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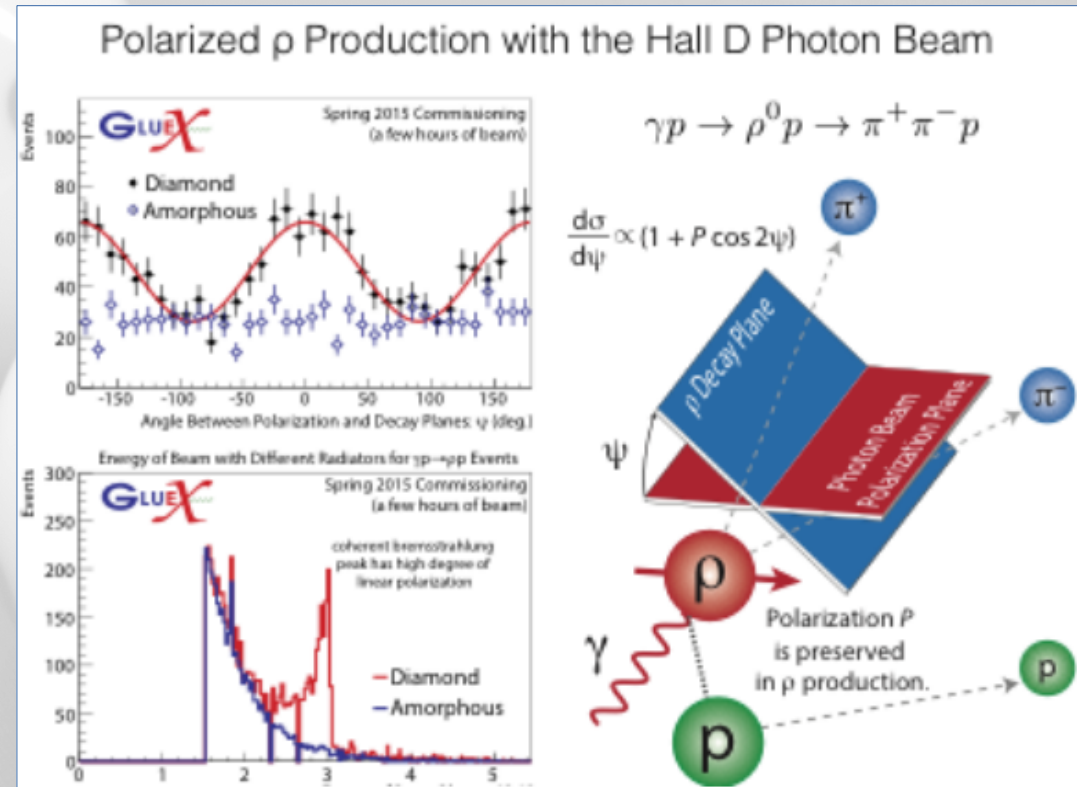
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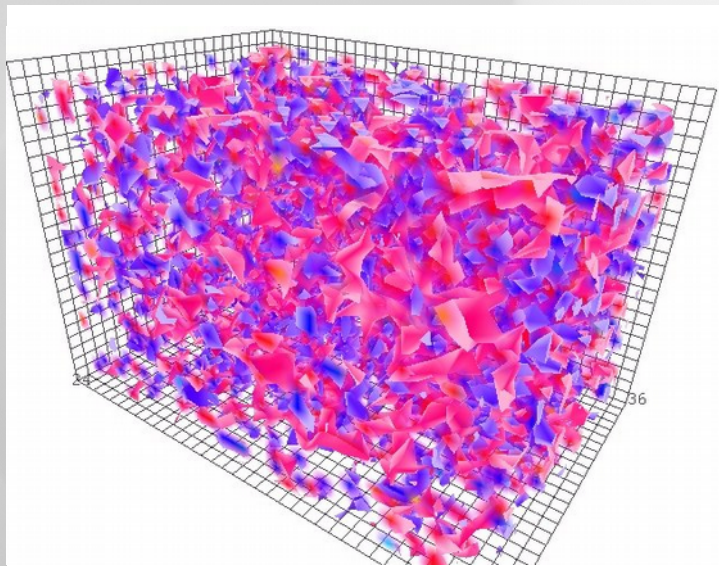
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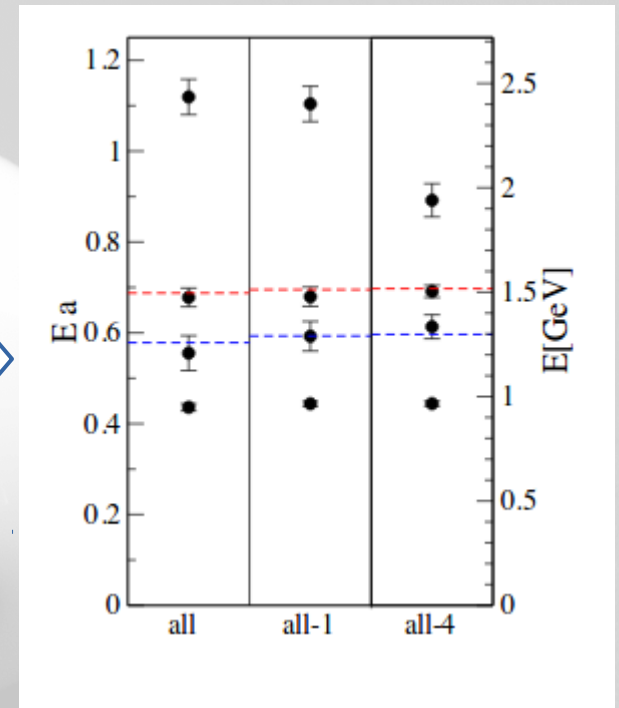
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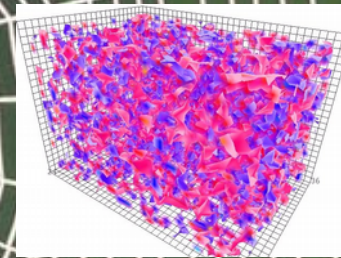
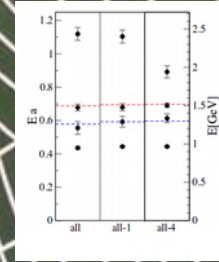
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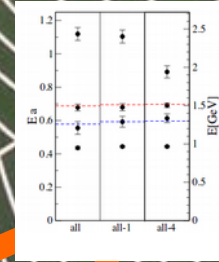


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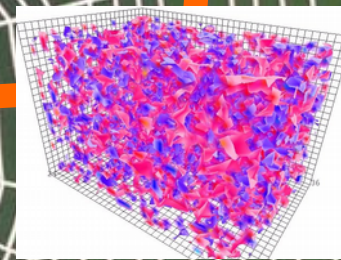
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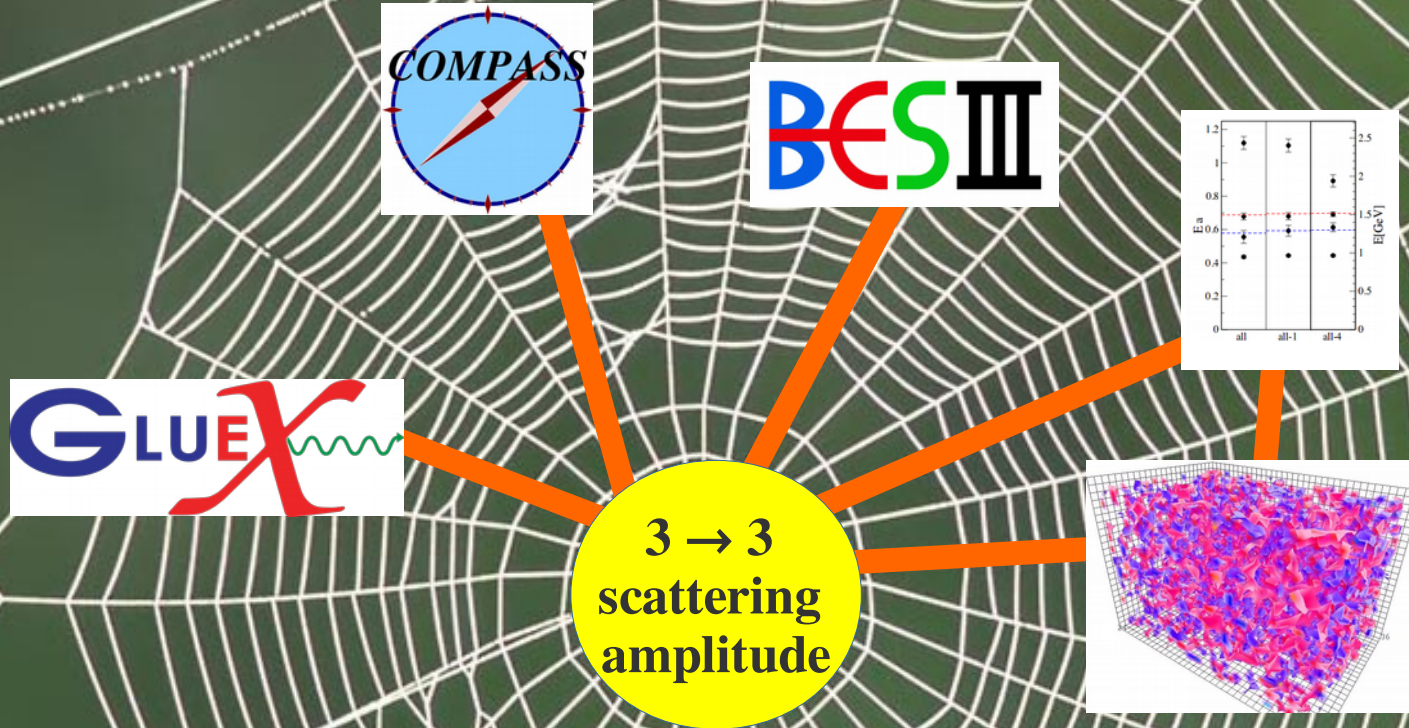






