

# Born-Oppenheimer Effective Theory for XYZ Exotics



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# Exotic Hadron

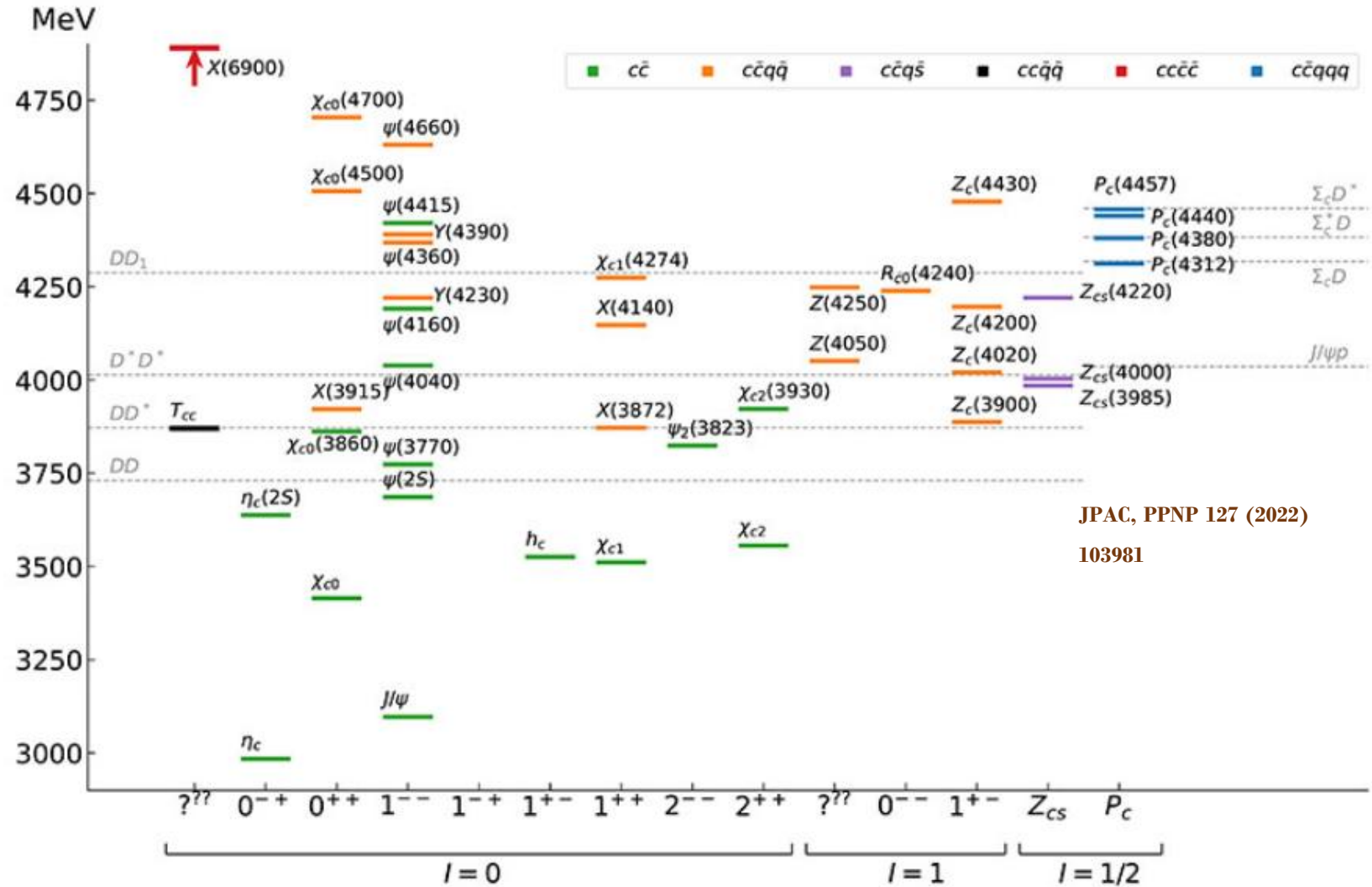


□ **XYZ Exotics:** States with at-least 2-heavy quarks.

□ Recent count including both **tetraquarks and pentaquarks:**

- 54 in  $c\bar{c}$  sector
- 5 in  $b\bar{b}$  sector
- 4 with all  $c$  and  $\bar{c}$
- 1 with two charm quarks.

Lebed, arXiv 2308.00781 (2023)



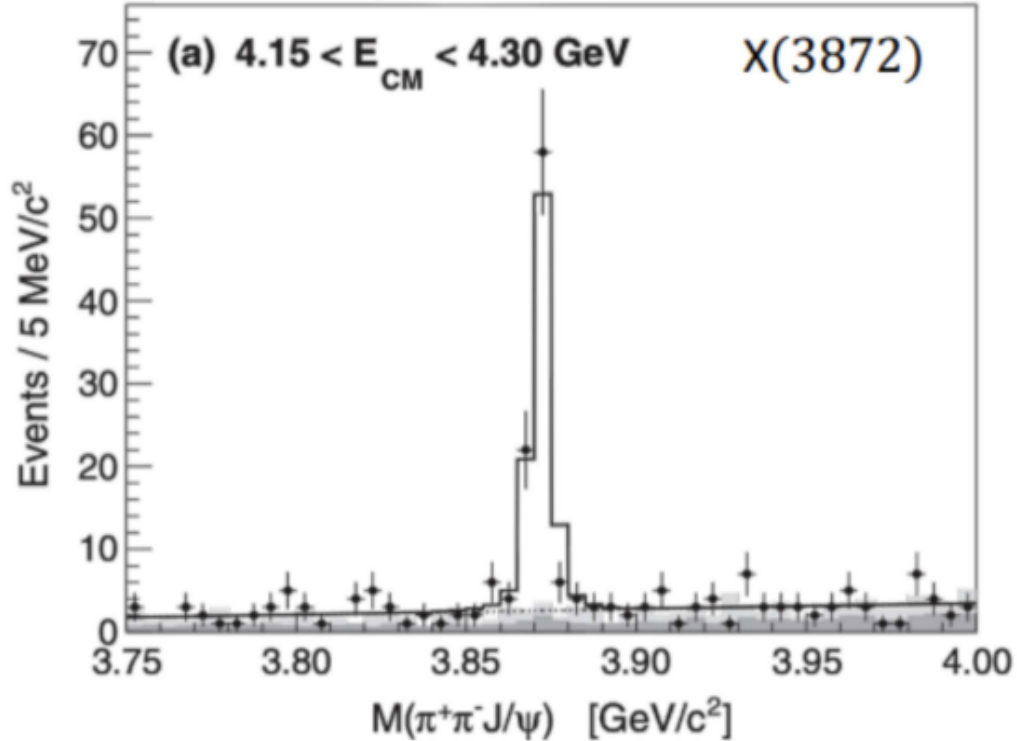
**Tetraquarks or pentaquarks:**

Non-zero isospin states.

New theoretical predictions on static potentials based on Born-Oppenheimer EFT

# $\chi_{c1} (3872)$

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma X(3872); X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$   
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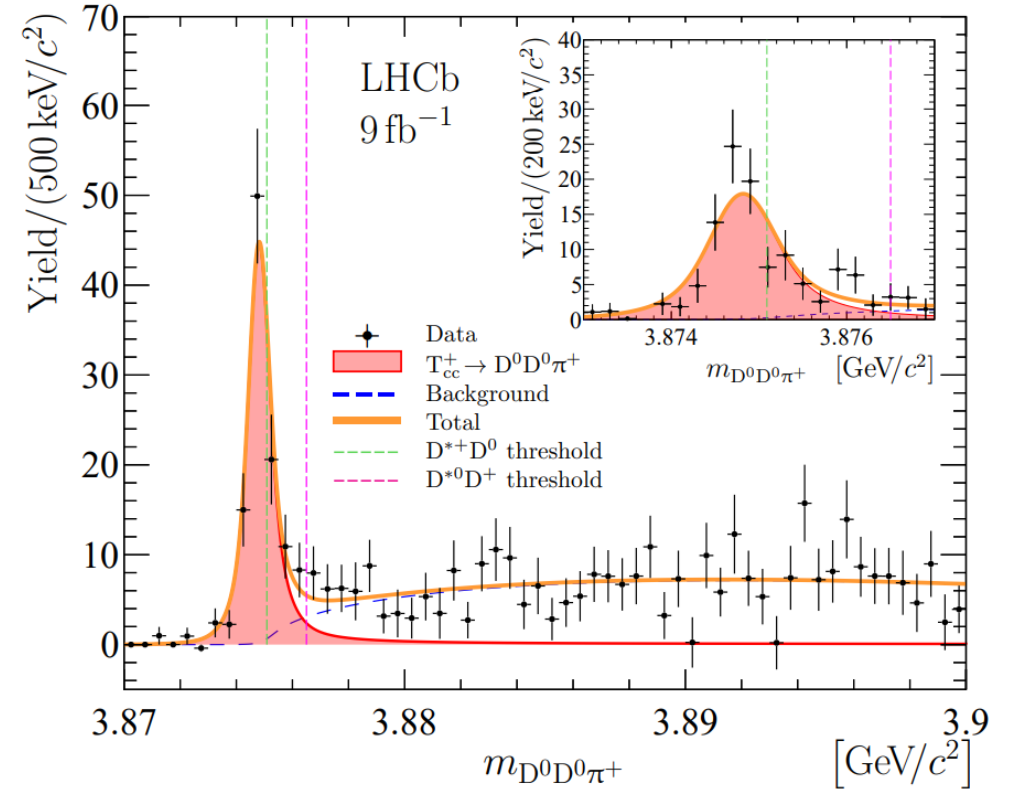


$$m_{\chi_{c1}(3872)} - (m_{D^{*0}} + m_{\bar{D}^0}) = -0.07 \pm 0.12 \text{ MeV.}$$

LHCb, JHEP 08 (2020) 123

➤ Quantum numbers:  $J^{PC}=1^{++}$  (Isospin=0)

# $T_{cc}^+ (3875)$



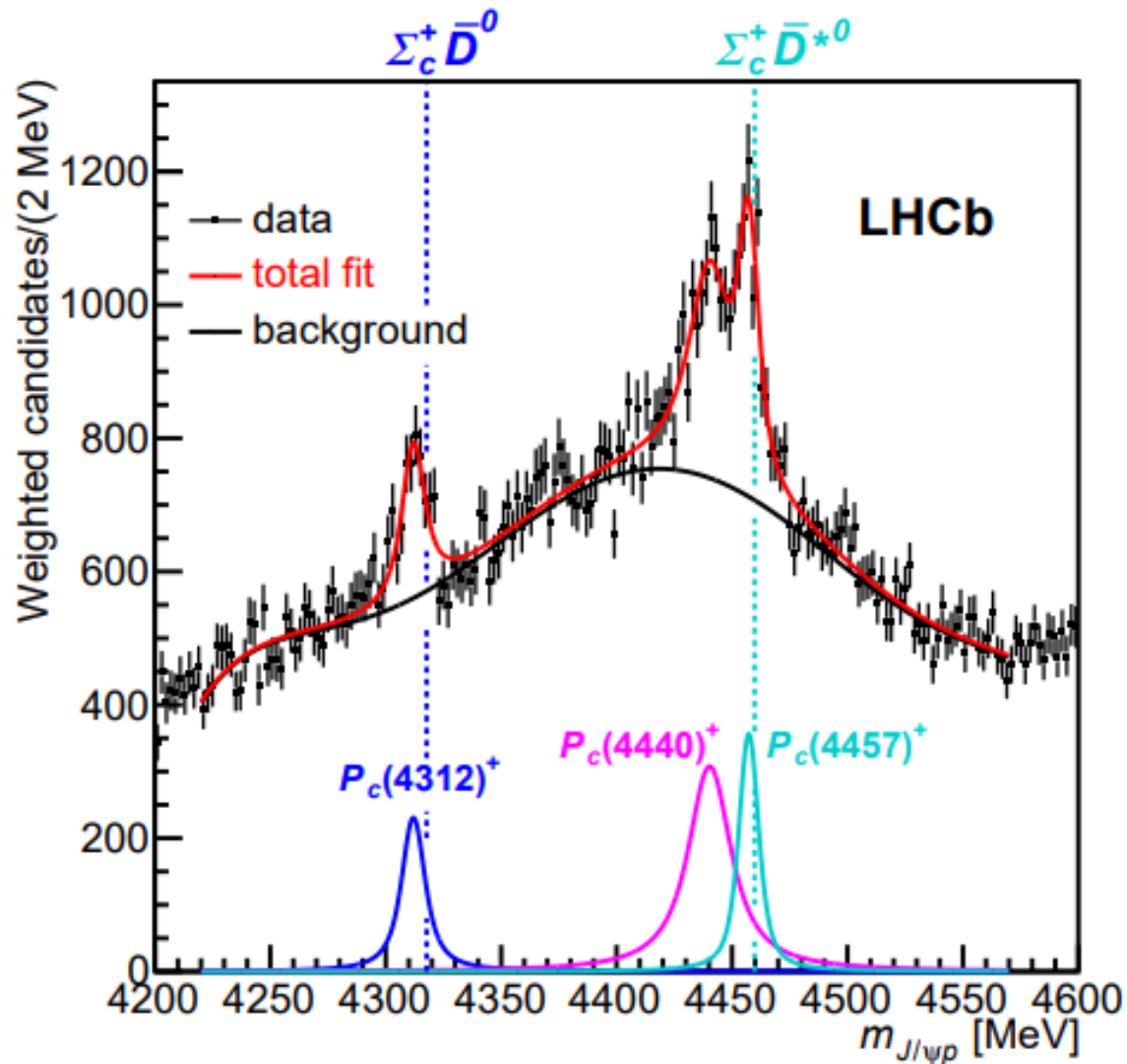
LHCb (Nature Phys. 18 (2022) 7, 751; Nature Comm. 13 (2022) 3351)

$$m_{T_{cc}^+} - (m_{D^{*+}} + m_{D^0}) = -0.27 \pm 0.06 \text{ MeV.}$$

➤ Consistent with **isoscalar** with  $J^P=1^+$

➤ **Longest lived** Exotic particle:  $\Gamma \sim 50 \text{ keV}$

# Pentaquark



Observed states

- 4 states with isospin  $I = 1/2$ :

$$P_{c\bar{c}}(4312)^+, P_{c\bar{c}}(4380)^+, P_{c\bar{c}}(4440)^+, P_{c\bar{c}}(4457)^+$$

$J^P$  quantum numbers not established

All pentaquark states seen by LHCb experiment

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# Born-Oppenheimer EFT

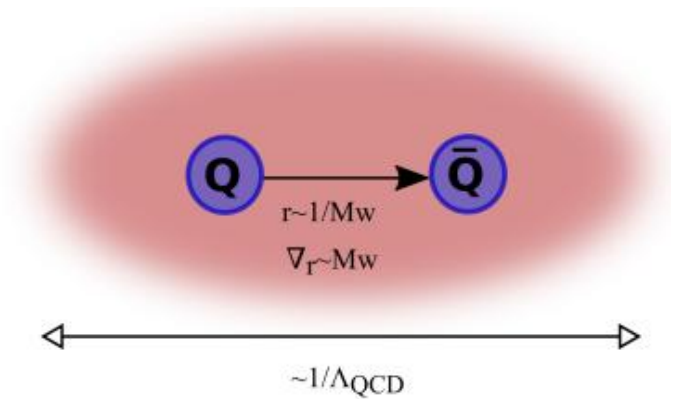
# BOEFT: Exotic Hadron

- **Exotic hadron** ( $Q\bar{Q}X, QQX, \dots$ ),  $X$ : any combination of light quark and gluons (LDF) for color singlet.

