

Charm-meson **Triangle Singularity** in e^+e^- annihilation into $D^{*0}\bar{D}^0\gamma$

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- First exotic hadron discovered (S. K. Choi, *et al.* [Belle Collaboration], 2003)
- $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$ (R. Aaij, *et al.* [LHCb Collaboration], 2013)
- 7 different decay modes
- The internal structure of X(3872) is under debate.

Compact tetraquark state, $\chi_{c1}(2P)$ charmonium,
D*⁰Dbar⁰ molecule state, mixed molecule-charmonium state

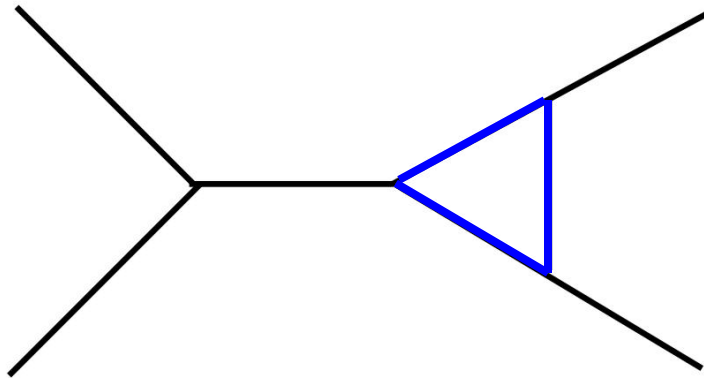
- The radius of tetraquark is similar to that of charmonium state, less than 1 fermi.
- For molecule state, the binding energy is small, resulting in radius as large as several fermi.
- For X(3872), the difference between M_X and mass threshold of D*⁰Dbar⁰ is

$$E_X \equiv M_X - (M_{*0} + M_0) = (+0.01 \pm 0.18) \text{ MeV.}$$

(M. Tanabashi *et al.* [Particle Data Group], 2018)

Binding energy of about 0.2 MeV corresponds to radius of 5 fermi.

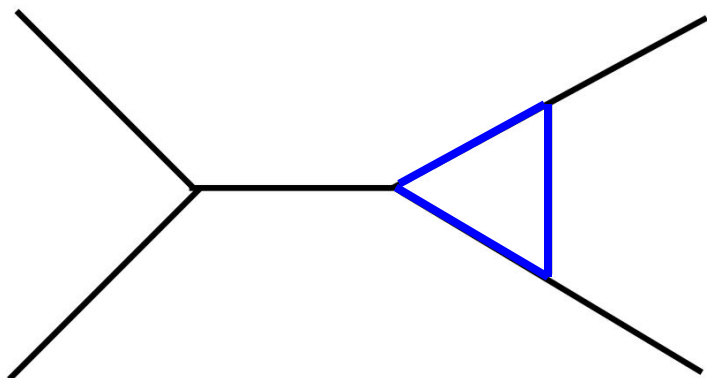
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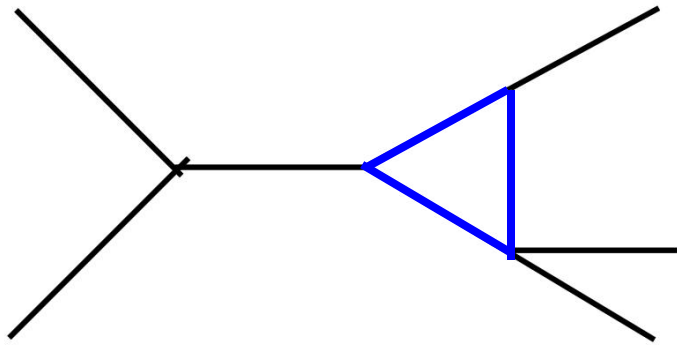
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Feynman diagrams for $e^+e^- \rightarrow X + \gamma$
from rescattering of $D^{*0}\bar{D}^{*0}$.

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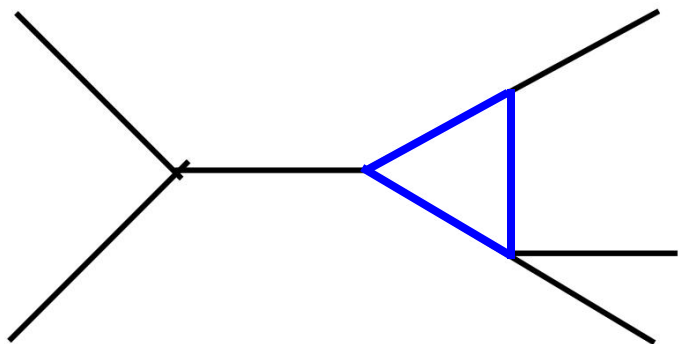
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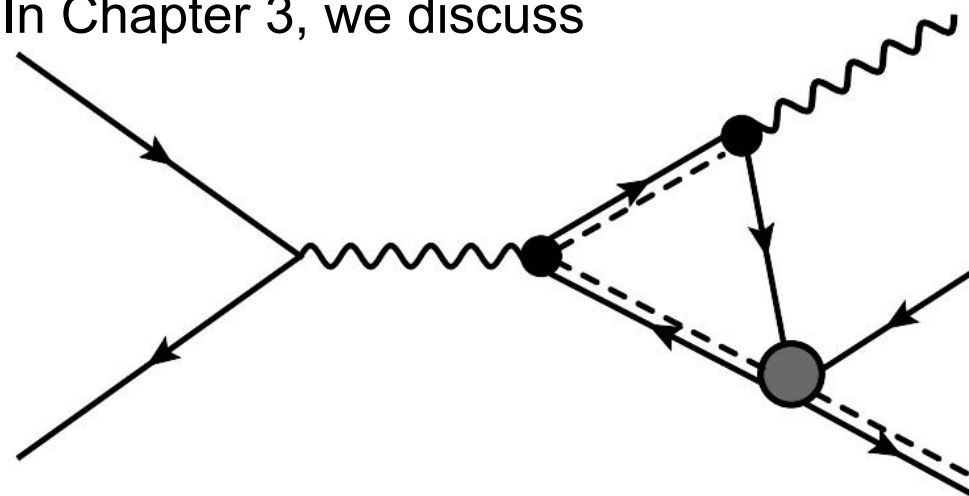
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with a charm-meson loop.

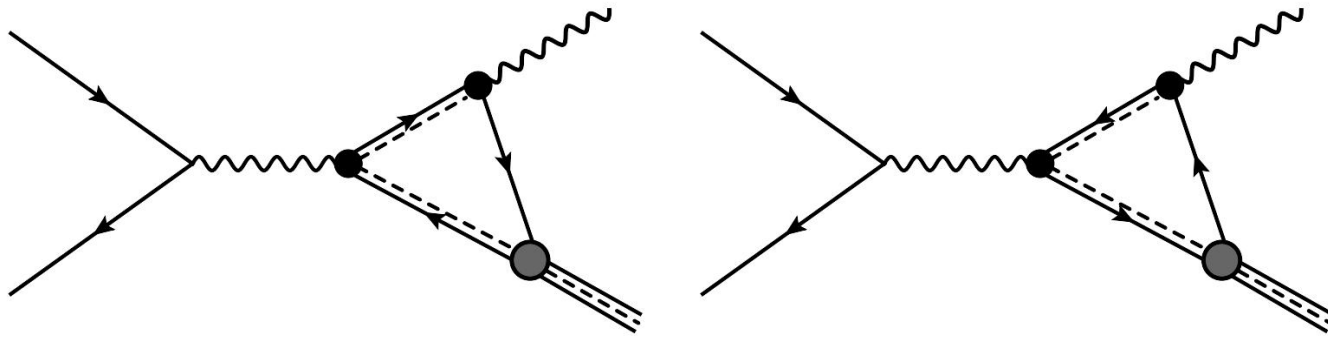
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E. Braaten, L. P. He and K. Ingles studied using **nonrelativistic** framework in PRD 101, 014021 (2020)

Within **relativistic** framework:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = 32\pi^2 \alpha^3 \nu^2 |\gamma_X| M_X^3 M_{*0}^2 \left(\frac{s - M_X^2}{s} \right)^5 |F(s, M_X^2 - iM_X \Gamma_X)|^2 \times \left[\left| A_0 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} A_2 \right|^2 (1 - \cos^2 \theta) + \frac{9}{40} |A_2|^2 (1 + \cos^2 \theta) \right],$$

\sqrt{s} : center-of-mass energy
 γ_X : binding momentum of X
 Γ_X : decay width of X
 E_X : binding energy of X

Loop amplitude $F(s, M_X^2 - i M_X \Gamma_X)$ has a **log branch point at s_Δ** with Γ_X and $E_X=0$.

