

# Future of Lattice QCD calculations for Hadron Spectroscopy

White paper “Hadron Spectroscopy with Lattice QCD” [2203.03230](#)

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(I'll be refering to references from v2)

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### Hadron Spectroscopy with Lattice QCD\*

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Disclaimers for this talk:

- only **Examples** of available lattice results are given, not complete lists of references  
references are in White paper and even this does not attempt to be review
- current **Status** will be just “rushed over”
- emphasis on what could/needs to be done in the near **Future** of next 5-10 years

## Hadron spectroscopy with lattice QCD: in brief

only strong strong decays (no electro-weak decays)

only strong decay thresholds matter

How difficult it is to study a certain hadron?

more strong decay channels -> more difficult

"easy / doable": below or near the lowest threshold

"difficult": - above two or three thresholds

- decay to hadrons with spin

T for coupled-channel scattering

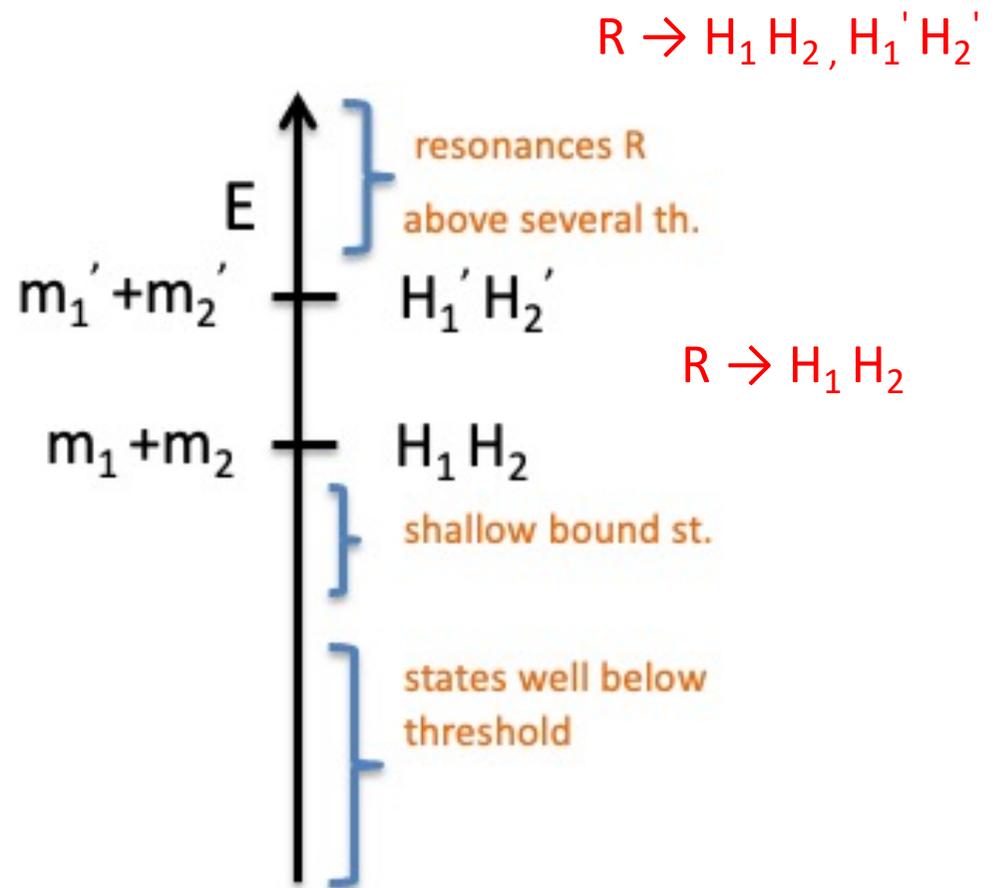
"very challenging" (for now):

- above more than three thresholds

(if none of them can be "neglected")

- if  $H_1 H_2 H_3$  decays are important

in addition to two-hadron decays



QCD:  $\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \frac{1}{4} G_a^{\mu\nu} G_a^{\mu\nu} + \bar{q} i \gamma_\mu (\partial^\mu + i g_s G_a^\mu T^a) q - m_q \bar{q} q$

$g_s \ll 1$  at hadronic energy scale

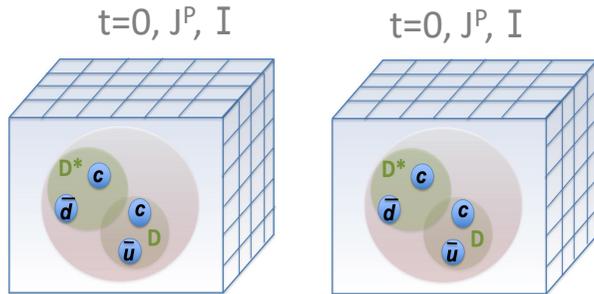
## Lattice QCD: nonperturbative approach to QCD

Main quantity extracted: eigen-energy  $E_n$

$$C_{ij}(t) = \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_i(t) \mathcal{O}_j^\dagger(0) | 0 \rangle = \sum_n \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_i | n \rangle e^{-E_n t} \langle n | \mathcal{O}_j^\dagger | 0 \rangle$$

$\sum_n |n\rangle\langle n|$   
 $\downarrow$   
 Euclidian time

$$E_n \rightarrow m, \Gamma, T(E)$$



$$\langle C \rangle = \int DG Dq D\bar{q} C e^{-S_{QCD}^E/\hbar}$$

$$S_{QCD}^E = \int d^4x_E \mathcal{L}_{QCD}^E(m_q, g_s)$$

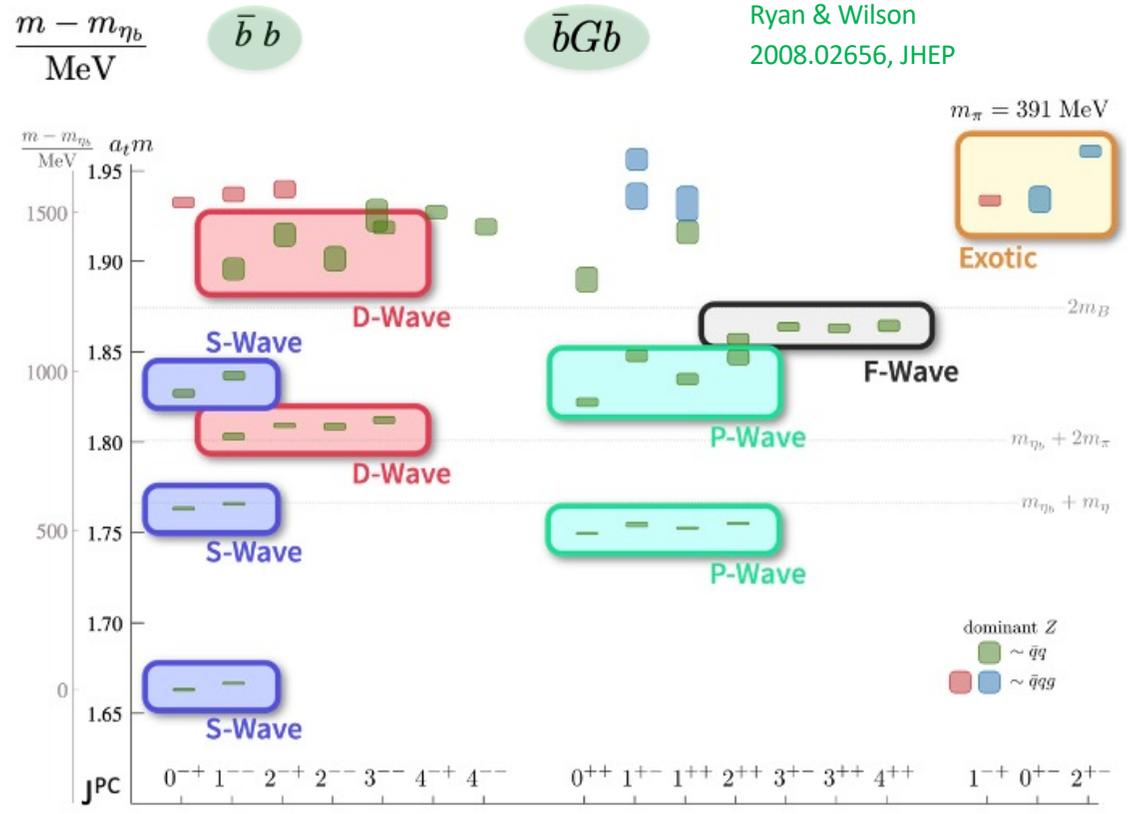
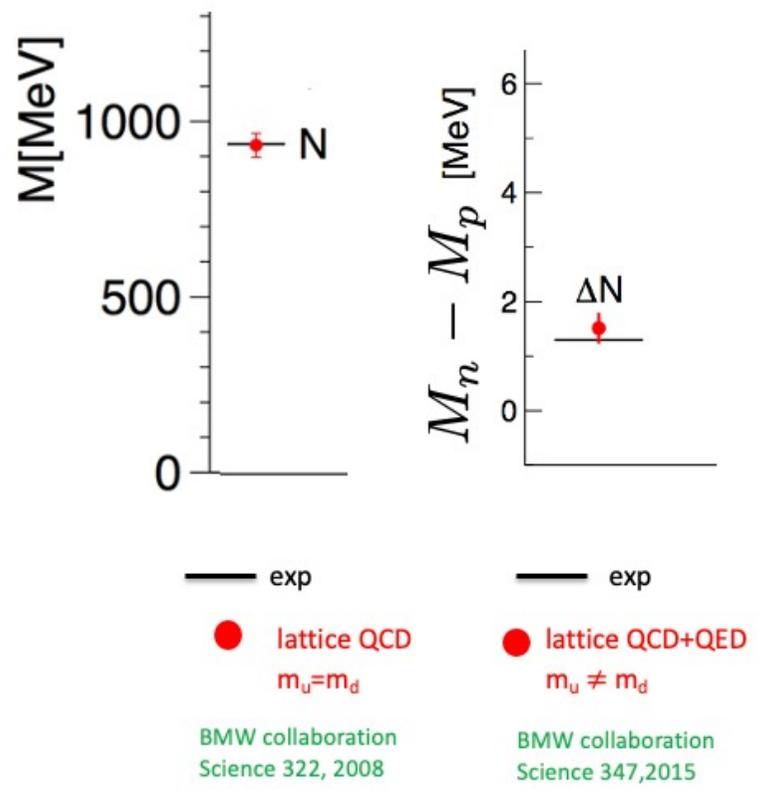
often “non-precision” studies: single a,  $m_{u/d} > m_{u/d}^{phy}$ ,  $m_\pi > 140$  MeV

