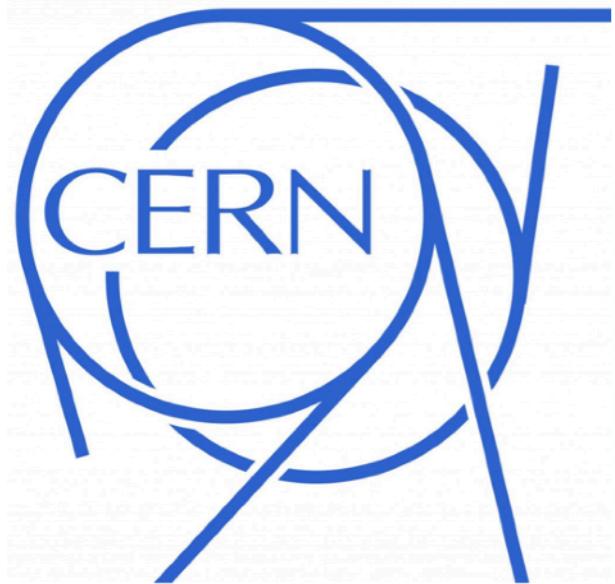


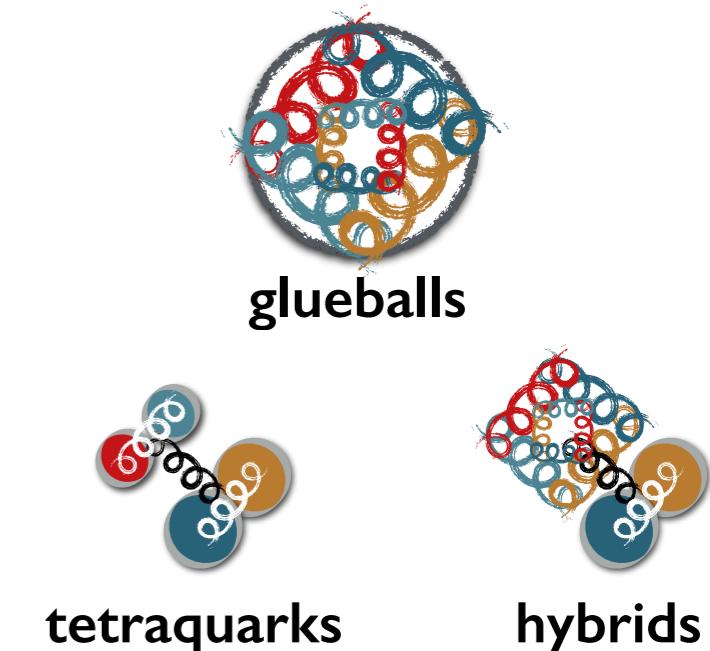
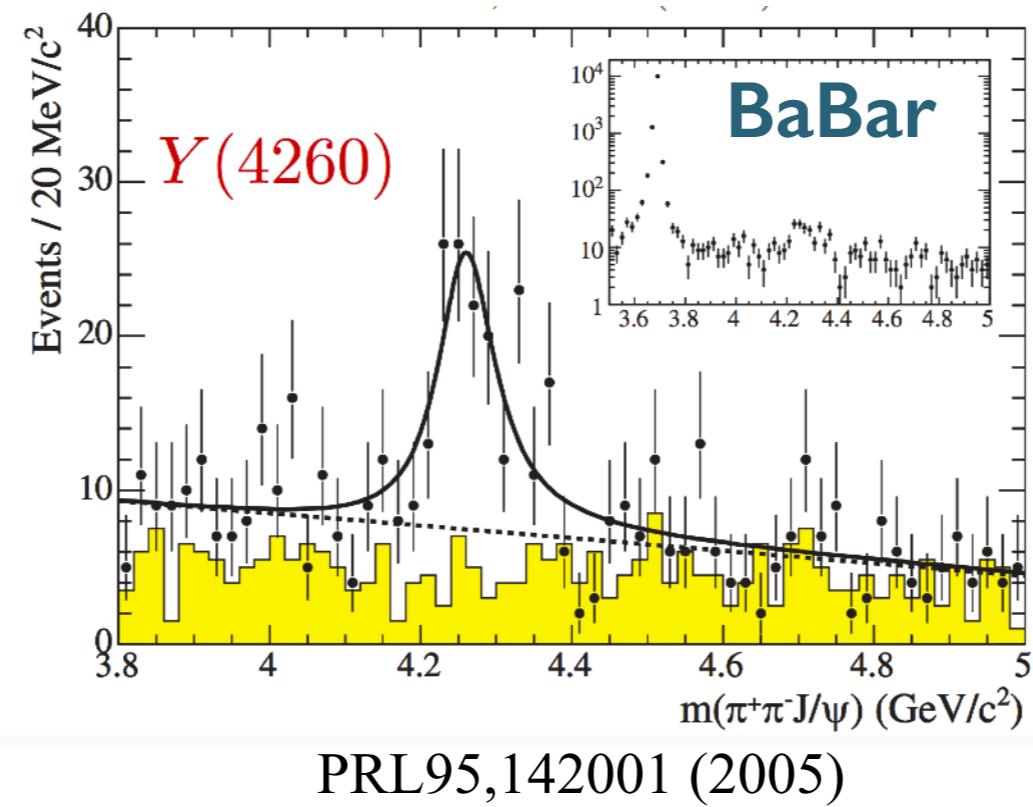
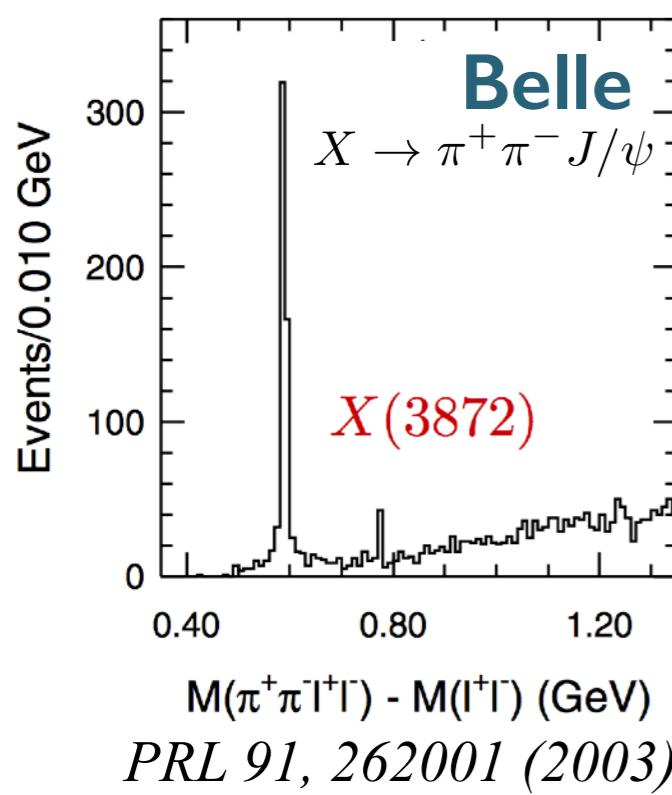
Real-time quantities in a finite volume

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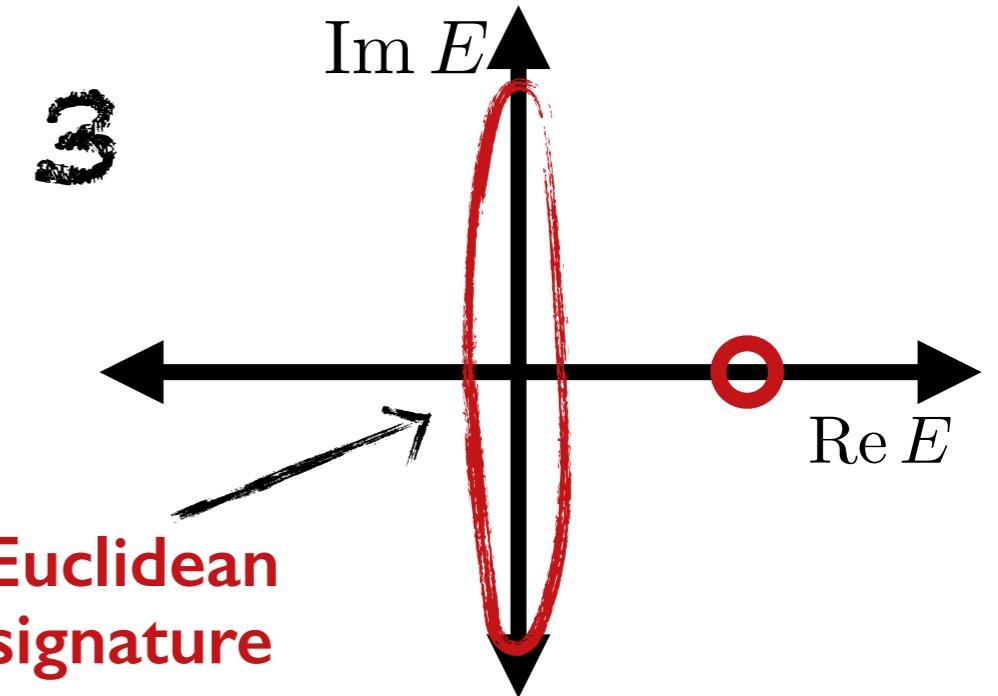
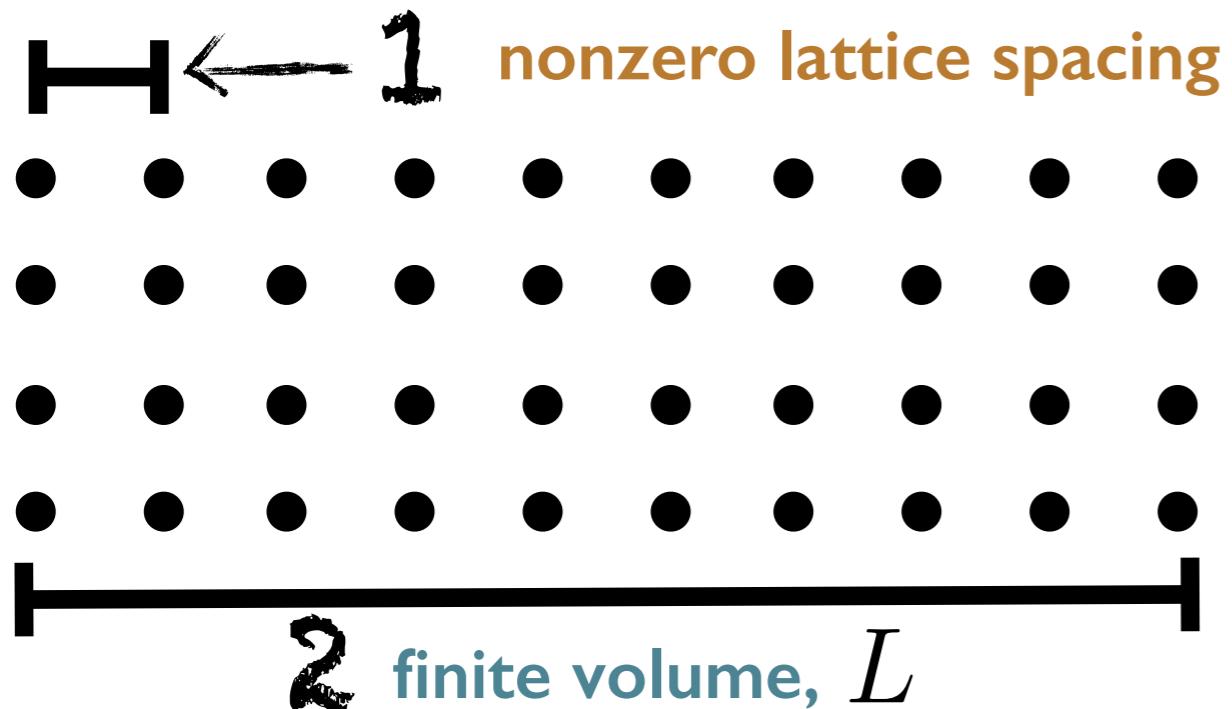


The rich resonance structure of QCD...



- Quantify how resonances modify scattering and production rates ($T = 0$)
- Explore how they couple to external probes / respond to extreme conditions
- Determine how their properties depend on QCD's fundamental parameters

Inherently difficult:
Very far from low-energy symmetry constraints and high-energy pQCD



In real-time observables, the interplay of these is subtle...

- Euclidean signature → inverse methods → understanding covariance
→ challenged by discretization

This talk: two sides of lattice resonance physics...

- First half: Finite L as a tool (→ Euclidean not a disadvantage)
- Second half: Finite L as an unwanted artifact (→ Euc. is a problem)



Based on work with...



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S. Sharpe



D. Robaina



H. Meyer

- *Three-particle systems with resonant subprocesses in a finite volume*
Briceño, MTH, Sharpe, PRD 2019, (arXiv:1810.01429)
- *Lattice QCD and Three-particle Decays of Resonances*
MTH, Sharpe, (arXiv:1901.00483)
- *Total rates into multihadron final states from lattice QCD*
MTH, Meyer, Robaina (arXiv:1704.08993)

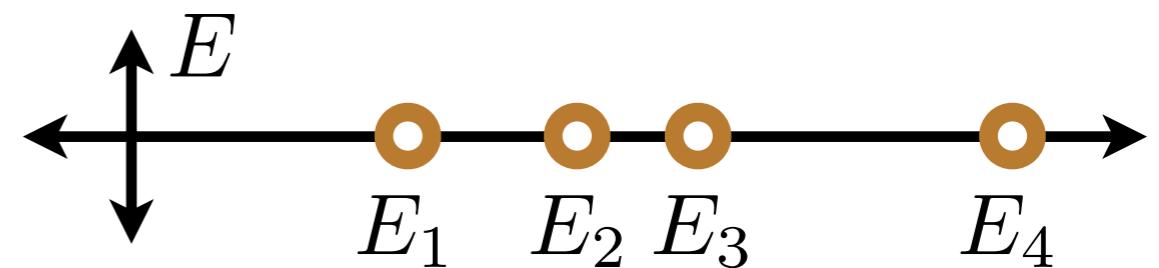
Of bound states and cuts

- Consider a **trapped particle** in non-relativistic quantum mechanics

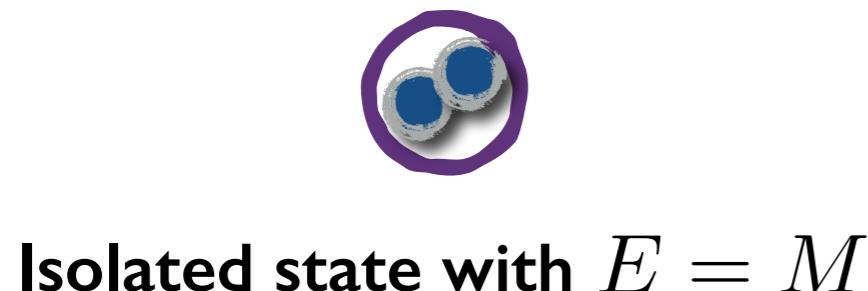
A useful tool is the **correlation function**...

$$\mathcal{C}(E) = \int_0^\infty dt e^{iEt} \langle \vec{x} | e^{-i(H-i\epsilon)t} | \vec{x} \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \int_0^\infty dt e^{i(E-E_n+i\epsilon)t} |\langle \vec{x} | E_n \rangle|^2$$

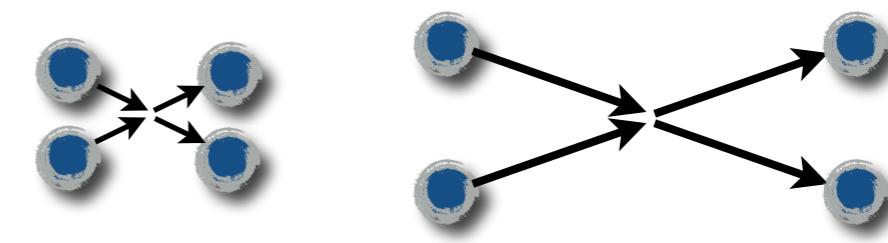
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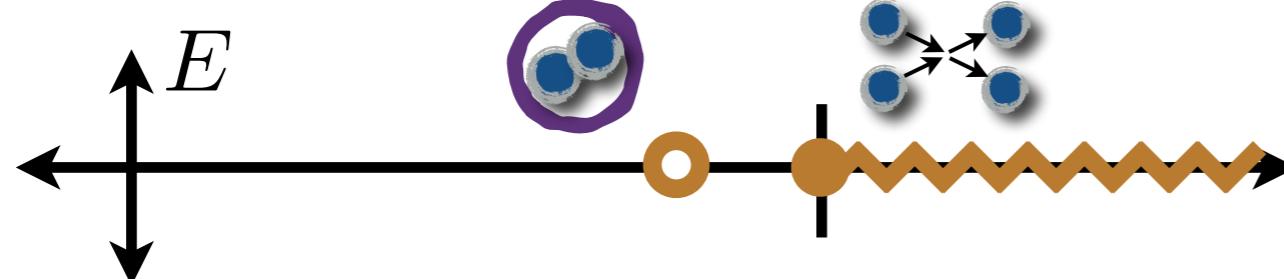
- What is different in systems with **scattering states**?



Isolated state with $E = M$



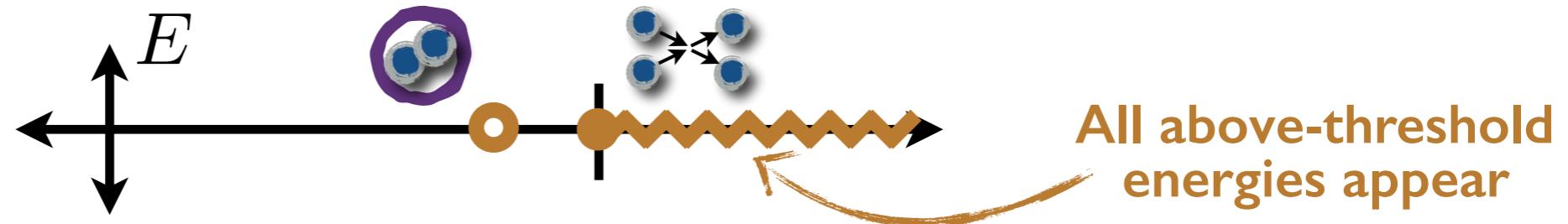
Can have any energy $E > 2m$



Poles become dense and form a branch cut

S-matrix and scattering

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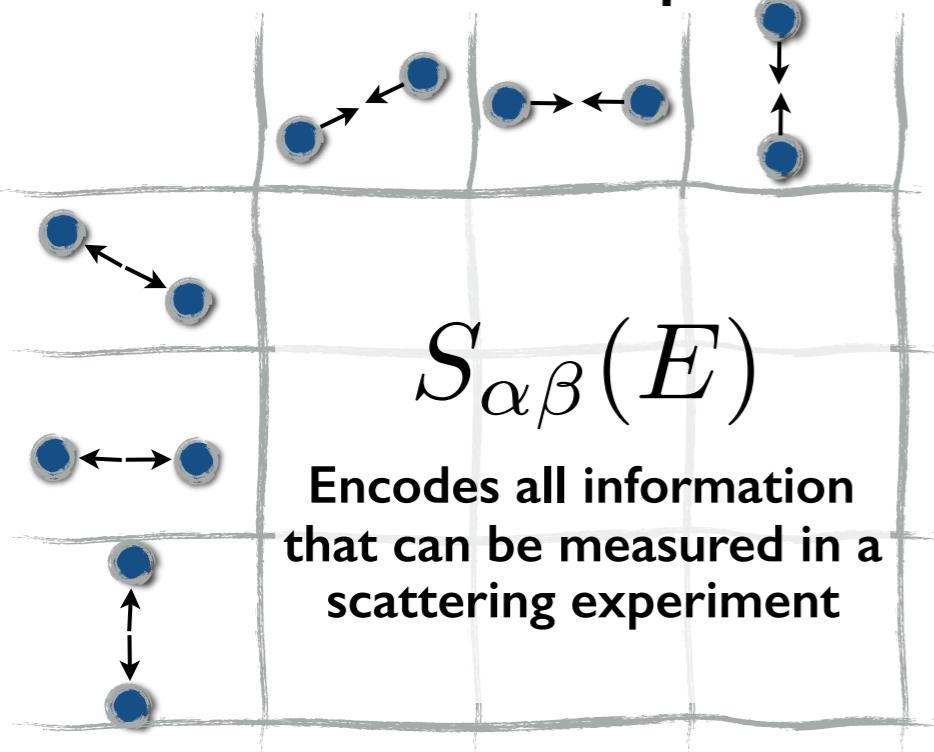


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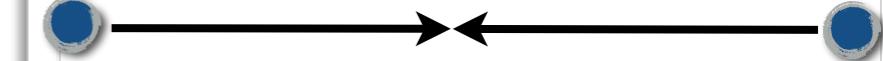
S-matrix

Angular degrees of freedom define a matrix space



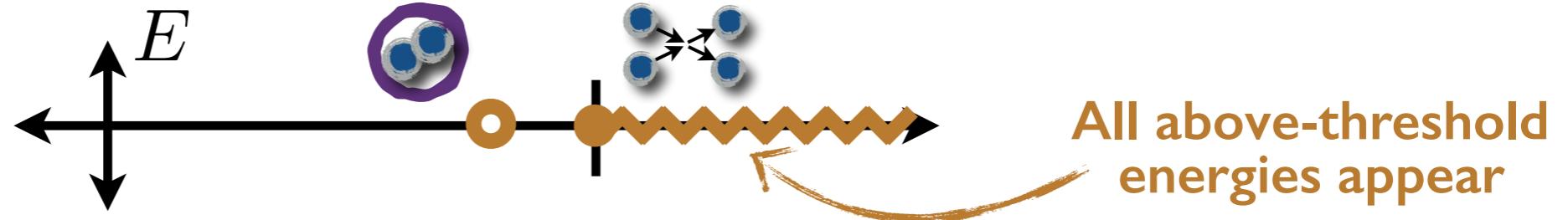
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$S_0(E)$	0	0
0	$S_1(E)$	0
0	0	$S_2(E)$

S-matrix properties

- Diagonal in angular momentum
- S-matrix unitarity

$$S^\dagger(E)S(E) = \sum_{\alpha} \langle \pi\pi, \text{in} | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | \pi\pi, \text{in} \rangle = \mathbb{I}$$

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- Relation to the scattering amplitude

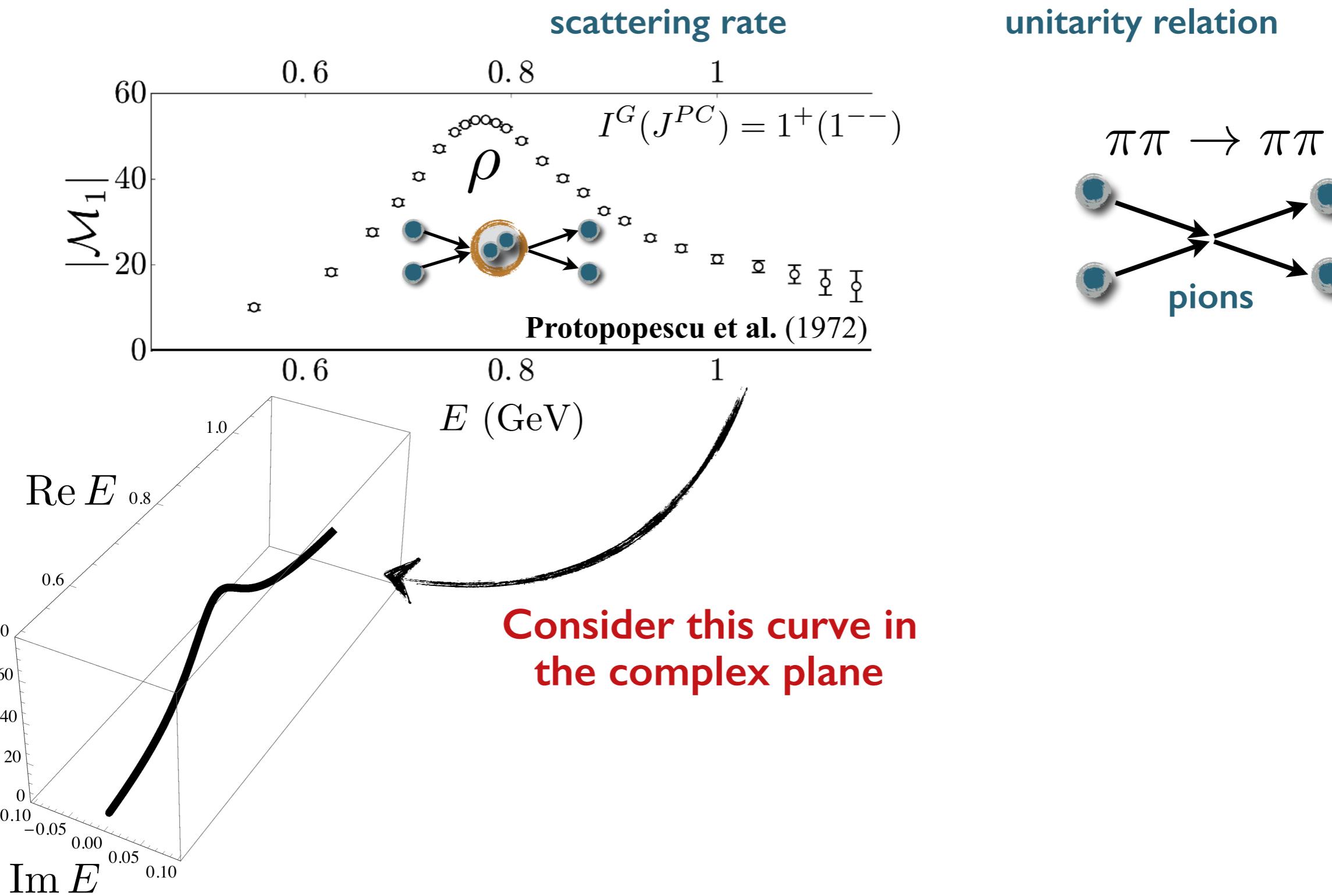
$$S(E) = \begin{array}{c} \text{two pions} \\ \longrightarrow \\ \text{one pion} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{two pions} \\ \longrightarrow \\ \text{three pions} \end{array}$$

$$S_0(E) = e^{2i\delta_0(E)} \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}_0(E) \propto e^{2i\delta_0(E)} - 1$$

real function contains the scattering information

Definition of a resonance

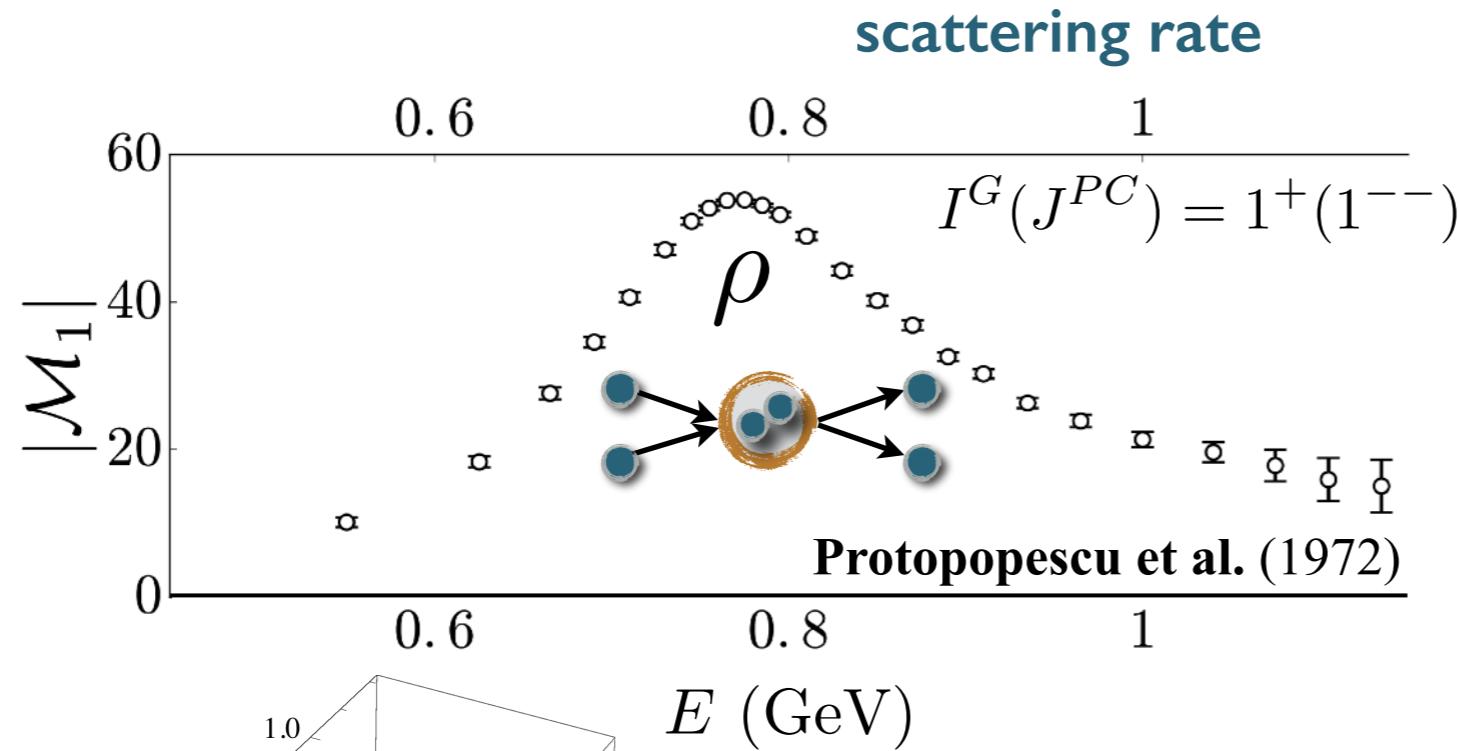
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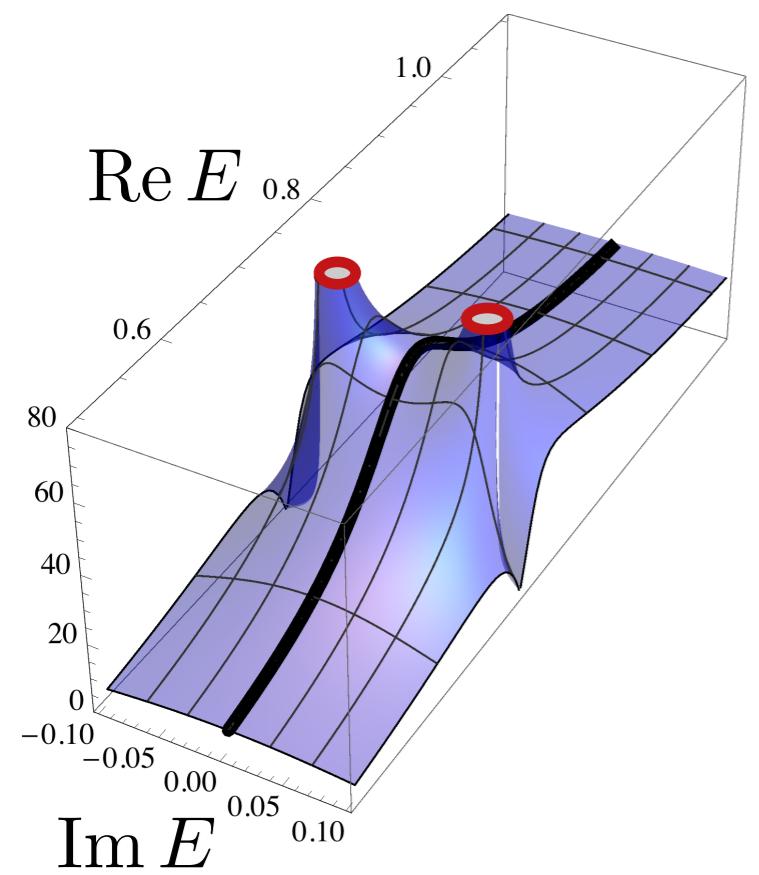


