

# Three-body analysis of the tetraquark $T_{cc}^+(3875)$

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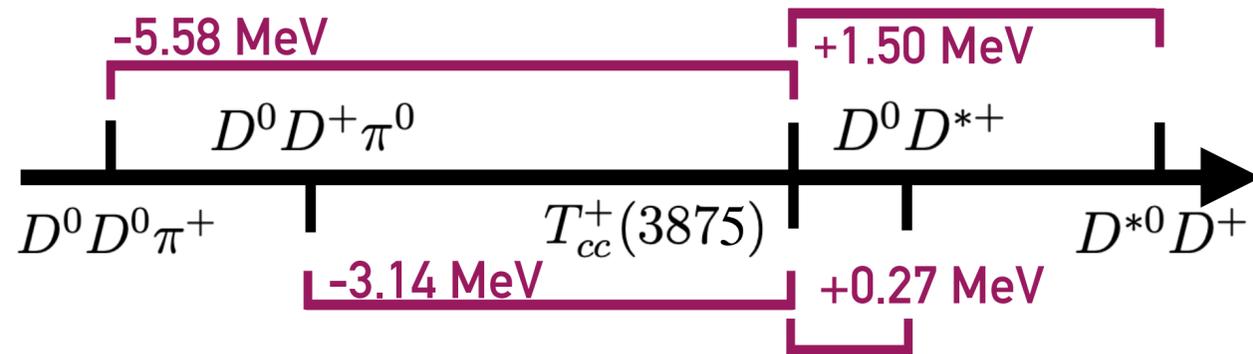
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## SUMMARY

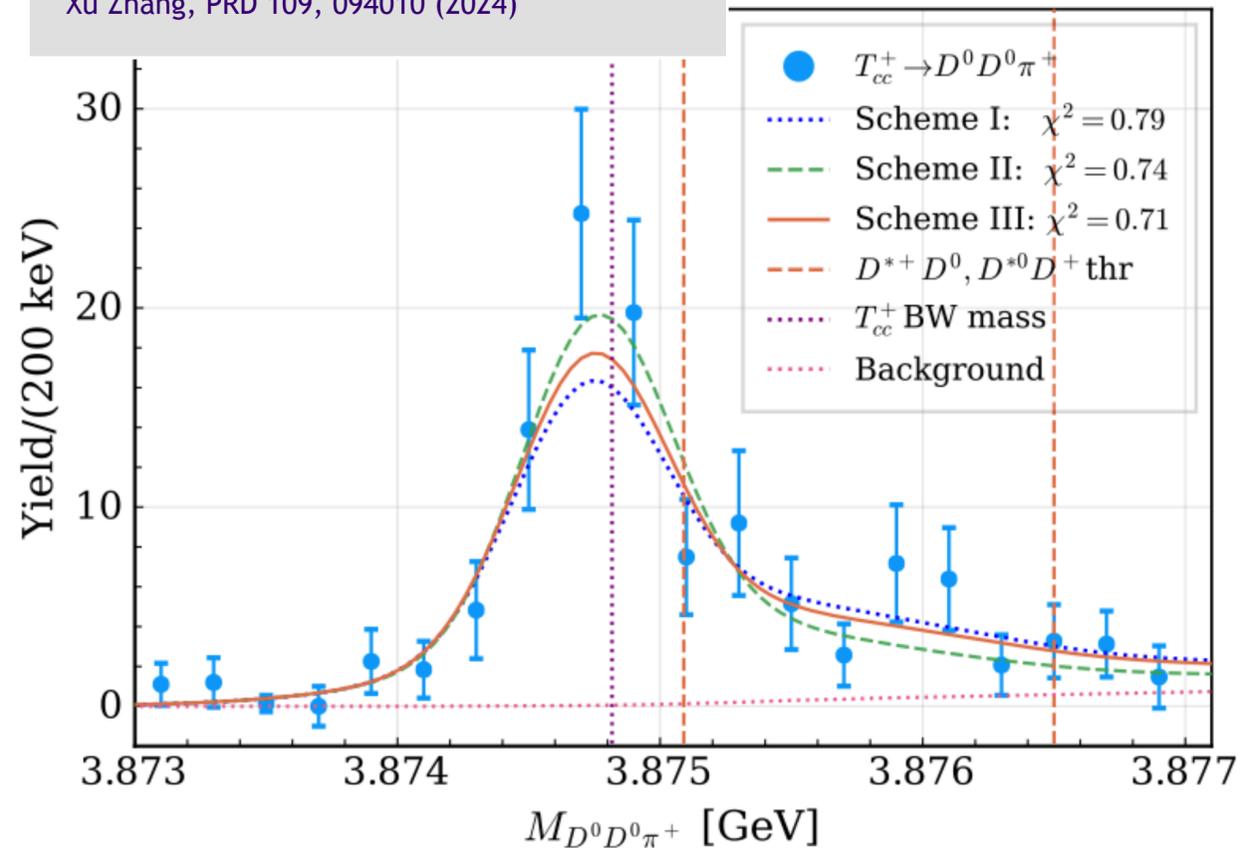
- 1) We lay out a strategy for a rigorous determination of  $T_{cc}$  and related systems from Lattice QCD
- 2) We propose resolution of the "left-hand cut problem" both in the finite volume and in the continuum
- 3) We generalize and solve relativistic EFT three-body equations and apply them to existing data

# Infinite Volume

Three-body effects strongly impact properties of the tetraquark due to the proximity of the  $DD\pi$  thresholds.

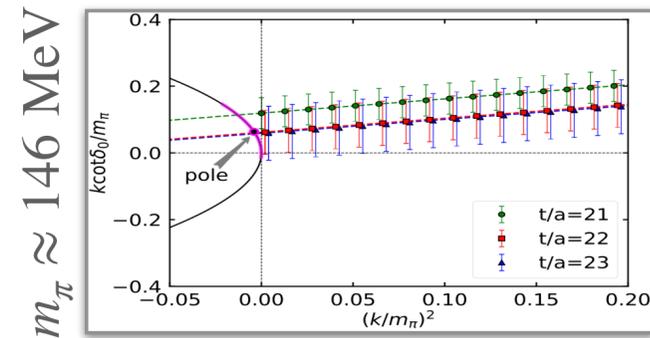
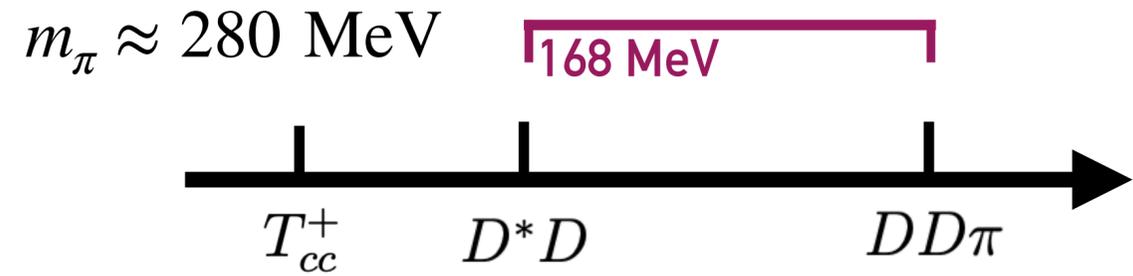


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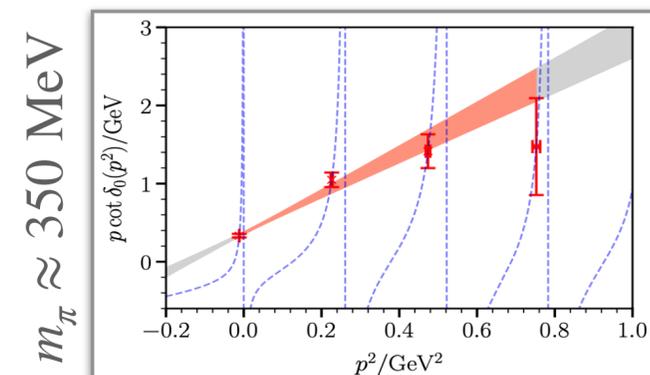


# Finite Volume

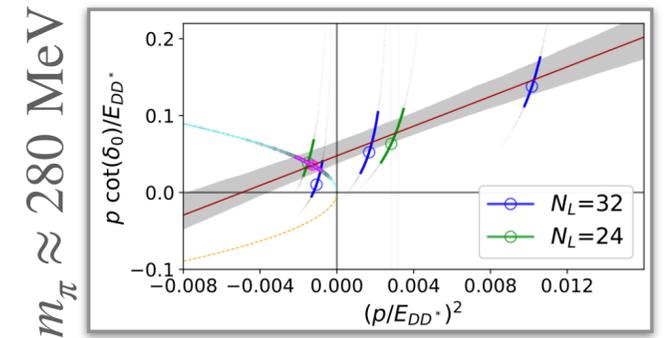
For heavy pion, thresholds are inverted but three-body effects still play an important role



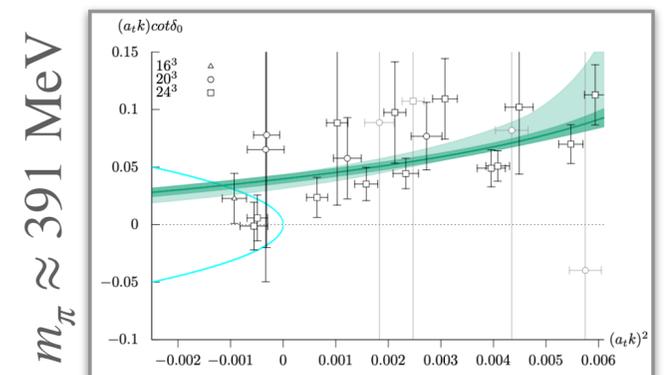
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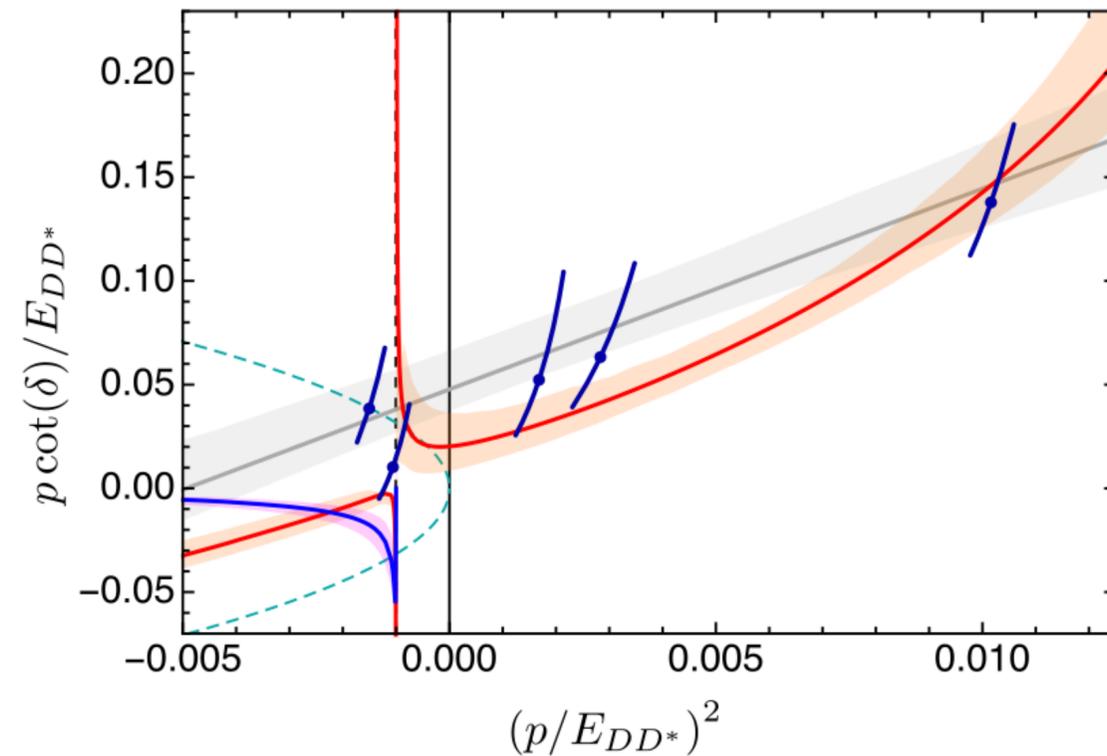
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Whyte, Wilson, Thomas, arXiv:2405.15741

# The left-hand cut problem

Role of the left-hand cut contributions on pole extractions from lattice data...  
Meng-Lin Du et al., PRL 131, 131903 (2023)



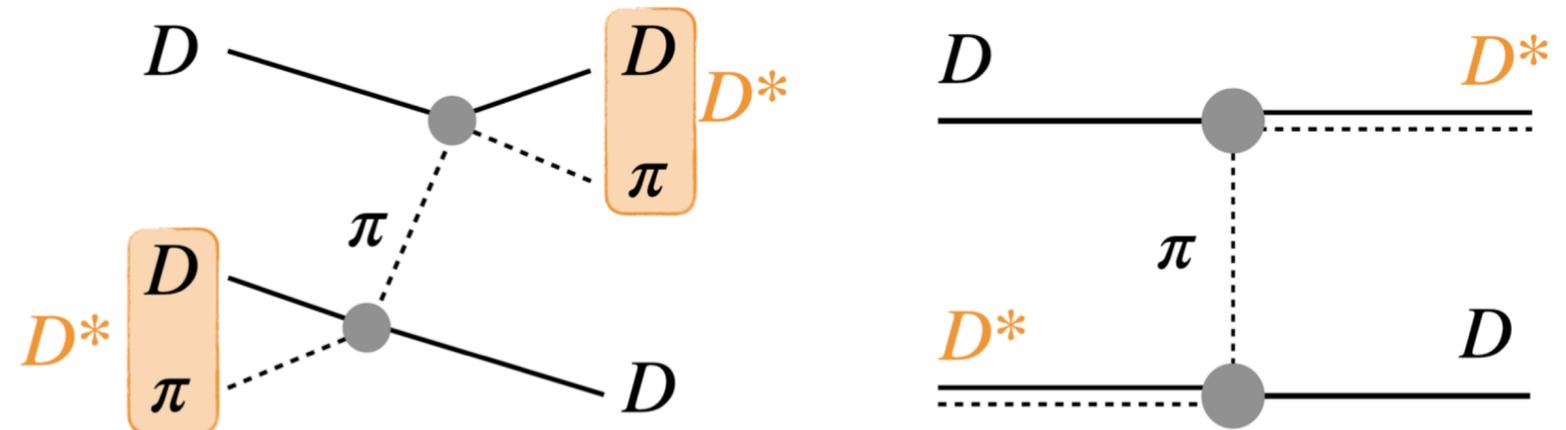
$$s_{\text{lhc}} = s_{\text{thr}} - m_{\pi}^2 + (m_{D^*} - m_D)^2$$

$$\sqrt{s_{\text{lhc}}} \approx 3966 \text{ MeV} \quad \sqrt{s_{\text{thr}}} \approx 3975 \text{ MeV}$$

- Presence of the left-hand cut:
- invalidates the Lüscher formalism
  - invalidates the effective-range expansion

Incorporating  $DD\pi$  effects and left-hand cuts in lattice QCD studies of  $T_{cc^+}$   
Hansen, Romero-López, Sharpe, arXiv:2401.06609

Raposo, Hansen, arXiv:2311.18793  
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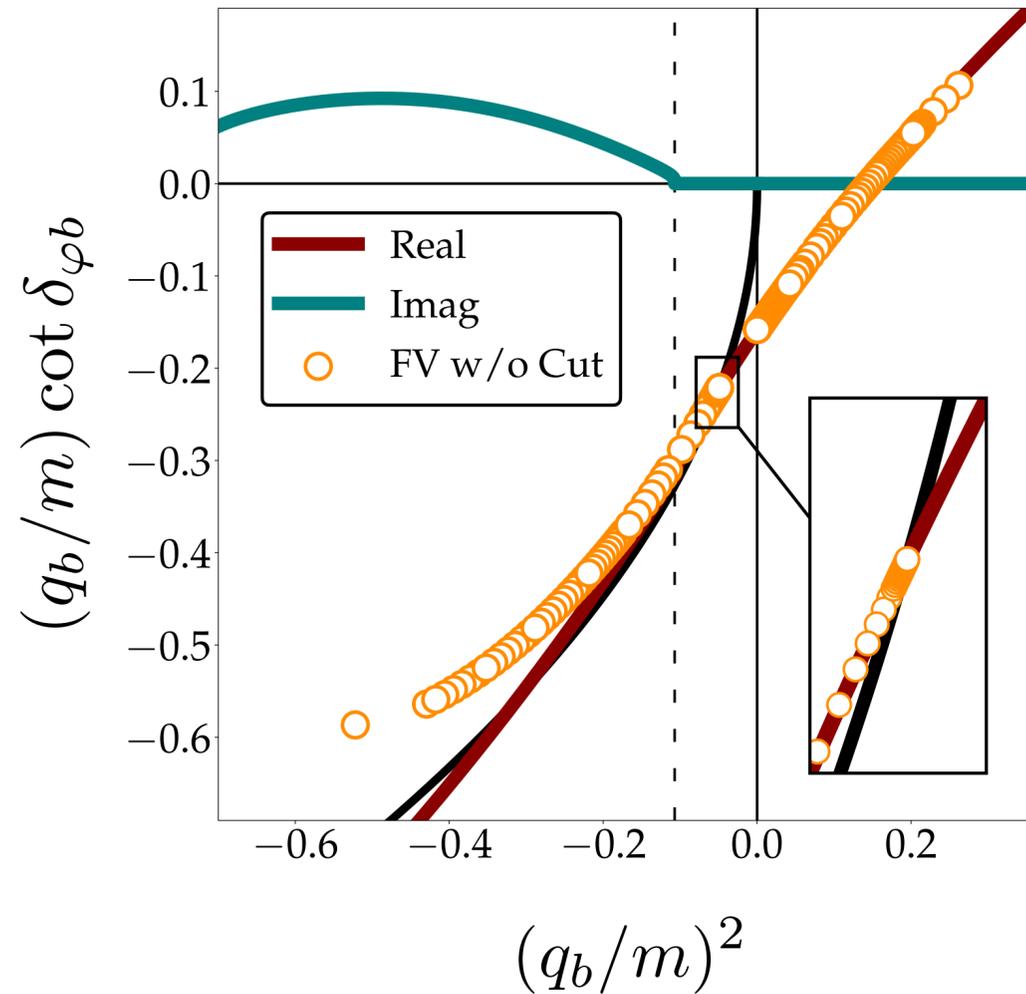


$$s_{\text{lhc},2} = s_{\text{thr}} - 4m_{\pi}^2 + (m_{D^*} - m_D)^2$$

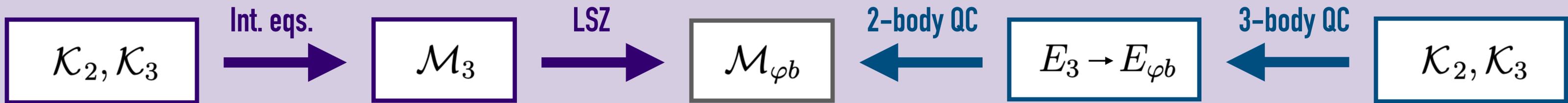
$$\sqrt{s_{\text{lhc},2}} \approx 3937 \text{ MeV} \quad \sqrt{s_{\text{thr}}} \approx 3975 \text{ MeV}$$

