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# Heavy-flavor exotica: Properties of heavy mesons at finite temperature from hadronic EFTs

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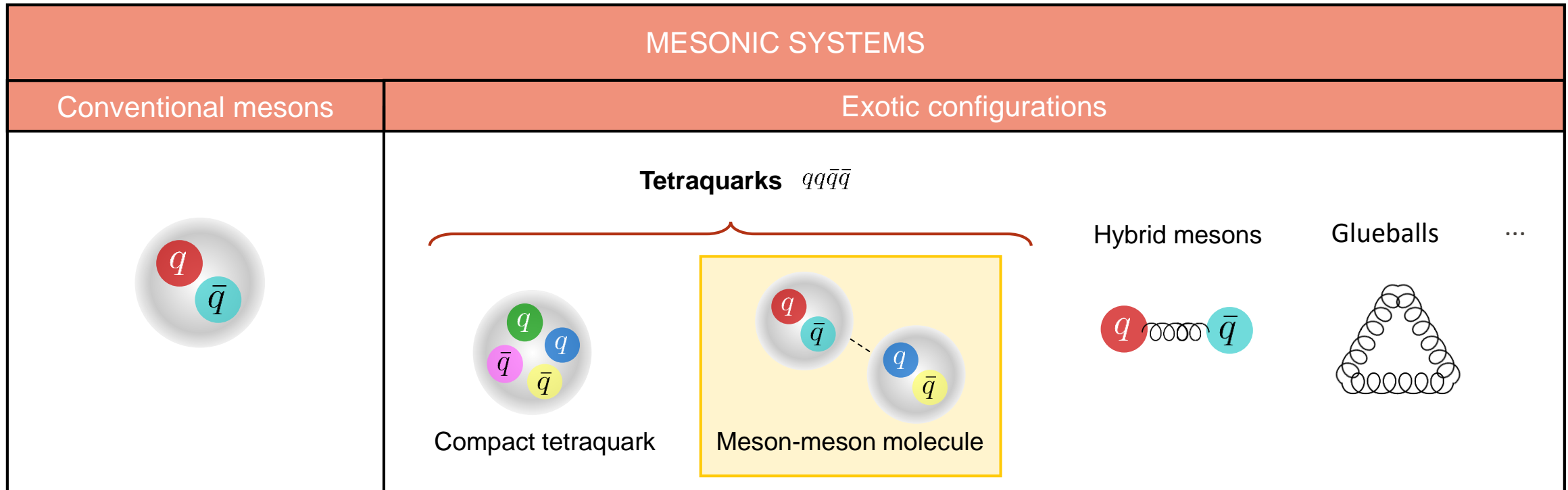
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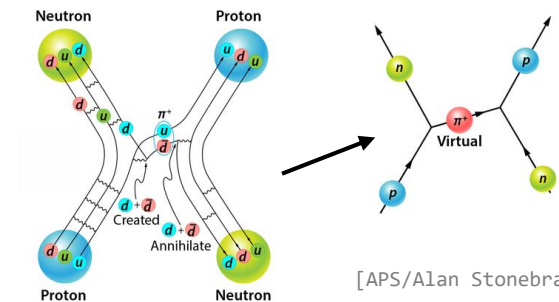
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# Exotic hadrons and hadronic molecules



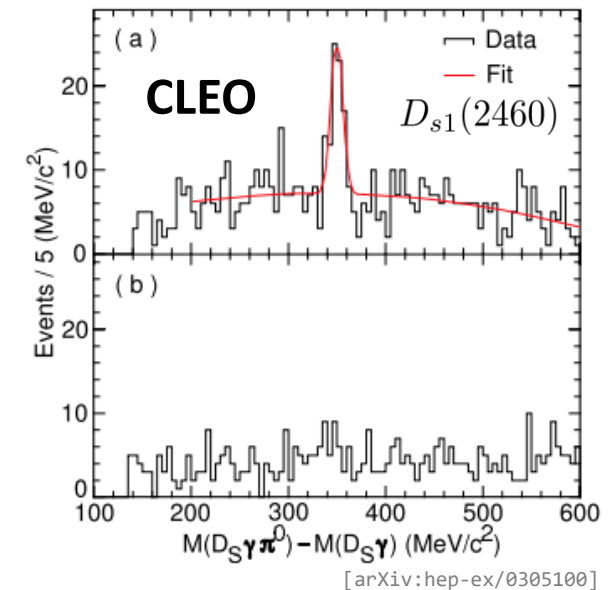
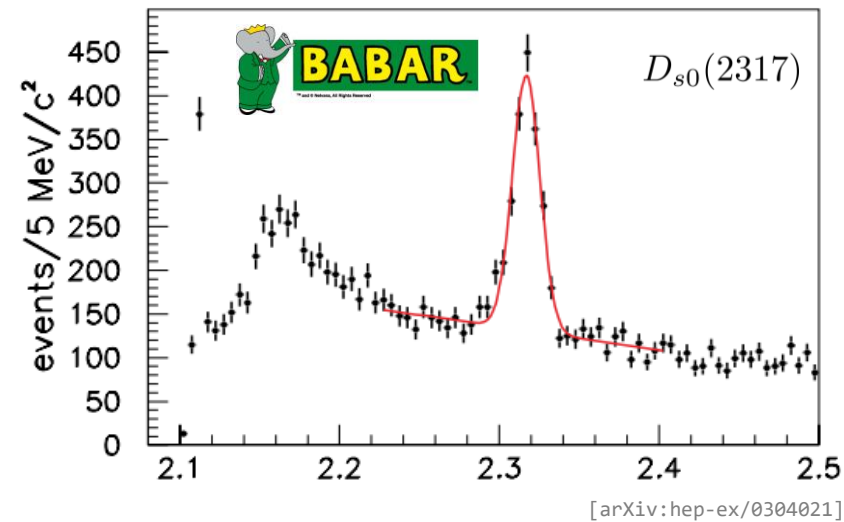
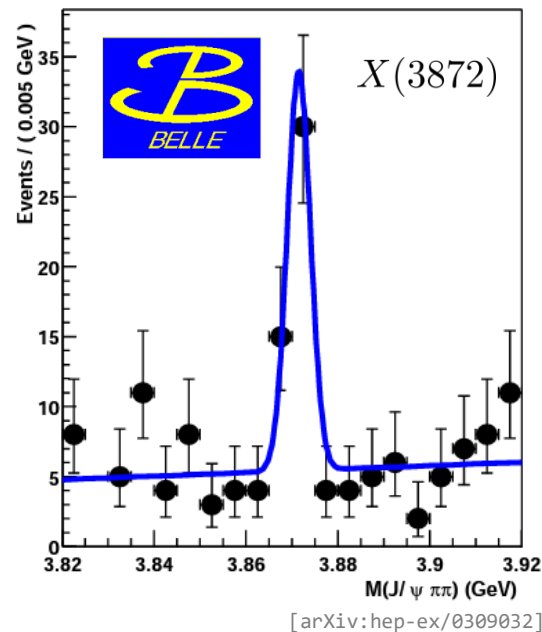
**Hadronic molecules** are deuteron-like quasi-bound states of two hadrons

- Dynamically generated via multiple scattering of their hadronic components
- Located near threshold
- Studied using **effective hadronic theories**: hadronic degrees of freedom



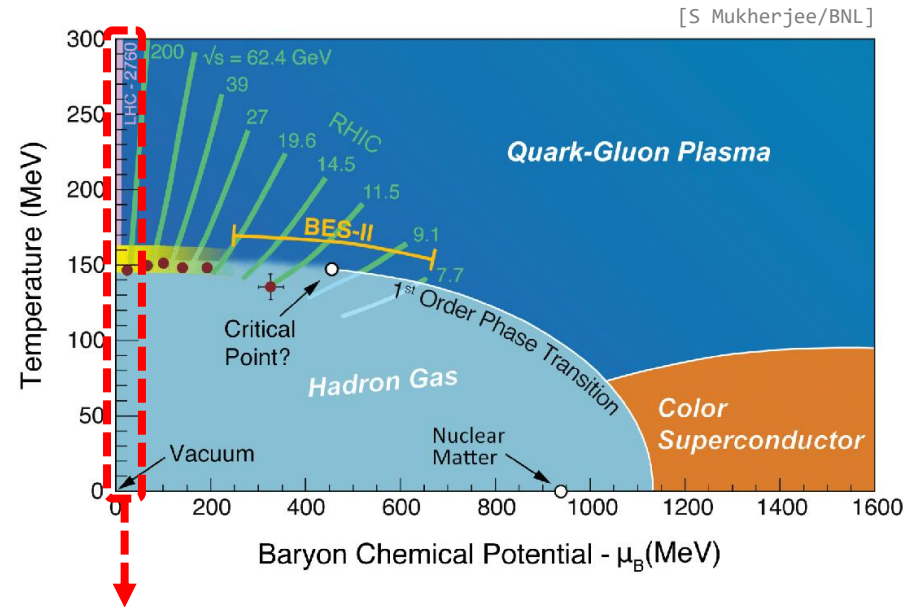
# Heavy meson sector

- 2003 : discovery of the first **heavy exotica** candidates (with at least one heavy quark, c or b)



