

# Near Threshold States in Coupled $DD^*$ – $D^*D^*$ Scattering From Lattice QCD

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# The $T_{cc}^+(3875)$

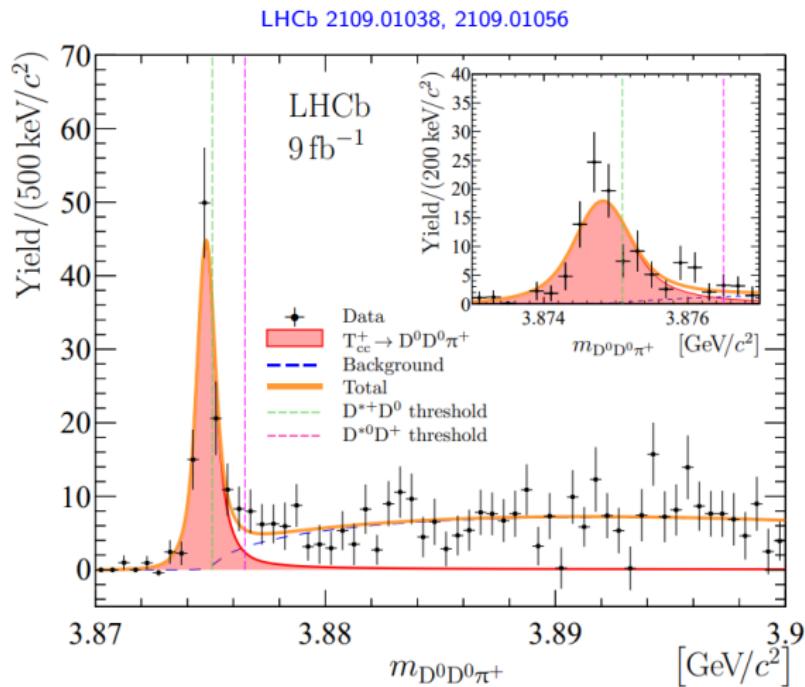
- $T_{cc}^+(3875)$  was discovered by LHCb in the invariant mass spectrum of  $D^0 D^0 \pi^+$

- The mass and width:

$$\delta m = -360 \pm 40^{+4}_{-0} \text{ keV}$$

$$\Gamma = 48 \pm 2^{+0}_{-14} \text{ keV}$$

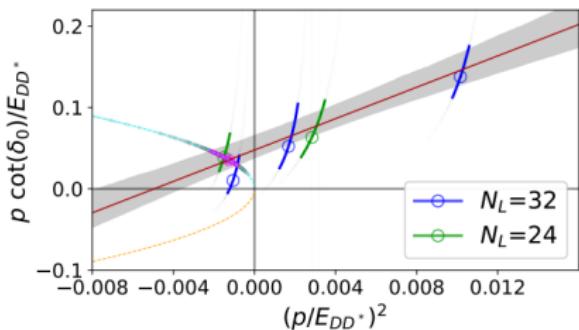
- Consistent with  $J^P = 1^+$ ,  $I = 0$  and quark content  $cc\bar{u}\bar{d}$



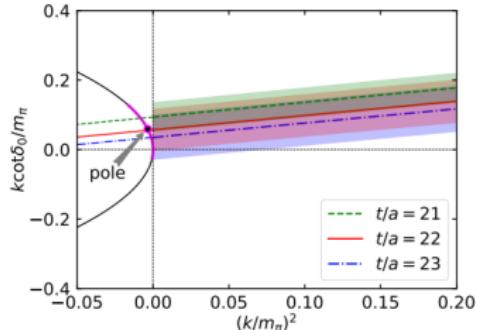
LHCb data ends at 3900 MeV. The  $D^{*0} D^{**}$  threshold opens at 4077.11 MeV, which may bring additional features

