

When heavy-ion collisions help distinguish triangle singularities from actual hadrons



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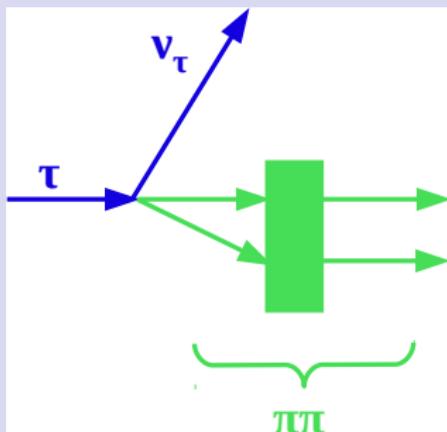
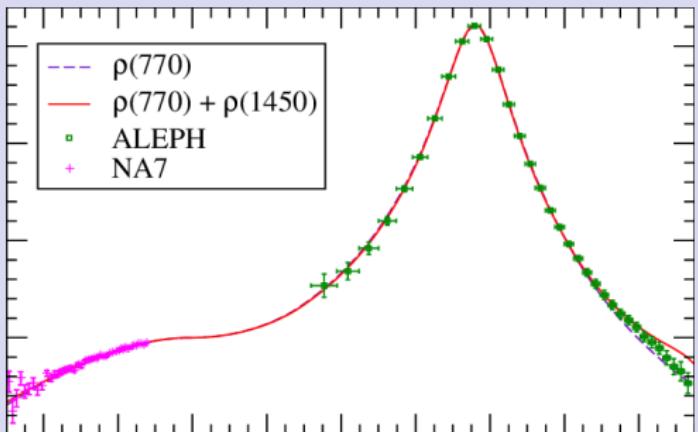
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Traditional resonances came from simple reactions



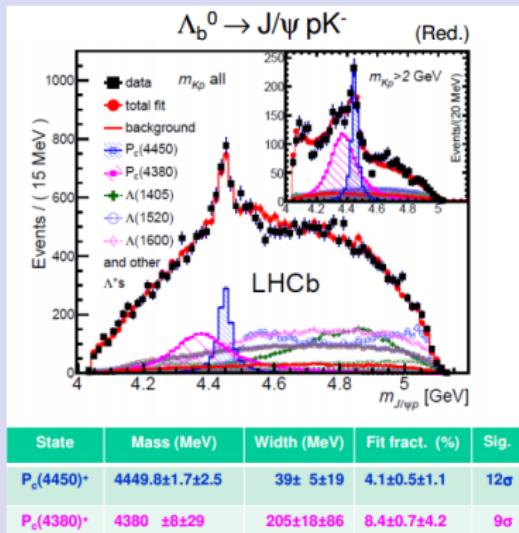
Typically, only two strongly interacting particles in the reaction

Sanz-Cillero, J. & Pich, A. (2003), EPJC. 27. 587-599. 10.1140/epjc/s2002-01128-8.

But many new states appear in multiparticle reactions

Hidden charm pentaquarks?

$$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow K^- \underbrace{(J/\psi p)}_{\text{LHCb pentaquark}}$$

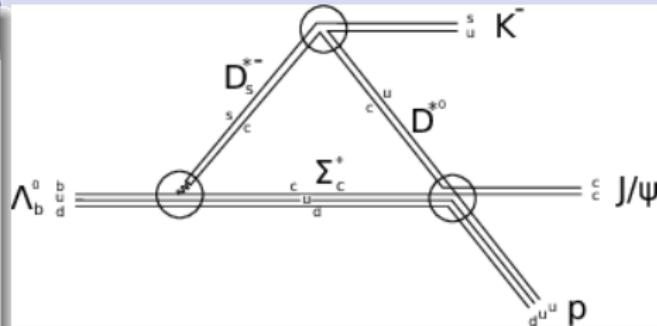


LHCb collaboration 2015

Nonresonant production-amplitude singularities?