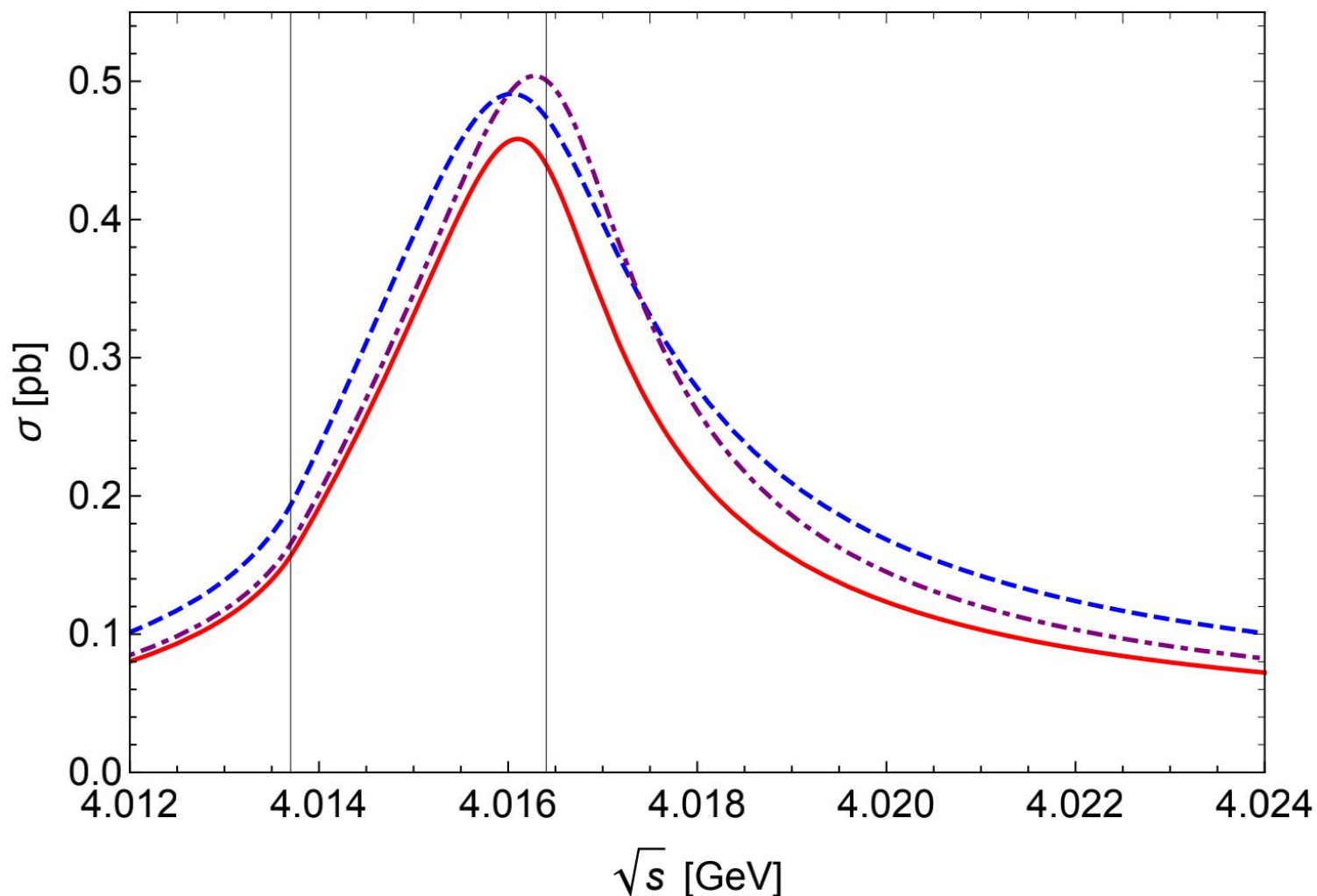
$$s_\Delta = 4M_{*0}^2 + (M_{*0}/M_0) (M_{*0} - M_0)^2.$$

M_{*0} : mass of D^{*0}

M_0 : mass of D^0

$\sqrt{s_\Delta} = 4016.4$ MeV, 2.7 MeV above the $D^{*0}D\bar{b}^{*0}$ threshold.

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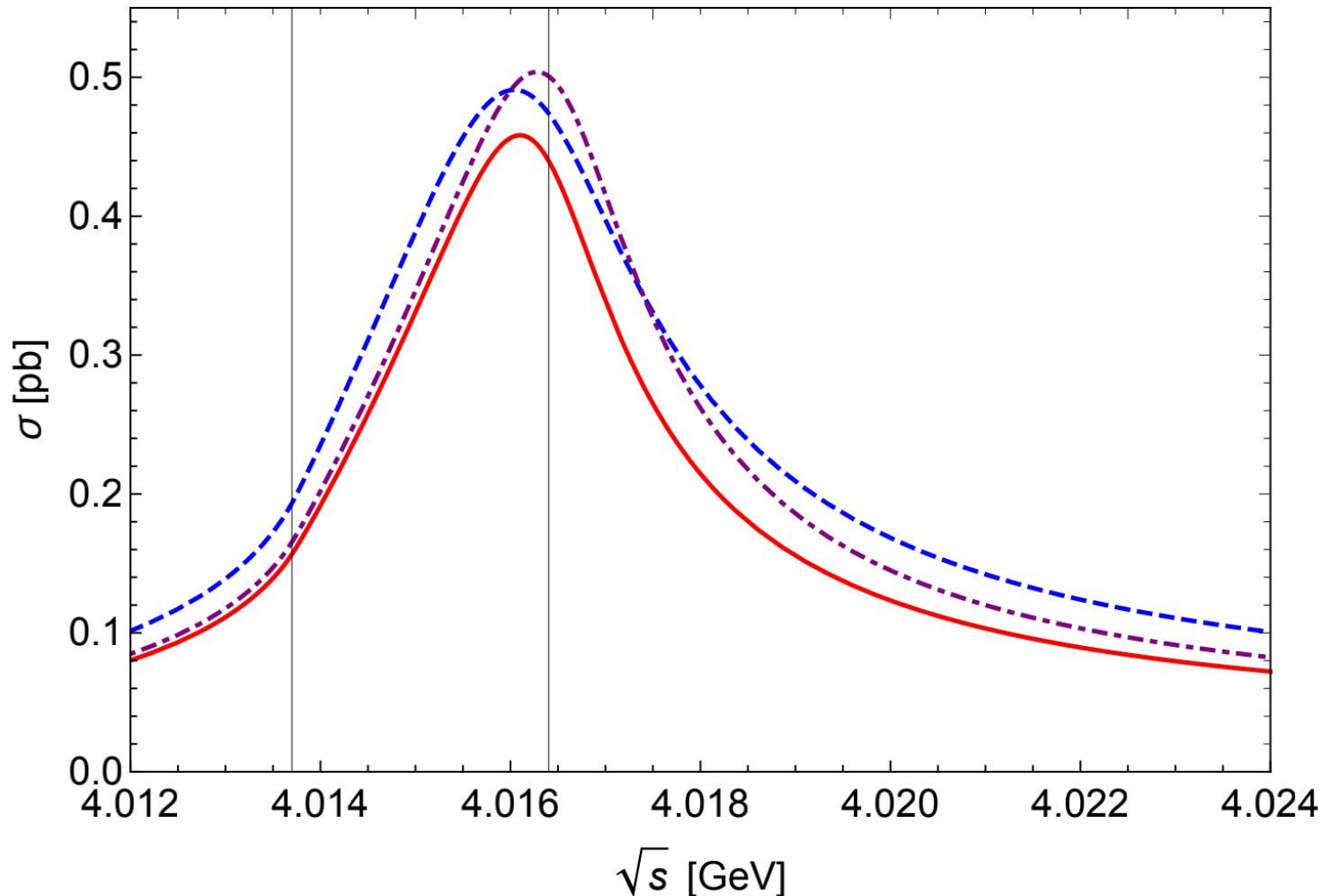


