

# Hadron scattering, resonances and exotics from lattice QCD

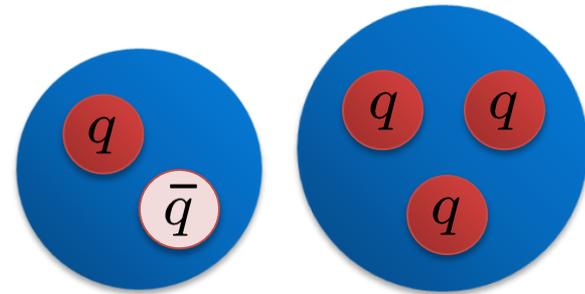
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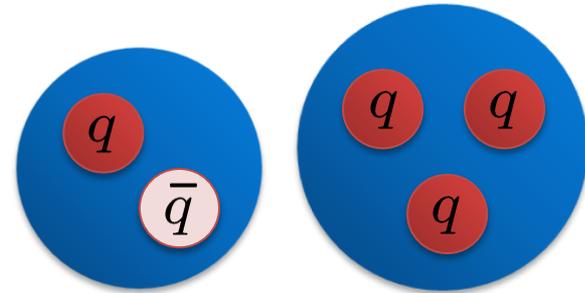


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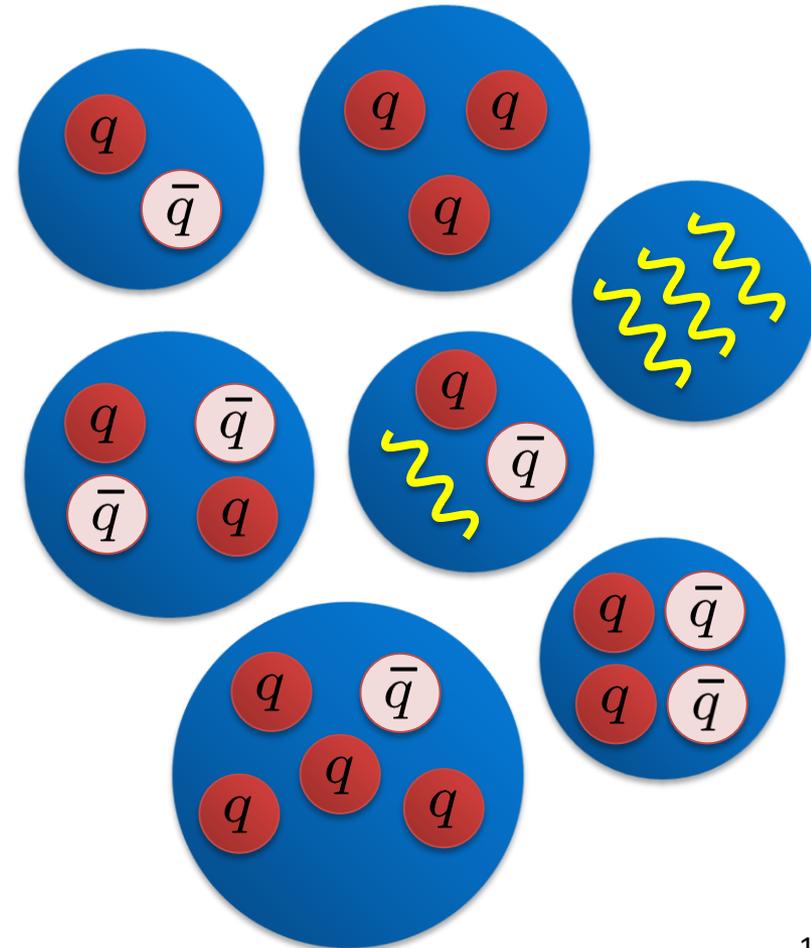
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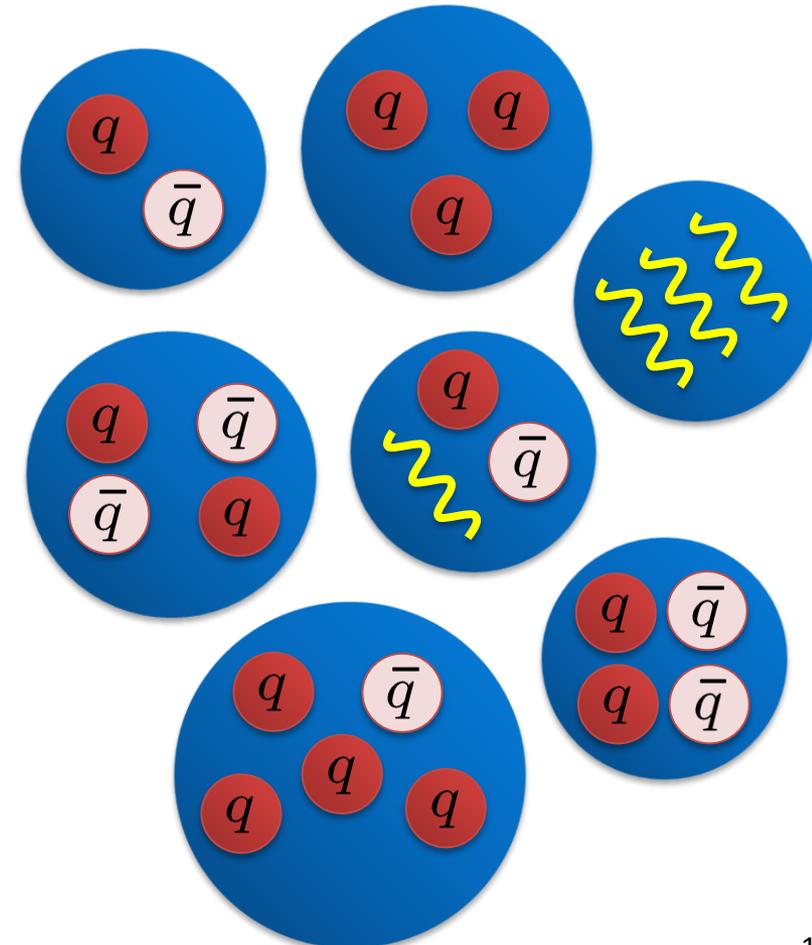
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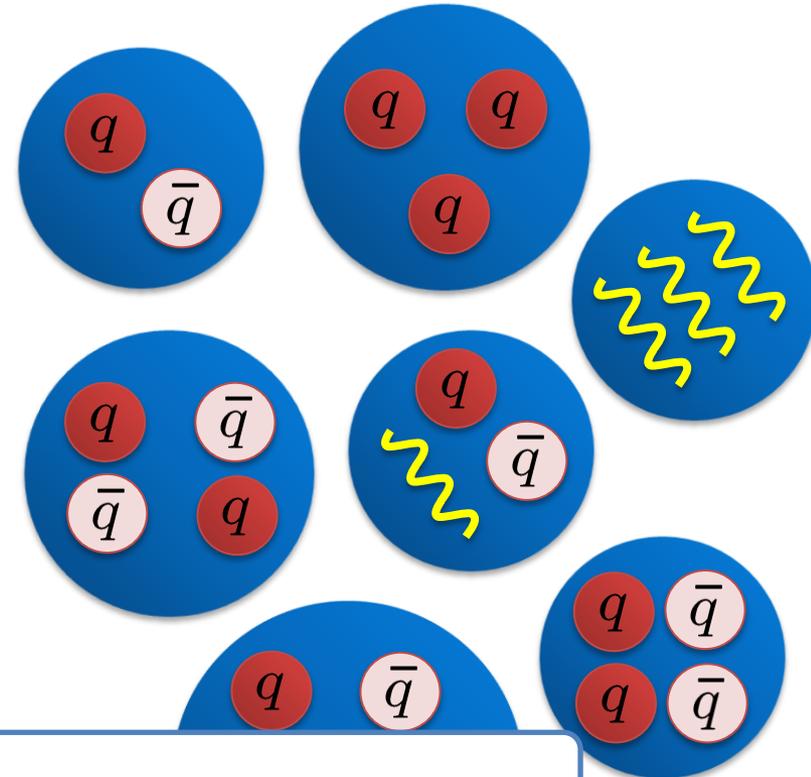
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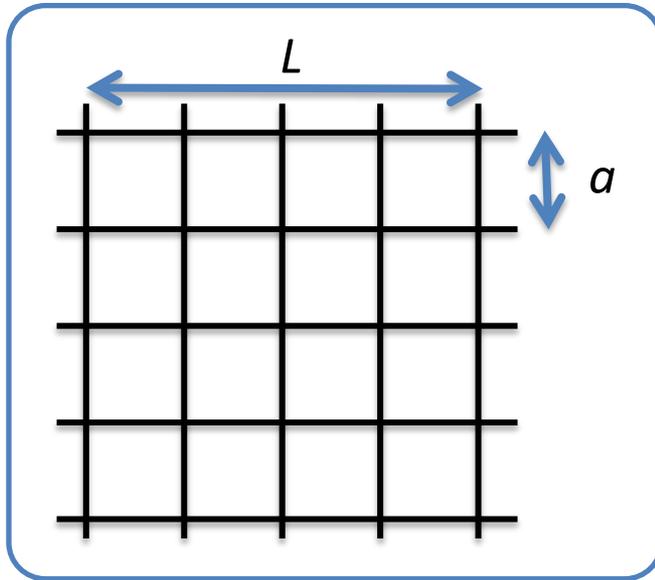
First-principles calculations in QCD → lattice QCD

# Outline

- Introduction
- Charm mesons
  - $D \pi / D K$  ( $J^P = 0^+$   $D_0^*(2300)$ ,  $D_{s0}^*(2317)$ )
  - $D^* \pi$  ( $J^P = 1^+$  and  $2^+$ )

# Lattice QCD

Systematically-improvable  
first-principles calculations



- **Discretise** spacetime in a **finite volume**
- Compute correlation fns. numerically  
(Euclidean time,  $t \rightarrow i t$ )

Note:

- Finite  $a$  and  $L$
- Possibly heavy u, d quarks  
( $\rightarrow$  unphysical  $m_\pi$ )

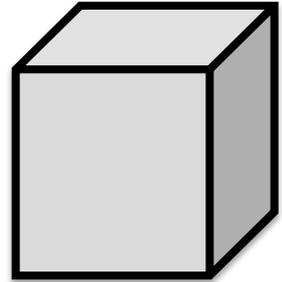


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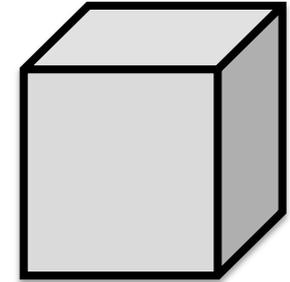
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**Lower-lying hadrons** in each flavour sector are well determined (also isospin breaking, QED).



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**Excited states:** in each symmetry channel compute matrix of correlators for **large bases of interpolating operators** with appropriate variety of structures.

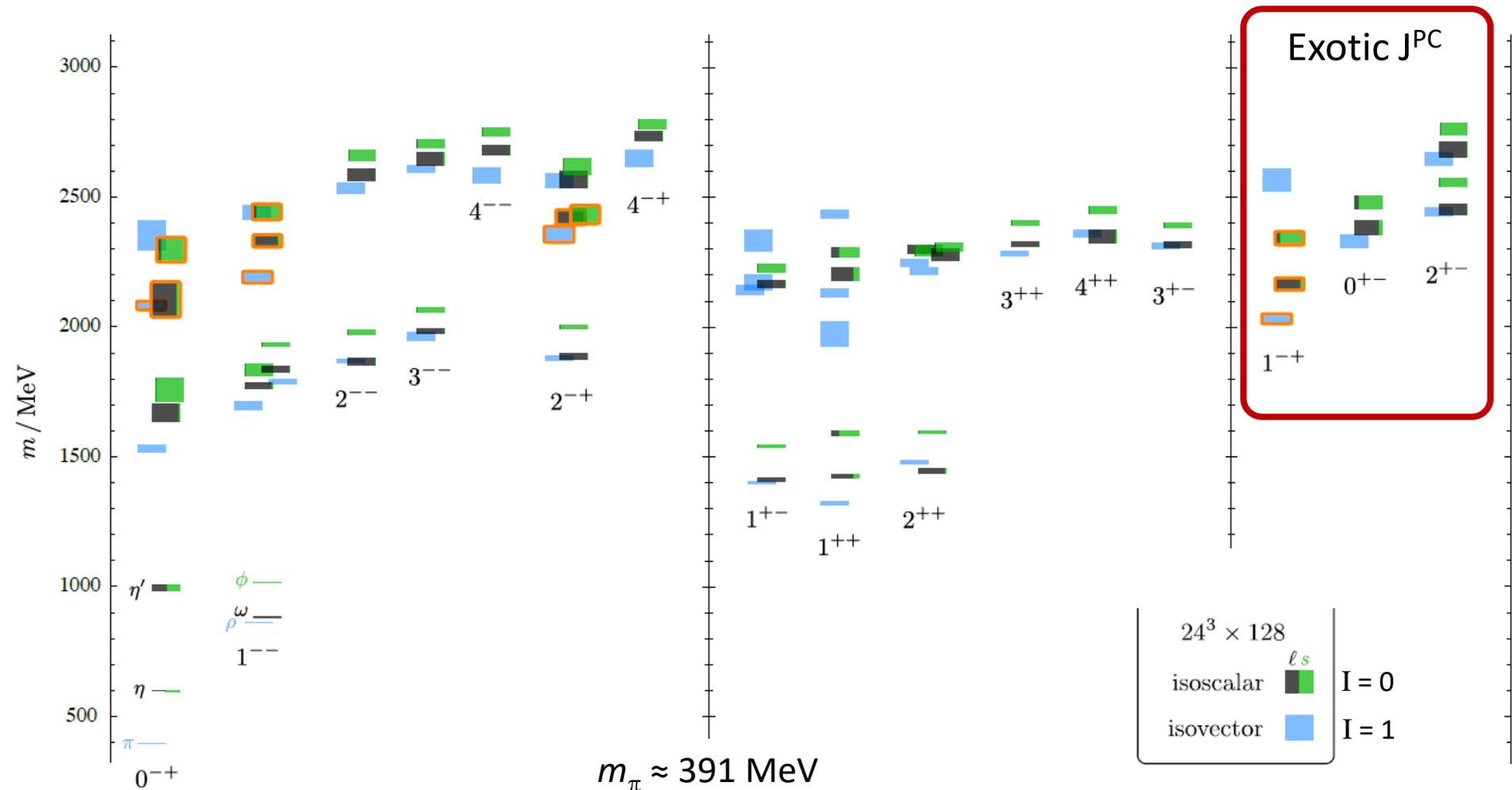
Variational method (generalised eigenvalue problem)  $\rightarrow \{E_n\}$

$$C_{ij}(t) v_j^{(n)} = \lambda^{(n)}(t) C_{ij}(t_0) v_j^{(n)}$$

$$\lambda^{(n)}(t) \sim e^{-E_n(t-t_0)} \quad v_i^{(n)} \rightarrow Z_i^{(n)} \equiv \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_i | n \rangle \quad (t \gg t_0)$$

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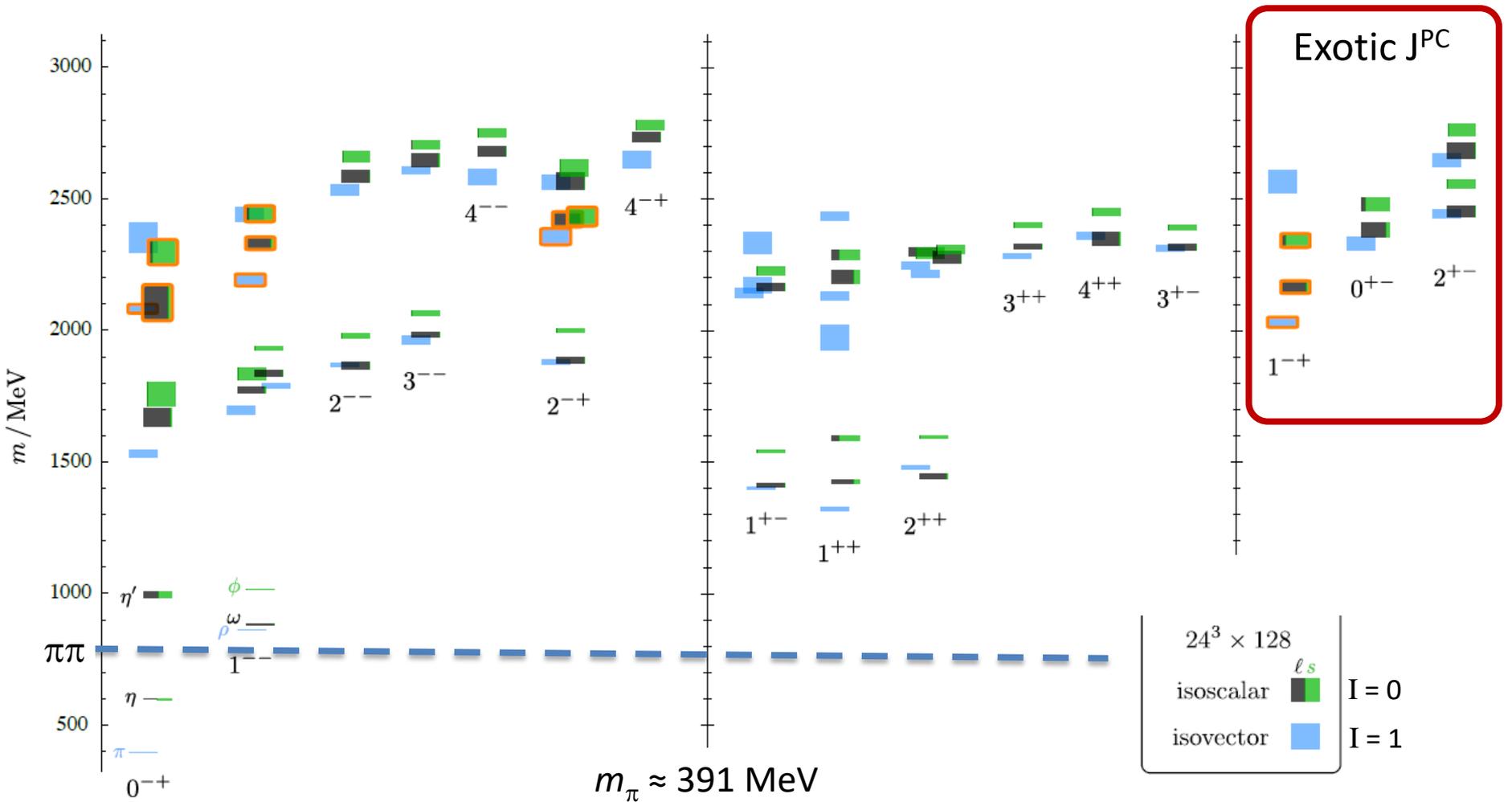