# Breakdown of the Lüscher formalism

Analytic continuation of the relativistic three-body amplitudes  
 Dawid, Islam, Briceño, PRD 108 (2023) 3, 034016  
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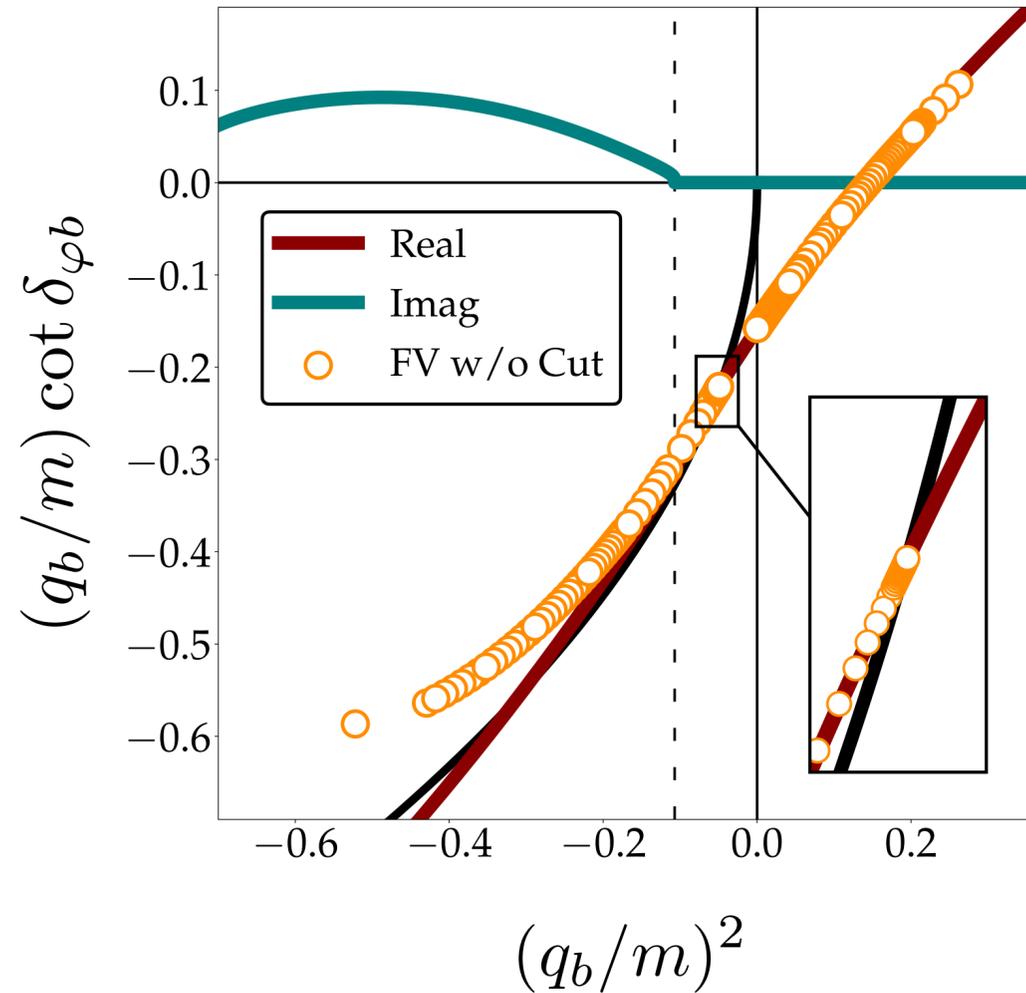


$$\lim_{\sigma', \sigma \rightarrow m_{D^*}^2} \mathcal{M}_{DD\pi} = \frac{g}{\sigma' - m_{D^*}^2} \mathcal{M}_{DD^*} \frac{g}{\sigma' - m_{D^*}^2}$$



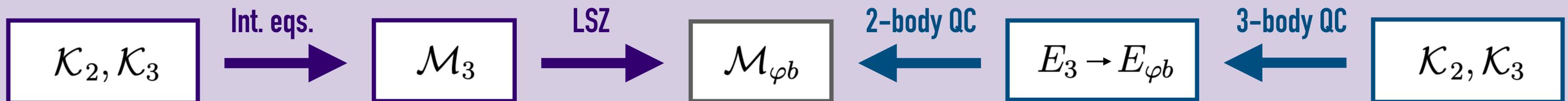
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## STRATEGY

1. Apply the three-body quantization condition to states with  $DD^*$  quantum numbers (regardless of the pion mass)
2. Extract the  $DD\pi$ -relevant two- and three-body  $K$  matrices
3. Solve the integral equations relating these objects to the continuum  $DD\pi$  scattering amplitude
4. Employ the LSZ reduction formula to obtain the  $DD^*$  amplitude that accounts for the pion exchanges

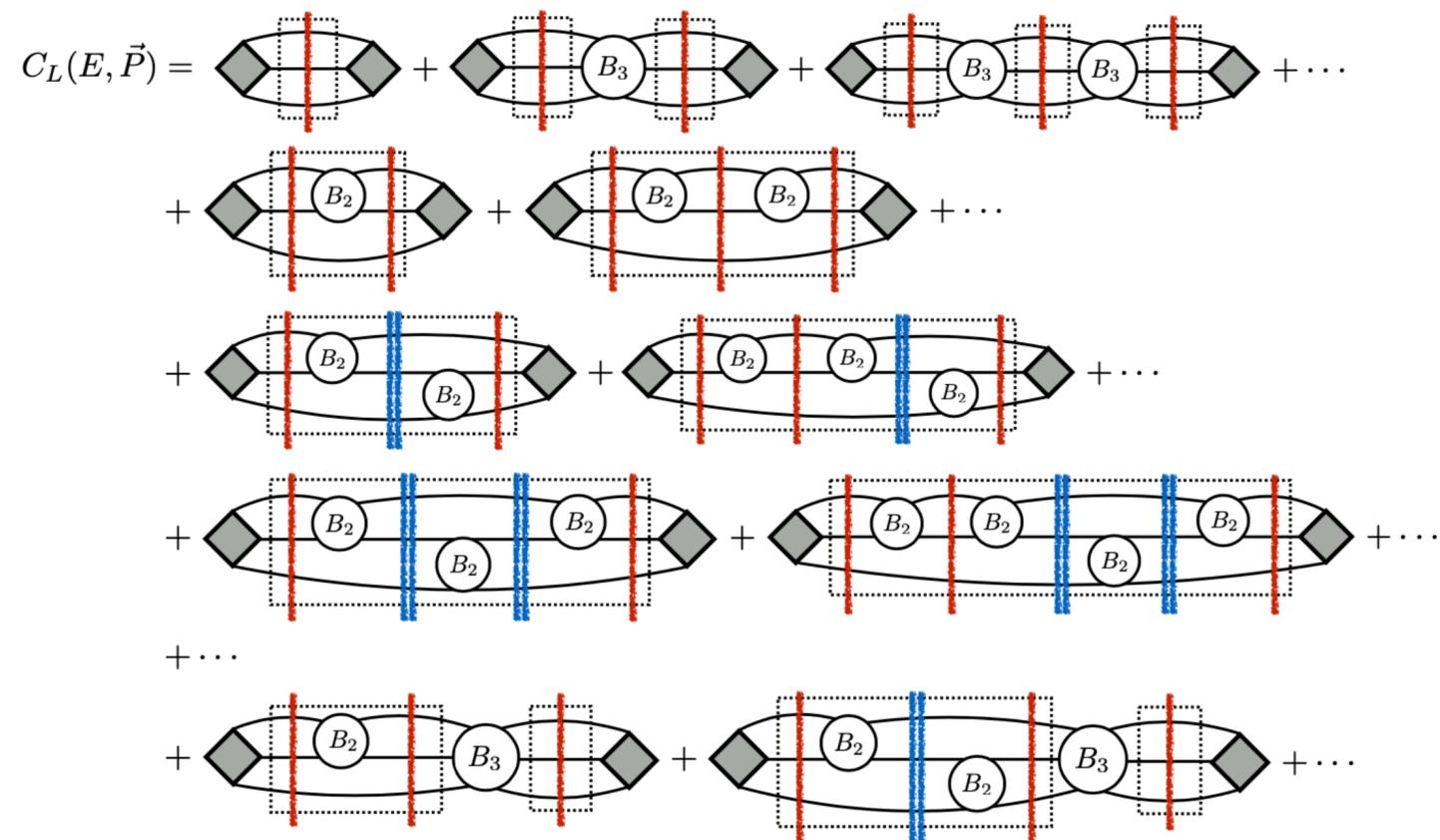


# REFT finite-volume quantization

*Lattice QCD and three-particle decays of resonances*  
Hansen, Sharpe, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 69 (2019) 65-107

*Relativistic three-particle quantization condition for non-degenerate scalars*  
*Three-particle finite-volume formalism for  $\pi^+\pi^+K^+$  and related systems*  
Blanton, Sharpe, PRD 103 (2021) 5, 054503 and PRD 104 (2021) 3, 034509

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$$\begin{matrix} (D\pi)D & (DD)\pi \\ \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{K}_3^{(11)} & \mathcal{K}_3^{(12)} \\ \mathcal{K}_3^{(21)} & \mathcal{K}_3^{(22)} \end{pmatrix} & \begin{matrix} (D\pi)D \\ (DD)\pi \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

Generalization to the relevant isospin

$$\frac{1}{2} \otimes \frac{1}{2} \otimes \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{0} \oplus \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{2}$$

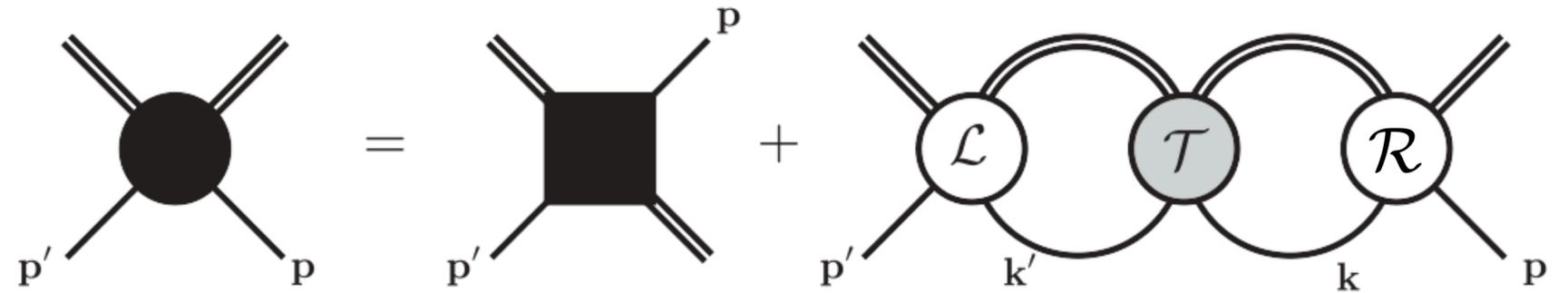
$$\det_{k,\ell,m} [\mathbb{1} - \mathcal{K}_3(E^*) \mathbf{F}_3(E, \mathbf{P}, L)] = 0$$

$$\prod_{I \in \{0,1,2\}} \det_{k,\ell,m,f} [\mathbb{1} - \mathcal{K}_3^I(E^*) \mathbf{F}_3^I(E, \mathbf{P}, L)] = 0$$

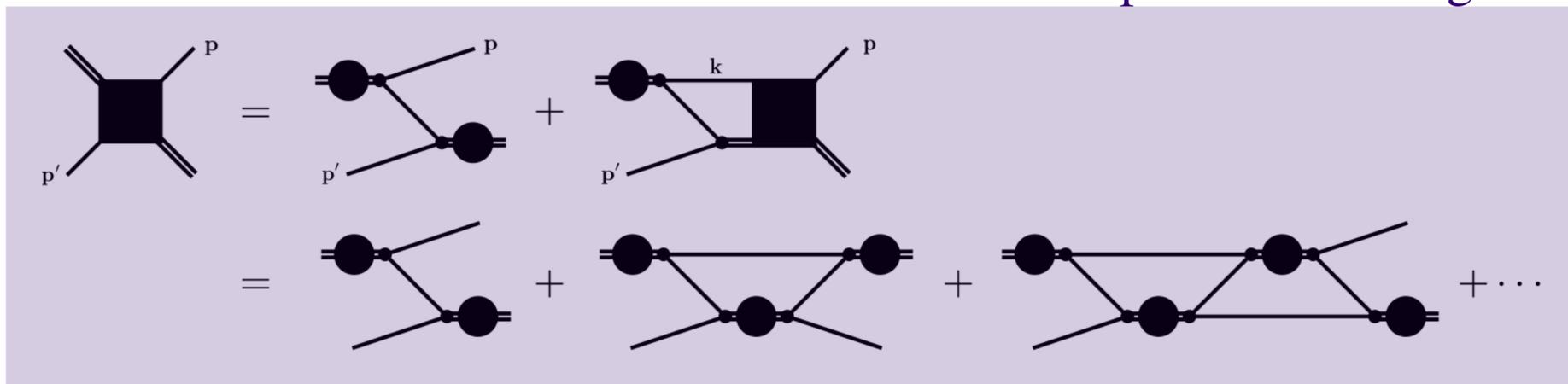
# REFT three-body integral equations

diagrams by Andrew Jackura

$$\mathcal{M}_3 = \mathcal{D} + \mathcal{M}_{3,df}$$



## One-particle exchanges

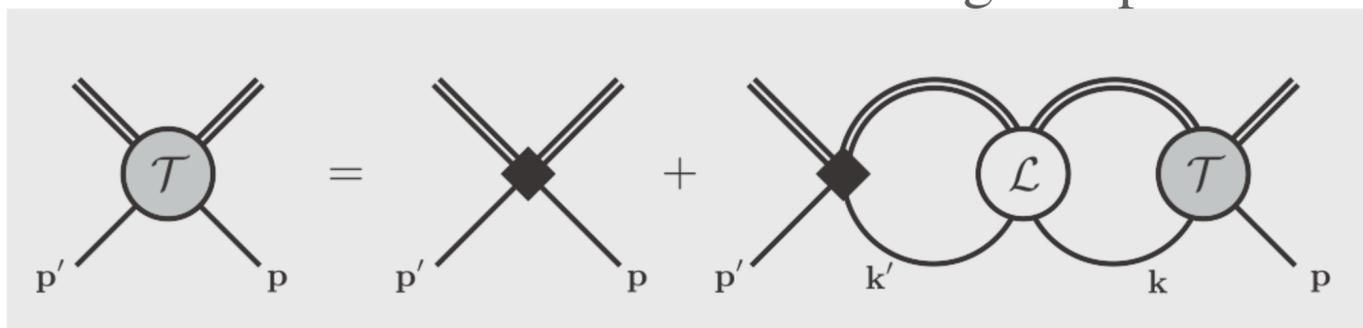


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Mikhasenko, Wunderlich, Jackura, et al., *JHEP* 08 (2019) 080

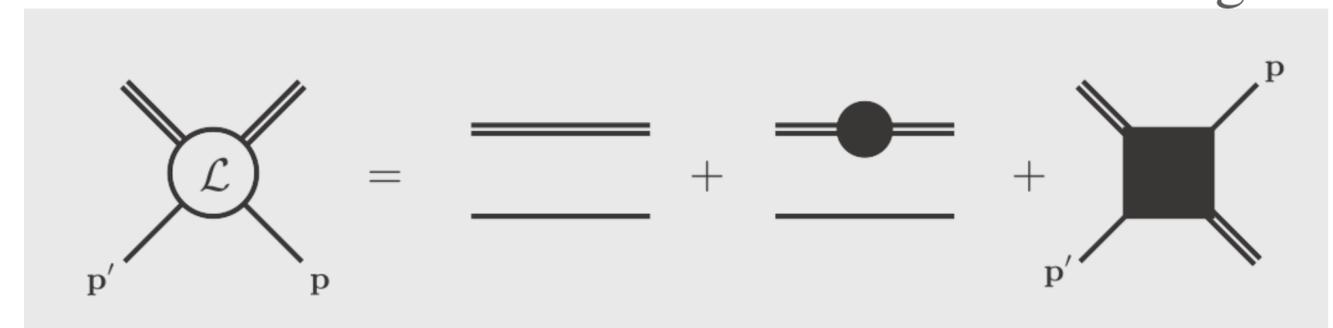
*Equivalence of three-particle scattering formalisms*  
Jackura, Dawid, Fernandez-Ramirez, et al., *PRD* 100 (2019) 3, 034508

*Equivalence of relativistic three-particle quantization conditions*  
Blanton, Sharpe, *PRD* 102 (2020) 5, 054515

## Short-range amplitude



## External-state rescatterings



# Generalizing to DD $\pi$

$$\mathcal{D} = -\mathcal{M}_2 G \mathcal{M}_2 - \mathcal{M}_2 G \mathcal{D}$$

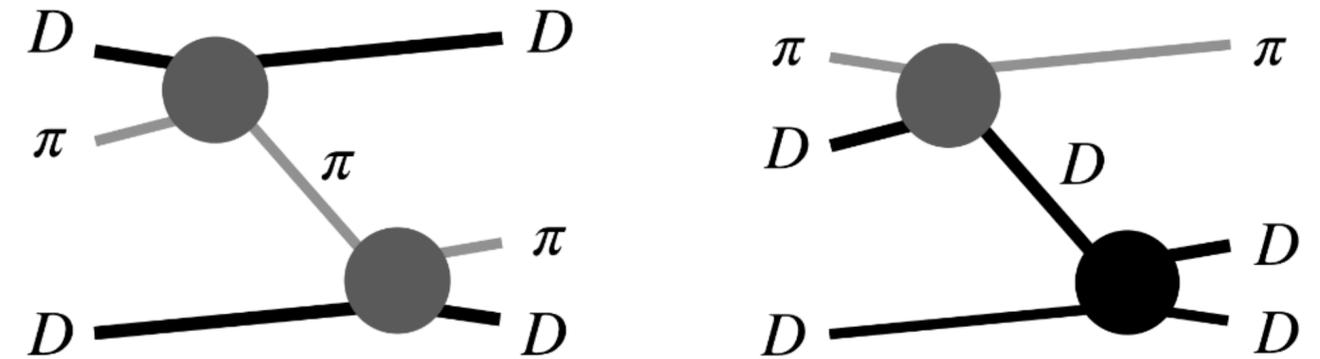
The amplitude becomes a matrix describing coupled-channel scattering between pairs and spectators of different angular momenta (PW mixing allowed)

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$$\mathcal{M}_{DD^*}(E) = [\mathcal{M}_{DD^*}(^3S_1|^3S_1)]$$

$$J^P = 1^+$$

Dawid, Romero-López, Sharpe, in preparation



Partial-wave projection of the one-particle exchange in three-body scattering amplitudes  
Jackura, Briceño, PRD 109, 096030 (2024)

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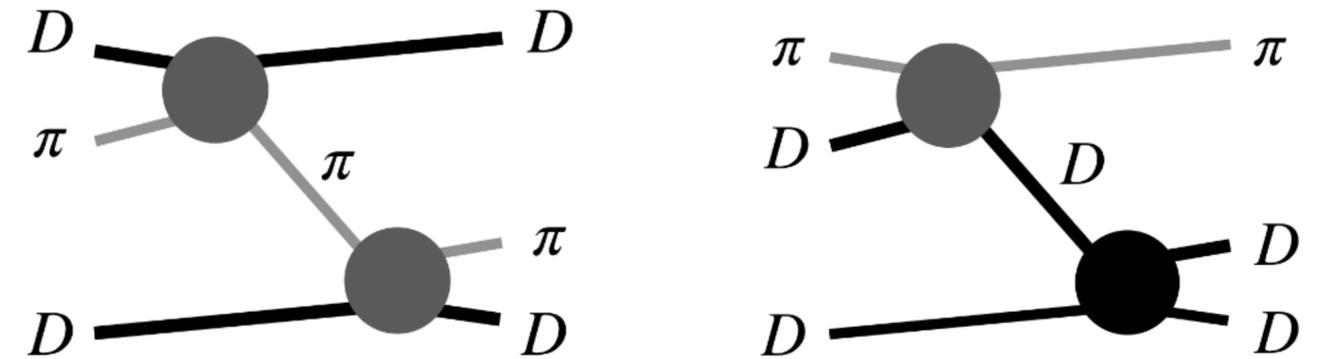
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# Including three-body forces

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Implementing the three-particle quantization condition for  $\pi\pi K$  and related systems  
Blanton, Romero-López, Sharpe, JHEP 02 (2022) 098

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$$\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{K}_3 - \mathcal{K}_3 \rho \mathcal{L} \mathcal{T}$$

Solution of another integral equation is unnecessary for certain models of the three-body K matrix

$$\mathcal{K}_3^{(ij)}(p, k) = \sum_a \mathcal{K}_{L,a}^{(i)}(p) \mathcal{K}_{R,a}^{(j)}(k)$$

$$\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{K}_L^T [1 + \mathcal{I}]^{-1} \mathcal{K}_R$$

Inversion of a 2 x 2 matrix composed of double integrals of the rescattering function.