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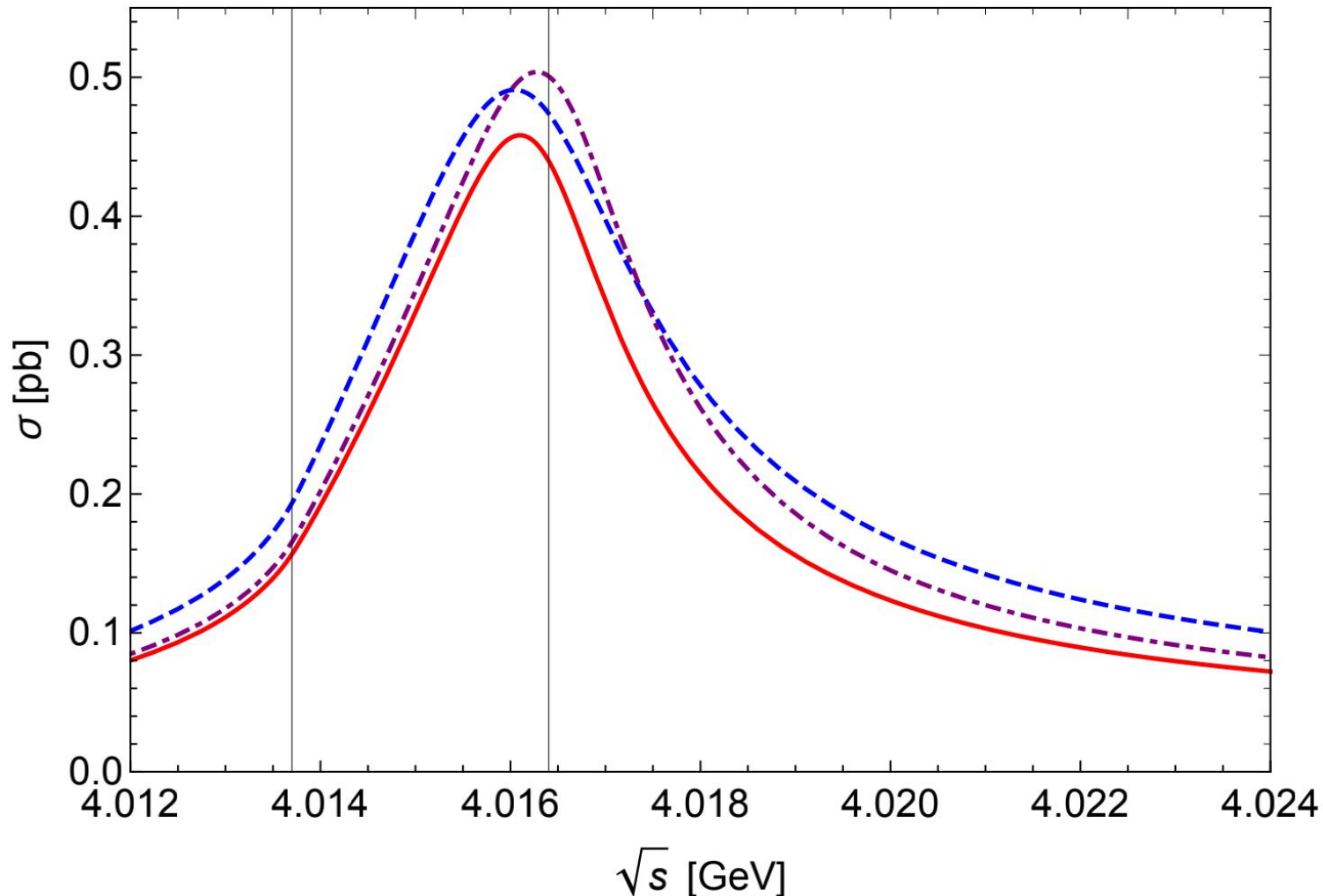


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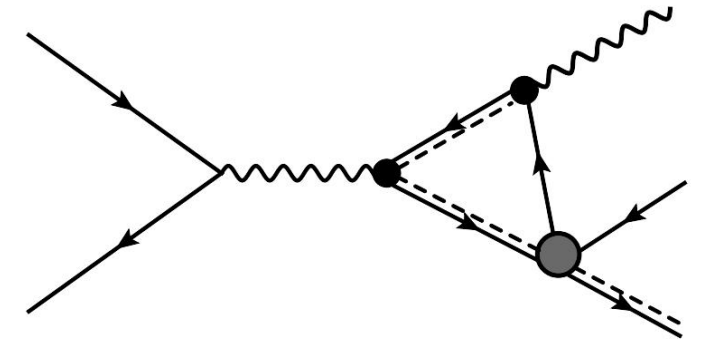
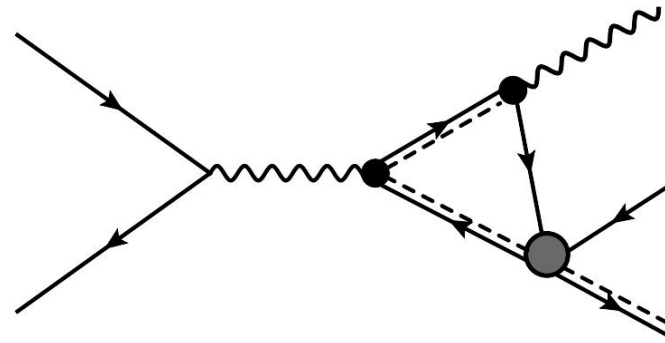
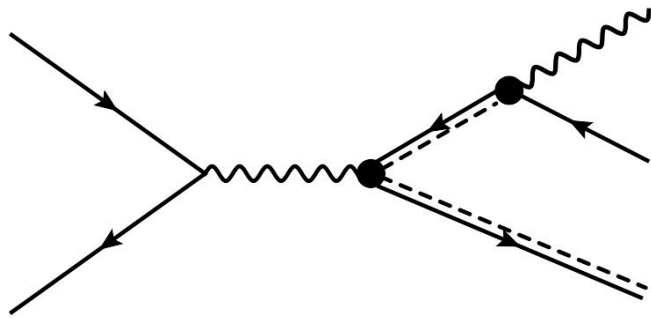


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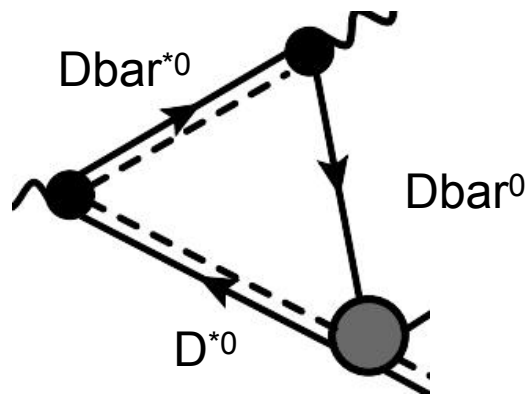
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Its energy is in a range not covered by previous measurements of BESIII collaboration in 2014 and 2019.

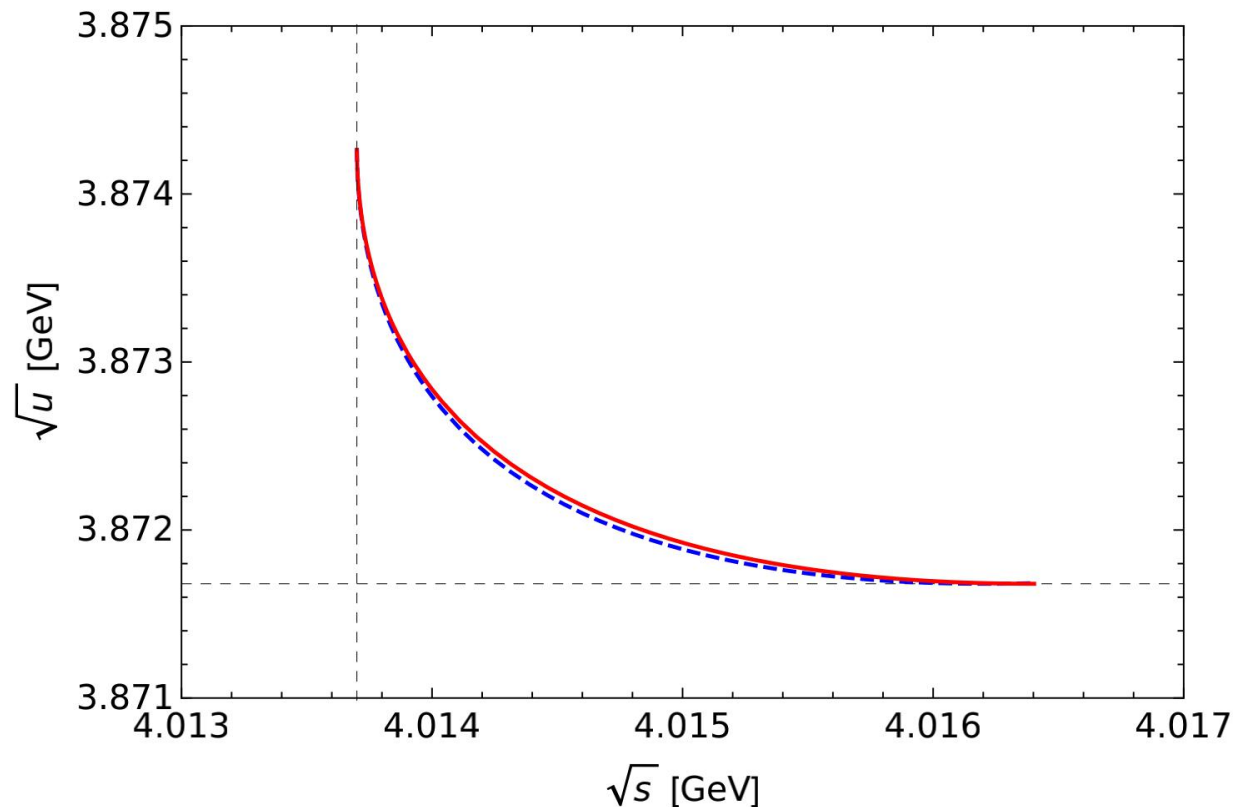


\sqrt{s} : center-of-mass energy
 \sqrt{u} : invariant mass of $D^{*0}D\bar{0}$

Conditions for triangle singularity



- (1) All 3 legs of triangle are on-shell
- (2) D^{*0} and $D\bar{0}$ move into the same direction
- (3) Velocity of $D\bar{0}$ \geq velocity of D^{*0}



