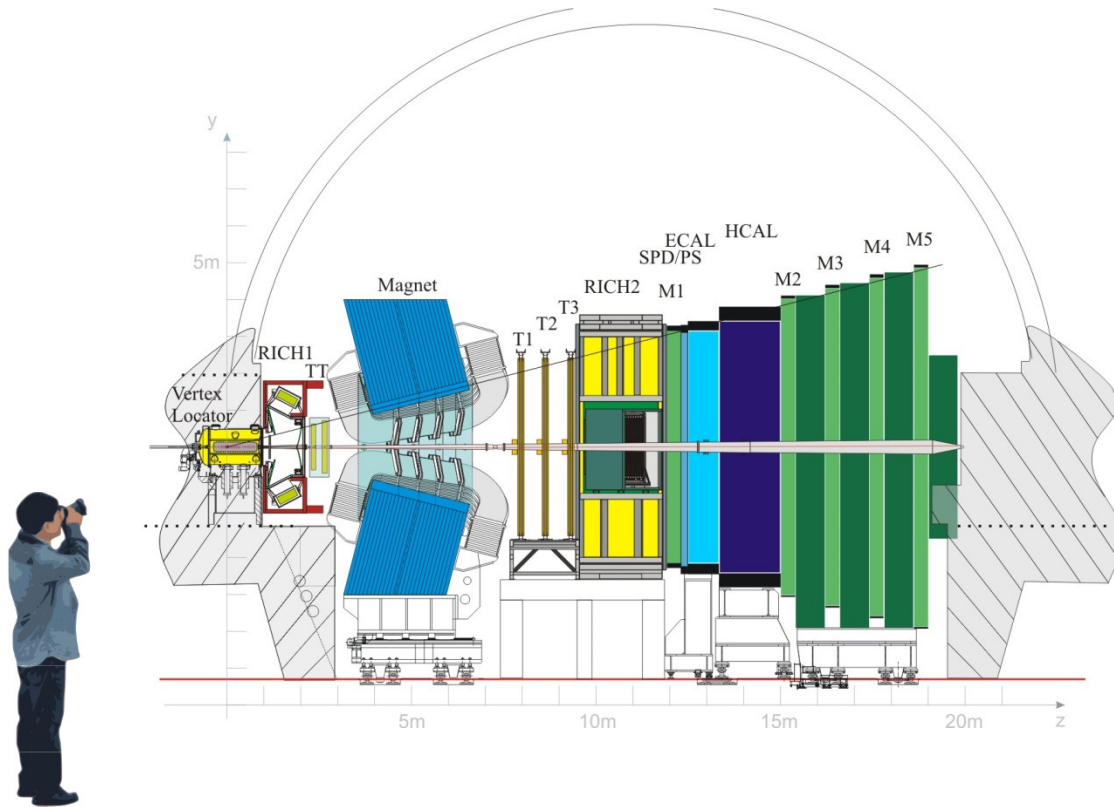


The Heavy-Quark Exotics: A Snapshot from February 2017



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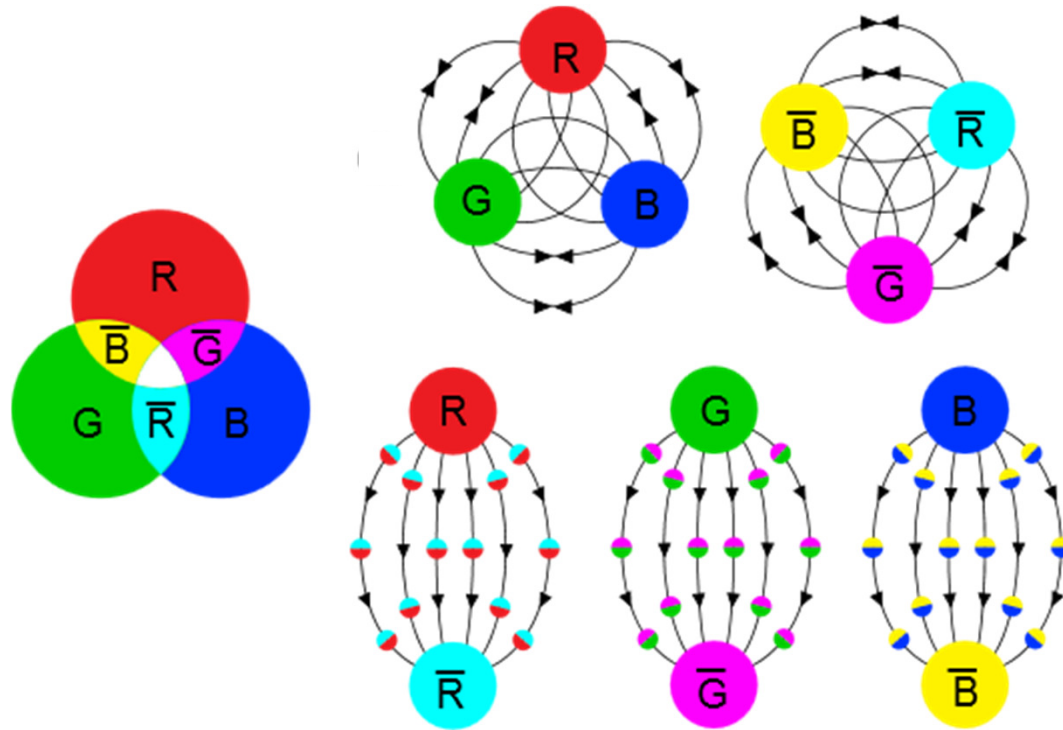
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Outline

- 1) A (very brief) survey of the exotic hadrons X, Y, Z, P_c
- 2) How are the tetraquarks X, Y, Z and pentaquarks P_c assembled?
- 3) A new dynamical picture for the X, Y, Z, P_c
- 4) Conclusions

For nearly 40 years after the inception of the quark model...

...Every single confirmed hadron took advantage of only two of the many possible color-neutral combinations:
either quark-antiquark *mesons*, or quark-triple *baryons*



But many other alternatives are possible

The possible color-neutral **exotics** are: (g = gluon, q = quark)

- gg, ggg, \dots (*glueball*)
- $q\bar{q}g, q\bar{q}gg, \dots$ (*hybrid meson*)
- $q\bar{q}q\bar{q}, q\bar{q}q\bar{q}q\bar{q}, \dots$ (*tetraquark, hexaquark, ...*)
- $qqqq\bar{q}, qqqqqqq\bar{q}, \dots$ (*pentaquark, octoquark, ...*)

i.e., $(\# \text{ of } q) - (\# \text{ of } \bar{q}) = 0 \pmod{3}$, any number of g except one by itself

- Gell-Mann and Zweig actually both mentioned the multiquark options already in their seminal 1964 papers!

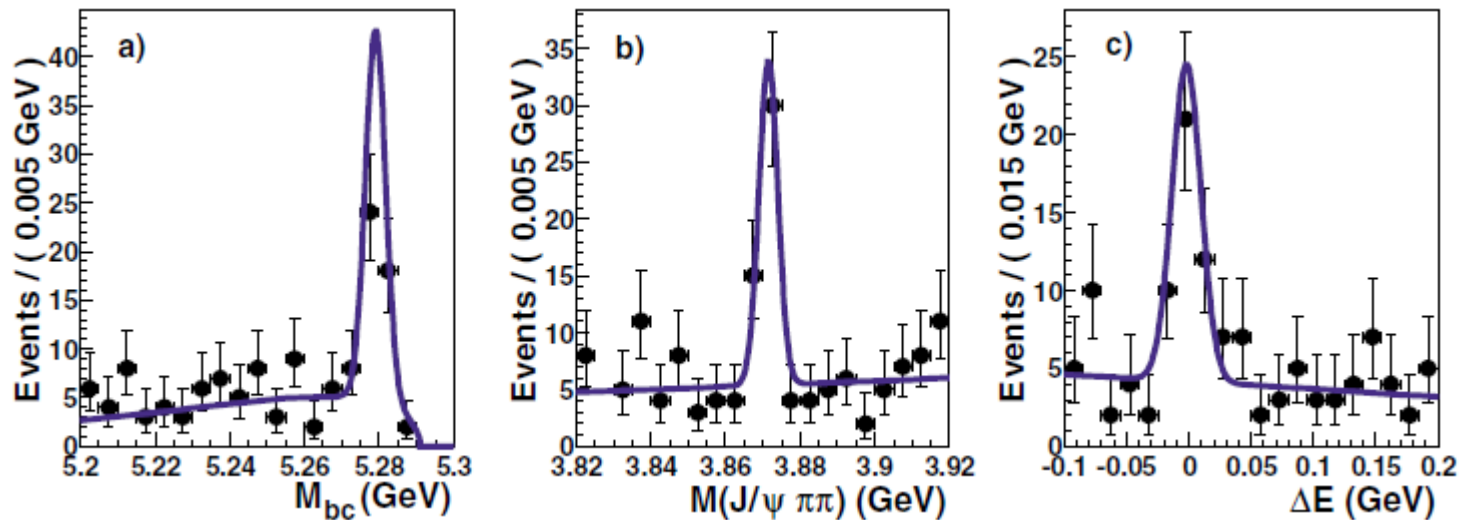
So why did it take so long to find them?

- Exotics can mix with ordinary hadrons with the same quantum numbers
 - Especially true for hadrons made solely from the light quark flavors, u, d, s
- Weak experimental signals often either disappear with higher statistics, or are never confirmed by other experiments
- A seemingly strong signal for a new particle, even one confirmed by multiple experiments, can turn out to be due to entirely different physics
 - *e.g.*, in the early 2000's, a famous pentaquark candidate $\Theta^+(1540)$ turned out not to be an s -channel $K-N$ compound resonance, but the result of an unfortunate choice of kinematical *cuts* on the data and t -channel exchanges
- ...So when the breakthrough finally came in **2003**, it was not instantly accepted by everyone

In 2003...

The Belle Collaboration (KEK) found evidence for a new particle at mass 3872 MeV

S.K. Choi *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **91** (2003) 262001

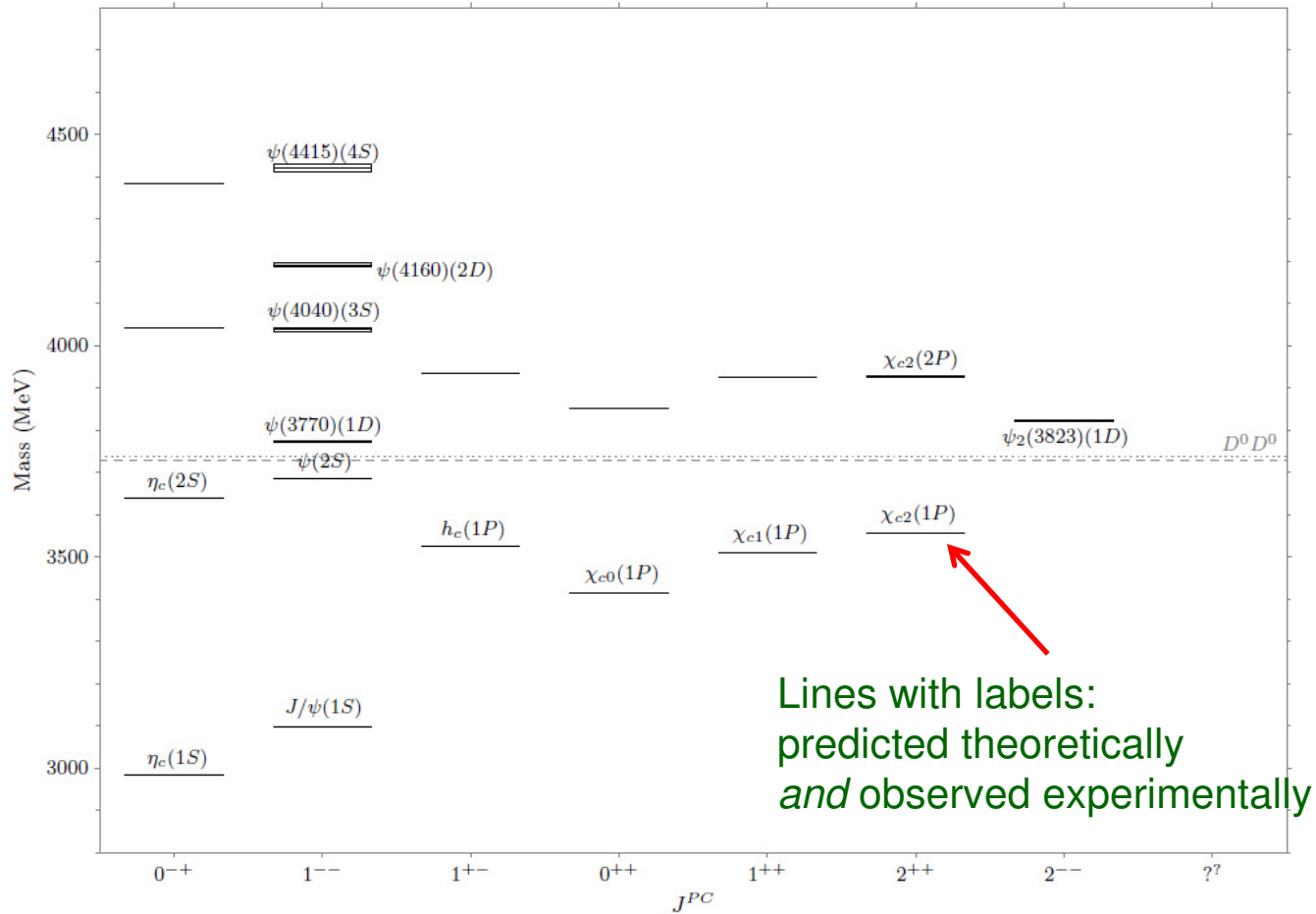


A nice windfall for an experiment whose primary physics goal was to observe CP violation in the B system

X = Unknown

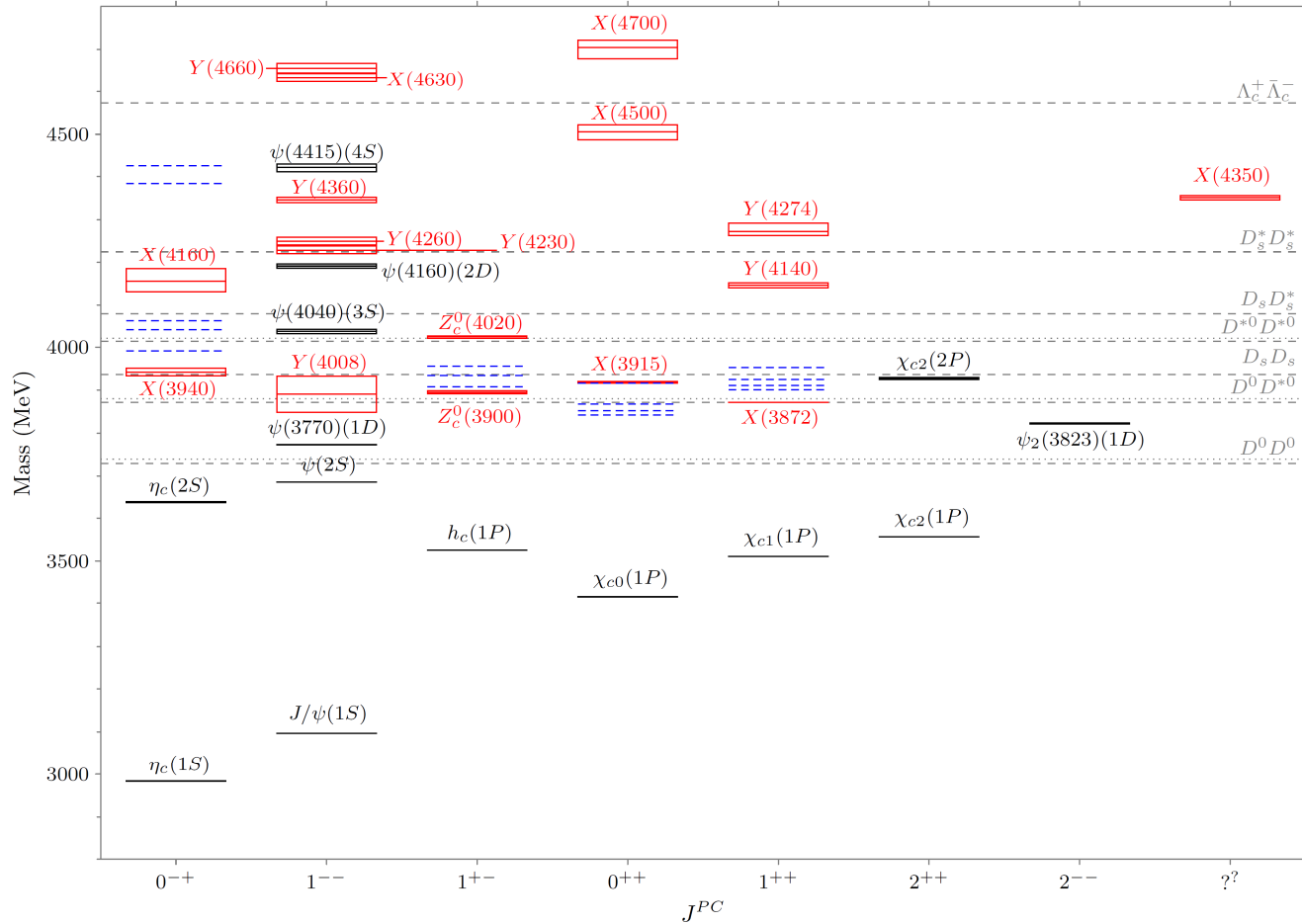
- Belle found a new charmoniumlike (containing $c\bar{c}$) resonance appearing in
$$B \rightarrow K (J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-)$$
 - Believed to contain $c\bar{c}$ because it is in the same mass range as charmonium, and always decays into a final state containing $c\bar{c}$
- Has been confirmed at BABAR, CDF, DØ, LHCb, CMS
- $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$, but not believed to be ordinary $c\bar{c}$: Mass is many 10's of MeV below nearest $c\bar{c}$ candidate with these quantum numbers, $\chi_{c1}(2P)$
- Now called **X(3872)** [and believed to be a ($c\bar{c}u\bar{u}$) state]
 - $m_{X(3872)} = 3871.69 \pm 0.17$ MeV
 - **Note:** $m_{X(3872)} - m_{D^{*0}} - m_{D^0} = +0.01 \pm 0.18$ MeV
Leads to endless speculation that X(3872) is a $D\bar{D}^*$ hadronic molecule ($D^0 = c\bar{u}, \bar{D}^{*0} = \bar{c}u$)
 - **Width:** $\Gamma_{X(3872)} < 1.2$ MeV

