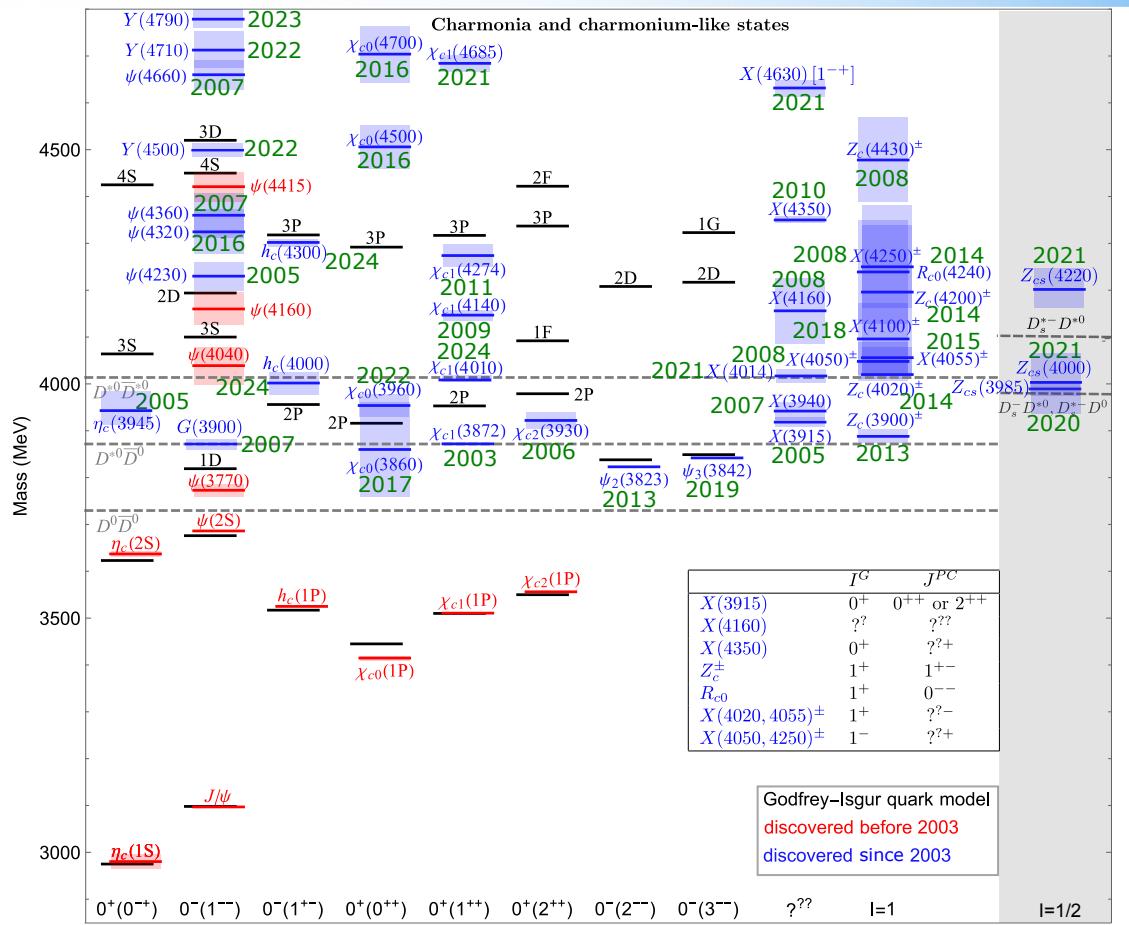


Near-threshold structures with heavy quarks

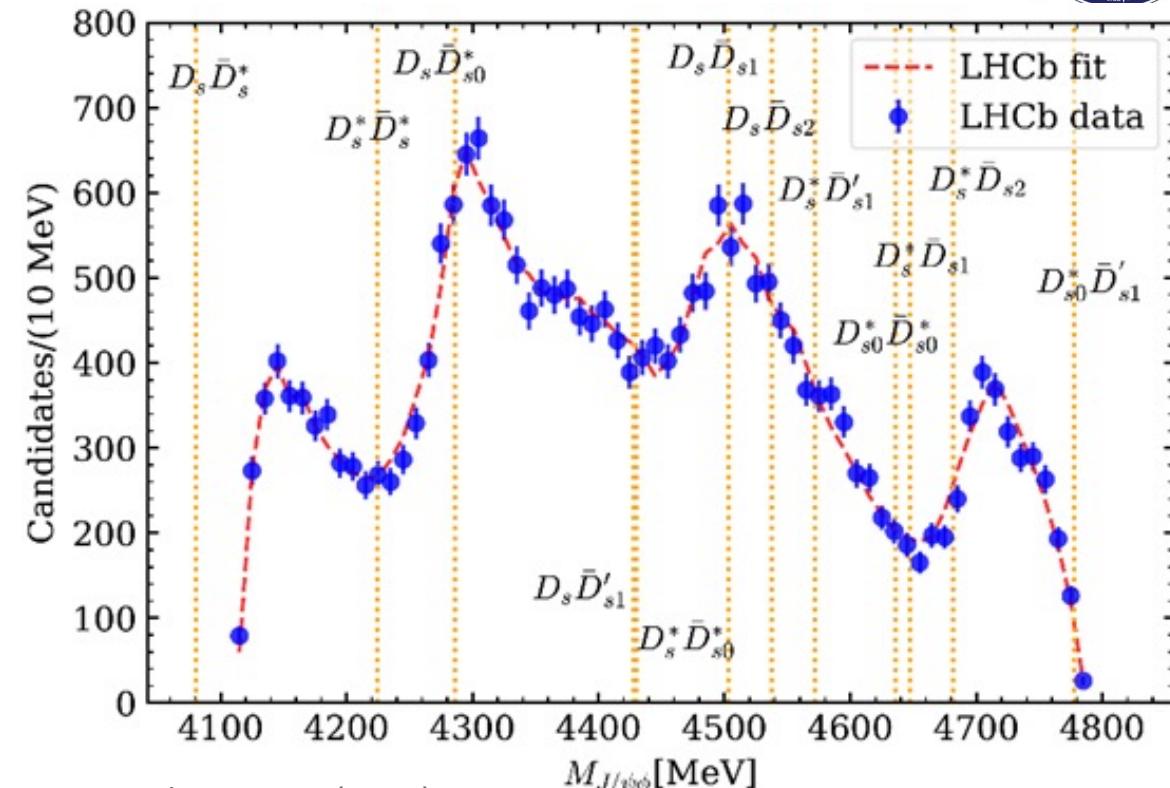
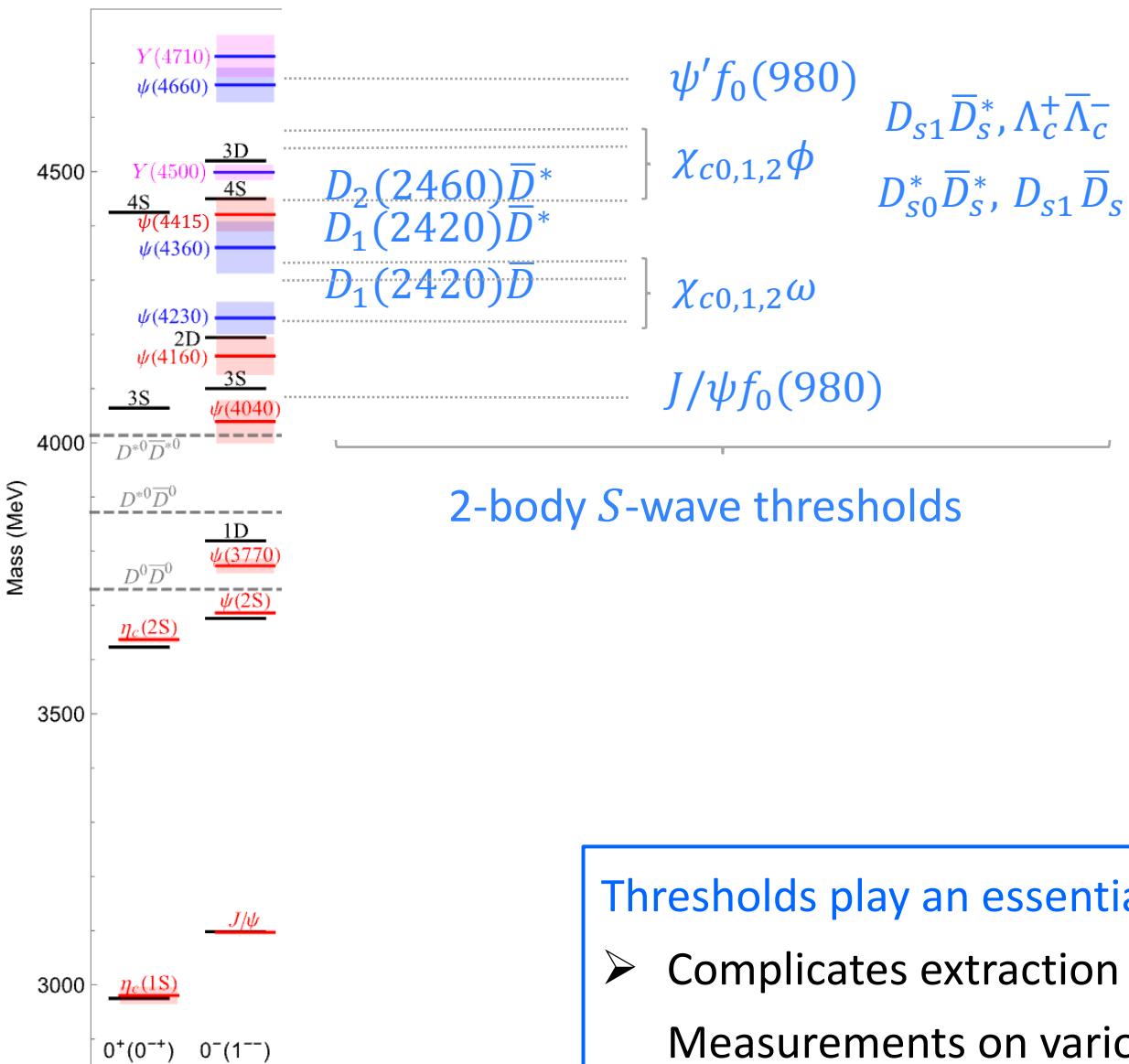
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Many hidden-charm thresholds above 4 GeV



Thresholds play an essential role

- Complicates extraction of resonance properties!
- Measurements on various final states are important
- Hadronic molecules?