## Threshold expansion

$$\mathcal{K}_3 = \mathcal{K}_3^{\text{iso},0} + \mathcal{K}_3^{\text{iso},1} \Delta + \mathcal{K}_3^B \Delta_2^S + \mathcal{K}_3^E t'_{22}$$

$$\Delta = \frac{s - (2m_D + m_\pi)^2}{(2m_D + m_\pi)^2} \quad \tilde{t}_{22} = \frac{(p_2 - p'_2)^2}{(2m_D + m_\pi)^2}$$

The last term contributes, for instance,

$$\mathcal{K}_3({}^3S_1 | {}^3S_1) = \frac{2}{27} \mathcal{K}_3^E q_p^* q_k^* (\gamma_p + 2)(\gamma_k + 2)$$

Relative two-body momentum in a pair

Boost to pair's rest frame

# Application: two-body interactions

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Padmanath, Prelovsek, PRL 129, 032002 (2022)

## Scattering parameters

$$a_S^{D\pi}, r_S^{D\pi}, a_P^{D\pi}, r_P^{D\pi}, a_S^{DD}, \mathcal{K}_3^E$$

$$m_\pi \approx 280 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_D \approx 1927 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_{D^*} \approx 2049 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\kappa = m_\pi/m_D \approx 0.145$$

$$\kappa_{\text{phys}} \approx 0.073$$

$$q_b^{2s+1} \cot \delta_s^{(n)} = -\frac{1}{a_s^{(n)}} + \frac{1}{2} r_s^{(n)} q_b^2$$

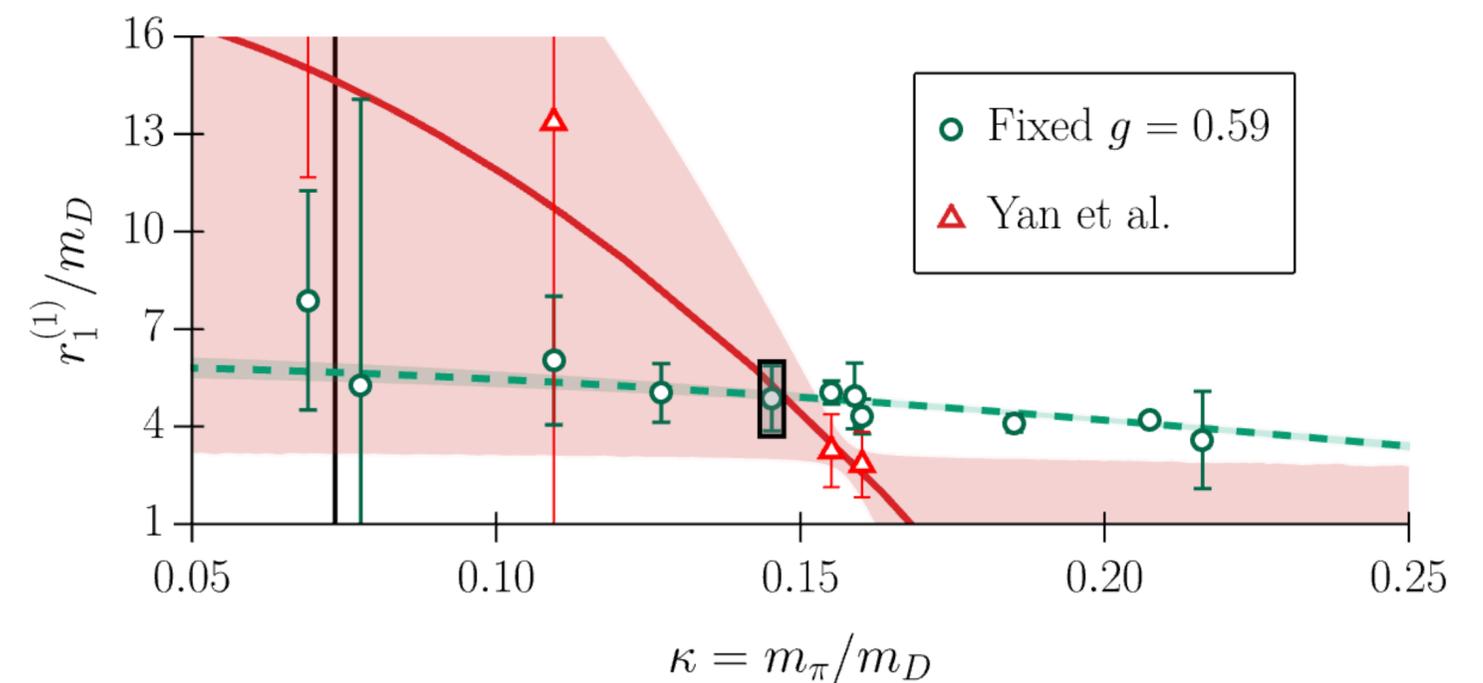
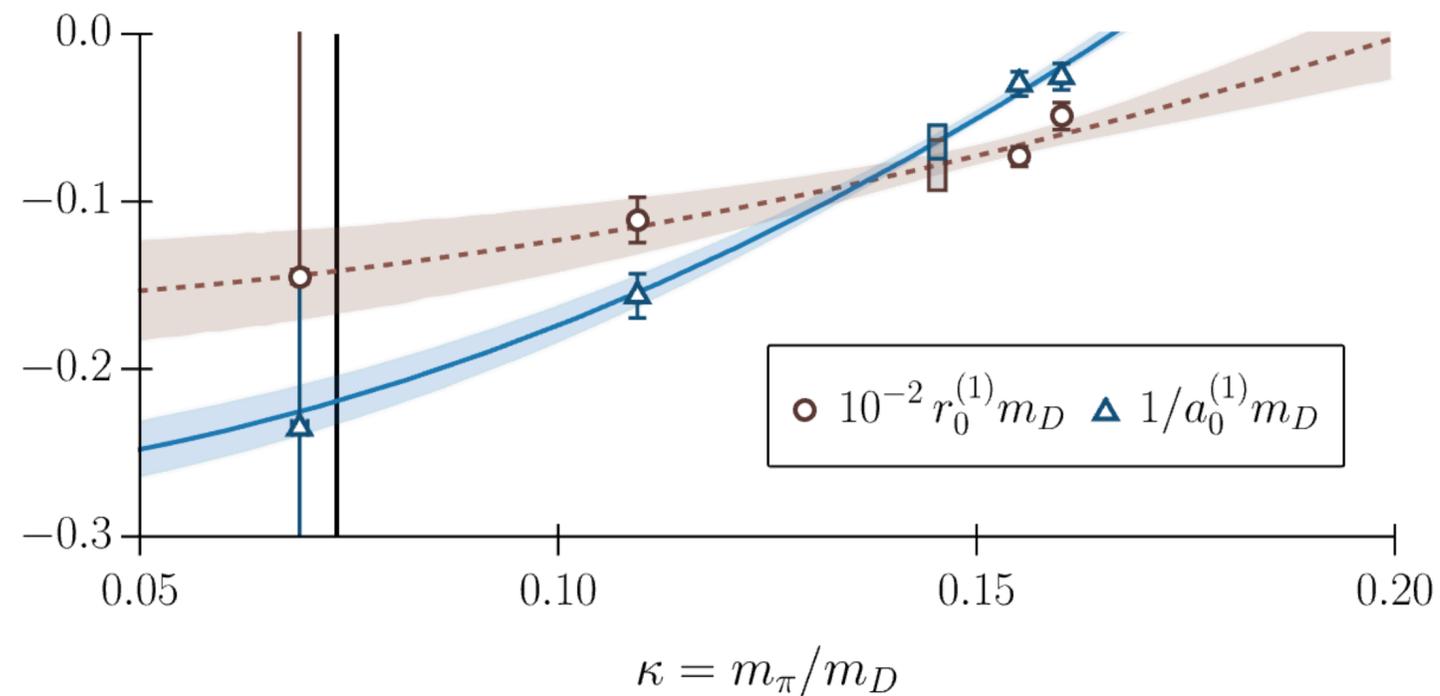
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Moir et al. (HadSpec), JHEP 10 (2016) 011 (2016)

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# Partial-wave mixing amplitude

