

# Exotics Interpretation

## Towards Theoretical Understanding of Exotic Heavy Hadrons from QCD

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- Exotic heavy ( $XYZ$ ) hadrons
- Lattice QCD and Effective Field Theories
- Born-Oppenheimer approach
- Summary

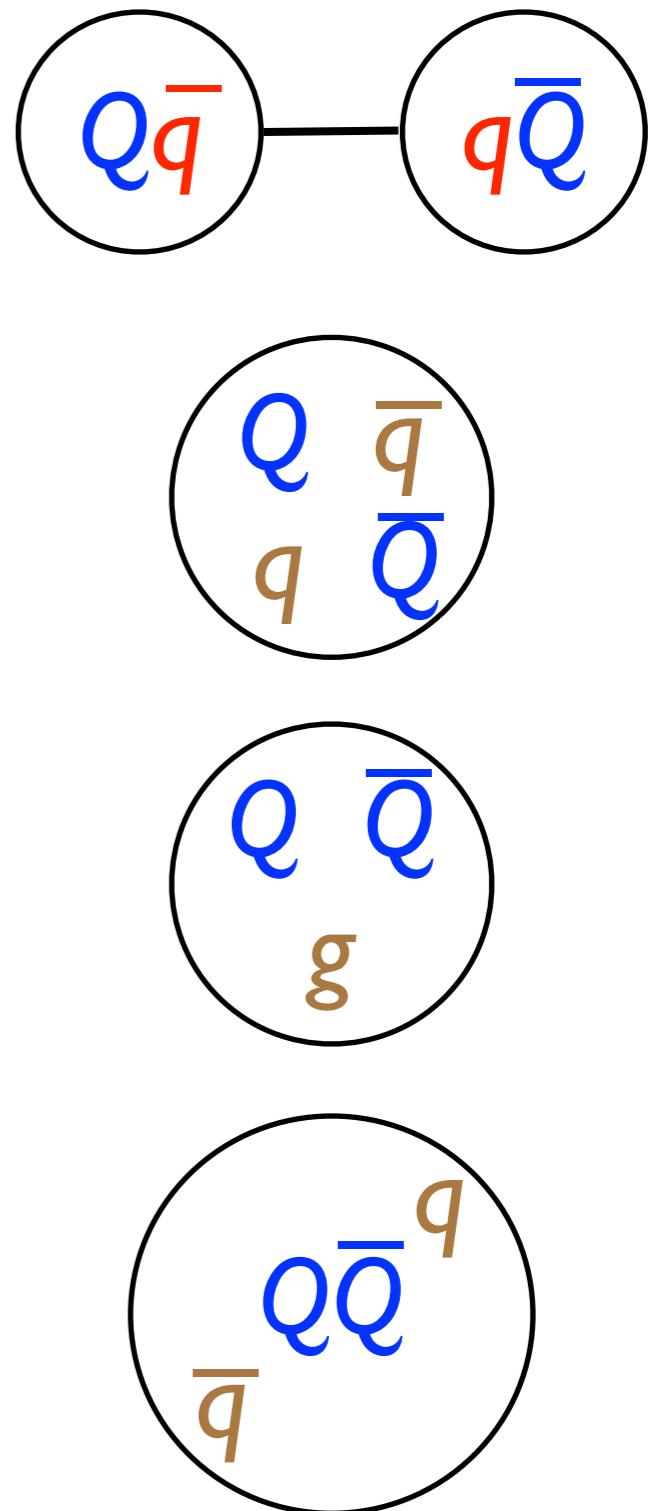
# Exotic Heavy Hadrons

more than 2 dozen new  $c\bar{c}$  and  $b\bar{b}$  mesons  
and several new  $c\bar{c}$  baryons  
discovered since 2003

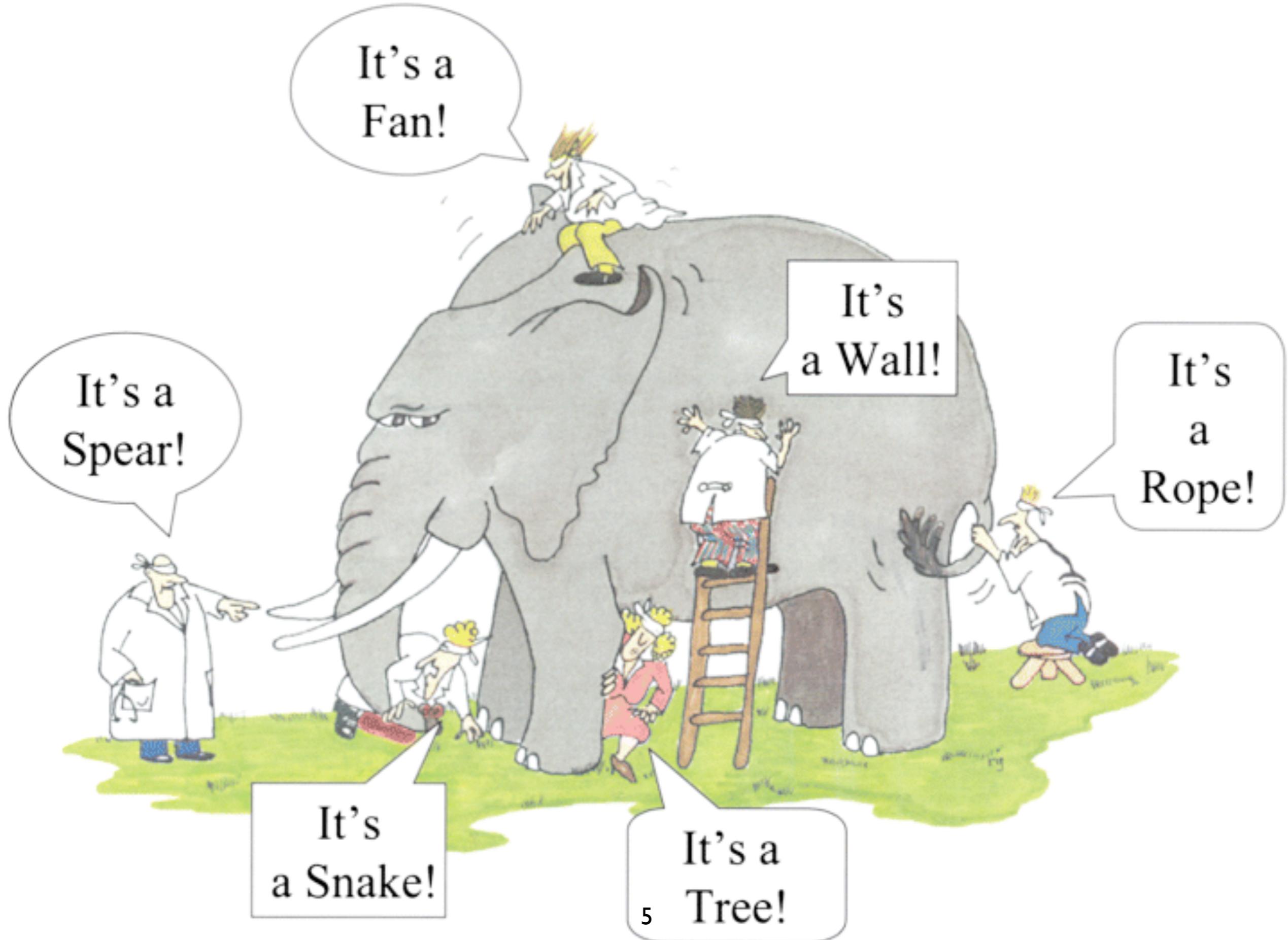
- contain heavy quark and antiquark plus additional light constituents
- tetraquark mesons with light quark, antiquark  
pentaquark baryons with three light quarks
- many are surprisingly narrow
- major challenge to our understanding of QCD spectrum!

# Models for XYZ Mesons

- meson molecule
- quarkonium tetraquark
- quarkonium hybrid
- hadro-quarkonium
- kinematic effect



# Models for XYZ Mesons



# Models for $X\bar{Y}Z$ Hadrons

- little connection with fundamental theory  $\text{QCD}$   
constituents: degrees of freedom from  $\text{QCD}$   
interactions: purely phenomenological
- some success in describing individual  $X\bar{Y}Z$  hadrons
- no success in revealing pattern of  $X\bar{Y}Z$  hadrons

# CHARM 2018

## Novosibirsk May 2018

Steve Olsen: “The XYZ mesons: what they aren’t”

Compare properties for 6 XYZ mesons with established  $J^{PC}$   
 $X(3872)$ ,  $X(3915)$ ,  $Y(4220)$ ,  $Z_c(3900)$ ,  $Z_c(4020)$ ,  $Z(4430)$   
with model expectations for  
molecule, tetraquark, charmonium hybrid, hadro-charmonium, kinematic effect

“No single model can satisfactorily explain all the results.  
If we are ever to have a coherent comprehensive  
understanding of the XYZ particles, a new idea is needed.”

# Developments since CHARM 2018

Aug 2018	BESIII	$Y(4220) \rightarrow \pi^+ D^0 D^{*-}$	1st open-charm decay of $Y$
Sept 2018	LHCb	$Z_c^-(4100) \rightarrow \eta_c \pi^-$	1st decay into 2 pseudoscalars
April 2019	LHCb	updated analysis of $c\bar{c}$ pentaquark decaying into $J/\psi p$ new narrow state $P_c(4312)$	
Dec 2019	Belle	$Y(4626) \rightarrow D_s^+ D_{sI}^-$	1st decay of $Y$ into strange mesons
Sept 2020	LHCb	$X(2900) \rightarrow D^- K^+$	1st tetraquark with 4 flavors
Nov 2020	BESIII	$Z_c^-(3885) \rightarrow D_s^0 D^{*0}$	1st strange $c\bar{c}$ tetraquark
June 2020	LHCb	structure in $J/\psi$ pair spectrum	1st $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$ tetraquark ?

there is still no  
“coherent comprehensive understanding of the  $XYZ$  particles”

# Doubly Heavy Hadrons

heavy quarks:  $Q = b$  or  $c$

light quarks:  $q = u$  or  $d$  or  $s$

quarkonium:

 $Q \bar{Q}$ 

quarkonium hybrids:

 $Q \bar{Q} g$ 

quarkonium tetraquarks:

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

quarkonium pentaquarks:

 $Q \bar{Q} q q q$ 

doubly heavy baryons:

 $Q Q q$ 

doubly heavy tetraquarks:

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

coherent comprehensive framework ??

