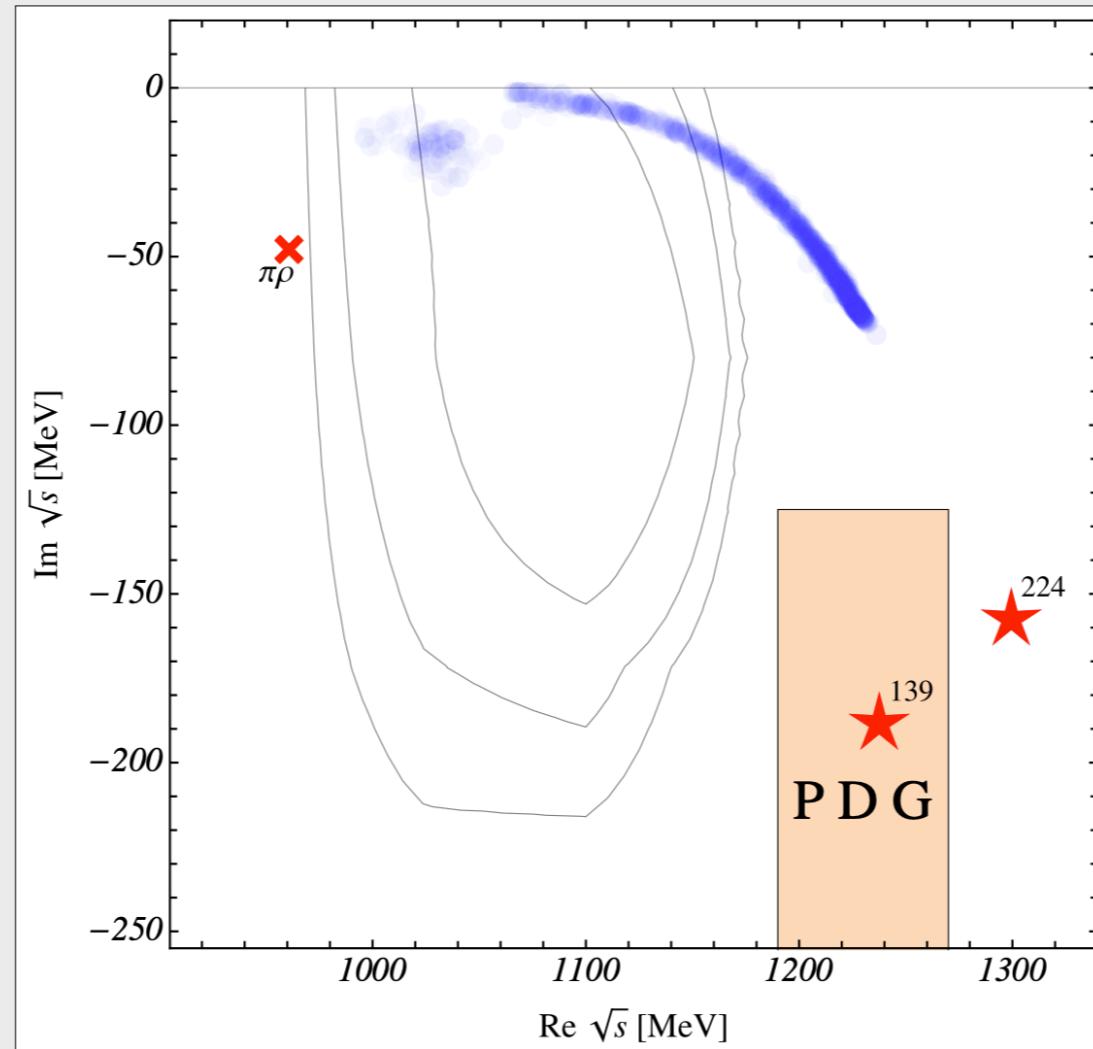


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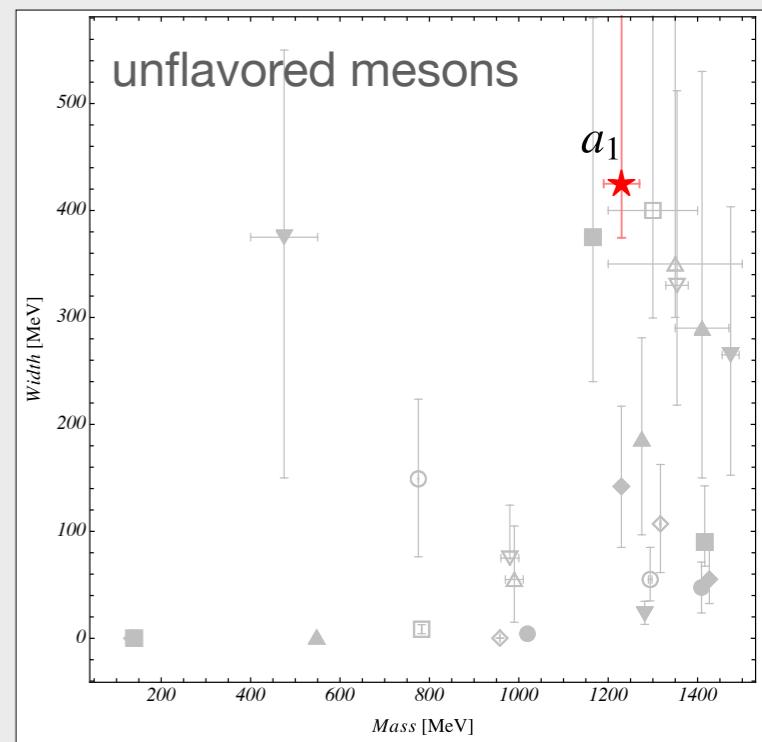
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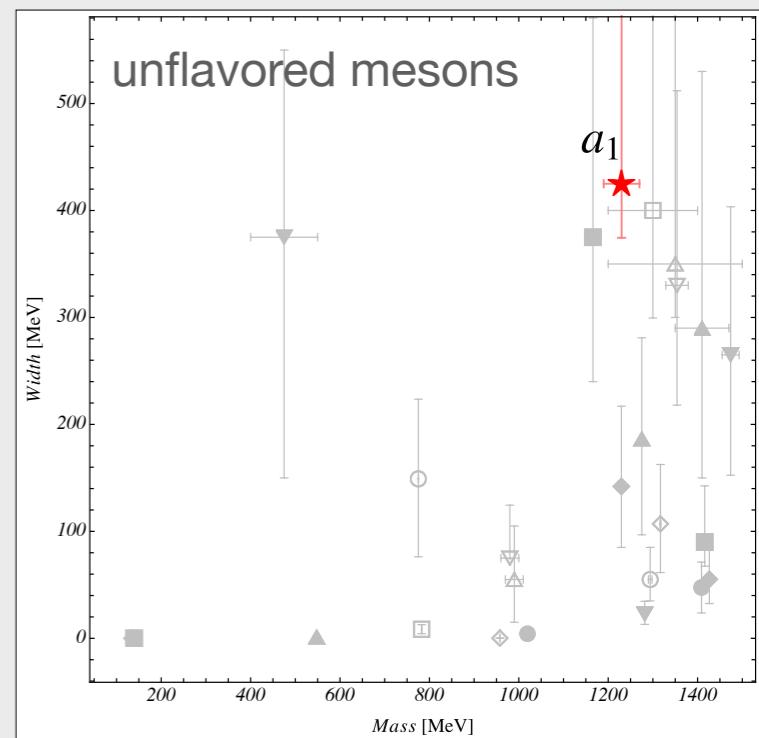


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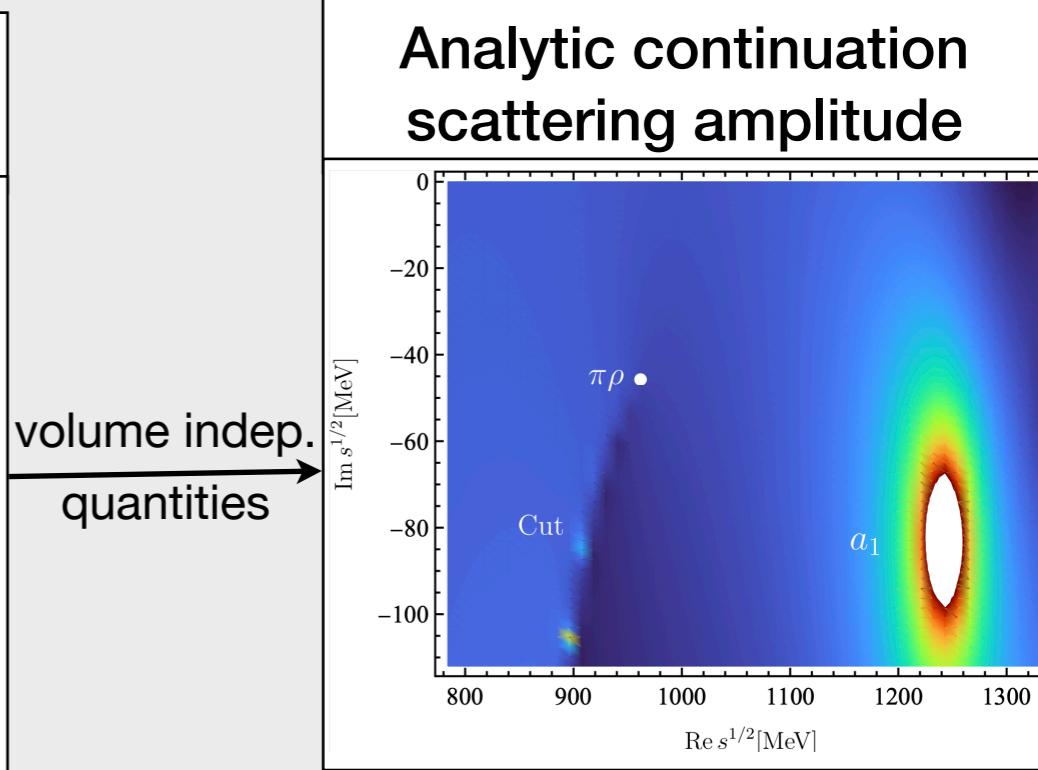
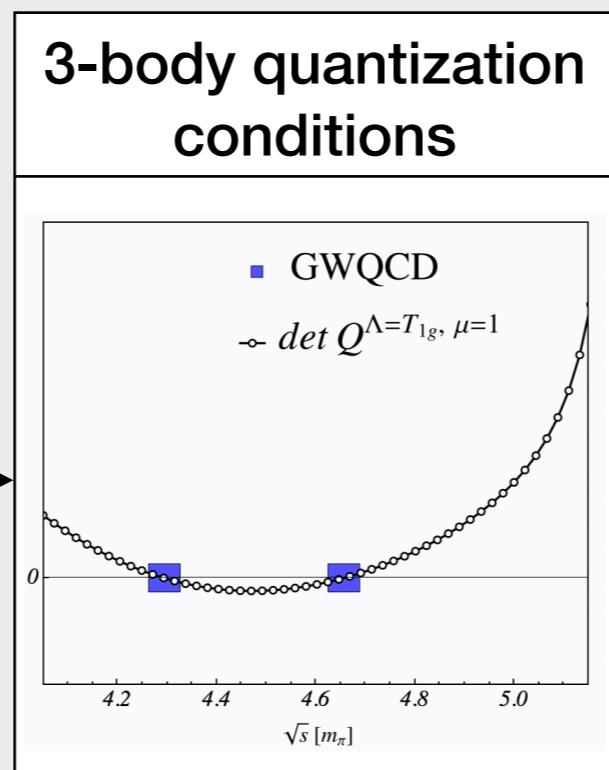
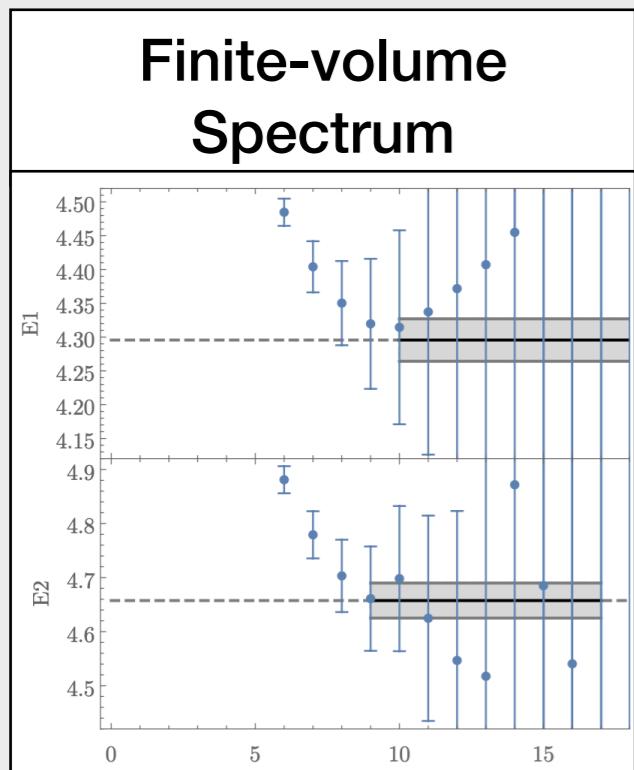