- Confirmed and extensively studied in electron-positron and proton-(anti)proton colliders (Belle, Babar, BESIII, CLEO, CDF, CO, LHCb...)
- Their internal structure is still unknown (compact tetraquark, molecule, admixture?)
- 2021 : first evidence for X(3872) production in Pb-Pb collisions by the CMS collaboration [Phys. Rev. Lett., 128 (2022) 032001]
- Future femtoscopy measurements └──────────┬───────────> New opportunities to probe the nature of exotic states

# Hot mesonic matter



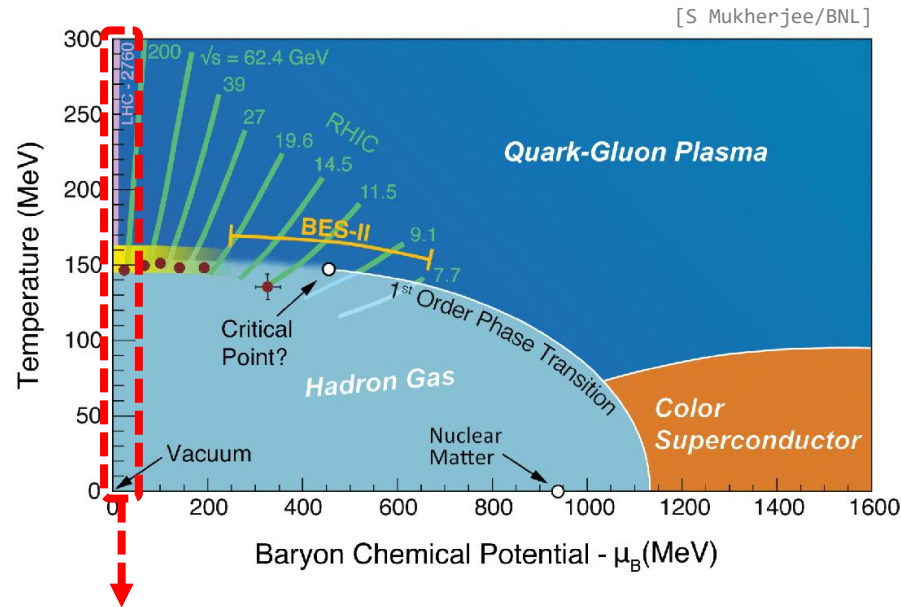
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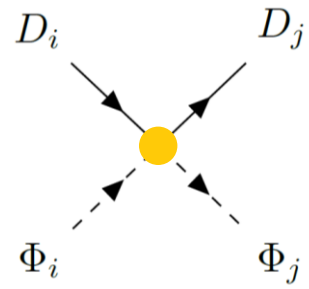
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## Our approach :

- Mesonic matter at temperature  $0 < T < T_c$  and vanishing baryon density  $\rightarrow$  mostly pions (thermal equilibrium)
- Heavy mesons behave as Brownian particles scattering off the light mesons
- New processes are available: production and absorption of thermal mesons

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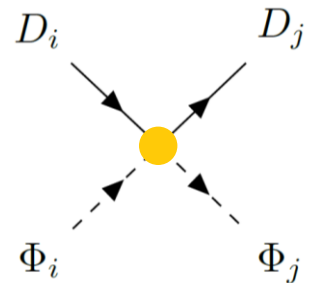


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Lagrangian at NLO in the chiral expansion and LO in the heavy-quark mass expansion:

Tree-level scattering amplitude:

$$V^{ij}(s, t, u) = \frac{1}{f_\pi^2} \left[ \frac{C_{\text{LO}}^{ij}}{4} (s - u) - 4C_0^{ij} h_0 + 2C_1^{ij} h_1 \right. \\ \left. - 2C_{24}^{ij} \left( 2h_2 (p_2 \cdot p_4) + h_4 \left( (p_1 \cdot p_2)(p_3 \cdot p_4) + (p_1 \cdot p_4)(p_2 \cdot p_3) \right) \right) \right. \\ \left. + 2C_{35}^{ij} \left( h_3 (p_2 \cdot p_4) + h_5 \left( (p_1 \cdot p_2)(p_3 \cdot p_4) + (p_1 \cdot p_4)(p_2 \cdot p_3) \right) \right) \right]$$

$C_k^{ij}$  isospin coefficients

**LECs** fitted to lattice QCD data

[Guo, Liu, Meißner, Oller and Rusetsky (2019)]

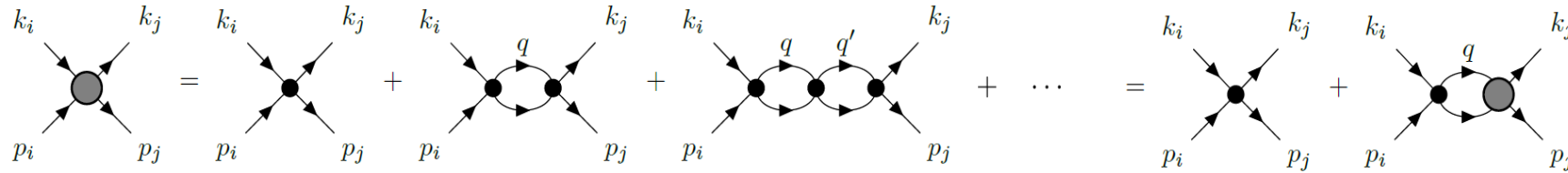
At LO in HQSF:  $h_{0,\dots,3}^B \hat{M}_B^{-1} = h_{0,\dots,3}^D \hat{M}_D^{-1}$  ,  $h_{4,5}^B \hat{M}_B = h_{4,5}^D \hat{M}_D$

Recent results for  $D\pi$  and  $DK$  from femtoscopy from ALICE  $pp$ ,  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV at high multiplicity

[ALI-PREL-513658]

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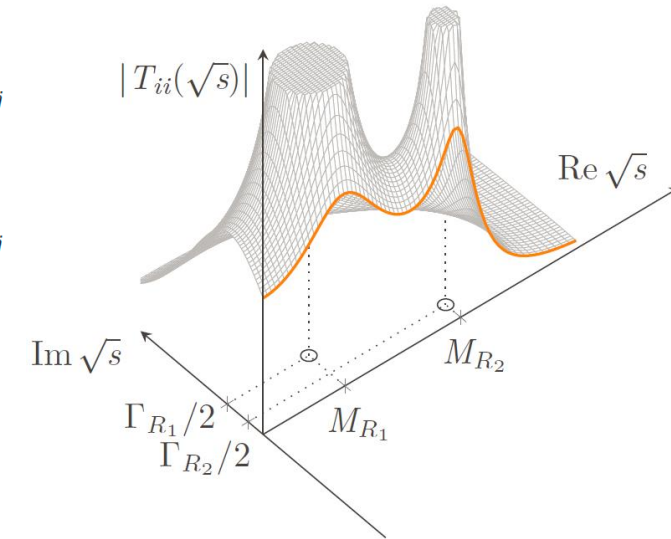
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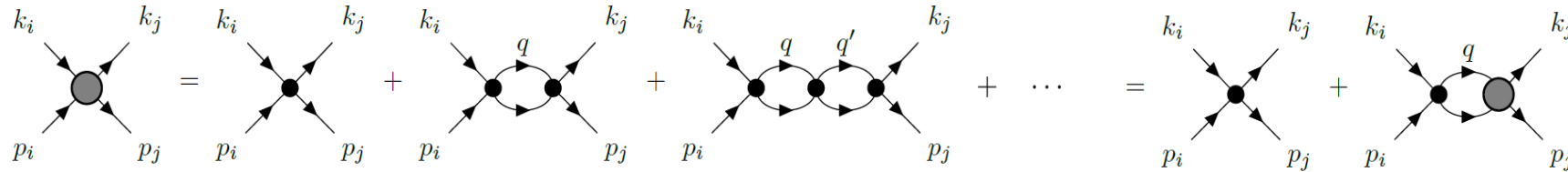
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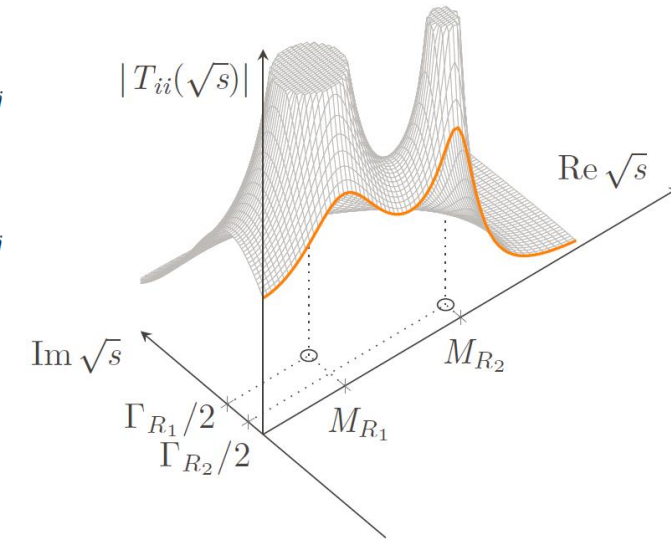