# Strongly stable hadrons well below threshold: *mostly done*

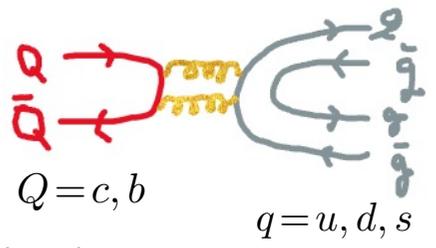
$\pi, K, D, B^{(*)}, B_c^{(*)}, p, n, \Lambda, \Lambda_c, \Xi_{cc}$ , etc.  $m = E \ (\vec{p}=0)$

## Examples

proton and neutron



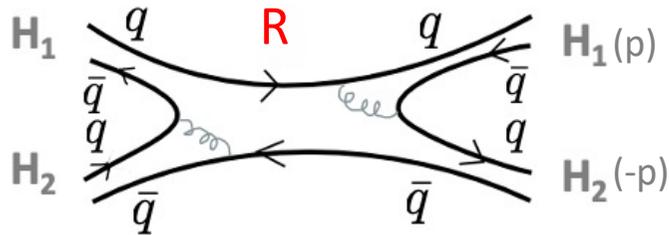
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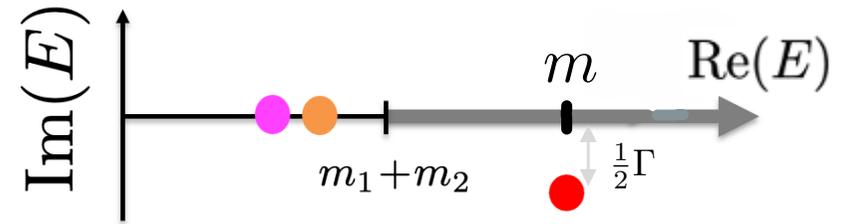
OZI suppressed contributions: very challenging

Isospin breaking effects and decays

# Resonances $R \rightarrow H_1 H_2$ , bound states near threshold: *significantly explored*



scattering matrix  $T(E)$



Virtual bound st.

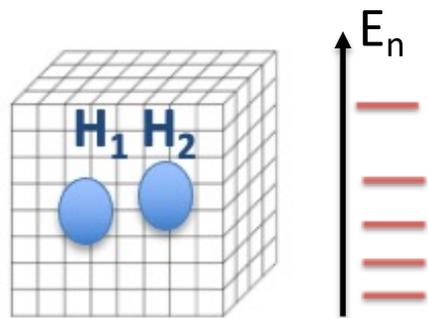
Bound st.

Resonance

$$p = -i |p|$$

$$p = i |p|$$

## Scattering matrix $T(E)$ from lattice QCD



many resonances and bound states extracted in this way by now (apologies for not covering all)

$$E \xrightarrow{\text{real } E} T(E) \xrightarrow{\text{for real } E} T(E^c) \xrightarrow{\text{for complex } E}$$

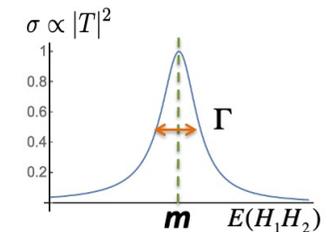
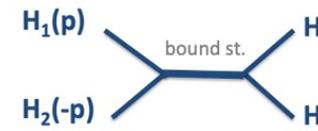
analytic relation:  
Luscher 1991

generalizations by many authors

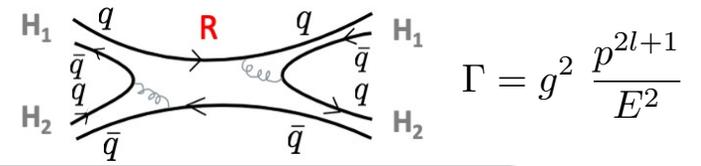
analytic contin.  
to complex E

$$T(E) \propto \frac{1}{E^2 - m^2}$$

$$T(E) \propto \frac{1}{E^2 - m^2 + iE\Gamma}$$



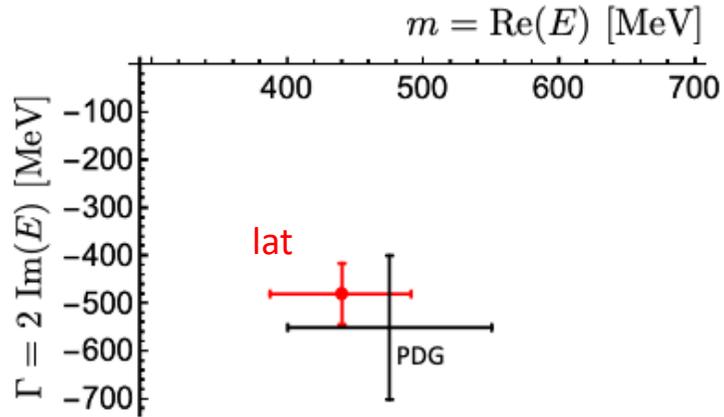
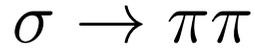
# Resonances $R \rightarrow H_1 H_2$ : significantly explored



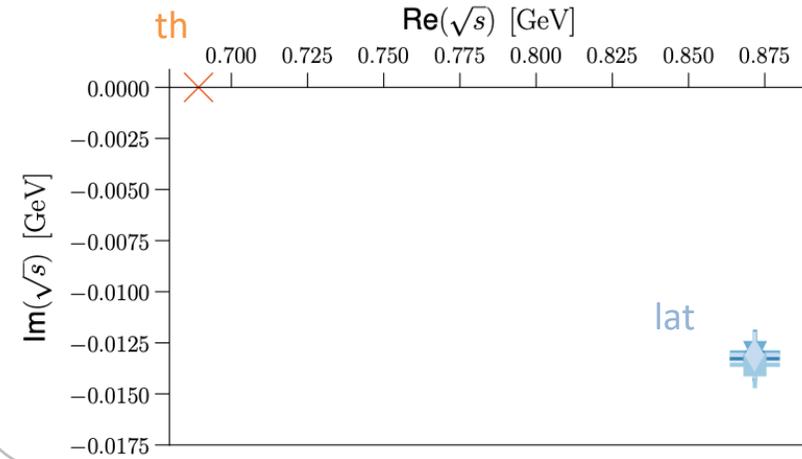
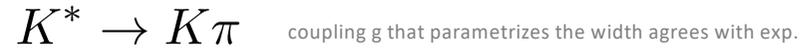
$$\Gamma = g^2 \frac{p^{2l+1}}{E^2}$$

