



# Four-quark states in QCD

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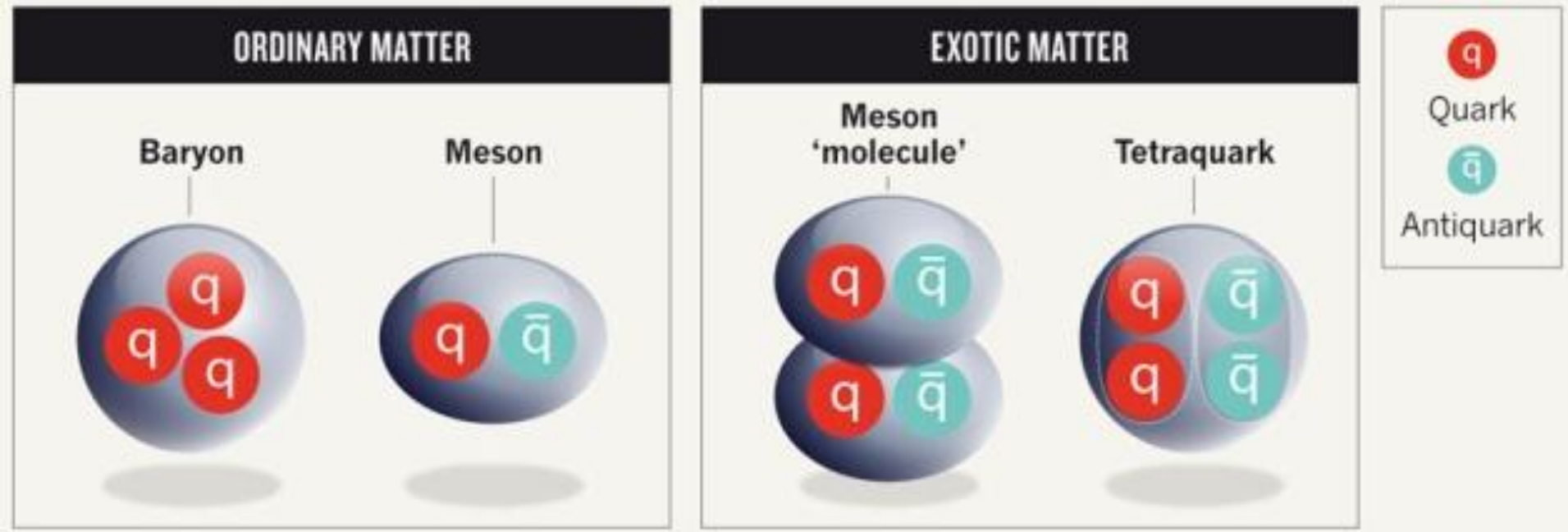
# 1. Four-quark state in constituent quark model

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## QUARK SOUP

Researchers at colliders in China and Japan have succeeded in making exotic matter comprising four quarks, but are still debating whether the fleeting particles are meson pairs or true tetraquarks.



# Motivation

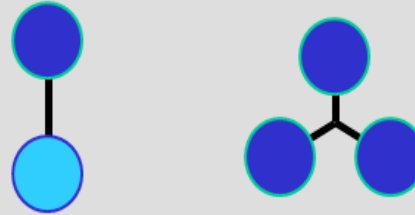
Quark Model

Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)

**QCD is the Theory of the Strong Interaction**

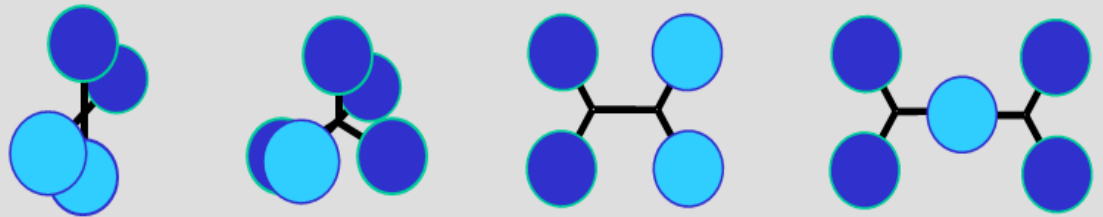
# We know

mesons and baryons

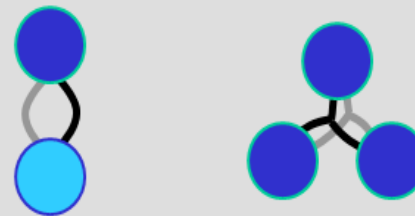


# QCD also allows

molecules/multi-quarks



hybrids



glueballs



and more

## **Hadron scattering amplitudes: four-quark state**

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**R.L. Jaffe, Phys. Rept. 409, 1 (2005)**

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# ♠ Four-quark states

Four-quark state: consists of four quarks and anti-quarks  
Intrinsic quarks/anti-quarks may make clusters

Degrees of freedom of quark: color, flavor, spin, *etc.*

◇  $(qq)(\bar{q}\bar{q})$  (tetraquark state, baryonium)

Quark dynamics

**Spin-independent interaction(Coulombic + linear confinement)**

**Spin-dependent interaction(color magnetic spin-spin interaction between the quarks(one gluon exchange))**

◇  $(q\bar{q})(q\bar{q})$  (molecule)

$(q\bar{q})$  is kept together by hadron exchange forces (two-gluon exchange forces, or one-pion exchange forces)

Color  $8 \times 8$   $(q\bar{q})(q\bar{q})$  state: ??

**Hadrons are in color singlet,  $(qq)(\bar{q}\bar{q})$  may mix with  $(q\bar{q})(q\bar{q})$   
four-quark state may mix with normal q anti-q meson**

## ♠ Mixing

Crypto-exotic states

$$|meson\rangle = |q\bar{q}\rangle + |(qq)(\bar{q}\bar{q})\rangle + |(q\bar{q})(q\bar{q})\rangle + \dots$$

Intrinsic color, flavor configurations could not be distinguished except that special observable is established.

