

Three-pion scattering from lattice QCD

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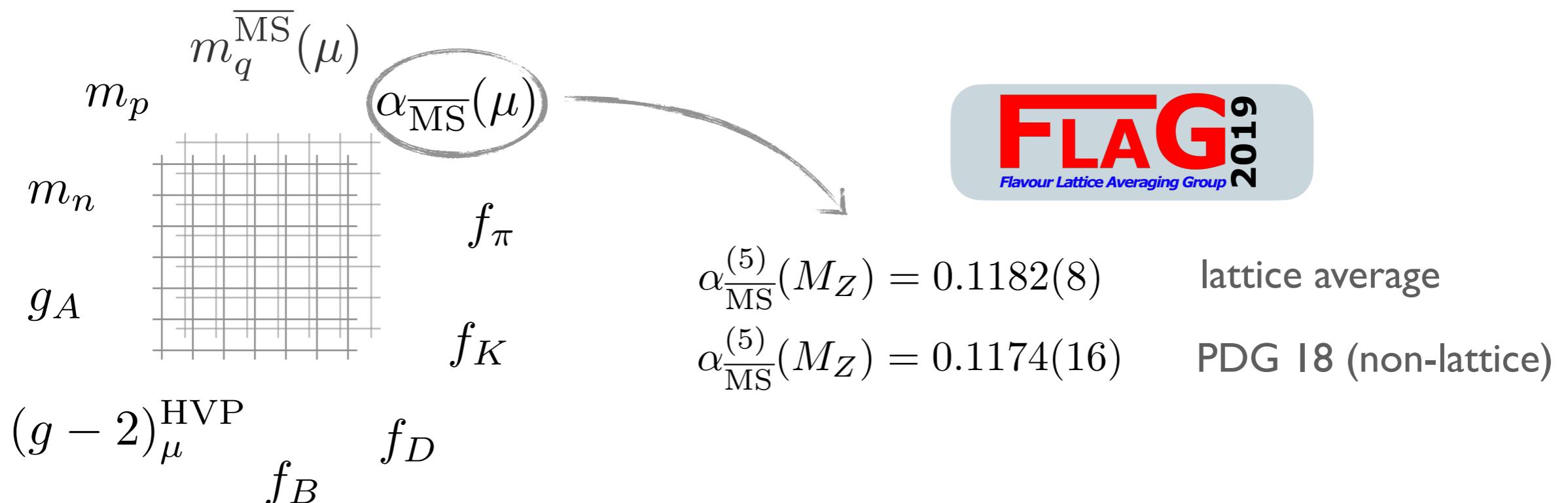
Recipe for strong force predictions

1. Lagrangian defining QCD +
2. Formal / numerical machinery (lattice QCD) +
3. A few experimental inputs (e.g. M_π, M_K, M_Ω) =

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \sum_f \bar{\Psi}_f (i \not{D} - m_f) \Psi_f - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu}$$



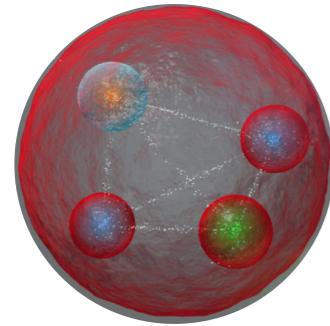
Wide range of precision pre-/post-dictions



Overwhelming evidence for QCD ✓ → *Tool for new physics searches*

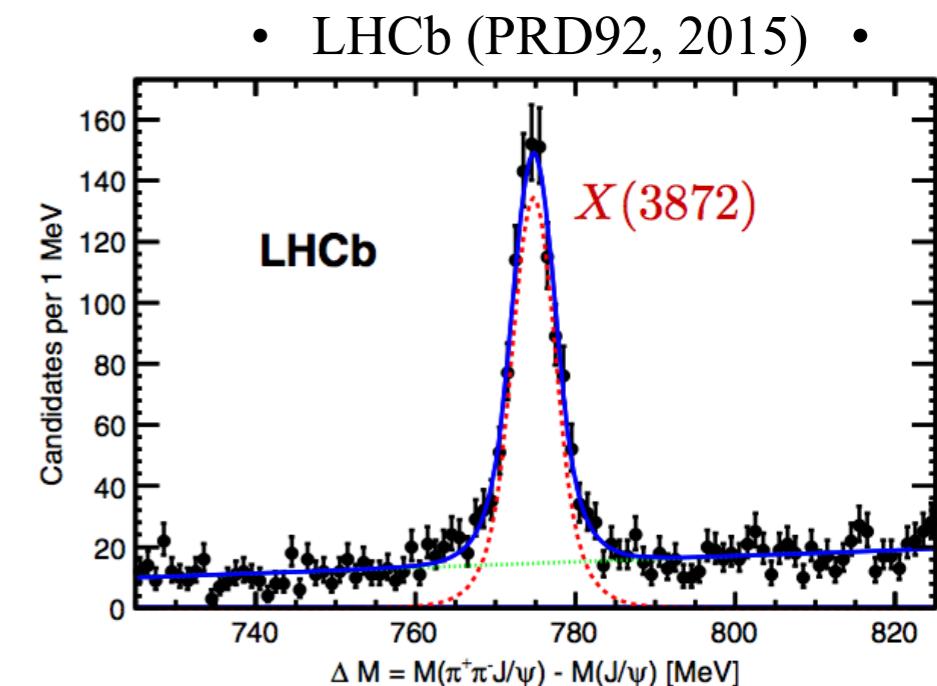
Multi-hadron observables

□ Exotics, XYZs, tetra- and penta-quarks, H dibaryon



e.g. $X(3872)$

$$\sim |D^0 \bar{D}^{*0} + \bar{D}^0 D^{*0}\rangle ?$$



□ Electroweak, CP violation, resonant enhancement

CP violation in charm

$$D \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$$

$$\Delta A_{CP} = (-15.4 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-4}$$

• LHCb (PRL, 2019) •

$f_0(1710)$ could enhance ΔA_{CP}
• Soni (2017) •

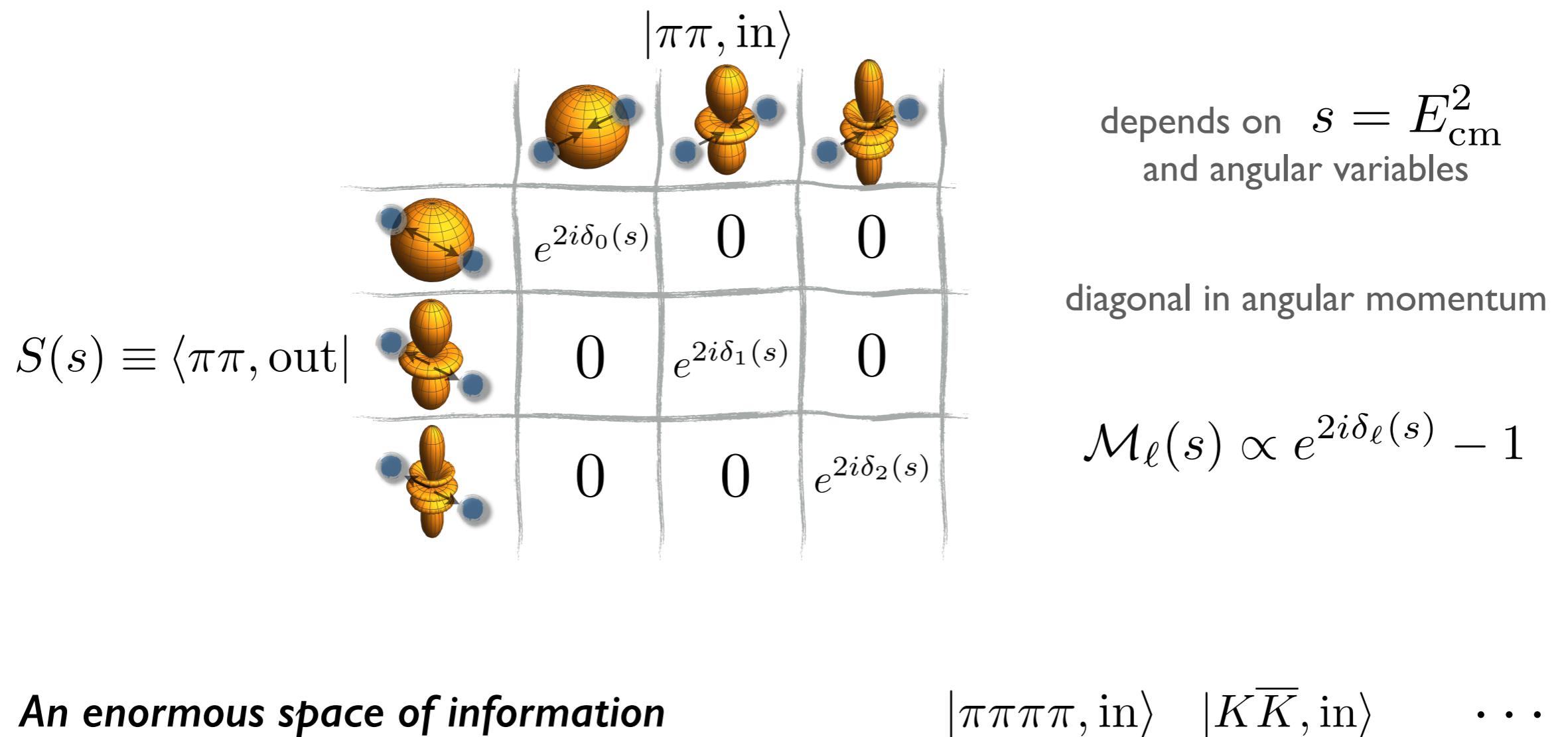
Resonant B decays

$$B \rightarrow K^* \ell\ell \rightarrow K\pi \ell\ell$$

$|X\rangle, |\rho\rangle, |K^*\rangle, |f_0\rangle \notin \text{QCD Fock space}$

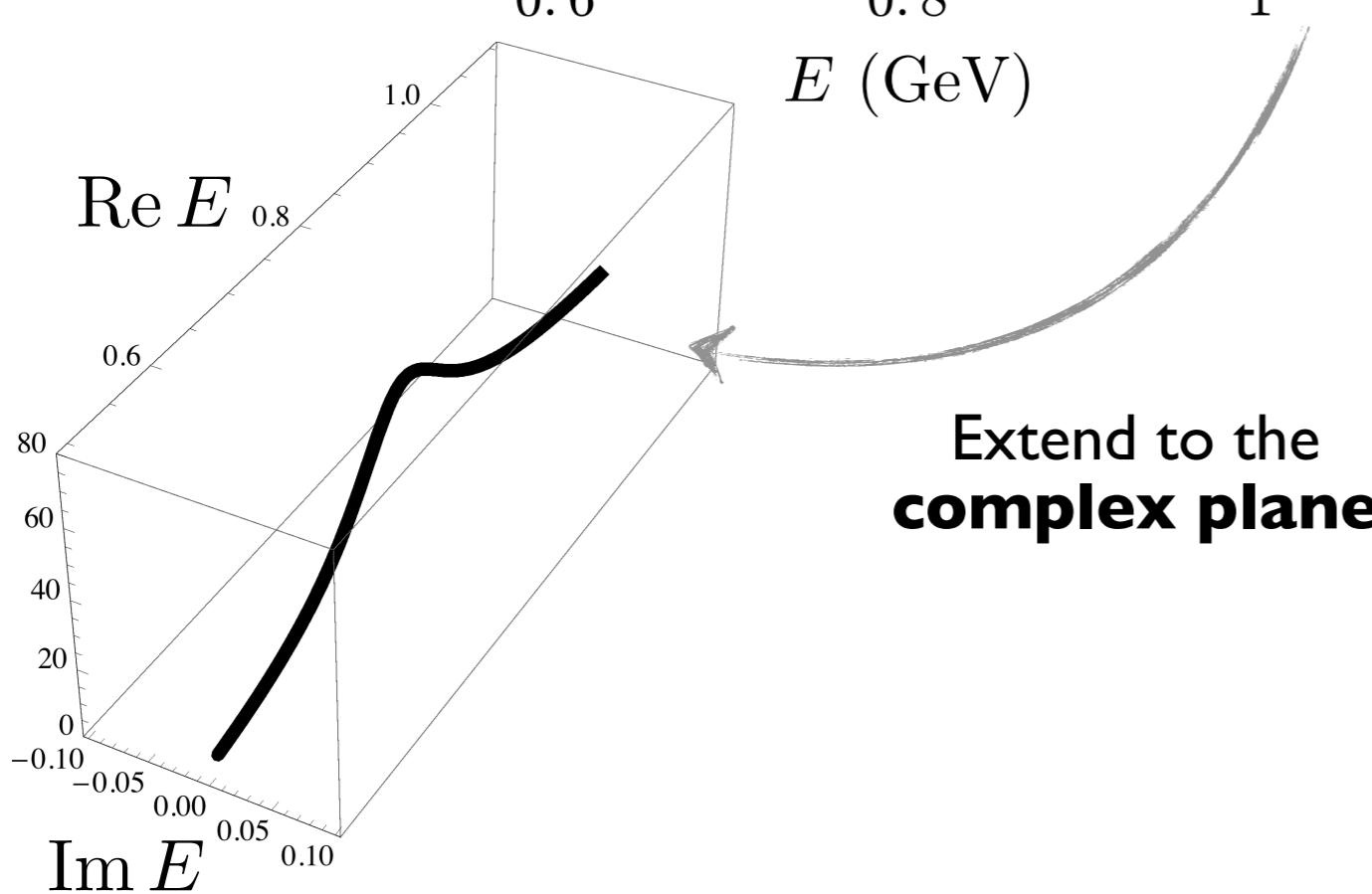
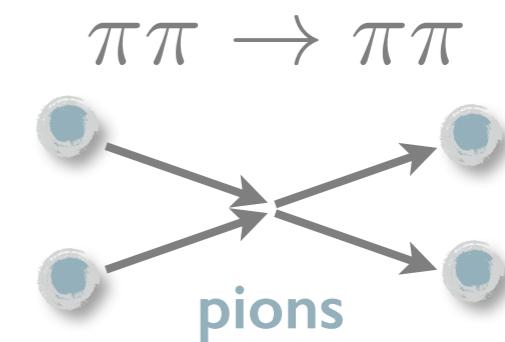
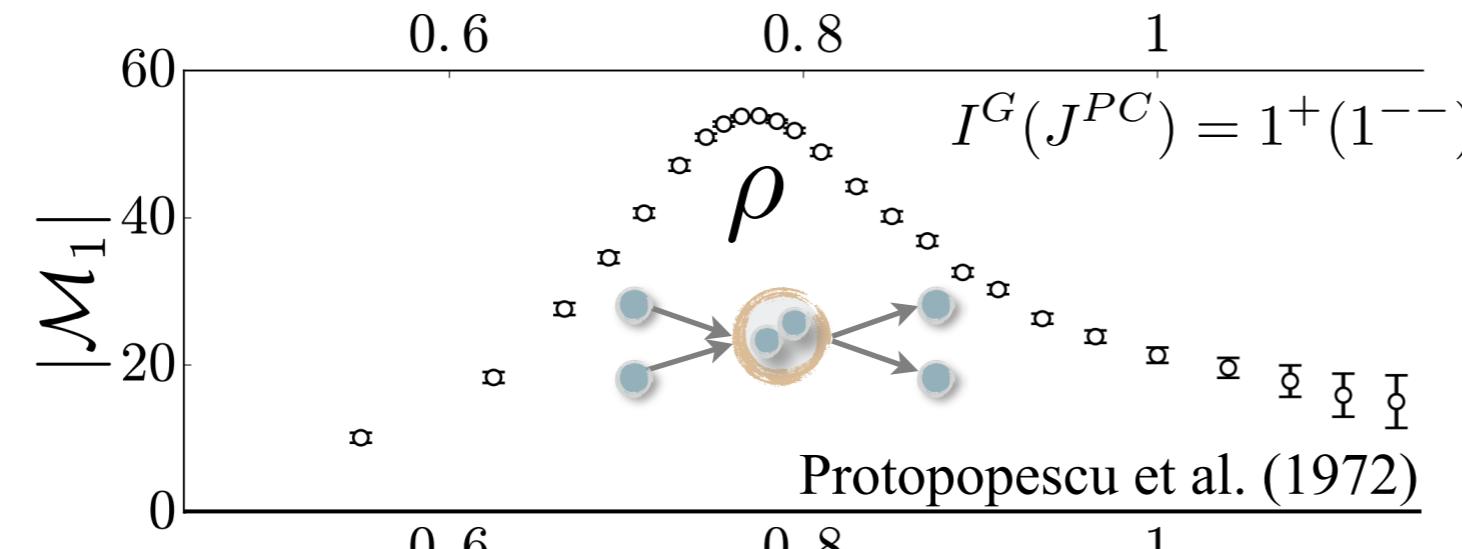
QCD Fock space

- At low-energies QCD = hadronic degrees of freedom $\pi \sim \bar{u}d, K \sim \bar{s}u, p \sim uud$
- Overlaps of multi-hadron *asymptotic states* \rightarrow S matrix



QCD resonances

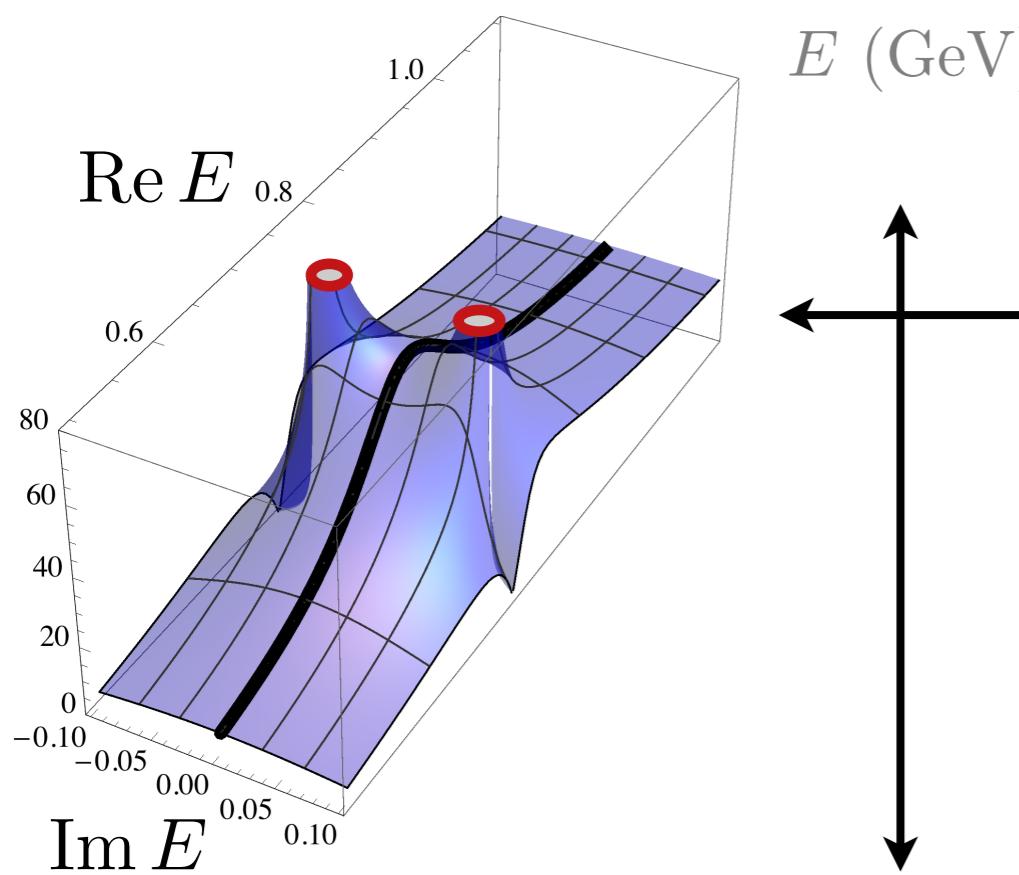
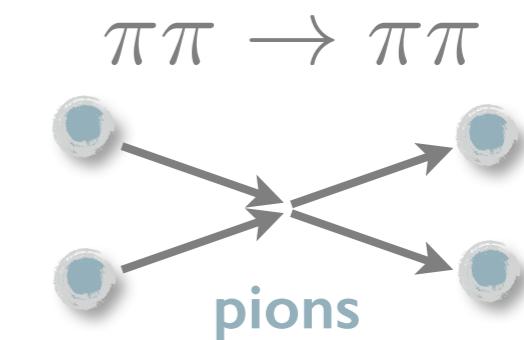
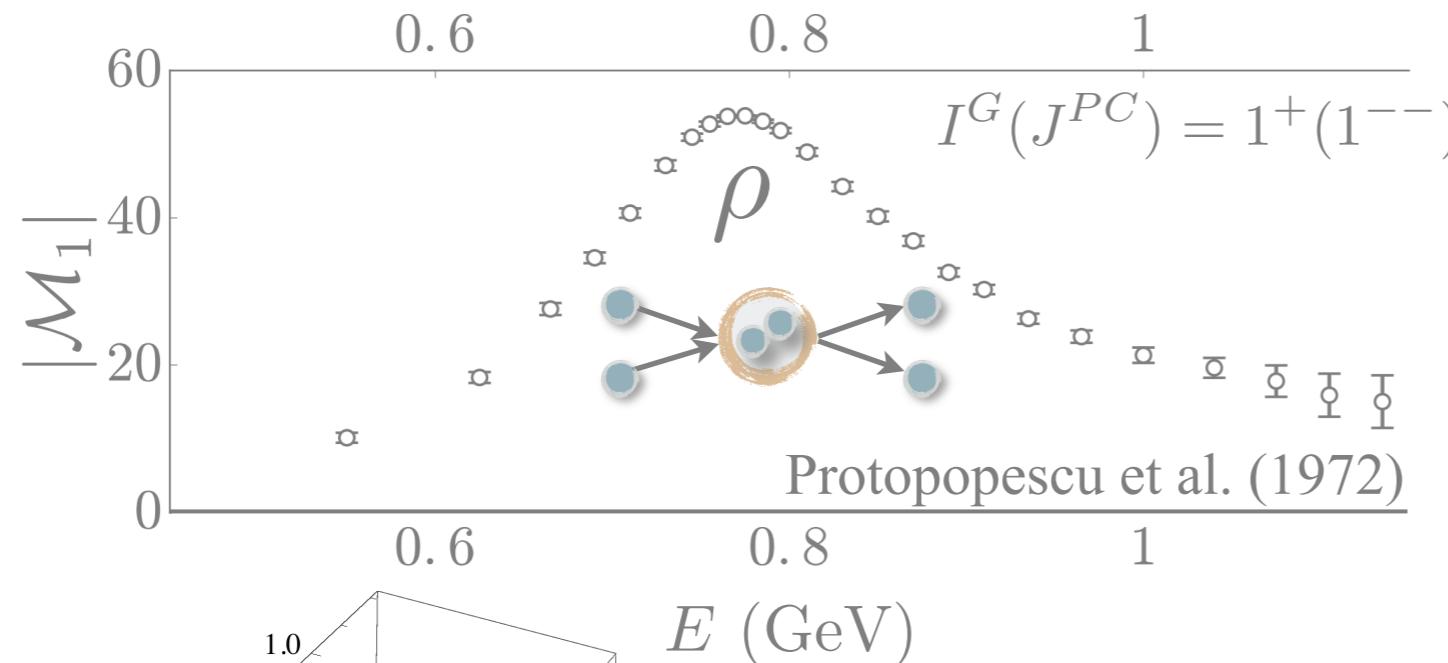
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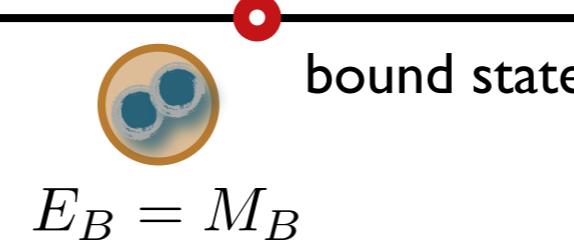
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scattering rate



