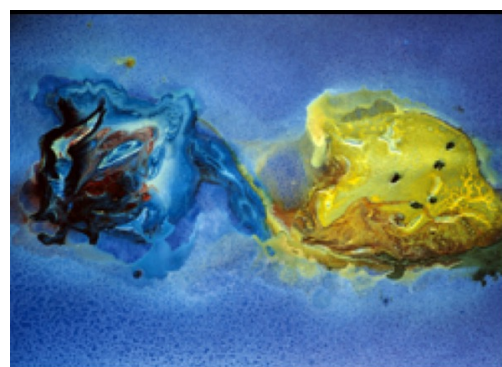
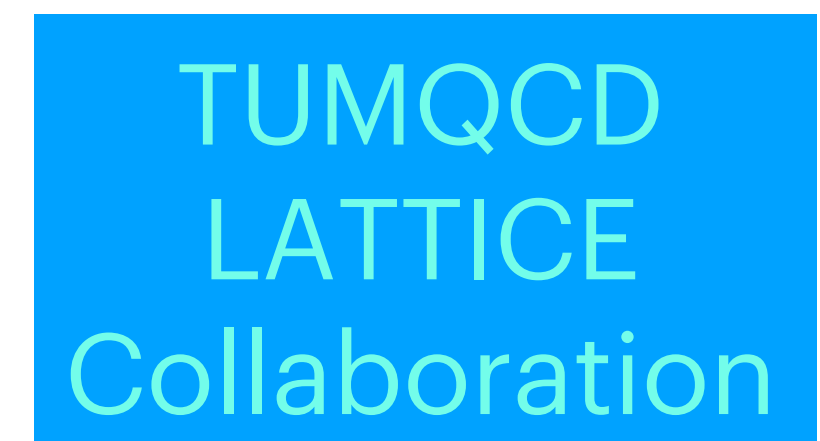


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In this same framework we can calculate quarkonium AND exotics XYZ:

Spectra, decays, transitions ✓

Production ✓

Medium propagation from the quarkonium example EFT+ open quantum system?

Talk based on these references:

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M. Berwein, N.B. , A. Mohapatra, A. Vairo, **2408.04719** -> establish BOEFT for all cases

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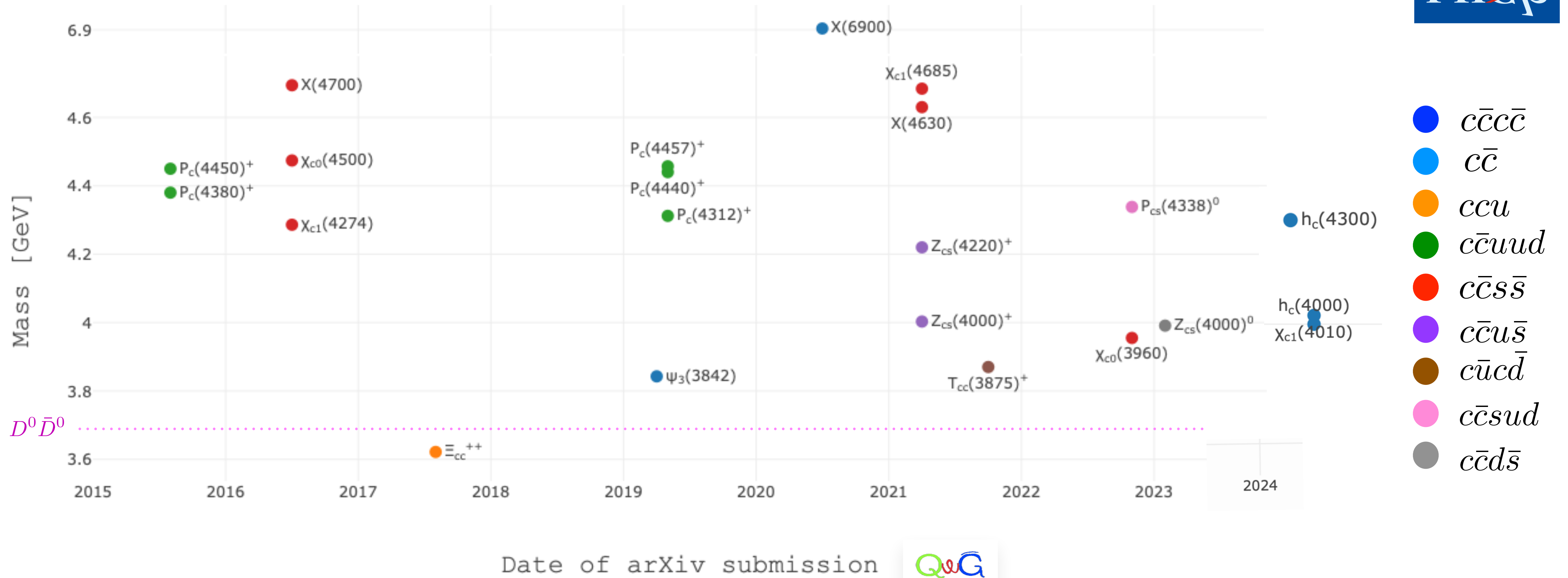
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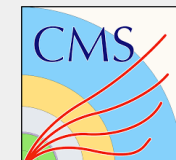


REVOLUTION: Discovery in the Sector With Two Heavy Quarks



<https://qwg.ph.nat.tum.de/exoticshub/>

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UPCOMING EXPERIMENTS:



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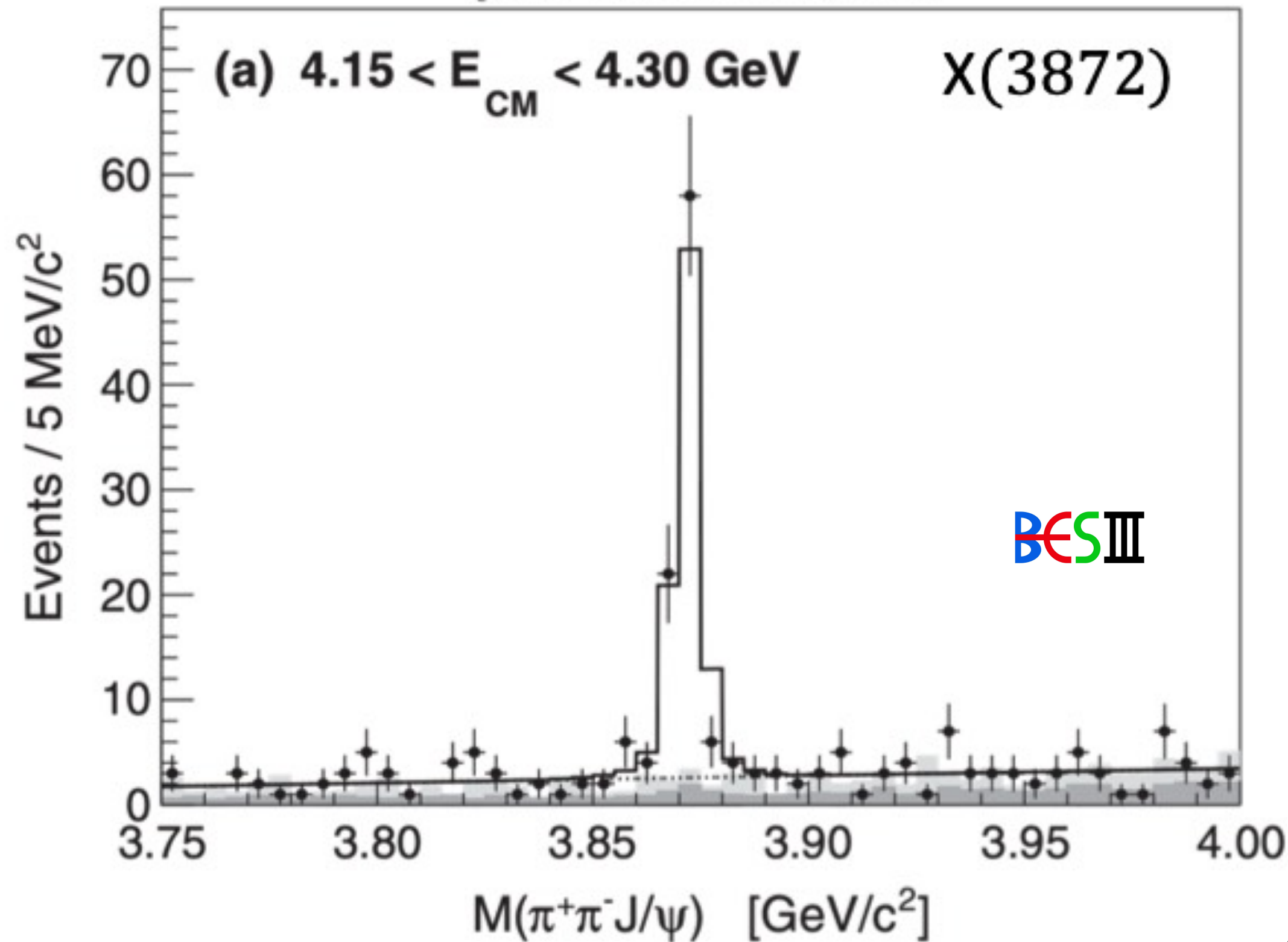
Electron ion



Some surprisingly narrow states even if above/at strong decay thresholds

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

[PRL 122, 232002 (2019)]



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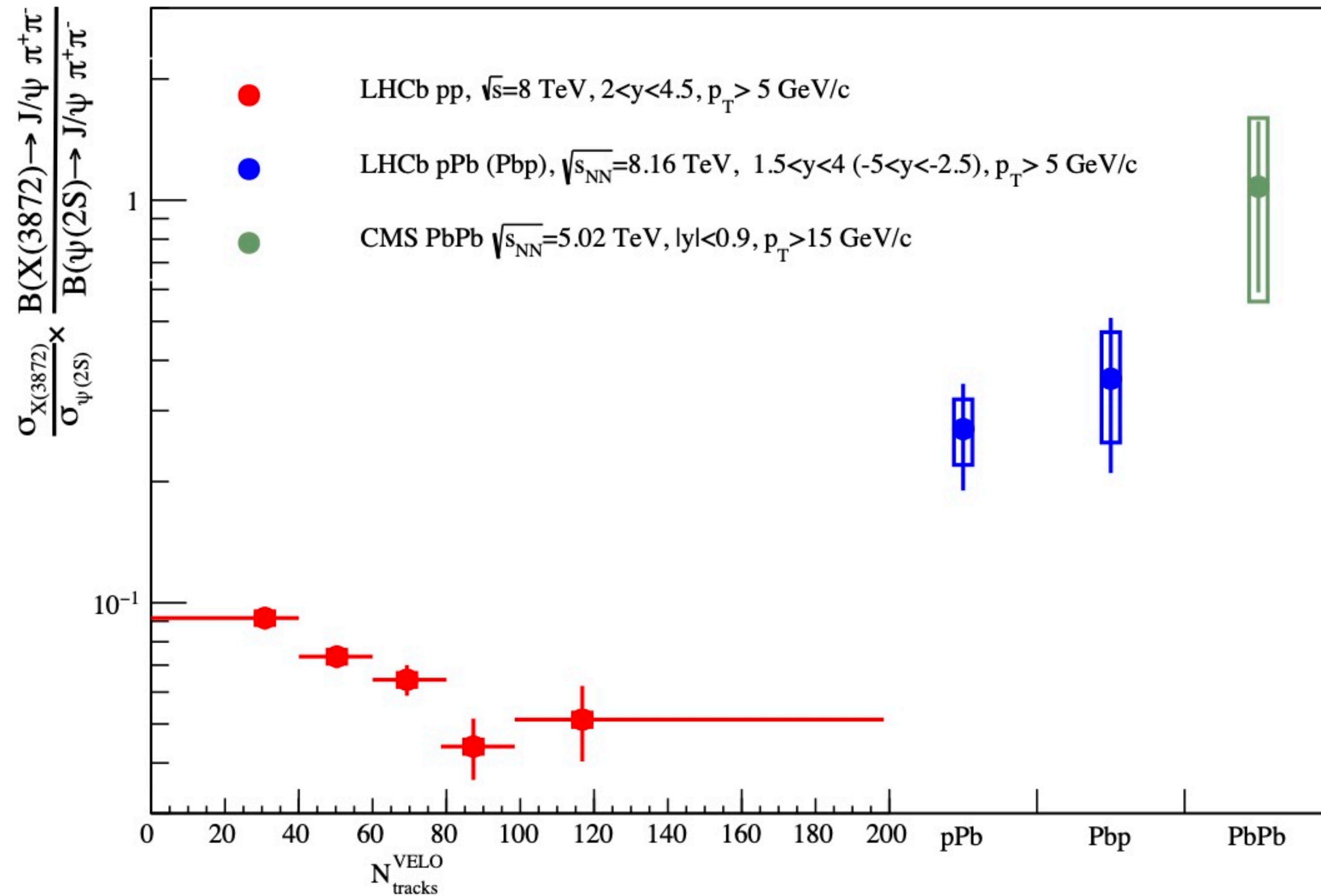
$$J^{PC} = 1^{++} \quad I = 0$$

Observed in e^+e^- , B decays, hadroproduction (large cross section 30nb)

<-within 100 KeV of the threshold (molecule?)
width of 1 MeV! very small binding energy
Very large radius!

Compositeness, radiative decays, production suggest the presence of a **compact component**

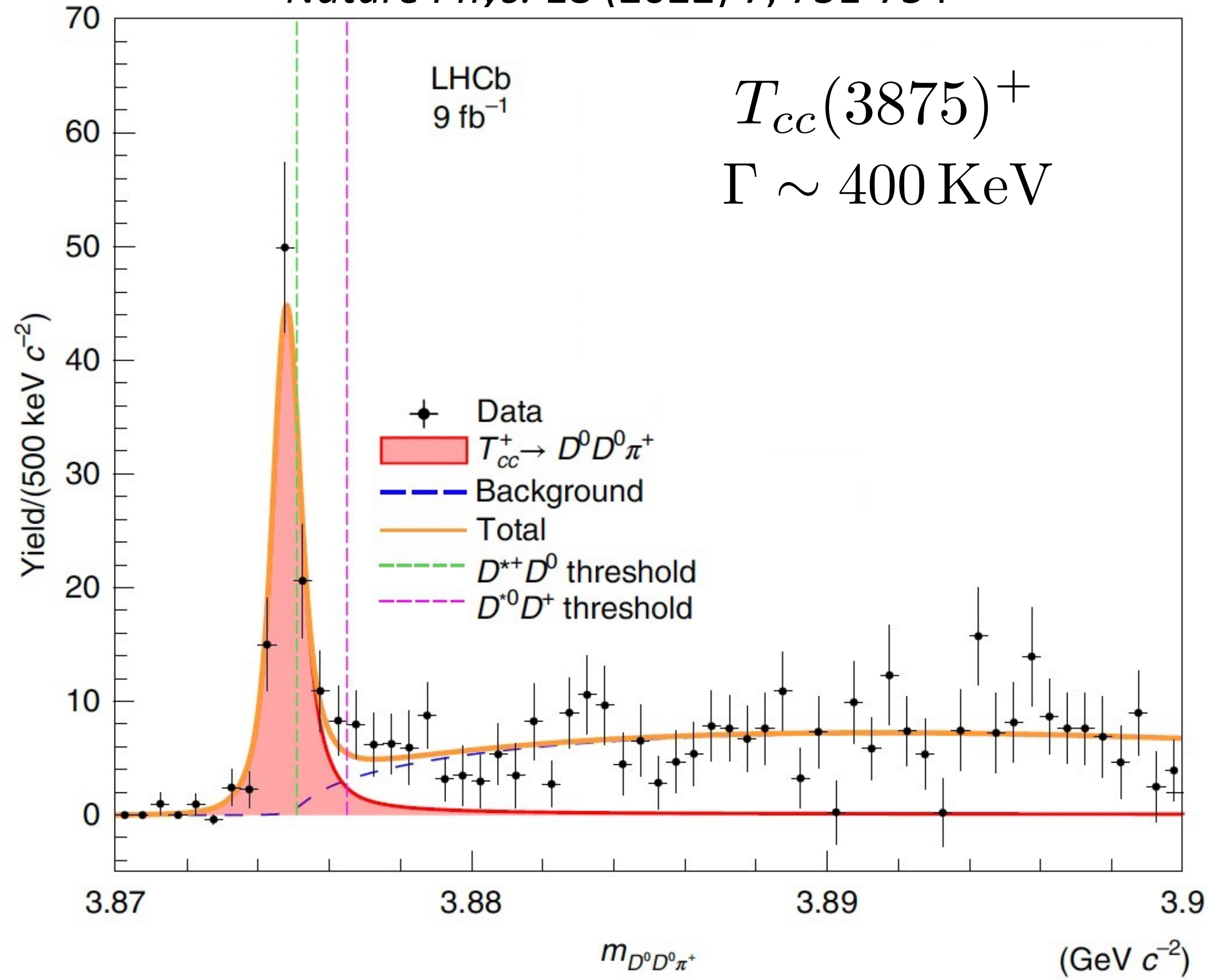




X Produced also in heavy ions where the deconfined strongly coupled QCD medium (Quark Gluon Plasma-QGP) is formed



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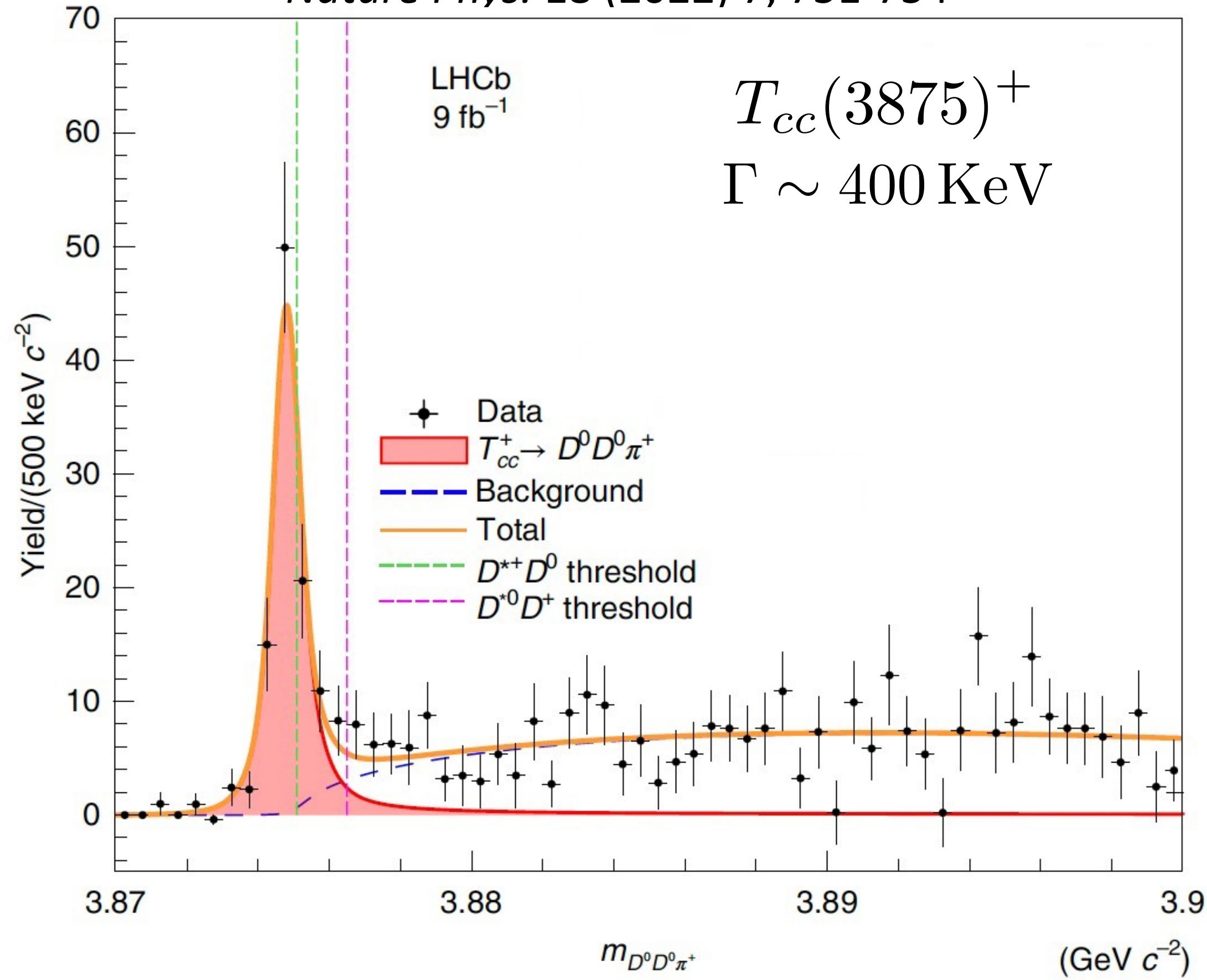
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—>Novel strongly correlated exotics systems

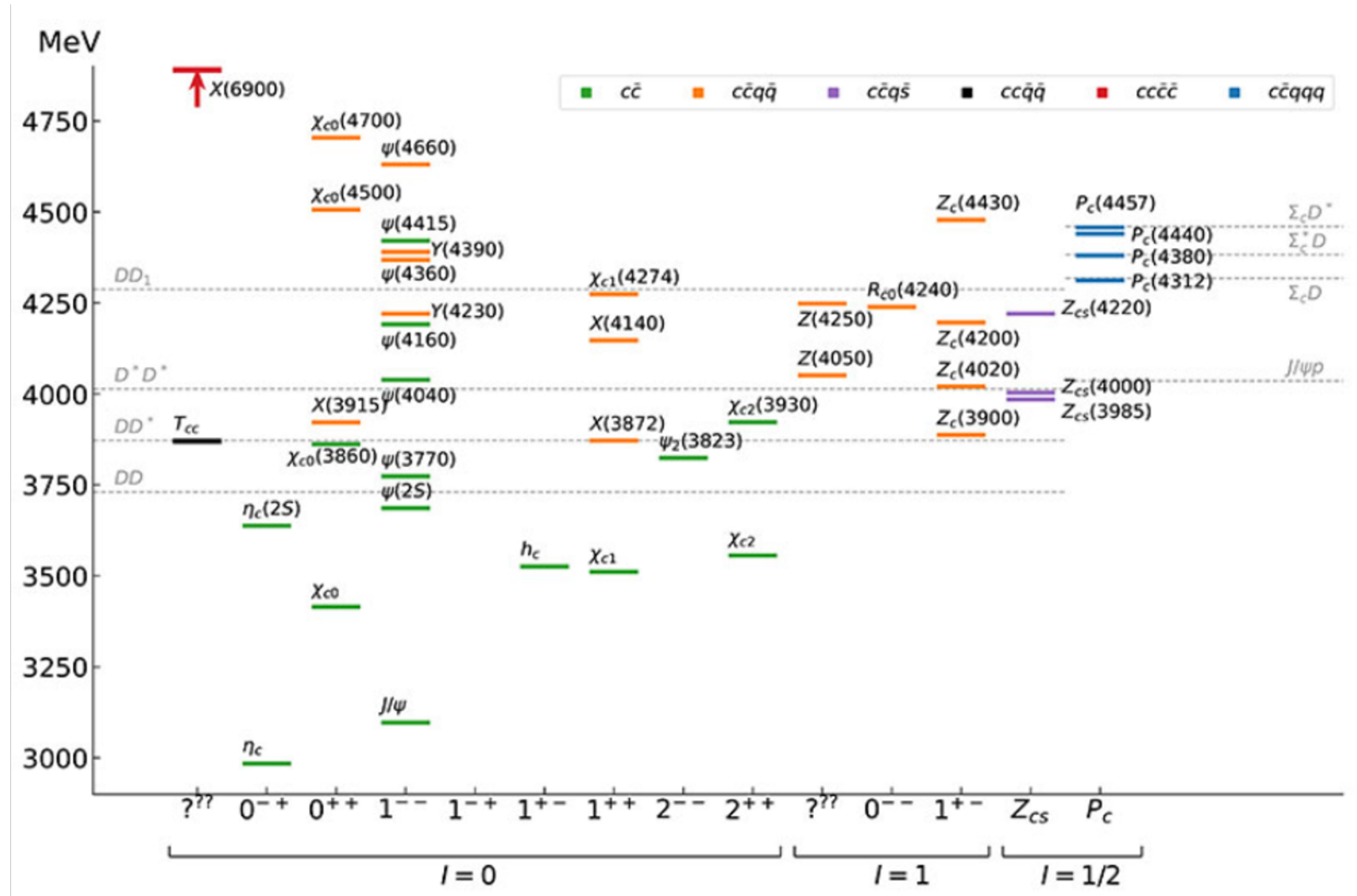
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below threshold region

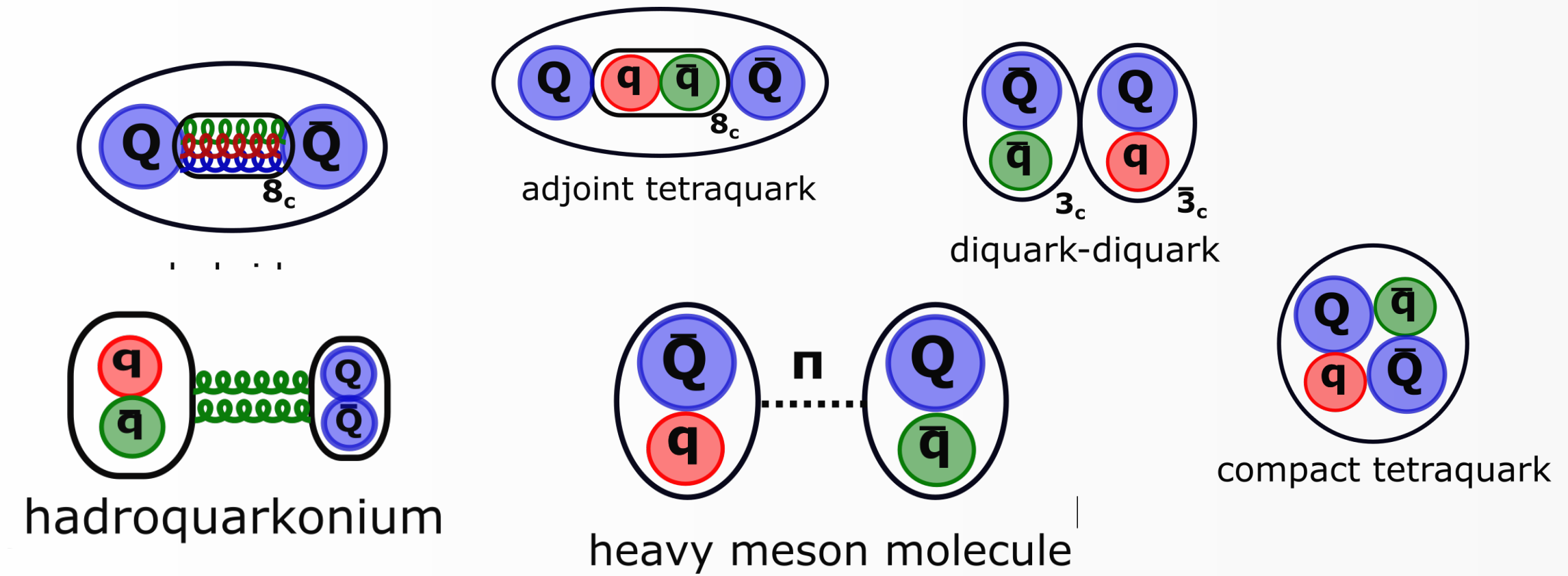


..the ones with exotics characteristics and the ones more standard, understand what drives the exotics features and these states mix



