

# Introduction to lattice QCD

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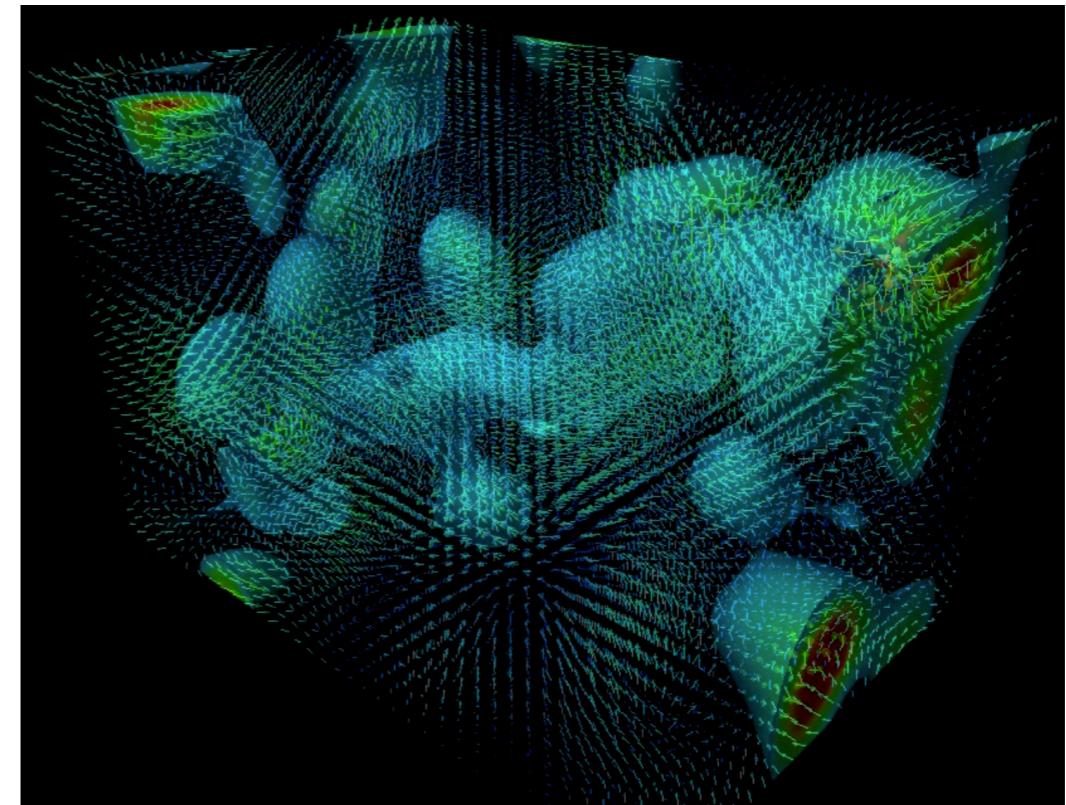
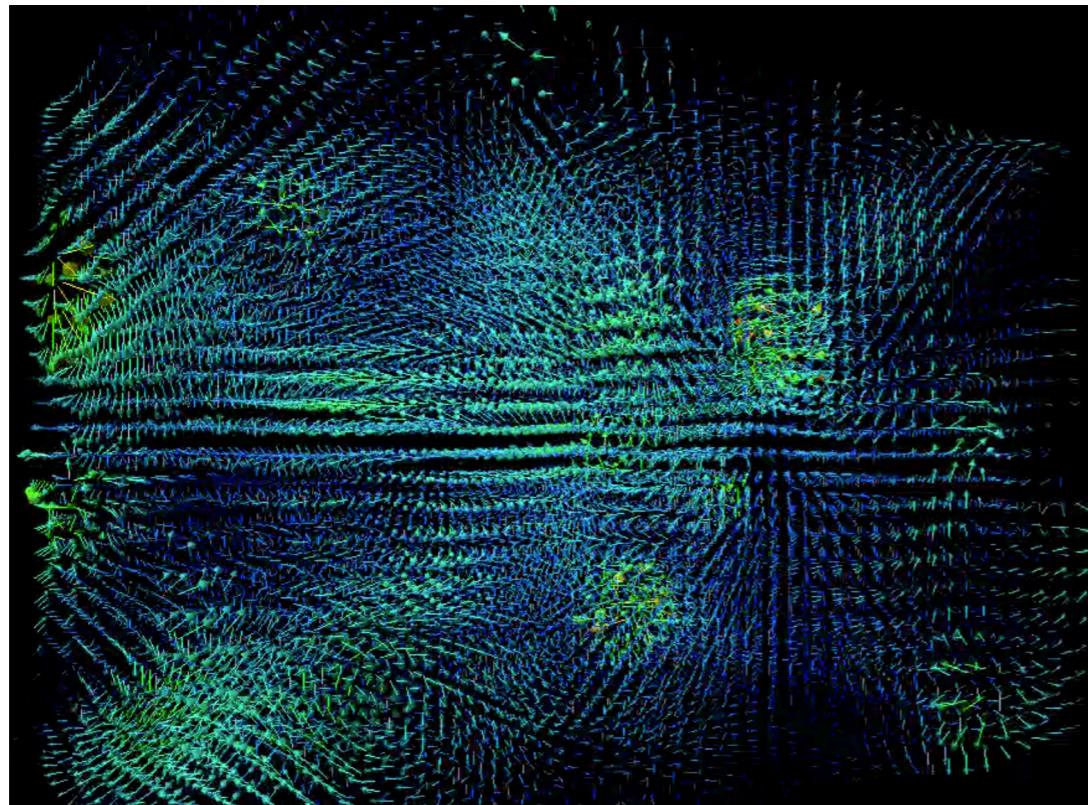
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# Invitation: *What do we latticists think about the field/method?*

- Non-perturbative regulator of quantum field theory (QFT)
- Systematically improvable numerical method for extracting QFT's properties
- Exciting, vibrant, highly active research community
- Technical field that challenges all of us to be great communicators



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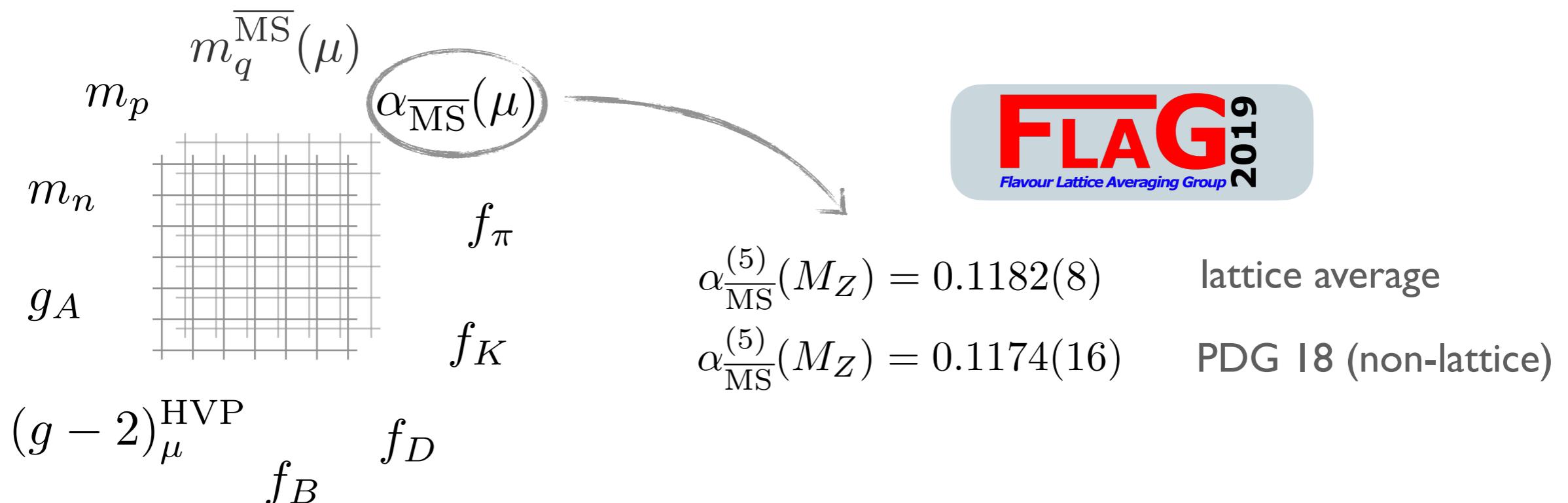
# Lattice QCD

1. Lagrangian defining QCD +
2. Formal / numerical machinery (lattice QCD) +
3. A few experimental inputs (e.g.  $M_\pi, M_K, M_\Omega$ ) =

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



*Wide range of precision pre-/post-dictions*

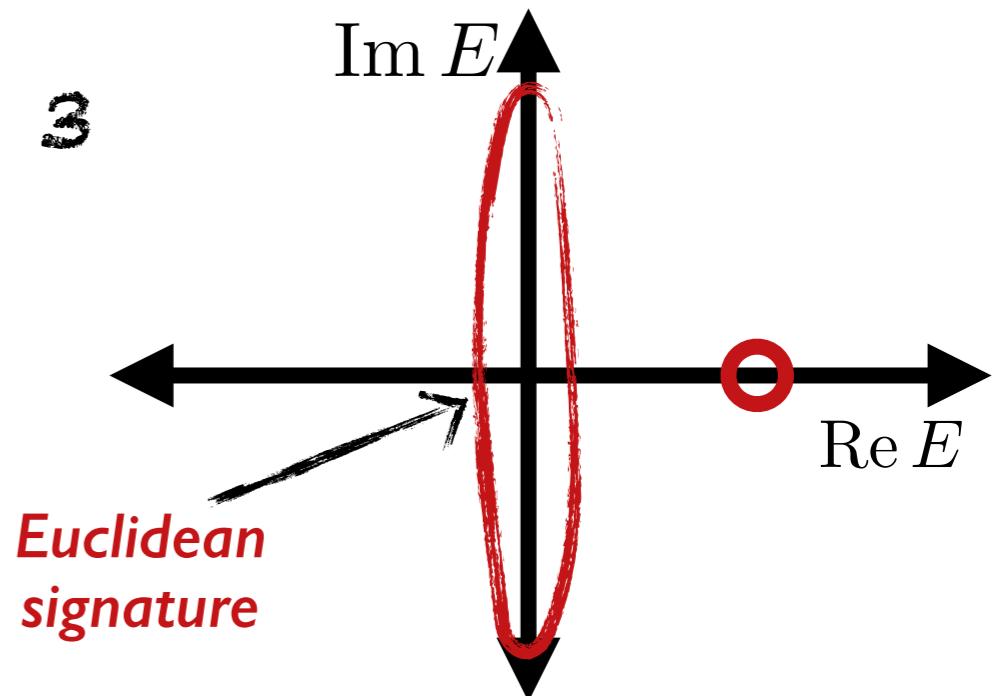
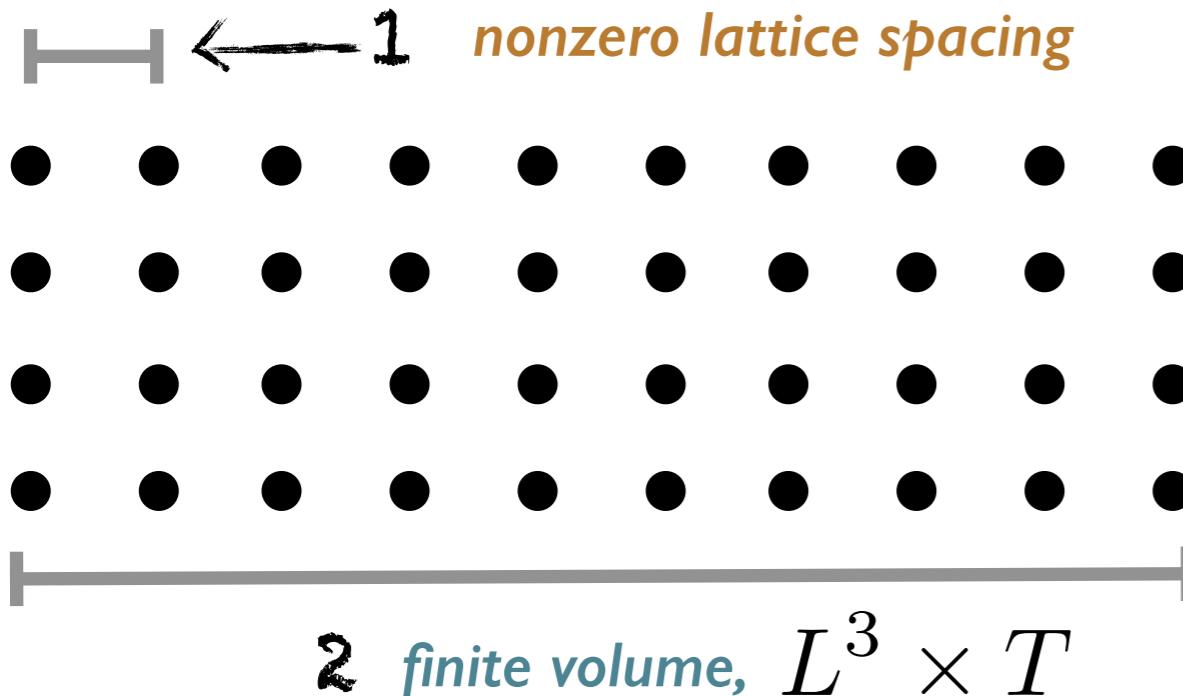


Overwhelming evidence for QCD ✓ → Tool for new physics searches

# Three essential modifications

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(but physical masses  $\rightarrow$  increasingly common)



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# Discretization

- Warm up,  $\lambda\phi^4$  theory

Continuous, Euclidean theory :  $S[\phi] = \int d^4x \left[ \frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}m^2\phi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4!}\phi^4 \right]$

Lattice, " " :  $S[\phi] = a^4 \sum_x \left[ -\frac{1}{2}\phi_x \hat{\partial}^2 \phi_x + \frac{1}{2}m^2\phi_x^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4!}\phi_x^4 \right]$

$$\left\{ \hat{\partial}^2 \phi_x = \frac{1}{a^2} \sum_n (\phi_{x+a\epsilon_n} + \phi_{x-a\epsilon_n} - 2\phi_x) \right\}$$

$$= \sum_x \left[ -\sum_n \phi_x \phi_{x+\epsilon_n} + \left(2 + \frac{m^2}{2}\right)\phi_x^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4!}\phi_x^4 \right]$$

$$= \sum_x \left[ -\beta \sum_n \phi_{x+\epsilon_n} \phi_x + \phi_x^2 + g(\phi_x^2 - 1)^2 \right]$$

- Calculate

$$G_1(\beta, g | x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_i \int d\phi_i e^{-S[\phi | \beta, g]} \phi_{x_1} \dots \phi_{x_n}$$

$$\Rightarrow G(z) = \int d^3x G_2(\beta, g | z, \vec{x}, 0) = \sum_n e^{-M_n z} c_n \xrightarrow{M_n=0(\beta, g)} c_n = a_{\text{phys}}$$

$\Rightarrow G_4(\dots)$  used to give 2 $\rightarrow$ 2 scattering w/  $\vec{p} = \vec{0} = M_{\text{thresh}}$

# Scale setting/parameter tuning

- Say we want to describe physical system w/

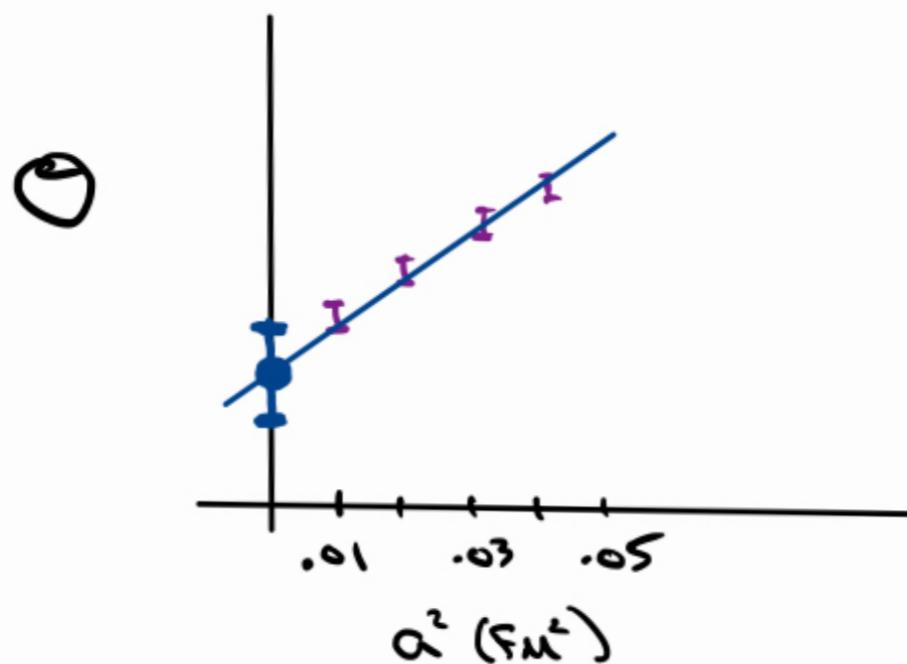
$$M_{\text{phys}} = 100 \text{ MeV}$$

$$M_{\text{thresh}} = 1.5$$

- Tune set of  $\beta, g, \dots$

$\beta$	$\#_1$	$\#_3$	$\dots$
$g$	$\#_2$	$\#_4$	$\dots$
$a M_{\text{phys}}$	1.0	0.5	0.4
$a$	2 fm	1 fm	0.8 fm

- For any other observable one can extract



# Monte Carlo importance sampling

- Aim to build ensemble of configurations s.t.

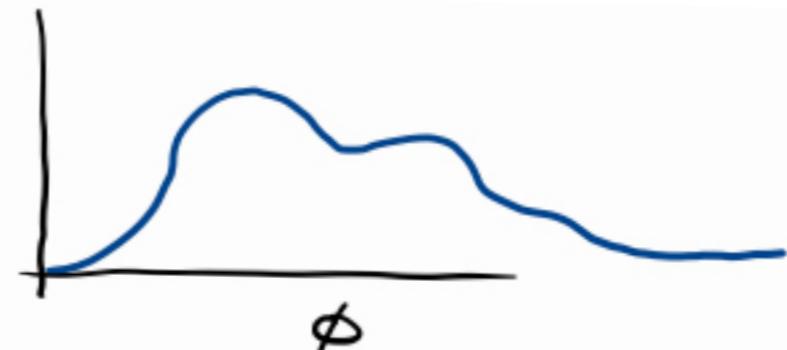
$$\sum_{i=1}^N \Omega[\phi_i] \propto \int D\phi e^{-S[\phi]} \Omega[\phi] + O(1/\bar{N})$$

# Monte Carlo importance sampling

## - Metropolis-Hastings algorithm

□ Probability distrib.  $P(\phi)$  and  $F(\phi) \propto P(\phi)$

$$\{ F(\phi) = e^{-S[\phi]} \}$$



□ Choose random, orbit  $\phi$ , define  $Q(\phi'|\phi)$  as a distrib. to suggest next field  $\phi'$

□ For each iteration  $t$

↳ Generate  $\phi'$  from  $Q(\phi'|\phi_t)$

↳ Calc.  $\alpha = \frac{F(\phi')}{F(\phi_t)} = \frac{P(\phi')}{P(\phi_t)}$

↳ Accept/Reject : If  $\alpha > 1$  accept

If  $\alpha < 1$  generate random  $u \in [0,1]$

↳ If  $\alpha > u$  accept

else reject

# Fermion doubling

- Continuum, non-interacting, Dirac spinor

$$S = \int d^d x \bar{\psi}(x) [\not{D} + M] \psi(x)$$

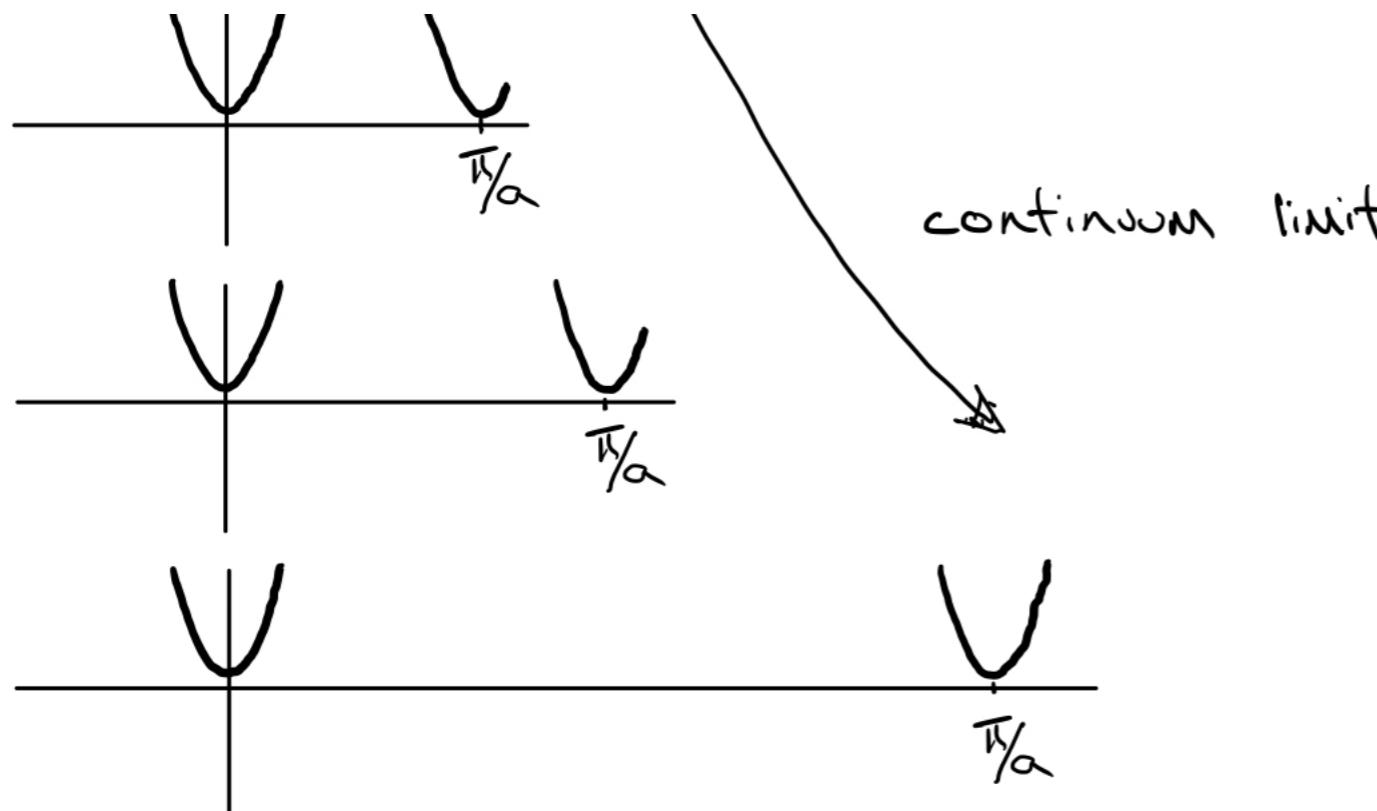
$$\Rightarrow \Delta(p)^{-1} = M + i\vec{p} \quad \text{for } p_\mu \in (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta(p) \text{ has a single pole @ } (p^0)^2 = \vec{p}^2 + M^2$$

- Lattice naive, non-interacting Dirac spinor

$$S = a^d \sum_{x,\mu} \frac{1}{2a} [\bar{\psi}_x \delta_{\mu} \psi_{x+\hat{\mu}} - \bar{\psi}_{x+\hat{\mu}} \delta_{\mu} \psi_x] + a^d \sum_x M \bar{\psi}_x \psi_x \Rightarrow \Delta(p)^{-1} = M + \frac{i}{a} \sum_{\mu} \delta_{\mu} \sin(p_{\mu} a) \quad \text{for } p_{\mu} \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{a}, \frac{\pi}{a}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta(p) \text{ has poles @ } M^2 + \sum_{\mu} \frac{\sin^2(p_{\mu} a)}{a^2} = 0$$



actually a theory of 2<sup>d</sup>  
Dirac Fermions

# Relation to the anomaly

- Usual continuum story

$$Z[\eta, \bar{\eta}, j] = \int D\bar{A} D\bar{\psi} D\bar{\psi} e^{-S[\bar{\psi}, \bar{\psi}, A] + (\bar{\psi}, \eta) + (\bar{\eta}, \bar{\psi}) + (j, A)}$$

↪ can't find regulator s.t.  $D^2 D \bar{D}$  invariant under  $\bar{\psi} \rightarrow e^{i\alpha \delta_5} \bar{\psi}$ ,  $\bar{\psi} \rightarrow \bar{\psi} e^{-i\alpha \delta_5}$

- On the lattice

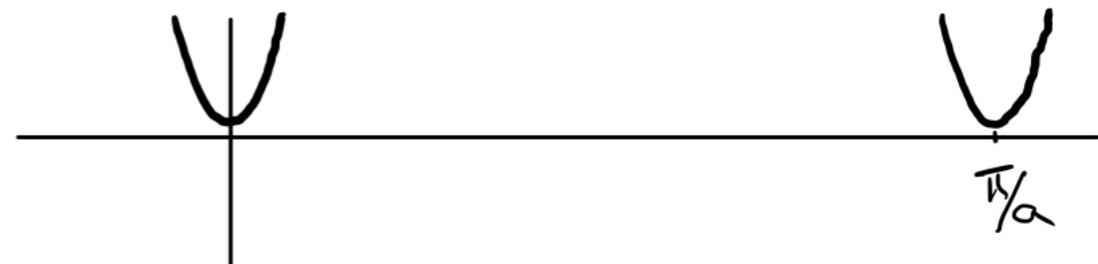
$$Z[\eta, \bar{\eta}, j] = \int (\bar{\eta} \delta A_\mu) (\bar{\eta} \delta \bar{\psi}_\nu \delta \bar{\psi}_\nu) e^{-S[-] + \dots}$$

↑  
Manifestly invariant

$\implies \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \partial_\mu (\bar{\psi} \delta S \delta_\mu \psi) = 0$

- Resolution = doublers (cancel axial charge)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \partial_\mu (\bar{\psi} \delta S \delta_\mu \psi) = - \sum_Q \frac{Q g^2}{16 \pi^2} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} = 0$$



# Nielsen-Ninomiya “no go” theorem

Define a generic fermion action :  $S = \int_{-\pi/a}^{\pi/a} \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \bar{\psi}(-p) \tilde{D}(p) \gamma(p)$

Cannot simultaneously have:

- (1)  $d$  (spacetime dim.)  $\in 2\mathbb{Z}$  (even)  $\leftarrow$  our world
- (2)  $\tilde{D}(p) = \text{periodic} \wedge \text{analytic}$   $\leftarrow$  locality in  $x$
- (3)  $\tilde{D}(p) \rightarrow p$  for  $|p| \ll 1$   $\leftarrow$  conventional Dirac
- (4)  $\tilde{D}(p)$  invertible (besides  $p_\mu = 0$ )  $\leftarrow$  only one
- (5)  $\{\gamma_5, \tilde{D}(p)\} = 0$   $\leftarrow$  chiral symmetry

