

# A STRANGE-NESS LOOP

**QCD**

→ **EFT(DYNAMICALLY GENERATED RESONANCES)**

→ **(LATTICE) QCD**

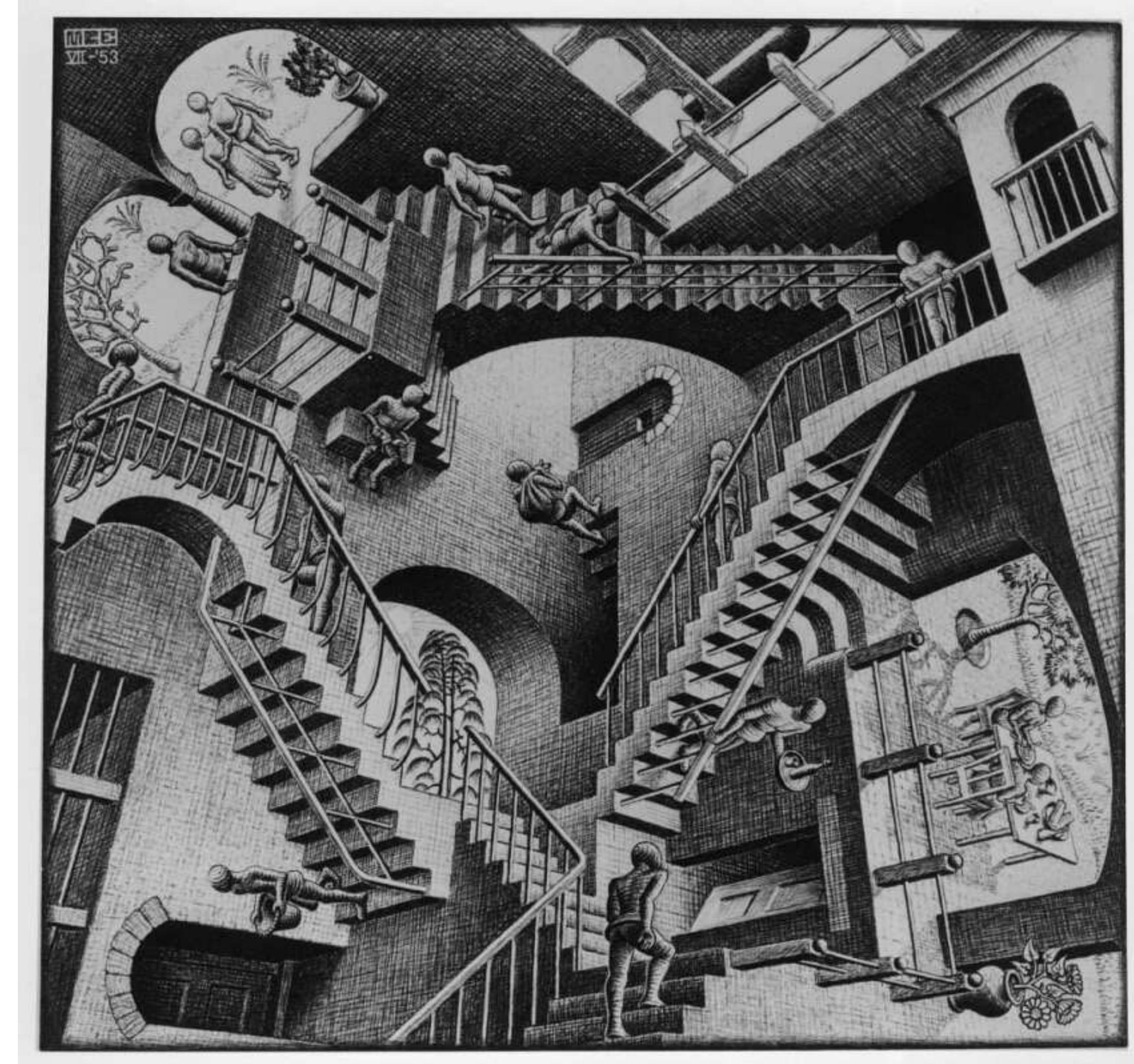
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Relativity (1953) – MC Escher

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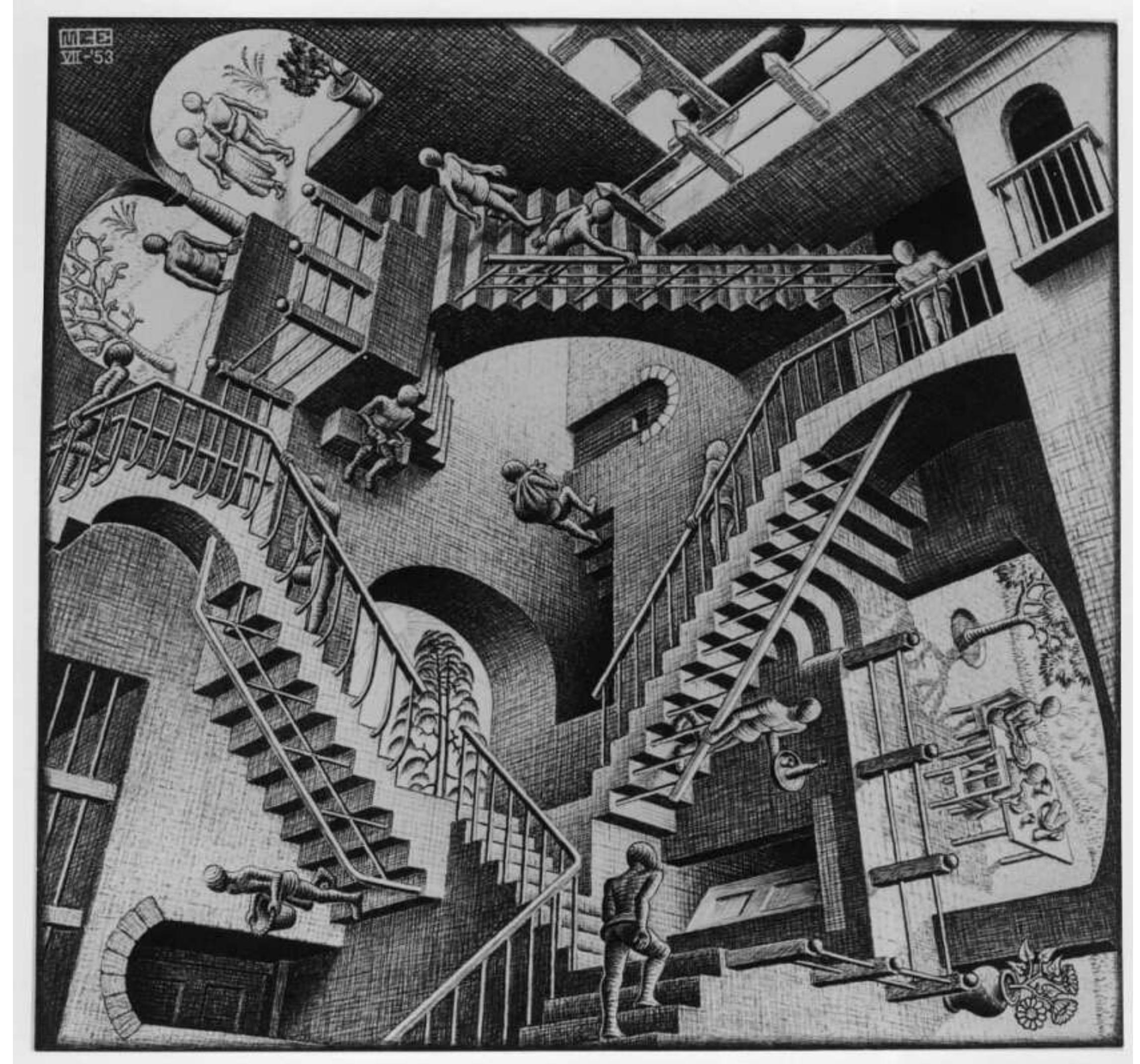
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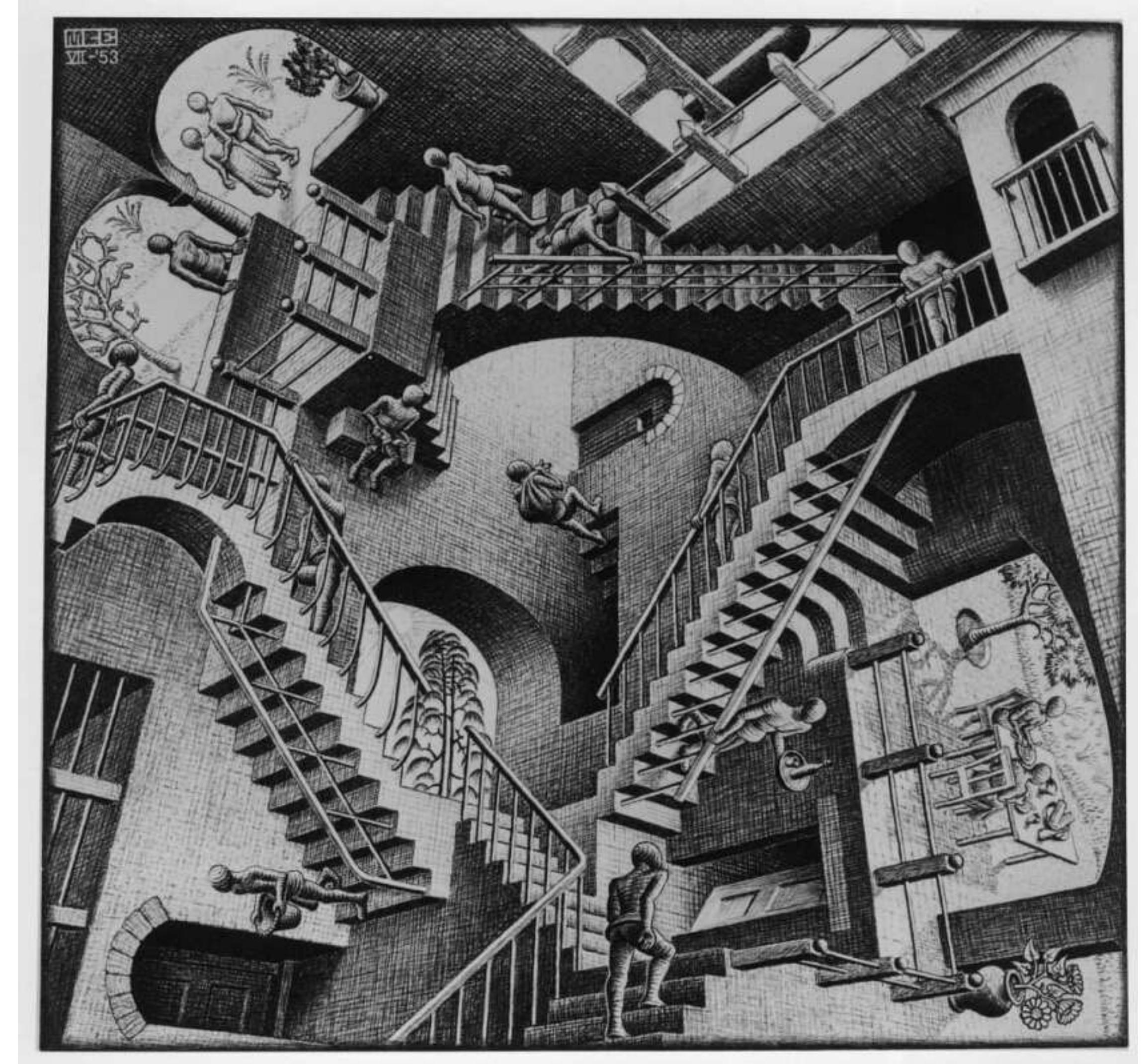
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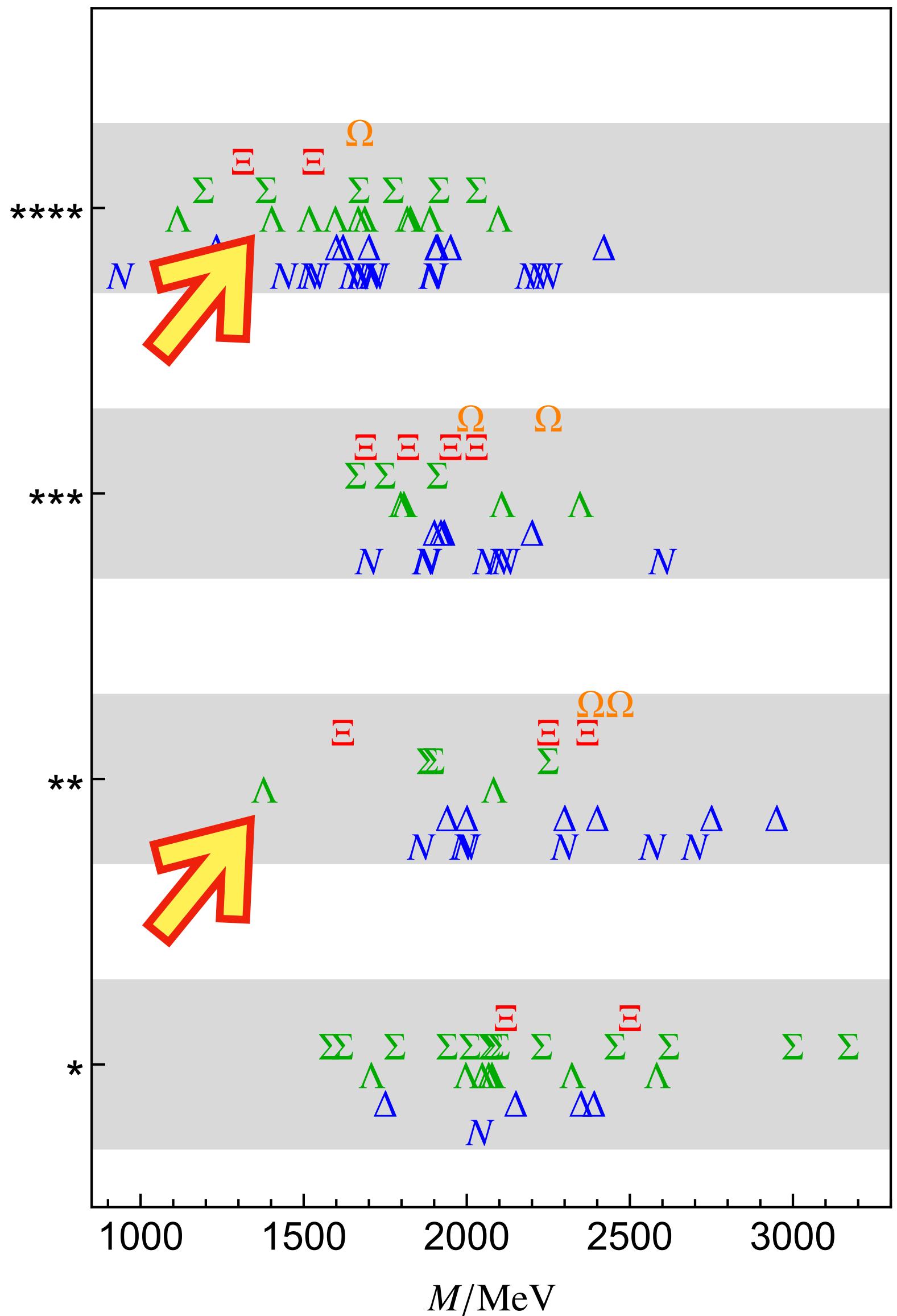
# HADRON SPECTRUM

## Experimental progress

- 70y research:  $\Delta(1232)$ ,  $\rho(770)$ ,  $\omega(782)$ , ...
- Ongoing progress, new techniques and experiments
- Many overlapping and mostly excited states
- $\approx 100$  mesons + 50 baryons (\*\*\*\*)

## Theory

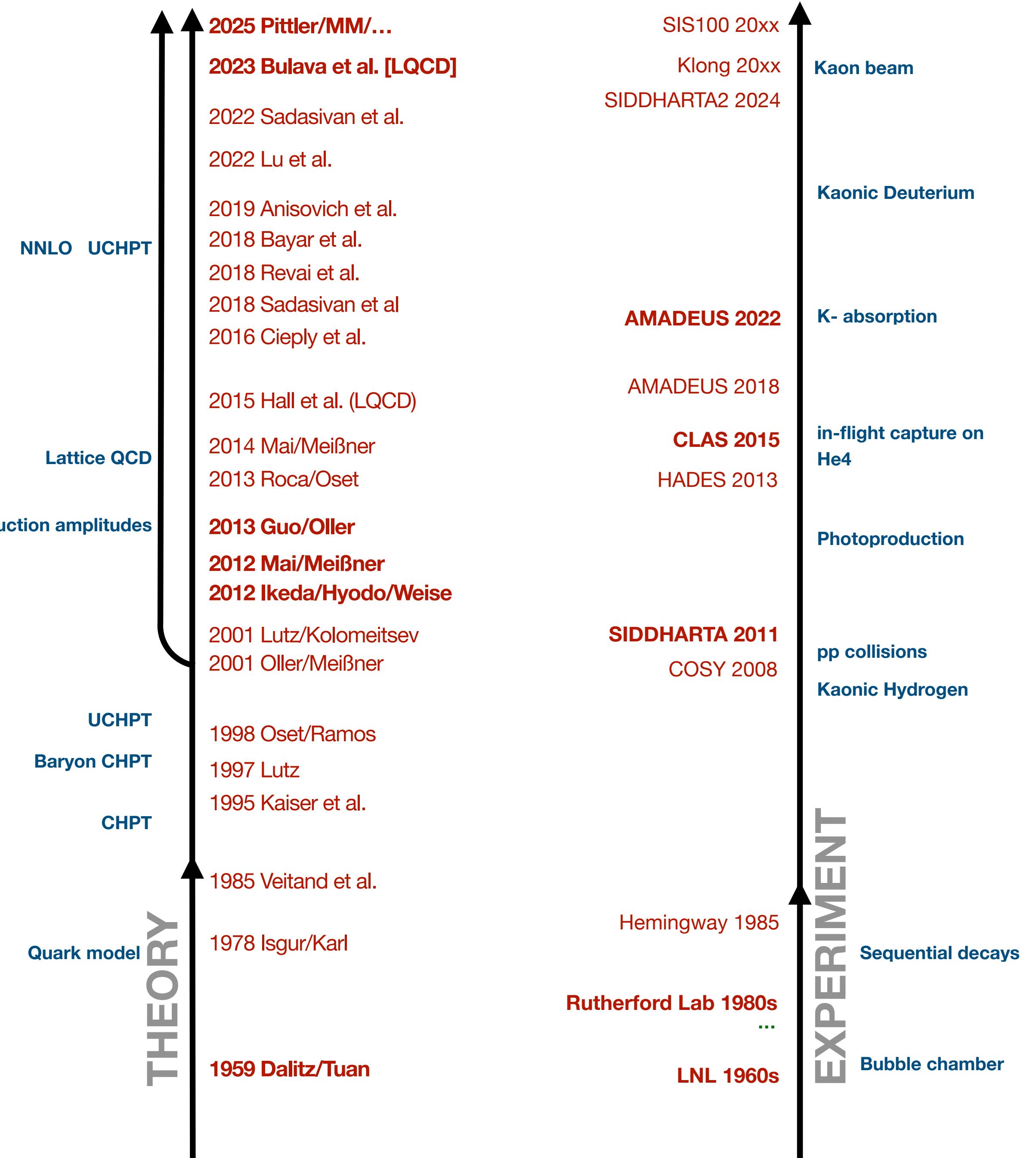
- QCD governs the emergence of hadron spectrum
- Strangeness enriches and complicates the picture
  - Curious case:  $\Lambda(1405) + \Lambda(1380)$