Triangle singularity?

$$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*-} \Sigma^+ \rightarrow K^- D^{*0} \Sigma^+ \rightarrow K^- \underbrace{(J/\psi p)}_{\text{Kinematic accident}}$$



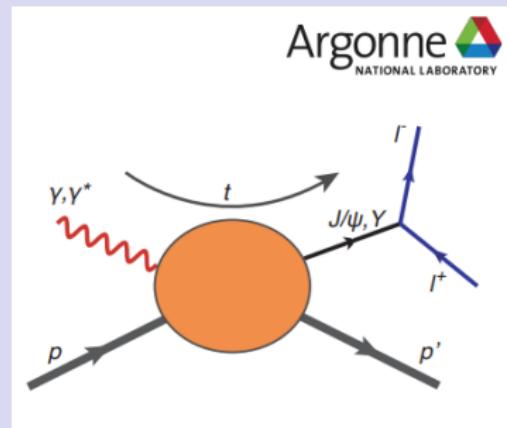
M. Mikashenko 1507.06552

Jlab can cross-check the LHCb pentaquarks

On the works:

$$\gamma/\gamma^* p \rightarrow J/\psi p$$

resonant or not?



Joosten@ Jlab users group meeting June 2021

This work

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Heating triangle singularities in heavy ion collisions

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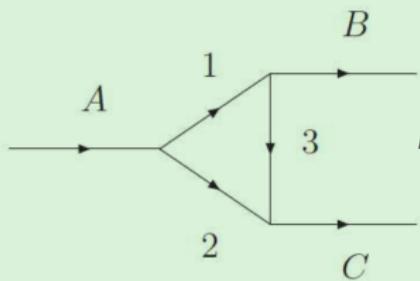
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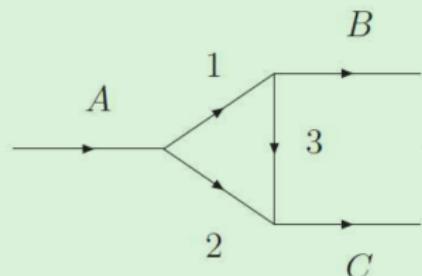
Abstract
We predict that triangle singularities of hadron spectroscopy can be strongly affected in heavy ion collisions. To do it we examine various effects on the singularity-inducing triangle loop of finite temperature in the terminal hadron phase. It appears that peaks seen in central heavy ion collisions are more likely to be hadrons than rescattering effects under two conditions. First, the flight-time of the intermediate hadron state must be comparable to the lifetime of the equilibrated fireball (else, the reaction mostly happens *in vacuo* after freeze out). Second, the medium effect over the triangle-loop particle mass or width must be sizeable. When these (easily checked) conditions are met, the medium quickly reduces the singularity: at T about 150 MeV, even by two orders of magnitude, acting then as a spectroscopic filter.

How do triangle singularities come about?



$$I_{\triangle} = i \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(P - q)^2 - m_1^2 + i\epsilon} \cdot \frac{1}{[(q^2 - m_2^2 + i\epsilon][(P - q - k)^2 - m_3^2 + i\epsilon]]}$$

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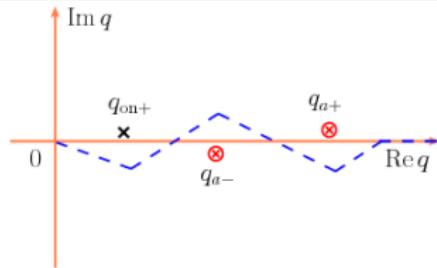


A Feynman diagram illustrating triangle scattering. An incoming particle labeled A splits into two outgoing particles, 1 and 2 . Particle 1 then interacts with particle 2 to produce particle 3 , which finally decays into particles B and C .