# Proliferation of discretization

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Violated by:

Domain wall (RBC/UKQCD)

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SLAC fermions

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Naive fermions, Staggered fermions

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Wilson/Clover (CLS), Twisted mass (ETMC)

Useful to instead require (Finsberg-Wilson):  $\{\delta_5, D\} = \alpha D \delta_5 D \leftarrow \text{soft breaking of } \{\delta_5, D\} = 0$

Domain wall, Overlap

# Many lattice actions = many collaborations

BMW (Budapest Marseille Wuppertal)

Wilson (Clover) / Staggered

CalLatt (California Lattice)

Overlap / Staggered (mixed action)

CLS (Coordinated Lattice Effort)

Wilson (Clover)

ETMC (European Extended Twisted Mass Collaboration)

Twisted Mass

Fermilab/MILC (MIMD Lattice Collaboration)

Staggered (HISQ)

NPLQCD (Nuclear Physics for lattice QCD)

Wilson (Clover)

RBC/UKQCD (Riken Brookhaven Columbia/United Kingdom)

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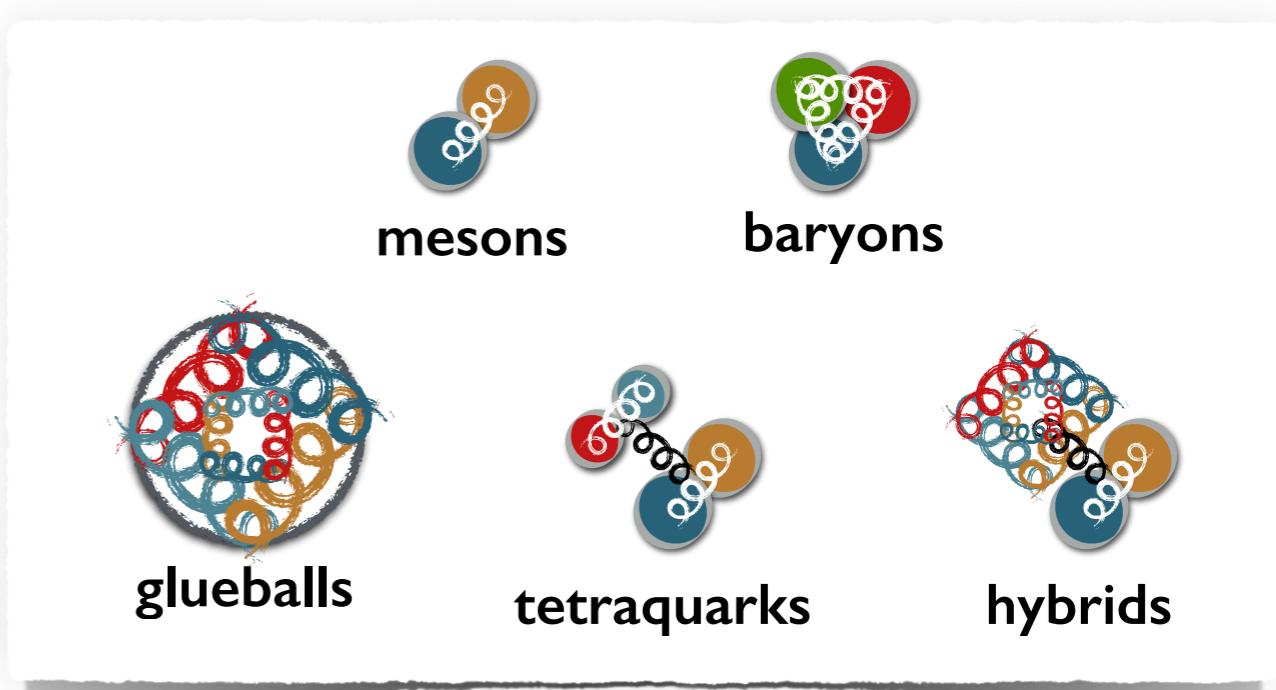
# Flavor anomalies

- ☐ Flavor anomalies = opportunity for BSM
- ☐ QCD = crucial for confirming significance and interpreting



experiment = **SM** × perturbative QCD × (non-perturbative QCD)  
+ **BSM** × perturbative QCD × (non-perturbative QCD)

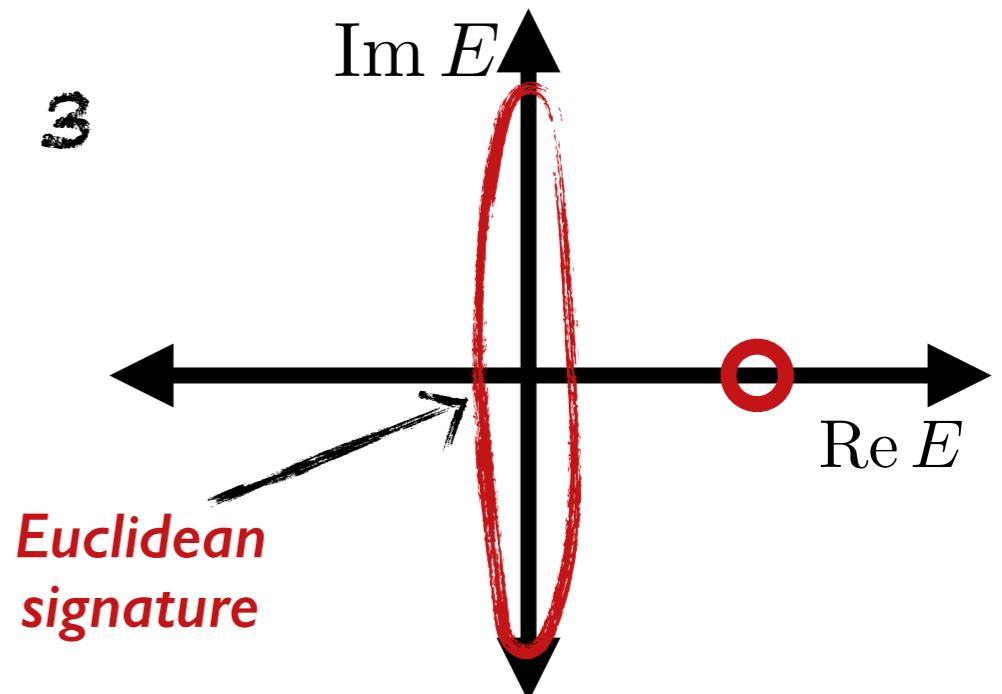
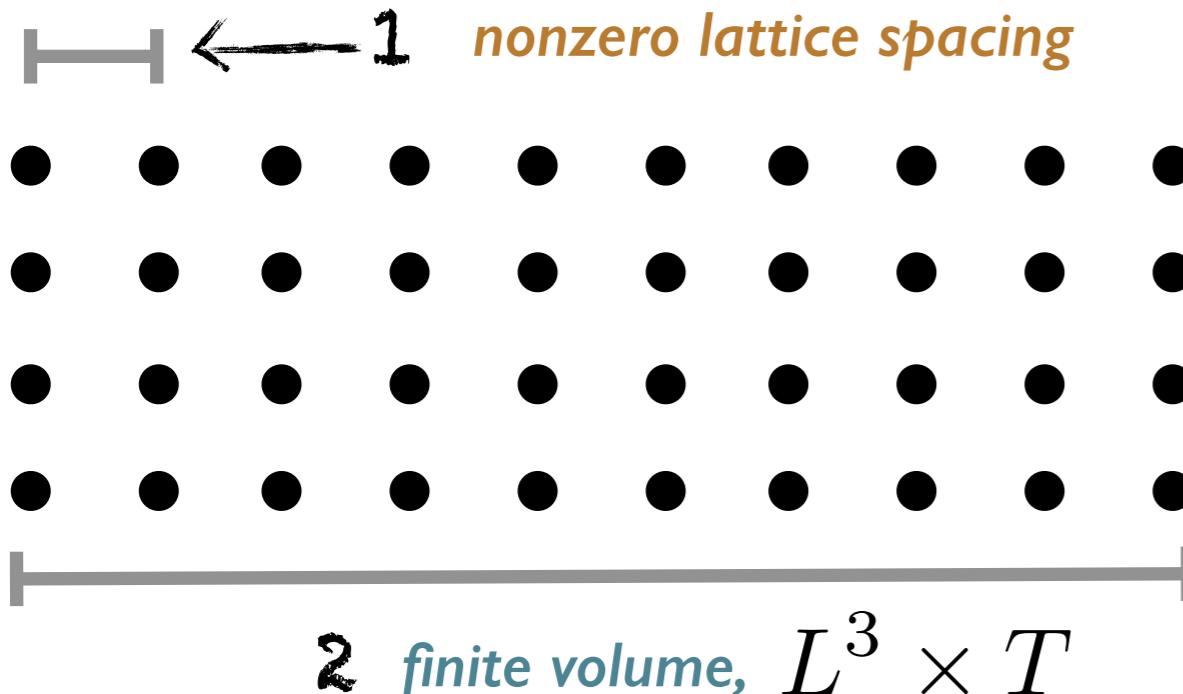
- ☐ QCD is complicated
- ☐ Difficult to extract non-perturbative predictions



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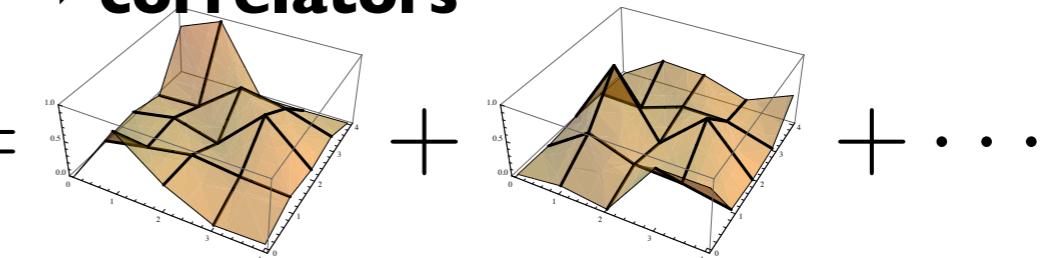
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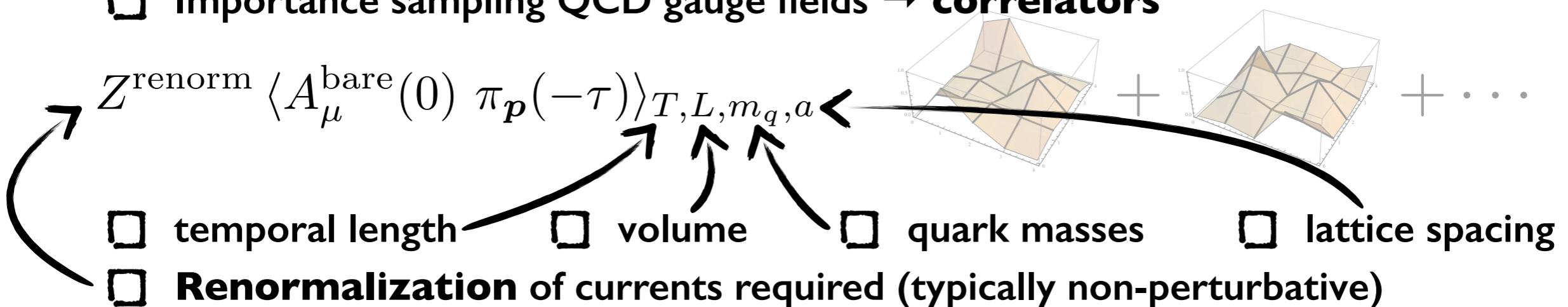
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Extrapolation/interpolation to physical point

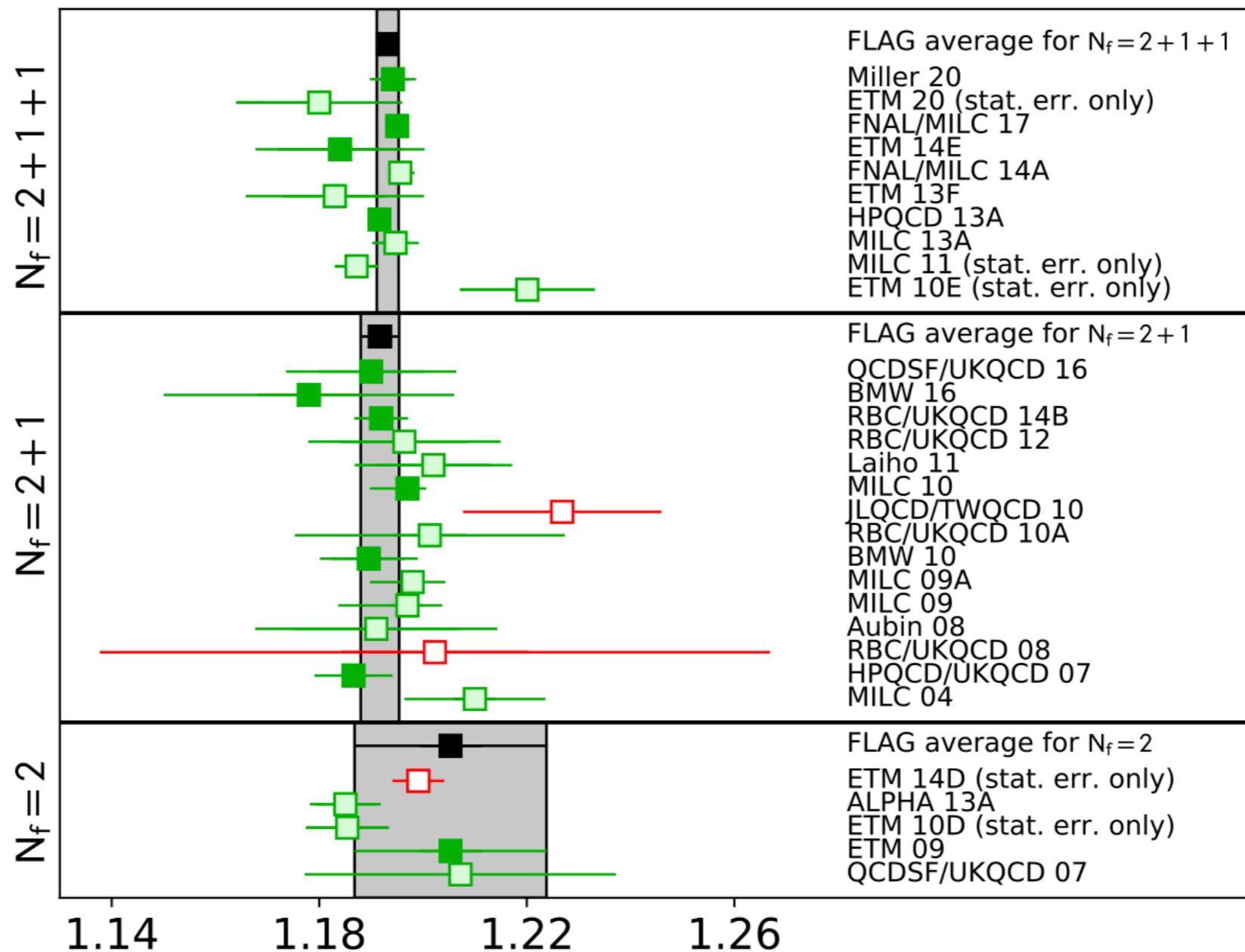
$$\lim_{T,L \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} f_\pi(T, L, m_q^{\text{phys}}, a) = f_\pi^{\text{phys}}$$



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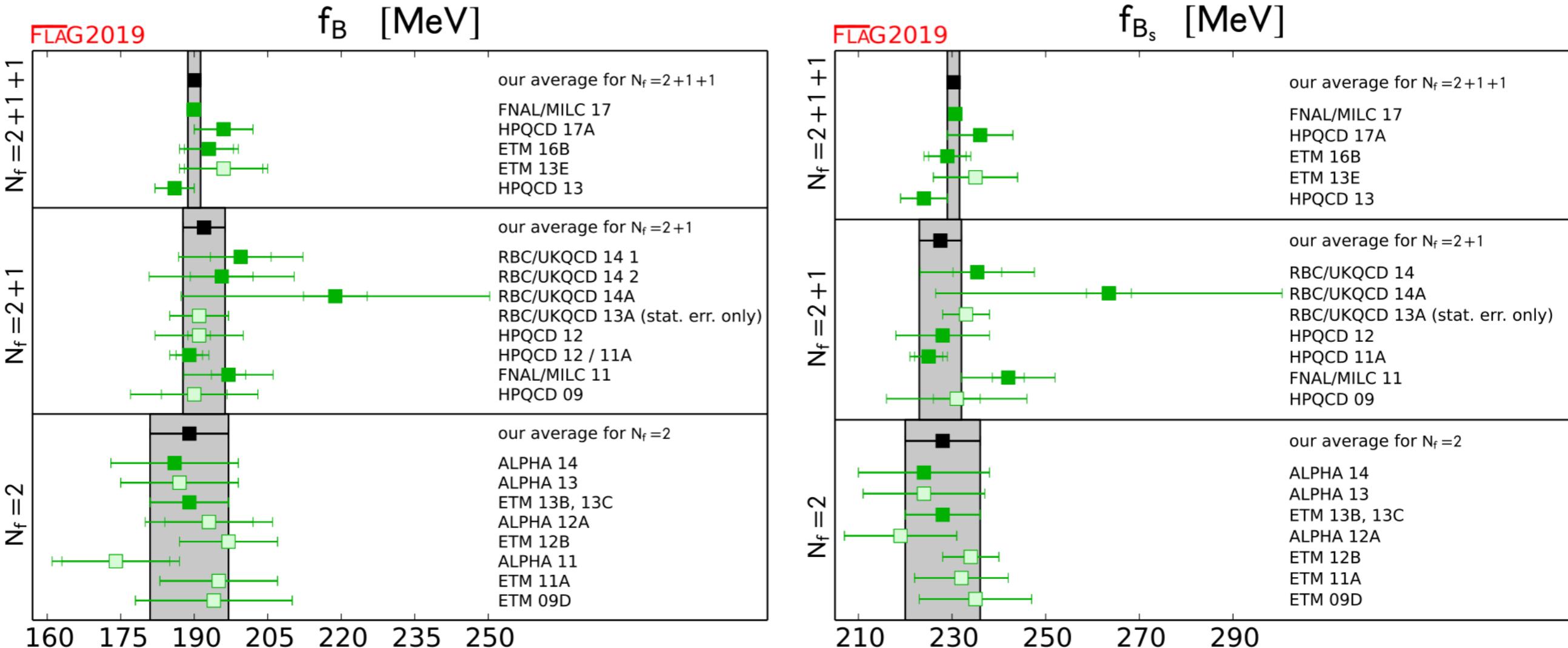
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$f_{K^\pm}/f_{\pi^\pm}$



- Includes isospin breaking (but QED)
- Constrain CKM matrix elements
- Important to ask “What quantities are being sacrificed to set the calculation?”

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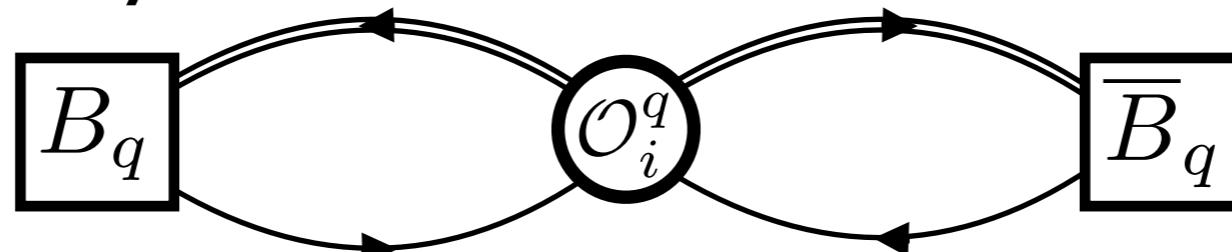


- Current precision sufficient for BES III, BELLE II**
- Fermilab/MILC includes **QED uncertainty (not yet rigorous)**
- MILC quoting higher precision than any other 2+1(+1) calculation

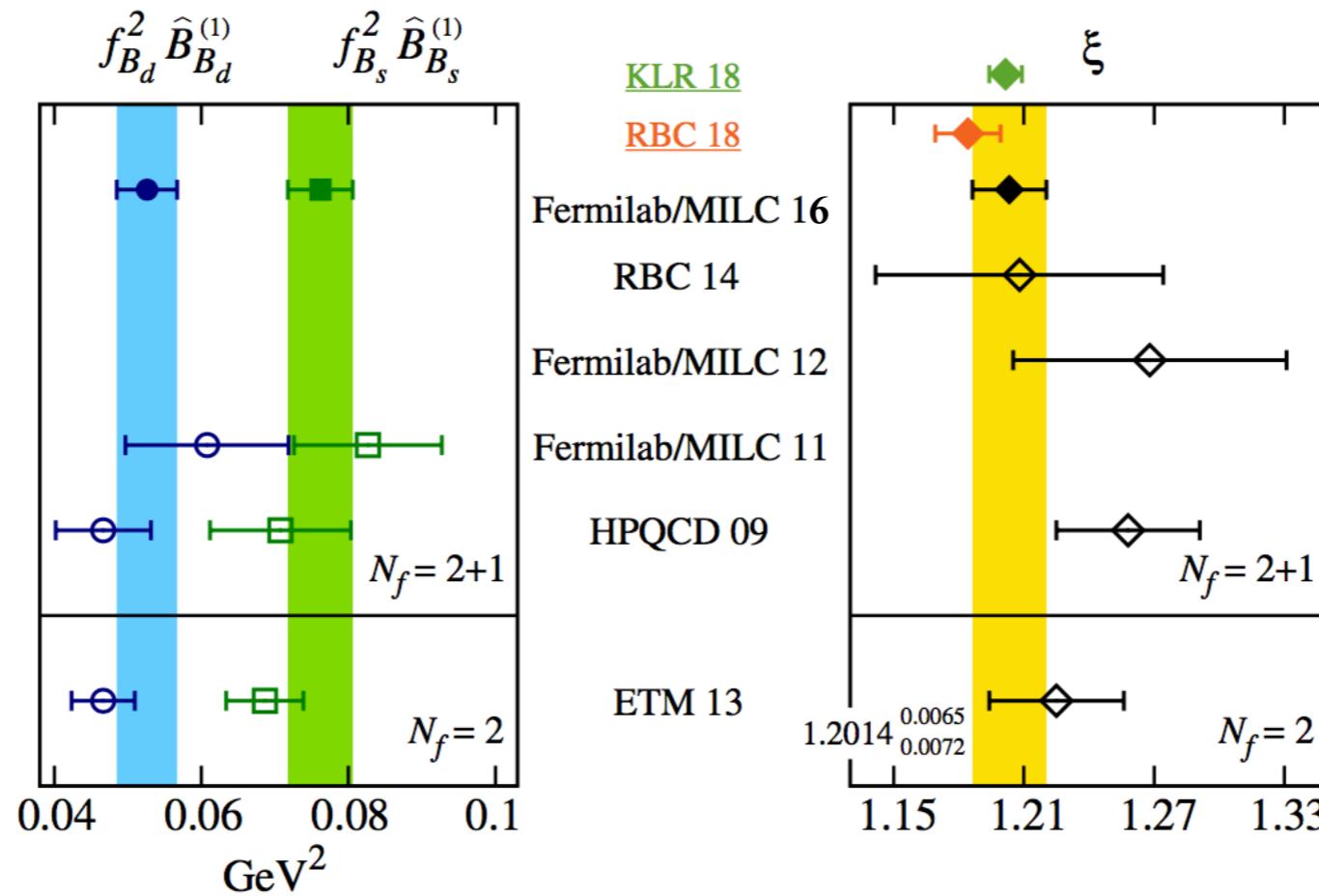
Need comparable precision from other calculations to **cross-check**

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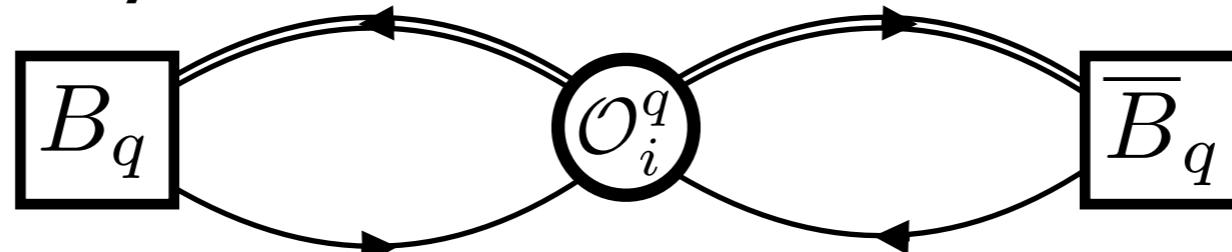
**KLR 18** =  
King, Lenz, Rauh (2018)  
(*QCD sum rules*)

plot from Kronfeld  
(Durham workshop 2019)

- Lattice precision (~3-4%) is well behind even older experiments (~0.06 - 0.2%)
- Challenging to find optimal ‘discretization’ (lattice definition of quarks)

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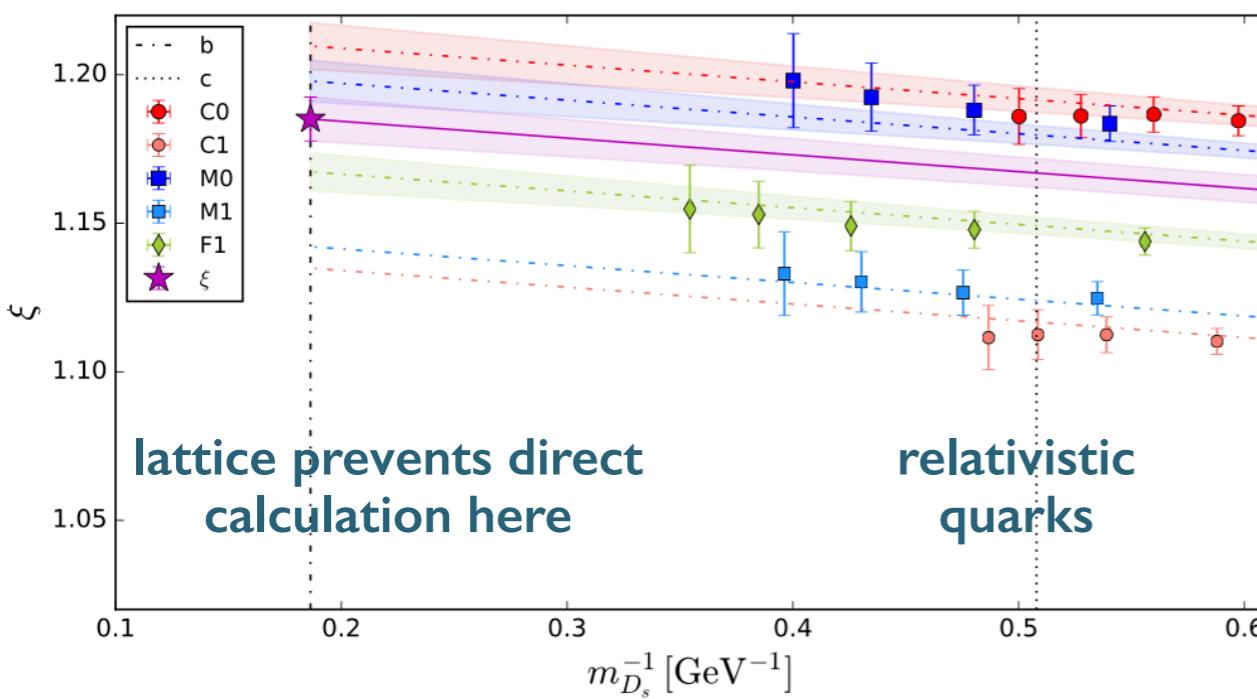


