$Z_c(3900)$: experiment, theory, lattice

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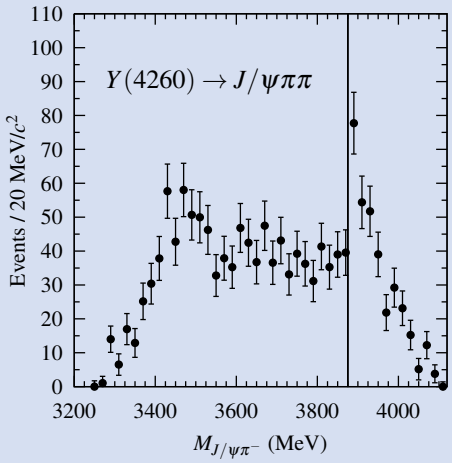

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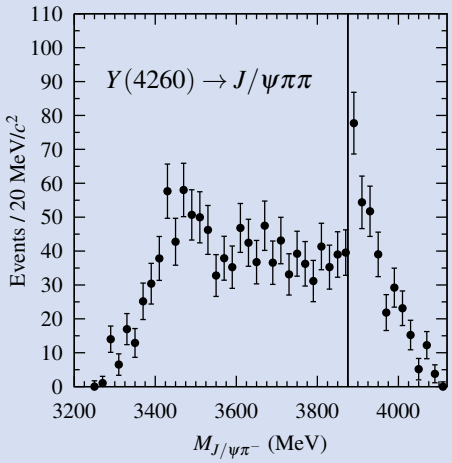

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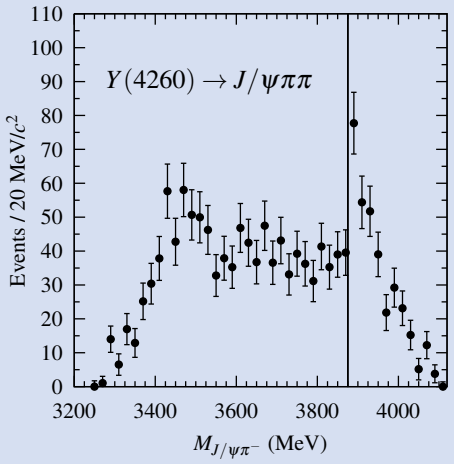

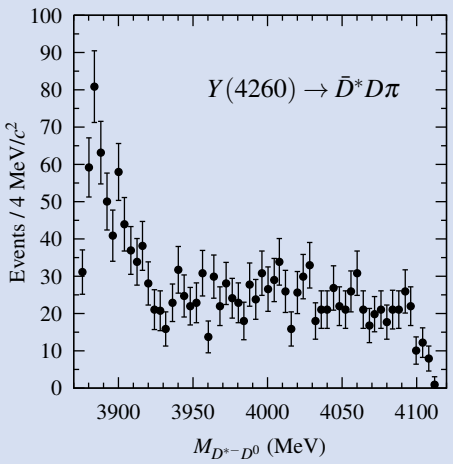

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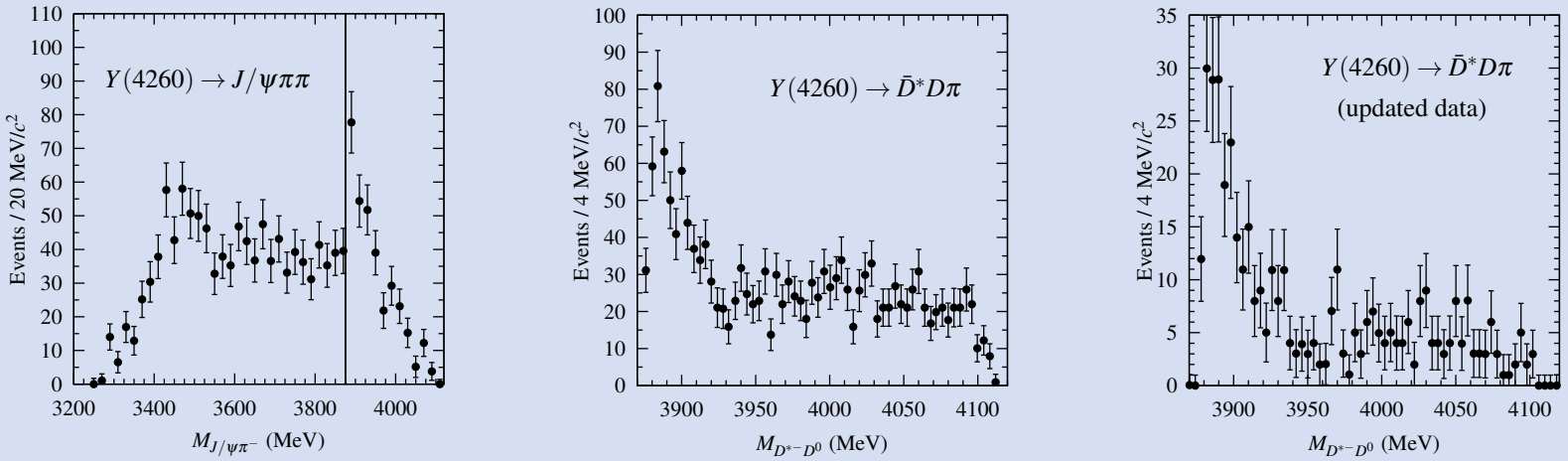

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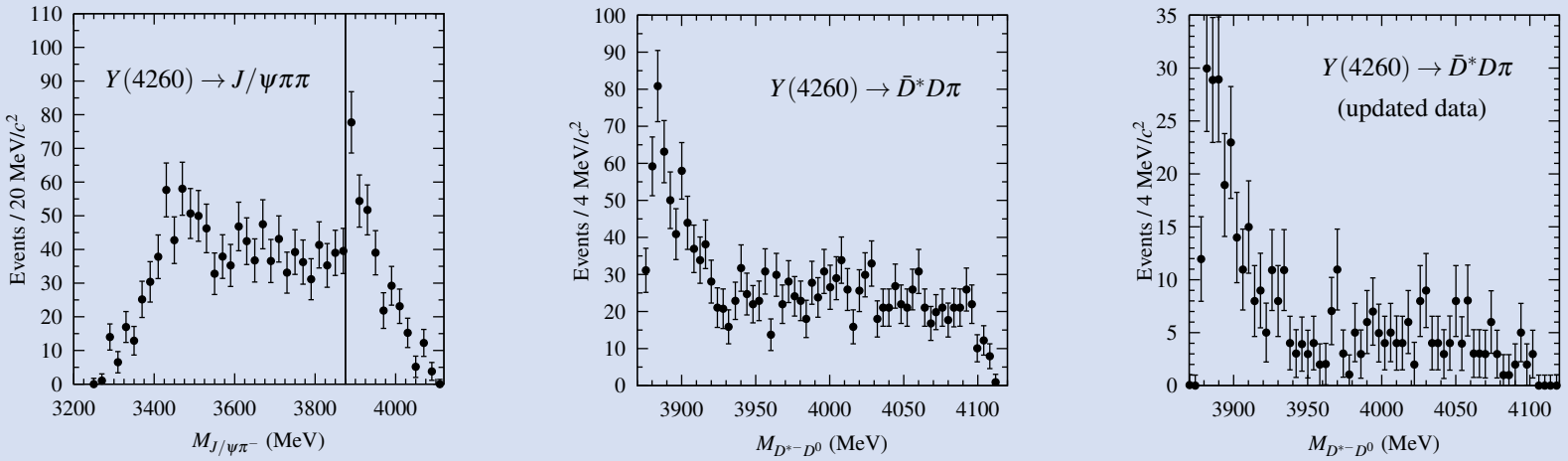


Introduction: theoretical speculation

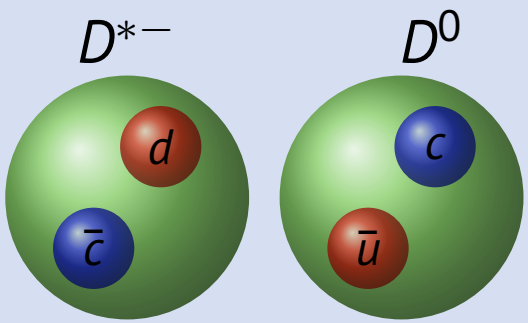
- "One of the most interesting resonances": couples strongly to charmonium ($\sim \bar{c}c$) and yet it has charge ($\sim \bar{u}d$). Minimal quark constituent is **four** [$\bar{c}c\bar{u}d$].