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Analytic continuation reveals that the bump corresponds to a pole in the complex plane



This bridges the gap between bound states and resonances



$$E_B = M_B$$

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

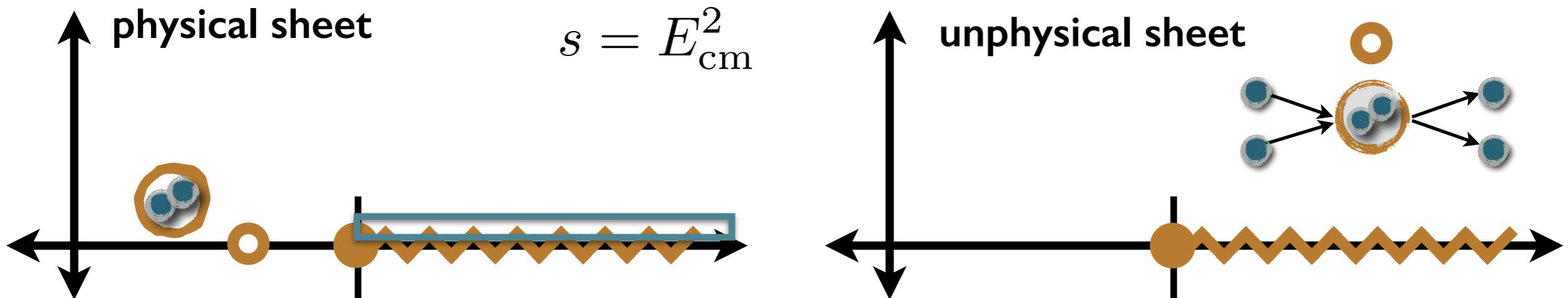

Multiple Riemann sheets

- It is most instructive to analytically continue the scattering amplitude

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

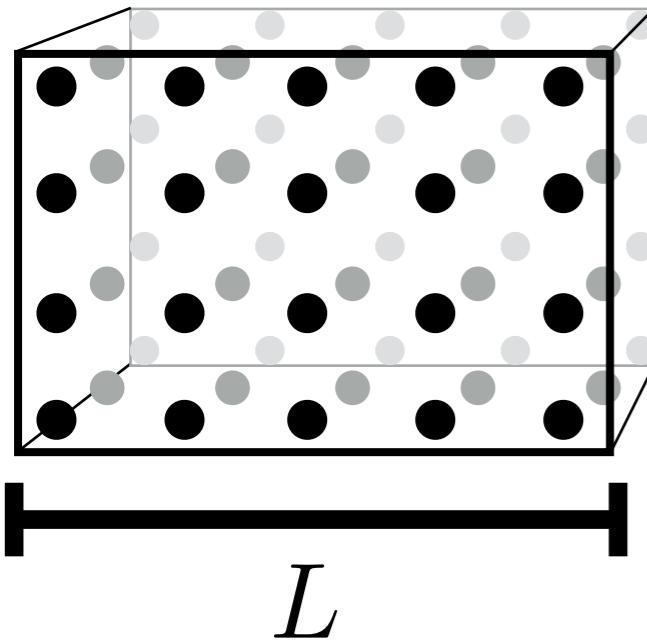
$$\rho(s) \propto -i\sqrt{s - (2M_\pi)^2}$$

- Each channel generates a **branchcut** that doubles the number of sheets



- Our aim is to map out this structure in a systematic and rigorous way

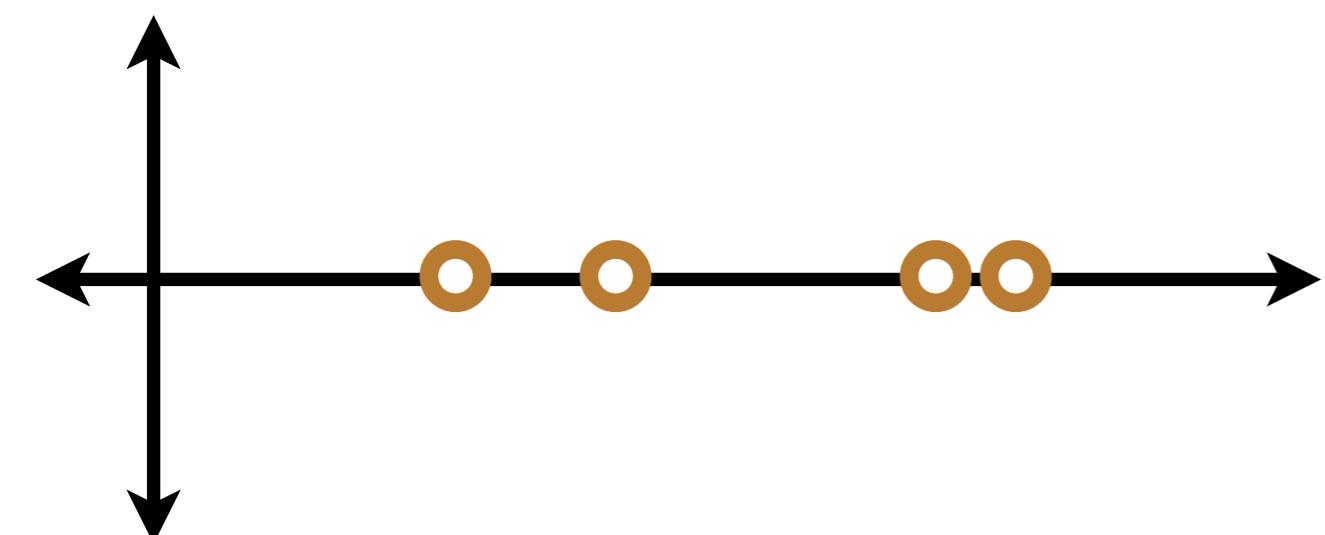
Difficulties for multi-hadron/resonance states



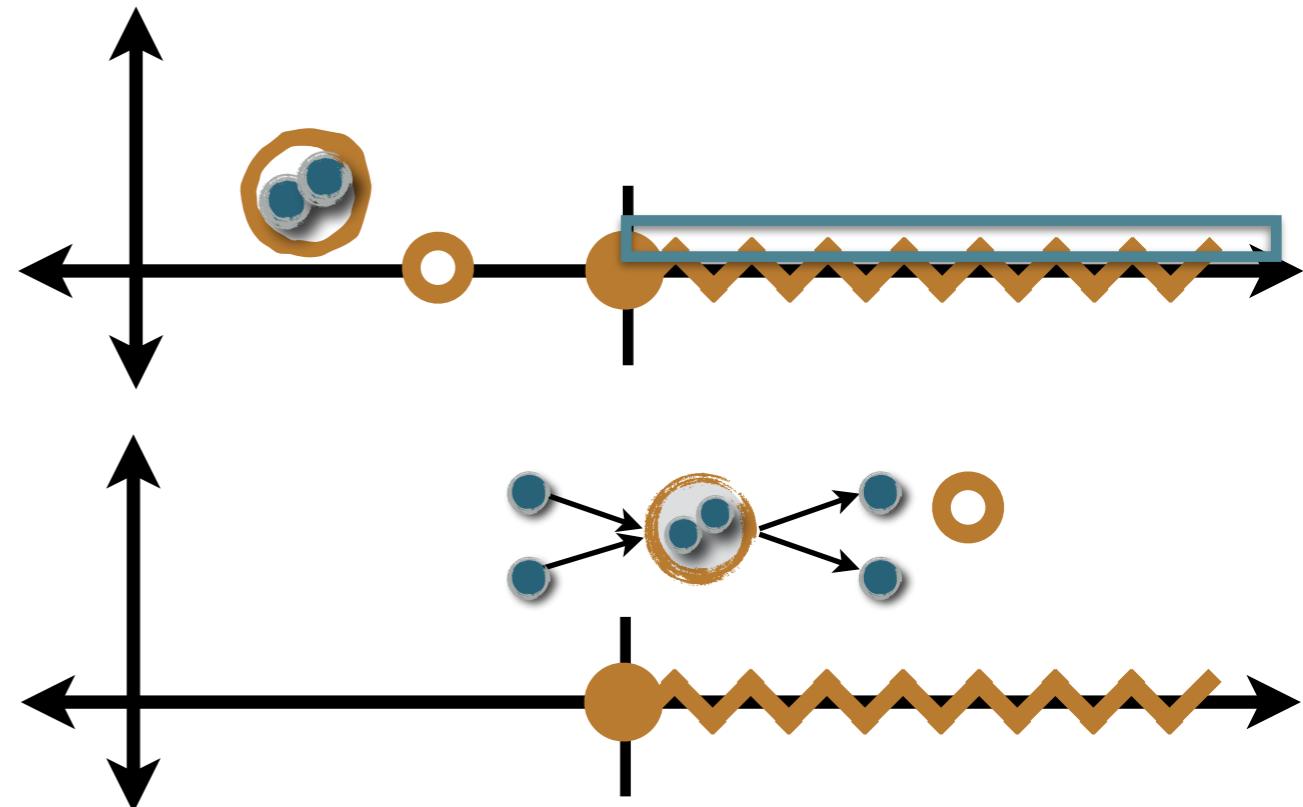
□ The analytic structure is changed by the **finite volume**...

- Discretizes the spectrum
- Eliminates the branch cuts
- Removes the second Riemann sheet
- Hides the resonance poles

Finite-volume analytic structure

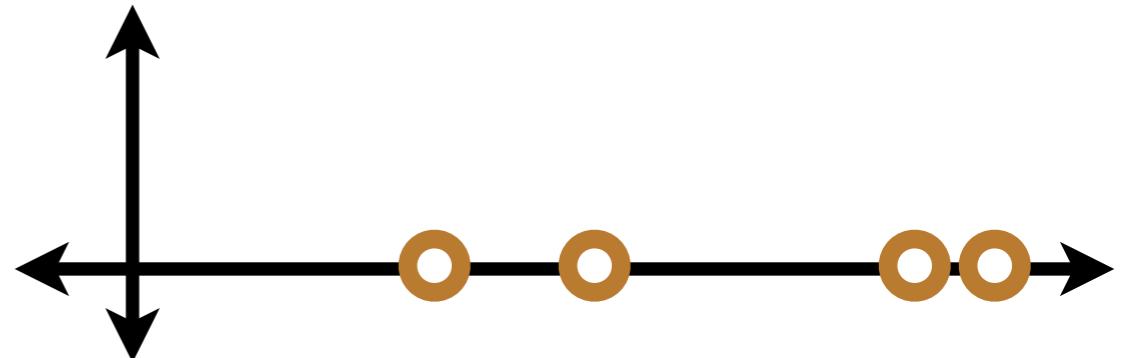


Infinite-volume analytic structure



Finite-volume observables

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



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

Can determine optimized operators by ‘diagonalizing’ the 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

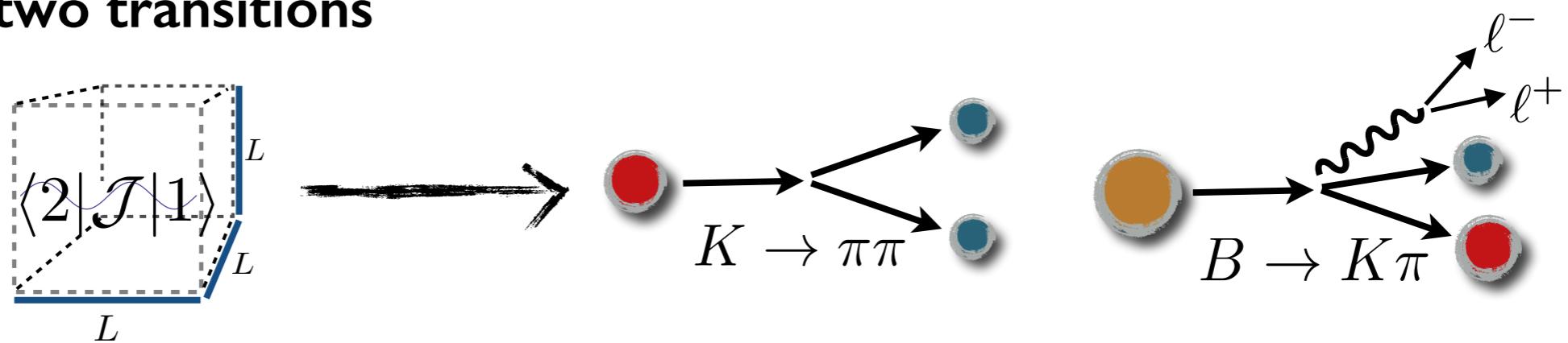
Multi-hadron processes from LQCD

KEY IDEA: We can use the finite volume as a **tool** to extract multi-hadron observables

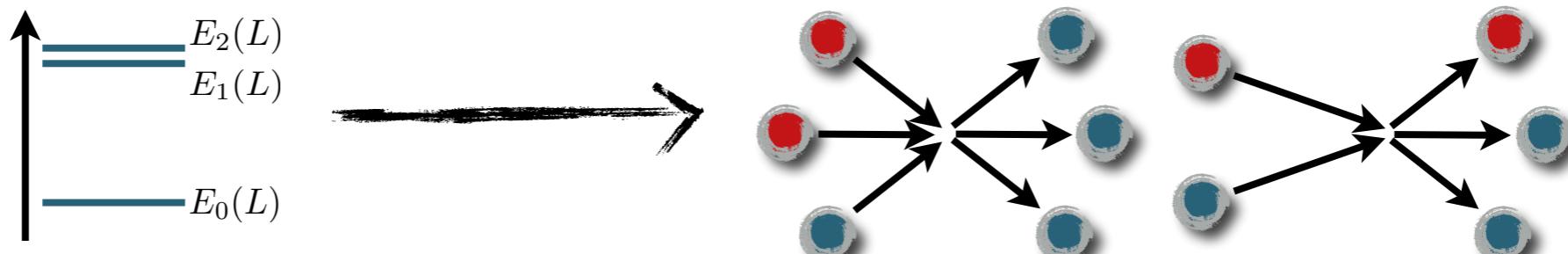
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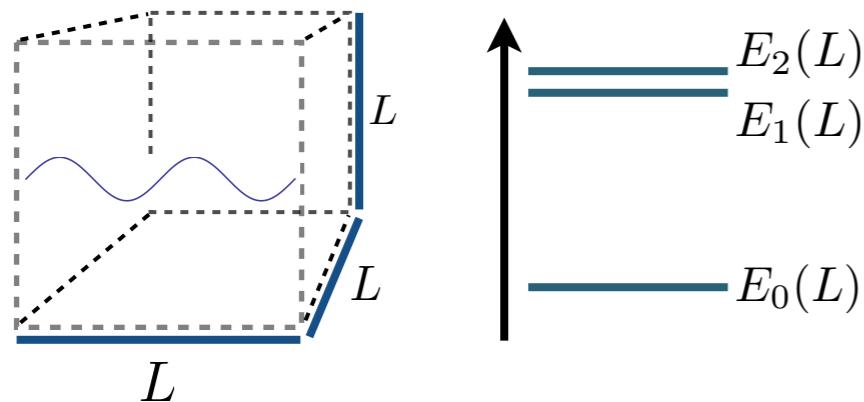


□ Two-to-three and three-to-three scattering



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□ Finite-volume set-up



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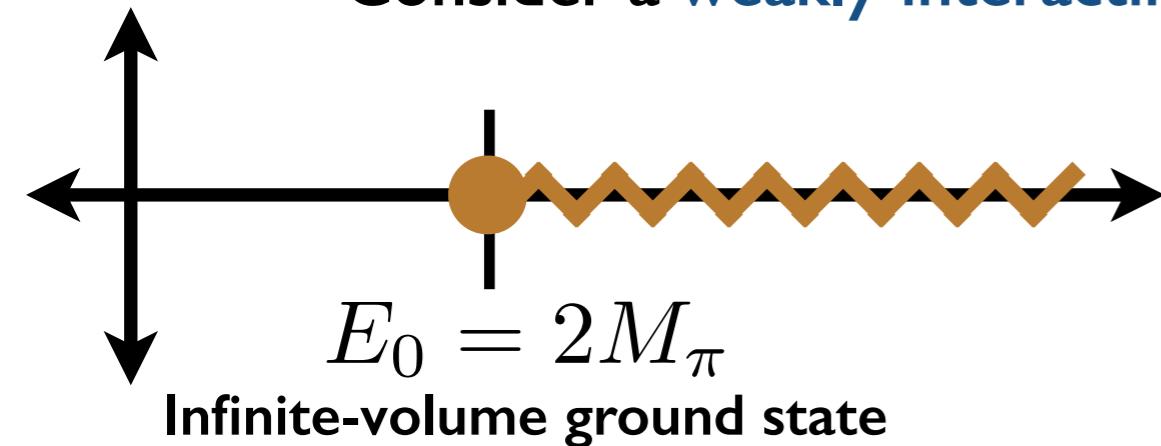
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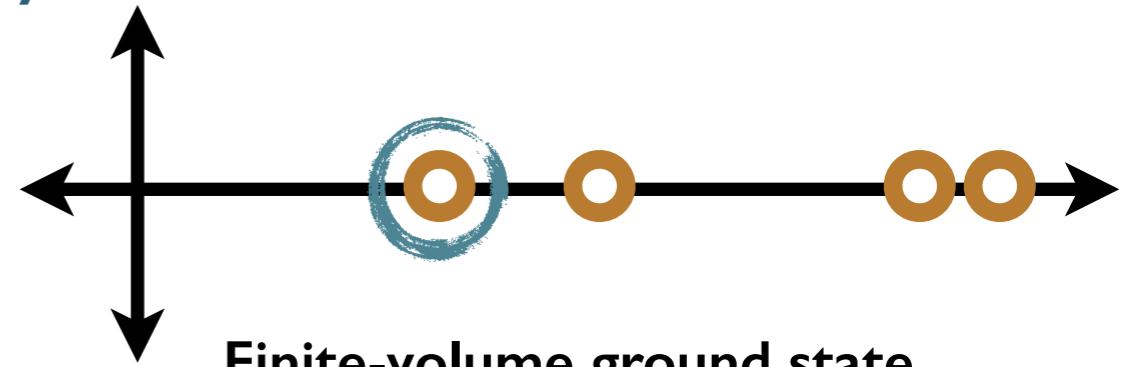
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$$\mathcal{M}_{\ell=0}(2M_\pi) = -32\pi M_\pi a$$

Information is in the scattering amplitude

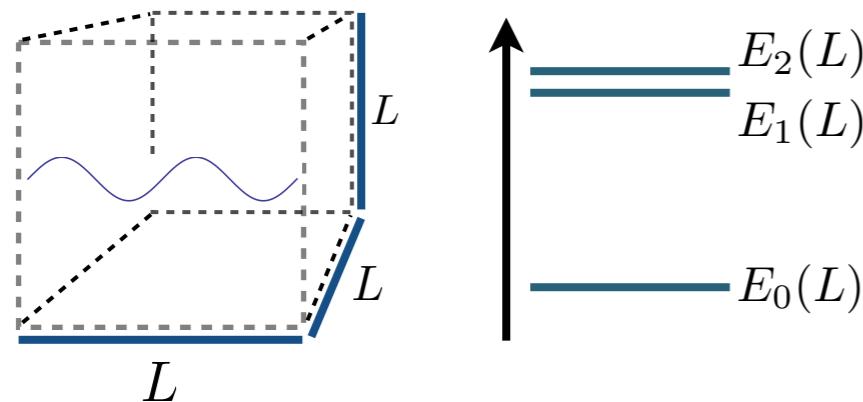


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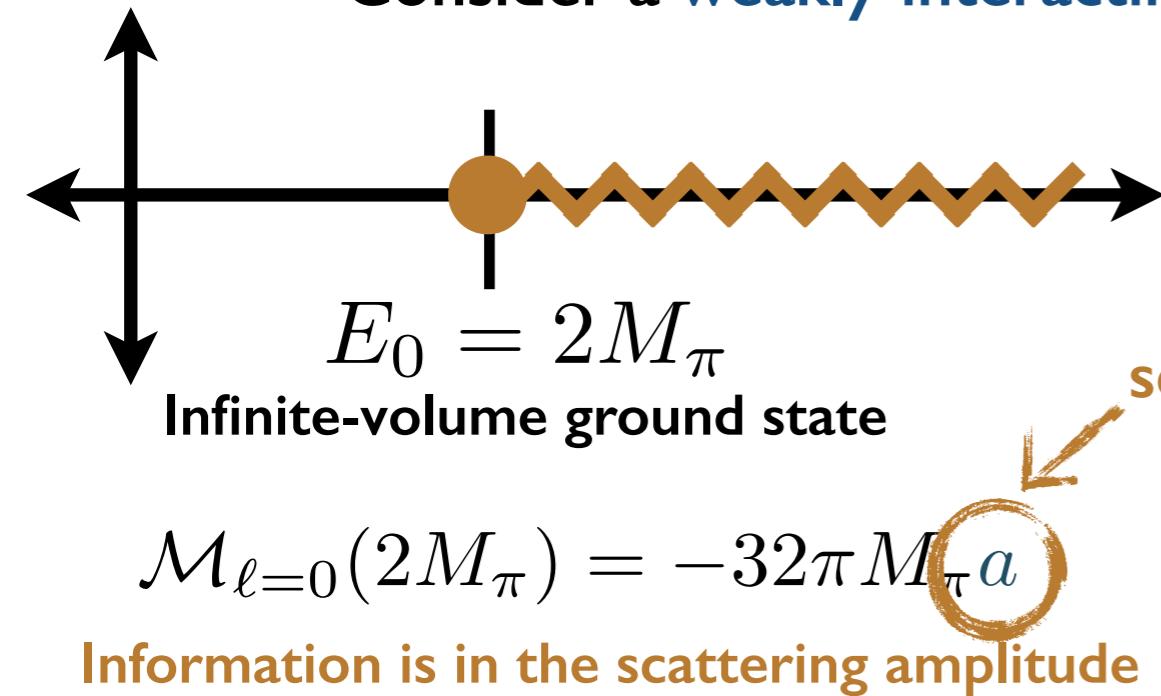
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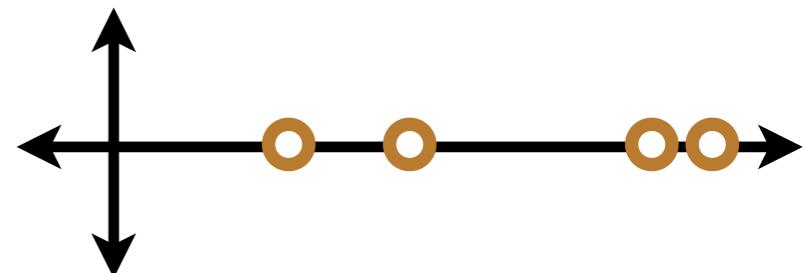
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- In the finite-volume world...

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At leading order, the finite-volume amplitude has no poles



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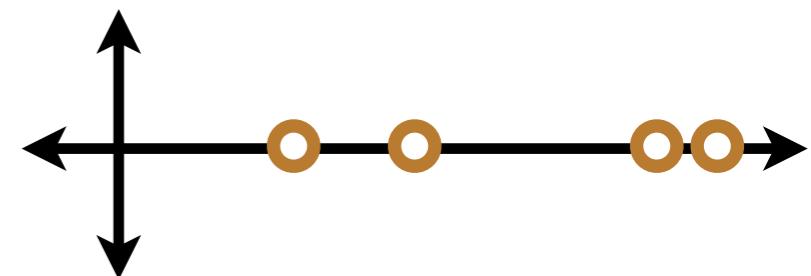
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At next-to-leading order, we see poles of two non-interacting particles

$$\omega_{\mathbf{k}} = \sqrt{\mathbf{k}^2 + M_\pi^2} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{k} = \frac{2\pi}{L} \mathbf{n}, \quad \mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^3$$

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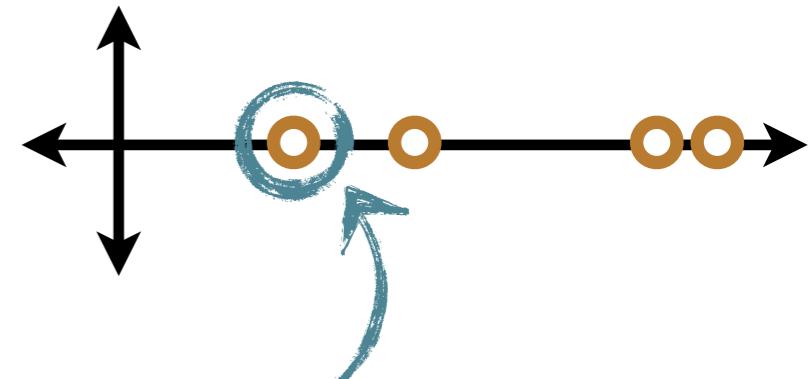
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pole from two zero-momentum pions



**zoom-in on the
lowest-lying pole**

The truncated series is failing because we are interested in $E_{\text{cm}} - 2M_\pi = \mathcal{O}(\lambda)$

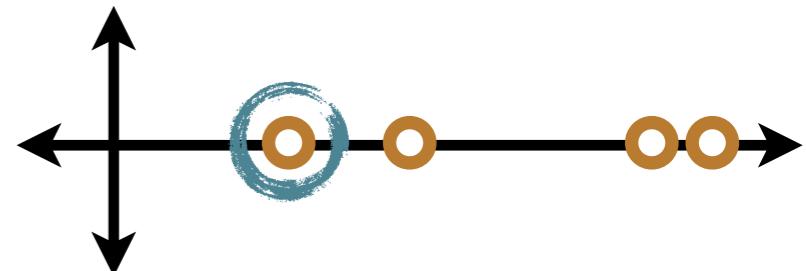
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Summing this **singular contribution** to all orders gives the final expression...

$$-1/\lambda + f(E_{\text{cm}}, L) = 0 \implies E_{\text{cm}} = 2M_\pi + \frac{4\pi a}{M_\pi L^3} + \mathcal{O}(1/L^4)$$

- This result can be generalized...