Unfortunately, no such an observable has been definitely set up

## 2. QCD sum rule

♠ QCD (SVZ) sum rules

**M.A.Shifman, A.I. Vainshtein and V.I. Zakharov, Nucl. Phys. B147, 385(1979)**

QCD & Vacuum *sum rule* Hadron

Nonperturbative method of relating fundamental parameters of QCD lagrangian and vacuum to parameters of hadrons

- Correlator

$$i \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle 0 | T(j_\Gamma(x) j_\Gamma^\dagger(0)) | 0 \rangle$$

$j_\Gamma(x)$ : interpolating current

- OPE(Operator Product Expansion)

$$i \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle 0 | T(j_\Gamma(x) j_\Gamma^\dagger(0)) | 0 \rangle = \sum_n C_n^\Gamma(q^2) O_n$$

Hard (coefficients)+soft (condensates)

Fundamental parameters of QCD lagrangian+condensates  
(universal parameters)



- Dispersion relation

$$\Pi_P(q^2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int ds \frac{Im\Pi(s)}{s - q^2 - i\epsilon}$$

- Spectral density

$Im\Pi(s) \sim$  bound state (or resonance)+continuum

**Continuum contribution approximation**

$$Im\Pi(s) = Im\Pi^{QCD}(s), s > s_0 \text{ (threshold)}$$

**Duality relation!**

## To extract reliable information of the resonance

- Borel transformation

$$\hat{B} = \lim_{\substack{-q^2, n \rightarrow \infty \\ -q^2/n = M^2}} \frac{(-q^2)^{(n+1)}}{n!} \left( \frac{d}{dq^2} \right)^n$$

Semi-phenomenological method inspired by QCD

## ♠ Interpolating currents

Ailin Zhang, Phys. Rev. **D61**, 114021 (2000): "Four-quark state in QCD"

- $(q\bar{q})(q\bar{q})$

$$j_1(x) = (\bar{q}\Gamma\Lambda^m q)(\bar{q}\Gamma\Lambda^n q),$$

$$j_2(x) = f^{ab_1c_1} f^{ab_2c_2} (\bar{q}^{b_1}\Gamma\Lambda^m q^{c_1})(\bar{q}^{b_2}\Gamma\Lambda^n q^{c_2}),$$

$$j_3(x) = (\bar{q}\Gamma h_v)(\bar{q}\Gamma\Lambda^m q),$$

$$j_4(x) = f^{ab_1c_1} f^{ab_2c_2} (\bar{q}^{b_1}\Gamma h_v^{c_1})(\bar{q}^{b_2}\Gamma\Lambda^m q^{c_2}).$$

where for the pseudoscalar quark pairs,  $\Gamma = \gamma_5$ , while  $\Gamma = \gamma_\mu$  for the vector pairs.  $\Lambda^m$  is the generator of flavor  $SU(3)$

## Light four-quark state

$$(q\bar{q})(q\bar{q}): 700 \sim 900 \text{ MeV}$$

## Heavy-light four-quark state with one heavy quark

$$(c\bar{q})(q\bar{q}): 1.8 \sim 1.9 \text{ GeV}$$

$$(m_c = 1.3 \text{ GeV})$$

$$(b\bar{q})(q\bar{q}): 5.2 \sim 5.3 \text{ GeV}$$

$$(m_b = 4.7 \text{ GeV})$$

- $(ud)(\bar{s}\bar{s})$

Hua-Xing Chen, A. Hosaka and Shi-Lin Zhu, Phys. Rev. **D74**, 054001 (2006): "Exotic tetraquark  $ud\bar{s}\bar{s}$  of  $J^P = 0^+$  in the QCD sum rule"

$$S_{abcd} = (\bar{s}_a \gamma_5 C \bar{s}_b^T)(u_c^T C \gamma_5 d_d),$$

$$V_{abcd} = (\bar{s}_a \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 C \bar{s}_b^T)(u_c^T C \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 d_d),$$

$$T_{abcd} = (\bar{s}_a \sigma_{\mu\nu} C \bar{s}_b^T)(u_c^T C \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_d),$$

$$A_{abcd} = (\bar{s}_a \gamma_\mu C \bar{s}_b^T)(u_c^T C \gamma^\mu d_d),$$

$$P_{abcd} = (\bar{s}_a C \bar{s}_b^T)(u_c^T C d_d).$$

$\sim 1.5 \text{ GeV}$

$B^* \bar{B}$  **and**  $[bd][\bar{b}\bar{u}]$

**Chun-Yu, Yong-Lu Liu and Ming-Qiu Huang, Phys.Rev. D85, 074014(2012)**

$$j^\mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [(\bar{u}i\gamma^5 b)(\bar{b}\gamma_\mu d) + (\bar{u}_a\gamma_\mu b_a)(\bar{b}_b i\gamma^5 d_b)]$$

$$M_Z = (10.44 \pm 0.23) \text{ GeV}$$

$$j_\mu = \frac{\epsilon_{abc}\epsilon_{dec}}{\sqrt{2}} [(d_a^T C\gamma_5 b_b)(\bar{u}_d\gamma_\mu C\bar{b}_e^T) - (d_a^T C\gamma_\mu b_b) \\ \times (\bar{u}_d\gamma_5 C\bar{b}_e^T)].$$

$$M_Z = (10.5 \pm 0.19) \text{ GeV.}$$

# Four quark in operator picture → Diquark in constituent quark picture? ? ?

## Problems:

♣ Fierz transformation (rearrangement)

$$(qq)(\bar{q}\bar{q}) \rightarrow (q\bar{q})(q\bar{q})$$

**T. Schafer, Phys. Rev. D68, 114017 (2003)**

♣ Renormalization group improvement

**All the currents may mix with each other under renormalization**



Problems:

## **Coupling**

**The coupling is a coupling of a **current** with a **hadron****

**instead of a **current quark** with a **constituent quark****

**The interpolating current is in color singlet, while the quark inside has color**

**Can the quark operator with color create Fock state directly?**

**1, In view of the sum rule approach, the internal color structure of multi-quark state can not be detected through the couplings of interpolating currents to hadrons**

**2, In principle, there is no direct way to turn the operator picture into the constituent quark picture**

**3, Diquark: meaningful in constituent quark picture; Not meaningful in operator picture in the framework of QCD sum rules**