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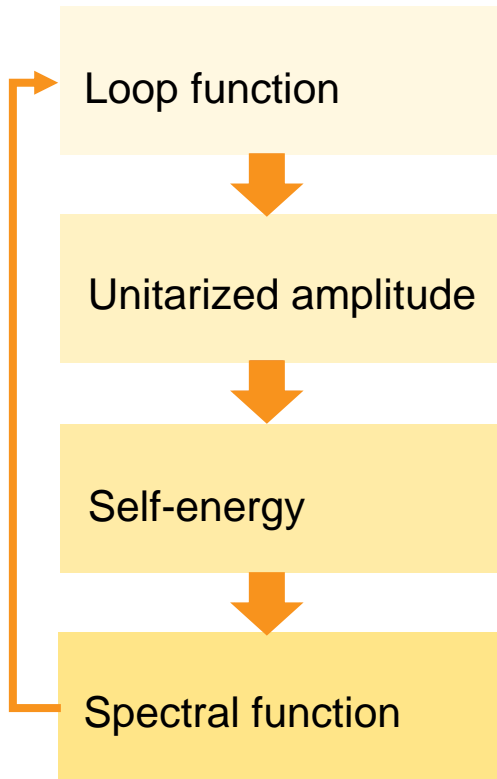
## Imaginary time formalism

- Sum over Matsubara frequencies  $q^0 \rightarrow i\omega_n = i \frac{2n\pi}{\beta}$  (bosons),  $\int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_n \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3}$
- Thermal production and absorption processes weighted by Bose-Einstein distribution functions  $f(\omega, T) = \frac{1}{e^{\omega/T} - 1}$

## Dressing of the mesons in the loop functions with their spectral functions

- Self-energy corrections to the heavy meson propagator
- Pion mass slightly varies below  $T_c \rightarrow$  Approximation: only the heavy meson is dressed

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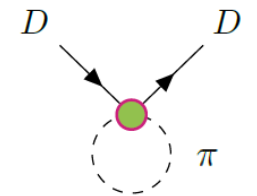


$$G_{D\Phi}(E, \vec{p}; T) = \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \int d\omega \int d\omega' \frac{S_D(\omega, \vec{q}; T) S_\Phi(\omega', \vec{p} - \vec{q}; T)}{E - \omega - \omega' + i\epsilon} [1 + f(\omega, T) + f(\omega', T)]$$

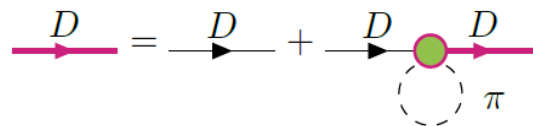
$$T_{ij} = V_{ij} + V_{ik} G_k T_{kj}$$

Three Feynman diagrams illustrating the unitarization of the amplitude  $T_{ij}$ . The first diagram shows an incoming meson  $\Phi_i$  and an outgoing meson  $\Phi_j$  connected by a dashed line, with a vertex  $V_{ij}$  (blue dot). The second diagram shows a similar vertex  $V_{ik}$  (blue dot) with an incoming  $\Phi_i$  and outgoing  $\Phi_j$ , and a loop of mesons  $D_k$  (green dot) connected to a vertex  $T_{kj}$  (green dot). The third diagram shows a similar vertex  $V_{ij}$  (blue dot) with an incoming  $\Phi_i$  and outgoing  $\Phi_j$ , and a loop of mesons  $D_k$  (green dot) connected to a vertex  $T_{kj}$  (green dot).

$$\Pi_D(\omega, \vec{q}; T) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int \frac{d^3q'}{(2\pi)^3} \int dE \frac{\omega - \omega_\Phi}{\omega_\Phi} \frac{f(E, T) - f(\omega_\Phi, T)}{\omega^2 - (\omega_\Phi - E)^2 + \text{sgn}(\omega) i\epsilon} \text{Im } T_{D\Phi}(E, \vec{p}; T)$$



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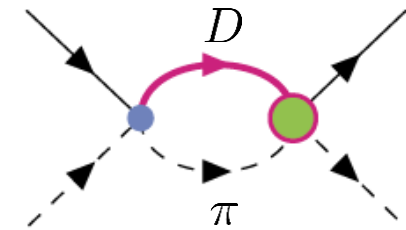
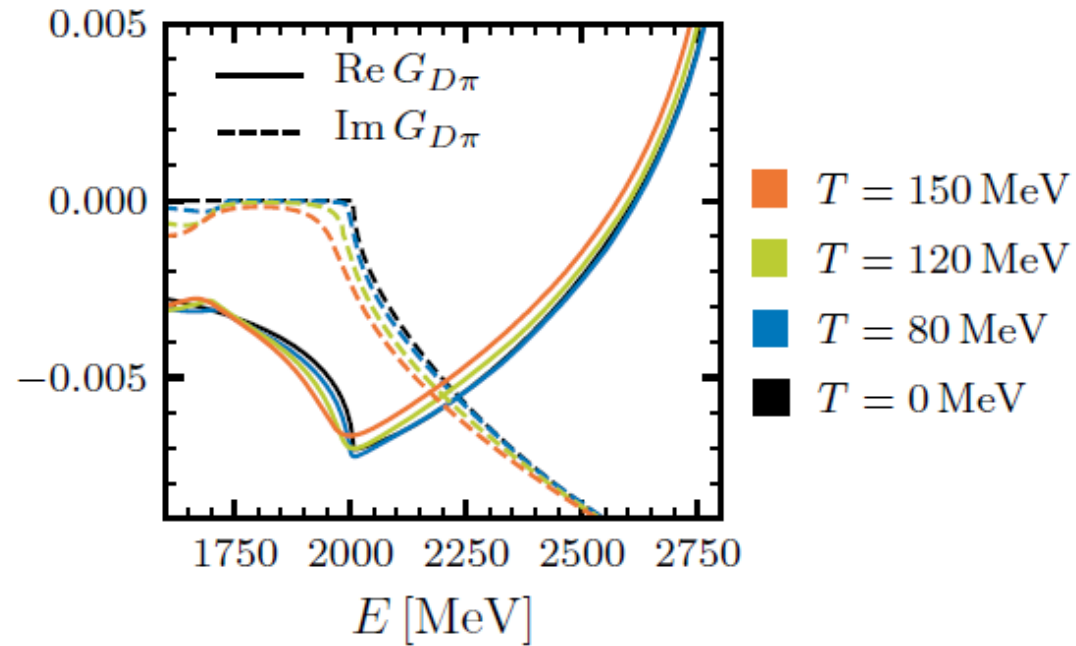
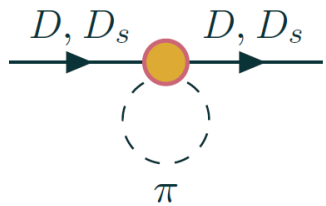