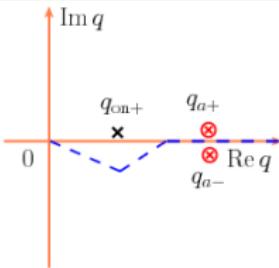
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- All particles on-shell
- Classically allowed triangle scattering

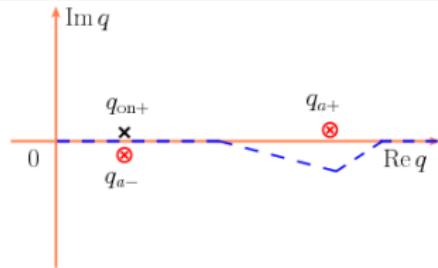
Poles in complex q^0 plane



(a)



(b)



(c)

No singularity
upon integrating

Threshold
singularity

Triangle
singularity

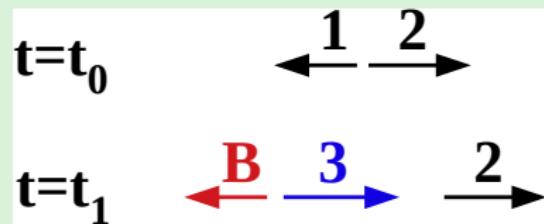
Bayar, Aceti, Guo and Oset, Phys.Rev.D 94 (2016) 7, 074039

Coleman-Norton theorem

$$t=t_0 \quad \xleftarrow{1} \xrightarrow{2}$$

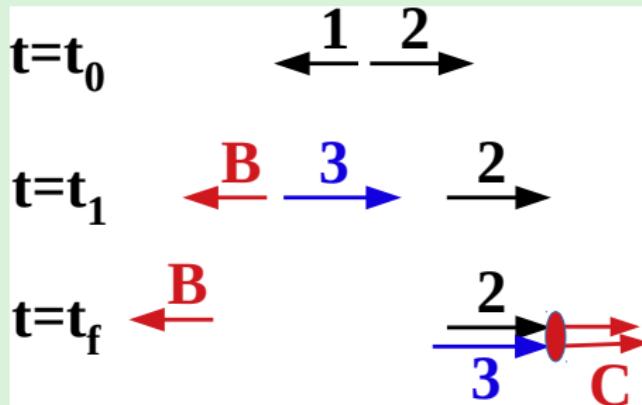
Particles 1 & 2 in the loop fly off

Coleman-Norton theorem



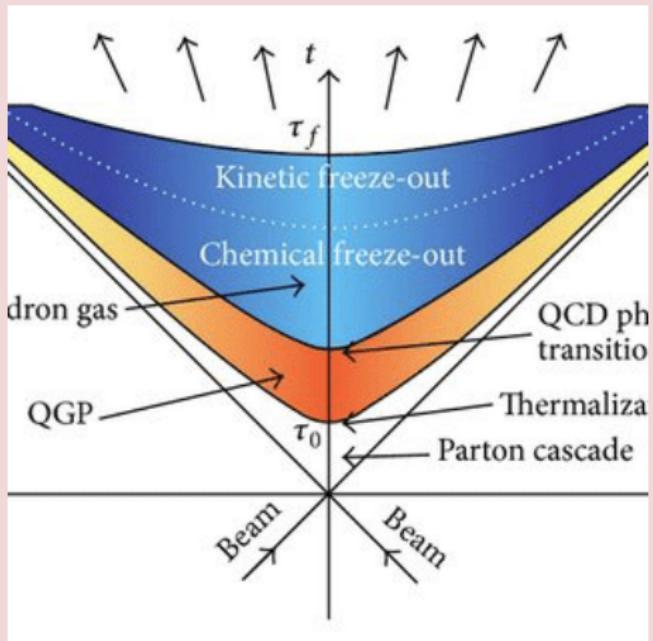
Particle 1 decays collinearly; $v_3 > v_2$

