

Detecting the long-distance structure of the $X(3872)$

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We study the $X(3872)$ to $D\bar{D}\pi^0$ decay within a molecular $D\bar{D}^*$ picture for the $X(3872)$ state. This mode is more sensitive to the long-distance structure of the $X(3872)$ resonance than its $J/\psi\pi\pi$ and $J/\psi 3\pi$ decays, which are mainly controlled by the details of the $X(3872)$ wave function at short distances. We show that the $D\bar{D}$ final state interaction can be important, and that a precise measurement of this partial decay width can provide valuable information on the interaction strength between $D^*\bar{D}^{(*)}$ charm mesons.

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