

# New Heavy Exotics

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# Outline

- quarks are fundamental building blocks of protons, neutrons and all hadrons
- all quarks are equal, but heavy quarks are more equal than others

## new combinations with heavy quarks, incl. exotics:

- newly discovered  $T_{cc}^+$  tetraquark =  $(cc\bar{u}\bar{d})$
- stable  $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$  tetraquark
- hadronic molecules, esp. LHCb pentaquarks 6 by the latest count:  
3 nonstrange & 3 strange
- *“like a new layer in the periodic table”*

$\exists$  robust experimental evidence  
for multiquark states, a.k.a.  
exotic hadrons with heavy  $Q$

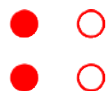
- non  $\bar{q}q'$  mesons, e.g.  $\bar{Q}Q\bar{q}q$ ,  $QQ\bar{q}\bar{q}$   
 $Q = c, b$      $q = u, d, s$
- non  $qq'q''$  baryons, e.g.  $\bar{Q}Qqq'q''$

two key questions:

- which additional exotics should we expect?
- how are quarks organized inside them?



$Tq$



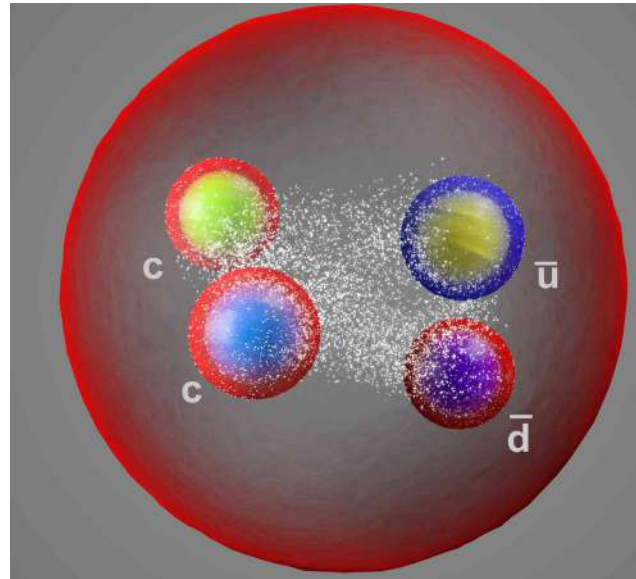
$dq-dq$



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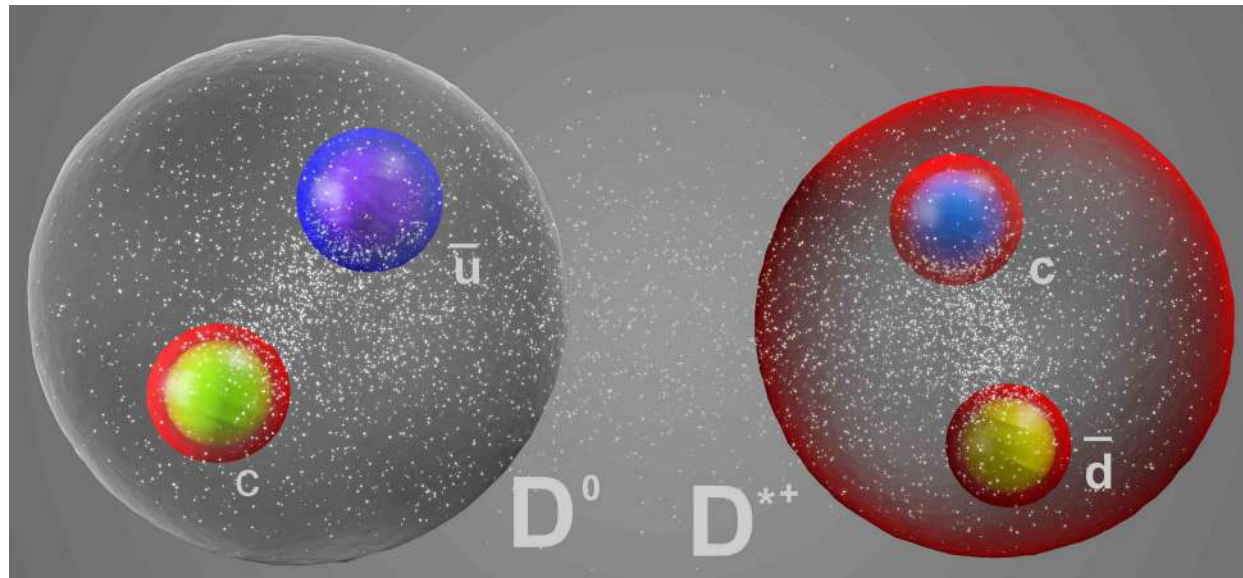
tightly-bound  
tetraquark



each quark  
sees the color charges  
of all other quarks

or

hadronic  
molecule?



two color  
singlets  
interacting  
by  
light meson  
x-change



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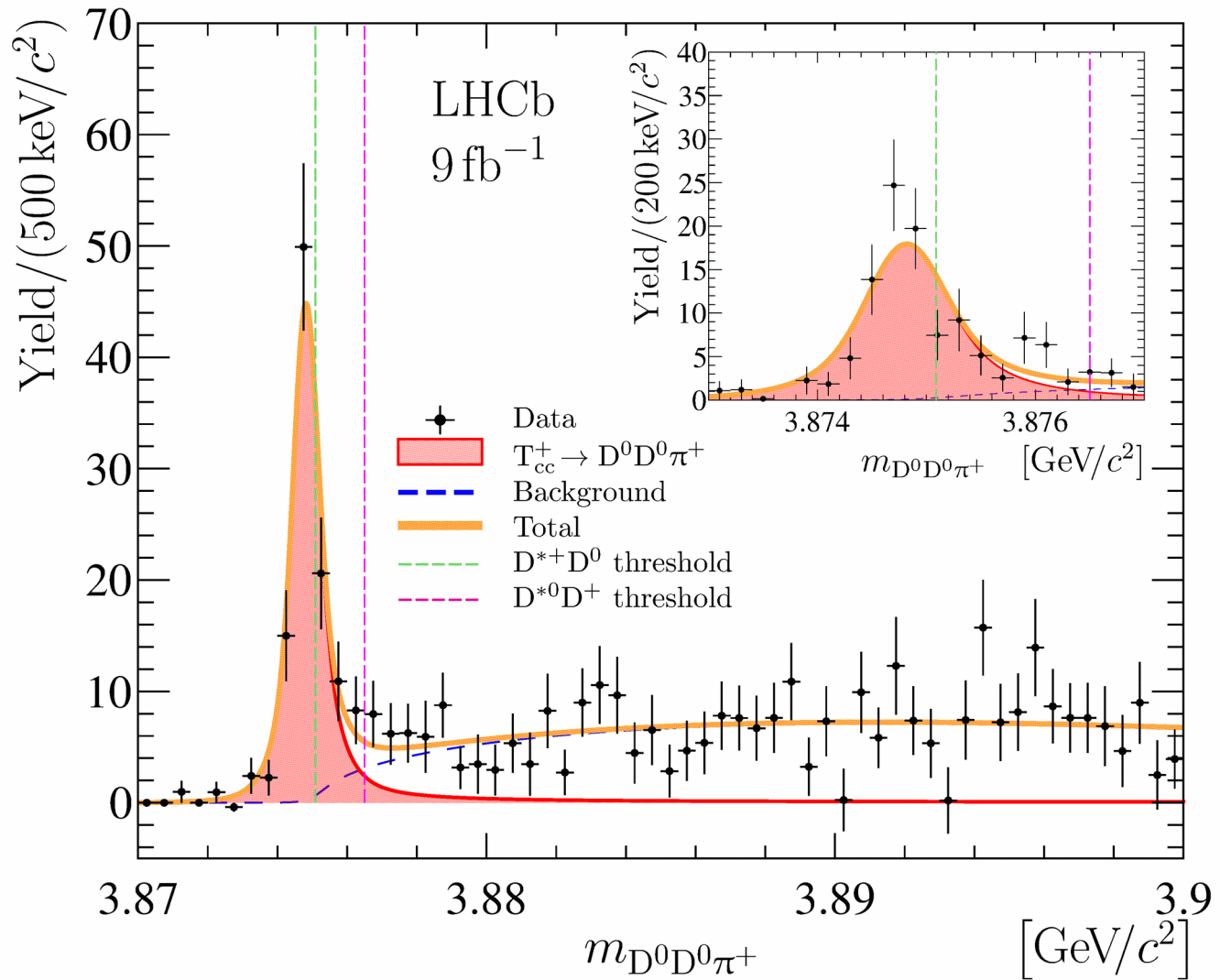
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# Observation of an exotic narrow doubly charmed tetraquark

LHCb collaboration<sup>†</sup>

## Abstract

Conventional hadronic matter consists of baryons and mesons made of three quarks and quark-antiquark pairs, respectively. The observation of a new type of hadronic state, a doubly charmed tetraquark containing two charm quarks, an anti-u and an anti-d quark, is reported using data collected by the LHCb experiment at the Large Hadron Collider. This exotic state with a mass of about  $3875 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  manifests itself as a narrow peak in the mass spectrum of  $D^0 D^0 \pi^+$  mesons just below the  $D^{*+} D^0$  mass threshold. The near-threshold mass together with a strikingly narrow width reveals the resonance nature of the state.



**The  $D^0 D^0 \pi^+$  mass distribution.** The  $D^0 D^0 \pi^+$  mass distribution where the contribution of the non- $D^0$  background has been statistically subtracted. The result of the fit described in the text is overlaid.

Table 1: Signal yield,  $N$ , Breit–Wigner mass relative to  $D^{*+}D^0$  mass threshold,  $\delta m_{\text{BW}}$ , and width,  $\Gamma_{\text{BW}}$ , obtained from the fit to the  $D^0D^0\pi^+$  mass spectrum. The uncertainties are statistical only.

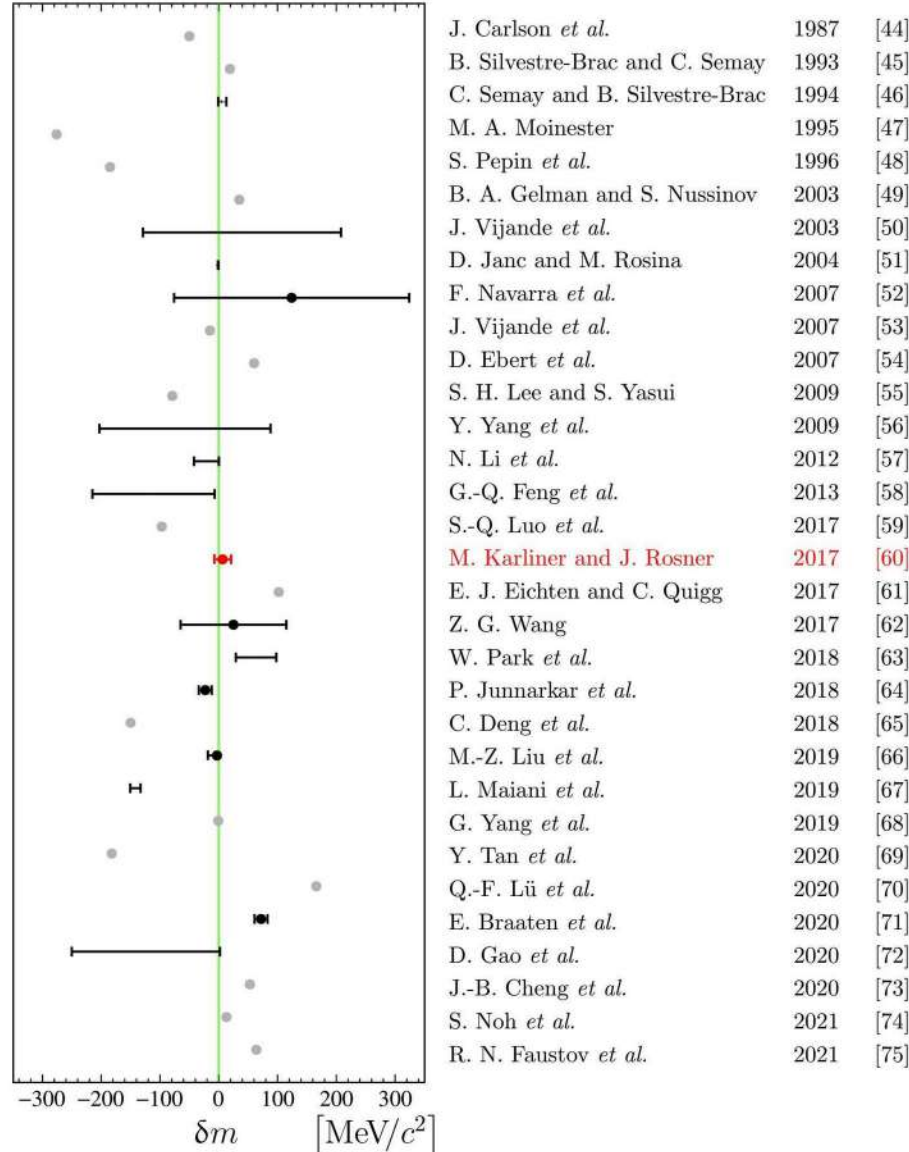
Parameter	Value	
$N$	$117 \pm 16$	
$\delta m_{\text{BW}}$	$-273 \pm 61 \text{ keV}/c^2$	@ 4.3 $\sigma$
$\Gamma_{\text{BW}}$	$410 \pm 165 \text{ keV}$	
$\delta m_{\text{pole}}$	$= -360 \pm 40_{-0}^{+4} \text{ keV}/c^2,$	
$\Gamma_{\text{pole}}$	$= 48 \pm 2_{-14}^{+0} \text{ keV},$	

$$[M(D^{*0}) + M(D^+)] - [M(D^{*+}) + M(D^0)] = 1.4 \text{ MeV} \gg \Gamma(T_{cc}^+)$$

so  $T_{cc}^+ \iff D^{*+}D^0$ , with very little  $D^{*0}D^+$

# TH predictions for $T_{cc}^+$ mass, $I = 0, J^P = 1^+$

$$\delta m_U = -359 \pm 40_{-6}^{+9} \text{ keV}/c^2$$



M. Karliner, New I Theory predictions for the mass of the ground isoscalar  $J^P = 1^+ cc\bar{u}\bar{d}$  tetraquark  $T_{cc}^+$  state [44–75]. Masses are shown relative to the  $D^{*+}D^0$  mass threshold. Adapted from supplemental material for LHCb-PAPER-2021-032



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important digression:  $X(3872)$  observed by CMS in heavy ion collisions

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**Evidence for  $X(3872)$  in Pb-Pb Collisions and Studies of its Prompt Production at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV**

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The first evidence for  $X(3872)$  production in relativistic heavy ion collisions is reported. The  $X(3872)$  production is studied in lead-lead (Pb-Pb) collisions at a center-of-mass energy of  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV per nucleon pair, using the decay chain  $X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \pi^+ \pi^-$ . The data were recorded with the CMS detector in 2018 and correspond to an integrated luminosity of  $1.7 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ . The measurement is performed in the rapidity and transverse momentum ranges  $|y| < 1.6$  and  $15 < p_T < 50 \text{ GeV}/c$ . The significance of the inclusive  $X(3872)$  signal is 4.2 standard deviations. The prompt  $X(3872)$  to  $\psi 2S$  yield ratio is found to be  $\rho^{\text{Pb-Pb}} = 1.08 \pm 0.49(\text{stat}) \pm 0.52(\text{syst})$ , to be compared with typical values of 0.1 for  $pp$  collisions. This result provides a unique experimental input to theoretical models of the  $X(3872)$  production mechanism, and of the nature of this exotic state.

