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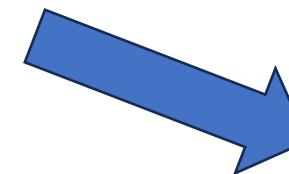
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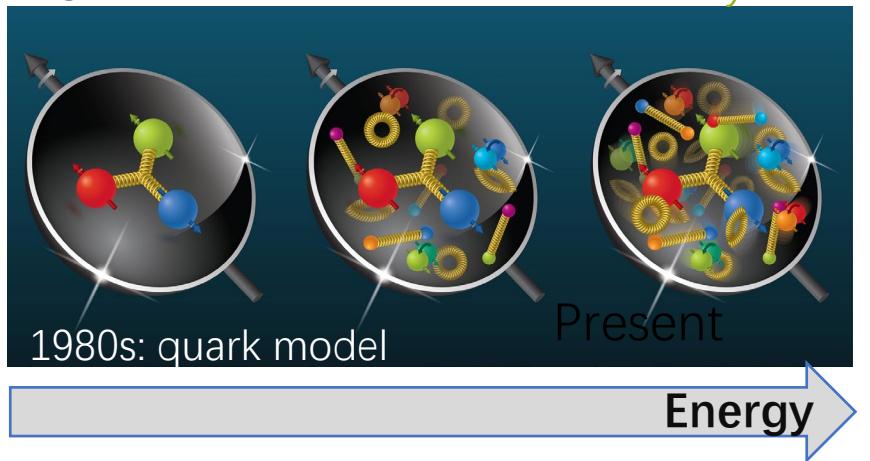
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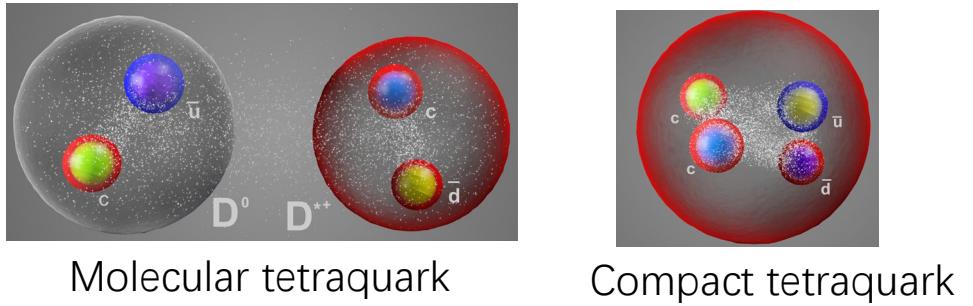
Quark model as a picture

- ## ● Evolving view of the proton

Courtesy of BNL



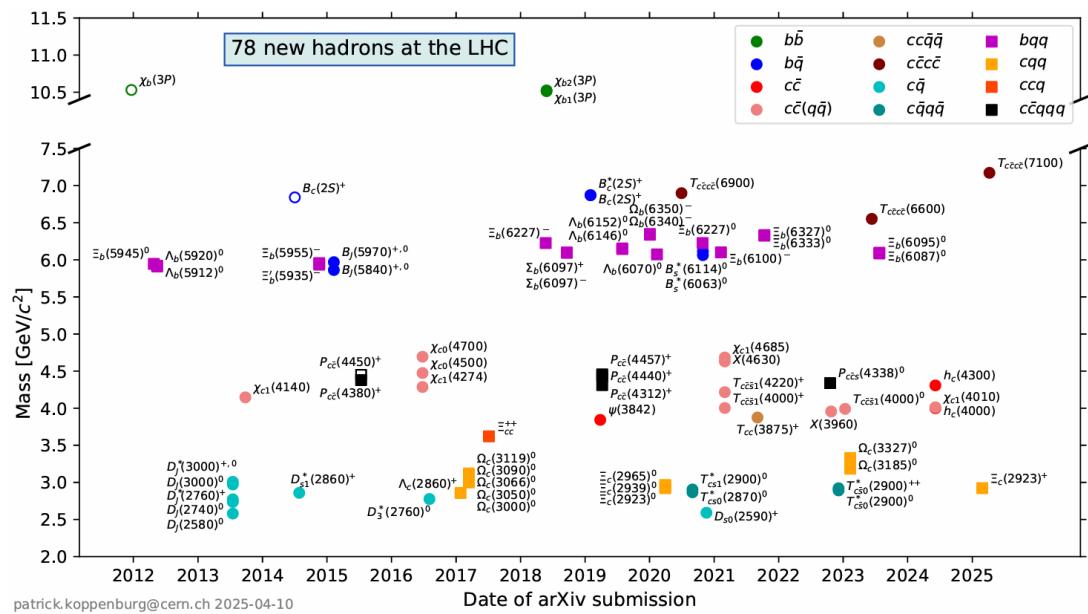
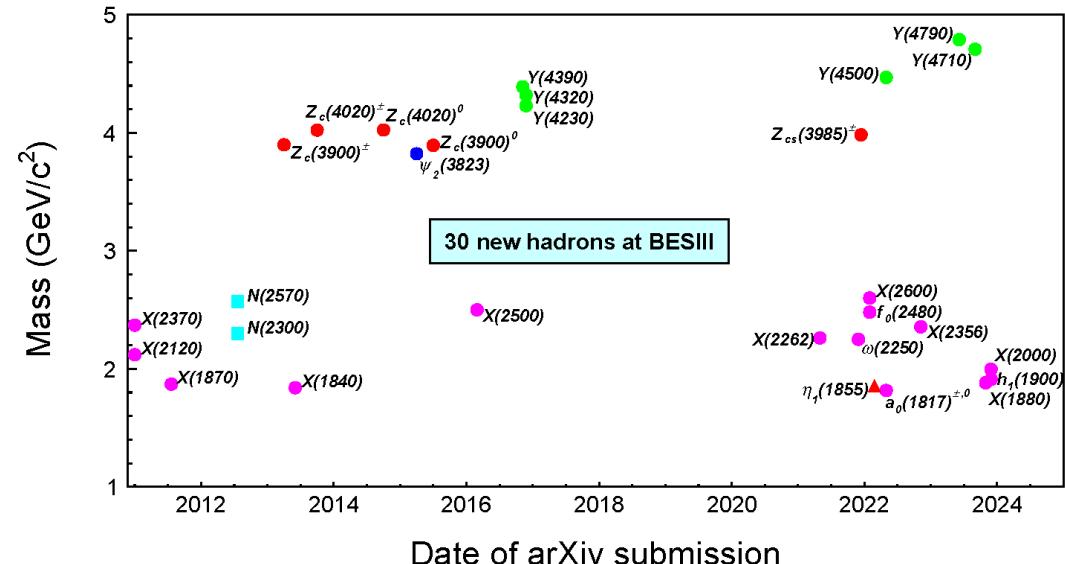
- Abundance of exotic candidates
 - The structure of $T_{cc}(3875)$: tetraquark state



- Given the experimental status, starting from constituent quark models

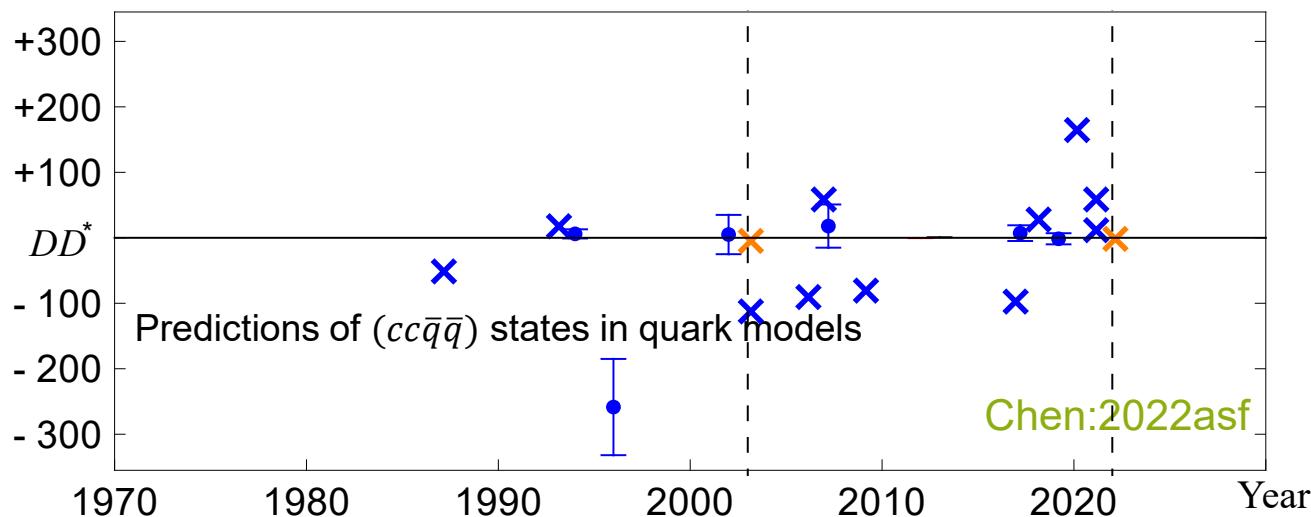
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Proton>

<https://lhcb-outreach.web.cern.ch/2021/07/29/observation-of-an-exceptionally-charming-tetraquark/>



Quark models as calculating methods

- **Quark model:** forward-looking prediction, however large uncertainties
- **Low energy EFT:** order by order improvable, symmetries of QCD, but need experimental inputs
- **Lattice QCD:** from the 1st principles but, need extrapolations and expensive
- ...



Ader:1981db, Zouzou:1986qh, Carlson:1987hh

First observation of the hidden-charm pentaquarks on lattice

Hanyang Xing (Lanzhou, Inst. Modern Phys. and Beijing, GUCAS), Jian Liang (South China Normal U. and Cape Town U., Dept. Math.), Liuming Liu (Lanzhou, Inst. Modern Phys. and Beijing, GUCAS), Peng Sun (Lanzhou, Inst. Modern Phys. and Beijing, GUCAS), Yi-Bo Yang (Beijing, GUCAS and Beijing, Inst. Theor. Phys. and HIAS, UCAS, Hangzhou and ICTP-AP, Beijing) (Oct 16, 2022)

e-Print: [2210.08555 \[hep-lat\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2210.08555)

$\Sigma_c \bar{D}$ and $\Lambda_c \bar{D}$ states in a chiral quark model #1

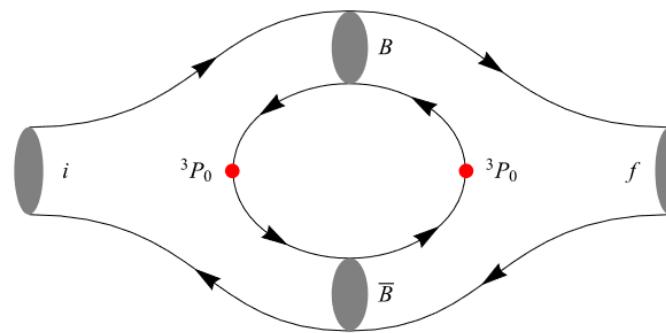
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- We still need quark model !
- The right question: How to adapt the quark model to meet the new demands?

