

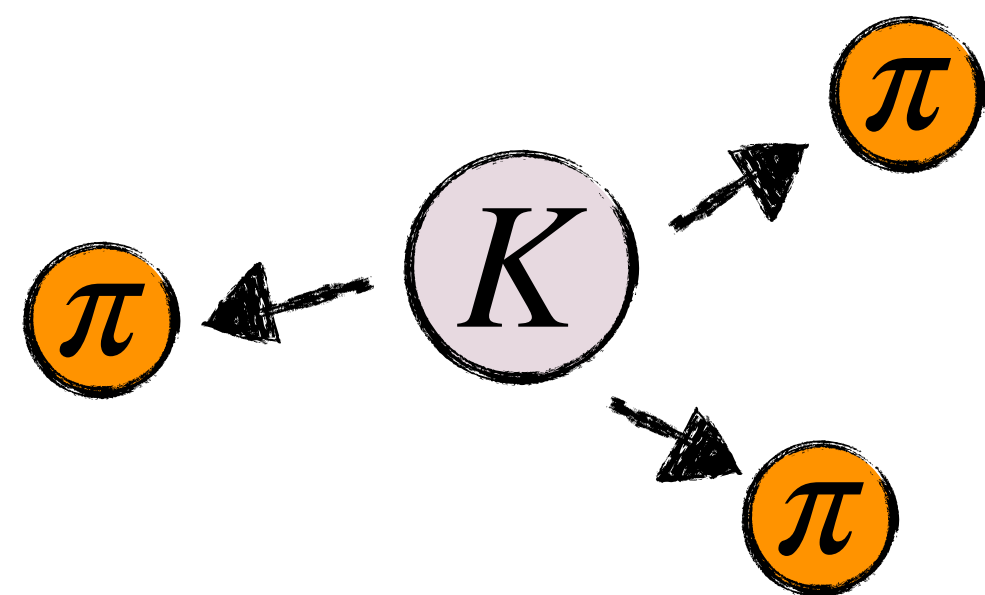
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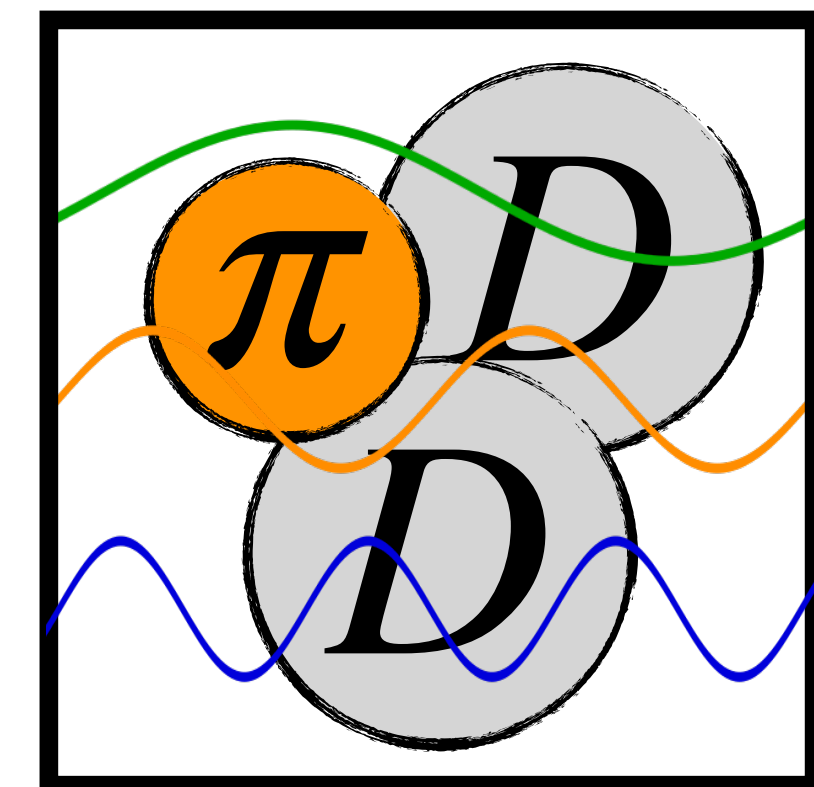
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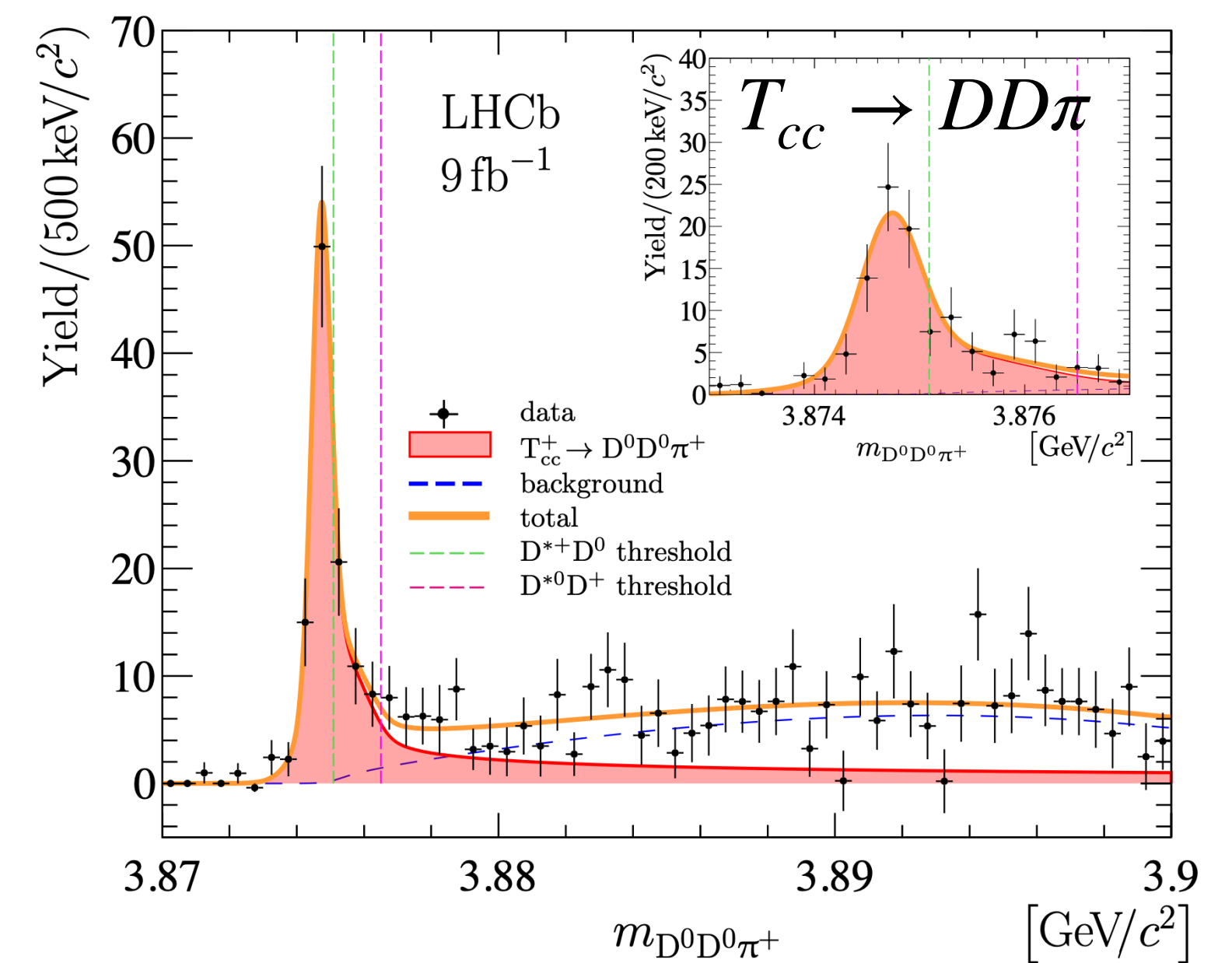


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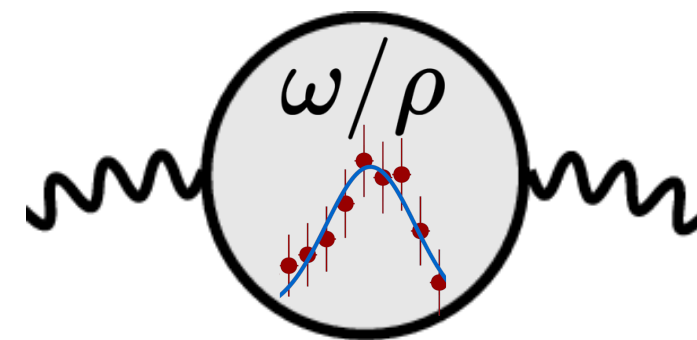
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## Weak decays [See talks by F. Erben and F. Herren]

CP violation in  $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-/\pi^+\pi^-$  decays

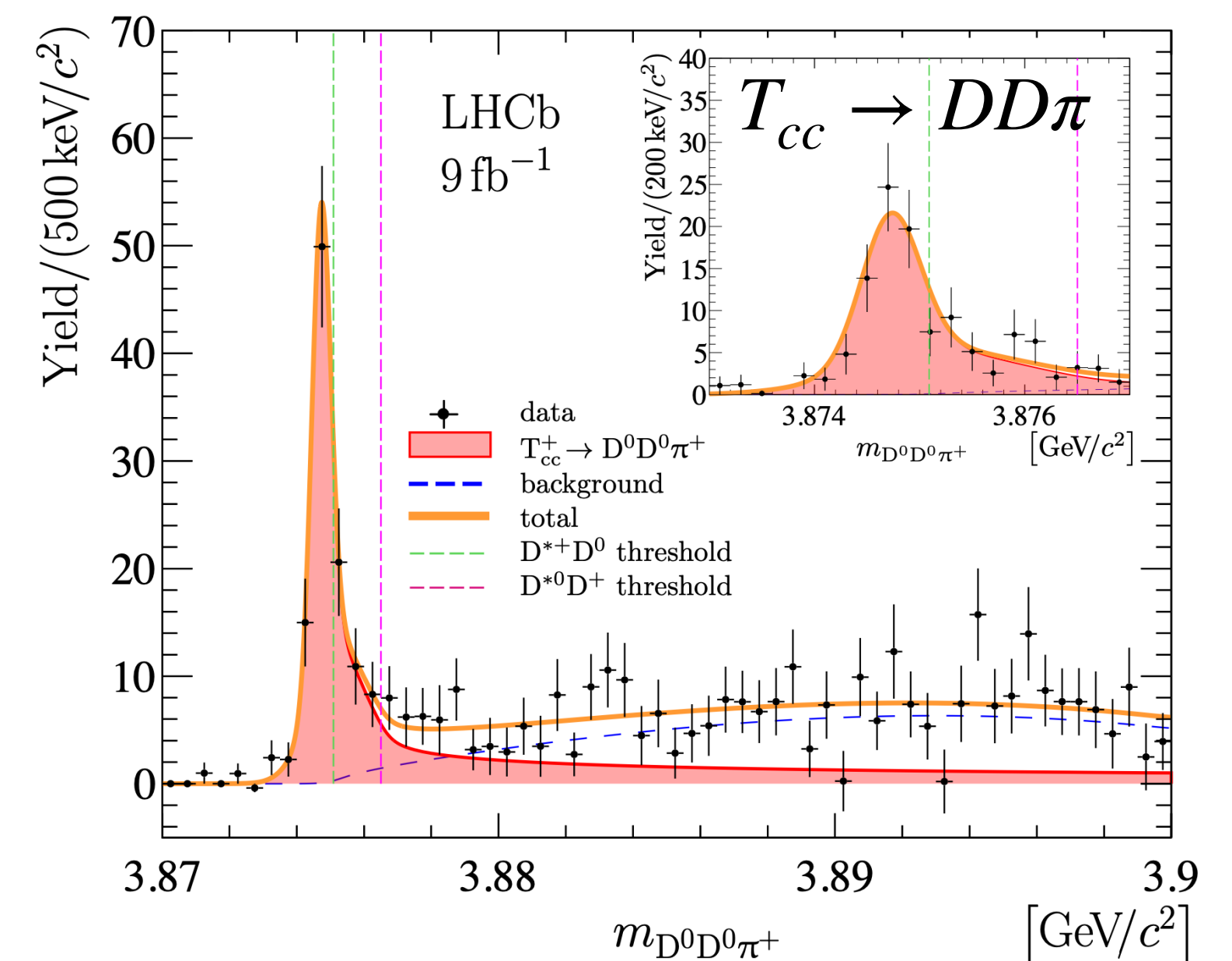
$$\Delta a_{CP}^{\text{dir}} = (-15.7 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-4}$$

[LHCb, 2019]

CP violation in  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  weak decays

$$(\varepsilon'/\varepsilon)_{\text{exp}} = (16.6 \pm 2.3) \times 10^{-4}$$

[NA48 & KTeV, 2002 & 2009]



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- ▶ Initial and final states include stable hadrons
- ▶ Also includes initial vacuum states
- ▶ Transition can be induced perturbatively

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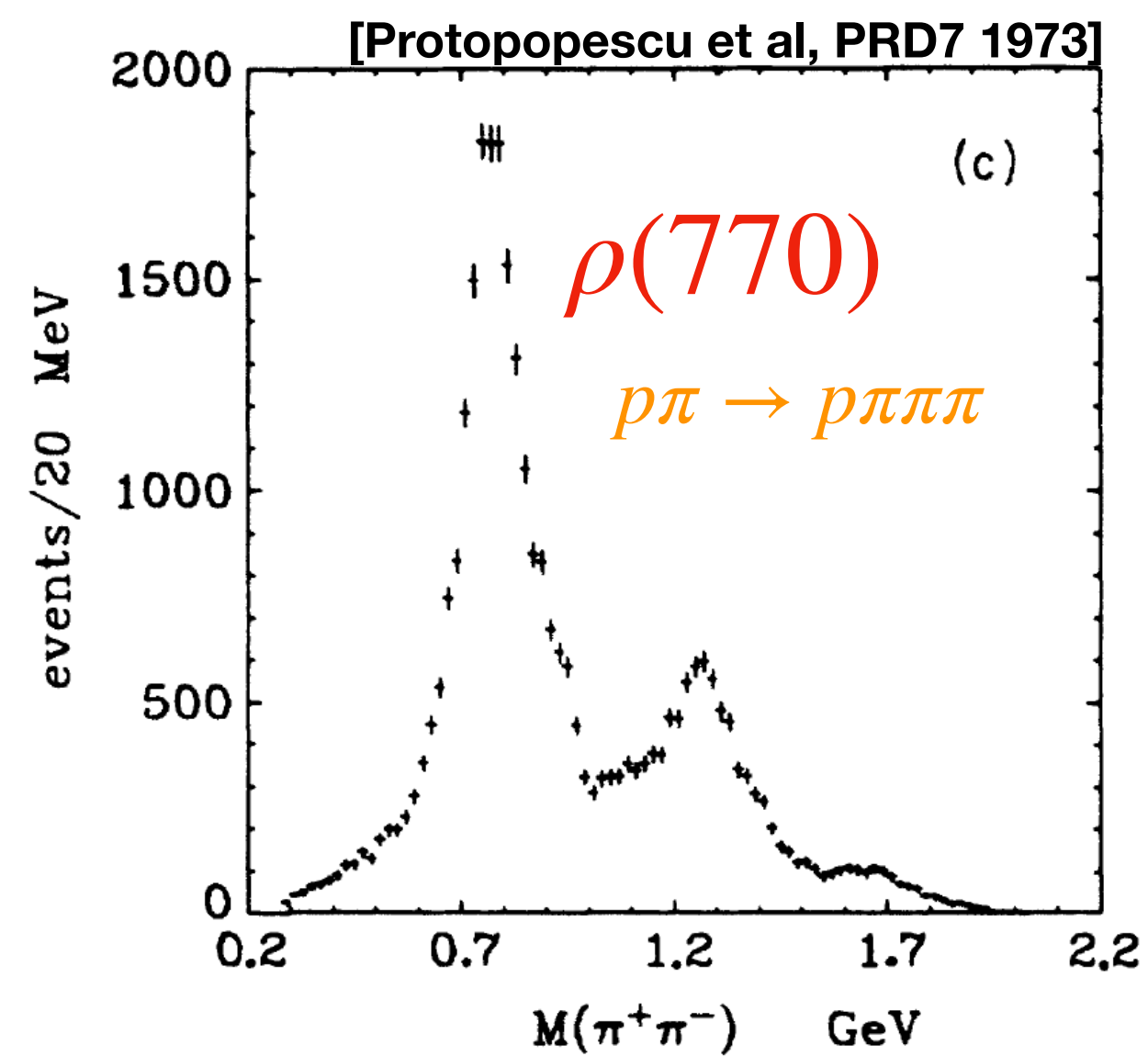
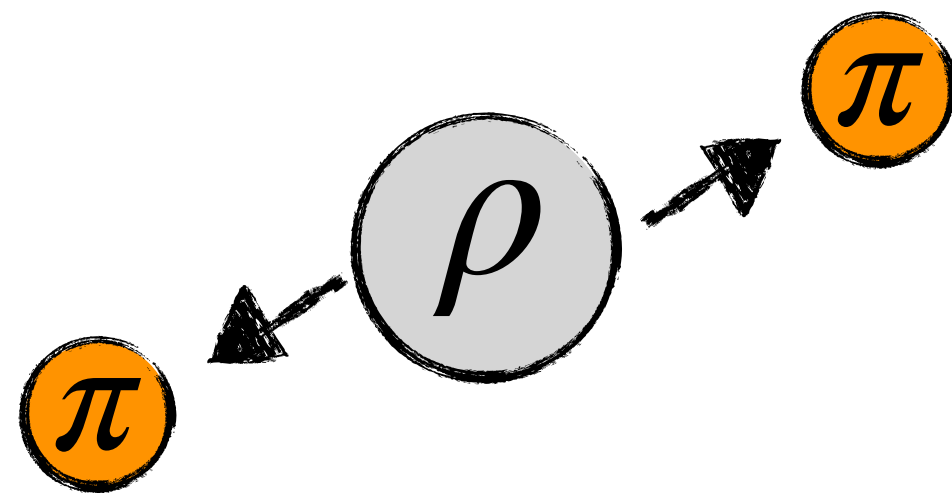
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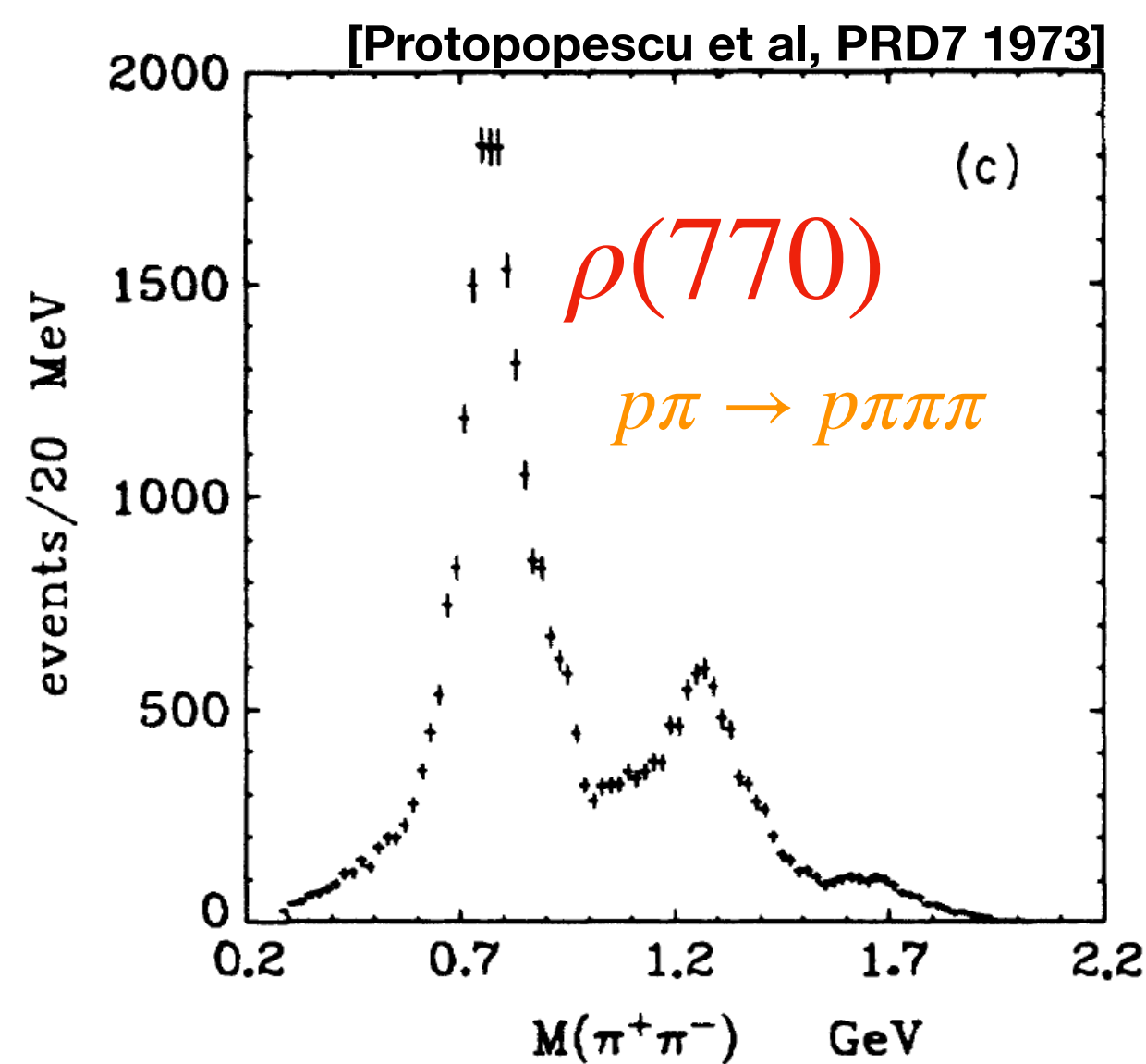
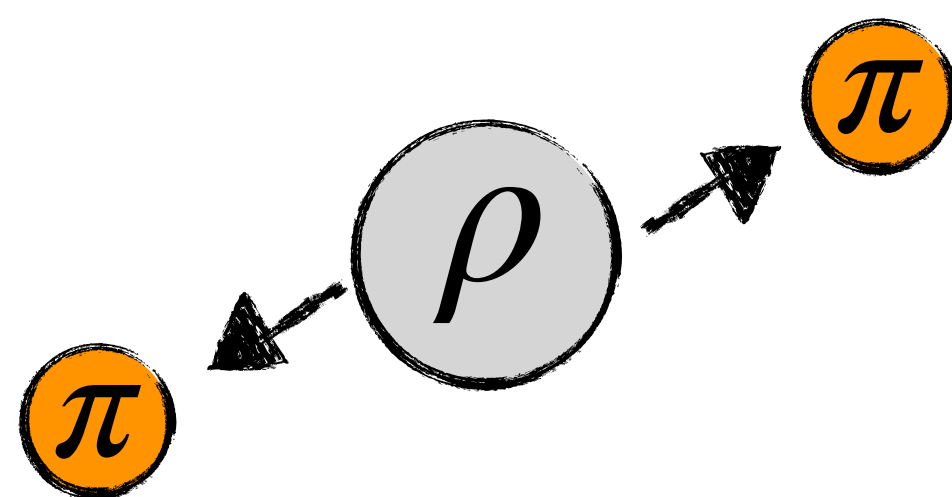
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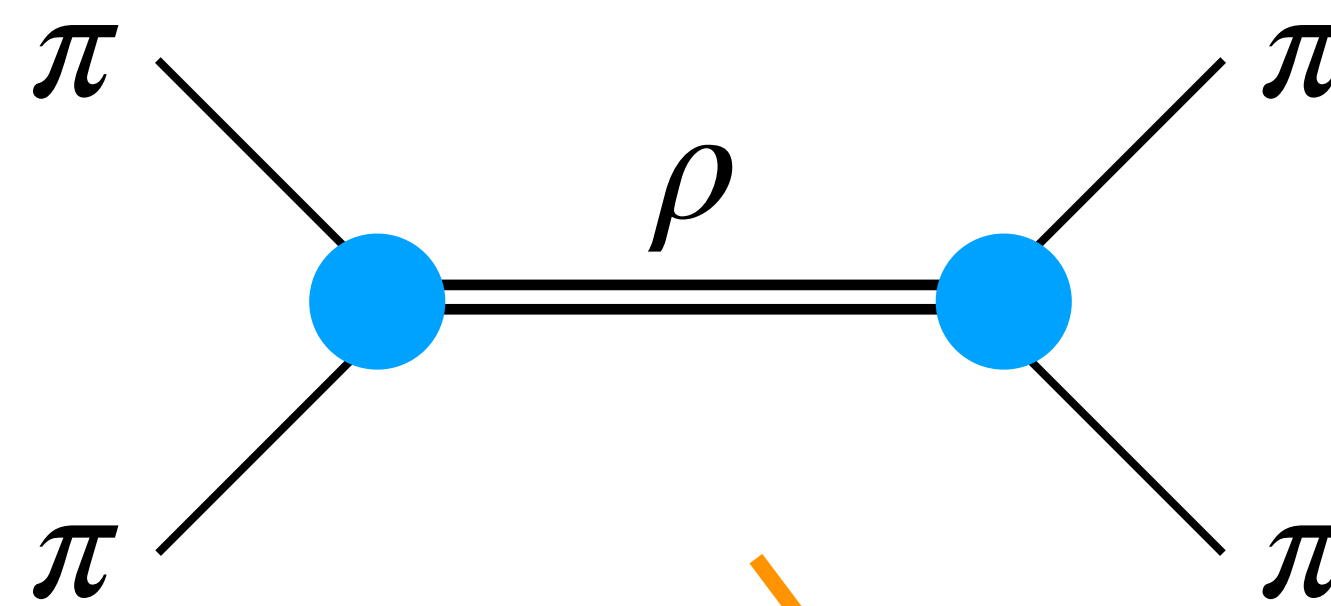


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- More rigorously, they are poles in scattering amplitudes



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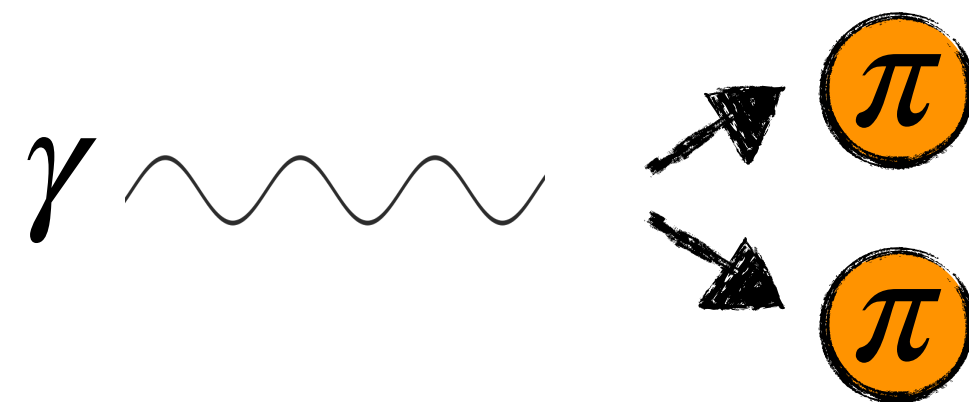
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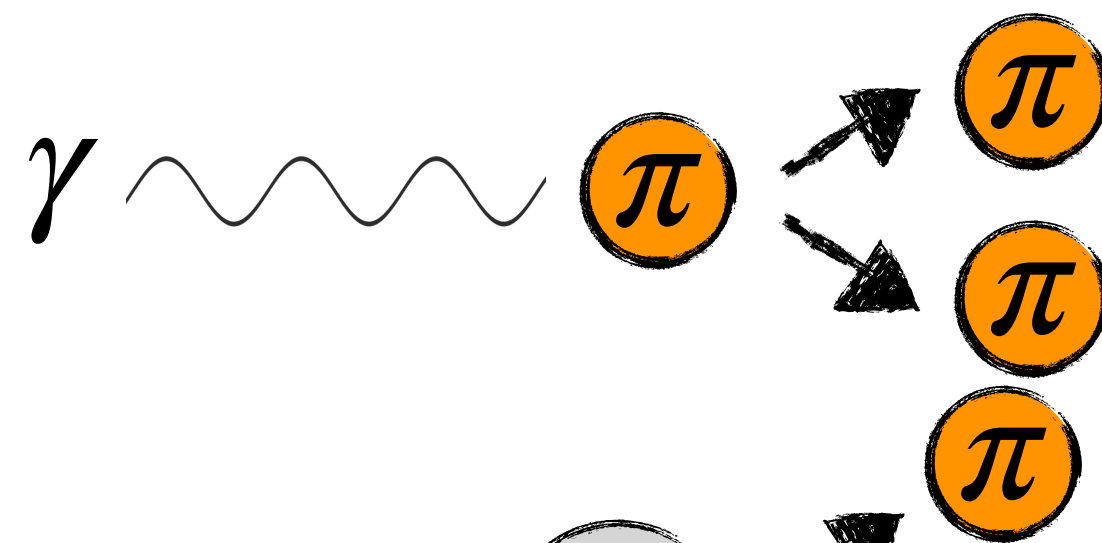
- EW decays (or transitions) involve only QCD stable hadrons in the initial and final states