# Lattice Studies of the $T_{cc}^+(3875)$

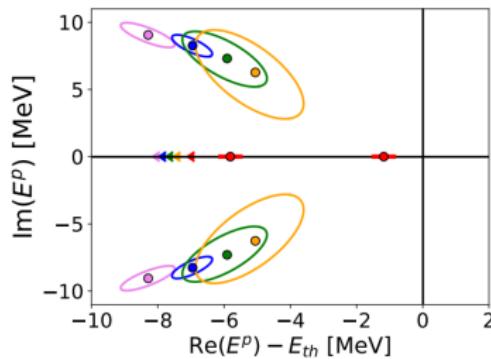
Padmanath and Prelovsek 2202.10110



Lyu et al 2302.04505

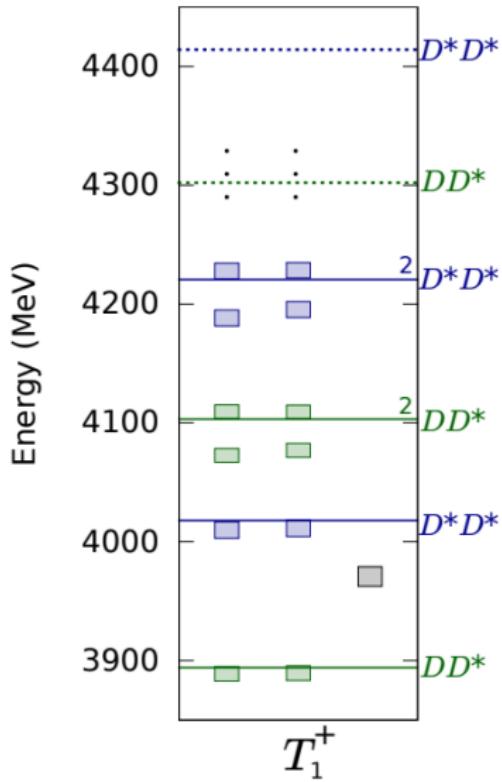


Collins, Nefediev, Padmanath, Prelovsek 2402.14715



# Motivation for a Coupled Channel Calculation

- A variety of theoretical models have predicted a state below  $D^*D^*$  threshold in  $J^P = 1^+, I = 0$ 
  - One gluon exchange [Molina et al 1005.0335](#)
  - Hadronic Molecular Models [Liu et al 1902.03044](#)
  - Heavy Quark Spin Symmetry [M. Albaladejo 2110.02944](#)
  - Chiral EFT [Du et al 2110.13765](#)
- Lattice calculation shows significant shifts of energy levels away from non interacting energies [Cheung et al 1709.01417](#)



# Details of the Calculation

$(L/a_s)^3 \times (T/a_t)$	$N_{\text{cfgs}}$	$N_{\text{tsrcs}}$	$N_{\text{vecs}}$
$16^3 \times 128$	478	8	64
$20^3 \times 256$	288	3-4	128
$24^3 \times 128$	553	3-4	160

	$a_t m$	m (MeV)		$a_t m$	m (Mev)
$\pi$	0.06906(13)	391(1)	$DD^*$	0.68745(17)	3896(1)
$D$	0.33281(9)	1886(1)	$D^* D^*$	0.70928(20)	4020(1)
$D^*$	0.35464(14)	2010(1)	$DD\pi$	0.73468(18)	4163(1)

- Calculations performed on three anisotropic lattices of spatial extent  $a_s \approx 0.12$  fm with  $\xi = a_s/a_t \approx 3.444(50)$  [Edwards et al 0803.3960](#), [Lin et al 0810.3588](#)
- Distillation used to smear the quark fields and efficiently calculate all necessary Wick contractions [Peardon et al 0905.2160](#)
- $\Omega$  baryon used to set the scale with  $a_t^{-1} = m_{phys}^\Omega / a_t m_\Omega = 5667$  MeV [Edwards et al 1212.5236](#)

# Details of the Calculation

- Finite volume energy levels are extracted by solving the GEVP [Dudek et al 1004.4930](#)

$$C_{ij}(t)v_i^n(t) = \lambda_n(t, t_0) C_{ij}(t_0) v_j^n(t) \quad (1)$$

where  $C$  is the matrix of correlation functions

$$C_{ij}(t) = \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_i(t) \mathcal{O}_j^\dagger(0) | 0 \rangle. \quad (2)$$

- The principal correlator,  $\lambda_n(t, t_0)$ , is used to obtain the energy  $E_n$  of the  $n^{th}$  eigenstate  $|n\rangle$

$$\lambda_n(t, t_0) = (1 - A_n)e^{-E_n(t-t_0)} + A_n e^{-E'_n(t-t_0)} \quad (3)$$

and the eigenvectors of the GEVP are used to construct variationally optimized operators  $\Omega_n^\dagger = \sum_i v_i^n \mathcal{O}_i^\dagger$  and define the operator overlaps

$$Z_i^n = \langle n | \mathcal{O}_i(0) | 0 \rangle \quad (4)$$

$$= \sqrt{2E_n} e^{(E_n t_0)/2} (v_j^n)^* C_{ji}(t_0). \quad (5)$$

# Interpolating Operators

- The finite volume of the lattice breaks the rotational symmetry of the infinite volume continuum
- Hadrons at rest with definite continuum momentum  $J$  are projected to the finite cubic irreducible representation (irrep),  $\Lambda$ , which is called *subduction*  
[Dudek et al 1004.4930](#)
- Utilize only meson-meson operators of the form [Dudek et al 1212.0830](#), [Dudek et al 1203.6041](#)

$$\mathcal{O}_{D^{(*)}D^*}^{\Lambda^\dagger}(\vec{P}) = \sum_{\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2} \mathcal{C}(\vec{P}\Lambda; \vec{p}_1\Lambda_1; \vec{p}_2\Lambda_2) \\ \times \Omega_{D^{(*)}}^{\Lambda_1\dagger}(\vec{p}_1) \Omega_{D^*}^{\Lambda_2\dagger}(\vec{p}_2) \quad (6)$$

where the operators  $\Omega_{D^{(*)}}$  are variationally optimized single  $D^{(*)}$  meson operators subduced to  $\Lambda_1$  and  $\Lambda_2$

$$\Omega \sim \bar{\psi} \Gamma \overleftrightarrow{D} \dots \overleftrightarrow{D} \Gamma \psi \quad (7)$$

# $D^*D^*$ Symmetry Considerations

- Bose symmetry dictates that the overall wavefunction of  $D^*D^*$  be symmetric

$D^*D^*$						
$\ell$	$^{2S+1}\ell_J$	$J^P$	Spin	Space	Flavor	Total
0	$^3S_1$	$1^+$	A	S	A	S
1	$^1P_1$ $^5P_{1,2,3}$	$1^-$ $\{1, 2, 3\}^-$	S	A	A	S
2	$^3D_{1,2,3}$	$\{1, 2, 3\}^+$	A	S	A	S
3	$^1F_3$ $^5F_{1,\dots,5}$	$3^-$ $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}^-$	S	A	A	S

- No such symmetry requirements for  $DD^*$

$DD^*$		
$\ell$	$^{2S+1}\ell_J$	$J^P$
0	$^3S_1$	$1^+$
1	$^3P_{0,1,2}$	$\{0, 1, 2\}^-$
2	$^3D_{1,2,3}$	$\{1, 2, 3\}^+$
3	$^3F_{2,3,4}$	$\{2, 3, 4\}^-$