Set of coupled equations  $\longrightarrow$  solved self-consistently

# Thermal loop function

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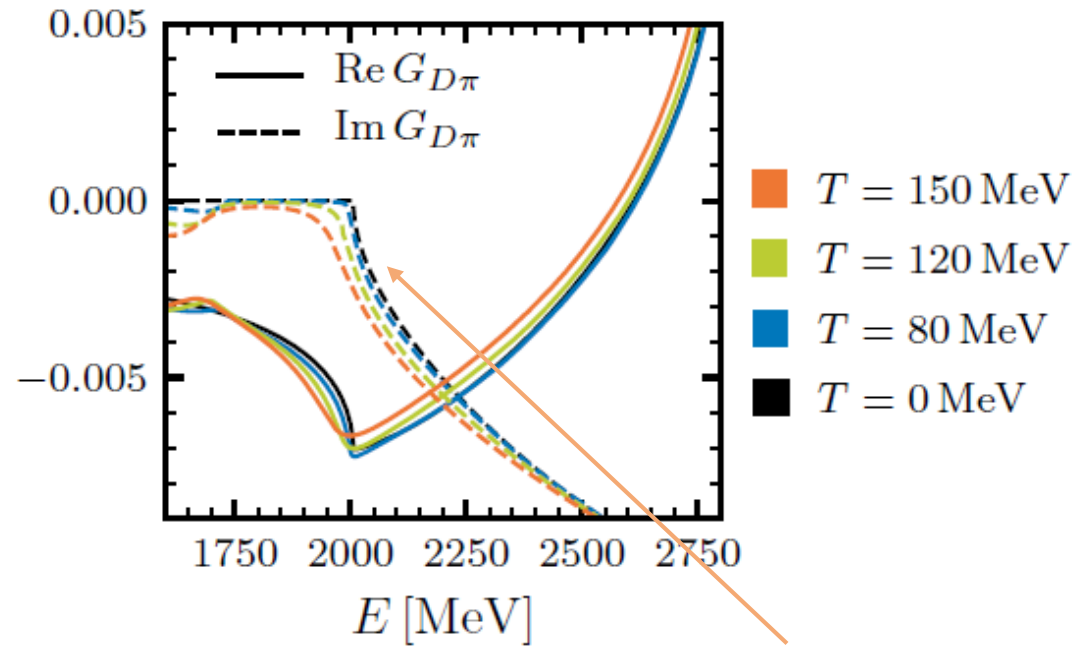
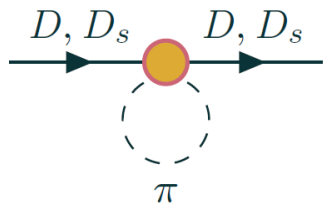
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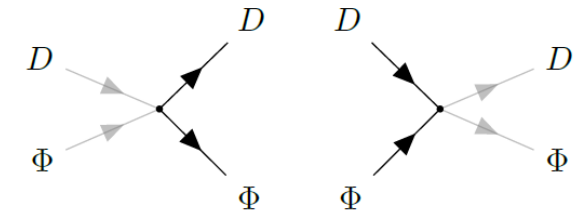
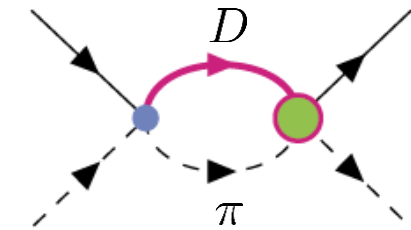
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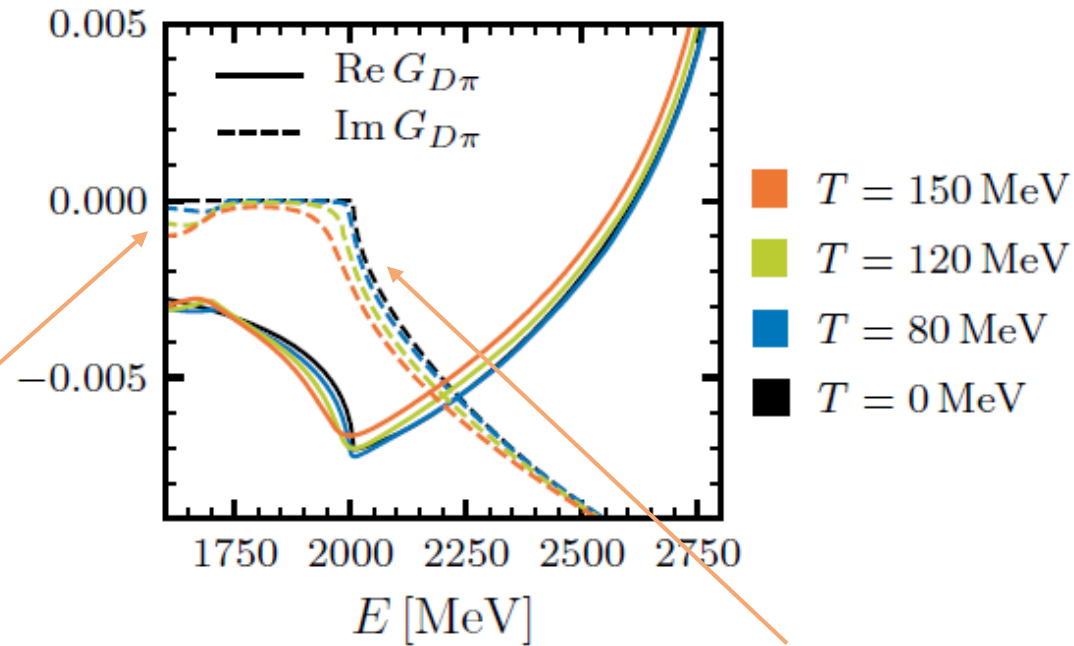
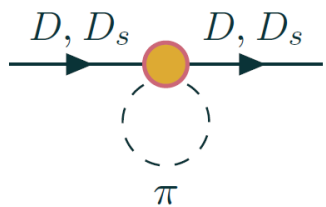
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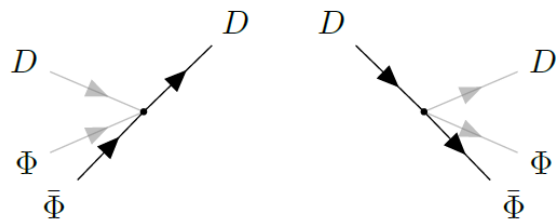
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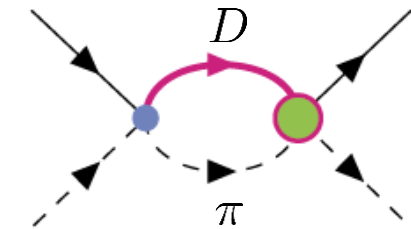
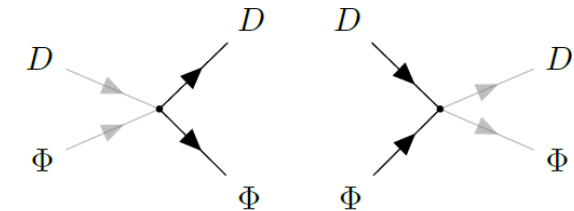
Landau cut

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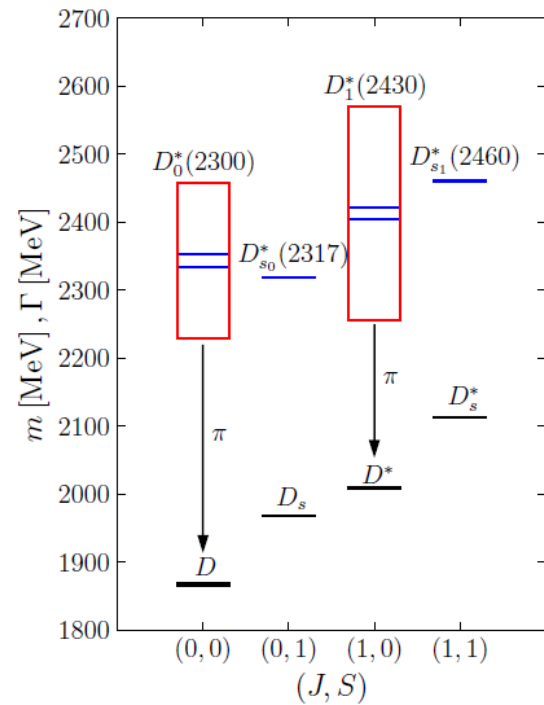
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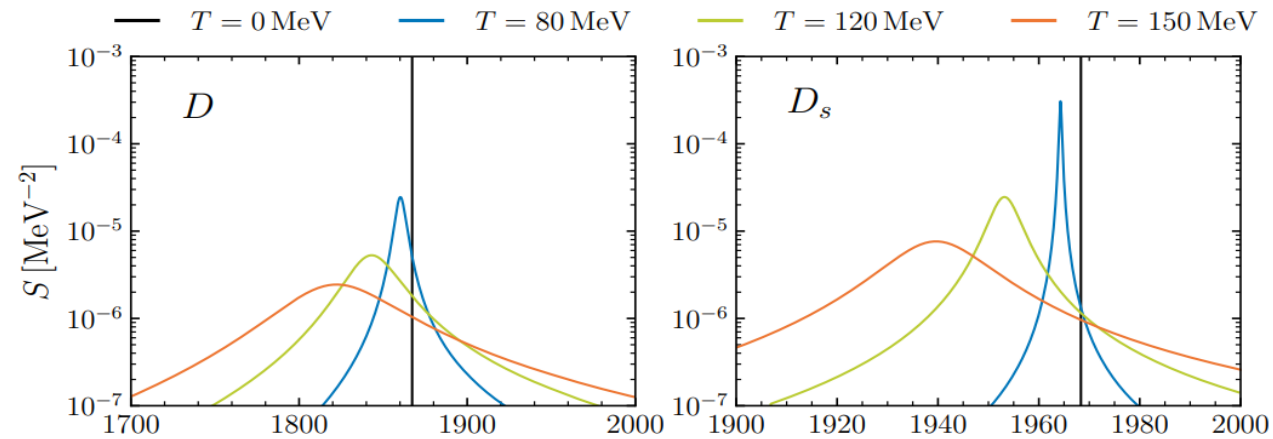


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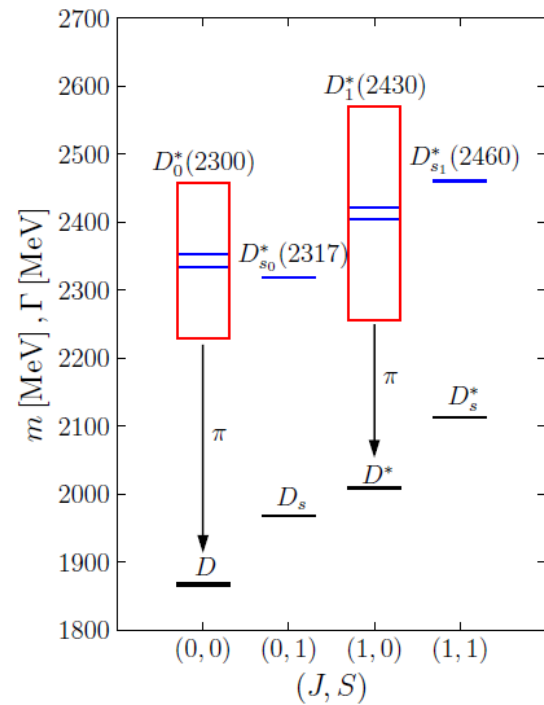