Many different interpretations:

- Tetraquark
- $\bar{D}^* D$ molecular state
- Simply a kinematical effect (ruled out)
- Hadrocharmonium
- Searched for in lattice QCD

Recent reviews (2015-2016):

- [Olsen, Front. Phys. 10, 121('15)]
- [Chen *et al.*,Phys. Rept. 639, 1('16)]
- [Hosaka *et al.*,PTEP 2016, 062C01('16)]



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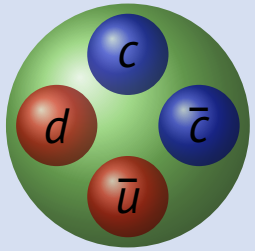

What is still missing?

A **joint study of both reactions** in which the Z_c structure has been seen

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Coupling $\bar{D}^* D$ and $J/\psi\pi$ channels

Coupled channel formalism is needed, because $Z_c(3900)$:

- is expected to be dynamically generated in $\bar{D}^* D$ channel (#2),
- but it is also seen in $J/\psi\pi$ channel (#1).

$$T = (\mathbb{I} - V \cdot G)^{-1} \cdot V \ ,$$

$$V_{ij} = 4\sqrt{m_{i1} m_{i2}}\sqrt{m_{j1} m_{j2}}\, e^{-q_i^2/\Lambda_i^2} e^{-q_j^2/\Lambda^2} C_{ij} \ ,$$

- $G(E)$ are loop functions (Regularized with standard gaussian regulator)
- $J/\psi\pi \to J/\psi\pi$: known to be tiny, $C_{11} = 0$.
- $\bar{D}^* D \to J/\psi\pi$: we make the simplest possible assumption, $C_{12} \equiv \widetilde{C}$ (constant)
- $\bar{D}^* D \to \bar{D}^* D$: In a momentum expansion (HQSS), simply a constant, $C_{22} \equiv C_{1Z}$.
- **Problem:** no resonance in the complex plane above threshold with only constant potentials (even with coupled channels).
- We introduce some energy dependence,

$$C_{22}(E) = C_{1Z} + b\,(E - m_D - m_{D^*})\,.$$

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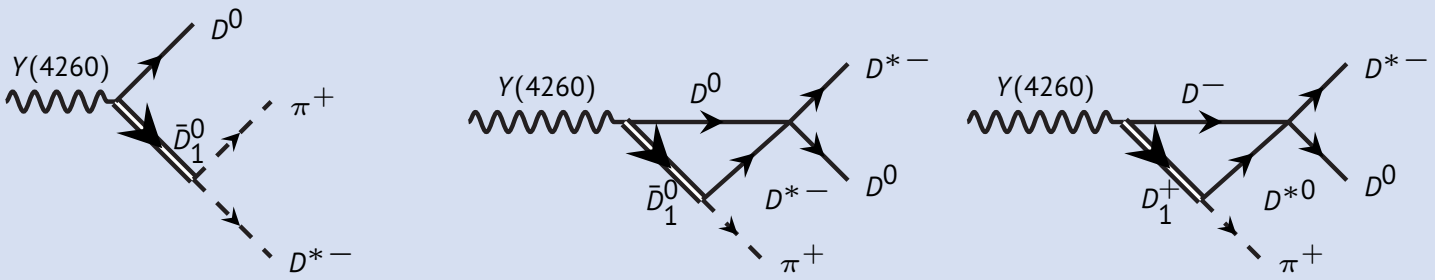

$$\left|\overline{\mathcal{M}_2}(s,t)\right|^2 = \left|\frac{1}{t-m_{D_1}^2} + I_3(s)T_{22}(s)\right|^2 q_\pi^4(s) + \left|\beta\left(1+T_{22}(s)G_{22}(s)\right)\right|^2$$

- s (Mandelstam) $\bar{D}^*D$ invariant mass squared
- $I_3(s)$: three meson loop propagator
- $\bar{D}^*D$ rescattering enters through $T_{22}(s)$
- ${q_\pi}^2(s) = \lambda(M_Y^2, s, m_\pi^2)/(4M_Y^2)$

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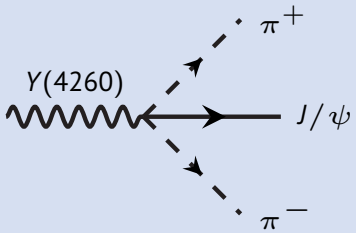

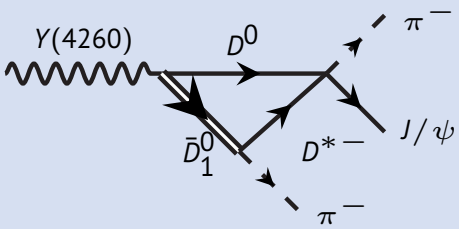

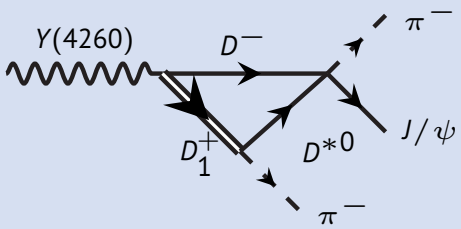

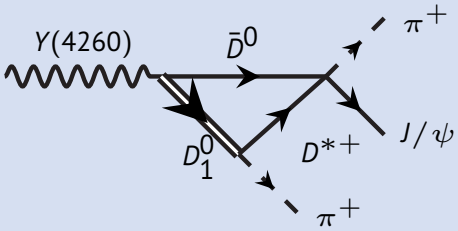

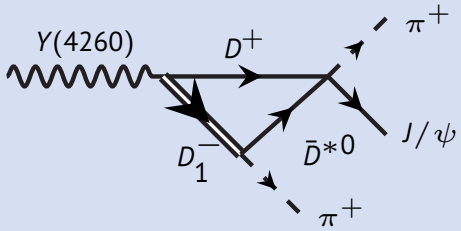

- The decay proceeds mainly through $[T_{12}(s)]$
  $Y \to (\bar{D}^* D)\pi \to (J/\psi\pi)\pi$
- Some direct production included through α
- s, t (Mandelstam) $J/\psi\pi^-, J/\psi\pi^+$ invariant mass squared

$$\left|\overline{\mathcal{M}_1}(s,t)\right|^2 = |\tau(s)|^2\, q_\pi^4(s) + |\tau(t)|^2\, q_\pi^4(t) + \frac{3\cos^2\theta - 1}{4}\Big(\tau(s)\tau(t)^* + \tau(s)^*\tau(t)\Big) q_\pi^2(s) q_\pi^2(t)\,,$$

$$\tau(s) = \sqrt{2} I_3(s) T_{12}(s) + \alpha$$

Events distributions and Experimental data

- Events distributions $\mathcal{N}_i$:

$$\mathcal{N}_i(s) = K_i\left(\mathcal{A}_i(s) + \mathcal{B}_i(s)\right)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_i(s) = \int_{t_{i,-}}^{t_{i,+}} dt\, \left|\overline{\mathcal{M}_i}(s,t)\right|^2$$