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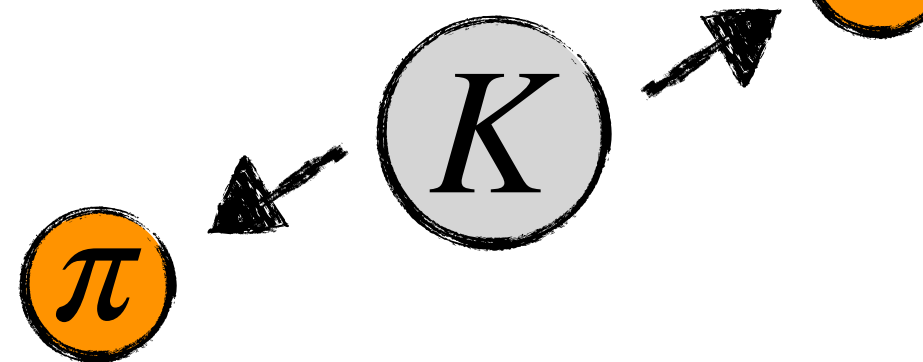
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$$\langle K | \mathcal{H}_w^{\Delta S=1} | \pi\pi \rangle$$

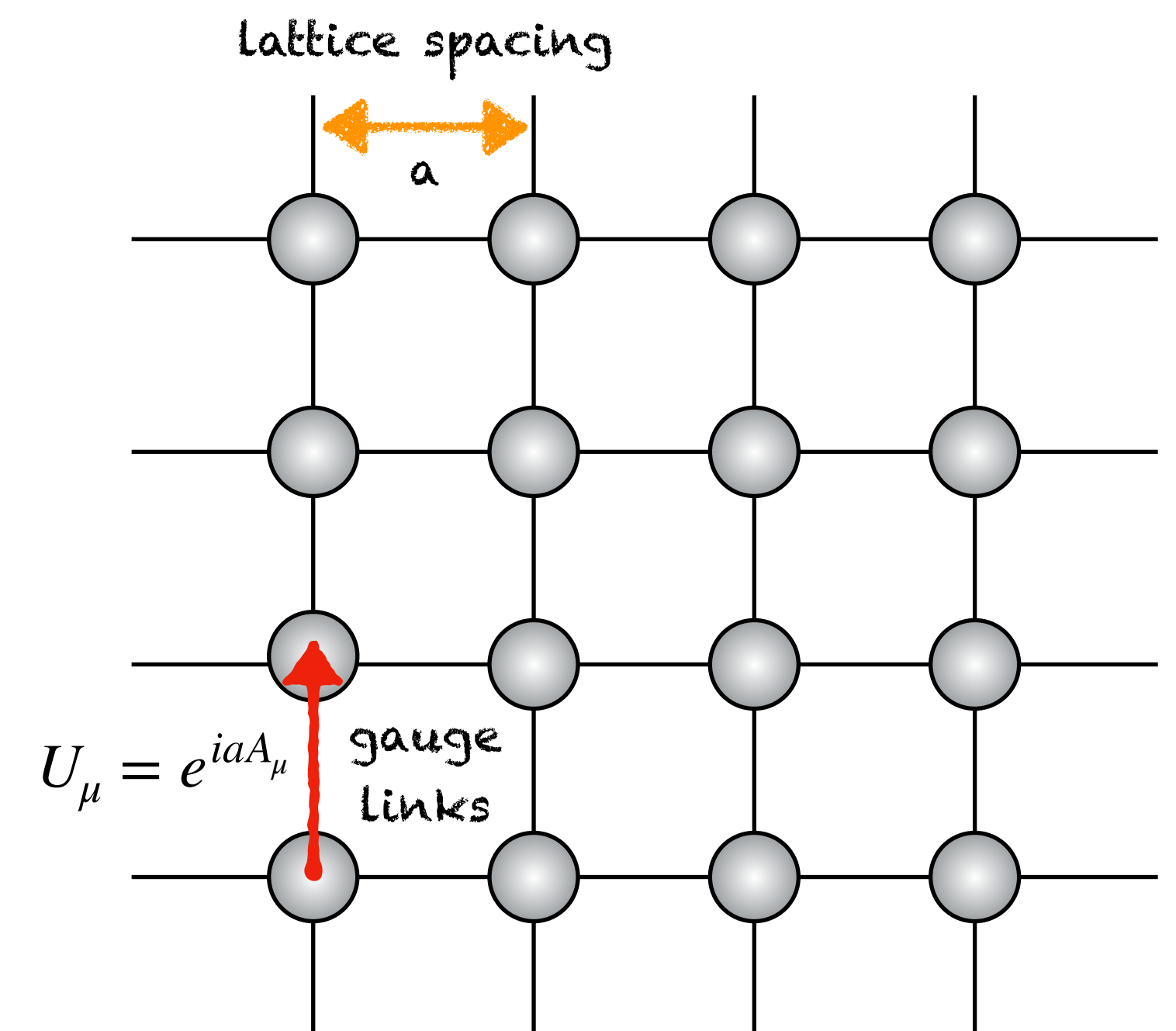
Electroweak operators are treated perturbatively

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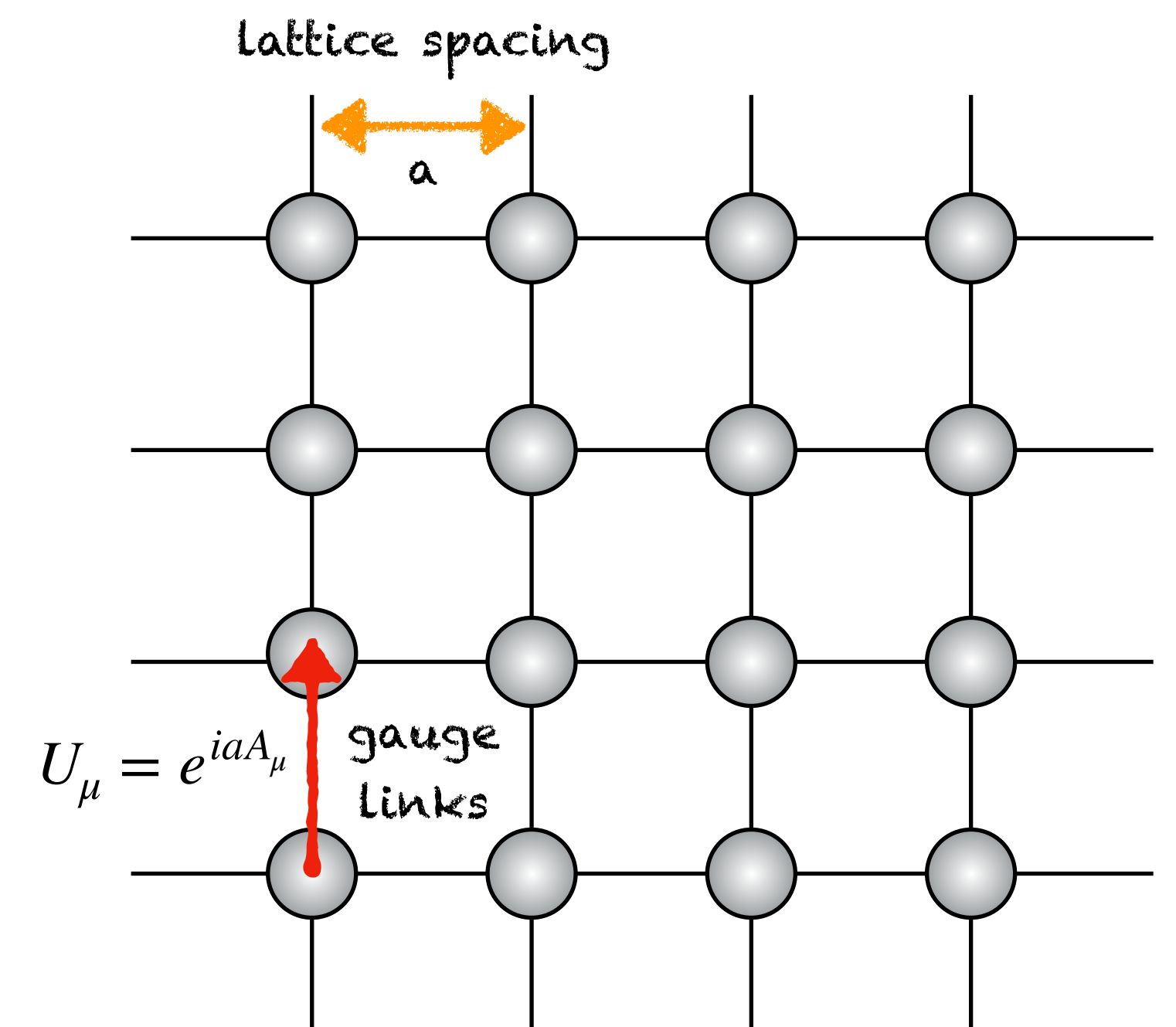
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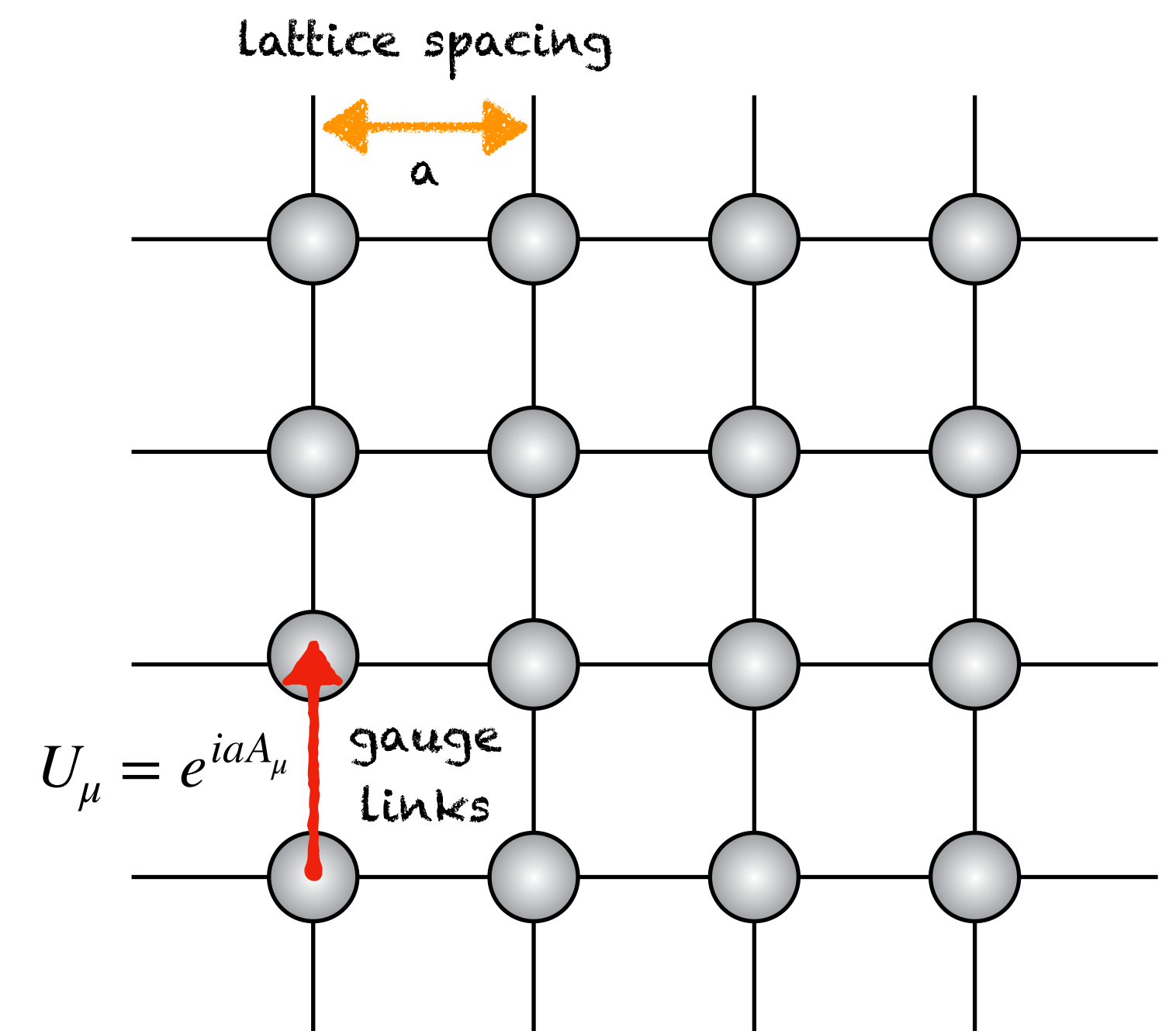
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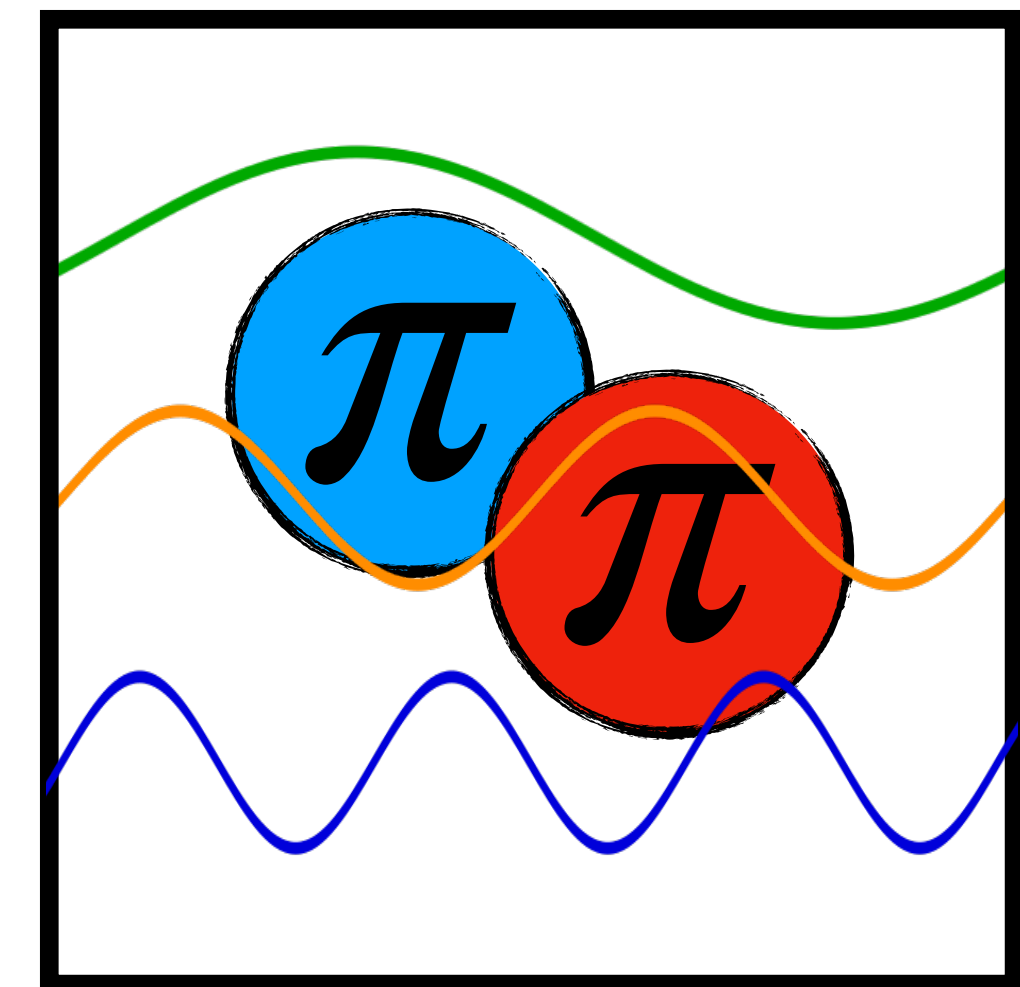
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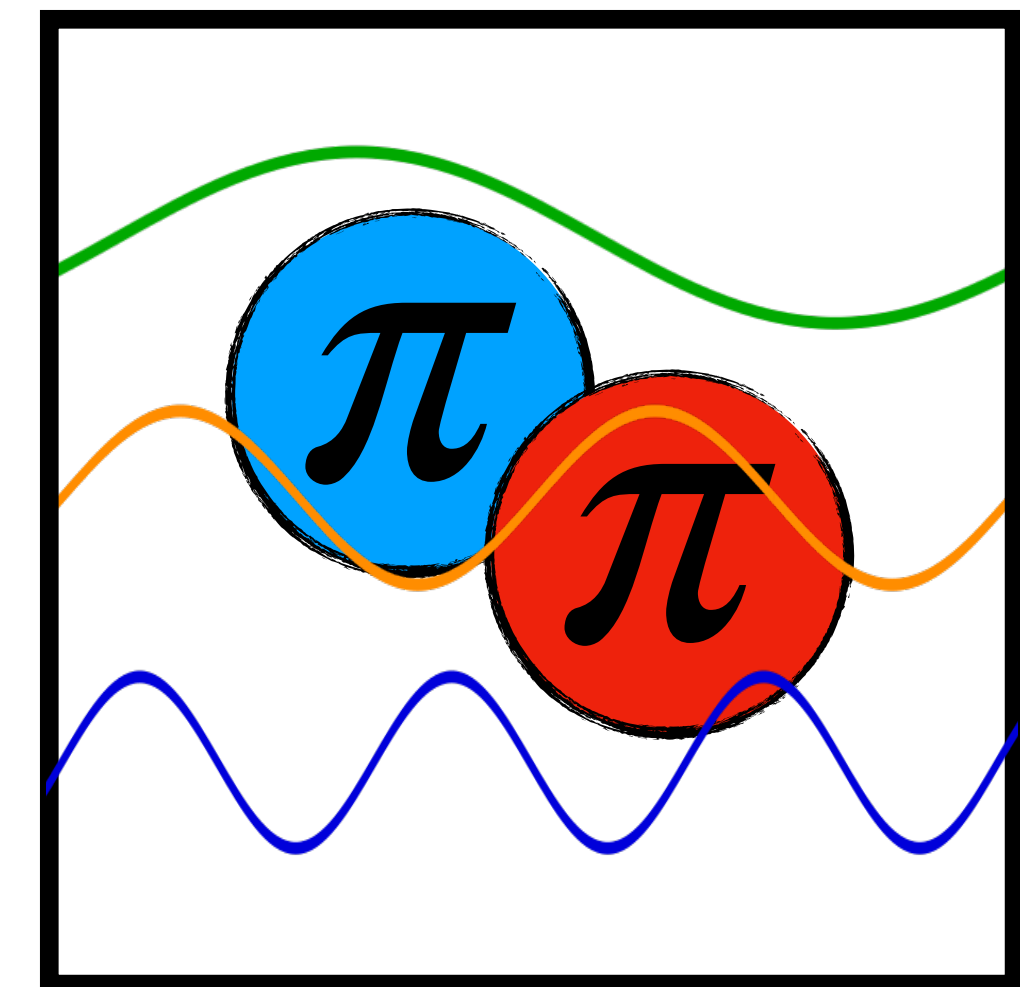
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Need “finite-volume formalism” to bridge the gap between LQCD and multi-hadron scattering and decay amplitudes



# Outline

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2. Multi-hadron electroweak transitions from LQCD

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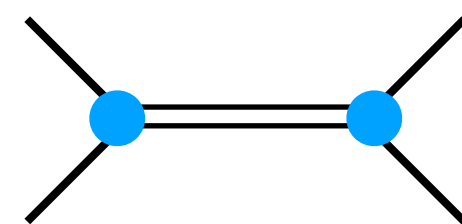


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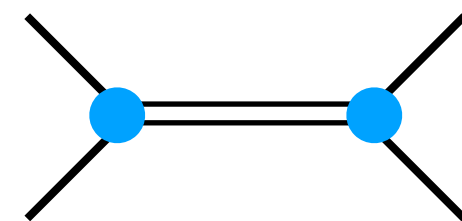
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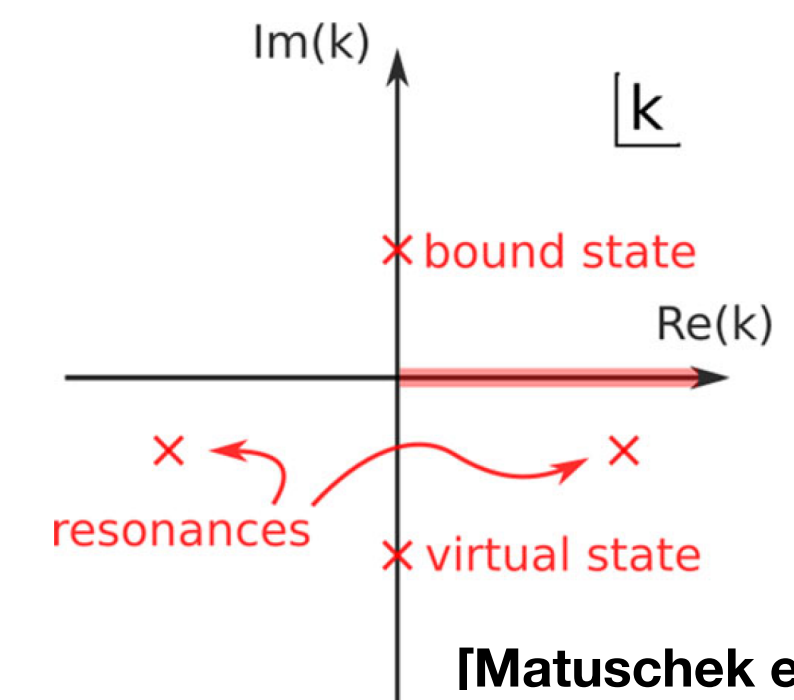
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- Based on the location of the poles, they receive different names

- ▶ Bound states: stable particles, e.g. the deuteron is an NN bound state
- ▶ Resonances: unstable hadrons, e.g. the rho resonance
- ▶ Virtual states: “non-renormalizable QM states”, e.g. “dineutron”



[Matuschek et al, EPJA 2021]

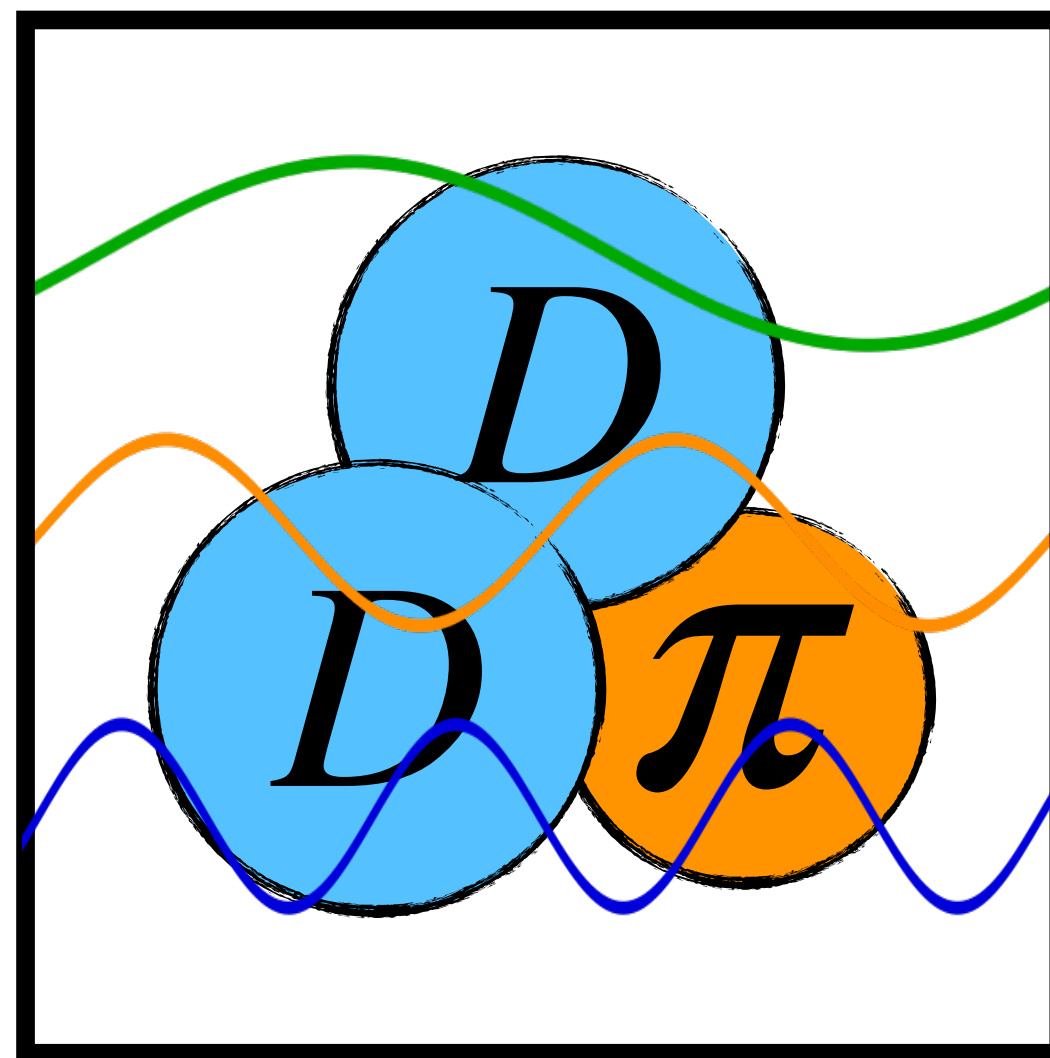
Fig. 1 Naming convention for the poles in the  $k$ -plane. The thick red line for positive real valued  $k$  marks the physical momenta in the scattering regime

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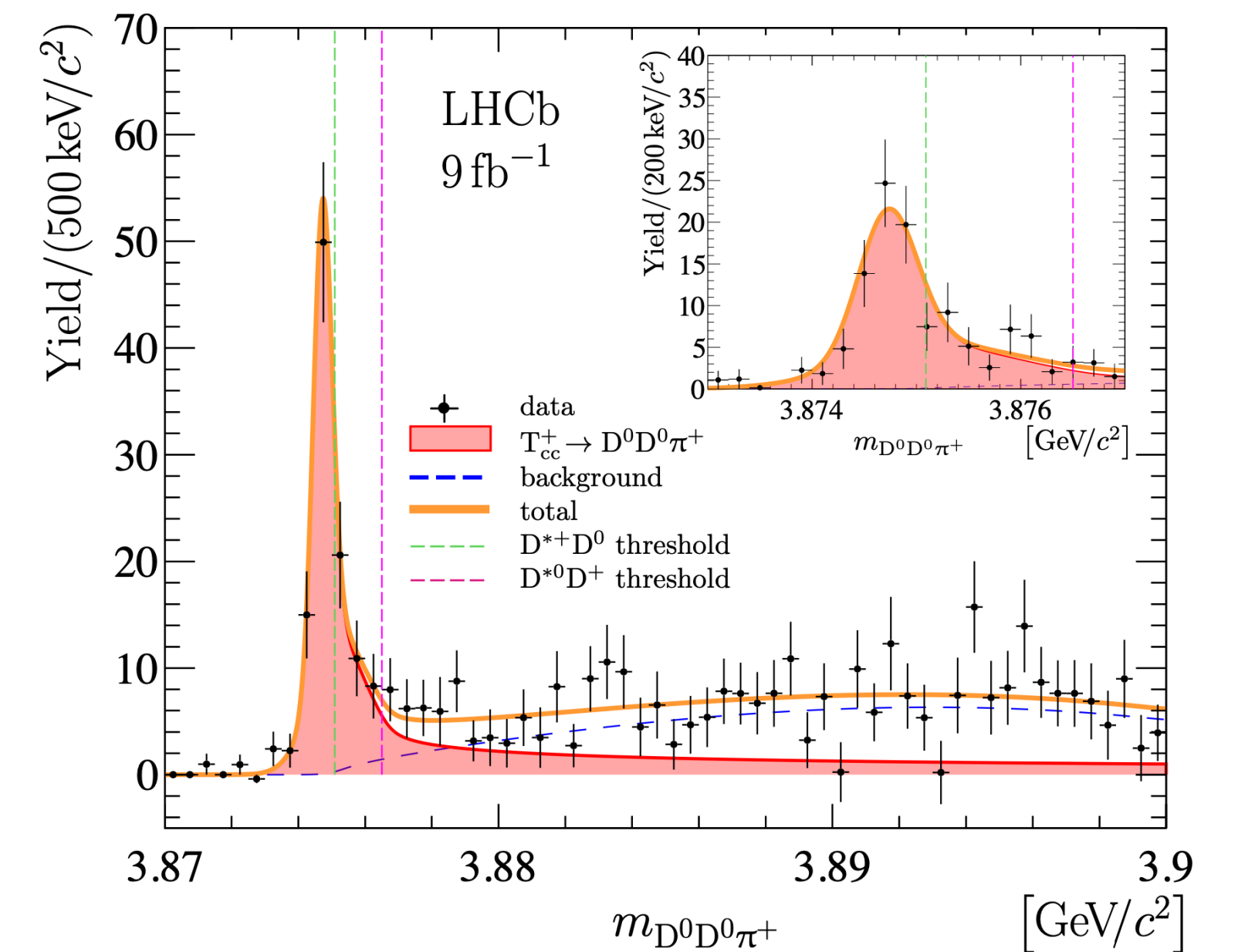
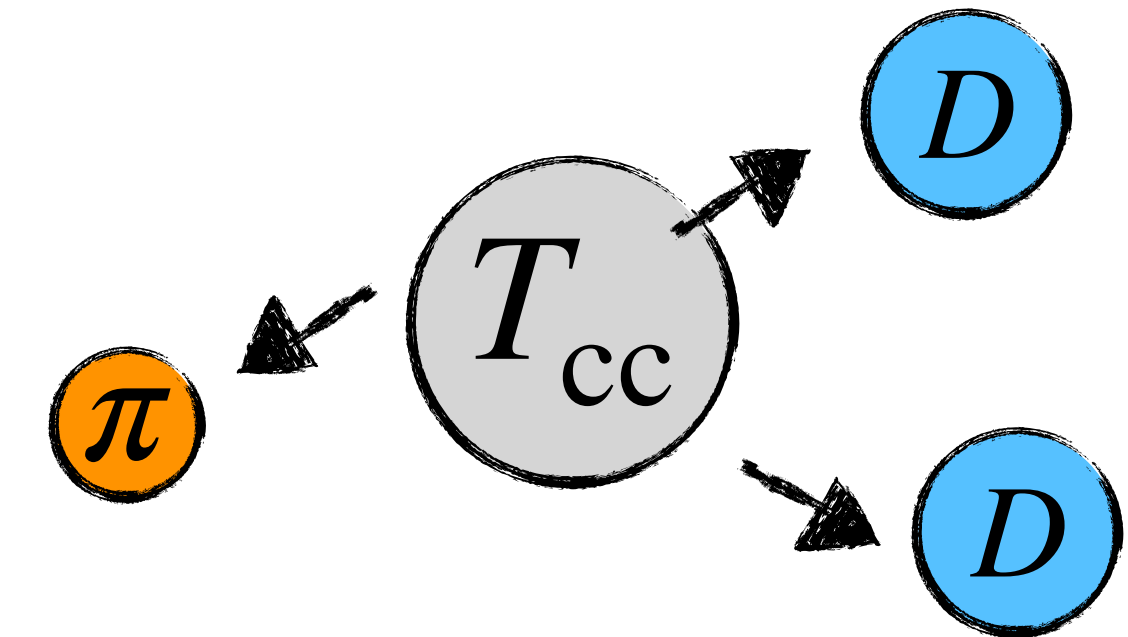
## Lattice QCD