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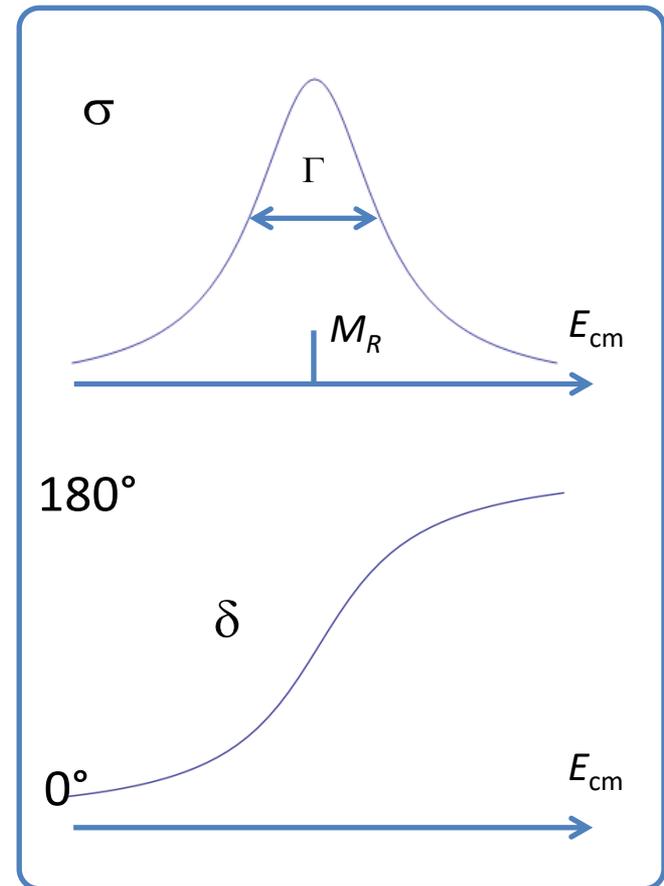
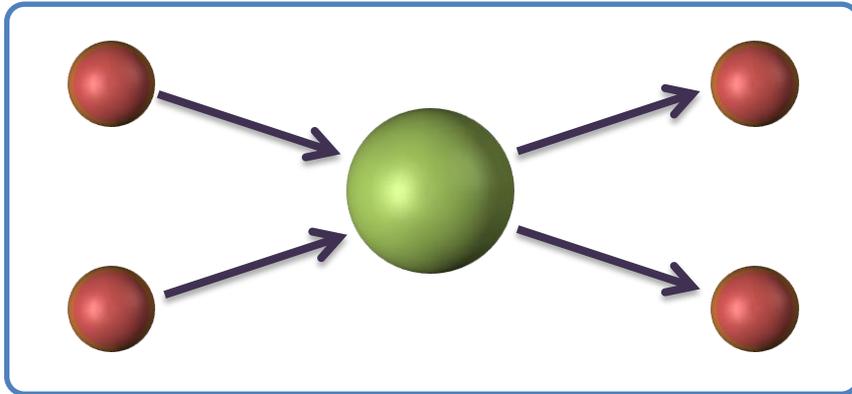


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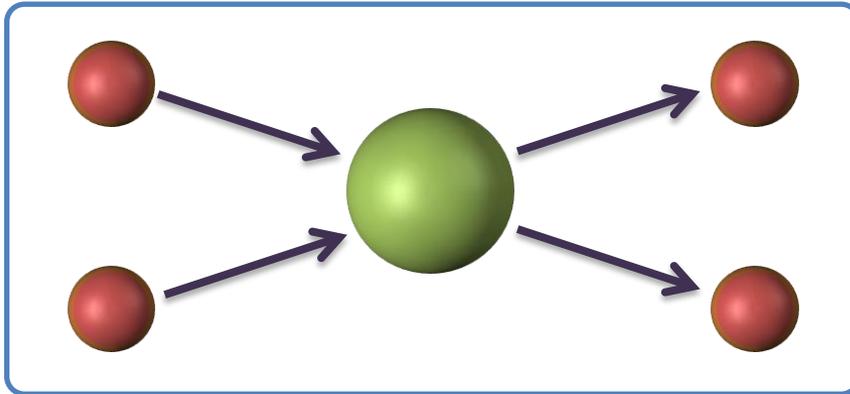
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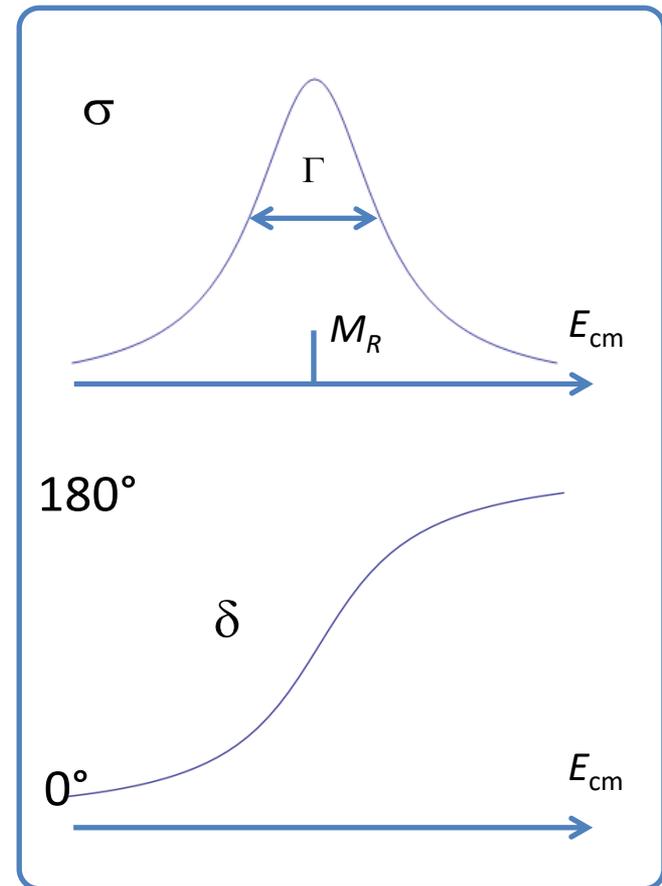
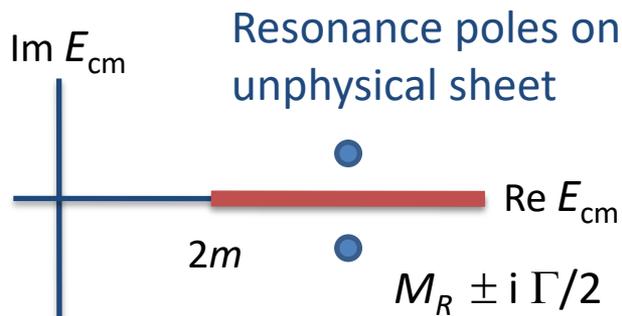


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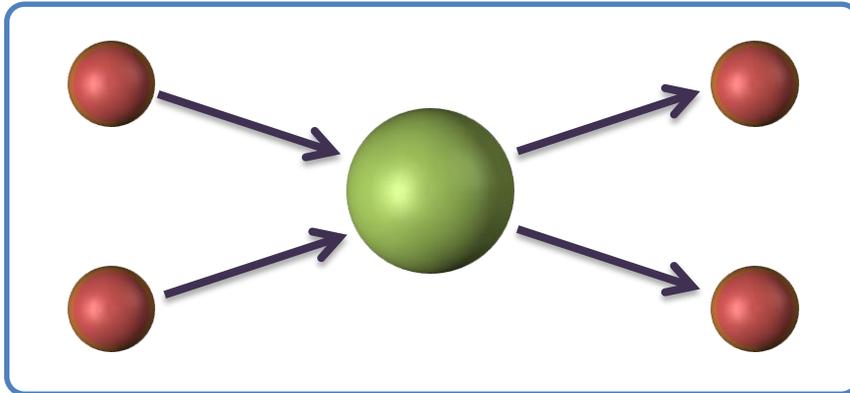


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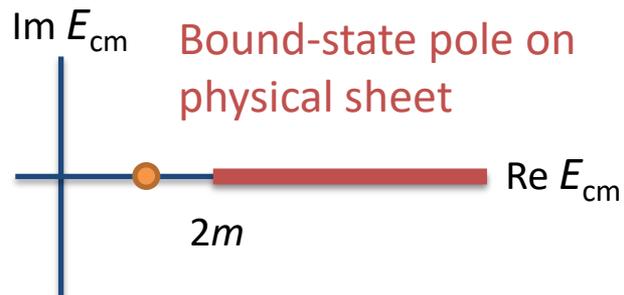


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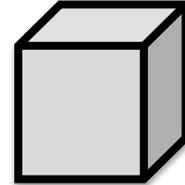
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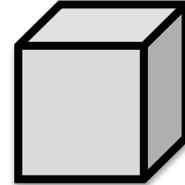
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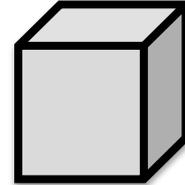


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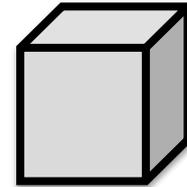
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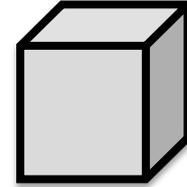
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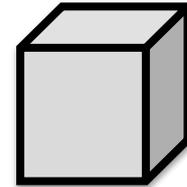
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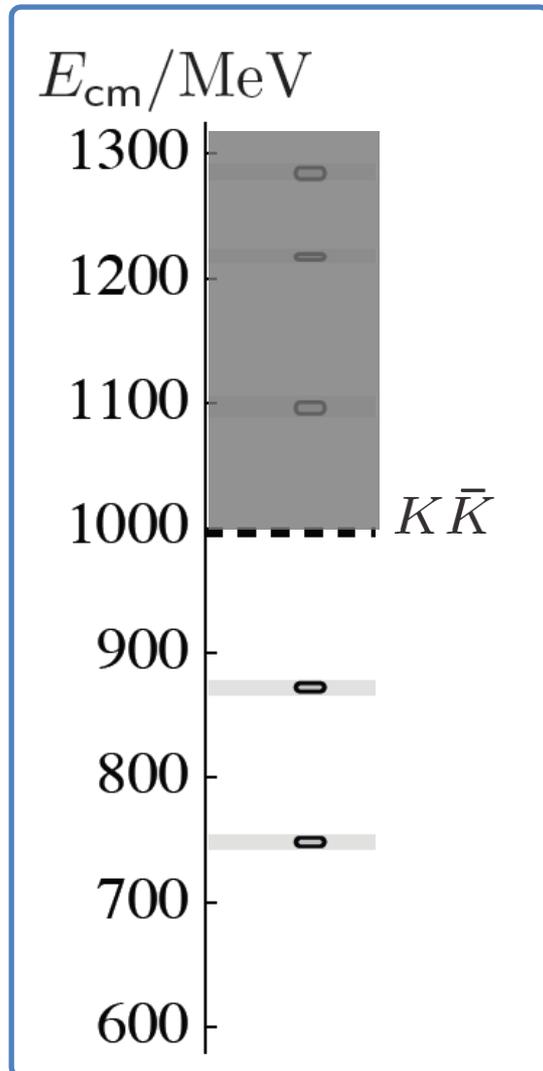
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Analytically continue  $t(E_{\text{cm}})$  in complex  $E_{\text{cm}}$  plane, look for poles.

Demonstrated in calcs. of  $\rho$ , light scalars,  $b_1$ , charm mesons, ...

# The $\rho$ resonance: elastic P-wave $\pi\pi$ scattering



$$m_{\pi} \approx 236 \text{ MeV}$$

Experimentally

$$\text{BR}(\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi) \sim 100\%$$

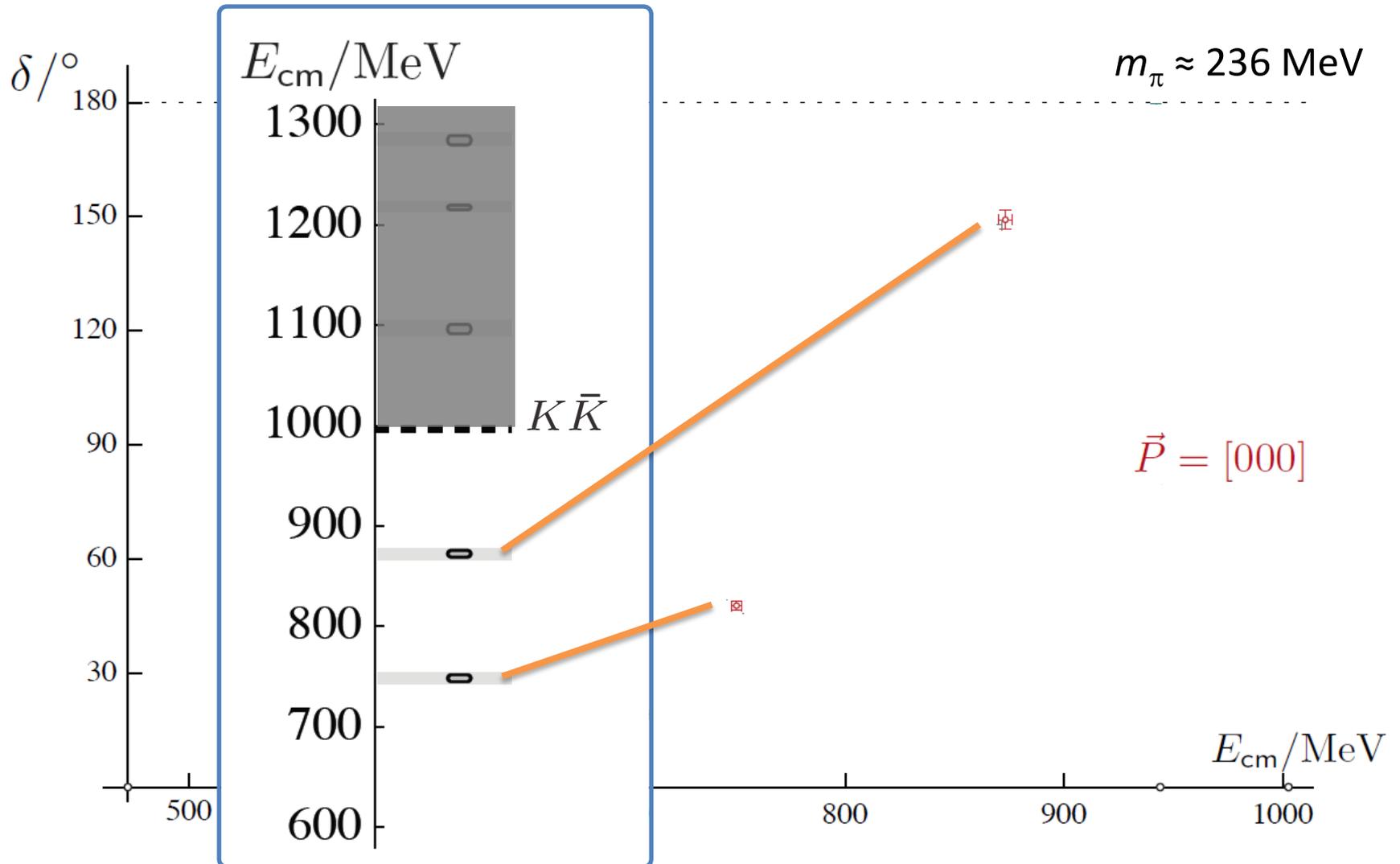
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$$\sum_{\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2} C(\vec{P}, \vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2) \pi(\vec{p}_1) \pi(\vec{p}_2)$$