What the Charmonium System Should Look Like

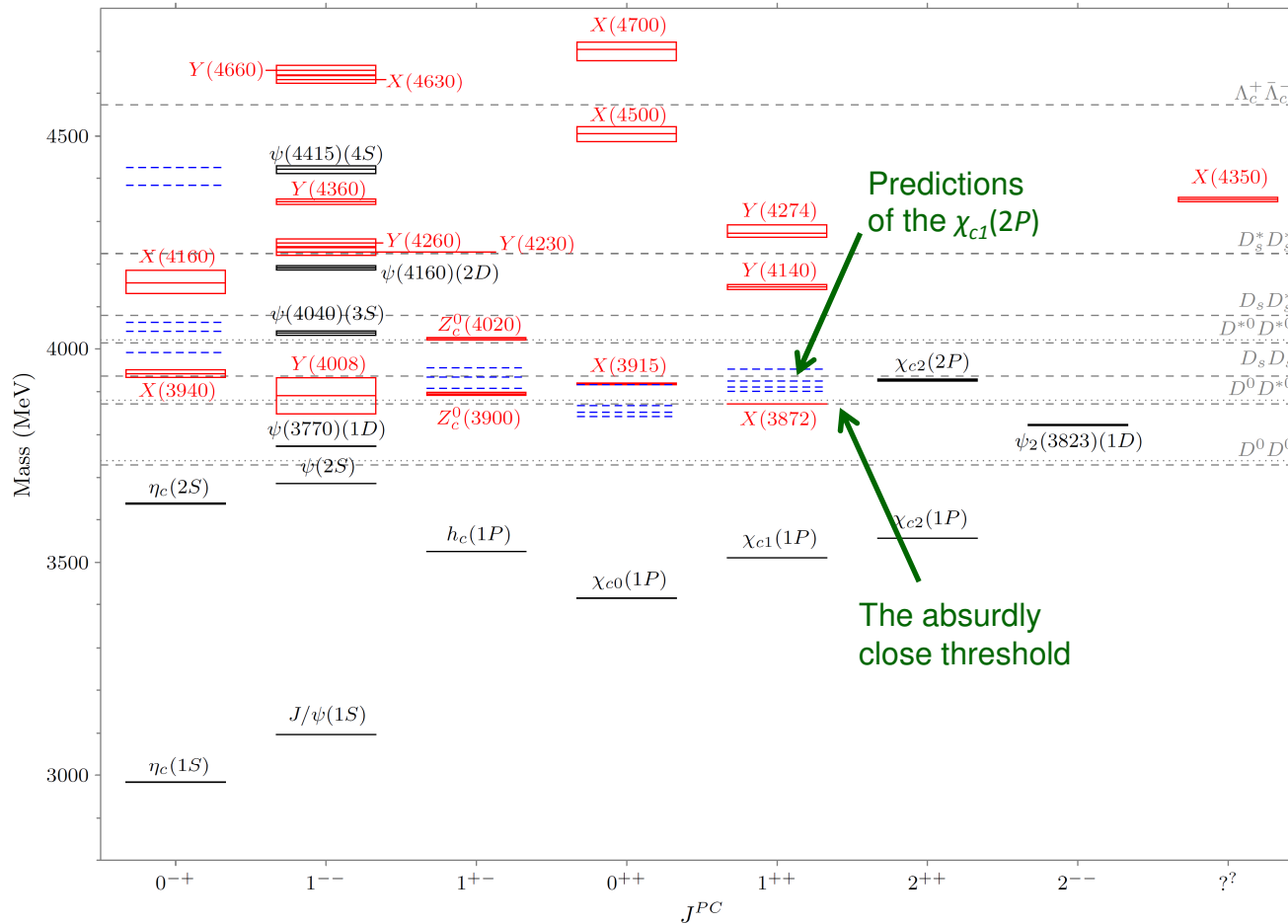


What the Charmonium System Really Looks Like

February 2017



The Peculiar $X(3872)$, the first *tetraquark*



...And in 2005: Υ

BABAR Collaboration (B. Aubert *et al.*, PRL **95**, 142001 [2005])

Charmoniumlike states started to show up in **initial-state radiation (ISR)** e^+e^- annihilation:

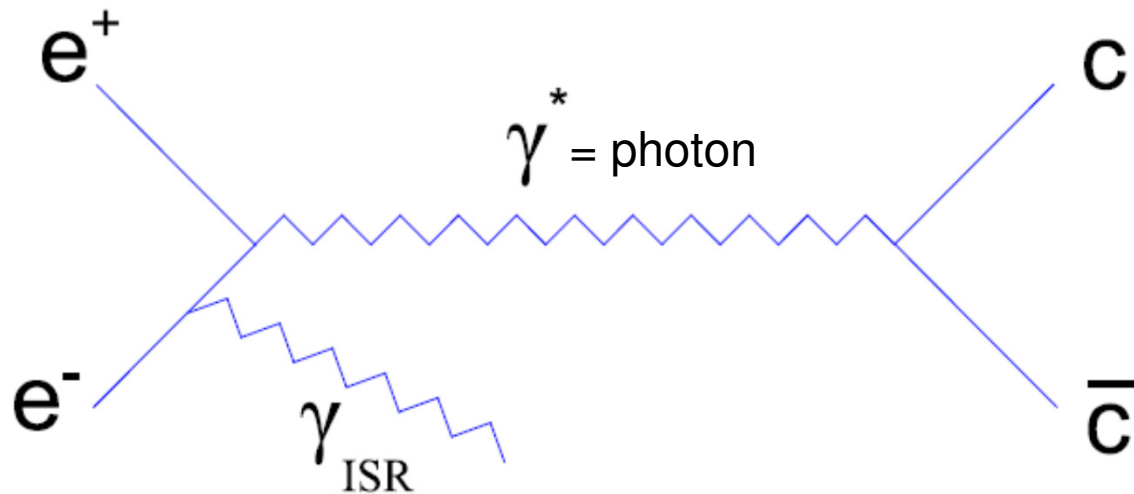


Figure from Nielsen *et al.*,
Phys. Rept. **497** (2010) 41

Such states necessarily have $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$
(same quantum numbers as the photon), and are called “ Υ ”

This first-discovered one is named $\Upsilon(4260)$

...And in 2013: Z

BESIII Collaboration [Beijing] (M. Ablikim *et al.*, PRL **110**, 252001 [2013]),
Belle Collaboration (Z. Liu *et al.*, PRL **110**, 252002 [2013])

- A charged charmoniumlike resonance is observed in

$$Y(4260) \rightarrow \pi^- (\pi^+ J/\psi)$$

- Minimal possible flavor content: $c\bar{c}u\bar{d}$:
No question that it has four valence quarks

- Now called $Z_c^+(3900)$, $J^P = 1^+$
- *The first manifestly exotic state ever confirmed beyond 5σ by two experiments*

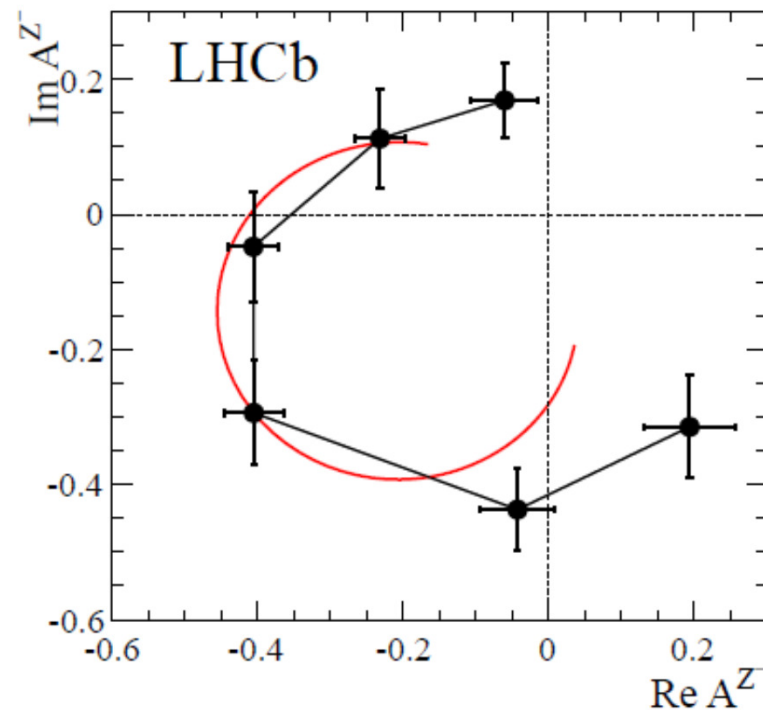
[not counting the $\Theta^+(1540)$]

- What if all these states are not really states, but rather brilliant forgeries, like the $\Theta^+(1540)$?

...And in 2014: Resonance

LHCb Collaboration (R. Aaij *et al.*, PRL **112**, 222002 [2014])

- The first charged charmoniumlike exotic was actually first seen by Belle in 2008 (PRL **100**, 142001 [2008]) and confirmed by them in papers from 2009 and 2013
- LHCb not only confirmed the state at 13.9σ , now called $Z^+(4430)$, $J^P = 1^+$ but for the first time plotted the full complex production amplitude and showed that it obeys the proper phase-shift looping behavior of a Breit-Wigner **resonance**
- **Welcome to the Age of the Third Hadron**



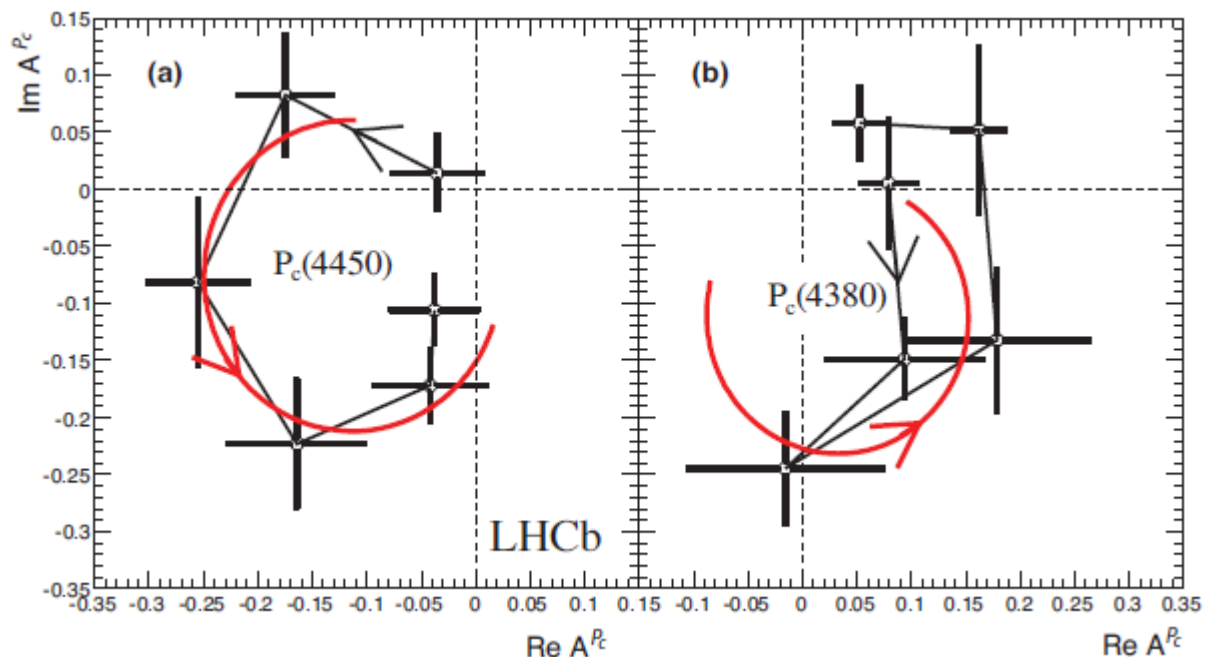
...And in 2015: P_c

LHCb Collaboration [R. Aaij *et al.*, PRL **115** (2015) 072001]

- The first two *baryonic* charmoniumlike exotics, $P_c^+(4450)$, $P_c^+(4380)$
- Decay to $J/\psi + p \rightarrow$ Valence structure $c\bar{c}uud$: **Pentaquarks!**
- $m_1 = 4380 \pm 8 \pm 29$ MeV, $\Gamma_1 = 205 \pm 18 \pm 86$ MeV, **9σ significance**
- $m_2 = 4449.8 \pm 1.7 \pm 2.5$ MeV, $\Gamma_2 = 39 \pm 5 \pm 19$ MeV, **12σ significance**

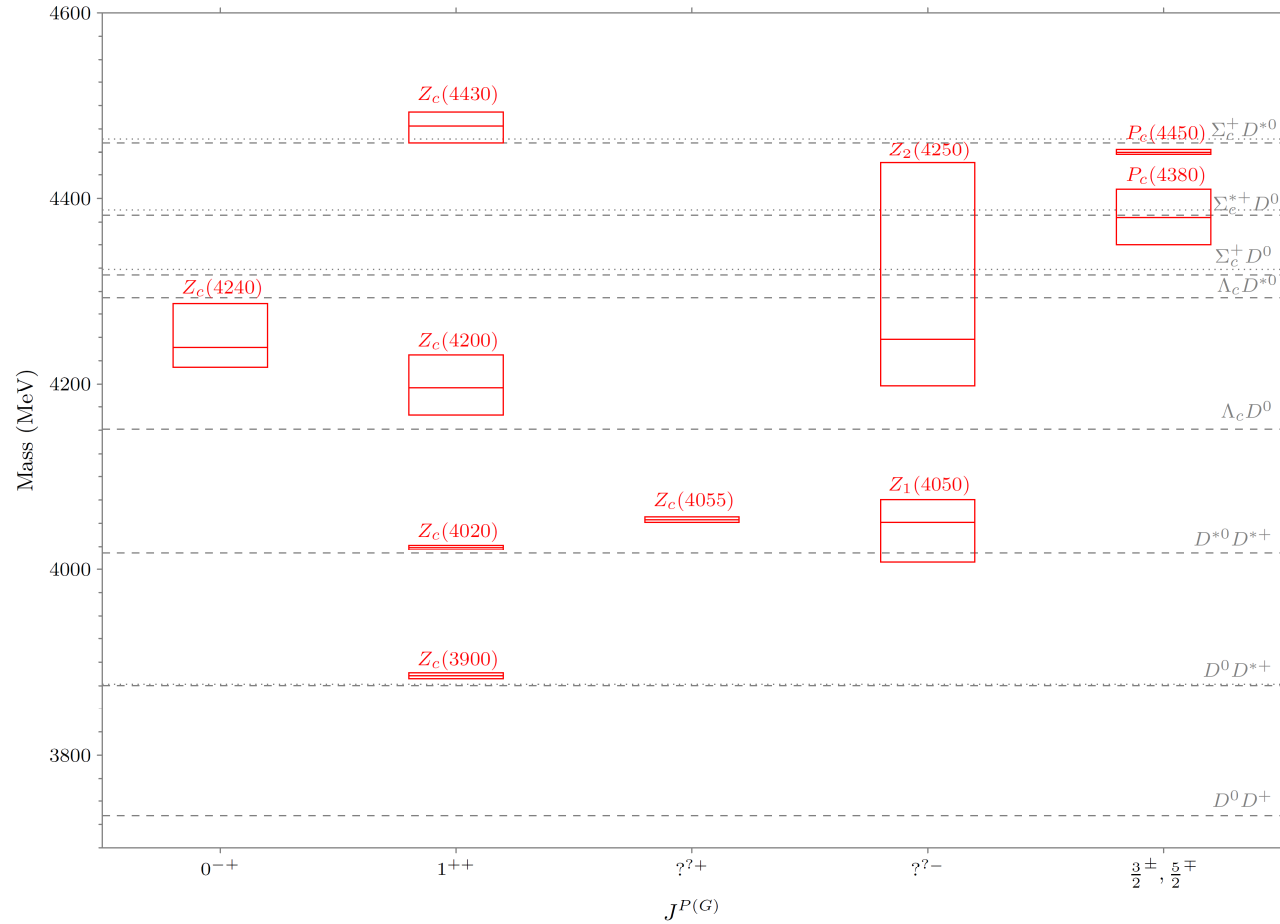
- Preferred J^P assignments:
 - $(3/2^-, 5/2^+) >$
 - $(3/2^+, 5/2^-) >$
 - $(5/2^+, 3/2^-)$