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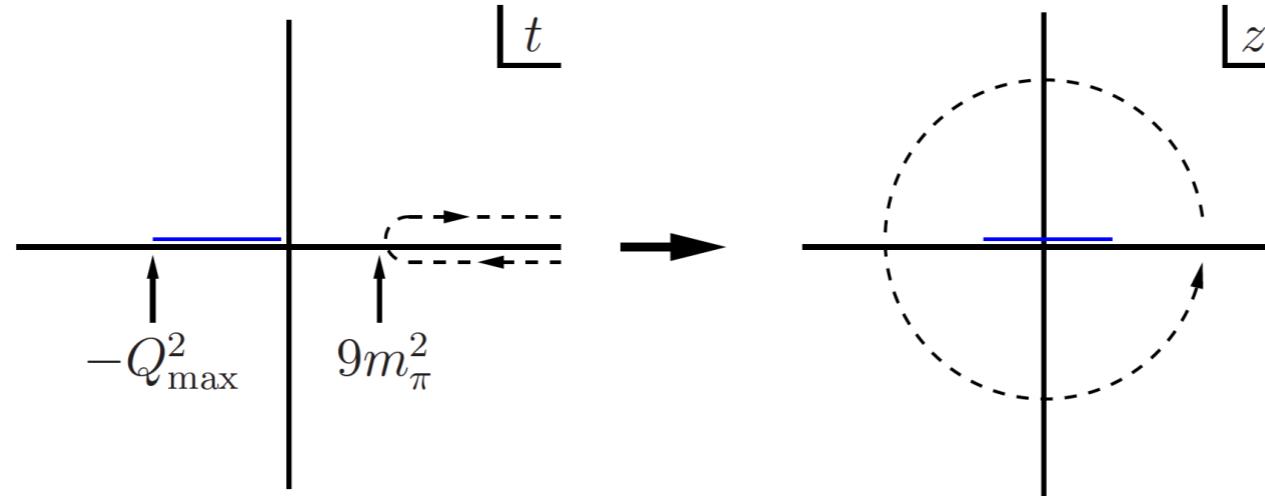
$$\xi(a, m_\pi, m_H)$$



- RBC/UKQCD 2018
- No effective action for  $b$  quark
- Extrapolate to heavy mass

# Form factors $\langle 1 | \mathcal{J} | 1' \rangle$

- Significantly more information (functions vs numbers)
- Conformal mapping  $\rightarrow$  z-expansion  $\rightarrow$  wider kinematic range



Bhattacharya, Hill, Paz (2011)

- Report z coefficients + correlations

- Joint fit to LQCD and experiment  $\rightarrow$  CKM

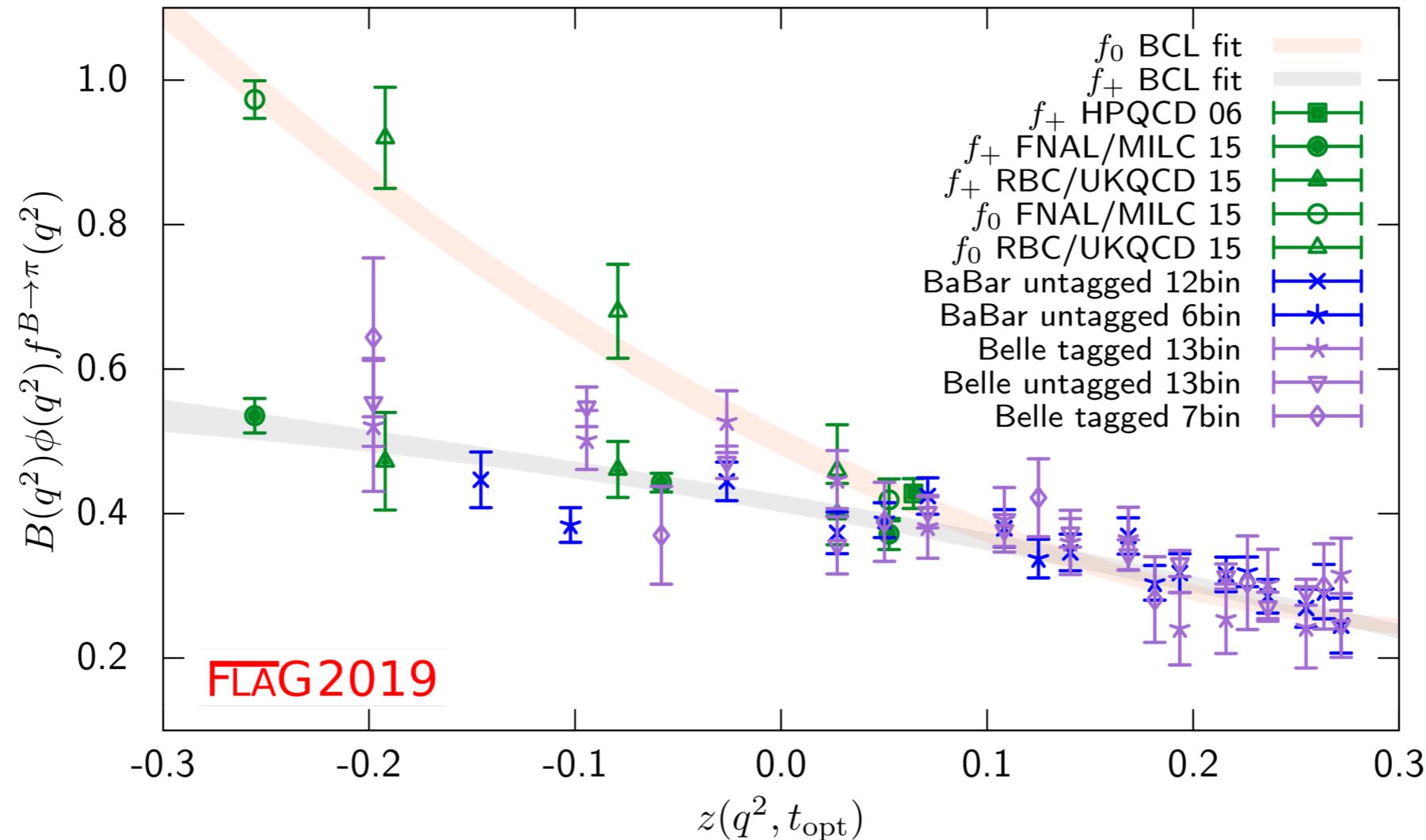
- Better precision needed for BES III, LHCb and BELLE II

$ V_{ud} $	$ V_{us} $	$ V_{ub} $
$\pi^+ \rightarrow l^+ \nu$	$K^+ \rightarrow l^+ \nu$	$B^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu$
$\pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu$	$K \rightarrow \pi l^+ \nu$	$B \rightarrow \pi l^+ \nu$
$ V_{cd} $	$ V_{cs} $	$ V_{cb} $
$D^+ \rightarrow l^+ \nu$	$D_s^+ \rightarrow l^+ \nu$	$B_c^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu$
$D \rightarrow \pi l^+ \nu$	$D \rightarrow K l^+ \nu$	$B \rightarrow \pi l^+ \nu$
$ V_{td} $	$ V_{ts} $	$ V_{tb} $
$B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 l^+ l^-$	$B^0 \rightarrow K^0 l^+ l^-$	
$B^0 \leftrightarrow \bar{B}^0$	$B_s^0 \leftrightarrow \bar{B}_s^0$	

Kronfeld (Durham workshop) (2019)

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□ Example:  $f^{B \rightarrow \pi}(q^2)$



- See new FLAG report/website for details
- Please cite original work (each figure has a .bib)

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# Why QED + QCD?

- In our Universe, up and down quarks have different masses and electric charges
- Thus far we have been ignoring these effects

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{[1+1+1, \alpha_{\text{QED}}=1/137]} \approx \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{[2+1, \alpha_{\text{QED}}=0]}$$

- This is expected to induce a percent-level systematic uncertainty

$$\alpha_{\text{QED}} \approx 0.7\% \quad \frac{M_n - M_p}{M_n} \approx 0.1\%$$

- But many LQCD observables have reached percent level determinations!

# Precision era LQCD

$$f_\pi = 130.2(8) \text{ MeV}$$

uncertainty = 0.6%

$$f_K = 155.7(0.7) \text{ MeV}$$

uncertainty = 0.5%

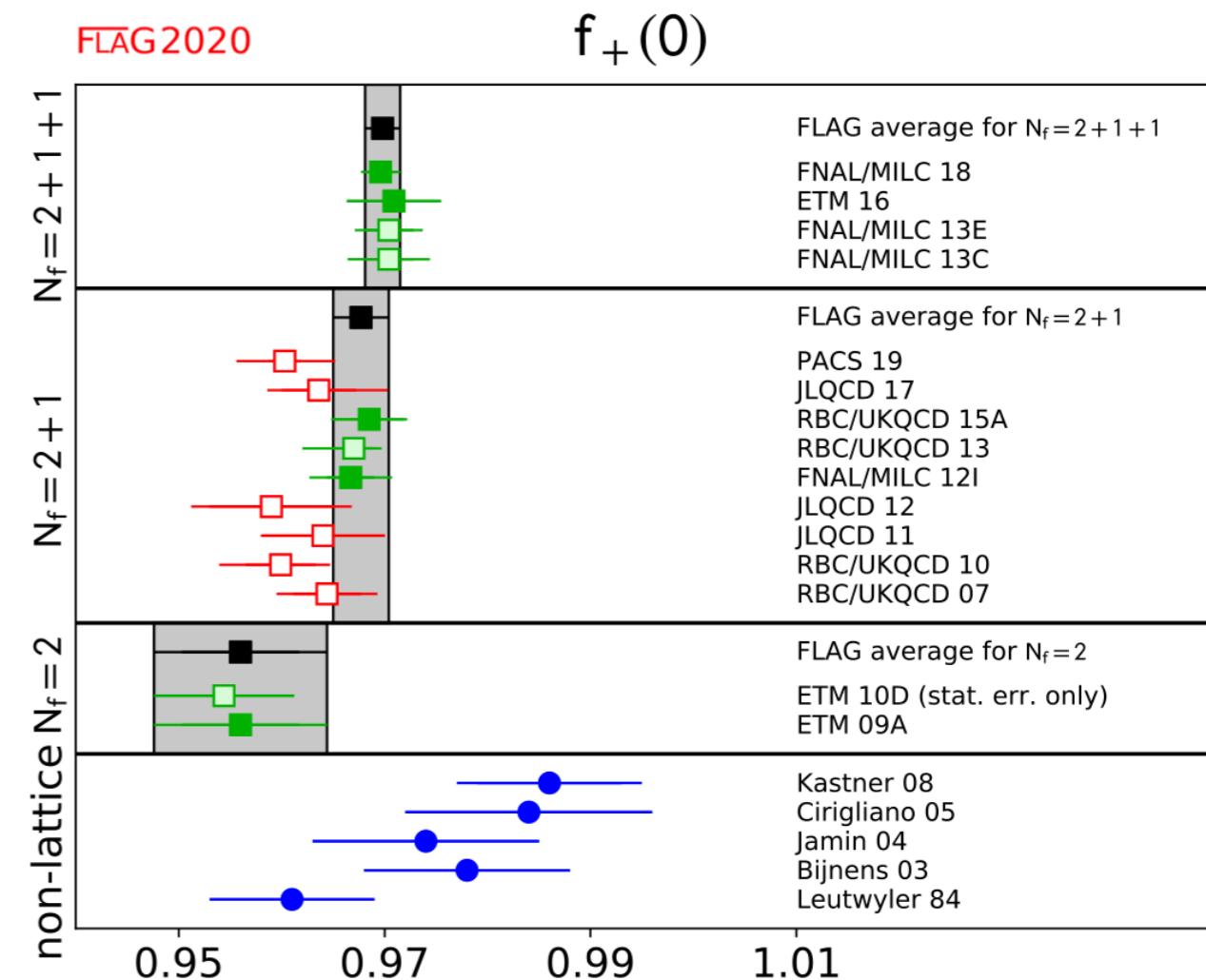
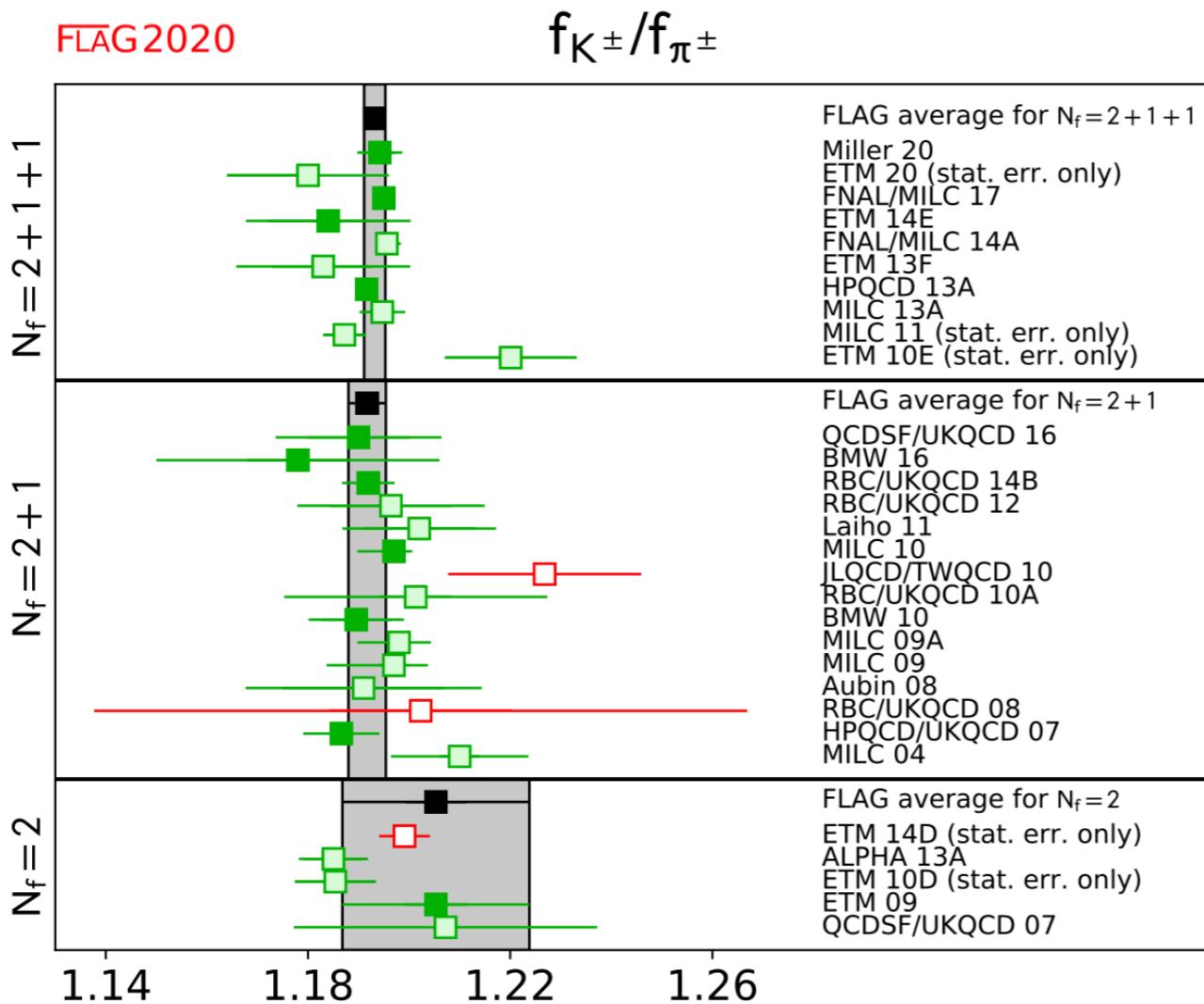
$$f_+(0) = 0.9698(17)$$

uncertainty = 0.2%

$$\delta_{\chi PT, \text{ QED}}(\pi^- \rightarrow \ell^-\bar{\nu}) = 1.8 \%$$

$$\delta_{\chi PT, \text{ QED}}(K^- \rightarrow \ell^-\bar{\nu}) = 1.1 \%$$

$$\delta_{\chi PT, \text{ QED}}(K \rightarrow \pi \ell \bar{\nu}) = 0.5 \text{ to } 3 \%$$

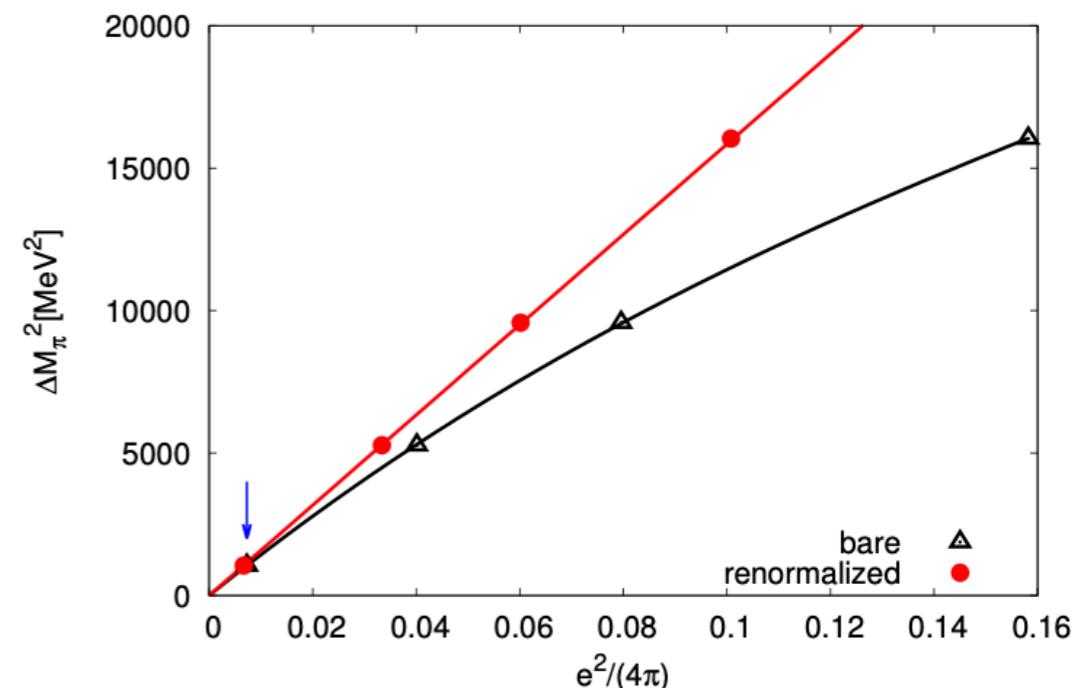


# Two basic strategies for QED+QCD

- Simulate with  $\alpha_{\text{QED}}$ ,  $m_u - m_d$

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \int \mathcal{D}\Phi \mathcal{O} e^{-S_{\text{QCD}} - S_{\text{QED+IB}}}$$

simplifies observables, but signal may be suppressed



Borsanyi et al., Science 347 (2015) 1452-1455

- Expand in  $\alpha_{\text{QED}}$ ,  $m_u - m_d$

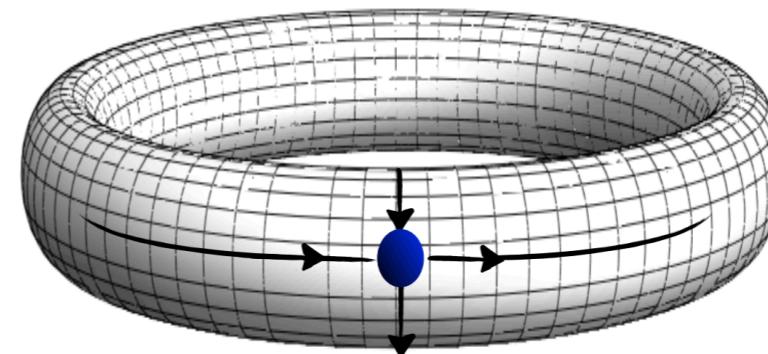
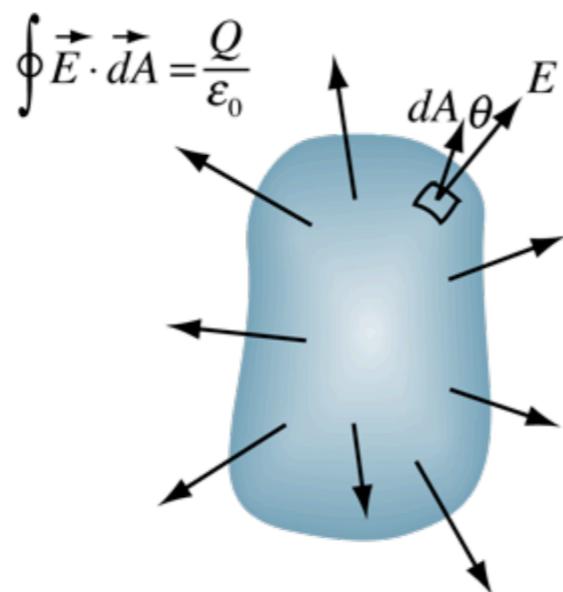
$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \int \mathcal{D}\Phi \mathcal{O} e^{-S_{\text{QCD}}} - \int \mathcal{D}\Phi [S_{\text{QED+IB}} \mathcal{O}] e^{-S_{\text{QCD}}} + \mathcal{O}(e^4)$$

signal is not suppressed, but observables are more complicated

# QED in a box

Gauss's law prohibits a naive implementation of charged objects in a periodic volume

$$Q = \int d^3x j_0(t, \mathbf{x}) = \int d^3x \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \int d\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{E}(t, \mathbf{x}) = 0$$



Note: if expanding one can take infinite-volume QED  
but putting QED and QCD in different spaces causes its own subtleties

- figures from A. Nicholson, GHP 2021 •

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# Don't mess with the global zero mode!

- Remove the global zero-mode of the gauge field ( $\text{QED}_{\text{TL}}$ )

$$a_\mu = eL_\mu \int d^4x A_\mu(x) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

- Restrict the global zero-mode of the gauge field

$$-\pi < a_\mu < \pi$$

Both of these disrupt  
the transfer matrix!  
(i.e. the hamiltonian)



$$\int d^3x \langle \psi(t, \mathbf{x}) \bar{\psi}(0) \rangle \neq \sum_{n,m} C_{nm}(L) e^{-t(E_n - E_m)} e^{-TE_m}$$



Must send  $L \rightarrow \infty$  before making use of spectral decomposition

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$$\int d^3x A_\mu(x) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$\text{QED}_L$  has a transfer matrix. It is a nonlocal prescription. Locality is a core property of QFT, it is a fundamental assumption behind

- ▶ Renormalizability by power counting
- ▶ Volume-independence of renormalization constants
- ▶ Operator product expansion
- ▶ Effective-theory description of long-distance physics
- ▶ Symanzik improvement program
- ▶ ...

Infinite-volume limit should be taken before the continuum limit.

