The race to the pole Heavy quarks and light resonances

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and where to find the lightest ones ?



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Analytic continuation under RHC rim

Poles in 2nd Riemann sheet \rightarrow resonances !

Care with analytic continuation with more complicated processes \rightarrow already non-trivial if $m_a \neq m_b$

Experimentally



If pole not far from cut,

$$A(s\simeq M^2)\propto rac{1}{M^2-iM\Gamma-s}$$

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For scalars, much harder to describe the shift

- No threshold suppresion
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- Poles not enough to describe amplitude (not Breit-Wigner !)

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From dispersive methods σ very far away from axis

 $M_{\sigma} \simeq 441 \quad \Gamma_{\sigma} \simeq 544 \, \, {
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m Caprini\ et\ al.\ 2005})$

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A non canonical example : I = 1/2 scalars



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A non canonical example : the scalar nonet (?)



Hard to classify, and not really helpful $$\rightarrow$$ Poles not the essential element of the scalar amplitudes

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Main problem : model interaction of resonances with another state $\rightarrow q\bar{q}$, meson molecule, di-quark states, large- N_c inspired models...