- **Welcome to the Age of the Fourth Hadron**



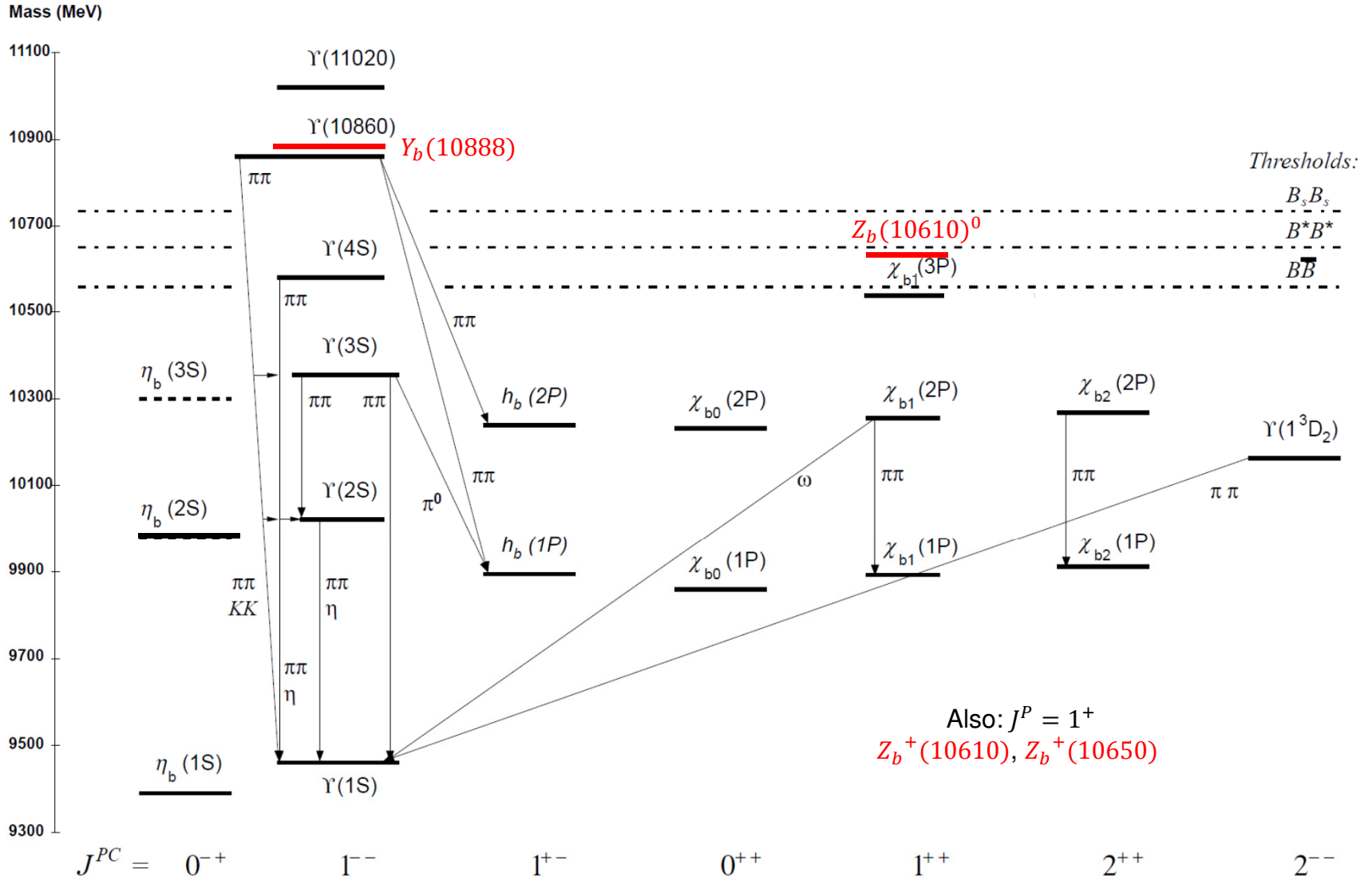
Charmonium: February 2017

Charged sector



THE BOTTONONIUM SYSTEM

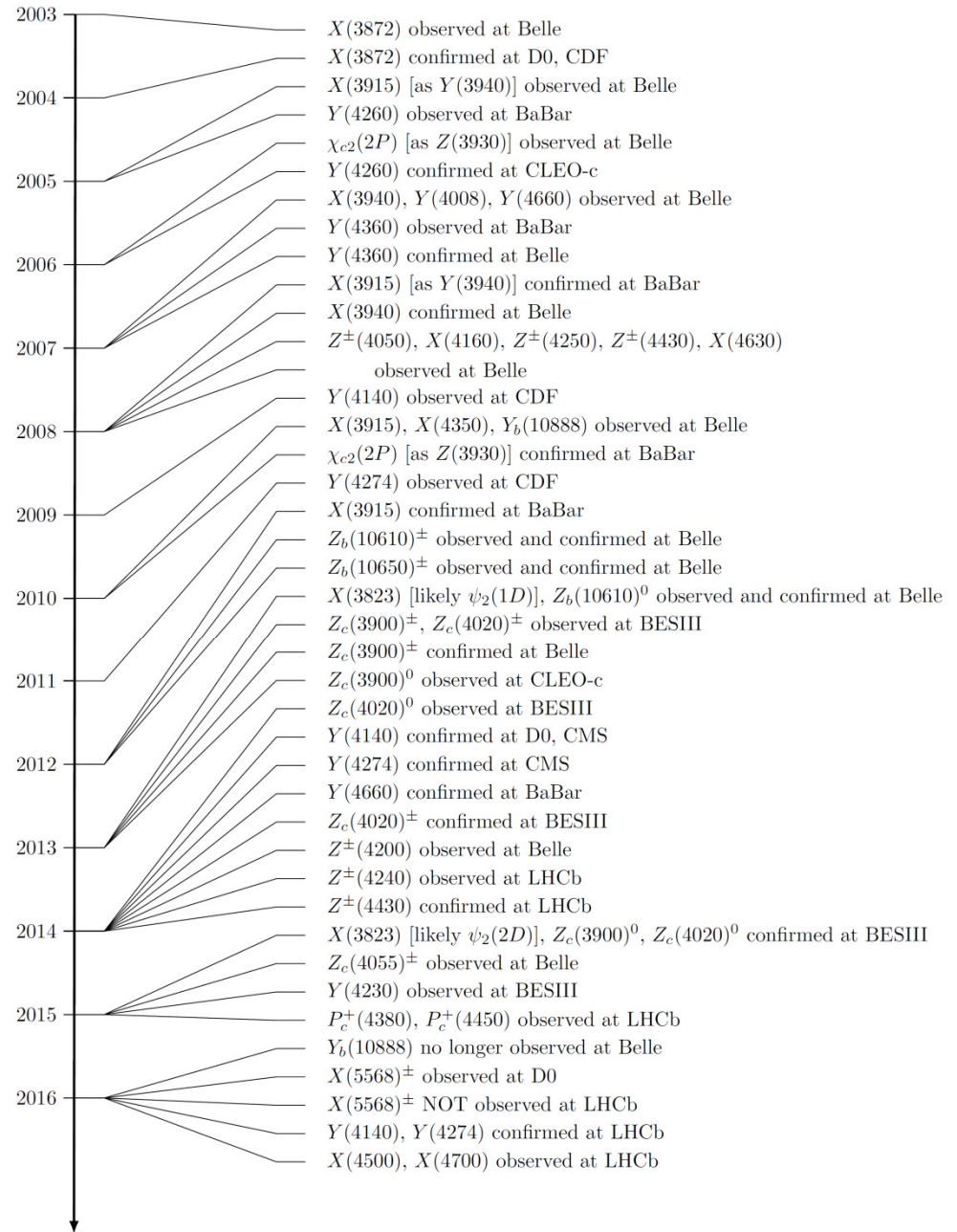
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The exotics scorecard: February 2017

- **32** observed exotics
 - 27 in the charmonium sector
 - 4 in the (much less explored) bottomonium sector
 - 1 with a single b quark (and an s , a u , and a d)
- **15** confirmed (& none of the other 17 disproved) at $>5\sigma$ in more than one experiment, mode, or both

New discoveries every single year



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Review

Heavy-quark QCD exotica

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...to learn in detail about the history of the discoveries
and the various theoretical interpretations attempted

How are tetraquarks assembled?

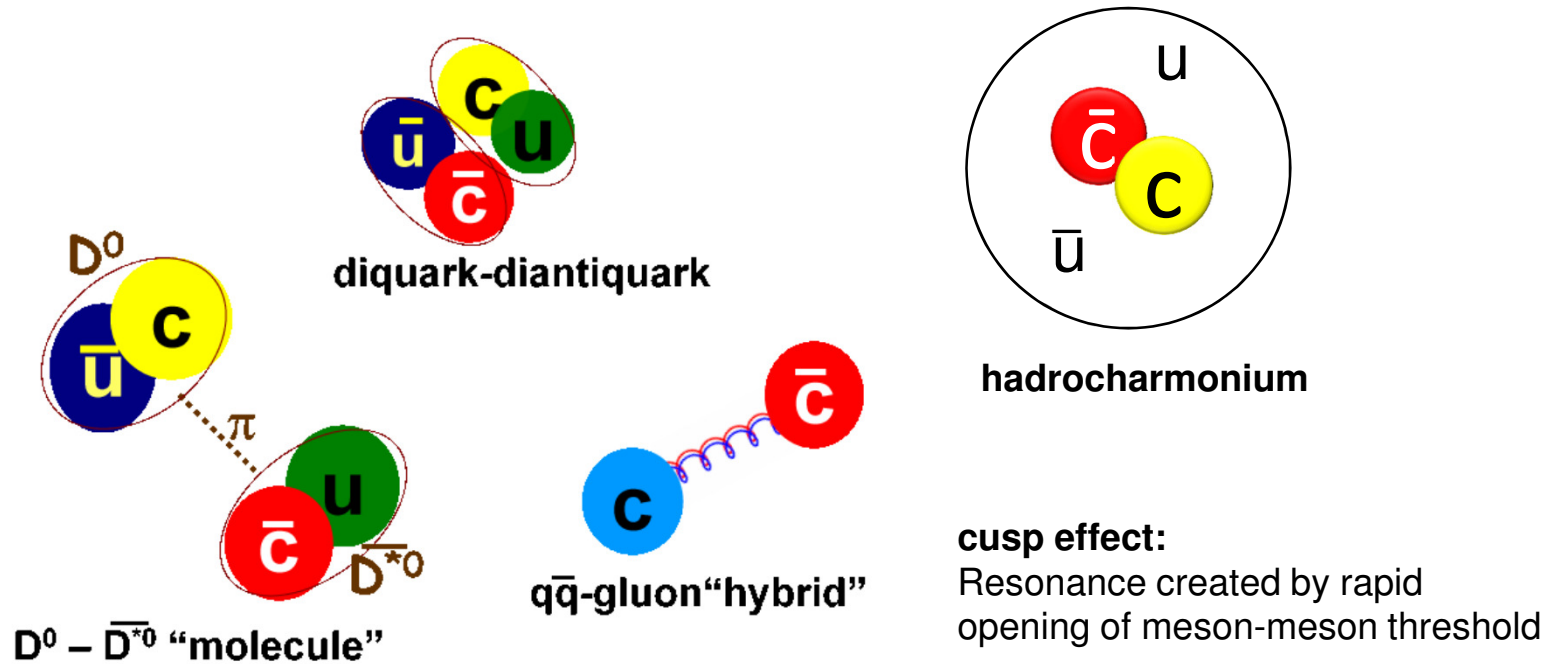


Image from Godfrey & Olsen,
Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. **58** (2008) 51

Trouble with the dynamical pictures

- Hybrids
 - Only usable for neutral states; then what are the Z 's?
 - Only produces certain quantum numbers (like $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$) easily
- Diquark and hadrocharmonium pictures
 - What stabilizes the states against instantly segregating into meson pairs?
 - Diquark models tend to overpredict the number of bound states
 - Why wouldn't hadrocharmonium *always* decay into charmonium, instead of $D\bar{D}$?
- Cusp effect
 - Might be able to generate some resonances on its own, but >20 of them? And certainly not ones as narrow as $X(3872)$ ($\Gamma < 1.2$ MeV)

The hadron molecular picture

- A number of XYZ states are *suspiciously* close to hadron thresholds
 - *e.g.*, recall $m_{X(3872)} - m_{D^{*0}} - m_{D^0} = +0.01 \pm 0.18$ MeV
- So we theorists have *hundreds* of papers analyzing the XYZ states as dimeson molecules
- But not all of them are!
 - *e.g.*, $Z(4430)$ is a prime example
- Moreover, some XYZ states lie slightly *above* a hadronic threshold
 - *e.g.*, $Y(4260)$ lies about 30 MeV above the $D_S^* \overline{D}_S^*$ threshold
 - How can one have a bound state with *positive* binding energy?

Prompt production

- If hadronic molecules are really formed, they must be very weakly bound, with very low relative momentum between their mesonic components
- They might appear in B decays, but would almost always be blown apart in collider experiments
- But CDF (Fermilab) & CMS (CERN) saw many!
[Prompt $X(3872)$ production, $\sigma \approx 30$ nb]
 - CDF Collaboration (A. Abulencia *et al.*), PRL **98**, 132002 (2007)
 - CMS Collaboration (S. Chatrchyan *et al.*), JHEP **1304**, 154 (2013)
- Hadronic molecules may exist,
but $X(3872)$ does not seem to fit the expected profile

It is entirely possible...

- ...that no single structure accommodates all of these exotic states
- Some could be molecules, some could be hybrids, some could be kinematical effects, or quantum-mechanical mixtures of these...
- But what none of these pictures take into account is the full complexity of QCD dynamics for rather short-lived states
- Here, then, is my suggestion:

Amazing (well-known) fact about color:

- The short-distance color attraction of combining two color-**3** quarks (**3** = red, blue, green) into a color- $\bar{\mathbf{3}}$ diquark is *fully half as strong* as that of combining a **3** and a $\bar{\mathbf{3}}$ into a color-neutral singlet (*i.e.*, **diquark attraction is nearly as strong as the confining attraction**)

- Just as one computes a spin-spin coupling,

$$\vec{s}_1 \cdot \vec{s}_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[(\vec{s}_1 + \vec{s}_2)^2 - s_1^2 - s_2^2 \right],$$

from two particles in representations 1 and 2 combined into representation 1+2:

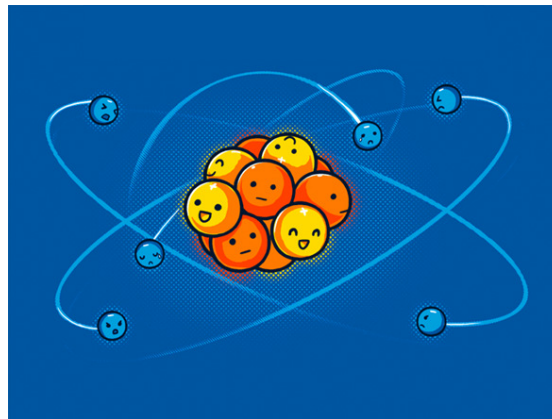
- If $s_1, s_2 = \text{spin } \frac{1}{2}$, and $\vec{s}_1 + \vec{s}_2 = \text{spin } 0$, get $-\frac{3}{4}$; if spin 1, get $+\frac{1}{4}$

- The exact analogue formula for color charges gives the result stated above

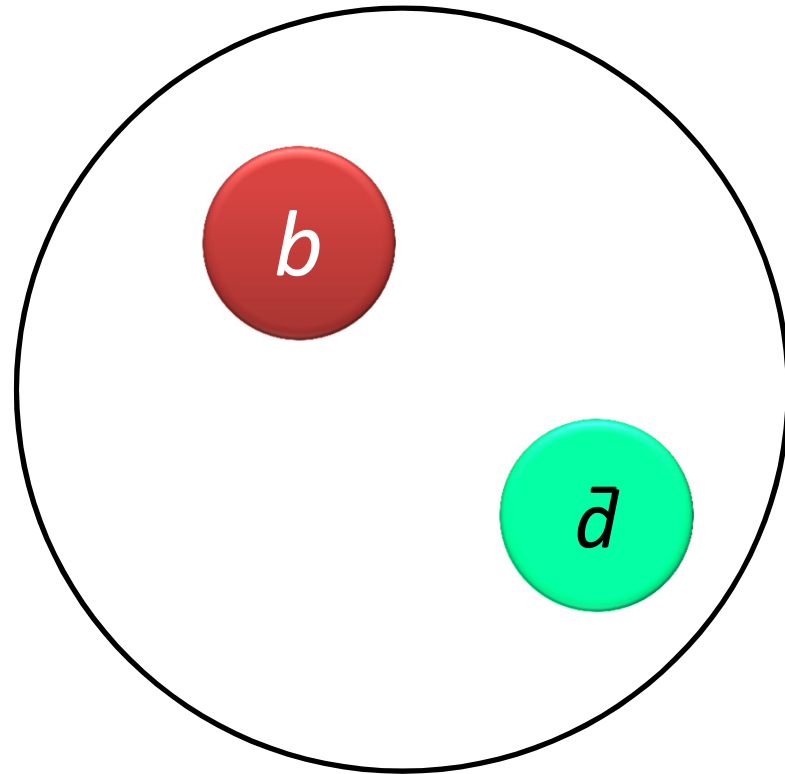
A new tetraquark picture

Stanley J. Brodsky, Dae Sung Hwang, RFL
Physical Review Letters **113**, 112001 (2014)

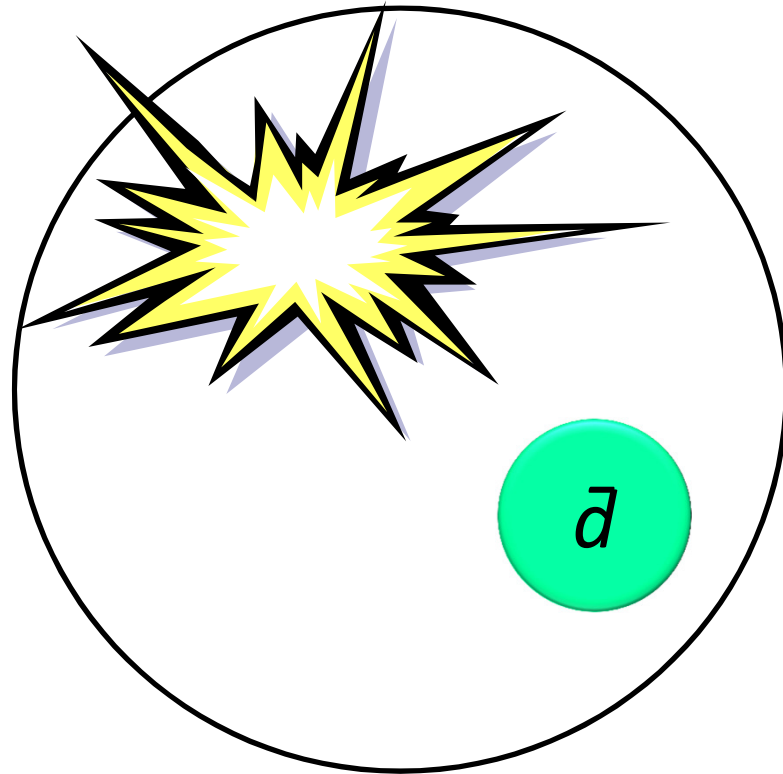
- CLAIM: At least some of the observed tetraquark states are bound states of diquark-antidiquark pairs
- BUT the pairs are not in a static configuration; they are created with a lot of relative energy, and rapidly separate from each other
- Diquarks are not color neutral!
They cannot, by confinement, separate asymptotically far
- They must hadronize via large- r tails of mesonic wave functions, which suppresses decay widths to make them observably narrow
- Want to see this in action? Time for some cartoons!



