



Tetraquarks: Successes & Mysteries

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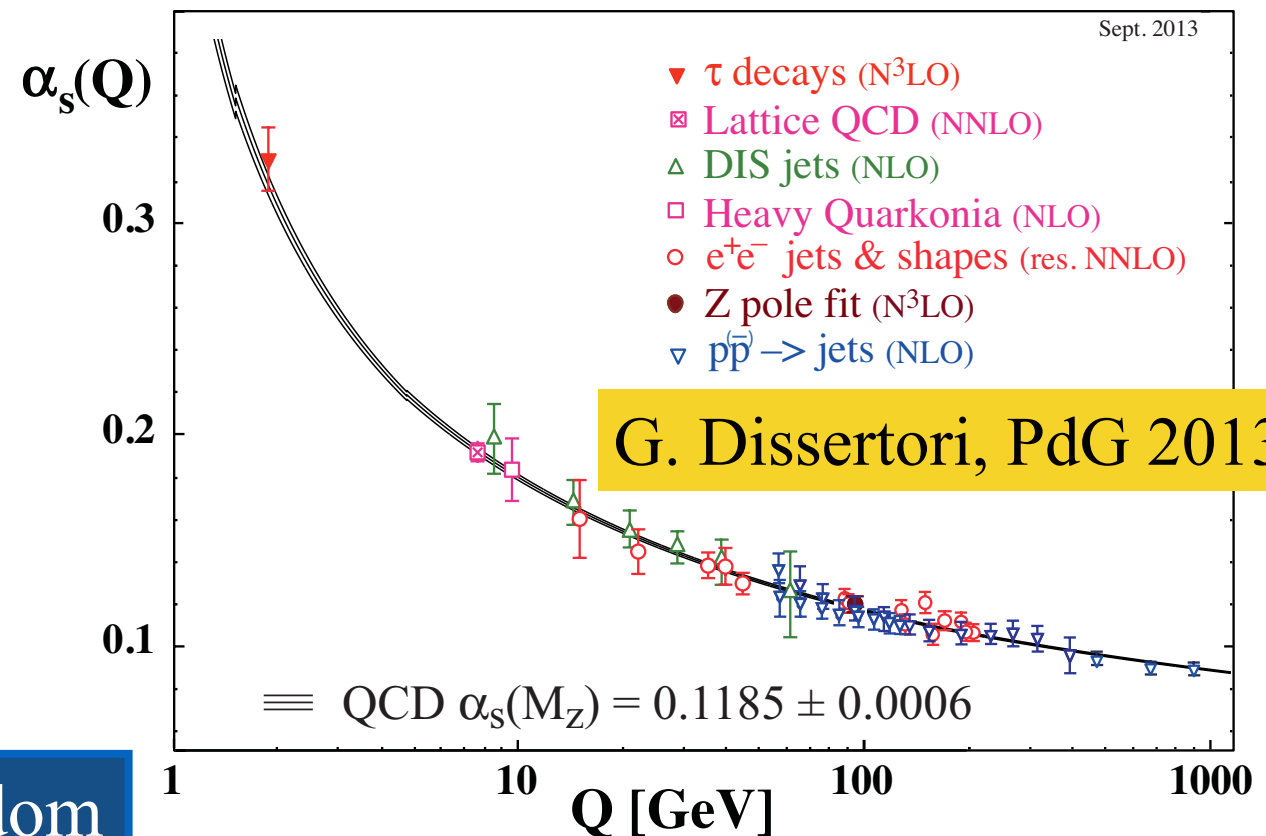
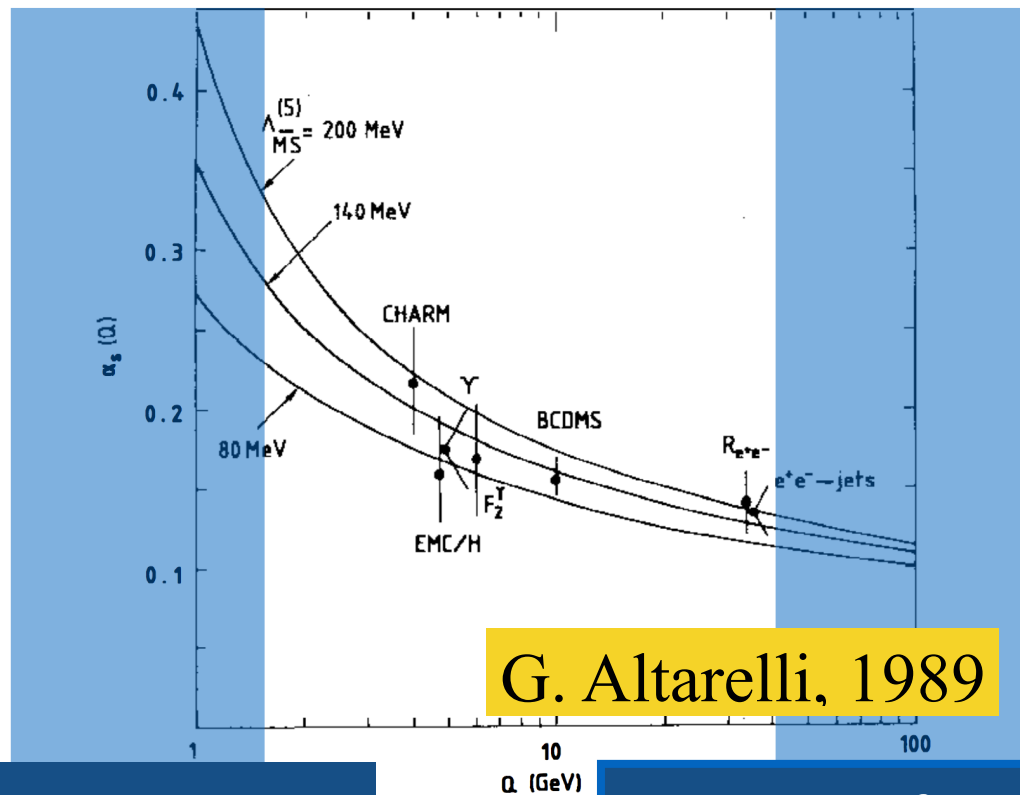
starring:

- BABAR, BELLE, LHCb, BES II/III
- theorists (not many) aficionados to hadron spectroscopy

Abstract.

- Introducing quarks to describe the known mesons ($q\bar{q}$) and baryons (qqq), Murray Gell-Mann, in 1964, suggested the existence of further $qq\bar{q}\bar{q}$ mesons (tetraquarks) and $qqqq\bar{q}$ baryons (pentaquarks). The first *unexpected hadron*, the $X(3872)$, was discovered by BELLE in 2003, confirmed by BABAR and seen in many other High Energy experiments. Since then, a wealth of Exotic Hadrons have been observed, mesons and baryons that cannot be described by the classical Gell-Mann configurations.
- I illustrate the attempts to understand the structure of Tetraquark Exotic Hadrons by the laws of Quantum Chromodynamics, QCD. Observations by BABAR, BELLE, LHCb, BES II/III of tetraquarks with different flavours lead to definite predictions about the missing particles needed to *complete $SU(3)$ flavour multiplets*, whose observation would provide a critical test of the present ideas about the dynamics of Exotic Hadrons.

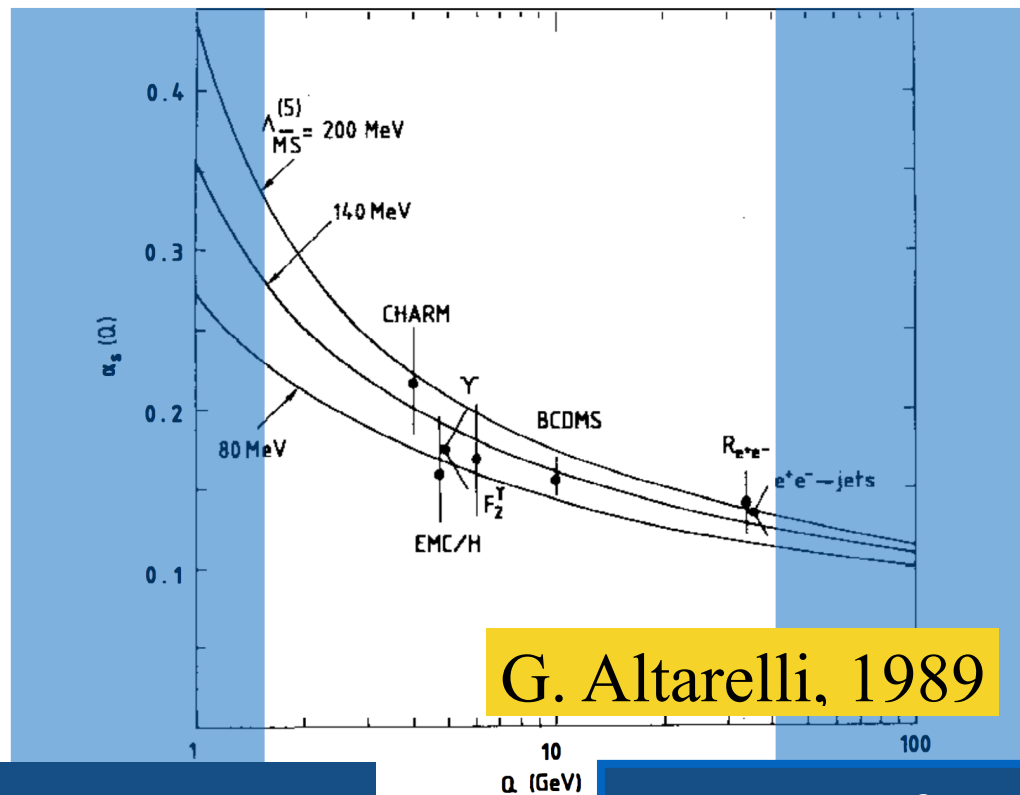
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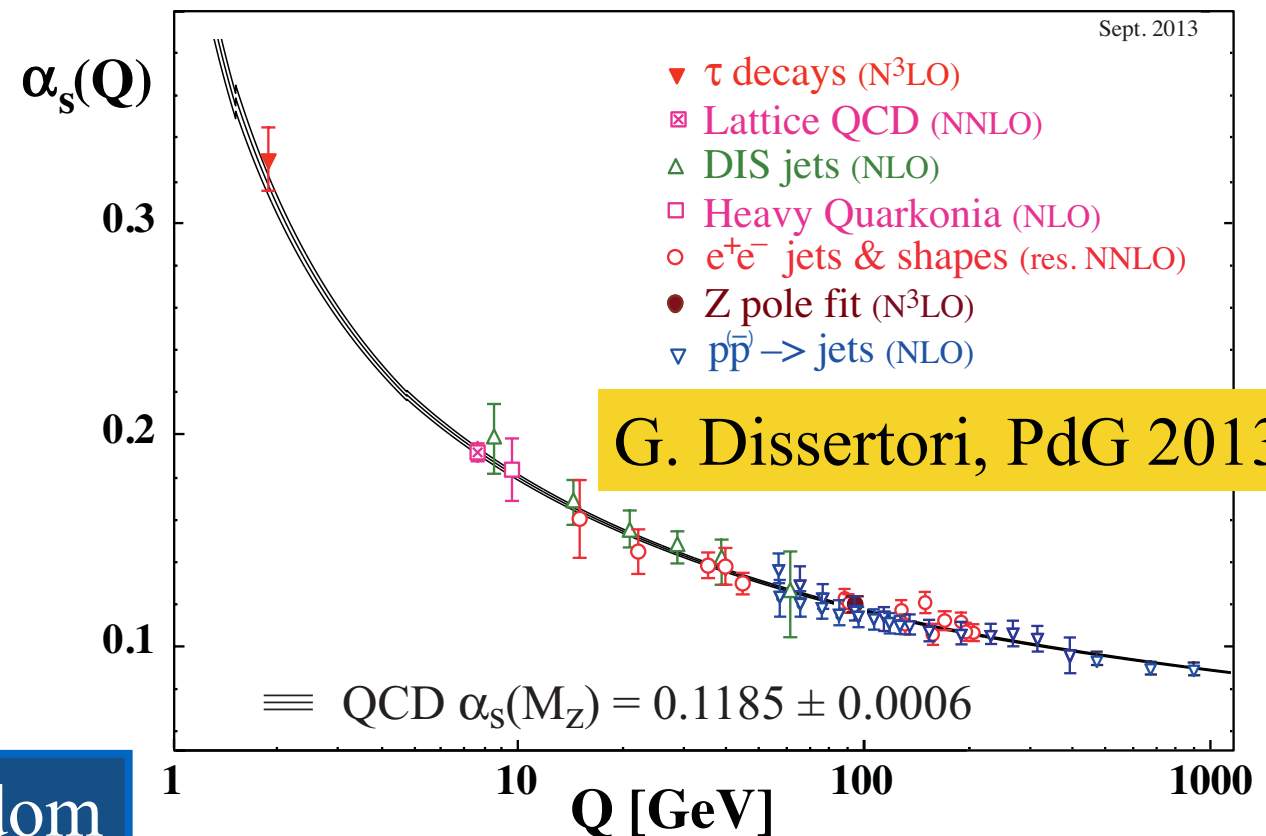
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Confinement

Asympt. freedom



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$\equiv$ QCD $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1185 \pm 0.0006$

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- inclusive decays are calculable like deep inelastic processes;
- $c\bar{c}$ or $b\bar{b}$ bound states involve short distance forces: a calculable spectrum of charmonia/bottomonia;
- inside hadrons, $c\bar{c}$ or $b\bar{b}$ pairs are not easily created or destroyed: a hadron decaying into J/Ψ or $\Upsilon + \dots$ indicates a valence $c\bar{c}$ or $b\bar{b}$ pair
- **heavy-quark counting is possible.**

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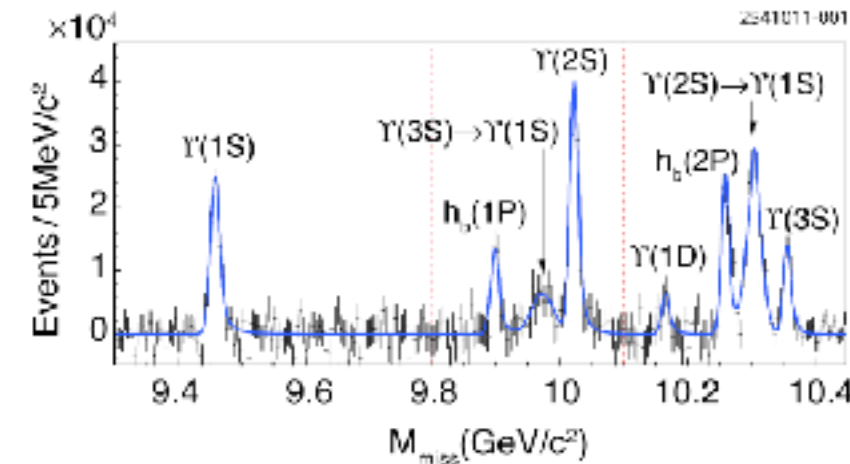


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A new wave of Exotic Hadrons from 2015:

- Hidden charm pentaquarks, $\mathcal{P} \rightarrow J/\Psi + p$;
- Hidden charm and Hidden strangeness (LHCb), e.g. $X(4140) \rightarrow \Psi + \phi$, $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$
- 4 charm tetraquarks seen as di- Ψ resonances(LHCb), $X(6900) \rightarrow \Psi + \Psi \rightarrow 2(\mu^+\mu^-)$
- Hidden charm- Open strangeness ($c\bar{c}u\bar{s}$), $Z_{cs}^+(3985) \rightarrow \Psi + K^+$ (BES III) and $Z_{cs}^+(4003) \rightarrow \Psi + K^+$ (LHCb).
- Double charm tetraquark: $\mathcal{T}_{cc}^+(3875) \rightarrow D^0 D^0 \pi^+$ (valence quarks: $cc\bar{u}\bar{d}$) by LHCb.

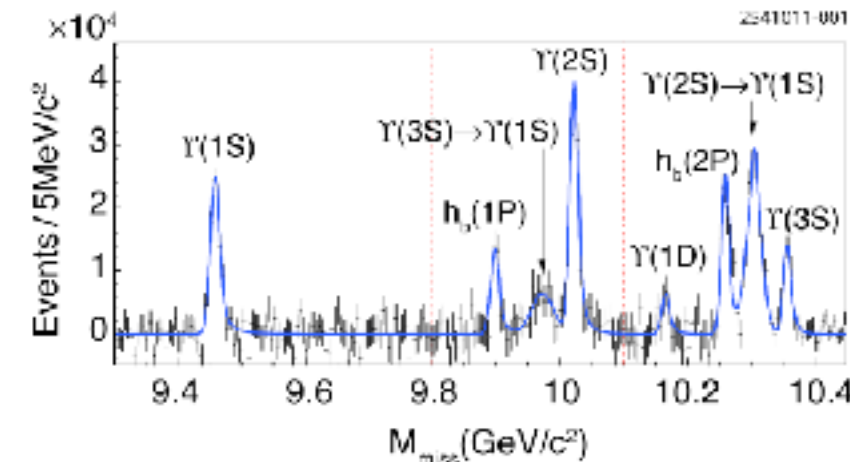
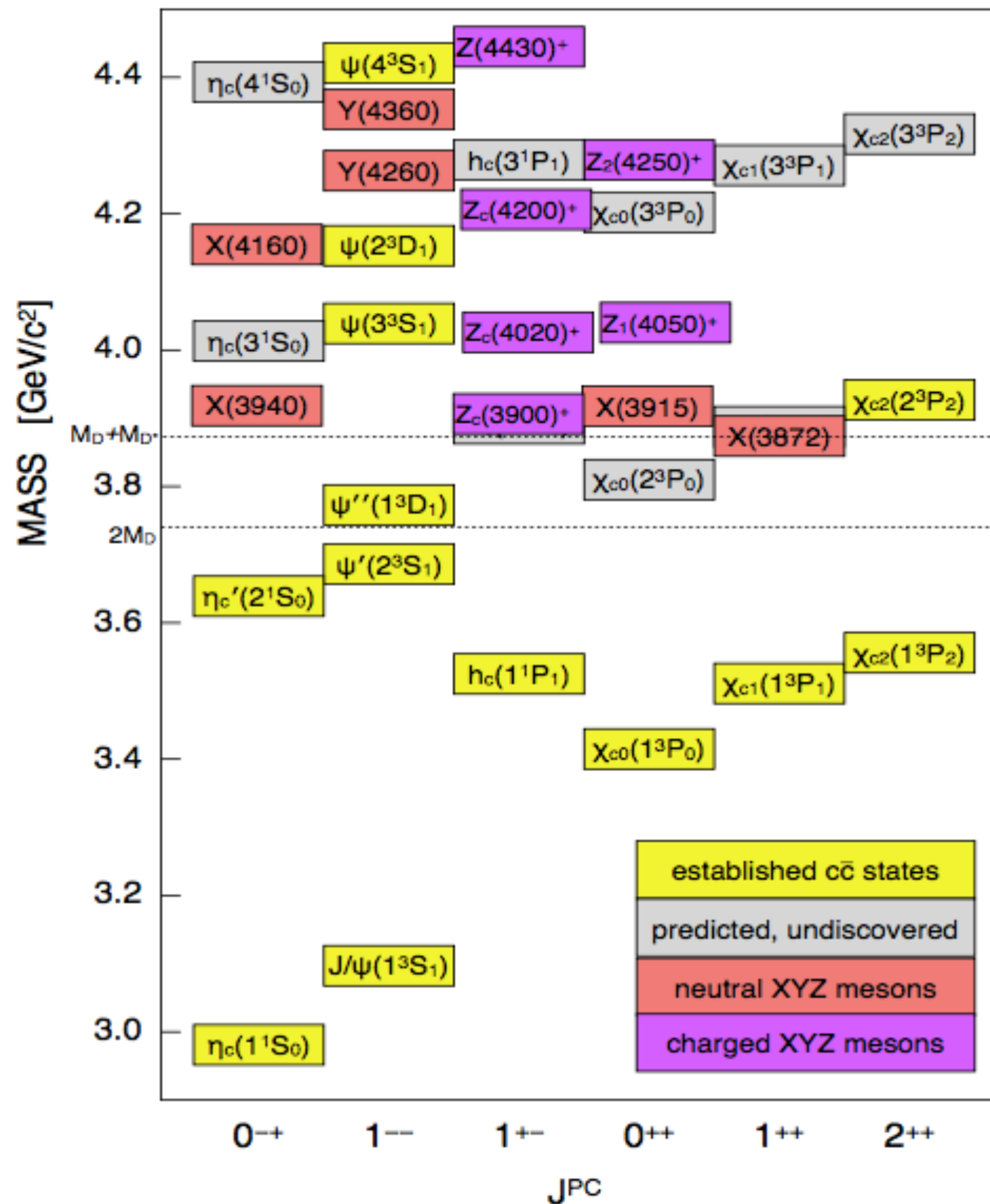