# STATUS AND HISTORY OF $\Lambda(1405)$

*Intertwined experimental/theoretical developments*

- Sub- $(\bar{K}N)$ -threshold  $\Lambda(1405)$  resonance  
Dalitz/Tuan 1959
- Second state  $\Lambda(1380)$  predicted from UCHPT  
Oller/Meißner 2001
- No direct experimental verification  
[CLAS] Moriya et al. Phys.Rev.Lett. 112 (2014) 8  
MM/Meißner Eur.Phys.J.A 51 (2015) 3, 30
- Confirmed by many critical tests & LQCD  
Bulava+ (BaSc) PRL132, 051901 (2024)



# STRANGENESS

## Phenomenology

- New facilities CLAS12@JLab, Klong@JLab, SIS100@FAIR, AMBER@CERN
- $\bar{K}NN$  &  $\bar{K}NNN$  bound states searches JPARC/...
- Femtoscopy/Correlations ALICE/ALICE2...

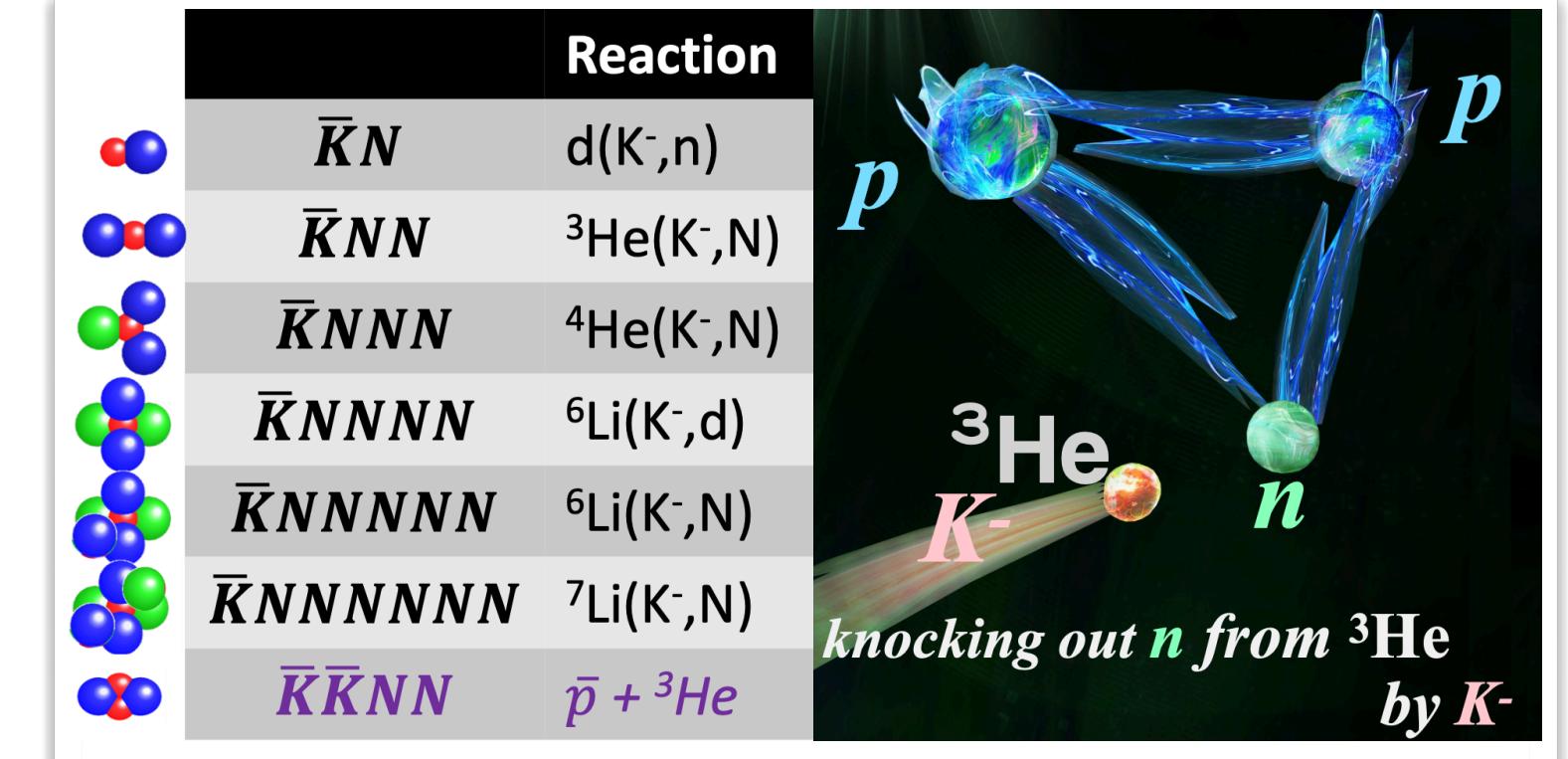
## Theory

- $K^-$  in medium and condensate
- Equation of State of neutron stars
- SU(3) dynamics

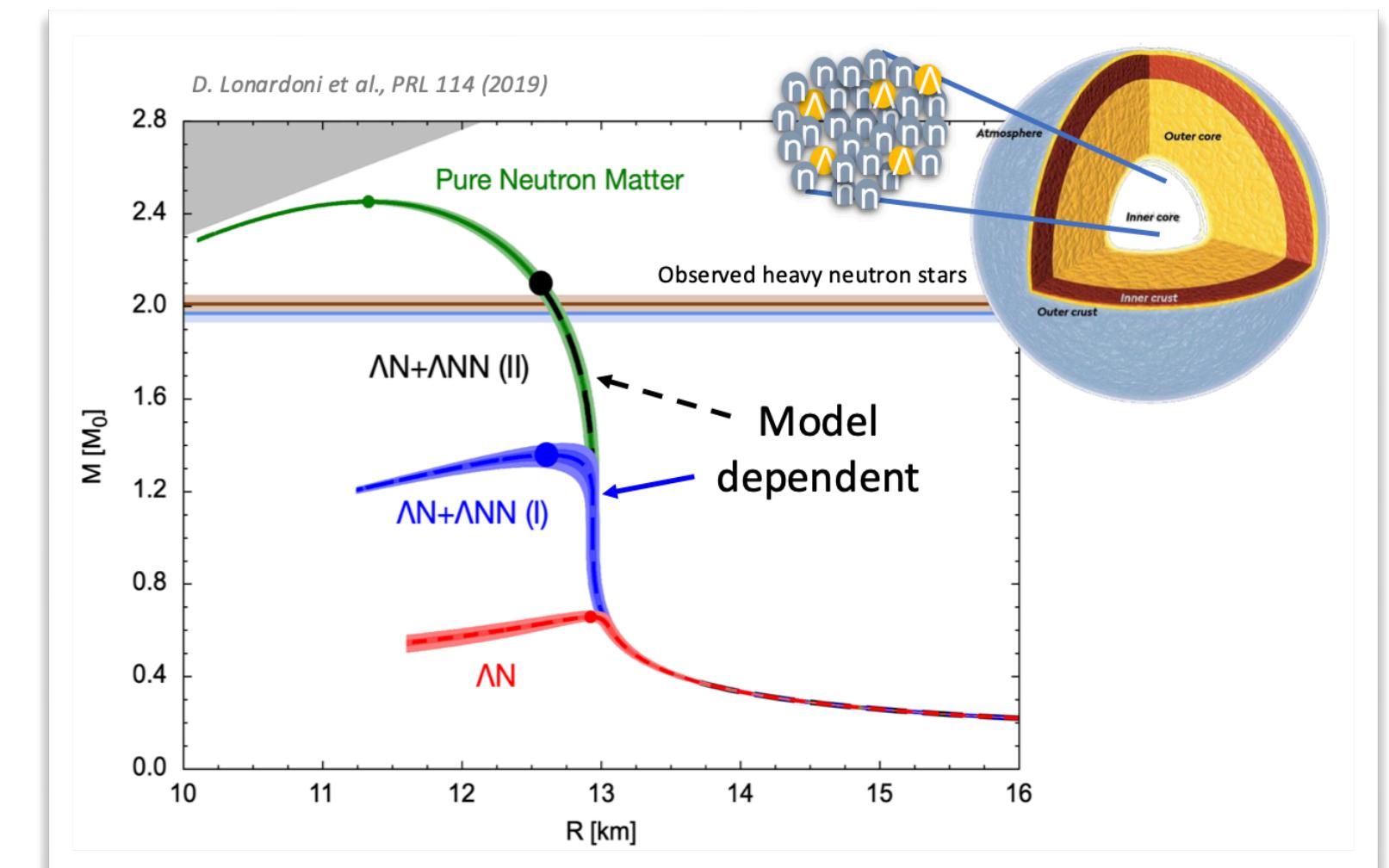
new Hyperons?

quark mass dependence

$$\{m_u, m_d\} < m_s \ll \{m_c, m_b, m_t\}$$



Sakuma/Iwasaki #J-PARC @EXAP/LEAP2024



Review: Gal/Hungerford/Millener (2016); Iwasaki et al. Phys.Rev.C 110 (2024) 1, 014002, ...

Mareš et al. Acta Phys. Polon. B 51, 129 (2020), Hrtáčkova et al. Phys.Lett. B 785, 90 (2018), ...

Cassing/Tolos/Bratkovskaya/Ramos Nucl.Phys.A 727 (2003) 59-94

Michael Annan Lisa et al, Ann.Rev.Nucl.Part.Sci. 55 (2005) 357-402, Fabbietti et al., ARNPS 71 (2021), 377-402

# THEORY

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4g^2} G_{\mu\nu}^\alpha G_{\mu\nu}^\alpha + \sum_j \bar{q}_j (i \gamma^\mu D_\mu + m_j) q_j$$

where  $G_{\mu\nu}^\alpha \equiv \partial_\mu A_\nu^\alpha - \partial_\nu A_\mu^\alpha + i f_{bc}^\alpha A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$

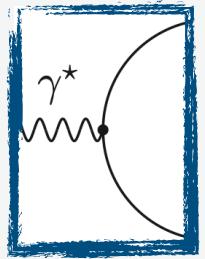
and  $D_\mu \equiv \partial_\mu + i t^\alpha A_\mu^\alpha$

That's it!

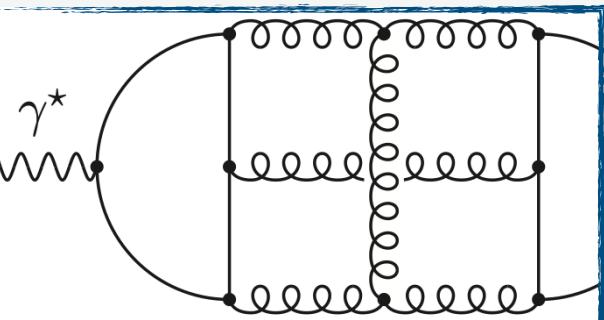
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## Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)

- Degrees of freedom: quarks and gluons
- pQCD: well-defined set of rules (Feynman diagrams) to calculate transition rates



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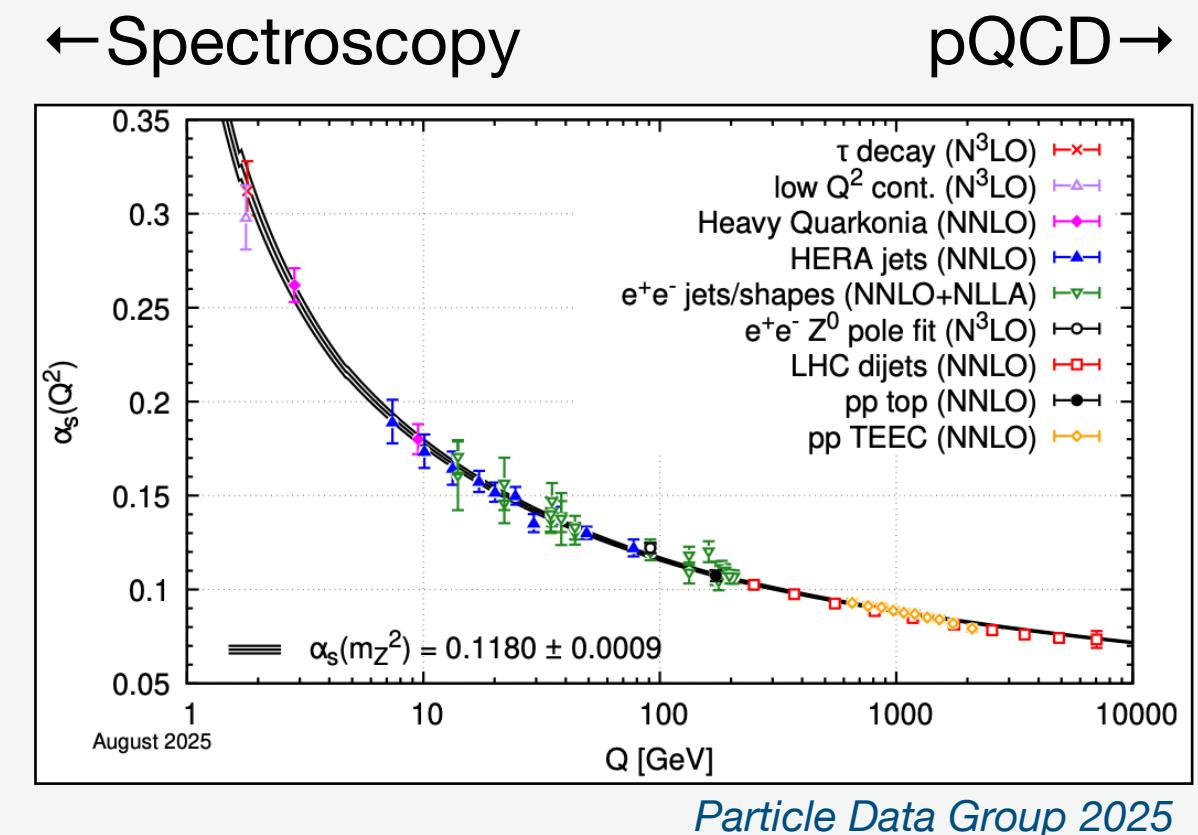


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## Hadron spectroscopy

- Virtual effects:  $\alpha_s \propto g_s^2$  depends on the momenta
  - ▶  $\alpha_s(Q) > 1$  for small exchanged momenta
  - ▶ asymptotic states = stable hadrons  $p, n, \pi, \dots$

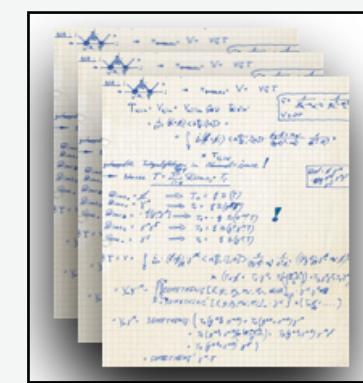
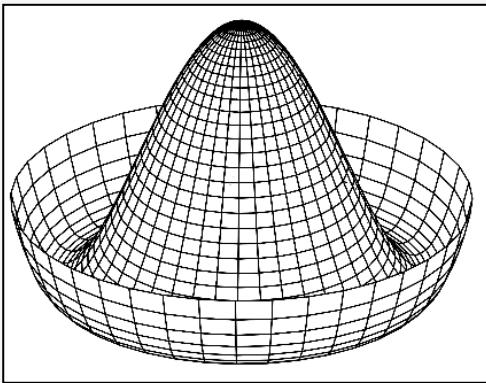


# NON-PERTURBATIVE APPROACHES

## Effective Field Theory (EFT/CHPT)

Weinberg (1979) Gasser, Leutwyler (1981), ...

Reviews: Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 57, 33 (2007), Adv. Nucl. Phys. 27, 277 (2003), ...