# $\text{QED}_L$

$$\int d^3x A_\mu(x) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

- In matrix elements of high-dimension operators one expects terms scaling as

$$\frac{1}{aL^n}$$

Vanishes if  $L \rightarrow \infty$  at fixed  $a$ ,  
diverges if  $a \rightarrow 0$  at fixed  $L$

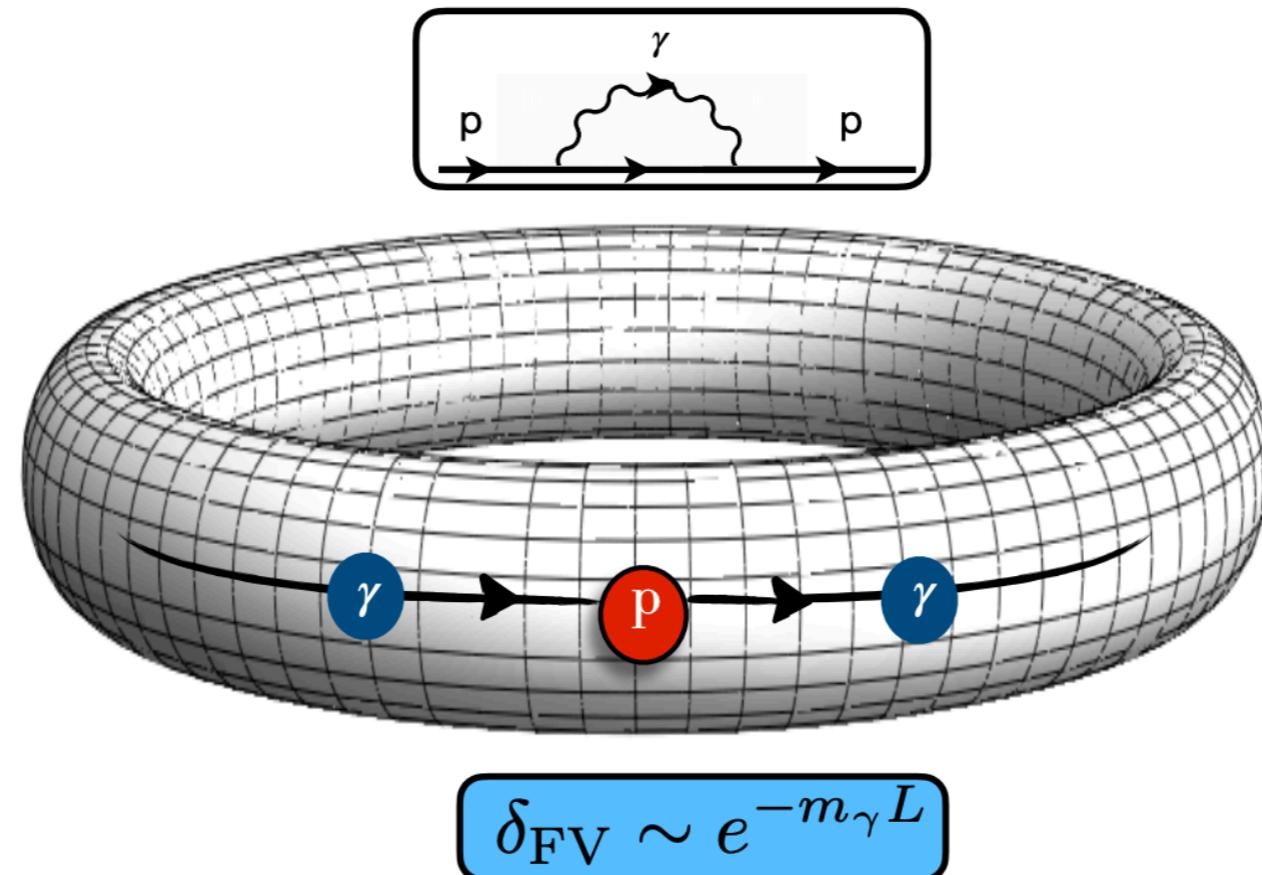
- No specific evidence of a problem for quantities currently being calculated
- Failure of NREFT = important lesson
- Would be very interesting to improve understanding of these issues

Practical consequence of  $\text{QED}_L$  = modified Feynman rules in calculating volume effects

$$\frac{1}{L^3} \sum_k \longrightarrow \frac{1}{L^3} \sum_{k \neq 0}$$

# QED<sub>M</sub>

- Combine Landau gauge + mass term for the photon
- Gauge invariance is broken, but in a controlled way

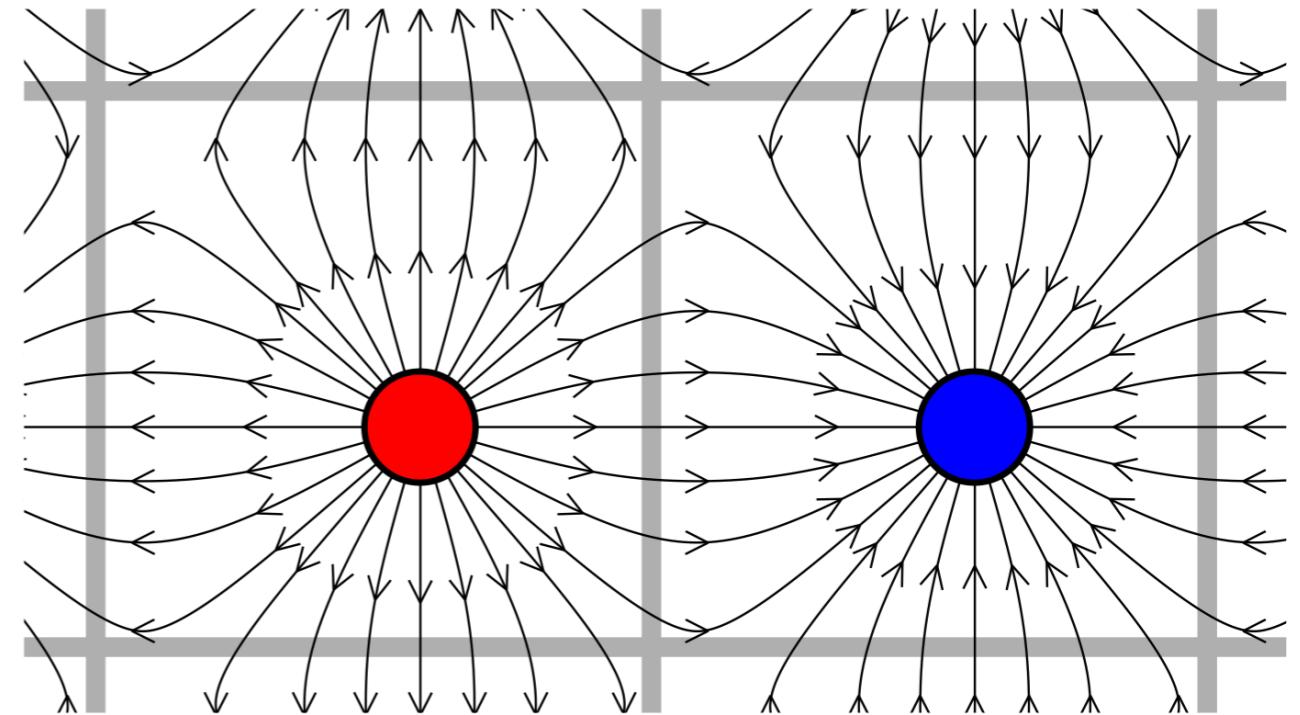


# QED<sub>C</sub>

- Use charge-conjugation-like boundary conditions

$$A_\mu(x + L\hat{e}_i) = -A_\mu^*(x)$$

$$\psi(x + L\hat{e}_i) = C^{-1}\bar{\psi}^T(x)$$



- Still power-like volume effects, but leading non-universal term is removed
- Exponentially suppressed flavor mixing

# QCD+QED observables

## □ Masses and mass splittings

## □ Meaning of decay constants

### □ Pure QCD

$$\Gamma(K^- \rightarrow \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell) = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{us}|^2 f_K^2}{8\pi} m_K m_\ell^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_\ell^2}{m_K^2}\right)^2$$

### □ QCD + QED (GRS scheme)

$$\Gamma(K^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu [\gamma]) = (1.0032 \pm 0.0011) \Gamma^{(0)}(K^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)$$

C. Sachrajda (*Durham flavour workshop*) • Di Carlo et al. (2020)

## □ Different soft scales for different particles

- Well-understood for pions and kaons
- $B$  and  $D$  = different soft scale → **requires theory developments**

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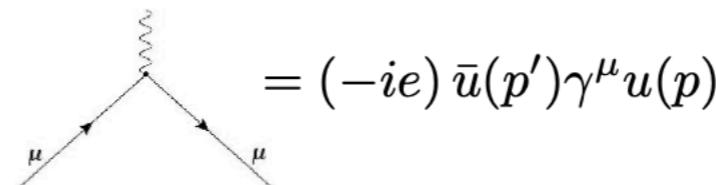
# $(g - 2)_\mu$ general



## Anomalous magnetic moment

The magnetic moment of charged leptons ( $e, \mu, \tau$ ):  $\vec{\mu} = g \frac{e}{2m} \vec{S}$

Dirac (leading order):  $g = 2$



Quantum effects (loops):

All SM particles contribute

$$= (-i e) \bar{u}(p') \left[ \gamma^\mu F_1(q^2) + \frac{i \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{2m} F_2(q^2) \right] u(p)$$

Note:  $F_1(0) = 1$  and  $g = 2 + 2 F_2(0)$

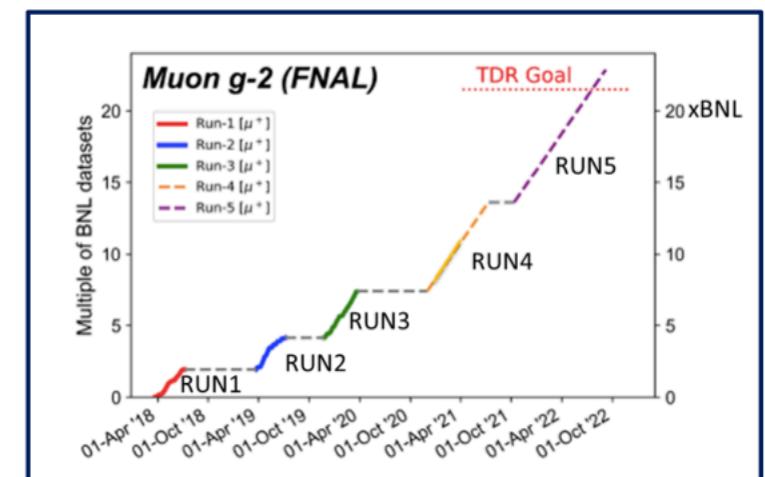
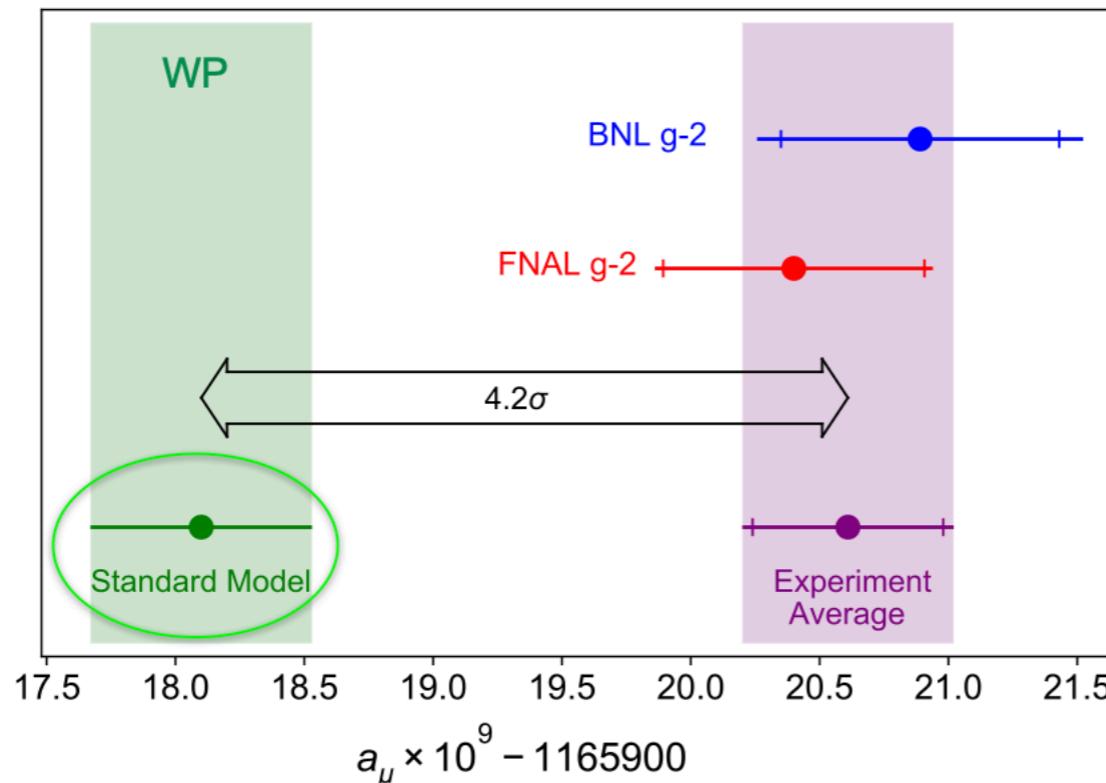
Anomalous magnetic moment:

$$a \equiv \frac{g - 2}{2} = F_2(0)$$

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## Muon g-2: experiment

- The Fermilab experiment released the measurement result from their run 1 data on 7 April 2021.  
[B. Abi et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 141801 (2021)]
- Analysis of runs 2 and 3 is now underway.

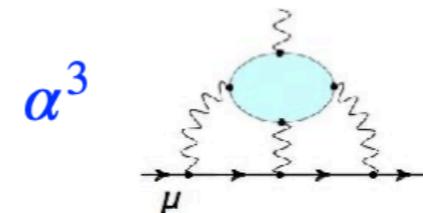
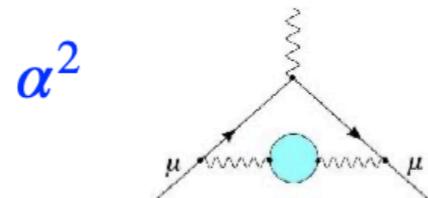


# $(g - 2)_\mu$ general

## Muon g-2: SM contributions

$$a_\mu = a_\mu(\text{QED}) + a_\mu(\text{EW}) + a_\mu(\text{hadronic})$$

leading hadronic



- ◆ The hadronic contributions are written as:

$$\begin{aligned} a_\ell(\text{hadronic}) = & \quad a_\ell^{\text{HVP, LO}} + a_\ell^{\text{HVP, NLO}} + a_\ell^{\text{HVP, NNLO}} + \dots \\ & + a_\ell^{\text{HLbL}} \quad + a_\ell^{\text{HLbL, NLO}} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

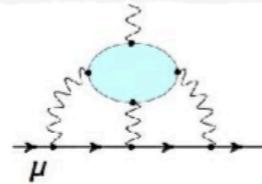
$\alpha^2$

$\alpha^3$

$\alpha^4$

$\sim 10^{-7}$

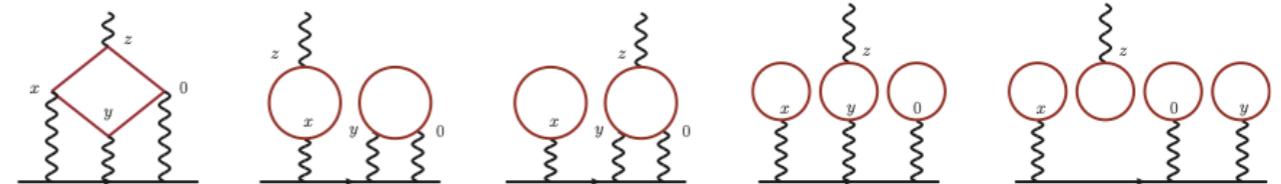
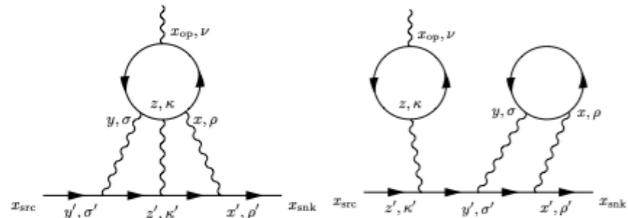
# $(g - 2)_\mu$ light-by-light



## HLbL: lattice

Hadronic light-by-light: Target:  $\leq 10\%$  total error

Two independent and complete direct lattice calculations of  $a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}}$



### ◆ RBC/UKQCD

[T. Blum et al, arXiv:1610.04603, 2016 PRL; arXiv:1911.08123, 2020 PRL]

### ◆ QCD + QED<sub>L</sub> (finite volume)

⇒  $1/L^2$  FV effects

stochastic evaluation of position space sums

Feynman gauge photon propagators

DWF ensembles at/near phys mass,

$a \approx 0.08 - 0.2$  fm,  $L \sim 4.5 - 9.3$  fm

### ◆ Mainz group

[E. Chao et al, arXiv:2104.02632]

### ◆ QCD + QED (infinite volume & continuum)

⇒  $e^{-m_\pi L}$  FV effects

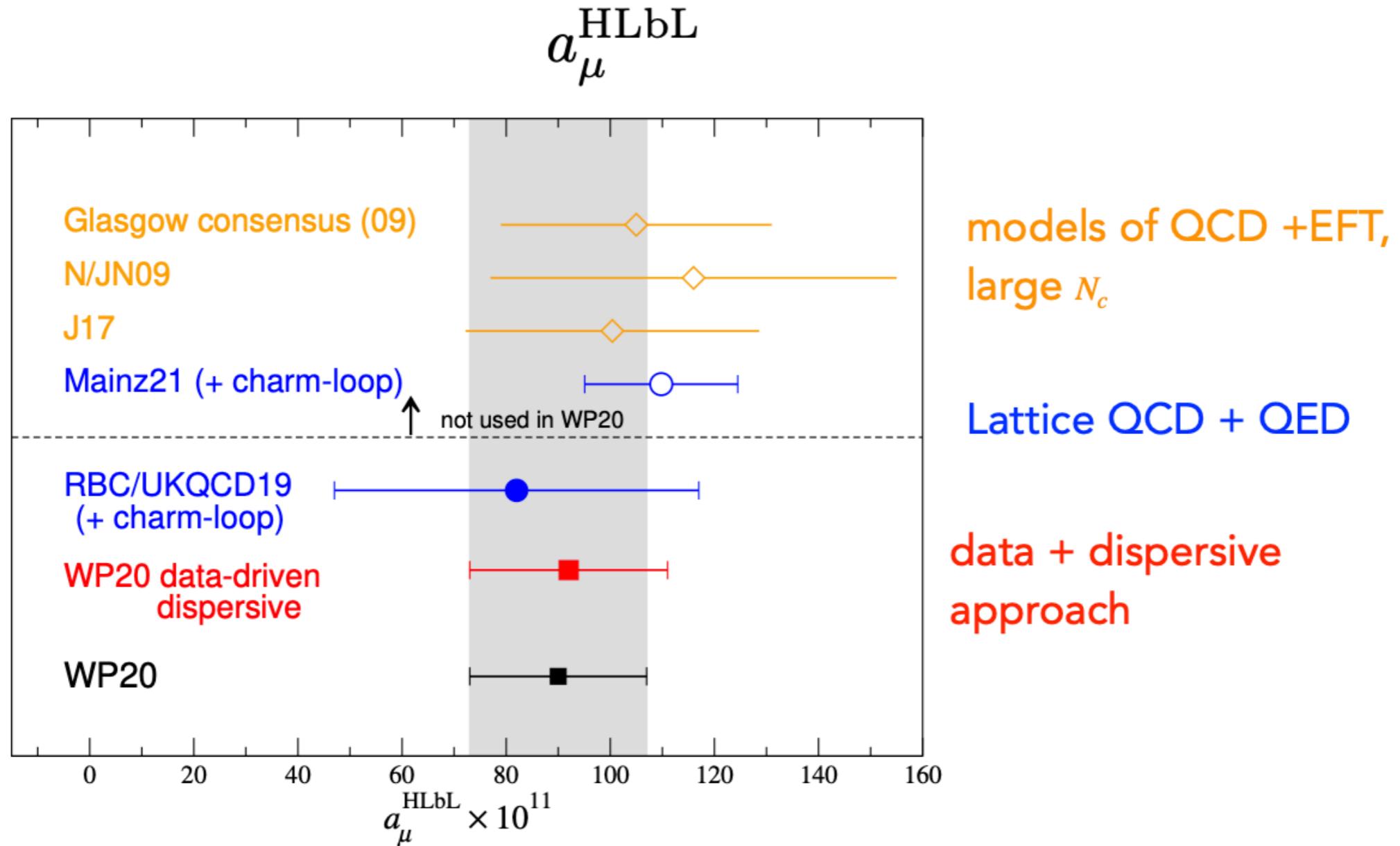
semi-analytic QED kernel function

CLS (2+1 Wilson-clover) ensembles

$m_\pi \sim 200 - 430$  MeV,  $a \approx 0.05 - 0.1$  fm,  $m_\pi L > 4$

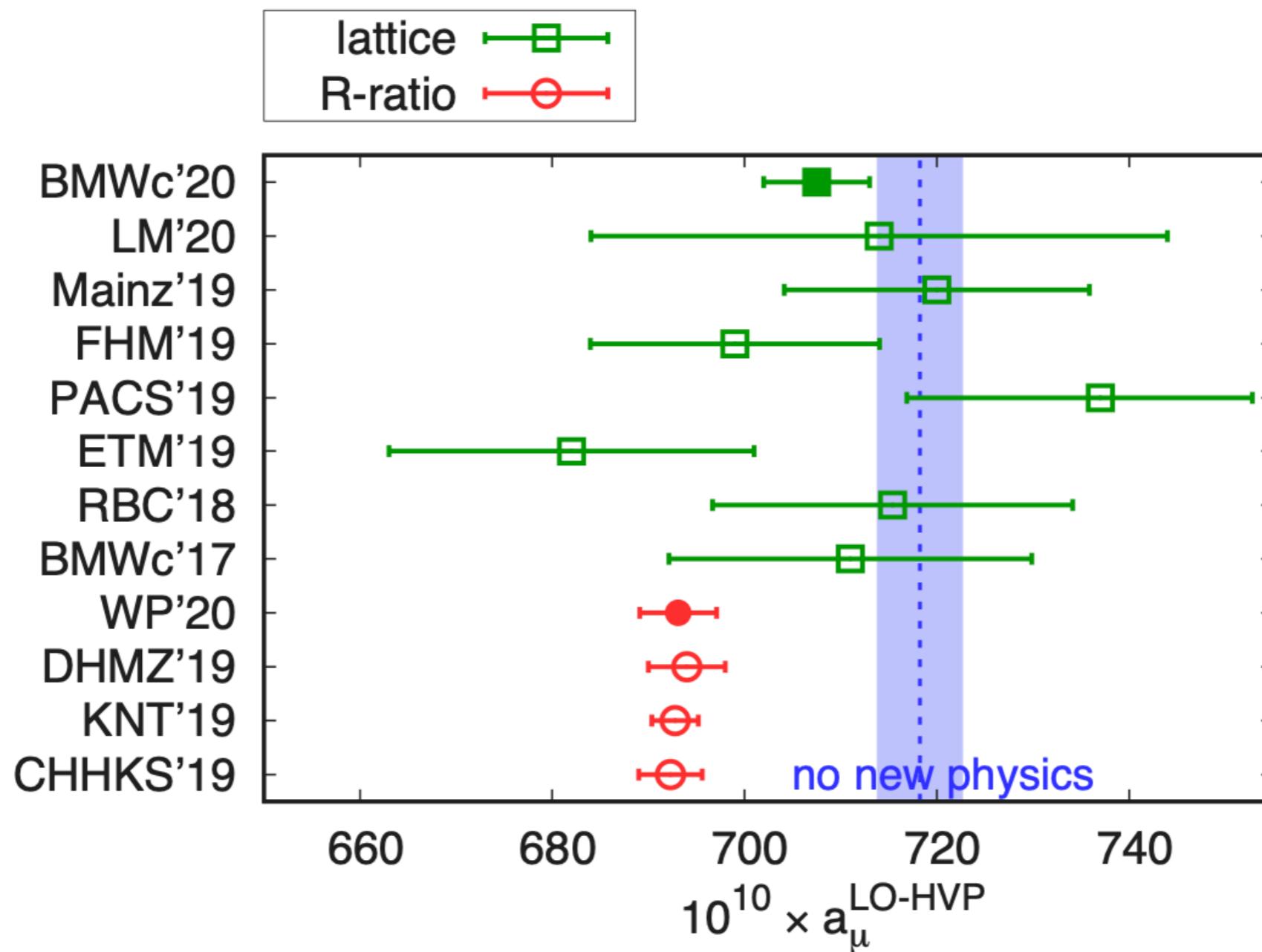
### ◆ Cross checks between RBC/UKQCD & Mainz approaches in White Paper at unphysical pion mass

# $(g - 2)_\mu$ light-by-light

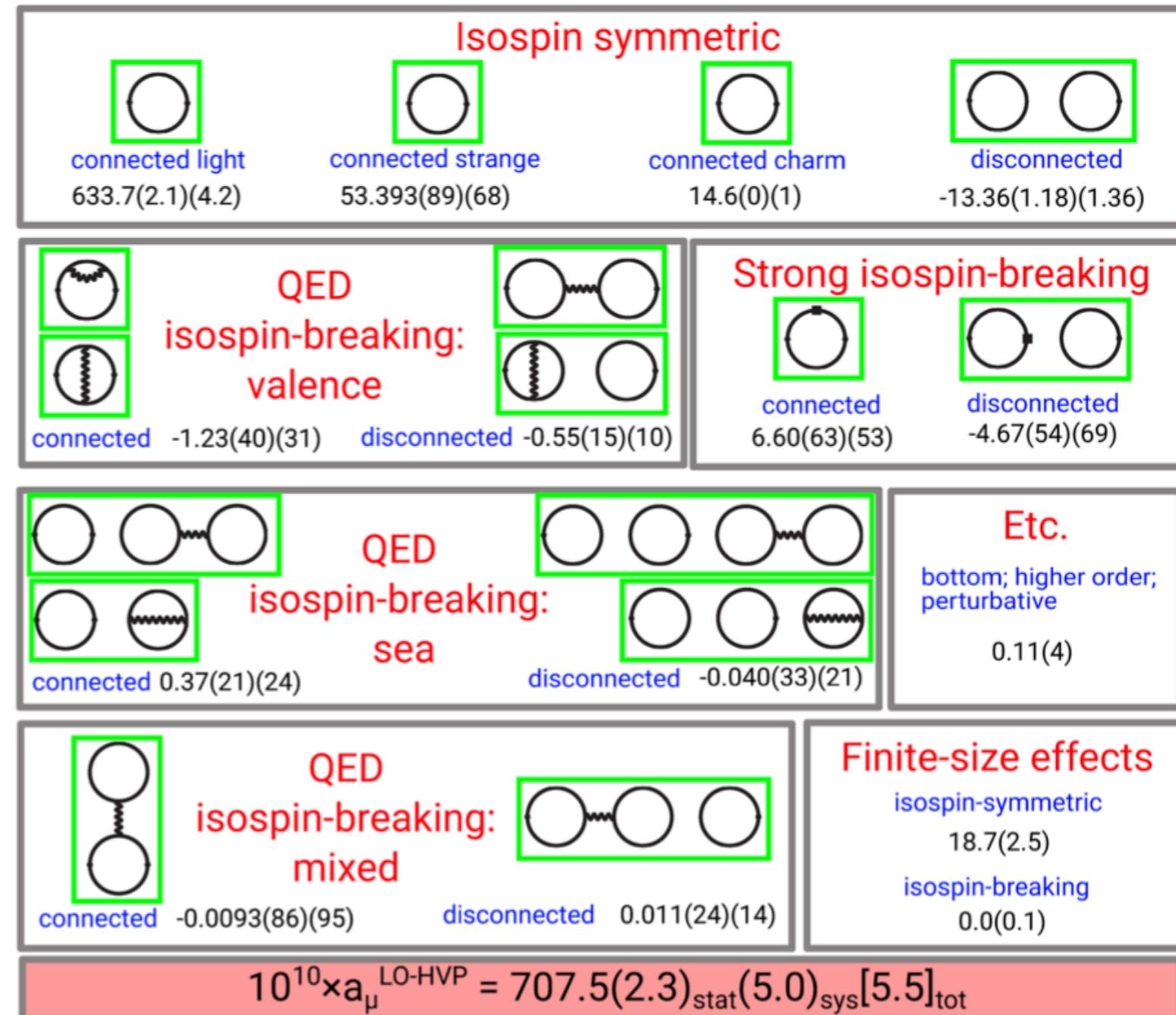


Now well-determined in two independent approaches, systematically improvable

# $(g - 2)_\mu$ HVP

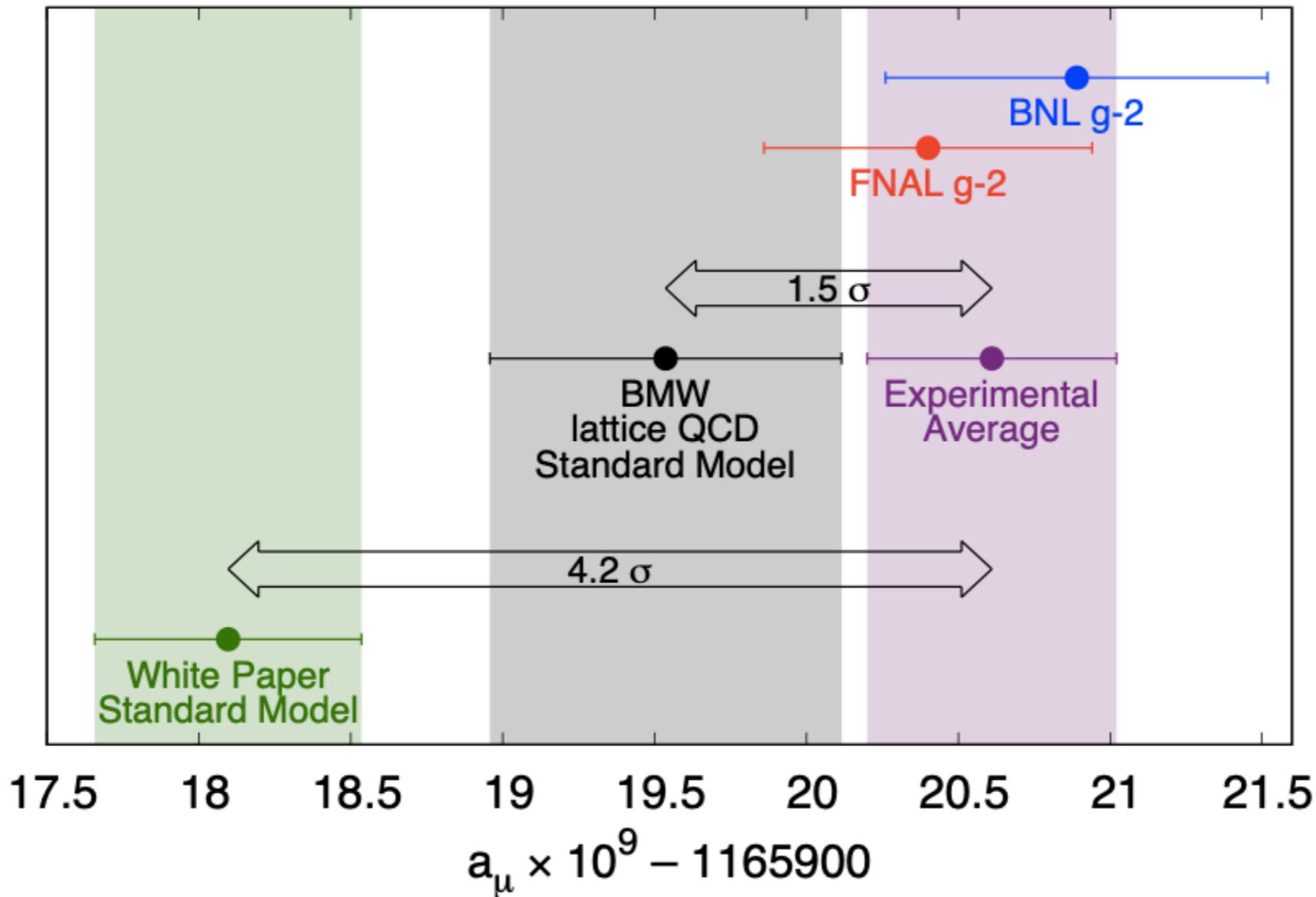


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Slides from B.C. Toth, Lattice 2021