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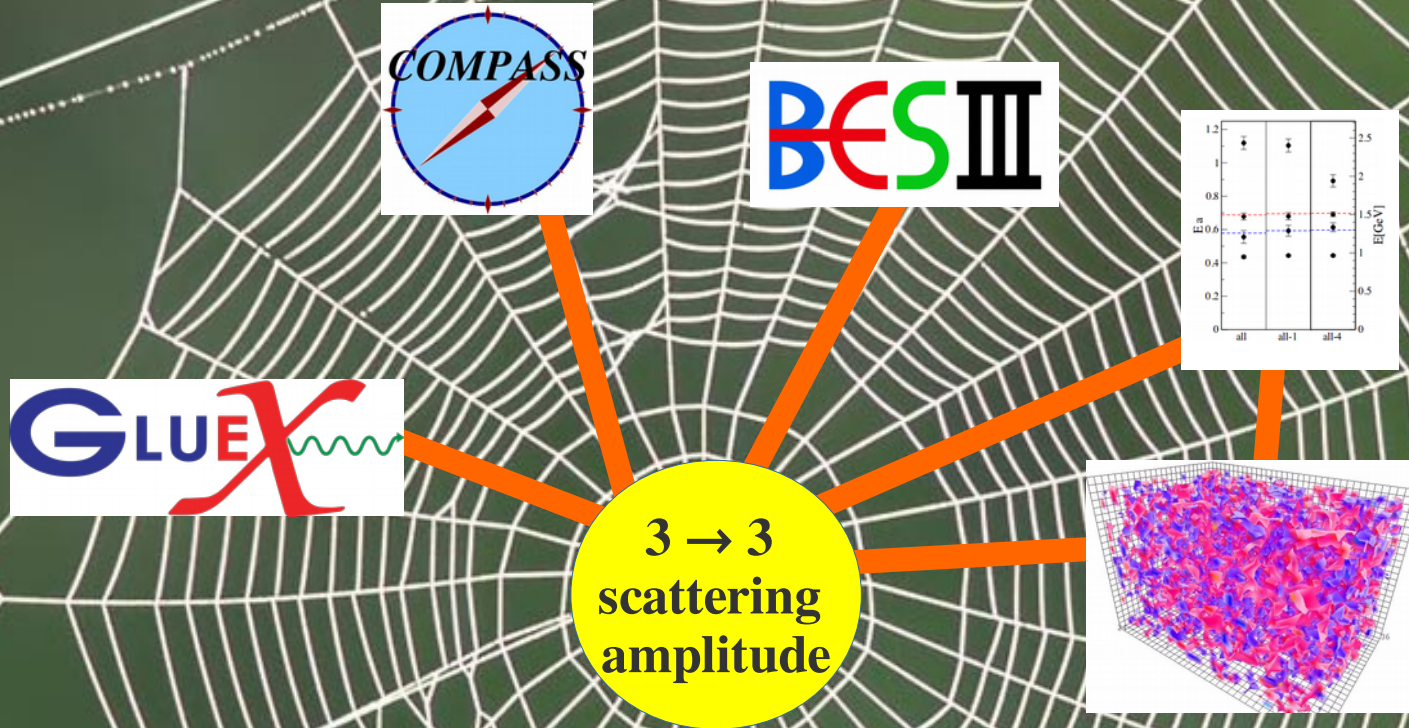


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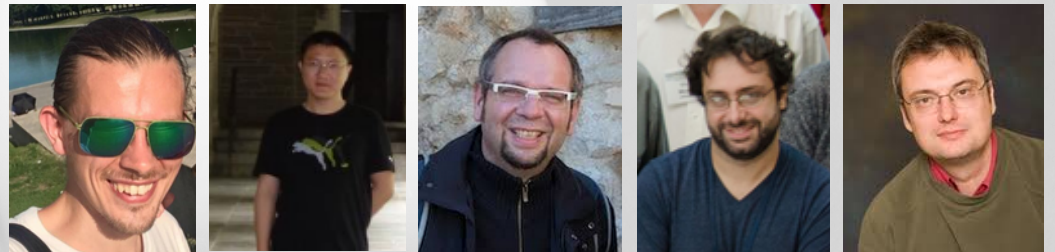
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# FADDEEV EQUATIONS IN ISOBAR PARAMETRIZATION