# Approaches within QCD

fundamental fields: quarks and gluons

parameters:  $\alpha_s$ , quark masses

- Lattice QCD
- Effective field theories  
(NRQCD, pNRQCD, BOEFT, ...)
- QCD Sum Rules ??

# QCD Sum Rules

tetraquark meson  $T$

4-quark interpolating operator  $\mathcal{T}(x)$  with  $\langle T|\mathcal{T}(x)|\emptyset\rangle \neq 0$

Operator Product Expansion:  $\mathcal{T}^\dagger(x)\mathcal{T}(y) = \sum_n C_n(x-y) \mathcal{O}_n((x+y)/2)$

vacuum expectation value, insert complete set of states, Fourier transform

$$\sum_X \langle \emptyset | \mathcal{T} | X \rangle \langle X | \mathcal{T}^\dagger | \emptyset \rangle = \sum_n C_n \langle \emptyset | \mathcal{O}_n | \emptyset \rangle$$

Borel transform to suppress higher energy states

assume sum over  $X$  is dominated by tetraquark state  $T$

Lucha, Melnikov & Sazdjan arXiv:1706.06003, 1710.08316,  
1810.09986, 1901.03881

Fierz transformations  $\Rightarrow$  there are meson-meson states  $M_1 M_2$  with

$$\langle M_1 M_2 | \mathcal{T}(x) | \emptyset \rangle \neq 0$$

sum over  $X$  is actually dominated by meson-meson states!

fatal problem ??

for all previous applications of QCD sum rules to tetraquarks

# Lattice QCD

discretize QCD on a Euclidean spacetime lattice

- lattice spacing in time direction:  $a_t$
- lattice spacing in spatial directions:  $a_s$

calculate cross-correlators of many operators

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_i(t) \mathcal{O}_j(0) \rangle \longrightarrow \sum_n \sqrt{Z_{in}} \sqrt{Z_{jn}} e^{-E_n t}$$

- determine discrete eigenenergies  $E_n$
- overlap factors  $\sqrt{Z_{in}}$  have information about structure

extrapolate to zero lattice spacing:  $a_t \rightarrow 0, a_s \rightarrow 0$

chiral extrapolation to physical  $u,d$  quark masses:

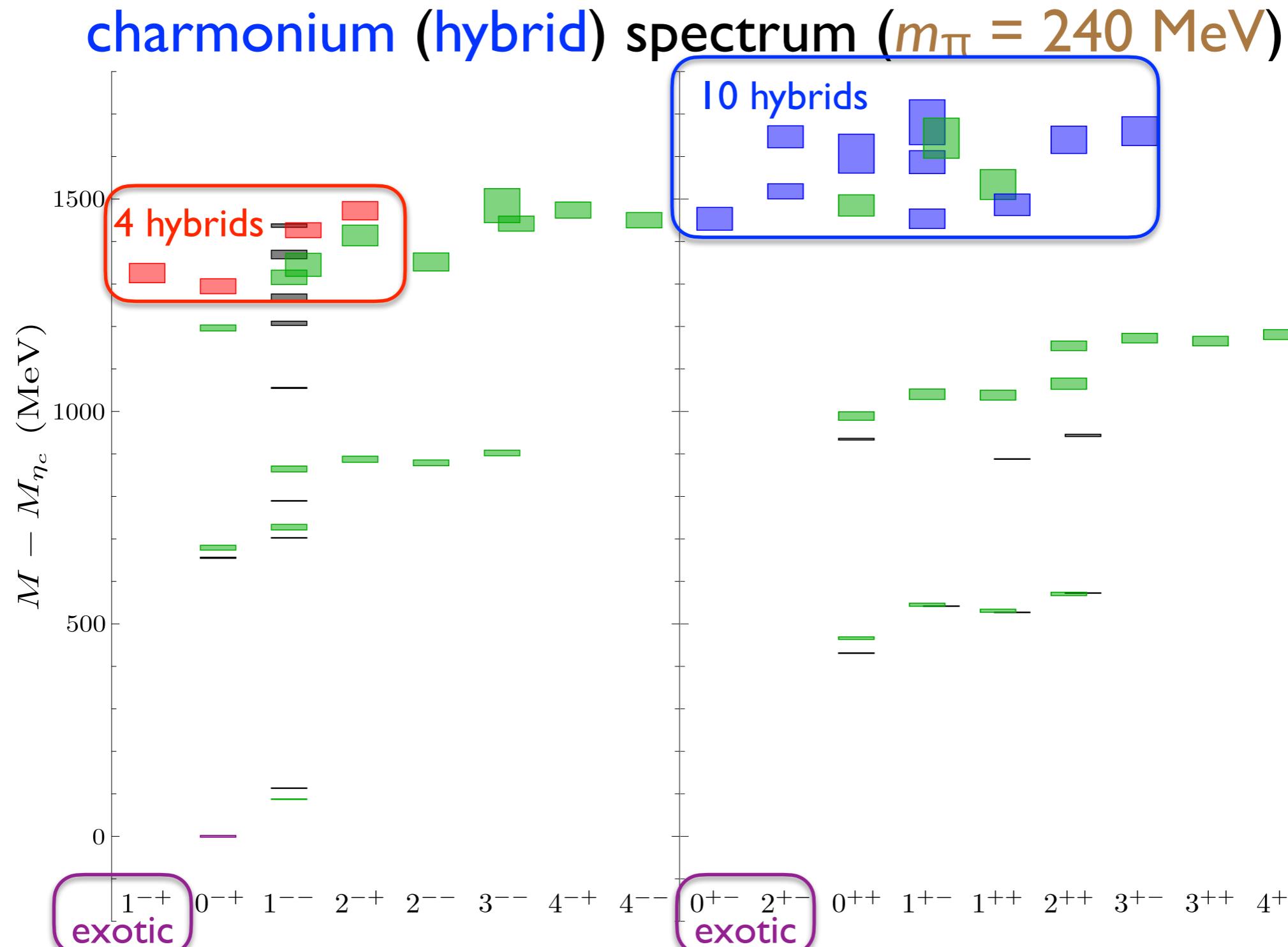
$$m_\pi = 140 \text{ MeV}$$

determine infinite-volume spectrum (masses, widths)  
from discrete eigenenergies

# Quarkonium (hybrid) Spectrum

Hadron Spectrum Collaboration

charmonium       $m_{\pi} = 391 \text{ MeV}$       2012  
charmonium       $m_{\pi} = 240 \text{ MeV}$       2016  
bottomonium       $m_{\pi} = 391 \text{ MeV}$       2021



# Doubly Heavy Tetraquarks

$QQ\bar{q}\bar{q}$  tetraquark can have mass below strong decay threshold

Manohar & Wise (1997) stable in limit  $M_Q \rightarrow \infty$

$bb\bar{q}\bar{q}$  ( $q = u,d$ ) ground state:  $|=0, J^P=|+$  binding energy (MeV)

Bicudo, Scheunert & Wagner Born-Oppenheimer  $-59^{+30}_{-38}$

Karliner & Rosner (2017) quark/diquark model  $-215 (\pm 12 ?)$

Eichten & Quigg (2017)  
BHM (2020)\* heavy quark expansion  $-122$   
 $-133 \pm 25^*$

Leskovec et al. (2019) lattice QCD  $-128 \pm 24 \pm 10$

\* arXiv:2006.08650 (with He & Mohapatra)

error bars by taking all inputs from experiment or lattice QCD

See talk by Abhishek Mohapatra Thursday at 13:00

# Doubly Heavy Tetraquarks

$b\bar{b} s\bar{q}$  ( $q = u, d$ ):  $|I=\frac{1}{2}, J^P=I^+$

Eichten & Quigg (2017)  
BHM (2020)\*

binding energy (MeV)

heavy quark expansion    -49  
                                  -48 ± 26\*

$b\bar{c} c\bar{q}$  ( $q = u, d$ ):  $|I=\frac{1}{2}, J^P=I^+$

Karliner & Rosner (2017)  
Eichten & Quigg (2017)  
BHM (2020)\*

quark/diquark model    -10 ( $\pm 12 ?$ )  
heavy quark expansion    + 85  
                                  +104 ± 37\*

$c\bar{c} q\bar{q}$  ( $q = u, d$ ):  $|I=\frac{1}{2}, J^P=I^+$

Karliner & Rosner (2017)  
Eichten & Quigg (2017)  
BHM (2020)\*

quark/diquark model    + 7 ( $\pm 12 ?$ )  
heavy quark expansion    +93  
                                  +62 ± 11\*

\* arXiv:2006.08650 (with He & Mohapatra)

# Effective Field Theories for QCD

QCD: each quark flavor is Dirac spinor field:  $\psi^i(x)$ ,  $i=1,2,3$

integrate out scale of heavy quark mass  $M$

Nonrelativistic QCD (NRQCD)

heavy quark/antiquark is two Pauli spinor fields  $\psi^i(\vec{r}, t)$ ,  $\chi^i(\vec{r}, t)$ ,  $i=1,2,3$

integrate out momentum scale  $M_v$

Potential NRQCD (pNRQCD)