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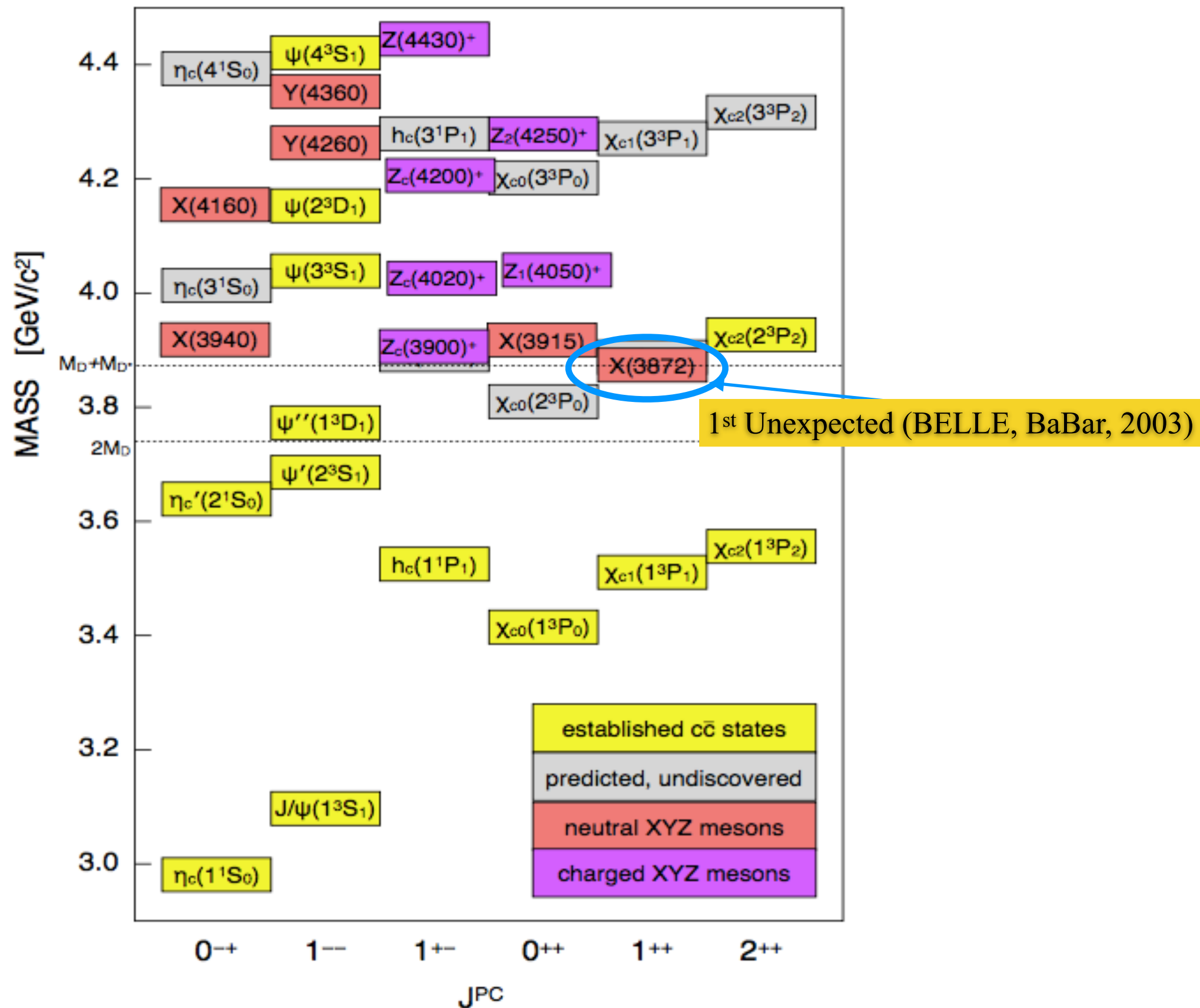
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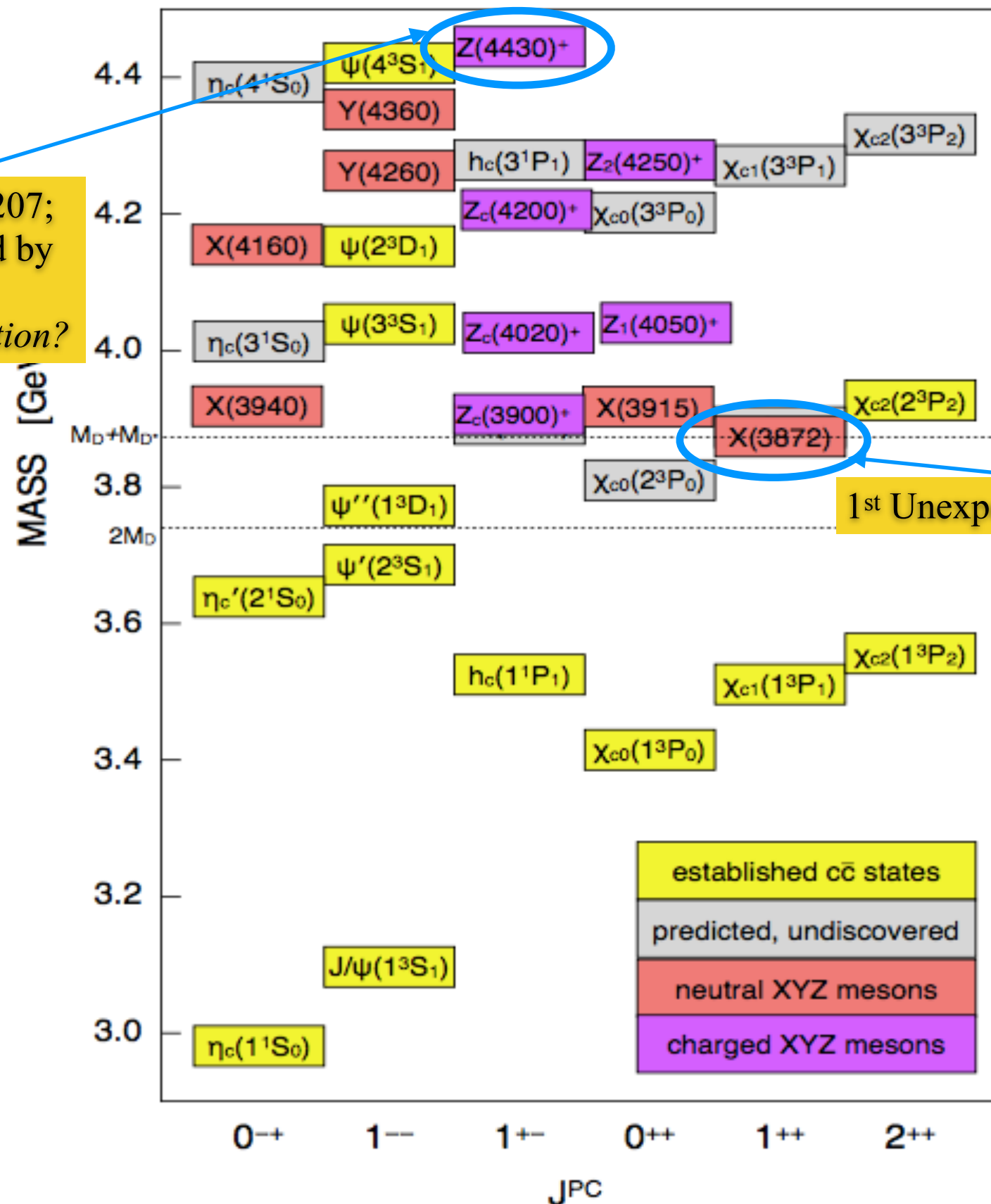
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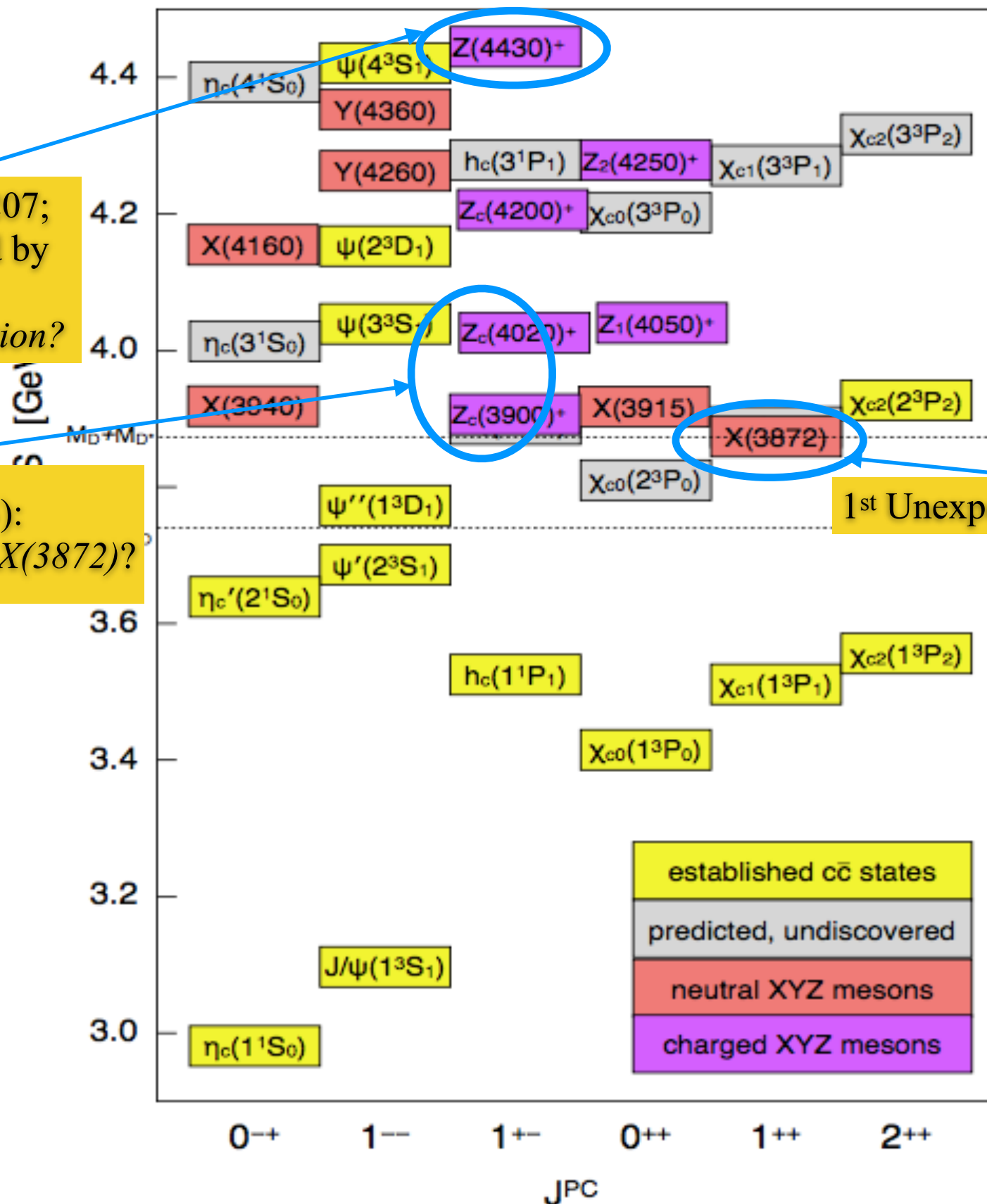
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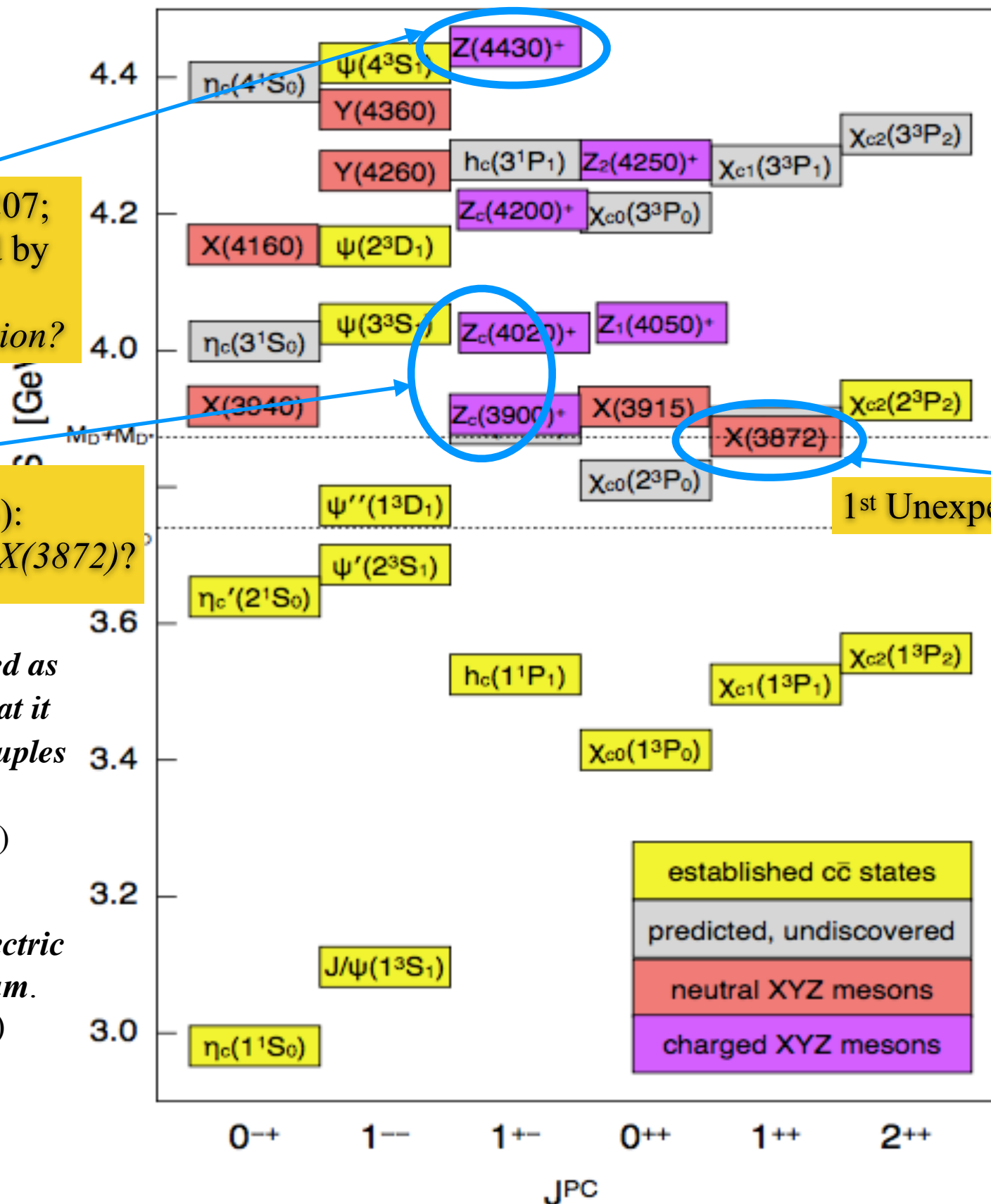
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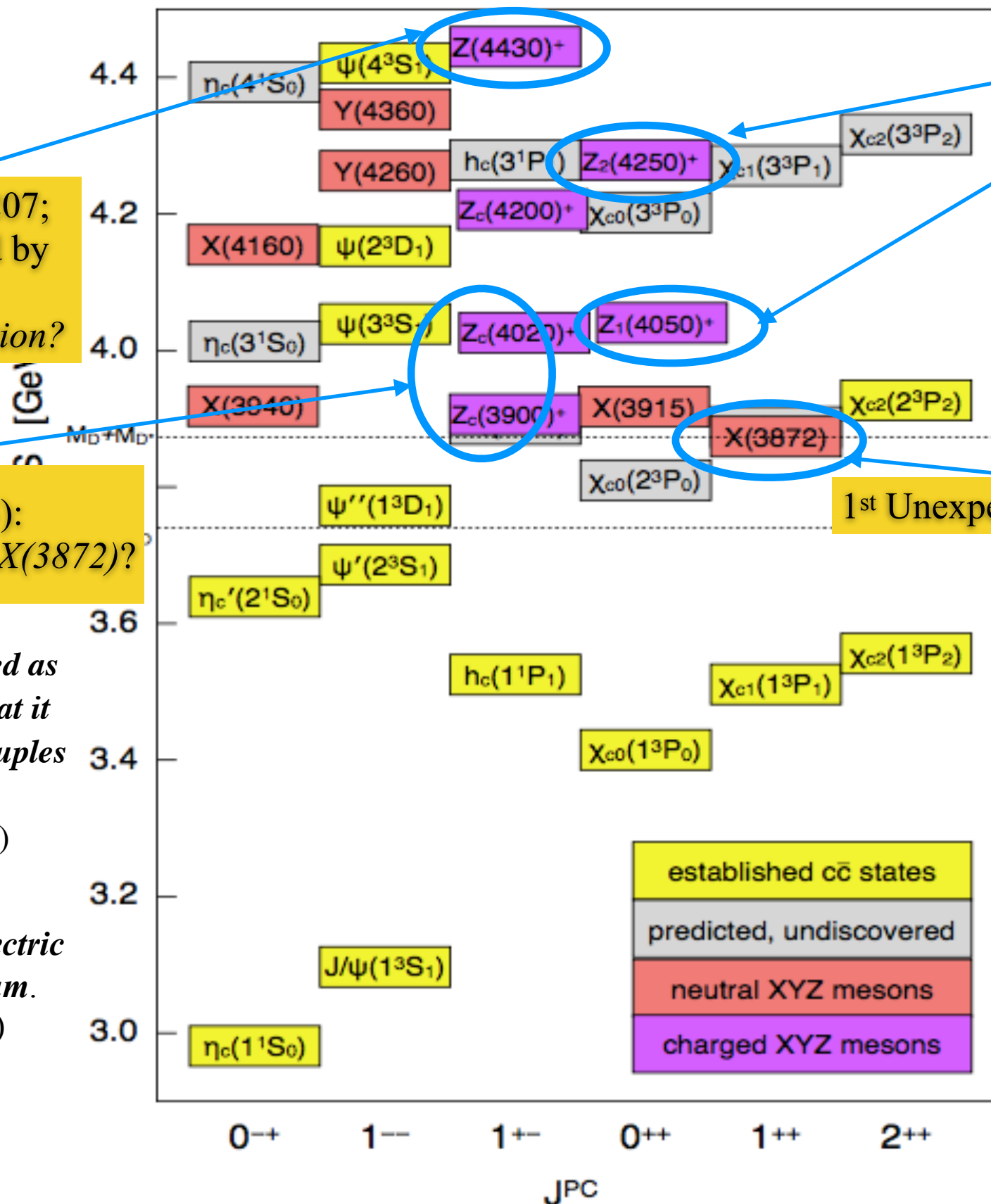
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recent additions:
more than coincidence?
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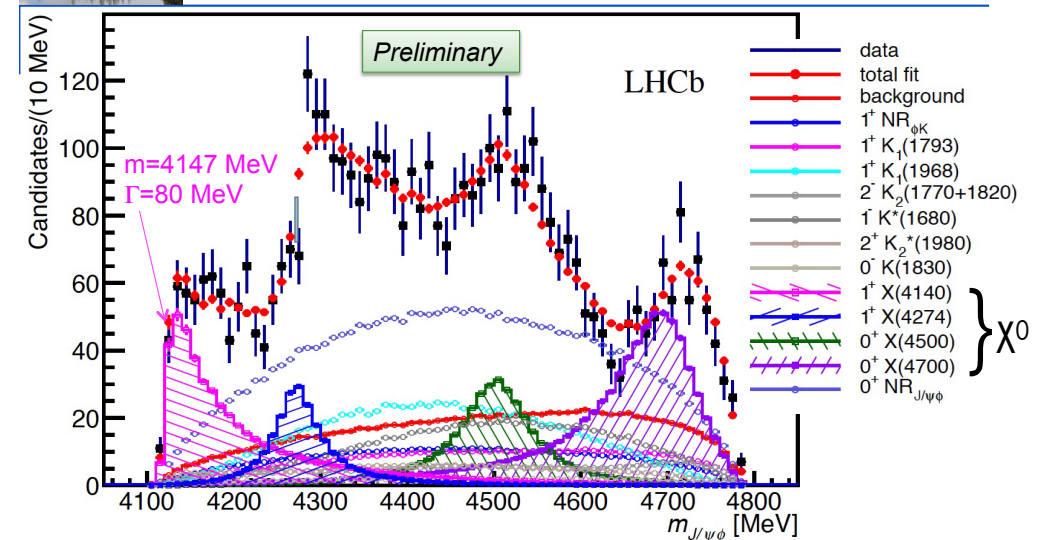
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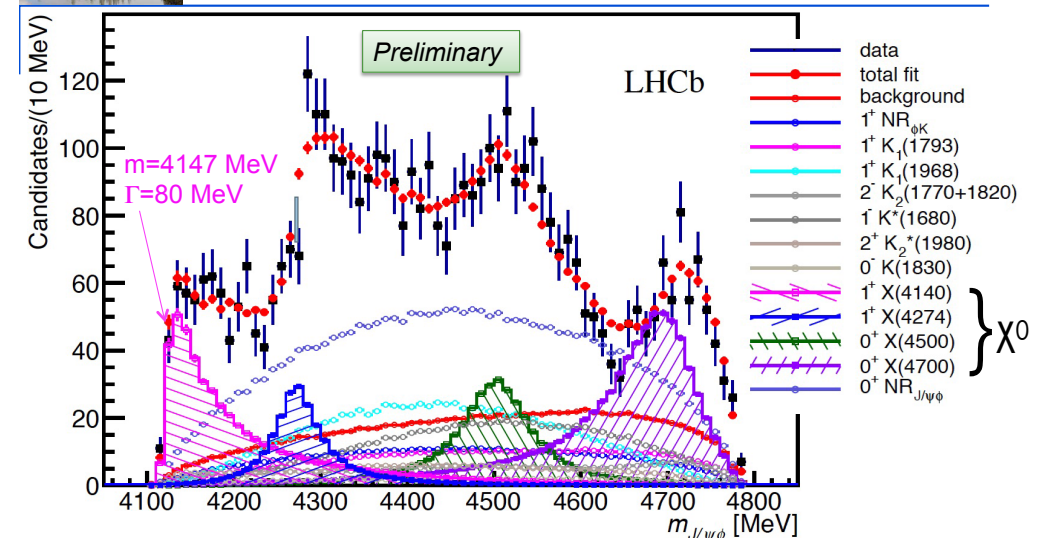
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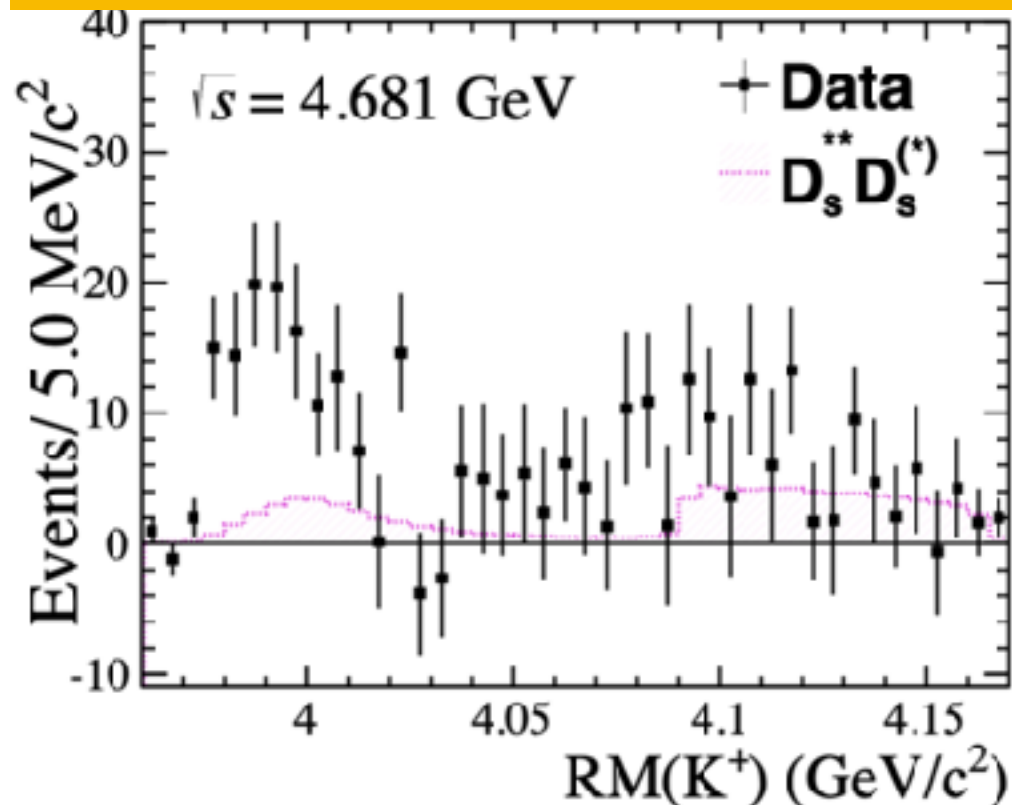
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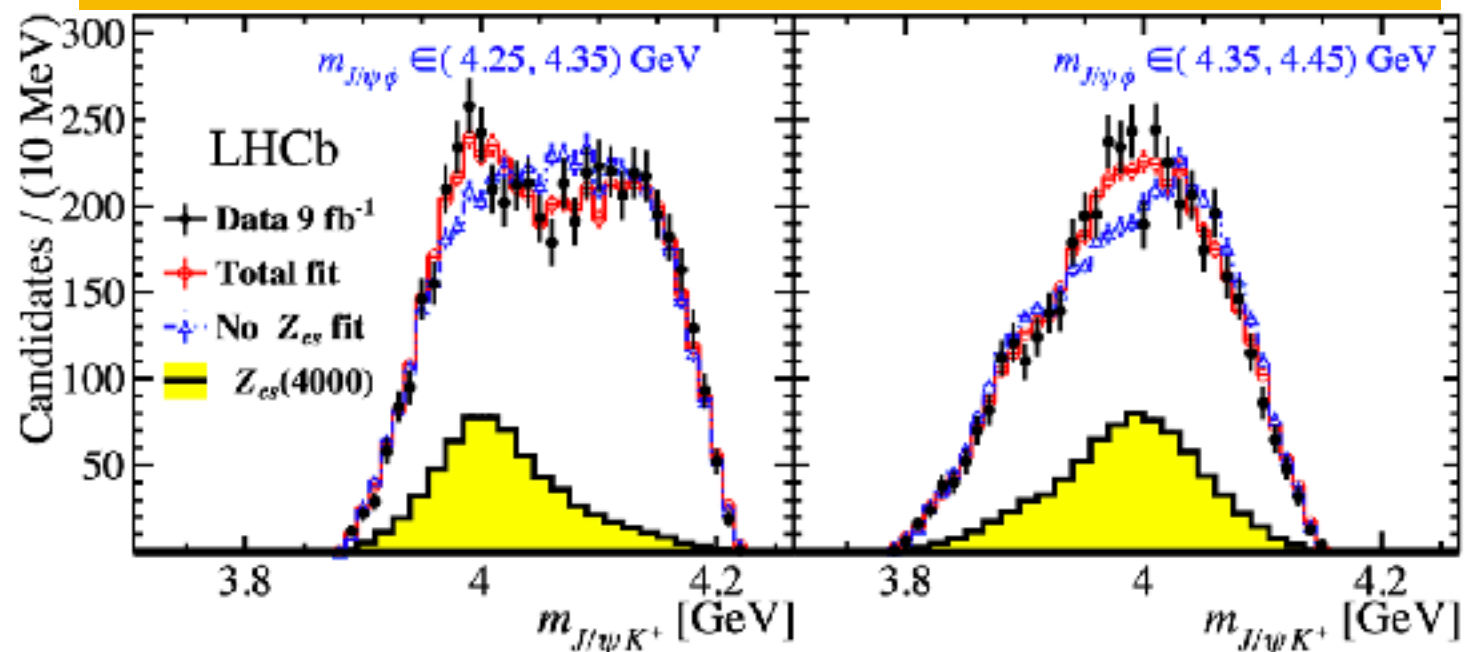
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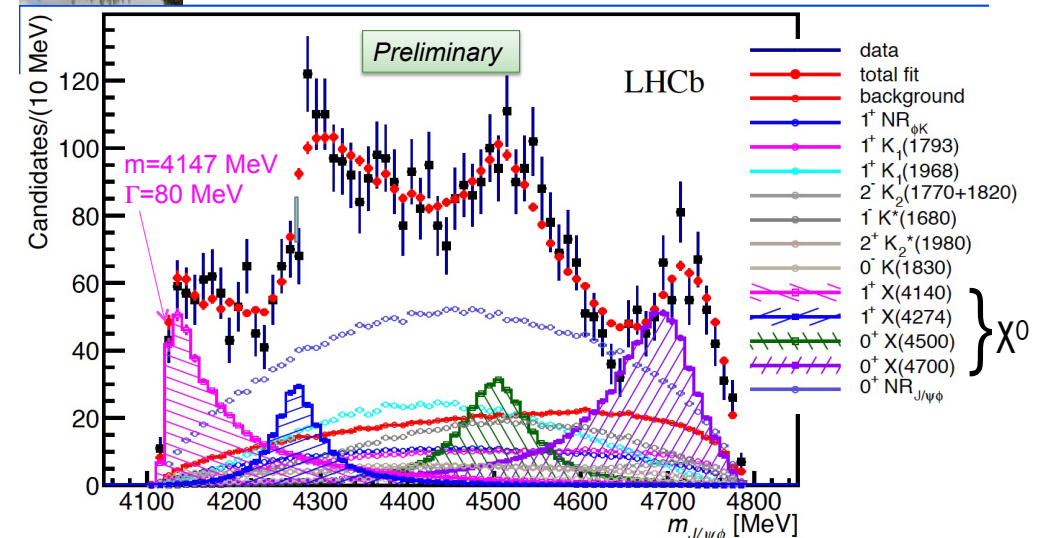
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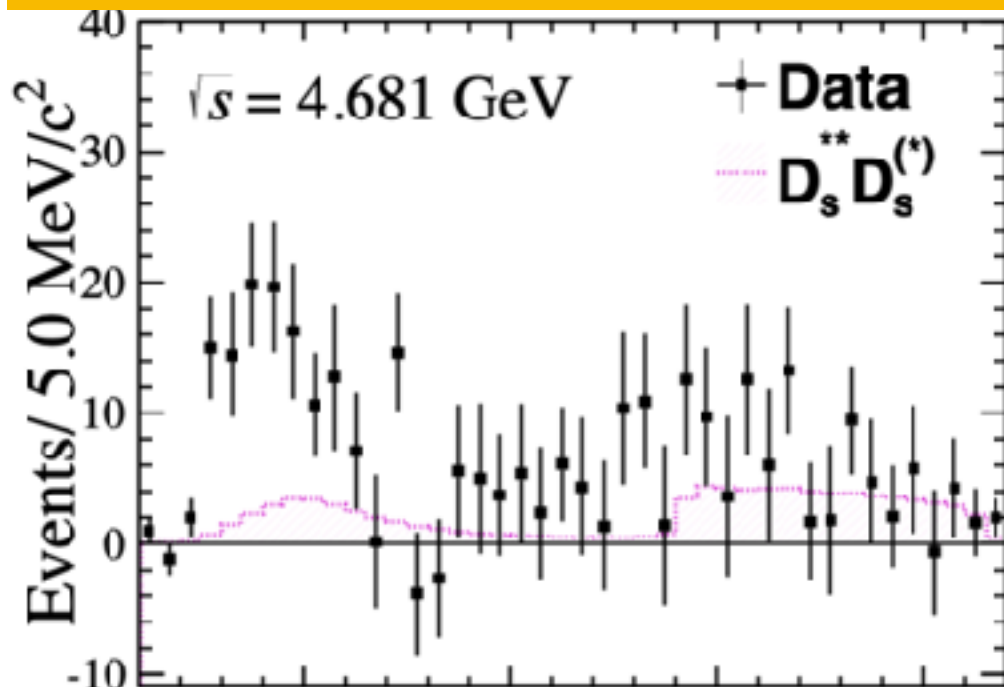
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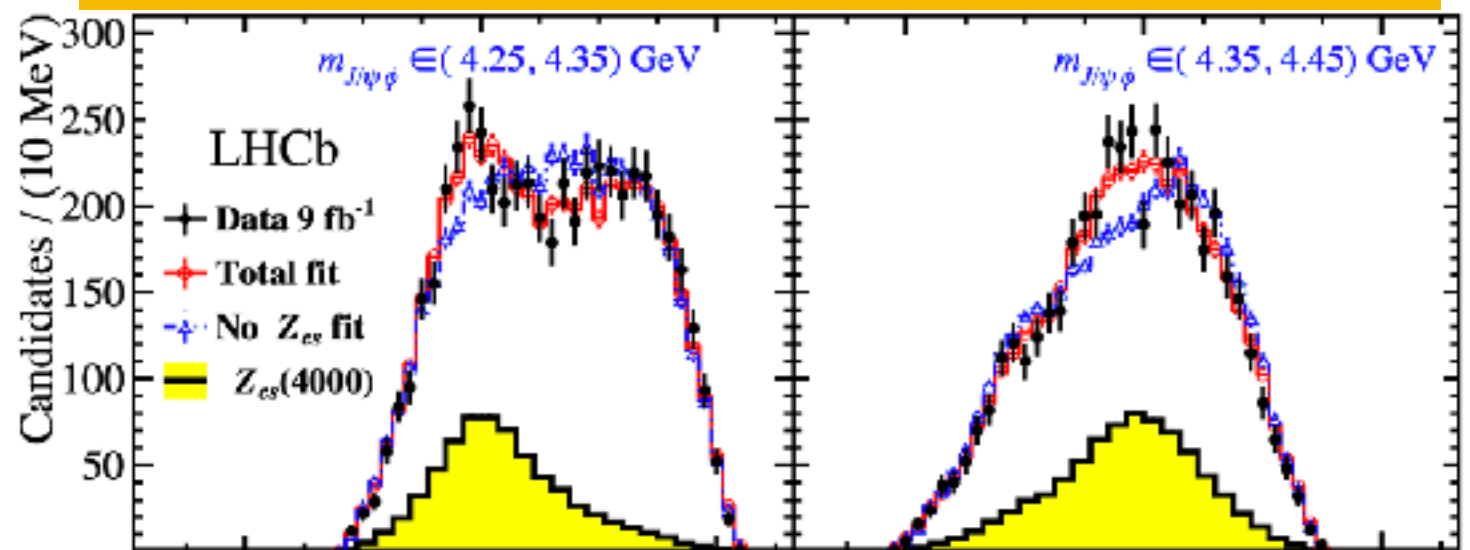
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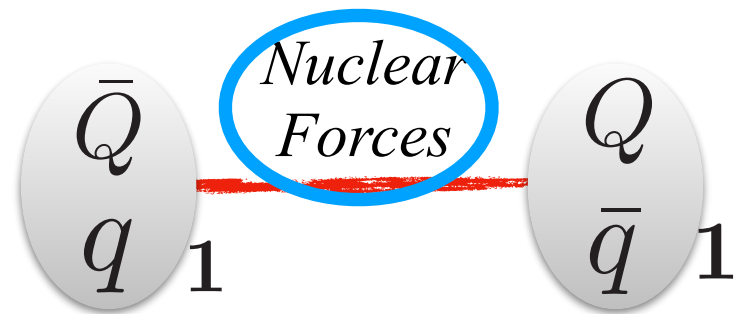