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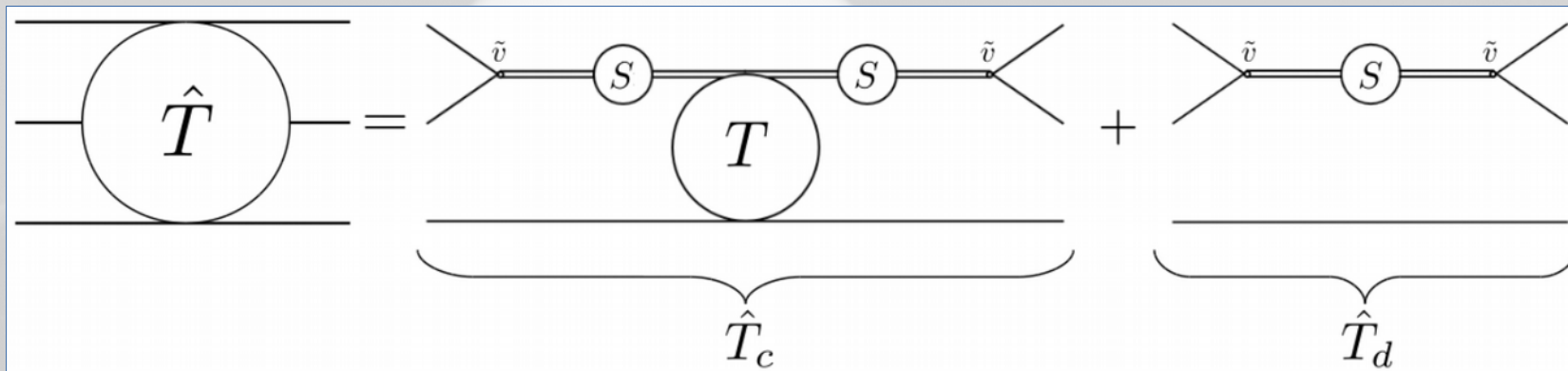
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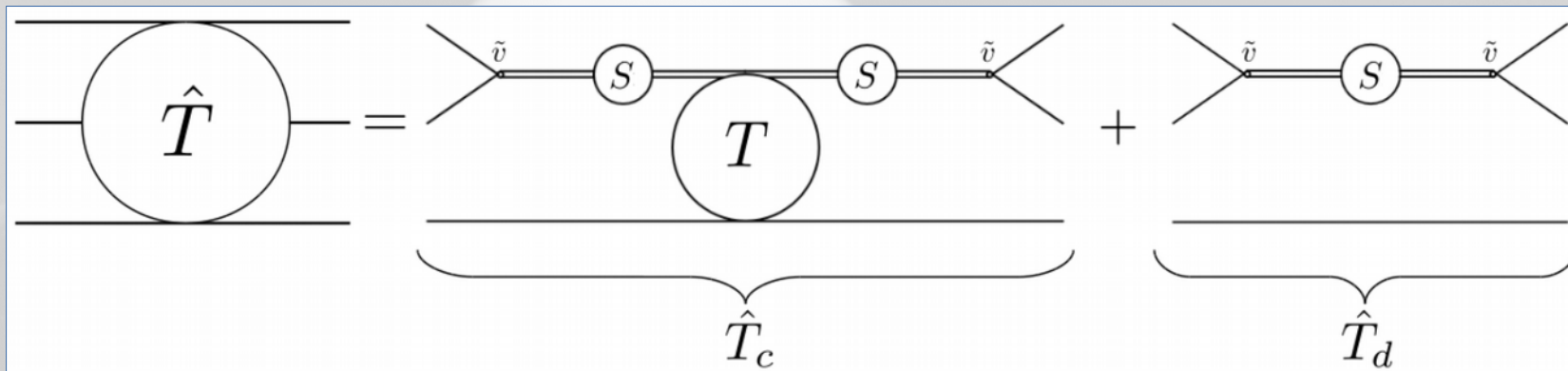
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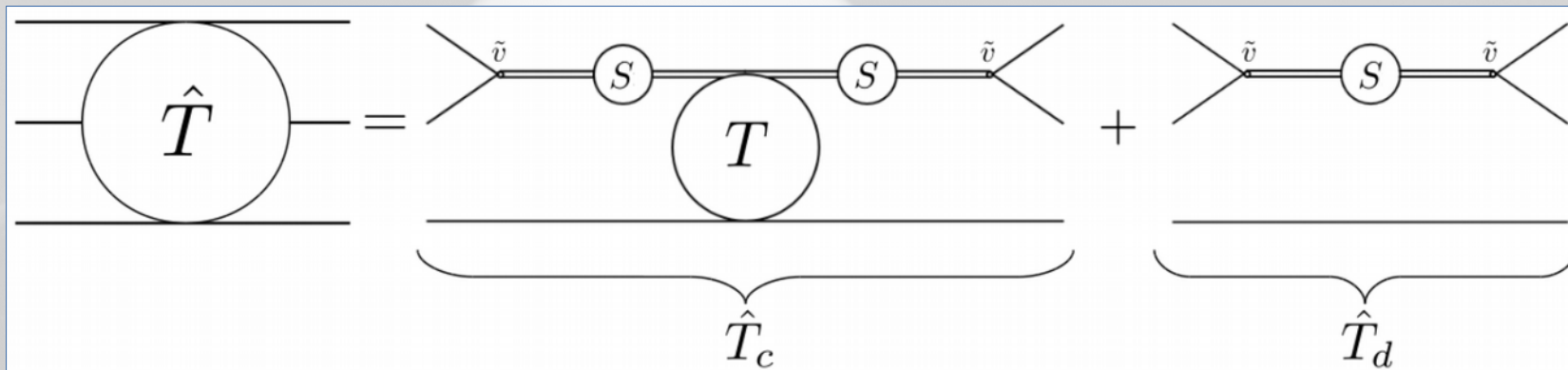
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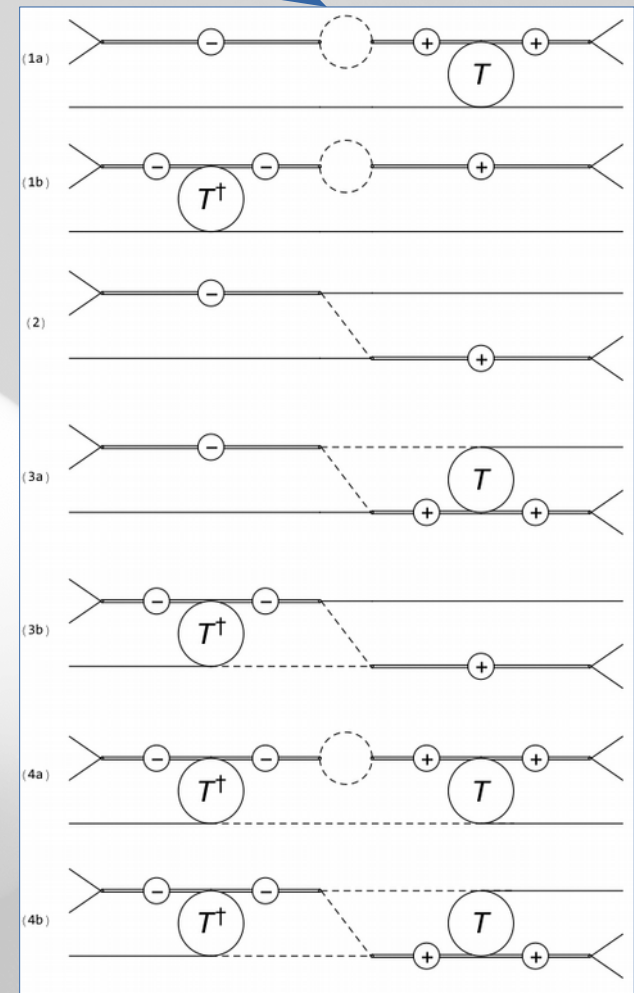
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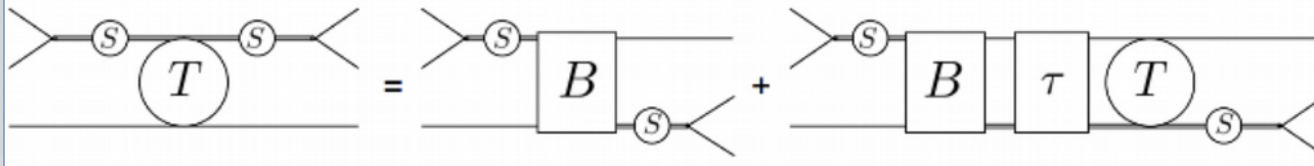
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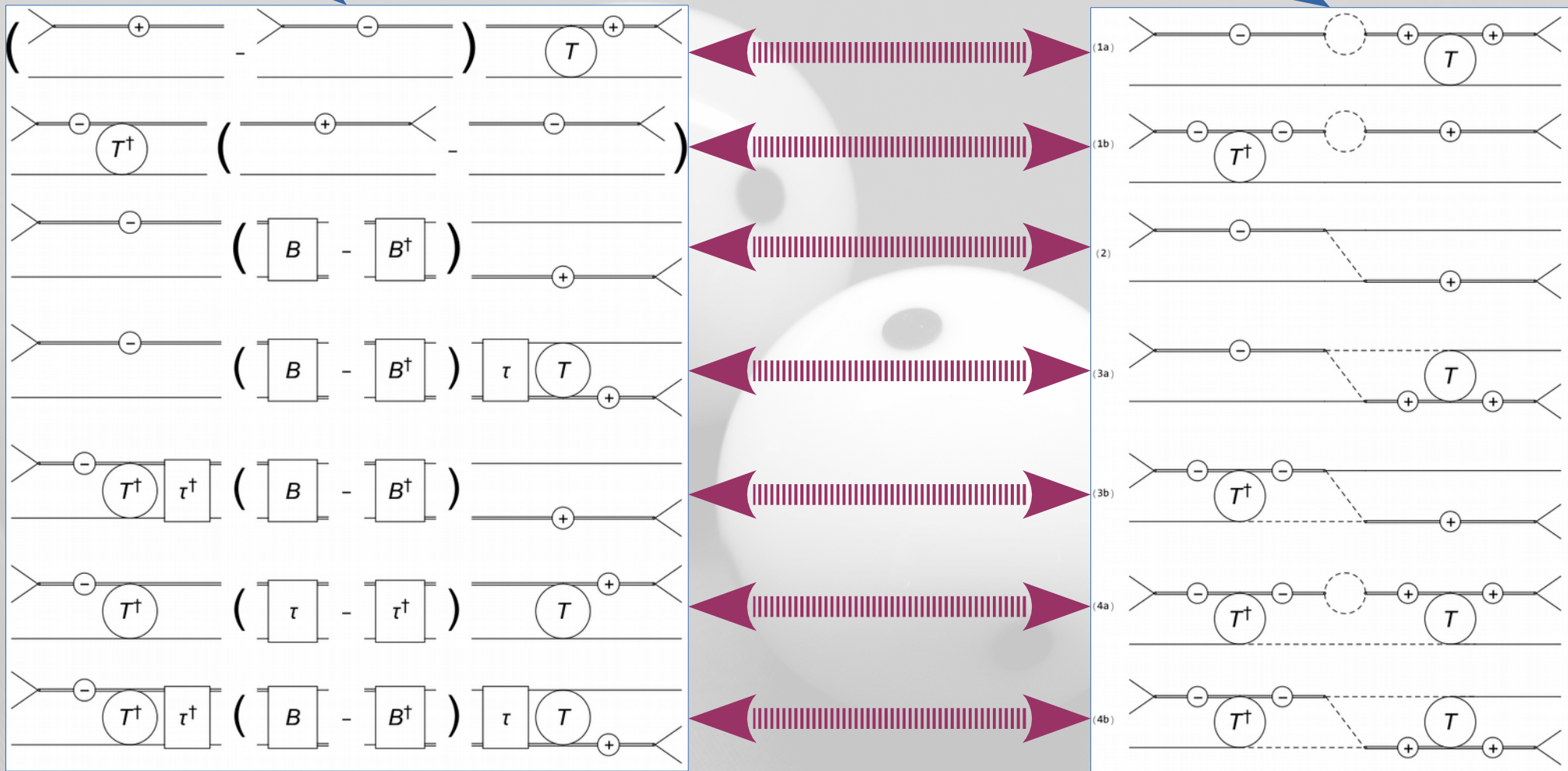
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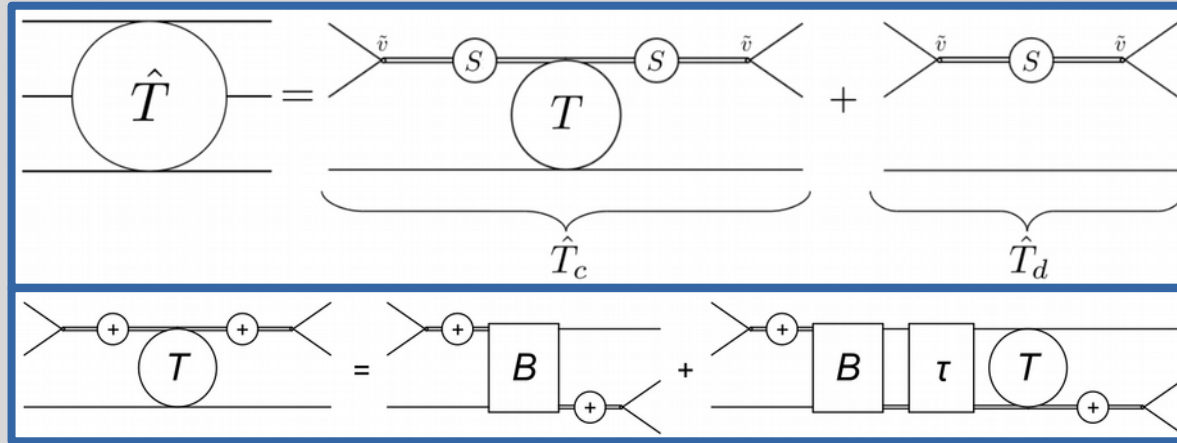
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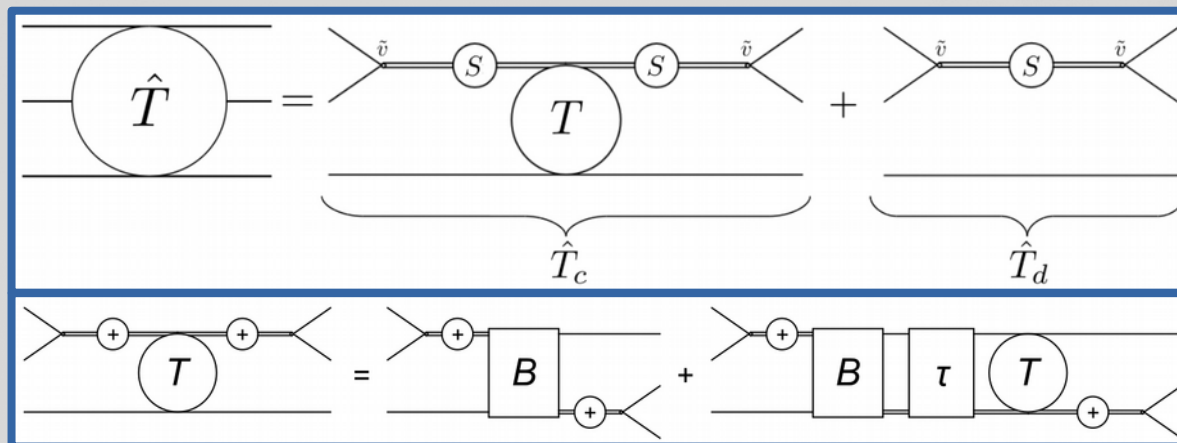
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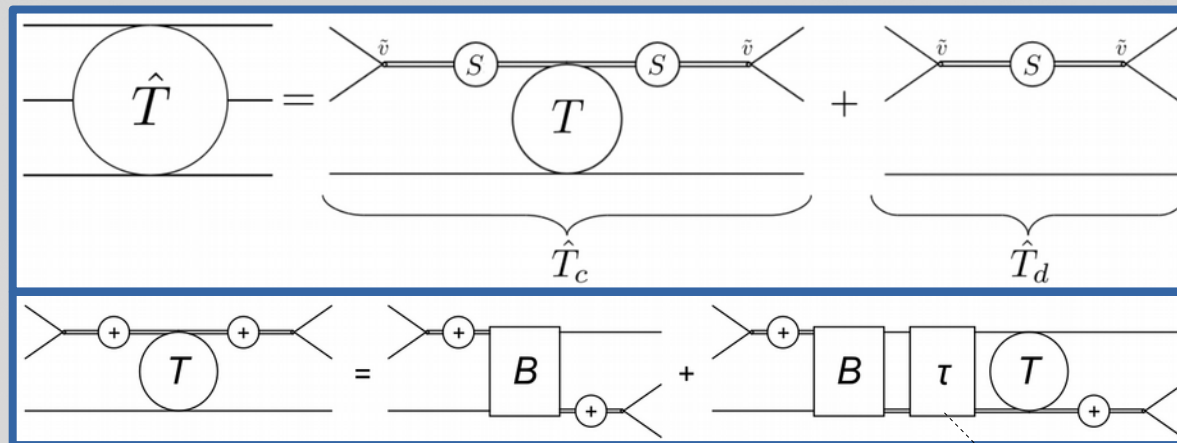