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The production cross section is much larger, due to multi-parton events, but the huge combinatorial background has been a major challenge. This is a proof that this challenge can be dealt with, at least in some cases,

Prompt production of  $X(3872)$  in Pb-Pb collisions.  $\implies$  what about  $T_{cc}^+$  ?

hadrons w. heavy quarks are *much simpler*:

- heavy quarks almost static
- smaller spin-dep. interaction  $\propto 1/m_Q$
- key to accurate prediction of  $b$  quark baryons

- Phenomenological approach
- Identify eff. d.o.f. & their interactions
- Extract model parameters from exp
- Then use them to make predictions

# apply the toolbox to

doubly-heavy baryons , e.g.  $ccu$

and

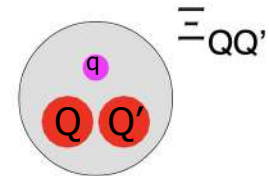
doubly-heavy tetraquarks, e.g.  $cc\bar{u}\bar{d}$

in both heavy  $cc$  diquark  $3_c^*$  coupled to a light  $3_c$

doubly-heavy baryons non-exotic, must exist

$\Rightarrow$  excellent testing ground for the toolbox

MK & JR, PRD 90, 094007(2014)



# doubly heavy baryons: mass predictions

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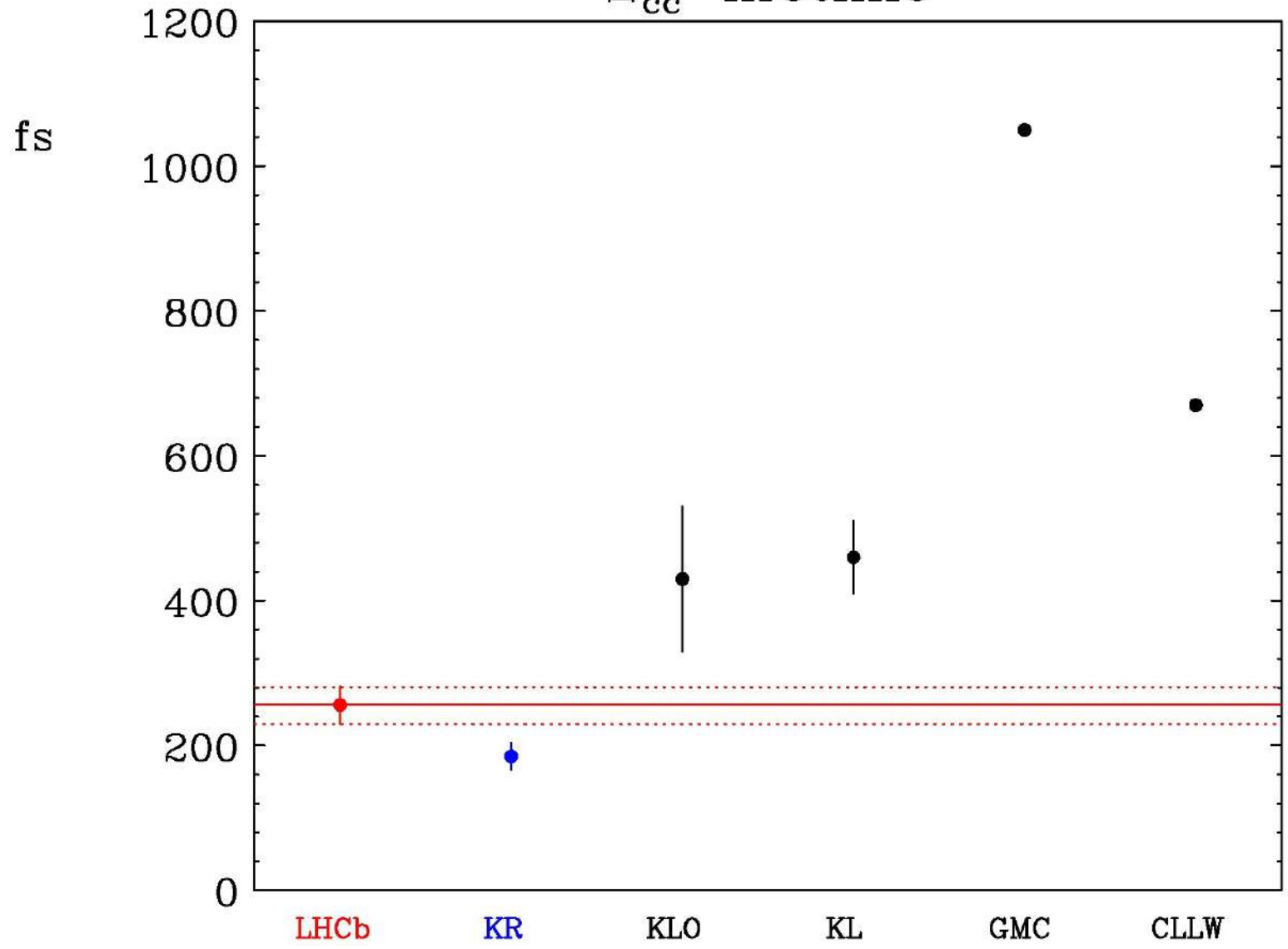
TABLE XVIII. Summary of our mass predictions (in MeV) for lowest-lying baryons with two heavy quarks. States without a star have  $J = 1/2$ ; states with a star are their  $J = 3/2$  hyperfine partners. The quark  $q$  can be either  $u$  or  $d$ . The square or curved brackets around  $cq$  denote coupling to spin 0 or 1.

State	Quark content	$M(J = 1/2)$	$M(J = 3/2)$
$[\Xi]_{cc}^{(*)}$	$ccq$	$3627 \pm 12$	$3690 \pm 12$
$[\Xi]_{bc}^{(*)}$	$b[cq]$	$6914 \pm 13$	$6969 \pm 14$
$[\Xi]'_{bc}$	$b(cq)$	$6933 \pm 12$	...
$[\Xi]_{bb}^{(*)}$	$bbq$	$10162 \pm 12$	$10184 \pm 12$

LHCb:  $3621.6 \pm 0.4$

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# $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$ lifetime



$$\tau(\Xi_{cc}^{++}) = 256^{+21}_{-22} \pm 14 \text{ fs}$$

# $ccq$ mass calculation

sum of :

- $2m_c$
- $V_{cc}$  in  $3_c^*$
- $V_{HF}(cc)$
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- } no exp info !

## Effective masses

in mesons:

$$m_u^m = m_d^m = m_q^m = 310 \text{ MeV}, \quad m_c^m = 1663.3 \text{ MeV}$$

in baryons:

$$m_u^b = m_d^b = m_q^b = 363 \text{ MeV}, \quad m_c^b = 1710.5 \text{ MeV}$$

$V(cc)$  from  $V(c\bar{c})$ :

$$\bar{M}(c\bar{c} : 1S) \equiv [3M(J/\psi) + M(\eta_c)]/4 = 3068.6 \text{ MeV}$$

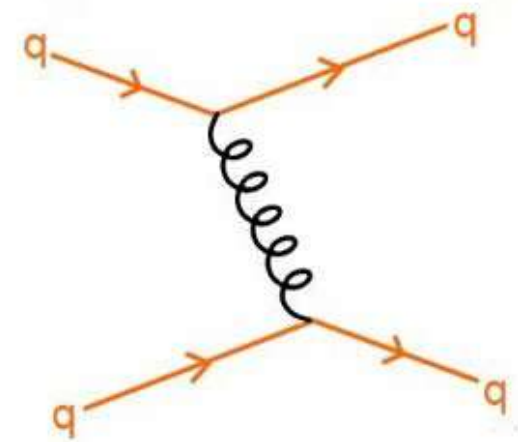
$$V(c\bar{c}) = \bar{M}(c\bar{c} : 1S) - 2m_c^m = -258.0 \text{ MeV.}$$

$$V(cc) = \frac{1}{2} V(c\bar{c}) = -129.0 \text{ MeV.}$$

in weak coupling follows  
from color algebra in  $1g_x$

here a dynamical assumption:

$V(cc)$  and  $V(c\bar{c})$  factorize  
into color  $\times$  space



gluon exchange by 2 quarks

$V_{HF}(cc)$  from  $V_{HF}(c\bar{c})$ :

$$V_{HF}(cc) = \frac{a_{cc}}{m_c^2}$$

$$V_{HF}(c\bar{c}) = M(J/\psi) - M(\eta_c) = 113.2 \text{ MeV} = \frac{4a_{c\bar{c}}}{m_c^2}$$

assume  $a_{cc} = \frac{1}{2}a_{c\bar{c}}$ ,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a_{cc}}{m_c^2} = 1/2 \cdot \frac{M(J/\psi) - M(\eta_c)}{4} = 14.2 \text{ MeV}$$

## Contributions to $\Xi_{cc}$ mass

Contribution	Value (MeV)
$2m_c^b + m_q^b$	3783.9
$cc$ binding	-129.0
$a_{cc}/(m_c^b)^2$	14.2
$-4a/m_q^b m_c^b$	-42.4
Total	$3627 \pm 12$

The  $\pm 12$  MeV error estimate from  
ave. error for  $Qqq$  baryons

can the strong  $QQ$  interaction stabilize  
 $H_{QQ}$ :  $(QQuudd)$  hexaquarks,  
heavy-quark analogue of the  $H$  dibaryon?

$\Rightarrow$  below  $2\Lambda_Q$

but above  $\Xi_{QQ}N$

$\Rightarrow$  unstable

an ugly duckling...

The same theoretical toolbox  
that led to the accurate  $\Xi_{cc}$  mass prediction  
now predicts

a stable, deeply bound  $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$  tetraquark,

215 MeV below  $BB^*$  threshold

the first manifestly exotic stable hadron



## Discovery of the Doubly Charmed $\Xi_{cc}$ Baryon Implies a Stable $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$ Tetraquark

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Recently, the LHCb Collaboration discovered the first doubly charmed baryon  $\Xi_{cc}^{++} = ccu$  at  $3621.40 \pm 0.78$  MeV, very close to our theoretical prediction. We use the same methods to **predict a doubly bottom tetraquark  $T(bb\bar{u}\bar{d})$  with  $J^P = 1^+$  at  $10389 \pm 12$  MeV, 215 MeV below the  $B^-\bar{B}^{*0}$  threshold and 170 MeV below the threshold for decay to  $B^-\bar{B}^0\gamma$ .** The  $T(bb\bar{u}\bar{d})$  is therefore stable under strong and electromagnetic interactions and can only decay weakly, the first exotic hadron with such a property. On the other hand, the mass of  $T(cc\bar{u}\bar{d})$  with  $J^P = 1^+$  is predicted to be  $3882 \pm 12$  MeV, 7 MeV above the  $D^0D^{*+}$  threshold and 148 MeV above the  $D^0D^+\gamma$  threshold.  $T(bc\bar{u}\bar{d})$  with  $J^P = 0^+$  is predicted at  $7134 \pm 13$  MeV, 11 MeV below the  $\bar{B}^0D^0$  threshold. Our precision is not sufficient to determine whether  $bc\bar{u}\bar{d}$  is actually above or below the threshold. It could manifest itself as a narrow resonance just at threshold.

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# Calculation of tetraquark $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$ mass

build on accuracy of the  $\Xi_{cc}$  mass prediction

$$V(bb) = \frac{1}{2} V(\bar{b}b)$$

to obtain lowest possible mass, assume:

- $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$  in  $S$ -wave
- $\bar{u}\bar{d}$  :  $\mathbf{3}_c$  “good” antidiq.,  $S=0$ ,  $I=0$   
(it's the lightest one)

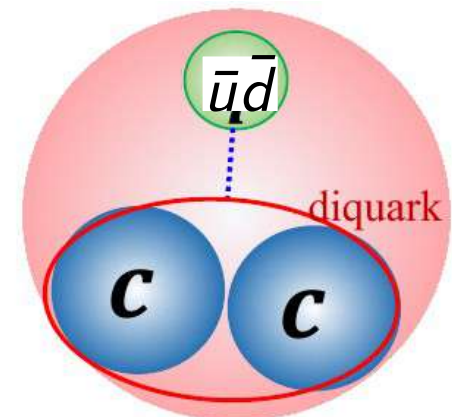
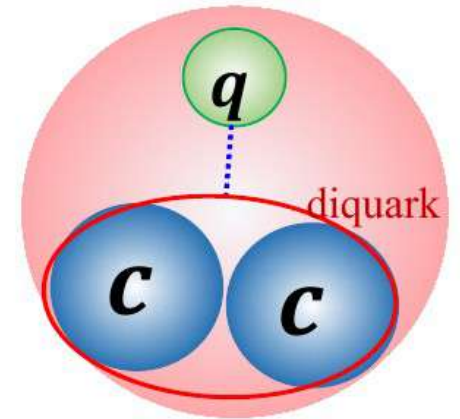
$\Rightarrow bb$  must be  $\bar{\mathbf{3}}_c$ ; Fermi stats: spin 1

$$(bb)_{s=1} (\bar{u}\bar{d})_{s=0} \Rightarrow J^P = 1^+.$$

$\Rightarrow (bb) (\bar{u}\bar{d})$  very similar to  $bbq$  baryon:

$$q \leftrightarrow (\bar{u}\bar{d})$$

$bbq$  baryon



$\Xi_{cc}$  discovery  $\Rightarrow$  quantitative validation

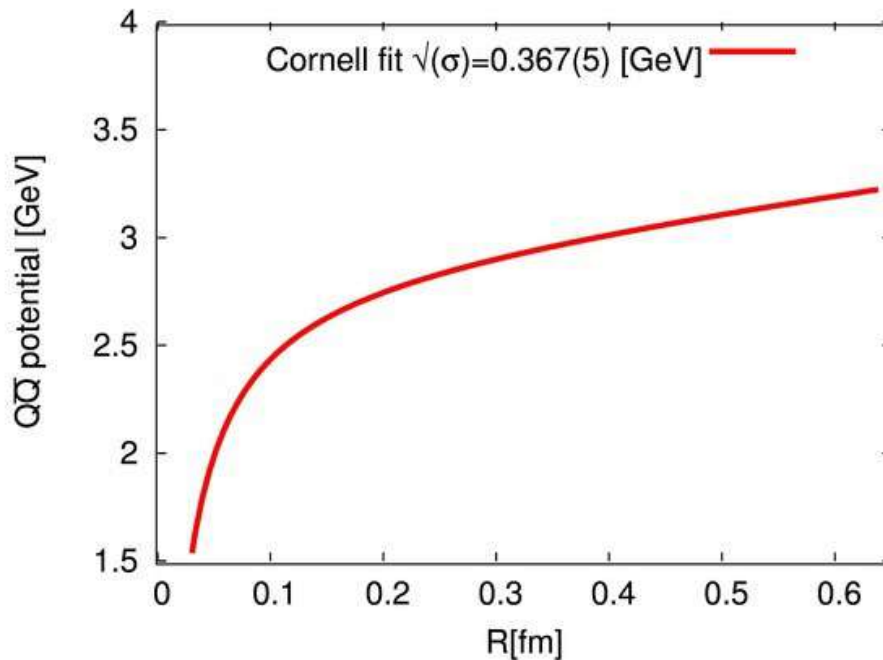
qualitatively  $E_{binding} \sim \alpha_s^2 M_Q$

so for  $M_Q \rightarrow \infty$

$QQ\bar{u}\bar{d}$  must be bound

# Contributions to mass of $(bb\bar{u}\bar{d})$ Tq with $J^P = 1^+$

Contribution	Value (MeV)
$2m_b^b$	10087.0
$2m_q^b$	726.0
$a_{bb}/(m_b^b)^2$	7.8
$-3a/(m_q^b)^2$	-150.0
$bb$ binding	-281.4
Total	$10389.4 \pm 12$