Molecular line shapes at LO

- Scattering length approx.: $p \cot \delta = -\frac{1}{a} + \dots$

- Poles: **bound or virtual state** ($\kappa = 1/|a|$)

□ Bound and virtual state can hardly be distinguished above threshold ($E > 0$)

$$|T_{\text{NR}}(E)|^2 \propto \left| \frac{1}{\pm \kappa + i\sqrt{2\mu E}} \right|^2 = \frac{1}{\kappa^2 + 2\mu E}$$

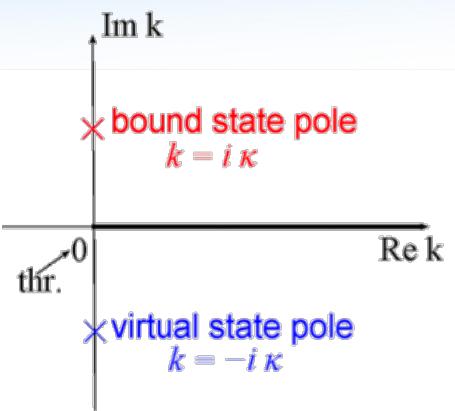
□ Different below threshold ($E < 0$)

➤ bound state: peaked below threshold

$$|T_{\text{NR}}(E)|^2 \propto \frac{1}{(\kappa - \sqrt{-2\mu E})^2}$$

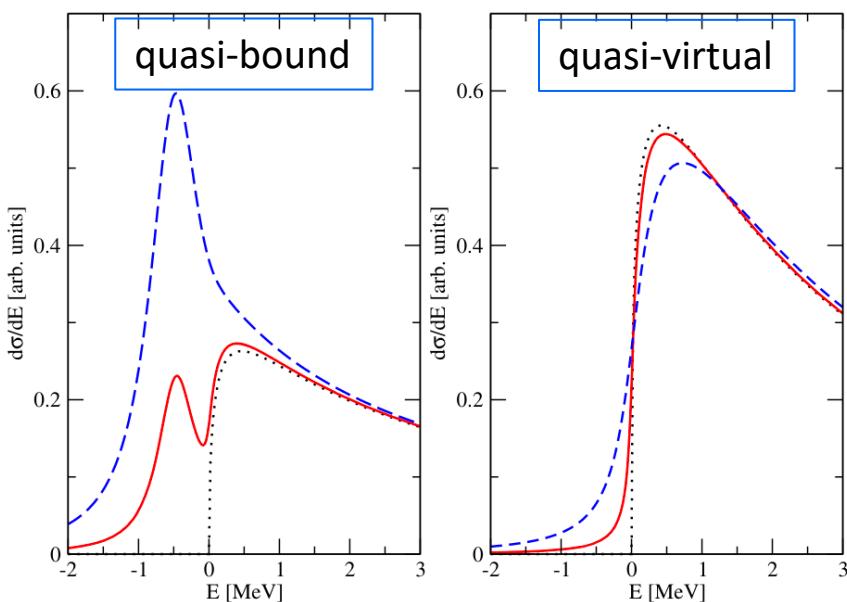
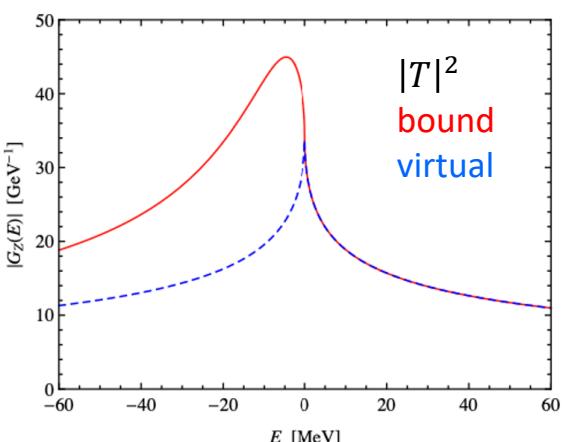
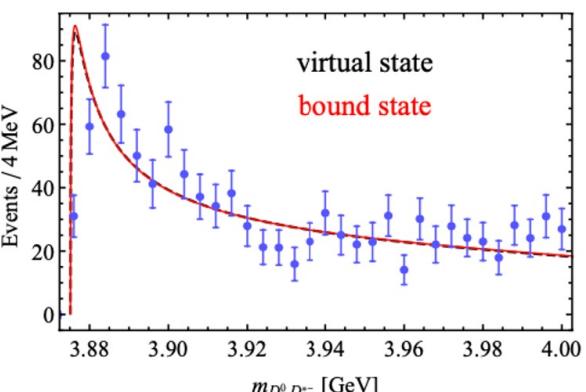
➤ virtual state: sharp cusp at threshold

$$|T_{\text{NR}}(E)|^2 \propto \frac{1}{(\kappa + \sqrt{-2\mu E})^2}$$



FKG, et al., RMP 90 (2018) 015004;
N. Brambilla et al., Phys.Rept. 873 (2020) 1

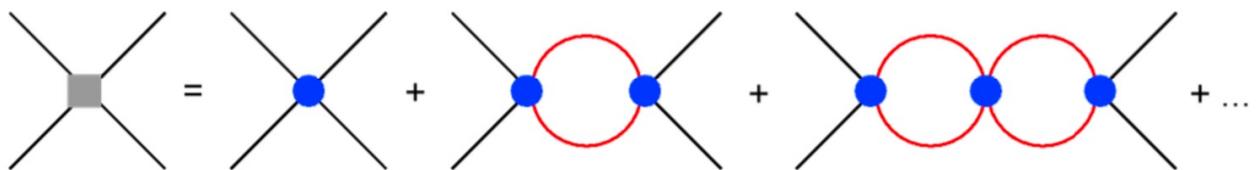
line shapes w/ phase space;
one unstable constituent:



$\Gamma = 0$	0.1 MeV	1 MeV
dotted	dashed	solid

NREFT at LO for coupled channels

- Full threshold structure needs to be measured in a lower channel (ch-1) \Rightarrow coupled channels
- Consider a two-channel system, construct a “nonrelativistic” effective field theory (NREFT)
 - Energy region around the higher threshold (ch-2), Σ_2
 - Expansion in powers of $E = \sqrt{s} - \Sigma_2$
 - Momentum in the lower channel can also be expanded



$$T(E) = 8\pi\Sigma_2 \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{a_{11}} + ik_1 & \frac{1}{a_{12}} \\ \frac{1}{a_{12}} & -\frac{1}{a_{22}} - \sqrt{-2\mu_2 E - i\epsilon} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = -\frac{8\pi\Sigma_2}{\det} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{a_{22}} + \sqrt{-2\mu_2 E - i\epsilon} & \frac{1}{a_{12}} \\ \frac{1}{a_{12}} & \frac{1}{a_{11}} - ik_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det = \left(\frac{1}{a_{11}} - ik_1 \right) \left(\frac{1}{a_{22}} + \sqrt{-2\mu_2 E - i\epsilon} \right) - \frac{1}{a_{12}^2}$$

Effective scattering length with open-channel effects becomes complex, $\text{Im} \frac{1}{a_{22,\text{eff}}} \leq 0$

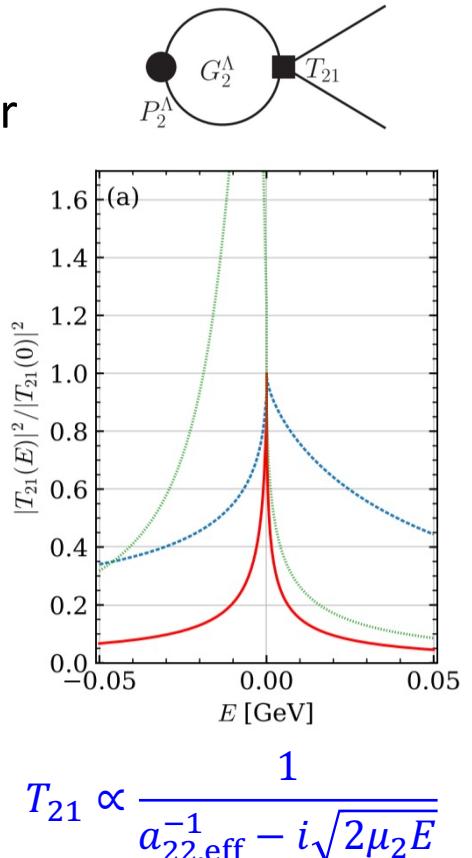
$$T_{22}(E) = -\frac{8\pi}{\Sigma_2} \left[\frac{1}{a_{22,\text{eff}}} - i\sqrt{2\mu_2 E} + \mathcal{O}(E) \right]^{-1} \quad \frac{1}{a_{22,\text{eff}}} = \frac{1}{a_{22}} - \frac{a_{11}}{a_{12}^2(1 + a_{11}^2 k_1^2)} - i \frac{a_{11}^2 k_1}{a_{12}^2(1 + a_{11}^2 k_1^2)}.$$

Distinct line shapes of the same pole

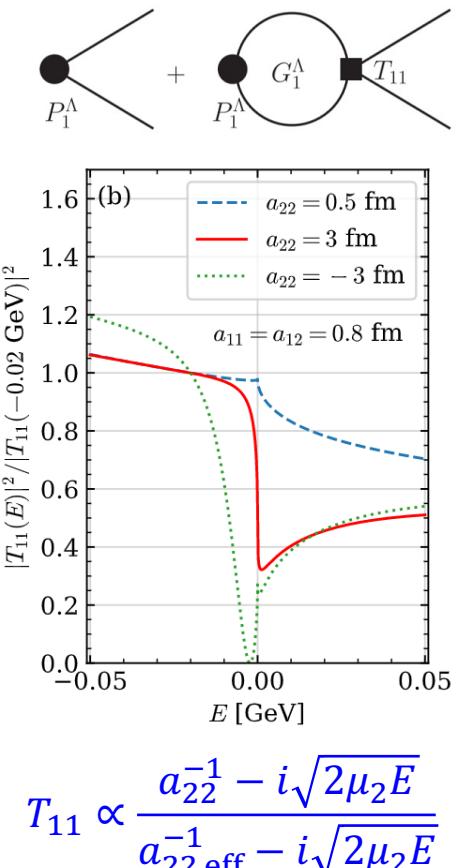
X.-K. Dong, FKG, B.-S. Zou, PRL 126 (2021) 152001

Line shapes of the same pole depend on the production mechanism. Consider production of particles in ch-1

- Dominated by ch-2
 - Maximal at threshold for positive $\text{Re}(a_{22,\text{eff}})$ (attraction), $\text{FWHM} \propto 1/\mu$
 - more pronounced for heavier hadrons and stronger interactions
 - Peaking at pole for negative $\text{Re}(a_{22,\text{eff}})$



- Dominated by ch-1
 - One pole and one zero
 - Universality for large scattering length: for large $|a_{22}|$, there must be a dip around threshold (zero close to threshold)



Process-dependent line shapes known since long; see, e.g., J. Taylor, *Scattering Theory*

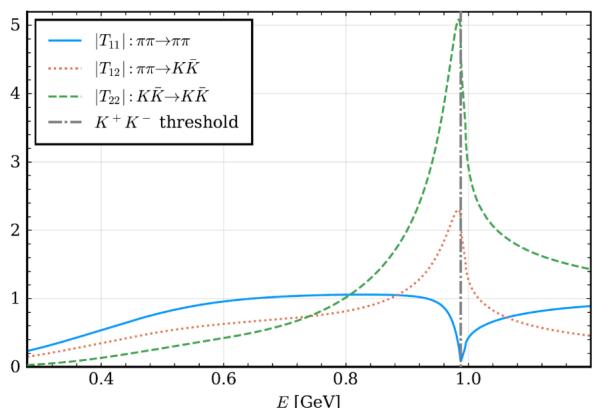
✓ Classification of near-threshold structures and pole trajectories for two heavy channels: Z.-H. Zhang, FKG, PLB 863 (2025) 139387

Distinct line shapes of the same pole

● Example-1: $f_0(980)$

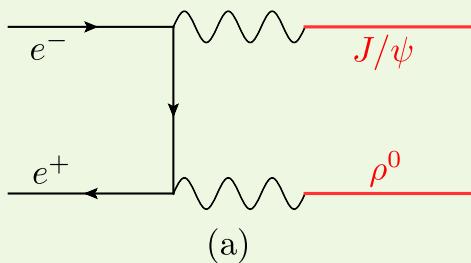
- T -matrix for $\pi\pi$ and $K\bar{K}$ coupled channels

with the T-matrix from
L.-Y. Dai, M. R. Pennington,
PRD 90 (2014) 036004



● Example-2: direct production of $X(3872)$ in e^+e^-

Baru, FKG, Hanhart, Nefediev, PRD 109 (2024) L111501

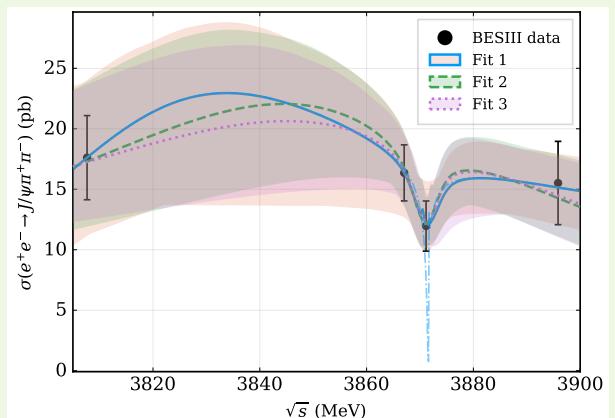
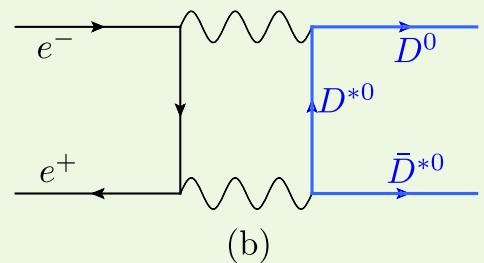