Lüscher quantization condition

$$C_L(P) = \textcircled{O^\dagger} \textcircled{O} + \textcircled{O^\dagger} \textcircled{iB} \textcircled{O} + \dots$$

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$$C_L(P) = C_\infty(P)$$

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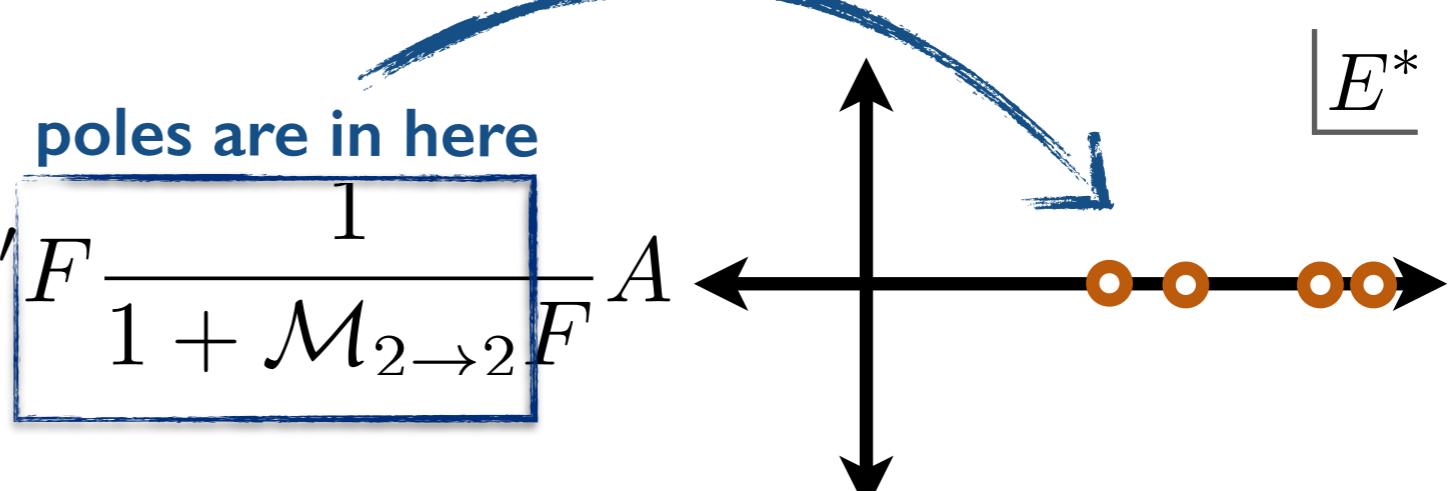
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We deduce...

$$C_L(P) = C_\infty(P) - A' \frac{1}{F \frac{1}{1 + \mathcal{M}_{2 \rightarrow 2} F} A}$$

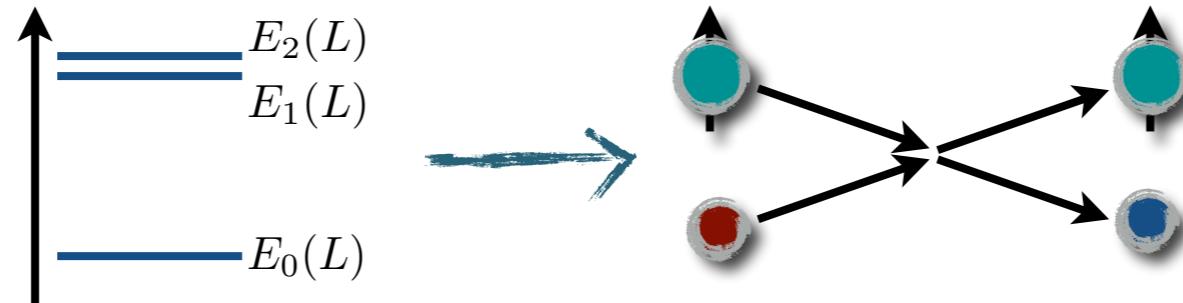
poles are in here

Lüscher (1986, 1991) Kim, Sachrajda, Sharpe (2005)



Two-to-two scattering

- Lüscher's formalism + extensions give a general mapping



- All results are contained in a generalized quantization condition

$$\det \left[\mathcal{M}_2^{-1}(E_n^*) + F(E_n, \vec{P}, L) \right] = 0$$

scattering amplitude known geometric function

Matrices in angular momentum, spin and channel space

- Varying E, \vec{P} gives more constraints on functions of $E^{*2} = E^2 - \vec{P}^2$
- Derivation ignores (drops) suppressed volume effects ($e^{-M_\pi L}$)

Huang, Yang (1958) ○ Lüscher (1986, 1991) ○ Rummukainen, Gottlieb (1995)

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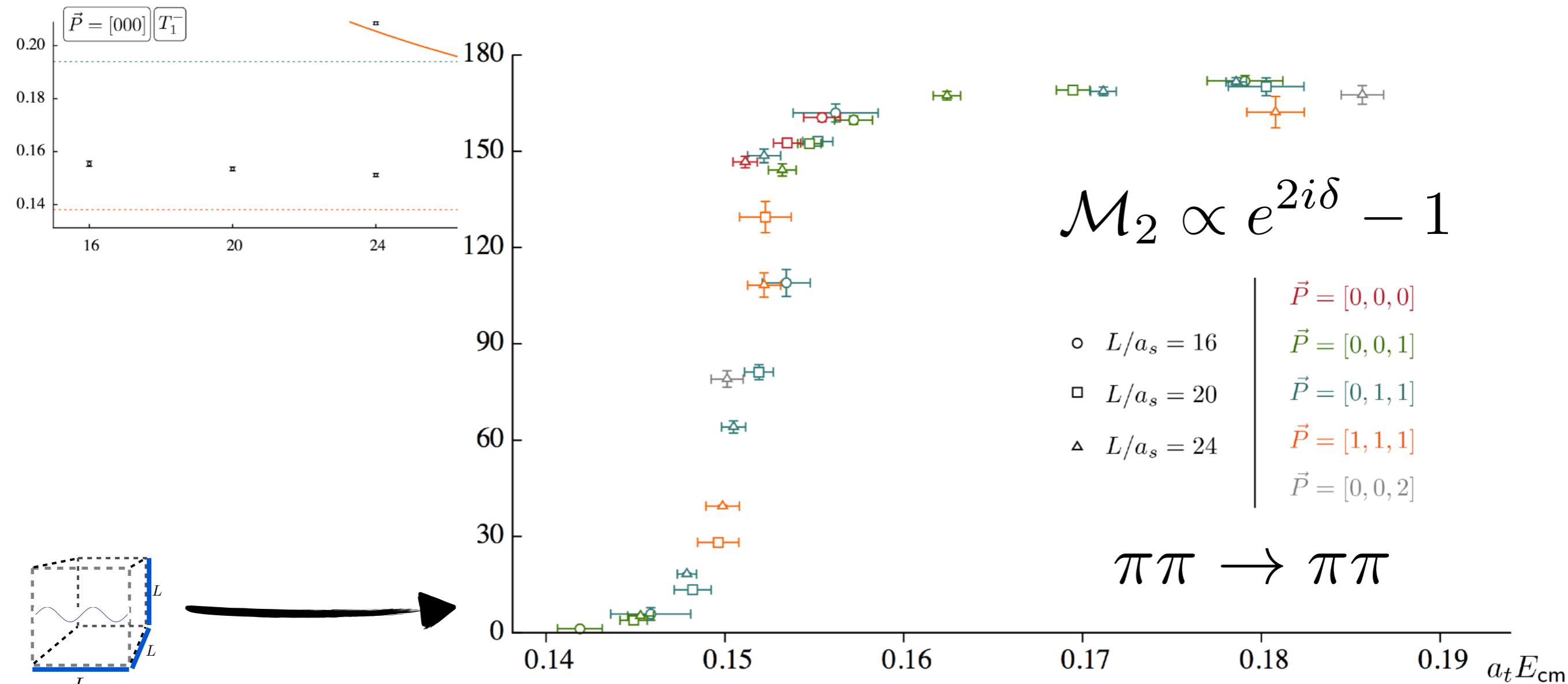
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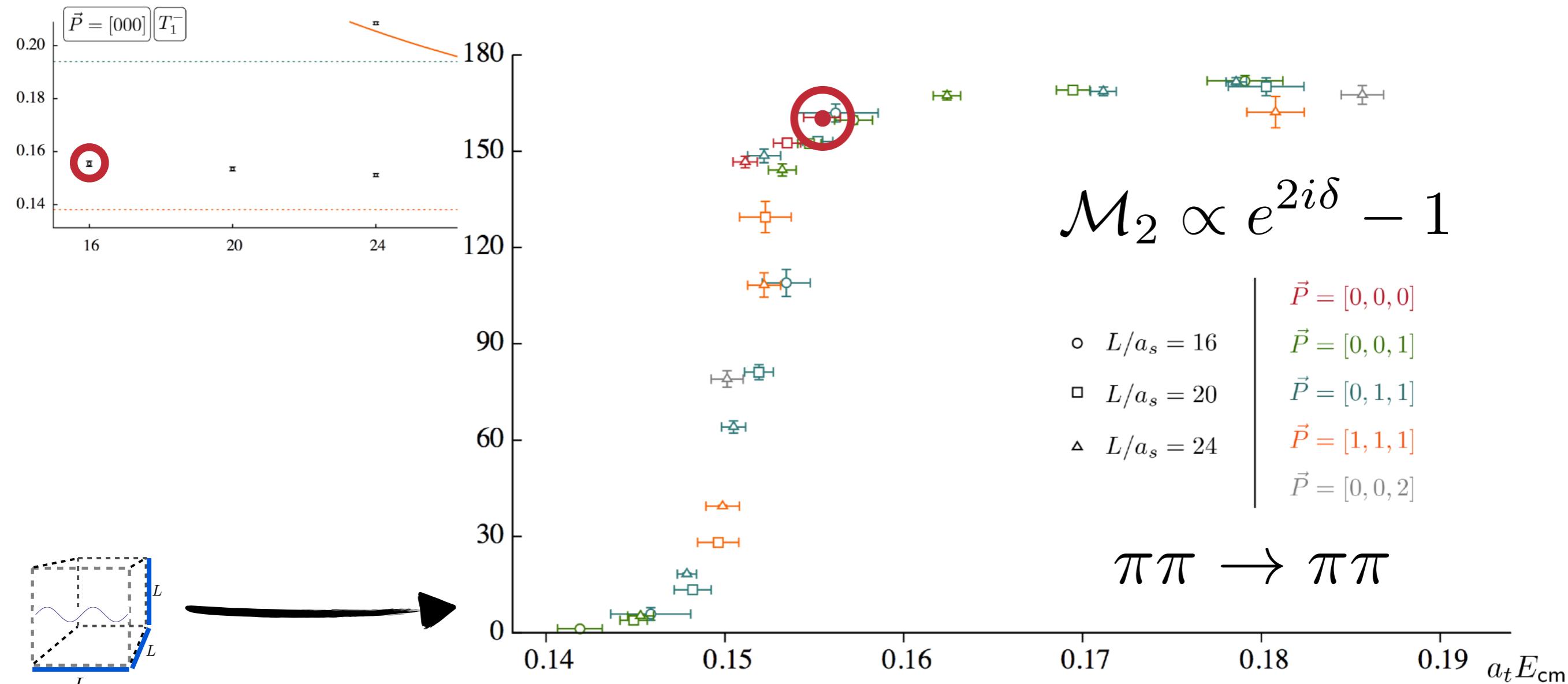
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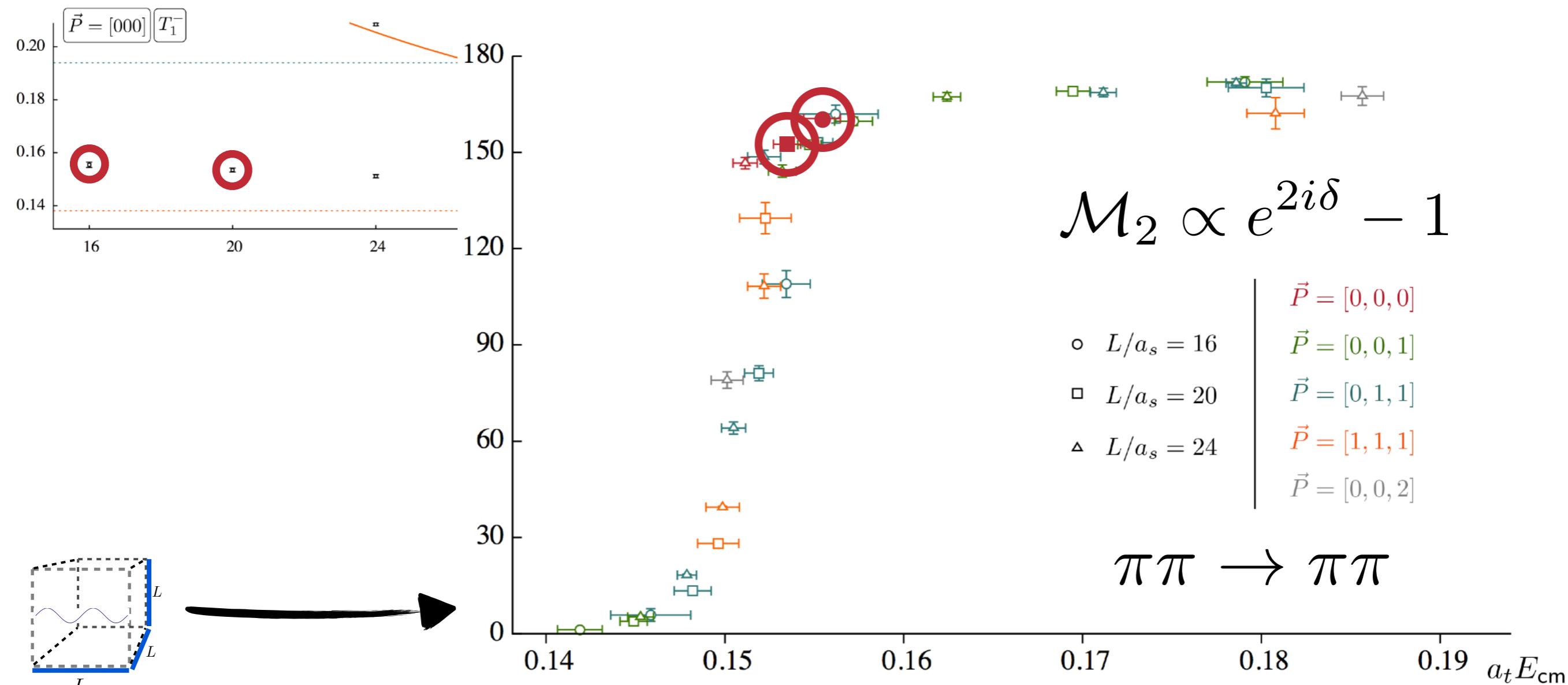


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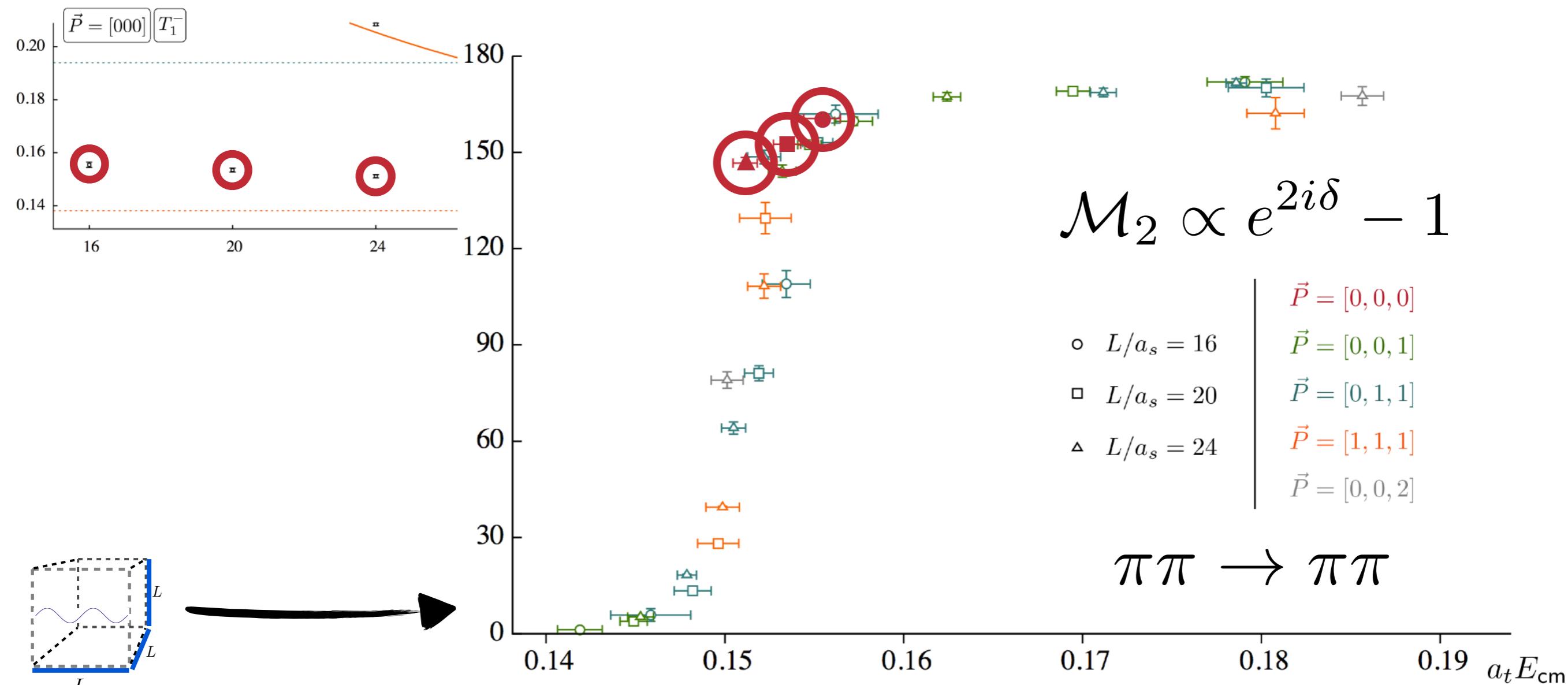
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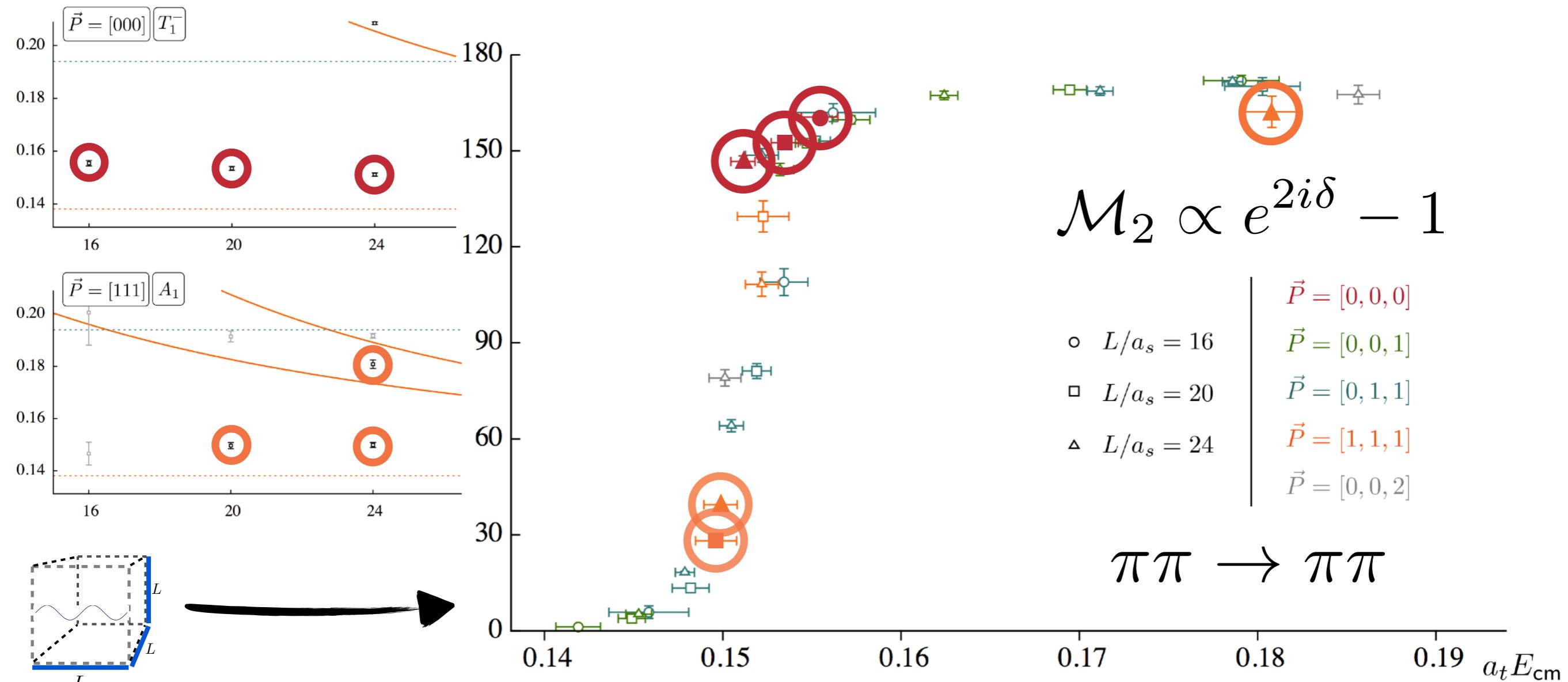
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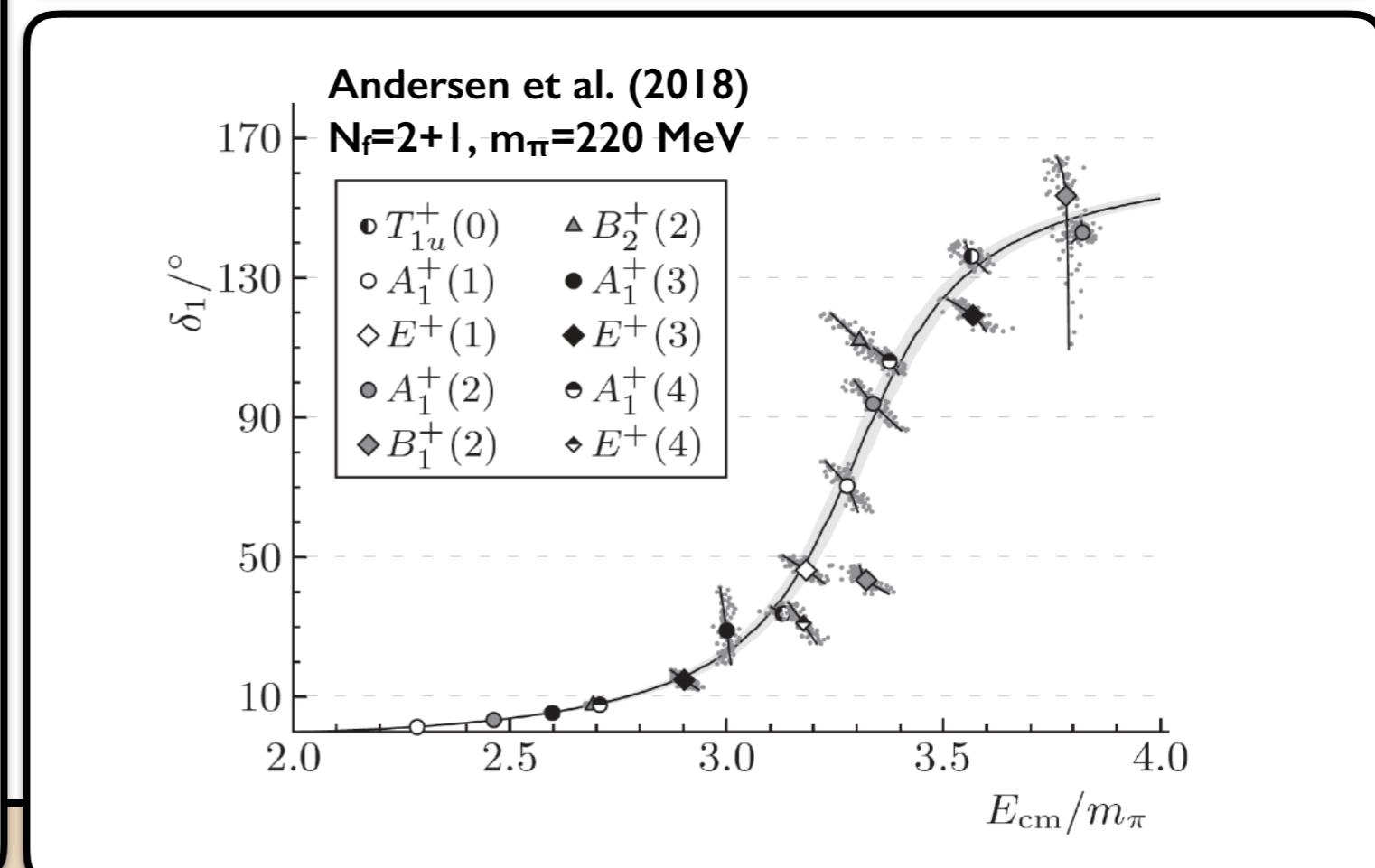
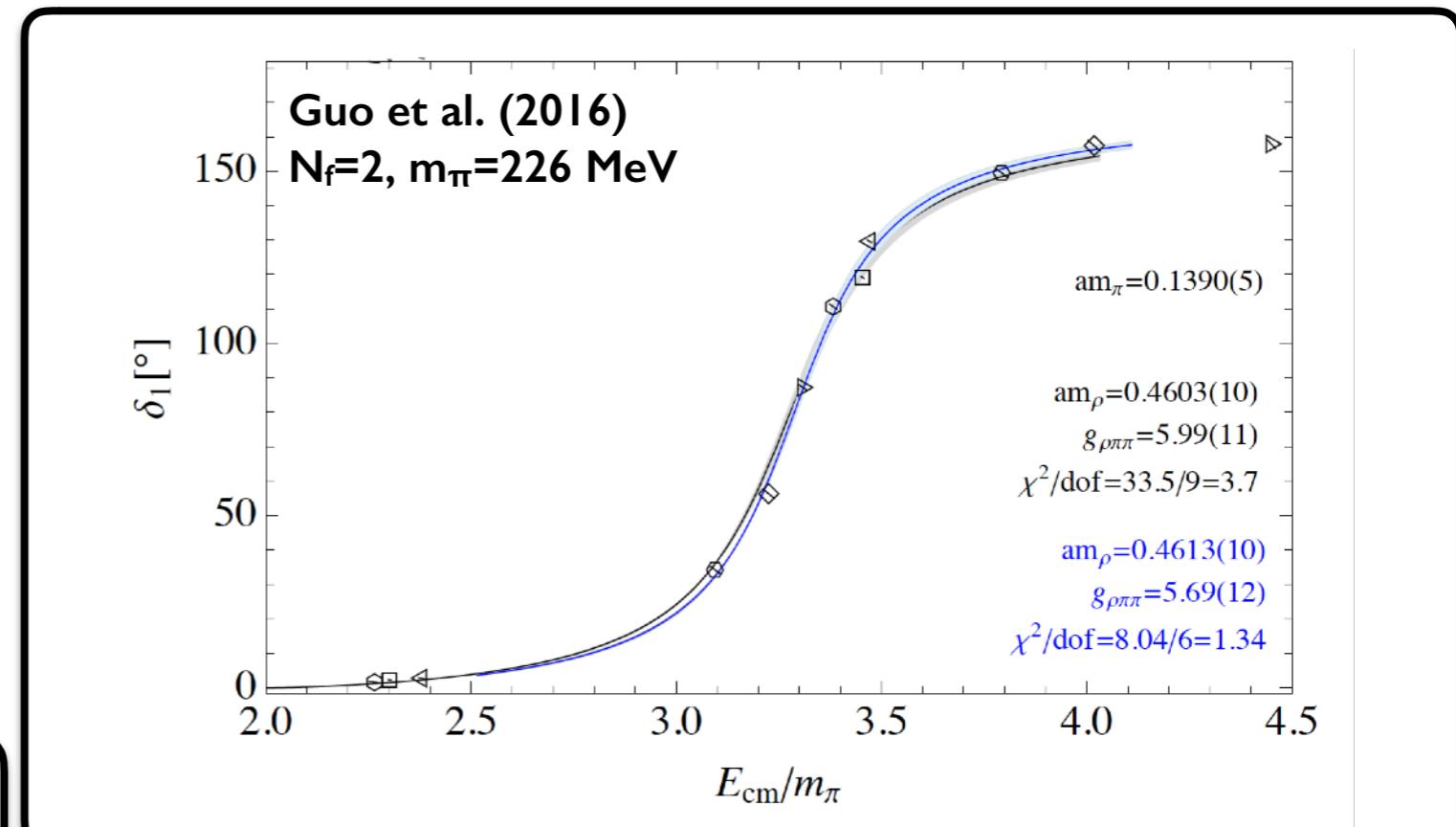
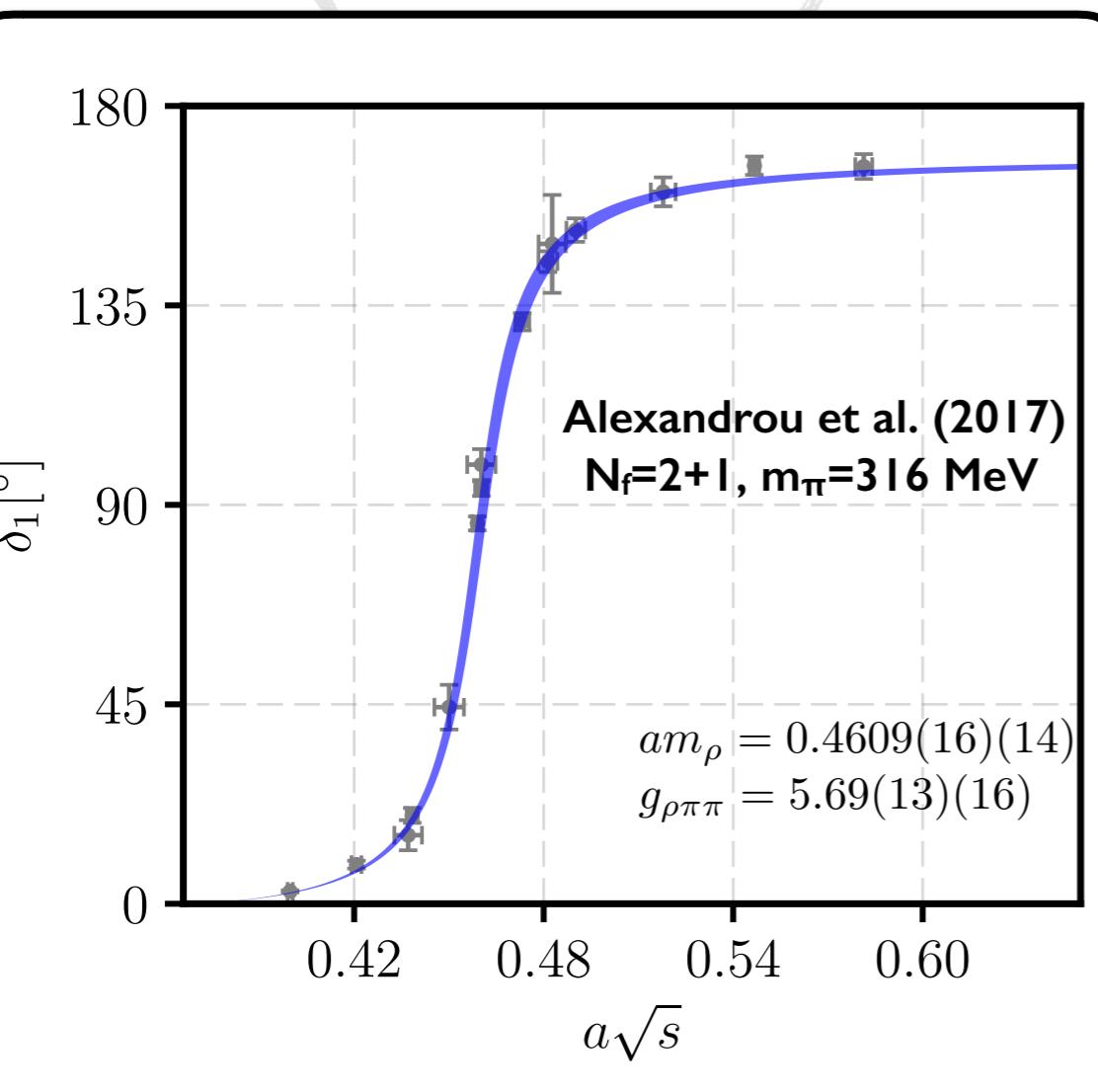
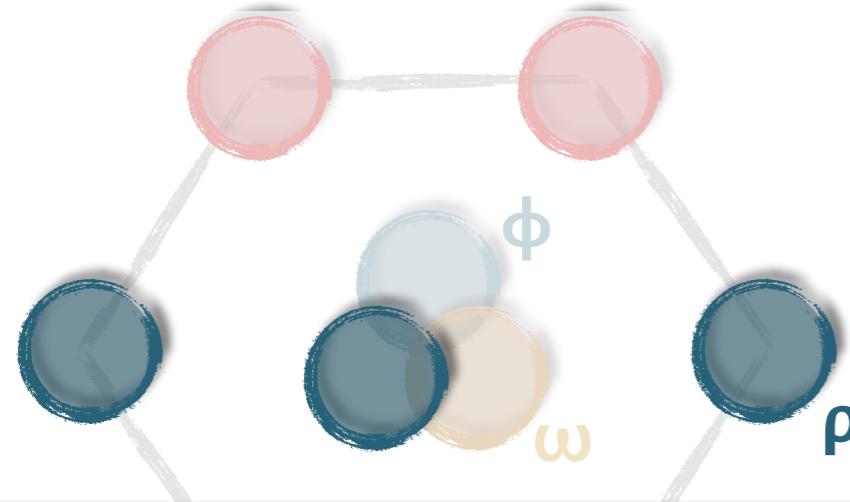