# Subduction Tables for Mesons at Rest

Pseudoscalar-Vector Scattering for Mesons at Rest [Woss et al 1802.05580](#)

$\Lambda^P$	$T_1^+$	$A_1^-$	$E^-$	$E^+$	$A_2^+$
$J^P(2S+1\ell_J)$	$1^+ \begin{pmatrix} {}^3S_1 \\ {}^3D_1 \end{pmatrix}$	$0^- \left({}^3P_0\right)$			
			$2^- \begin{pmatrix} {}^3P_2 \\ {}^3F_2 \end{pmatrix}$	$2^+ \left({}^3D_2\right)$	
		$3^+ \begin{pmatrix} {}^3D_3 \\ {}^3G_3 \end{pmatrix}$			$3^+ \begin{pmatrix} {}^3D_3 \\ {}^3G_3 \end{pmatrix}$
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Identical Vector-Vector Scattering for Mesons at Rest

$\Lambda^P$	$T_1^+$	$A_1^-$	$E^-$	$E^+$	$A_2^+$
$J^P(2S+1\ell_J)$	$1^+ \begin{pmatrix} {}^3S_1 \\ {}^3D_1 \end{pmatrix}$				
			$2^- \begin{pmatrix} {}^5P_2 \\ {}^5F_2 \end{pmatrix}$	$2^+ \left({}^3D_2\right)$	
		$3^+ \begin{pmatrix} {}^3D_3 \\ {}^3G_3 \end{pmatrix}$			$3^+ \begin{pmatrix} {}^3D_3 \\ {}^3G_3 \end{pmatrix}$
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# Subduction Tables for Mesons Inflight