➤ Driving channel:

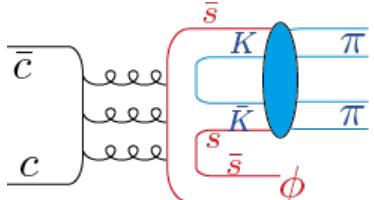
$J/\psi + \text{light vector}$

➤ Prediction: dip around

$D^*\bar{D}^*$ threshold

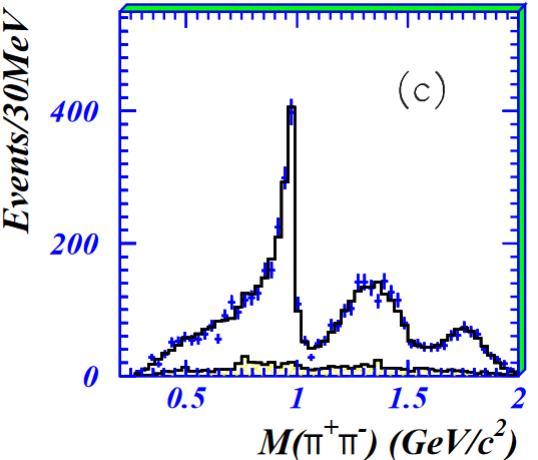


- $J/\psi \rightarrow \phi \pi^+ \pi^-$



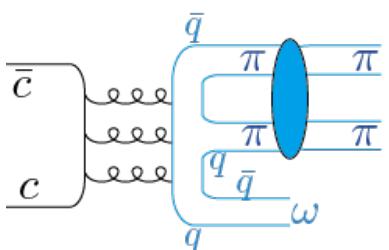
Driving channel: $K\bar{K}$

- $J/\psi \rightarrow \phi K\bar{K} \rightarrow \phi \pi^+ \pi^-$



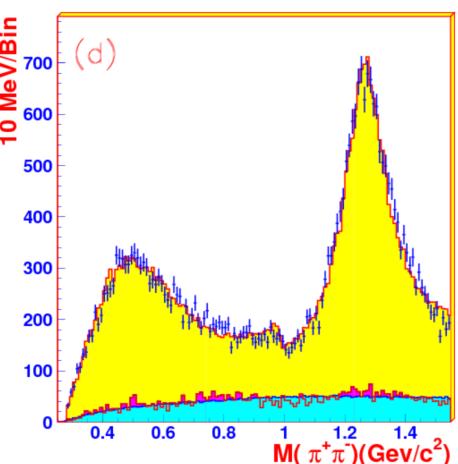
BES, PLB 607 (2005) 243

- $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega \pi^+ \pi^-$



Driving channel: $\pi\pi$

- $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega \pi\pi \rightarrow \omega \pi^+ \pi^-$



BES, PLB 598 (2004) 149

Binding mechanism

● One-boson exchange

Vector + scalar exchanges: M. Voloshin, L. Okun, JETP Lett. 23 (1976) 333

□ One-pion exchange

N.A. Törnqvist, ZPC 61 (1994) 525; ...

➤ systems like $D\bar{D}$, $\Sigma_c\bar{D}$ unbound

Composite	J^{PC}	Deuson
$D\bar{D}^*$	0^{-+}	$\eta_c(\approx 3870)$
$D\bar{D}^*$	1^{++}	$\chi_{c1}(\approx 3870)$
$D^*\bar{D}^*$	0^{++}	$\chi_{c0}(\approx 4015)$
$D^*\bar{D}^*$	0^{-+}	$\eta_c(\approx 4015)$
$D^*\bar{D}^*$	1^{+-}	$h_{c0}(\approx 4015)$
$D^*\bar{D}^*$	2^{++}	$\chi_{c2}(\approx 4015)$
$B\bar{B}^*$	0^{-+}	$\eta_b(\approx 10545)$
$B\bar{B}^*$	1^{++}	$\chi_{b1}(\approx 10562)$
$B^*\bar{B}^*$	0^{++}	$\chi_{b0}(\approx 10582)$
$B^*\bar{B}^*$	0^{++}	$\eta_b(\approx 10590)$
$B^*\bar{B}^*$	1^{+-}	$h_b(\approx 10608)$
$B^*\bar{B}^*$	2^{++}	$\chi_{b2}(\approx 10602)$

□ One-vector exchange

S. Krewald, R. Lemmer, F. Sassen, PRD 69 (2004) 016003; ...

➤ $D\bar{D}$ bound state predicted

C.-Y. Wong, PRC 69 (2004) 055202; Y.-J. Zhang et al., PRD 74 (2006) 014013; D. Gamermann et al., PRD 76 (2007) 074016; J. Nieves et al., PRD 86 (2012) 056004; ...

❖ Lattice QCD S. Prelovsek et al., JHEP06 (2021) 035

Conflict: not in D.J. Wilson et al., PRL 132 (2024) 241901 solution?

➤ Hidden-charm pentaquarks >4 GeV (including $\Sigma_c\bar{D}$) predicted

J.-J. Wu, R. Molina, E. Oset, B.-S. Zou, PRL 105 (2010) 232001; ...

● Soft-gluon exchanges: equivalent to OZI breaking $\pi\pi$, $K\bar{K}$, ...

X.-K. Dong et al., Sci. Bull. 66 (2021) 1577

☞ Survey of the molecular spectrum in a simple model

➤ light-vector-meson exchanges

➤ single channel

X.-K. Dong, FKG, B.-S. Zou, Progr. Phys. 41 (2021) 65; CTP 73 (2021) 015201

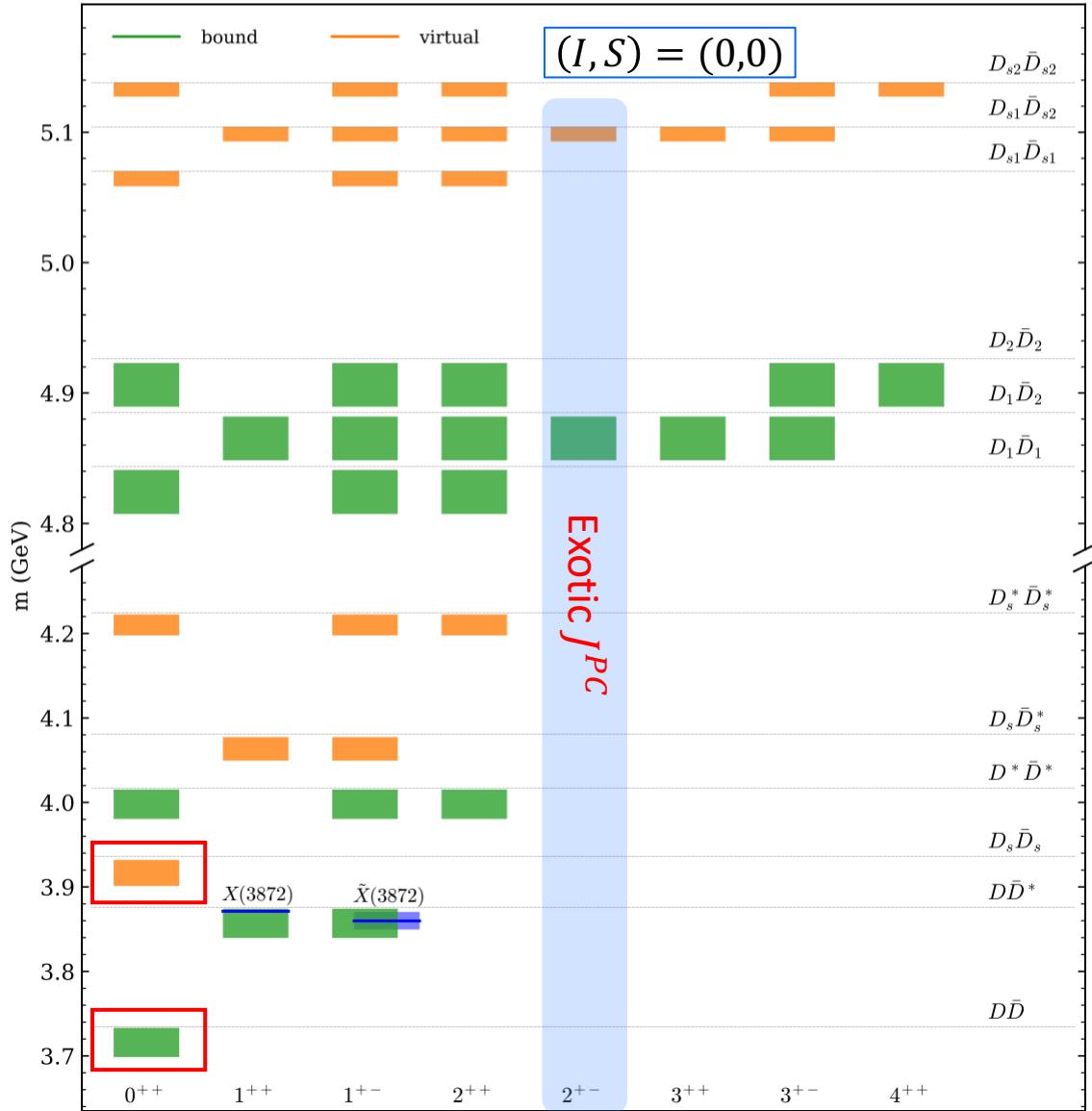
➤ neglecting mixing

Extension of the survey including vector+scalar meson exchanges:

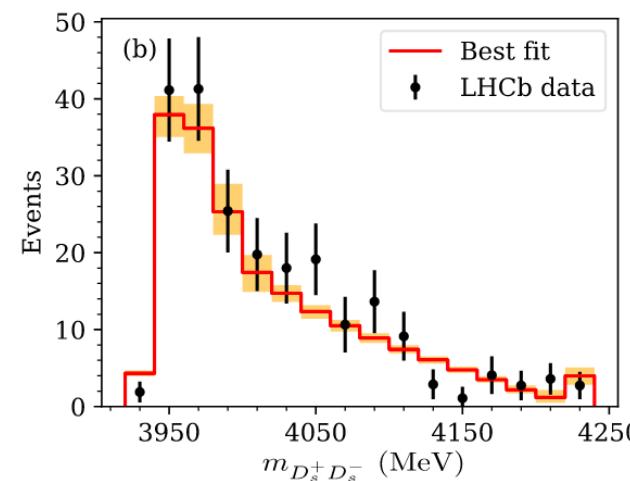
F.-Z. Peng, M. Sanchez-Sanchez, M.-J. Yan, M. Pavon Valderrama, PRD 105 (2022) 034028; M.-J. Yan, F.-Z. Peng, M. Pavon Valderrama, PRD 109 (2024) 014023

Survey of hadronic molecules: hidden-charm mesons w/ $P = +$

X.-K. Dong, FKG, B.-S. Zou, Progr. Phys. 41 (2021) 65 [arXiv:2101.01021]