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# Multi-hadron lattice quantities

- ‘On the lattice’ we calculate ***finite-volume energies*** and ***matrix elements***

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

- Determine ***optimized operators*** by diagonalizing correlator matrix (GEVP)

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

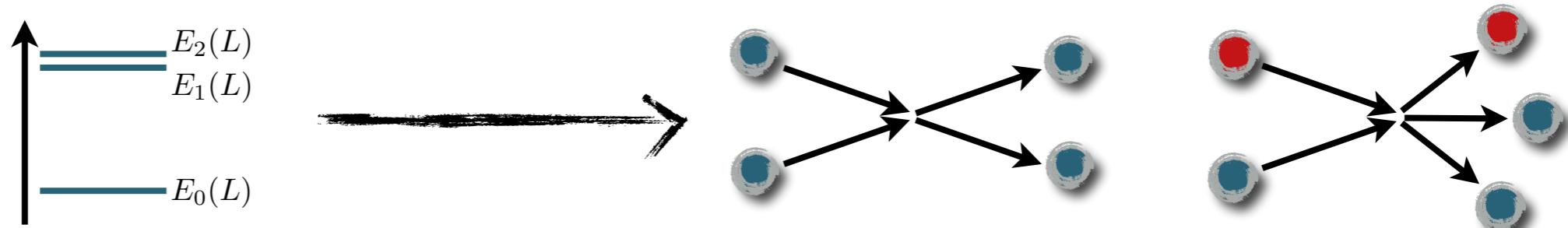
$$\langle \Omega_{m'}(\tau) \mathcal{J}(0) \Omega_m^\dagger(-\tau) \rangle \sim e^{-E_{m'}\tau} e^{-E_m\tau} \langle E_{m'} | \mathcal{J}(0) | E_m \rangle + \dots$$

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

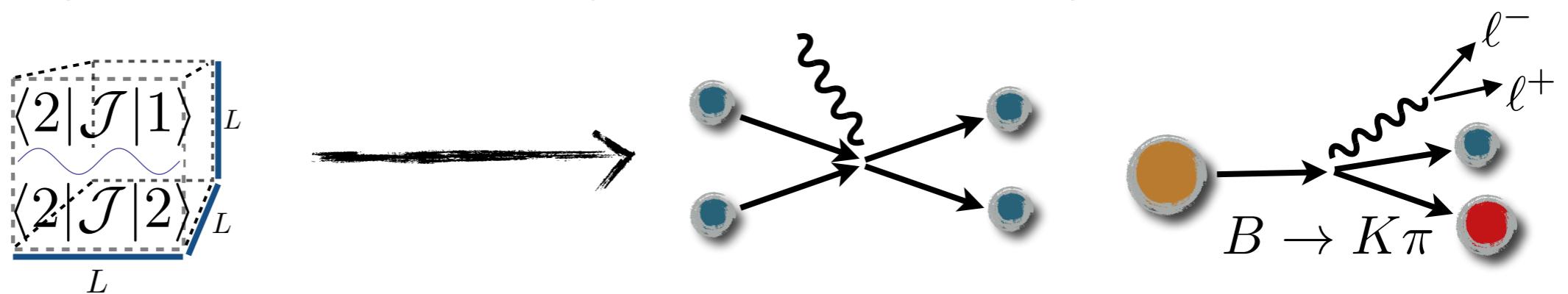
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□ Transitions (from finite-volume energies + matrix elements)

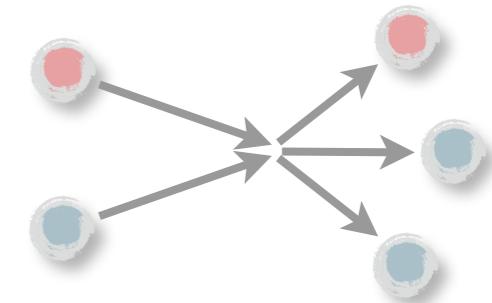
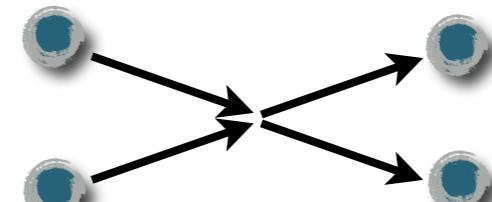


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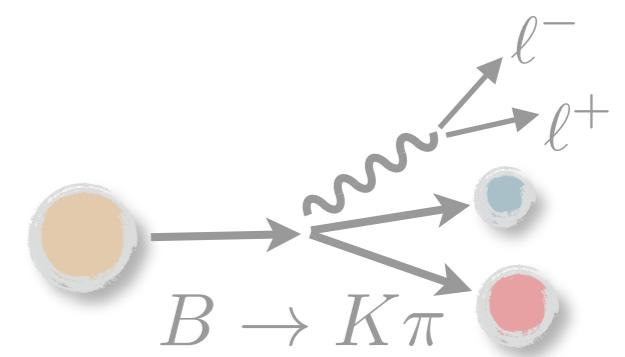
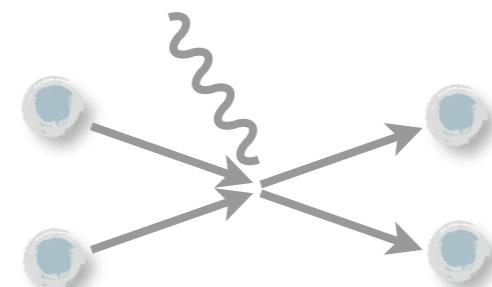
## □ Scattering (from finite-volume energies)

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ E_2(L) \\ E_1(L) \\ \downarrow \\ E_0(L) \end{array}$$



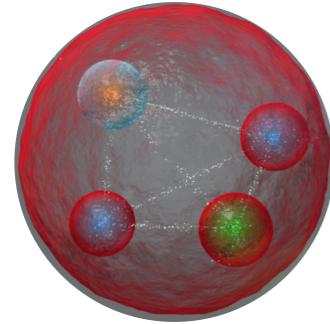
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$$\begin{array}{c} \langle 2 | \mathcal{J} | 1 \rangle_L \\ \langle 2 | \mathcal{J} | 2 \rangle_L \\ L \end{array}$$



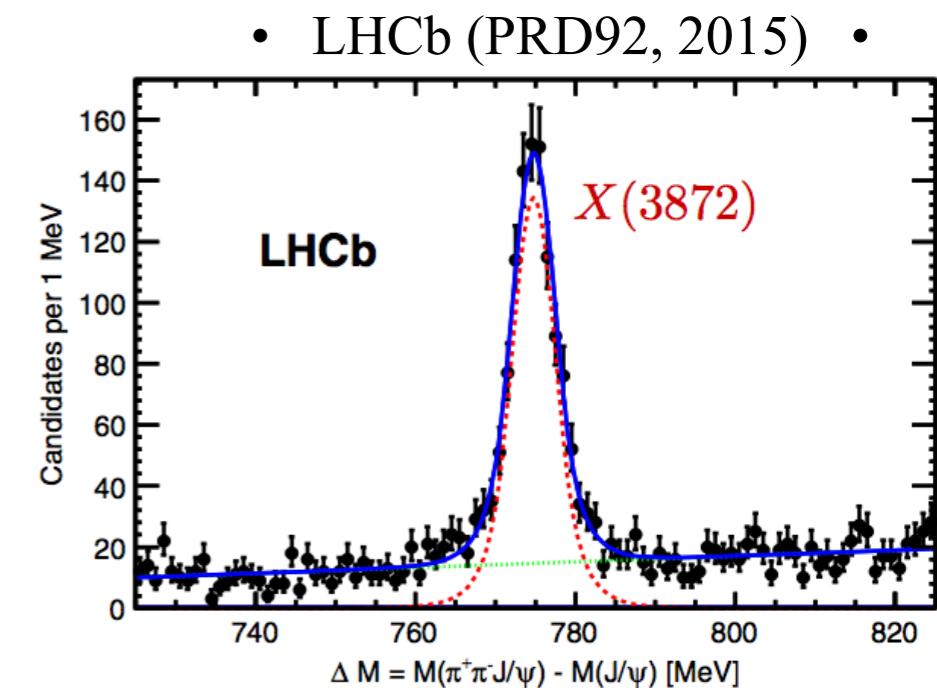
# Multi-hadron observables

## □ 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

• LHCb (PRL, 2019) •

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

$f_0(1710)$  could enhance  $\Delta A_{CP}$

• Soni (2017) •

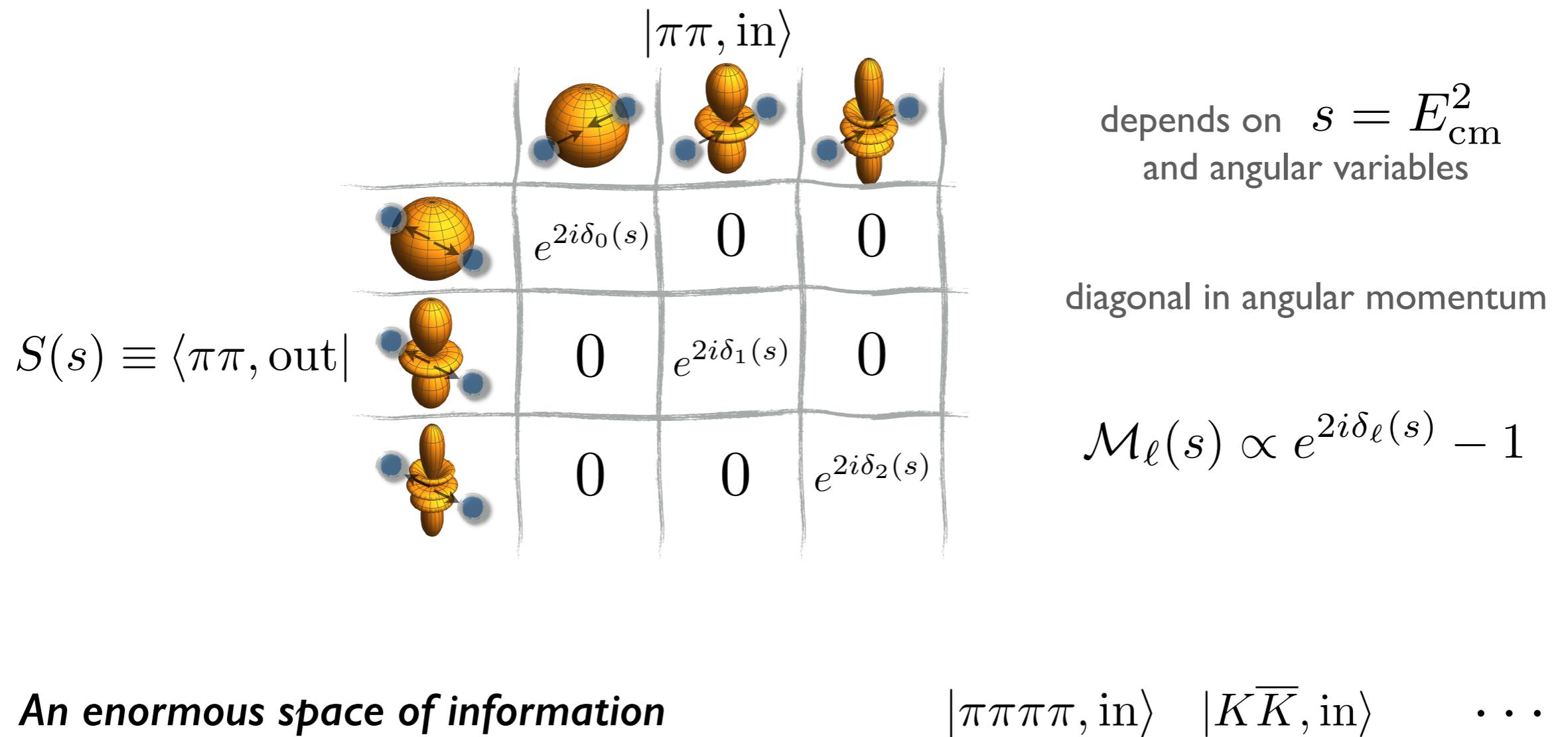
Resonant B decays

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

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

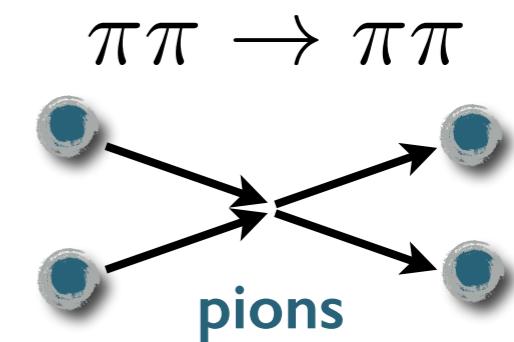
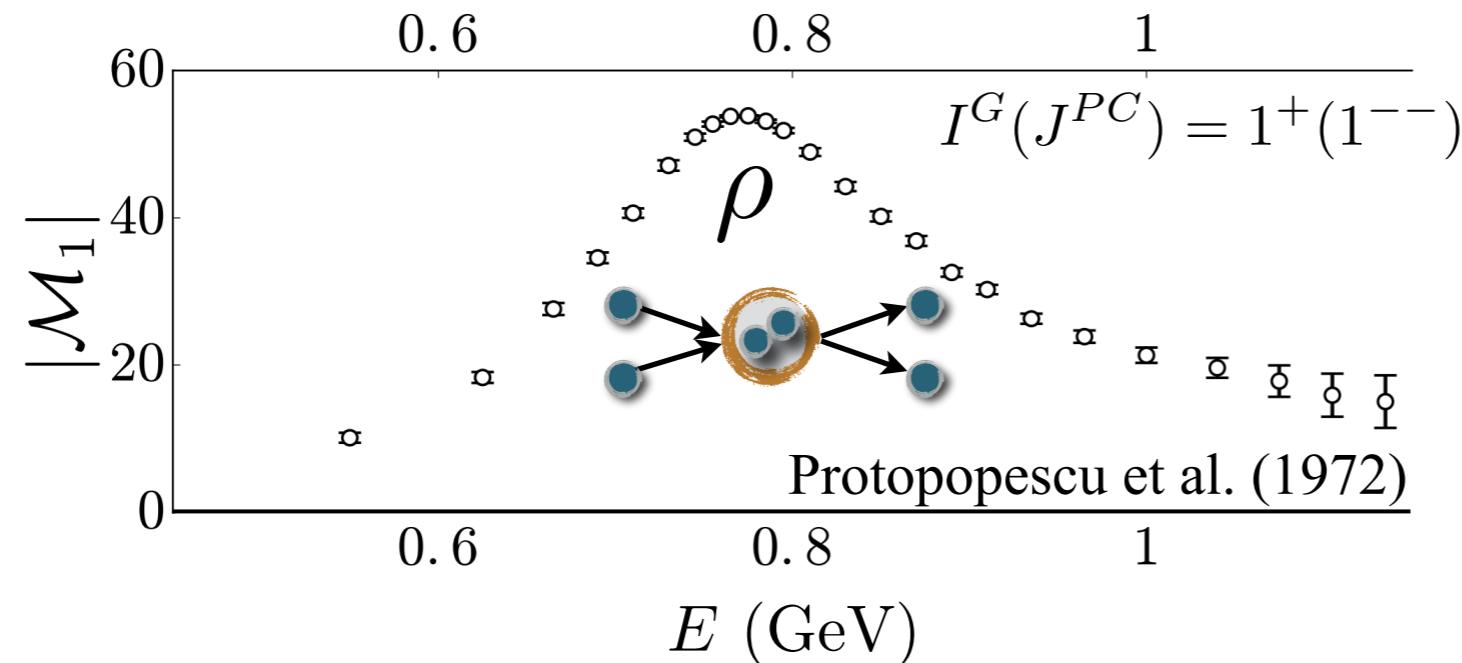
# QCD Fock space