- Euclidean time
- Stationary states in a box

$$C(t) = \langle \mathcal{O}_{DD\pi}(t) \mathcal{O}_{DD\pi}^\dagger(0) \rangle = \sum_n \left| \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_{DD\pi} | n \rangle \right|^2 e^{-E_n t}$$



Finite-volume formalism  
 [Lüscher 89']



# LQCD spectrum

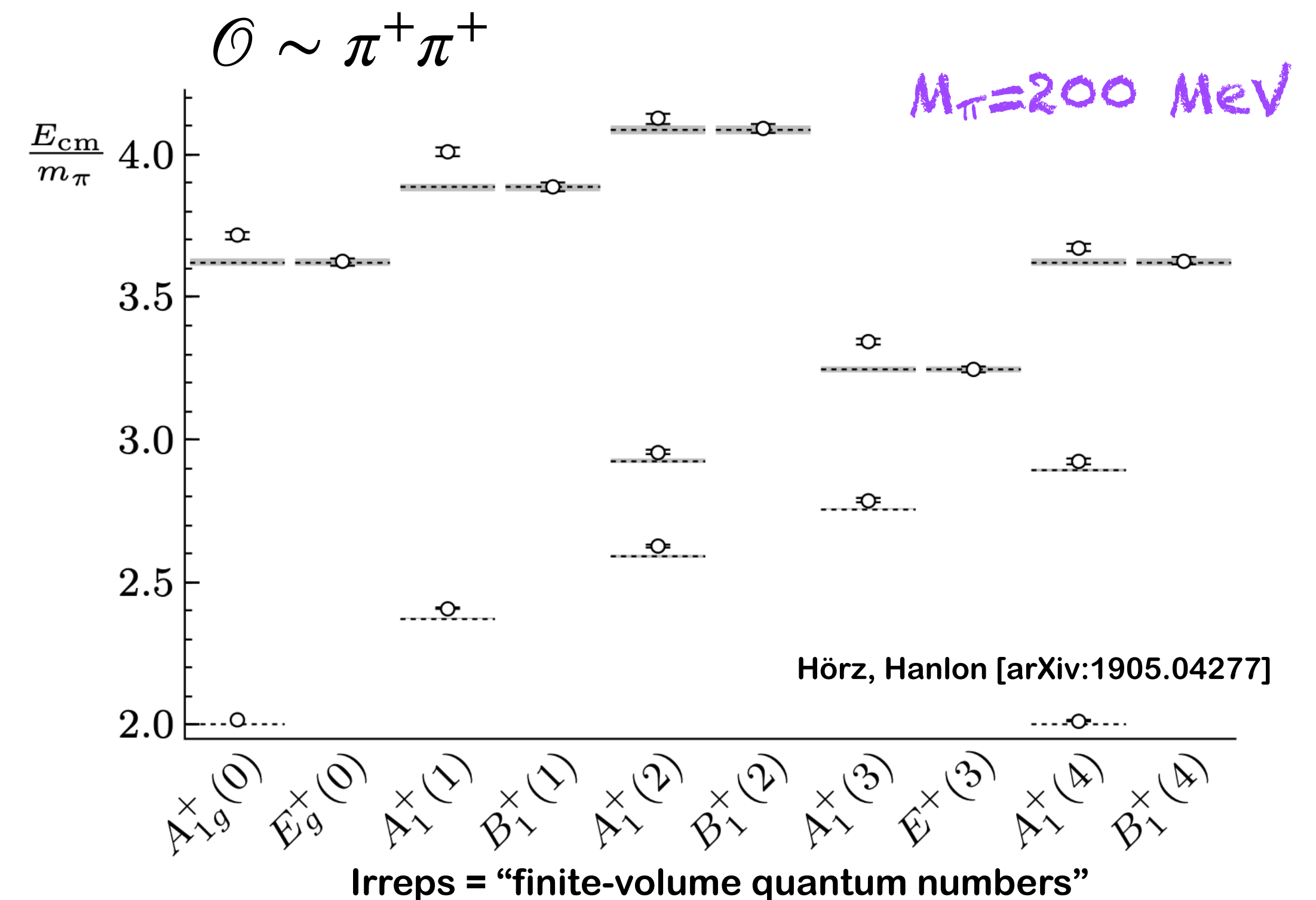
- Compute matrix of Euclidean correlation functions using operators with the same quantum numbers

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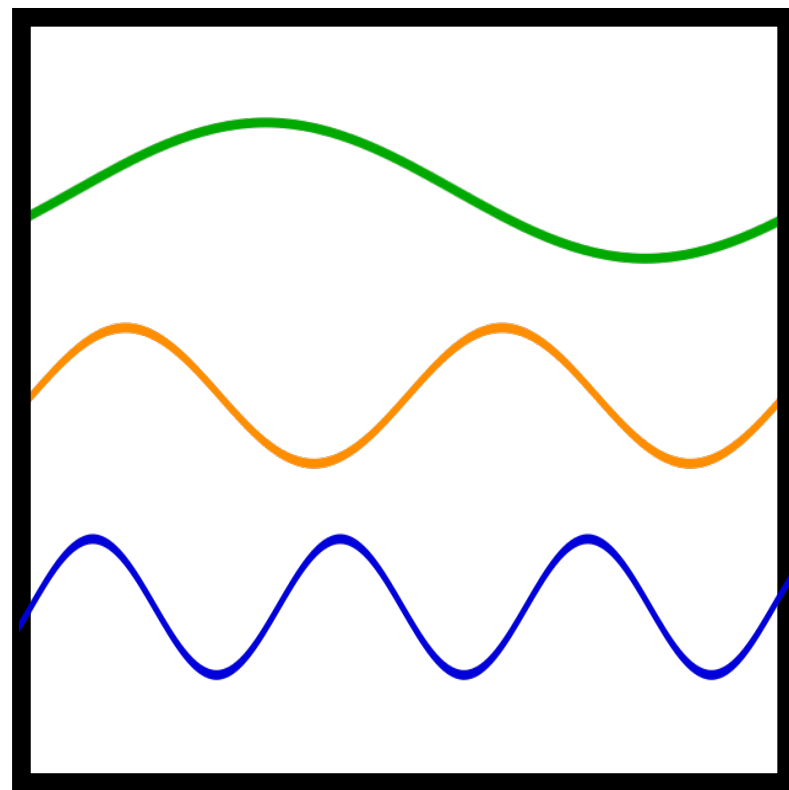
- Variational techniques  
(Generalized EigenValue Problem, GEVP)

► Extract (at most) as many levels as operators



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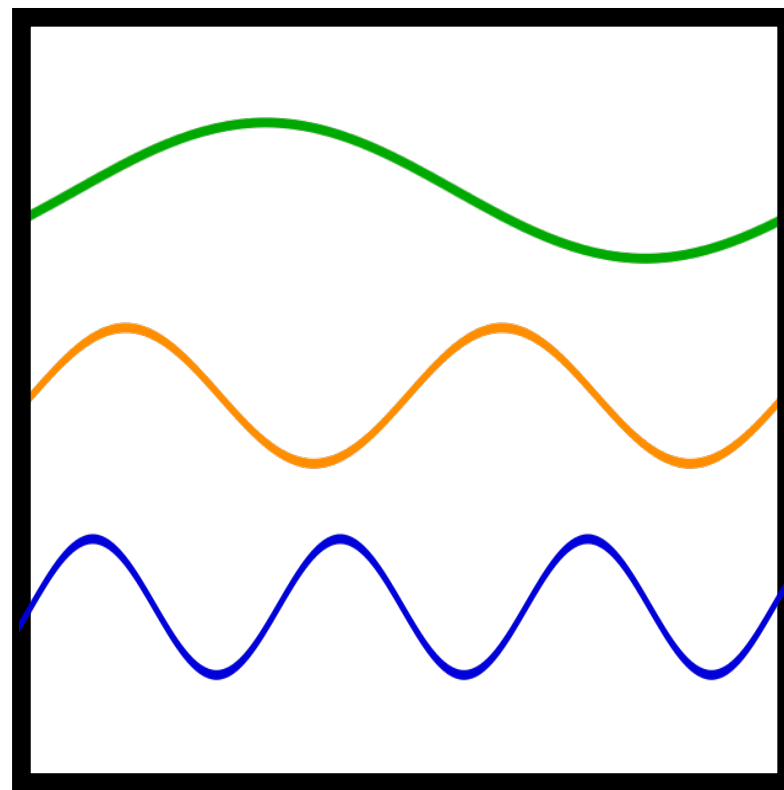


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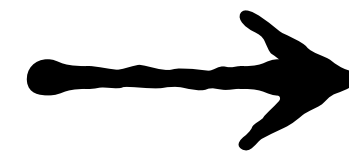
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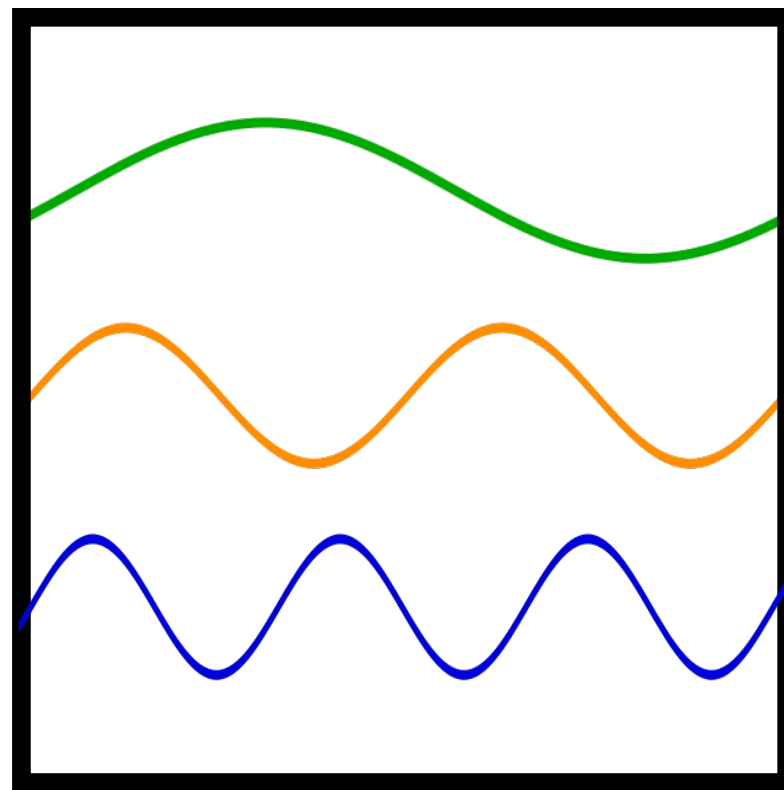
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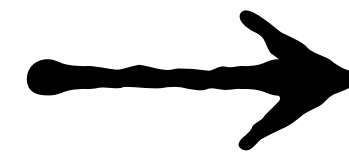
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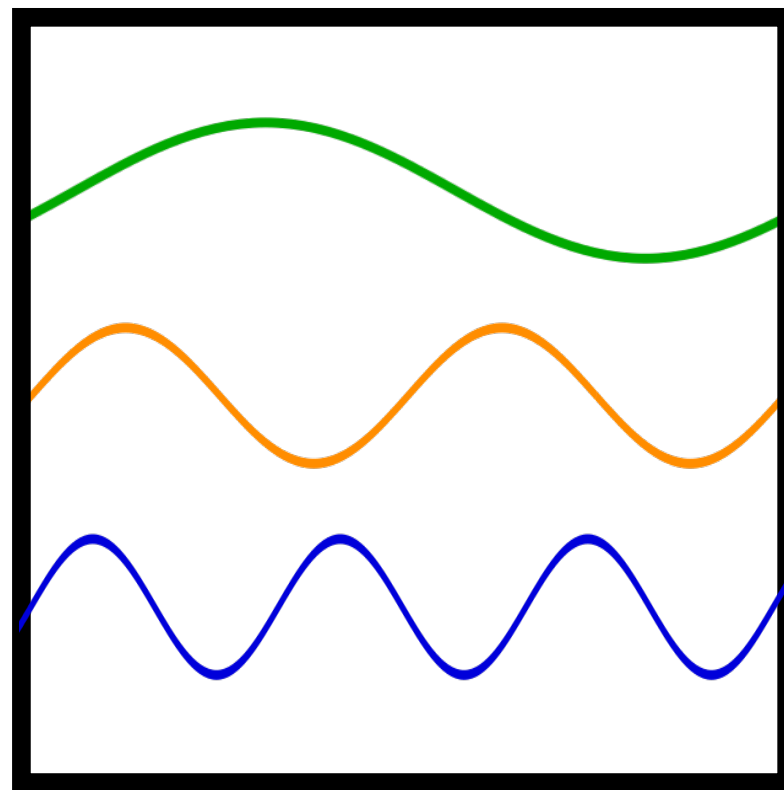
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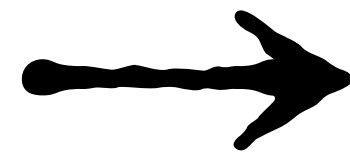
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In general a problem of Quantum Field Theory in finite volume

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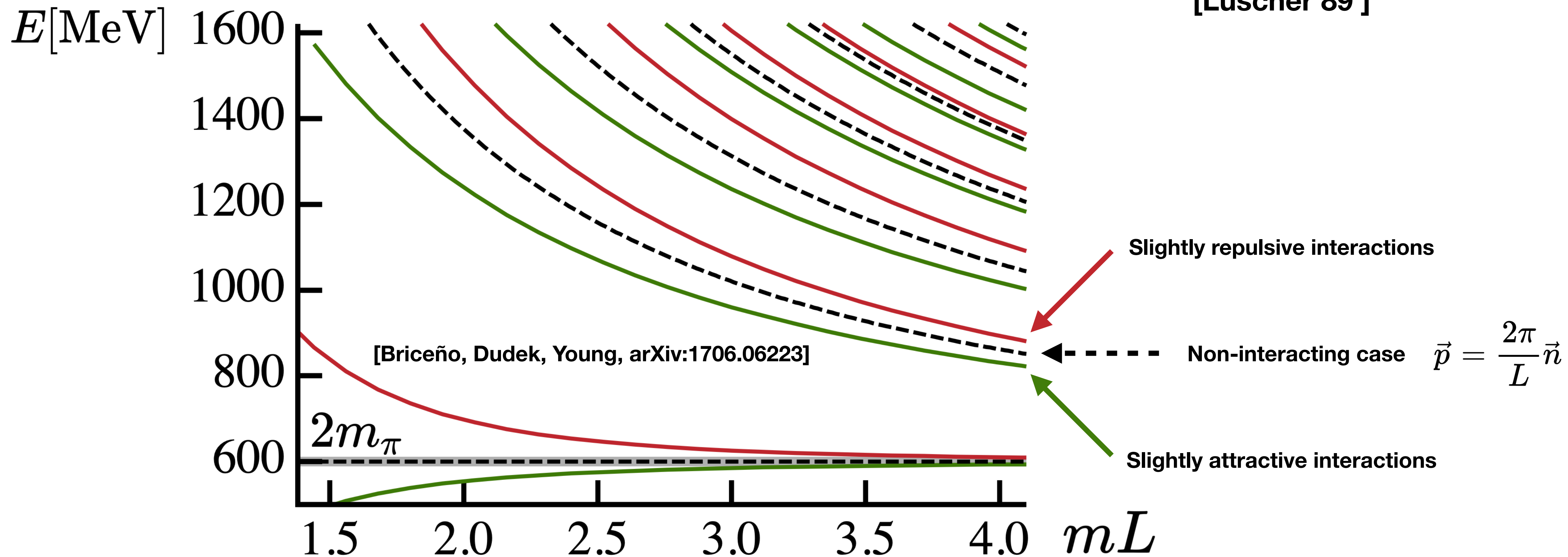
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# Key insight

Volume dependence of finite-volume energy states contains scattering information

[Lüscher 89']



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## Strategy:

Note:  $E < E_{\text{inelastic}}$

- Compute the FV correlation to all orders in a generic EFT

- Keep only power-like FV effects

$$\left[ \sum_{\vec{k}} - \int d^3k \right] f(\vec{k})$$

$f(\vec{k})$  is regular:  $e^{-m_\pi L}$

$f(\vec{k})$  with poles:  $1/L^n$

- Find location of poles in the finite-volume correlator

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[à la Kim, Sachrajda, Sharpe]

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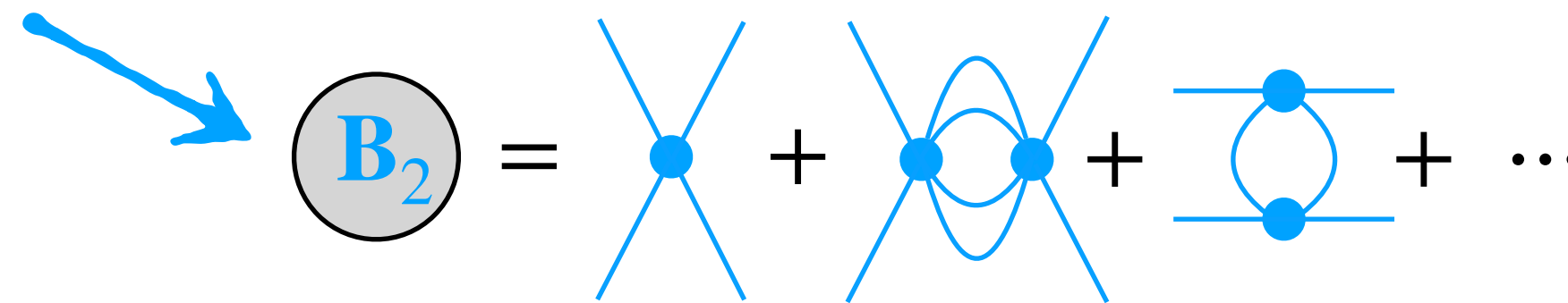
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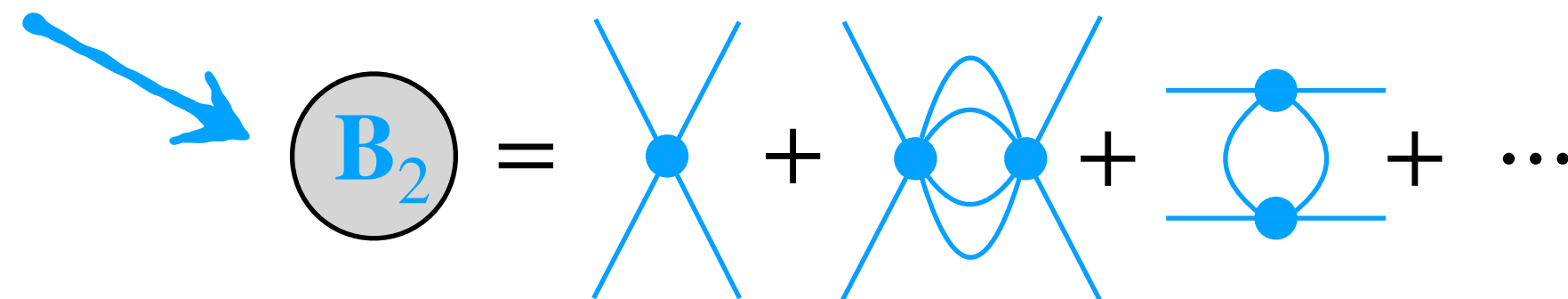
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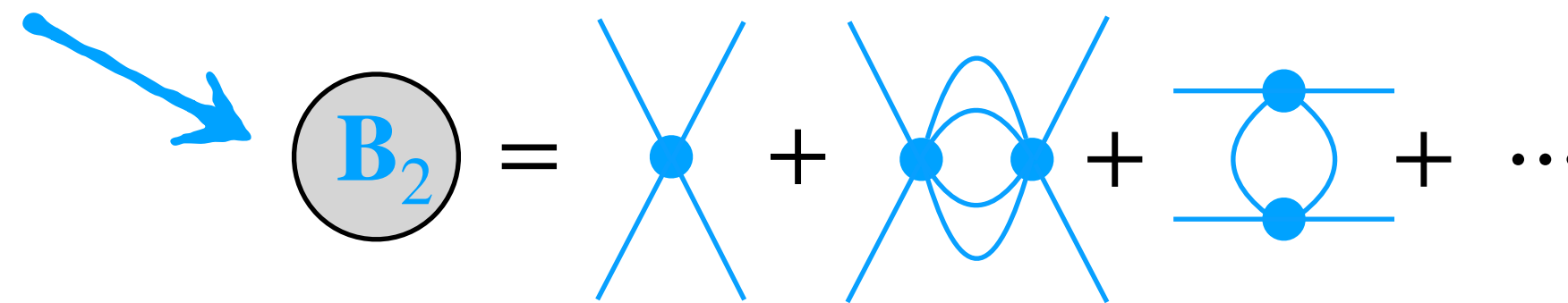
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K-matrix parametrized in terms of phase shift

$$\mathcal{K}_2^\ell = \frac{16\pi\sqrt{s}}{q^{2\ell+1} \cot \delta_\ell}$$

Two-particle Quantization Condition

$$\det_{\ell m} \left[ \underbrace{\mathcal{K}_2(E_n)}_{\text{Scattering K-Matrix}} + \underbrace{F^{-1}(E_n, \vec{P}, L)}_{\text{Known kinematic function}} \right] = 0$$

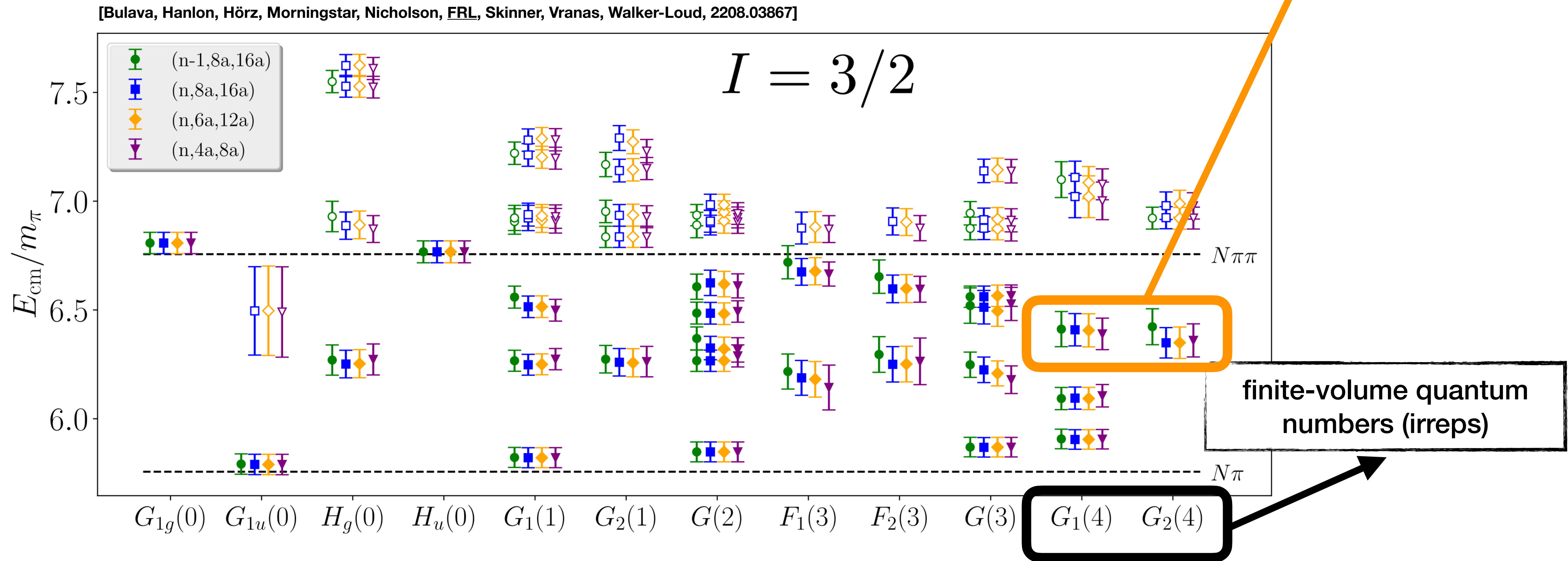
Finite-volume information

$$F_{00}(q^2) \sim \left[ \frac{1}{L^3} \sum_{\vec{k}} - \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \right] \frac{1}{k^2 - q^2}$$

! Note: only valid for two particles below inelastic thresholds.