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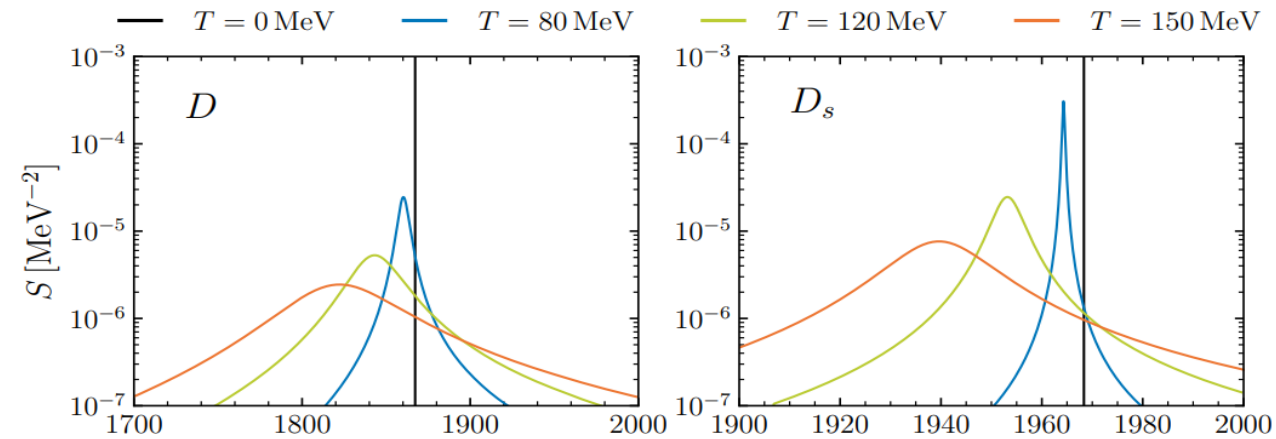
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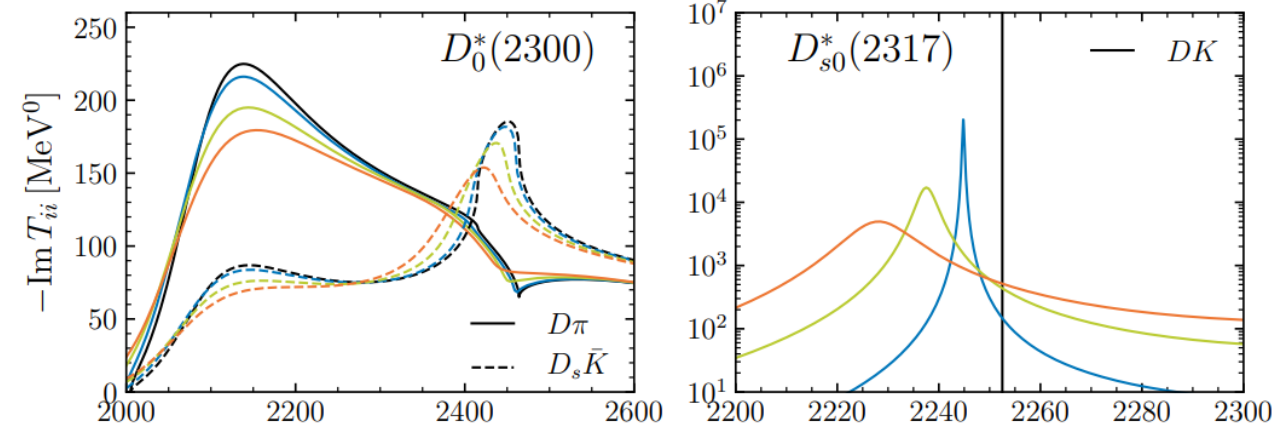
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Dynamically generated states:



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In vacuum ( $T = 0$ )

$D_0^*(2300)$  : Two-pole structure

[Albaladejo et al., *Phys.Lett.B* 767 (2017) 465]

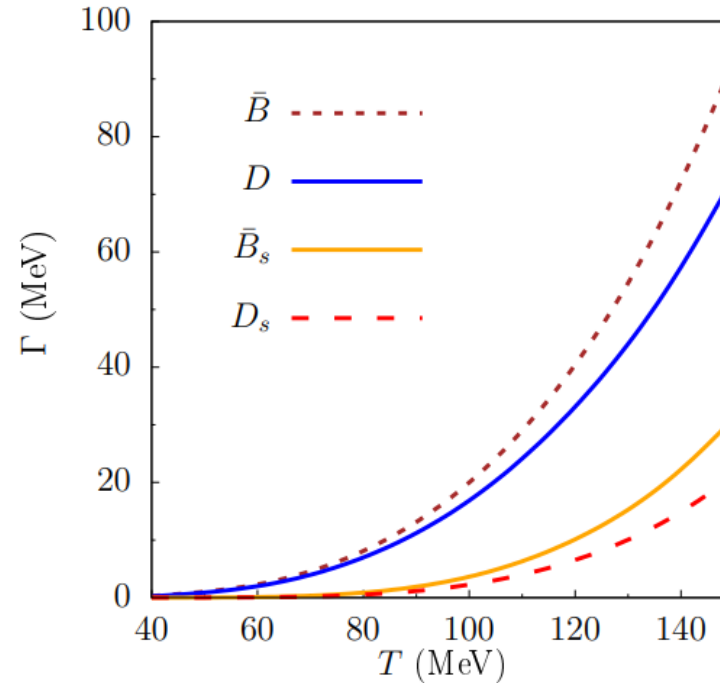
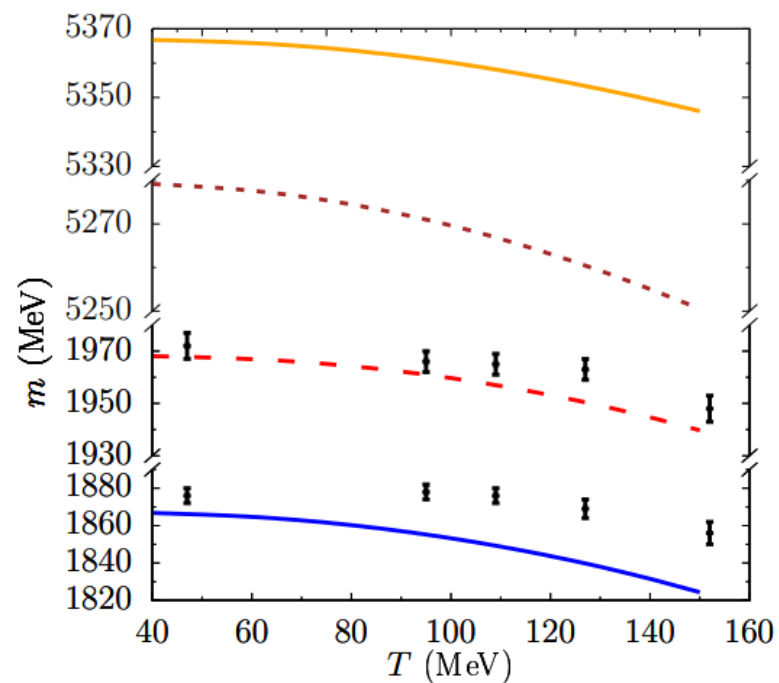
$D_{s0}^*(2317)$  : Bound state

We have also investigated the thermal modification of the  $1^\pm$  and bottom counterparts

# Thermal masses and widths

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The thermal properties can be directly obtained from the spectral functions



Our results:

- reduction of the in-medium mass
  - thermal widening
- with increasing temperature

Also, reduction of the mass of the  $D$  and  $D_s$  with increasing temperature from lattice-QCD data

[G. Aarts et al., 2209.14681]



# Transport coefficients of off-shell heavy mesons

Fokker-Planck equation (from Kadanoff-Baym approach)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} G_D^<(t, k) = \frac{\partial}{\partial k^i} \left\{ \hat{A}(k; T) k^i G_D^<(t, k) + \frac{\partial}{\partial k^j} \left[ \hat{B}_0(k; T) \Delta^{ij} + \hat{B}_1(k; T) \frac{k^i k^j}{\vec{k}^2} \right] G_D^<(t, k) \right\} \quad \text{with } \Delta^{ij} = \delta^{ij} - k^i k^j / \vec{k}^2$$

Green's function  $iG_D^<(t, k) = 2\pi S_D(t, k^0, \vec{k}) f_D(t, k^0)$

## Off-shell transport coefficients

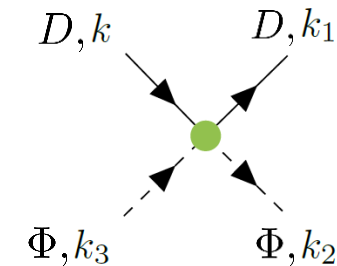
- Drag force coefficient:

$$\hat{A}(k^0, \vec{k}; T) \equiv \left\langle 1 - \frac{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}_1}{\vec{k}^2} \right\rangle$$

- Momentum diffusion coefficients:

$$\hat{B}_0(k^0, \vec{k}; T) \equiv \frac{1}{4} \left\langle \vec{k}_1^2 - \frac{(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}_1)^2}{\vec{k}^2} \right\rangle$$

$$\hat{B}_1(k^0, \vec{k}; T) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \frac{[\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{k} - \vec{k}_1)]^2}{\vec{k}^2} \right\rangle$$



