

# **Covalent hadronic molecules from QCD sum rules**

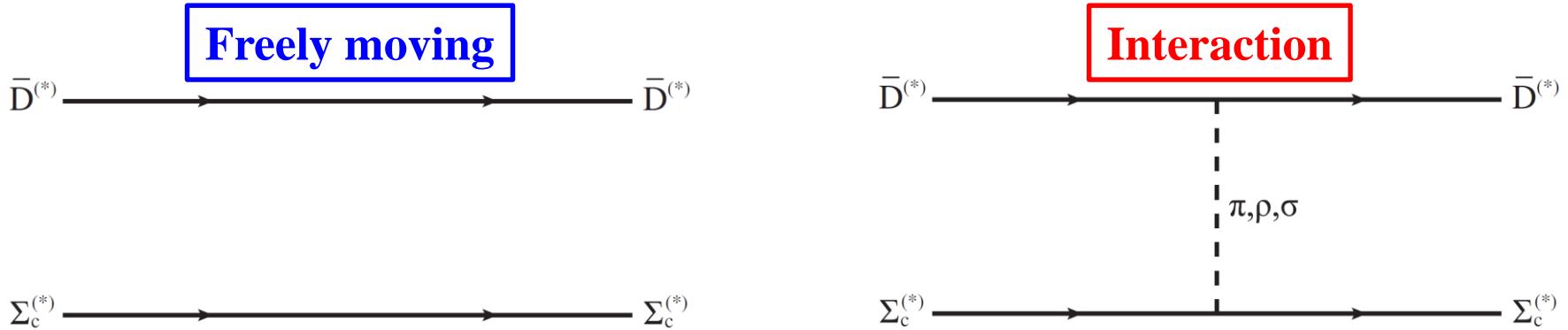
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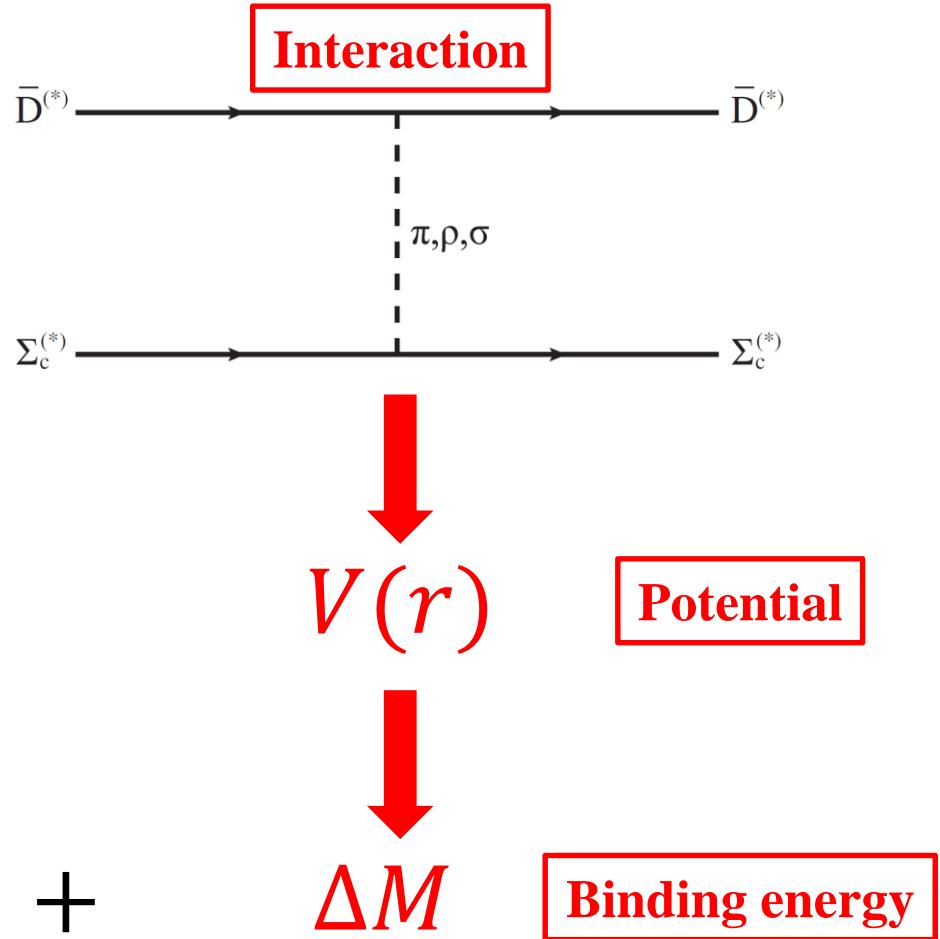
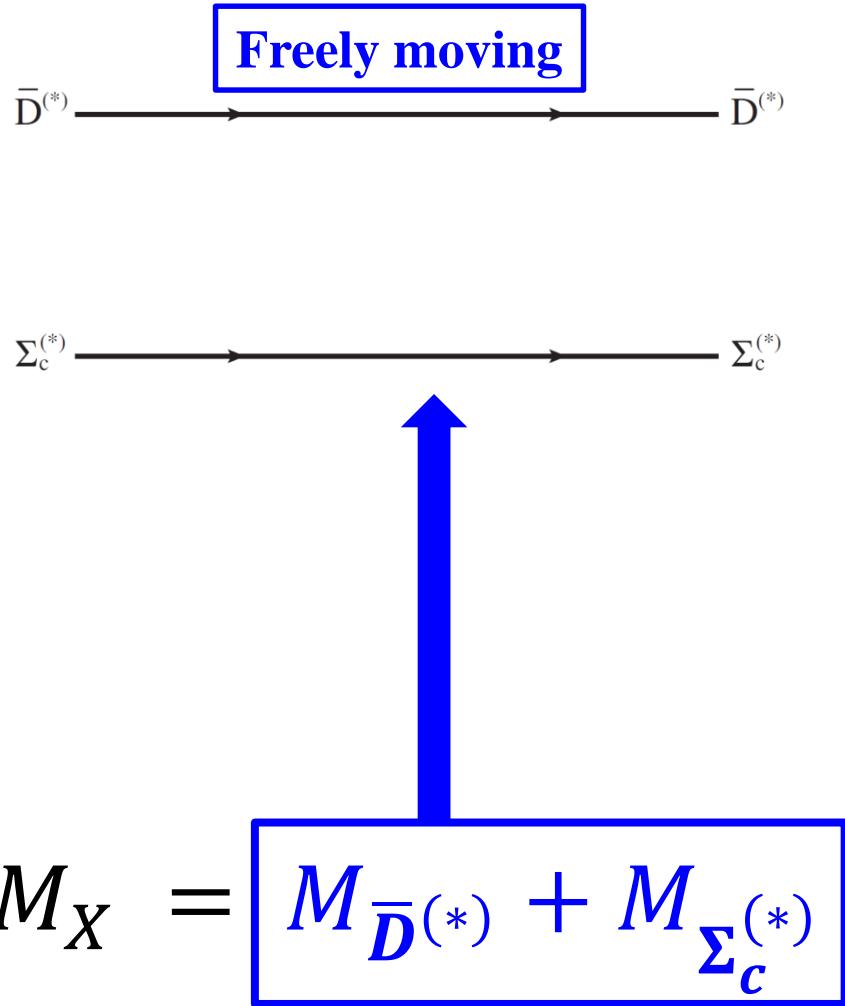
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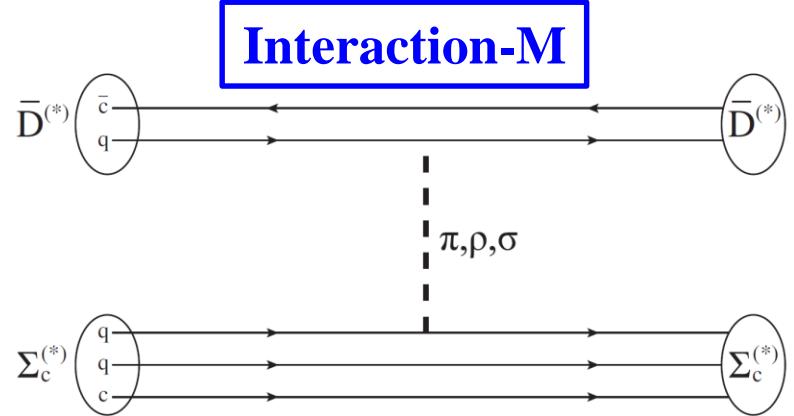
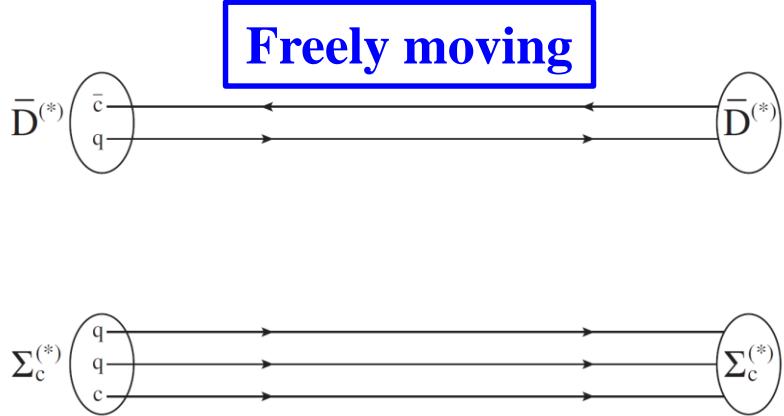
