

# Theoretical insights about the XYZ states ... and beyond

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't Hooft; Politzer; Gross, Wilczek

QCD as well as QED are **local gauge theories** (**SU(3) vs. U(1)**)

The Lagrangian reads

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD/QED}} = \bar{\psi} (\gamma_{\mu} D^{\mu} - M) \psi - \frac{1}{4T} \text{Tr} (F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu})$$

where the covariant derivative and field strength tensor read

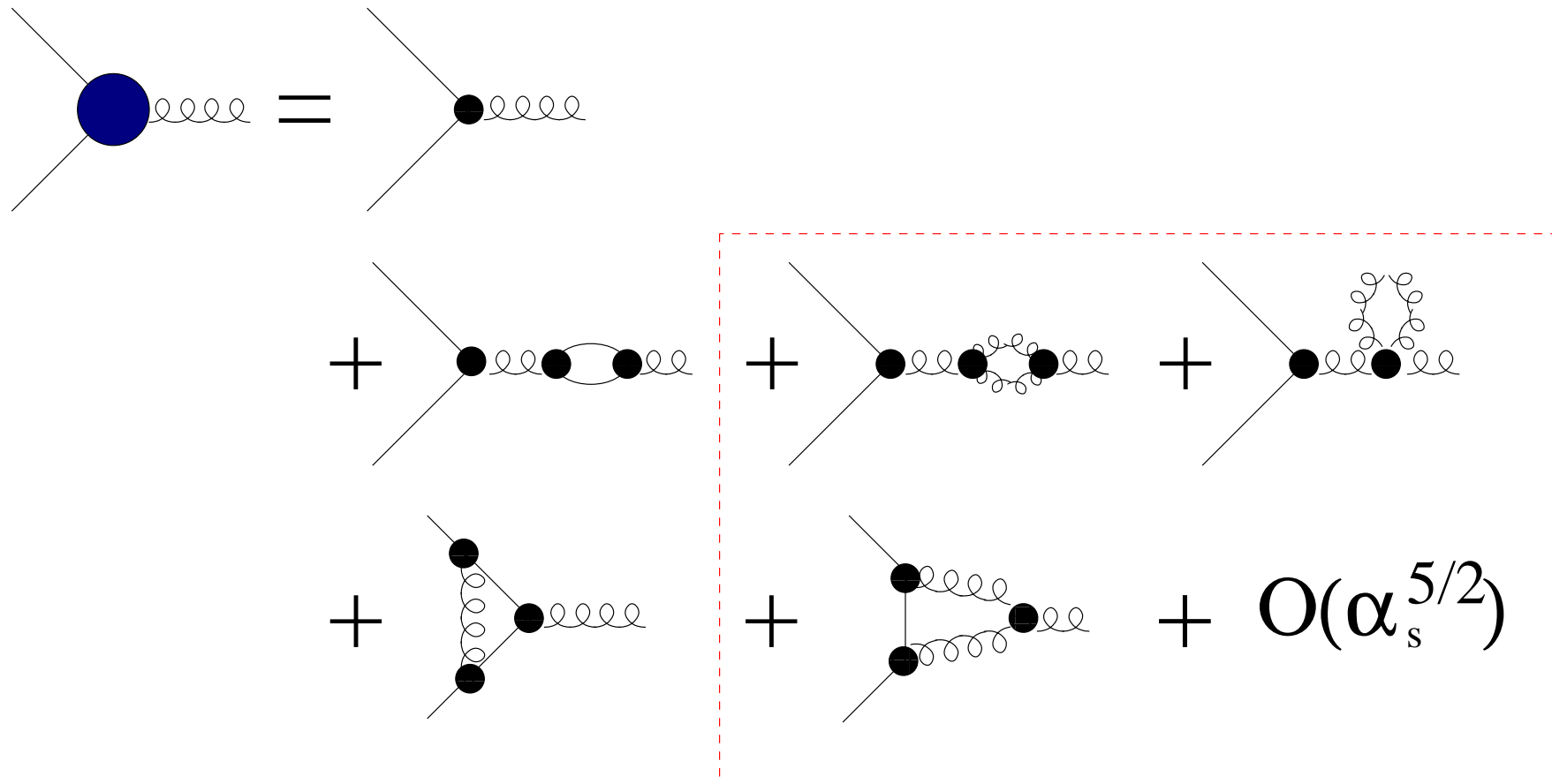
$$D_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} - ig G_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} - ig \sum_a G_{\mu}^a T^a ,$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{g} [D_{\mu}, D_{\nu}] = \partial_{\mu} G_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu} G_{\mu} - ig [G_{\mu}, G_{\nu}]$$

where  $T^a$  = generators of the **gauge group** with  $\text{Tr} (T^a T^b) = T \delta^{ab}$

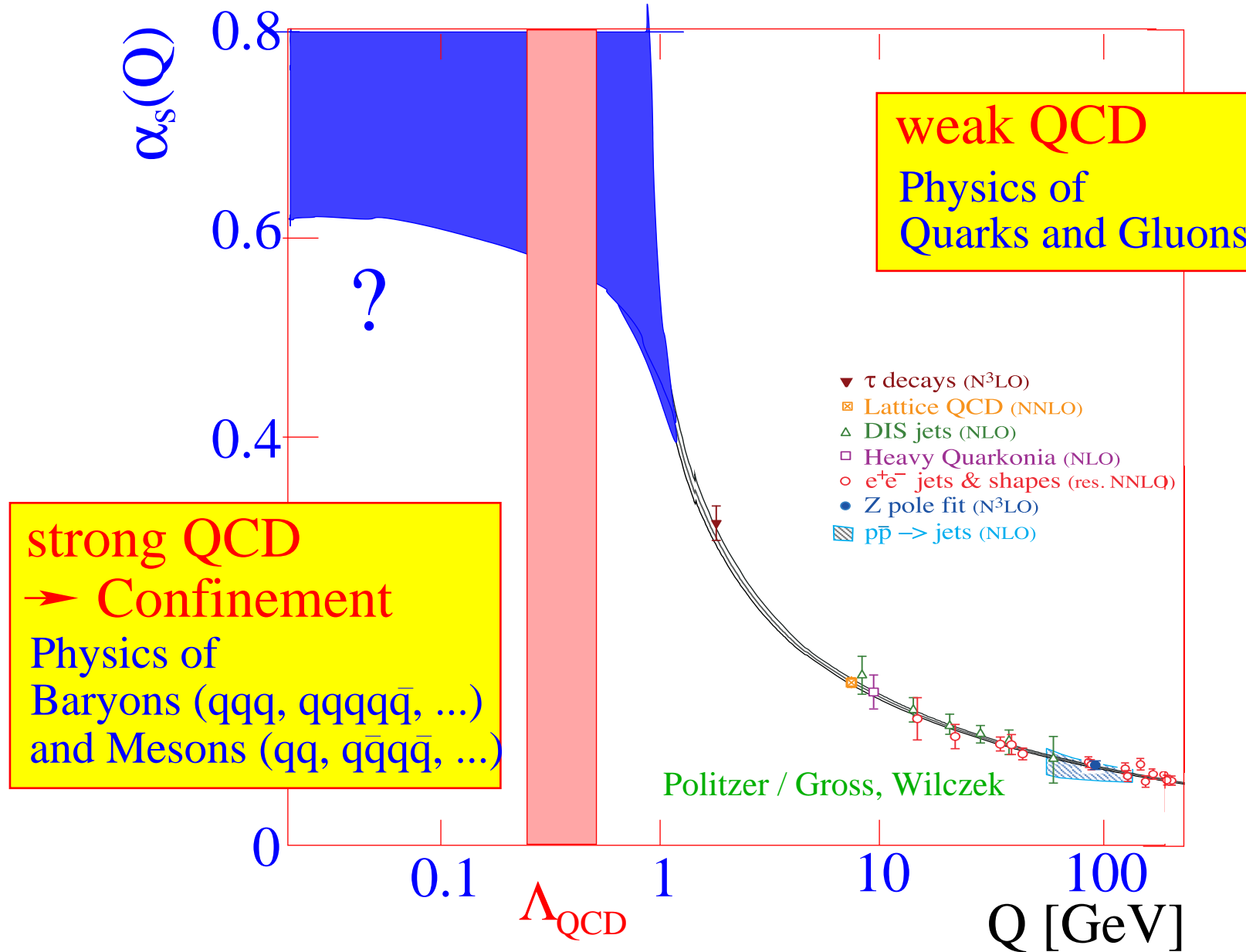
QED: one charge; **QCD: three charges (= colors)**

't Hooft; Politzer; Gross, Wilczek



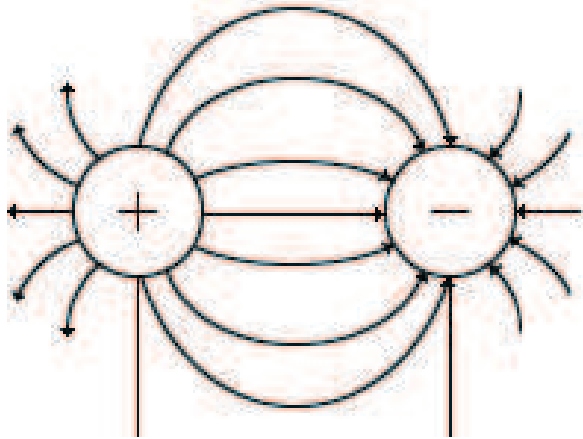
with  $b_0 = 11 - (2/3)n_F$  one gets (in QED:  $b_0 = -4/3$  **different sign**)

$$\alpha_s(q^2) = \frac{g_s(q^2)^2}{4\pi} = \frac{\alpha_s}{1 + (b_0\alpha_s/2\pi) \ln(q/M)} = \frac{2\pi}{b_0 \ln(q/\Lambda_{QCD})}$$