# Baryon sum rules

**Interpolating currents: Color SU(3), Flavor SU(3), Lorentz**

**Unique way for baryons color structure, different ways for the flavor and Lorentz structure**

**B.L. Ioffe,**

**Nuclear Physics B188 (1981) 317–341**

$$\eta(x) = (u^a(x) C \gamma_\mu u^b(x)) \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu d^c(x) \varepsilon^{abc}$$

$$M_N = 985 \text{ MeV}$$

**Y. Chung, H.G. Dosch, M. Kremer and D. Schall**

**Nuclear Physics B197 (1982) 55–75**

$$\psi^\mu = a(u^\top C \gamma^5 d) \gamma^\mu u + b(u^\top C d) \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 u + c(u^\top C \gamma^5 \gamma_\rho d) [(g^{\mu\rho} - \frac{1}{4} \gamma^\mu \gamma^\rho) u]$$

$$m_N \approx 1240 \text{ MeV}$$

# Diquark + QCD sum rule

## $0^+$ qq or qs diquark

Ailin Zhang, Tao Huang and Tom Steele, *Phys. Rev. D* **76**, 036004 (2007)

qq: 400 MeV

qs: 460 MeV

**With spin-dependent interaction switched on**

## $0^{++}$ four-quark state

$[\bar{q} \bar{q}][qq]$ , ~490 MeV

$[\bar{q} \bar{q}][sq] ([\bar{s} \bar{q}][qq])$  ~610 MeV

$[\bar{s} \bar{q}][sq]$  ~730 MeV

# 1- four-quark state

$$[\bar{q} \bar{q}][qq], \quad \sim 490 + B'_q \text{ MeV}$$

$$[\bar{q} \bar{q}][sq] ([\bar{s} \bar{q}][qq]) \quad \sim 610 + B'_q \text{ MeV}$$

$$[\bar{s} \bar{q}][sq] \quad \sim 730 + B'_q \text{ MeV}$$

◇ Scalar:  $f_0(600)$  (or  $\sigma$ ),  $f_0(980)$ ,  $a_0(980)$  and the unconfirmed  $\kappa(800)$ ?

# Cq diquark

R. T. Kleiv, T. G. Steele, Ailin Zhang and Ian Blokland,  
Phys.Rev. D87, 125018 (2013)

$0^+$ :  $1.86 \pm 0.05$  GeV

$1^+$ :  $1.87 \pm 0.10$  GeV

# Bq diquark

$0^+, 1^+$ :  $5.08 \pm 0.04$  GeV

**X(3872) and  $Y_b(10890)$  are very possibly  
the  $J^{PC}=0^{++}$  tetraquark states**



# 3. Candidates of four-quark state

## Light hadrons

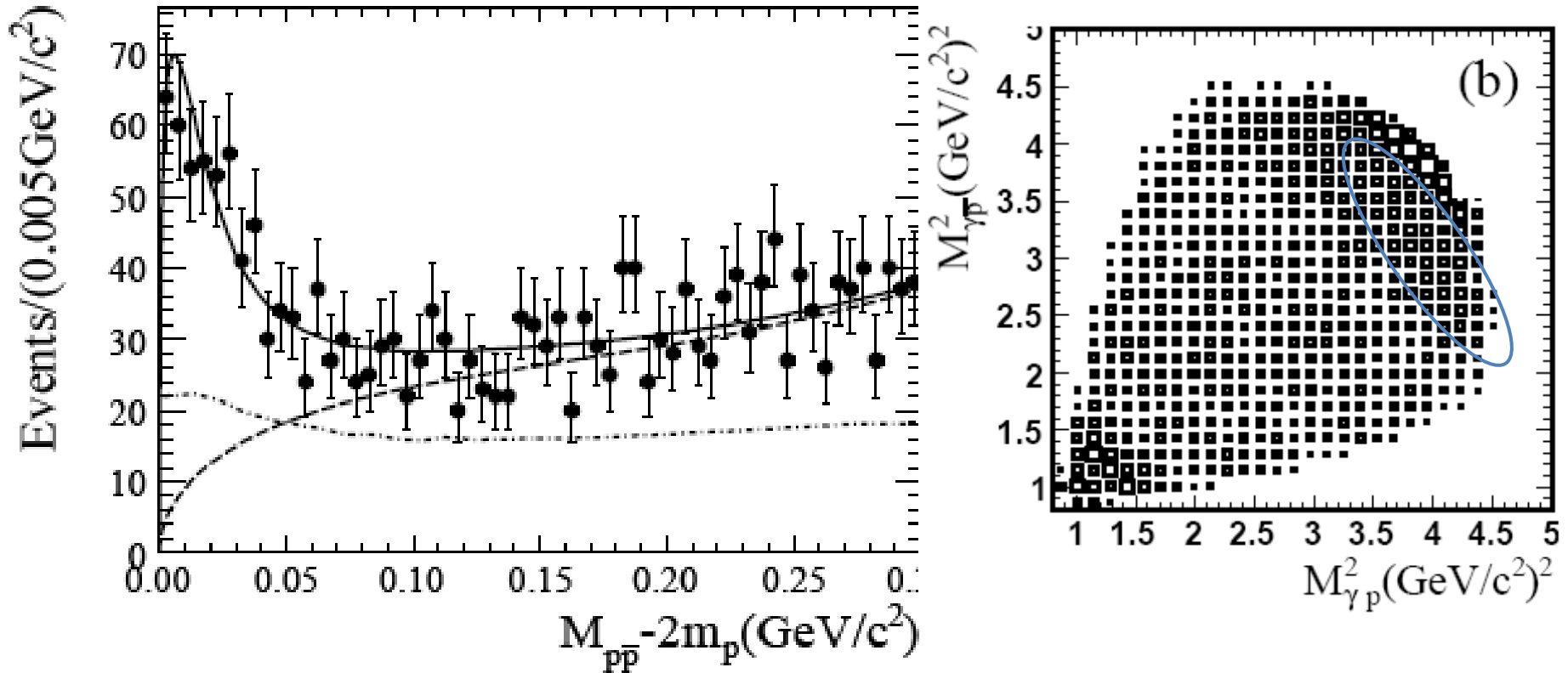
◇ Scalar:  $f_0(600)$  (or  $\sigma$ ),  $f_0(980)$ ,  $a_0(980)$  and the unconfirmed  $\kappa(800)$ ?