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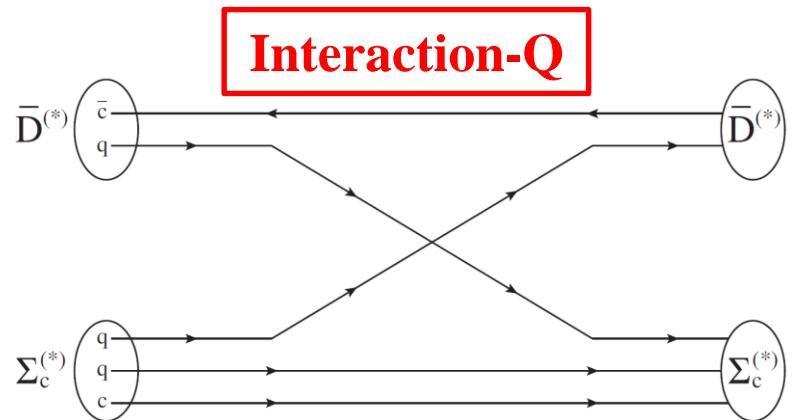
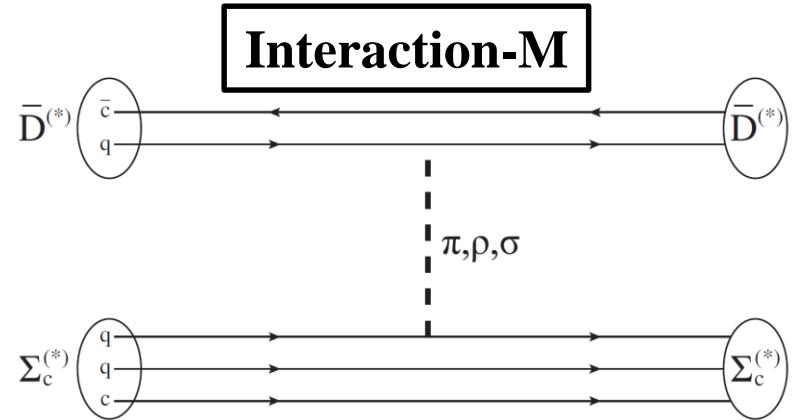
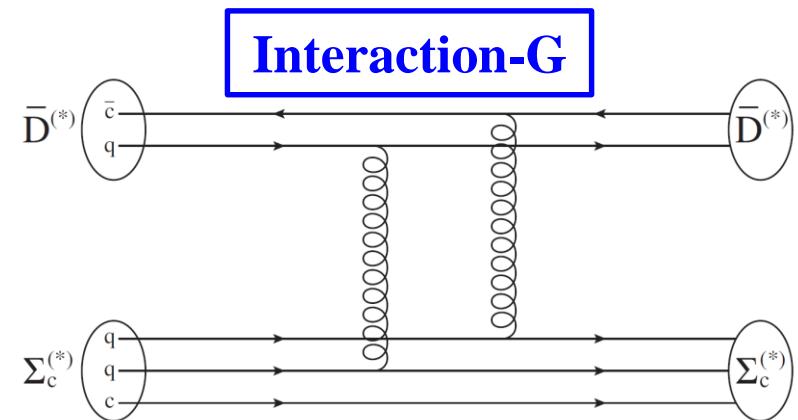
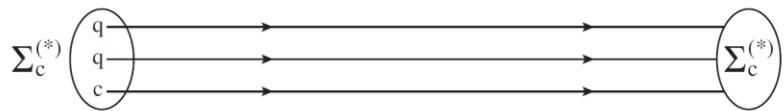
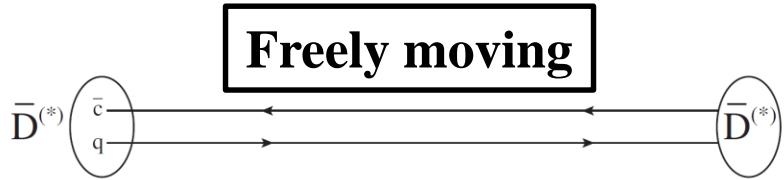
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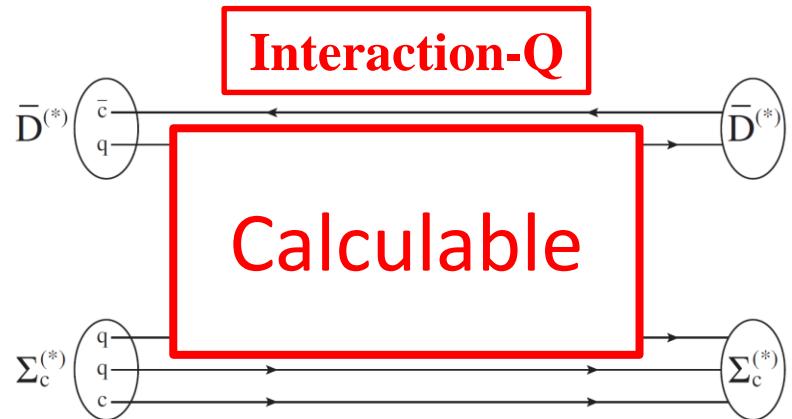
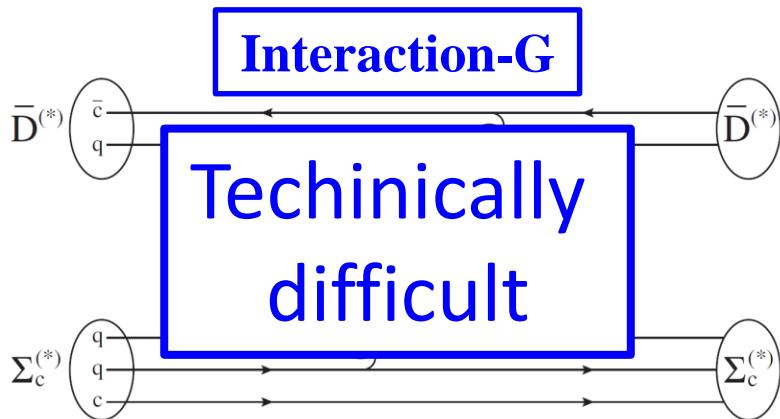
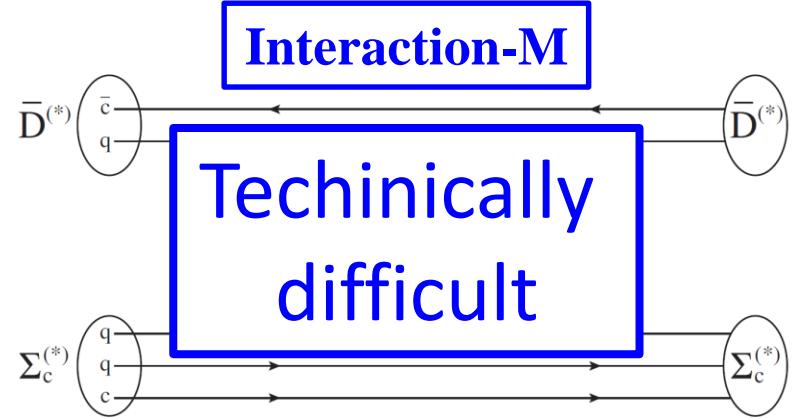