(for heavy-quark pair near lowest adiabatic potential)

heavy quark/antiquark pair is color-singlet field  $S(R, \vec{r}, t)$

color-octet field  $O^a(R, \vec{r}, t)$ ,  $i=1,2,\dots,8$

Pineda & Soto (1997), Brambilla, Pineda, Soto & Vairo (1999), Kniehl & Penin (1999)

Born-Oppenheimer EFT (BOEFT)

(for heavy-quark pair near other Born-Oppenheimer potentials)

Berwein, Brambilla, Tarrus Castella & Vairo arXiv:1510.04299

Brambilla, Krein, Tarrus Castella & Vairo arXiv:1707.09647

Soto & Tarrus Castella (2020) 16 arXiv:2005.00552

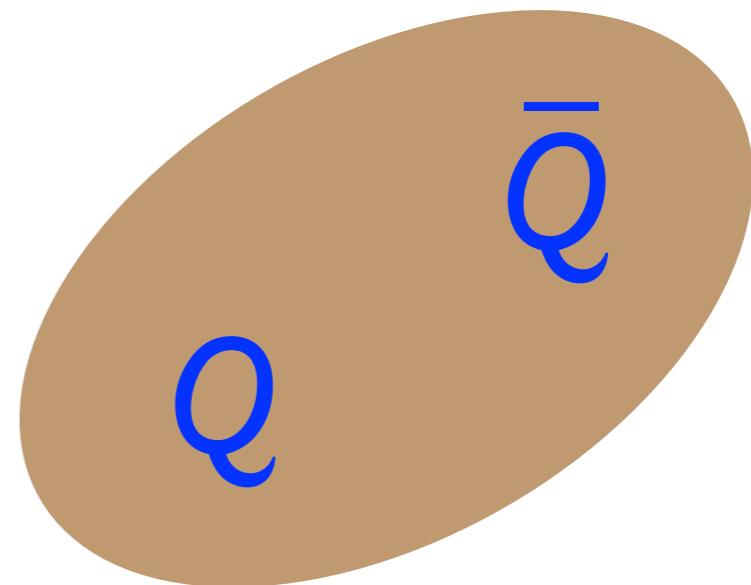
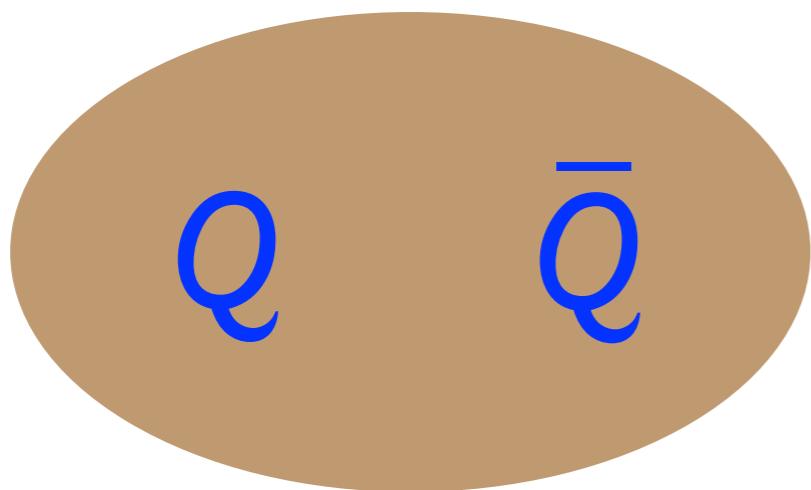
# Born-Oppenheimer Approximation for Quarkonium Hybrids

pioneered by Juge, Kuti, Morningstar 1999

- heavy quark mass  $\gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$
- $Q$  and  $\bar{Q}$  move nonrelativistically
- gluons respond almost instantaneously to the motion of the  $Q$  and  $\bar{Q}$

## B-O approximation: hybrids

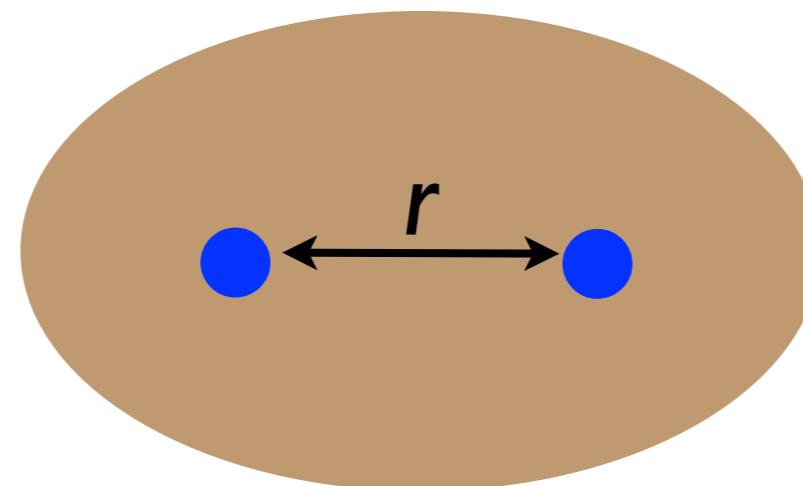
- given the positions of the  $Q$  and  $\bar{Q}$ ,  
the gluon fields are in a stationary state  
in the presence of static  $Q$  and  $\bar{Q}$  sources



- as the positions of the  $Q$  and  $\bar{Q}$  change,  
the gluon fields remain adiabatically  
in that stationary state

## B-O approximation: hybrids

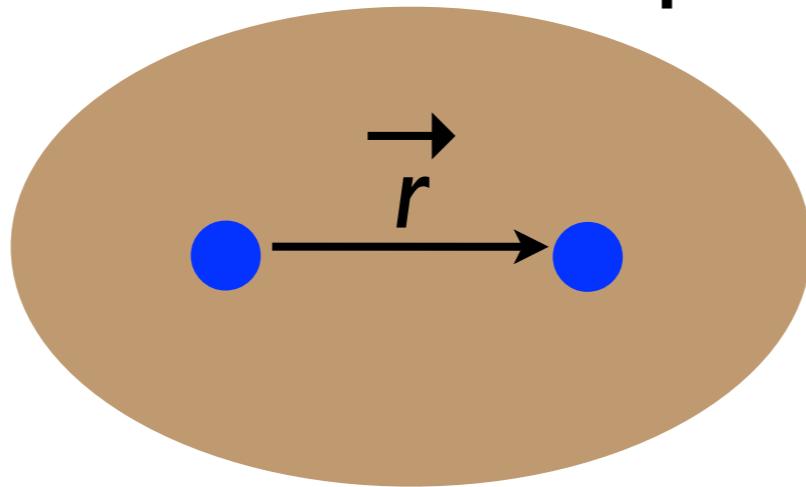
- energy of stationary state of gluon fields in presence of static  $Q$  and  $\bar{Q}$  sources separated by distance  $r$  defines Born-Oppenheimer potential  $V(r)$



- Born-Oppenheimer approximation: motion of  $Q$  and  $\bar{Q}$  is described by Schroedinger equation in potential  $V(r)$

## B-O approximation: hybrids

stationary states for gluon fields  
in presence of static  $Q$  and  $\bar{Q}$  sources  
separated by vector  $\vec{r}$



conserved quantum numbers:  $\Lambda_{\eta^\epsilon}$

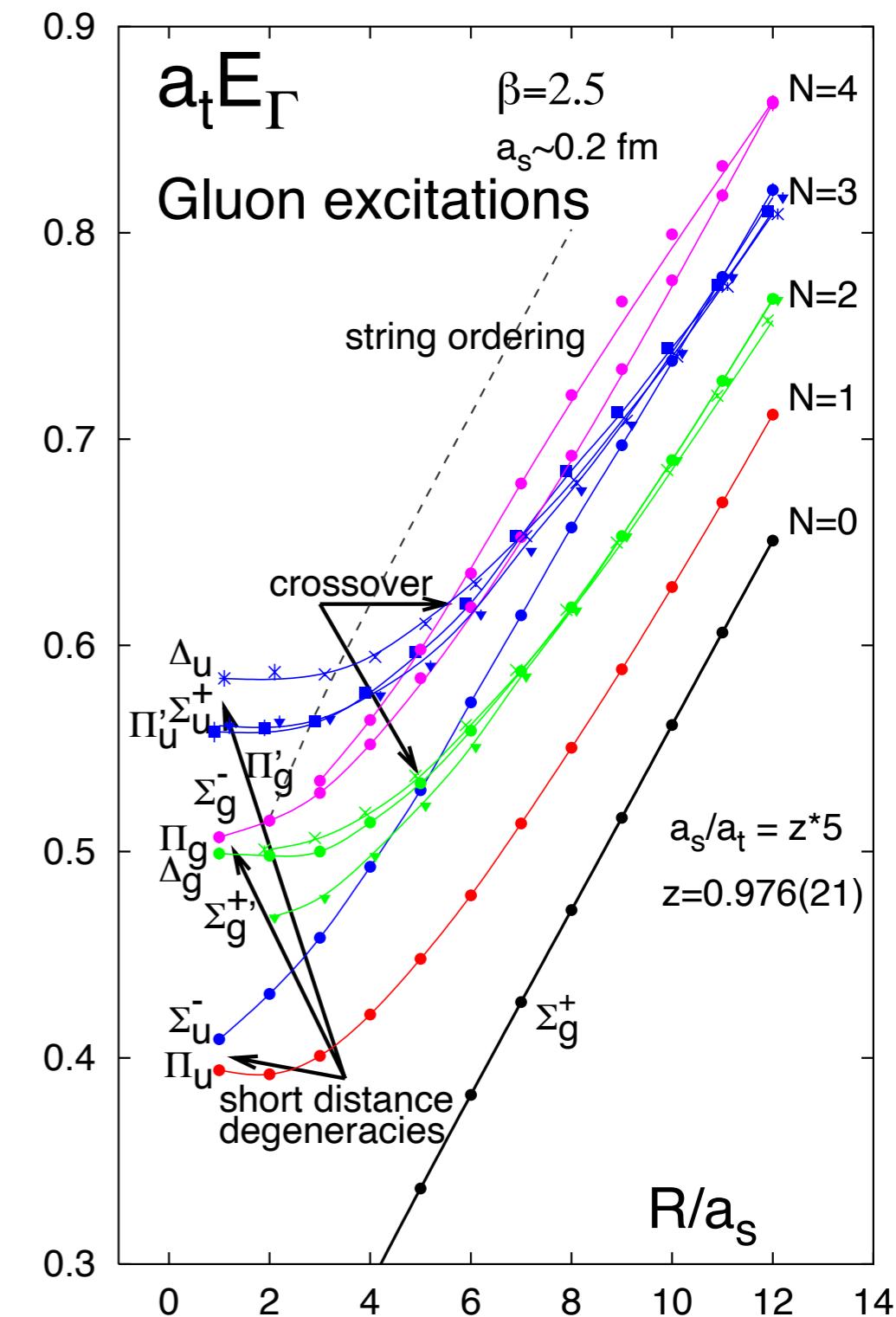
- absolute value of component of angular momentum  
 $|r \cdot \vec{j}_{\text{light}}| \equiv \Lambda = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  (or  $\Sigma, \Pi, \Delta, \dots$ )
- product of charge conjugation and parity  
 $(CP)_{\text{light}} \equiv \eta = +, -, 0$  (or  $g, u$ )
- reflection through plane containing sources  
 $R_{\text{light}} \equiv \epsilon = +, -, 0$  (or  $+, -, 0$ )<sub>20</sub>