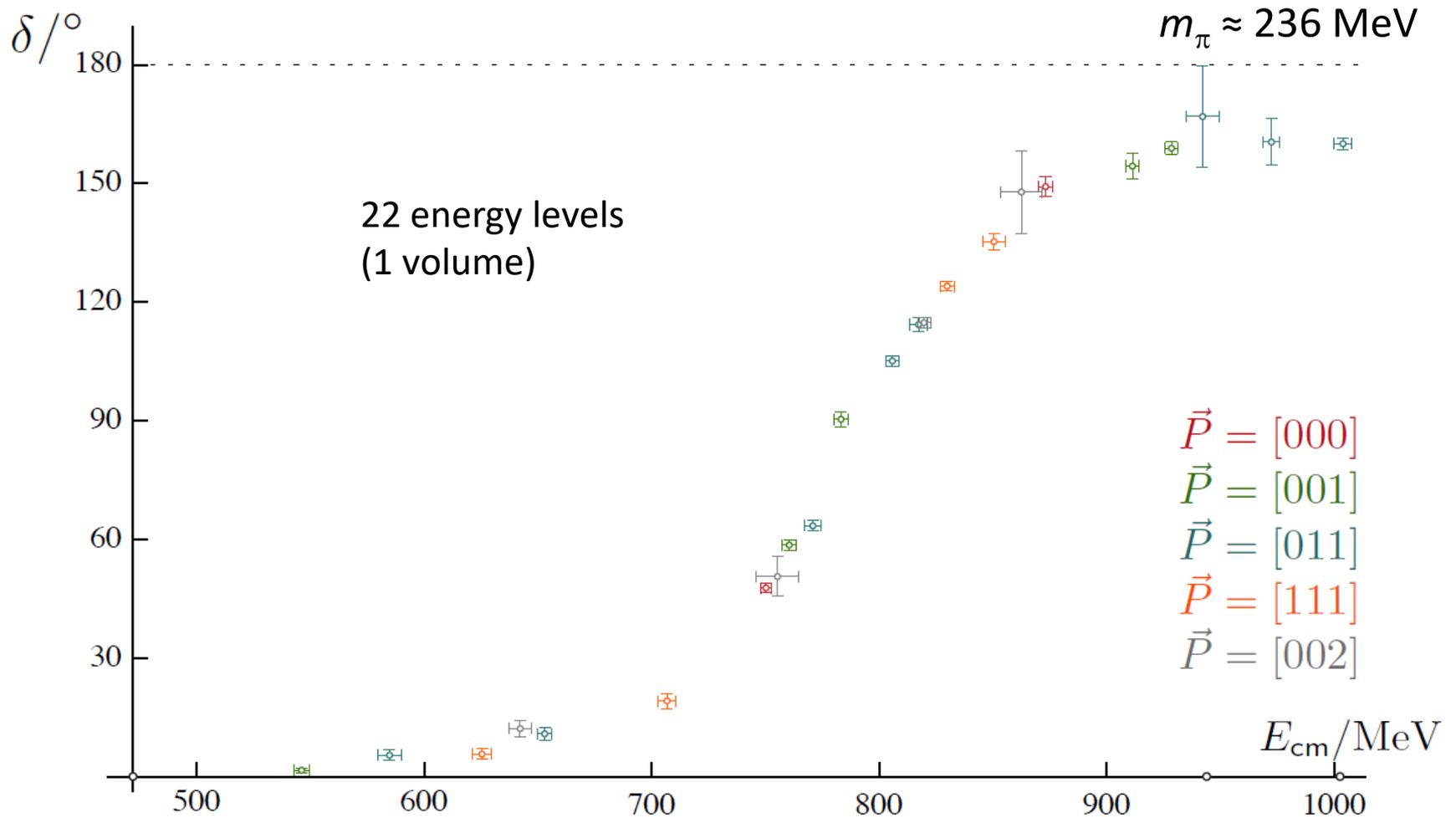
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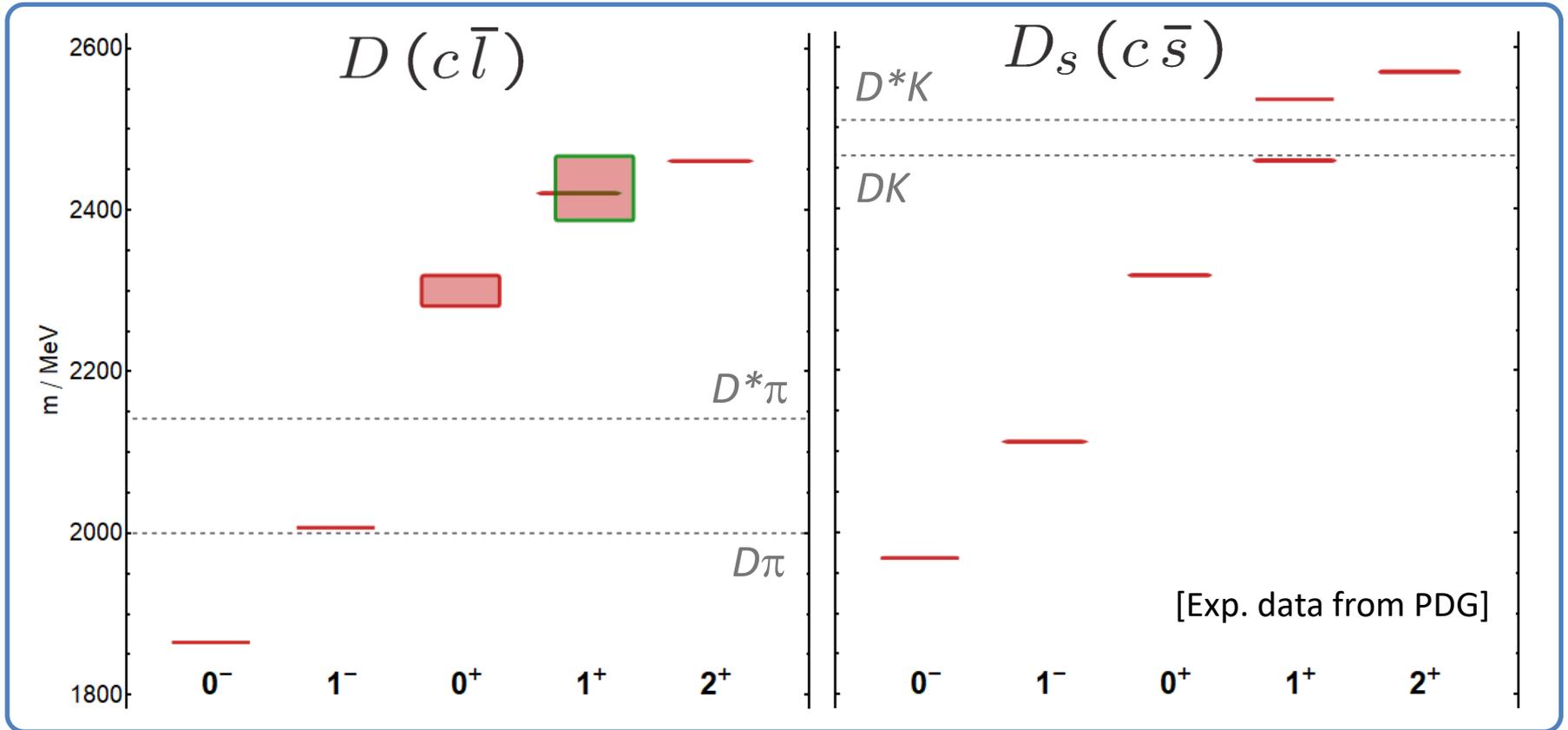
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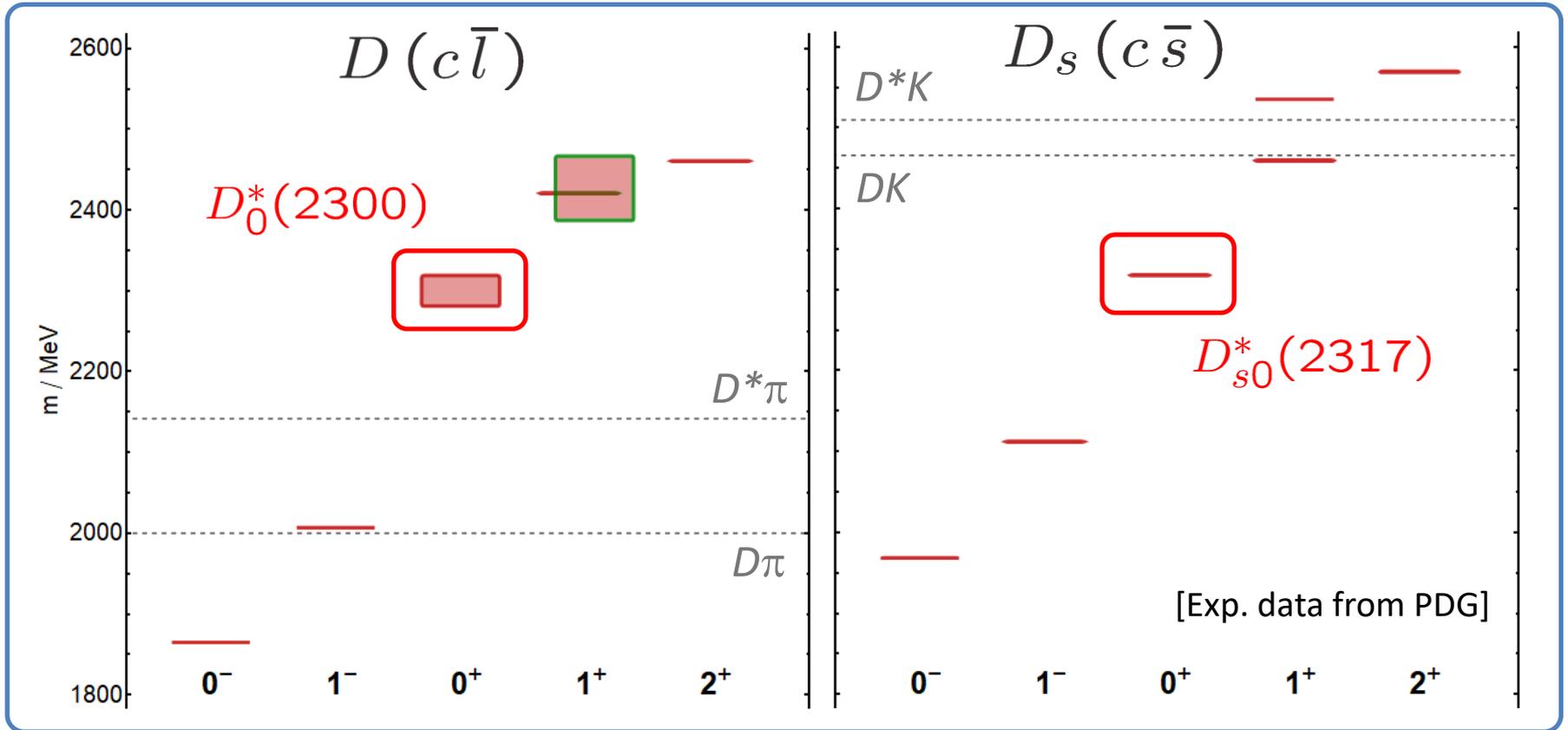
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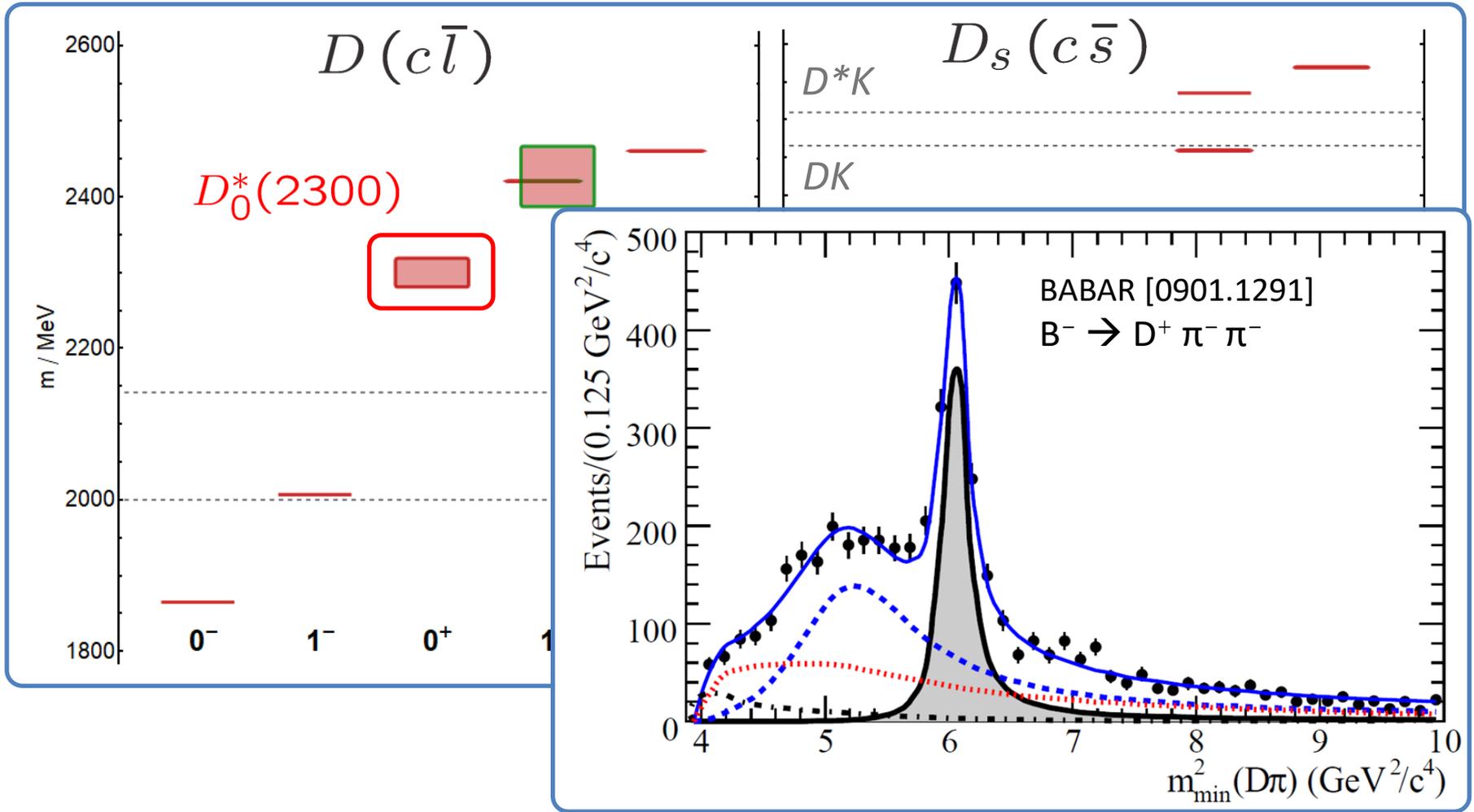
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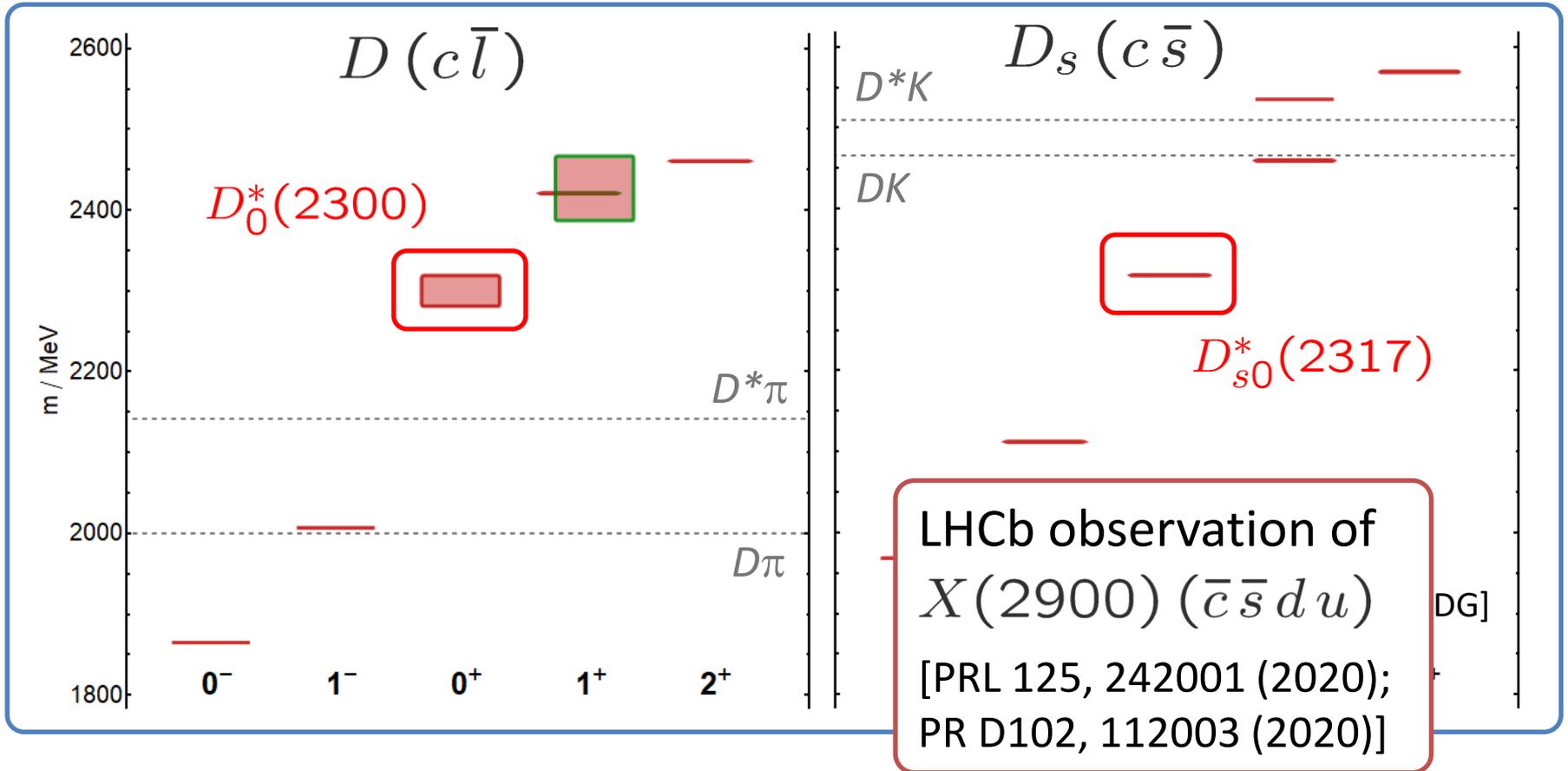
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## Other calculations

Some other lattice QCD work on  $D K$  and/or  $D \pi$  scattering:

- Mohler *et al* [PR D87, 034501 (2013), 1208.4059];
- Liu *et al* [PR D87, 014508 (2013), 1208.4535];
- Mohler *et al* [PRL 111, 222001 (2013), 1308.3175];
- Lang *et al* [PR D90, 034510 (2014), 1403.8103];
- Bali *et al* (RQCD) [PR D96, 074501 (2017), 1706.01247];
- Alexandrou *et al* (ETM) [PR D101 034502 (2020), 1911.08435];
- Gregory *et al* [2106.15391]

Also:

- Martínez Torres *et al* [JHEP 05 (2015) 153, 1412.1706];
- Albaladejo *et al* [PL B767, 465 (2017), 1610.06727];
- Du *et al* [PR D98, 094018 (2018), 1712.07957];
- Guo *et al* [PR D98 014510 (2018), 1801.10122];
- Guo *et al* [EPJ C79, 13 (2019), 1811.05585]
- Lutz, Guo, Heo, Korpa [2209.10601]

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Anisotropic lattices,  
 $a_s/a_t \approx 3.5$ ,  $a_s \approx 0.12$  fm,  
various volumes.