Coleman-Norton theorem



Particle 3 collides with 2 and they scatter into C

Hadron gas upon cooling of quark-gluon plasma

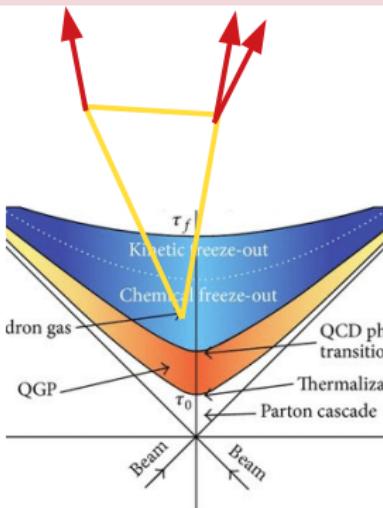
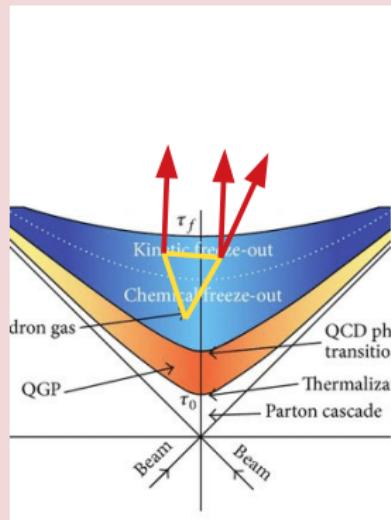


PhD dissertation of Shusu Shi, Univ. of Central China 2010

https://www.bnl.gov/userscenter/thesis/past-competitions/2010/Shi/PhDthesis_ShusuShi.pdf

When should the medium affect the singularity?

- Basically, when the medium's lifetime \sim triangle's lifetime τ_A



Flight time

$$\tau_A = \frac{\gamma(\beta_1)}{\Gamma_1} \frac{\beta_3 - \beta_1}{\beta_3 - \beta_2}$$

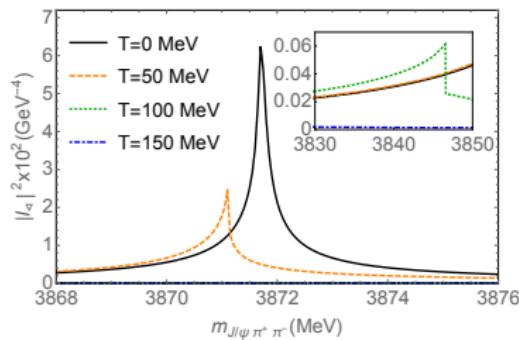
$$\beta_2 = \beta \frac{E_2^* - p_2^*/\beta}{E_2^* - p_2^* \beta},$$
$$\beta = \frac{k}{E_c} \text{ etc.}$$

(Strong) process in medio (Weak) process in vacuo

Example: not enough time

A singularity coincident with $X(3872)$

$$c\bar{c} \rightarrow \overbrace{(D^{*-}(1)D^{*0}(2))}^{\text{(A)}} \xrightarrow{D^0(3)} \overbrace{\pi^-}^{\text{(B)}} \overbrace{(J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-)}^{\text{(C)}}.$$