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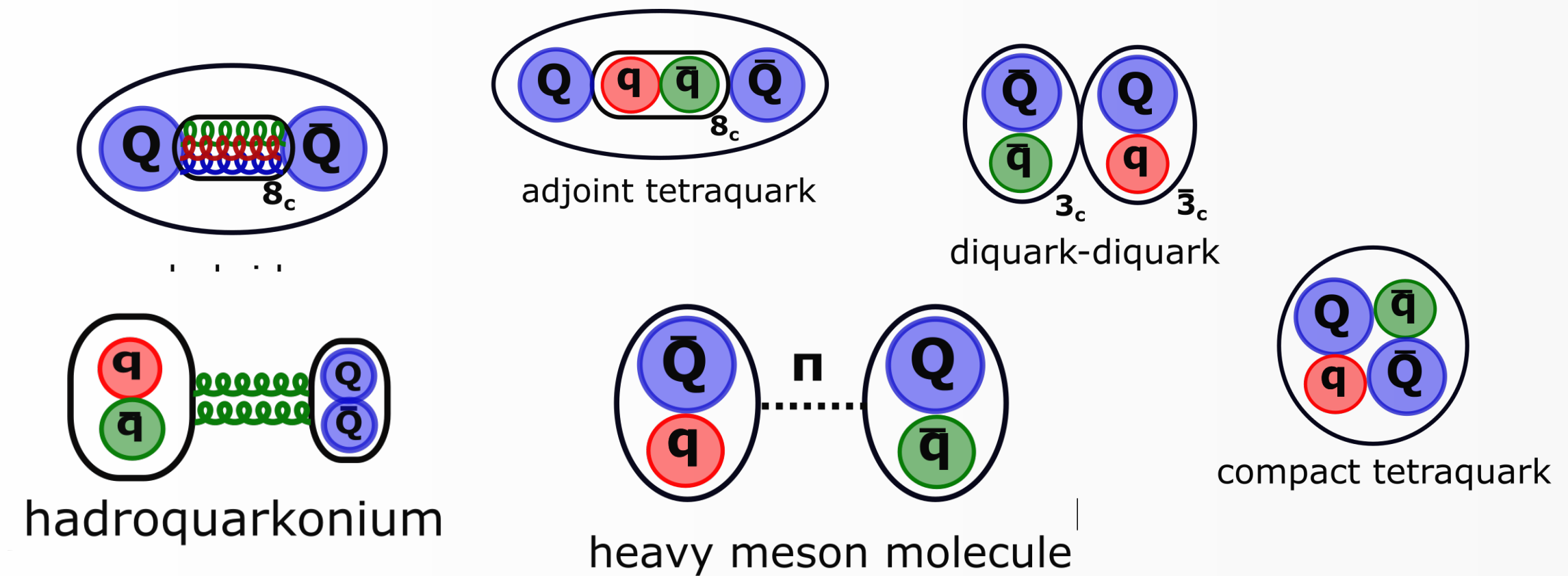
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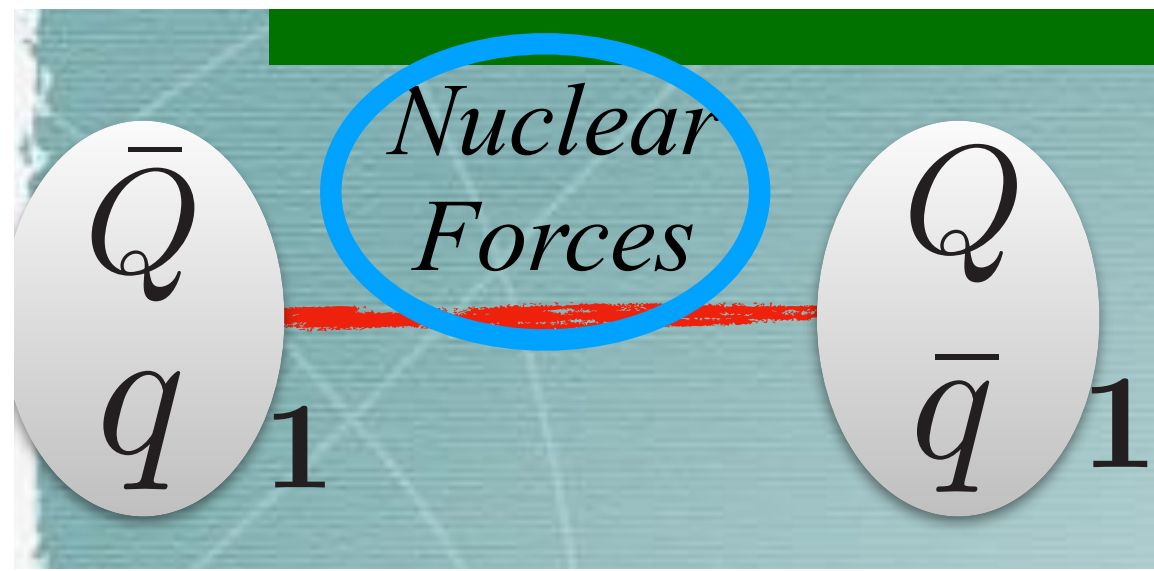
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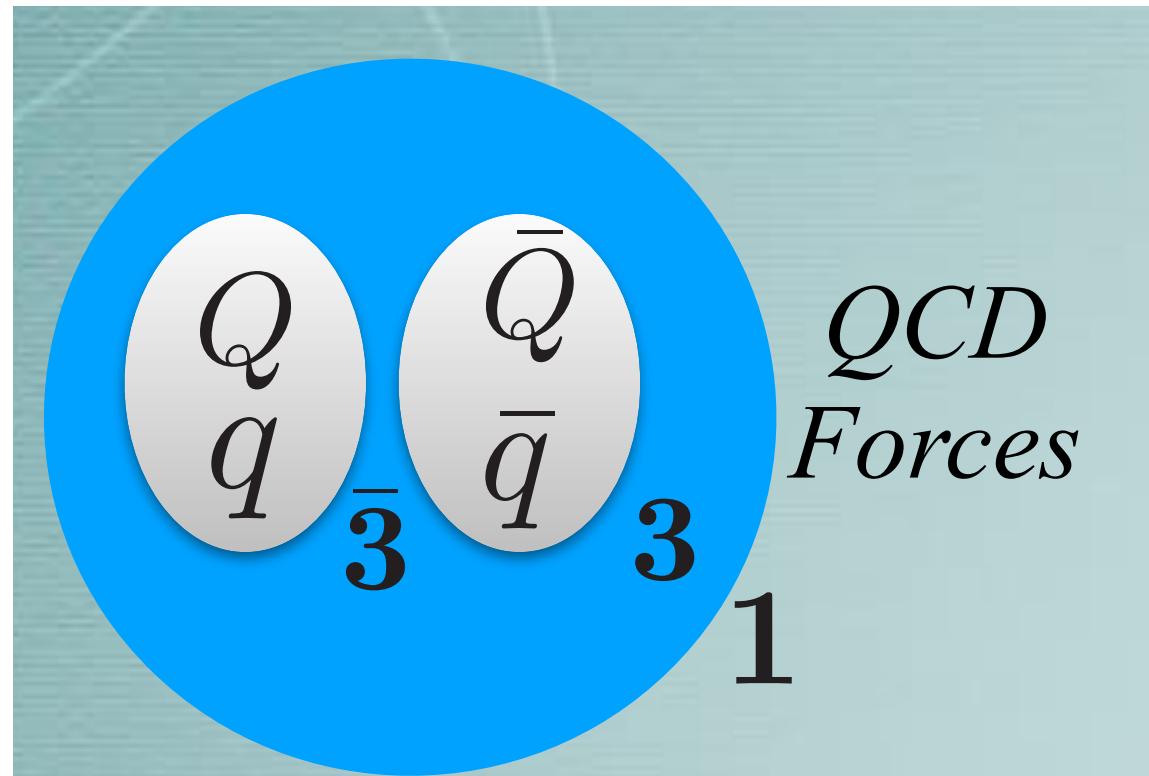
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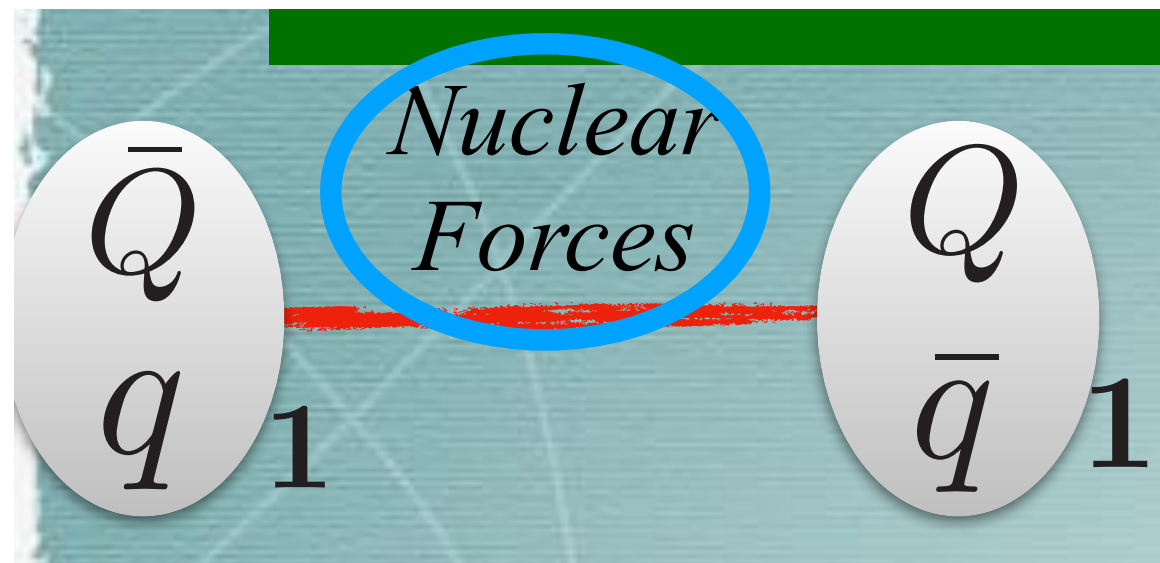
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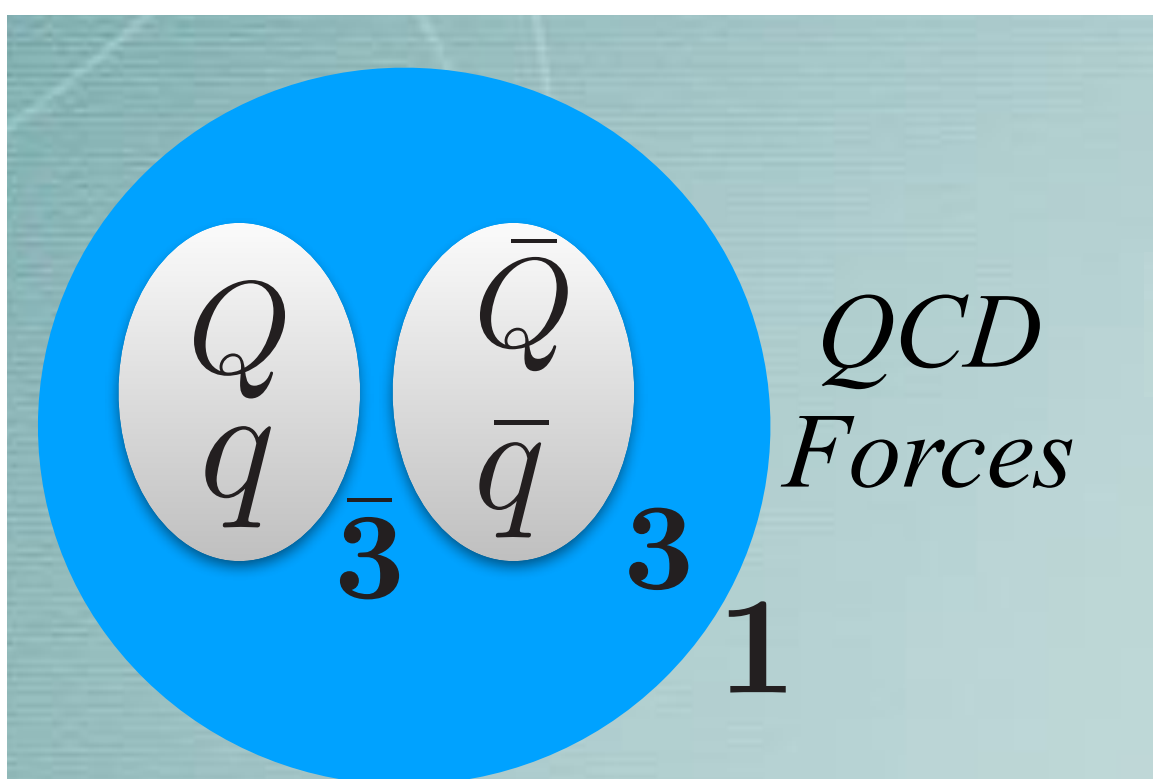
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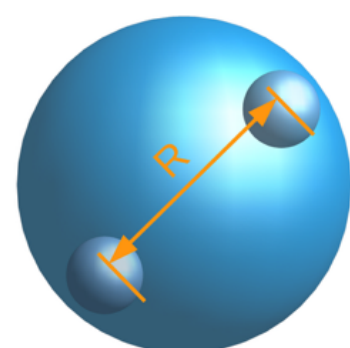
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The two models confronted for decades, e.g. about hadroproduction

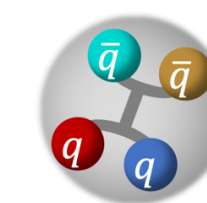
- **Two classes** of decay and production processes:
 - long-distance processes,
 - short-distance processes, [hadroproduction of the $X(3872)$]

Compositeness $1 - Z$

Is that a meaningful parameter?!



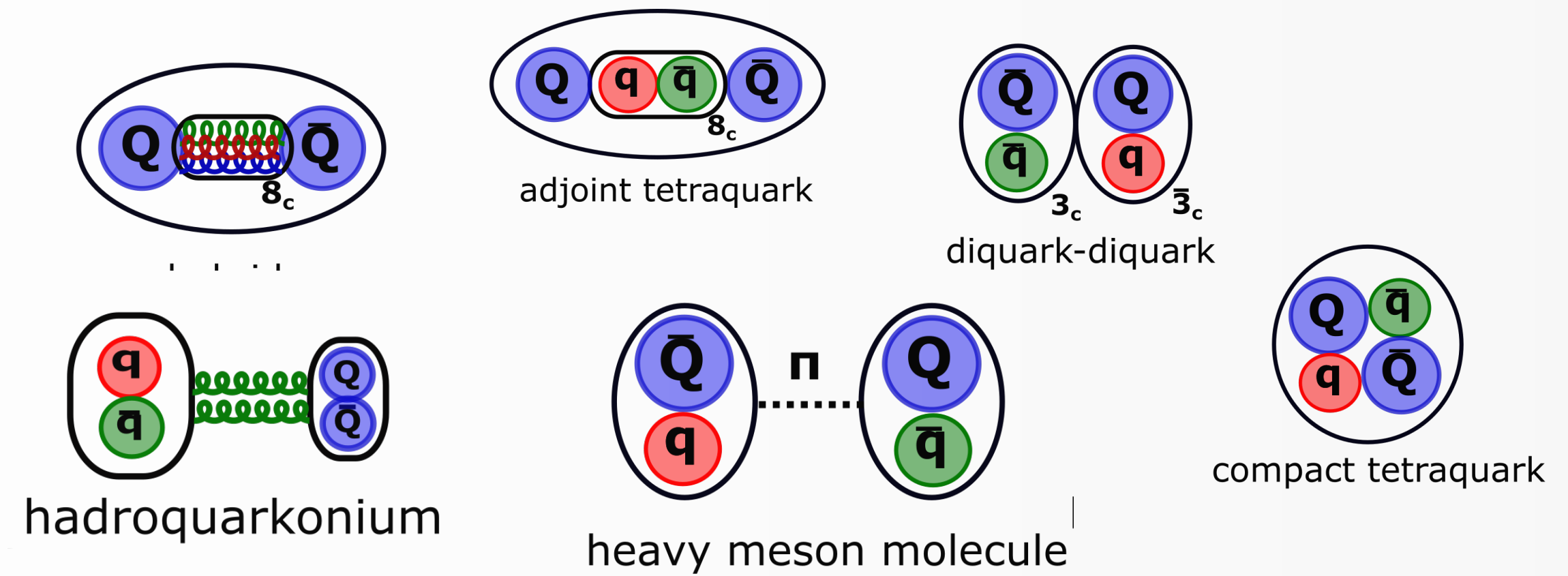
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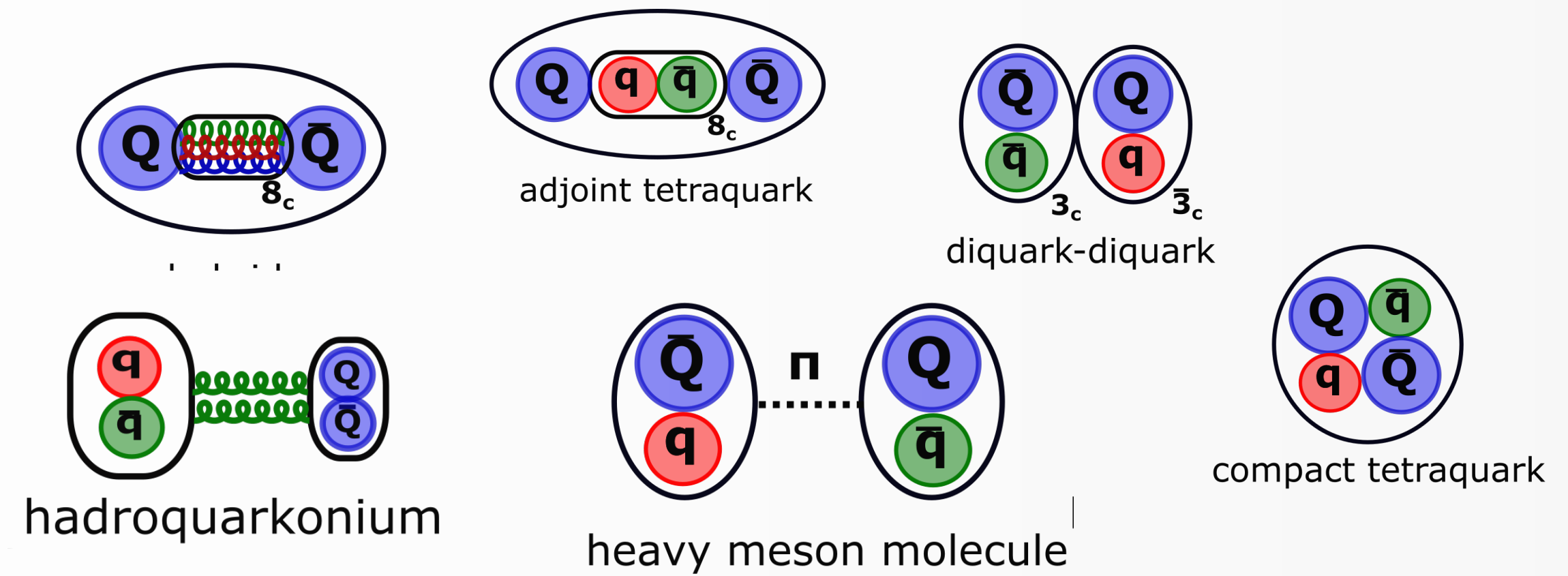
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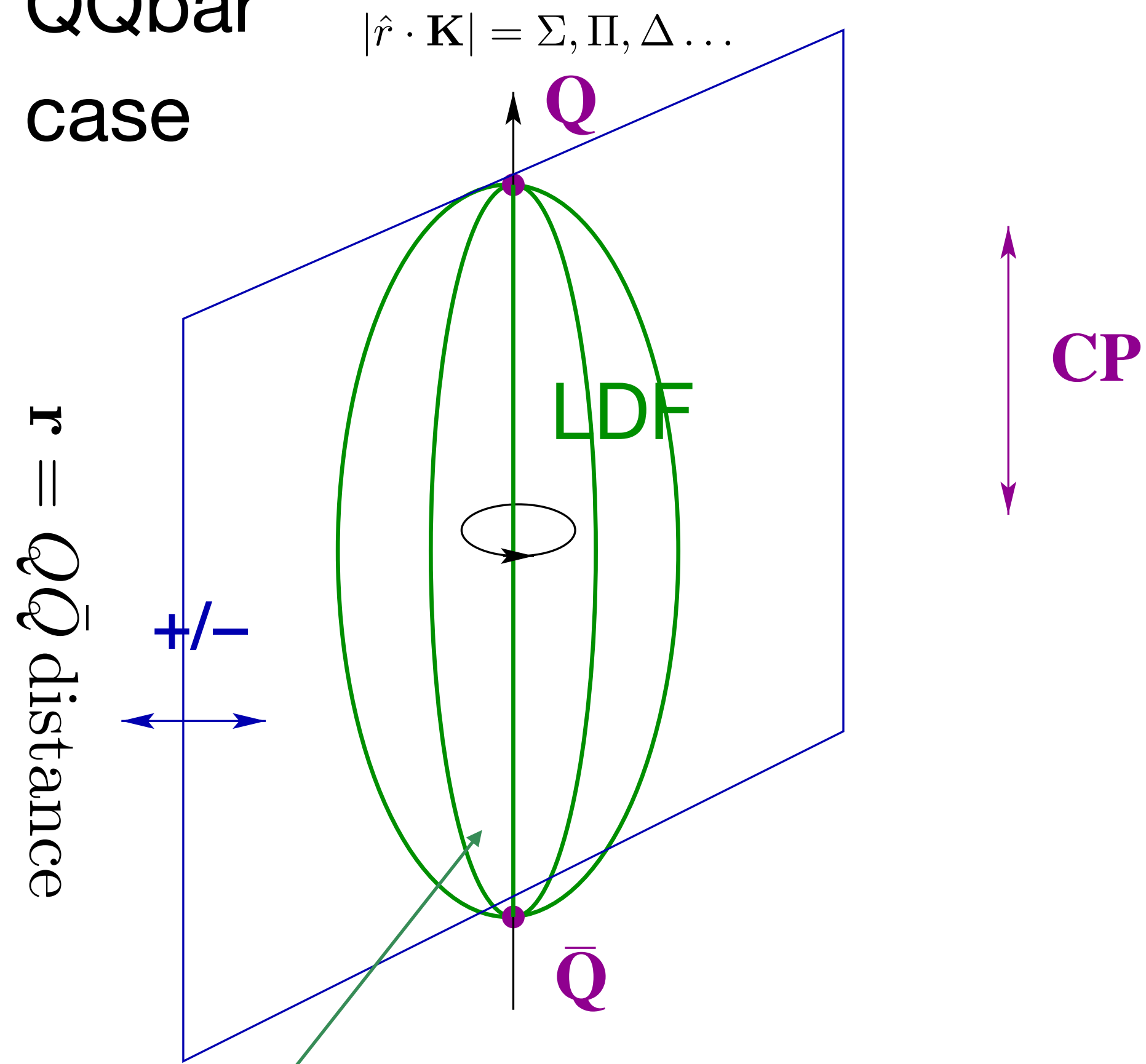
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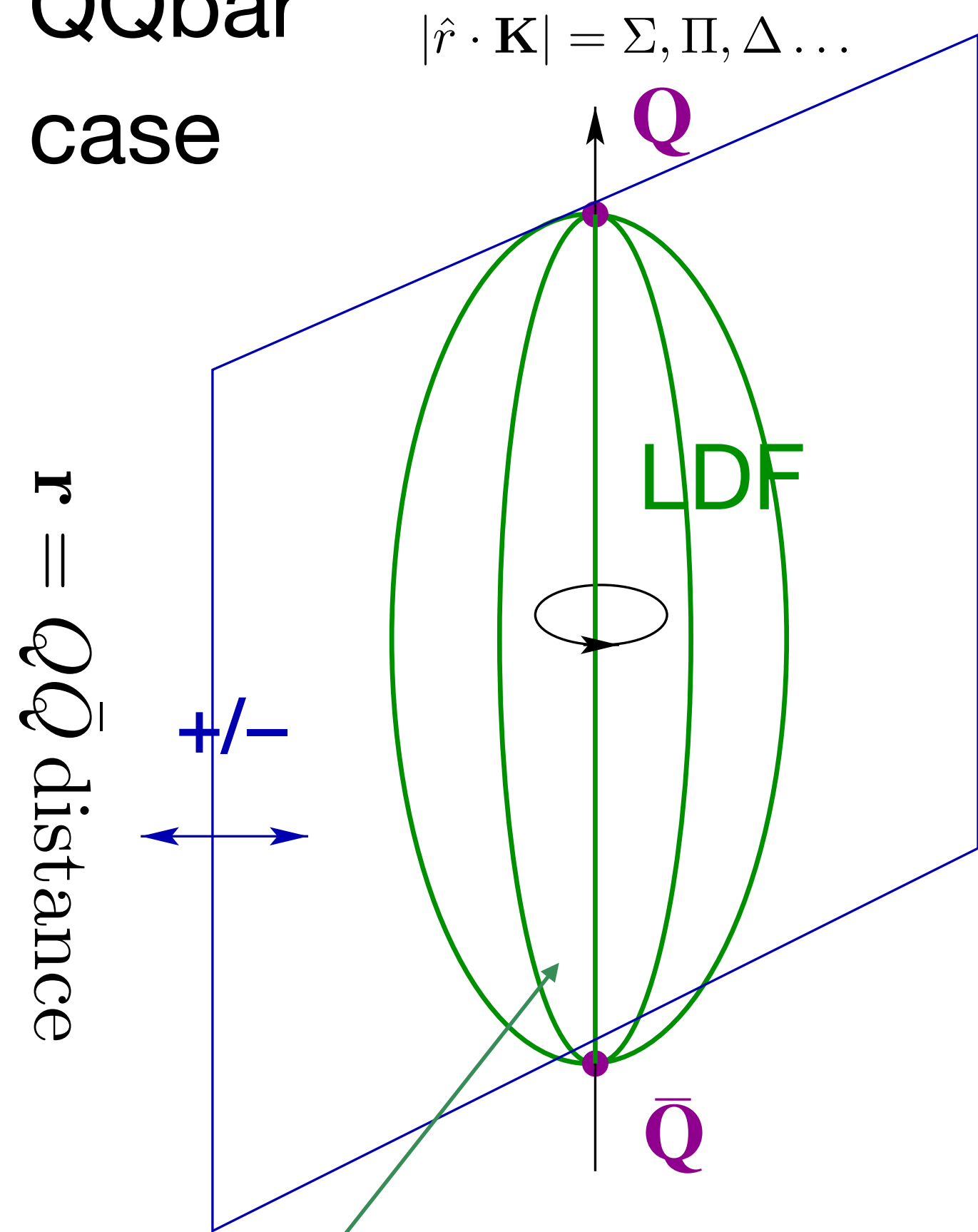
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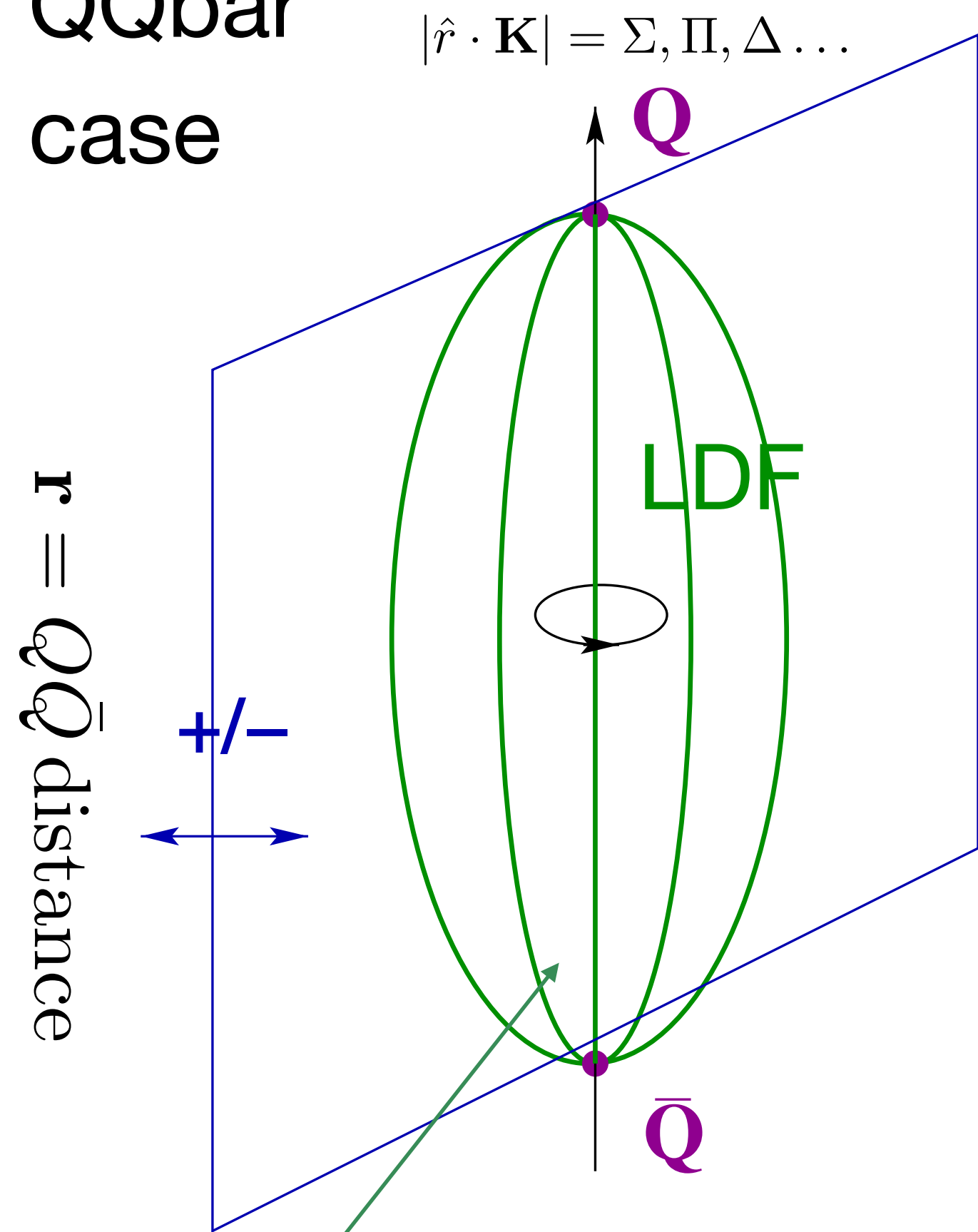
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the Light Degrees of Freedom (LDF)

labeled by $\kappa = \{k^{PC}, f\}$

f flavour quantum number

Notice that for $r \rightarrow 0$ the cylindrical symmetric becomes spherical ($O(3) \times C$):