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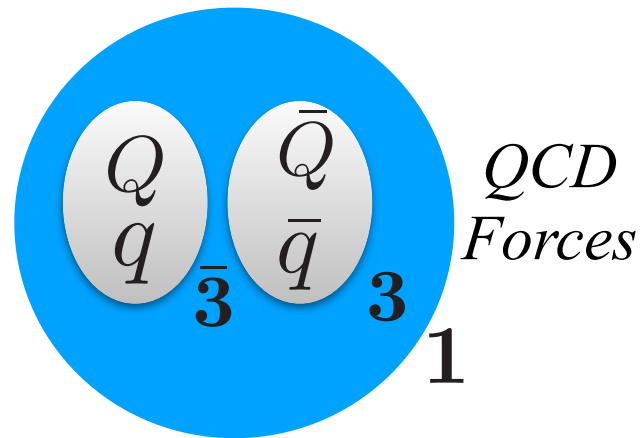
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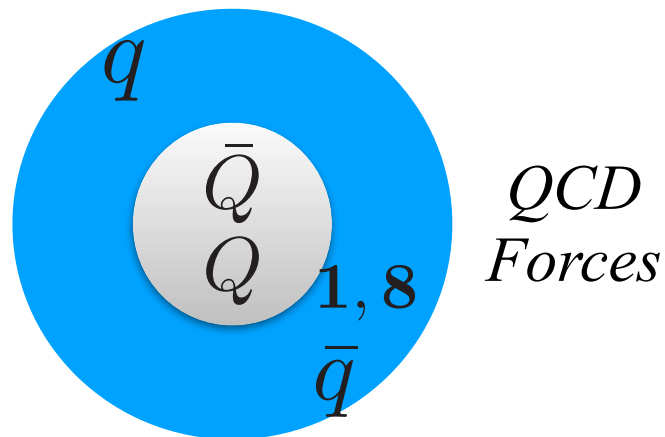
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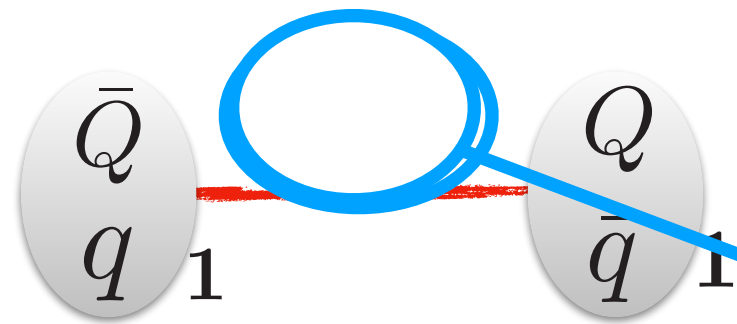