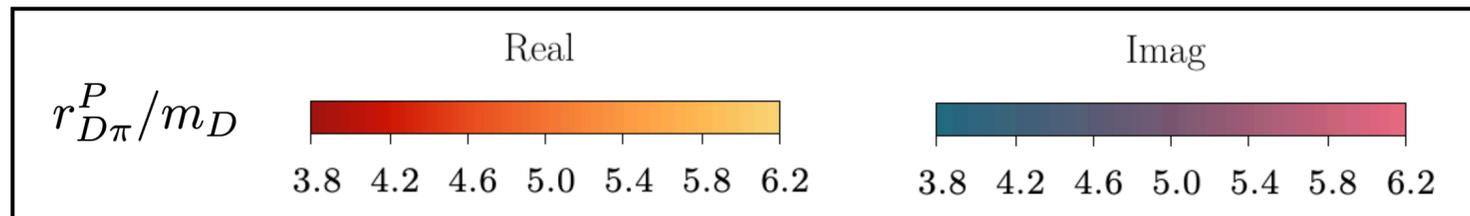
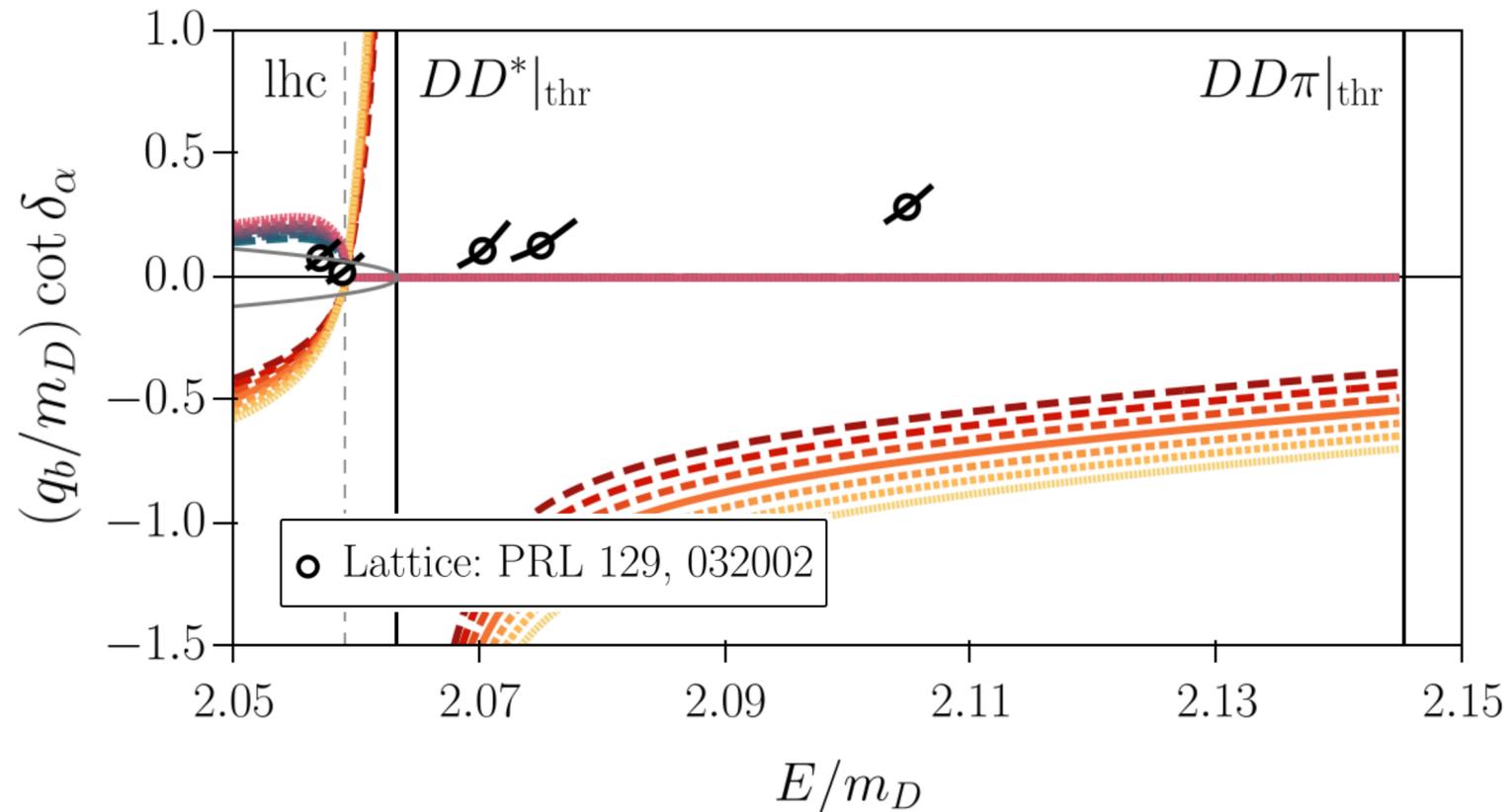
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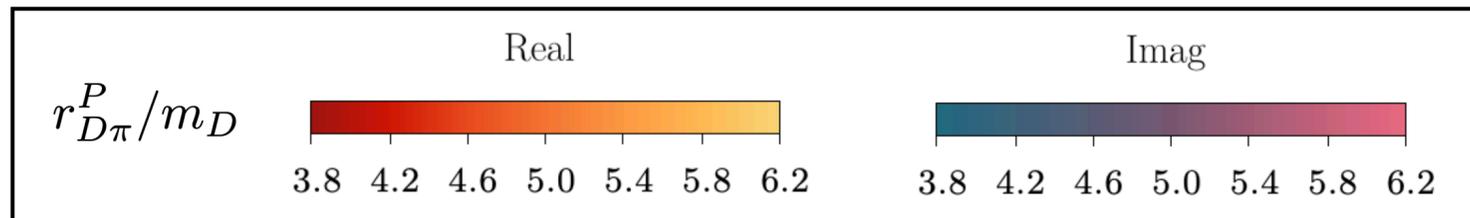
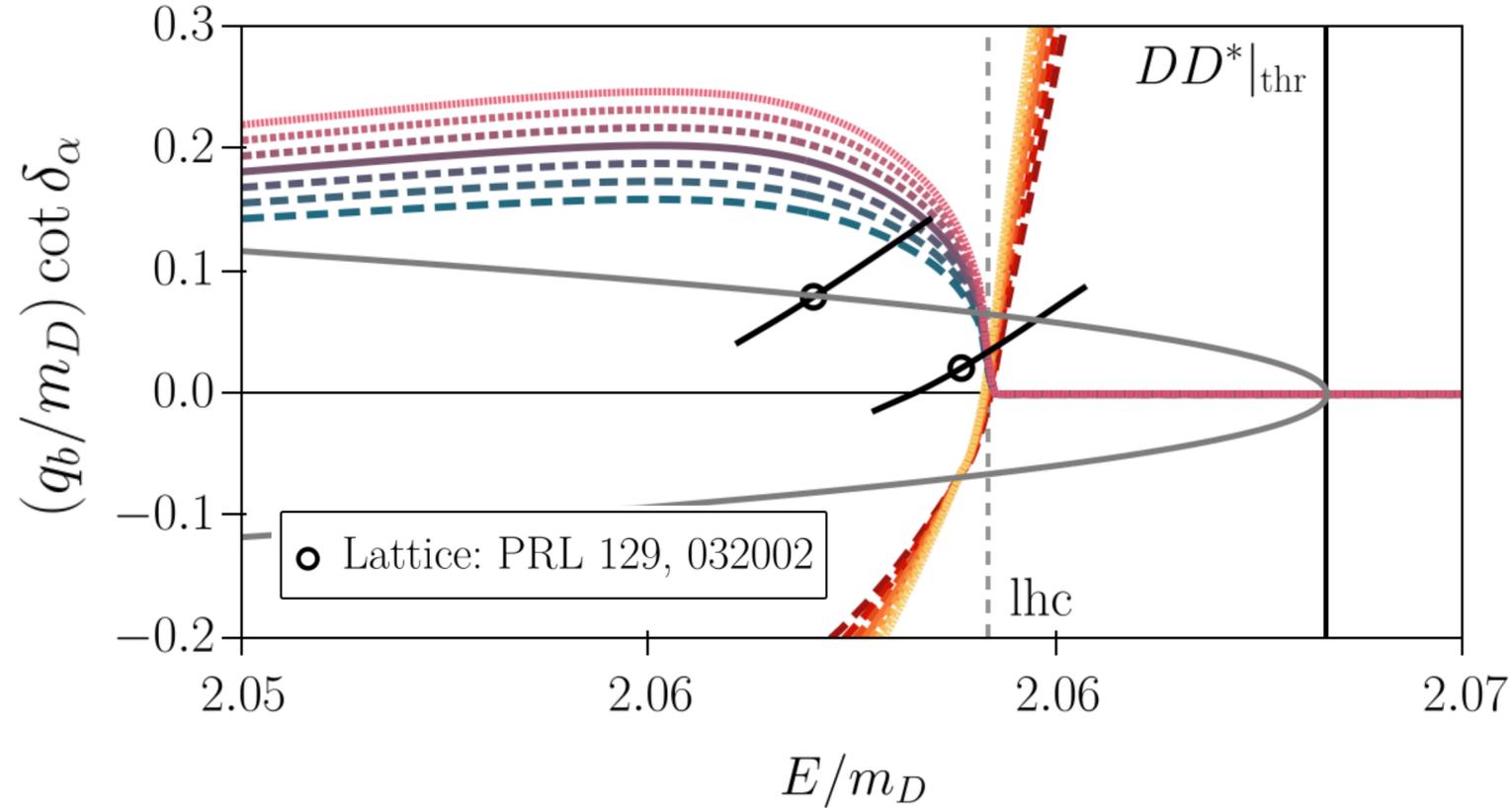
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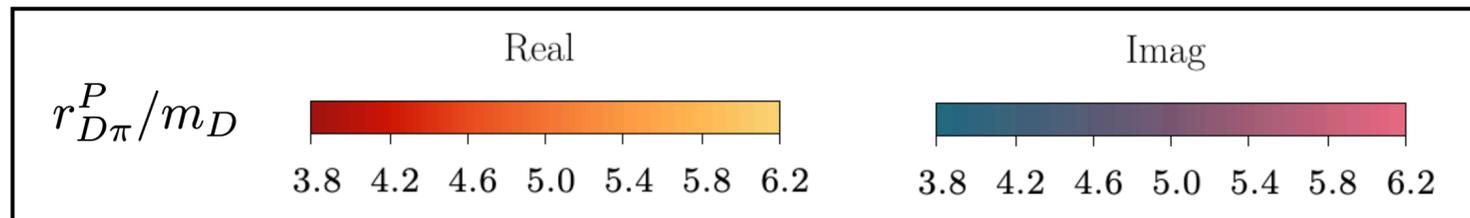
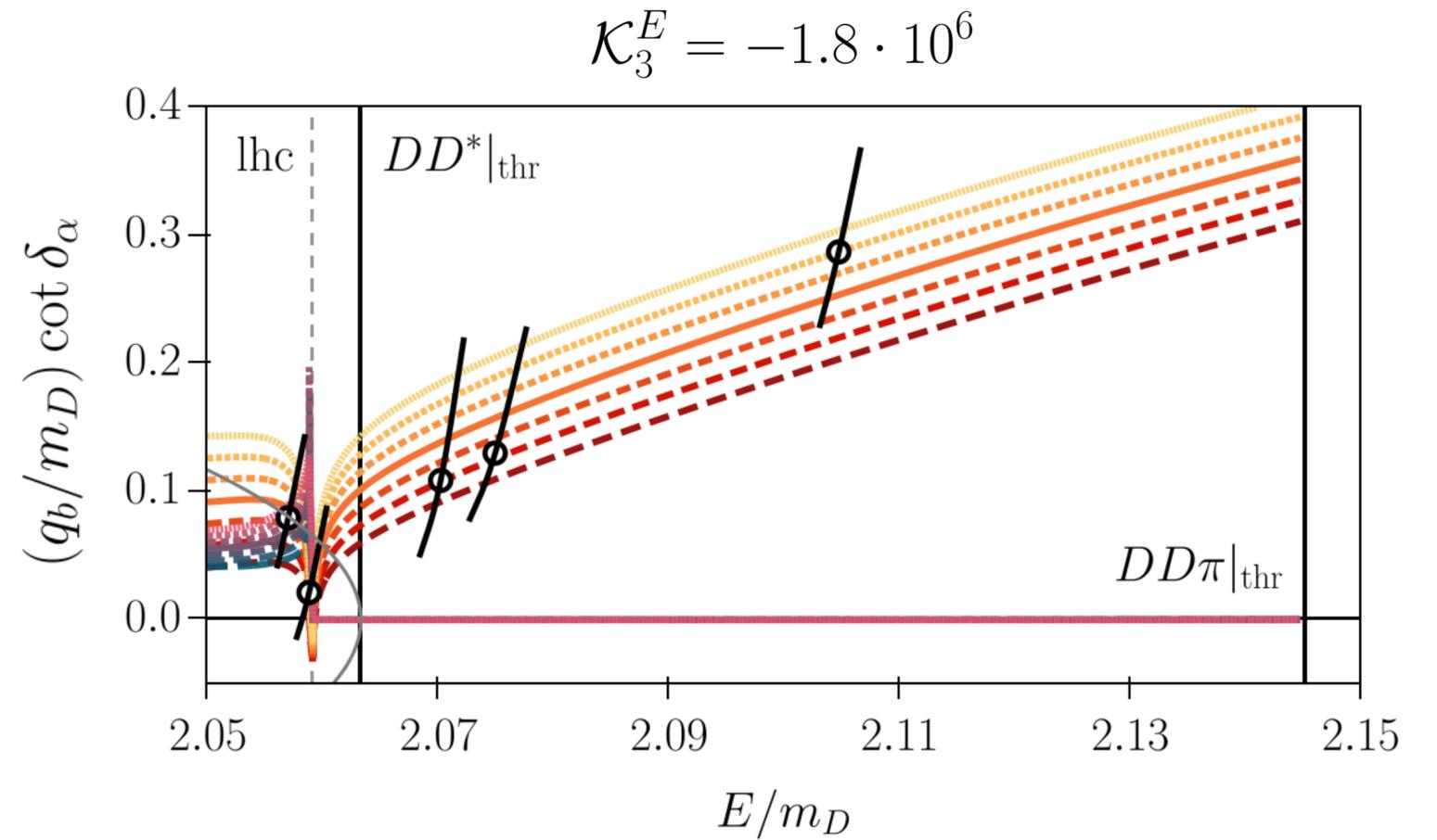
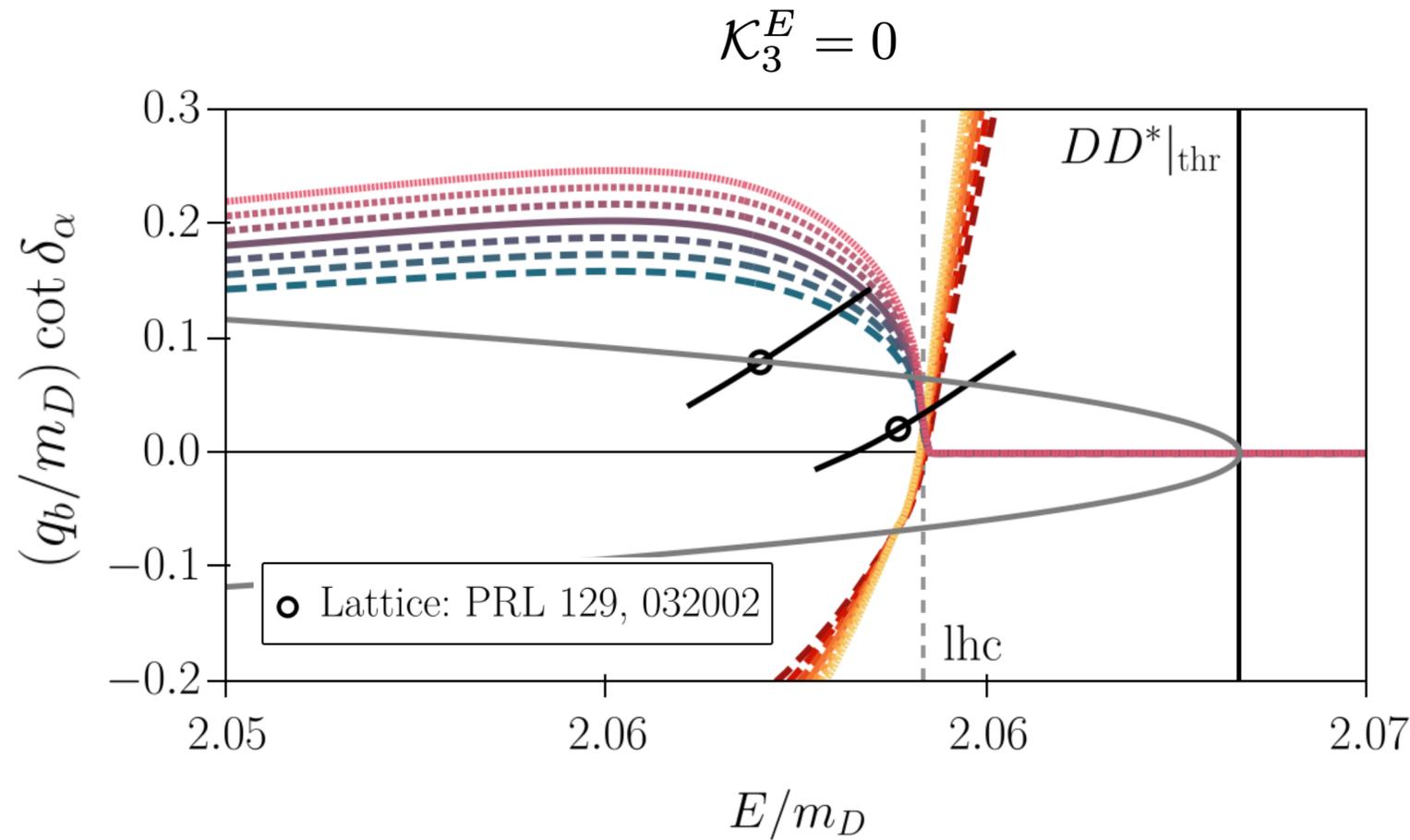
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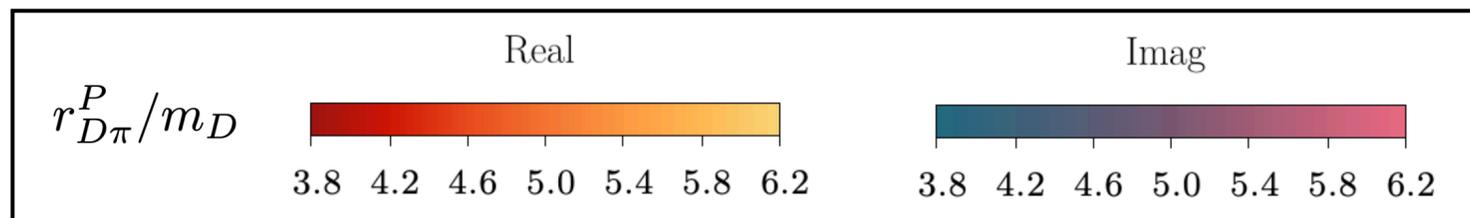
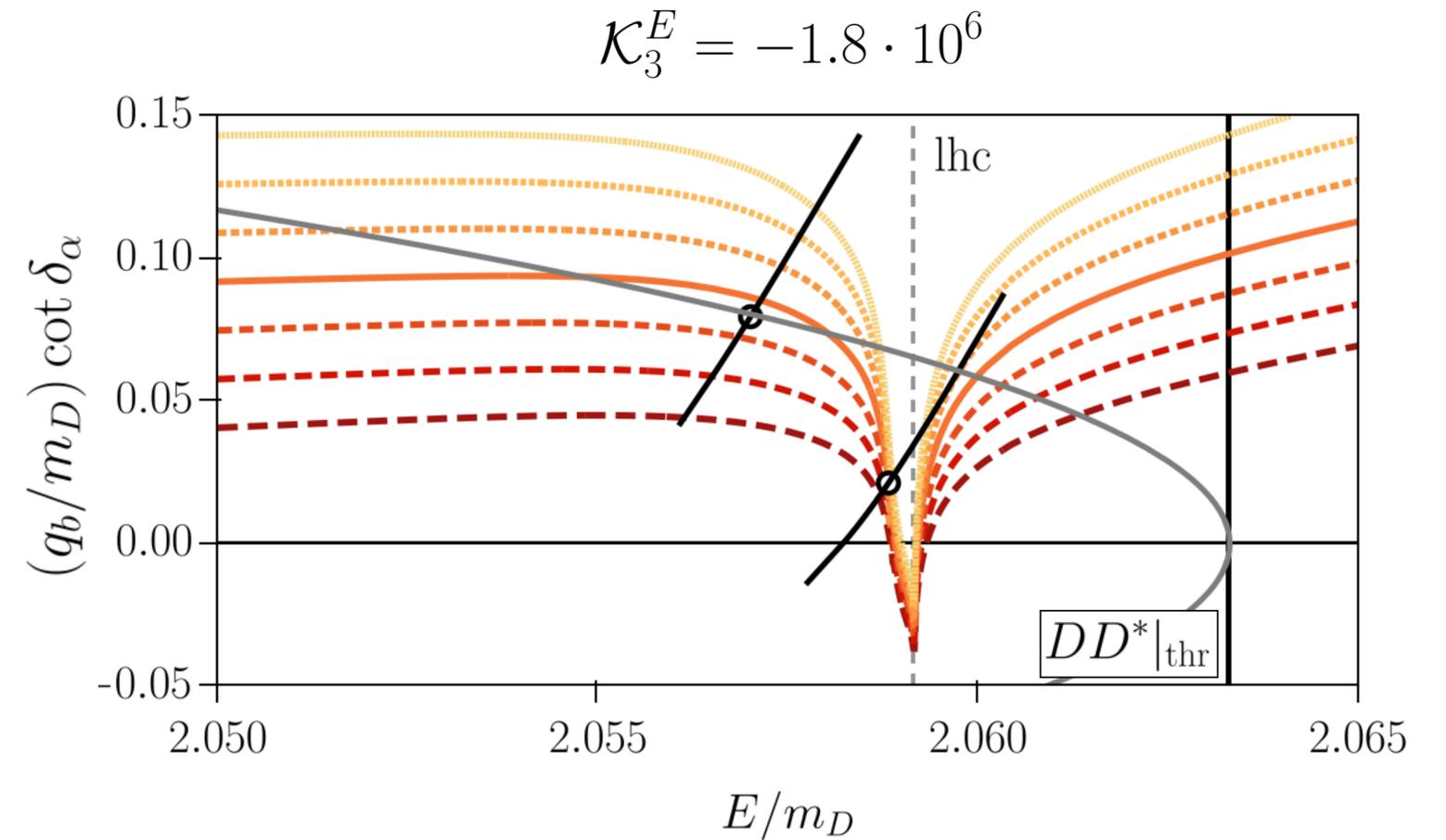
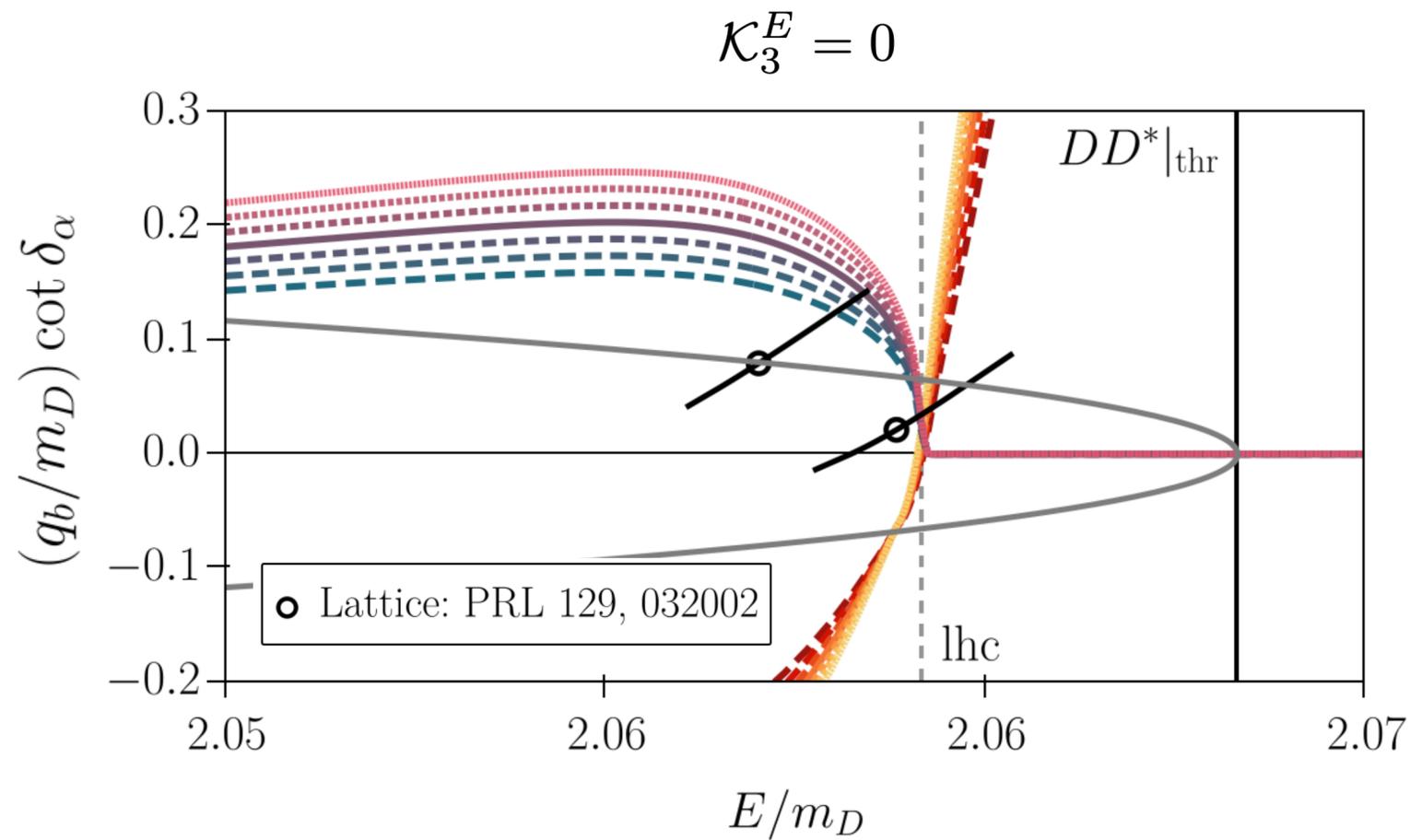
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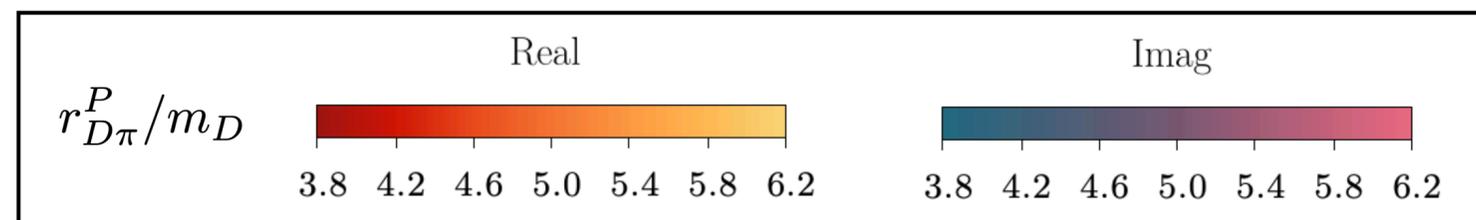
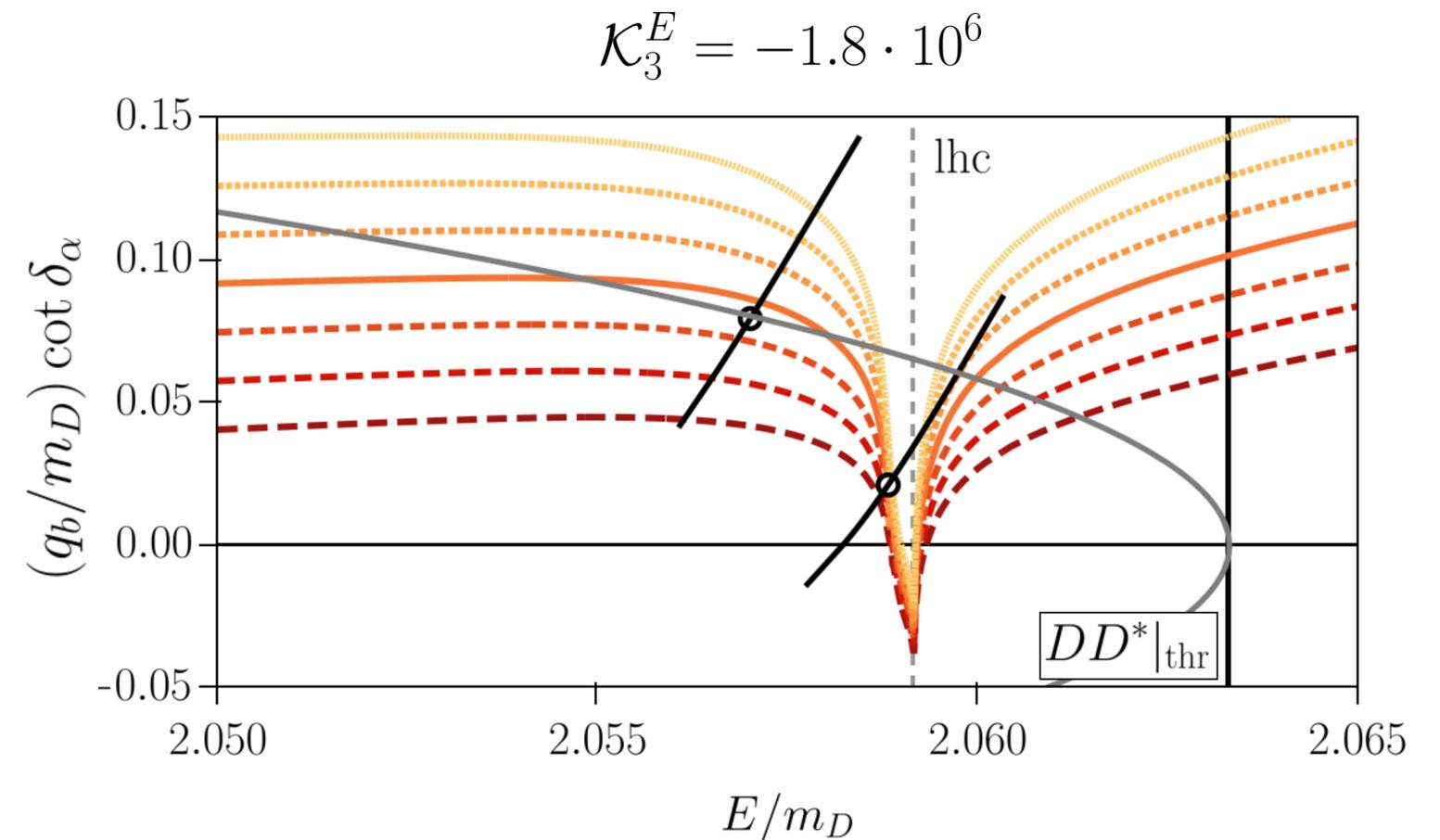
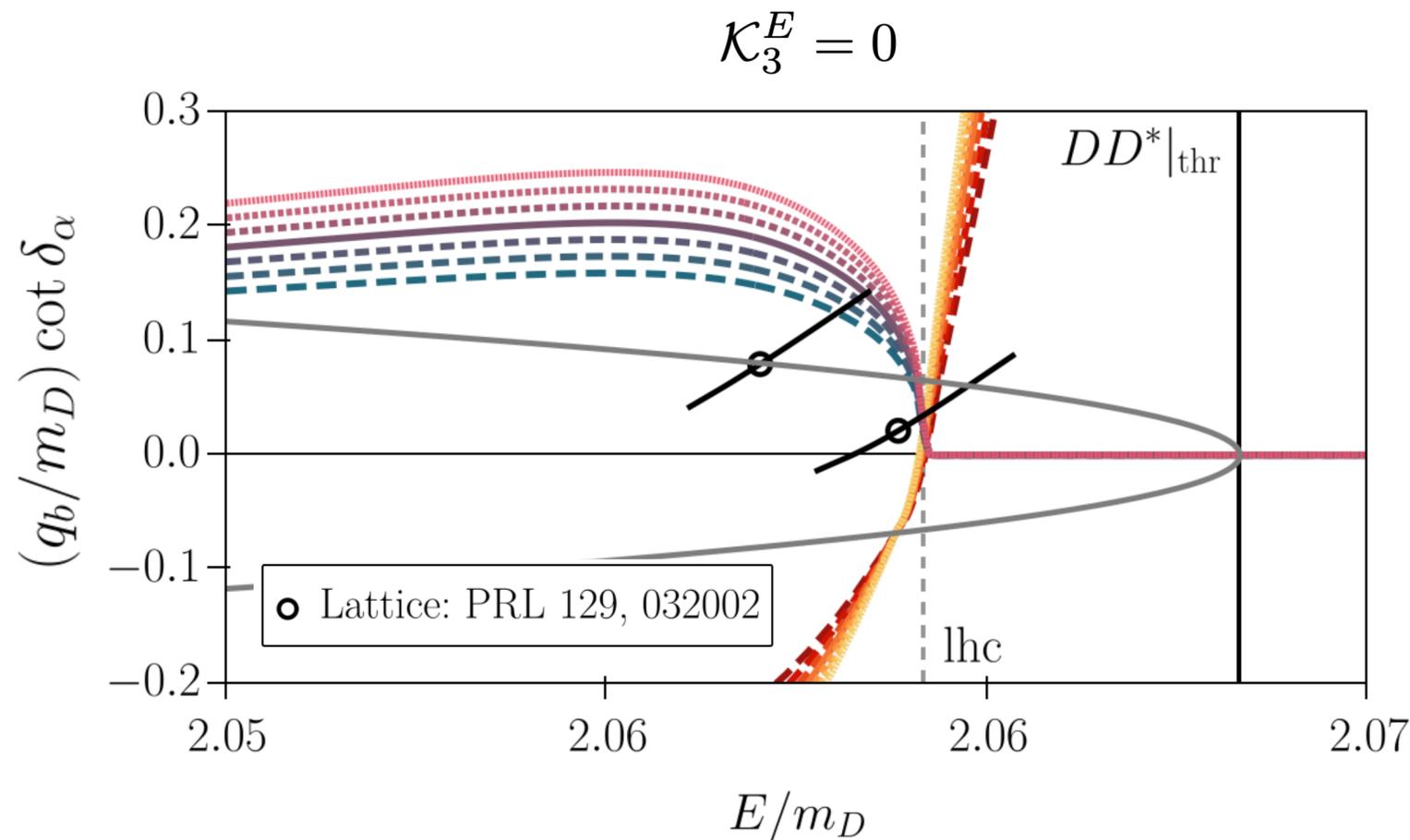
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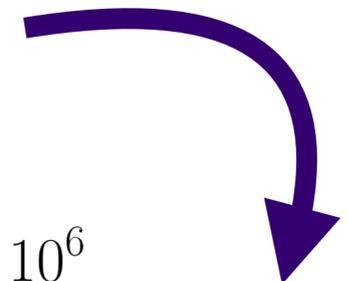