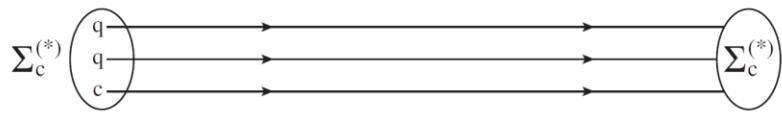
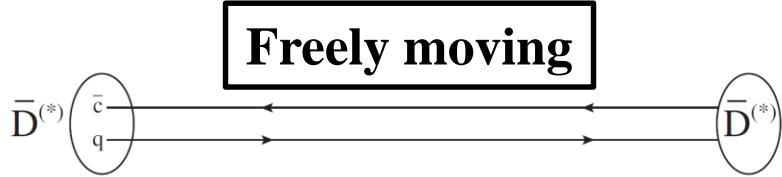
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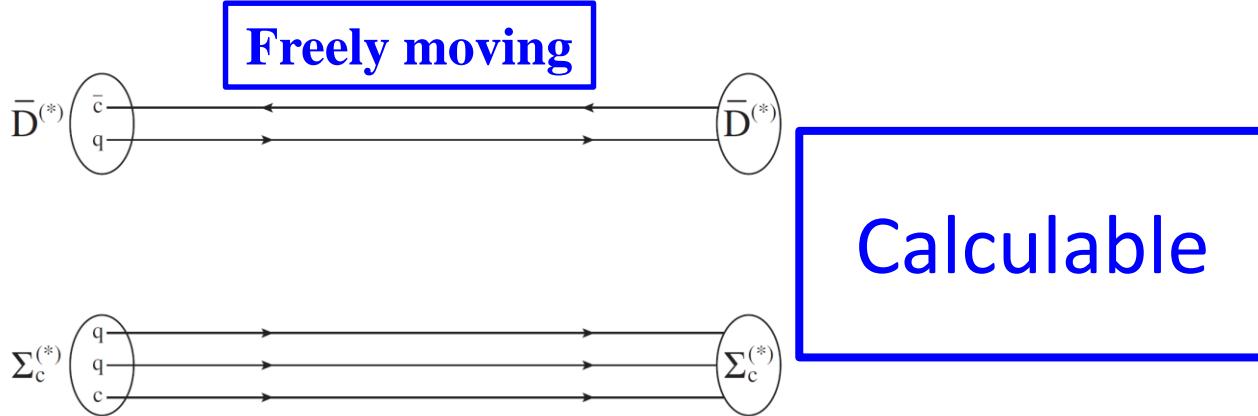
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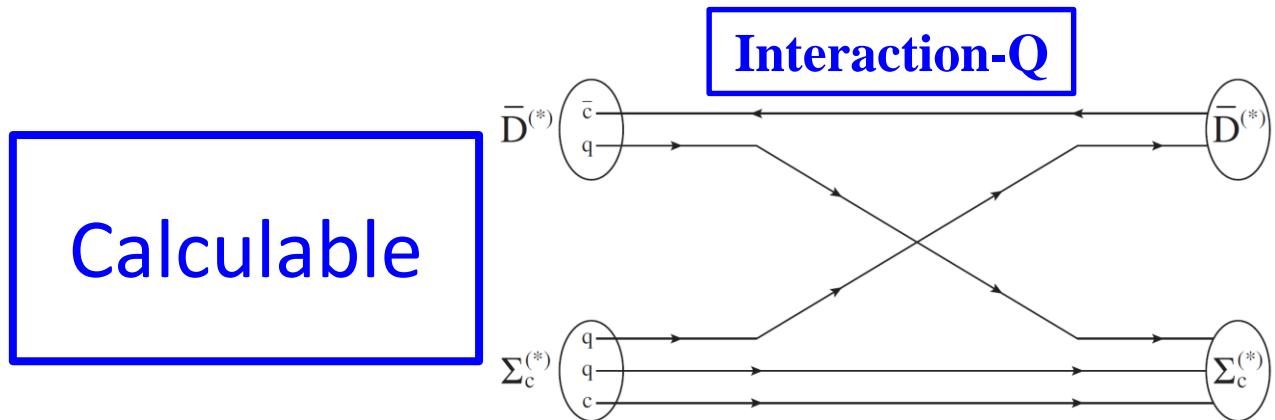
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*Is it lucky or not that we are only capable of calculating Interaction-Q?*