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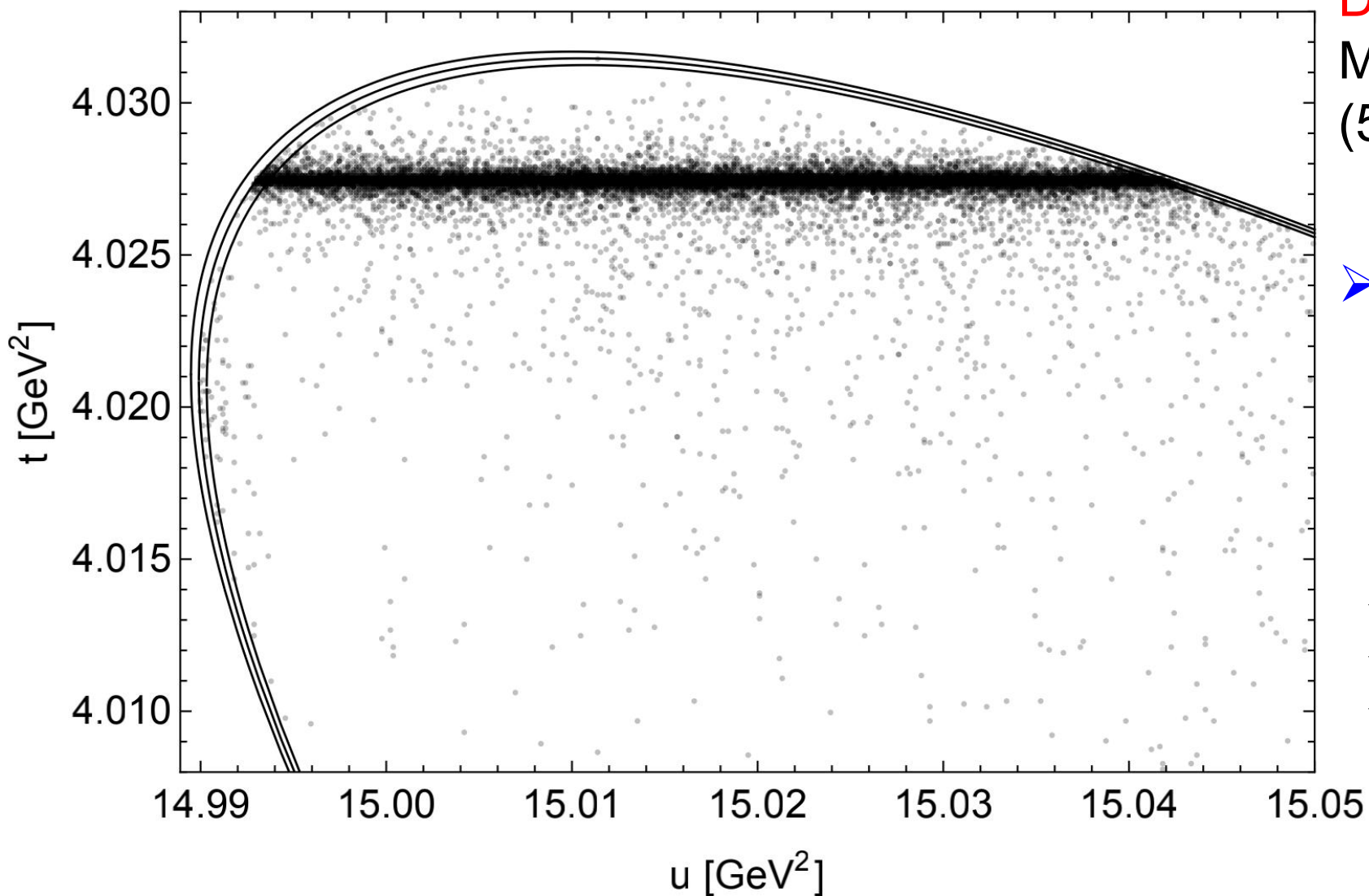
\sqrt{s} : 4013.7~4016.4 MeV

u : 15.010~14.990 GeV²

Triangle Singularity Range

$$4M_{*0}^2 < s \leq s_{\Delta} = 4M_{*0}^2 + (M_{*0}/M_0) (M_{*0} - M_0)^2$$

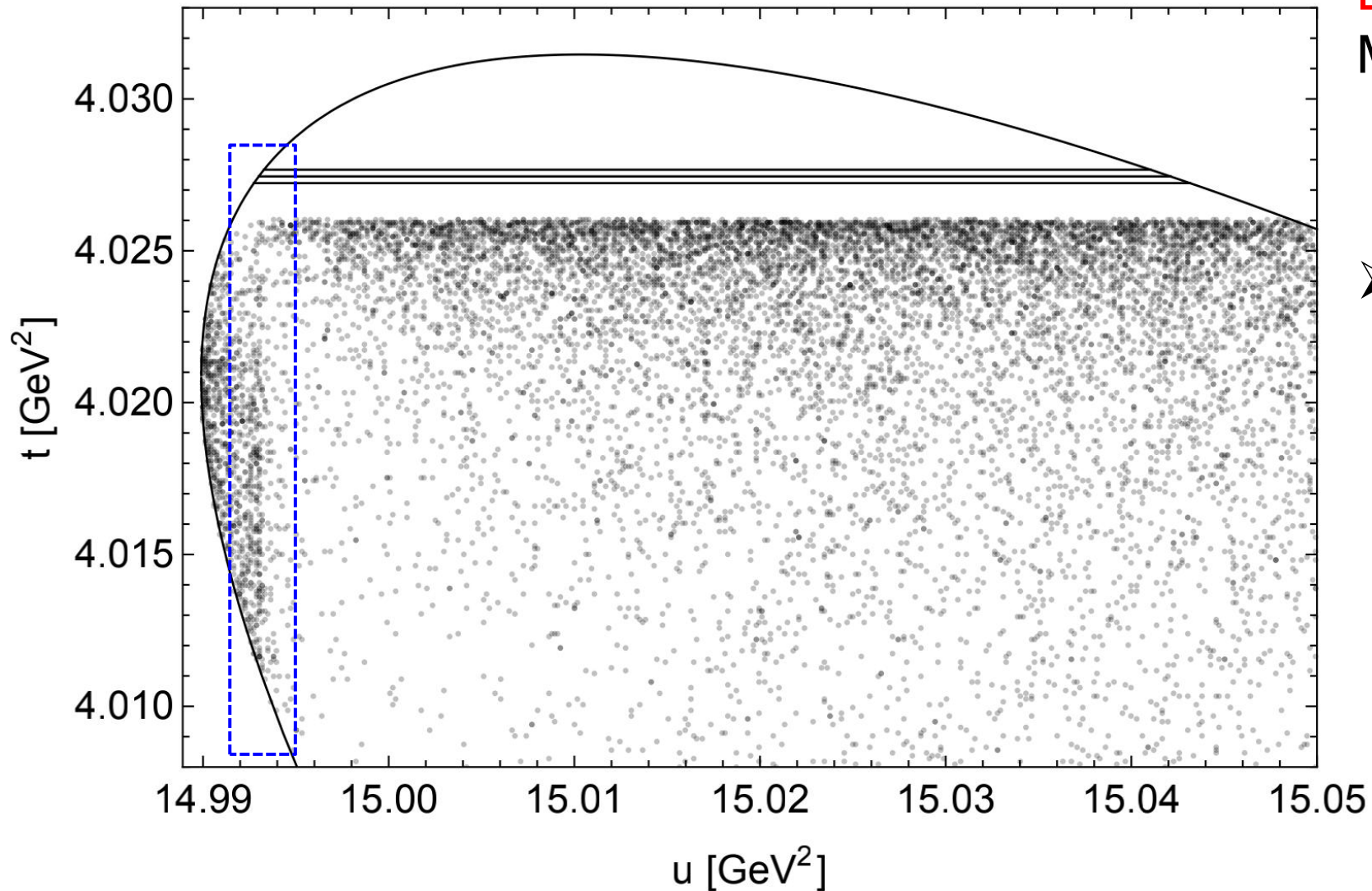
$$u_{\Delta}(s) = (M_{*0} + M_0)^2 + \frac{[(M_{*0} - M_0)\sqrt{s} - (M_{*0} + M_0)\sqrt{s - 4M_{*0}^2}]^2}{4M_{*0}^2}$$