## Observations:

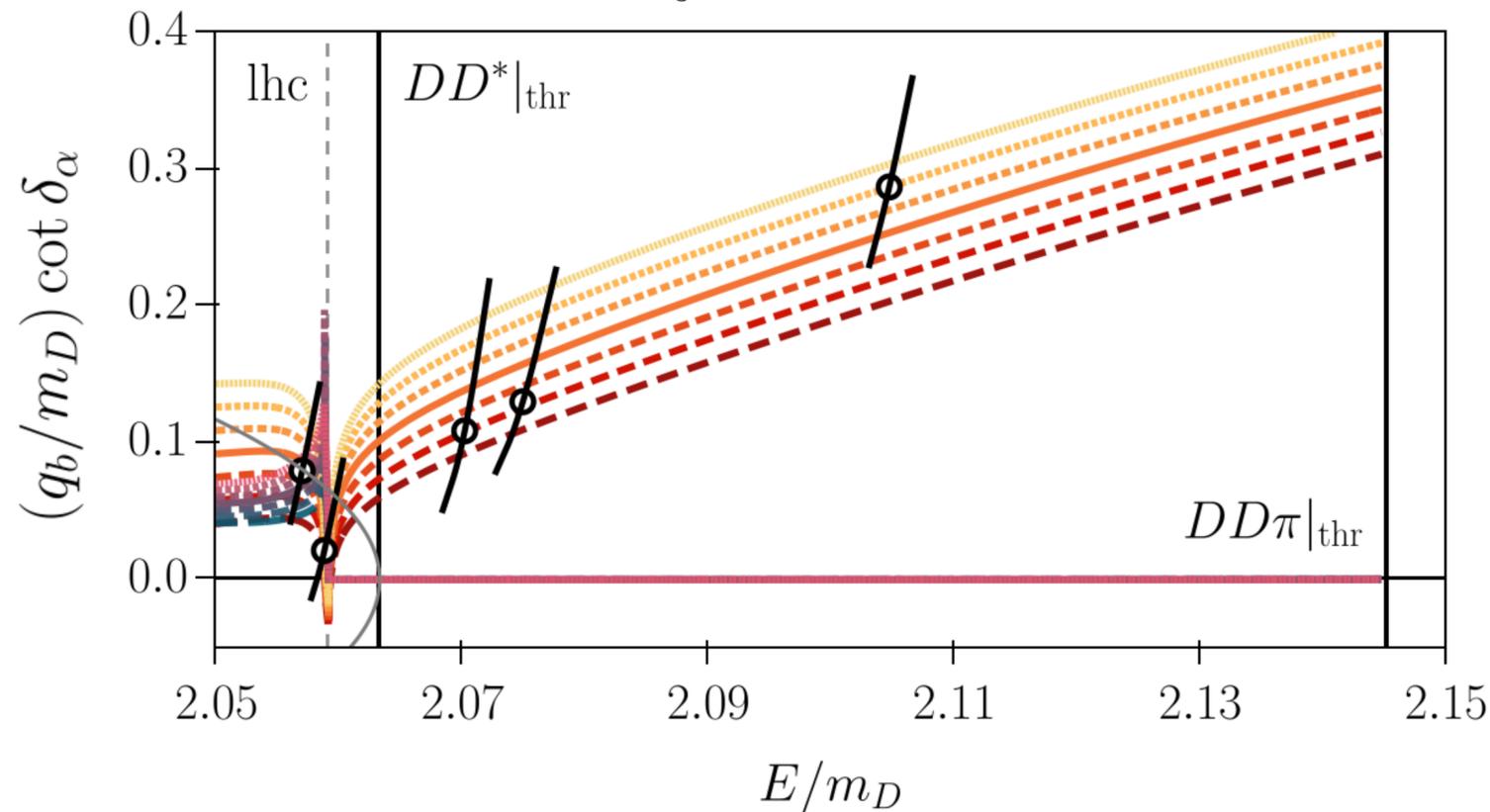
- (a) we find a virtual state in agreement with other approaches;
- (b) simple model of three-body forces is enough to describe data;
- (c) status of the effective-range expansion is unclear;

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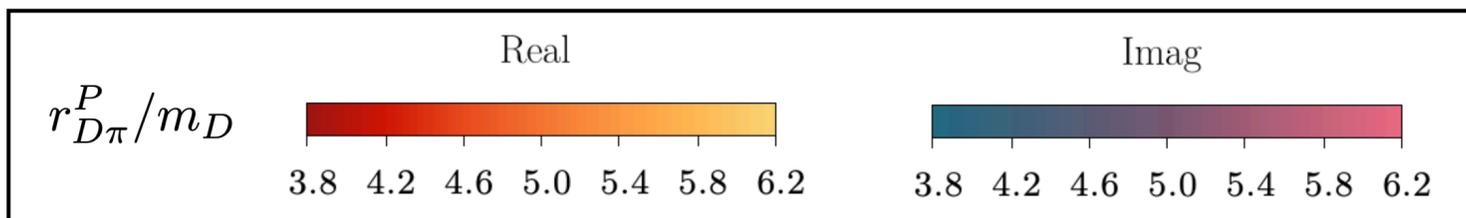
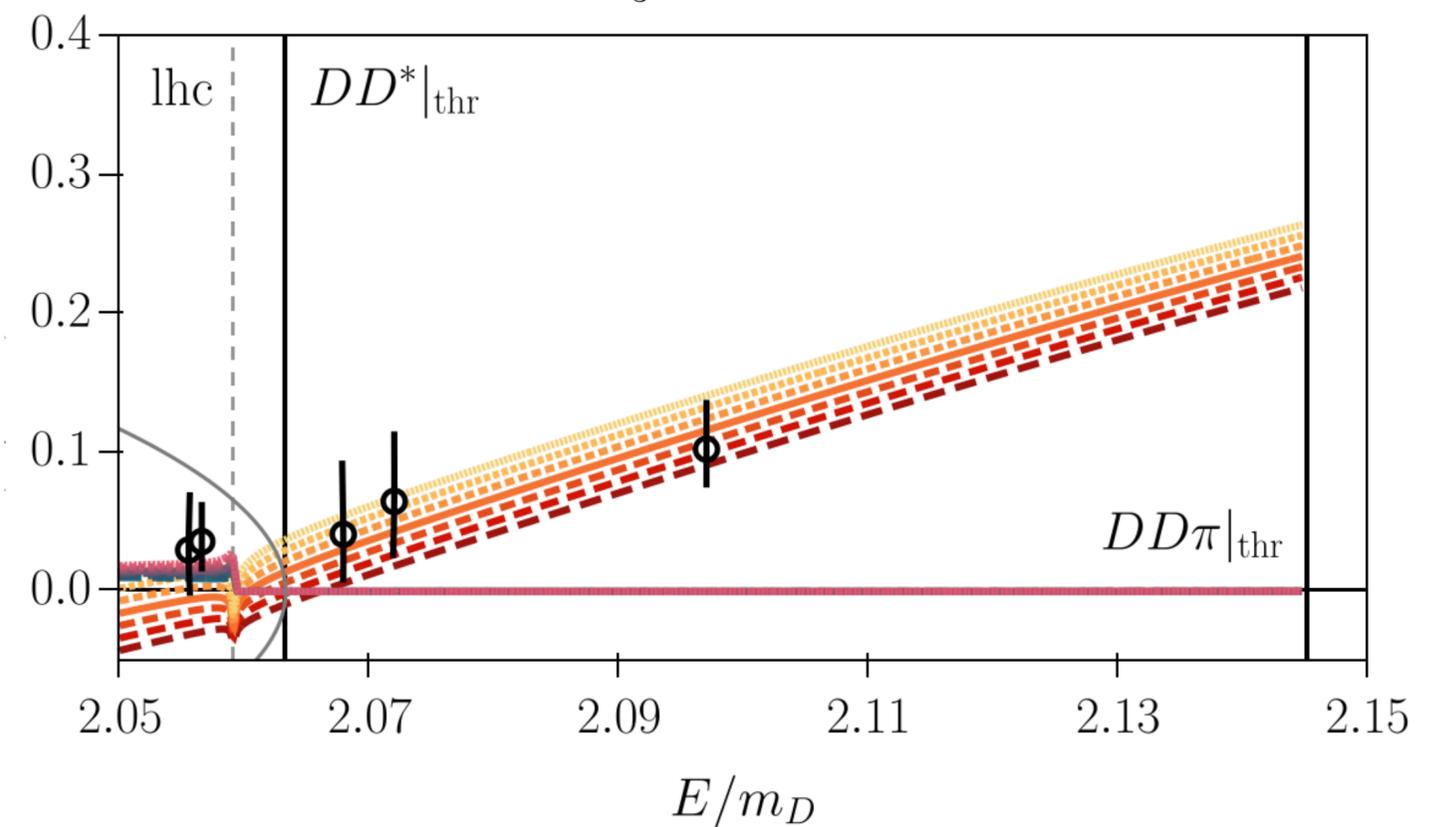
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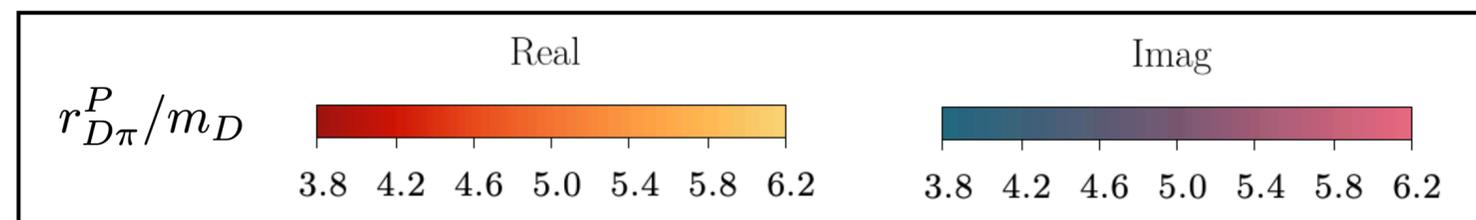
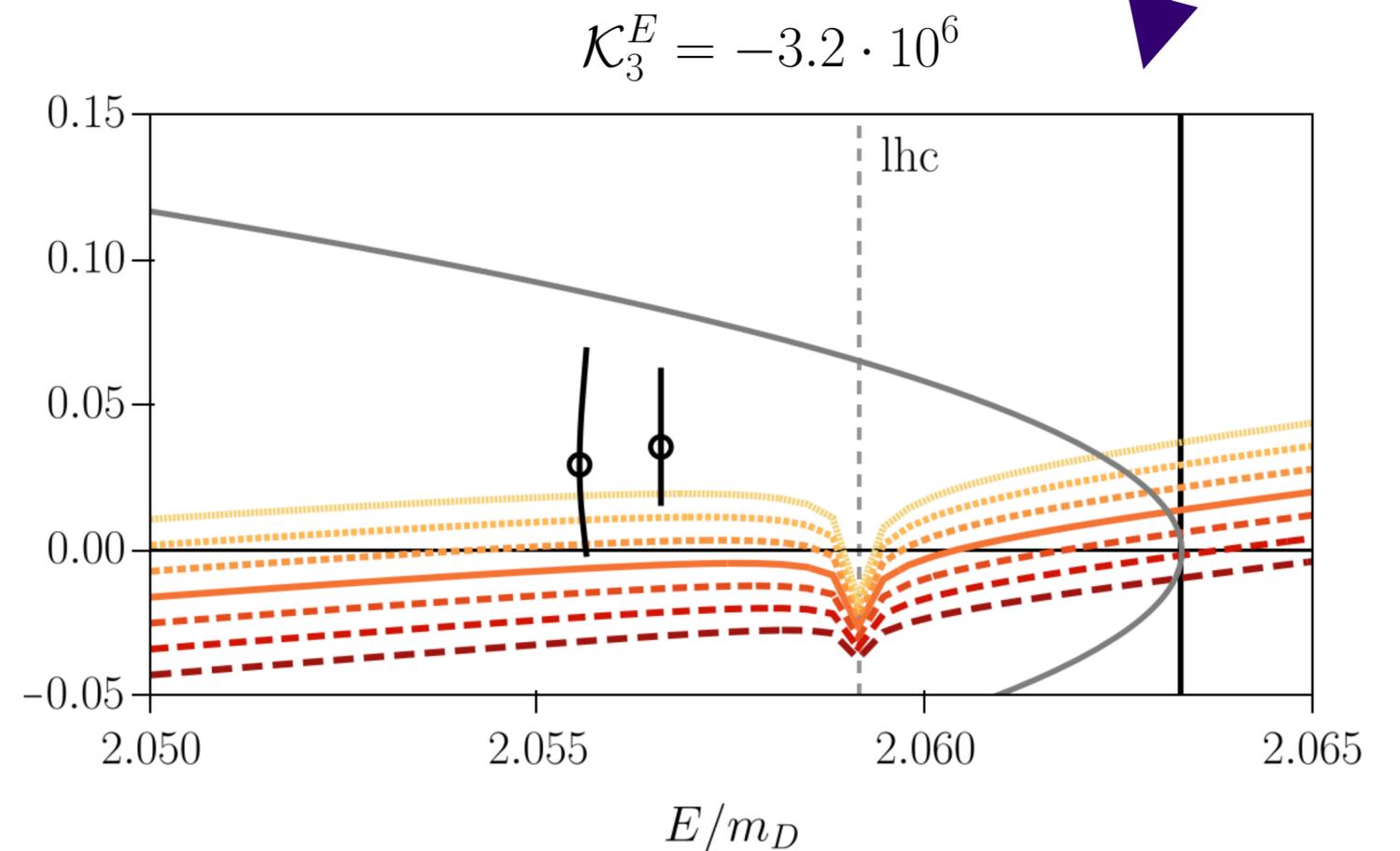
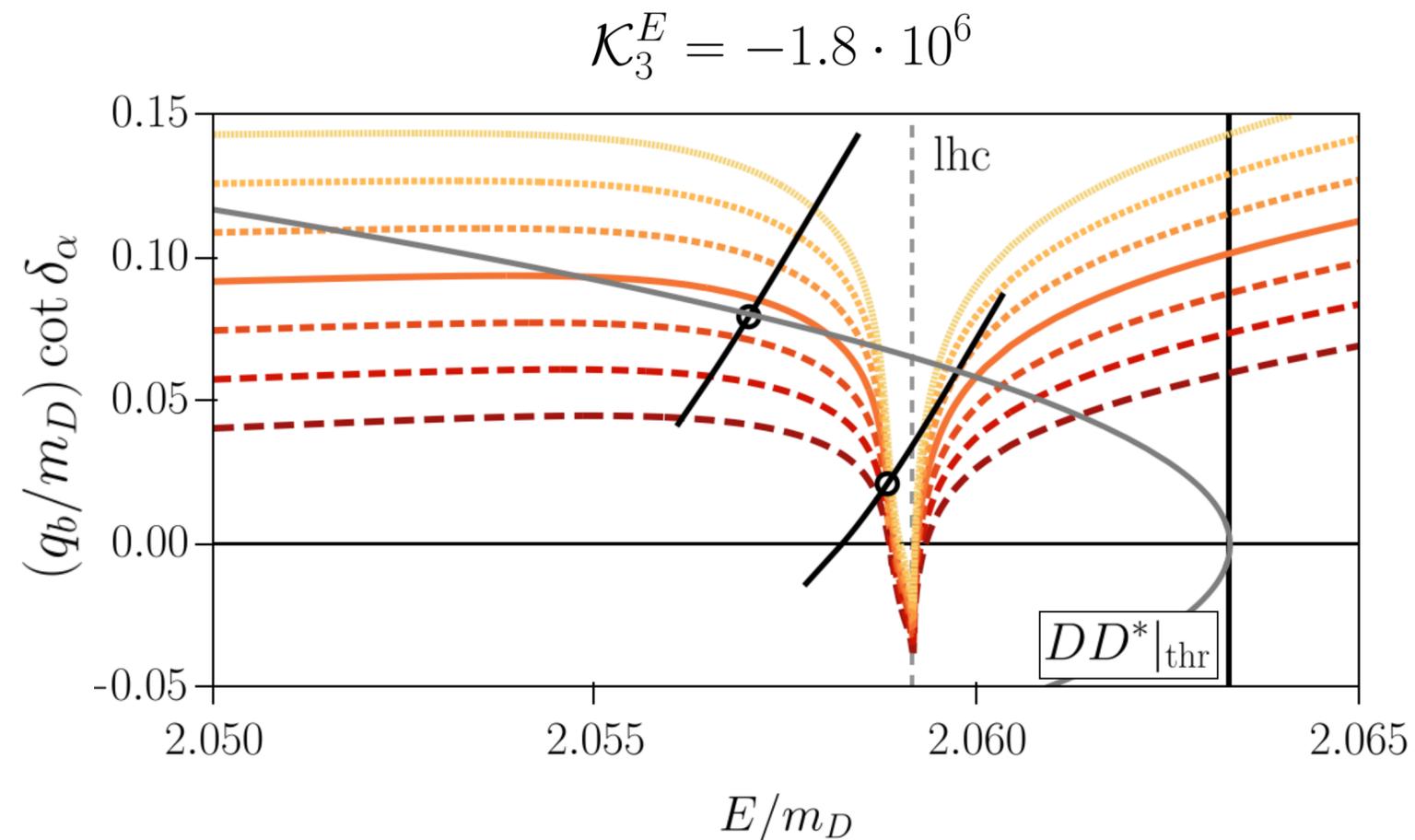
$$\mathcal{K}_3^E = -3.2 \cdot 10^6$$