$N_f = 2+1$ ,  
Wilson-clover fermions,  
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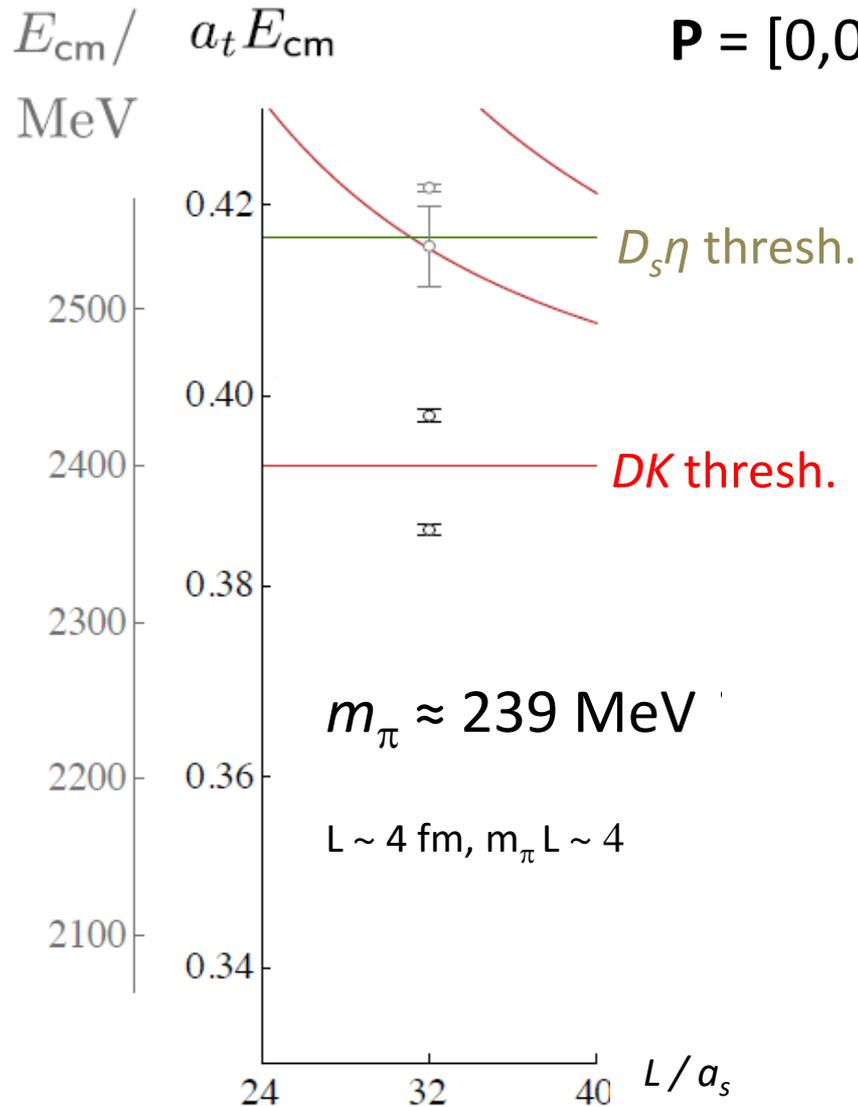
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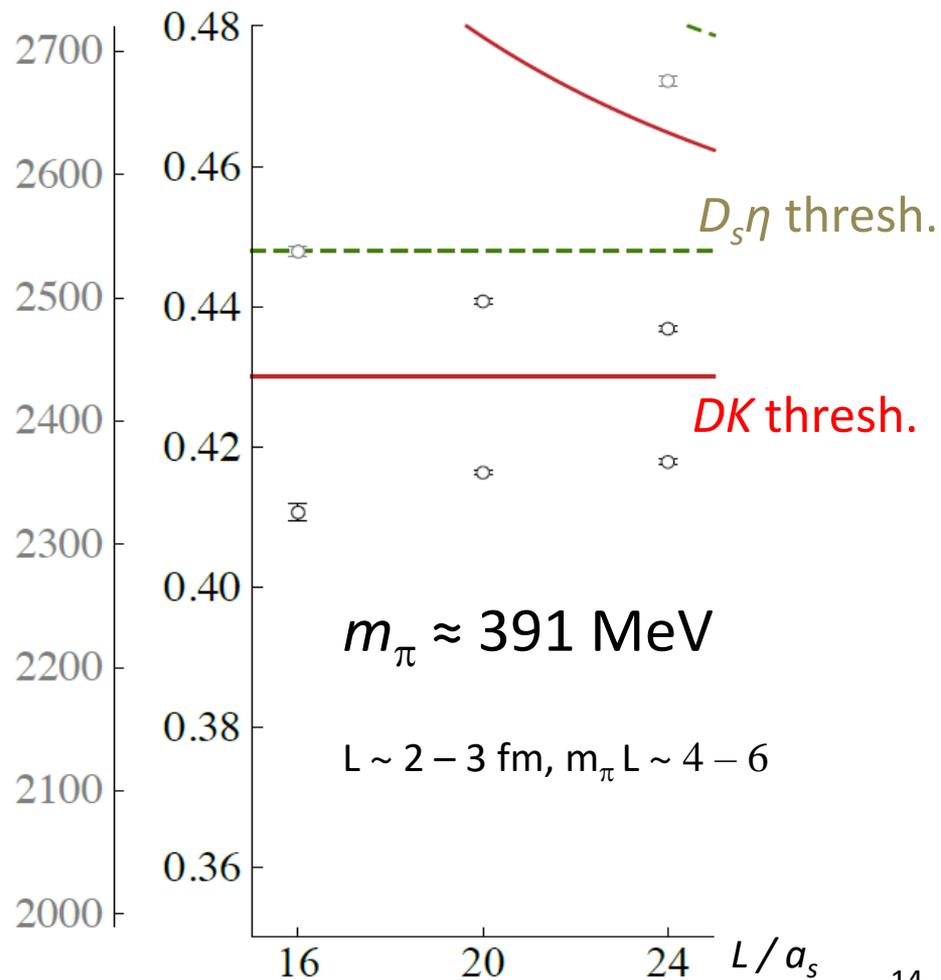
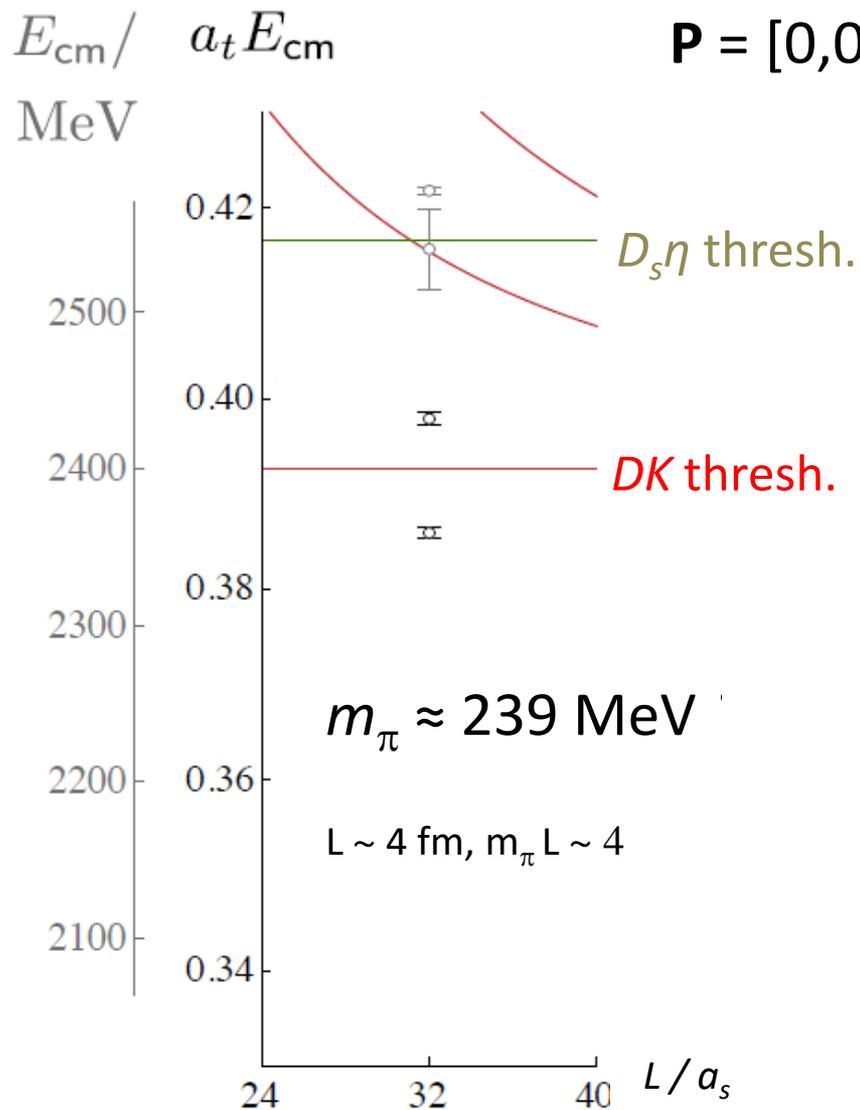
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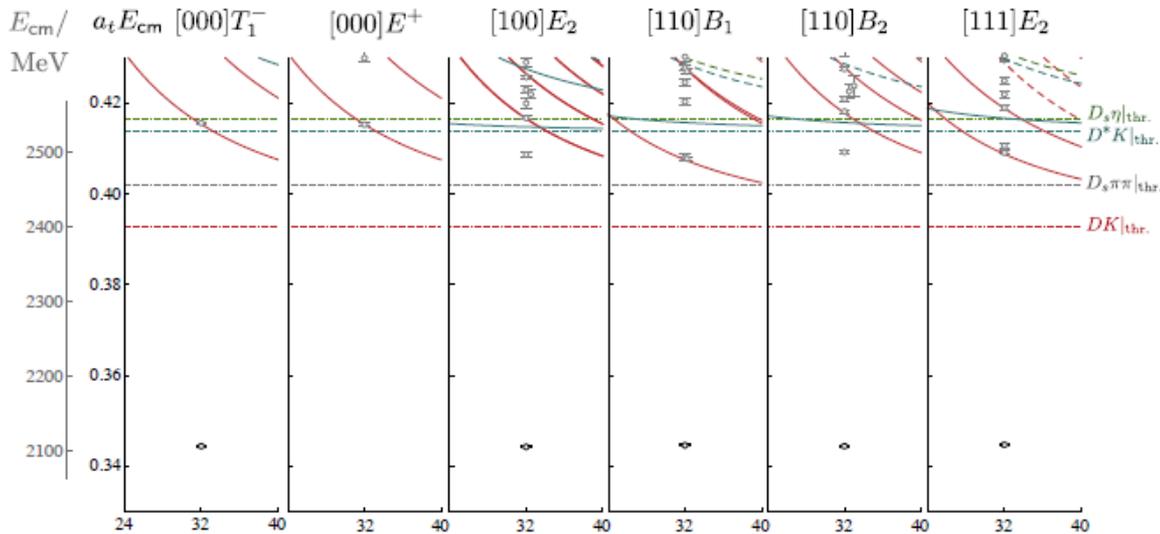
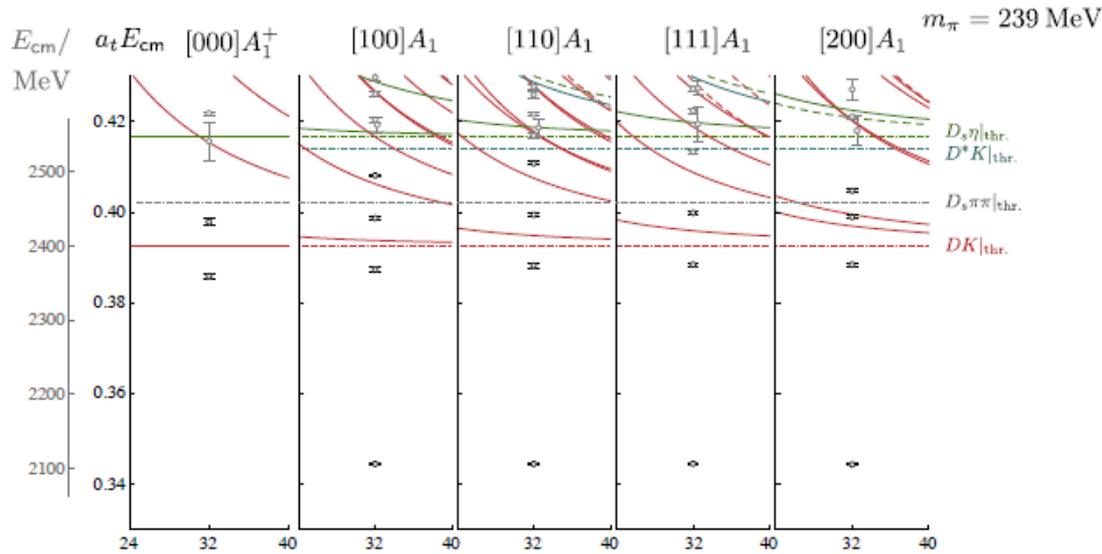
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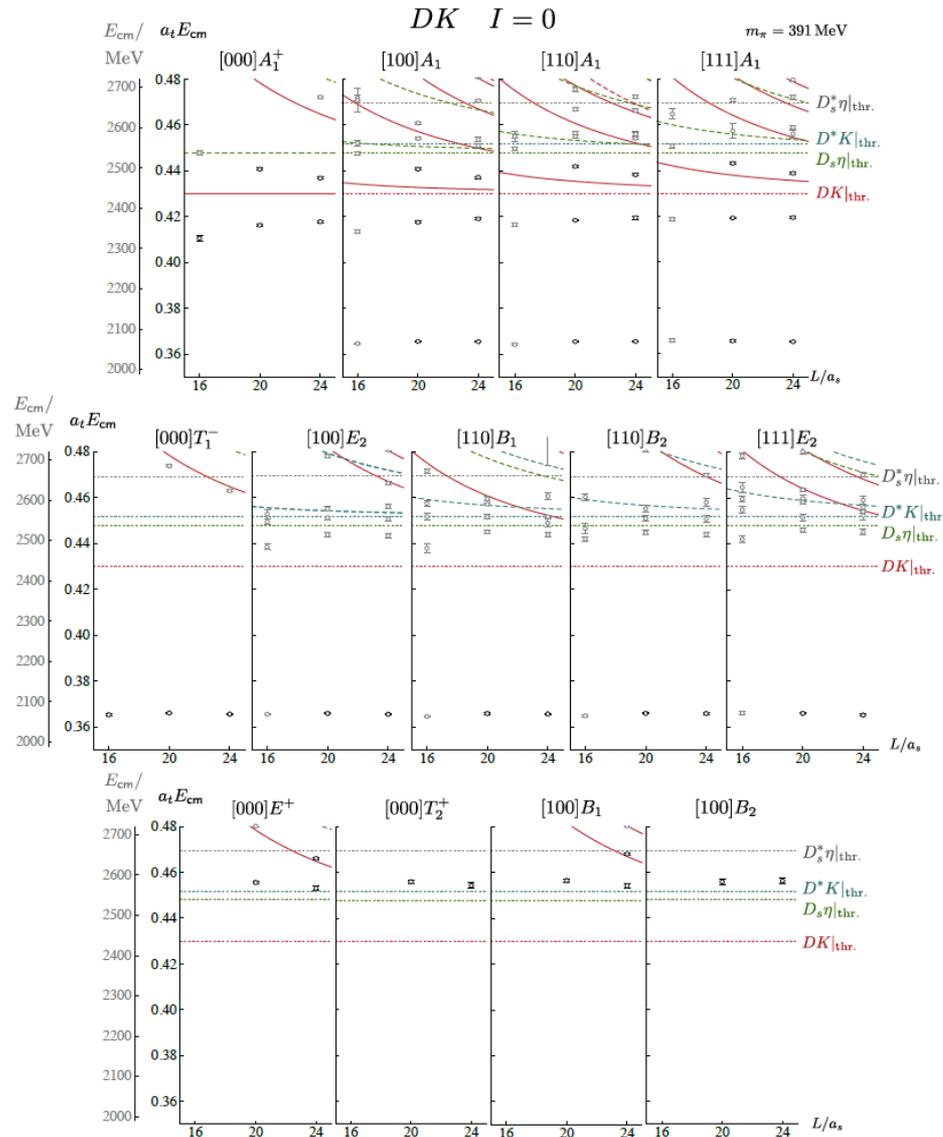
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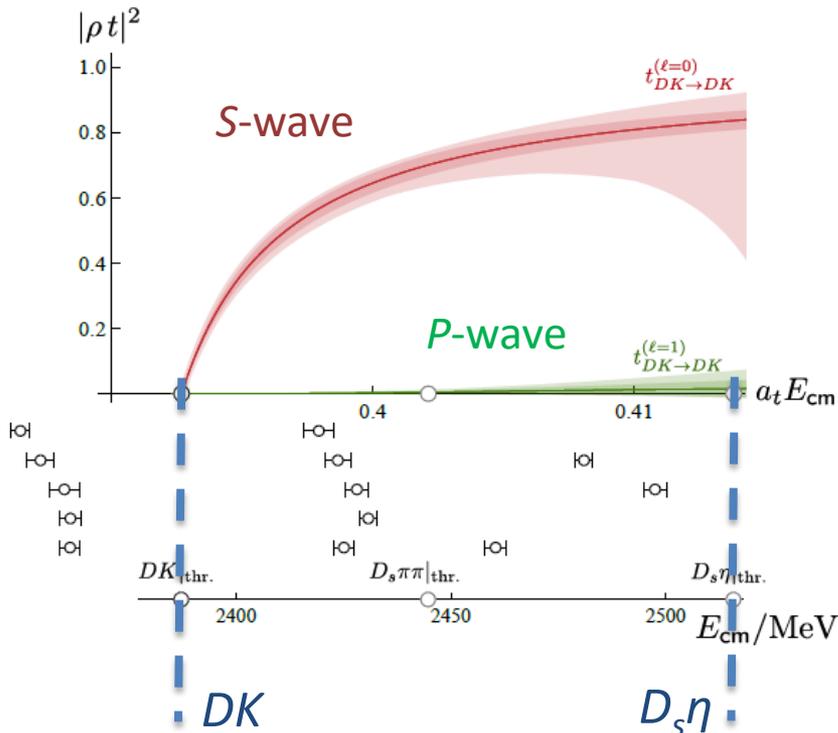
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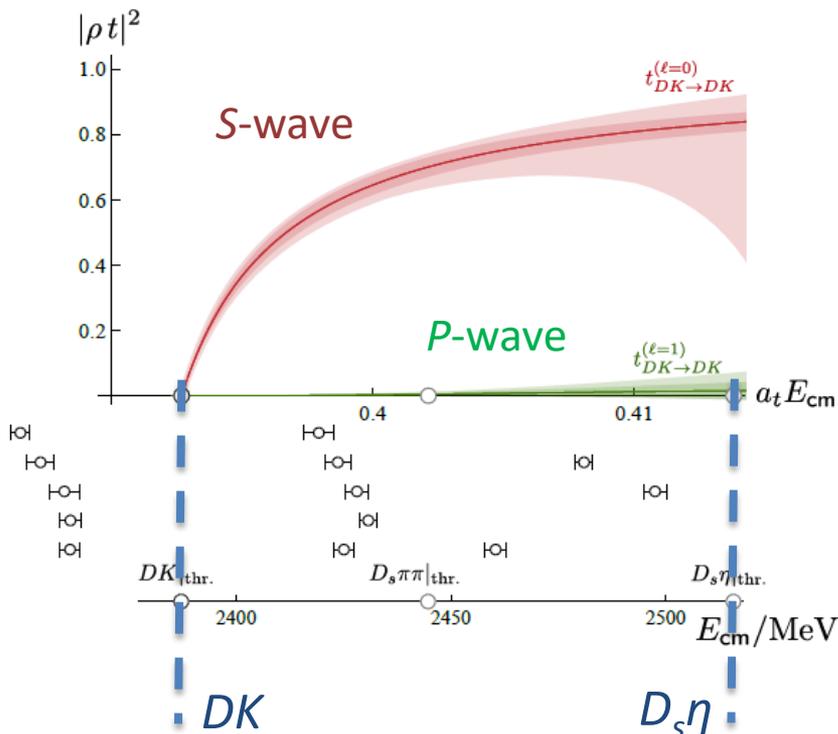
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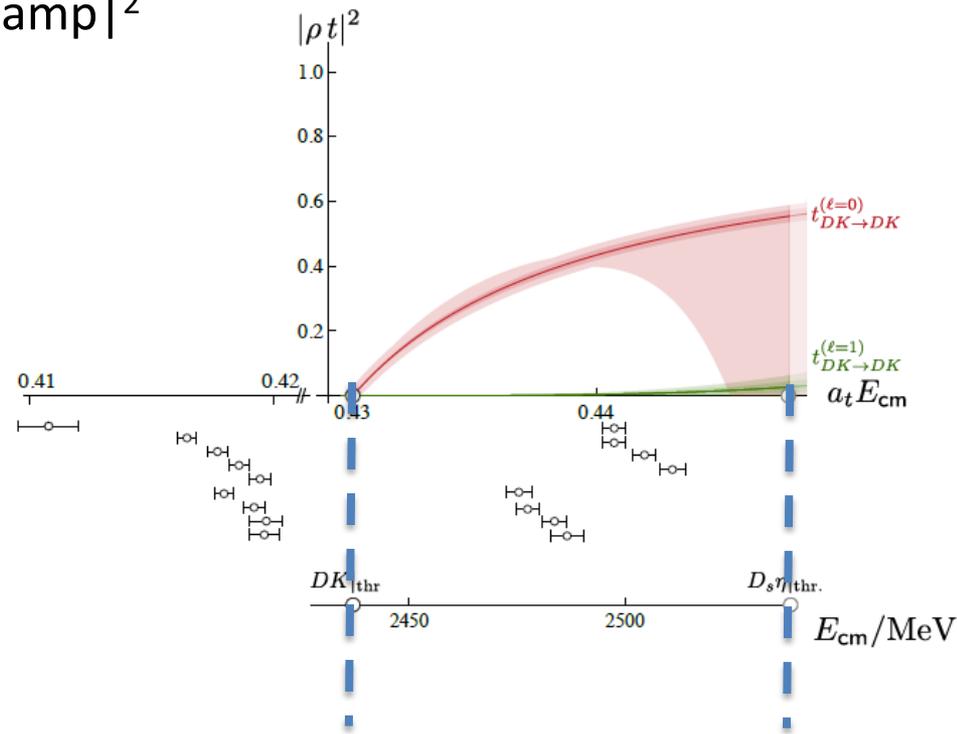
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**Bound-state** pole strongly coupled to  $S$ -wave  $DK$