- Heavy-quarkonium-like states: unquenched quark model



- Multiquark systems

	$[c\bar{c}\bar{c}\bar{c}]$ $X(6900)$	$[c\bar{s}\bar{u}\bar{d}]$ $T_{cs1}(2900)$	$[c\bar{s}\bar{u}\bar{d}]$ $Z_{cs}(3985)$	$[c\bar{c}\bar{u}\bar{d}]$ $T_{cc}(3875)^+$	$[c\bar{s}u\bar{d}][c\bar{s}\bar{u}d]$ $T_{c\bar{s}0}(2900)^{++}$	$[c\bar{c}qqq]$ $P_{cs}(4338)$
P_c	$X(6600)$	$T_{cs0}(2900)$	$Z_{cs}(4000)$		$T_{c\bar{s}0}(2900)^0$	$P_{cs}(4459)$
	2006.16957	2009.00025	2011.07855	2109.01038	2212.02716	2210.10346
	2306.07164	2009.00026	2103.01803	2109.01056	2212.02717	2012.10380
	2304.08962					

- Color structures: e.g. $3 - \bar{3}$ and $6 - \bar{6}$ tetraquark
- Confinement potential: Y-type or pairwise
- Resonance above the di-hadron thresholds
-

Challenges
 Interactions? few-body (resonance) problem?

- Background
- **Multiquark package:** resonance, automatic, high efficiency
- **A benchmark test:** interactions and few-body methods
- Outlook

Method 1: Gaussian Expansion Method

- Color functions

$$\begin{cases} [(Q_1 Q_2)_{\bar{3}} (\bar{q}_3 \bar{q}_4)_3]_1 \\ [(Q_1 Q_2)_6 (\bar{q}_3 \bar{q}_4)_{\bar{6}}]_1 \end{cases}$$

Or

$$\begin{cases} [(Q_1 \bar{q}_3)_1 (Q_2 \bar{q}_4)_1]_1 \\ [(Q_1 \bar{q}_4)_1 (Q_2 \bar{q}_3)_1]_1 \end{cases}$$

Or

$$\begin{cases} [(Q_1 \bar{q}_3)_1 (Q_2 \bar{q}_4)_1]_1 \\ [(Q_1 \bar{q}_4)_8 (Q_2 \bar{q}_3)_8]_1 \end{cases}$$

Eigenvalue
projecting method

- Spin wave function

$$S_{12} = 0, 1; S_{34} = 0, 1$$

$$S_{12} \otimes S_{34} \rightarrow J$$

Or

$$S_{13} = 0, 1; S_{24} = 0, 1$$

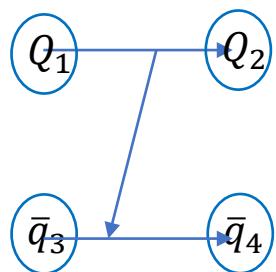
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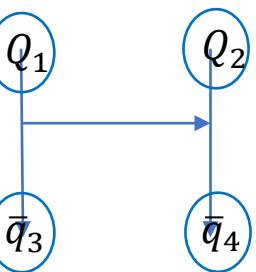
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- Spatial wave functions



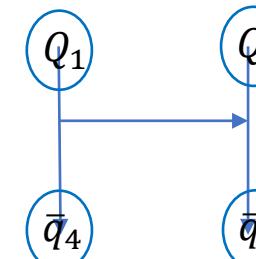
Diquark-antidiquark

And



Di-meson

And



Di-meson

- Antisymmetrization (e.g. $Q_1 = Q_2$ and $q_3 = q_4$) :

$$\psi = \mathcal{A} [\psi_{color} \otimes \psi_{spin} \otimes \psi_{spatial} \otimes \psi_{flavor}],$$

$$\mathcal{A} = (1 - P_{12})(1 - P_{34})$$

$\phi_{nlm}(\mathbf{r}) = N_{lm} r^l e^{-\frac{r^2}{r_n^2}} Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})$

Geometric progression

$r_n = r_0 a^{n-1}$

Hiyama:2003cu

Embed both long- and short-range correlations

Complex scaling method

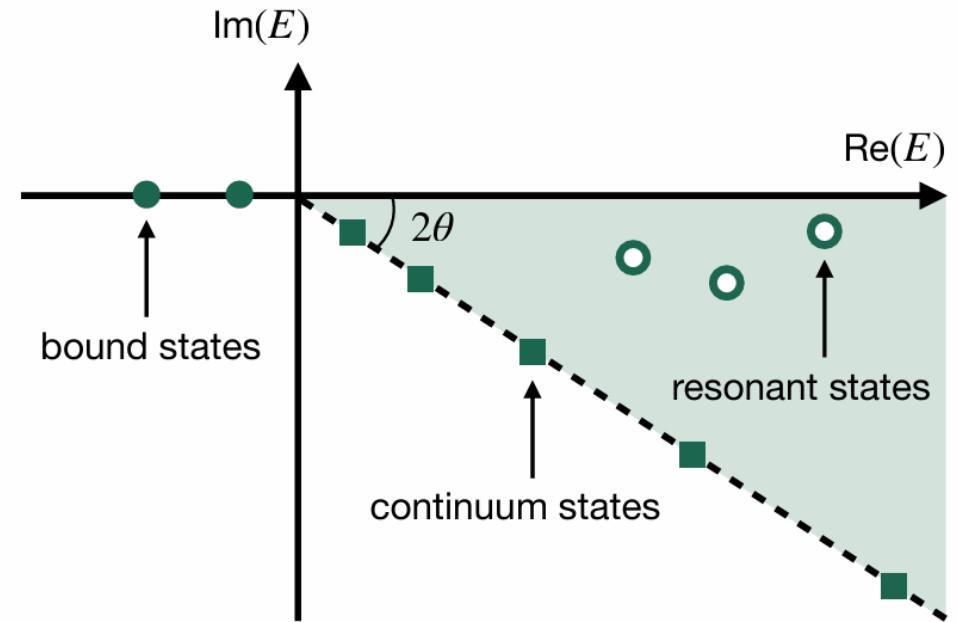
- Original Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_i^n \left(m_i + \frac{p_i^2}{2m_i} \right) + \sum_{i < j=1}^n V_{ij},$$

- Complex scaling

$$U(\theta)\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}e^{i\theta}, \quad U(\theta)\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}e^{-i\theta}.$$

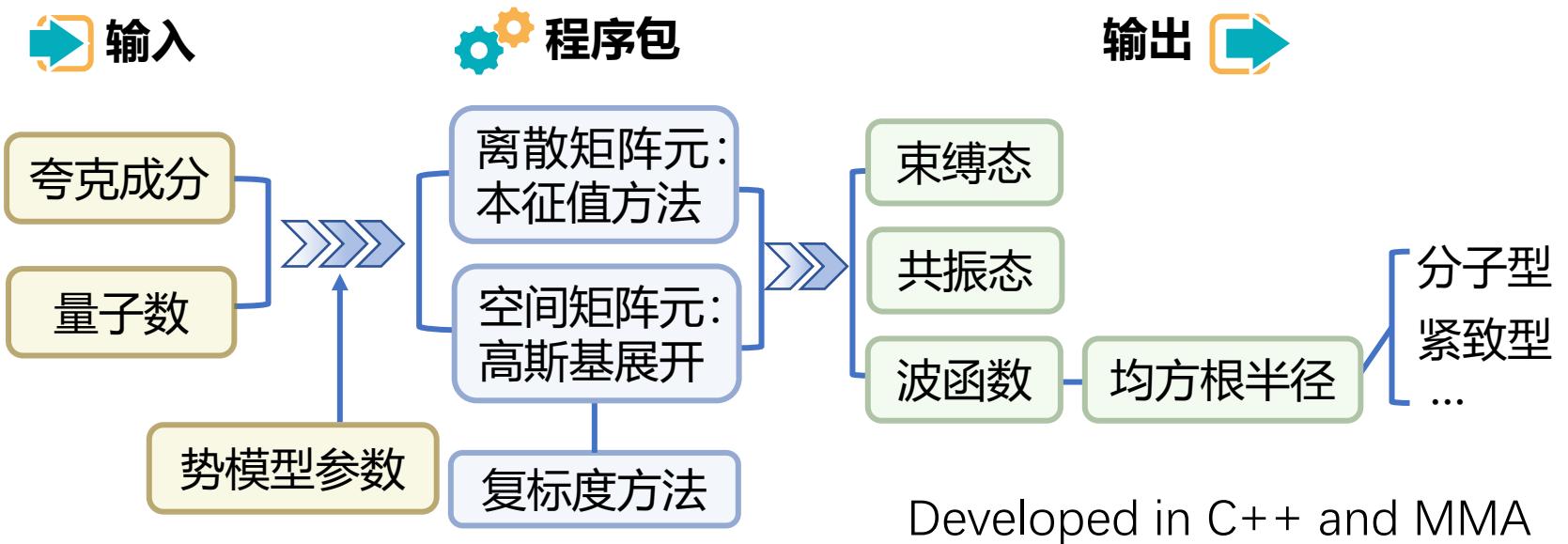
$$H(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(m_i + \frac{p_i^2 e^{-2i\theta}}{2m_i} \right) + \sum_{i < j=1}^n V_{ij} (r_{ij} e^{i\theta}).$$



- Resonance appearing as the eigenvalue of $H(\theta)$

Aguilar:1971ve, Balslev:1971vb, Aoyama:2006hrz...