- Multiple scales in Exotics:

- ❖ Mass of heavy quark:  $m$
- ❖ Energy scale for LDF:  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$
- ❖ Relative momentum between heavy quarks:  $mv \sim 1/r$
- ❖ Heavy Quark kinetic energy scale:  $mv^2$

Extended objects:



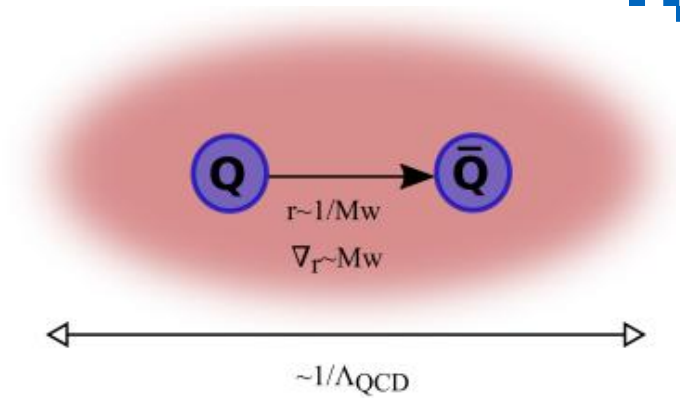
$$m \gg mv \gtrsim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \gg mv^2$$

Heavy quark: slow-degrees of freedom     $X$ : fast-degrees of freedom

# BOEFT: Exotic Hadron

- Hierarchy of scales:

$$m \gg mv \gtrsim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \gg mv^2$$



- Time-scale for dynamics of  $Q\bar{Q}$ :

$$\sim \frac{1}{mv^2} \gg \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}$$

Heavy quarks **static** with respect to light quarks or gluons

## Born-Oppenheimer (BO) Approximation

Braaten, Langmack, Smith Phys. Rev. D. 90, 014044 (2014)

Juge, Kutti, Morningstar, Phys. Rev. Lett. 90, 161601 (2003)

- Bound-state dynamics** at energy scale  $mv^2$  ! Integrate out all energy scales above  $mv^2$ .

$$\text{QCD} \rightarrow \text{NRQCD} \rightarrow \text{pNRQCD/BOEFT}$$

# BOEFT: Quantum #'s

- BO-quantum number** ( $\mathbf{r} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ): heavy quarks static, Cylindrical symmetry group  $D_{\infty h}$

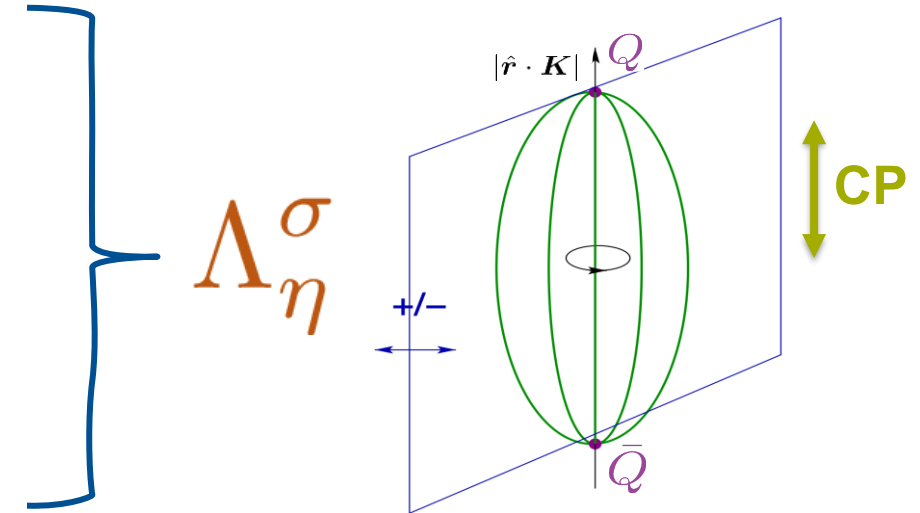
## Labelling LDF static energies:

- ✓ Absolute value of component of **LDF angular momentum**  $K$   
 $|\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{K}| \equiv \Lambda = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, \dots \dots \dots$  (or  $\Sigma, \Pi, \Delta, \Phi, \dots \dots$ )
- ✓ Product of charge conjugation and parity (**CP**):  
 $\eta = +\mathbf{1}$  (g),  $-\mathbf{1}$  (u)
- ✓  $\sigma$ : Eigenvalue of reflection about a plane containing static sources.

$$\sigma = P (-1)^{K_{\text{light}}} = \pm 1$$

Born, Oppenheimer, *Annalen der Physik* 389 (1927)

Landau, Lifshitz & Pitaevskii, QM book



## Examples: $K^{PC}$

$0^{++}$

$0^{+-}$

$1^{+-}$

$2^{--}$

$\Lambda_{\eta}^{\sigma}$

$\Sigma_g^+$

$\Sigma_u^+$

$\{ \Sigma_u^-, \Pi_u \}$

$\{ \Sigma_g^-, \Pi_g, \Delta_g \}$

- Spherical symmetry** restored in  $\mathbf{r} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$  limit:  
Labelled by LDF quantum #'s:

$$\kappa = \{ K^{PC}, f \}$$

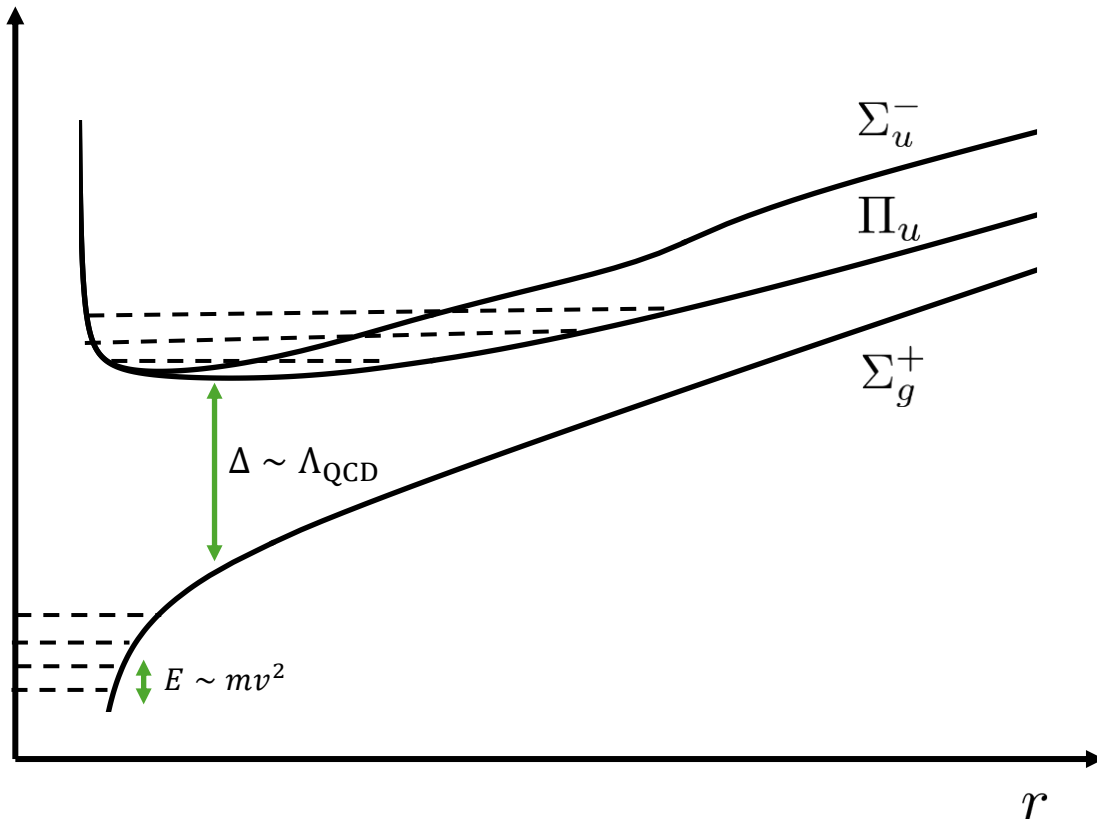
- BOEFT Lagrangian (See Joan Soto talk on Mon !):

$$L_{\text{BOEFT}} = L_{Q\bar{Q}} + L_{Q\bar{Q}g} + L_{Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}} + L_{Q\bar{Q}qqq} + L_{\text{mixing}} + \dots$$

Berwein, Brambilla, AM, Vairo, Phys. Rev. D. 110, (2024), 094040

Castellà, Soto Phys. Rev. D. 102, 014012 (2020)

Brambilla, Krein, Castellà, Vairo Phys. Rev. D. 97, (2018)



$\Sigma_g^+$ ,  $\Sigma_u^-$ ,  $\Pi_u$ : represent different potentials between heavy quark-antiquark

- Gap  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \gg mv^2$  between low-lying states: quarkonium, hybrid, tetraquark etc.
- $L_{\text{mixing}}$ : Mixing due to similar masses and same quantum-numbers.

➤ Mixing at static potential level (avoided level crossing)  
Ex. Tetraquark-quarkonium mixing

➤ Mixing between states suppressed by  $O(1/m_Q)$   
Ex. Hybrid-quarkonium mixing

See Marc Wagner talk on Mon !

R. Oncalá, J. Soto, Phys. Rev. D96 014004 (2017)

# BOEFT

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- BOEFT Lagrangian (See Joan Soto talk on Mon !):

$$L_{\text{BOEFT}} = \int d^3 \mathbf{R} \int d^3 \mathbf{r} \sum_{\kappa \lambda \lambda'} \text{Tr} \left\{ \Psi_{\kappa \lambda}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}, t) \left[ i \partial_t \delta_{\lambda \lambda'} - V_{\kappa \lambda \lambda'}(r) + P_{\kappa \lambda}^{i \dagger}(\theta, \phi) \frac{\nabla_r^2}{m_Q} P_{\kappa \lambda'}^i(\theta, \phi) \right] \Psi_{\kappa \lambda'}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}, t) \right\}$$

LDF-quantum #:  $\kappa = \{K^{PC}, f\}$

BO-quantum #:  $\Lambda_\eta^\sigma$

$\lambda = \pm \Lambda$

Projection vectors for  $D_{\infty h}$  :  $P_{K \lambda}^i(\theta, \varphi) = D_{K i}^{\lambda*}(0, \theta, \varphi)$

- BO potentials: Potential between  $Q$  &  $\bar{Q}$  due to LDF (light quarks, gluons).

Born-Oppenheimer (BO) potential:

$$V_{\kappa \lambda \lambda'}(r) = \underbrace{E_{\kappa, |\lambda|}^{(0)}(r)}_{\text{Static Energy}} \delta_{\lambda \lambda'} + \underbrace{\frac{V_{\kappa \lambda \lambda'}^{(1)}(r)}{m_Q}}_{\text{Spin-dependent potentials}} + \dots,$$

Brambilla, Lai, Segovia, Castellà, Phys. Rev. D. 101, (2020)

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- Static potentials with same LDF-quantum #  $\kappa$  degenerate in  $r \rightarrow 0$  limit.

- **Good quantum numbers:**

- BO-orbital momentum:  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{L}_Q + \mathbf{K}$

$\mathbf{K}$ : LDF angular-momentum or spin

- Heavy quark Spin:  $\mathbf{S}_Q$  (HQSS limit)

$\mathbf{L}_Q$ : orbital-angular momentum of  $QQ$  or  $Q\bar{Q}$  pair.

- Total angular momentum:  $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}_Q$

- Radial Coupled-Channel Schrödinger equation:

$$\sum_{\lambda} \left[ -\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \boxed{M_{\lambda'\lambda}} + E_{\kappa, |\lambda|}^{(0)}(r) \delta_{\lambda\lambda'} \right] \psi_{\kappa\lambda}^{(N)}(r) = \mathcal{E}_N \psi_{\kappa\lambda'}^{(N)}(r)$$

**Mixing term**  $M_{\lambda'\lambda}$ : Mixing static potentials with different BO-quantum numbers  $\Lambda_{\eta}^{\sigma}$  corresponding to **same** LDF-quantum #  $\kappa$

**Mixing term**  $M_{\lambda'\lambda}$ : Angular momentum  $L^2$  spherically symmetric but static states have cylindrical symmetry

- BO potentials are inputs into Schroedinger equations.

# BOEFT

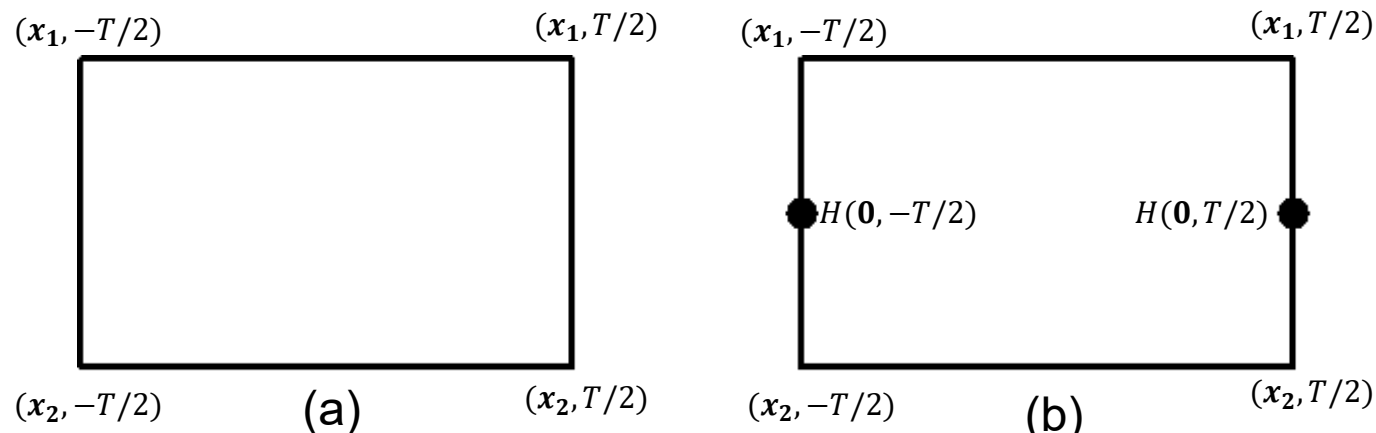
NRQCD operator (gauge invariant) for exotic hadron  $Q\bar{Q}X$  or  $QQX$  :

$$\mathcal{O}_{\kappa,\lambda}(t, \mathbf{r}) = \chi^\dagger(t, \mathbf{r}/2) \phi(t; \mathbf{r}/2, \mathbf{0}) P_{\kappa,\lambda}^{\alpha\dagger} H_\kappa^\alpha(t, \mathbf{0}) \phi(t; \mathbf{0}, -\mathbf{r}/2) \psi(t, -\mathbf{r}/2)$$

$H_\kappa^\alpha$  : LDF (gluon or light-quarks) operator characterizing  $X$  based on quantum #  $\kappa$  (isospin, color etc..)

$P_{\kappa,\lambda}^\alpha$  : Projection vectors for projecting onto cylindrical symmetry  $D_{\infty h}$  representations.

$$E_{\kappa,|\lambda|}^{(0)}(r) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{i}{T} \log \left[ \langle \text{vac} | \mathcal{O}_{\kappa,\lambda}(T/2, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) \mathcal{O}_{\kappa,\lambda}^\dagger(-T/2, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) | \text{vac} \rangle \right]$$



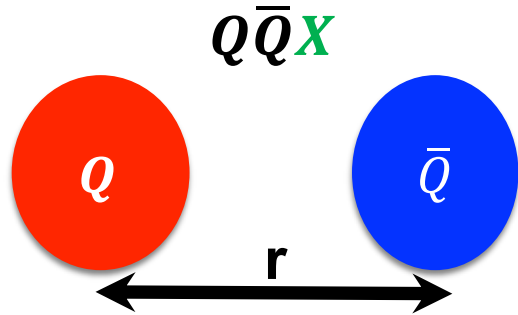
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Quarkonium

Wilson loop for exotics

# Exotic Hadron

Berwein, Brambilla, AM, Vairo,  
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Total angular momentum  
of  $Q\bar{Q}X$  or  $QQX$  :

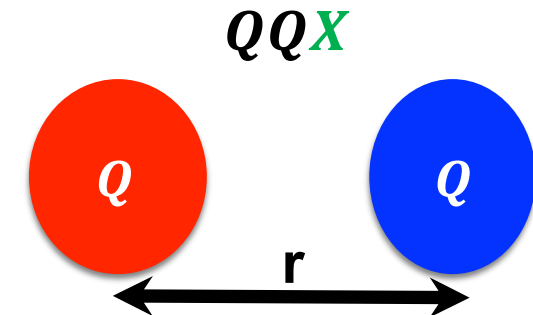
$$J = L_{Q\bar{Q}} + K + S_{Q\bar{Q}}$$

color:  $3 \otimes \bar{3} = 1 \oplus 8$

$X_8 = \text{gluon} \rightarrow$  Hybrid

$X_8 = q\bar{q} \rightarrow$  Tetraquark / Molecule

$X_8 = qqq \rightarrow$  Pentaquark / Molecule and so on



color:  $3 \otimes 3 = \bar{3} \oplus 6$

$X = q \rightarrow$  Double heavy baryon

$X = \bar{q}\bar{q} \rightarrow$  Tetraquark

$X = q\bar{q}q \rightarrow$  Pentaquark and so on

**BO static potentials  $E_{\kappa,|\lambda|}^{(0)}$  : LDF (light quarks, gluons) energies in presence of two heavy quarks**

BOEFT can address all these states with inputs from Lattice QCD on BO potentials !