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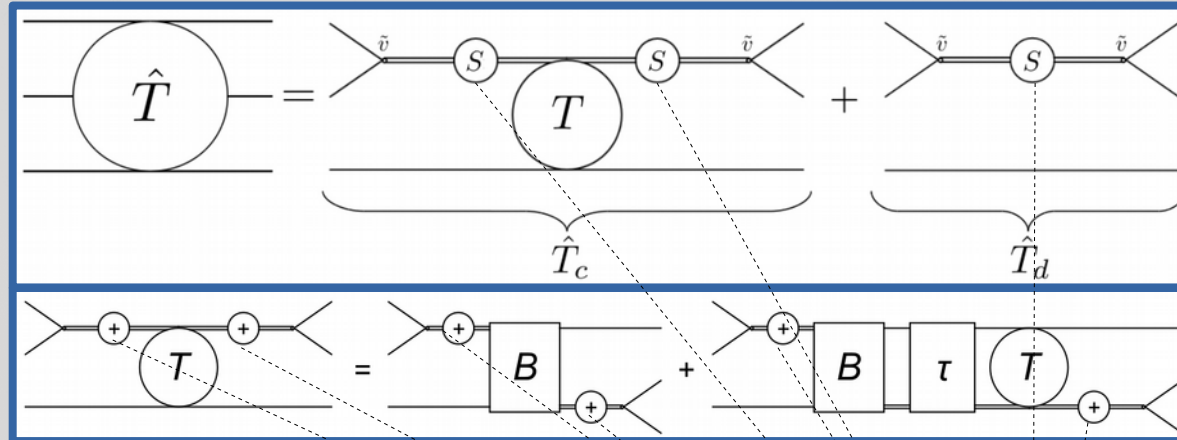
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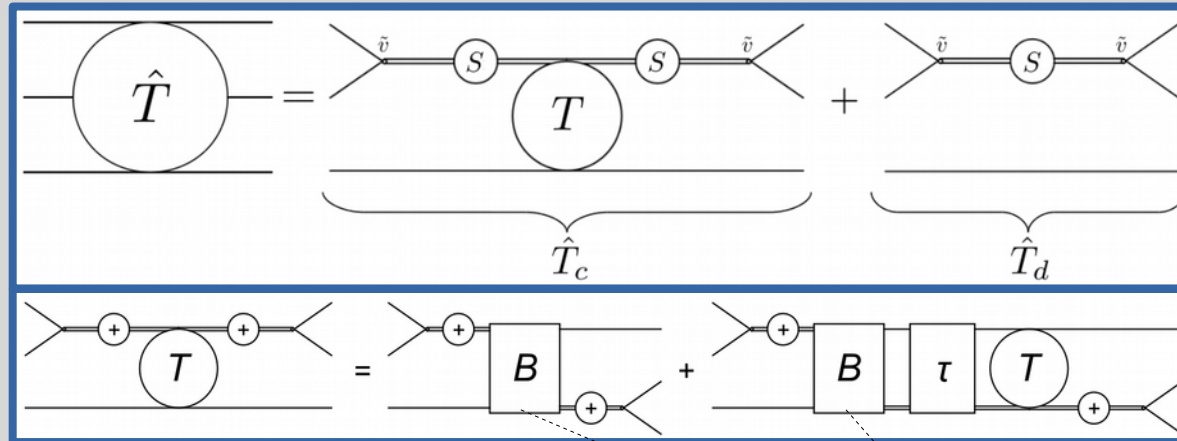
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- in the rest-frame of isobar (**Lorentz invariance!**)
- twice subtracted dispersion relation in  $\sigma(k)=(P-k)^2$

