

# Dalitz-Plot Analyses

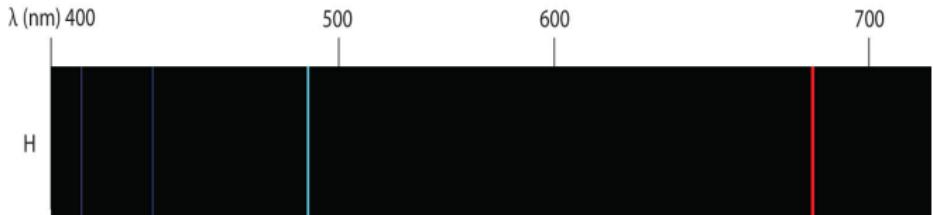
RTG Lecture 1: Decay rates and phase-space

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# Spectroscopy

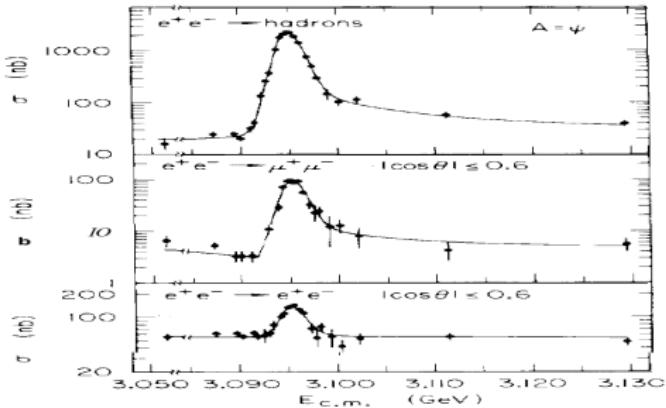
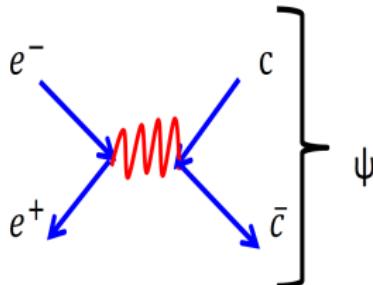


- **Atomic spectroscopy:**

Spectral lines were observed before their origin was understood  
⇒ Key role in development of Quantum Mechanics (QM)

- **Hadron spectroscopy** ⇒ Understanding of strong interaction  
( Reminder: Hadron = Bound state of quarks:  $(q\bar{q})$ ,  $(qqq)$ , ... )

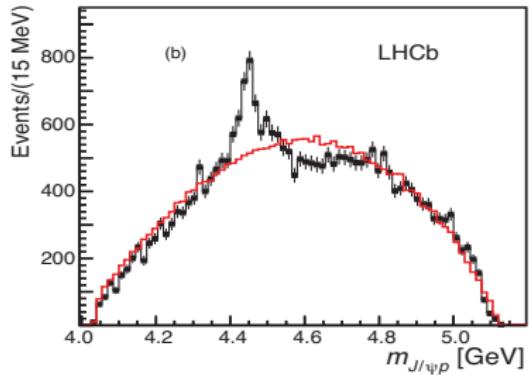
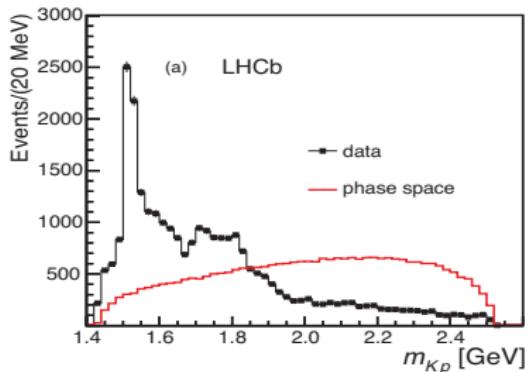
# November Revolution 1974