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$\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi$

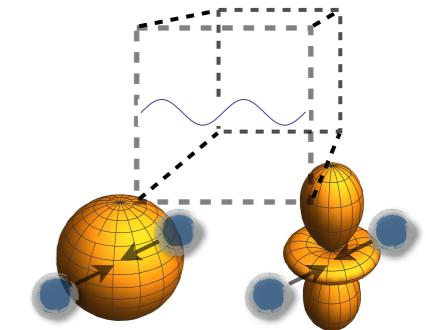
$$I^G(J^{PC}) = 1^+(1^{--})$$



Coupled channels

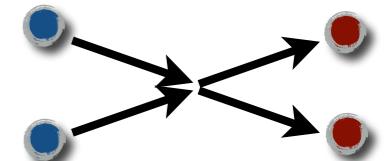
□ The cubic volume mixes different partial waves...

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



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

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



□ The road to physics...

Calculate a matrix of correlators with a large & varied operator basis

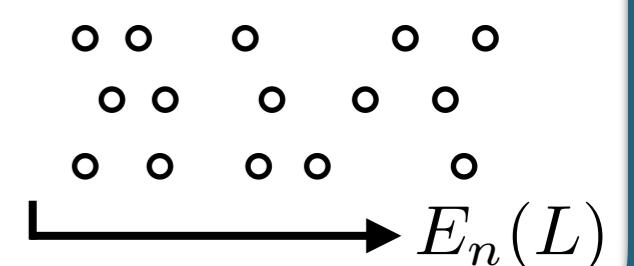
$$\langle \mathcal{O}_a(\tau) \mathcal{O}_b^\dagger(0) \rangle$$

Diagonalize (GEVP) to reliably extract finite-volume energies

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

Vary L and P to recover a dense set of energies

[000], \mathbb{A}_1
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Identify a broad list of K-matrix parametrizations
polynomials and poles

EFT based

dispersion theory based

Perform global fits to the finite-volume spectrum

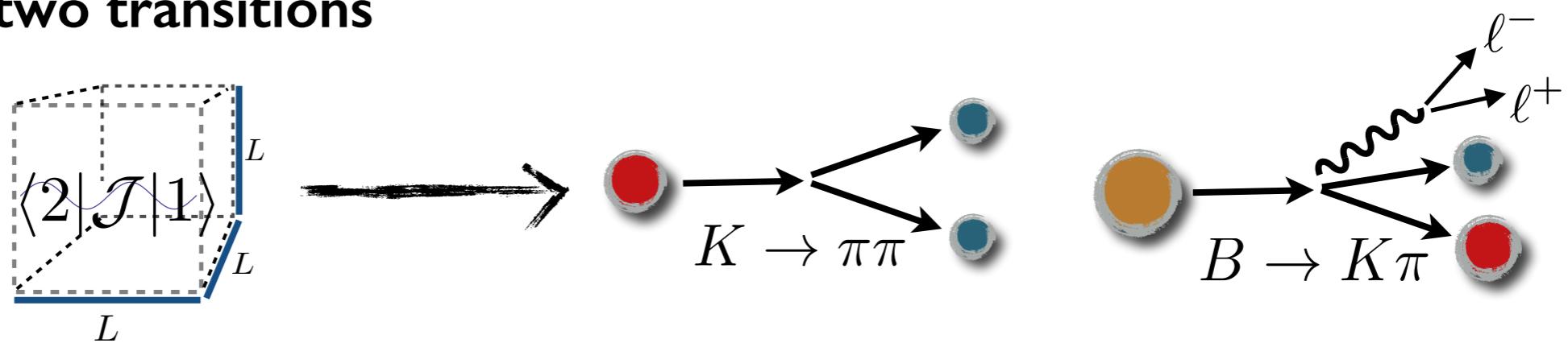
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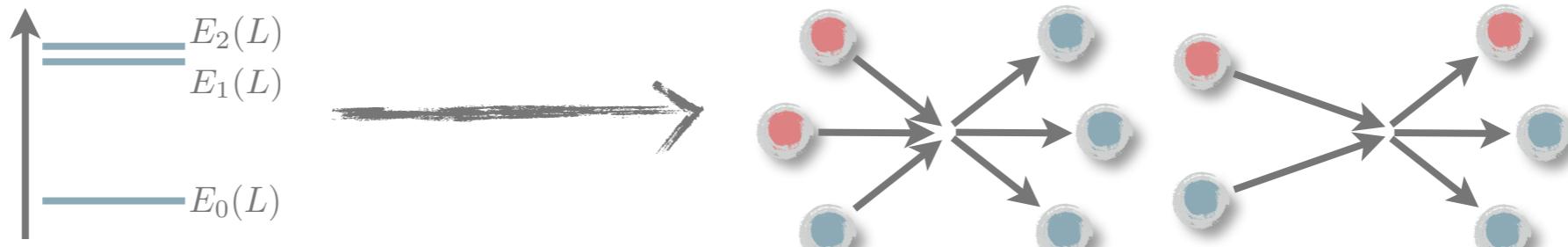
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Two-to-three and three-to-three scattering



Transition matrix elements...

- Recall how we derived the relation for extracting scattering

$$C_L(P) \equiv \text{Diagram} + \text{Diagram} + \dots \xrightarrow{\quad} \det[\mathcal{M}_2^{-1}(E_n^*) + F(E_n, \vec{P}, L)] = 0$$

- One can use a similar analysis to derive a relation on matrix elements

$$C_L^{1+\mathcal{J}\rightarrow 2}(P) \equiv \text{Diagram} + \text{Diagram} + \dots$$

get this from the lattice

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

depends on scattering phase

experimental observable

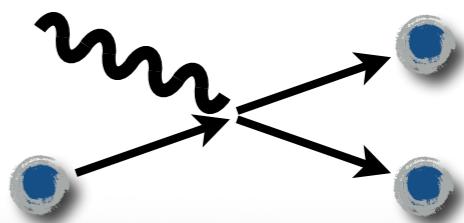
Briceño, MTH, Walker-Loud (2015)

- Important caveat: The relation holds only for $s_{\pi\pi} < (4M_\pi)^2$
- Again, the results ignores (drops) suppressed volume effects ($e^{-M_\pi L}$)



Pion photo-production

$$\langle \pi\pi, \text{out} | \mathcal{J}_\mu | \pi \rangle \equiv$$



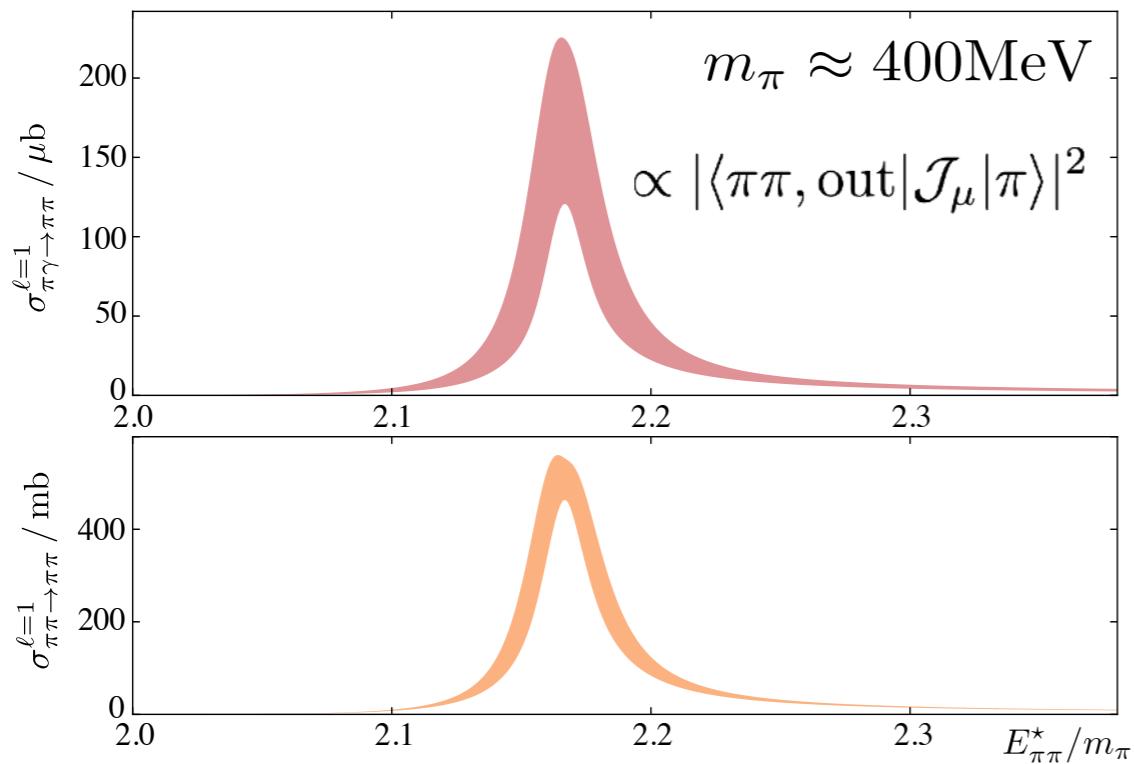
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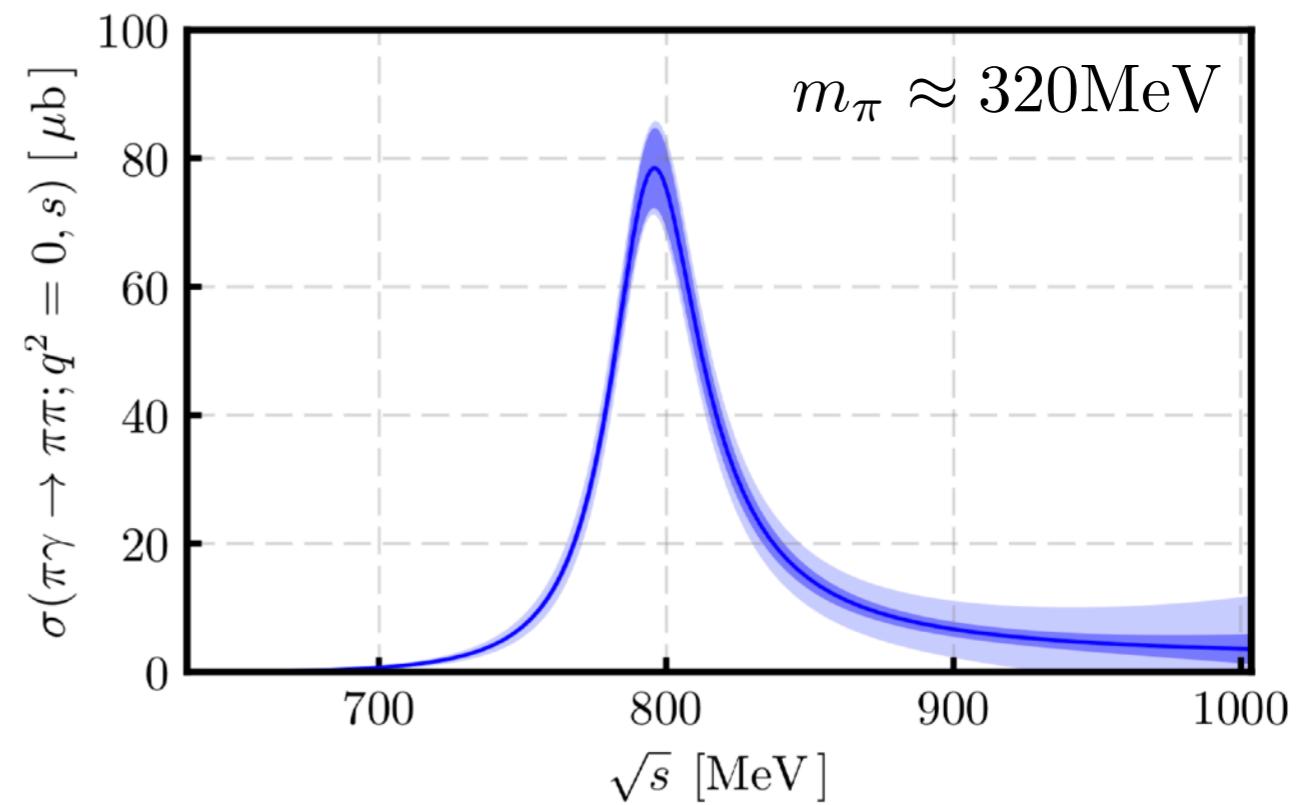
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□ The formalism has now been applied in two LQCD calculations



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



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

Same basic idea in many different contexts...

Kaon decay

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

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

Time-like form factors

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

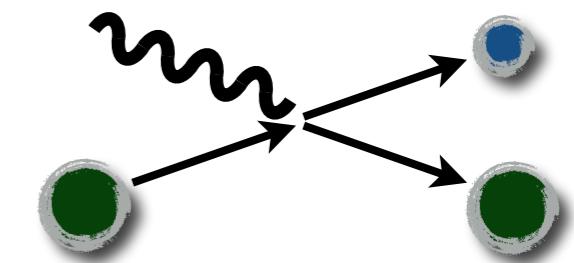
Meyer (2011)

Resonance transition amplitudes

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

Particles with spin

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



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

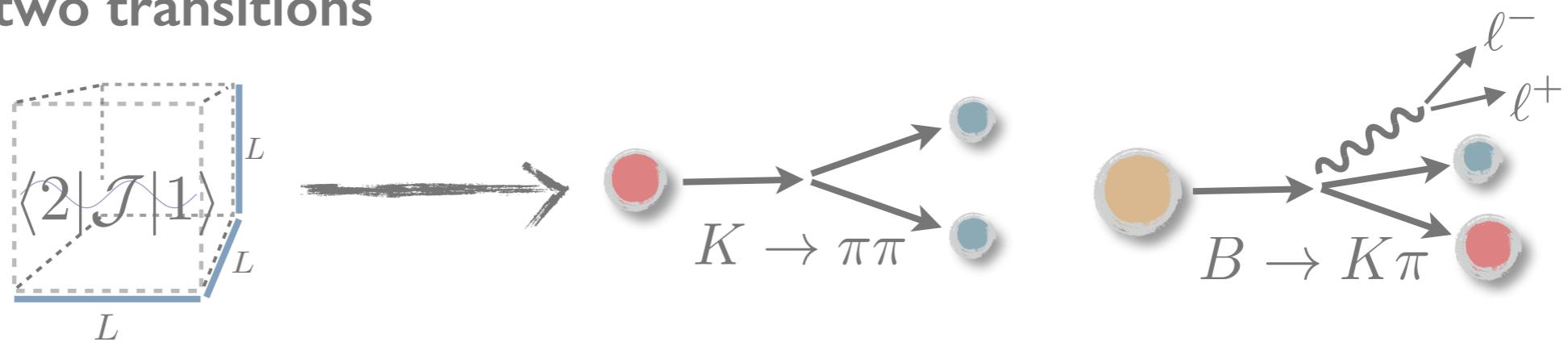
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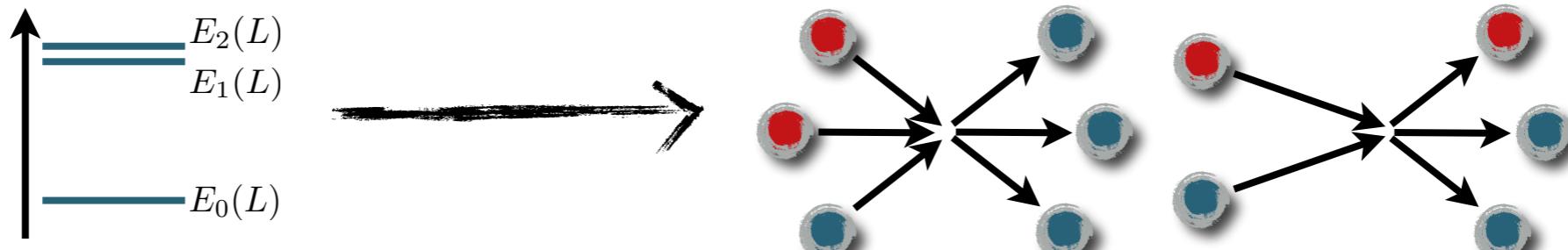
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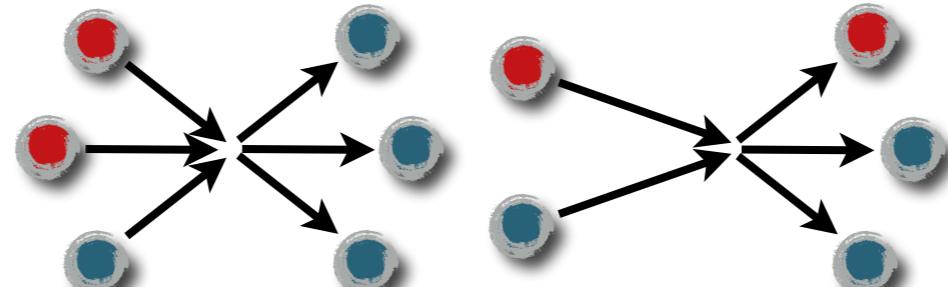


Two-to-three and three-to-three scattering



Three-particle scattering

The aim is to derive a formalism for studying relativistic two- and three-particle systems from lattice QCD



Potential applications...

□ Studying three-particle resonances

$$\omega(782), a_1(1420) \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$$

$$\eta(1405) \rightarrow a_0(980)\pi$$

$$N(1440) \rightarrow N\pi, N\pi\pi$$

$$\eta(1475) \rightarrow K^*(892)\bar{K}$$

□ Calculating weak decays, form factors and transitions

$$K \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$$

$$N\gamma^* \rightarrow N\pi\pi$$

Current status

□ Formalism is complete for two and three (identical) scalars



Skeleton expansion

$$C_L(E, \vec{P}) = \text{(Diagram 1)} + \text{(Diagram 2)} + \text{(Diagram 3)} + \dots$$

+ $\text{(Diagram 4)} + \text{(Diagram 5)} + \text{(Diagram 6)} + \dots$

+ $\text{(Diagram 7)} + \text{(Diagram 8)} + \text{(Diagram 9)} + \dots$

+ $\text{(Diagram 10)} + \text{(Diagram 11)} + \text{(Diagram 12)} + \dots$

+ $\text{(Diagram 13)} + \text{(Diagram 14)} + \text{(Diagram 15)} + \dots$

+ \dots

+ $\text{(Diagram 16)} + \text{(Diagram 17)} + \text{(Diagram 18)} + \dots$

Kernel definitions:

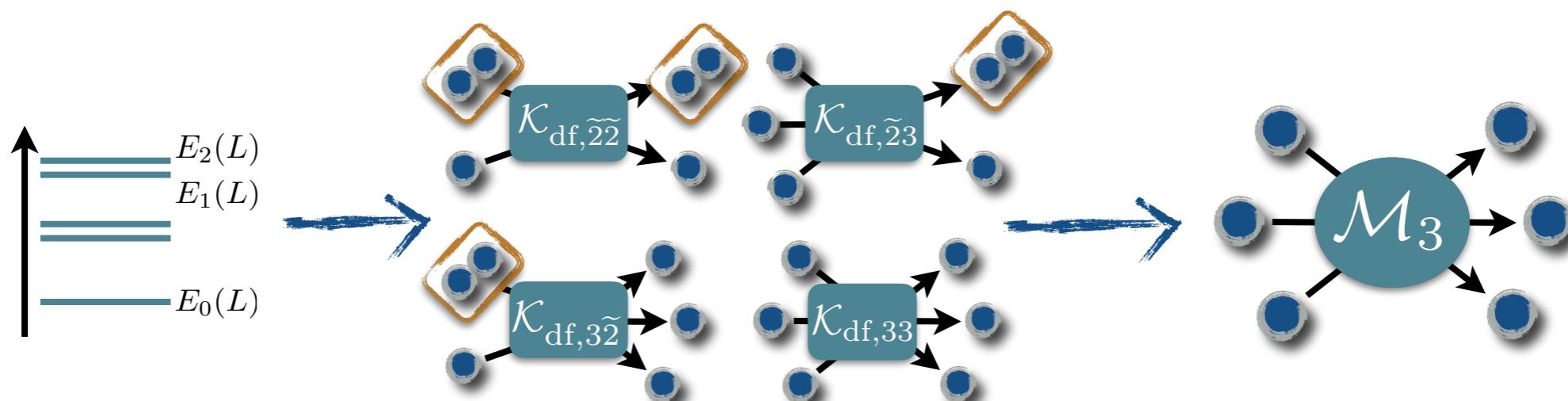
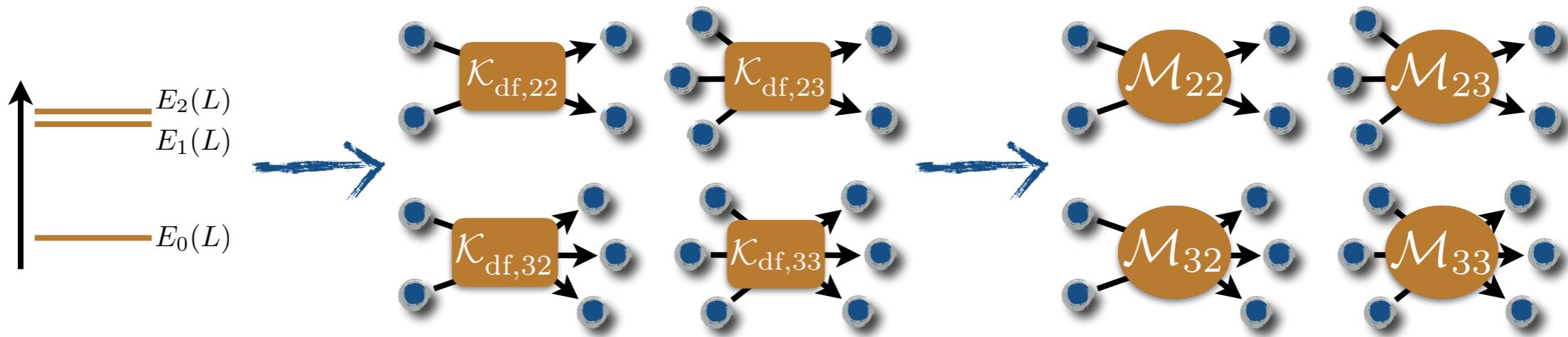
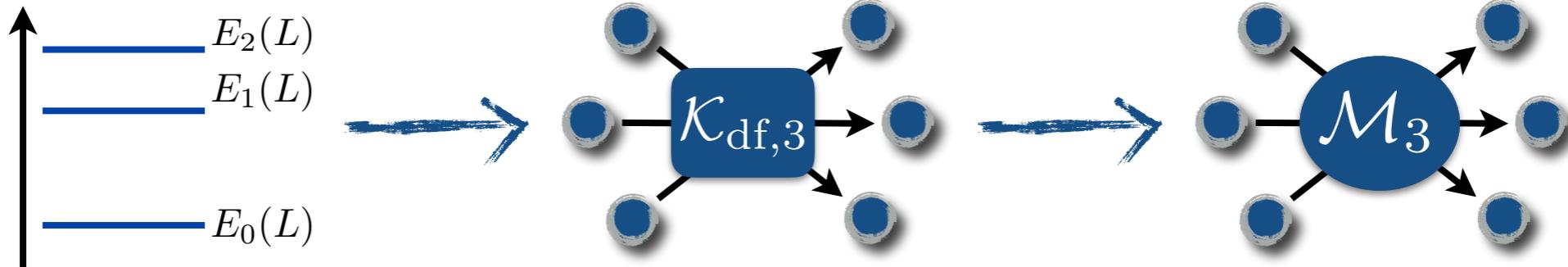
$$\text{Diagram A} \equiv \text{Diagram B} + \text{Diagram C} + \text{Diagram D} + \dots$$