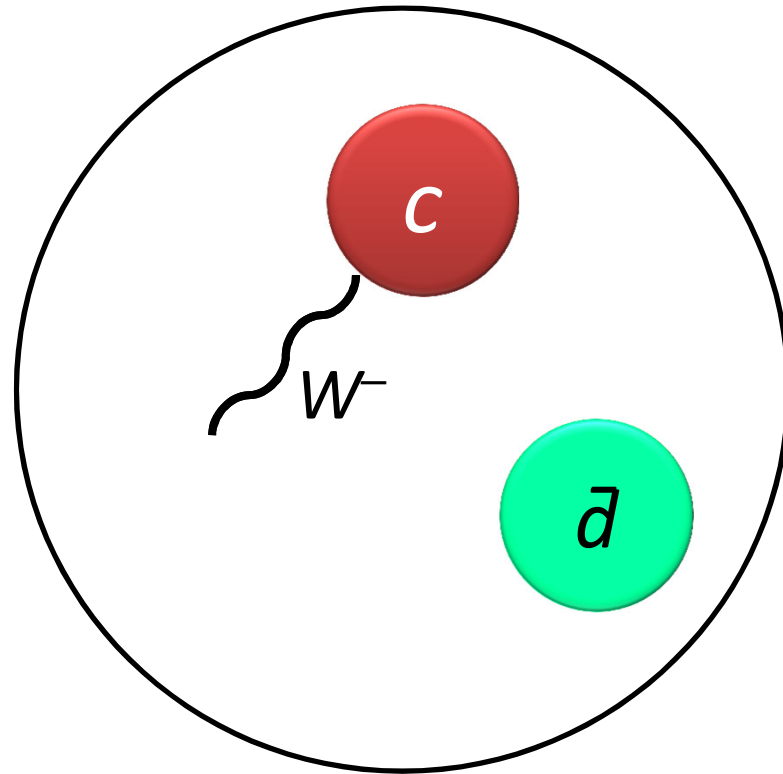
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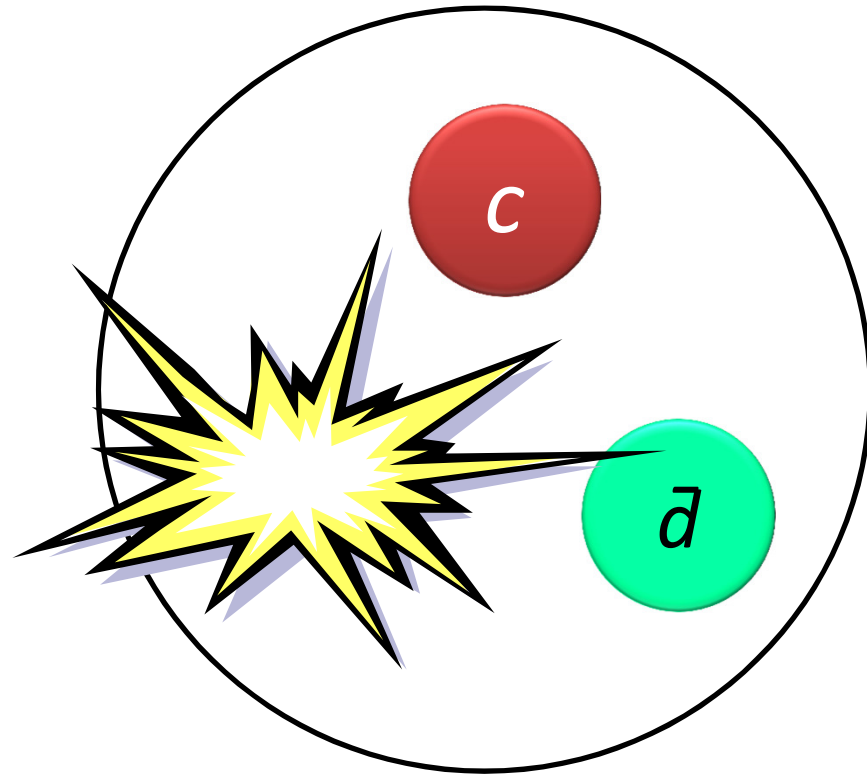
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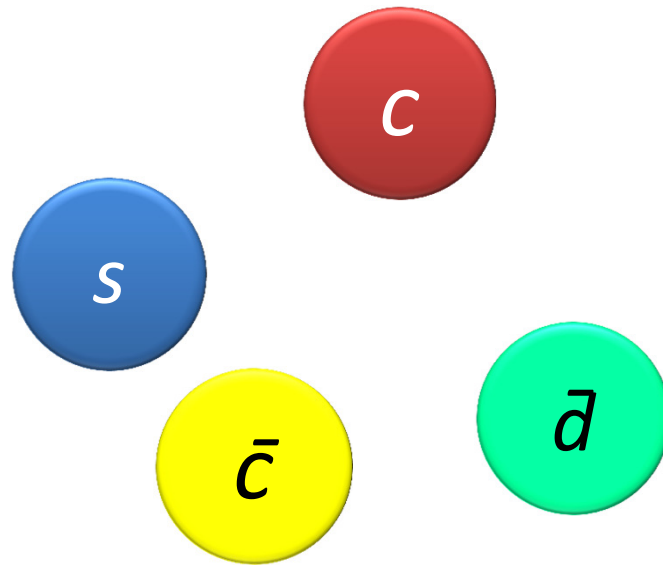
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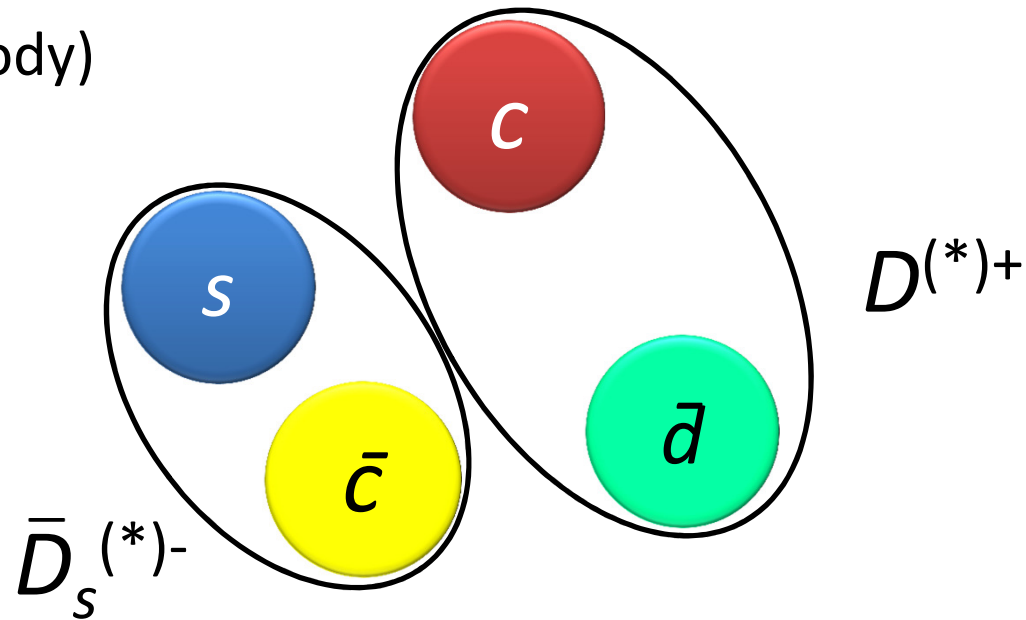
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probability)



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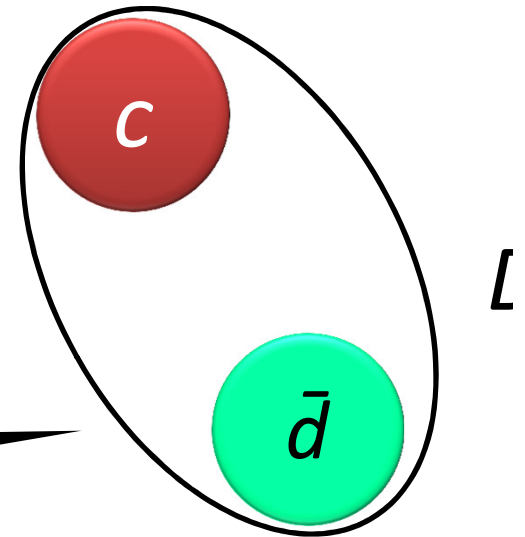
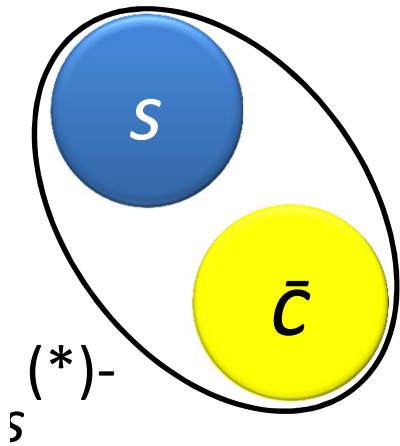
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(& similar 2-body)