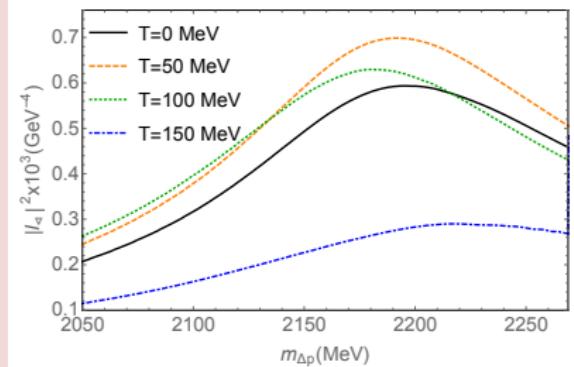
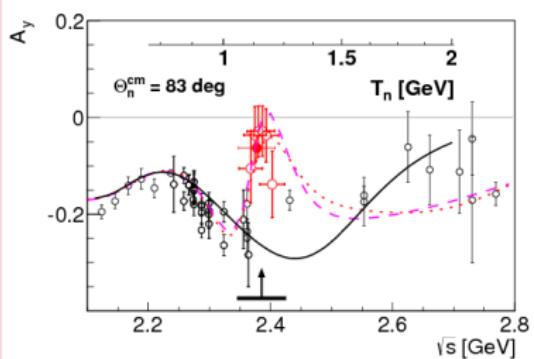
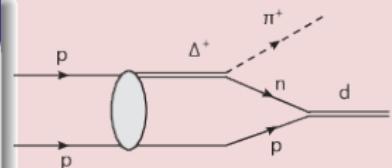
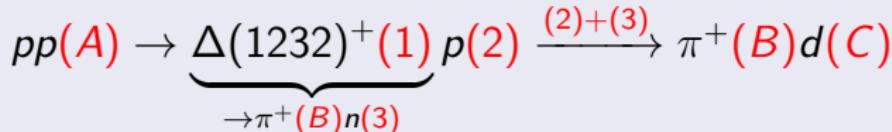


- The singularity would be affected by the medium
- but $\tau_A \simeq 2300$ fm $\gg 10$ fm

S. X. Nakamura, Phys. Rev. D **102**, 074004 (2020)

Example: sufficient time

d^* deuteron/hexaquark a triangle singularity?



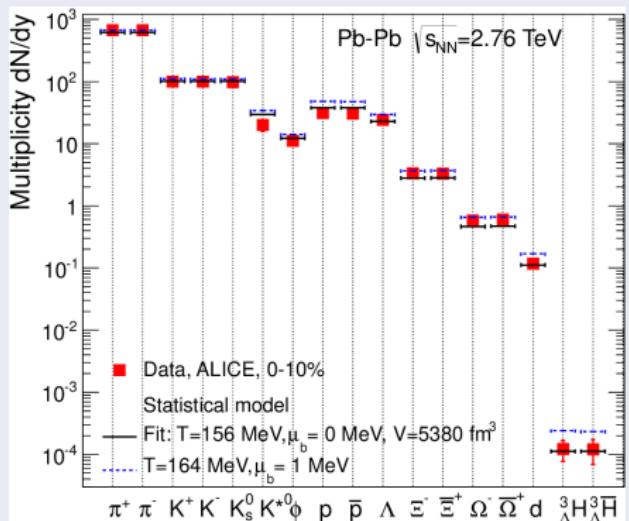
Our ($p\Delta$) spectrum, $\tau_A \sim 5$ fm

WASA-at-COSY Coll., P. Adlarson *et al.* PRL 112 (2014) 20, 202301

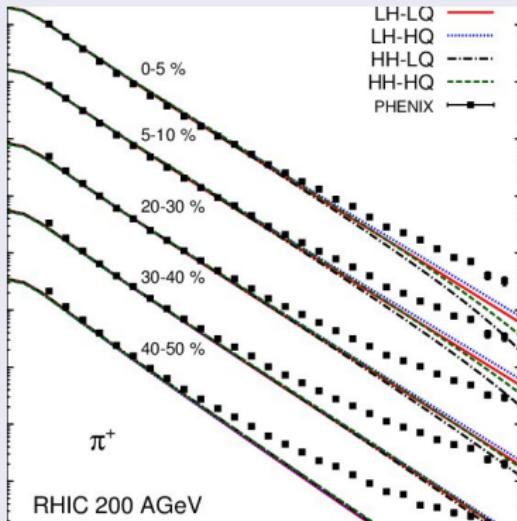
N. Ikeno, R. Molina, E. Oset e-Print: 2103.01712 [nucl-th]