$$\Delta E = 25(3) \text{ MeV for } m_\pi \approx 239 \text{ MeV} \quad Z \lesssim 0.11$$

$$\Delta E = 57(3) \text{ MeV for } m_\pi \approx 391 \text{ MeV} \quad Z \approx 0.13(6)$$

c.f. experiment  $\Delta E \approx 45 \text{ MeV}$  (decays to  $D_s \pi^0$ )

Weinberg [PR 137, B672 (1965)] compositeness,  $0 \leq Z \leq 1$   
(assuming binding is sufficiently weak)

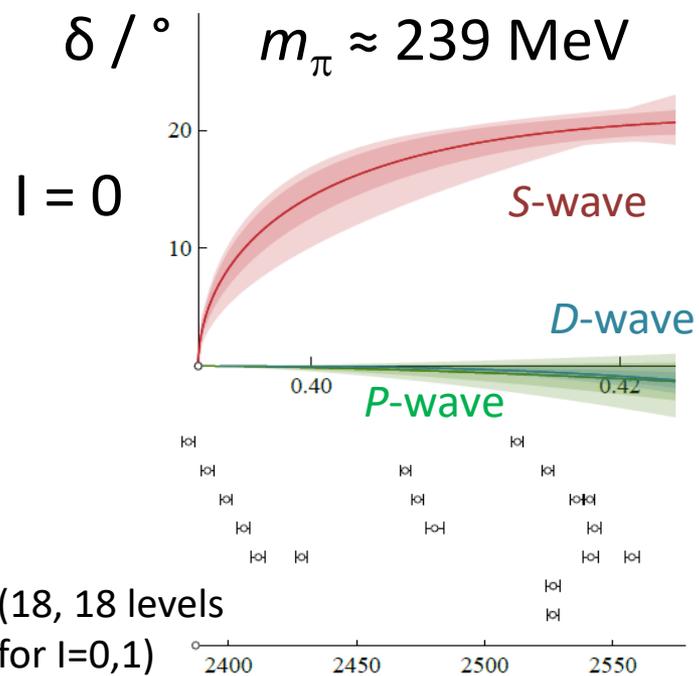
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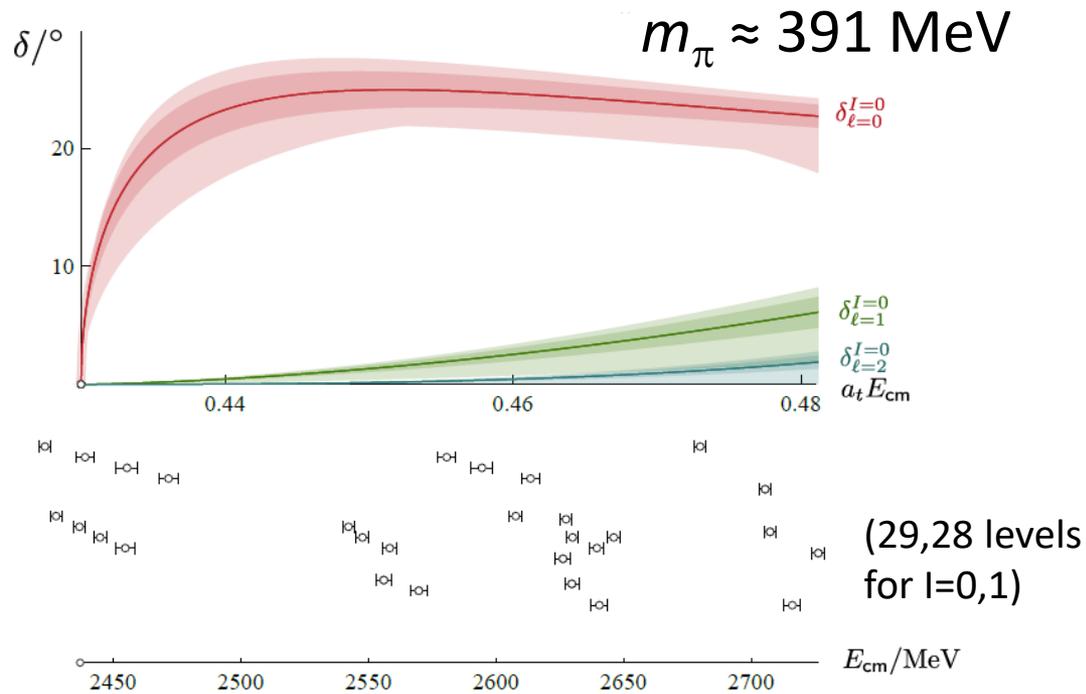
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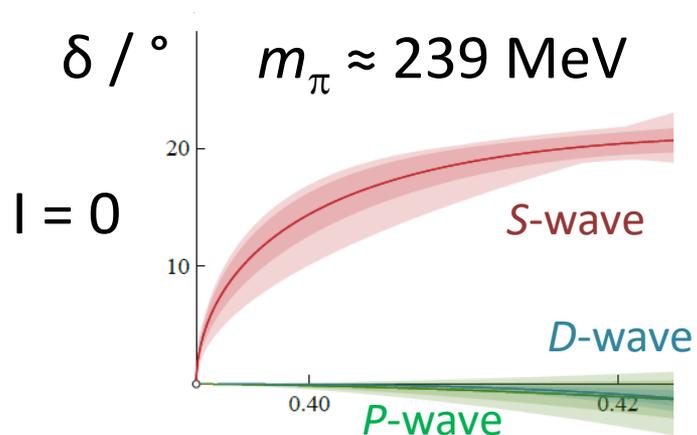
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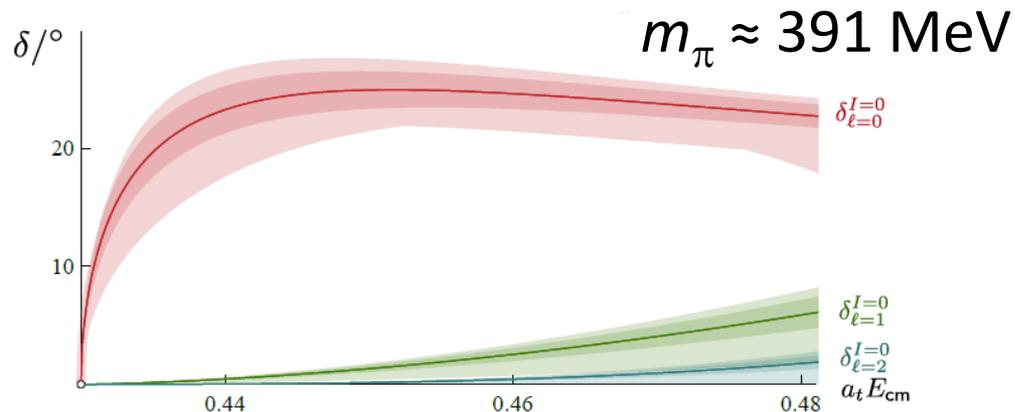
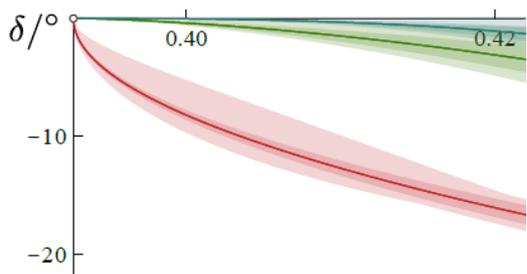
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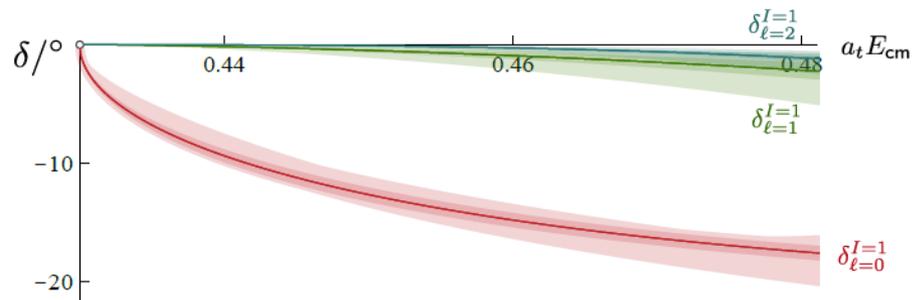
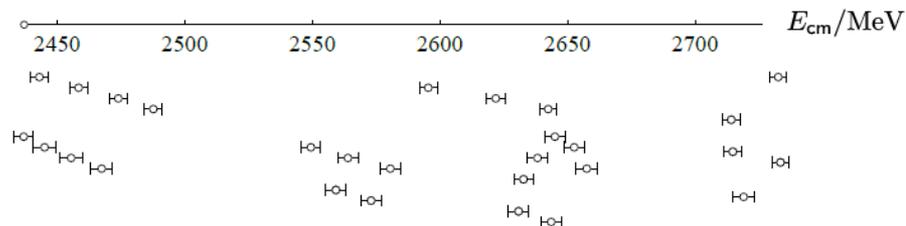


(18, 18 levels  
for  $I=0,1$ )

$I = 1$



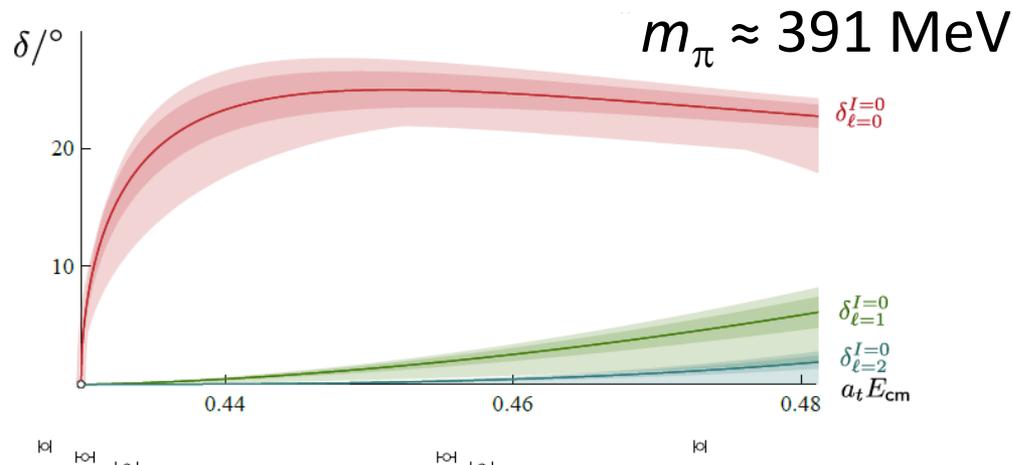
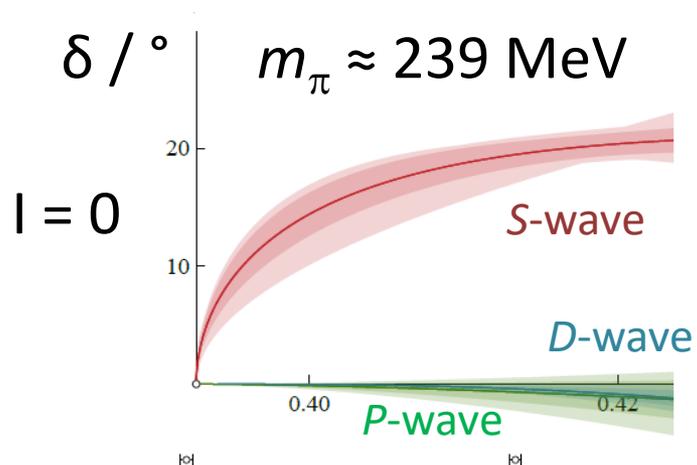
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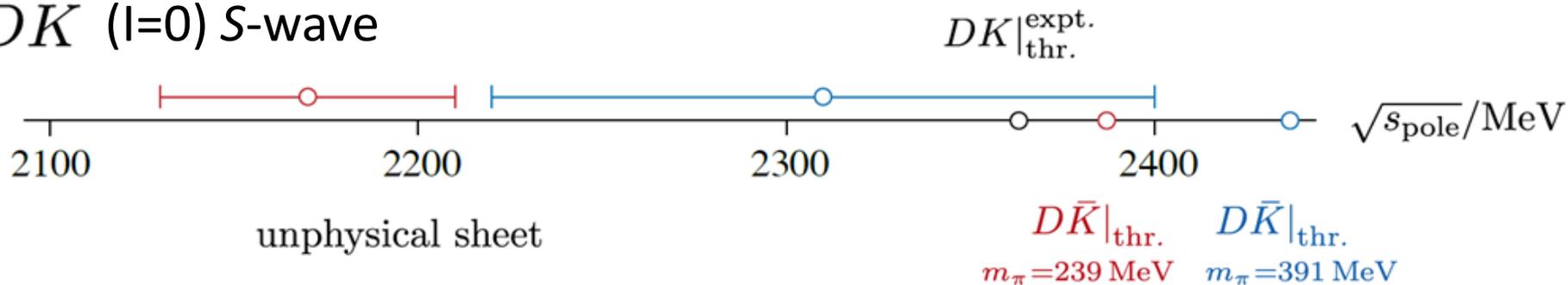
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$D\bar{K}$  ( $I=0$ ) S-wave