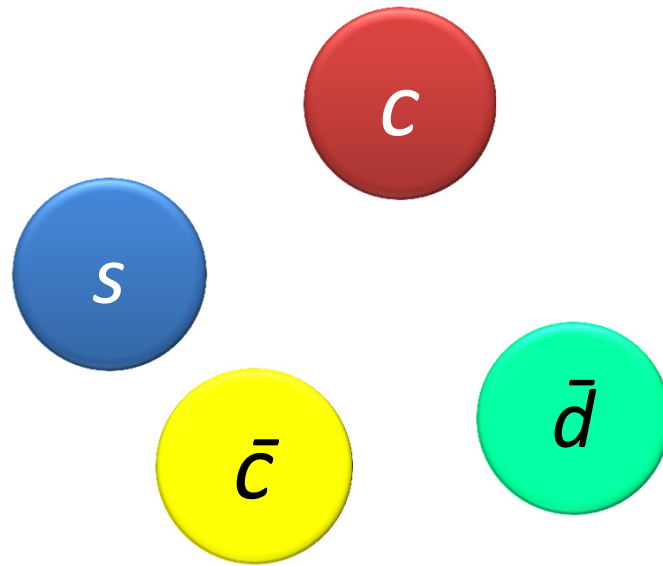


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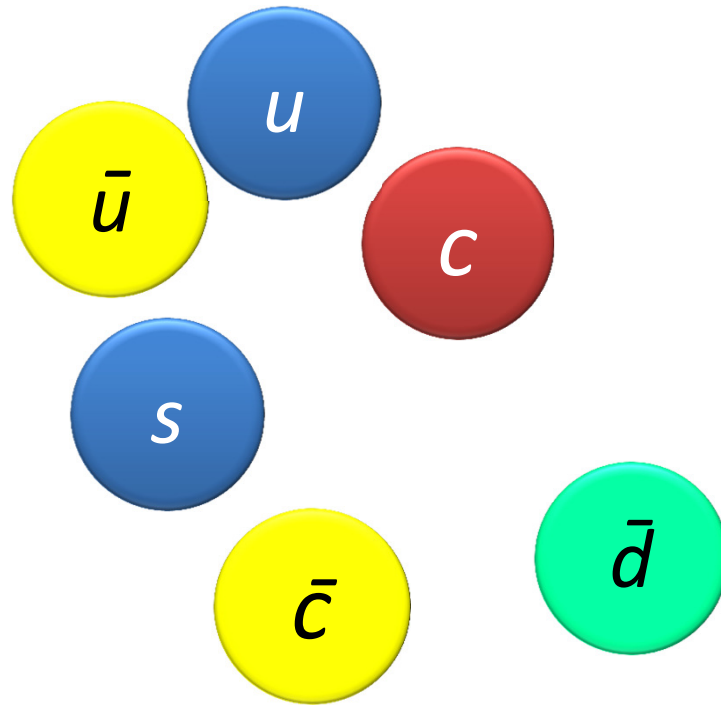
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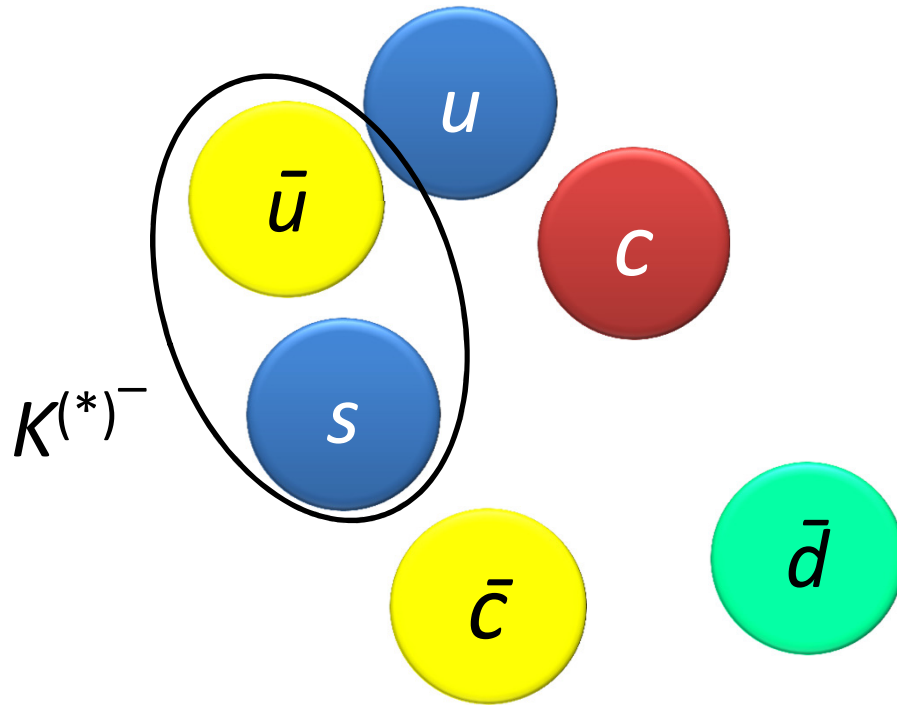
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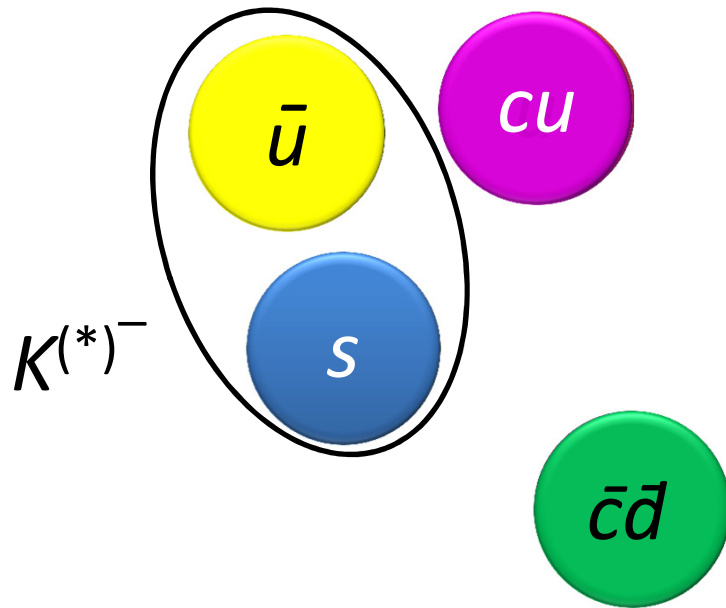
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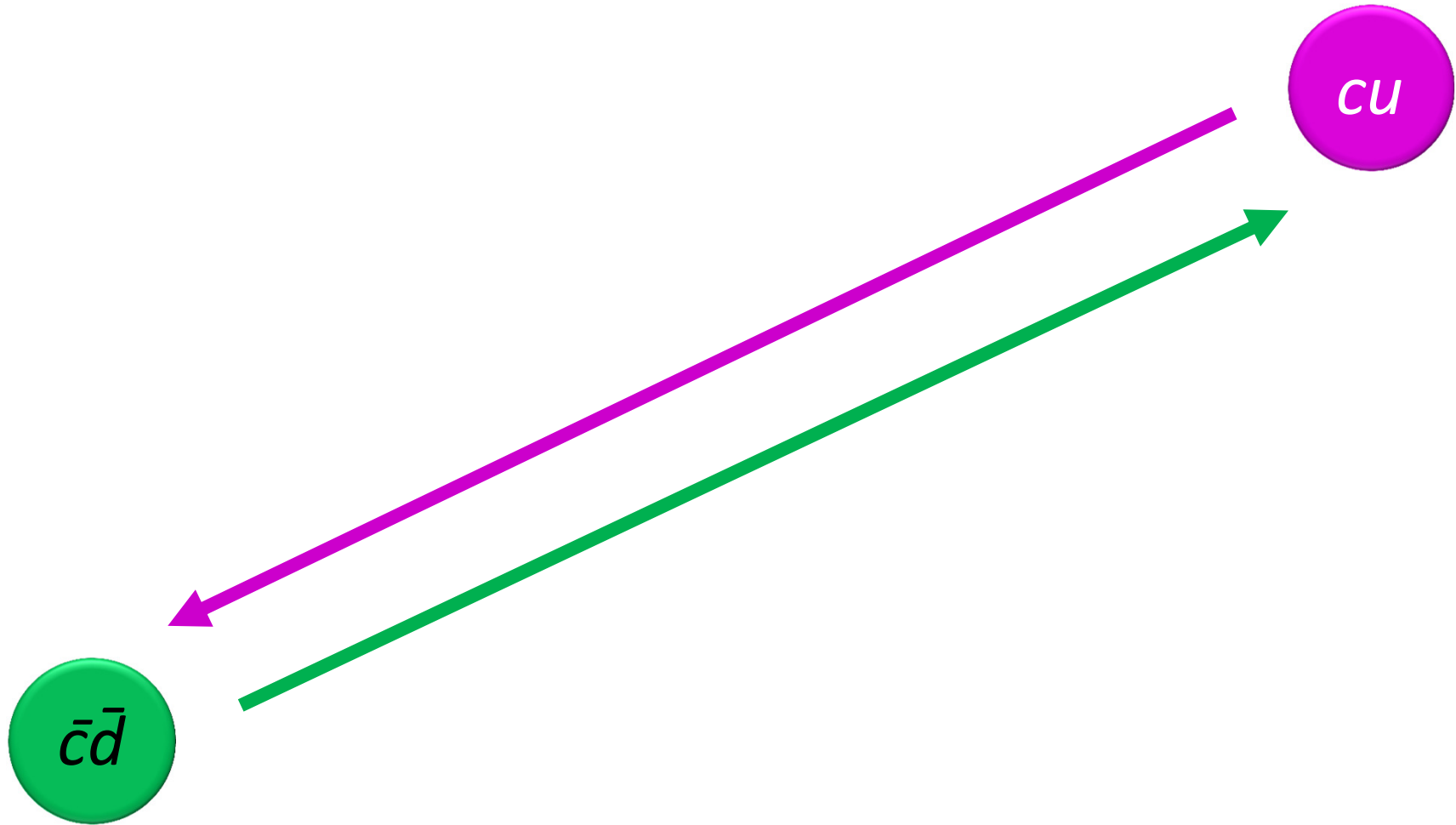
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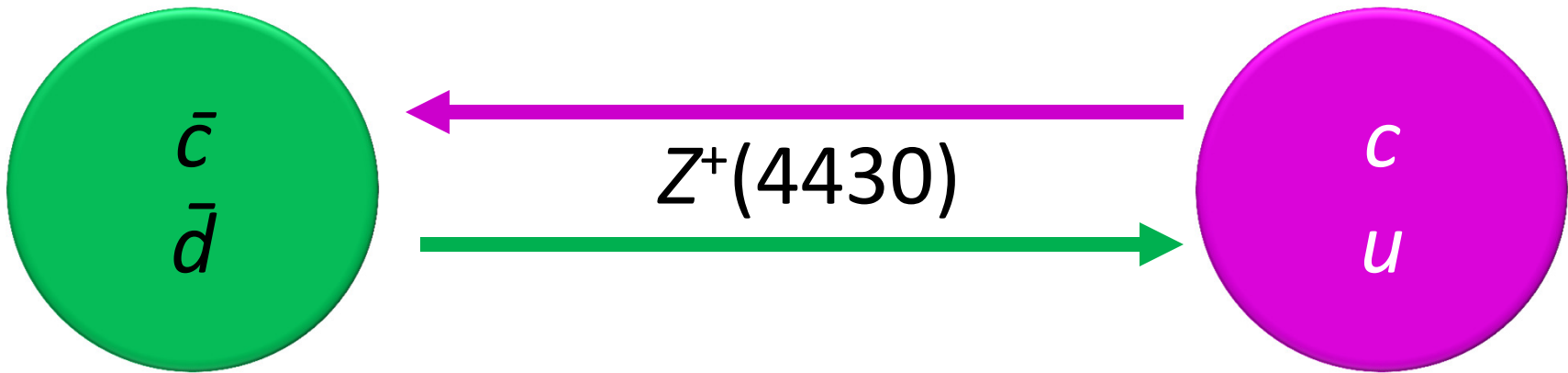
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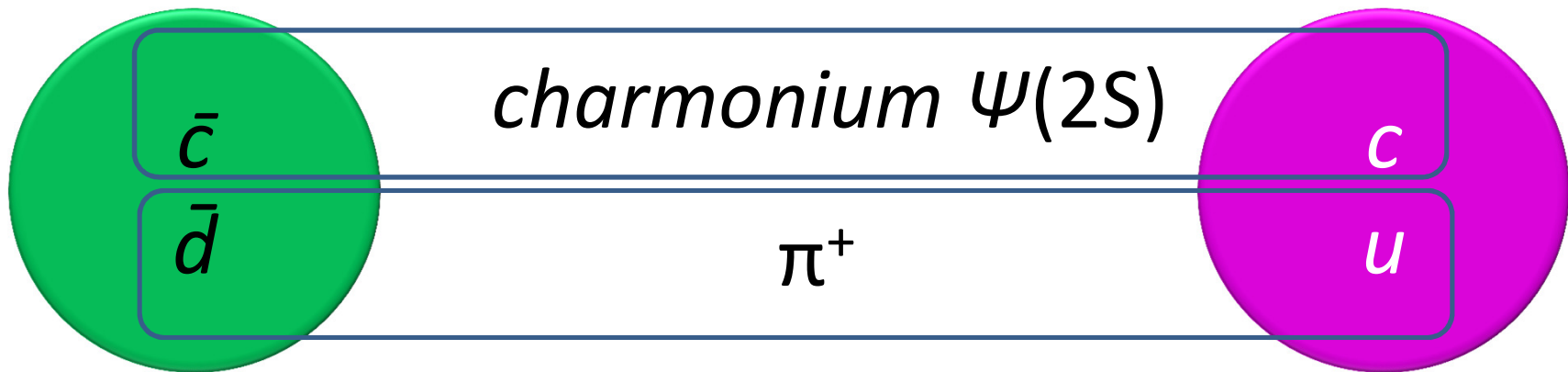
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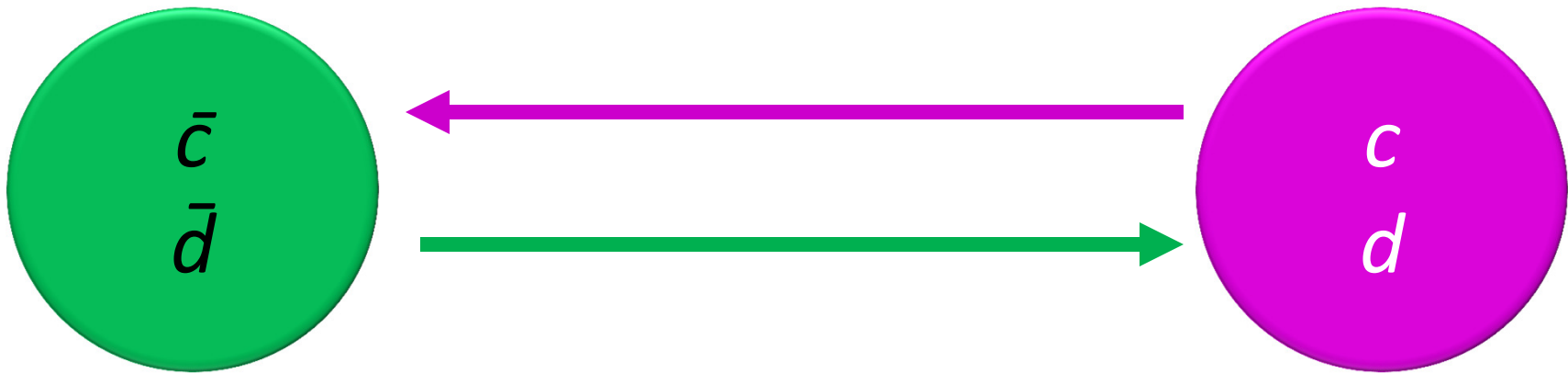
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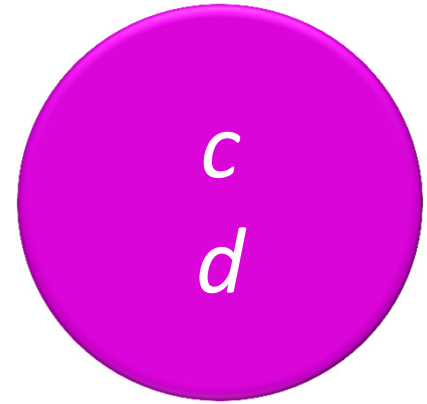
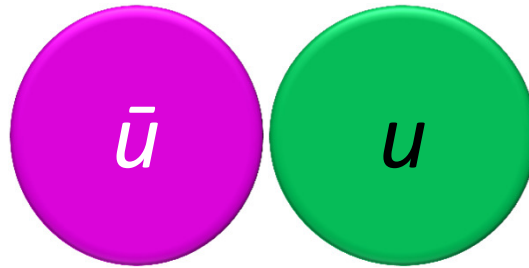
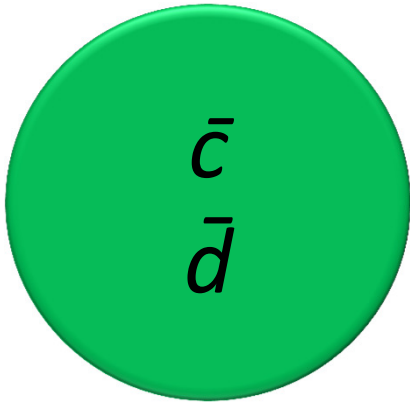
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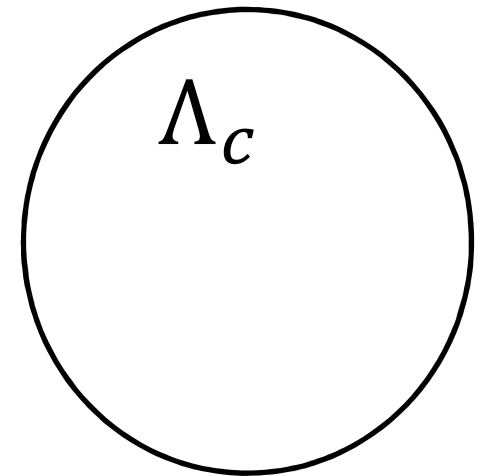
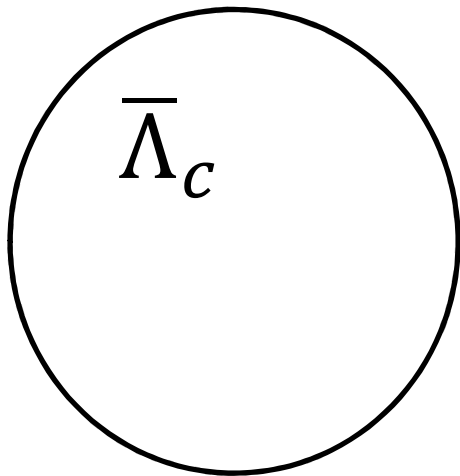
Why doesn't this just happen?
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It *does* happen, as soon as the threshold $2M_{\Lambda_c} = 4573$ MeV is passed
The lightest exotic above this threshold, $X(4632)$, decays into $\Lambda_c + \bar{\Lambda}_c$

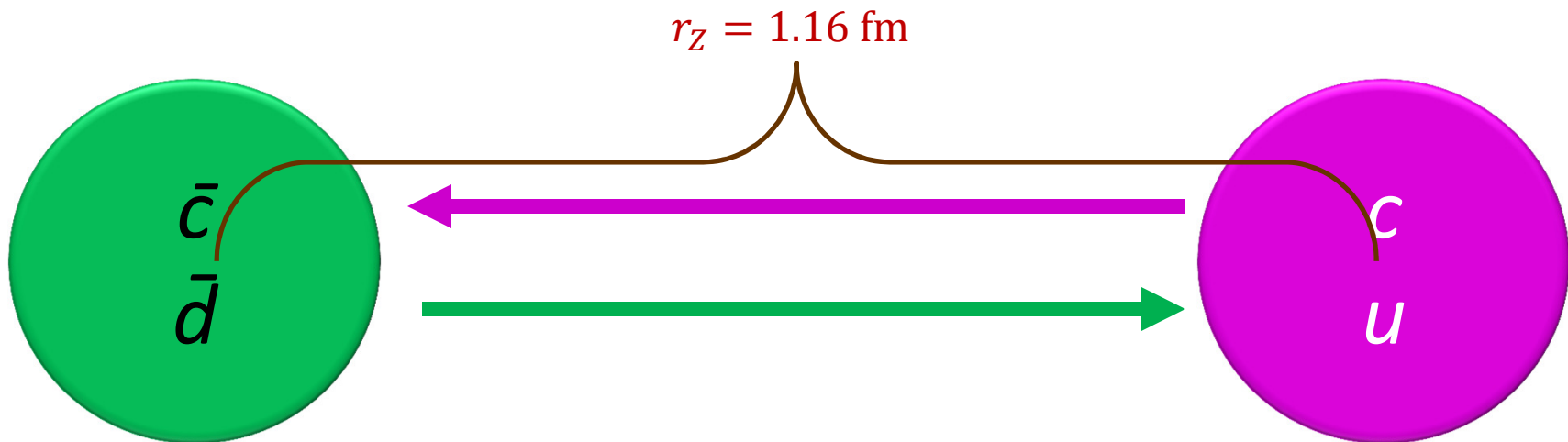
How far apart do the diquarks actually get?

- Since this is still a $\mathbf{3} \leftrightarrow \bar{\mathbf{3}}$ color interaction, just use the Cornell potential:

$$V(r) = -\frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{r} + br + \frac{32\pi\alpha_s}{9m_{cq}^2} \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^3 e^{-\sigma^2 r^2} \mathbf{S}_{cq} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\bar{c}\bar{q}},$$

[This variant: Barnes et al., PRD **72**, 054026 (2005)]

- Use that the kinetic energy released in $\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow K^- + Z^+(4430)$ converts into potential energy until the diquarks come to rest
- Decay transition most effective at this point (WKB turning point)

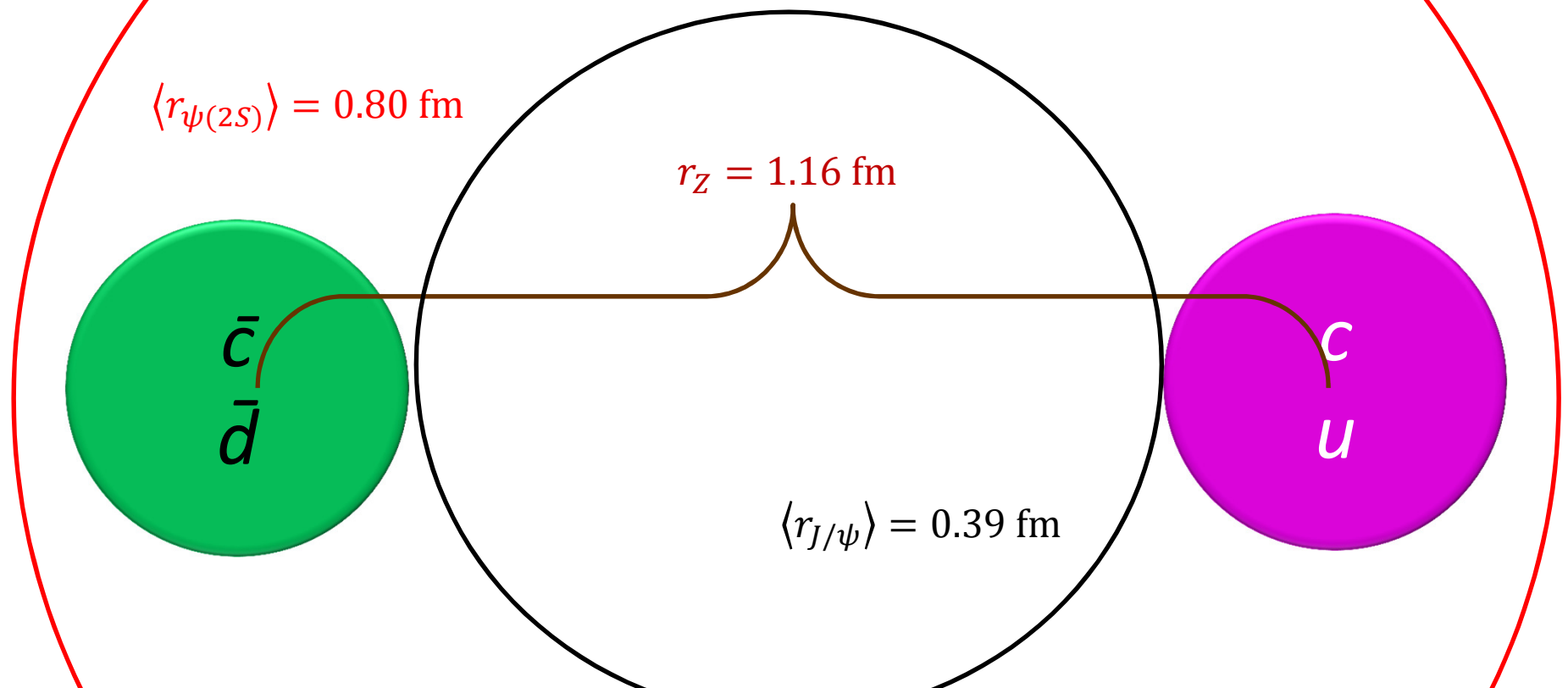


Fascinating $Z(4430)$ fact:

Belle [K. Chilikin *et al.*, PRD **90**, 112009 (2014)] says:

$$\frac{\text{B. R. } [Z^-(4430) \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^-]}{\text{B. R. } [Z^-(4430) \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^-]} > \mathbf{10}$$

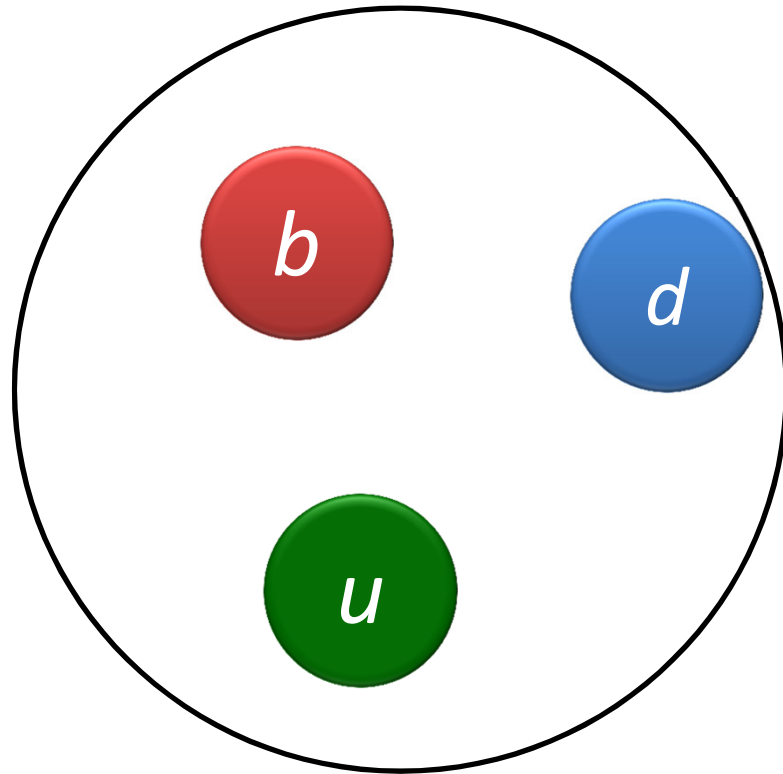
and LHCb has not reported seeing the J/ψ (1S) mode



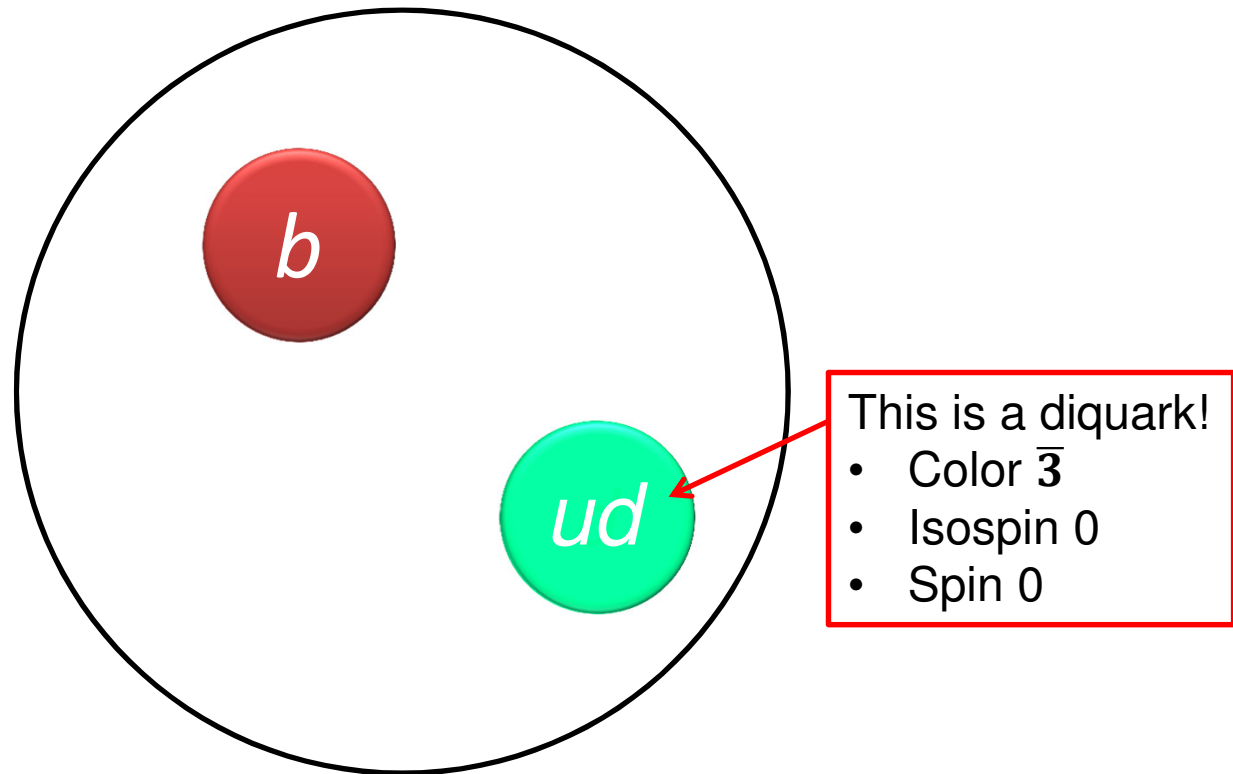
Does the dynamical diquark picture have anything to say about the P_c states?