# B-O approximation: hybrids

Born-Oppenheimer potentials  
labelled by  $\Lambda_n^\varepsilon = \Sigma_g^+, \Pi_u^\pm, \Sigma_u^-, \dots$

calculate using lattice QCD  
Juge, Kuti, Morningstar 1999

- anisotropic lattice:  $10^3 \times 30$
- lattice spacing:  $a = 0.2 \text{ fm}$
- quenched: no virtual quark-antiquark pairs!



## B-O approximation: hybrids

solve Schrödinger equation in Born-Oppenheimer potentials  
Juge, Kuti, Morningstar 1999

energy levels labelled by  $nL$

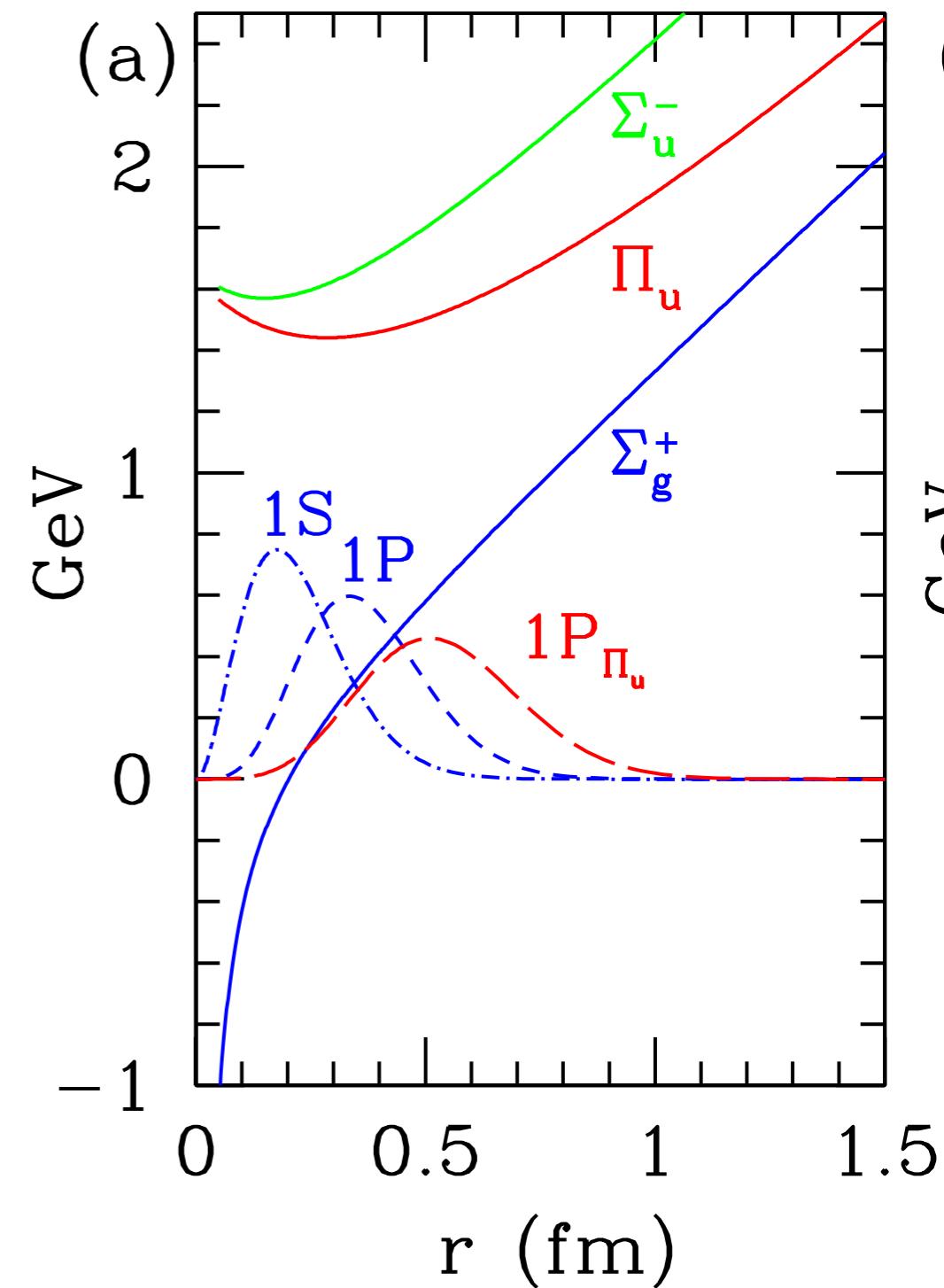
radial quantum number:  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

orbital angular momentum:  $L \geq \Lambda$   
 $L = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  or  $S, P, D, \dots$

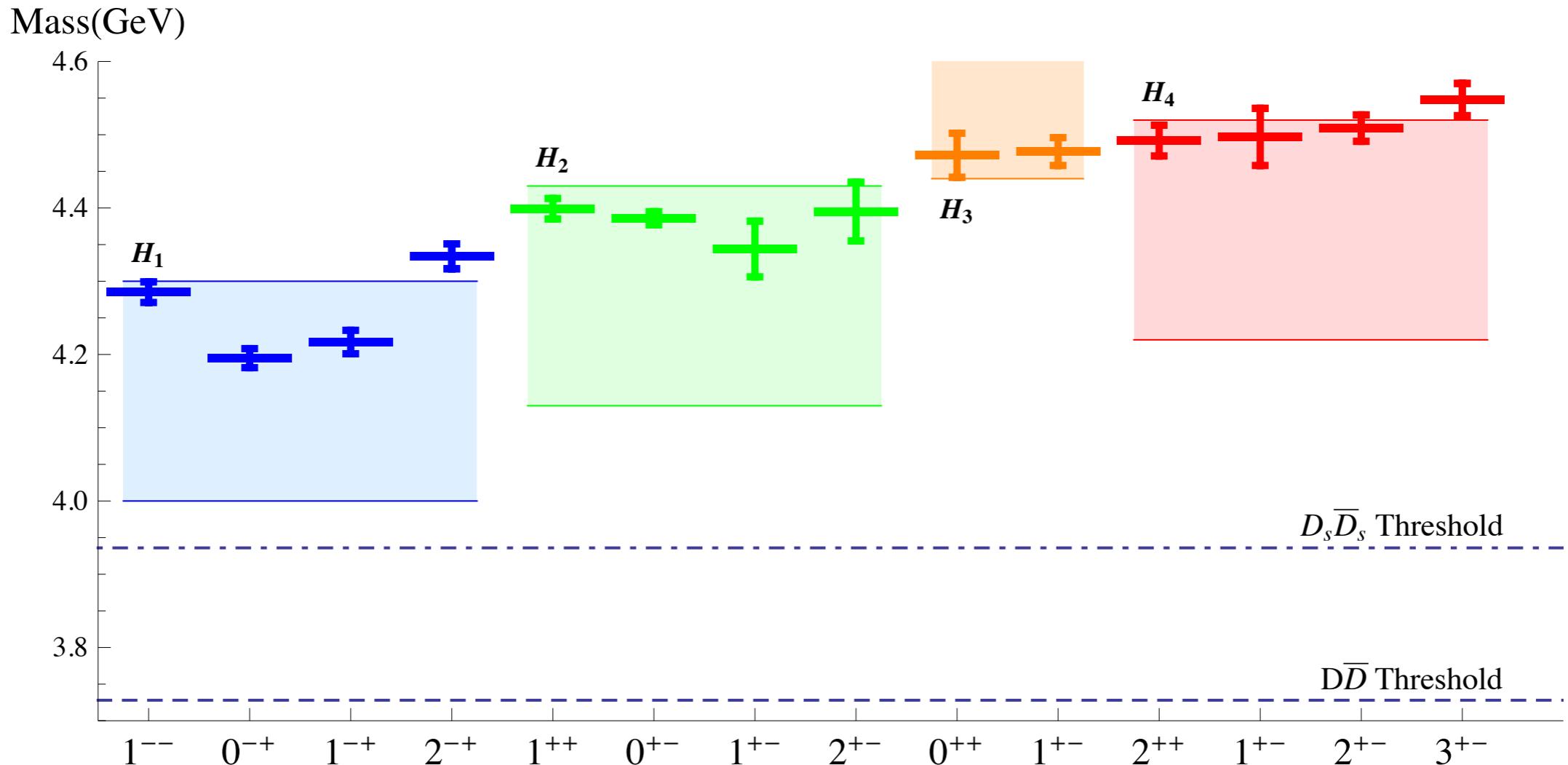
energy levels in  $\Sigma_g^+$  potential:  
quarkonium