# Example: $\pi N$ scattering

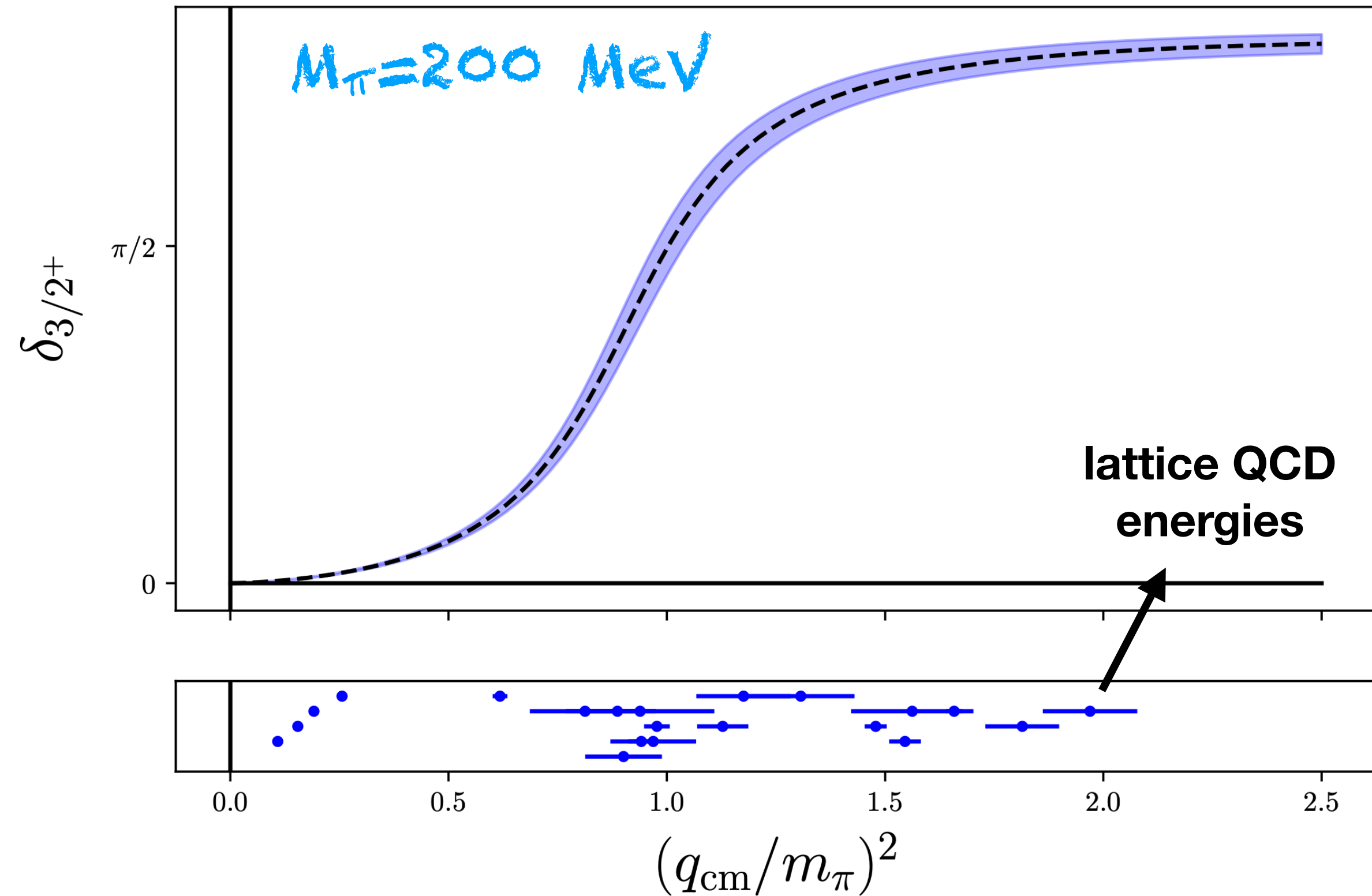
Key ingredient: reliable variational extractions of the lattice QCD energy levels: **GEVP + stability**



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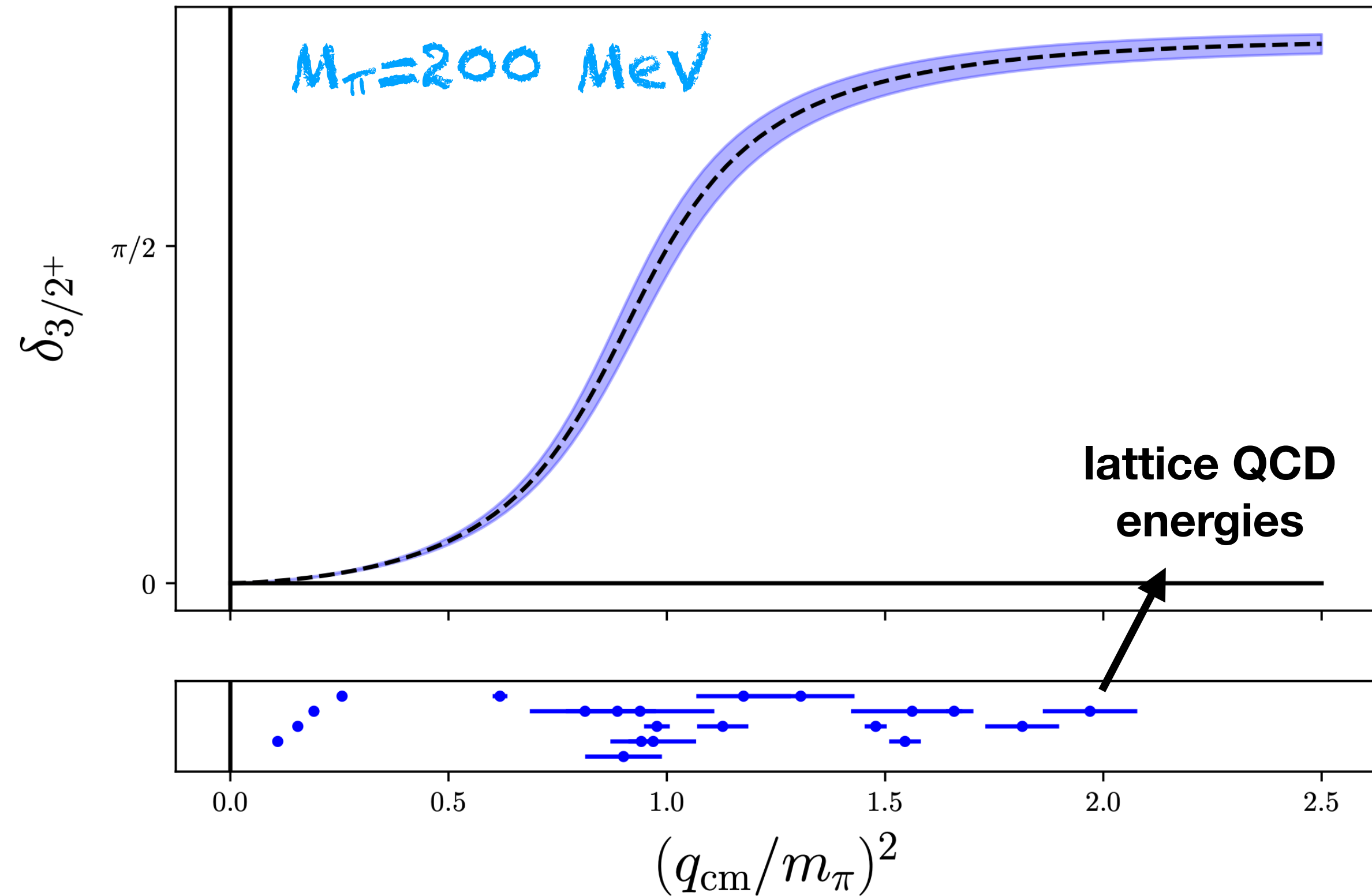
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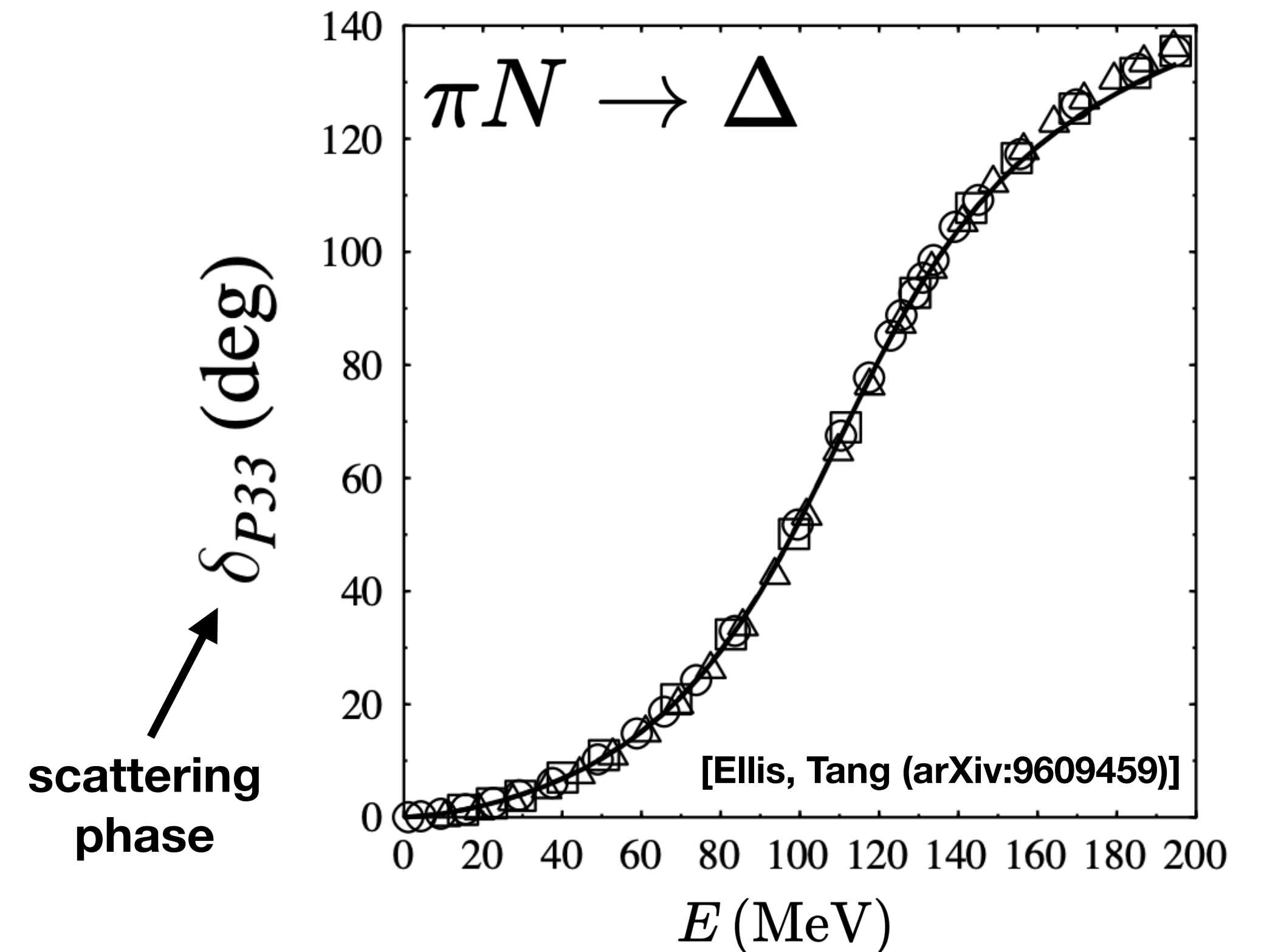
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Experiment



# The three-hadron frontier

- The two-body formalism is restricted to few interesting resonances

▶ Exotics:  $T_{cc} \rightarrow DD^*, DD\pi$

▶ Roper:  $N(1440) \rightarrow \Delta\pi \rightarrow N\pi\pi$

- Many-body nuclear physics: 3N force, tritium nucleus

- CP violation:  $K \rightarrow 3\pi, K^0 \leftrightarrow 3\pi \leftrightarrow \bar{K}^0$

- ☑ Major developments in the three-particle finite-volume formalism

[Hansen, Sharpe, PRD 2014 & 2015], [Hammer, Pang, Rusetsky, JHEP 2017] x 2

[Mai, Döring, EPJA 2017]

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Resonance	$I_{\pi\pi\pi}$	$J^P$
$\omega(782)$	0	$1^-$
$h_1(1170)$	0	$1^+$
$\omega_3(1670)$	0	$3^-$
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$a_1(1260)$	1	$1^+$
$\pi_1(1400)$	1	$1^-$
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$a_2(1320)$	1	$2^+$
$a_4(1970)$	1	$4^+$

(with  $\geq 3\pi$  decay modes)

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Three-particle Quantization Condition for identical scalars with G-parity

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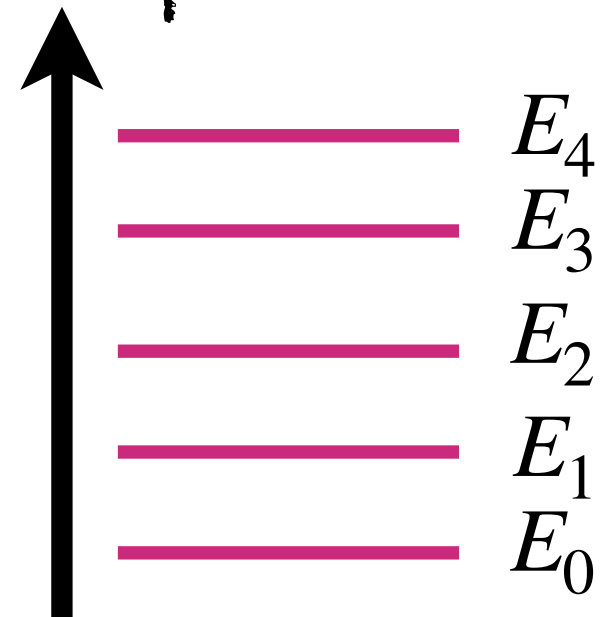
"QC3"

"Formally" similar to the two-particle case but several new features

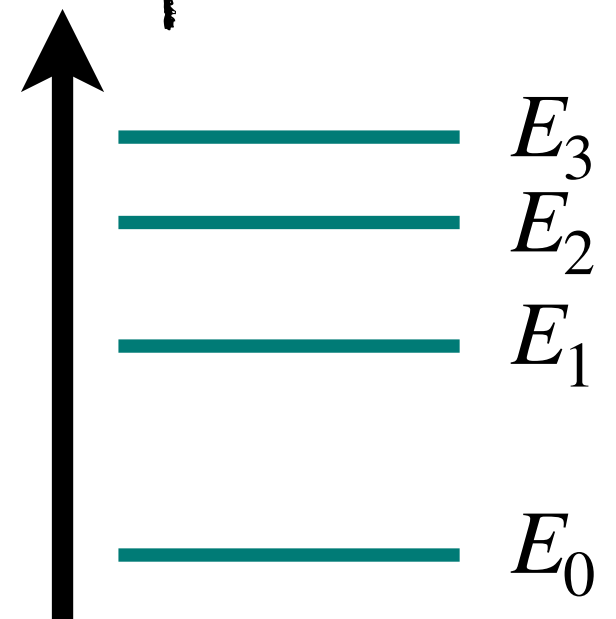
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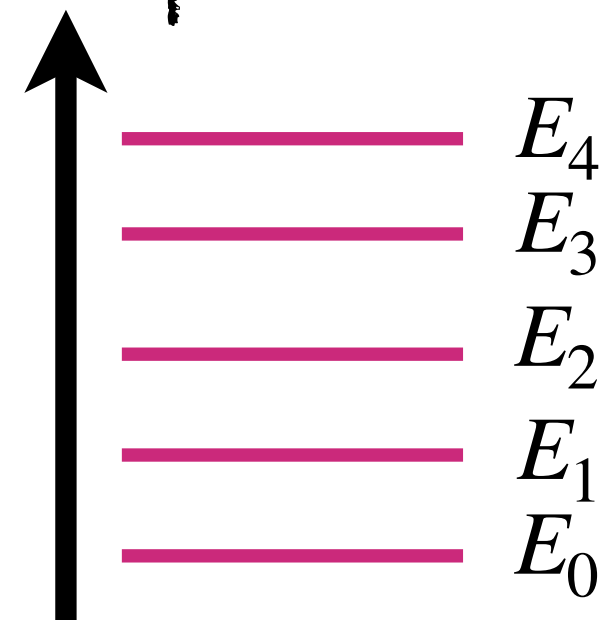
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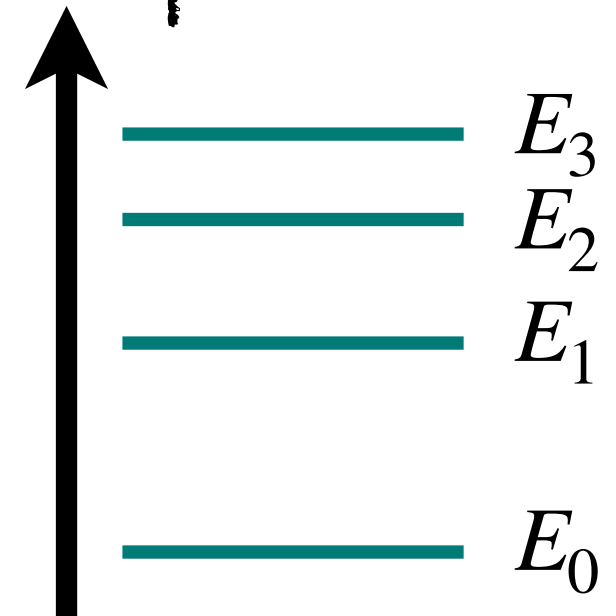
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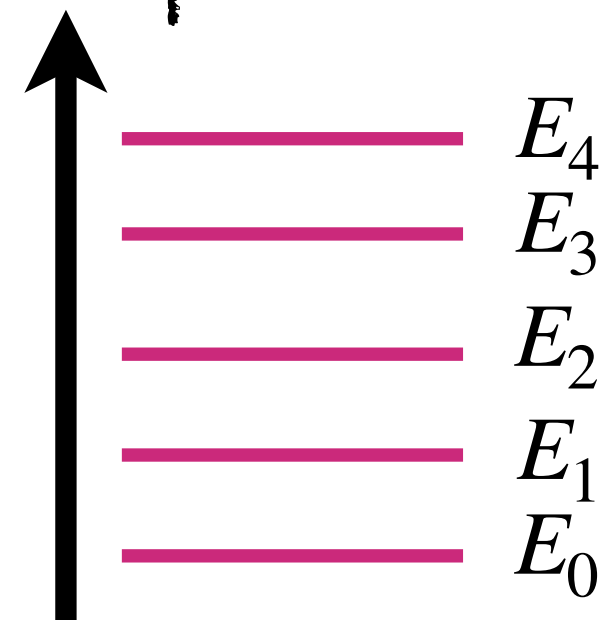


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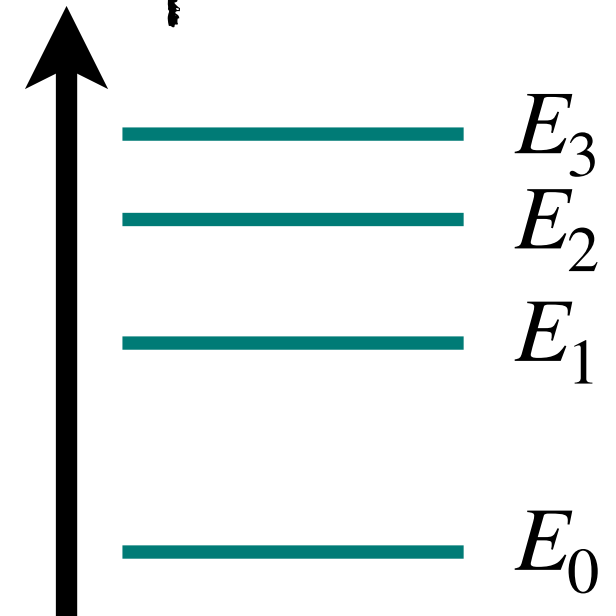
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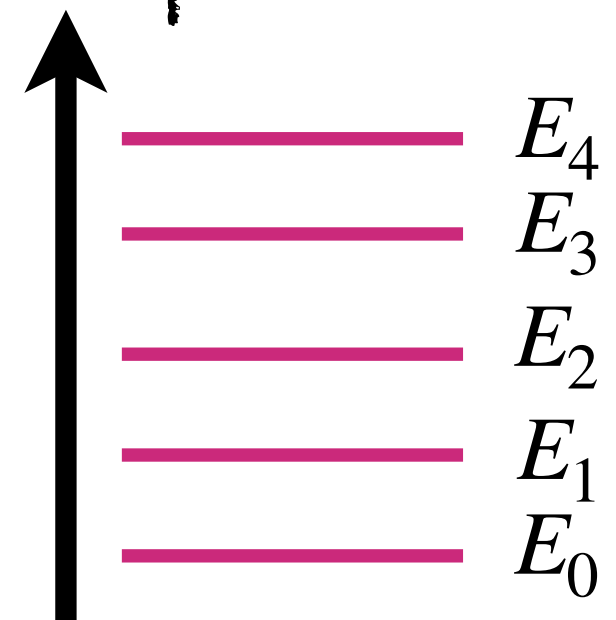
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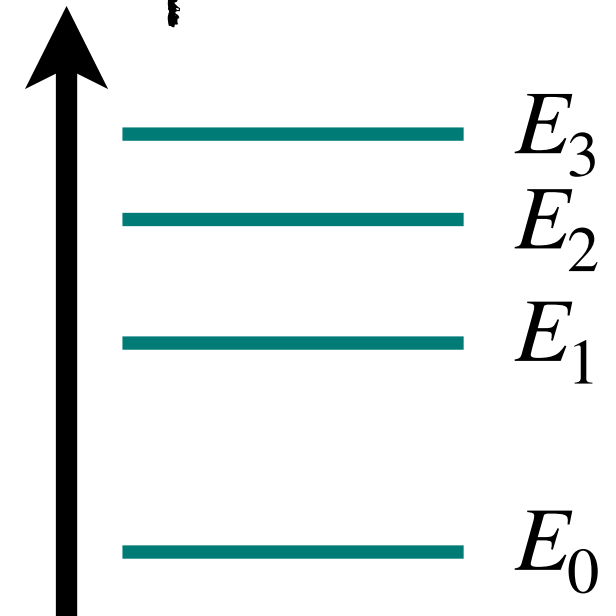
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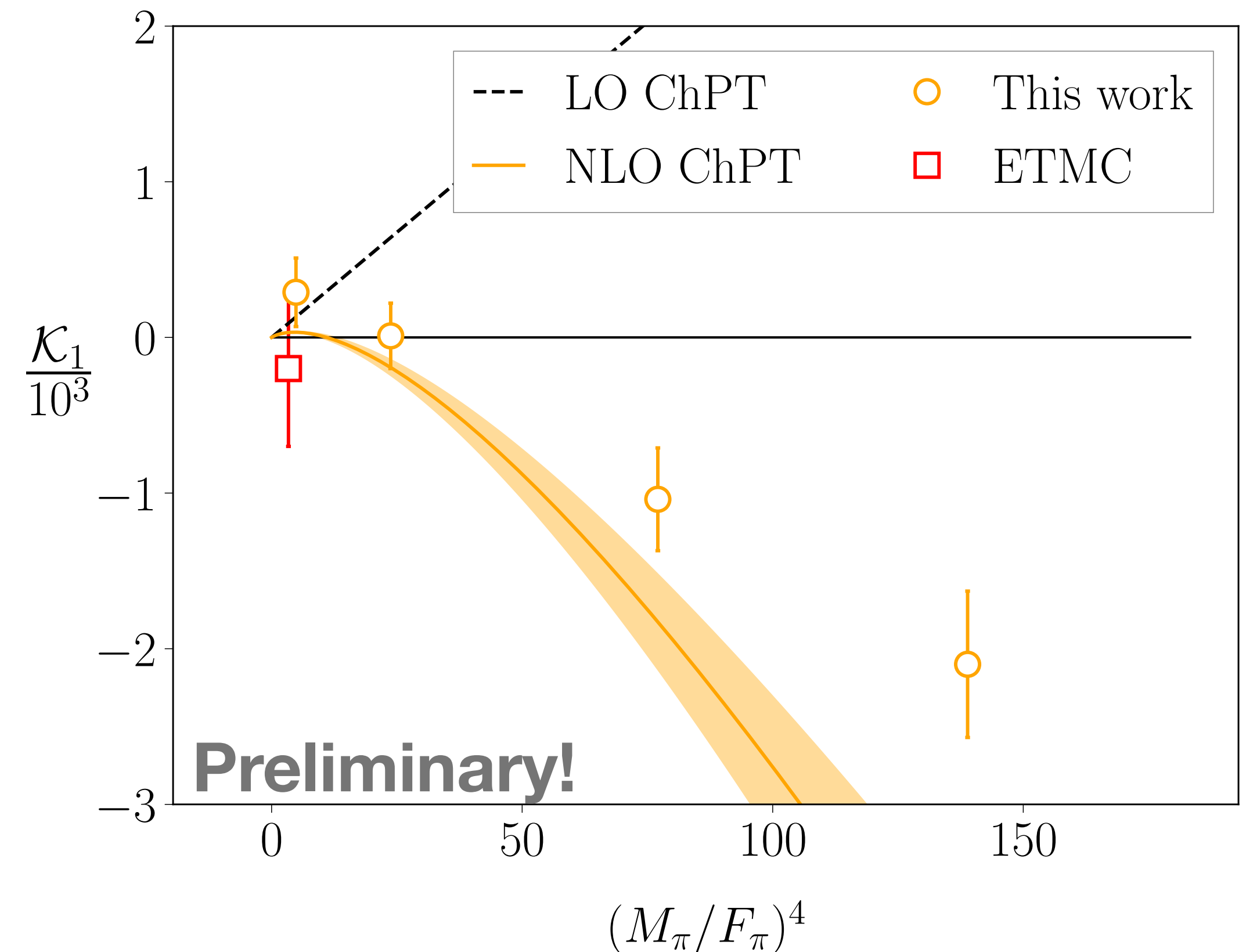
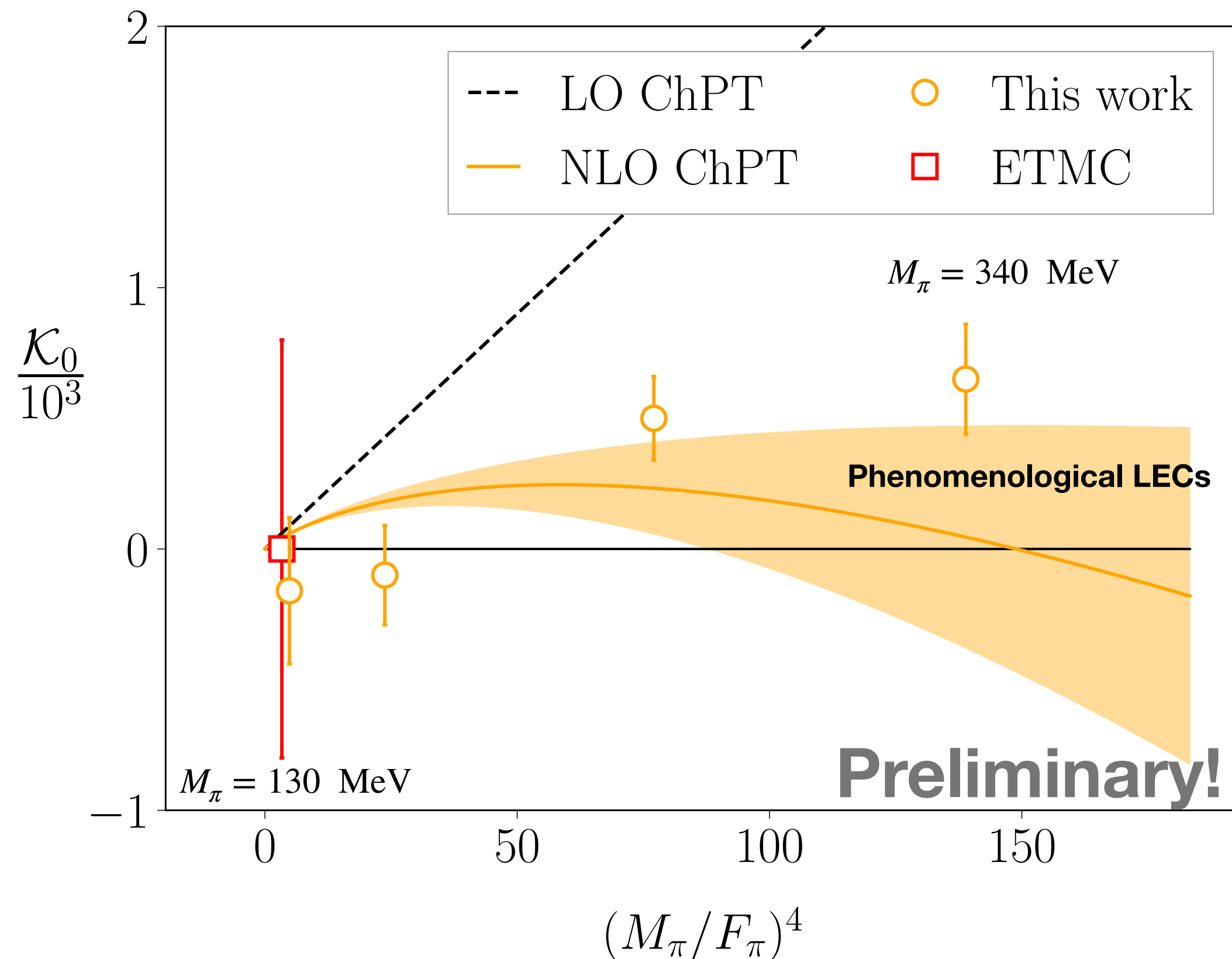
## Compare to chiral perturbation theory

NLO ChPT: [Baeza-Ballesteros, Bijns, Husek, [FRL](#), Sharpe, Sjö, JHEP 2023] [[Talk by M. Sjö @ LAT24](#)]

ETMC: [Fischer, Kostrzewa, Liu, [FRL](#), Ueding, Urbach, EPJC 2021]