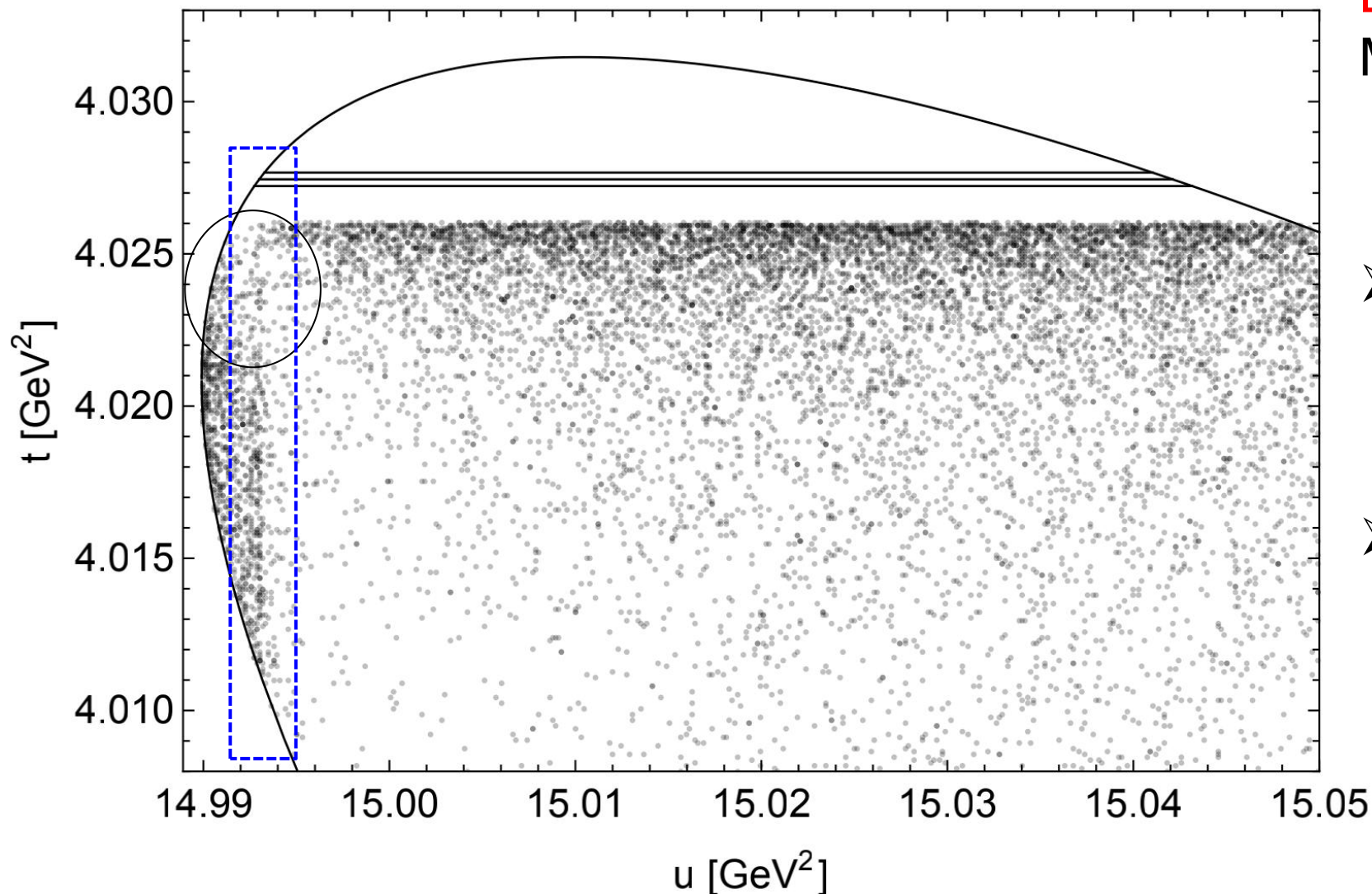


Dalitz plot for $\sqrt{s} = 4014.7$ MeV with **physical D^{*0} width** (55 keV)

➤ Obvious $D\bar{a}r^{*0}$ resonance band from tree diagram

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 \sqrt{u} : invariant mass of $D^{*0}D\bar{a}r^0$
 \sqrt{t} : invariant mass of $D\bar{a}r^0\gamma$

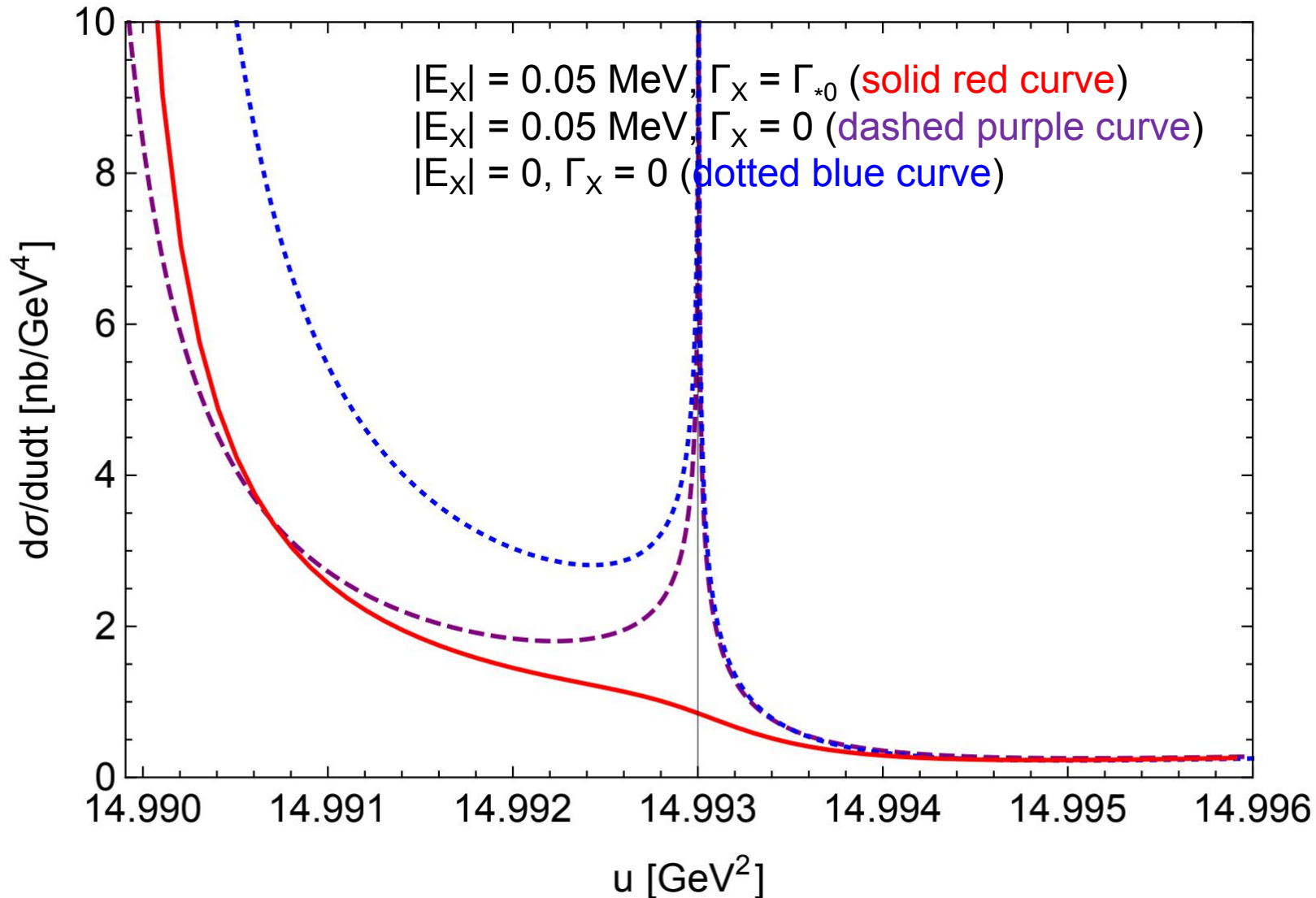




Dalitz plot for $\sqrt{s} = 4014.7$ MeV with **zero D^{*0} width**

- Besides the $D\bar{0}$ band, we have the **narrow triangle singularity band at $u_{\Delta} = 14.993$ GeV²**.
- **Smaller density** when t approaches to the $D\bar{0}$ band along the triangle singularity line.