Suggestion of a **virtual bound-state pole (exotic flavour)**

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$\delta_{l=0}^{I=1}$

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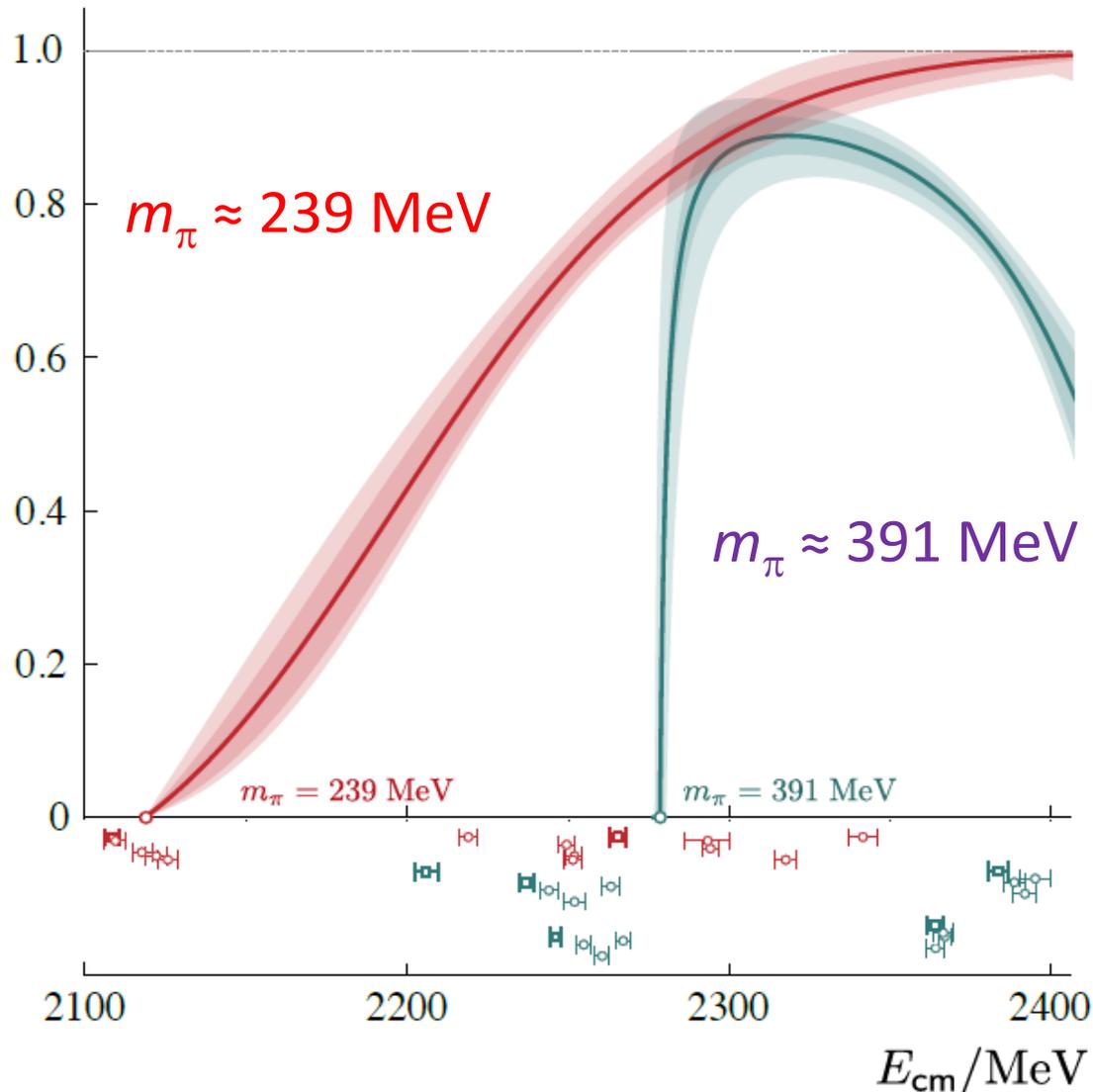
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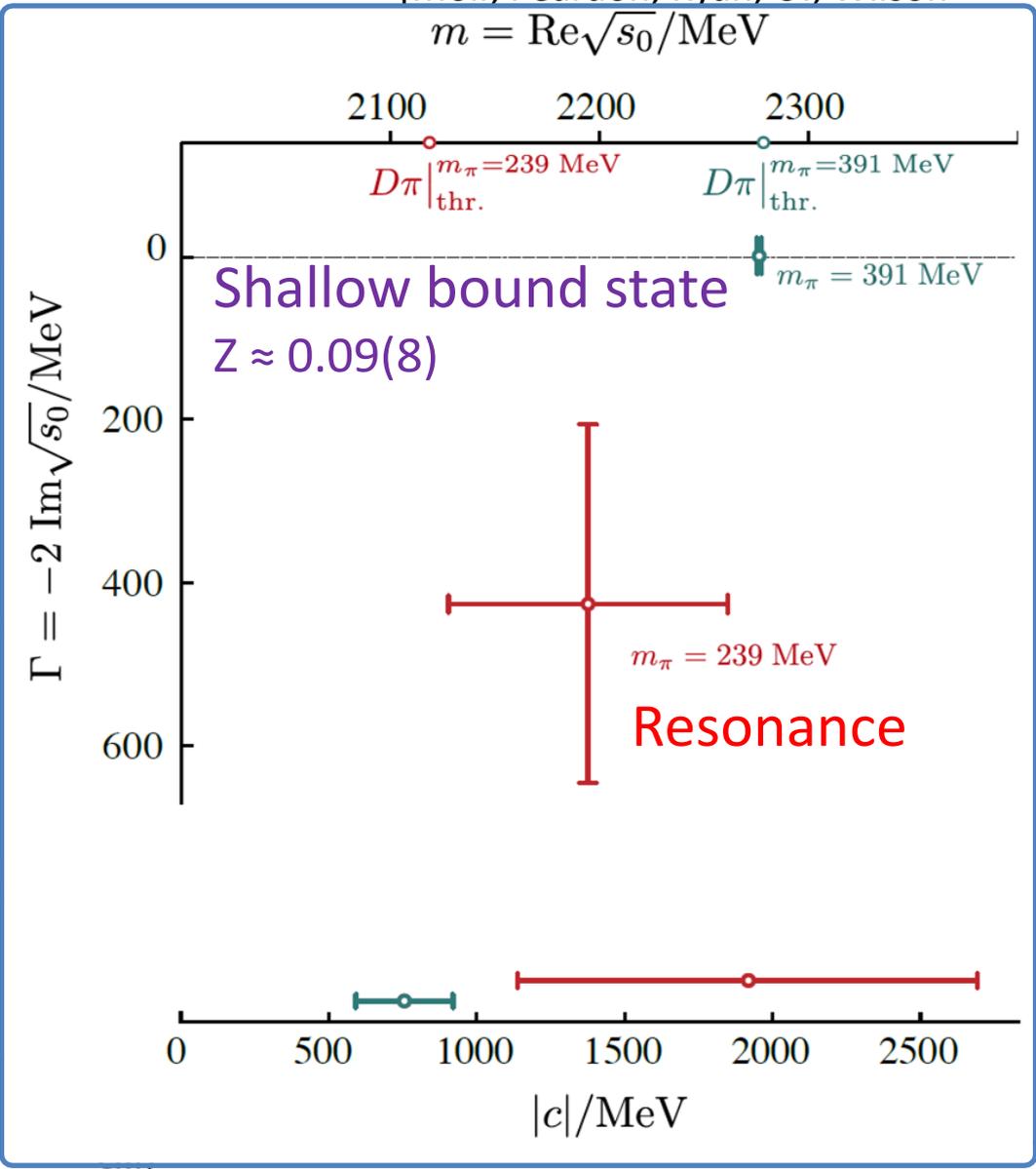
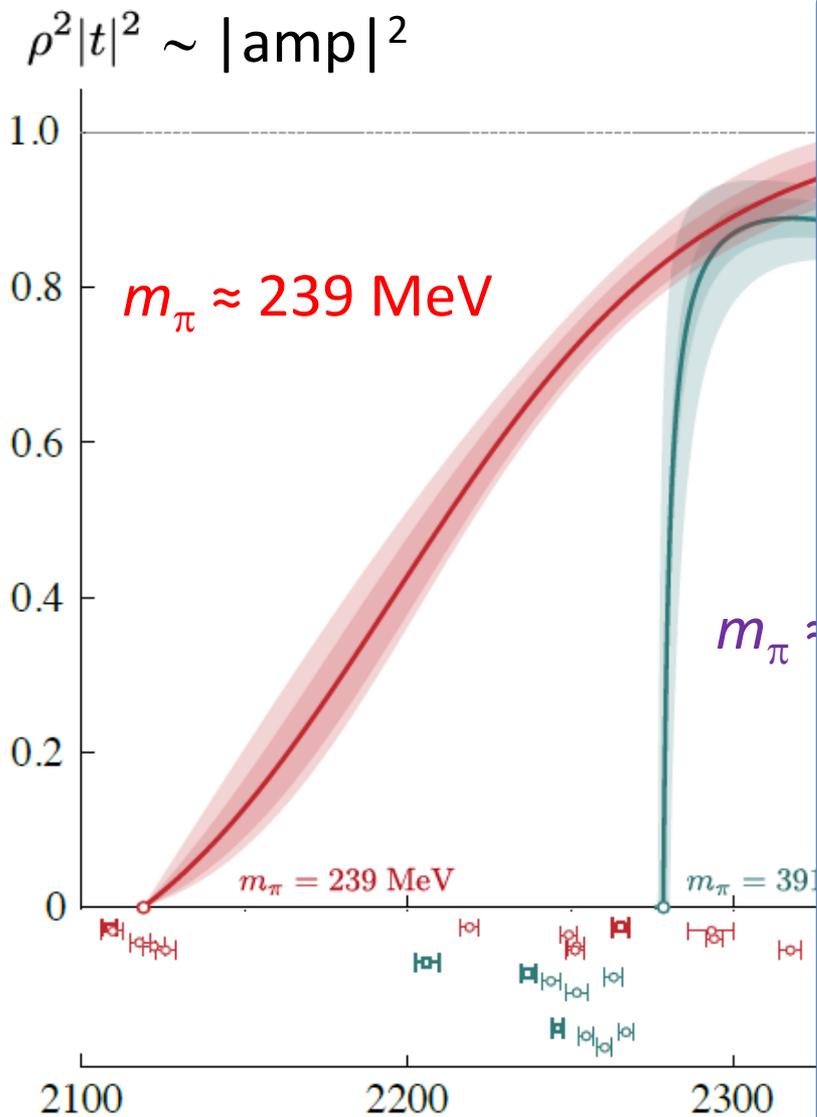
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29 energy levels  
(1 volume)