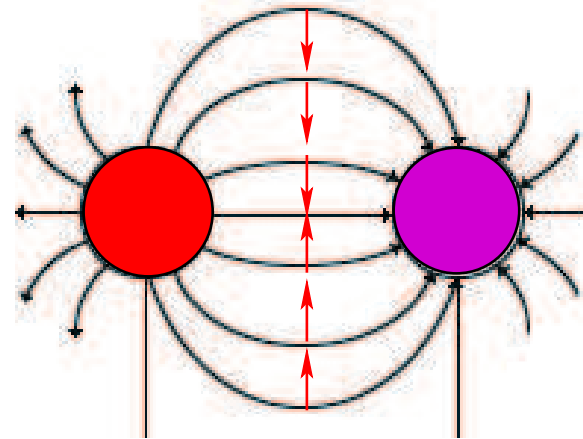


lines of force for QED



force  $\sim 1/r^2$ ; energy  $\sim 1/r$

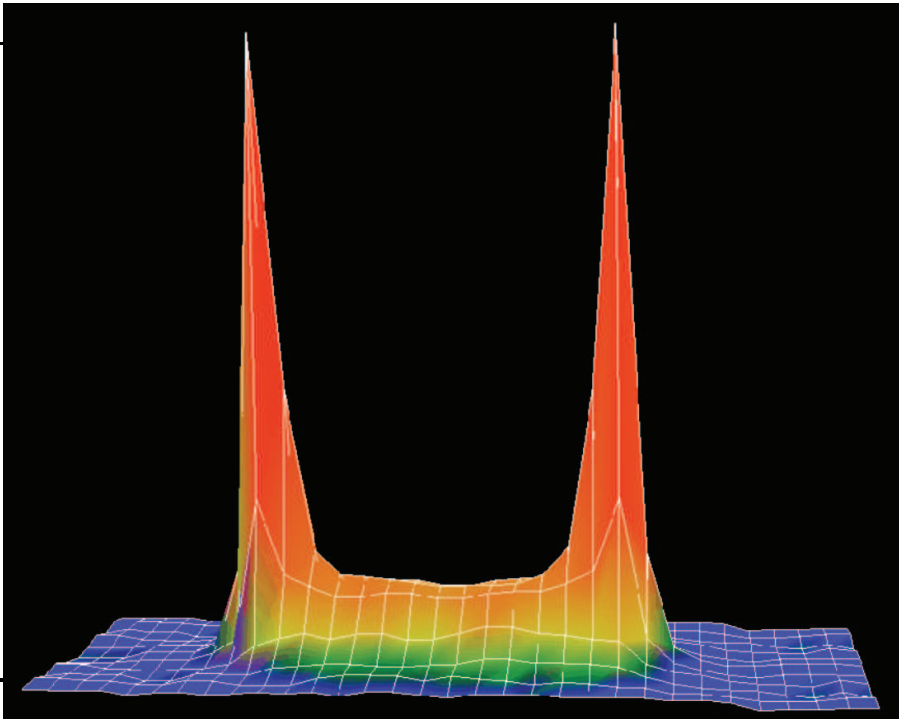
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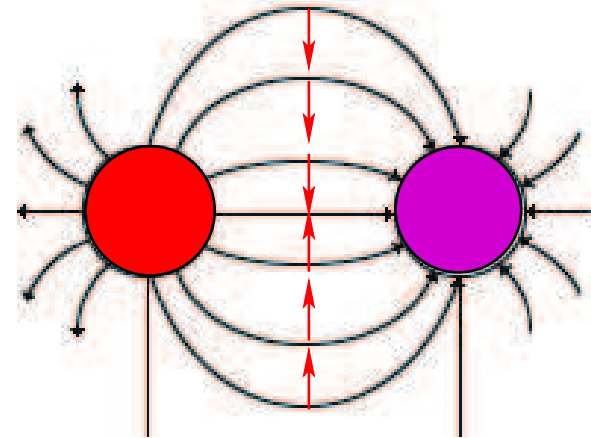
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Fig. courtesy of G. Bali

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## → Confinement:

only color neutral objects travel long distances

## → Only certain quark/anti-quark combinations are allowed:

### Mesons:

$\bar{q}q$  (regular),  $\bar{q}\bar{q}qq$  (tetraquark),  $\bar{q}\bar{q}\bar{q}qqq$  (baryonium), ...

$GG$ ,  $GGG$ , ... (glueball)

### Baryons:

$qqq$  (regular),  $\bar{q}qqqqq$  (penta-quark),  $qqqqqqq$  (di-baryon), ...

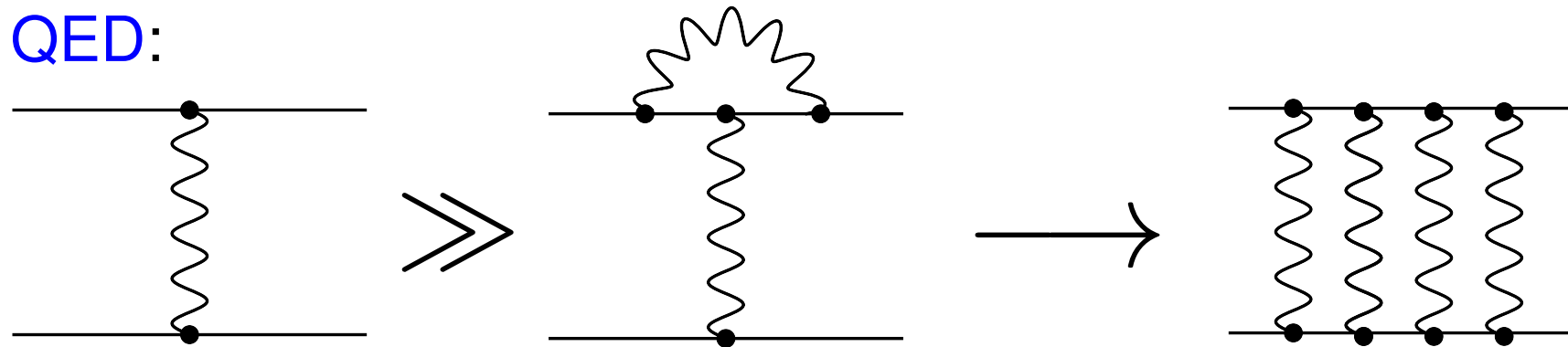
All those are expected; ~~only regular ones observed~~

# The problem:

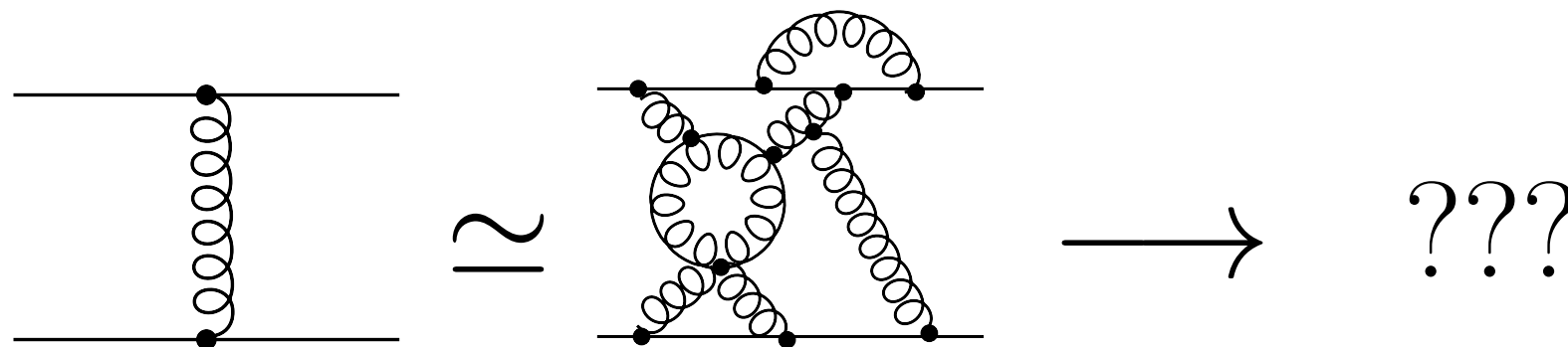
Potential

Bound states

QED:

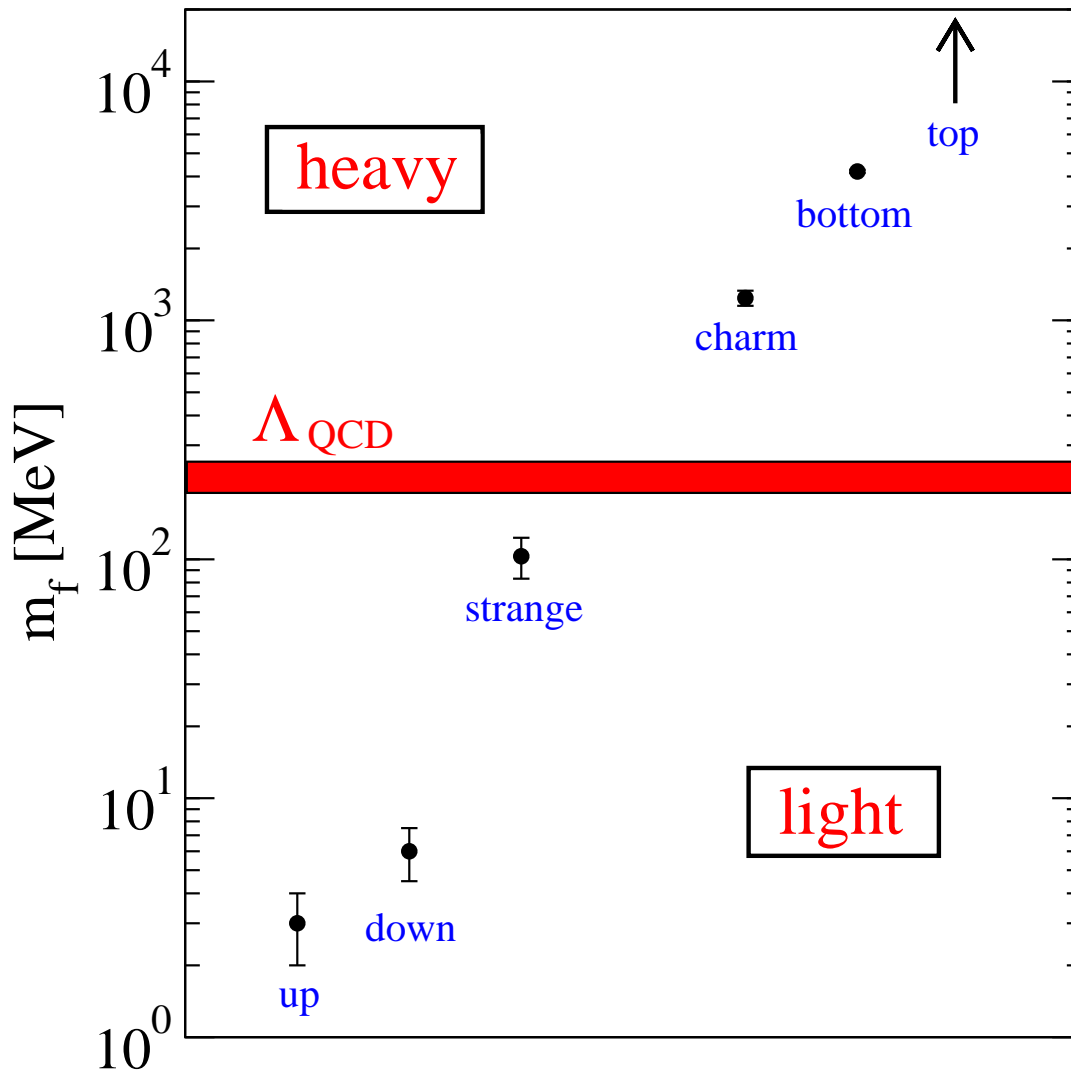


QCD at intermediate or large distances:



exception: low lying states between heavy quarks (see below)