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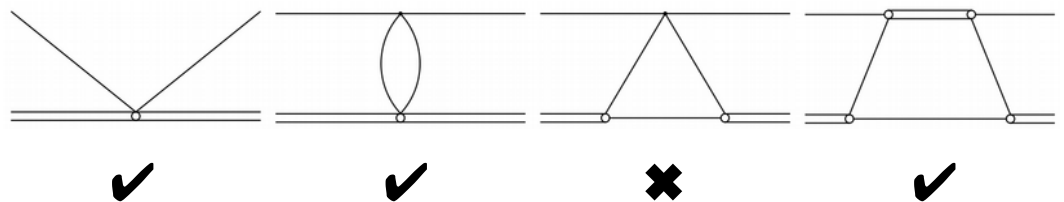
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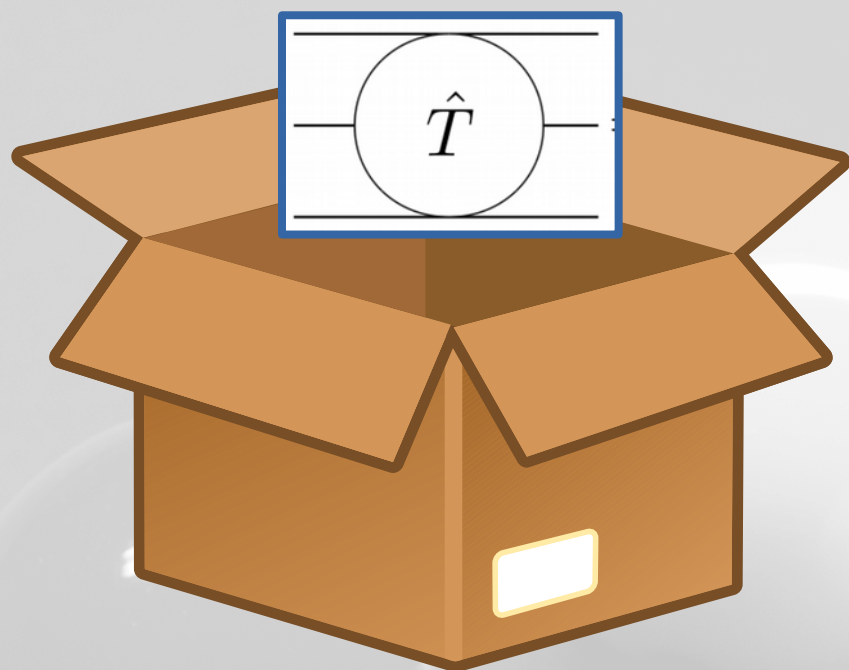


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- un-subtracted dispersion relation
- one- $\pi$  exchange in TOPT
- real contributions can be added to B





# THREE-BODY AMPLITUDE IN A BOX

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Today on arxiv: 1709.08222



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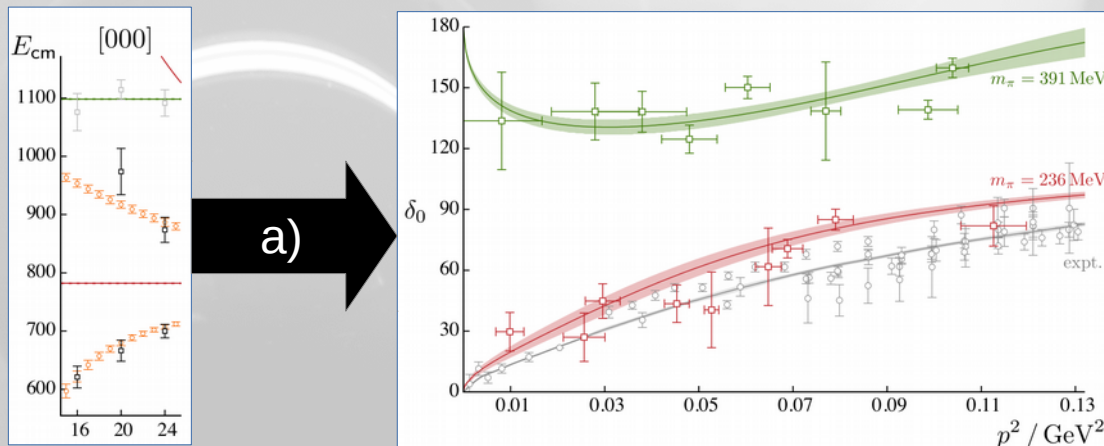
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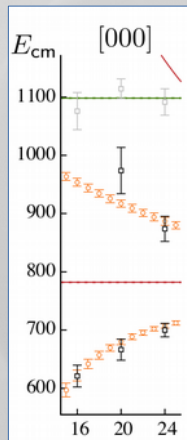
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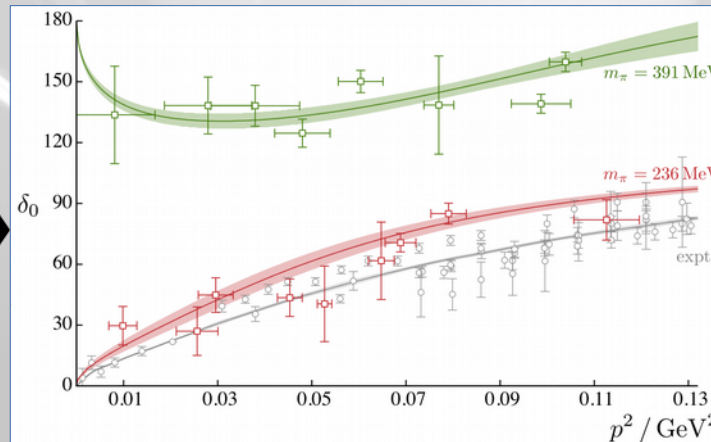
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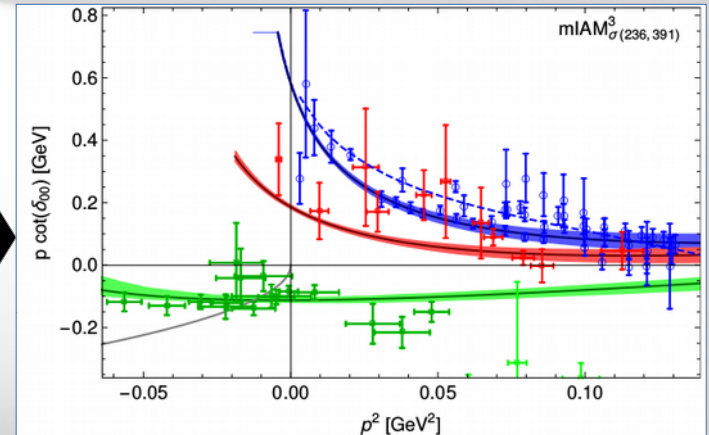