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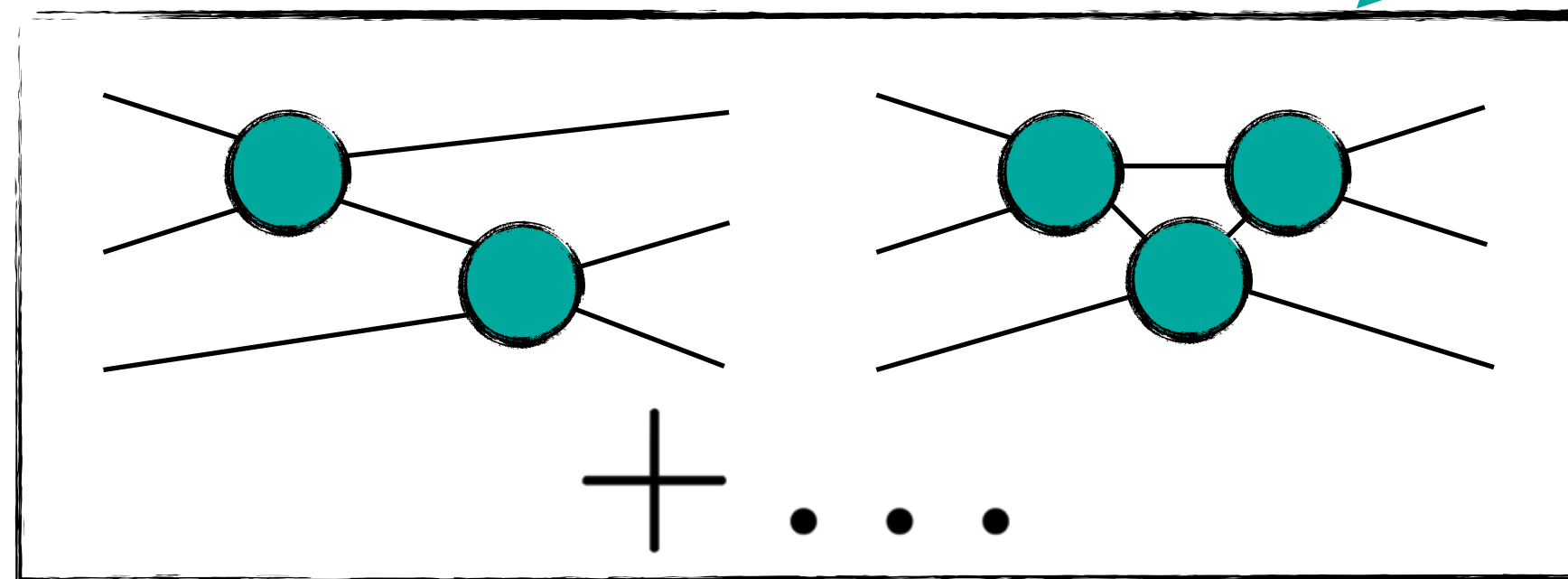


# Scattering amplitudes

- Physical amplitudes that are consistent with unitarity are obtained after solving integral equations:

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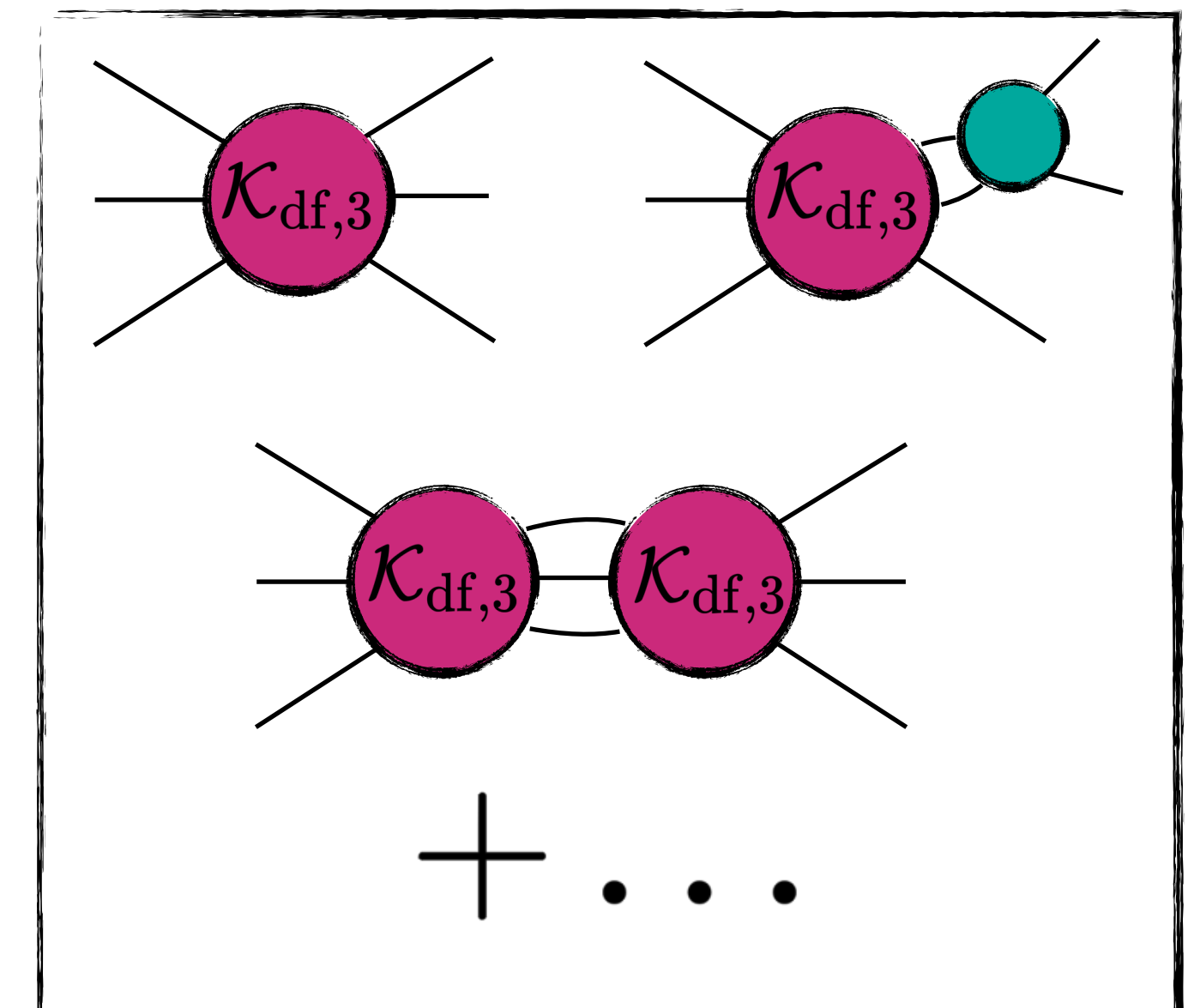
“ladder amplitude”



two-body rescattering

$$\mathcal{D} = -\mathcal{M}_2 G \mathcal{M}_2 - \int \mathcal{M}_2 G \mathcal{D}$$

“divergence-free amplitude”



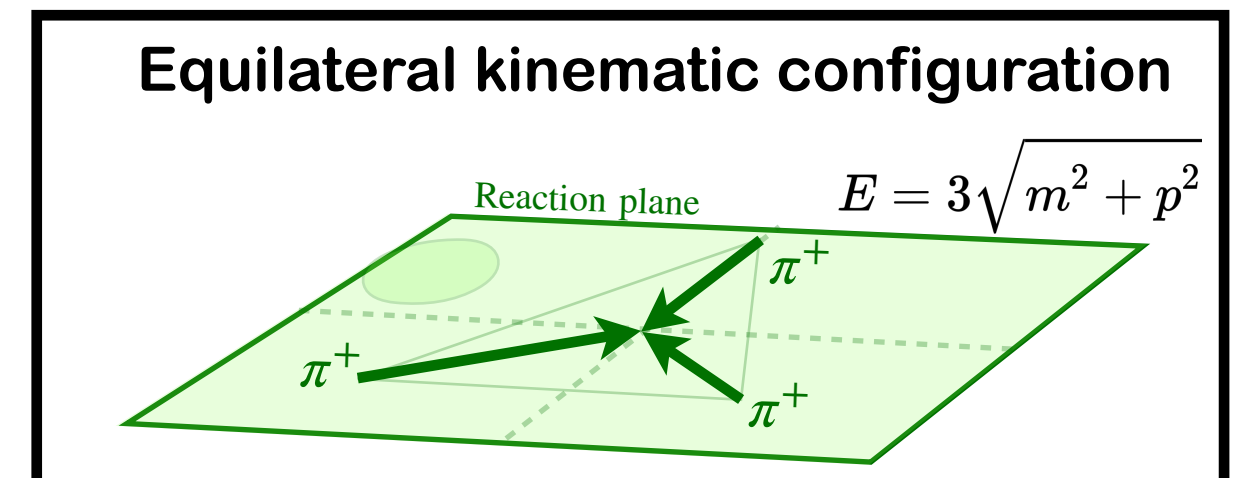
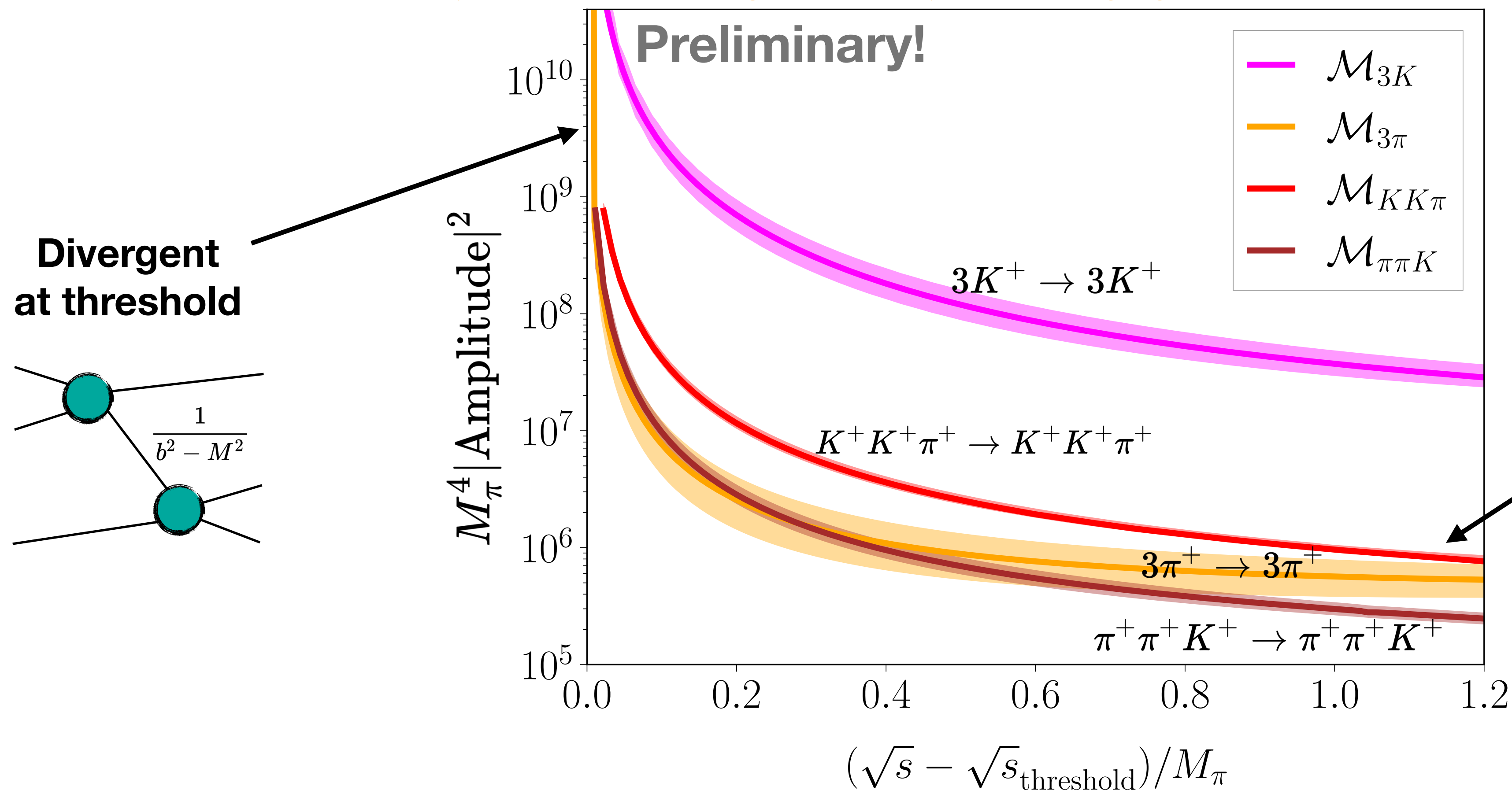
At least one  
three-body interaction



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Lattice QCD predictions for physical three-meson scattering amplitudes

[Dawid, Draper, Hanlon, Hörz, Morningstar, [FRL](#), Sharpe, Skinner, on-going work]

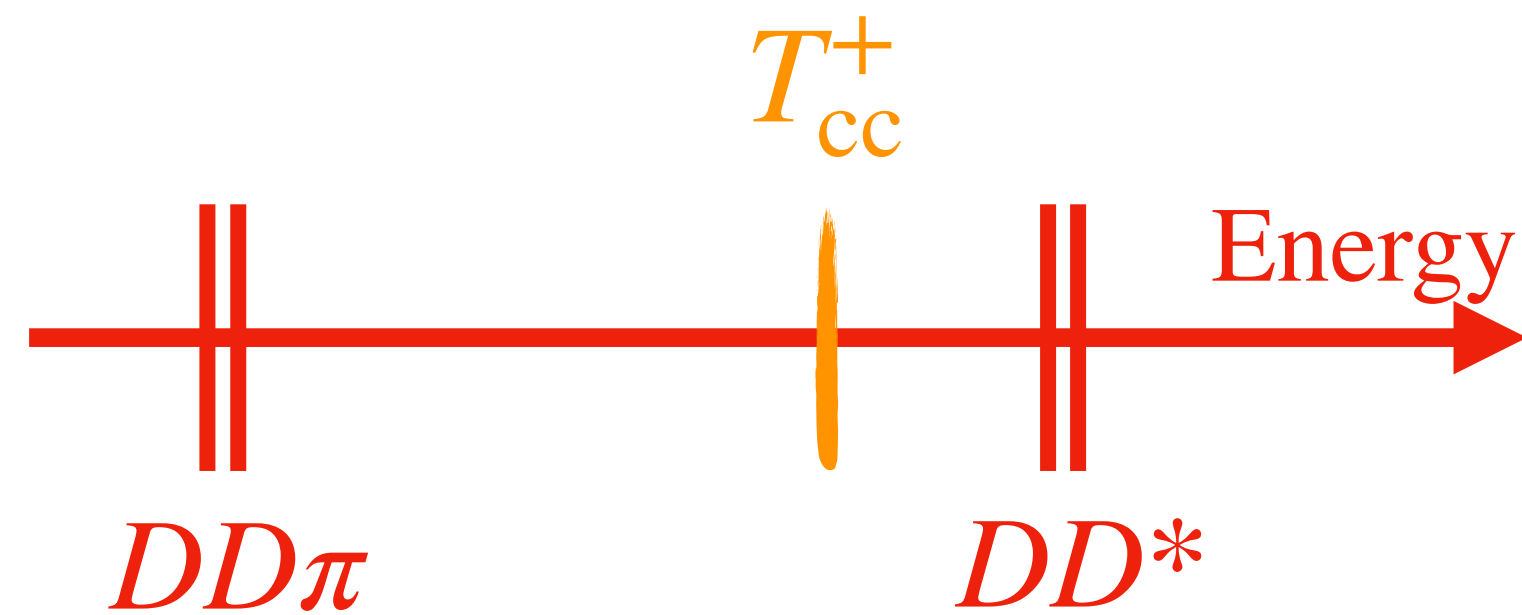


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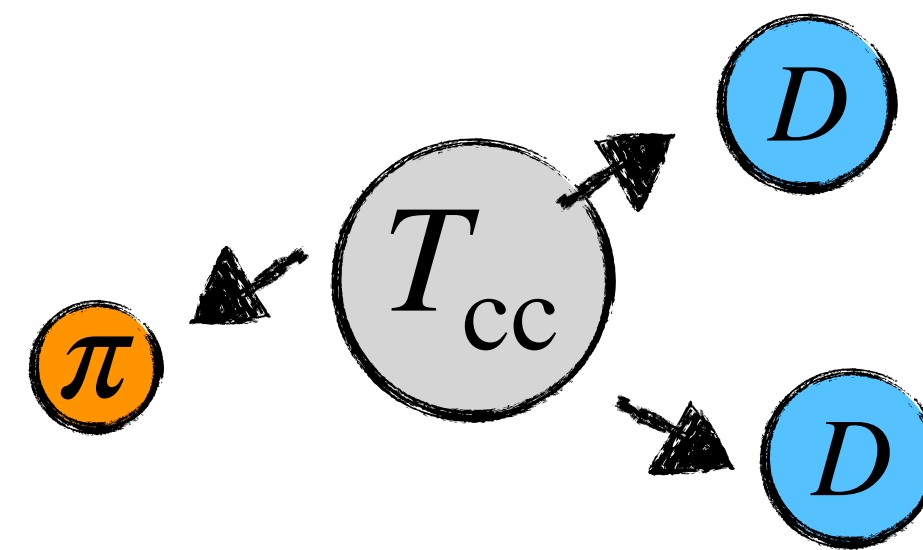
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# Doubly-charmed tetraquark

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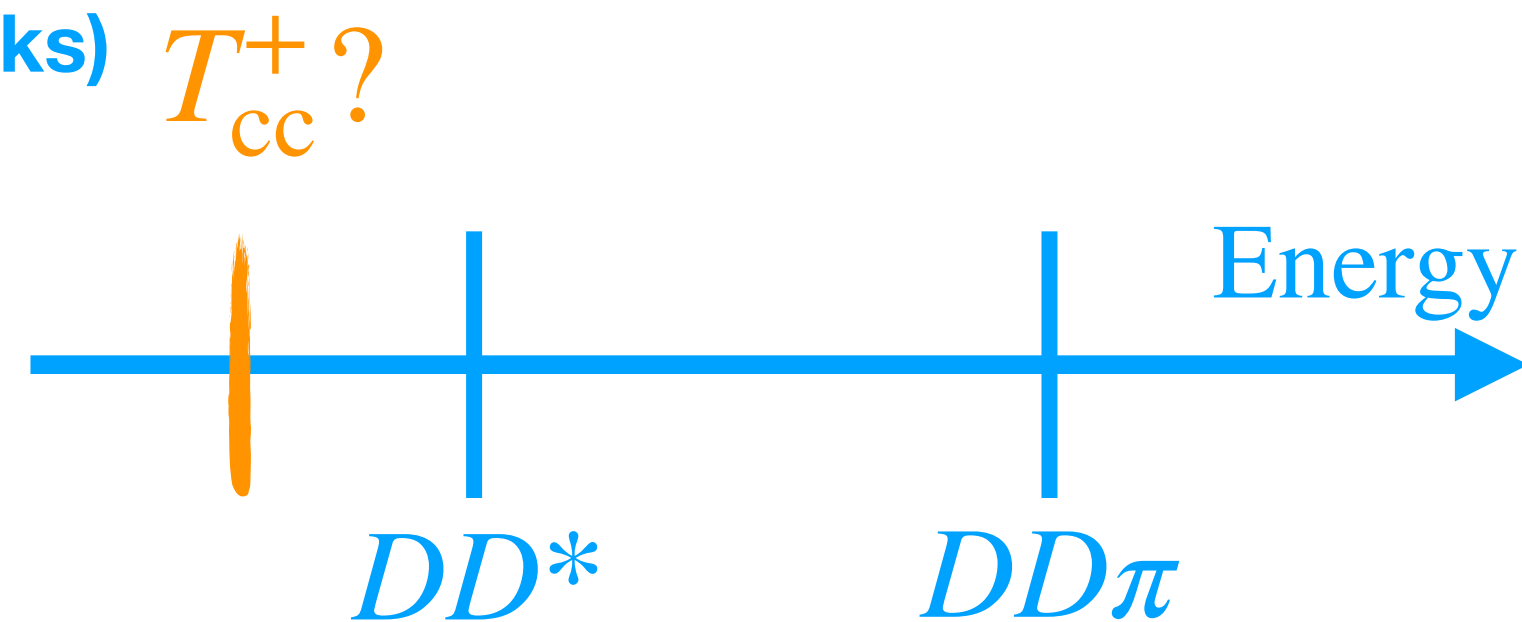


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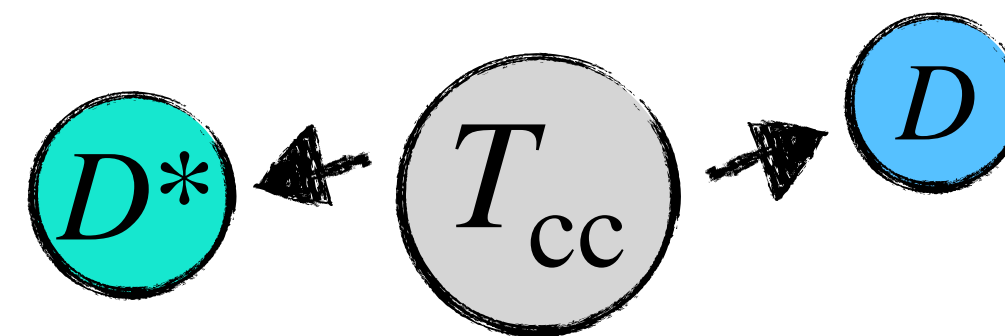


need three-body formalism!

$N_f=2+1+1$  QCD  
(heavier quarks)



► Stable  $D^*$  at slightly heavier-than-physical quark masses



suitable for the two-body finite-volume formalism?

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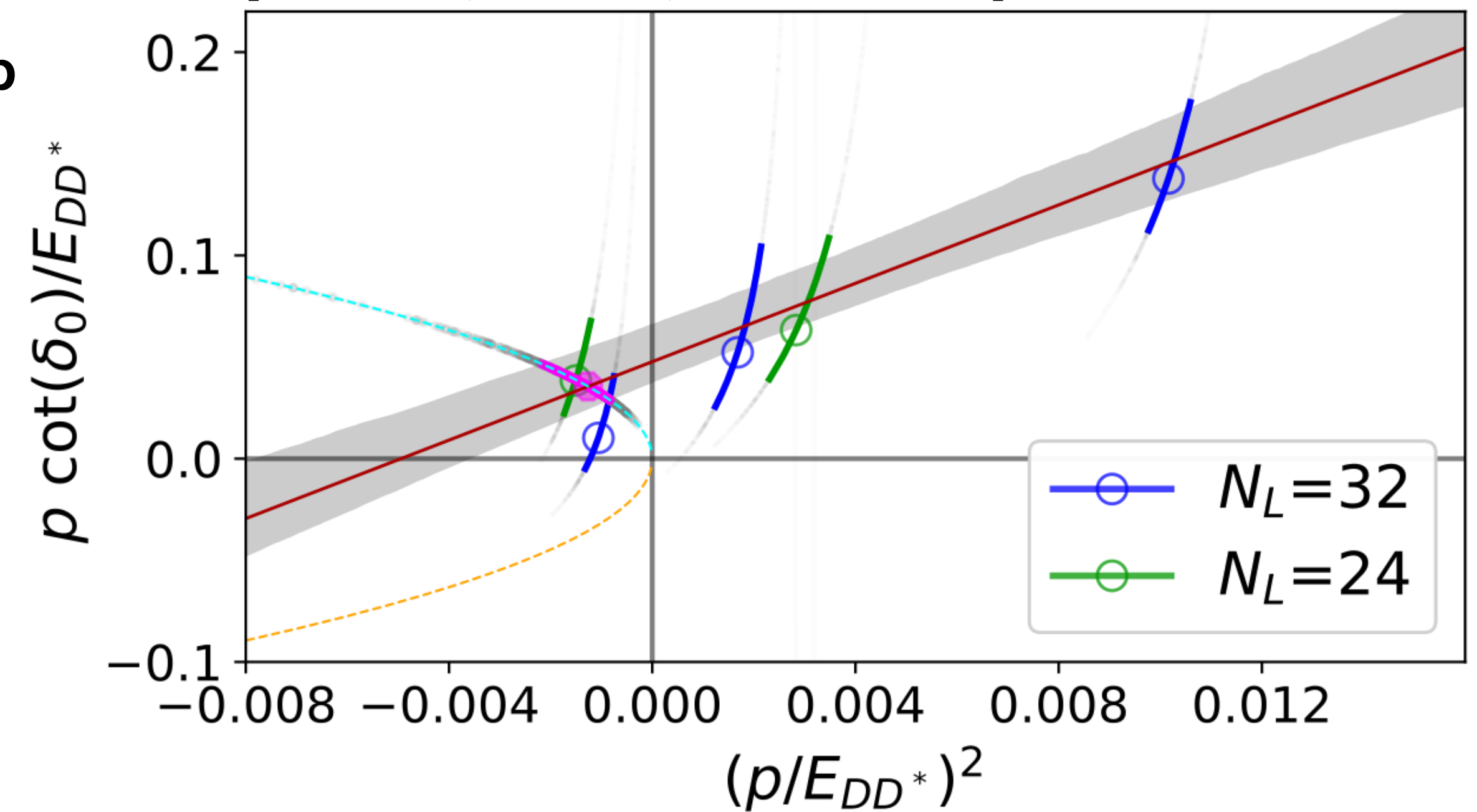
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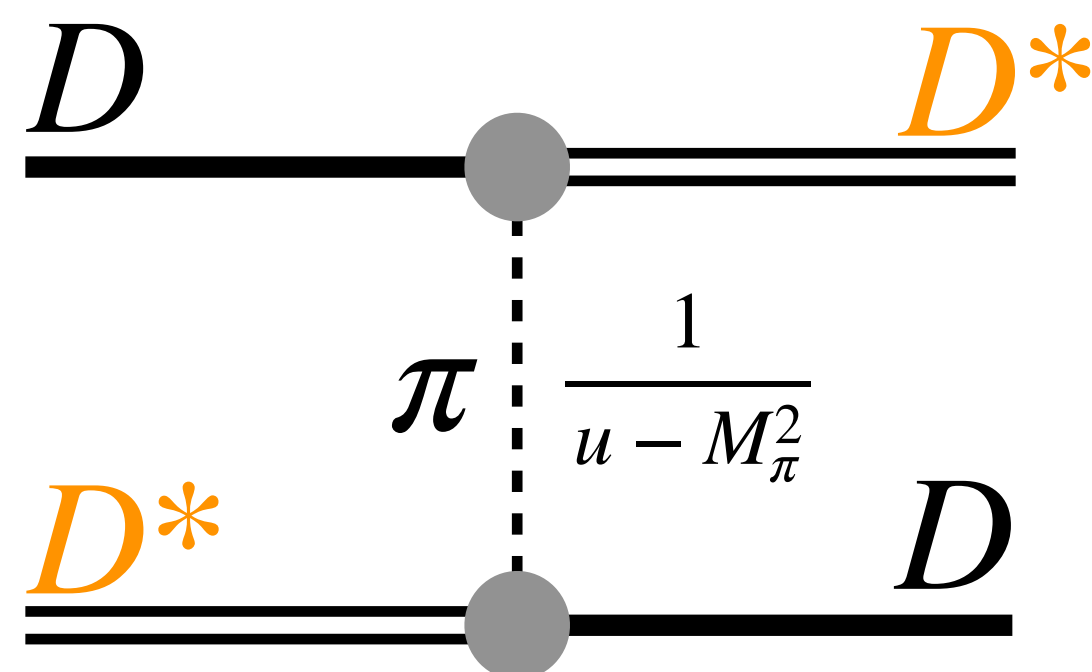
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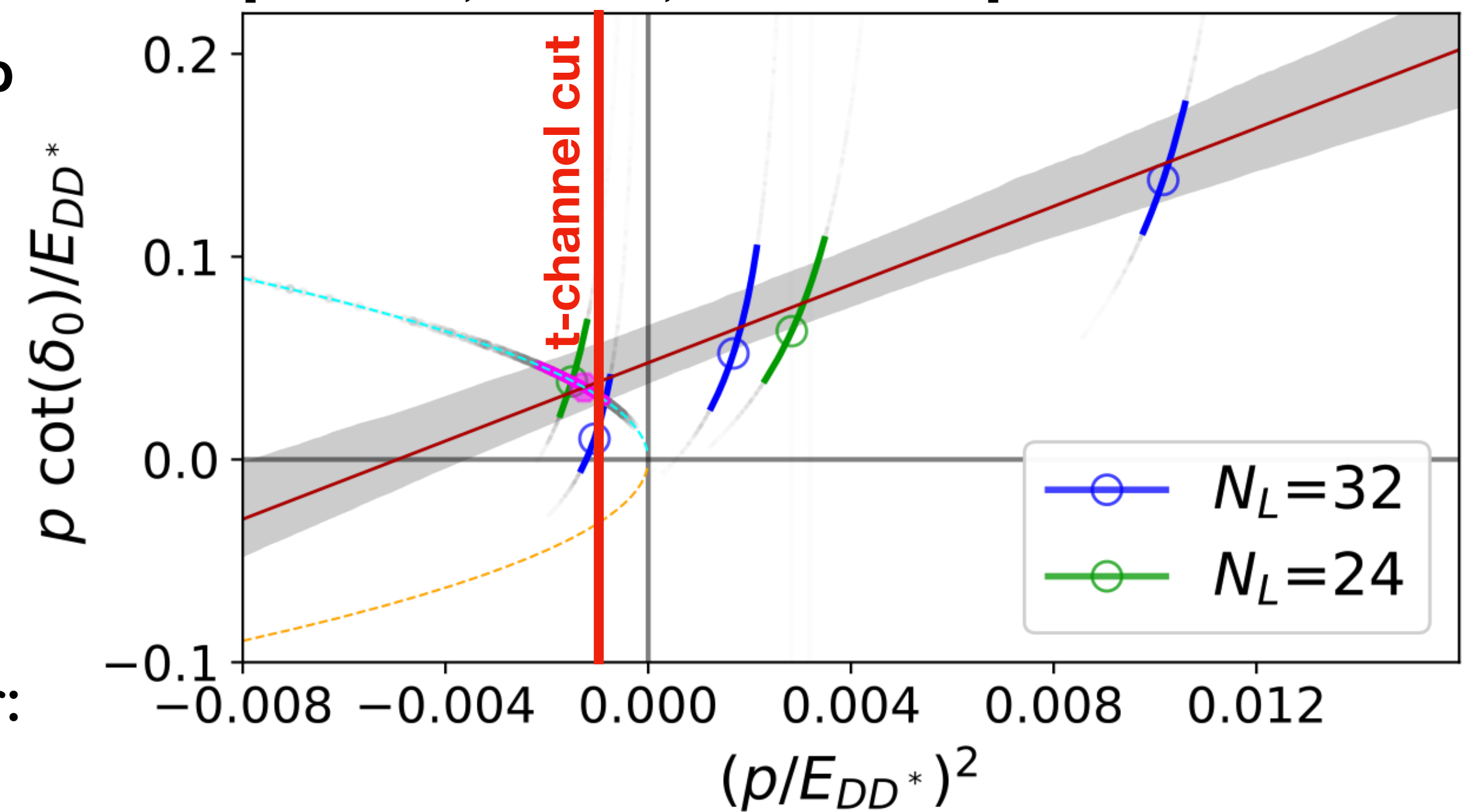
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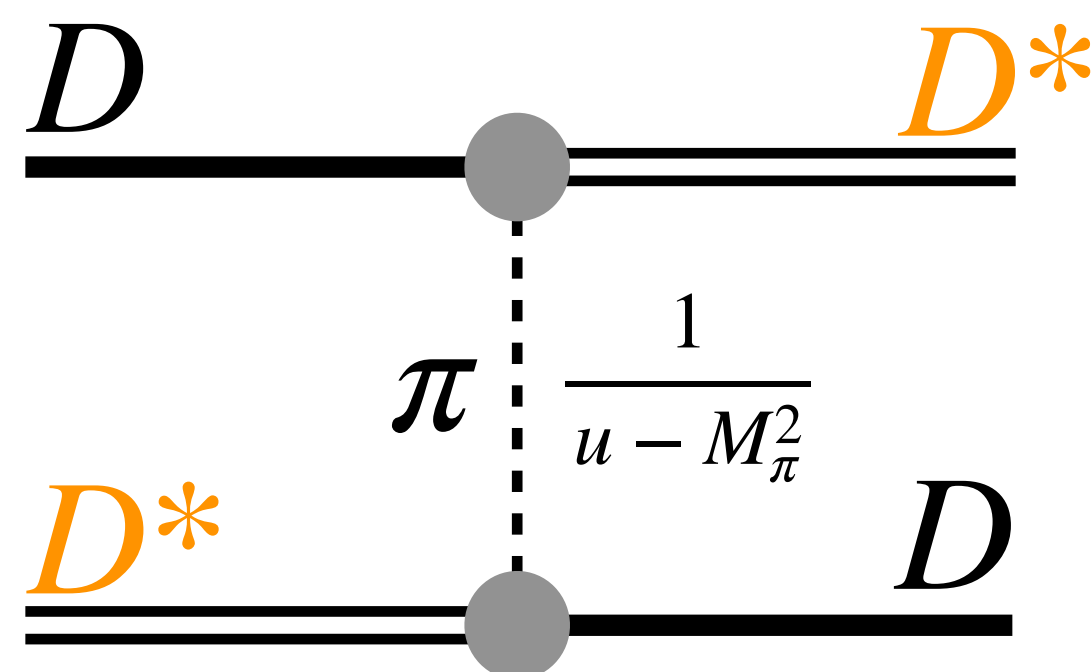
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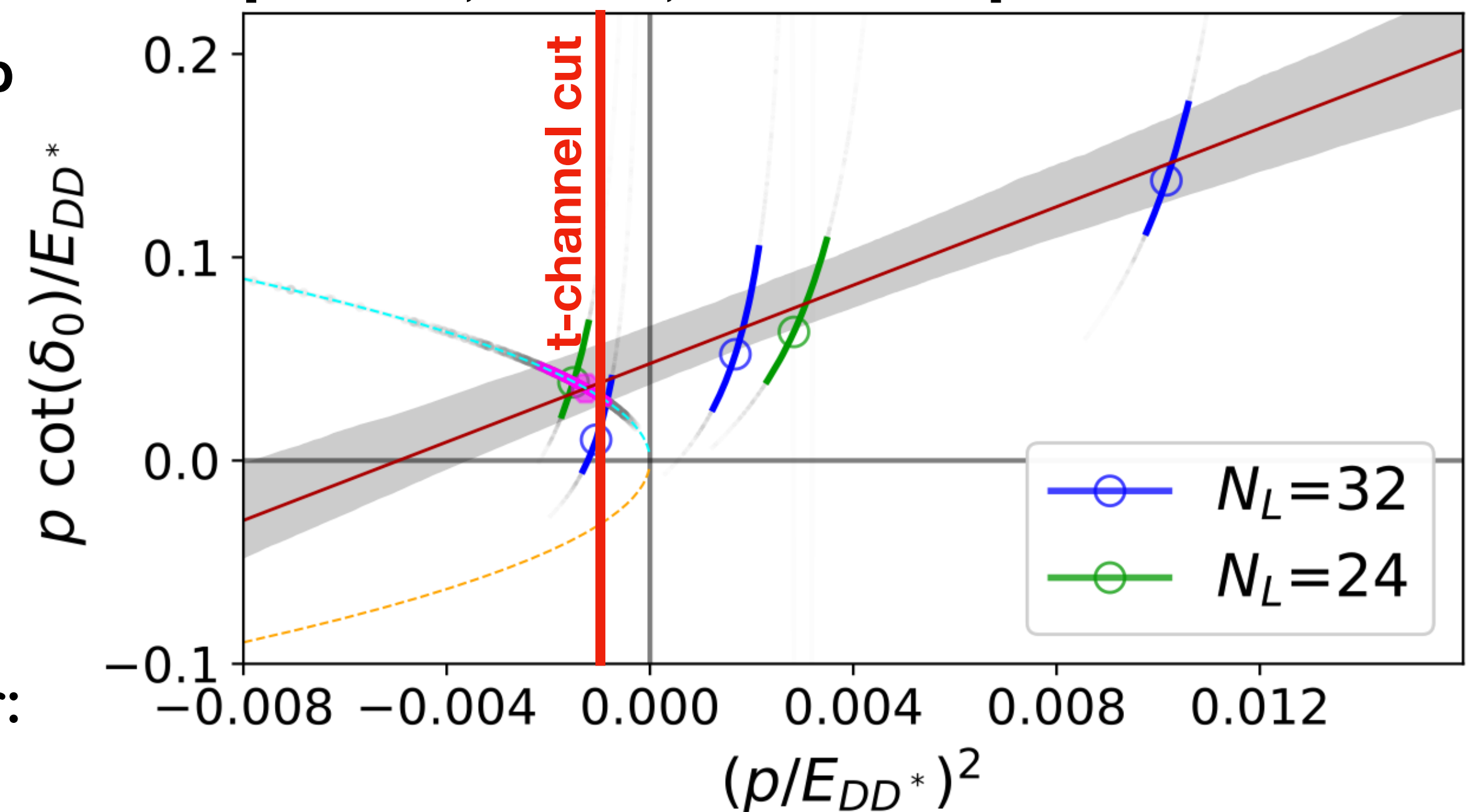
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Several solutions have been proposed [See talk by V. Baru]