## Quark Masses (in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ at $\mu=2 \text{ GeV}$ )



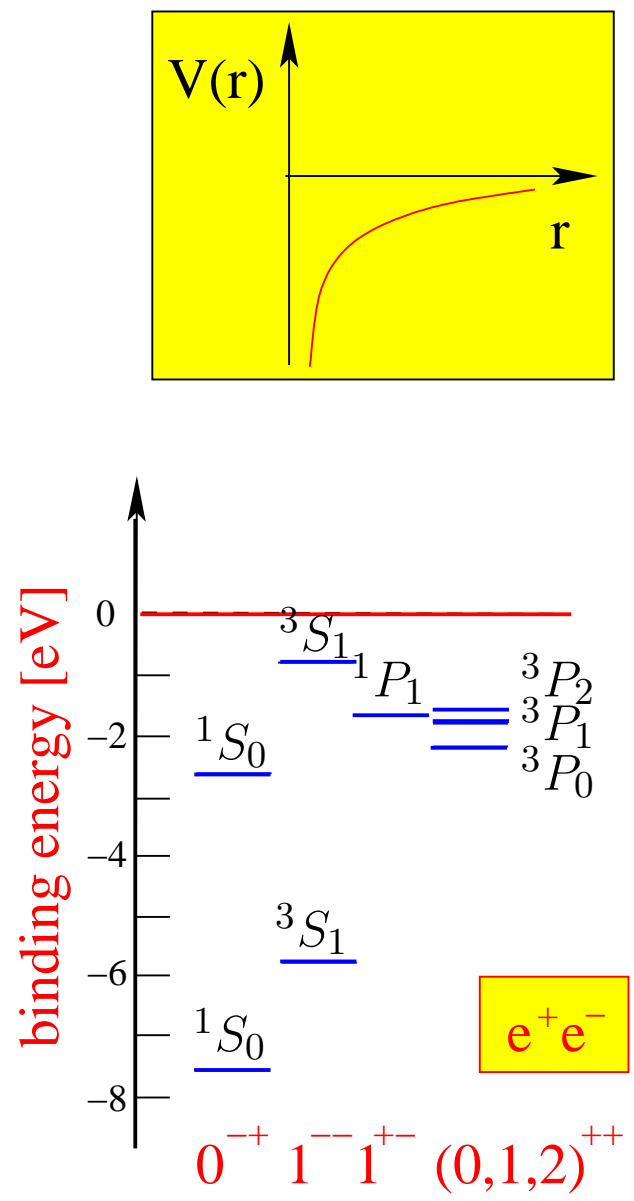
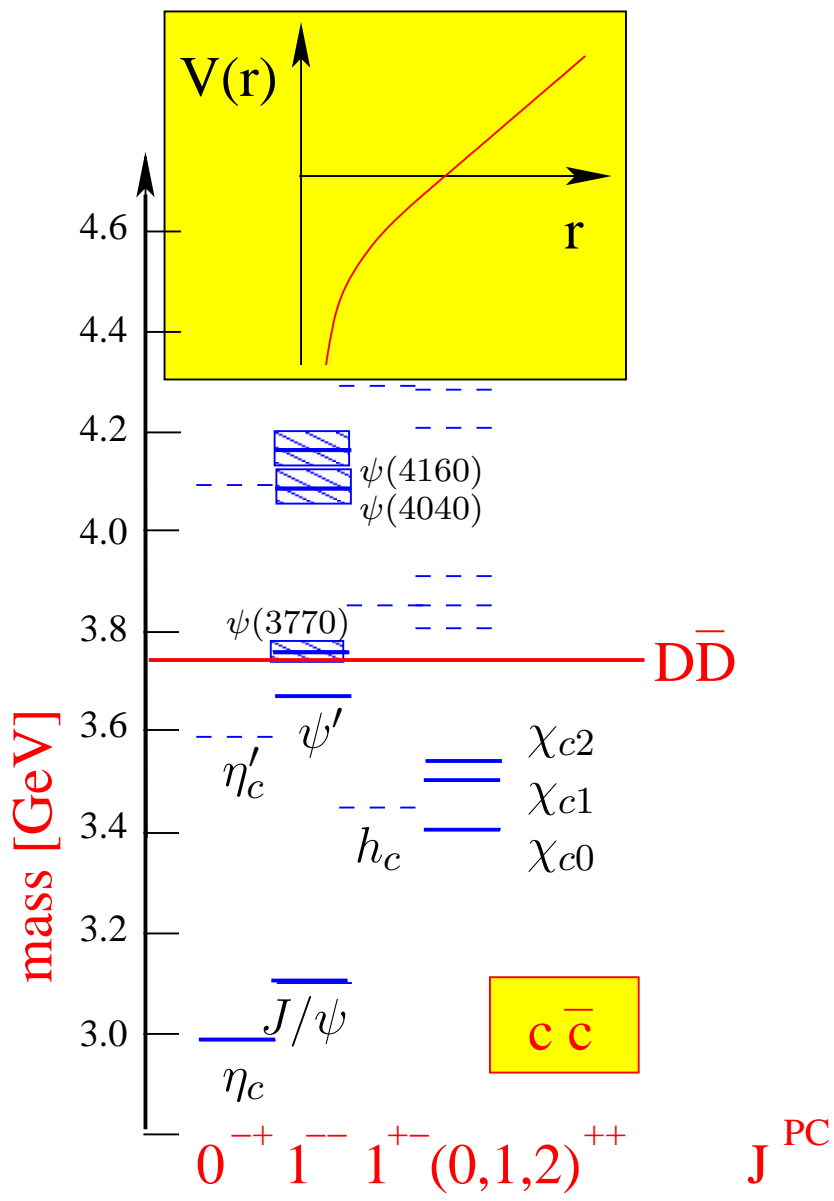
Particle Data Group (2008)

Expect **very different phenomena** for **light** (u,d,s) and **heavy** (c,b) quarks

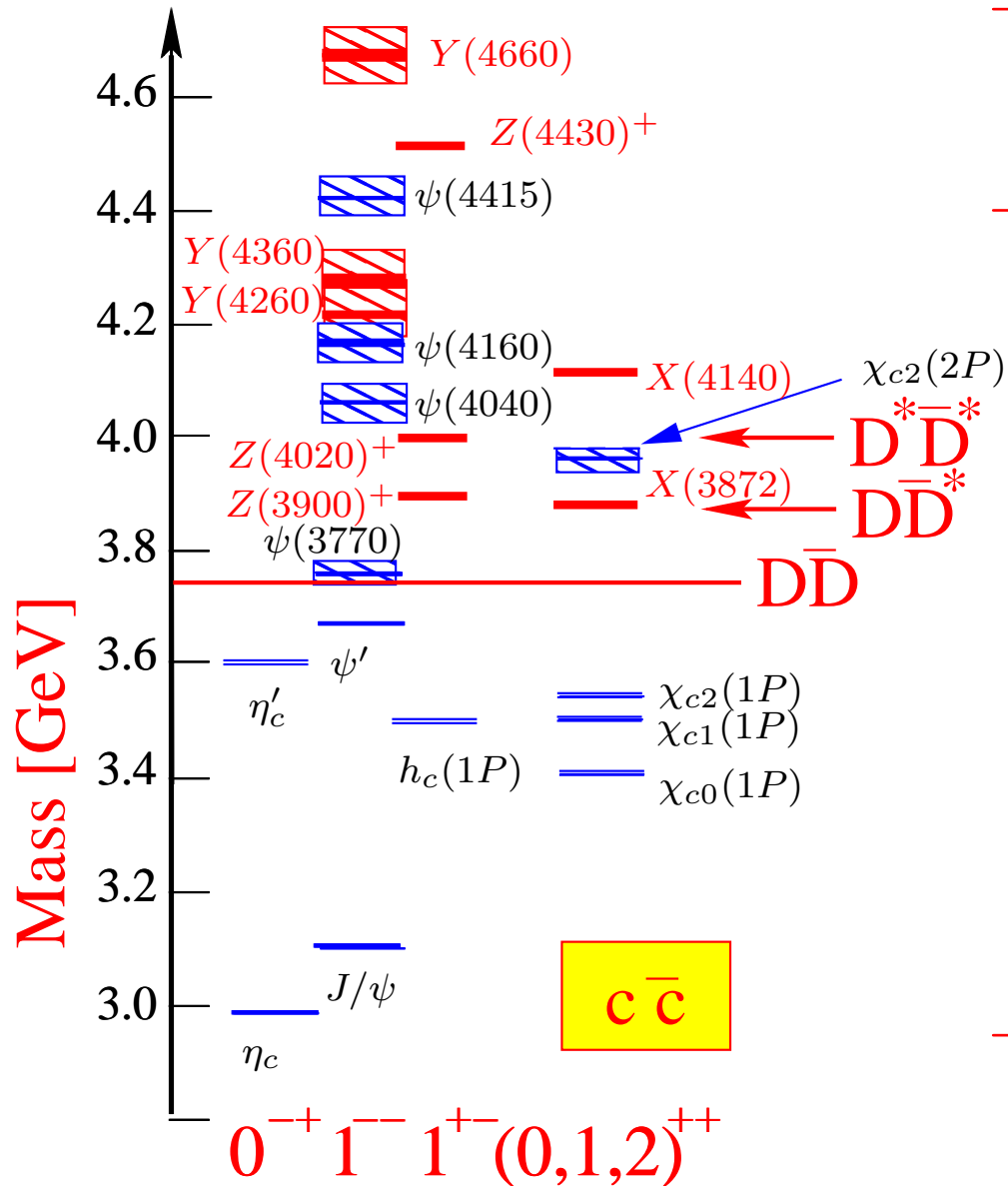
- What are the spectra? Where are **the poles**?
- What **structures** are there?

Study **systematically** particle **properties**, **decays**, and **interactions**!

Quark-Model: Eichten et al. PRD 17 (1978)



## A new particle Zoo!



→ missing low lying states  
found

→ Above the  $\bar{D}D$  threshold:

▷ Many new states  
(24 claimed, 10 estd.)