Pseudoscalar-Vector Scattering for Mesons at Overall Nonzero Momentum

Woss et al 1802.05580

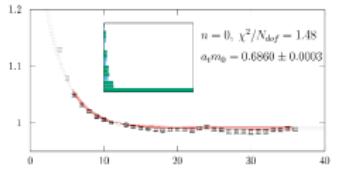
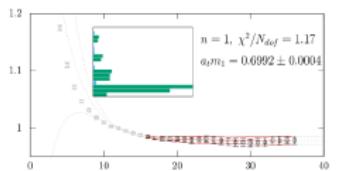
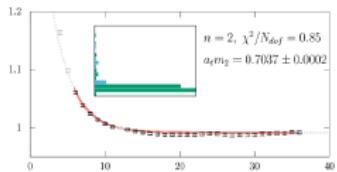
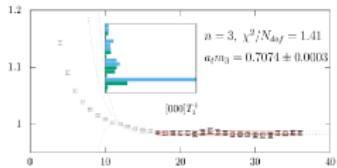
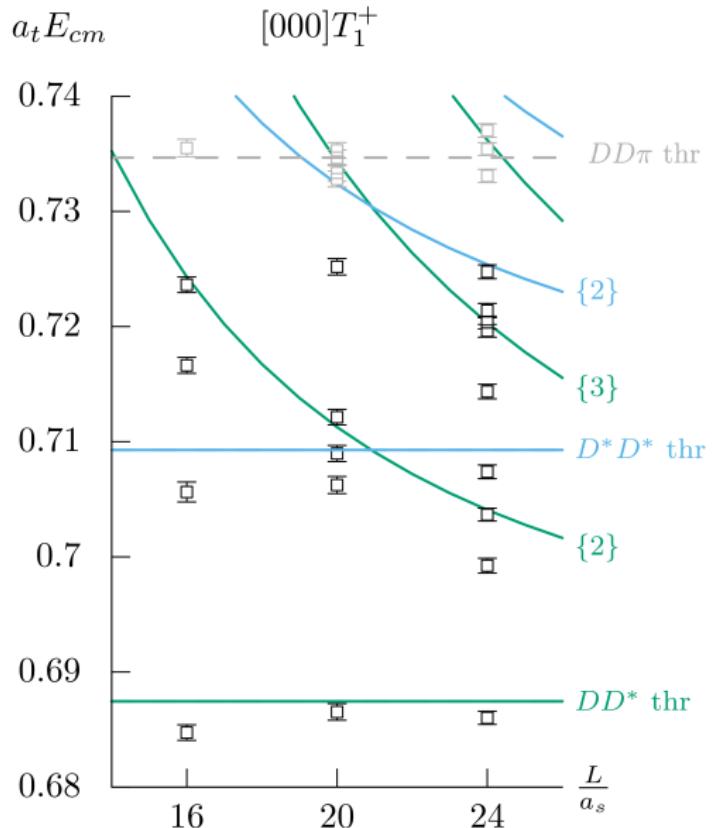
$\Lambda^P$	$[00n]A_2$	$[0nn]A_2$	$[nnn]A_2$
	$0^- ({}^3P_0)$	$0^- ({}^3P_0)$	$0^- ({}^3P_0)$
	$1^+ \begin{pmatrix} {}^3S_1 \\ {}^3D_1 \end{pmatrix}$	$1^+ \begin{pmatrix} {}^3S_1 \\ {}^3D_1 \end{pmatrix}$	$1^+ \begin{pmatrix} {}^3S_1 \\ {}^3D_1 \end{pmatrix}$
$J^P(2S+1\ell_J)$		$2^+ ({}^3D_2)$	
	$2^- \begin{pmatrix} {}^3P_2 \\ {}^3F_2 \end{pmatrix}$	$2^- \begin{pmatrix} {}^3P_2 \\ {}^3F_2 \end{pmatrix}_{[2]}$	$2^- \begin{pmatrix} {}^3P_2 \\ {}^3F_2 \end{pmatrix}$
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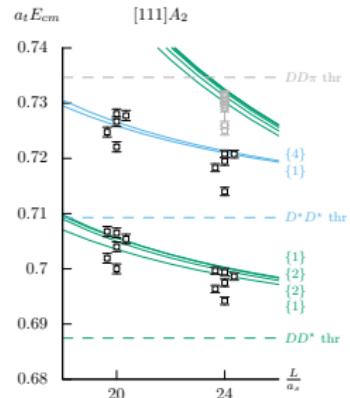
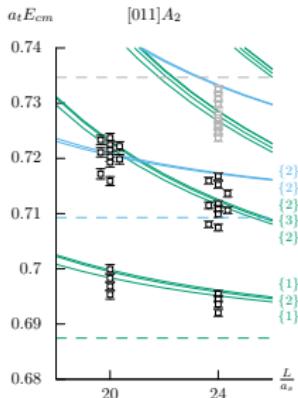
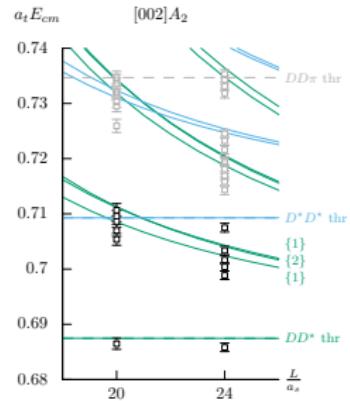
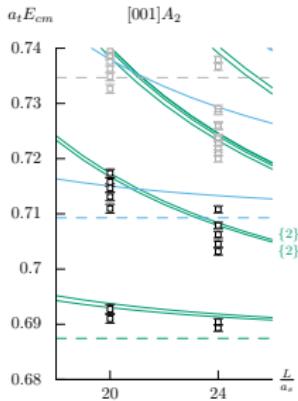
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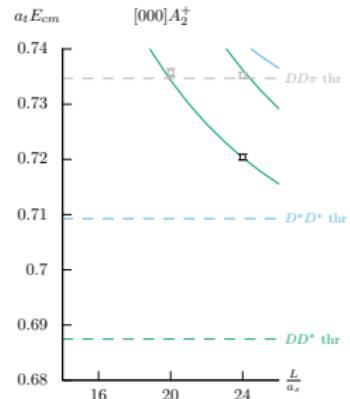
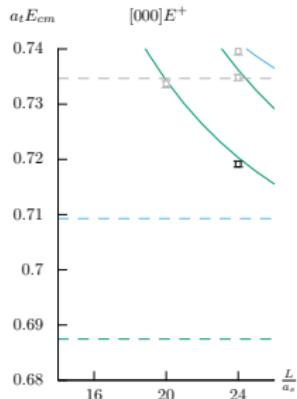
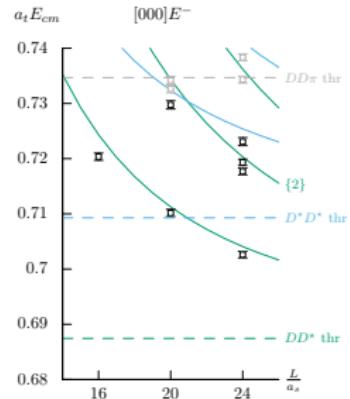
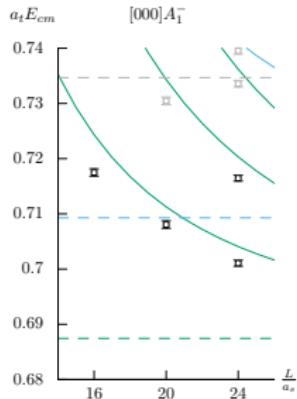
# Finite Volume Spectra



# Finite Volume Energies



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# Scattering Analysis

- The Lüscher determinant equation for particles of arbitrary mass and spin [M. Lüscher, Nucl. Phys. B354, Hansen and Sharpe 1204.0826, Briceño and Davoudi 1204.1110, Guo et al 1211.0929, and many others...](#)

$$\det[\mathbf{1} + i\boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \mathbf{t} \cdot (\mathbf{1} + i\mathcal{M})] = 0 \quad (8)$$

where  $\mathbf{t}(E_{cm})$  is the infinite volume scattering  $t$ -matrix.

- One choice to parameterize  $\mathbf{t}$  is with a  $K$ -matrix parameterization