energy levels in  $\Pi_u^\pm, \Sigma_u^\pm, \dots$  potentials:  
quarkonium hybrids

energy splittings: semiquantitative  
agreement with lattice NRQCD



# Charmonium Hybrids



BOEFT

error bands from lattice QCD calculation of gluelump mass

Berwein, Brambilla, Tarrus Castella & Vairo arXiv:1510.04299

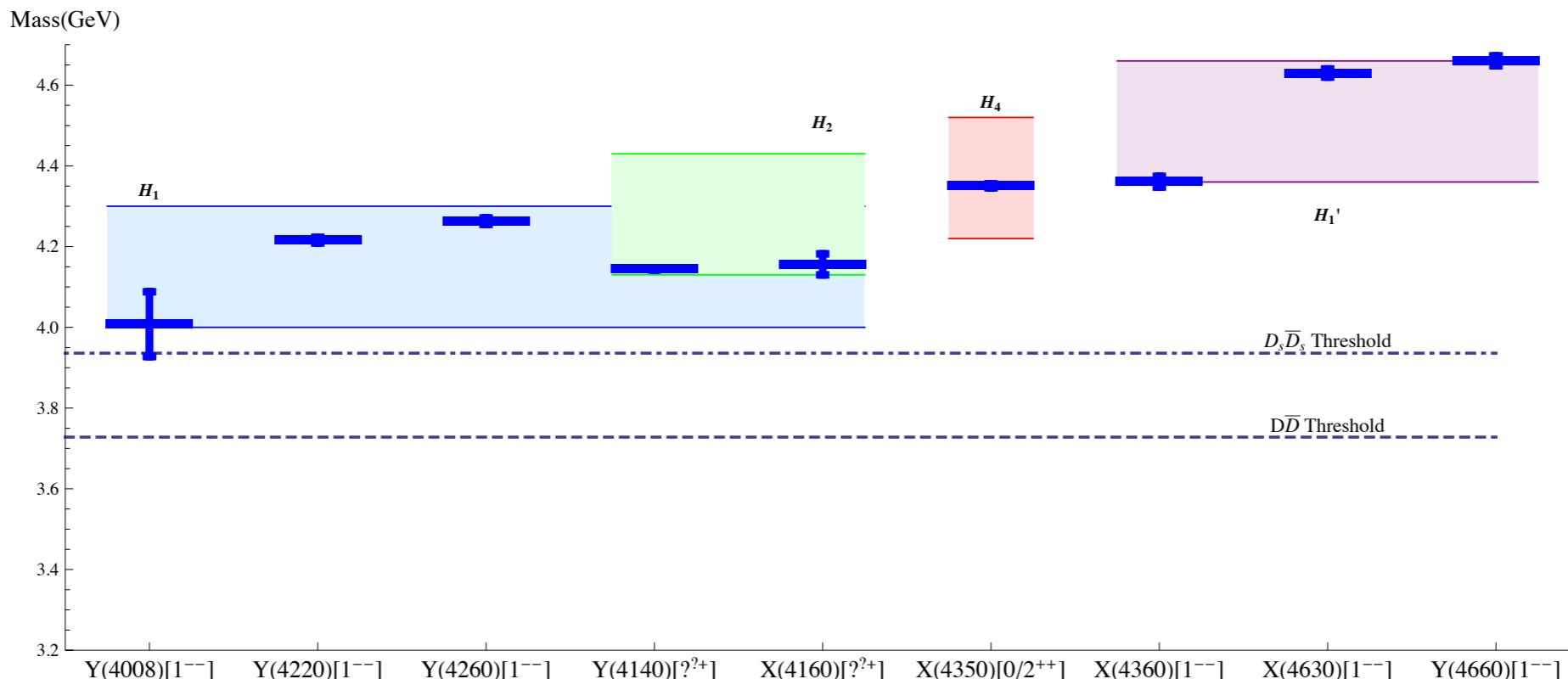
Lattice QCD

points with error bars for  $m_\pi = 400$  MeV

Hadron Spectrum collaboration arXiv:1204.5425

# Charmonium Hybrids

possible identifications with  $X$  and  $Y$  mesons



BOEFT error bands

Berwein, Brambilla, Tarrus Castella & Vairo arXiv:1510.04299

Lattice QCD data points

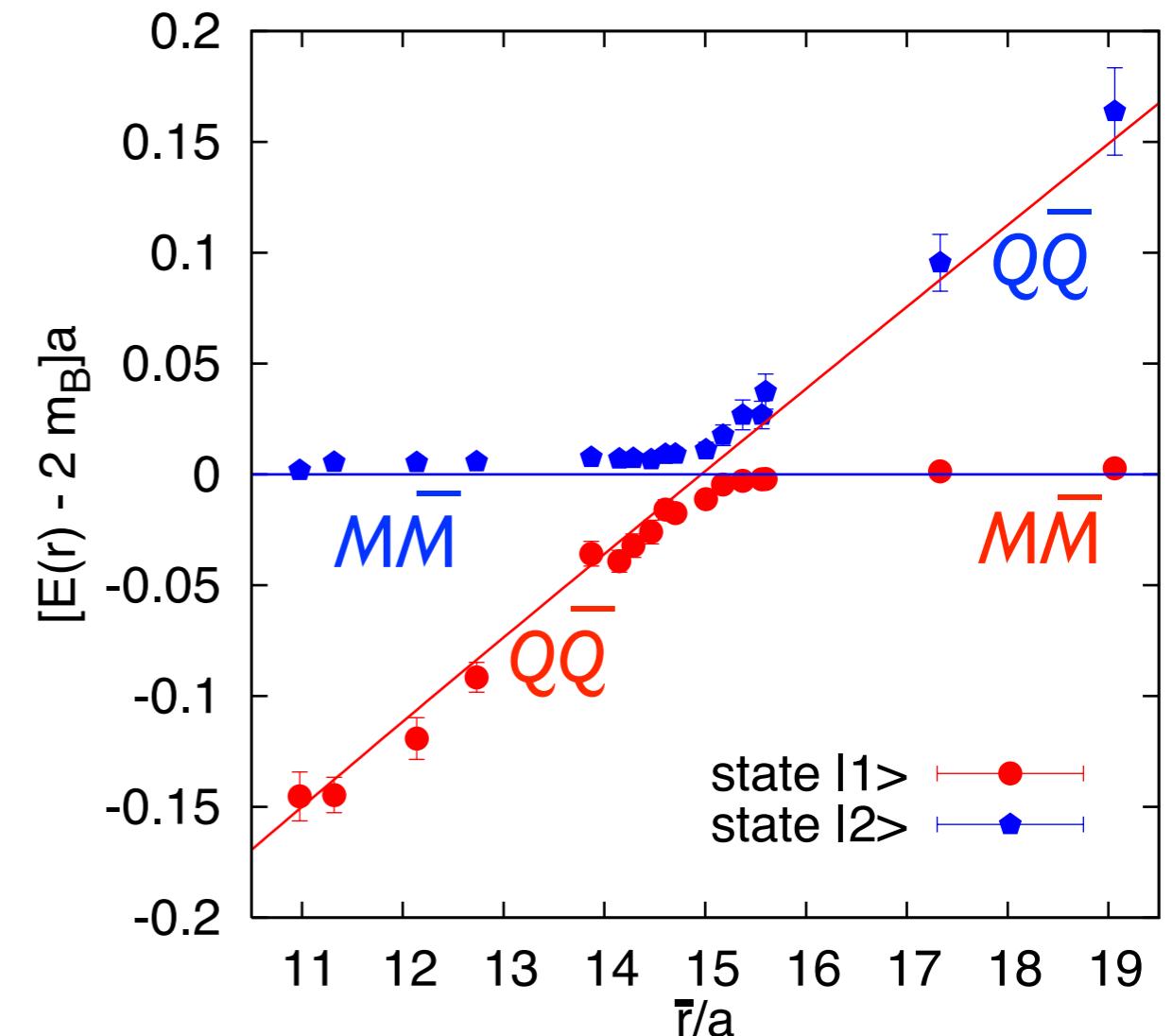
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# Born-Oppenheimer potentials

## B-O potentials

- include **potentials** that approach **meson-pair thresholds** at large  $r$
- have avoided crossings
- both can be calculated using **lattice QCD**

$\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$  ( $\Sigma_g^+$ ) and  $\bar{M}\bar{M}$  potentials  
SESAM hep-lat/0505012



# Quarkonium Tetraquarks

XYZ mesons with positive electric charge have constituents  $Q\bar{Q}u\bar{d}$

first discoveries

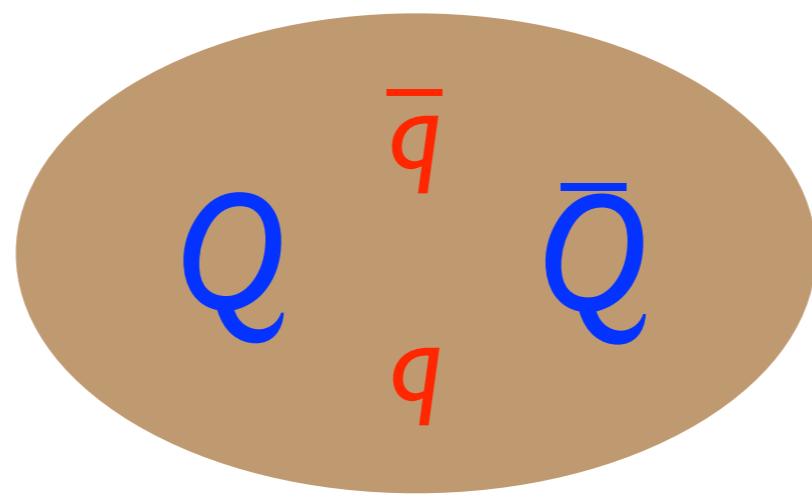
$c\bar{c}$  tetraquarks:  $Z^+(4430)$  *Belle (2007)*