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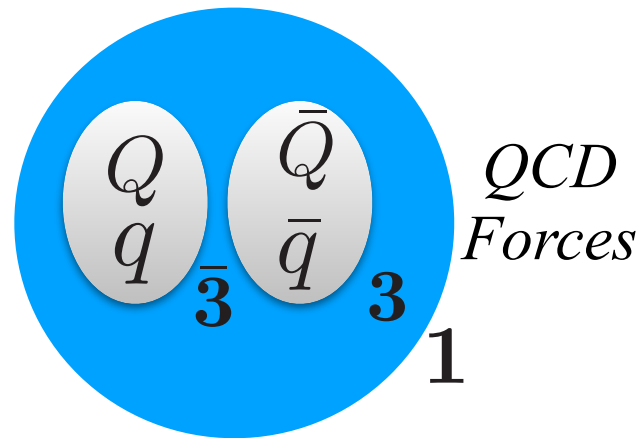


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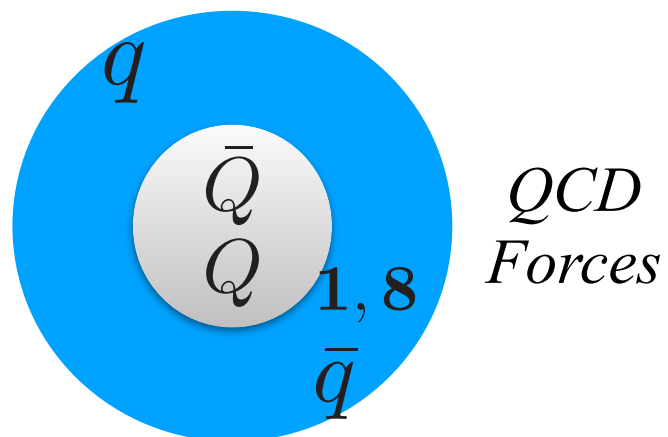
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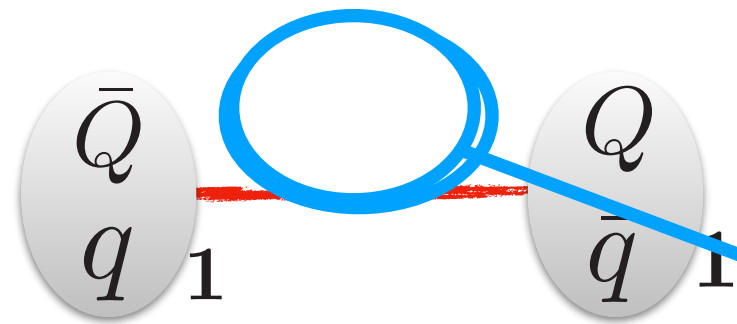


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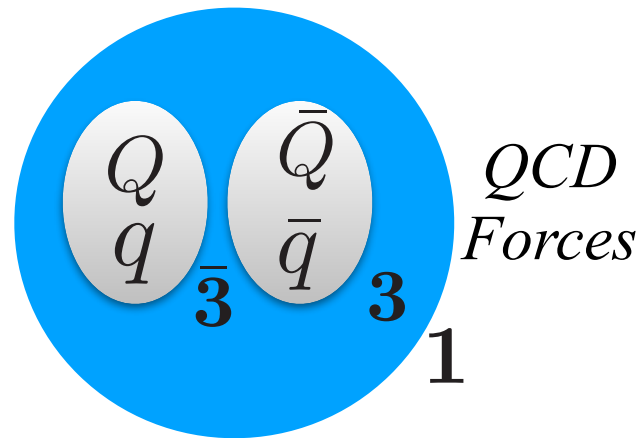


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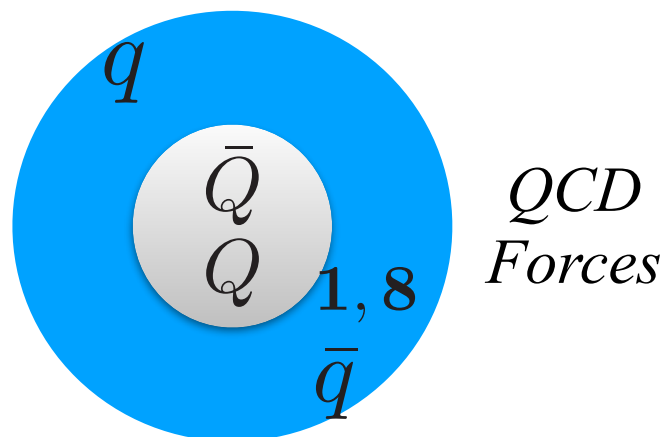
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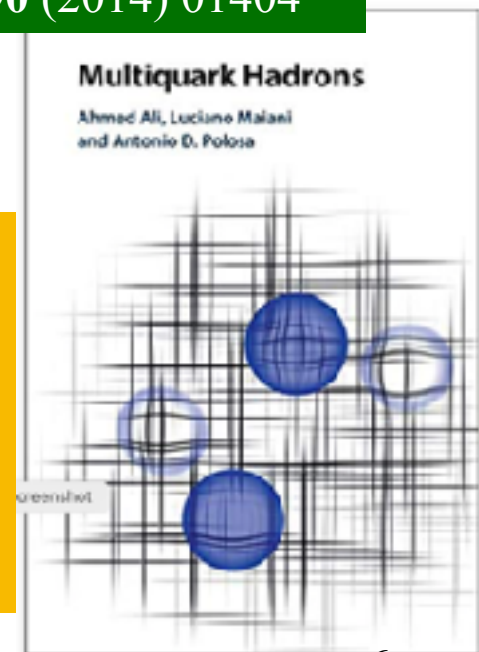


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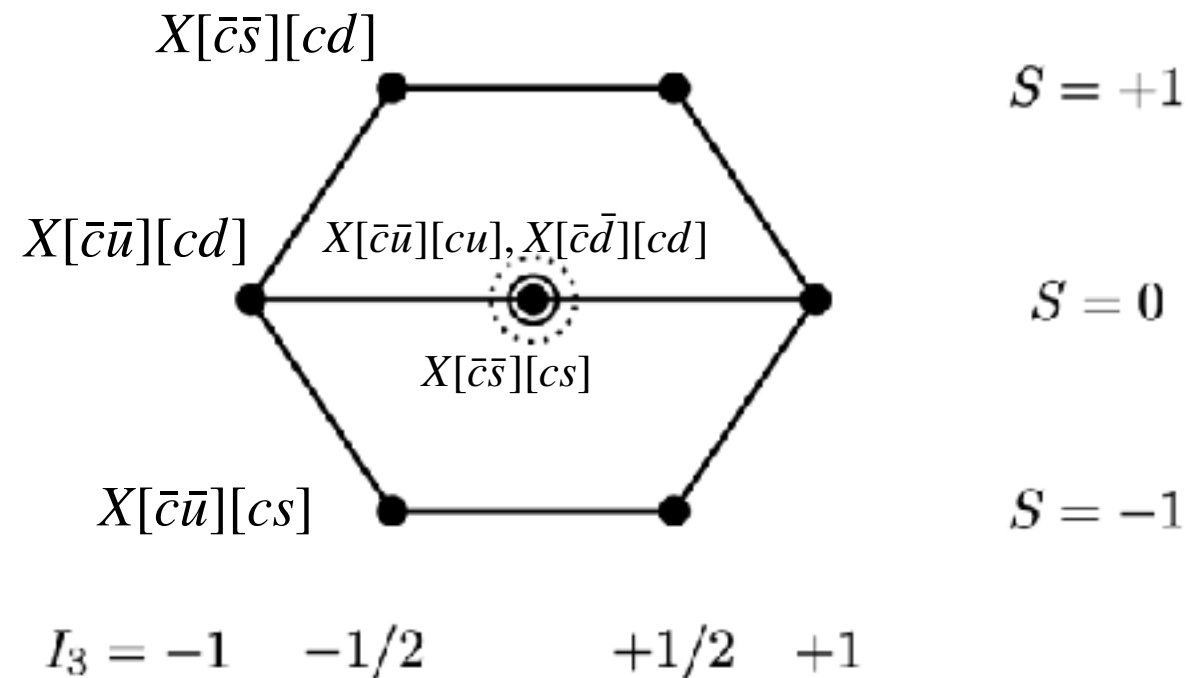
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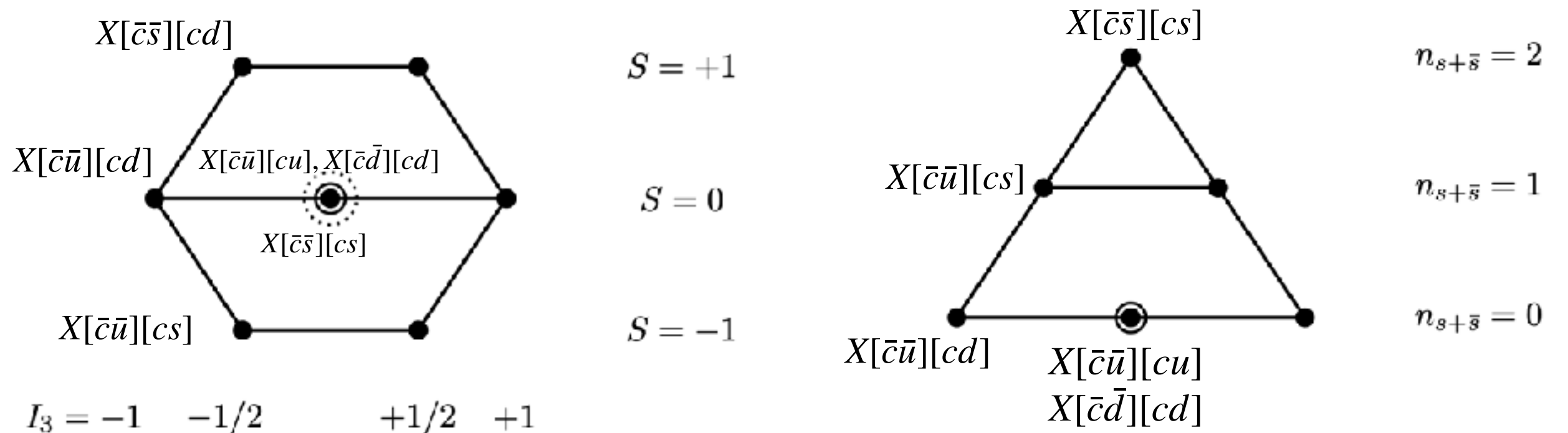
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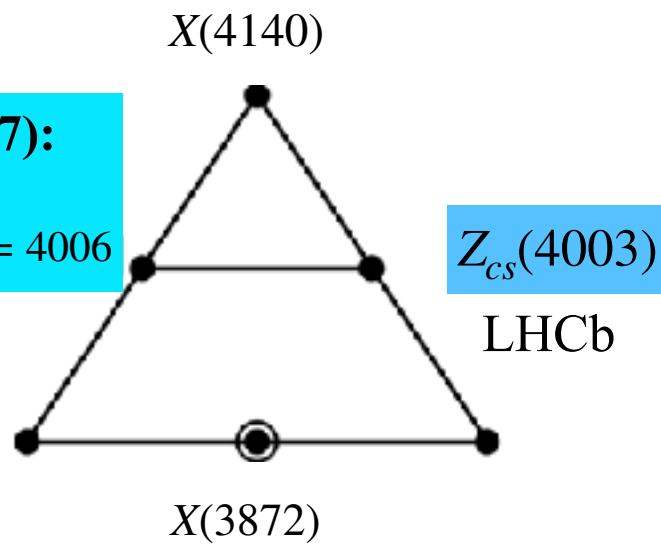
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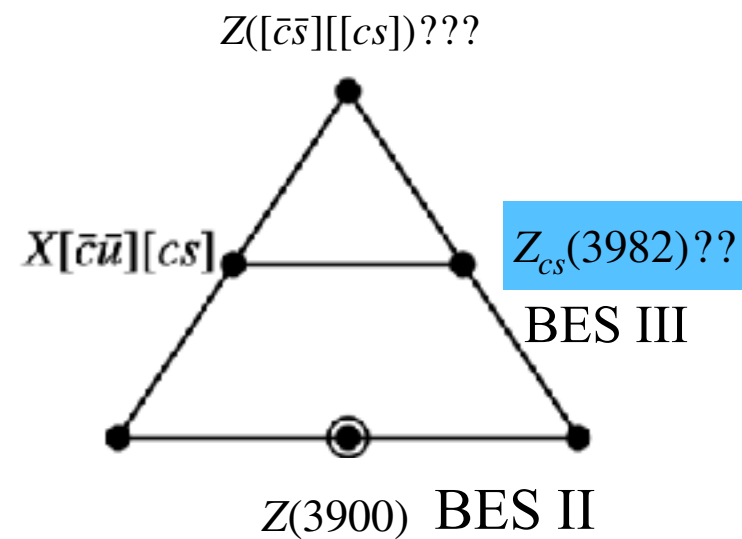
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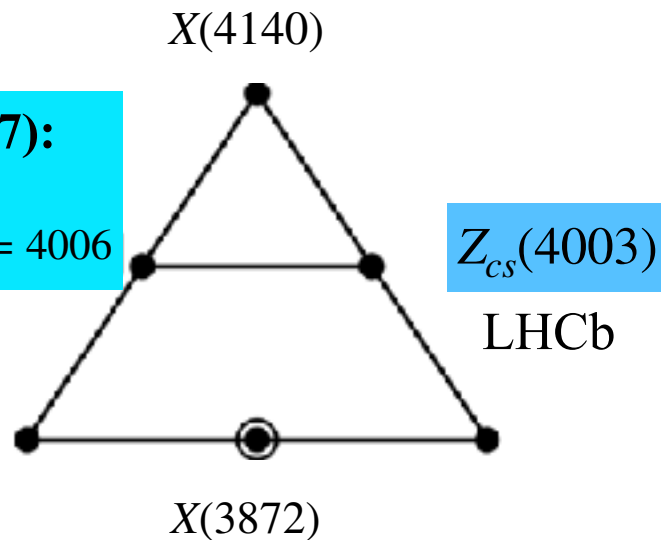