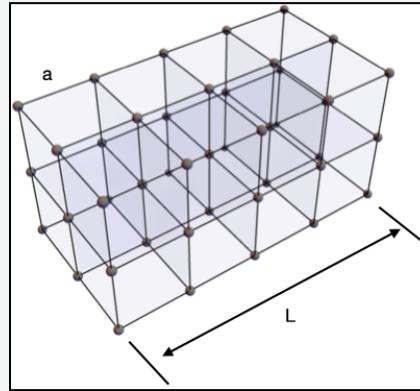
$$Z[J] = \int [DU] e^{\int i d^4x \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}(U, v, a, s, p)}$$

- [+] Effective/Hadronic degrees of freedom
- [-] Infinitely many, unknown low-energy constants
- [+] Well-defined power counting
- [+] quark mass dependence

## Lattice Gauge Theory (LQCD)

Wilson, Phys. Rev. D10 (1974) 2445 , ...

Reviews: hep-lat/9807028 [hep-lat] Rev.Mod.Phys. 90 (2018) Rept.Prog.Phys. 86 (2023)



$$Z[J] = \int [DU] e^{-S_E} \det[M[U]]$$

- [+] QCD degrees of freedom
- [-] discretized space-time / Euclidean metric / finite-volume
- [+/-] unphysical quark masses
- [+] non-perturbative access to QCD Green's functions

→ S-matrix theory ←

Further approaches: Functional methods, holography, K-matrix, dynamical models, ...

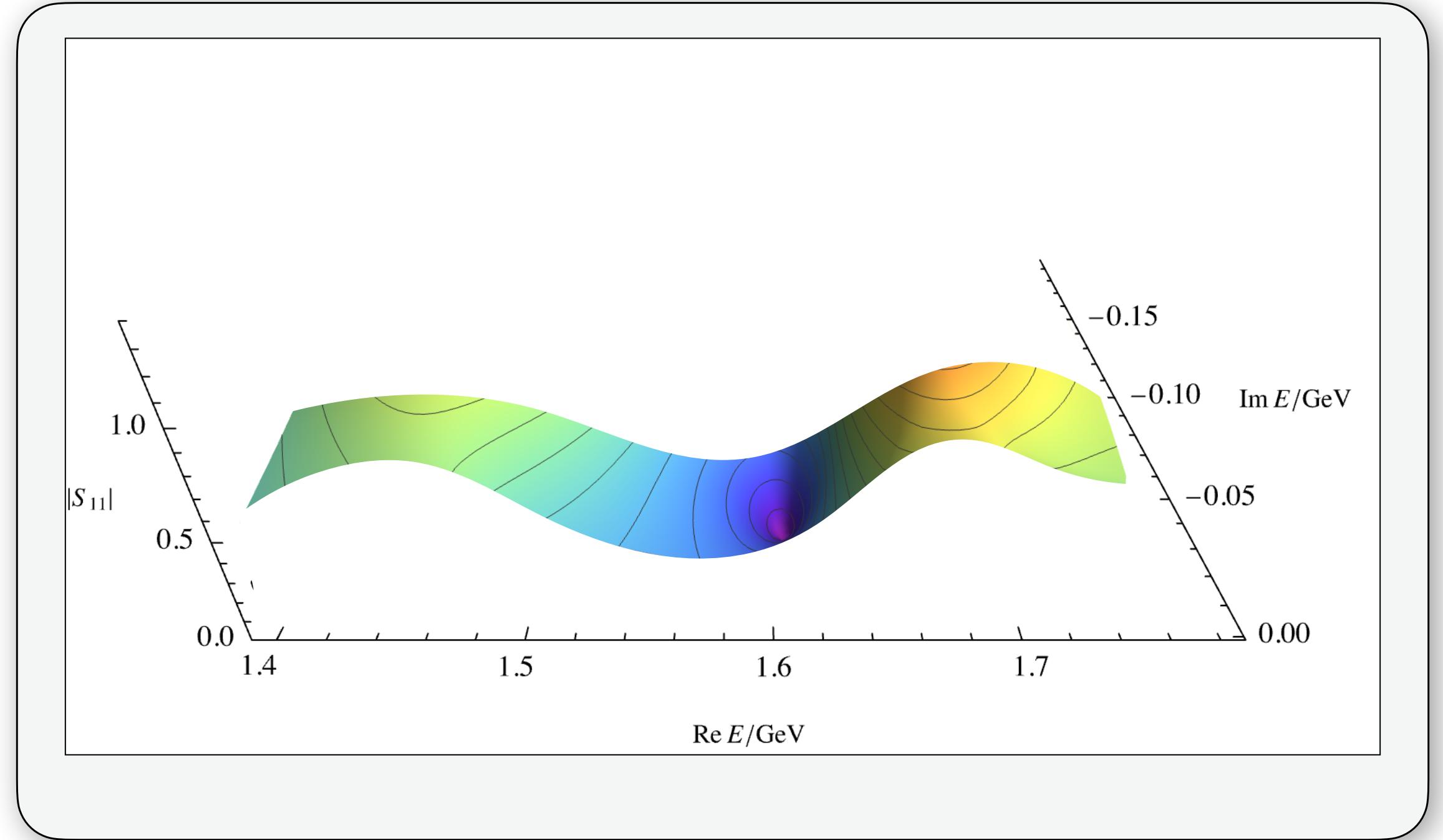
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Review: Döring/Haidenbauer/Sato/MM PPNP(2025)

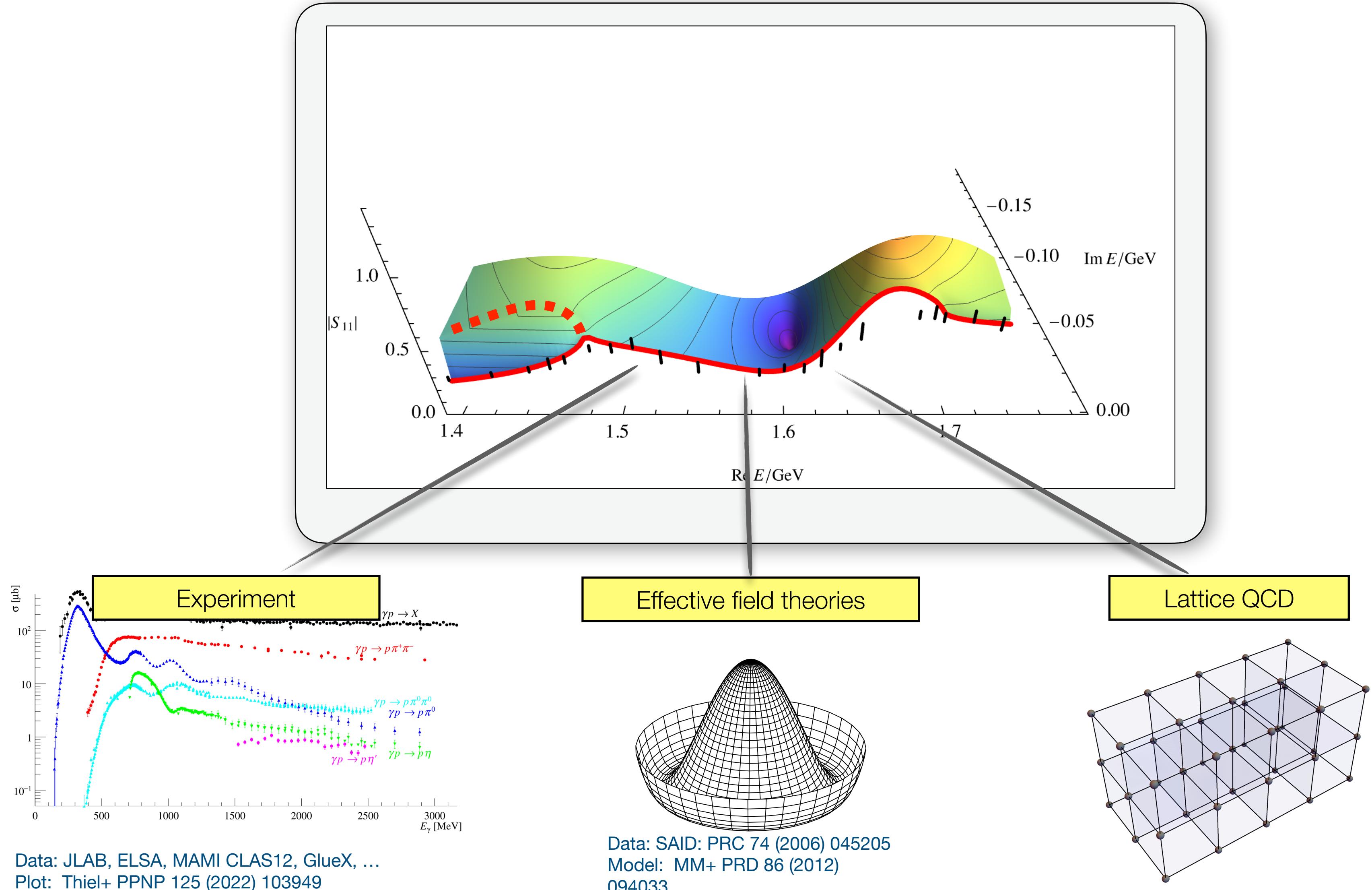
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- \* Crossing symmetry (particle/antiparticle)
- \* Unitarity (probability conservation)
- \* Analyticity (causality)



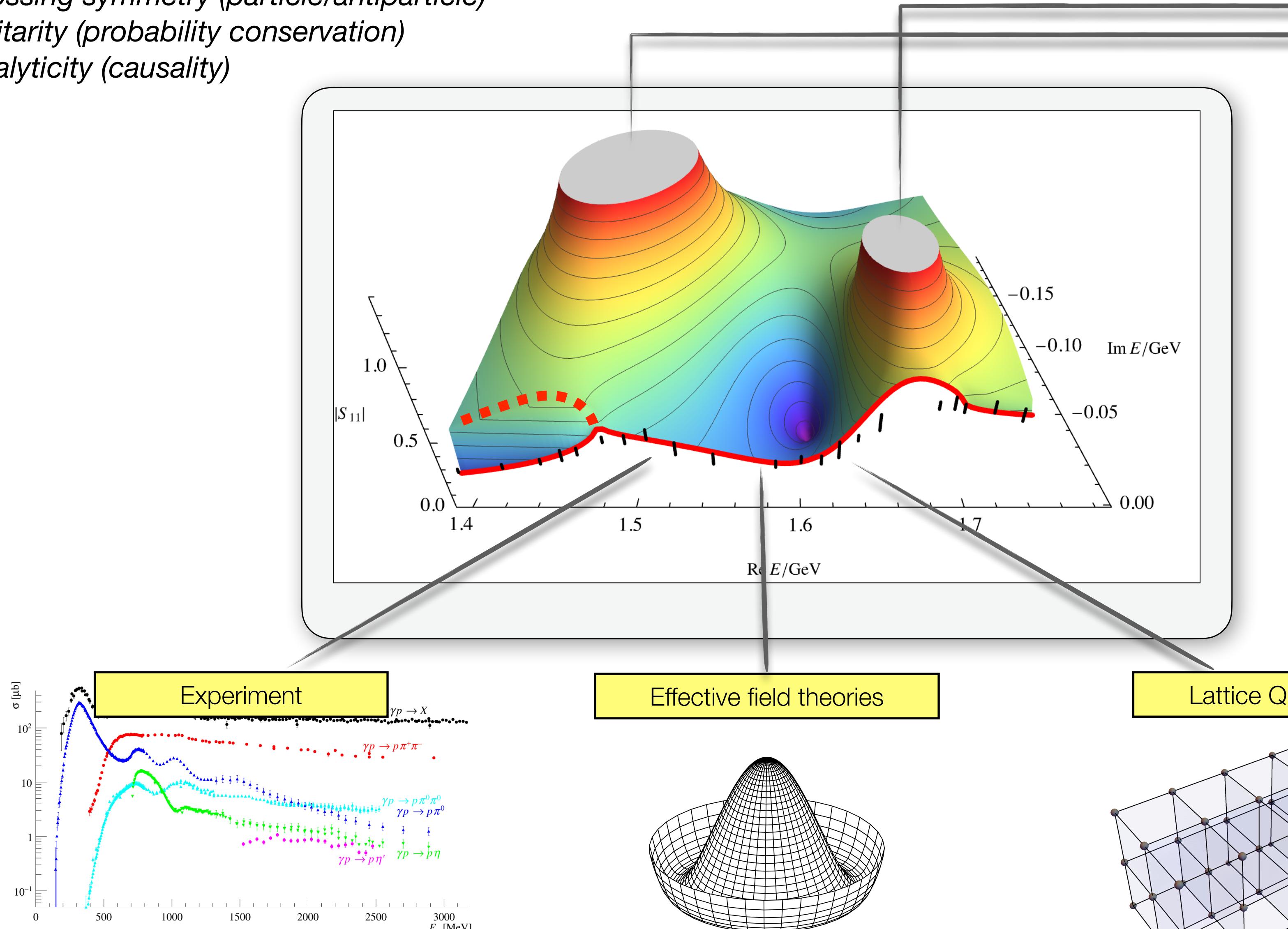
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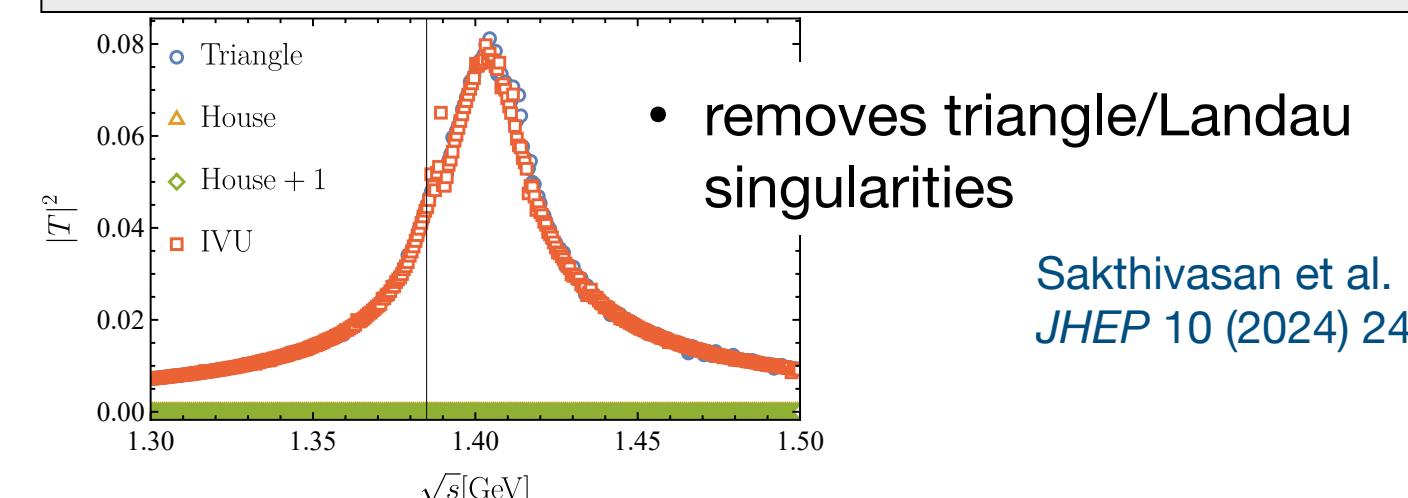
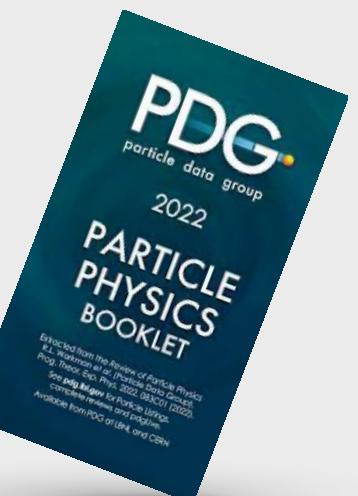
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Data: JLAB, ELSA, MAMI CLAS12, GlueX, ...  
Plot: Thiel+ PPNP 125 (2022) 103949

## Poles on unphysical Riemann Sheets

- Universal resonance parameter
- Singularities (cuts, ...) included
- **Hadron mass  $M = \text{Re } E_{\text{pole}}$**
- **Decay width  $\Gamma = -2 \text{Im } E_{\text{pole}}$**