$T(bb\bar{u}\bar{d})$ :

$m_b \approx 5$  GeV

$\Rightarrow R(bb) \sim 0.2$  fm

$$V(r) = -\frac{\alpha_s(r)}{r} + \sigma r$$

$\Rightarrow B(bb) \approx -280$  MeV

tightly bound, but  $\bar{3}_c$ ,

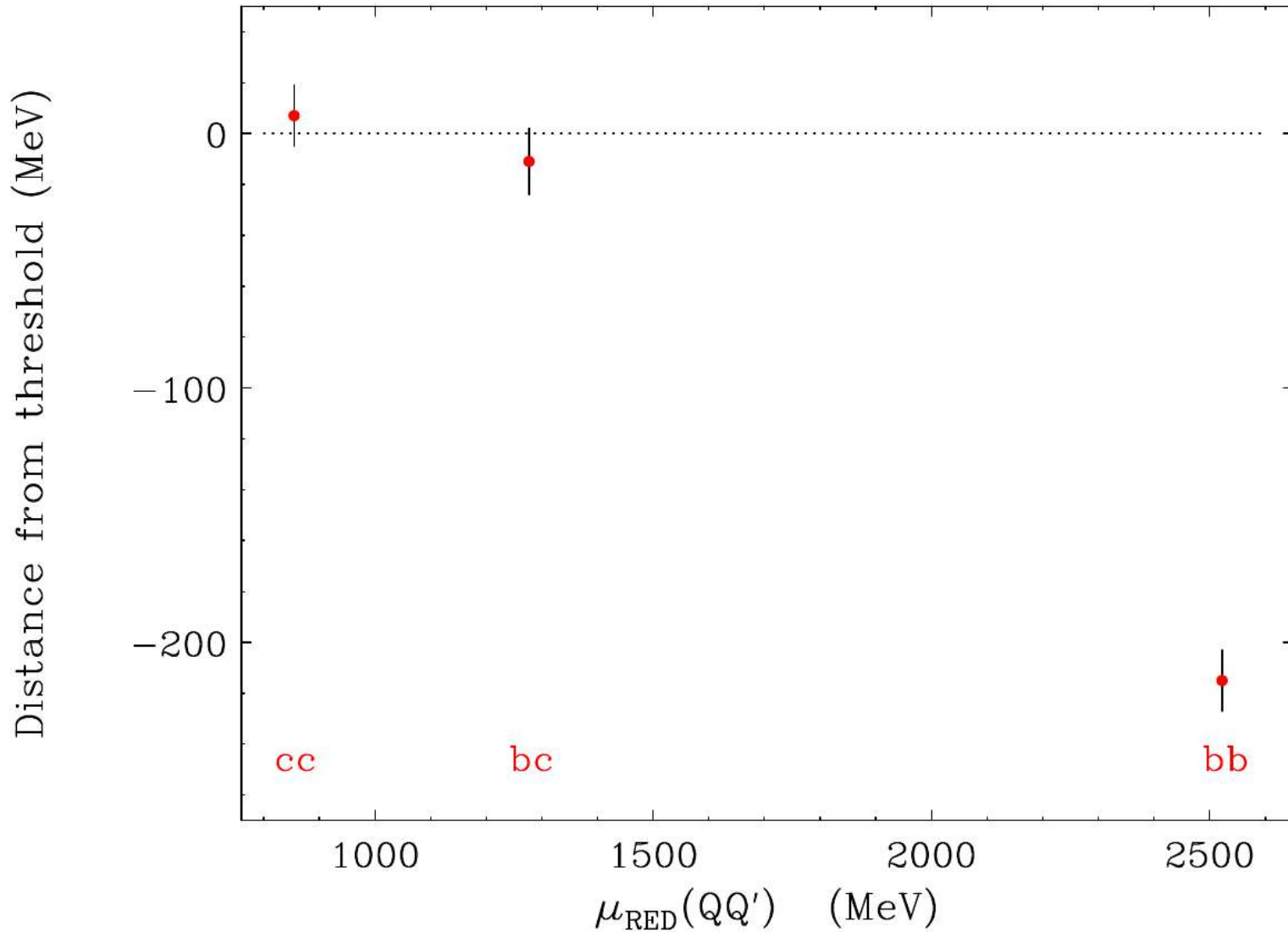
so cannot disengage from  $\bar{u}\bar{d}$

The channel  $T_{bb} \rightarrow BB^*$  is kinematically closed

because in  $BB^*$  the two  $b$  quarks are far from each other and the v. large  $bb$  binding energy is lost

$\Rightarrow T_{bb}$  is stable against strong decay

Distance of the  $QQ'\bar{u}\bar{d}$  Tq masses  
from the relevant two-meson thresholds (MeV).



# Tetraquark production

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow T(bb\bar{u}\bar{d}) + X \lesssim \sigma(pp \rightarrow \Xi_{bb} + X)$$

same bottleneck:  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow \{bb\} + X)$

hadronization:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \{bb\} \rightarrow \{bb\}q \\ \{bb\} \rightarrow \{bb\}\bar{u}\bar{d} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} P(\bar{u}\bar{d}) \lesssim P(q) \\ \mathbf{3}_c \qquad \mathbf{3}_c \end{array}$$

LHCb observed  $ccu = \Xi_{cc}^{+++}$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow \Xi_{bb} + X) = (b/c)^2 \cdot \sigma(pp \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + X)$$

$\Rightarrow \Xi_{bb}$  and  $T(bb\bar{u}\bar{d})$  accessible,  $T(cc\bar{u}\bar{d})$  near thr.  $\rightarrow$  v. narrow accessible  
with much more  $\int \mathcal{L} dt$  now:  $D^0 D^{*+}$ , etc.

# Inclusive signature of either $bbq$ or $bb\bar{q}\bar{q}$ : displaced $B_c$

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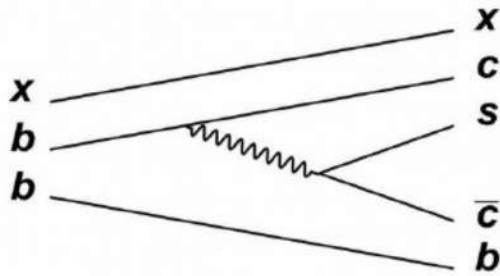
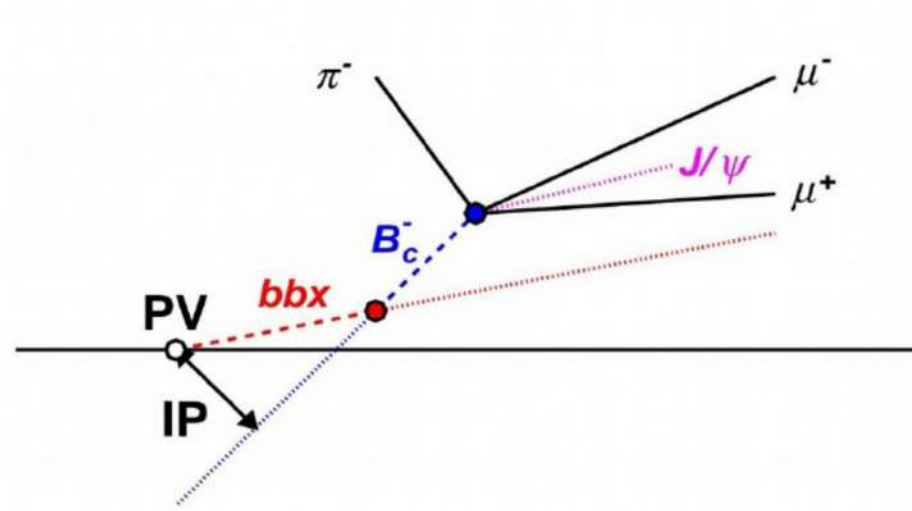


Diagram for production of a  $B_c^-$  meson from a double beauty hadron decay.



$\mathcal{O}(1\%)$  of all  $B_c$ -s @LHC come from  $bbx$

- major enhancement of eff.  $bbx$  rate
- $bbq$  or  $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$  ?

incl.  $\sigma(bbx)$ :  
heavy ions  $\gg pp$

$\Rightarrow$  displaced  $B_c$  @ALICE & RHIC !

# crude estimate of $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$ lifetime

$$M_{initial} = M(bb\bar{u}\bar{d}) = 10,389.4 \text{ MeV}$$

$$M_{final} = M(\bar{B}) + M(D) = 7,144.5 \text{ MeV},$$

$W^{-*} \rightarrow e\bar{\nu}_e, \mu\bar{\nu}_\mu, \tau\bar{\nu}_\tau, 3 \text{ colors of } \bar{u}\bar{d} \text{ and } \bar{c}s,$

a kinematic suppression factor

$$F(x) = 1 - 8x + 8x^3 - x^4 + 12x^2 \ln(1/x),$$

$$x \equiv \{[M(\bar{B}) + M(D)]/M(bb\bar{u}\bar{d})\}^2,$$

$|V_{cb}| = 0.04$ , factor of 2 to count each decaying  $b$  quark.

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma(bb\bar{u}\bar{d}) = \frac{18 G_F^2 M(bb\bar{u}\bar{d})^5}{192\pi^3} F(x) |V_{cb}|^2 = 17.9 \times 10^{-13} \text{ GeV},$$

$$\tau(bb\bar{u}\bar{d}) = 367 \text{ fs.}$$



# $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$ decay channels

(a) “standard process”  $bb\bar{u}\bar{d} \rightarrow cb\bar{u}\bar{d} + W^{*-}$ .

$(bb\bar{u}\bar{d}) \rightarrow D^0 \bar{B}^0 \pi^-, D^+ B^- \pi^-$

$(bb\bar{u}\bar{d}) \rightarrow J/\psi K^- \bar{B}^0, J/\psi \bar{K}^0 B^-.$

$(bb\bar{u}\bar{d}) \rightarrow \Omega_{bc} \bar{p}, \Omega_{bc} \bar{\Lambda}_c, \Xi_{bc}^0 \bar{p}, \Xi_{bc}^0 \bar{\Lambda}_c$

In addition, a rare process where *both*  $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$ ,

$(bb\bar{u}\bar{d}) \rightarrow J/\psi J/\psi K^- \bar{K}^0.$

striking signature:  $2J/\psi$ -s from same 2ndary vertex

(b) The  $W$ -exchange  $b\bar{d} \rightarrow c\bar{u}$

e.g.  $(bb\bar{u}\bar{d}) \rightarrow D^0 B^-.$

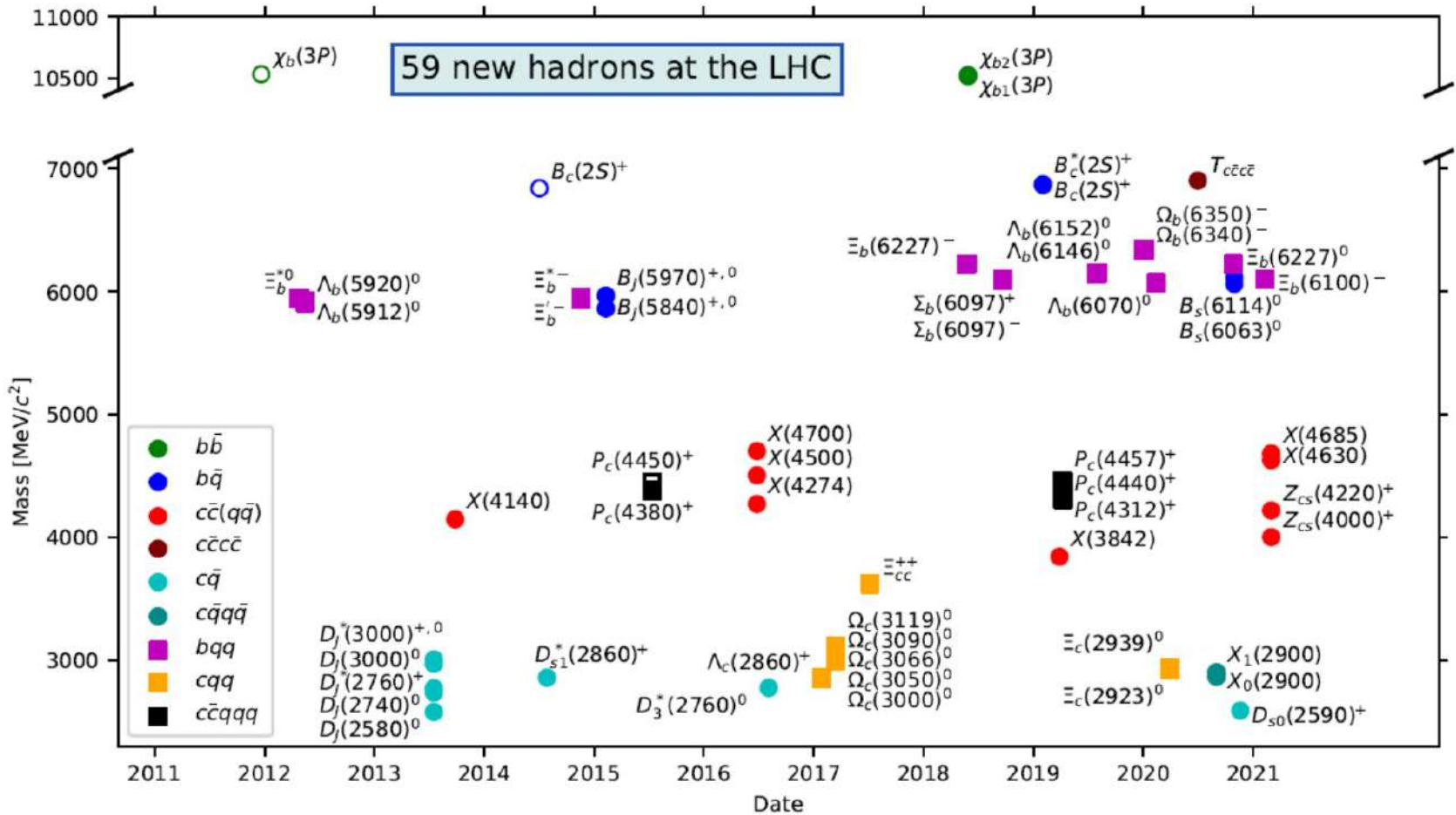
# $T(bb\bar{u}\bar{d})$ Summary

- stable, deeply bound  $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$  tetraquark
- $J^P = 1^+$ ,  $M(bb\bar{u}\bar{d}) = 10389 \pm 12$  MeV
- 215 MeV below  $BB^*$  threshold
- first manifestly exotic stable hadron