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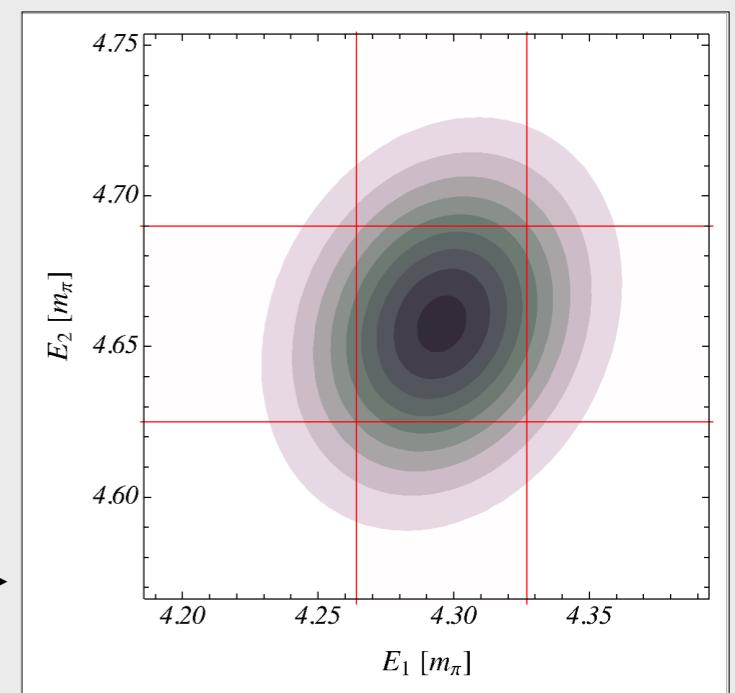
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## Key insights:

- 3-meson operators stabilize the excited state extraction  
c.f. need for  $\rho\pi$  operators in pioneering 2-meson  $a_1$ -calculation [Lang et al. JHEP 04, 162 \(2014\)](#)
- high-momentum states are required:  $\pi(0, 0, 0)\pi(1, 1, 0)\pi(-1, -1, 0)$  etc..
- two interacting levels exists below  $5\pi$  threshold →