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- All lines represent pions
 - Boxes represent sums over finite-volume momenta

Quantization conditions

□ Scattering observables via an intermediate quantity

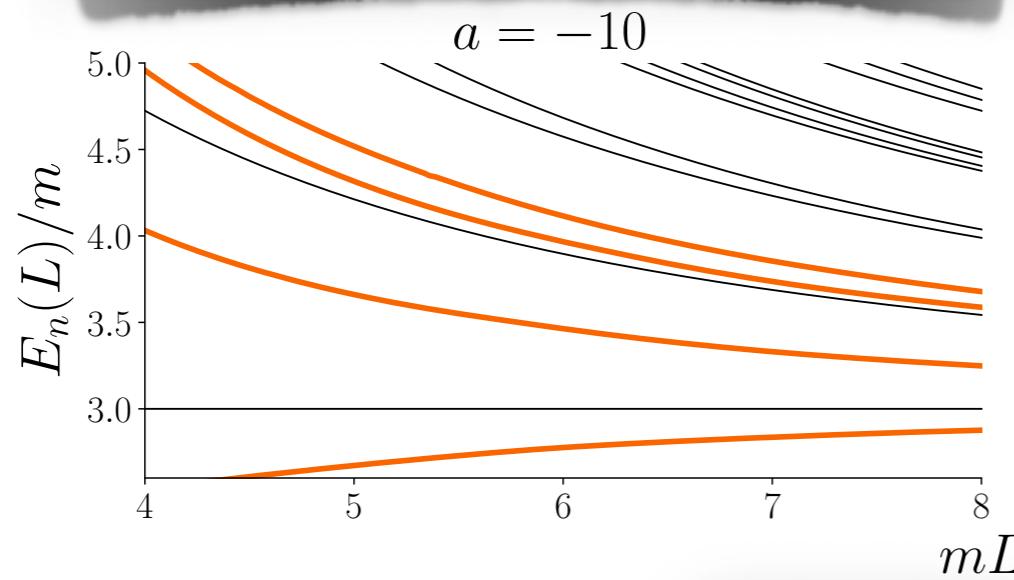


MTH, Sharpe (2014-2016) ○ Briceño, MTH, Sharpe (2017, 2018)

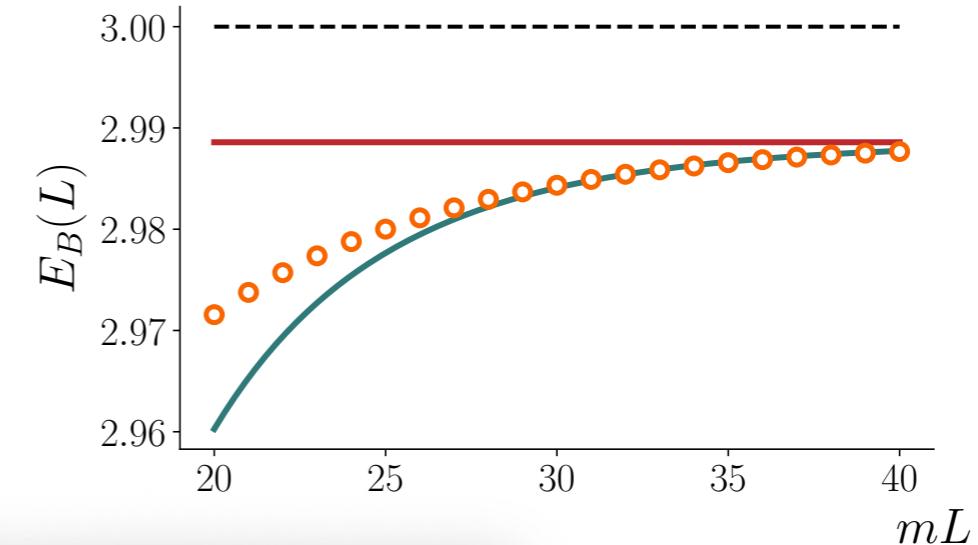


Toy numerics

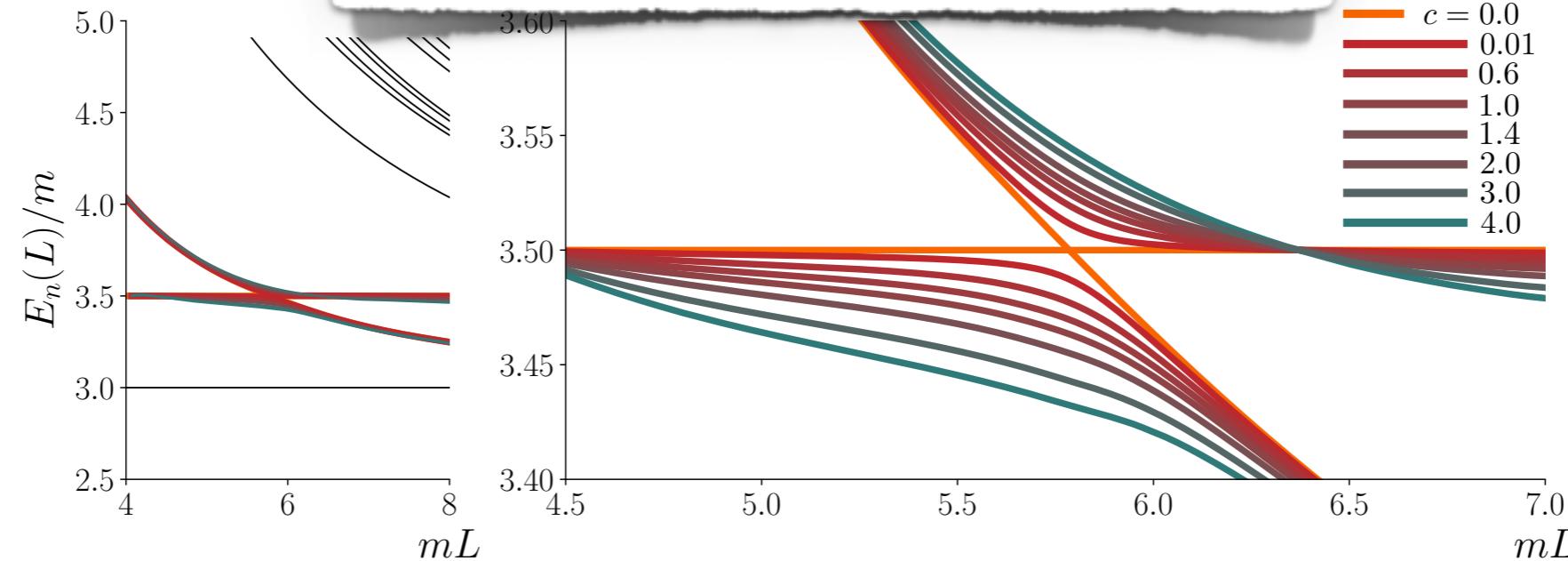
Spectrum with no 3-particle interaction



Finite-volume effects on a 3-particle bound state



Model of a 3-particle resonance



Briceño, MTH, Sharpe (2017)

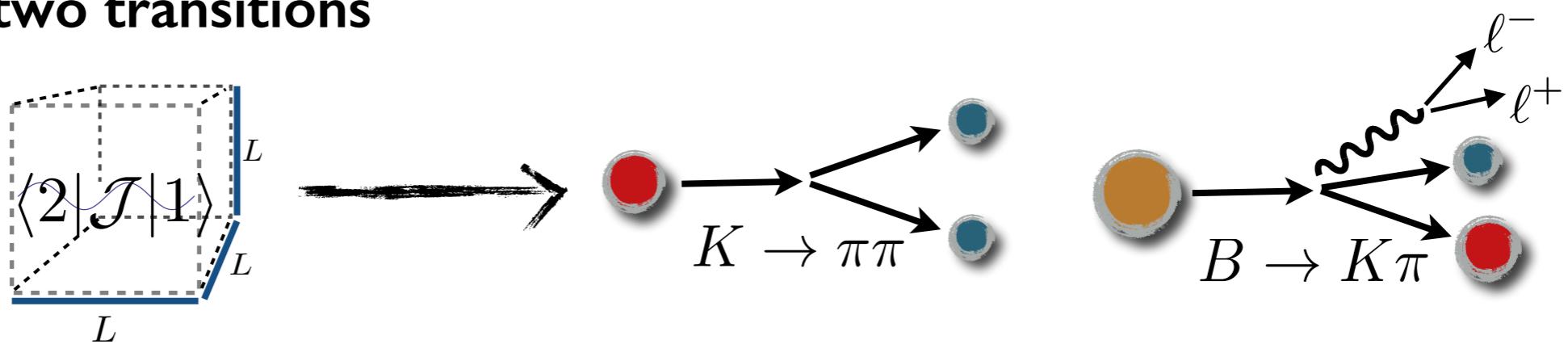
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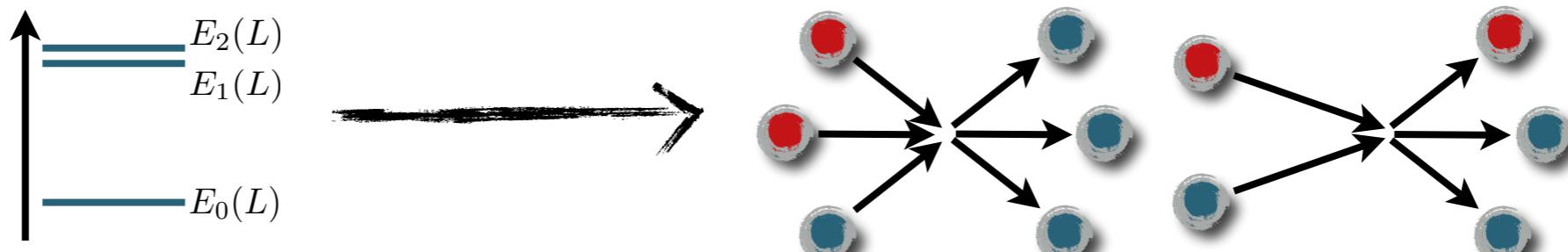
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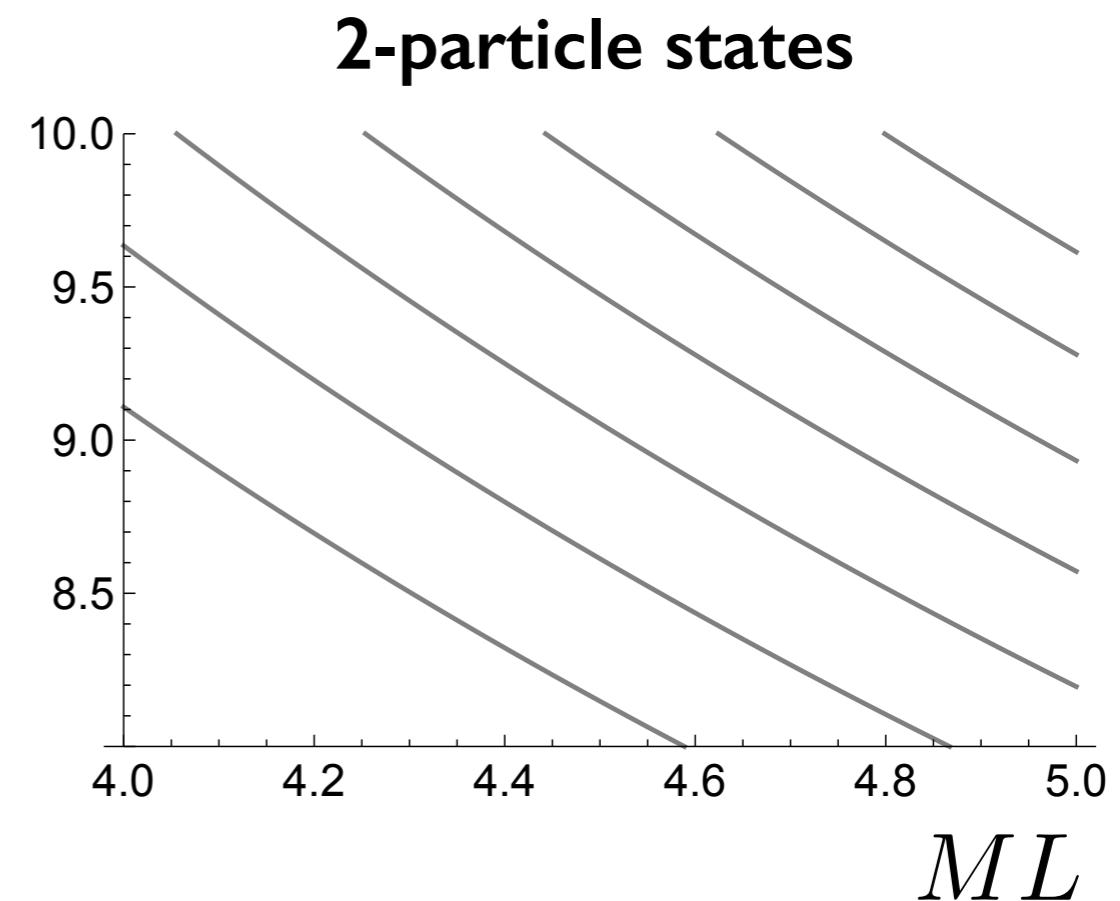
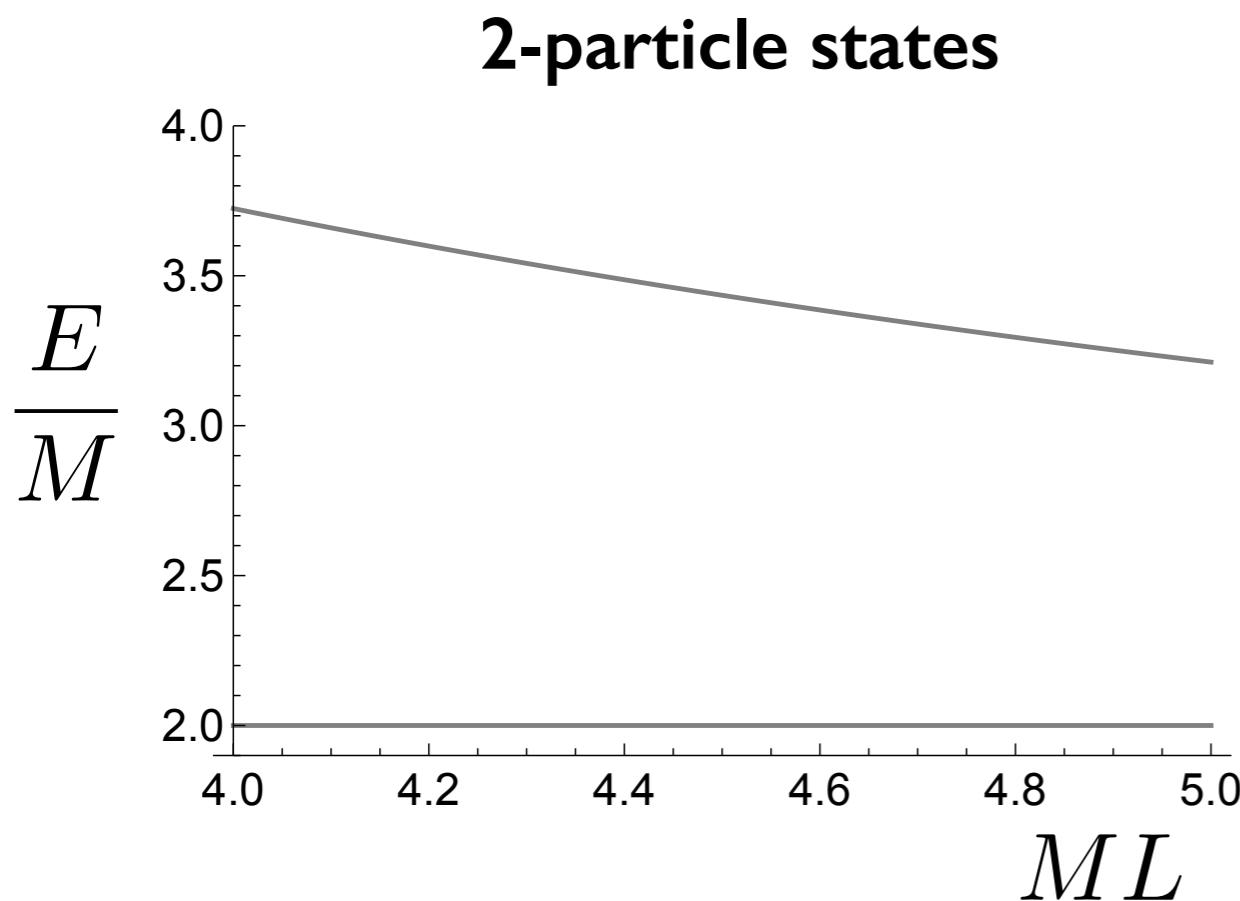