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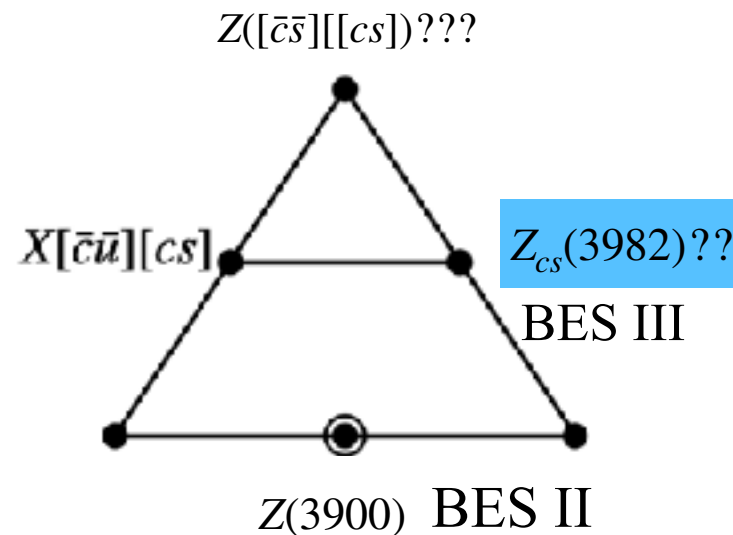
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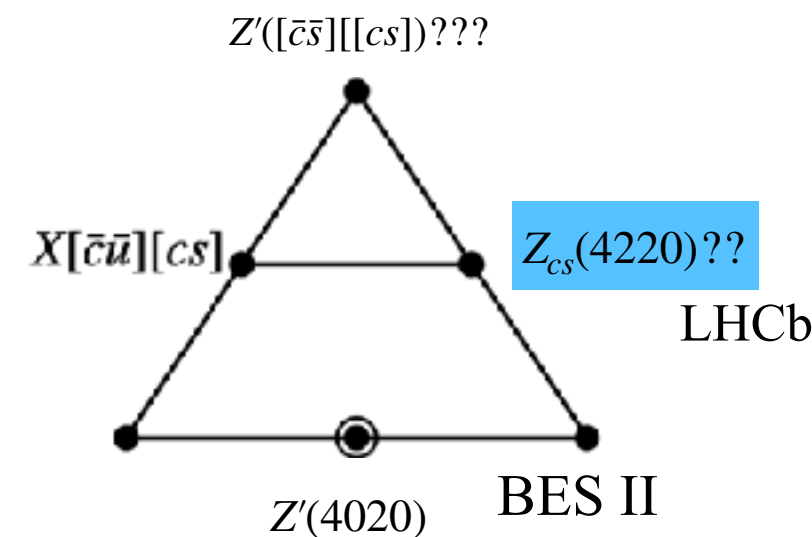
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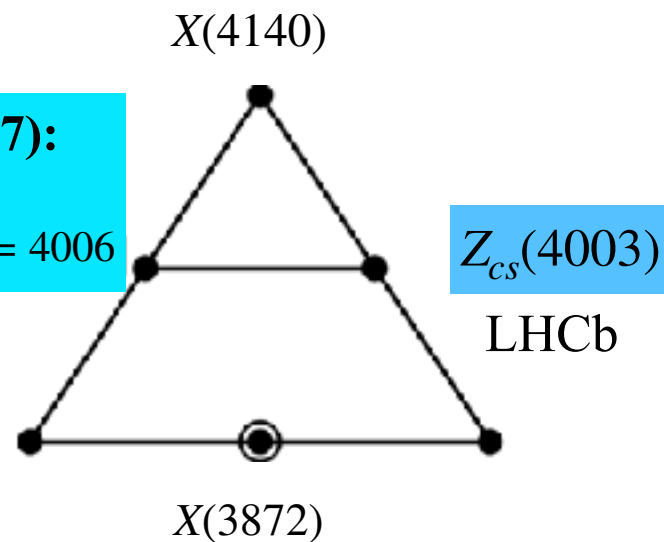
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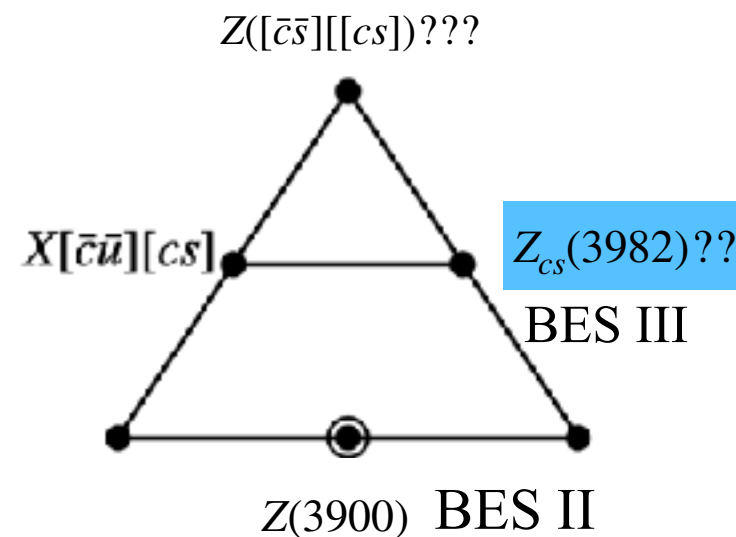
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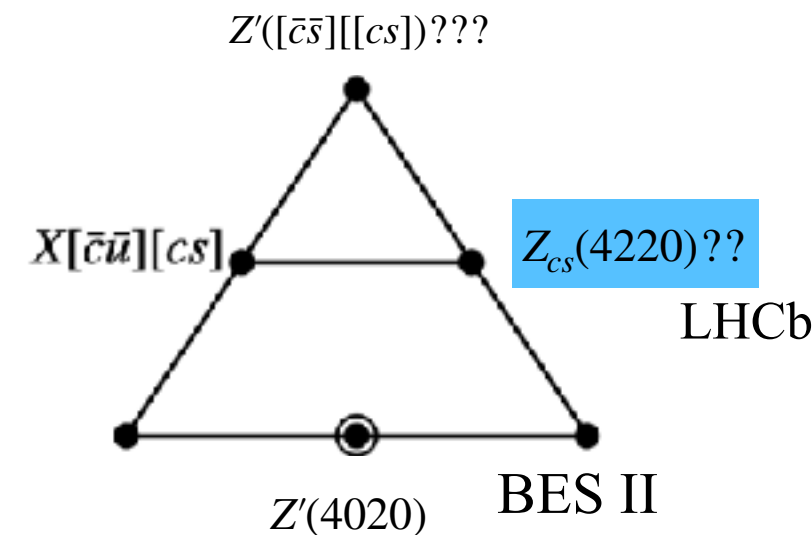
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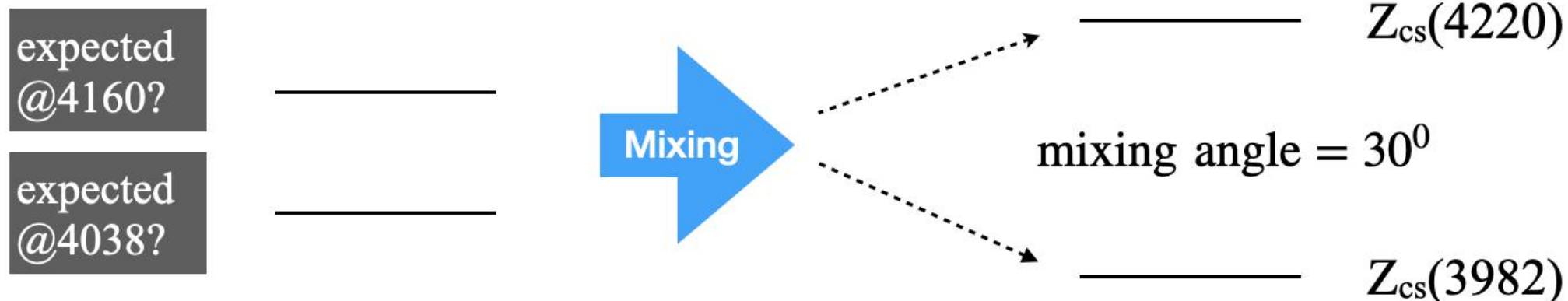
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Missing particles to complete the hidden charm nonets, $J^P = 1^+$

The shopping list towards completion of the *hidden charm nonets* (for *Solution 1*)

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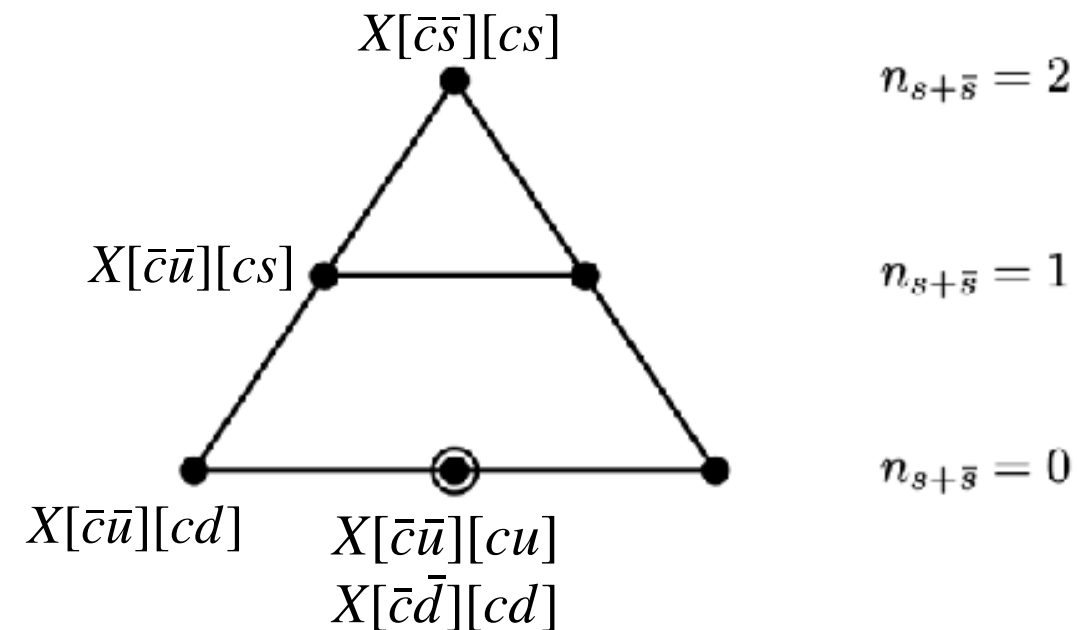
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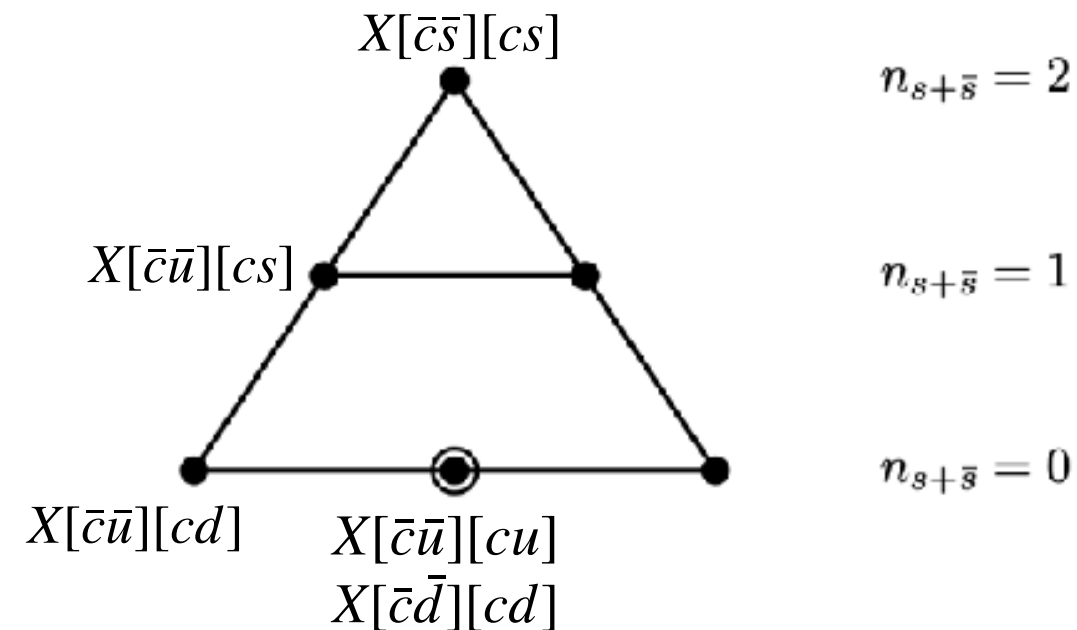
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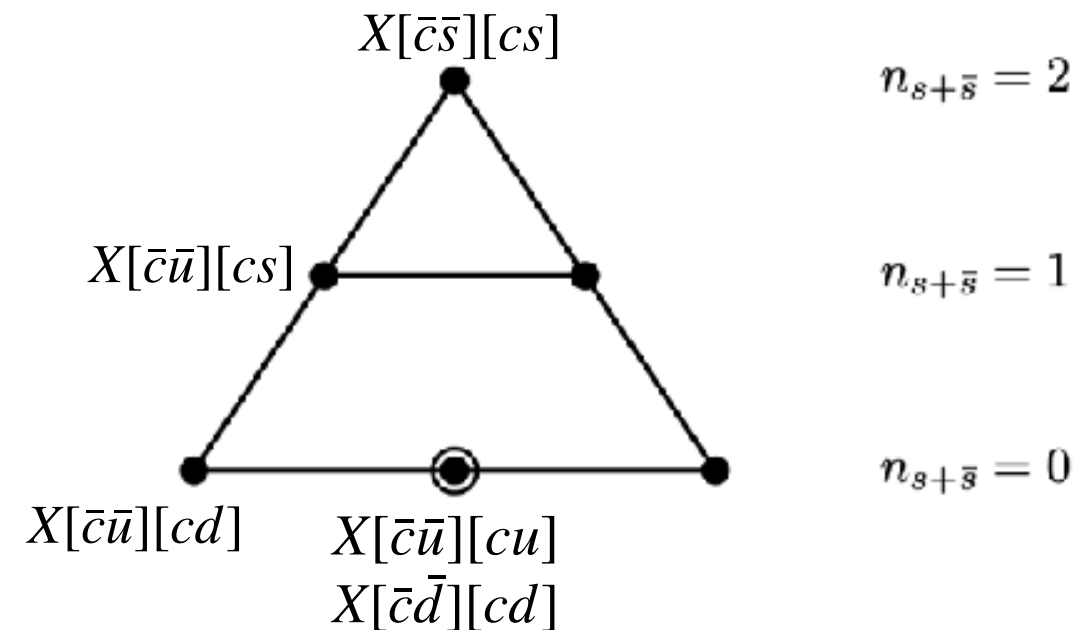
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- The product $[q_1 q_2]_{S_{12}=0}^{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}$ is antisymmetric in spin (to get total spin 0) and color (to obtain a $\bar{\mathbf{3}}_c$).
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$$M(2900) - M(2317) = 583 \text{ MeV}$$

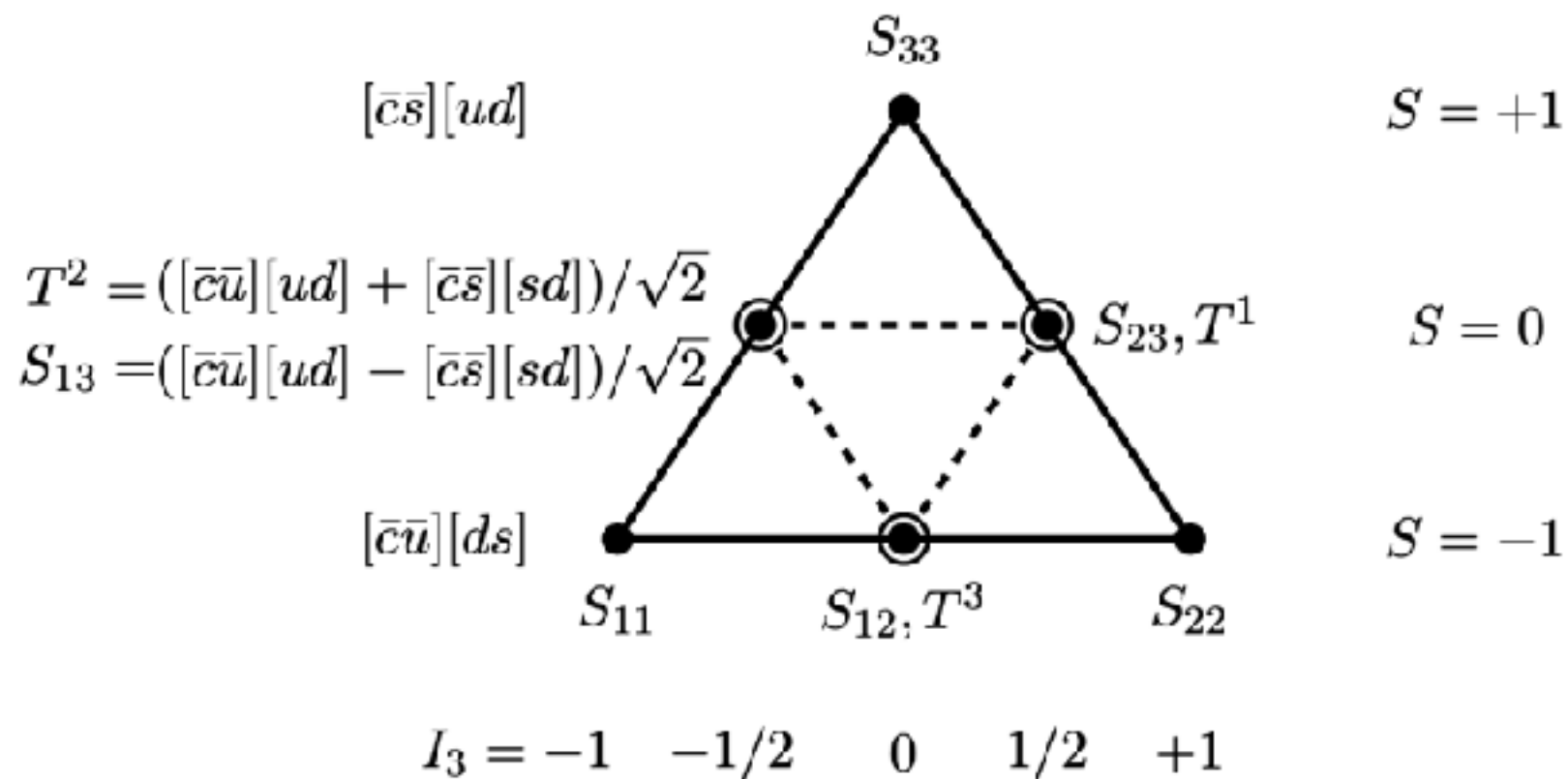
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5. Quantum numbers and Mass Formulae for $[\bar{c}\bar{q}]_{S_{c3}=0}^3 [q_1 q_2]_{S_{12}=0}^{\bar{3}}$

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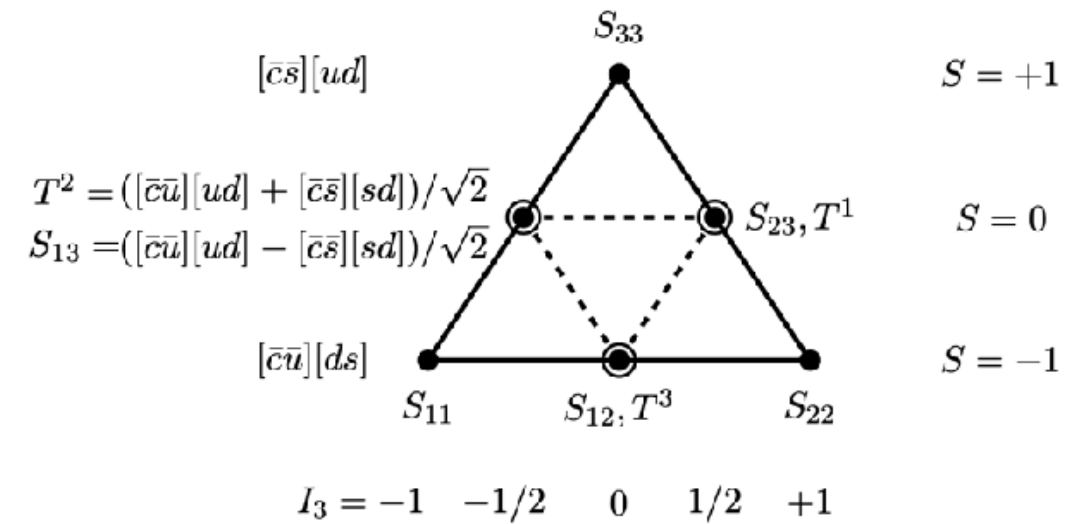


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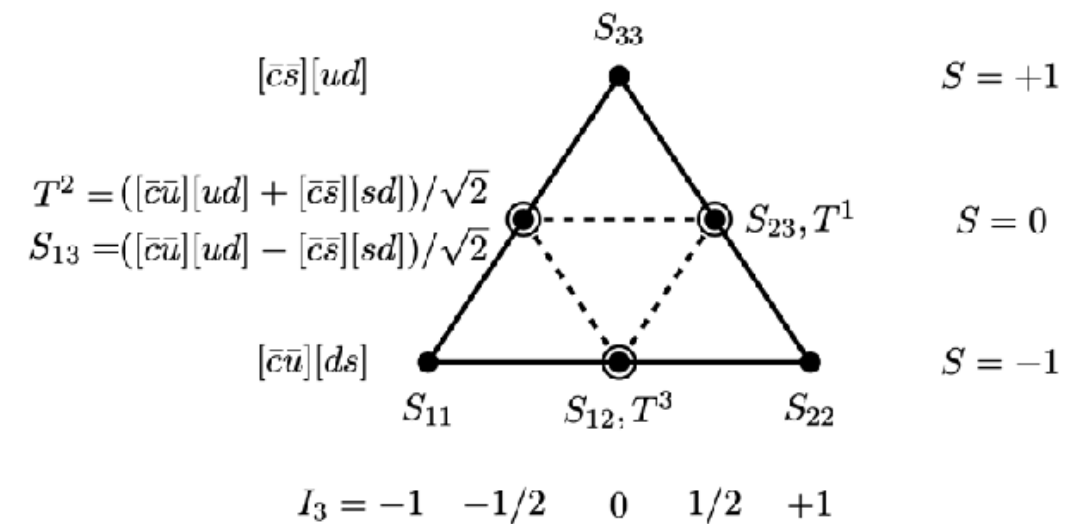