▷ most of them  
incompatible with  
quark model in  
mass & properties  
(22 of 24, 8 of 9)

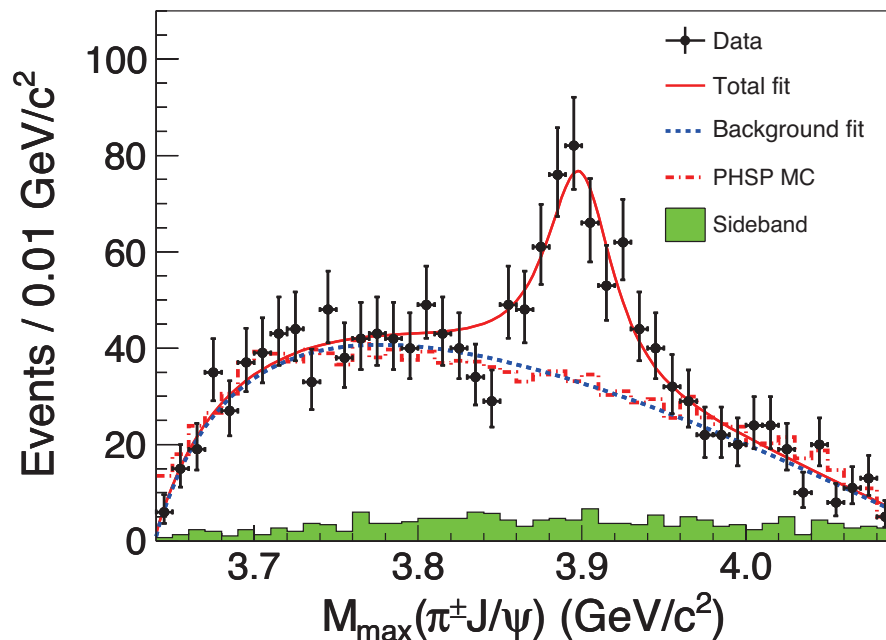
→ Two states in  
bottomonium-sector

2012: Discovery of charged states at Belle in  $\Upsilon(5S) \rightarrow [(\bar{Q}Q)\pi]\pi$

→ must contain sizable  $\bar{Q}$  and  $Q$

→ must contain light quarks;

→ must contain at least 4 quarks

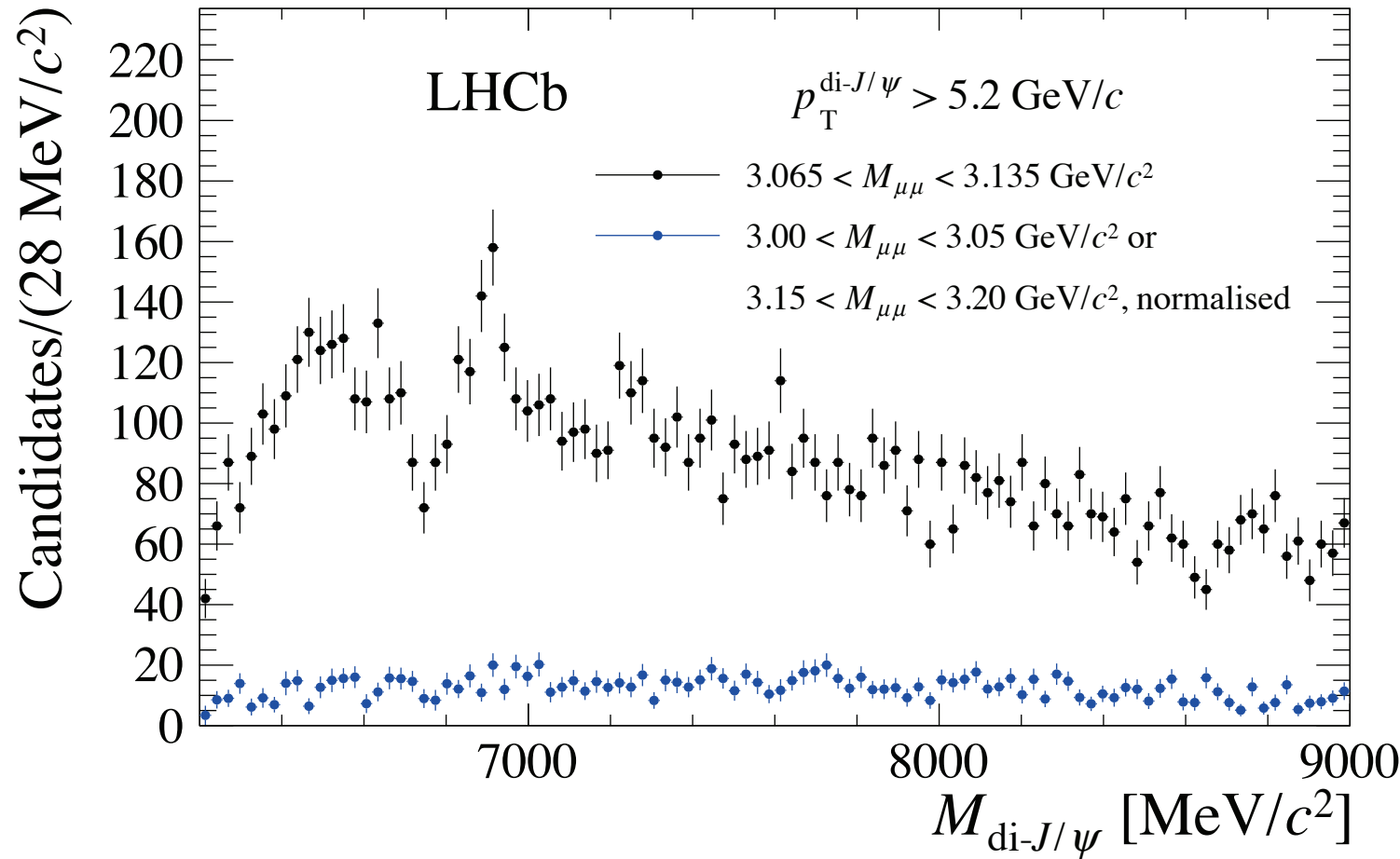


Example:  $Z_c(3900)$   
close to  $\bar{D}D^*$  threshold

Data:  
BES-III (China), 2013

Analogously: States seen in  $J/\psi p$  channel must be **Pentaquarks**  
Discovered by LHCb in 2015 and 2019 in  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow K^- J/\psi p$

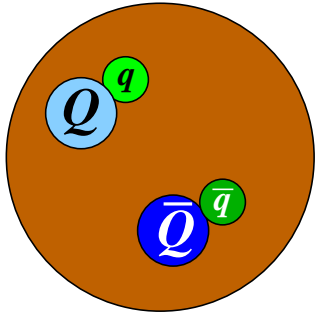




LHCb 2020, arXiv:2006.16957

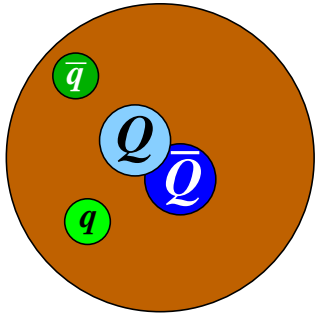
- Clear structures found in  $J/\psi J/\psi$  final state (above  $5\sigma$ )
- Must contain (at least)  $\bar{c}\bar{c}cc$

## Focus: Multi-Quark States



### Tetraquark

→ Compact object formed from  $(Qq)$  and  $(\bar{Q}\bar{q})$



### Hadro-Quarkonium

→ Compact  $(\bar{Q}Q)$  surrounded by light quarks

### Hadronic-Molecule

→ Extended object made of  $(\bar{Q}q)$  and  $(Q\bar{q})$

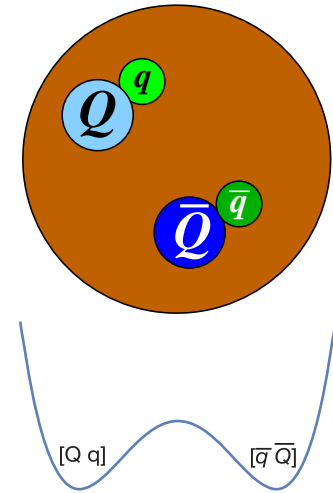
$$\text{Bohr radius} = 1/\gamma = 1/\sqrt{2\mu E_b}$$

$\gg 1 \text{ fm} \gtrsim$  confinement radius  
for near threshold states

→ Straightforward **extension of the quark model**  
M. Gell-Mann, PL8(1964)214

→ Mesons as **diquark–anti-diquark** systems  
Jaffe, PRD15(1977)267, Maiani et al., PRD71(2005)014028

→ To account for spectrum **spin-spin interaction**  
needs to be **dominant within diquarks**  
Maiani et al. PRD89(2014)114010



→ Separated by **potential well**  
Salem and Wilczek, hep-ph/0602128; Maiani et al., PLB778(2018)247  
alternative approaches, e.g., Cui et al., HEPNP31(2007)7; Stancu, JPG37(2010) 075017