A multiquark resonance package



● Automatic Features

- ▶ Automated wave function construction
 - ▶ Automatic matrix element calculation
 - ▶ Unified framework for tetra-, penta-, hexaquark states... (no code refactoring needed)

- High efficiency:

- ▶ Gaussian expansion method, avoiding numerical integration
 - ▶ Parallelization capability

Tetraquark bound states

- Over 150 tetraquark systems

	$QQ\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$	$QQ\bar{Q}\bar{q}$	$QQ\bar{q}\bar{q}$	$Qs\bar{q}\bar{q}$	$Q\bar{s}q\bar{q}$
$J^P = 0^+$	No bound	No bound	😊	😊	No bound
$J^P = 1^+$	No bound	No bound	😊	😊	No bound
$J^P = 2^+$	No bound	No bound	😊	😊	No bound

$q = u, d, s; Q = b, c$; Only S-wave

Semay:1994ht, Silvestre-Brac:1996myf
Vijande:2004he, Gonzalez:2012gka

- Benchmark off three different quark models: AL1, AP1 and SLM

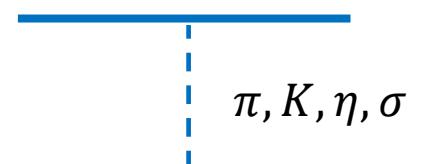
$$V_{ij}(r) = \left[-\frac{\kappa}{r} + \lambda r^p - \Lambda + \frac{2\pi}{3m_i m_j} \kappa' \frac{1}{\pi^{3/2} r_0^3} e^{(-r^2/r_0^2)} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \right] \lambda_i \cdot \lambda_j$$

AL1: $p = 1$
AP1: $p = 2/3$

$$V_{ij}(r) = \left[\frac{\alpha_s}{4} \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{6m_i m_j} \frac{e^{-r/r_0}}{r_0^2 r} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \right) + \underbrace{(-a_c(1 - e^{-\mu_c r}) + \Delta)}_{\text{Screened confinement}} \right] \lambda_i \cdot \lambda_j$$

Salamanca model (SLM)

$$+ V_\pi + V_K + V_\eta + V_\sigma$$



chiral
quark mode

Total runtime:
2.5h on my laptop

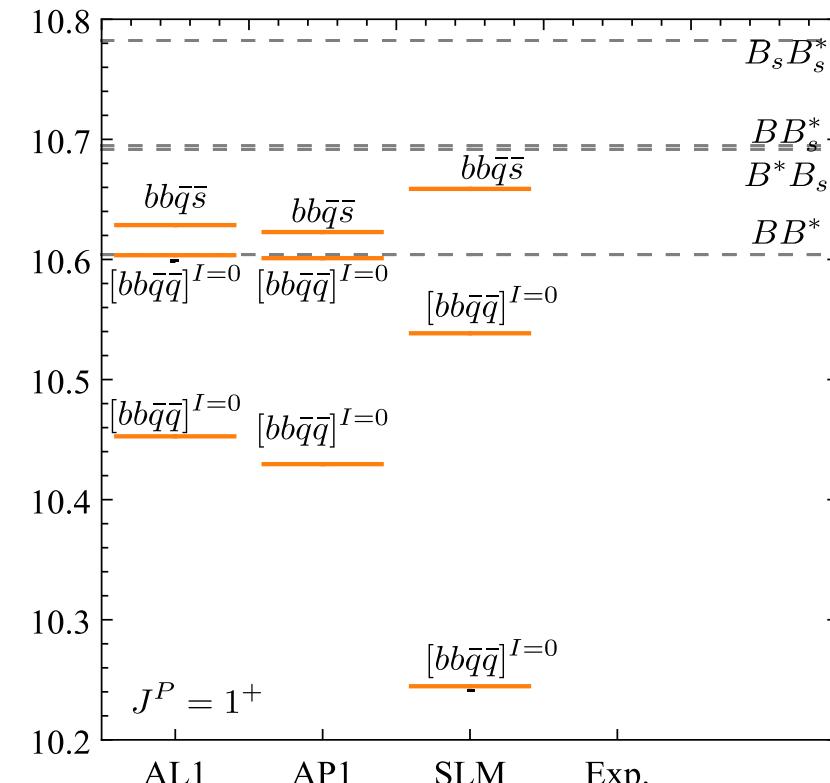
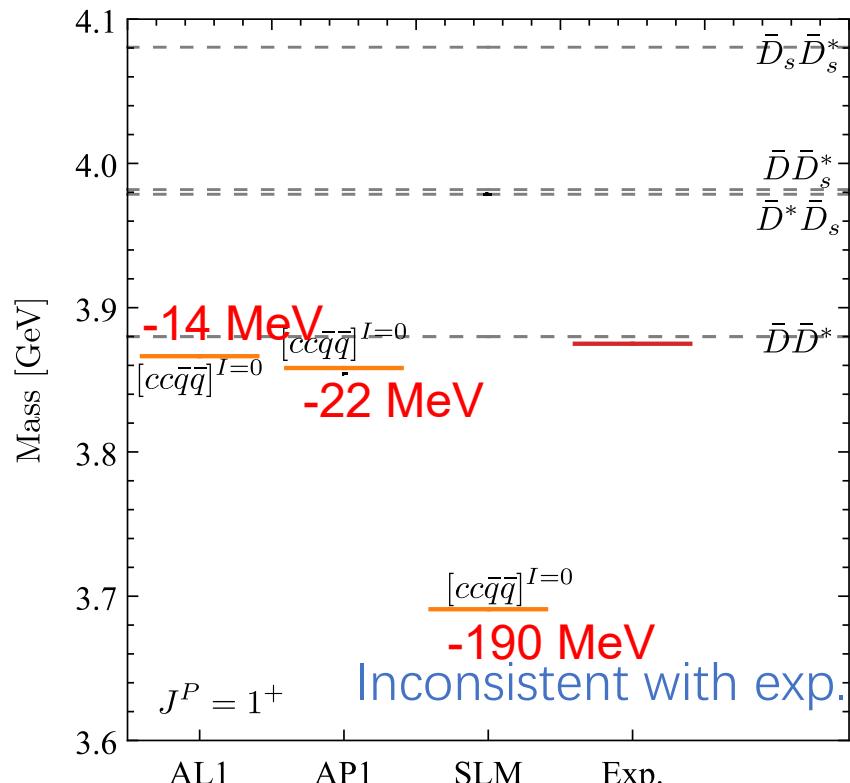
- Points of agreement

- $[cc\bar{q}\bar{q}]^{I=0}$, $[bb\bar{q}\bar{q}]^{I=0}$, $[bb\bar{q}\bar{s}]$ bound states ;
- 1st excited state $[bb\bar{q}\bar{q}]^{I=0}$ is bound state
- No $[bb\bar{q}\bar{q}]^{I=1}$ states

“Predictions”

- SLM: deeper states

- (1) $[cc\bar{q}\bar{q}]^{I=0}$ and $[bb\bar{q}\bar{q}]^{I=0}$ are deeper than AL1 and AP1



Computational error in literature

- Ref.[Ortega:2022efc]: Same SLM interactions
 - $[bb\bar{q}\bar{q}]^{I=1}$ bound state! Our results: there is no isospin vector states
 - Get a $J^P(I) = 0^+(0)$ state dominated by S-wave BB states!
Violating Boson principle

Mass	E_B	$\mathcal{P}_{B^0 B^{*+}}$	$\mathcal{P}_{B^+ B^{*0}}$	$\mathcal{P}_{B^{*+} B^{*0}}$	$\mathcal{P}_{I=0}$	$\mathcal{P}_{I=1}$
10582.2	21.9	47.8	50.0	2.2	99.99	0.01
10593.5	10.5	51.0	48.6	0.4	0.02	99.98

J^P	I	Mass	Width	E_B	\mathcal{P}_{BB}	$\mathcal{P}_{B^*B^*}$	Γ_{BB}	$\Gamma_{B^*B^*}$
0 ⁺	0	10553.0	0	6.0	92%	8%	0	0
		10640.7	2.8	8.7	76%	24%	2.8	0
	1	10545.9	0	13.1	93%	7%	0	0
		10672.6	72.0	-23.2	39%	61%	30.7	41.3
2 ⁺	1	10642.3	0	7.1	-	100%	-	0

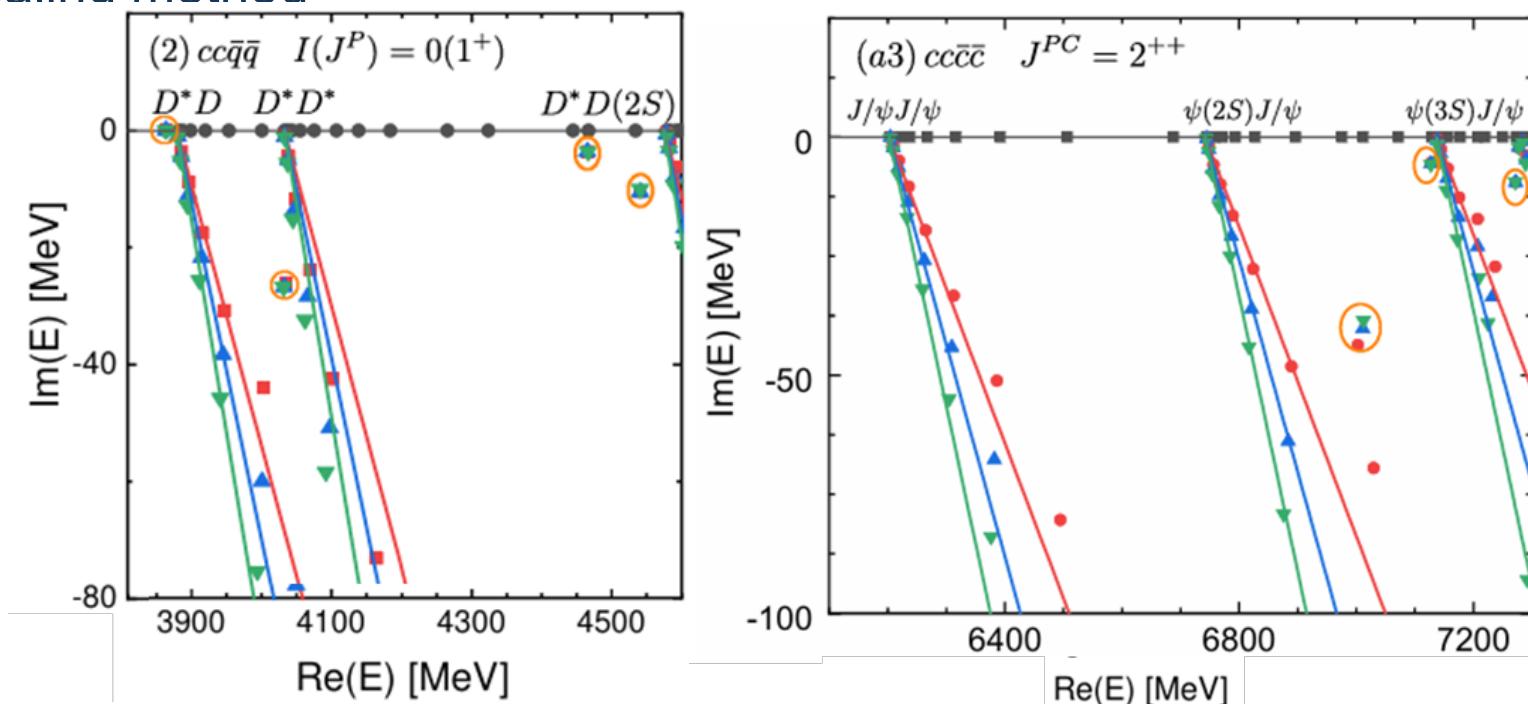
Bound and resonant results

- Recommended tetraquark states below di-meson thresholds (consistent predictions of AP1 and AL1 models)

$J^P = 1^+$	$[cc\bar{q}\bar{q}]^{I=0}$	$[bb\bar{q}\bar{q}]^{I=0}$	$[bc\bar{q}\bar{q}]^{I=0}$	$bb\bar{q}\bar{s}$	$[bs\bar{q}\bar{q}]^{I=0}$
$J^P = 0^+$	$[cb\bar{q}\bar{q}]^{I=0}$	$[cs\bar{q}\bar{q}]^{I=0}$	$[bs\bar{q}\bar{q}]^{I=0}$		
$J^P = 2^+$	$[cb\bar{q}\bar{q}]^{I=0}$				

- Wave functions: T_{cc} molecular state, T_{bb} compact tetraquark state
- Resonances from the complex scaling method

- ▶ $QQ\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$
- ▶ $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}qq$
- ▶ $Qs\bar{q}\bar{q}$
- ▶ $SS\bar{S}\bar{S}$
- ▶ ...