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# Four Examples:

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} J^{\bar{D}}(x) &= \bar{c}_a(x)\gamma_5 q_a(x) \\ J^{\Sigma_c}(x) &= \epsilon^{abc}q_a^T(x)\mathbb{C}\gamma^\mu q_b(x)\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 c_c(x) \end{aligned}}$$

➤  $D^- \Sigma_c^{++}$

$$J^{D^- \Sigma_c^{++}}(x) = J^{D^-}(x) \times J^{\Sigma_c^{++}}(x)$$

➤  $\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+$

$$J^{\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+}(x) = J^{\bar{D}^0}(x) \times J^{\Sigma_c^+}(x)$$

➤  $\bar{D} \Sigma_c$  of  $I = 1/2$

$$J^{\bar{D} \Sigma_c}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} J^{\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+}(x) - \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} J^{D^- \Sigma_c^{++}}(x)$$

➤  $\bar{D} \Sigma_c$  of  $I = 3/2$

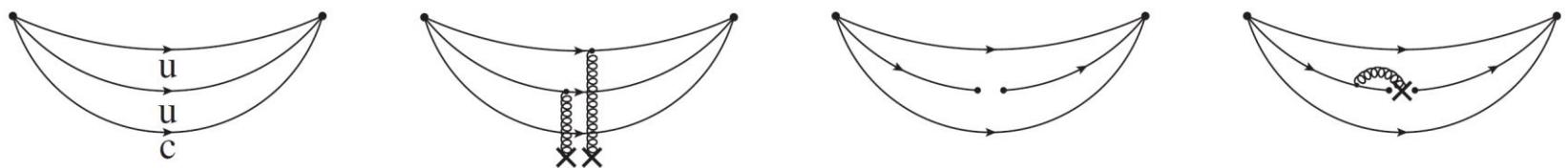
$$J_{I=3/2}^{\bar{D} \Sigma_c}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} J^{\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+}(x) + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} J^{D^- \Sigma_c^{++}}(x)$$

# $\Pi^{\bar{D}}(x)$ and $\Pi^{\Sigma_c}(x)$

$\Pi^{D^-}$

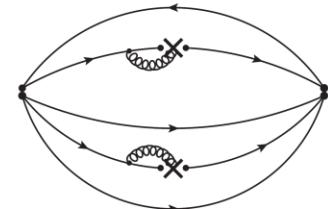
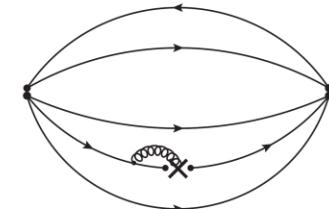
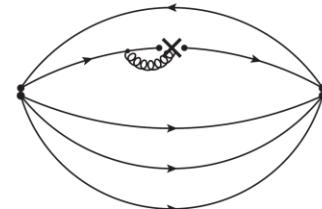
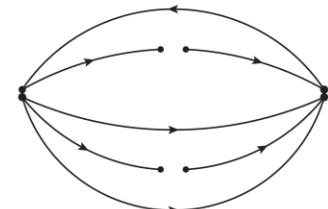
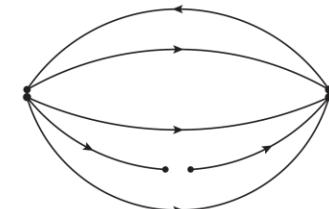
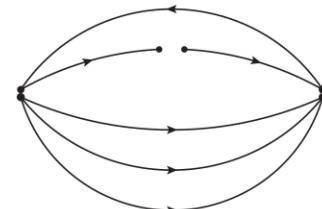
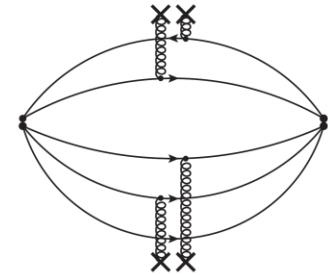
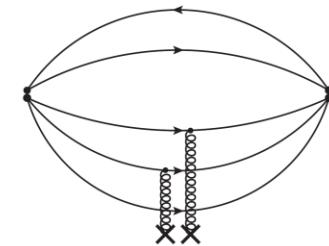
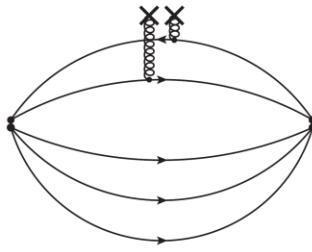
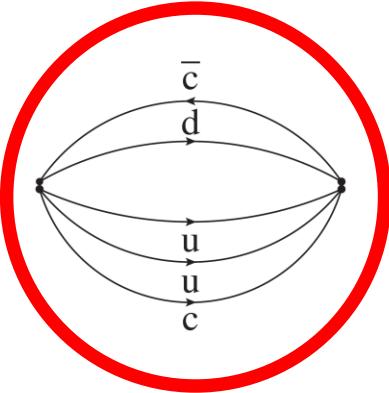


$\Pi^{\Sigma_c^{++}}$

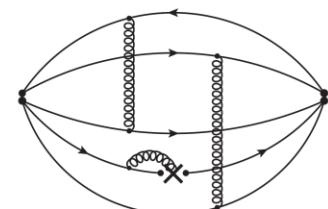
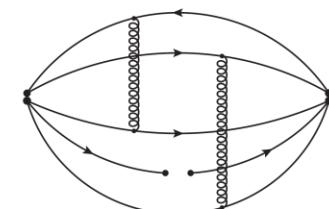
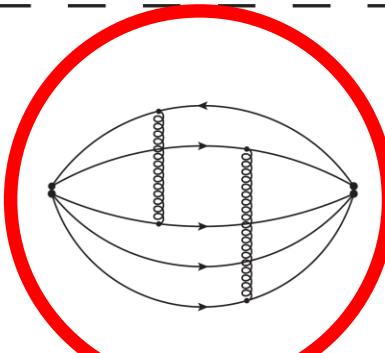


  $D^- \Sigma_c^{++}$

$\Pi_0^{D^- \Sigma_c^{++}}$



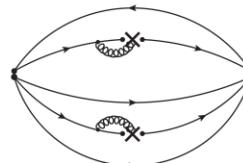
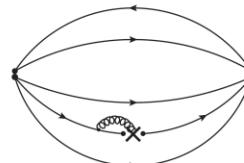
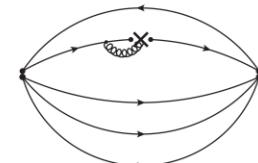
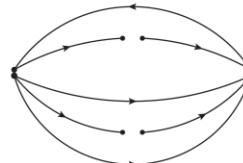
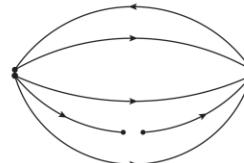
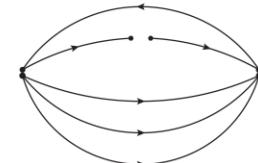
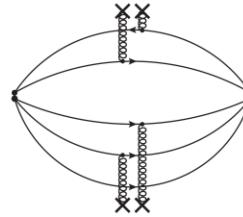
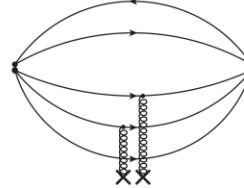
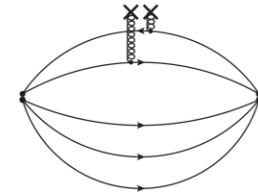
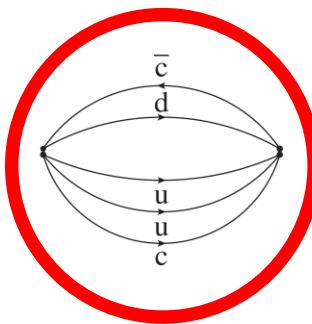
$\Pi_G^{D^- \Sigma_c^{++}}$