- K_i (unknown) global normalization constants
- $\mathcal{B}_i$ are background functions (parametrized as in the experimental analyses) ($\mathcal{B}_2 = 0$)
- "Branching ratio":

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- Theoretically estimated as the (physical) ratio of areas around $Z_c(3900)$ mass

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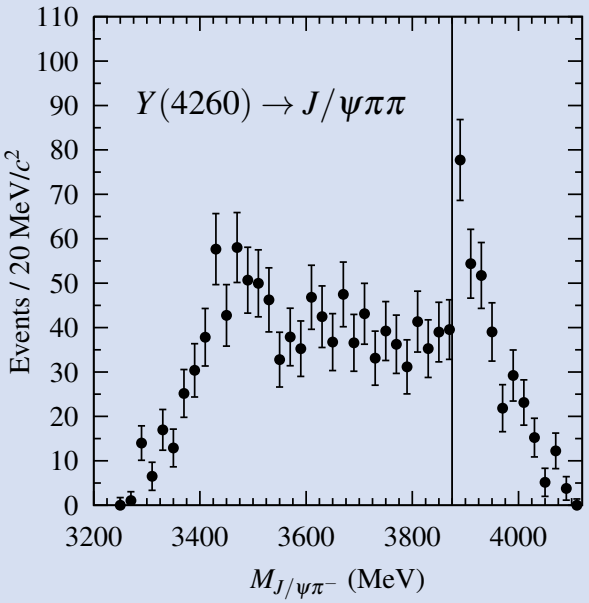

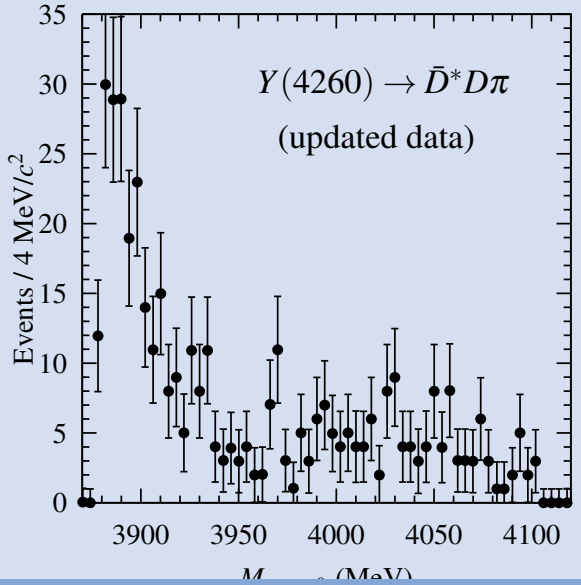

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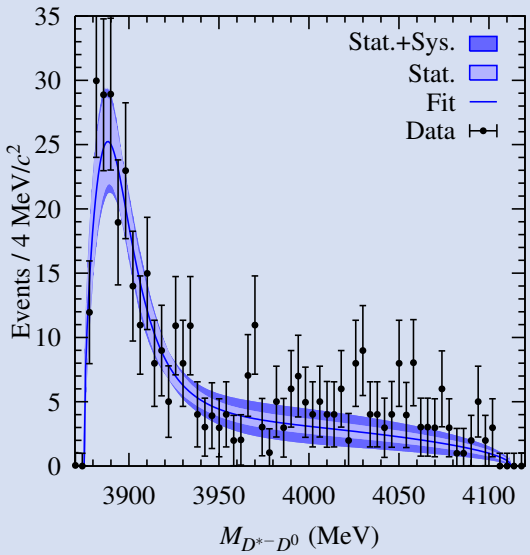

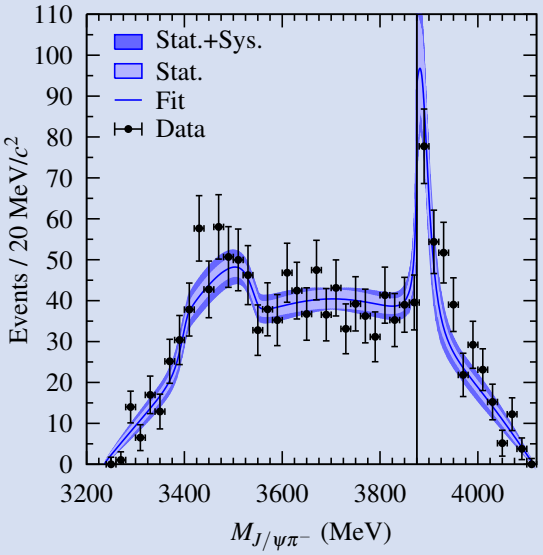

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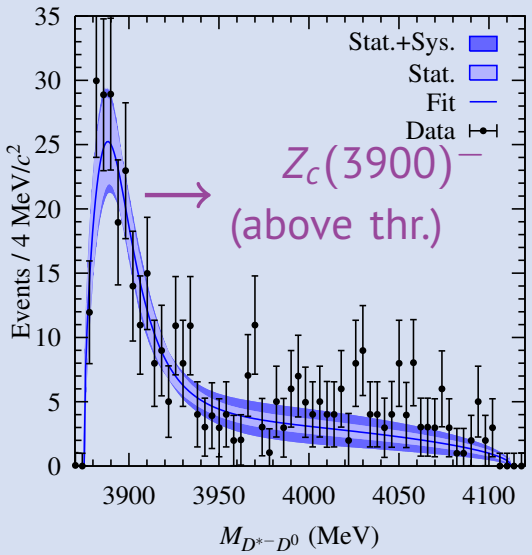

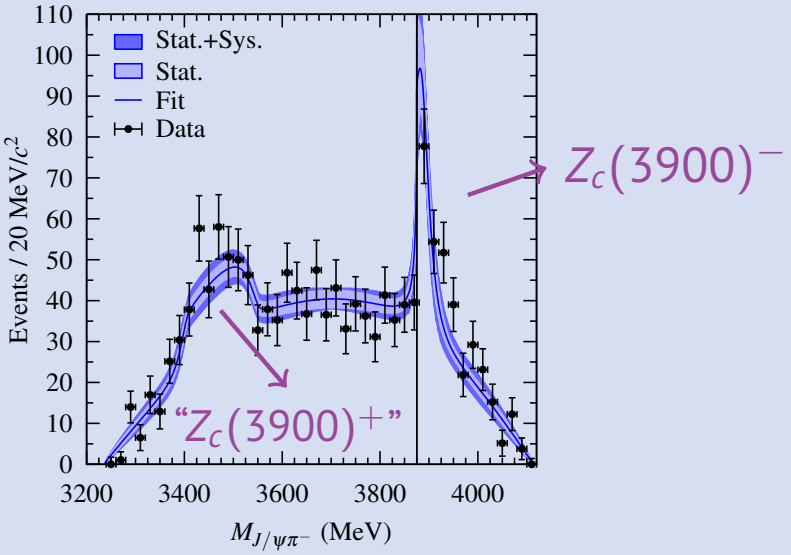

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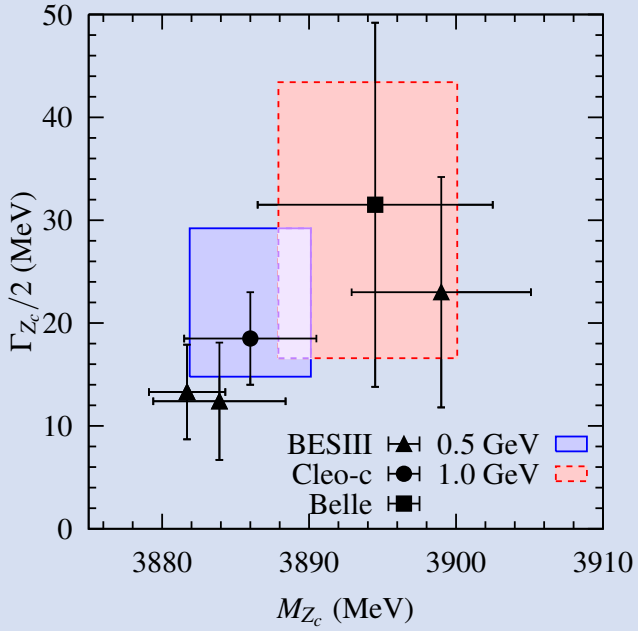