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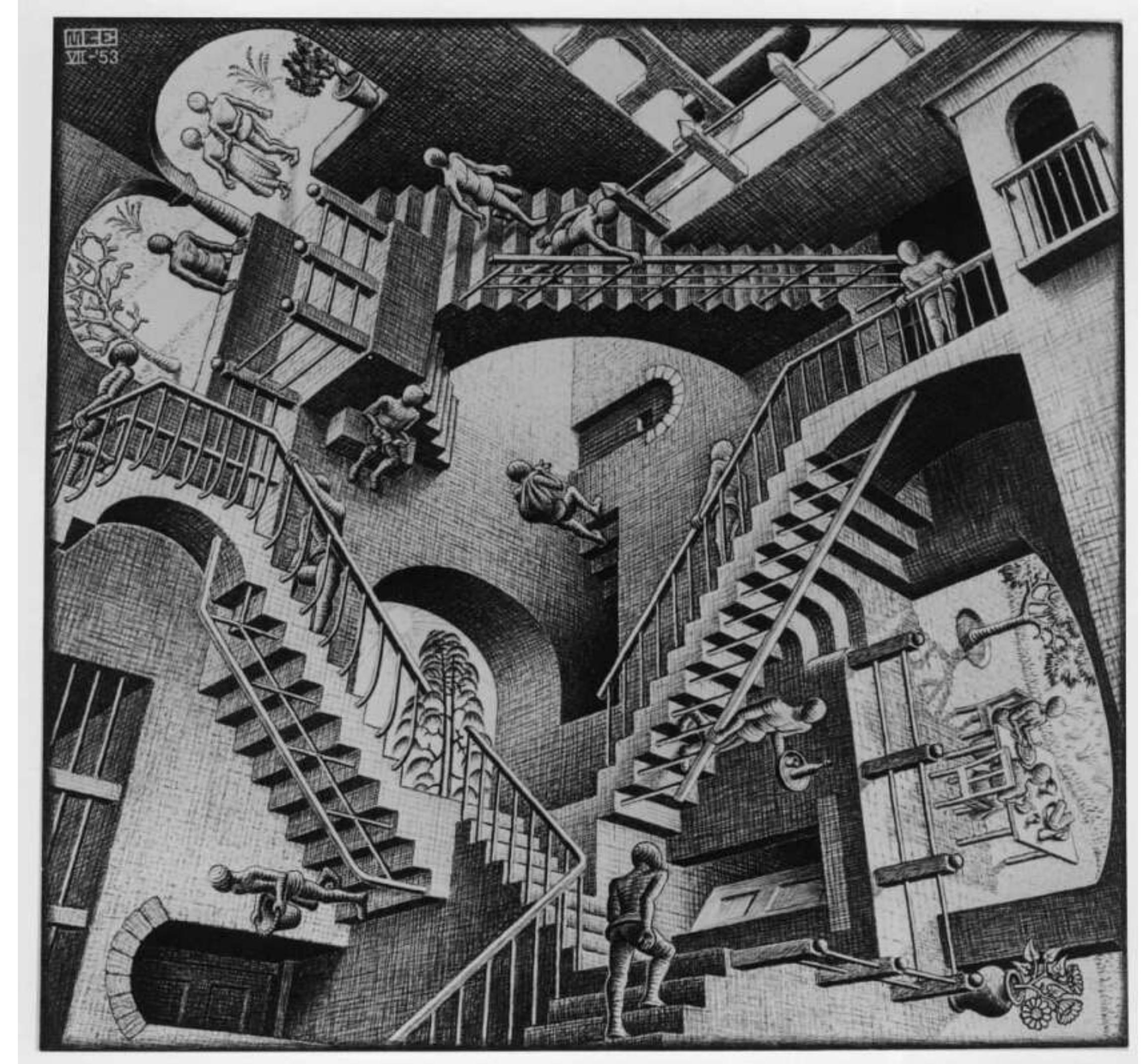
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# BARYON CHIRAL PERTURBATION THEORY

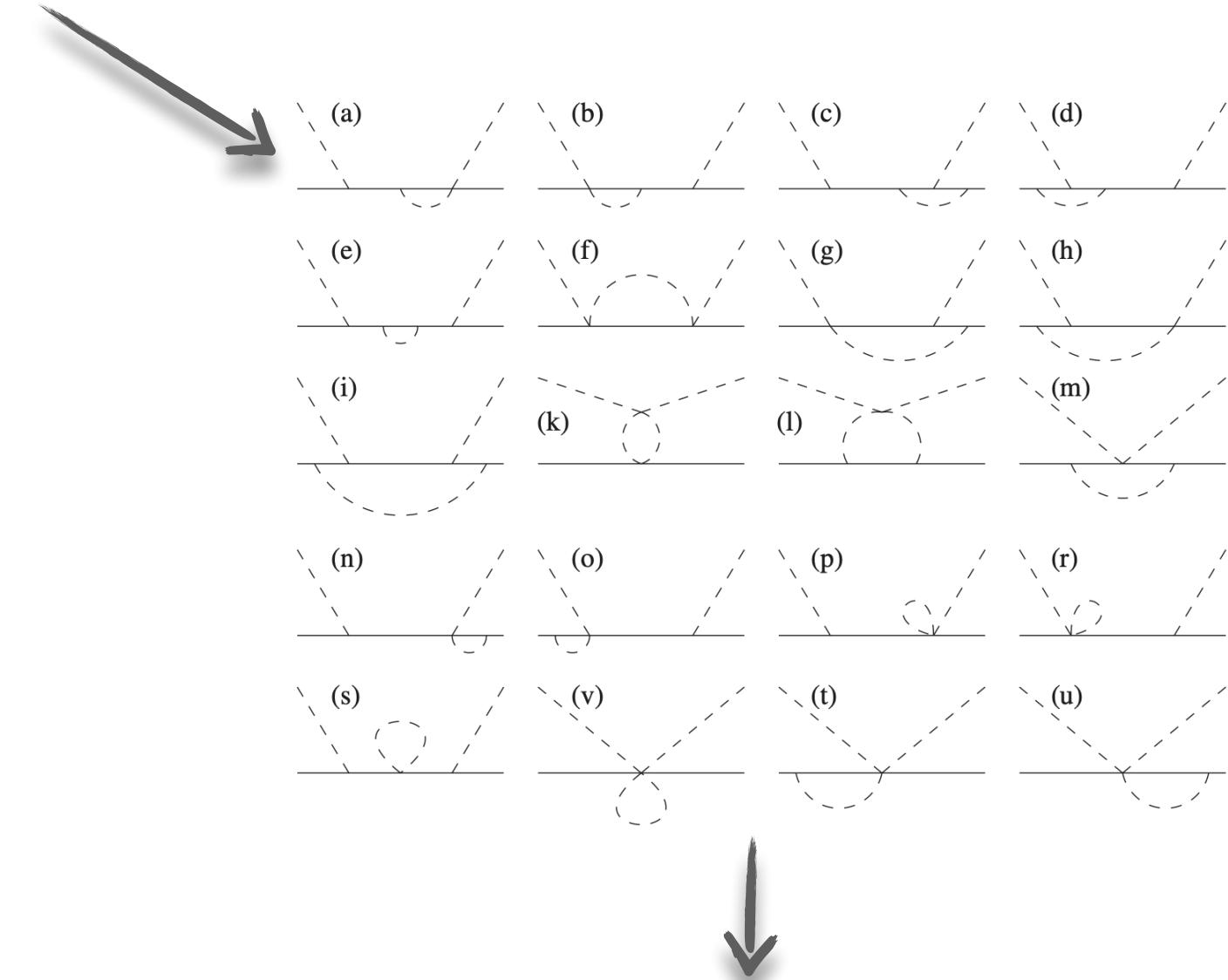
$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\phi B}^{(2)} = & b_{D/F} \langle \bar{B}[\chi_+, B]_\pm \rangle + b_0 \langle \bar{B}B \rangle \langle \chi_+ \rangle + b_{1/2} \langle \bar{B}[u_\mu, [u^\mu, B]_\mp] \rangle + b_3 \langle \bar{B}\{u_\mu, \{u^\mu, B\}\} \rangle + b_4 \langle \bar{B}B \rangle \langle u_\mu u^\mu \rangle \\
 & + i\sigma^{\mu\nu} (b_{5/6} \langle \bar{B}[[u_\mu, u_\nu], B]_\mp \rangle + b_7 \langle \bar{B}u_\mu \rangle \langle u_\nu B \rangle) + \frac{ib_{8/9}}{2m_0} (\langle \bar{B}\gamma^\mu [u_\mu, [u_\nu, [D^\nu, B]]_\mp] \rangle + \langle \bar{B}\gamma^\mu [D_\nu, [u^\nu, [u_\mu, B]]_\mp] \rangle) \\
 & + \frac{ib_{10}}{2m_0} (\langle \bar{B}\gamma^\mu \{u_\mu, \{u_\nu, [D^\nu, B]\}\} \rangle + \langle \bar{B}\gamma^\mu [D_\nu, \{u^\nu, \{u_\mu, B\}\}] \rangle) + \frac{ib_{11}}{2m_0} (2\langle \bar{B}\gamma^\mu [D_\nu, B] \rangle \langle u_\mu u^\nu \rangle \\
 & + \langle \bar{B}\gamma^\mu B \rangle [D_\nu, u_\mu] u^\nu + u_\mu [D_\nu, u^\nu]) ),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$u_\mu = -i \frac{\partial_\mu \phi}{F} + \mathcal{O}(\phi^3)$$

## Meson-baryon scattering from CHPT

- full SU(3) dynamics near threshold
- agrees with experiment in many cases
- provides predictions for not measured channels

Torok/Beane/Detmold/Luu/... Phys.Rev.D 81 (2010) 074506

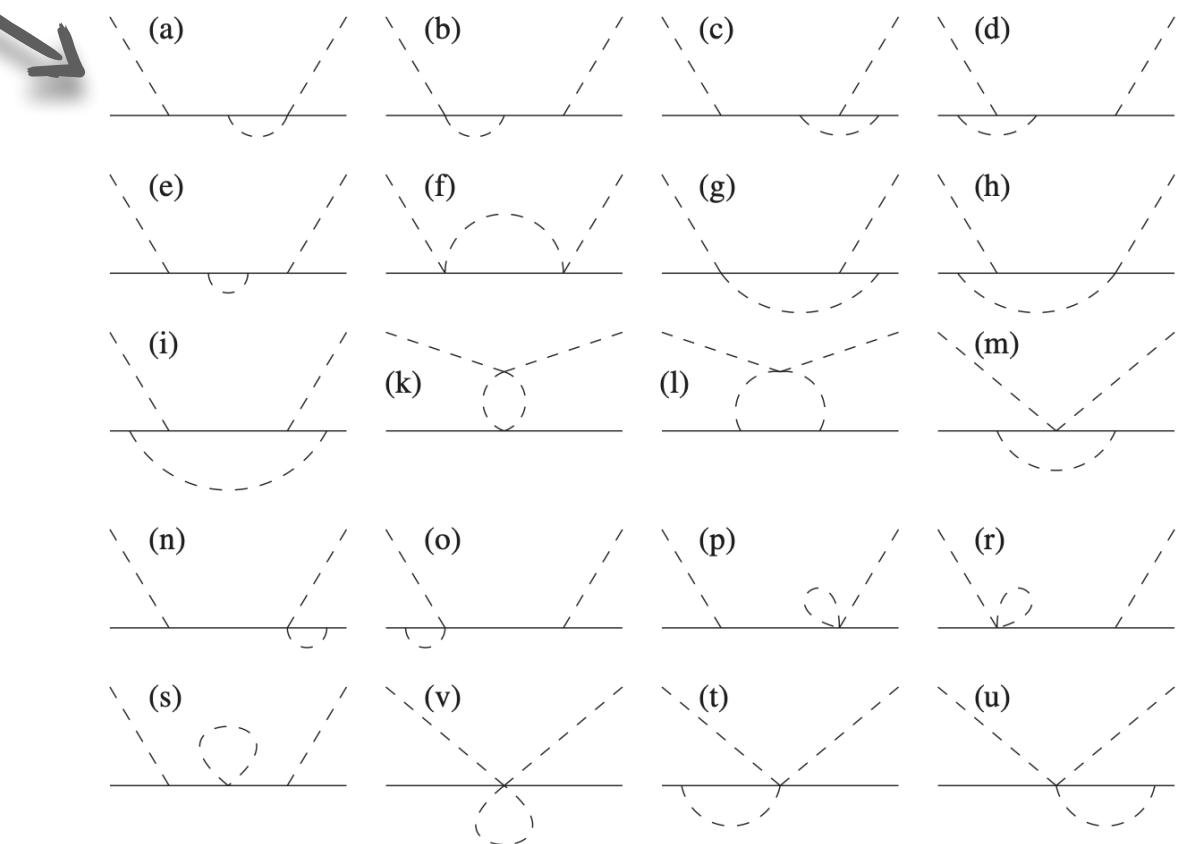


Channel =	$\mathcal{O}(q^1)$	$+\mathcal{O}(q^2)$	$+\mathcal{O}(q^3)_{\text{HB}}$	$\Sigma_{\text{HB}}$
$a_{\pi N}^{(3/2)} =$	-0.12	$+0.05^{+0.02}_{-0.03}$	$-0.06^{+0.00}_{+0.00}$	$-0.13^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$
$a_{\pi N}^{(1/2)} =$	+0.21	$+0.05^{+0.02}_{-0.03}$	$+0.00^{+0.00}_{+0.00}$	$+0.26^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$
$a_{\pi \Xi}^{(3/2)} =$	-0.12	$+0.04^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	$-0.09^{+0.00}_{+0.00}$	$-0.17^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$
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... Fails for resonant (strangeness) channel

- ▶ Kaon mass is large → convergence
- ▶ Relevant thresholds are widely separated → convergence
- ▶ Resonance just below  $\bar{K}N$  threshold → non-perturbative effect

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{\bar{K}N}^{I=0} &= \left( (+0.53)_{\text{LO}} + (+0.97)_{\text{NLO}} + (-0.40 + 0.22i)_{\text{NNLO}} + \dots \right) \text{ fm}, \\
 a_{\bar{K}N}^{I=1} &= \left( (+0.20)_{\text{LO}} + (+0.22)_{\text{NLO}} + (-0.26 + 0.18i)_{\text{NNLO}} + \dots \right) \text{ fm}.
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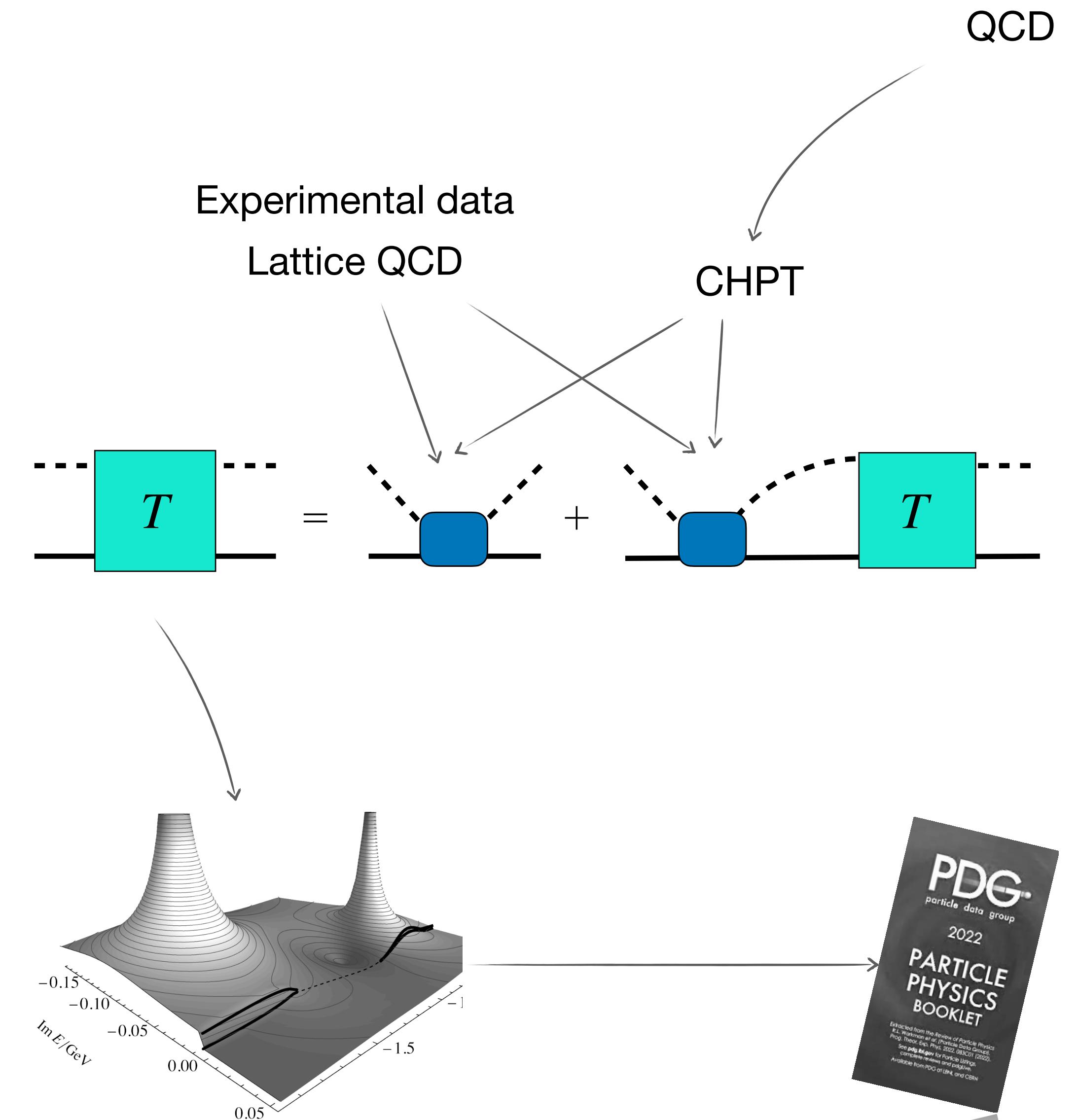
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## Good