$b\bar{b}$  tetraquarks:  $Z_b^+(10610), Z_b^+(10650)$  *Belle (2011)*

$c\bar{c}$  tetraquarks:  $Z_c^+(3900), \dots$  *BESIII (2013)*

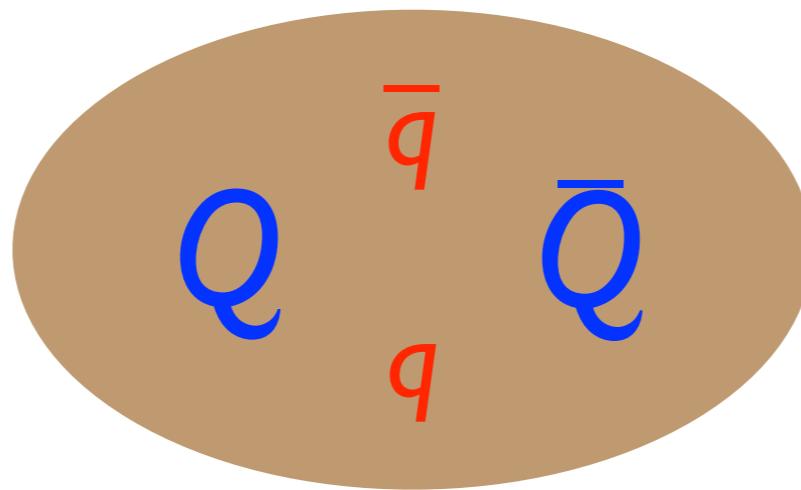
Q. How can charged quarkonium tetraquarks be reconciled with Born-Oppenheimer approximation for QCD?

A. Light QCD fields in the presence of static  $Q\bar{Q}$  sources can have light-quark flavors  $q\bar{q}$  ! *Braaten arXiv:1305.6905*



## B-O approximation: tetraquarks

Light quarks can respond almost instantaneously to the motion of the heavy quarks, just like gluon fields



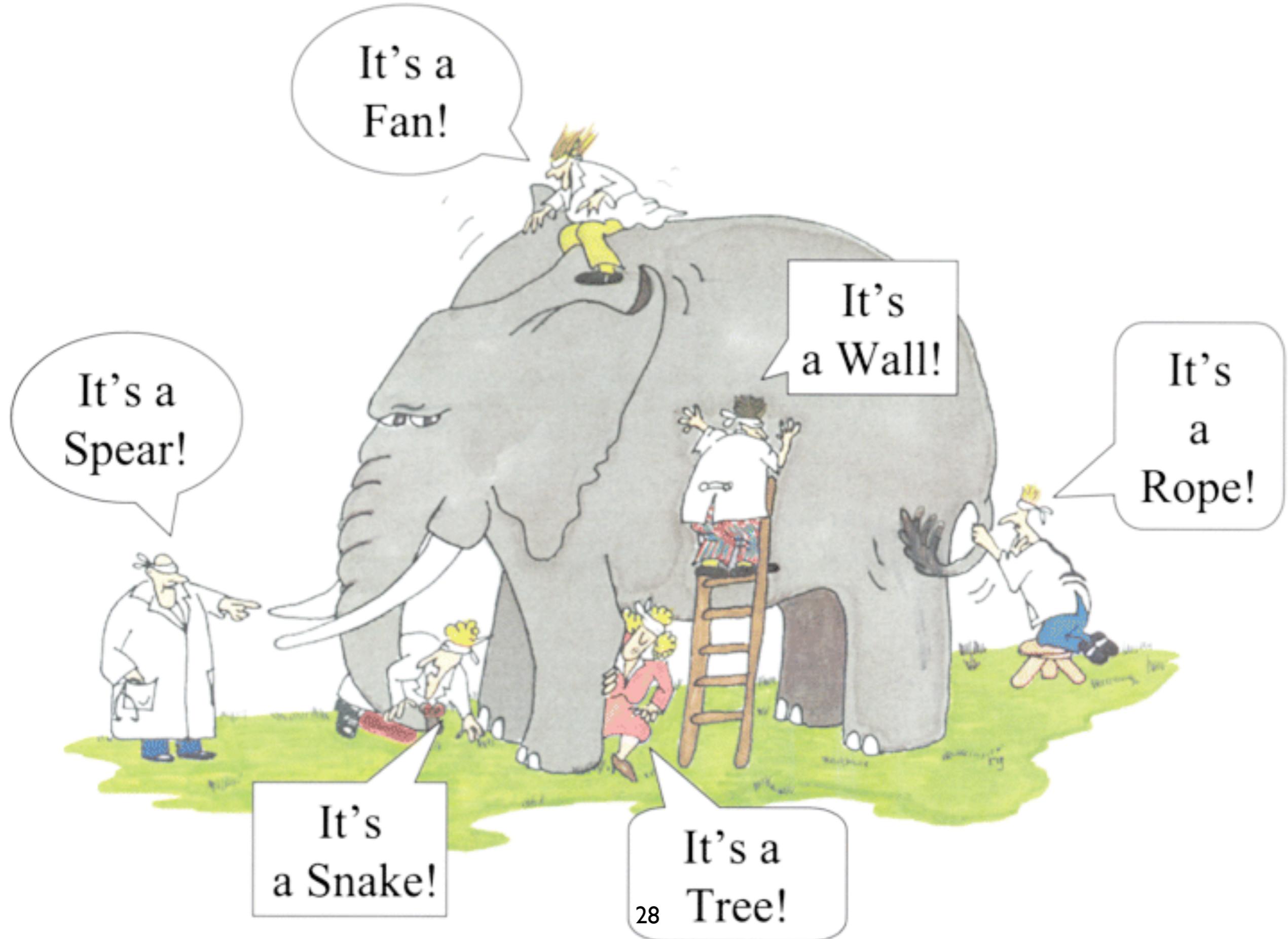
### Quarkonium Tetraquarks

can be treated using the Born-Oppenheimer approximation just like Quarkonium Hybrids

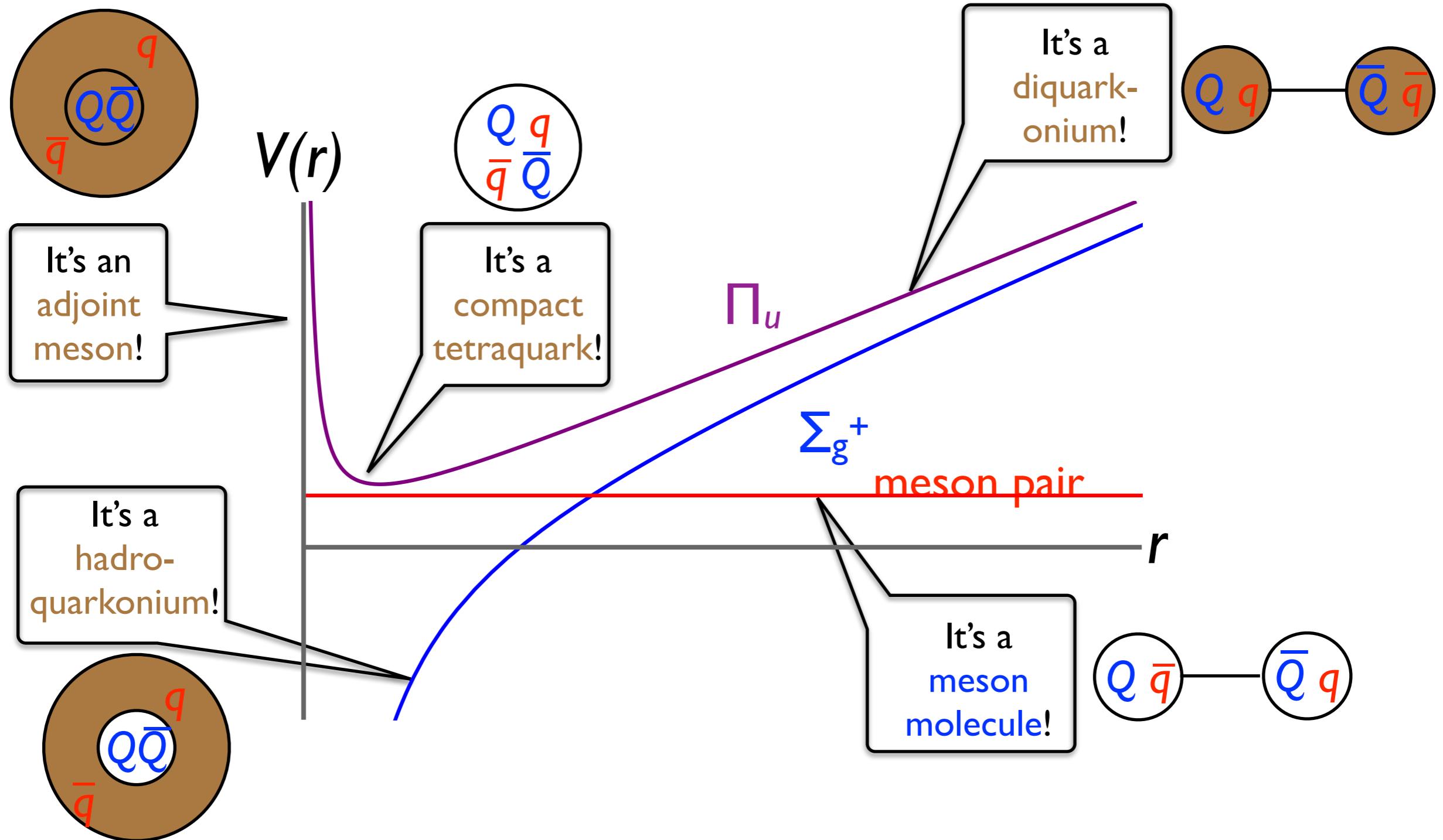
except that the stationary state of gluons and light quarks has B-O quantum numbers  $\Lambda_\eta^\varepsilon$  and also light-quark flavors