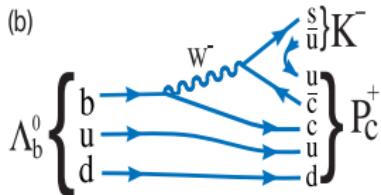
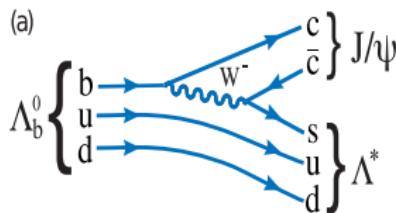
- Quark Model at that time: several hundred hadronic states explained as bound states of 3 different quarks: u, d, s
- SLAC-Mark-I experiment found new long-lived particle:  $J/\psi = |c\bar{c}\rangle$  (Simultaneously confirmed by independent group: BNL)
- Soon followed by excited states:  $\psi(2S), \psi(3770), \dots$

⇒ Key role in development of SM  
See Dominiks lecture for details

# Pentaquark in $\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi Kp$ decays ?



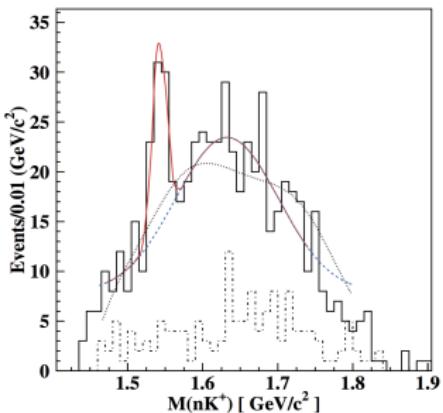
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See Marians lecture for details

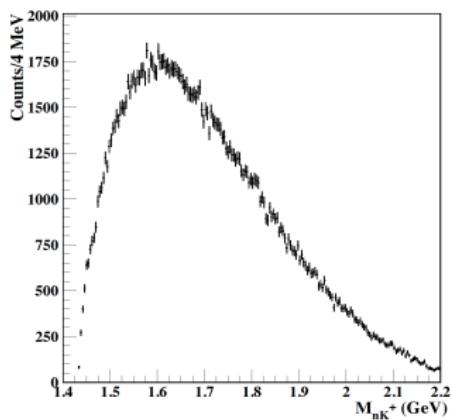
# Lesson from the past:

Reaction:  $\gamma d \rightarrow pK^-(K^+n)$



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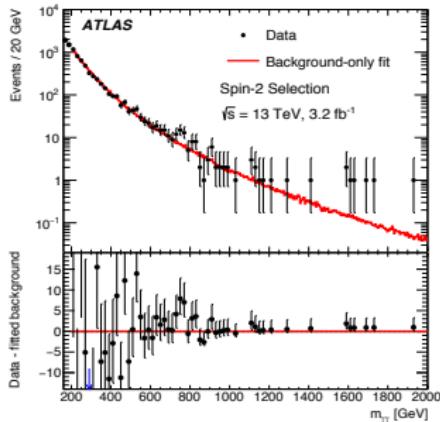
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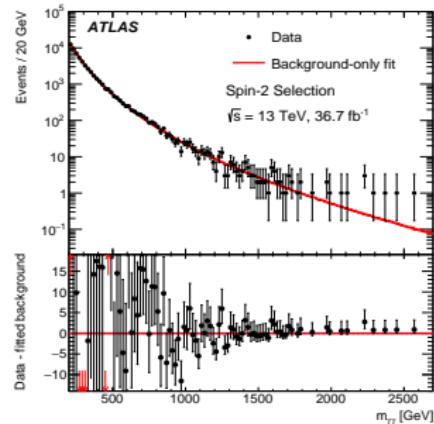
**Peaks can come and go ...**  
See Marians lecture for details