◇ **X(1860)**

**anomalous enhancement near the threshold of  $p\bar{p}$   
mass spectrum at BES III**

**J. Z. Bai, et al., (BES Collaboration), Phys. Rev. Lett. 91,  
022001 (2003); Chin.Phys.C34, 421(2010)**

# $\psi' \rightarrow \pi\pi J / \psi, J / \psi \rightarrow \gamma p\bar{p}$ @ BESIII



**Fitted with a S-wave BW,  $M=1861^{+6}_{-13}$  (stat) $^{+7}_{-26}$  (syst) MeV/c<sup>2</sup>  
 $\Gamma < 38$  MeV/c<sup>2</sup> (90% CL)**

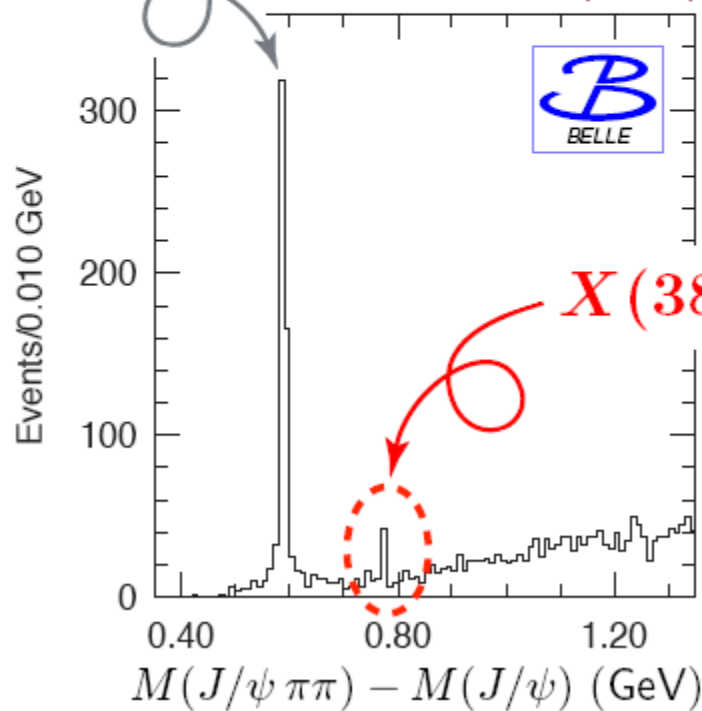
# Charmonium-like

## $X(3872)$

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

PRL 91, 262001 (2003)