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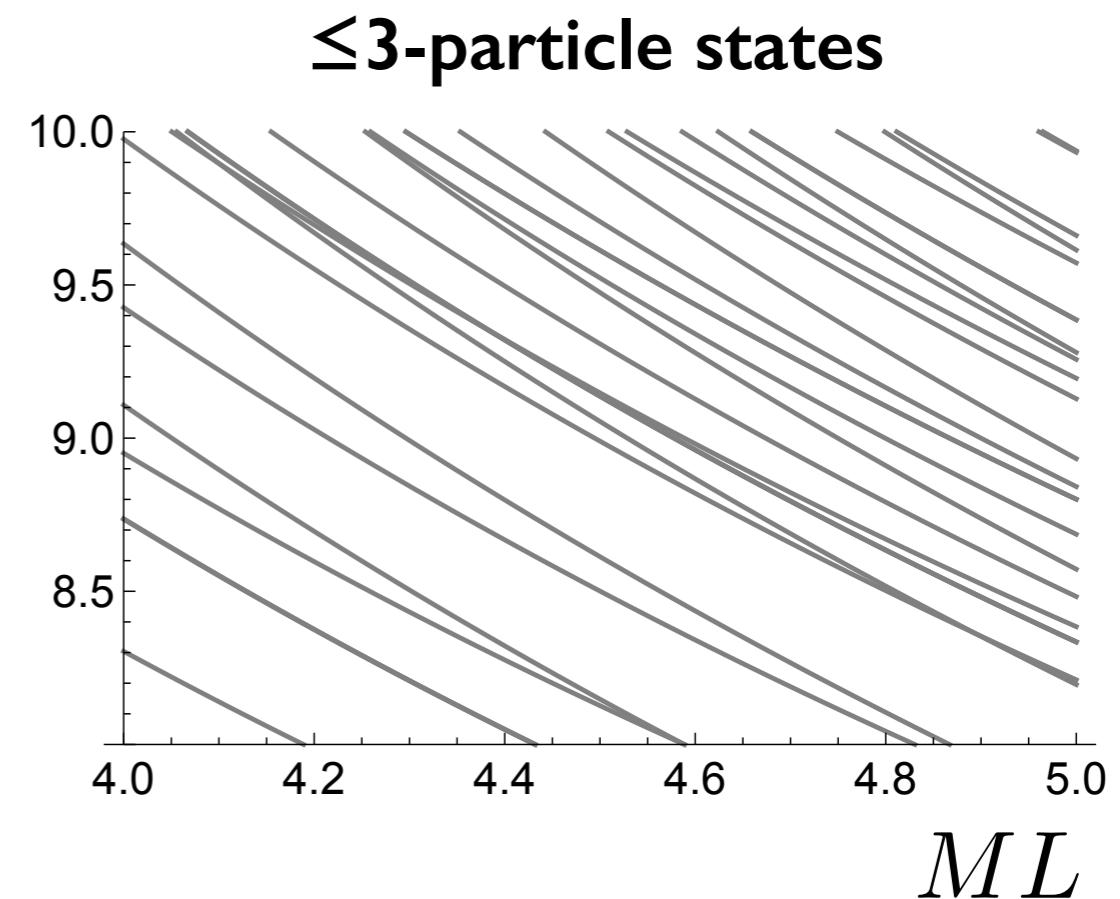
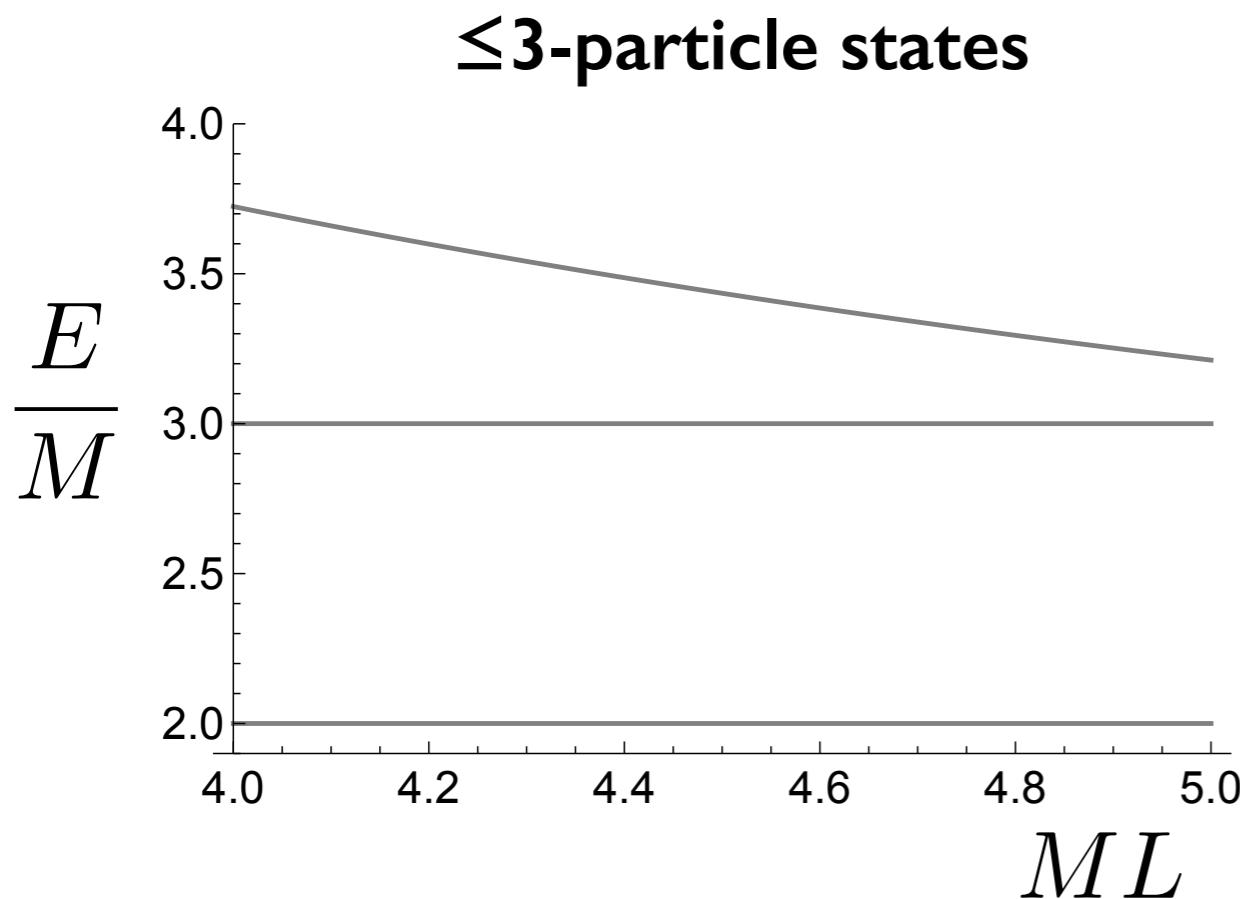
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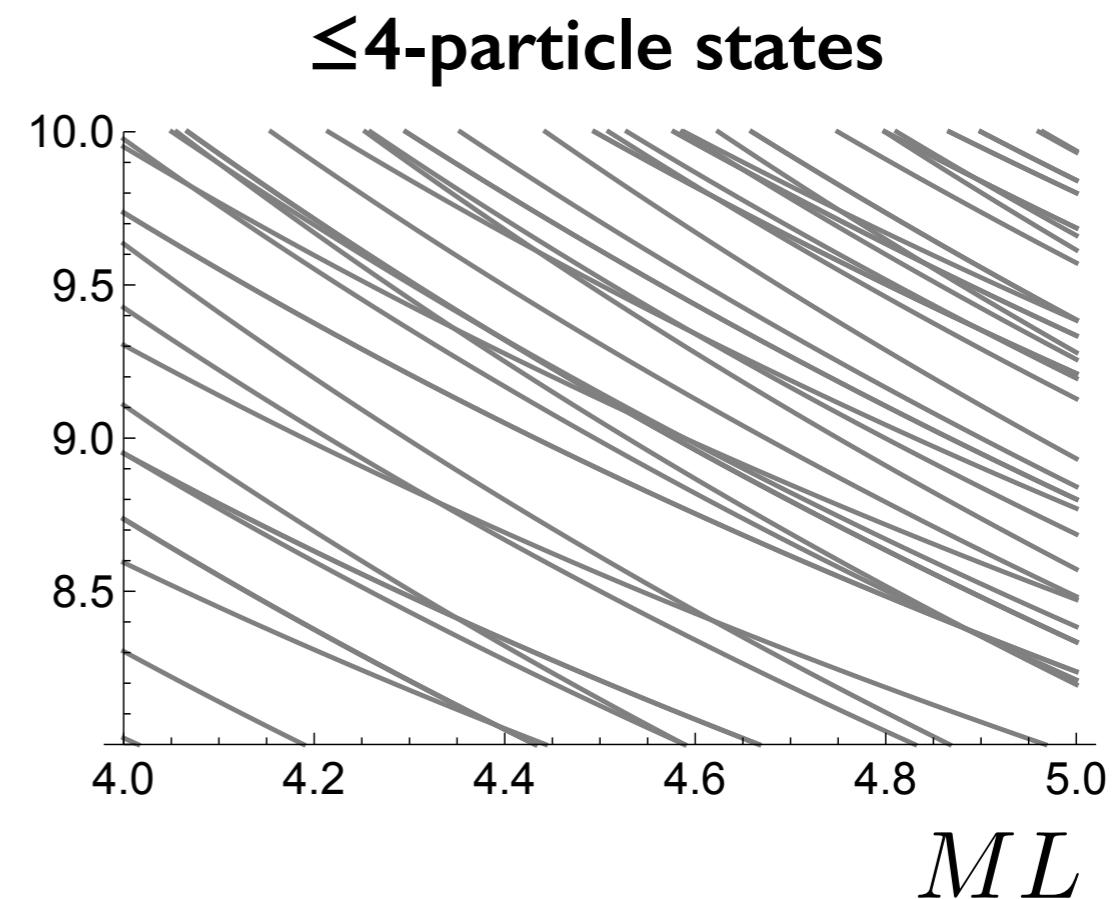
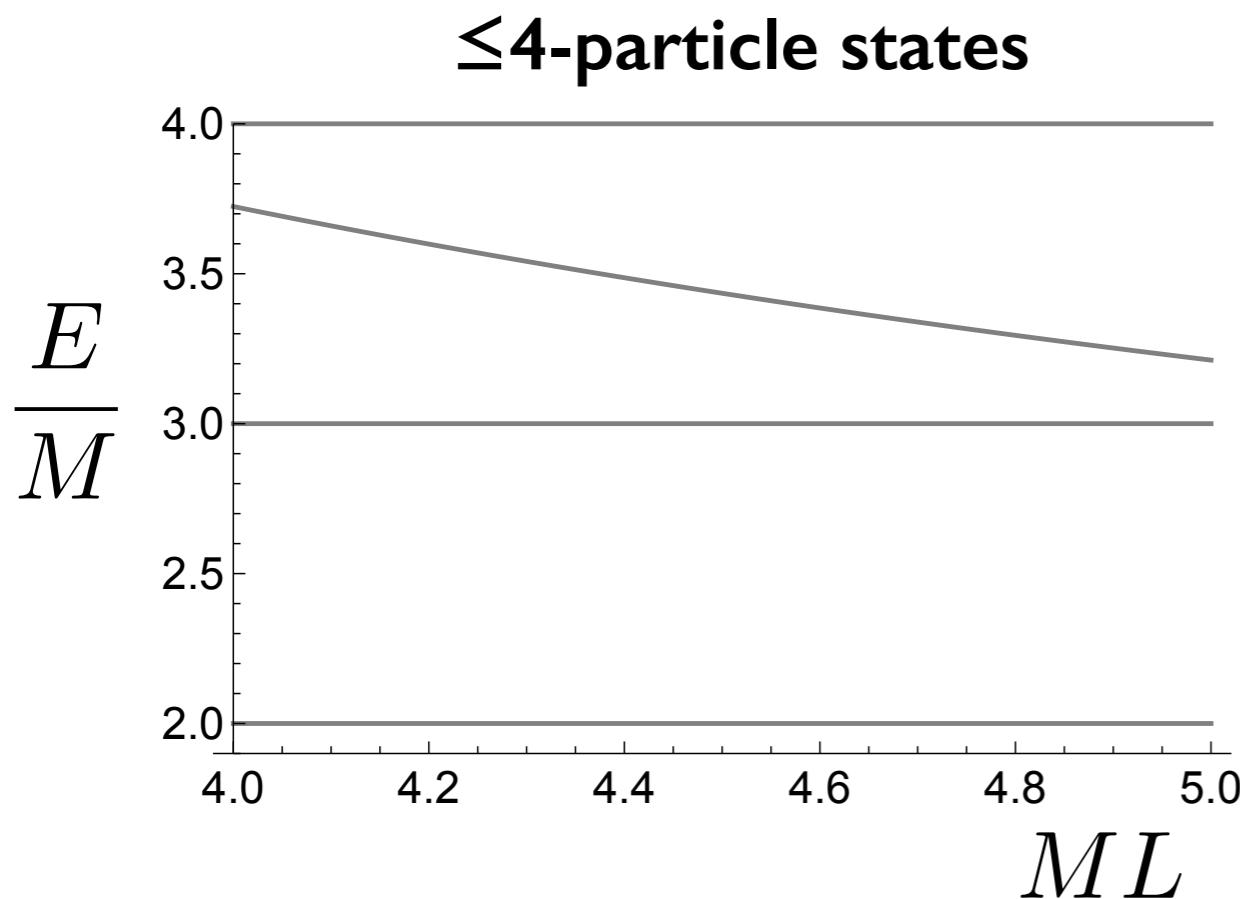
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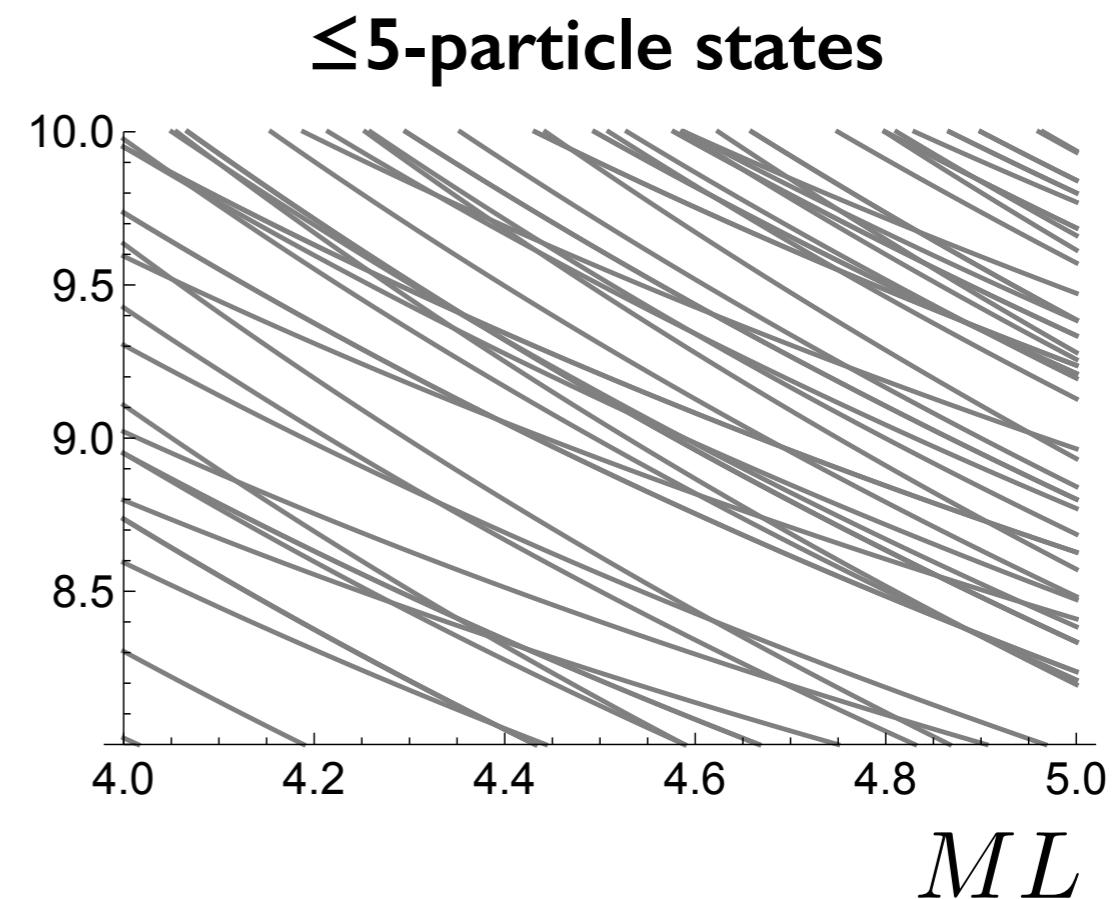
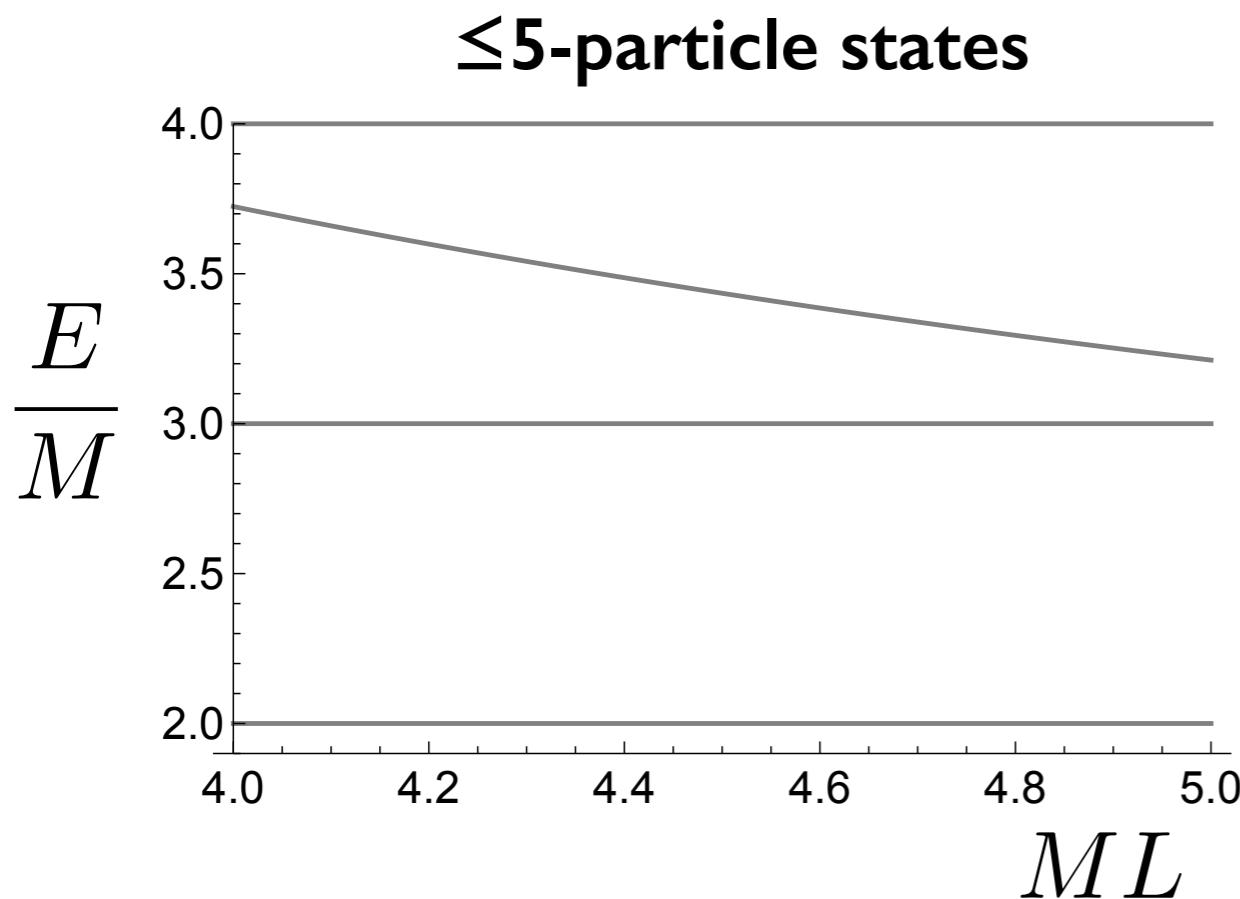
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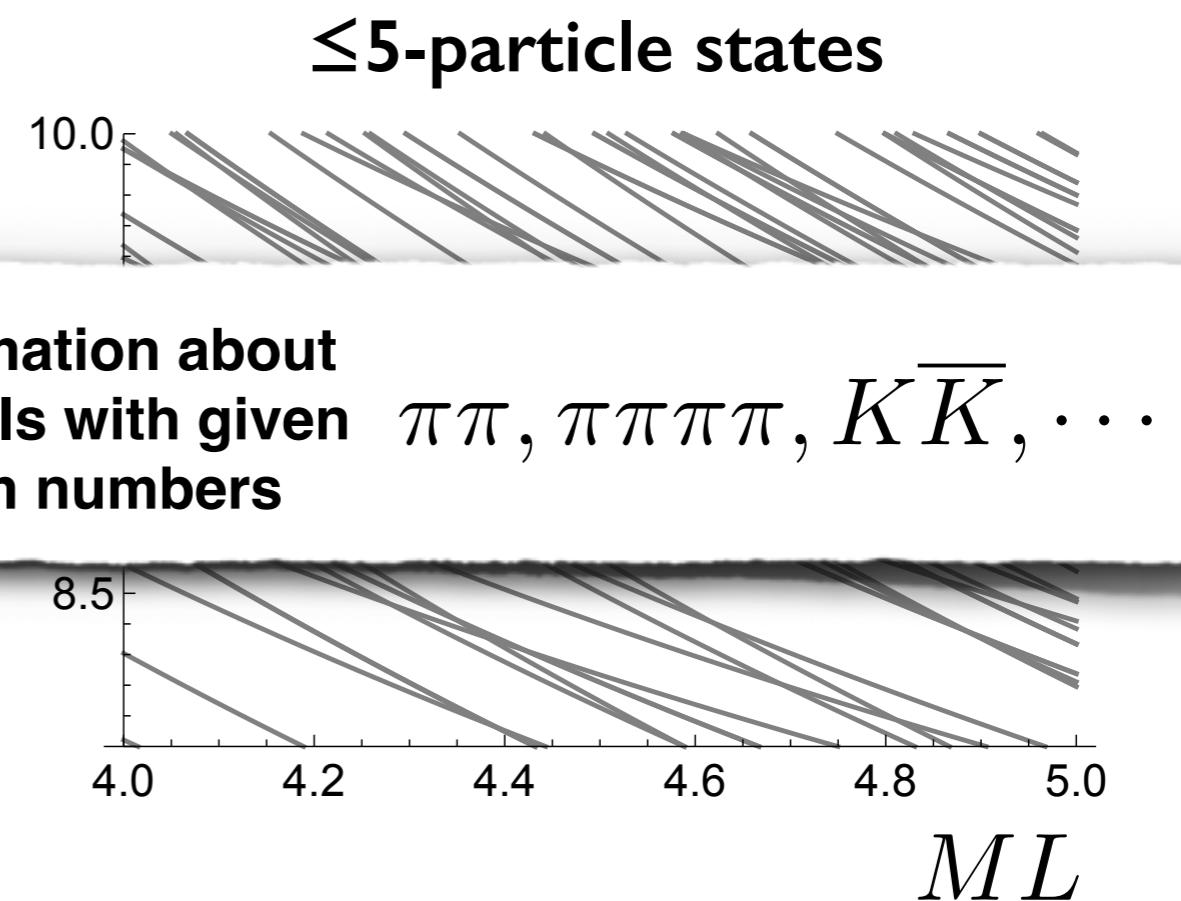
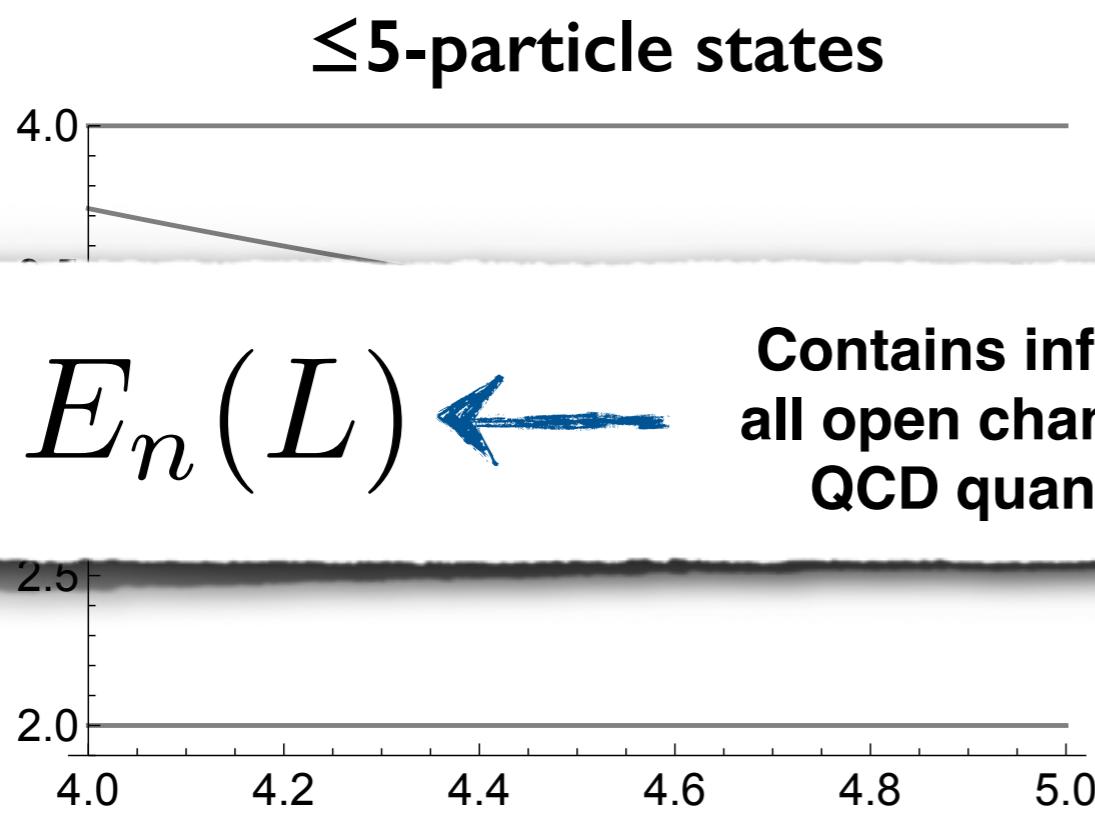
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n-particle phase space integral

$\pi\pi, \pi\pi\pi\pi, K\bar{K}, \dots$

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the delta is rewritten using
 $\int dx e^{ipx} = 2\pi\delta(p)$

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**the current is
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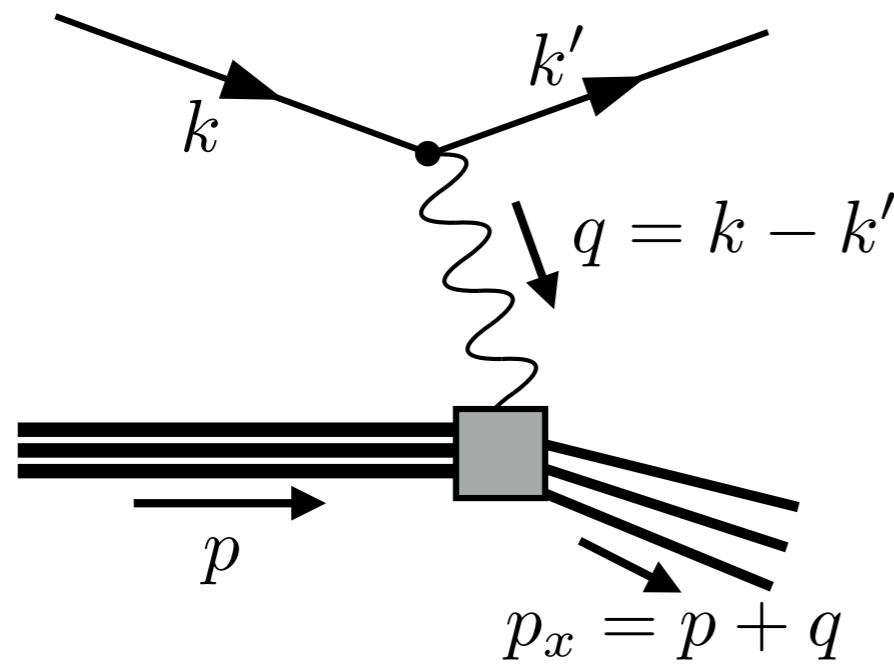
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This motivates the hadronic tensor...

$$W_{\mu\nu}(p, q) \equiv \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle \pi, p | \mathcal{J}_\mu^\dagger(x) \mathcal{J}_\nu(0) | \pi, p \rangle$$

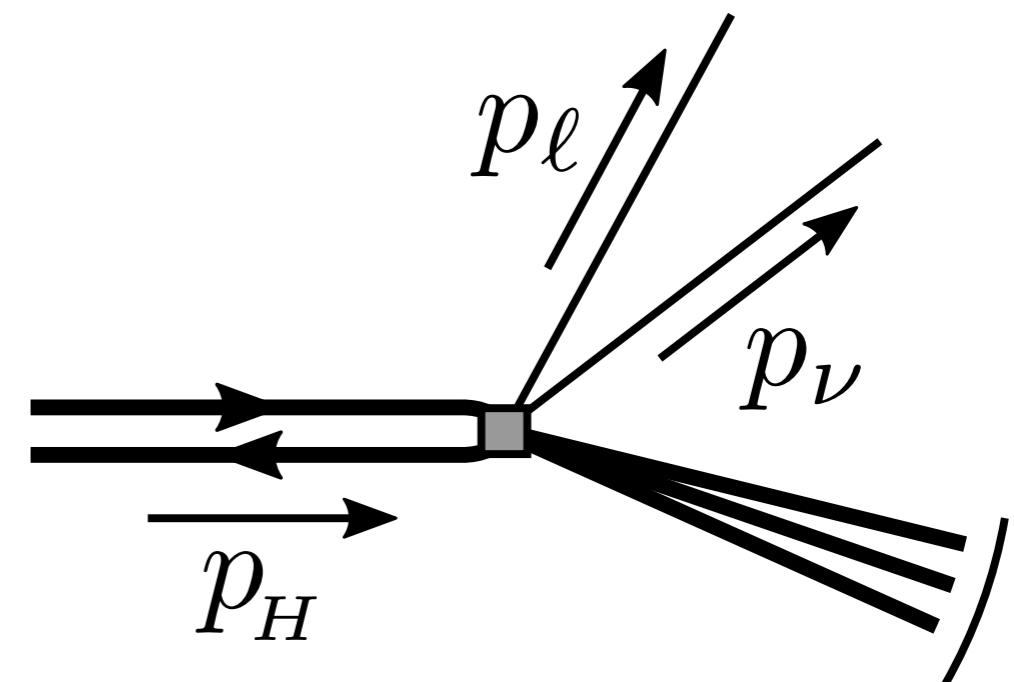


Onset of deep-inelastic scattering



$$\langle N | J_\mu(q) J_\nu(0) | N \rangle$$

Heavy-flavor decays



$$\langle D | J_\mu(q) J_\nu(0) | D \rangle$$

**Describe systems where many hadrons are produced
and they are not individually detected**

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See... Liu, Dong (1993, 2017), Hashimoto (2017), Chambers et al. (2017)

A new spectral function

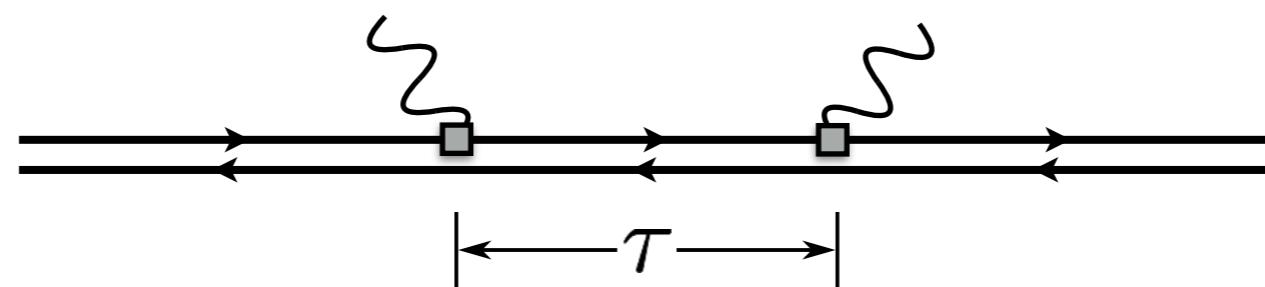
$$\rho(\omega, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \equiv \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle \pi, \mathbf{p} | \mathcal{J}_\mu^\dagger(x) \mathcal{J}_\nu(0) | \pi, \mathbf{p} \rangle$$

- Calculating this in LQCD requires solving an inverse problem...

$$G(\tau, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \equiv \int_{2M_\pi}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{-\omega\tau} \rho(\omega, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$$

- with the correlator

$$G(\tau, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \equiv e^{-\omega_p \tau} \langle \pi, \mathbf{p} | \mathcal{J}_\mu(\tau, \mathbf{q}) \mathcal{J}_\nu(0) | \pi, \mathbf{p} \rangle$$



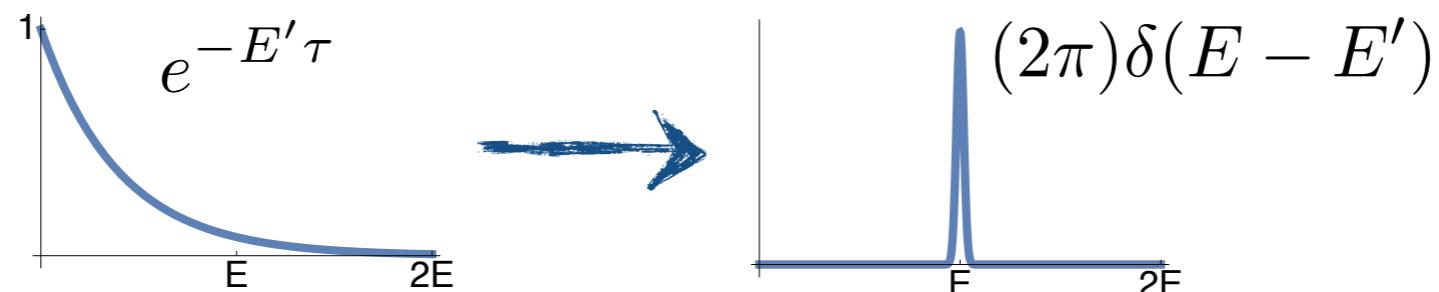
- But don't forget about finite L ...

Role of the volume

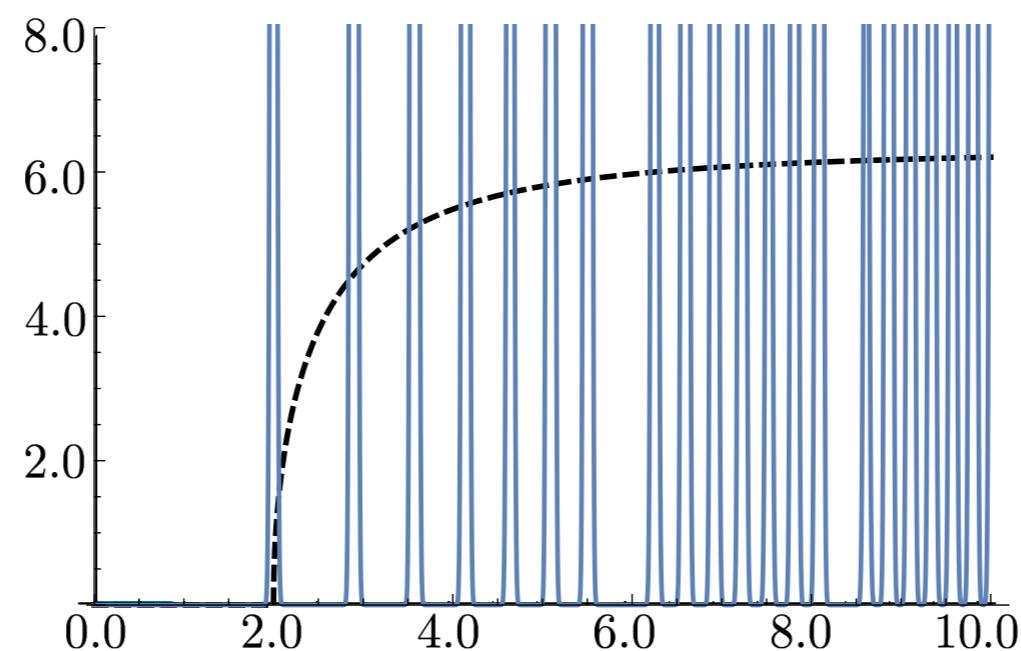
- If we calculate in a fixed finite volume...

$$G(\tau, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}, L) = \sum_n e^{-E_n(L)\tau} |\langle E_n(L), \mathbf{p}_x | \mathcal{J}_\nu(0) | \pi, \mathbf{p} \rangle_L|^2$$

- and achieve a very-high-resolution inverse



- this does not give a useful estimate





Statement of the goal

- The task is thus to identify an optimal linear combination...

$$q_1(E)e^{-E'a_\tau} + q_2(E)e^{-E'2a_\tau} + q_3(E)e^{-E'3a_\tau} + \dots = \hat{\delta}_\Delta(E', E)$$

- leading to a smeared out version of the spectral function

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Optimal choice depends on target precision and competition of scales