→ and **tensor force,  $S_{12}$ , needed**  
Ali et al. EPJC78(2018)29

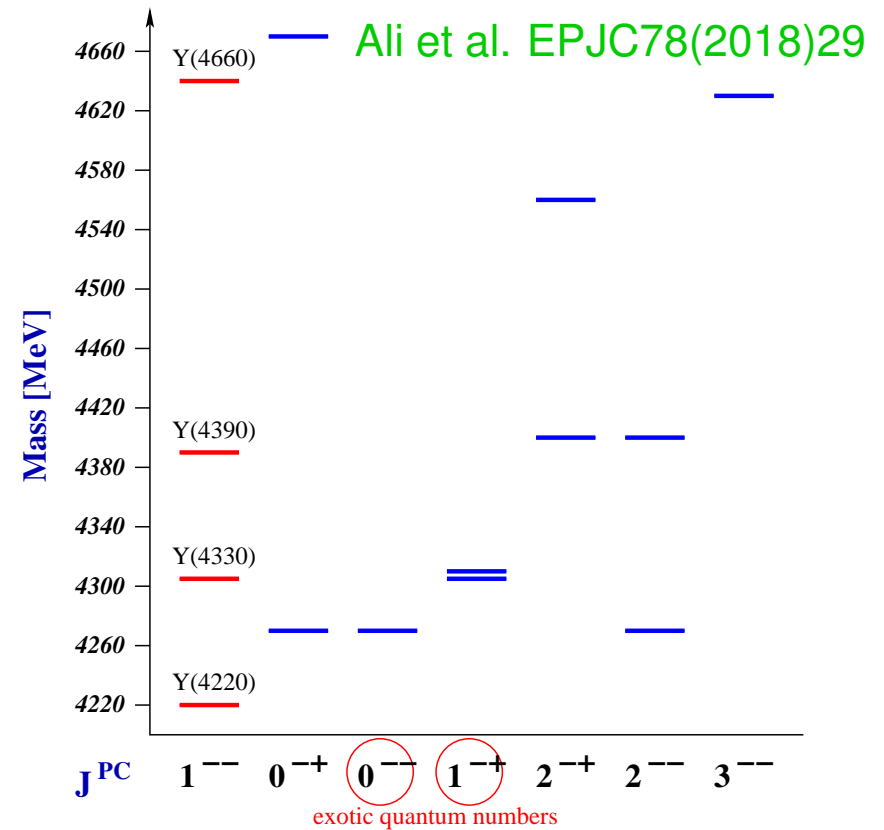
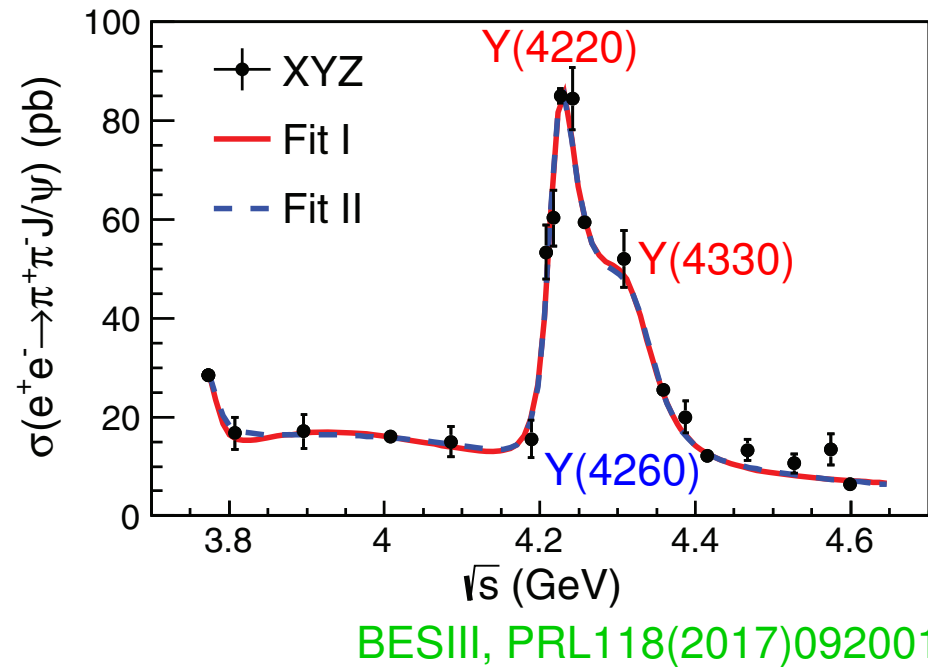
$$M = 2M_Q + \frac{B_Q}{2} \mathbf{L}^2 + 2a_Y \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S} + \frac{b_Y}{4} S_{12} + 2\kappa_{cq} (\mathbf{S}_q \cdot \mathbf{S}_c + c.c.)$$

- Already **many ground states**
- Each level has **isovector and isoscalar state** (*cf.*  $\rho$  and  $\omega$ )

# Results for negative parity states

→ four  $1^{--}$  ground states

→ BESIII claims 2 in  $J/\psi\pi\pi$



→ Threshold proximities accidental?

→ Many more states predicted than observed!

Maybe since di-quark picture too restrictive/constraining?

Extension of potential needed?

Richard et al., PRD95(2017)054019

J.F. Giron, R.F. Lebed, PRD102(2020)1

Recently growing number of claims for those tetraquarks, e.g.

→ from QCD sum rules

Du et al., PRD87(2013)014003

→ from lattice QCD

Francis et al. PRL118(2017)142001

→ from phenomenology

Ader et al., PRD 25(1982)2370

Karliner and Rosner, PRL119(2017)202001; Eichten and Quigg, PRL119(2017)202002

E.g. from the last work

$$m(QQ\bar{q}\bar{q}) - m(QQq) \simeq m(\bar{Q}\bar{q}\bar{q}) - m(\bar{Q}q)$$

exploiting heavy quark-diquark symmetry:

expansion in  $r_{QQ}/r_q \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/(M_Q v)$

Savage and Wise, PLB248(1990)177

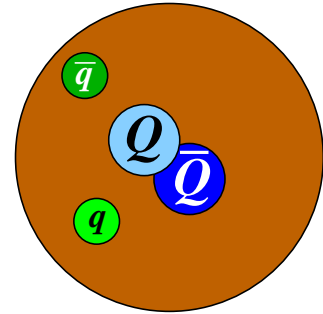
Once  $m(QQq)$  is fixed from data or phenomenology,

$\implies m(QQ\bar{q}\bar{q})$  can be predicted.

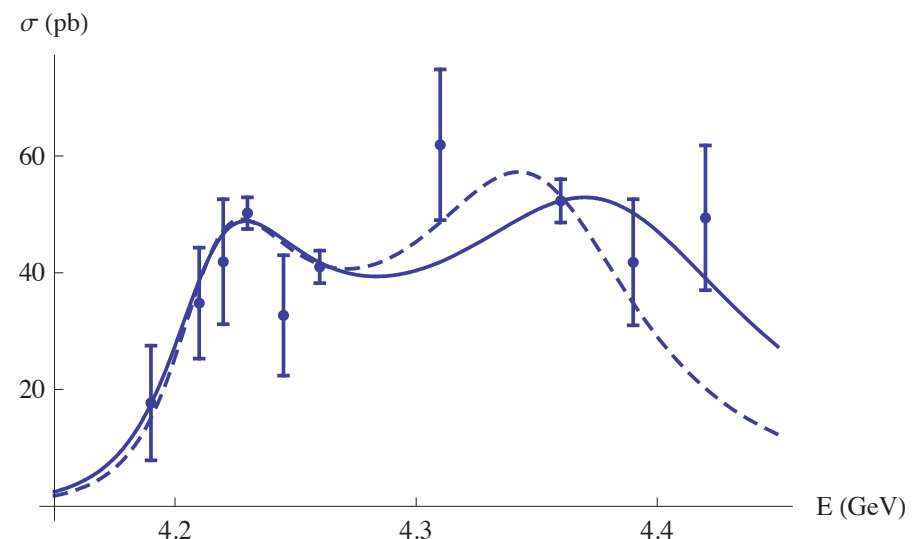
→  $J^P = 1^+$  ( $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$ ) system 130 – 215 MeV below  $BB^*$  threshold

M. B. Voloshin, PPNP61(2008)455

- Extra states are viewed as **compact**  $\bar{Q}Q$  surrounded by light quarks
- Provides natural explanation why, e.g.,  $Y(4260)$  is **seen** in  $J/\psi\pi\pi$  final state but not in  $\bar{D}D$
- Heavy quark spin symmetry demands that **spin of the core is conserved** in decay to charmonia
- Explaining  $e^+e^- \rightarrow h_c\pi\pi$  needs **mixing** between states with  $s_{\bar{c}c} = 0$  **and**  $s_{\bar{c}c} = 1$  leading to  $Y(4260)$  **and**  $Y(4360)$



Li & Voloshin MPLA29(2014)1450060

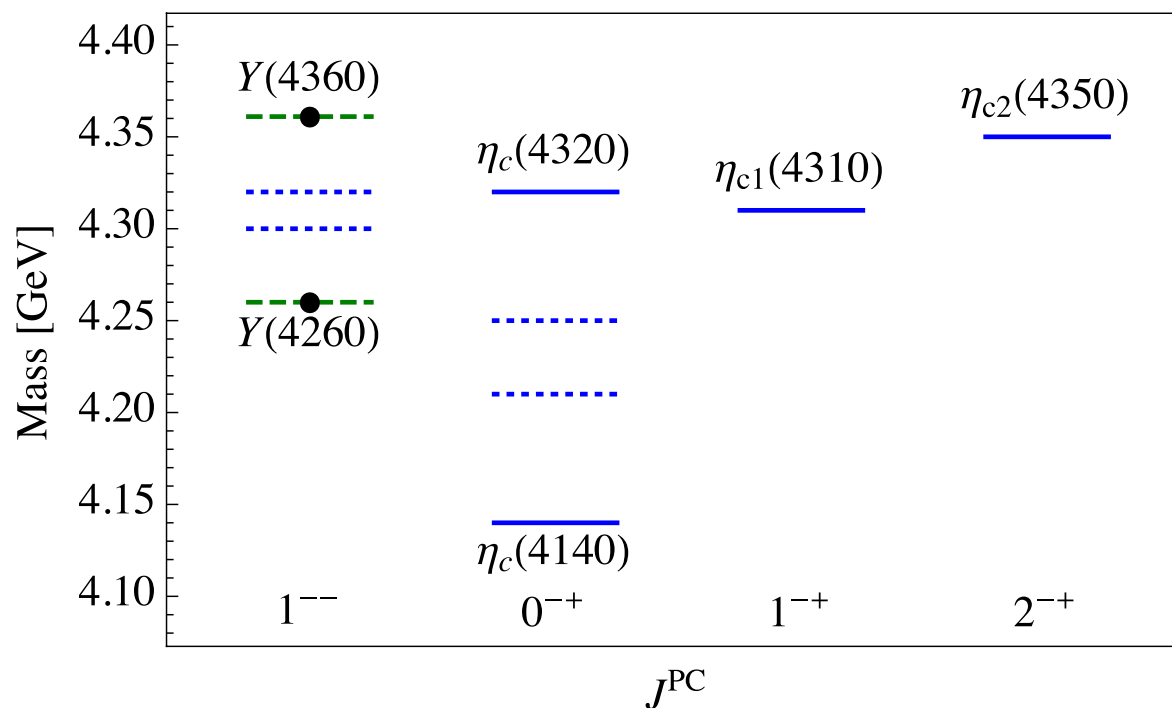


The above mentioned mixing suggests for the unmixed states:

$$\Psi_3 \sim (1^{--})_{c\bar{c}} \otimes (0^{++})_{q\bar{q}} \quad \Psi_1 \sim (1^{+-})_{c\bar{c}} \otimes (0^{-+})_{q\bar{q}} ,$$

where the **heavy cores** are  $\psi'$  and  $h_c$ .