►  $D^- \Sigma_c^{++}$

$$\Pi^{D^- \Sigma_c^{++}}(x) = \Pi_0^{D^- \Sigma_c^{++}}(x) + \Pi_G^{D^- \Sigma_c^{++}}(x)$$

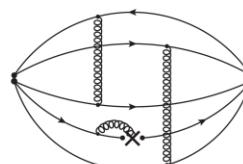
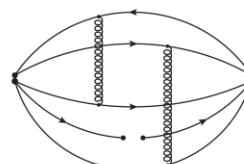
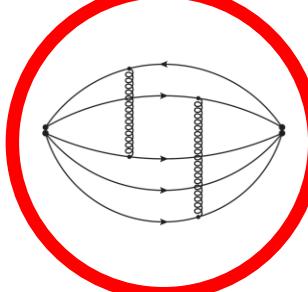
$\Pi_0^{D^- \Sigma_c^{++}}$



**Freely moving**

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_0^{D^- \Sigma_c^{++}}(x) = \\ \Pi^{D^-}(x) \times \Pi^{\Sigma_c^{++}}(x)\end{aligned}$$

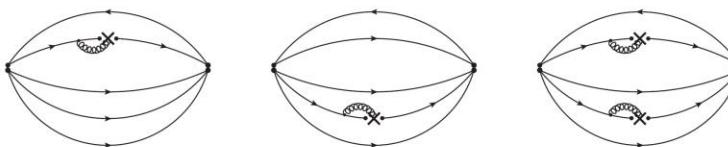
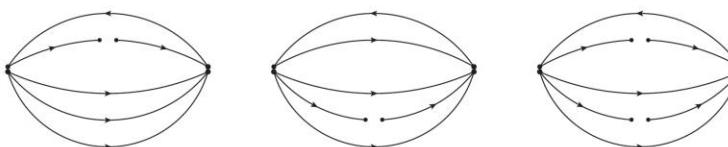
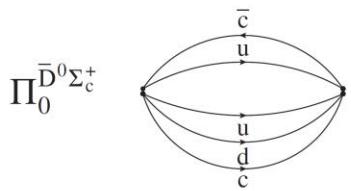
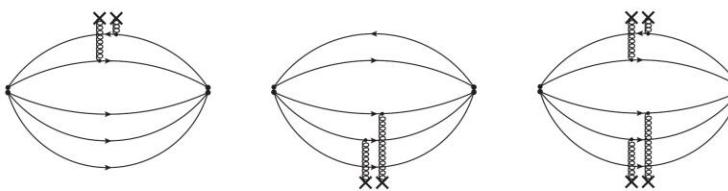
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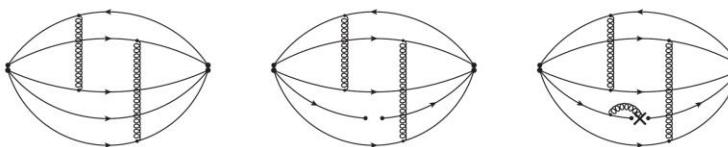
**Interaction-G**

**Techinically  
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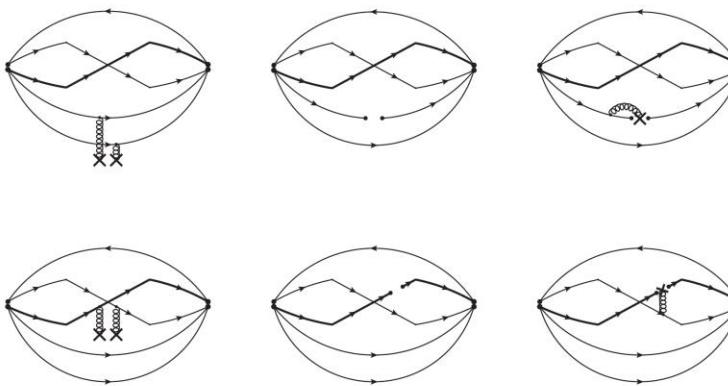
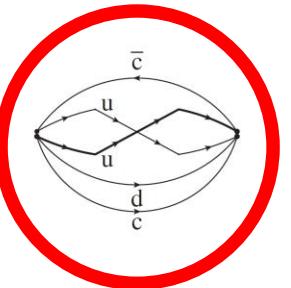
►  $\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+$



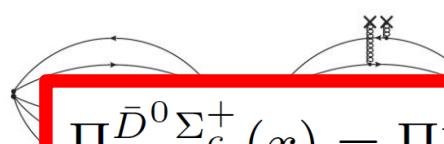
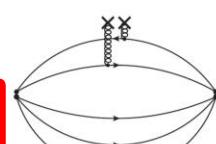
$\Pi_G^{\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+}$



$\Pi_Q^{\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+}$

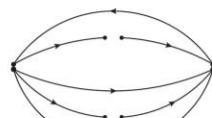
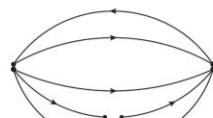
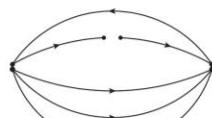
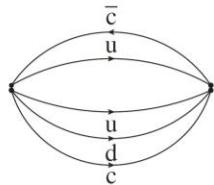


►  $\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+$



$$\Pi^{\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+}(x) = \Pi_0^{\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+}(x) + \Pi_G^{\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+}(x) + \Pi_Q^{\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+}(x)$$

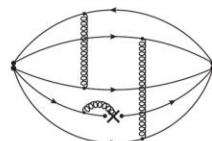
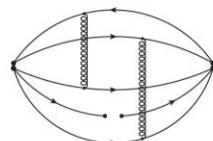
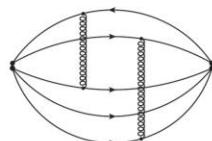
$\Pi_0^{\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+}$



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$$\Pi_0^{\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+}(x) = \\ \Pi^{\bar{D}^0}(x) \times \Pi^{\Sigma_c^+}(x)$$