# BOEFT: Potentials

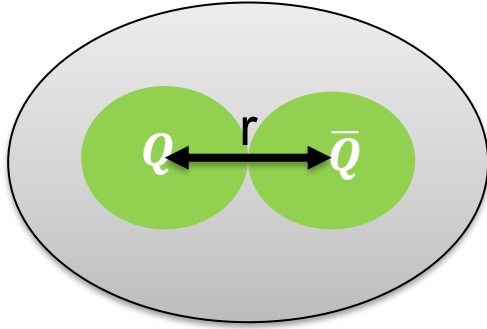
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LDF-quantum #:  $\kappa = \{K^{PC}, f\}$

BO-quantum #:  $\Lambda_{\eta}^{\sigma}$



Short-distance ( $r \rightarrow 0$ )

$$(Q\bar{Q})_1 : E_{\Sigma_g^+}^{(0)}(r) = V_s(r) + b_{\Sigma_g^+} r^2 + \dots$$

$$(Q\bar{Q})_8 X_8 : E_{\Lambda_{\eta}^{\sigma}}^{(0)}(r) = V_o(r) + \Lambda_{H_{\kappa}} + b_{\Lambda_{\eta}^{\sigma}} r^2 + \dots$$

$$(QQ)_l X_l : E_{\Lambda_{\eta}^{\sigma}}^{(0)}(r) = V_l(r) + \Lambda_{H_{\kappa},l} + b_{\kappa\lambda,l} r^2 + \dots \quad (l = T, \Sigma)$$

$$V_s(r) = -\frac{4\alpha_s}{3r}, \quad V_o(r) = \frac{\alpha_s}{6r}$$

$$V_T(r) = -\frac{2\alpha_s}{3r}, \quad V_{\Sigma}(r) = \frac{\alpha_s}{3r}$$

$\Lambda_{H_{\kappa}}$ : **Adjoint hadron** mass for **Q $\bar{Q}$ X** states

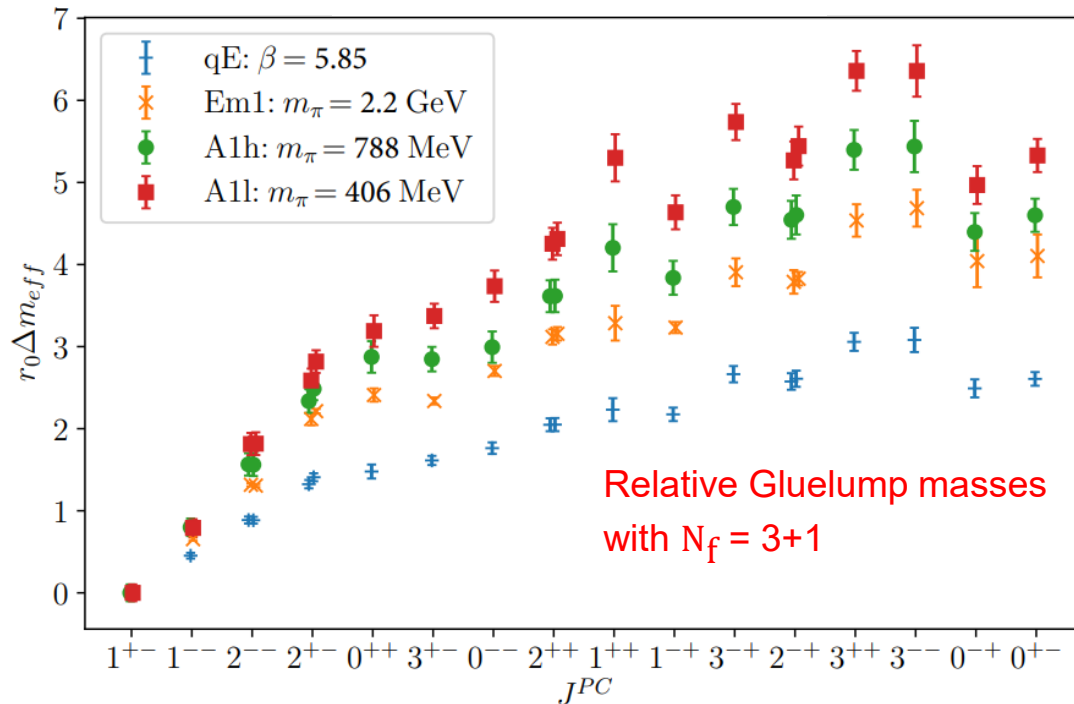
: **Triplet or sextet hadron** mass for **QQX** states

$$\Lambda_{H_\kappa} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{i}{T} \langle \text{vac} | H_\kappa^a(T/2, \mathbf{R}) \phi^{ab}(T/2, -T/2) H_\kappa^{a\dagger}(-T/2, \mathbf{R}) | \text{vac} \rangle$$

Foster, Michael (UKQCD) Phys. Rev. D 59 (1999)

Campbell, Jorysz, Michael Phys. Lett. B 167 (1986)

- Gluelump / adjoint meson or baryon mass for **Q $\bar{Q}$ X** states
- Triplet meson or baryon / Sextet meson or baryon mass for **QQX** states



- Adjoint meson ( $1^{--}$  &  $0^{-+}$ ) : quenched with valence quarks

Foster, Michael (UKQCD) Phys. Rev. D 59 (1999)

$$m_A(1^{--}) - m_G(1^{+-}) = -10(103) \text{ MeV}$$

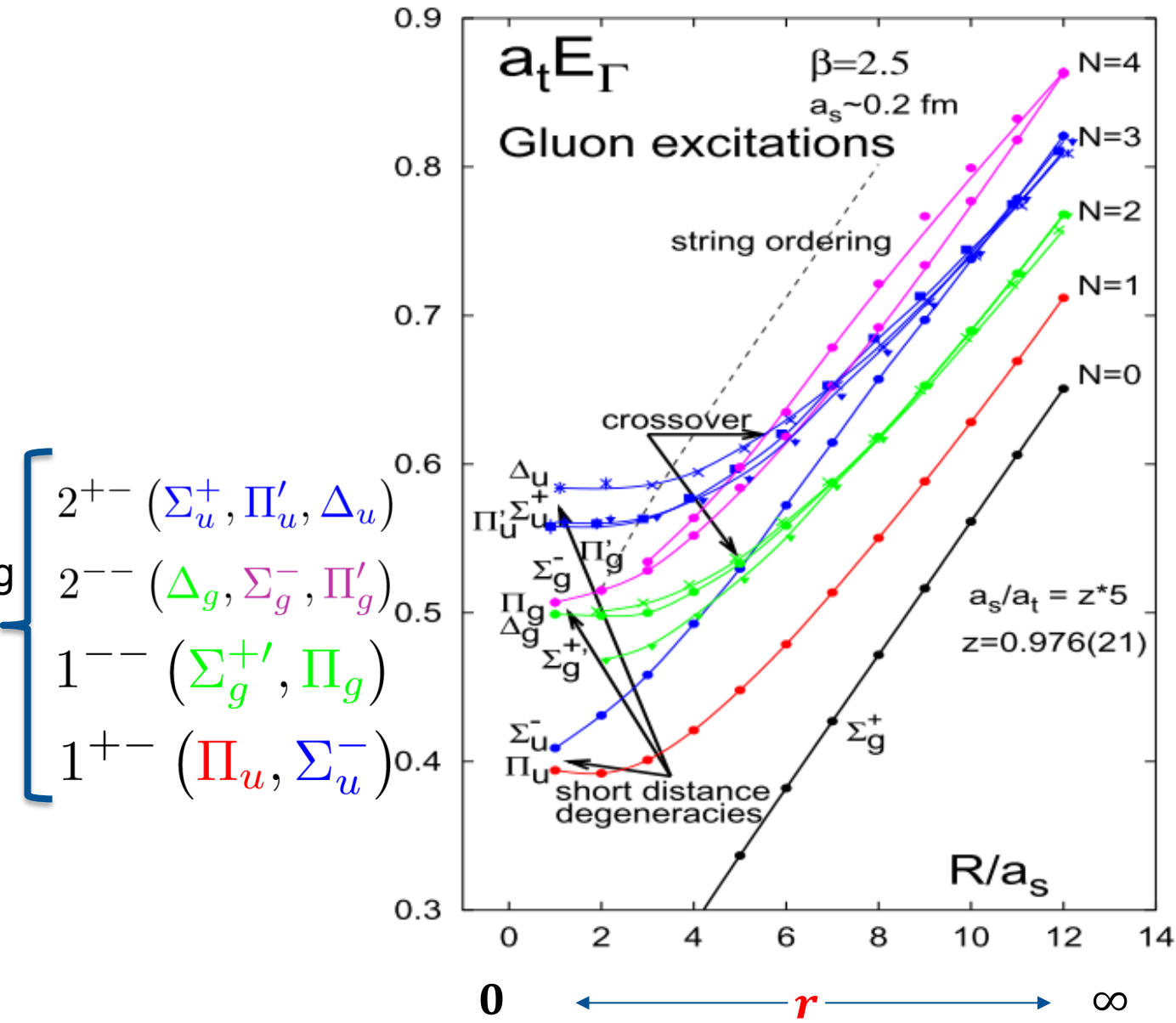
$$m_A(0^{-+}) - m_G(1^{+-}) = 34(161) \text{ MeV}$$

**New results** on isospin=1 adjoint mesons !!!

- In context of **QQX states**, emergence of **diquark**: BOEFT operator for triplet meson coincides with good diquark but directly gauge-invariant !

# BO potentials : Quenched

$\Lambda_\eta^\sigma$  corresponding to **gluelump** quantum #  $K^{PC}$



- $N = 3 (\Sigma_u^-, \Sigma_u^+, \Pi_u', \Delta_u, \dots)$
- $N = 2 (\Sigma_g^{+'}, \Pi_g, \Delta_g)$
- $N = 1 (\Pi_u)$
- $N = 0 (\Sigma_g^+)$

Observation:  
 BO-quantum #  $\Lambda_\eta^\sigma$  **conserved**  
 at all values of  $r$

K. Juge, J. Kuti, C. Morningstar,  
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 90 (2003)

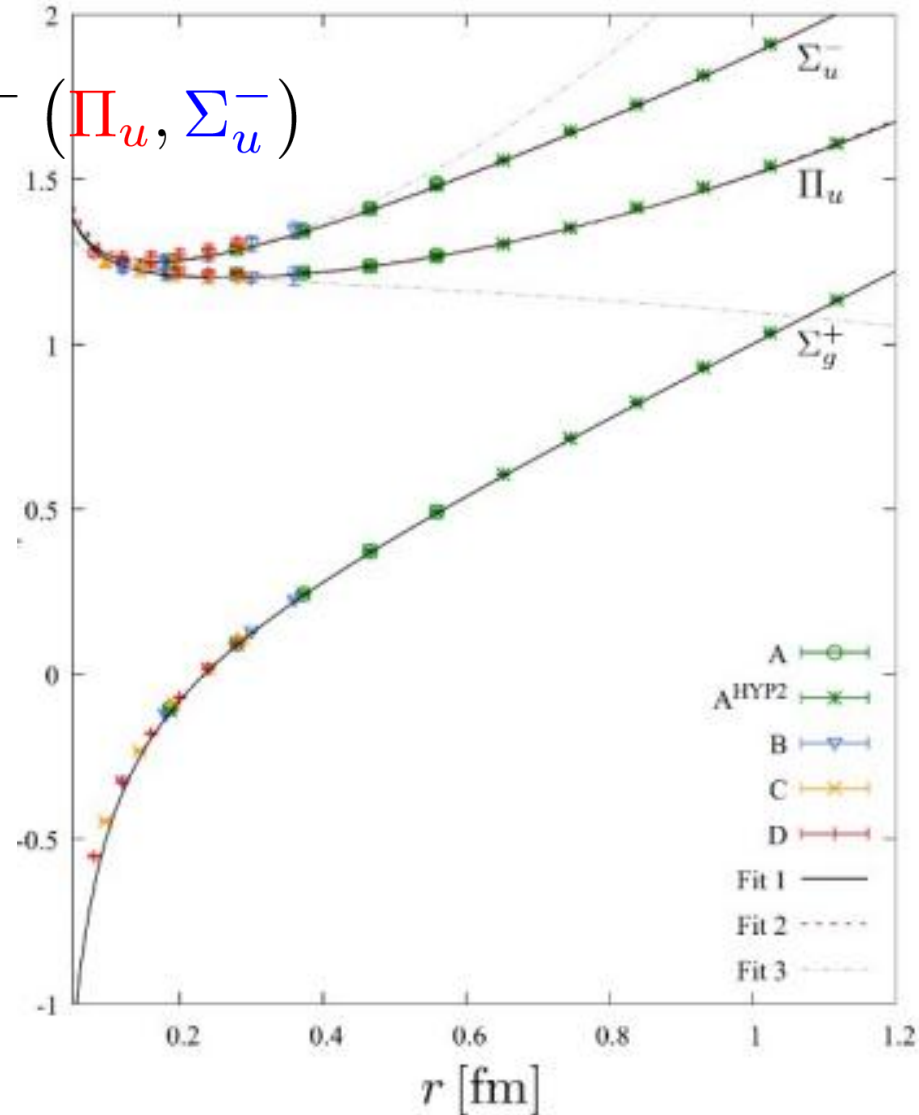
# BO potentials: Quenched

gluelump  
quantum #  $K^{PC}$

$1^{+-} (\Pi_u, \Sigma_u^-)$

$\Sigma_g^+$ : Quarkonium Potential

$(\Sigma_u^-, \Pi_u)$ : Quarkonium Hybrid potentials



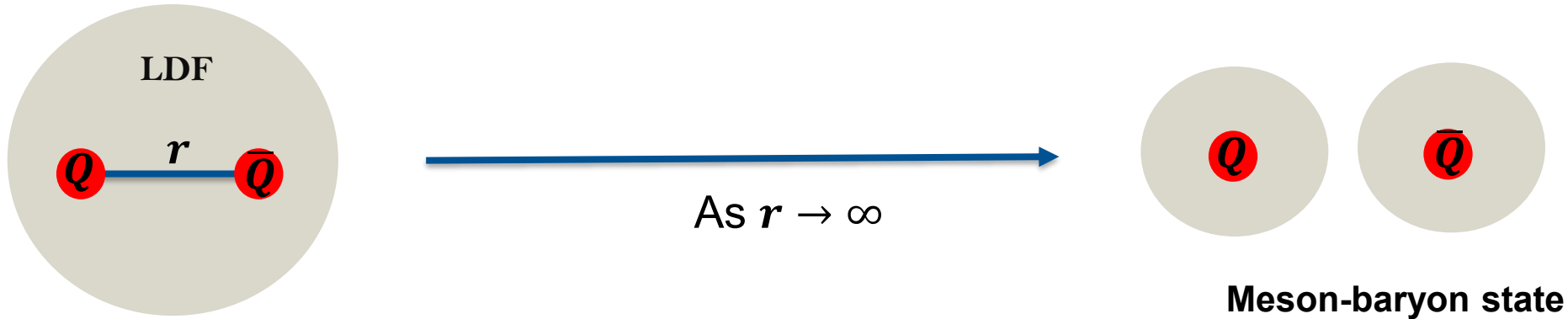
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Schlosser and Wagner