$$\mathbf{t}^{-1} = \mathbf{K}^{-1} + \mathbf{I} \quad (9)$$

with matrix elements

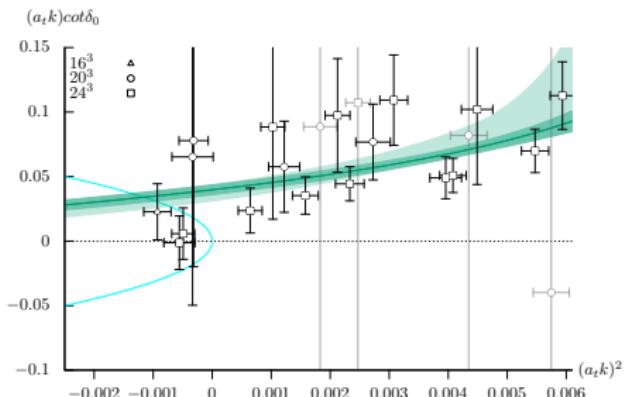
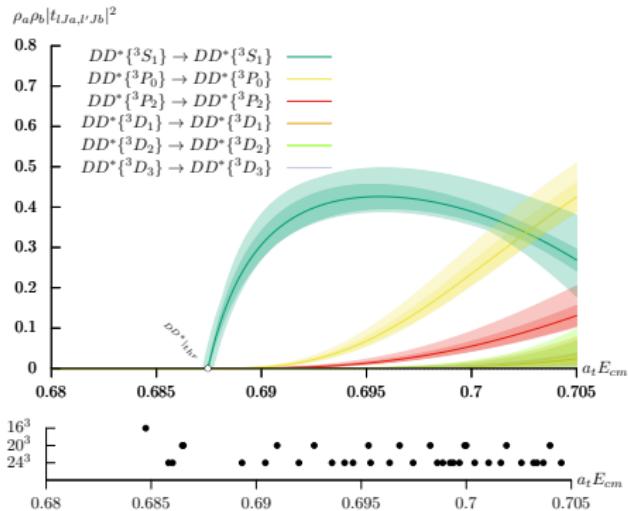
$$K(s)_{\ell SJa, \ell' S' Jb} = \sum_n \gamma_{\ell SJa, \ell' S' Jb}^{(n)} s^n \quad (10)$$

# “Elastic” $DD^*$ Scattering

- We find a good description of the spectrum with a linear term in  $s$  for the S-wave amplitude

$$\chi^2/N_{dof} = 1.37 \quad (11)$$

$$t = \frac{E_{cm}}{2} \frac{1}{k \cot \delta_0 - ik} \quad (12)$$



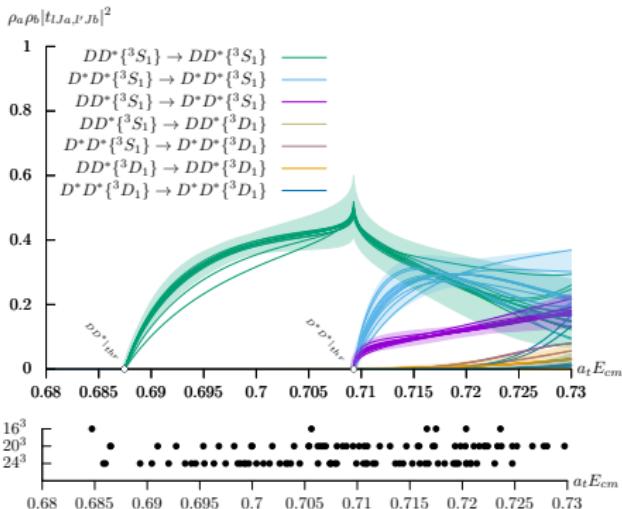
# Coupled Channel $DD^*$ - $D^*D^*$ Scattering

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1	$^1P_1$ $^5P_{1,2,3}$	$1^-$ $\{1, 2, 3\}^-$	S	A	A	S
2	$^3D_{1,2,3}$	$\{1, 2, 3\}^+$	A	S	A	S
3	$^1F_3$ $^5F_{1,\dots,5}$	$3^-$ $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}^-$	S	A	A	S

- Utilizes 109 energy levels up to  $a_t E_{cm} = 0.73$
- Starting from elastic  $DD^*$  analysis, we make use of all partial waves included there and assume  $^3F_2$  is no longer zero
- Explicitly parameterize for  $D^*D^*$   $^3S_1$ ,  $^3D_1$ ,  $^5P_2$  and  $^5F_2$

# Coupled Channel $DD^*$ - $D^*D^*$ Scattering

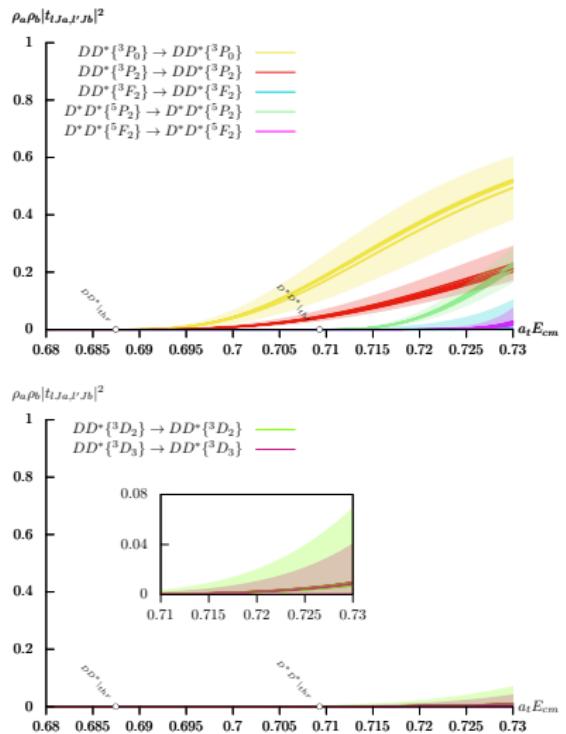
- To reduce bias, we use 14 parameterizations