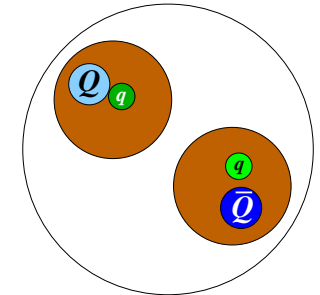
→ get spin partners via  $\psi' \rightarrow \eta'_c$  and  $h_c \rightarrow \{\chi_{c0}, \chi_{c1}, \chi_{c2}\}$



Cleven et al., PRD 92(2015)014005

Special feature: **very light  $0^{-+}$  state that should not decay to  $D^* \bar{D}$**

recent review article: Guo et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 90(2018)015004



- are few-hadron states, **bound by the strong force**
- **do exist**: light nuclei.  
e.g. **deuteron** as  $pn$  & **hypertriton** as  $\Lambda d$  bound state
- are located typically **close to relevant continuum threshold**;  
e.g., for  $E_B = m_1 + m_2 - M$  ( $\gamma = \sqrt{2\mu E_B}$   $\mu = m_1 m_2 / (m_1 + m_2)$ )
  - ▷  $E_B^{\text{deuteron}} = 2.22 \text{ MeV}$  ( $\gamma = 40 \text{ MeV}$ )
  - ▷  $E_B^{\text{hypertriton}} = (0.13 \pm 0.05) \text{ MeV}$  (to  $\Lambda d$ ) ( $\gamma = 26 \text{ MeV}$ )
- **can be identified in observables** (**Weinberg compositeness**):

$$\frac{g_{\text{eff}}^2}{4\pi} = \frac{4M^2\gamma}{\mu} X_W \text{ with } a = -2 \left( \frac{X_W}{1-X_W} \right) \frac{1}{\gamma}; \quad r = - \left( \frac{1-X_W}{X_W} \right) \frac{1}{\gamma}$$

where **compositness**  $X_W$  = probability to find molecular component in bound state wave function

**Are there mesonic molecules?**

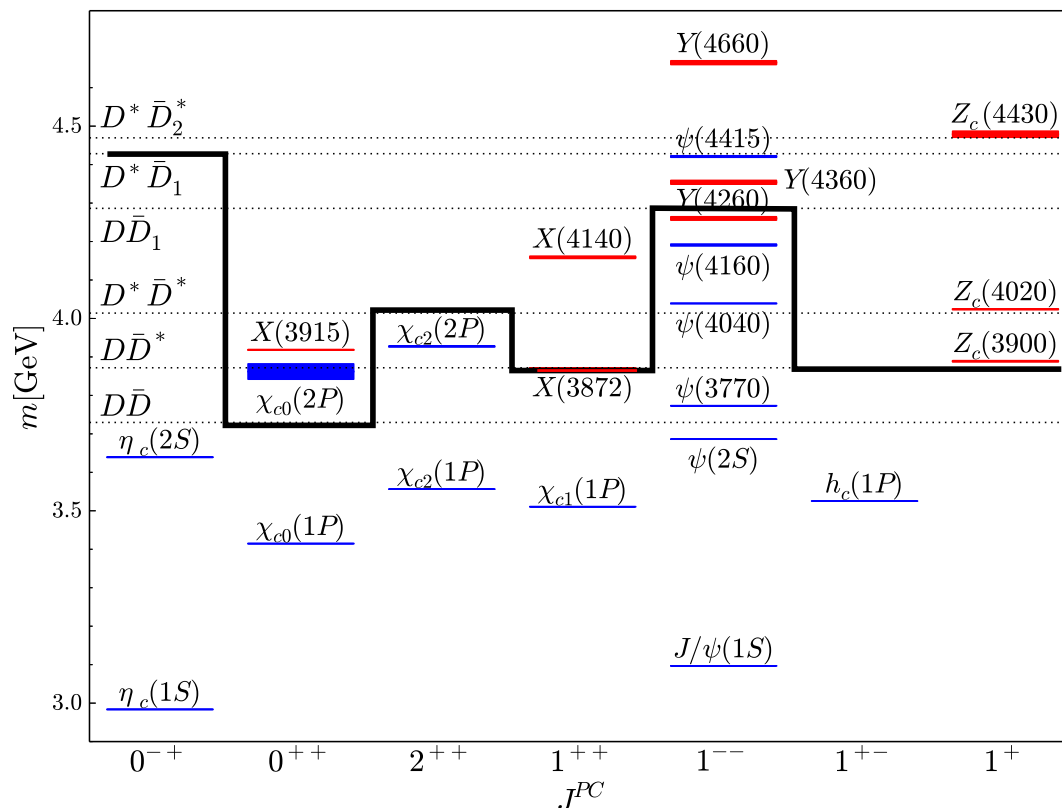


Constituents must be narrow. Heavy candidates ( $M, \Gamma$  in MeV)

$D(0^-, M = 1865, \Gamma \simeq 0)$ ;  $D^*(1^-, M = 2007, \Gamma \simeq 0.1)$

$D_1(1^+, M = 2420, \Gamma \simeq 30)$ ;  $D_2^*(2^+, M = 2460, \Gamma \simeq 50)$

$D_0(2400)$  and  $D_1(2430)$  with  $\Gamma = 300$  MeV too broad ...



→ Explains mass gap between  $J^P = 1^+$  and  $1^-$  states:

$$M_{Y(4260)} - M_{X(3872)} = 388 \text{ MeV} \\ \simeq M_{D_1(2420)} - M_{D^*} = 410 \text{ MeV}$$

→ Predicts, e.g.,

$$M(0^-) - M(1^-) \simeq \\ M_{D^*} - M_D \simeq +100 \text{ MeV}, \\ \text{if it exists}$$

Note: for hadrocharmonium:

$$M(0^-) - M(1^-) \simeq -100 \text{ MeV}$$

Cleven et al., PRD 92 (2015) 014005

## Example:

Lets investigate the implications of the molecular assignments:

→ the isoscalar  $1^{++}$  state  $\chi_{c1}(3872)$  aka  $X(3872)$  as

$$X \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(D^{*+}D^{-} + D^{*0}\bar{D}^0)$$

→ the isoscalar  $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$  state  $\psi(4260)$  aka  $Y(4260)$  as

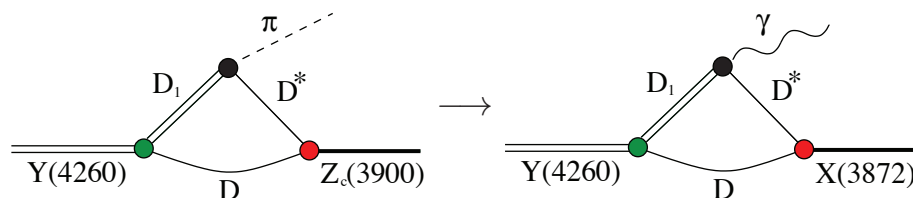
$$Y(4260) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(D_1(2420)\bar{D} - D\bar{D}_1(2420))$$

→ the isovector  $J^{PC} = 1^{+-}$  states  $Z_c(3900)$  as

$$Z_c^{+} \sim D^{*+}\bar{D}^0, \quad Z_c^0 \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(D^{*+}D^{-} - D^{*0}\bar{D}^0), \quad Z_c^{-} \sim D^{*-}D^0$$

→ Natural explanation for  $Y(4260) \rightarrow \pi Z_c(3900)$  and

Wang, C. H., Zhao, PRL111 (2013) no.13, 132003



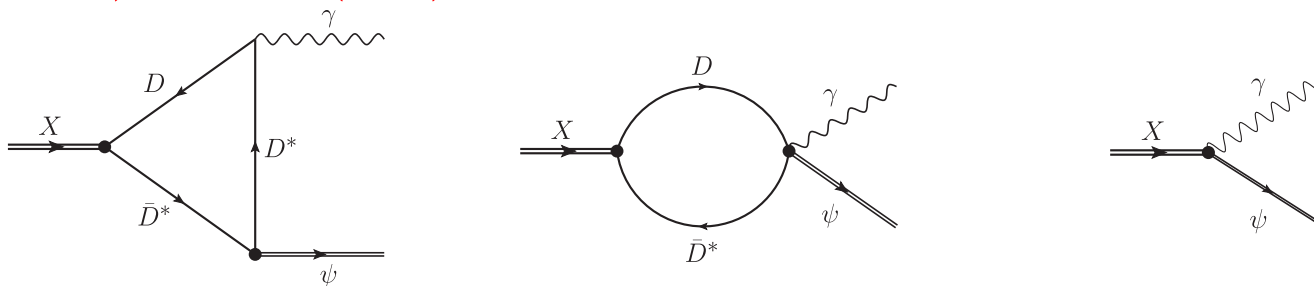
prediction of  $Y(4260) \rightarrow \gamma X(3872)$

Guo et al., PLB 725 (2013) 127-133

confirmed at BESIII Ablikim et al. PRL 112 (2014), 092001

→ Not all observables sensitive to molecular component!

e.g.  $X(3872) \rightarrow \gamma \psi(nS)$  has leading order counter term



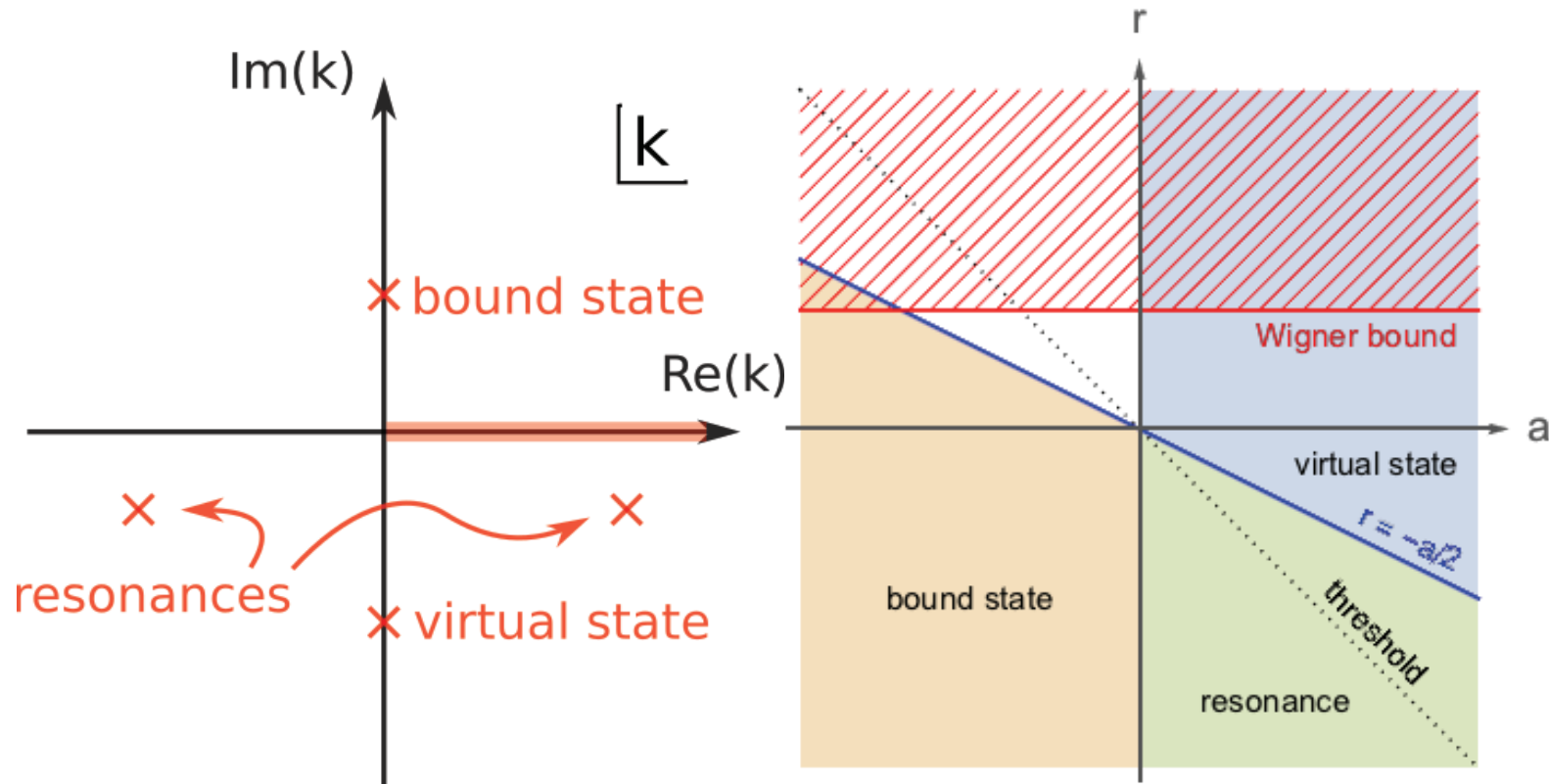
In particular: 
$$R = \frac{\mathcal{B}(X(3872) \rightarrow \gamma \psi')}{\mathcal{B}(X(3872) \rightarrow \gamma J/\psi)} \simeq 2.5$$