Calculational method

The hadron gas is near thermal equilibrium



Yield of different hadrons



p_t spectra

J. Stachel, A. Andronic, P. Braun-Munzinger, K. Redlich, J.Phys.Conf.Ser. **509** (2014) 012019

H. Niemi *et al.* Phys.Rev.C **86** (2012) 014909

Appropriate to use Thermal Field Theory

- First effect: Sum triangle over Matsubara frequencies, $\beta := 1/T$

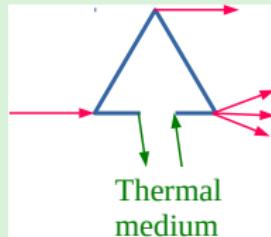
$$q^0 \rightarrow i\omega_n = i\frac{2\pi n}{\beta} \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots,$$

$$\int \frac{dq^0}{(2\pi)} f(q^0, \vec{q}) \rightarrow S_M = \frac{i}{\beta} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} f(\omega_n, \vec{q}),$$

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Triangle in terms of

Bose-Einstein factors $n_\beta = \frac{1}{e^{\beta E} - 1}$



$$\begin{aligned} I_4 &\simeq \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{8E_1 E_2 E_3} \frac{1}{(P^0 - \tilde{E}_1 - \tilde{E}_2)} \\ &\times \frac{1}{(P^0 - k^0 - \tilde{E}_2 - \tilde{E}_3)} \frac{1}{(k^0 - \tilde{E}_1 + \tilde{E}_3)} \\ &\times \left\{ \left[1 + 2n_\beta(\tilde{E}_2) \right] \left(-k^0 + \tilde{E}_1 - \tilde{E}_3 \right) \right. \\ &+ \left[1 + 2n_\beta(P^0 - \tilde{E}_1) \right] \left(P^0 - k^0 - \tilde{E}_2 - \tilde{E}_3 \right) \\ &+ \left. \left[1 + 2n_\beta(k^0 - P^0 + \tilde{E}_3) \right] \left(P^0 - \tilde{E}_1 - \tilde{E}_2 \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

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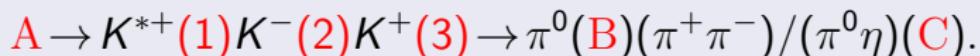
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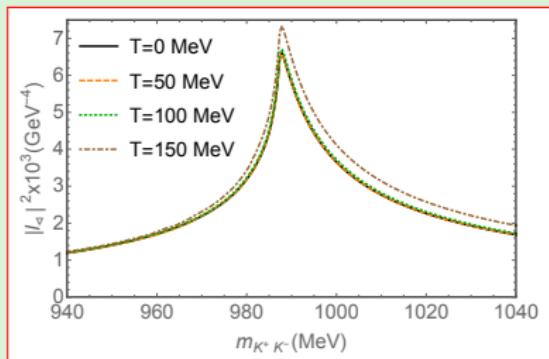
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Triangle barely affected by T

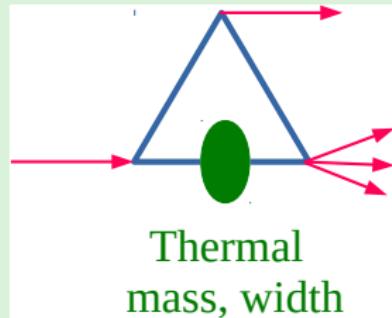
COMPASS Coll. M.G.Alexeev *et al.* 2006.05342 [hep-ph]