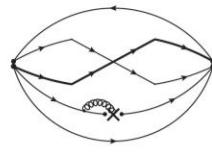
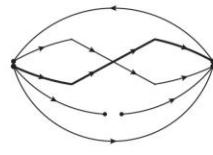
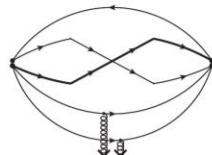
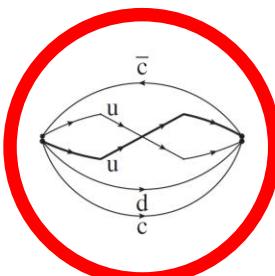
$\Pi_G^{\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+}$



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$\Pi_Q^{\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+}$



**Interaction-Q**

**Calculable**

# Four Examples:

$$\Pi_0^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) = \Pi^{\bar{D}}(x) \times \Pi^{\Sigma_c}(x)$$

➤  $D^- \Sigma_c^{++}$

$$\Pi^{D^- \Sigma_c^{++}}(x) = \Pi_0^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) + \Pi_G^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x)$$

➤  $\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+$

$$\Pi^{\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+}(x) = \Pi_0^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) + \Pi_G^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) - \Pi_Q^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x)$$

**Benchmark**

➤  $\bar{D}\Sigma_c$  of  $I = 1/2$

$$\Pi_{I=1/2}^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) = \Pi_0^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) + \Pi_G^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) + \Pi_Q^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x)$$

➤  $\bar{D}\Sigma_c$  of  $I = 3/2$

$$\Pi_{I=3/2}^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) = \Pi_0^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) + \Pi_G^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) - 2\Pi_Q^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x)$$

# Four Examples:

➤  $D^- \Sigma_c^{++}$

$$\Pi^{D^- \Sigma_c^{++}}(x) = \Pi_0^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) + \Pi_G^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x)$$

➤  $\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+$

$$\Pi^{\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+}(x) = \Pi_0^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) + \Pi_G^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) - \Pi_Q^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x)$$

➤  $\bar{D}\Sigma_c$  of  $I = 1/2$

$$\Pi_{I=1/2}^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) = \Pi_0^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) + \Pi_G^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) + \Pi_Q^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x)$$

➤  $\bar{D}\Sigma_c$  of  $I = 3/2$

$$\Pi_{I=3/2}^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) = \Pi_0^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) + \Pi_G^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) - 2\Pi_Q^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x)$$

same

different

$$\Pi_0^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) = \Pi^{\bar{D}}(x) \times \Pi^{\Sigma_c}(x)$$

Neglecting  $\Pi_G$

# Our QCD sum rule approach ( $\bar{D}\Sigma_c$ of $I = 1/2$ )

**Quark-Level:**

$$\Pi_{I=1/2}^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) = \Pi_0^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) + \Pi_Q^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x)$$

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**Quark-Level:**

$$\Pi_{I=1/2}^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) = \Pi_0^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) + \Pi_Q^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x)$$

**Hadron-Level:**

$$M_X = M_{\bar{D}} + M_{\Sigma_c} + \Delta M = M_0 + \Delta M$$



$$\begin{aligned}\Pi(q^2) &= \frac{f_X^2}{M_X^2 - q^2} + \dots \\ &\approx \frac{f_X^2}{M_0^2 - q^2} - \frac{2M_0 f_X^2}{(M_0^2 - q^2)^2} \Delta M + \dots\end{aligned}$$

# Our QCD sum rule approach ( $\bar{D}\Sigma_c$ of $I = 1/2$ )

**Quark-Level:**



**Hadron-Level:**

$$\Pi_{I=1/2}^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) = \Pi_0^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x) + \Pi_Q^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c}(x)$$

$$M_X = M_{\bar{D}} + M_{\Sigma_c} + \Delta M \approx M_0 + \Delta M$$

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**Quark-Hadron Duality:**

$$-\frac{2M_0}{M_B^2} \Delta M = \frac{\Pi_Q}{\Pi_0}$$

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➤  $D^- \Sigma_c^{++}$

$$\Delta M^{D^- \Sigma_c^{++}} = 0$$

no interaction

➤  $\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+$

$$\Delta M^{\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+} = +95 \text{ MeV}$$

repulsive

➤  $\bar{D} \Sigma_c$  of  $I = 1/2$

$$\Delta M_{I=1/2}^{\bar{D} \Sigma_c} = -95 \text{ MeV}$$

attractive

➤  $\bar{D} \Sigma_c$  of  $I = 3/2$

$$\Delta M_{I=3/2}^{\bar{D} \Sigma_c} = +190 \text{ MeV}$$

repulsive

# More Examples:

➤  $\bar{D}^{(*)}\Lambda_c$ :

$$\Delta M^{\bar{D}^{(*)}\Lambda_c} > 0$$

➤  $D^{(*)}\bar{D}^{(*)}$ :

$$\Delta M^{D^{(*)}\bar{D}^{(*)}} = 0$$

➤  $\bar{D}^{(*)}\Sigma_c^{(*)}$ :

$$\Delta M_{I=1/2, J=1/2}^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c} = -95 \text{ MeV},$$

$$\Delta M_{I=1/2, J=3/2}^{\bar{D}^*\Sigma_c} = -89 \text{ MeV},$$

$$\Delta M_{I=1/2, J=3/2}^{\bar{D}\Sigma_c^*} = -86 \text{ MeV},$$

$$\Delta M_{I=1/2, J=5/2}^{\bar{D}^*\Sigma_c^*} = -107 \text{ MeV},$$

➤  $D^{(*)}\bar{K}^*$ :

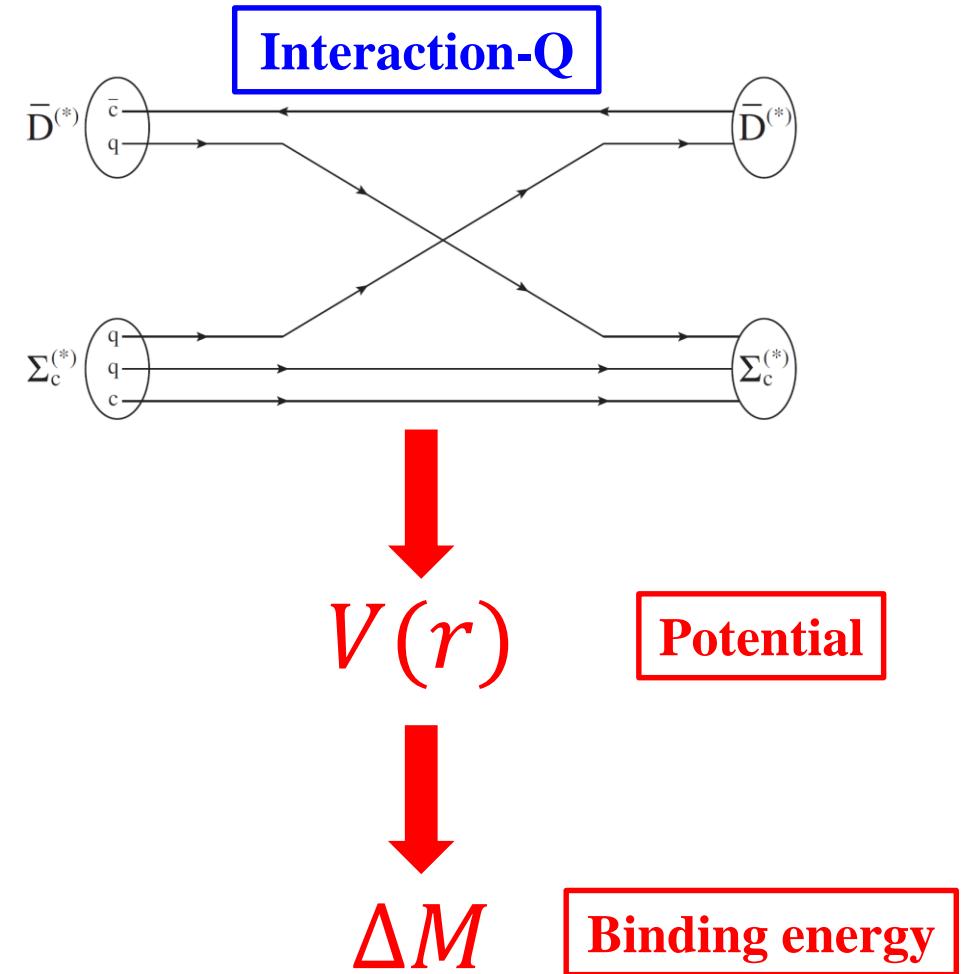
$$\Delta M_{I=0, J=1}^{D\bar{K}^*} = -180 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Delta M_{I=0, J=2}^{D^*\bar{K}^*} = -119 \text{ MeV}$$