Phys. Rev. D. 105, (2022)

# Pentaquarks

# BO potentials: Pentaquarks



Consider  $Q\bar{Q}qqq$  system:

BO-quantum #  $\Lambda_\eta^\sigma$  as  $r \to 0$ :

$Q\bar{Q}$	Light spin	BO quantum #
color state	$k^P$	$D_{\infty h}$
Octet 8	$(1/2)^+$	$(1/2)_g$
	$(3/2)^+$	$\{(1/2)'_g, (3/2)_g\}$

There are **two**  $k^P = (1/2)^+$  states

BO-quantum #  $\Lambda_\eta^\sigma$  for meson-baryon as  $r \to \infty$

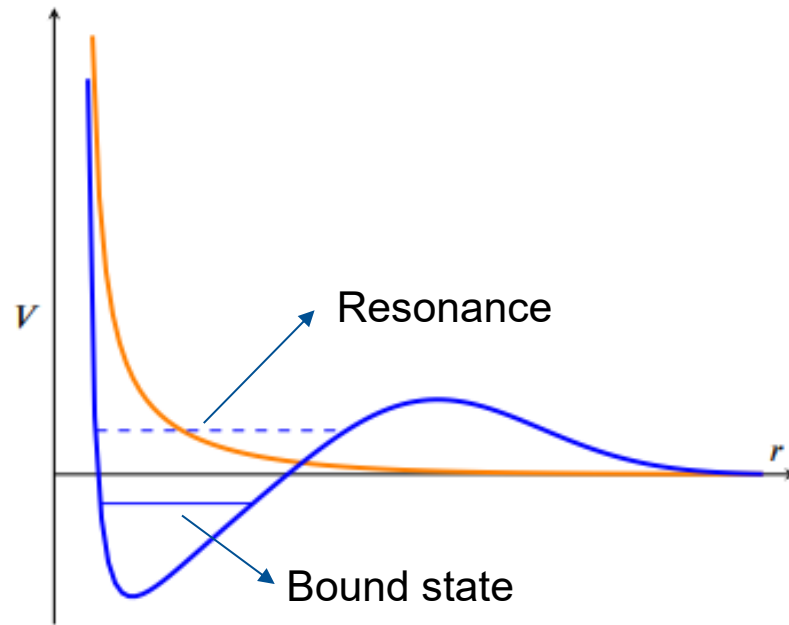
$k_{qq}^P \otimes k_q^P$	$k^P$	BO quantum #
$0^+ \otimes (1/2)^+$	$(1/2)^+$	$(1/2)_g$
$1^+ \otimes (1/2)^+$	$(1/2)^+$	$(1/2)_g$
	$(3/2)^+$	$\{(1/2)'_g, (3/2)_g\}$

$\Lambda_c - \bar{D}$  threshold

$\Sigma_c - \bar{D}$  threshold

**BO-quantum #  $\Lambda_\eta^\sigma$  conservation:** Pentaquark potentials at small  $r$  should smoothly connect to meson-baryon threshold at large  $r$  !

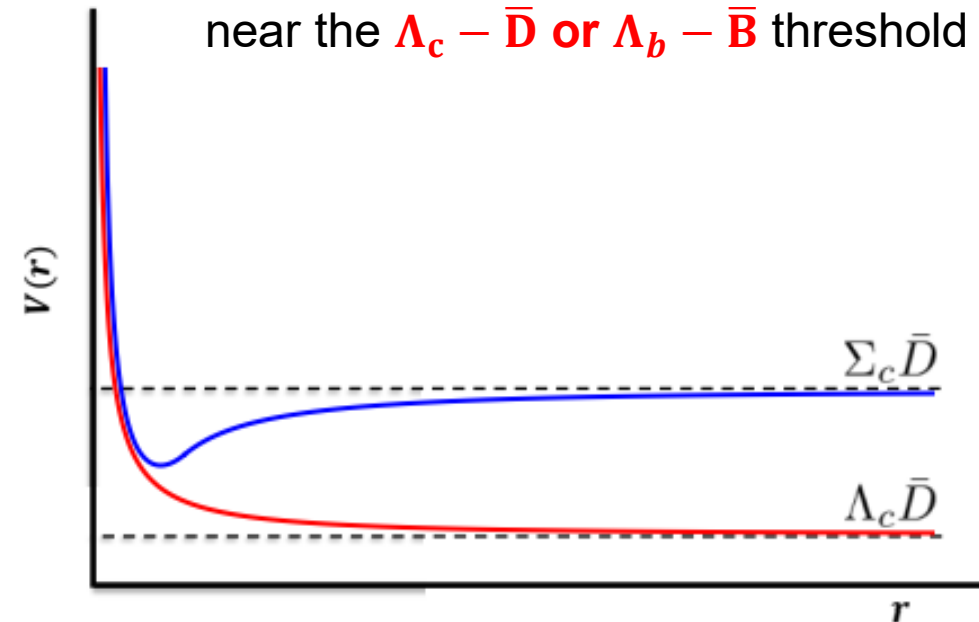
# BO potentials: Pentaquarks



Braaten, Bruschini

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No pentaquark states observed  
near the  $\Lambda_c - \bar{D}$  or  $\Lambda_b - \bar{B}$  threshold



Intermediate region dictates if there are bound states or resonance !.

# Pentaquark



## Lowest pentaquark multiplets:

$Q\bar{Q}$ color state	Light spin $k^P$	BO quantum # $D_{\infty h}$	$l$	$J^P$ $\{S_Q = 0, S_Q = 1\}$
Octet <b>8</b>	$(1/2)^+$	$(1/2)_g$	1/2	$\{1/2^-, (1/2, 3/2)^-\}$
	$(3/2)^+$	$\{(1/2)'_g, (3/2)_g\}$	3/2	$\{3/2^-, (1/2, 3/2, 5/2)^-\}$

**No lattice QCD results on adjoint baryon mass:**  $\Lambda_{(1/2)^+}$  and  $\Lambda_{(3/2)^+}$

Treat  $\Lambda_{(1/2)^+}$  and  $\Lambda_{(3/2)^+}$  as **free parameter** to fix on  $P_{c\bar{c}}$  spectrum.

## Coupled-channel Equations $k^P = (1/2)^+$ :

$$\left[ -\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{(l-1/2)(l+1/2)}{m_Q r^2} + V_{(1/2)_g} \right] \psi_{(1/2)^+}^{(N)} = \mathcal{E}_{1/2} \psi_{(1/2)^+}^{(N)}$$

$$l = 1/2$$

## Coupled-channel Equations $k^P = (3/2)^+$ :

$$\left[ -\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} l(l-1) - \frac{9}{4} & -\sqrt{3l(l+1) - \frac{9}{4}} \\ -\sqrt{3l(l+1) - \frac{9}{4}} & l(l+1) - \frac{3}{4} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} V_{(1/2)'_g} & 0 \\ 0 & V_{(3/2)_g} \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{1/2}^{(N)} \\ \psi_{3/2}^{(N)} \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E}_{3/2} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{1/2}^{(N)} \\ \psi_{3/2}^{(N)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$l = 3/2$$

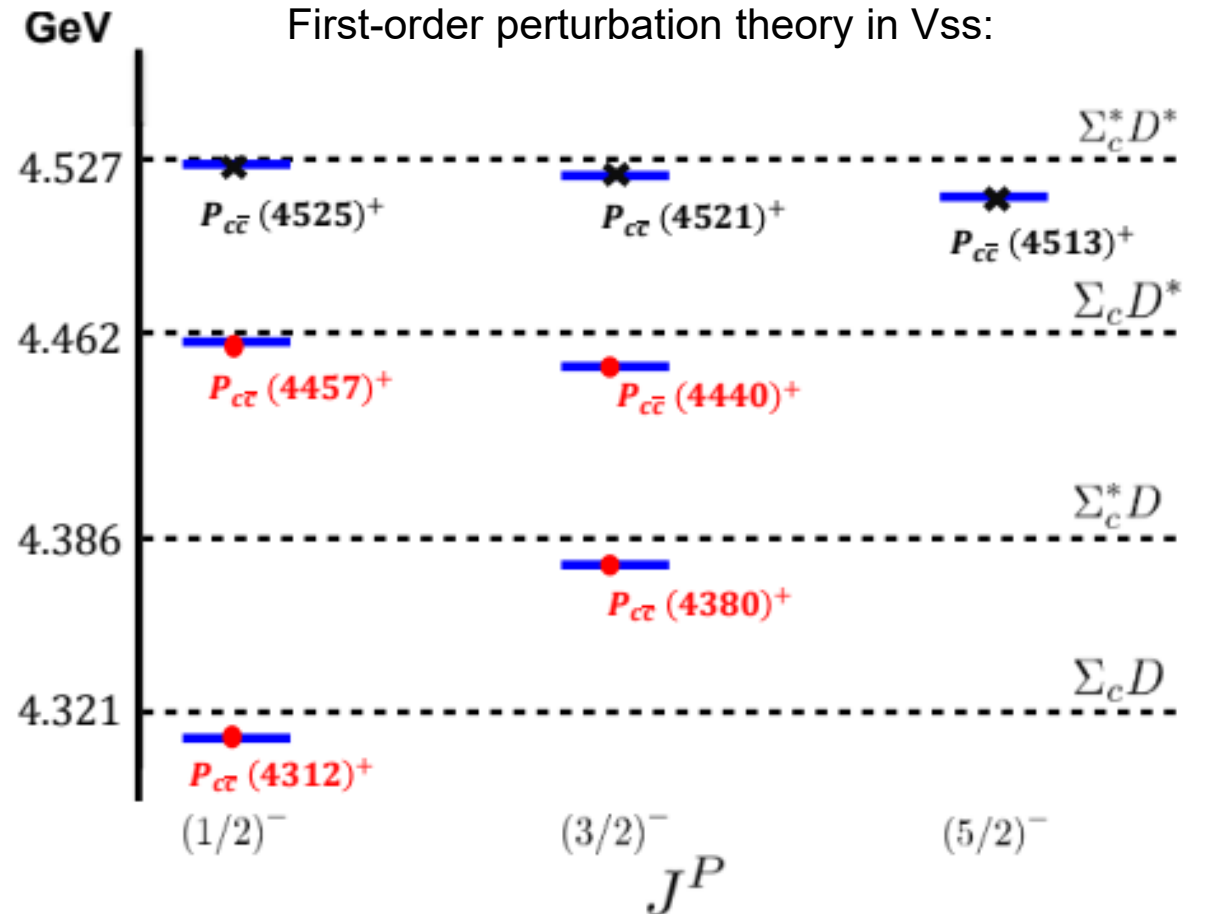
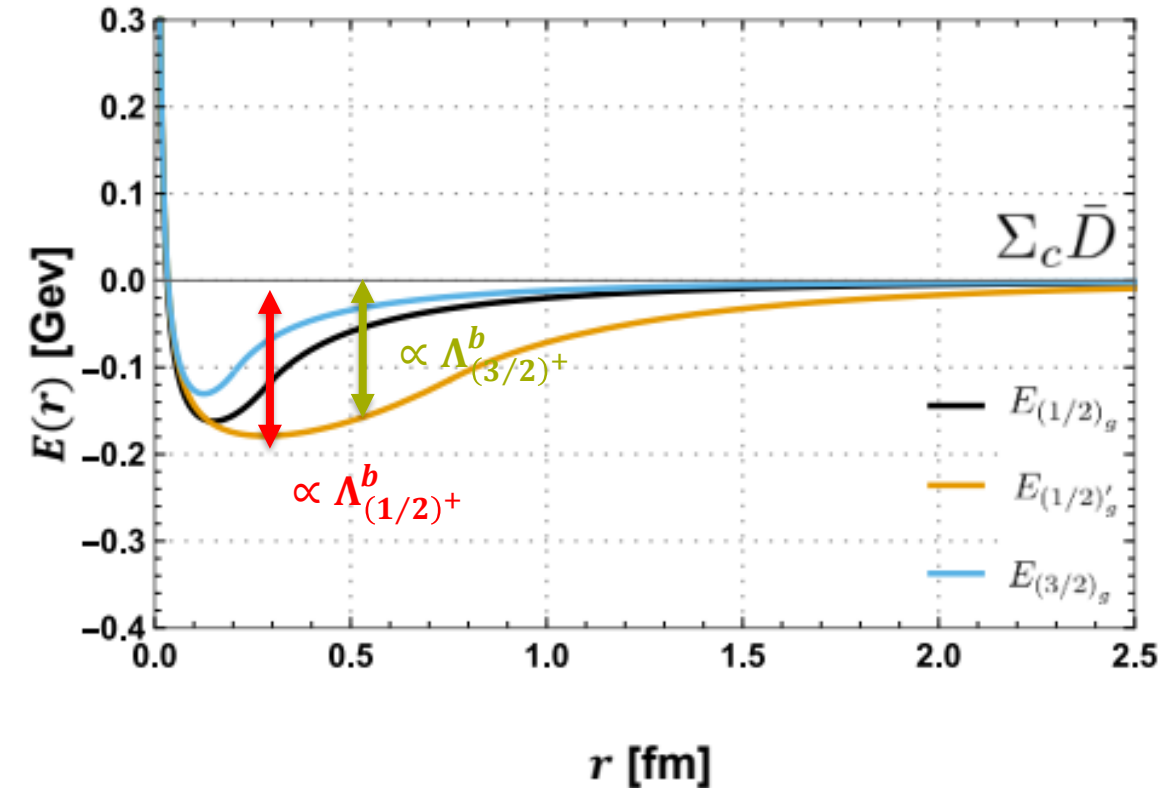
# Pentaquark: $P_{c\bar{c}}$



Spin-splitting in meson - baryon :

$$V_{SS} = \frac{2\Delta_1^Q}{3} \mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{K}_1 + \Delta_2^Q \mathbf{S}_2 \cdot \mathbf{K}_2$$

First-order perturbation theory in  $V_{SS}$ :



Adjoint baryon  $(qqq)_8$  energy:

$$\Lambda_{(1/2)+}^b \approx 1125 \text{ MeV}, \Lambda_{(3/2)+}^b \approx 1152 \text{ MeV (RS-scheme)}$$

- ✓ Compact pentaquark model: 10 states (some with parity = +)

Maiani, Polosa, Riquer Phys. Lett. B, 749 (2015) Ali, Parkhomenko, Phys. Lett. B, 793 (2019)

- ✓ Molecular model: 7 states

Du, Baru, Guo, Hanhart, Meissner, Oller, Wang, JHEP 08, 157, Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 072001 (2020)