M_{Z_c} (MeV)	$\Gamma_{Z_c}/2$ (MeV)	Ref.	Final state
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3895 ± 8	32 ± 18	■(Belle)	$J/\psi\ \pi$
3886 ± 5	19 ± 5	●(CLEO-c)	$J/\psi\ \pi$
3884 ± 5	12 ± 6	▲(BESIII)	$\bar{D}^* D$
3882 ± 3	13 ± 5	▲(BESIII)	$\bar{D}^* D$
$3894 \pm 6 \pm 1$	$30 \pm 12 \pm 6$	(Λ = 1.0 GeV)	both
$3886 \pm 4 \pm 1$	$22 \pm 6 \pm 4$	(Λ = 0.5 GeV)	both
$3831 \pm 26^{+7}_{-28}$	virtual state	(Λ = 1.0 GeV)	both
$3844 \pm 19^{+12}_{-21}$	virtual state	(Λ = 0.5 GeV)	both

Two different scenarios:

1. ($b \neq 0$) Z_c is a $\bar{D}^* D$ **resonance** very close to threshold
   (Differences with experiments are related to Breit-Wigner parametrizations)
2. ($b = 0$) Z_c is a **virtual state**

In both scenarios,

- Data are very well reproduced
- A single structure (not two) $Z_c(3885)/Z_c(3900)$ is needed

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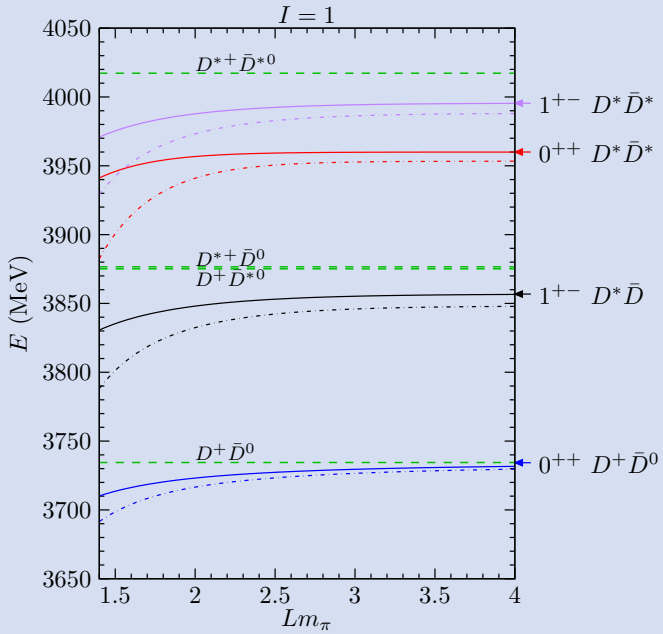
$Z_c(3900)$ on the lattice

- LQCD simulations on $Z_c(3900)$ still scarce:
  - [Prelovsek *et al.*, PR,D91,014504('15)] ($m_\pi = 266$ MeV) "no additional candidate"
  - [Y. Ikeda *et al.* [HAL QCD], arXiv:1602.03465] ($m_\pi \geqslant 410$ MeV) Virtual poles with very low masses and deep in the complex plane.
  - [Y. Chen *et al.*, PR,D89,094506('14)]
  - [L. Liu *et al.*, PoS LATTICE 2014, 117('14)]
  - [S. H. Lee *et al.*, arXiv:1411.1389]
- Results are not conclusive (large pion masses, etc...)
- We can predict energy levels in a finite box. **Cooperation** between (unitary) EFTs and LQCD simulations is useful to understand the hadron spectrum.

  [M. Doring, U. G. Meissner, E. Oset and A. Rusetsky, EPJ,A47,139('11)]



[M.A., C. Hidalgo-Duque, J. Nieves, E. Oset, PR,D88,014510('13)]

Formalism for finite volume [M.A., P. Fernández-Soler, J. Nieves, arXiv:1606.03008]

Periodic boundary conditions: discrete momenta

infinite volume	finite volume
$\vec{q}$ continuous	$\vec{q} = \frac{2\pi}{L}\vec{n}, \quad \vec{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^3$
$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e^{-2(q^2-k_2^2)/\Lambda^2}}{E-\omega_{D\bar{D}^*}(q)}$	$\frac{1}{L^3}\sum_{\vec{n}\in\mathbb{Z}^3} \frac{e^{-2(q^2-k_2^2)/\Lambda^2}}{E-\omega_{D\bar{D}^*}(q)}$
$T^{-1}(E) = V^{-1}(E) - G(E)$	$\tilde{T}^{-1}(E,L) = V^{-1}(E) - \tilde{G}(E,L)$

- $\omega^{\text{the}}_{D\bar{D}^*}(q) = m_D + m_{D^*} + \frac{m_D+m_{D^*}}{2m_D m_{D^*}} q^2$ (non relativistic)
- Finite volume $\rightarrow$ box of edge L: it is an infinite square well potential (like QM)
- Energy levels: bound states in the box. Given by $\tilde{T}^{-1}(E_m(L), L) = 0$
- Goal: to compare with LQCD energy levels reported in [Prelovsek *et al.*, PR,D91,014504('15)].
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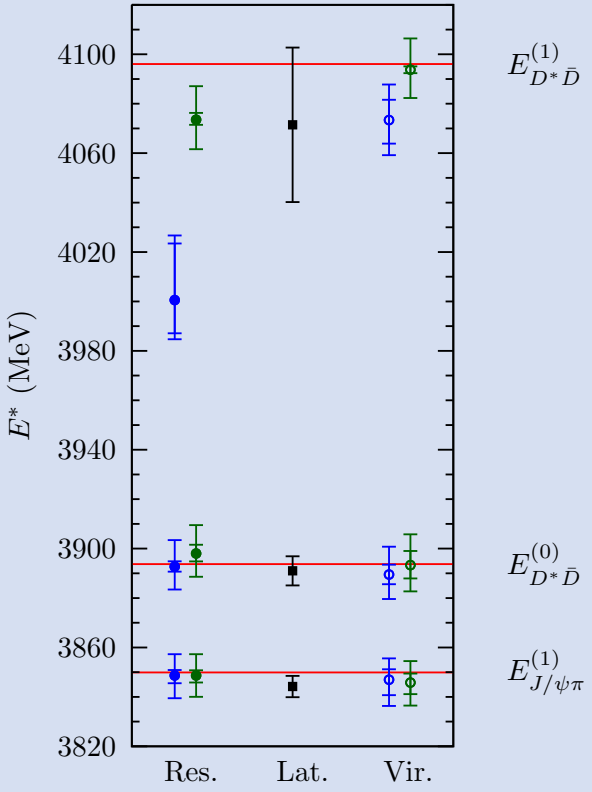
Comparison with LQCD simulations