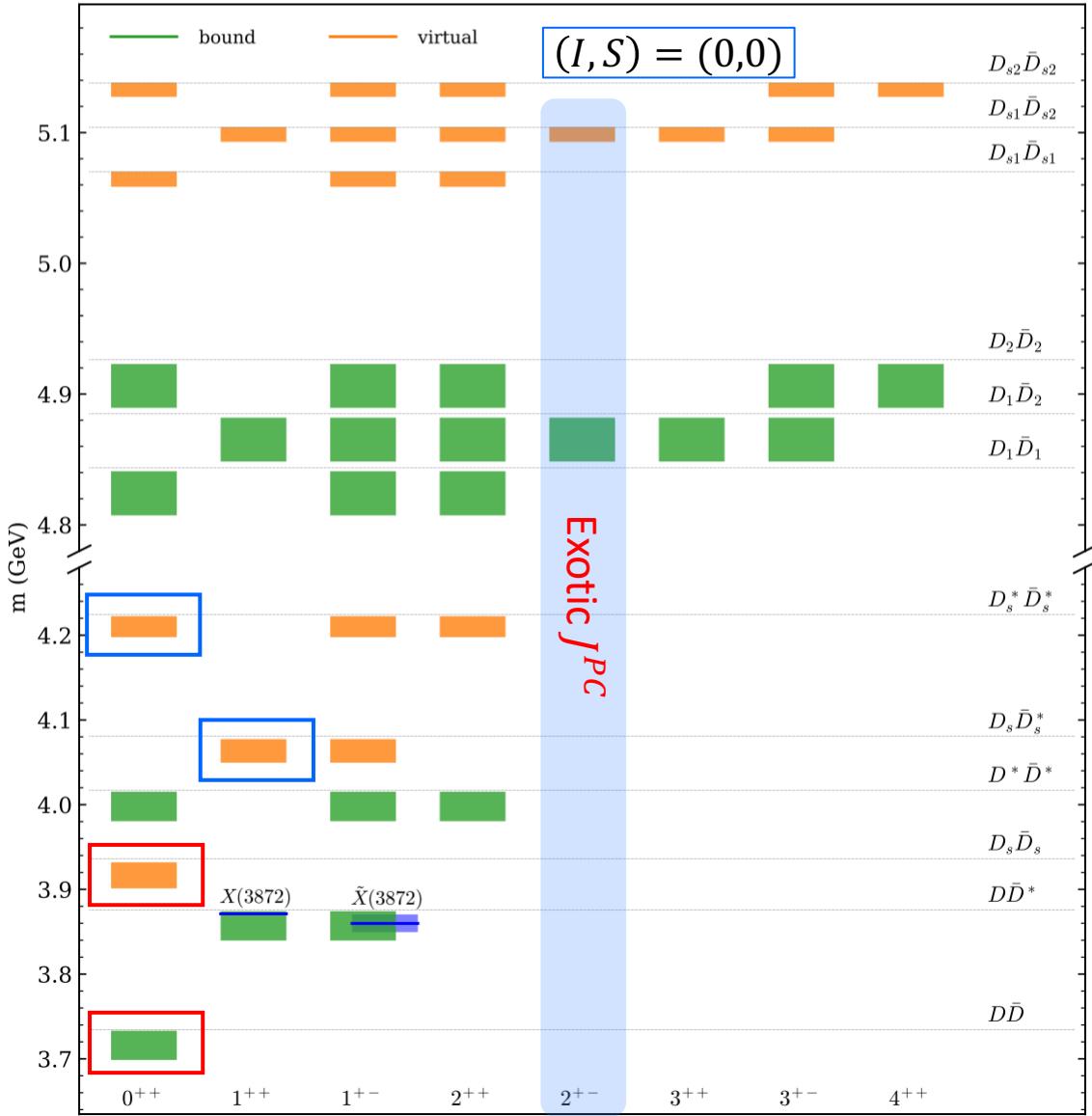
- ✓ > 200 hidden-charm hadronic molecules
- ✓ $X(3872)$ as a $\bar{D}D^*$ bound state
- ✓ $\tilde{X}(3872)$ COMPASS, PLB 783 (2018) 334
- ✓ $X(3960)$ in $B^+ \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^- K^+$



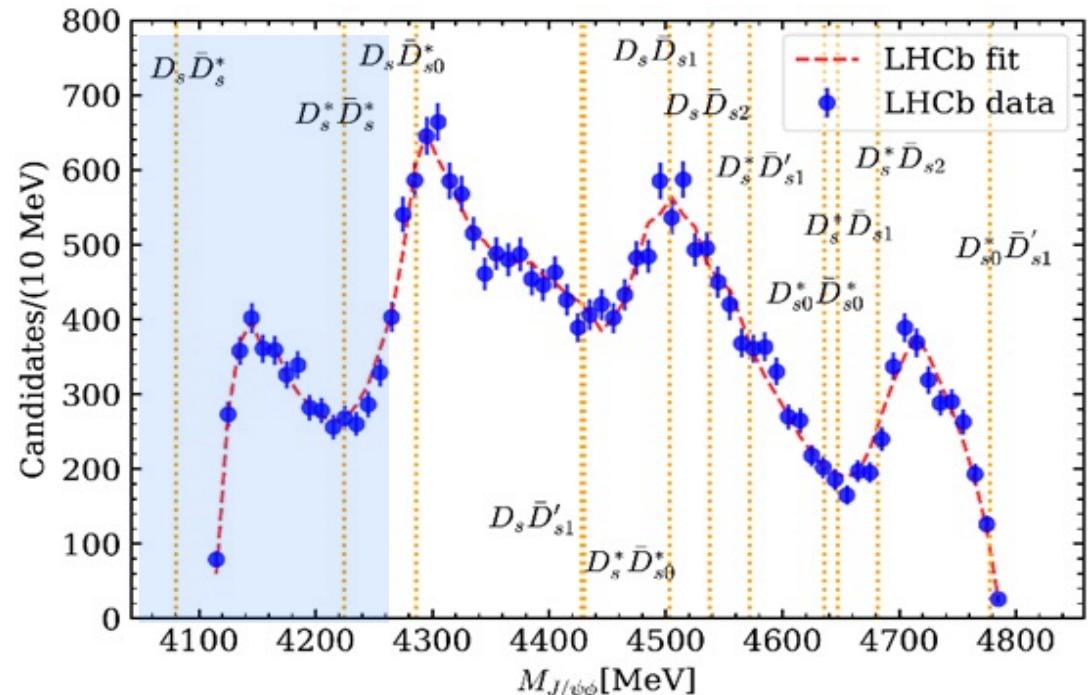
Data: LHCb, PRL 131 (2023) 071901
 Fit in
 T. Ji, X.-K. Dong, M. Albaladejo, M.-L. Du, FKG, J. Nieves, B.-S. Zou, Sci. Bull. 68 (2023) 2056

pole at $3936.5^{+0.4}_{-0.9} + i (16.1^{+4.2}_{-2.2})$ MeV

Survey of hadronic molecules: hidden-charm mesons w/ $P = +$



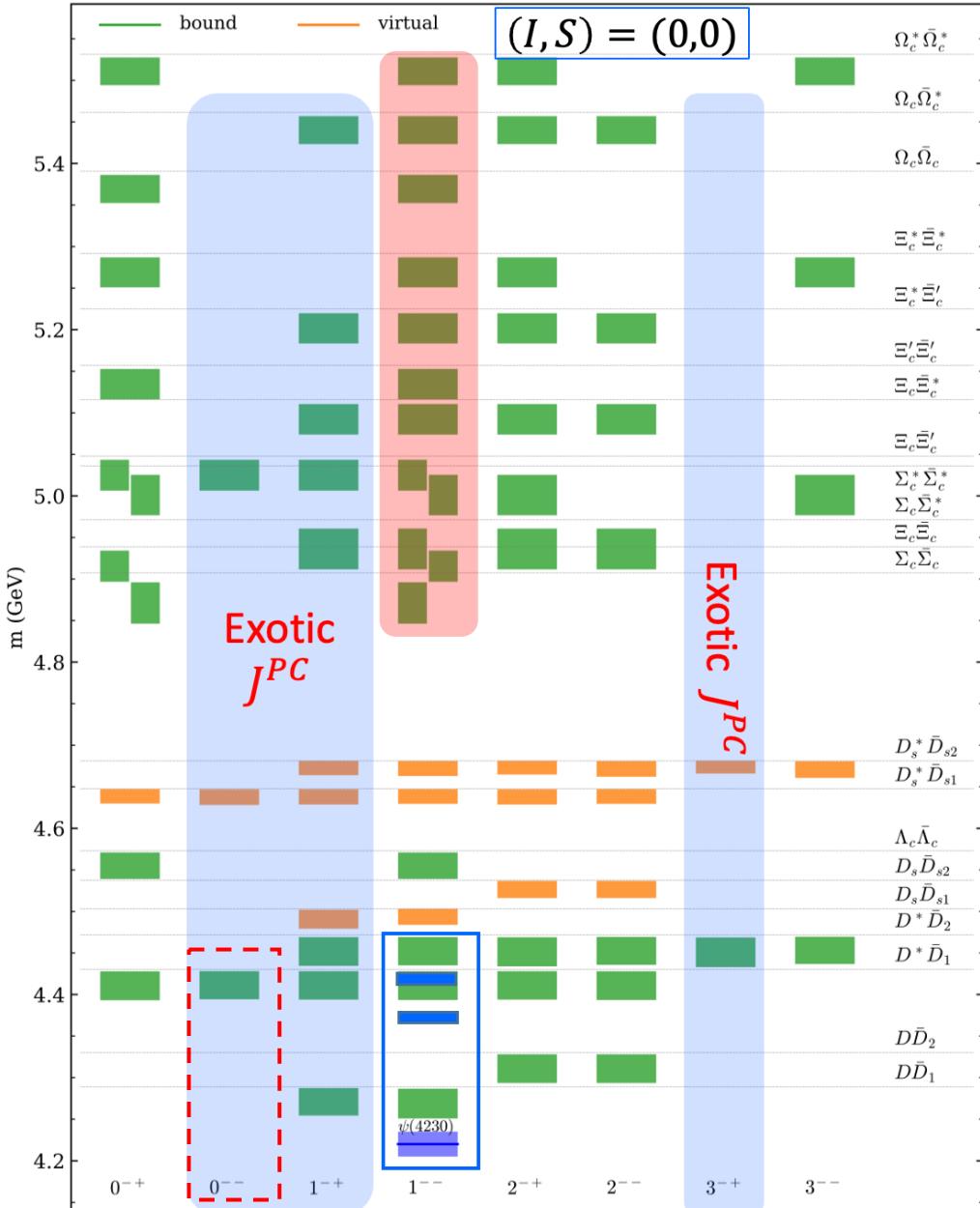
✓ $D_s\bar{D}_s^*$, $D_s^*\bar{D}_s^*$ virtual states?