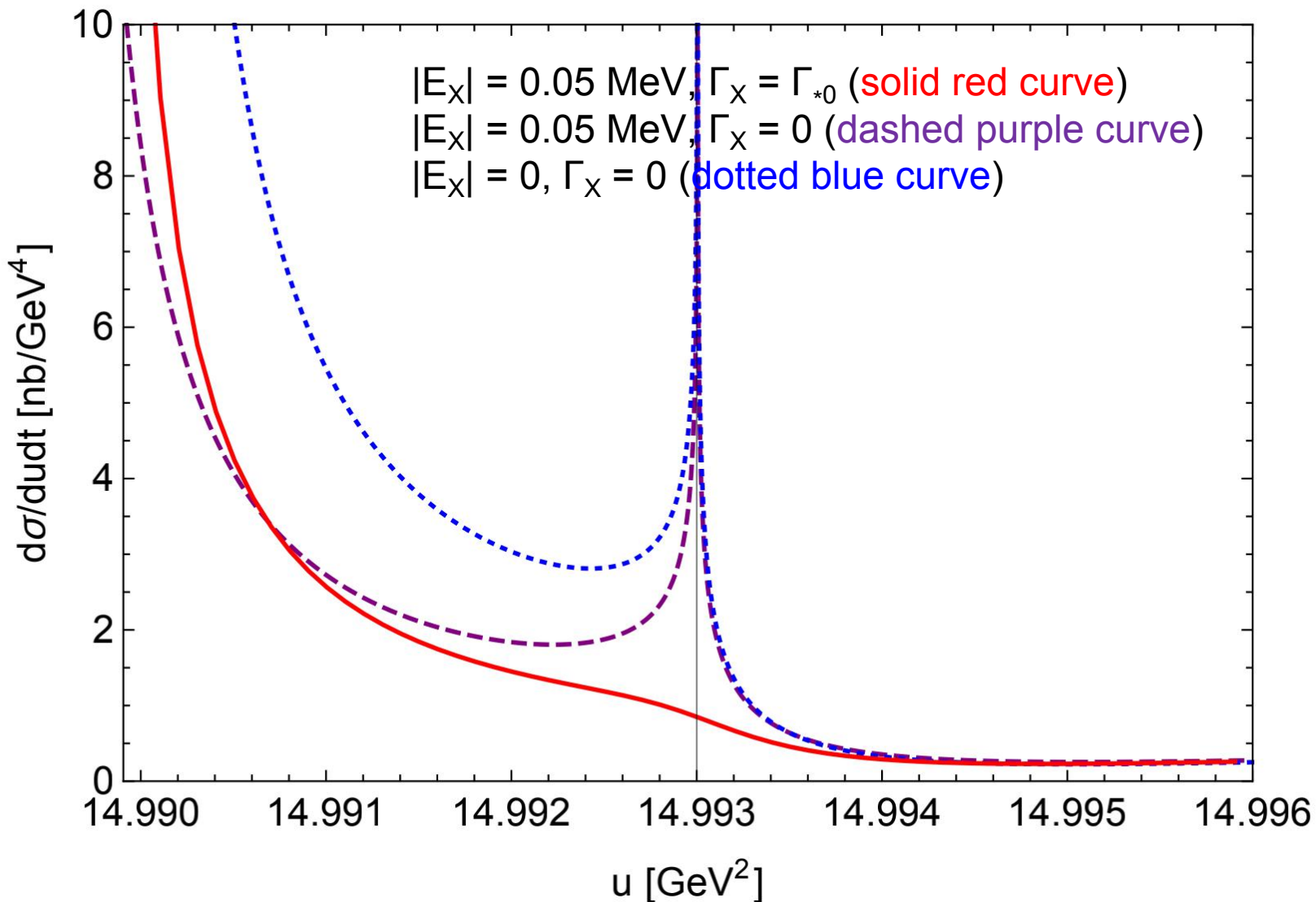
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➤ Log² divergence for $\Gamma_X = 0$

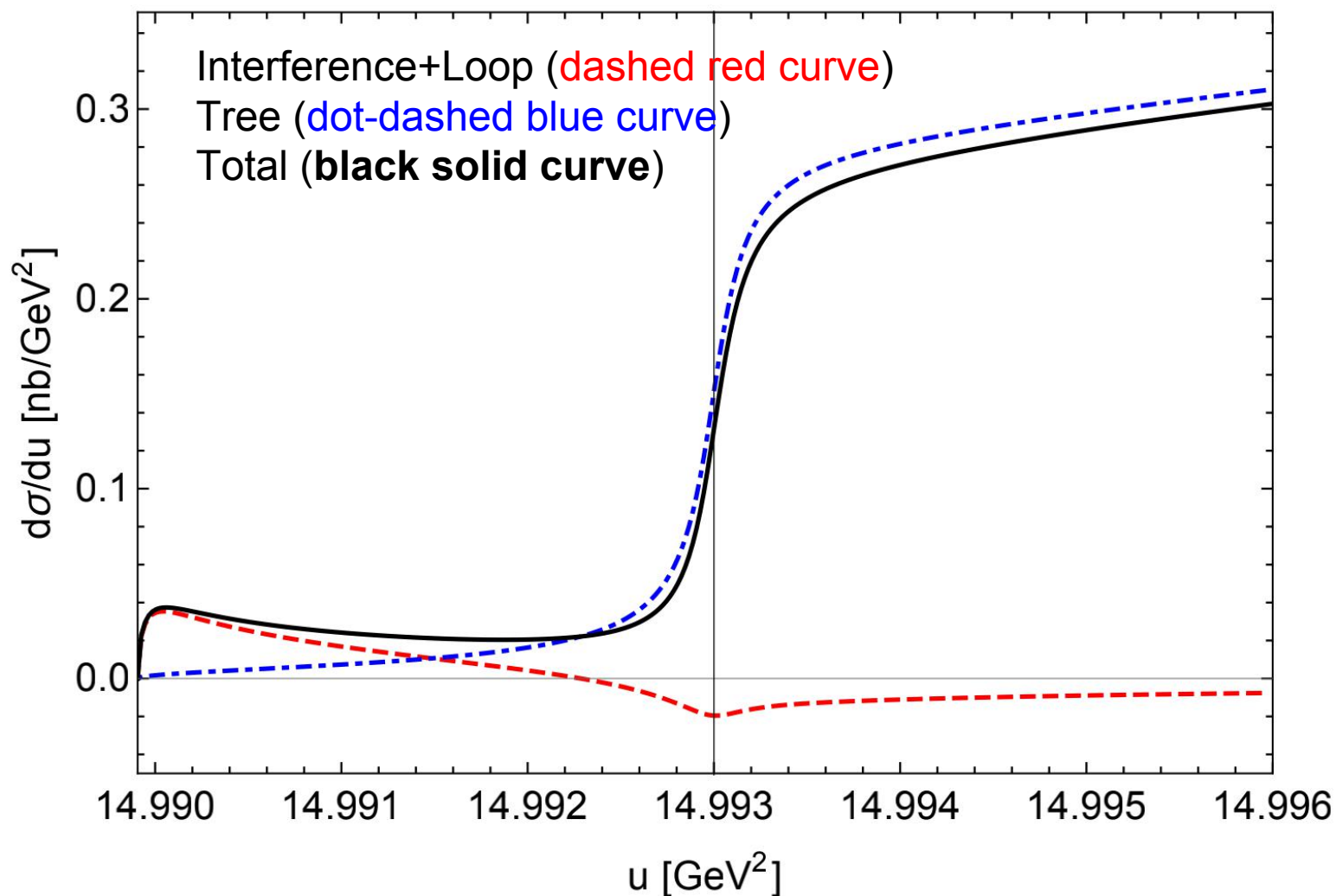
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- Log² divergence for $\Gamma_X = 0$
- For $|E_X| = 0.05$ MeV, $\Gamma_X = \Gamma_{*0}$, no narrow peak from triangle singularity.