Braaten arXiv:1305.6905

# What is an XYZ Meson?



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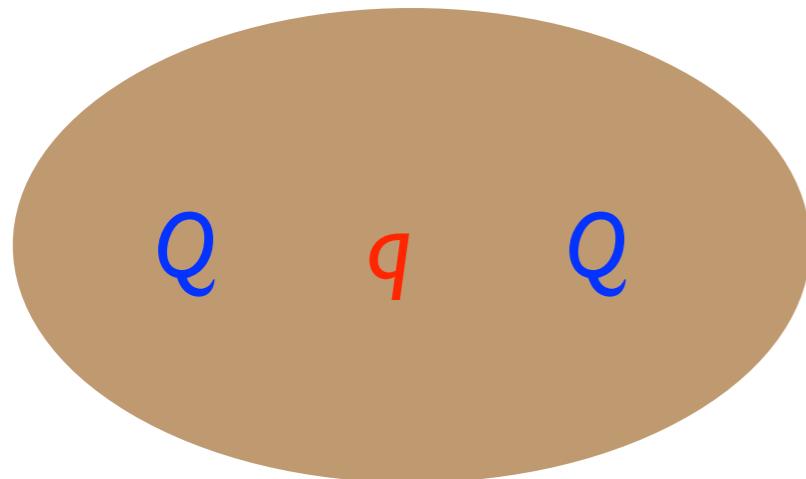
Each model describes some region  
of the Born-Oppenheimer wavefunction

# Doubly Heavy Hadrons

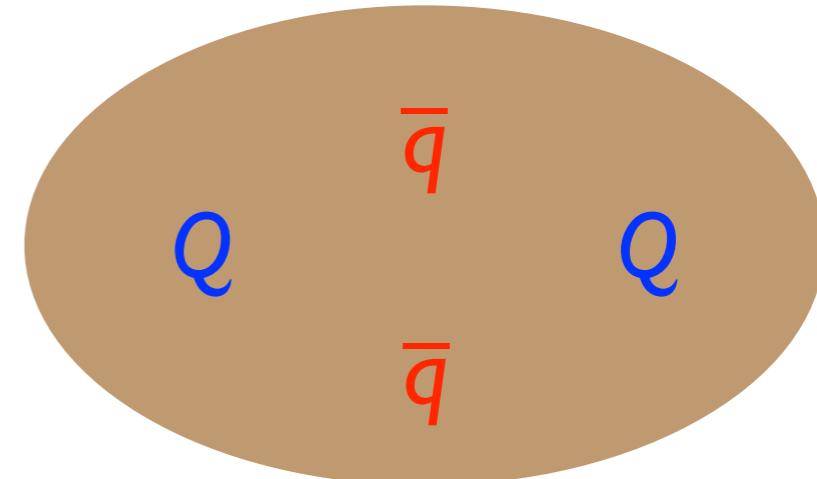
Born-Oppenheimer approximation

Light QCD fields in the presence of static  $Q\bar{Q}$  sources  
can have light-quark flavor  $q$  or  $\bar{q}\bar{q}$  !

doubly heavy baryon



doubly heavy tetraquark



Maiani, Polosa & Riquer

arXiv:1903.10253

Soto & Tarrus Castella

arXiv:2005.00551

Bicudo & Wagner

arXiv:1209.6724

Maiani, Polosa & Riquer

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# Diabatic Representation

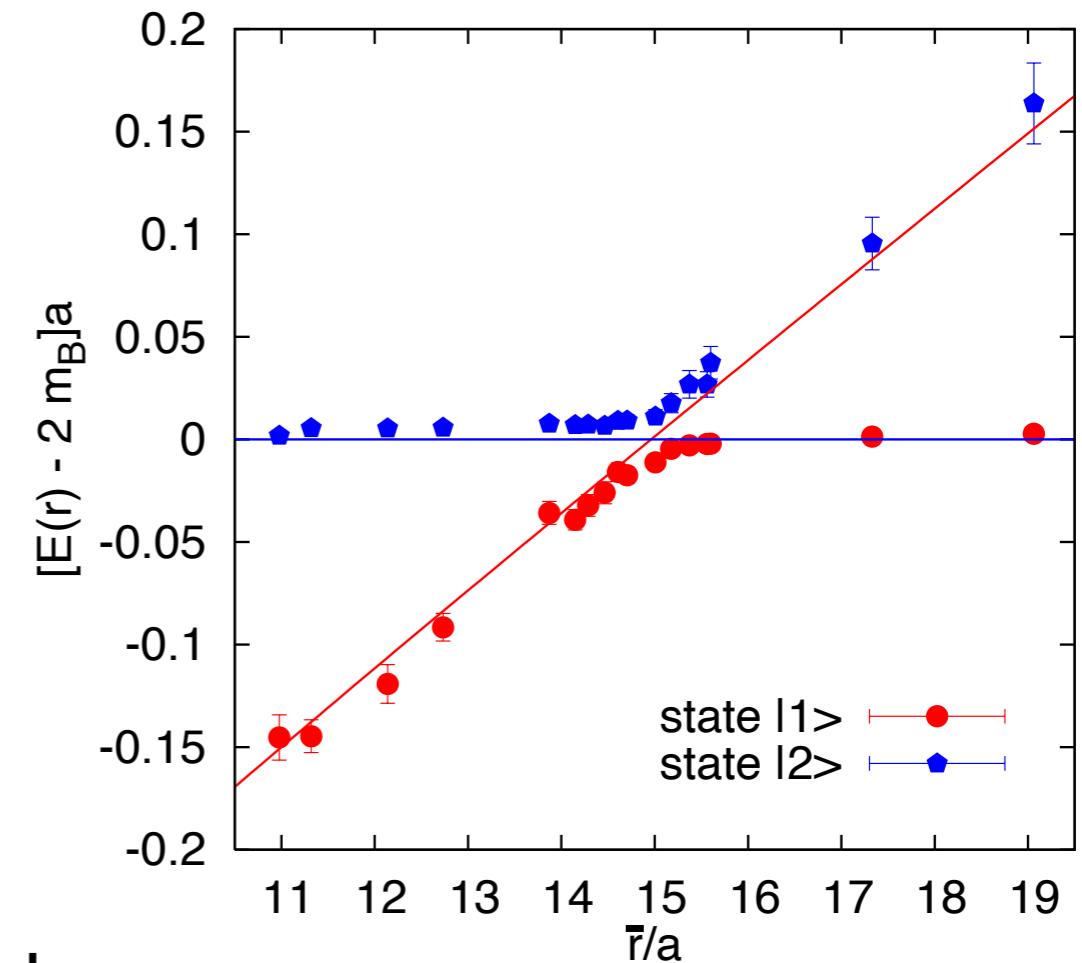
Bruschini & Gonzales arXiv:2007.07693, 2101.04636, 2105.04401

## Adiabatic representation

- heavy particles interact through Born-Oppenheimer potentials with avoided crossings

## Diabatic representation

- heavy particles interact through Born-Oppenheimer potentials that cross
- can be obtained by a unitary transformation
- allows more accurate treatment of scattering states



may be essential for XYZ hadrons near hadron-pair thresholds

# Dynamical Diquark Model

Lebed

arXiv:1709.06097

Giron et al.

arXiv:1903.04551, 1907.08546

Giron & Lebed

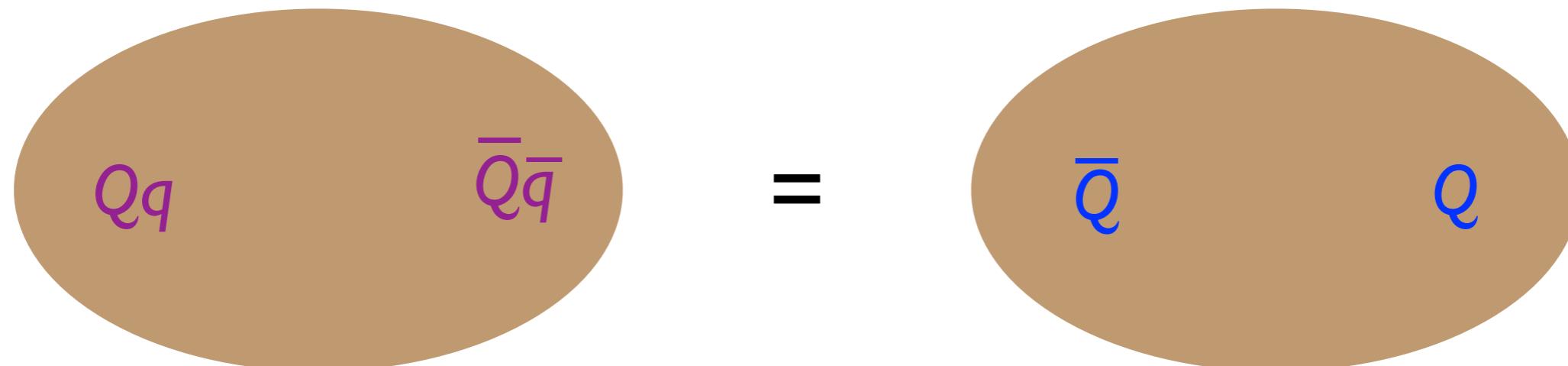
arXiv:2005.07100

Gens et al.