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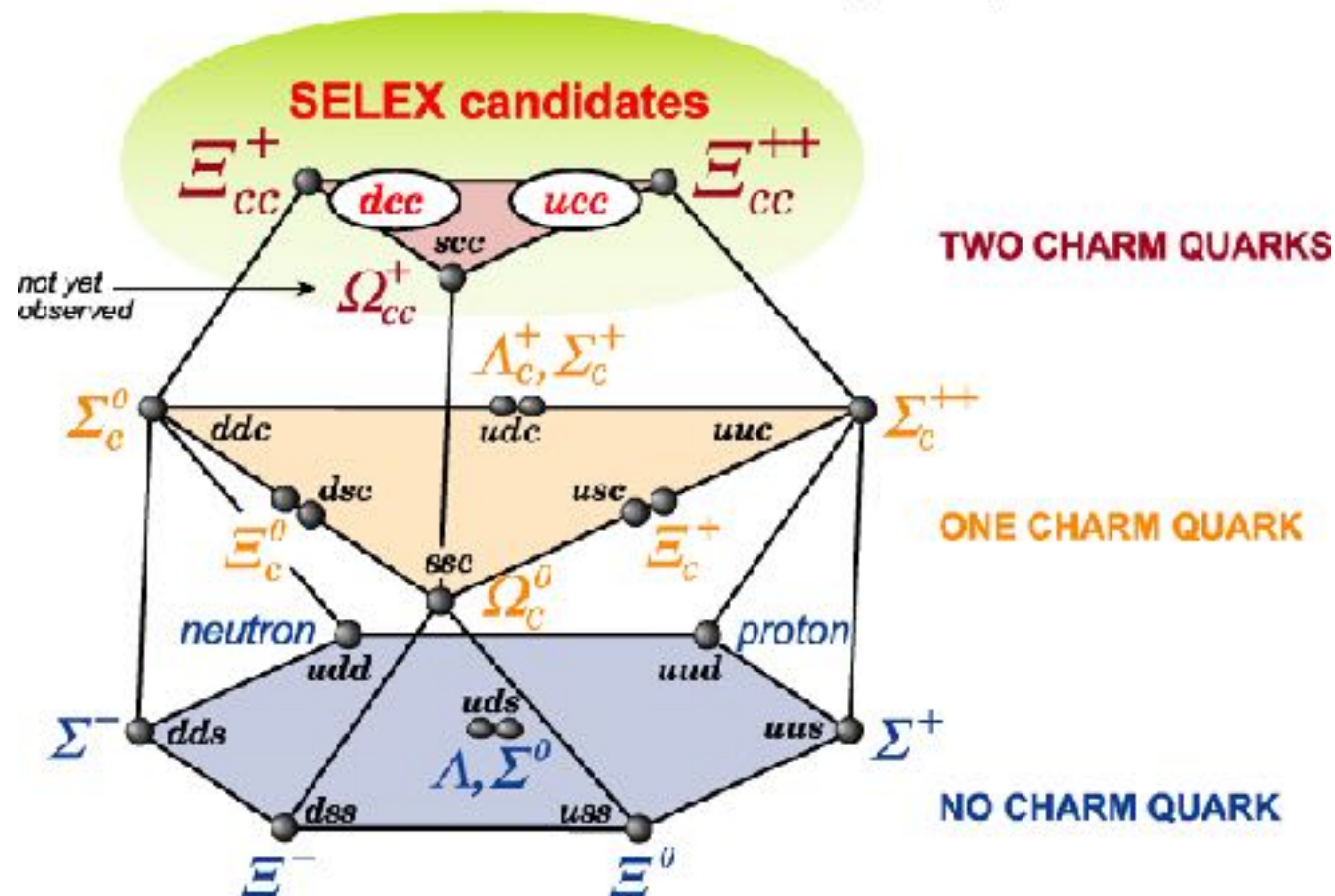
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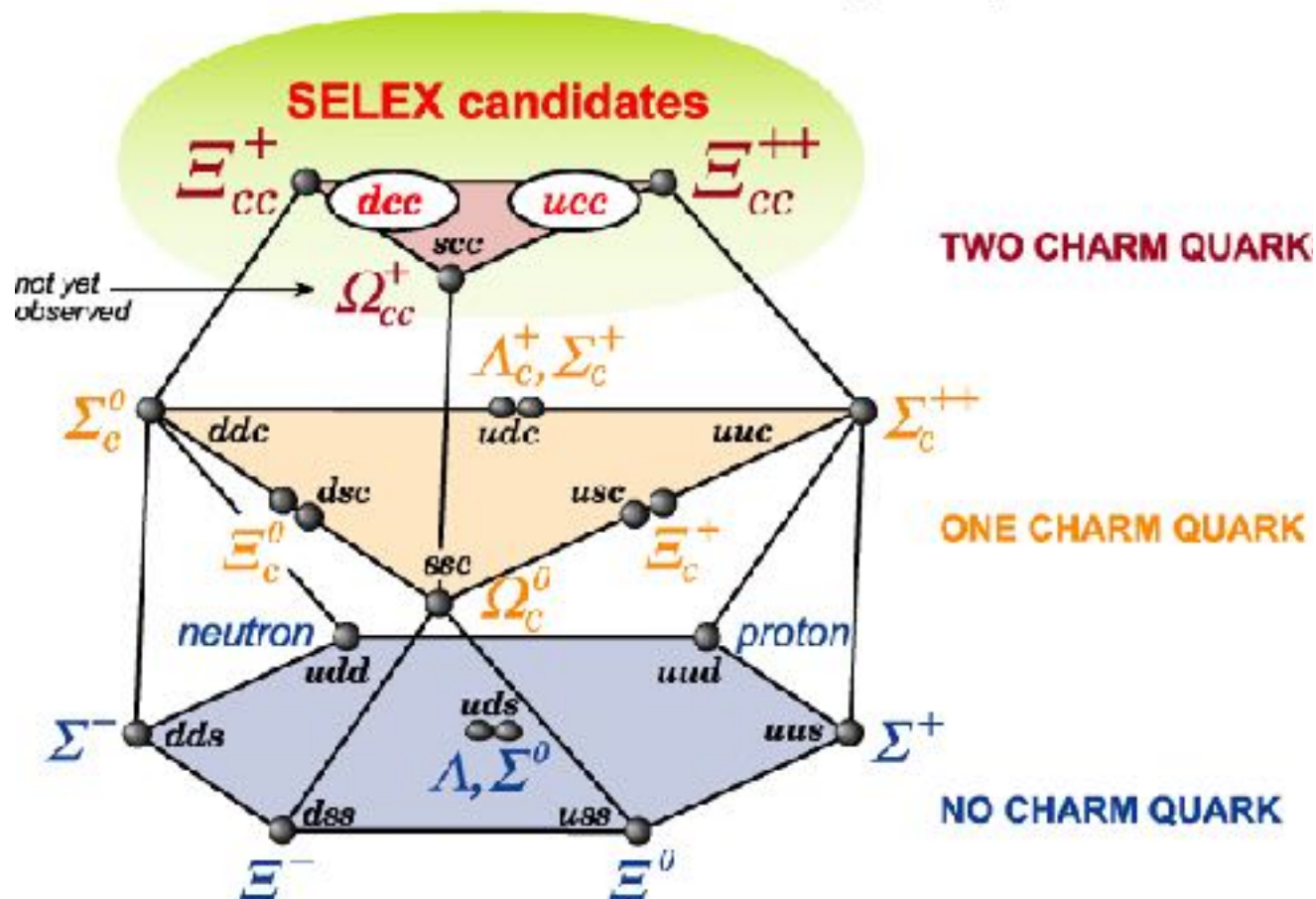
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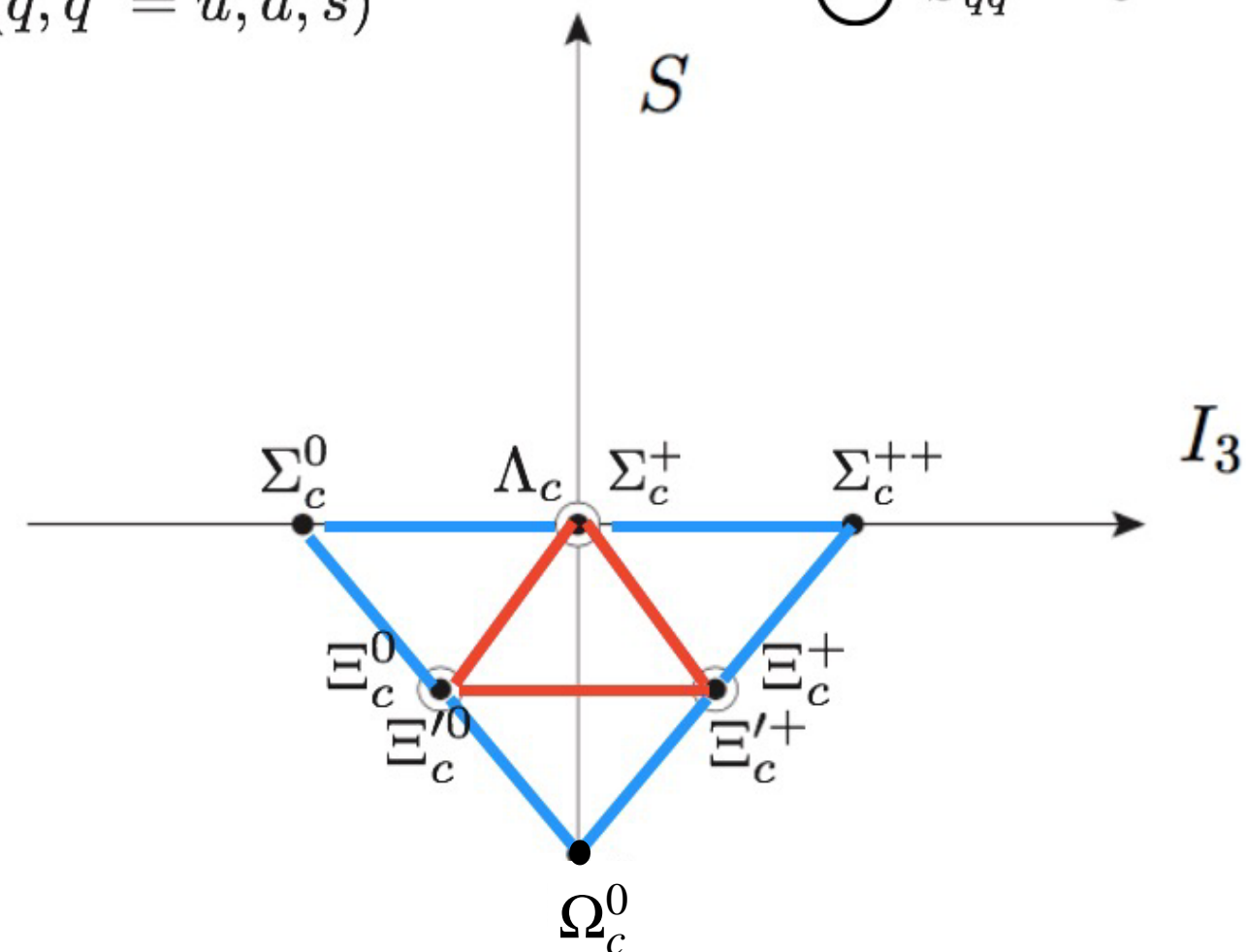
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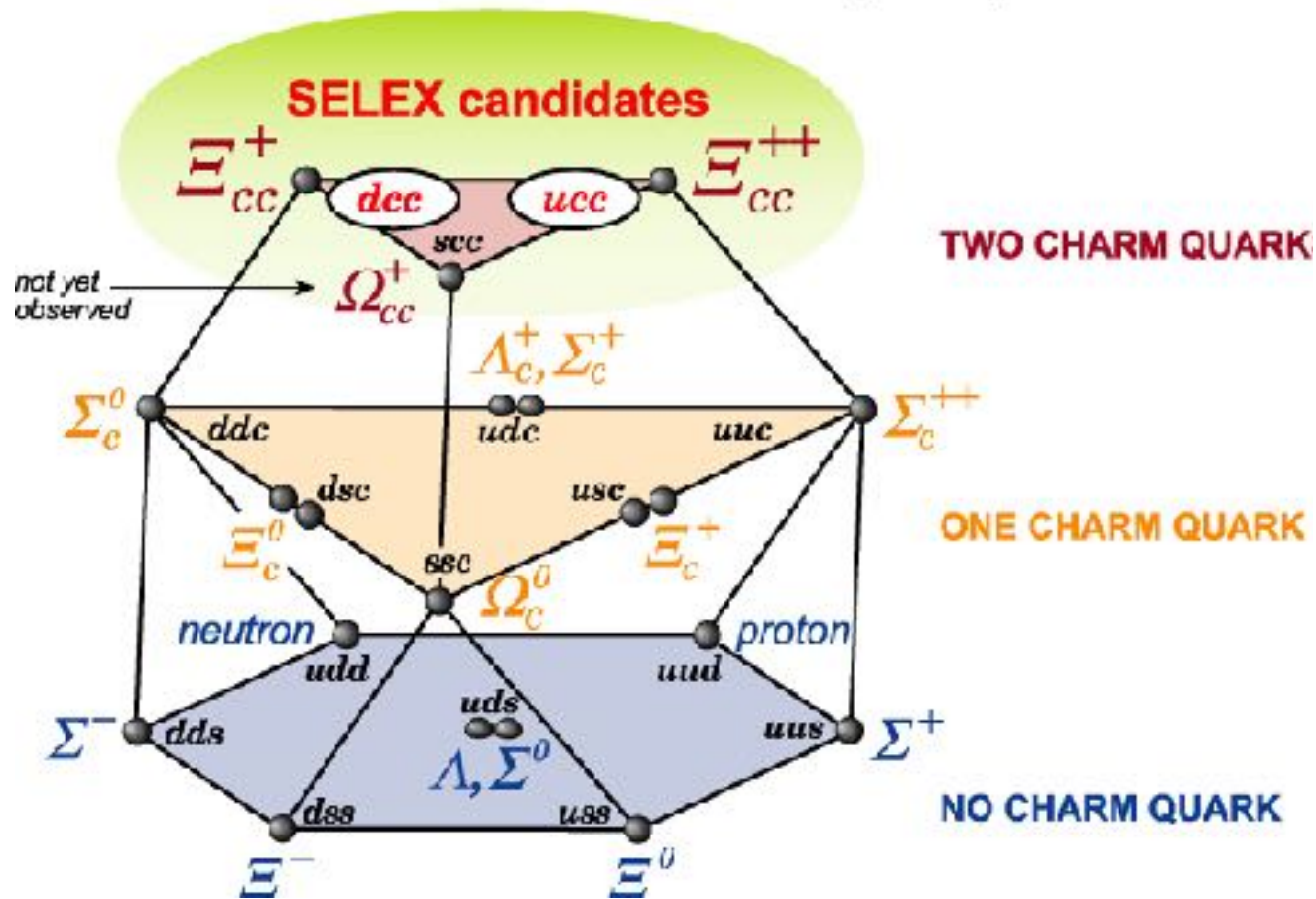


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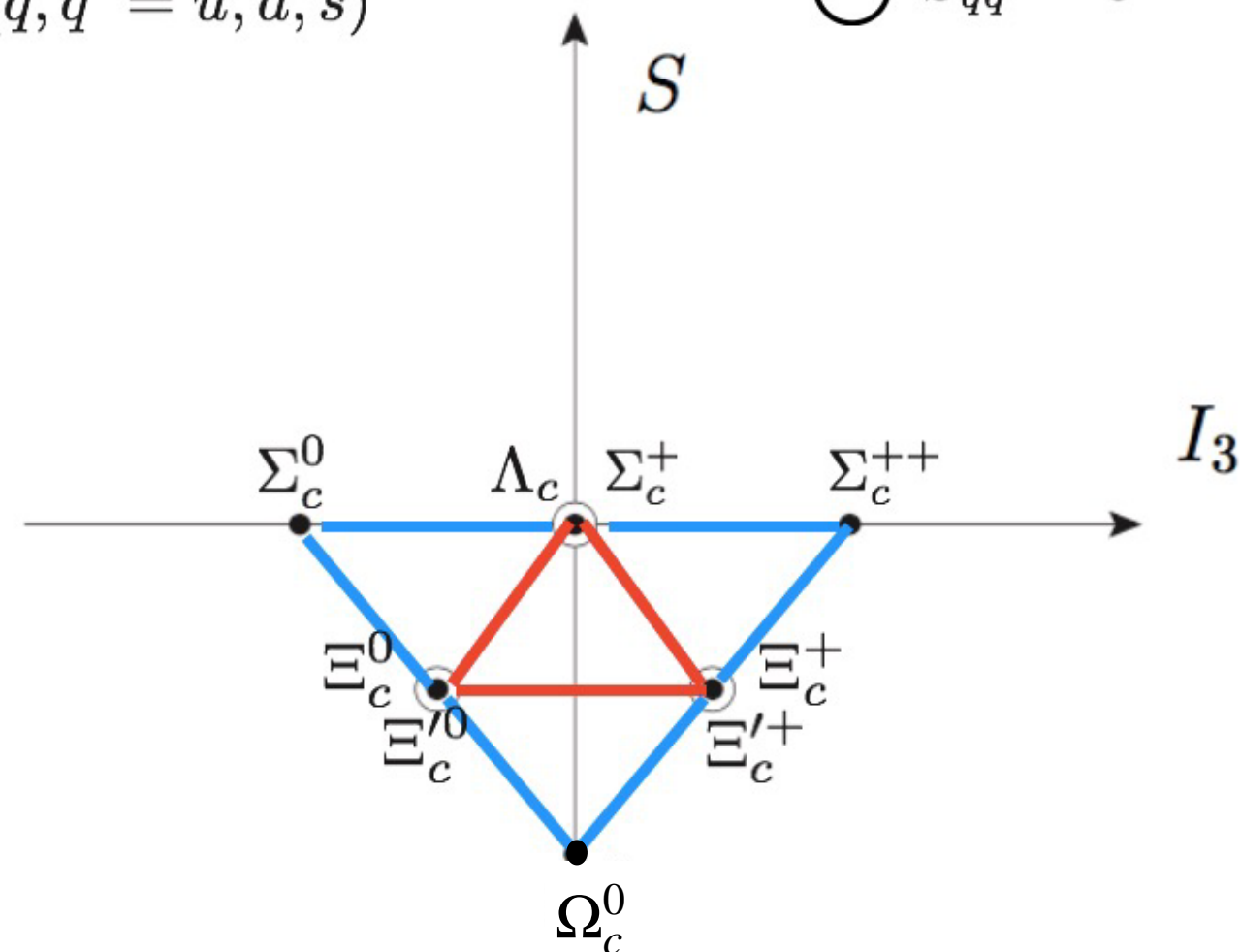
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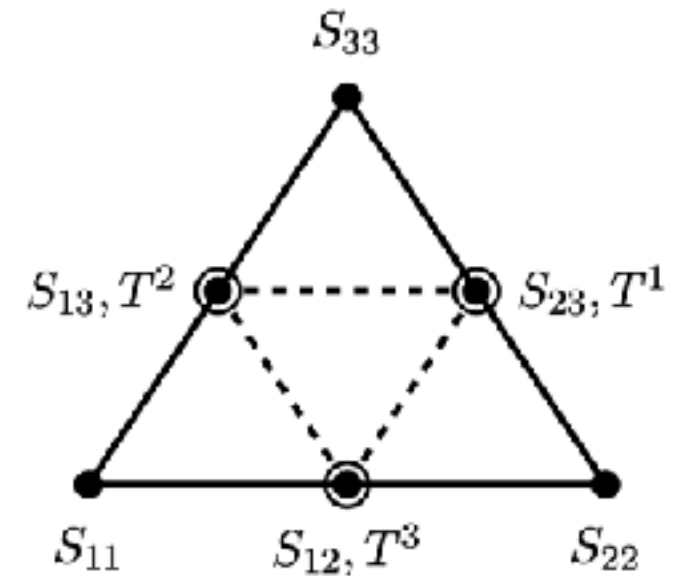
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The masses of spin 1 diquarks in the **6** increase linearly with Strangeness, i.e. with the number of strange quarks:

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A remarkable regularity

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which have obviously the same content in quark masses, two light and one heavy.