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E_b

Faddeev-Yakubovsky Eq.

-25.94(5)

Gaussian basis expansion

-25.90

stochastic variational method

-25.92

Hyperspherical variational

-25.90(1)

Green's function MC/Diffusion MC

-25.93(2)

No-core shell model

-25.80(20)

Hyperspherical harmonic methods

-25.944(10)

GEM, our results

-25.9

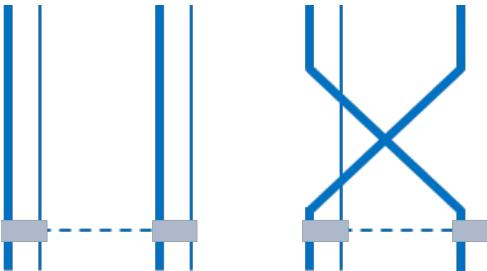
Kamada:2001tv

Method 2: Resonating Group Method

- Dimeson-wave function

$$\psi_{AB}(\mathbf{P}) = \mathcal{A}[\phi_A(\mathbf{p}_A)\phi_B(\mathbf{p}_B)\chi(\mathbf{P})\chi_{AB}^{CST}]$$

- ϕ_A and ϕ_B are meson wave functions: from GEM



Entem:2000mq, Ortega:2022efc

RGM is valid only when clustering behavior is assumed.

- Schrödinger equation of RGM

$$\left(\frac{\mathbf{P}'^2}{2\mu} - E \right) \chi(\mathbf{P}') + \int d^3 P' (V_D(\mathbf{P}', \mathbf{P}) + K_{Ex}(\mathbf{P}', \mathbf{P})) \chi(\mathbf{P}) = 0$$

V_D direct interaction, K_{Ex} the exchange kernel

- Only the di-meson-type spatial wave are included, not as general as GEM

$$E_{RGM} \gtrsim E_{GEM}$$

- Valid only when clustering behavior is assumed

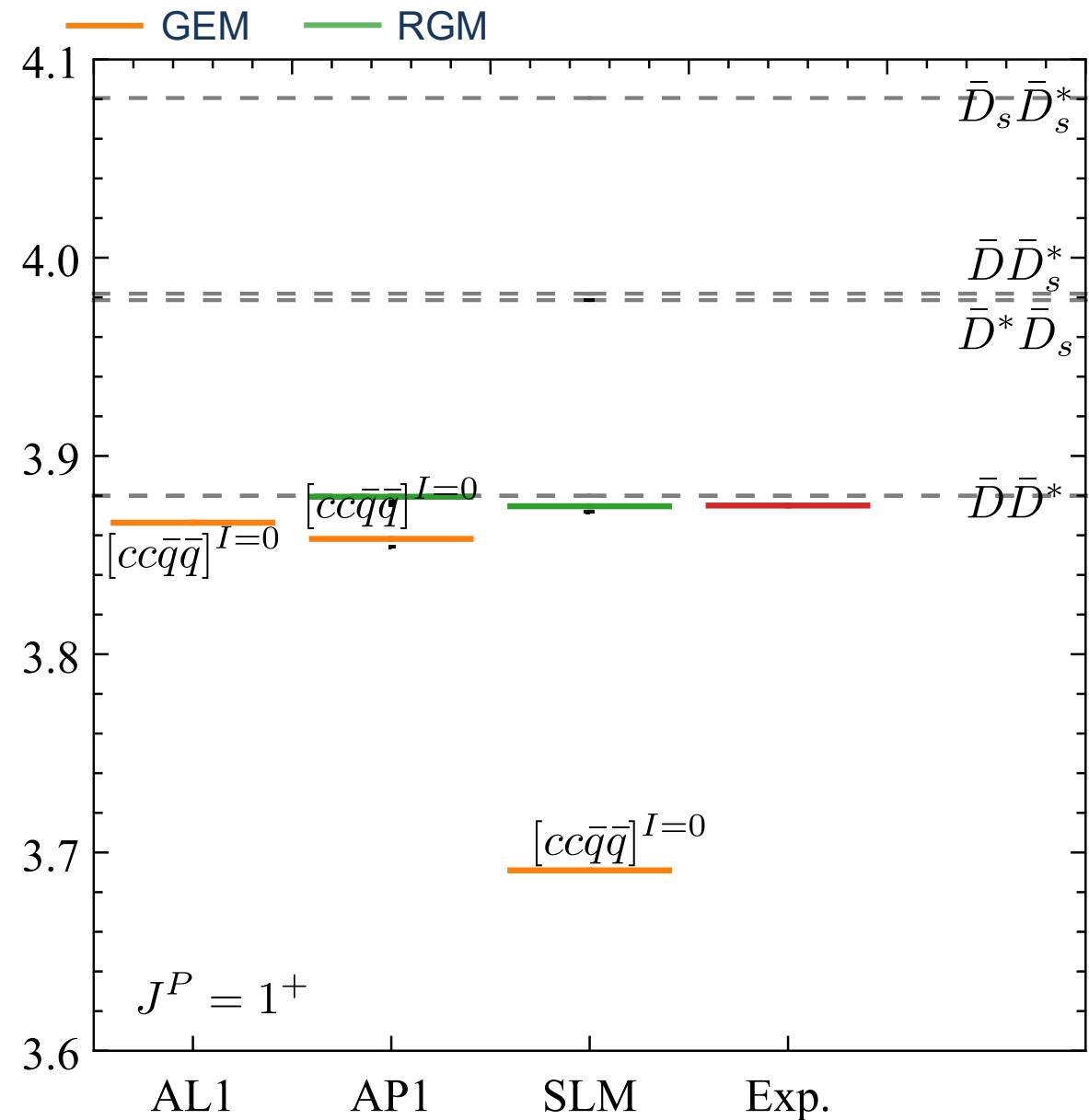
RGM results

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 - ▶ Similar conclusion in literature

Y. Yang, C. Deng, J. Ping and T. Goldman, RRD (2009), 114023

- SLM group: SLM interaction+ RGM method
 - ▶ Loosely bound T_{cc} states
 - ▶ A correct result coincidentally from two wrong premises

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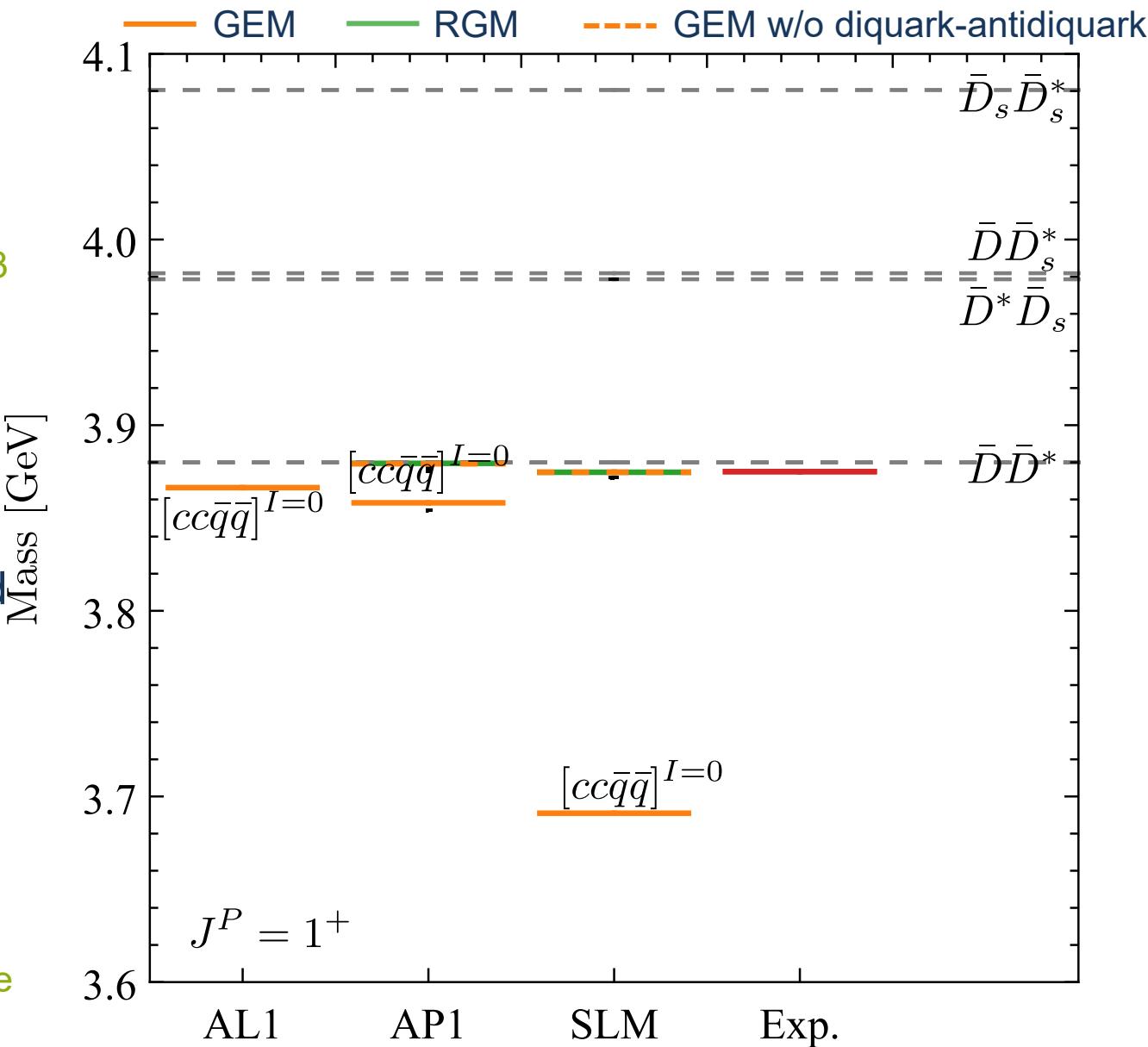
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Method 3: Diffusion Monte Carlo