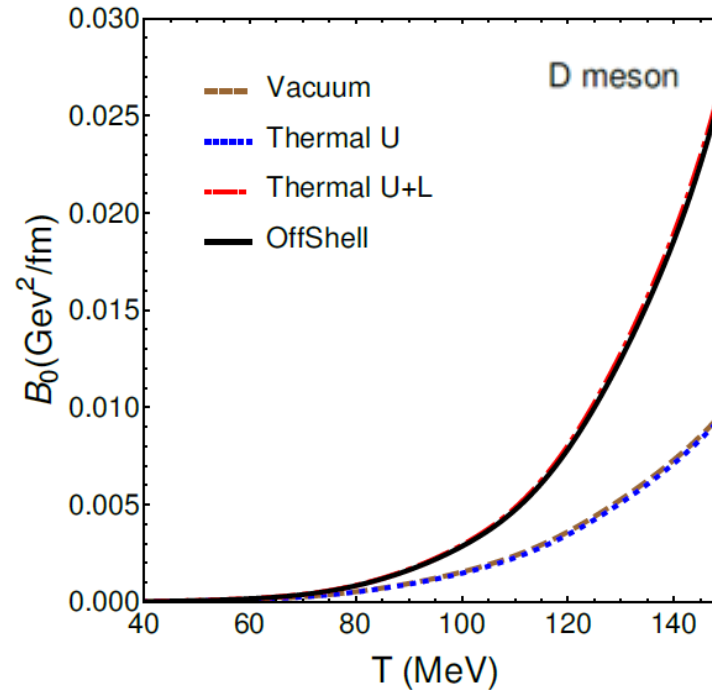
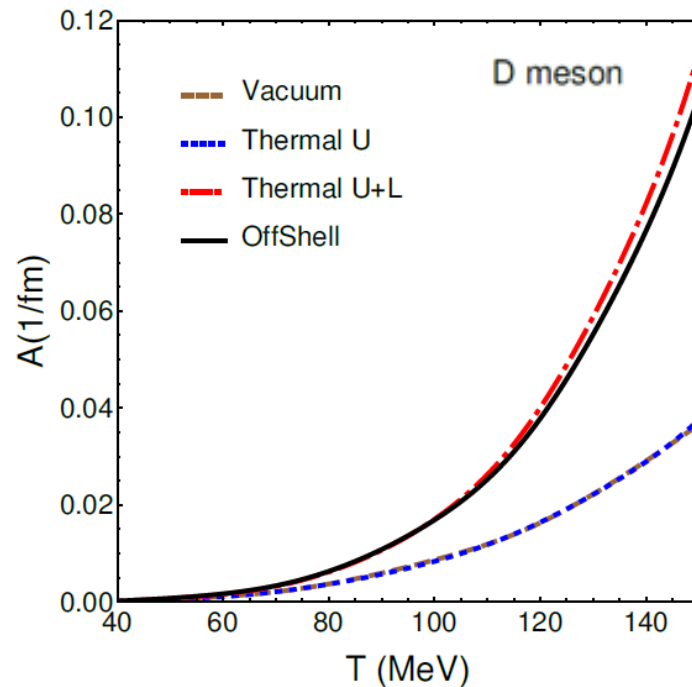
- Thermal effects in  $|T|^2$  and  $E_k$
- Landau cut contribution
- Off-shell effects

with

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{F}(\vec{k}, \vec{k}_1) \rangle &= \frac{1}{2k^0} \sum_{\lambda, \lambda' = \pm} \lambda \lambda' \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk_1^0 \int \prod_{i=1}^3 \frac{d^3 k_i}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_2 2E_3} S_D(k_1^0, \vec{k}_1) (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(3)}(\vec{k} + \vec{k}_3 - \vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2) \\ &\quad \times \delta(k^0 + \lambda' E_3 - \lambda E_2 - k_1^0) \left| T(k^0 + \lambda' E_3, \vec{k} + \vec{k}_3) \right|^2 f^{(0)}(\lambda' E_3) \tilde{f}^{(0)}(\lambda E_2) \tilde{f}^{(0)}(k_1^0) \mathcal{F}(\vec{k}, \vec{k}_1) \end{aligned}$$

# Drag force and momentum diffusion coefficients

[J.M. Torres-Rincon, GM, A. Ramos, L. Tolos, Phys.Rev.C 105 (2022)]



Drag force  $A$

Momentum diffusion  
(longitudinal  $B_0$  and transverse  $B_1$ )

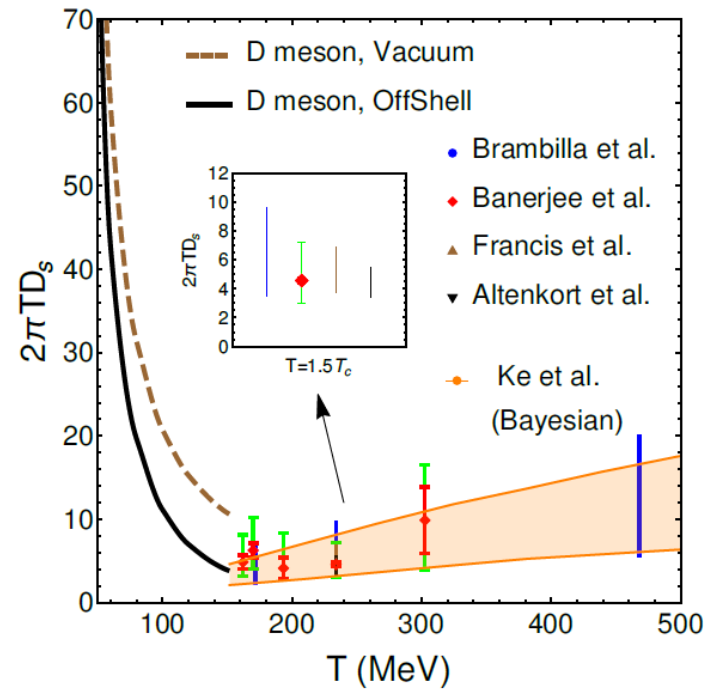
In the static limit  $\vec{k} \rightarrow 0$ ,  $B_0 = B_1$

- Increase with temperature
- **Vacuum** vs **Thermal U**: Thermal effects in the amplitudes are small
- **Thermal U** vs **Thermal U+L**: The Landau contribution is very important at finite temperature
- **Thermal U+L** vs **OffShell**: Off-shell effects are small
- The main contribution comes from the pions in the bath

# Spatial diffusion coefficient

[J.M. Torres-Rincon, GM, A. Ramos, L. Tolos, Phys.Rev.C 105 (2022)]

$$2\pi T D_s(T) = \lim_{\vec{k} \rightarrow 0} \frac{2\pi T^3}{B_0(\vec{k}; T)}$$



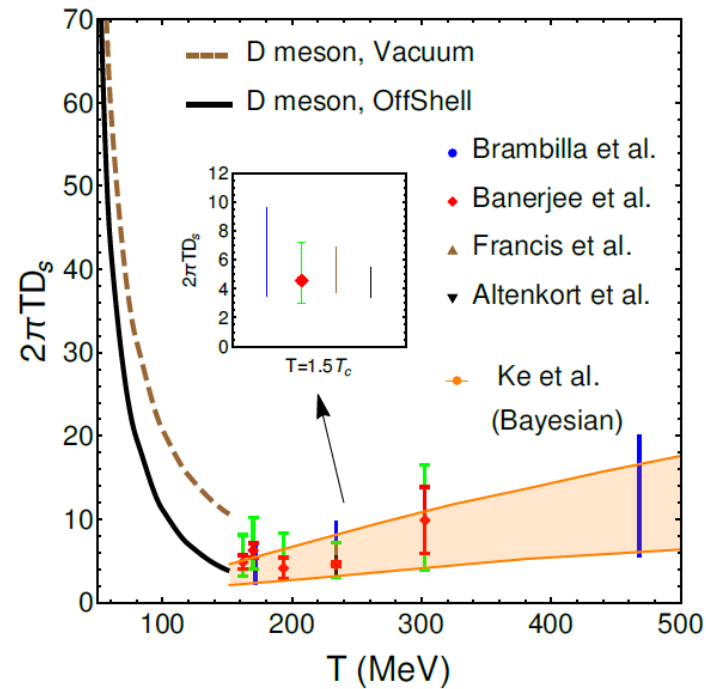
Comparison with:

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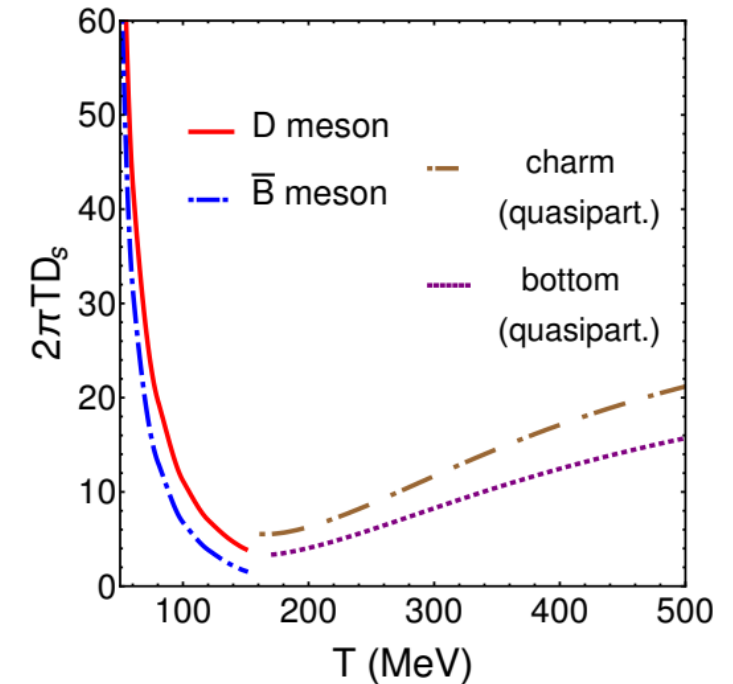
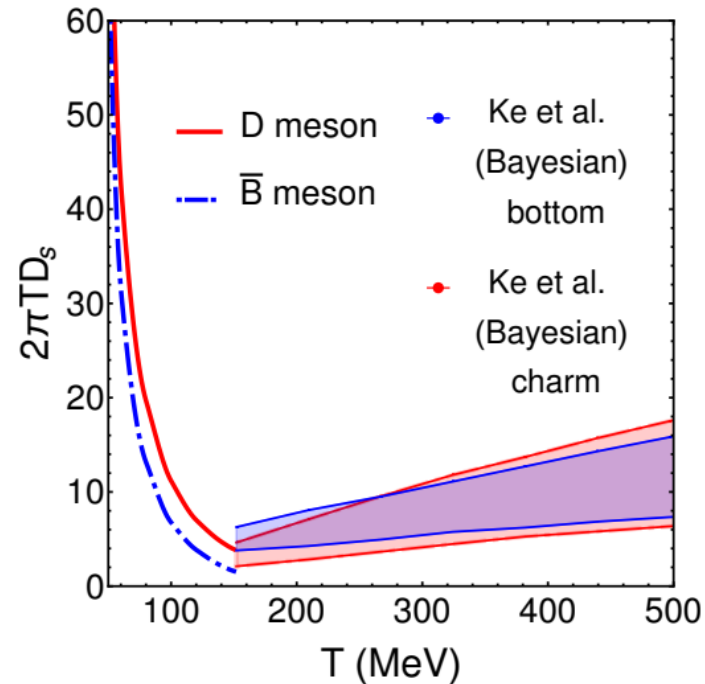
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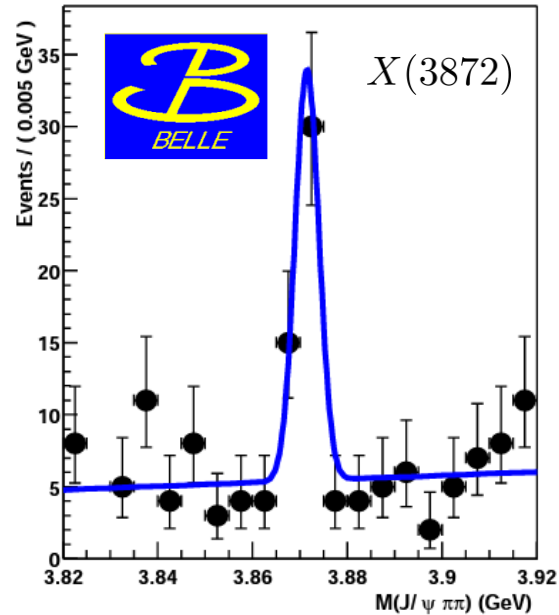
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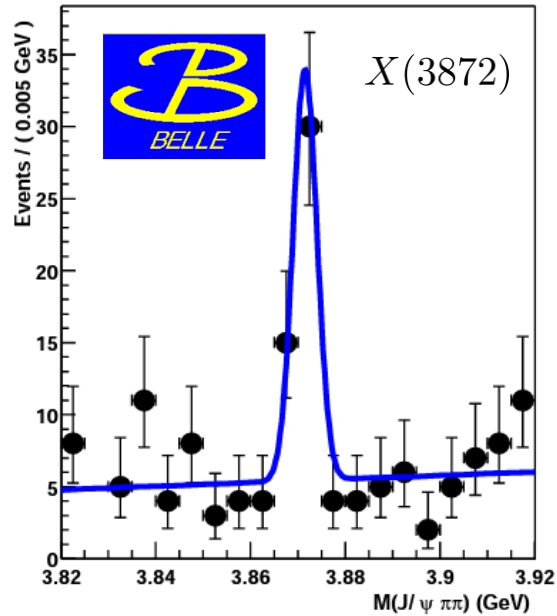
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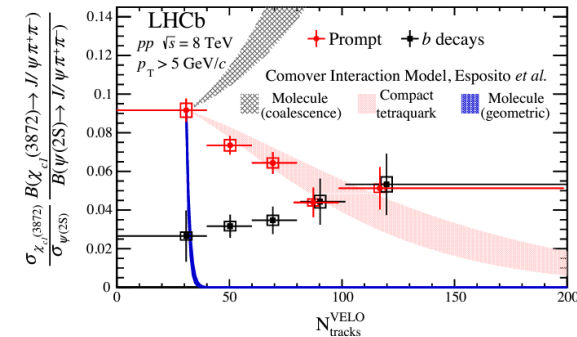


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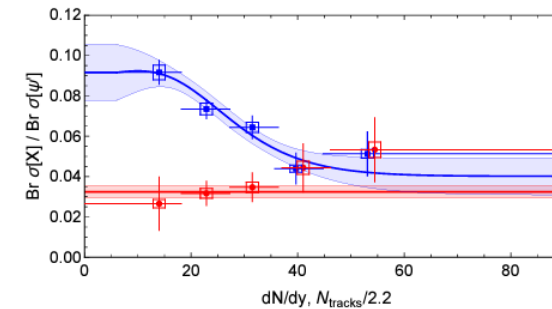
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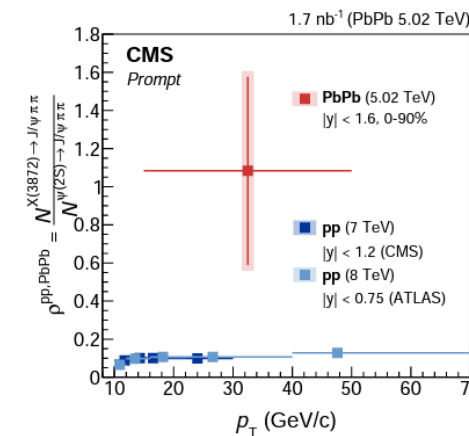
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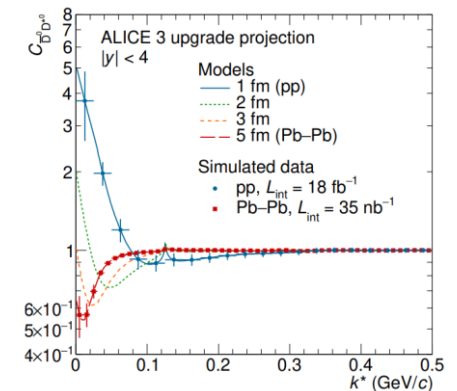
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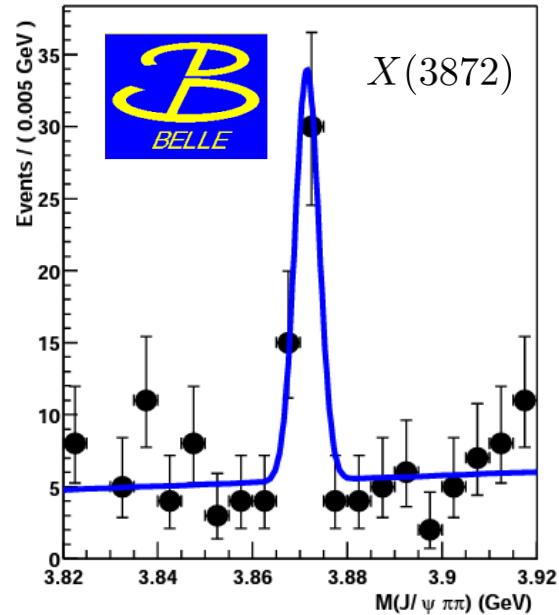
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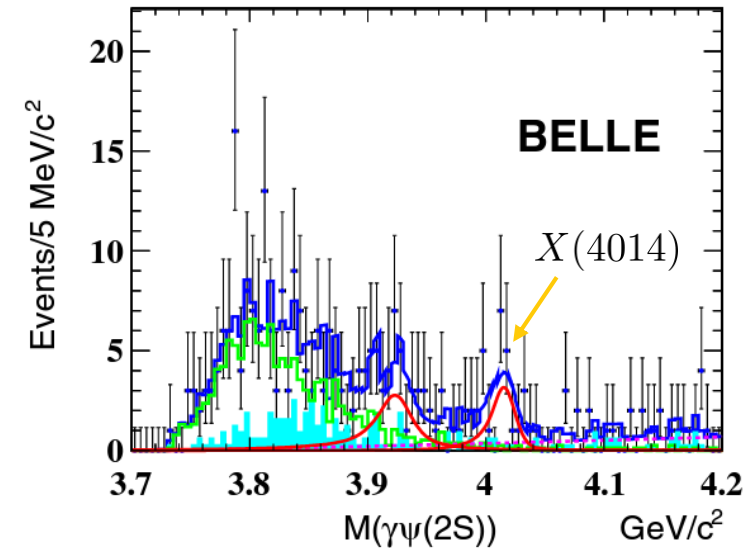