Analytic continuation reveals a **complex pole**



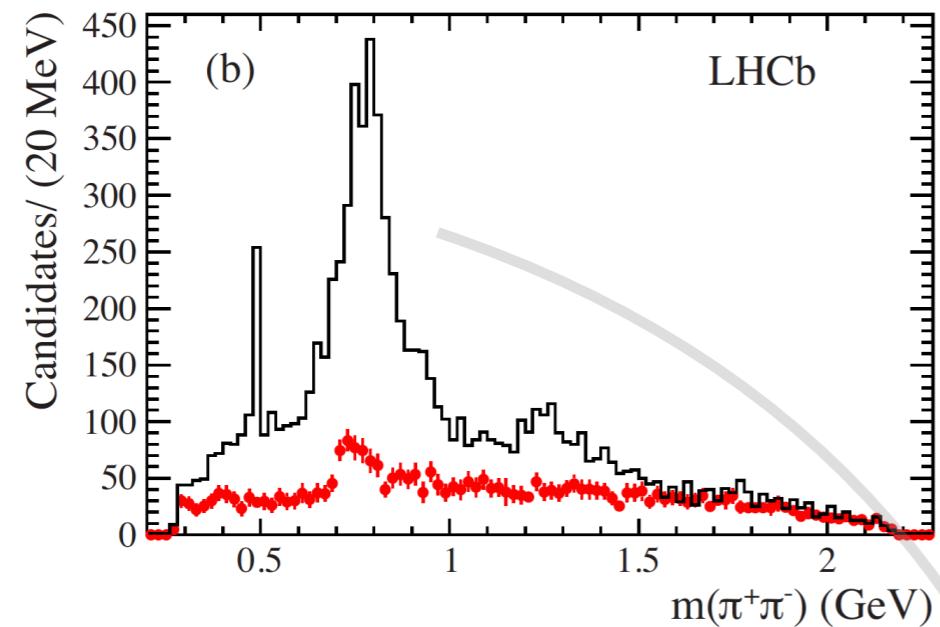
$$E_R = M_R + i\Gamma_R/2$$



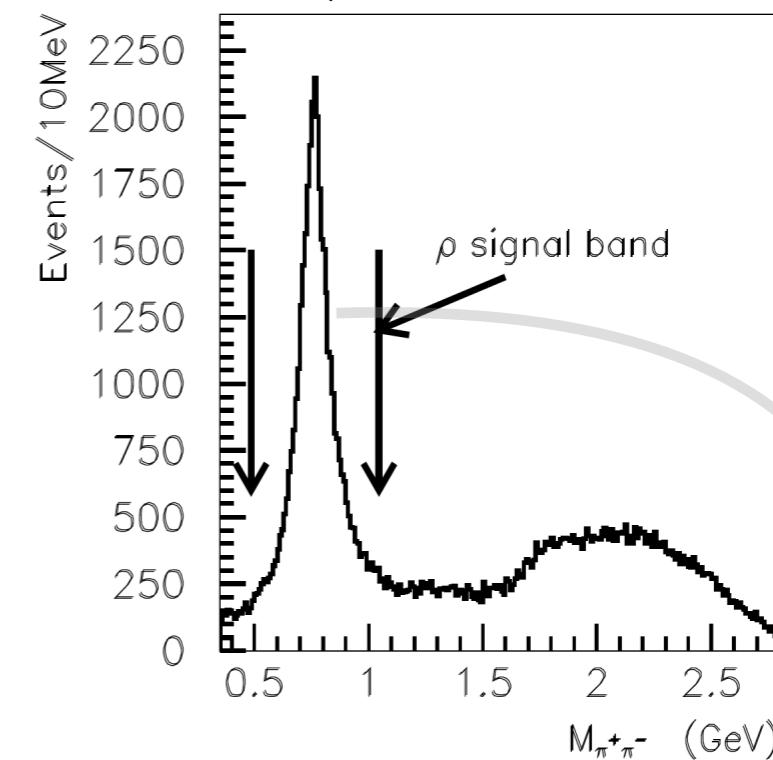
Pole is universal

- Resonances often seen in “production”

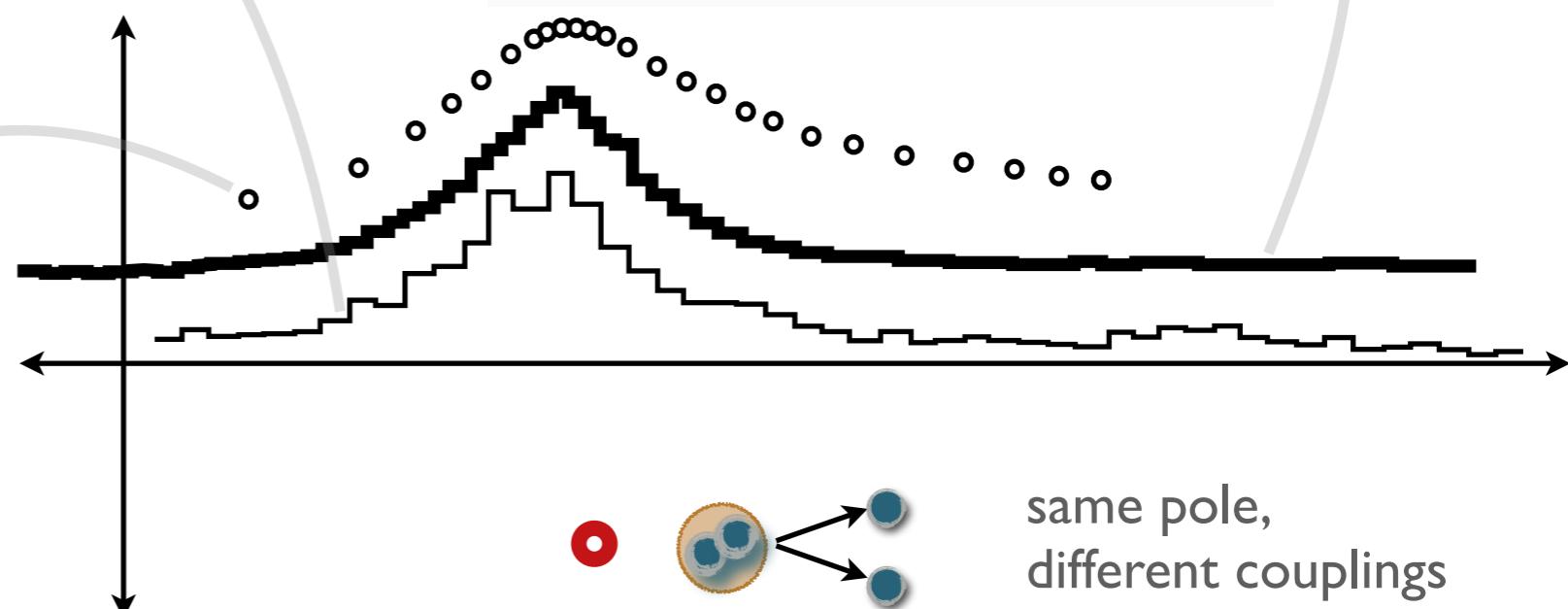
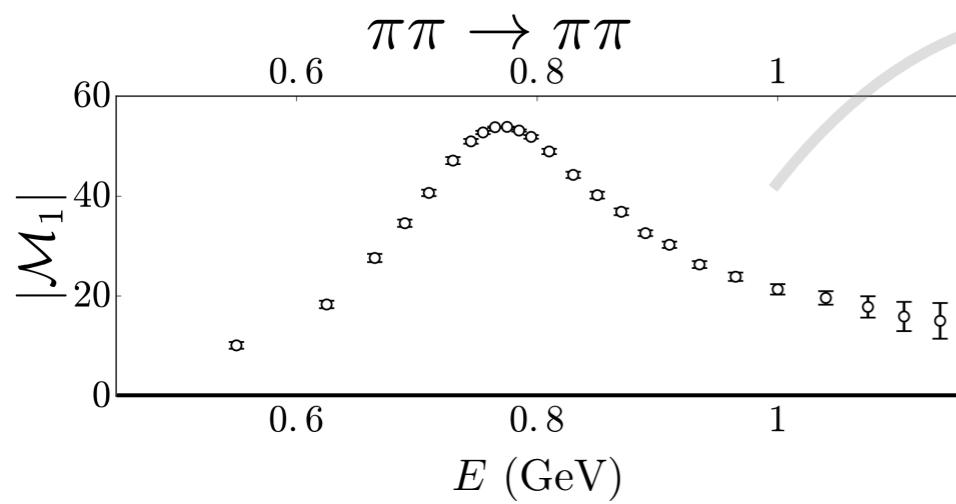
$$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$$



$$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\rho$$



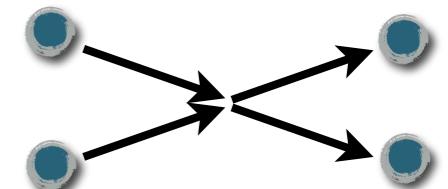
(as opposed to scattering)



Analyticity

- Instead of $|\mathcal{M}(s)|^2 \rightarrow$ analytically continue the **amplitude** itself

For two-particle energies $(2m)^2 < s < (4m)^2$, what is the analytic structure?



- The optical theorem tells us...

$$\rho(s)|\mathcal{M}_\ell(s)|^2 = \text{Im } \mathcal{M}_\ell(s)$$

where $\rho(s) = \frac{\sqrt{1 - 4m^2/s}}{32\pi}$ is the two-particle phase space

- Unique solution is...

$$\mathcal{M}_\ell(s) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{K}_\ell(s)^{-1} - i\rho(s)}$$

K matrix (short distance)

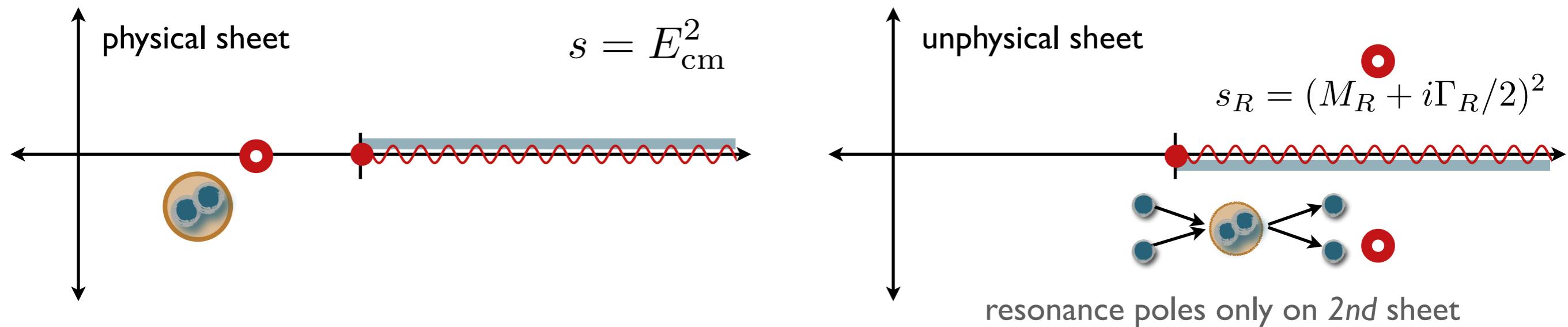
phase-space cut (long distance)

Key message: *The scattering amplitude has a square-root branch cut*

Cuts and sheets

$$\mathcal{M}_\ell(s) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{K}_\ell(s)^{-1} - \rho(s)} \propto \frac{1}{p \cot \delta_\ell(s) - ip} \propto e^{2i\delta_\ell(s)} - 1 \quad \rho(s) \propto i\sqrt{s - (2m)^2}$$

- Each channel generates a *square-root cut* → doubles the number of sheets



- Important lessons:

Details of analyticity = important for quantitative understanding

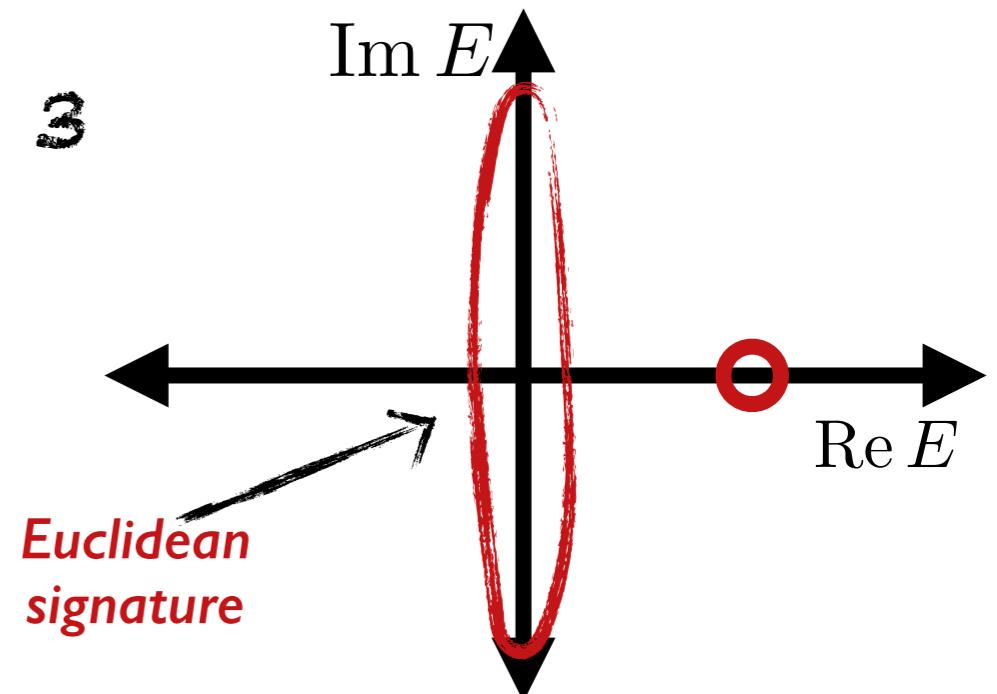
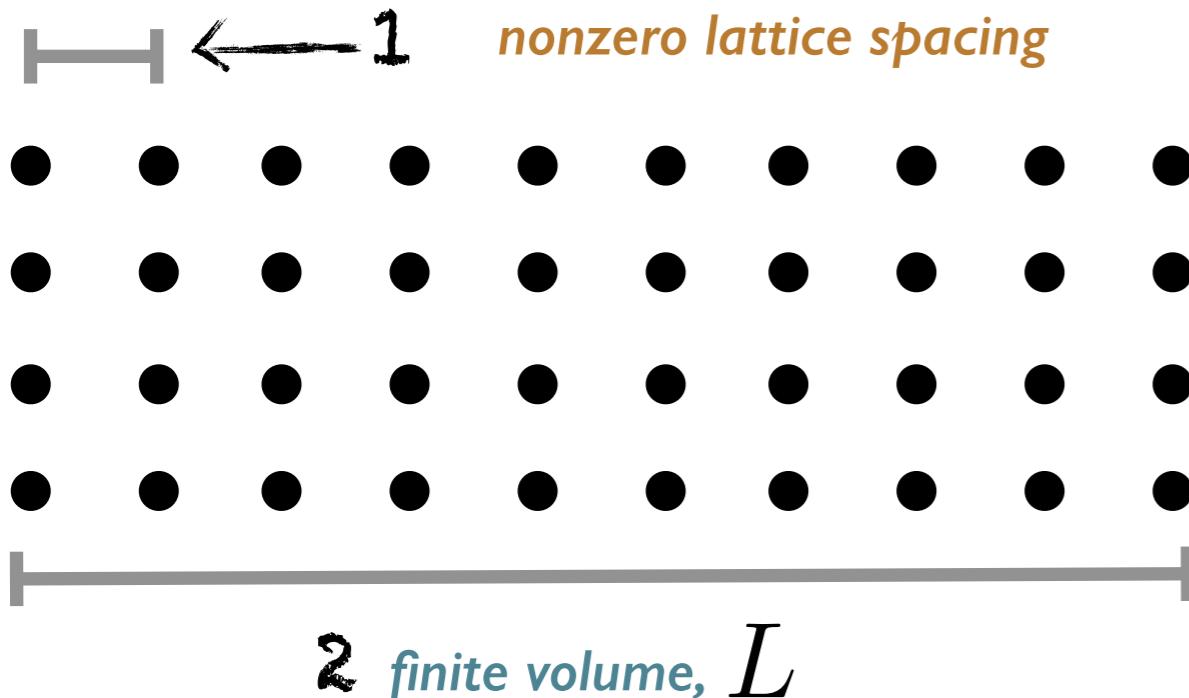
Possible to separate...

- (i) long-distance kinematic singularities
- (ii) short-distance/microscopic physics (depending on interaction details)

Microscopic physics *via Lattice QCD*

$$\text{observable?} = \int d^N \phi e^{-S} \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{interpolator} \\ \text{for observable} \end{array} \right]$$

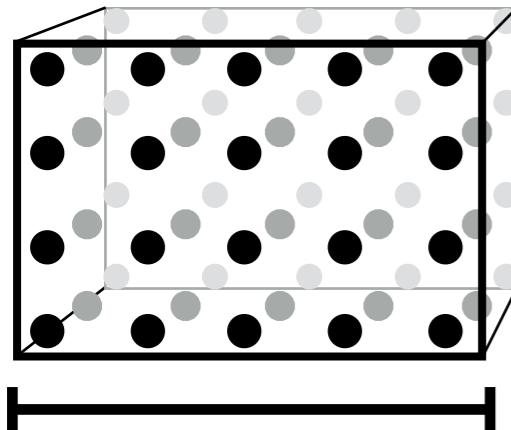
To proceed we have to make *three modifications*



Also... $M_{\pi, \text{lattice}} > M_{\pi, \text{our universe}}$
(but physical masses \rightarrow increasingly common)

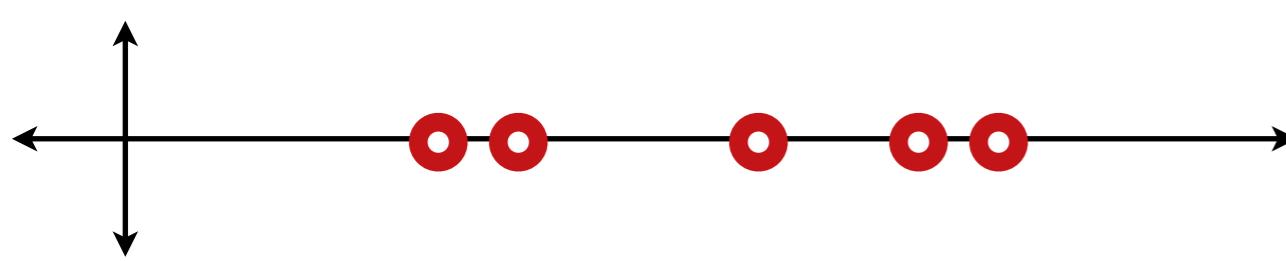


Difficulties for multi-hadron observables

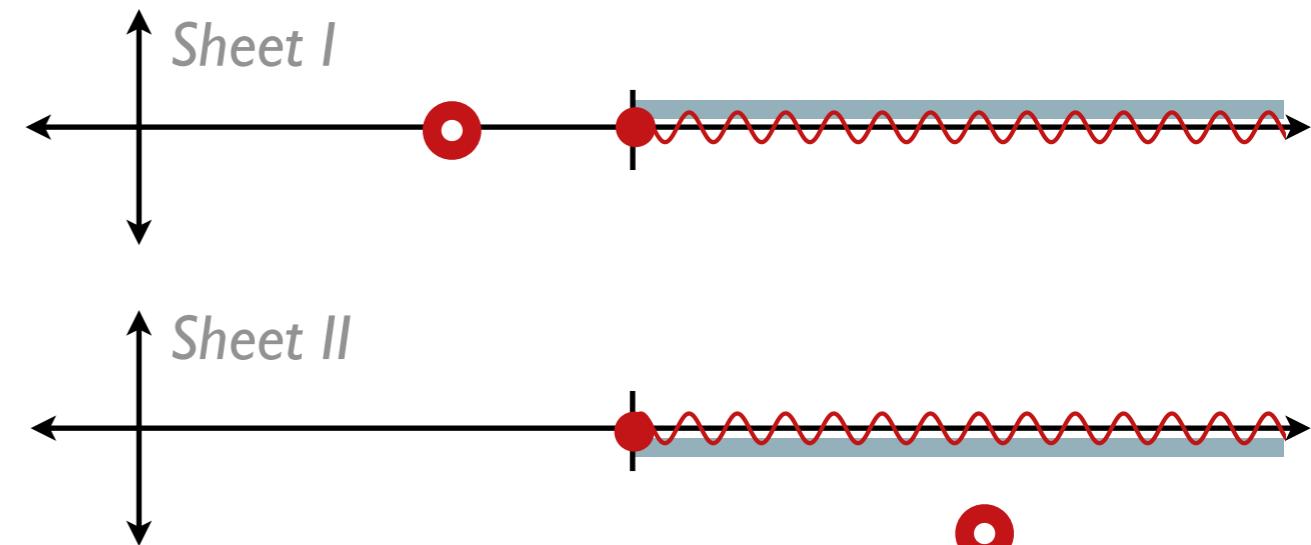


- The **finite volume**...
 - *Discretizes* the spectrum
 - *Eliminates* the branch cuts and extra sheets
 - *Hides* the resonance poles

Finite-volume analytic structure



Infinite-volume analytic structure



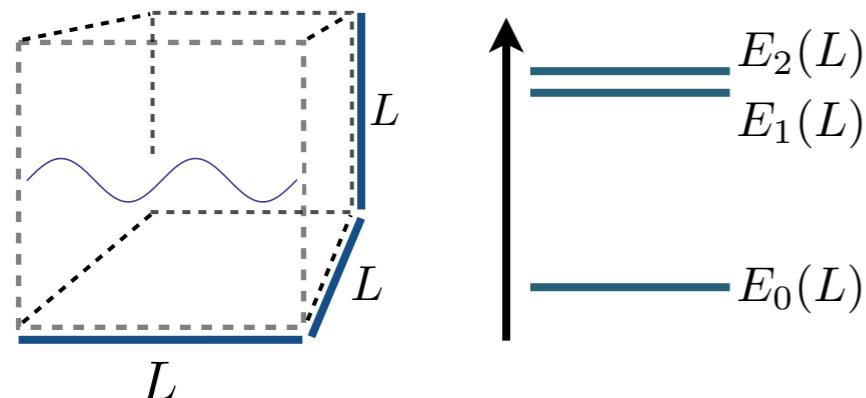
- LQCD → Energies and matrix elements

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_j(\tau) \mathcal{O}_i^\dagger(0) \rangle = \sum_n \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_j(\tau) | E_n \rangle \langle E_n | \mathcal{O}_i^\dagger(0) | 0 \rangle = \sum_n e^{-E_n(L)\tau} Z_{n,j} Z_{n,i}^*$$

- Our task is relate $E_n(L)$ and $\langle E_{m'} | \mathcal{J}(0) | E_m \rangle$ to **experimental observables**

The finite-volume as a tool

- Finite-volume set-up



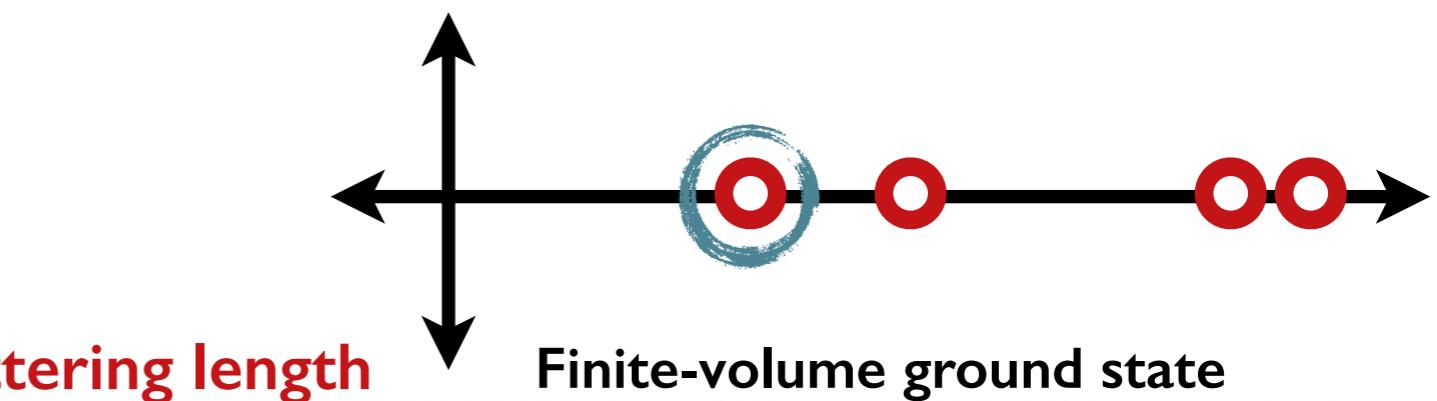
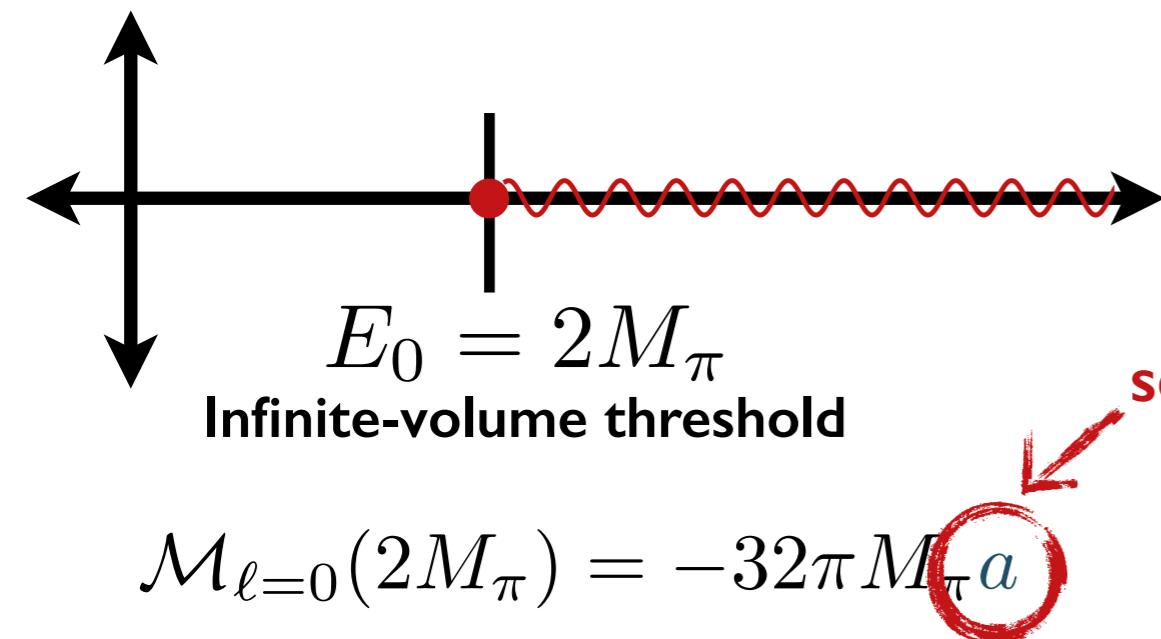
- **cubic**, spatial volume (extent L)