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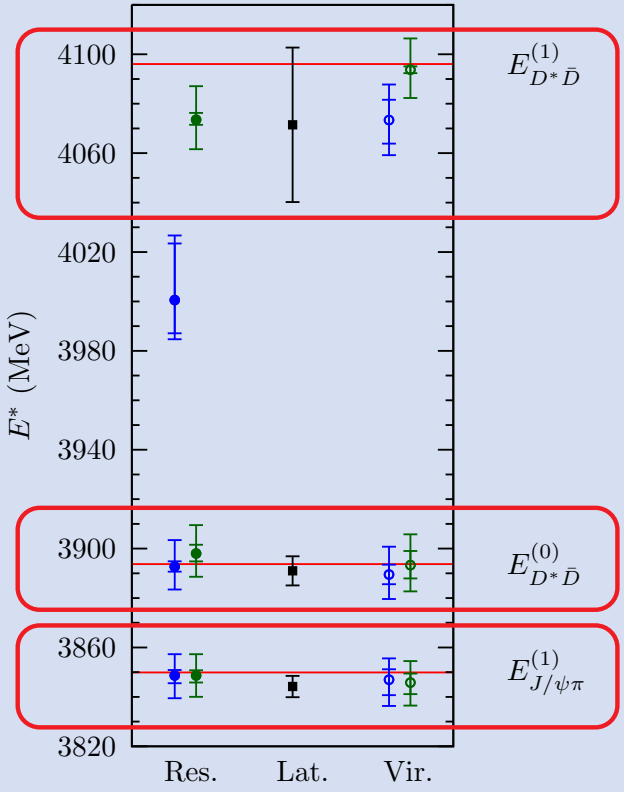

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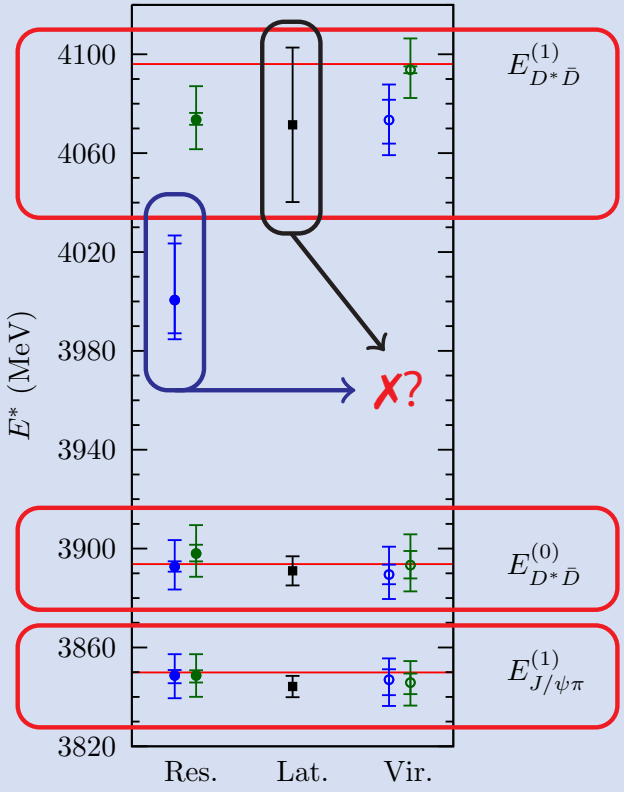

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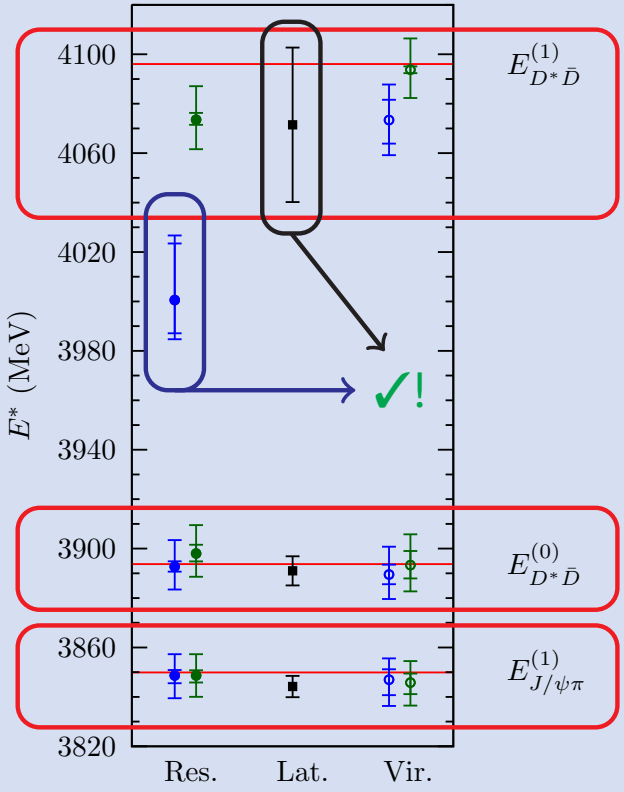

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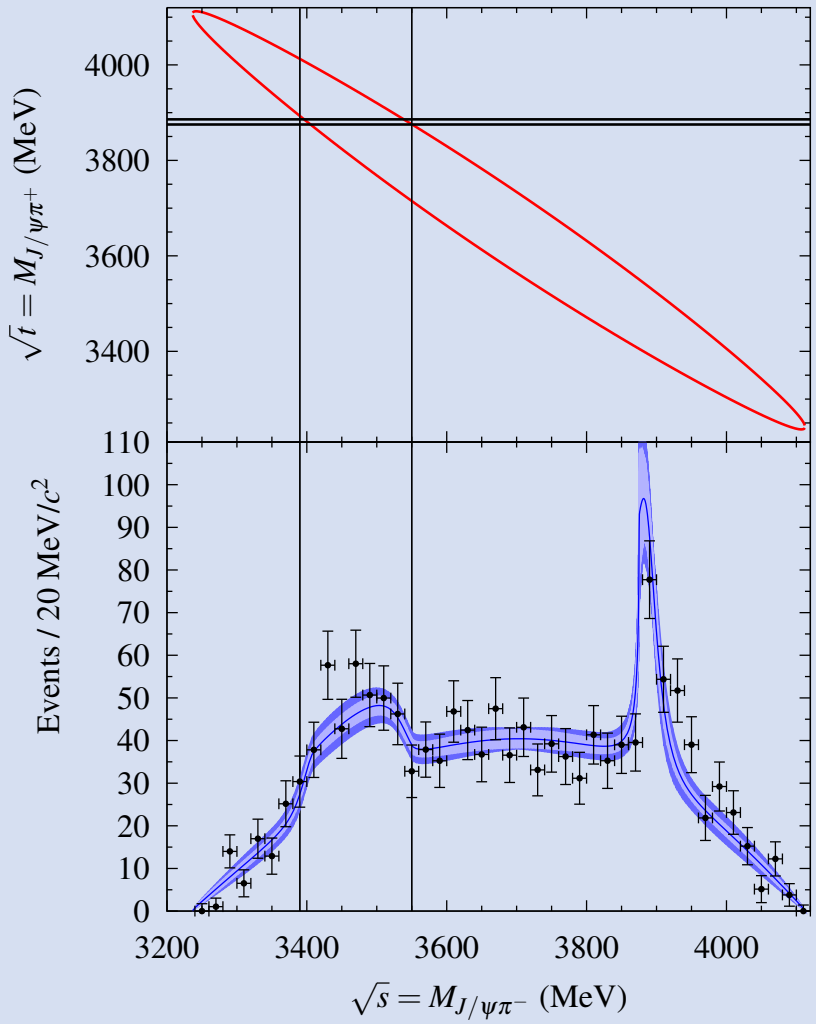