# Lesson from the past:



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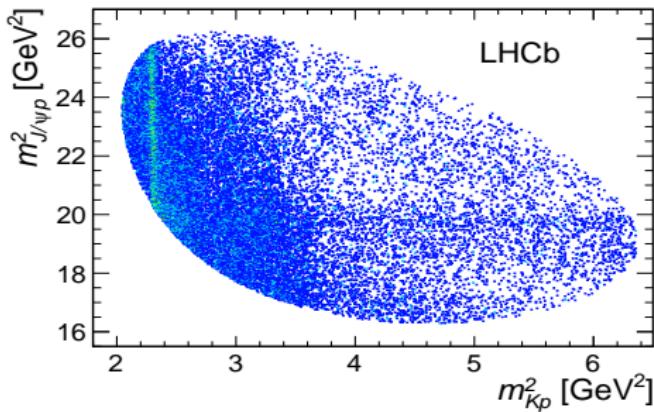
[Phys. Lett. B 775 (2017) 105-125]

Peaks can come and go ...

See physics teams presentation for details

# Dalitz Plots

$$\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi K p$$

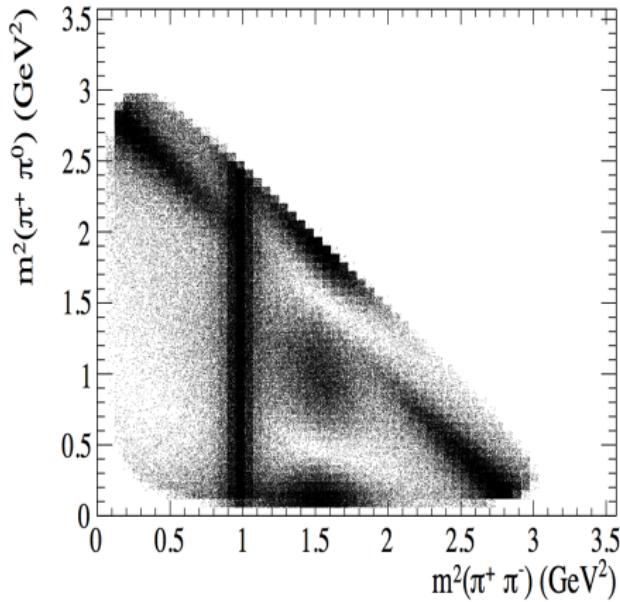


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Make use of full decay information:

- Angular distributions  $\Rightarrow$  Spin-Parity
- Interference patterns provide sensitivity to phases  
( $\Rightarrow$  Also interesting for CPV studies)