several Λ_{η}^{σ} representations reduce to

one single $k^{P(C)}$

k^{PC}	BO quantum #
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0^{+-}	Σ_u^+
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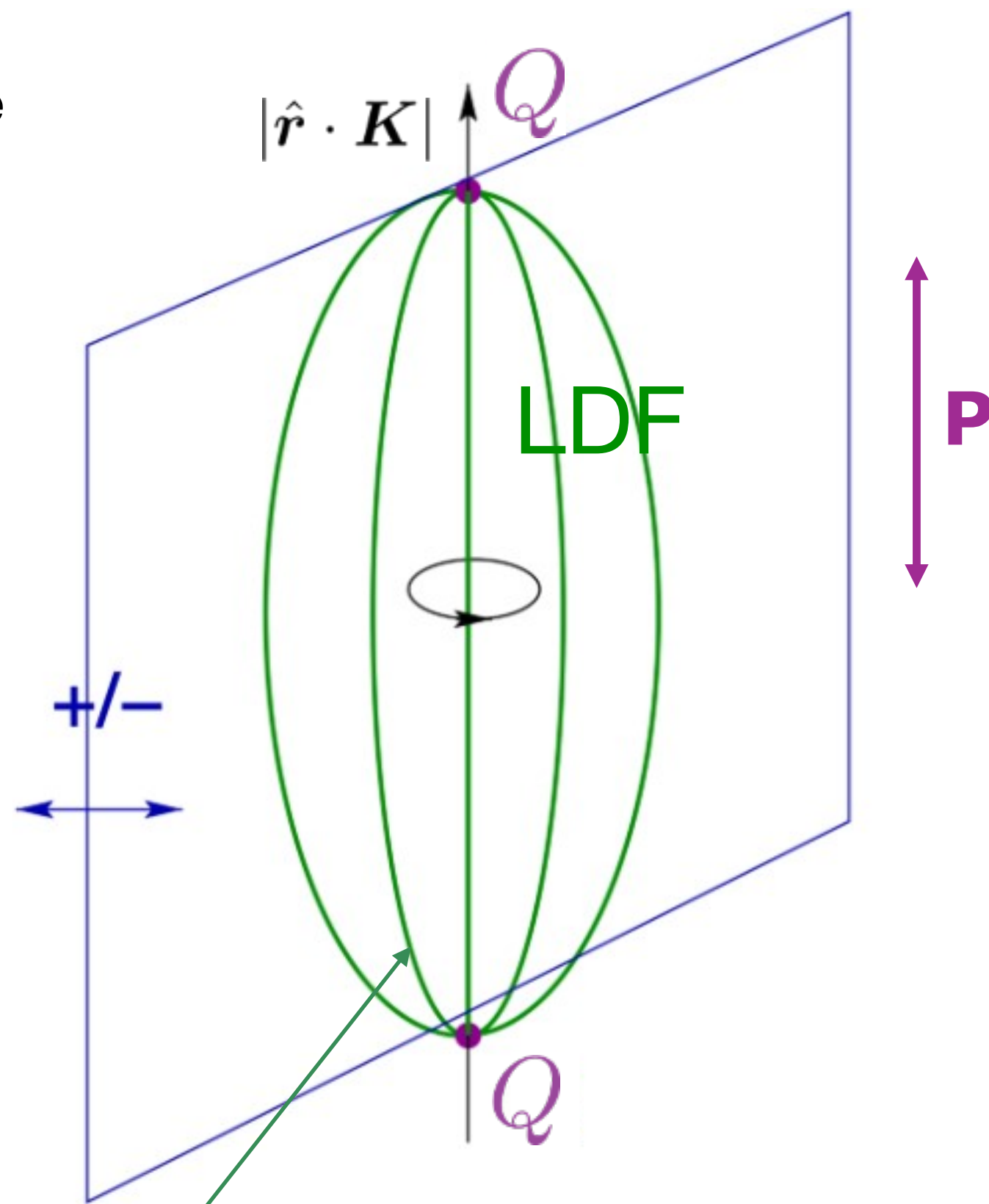
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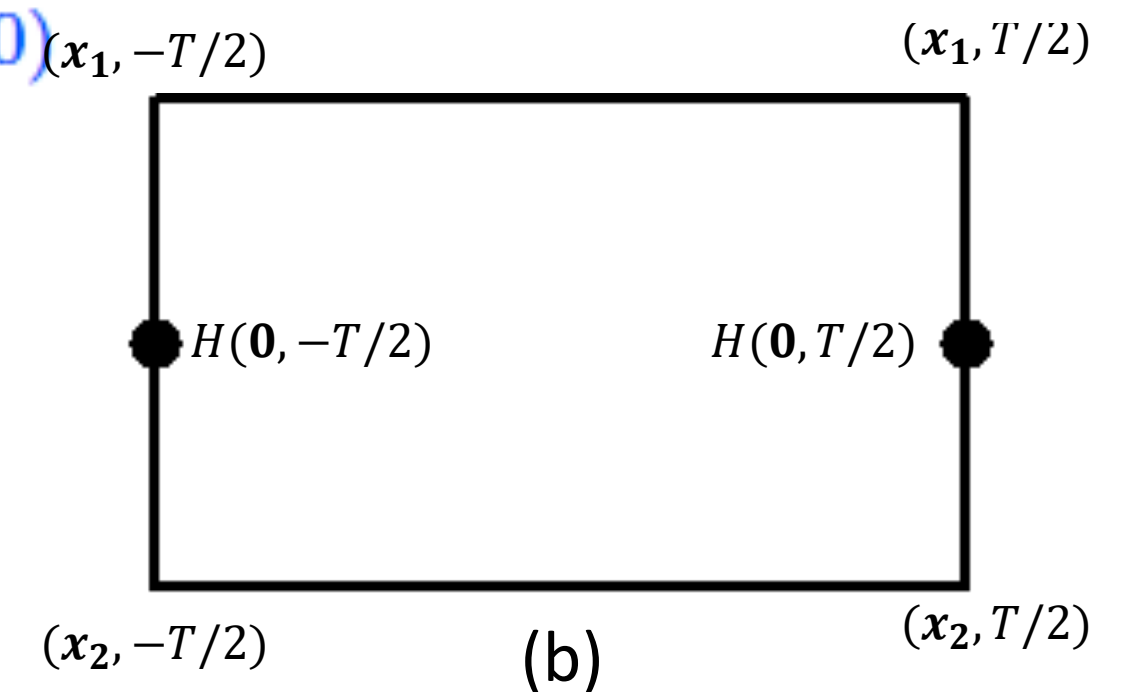
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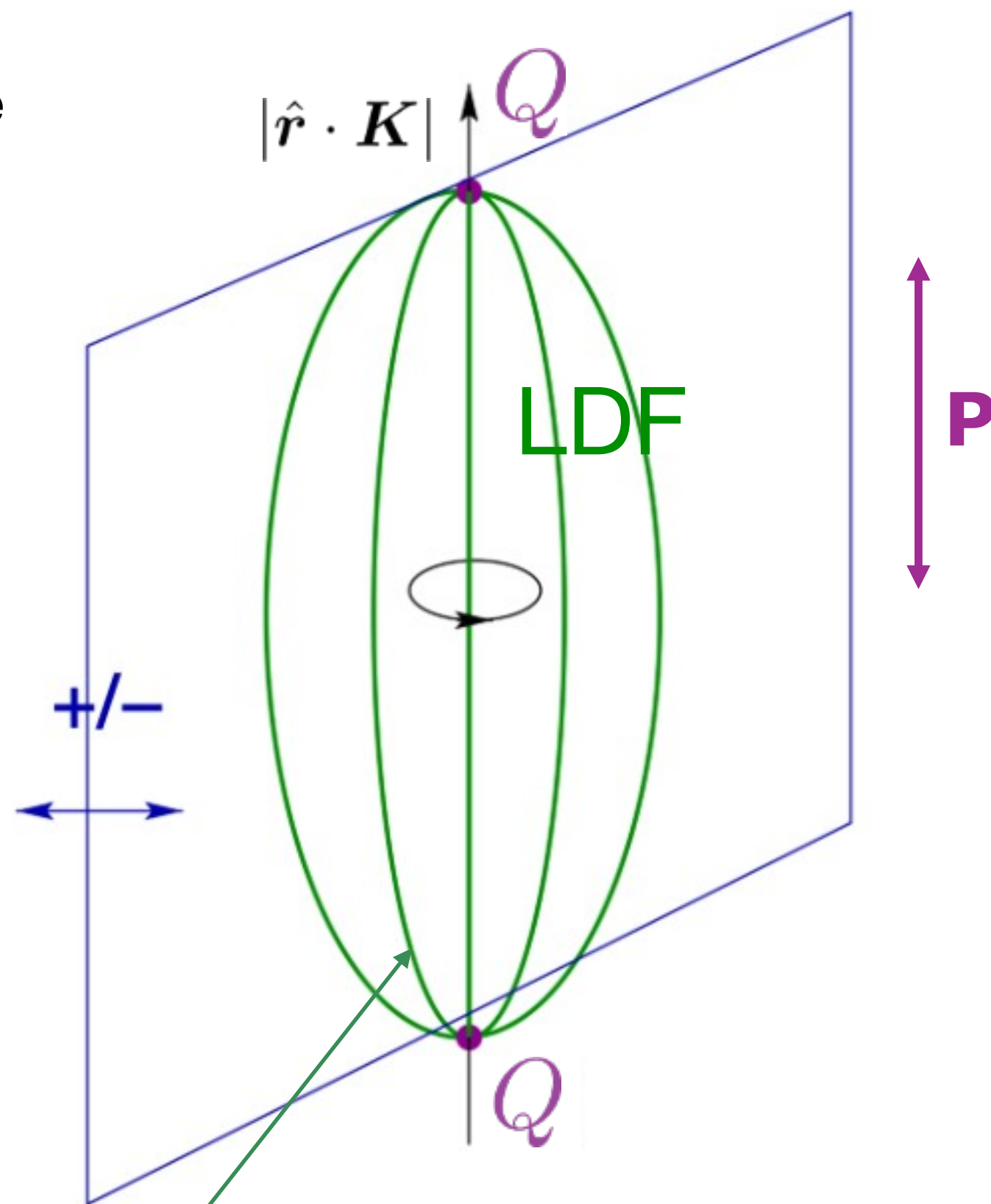
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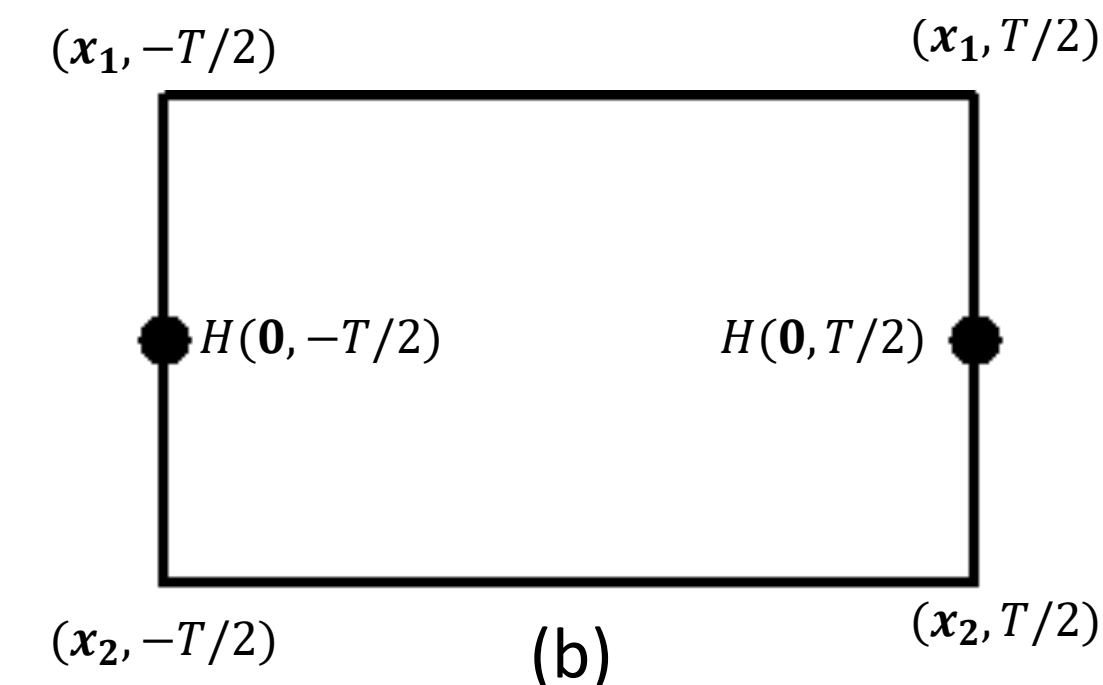
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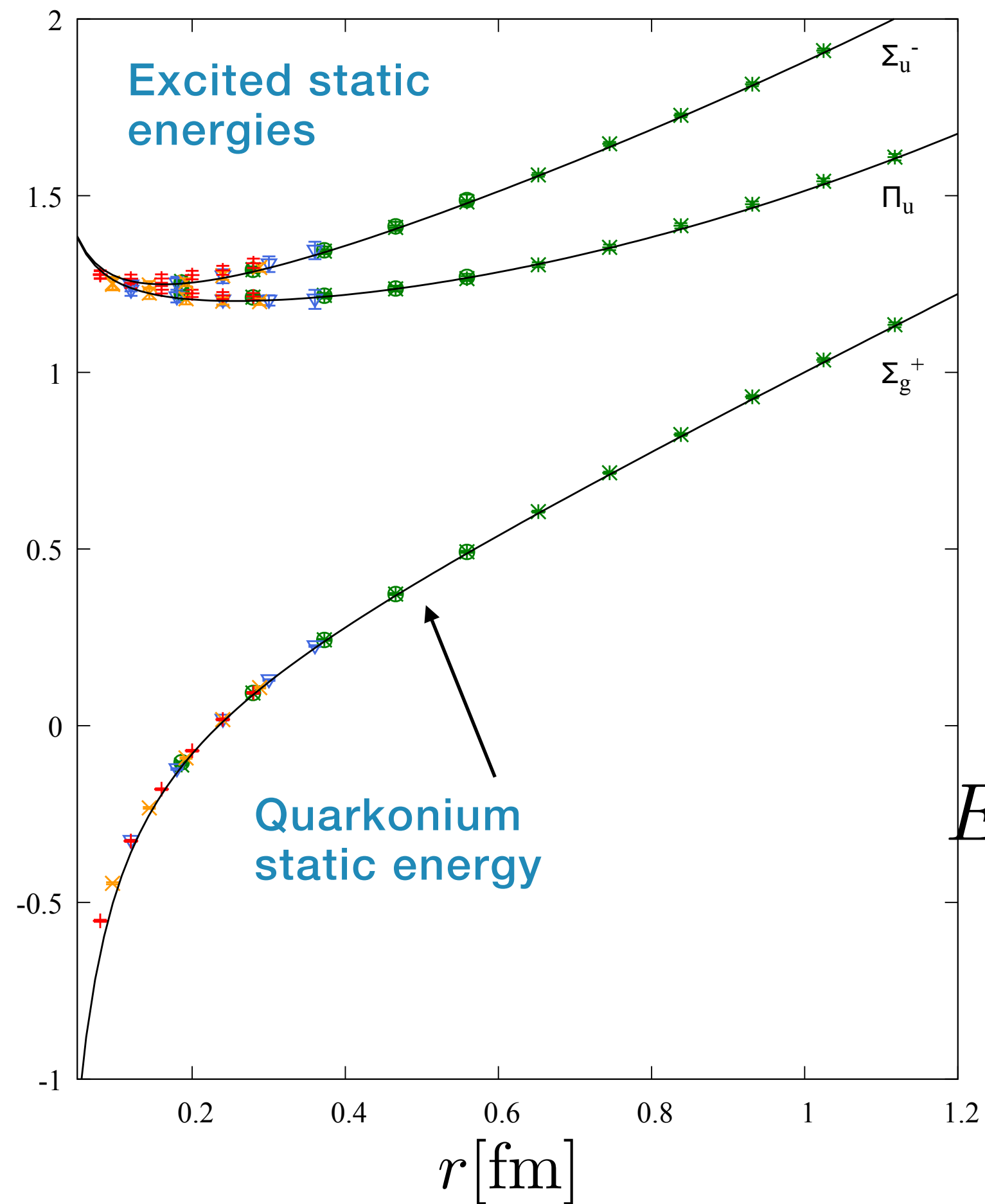
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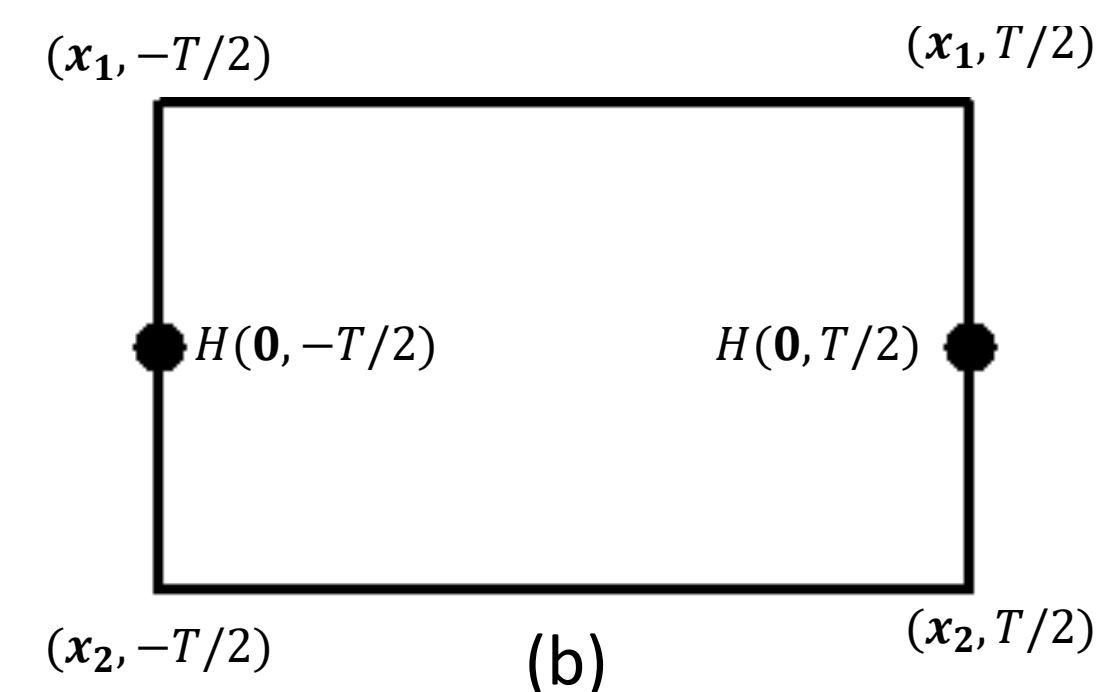
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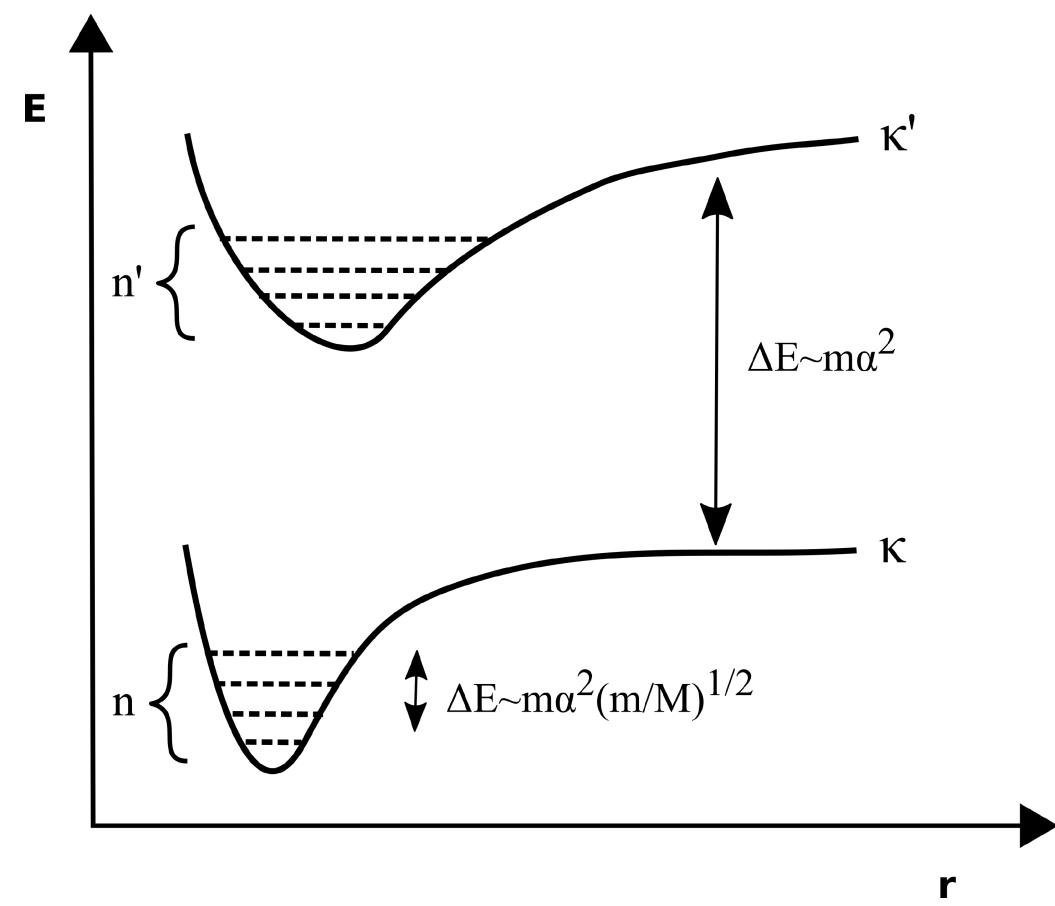
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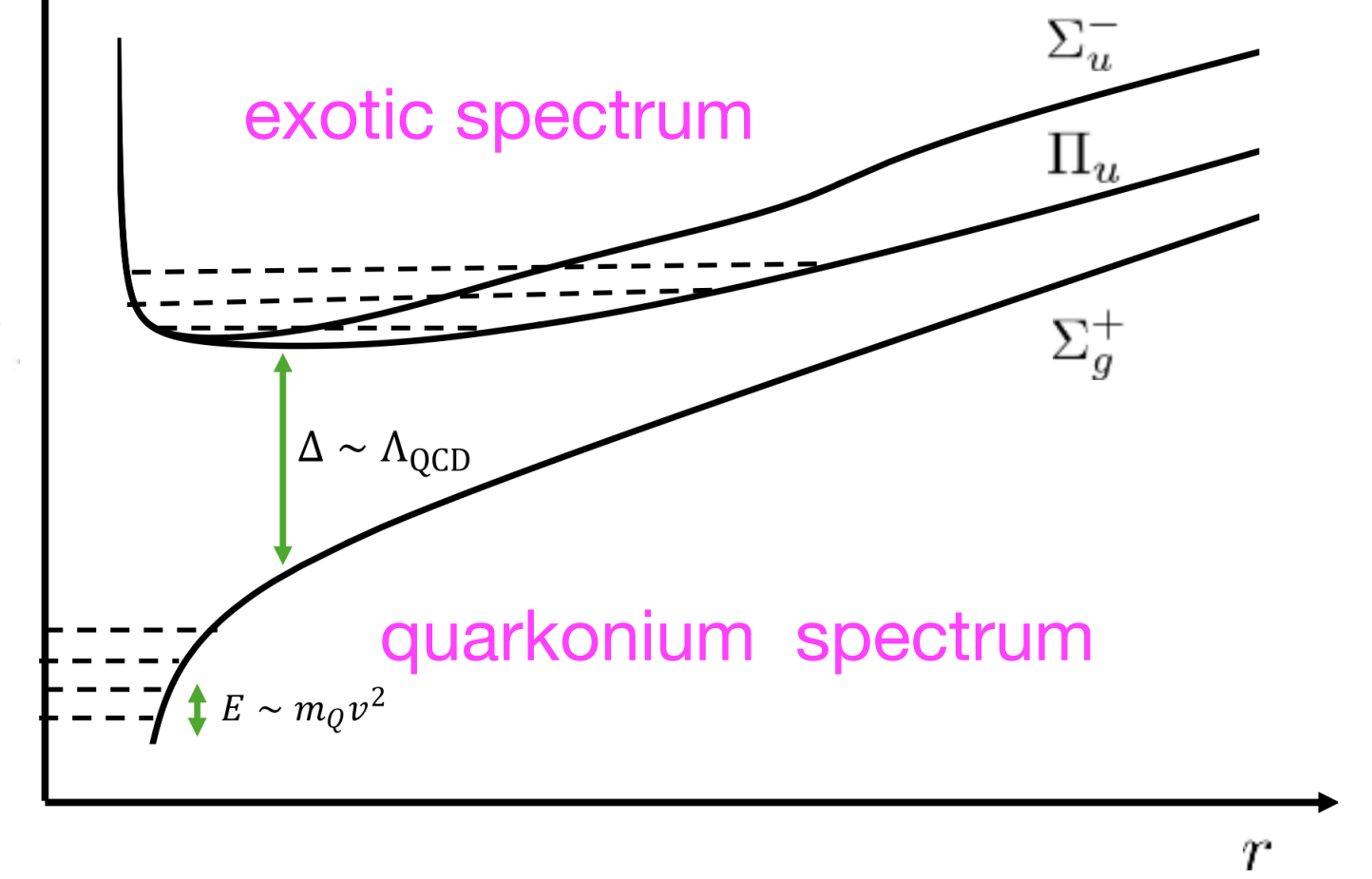
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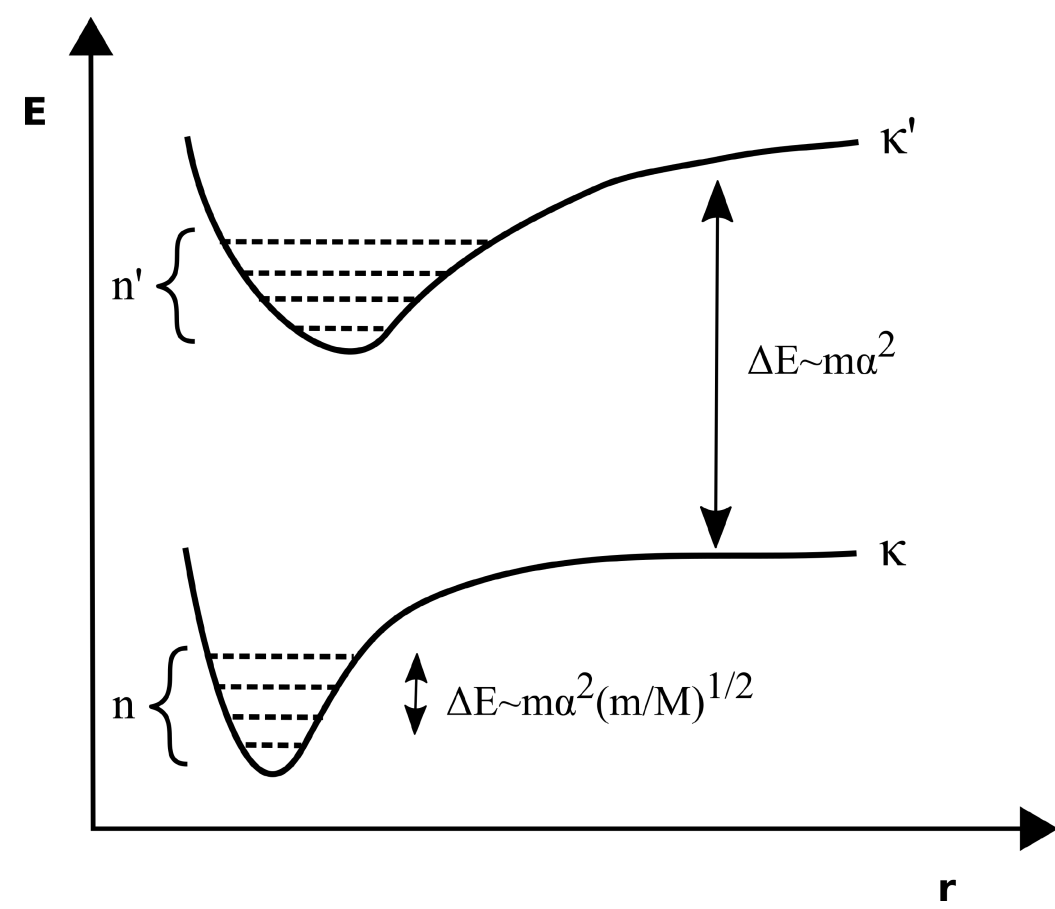
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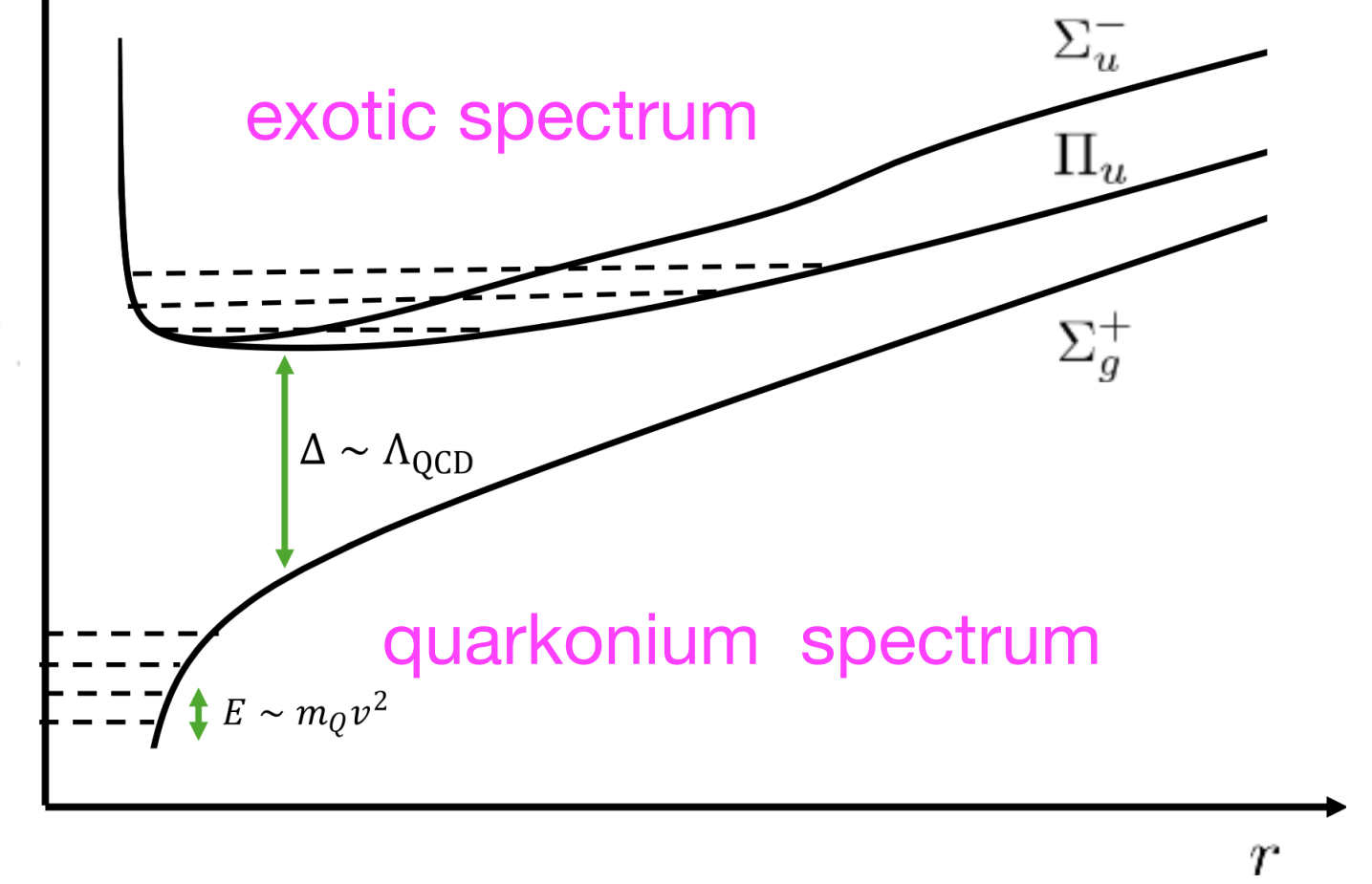
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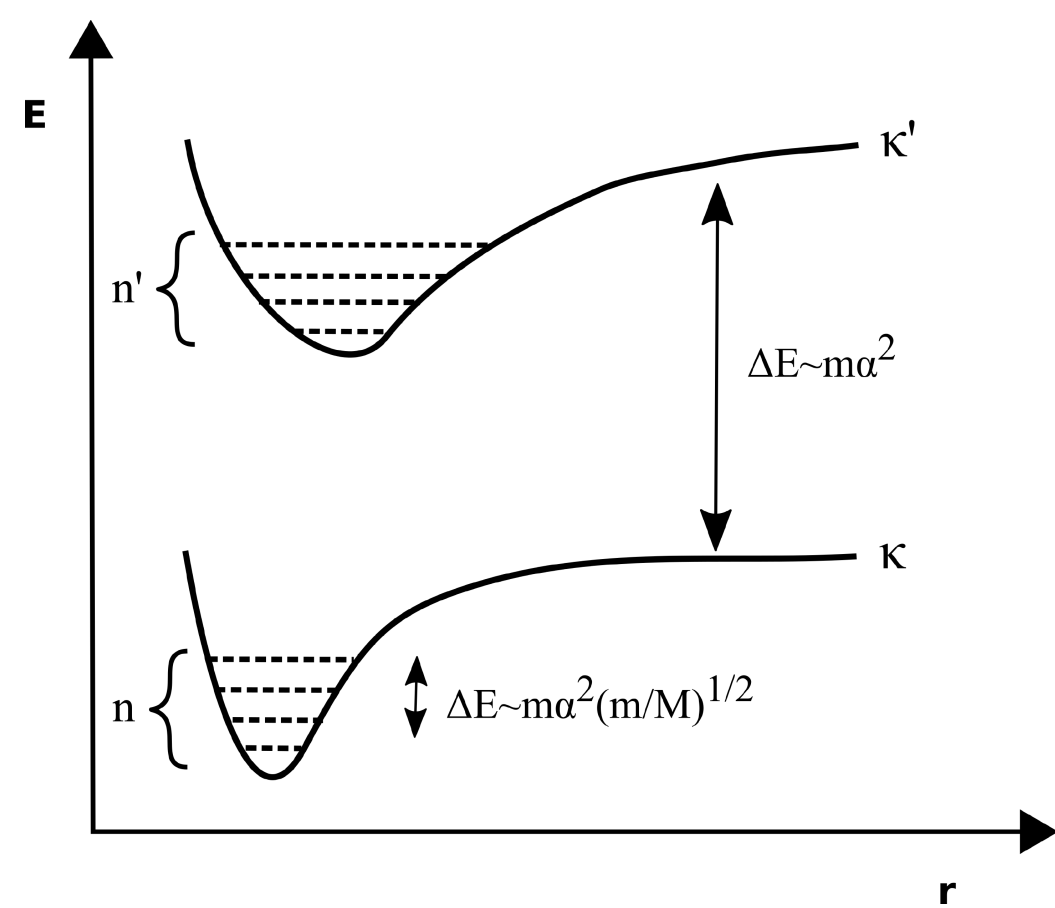
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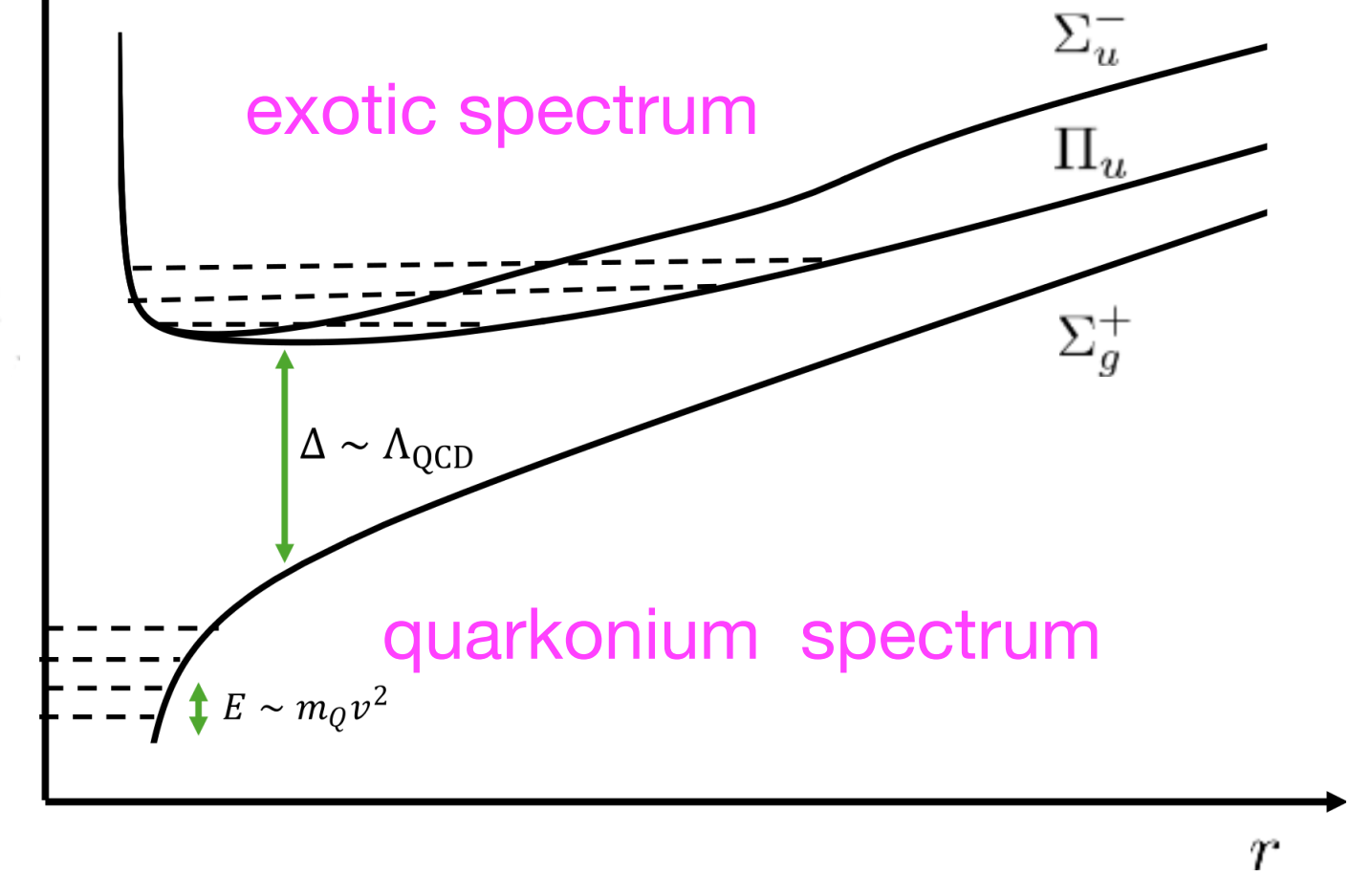
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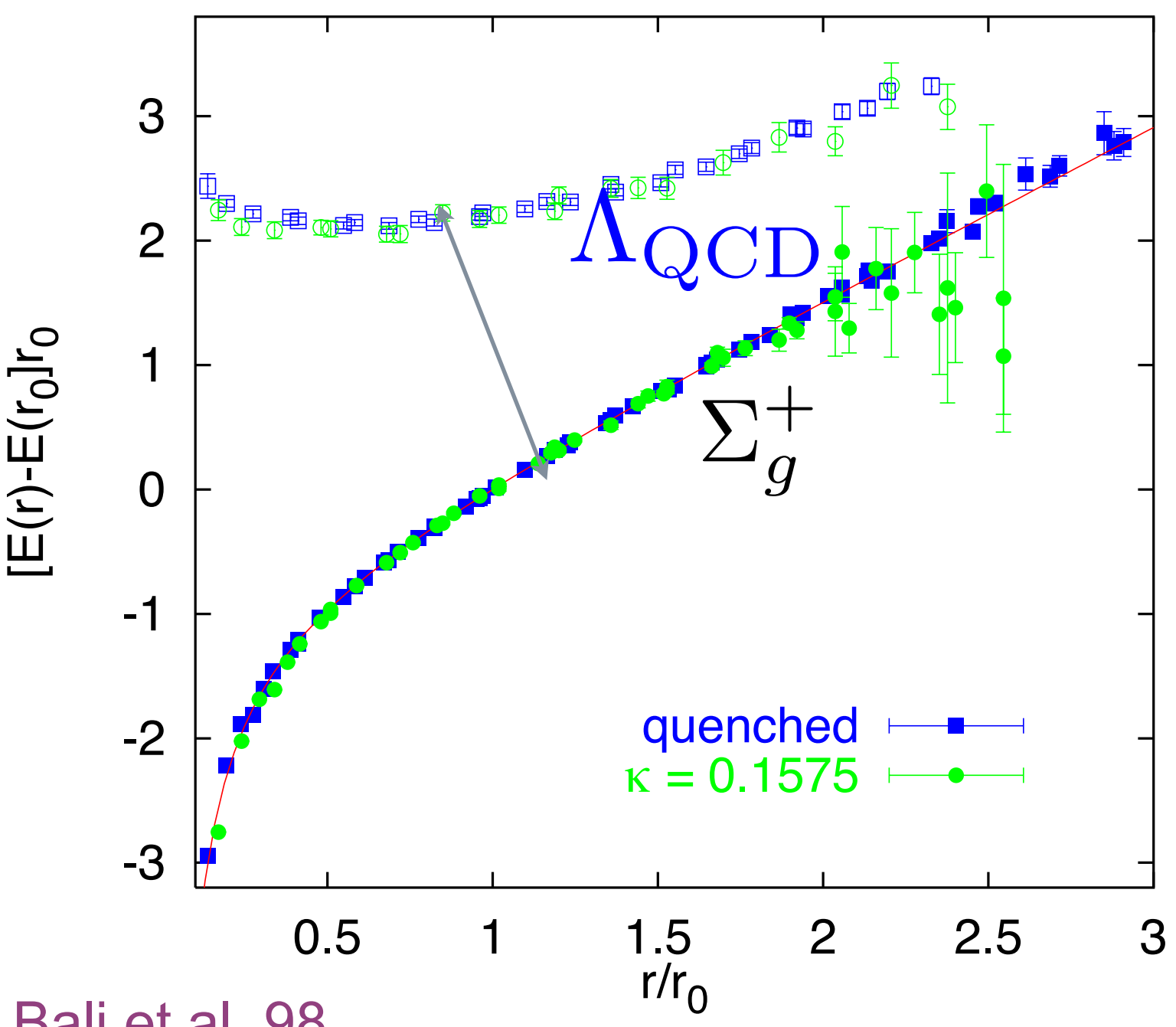
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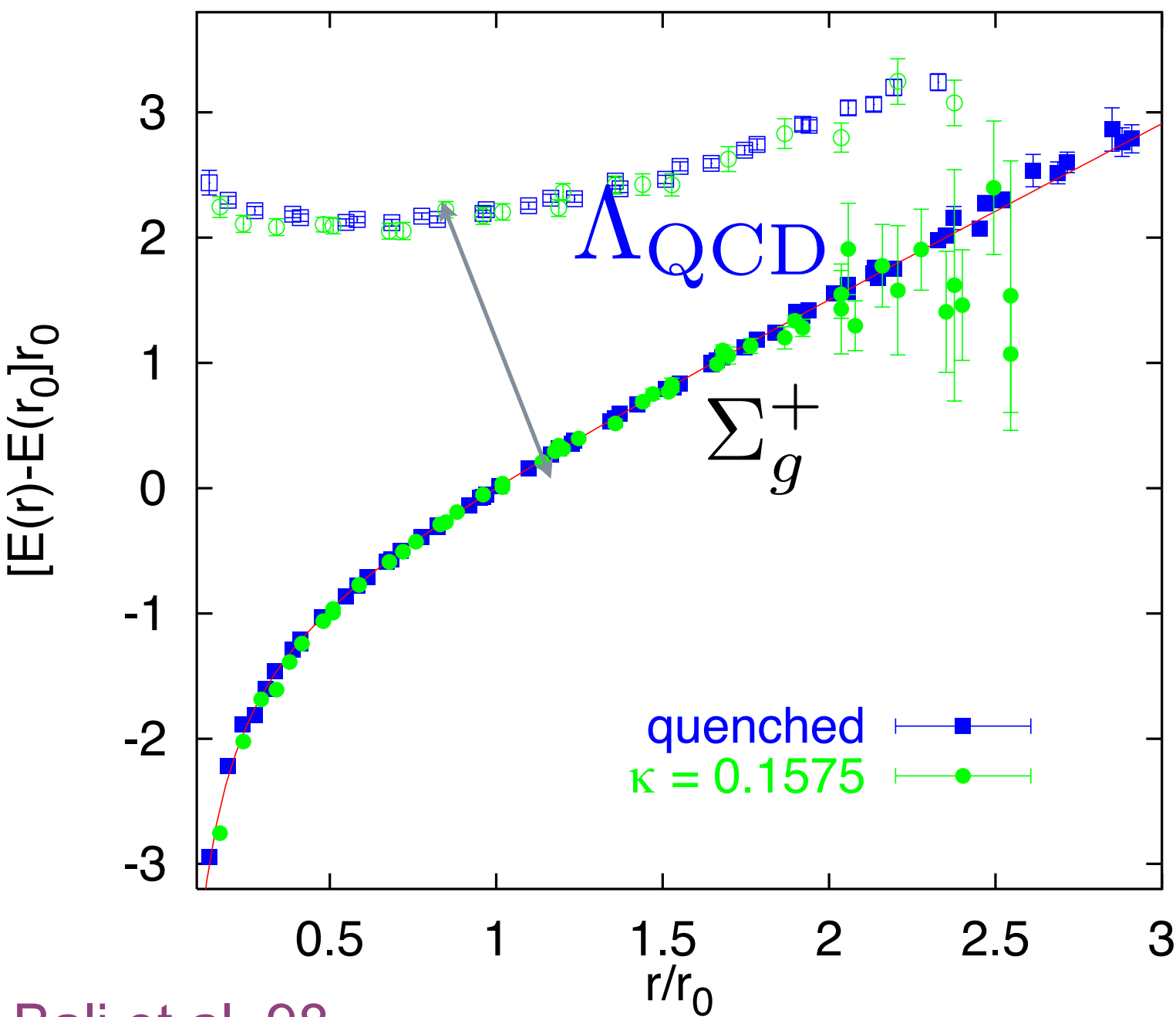
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- We obtain the form of the nonperturbative potentials V in terms of generalized Wilson loops (stat that are low energy pure gluonic correlators: all the flavour dependence is pulled out)