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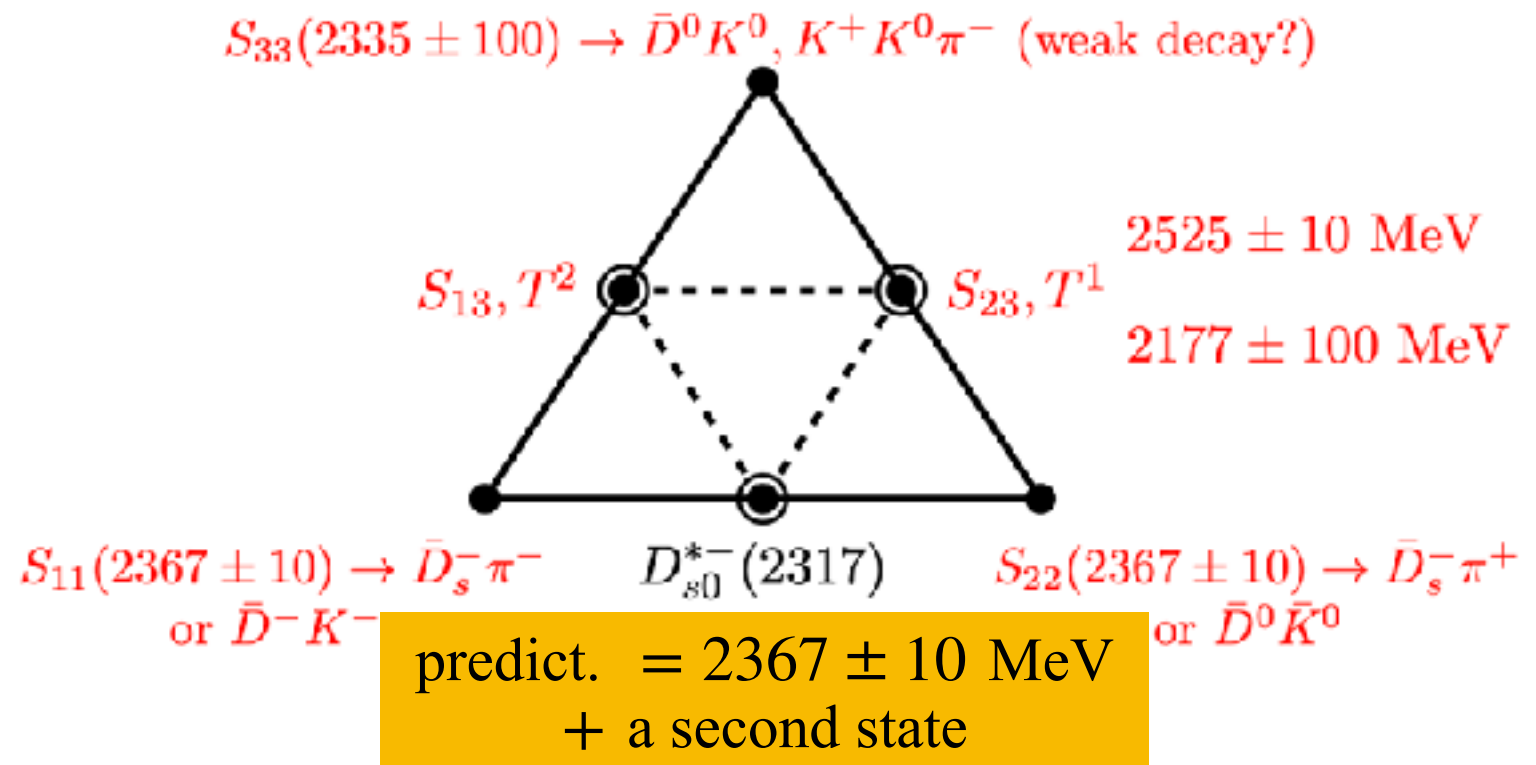
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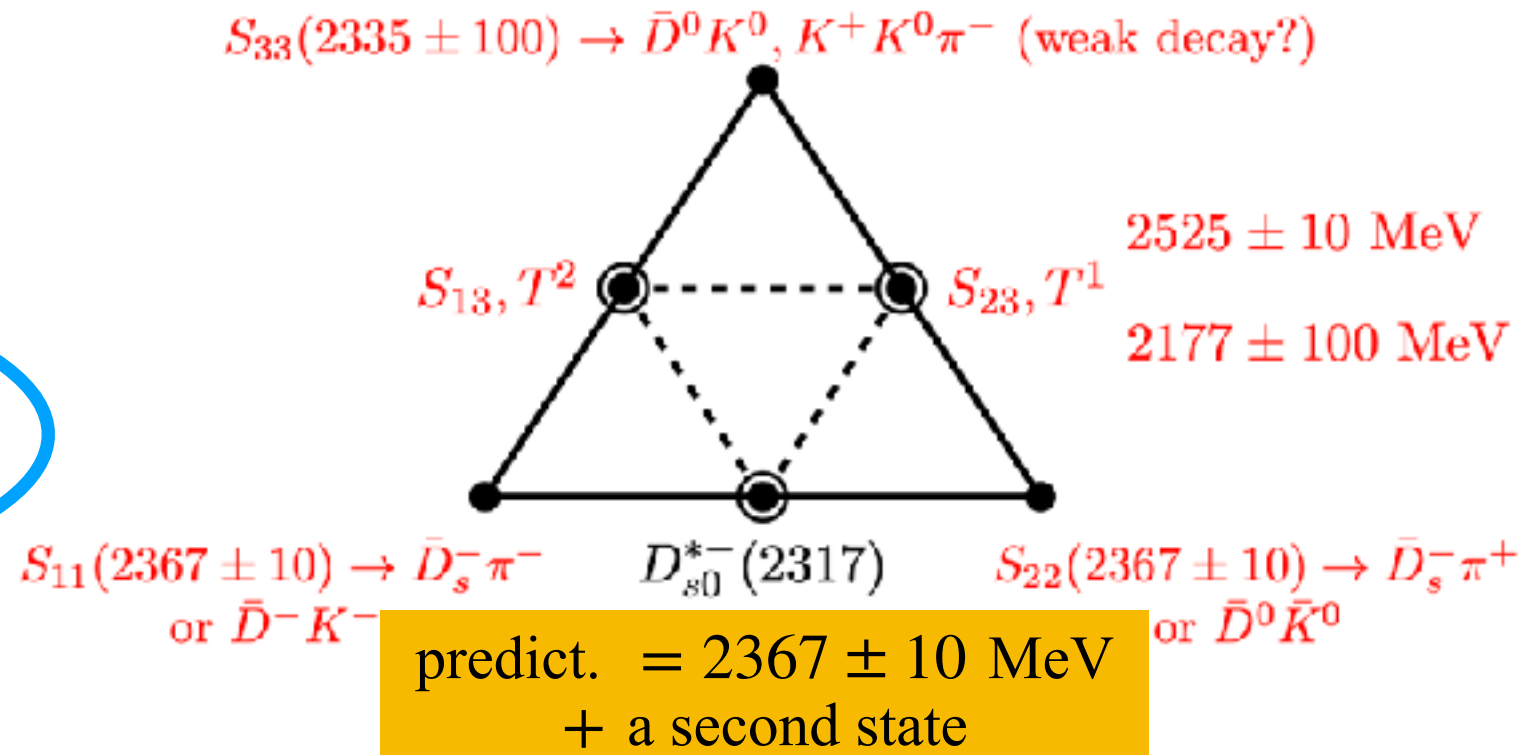


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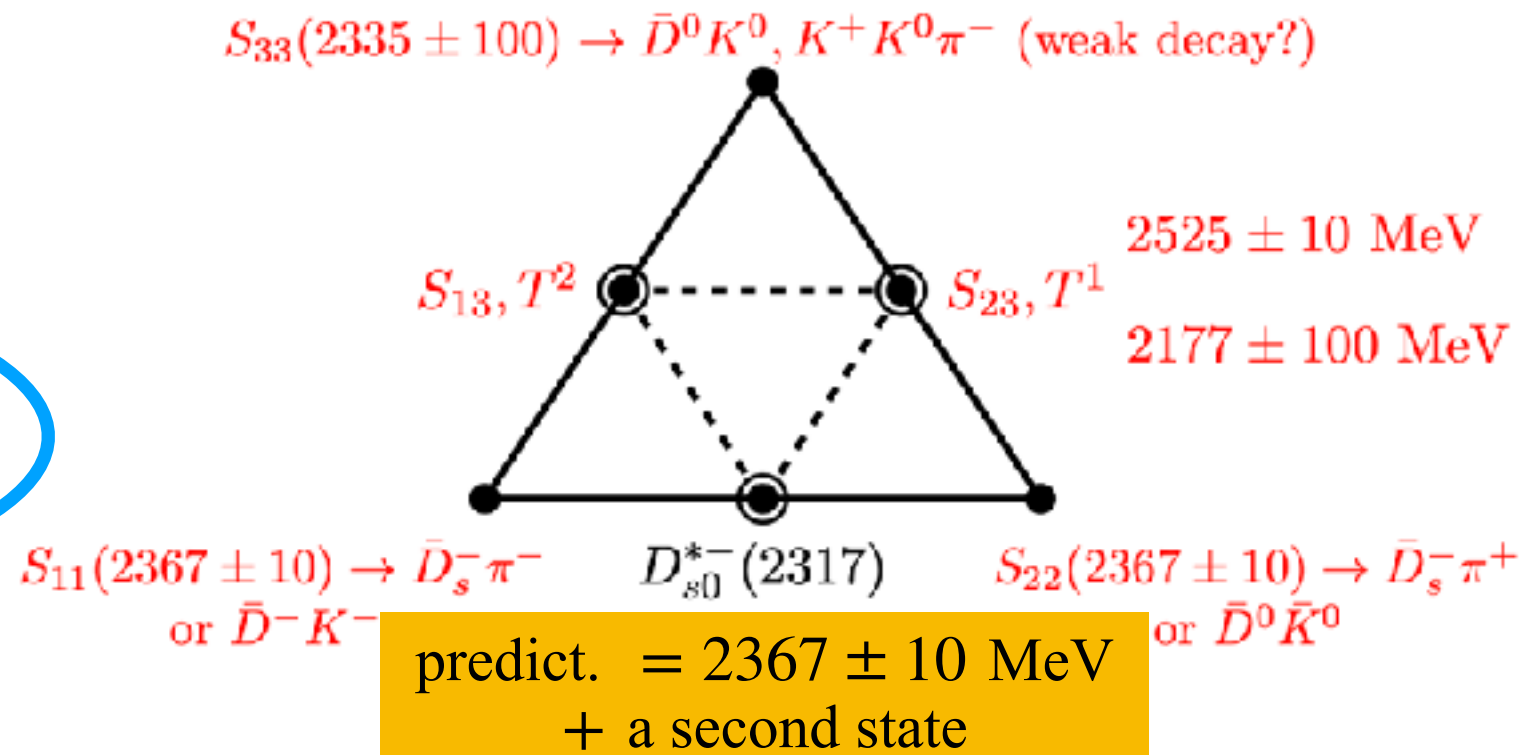


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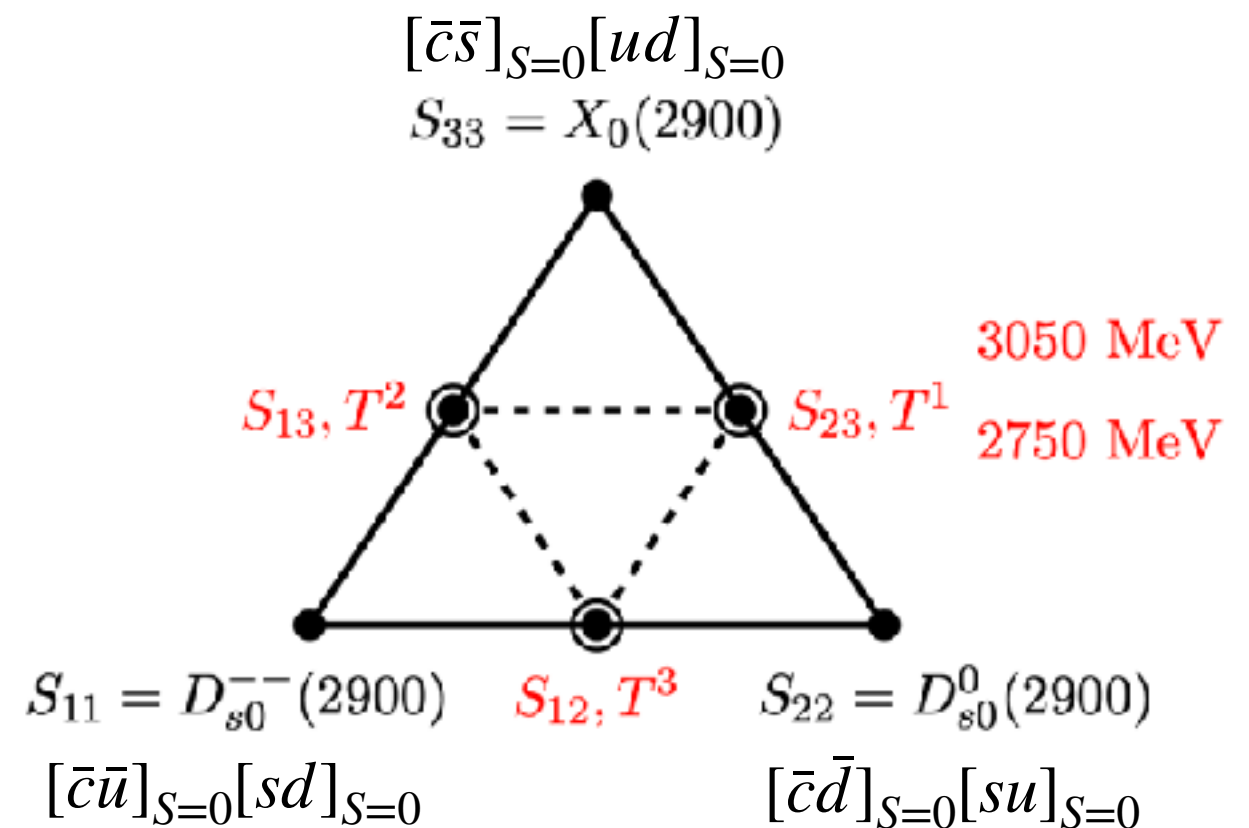
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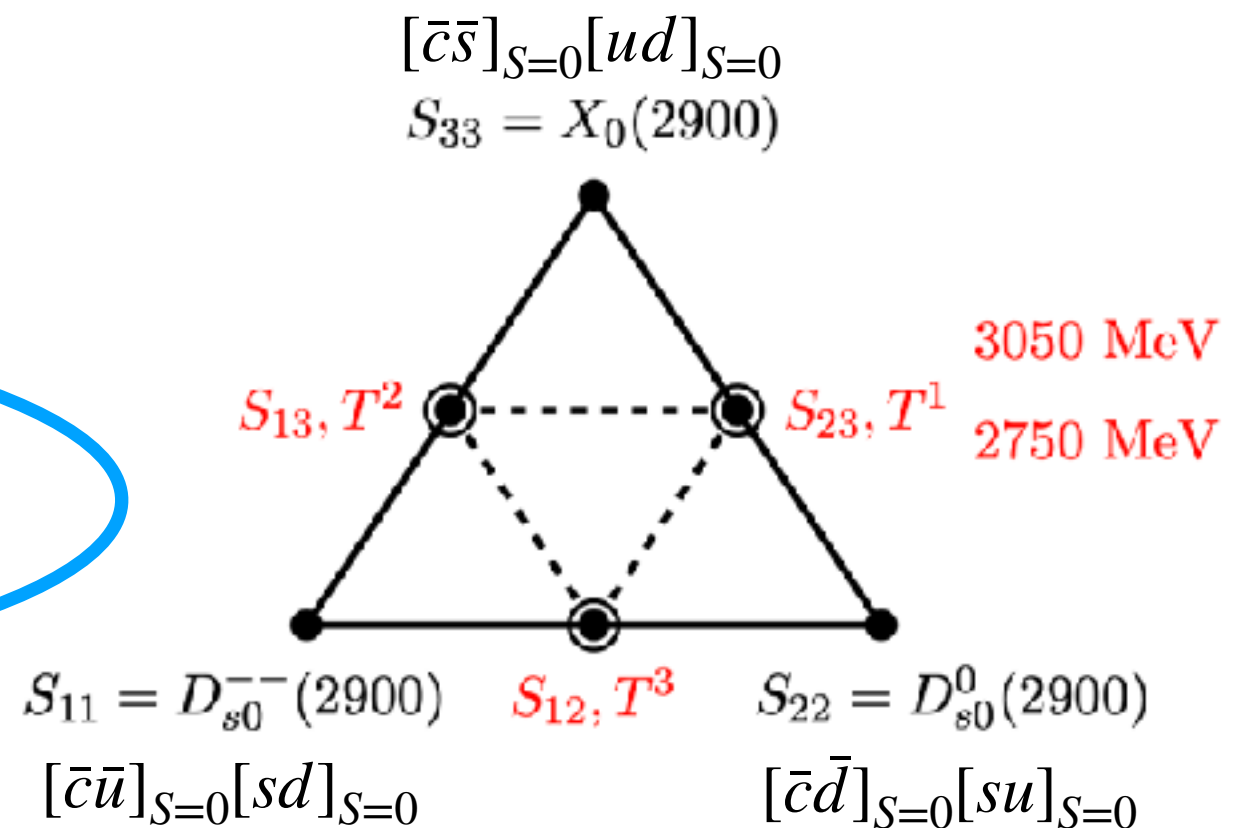
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6. The $3 \oplus \bar{6}$ ($n=2$) radially excited multiplet