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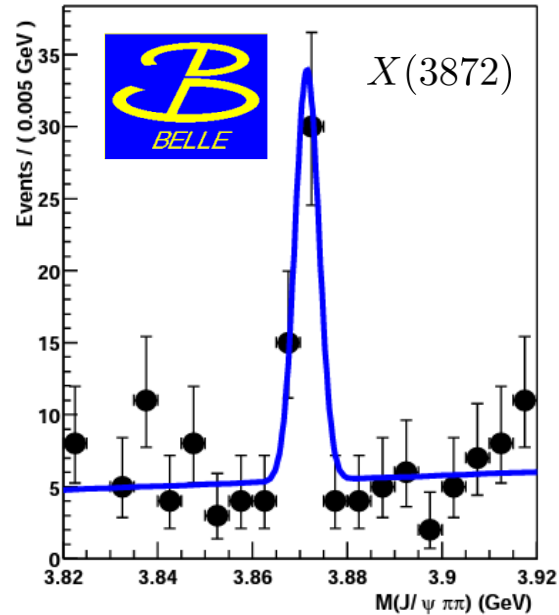


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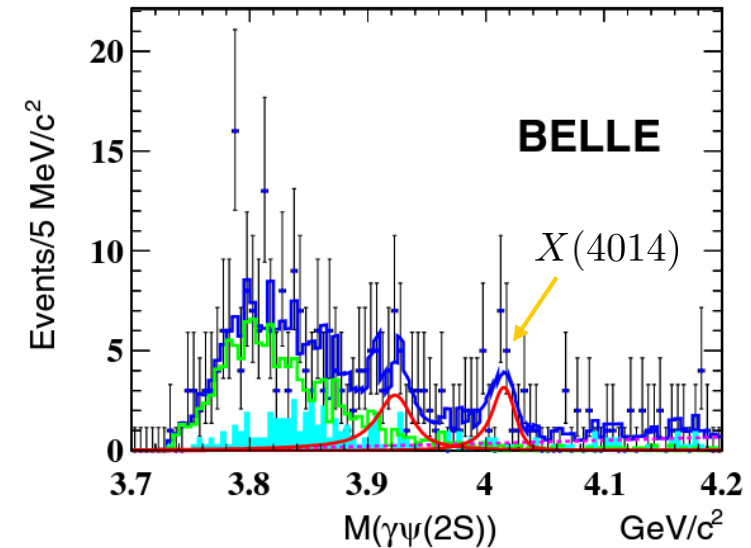


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Investigate these states as heavy meson molecules within the local hidden-gauge symmetry approach  
Analyze the in-medium modification

[Cleven, Magas, Ramos (2019)]  
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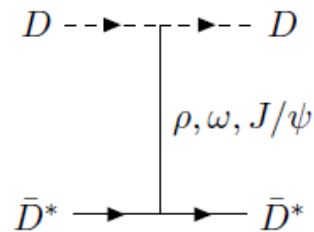
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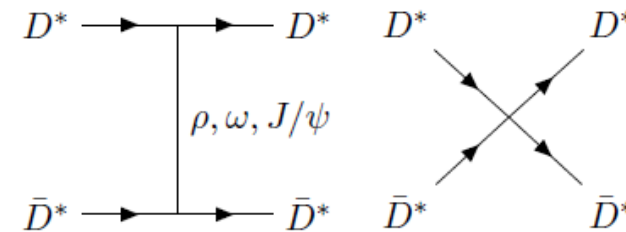
Extended to SU(4), broken by physical masses (exchange of charm is suppressed)

$$\mathcal{L}_{III} = -\frac{1}{4} \langle V_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu\nu} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} m_V^2 \left\langle \left( V_\mu - \frac{i}{g} \Gamma_\mu \right)^2 \right\rangle$$

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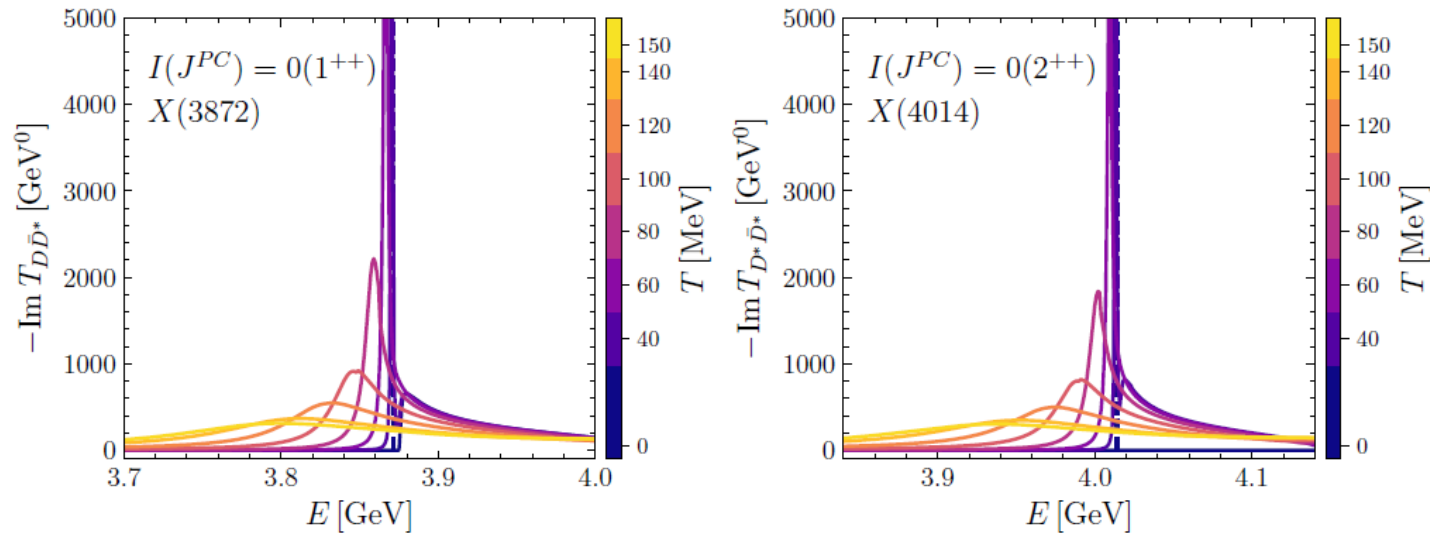


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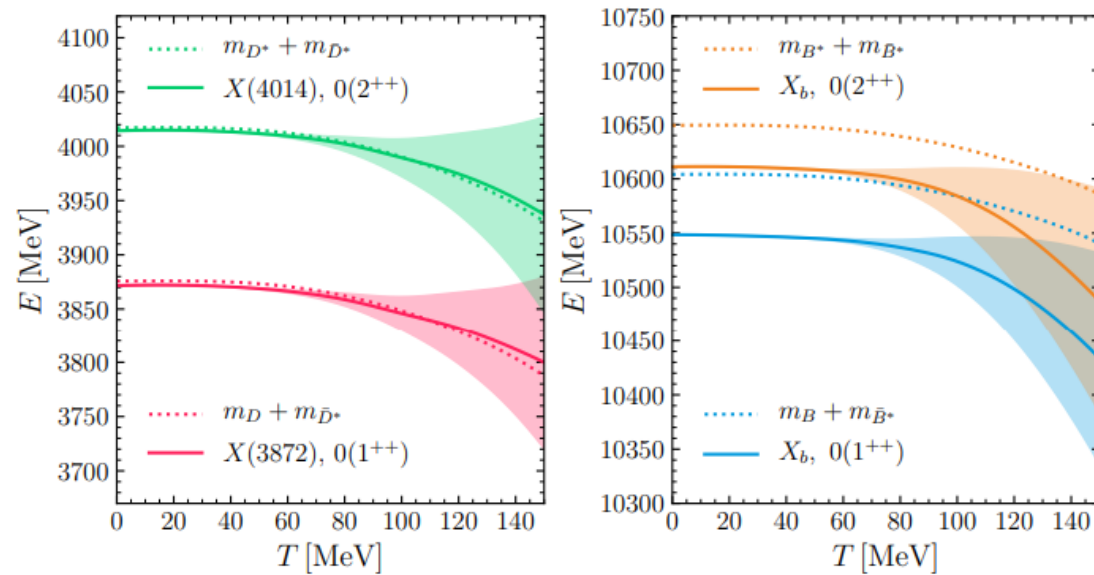


- We obtain the interaction kernel and solve the Bethe-Salpeter equation with G regularized with a cut-off
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# Thermal modification of the X(3872) and X(4014)



[GM, A. Ramos, L. Tolos, J.M. Torres-Rincon, 2211.01896]



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# Summary and conclusions

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Similar findings from recent lattice QCD calculations

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