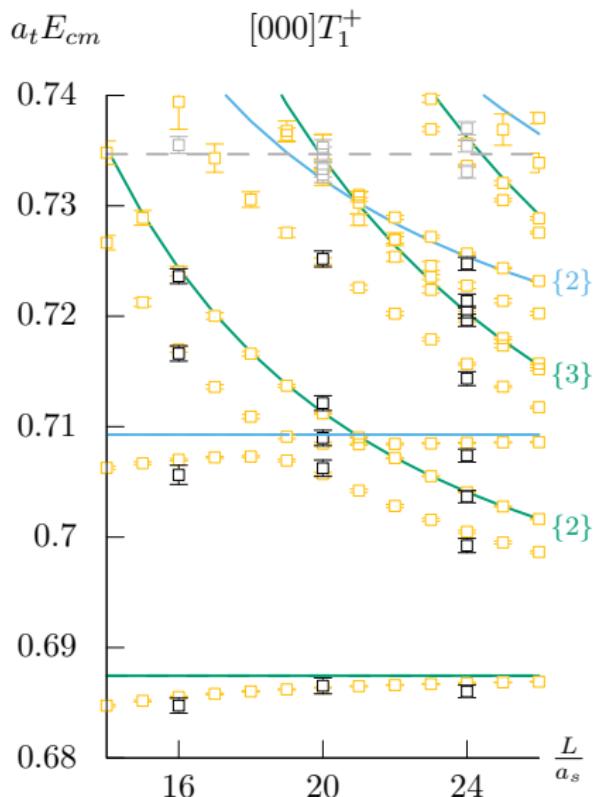
$$\chi^2 / N_{dof} = 1.28$$

$$\gamma^{(0)}_{DD^*\{^3S_1\} \rightarrow D^*D^*\{^3S_1\}} = 4.11 \pm 0.51 \pm 0.94$$

- P-wave amplitudes significantly nonzero but well constrained



# Parameterized Finite Volume Spectrum



# Resonance Poles

- At energies close to the position of a pole, the infinite volume scattering  $t$ -matrix takes on the form

$$t_{ij} \sim \frac{c_i c_j}{s_{pole} - s} \quad (13)$$

which allows us to factorize the residue into the couplings  $c_i$  and  $c_j$  of the pole to each hadron channel

- Poles are characterized by their mass and width

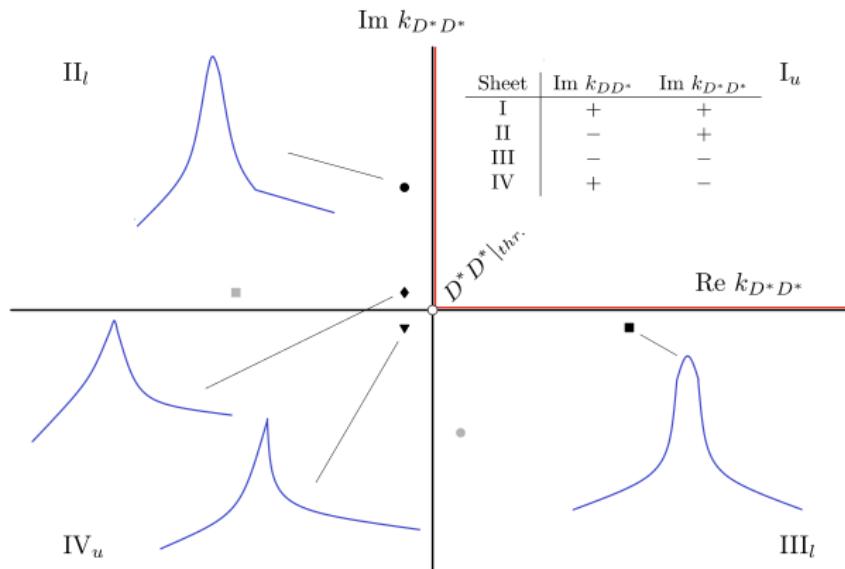
$$\sqrt{s_{pole}} = m \pm \frac{i}{2}\Gamma \quad (14)$$

- A pole's influence on physical scattering determined by distance to physical scattering and can be observed in the complex momentum plane

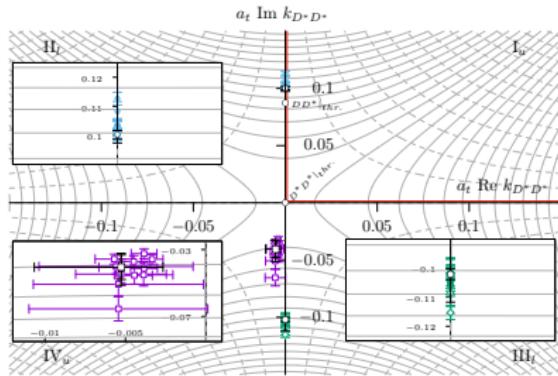
# Resonance Poles

- In coupled channel scattering, there are 4 Riemann sheets
- The four sheets in the  $s$ -plane can be unfolded to a single sheet by using  $k_{D^* D^*}$  as a “uniformizing variable” [Newton, Journal of Mathematical Physics 2 188,](#)

[Morgan and Pennington Phys. Rev. D48 1185](#)



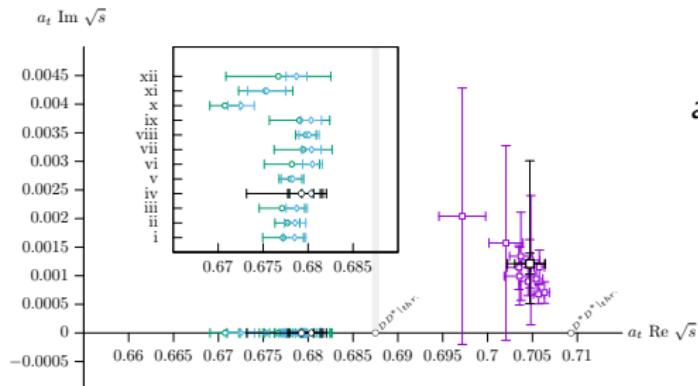
# Poles in the $J^P = 1^+$ Scattering Amplitudes