- $t \rightarrow i\tau$; Schrödinger equation → Diffusion equation

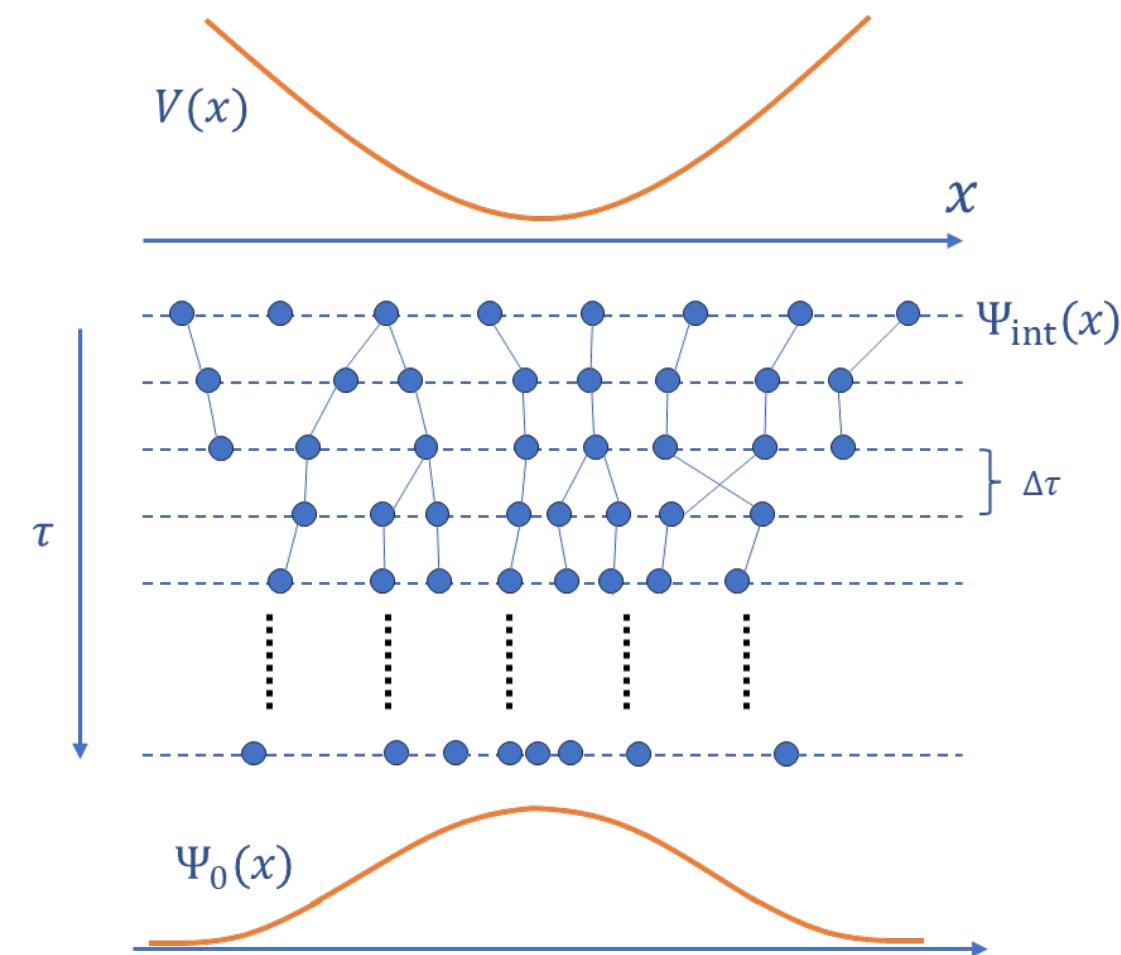
$$-\frac{\partial \Psi(\mathbf{R}, \tau)}{\partial \tau} = \left[-\frac{\nabla^2}{2m} + V(\mathbf{R}) - E_R \right] \Psi(\mathbf{R}, \tau),$$

Diffusion Source or Sink

- $E_R \rightarrow E_0$, the $\Psi(\mathbf{R}, t) \rightarrow$ ground state when $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$\Psi(\mathbf{R}, \tau) = \sum_i c_i \Phi_i(\mathbf{R}) e^{-[E_i - E_R]\tau},$$

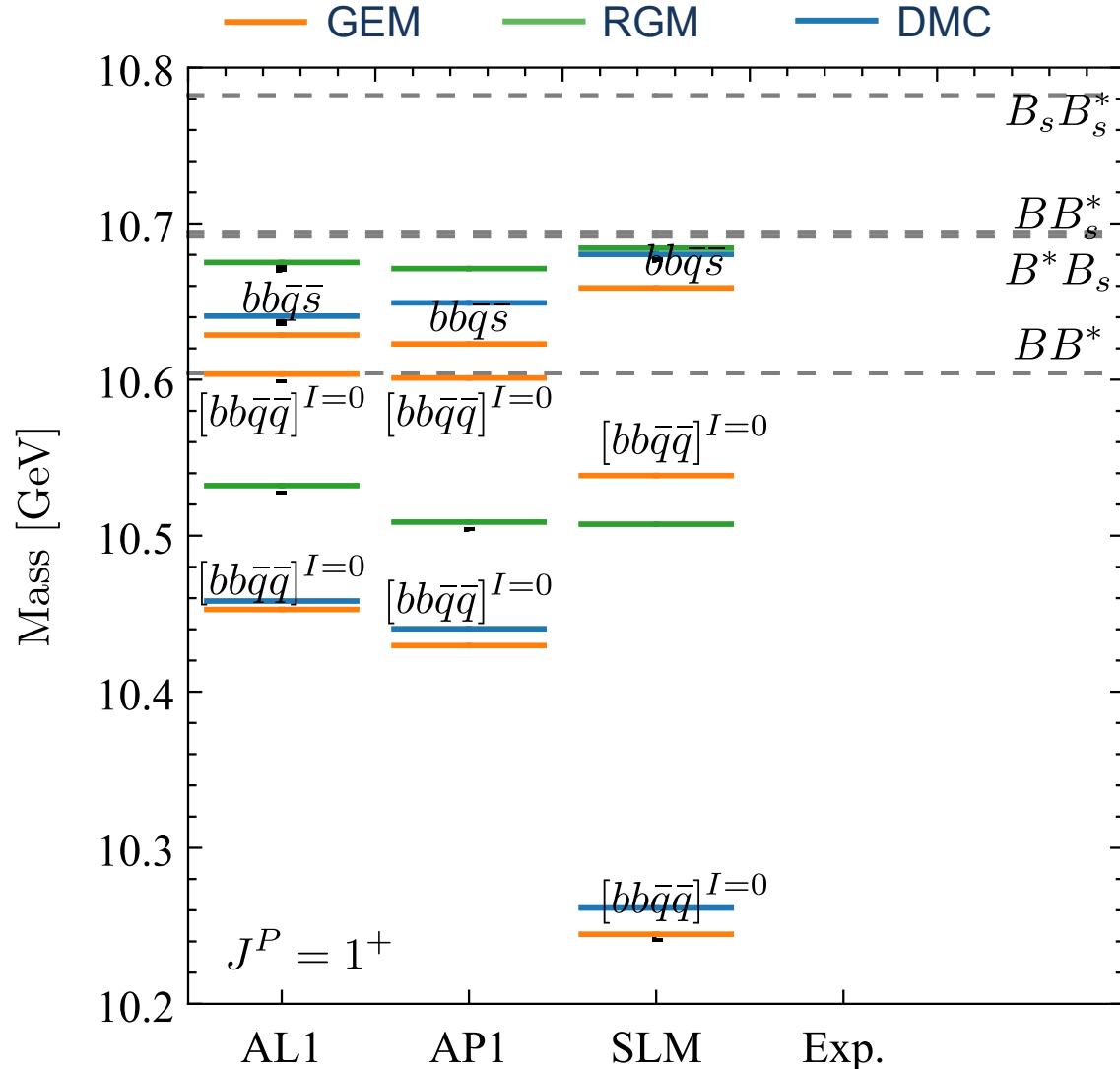
- In practices: importance sampling
- Milder increase computational cost as particles numbers



Results from DMC

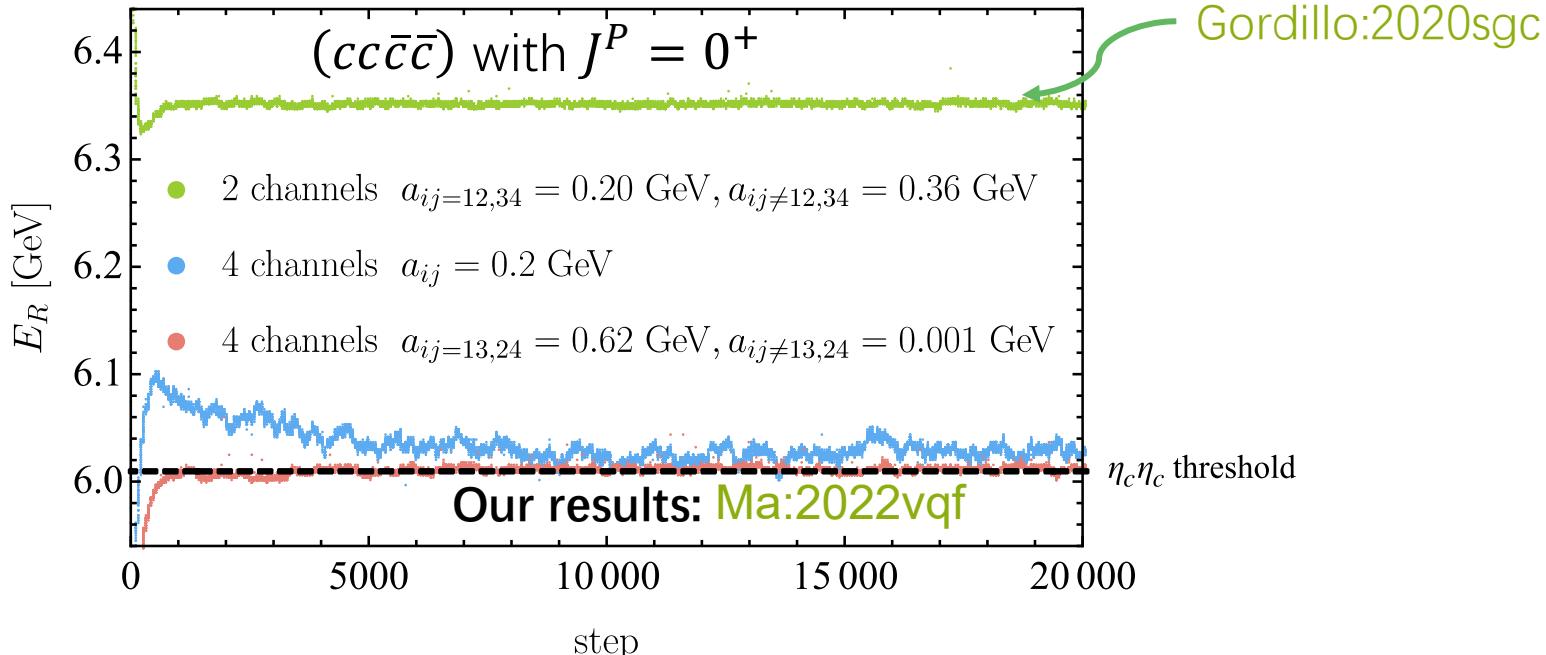
- The DMC with the present coupled-channel strategy give the higher energy than GEM
- The coupled-channel strategy need to be improved in the future