- **periodic**

$$\vec{p} = \frac{2\pi}{L} \vec{n}, \quad \vec{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^3$$

- L is large enough to neglect $e^{-M_\pi L}$
- T and lattice also negligible

- Scattering leaves an *imprint* on finite-volume quantities



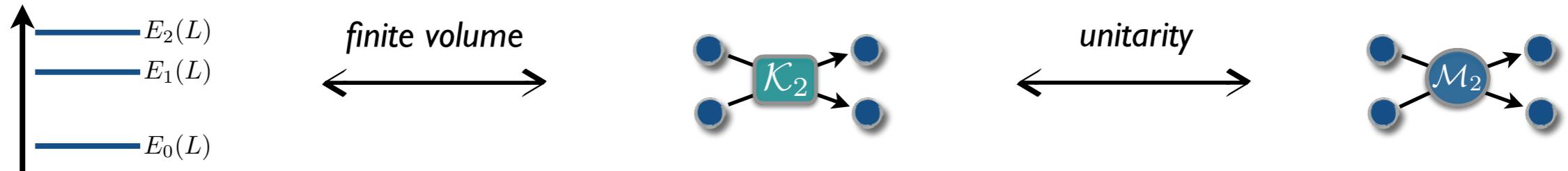
$$E_0(L) = 2M_\pi + \frac{4\pi a}{M_\pi L^3} + \mathcal{O}(1/L^4)$$

• Huang, Yang (1958) •

General relation

$$\det[\mathcal{K}^{-1}(s) + F(P, L)] = 0$$

$F(P, L) \equiv$ Matrix of known geometric functions



Holds only for two-particle energies $s < (4m)^2$

Neglects e^{-mL}

Generalized to *non-degenerate masses, multiple channels, spinning particles*

Encodes angular momentum mixing

- Lüscher (1989)
- *many others*
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Scattering processes and resonances from lattice QCD

Raúl A. Briceño,^{1,*} Jozef J. Dudek,^{1,2,†} and Ross D. Young^{3,‡}

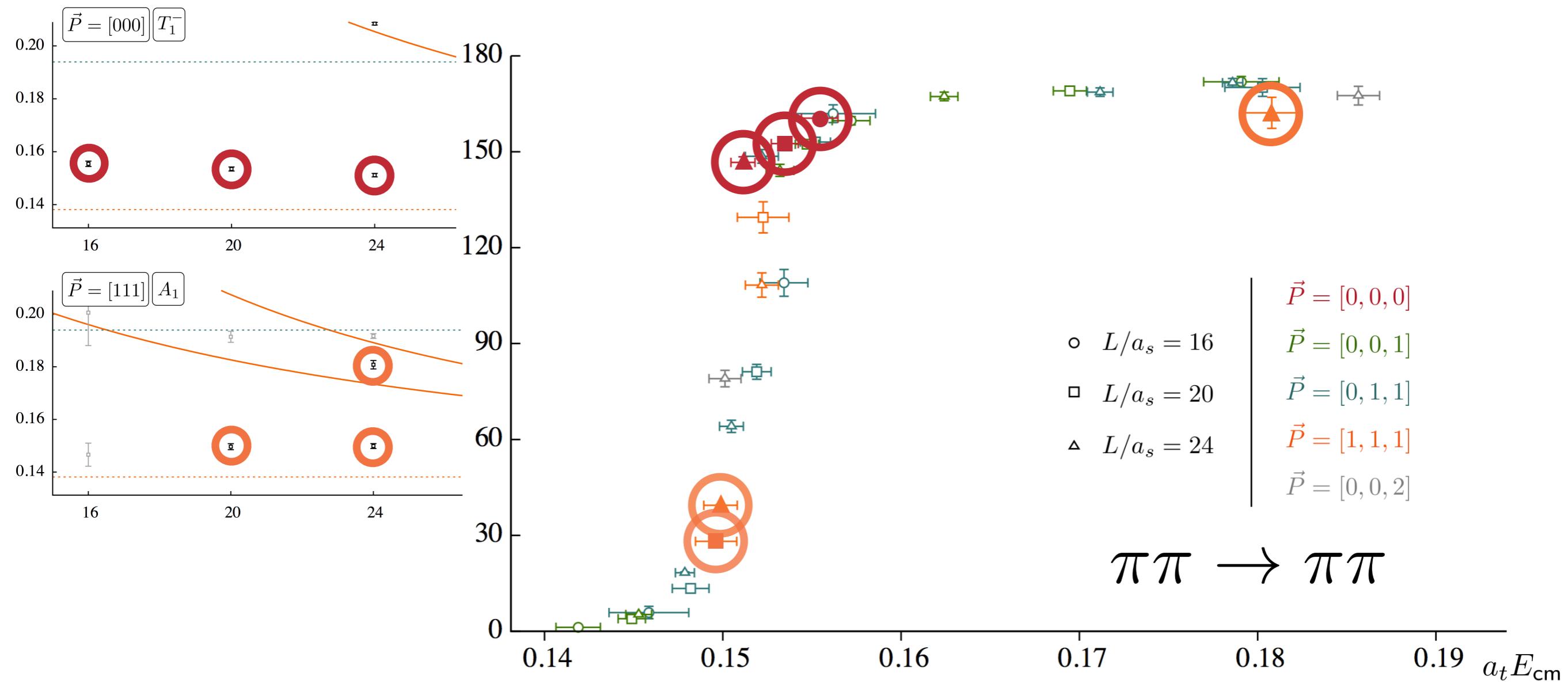
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Using the result

□ Single-channel case (*pions in a p-wave*)

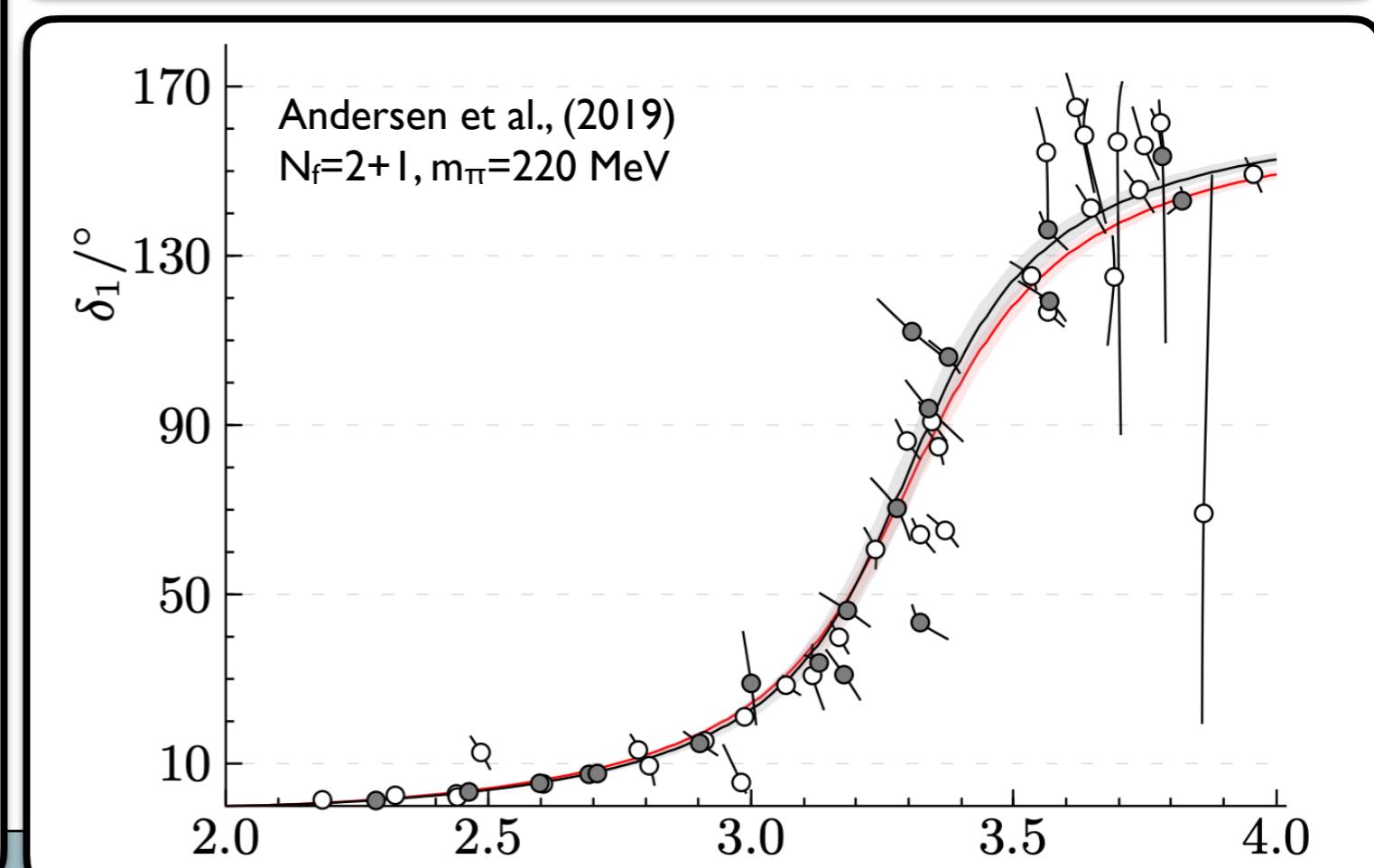
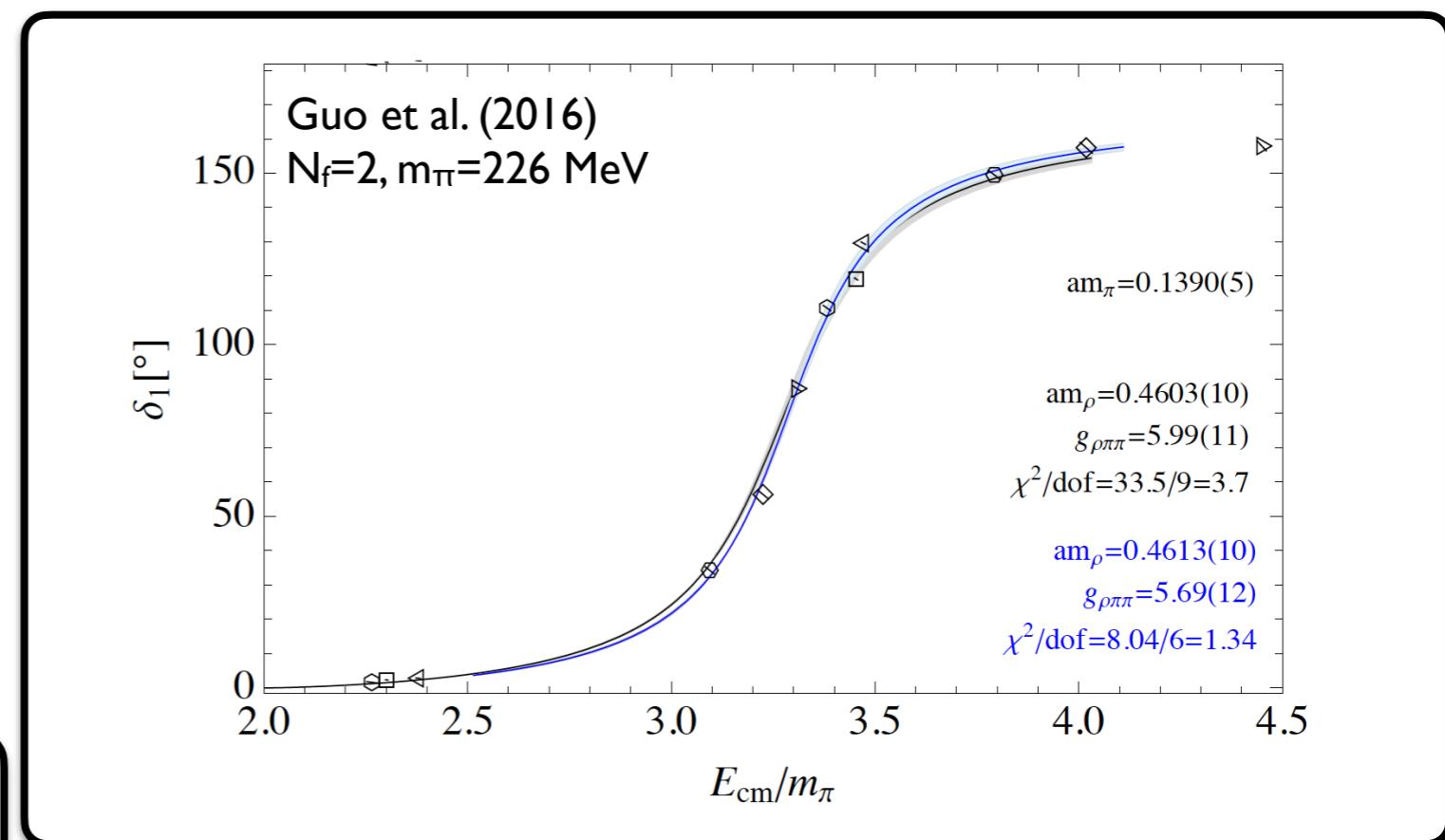
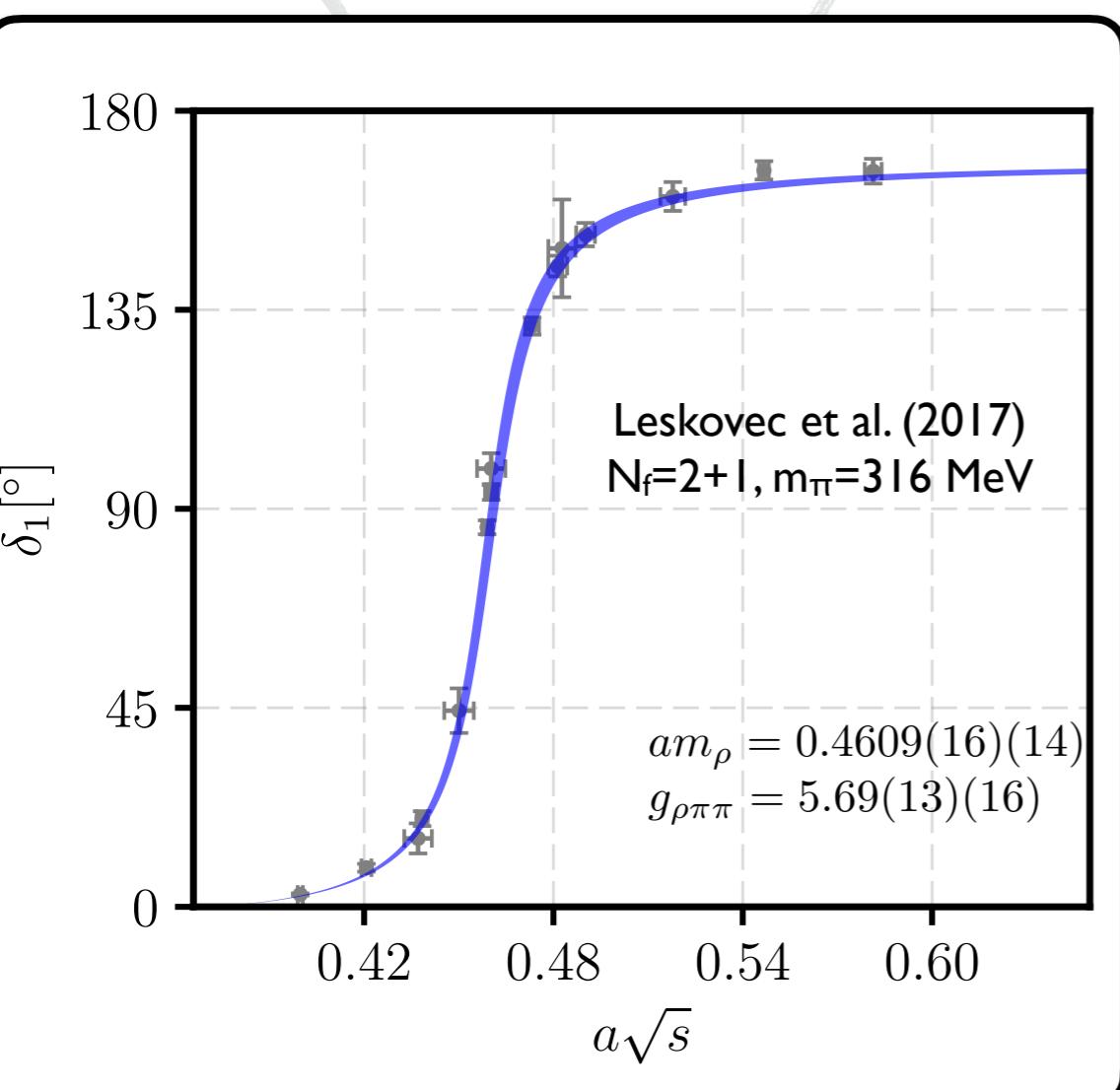
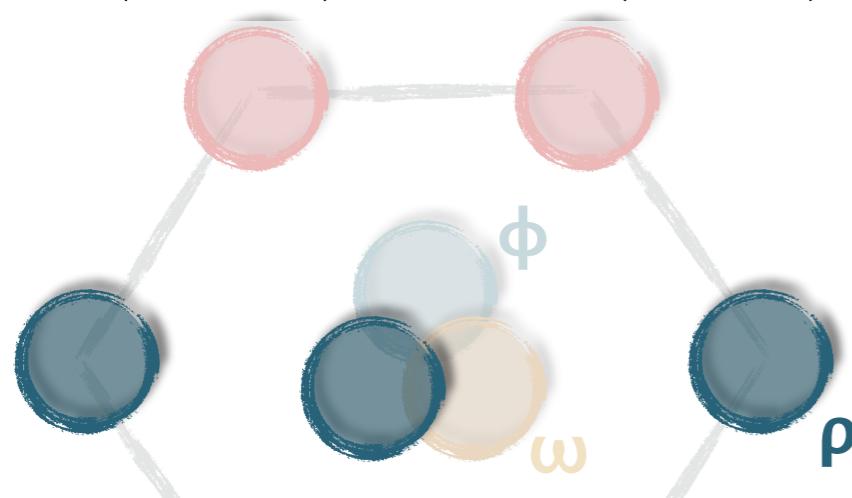
$$\mathcal{K}(s_n)^{-1} = \rho \cot \delta(s_n) = -F(E_n, \vec{P}, L)$$



- Dudek, Edwards, Thomas in *Phys.Rev. D87* (2013) 034505 •

$\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi$

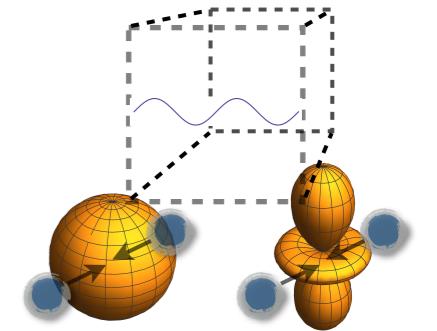
$$I^G(J^{PC}) = 1^+(1^{--})$$



Coupled channels

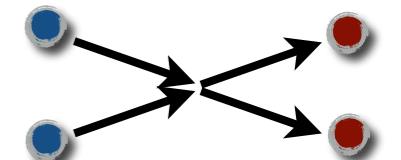
- The cubic volume mixes different partial waves...

e.g. $K\pi \rightarrow K\pi$ $\vec{P} \neq 0$ $\longrightarrow \det \left[\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{K}_s^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{K}_p^{-1} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} F_{ss} & F_{sp} \\ F_{ps} & F_{pp} \end{pmatrix} \right] = 0$



...as well as different flavor channels...

e.g. $a = \pi\pi$
 $b = K\bar{K}$ $\longrightarrow \det \left[\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{K}_{a \rightarrow a} & \mathcal{K}_{a \rightarrow b} \\ \mathcal{K}_{b \rightarrow a} & \mathcal{K}_{b \rightarrow b} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} + \begin{pmatrix} F_a & 0 \\ 0 & F_b \end{pmatrix} \right] = 0$



- Workflow...