- 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



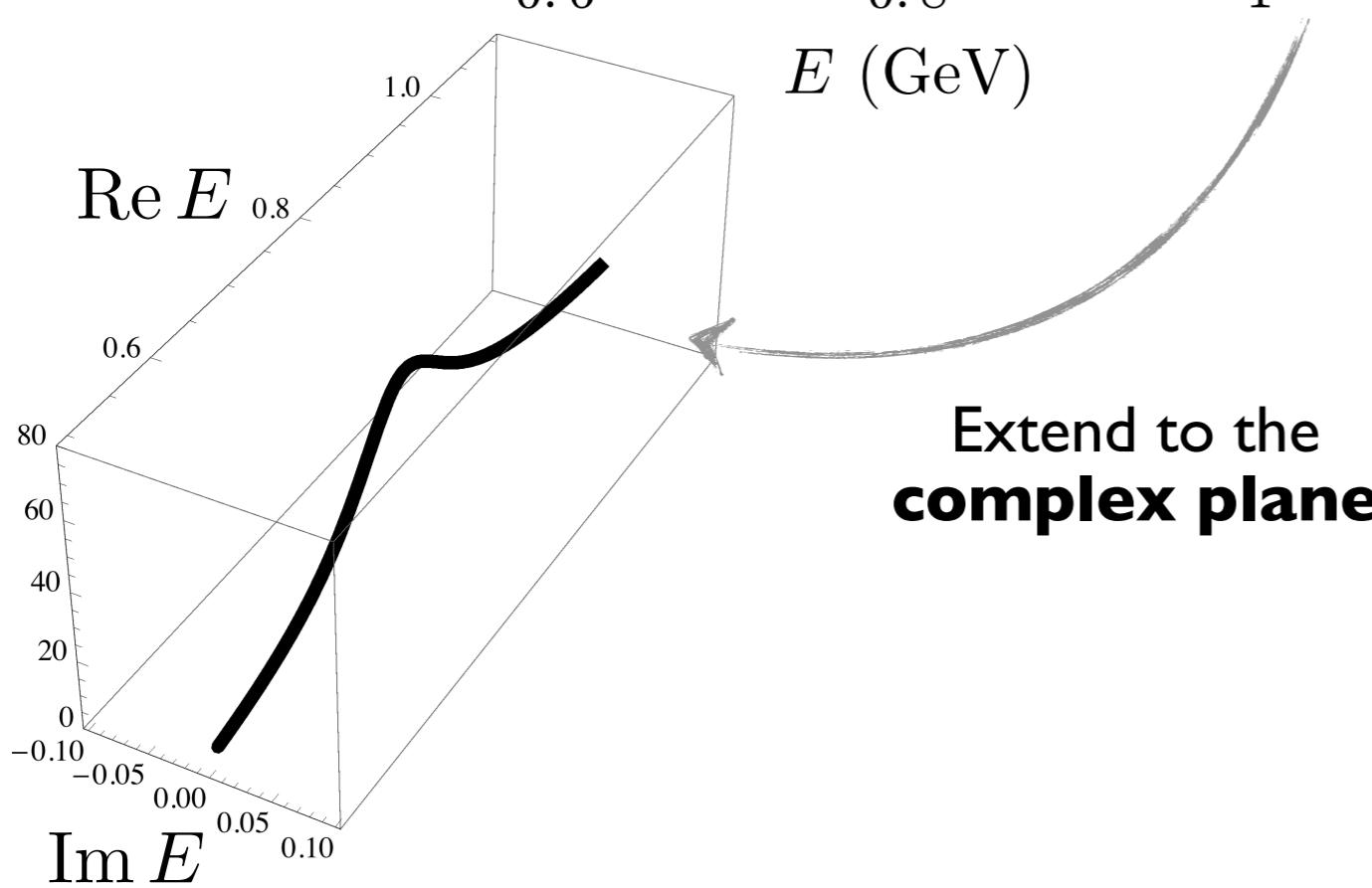
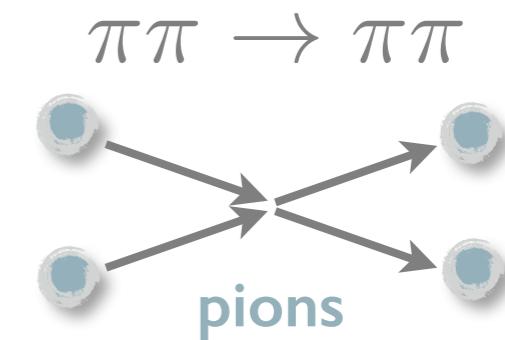
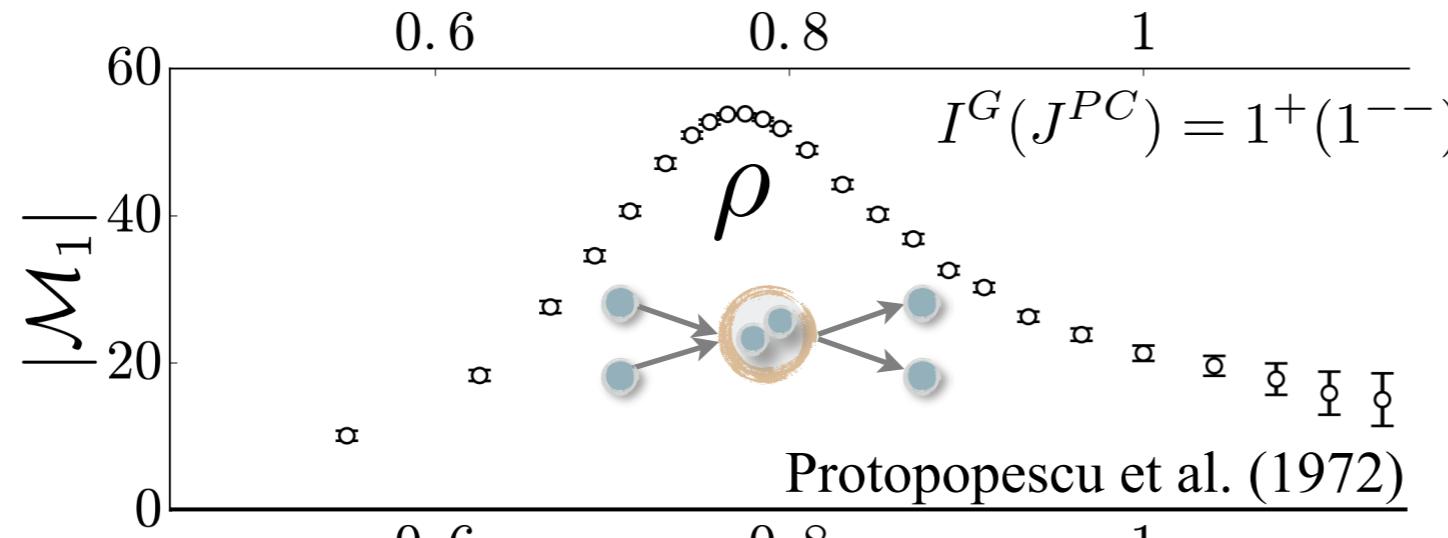
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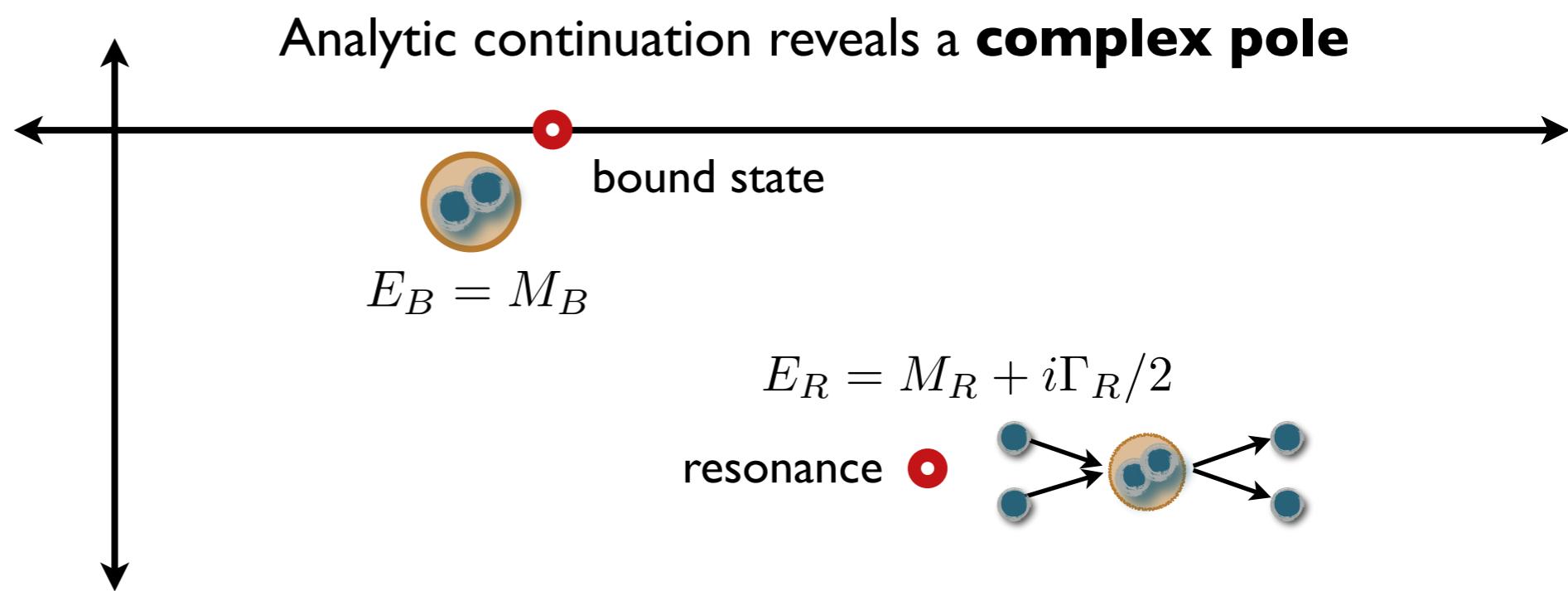
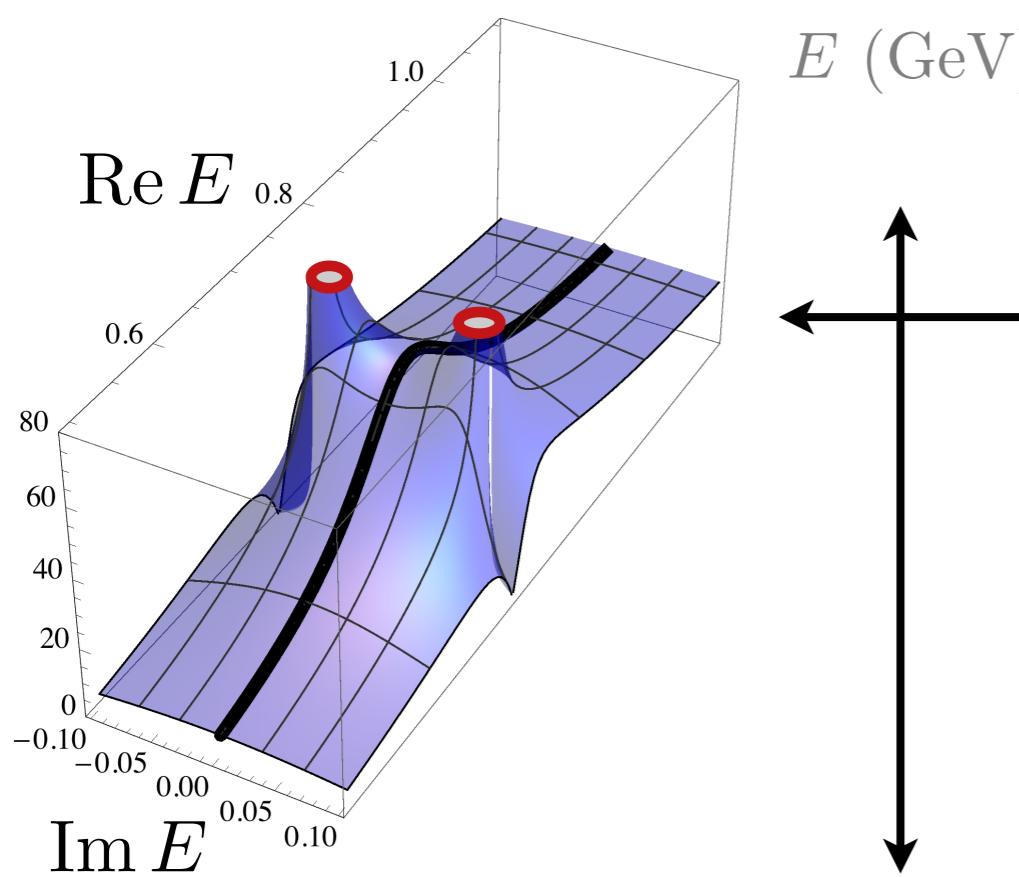
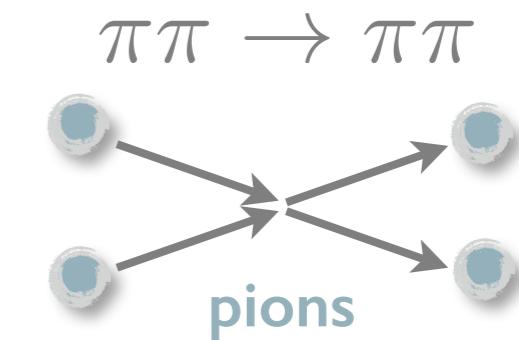
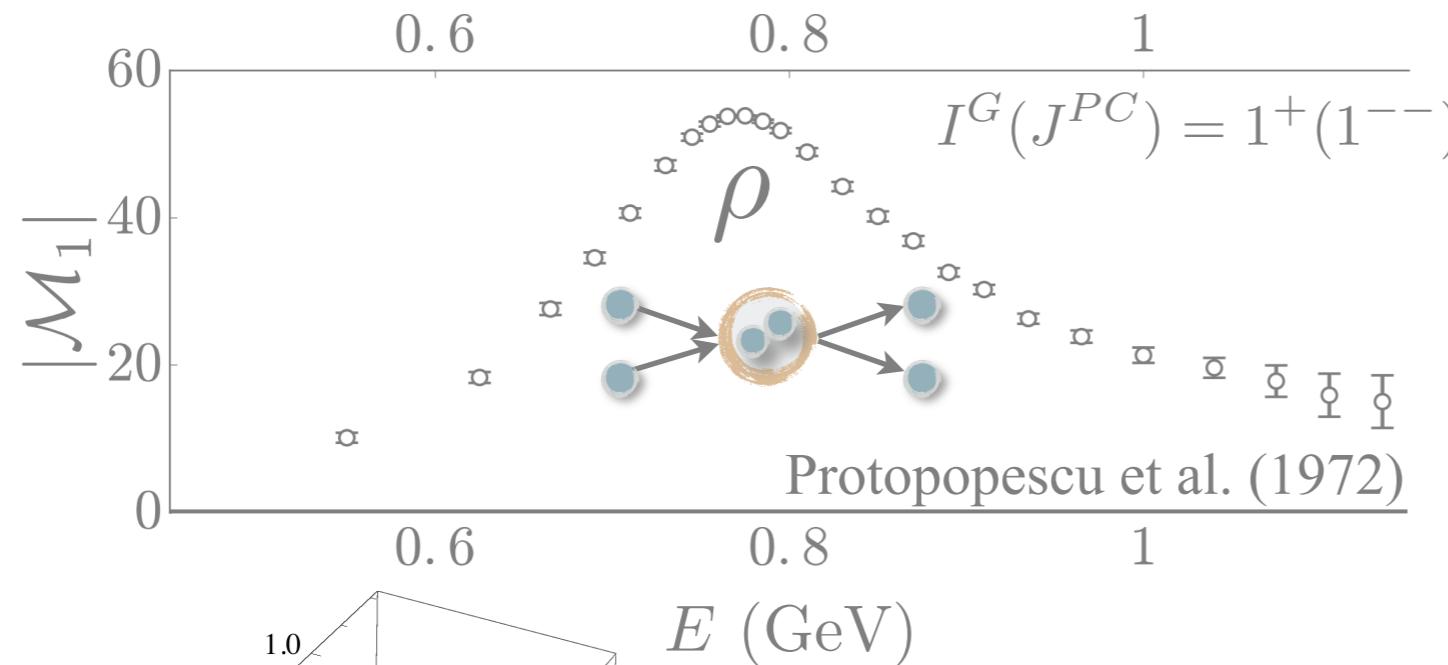
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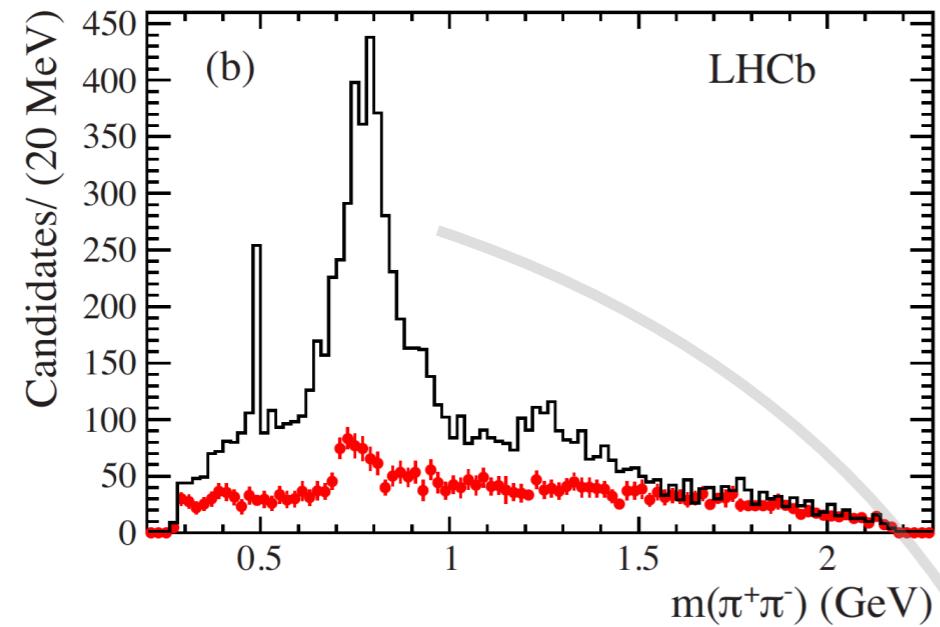
**scattering rate**



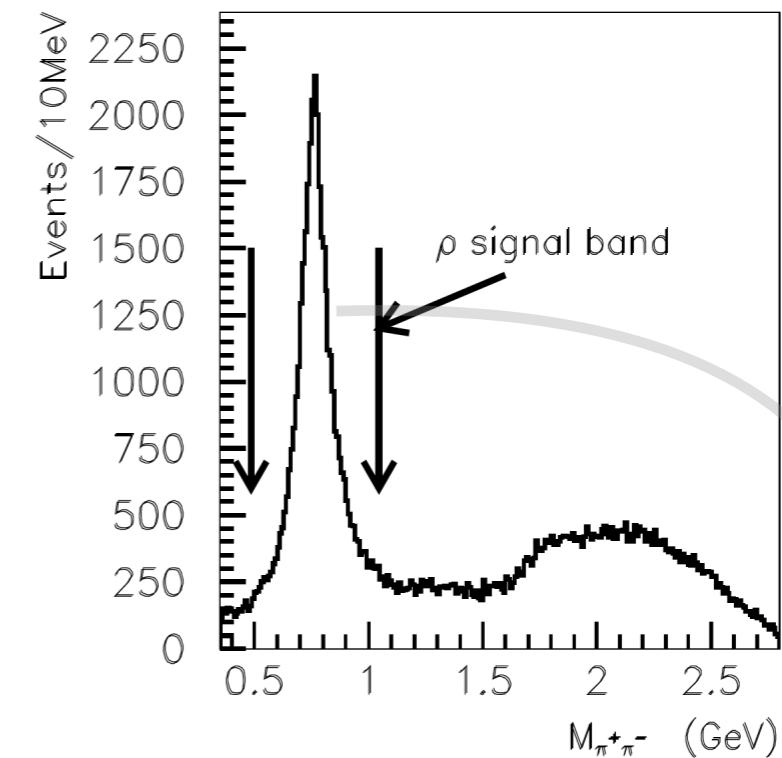
# Pole is universal

- Resonances often seen in “production”

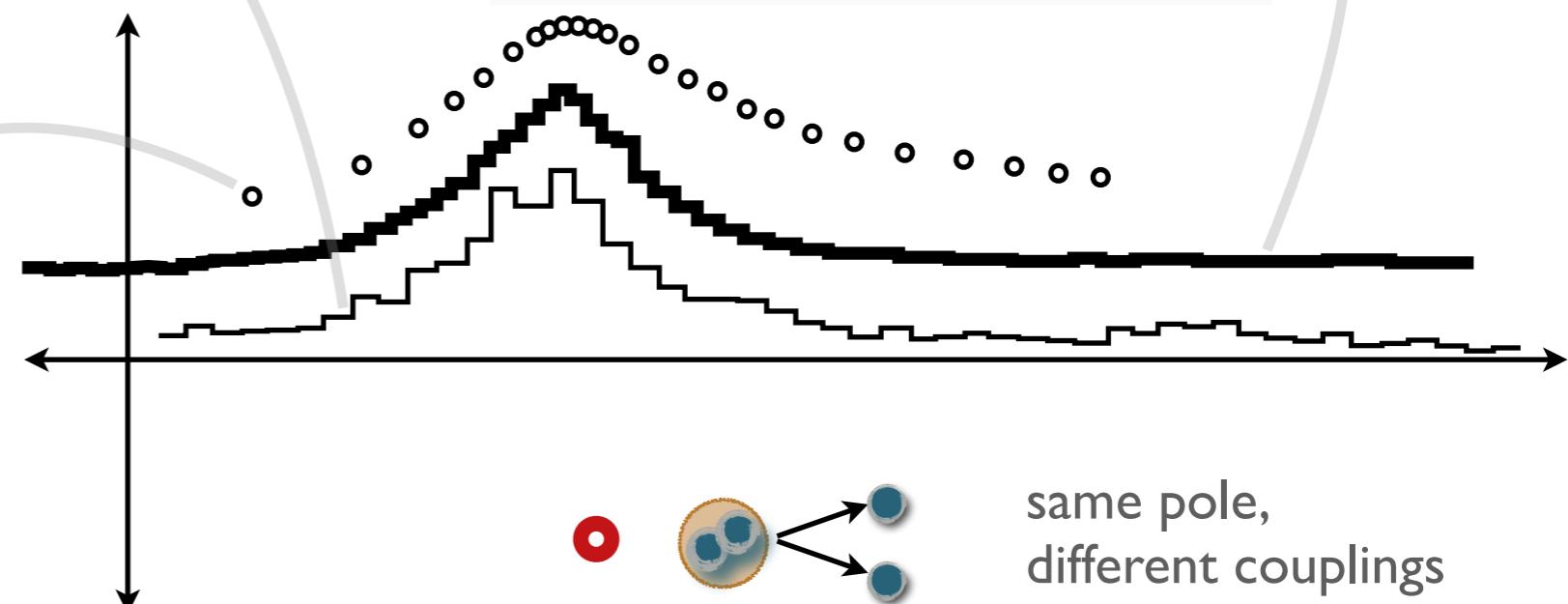
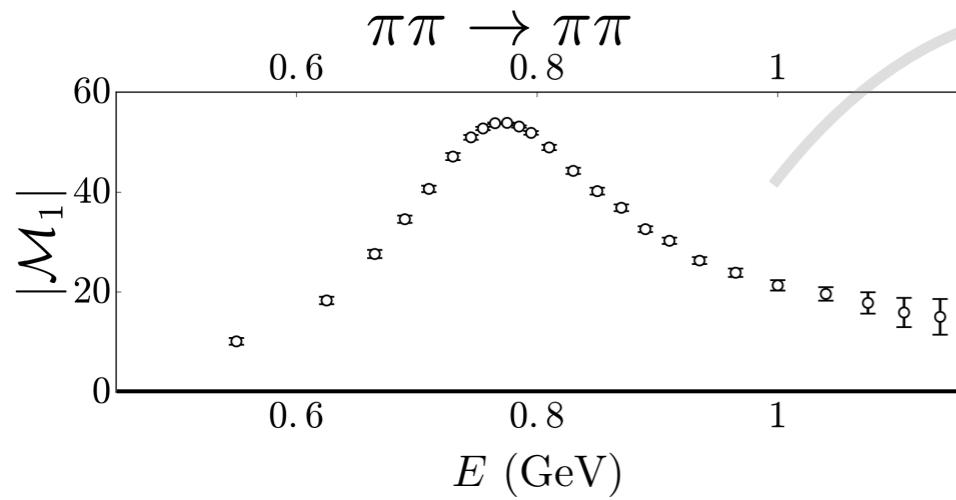
$$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$$



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



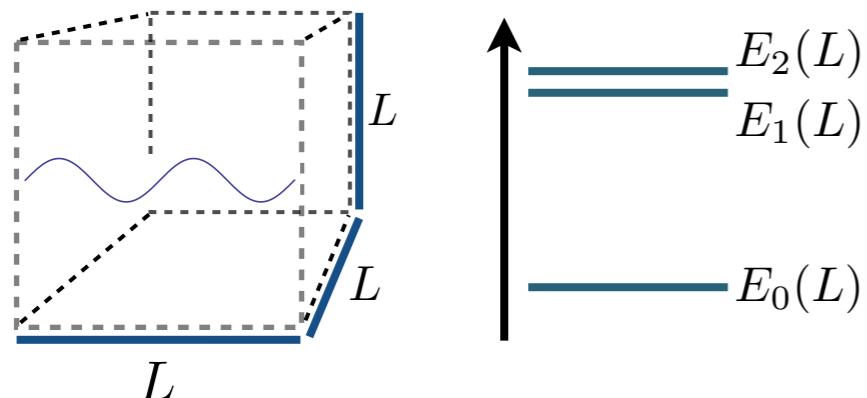
*(as opposed to scattering)*



same pole,  
different couplings

# The finite-volume as a tool

- Finite-volume set-up



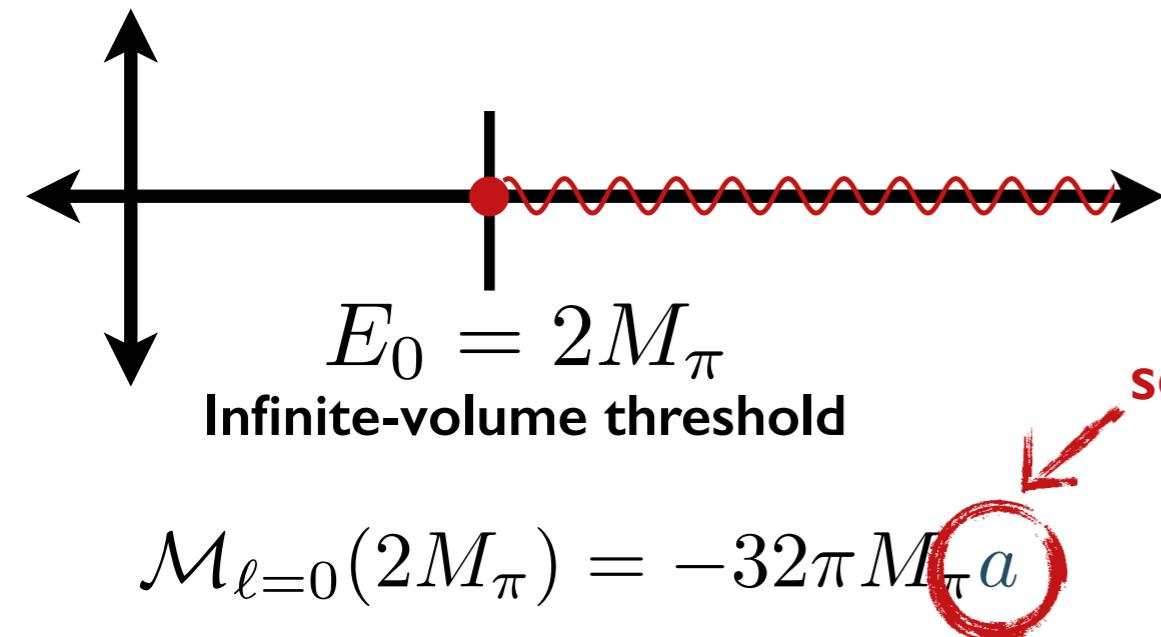
- **cubic**, spatial volume (extent  $L$ )

- **periodic**

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

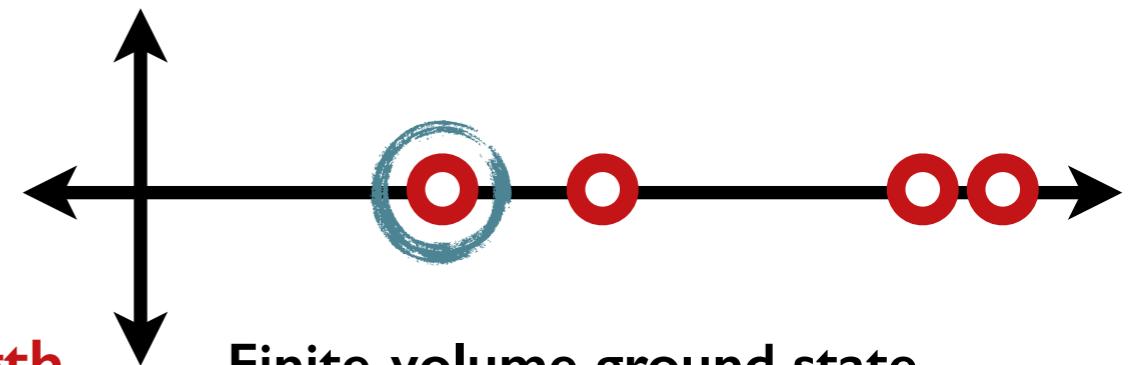
- $L$  is large enough to neglect  $e^{-M_\pi L}$
- $T$  and lattice also negligible

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



$$\mathcal{M}_{\ell=0}(2M_\pi) = -32\pi M_\pi a$$

scattering length



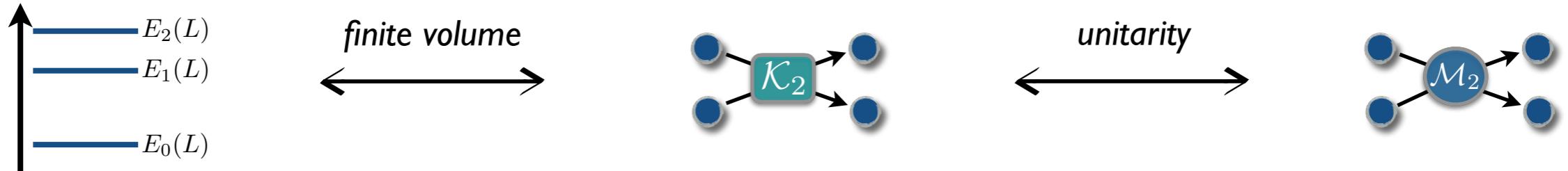
$$E_0(L) = 2M_\pi + \frac{4\pi a}{M_\pi L^3} + \mathcal{O}(1/L^4)$$

• Huang, Yang (1958) •

# Result

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

$F(P, L) \equiv$  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*

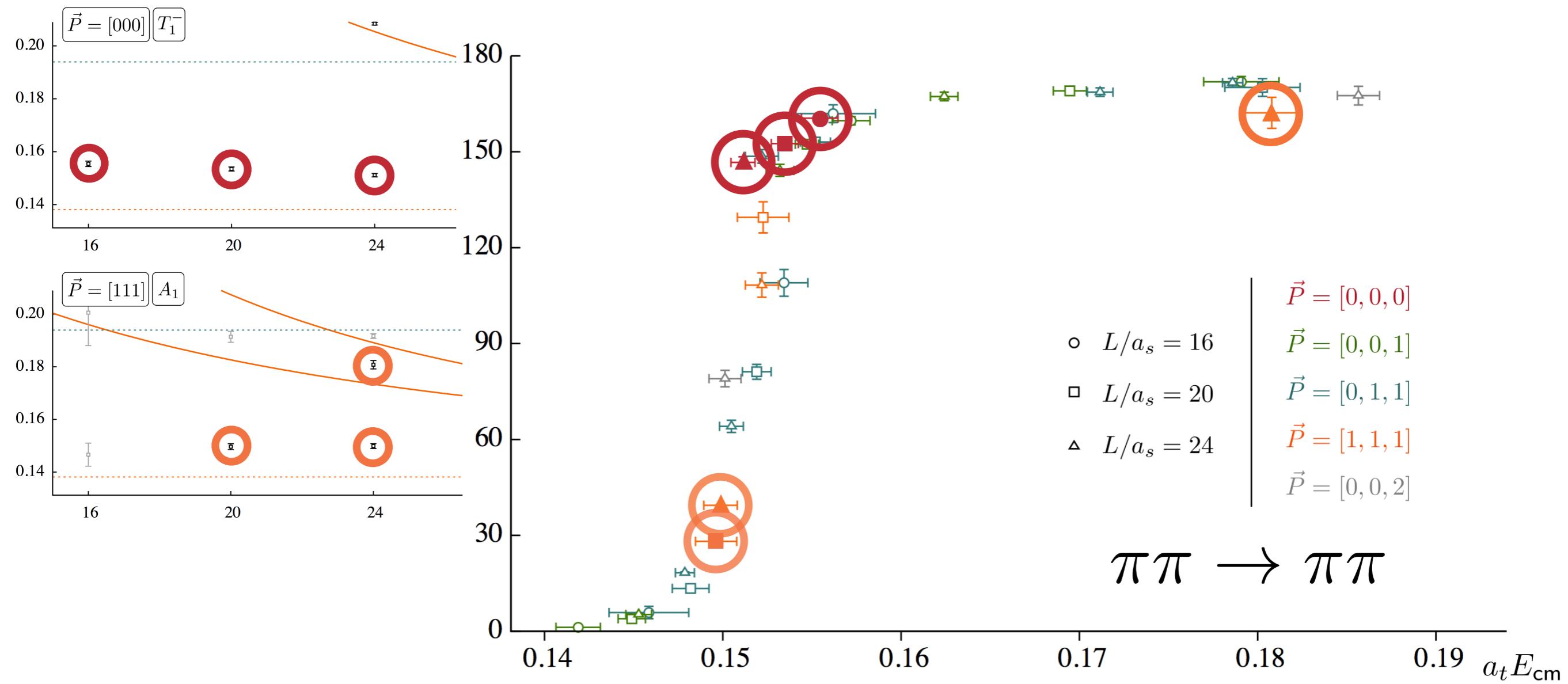
*Encodes angular momentum mixing*

- Huang, Yang (1958) • Lüscher (1986, 1991) • Rummukainen, Gottlieb (1995)  
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Li, Liu (2013) • Briceño (2014)