Applications regard: Spectrum, decays, production, studies of confinement

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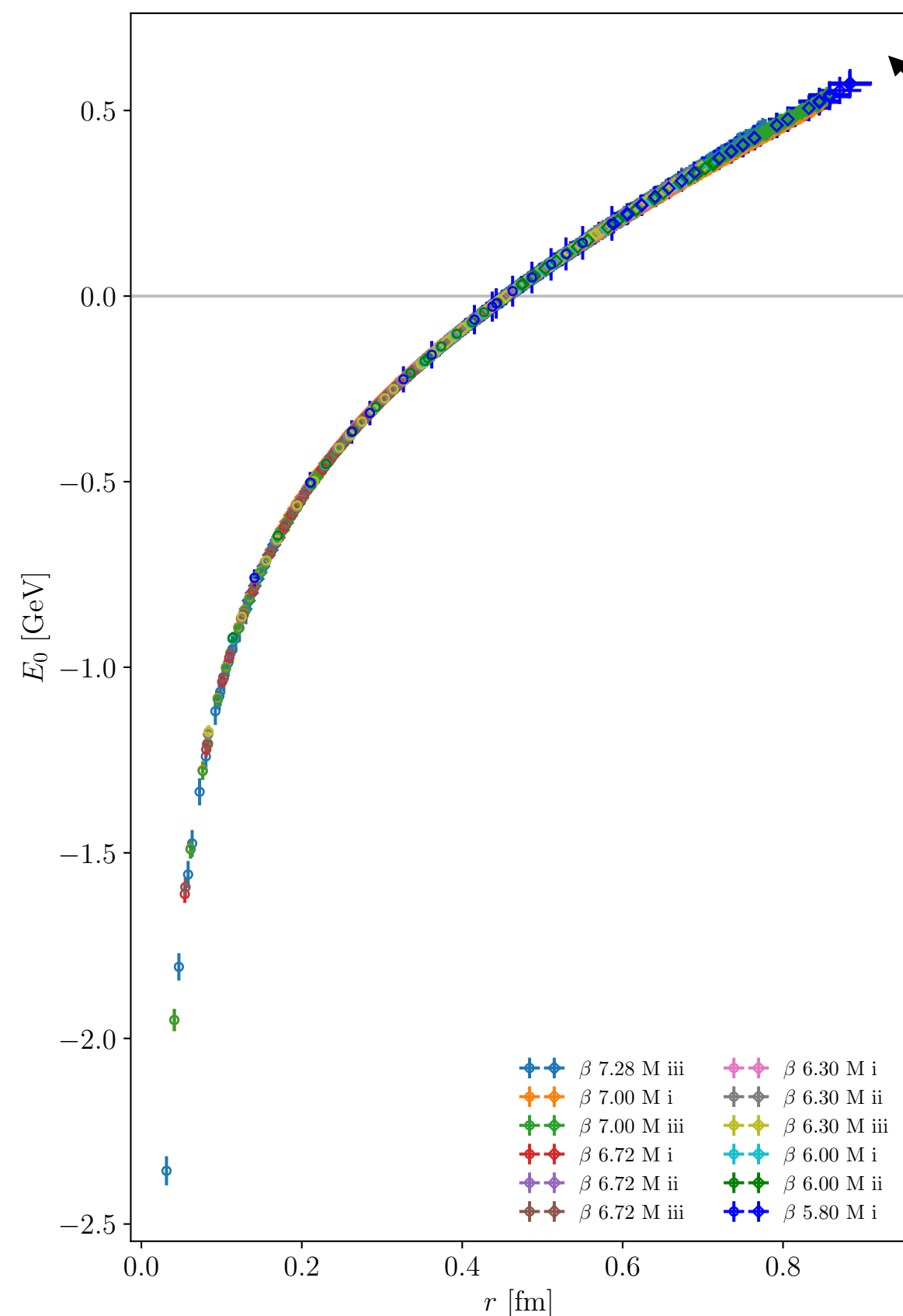
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State of the art:
2+1+1 quarkonium
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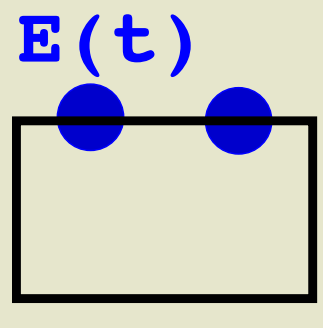
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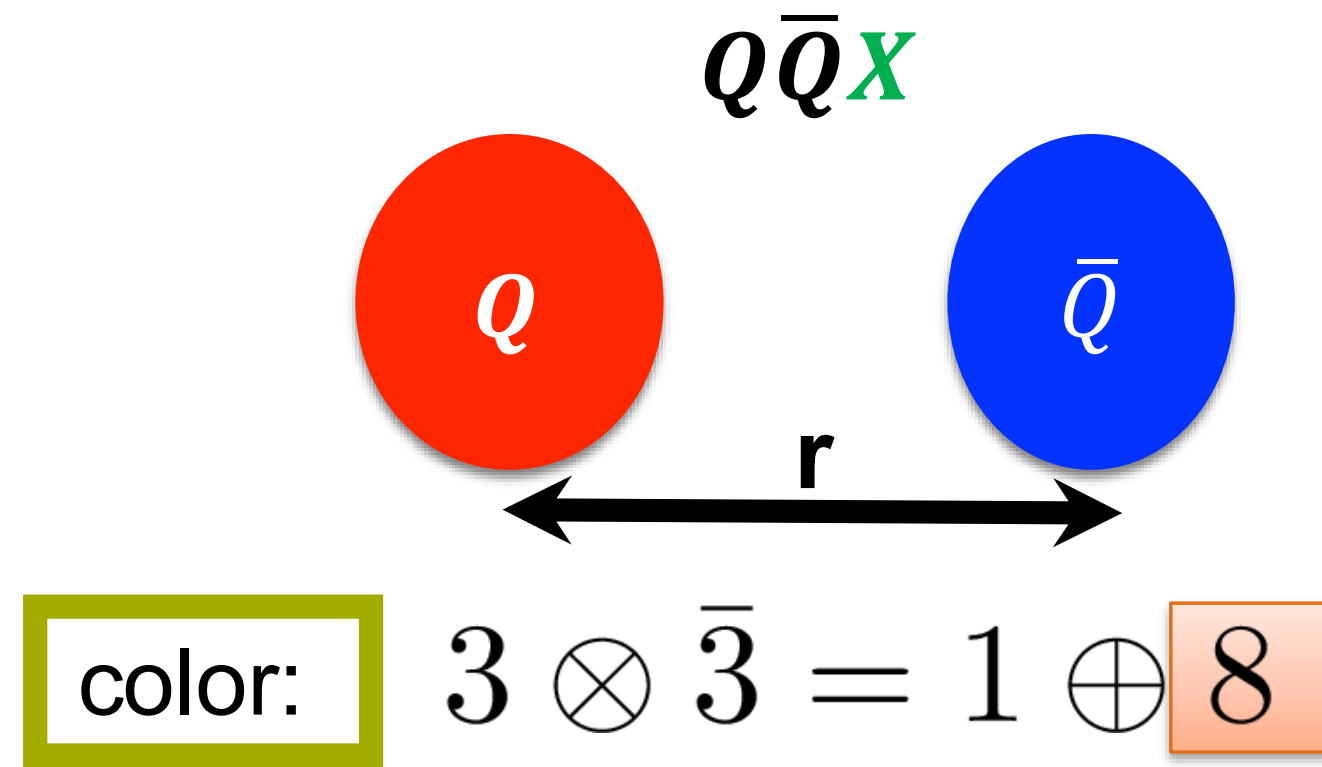
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- the potentials contain the contribution of the scale m inherited from NRQCD matching coefficients —> they cancel any QM divergences, good UV behaviour
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 2. We define the NRQCD static energies via gauge-invariant correlator of appropriate interpolating operators
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- Mixing appears:** at short distance between static energies with same $k \rightarrow$ **coupled Schr. Eqs.**
at large distance between static energies with same BO numbers that get close (avoided level crossing) \rightarrow **coupled Schr. Eqs.**
7. Solve the coupled Schroedinger eqs. To obtain X and the Tcc, hybrids, pentaquarks....
 8. Consider spin relativistic corrections at order $1/m$

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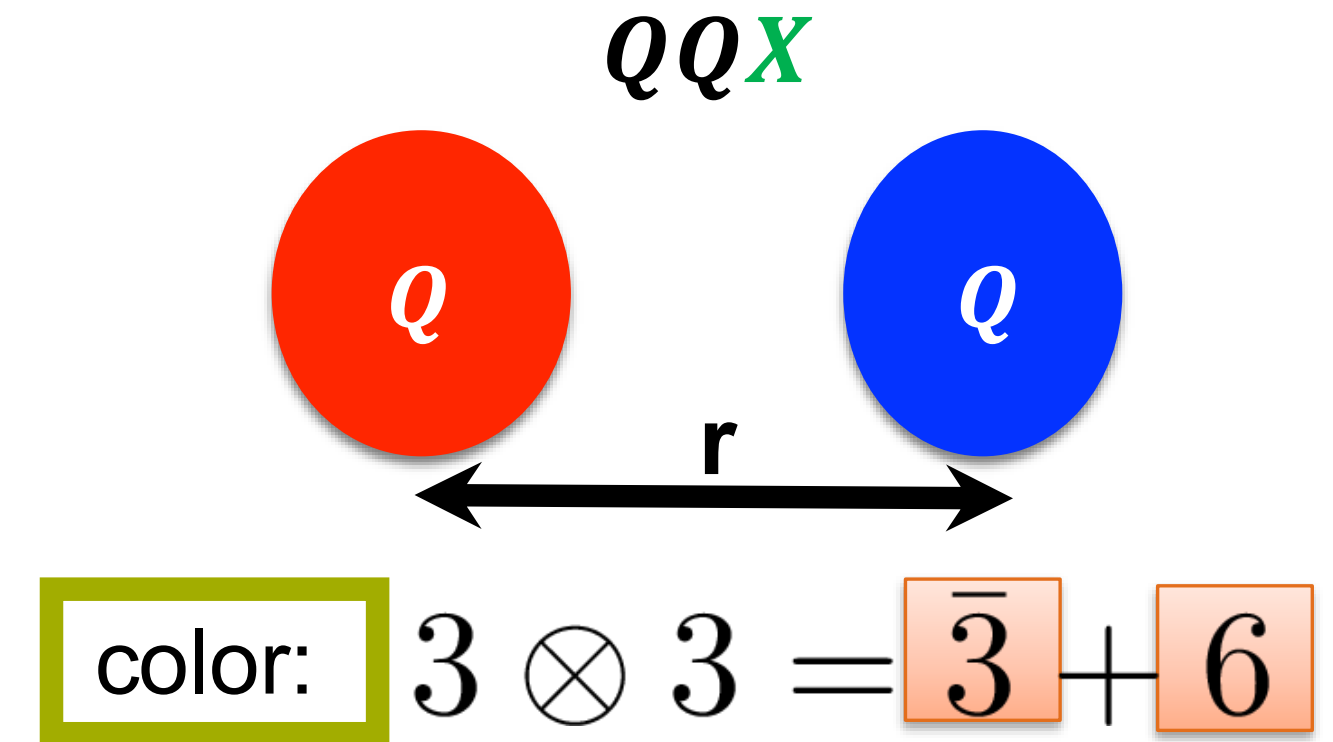
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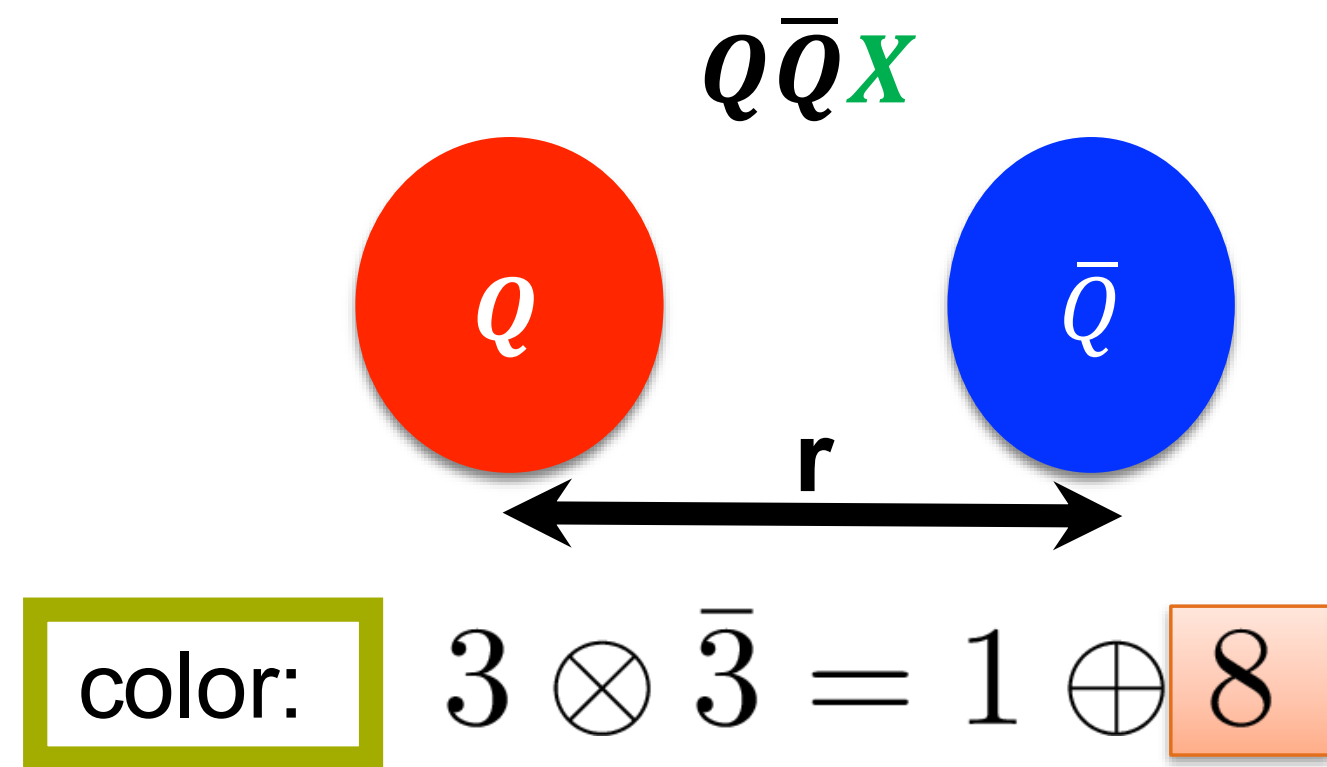
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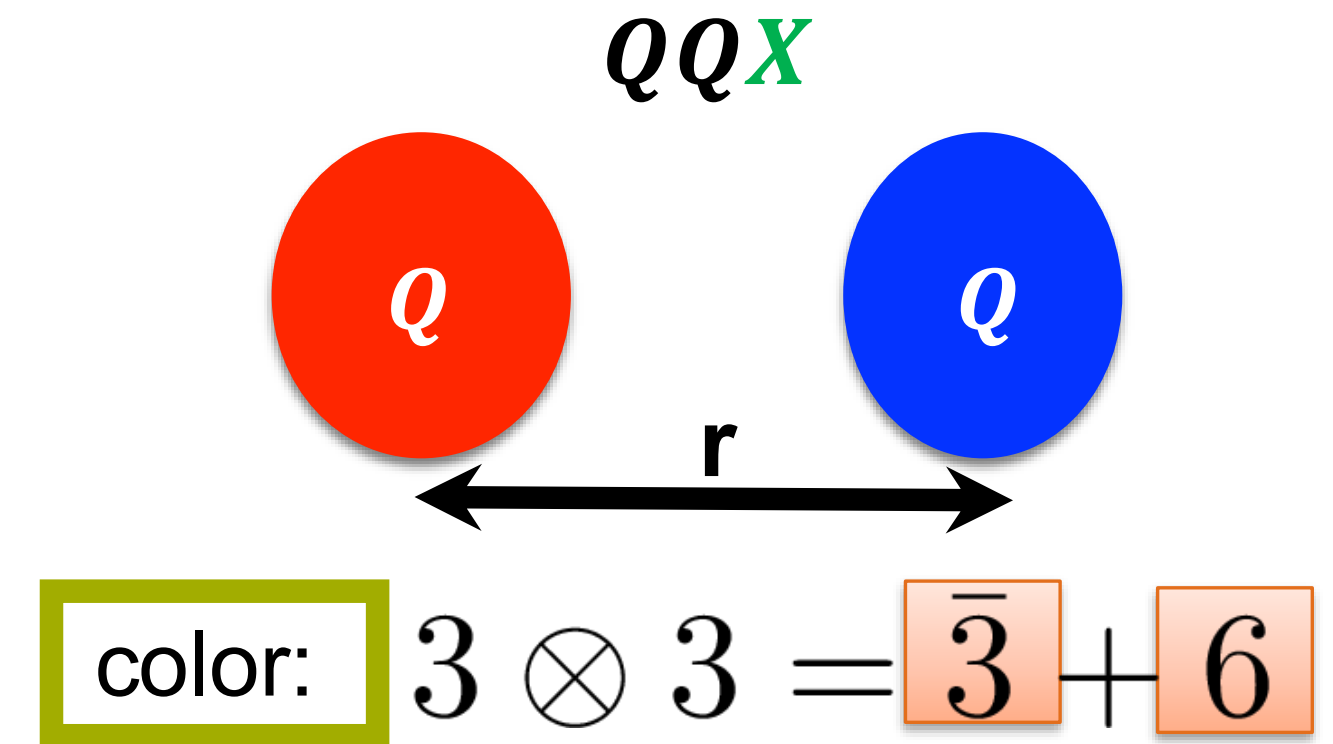
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Coupled Schoedinger equations with

Born-Oppenheimer (BO) potential:

$$V_{\kappa\lambda\lambda'}(r) = E_{\kappa,|\lambda|}^{(0)}(r)\delta_{\lambda\lambda'} + \frac{V_{\kappa\lambda\lambda'}^{(1)}(r)}{m_Q} + \dots,$$

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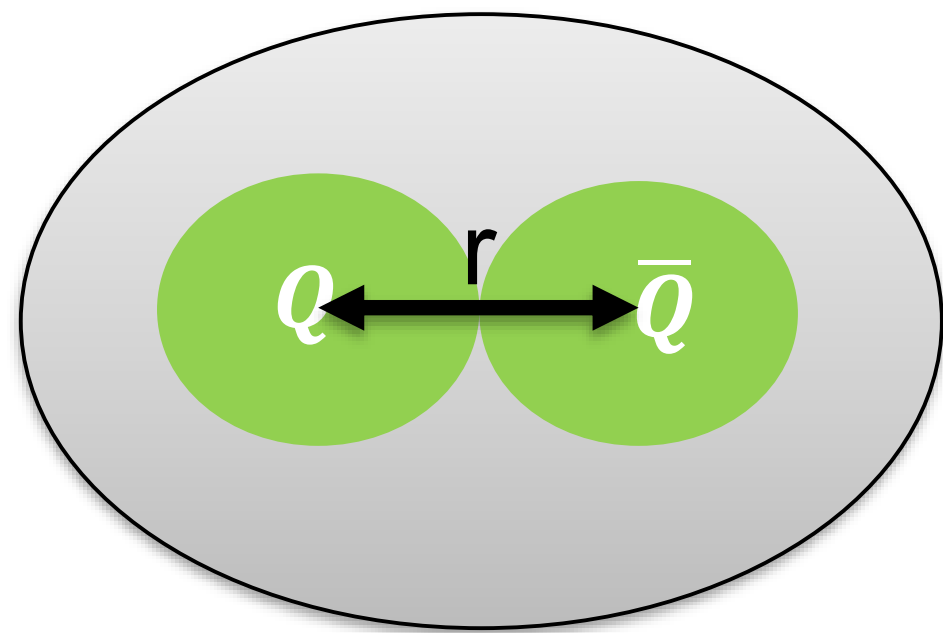
Spin-dependent potentials

Notice: for exotics spin correction at order $1/m_Q$!!