Do not take it too seriously

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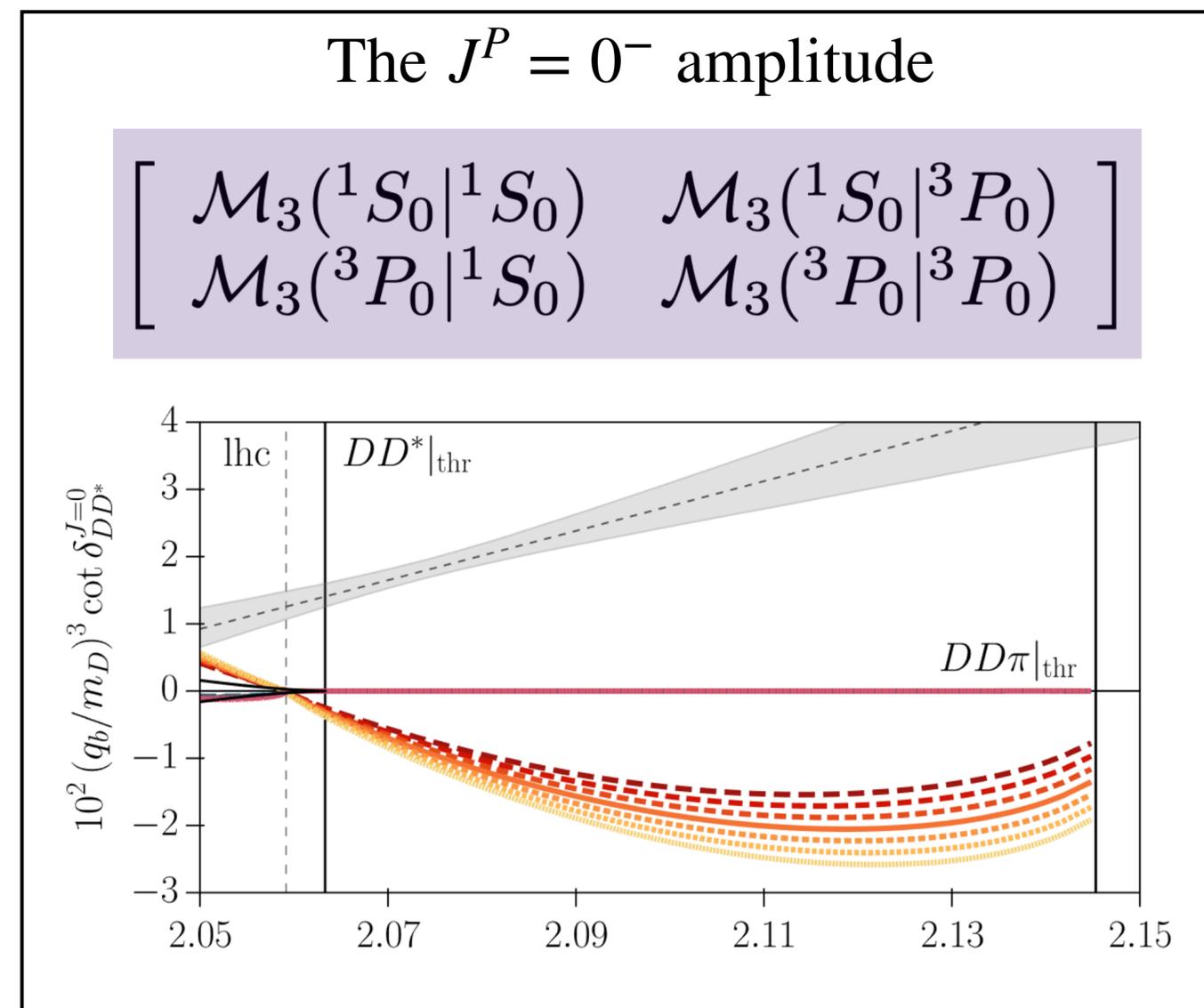
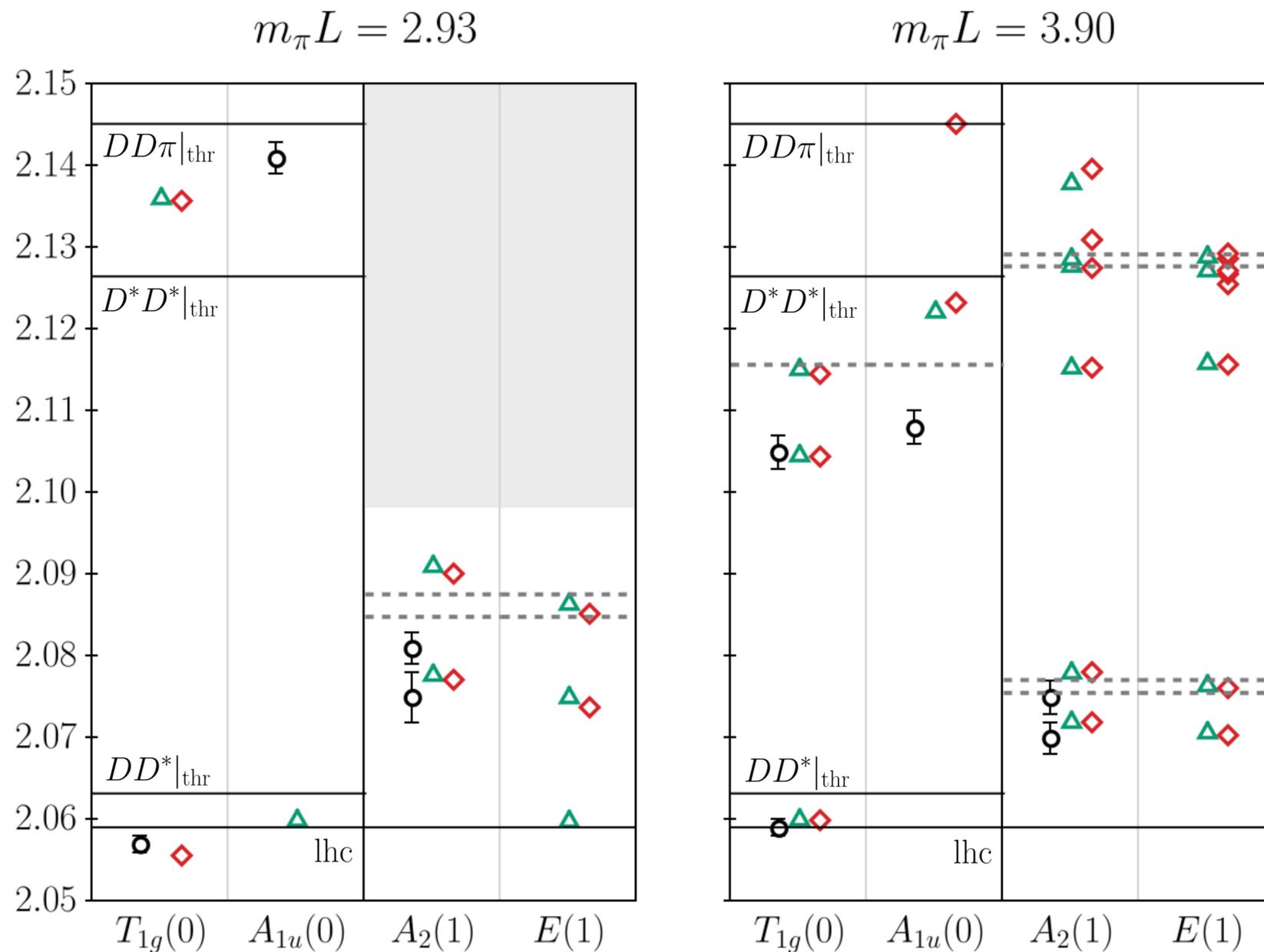
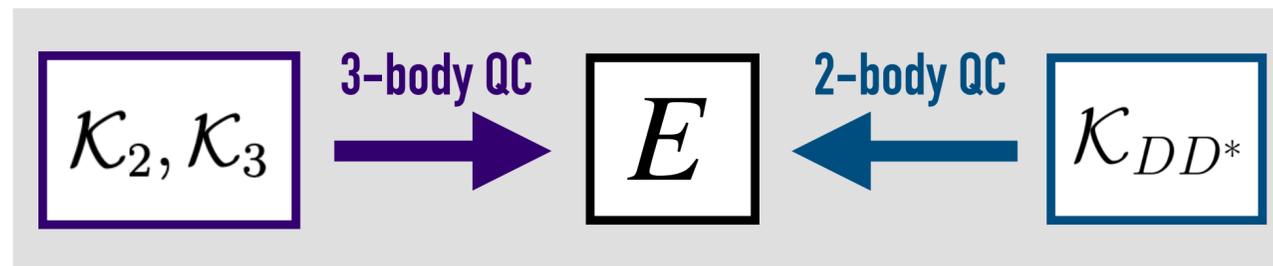
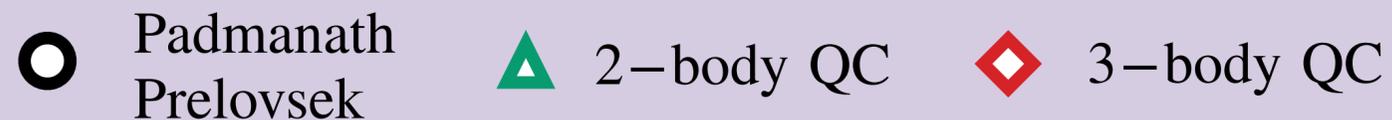
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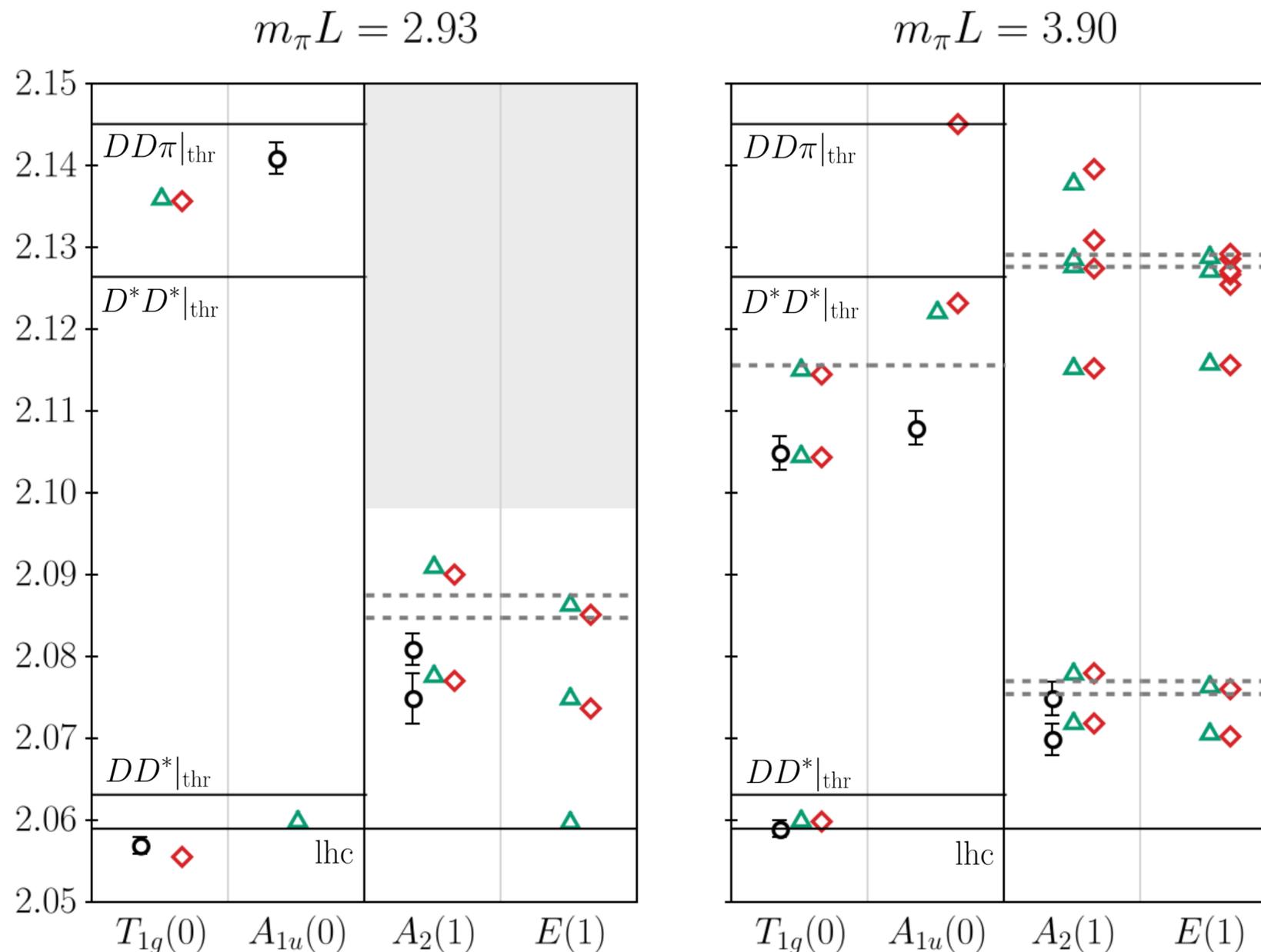
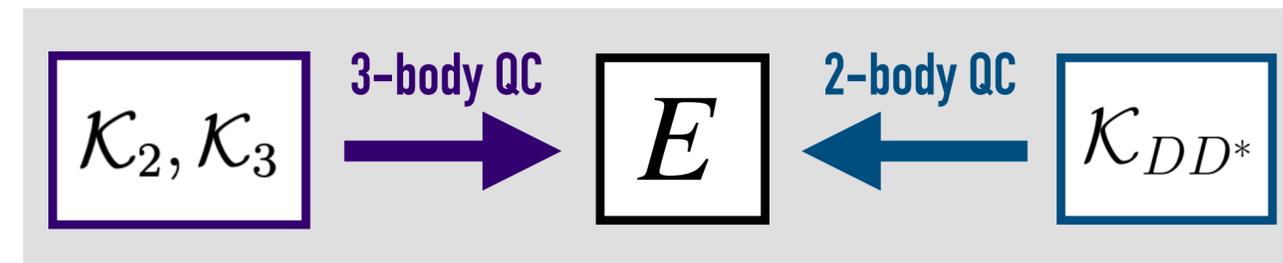


# Comparing the finite-volume spectra



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○ Padmanath  
Prelovsek    
 △ 2-body QC    
 ◇ 3-body QC

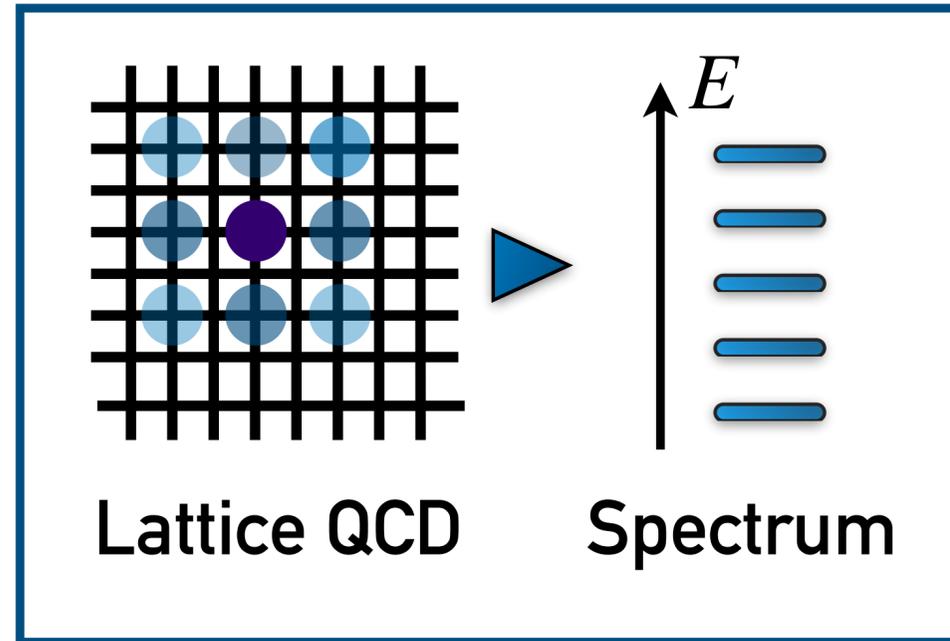


## Further observations

- two-body QC clearly breaks down near the lhc for small lattice volumes,
- repulsive interaction in  $J=0$  inconsistent with the lattice; (higher order terms needed)

# Summary

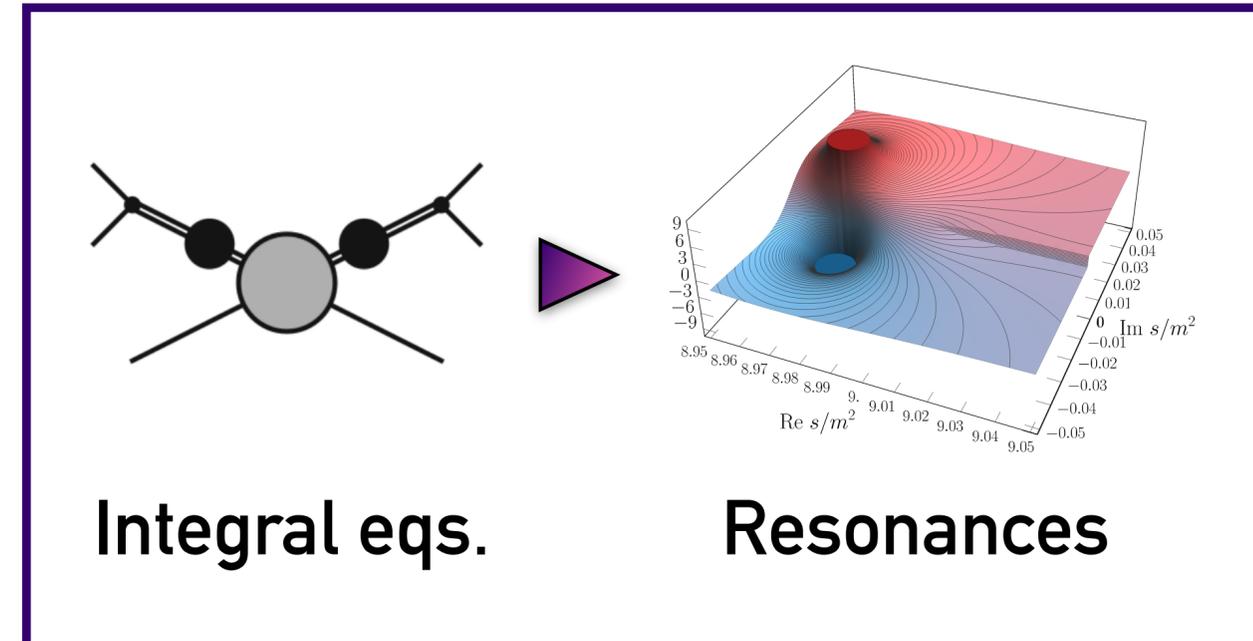
## Finite Volume



$\mathcal{K}_3$

3-body QC

## Infinite Volume



### Towards the tetraquark from Lattice QCD

- proposed resolution of the left-hand cut problem
- generalization of the three-body equations
- comparison with the existing lattice results
- model of  $T_{cc}$  = initial condition for LQCD studies

### Next steps

- Systematics of the K matrices
- Systematic application to other lattice data
- Three-body computation of  $T_{cc}$
- Formalism for the Roper resonance

**THANK YOU**

# Relevant talks

## Three-body formalism and applications

Alotaibi, Sharpe, Romero-Lopez, and Yan: [Monday 11:55 – 13:15](#)

## Tetraquarks with various quarks

Parrott, Basak, Prelovsek, and Vujmilovic: [Monday 14:15 – 15:35](#)

Bicudo, Hoffman, Radhakrishnan: [Tuesday 13:45 – 15:45](#)