## Examples

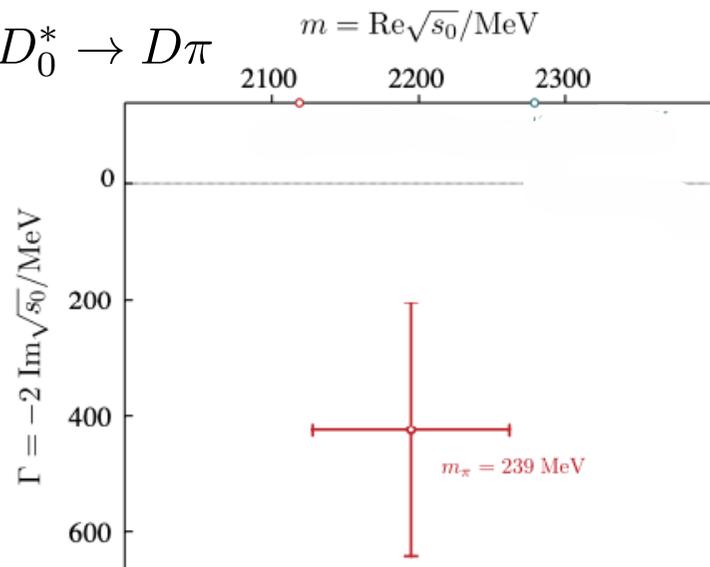
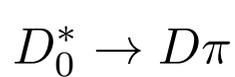
GWU, 1803.02897  $m_\pi = 227, 315 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow m_\pi^{phy}$   
UChPT



Rendon et al: 2006.14035  $m_\pi \simeq 176 \text{ MeV}$



HadSpec, 2102.04973 JHEP  $m_\pi \simeq 239 \text{ MeV}$



PDG: puzzle  
 $m[D_0^*] \simeq m[D_{s_0}^*(2317)]$

lat: OK  
 $m[D_0^*] < m[D_{s_0}^*(2317)]$

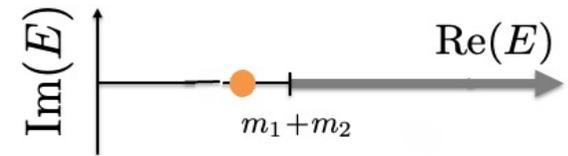
## Status

$\rho, \sigma \rightarrow \pi\pi$ ;  $K^*, \kappa \rightarrow K\pi$   
 $D_0^* \rightarrow D\pi$   
 $\psi(3770), \psi_3(3842) \rightarrow D\bar{D}$   
 $\Delta \rightarrow N\pi$

## Future

dependence on  $a, m_{u,d}$   
 $B_0^* \rightarrow B\pi$   
 $a_0$  for "all" channels  $H_1 H_2 \rightarrow$  EFT

# Bound states closely below th $H_1 H_2$ : *explored*



## Status

## Future

$D_{s0}^*$  below  $DK$

pole found, **many studies**  
matured

$B_{s0}^*$  below  $BK$

pole found, **one study**

further lat. confirmation, **awaits exp. discovery**

$X(3872)$  below  $D\bar{D}^*$

pole found [SP Leskovec PRL 2013,  
Padmanath Lang SP 2015]

larger volumes

three-hadron decays  $X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi\pi\pi$

isospin-breaking effects

deuteron below  $pn$

pole found  
**many studies**, mostly near  $SU(3)_F$  limit

H-dibaryon below  $\Lambda\Lambda$

pole found, **many studies**, mostly  $SU(3)_F$  limit  
only one with distillation [Green et al PRL 2021]

smaller  $m_{u,d}$

distillation method

**await exp. discovery**

heavy dibaryons

poles found in some systems [Matur et al]

further lat. confirmation, **awaits exp. discovery**

$bb\bar{b}\bar{b}, cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$

Q=b: no bound state found [HPQCD, 1710.03236]

$cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$  bound state?

# Doubly heavy tetraquarks $QQ'\bar{q}\bar{q}'$

## States well below threshold

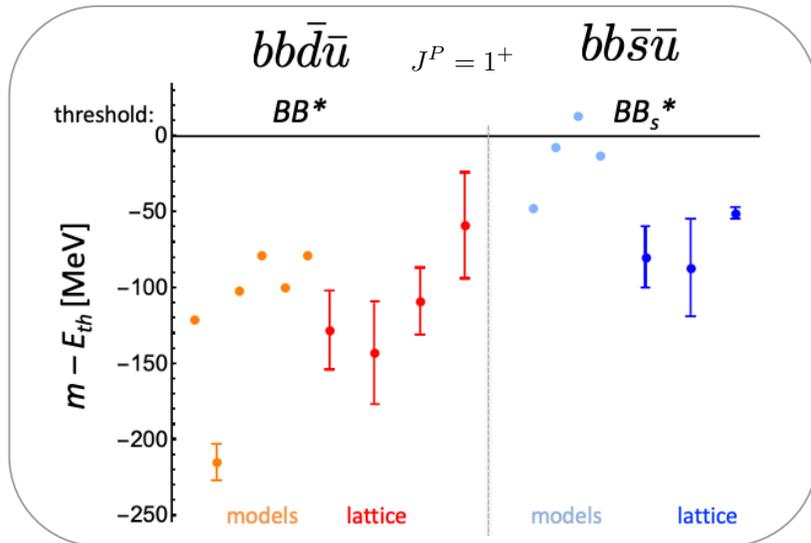
### Status

surely bound, matured

explored dependence on  $m_u, m_b$  favors  $[bb][\bar{u}\bar{d}]$

[Colquhoun, Hudspith, Maltman @ Lattice 2021]

awaits exp discovery



lattice : from left to right

Leskovec, Meinel, Pflaumer, Wagner (2019) 1904.04197

Junnarkar, Mathur, Padmanth (2018) 1810.12285

Frances, Colquhoun, Hudspith, Maltman (2021) preliminary

Bicudo, Wagner et al. 1612.02758 static potentials

Pflaumer, Leskovec, Meinel, Wagner (2021) 2108.10704

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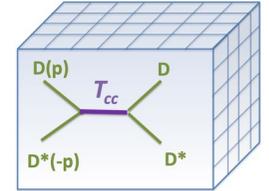
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## States near threshold

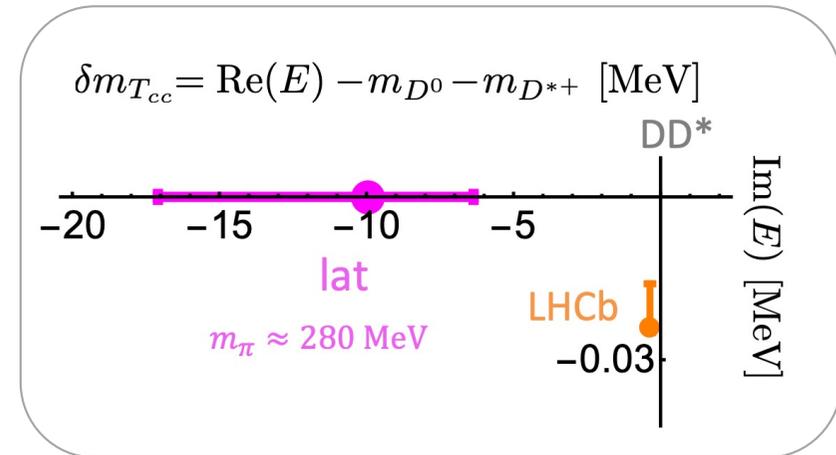
### Status

$T(E)$  needs to be extracted and pole established

only one study [Padmanath, SP, 2202.10110]



$cc\bar{d}\bar{u}$ ,  $I=0$ ,  $J^P = 1^+$  virtual bound state pole found likely related to  $T_{cc}$



### Future

$cc\bar{u}\bar{d}$ ,  $cc\bar{u}\bar{s}$ ,  $bc\bar{u}\bar{d}$

various  $J^P$

dependence on  $m_Q, m_{u/d}$

why  $T_{cc}$  and  $X(3872)$  both lie so close to th. ?