- $(bb\bar{u}\bar{d}) \rightarrow \bar{B}D\pi^-, J/\psi\bar{K}\bar{B},$   
 $J/\psi J/\psi K^- \bar{K}^0, D^0 B^-$

$bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$   
cousins

- $(bc\bar{u}\bar{d})$ :  $J^P = 0^+$ , borderline bound  $7134 \pm 13$  MeV, 11 MeV below  $\bar{B}^0 D^0$
- $(cc\bar{u}\bar{d})$ :  $J^P = 1^+$ , **observed**: 3875 MeV, just  $\mathcal{O}(300)$  keV below  $D^0 D^{*+}$ ,  $\Gamma \ll 1$  MeV



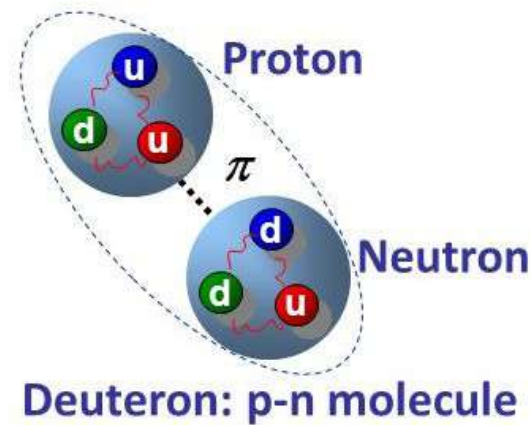
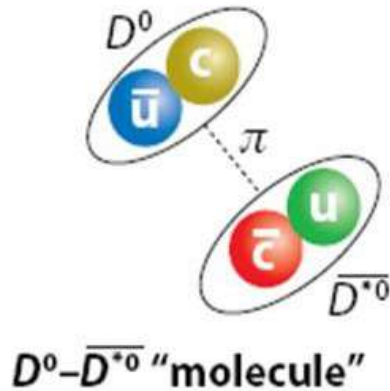
The full list of new hadrons found at the LHC, organised by year of discovery (horizontal axis) and particle mass (vertical axis). The colours and shapes denote the quark content of these states. (Image: LHCb/CERN)

## 5 narrow exotic states close to meson-meson thresholds

state	mass MeV	width MeV	$\bar{Q}Q$ decay mode	phase space MeV	nearby threshold	$\Delta E$ MeV
$X(3872)$	3872	$< 1.2$	$J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$	495	$\bar{D}D^*$	$< 1$
$Z_b(10610)$	10608	21	$\Upsilon \pi$	1008	$\bar{B}B^*$	$2 \pm 2$
$Z_b(10650)$	10651	10	$\Upsilon \pi$	1051	$\bar{B}^*B^*$	$2 \pm 2$
$Z_c(3900)$	3900	24 – 46	$J/\psi \pi$	663	$\bar{D}D^*$	24
$Z_c(4020)$	4020	8 – 25	$J/\psi \pi$	783	$\bar{D}^*D^*$	6
$\times$					$\bar{D}D$	
$\times$					$\bar{B}B$	

- masses and widths approximate
- quarkonium decays mode listed have max phase space
- offset from threshold for orientation only, v. sensitive to exact mass

# Hadronic molecules: deuteron-like

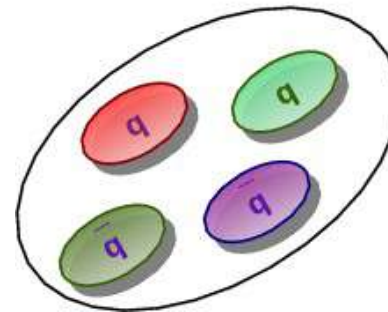
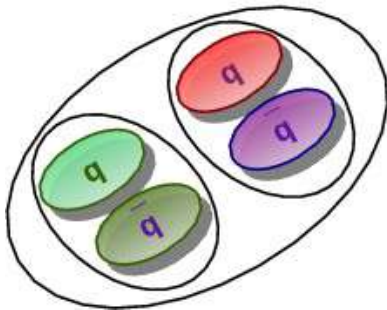


## Tetraquarks: same 4 quarks, but tightly bound:

Hadronic Molecule

Tetraquark

two color singlets attract through residual forces



each quark sees color charges of all the other quarks

Belle, PRL 116, 212001 (2016):

$$\frac{\Gamma(Z_b(10610) \rightarrow \bar{B}B^*)}{\Gamma(Z_b(10610) \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S)\pi)} \approx \frac{86\%}{0.54\%} = \mathcal{O}(100)$$

despite 1000 MeV of phase space  
for  $\Upsilon(1S)\pi$  vs few MeV for  $\bar{B}B^*$  !

overlap of  $Z_b$  wave function with  $\Upsilon\pi$   
dramatically smaller than with  $\bar{B}B^*$

similarly

$$\frac{\Gamma(X(3872) \rightarrow \bar{D}D^*)}{\Gamma(X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-)} = 9.1^{+3.4}_{-2.0}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma(Z_c(3885) \rightarrow \bar{D}D^*)}{\Gamma(Z_c(3885) \rightarrow J/\psi\pi)} = 6.2 \pm 1.1 \pm 2.7$$

## 4 pieces of experimental evidence in support of molecular interpretation of $Z_Q$ and $X(3872)$ :

1. masses near thresholds and  $J^P$  of S-wave
2. narrow width despite very large phase space
3.  $\text{BR}(\text{fall apart mode}) \gg \text{BR}(\text{quarkonium} + X)$
4. no states which require binding through 3 pseudoscalar coupling

the binding mechanism can in principle  
apply to any two heavy hadrons  
which couple to isospin  
and are heavy enough,  
*be they mesons or baryons*



doubly-heavy hadronic molecules:

most likely candidates with  $Q\bar{Q}'$ ,  $Q = c, b$ ,  $\bar{Q}' = \bar{c}, \bar{b}$ :

$D\bar{D}^*$ ,  $D^*\bar{D}^*$ ,  $D^*B^*$ ,  $\bar{B}B^*$ ,  $\bar{B}^*B^*$ ,

$\Sigma_c\bar{D}^*$ ,  $\Sigma_c B^*$ ,  $\Sigma_b\bar{D}^*$ ,  $\Sigma_b B^*$ , the lightest of new kind

$\Sigma_c\bar{\Sigma}_c$ ,  $\Sigma_c\bar{\Lambda}_c$ ,  $\Sigma_c\bar{\Lambda}_b$ ,  $\Sigma_b\bar{\Sigma}_b$ ,  $\Sigma_b\bar{\Lambda}_b$ , and  $\Sigma_b\bar{\Lambda}_c$ .

$c\bar{c}$  and  $b\bar{b}$  states decay strongly to  $\bar{c}c$  or  $\bar{b}b$  and  $\pi$ -(s)

$b\bar{c}$  and  $c\bar{b}$  states decay strongly to  $B_c^\pm$  and  $\pi$ -(s)

$QQ'$  candidates – dibaryons

$\Sigma_c\Sigma_c$ ,  $\Sigma_c\Lambda_c$ ,  $\Sigma_c\Lambda_b$ ,  $\Sigma_b\Sigma_b$ ,  $\Sigma_b\Lambda_b$ , and  $\Sigma_b\Lambda_c$ .

like a whole new periodic table

# Thresholds for $Q\bar{Q}'$ molecular states

Channel	Minimum isospin	Minimal quark content <sup>a,b</sup>	Threshold (MeV) <sup>c</sup>	Example of decay mode
$D\bar{D}^*$	0	$c\bar{c}q\bar{q}$	3875.8	$J/\psi \pi\pi$
$D^*\bar{D}^*$	0	$c\bar{c}q\bar{q}$	4017.2	$J/\psi \pi\pi$
$D^*B^*$	0	$c\bar{b}q\bar{q}$	7333.8	$B_c^+ \pi\pi$
$\bar{B}B^*$	0	$b\bar{b}q\bar{q}$	10604.6	$\Upsilon(nS)\pi\pi$
$\bar{B}^*B^*$	0	$b\bar{b}q\bar{q}$	10650.4	$\Upsilon(nS)\pi\pi$
$\Sigma_c\bar{D}^*$	1/2	$c\bar{c}qqq'$	4462.4	$J/\psi p$
$\Sigma_c B^*$	1/2	$c\bar{b}qqq'$	7779.5	$B_c^+ p$
$\Sigma_b\bar{D}^*$	1/2	$b\bar{c}qqq'$	7823.0	$B_c^- p$
$\Sigma_b B^*$	1/2	$b\bar{b}qqq'$	11139.6	$\Upsilon(nS)p$
$\Sigma_c\bar{\Lambda}_c$	1	$c\bar{c}qq' \bar{u}\bar{d}$	4740.3	$J/\psi \pi$
$\Sigma_c\bar{\Sigma}_c$	0	$c\bar{c}qq' \bar{q}\bar{q}'$	4907.6	$J/\psi \pi\pi$
$\Sigma_c\bar{\Lambda}_b$	1	$c\bar{b}qq' \bar{u}\bar{d}$	8073.3 <sup>d</sup>	$B_c^+ \pi$
$\Sigma_b\bar{\Lambda}_c$	1	$b\bar{c}qq' \bar{u}\bar{d}$	8100.9 <sup>d</sup>	$B_c^- \pi$
$\Sigma_b\bar{\Lambda}_b$	1	$b\bar{b}qq' \bar{u}\bar{d}$	11433.9	$\Upsilon(nS)\pi$
$\Sigma_b\bar{\Sigma}_b$	0	$b\bar{b}qq' \bar{q}\bar{q}'$	11628.8	$\Upsilon(nS)\pi\pi$

<sup>a</sup>Ignoring annihilation of quarks.

<sup>b</sup>Plus other charge states when  $I \neq 0$ .

<sup>c</sup>Based on isospin-averaged masses.

<sup>d</sup>Thresholds differ by 27.6 MeV.

## New Exotic Meson and Baryon Resonances from Doubly Heavy Hadronic Molecules

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We predict several new exotic doubly heavy hadronic resonances, inferring from the observed exotic bottomoniumlike and charmoniumlike narrow states  $X(3872)$ ,  $Z_b(10610)$ ,  $Z_b(10650)$ ,  $Z_c(3900)$ , and  $Z_c(4020/4025)$ . We interpret the binding mechanism as mostly molecularlike isospin-exchange attraction between two heavy-light mesons in a relative  $S$ -wave state. We then generalize it to other systems containing two heavy hadrons which can couple through isospin exchange. The new predicted states include resonances in meson-meson, meson-baryon, baryon-baryon, and baryon-antibaryon channels. These include those giving rise to final states involving a heavy quark  $Q = c, b$  and antiquark  $\bar{Q}' = \bar{c}, \bar{b}$ , namely,  $D\bar{D}^*$ ,  $D^*\bar{D}^*$ ,  $D^*B^*$ ,  $\bar{B}B^*$ ,  $\bar{B}^*B^*$ ,  $\Sigma_c\bar{D}^*$ ,  $\Sigma_c B^*$ ,  $\Sigma_b\bar{D}^*$ ,  $\Sigma_b B^*$ ,  $\Sigma_c\bar{\Sigma}_c$ ,  $\Sigma_c\bar{\Lambda}_c$ ,  $\Sigma_c\bar{\Lambda}_b$ ,  $\Sigma_b\bar{\Sigma}_b$ ,  $\Sigma_b\bar{\Lambda}_b$ , and  $\Sigma_b\bar{\Lambda}_c$ , as well as corresponding  $S$ -wave states giving rise to  $QQ'$  or  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}'$ .