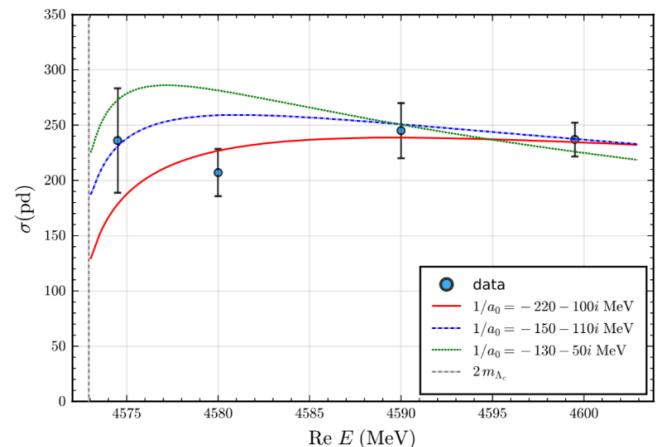
Data: LHCb, PRL 127 (2021) 082001

Virtual poles found from the fit in X. Luo, S.X. Nakamura, PRD 107 (2023) L011504

Hidden-charm mesons w/ $P = -$

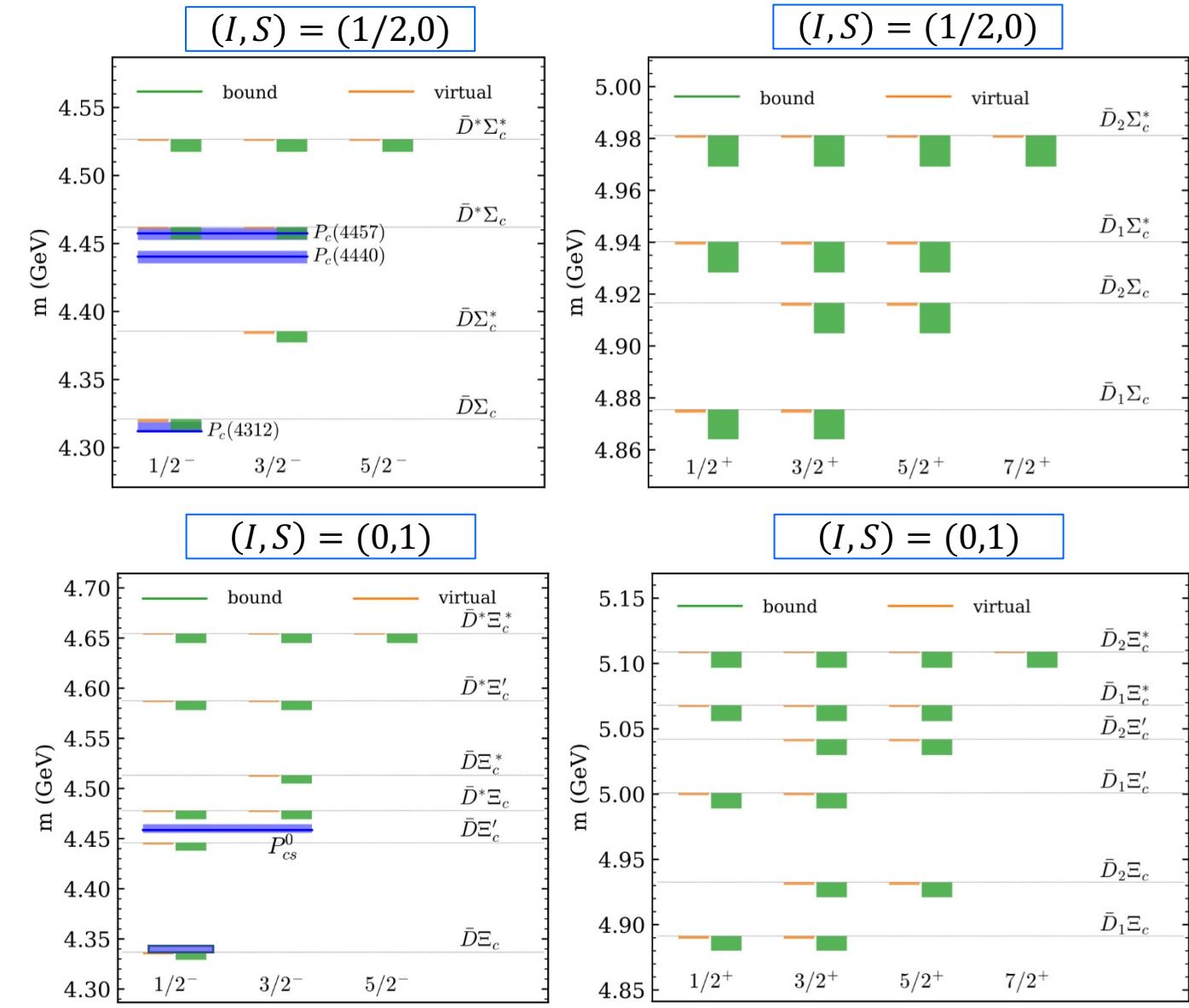


- ✓ $Y(4260)/\psi(4230)$ as a $\bar{D}D_1$ bound state
 - ✓ $\psi(4360), \psi(4415)$: $D^*\bar{D}_1, D^*\bar{D}_2$?
 - ✓ Evidence for $1^{--} \Lambda_c \bar{\Lambda}_c$ molecular state in BESIII data
 - Sommerfeld factor
 - near-threshold pole
 - different from $Y(4630)$
- Data from BESIII, PRL 120 (2018) 132001; see also Q.-F. Cao et al., PRD 100 (2019) 054040
 New BESIII data: PRL 131 (2024) 191901

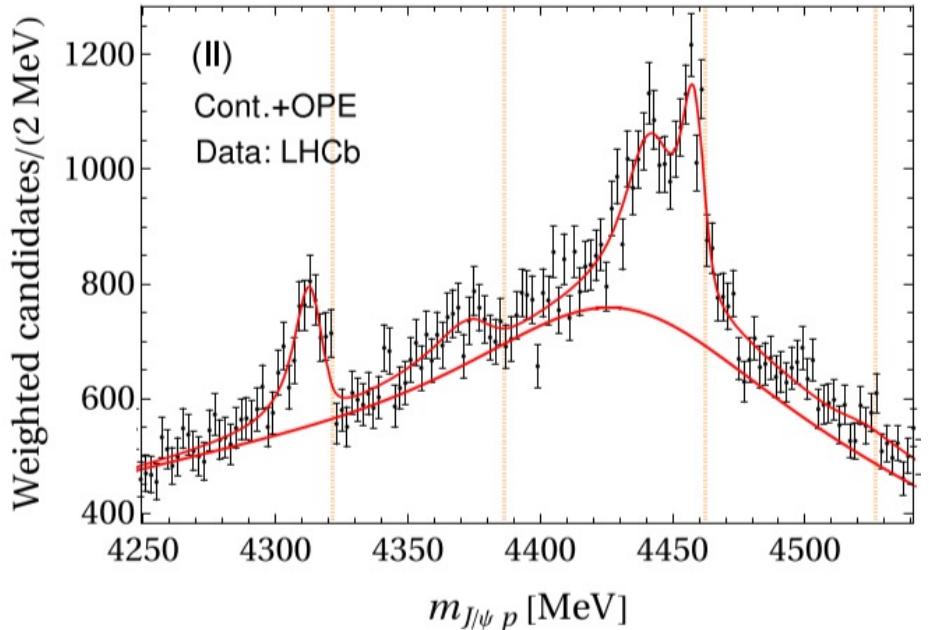


- ✓ Numerous states with exotic quantum numbers $0^{--} [\psi_0], 1^{-+} [\eta_{c1}], 3^{-+} [\eta_{c3}]$
 - 0^{--} : T. Ji, X.-K. Dong, FKG, B.-S. Zou, PRL 129 (2022) 102002
 e.g., $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\eta_{c1,3}, \omega\eta_{c1,3}; \eta_{c1,3} \rightarrow D\bar{D}^*\pi, J/\psi\omega, \dots$
- ✓ Many 1^{--} states in [4.8, 5.6] GeV: BEPCII-U, Belle II, LHCb, STCF/SCTF, ...

Hidden-charm pentaquarks



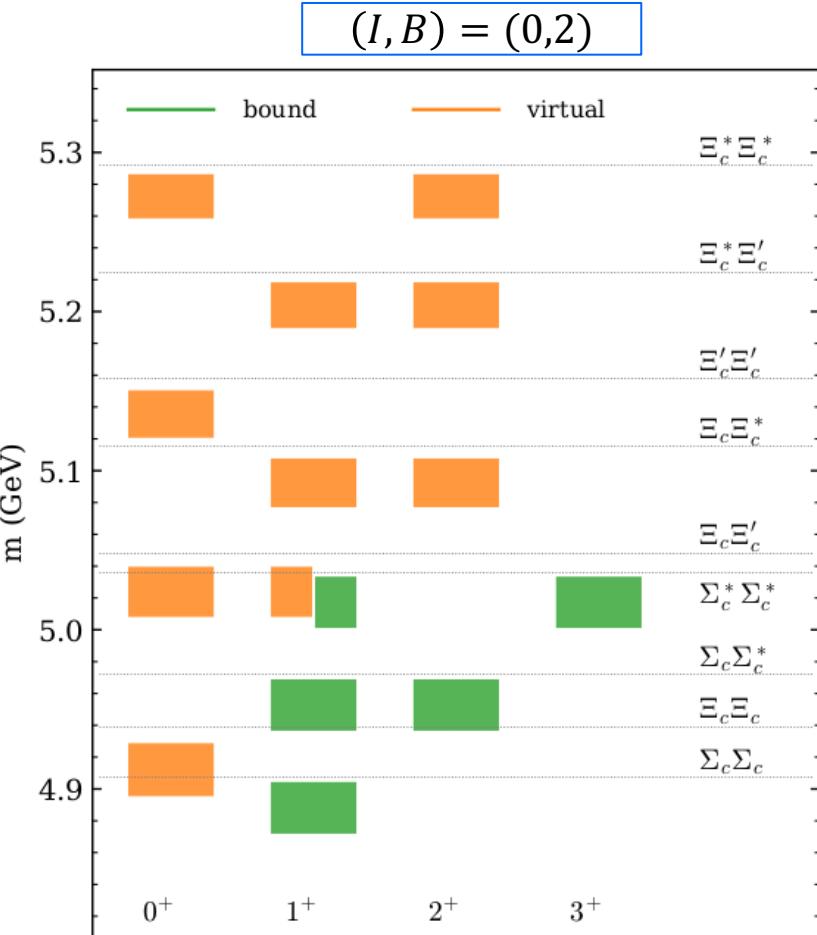
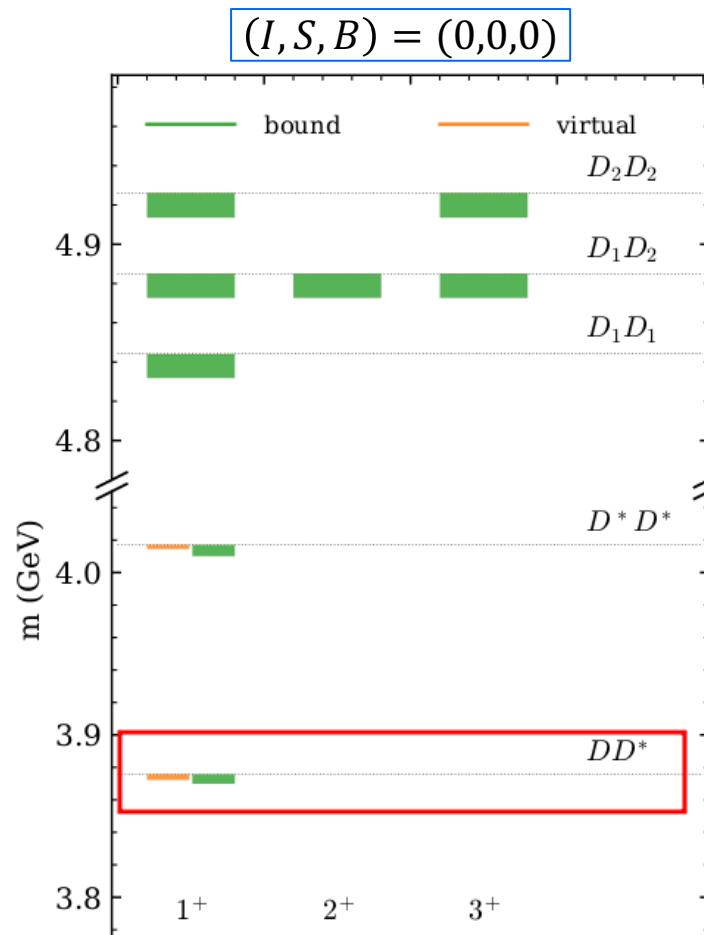
- ✓ P_c states as $\bar{D}^{(*)}\Sigma_c^{(*)}$ molecules
- ✓ The LHCb data can be well described in a pionful EFT