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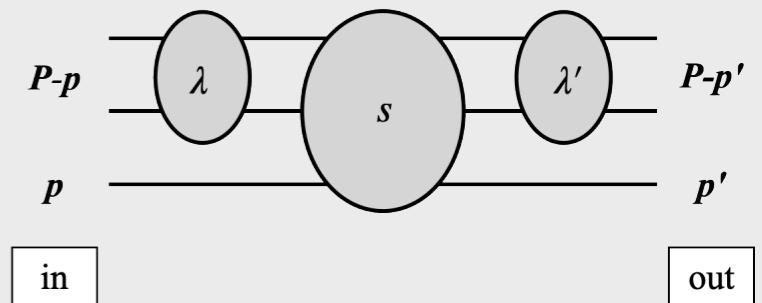
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**Finite Volume Unitarity** MM, Döring EPJA (2017) PRL (2019)

- basic idea:

$$\int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \rightarrow 1/L^3 \sum_k \text{(singular} \Leftrightarrow \text{three mesons are on-shell}) \Leftrightarrow \text{(energy eigenvalues)}$$

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- extended to higher spin and coupled-channels: new degree of freedom ( $\lambda$ )
- $\infty$ -dim. determinant equation in  $p \in \frac{2\pi}{L} \mathbf{Z}^3$  → practical applications require truncation  
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see discussion in e.g. MM/Döring/Rusetsky(2021)

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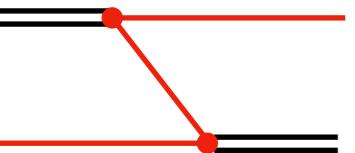