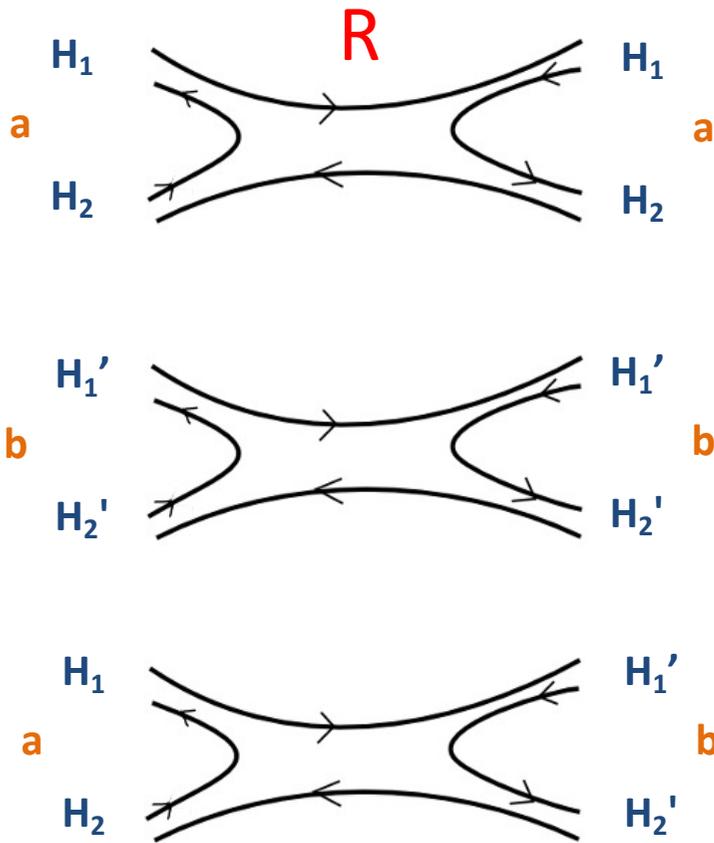
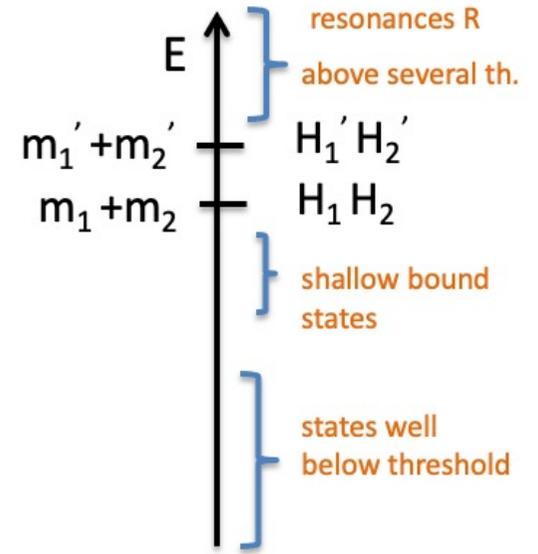
determine  $T(E)$

# Resonances from coupled-channel scattering: *partly done, challenging*

$$R \rightarrow H_1 H_2, H_1' H_2', \dots$$

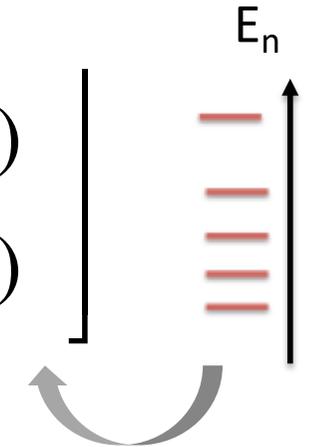
channel  $a$ :  $H_1 H_2$

channel  $b$ :  $H_1' H_2'$

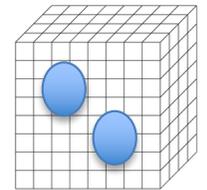


VectorStock

$$T(E) = \begin{matrix} \begin{matrix} a \rightarrow a & a \rightarrow b \\ T_{aa}(E) & T_{ab}(E) \\ T_{ab}(E) & T_{bb}(E) \\ b \rightarrow a & b \rightarrow b \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$



generalized.  
Lüscher's rel.



Status:

Resonances composed of u,d,s

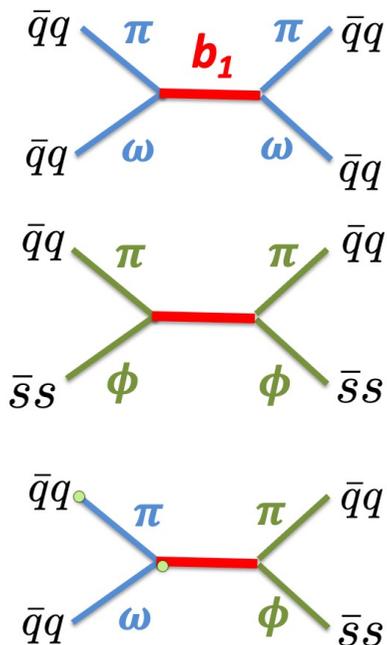
significantly explored by HadSpec. coll.