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## Observation of $J/\psi p$ Resonances Consistent with Pentaquark States in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^- p$ Decays

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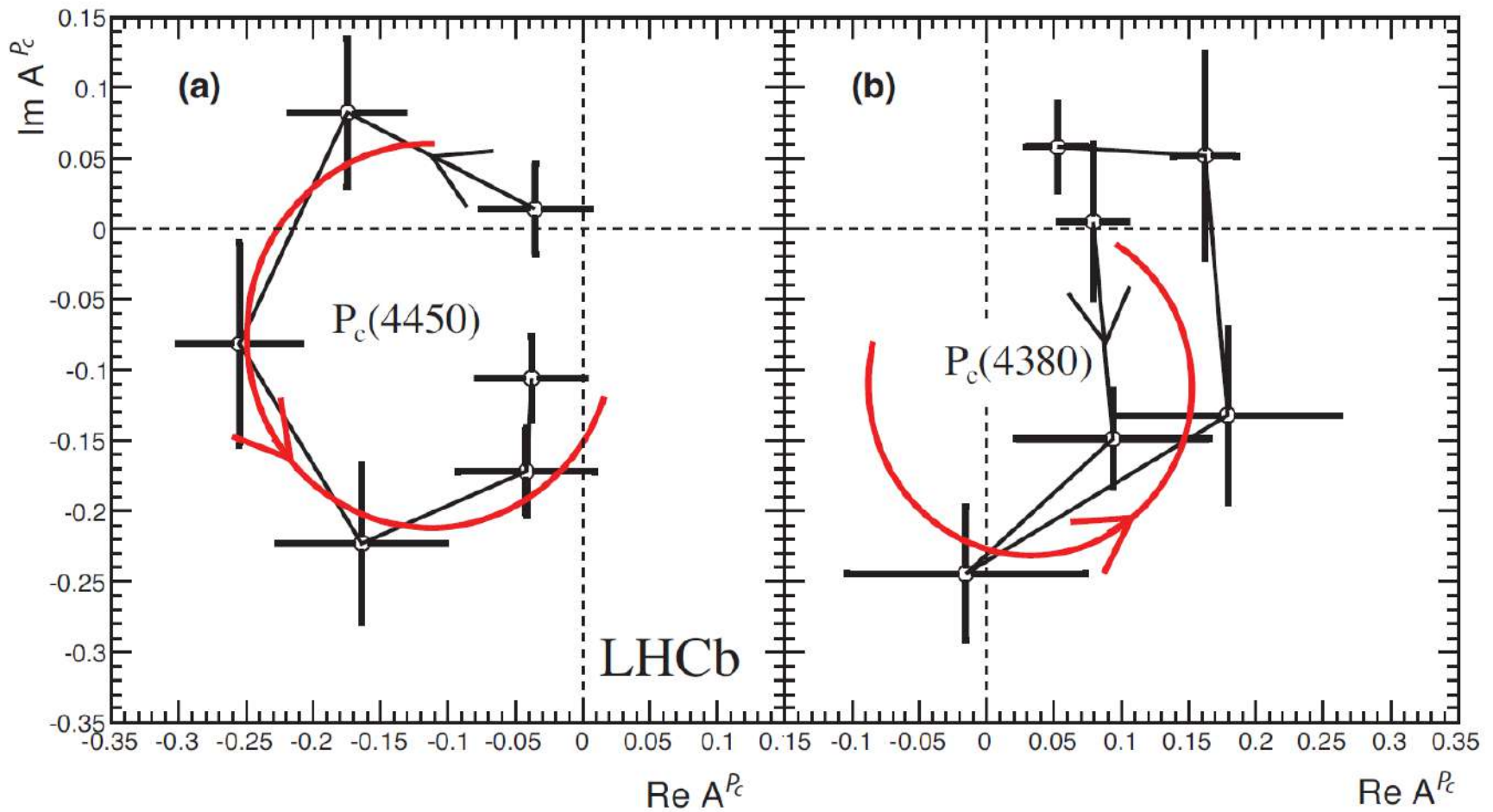
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Observations of exotic structures in the  $J/\psi p$  channel, which we refer to as charmonium-pentaquark states, in  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^- p$  decays are presented. The data sample corresponds to an integrated luminosity of  $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  acquired with the LHCb detector from 7 and 8 TeV  $pp$  collisions. An amplitude analysis of the three-body final state reproduces the two-body mass and angular distributions. To obtain a satisfactory fit of the structures seen in the  $J/\psi p$  mass spectrum, it is necessary to include two Breit-Wigner amplitudes that each describe a resonant state. The significance of each of these resonances is more than 9 standard deviations. One has a mass of  $4380 \pm 8 \pm 29 \text{ MeV}$  and a width of  $205 \pm 18 \pm 86 \text{ MeV}$ , while the second is narrower, with a mass of  $4449.8 \pm 1.7 \pm 2.5 \text{ MeV}$  and a width of  $39 \pm 5 \pm 19 \text{ MeV}$ . The preferred  $J^P$  assignments are of opposite parity, with one state having spin  $3/2$  and the other  $5/2$ .

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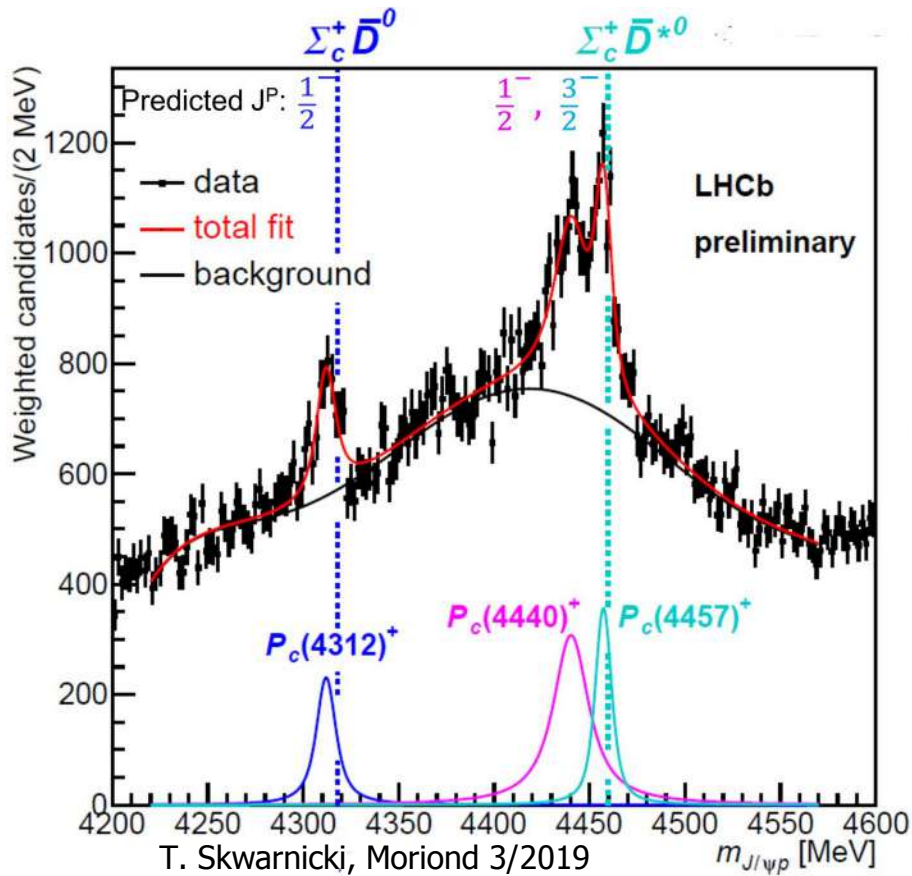
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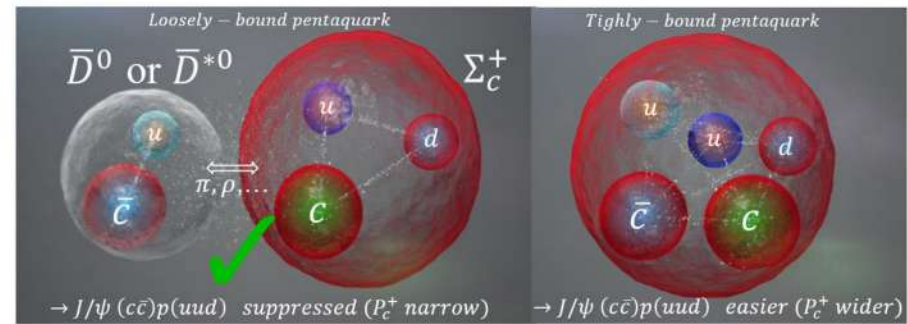
$P_c(4450)$ : predicted,  
 narrow:  $\Gamma = 39 \pm 5 \pm 19$ ,  
 10 MeV from  $\Sigma_c \bar{D}^*$  threshold  
 perfect Argand plot: a molecule

$P_c(4380)$ : not predicted,  
 wide:  $\Gamma = 205 \pm 18 \pm 86$  MeV,  
 Argand plot not resonance-like  
 ???

**$P_c(4450)$  might be just the first of many “heavy deuterons”**



The near-threshold masses and the narrow widths of  $P_c(4312)^+$ ,  $P_c(4440)^+$  and  $P_c(4457)^+$  favor “molecular” pentaquarks with meson-baryon substructure!



observe all 3 S-wave states:

$$\Sigma_c \bar{D}; \quad J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$$

$$\Sigma_c \bar{D}^*; \quad J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-, \frac{3}{2}^-$$

for  $Q \rightarrow \infty$  4 more S-wave states:

$$\Sigma_c^* \bar{D}; \quad J^P = \frac{3}{2}^-$$

$$\Sigma_c^* \bar{D}^*; \quad J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-, \frac{3}{2}^-, \frac{5}{2}^-$$

two v. different types of exotics:

$$Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}$$
$$QQ\bar{q}\bar{q}$$

e.g.

$$Z_b(10610)$$
$$T(bb\bar{u}\bar{d})$$
$$\bar{B}B^*$$

molecule

tightly-bound

tetraquark

why is it so ?

Exotics with  $\bar{Q}Q$  vs.  $QQ$ : very different

$$V(\bar{Q}Q) = 2V(QQ), \text{ hundreds of MeV}$$

but *only* if  $\bar{Q}Q$  color singlet

$\Rightarrow \bar{Q}Q$  can immediately hadronize as quarkonium

$\Rightarrow$  exotics:  $\bar{Q}$  in one hadron and  $Q$  in the other

$\Rightarrow$  deuteron-like "hadronic molecules"

vs.  $QQ$  *never* a color singlet,

$\Rightarrow$  tightly bound exotics, tetraquarks

$T(bb\bar{u}\bar{d})$ :

$$m_b \approx 5 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Rightarrow R(bb) \sim 0.2 \text{ fm}$$

$$V(r) = -\frac{\alpha_s(r)}{r} + \sigma r$$

$$\Rightarrow B(bb) \approx -280 \text{ MeV}$$

tightly bound, but  $\bar{3}_c$ ,

so cannot disengage from  $\bar{u}\bar{d}$

$Z_b(10610)$ :  $b\bar{b}u\bar{d}$

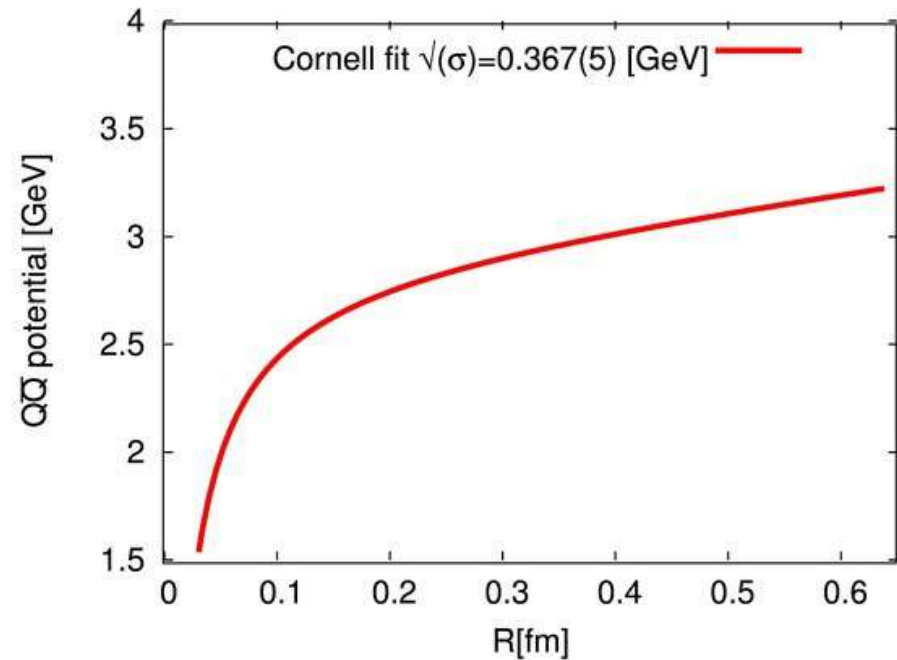
if  $b\bar{b}$  compact  $\Rightarrow$  color singlet:

decouple from  $u\bar{d}$ ,  $Z_b \rightarrow \Upsilon\pi^+$

so only semi-stable config.,

“hadronic molecule:”  $\bar{B}B^* \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$  above  $\Upsilon\pi$

yet narrow  $\sim 15 \text{ MeV}$ , because  $r(\Upsilon)/r(\bar{B}B^*) \ll 1$



very different!

Upshot:

$bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$ : tightly bound tetraquark

$b\bar{b}q\bar{q}$ : a molecule



recent news from LHCb: new strange Pq-s

$J/\psi$   $\Lambda$  resonances in

$$B^- \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda \bar{p}, \quad \Xi_b^- \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda K^-$$

$\implies$  new “molecular” pentaquarks:

$$(c\bar{c}sud) \approx \Xi_c^0(csd)\bar{D}^{*0}(\bar{c}u) \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda$$

vs.  $(c\bar{c}uud) \approx \Sigma_c^+(cud)\bar{D}^{*0}(\bar{c}u) \rightarrow J/\psi p$

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July 5, 2022, <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1176505/>  
and LHCb-PAPER-2022-031, in preparation.

$$\Xi_c \bar{D}^{(*)} \text{ molecules} \implies \Xi'_c \bar{D}^{(*)} \text{ molecules}$$