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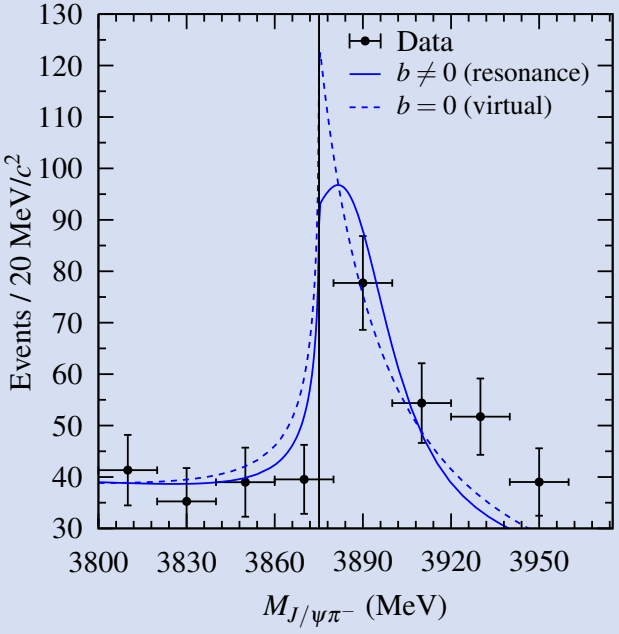

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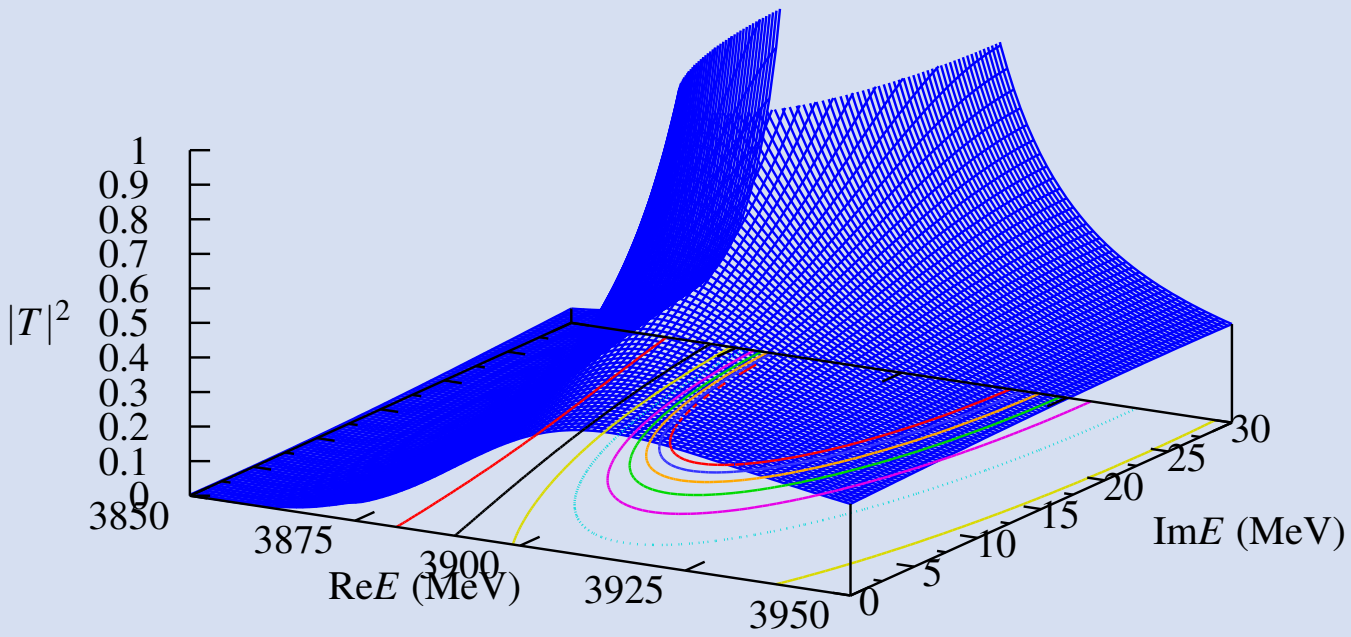

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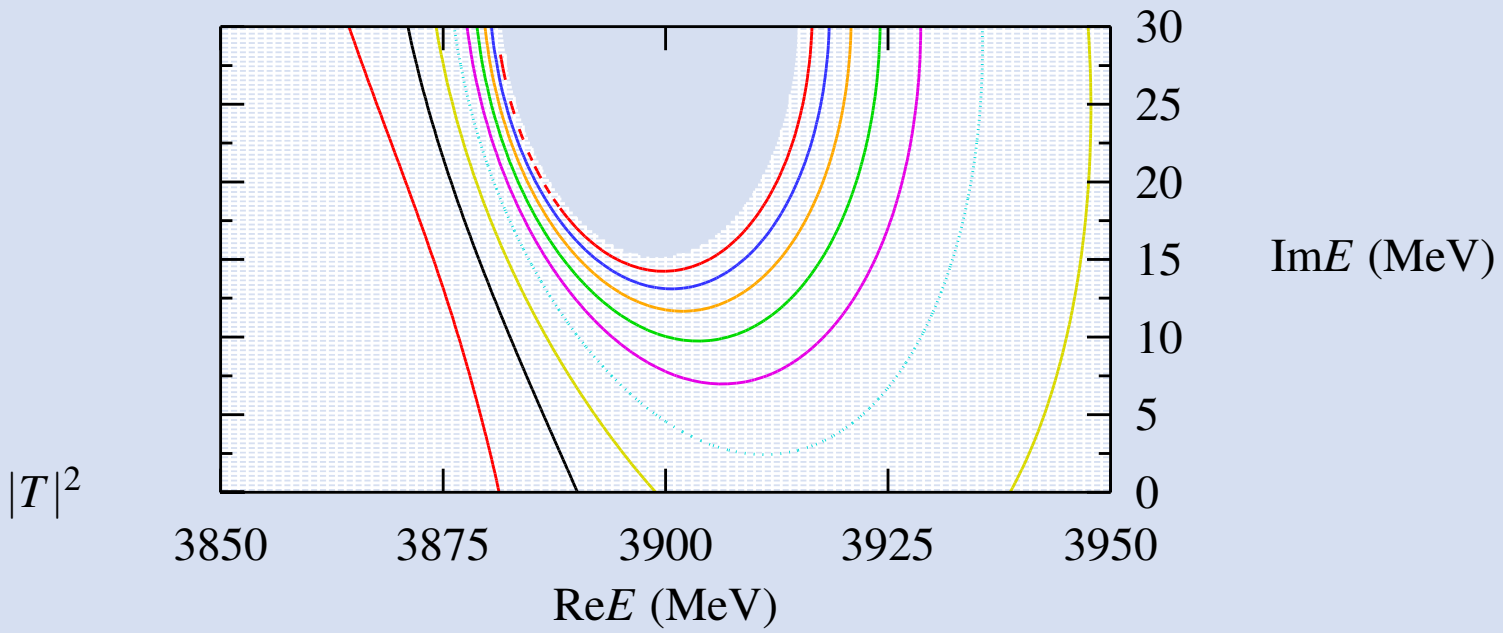