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



Short-distance ($r \rightarrow 0$)

$Q\bar{Q}$:

$$E_{\Sigma_g^+}^{(0)}(r) = V_s(r) + b_{\Sigma_g^+} r^2$$

$Q\bar{Q}X$:

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

QQX :

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

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

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

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

Field theory definition of gluelumps, adjoint mesons, triplet mesons.. masses

Triplet and sextet mesons operators give a gauge invariant field theory definition of (good and bad) diquarks

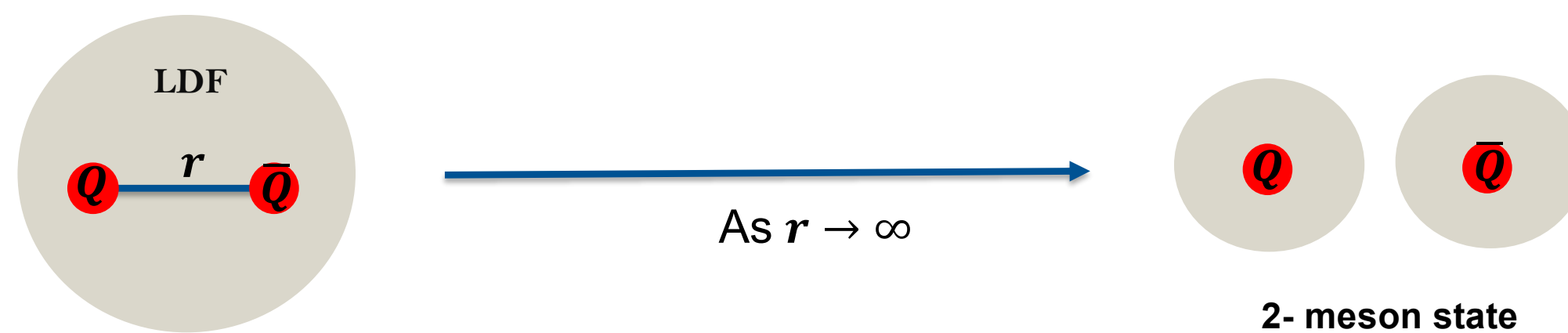
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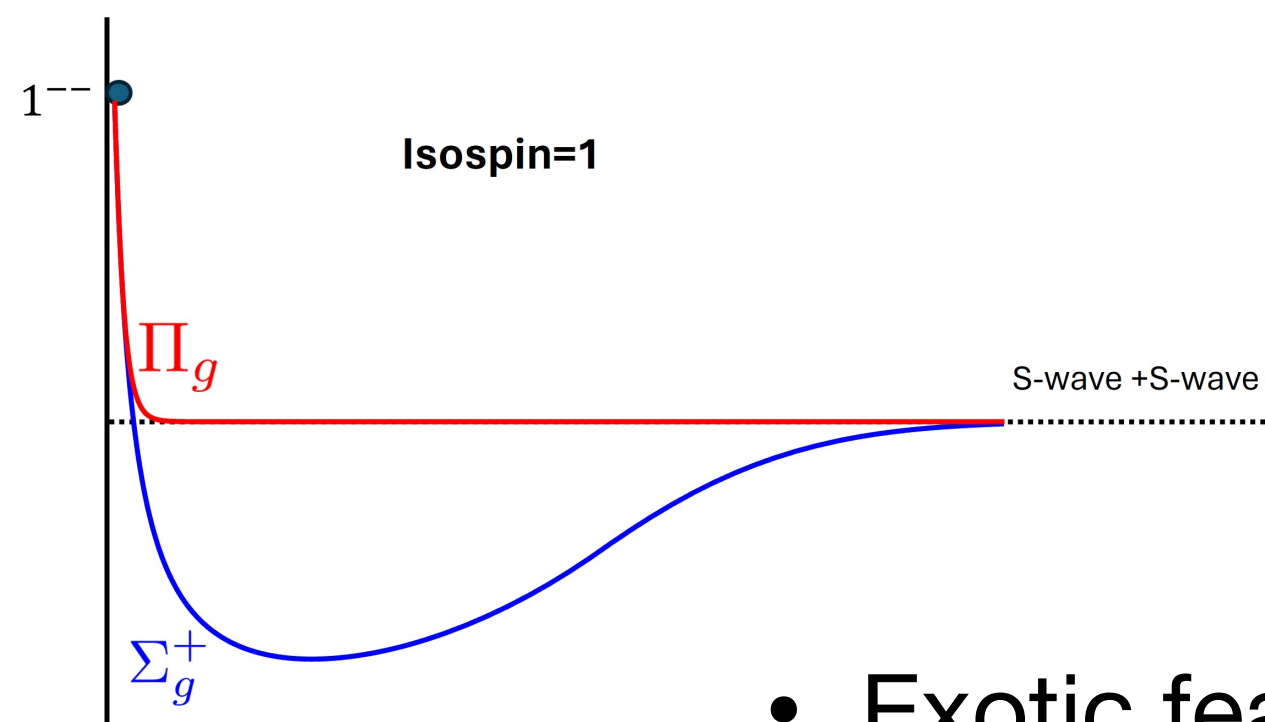
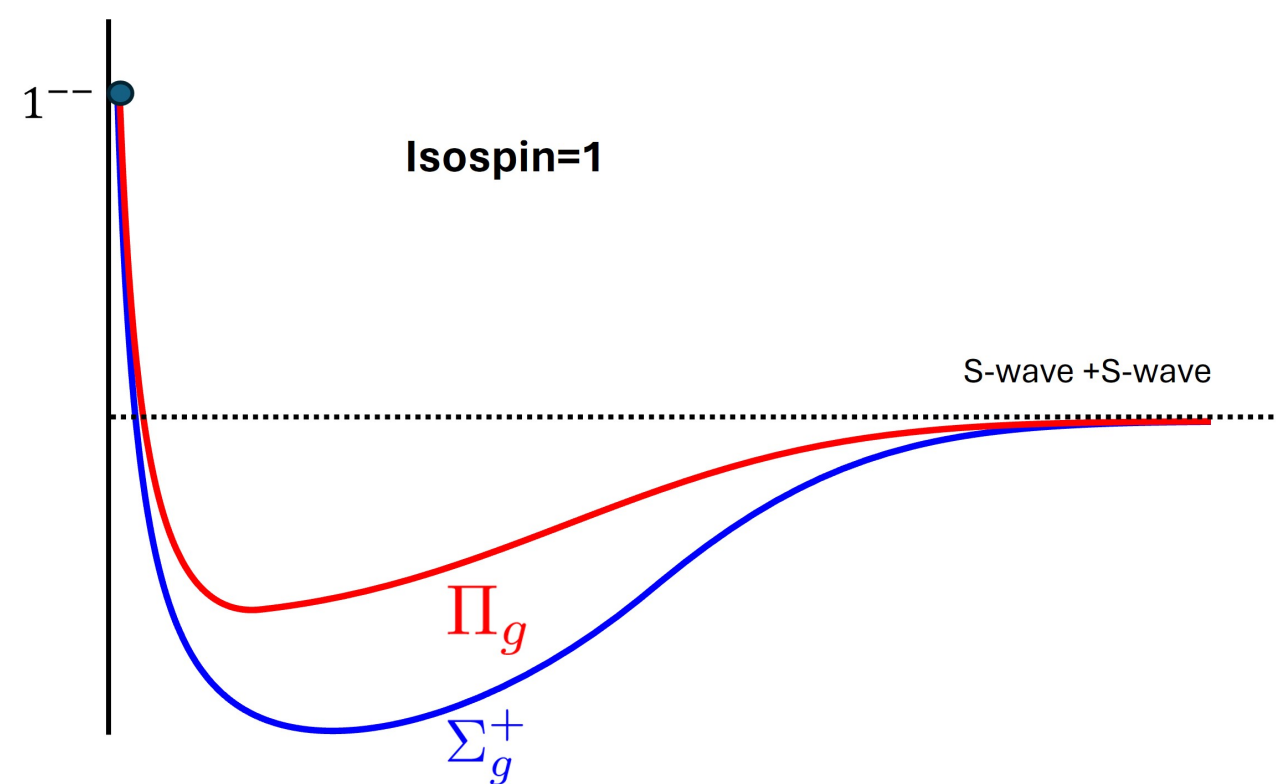
BO quantum number conserved



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

BO-quantum # Λ_{η}^{σ} for adjoint meson:

BO-quantum # Λ_{η}^{σ} for meson-antimeson



The potentials should go to the heavy light static threshold \rightarrow consequences:

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We calculate the open flavor threshold effects on quarkonium spectrum below threshold and the percentage of quarkonium and tetraquark in each state—> this has phenomenological consequences

We can e.g, establish that 2p state at 4010 MeV above threshold is 90% quarkonium while the X(3872) is 90% tetraquark

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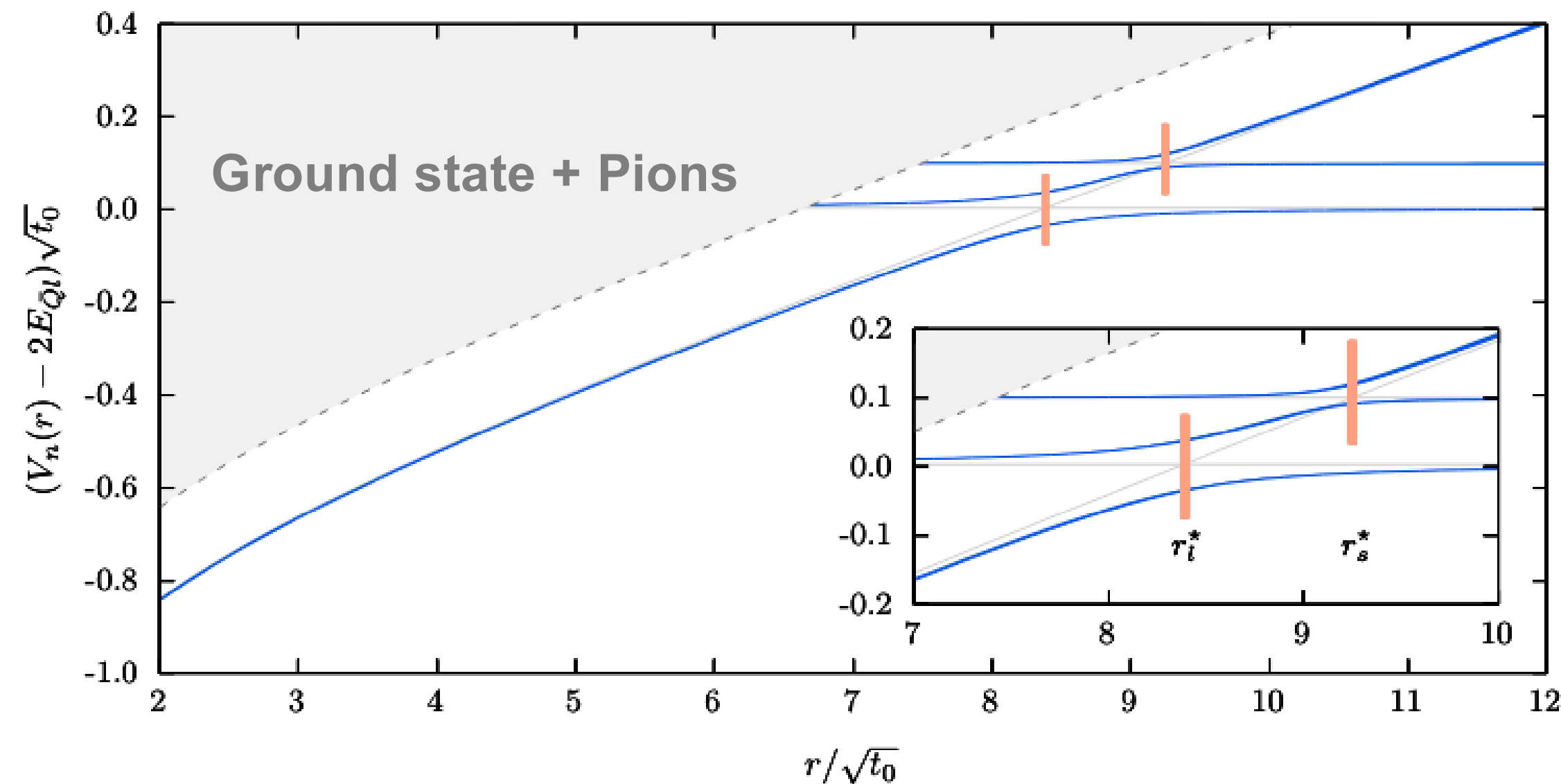
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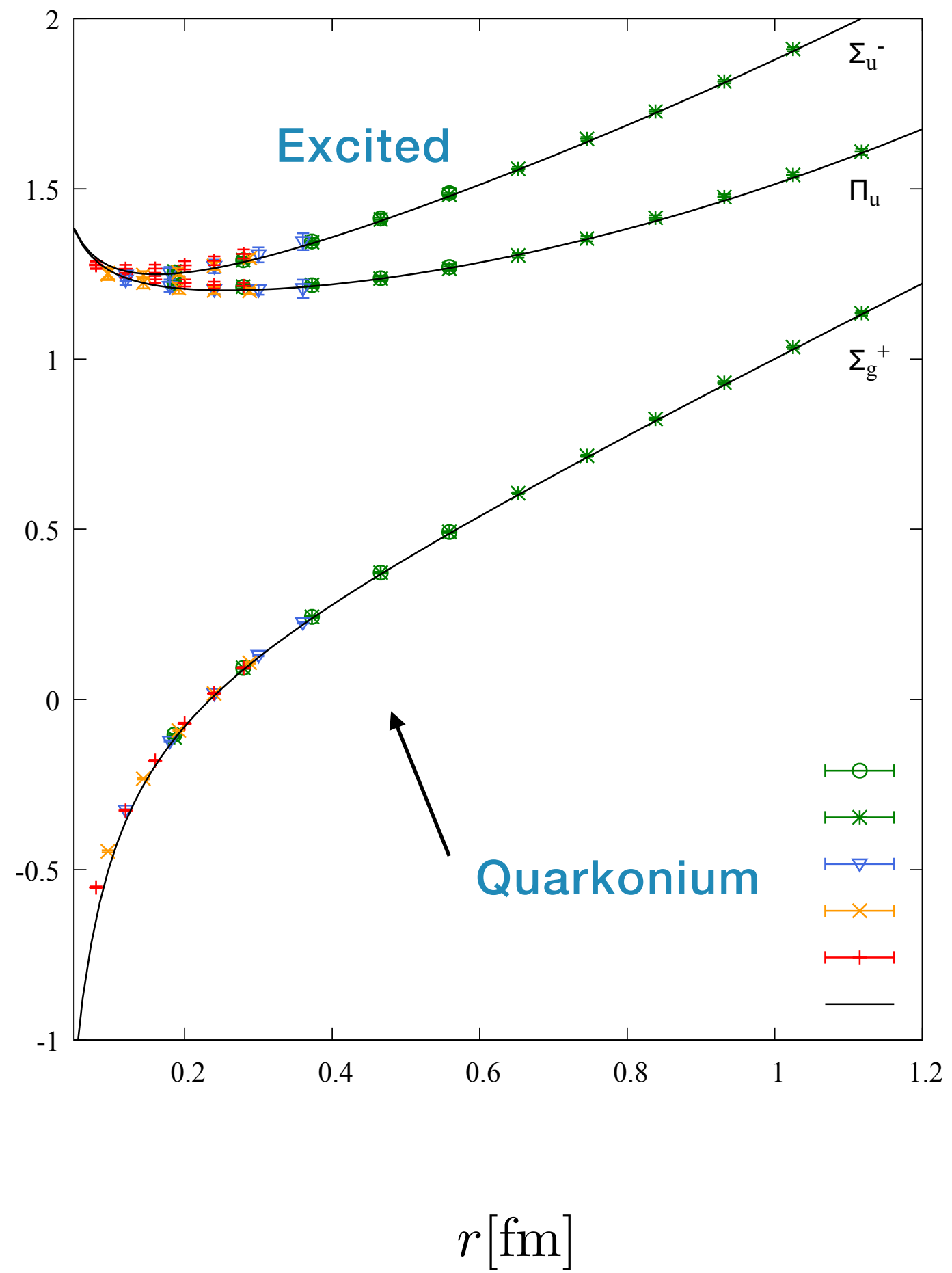
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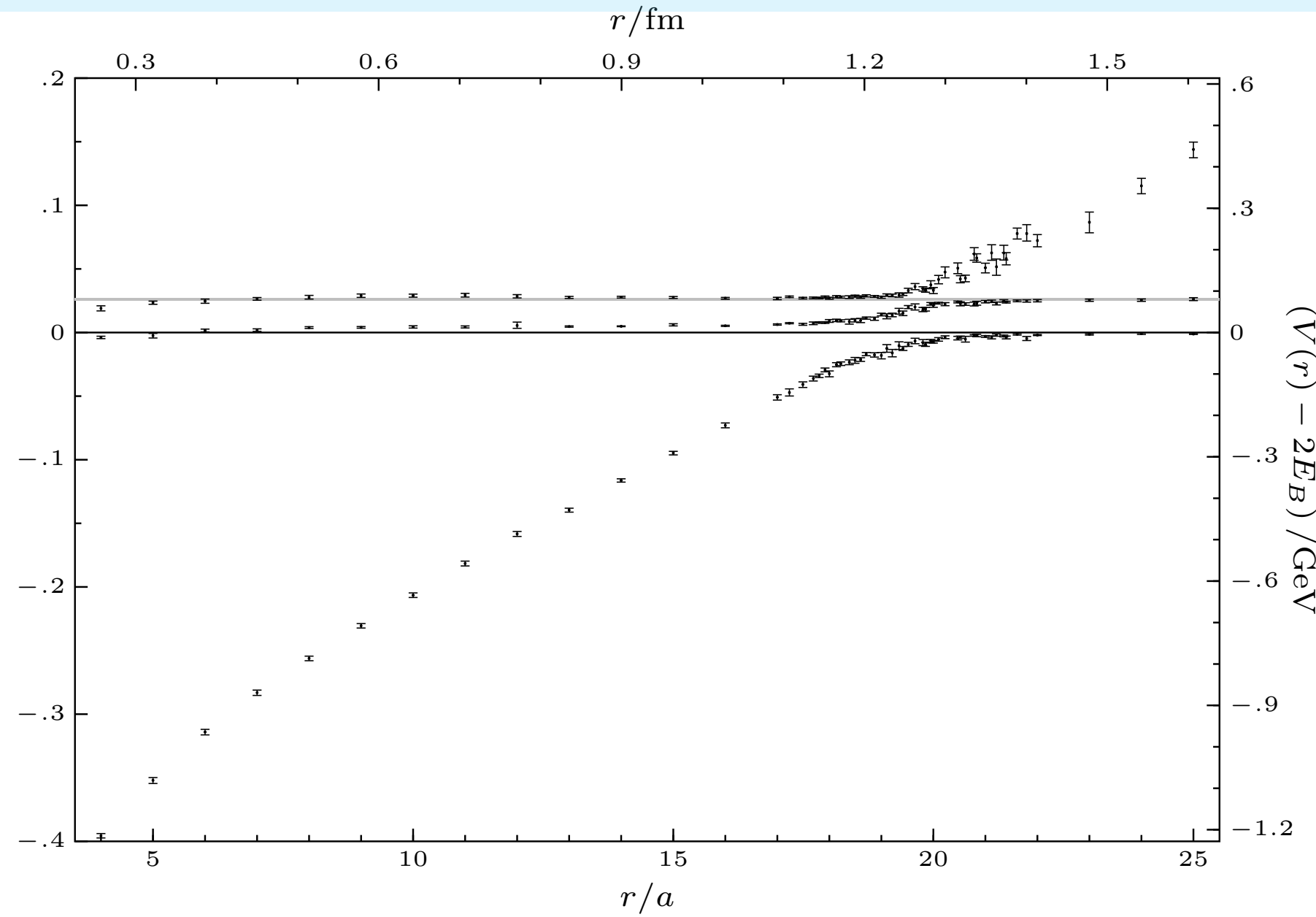
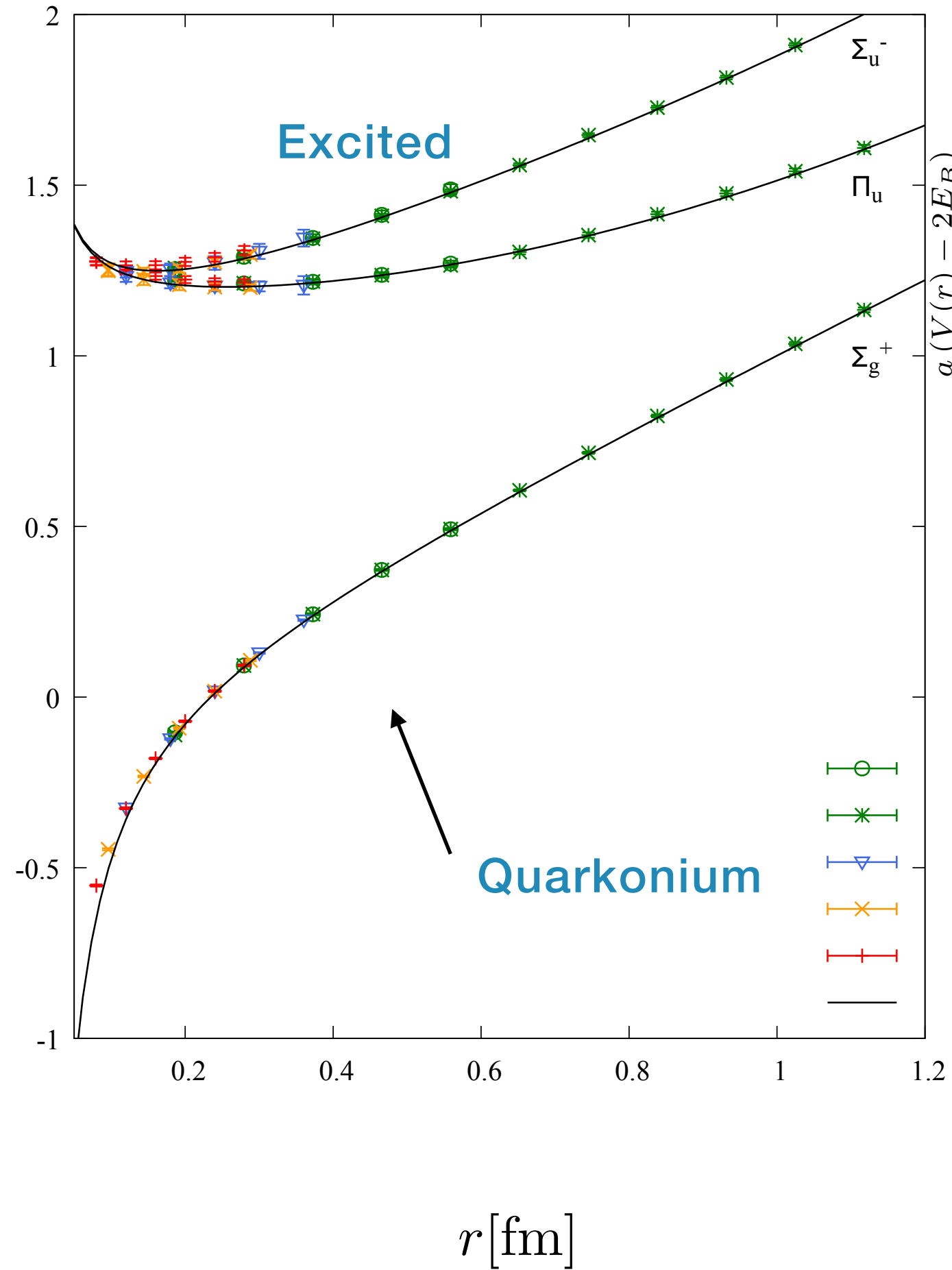
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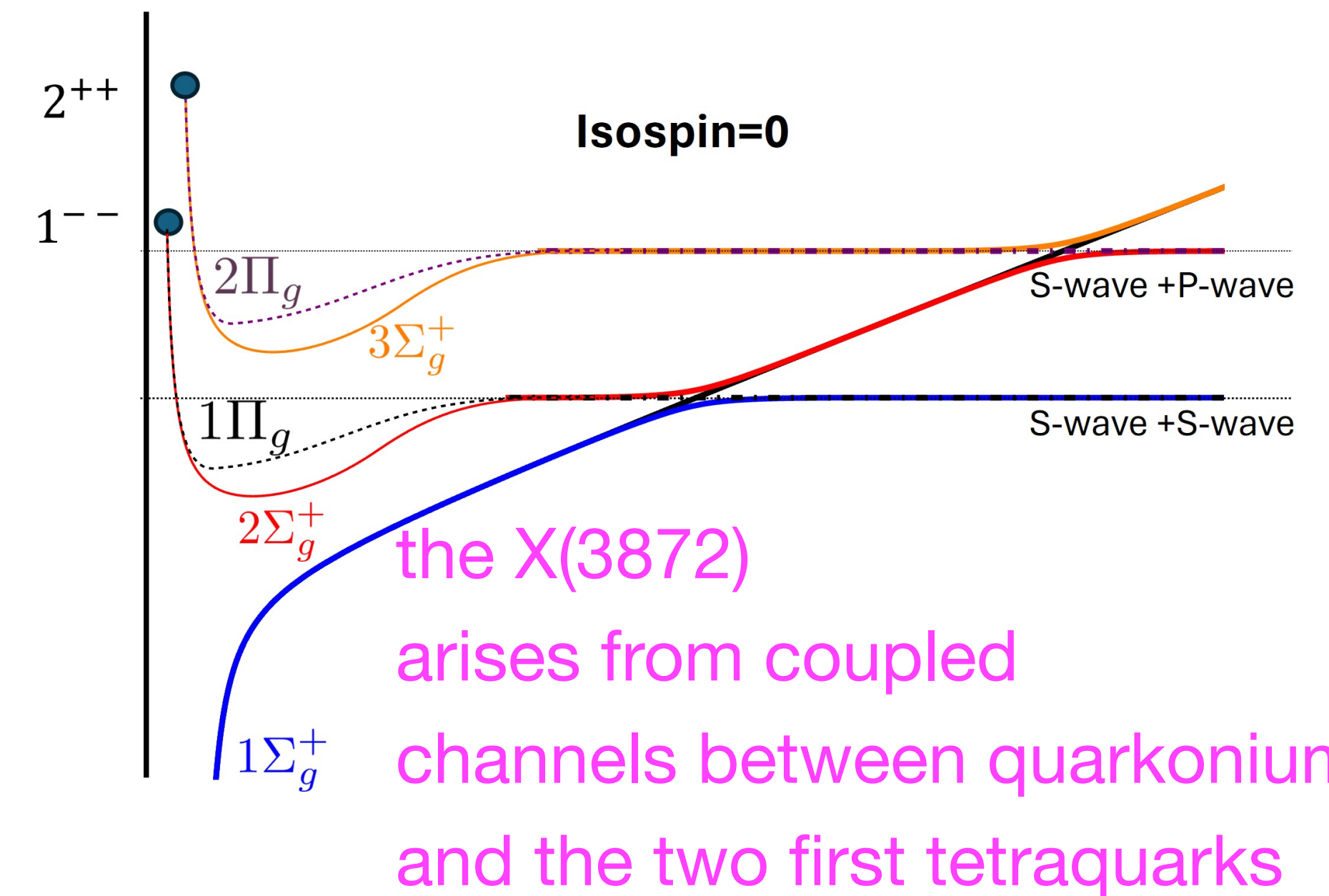
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tetraquarks and heavy-light overlap at large distance