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## New strange pentaquarks

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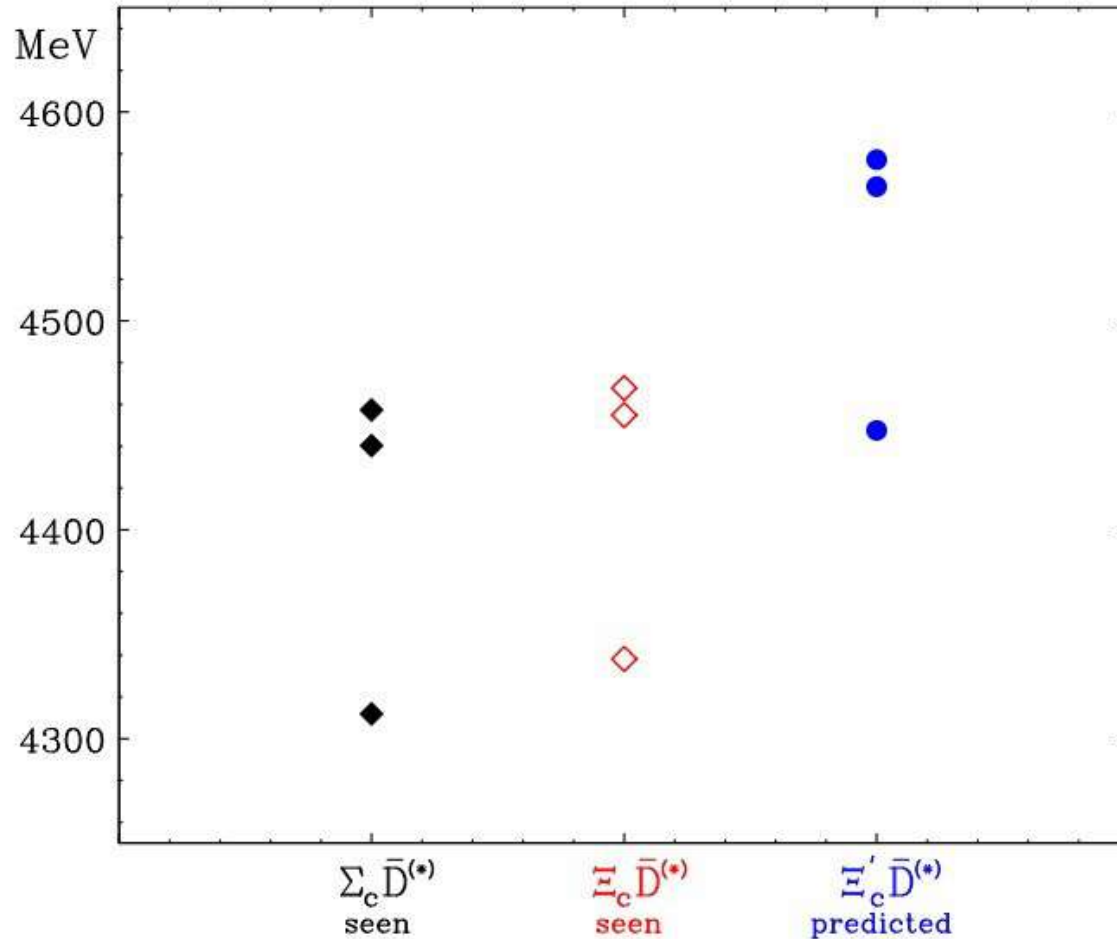
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The new strange pentaquarks observed by LHCb are very likely hadronic molecules consisting of  $\Xi_c \bar{D}$  and  $\Xi_c \bar{D}^*$ . We discuss the experimental evidence supporting this conclusion, pointing out the similarities and differences with the  $P_c(4312)$ ,  $P_c(4440)$  and  $P_c(4457)$  pentaquarks in the nonstrange sector. The latter clearly are hadronic molecules consisting of  $\Sigma_c \bar{D}$  and  $\Sigma_c \bar{D}^*$ . **Following this line of thought, we predict three additional strange pentaquarks consisting of  $\Xi'_c \bar{D}$  and  $\Xi'_c \bar{D}^*$ . The masses of these states are expected to be shifted upward by  $M(\Xi'_c) = M(\Xi_c) \approx 110$  MeV with respect to the corresponding known strange pentaquarks.**

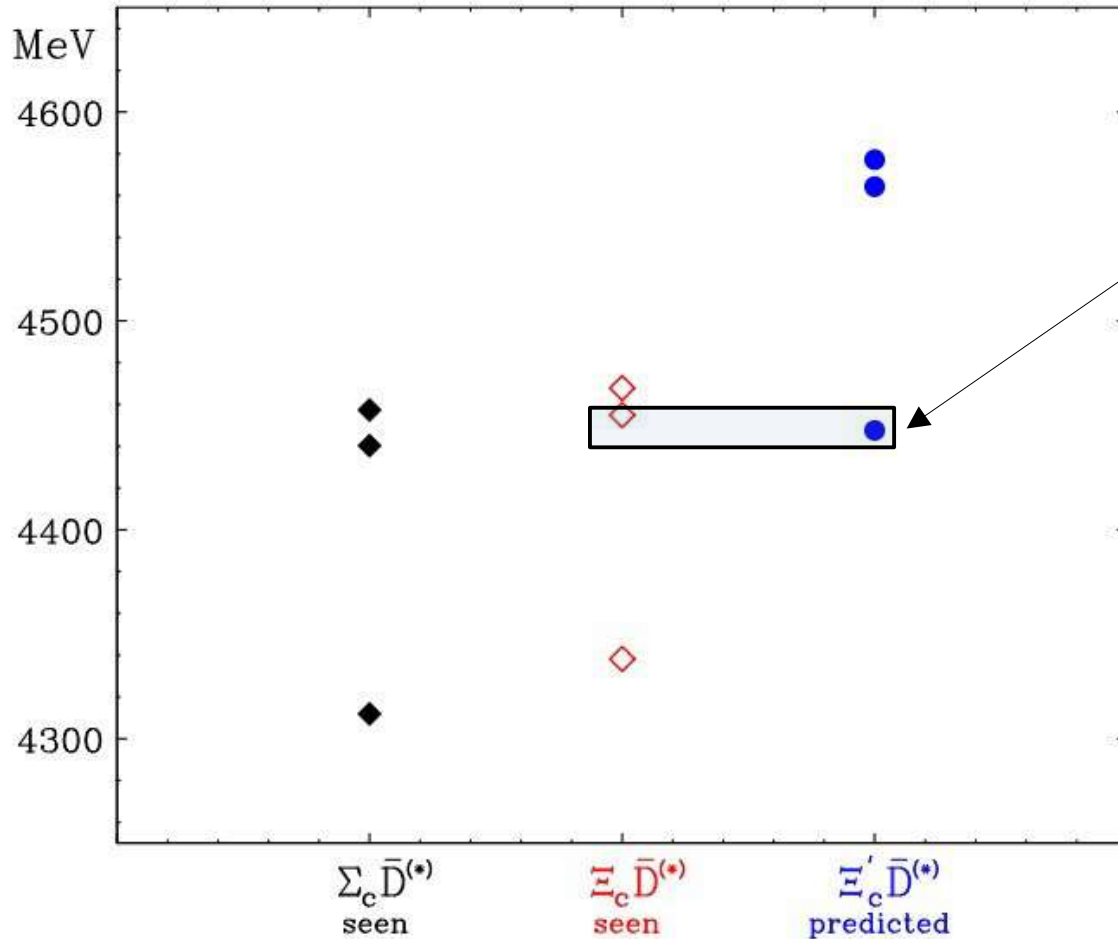
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## Pentaquarks as hadronic molecules



Pentaquarks as hadronic molecules.  $\Sigma_c \bar{D}^{(*)}$  states are denoted by black diamonds,  $\Xi_c \bar{D}^{(*)}$  states by open red diamonds and  $\Xi_c' \bar{D}^{(*)}$  states by blue circles.

# Pentaquarks as hadronic molecules



only 7 MeV difference;  
 $\Xi_c' \bar{D}$  spin- $\frac{1}{2}$   
 if  $P_{\psi_s}^\Lambda(4455)$   
 spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  
 $\Rightarrow$  mixing

Pentaquarks as hadronic molecules.  $\Sigma_c \bar{D}^{(*)}$  states are denoted by black diamonds,  $\Xi_c \bar{D}^{(*)}$  states by open red diamonds and  $\Xi_c' \bar{D}^{(*)}$  states by blue circles.

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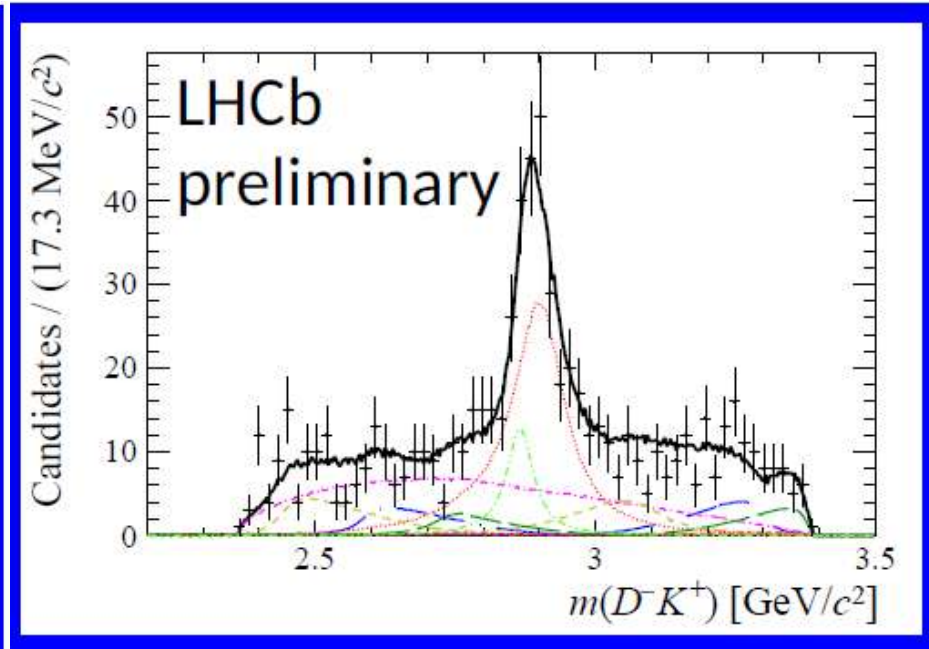
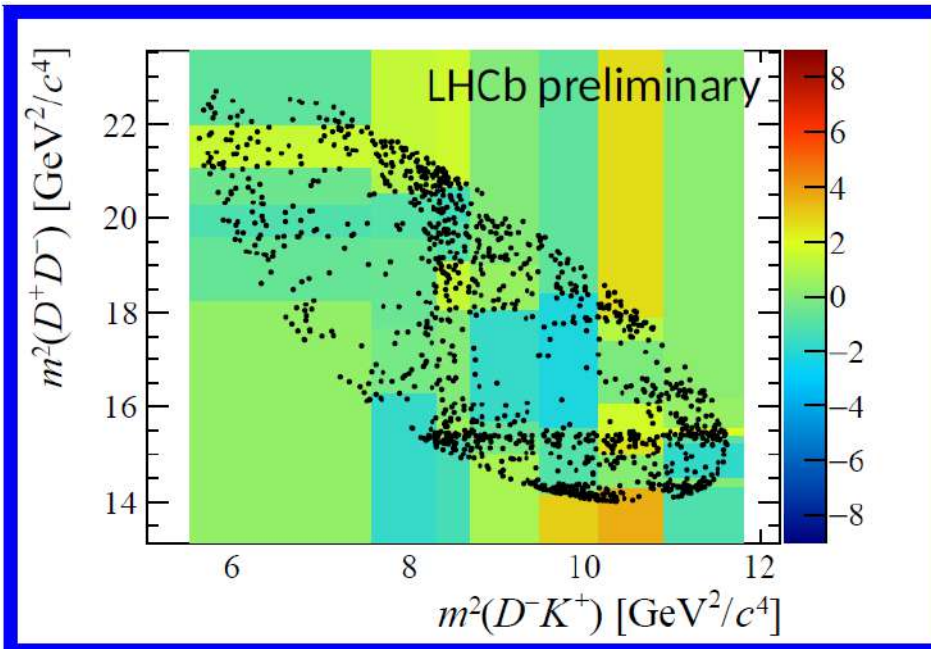
narrow  $D^+ K^-$  resonance in  $B^- \rightarrow D^- D^+ K^-$

**first exotic hadron with open heavy flavor:**

$cs\bar{u}\bar{d}$  tetraquark

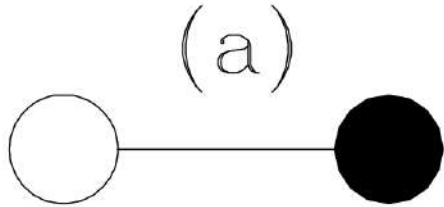
$cc\bar{u}\bar{d}$ : found  $\epsilon^-$  two meson threshold

$\Rightarrow$  expect  $cs\bar{u}\bar{d}$  well above  $D^+ K^-$  threshold

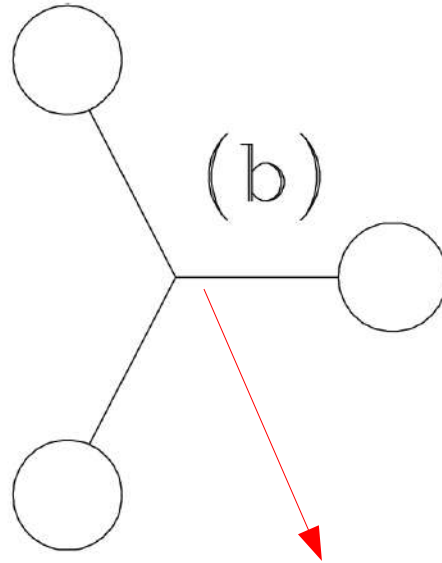


- two BW-s:  
 $X_0(2900)$ ,  $J^P = 0^+$  at  $2866 \pm 7$  MeV,  $\Gamma_0 = 57 \pm 13$  MeV  
 $X_1(2900)$ ,  $J^P = 1^-$  at  $2904 \pm 7$  MeV  $\Gamma_1 = 110 \pm 12$  MeV.
- our interpretation:  
 $X_0(2900) = cs\bar{u}\bar{d}$  isosinglet compact tetraquark,  
mass =  $2863 \pm 12$  MeV, from quark model incl. 2 string junctions
- **the first exotic hadron with open heavy flavor**
- analogous  $bs\bar{u}\bar{d}$  Tq predicted at  $6213 \pm 12$  MeV
- $X_1(2900)$ : ?  
currently  $J^P = 1^-$  preferred, but if  $J^P = 2^+$ ,  
possibly a  $D^*K^*$  molecule, c.f. threshold at 2902 MeV

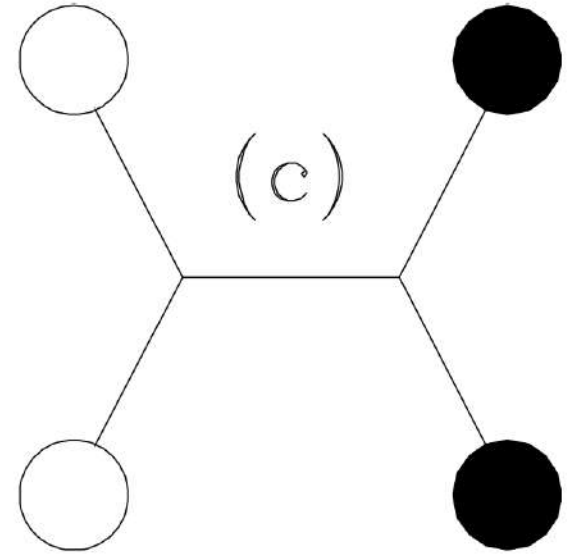
meson  
no string junction



baryon  
one string junction



tetraquark  
two string junctions



string junction mass:  $S = 165.1 \text{ MeV}$

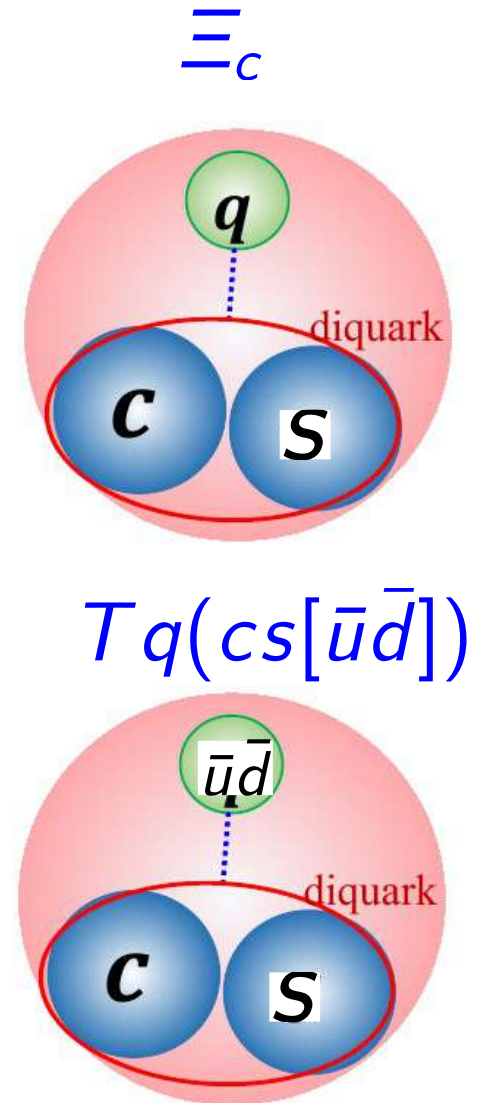
FIG. 1: QCD strings connecting quarks (open circles) and antiquarks (filled circles). (a) Quark-antiquark meson with one string and no junctions; (b) Three-quark baryon with three strings and one junction; (c) Baryonium (tetraquark) with five strings and two junctions.