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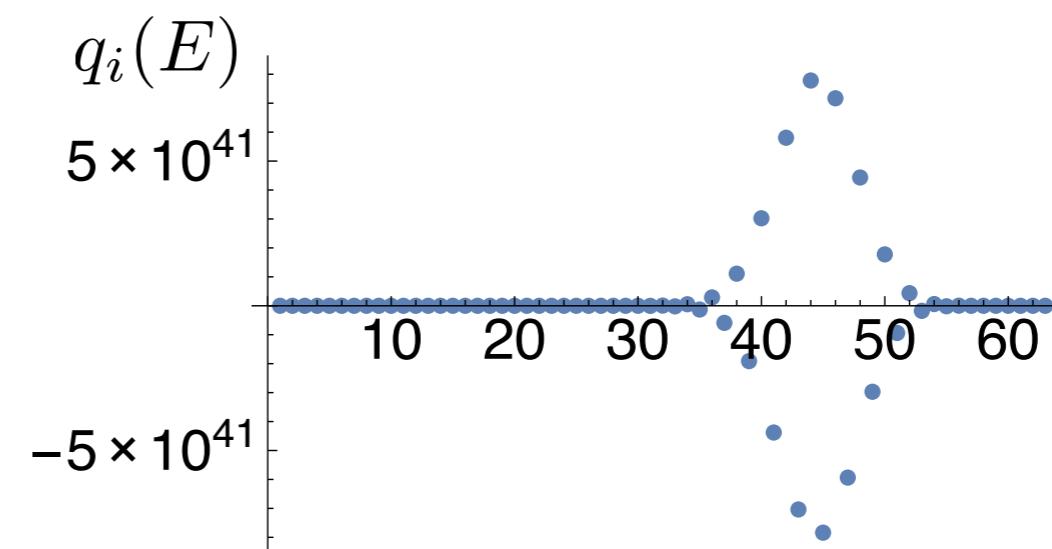
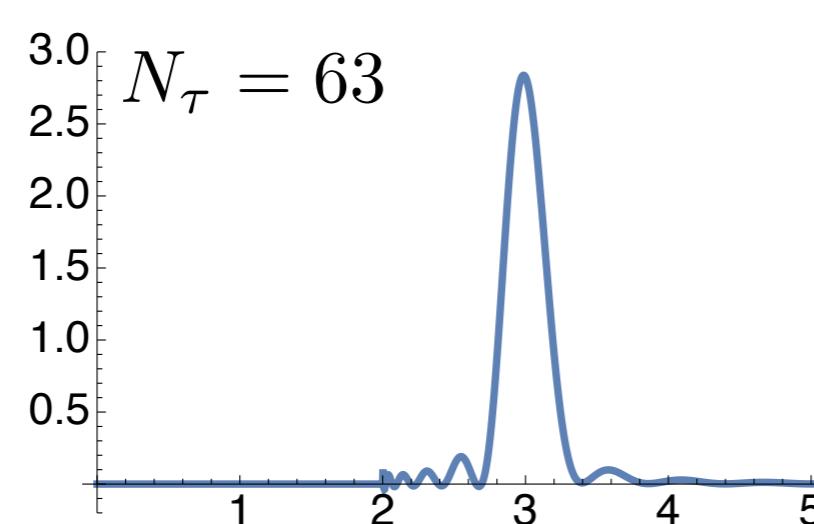
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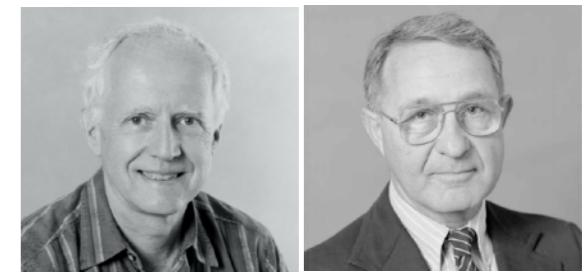
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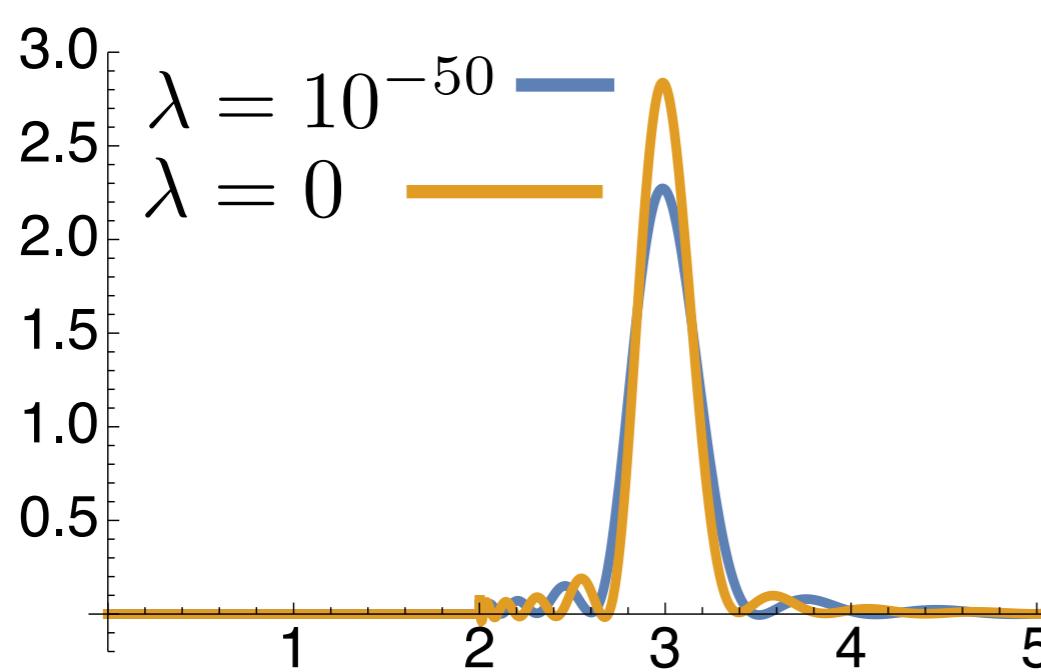
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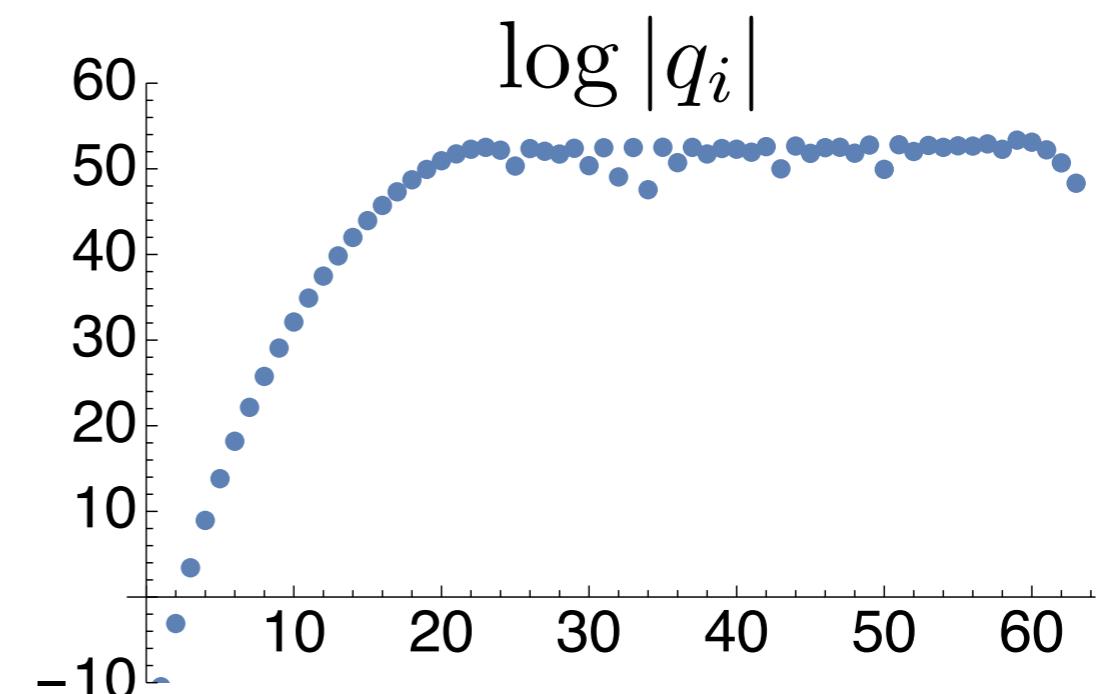
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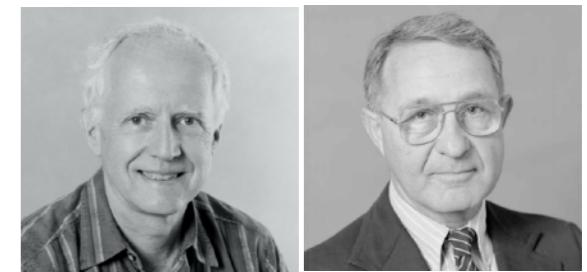
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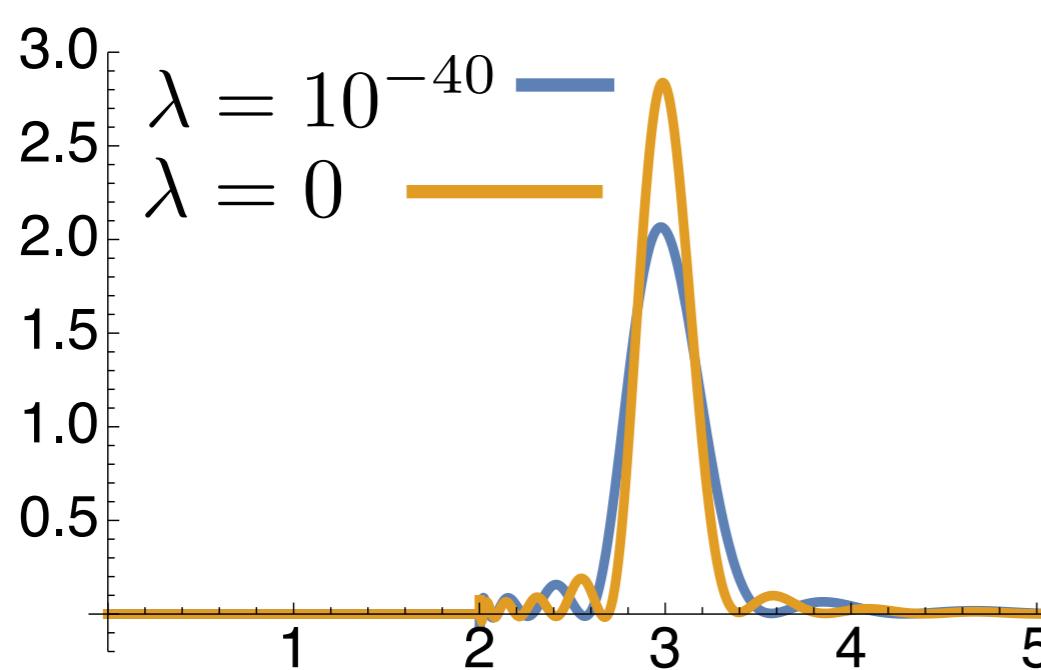
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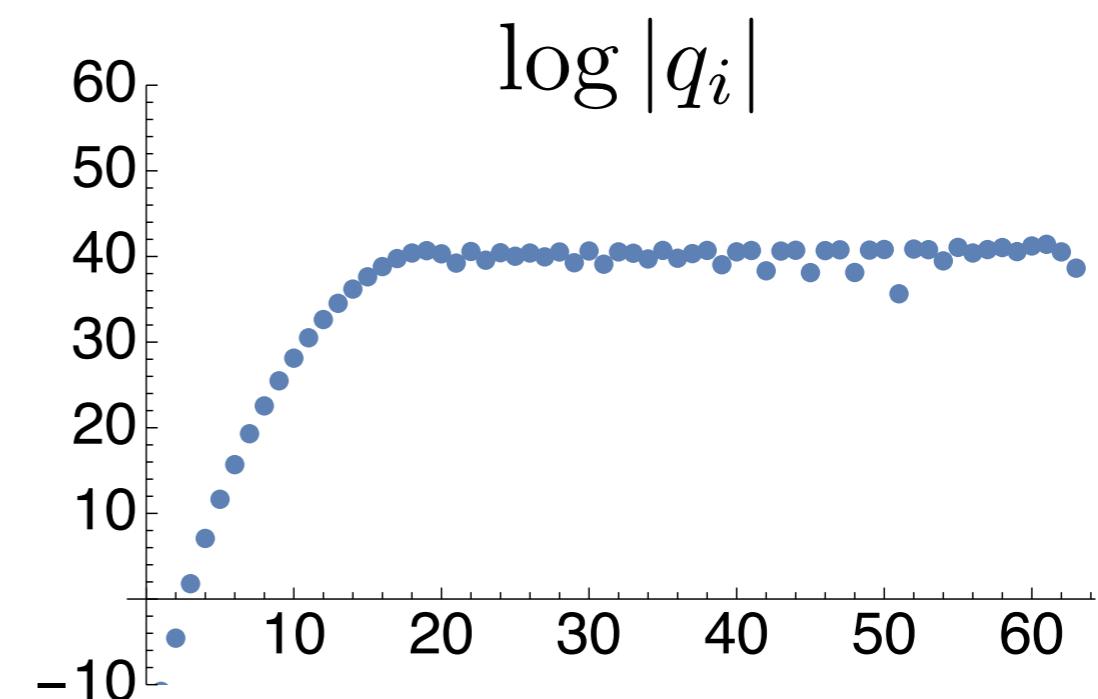
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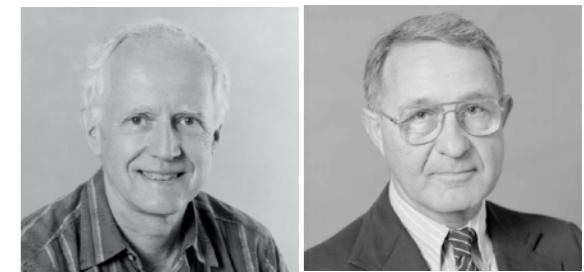
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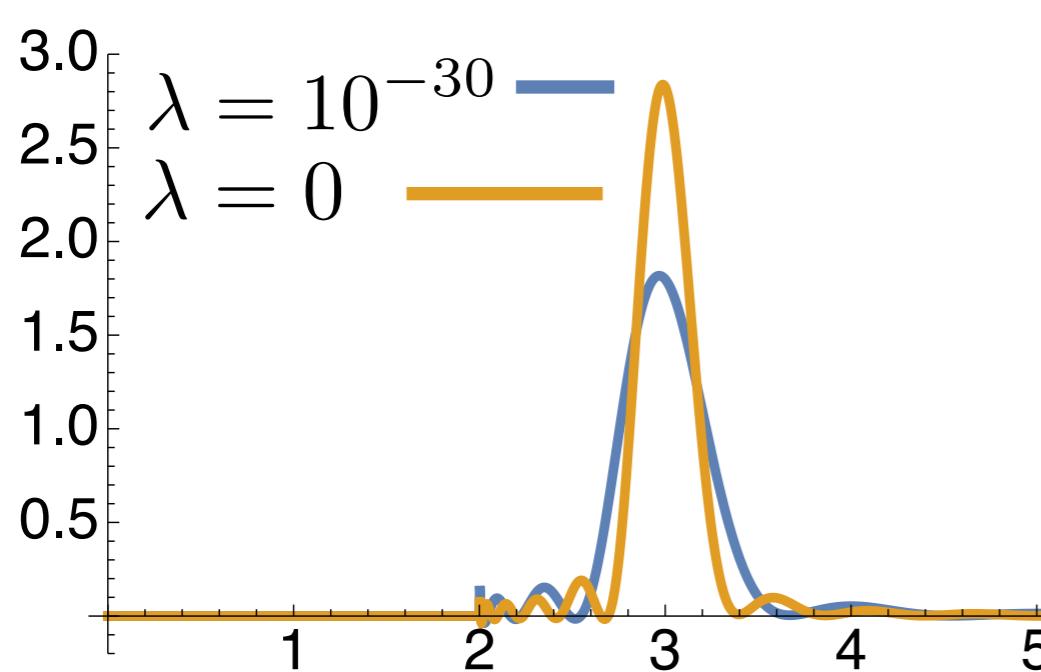
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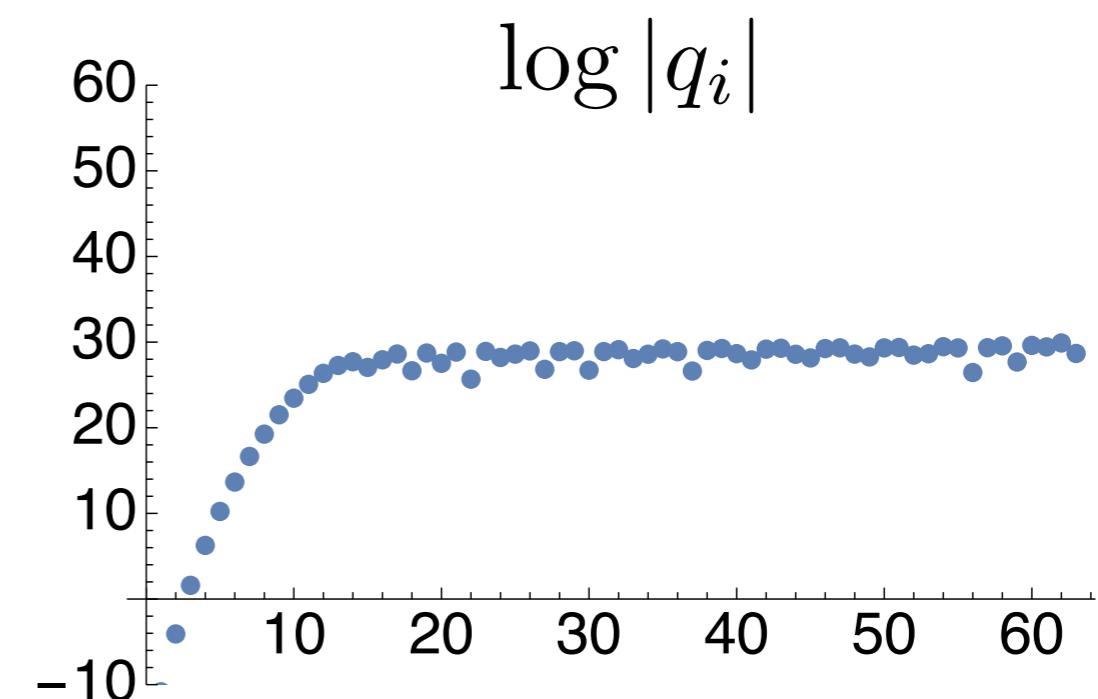
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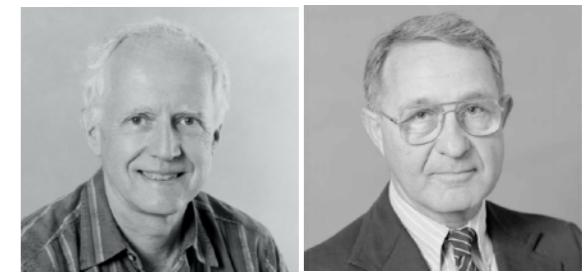
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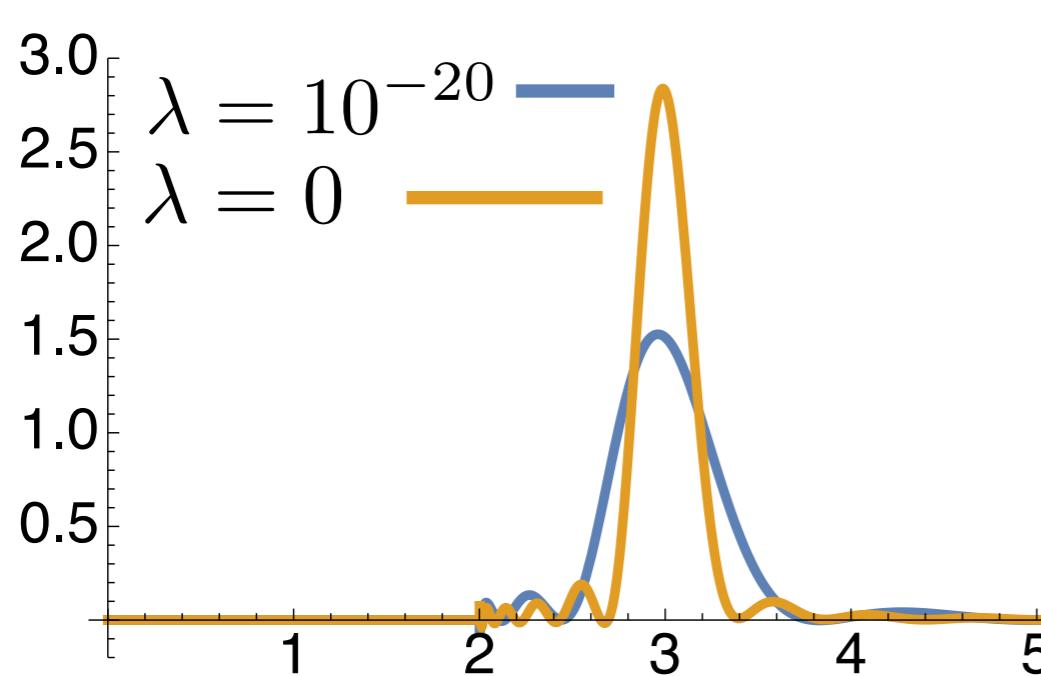
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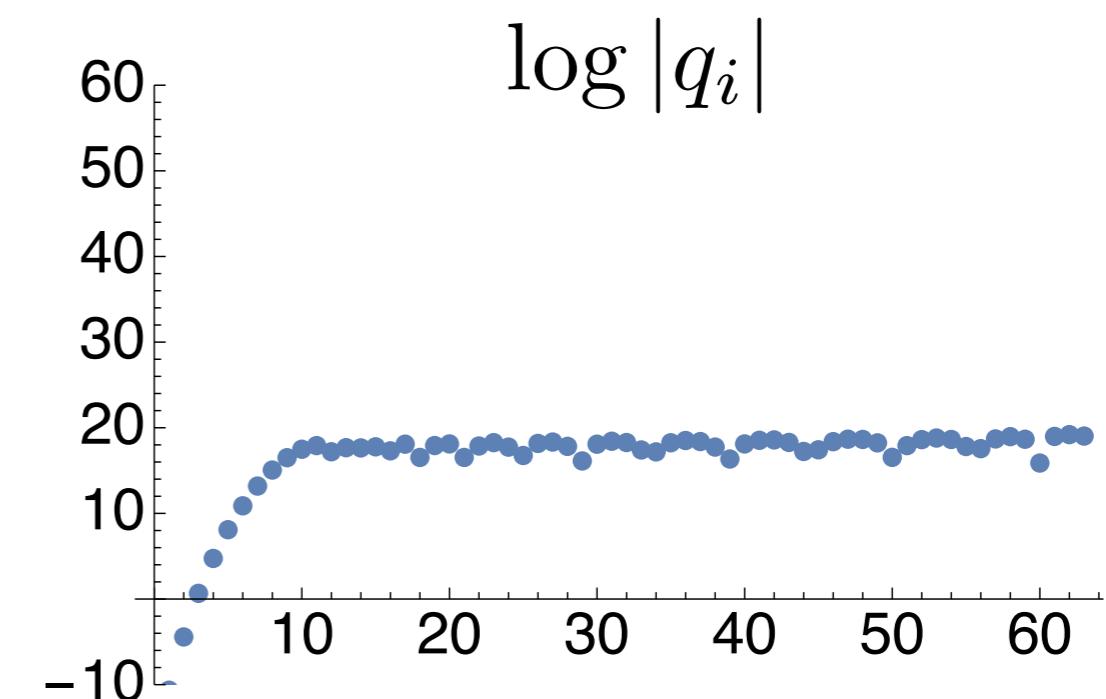
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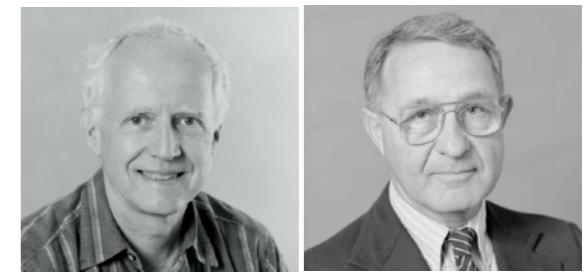
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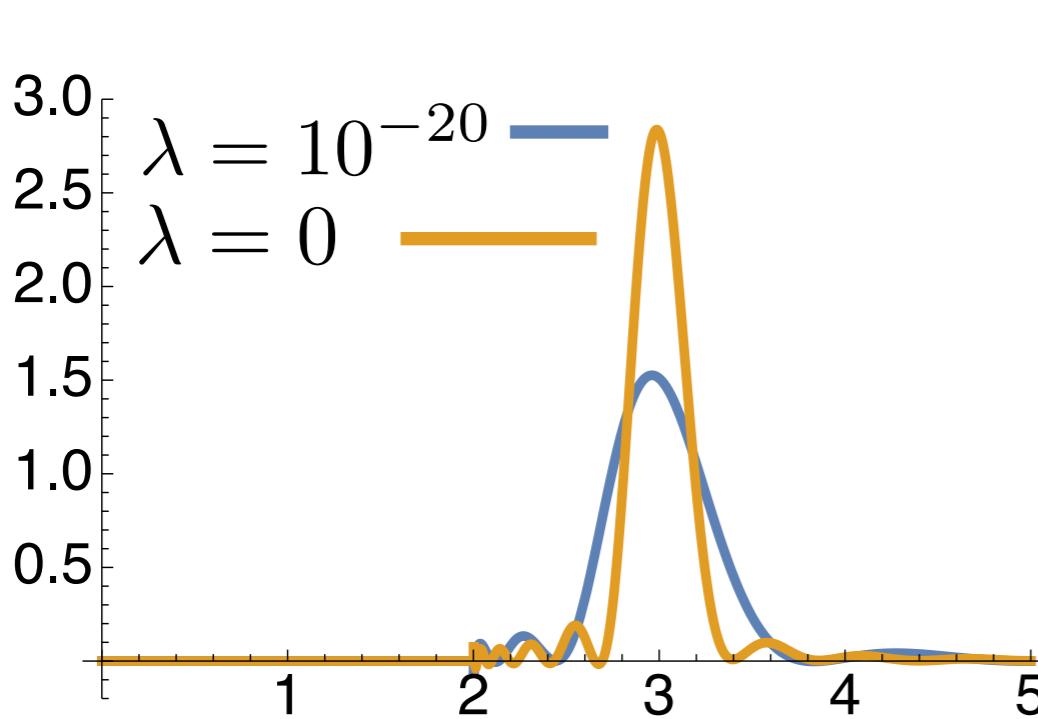
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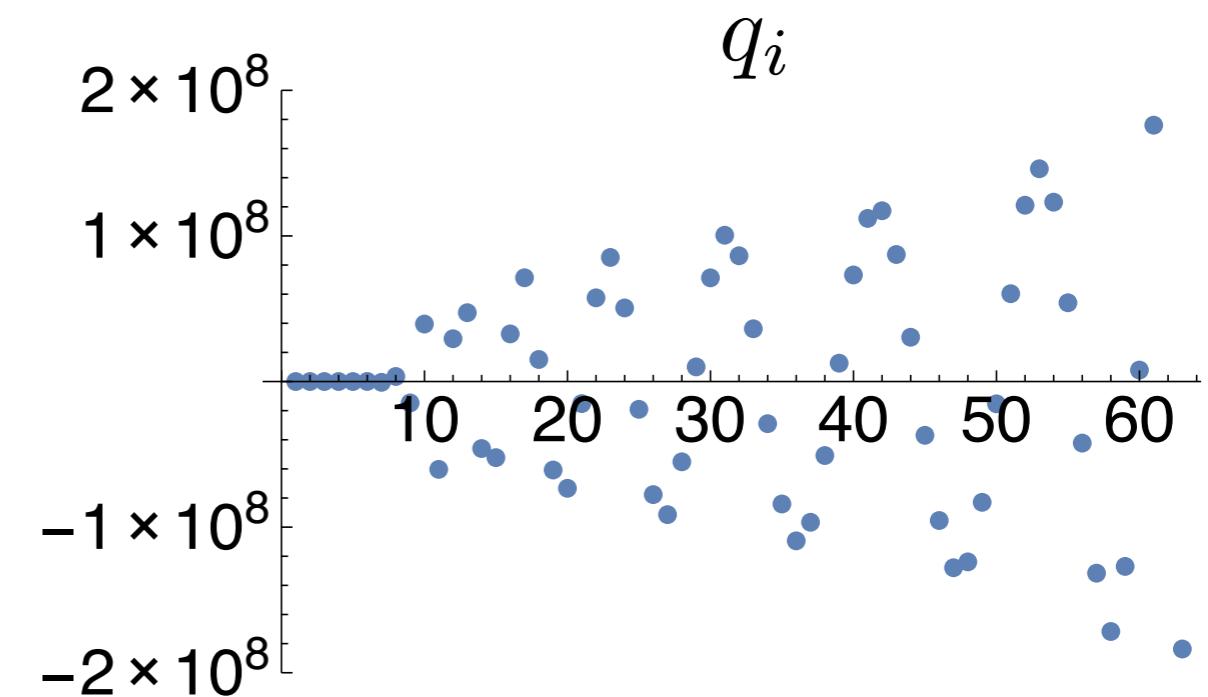
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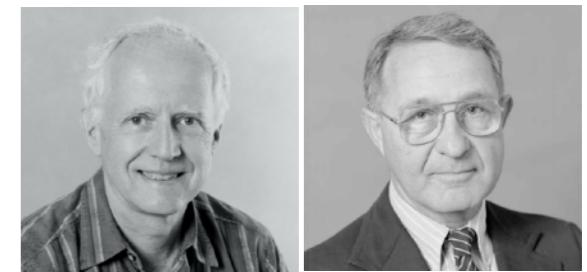
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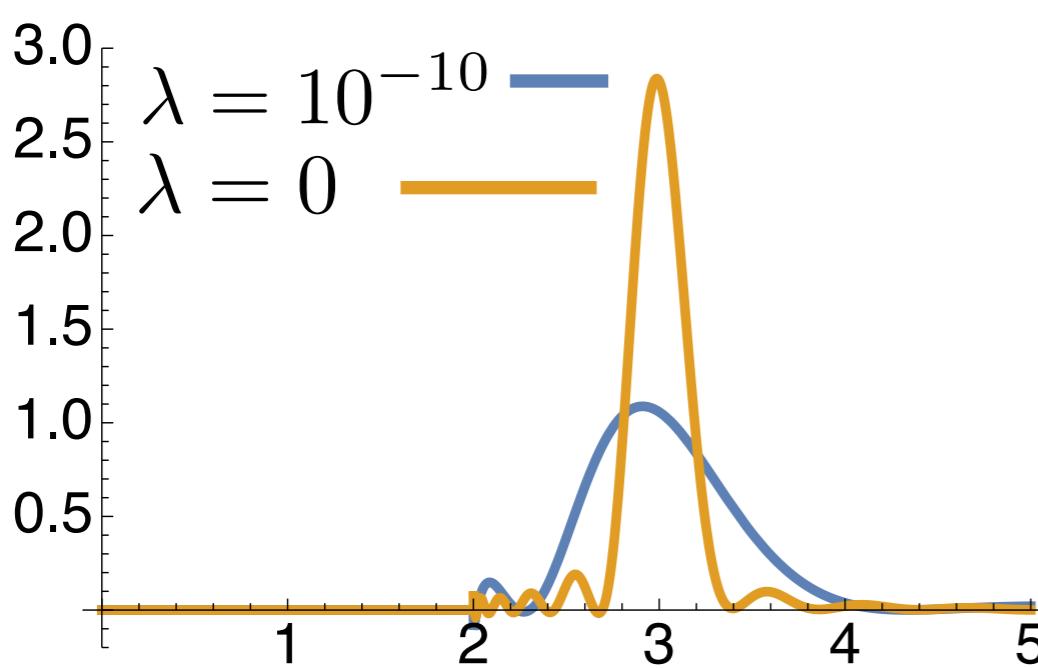
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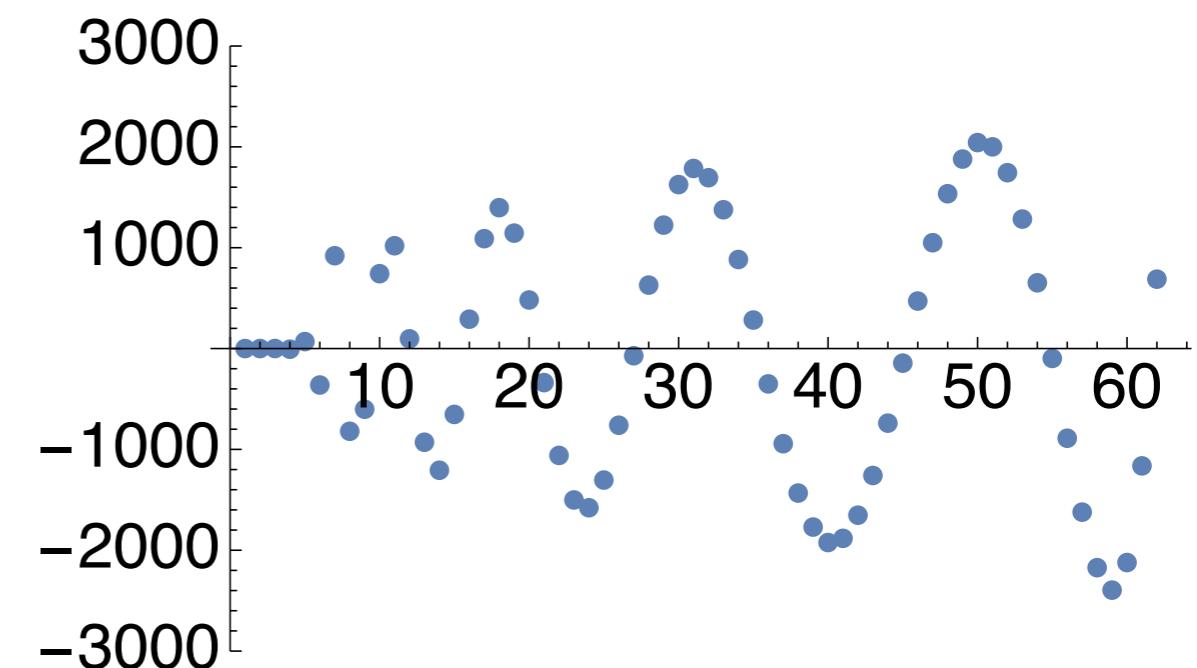
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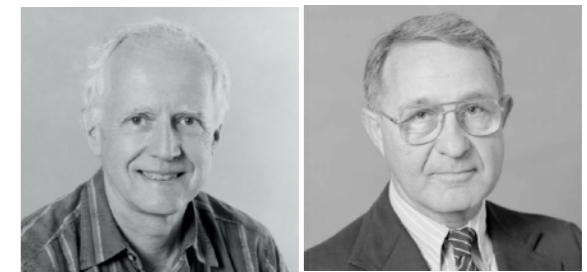
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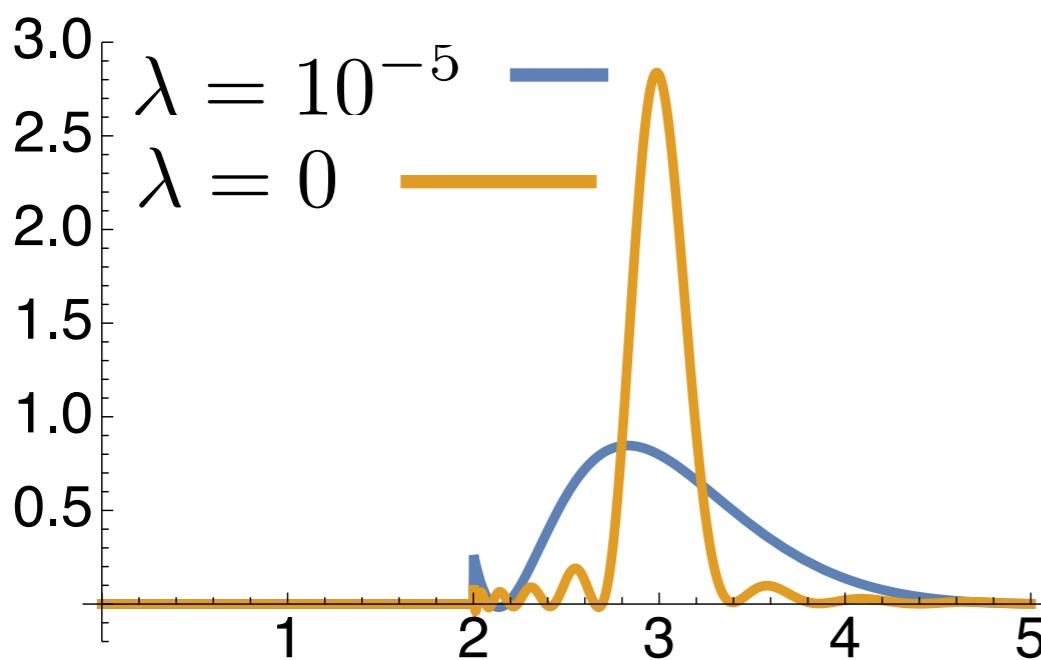
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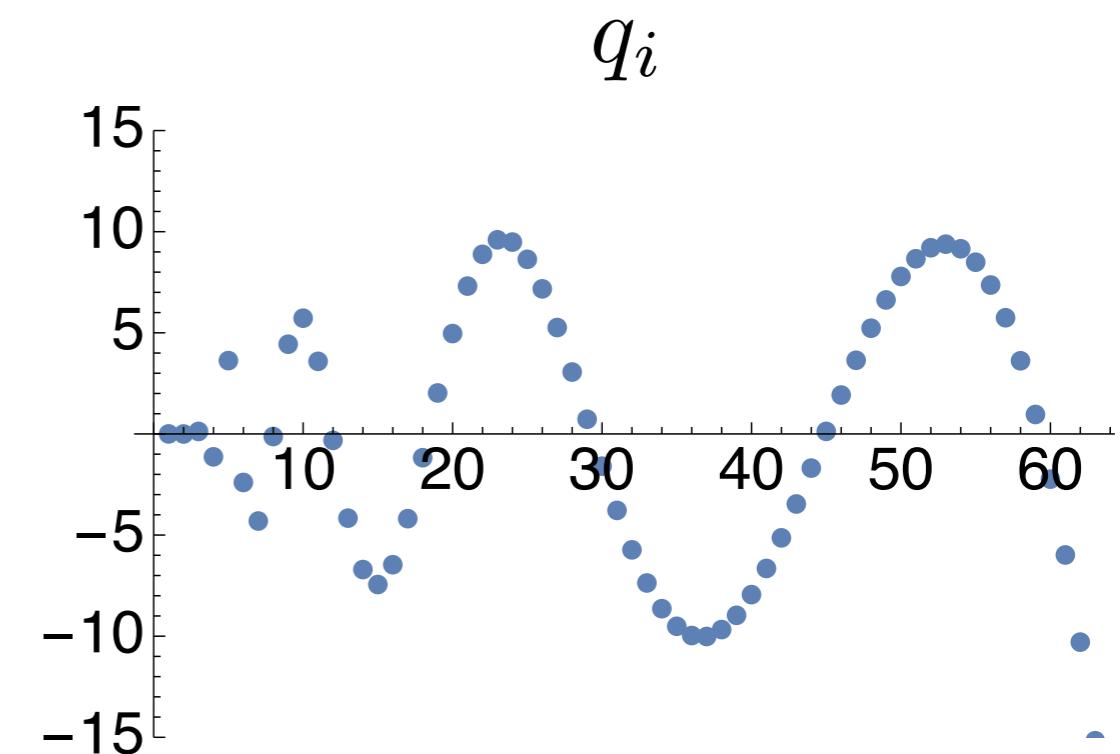
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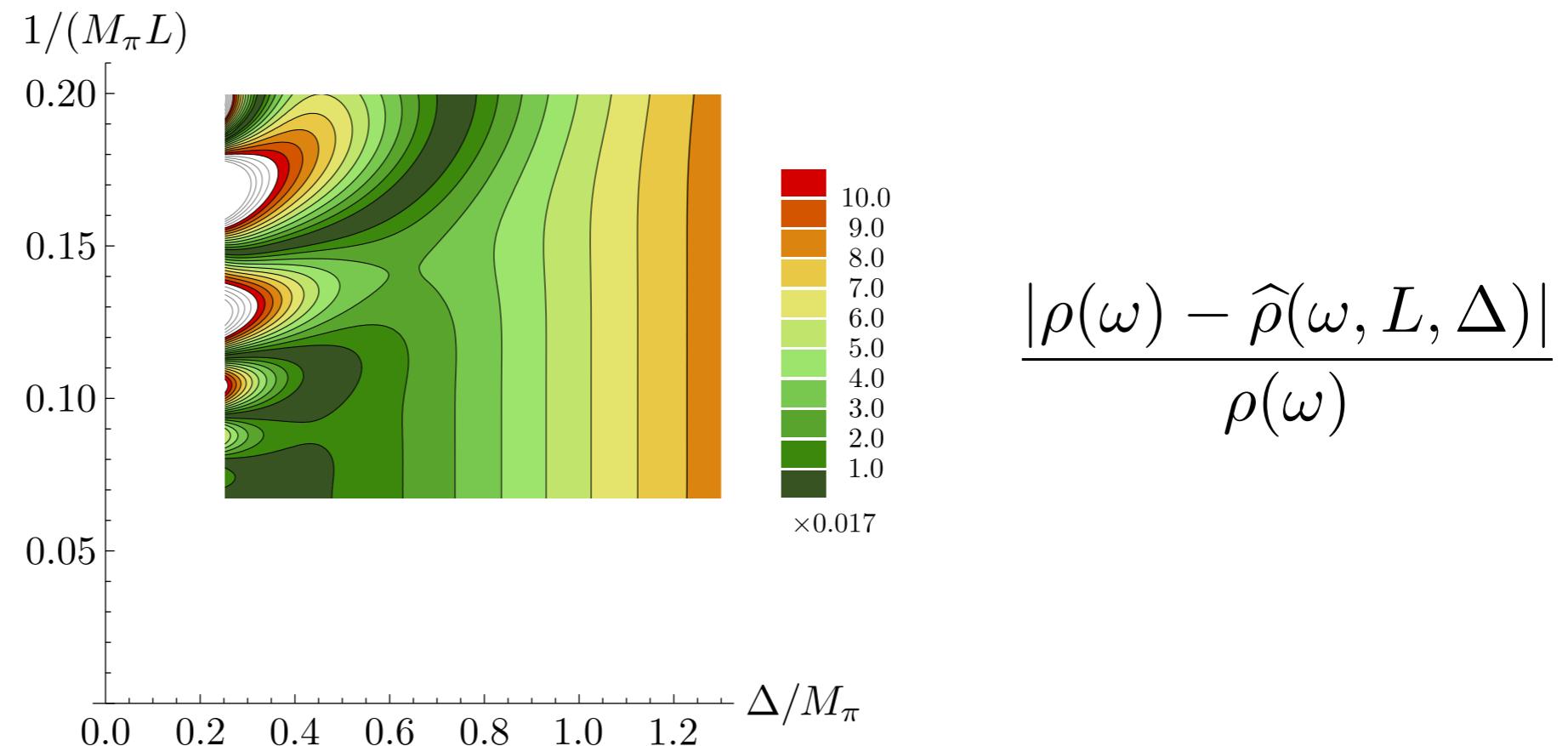
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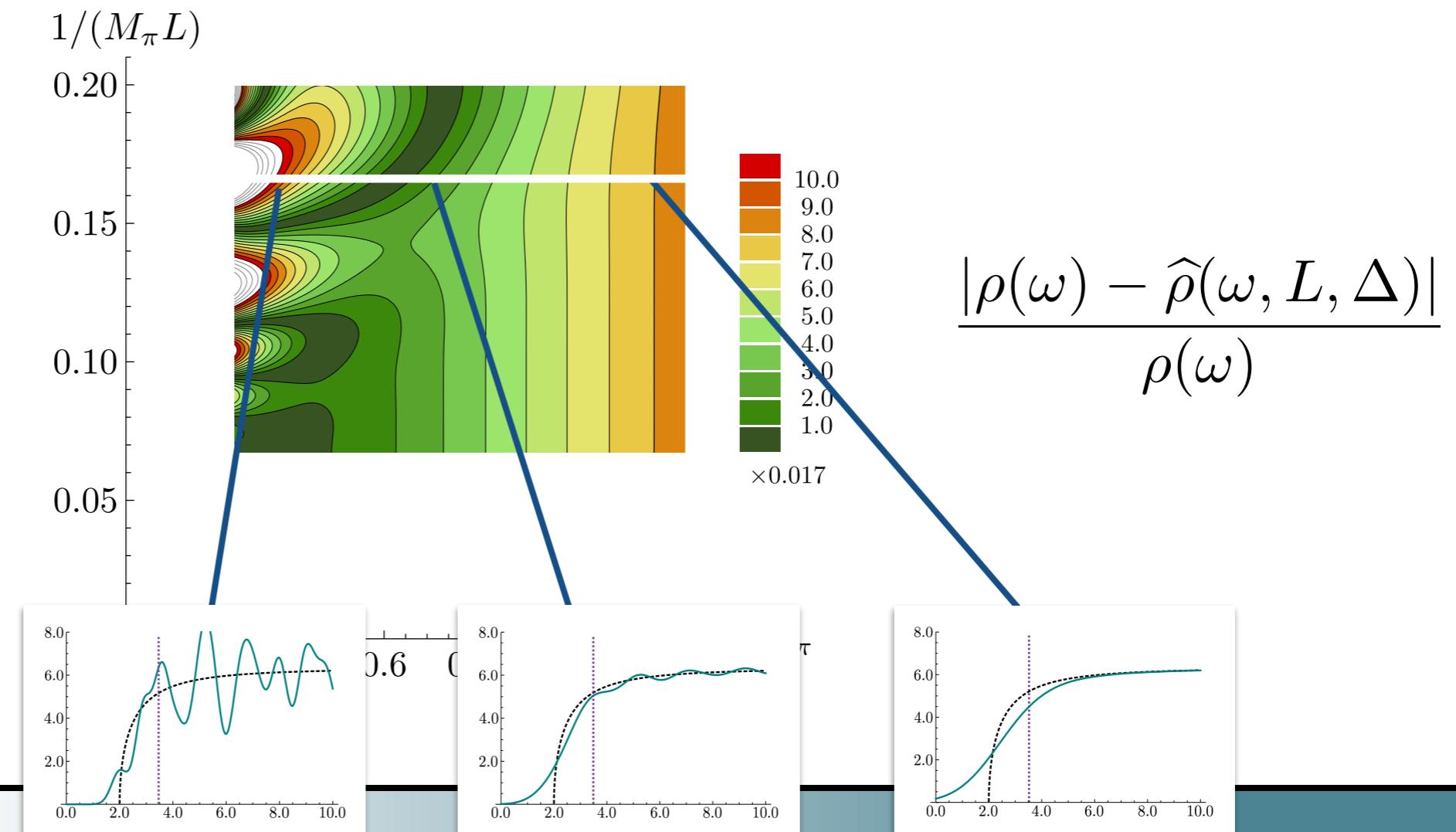
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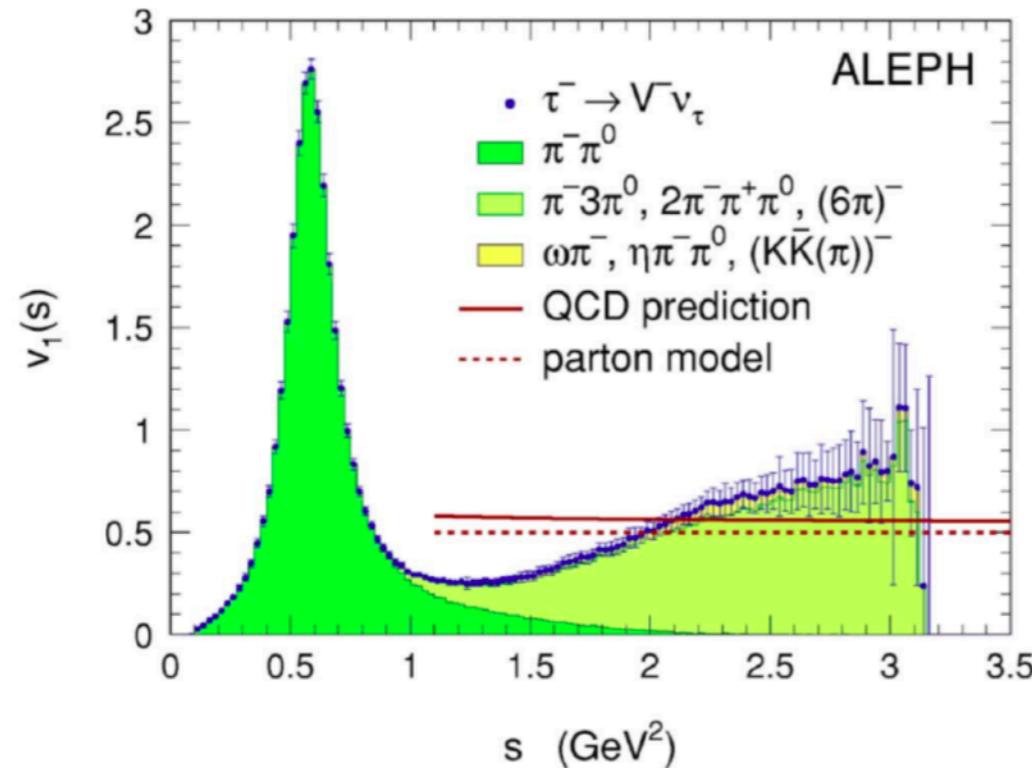
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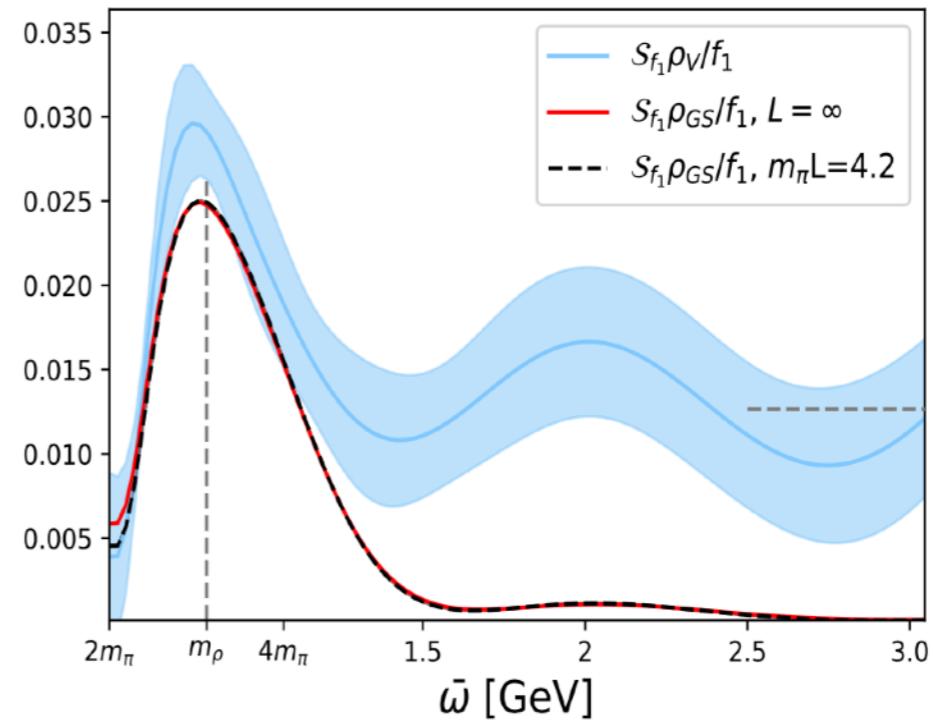
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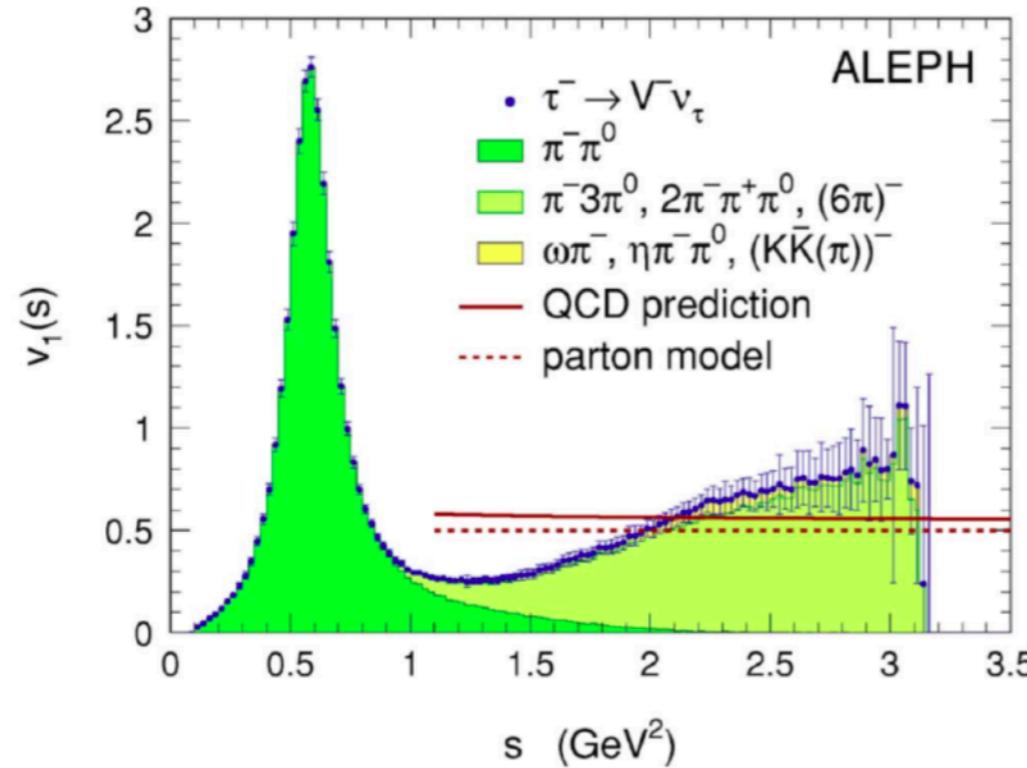
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Blue curve = smoothed version of $\frac{R_1(\bar{\omega}^2)}{12\pi^2}$