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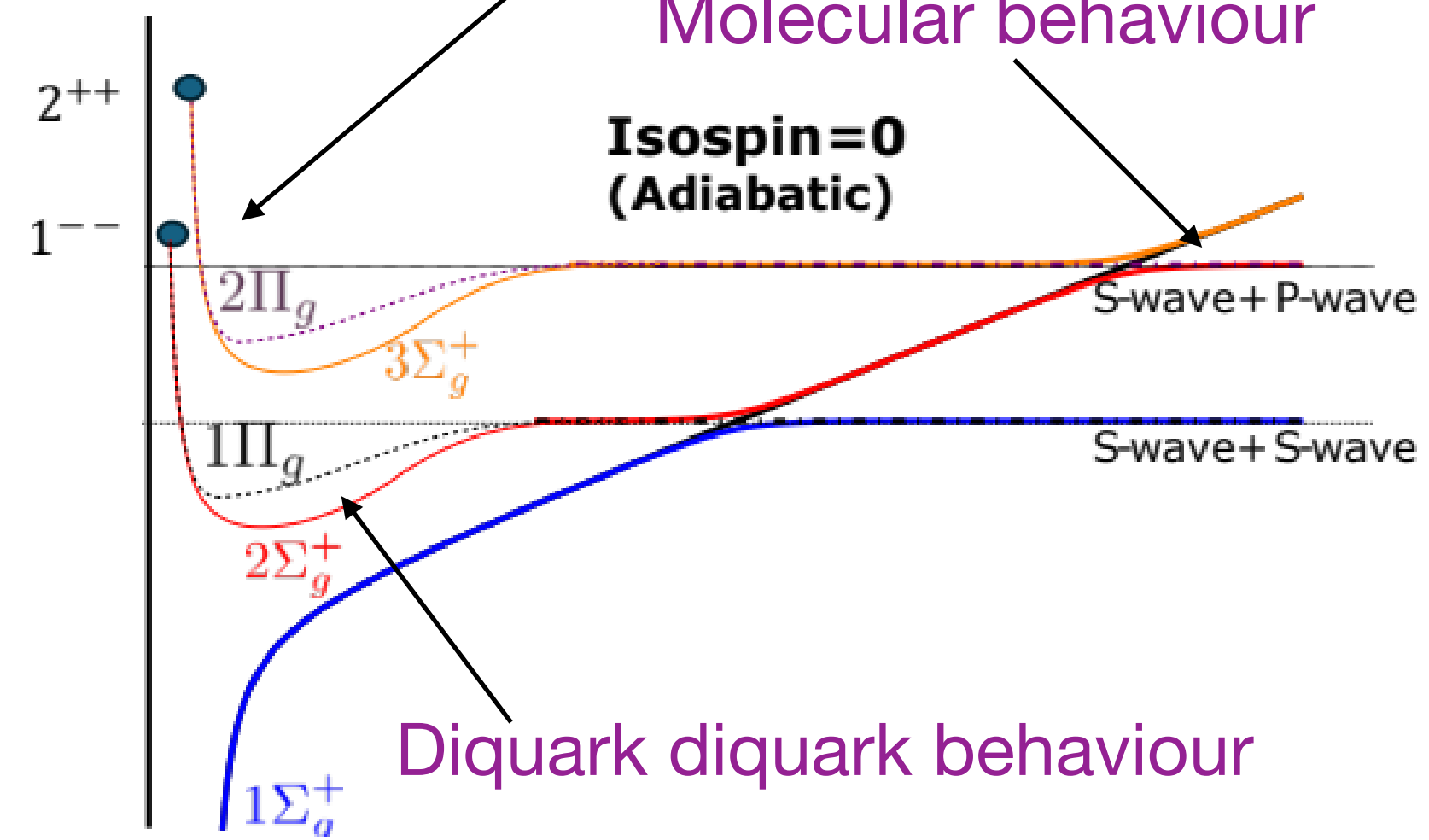


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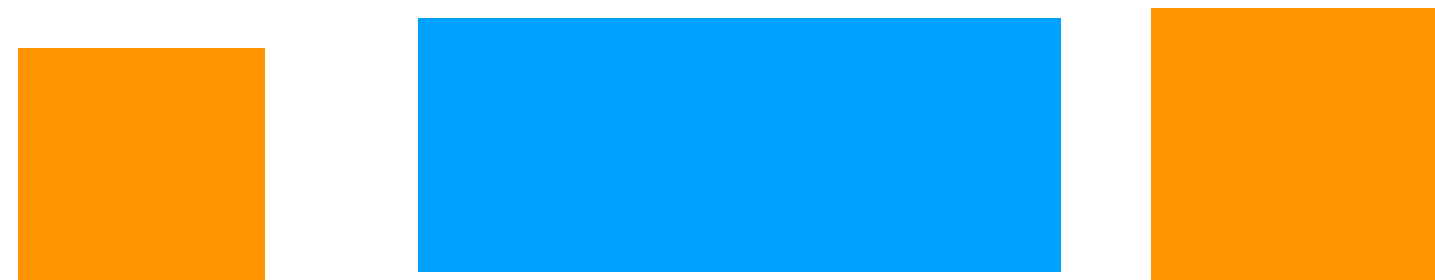
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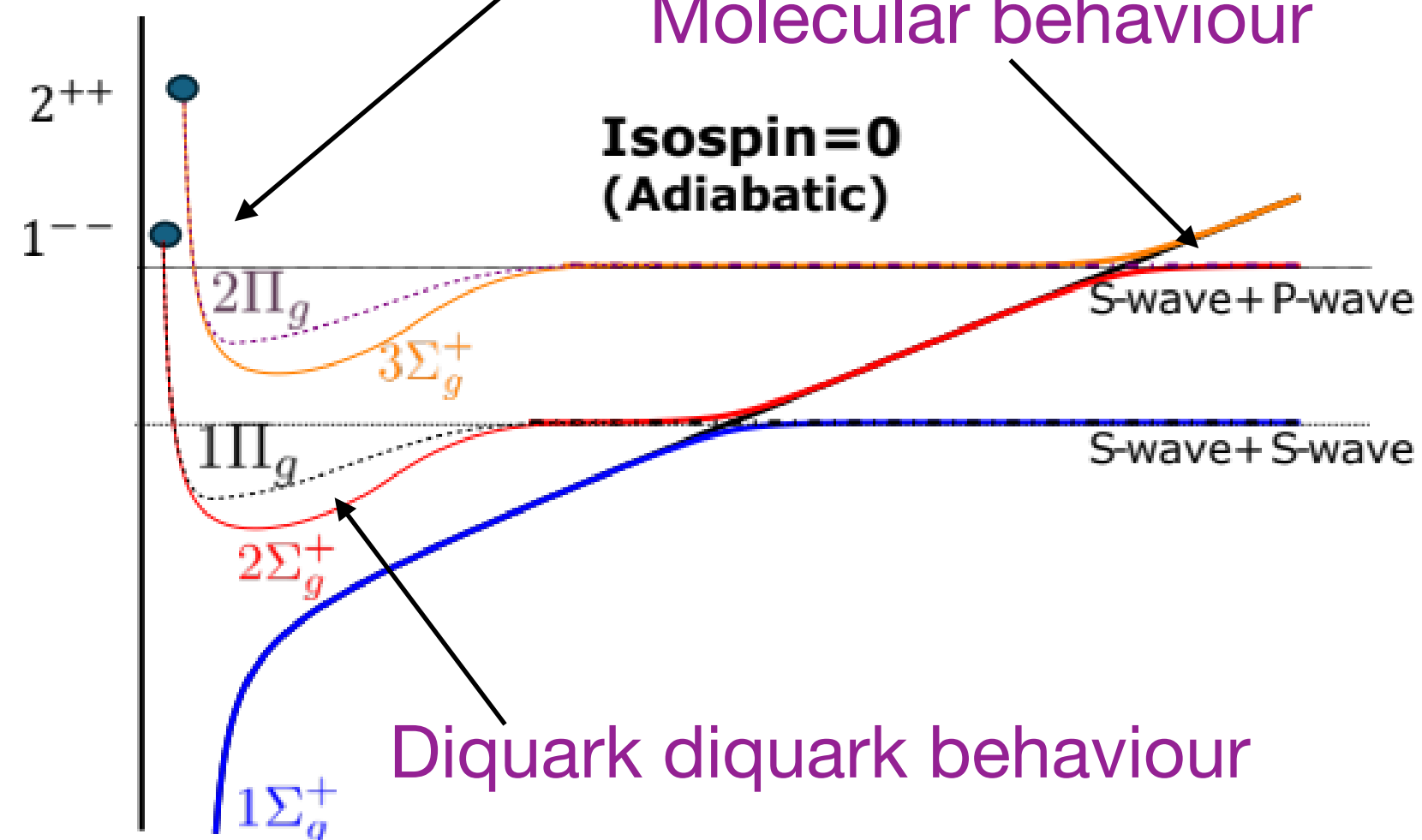
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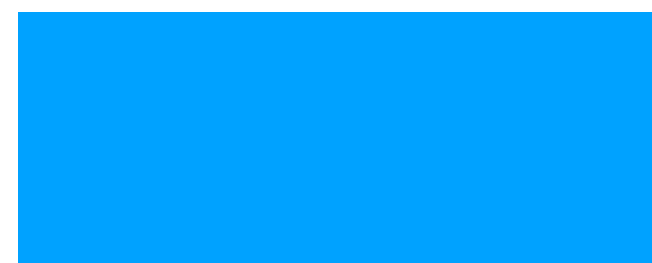
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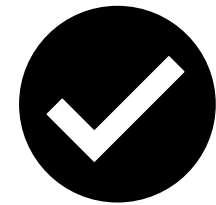
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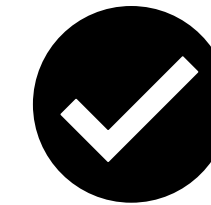
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Results on Spectroscopy (as From Abhishek Talk)

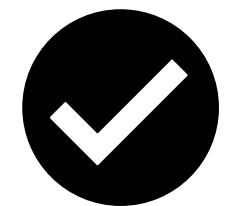
X(3872) : close to threshold, radius of 15 fm, 10% of quarkonium, 90% tetraquarks, spin multiplet, Radiative decays, compositeness



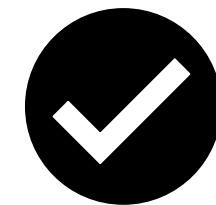
Xb, mainly tetraquark, non exotic characteristics



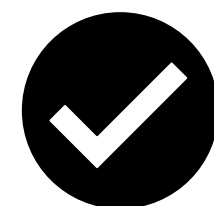
Tcc close to threshold, large radius, prediction of Tbb and Tbc in agreement with lattice



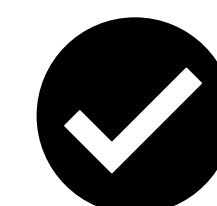
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Inclusive Hadroproduction Cross Section in NRQCD

In NRQCD, the production cross sections for a quarkonium Q factorize

- in short distance coefficients, $\sigma_{Q\bar{Q}(N)}$, encoding contributions from energy scales of order m or larger,
- and in long distance matrix elements (LDMEs), $\langle\Omega|\mathcal{O}^Q(N)|\Omega\rangle$, encoding contributions of order mv , mv^2 and Λ_{QCD} ,

perturbative

nonperturbative

$$\sigma_{Q+X} = \sum_N \underbrace{\sigma_{Q\bar{Q}(N)}}_{\text{SDC}} \underbrace{\langle\Omega|\mathcal{O}^Q(N)|\Omega\rangle}_{\text{LDMEs}}.$$

$N = 2S+1 L_J^{1,8}$

Vacuum state

Inclusive Hadroproduction Cross Section in NRQCD

In NRQCD, the production cross sections for a quarkonium \mathcal{Q} factorize

- in short distance coefficients, $\sigma_{Q\bar{Q}(N)}$, encoding contributions from energy scales of order m or larger,
- and in long distance matrix elements (LDMEs), $\langle \Omega | \mathcal{O}^{\mathcal{Q}}(N) | \Omega \rangle$, encoding contributions of order mv , mv^2 and Λ_{QCD} ,

perturbative

nonperturbative

$$\sigma_{\mathcal{Q}+X} = \sum_N \underbrace{\sigma_{Q\bar{Q}(N)}}_{\text{SDC}} \underbrace{\langle \Omega | \mathcal{O}^{\mathcal{Q}}(N) | \Omega \rangle}_{\text{LDMEs}}.$$

$N = 2S+1 L_J^{1,8}$

← Vacuum state

LDMEs depend on heavy quark flavour

different for charmonium and bottomonium, to be extracted from the data, cannot be calculated on the lattice

Color singlet and octet operators for hadroproduction of quarkonia have the form

$$\mathcal{O}^{\mathcal{Q}}(N_{\text{color singlet}}) = \chi^\dagger \mathcal{K}_N \psi \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{Q}(P=0)} \psi^\dagger \mathcal{K}'_N \chi$$

$$\mathcal{O}^{\mathcal{Q}}(N_{\text{color octet}}) = \chi^\dagger \mathcal{K}_N T^a \psi \Phi_\ell^{\dagger ab}(0) \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{Q}(P=0)} \Phi_\ell^{bc}(0) \psi^\dagger \mathcal{K}'_N T^c \chi$$

$\Phi_\ell(x)$ is a Wilson line along the direction ℓ in the adjoint representation

$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{Q}(P)}$ projects onto a state containing a heavy quarkonium \mathcal{Q} with momentum P .

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NRQCD

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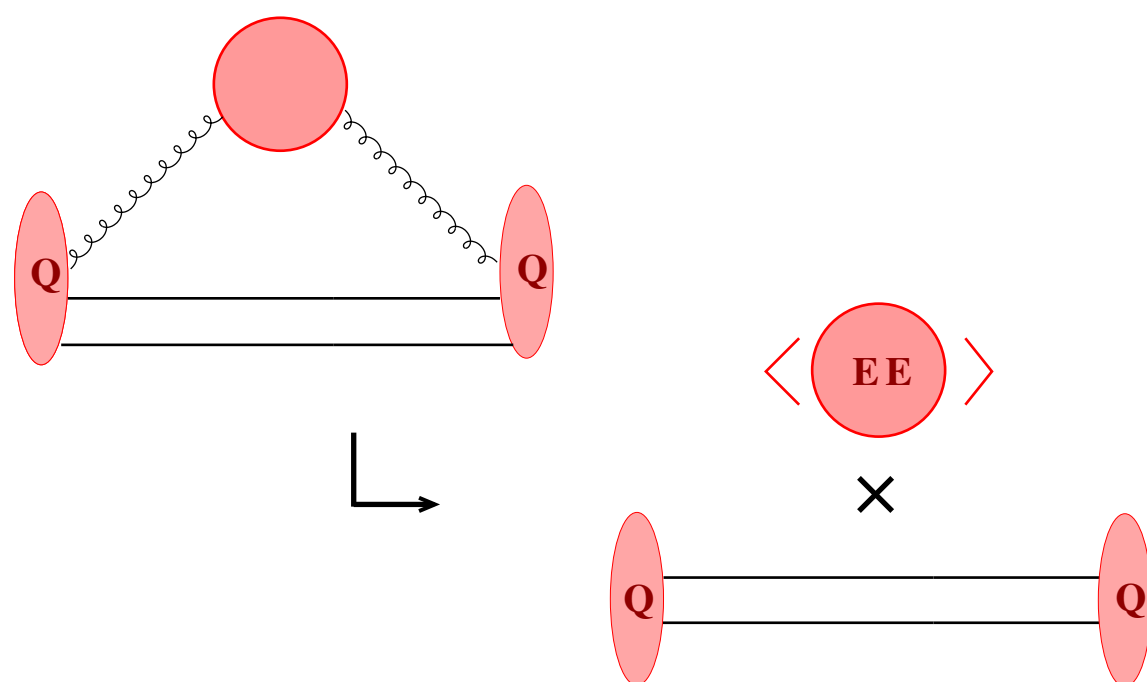
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Factorization in pNRQCD (BOEFT for quarkonium)



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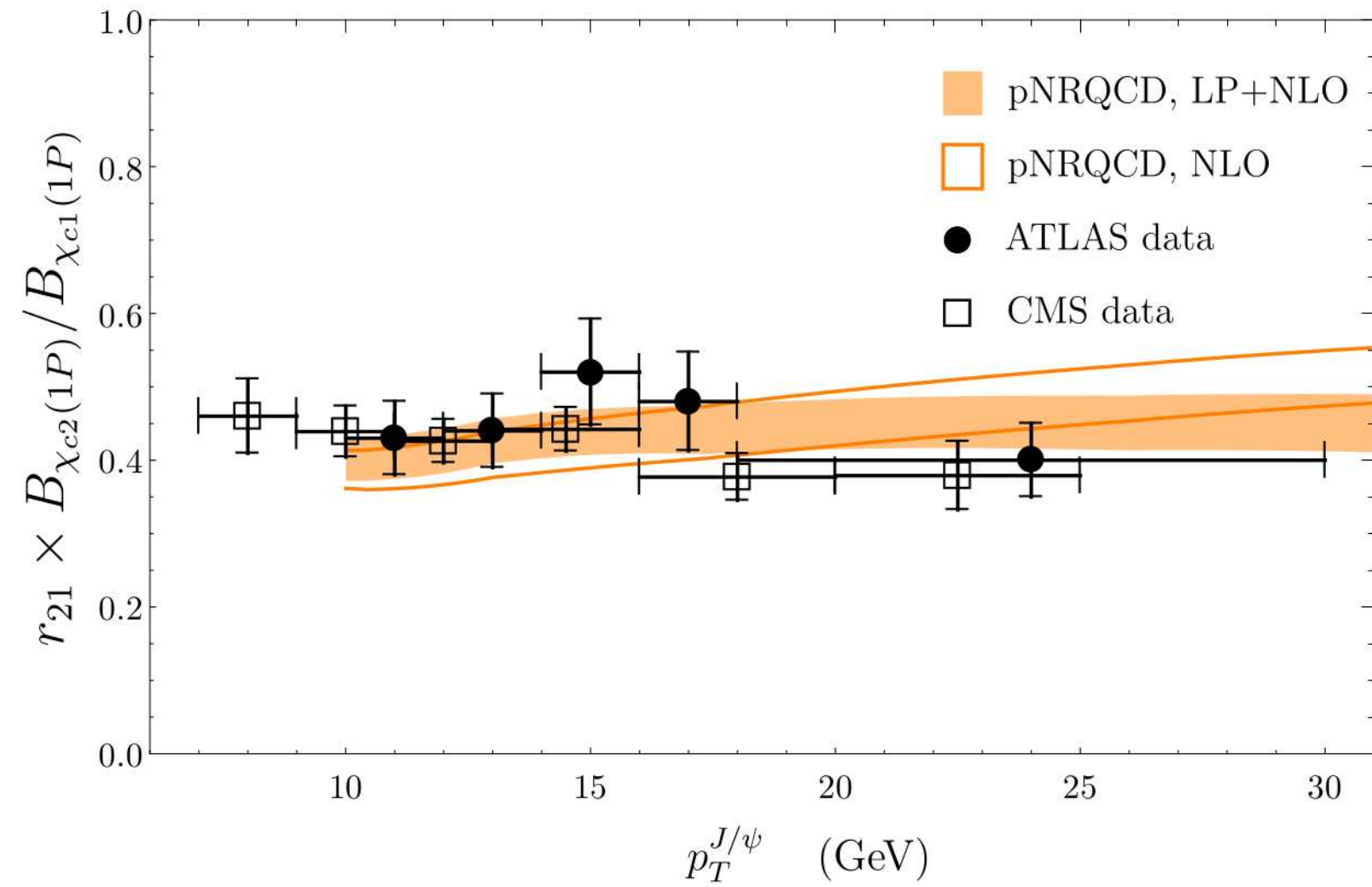
$$\langle \mathcal{O}^{\chi_{Q0}}(^3S_1^{[8]}) \rangle = \frac{3N_c}{2\pi} |\phi'_{\chi_{Q0}}(0)|^2 \frac{\mathcal{E}}{9N_c m_Q^2}$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{3}{N_c} \int_0^\infty dt t \int_0^\infty dt' t' \langle \Omega | \Phi_\ell^{\dagger ab} \Phi_\ell^{\dagger ad}(0; t) gE^{d,i}(t) gE^{e,i}(t') \Phi^{ec}(0; t') \Phi_\ell^{bc} | \Omega \rangle$$

- reduced the number of unknown parameters
- all heavy quark dependence is in the wavefunction → correlators are universal and heavy-quark flavor independent
- The nonperturbative correlator can be calculated on the lattice

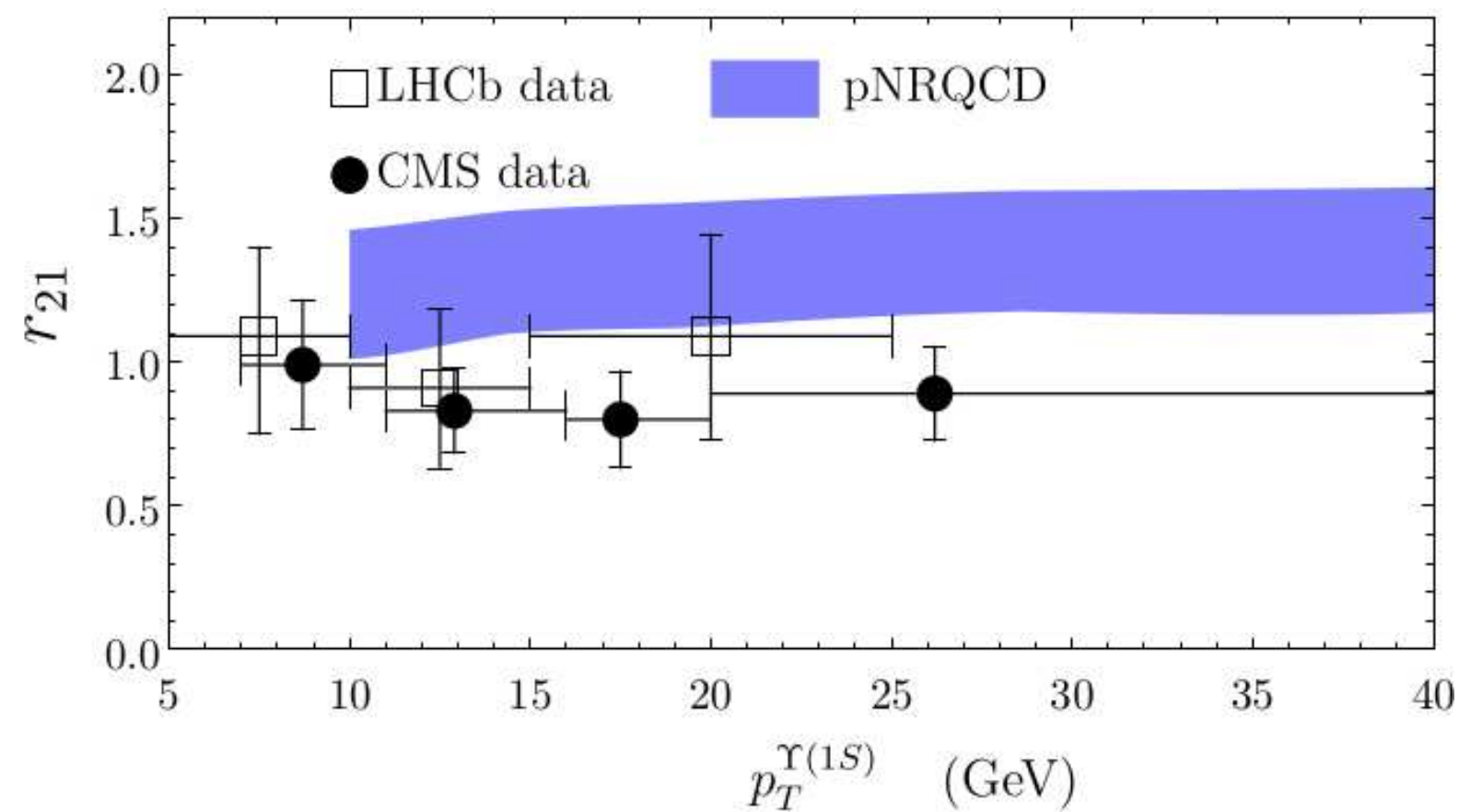
pNRQCD predictions in comparison to data

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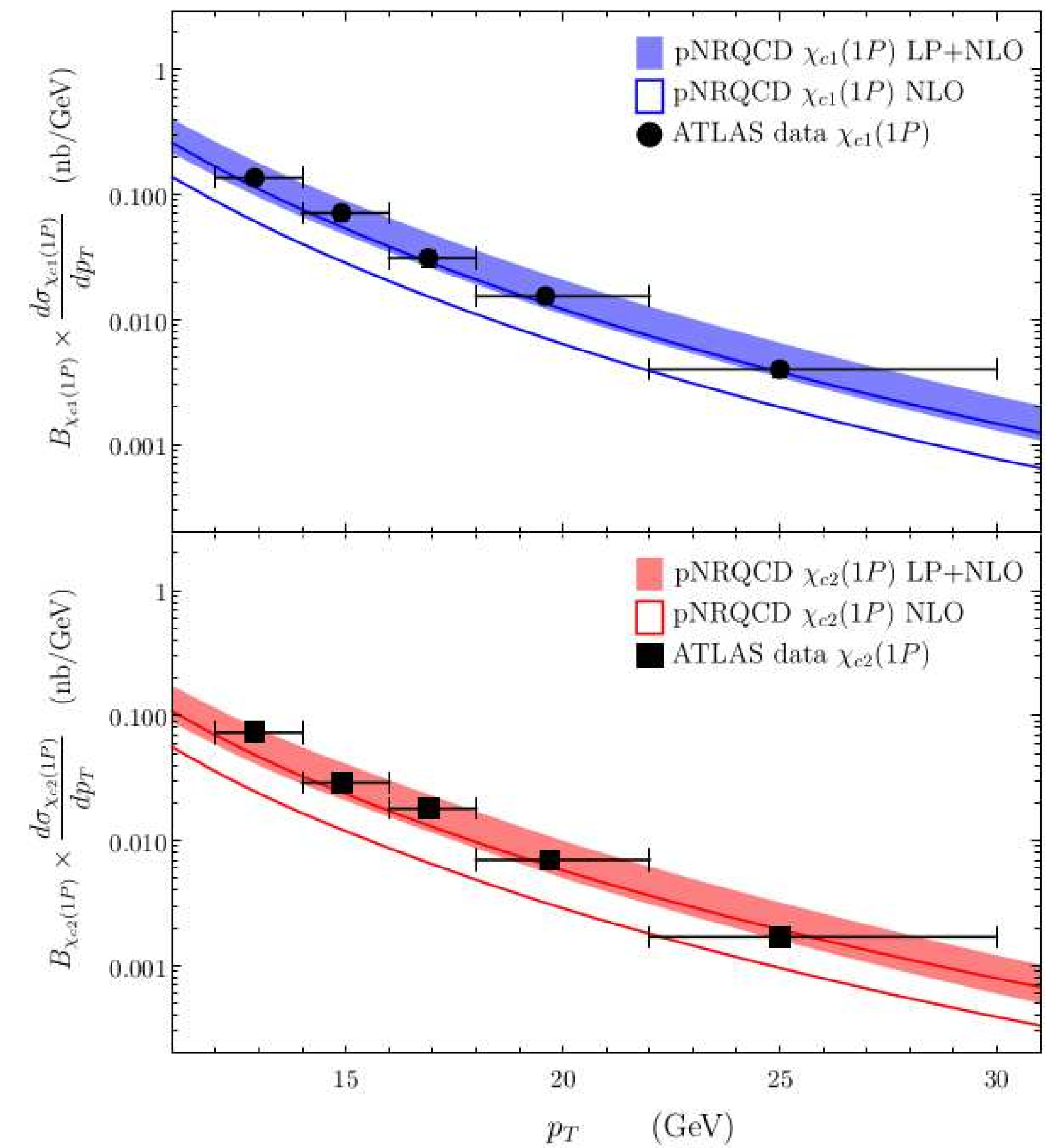


@ center of mass energy $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV and rapidity range $|y| < 0.75$.

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$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow \chi_{cJ}(1P) + X)$$



A test of the universality of the pNRQCD factorization is provided by the ratio $(d\sigma_{\chi_{b2}(1P)}/dp_T)/(d\sigma_{\chi_{b1}(1P)}/dp_T)$ that depends only on \mathcal{E} (at the scale of the b mass) and therefore is expected to be the same also for $2P$ and $3P$ bottomonium states.

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- Production dominated by color-octet $(Q\bar{Q})_8$ matrix elements at leading power in v (velocity) expansion.