Y. L. Yang and P. W. Zhao,
PhysRevC.107.034320

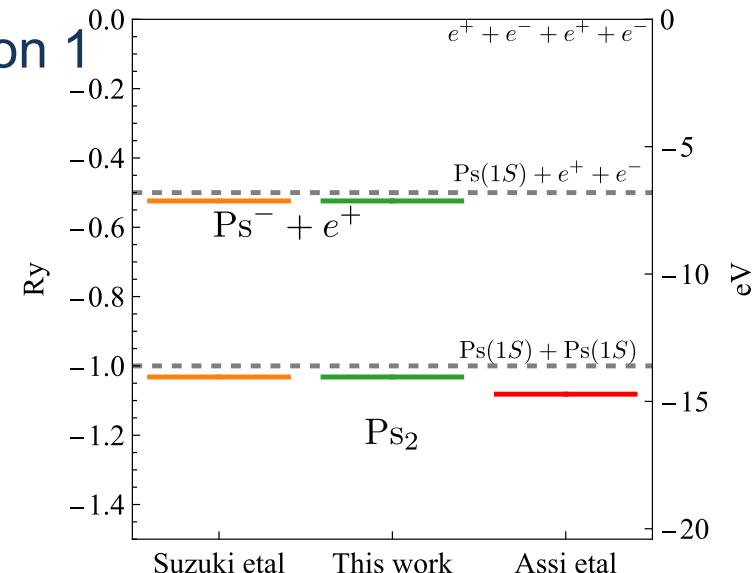
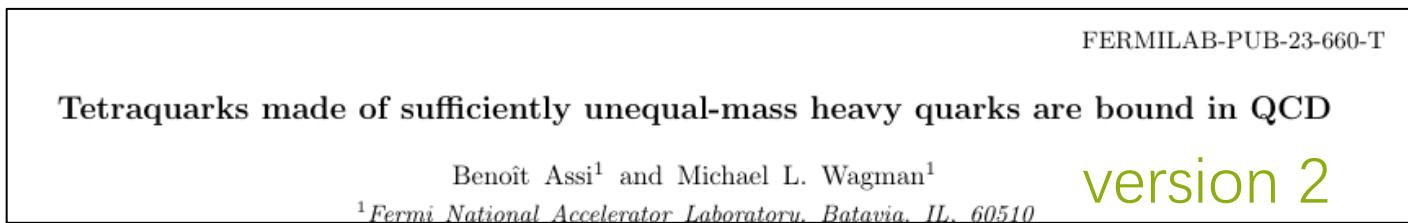
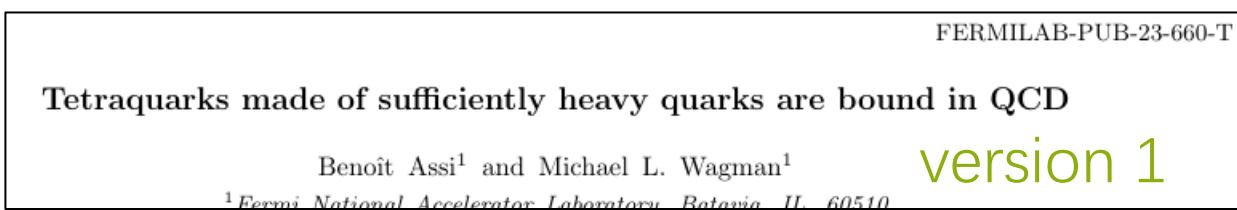


DMC in quark models

- Ref [Gordillo:2020sgc]:
got a wrong ground state



- Ref [Assi:2023dlu]:
claimed the existence of fully heavy tetraquark bound state in version 1



Summary and outlook

- Do we still need quark model? Yes! The quark model should be adapted to the era of multiquarks.
- An efficient automatic multiquark resonance package
 - ▶ Gaussian expansion method + Complex scaling method
- Benchmark test (AL1,AP1,SLM) \otimes (GEM,RGM,DMC)
 - ▶ $(QQ\bar{Q}\bar{Q})$, $(QQ\bar{Q}\bar{q})$, $(QQ\bar{q}\bar{q})$, $(Qs\bar{q}\bar{q})$, $(Q\bar{s}q\bar{q})$
 - ▶ Recommended tetraquark states below di-meson thresholds

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- ▶ SLM interaction: too attractive Improve it: + vector meson exchange?
- ▶ RGM: valid only when the clustering behavior is assumed
- ▶ Point out several computational errors in literature
- ▶ Predicting resonant states

● Outlook

- ▶ Flux-tube confinement potentials
- ▶ Decays
- ▶ Relativistic effect
- ▶ Release the package as open source

Thanks for
your attention!!

Backup

DMC results from [Gordillo:2020sgc]

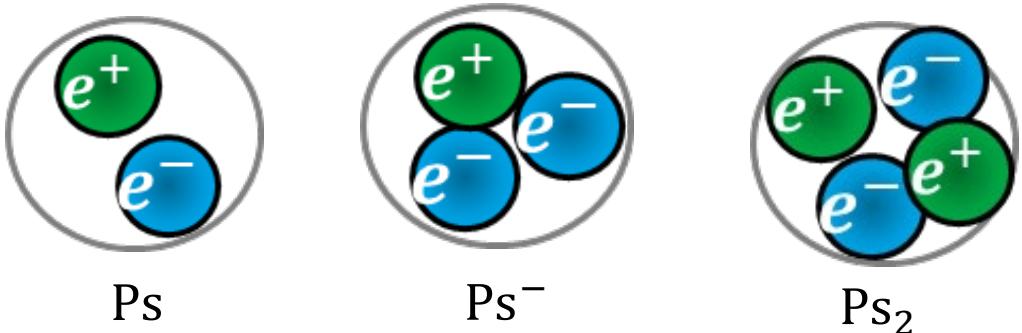
- Results from [Gordillo:2020sgc]

	$n^{2S+1}L_J$	J^{PC}	DMC
η_c	1^1S_0	0^{-+}	3005
J/ψ	1^3S_1	1^{--}	3101
B_c	1^1S_0	0^{-+}	6292
B_c^*	1^3S_1	1^{--}	6343
η_b	1^1S_0	0^{-+}	9424
$\Upsilon(1S)$	1^3S_1	1^{--}	9462

$CC\bar{C}\bar{C}$	
J^{PC}	DMC
0^{++}	6351
1^{+-}	6441
2^{++}	6471

- The mass of $T_{cc\bar{c}\bar{c}}$ is about several hundreds MeV above the related di-meson thresholds

Di-positronium



- It was predicted to exist in 1946 by J.A Wheeler
- The binding energy is 0.435 485 eV [PhysRevLett.92.043401](#)
- It was not observed until 2007 in an experiment [10.1038/nature06094](#)
- Accuracy of our results: 0.435 eV
- However, Assi et al get a result 1.1 eV

Tetraquarks made of sufficiently heavy quarks are bound in QCD

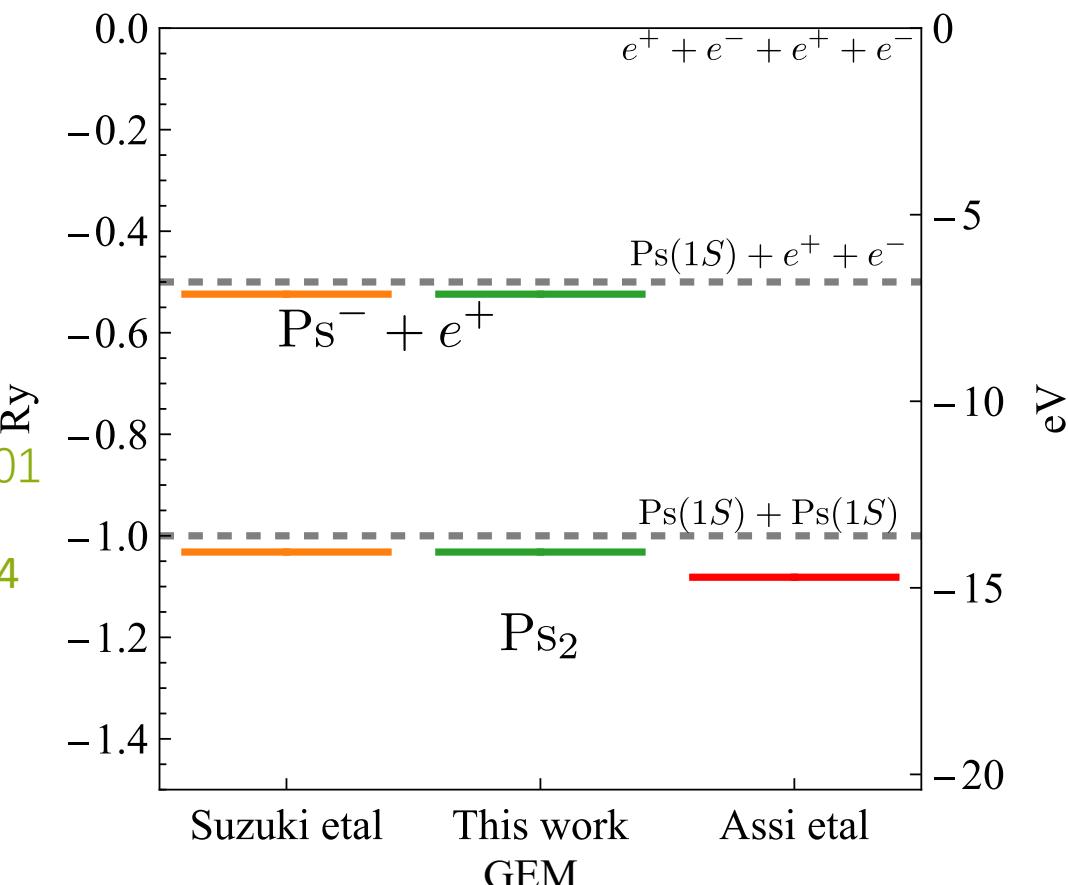
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Tetraquarks, bound states composed of two quarks and two antiquarks, have been the subject of intense study but have yet to be understood from first principles. Previous studies of fully-heavy tetraquarks in nonrelativistic effective field theories of quantum chromodynamics (QCD) suggest different conclusions for their existence. We apply variational and Green's function Monte Carlo methods to compute tetraquarks' ground- and excited-state energies in potential nonrelativistic QCD. We robustly demonstrate that fully-heavy tetraquarks are bound in QCD for sufficiently heavy quark masses. We also predict the masses of tetraquark bound states comprised of b and c quarks, which are experimentally accessible, and suggest possible resolutions for previous theoretical discrepancies.