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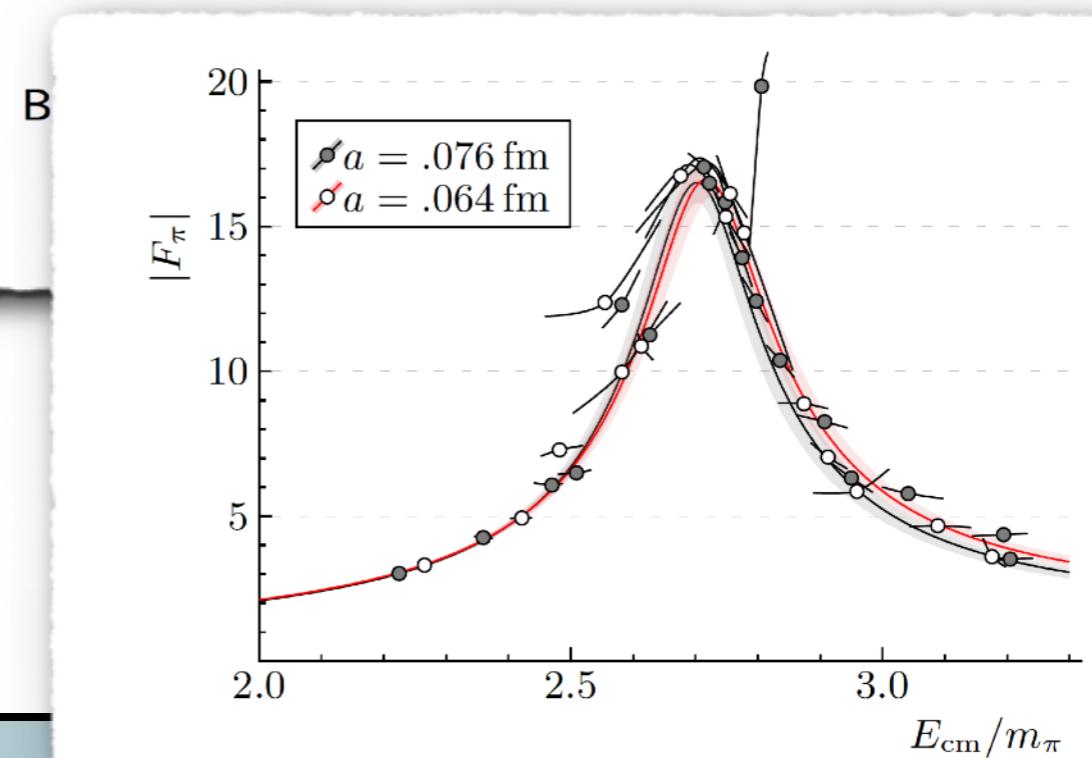
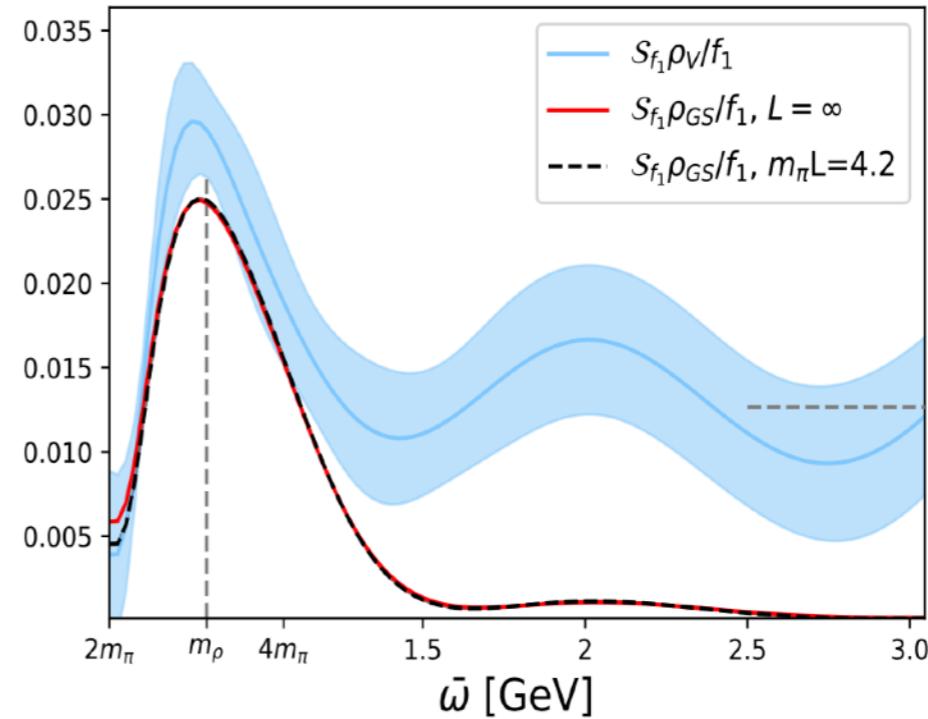
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Take home messages...

- The finite volume can be a tool (interactions leave imprint in $E(L)$)
- In an inverse approach the volume is an unwanted artifact

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Important to better understand this dependence

- The Backus-Gilbert method has two outputs

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- Perhaps we have to embrace the convolution
(which observables best survive?)



Open questions...

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- e.g. Is there an analog for the importance of K-matrices as a branch-cut free observable?**
- Is there an $T \neq 0$ analog of a finite-volume quantization condition**
- Can we systematically define/construct optimal resolution functions?**
- Can we define interesting observables that do not require much resolution?**