- **Yes.** RFL, Phys. Lett. B **749** (2015) 454

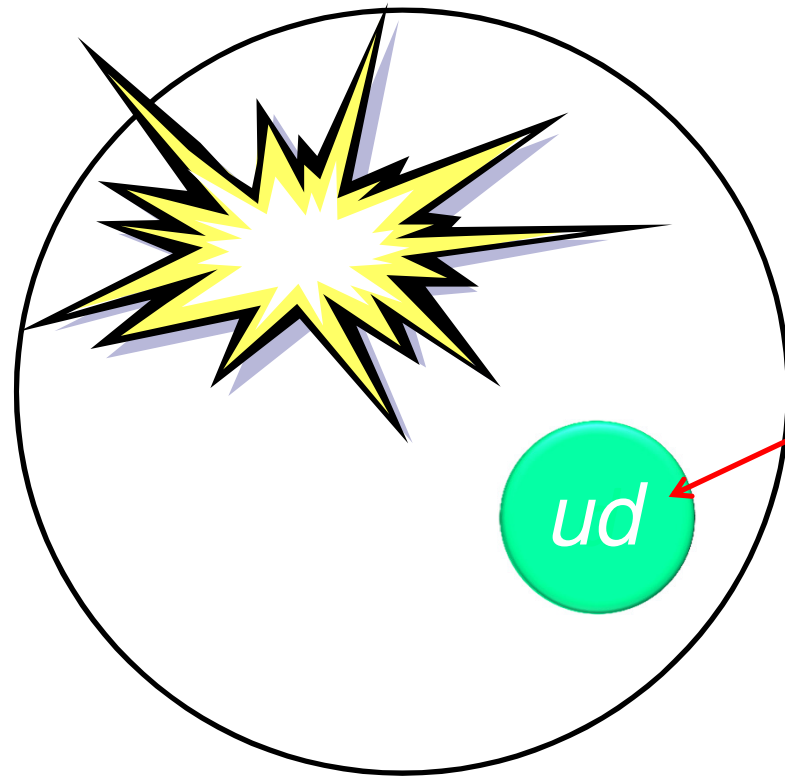
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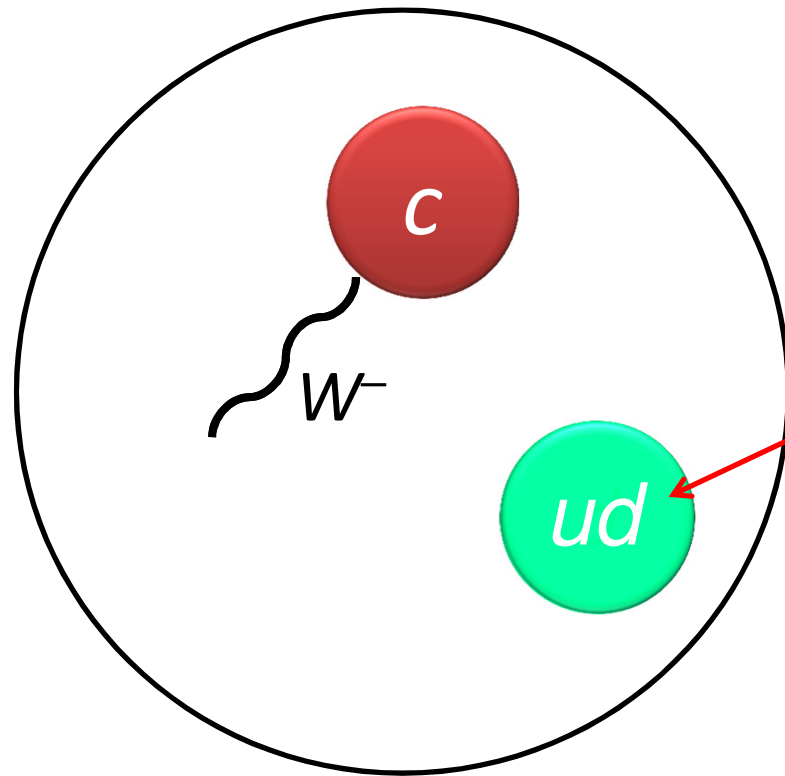
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This is a diquark!

- Color $\bar{3}$
- Isospin 0
- Spin 0

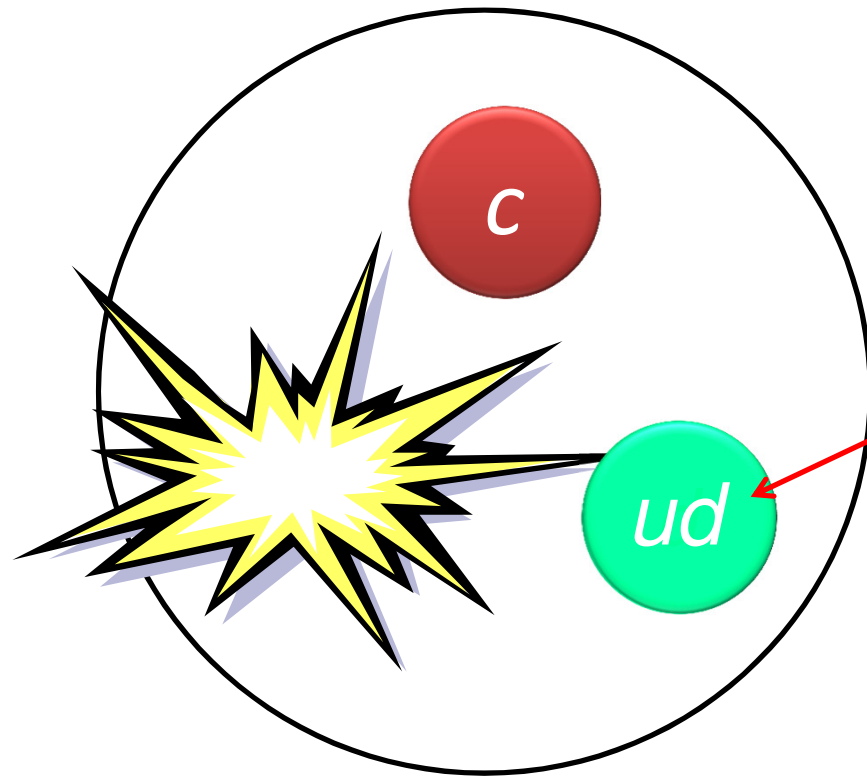
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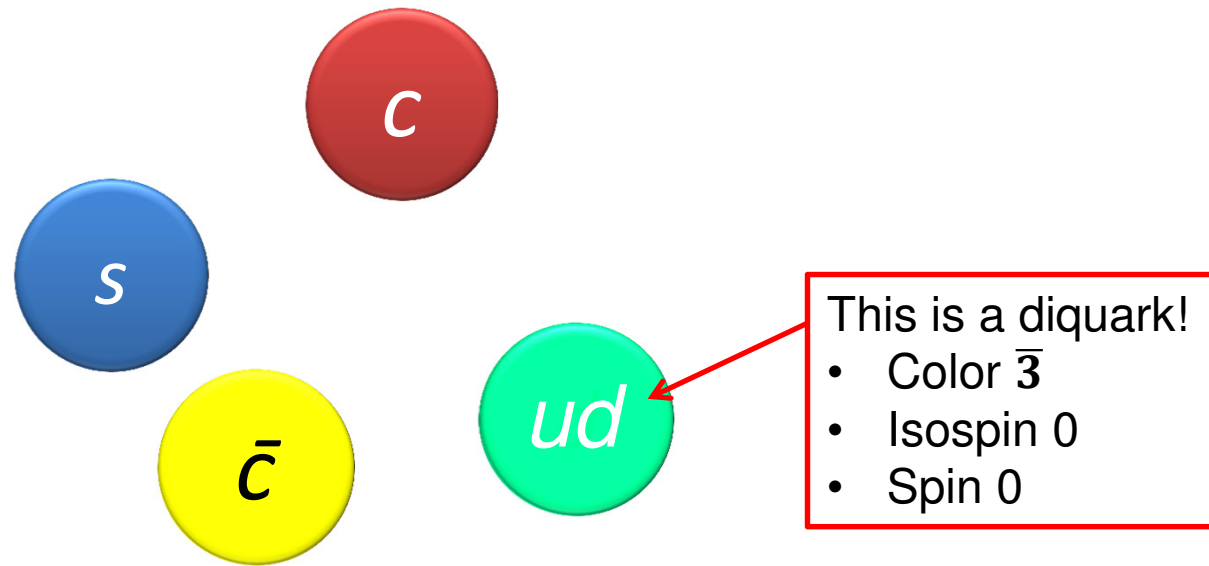
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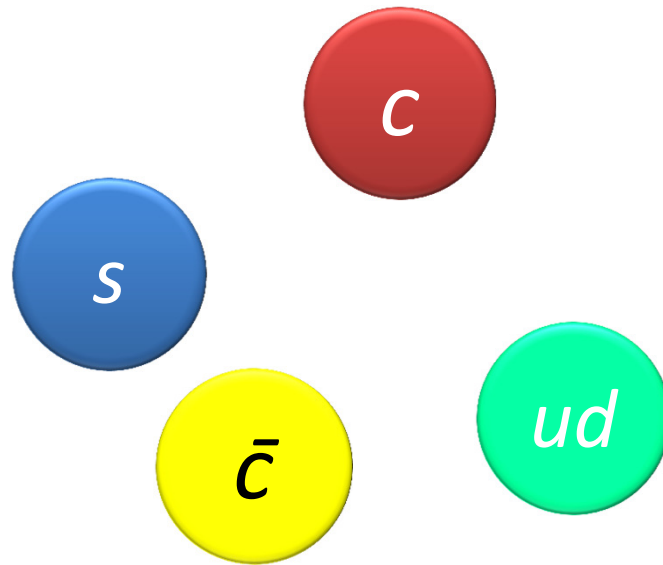
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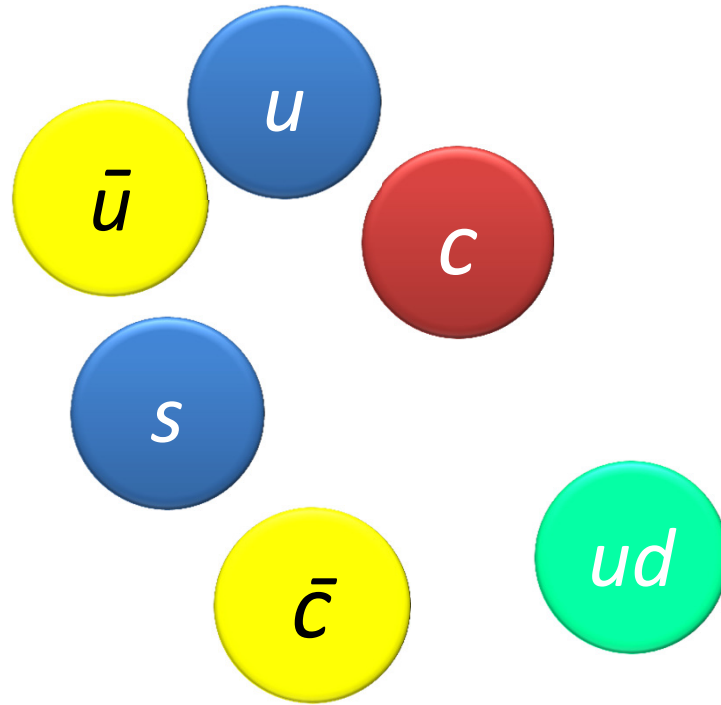
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Diquark *and triquark* formation



