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Deriving the existence of \$B\bar{B} ^*\$ bound states from the X(3872) and Heavy Quark Symmetry

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We discuss the possibility and the description of bound states between \$B\$ and \$\bar{B}^*\$ mesons. We argue that the existence of such a bound state can be deduced from (i) the weakly bound X(3872) state, (ii) certain assumptions about the short range dynamics of the \$D\bar{D}^*\$ system and (iii) heavy quark symmetry. From these assumptions the binding energy of the possible \$B\bar{B}^*\$ bound states is determined, first in a theory containing only contact interactions which serves as a straightforward illustration of the method, and then the effects of including the one pion exchange potential are discussed. In this latter case three isoscalar states are predicted: a positive and negative C-parity \$^3S_1-{}^3D_1\$ state with a binding energy of \$20\, {\rm MeV}\$ and \$6\,{\rm MeV}\$ below threshold respectively, and a positive Cparity \$^3P_0\$ shallow state located almost at the \$B\bar{B}^*\$ threshold. However, large uncertainties are generated as a consequence of the \$1/m Q\$ corrections from heavy quark symmetry. Finally, the newly discovered isovector \$Z b(10610)\$ state can be easily accommodated within the present framework by a minor modification of the short range dynamics.

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