Correlators with a large operator basis

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_a(\tau) \mathcal{O}_b^\dagger(0) \rangle$$

Reliably extract finite-volume energies

$$\langle \Omega_m(\tau) \Omega_m^\dagger(0) \rangle \sim e^{-E_m(L)\tau}$$

Vary L and P to recover a dense set of energies

[000], \mathbb{A}_1

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$$\xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} E_n(L)$$

had spec
Identify a broad list of K-matrix parametrizations
polynomials and poles

EFT based

dispersion theory based

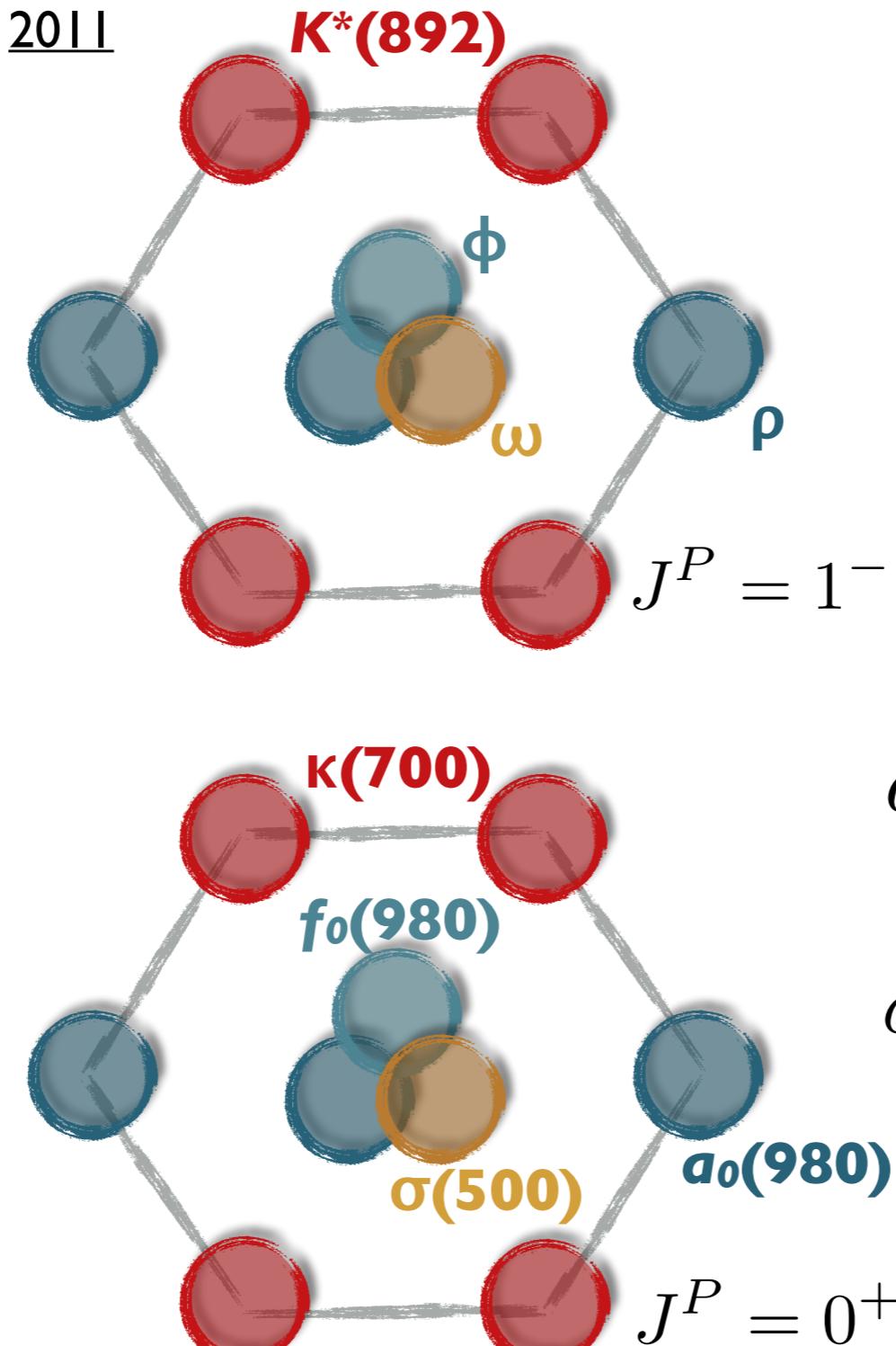
Perform global fits to the finite-volume spectrum

$$\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi$$

- [CP-PACS/PACS-CS 2007, 2011](#)
- [ETMC 2010](#)
- [Lang et al. 2011](#)
- [HadSpec 2012, 2016](#)
- [Pellisier 2012](#)
- [RQCD 2015](#)
- [Guo et al. 2016](#)
- [Fu et al. 2016](#)
- [Bulava et al. 2016](#)
- [Alexandrou et al. 2017](#)
- [Andersen et al. 2018](#)
- [Fischer et al. 2020](#)
- [Erben et al. 2020](#)

$$\sigma \rightarrow \pi\pi$$

- [Prelovsek et al. 2010](#)
- [Fu 2013](#)
- [Wakayama 2015](#)
- [Howarth and Giedt 2017](#)
- [Briceño et al. 2017](#)
- [Guo et al. 2018](#)



$$\begin{aligned} \kappa &\rightarrow K\pi \\ K^* &\rightarrow K\pi \end{aligned}$$

- [Lang et al. 2012](#)
- [Prelovsek et al. 2013](#)
- [**Wilson et al. 2015**](#)
- [RQCD 2015](#)
- [**Brett et al. 2018**](#)
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- [Rendon et al. 2020](#)

$$b_1 \rightarrow \pi\omega, \pi\phi$$

- [**Woss et al. 2019**](#)

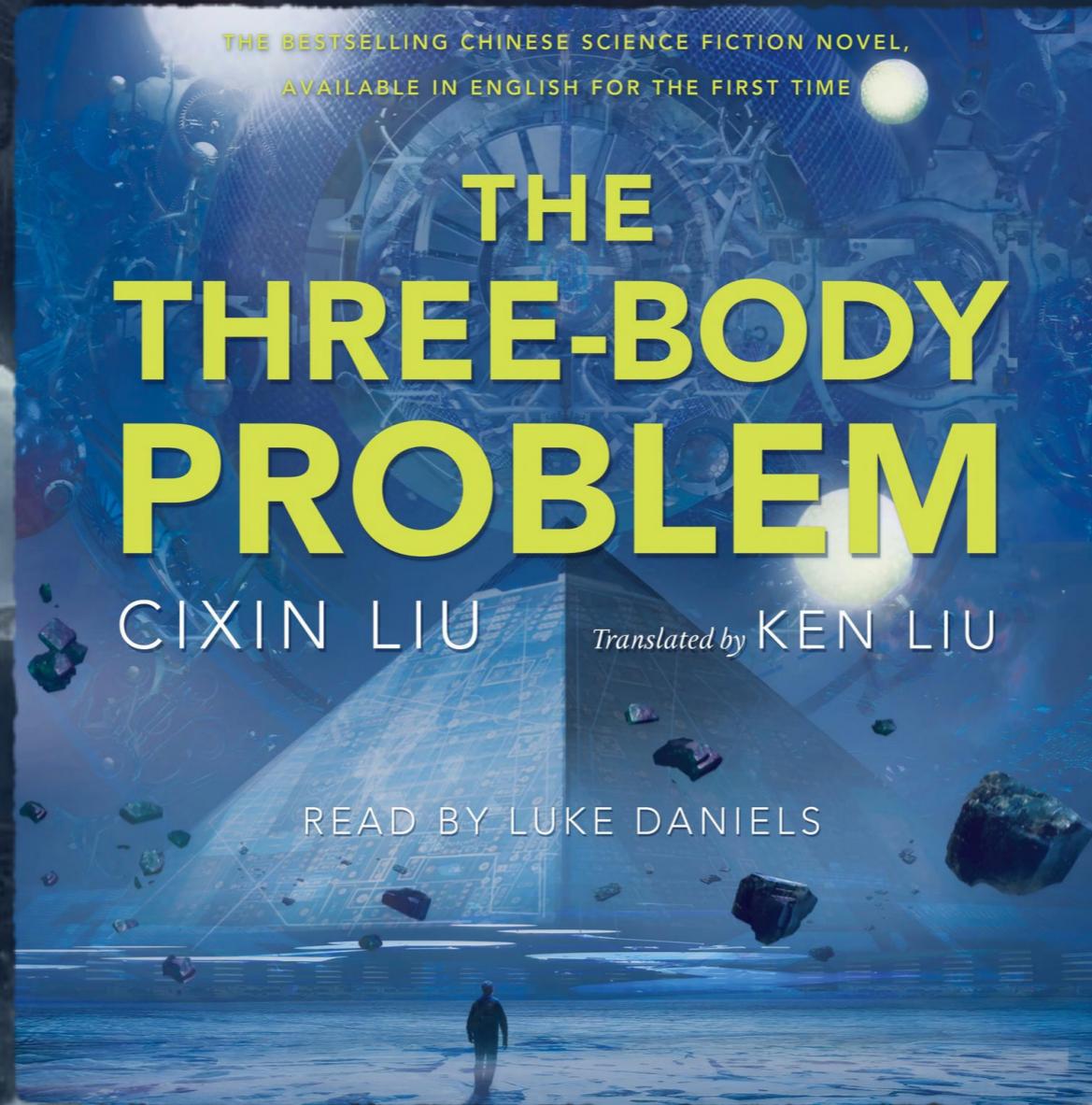
$$a_0(980) \rightarrow \pi\eta, K\bar{K}$$

- [**Dudek et al. 2016**](#)

$$\sigma, f_0, f_2 \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}, \eta\eta$$

- [**Briceño et al. 2017**](#)

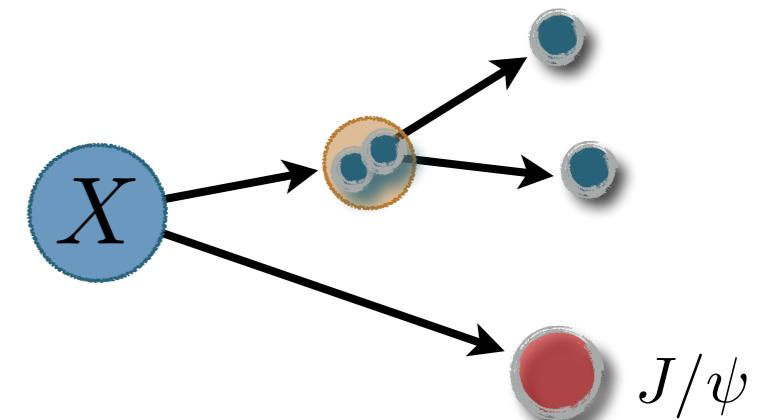
[See the recent review by
Briceño, Dudek and Young](#)



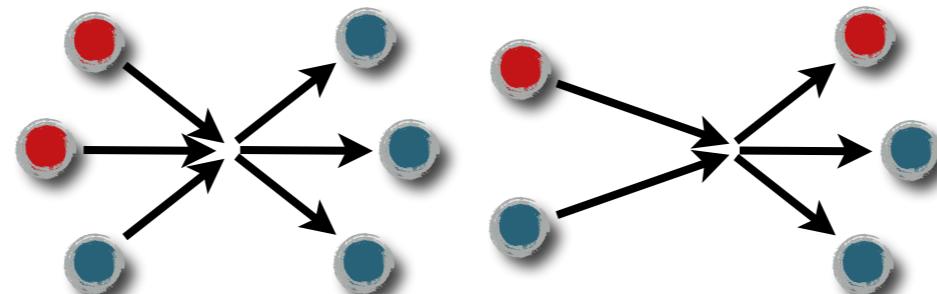
3-particle amplitudes

2-to-2 only samples $J^P \ 0^+ \ 1^- \ 2^+ \dots$

many interesting resonances have significant 3-body decays



Goal: finite-volume + unitarity formalism for generic two- and three-particle systems



Applications...

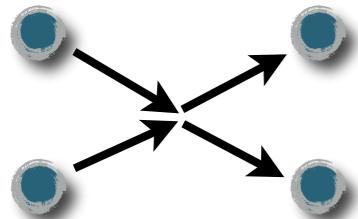
exotic resonance pole positions, couplings, quantum numbers

$\omega(782), a_1(1420) \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$ $X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi\pi\pi$ $X(3915)[Y(3940)] \rightarrow J/\psi\pi\pi$

form factors and transitions

and much more!... (3-body forces, weak transitions, gluons content)

Complication: degrees of freedom

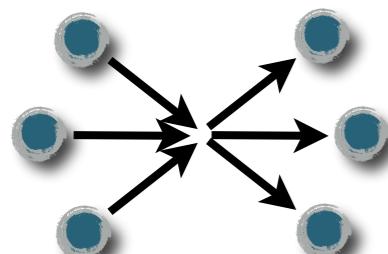


12 momentum components

-10 Poincaré generators

$$\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 \rightarrow \vec{p}_3 + \vec{p}_4 \longrightarrow \text{Mandelstam } s, t$$

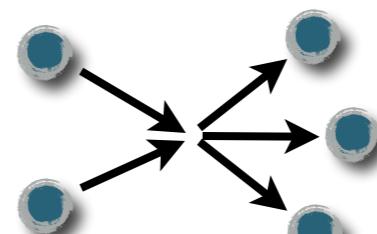
2 degrees of freedom



18 momentum components

-10 Poincaré generators

8 degrees of freedom



15 momentum components

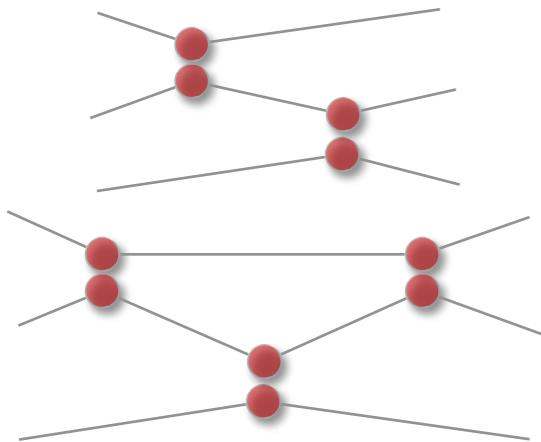
-10 Poincaré generators

5 degrees of freedom

Complication: on-shell states

□ Classical pairwise scattering

for $m_1 = m_2 = m_3$ up to 3
binary collisions are possible



Dispersion Relations for Three-Particle Scattering Amplitudes. I*

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$$b = \frac{(m_1+m_3)(m_2+m_3)}{m_1 m_2}$$

It follows that if

$$b^{n-2}(b-1) > 1, \quad (\text{IV.18})$$

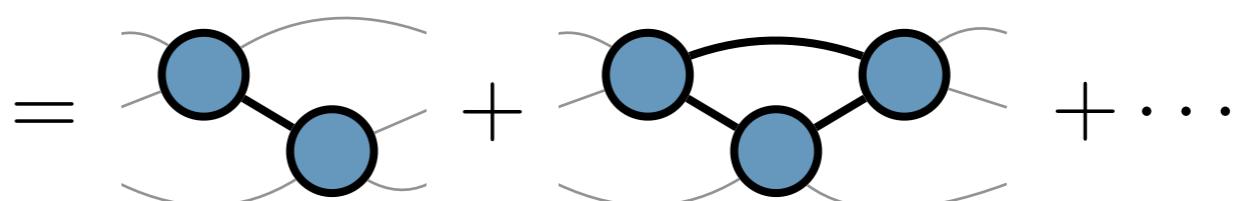
then $2n+1$ successive binary collisions are kinematically impossible.

$m_1 = m_2 = m_3 - \epsilon$:
4 collisions possible
 $\pi\pi K$

$b < 2$
5 collisions possible
 $\pi K K$

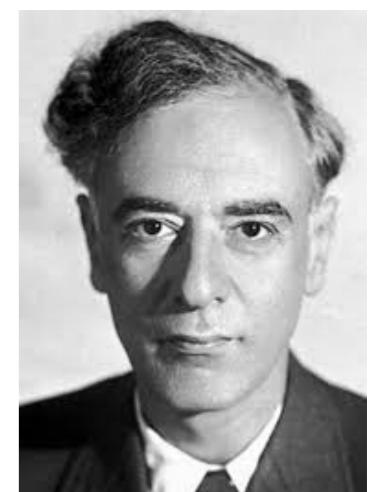
□ Correspond to Landau singularities

$i\mathcal{M}_{3 \rightarrow 3} \equiv$ fully connected correlator



complicate analyticity & unitarity

difficult to disentangle kinematic singularities from resonance poles



Two key observations

- Intermediate $K_{\text{df},3}$ removes singularities

$$\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3} \equiv \begin{array}{l} \text{fully connected diagrams} \\ \text{w/ PV pole prescription} \end{array} - \text{---} + \text{---} + \dots$$

same degrees of freedom as M_3 smooth real function relation to M_3 = known

- $K_{\text{df},3}$ has a systematic low-energy expansion

$$\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}(p_3, p_2, p_1; k_3, k_2, k_1) = \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}^{\text{iso},0} + \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}^{\text{iso},1} \Delta + \dots \quad \Delta = \frac{s - (3m)^2}{(3m)^2}$$

smooth real function

analogous to effective range expansion

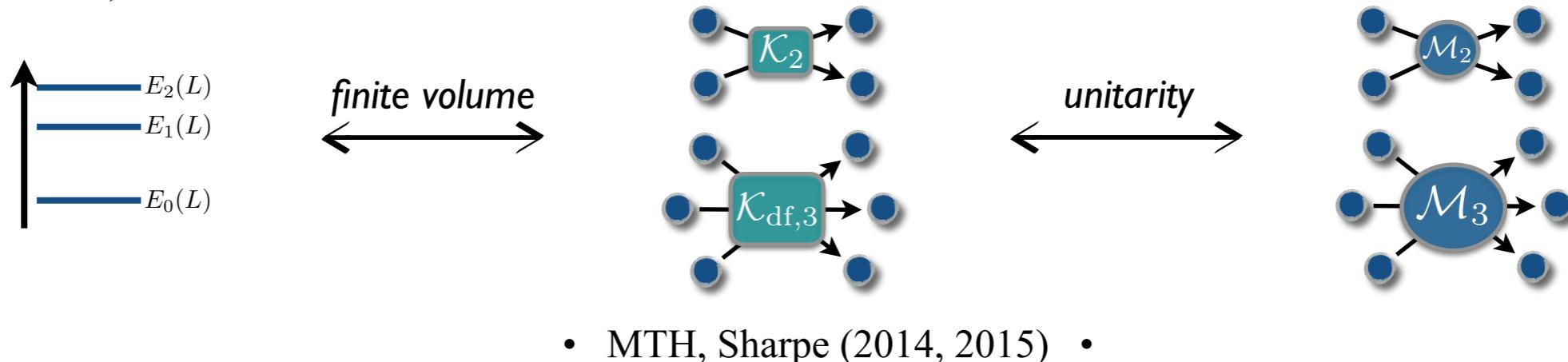
$$p \cot \delta = -\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2} r p^2 + \mathcal{O}(p^4)$$

gives handle on many degrees of freedom
(DOFs enter order by order)

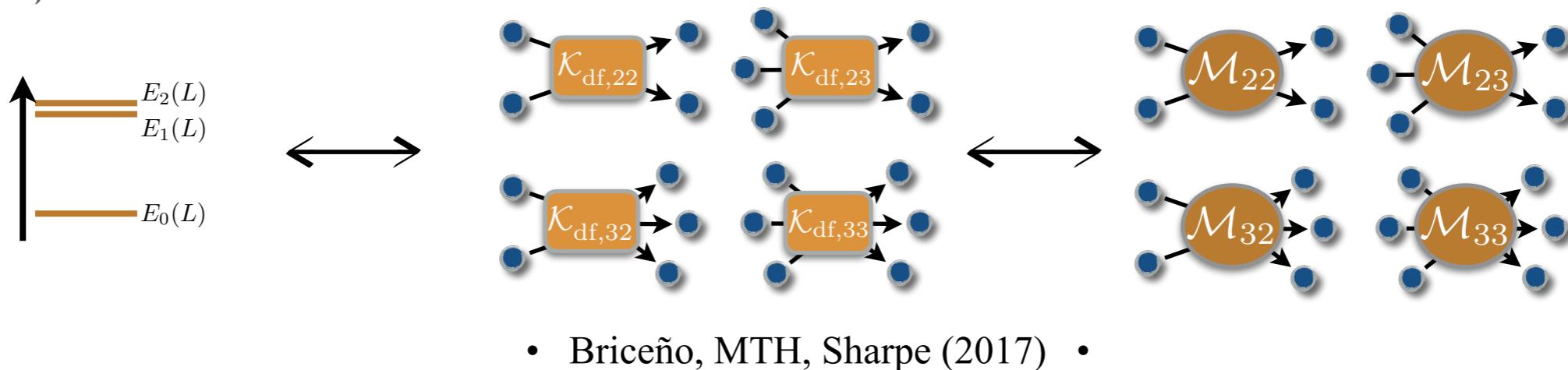
Status...

□ General relation between *energies* and *two-and-three scalar scattering*

No 2-to-3, no sub-channel resonance



2-to-3, no sub-channel resonance



Including sub-channel resonances + *different isospins* + *non-degenerate*

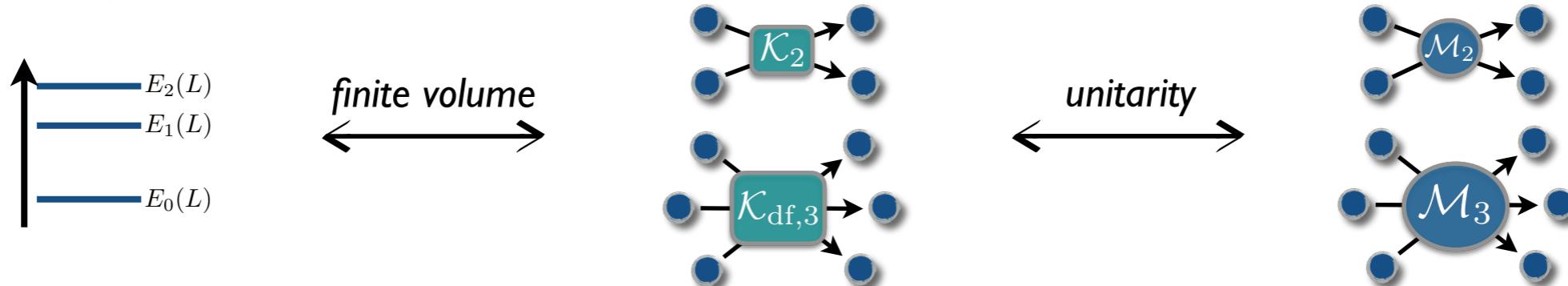
$$\pi\pi\pi \rightarrow \rho\pi \rightarrow \omega \rightarrow \rho\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$$

- Briceño, MTH, Sharpe (2018)
- MTH, Romero-López, Sharpe (2020)
- Blanton, Sharpe (2020)