$a_0, a_1, b_1, K_0^*(1430), \dots$

# $b_1$ resonance from lattice

conventional

$\bar{d}u$   $J^{PC} = 1^{+-}$



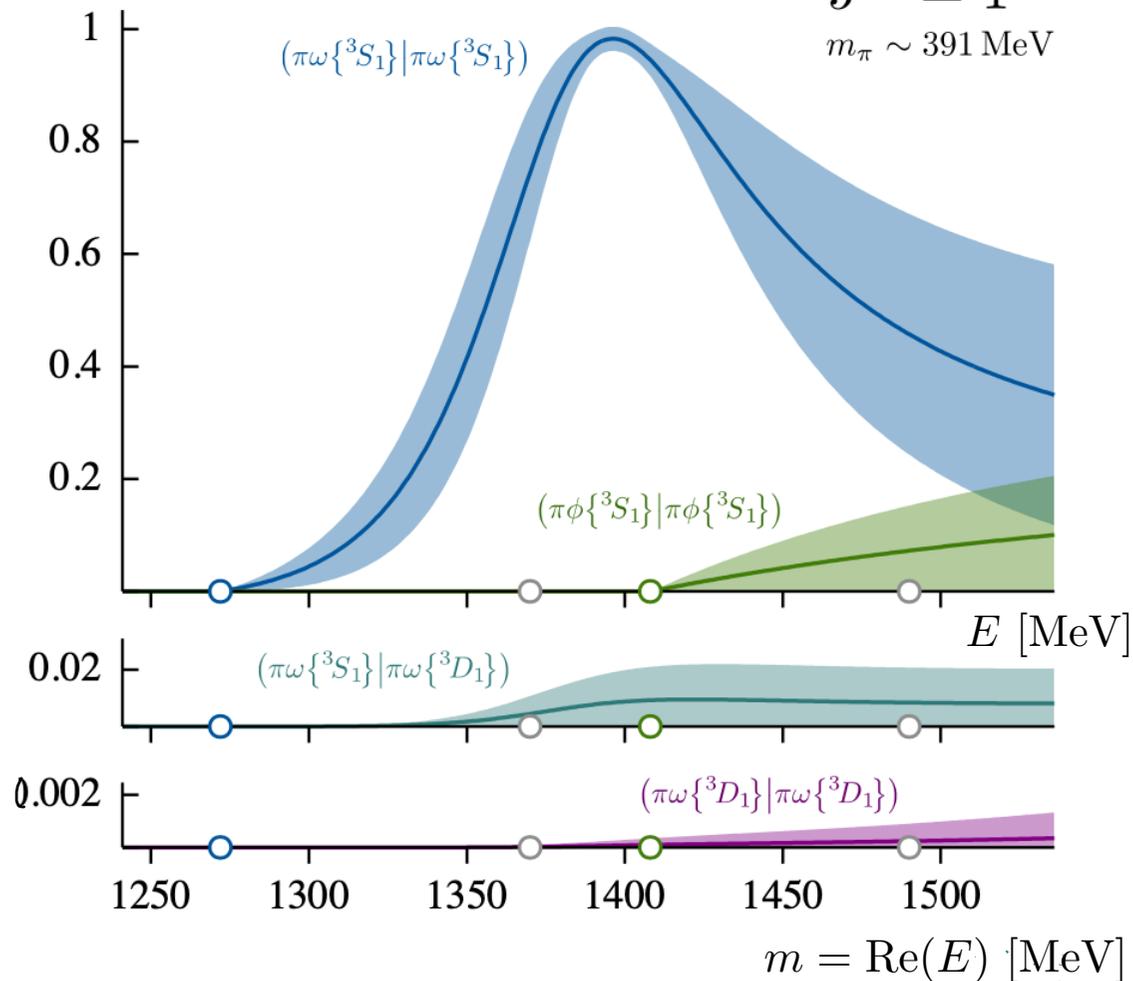
Woss et al, HadSpec,  
1904.04136, PRD

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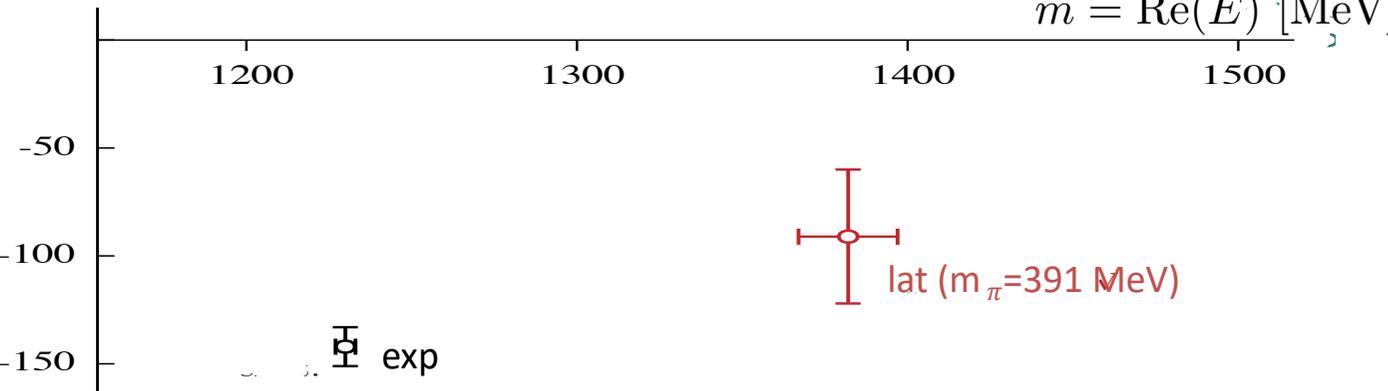
$$\frac{4p_a p_b}{E^2} |T_{la,l'b}|^2$$

$$J^P = 1^+$$

$$m_\pi \sim 391 \text{ MeV}$$



$$\Gamma = 2 \text{Im}(E) \text{ [MeV]}$$

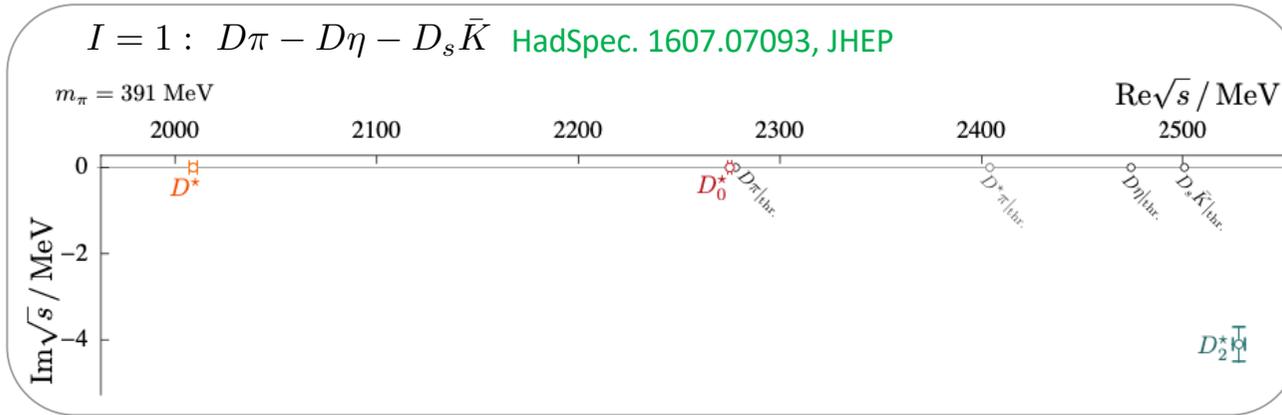


WP: Hadron spectroscopy with lattice QCD

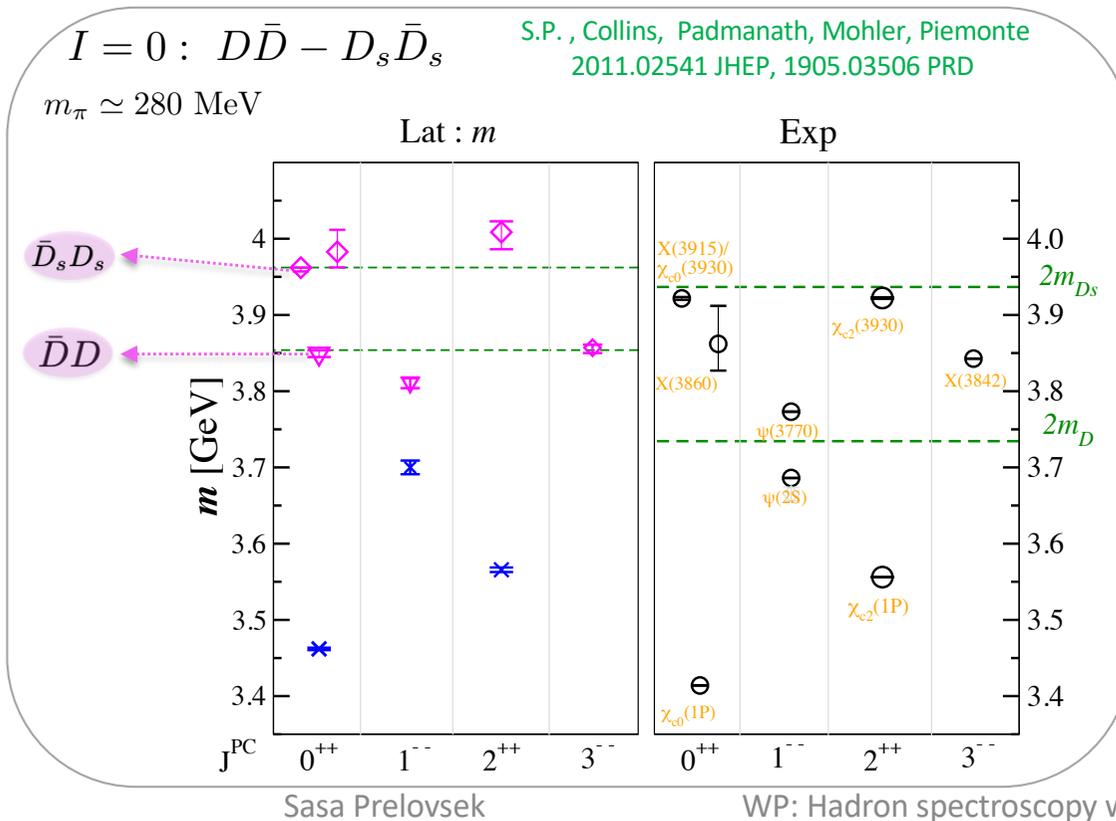
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## Resonances containing heavy quarks

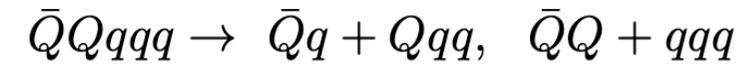
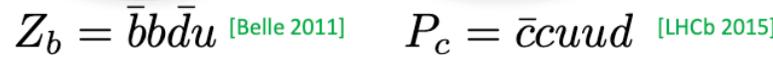
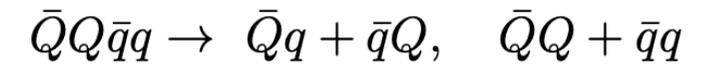
Status: only two studies extracted T(E)



Several other channels studied, but T(E) could not be extracted



# Hadrons



↓  
these decays make studies difficult

Status: only partial conclusions available



$\bar{b}b\bar{d}u \rightarrow B\bar{B}^*, \Upsilon\pi$  static b quarks & Born-Oppenheimer approach

Peter, Wagner, Bicudo  
SP, Bahtiyar, Petkovic, Sadl 2019, 2020,

attraction between B and B\* likely responsible for Zb

$\bar{c}c\bar{d}u \rightarrow D\bar{D}^*, J/\psi\pi$  non-static c quarks

several lattice studies found very small interactions in this system

[Leskovec Mohler Lang SP: 1308.2097,1405.7623  
HadSpec 1709.01417  
Liuming Liu et al. 1907.03371, 1911.08560]



One-channel scattering  $J/\psi p$  does not lead to observed  $P_c$   
-> the channels  $(\bar{c}u)(udc)$  must be crucial  
[Skerbis SP PRD 2019]

# Resonances R from coupled-channel scattering

**Future** : many many relevant channels, most efforts will likely go into this direction

- more emphasis on R containing Q=c,b (less explored on lat)
- R decaying via 2,3,4 channels
- R decaying to hadrons with spin **1+0, 1+1, ½+0, ½+1 ,...** : more challenging than **0+0**

examples (with heavy quarks)

$$Z_c(3900) \simeq \bar{c}c\bar{d}u$$

$$\bar{c}c\bar{c}c :$$

$$\bar{b}b\bar{b}b :$$

$$D_0^*$$

$$P_c \simeq \bar{c}cuud$$

$$J/\psi\pi - D\bar{D}^* - \eta_c\rho$$

$$\eta_c\eta_c - J/\psi J/\psi$$

$$\eta_b\eta_b - \Upsilon\Upsilon$$

$$D\pi - D\eta - D_s\bar{K}$$

$$J/\psi p - \Sigma_c^+ \bar{D}^0 - \Sigma_c^+ \bar{D}^{0*}$$

$E \leq 4$  GeV, but  $Z_c(4430)$  is definitely out of reach!