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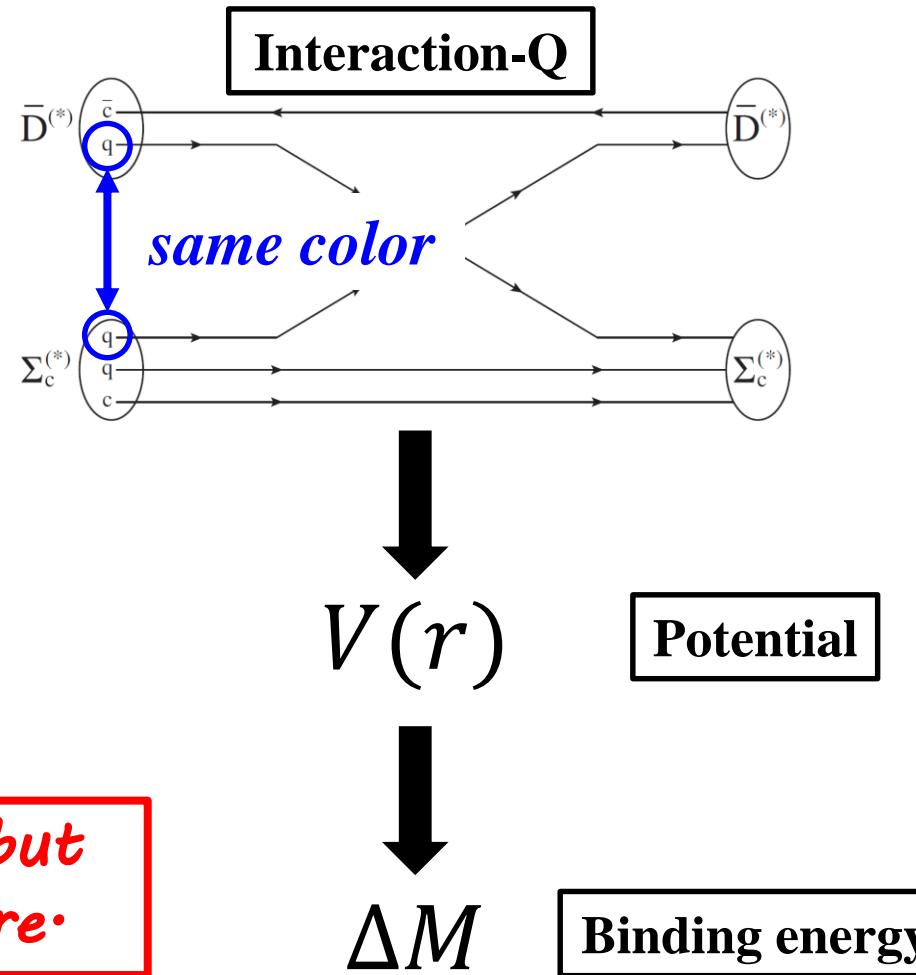
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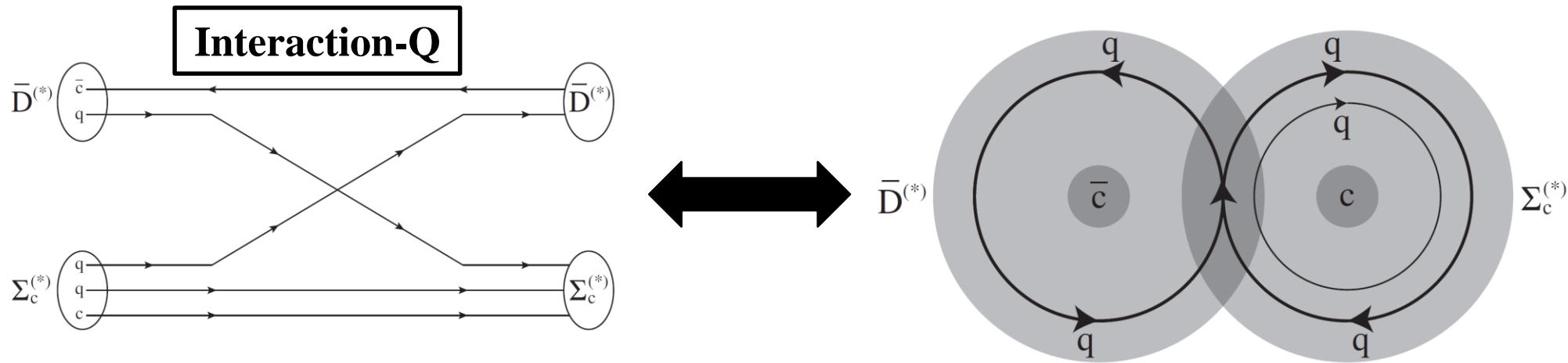
➤ Color-unconfined Interaction-Q:

$$V(r \rightarrow \infty) \rightarrow 0$$

We do not solve this potential, but seek a model-independent picture.