◀ Belle's most highly cited paper

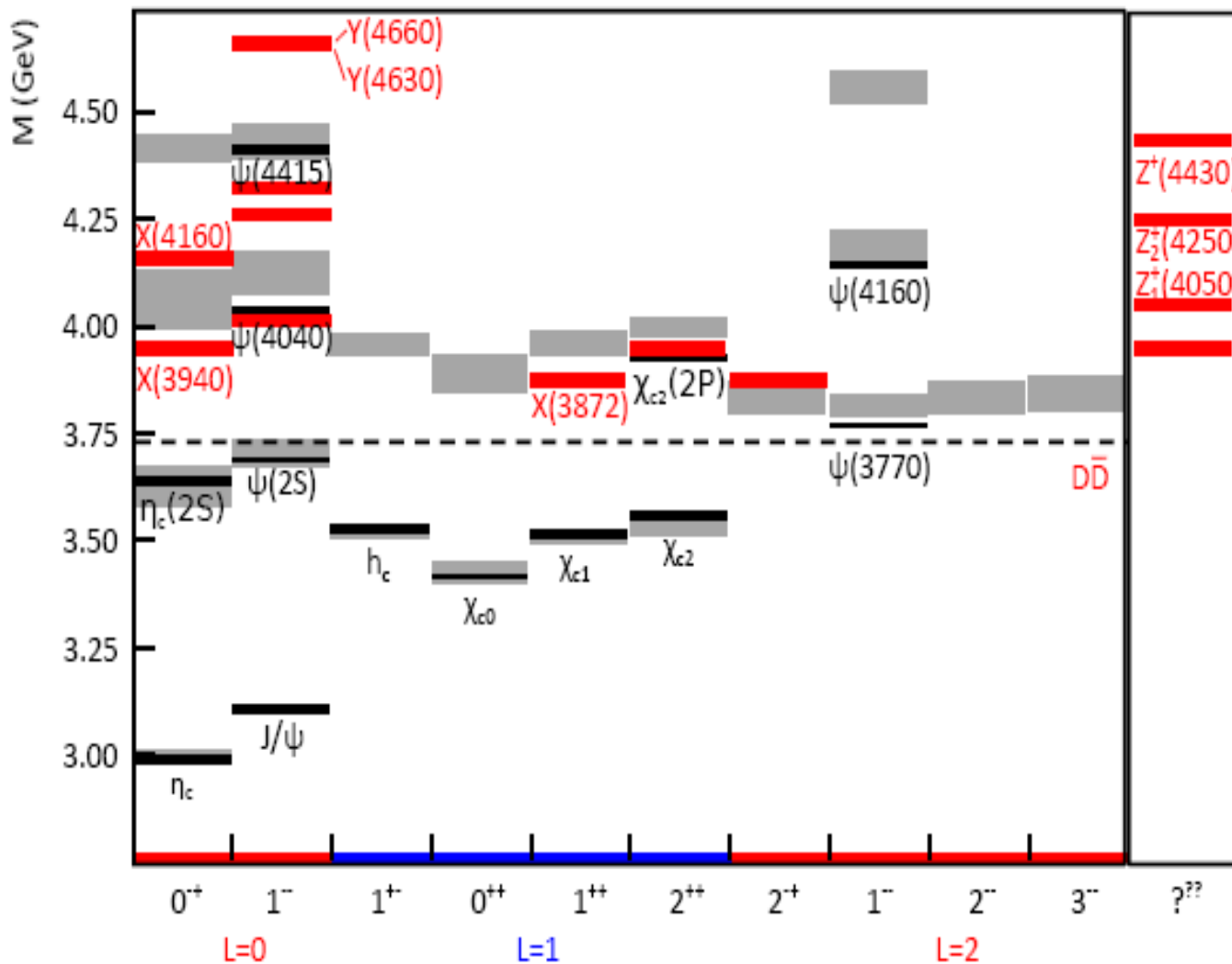


$X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi$



State	$M$ , MeV	$\Gamma$ , MeV	$J^{PC}$	Process
$X(3872)$	$3871.52 \pm 0.20$	$1.3 \pm 0.6$ ( $< 2.2$ )	$1^{++}/2^{-+}$	$B \rightarrow K(\pi^+\pi^- J/\psi)$ $p\bar{p} \rightarrow (\pi^+\pi^- J/\psi) + \dots$ $B \rightarrow K(\omega J/\psi)$ $B \rightarrow K(D^{*0}D^0)$ $B \rightarrow K(\gamma J/\psi)$ $B \rightarrow K(\gamma\psi(2S))$
$X(3915)$	$3915.6 \pm 3.1$	$28 \pm 10$	$0/2^{?+}$	$B \rightarrow K(\omega J/\psi)$ $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow (\omega J/\psi)$
$X(3940)$	$3942_{-8}^{+9}$	$37_{-17}^{+27}$	$?^{?+}$	$e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi(D\bar{D}^*)$ $e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi(\dots)$
$Y(4008)$	$4008_{-49}^{+121}$	$226 \pm 97$	$1^{--}$	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma(\pi^+\pi^- J/\psi)$
$Z_1(4050)^+$	$4051_{-43}^{+24}$	$82_{-55}^{+51}$	$?$	$B \rightarrow K(\pi^+\chi_{c1}(1P))$
$Y(4140)$	$4143.4 \pm 3.0$	$15_{-7}^{+11}$	$?^{?+}$	$B \rightarrow K(\phi J/\psi)$
$X(4160)$	$4156_{-25}^{+29}$	$139_{-65}^{+113}$	$?^{?+}$	$e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi(D\bar{D}^*)$
$Z_2(4250)^+$	$4248_{-45}^{+185}$	$177_{-72}^{+321}$	$?$	$B \rightarrow K(\pi^+\chi_{c1}(1P))$
$Y(4260)$	$4263 \pm 5$	$108 \pm 14$	$1^{--}$	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma(\pi^+\pi^- J/\psi)$ $e^+e^- \rightarrow (\pi^+\pi^- J/\psi)$ $e^+e^- \rightarrow (\pi^0\pi^0 J/\psi)$
$Y(4360)$	$4353 \pm 11$	$96 \pm 42$	$1^{--}$	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma(\pi^+\pi^- \psi')$
$Z(4430)^+$	$4443_{-18}^{+24}$	$107_{-71}^{+113}$	$?$	$B \rightarrow K(\pi^+\psi(2S))$
$X(4630)$	$4634_{-11}^{+9}$	$92_{-32}^{+41}$	$1^{--}$	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma(\Lambda_c^+\Lambda_c^-)$
$Y(4660)$	$4664 \pm 12$	$48 \pm 15$	$1^{--}$	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma(\pi^+\pi^-\psi(2S))$

**Eur.Phys.J.C71,1534 (2011)**



Godfrey & Isgur,  
Phys. Rev. D **32**, 189 (1985)

Wolfgang Gradl, Talk at Charm2012

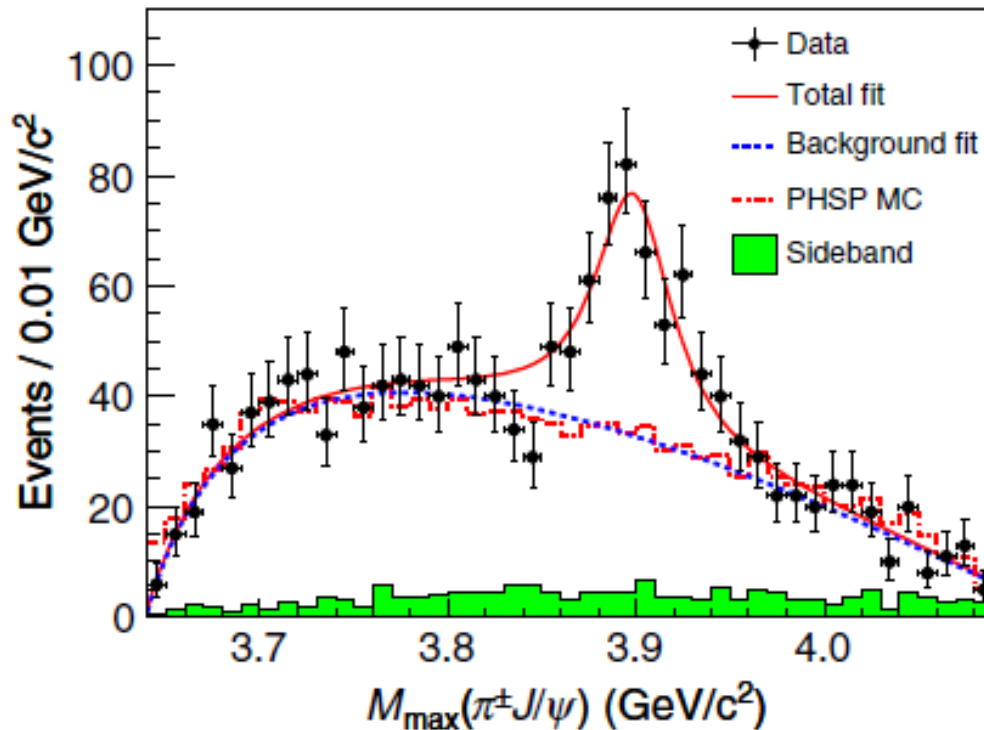
# $Z_c(3900)$

BESIII Collaboration, Phys.Rev.Lett,110,252001(2013)

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^\pm Z_c(3900)^\mp \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi$$

PRL 110, 252001 (2013)

PHYSICAL



$M=3899.0 \pm 3.6 \pm 4.9$  MeV  
 $\Gamma=46 \pm 10 \pm 20$  MeV  
>  $8 \sigma$