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- $J^P = 0^+$
- all parameters from ordinary hadrons





# $T(cs\bar{u}\bar{d})$ mass in the string-junction picture:

$cs$ : spin-0 diquark  $[cs] \Rightarrow \Delta E_{HF}(cs)$ : attractive color HF

$B(cs)$ : binding energy in  $3_c^*$

$$M[T(cs\bar{u}\bar{d})] = m_c + m_s + m_{[ud]} + 2S + B(cs) + \Delta E_{HF}(cs) ,$$

use  $M(\Lambda_c) = m_c + m_{[ud]} + S = 2286.5$  MeV, and

values from fits to ordinary hadronic spectra:

$$m_s = 482.2 \text{ MeV}, \quad B(cs) = -35.0 \text{ MeV}, \quad \Delta E_{HF}(cs) = -35.4 \text{ MeV}$$

so


$$\begin{aligned} M[T(cs\bar{u}\bar{d})] &= \Lambda_c + m_s + S + B(cs) + \Delta E_{HF}(cs) = \\ &= 2863.4 \pm 12 \text{ MeV} \end{aligned}$$

- a narrow resonance decaying into two  $J/\psi$ -s
- quark content  $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$
- $M \approx 6.9$  GeV:  $X(6900)$
- tetraquark-like
- $\sim 700$  MeV above  $J/\psi J/\psi$  threshold  
 $\Rightarrow$  probably a  $2S$  excited  $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$  state
- first exotic containing both  $QQ$  and  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$
- $\Rightarrow$  bottom analogue:  $\Upsilon\Upsilon$  at  $\gtrsim 19.4$  GeV ?
- exciting challenge for EXP and TH

# Interpretation of structure in di- $J/\psi$ spectrum

- structure in LHCb di- $J/\psi$  spectrum around 6.9 and 7.2 GeV
- interpreted in terms of  $J^{PC} = 0^{++} (cc)-(\bar{c}\bar{c})$  Tq resonances
- Tq masses from recently confirmed string-junction picture
- main peak around 6.9 GeV likely dominated by the  $0^{++}(2S)$ , radial exc. of  $(cc)-(\bar{c}\bar{c})$  Tq, predicted at  $6.871 \pm 0.025$  GeV
- dip around 6.75 GeV: opening of  $S$ -wave di- $\chi_{c0}$  channel
- dip around 7.2 GeV: opening of di- $\eta_c(2S)$  &  $\Xi_{cc}\bar{\Xi}_{cc}$  channels?
- low-mass structure appears to require broad resonance consistent with predicted  $0^{++}(1S)$  at  $6191.5 \pm 25$  MeV.
- Implications for  $bb\bar{b}\bar{b}$  tetraquarks

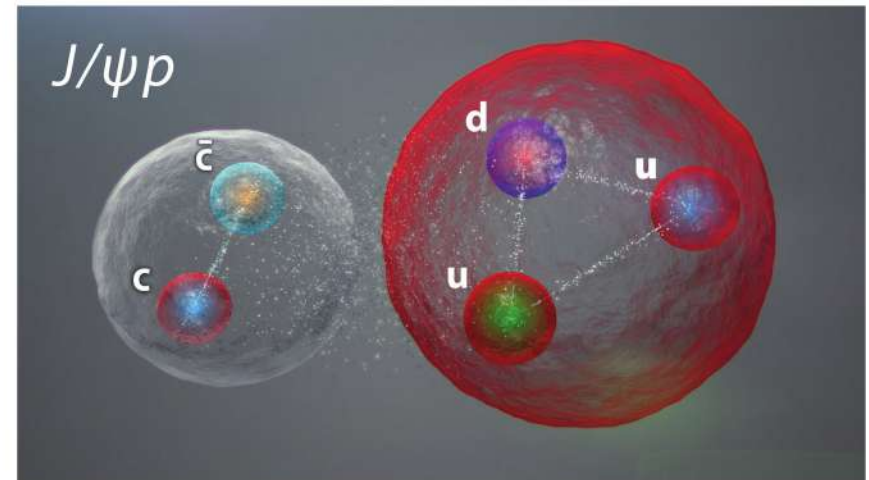
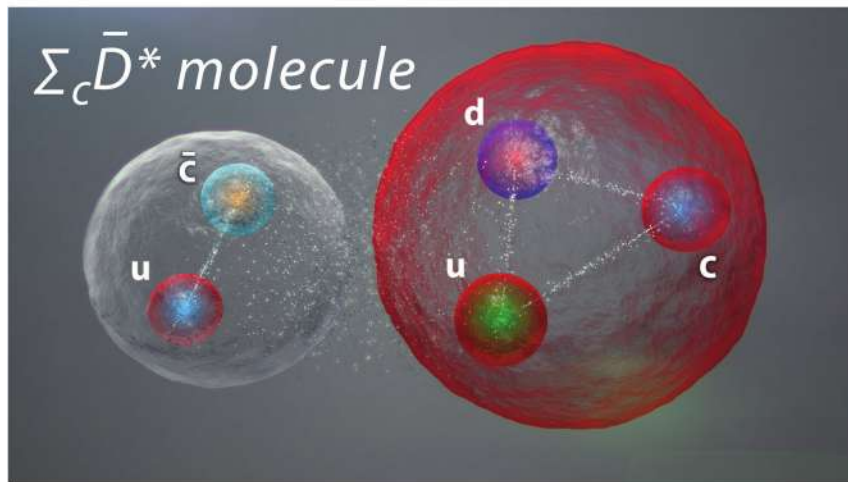
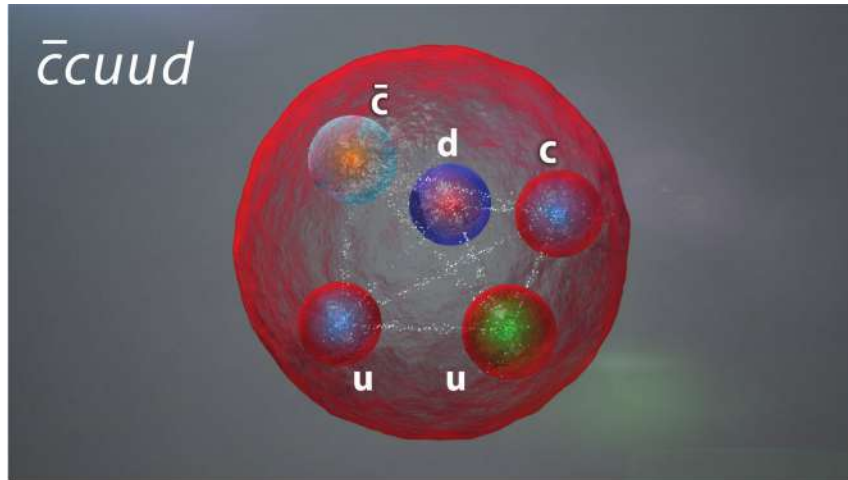
# SUMMARY

- narrow  $cc\bar{u}\bar{d}$  tetraquark discovered by LHCb
- doubly charmed baryon found exactly where predicted  
 $\Xi_{cc}^{++}(ccu) \Rightarrow (bcq), (bbq)$
- stable  $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$  tetraquark: LHCb!
- narrow exotics with  $Q\bar{Q}$ : “heavy deuterons” / molecules  
 $\bar{D}D^*, \bar{D}^*D^*, \bar{B}B^*, \bar{B}^*B^*,$   
 $\Sigma_c\bar{D}^*(S = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}), \Sigma_c\bar{D}(S = \frac{1}{2}); \quad \gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi p ?$   
 $\Xi_c\bar{D}^{(*)}$  seen, expect 3 additional  $\Xi_c'\bar{D}^{(*)}$  states  
 $\Sigma_c B^*, \Sigma_b\bar{D}^*, \Sigma_b B^*, D^* B^*, \dots$
- $D^+ K^-$  res.  $\Leftrightarrow cs\bar{u}\bar{d}$  Tq w. string junction   $bs\bar{u}\bar{d} = \bar{B}^0 K^- ?$
- $J/\psi J/\psi$  res.  $\Leftrightarrow$  excited  $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$  Tq, probably  $2S, J/\psi \gamma, \gamma\gamma ?$

**exciting new spectroscopy awaiting discovery**

# Backup transparencies

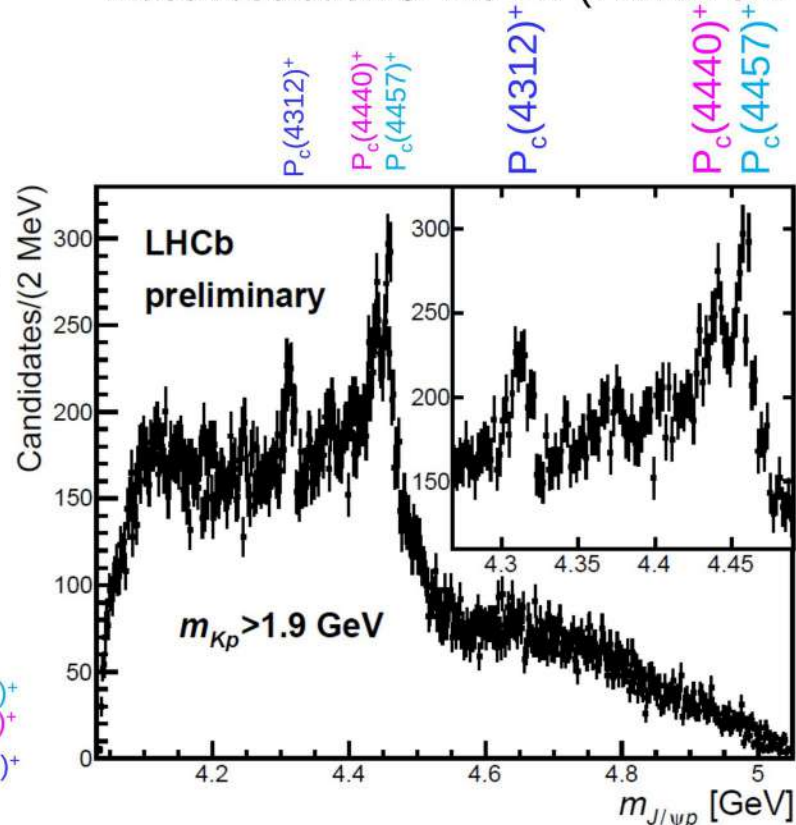
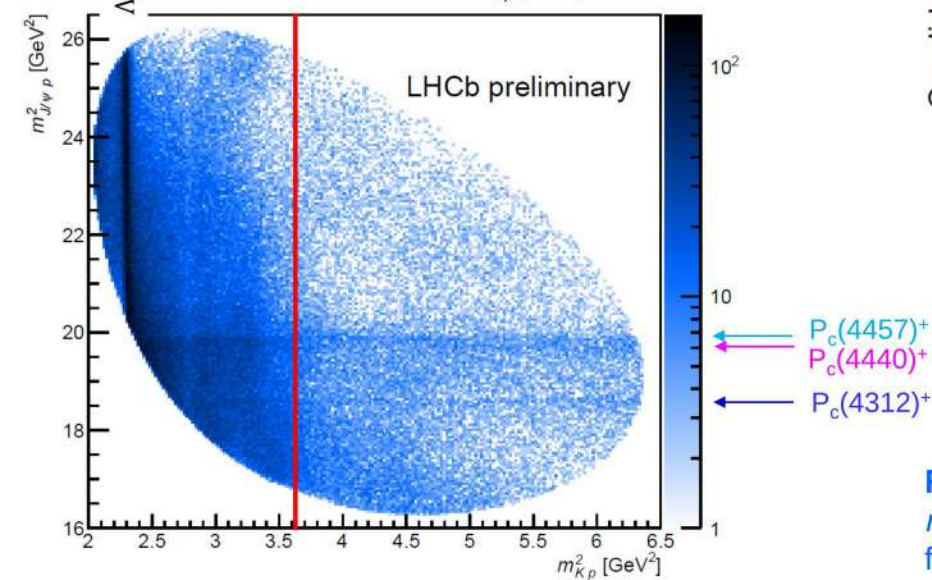
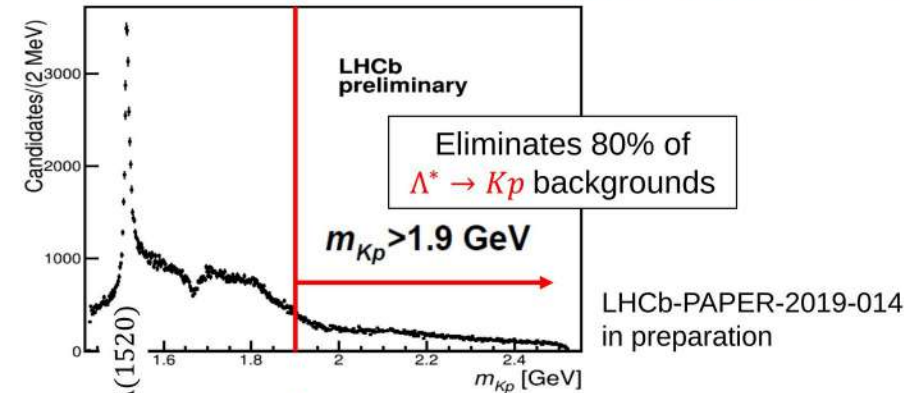
# Decay of a tightly bound pentaquark vs. hadronic molecule to $J/\psi p$



$$|\langle \Sigma_c \bar{D}^* | J/\psi p \rangle| \ll |\langle \bar{c}cuud | J/\psi p \rangle|$$