Three poles of interest on sheet  $\text{II}_l$ ,  $\text{III}_l$  and  $\text{IV}_u$ :

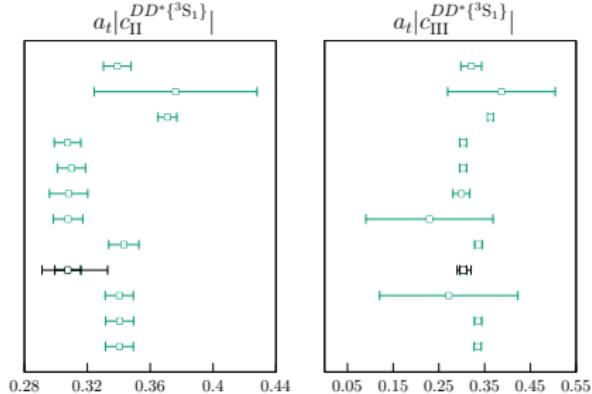
$$a_t \sqrt{s_{\text{II}}} = 0.6765(55) \\ = 3834(31) \text{ MeV}$$

$$a_t \sqrt{s_{\text{III}}} = 0.6759(68) \\ = 3830(40) \text{ MeV}$$



$$a_t \sqrt{s_{\text{IV}}} = 0.7007(62) + \frac{i}{2}(0.0020(22)) \\ = 3971(35) + \frac{i}{2}11(13) \text{ MeV}$$

# Poles in the $J^P = 1^+$ Scattering Amplitudes



$$a_t c_{II}^{DD^* \{ {}^3 S_1 \}} = i(0.36(7))$$

$$|c_{II}^{DD^* \{ {}^3 S_1 \}}| = 2040(400) \text{ MeV}$$

$$a_t c_{III}^{DD^* \{ {}^3 S_1 \}} = i(0.30(21))$$

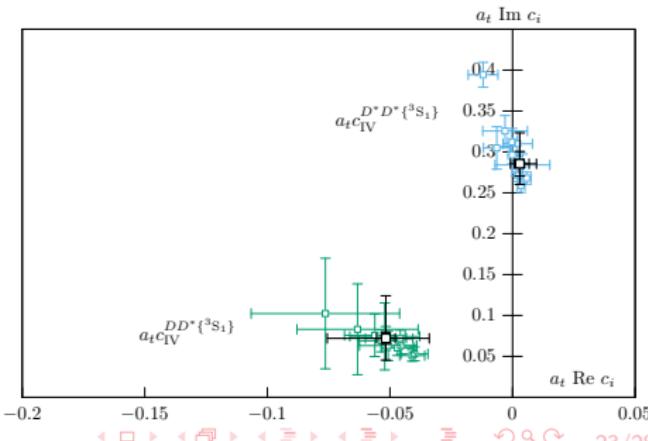
$$|c_{III}^{DD^* \{ {}^3 S_1 \}}| = 1700(1200) \text{ MeV}$$

$$a_t c_{IV}^{DD^* \{ {}^3 S_1 \}} = -0.07(4) + i(0.10(7))$$

$$|c_{IV}^{DD^* \{ {}^3 S_1 \}}| = 692(195) \text{ MeV}$$

$$a_t c_{IV}^{D^* D^* \{ {}^3 S_1 \}} = 0.00(4) + i(0.33(8))$$

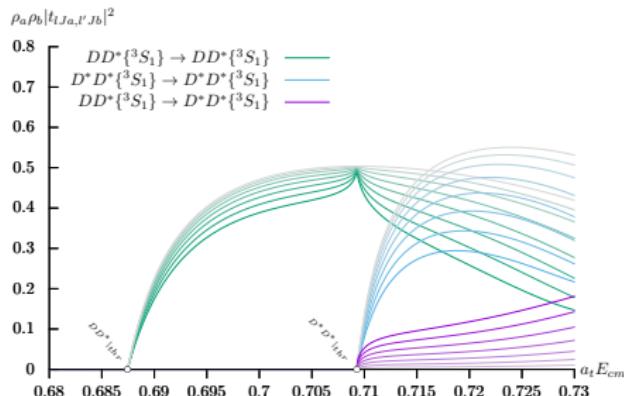
$$|c_{IV}^{D^* D^* \{ {}^3 S_1 \}}| = 1870(450) \text{ MeV}$$



# Varying the $DD^* \rightarrow D^*D^*$ S-wave Amplitude

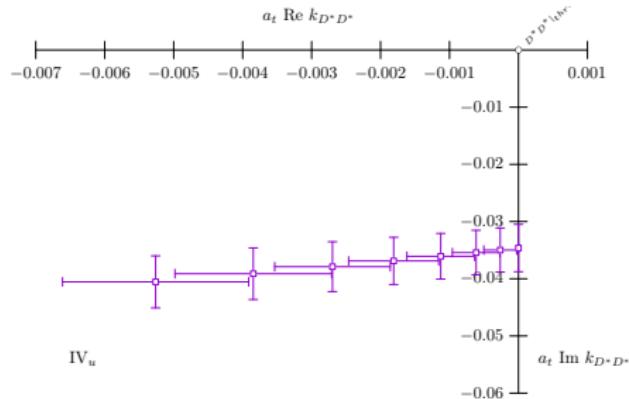
$\gamma_{DD^*\{^3S_1\} \rightarrow D^*D^*\{^3S_1\}}^{(0)}$	$\chi^2$
4.11	121.26
3.60	127.47
3.08	140.04
2.57	156.40
2.06	174.20
1.54	191.53
1.02	206.91
0	223.26