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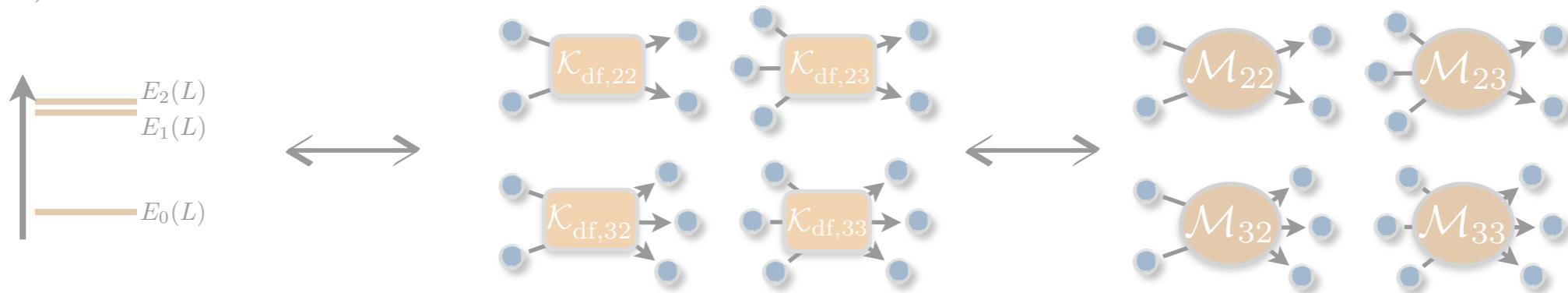
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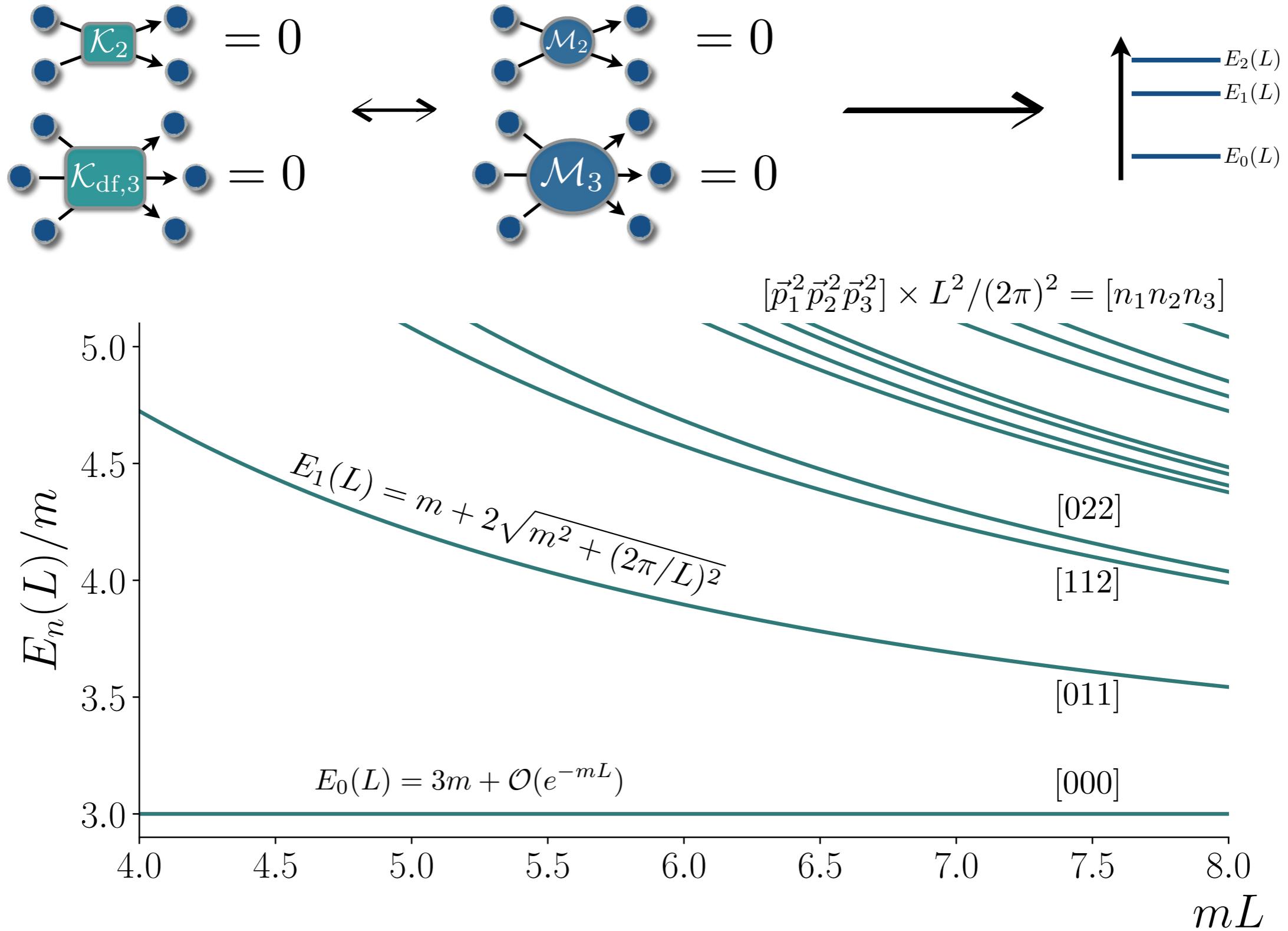
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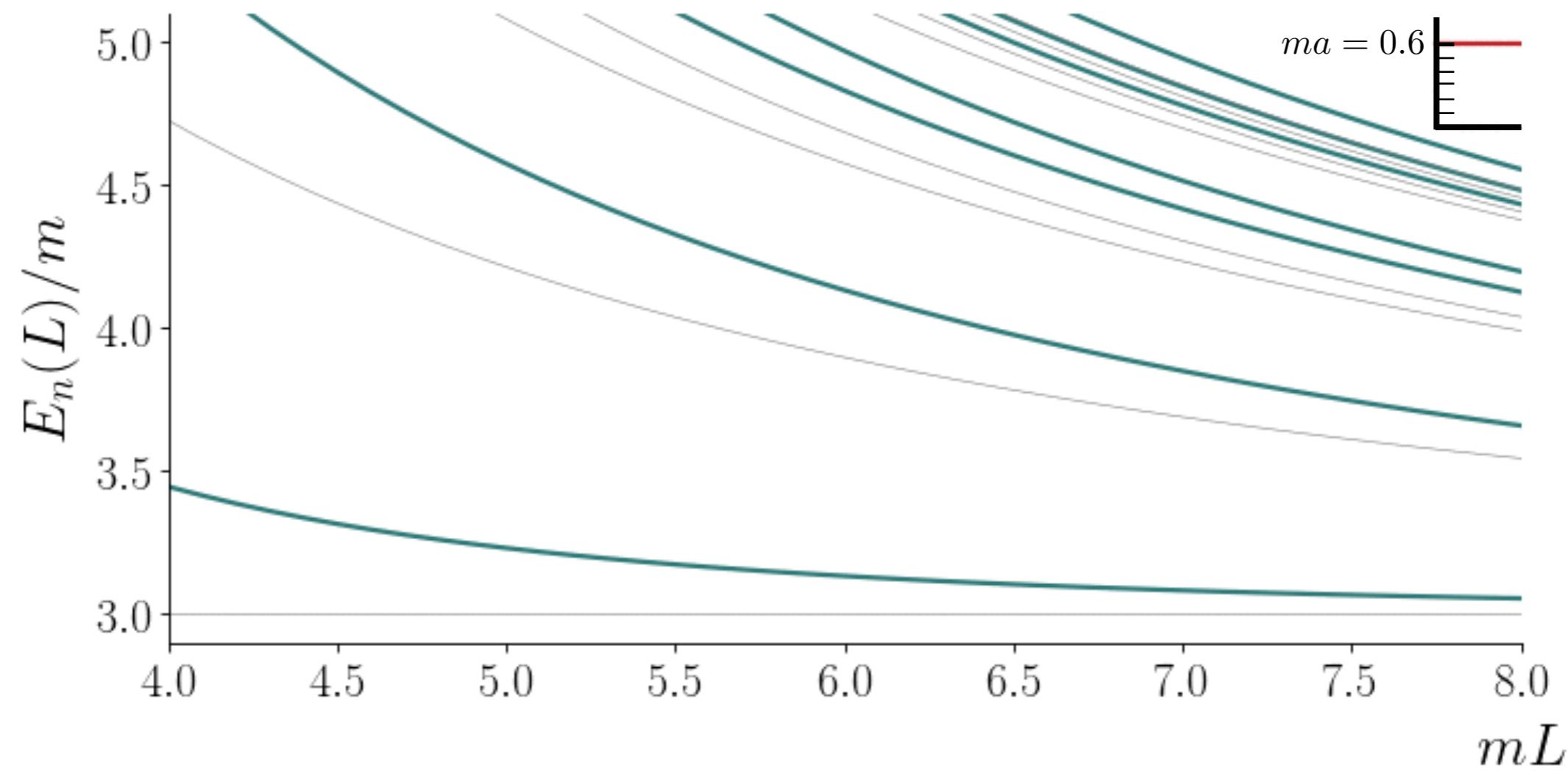
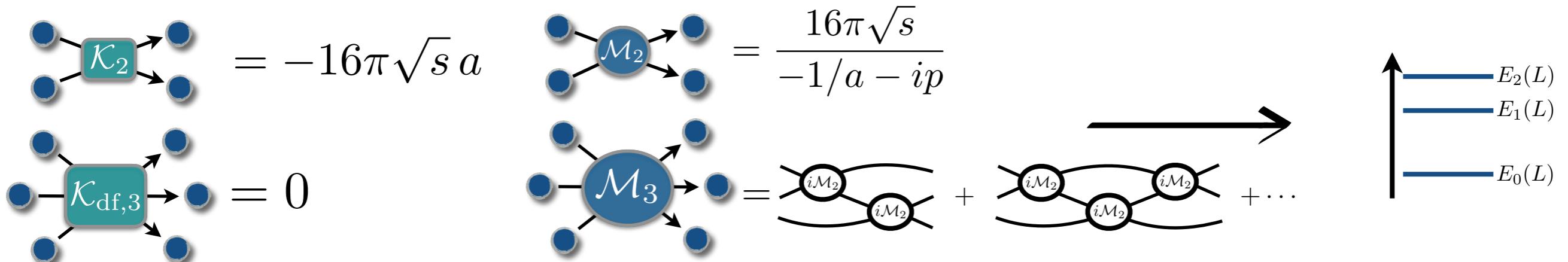
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Non-interacting energies



Two-particle interactions

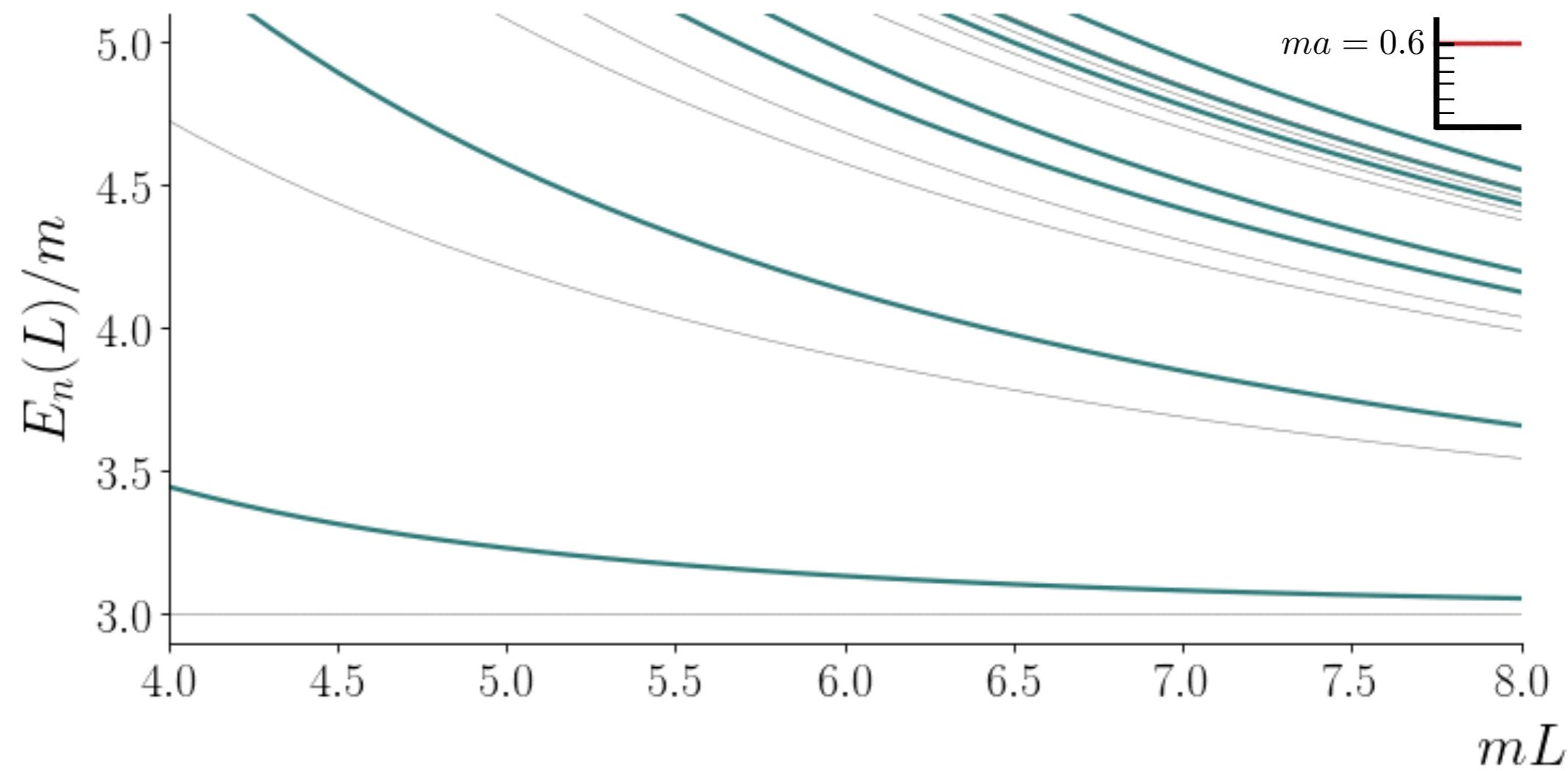


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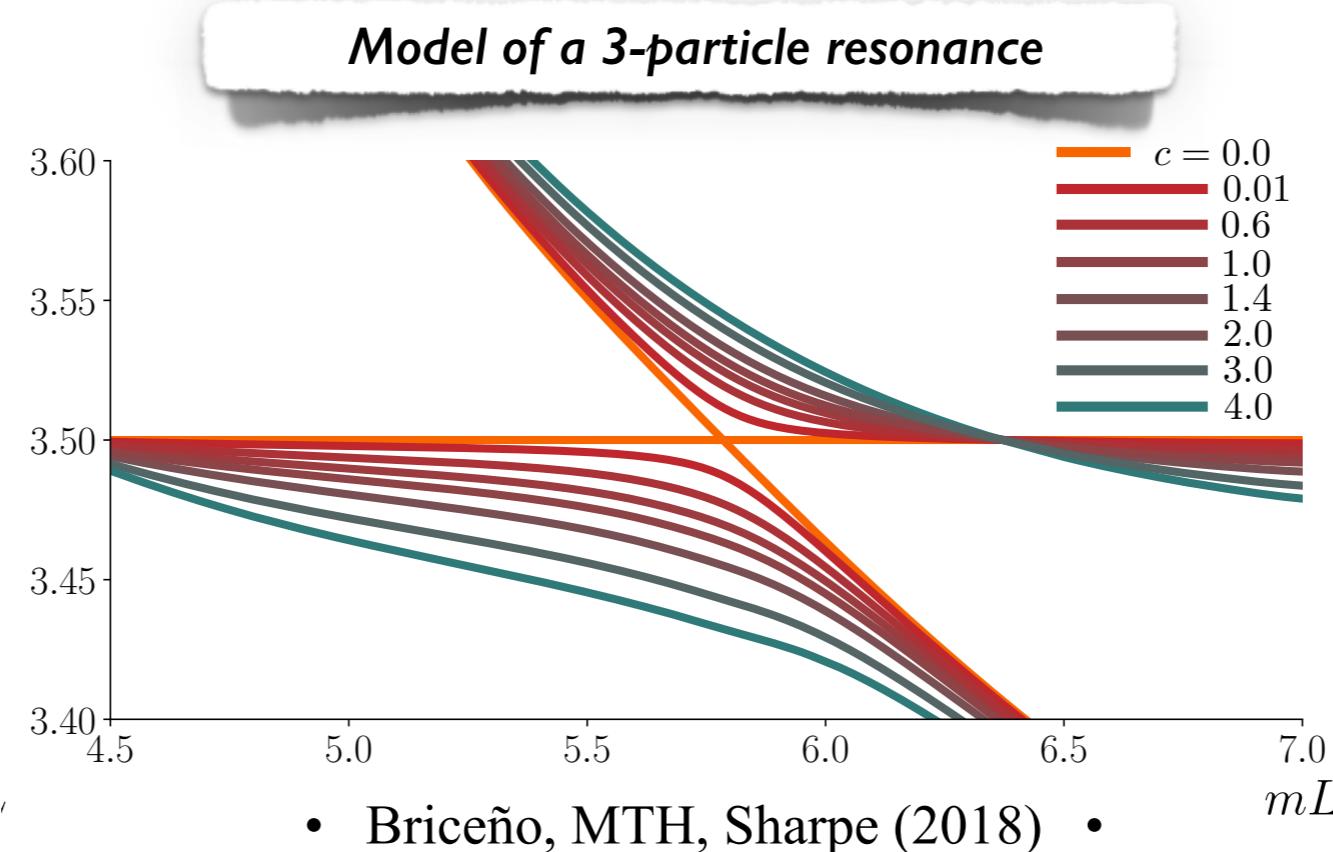
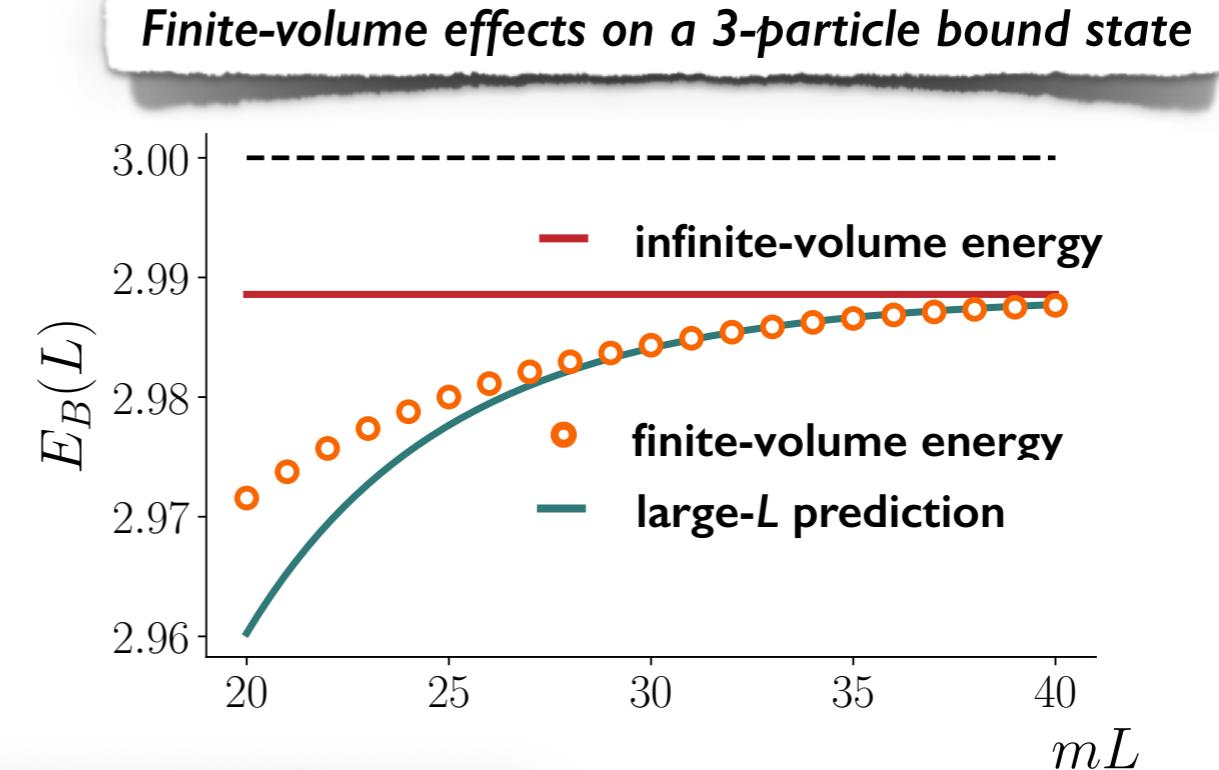
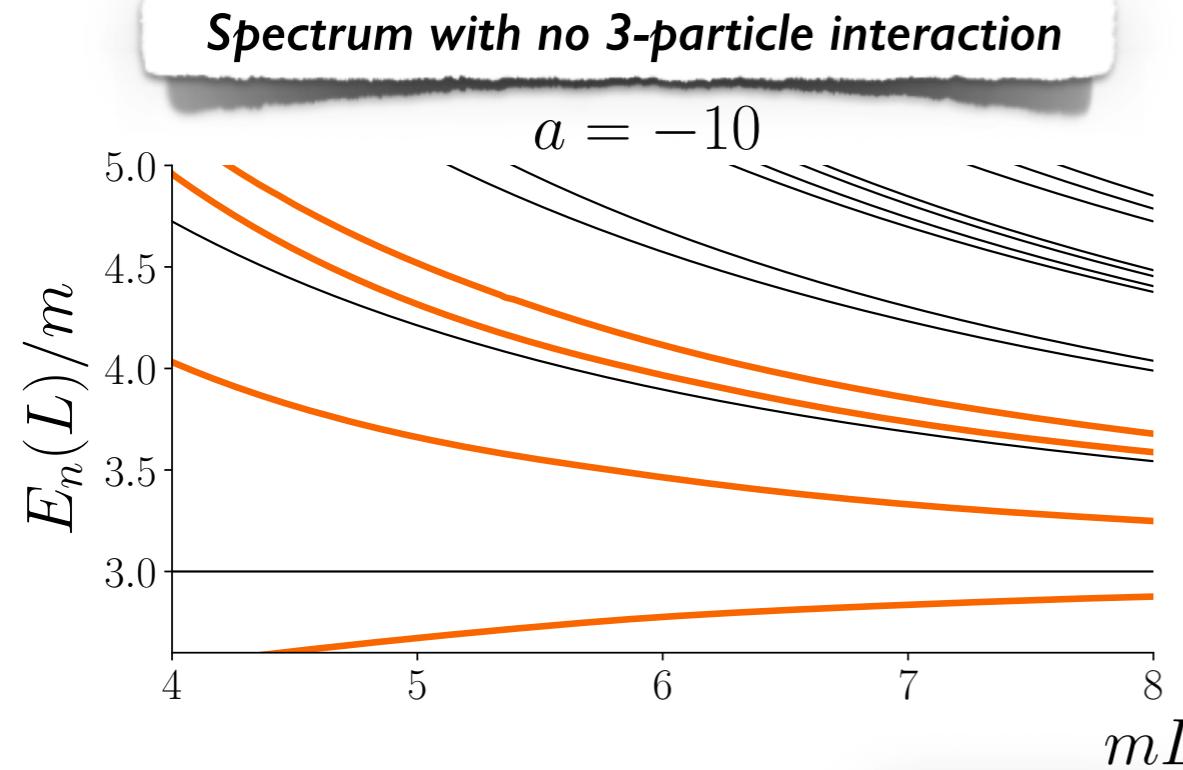
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$E_2(L)$
 $E_1(L)$
 $E_0(L)$



Many toy results



Related work

□ Finite-volume unitarity method

Döring, Mai (2016,2017)

Gives connection to unitarity relations

□ All methods

Rely on intermediate, scheme-dependent quantity

Hold up to e^{-mL} and for $E_3^{\star} < 5m_{\pi}$

□ Non-relativistic EFT method

Hammer, Pang, Rusetsky (2017)

Simplified derivation + integral equations

Equivalent where comparable

Do not yet include non-identical and non-generate, angular momentum mixing, 2-to-3



Review: **Lattice QCD and Three-particle Decays of Resonances**
MTH and Sharpe, 1901.00483



Not covered here

□ Activity extracting and fitting three-hadron energies

- Hörz, Hanlon •
- Blanton, Romero-López, Sharpe •
- Alexandru, Brett, Culver, Döring, Guo, Lee, Mai •
- Fischer, Kostrzewa, Liu, Romero-López, Ueding, Urbach •

□ Activity connecting and extending formalisms

Relating infinite-volume equations

- Jackura *et al.* (2019) •

Alternative derivations

- Blanton, Sharpe (2020) •

Equivalence of formalisms (where comparable)

- Blanton, Sharpe (2020) •

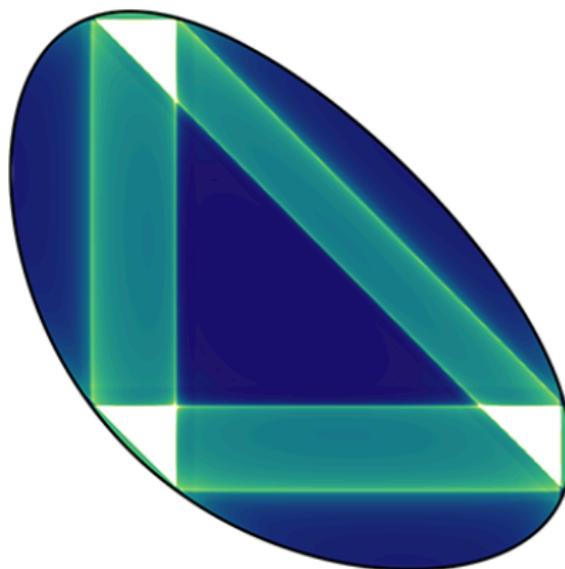
Three-hadron decays

- Müller, Rusetsky (2021) •
- MTH, Romero-López, Sharpe (2021) •

Energy-Dependent $\pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^+$ Scattering Amplitude from QCD

Maxwell T. Hansen^{1,2,*}, Raul A. Briceño^{3,4,†}, Robert G. Edwards^{3,‡},
Christopher E. Thomas^{5,§} and David J. Wilson^{5,||}

(for the Hadron Spectrum Collaboration)



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A three-hadron scattering amplitude is computed using lattice QCD for the first time.