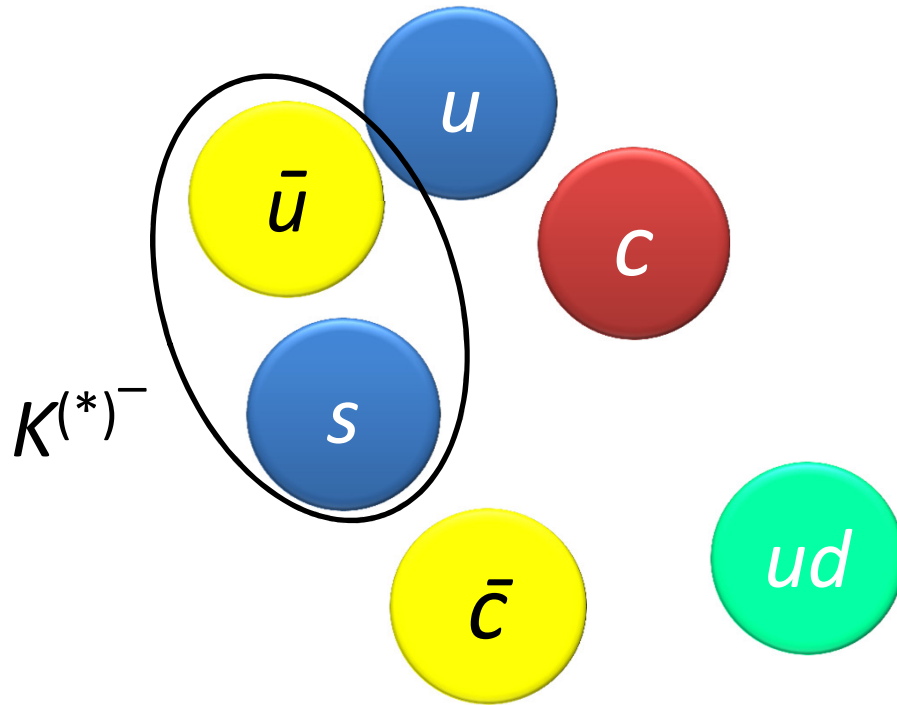
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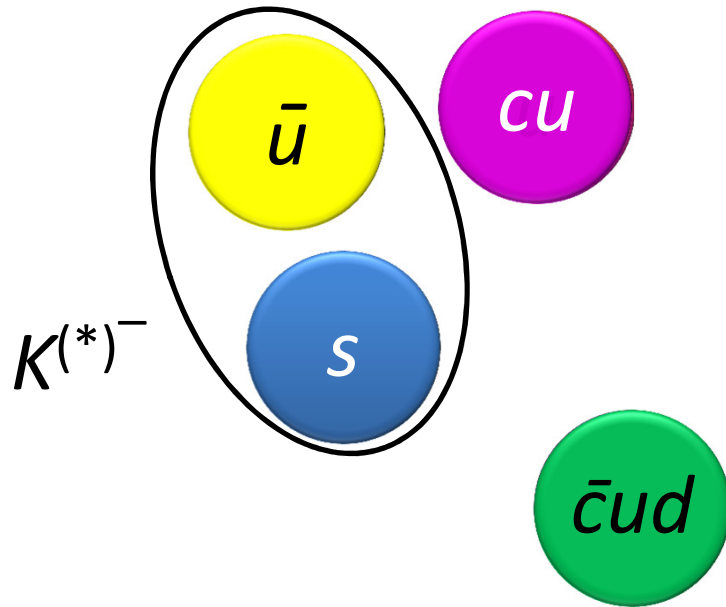
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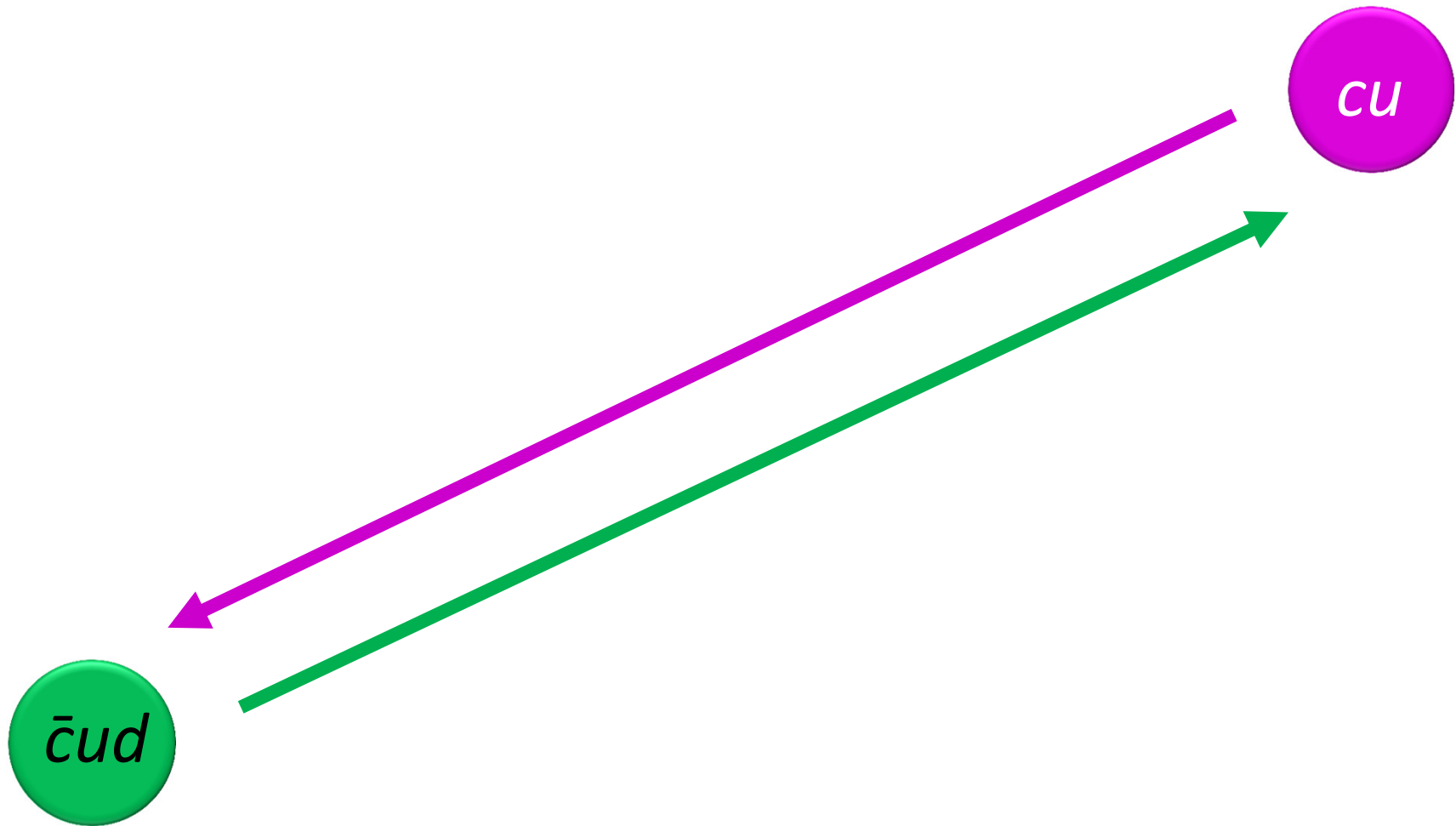
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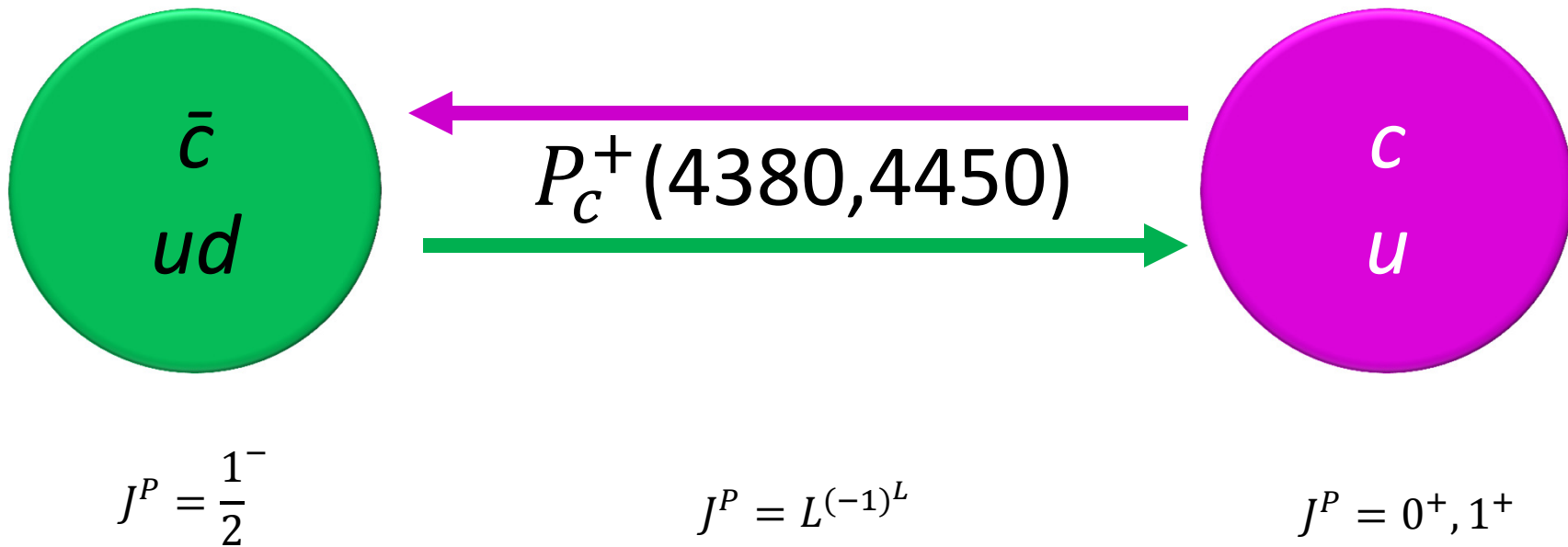


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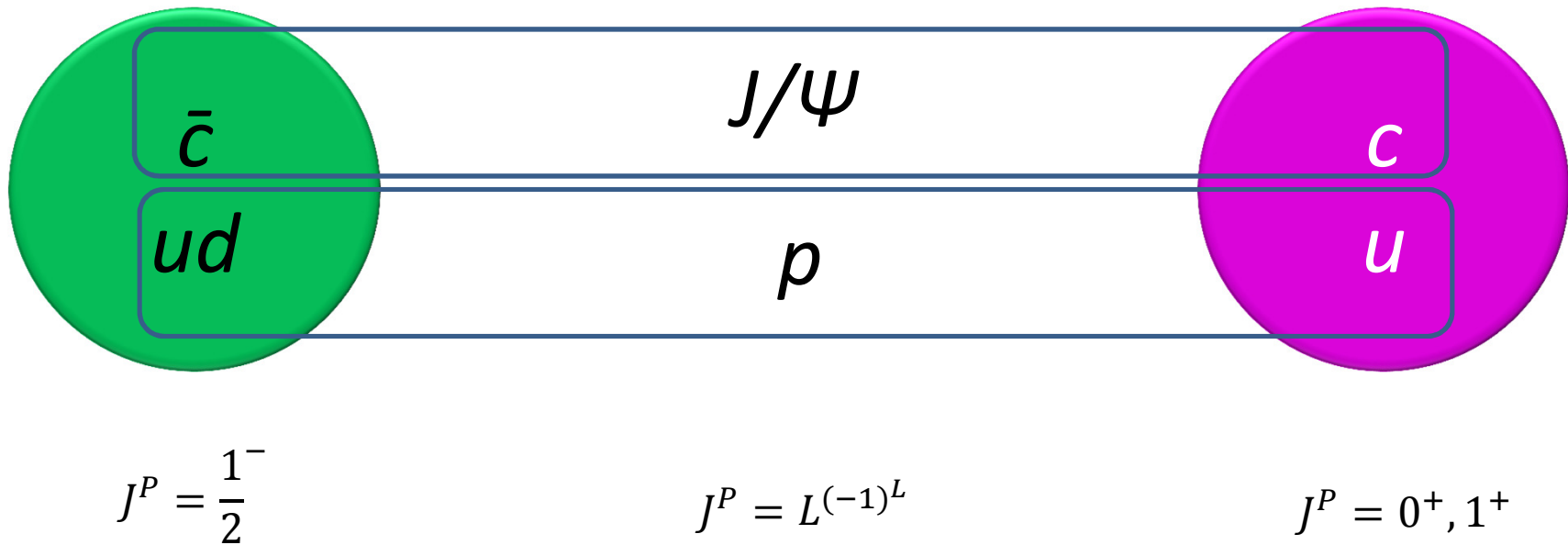
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Where else can these diquarks matter?

- Opening meson thresholds creates an effective attraction (*cusp effect*) that can pull diquark-antidiquark poles towards them, so $m_{X(3872)} - m_{D^{*0}} - m_{D^0} = -0.11 \pm 0.21 \text{ MeV}$ is not so unnatural [S. Blitz & RFL, Phys. Rev. D **91** (2015) 094025]
- Any evidence for tightly-bound diquarks in high-energy processes? It would affect the *quark counting rules* [S. Brodsky & RFL, Phys. Rev. D **91** (2015) 114025]
- Could the dynamical diquarks have shown up in the $s\bar{s}$ system? Possibly in ϕ photoproduction [RFL, PRD **92** (2015) 114006], and may appear in $\Lambda_c \rightarrow \phi p \pi^0$ [RFL, PRD **92** (2015) 114030]
- Would diquarks form in an ideal gas of q and \bar{q} ? Yes, perhaps 10's of % of the time [RFL, PRD **94** (2016) 034039]

Conclusions

- The past three years have provided confirmation of the existence of the *tetraquark* and observation of the *pentaquark*, the third and fourth classes of hadron
- Over 30 such states (X, Y, Z, P_c) have thus far been observed
- All of the popular physical pictures for describing their structure seem to suffer some imperfection
- We propose an entirely new dynamical picture based on a diquark-antidiquark (or triquark) pair rapidly separating until forced to hadronize due to confinement
- Then several mysteries, *e.g.*, which particles the X, Y, Z, P_c states like to decay into, have simple explanations
- Much new work has been done, but much more remains!

Backup slides

Quarkonium

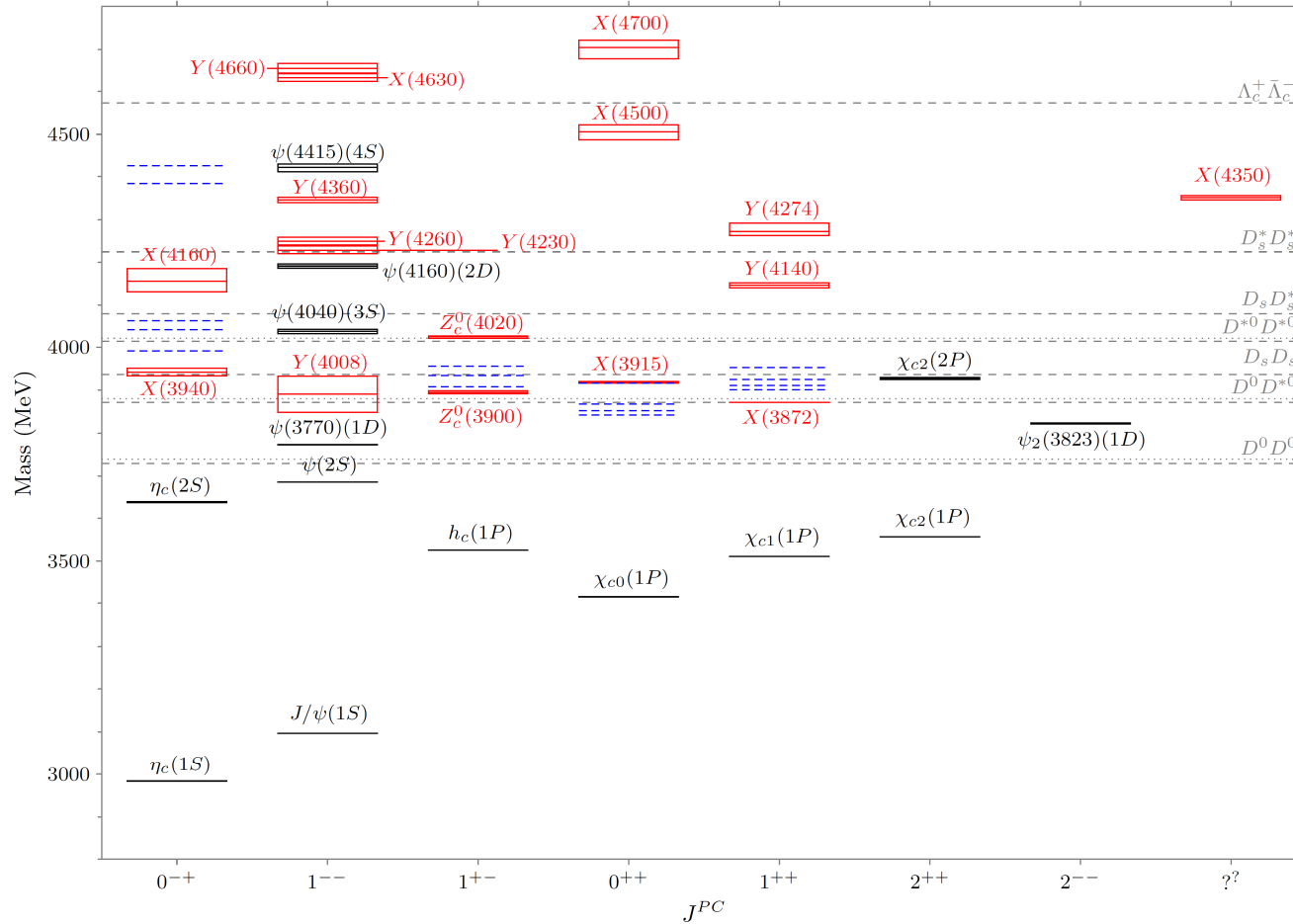
- A number of the complications of light-quark systems are much less prominent for heavy quarks c and b :
 - By virtue of being heavy ($m_Q \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$), heavy quarks Q act more like static, more localized color sources
 - They can be treated as nonrelativistic within their hadron
 - The running QCD coupling constant α_s is much smaller at the heavy-quark energy scale than at low energy, say, ≈ 0.3
- So model the interaction between a heavy quark-antiquark pair using a strong “Coulomb” force and a confining force, the famous **Cornell potential**

[E. Eichten *et al.*, PRD **17** (1978) 3090; **21** (1980) 203],

$$V(r) = -\frac{a}{r} + br$$

Charmonium: February 2017

Neutral sector



Our limited nomenclature

- \mathcal{X} : A state with $c+\bar{c}$ decays that is produced from B decay
- \mathcal{Y} : A state with $c+\bar{c}$ decays that is produced in association with initial-state radiation in e^+e^- annihilation
- \mathcal{Z} : A state with $c+\bar{c}$ decays that is charged
- \mathcal{P}_c : A state with $c+\bar{c}$ decays and baryon number

Obvious problems lie ahead with this naming scheme:

- X states have also been produced in, say, $p\bar{p}$
- Y states have also been produced in B decays
- Z state neutral isospin partners are being discovered
- X, Y, Z states have observed transitions amongst themselves, strongly suggesting a common structure

The Breit-Wigner resonance

- All resonances in physics (for damped oscillators, LRC circuits, elementary particles with short lifetimes) mean essentially the same thing: a large enhancement (peak) of the amplitude in a particular range of energy input in the form of a *Lorentzian distribution*

$$|f(E)|^2 \propto \frac{1}{(E^2 - M^2)^2 + M^2\Gamma^2}$$

- In the case of quantum mechanics, the amplitude f is

$$f(E) \propto \frac{1}{(E^2 - M^2) + iM\Gamma}$$

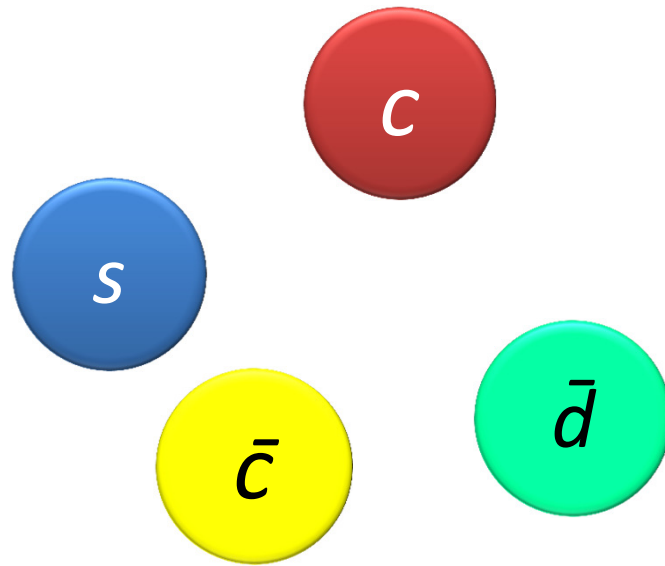
(Breit-Wigner amplitude)

- One finds that in increasing E through the peak, the *phase angle* of $f(E)$ increases from 0 to 2π , *i.e.*, it forms a loop in the complex plane
→ evidence of a true resonance, not just a “bump” in the amplitude

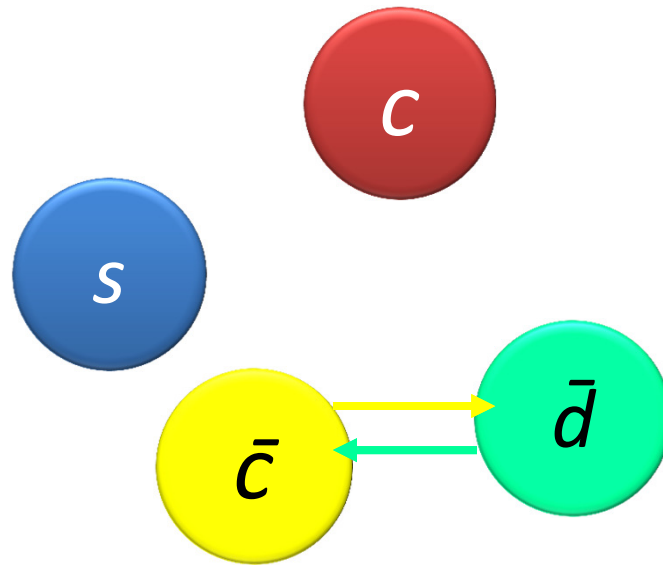
Prompt production

- If hadronic molecules are really formed, they must be very weakly bound, with very low relative momentum between their mesonic components
- They might appear in B decays, but would almost always be blown apart in collider experiments
- But CDF & CMS (CERN) saw many! [Prompt $X(3872)$ production, $\sigma \approx 30$ nb]
 - CDF Collaboration (A. Abulencia *et al.*), PRL **98**, 132002 (2007)
 - CMS Collaboration (S. Chatrchyan *et al.*), JHEP **1304**, 154 (2013)
- Perhaps strong final-state interactions, π exchanges between D^0 and \overline{D}^{*0} ?
 - P. Artoisenet and E. Braaten, Phys. Rev. D **81**, 114018 (2010); D **83**, 014019 (2011)
- Such effects can be significant, but do not appear to be sufficient to explain the size of the prompt production
 - C. Bignamini *et al.*, Phys.Lett. B **228** (2010); A. Esposito *et al.*, J. Mod. Phys. **4**, 1569 (2013); A. Guerrieri *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D **90**, 034003 (2014)
- Hadronic molecules may exist, but $X(3872)$ does not seem to fit the profile