# Using the result

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

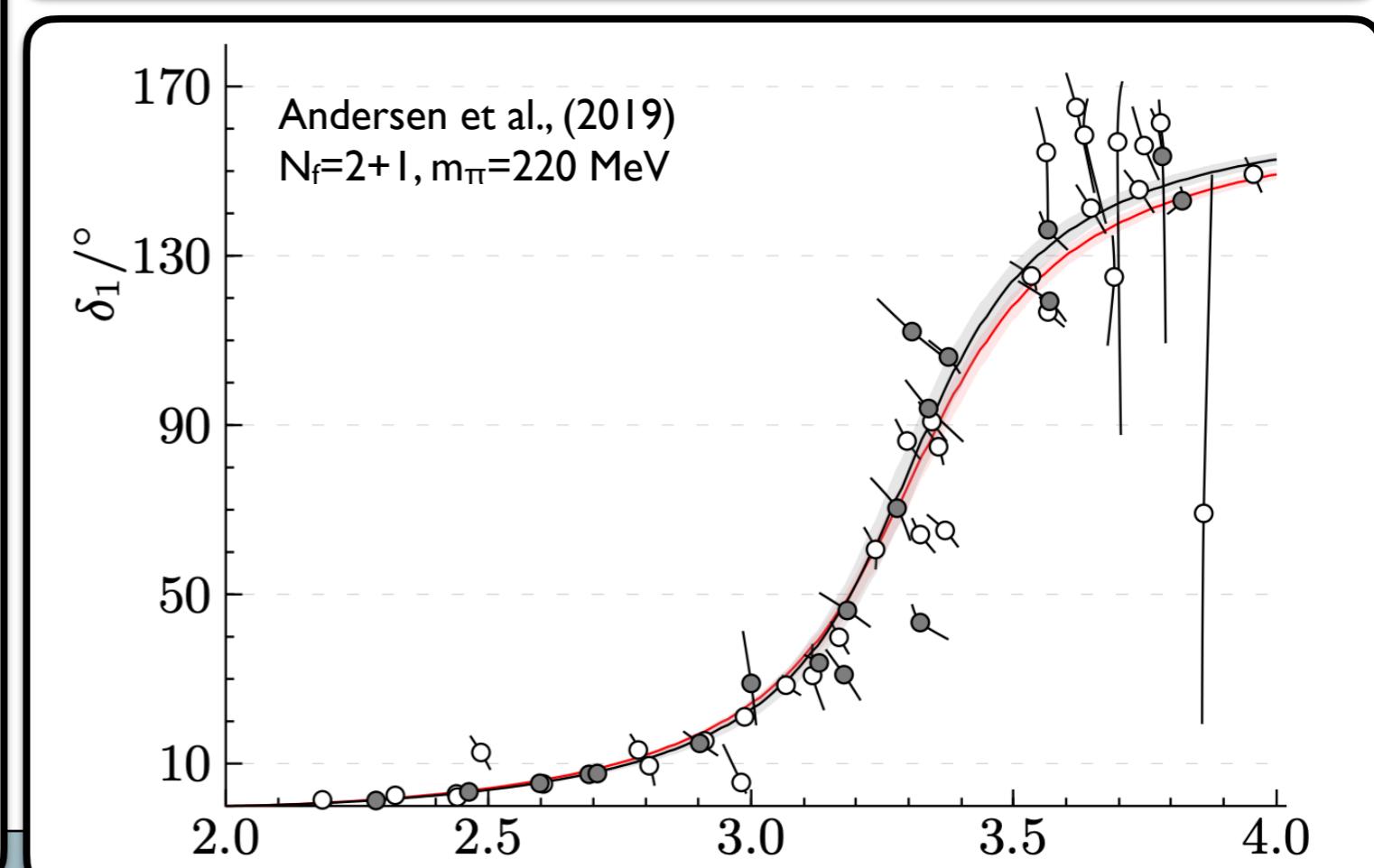
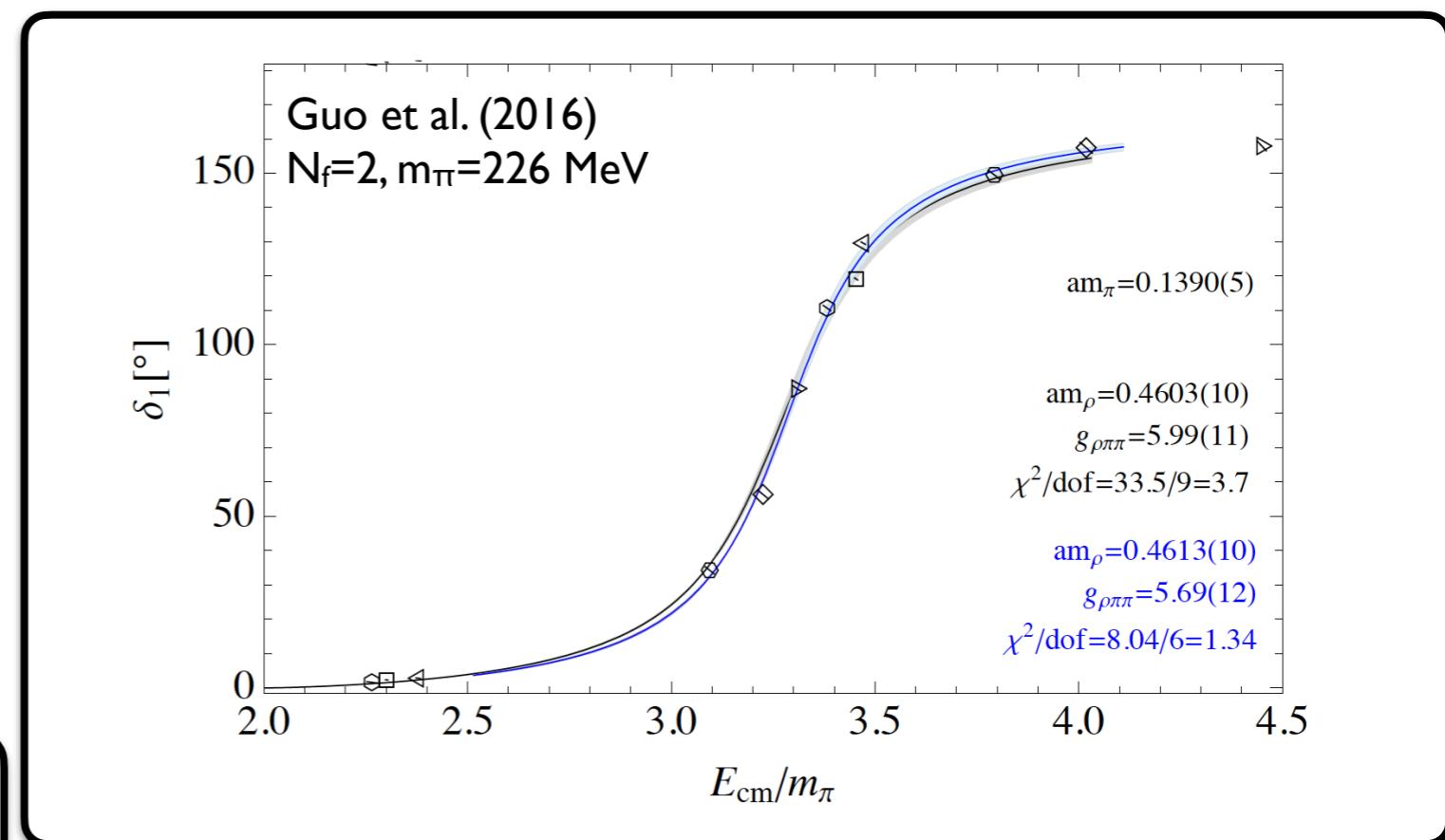
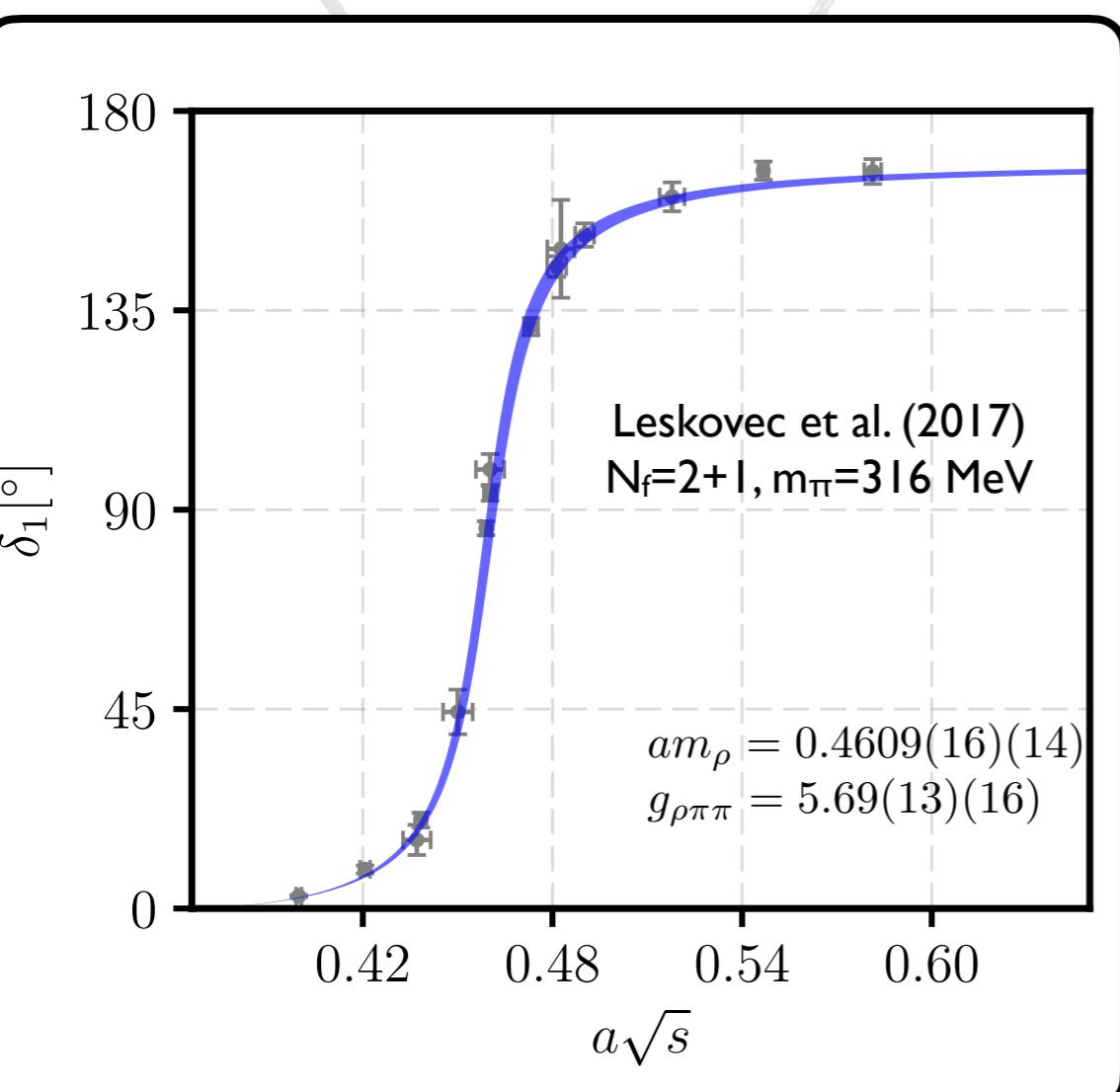
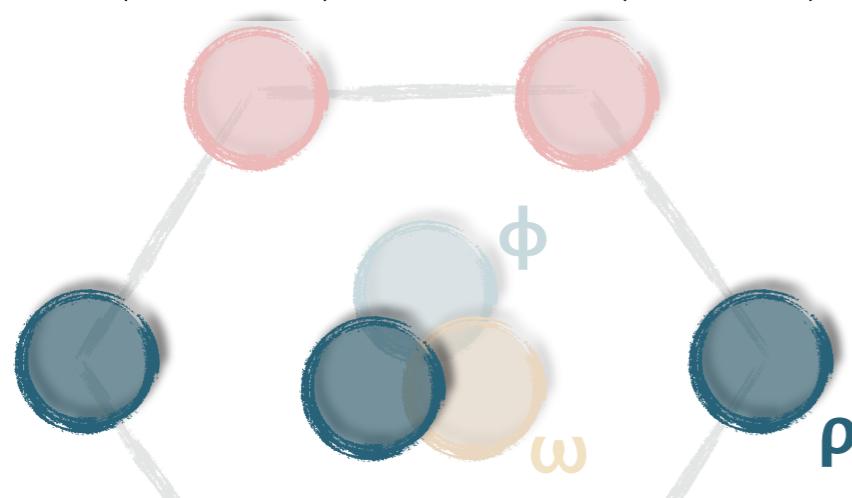
$$\mathcal{K}(s_n)^{-1} = \rho \cot \delta(s_n) = -F(E_n, \vec{P}, L)$$



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

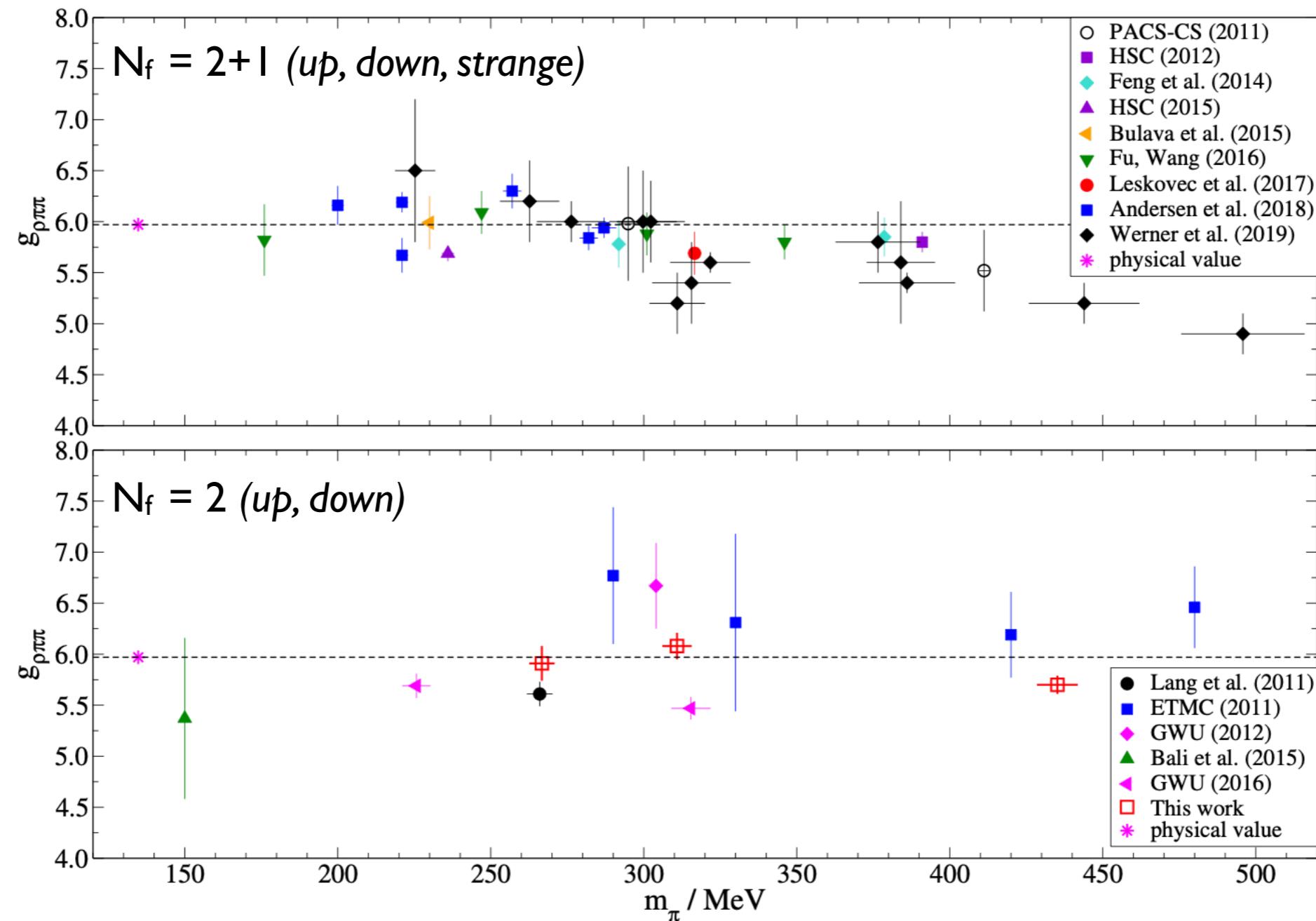
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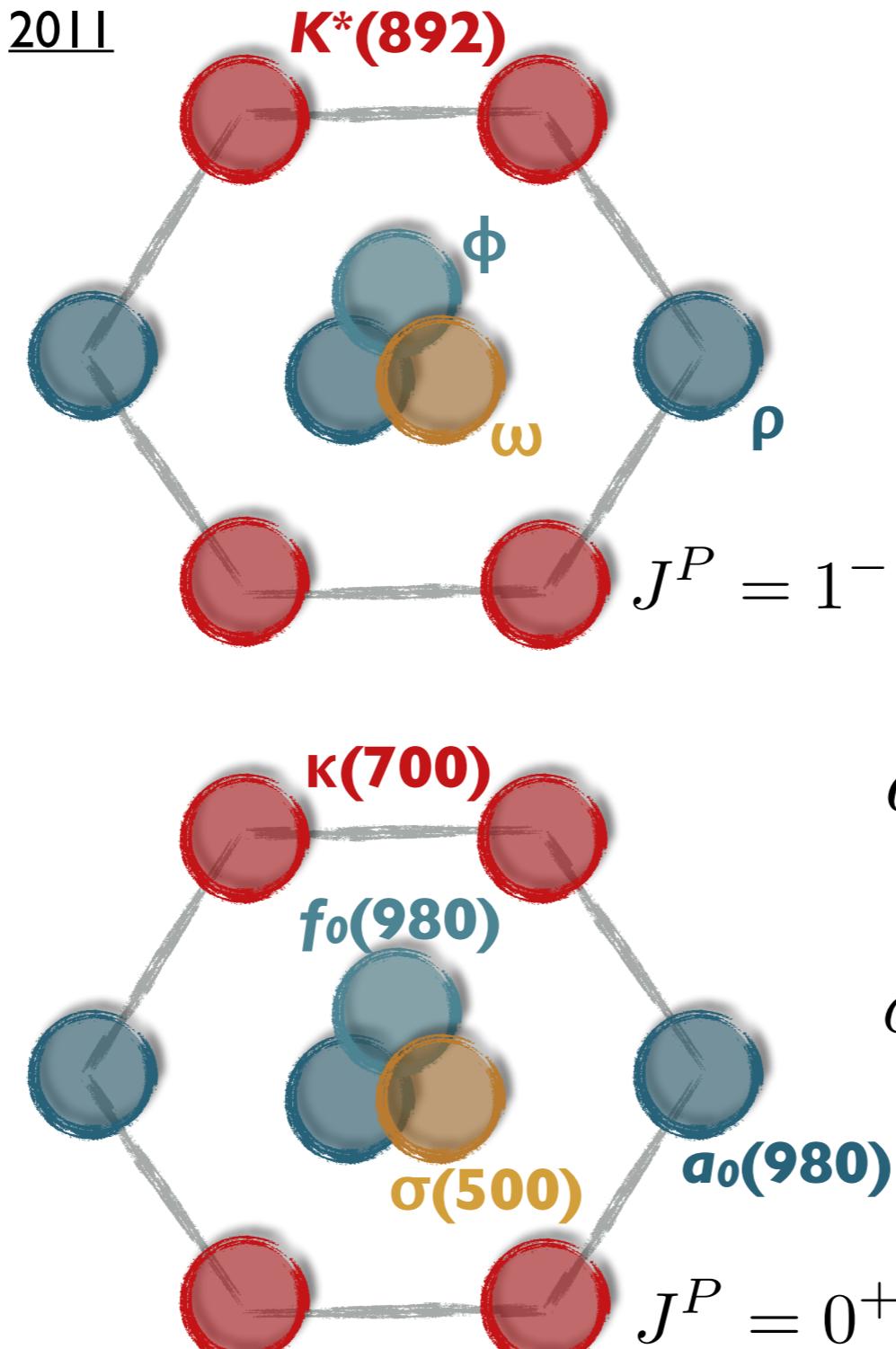


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- [CP-PACS/PACS-CS 2007, 2011](#)
- [ETMC 2010](#)
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- [HadSpec 2012, 2016](#)
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- [Fu et al. 2016](#)
- [Bulava et al. 2016](#)
- [Alexandrou et 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](#)
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$\kappa \rightarrow K\pi$   
 $K^* \rightarrow K\pi$

- [Lang et al. 2012](#)
- [Prelovsek et al. 2013](#)
- [\*\*Wilson et al. 2015\*\*](#)
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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\*\*](#)

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

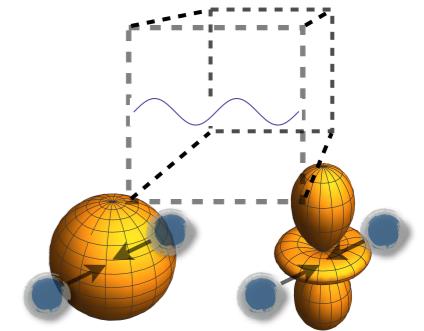
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[See the recent review by  
Briceño, Dudek and Young](#)

# Coupled channels

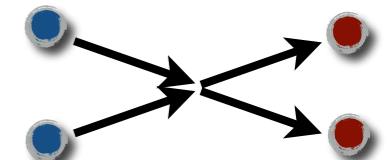
- The cubic volume mixes different partial waves...

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

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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

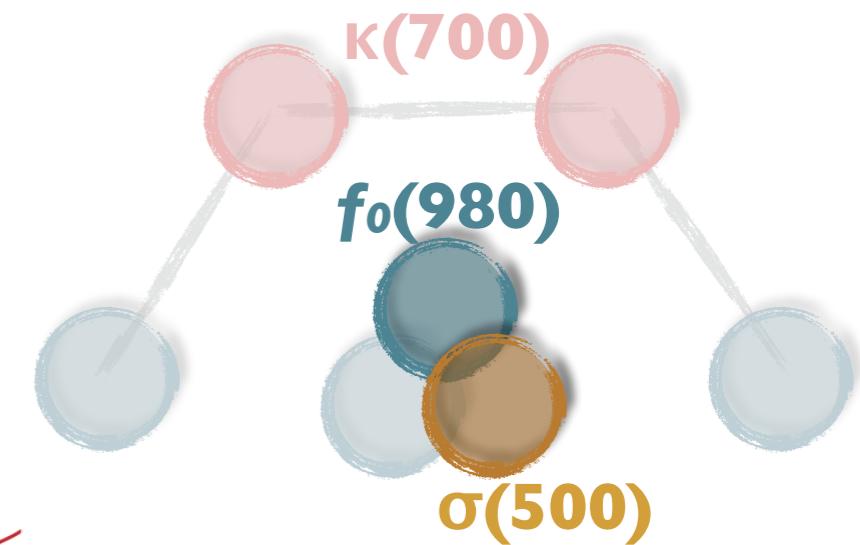
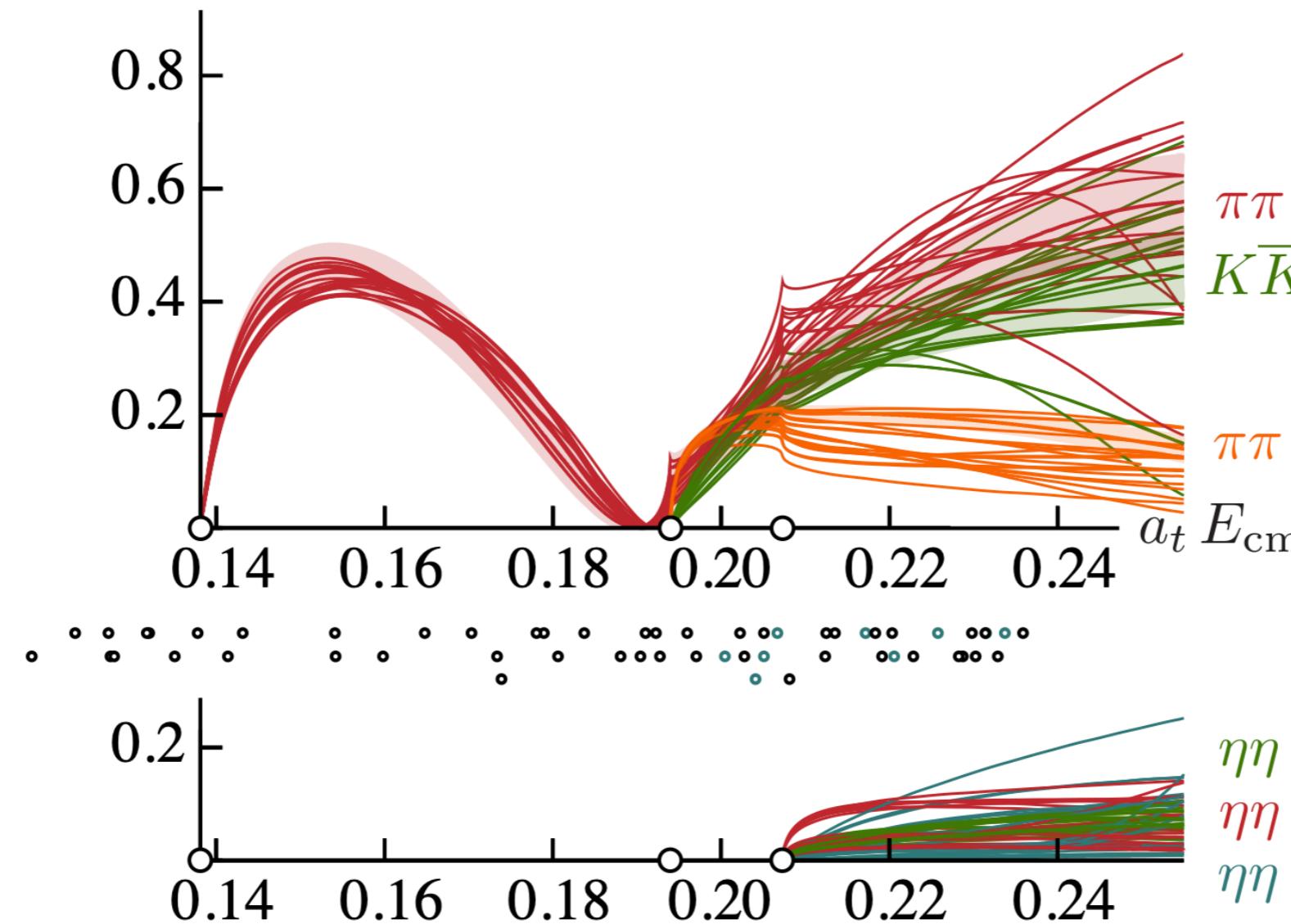
dispersion theory based