[Du et al (2408.09375), Abolnikov et al. (2407.04649), Bubna et al. (2402.12985), Meng et al. (2312.01930), Raposo, Hansen (2311.18793)]

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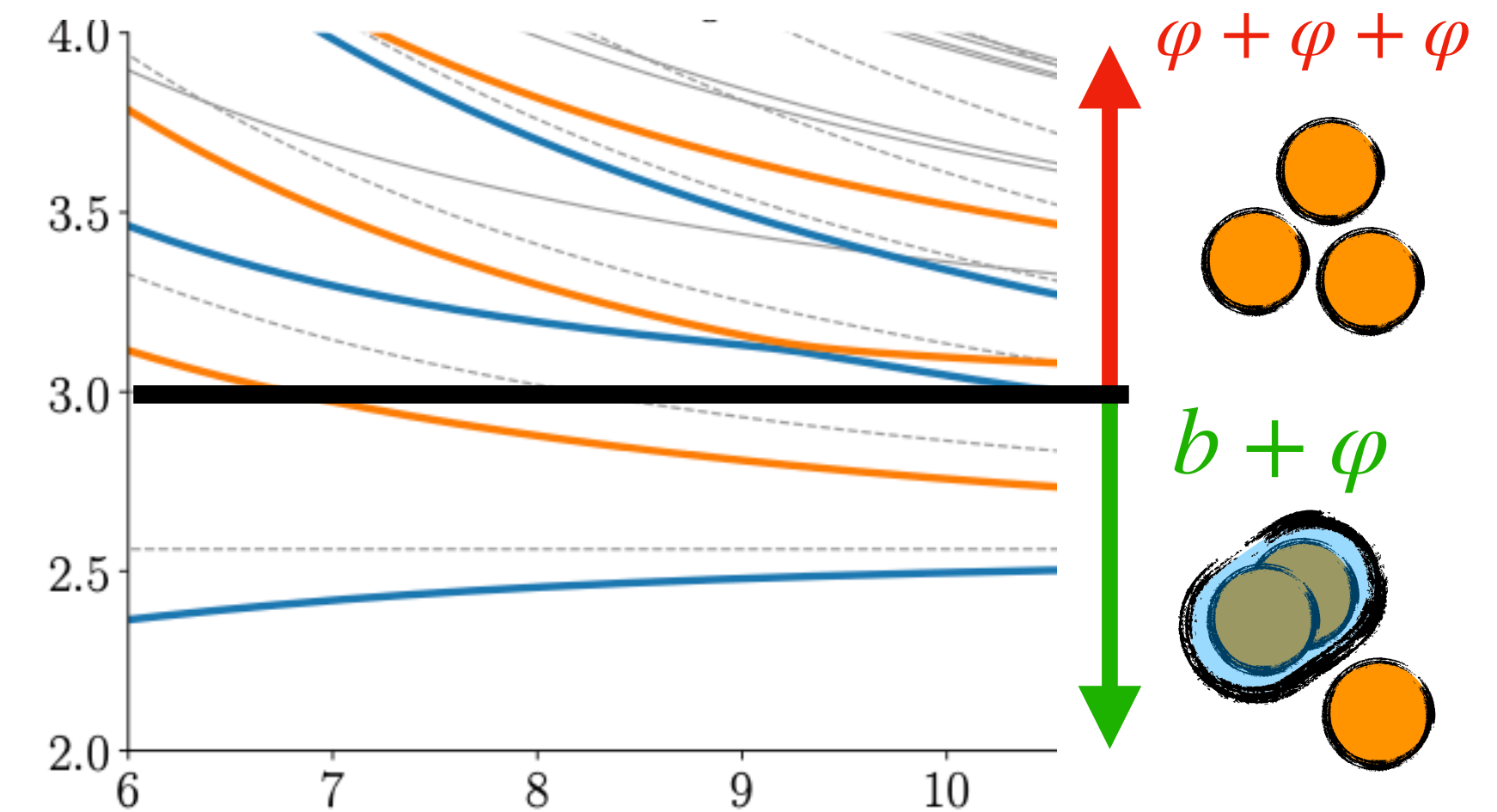
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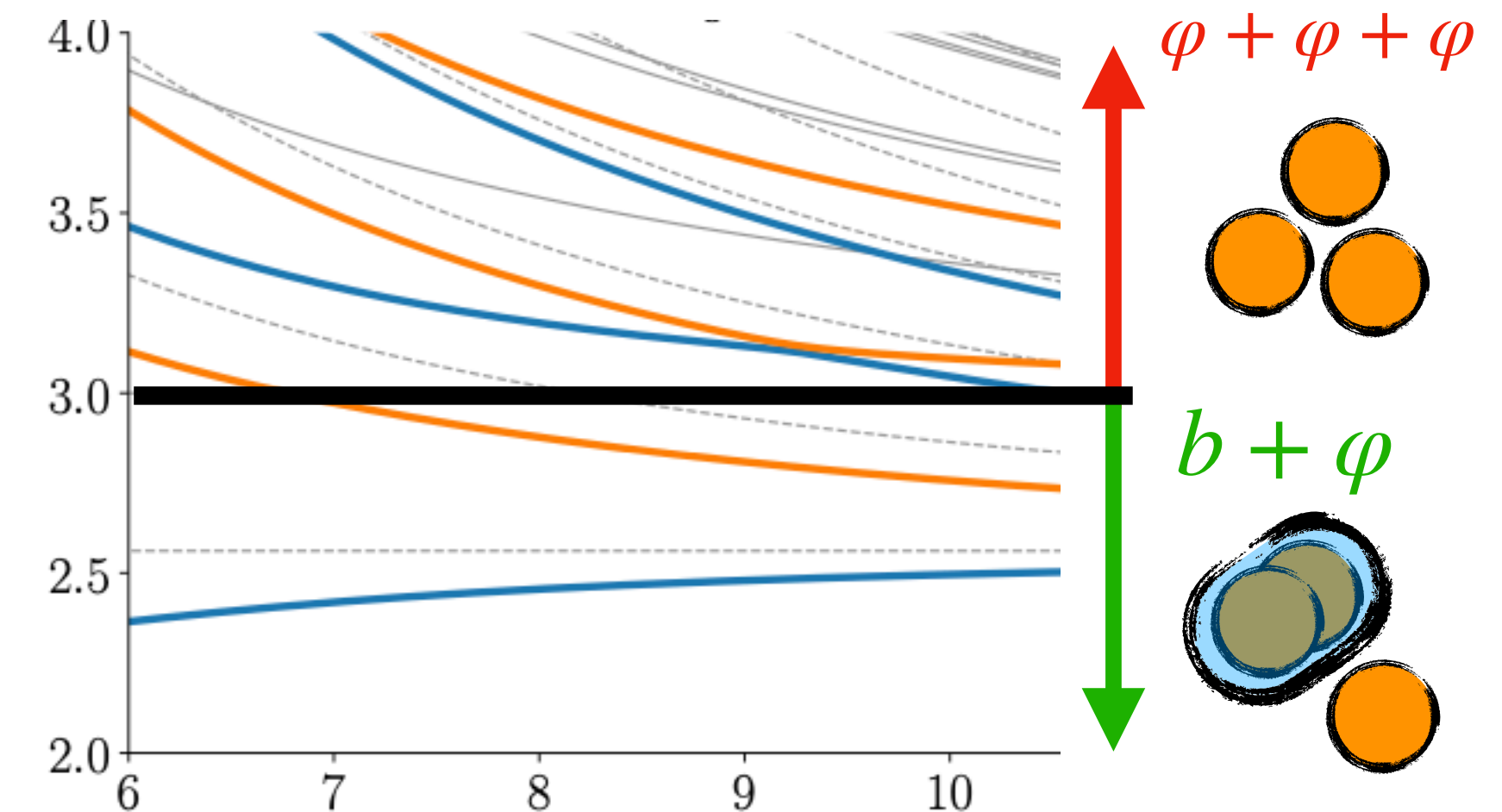
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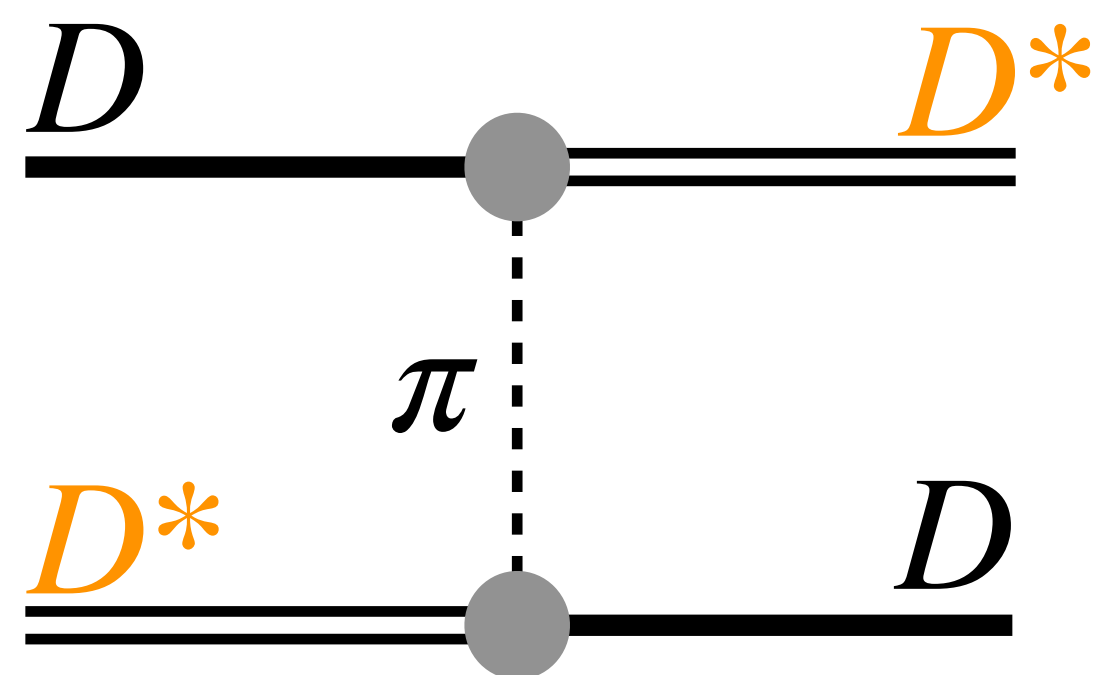
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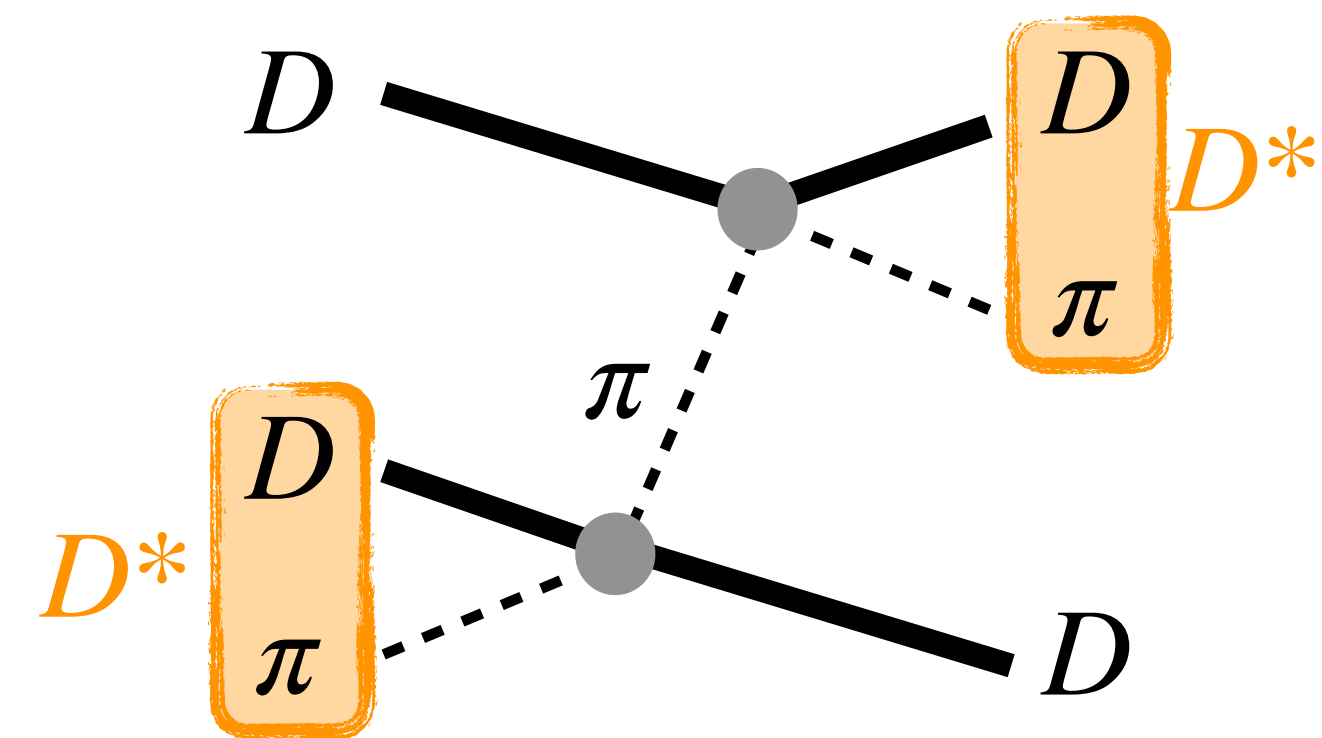


○ This **solves the left-hand cut problem**:

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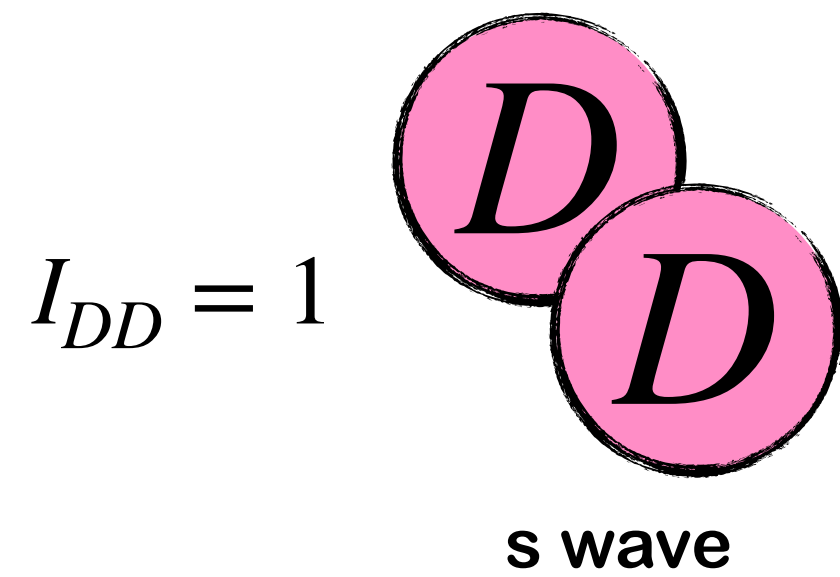
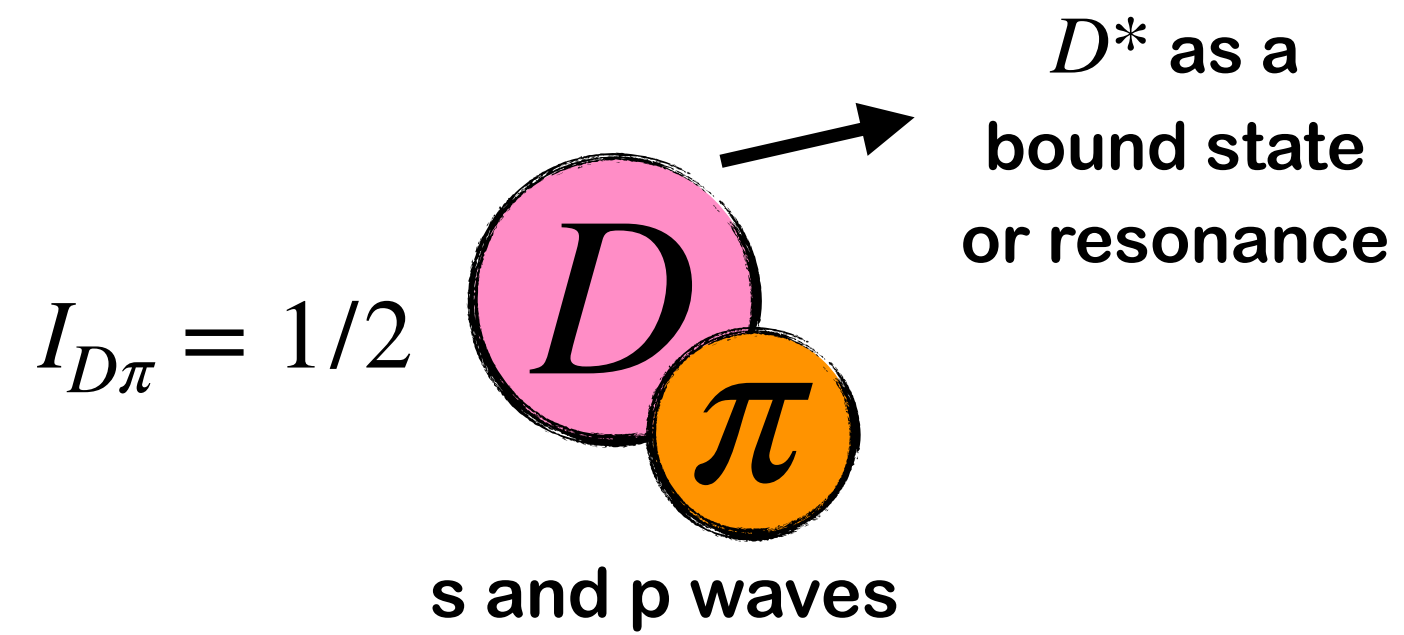
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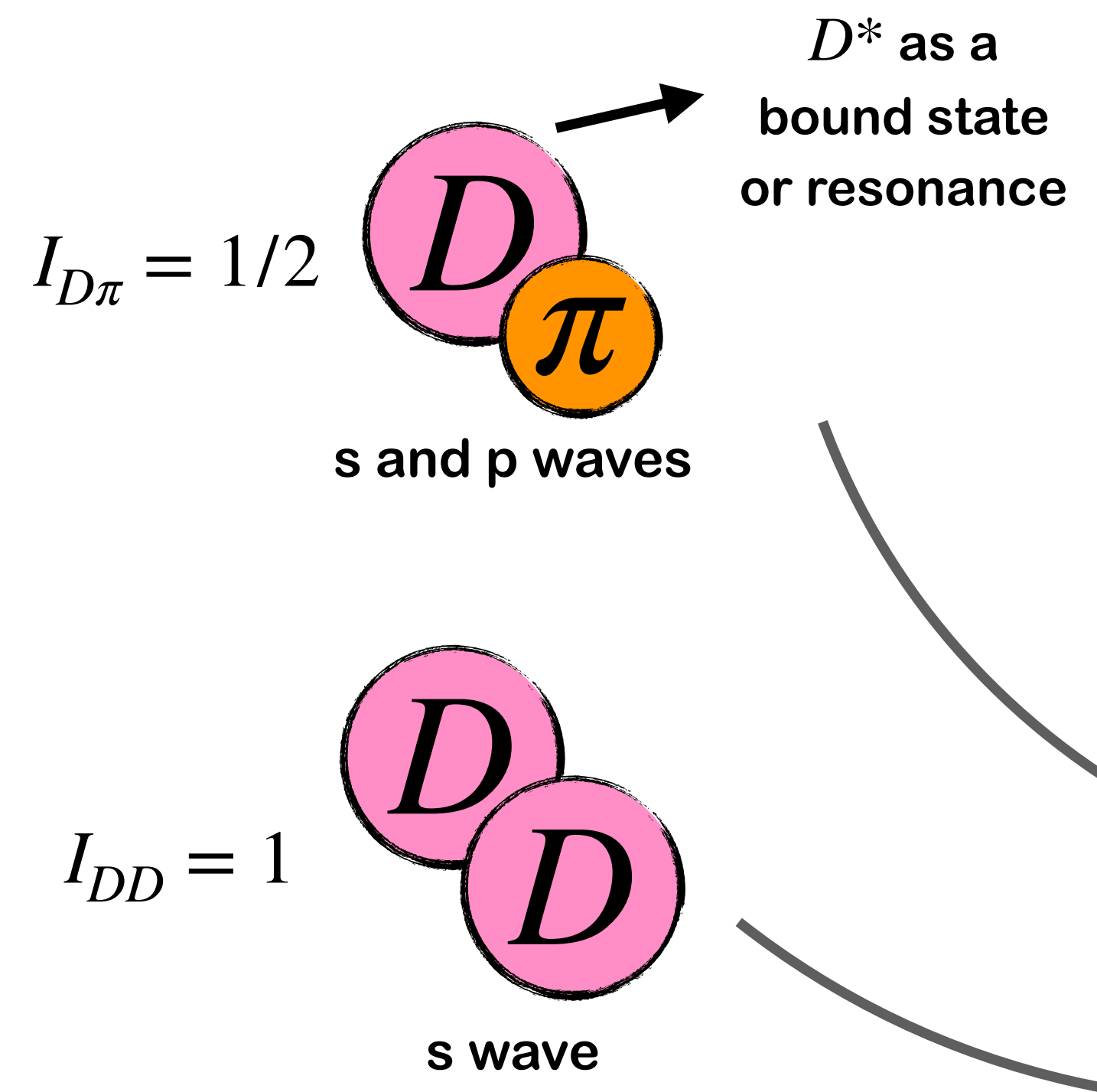