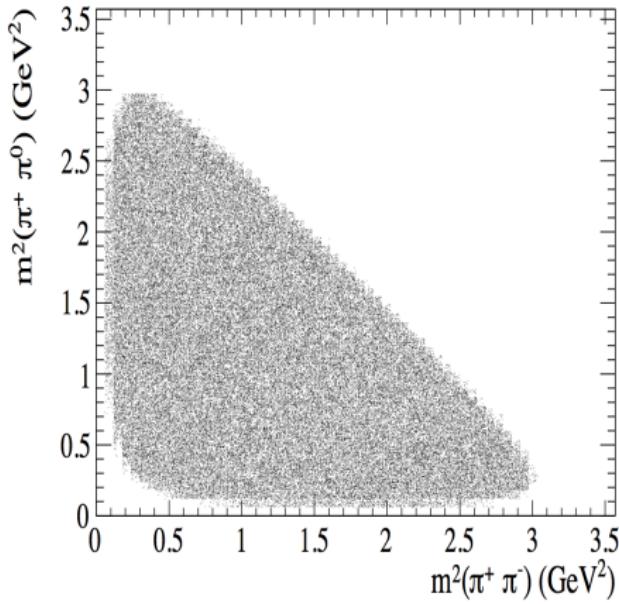
# Lecture 1+2: Dalitz Plot Technique



$(D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \text{ Toy Simulation})$

# Lecture 1:

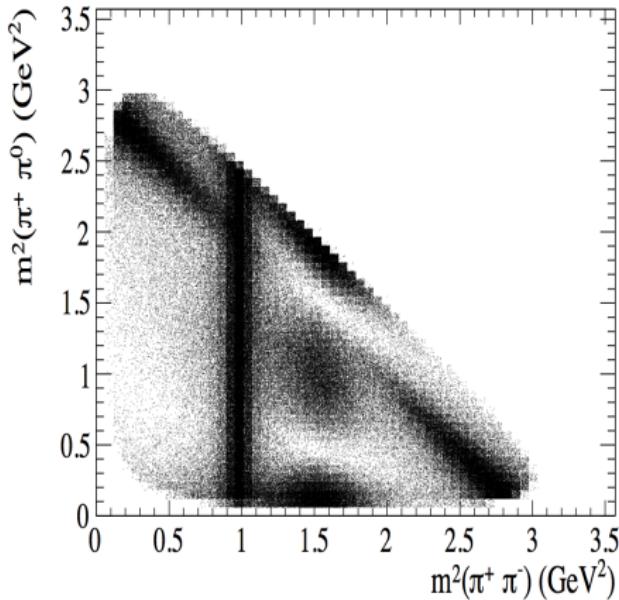
## Decay rates and Phasespace



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# Lecture 2:

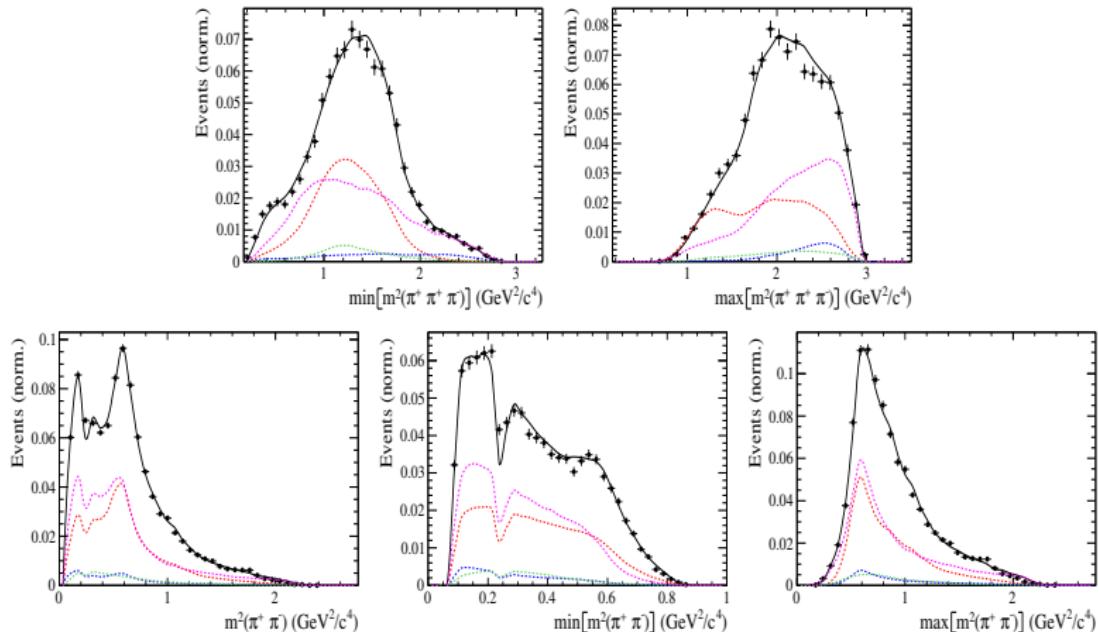
## Resonances and angular distributions



$(D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$  Toy Simulation)

# Lecture 3:

## Amplitude analysis of $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$



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# Two-body Decays: Examples

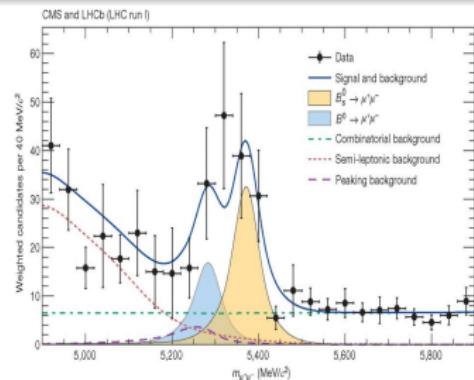
$$\Gamma(M \rightarrow 12) \propto \frac{[(M^2 - (m_1 + m_2)^2)(M^2 - (m_1 - m_2)^2)]^{1/2}}{M^3}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma(D \rightarrow K^+ K^-) \Gamma(D \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)}{\Gamma(D \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-) \Gamma(D \rightarrow K^- \pi^+)}$$