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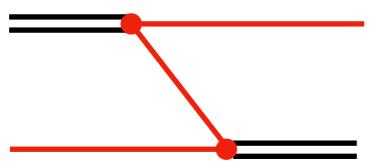
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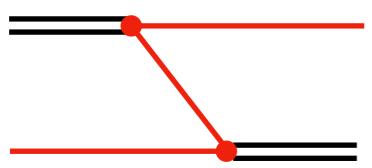
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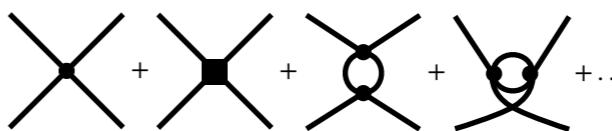
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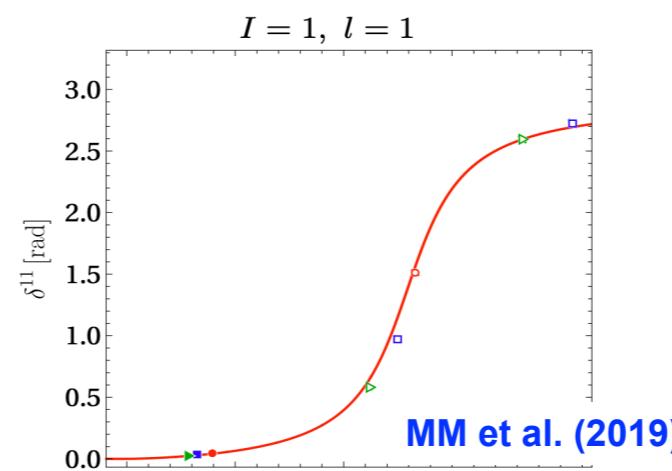
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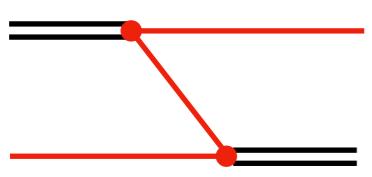