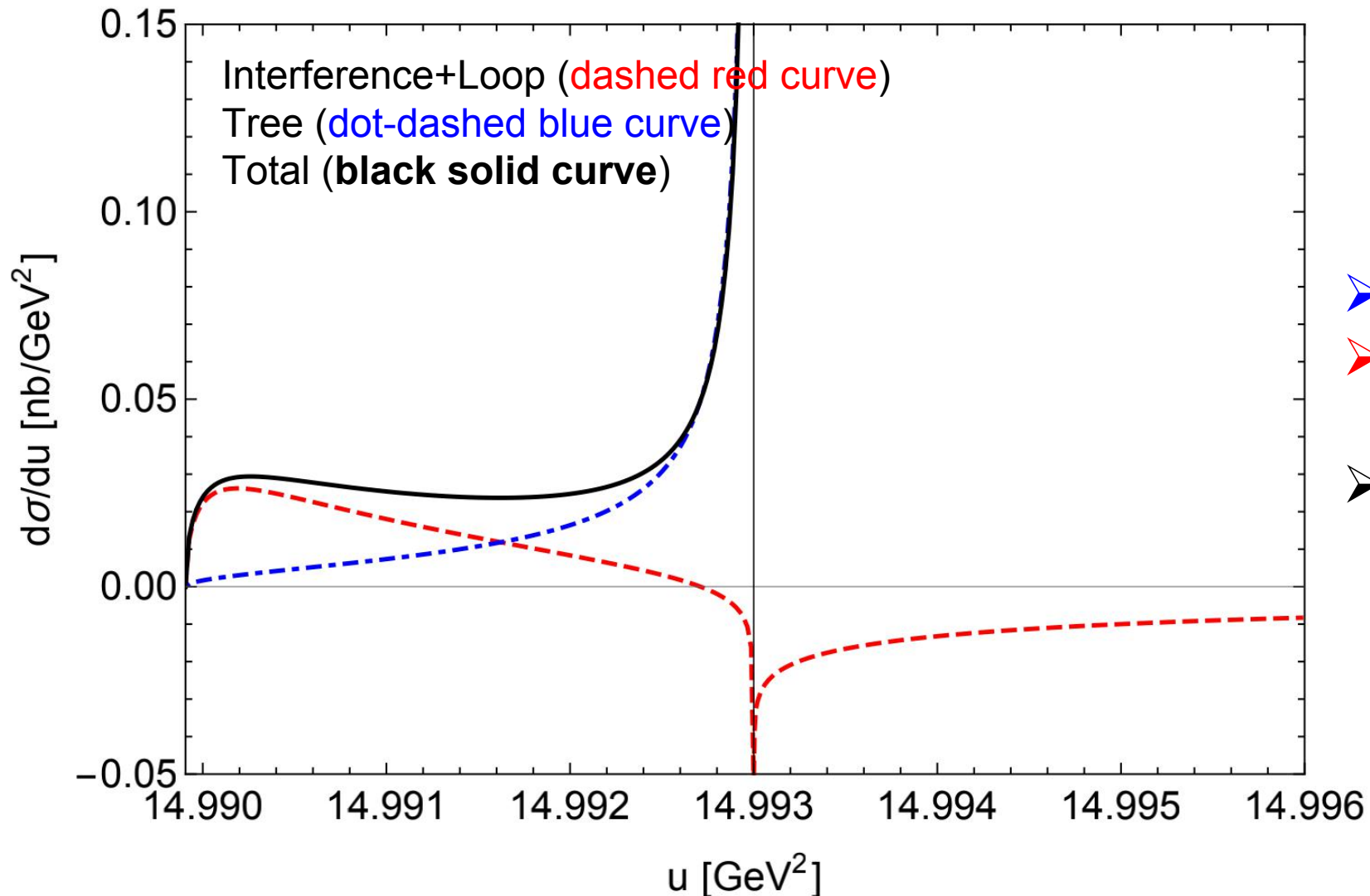
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➤ Tree dominates, no peak from triangle singularity.

Differential cross section $d\sigma/du$ for $\sqrt{s} = 4014.7$ MeV with **zero D^{*0} width**



Triangle singularity:
 $u_{\Delta} = 14.993$ GeV²

- Tree diverges as $1/\Gamma_{*0}$
- Interference+Loop diverges as Log.
- No peak from triangle singularity too.

Schmid Cancellation

- $d\sigma/dudt$, Log^2 divergences

- $d\sigma/du$, Log^2 cancellation (γ_X, Γ_{*0} go to 0),

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● In $d\sigma/du$, **Log divergences of both Interference+Loop and Tree terms** are completely **overwhelmed by**

the rapidly increasing contribution from the

opening up of the $D\bar{b}^{*0}$ resonance from Tree diagram.

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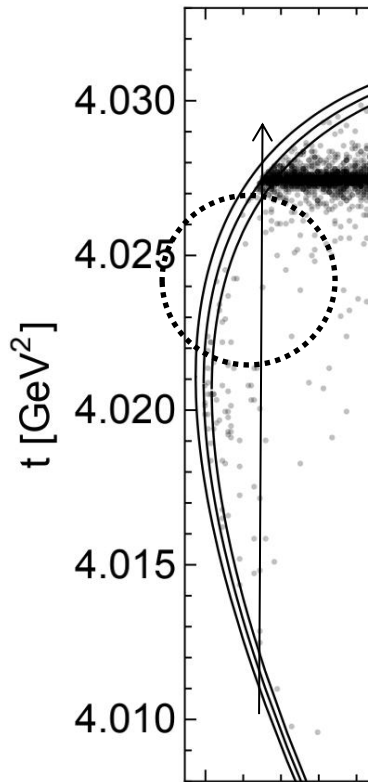
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No peak in $d\sigma/du$ for physical/zero Γ_{*0} width

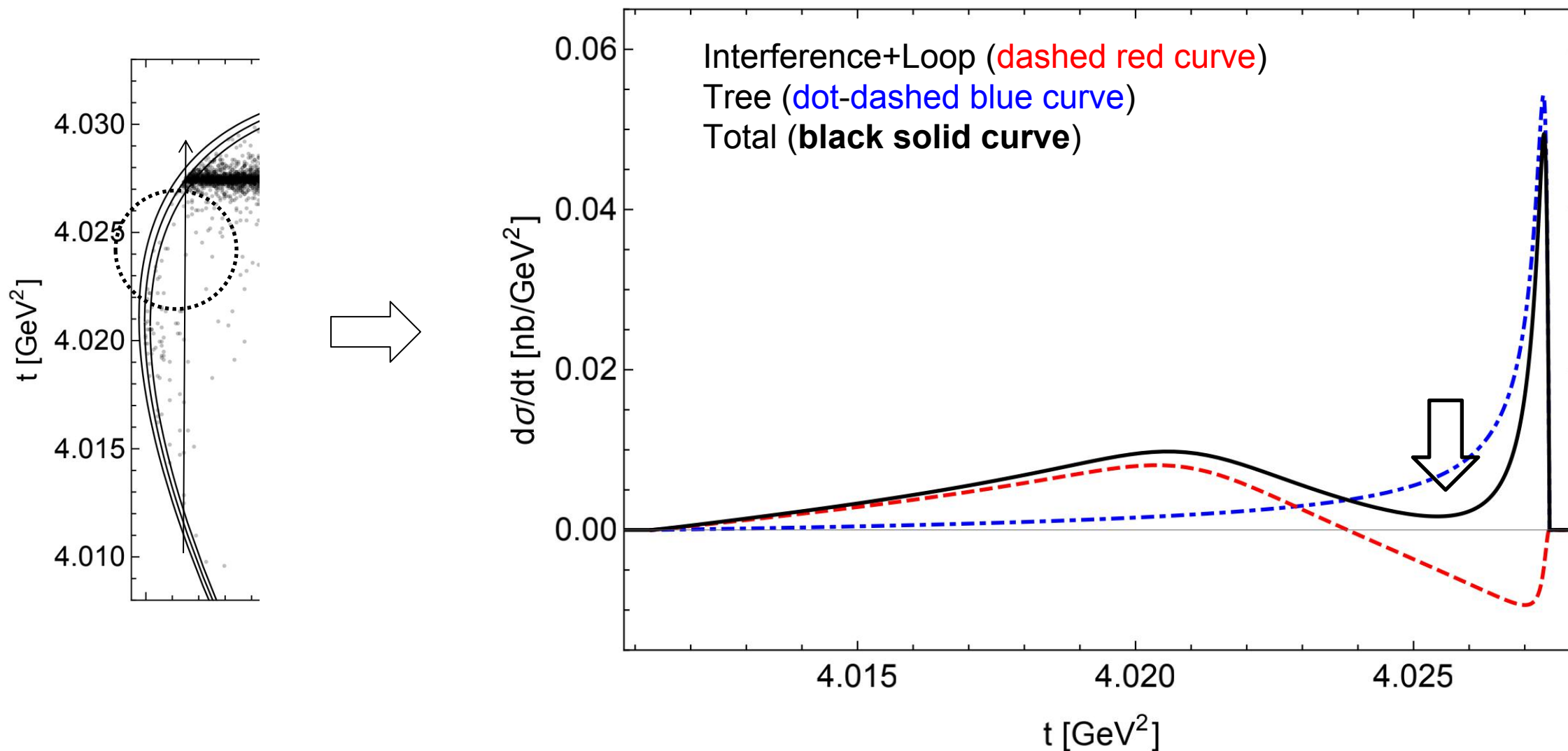
Can we identify the charm-meson triangle singularity?

This matters, because it supports for the identification of X as a weakly bound charm-meson molecule.