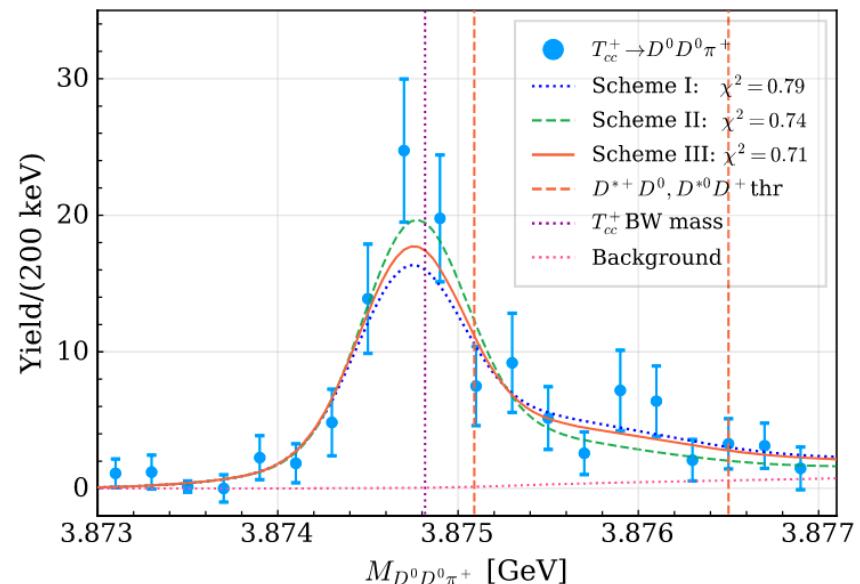
M.-L. Du et al., PRL 124 (2020) 072001; JHEP 08 (2021) 157

- ✓ $P_{cs}(4459)$: 2 $\bar{D}^*\Xi_c$ molecular states
- ✓ $P_{cs}(4338)$: $\bar{D}\Xi_c$ molecular state

Double-charm tetraquarks and dibaryons



- ✓ $T_{cc}(3875)$ as D^*D molecule
- ✓ The LHCb data can be well described in a pionful EFT w/ 3-body effects



M.-L. Du et al., PRD 105 (2022) 014024

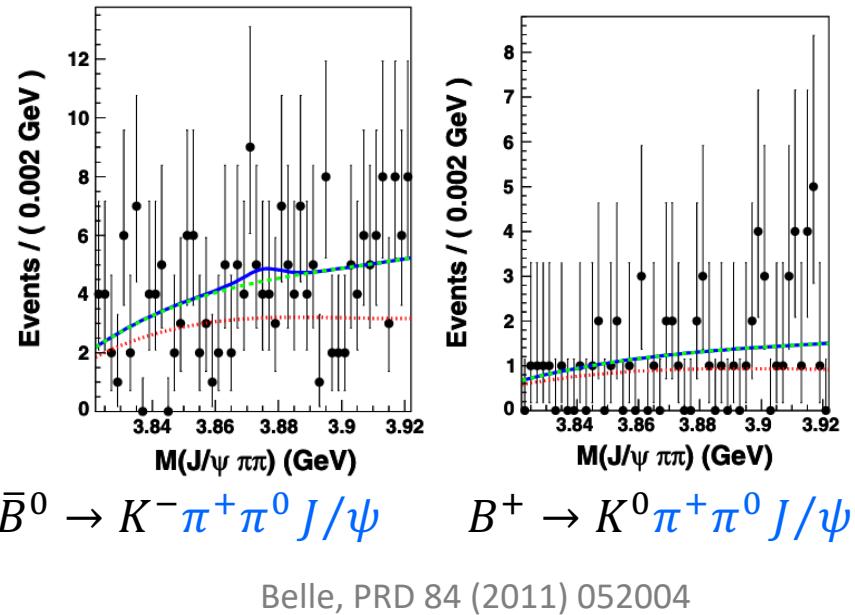
- ✓ isoscalar DD^* molecular state
- ✓ It has a spin partner $1^+ D^*D^*$ state
- ✓ Many (> 100) other similar double-charm molecular states

Closer look at $X(3872)$: Isospin-1 partner?

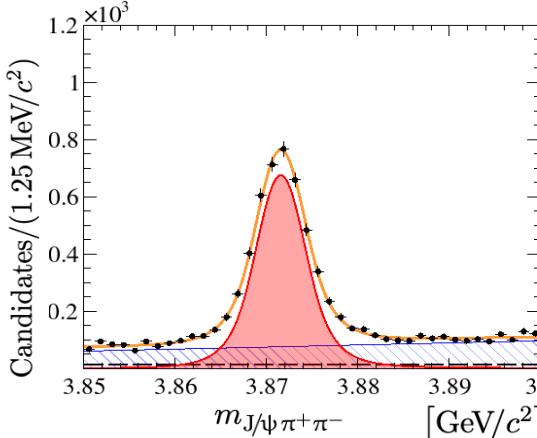
- Isospin-1 partner of $X(3872)$ was predicted in the compact tetraquark model

L. Maiani, F. Piccinini, A.D. Polosa, V. Riquer, PRD 71 (2004) 014028

- No signal in the charged channel so far



- No signal around the $D^+ D^{*-}$ threshold

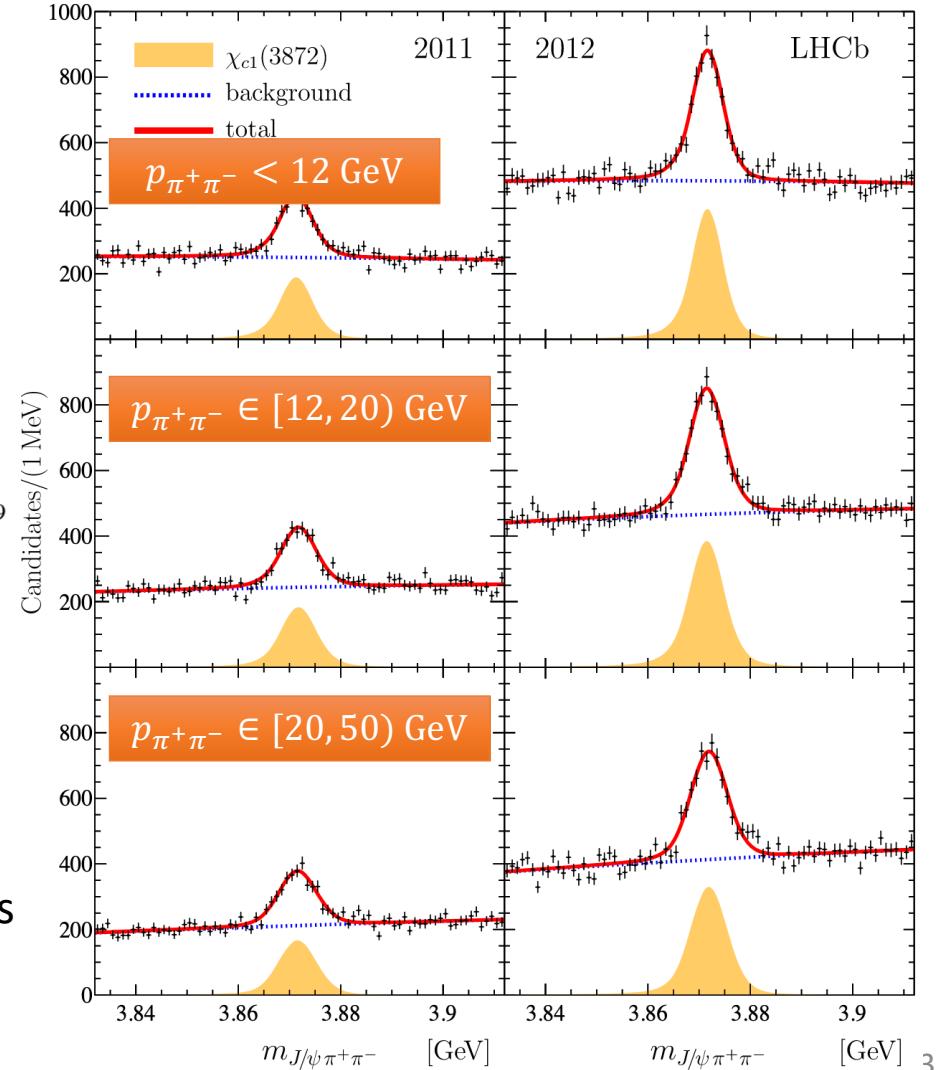


$$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi$$

LHCb, JHEP 08 (2020) 123

$\pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi$ from b -hadrons

LHCb, PRD 102 (2020) 092005



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

- Hadronic molecules: consider S-wave interactions between charm and anti-charm mesons
- For the $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$ sector, also two LECs at LO in nonrelativistic expansion:
- $I = 0: C_{0X}; I = 1: C_{1X}$
- Two inputs from $X(3872)$ properties :

➤ Mass

$$M_X = 3871.69^{+0.00+0.05}_{-0.04-0.13} \text{ MeV} \quad \text{LHCb, PRD 102 (2020) 092005}$$

➤ Isospin breaking in decays

$$M_{D^0} + M_{D^{*0}} = 3871.69(7) \text{ MeV} \quad \text{PDG 2024}$$

$$R_X = \left| \frac{\mathcal{M}_{X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi \rho^0}}{\mathcal{M}_{X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi \omega}} \right| = 0.29 \pm 0.04$$

LHCb, PRD 108 (2023) L011103

Extracted using BW for resonances;

Updated to 0.26 ± 0.03 using Omnes repr. for $\pi\pi$ P-wave $\mathcal{M}_{X \rightarrow J/\psi \pi\pi} = \mathcal{N} \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_\psi^i \varepsilon_X^j q_\pi^k P(s) \Omega(s) [1 + \kappa_X G_\omega(s)]$
J. Dias et al., PRD 111 (2025) 014031

➤ Neutral systems X and W_{c1}^0 : coupled channels

✓ $(D\bar{D}^*)_0 \equiv (D^0\bar{D}^{*0} - \bar{D}^0D^{*0})/\sqrt{2}$
 ✓ $(D\bar{D}^*)_\pm \equiv (D^+D^{*-} - D^-D^{*+})/\sqrt{2}$

➤ Charged systems W_{c1}^\pm : single channel

Nomenclature following M. Voloshin, PRD 83 (2011) 031502(R), for hidden-bottom heavy quark partners of Z_b predicted in A.E. Bondar et al., PRD 84 (2011) 054010

Prediction of an isospin vector partner of $X(3872)$

Z.-H. Zhang, T. Ji, X.-K. Dong, FKG, C. Hanhart, U.-G. Meißner, A. Rusetsky, JHEP 08 (2025) 130

- There must be near-threshold isovector W_{c1} states

- Virtual state pole in the stable D^* limit

➤ W_{c1}^+ in $D^+ \bar{D}^{*0}$ single-channel scattering amplitude:
pole on the 2nd Riemann sheet (RS),
 8^{+8}_{-5} MeV below $D^0 D^{*-}$ threshold

$$W_{c1}^\pm: 3866.9^{+4.6}_{-7.7} - i(0.07 \pm 0.01) \text{ MeV}$$

➤ W_{c1}^0 in $(D\bar{D}^*)_0 - (D\bar{D}^*)_\pm$ scattering amplitudes:
pole on the 4th RS (RS_{+-}),
 $1.3^{+0.8}_{-0.0}$ MeV above $D^+ D^{*-}$ threshold

$$W_{c1}^0: 3881.2^{+0.8}_{-0.0} + i1.6^{+0.7}_{-0.9} \text{ MeV}$$

- Virtual state W_{c1} was confirmed in lattice QCD calculation with $M_\pi = 280$ MeV

M. Sadl et al., PRD 111 (2025) 054513

J^{PC}	Interpolators	$1/a_0 [\text{fm}^{-1}]$	$r_0 [\text{fm}]$	χ^2/N_{dof}	$\Delta m_V [\text{MeV}]$
1^{+-}	All	$0.46^{+1.16}_{-0.45}$	$0.96^{+0.43}_{-0.73}$	0.13	$-3.0^{+3.0}_{-31.1}$
	$\eta_c \rho$ excl	$0.54^{+1.07}_{-0.44}$	$2.23^{+0.95}_{-1.08}$	0.24	$-2.8^{+2.6}_{-17.1}$
1^{++}	All	$0.62^{+1.30}_{-0.51}$	$1.78^{+0.25}_{-2.44}$	0.18	$-3.8^{+3.6a}$
	$J/\psi \rho, \eta_c a_0$ excl	$0.96^{+1.42}_{-0.91}$	$2.19^{+0.36}_{-1.00}$	0.15	$-6.7^{+6.7}_{-19.5}$

^aUncertainty is so large that it is unbounded from below.

sign convention different from ours

- Also in one-boson exchange model

X.-X. Chen, Z.-M. Ding, J. He, PRD 111 (2025) 114008

- Must appear as threshold cusps!!!