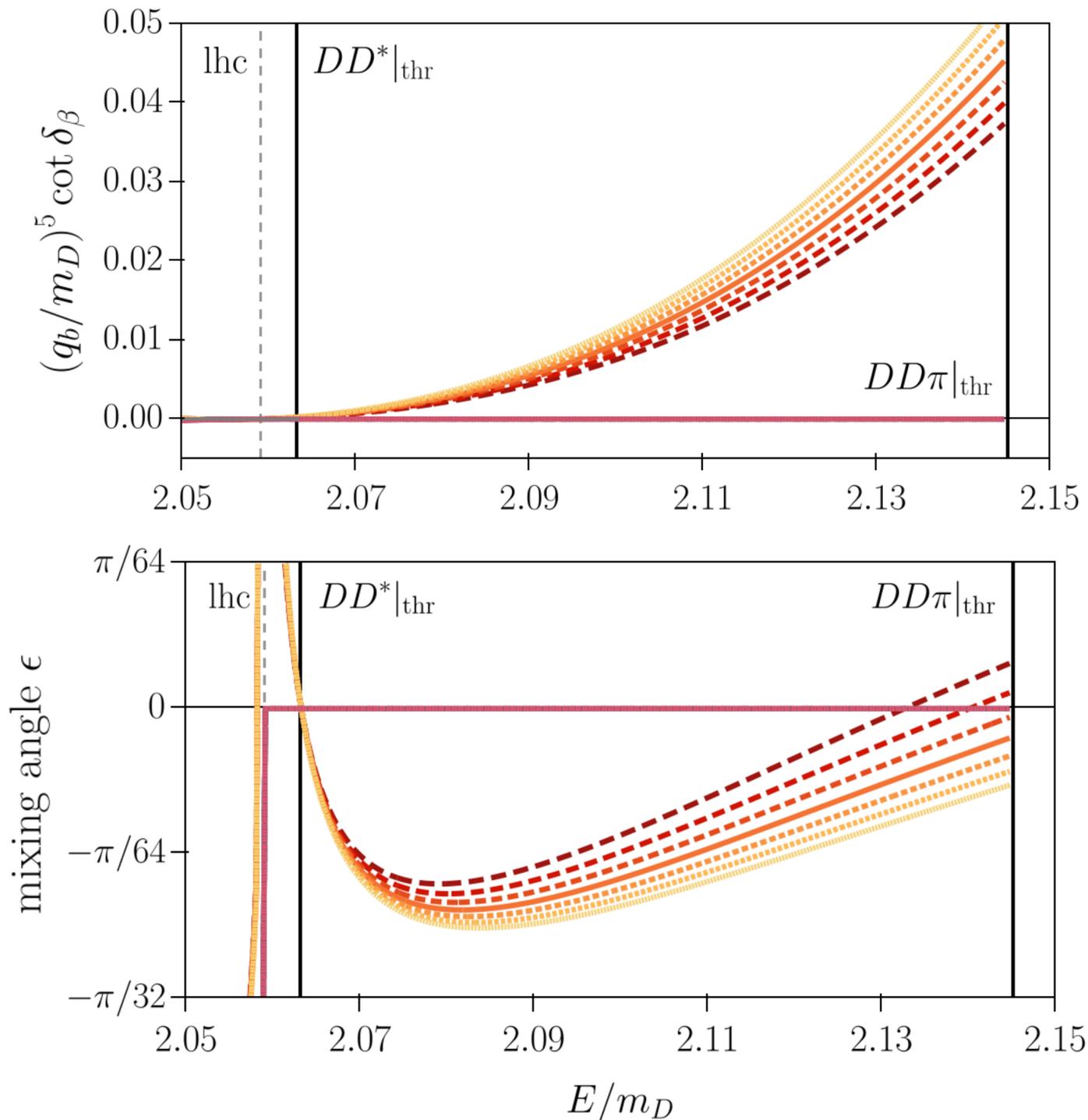
Whyte: [Thursday 10:00](#)

## Left-hand cuts and such

Aoki, Raposo, Rusetsky: [Thursday 11:30 – 12:30](#)

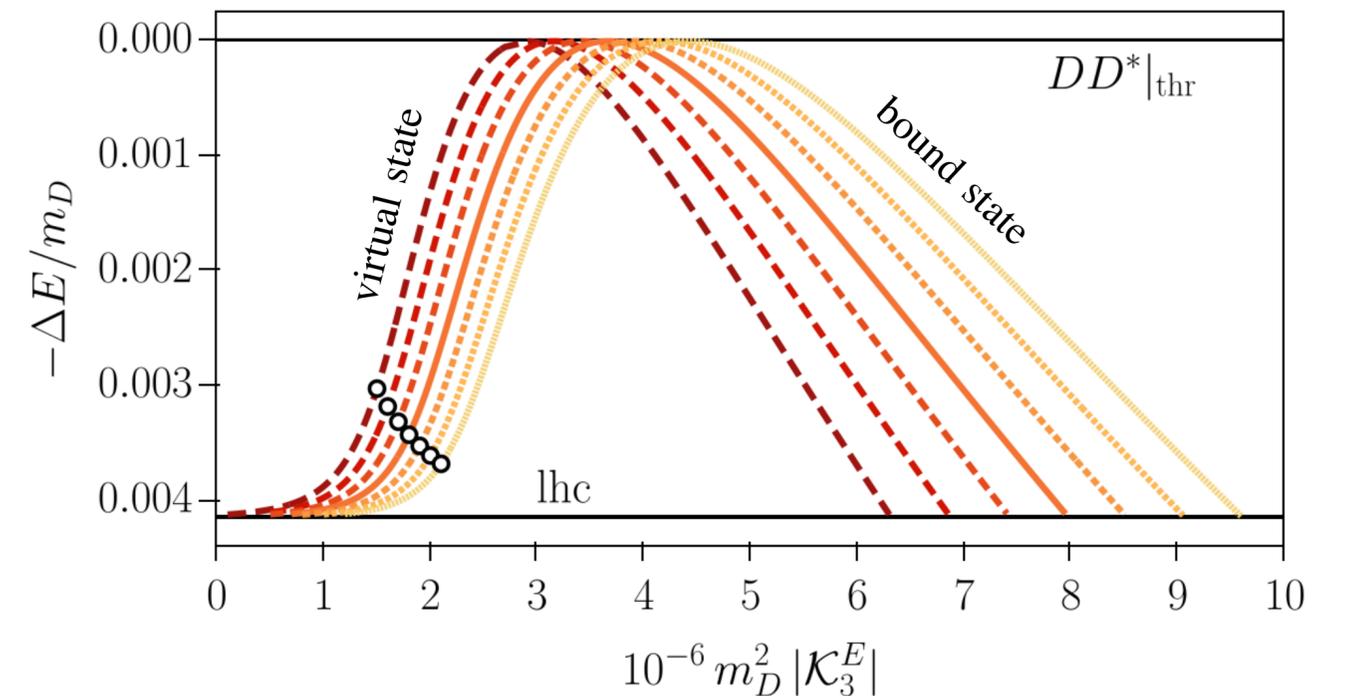
# Partial-wave mixing amplitude (continued)

$$J^P = 1^+$$



## More observations

- partial-wave mixing is small
- $D\pi$  S-wave scattering is (almost) negligible
- no additional states appear in the spectrum
- DD S-wave scattering neglected due to cutoff



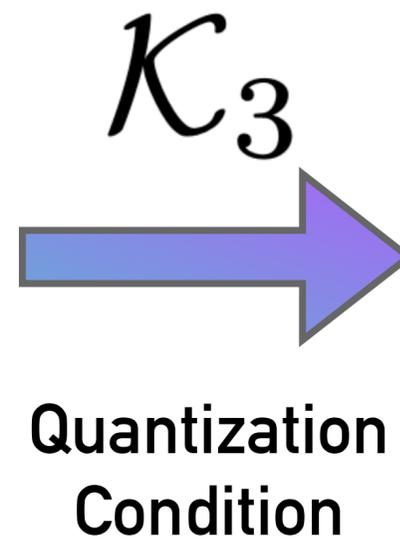
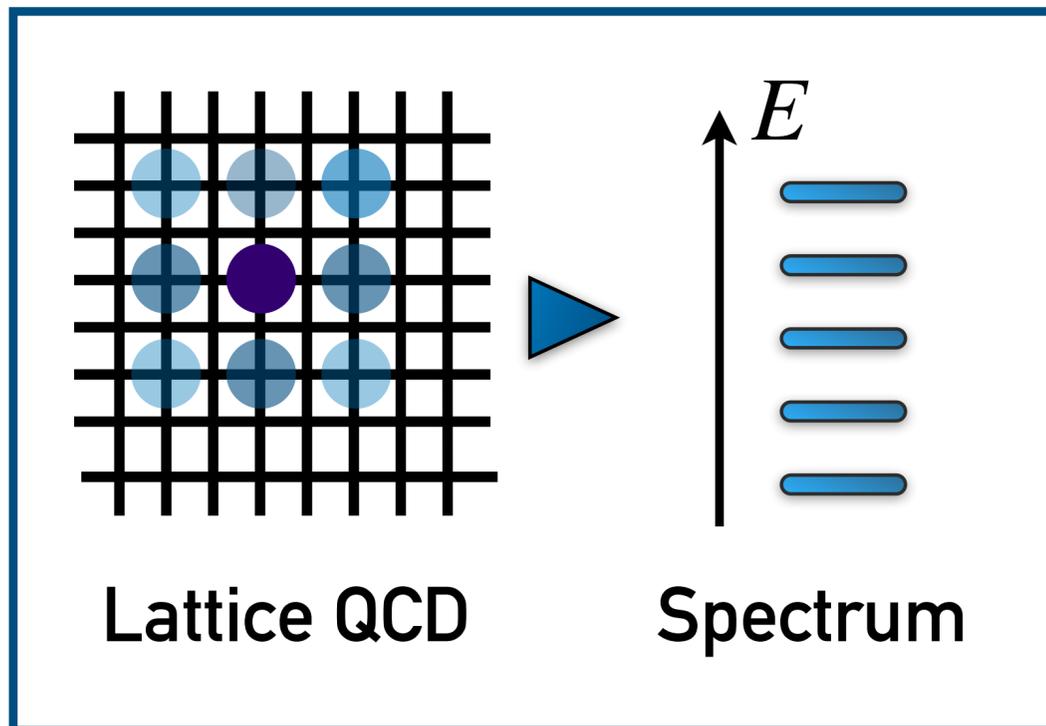
# The three-body program

*Relativistic, model-independent, three-particle quantization condition*  
 Hansen, Sharpe, PRD 90 (2014) 11, 116003

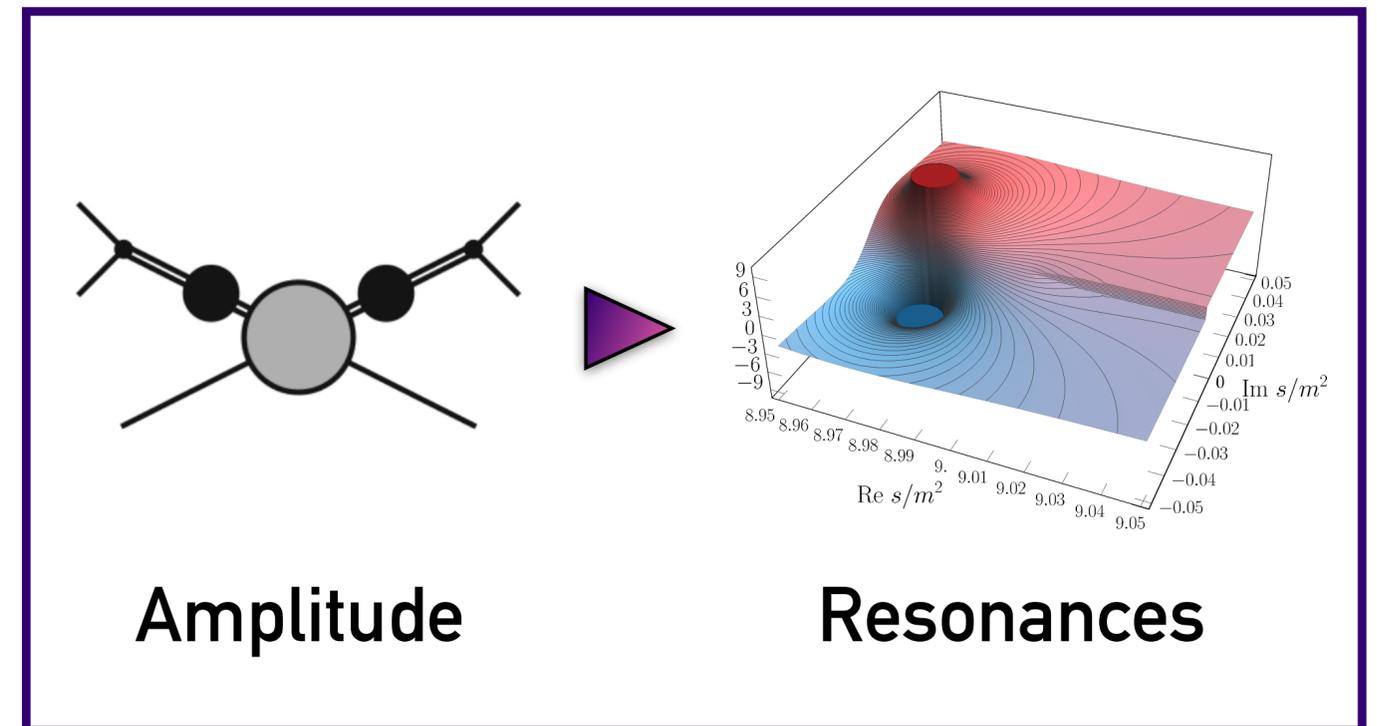
*Three-body unitarity in finite volume*  
 Mai, Döring, EPJ A 53 (2017) 12, 240

*Relativistic-invariant formulation of the NREFT three-particle quantization condition*  
 Müller, Pang, Rusetsky, Wu, JHEP 02 (2022), 158

## Finite Volume



## Infinite Volume



$$\det [1 - \mathcal{K}_3(E^*) \mathbf{F}_3(E, \mathbf{P}, L)] = 0$$

# S-matrix parametrization

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One Particle Exchange
Short Range Interactions

**Three-body amplitude**

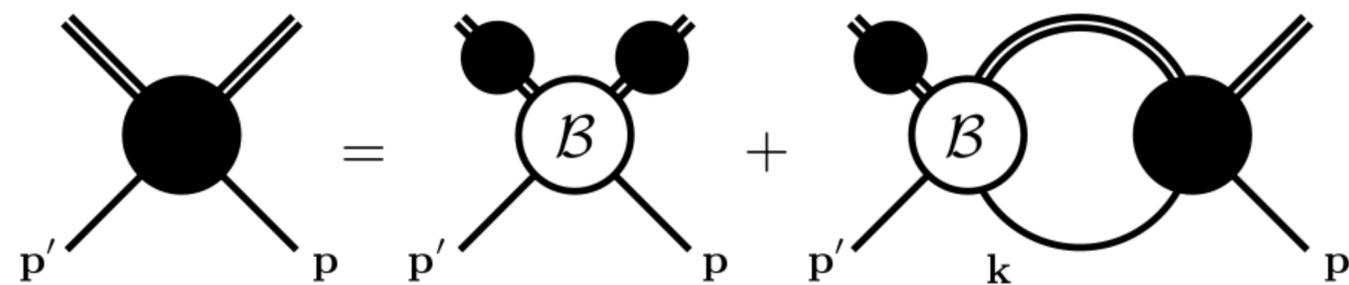
$$[\mathcal{M}_3]_{\ell' m'_\ell; \ell m_\ell}^J(p', s, p)$$

- pair-spectator
- partial waves
- symmetrization

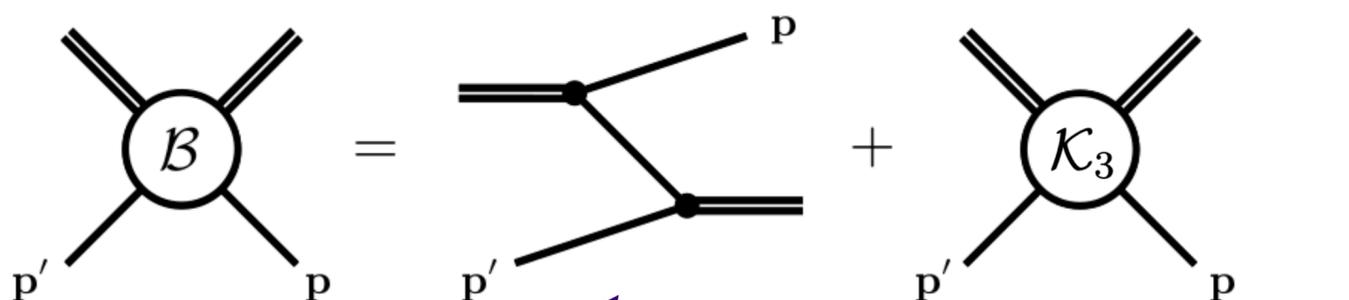
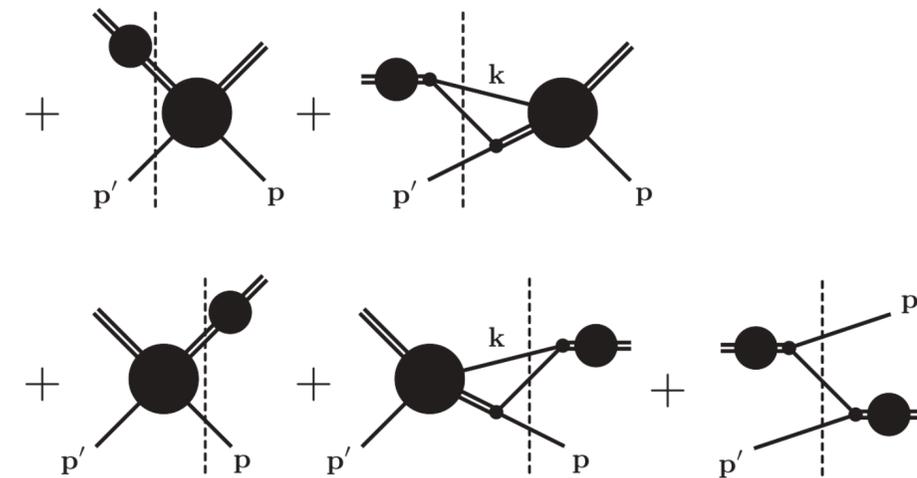
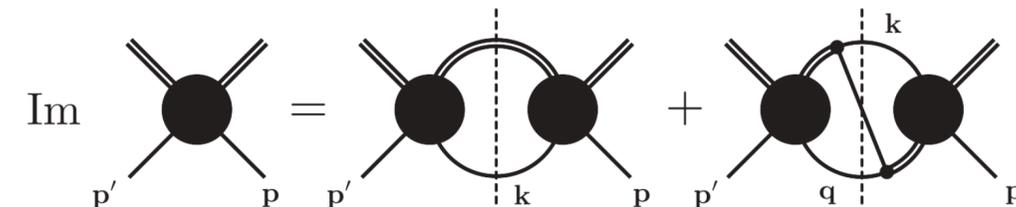
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# S-matrix parametrization

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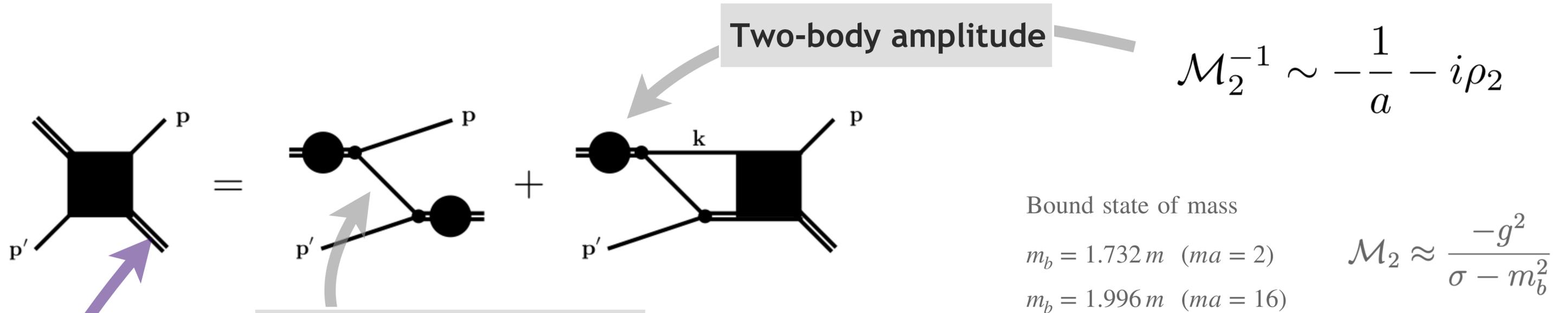
$$\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_3 = \mathcal{B} + \int \mathcal{B} \mathcal{M}_2 \rho_3 \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_3$$