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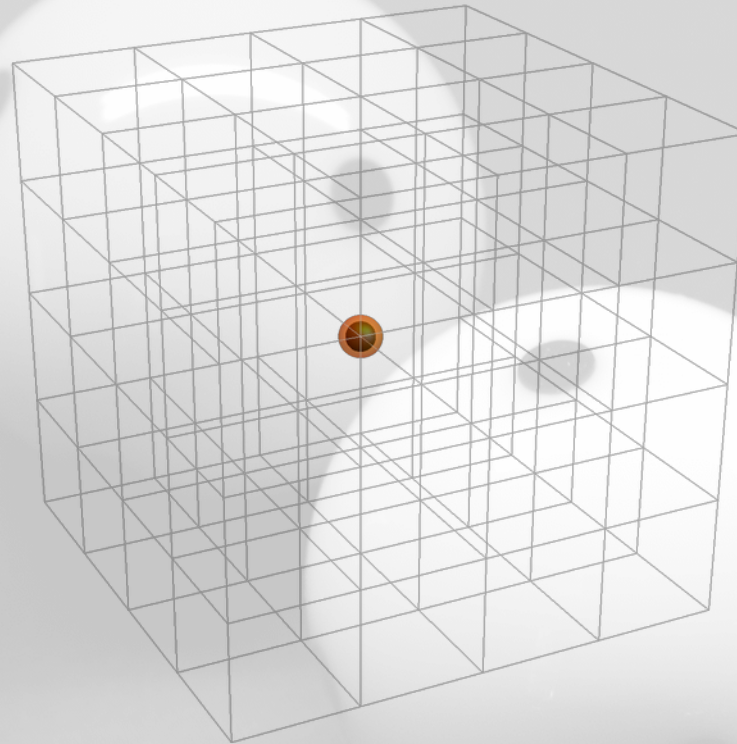
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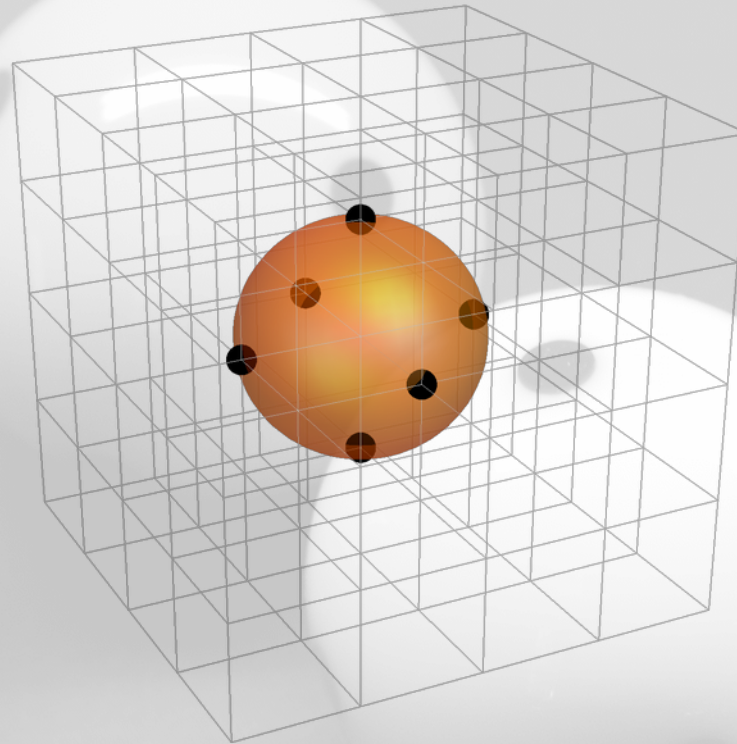
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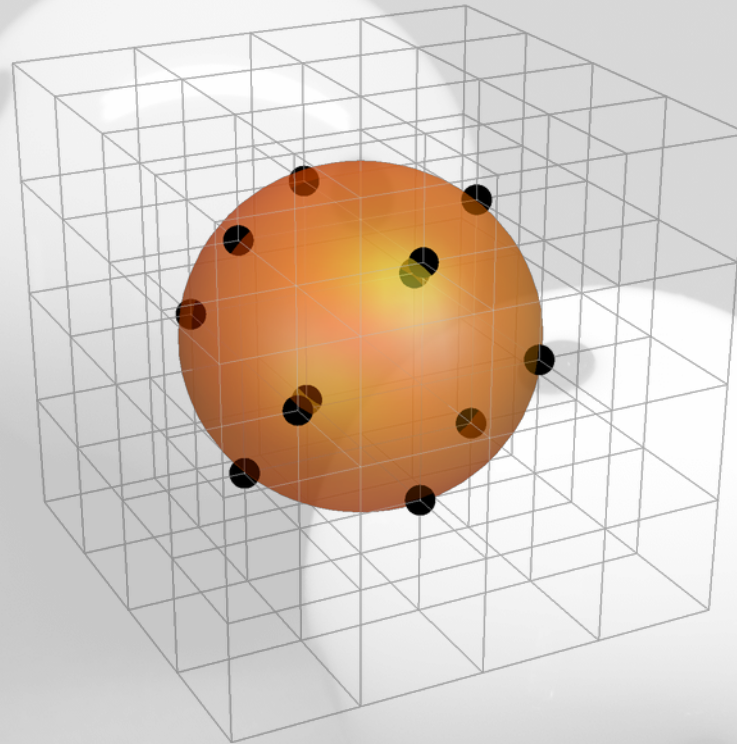
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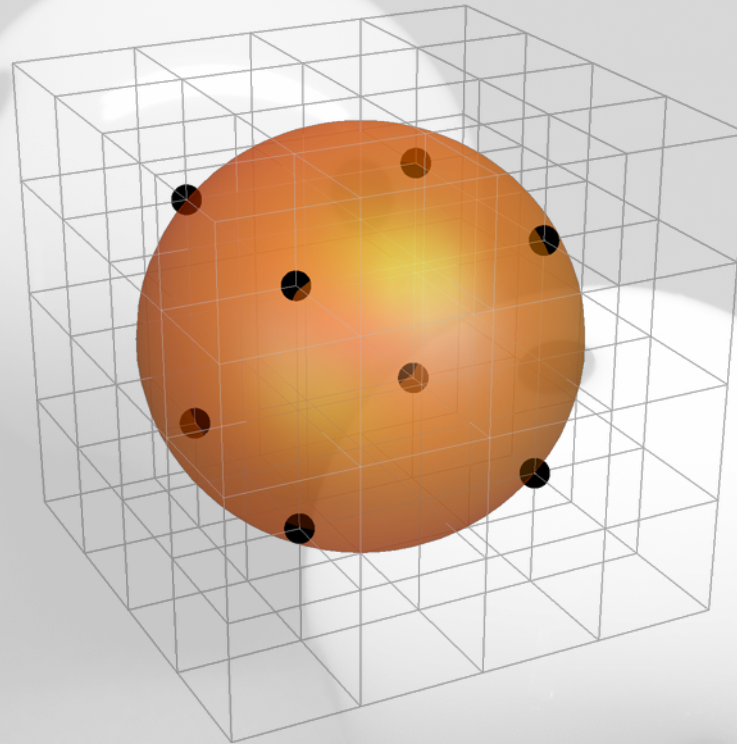
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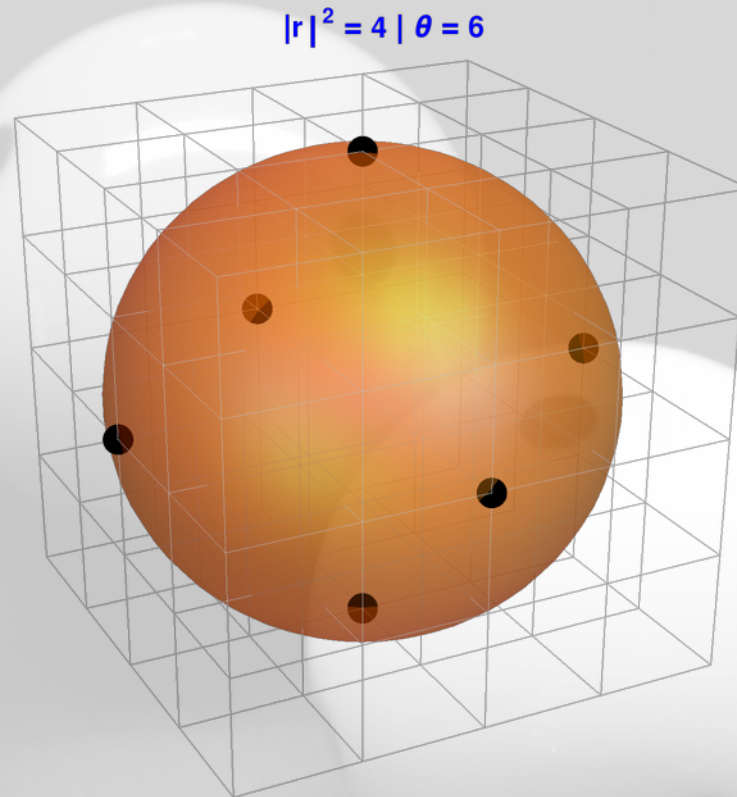


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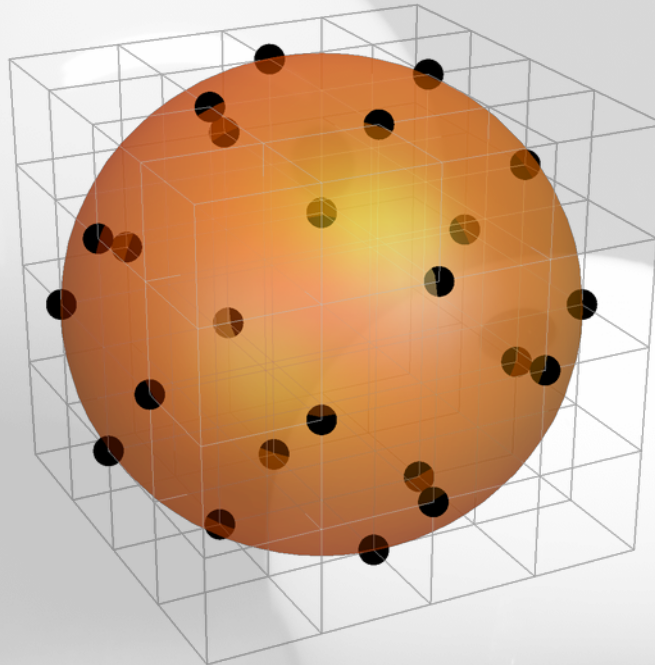
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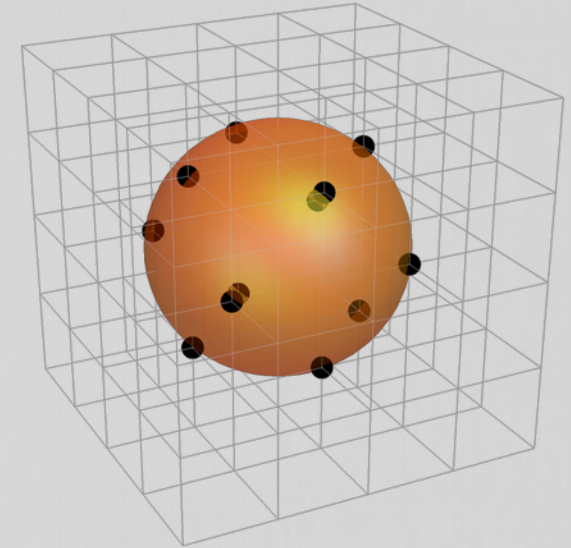