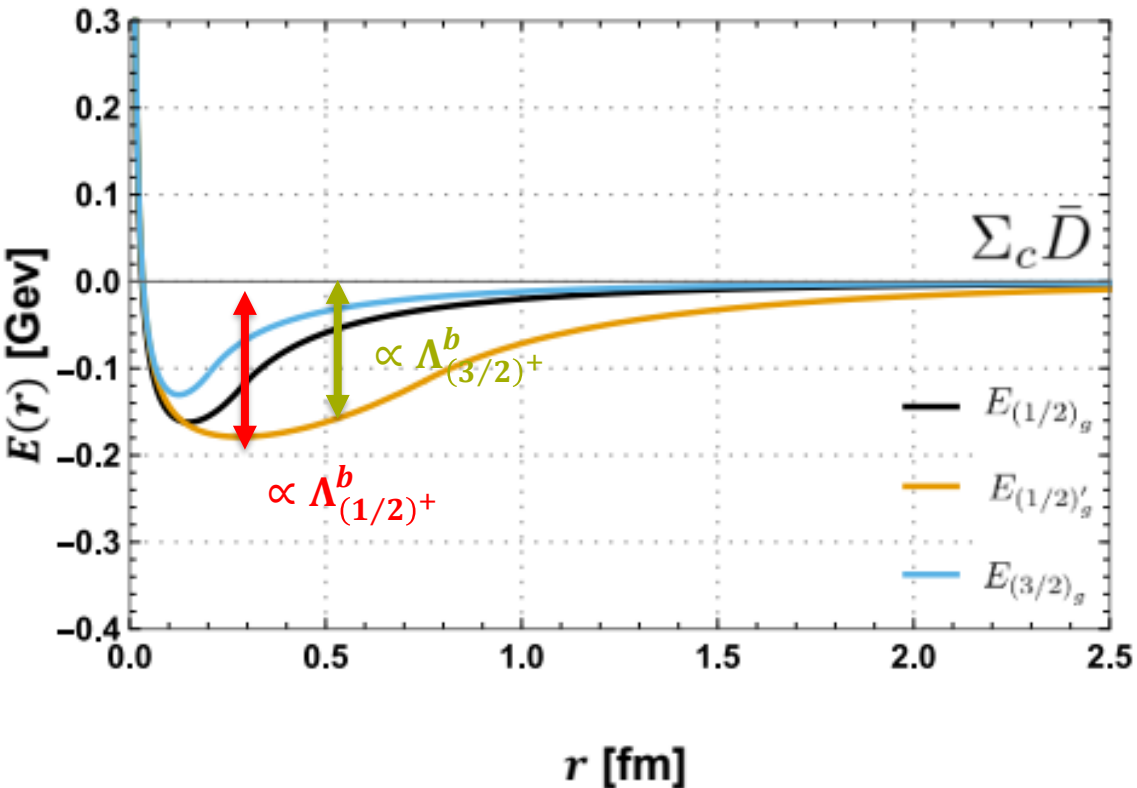
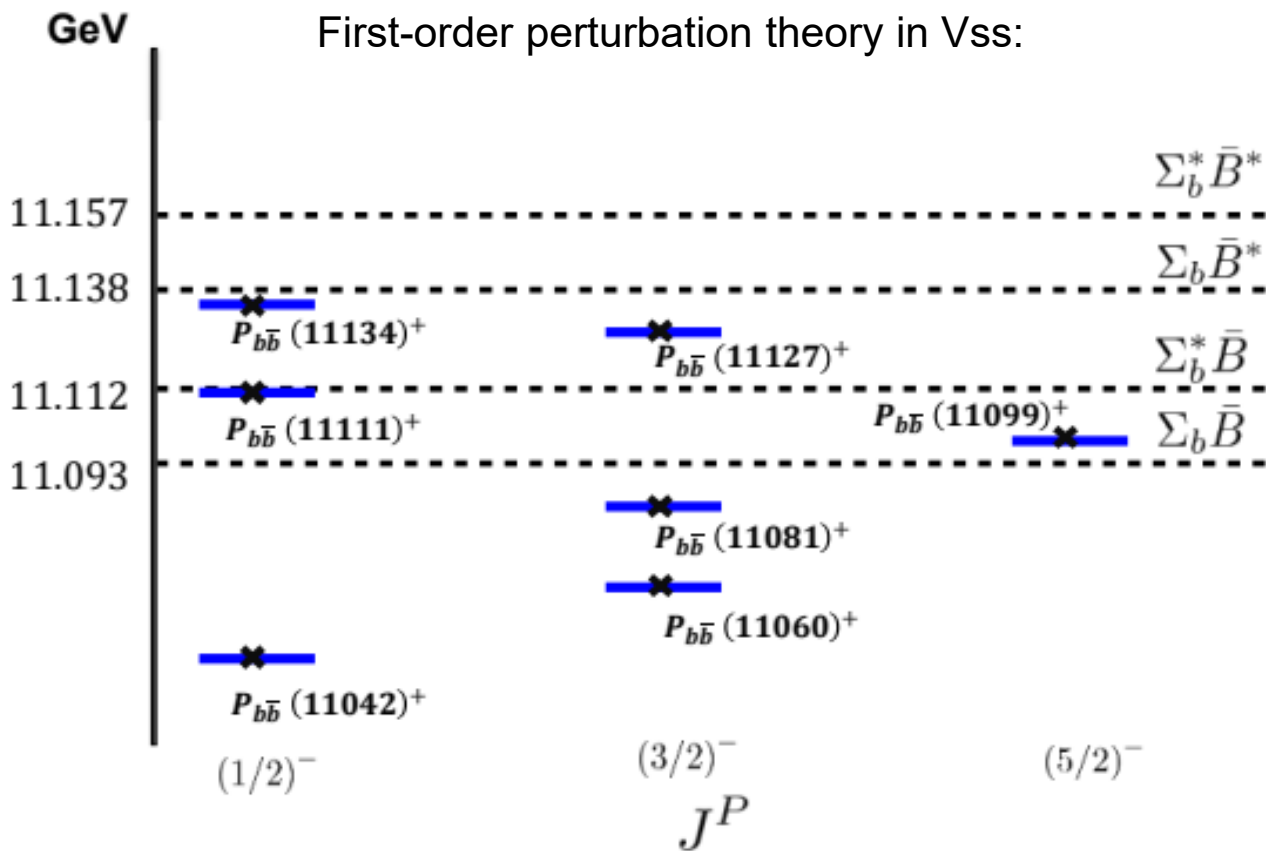
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# Pentaquark: Decays



□ Semi-inclusive decays:

$$P_{c\bar{c}} \rightarrow Q_n + Y$$

$Q_n$ : low-lying quarkonium

$Y$ : light hadrons

✓  $\Delta E$ : Large energy difference  $\Rightarrow \Delta E \equiv E_{P_{c\bar{c}}} - E_n \gtrsim 1 \text{ GeV}$ .

✓ Hierarchy of scales:  $\Delta E \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \gg mv^2$

✓ Decays to  $J/\psi$  through **spin-flipping M1 transitions**.

  
Perturbative computation

Reported in PDG 2024:

$P_{c\bar{c}}$	$\Gamma$ (total width)
$P_{c\bar{c}}(4312)$	$10 \pm 5 \text{ MeV}$
$P_{c\bar{c}}(4380)$	$210 \pm 90 \text{ MeV}$
$P_{c\bar{c}}(4440)$	$21^{+10}_{-11} \text{ MeV}$
$P_{c\bar{c}}(4457)$	$6.4^{+6}_{-2.8} \text{ MeV}$

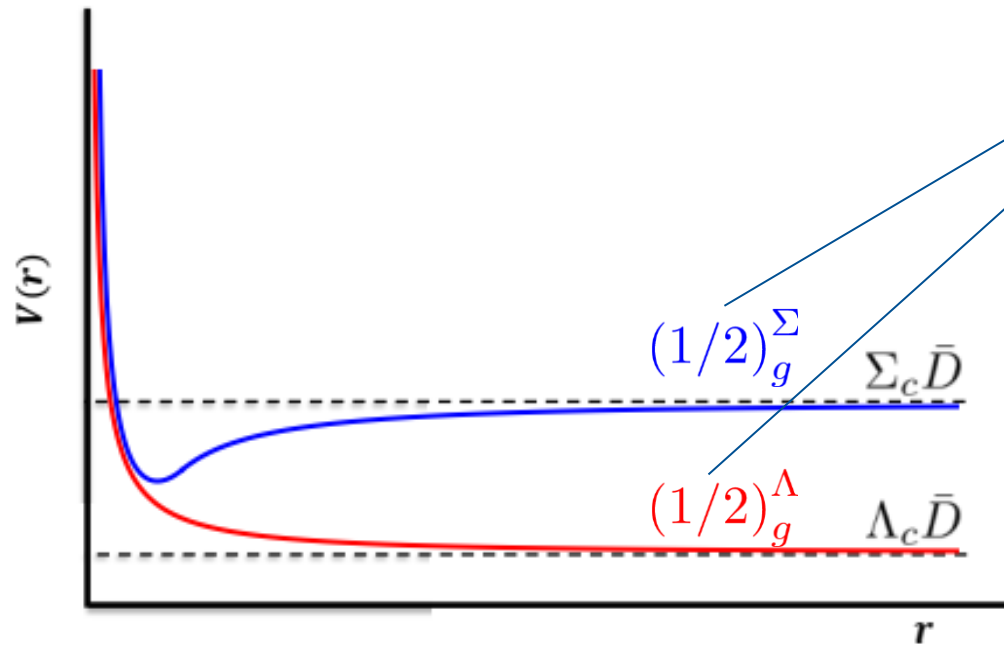
Semi-inclusive decays:

$P_{c\bar{c}}$	$J^P$	$\Gamma (P_{c\bar{c}} \rightarrow J/\psi + \dots)$
$P_{c\bar{c}}(4312)$	$(1/2)^-$	$2^{+1}_{-1} {}^{+1}_{-1} \text{ MeV}$
$P_{c\bar{c}}(4457)$	$(1/2)^-$	$1^{+0.5}_{-0.3} {}^{+0.4}_{-0.3} \text{ MeV}$
$P_{c\bar{c}}(4380)$	$(3/2)^-$	$14^{+6}_{-3} {}^{+5}_{-4} \text{ MeV}$
$P_{c\bar{c}}(4440)$	$(3/2)^-$	$20^{+9}_{-5} {}^{+8}_{-6} \text{ MeV}$

➤  $P_{c\bar{c}} [J^P = (5/2)^-]$  only decays to  $\eta_c$  !!!

# Pentaquark: Decays

□ Ratio of decays to  $\Lambda_c - \bar{D}$  and  $\Lambda_c - \bar{D}^*$ :  $\frac{\Gamma(P_{c\bar{c}} \rightarrow \Lambda_c - \bar{D})}{\Gamma(P_{c\bar{c}} \rightarrow \Lambda_c - \bar{D}^*)}$



- Decay happens through **transition amplitude**  $g_{(1/2)}^{\Sigma-\Lambda}$
- $g_{(1/2)}^{\Sigma-\Lambda}$  currently unknown can be **determined by lattice QCD**

$$J^P = (1/2)^-$$

	$P_{c\bar{c}}(4312)^+$	$P_{c\bar{c}}(4440)^+$	$P_{c\bar{c}}(4507)^+$
$\Lambda_c \bar{D}$	0	3.52	5.48
$\Lambda_c \bar{D}^*$	3.59	3.24	2.17

$$J^P = (3/2)^-$$

	$P_{c\bar{c}}(4380)^+$	$P_{c\bar{c}}(4457)^+$	$P_{c\bar{c}}(4515)^+$
$\Lambda_c \bar{D}$	0	0	0
$\Lambda_c \bar{D}^*$	3.74	1.17	4.09

$$J^P = (5/2)^-$$

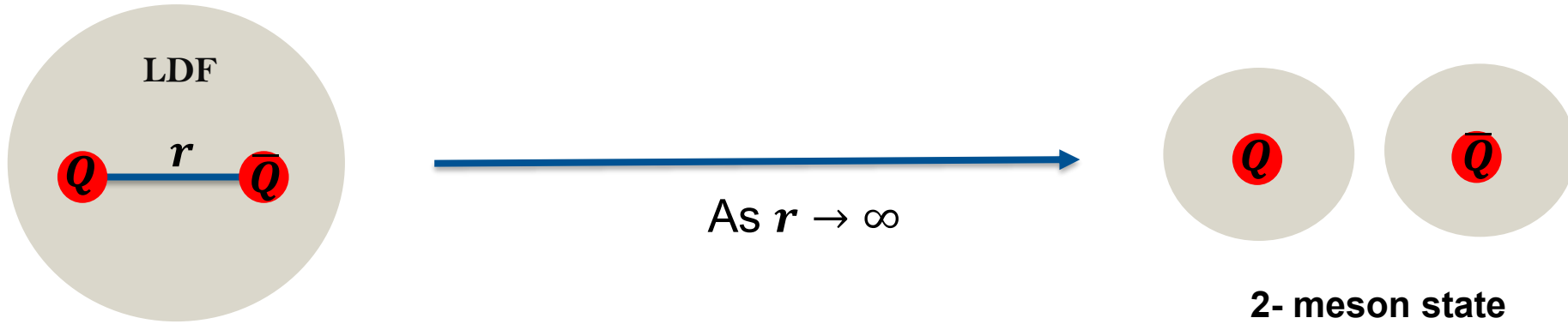
	$P_{c\bar{c}}(4526)^+$
$\Lambda_c \bar{D}$	0
$\Lambda_c \bar{D}^*$	0

➤  $P_{c\bar{c}}(4380)$ , narrower state, compared to experimental broad width

➤  $P_{c\bar{c}} [J^P = (5/2)^-]$  decays to  $\Lambda_c - \bar{D}$  and  $\Lambda_c - \bar{D}^*$  in d-wave !!!

**$\chi_{c1}(3872)$  &  $T_{cc}^+(3875)$**

# BO potentials: Tetraquarks



Consider  $Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}$  system:

BO-quantum #  $\Lambda_\eta^\sigma$  as  $r \rightarrow 0$ :

BO-quantum #  $\Lambda_\eta^\sigma$  for meson-antimeson as  $r \rightarrow \infty$

$Q\bar{Q}$ (color)	Light Spin $K^{PC}$	$\Lambda_\eta^\sigma (D_{\infty h})$
Octet	$0^{-+}$	$\Sigma_u^-$
	$1^{--}$	$\{\Sigma_g^+, \Pi_g\}$

$K_q^P \otimes K_{\bar{q}}^P$	$K^{PC}$	Static energies $D_{\infty h}$
$(1/2)^- \otimes (1/2)^+$	$0^{-+}$	$\{\Sigma_u^-\}$
	$1^{--}$	$\{\Sigma_g^+, \Pi_g\}$

} s-wave+s-wave  
Ex.  $D\bar{D}$  threshold

**BO-quantum #  $\Lambda_\eta^\sigma$  conservation:** Tetraquark potentials at small  $r$  should smoothly connect to meson pair threshold at large  $r$  !