Aaij et al. [LHCb],  
NPB 886 (2014) 665

can be easily described within molecular approach

Guo et al., PLB 742 (2015) 394

## Model independent criterion for virtual states and resonances

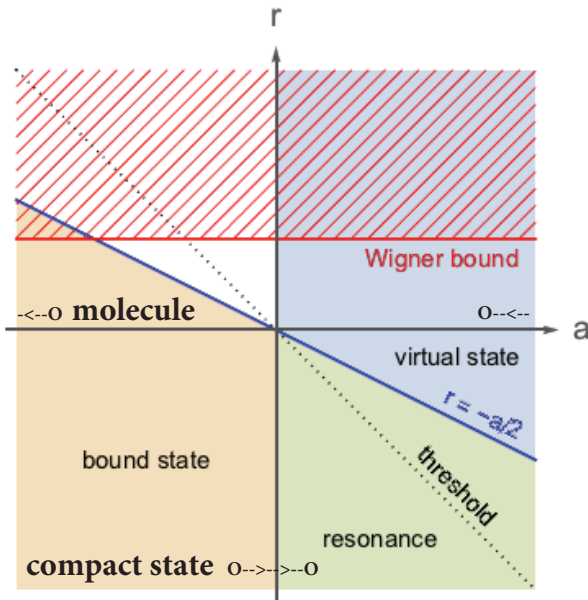


$$T(E) = -(2\pi/\mu)1/(1/a + (r/2)k^2 - ik) , \text{ with } k = \sqrt{-2\mu E}$$

Poles at

$$k = \frac{i}{r} \left( 1 \pm \sqrt{1 + \frac{2r}{a}} \right)$$

Assume **attractive interaction** (bound state  $a < 0$ , all others  $a > 0$ )



Weinberg (for bound states):

**Molecules:**

$$|a| \gg |r| \text{ and } |r| \simeq \text{range}$$

**Compact states:**

$$|a| \ll |r| \text{ and } r < 0 \text{ with } |r| \gg \text{range}$$

What happens **when  $a$  changes sign?** ( $r$  fixed)

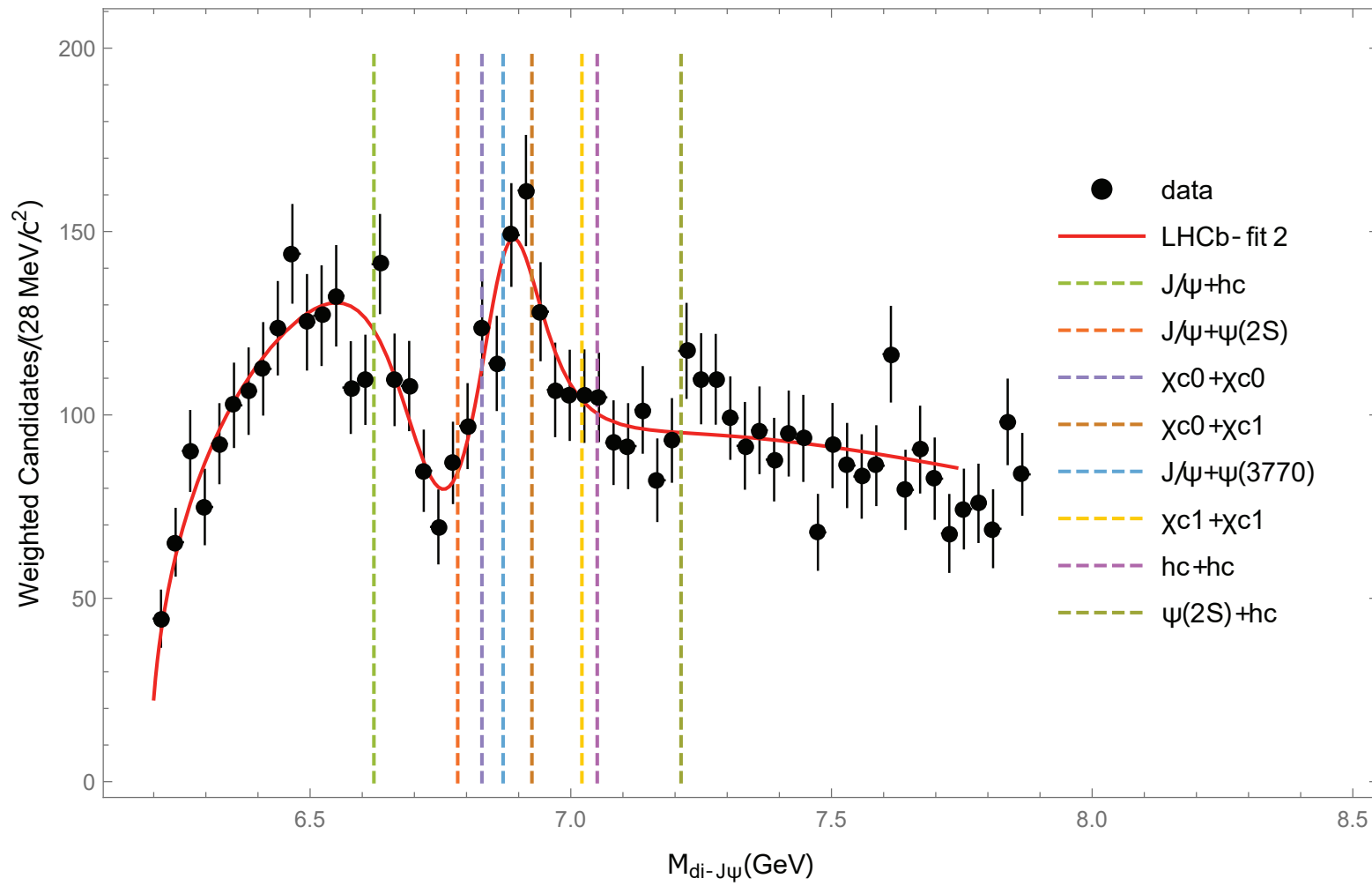
**Molecule:** turns into a **virtual state** (and eventually a resonance)

**Compact state:** turns into a **resonance** directly

Subsummed in **compositness**:  $\bar{X}_A = 1/\sqrt{1 + |2r/a|}$

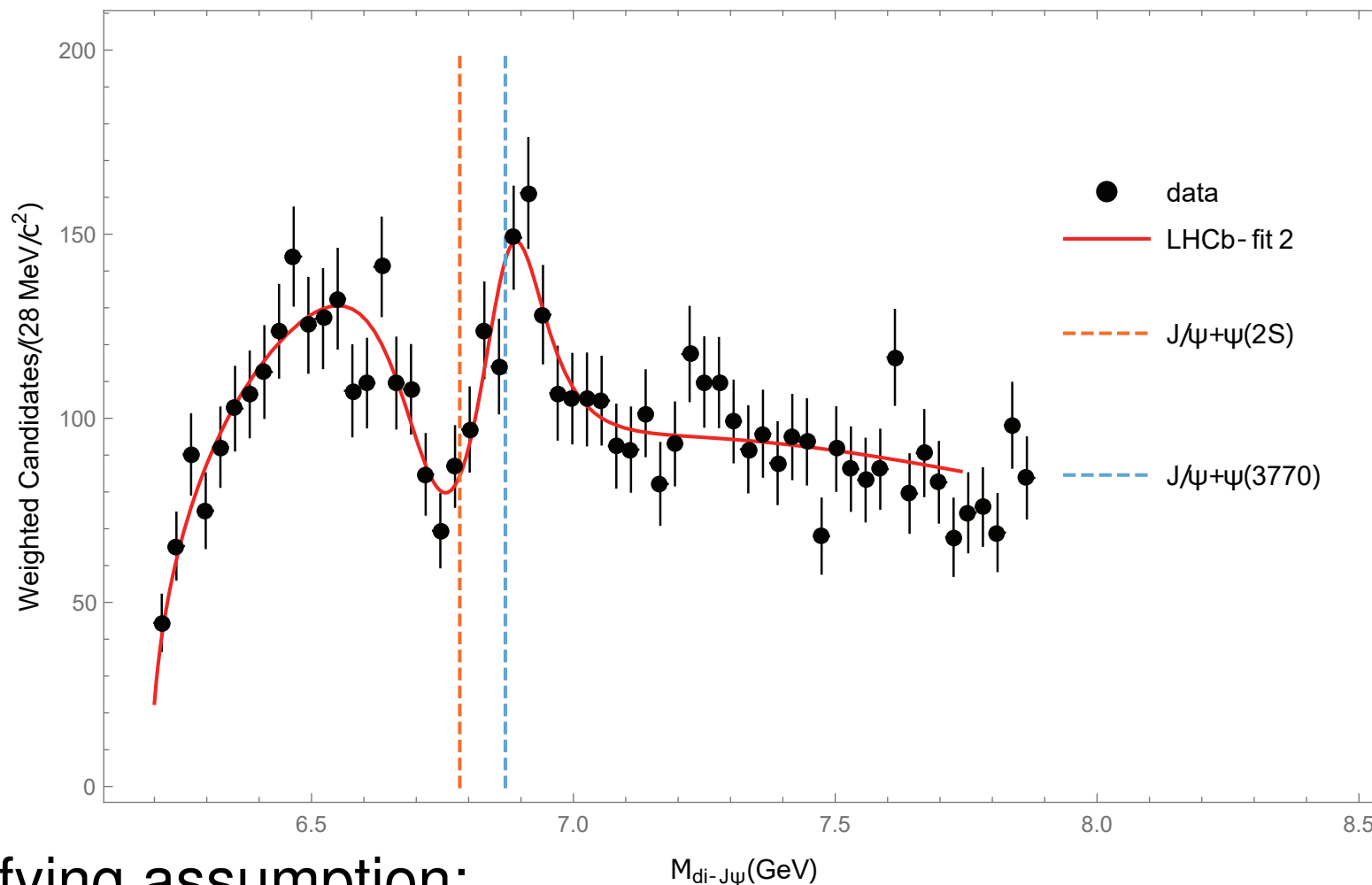
other approaches: Sekihara, Hyodo, Oset, Oller, Nieves, Jido ...  
mostly relying on on-shell factorisation of the potential; little about virtual states