- As the matrix element coupling the two channels in S-wave decreases, the  $\chi^2$  increases
- Suggests an incompatibility of the spectrum with zero coupling



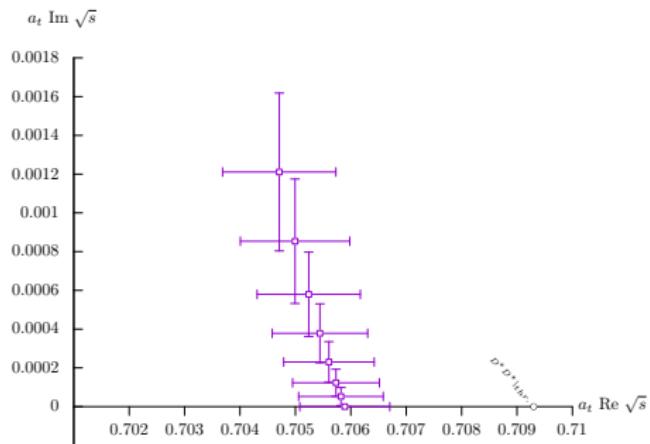
- As coupling is decreased, cusp at  $D^*D^*$  threshold disappears
- $D^*D^*$  S-wave amplitude is correspondingly enhanced

# Varying the $DD^* \rightarrow D^*D^*$ S-wave Amplitude



- Complex resonance becomes a virtual bound state in the limit that the channels are decoupled

- As the coupling is decreased, the pole position moves from the complex plane on to the real axis in momentum and energy space



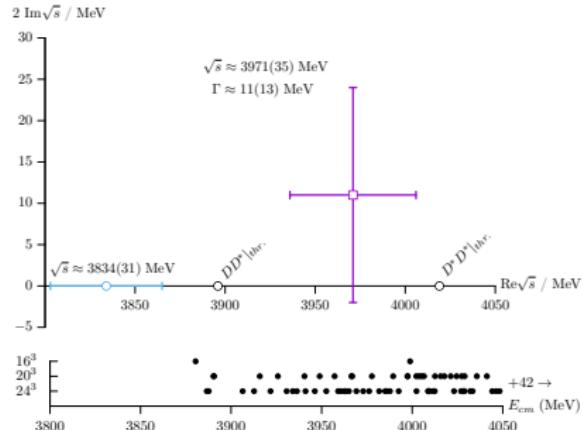
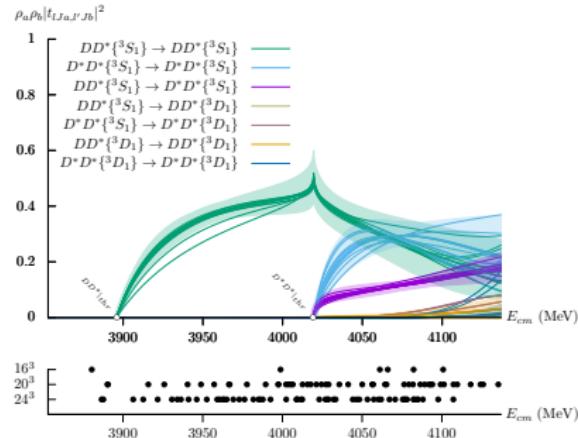
# Varying the $DD^* \rightarrow D^*D^*$ S-wave Amplitude

What about the sheet II and III poles?

$\gamma_{DD^*\{^3S_1\} \rightarrow D^*D^*\{^3S_1\}}^{(0)}$	Sheet II		Sheet III	
	$\text{Im}(k_{DD^*})$	$\text{Im}(k_{D^*D^*})$	$\text{Im}(k_{DD^*})$	$\text{Im}(k_{D^*D^*})$
4.11	<b>-0.0493(36)</b>	<b>0.1003(18)</b>	<b>-0.0529(43)</b>	<b>-0.1021(22)</b>
3.60	-0.0480(35)	0.0996(17)	-0.0507(39)	-0.1010(20)
3.08	-0.0469(34)	0.0991(16)	-0.0489(37)	-0.1001(18)
2.57	-0.0460(32)	0.0987(15)	-0.0473(33)	-0.0993(16)
2.06	-0.0453(31)	0.0984(14)	-0.0461(31)	-0.0988(15)
1.54	-0.0448(31)	0.0981(14)	-0.0452(31)	-0.0983(14)
1.02	-0.0444(30)	0.0980(14)	-0.0446(30)	-0.0980(14)
0	<b>-0.0441(32)</b>	<b>0.0978(14)</b>	<b>-0.0441(32)</b>	<b>-0.0978(14)</b>

- Differences between sheet II and III poles resolve as the channels are decoupled: the sheet III pole becomes an exact mirror pole of sheet II pole
- We prescribe it no physical significance due to its distance from the physical sheet

# Summary and Outlook



- We observe two pole singularities in the  $DD^*$  and  $D^*D^*$  amplitudes: the virtual bound state  $\sim 62$  MeV below  $DD^*$  threshold which we identify as the  $T_{cc}$  and a resonance  $\sim 49$  MeV below the  $D^*D^*$  threshold, which we denote the  $T'_{cc}$
- The  $T'_{cc}$  should be observable in the  $DD^*$  and  $D^*D^*$  final states of ongoing experiments investigating the  $I = 0$ ,  $J^P = 1^+$  doubly charmed sector
- Future work: examine the  $T'_{cc}$  with the added context of the left-hand cut  $\rightarrow$  more machinery needed!

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