M. Mikhasenko, B. Ketzer, Andrey Sarantsev Phys.Rev.D **91** (2015) 9, 094015

In medio masses and widths

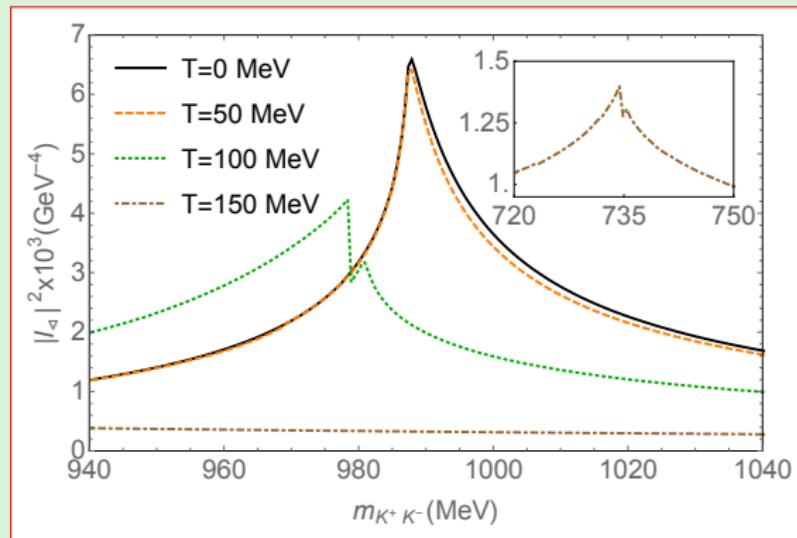
- $M, \Gamma(T)$ Taken from literature (in GeV)

T	0	0.05	0.1	0.15
m_{K^\pm}	0.49367	0.49367	0.4906	0.37
$m_{K^{*+}}$	0.89166	0.8877	0.8207	0.508
$\Gamma_{K^{*+}}$	0.0508	0.0509	0.0532	0.0588



and many more...

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Indeed, the singularity is erased at 150 MeV

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T	0	0.05	0.1	0.15
m_π	0.13957	0.13985	0.141	0.144

A.Schenk, Phys. Rev. D **47** (1993), 5138

A.Gómez Nicola & R. Torres Andrés, Phys. Rev. D **89** (2014), 116009

M.Cheng *et al.* Eur. Phys. J.C **71** (2011), 1564

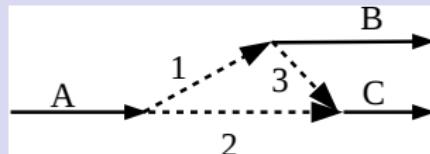
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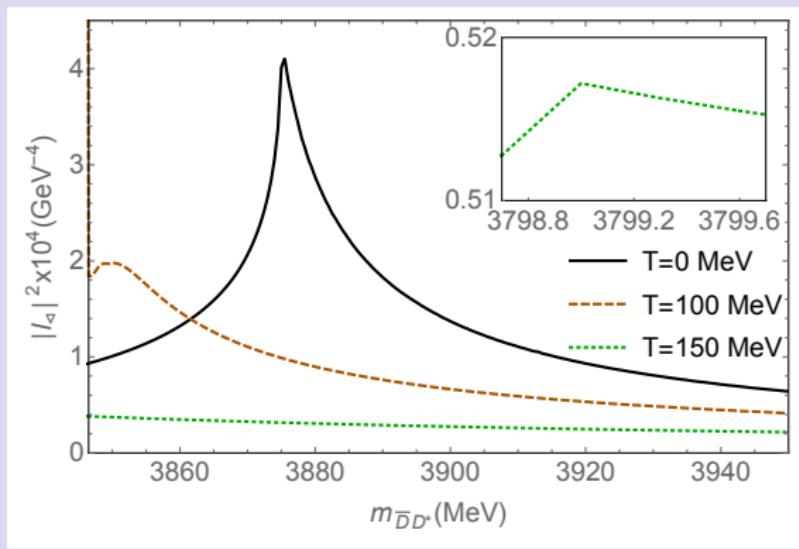
Wang, Hanhart and Zhao PRL 111, 132003 (2013)

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- A reaction with two exotics?
- $Y(4260) \sim \psi(4260)$ because 1^{--} conventional $c\bar{c}$
- $Y(4260)$ near s -wave threshold for open charm, at $D_1 D$
- $Z_c(3900)$ a manifest, charged exotic
- Triangle diagram with D_1 (1) D^* (3) D (2)



Heavy Ion Collisions could help



If a triangle singularity, washed out in heavy ion collisions
(but hard to detect $\pi\pi J/\psi$ with the combinatorial background)

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