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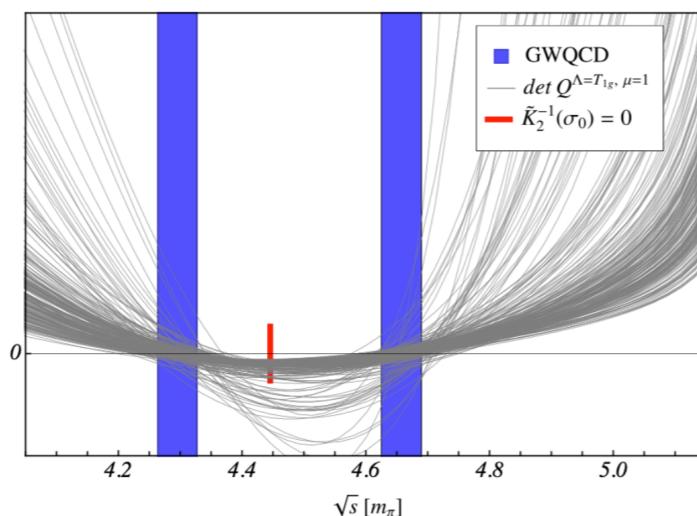
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## three-body force

- dynamics of  $\rho\pi$  system
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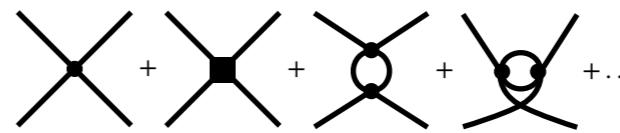
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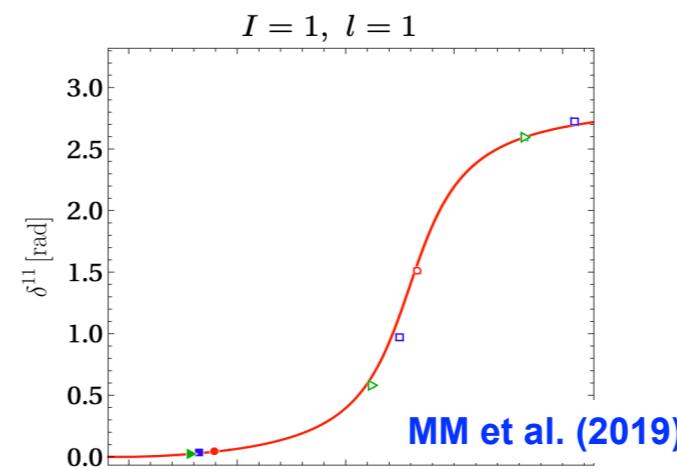
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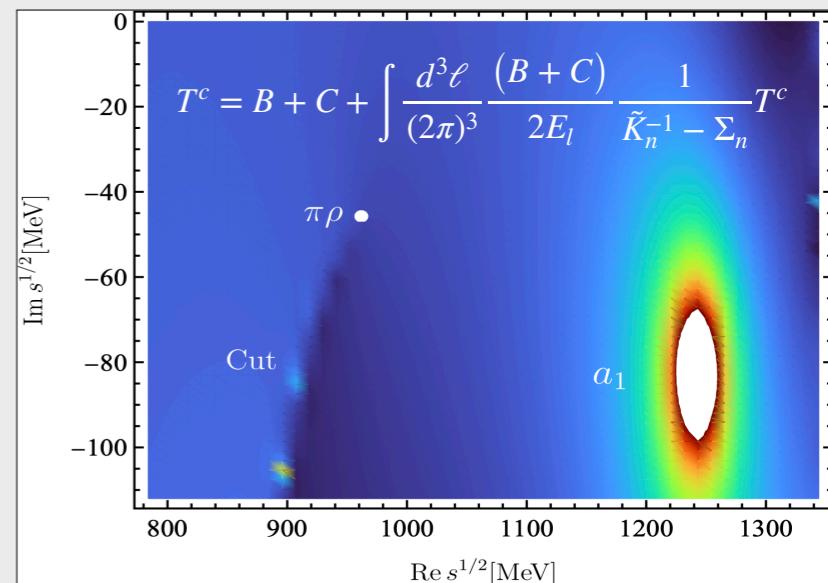