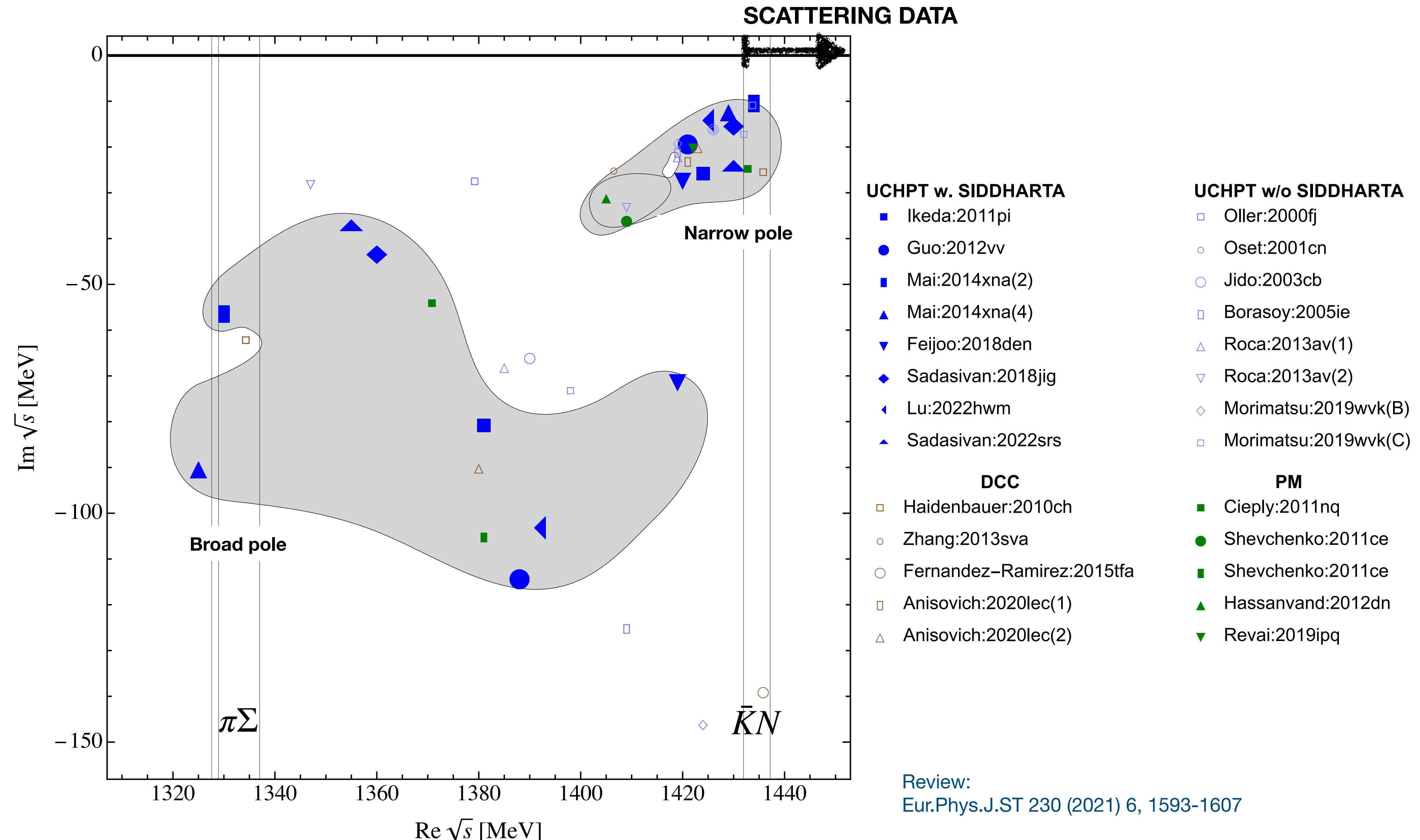
- Non-perturbative (resonant channels/higher energies)
  - Record complex pole-positions (*II Riemann Sheet*)
  - Coupled-channel
- $$\mathcal{S} = \{K^- p, \bar{K}^0 n, \pi^0 \Lambda, \pi^0 \Sigma^0, \pi^+ \Sigma^-, \pi^- \Sigma^+, \eta \Lambda, \eta \Sigma^0, K^+ \Xi^-, K^0 \Xi^0\}$$
- Examples:  $N(1535), N(1650), \Lambda(1405), \Lambda(1380), \dots$

## Attention — model dependence

- Renormalisation (*perturbatively*)
- Crossing symmetry (*perturbatively*)
- Power counting (*perturbatively/kernel*)



# STATUS (~2022)



# STUDIES BEYOND S=-1

## UCHPT kernel respects

- chiral symmetry
- power counting (systematic expansion)

... LO→NLO→NNLO

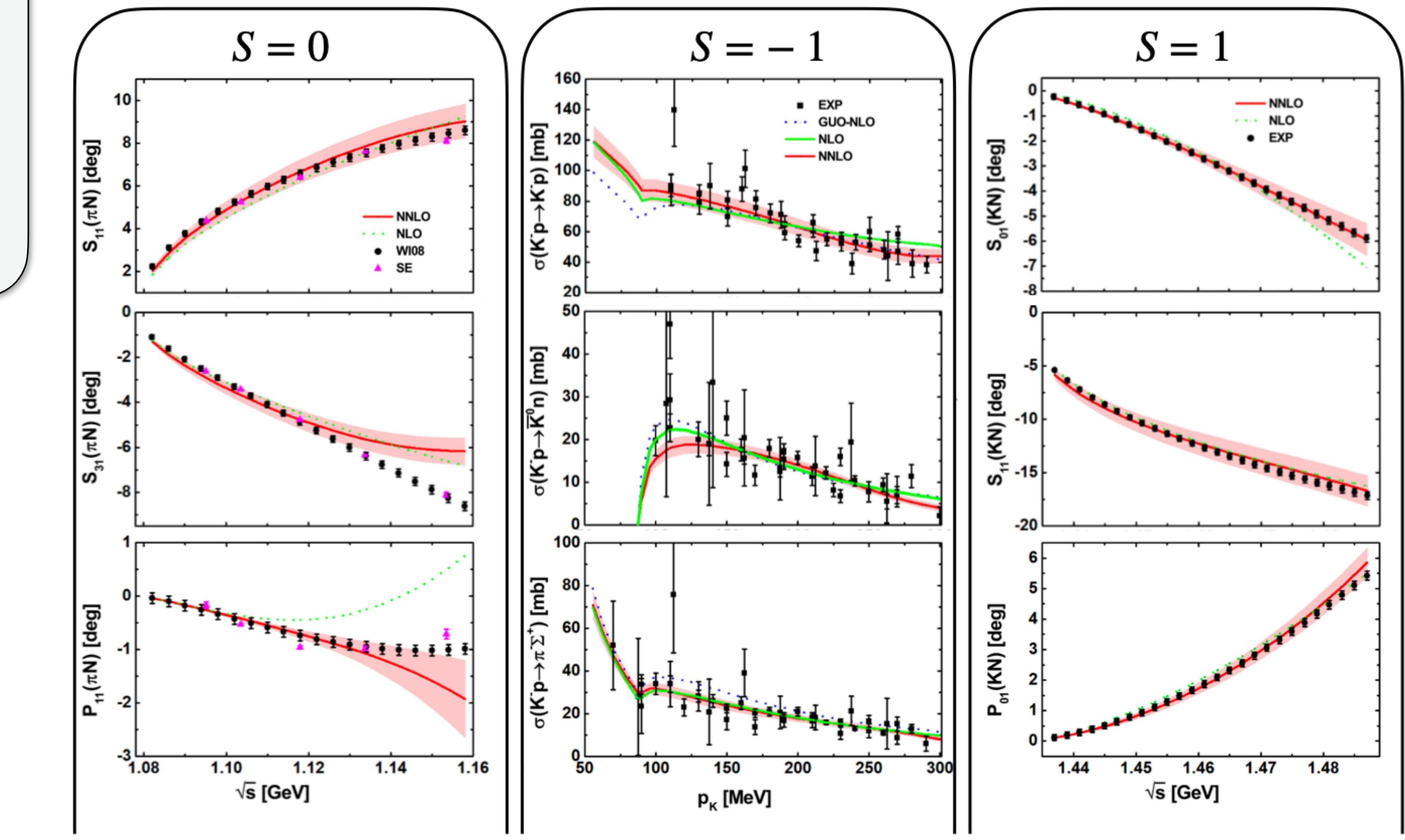
Lu/Geng/Döring/MM Phys.Rev.Lett. 130 (2023) 7

- SU(3) symmetry

... connecting different strangeness sectors

Lutz/Kolomeitsev Nucl.Phys.A 700 (2002) 193-308

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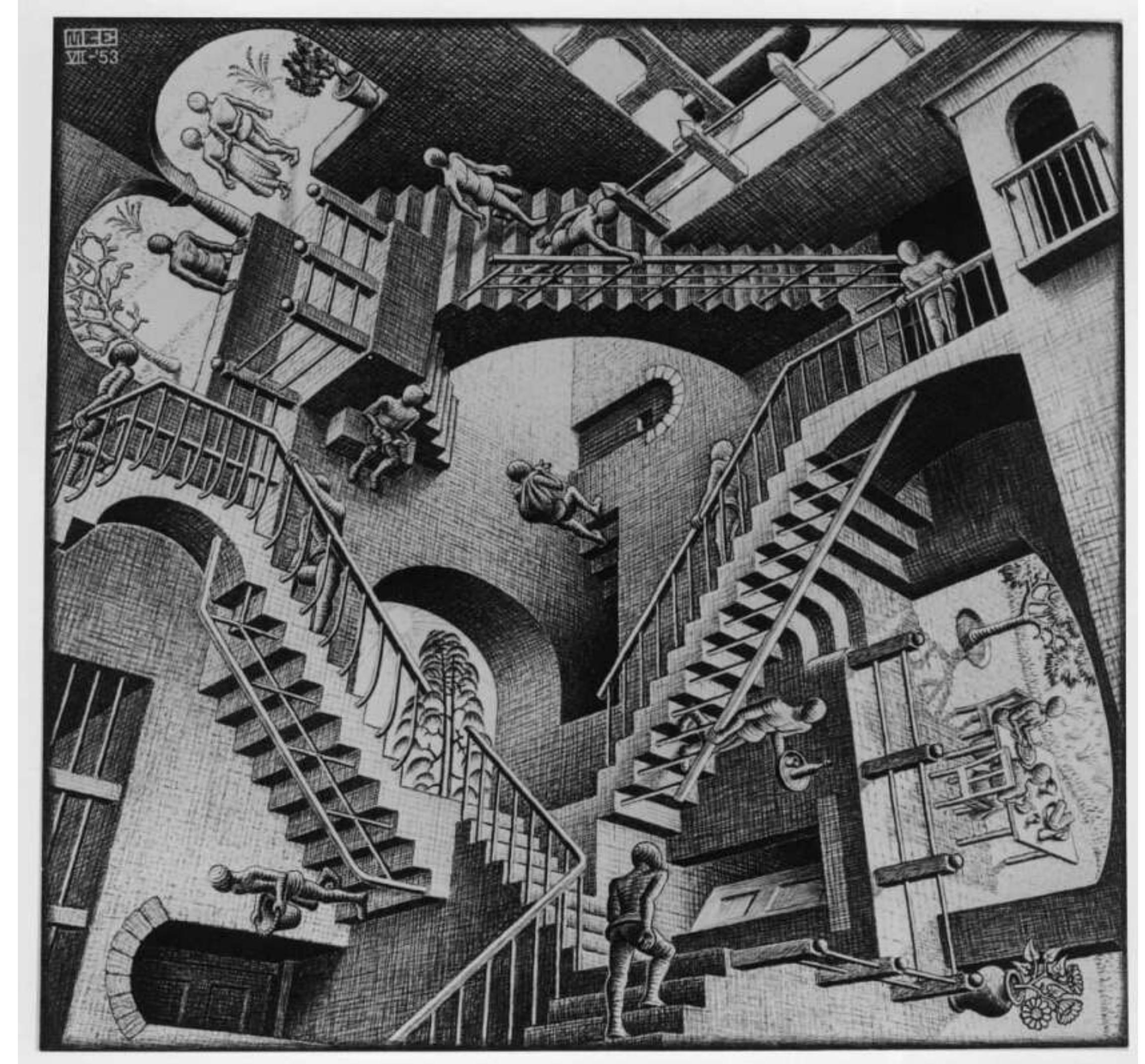
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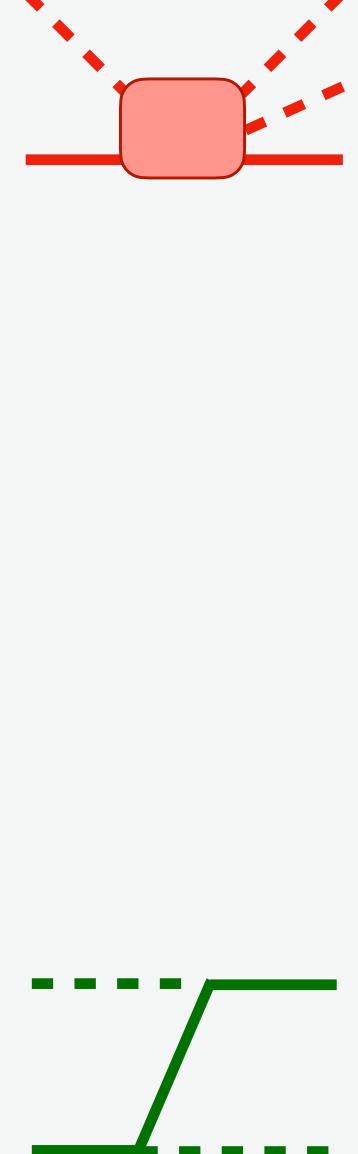
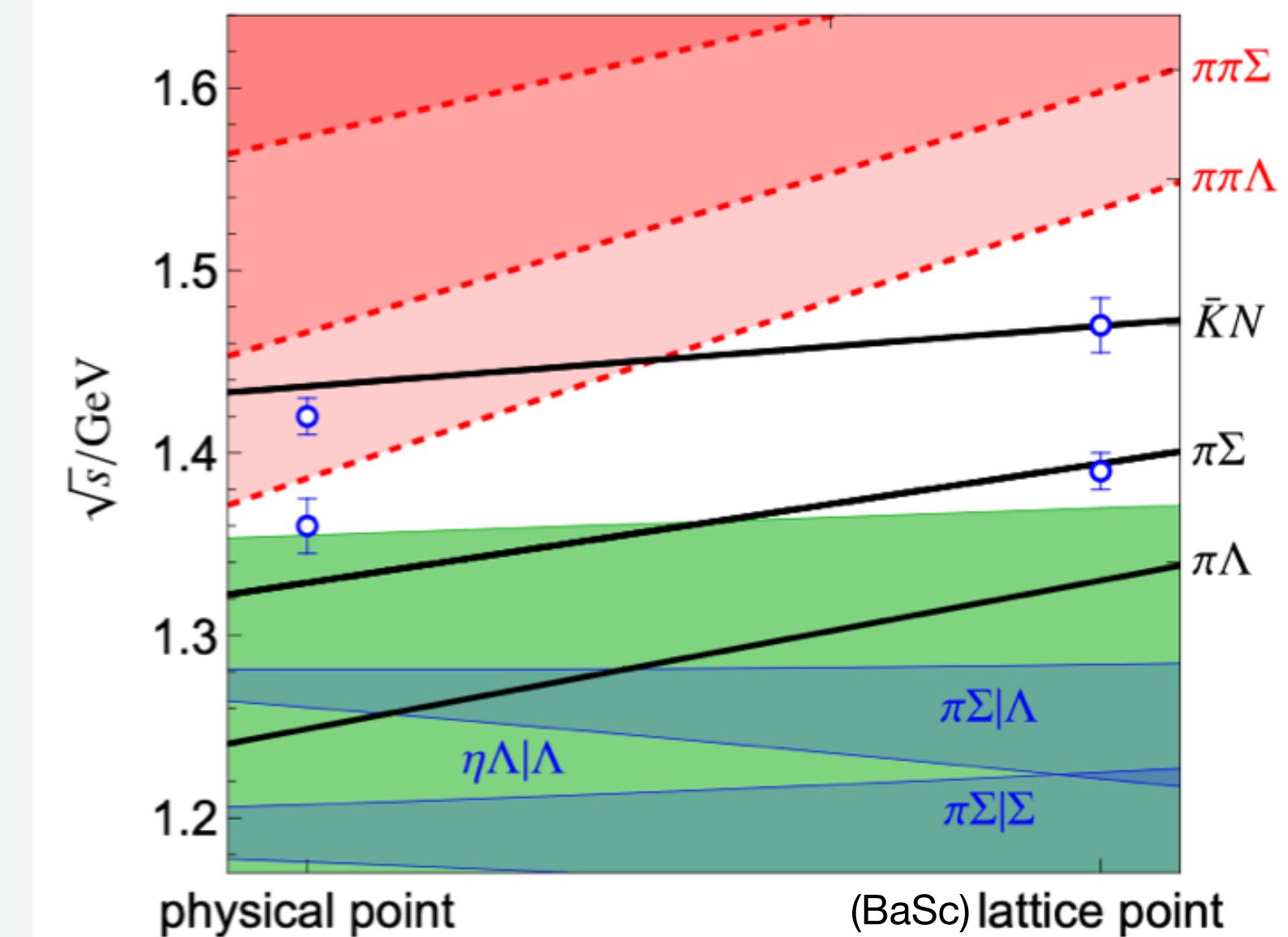
# HEAVY UNIVERSE

## Lattice QCD calculations at unphysical quark masses

- **Extrapolation to physical point necessary**
  - Chiral Perturbation Theory dictates quark mass dependence
  - New insights into hadron spectrum
- **Finite-volume methods are simpler**
  - inelastic (rhc/lhc) thresholds\* are more widely separated