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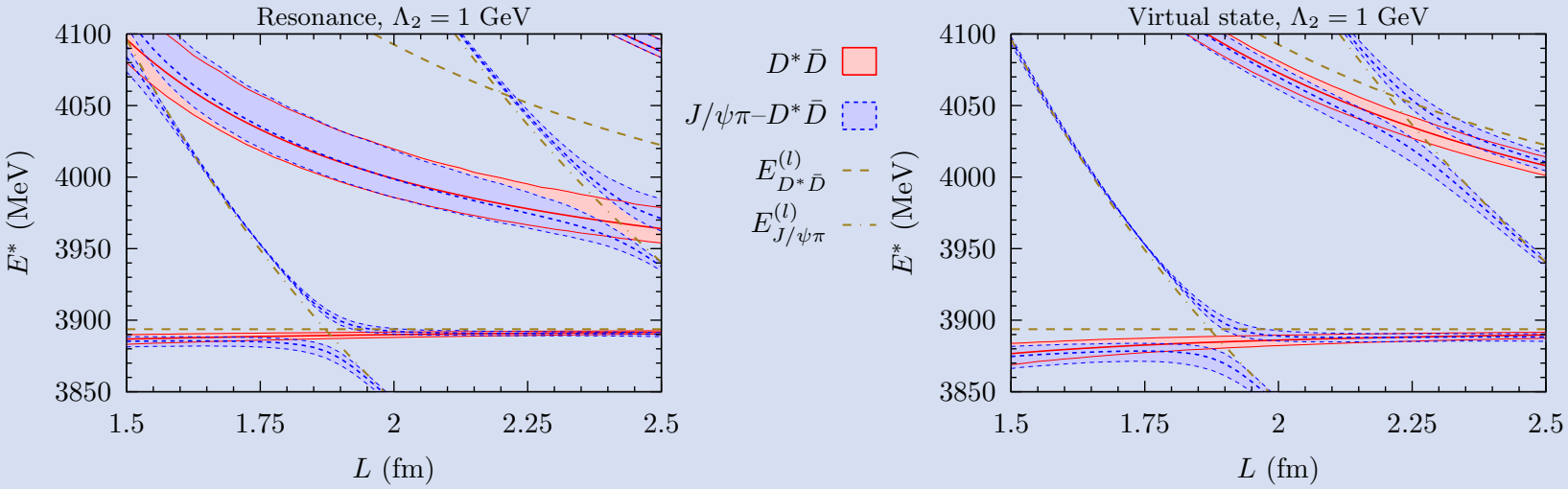

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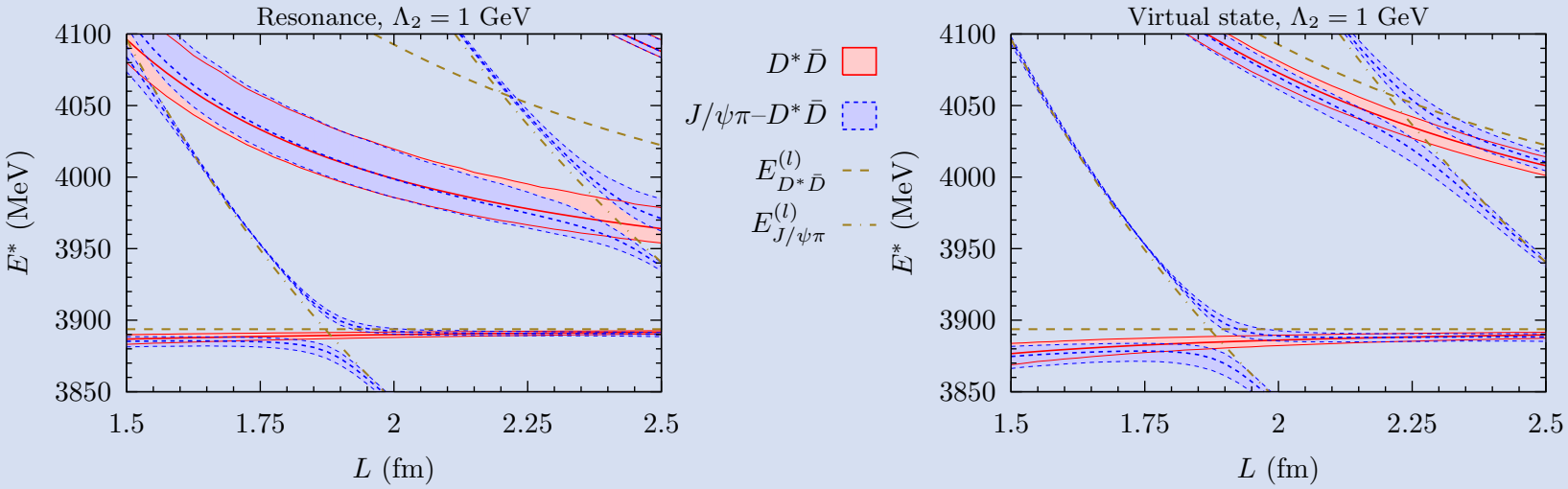

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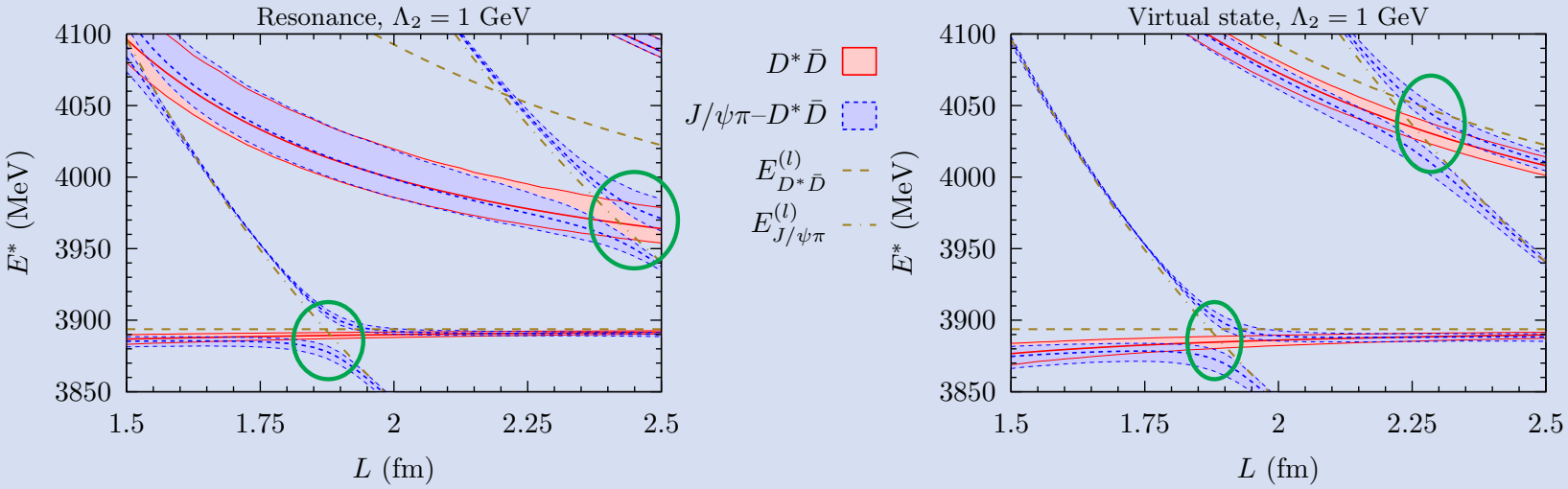