- Naive expectation (Phasespace): 0.98
- Experiment:  $1.04 \pm 0.06$

$$\frac{\Gamma(B_0 \rightarrow \mu\mu)}{\Gamma(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu)}$$

- Phasespace:  $104\% \cdot \frac{|V_{td}|^2}{|V_{ts}|^2} = 5\%$
- Experiment:  $14 \pm 8\%$   
 $\Rightarrow$  CKM hierarchy

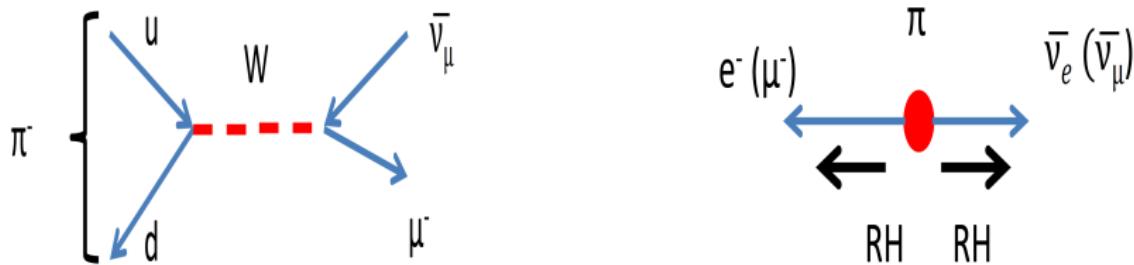


[Nature 522, 68-72]

# Two-body Decays: Historic puzzles

## Pion decay

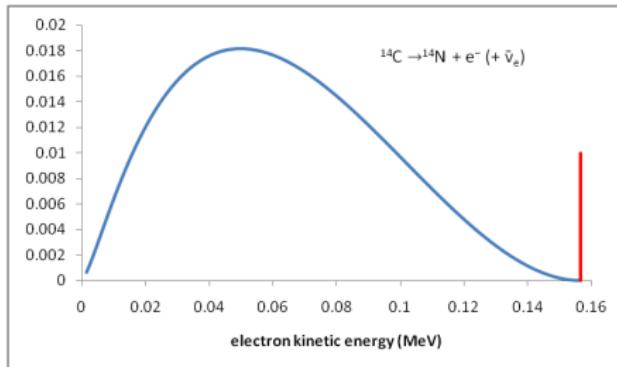
- Naive expectation (Phasespace):  $\frac{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow e\nu)}{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu)} = \frac{m_\pi^2 - m_e^2}{m_\pi^2 - m_\mu^2} = 3.3$
- Experiment:  $\frac{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow e\nu)}{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu)} = (1.230 \pm 0.004) \cdot 10^{-4}$
- Weak interaction violates parity:  $A \propto q_\mu (\bar{u}_e \gamma^\mu \frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma^5) u_\nu)$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow e\nu)}{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu)} = \left( \frac{m_e^2}{m_\mu^2} \right) \cdot \frac{m_\pi^2 - m_e^2}{m_\pi^2 - m_\mu^2} = 1.275 \cdot 10^{-4}$