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47 energy levels  
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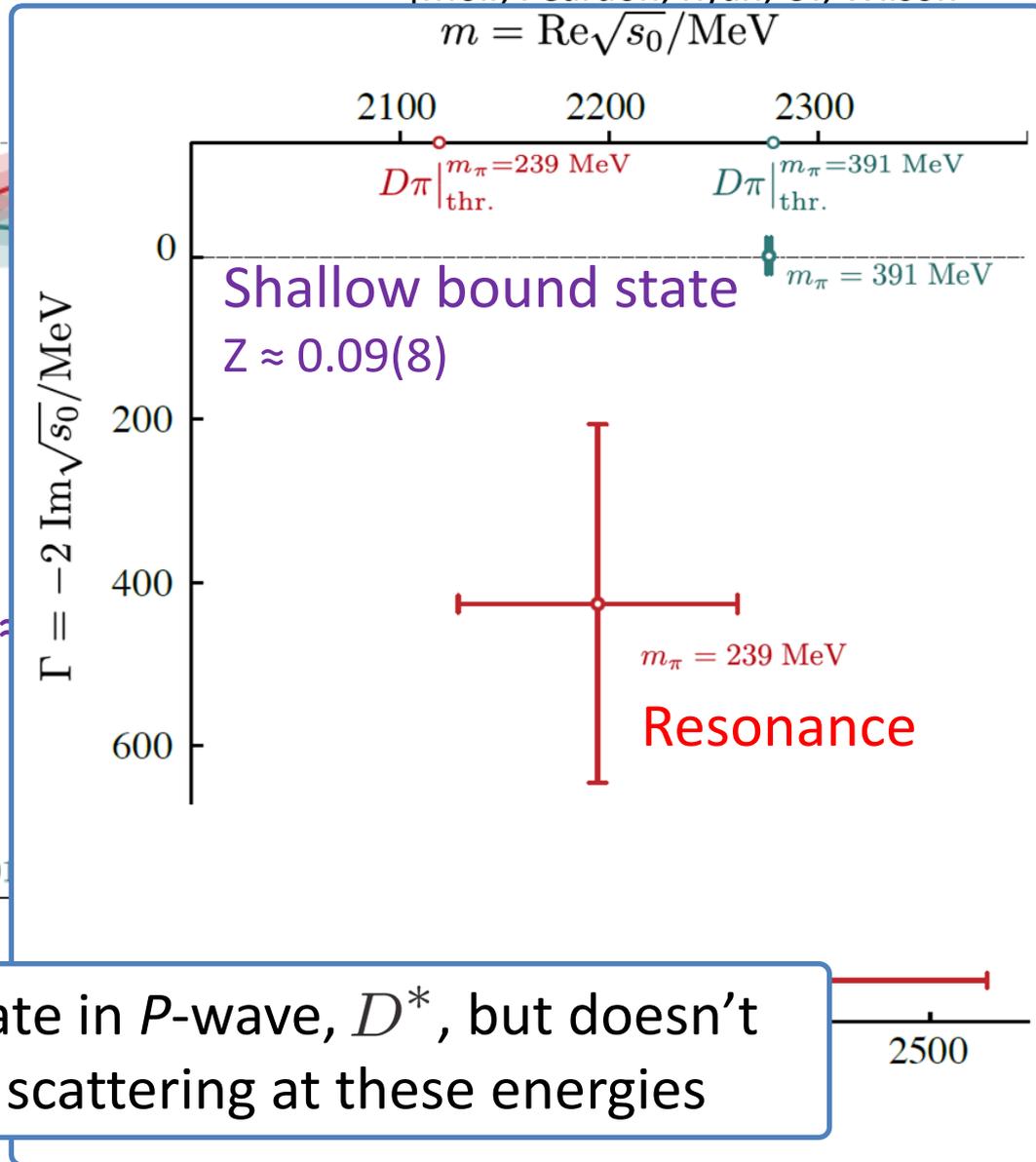
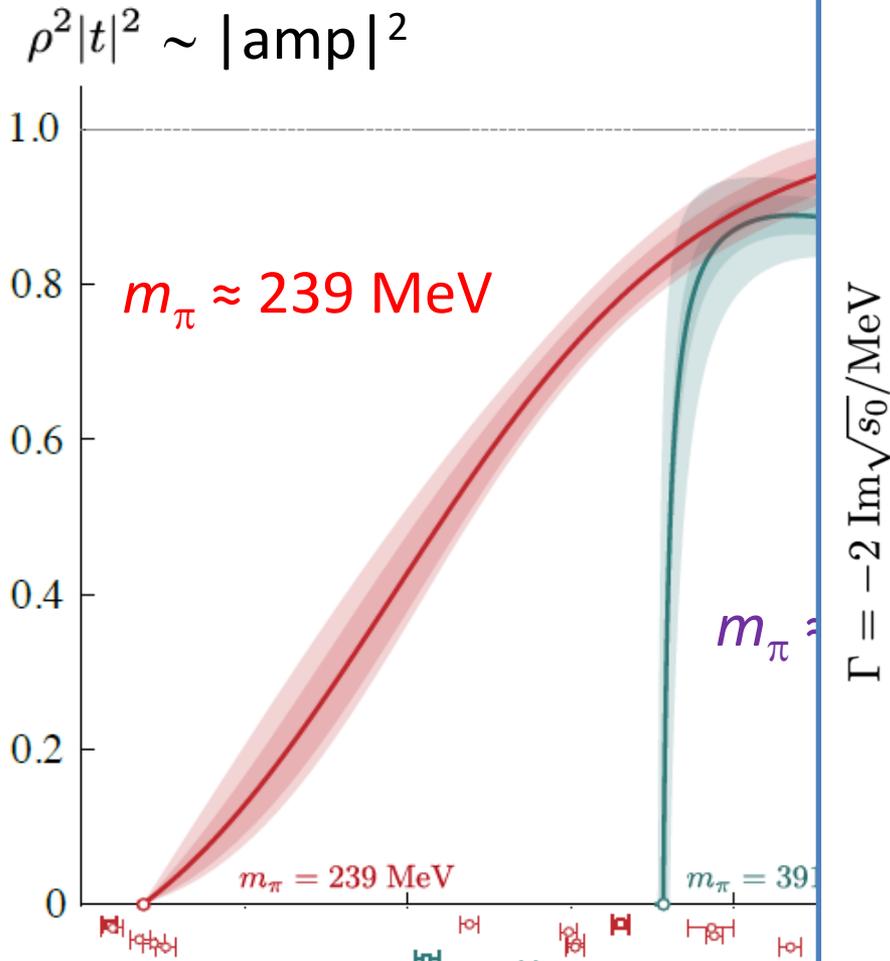
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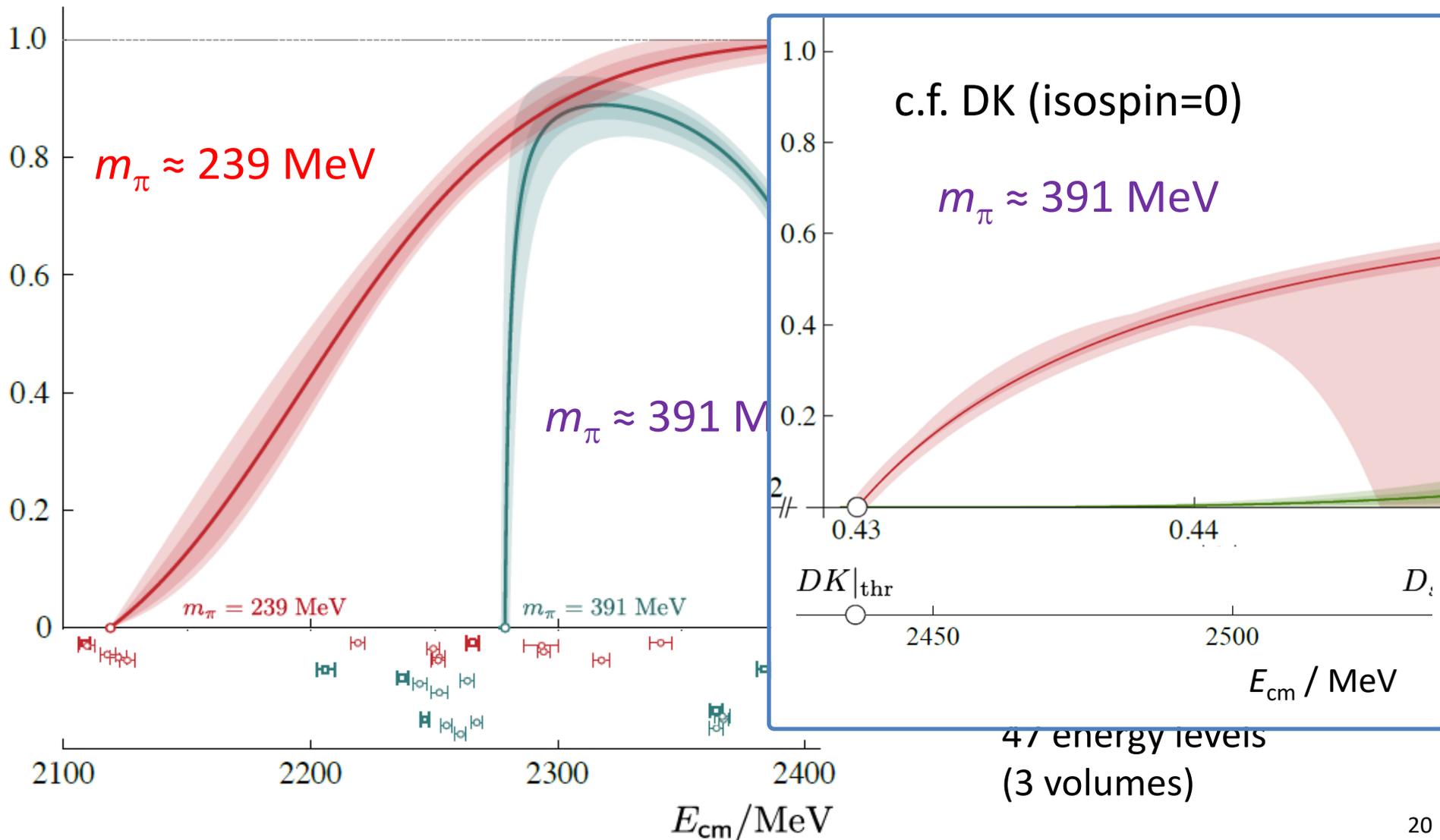
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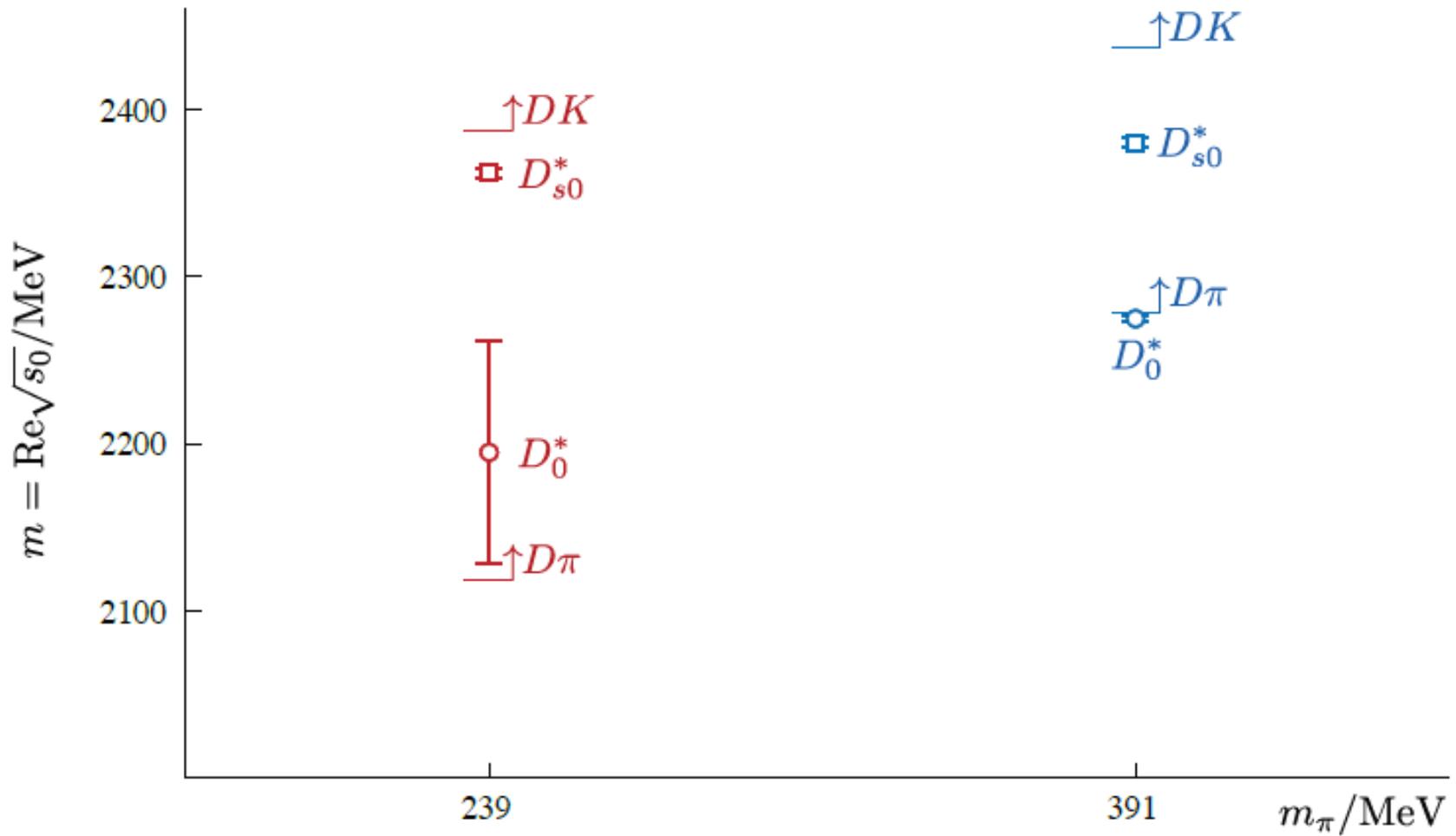
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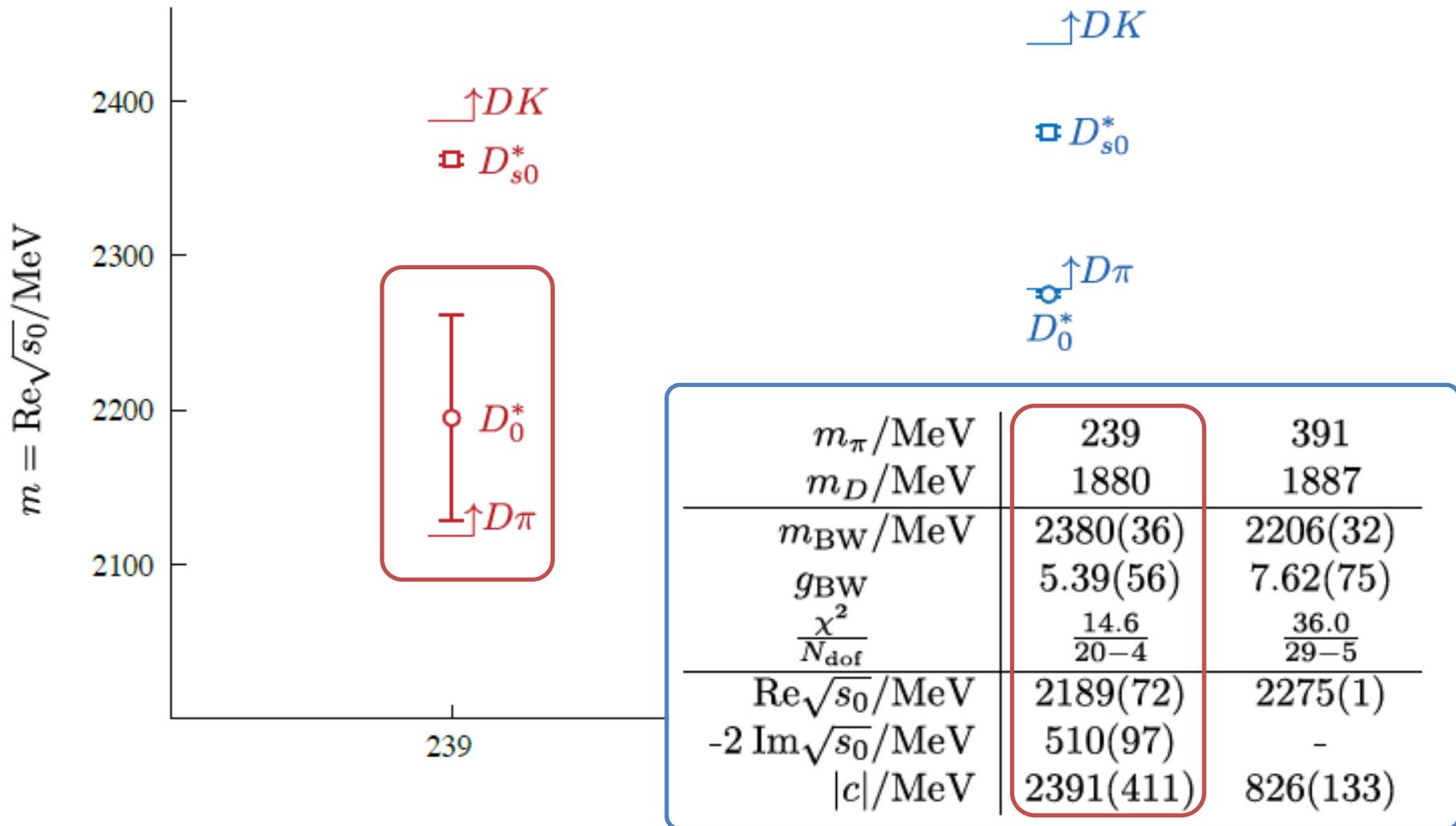
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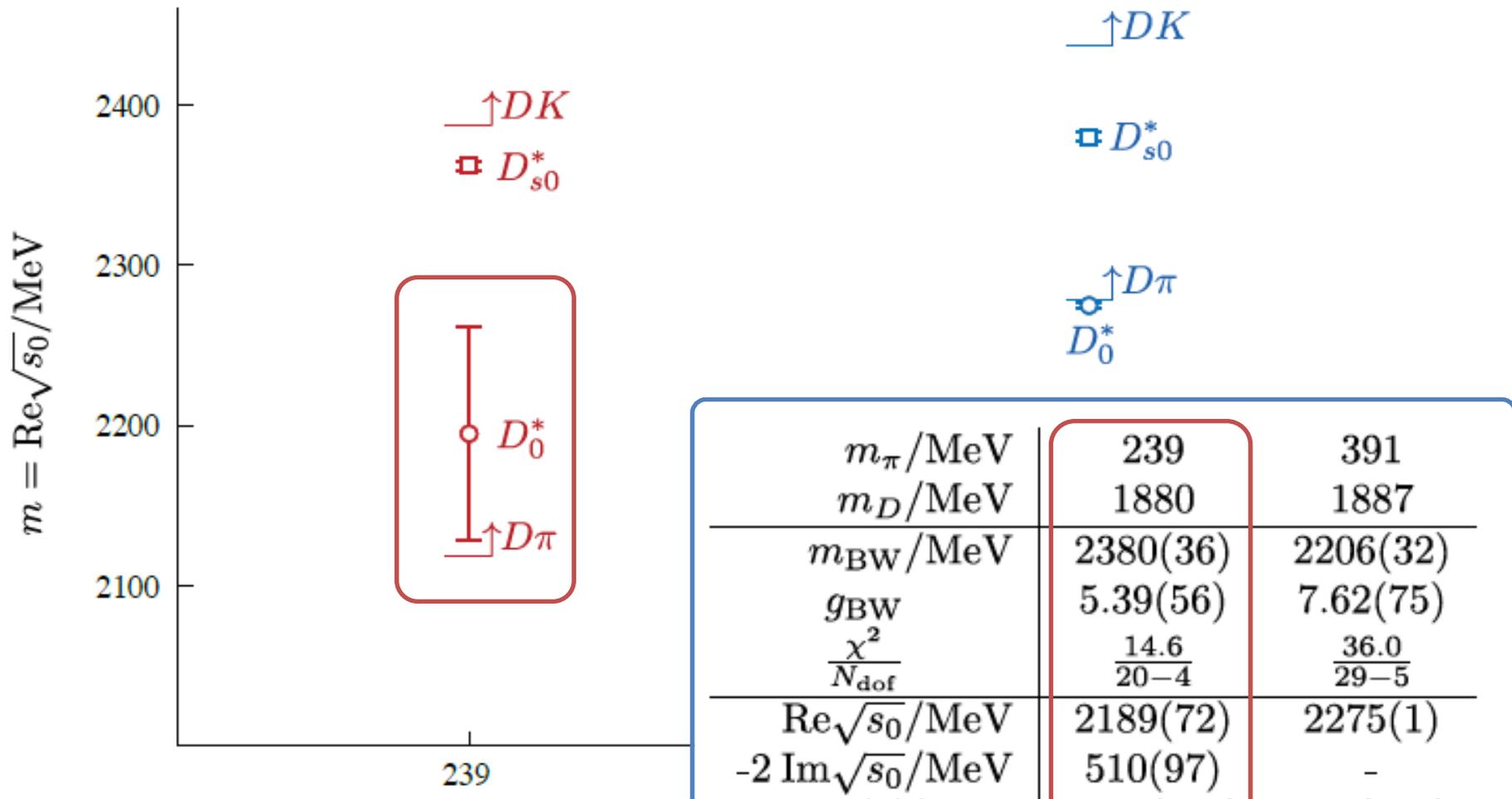
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$D_0^*$  pole position may be lower than currently reported exp. mass.  
(See also Du *et al*, PRL 126, 192001 (2021), 2012.04599)

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S-wave results [broken SU(3)] suggest:

$\bar{\mathbf{3}}$  resonance/bound state

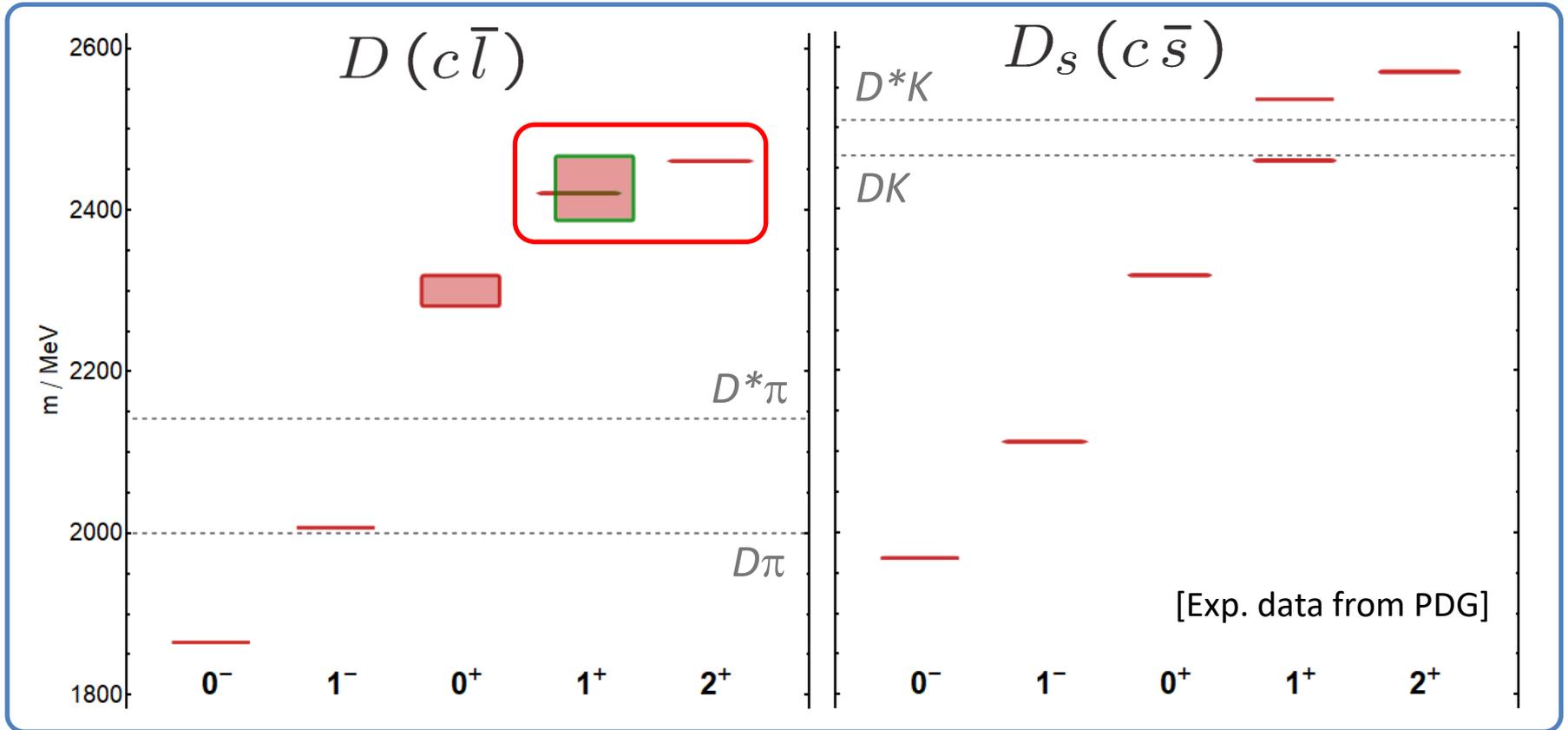
$\mathbf{6}$  virtual bound state

$\bar{\mathbf{15}}$  weak repulsion

[See also PR D87, 014508 (2013) (1208.4535); PL B767, 465 (2017) (1610.06727); PR D98, 094018 (2018) (1712.07957); PR D98 014510 (2018) (1801.10122); EPJ C79, 13 (2019) (1811.05585); arXiv:2106.15391]



# Charm ( $D$ ) and charm-strange ( $D_s$ ) mesons



Scattering involving non-zero spin hadrons [see also Woss, CT, Dudek, Edwards, Wilson, arXiv:1802.05580 (JHEP)]