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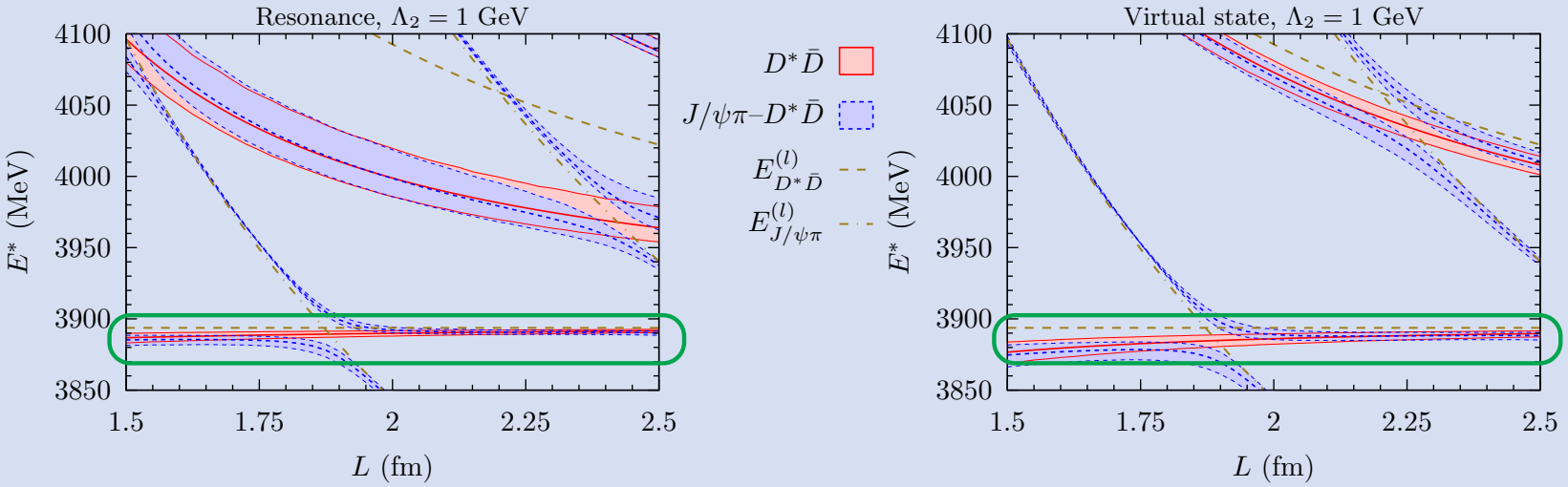

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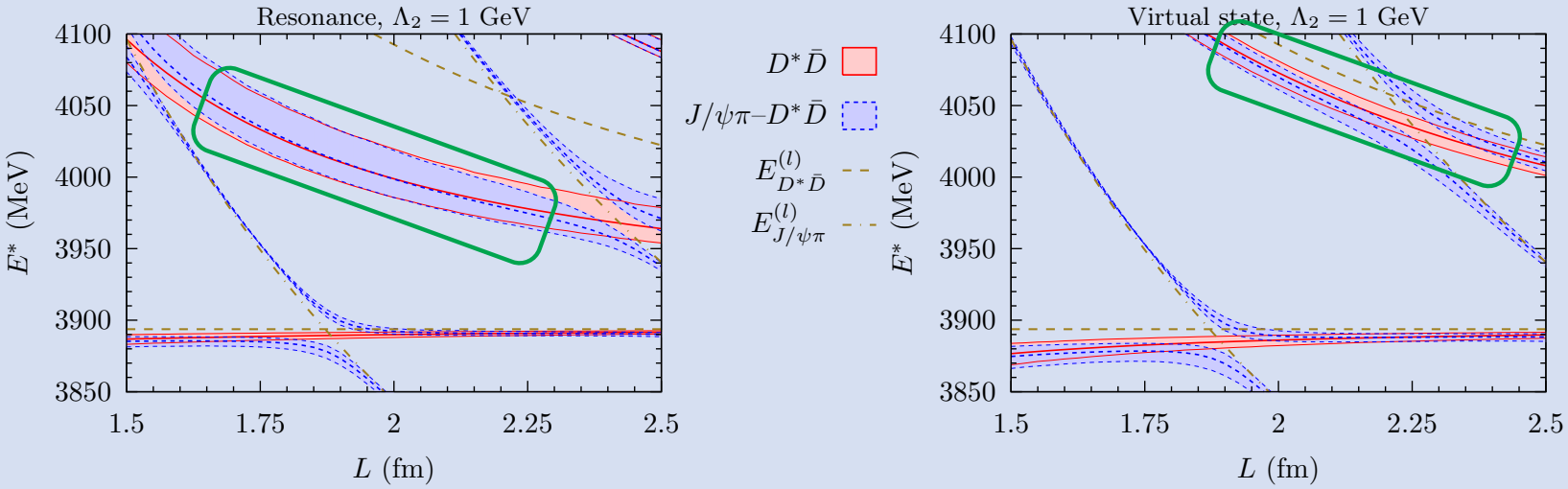

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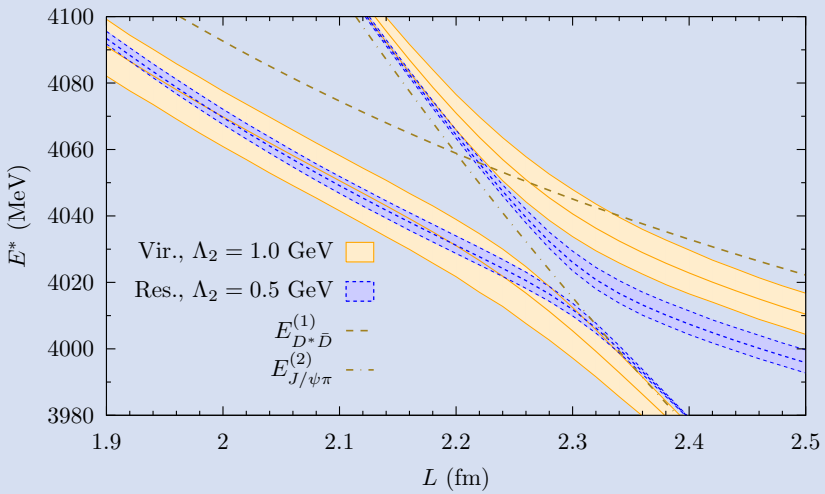

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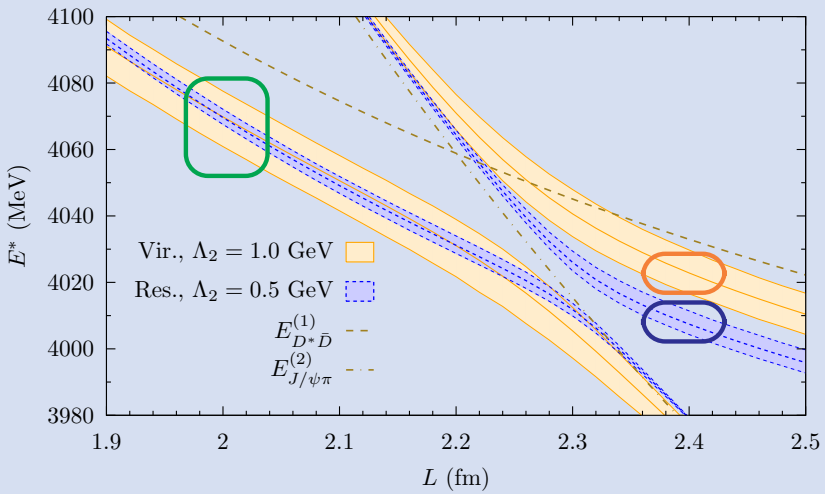

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