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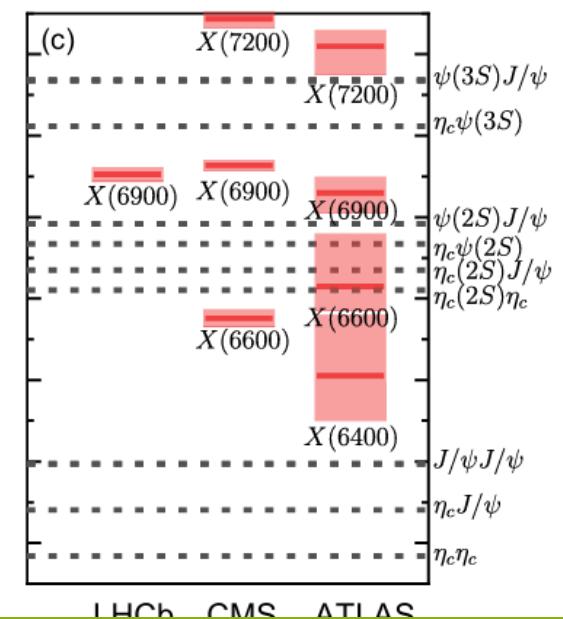
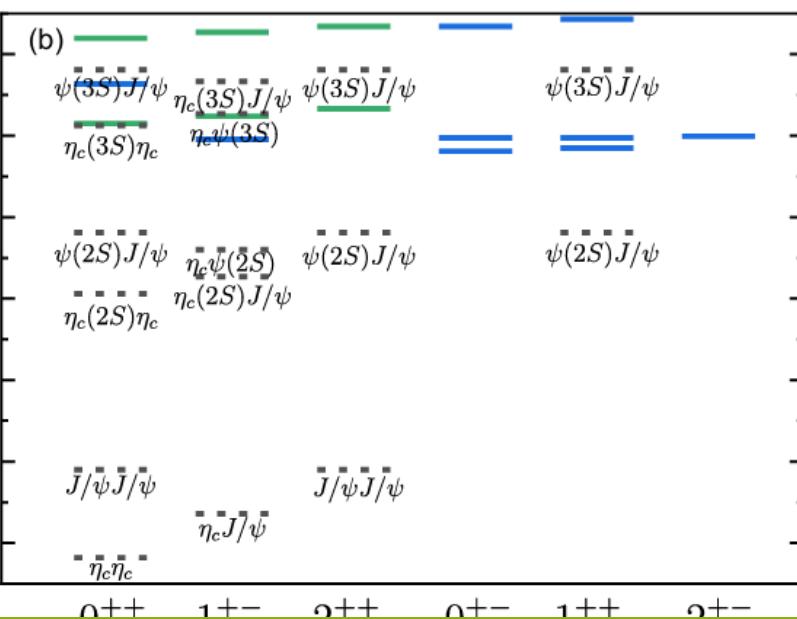
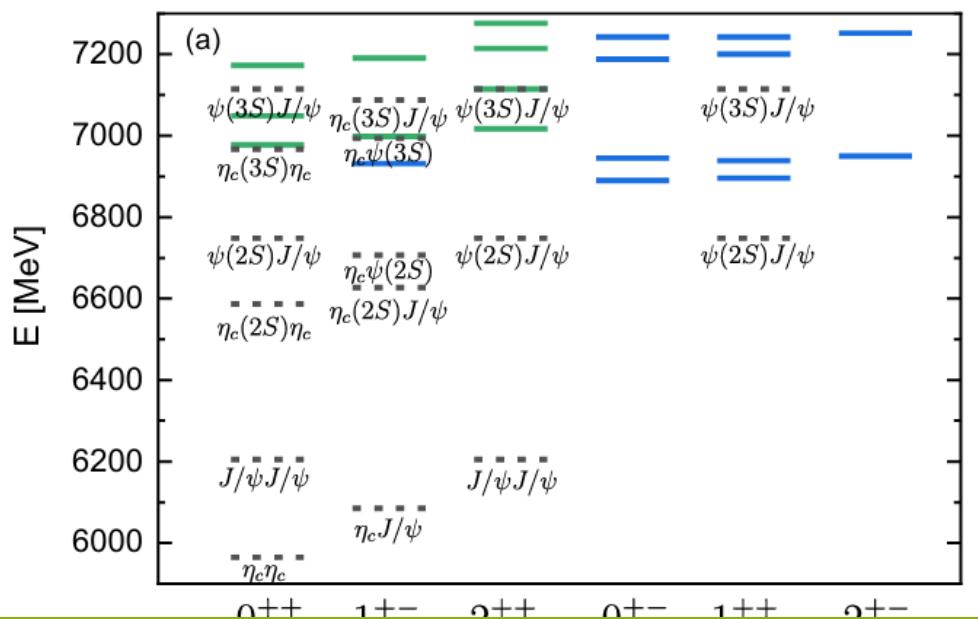
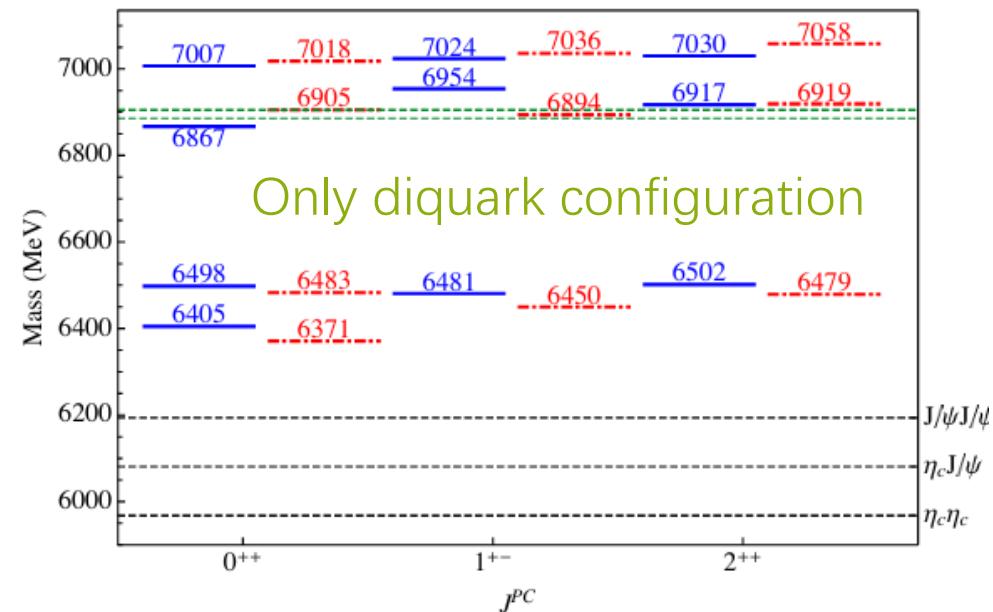
Define molecular radius

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_{I,J}(\theta) = & |\{Q\bar{q}_1\}_{1_c}\{s\bar{q}_2\}_{1_c}\rangle \otimes |\psi_1^\theta\rangle \\ & + |\{Q\bar{q}_2\}_{1_c}\{s\bar{q}_1\}_{1_c}\rangle \otimes |\psi_2^\theta\rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$r_{ij}^{\text{rms}} \equiv \text{Re} \left[\sqrt{\frac{(\psi_1^\theta | r_{ij}^2 e^{2i\theta} | \psi_1^\theta)}{(\psi_1^\theta | \psi_1^\theta)}} \right]$$

Status of fully heavy tetraquark

- Including di-meson configuration introduce large discrepancy with Ex. results



Fully tetraquark: confinement

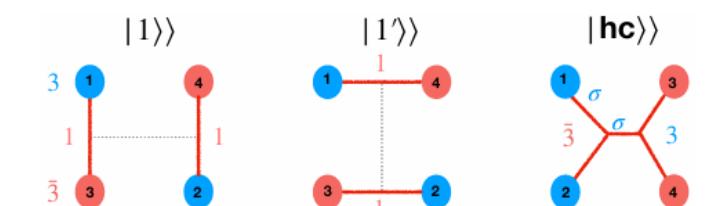
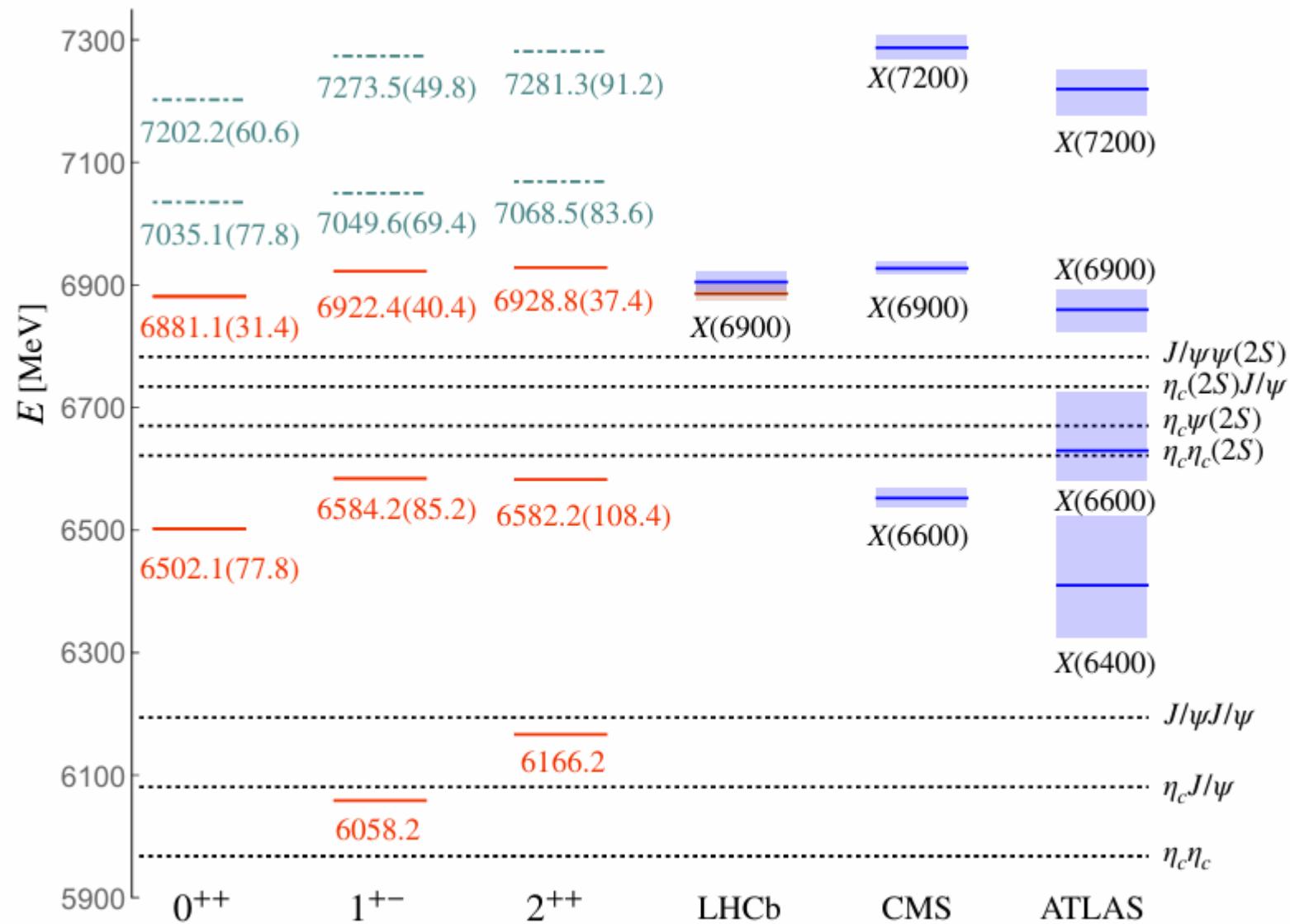