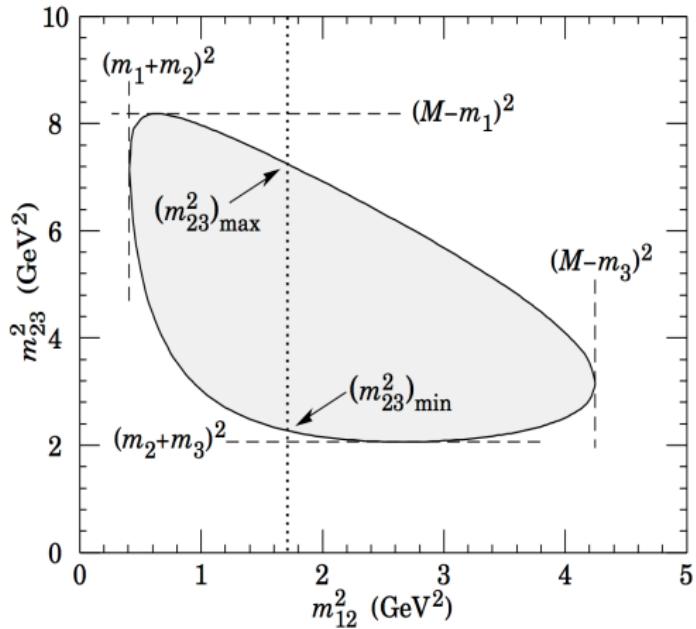
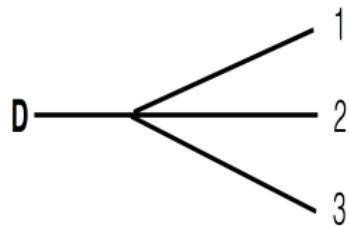
# Two-body Decays: Historic puzzles

$\beta$ -Decay:  $n \rightarrow p e^- (\nu)$

- Expect discrete energy in 2-body decay
- Observe continuous energy spectrum of emitted  $e^-$   
⇒ Prediction of neutrino



# Dalitz Plots



$$(m_i^2 + m_j^2)^2 \leq m_{ij}^2 \leq (M - m_k)^2$$

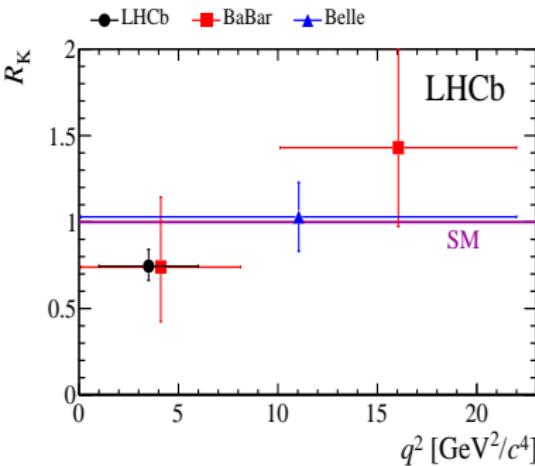
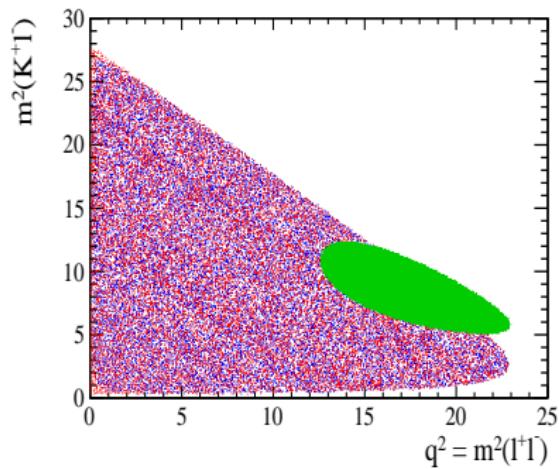
# Three-body Decays: Example

$$\Gamma(M \rightarrow 123) \approx \frac{1}{M} \int dm_{12}^2 dm_{23}^2 \propto V_{phsp}$$

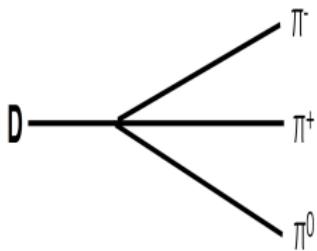
Search for lepton flavor violation

$$\frac{\Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu\mu)}{\Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ ee)} \approx 0.99$$

$$\frac{\Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu\mu)}{\Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau\tau)} \approx 9$$



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$$A_{D \rightarrow 3\pi} = \text{const.}$$