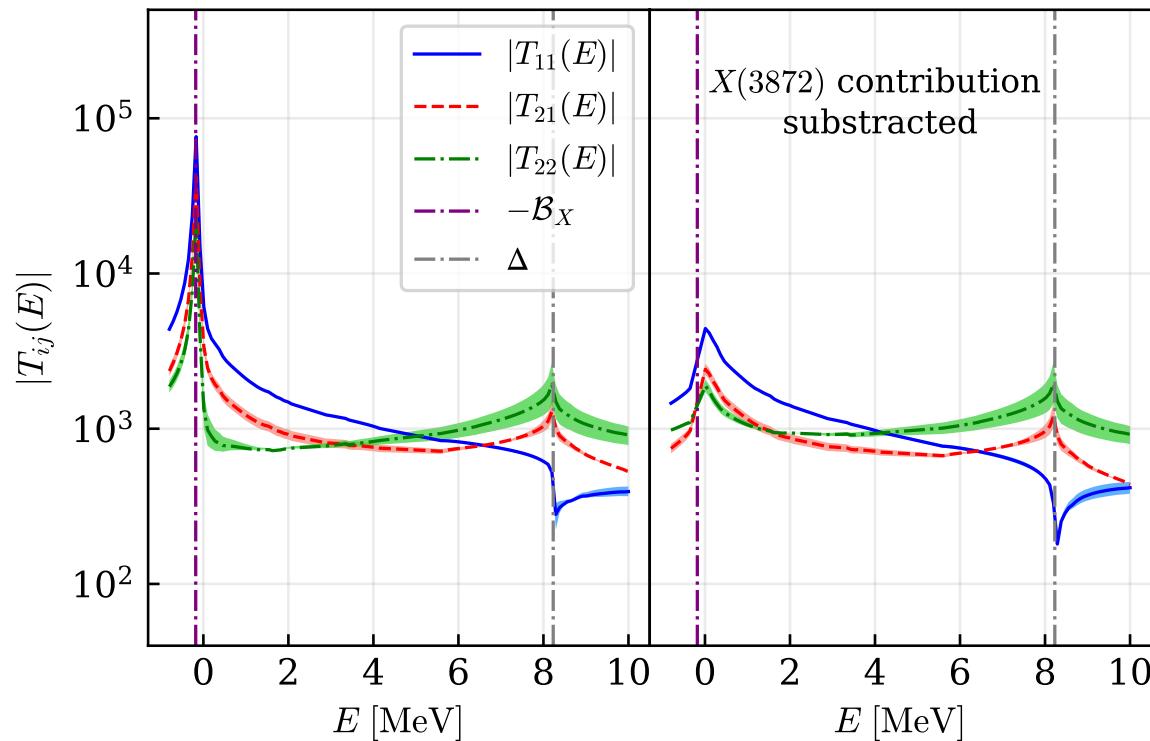
- Compact tetraquarks (Maiani et al. (2005)) cannot be virtual states
as they do not feel the thresholds

Prediction of an isospin vector partner of $X(3872)$

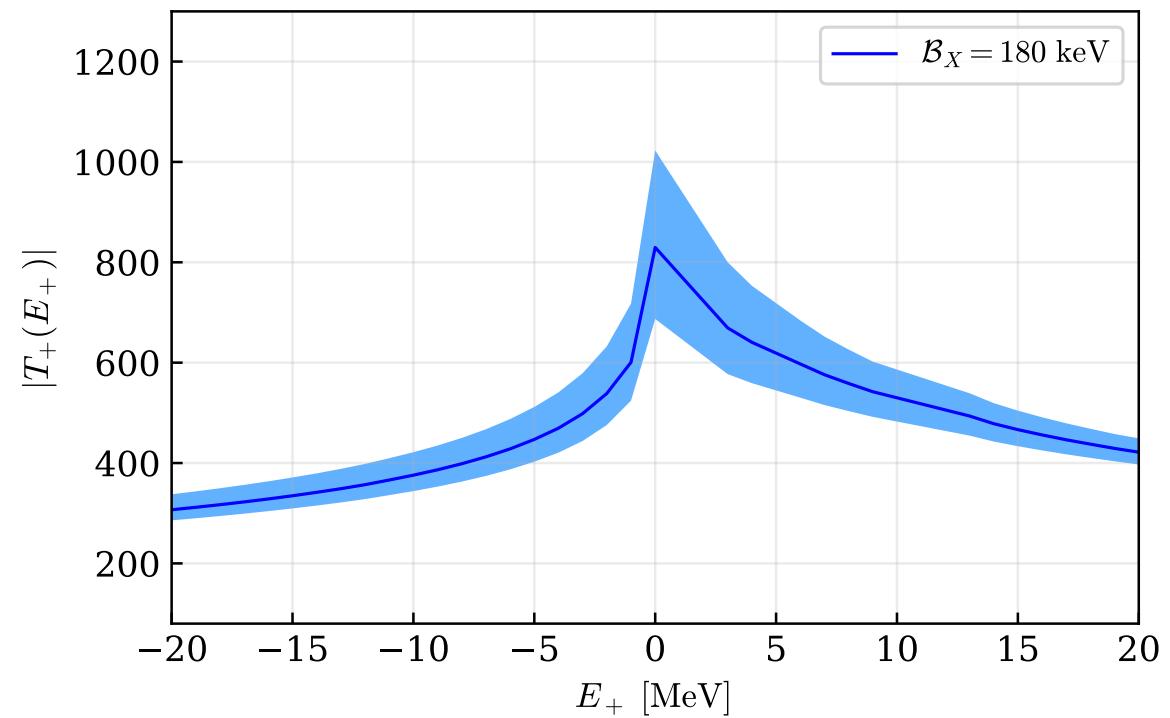
- There must be an isospin vector partner W_{c1}

□ Virtual state pole in the stable D^* limit \Rightarrow explains why it has not observed so far!

➤ W_{c1}^0 in $D^0\bar{D}^{*0} - D^+D^{*-}$ scattering amplitudes



➤ W_{c1}^+ in $D^+\bar{D}^{*0}$ scattering amplitude



- to be searched for in high-statistic $J/\psi\pi^+\pi^0$ data
- Compact tetraquark (Maiani et al. (2005)) cannot be virtual state!

Combined analysis of BESIII and LHCb data for $X(3872)$

Teng Ji, X.-K. Dong, FKG, C. Hanhart, U.-G. Meißner, arXiv:2502.04458

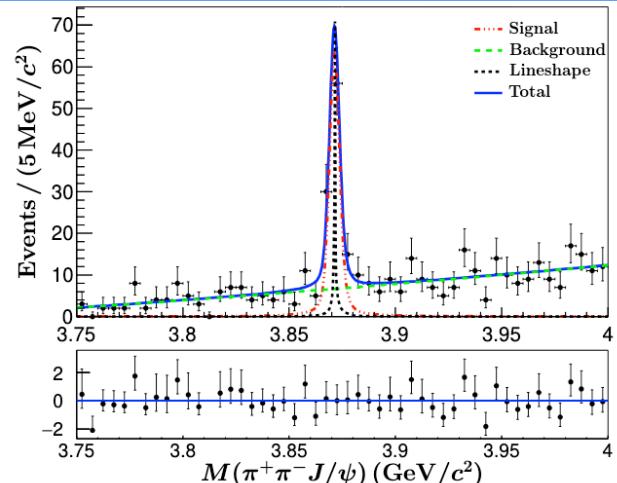
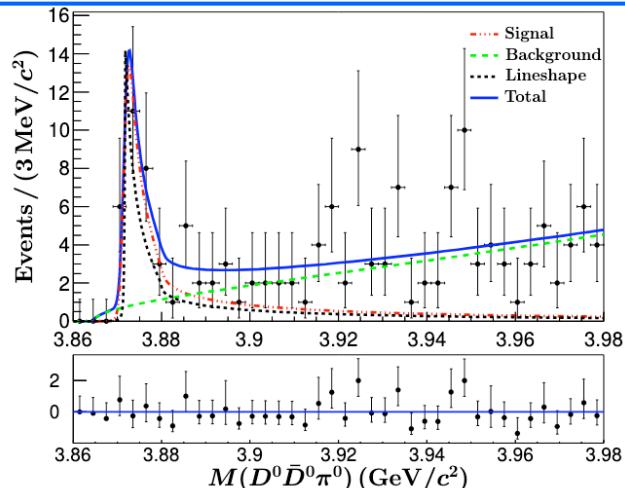
- $X(3872)$ line shapes $\Rightarrow X(3872) + \text{possible } W_{c1}(3880)^0$
- $\pi^+\pi^-$ invariant mass distribution \Rightarrow isospin breaking, information on $I = 1$

BESIII:

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma [D^0\bar{D}^0\pi^0]$$

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma [J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-]$$

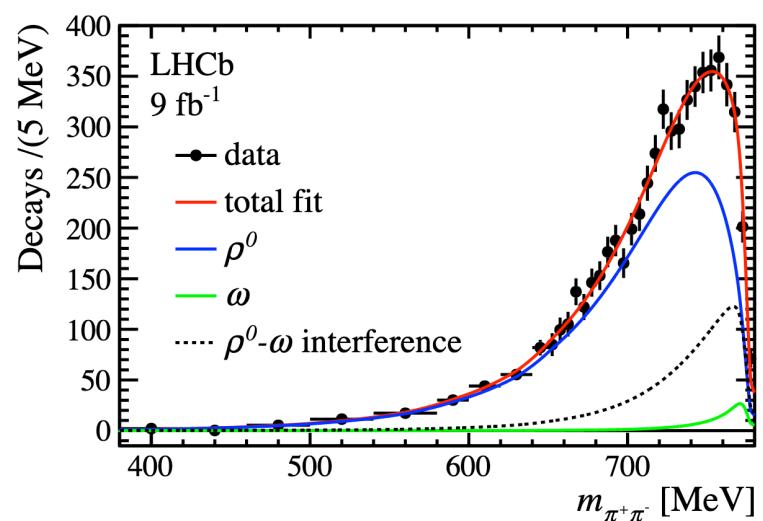
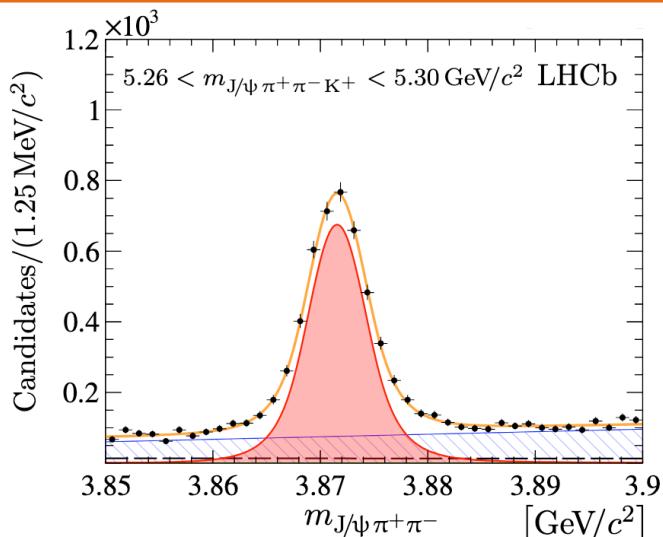
BESIII, PRL 132 (2024) 151903