arXiv:2102.1259

## Model for Quarkonium Tetraquarks:

diquark  $Qq$  and anti-diquark  $\bar{Q}\bar{q}$  are assumed to interact through same B-O potentials  $\Sigma_g^+$ ,  $\Pi_u^\pm$ ,  $\Sigma_u^-$ , ... as  $\bar{Q}$  and  $Q$  in quarkonium and quarkonium hybrid

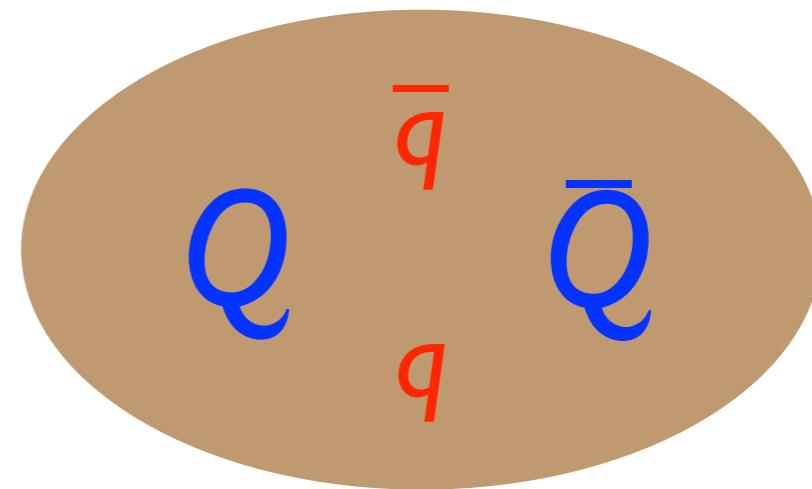
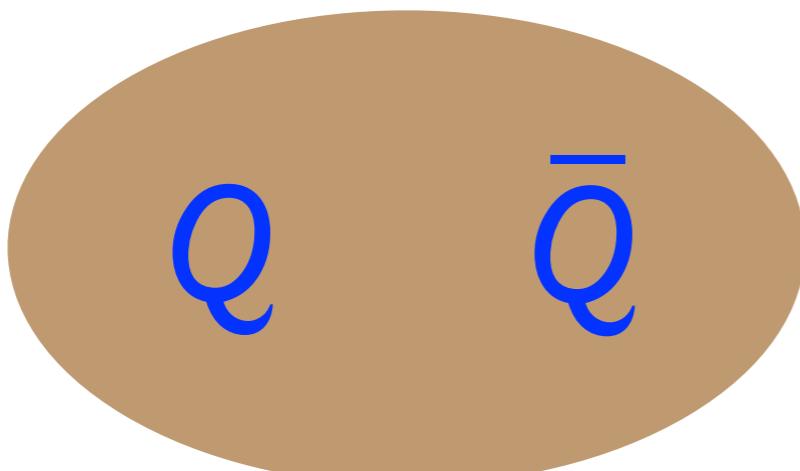


# Conclusions

The discoveries of **Exotic Heavy (XYZ) Hadrons**  
have revealed a serious gap in our understanding  
of the **QCD** spectrum

Constituent models for the **XYZ mesons**  
have not provided a compelling pattern  
and make little contact with **QCD**

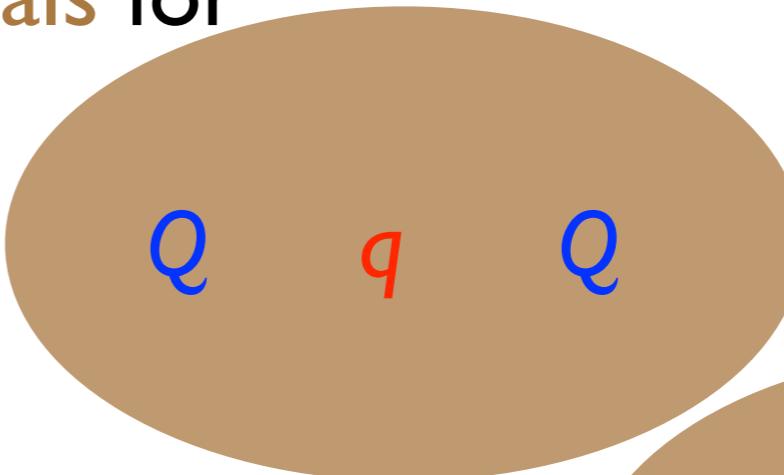
Born-Oppenheimer Effective Field Theory  
has not yet provided a compelling pattern for the **XYZ hadrons**  
but it is based firmly on **QCD**



# What is needed from Lattice **QCD**

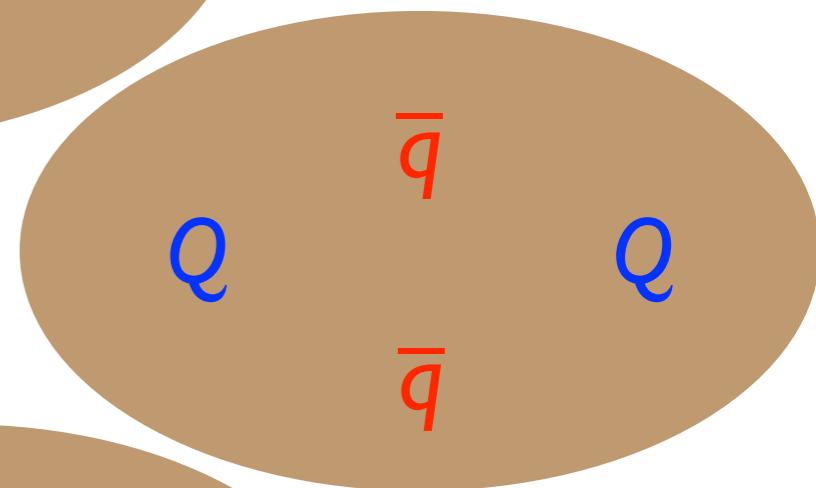
- Born-Oppenheimer potentials for

**doubly heavy baryons**



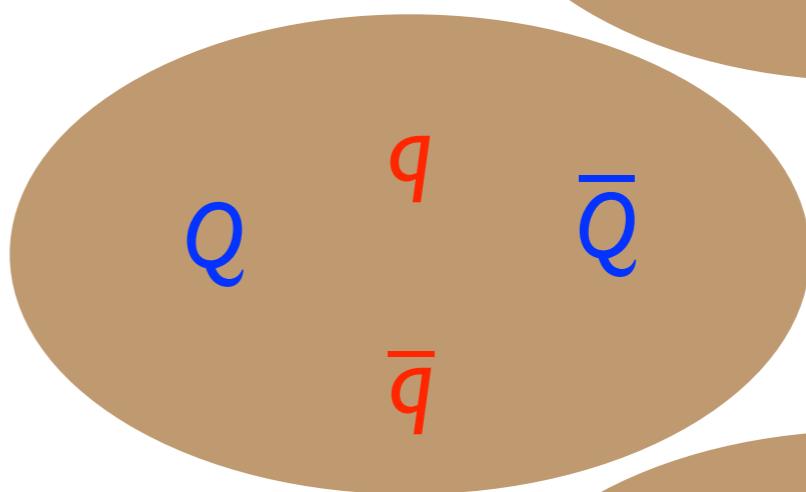
**doubly heavy tetraquarks**

Bicudo, Wagner et al.

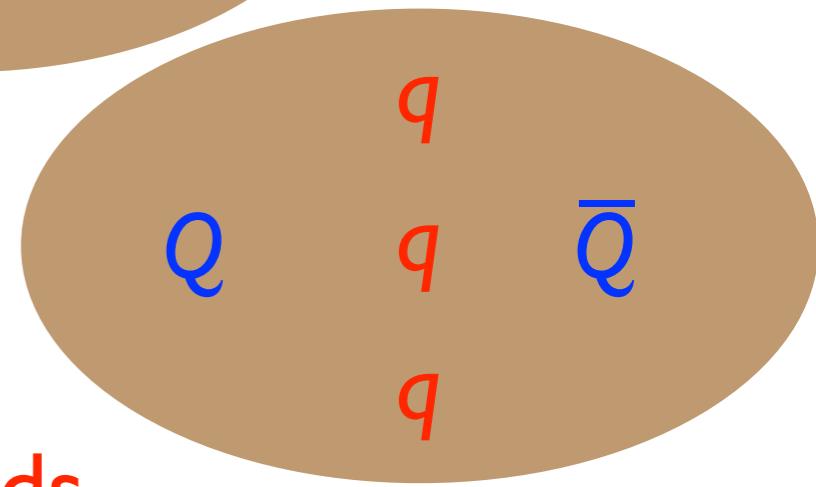


**quarkonium tetraquarks**

Prelovsek, Bahtiyar & Petkovic



**quarkonium pentaquarks**



- avoided crossings with **meson-pair thresholds**

# Conclusions

## Future experiments on the XYZ hadrons

- $e^+e^-$  experiments
  - BESIII
  - Belle II
- LHC experiments
  - ATLAS and CMS
  - LHCb
- PANDA:  $p\bar{p}$  annihilation at resonance into charmonium (and hybrids and tetraquarks)

## What is needed from experiment

- more  $J^{PC}$ 's
- more transitions (hadronic and radiative)
- more XYZ hadrons<sup>35</sup>

# Conclusions

## What is needed from non-lattice theory

use Born-Oppenheimer EFT to calculate

- spectrum of doubly heavy baryons  
doubly heavy tetraquarks  
quarkonium hybrids  
quarkonium tetraquarks  
quarkonium pentaquarks
- radiative and hadronic transitions to quarkonium

there is hope for a  
“coherent comprehensive understanding of the XYZ particles”  
that is based firmly on QCD