Maxwell T. Hansen *et al.*

Phys. Rev. Lett. **126**, 012001 (2021)

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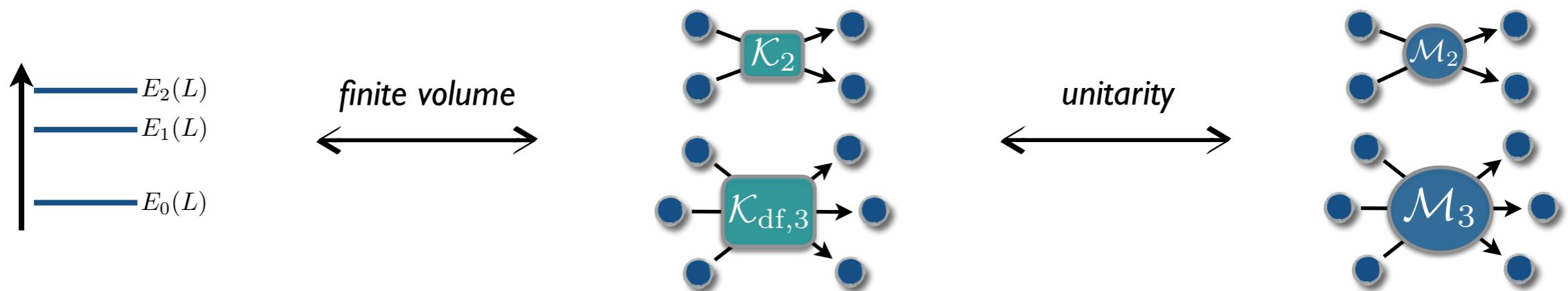
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□ Workflow outline



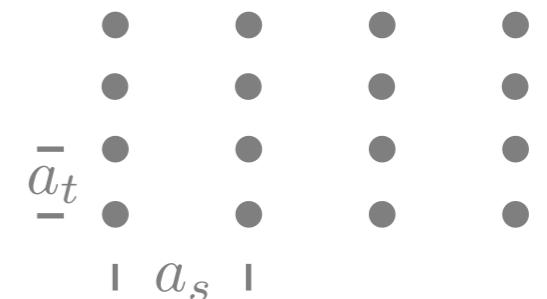
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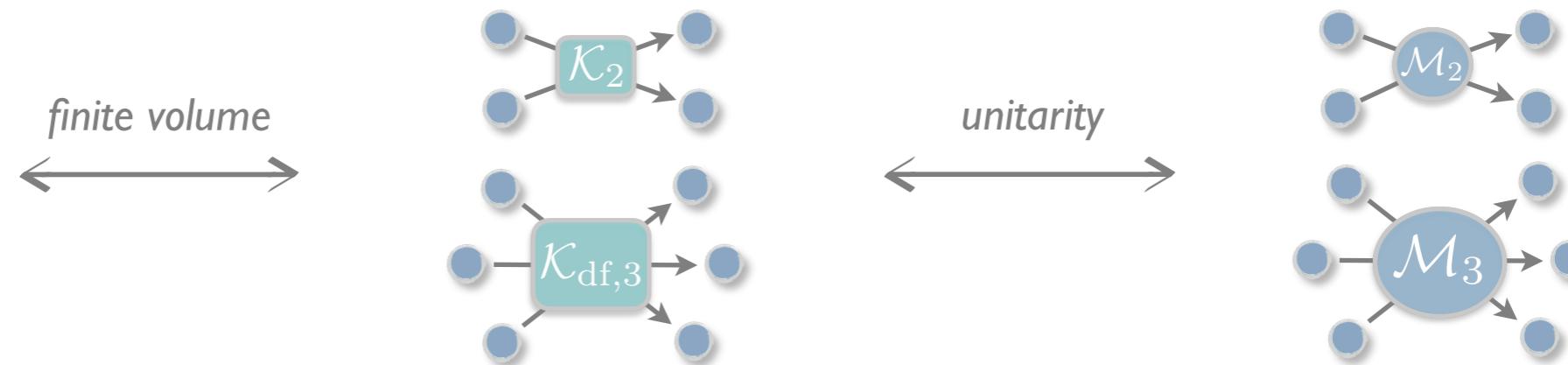
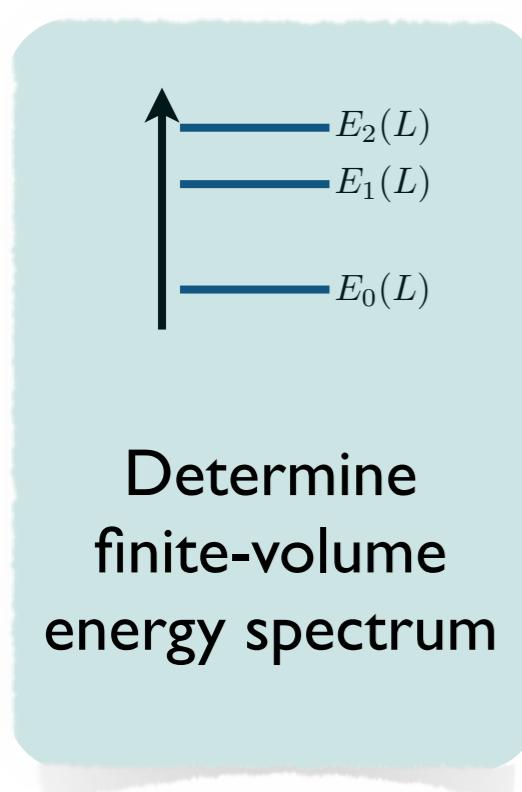
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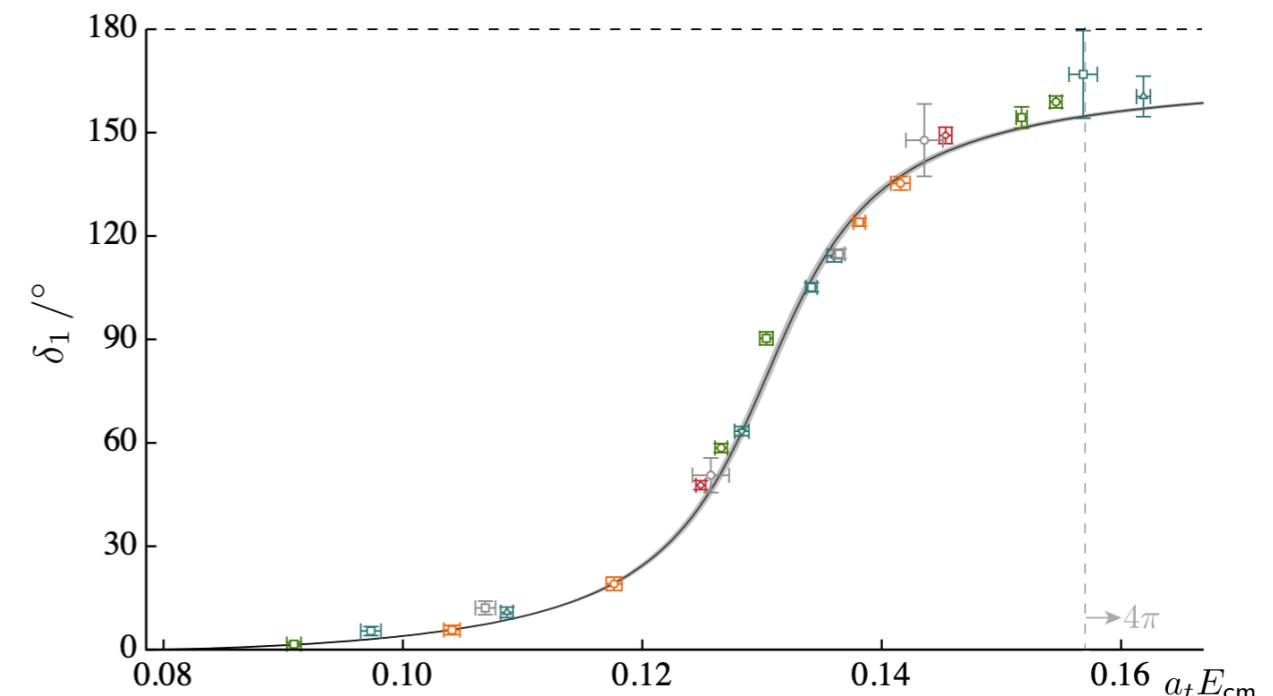
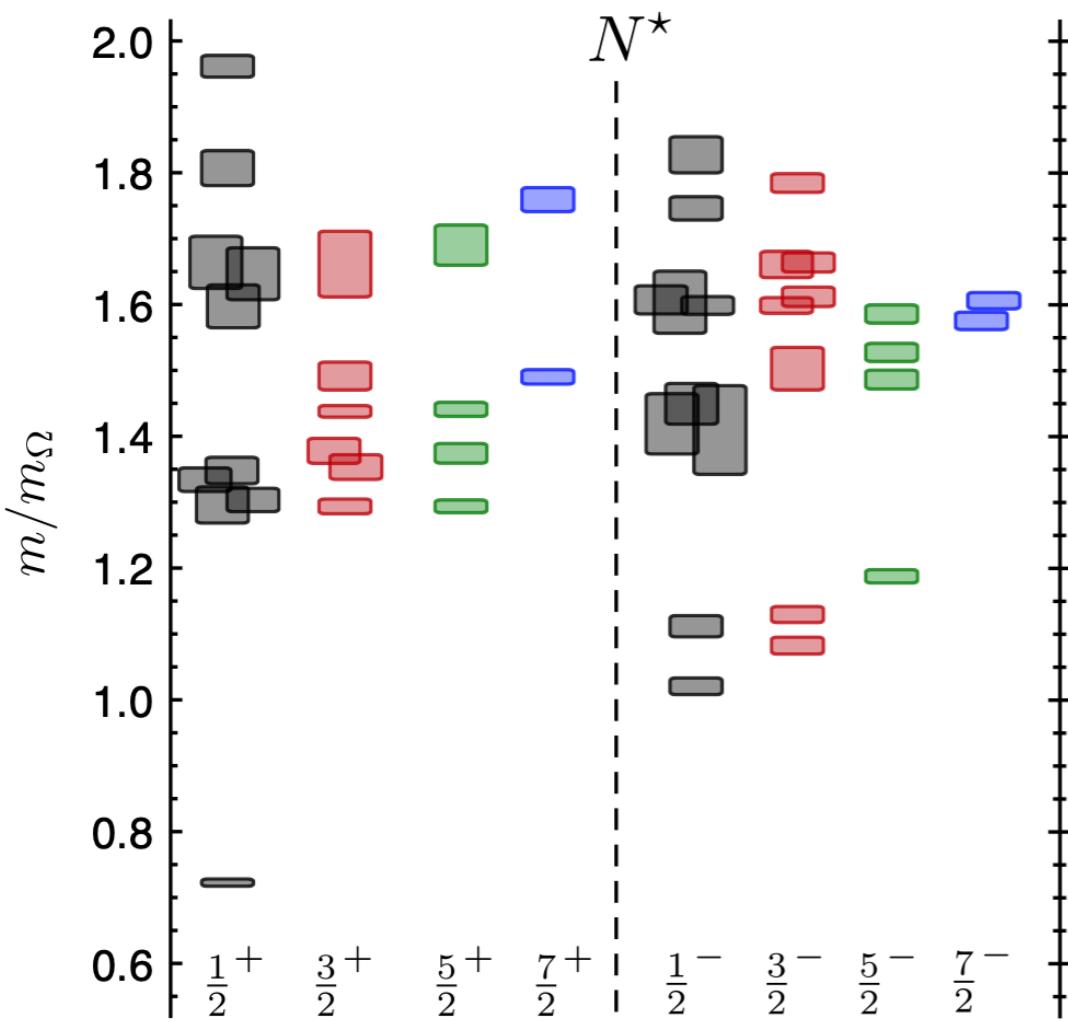
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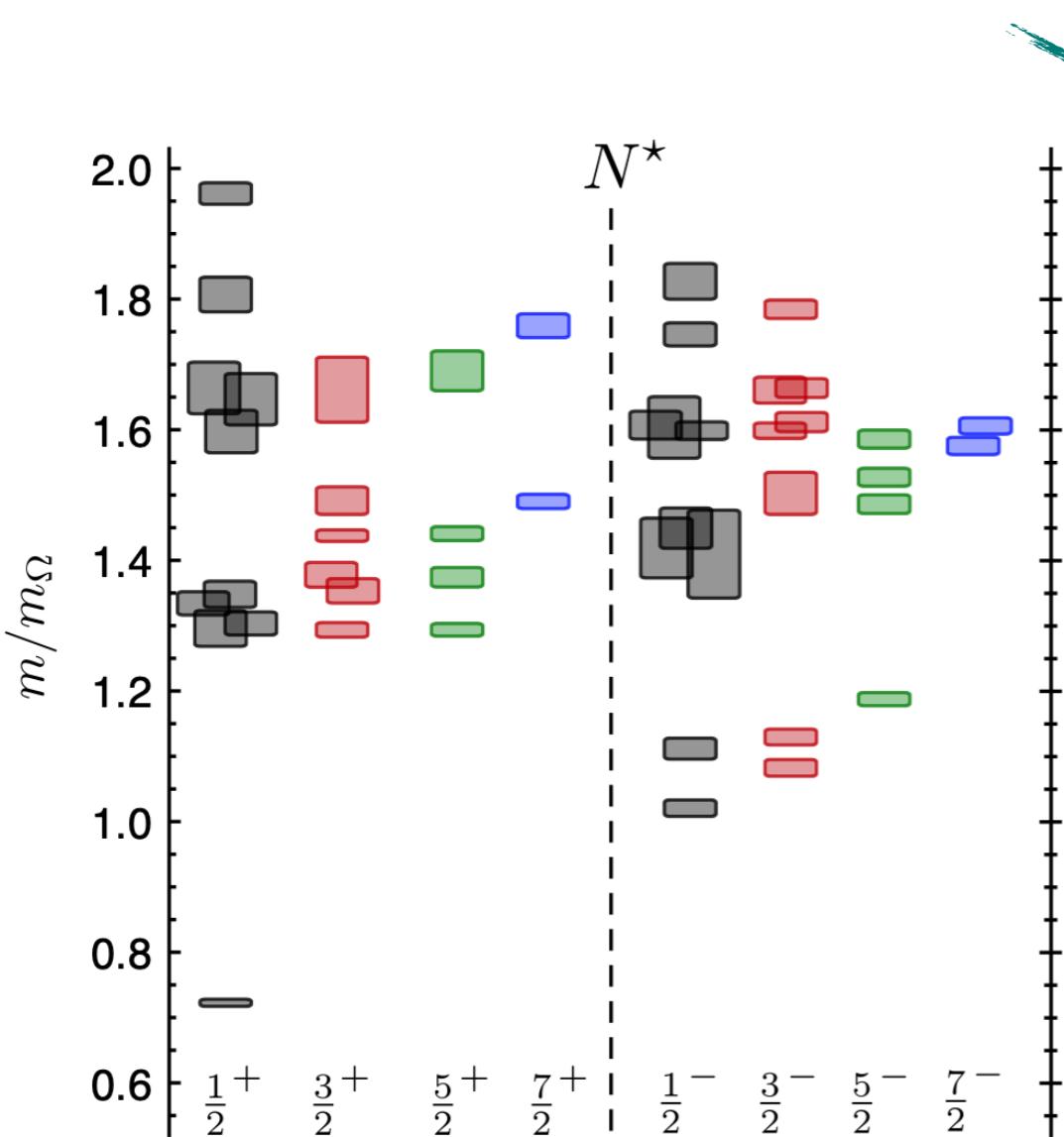


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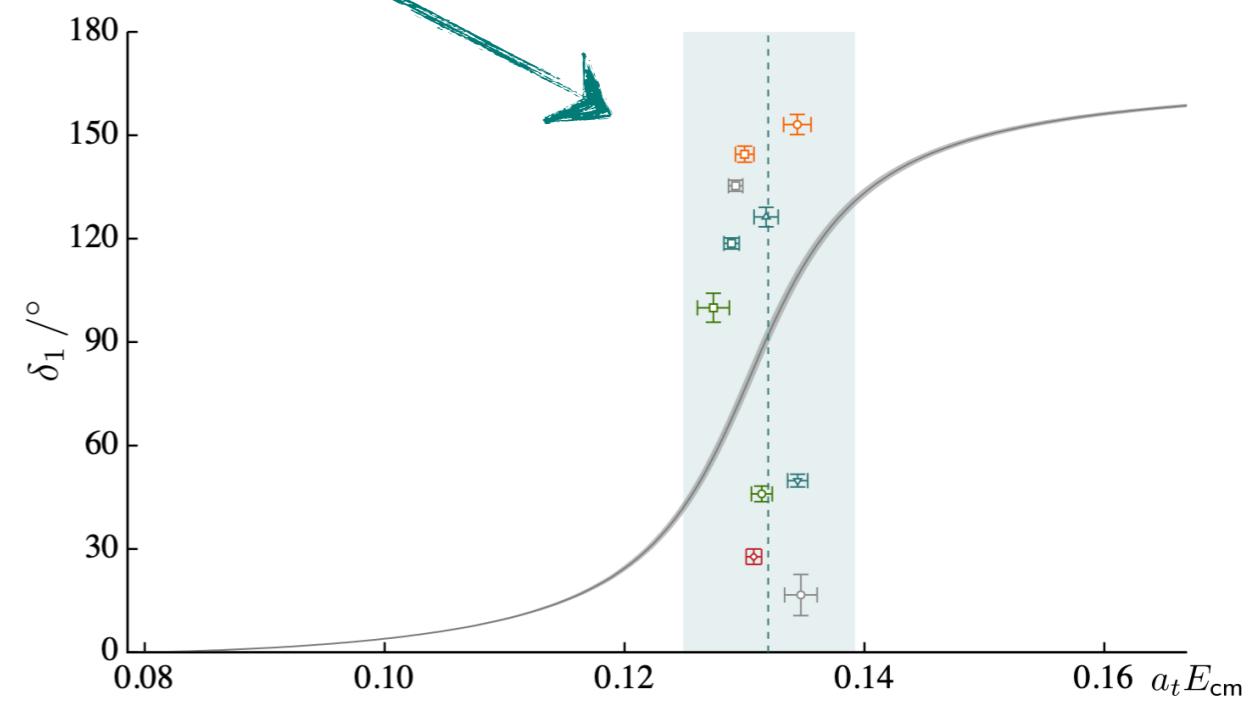
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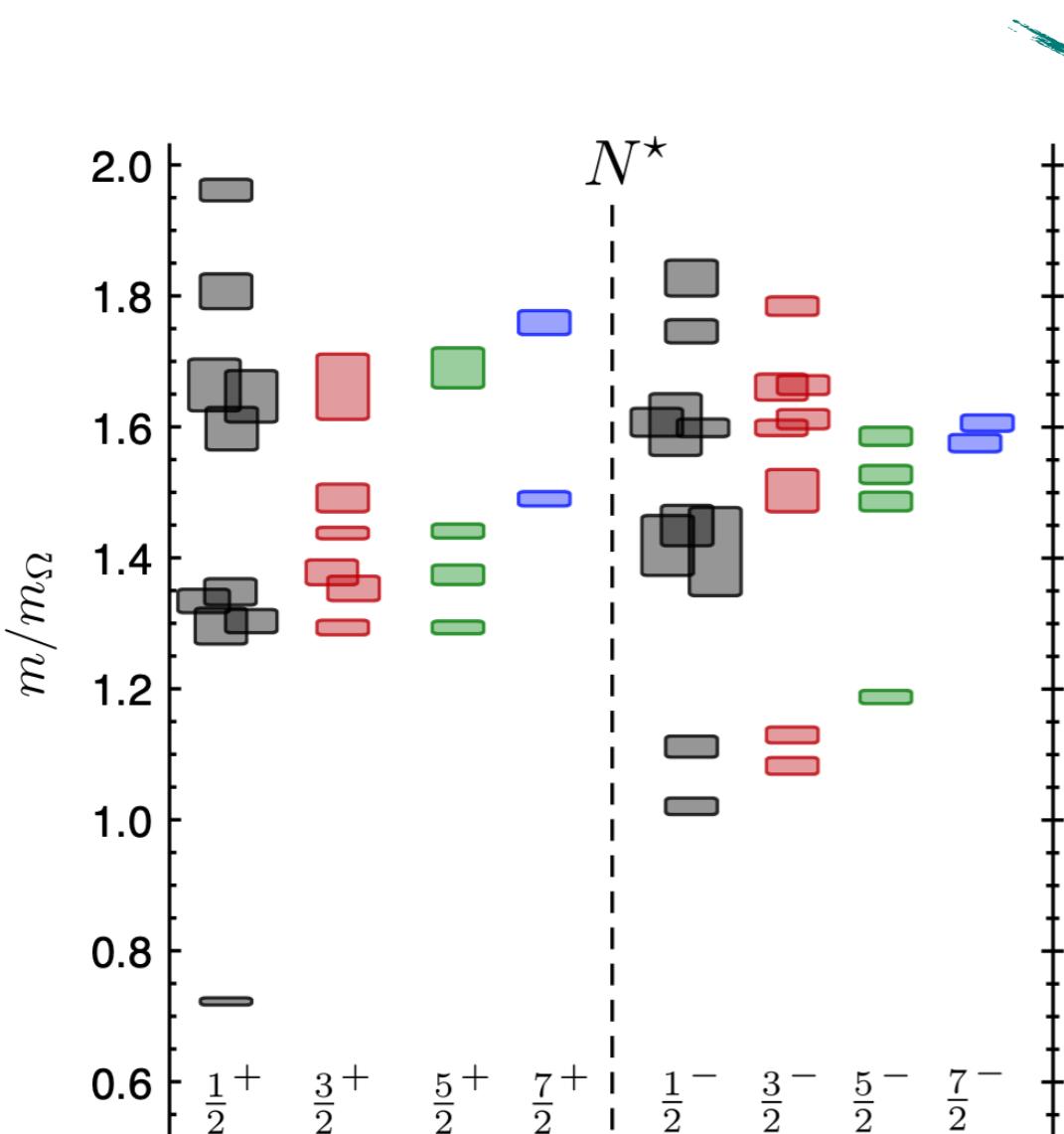


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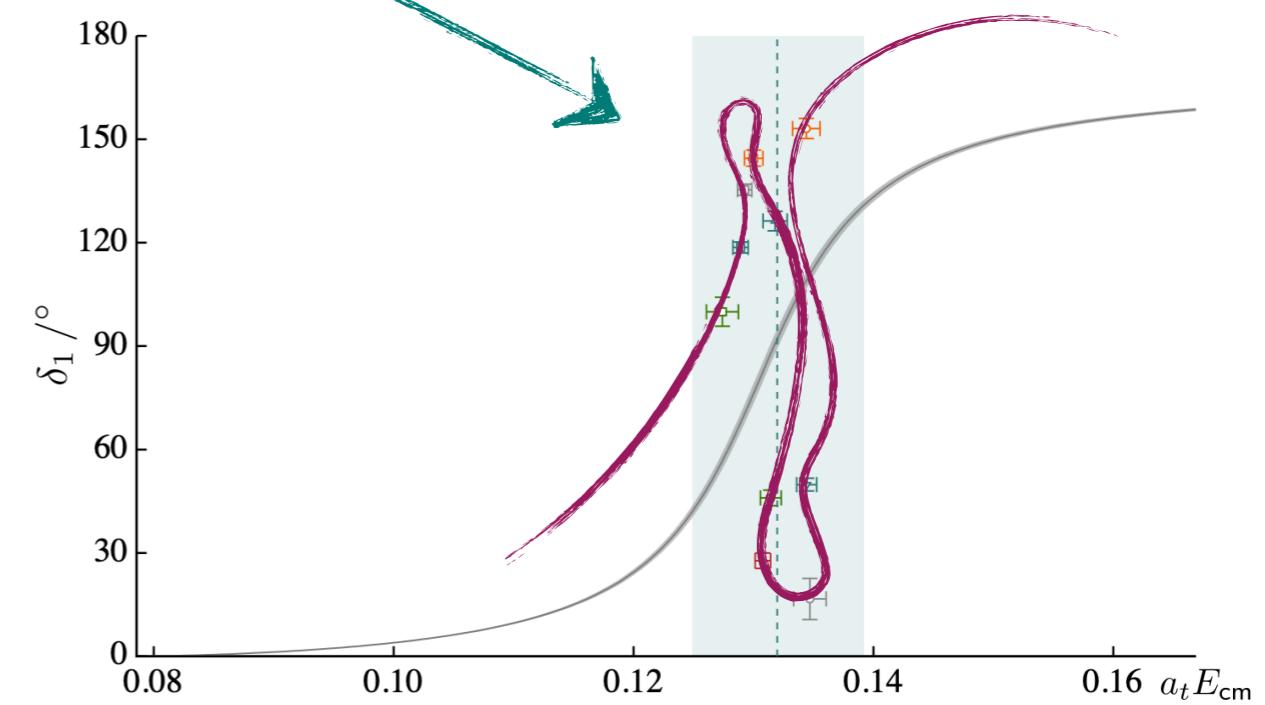
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Extracting the finite-volume spectrum

- Derivatives + gamma matrices + smearing → *basis of single-hadron operators*

$$\bar{q}\Gamma q, \quad \bar{q}\Gamma D q, \quad \bar{q}\Gamma D \cdots D q$$

- Variational method → *optimized single hadron*

$$\pi = c_1 \bar{q}\Gamma q + c_2 \bar{q}\Gamma D q + \cdots$$

- Group theory + individual momentum projection → *two- and three-pion operators*

$$(\pi\pi\pi)(P, \Lambda) = \sum \text{CG} \pi(p_1)\pi(p_2)\pi(p_3)$$

- Second variational method → *multi-pion finite-volume energies*

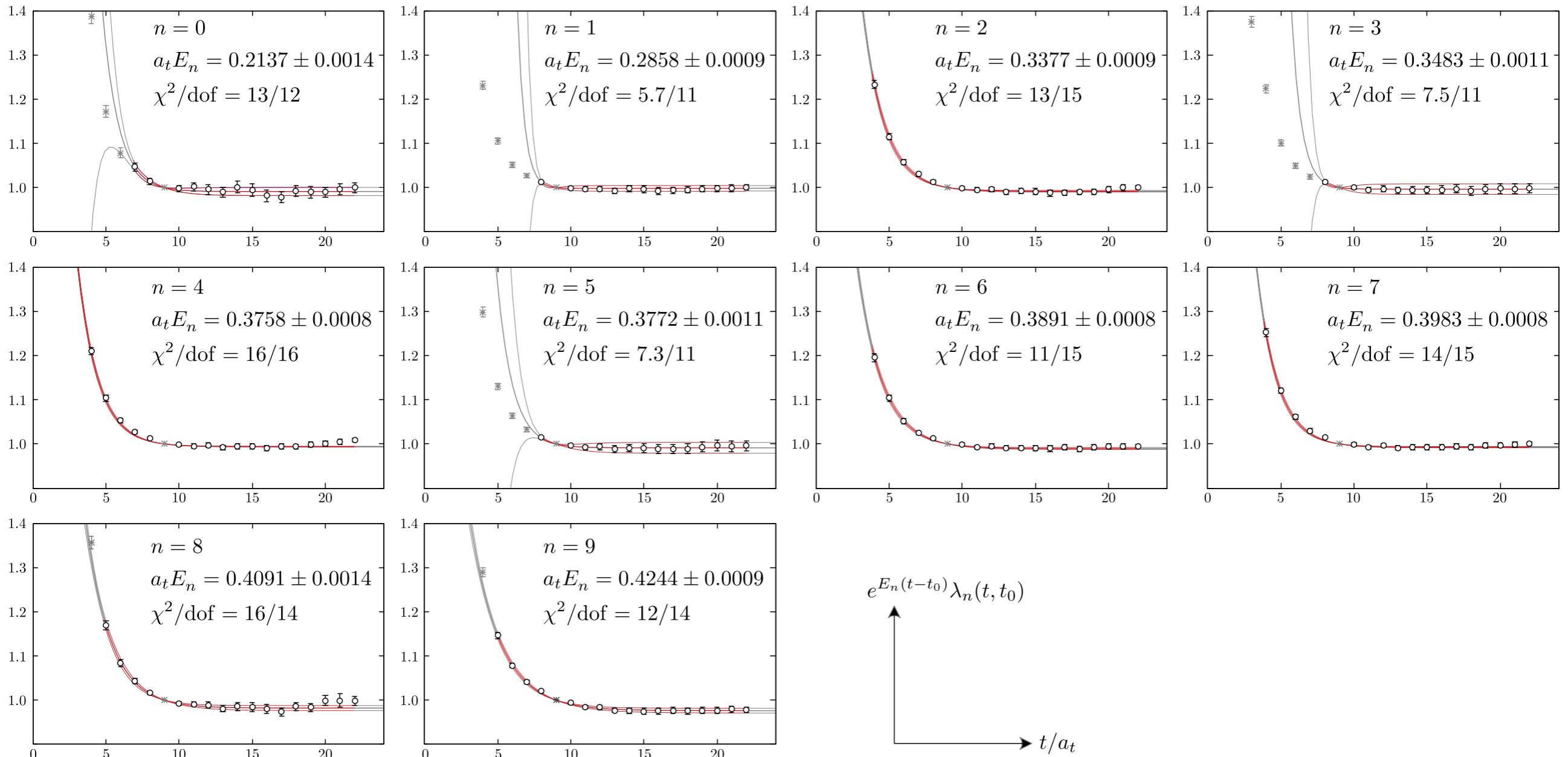
- Validate extraction...