$X(6900) = \bar{c}ccc$  [LHCb] seems to high for near future  
but theory approaches predict more states near threshold  
explore at least both threshold regions

is there one or two poles for scalars (3 and 6)?

there are more channels ☹, incorporate at least those three

resonances with light quarks including hybrids

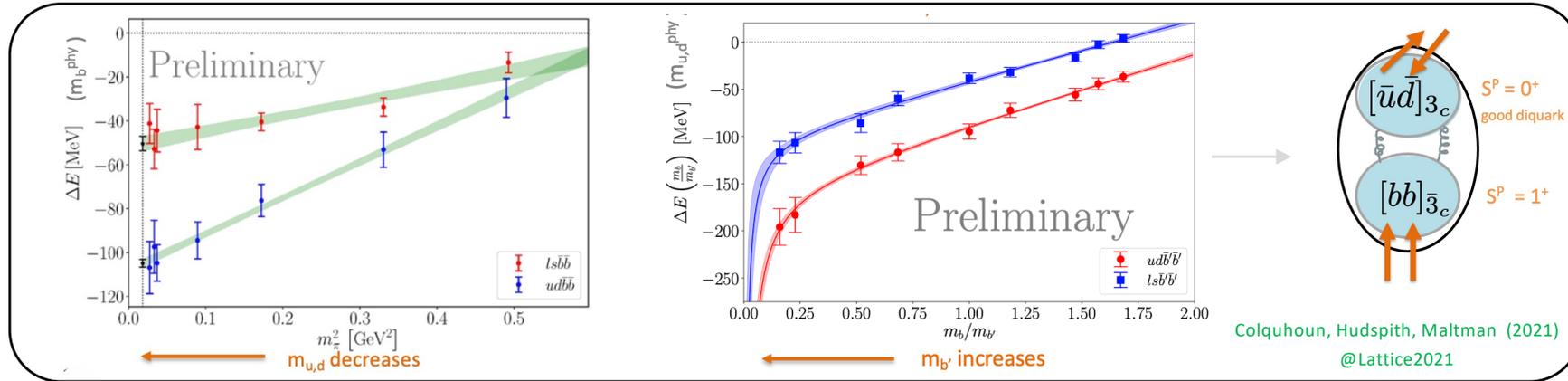
much more has already been done (HadSpec coll)

decrease  $m_{u/d}$  (till three-body decays kick in)

Can some reasonable approximations/simplifications be made?

# Towards internal structure of hadrons

- Dependence of pole position ( $m, \Gamma$ ) on quark masses : can not be explored in exp ...



- generalization of Feynman-Hellmann theorem to distinguish conventional and exotic hadrons [1706.09015]

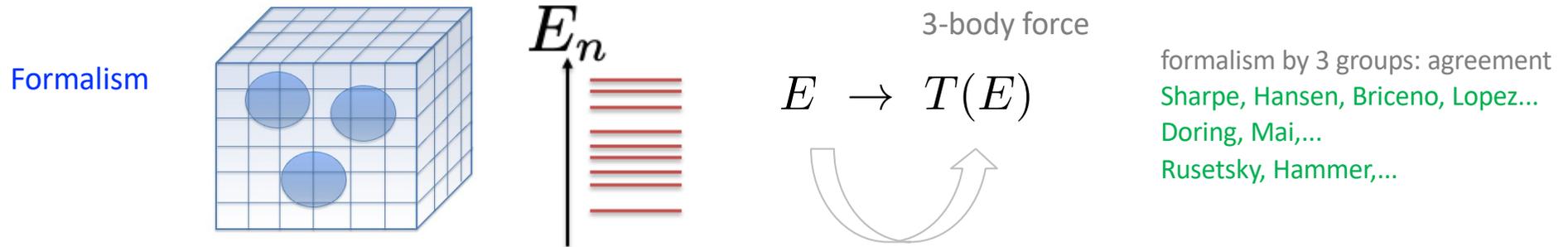
- hadron structure from various currents  $\langle H | J | H \rangle$  also for  $H=R$  [formalism exist: Briceno, Walker-Loud,...]

- explore density-density correlations  $\langle H | \rho(\vec{x}_1) \rho(\vec{x}_2) | H \rangle$  [for diquarks: Francis et al, 2106.09080 PRL]

- request to pheno community: propose (realistic) lattice observables to learn more about hadron structure

# Scattering of three hadrons $H_1 H_2 H_3$ , $R \rightarrow H_1 H_2 H_3$

Nature  $a_1 \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$ ,  $N(1440) \rightarrow N\pi\pi$ ,  $X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi\pi\pi$ , ....



Status  $\pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^+$ ,  $K^+ K^+ K^+$ , ... [GWU, HadSpec, Hanlon, Horz, NPLQCD, ETMC, ... : 2020 – 2022]

with actual simulations

impressive progres!!

$a_1 \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$  [GWU, 2107.03973, PRL]

Future: generalize the formalism to arbitrary  $J^P$ ,  $I$ , coupled channels,...

improve practical strategies to extract  $T(E)$ , 3-body force

$R \rightarrow H_1 H_2 H_3$

$R \rightarrow H_1 H_2 H_3, H_1' H_2'$

# Electroweak transitions of resonances

$$\langle H_f | J | H_i \rangle$$

Status:

for stable H: vastly explored : topic of RF1 (Weak decays of c and b quarks)

for resonances: only  $\langle \rho | J_{em} | \pi \rangle$   $\pi\gamma \rightarrow \rho \rightarrow \pi\pi$  [HadSpec PRL 2015; Alexandru et al 1807.08357]

formalisms exist [Briceno et al, Walker Loud, Rusestsky,...]

Future: taking into account strong decays of resonances

EM:  $N\gamma \rightarrow \Delta \rightarrow N\pi$  and  $K\gamma \rightarrow K^* \rightarrow K\pi$

$D \rightarrow \rho l \bar{\nu}$  and  $B \rightarrow \rho l \bar{\nu}$   $\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi$

weak:  $B \rightarrow D^* l \bar{\nu}$   $D^* \rightarrow D\pi$

$B \rightarrow K^* l^+ l^-$   $K^* \rightarrow K\pi$

Studies closer to physical world:

- dont require just another “input parameter” (e.g.  $m_u, m_d, \dots$ ) and more computer resources
- more decay channels
- conceptual improvements, ideas, significant human power

## Recommendations

To realize impact of lattice QCD on hadron spectroscopy:

- **sustained investment in human capital**
- **continued access to computer resources**

HEP community should work with DOE and NSF to increase funding for the HEP SciDAC programs and other cyber-related initiatives, and to foster partnerships with ASCR and other agencies to strengthen the impact of these programs

- **continued support to USQCD lattice QCD collaboration**

USQCD : umbrella collaboration, which encompasses nearly all researchers in lattice QCD in the US

SciDAC: program that address the math and computational challenges for predictive modeling

ACSR: Computing office

backup

## Recommendation concerning USQCD:

Over the last two decades or so, the DOE has provided extensive support to the USQCD lattice-QCD collaboration. This umbrella collaboration, which encompasses nearly all researchers in lattice QCD in the US, has coordinated a highly successful program of precision calculations using lattice methods, including a significant effort in hadronic spectroscopy. Much of the work in lattice QCD described above would not have been possible without this support. As lattice methods are applied to increasingly complex systems, it is essential that computational resources continue to be made available. We recommend the continuation of such support.