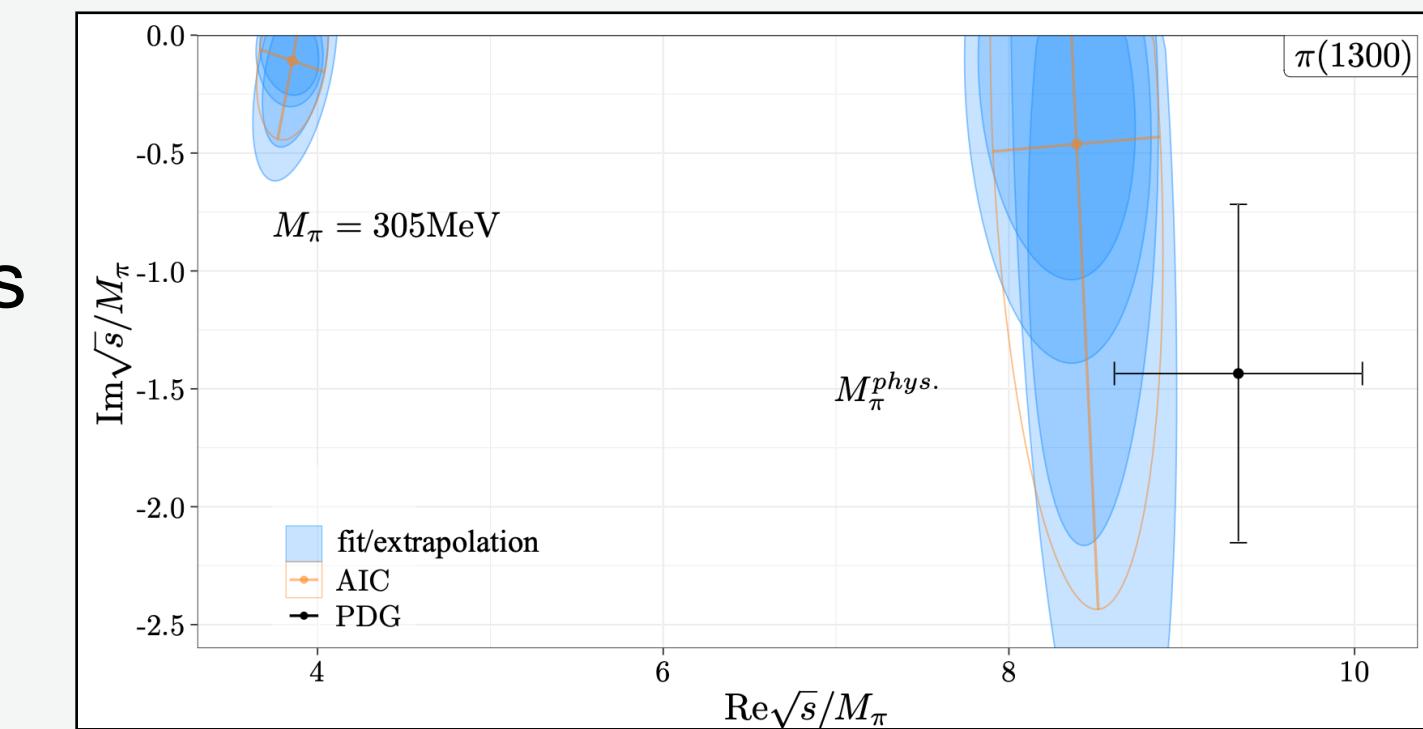
see also anomalous thresholds Korpa/Lutz/... *Phys.Rev.D* 107 (2023) 3, L031505

*Phys.Rev.D* 112 (2025) 7, 074037  $\pi\bar{K}N$

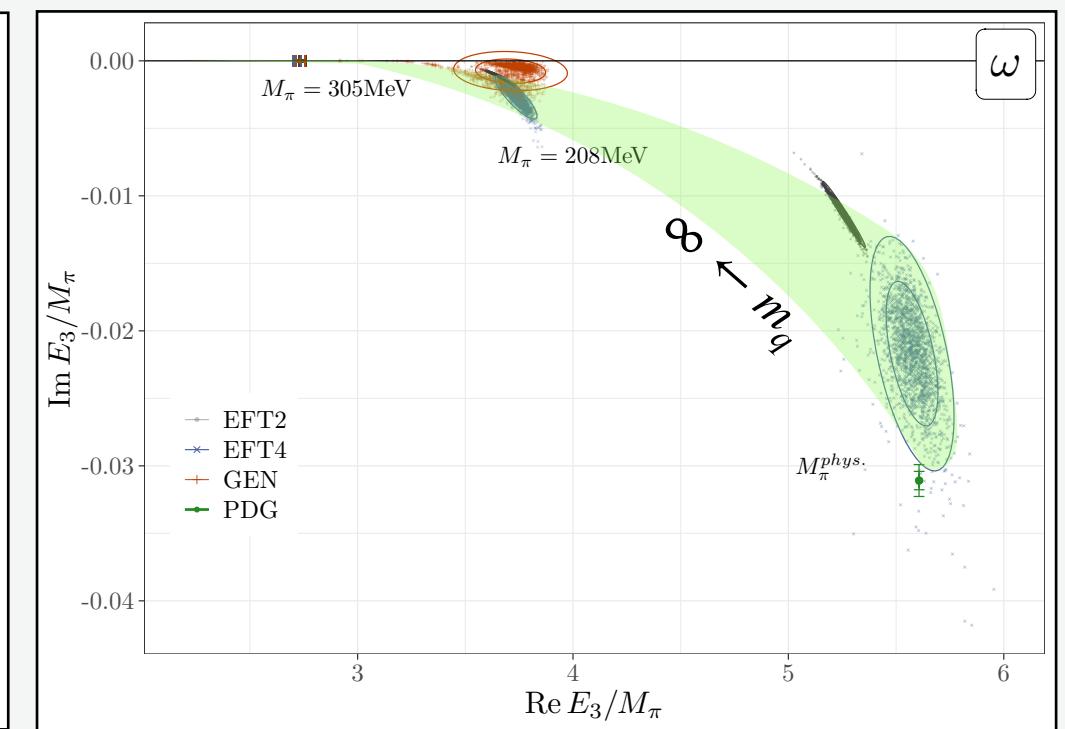


### \*) 3-particles on-shell:

- lots of progress on resonant 3b systems
- equations are complex
- more degrees of freedom

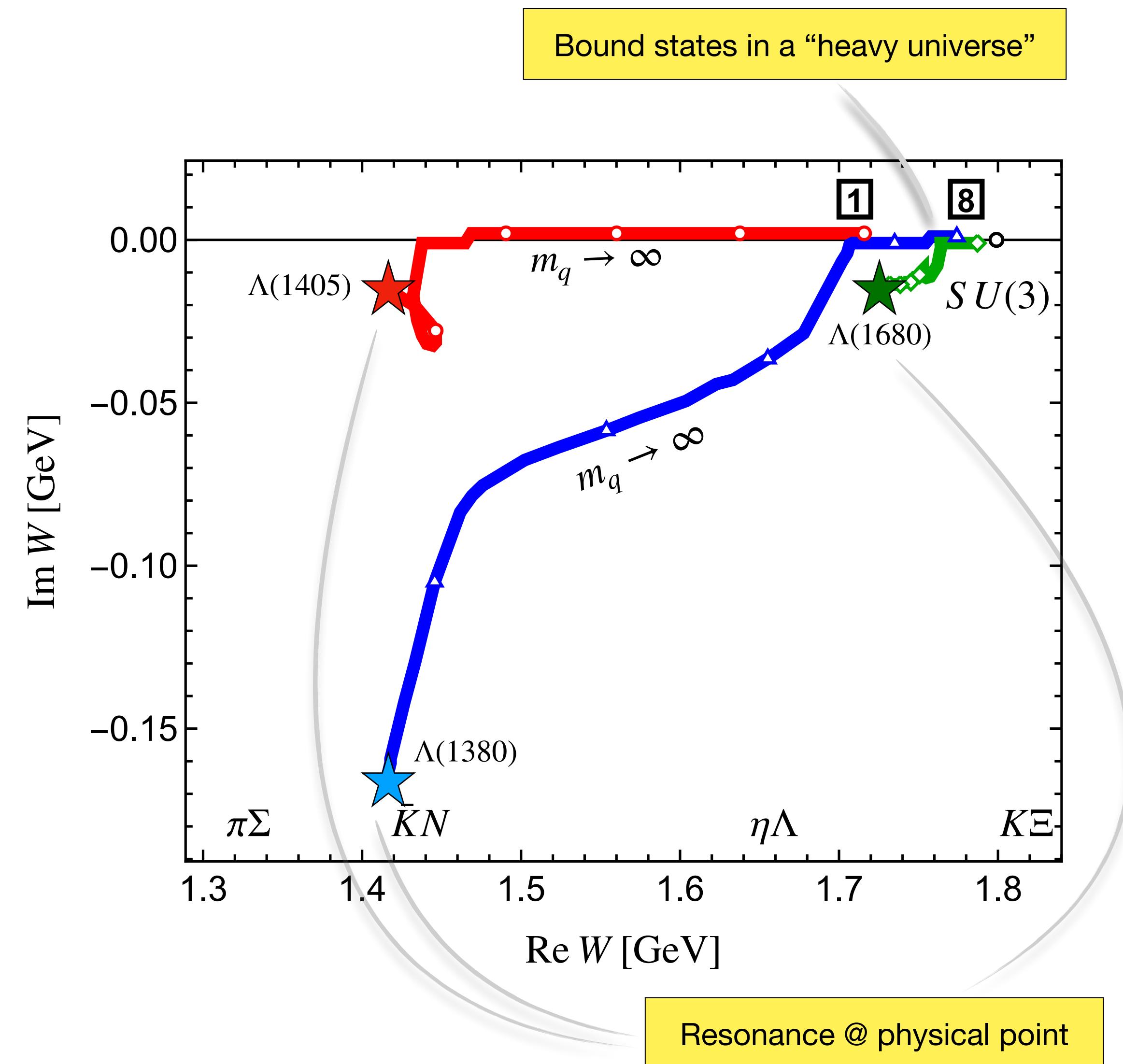
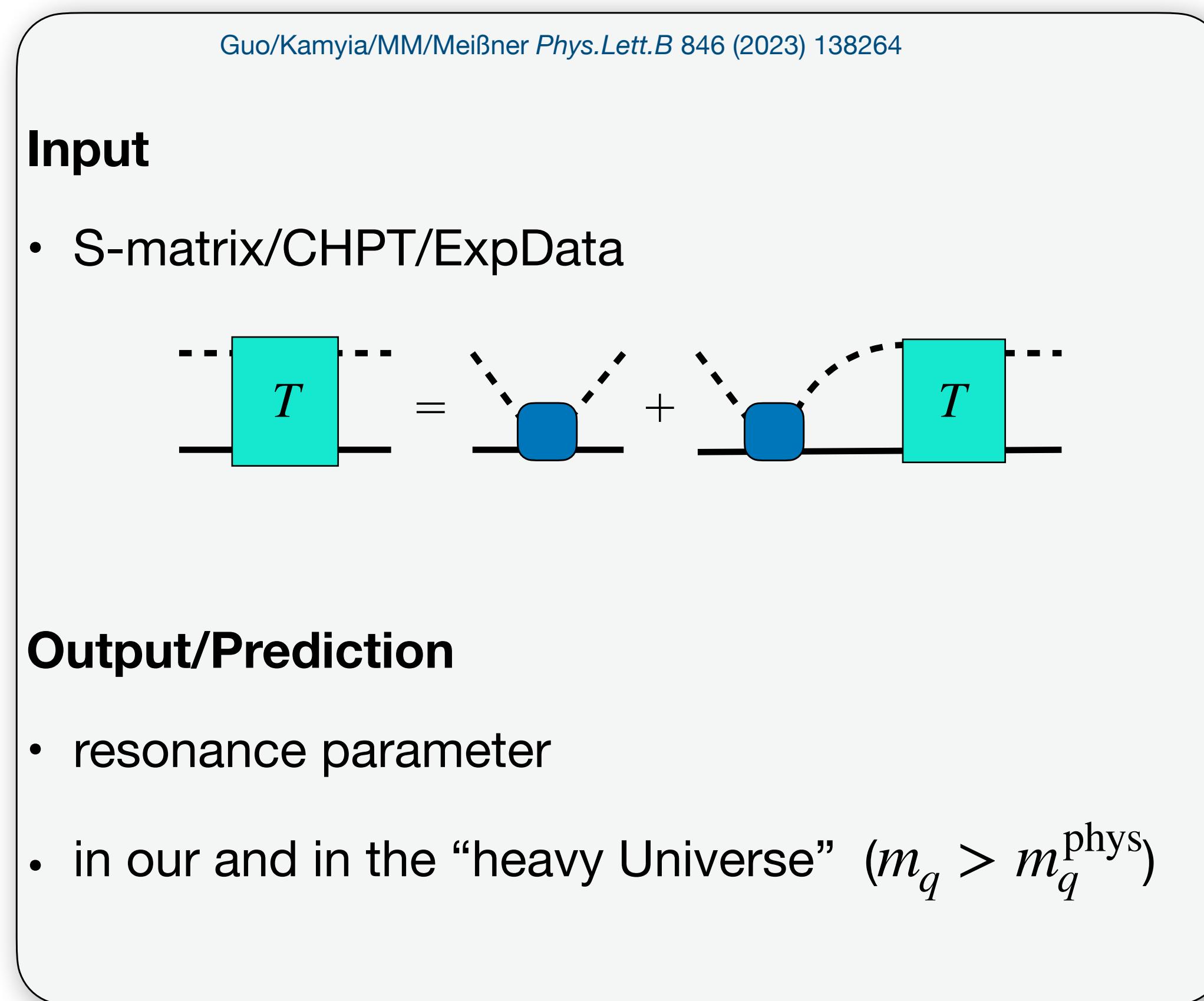


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# CHIRAL TRAJECTORIES



# UNPHYSICAL QUARK MASSES

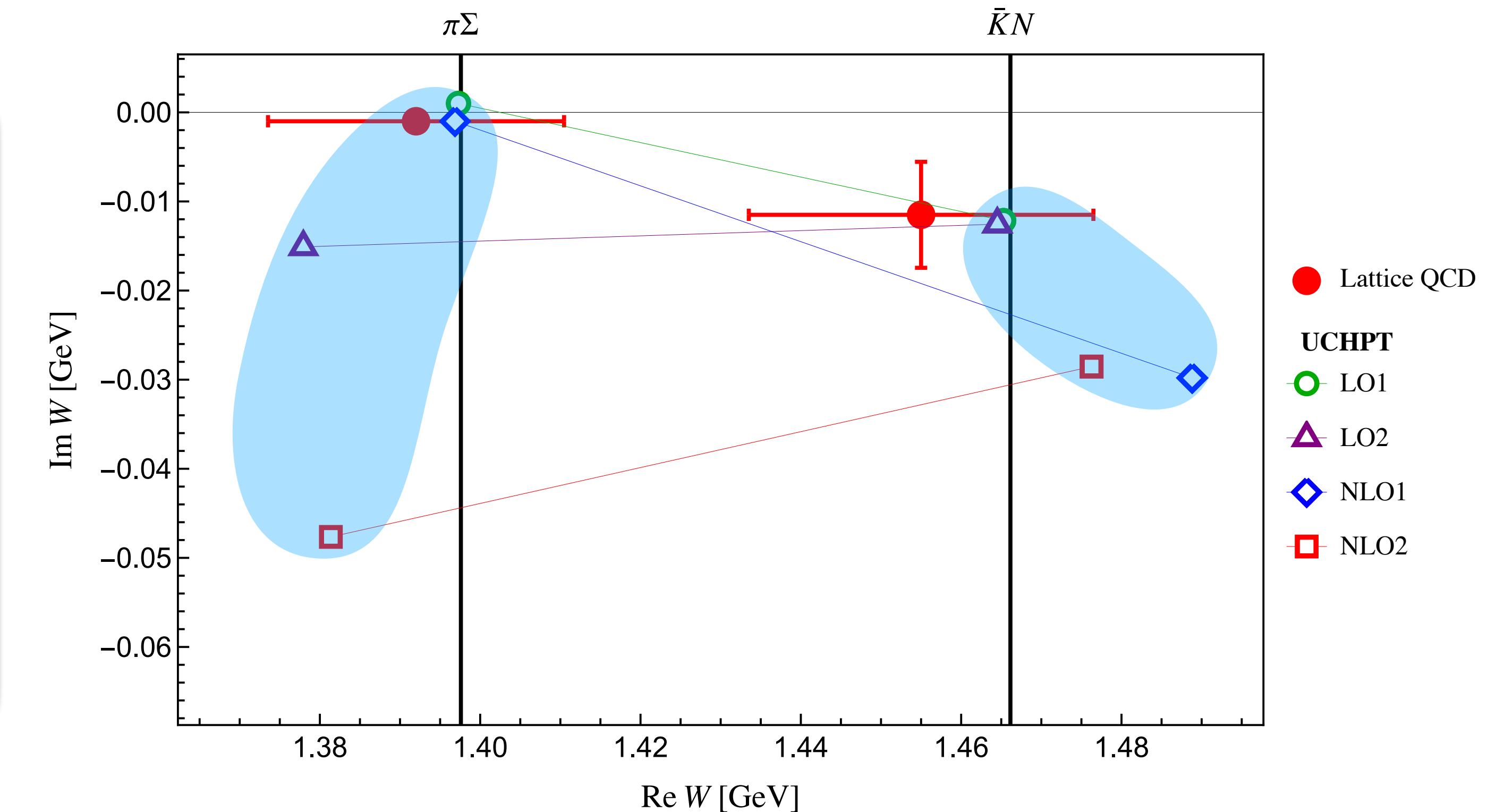
## CHPT encodes quark mass dependence

- Available Lattice spectrum — BaSc setup<sup>[1]</sup>

$$M_\pi \approx 200 \text{ MeV} \quad M_K = \approx 487 \text{ MeV}$$

$$M_\pi L = 4.181(16) \quad a = 0.0633(4)(6) \text{ fm}$$

- Compare to prediction of UHPT<sup>[2]</sup>



[1] [BaSc] Bulava et al. Phys.Rev.Lett. 132 (2024) 5; 2307.13471

[2] Guo/Kamyia/MM/Meißner Phys.Lett.B 846 (2023)

# GLOBAL STUDY

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## Include:

S-matrix/CHPT/ExpData + [BaSC]LatticeSpectrum

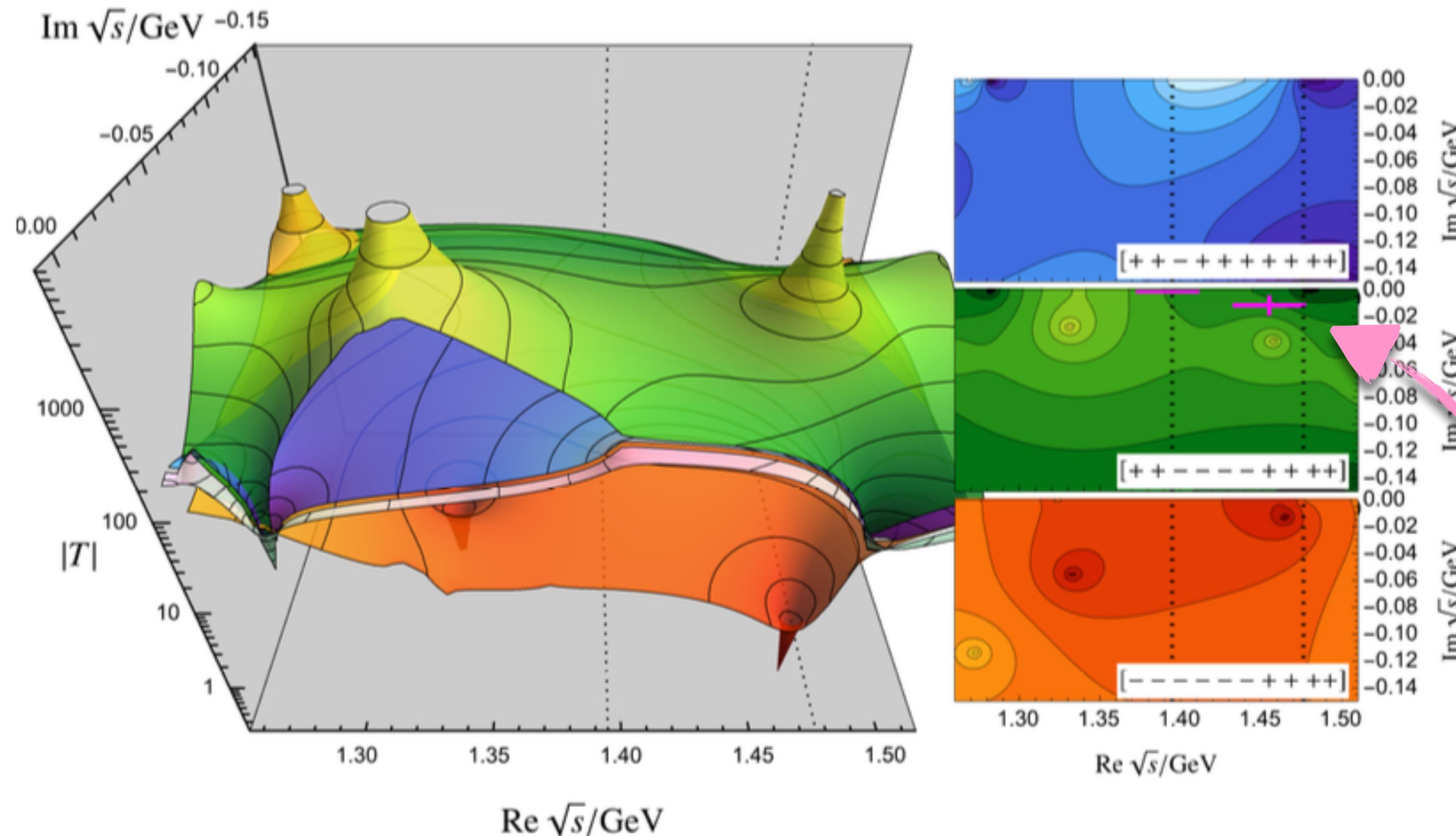
$$\det(1 - \tilde{K}B^{\vec{P}}) = 0$$

Morningstar+ *Nucl. Phys. B* 924, 477–507 (2017)

- **Many model variations assumed**  
 (M1/M2/M3) chiral order truncation (kernel)  
 (S1/S2/S3) regularization schemes
- **Data imperfections**  
 (P) Experimental data has unknown systematics  
 (L) Lattice input has higher quality (+correlations)

$$\chi_{\text{dof}}^2 = \frac{\sum_a N_a}{A((\sum_a N_a) - N_{\text{par}})} \chi_{\text{wt}}^2 \quad \text{with } \chi_{\text{wt}}^2 = \sum_{a=1}^A \frac{\chi_a^2}{N_a}$$

Fit	UCHPT type	$N_{\text{data exp.+lat.+m}}$	$N_{\text{par.}}$	$\chi_{\text{dof}}^2$	AIC	BIC
$F_{19}$	M1S1L	$0 + 14 + 0$	3	1.36	7.4	9.3
$F_{31}$	M1S2L	$0 + 14 + 0$	0	2.89	2.9	2.9
$F_{18}$	M1S3L	$0 + 14 + 0$	1	4.42	6.4	7.1
$F_{20}$	M2S1L	$0 + 14 + 0$	3	1.42	7.4	9.3
$F_{32}$	M2S2L	$0 + 14 + 0$	0	2.68	2.7	2.7
$F_{25}$	M2S3L	$0 + 14 + 0$	1	3.54	5.5	6.2
$F_{01}$	M3S1L	$0 + 14 + 4$	10	0.96	21.0	29.9
$F_{15}$	M3S2L	$0 + 14 + 4$	7	0.90	14.9	21.1
$F_{10}$	M3S3L	$0 + 14 + 4$	8	0.92	16.9	24.0
$F_{21}$	M1S1P	$258 + 0 + 0$	6	4.23	16.2	37.5
$F_{28}$	M1S2P	$258 + 0 + 0$	0	25.58	25.6	25.6
$F_{27}$	M1S3P	$258 + 0 + 0$	1	30.28	32.3	35.8
$F_{22}$	M2S1P	$258 + 0 + 0$	6	8.87	20.9	42.2
$F_{29}$	M2S2P	$258 + 0 + 0$	0	48.16	48.2	48.2
$F_{26}$	M2S3P	$258 + 0 + 0$	1	18.69	20.7	24.2
$F_{30}$	M3S1P	$258 + 0 + 0$	16	1.51	33.5	90.4
$F_{13}$	M3S2P	$258 + 0 + 0$	7	1.85	15.8	40.6
$F_{11}$	M3S3P	$258 + 0 + 0$	8	1.50	17.5	45.9
$F_{24}$	M1S3PL	$258 + 14 + 0$	1	27.56	29.6	33.2
$F_{23}$	M2S3PL	$258 + 14 + 0$	1	17.82	19.8	23.4
$F_{17}$	M3S1PL	$258 + 14 + 4$	16	1.44	33.4	91.4
$F_{16}$	M3S2PL	$258 + 14 + 4$	7	2.11	16.1	41.5
$F_{12}$	M3S3PL	$258 + 14 + 4$	8	2.23	18.2	47.2

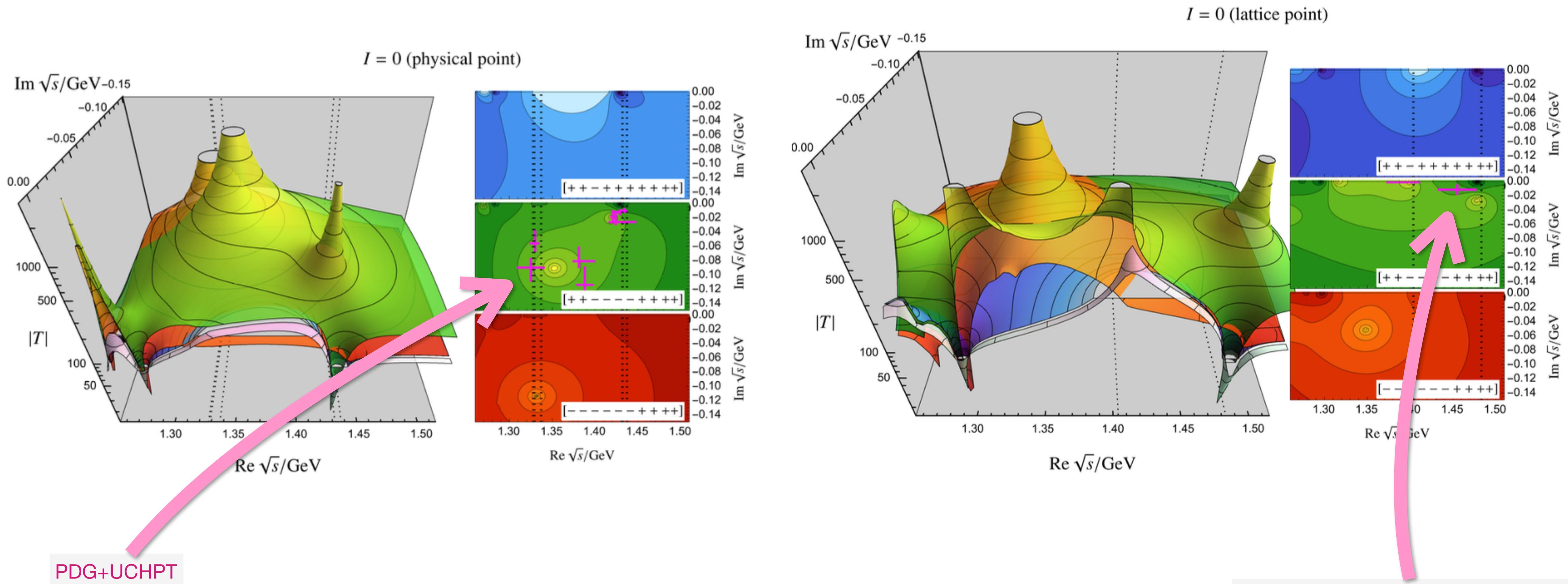
$I = 0$  (lattice point)

Bulava+ (BaSc) PRL132, 051901 (2024)

**M3SXL**

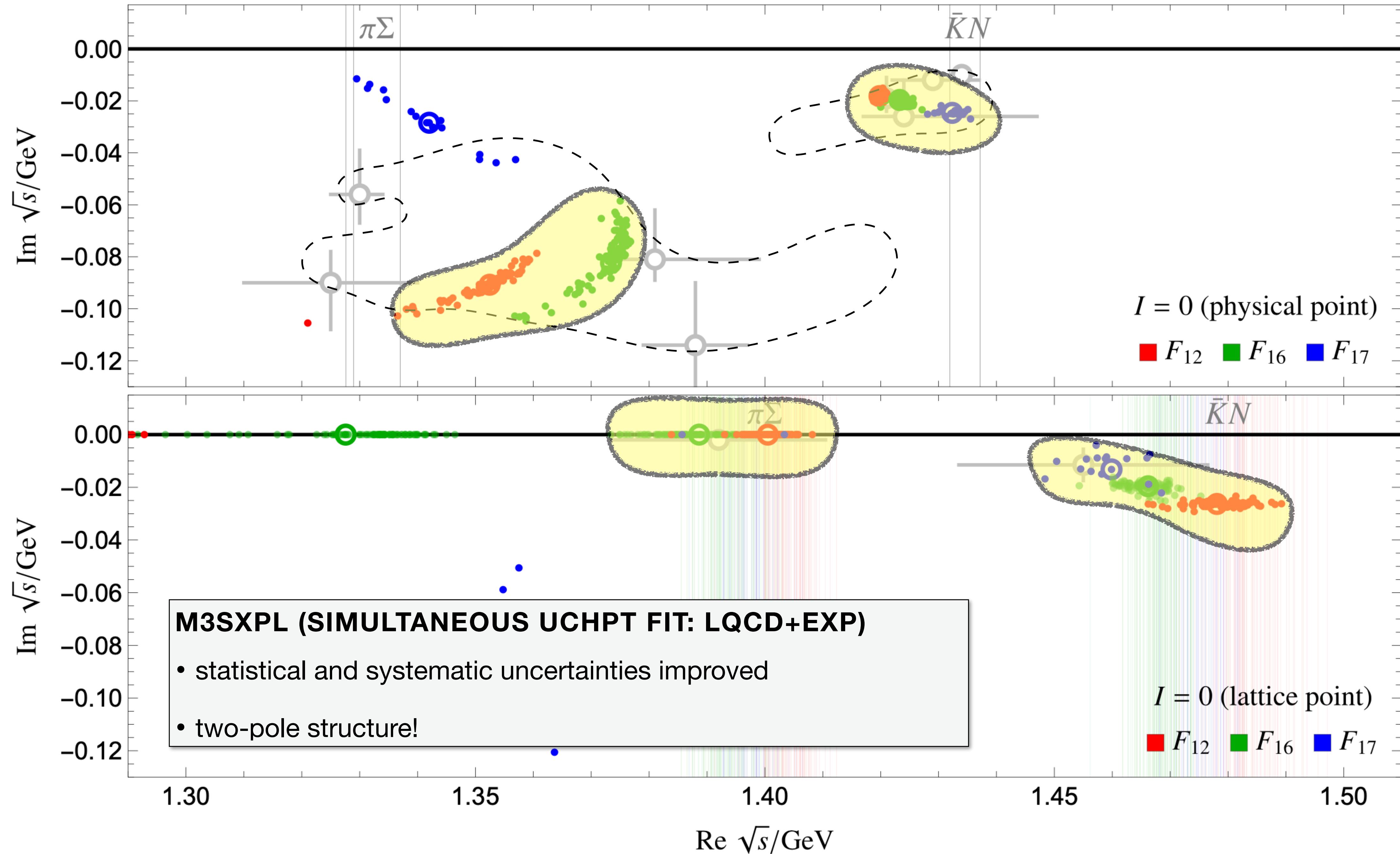
- UCHPT do not agree always with generic parametrization (PRL132(2024))
- not enough data? too much freedom?

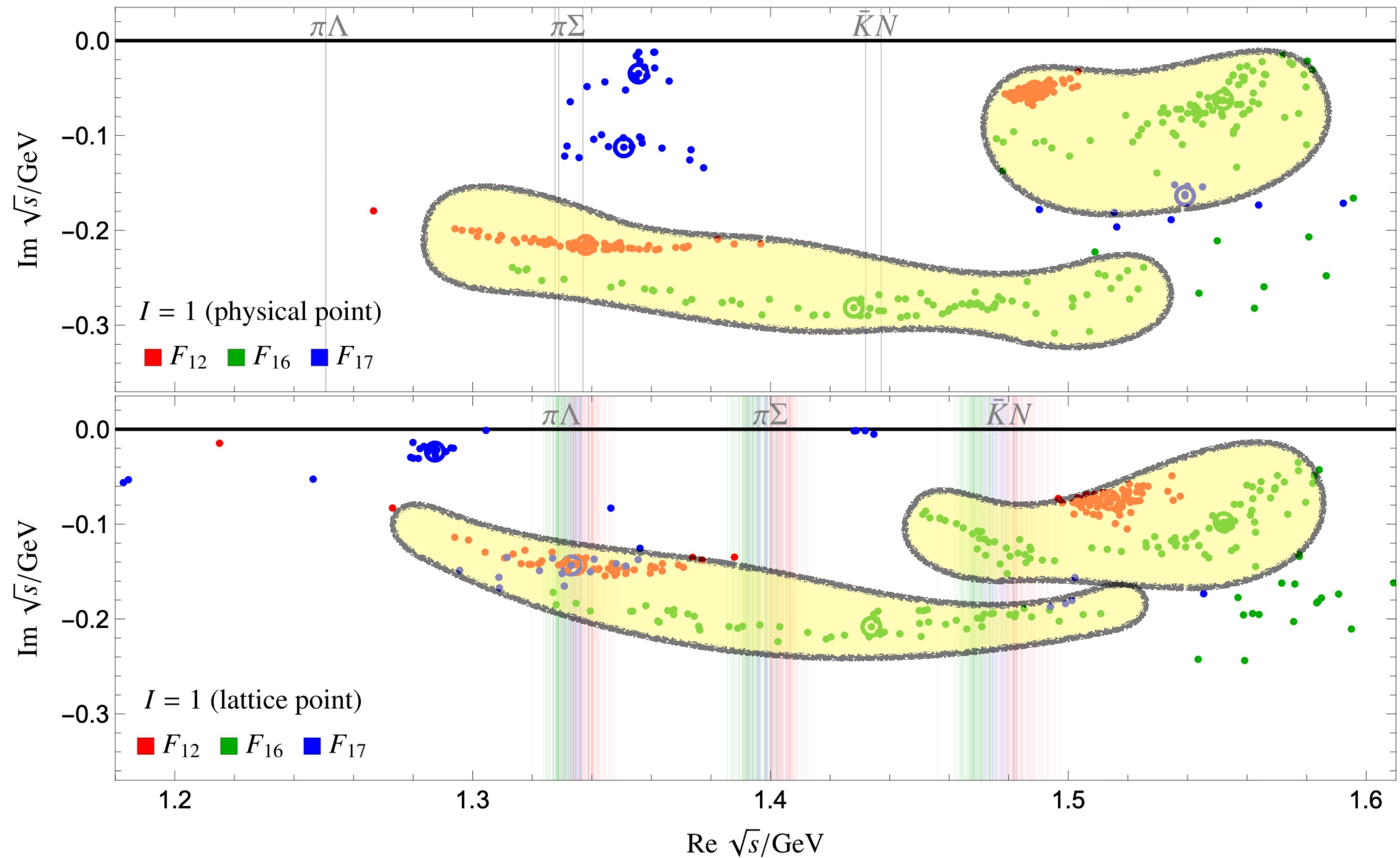
# M3S3PL ( $F_{12}$ )



## M3SXP

- UCHPT with experimental input only
- extrapolates to similar results (PRL132(2024)) at the lattice point





### M3SXPL (SIMULTANEOUS LQCD+EXP UCHPT FITS)

- 2-pole structure of  $I=1$  state
- Poles are partially hidden (Thresholds)