- Quality of energy plateaus
- Stability under change of operators
- **Consistent with finite-volume formalism**

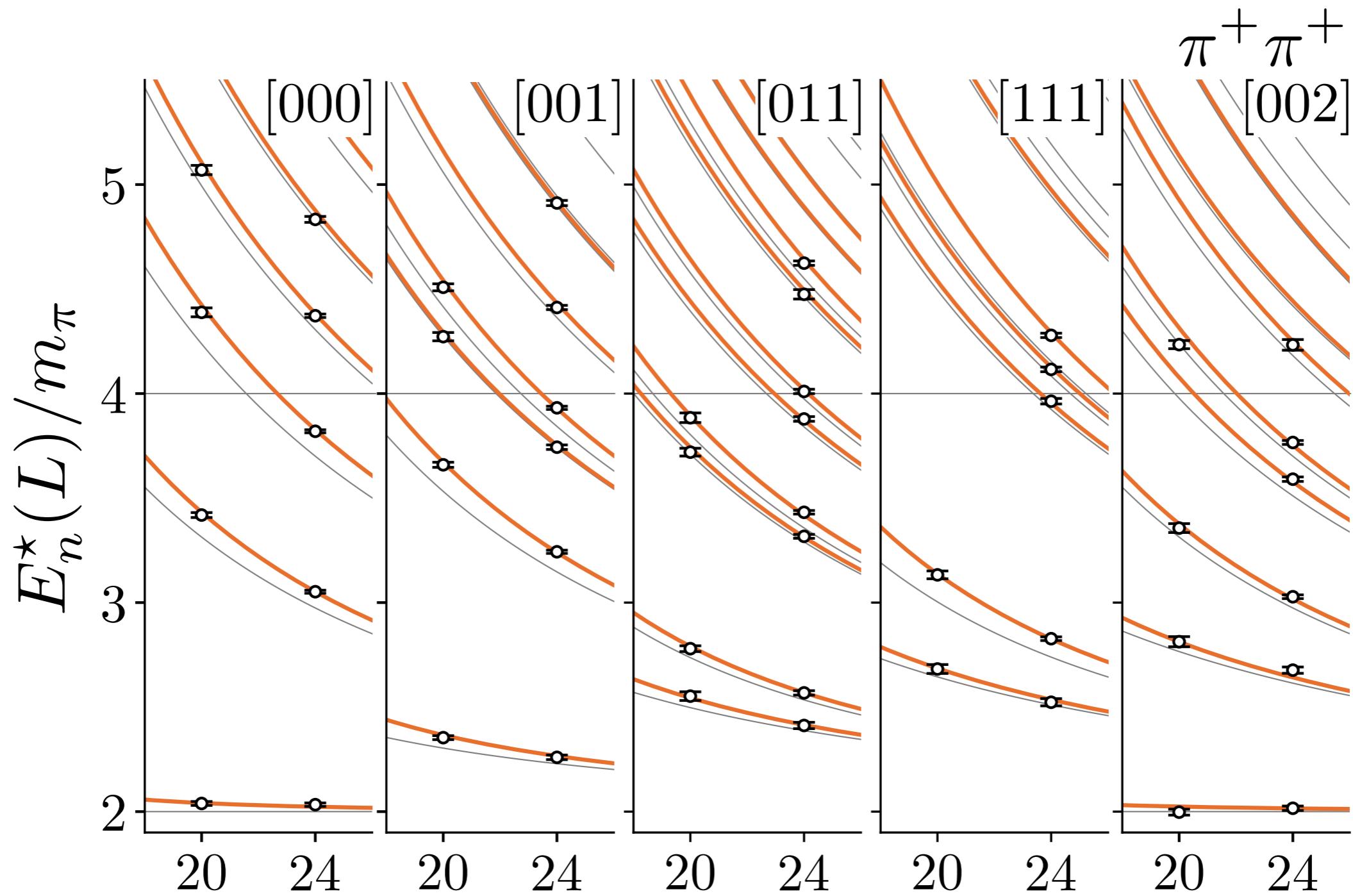
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Peardon *et al.* (2009)

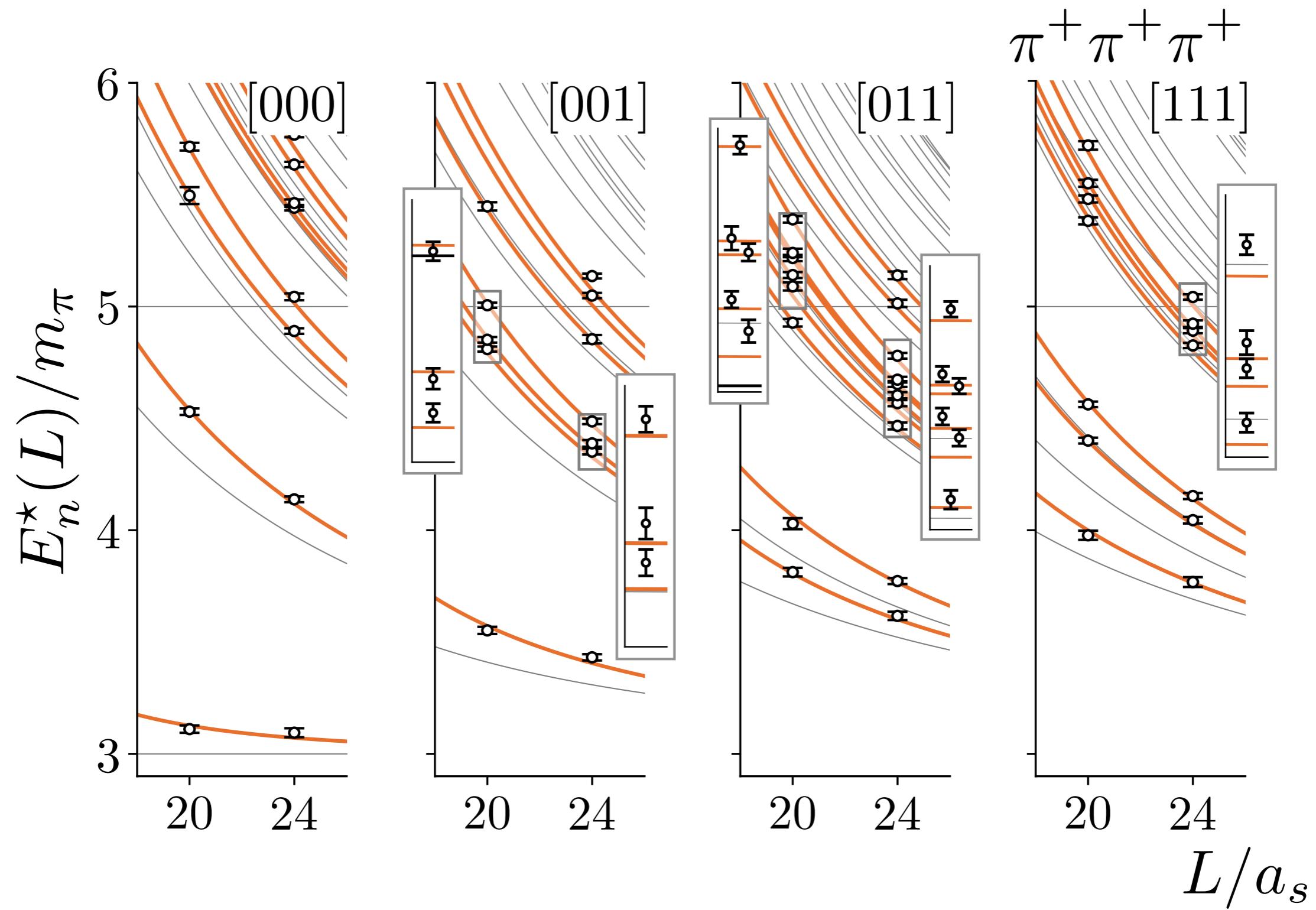
$$I = 3 (\pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^+), \quad P = [000], \quad \Lambda = A_1^-, \quad L/a_s = 24$$



$\pi^+ \pi^+$ energies



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MTH, Briceño, Edwards, Thomas, Wilson, *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 126 (2021) 012001

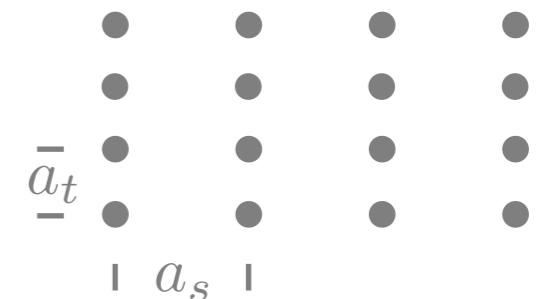
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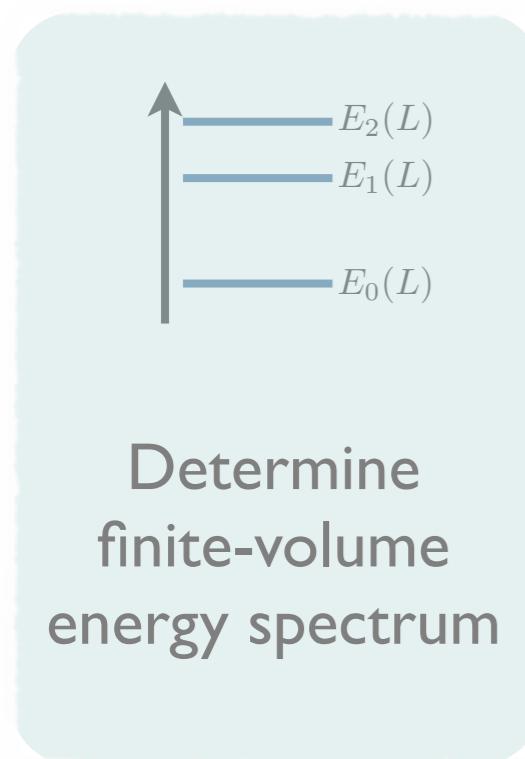
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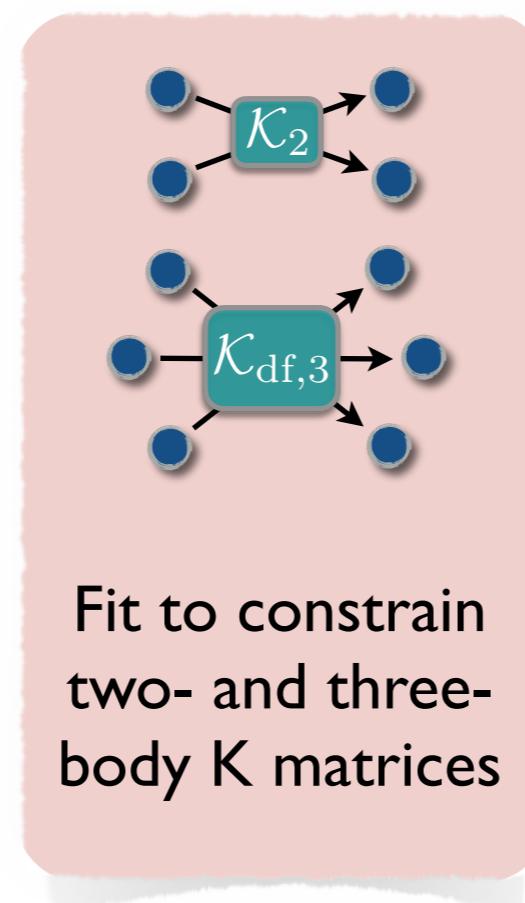
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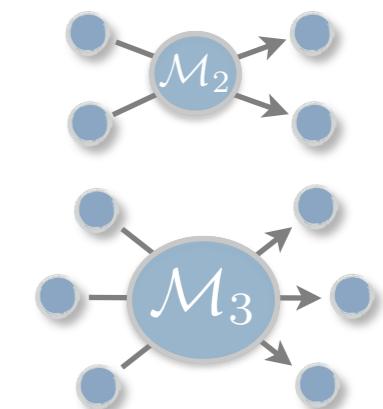
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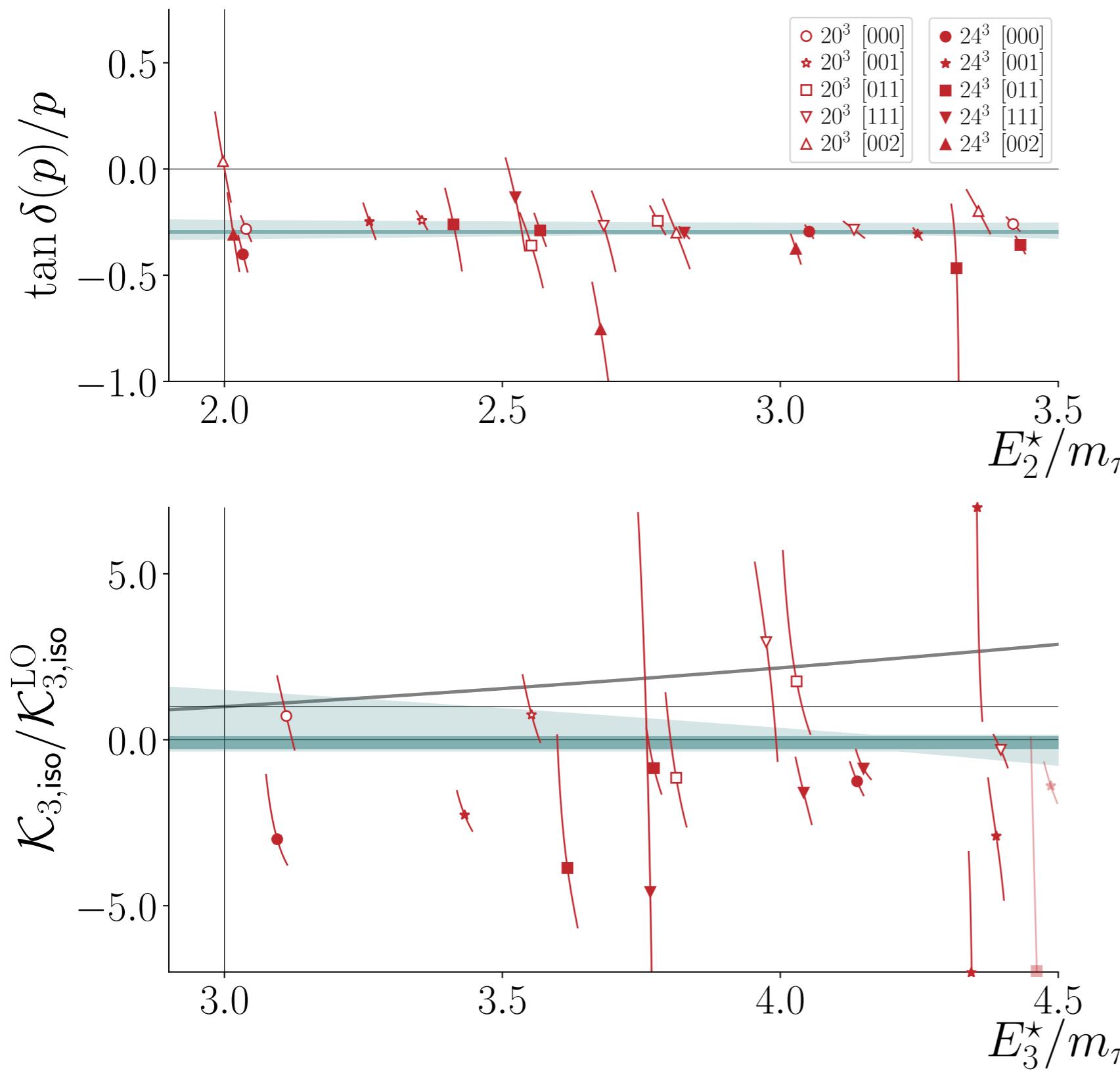
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K matrix fits



Finite-volume formalism
relates energies to K matrices

One-to-one for $K_{\text{df},3}$
depending only on $E_{\text{cm}} = E^\star$

Fit both two and three-body
K to various polynomials

Cut on the CM
energy in the fits

$K_{\text{df},3}$ is scheme
dependent (removed
upon converting to \mathcal{M}_3)

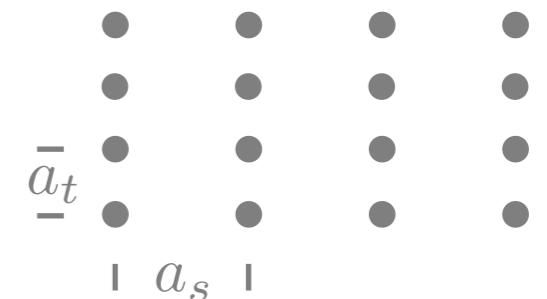
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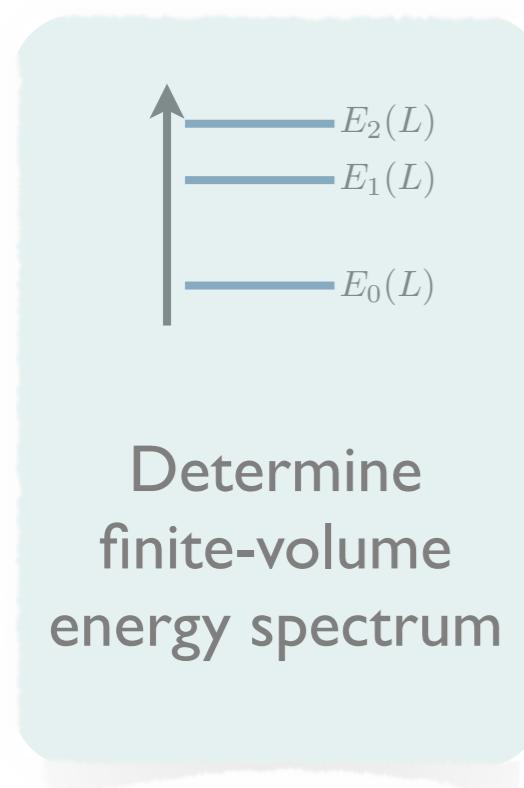
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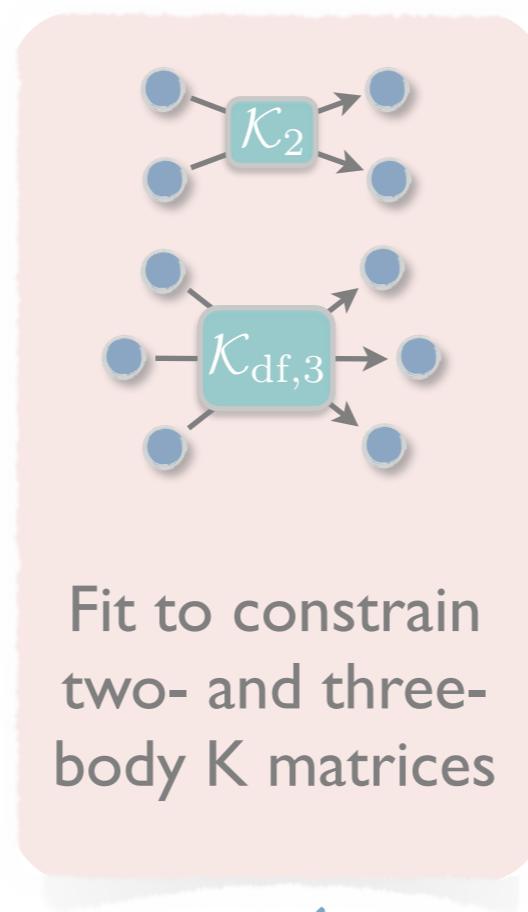
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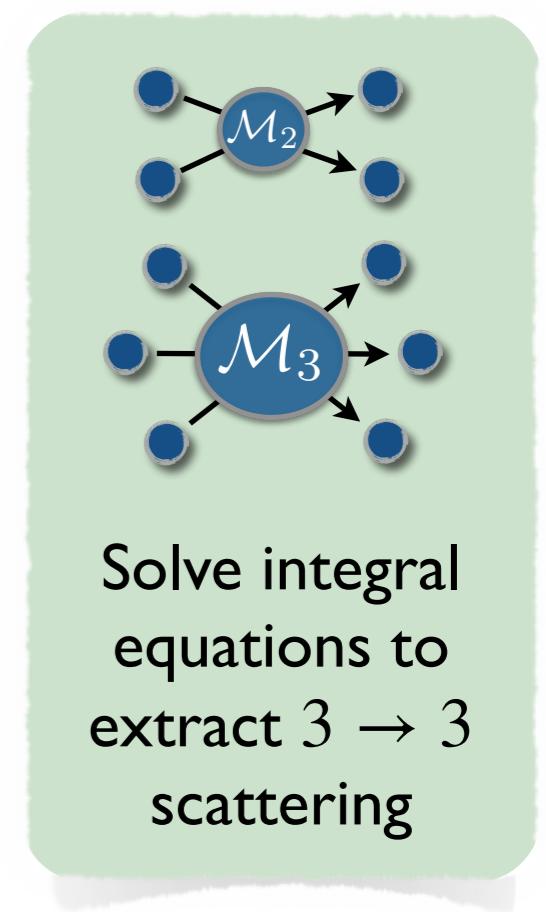
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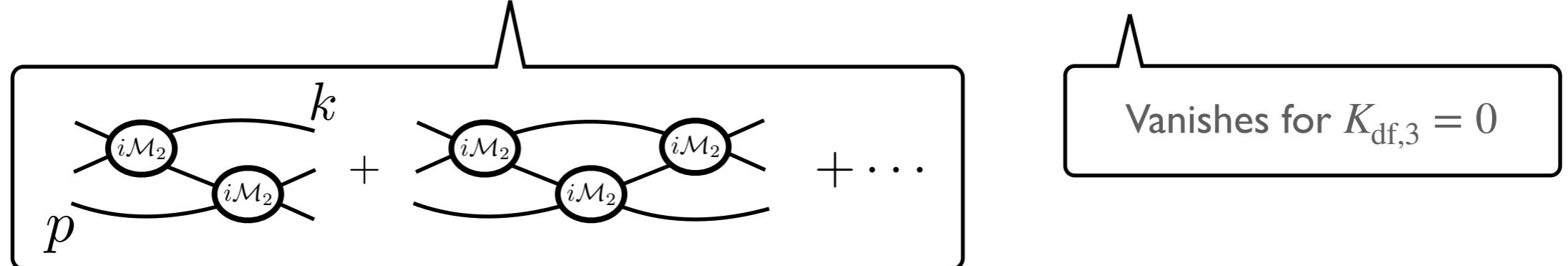