# BO potential: Unquenched

## String breaking: quarkonium & meson-antimeson

Bulava, Hoerz, Knechtli, Koch, Moir, Morningstar, Peardon, Phys. Lett. B. 793 (2019)

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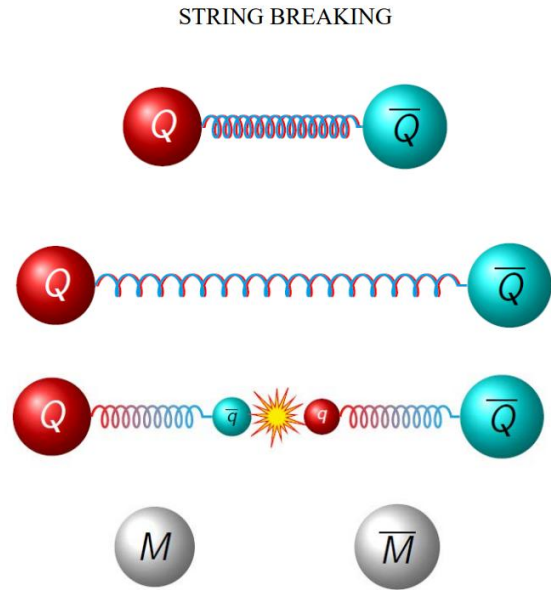
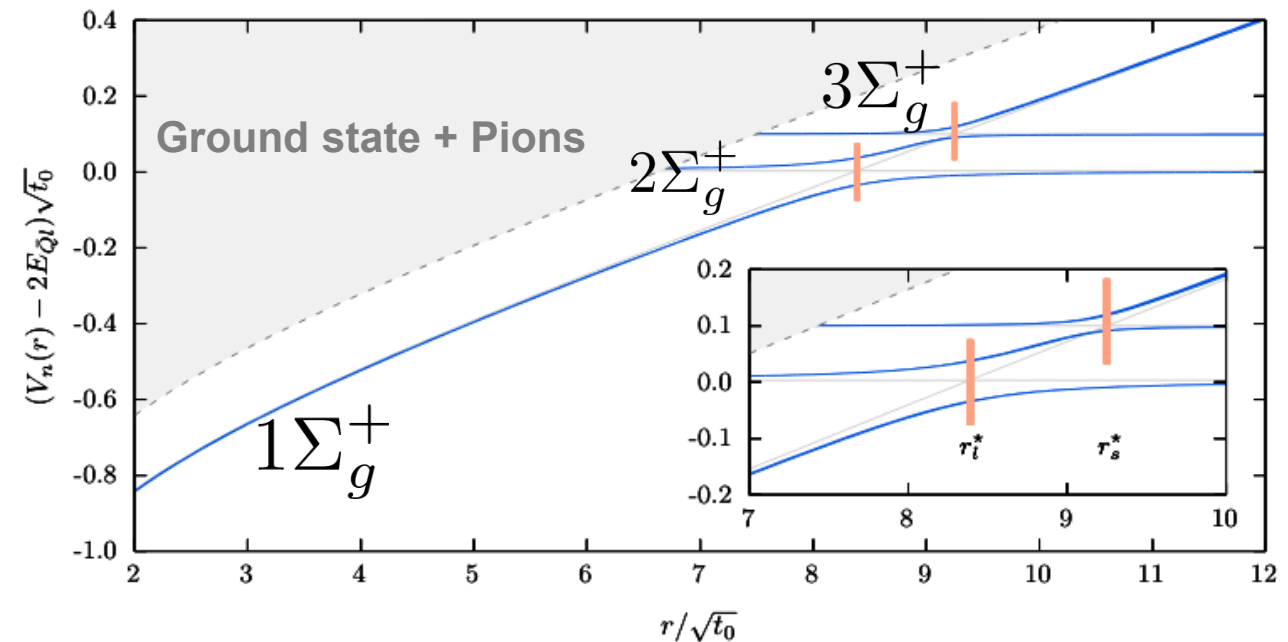


Figure from R. Bruschini talk

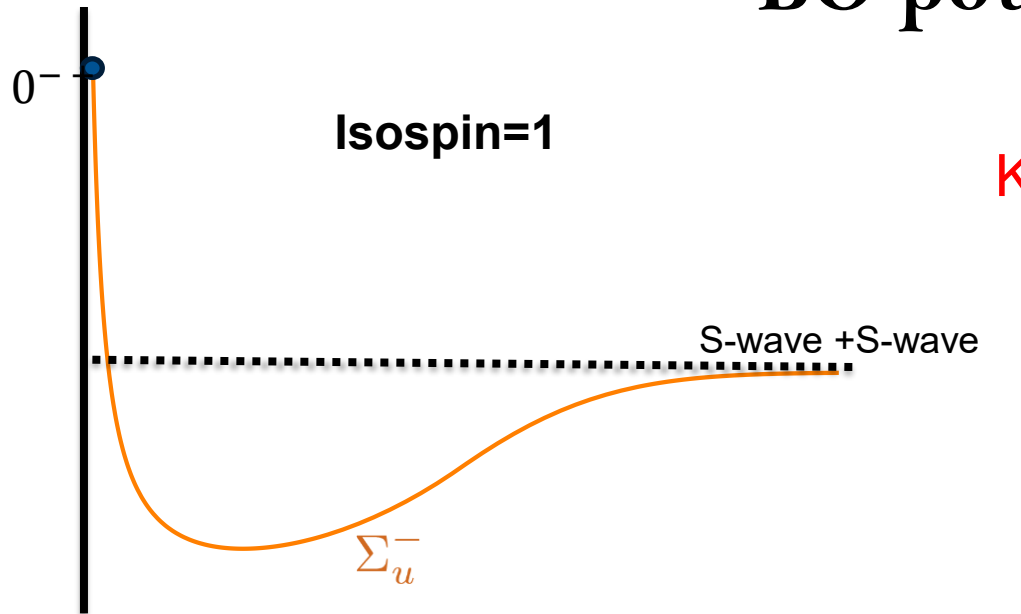
$$m_\pi \approx 200 - 340 \text{ MeV} \quad m_K \approx 440 - 480 \text{ MeV}$$



String breaking radius  $\approx 1.22 \text{ fm}$

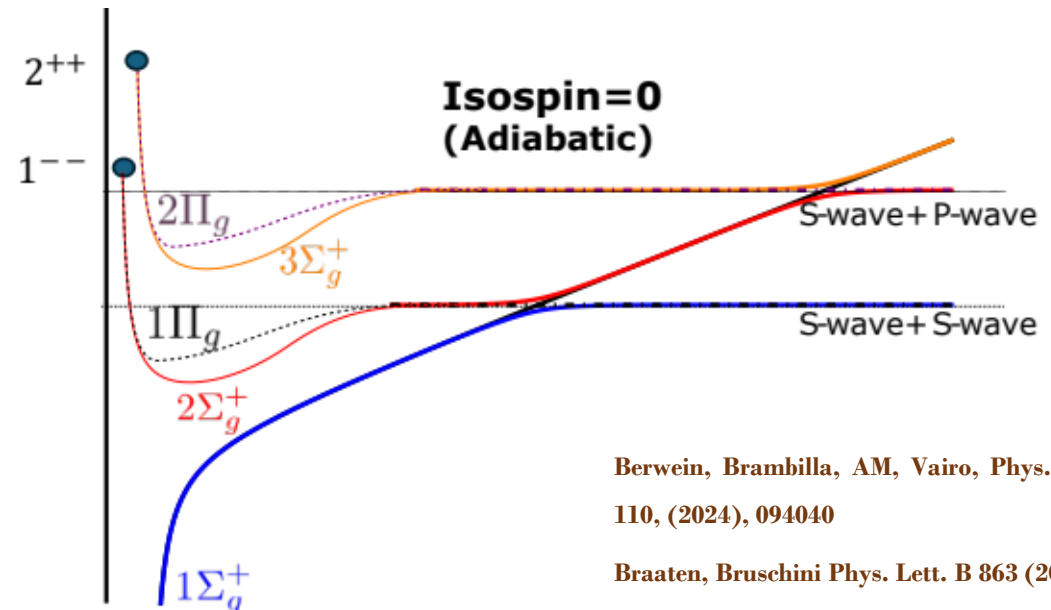
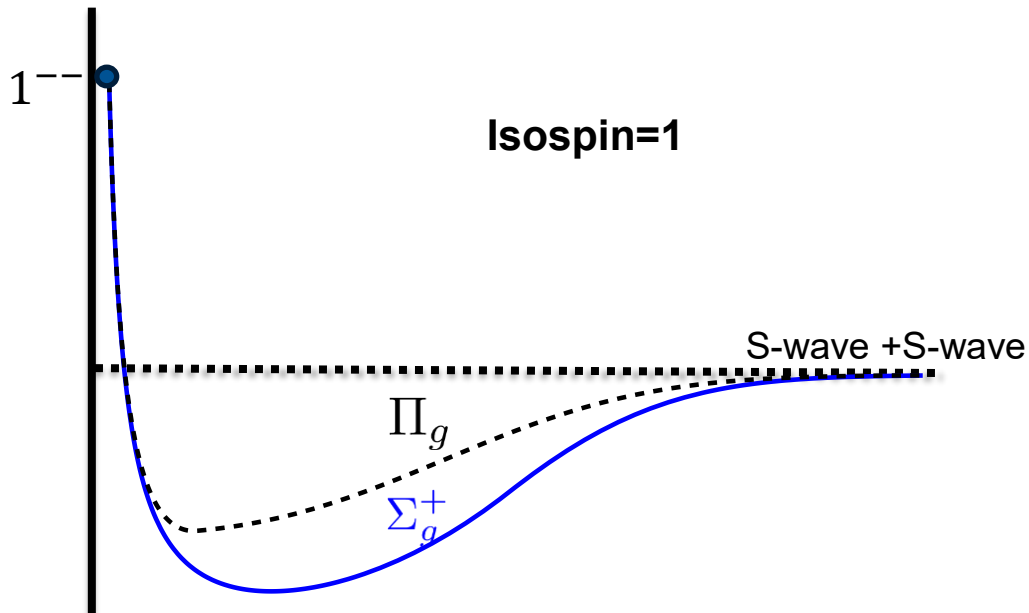
Avoided crossing between **degenerate** static potentials with **same** BO-quantum #  $\Sigma_g^+$

# BO potentials: Tetraquarks



**Key Takeaways:** Tetraquark static potential behavior

- ❑ Repulsive behavior at **small  $r$**  due to adjoint color ( $r \rightarrow 0$ )
- ❑ Heavy meson pair threshold at **large  $r$**  ( $r \rightarrow \infty$ )
- ❑ Avoided crossing with quarkonium static energy (Isospin=0)



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# BO potentials

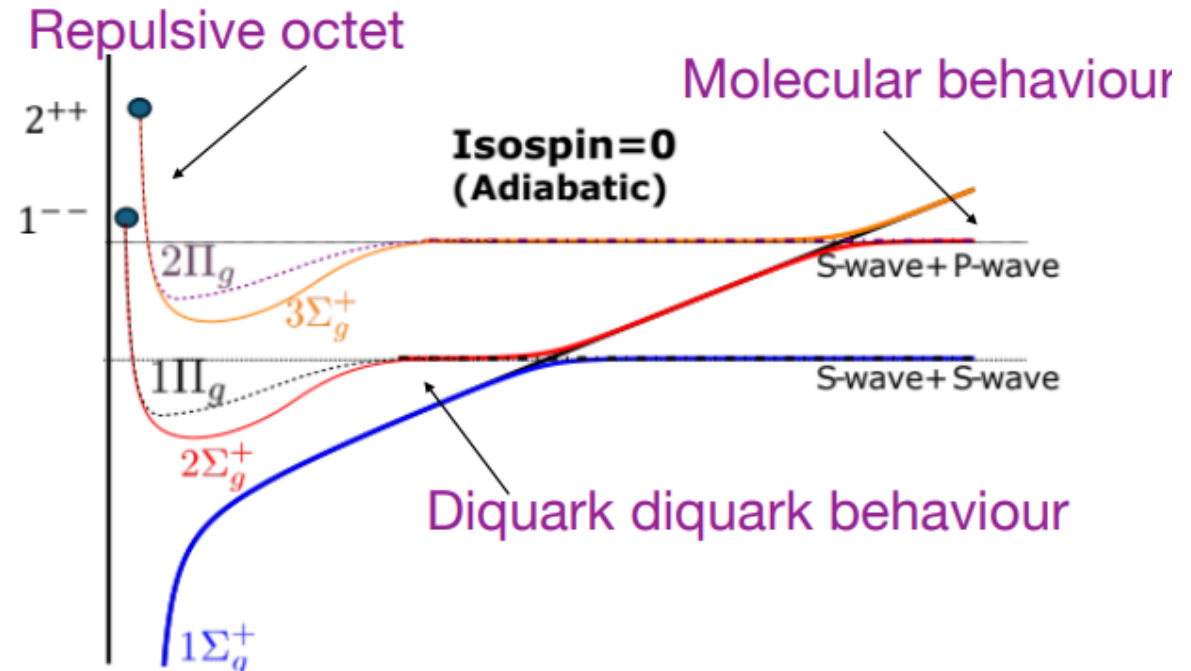
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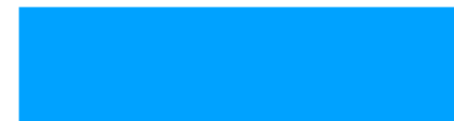
## The BOEFT

Behavior of tetraquark static energy:

- ❑ Adjoint meson behavior at **small**  $r$  ( $r \rightarrow 0$ )
- ❑ Heavy meson pair threshold at **large**  $r$  ( $r \rightarrow \infty$ )



Fixed by symmetry  
And perturbative theory



to be calculated on the lattice



Fixed by symmetry

BOEFT Could subdue molecular and compact tetraquark pictures

# BOEFT: $Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}$ multiplets

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## Isospin-0

$q\bar{q}$ spin	BO quantum #	$l$	$J^{PC}$
$k^{PC}$	$\Lambda_\eta^\sigma$		$\{S_Q = 0, S_Q = 1\}$
$1^{--}$	$\Sigma_g^{+'}, \Pi_g$	1	$\{1^{+-}, (0, 1, 2)^{++}\}$
	$\Sigma_g^{+'}$	0	$\{0^{-+}, 1^{--}\}$
	$\Pi_g$	1	$\{1^{-+}, (0, 1, 2)^{--}\}$
	$\Sigma_g^{+'}, \Pi_g$	2	$\{2^{-+}, (1, 2, 3)^{--}\}$

Lowest multiplet with  $\chi_{c1}(3872)$   $J^{PC}=1^{++}$

$1^{--}$  Adjoint meson mass unknown.

Fix it to reproduce  $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ .

### Coupled-channel Equations:

$$\left[ -\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} l(l+1) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & l(l+1)+2 & -2\sqrt{l(l+1)} \\ 0 & -2\sqrt{l(l+1)} & l(l+1) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} E_{\Sigma_g^+}(r) & g(r) & 0 \\ g(r) & E_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}(r) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & E_{\Pi_g}(r) \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \psi_\Sigma \\ \psi_{\Sigma'} \\ \psi_\Pi \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_\Sigma \\ \psi_{\Sigma'} \\ \psi_\Pi \end{pmatrix}$$

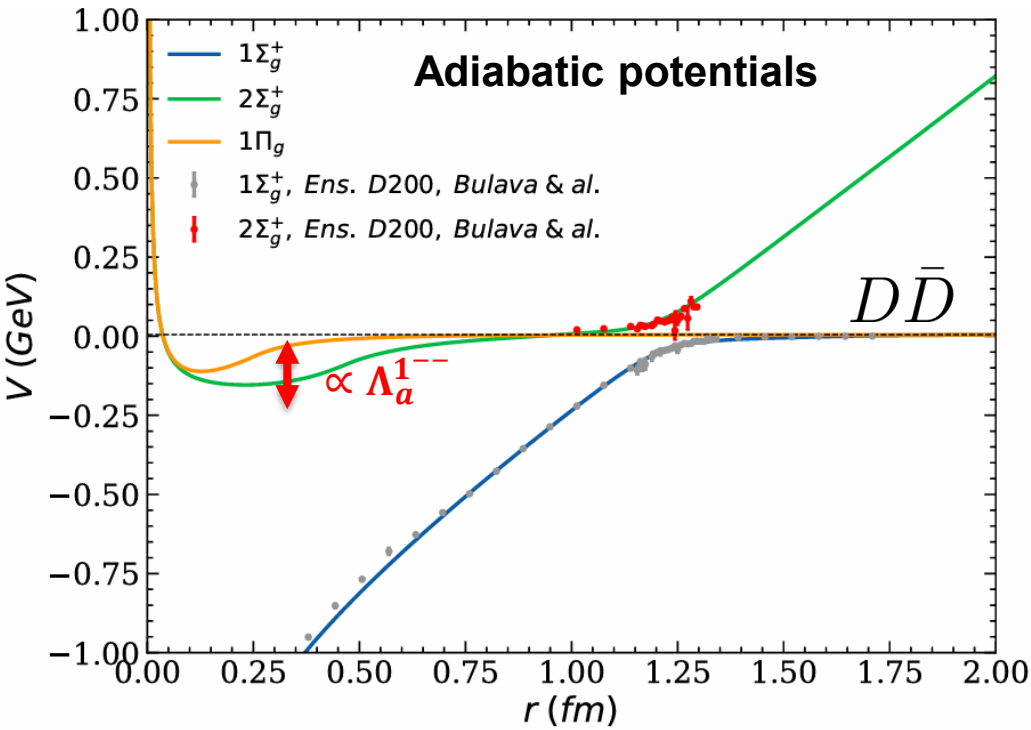
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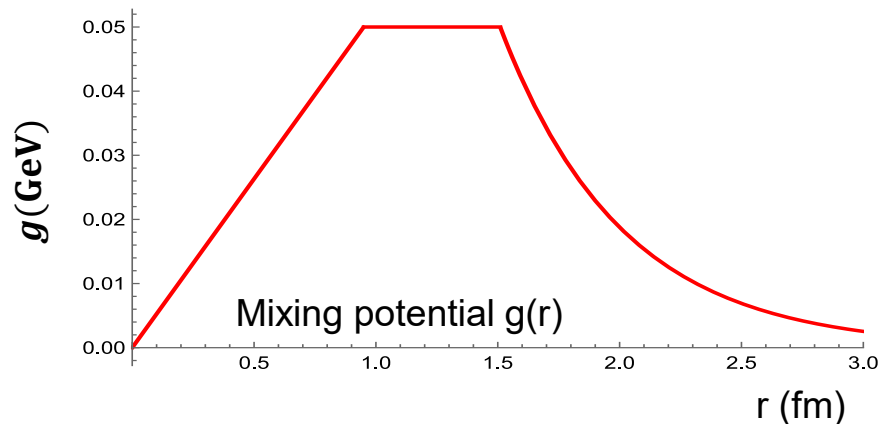
# $\chi_{c1} (3872)$

Berwein, Brambilla, AM, Vairo, Phys. Rev. D. 110, (2024), 094040

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$l = 1$

## Results:

- 1) 2P Quarkonium percentage:  $|\psi_{\Sigma}|^2 \approx 8\%$
- 2) Tetraquark percentage:  $|\psi_{\Sigma'}|^2 \approx 38\%$ ,  $|\psi_{\Pi}|^2 \approx 54\%$
- 3) Radius  $\sim 15$  fm.
- 4) Deeper state in bottom sector: 15 MeV below spin-isospin averaged  $B\bar{B}$  threshold.