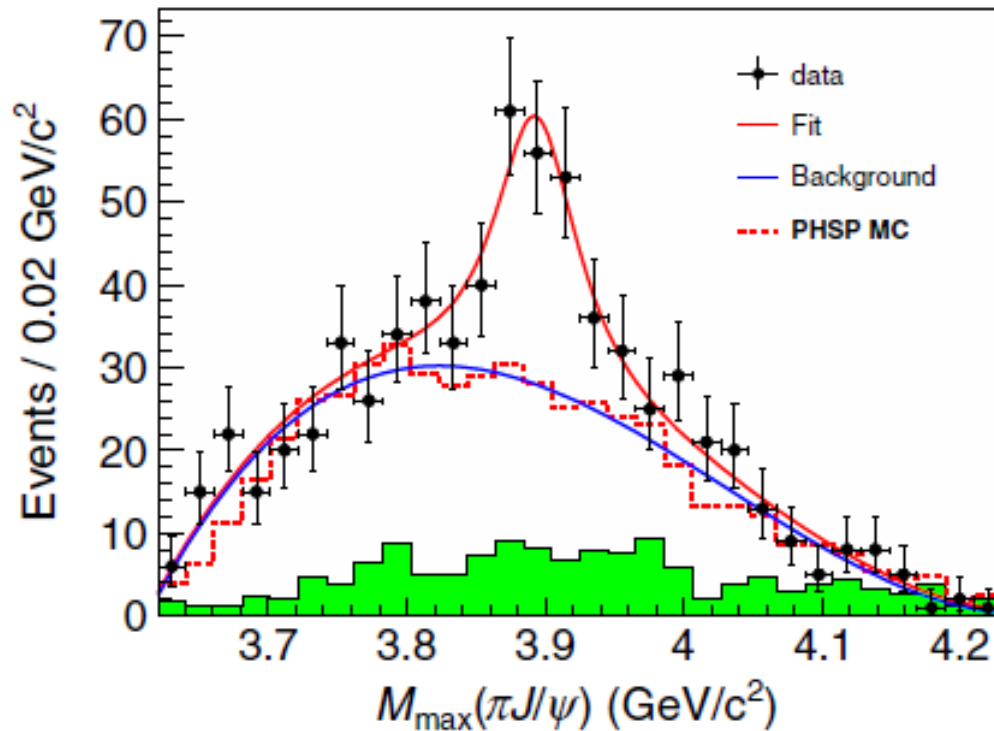


# Confirmed by Belle and CLEO-c

**Belle Collaboration, PRL,110,252002 (2013)**

PRL 110, 252002 (2013)

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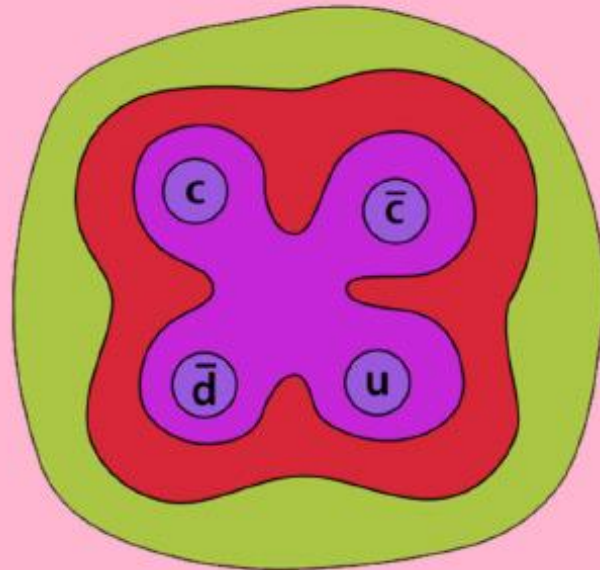
**$M=3894.5 \pm 6.6 \pm 4.5 \text{ MeV}$**   
 **$\Gamma=63 \pm 24 \pm 26 \text{ MeV}$**   
 **$> 5.2 \sigma$**

# Confirmed by Belle and CLEO-c

Two experiments have detected the signature of a new particle, which may combine quarks in a way not seen before--[Eric Swanson](#)



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Zc(3900)

# Confirmed by Belle and CLEO-c

## CLEO-c results, PLB,727,366 (2013)

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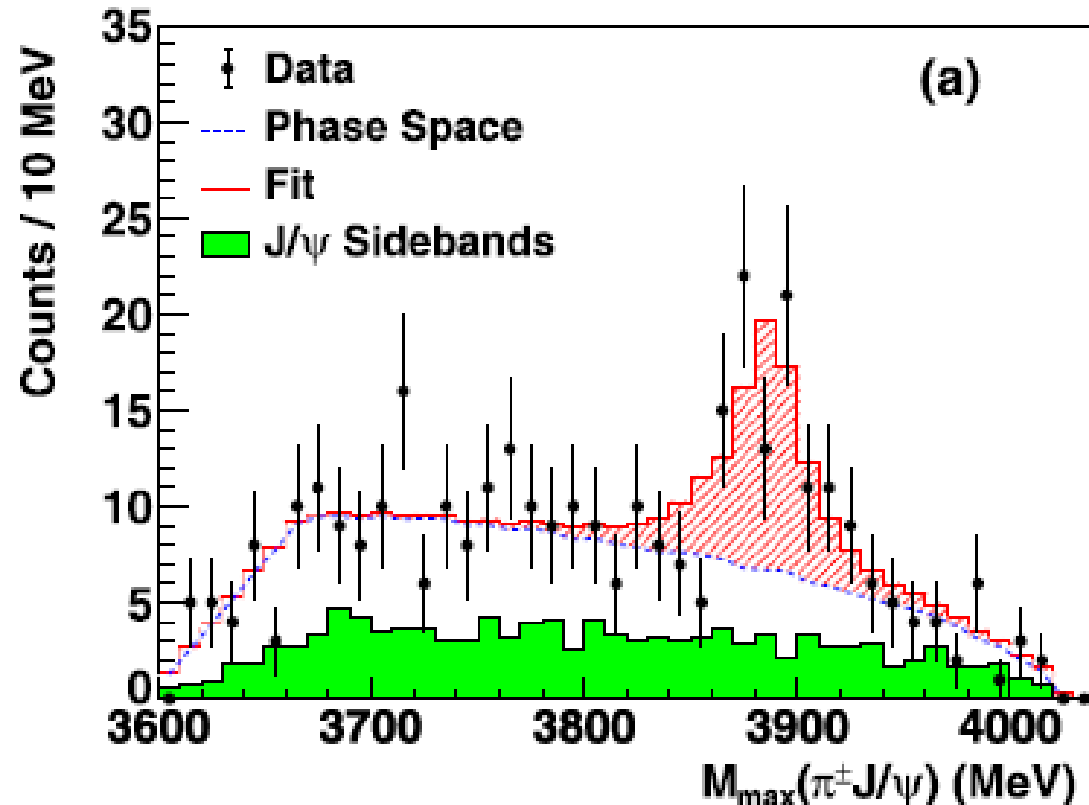
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Observation of the charged hadron  $Z_c^\pm(3900)$  and evidence for the neutral  $Z_c^0(3900)$  in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi\pi J/\psi$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 4170$  MeV