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Octet LDME:

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Projection vector that projects onto all states that contain $\chi_{c1}(3872)$

- SDCs are the same as for χ_{cJ} quarkonium production and are known up to NLO in α_s

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we fix LDME from B-Decay

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[Beneke, Maltoni, Rothstein, Phys.Rev.D 59 \(1999\) 054003](#)

- experimental values taken from [LHCb Collaboration, JHEP 01 \(2022\) 131](#), [PDG, Phys.Rev.D 110 \(2024\) 3, 030001](#)

$$\langle \Omega | \mathcal{O}^{\chi_{c1}(3872)}(^3S_1^{[8]}) | \Omega \rangle = 4.69_{-2.16}^{+2.23} \times 10^{-3} \text{ GeV}^3$$

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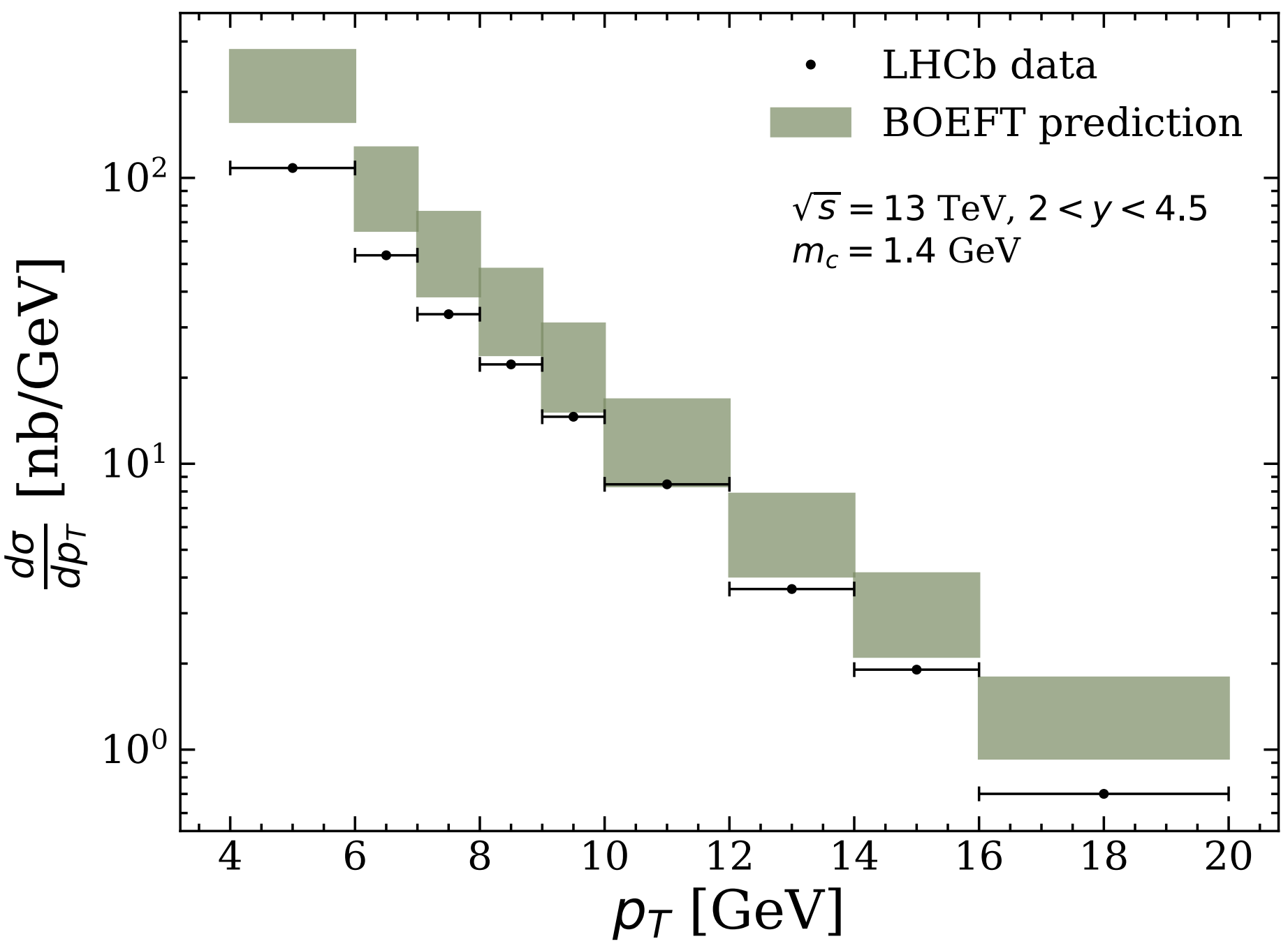
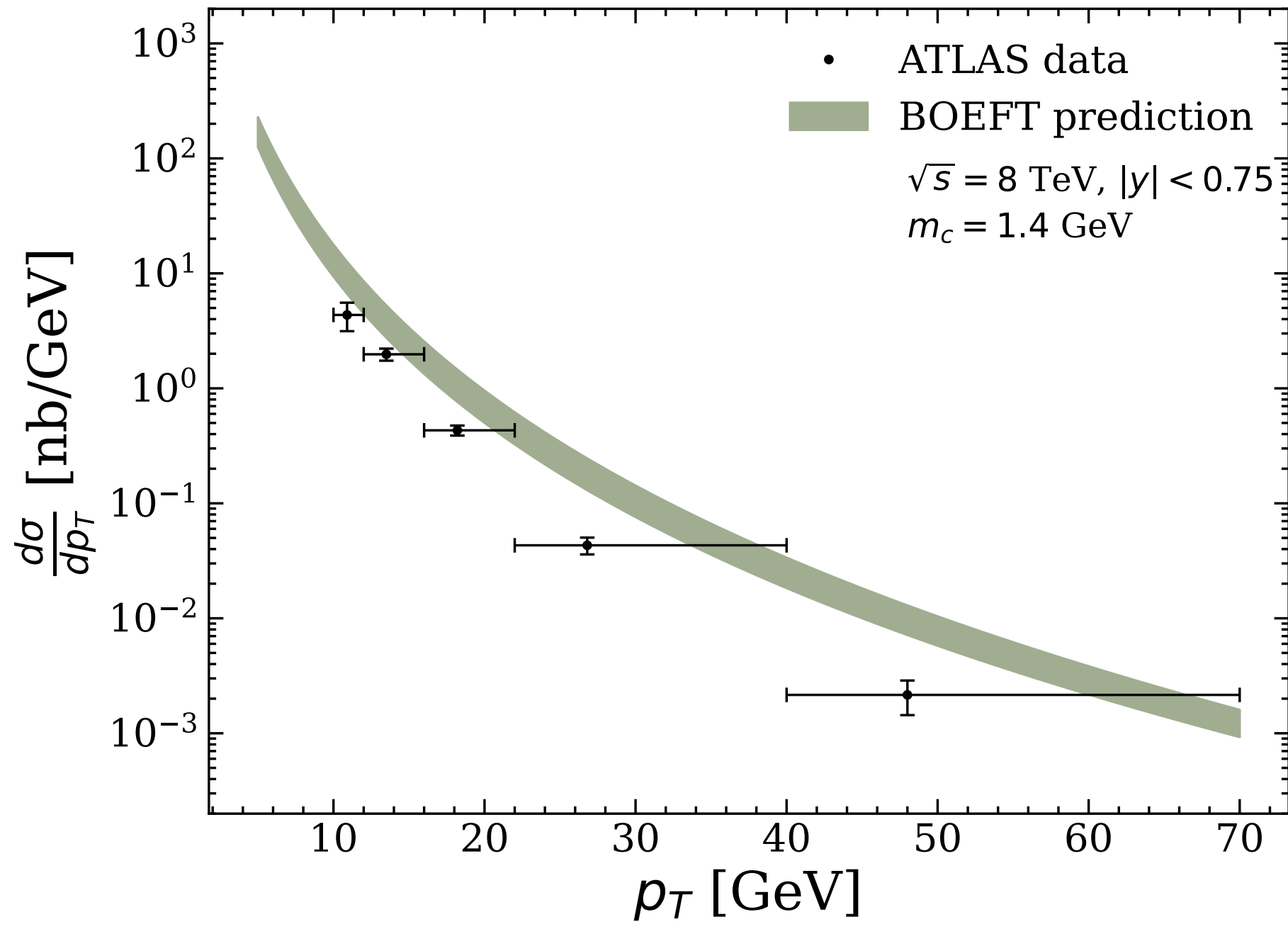
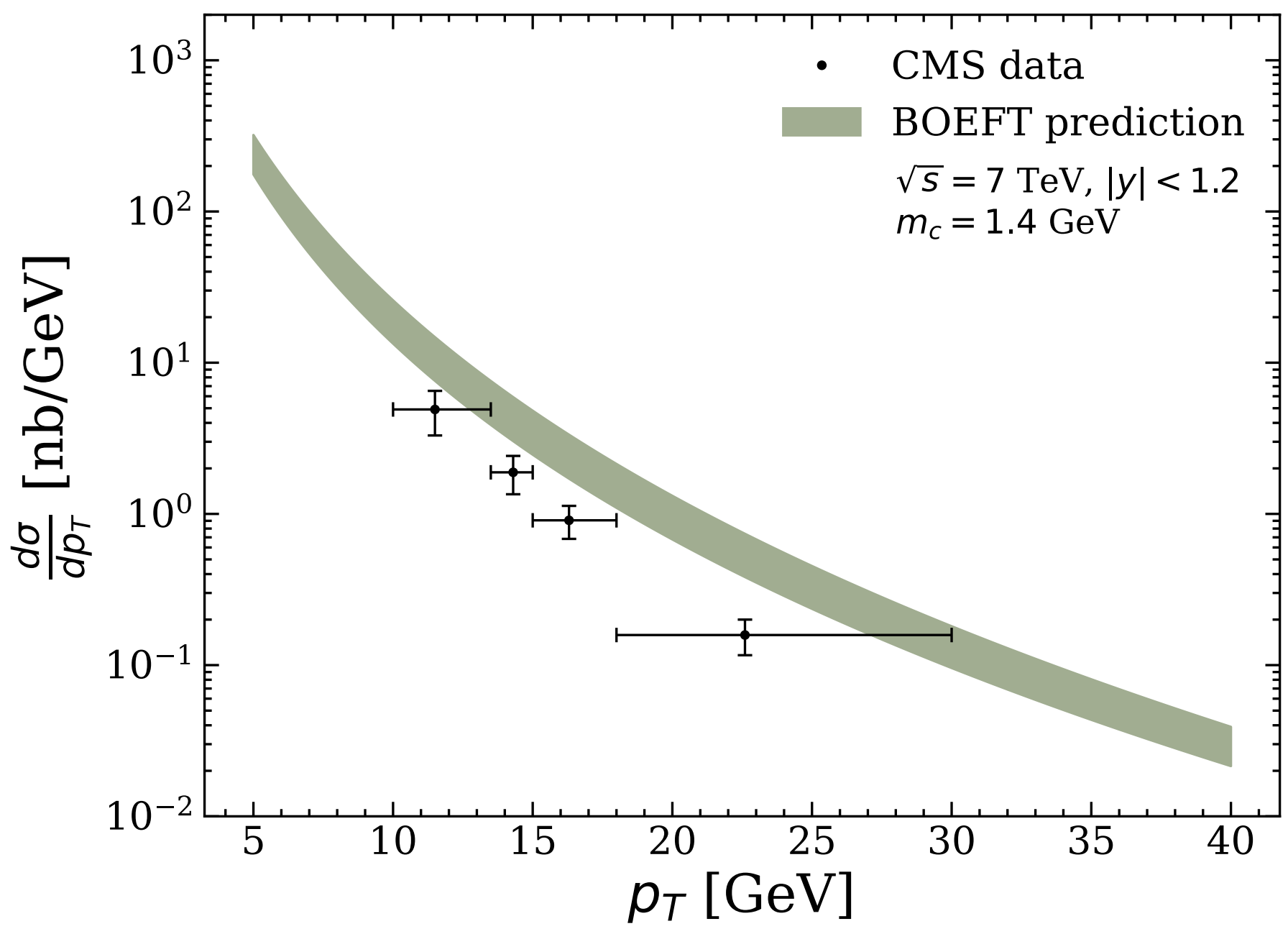
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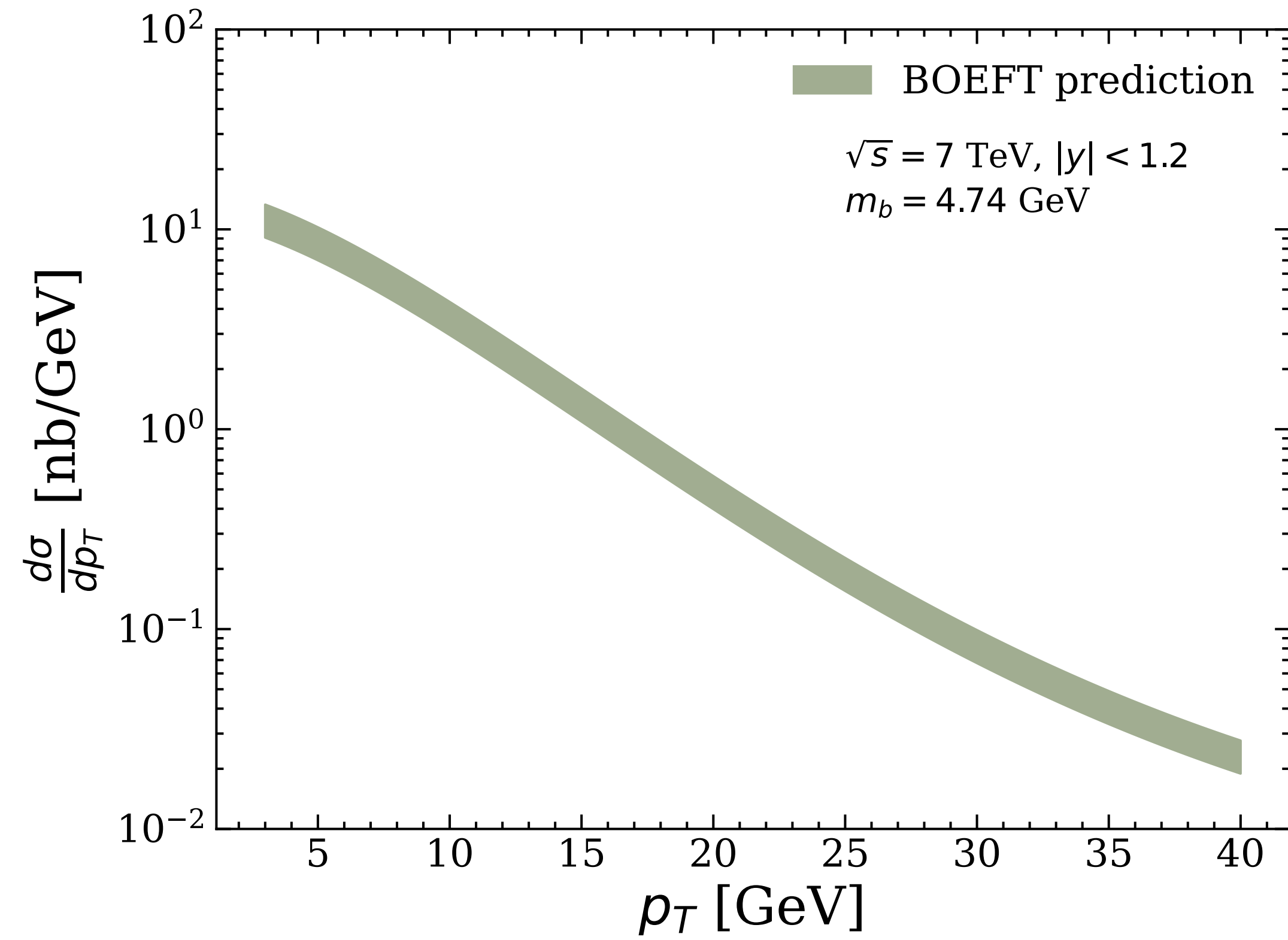
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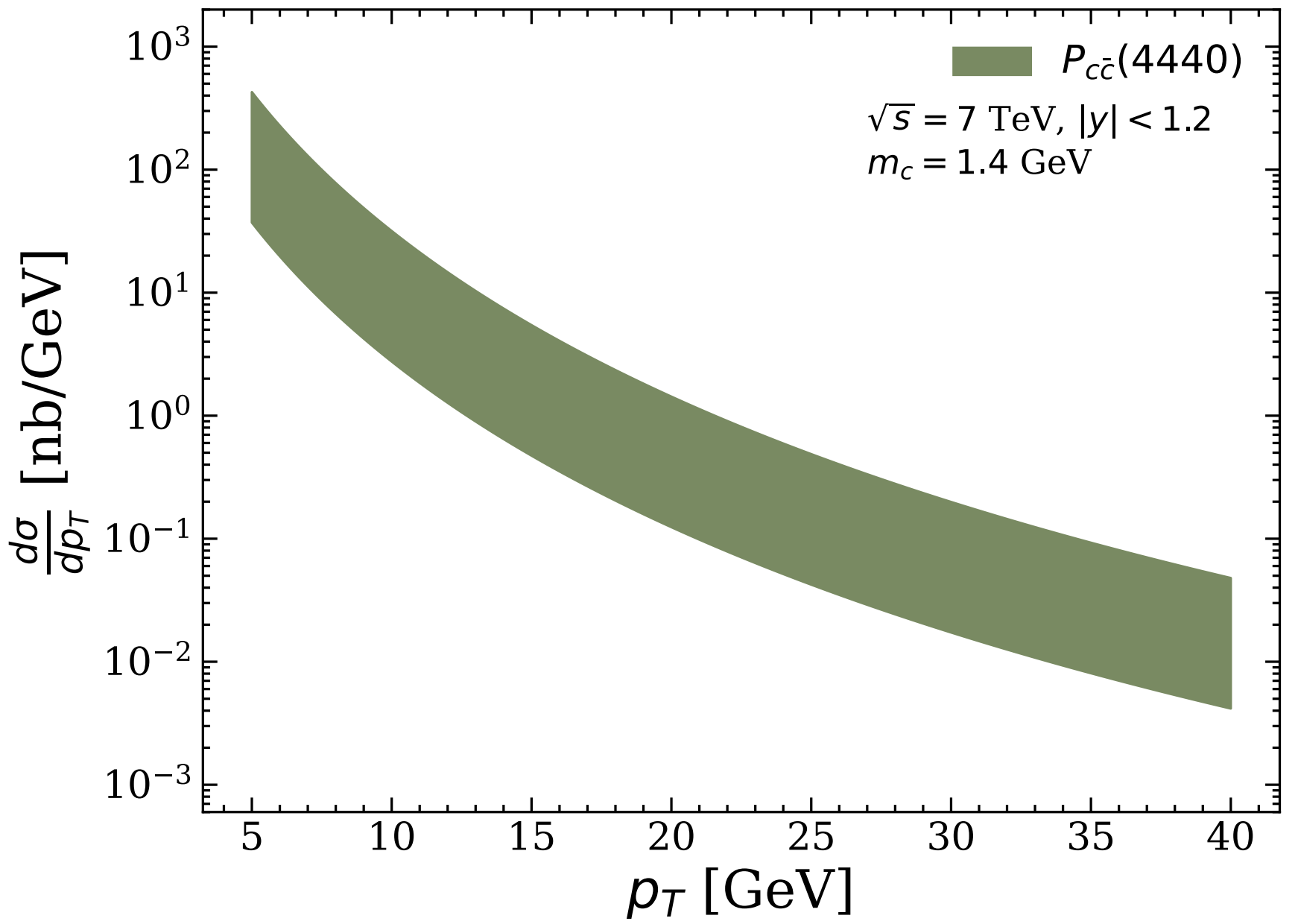
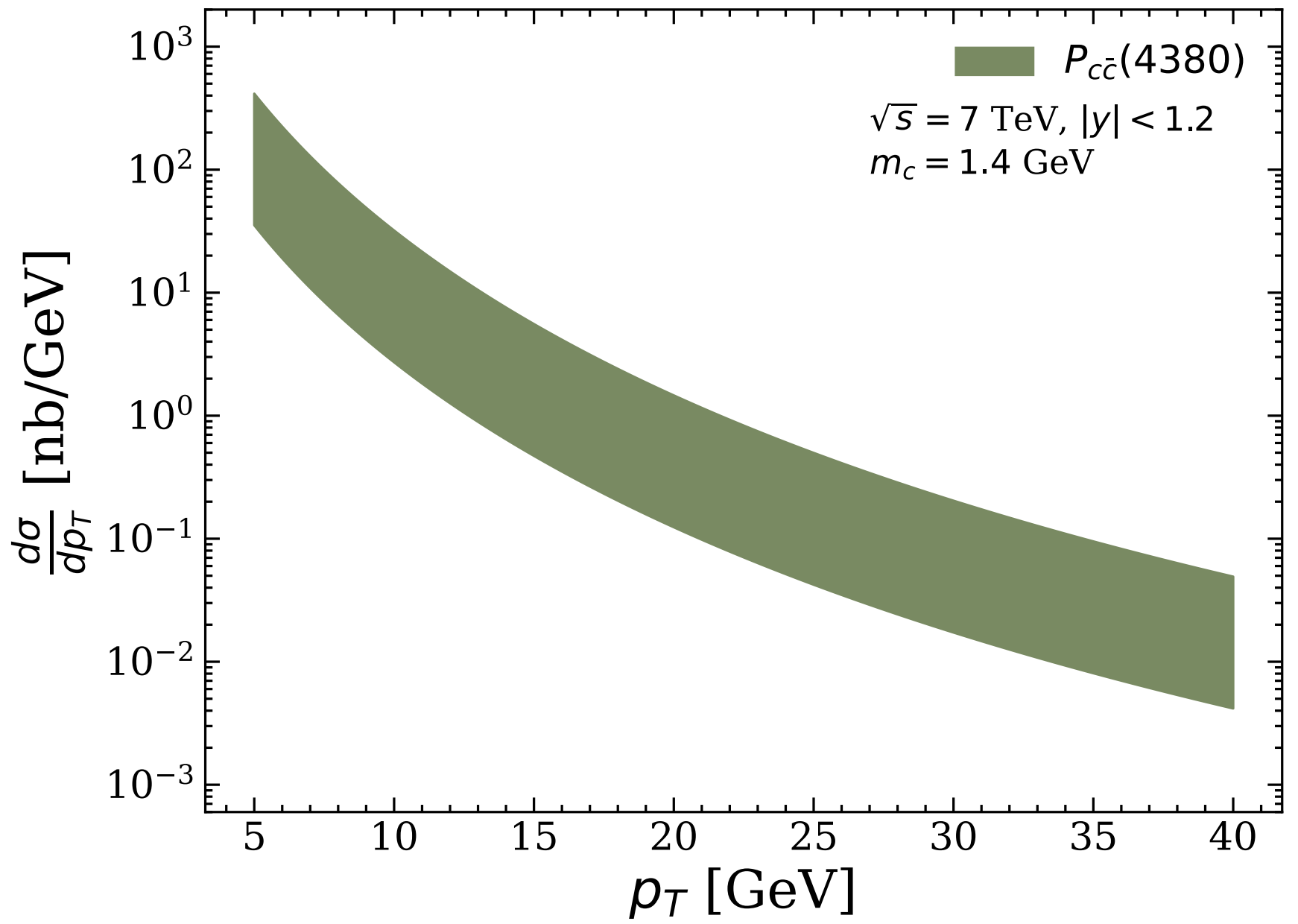
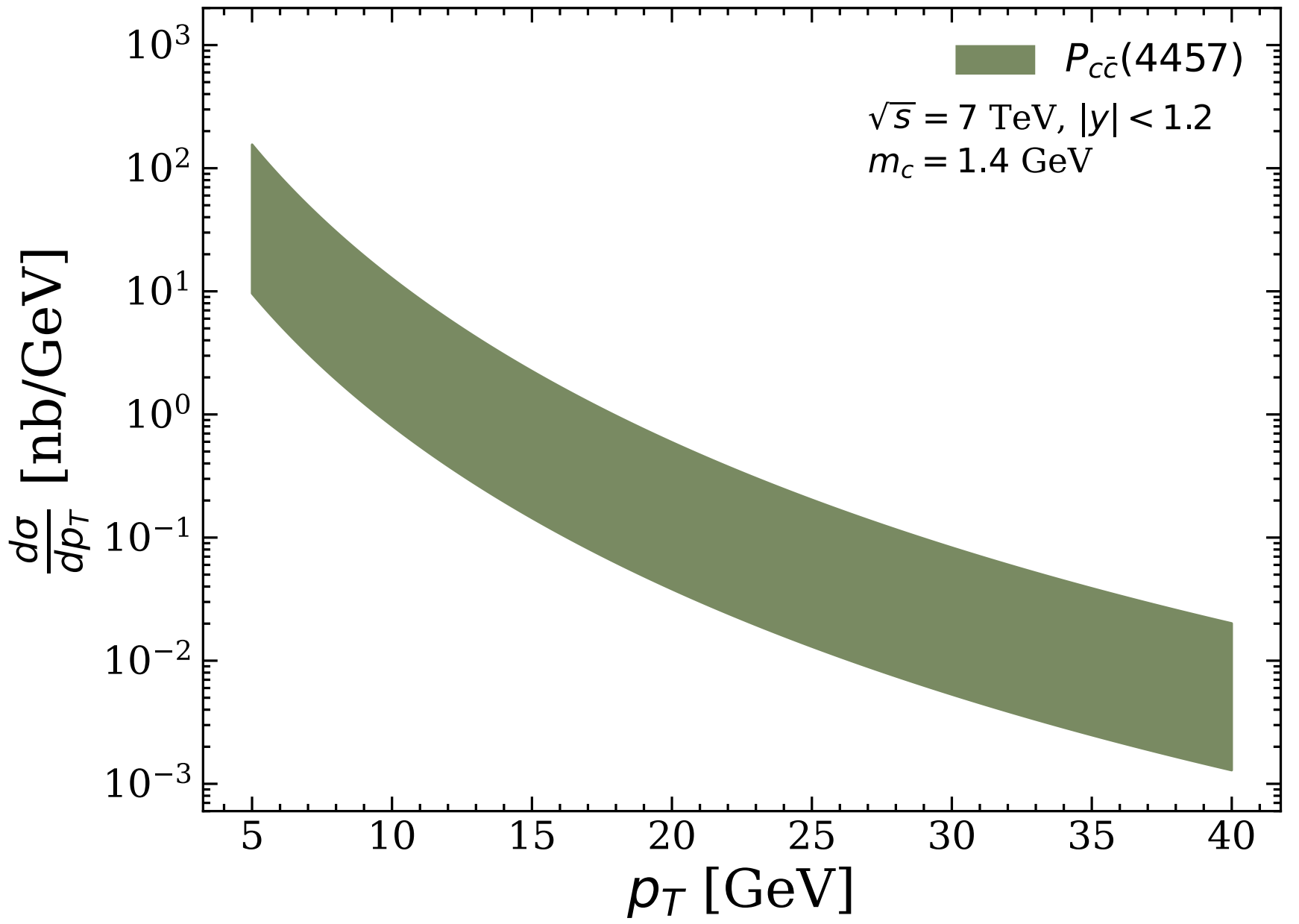
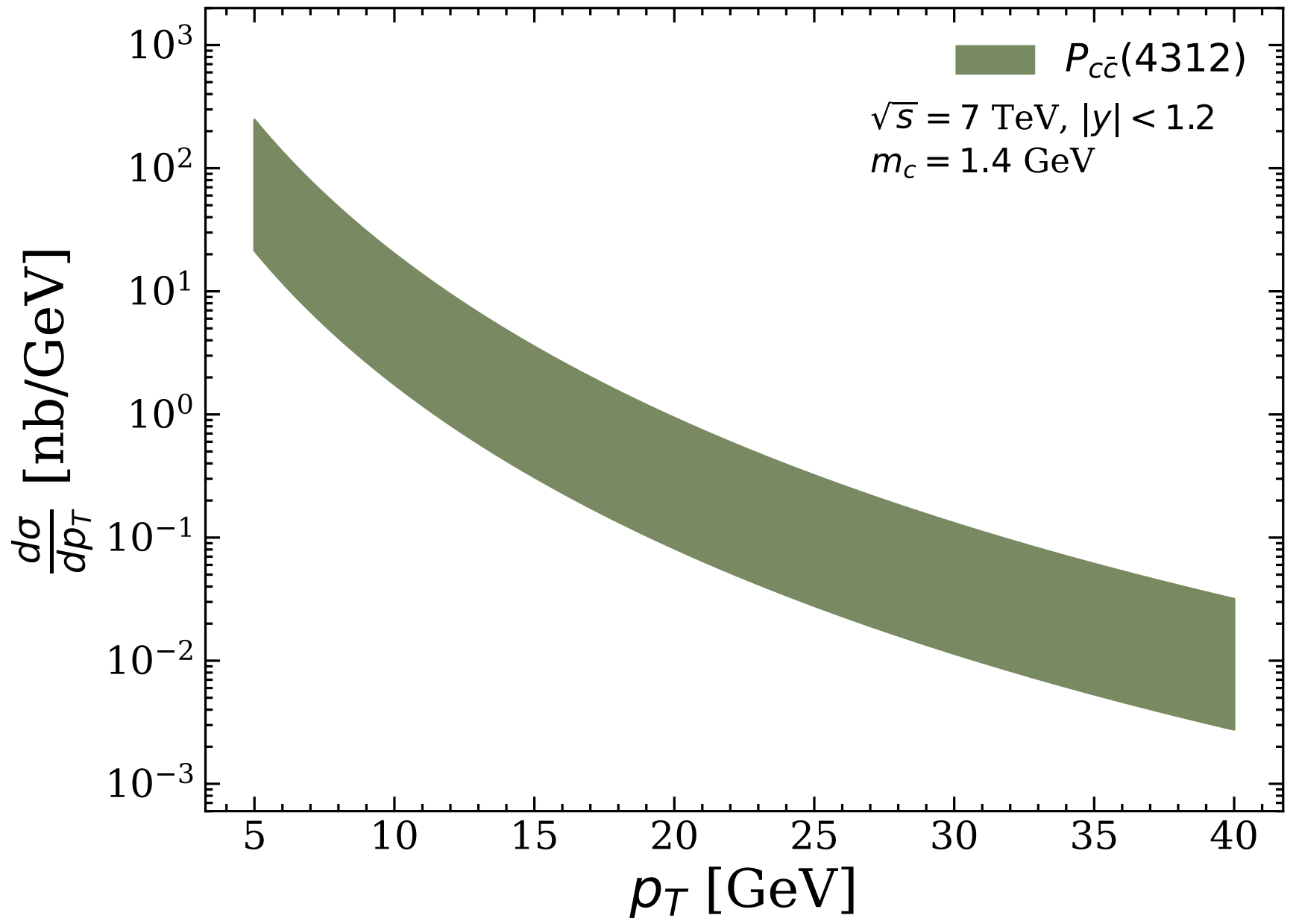
The upper bound significantly reduces uncertainties



Pure prediction, everything fixed on charm sector, only the BOEFT wave function changes