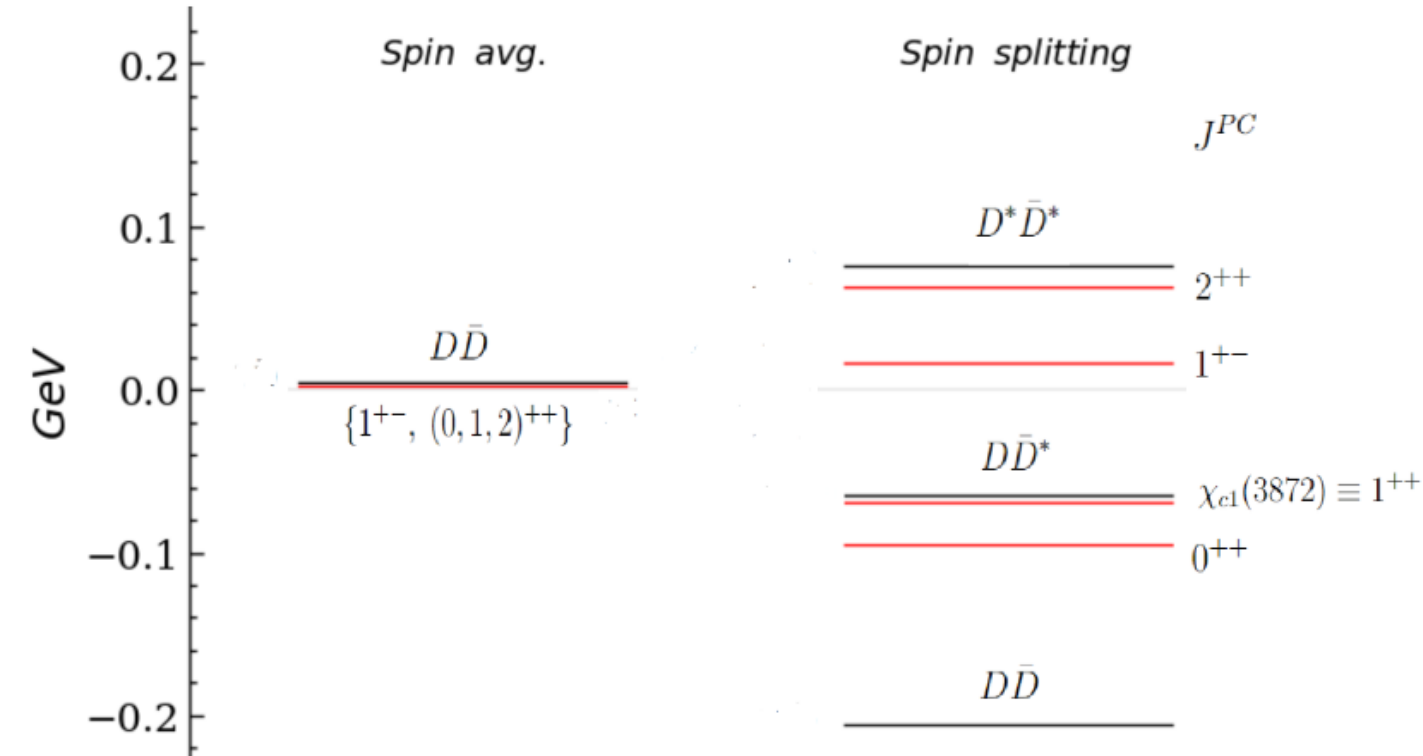
Adjoint  $(q\bar{q})_8 : \Lambda_a^{1--} \approx 915$  MeV (pole mass scheme)

Using lattice QCD spin-splitting results for hybrids ( $Q\bar{Q}g$ )

# $\chi_{c1}(3872)$

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Adjoint  $(q\bar{q})_8$  energy:  $\Lambda_a^{1--} \approx 914$  MeV :  
 No bound states in higher multiplets  $T_2^1, T_3^1, T_4^1 \dots$

**Note:**

$\chi_{c1}(3872)$  and  $\chi_{c1}(2P)$  both with  $J^{PC}=1^{++}$  are two distinct states.

$1^{++}$  state: Identified with  $\chi_{c1}(3872)$

$1^{+-}$  state: Mass around 3.957 (11) GeV. Identified with X(3940) ?

$2^{++}$  state: Mass around 4.004 (14) GeV.

$0^{++}$  state: Mass around 3.846 (11) GeV.

- 1) Quarkonium percentage:  $|\psi_{\Sigma}|^2 \approx 8\%$
- 2) Tetraquark percentage:  $|\psi_{\Sigma'}|^2 \approx 38\%$ ,  $|\psi_{\Pi}|^2 \approx 54\%$
- 3) Radius  $> 15$  fm.

We naturally get **8 – 13 %** quarkonium component in  $\chi_{c1}(3872)$  due to **avoided level crossing**

### Radiative decays:

$$\mathcal{R}_{\gamma\psi} = \frac{\Gamma_{\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \gamma\psi(2s)}}{\Gamma_{\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \gamma J\psi}},$$

Our estimate:  $R_{\gamma\psi} = 2.99 \pm 2.36$  (assuming only through  $\chi_{c1}(2P)$  component)

LHCb:  $R_{\gamma\psi} = 1.67 \pm 0.25$  Aaij et al arXiv: 2406.17006

### Compositeness:

$$\text{BES III: } Z = 0.18_{-0.23}^{+0.20}$$

Ablikim et al. Phys. Rev. Lett 132, 151903 (2024)

$$\text{EMPPR: } 0.052 < Z < 0.14$$

Esposito, Maiani, Pilloni, Polosa, Riquer

Phys. Rev. D 105, L031503 (2022)

Agreement with our **8 – 13 %** quarkonium (compact) component

### Lattice QCD:

$c\bar{c}$  operator along with  $D\bar{D}^*$  relevant for  $\chi_{c1}(3872)$  signal

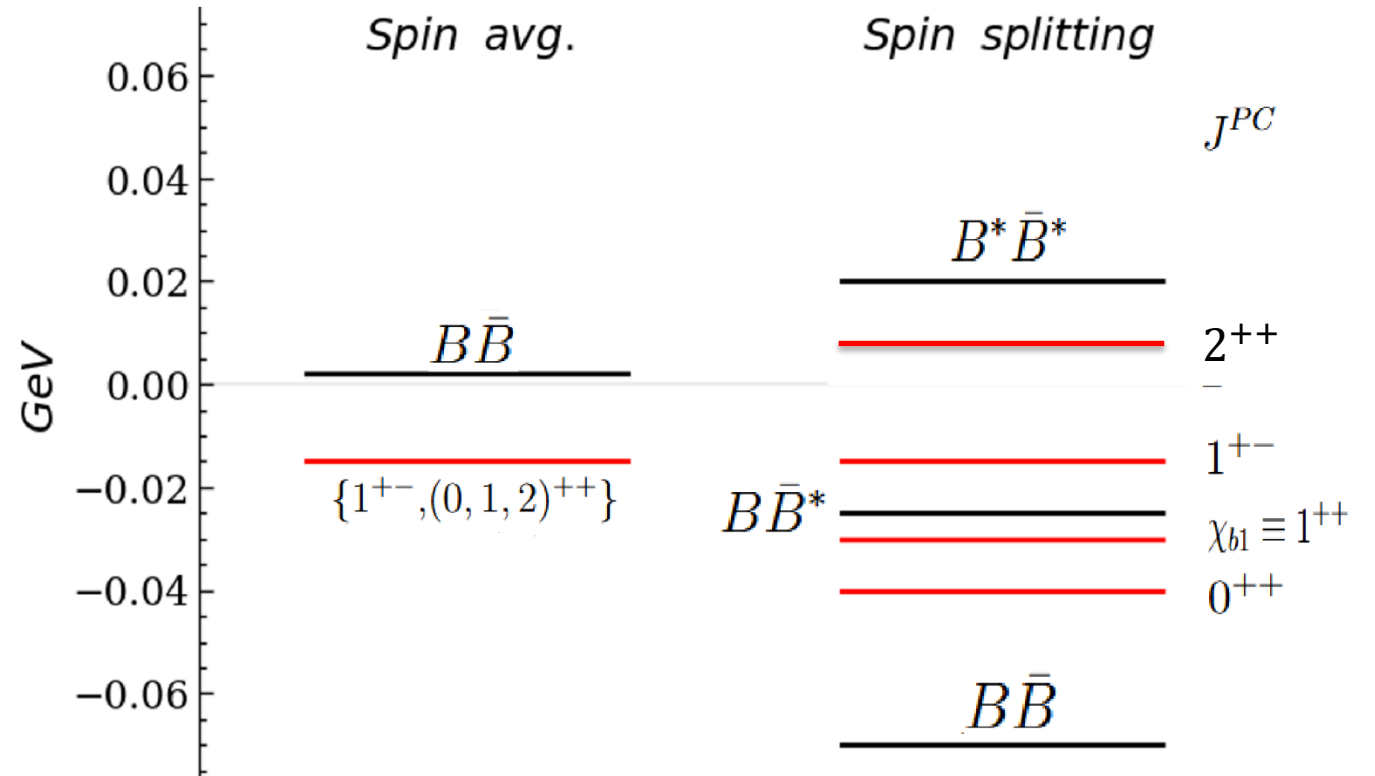
Padmanath, Lang, Prelovsek Phys. Rev. D 92, 034501 (2015)

Prelovsek and Leskovec Phys. Rev. Lett 111, 192001 (2013)

**Results with**adjoint meson energy  $\approx 915$  MeV1) Quarkonium percentage:  $|\psi_\Sigma|^2 \approx 1.5\%$ 

2) Tetraquark percentage:

$$|\psi_{\Sigma'}|^2 \approx 45.4\%, |\psi_\Pi|^2 \approx 53.1\%$$

 $1^{++}$ : identified with  $X_b$ : Mass around 10.595 GeV $1^{+-}$  state: Mass around 10.612 GeV. $2^{++}$  state: Mass around 10.635 GeV. $0^{++}$  state: Mass around 10.576 GeV.Using lattice QCD spin-splitting results for hybrids ( $Q\bar{Q}g$ )Multiplet  $T_1^1: \{1^{+-}, (0, 1, 2)^{++}\}$

# BOEFT: $QQ\bar{q}\bar{q}$ multiplets

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light antiquarks



$\{qq'\}, 1^+$

$[qq'], 0^+$



Defines the Born-Oppenheimer  
static potentials  $\Sigma_g^+, \{\Sigma_g^-, \Pi_g\}$

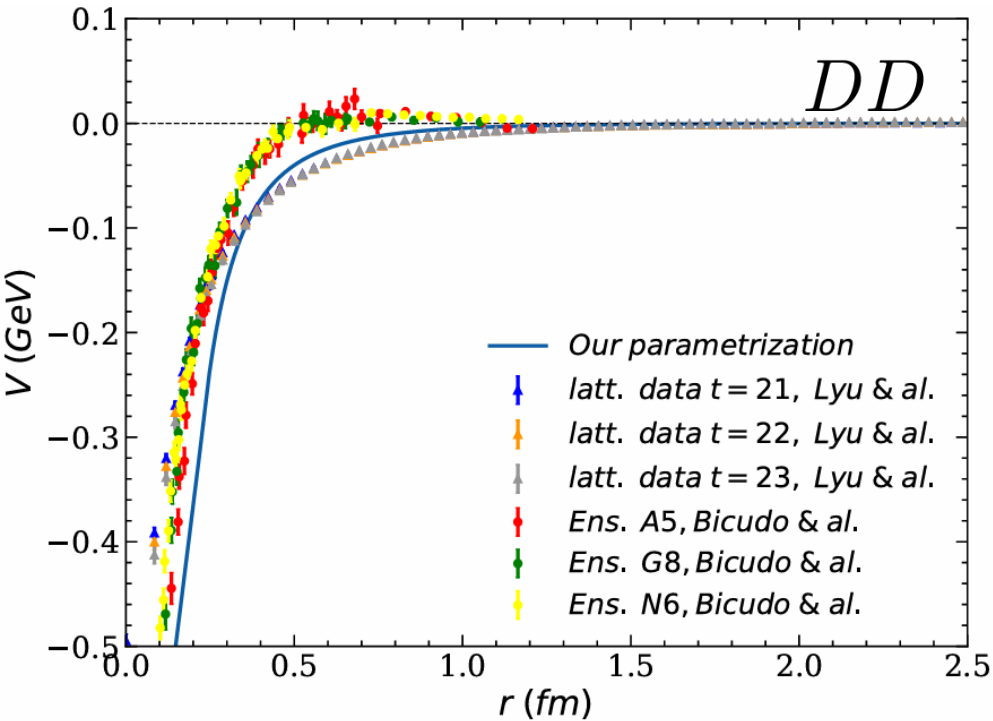
“Bad diquark”

“Good diquark”

Bad diquark – Good diquark  
 $\approx 200$  MeV

$QQ$ color state	Light spin $K^{PC}$	Static energies	Isospin $I$	$l$	$J^{PC}$	
					$S_Q = 0$	$S_Q = 1$
$\bar{\mathbf{3}}$ anti-triplet	$0^+$	$\{\Sigma_g^+\}$	0	0	—	1 <sup>+</sup>
				1	1 <sup>-</sup>	—
	$1^+$	$\{\Sigma_g^-, \Pi_g\}$	1	0	0 <sup>-</sup>	—
				1	1 <sup>-</sup>	$(0, 1, 2)^+$

$J^P$  for  $T_{cc}^+$



**Good diquark :  $\Lambda_t^{0+} \approx 664$  MeV (pole mass scheme)**

Lyu, Aoki, Doi, Hatsuda, Ikeda, Meng, Phys. Rev. Lett. 131, 161901 (2023)

Bicudo, Marinkovic, Mueller, Wagner, arXiv 2409.10736

Good diquark energy  $\Lambda_t^{0+}$  can be confirmed by lattice QCD !!

## Schrödinger Equation:

$$\left[ -\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{l(l+1)}{m_Q r^2} + V_{\Sigma_g^+} \right] \psi_{\Sigma_g^+} = \mathcal{E}_N \psi_{\Sigma_g^+} .$$

$$l = 0$$

## Results:

- 1)  $T_{cc}$  state : 320 keV below DD threshold
- 2) **Radius**  $\sim 8$  fm or larger.
- 3) **Deeper bound state in bb sector:**  $T_{bb}$  116 MeV below BB threshold.
- 4) **Deeper bound state in bc sector:**  $T_{bc}$  25 MeV below DB threshold.