Xiao, S. Dobbs, A. Tomaradze, Kamal K. Seth\*

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**$M=3886 \pm 4 \pm 2$  MeV**  
 **$\Gamma=37 \pm 4 \pm 8$  MeV**

Summary of fit results for  $Z_c^\pm$  and  $Z_c^0$ . The second uncertainties in  $M(Z_c)$ ,  $\Gamma(Z_c)$  and  $R$  are systematic. The log-likelihood determined significance levels for the present results have been calculated including systematic errors.

		Significance	$N(Z_c)$	$\langle\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi Z_c \rightarrow \pi\pi J/\psi)\rangle$ , pb	$M(Z_c)$ MeV	$\Gamma(Z_c)$ MeV	$R$ %
BES III [1]	$\pi^+\pi^-$	$> 8\sigma$	$307 \pm 48$	$13.5 \pm 2.1$	$3899 \pm 4 \pm 5$	$46 \pm 10 \pm 20$	$22 \pm 3 \pm 8$
Belle [2]	$\pi^+\pi^-$	$> 5.2\sigma$	$159 \pm 49$	-	$3895 \pm 7 \pm 5$	$63 \pm 24 \pm 26$	$29 \pm 9$
Present:							
$(M^2(\pi^+\pi^-) - \text{all})$	$\pi^+\pi^-$	$5.1\sigma$	$71 \pm 15$	$2.7 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.8$	$3886 \pm 4 \pm 2$	$33 \pm 6 \pm 7$	$32 \pm 8 \pm 10$
$(M^2(\pi^+\pi^-) < 0.65 \text{ GeV})$	$\pi^+\pi^-$	$5.7\sigma$	$81 \pm 16$	$3.9 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.8$	$3886 \pm 4 \pm 2$	$37 \pm 4 \pm 8$	$52 \pm 12 \pm 10$
$(M^2(\pi^0\pi^0) < 0.65 \text{ GeV})$	$\pi^0\pi^0$	$3.5\sigma$	$25 \pm 7$	$3.2 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.6$	$3904 \pm 9 \pm 5$	37 (fixed)	$63 \pm 21 \pm 11$

# Notes from the Editors: Highlights of the Year

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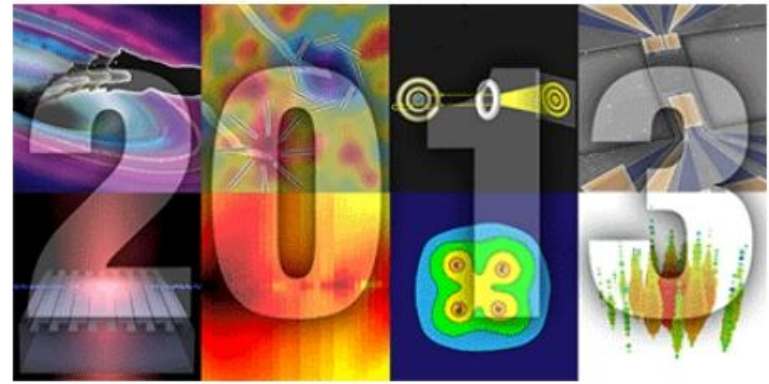
*Physics* looks back at the standout stories of 2013.

As 2013 draws to a close, we look back on the research covered in *Physics* that really made waves in and beyond the physics community. In thinking about which stories to highlight, we considered a combination of factors: popularity on the website, a clear element of surprise or discovery, or signs that the work could lead to better technology. On behalf of the *Physics* staff, we wish everyone an excellent New Year.

– Matteo Rini and Jessica Thomas

## Four-Quark Matter

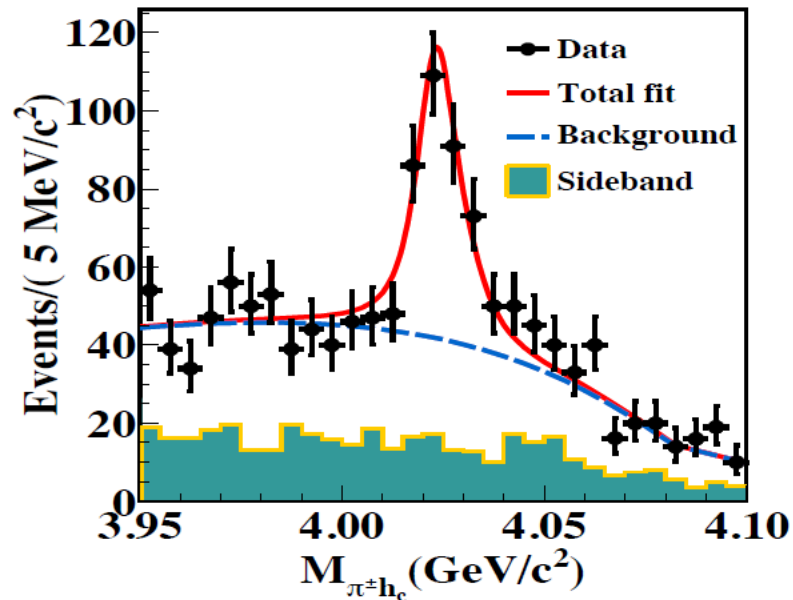
Quarks come in twos and threes—or so nearly every experiment has told us. This summer, the BESIII Collaboration in China and the Belle Collaboration in Japan reported they had sorted through the debris of high-energy electron-positron collisions and seen a **mysterious particle** that appeared to contain four quarks. Though other explanations for the nature of the particle, dubbed  $Z_c(3900)$ , are possible, the “tetraquark” interpretation may be gaining traction: BESIII has since **seen** a series of other particles that appear to contain four quarks.