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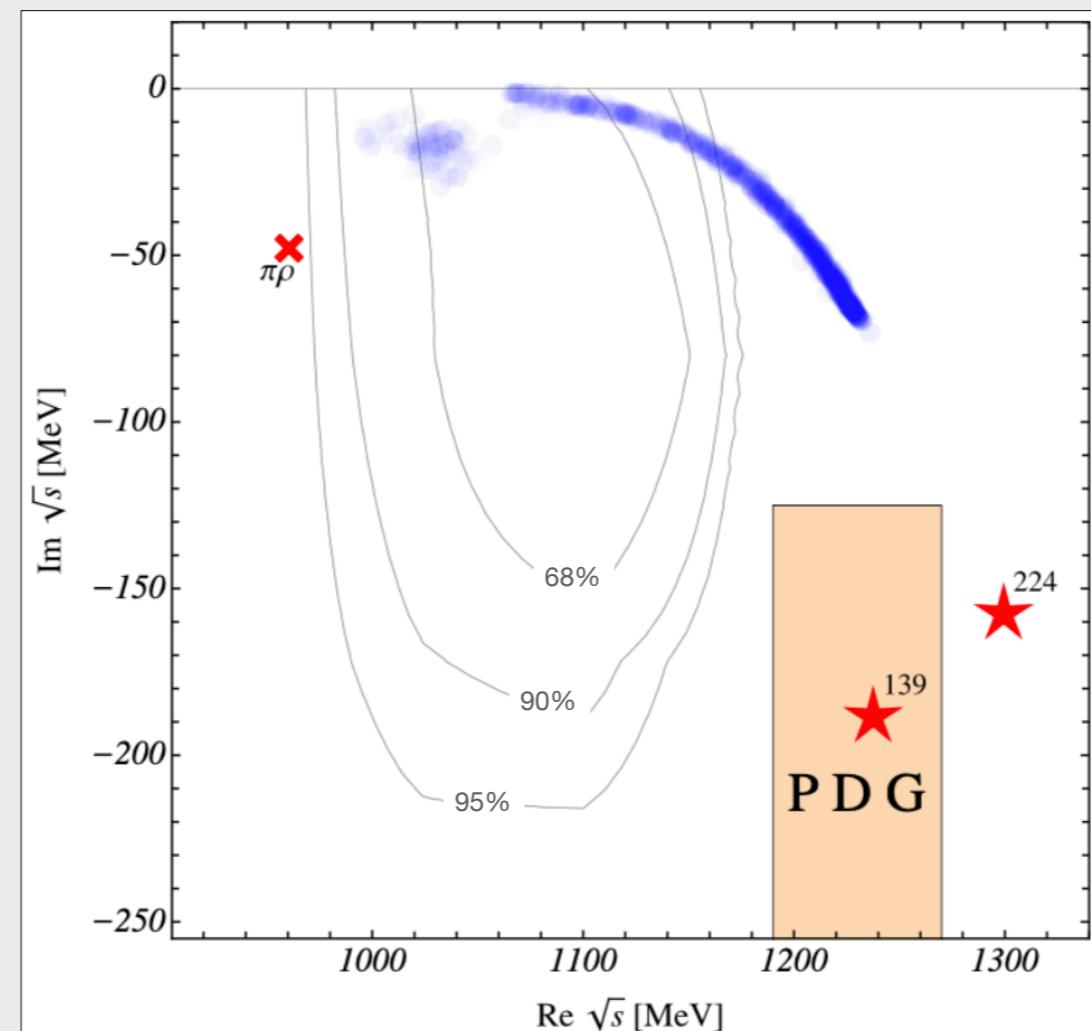
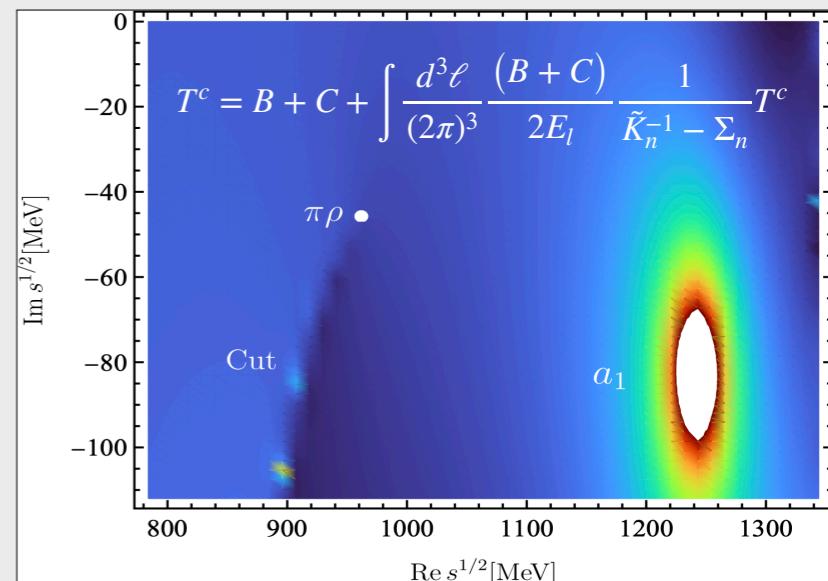
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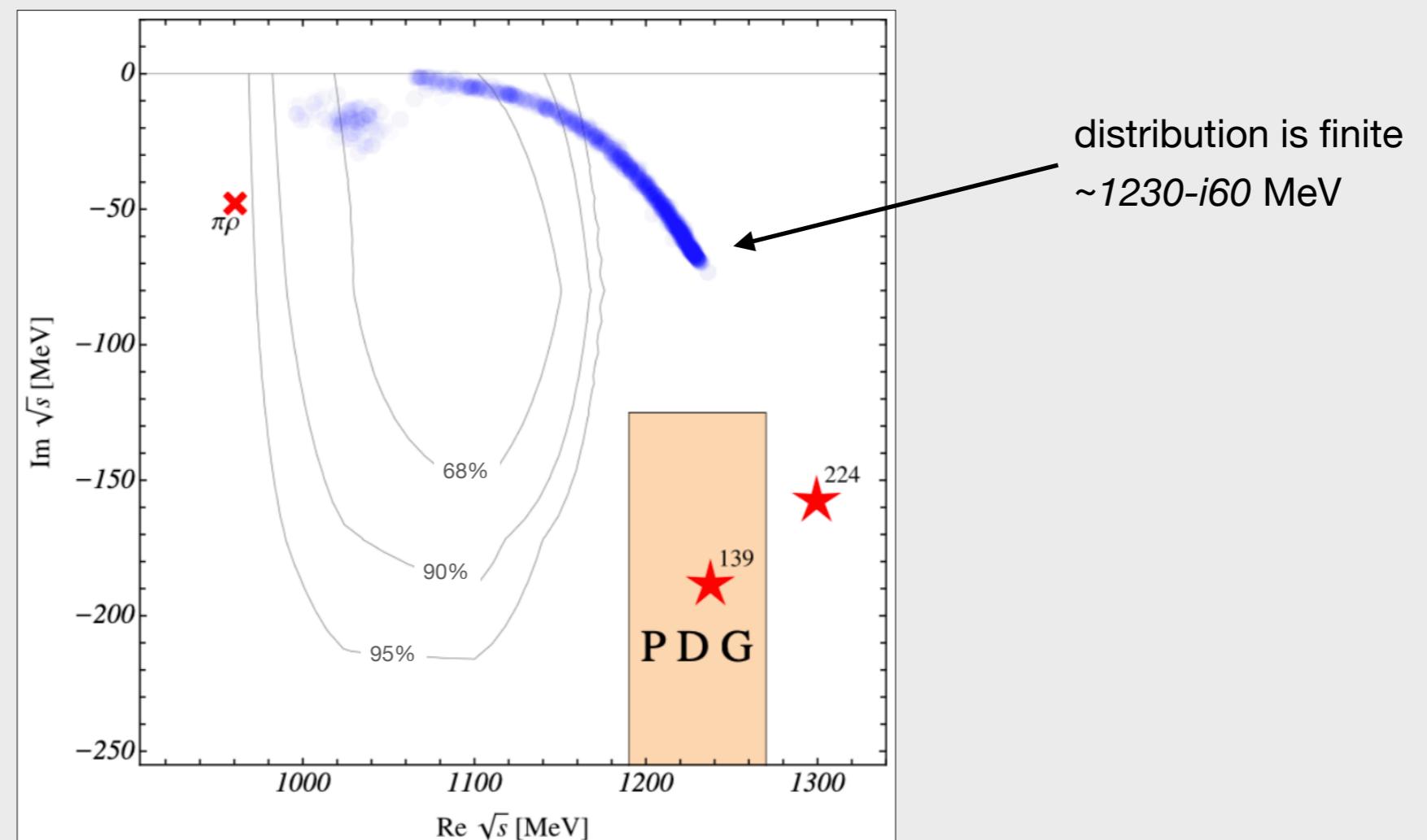
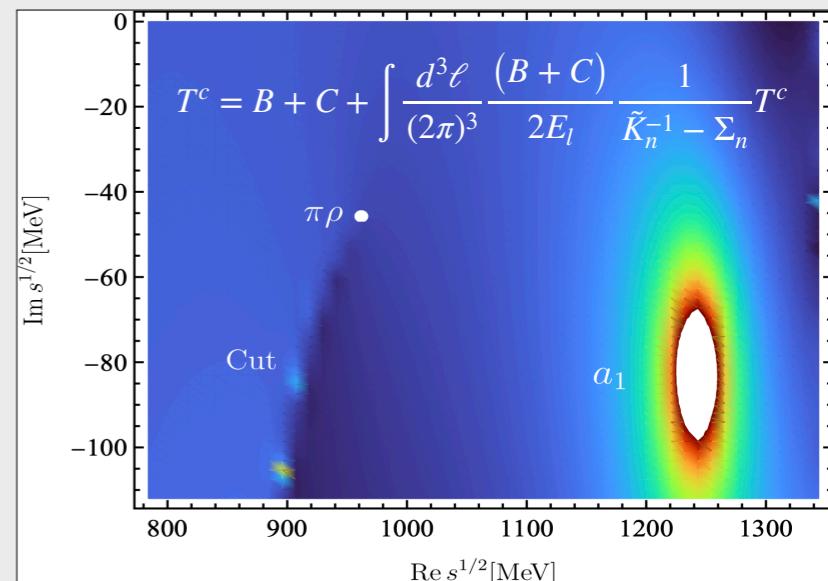
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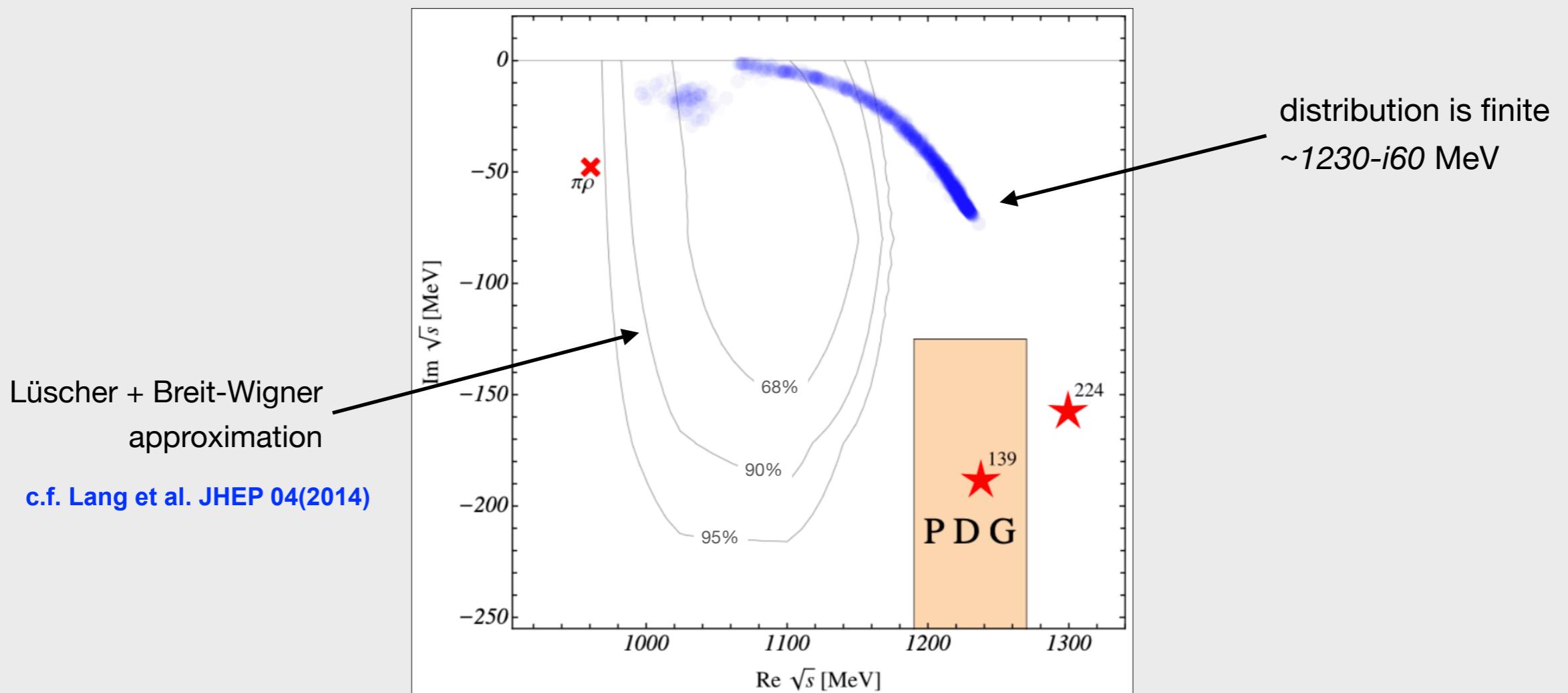
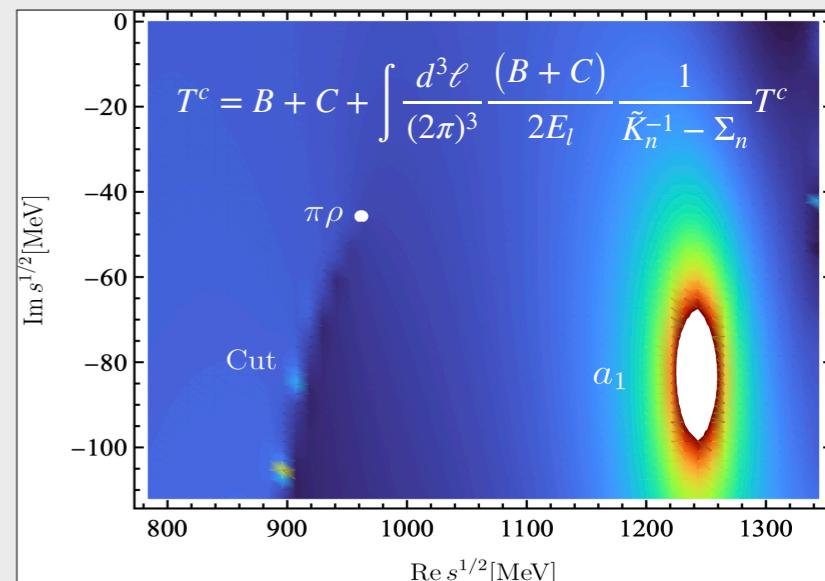