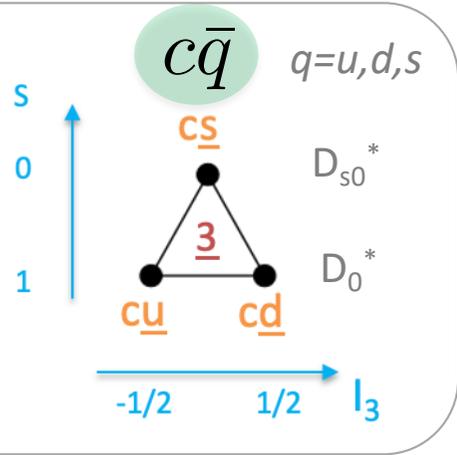
# Scalar heavy-light mesons

$$J^P = 0^+$$

Scattering on the lattice

- S=1 Mohler et al, 1308.3175, PRL  
Lang et al, 1403.8103, PRD  
RQCD, 1706.01247, PRD  
HadSpec 2008.06432, JHEP
- S=0 Lang et al. 1208.4059, PRD  
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HadSpec, 1607.07093, JHEP  
HadSpec 2102.04973, JHEP
- S=-1 HadSpec, 2008.06432, JHEP

Conventional  
quark model



new paradigm supported by:

- lattice
- effective models ChPT+HQET
- reanalysis of exp data
- states circled by blue seem to feature in the spectrum

## New paradigm

- Du et al, 1712.07957, PRD
- Albaladejo et al, 1610.06727, PLB
- Lutz et al (2003), 0307133, PLB

$$c\bar{q} + c\bar{q} q\bar{q} \quad q=u,d,s \quad n=u,d$$

$$\underline{3} \otimes 8 = \underline{3} \oplus 6 \oplus 15 \quad SU(3)_F$$

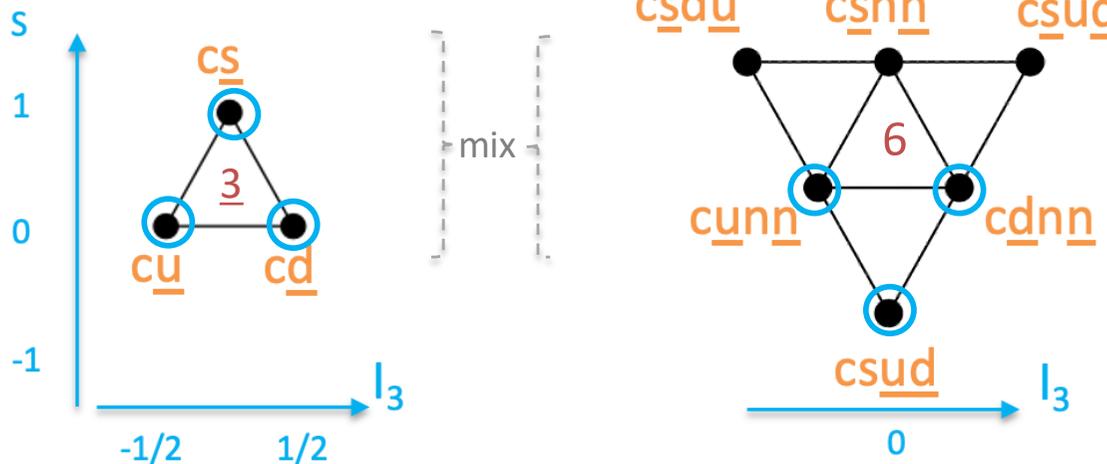
Beveren, Rupp; Dmitrasinovic

2.3 GeV

lat: 2.1-2.2 GeV (pole)

PDG: 2.3 GeV (BW)

(see backup)

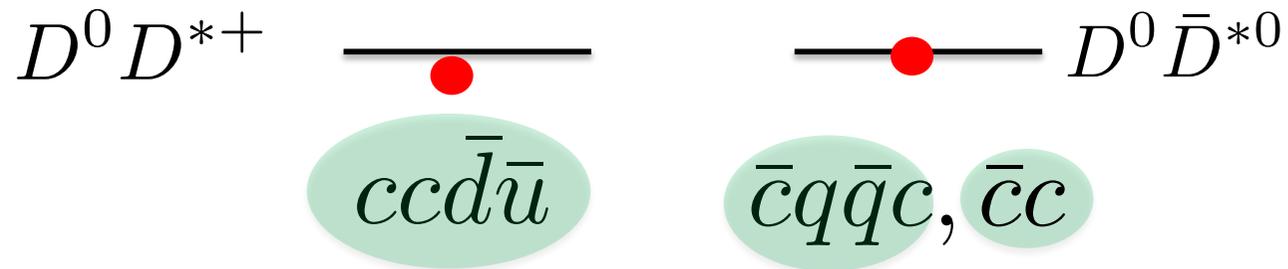


no state (mix with repulsive 15)

2.4-2.5 GeV  
reanalysis of lat  
1607.07093 by  
Albaladejo 1610.06727

virtual bound state  
HadSpec 2008.06432  
partner of X(2900)  
[LHCb 2009.00025] ?

# A puzzle comparing $T_{cc}$ and $X(3872)$



Why both reside within 1 MeV of threshold in exp ? There are many differences ...

## Similarities:

- $J^P=1^+$  ,  $I=0$
- in molecular picture: attraction via light vector exchange [e.g. Guo et al. 2101.01021, 2108.02673]

## Differences:

- in molecular picture: attraction from one-pion exchange for  $X(3872)$  [Tornquist 1994]  
     slight attraction from one-pion exchange for  $T_{cc}$  [eg. Du, Guo, Hanhart, 2110.13765]
- presence of Fock component  $\underline{cc}$  for  $X(3872)$  [e.g. Padmanath, Lang, SP 1503.03257, PRD]
- presence of Fock component  $[cc][\underline{ud}]$  for  $T_{cc}$

# Bound and virtual bound state: simplest example scattering in square-well potential in QM

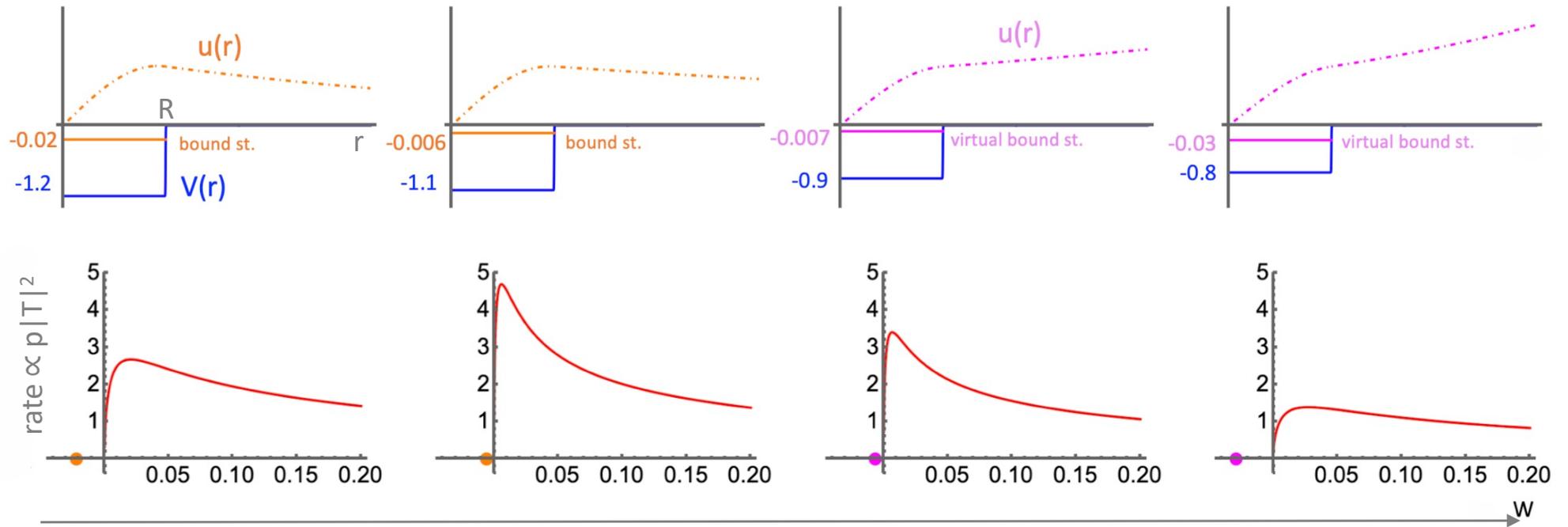
$$\delta = \arctan[\tan(qR)\frac{p}{q}] - pR$$