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Integral equation

$$\mathcal{M}_3^{\text{un}}(E_3^*, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) = \mathcal{D}^{\text{un}}(E_3^*, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) + \mathcal{E}^{\text{un}}(E_3^*, \mathbf{p}) \mathcal{T}(E_3^*) \mathcal{E}^{\text{un}}(E_3^*, \mathbf{k})$$



$$D(N, \epsilon) = -\mathcal{M} \cdot G(\epsilon) \cdot \mathcal{M} - \mathcal{M} \cdot G(\epsilon) \cdot P \cdot D(N, \epsilon)$$

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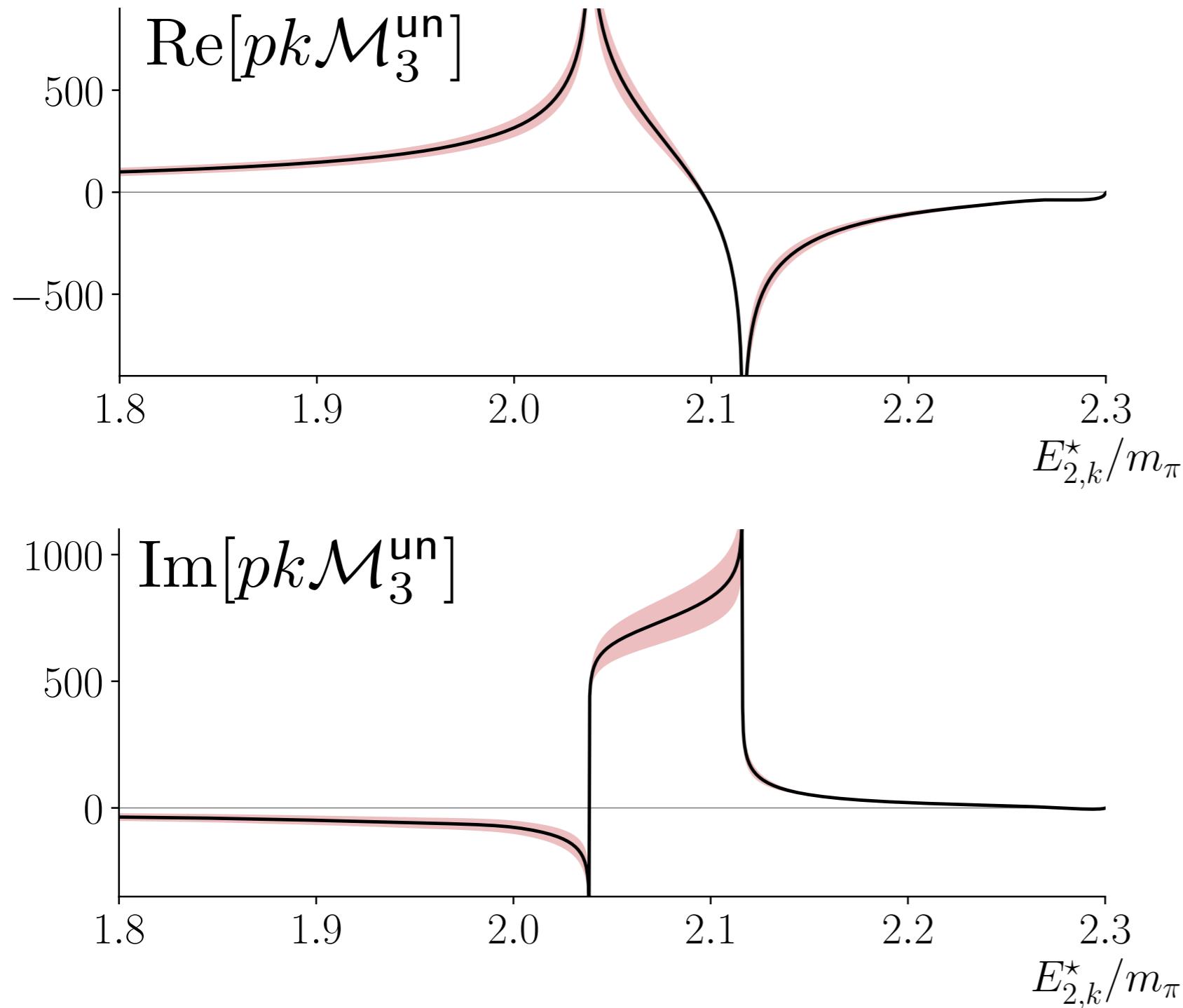
□ See also...

Solving relativistic three-body integral equations in the presence of bound states

Andrew W. Jackura,^{1, 2, *} Raúl A. Briceño,^{1, 2, †} Sebastian M. Dawid,^{3, 4, ‡} Md Habib E Islam,^{2, §} and Connor McCarty^{5, ¶}

arXiv: 2010.09820

Integral equation



Total angular momentum = 0

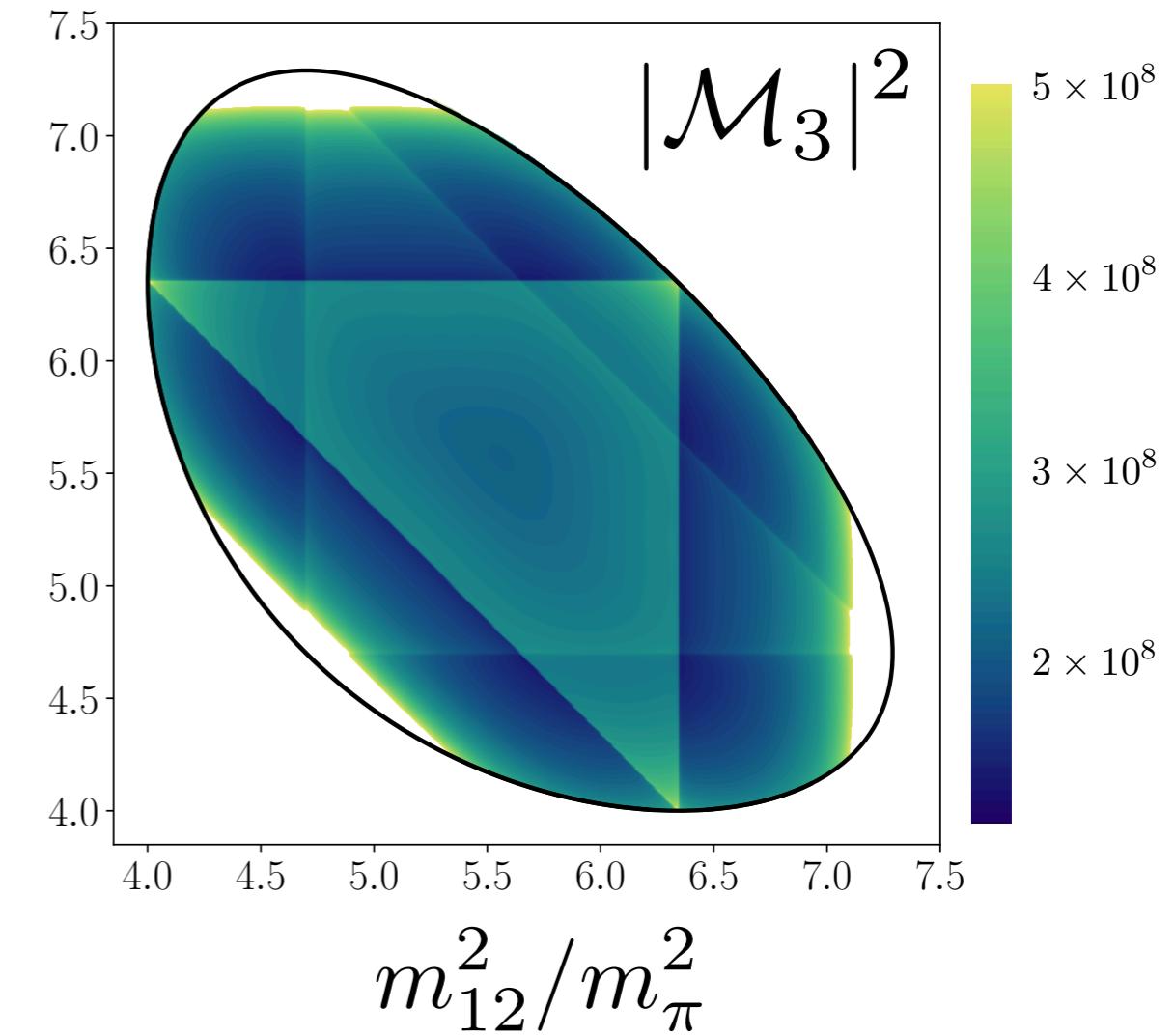
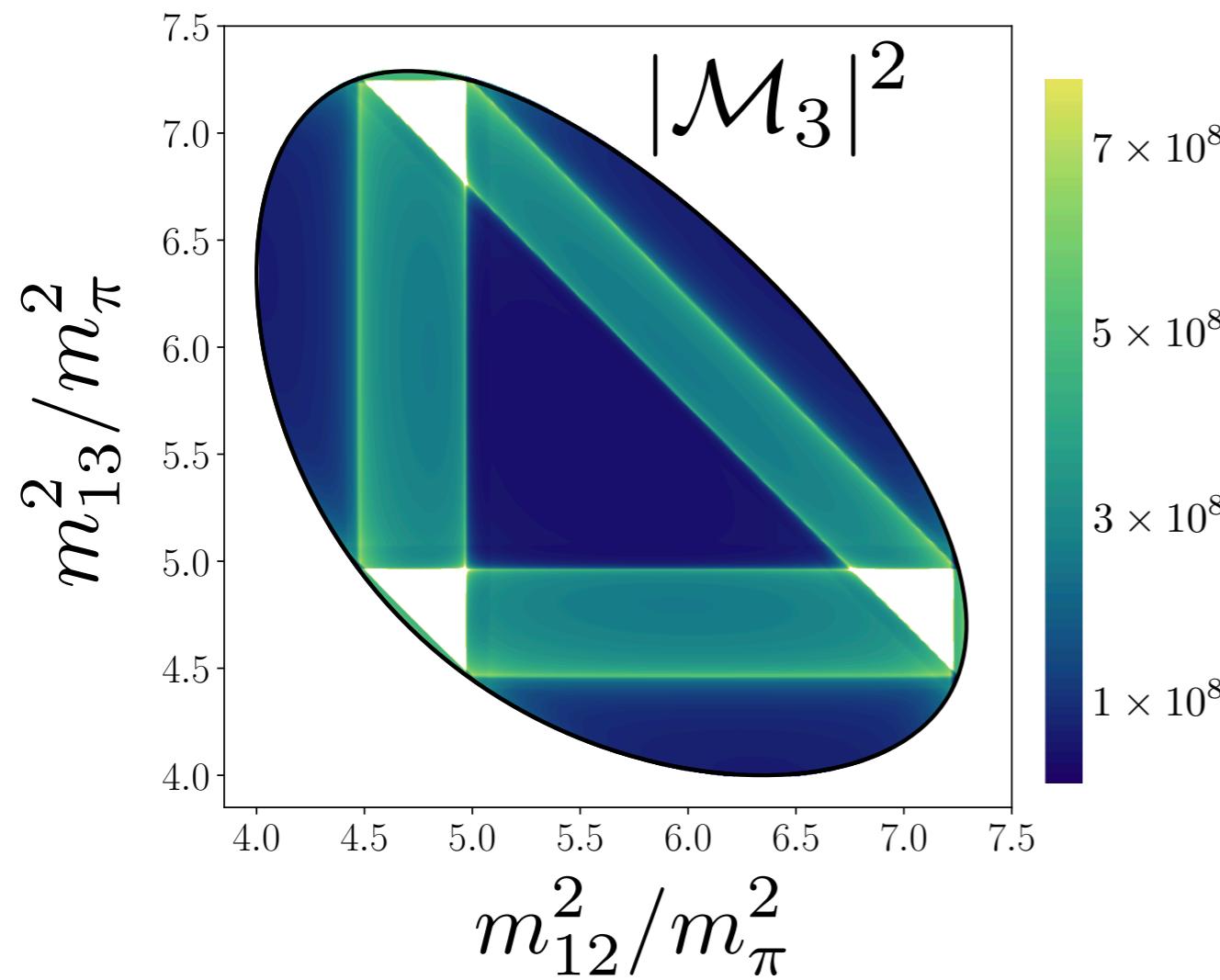
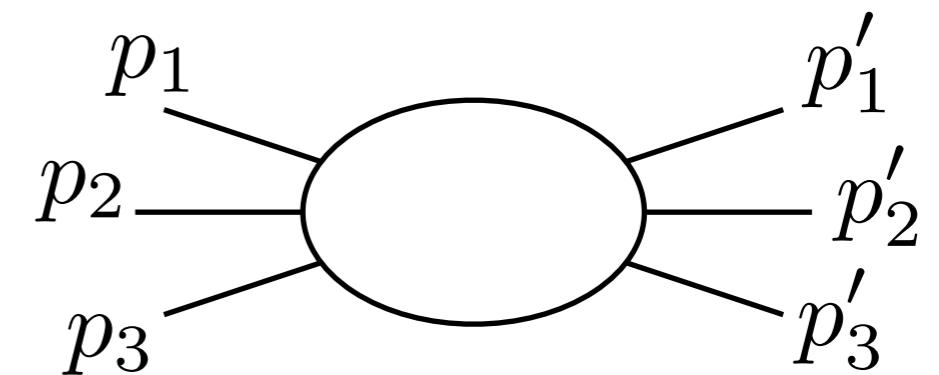
Two-particle sub-system
angular momentum = 0

Plot at fixed E_3^* and p

Both two- and three-body
uncertainties estimated

Still need to symmetrize

$$\mathcal{M}_3 = \sum_{i,j \in \{1,2,3\}} \mathcal{M}_3^{\text{un}}(p'_i, p_j)$$



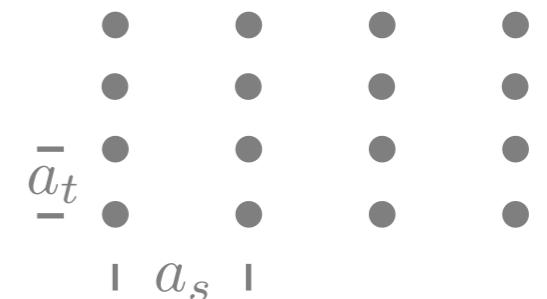
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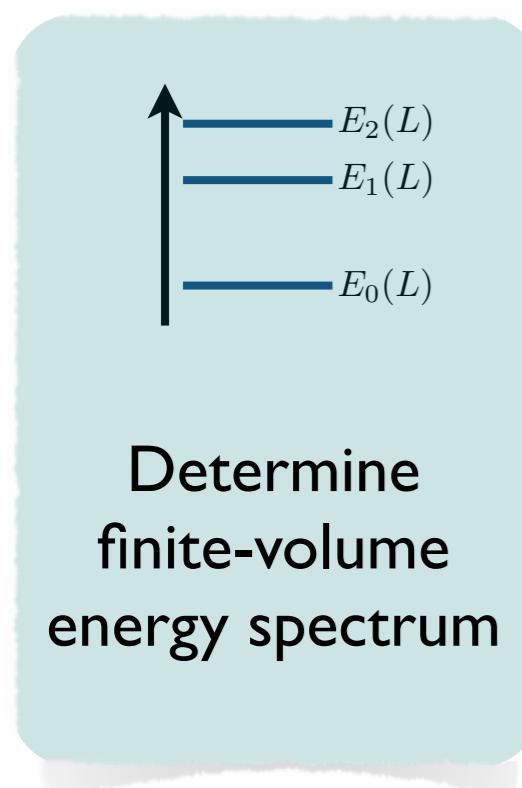
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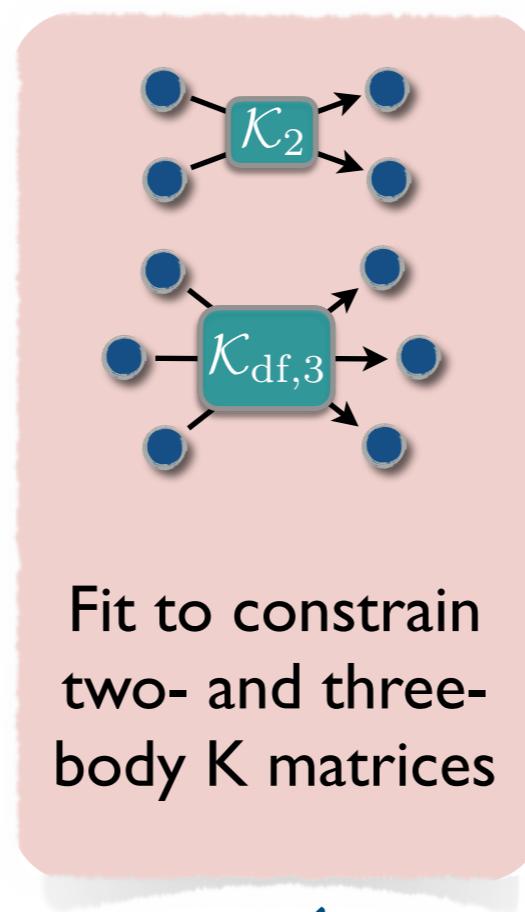
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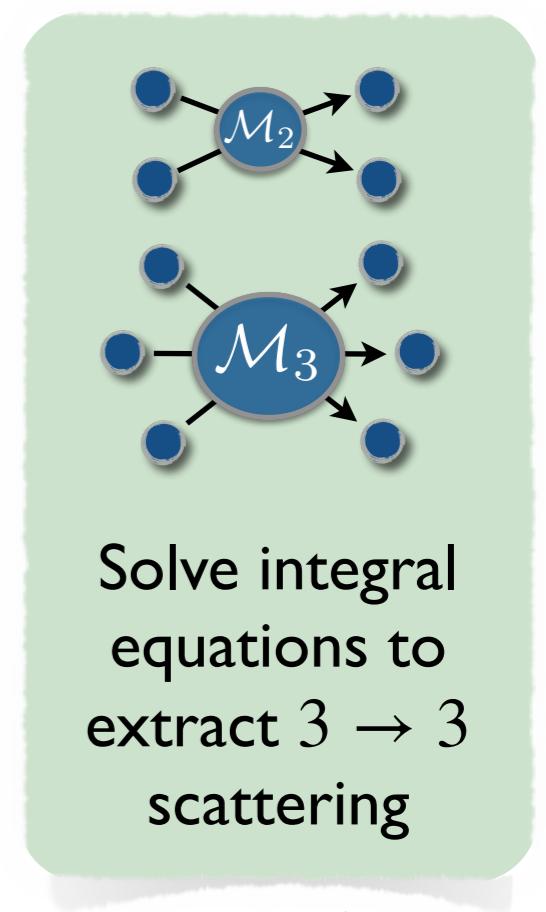
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Outlook for exotics

□ Challenging for many reasons

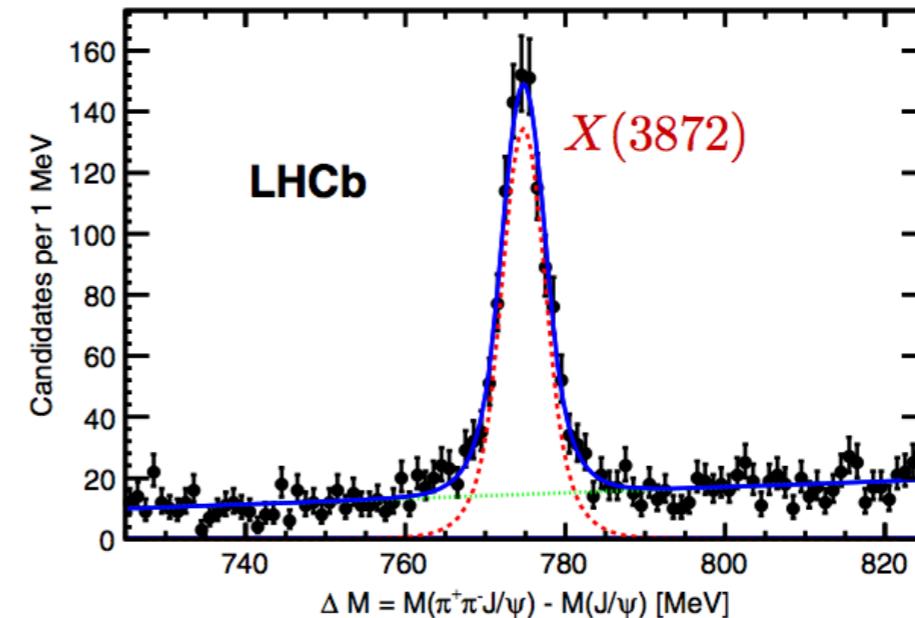
incredible hierarchy of scales

$$M_X - M_{D^0 D^{0*}} = 0.01 \pm 0.18 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma(X) < 1.2 \text{ MeV}$$

- Lebed, Mitchell, Swanson, *PPNP review* (2017)

many open channels



- LHCb (PRD92, 2015)

$$X \rightarrow \omega J/\psi, \pi\pi J/\psi, D^{*0}\bar{D}^0, \dots$$

□ My speculative outlook

should be possible to derive N-particle volume formalism

then relate K-matrices to spectra to identify LQCD strategy

hierarchy of scales = not always a problem

$$\mathcal{K}_2 \propto a \rightarrow \infty$$

Conclusions

□ LQCD is in the era of ‘rigorous resonance spectroscopy’

□ The finite-volume = *a useful tool*

□ Challenges and progress

formal analysis was technical → **ground work is now set**

scattering demands high precision excited states → **advanced algorithms make this possible**

many calculations at unphysical quark masses → **physical-mass scattering now appearing**

→ **varying masses probes resonance structure**

3-body amplitude is highly singular → **intermediate K matrix is not**

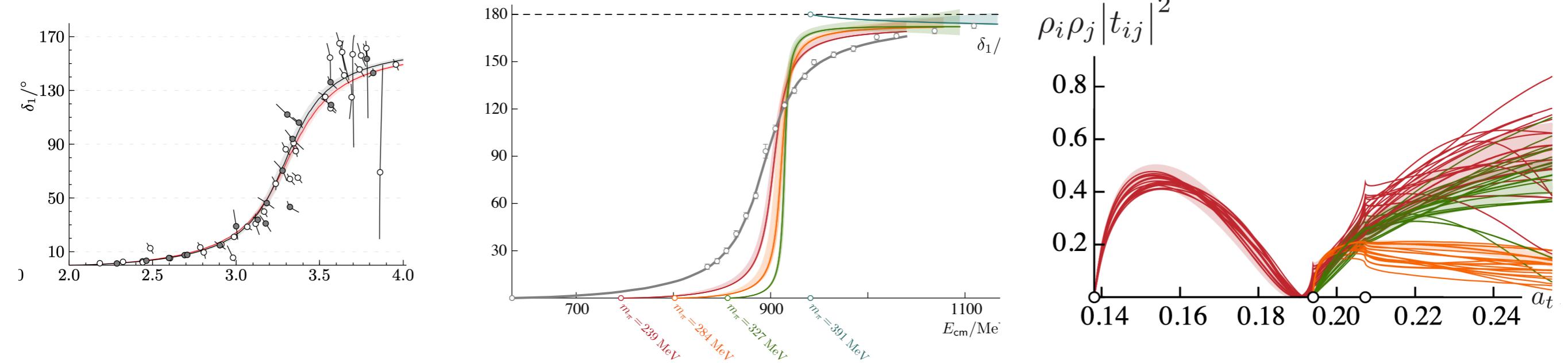
□ Next steps...

complete 3-particle formalism → **extend to N-particle formalism**

extend studies involving an external current

push more channels into the precision regime

Big Picture



A thriving field, with much more to come...
Thanks for listening!