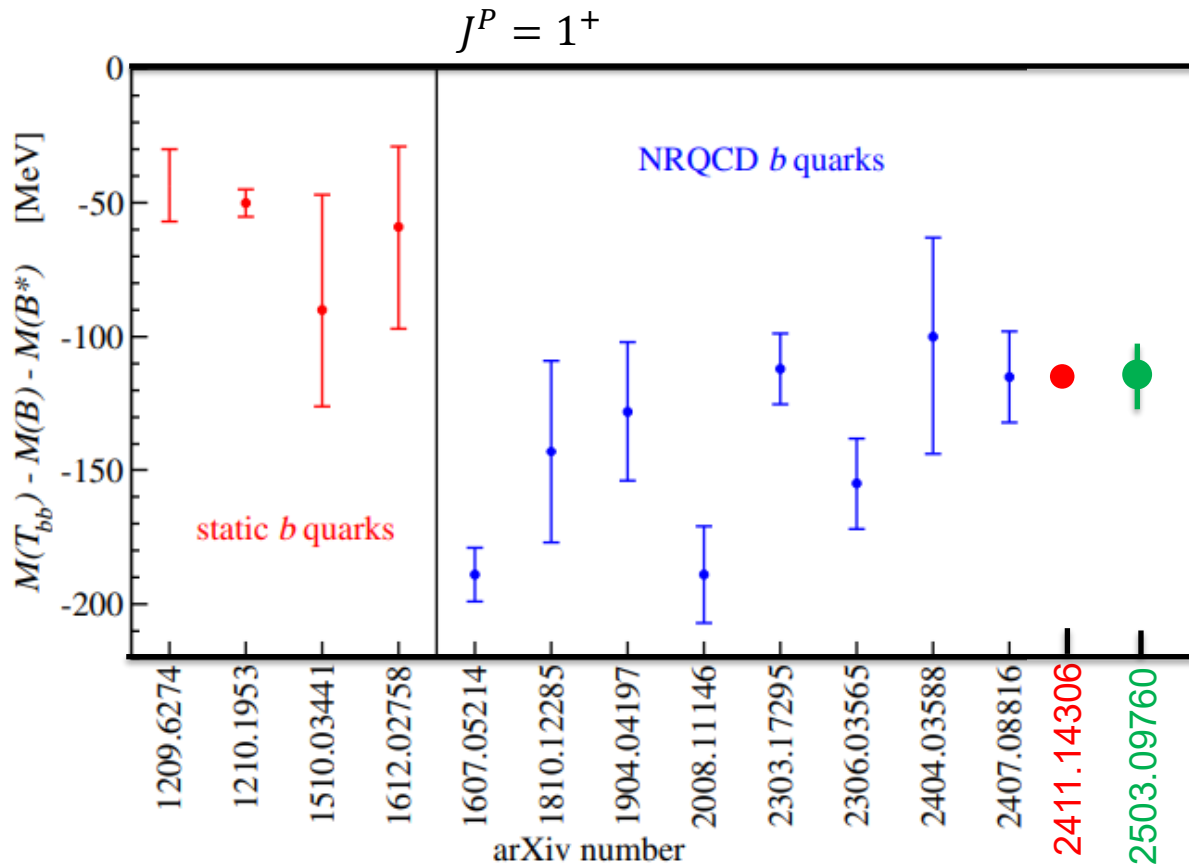
# $T_{bb}$ & $T_{bc}$

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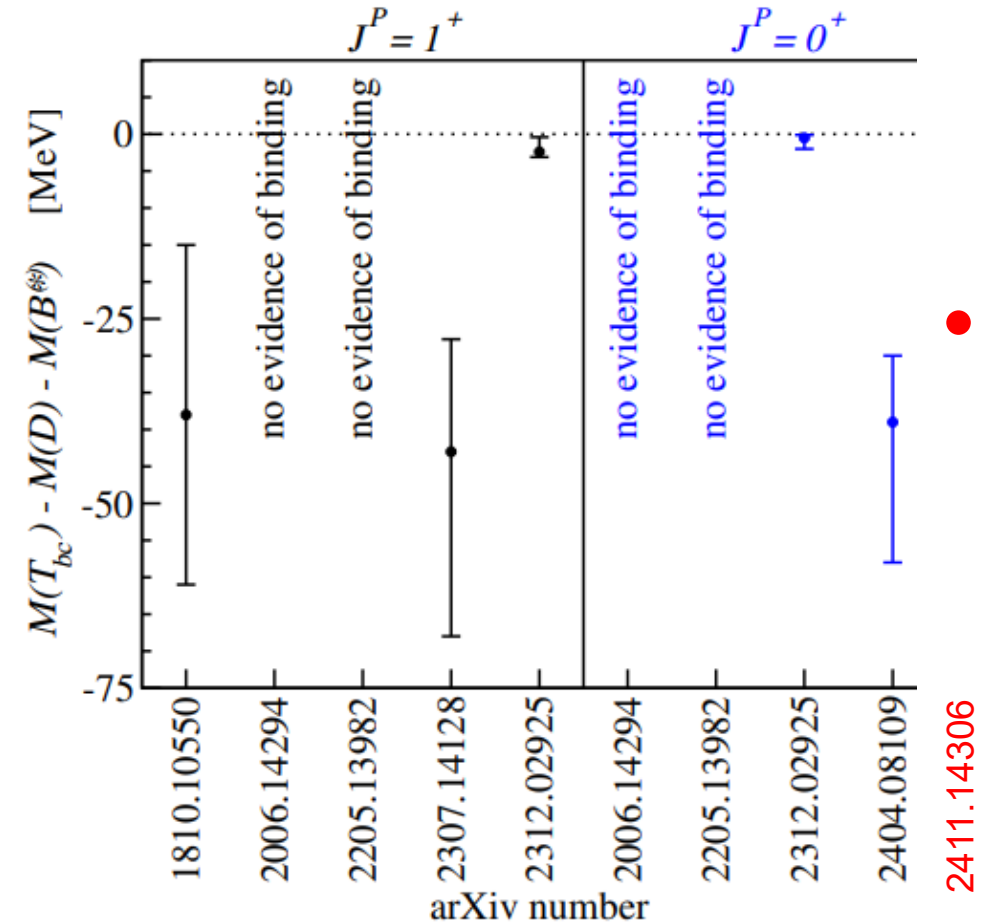
$T_{bb}$  binding energy comparison:



EFT and heavy-quark-diquark symmetry prediction  
for  $T_{bb}$ :  $133 \pm 25$  MeV

Braaten, He, AM, Phys. Rev. D. 103, 016001 (2021)

$T_{bc}$  binding energy comparison:



Our result 25 MeV for both  $J^P = \{0^+, 1^+\}$

**Isospin = 1**  
**Adjoint meson spectrum**

# $Z_b$ & $Z_c$

$Q\bar{Q}$ color state	$q\bar{q}$ spin $k^{PC}$	BO quantum # $\Lambda_\eta^\sigma$	$l$	$J^{PC}$ $\{S=0, S=1\}$
Octet <b>8</b>	$0^{-+}$	$\Sigma_u^-$	0	$\{0^{++}, 1^{+-}\}$
			1	$\{1^{--}, (0, 1, 2)^{-+}\}$
	$1^{--}$	$\Sigma_g^{+'}, \Pi_g$	1	$\{1^{+-}, (0, 1, 2)^{++}\}$
			0	$\{0^{-+}, 1^{--}\}$
			1	$\{1^{-+}, (0, 1, 2)^{--}\}$
			1	$\{1^{--}, (0, 1, 2)^{--}\}$

**Isospin-1 channel:**  $Z_c(3900), Z_c(4200), Z_b(10610), Z_b(10610)$

**Mixing** between adjoint mesons  $K^{PC} = 0^{-+}$  and  $K^{PC} = 1^{--}$   
**Light-quark spin-symmetry !!**

Berwein, Brambilla, AM, Vairo,  
 Phys. Rev. D. 110, (2024), 094040

Voloshin, Phys. Rev. D. 93, 074011 (2016)

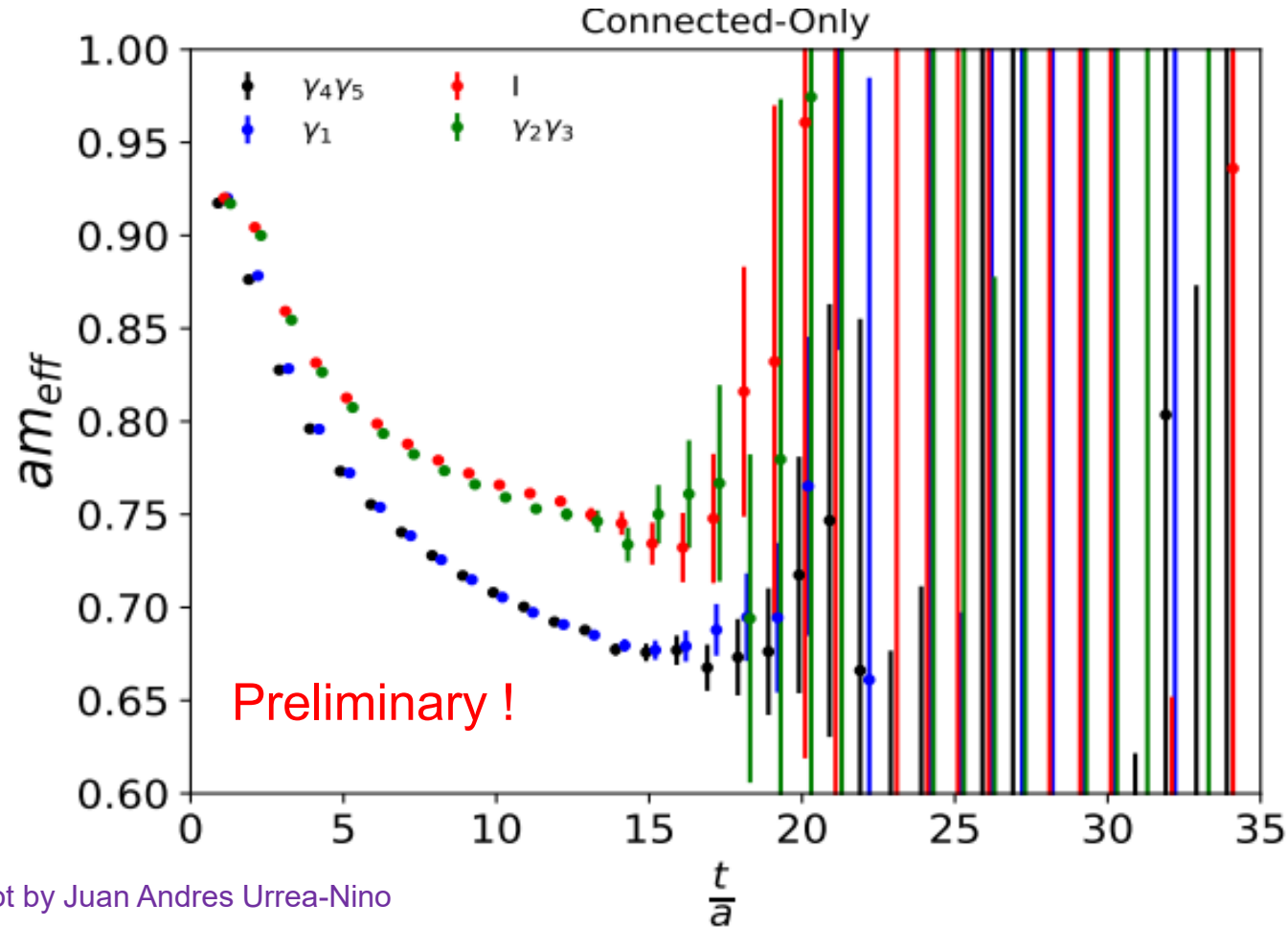
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# Isospin=1 adjoint spectrum

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Lattice 2025, Mumbai.



$$am_{eff}^i(t, t+1) = \log \frac{C_{ii}(t)}{C_{ii}(t+1)}; C_{ij}(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-E_n t} \langle \hat{O}_i | n \rangle \langle n | \hat{O}_j \rangle$$



$N_f = 3 + 1$  ensemble,  $m_\pi = 406$  MeV,  $a = 0.05359$  fm

$$\gamma_1 : 1^{--} \quad \gamma_4 \gamma_5 : 0^{-+}$$

- $0^{-+}$  and  $1^{--}$  adjoint mesons are degenerate as predicted by BOEFT + experimental input.

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$$1 : 0^{++} \quad \gamma_2 \gamma_3 : 1^{+-}$$

- $0^{++}$  and  $1^{+-}$  adjoint mesons are degenerate
- There are 6 adjoint mesons including  $0^{++}$  and  $1^{+-}$  associated with s-wave + p-wave meson-pair threshold.

# Summary



- Born-Oppenheimer EFT (BOEFT):
  - Theoretical framework based on **scale separation**, **symmetries** with some **inputs** from lattice QCD.
  - Quarkonium and Exotic XYZ mesons can be described in the same framework.
- Tetraquark / pentaquark static potentials features based on BOEFT:
  - **$Q\bar{Q}$  systems: Repulsive** at **small  $r$  ( $r \rightarrow 0$ )** due to octet (adjoint) color
  - **$QQ$  systems: Attractive** (Triplet) or repulsive (sextet) at **small  $r$  ( $r \rightarrow 0$ )**.
  - Heavy meson pair or heavy meson baryon threshold at **large  $r$  ( $r \rightarrow \infty$ )**.
  - **$Q\bar{Q}$  systems:** Avoided crossing between tetraquark and quarkonium static potential (Isospin=0).
- Exotic dynamics governed by Schrödinger equations. Universal non-perturbative parameters same for both charm and bottom.
- **BOEFT + lattice QCD**, enable quantitative predictions of spectra, decays, and even production rates and in-medium studies of exotics, offering key insights into their underlying nature.

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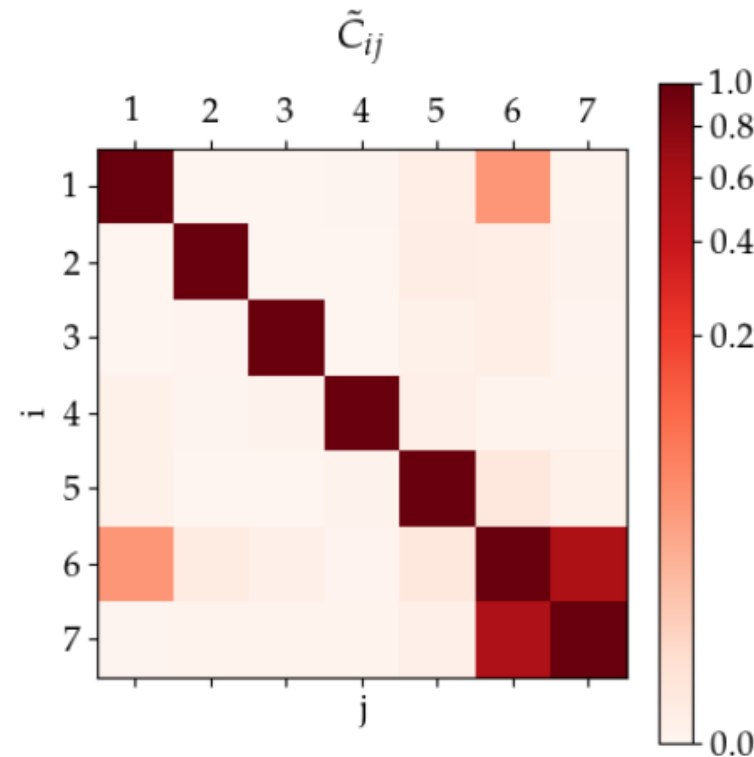
# Backup Slides

# Preliminary steps towards extracting $Z_b$ static energies

- ▶ We constructed a  $7 \times 7$  correlation matrix, with
  - Op1:  $\Upsilon\pi(0)$
  - Op2,3,4:  $\Upsilon\pi(1, 2, 3)$
  - Op5:  $\Upsilon b_1(0)$
  - Op6:  $B\bar{B}^*$
  - Op7:  $O_{BO}$  with  $0^{-+}$  LDF configuration ( $\Sigma_u^-$ )

▶  $\tilde{C}_{ij}(r) = \frac{|\sum_{t=1}^{n_t} C_{ij}(r, t)|}{\sqrt{|\sum_{t=1}^{n_t} C_{ii}(r, t)| |\sum_{t=1}^{n_t} C_{jj}(r, t)|}}$

- ▶ Op6 has a visible overlap with Op1 but Op7 does not have a visible overlap with Op1.



$r/a = 1$

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