Images from popular *Physics* stories in 2013.

# $Z_c(4020)$

**BESIII Collaboration, Phys.Rev.Lett,111,242001(2013)**



- Mass:  
 $4022.9 \pm 0.8 \pm 2.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- Width:  
 $7.9 \pm 2.7 \pm 2.6 \text{ MeV}$
- $Z_c(4020)$  signals:  
 $114 \pm 25$  at 4230 MeV;  
 $72 \pm 17$  at 4260 MeV;  
 $67 \pm 15$  at 4360 MeV

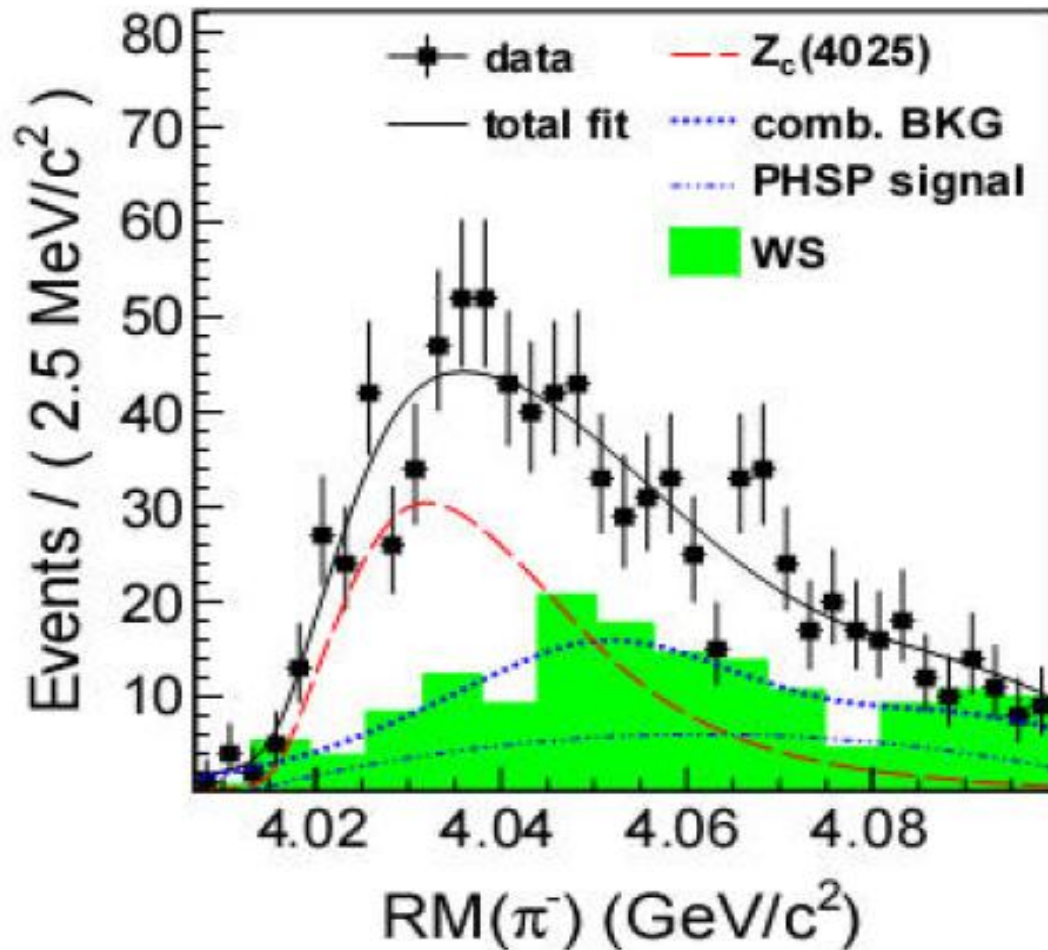
significance :  $8.9 \sigma$

- Fit the three data samples separately
- Fit the  $\pi^+ h_c$  and  $\pi^- h_c$  mass spectrum separately

fit yields consistent

# $Z_c^+(4025)$

**BESIII Collaboration, Phys.Rev.Lett,112,132001(2014)**



$$M = 4026.3 \pm 2.6 \text{ MeV},$$

$$\Gamma = 24.8 \pm 5.6 \text{ MeV}, \quad e^+ e^- \rightarrow (D^* \bar{D}^*)^\pm \pi^\mp$$



Alternative explanations of the data exist that are based on less exotic quark-based interactions. One possibility is that the  $Z_c$  is not a new particle but is an **interaction** between two D mesons. These D mesons are a combination of a charm quark with an up or down quark, so they give essentially the same quark content as in Fig. 1(c). Some models predict that these mesons will be attracted to each other with sufficient strength to explain the data. The difference between this D meson interaction and a new four-quark particle is only a matter of degree, but future experiments studying how the D mesons interact might be able to settle the issue. From the theory side, continued efforts at solving QCD might reveal whether four or more quarks can naturally come together to form a particle. If the four-quark explanation is confirmed, our particle physics zoo will need to be enlarged to include new species. And our understanding of quark taxonomy will have expanded into a new realm



X, Y, Z ?



"Particles, particles, particles."

## 4. Conclusions and discussions

1. Four-quark state has been established?

2. The properties of the decays of four-quark state? The mechanism of hadronic decays of four-quark states?

3. Theoretical study of four-quark state is not satisfactory, the principle (except for flavor, charge) of identification of four-quark state has not been established

4. Reasonable way to study multi-quark states in QCD ? Lattice theory?

**Thanks !**