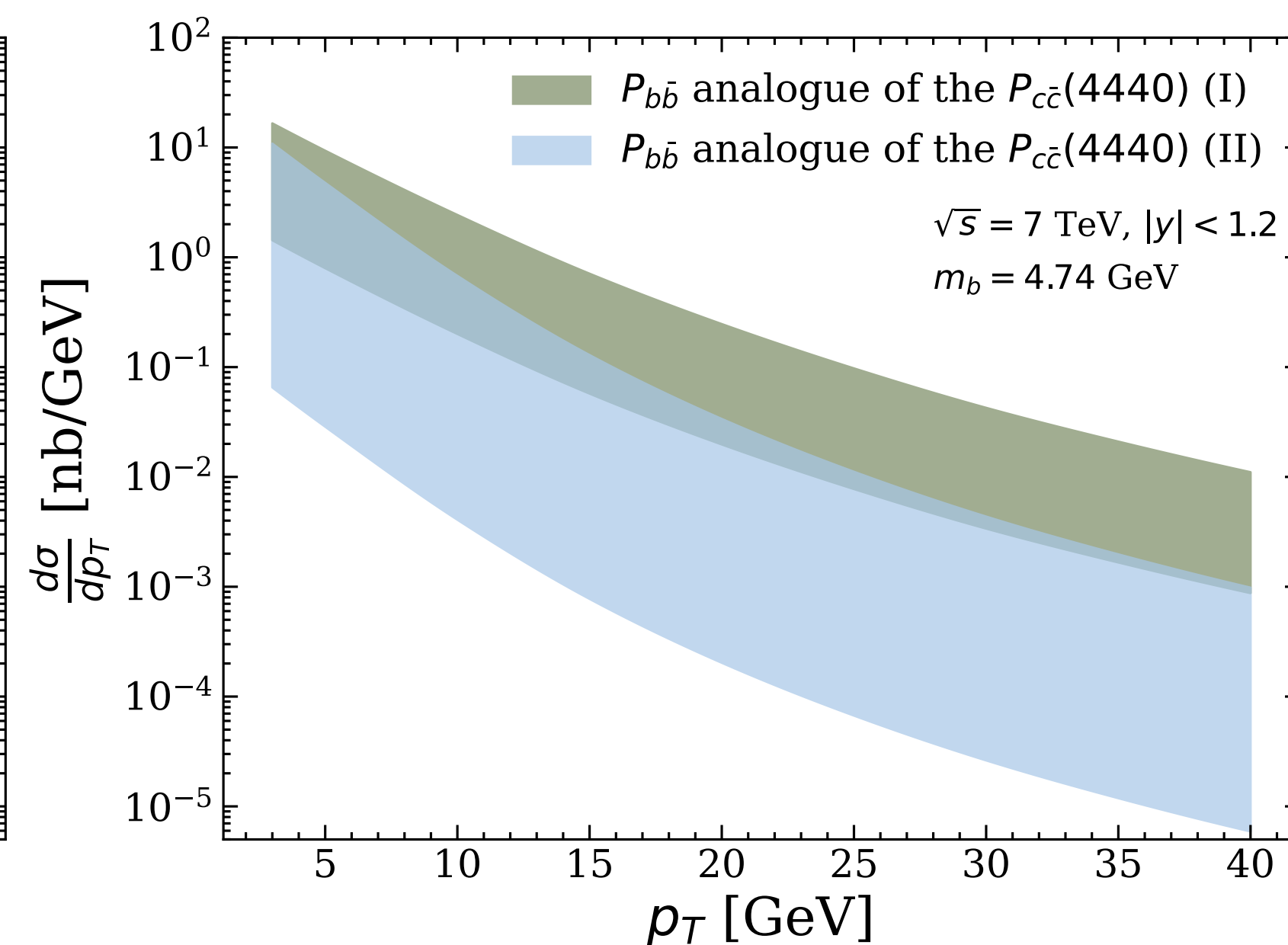
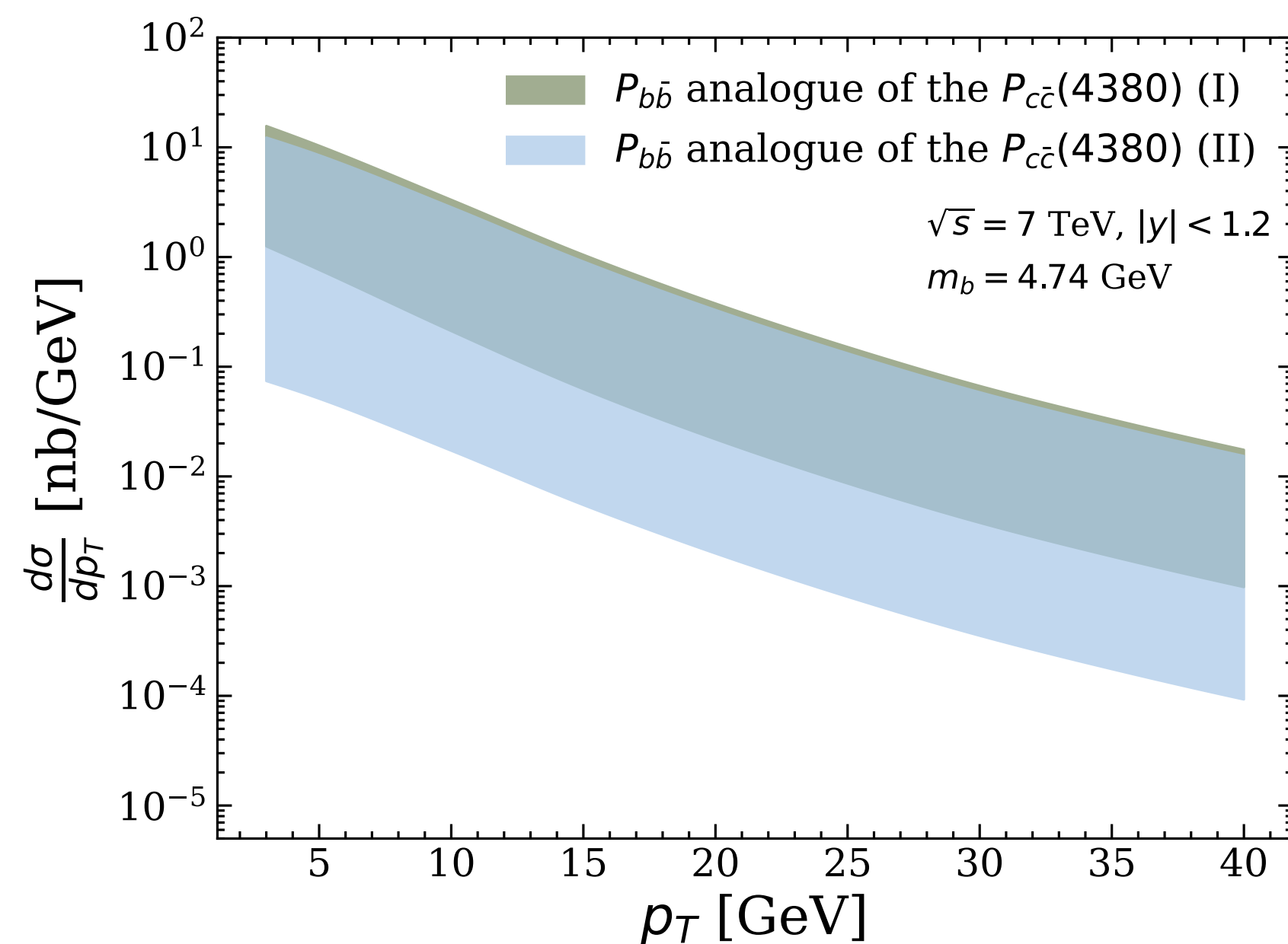
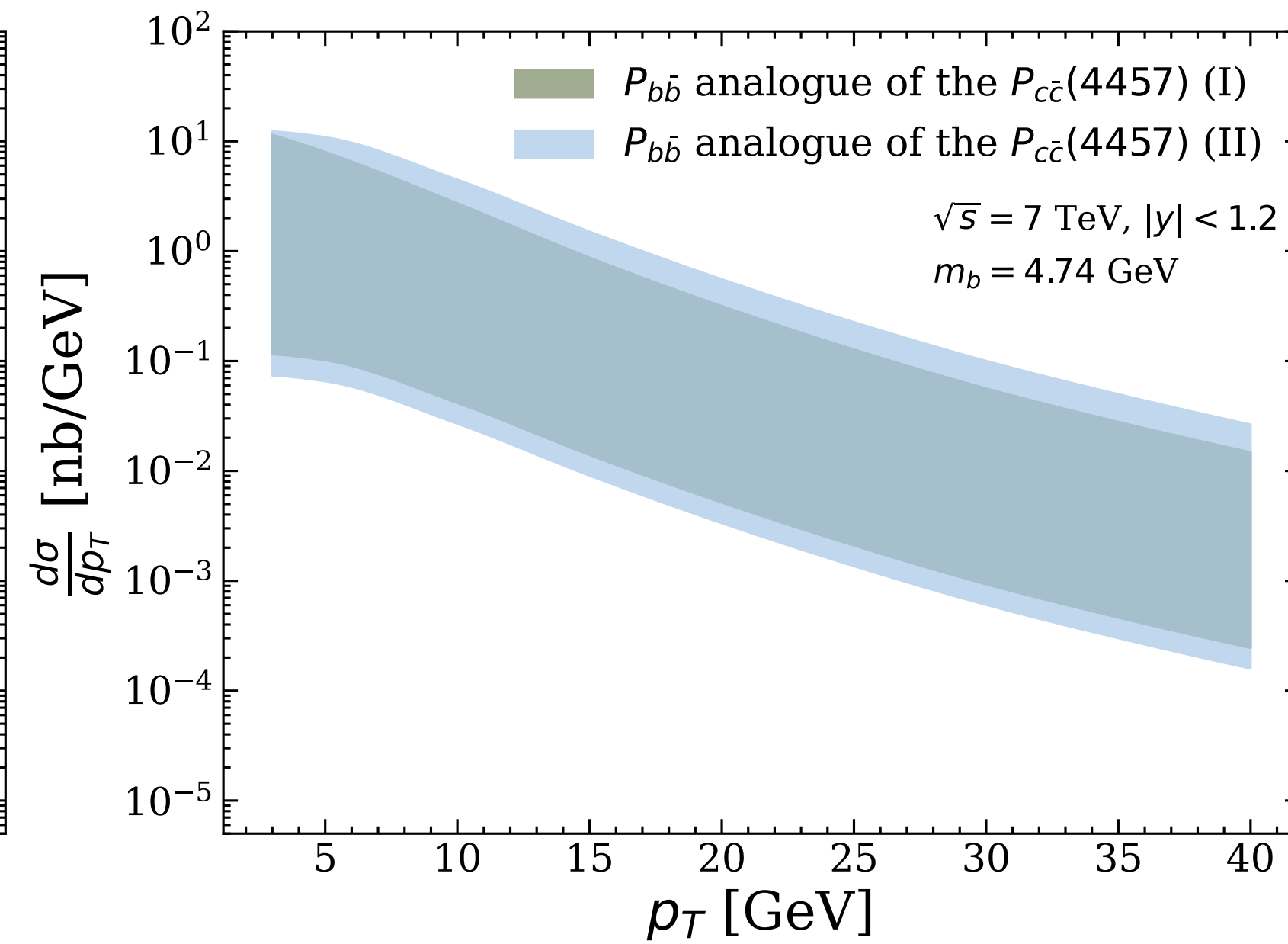
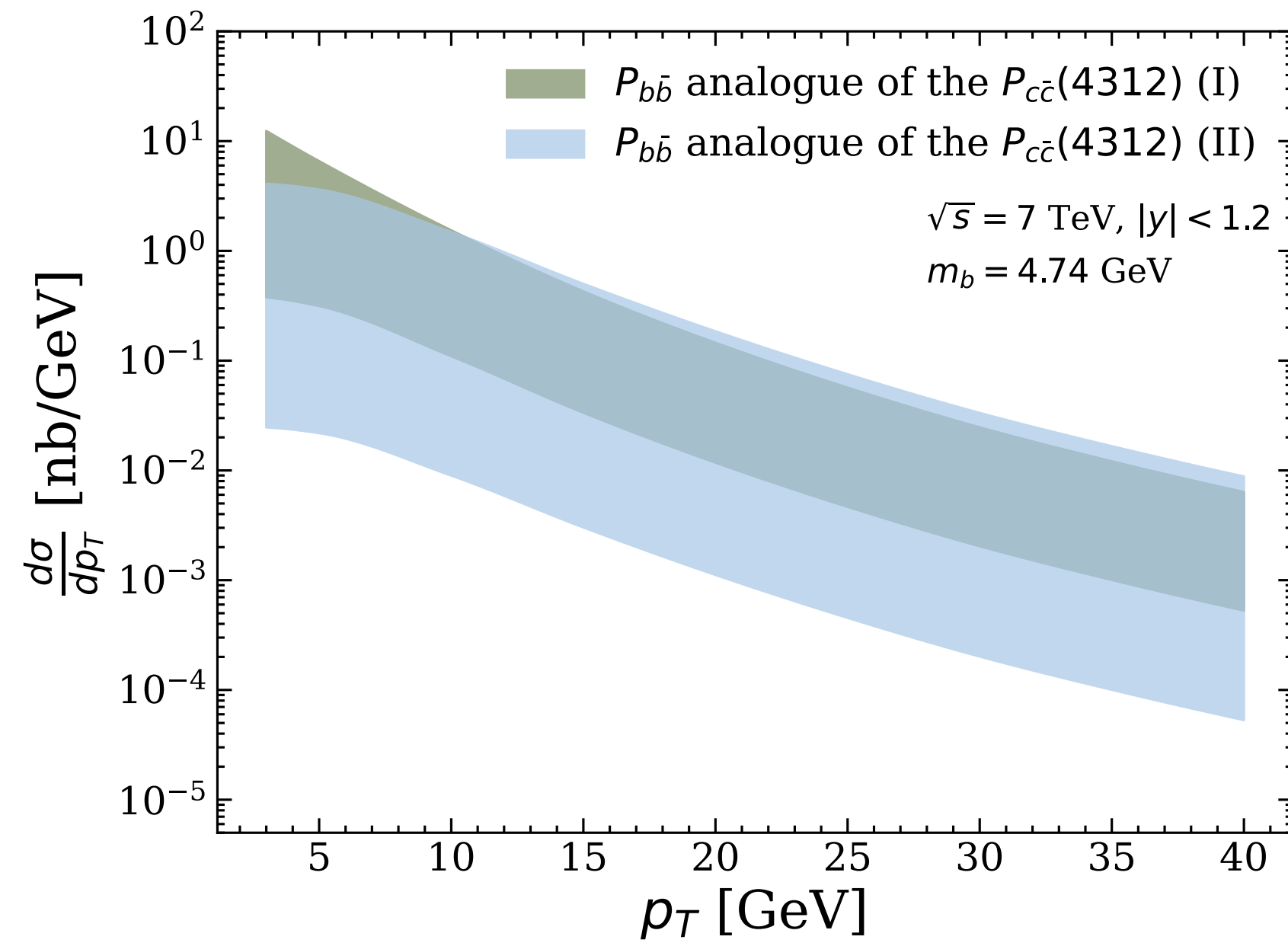
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$$m \gg 1/r \sim m\alpha_s \gg T \sim gT \gg E$$

quark-antiquark **color singlet** Hamiltonian $h_s = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{m} - \frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{r}$

quark-antiquark **color octet** Hamiltonian $h_o = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{m} + \frac{1}{6} \frac{\alpha_s}{r}$

Open Quantum system

Subsystem: heavy quarks/quarkonium

Environment: quark gluon plasma

N.B., J. Soto, M. Escobedo, A. Vairo 2016,
2018 (1612.07248, 1711.04515)

We may define a **density matrix** in pNRQCD for the heavy quark-antiquark pair in a singlet and octet configuration:

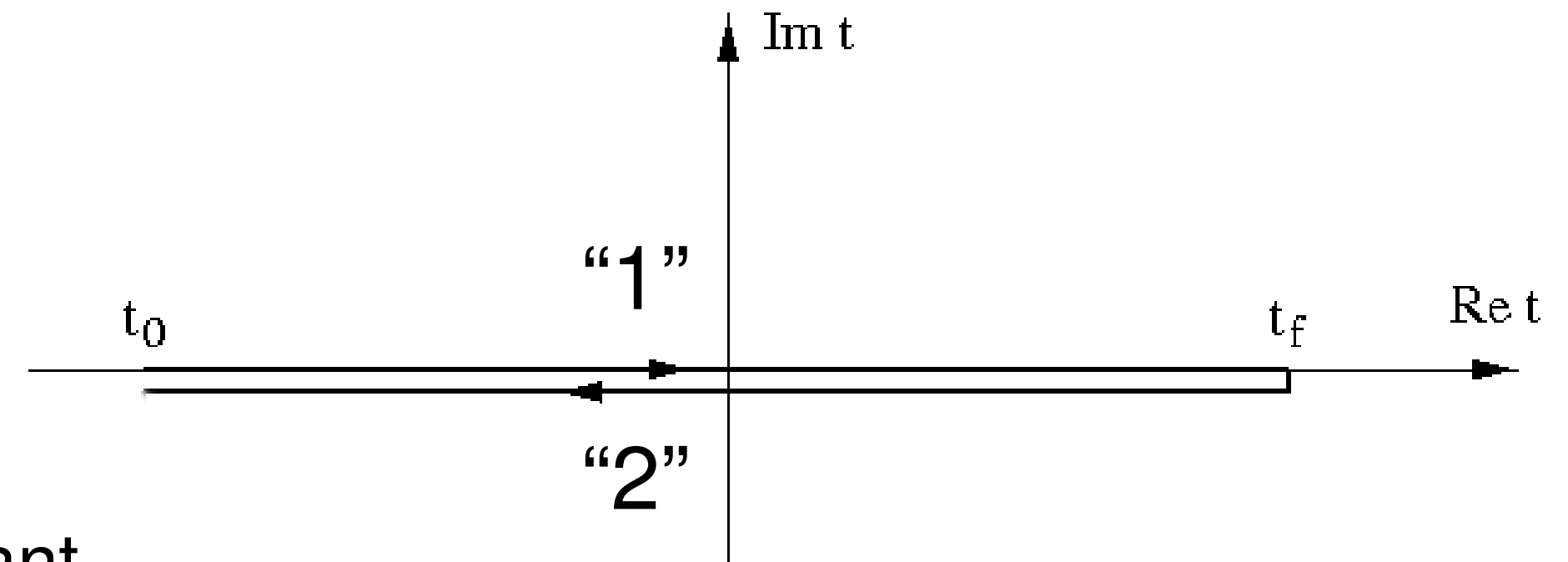
$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{r}', \mathbf{R}' | \rho_s(t'; t) | \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R} \rangle &\equiv \text{Tr}\{\rho_{\text{full}}(t_0) S^\dagger(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) S(t', \mathbf{r}', \mathbf{R}')\} \\ \langle \mathbf{r}', \mathbf{R}' | \rho_o(t'; t) | \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R} \rangle \frac{\delta^{ab}}{8} &\equiv \text{Tr}\{\rho_{\text{full}}(t_0) O^{a\dagger}(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) O^b(t', \mathbf{r}', \mathbf{R}')\} \end{aligned}$$

The system is in **non-equilibrium** because through interaction with the environment (quark gluon plasma) singlet and octet quark-antiquark states continuously transform in each other although **the number of heavy quarks is conserved**: $\text{Tr}\{\rho_s\} + \text{Tr}\{\rho_o\} = 1$.

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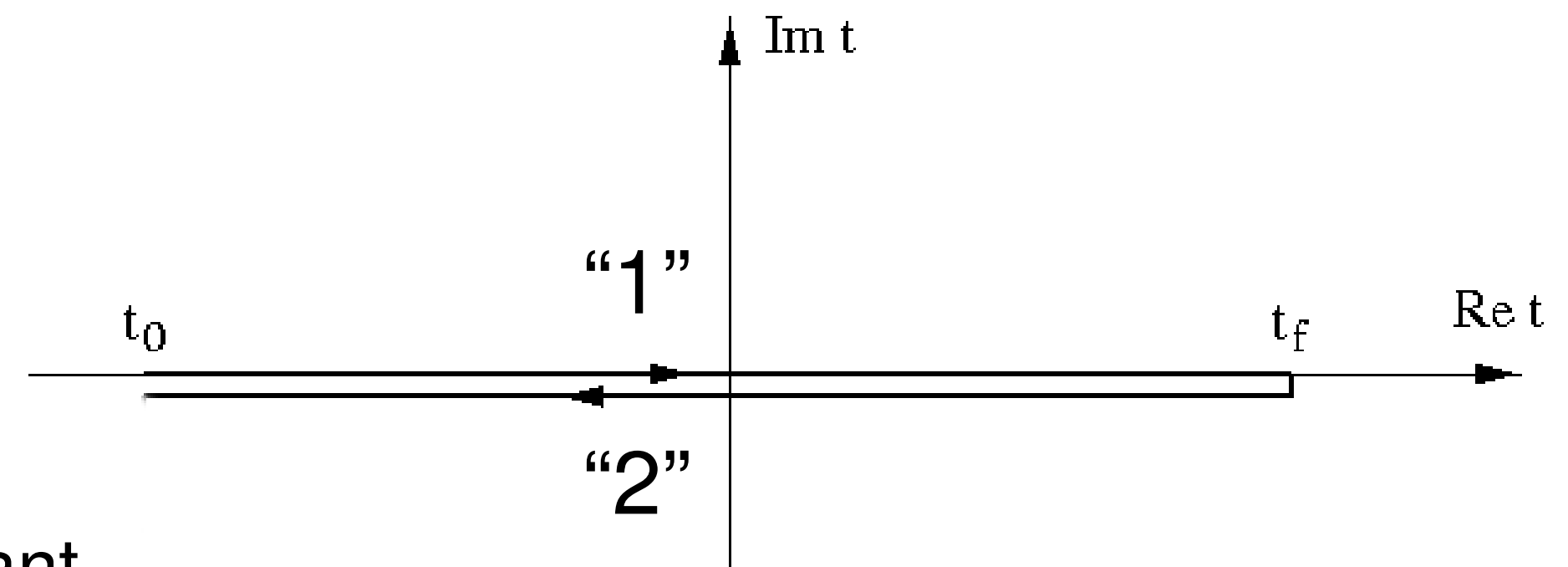
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Expansions

- The density of heavy quarks is much smaller than the one of light quarks: we expand at **first order in the heavy quark-antiquark density**.
- We consider **T much smaller than the Bohr radius** of the quarkonium: we expand up to **order r^2 in the multipole expansion**.

Density matrix evolution equations

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Physical interpretation

- The self energies Σ_s and Σ_o provide the **in-medium induced mass shifts**, $\delta m_{s,o}$, and **widths**, $\Gamma_{s,o}$, for the color-singlet and color-octet heavy quark-antiquark systems respectively:

$$-i\Sigma_{s,o}(t) + i\Sigma_{s,o}^\dagger(t) = 2 \operatorname{Re}(-i\Sigma_{s,o}(t)) = 2\delta m_{s,o}(t)$$

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- Ξ_{so} accounts for the **production of singlets through the decay of octets**, and Ξ_{os} and Ξ_{oo} account for the **production of octets through the decays of singlets and octets** respectively. There are two octet production mechanisms/octet chromoelectric dipole vertices in the pNRQCD Lagrangian.

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Environment correlation time: $\tau_E \sim \frac{1}{T}$

System intrinsic time scale: $\tau_S \sim \frac{1}{E}$

System relaxation time: $\tau_R \sim \frac{1}{\text{self-energy}} \sim \frac{1}{\alpha_s a_0^2 \Lambda^3}$ $a_0 = \text{Bohr radius}, \Lambda = T, E$

Then

$$\tau_R \gg \tau_S, \tau_E \quad \tau_S \gg \tau_E$$

and we have a Markovian, quantum Brownian system

We can separate the bound state from the medium contribution in the self-energy and we can obtain a Lindblad equation

Lindblad equation at LO in the E/T expansion

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C_i collapse or jump operators: connect different internal states

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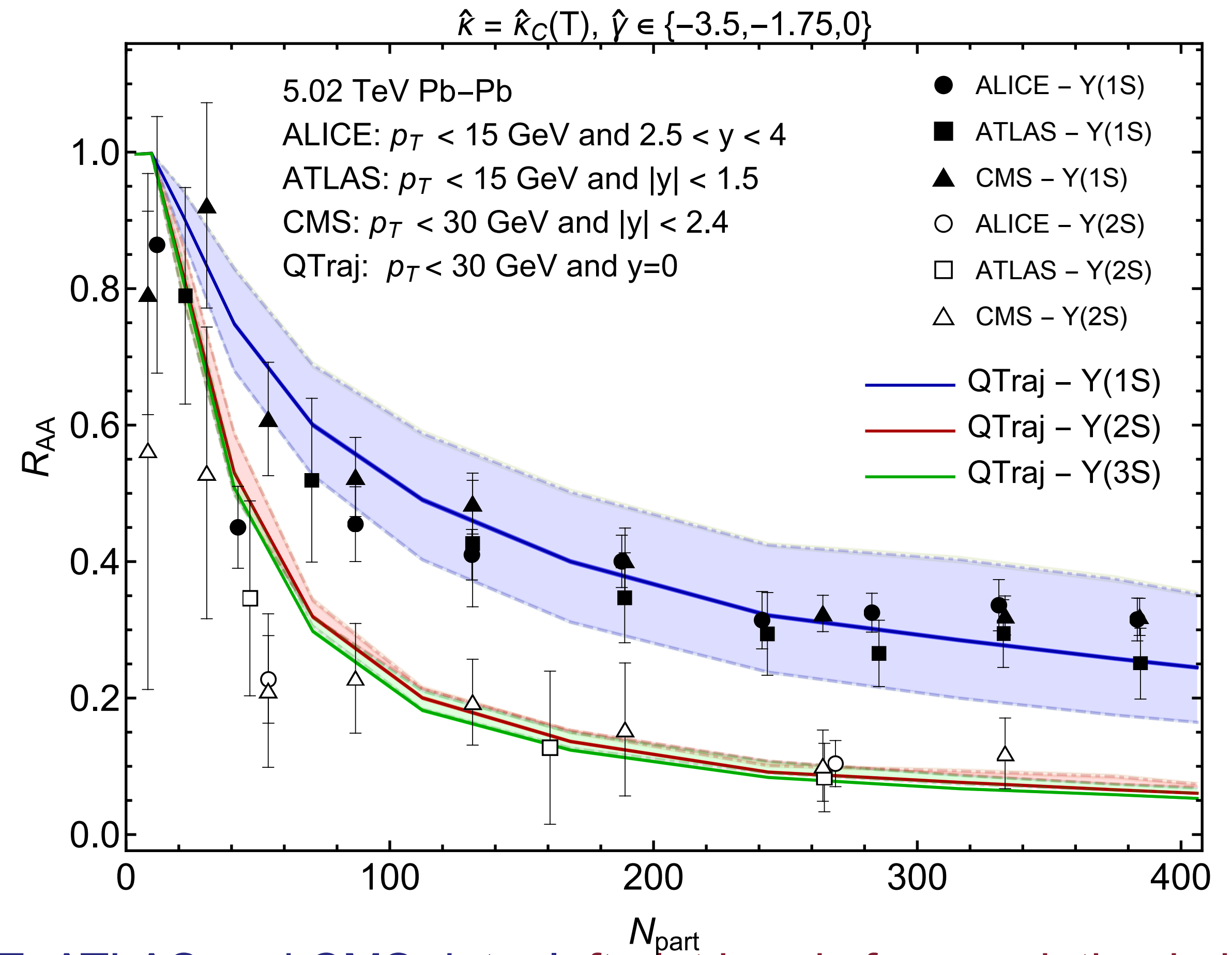
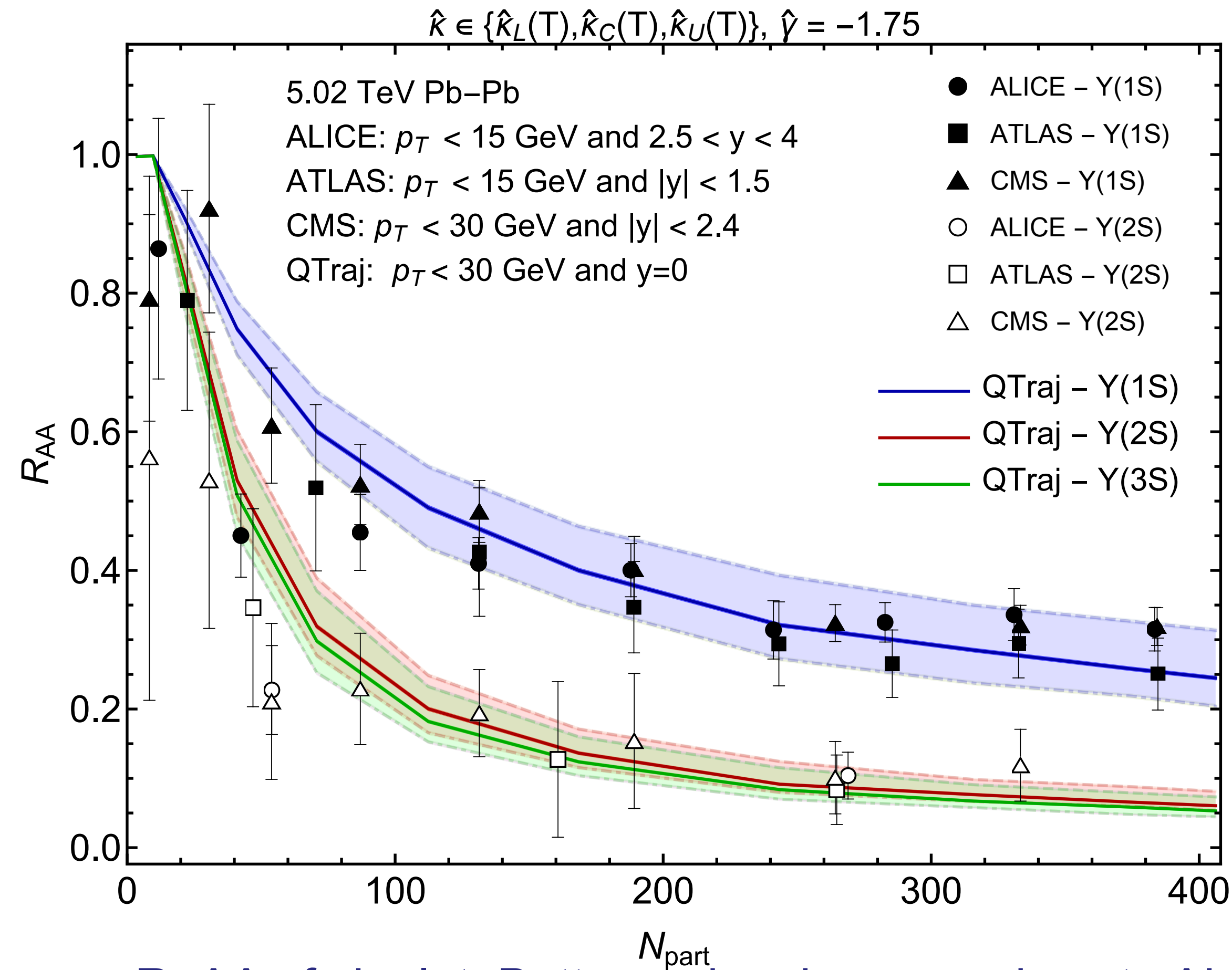
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the EFT allows to use lattice QCD equilibrium calculation to study the non equilibrium evolution! EFT is intermediate layer to non equilibrium

Nuclear modification factor R_{AA} (Linblad Leading order, $t_F = 250$ MeV)

calculation with no free parameters, results depends on kappa function of T (calculated on the lattice) and gamma (extracted from the lattice)

$$R_{AA}(nS) = \frac{\langle n, \mathbf{q} | \rho_s(t_F; t_F) | n, \mathbf{q} \rangle}{\langle n, \mathbf{q} | \rho_s(0; 0) | n, \mathbf{q} \rangle}$$



R_{AA} of singlet Bottomonium in comparison to ALICE, ATLAS and CMS data, left plot bands from variation in kappa, right plot variation in gamma —> we can use R_{AA} to learn about the QGP!

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