# Narrow $P_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi p$ peaks with $\Lambda^*$ suppression

Mass resolution  $\sigma=2.3\text{-}2.7$  (FWHM 5.4-6.4) MeV



Proper amplitude analysis faces new challenges: must consider  $m_{J/\psi p}$  resolution effects, large statistics and sub-percent precision in fit fractions required in the amplitude model – work in progress

State	$M$ [MeV]	$\Gamma$ [MeV]	(95% CL)	$\mathcal{R}$ [%]
$P_c(4312)^+$	$4311.9 \pm 0.7^{+6.8}_{-0.6}$	$9.8 \pm 2.7^{+3.7}_{-4.5}$	(< 27)	$0.30 \pm 0.07^{+0.34}_{-0.09}$
$P_c(4440)^+$	$4440.3 \pm 1.3^{+4.1}_{-4.7}$	$20.6 \pm 4.9^{+8.7}_{-10.1}$	(< 49)	$1.11 \pm 0.33^{+0.22}_{-0.10}$
$P_c(4457)^+$	$4457.3 \pm 0.6^{+4.1}_{-1.7}$	$6.4 \pm 2.0^{+5.7}_{-1.9}$	(< 20)	$0.53 \pm 0.16^{+0.15}_{-0.13}$

# $(c\bar{c}uds)$ molecular pentaquarks

a very clear peak  $> 10 \sigma$ :

$$P_{\psi_s}^\Lambda(4338) : \quad M = 4338.2 \pm 0.7 \text{ MeV}, \quad \Gamma = 7.0 \pm 1.2 \text{ MeV}$$

and a structure with two peaks split by 13 MeV, @  $3.1 \sigma$

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$$P_{\psi_s}^\Lambda(4468) : \quad M = 4467.8 \pm 3.7 \text{ MeV}, \quad \Gamma = 5.2 \pm 5.3 \text{ MeV}.$$



Several features of  $P_{\psi_s}^\Lambda(4338)$  strongly suggestive of a  $\Xi_c \bar{D}$  hadronic molecule:

(a) Vicinity to the relevant baryon-meson threshold(s):

$$M[P_{\psi_s}^\Lambda(4338)] \text{ only } 0.8 \text{ MeV above } \Xi_c^+ D^- \\ \text{2.9 MeV above } \Xi_c^0 D^0$$

(b) Spin and parity:

$$\frac{1}{2}^+ \text{ baryon \& } 0^- \text{ meson} \\ S\text{-wave molecule} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}^-$$

(c)  $\Gamma \lll$  phase space:

$$\Gamma[P_{\psi_s}^\Lambda(4338)] = 7.0 \pm 1.2 \text{ MeV} \\ \text{vs. } Q\text{-value} = 126 \text{ MeV.}$$

More support (with  $\ll$  stats) for molecular interpret.

from earlier LHCb  $P_{\psi_s}^\Lambda(4459)$  pentaquark data

A peak in  $M_{inv}(J/\psi \Lambda)$  in  $\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda K^-$ ,

$$M = 4458.8 \pm 2.9_{-1.1}^{+4.7} \text{ MeV}, \quad \Gamma = 17.3 \pm 6.5_{-5.7}^{+8.0} \text{ MeV}, \quad @3.1 \sigma.$$

$M$  approx. 20 MeV below the  $\Xi_c \bar{D}^*$  threshold.

Remarkably, LHCb has equally good fit w. *a two peak structure*,

with the two peaks split by 13 MeV:

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highly reminiscent of LHCb  $P_\psi^N(4440)^+$  and  $P_\psi^N(4457)^+$

caveat:

analogy between  $\Sigma_c \bar{D}^{(*)}$  and  $\Xi_c \bar{D}^{(*)}$  h.m. goes only so far, as  $P_{\psi_s}^\Lambda(4455)$ ,  $P_{\psi_s}^\Lambda(4468)$  not an  $SU(3)_F$  rotation  $q \rightarrow s$  ( $q=u,d$ ) of  $P_\psi^N(4440)^+$ ,  $P_\psi^N(4457)^+$ .

Nor  $P_{\psi_s}^\Lambda(4338)$  an  $SU(3)_F$  rotation of  $P_\psi^N(4312)^+$ , because  $P_\psi^N$  are  $\Sigma_c \bar{D}^{(*)}$  h.m.

and under  $SU(3)_F$   $q \rightarrow s$  ( $q = u, d$ )  $\Sigma_c \rightarrow \Xi'_c$ ,  $\Sigma_c \not\rightarrow \Xi_c$

$\Delta M \equiv M(\Xi'_c) - M(\Xi_c) \approx 110 \text{ MeV} < m_\pi$ , so  $\Xi'_c$  stable under s.i.

$\Rightarrow$  in addition to the already observed  $\Xi_c \bar{D}^{(*)}$  three h.m.

*expect three additional v. narrow  $\Xi'_c \bar{D}^{(*)}$  h.m.*

*shifted upwards by  $\Delta M \approx 110 \text{ MeV}$  for each  $J^P$*

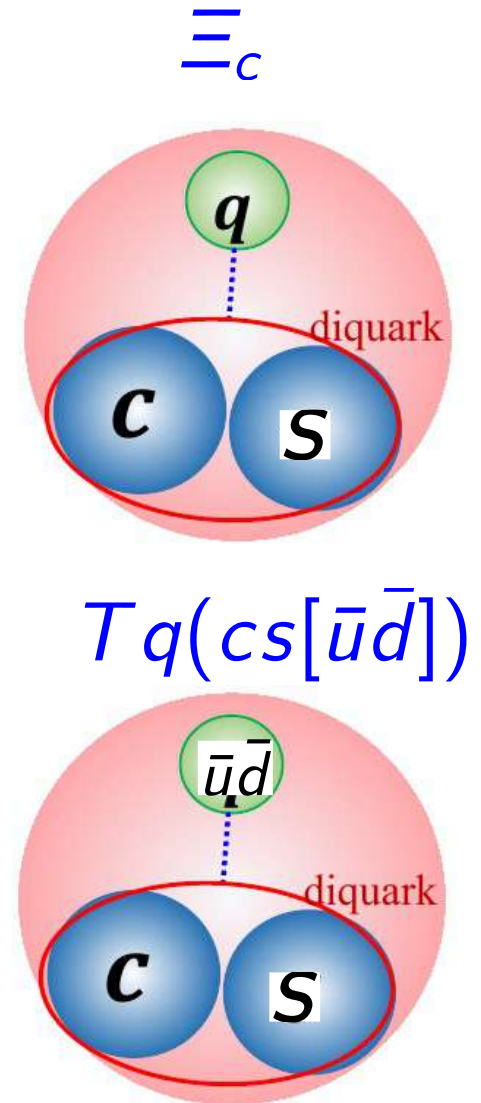
- two BW-s:  
 $X_0(2900)$ ,  $J^P = 0^+$  at  $2866 \pm 7$  MeV,  $\Gamma_0 = 57 \pm 13$  MeV  
 $X_1(2900)$ ,  $J^P = 1^-$  at  $2904 \pm 7$  MeV  $\Gamma_1 = 110 \pm 12$  MeV.
- our interpretation:  
 $X_0(2900) = cs\bar{u}\bar{d}$  isosinglet compact tetraquark,  
mass =  $2863 \pm 12$  MeV, from quark model incl. 2 string junctions
- **the first exotic hadron with open heavy flavor**
- analogous  $bs\bar{u}\bar{d}$  Tq predicted at  $6213 \pm 12$  MeV
- $X_1(2900)$ : ?  
currently  $J^P = 1^-$  preferred, but if  $J^P = 2^+$ ,  
possibly a  $D^*K^*$  molecule, c.f. threshold at 2902 MeV

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## tetraquark interpretation of peak near 6.9 GeV

- GS of  $T(cc\bar{c}\bar{c})$  from string junction picture:  
 $(cc)_{3_c^*}(\bar{c}\bar{c})_{3_c}$ : two spin-1 diquarks coupled in  $S$ -wave to  $0^{++}(1S)$ ,  $M = 6191.5 \pm 25$  MeV  
just below  $2J/\psi$  at 6194 MeV and above  $2\eta_c$  at 5968 MeV
- $2^{++}(1S)$  at  $6429 \pm 25$  MeV
- $0^{++}(2S)$  at  $6871 \pm 25$  MeV
- $2^{++}(2S)$  at  $6967 \pm 25$  MeV
- peak around 7200 in the right place for  $3S$  of  $(cc)_{3_c^*}(\bar{c}\bar{c})_{3_c}$
- $\Xi_{cc}\bar{\Xi}_{cc}$  threshold at 7242 MeV: very natural – lightest state created when  $(cc)_{3_c^*}(\bar{c}\bar{c})_{3_c}$  string breaks via  $\bar{q}q$  production

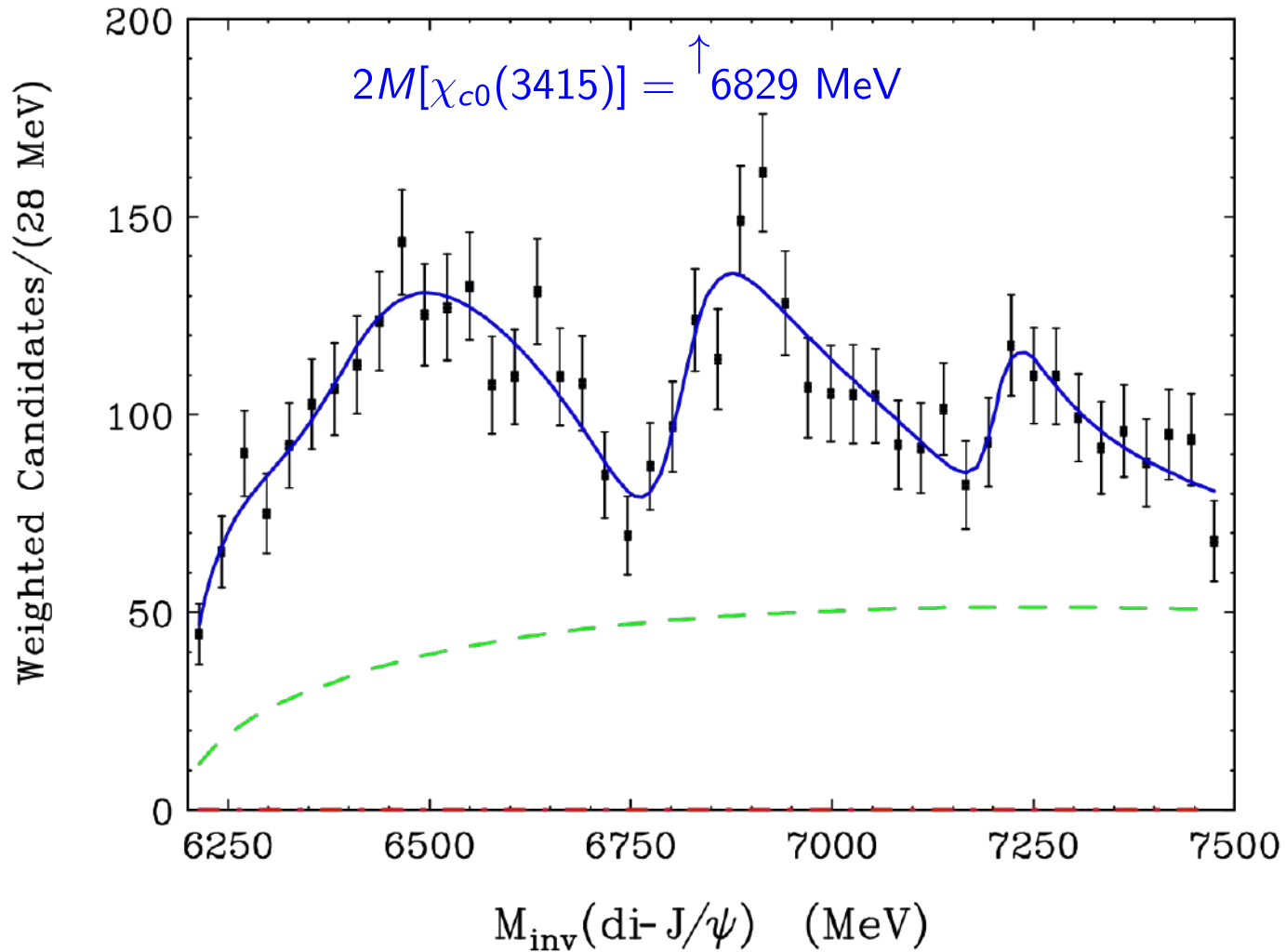


Figure 1: Spectrum of  $J/\psi$  pairs reported by the LHCb Experiment [3], together with our best fit to data (blue line), as given in Table I and described in the Appendix. The green dashed line denotes the DPS contribution, subtracted before fitting.

$$(cc)_{3_c^*}(\bar{c}\bar{c})_{3_c}$$

Table IV: Predicted masses of lowest-lying bound states of a color-antitriplet spin-1  $cc$  diquark and a color-triplet spin-1  $\bar{c}\bar{c}$  antidiquark. The  $\chi_{c0}\chi_{c0}$  threshold is 6829 MeV.

	$M(1S)$ (MeV)	$M(2S)$ (MeV)
$J^{PC} = 0^{++}$	6192	6871
$J^{PC} = 2^{++}$	6429	6967

$$(bb)_{3_h^*}(\bar{b}\bar{b})_{3_c}$$

Table V: Predicted masses of lowest-lying bound states of a color-antitriplet spin-1  $bb$  diquark and a color-triplet spin-1  $\bar{b}\bar{b}$  antidiquark. The  $\chi_{b0}\chi_{b0}$  threshold is 19719 MeV. ←

$\Upsilon(1S)\Upsilon(1S)$  threshold is 18920 MeV

$\Xi_{bb}\Xi_{bb}$  threshold is at 20324 MeV

	$M(1S)$ (MeV)	$M(2S)$ (MeV)
$J^{PC} = 0^{++}$	18826	19434
$J^{PC} = 2^{++}$	18956	19481



# $cs\bar{u}\bar{d}$ & $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$ summary

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likely compact isosinglet  $cs\bar{u}\bar{d}$  tetraquark  
mass predicted at  $2863 \pm 12$  MeV  
from quark model + 2 string junctions
- wider  $D^+K^-$  LHCb  $1^-$  resonance at  $2904 \pm 7$  MeV:  
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**but inconsistent  $J^P$  ?**
- structure in LHCb di- $J/\psi$  spectrum around 6.9 and 7.2 GeV  
interpreted in terms of  $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$   $(cc)-(\bar{c}\bar{c})$  Tq resonances  
+ opening of thresholds; dip around 6.75 GeV:  $S$ -wave di- $\chi_{c0}$
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