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# Back to the double $J/\psi$ spectrum

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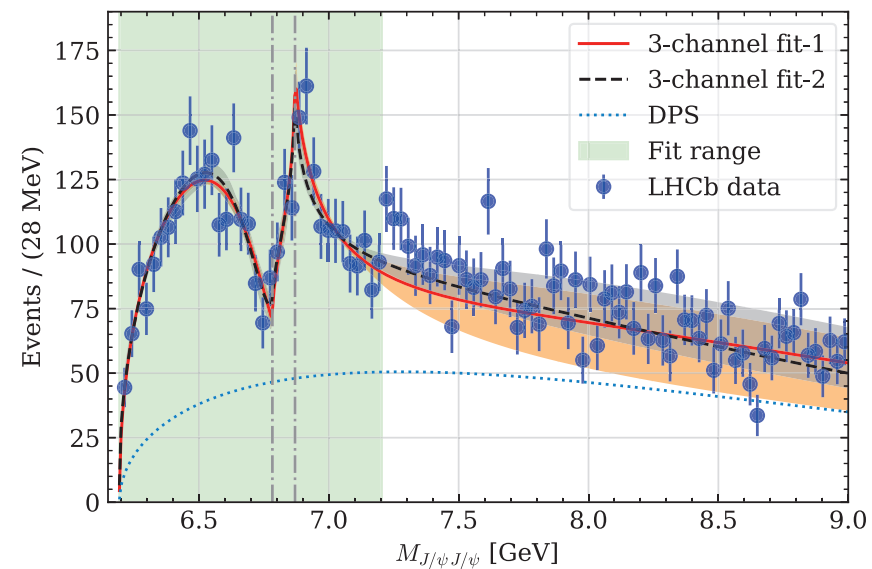
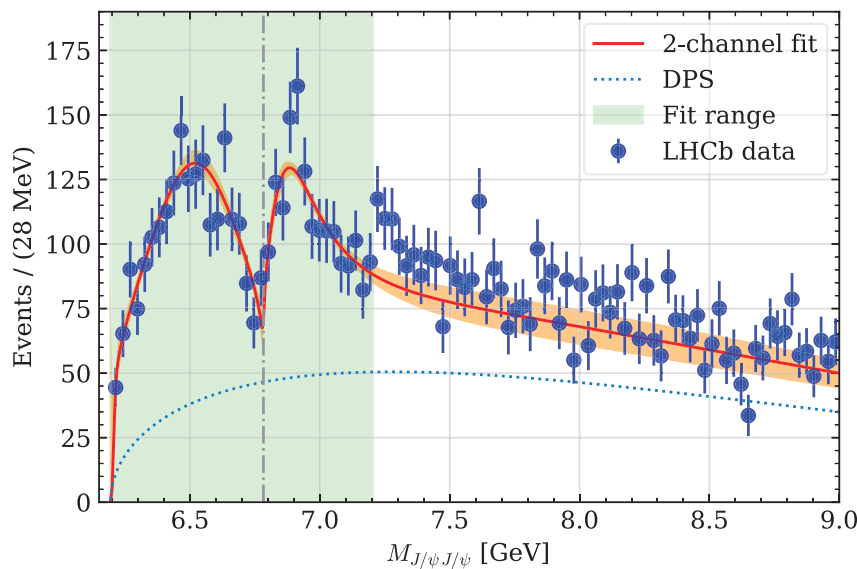
Simplifying assumption:

**only vector-vector channels matter**

We calculate  $T(E) = V(E) \cdot [1 - G(E)V(E)]^{-1}$ , with either

$$V_{2\text{ch}}(E) = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 + b_1 k_1^2 & c \\ c & a_2 + b_2 k_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } V_{3\text{ch}}(E) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{13} & a_{23} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix},$$

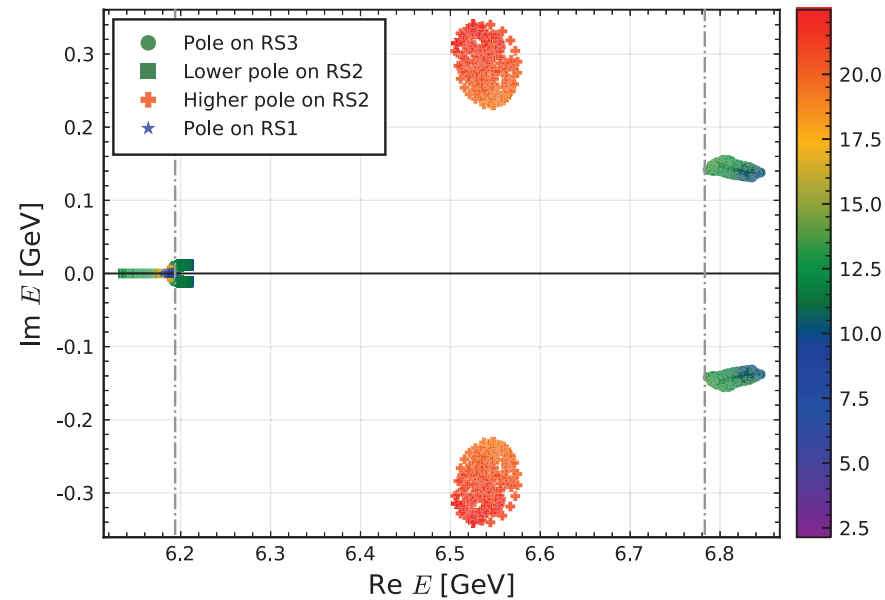
where the  $J/\psi J/\psi$ ,  $\psi(3686)J/\psi$  (and  $\psi(3770)J/\psi$ ) were included



Both models provide **excellent description of data**



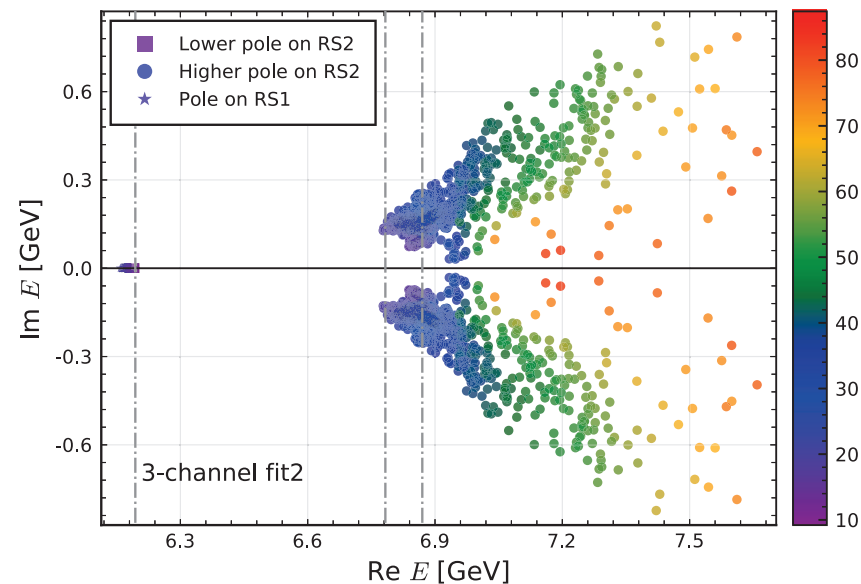
The pole structure is very different:



In total 3 states:

1 close to  $J/\psi J/\psi$ -thresh.,

2 to produce structures  
(via **interplay with threshold**)



In total 2 states

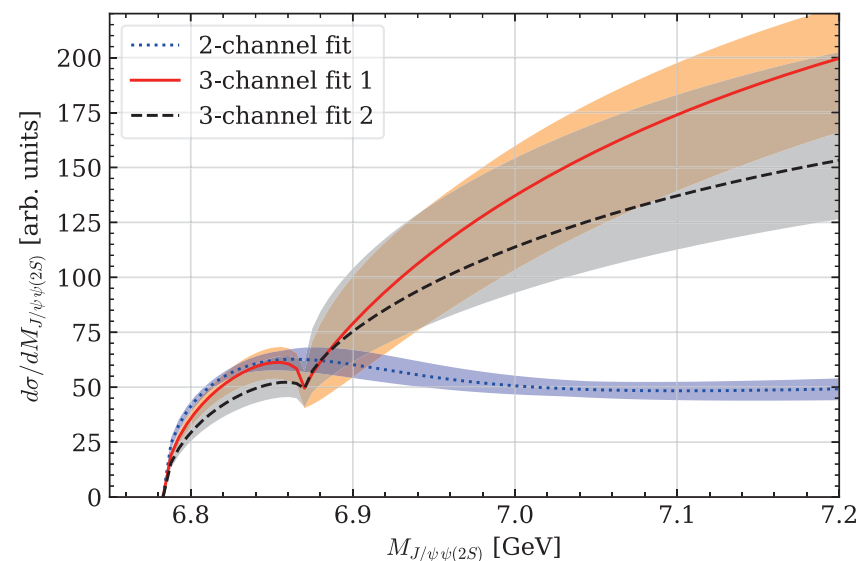
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Very close to threshold state **always present!**

	2-ch. fit	3-ch. fit 1	3-ch. fit 2
$a(\text{fm})$	$\leq -0.49 \text{ or } \geq 0.48$	$-0.61^{+0.29}_{-0.32}$	$\leq -0.60 \text{ or } \geq 0.99$
$r(\text{fm})$	$-2.18^{+0.66}_{-0.81}$	$-0.06^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$	$-0.09^{+0.08}_{-0.05}$
$\bar{X}_A$	$0.39^{+0.58}_{-0.12}$	$0.91^{+0.04}_{-0.07}$	$0.95^{+0.04}_{-0.06}$

Different models give **different nature of  $J/\psi J/\psi$  state!** E.g. two channel model consistent with **compact and composite**



The two scenarios can be **easily distinguished!**

e.g. via  $\psi(2S)J/\psi$  final state

- Excellent data especially for different spin states  
(spin symmetry violation sensitive to the nature of a state)
- More refined theory predictions with controlled uncertainties
  - ▷ Role of the regular  $\bar{q}q$  states?
    - do they mix in E. Cincioglu et al., EPJC76(2016)576
    - or not? I.K. Hammer, CH and A. V. Nefediev, EPJA 52(2016)330
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