reaction to  $^3\text{He}$  and  $^4\text{He}$  at-Cosy results also the latest results in this field as well as the influence of dibaryons on other areas of physics, including heavy ion collisions for invariant electron-positron masses in the range  $0.15\text{GeV} < M_{e^+e^-} < 0.6\text{GeV}$  has recently been traced back to neutron ( $pn$ ) collisions relative to  $pp$  collisions. Whereas the dilepton spectra from  $pp$  collisions are understood quantitatively, this is in particular regarding the region  $M_{e^+e^-} > 0.3\text{GeV}$  at beam energies below  $2\text{GeV}$  (“DLSPuzzle”). We show that the missing  $e^+e^-$  production, which is dominated by  $t$ -channel  $\Delta/\Delta$  excitation and the recently found isoscalar dibaryonic resonance  $d^*$  at  $\approx 2.37\text{GeV}$ .

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