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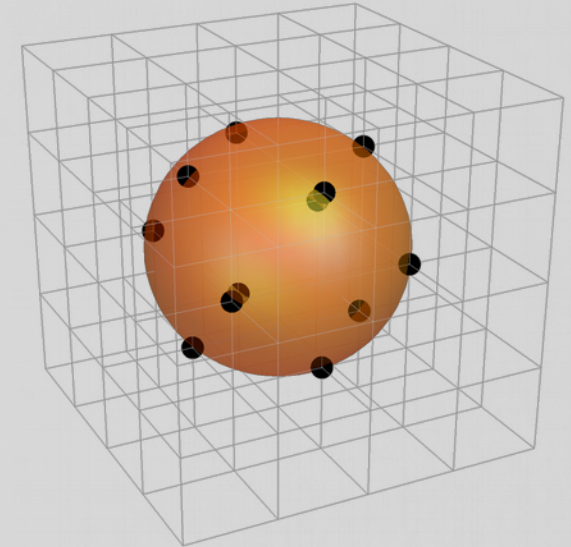
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3) **Spherical & Lorentz symmetry is broken on the lattice**

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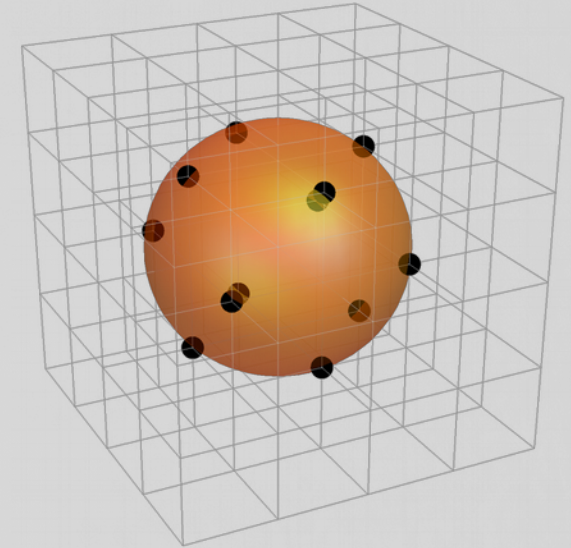
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# DISCRETIZATION

3→3 scattering amplitude in isobar formulation gives access to fin-vol. spectrum

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$$\mathbf{q}_{ni} = \frac{2\pi}{L} \mathbf{r}_i \text{ for } \{\mathbf{r}_i \in \mathbb{Z}^3 | \mathbf{r}_i^2 = n, i = 1, \dots, \vartheta(n)\}$$



2) “PW-expansion” in finite volume

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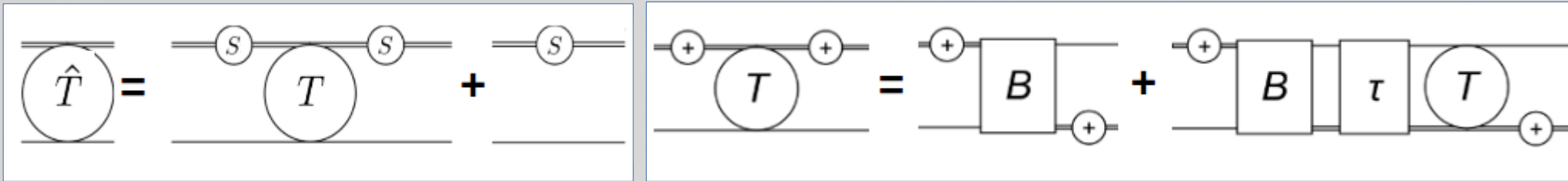
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4) **Replace integrals by sums**

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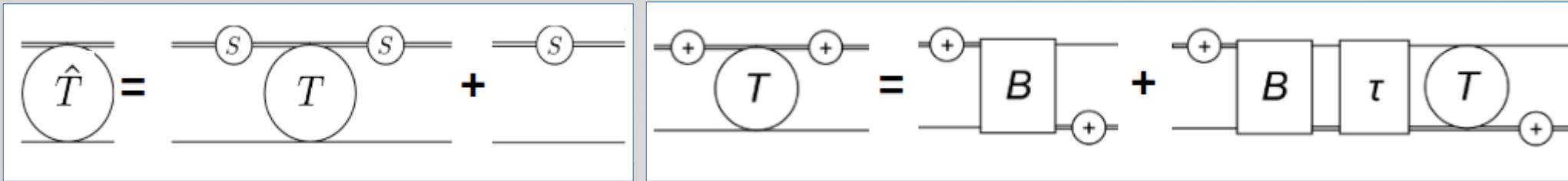
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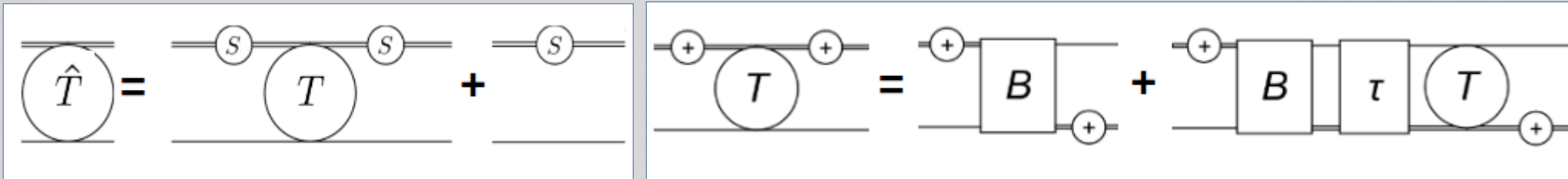
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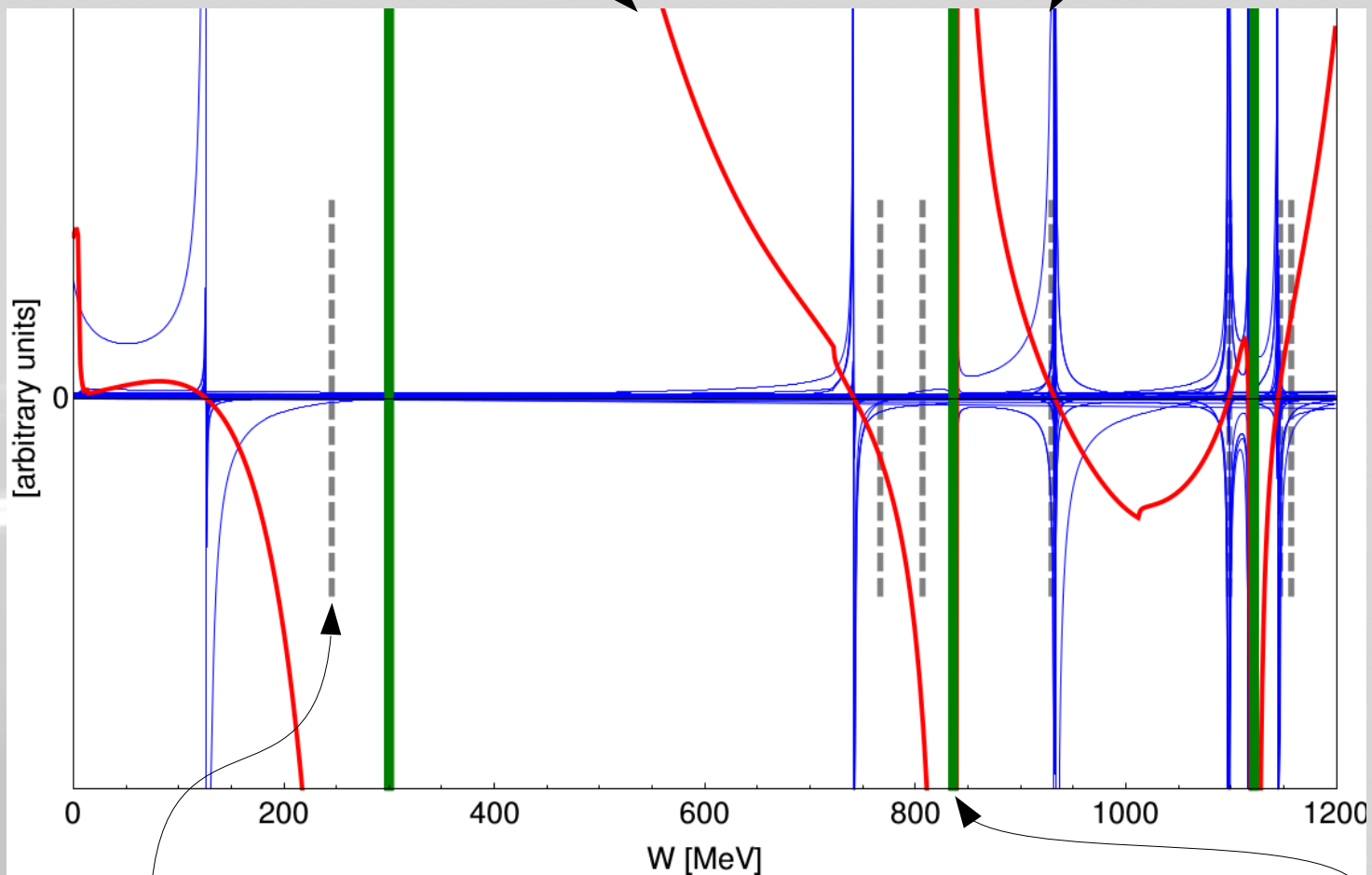
- Poles = positions of energy-eigenvalues in finite volume. IFF**