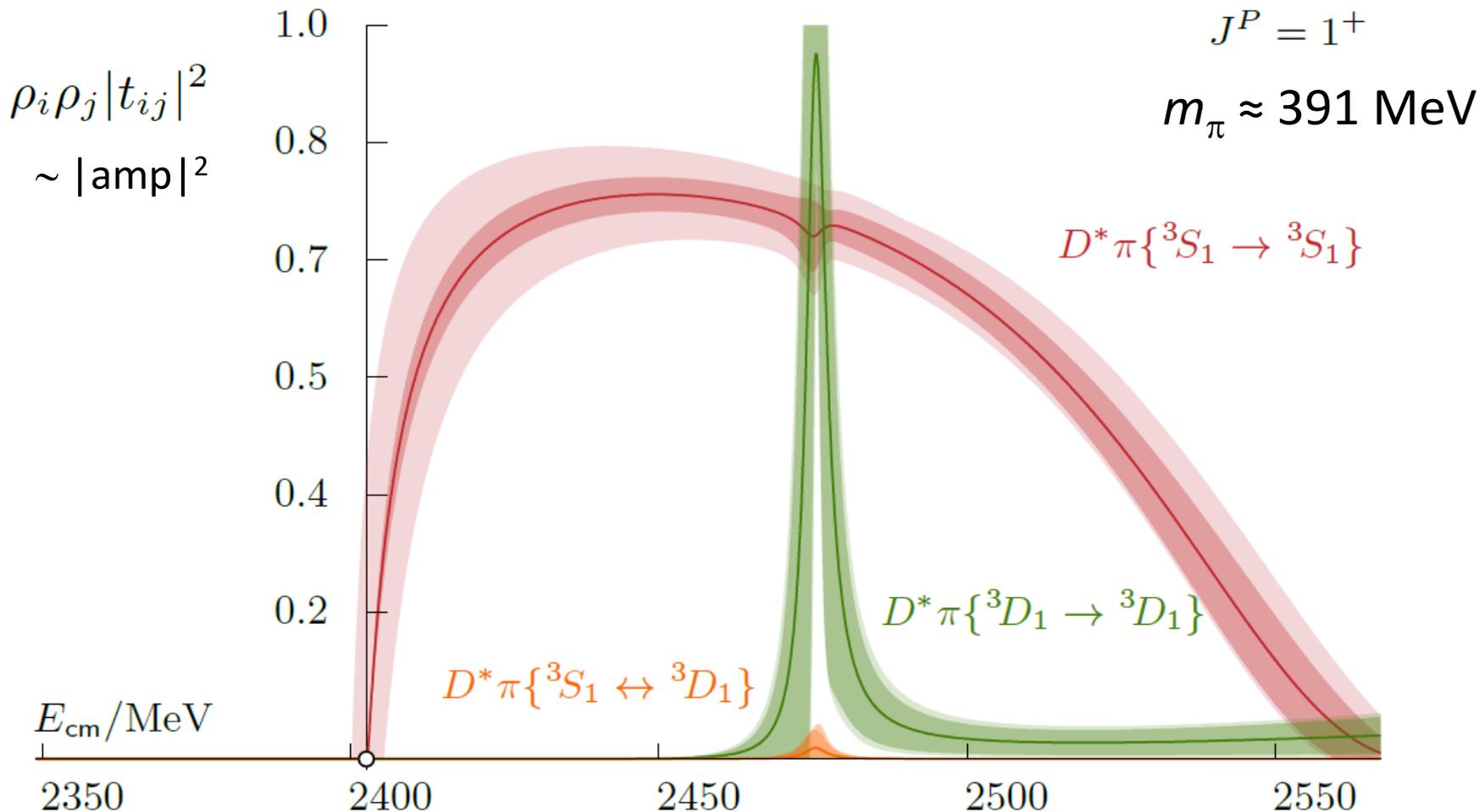
$J = \ell \otimes S$  and different partial waves with the same  $J^P$  can mix dynamically,

$$\text{e.g. } J^P = 1^+ \ ({}^{2S+1}\ell_J = {}^3S_1, {}^3D_1) \quad \mathbf{t} = \begin{bmatrix} t({}^3S_1 | {}^3S_1) & t({}^3S_1 | {}^3D_1) \\ t({}^3S_1 | {}^3D_1) & t({}^3D_1 | {}^3D_1) \end{bmatrix}$$

Finite-volume lattice QCD: reduced sym  $\rightarrow$  additional ‘mixing’

# $D^* \pi$ (isospin=1/2)

[arXiv:2205.05026]

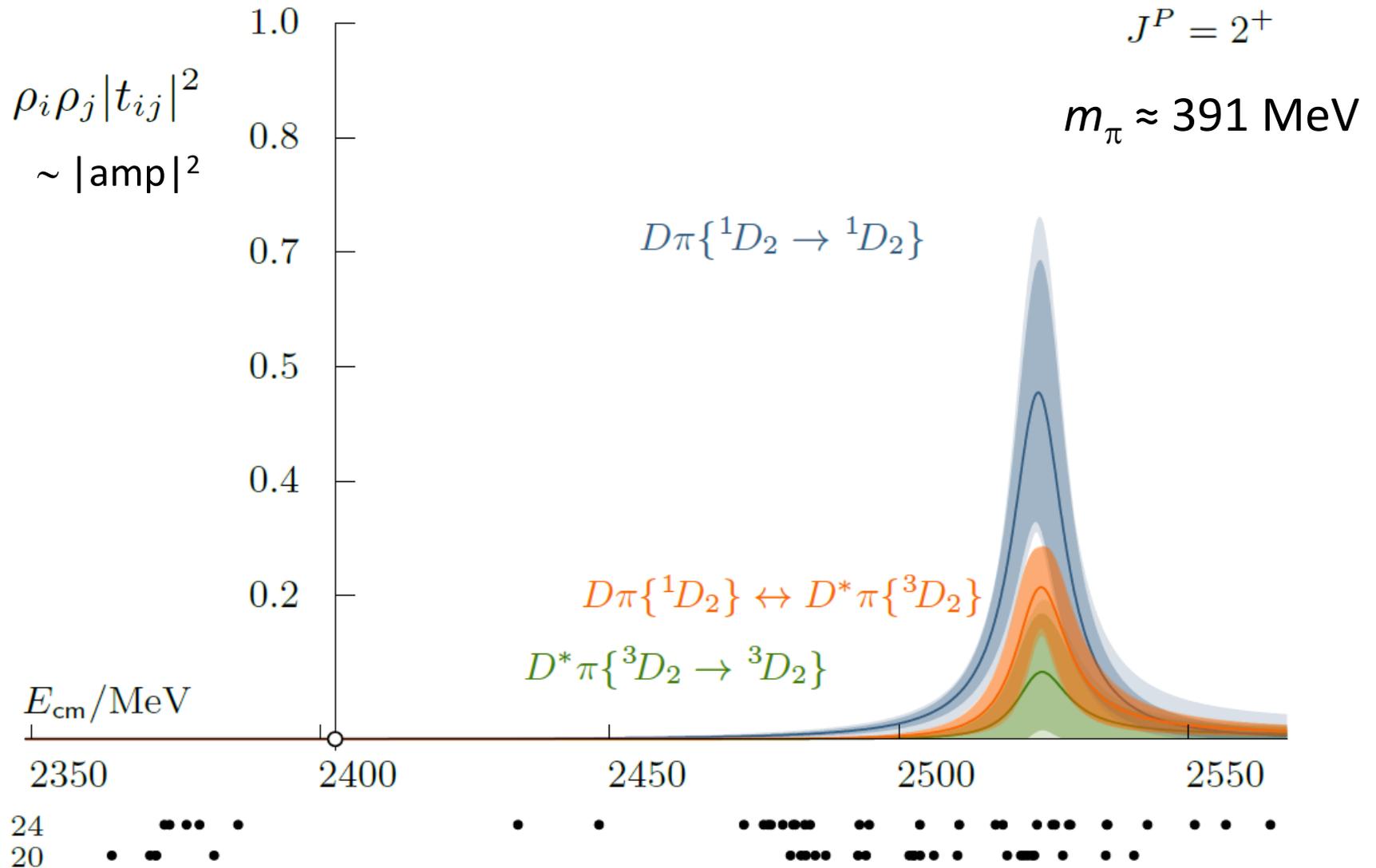


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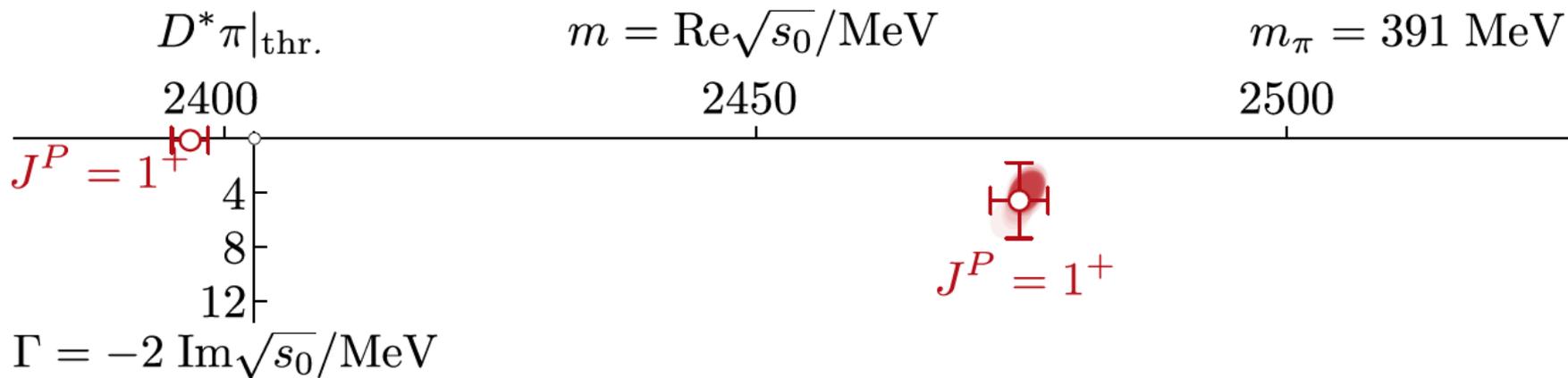
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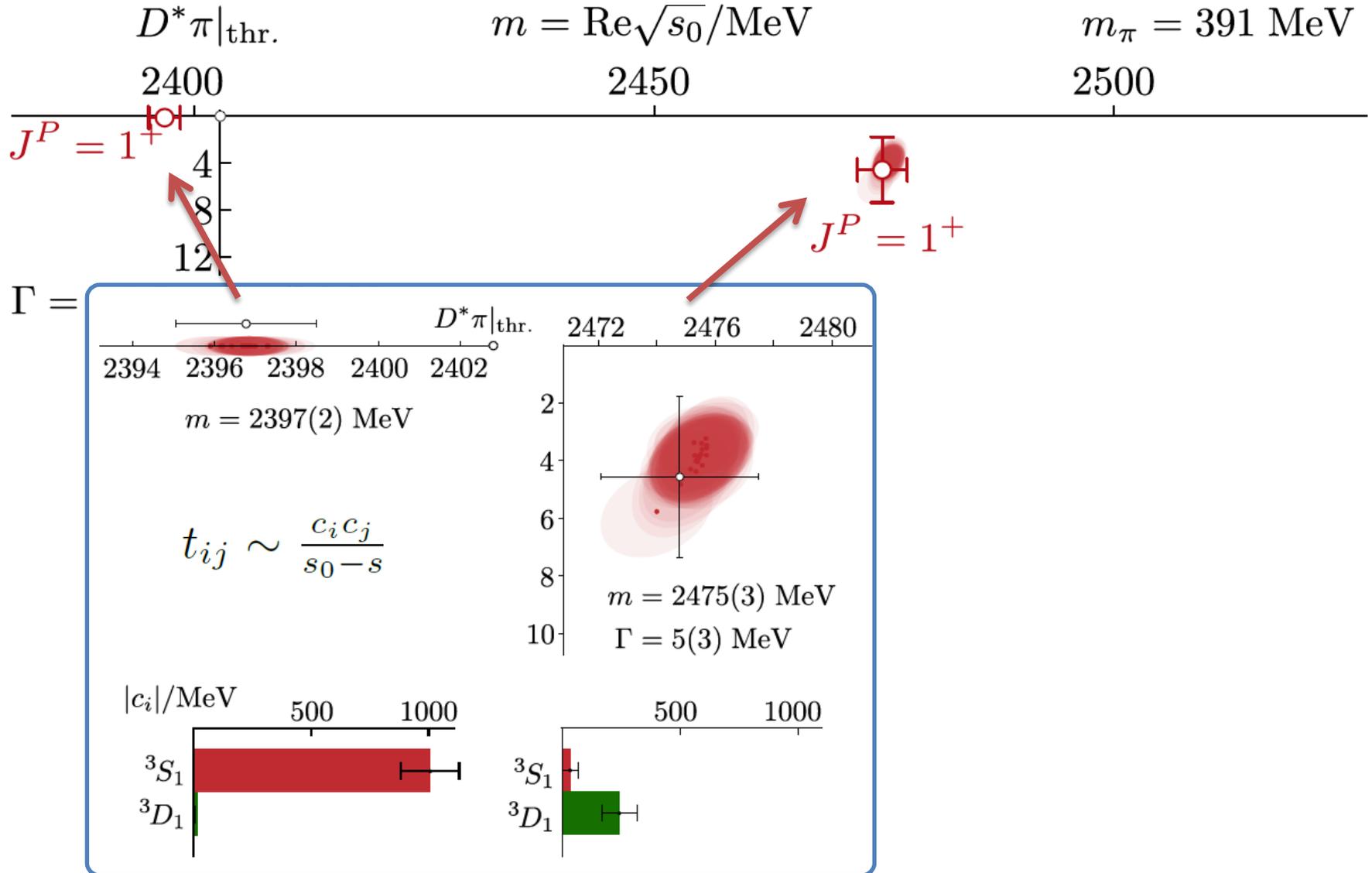
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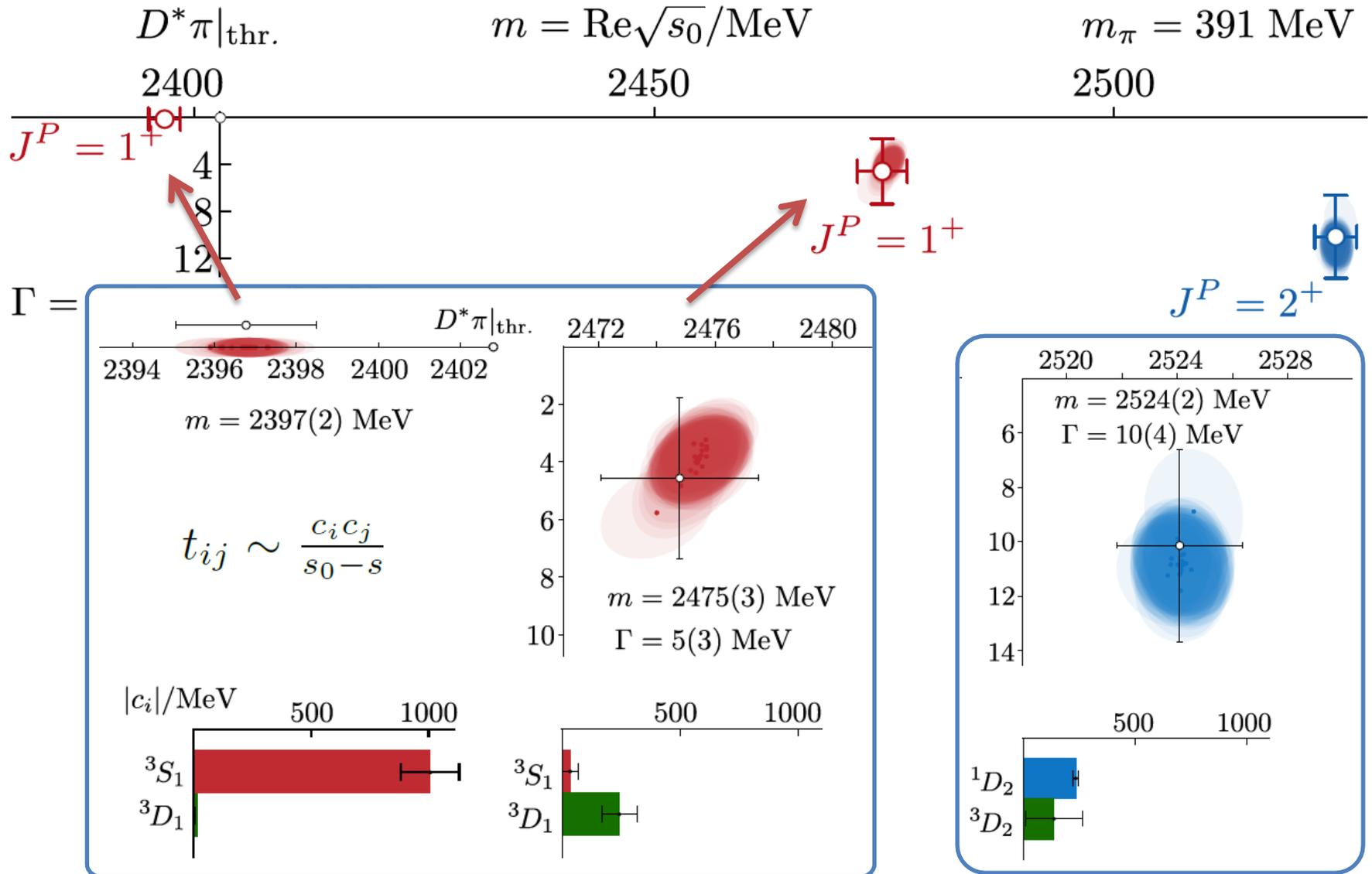
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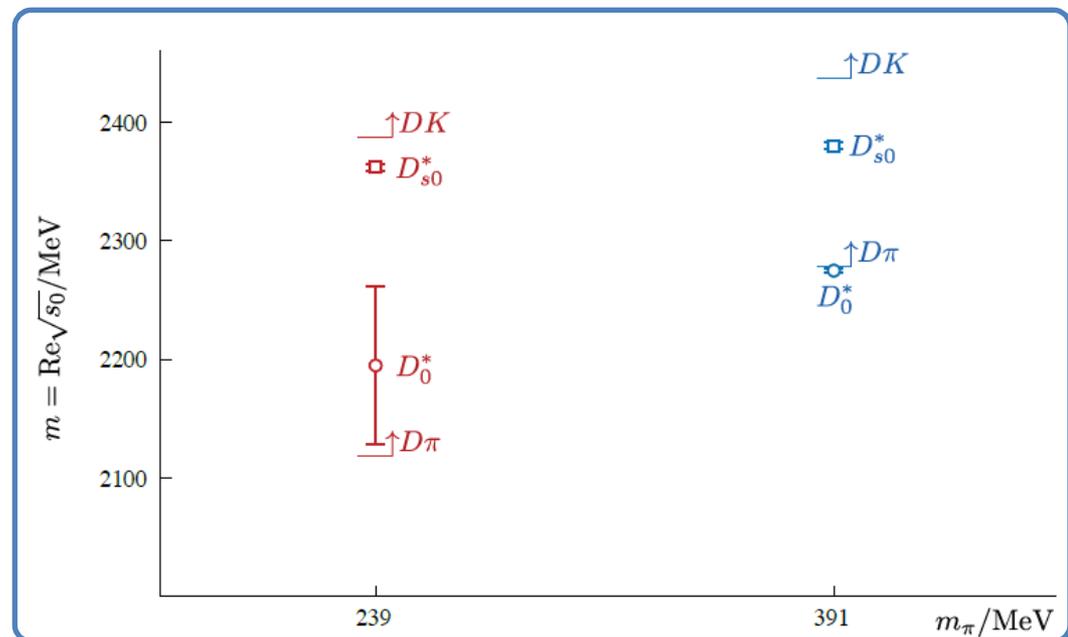
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# Summary

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- $DK$ ,  $D\pi$ , **exotic-flavour** isospin-0  $D\bar{K}$ ,  $D^*\pi$
- Lighter (or heavier) light quarks? With SU(3) flavour sym?
- Further up in energy, inelastic scattering (3-meson scattering)



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