FIG. 1. Three color basis states: $|1\rangle\langle 1|$, $|1'\rangle\langle 1'|$, and $|\text{hc}\rangle\langle \text{hc}|$ in the novel string-type color confinement model.

$$\Psi(1, 2, 3, 4) = \psi_1 |1\rangle\langle 1| + \psi_{1'} |1'\rangle\langle 1'| + \psi_{\text{hc}} |\text{hc}\rangle\langle \text{hc}|, \quad (5)$$

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Color-electric interaction for multiquark states

- For color-singlet multiquark states $\{Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_n\}$, $Q_i = Q$ or \bar{Q} , if two-body interaction $V_{Q_i Q_j} = V_8(r_{ij})\lambda_i \cdot \lambda_j$, then

$$V_{\{Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_n\}} = \sum_{i < j} a_{ij} V_8(r_{ij}), \quad \sum_{i < j} a_{ij} = -\frac{8}{3}n$$

Proof: $2\langle \sum_{i < j} \lambda_i \cdot \lambda_j \rangle = \langle \sum_i \lambda_i \rangle^2 - \sum_i \langle \lambda_i \rangle^2$

- A general problem: For fixed $\sum_{i < j} a_{ij}$, what distribution of a_{ij} give the lowest mass?

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⇒ the symmetric case gives the worse result: $M_n(a_{ij}) \leq M_n^{(S)}$

Proof:

$$H = H^S + \Delta V = H^S + aV_8(r_{12}) - aV_8(r_{34}), \quad \langle \psi^S | \Delta V | \psi^S \rangle = 0, \quad (32)$$

$$\langle \psi^S | H^S | \psi^S \rangle = \langle \psi^S | H | \psi^S \rangle \geq \min_{\psi \in \mathcal{H}} \langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle \quad (33)$$

- Intuitively, less symmetric a_{ij} , more deeply bound ground states

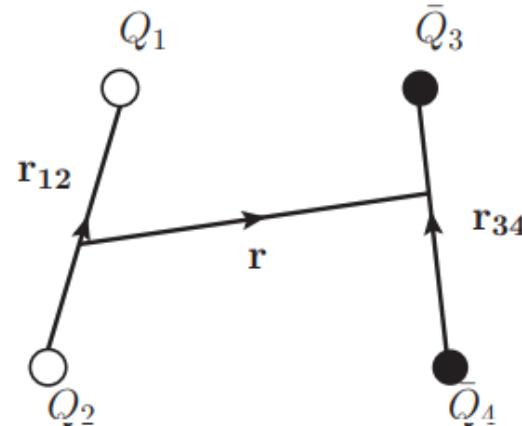
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Color-electric interaction for $QQ\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$

- $\{a_{ij}\}$ distribution for $QQ\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$

a_{ij}	$a_{12} = a_{34}$	$a_{13} = a_{24}$	$a_{14} = a_{23}$
Di-meson	0	$-\frac{16}{3}$	0
$\bar{3}_c - 3_c$	$-\frac{8}{3}$	$-\frac{4}{3}$	$-\frac{4}{3}$
$\bar{6}_c - 6_c$	$\frac{4}{3}$	$-\frac{10}{3}$	$-\frac{10}{3}$

$$2M(Q\bar{Q}) < M(6 - \bar{6}) < M(3 - \bar{3})$$

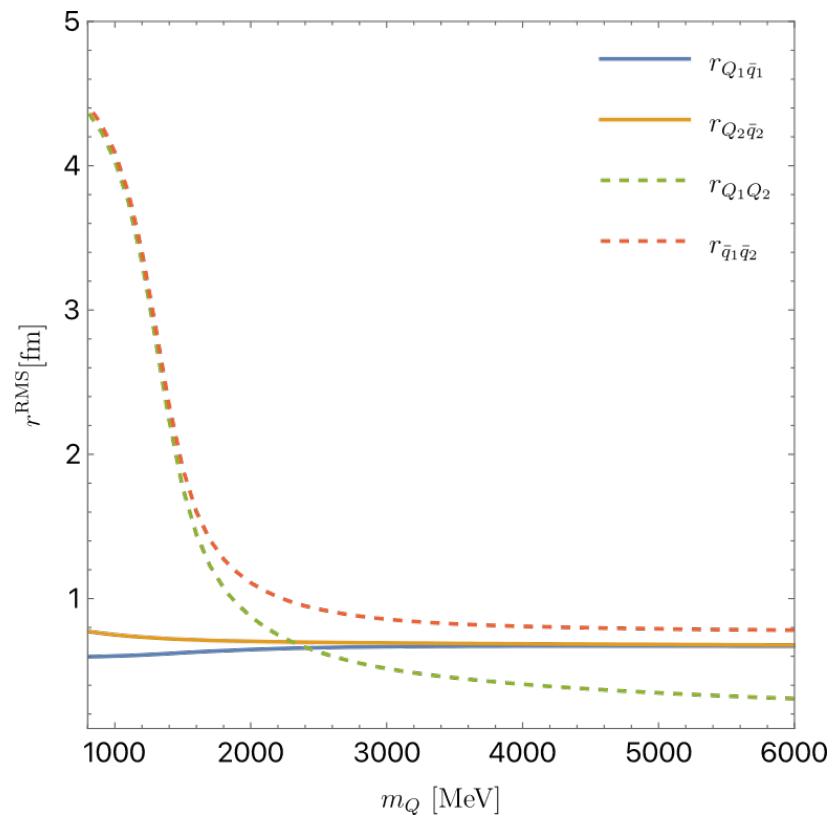
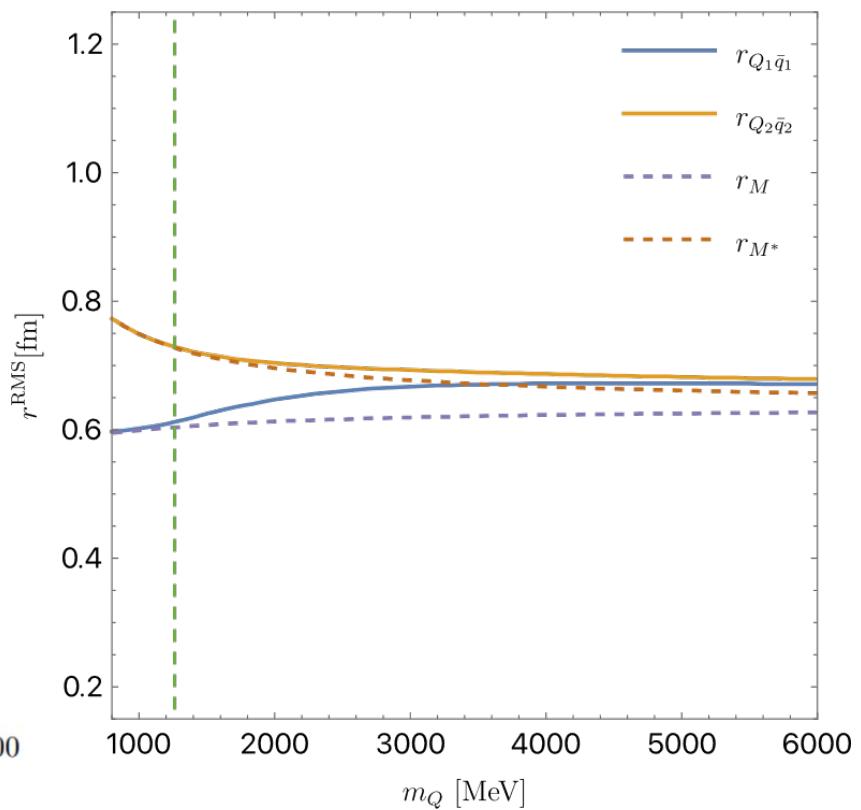
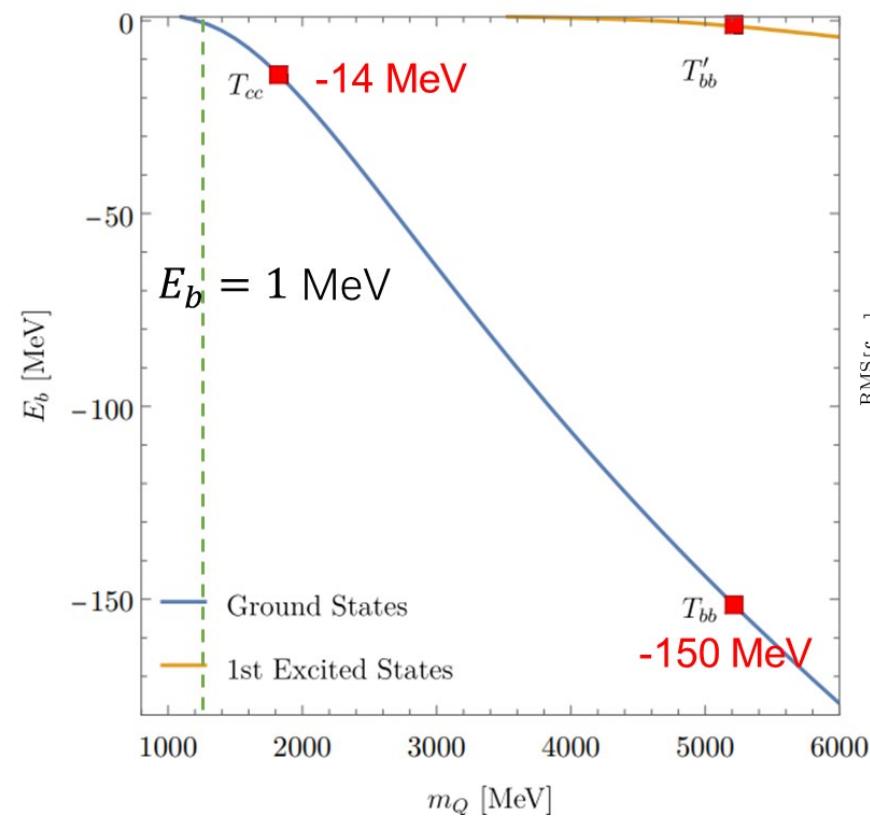


- Things become different, when
 - ⇒ unequal quark masses e.g. $QQ\bar{q}\bar{q}$
 - ⇒ hyperfine correction, e.g. color-magnetic interaction $S_i \cdot S_j \lambda_i \cdot \lambda_j$
 - ⇒ multibody interaction, e.g. doubly- Y interaction
 - ⇒ ...

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Molecular or compact ?



- Tuning the m_Q to m_b : (bb) compact diquark
- Tuning the m_Q to make $E_b < 1$ MeV: molecular states