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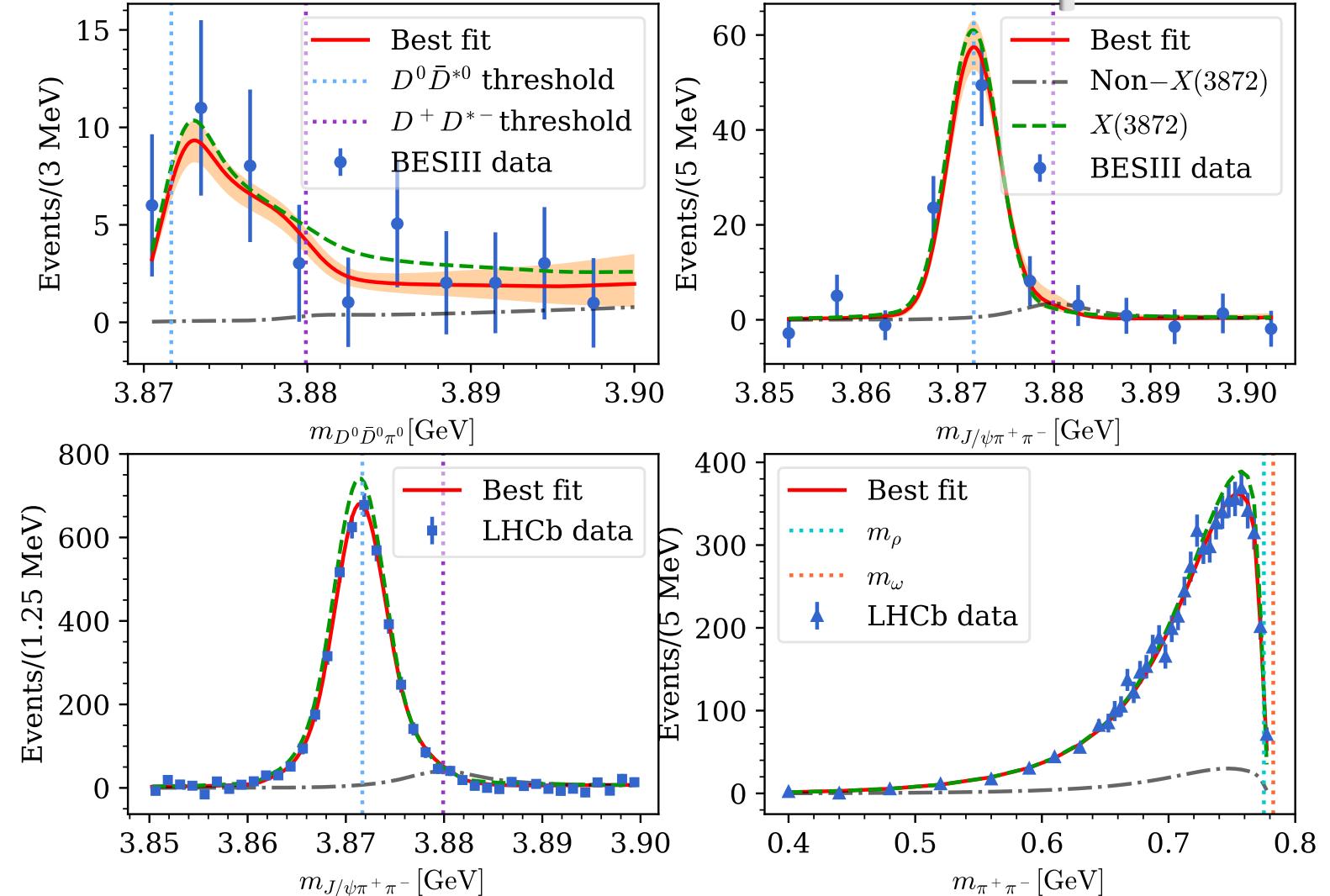
$$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ [J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-]$$

LHCb, JHEP 08 (2020) 123;
PRD 108 (2023) L011103

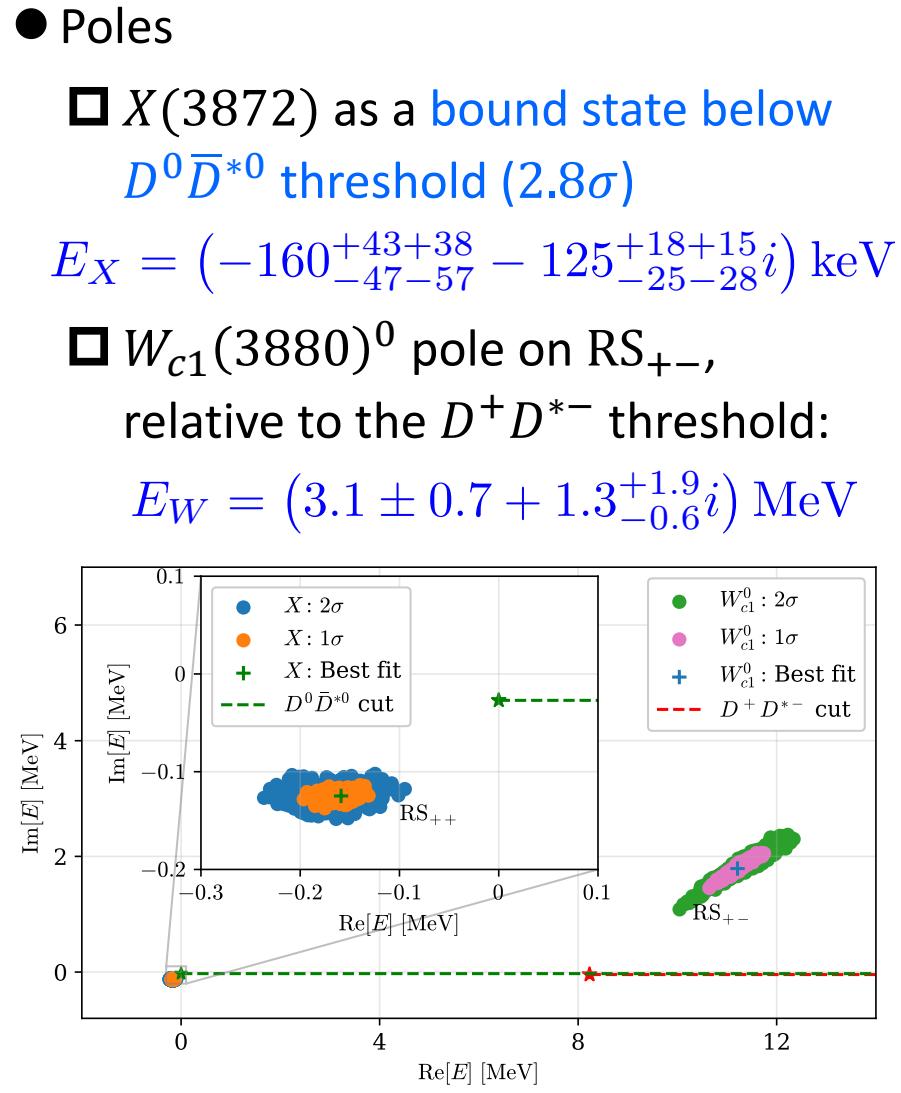


Combined analysis of BESIII and LHCb data for $X(3872)$

Results updated

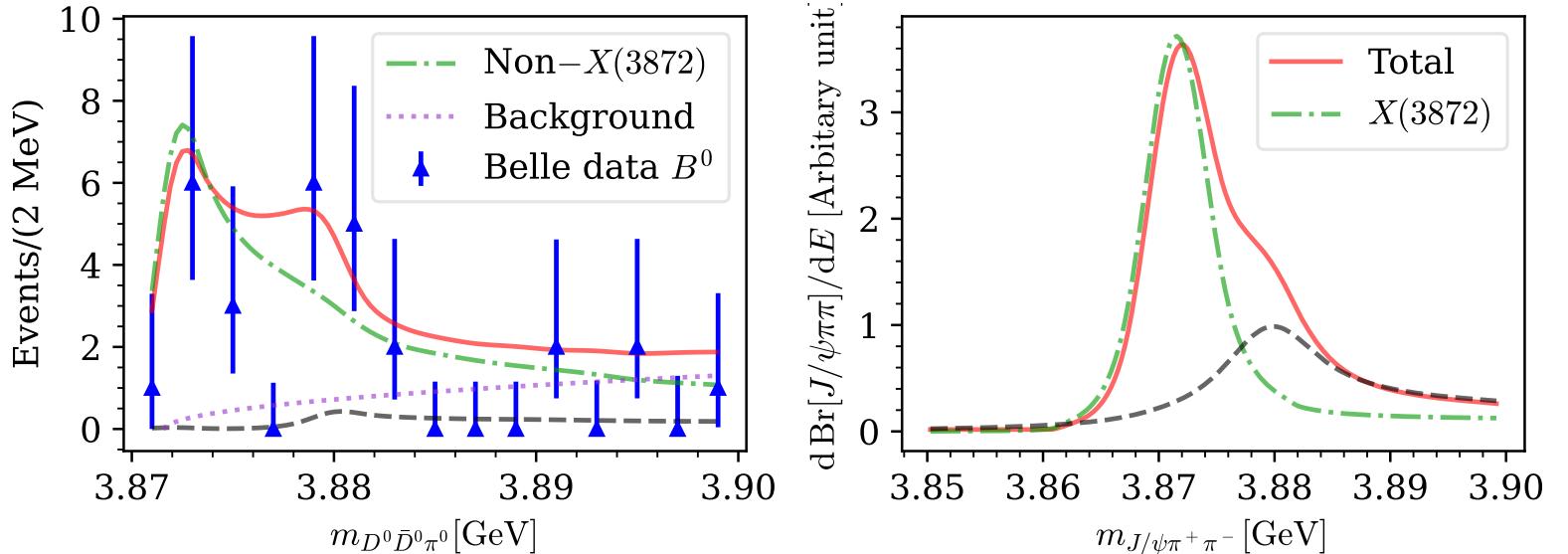


Best fit: $\chi^2/\text{dof} = 57/(96 - 10) = 0.66$



Implications of the existence of $W_{c1}(3880)$

- $W_{c1}(3880)^0$ signal should be stronger in $B^0 \rightarrow K^0 [D^0 \bar{D}^0 \pi^0, J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-]$ decays, to be checked @ LHCb, Belle II



- Cusp at $D^+ \bar{D}^{*0}$ threshold in $J/\psi \pi^\pm \pi^0$

Summary

- General rules for (near-)threshold structures
 - S-wave attraction, more prominent for heavier particles and stronger attraction
 - Pole behavior: distinct line shapes depending on reaction mechanism
 - Universality: a dip (for large $|a_{22}|$) at the higher channel threshold in T_{11}
- Large number of hadronic molecular candidates
 - Prediction of an isovector partner of $X(3872)$: $W_{c1}^{\pm,0}$ as virtual states

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Thank you for your attention!

Other properties of X(3872)

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- Width (twice of the imaginary part of the pole): 250^{+36+30}_{-50-56} keV

- Branching fractions computed using the method in

L.A. Heuser, G. Chanturia, FKG, C. Hanhart, M. Hoferichter, B. Kubis,
EPJC 84 (2024) 599

Mode	$D^0 \bar{D}^0 \pi^0$	$D^0 \bar{D}^0 \gamma$	$J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$	$J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$	others
BR(%)	41^{+3}_{-4}	22 ± 2	5^{+2}_{-1}	16^{+4}_{-3}	16 ± 2

- Isospin breaking ratio $R_X \equiv \left| \frac{g_{XJ/\psi\rho}}{g_{XJ/\psi\omega}} \right| = 0.26(2)$

- Compositeness using a formula including range corrections

Y. Li, FKG, J.-Y. Pang, J.-J. Wu, PRD 105 (2022) L071502

$$X = 1 - \exp \left(\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dE \frac{\text{Re } \delta(E)}{E - \text{Re } E_X} \right) = 0.97(2)$$

Results updated