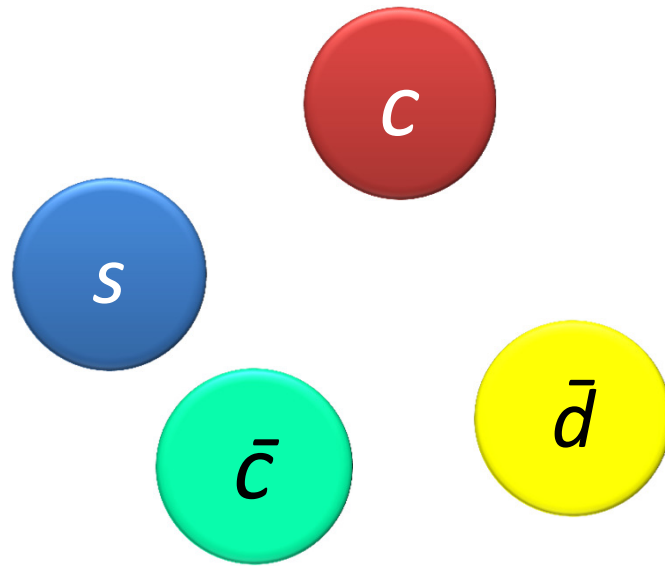
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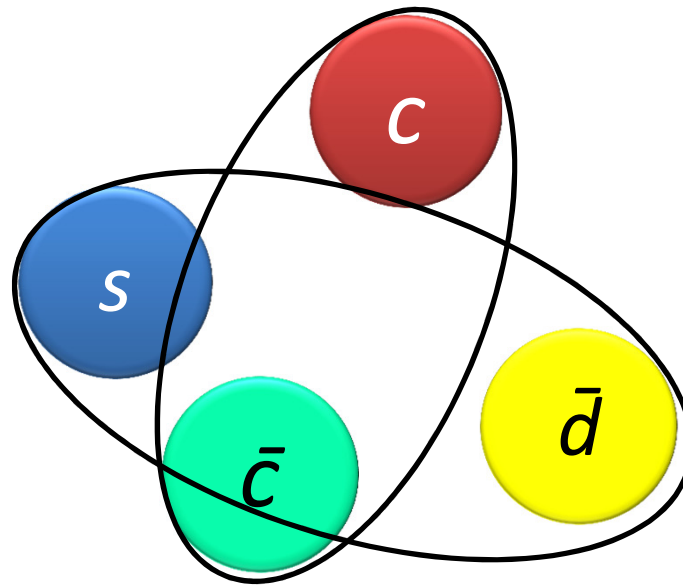
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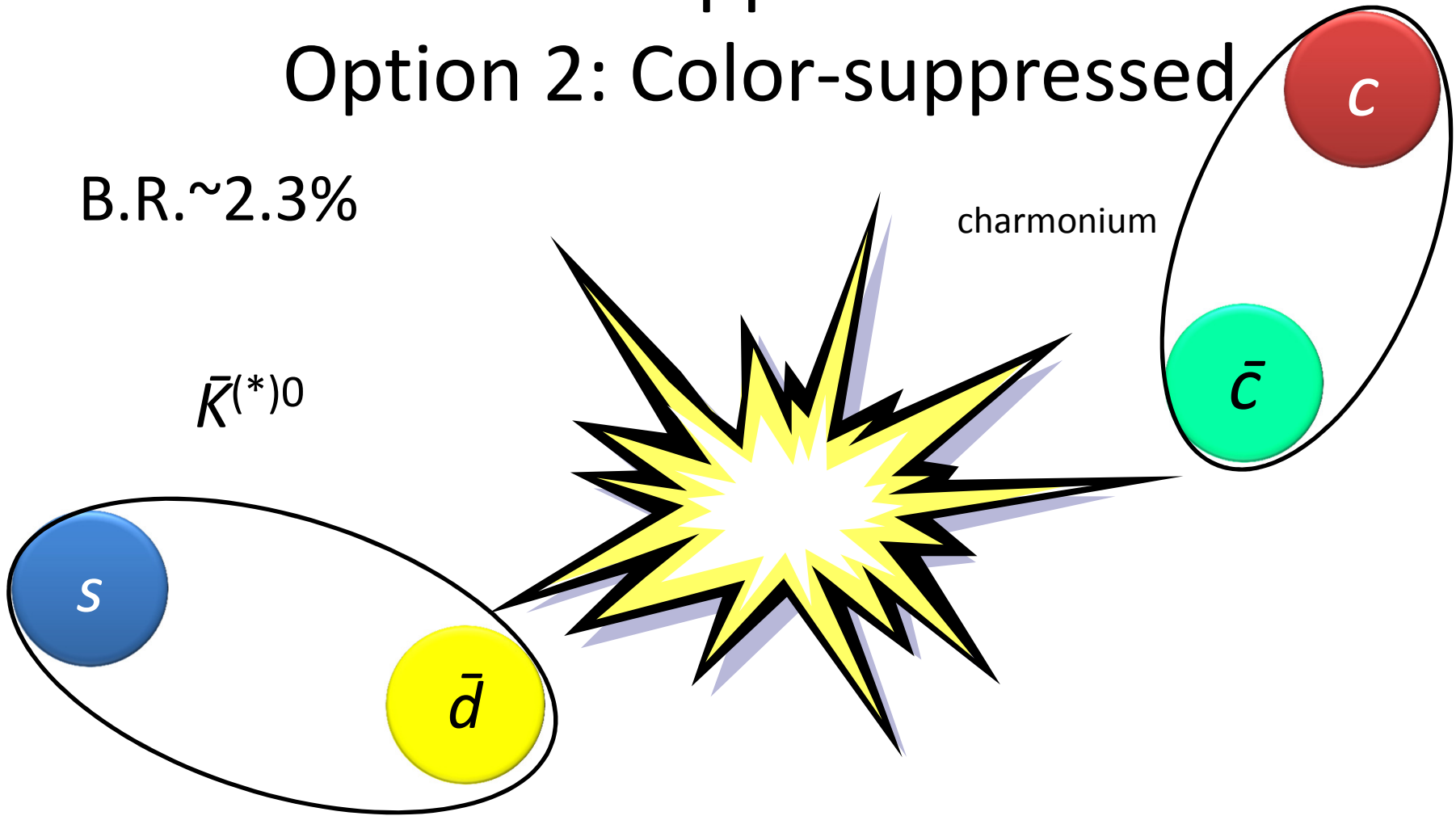
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- *e.g.*, $\Gamma[Z(4430)] = 180 \pm 31 \text{ MeV}$
(*cf.* $\Gamma[\rho(770)] = 150 \text{ MeV}$)
- But why would these diquark-antidiquark states behave like resonances at all?

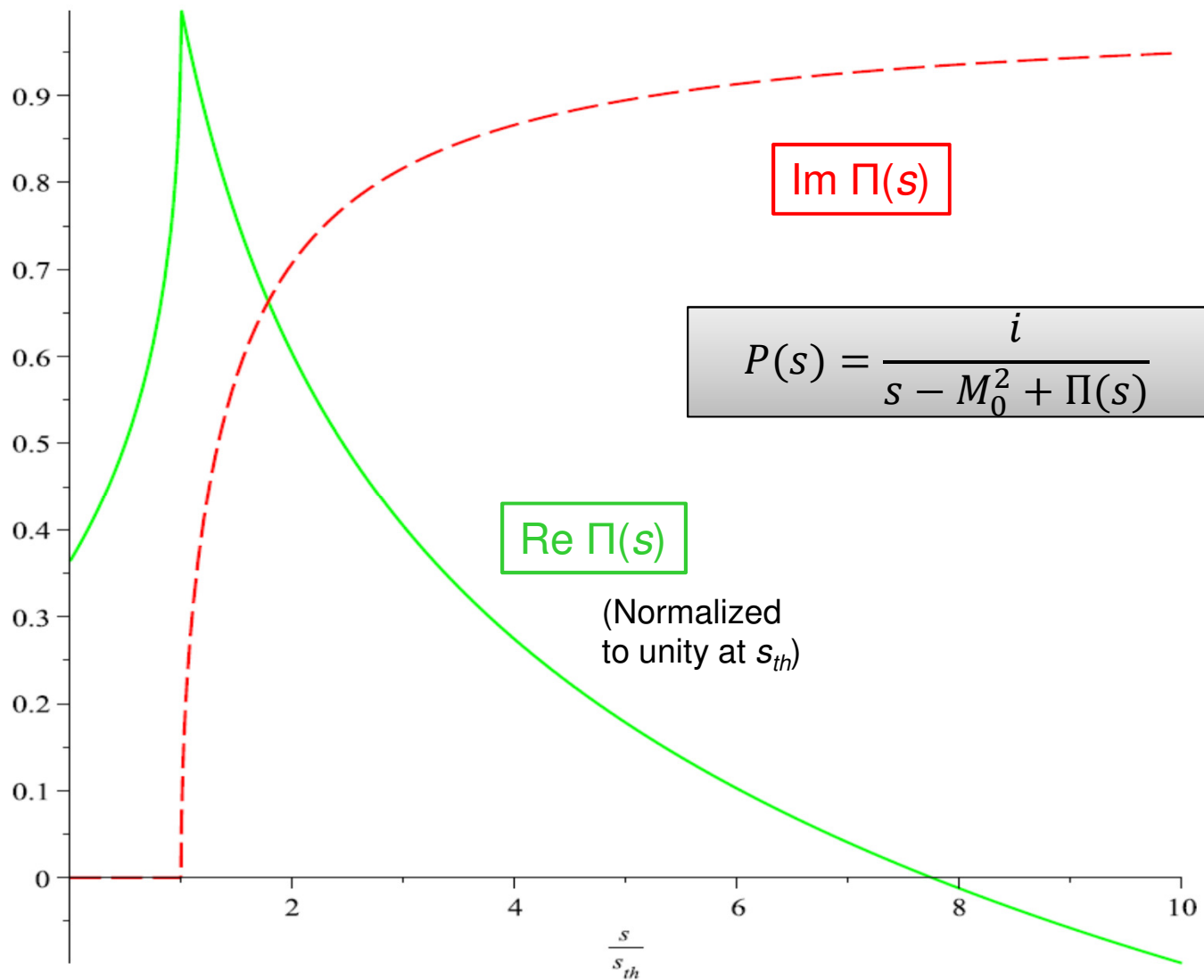
For one thing,

- Diquark-antidiquark pairs create their own bound-state spectroscopy [L. Maiani *et al.*, PRD **71** (2005) 014028]
 - Simple Hamiltonian with spin-spin interactions among the four quarks
 - Once one bound state is found, a whole multiplet arises
 - Then compare predicted spectrum to experiment
- Original version predicts states with quantum numbers and multiplicities not found to exist (*XYZ* phenomenology not very well developed then), but a new version of the model [L. Maiani *et al.*, PRD **89** (2014) 114010] appears to be much more successful
 - Crucial revision: Dominant spin-spin couplings are *within* each diquark
 - *e.g.*, Z(4430) is radial excitation of Z(3900);
Y states are $L=1$ color flux tube excitations

And furthermore,

- The presence of nearby hadronic thresholds can attract nearby diquark resonances: *Cusp effect*
 - The complex amplitude $\Pi(s)$ that is a source for the tetraquarks in terms of total energy \sqrt{s} develops a branch point at the threshold to produce on-shell hadrons (due to *unitarity*: the *optical theorem*)
 - But the full amplitude is *analytic* everywhere, except for resonant poles and cuts that start at the branch points (due to *causality*)
 - This fact allows for a *dispersion relation* (like Kramers-Kronig) that expresses $\text{Re } \Pi(s)$ as an integral over $\text{Im } \Pi(s)$
 - If $\text{Im } \Pi(s)$ suddenly shoots up from zero, then $\text{Re } \Pi(s)$ must develop a sharp peak, or *cusp*
 - Since the self-energy $\Pi(s)$ appears in the resonance propagator Green's function, the cusp in $\text{Re } \Pi(s)$ acts as a shift in the mass, effectively dragging the resonant pole toward threshold

The Cusp



How closely can cusps attract thresholds?

- Consider the $X(3872)$, with $\Gamma < 1.2$ MeV
 - We saw that $m_{X(3872)} - m_{D^{*0}} - m_{D^0} = +0.01 \pm 0.18$ MeV
 - But also that $X(3872)$ is almost certainly not a $\overline{D}^{*0}D^0$ molecule
 - Moreover,
$$m_{X(3872)} - m_{J/\psi} - m_{\rho_{peak}^0} = -0.50 \text{ MeV}$$
$$m_{X(3872)} - m_{J/\psi} - m_{\omega_{peak}} = -7.89 \text{ MeV}$$
 - Bugg [J. Phys. G **35** (2008) 075005] showed that the $X(3872)$ is far too narrow to be a cusp alone—Some sort of resonance must be present
 - But since several channels all open up very near 3.872 GeV, they all contribute to a big cusp that can drag, say, a diquark-antidiquark resonance from perhaps 10's of MeV away to become the $X(3872)$

Example cusp effects

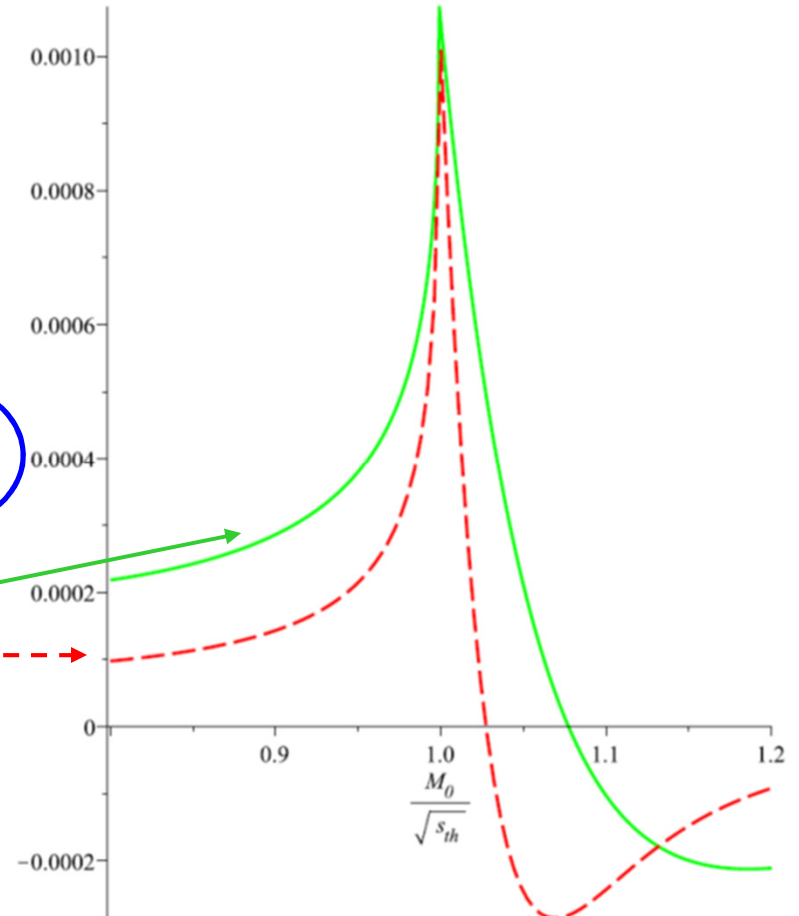
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- M_0 : Bare resonant pole mass
- S_{th} : Threshold s value [here $(3.872 \text{ GeV})^2$]
- M_{pole} : Shifted pole mass

Relative size of pole shift (about 0.12% near S_{th} , or 5 MeV)

$$\frac{M_{pole} - M_0}{\sqrt{s_{th}}}$$

At the charm scale, a cusp from an opening **diquark pair** threshold is more effective than one from a **meson pair**!



What determines cusp shapes?

- Traditionally, a phenomenologically-based exponential form factor is used in the case of meson pair production:

$$F_{\text{mes}}^2(s) = \exp\left(-\frac{s-s_{th}}{\beta^2}\right),$$

where β is a typical hadronic scale ($\sim 0.5-1.0$ GeV)

- For processes at high energy (s), or when the high- s tails of form factors are important (as in dispersion relations), use *constituent counting rules* [Matveev *et al.*, Lett. Nuovo Cim. **7**, 719 (1973); Brodsky & Farrar, PRL **31**, 1153 (1973)]
- In any hard process in which a constituent is diverted through a finite angle, there will be a factor of $1/s$ (or $1/t$) coming from a propagator of the virtual particle redirecting it
- Using this logic, the form factor $F(s)$ of a particle with 4 quark constituents can quickly be shown to scale as

$$F_{\text{diq}}(s) \sim \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{s}\right)^3 \rightarrow F_{\text{diq}}(s) = \left(\frac{s_{th}}{s}\right)^3$$

Can the counting rules be used for cross sections as well?

- **With ease:** S. Brodsky and RFL, Phys. Rev. D **91** (2015) 114025
- Exotic states can be produced in threshold regions in e^+e^- (BES, Belle), electroproduction (JLab 12), hadronic beam facilities (PANDA at FAIR, AFTER@LHC) and are best characterized by cross section ratios
- Two examples:

$$1) \frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow Z^+(c\bar{c}u\bar{d}) + \pi^-(\bar{u}d))}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)} \propto \frac{1}{s^4} \text{ as } s \rightarrow \infty$$

$$2) \frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow Z^+(c\bar{c}u\bar{d}) + \pi^-(\bar{u}d))}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c(cud) + \bar{\Lambda}_c(\bar{c}\bar{u}\bar{d}))} \rightarrow \text{const as } s \rightarrow \infty$$

Ratio numerically smaller if Z_c behaves like weakly-bound dimeson molecule instead of diquark-antidiquark bound state due to weaker meson color van der Waals forces