Perform global fits to the finite-volume spectrum

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

$I^G(J^{PC}) = 0^+(0^{++})$

$$\rho_i \rho_j |t_{ij}|^2$$



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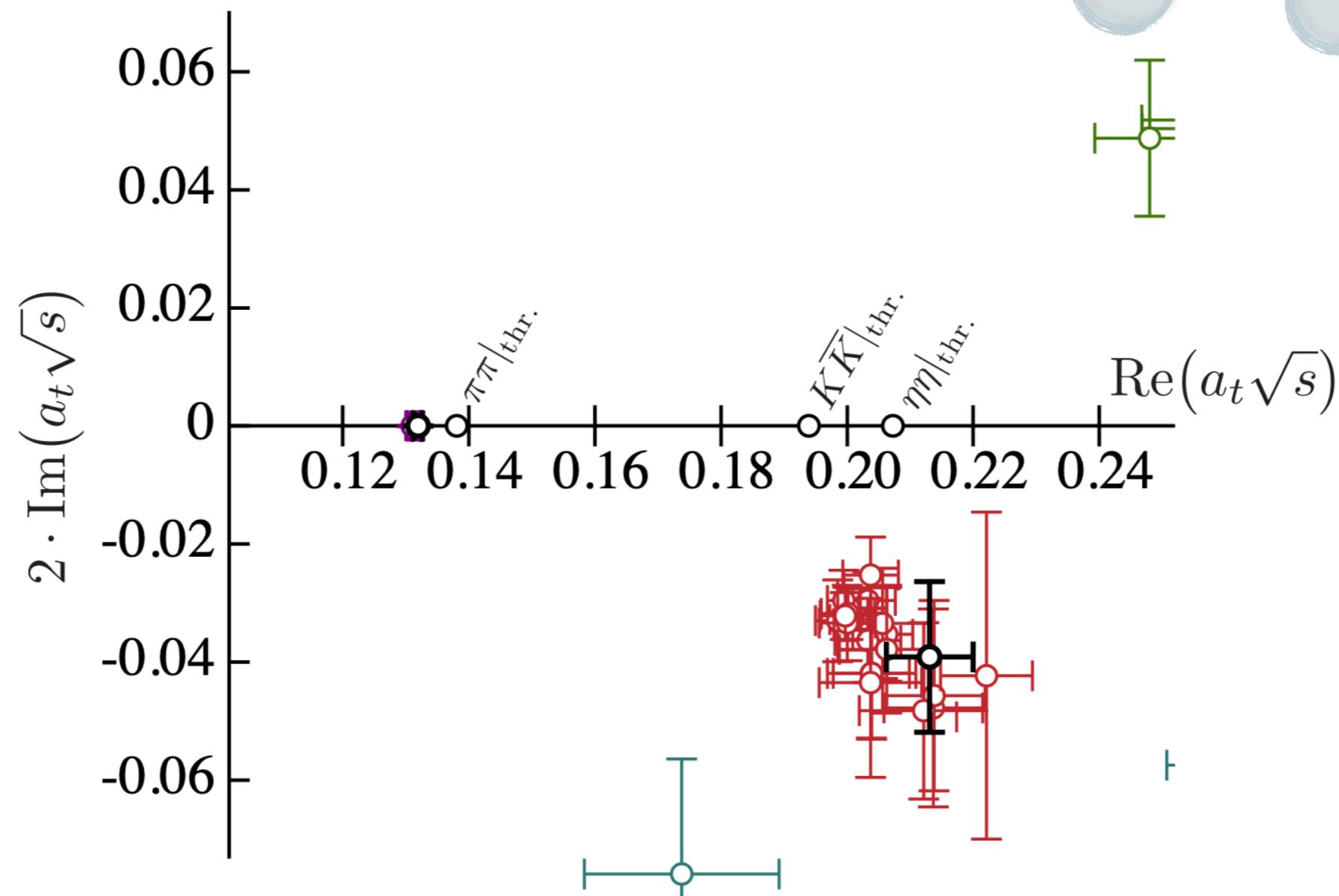
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$E_{\text{cm}}$

$\eta\eta \rightarrow K\bar{K}$   
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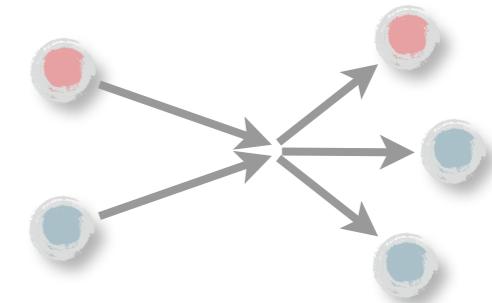
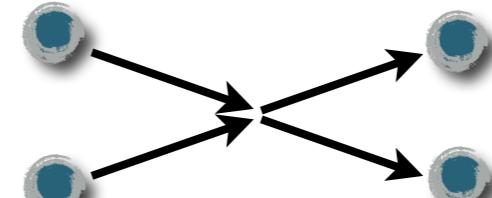
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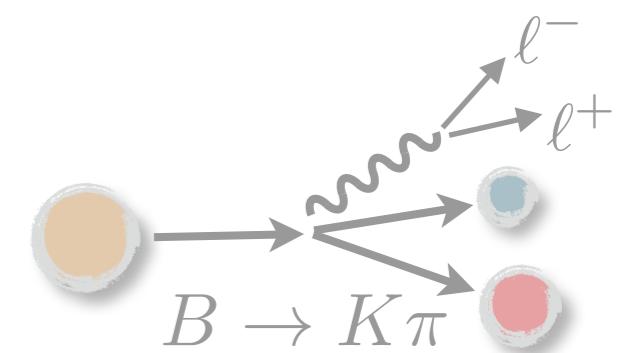
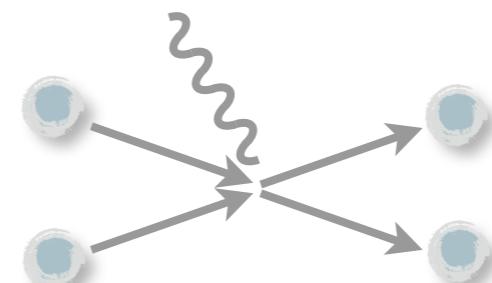
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$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ E_2(L) \\ E_1(L) \\ \downarrow \\ E_0(L) \end{array}$$



Transitions (from finite-volume energies + matrix elements)

$$\begin{array}{c} \langle 2 | \mathcal{J} | 1 \rangle_L \\ \langle 2 | \mathcal{J} | 2 \rangle_L \\ L \end{array}$$

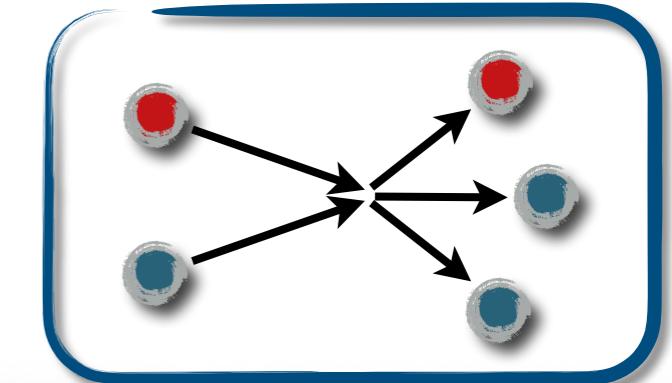
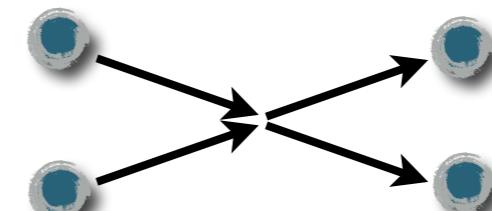


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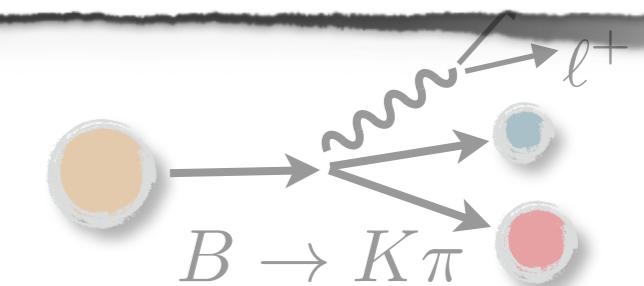
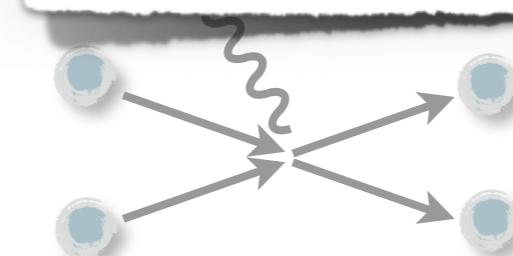
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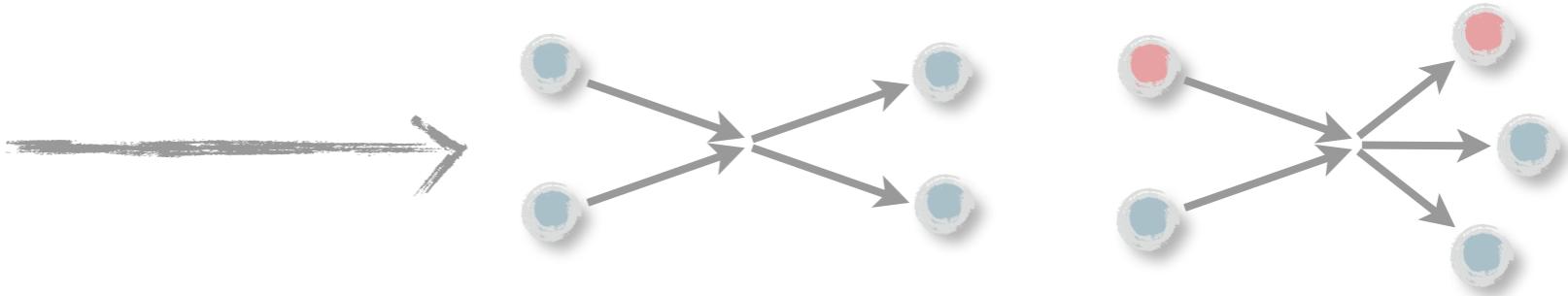
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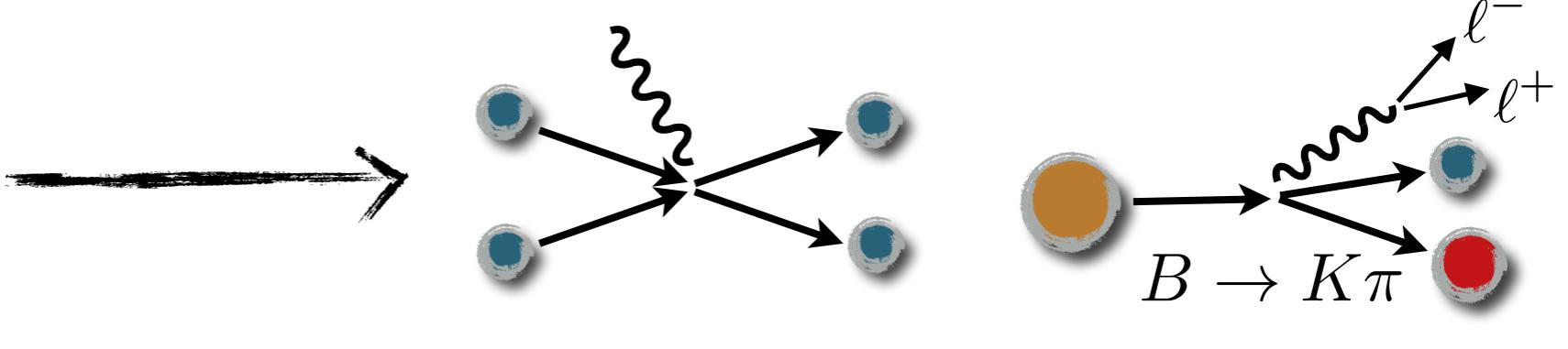
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# Multi-hadron matrix elements

Kaon decay

$$\langle \pi\pi, \text{out} | \mathcal{H} | K \rangle \equiv \text{red circle} \rightarrow \text{two blue circles}$$

*Implementation by RBC/UKQCD collaboration*

Lellouch, Lüscher (2001) • Kim, Sachrajda, Sharpe (2005) • Christ, Kim, Yamazaki (2005)

Time-like form factors

$$\langle \pi\pi, \text{out} | \mathcal{J}_\mu | 0 \rangle \equiv \text{wavy line} \rightarrow \text{two blue circles}$$

*Relevant for muon HVP contribution to muon g-2*

Meyer (2011)

Resonance transition amplitudes

$$\langle K\pi, \text{out} | \mathcal{J}_{\alpha\beta} | B \rangle \equiv \text{cyan circle} \rightarrow \text{one red circle, one blue circle}$$

Particles with spin

$$\langle N\pi, \text{out} | \mathcal{J}_\mu | N \rangle \equiv \text{wavy line} \rightarrow \text{two yellow circles}$$

Agadjanov *et al.* (2014) • Briceño, MTH, Walker-Loud (2015) • Briceño, MTH (2016)

# Pion photo-production

## □ Formal relation

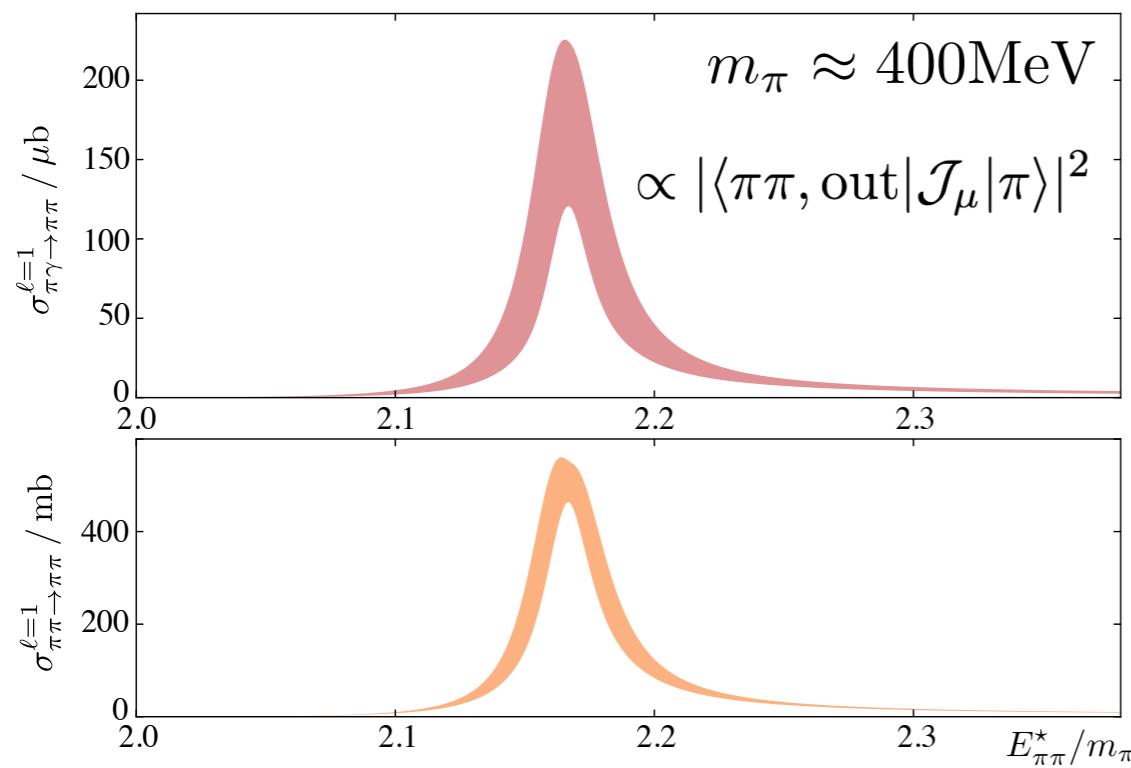
get this from the lattice

$$|\langle n, L | \mathcal{J}_\mu | \pi \rangle|^2 = \langle \pi | \mathcal{J}_\mu | \pi\pi, \text{in} \rangle \mathcal{R}(E_n, L) \langle \pi\pi, \text{out} | \mathcal{J}_\mu | \pi \rangle$$

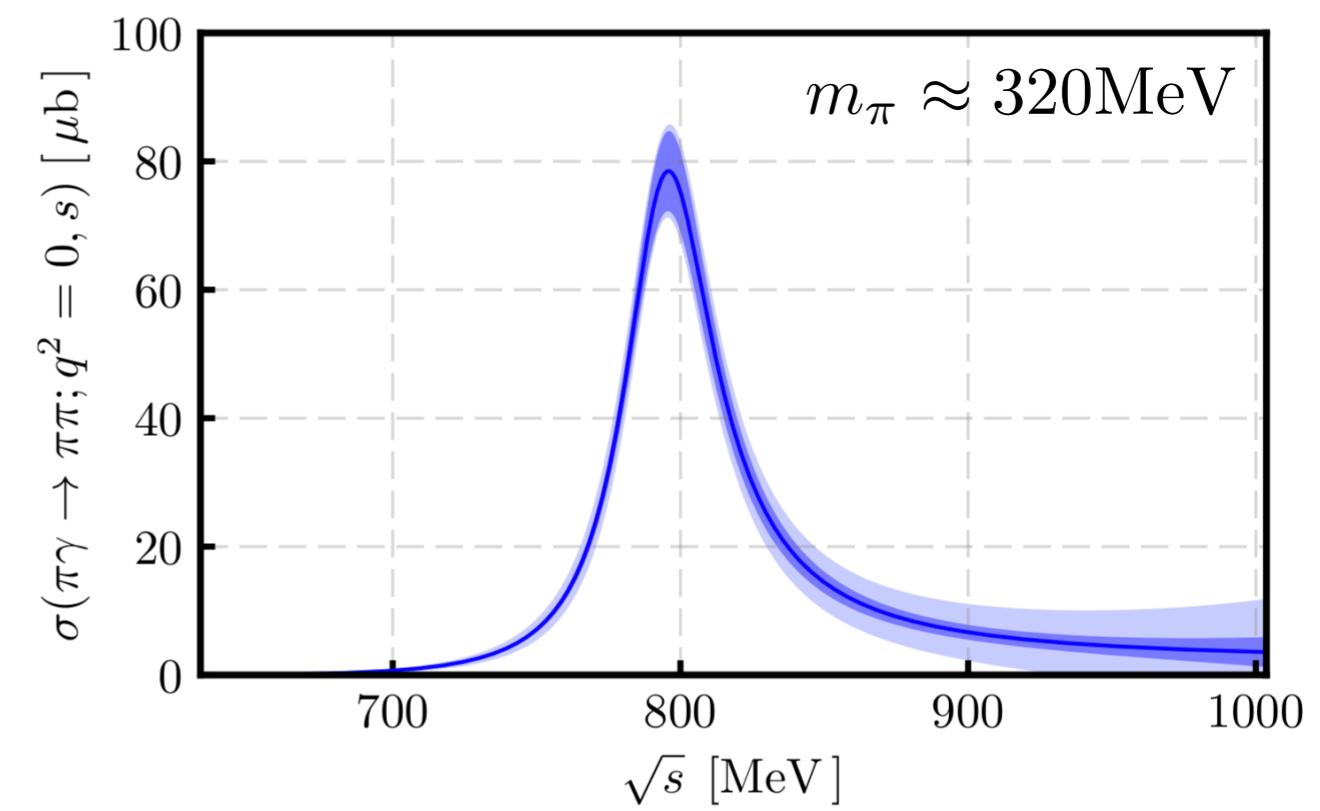
experimental observable

Briceño, MTH, Walker-Loud (2015)

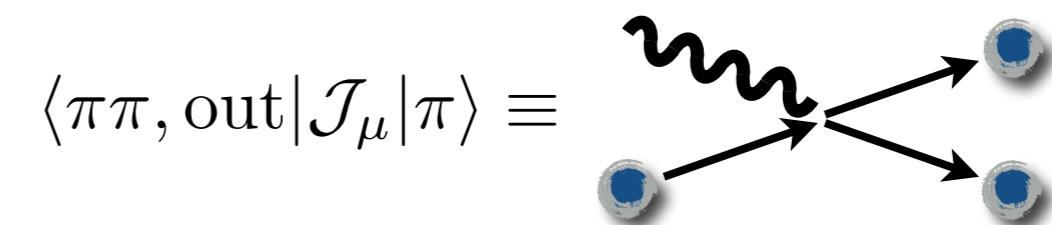
## □ Numerical implementation



Briceño et. al., Phys. Rev. D93, 114508 (2016)



Alexandrou et. al., Phys. Rev. D98, 074502 (2018)



## Final result for $\epsilon'$

- Combining our new result for  $\text{Im}(A_0)$  and our 2015 result for  $\text{Im}(A_2)$ , and again using expt. for the real parts, we find

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Re} \left( \frac{\varepsilon'}{\varepsilon} \right) &= \text{Re} \left\{ \frac{i\omega e^{i(\delta_2 - \delta_0)}}{\sqrt{2}\varepsilon} \left[ \frac{\text{Im} A_2}{\text{Re} A_2} - \frac{\text{Im} A_0}{\text{Re} A_0} \right] \right\} \\ &= 0.00217(26)(62)(50)\end{aligned}$$

↑ stat      ↑ sys      IB + EM

Consistent with experimental result:

$$\text{Re}(\epsilon'/\epsilon)_{\text{expt}} = 0.00166(23)$$

## ■ **Conclusions**

- Completed update on our 2015 lattice determination of  $A_0$  and  $\epsilon'$ 
  - 3.2x increase in statistics.
  - Improved systematic errors, notably use of multi-operator techniques essentially removes excited-state systematic.
- Reproduce experimental value for  $\Delta l=1/2$  rule, demonstrating that QCD sufficient to solve this decades-old puzzle.
- Result for  $\epsilon'$  consistent with experimental value.
- Total error is  $\sim 3.6x$  that of experiment.
- $\epsilon'$  remains a promising avenue to search for new physics, but greater precision is required.
- The work goes on....

# Outline

## The LQCD landscape

- Lattice basics
- Nielson Ninomiya
- Many actions

## Flavor physics

- Single-hadron matrix elements
- Light-flavor decay constants
- Heavy-flavor decay constants
- Mixing
- Form factors

## QED + QCD

- Theoretical challenge
- Different formulations

## $(g - 2)_\mu$

- Light-by-light
- HVP

## Multi-hadron processes

- Finite-volume as a tool
- Resonances
- $2 \rightarrow 2$  scattering
- $1 + \mathcal{J} \rightarrow 2$  transitions

## So much more!

loads of material not covered here  
especially...

nuclear physics

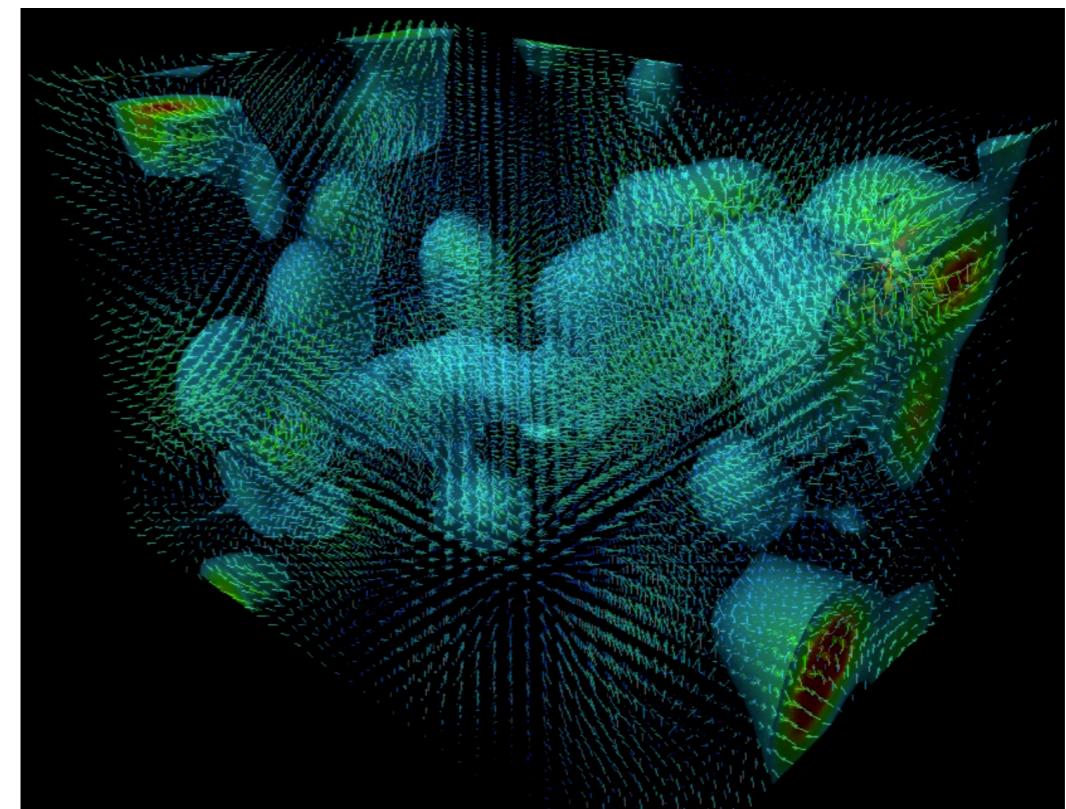
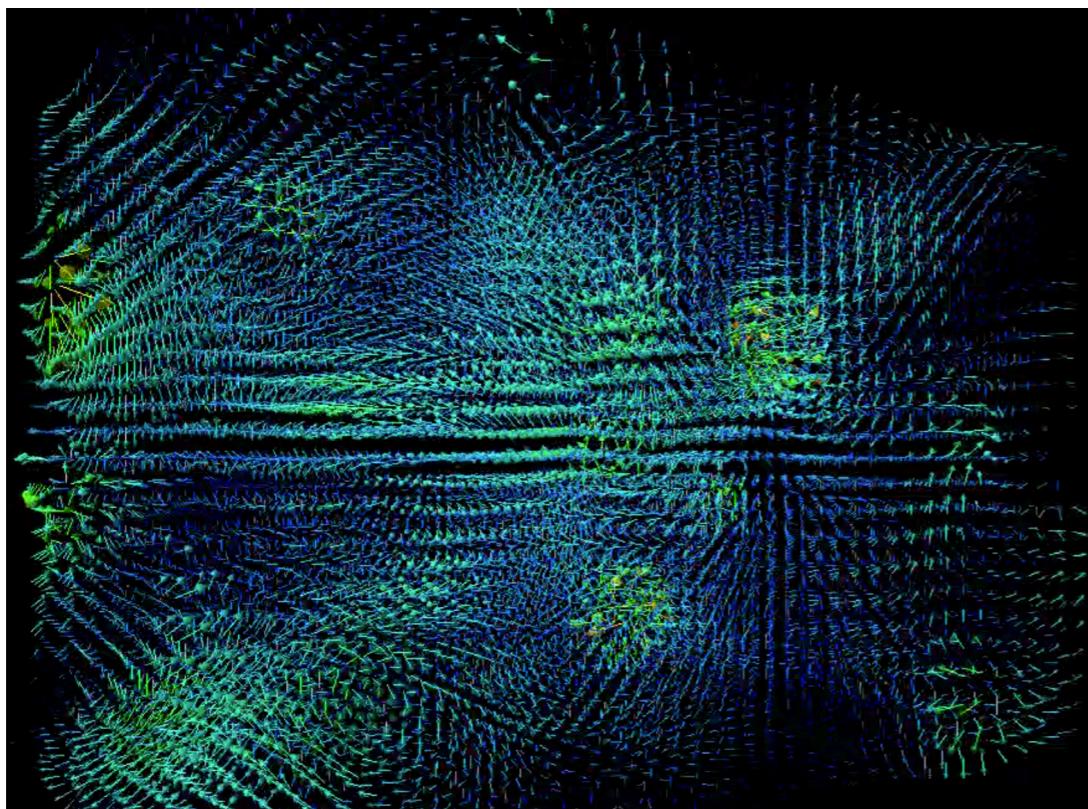
determination of alpha strong

Great resources are

lattice conferences

FLAG!

Thanks for listening!



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