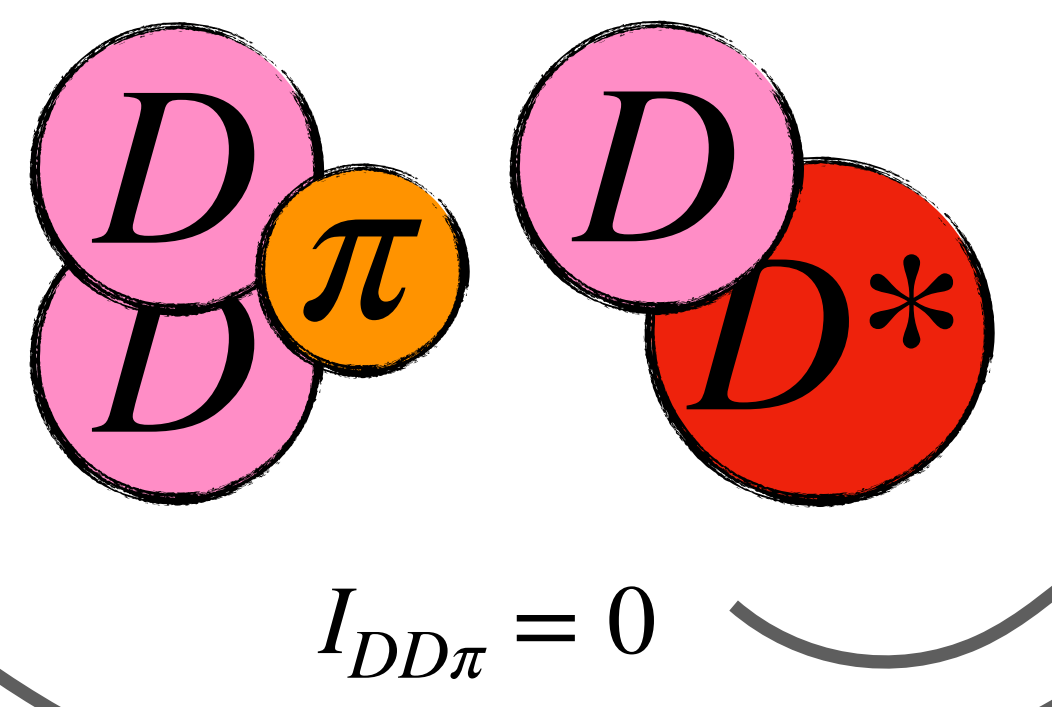
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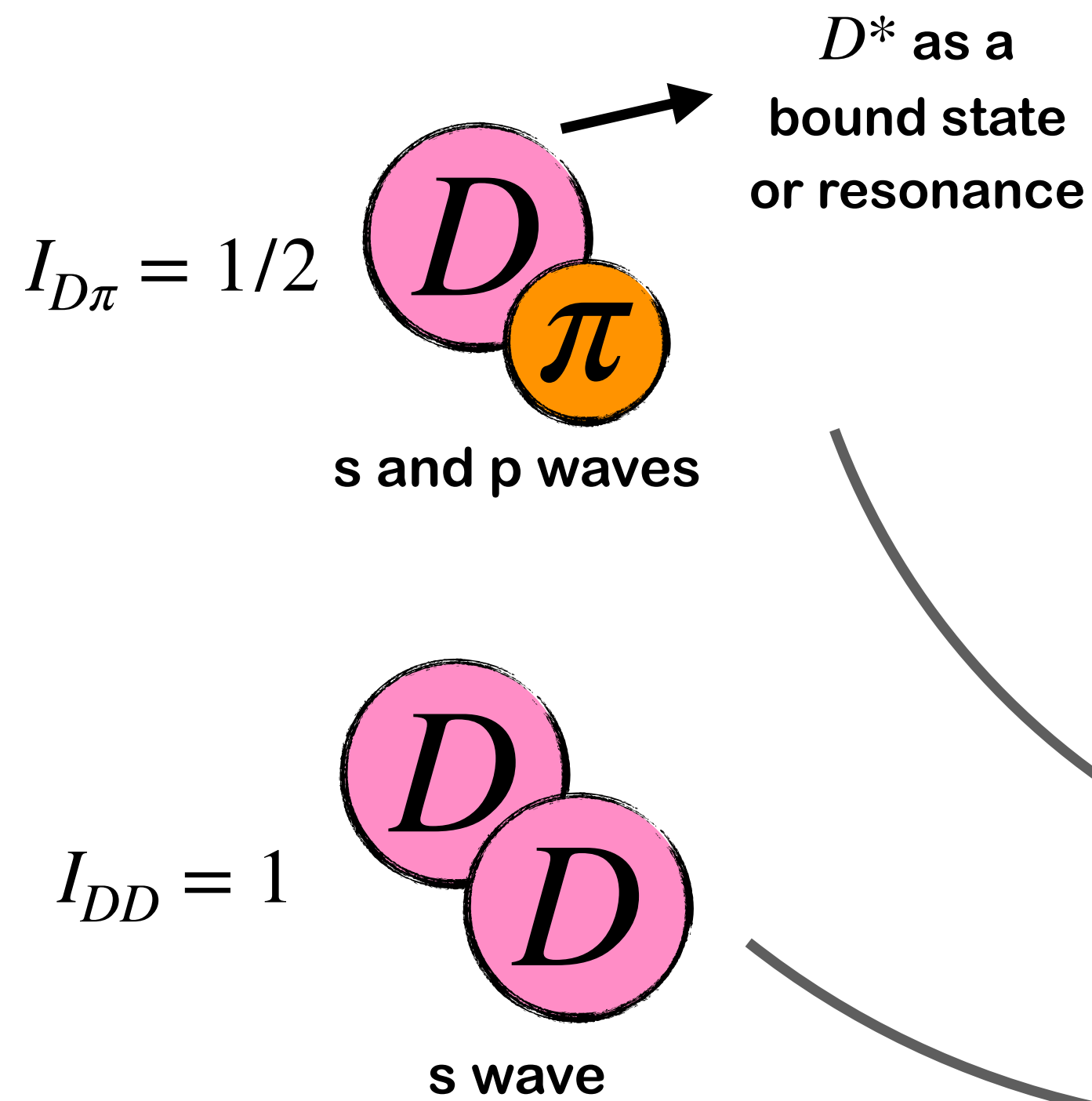
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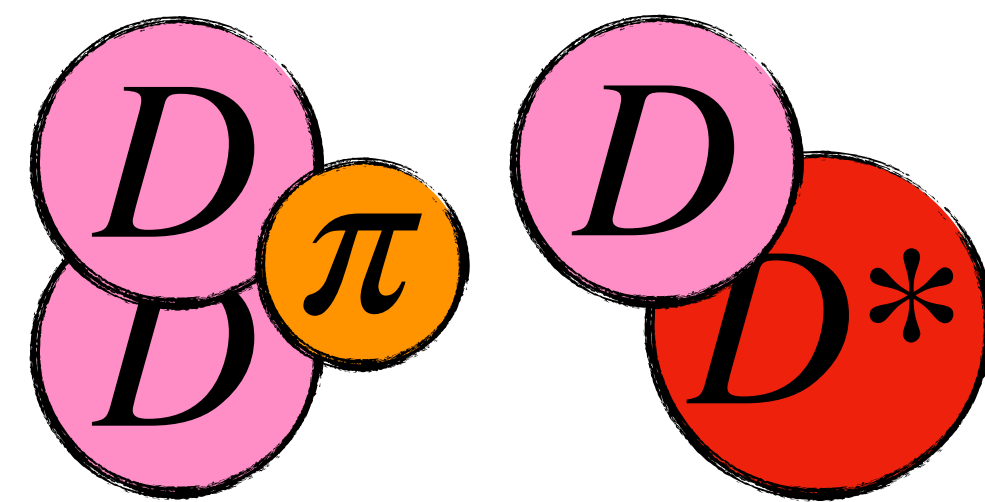
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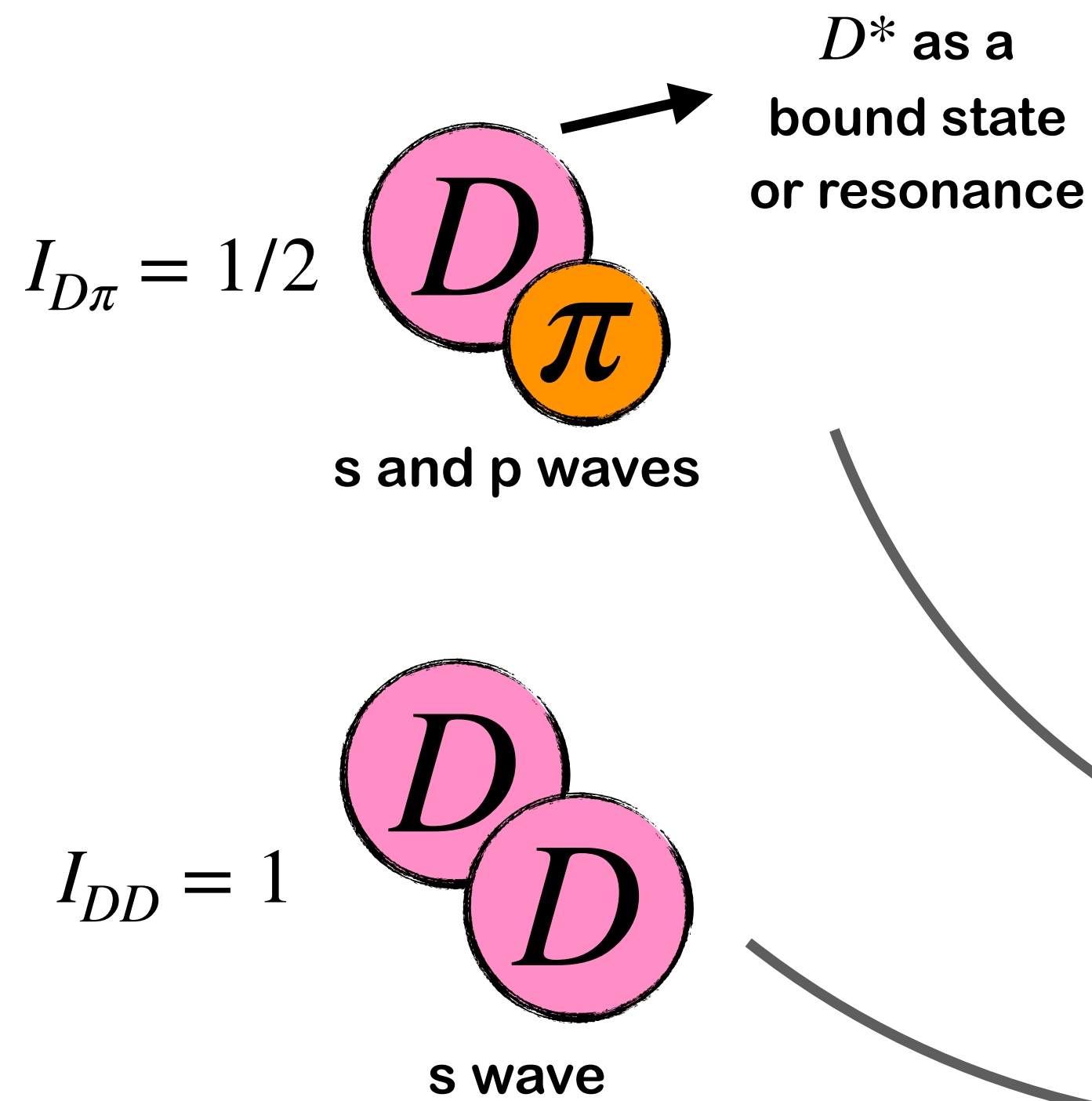
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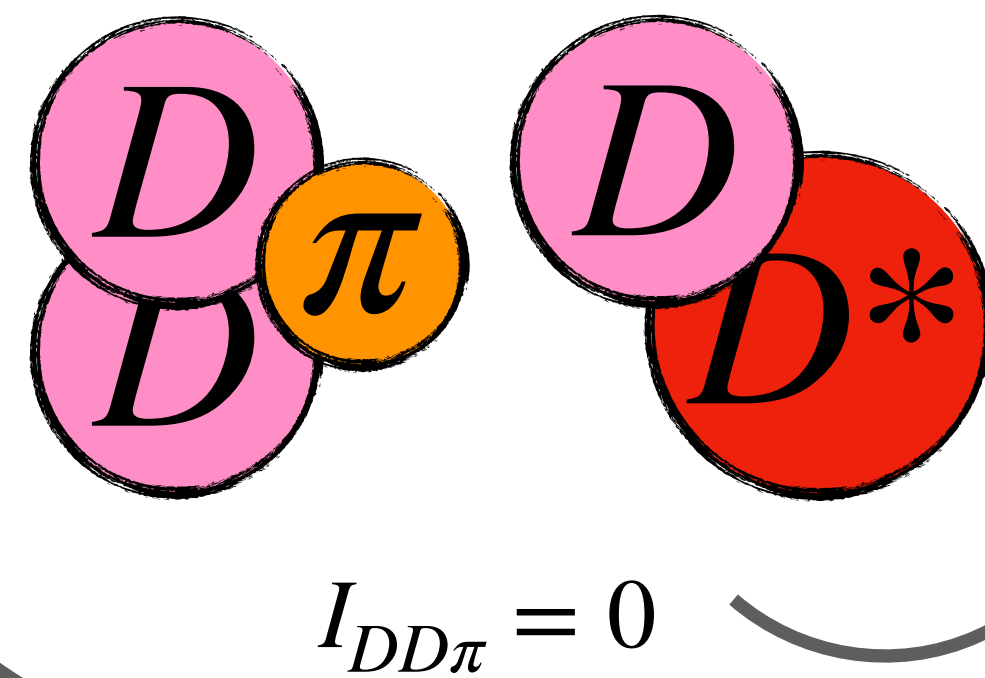
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Integral equations  
[Dawid, FRL, Sharpe (in prep)]

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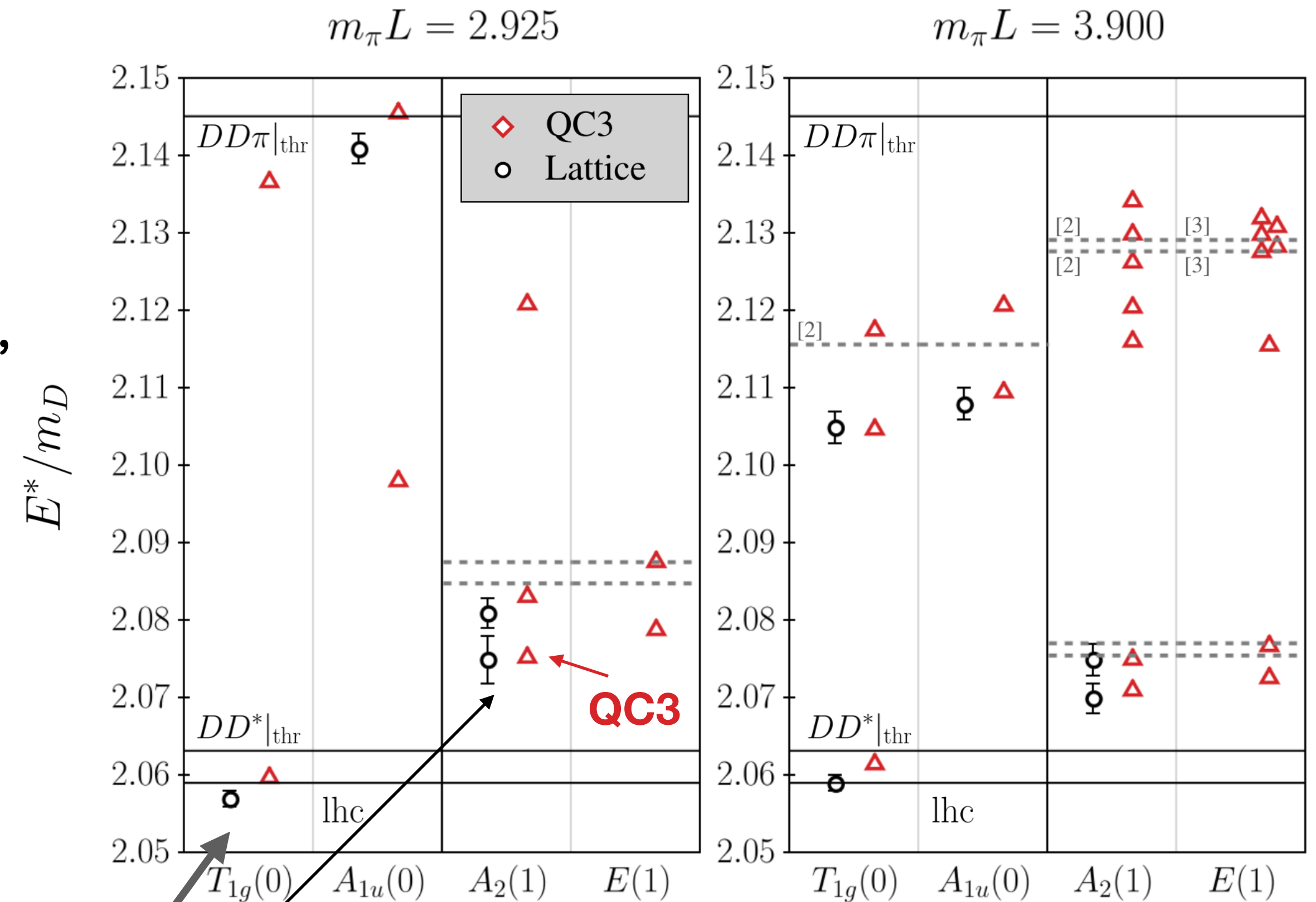
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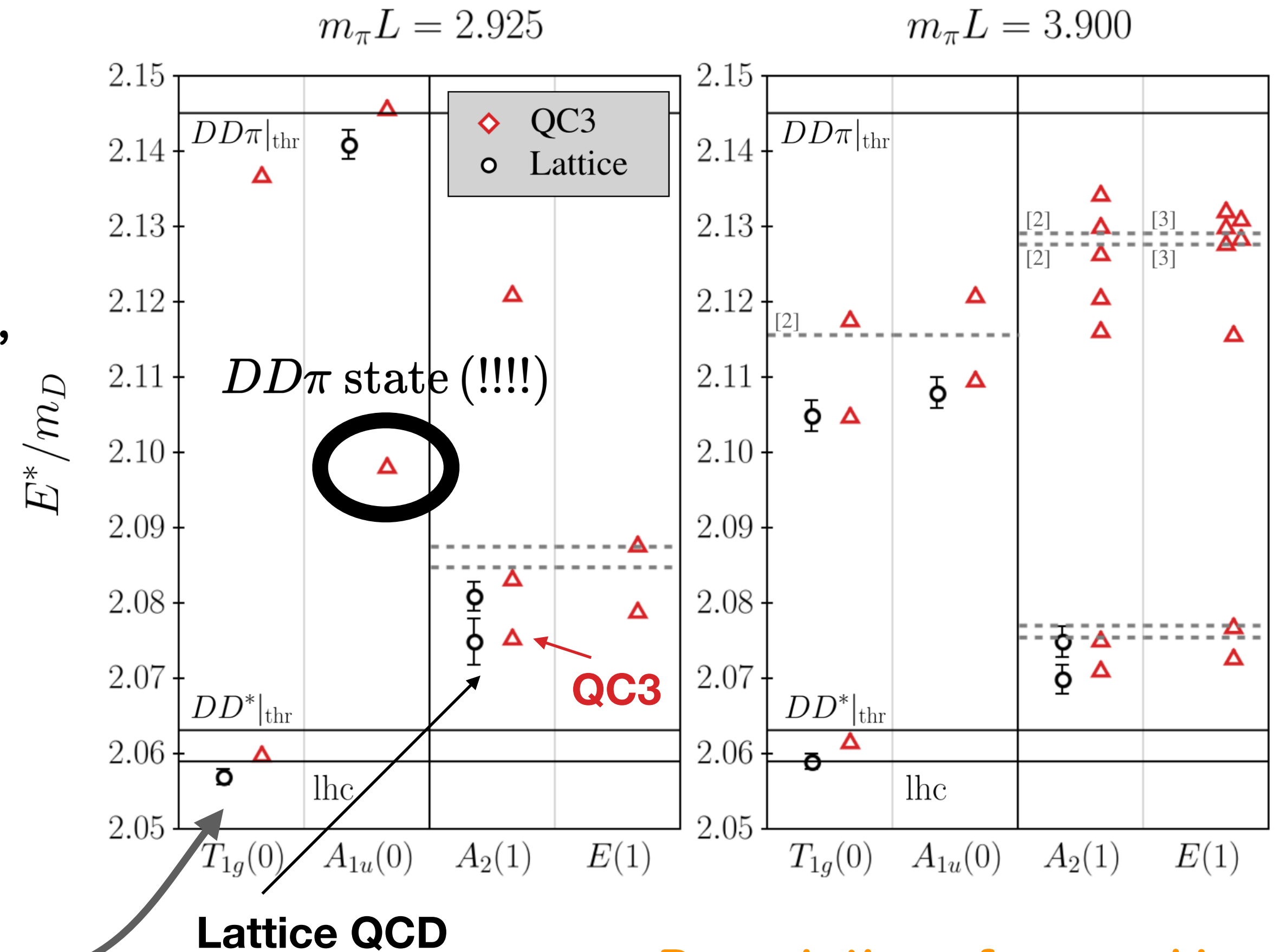
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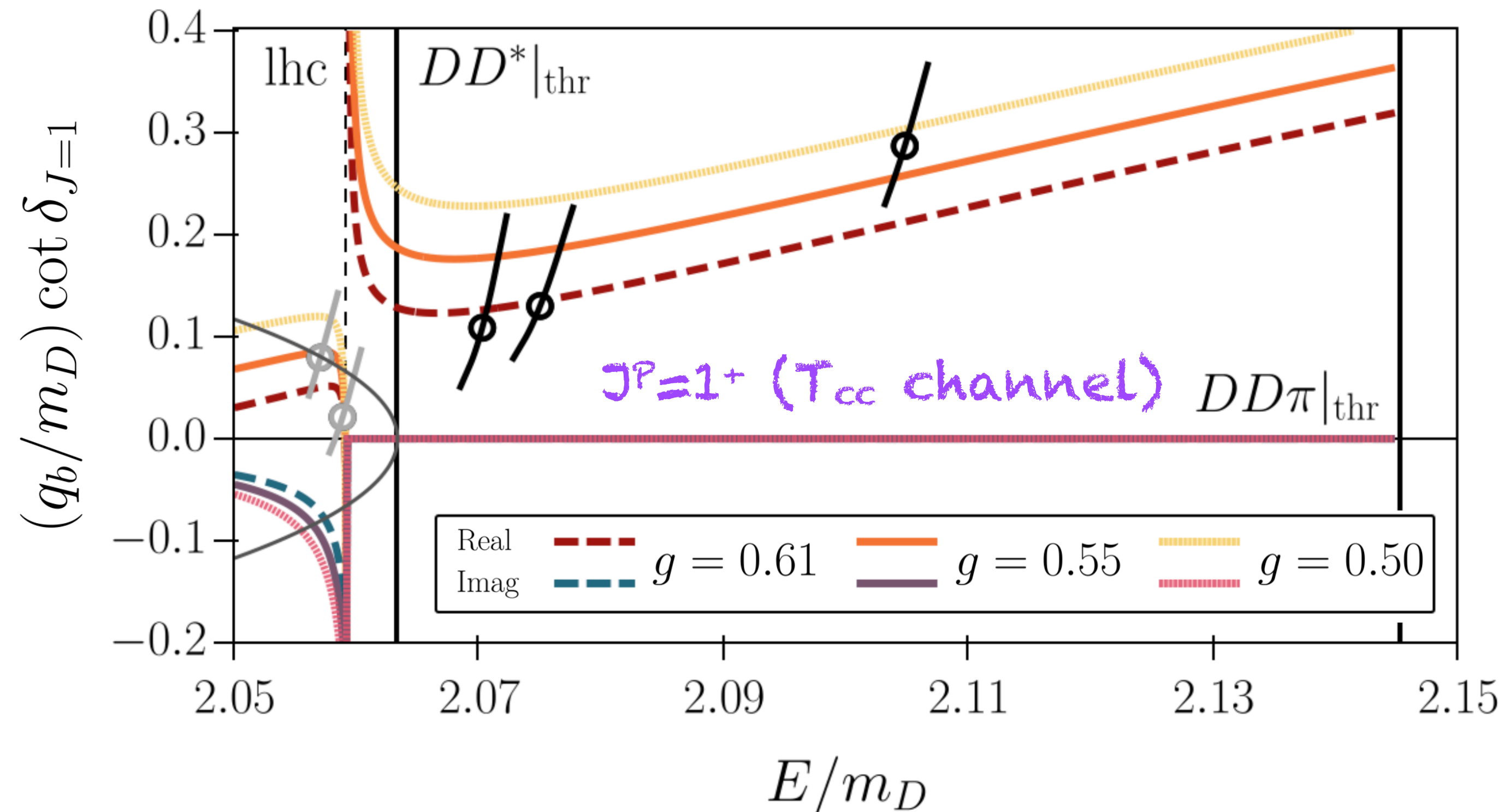
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**Need a genuine three-body study of the  $T_{cc}$  !**

- ▶ DD and  $D\pi$  calculation on the same ensemble
- ▶  $DD\pi$  operators in lattice QCD calculations

# Multi-hadron electroweak transitions from LQCD



# Decays in Finite Volume

- From three-point function, it is possible to extract the **finite-volume matrix elements**

$$C(t) = \langle \mathcal{O}_K^\dagger(0) H_W(t_1) \mathcal{O}_{\pi\pi}(t_2) \rangle \longrightarrow \langle K | H_W | \pi\pi \rangle_L$$

$$\langle K | H_W | \pi\pi \rangle_L = \text{[Diagram 1]} + \text{[Diagram 2]} + \text{[Diagram 3]} + \dots$$

$$\left[ \frac{1}{L^3} \sum_{\vec{k}} - \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \right] \frac{1}{E - 2\omega_q}$$

Finite-volume effects from on-shell propagation of two-body states

- ▶ Final-state interactions induce finite-volume effects
  - ▶ Volume-dependent corrections are calculable!
- [Lellouch, Lüscher, hep-lat/0003023]