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Isobar propagator poles

Free energy eigenvalues

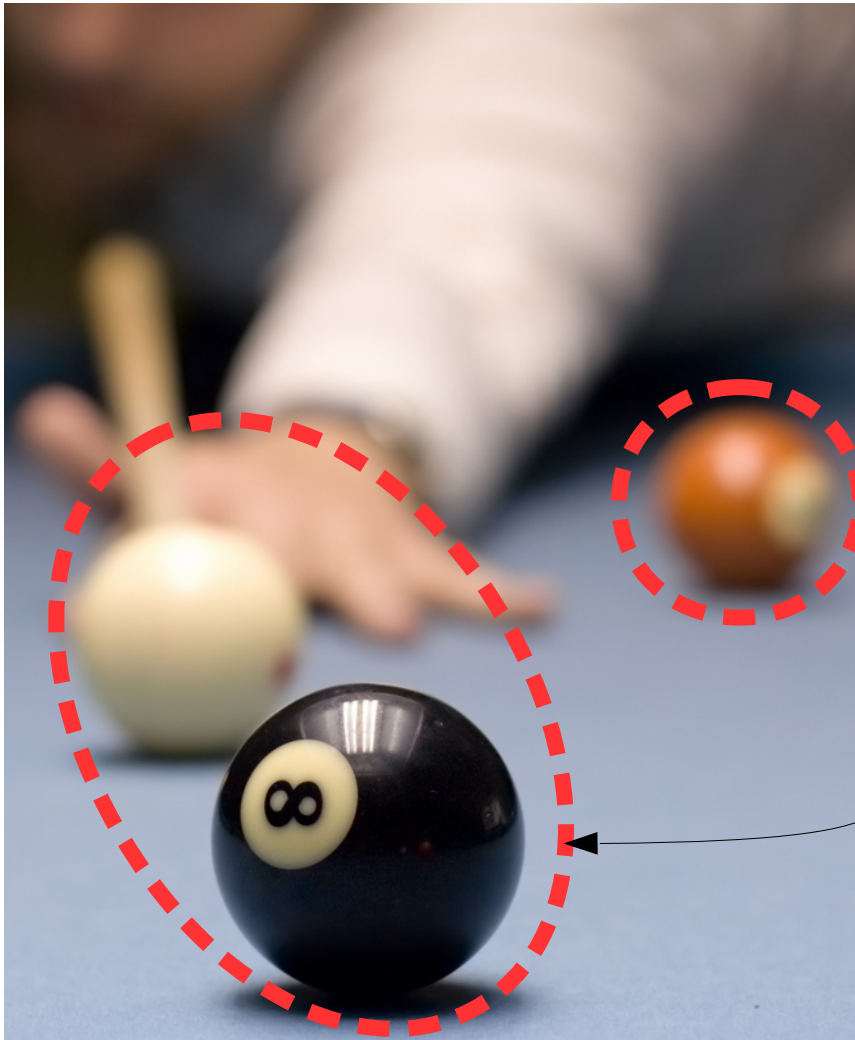


# SUMMARY

- $3 \rightarrow 3$  scattering amplitude formulated in the isobar Ansatz
- 3-body Unitarity dictates im-parts of the driving term & isobar propagator
- Result: 3-dimensional relativistic integral equation.
  
- Finite volume investigation reveals
  - Multiple cancellation mechanisms
  - Quantization condition



Thank you

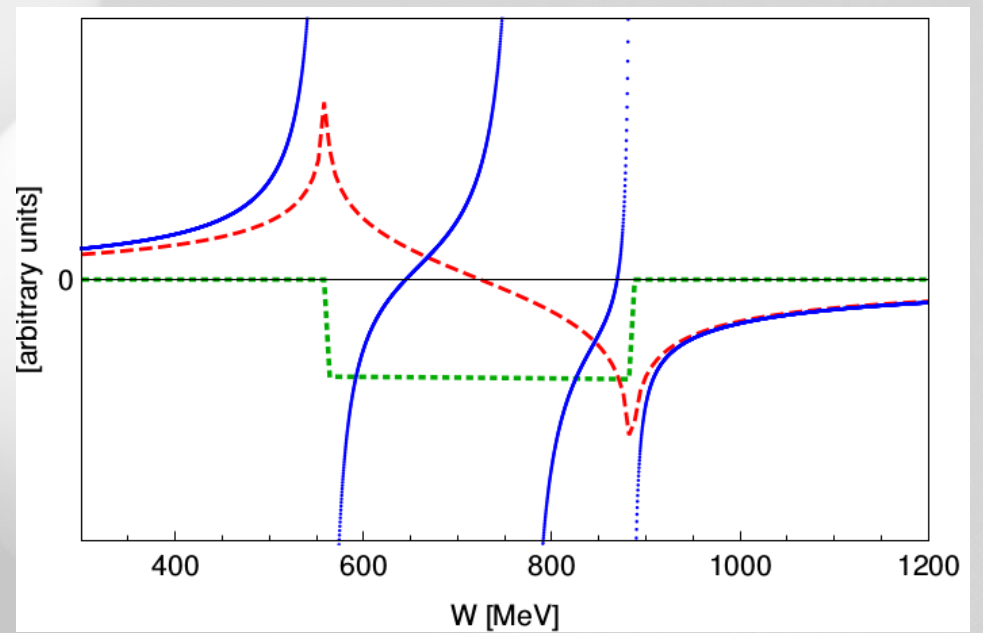
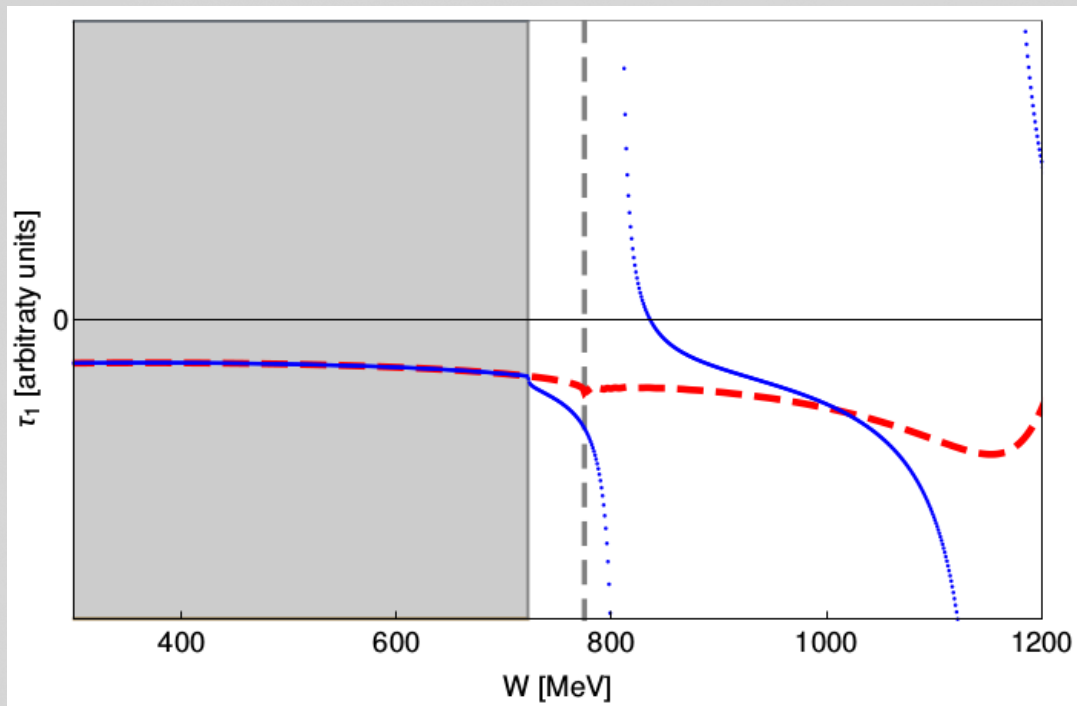


Spectator

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# SPARES



# Unitarity & Matching

- 3-body Unitarity (normalization condition  $\leftrightarrow$  phase space integral)

$$\langle q_1, q_2, q_3 | (\hat{T} - \hat{T}^\dagger) | p_1, p_2, p_3 \rangle = i \int_P \langle q_1, q_2, q_3 | \hat{T}^\dagger | k_1, k_2, k_3 \rangle \langle k_1, k_2, k_3 | \hat{T} | p_1, p_2, p_3 \rangle$$