$$u(r) = A \sin(qr) \quad u(r) = B \sin(pr + \delta)$$

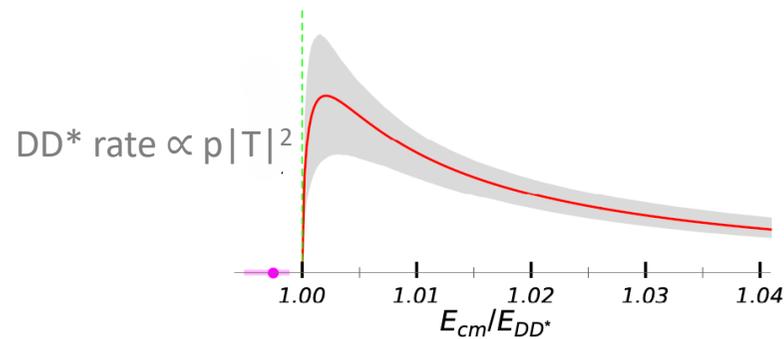
$$p=i|p| \quad e^{ipr} = e^{-|p|r}$$

$$p=-i|p| \quad e^{ipr} = e^{|p|r}$$

partial wave  $l=0$



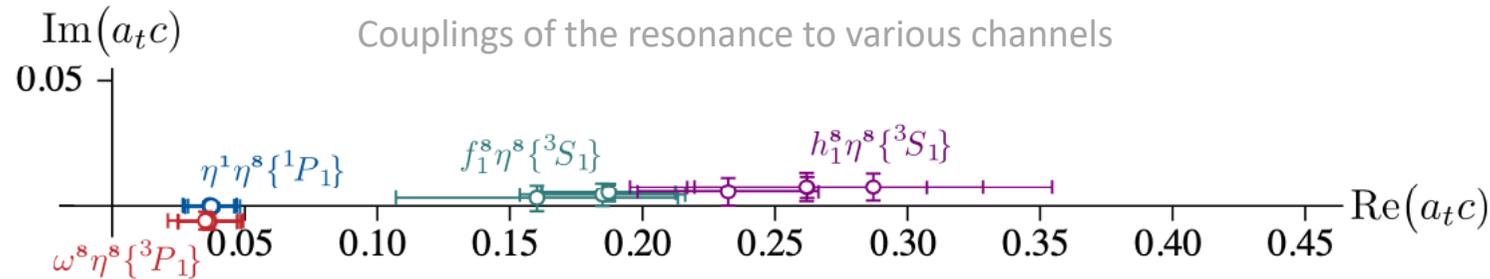
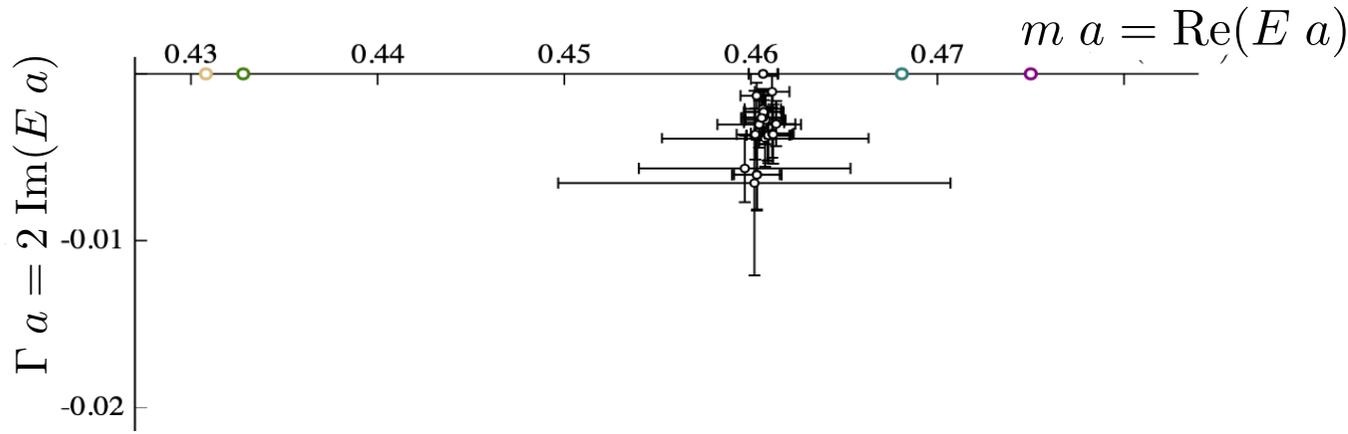
increasing  $m_{u/d}$ , decreasing attraction



# light hybrid meson $\pi_1$ from lattice

$$\bar{d}Gu$$

$$J^{PC} = 1^{-+}$$



$$T_{ij} \sim \frac{c_i c_j}{E_p^2 - E^2}$$

Woss et al. (HadSpec)  
2009.10034

$$m_u = m_d = m_s, m_\pi \approx 700 \text{ MeV}$$

pheno  
analysis

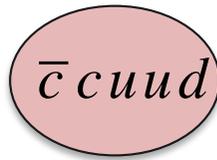
physical world

$\rho \pi$     $\eta' \pi$     $f_1 \pi$     $b_1 \pi$   
dominant coupling

resemblance to experimental  $\pi_1(1564)$ : COMPASS+JPAC Rodas 1810.04171 [PRL]

$\pi_1(1564)$  in COMPASS+JPAC replaces two older resonances  $\pi_1(1400)$  and  $\pi_1(1600)$

# $P_c$ pentaquarks



$$P_c = u u d \bar{c} c \rightarrow (u u d) (\bar{c} c): p J/\psi, \dots$$

$$\rightarrow (u d c) (\bar{c} u): \Sigma_c^+ \bar{D}^0, \dots$$

[LHCb 2019,  
1904.03947,  
PRL]

Indications that  $\Sigma_c^+ \underline{D}^{(*)}$  molecular component is important:

- experiment finds them slightly below those thresholds
- supported by phenomenological models with  $\rho/\omega$  exchange predicted 2010-2012 [Wu, Molina, Oset, Zou, 1007.0573, PRL; Wu et al., 1202.1036, PRC, Yang et al, 1105.2901, Wang et al, 1101.0453, PRC]

- Lattice QCD addressed simplified question:

Do  $P_c$  resonances appear in one-channel

$$p J/\psi \rightarrow P_c \rightarrow p J/\psi$$

scattering if it is decoupled from other channels ?

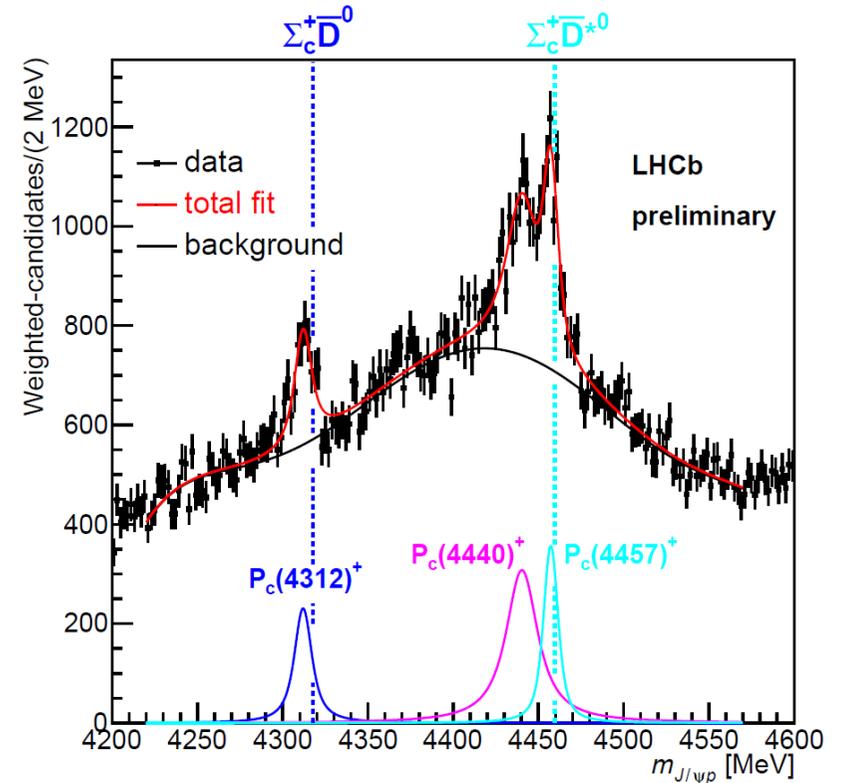
Answer: No [Skarbis, S. P., 1811.02285, PRD 2019]

$T(E) \approx 0$  within large errors, small interaction, no resonance

$J^P$  not determined from exp.

Expected  $J^P$  for molecule in s-wave:

$$\Sigma_c(\frac{1}{2}^+) \bar{D}(0^-) \rightarrow J^P = \frac{1}{2}^- \quad \Sigma_c(\frac{1}{2}^+) \bar{D}^*(1^-) \rightarrow J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-, \frac{3}{2}^-$$



This indicates that coupling of  $p J/\psi$  channel with other two-hadron channels is likely responsible for  $P_c$  in experiment (in line with LHCb result)