$\mathcal{B} \rho_3$

$$\mathcal{M}_2 = \mathcal{K}_2 + \mathcal{K}_2 i \rho_2 \mathcal{M}_2$$

# Simple example at J=0

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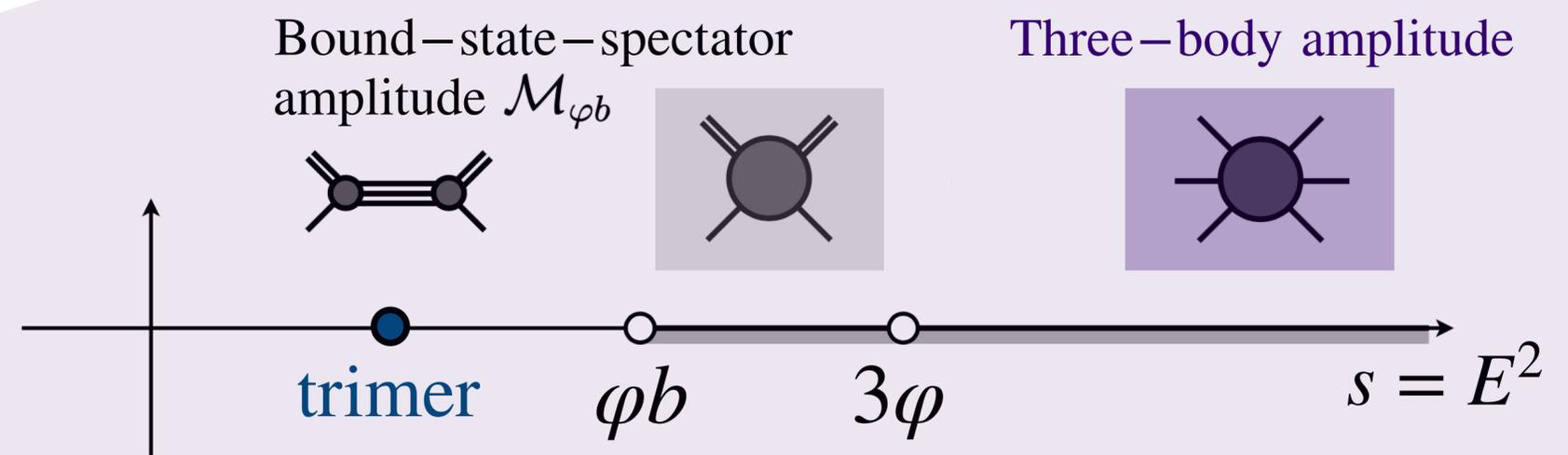


LSZ reduction

One-particle exchange

$$G(p', s, p) \propto \log \left( \frac{1 + z(p', s, p)}{1 - z(p', s, p)} \right)$$

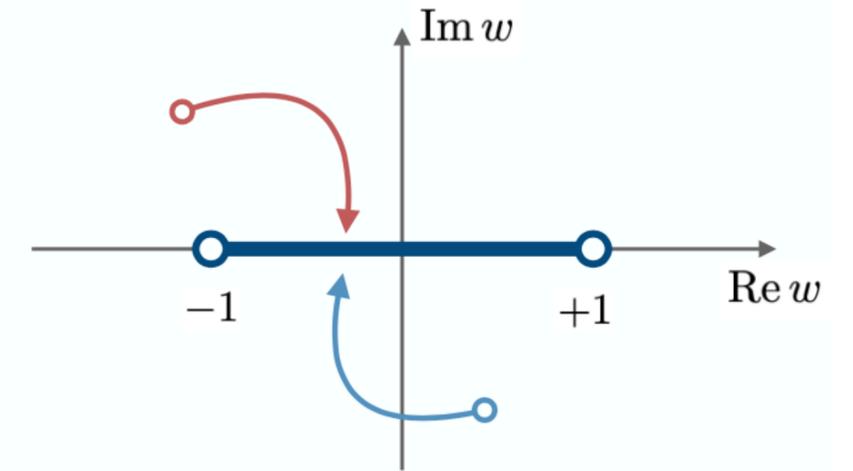
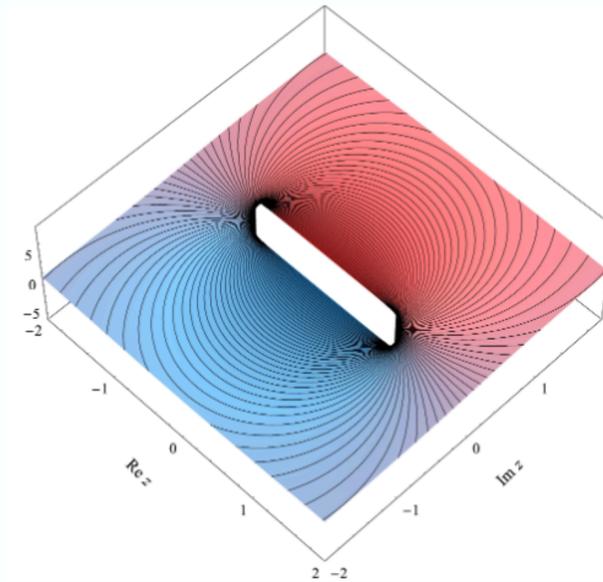
$$\mathcal{M}_{\varphi b} = \lim_{\sigma', \sigma \rightarrow m_b^2} (\sigma' - m_b^2) \mathcal{D}(\sigma - m_b^2)$$





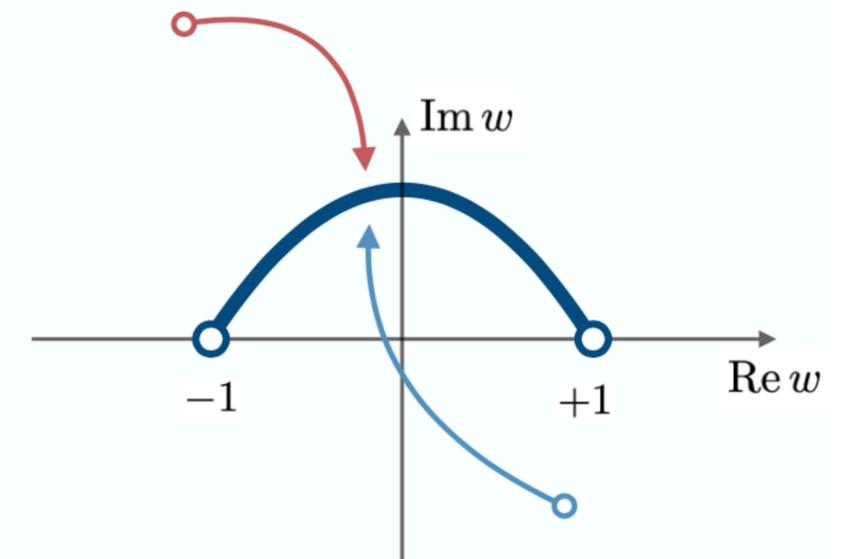
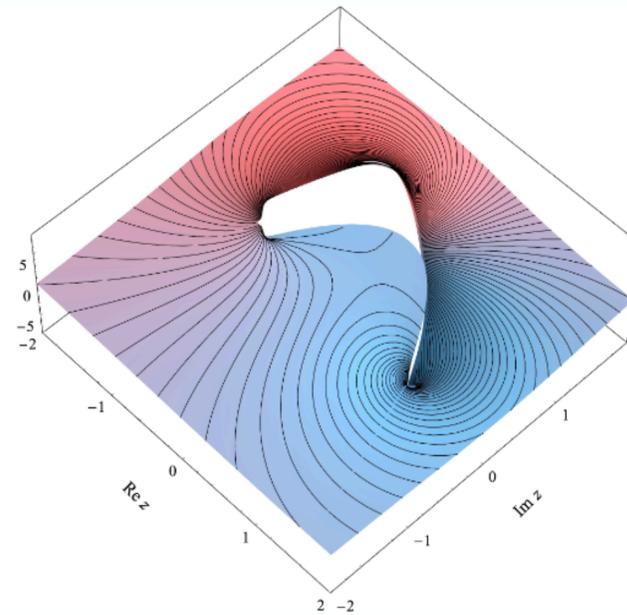
# Brief intro to analytic continuation

$$I(z) = \int_{\mathcal{C}(w_1, w_2)} f(w, z) dw,$$

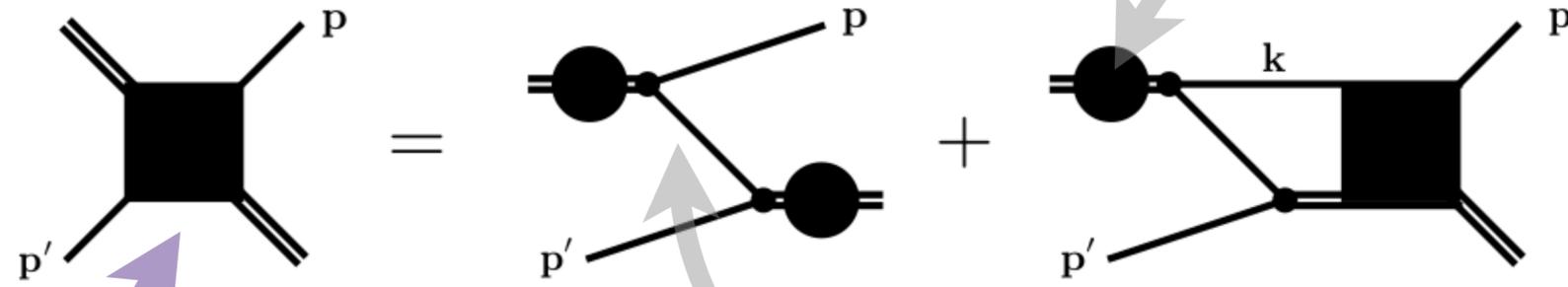


$$I(x) = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dw}{w - x} = \log \left( \frac{x - 1}{x + 1} \right)$$

$$x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$$



# Analytic continuation



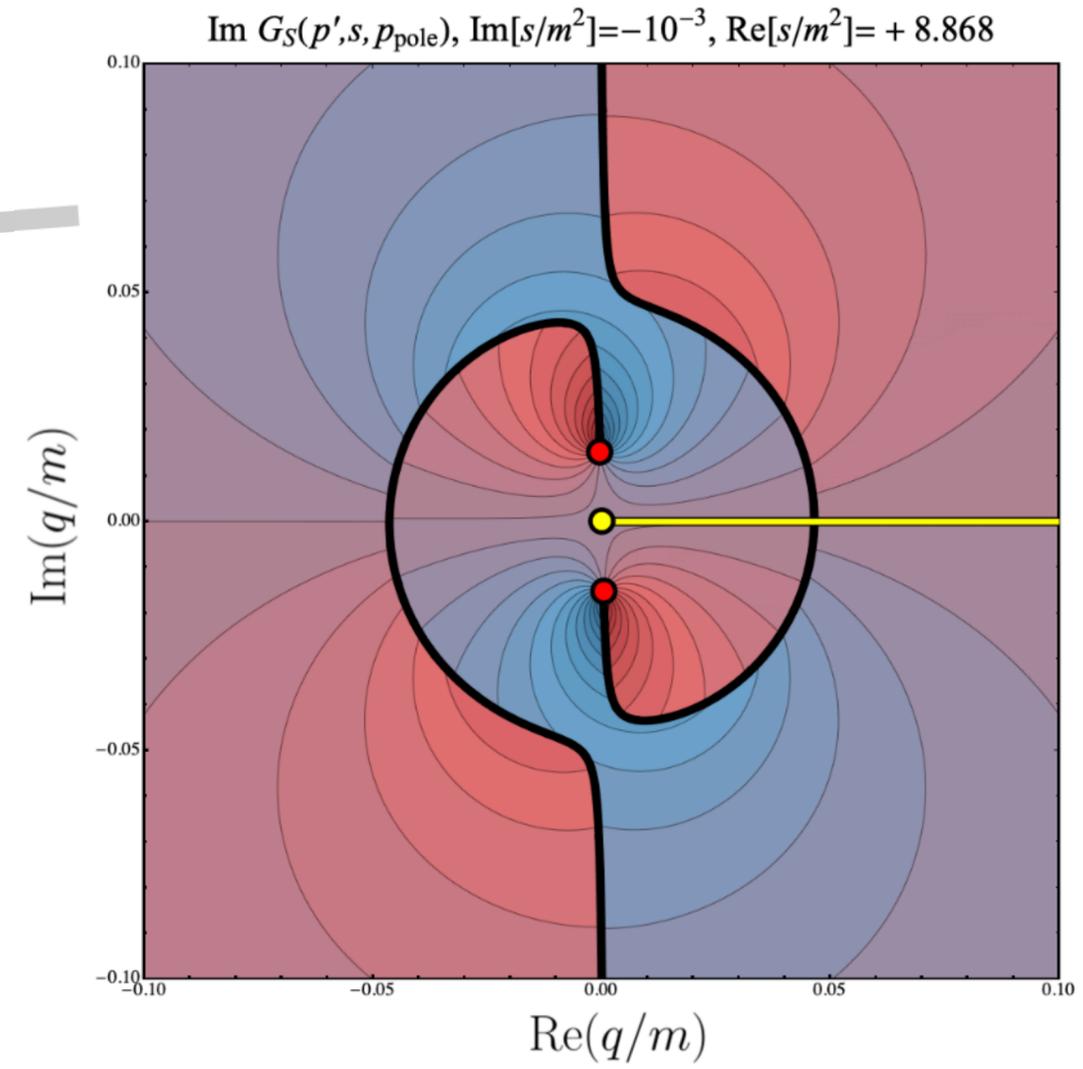
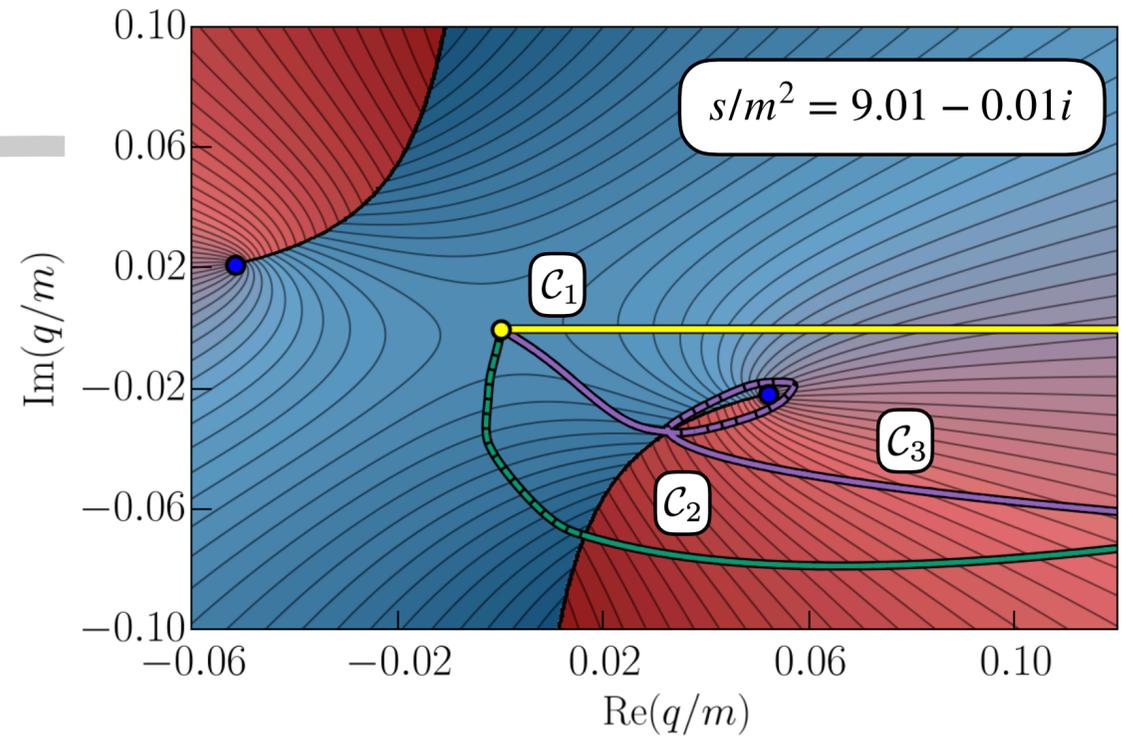
Two-body amplitude

One-particle exchange

Singularities

## In a nutshell

- need to avoid crossing the singularities in the integration
- achieved by contour deformations, addition of discontinuities
- Multi-valuedness of the amplitude originates from collisions of the contour with:  
 poles (two-body threshold) and branch points (three-body threshold),
- Riemann sheets defined by a monodromy



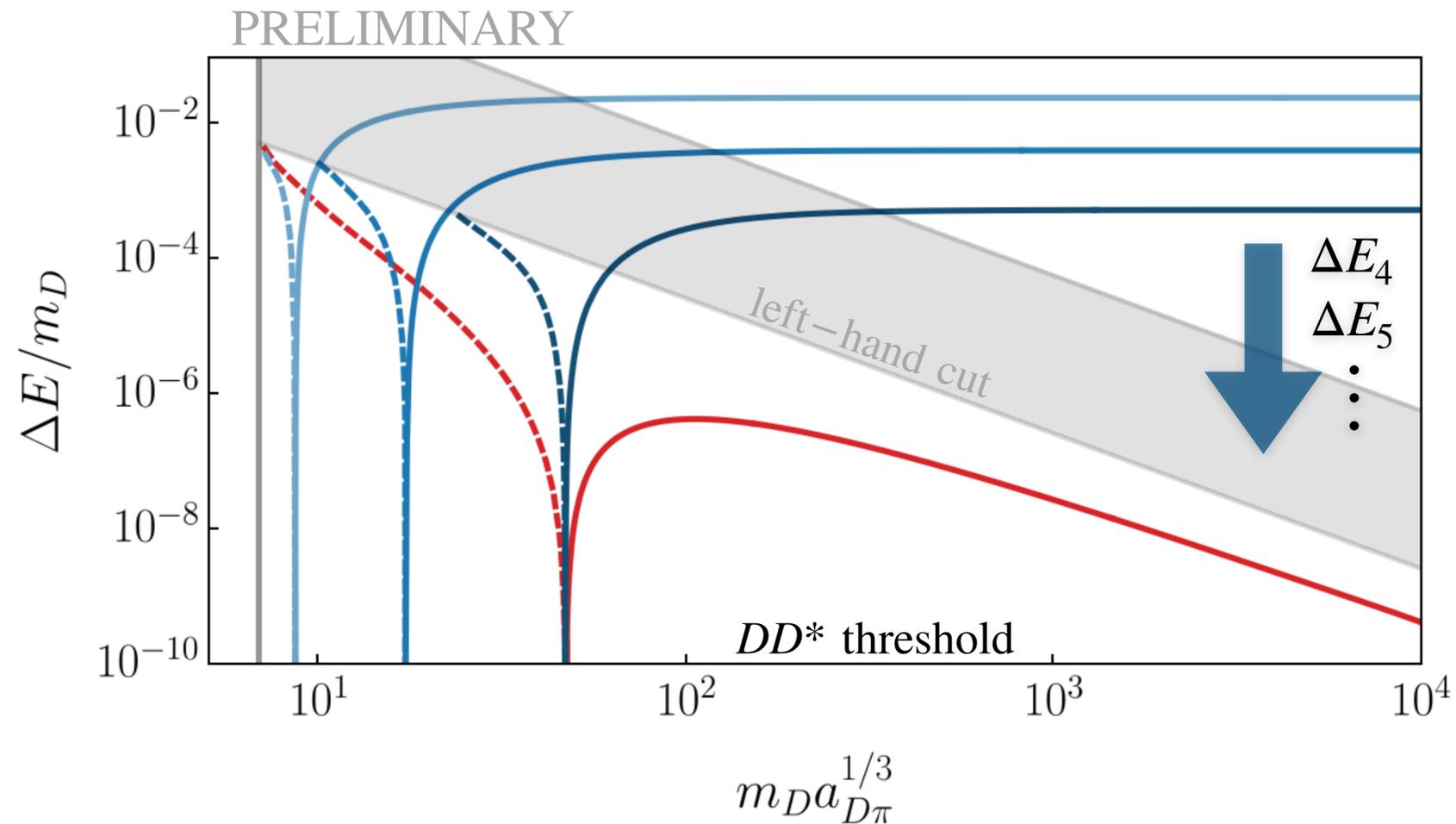
# Spectrum of simplified models

$$m_D^3 a_{D\pi}^P = \text{large}, \quad r_{D\pi}^P / m_D = 0.0$$

$D^*$  no longer fixed

## Additional lesson:

- "Small" refinement of a model can lead to a significantly different spectrum,
- Efimov physics emerges in the different corners of the parameter space in the three-body problem,



## "Single" channel

$$\text{---} \Delta E_1 / m_D (\ell = 0)$$

## "Coupled" channels

$$\text{---} \Delta E_1 / m_D (\ell = 0, 2)$$

$$\text{---} \Delta E_2 / m_D (\ell = 0, 2)$$

$$\text{---} \Delta E_3 / m_D (\ell = 0, 2)$$

# Some other facts

## Finite-volume:

- excited-state energy affected by the inclusion of the diquark-antidiquark operators?
- see Ortiz-Pacheco et al. arXiv:2312.13441

## Infinite-volume:

- LS equation with three-body effects gives an interesting evolution of singularities, arXiv:2407.04649
- two sub-threshold resonances turn into virtual states