# Covalent hadronic molecules



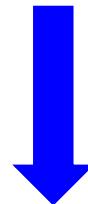
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## Four Examples:

- $D^-[\bar{c}_1 d_2] \Sigma_c^{++} [u_3 u_4 c_5]$
- $\bar{D}^0 \Sigma_c^+$
- $\bar{D} \Sigma_c$  of  $I = 1/2$
- $\bar{D} \Sigma_c$  of  $I = 3/2$

*no quarks exchanged*



*no interaction-Q*

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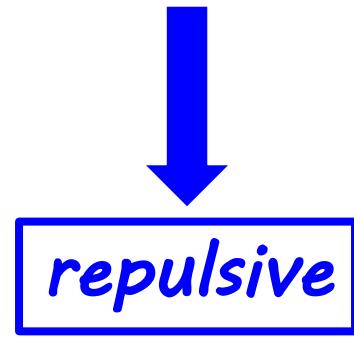
	color	flavor	spin	orbital	total
$u_2 \leftrightarrow u_3$	S	S	S	S	S

  
**repulsive**

# Four Examples:

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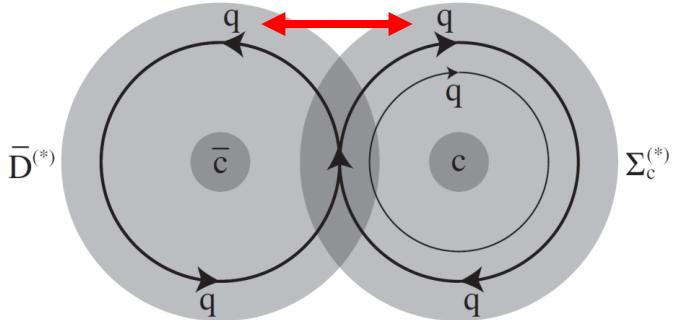
	color	flavor	spin	orbital	total
$q_2 \leftrightarrow q_3$	S	A	S	S	A
$q_2 \leftrightarrow q_4$	A	S	S	S	A
$q_3 \leftrightarrow q_4$	A	S	S	S	A

  
**attractive**

# Possibly-existing covalent hadronic molecules

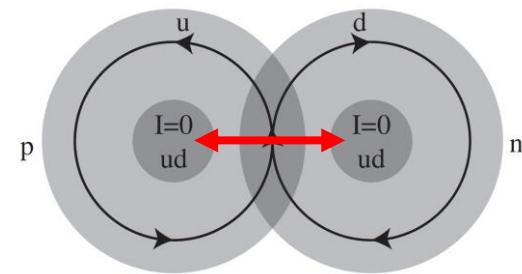
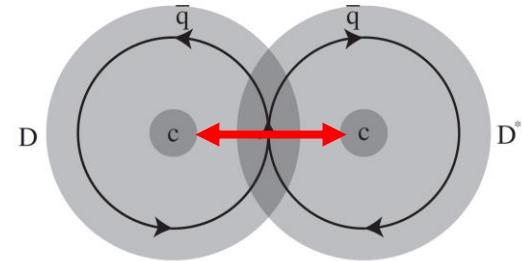
	$ \bar{Q}q, \frac{1}{2}0^-\rangle$	$ \bar{Q}q, \frac{1}{2}1^-\rangle$	$ Q[qq], 0\frac{1}{2}^+\rangle$	$ Q\{qq\}, 1\frac{1}{2}^+\rangle$	$ Q\{qq\}, 1\frac{3}{2}^+\rangle$	$ Q[sq], \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}^+\rangle$	$ Q\{sq\}, \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}^+\rangle$	$ Q\{sq\}, \frac{1}{2}\frac{3}{2}^+\rangle$
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# *A toy model*



	color	flavor	spin	orbital	total
$q \leftrightarrow q'$	S	A	S	S	A

attractive bond  $A \sim 30$  MeV

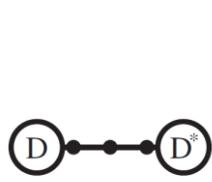


repulsive bond  $R \sim 17$  MeV

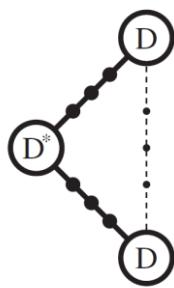
residual energy  $\varepsilon \sim 6$  MeV

# Binding energies of some possibly-existing covalent hadronic molecules

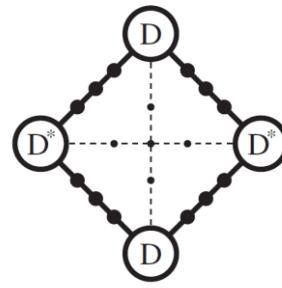
Molecules	Binding energies	Molecules	Binding energies
$^2\text{H}, D^* D^{(*)} / \bar{B}^* \bar{B}^{(*)}$	1 MeV	$D^{(*)} \bar{B}^{(*)}$	18 MeV
$^3\text{H}/^3\text{He}, D^* D^{(*)} D^{(*)} / \bar{B}^* \bar{B}^{(*)} \bar{B}^{(*)}$	8 MeV	$D^{(*)} D^{(*)} \bar{B}^{(*)} / D^{(*)} \bar{B}^{(*)} \bar{B}^{(*)}$	42 MeV
$^4\text{He}, D^* D^* D^{(*)} D^{(*)} / \bar{B}^* \bar{B}^* \bar{B}^{(*)} \bar{B}^{(*)}$	28 MeV	$D^* D^{(*)} D^{(*)} \bar{B}^{(*)} / D^{(*)} \bar{B}^{(*)} \bar{B}^{(*)} \bar{B}^*$	62 MeV
		$D^{(*)} D^{(*)} \bar{B}^{(*)} \bar{B}^{(*)}$	96 MeV
$\Sigma_c^{(*)} \Sigma_c^{(*)} / \Sigma_b^{(*)} \Sigma_b^{(*)}$	31 MeV	$\Sigma_c^{(*)} \Sigma_b^{(*)}$	48 MeV
		$\bar{D}^{(*)} \Sigma_c^{(*)} / \bar{D}^{(*)} \Sigma_b^{(*)} / B^{(*)} \Sigma_c^{(*)} / B^{(*)} \Sigma_b^{(*)}$	18 MeV
		$\bar{D}^{(*)} \bar{D}^{(*)} \Sigma_c^{(*)}$	42 MeV



$DD^*$



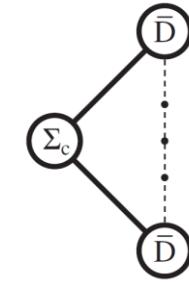
$DDD^*$



$DDD^* D^*$



$\bar{D}\Sigma_c$



$\bar{D}\bar{D}\Sigma_c$



$\Sigma_c \Sigma_c^*$

# Summary

- We systematically examine Feynman diagrams corresponding to some hadronic molecules, and propose **a possible binding mechanism induced by shared light quarks**, and study it via **QCD sum rules**.
- Our results indicate the **covalent hadronic molecule picture**:  
*the light-quark-exchange Interaction-Q is attractive when the shared light quarks are totally antisymmetric so that obey the Pauli principle.*
- We build **a toy model** to formulate this picture with **the unique feature**:  
*binding energies of  $D\bar{B}^*/D^*\bar{B}$  hadronic molecules are much larger than those of  $DD^*/\bar{B}\bar{B}^*$  ones, while  $\bar{D}\Sigma_c/\bar{D}\Sigma_b/B\Sigma_c/B\Sigma_b$  hadronic molecules have similar binding energies.*

**Comments are appreciate!**

*A long logic chain:*

Interaction-Q?

modified quark-hadron duality?

$V(r = 0) = \Delta M$ ?

the covalent picture?

the toy model?

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**Thank you very much!**