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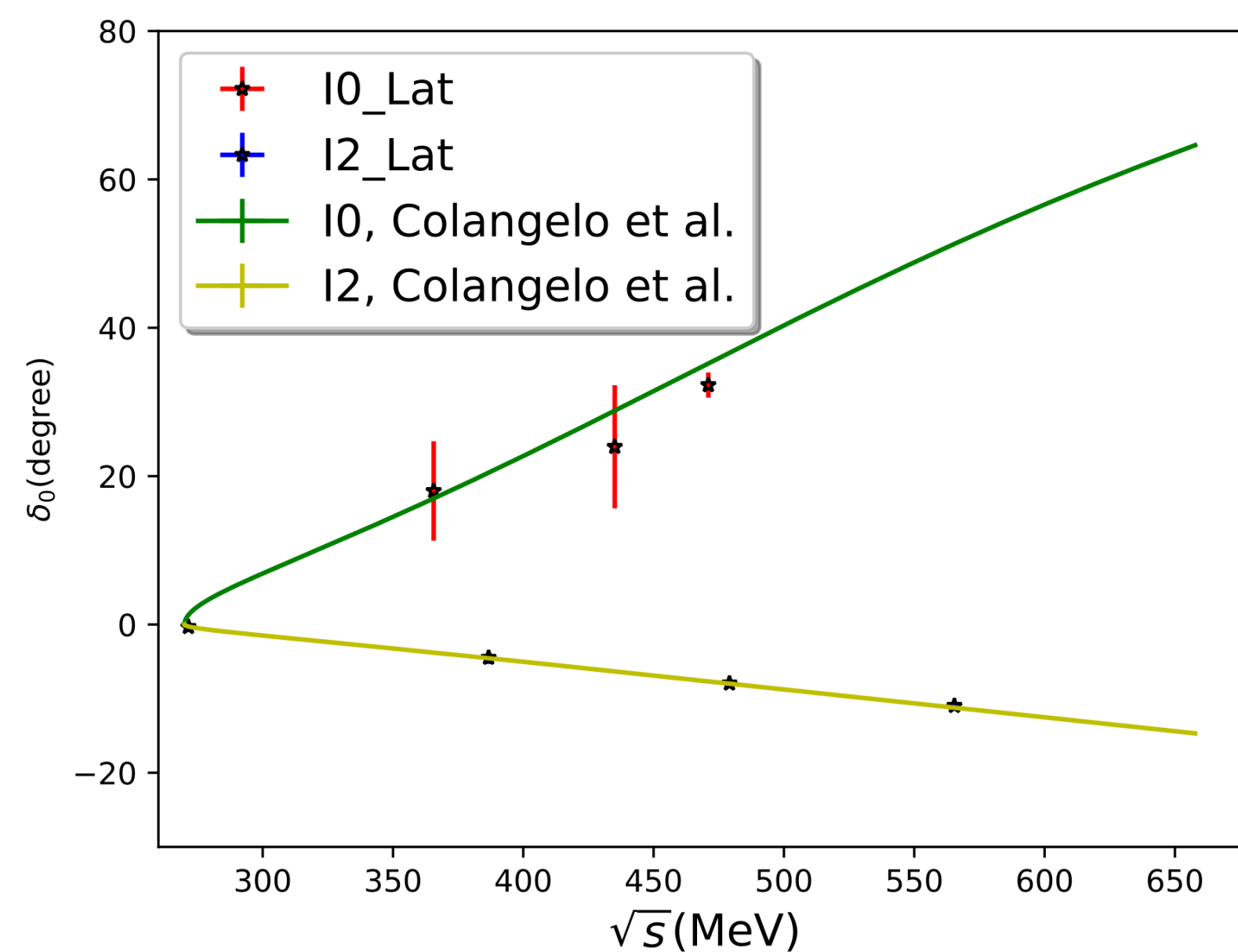
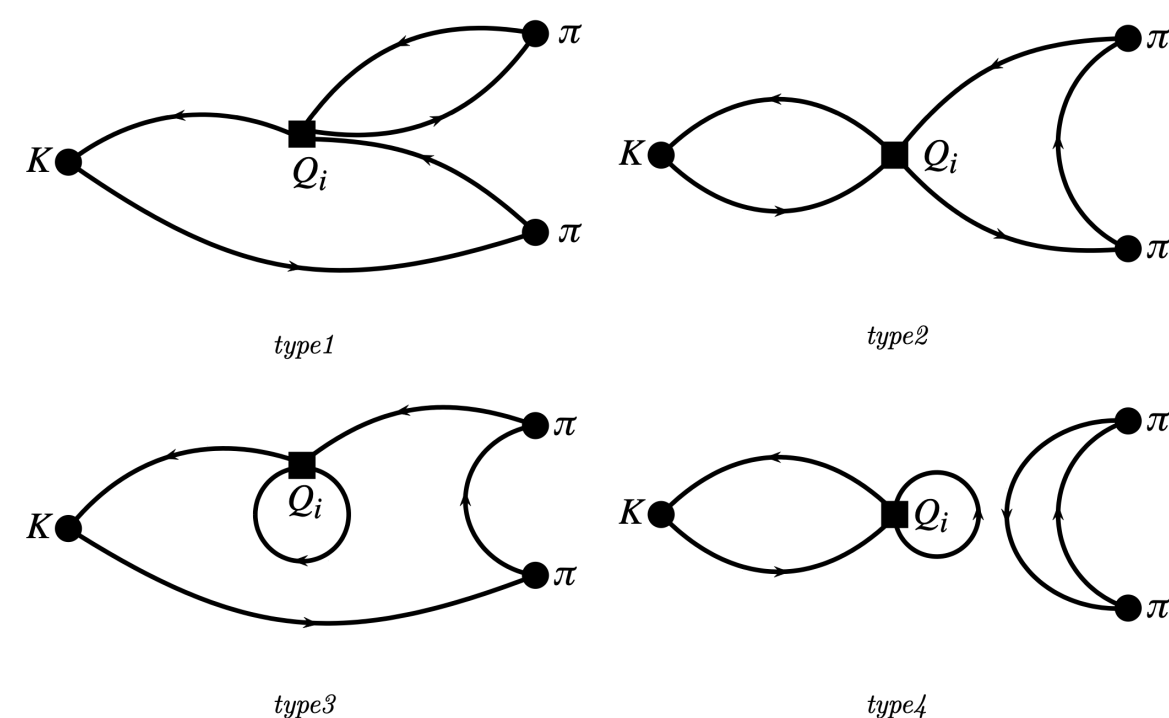
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# Kaon decays

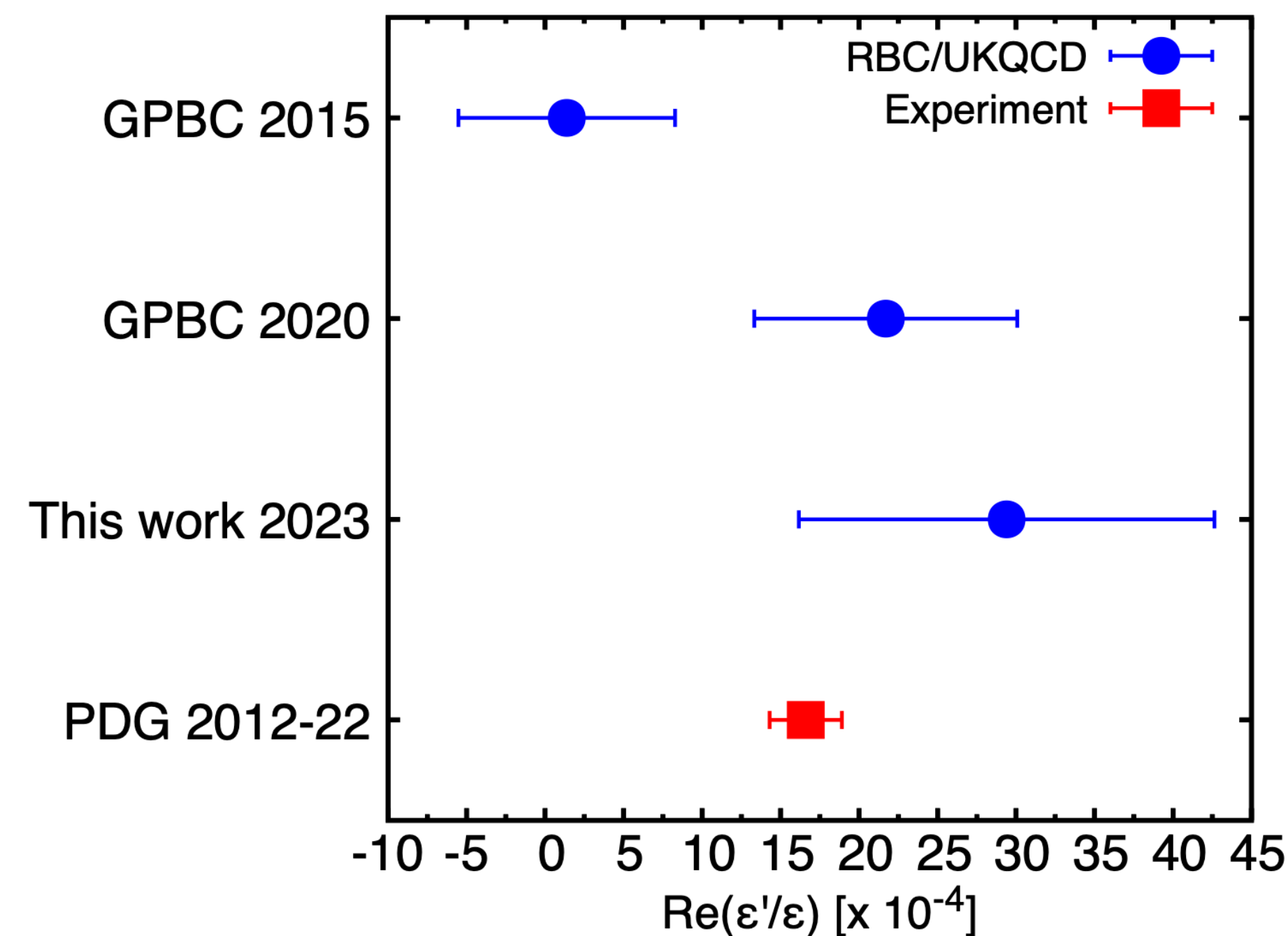
## CP violation in kaon decays for precision tests of the Standard Model

- ▶ Computation of matrix elements
- ▶ Requires dedicated scattering calculation!

$$A_I = \langle K | \mathcal{H}_w | (\pi\pi)_I \rangle$$



[Blum et al, RBC/UKQCD 2103.15131]



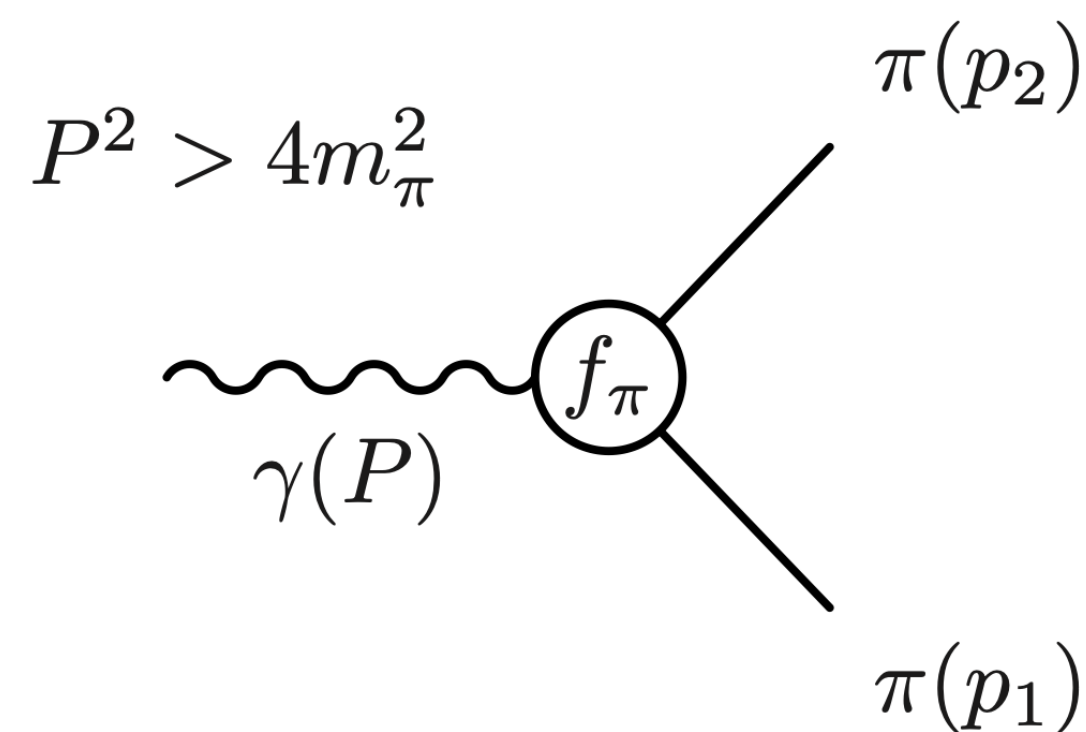
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# Pion timelike form factor

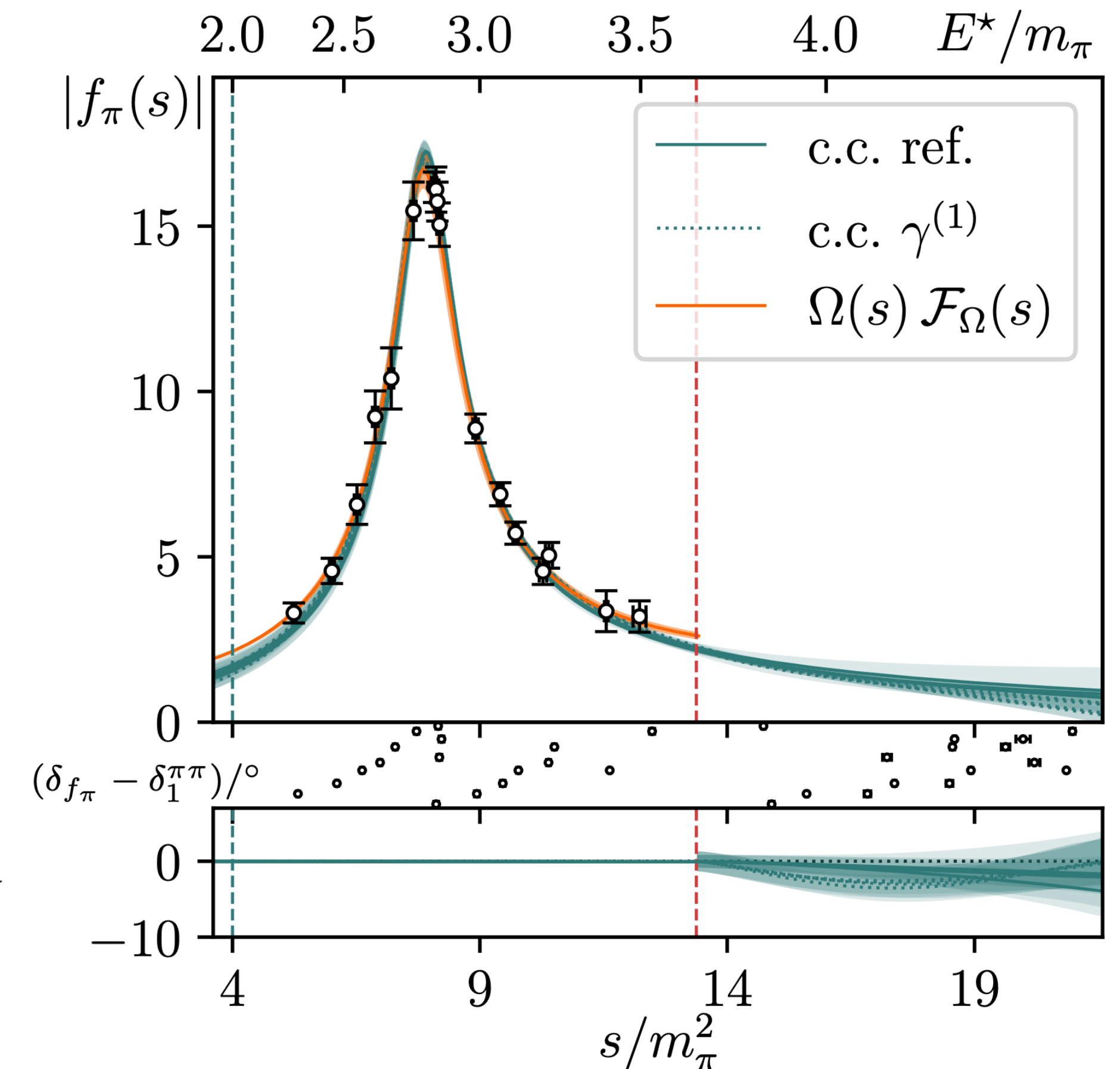
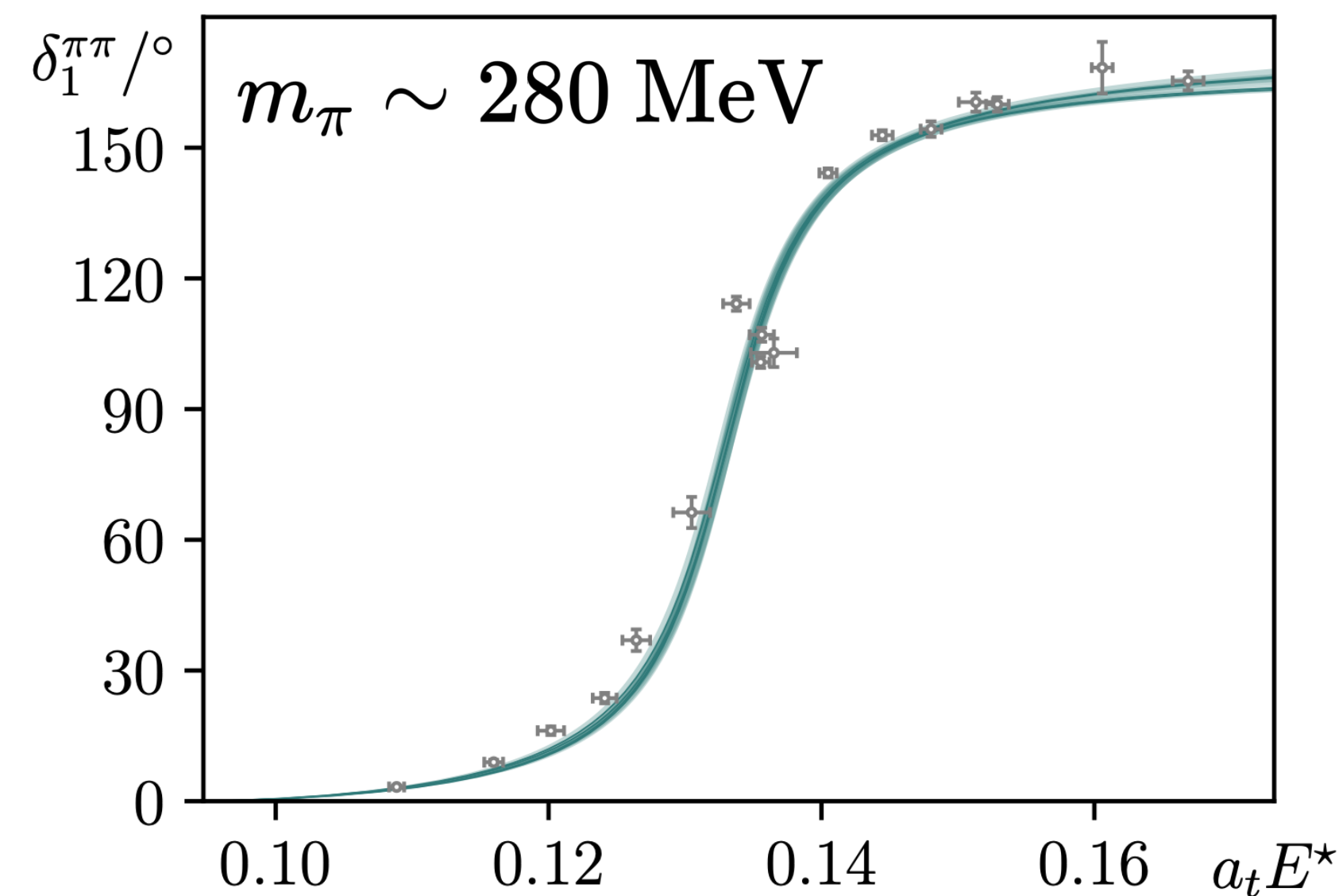
○ Related to  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$  transitions

[Ortega-Gama et al, HadSpec 2407.20617]

$$\langle 0 | V_\mu | \pi(p_1) \pi(p_2) \rangle = (p_1 - p_2)^\mu f_\pi(s)$$



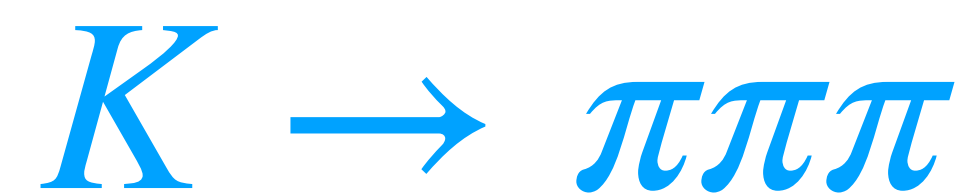
► Need  $\rho(770)$  phase shift



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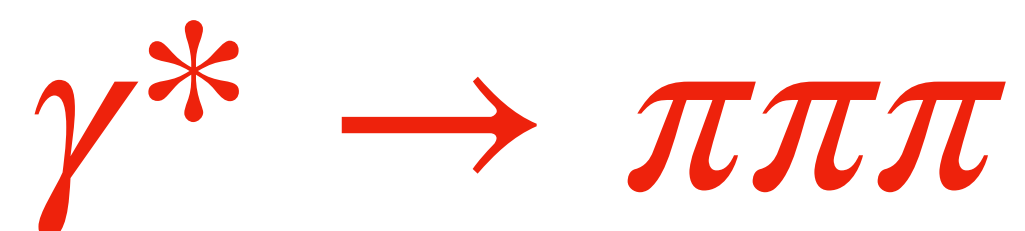
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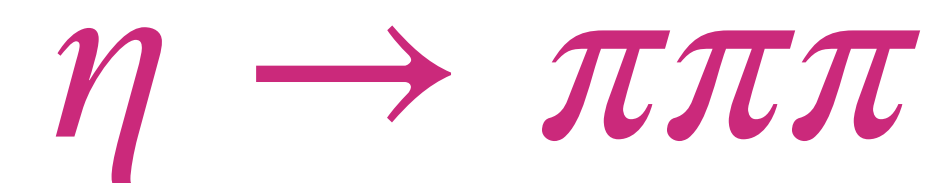
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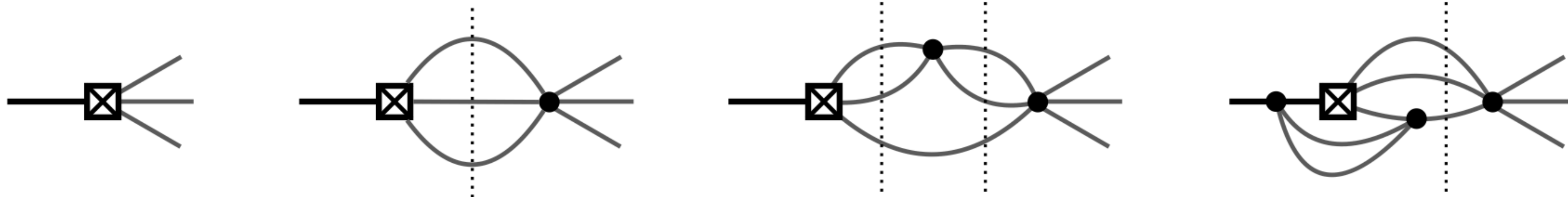
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- Treating finite-volume effects needs accounting for intermediate three-hadron states

[Hansen, FRL, Sharpe, arXiv:2101.10246] [Pang et al, arXiv:2312.04391] [Müller, Rusetsky, arXiv:2012.13957]



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The diagram illustrates the decomposition of the generalized Lellouch-Lüscher factor. A large black arrow points from the top equation to the bottom equation. A blue arrow labeled "Volume dependence" points from the bottom equation to the top equation. The bottom equation is:

$$F_{3\pi}^2 = 2E_K(\mathbf{P})L^6 \left| \mathcal{L}(E^*, m_{12}^2, m_{23}^2) \frac{1}{1 + F_3^\infty(E^*)\mathcal{K}_3(E^*)} \right|^2 \left( \frac{\partial F_3(E, \mathbf{P}, L)^{-1}}{\partial E} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{K}_3(E^*)}{\partial E} \right)$$

Annotations with arrows:

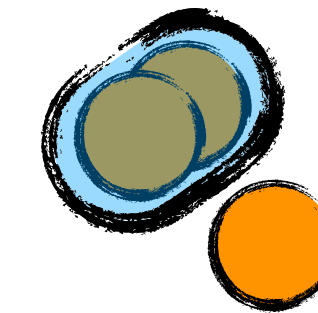
- Two-body rescattering (orange arrow) points to  $\mathcal{L}(E^*, m_{12}^2, m_{23}^2)$ .
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# Consistency checks

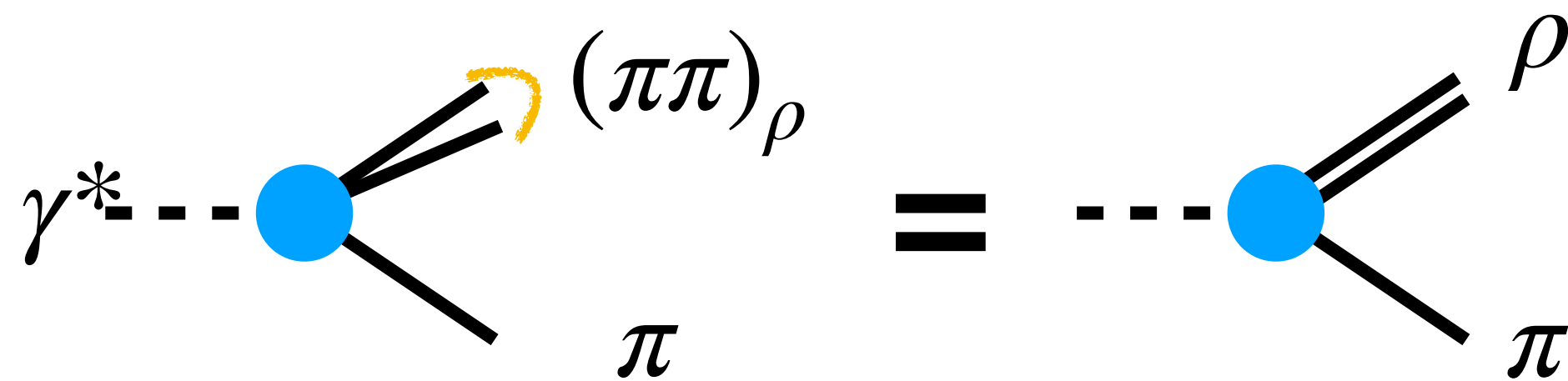
- Consider a three-particle system where two particles can form bound states

► For instance,  $\rho\pi$  at heavier than physical pion masses

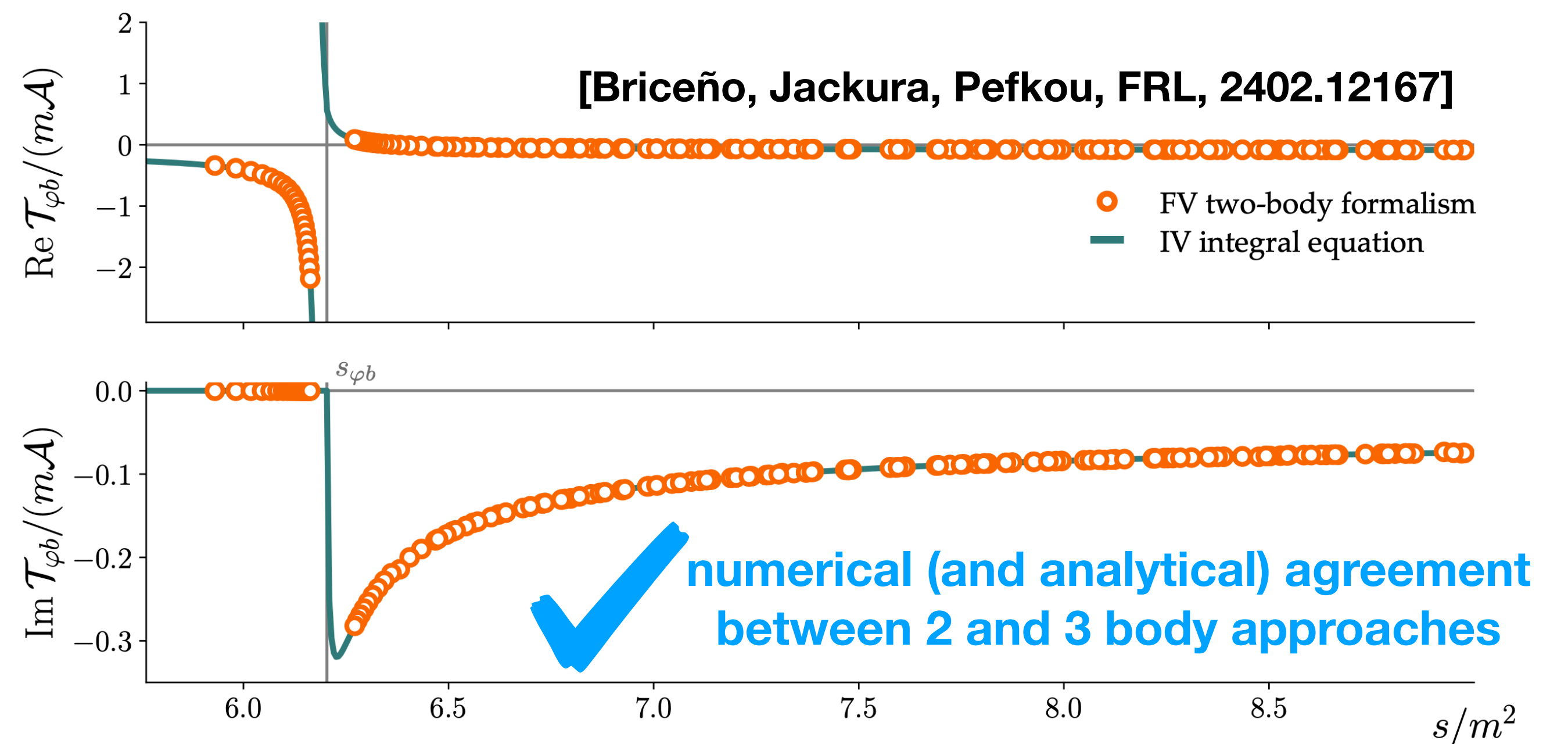
$b + \varphi$



- Formalism for three-body decays should reduce to two-body Lellouch-Lüscher



Descriptions of finite-volume effects should match!



# Beyond three-hadron decays

- In principle, a similar analysis could be possible for D decays

$$\langle D | H_W | \pi\pi \rangle_L = \text{[Diagrammatic expansion of the decay amplitude]} + \dots$$

The diagrammatic expansion shows a series of terms representing different orders of pion rescattering. Each term consists of a blue vertex on the left connected to a chain of black circles (representing pions) on the right. The first term is a single vertex. The second term has one loop. The third term has two loops. The fourth term has three loops. The fifth term has four loops. Vertical dashed orange lines separate the loops. An orange arrow points from the text "N-body cuts contribute to finite-volume effects" to the fourth and fifth terms.

- Main complication is the mixing between  $2\pi \leftrightarrow 4\pi \leftrightarrow 6\pi$  states in finite volume
  - ▶ Needs knowledge of four, six and higher scattering amplitudes.
  - ▶ Thus, Lellouch-Lüscher approach might not be feasible beyond 3 or 4 hadron.

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