## Effective Field Theories

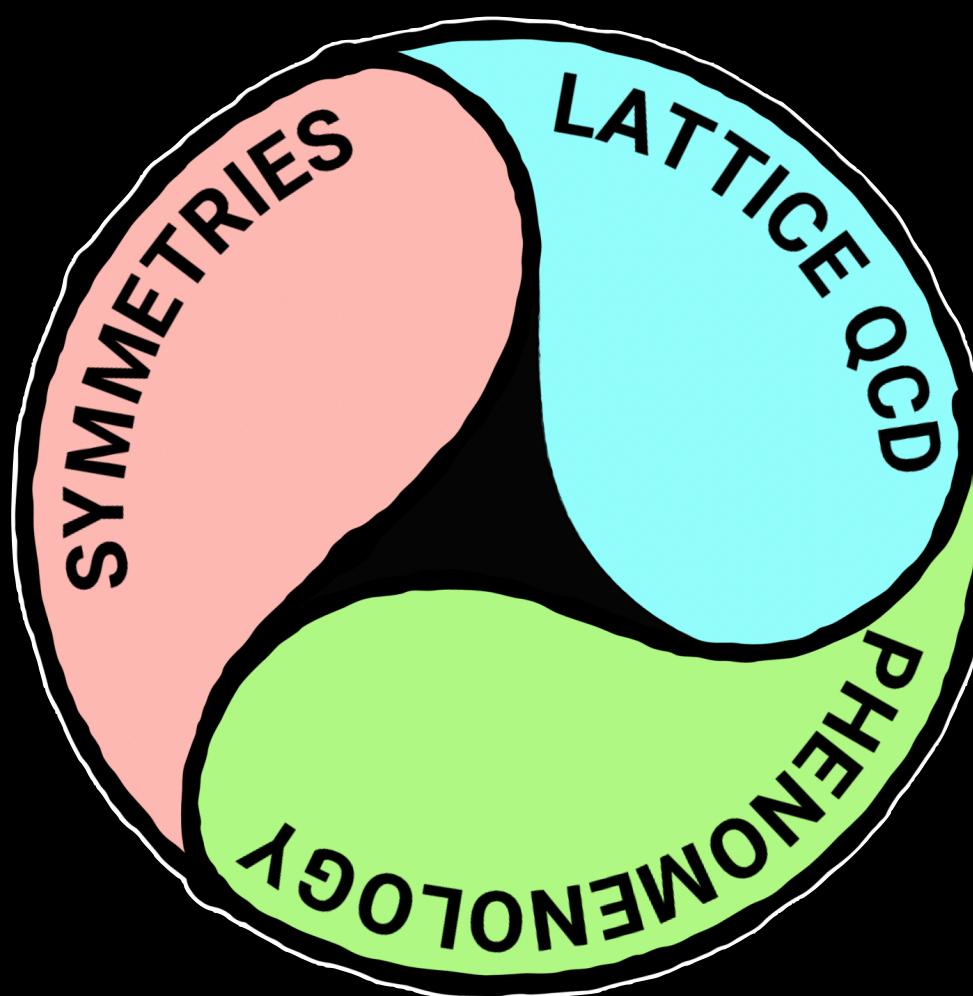
- quark-mass dependence
- analytical tools
- dynamically generated resonances

## S-matrix

- Mathematical constraints on transitions
- Universal resonance parameter

## Lattice QCD:

- ab-initio calculations
- universal tool for physical und unphysical scenarios
- many new advances and results



## SUMMARY

### Combined UCHPT+EXP+LQCD studies

- Two-pole structure:  $\Lambda(1405)$ ,  $\Lambda(1380)$
- Chiral trajectories of resonances

## OUTLOOK

### 1) Predicted $I=1$ states

- Can one see those on the lattice? [lattice homework]

### 2) Are there robust predictions for Hyperons [UCHPT homework]

### 3) Some fits to lattice spectra disagree with BaSC

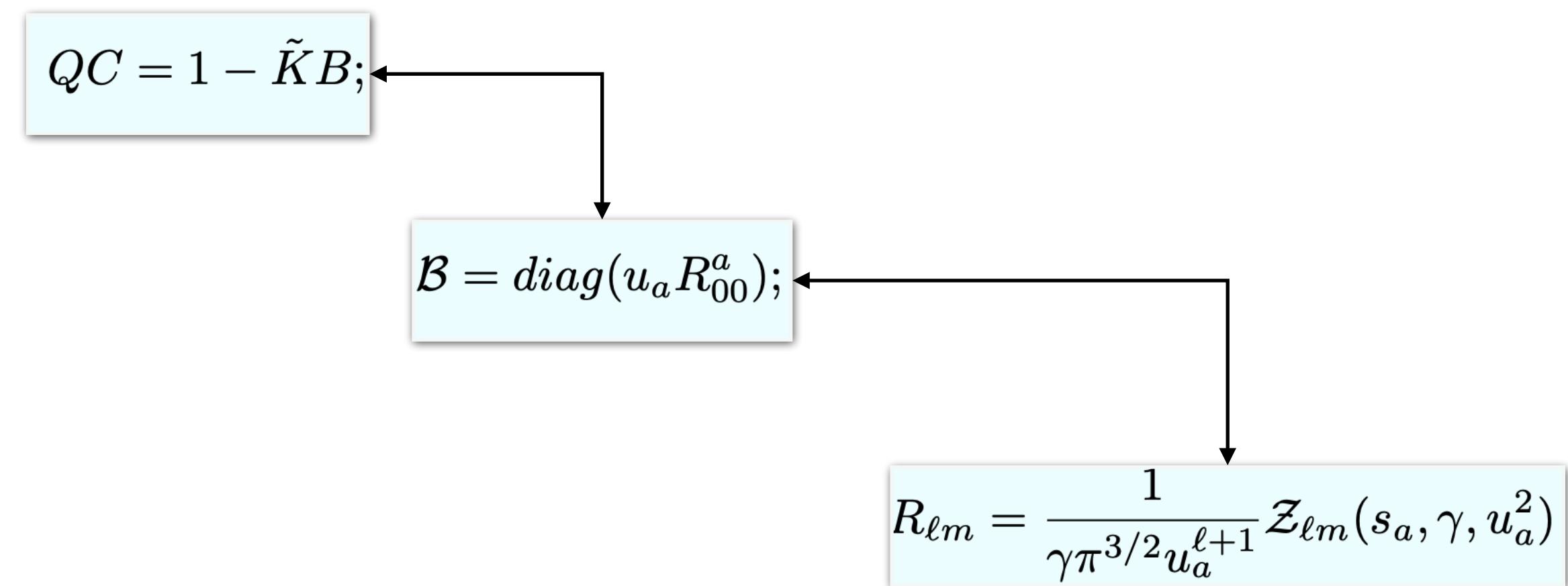
- BaSC functional basis flexible enough? [somebody's homework]

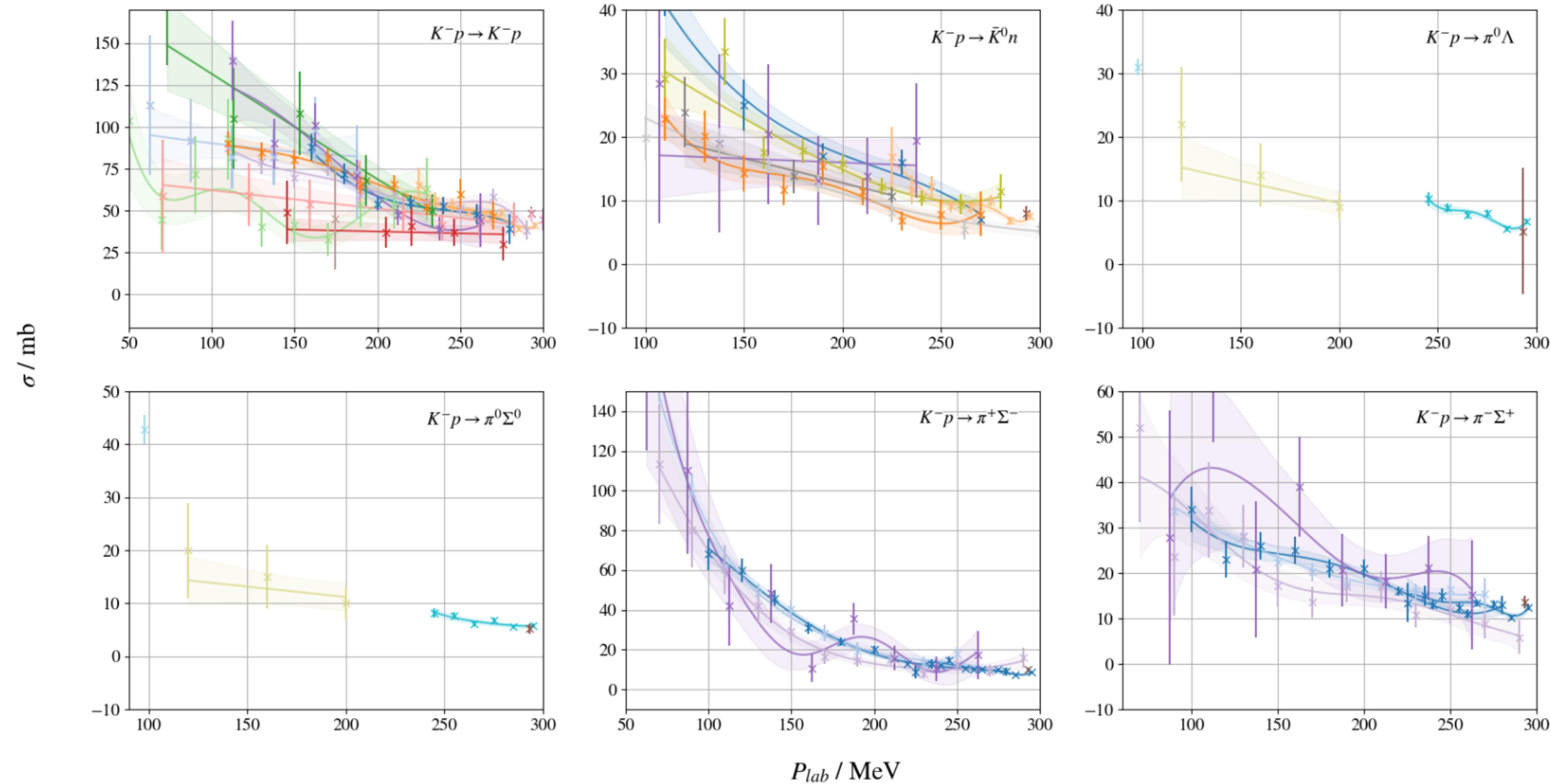
- What does this mean for the Nevanlinna approach (*PRD 112 (2025) 11*)?  
[somebody's homework]

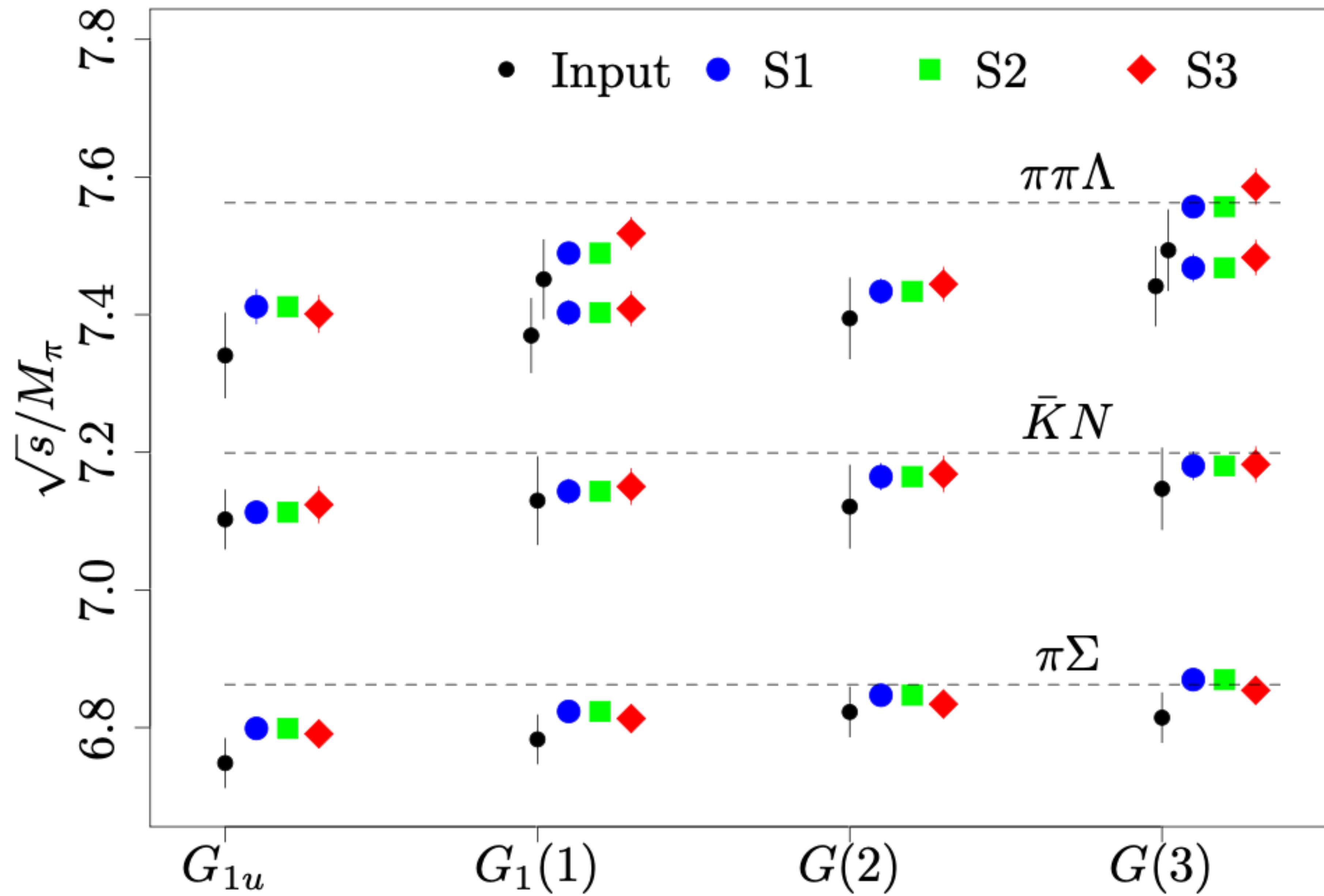


- D200 ensemble of the CLS collaboration
- 2+1 flavor of non-perturbatively improved Wilson fermions
- Lüscher-Weisz gauge action
- $(\pi(\vec{p}_1)\Sigma(\vec{p}_2), \bar{K}(\vec{p}_1)N(\vec{p}_2))$  operators

$L$ [fm]	$a$ [fm]	$M_\pi$ [GeV]	$M_K$ [GeV]	$M_\eta$ [GeV]	$m_N$ [GeV]	$m_\Sigma$ [GeV]	$m_\Lambda$ [GeV]	$m_\Xi$ [GeV]
4.05(4)	0.0633(7)	0.2036(8)	0.4864(5)	0.5511	0.979(11)	1.193(6)	1.132(4)	1.322(3)







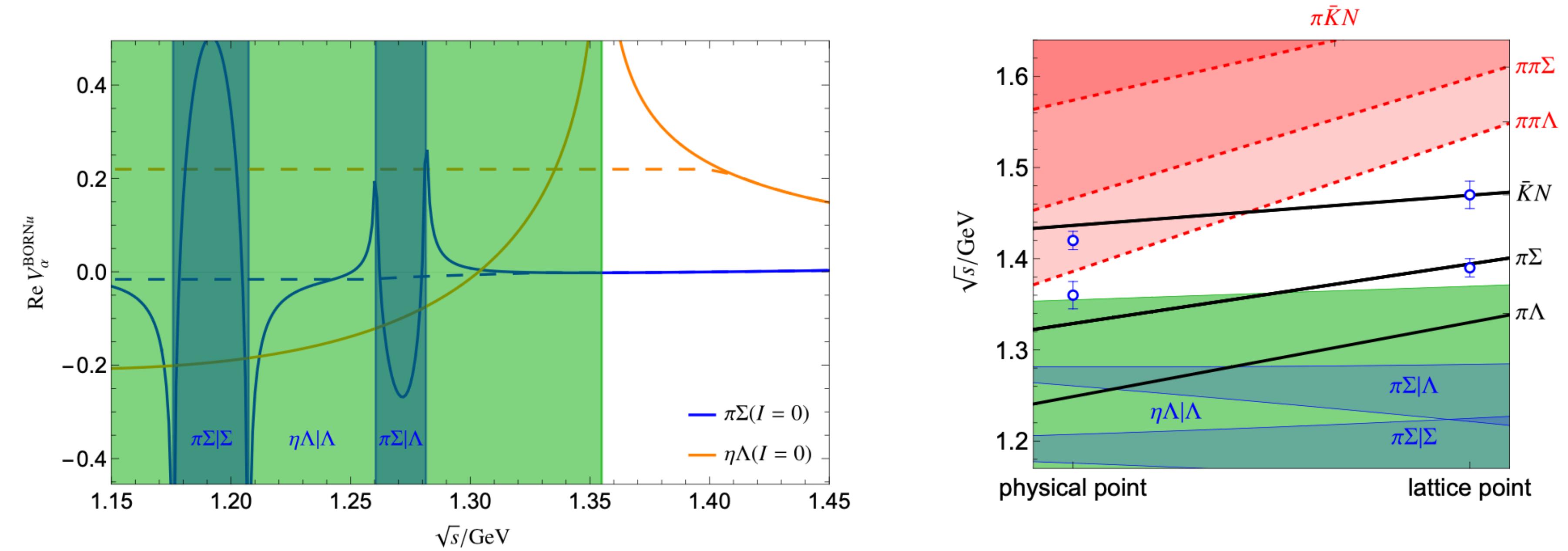


Figure 5. Three-body related singularities for the physical and unphysical quark-mass setups. Left: Singularities of the  $u$ -channel Born diagram Eq. (4.10) projected to  $I = 0$  for the initial/final states as specified in the legend for physical quark masses. Long-dashed lines represent the potential implemented in the UCHPT amplitude mitigating the appearance of  $u$ -channel left-hand cuts. Right: Relevant short left-hand cut associated with the  $u$ -channel exchange (green, blue areas), c.f. left figure. Black solid and red dashed lines denote the position of the right-hand cut branching points with respect to two- and three-body states, respectively. Energy region with no allowed three-body onshell states is the remaining white area. Blue dots with error bars denote the averaged result from the global analysis discussed in Sect. VI.