- $X_0(2900)$ and $D_{s0}^0(2900)$, $D_{s0}^{++}(2900)$ observed by LHCb

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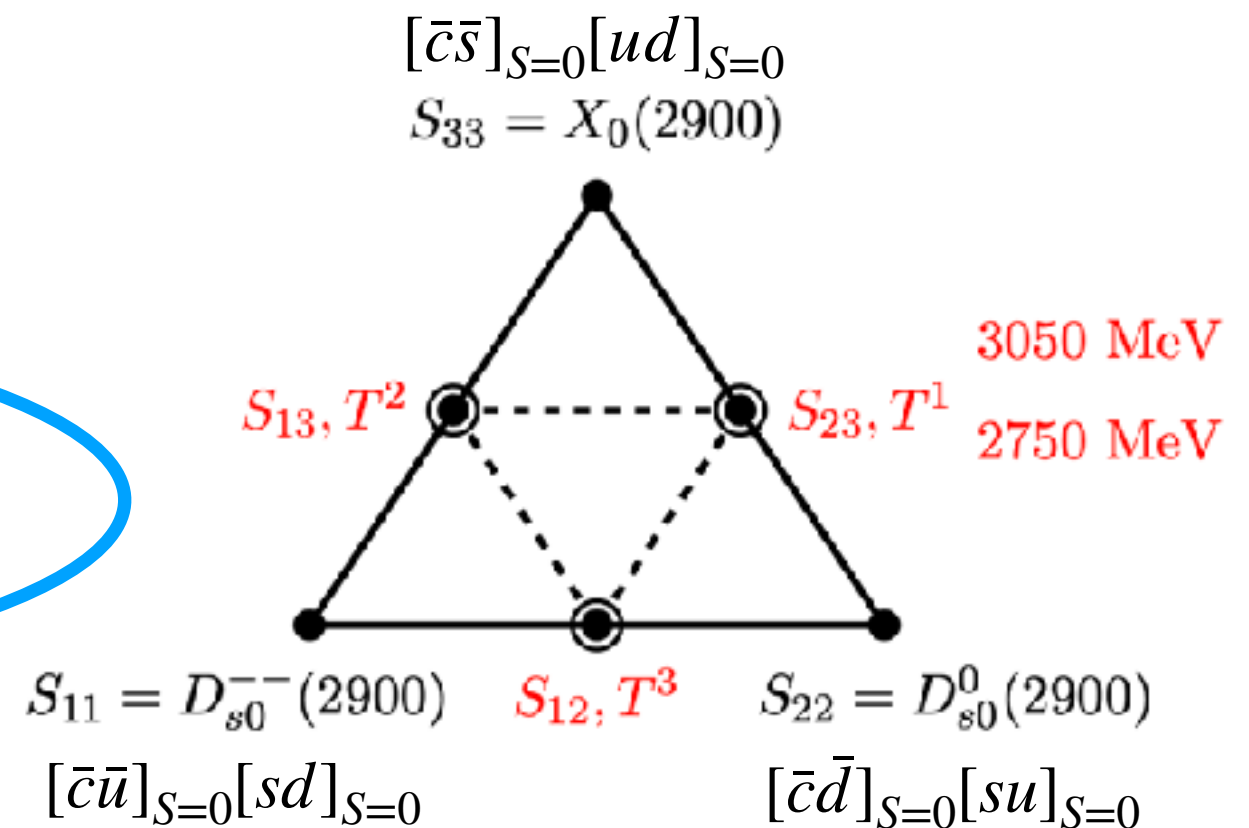
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- Concerning Fermi Statistics, the situation for the molecular structure $(\bar{c}q_1)(\bar{s}q_2)$ is different with respect to diquark-antidiquark situation.
- q_1 and q_2 , sit in different color singlets and the color of the pair $q_1 \otimes q_2$ is not determined (in fact it is a superposition of $\bar{\mathbf{3}}_c$ and $\mathbf{6}_c$). There is no definite restriction to their behaviour under flavor exchange and no forbidden **15**.

A message in the bottle (following interesting ongoing discussions...)

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- The I in the subscript of the spin states of hidden charm “molecules” can be extended, in general, to SU(3)-flavour
- If so, the $X^+, J^{PC} = 1^{++}$ should belong to the same octet as $Z_{cs}(4003)$ or $X(4140)$.
- Can the X^+ be a “virtual state pole of the scattering matrix” (Zhang et al.) and at the same time make an SU(3) octet together with normal resonances like $X(4140)$ (a $J/\Psi - \phi$ resonance) or $Z_{cs}(4003)$ (a $J/\Psi - K$ resonance)
????
- Alternatively: are all exotic states just “cusps” at the meson-meson thresholds?
- What about $Z(4430)$, far from any threshold, with its Argand plot observed by LHCb ?

a closer look

The $\bar{D}^*D$ scattering parameters are obtained from the Lippmann-Schwinger equation

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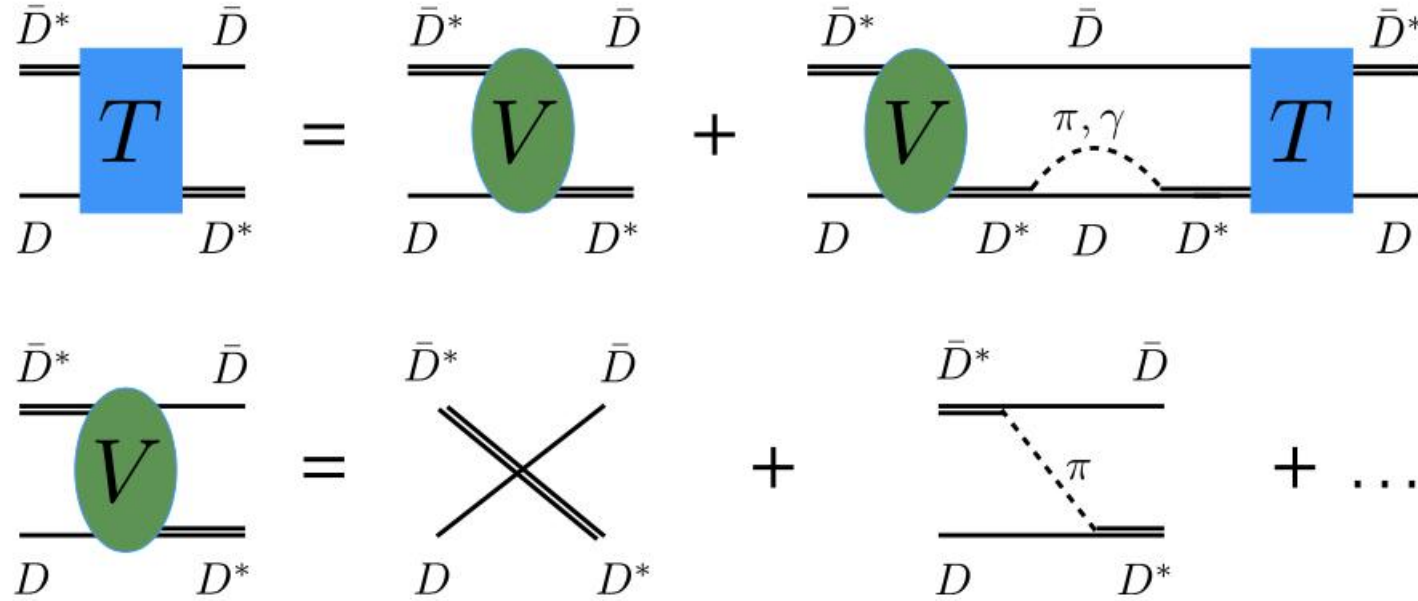


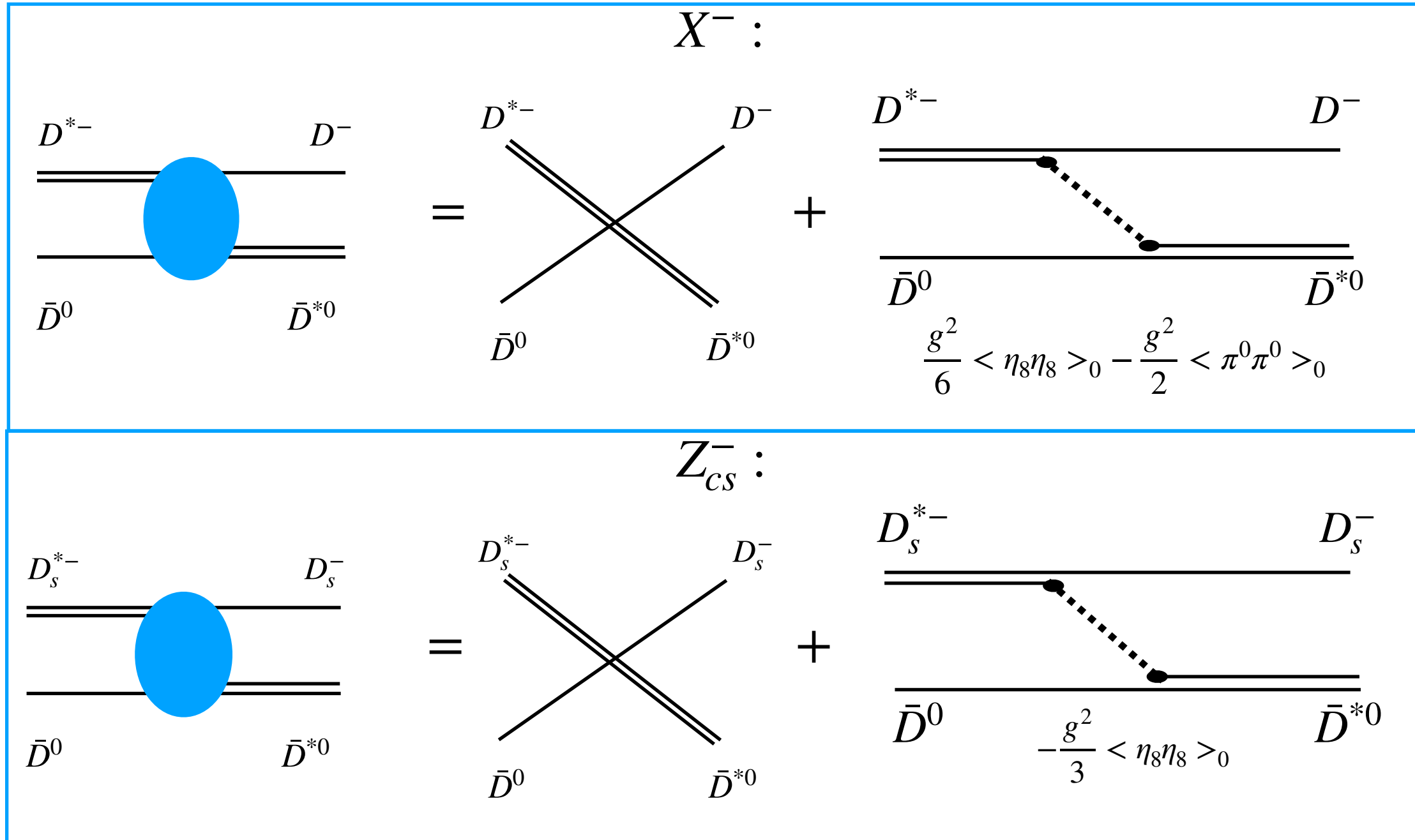
FIG. 1. $D\bar{D}^*$ scattering amplitudes with the full $D\bar{D}\pi$ three-body effects.

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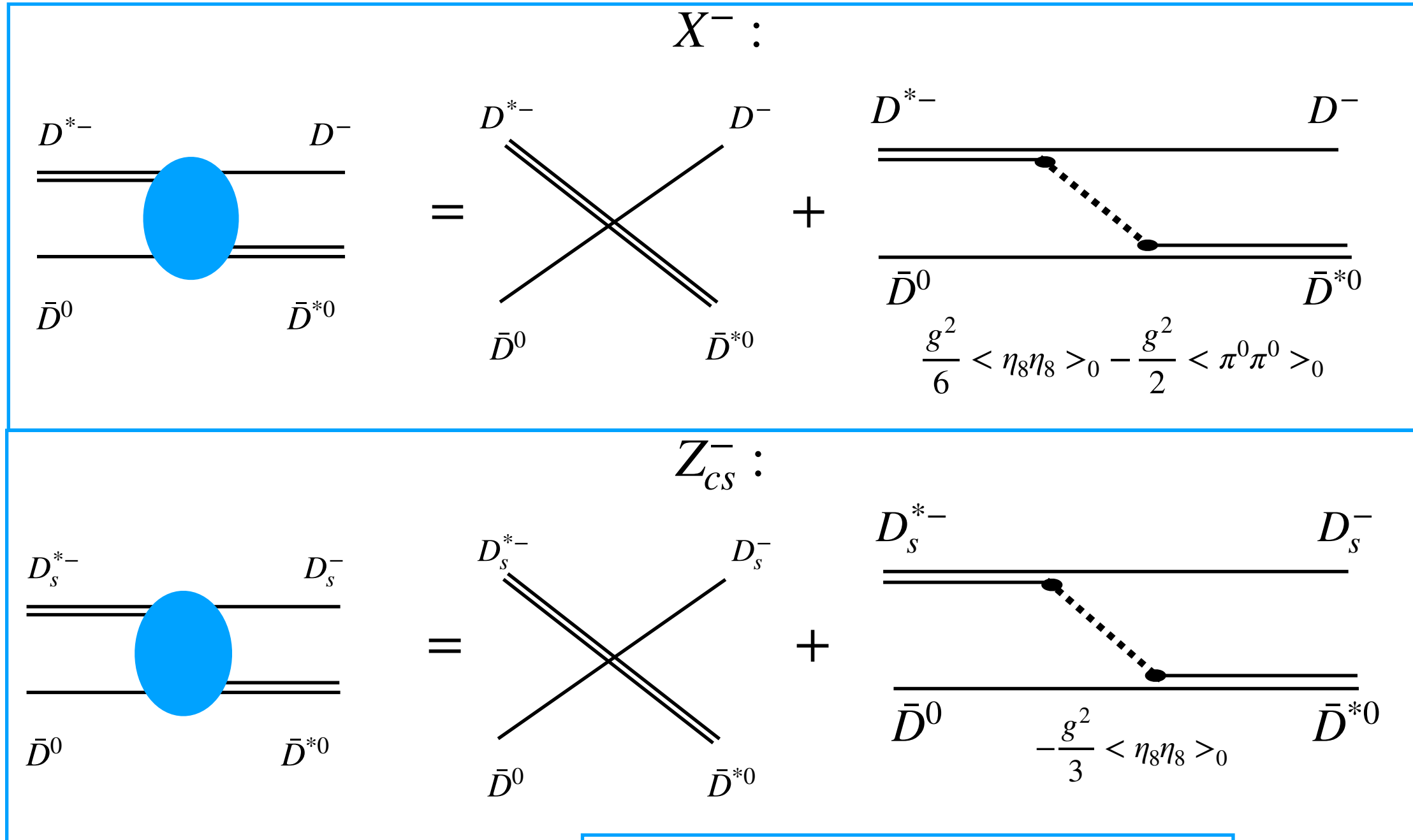
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Lippmann Schwinger nucleus in the $SU(3)$ limit ?

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X(4140) LHCb

Predicted (2017):

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$Z_{cs}(4003)$

LHCb

$X, I = 1??$

X(3872) BELLE

$Z'([\bar{c}\bar{s}][cs])??$

$X[\bar{c}\bar{u}][cs]$

$Z_{cs}(3982)??$

BESIII

$Z(3900)^{+-0}$ BES II

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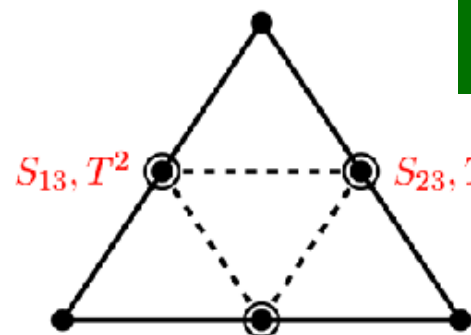
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Hidden Charm. : $8 \oplus 1$

$X_0(2900)$

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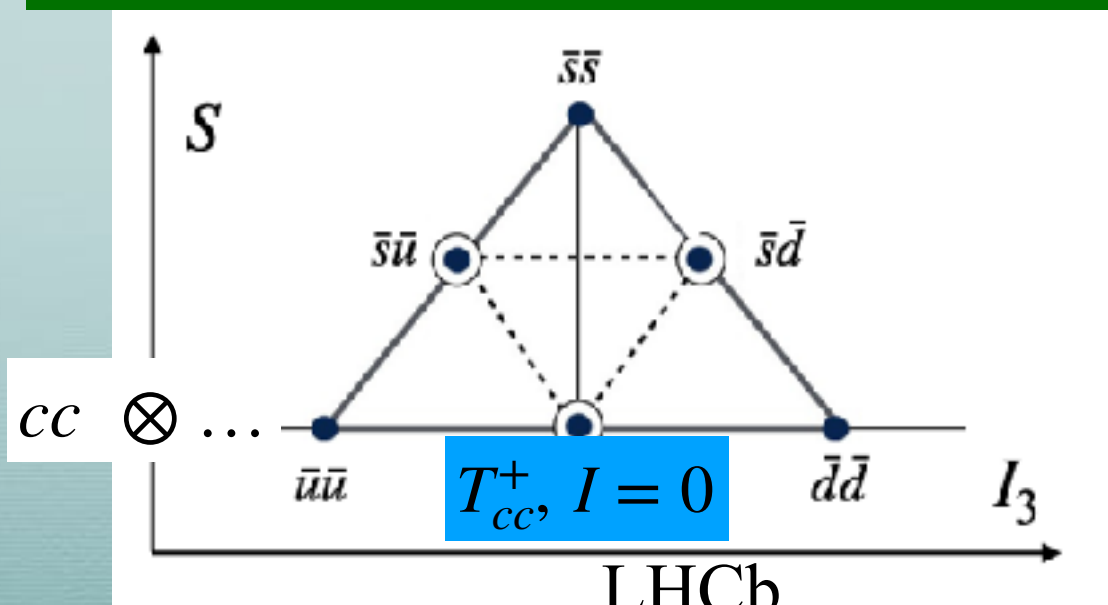
3050 MeV

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$D_{s0}(2900)^{--}$

$D_{s0}(2900)^0$

Doubly Charmed: $J = 1^+ : 3, J = 0^+ : \bar{6}$



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