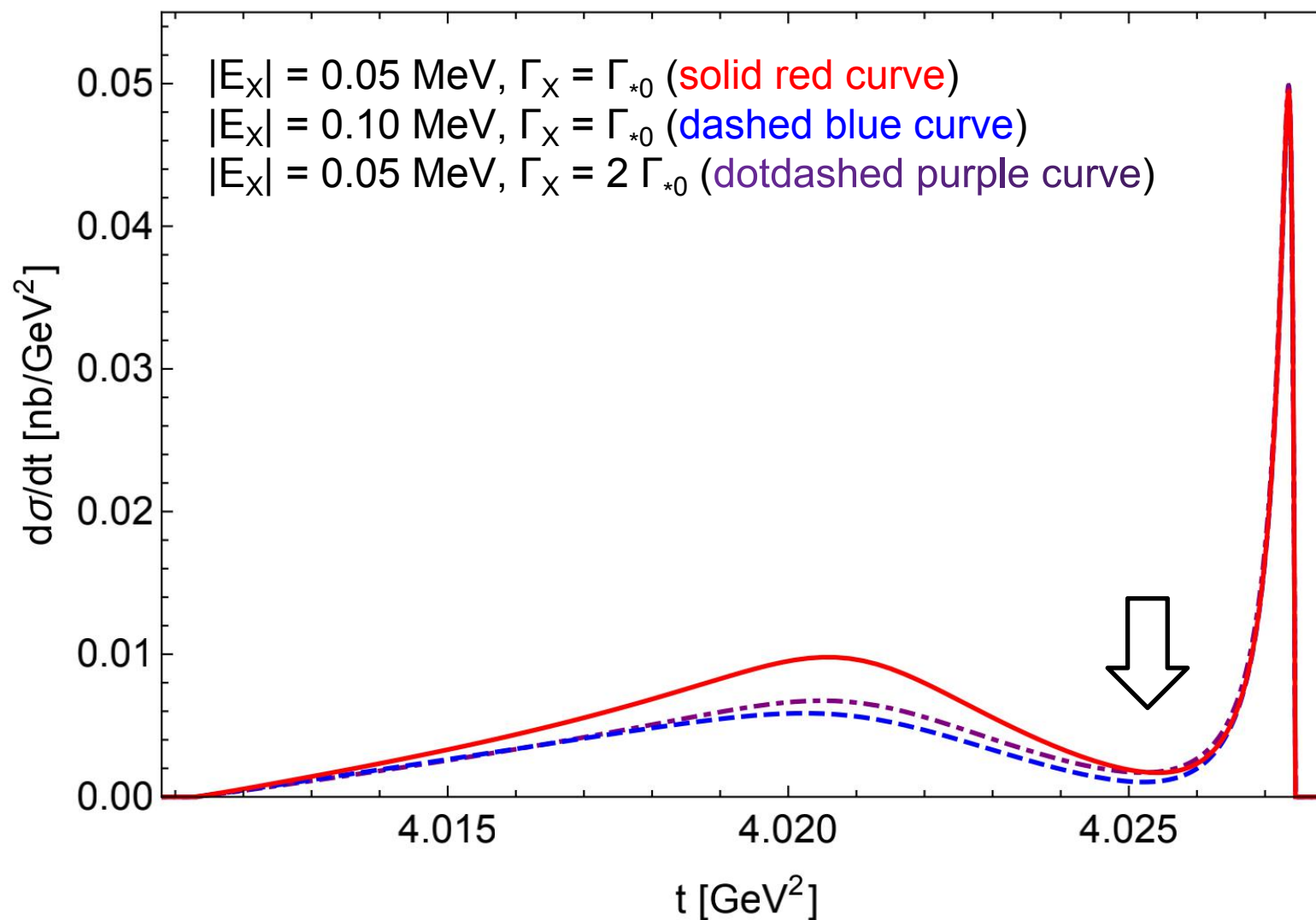
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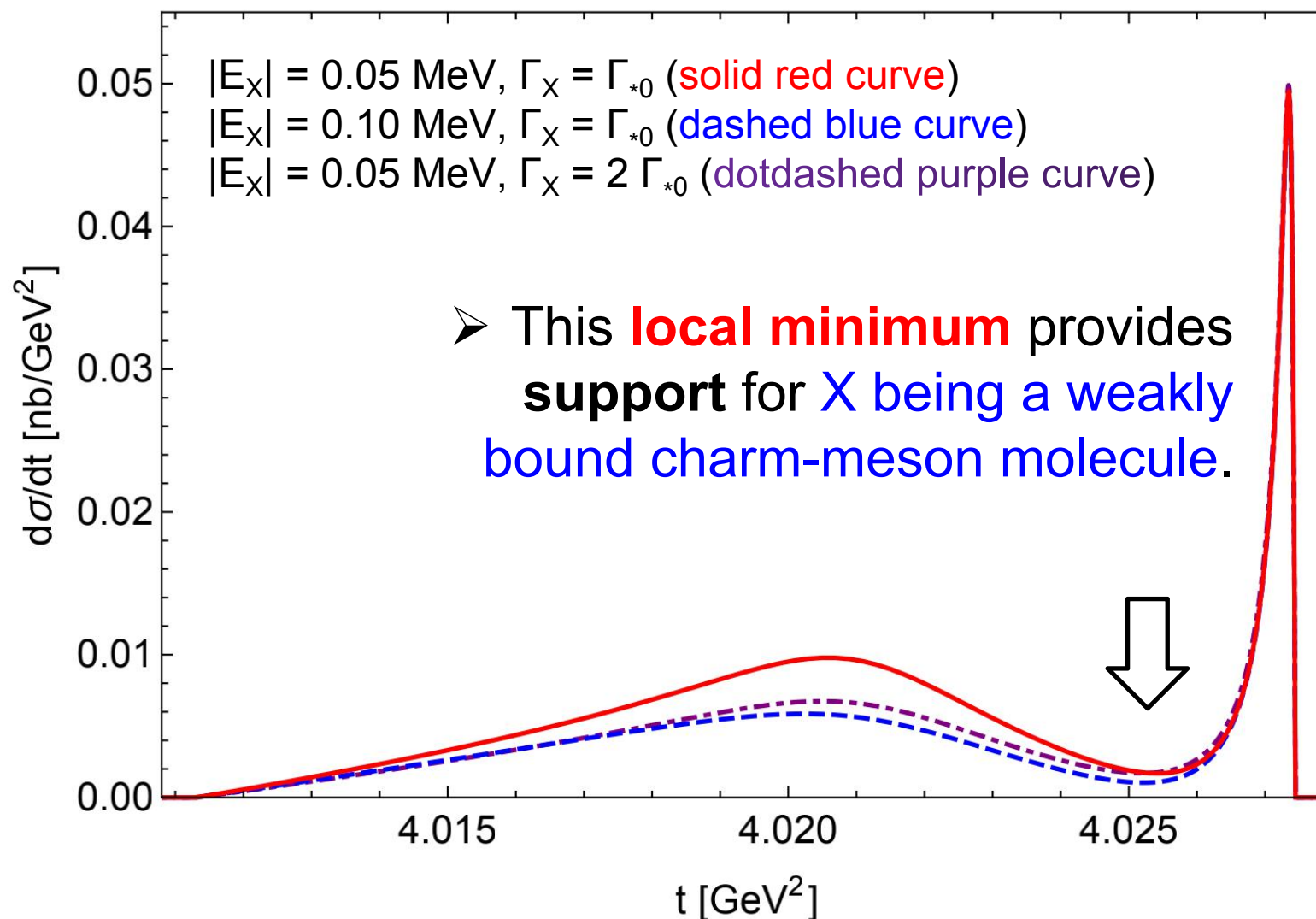
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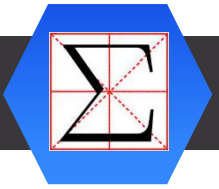


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Observation of Triangle Singularity \longrightarrow X(3872) being Molecule State

- The observation of the **narrow peak in the cross section** of $e^+e^- \rightarrow X + \gamma$ would support the identification of X as a weakly bound charm-meson molecule.
- ✓ The charm-meson triangle singularity in $e^+e^- \rightarrow D^{*0}\bar{D}^0 + \gamma$ cannot be observed as a peak in either $d\sigma/dudt$ or $d\sigma/du$ directly .
- ✓ Charm-meson triangle singularity can be observed indirectly in **$d\sigma/dt$ with $u < u_\Delta$ as a local minimum.**
- ✓ The observation of this minimum provide additional support for the identification of **X as a weakly bound charm-meson molecule.**

$$|X(3872)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|D^{*0}\bar{D}^0\rangle + |D^0\bar{D}^{*0}\rangle \right)$$

Thank You!

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Charm-meson Triangle Singularity in $e^+ e^-$ Annihilation into $D^{*0} \bar{D}^0 + \gamma$

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