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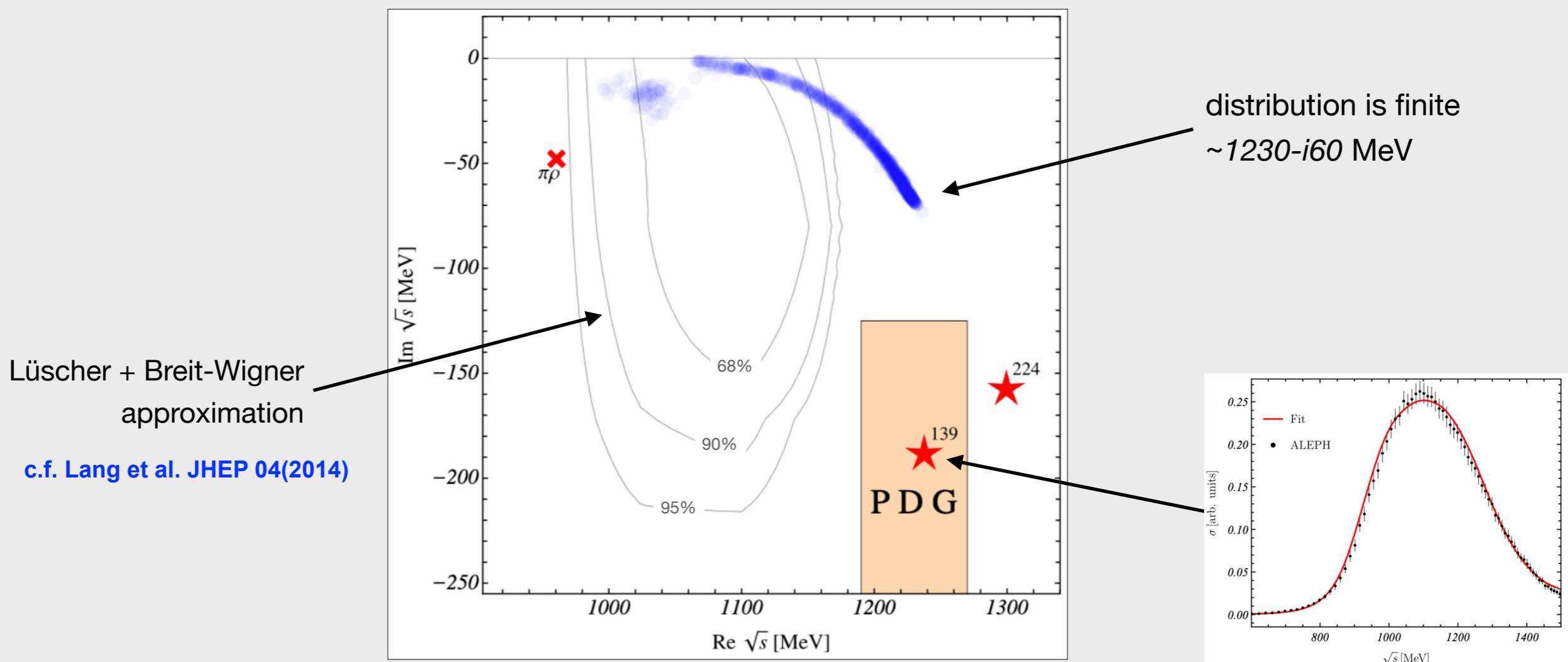
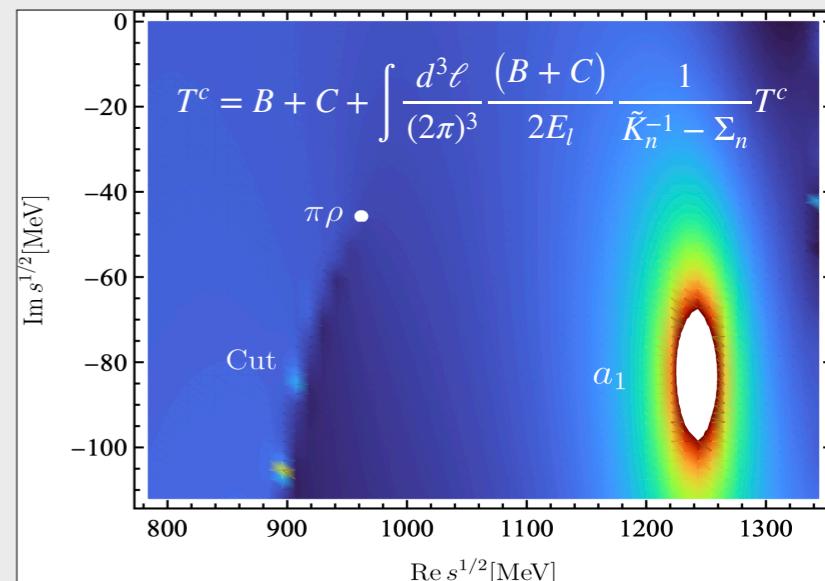
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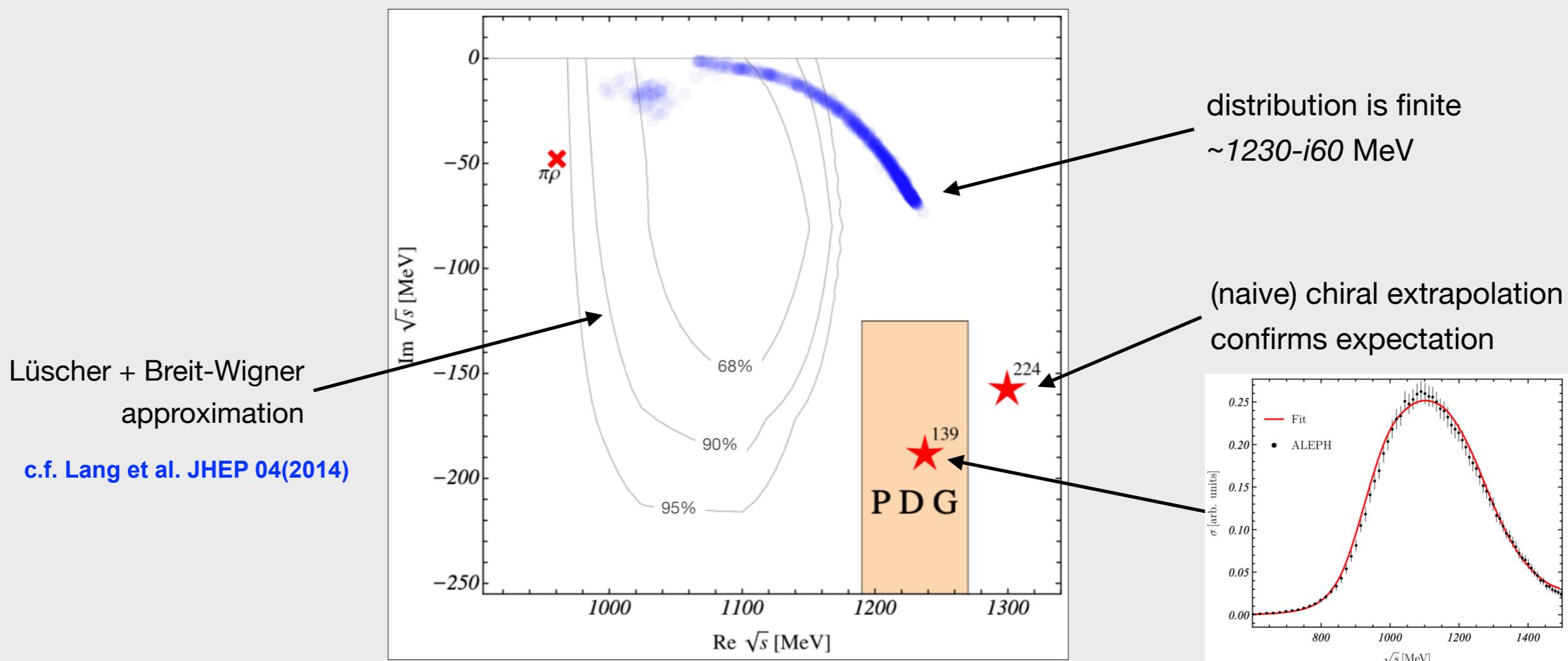
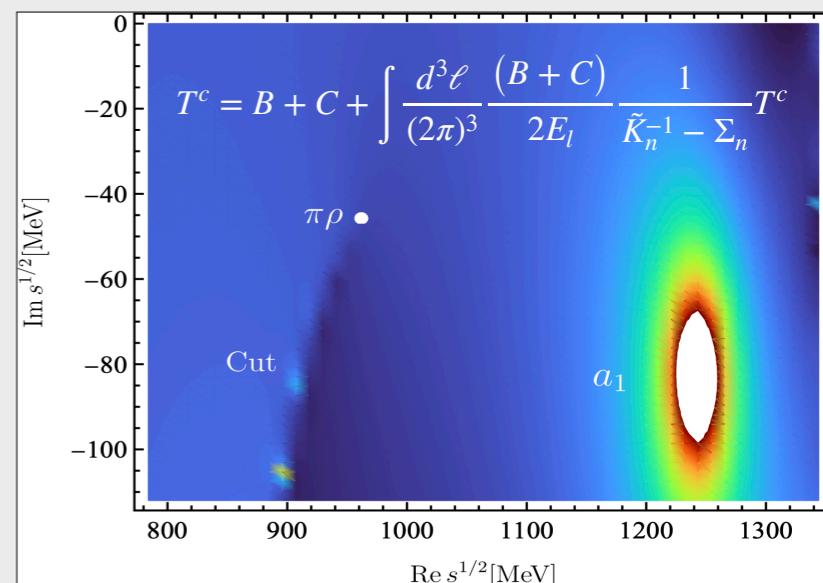
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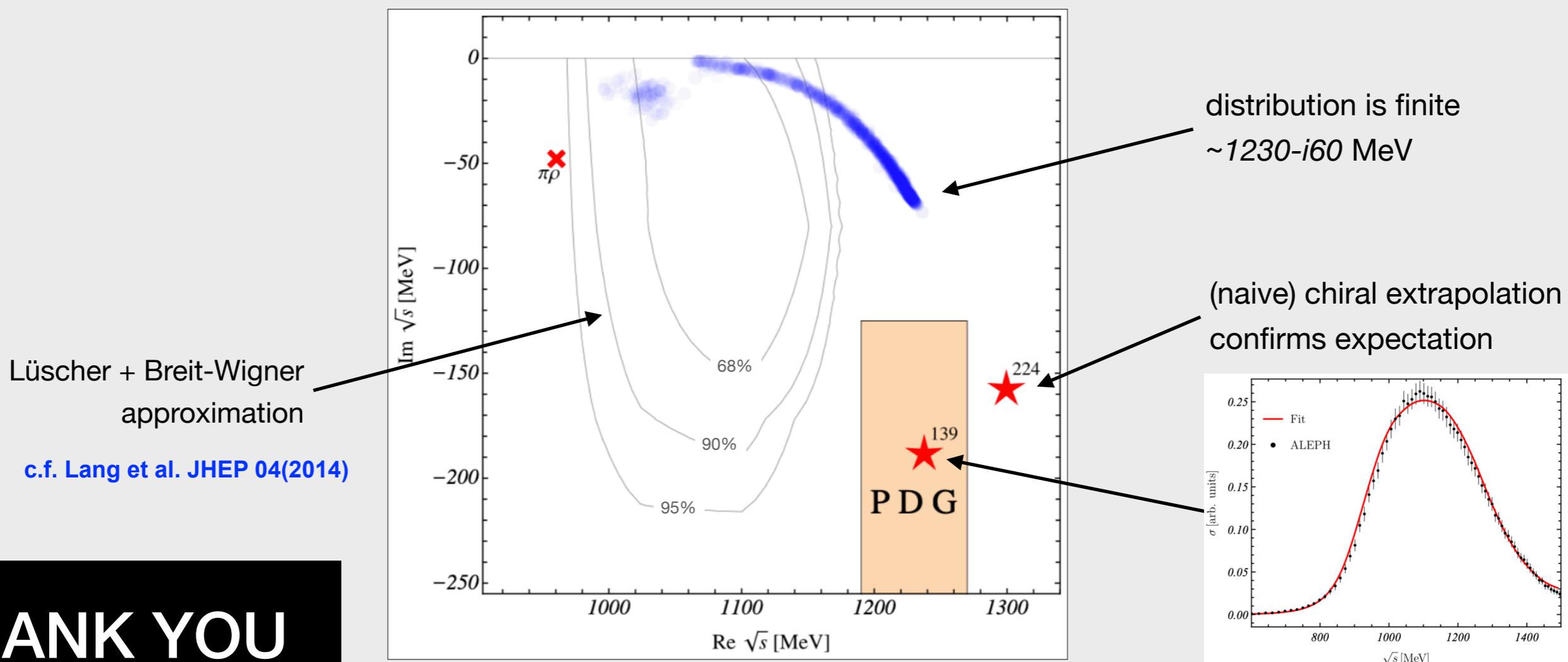
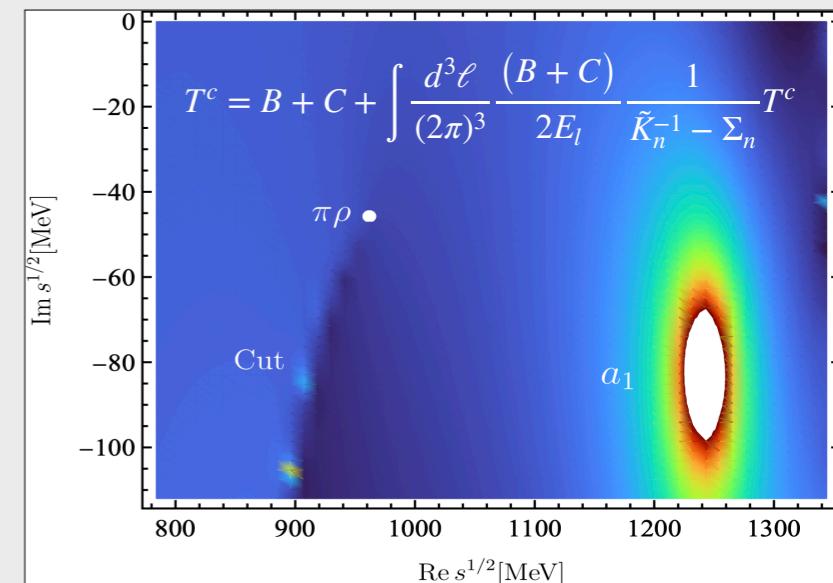
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