

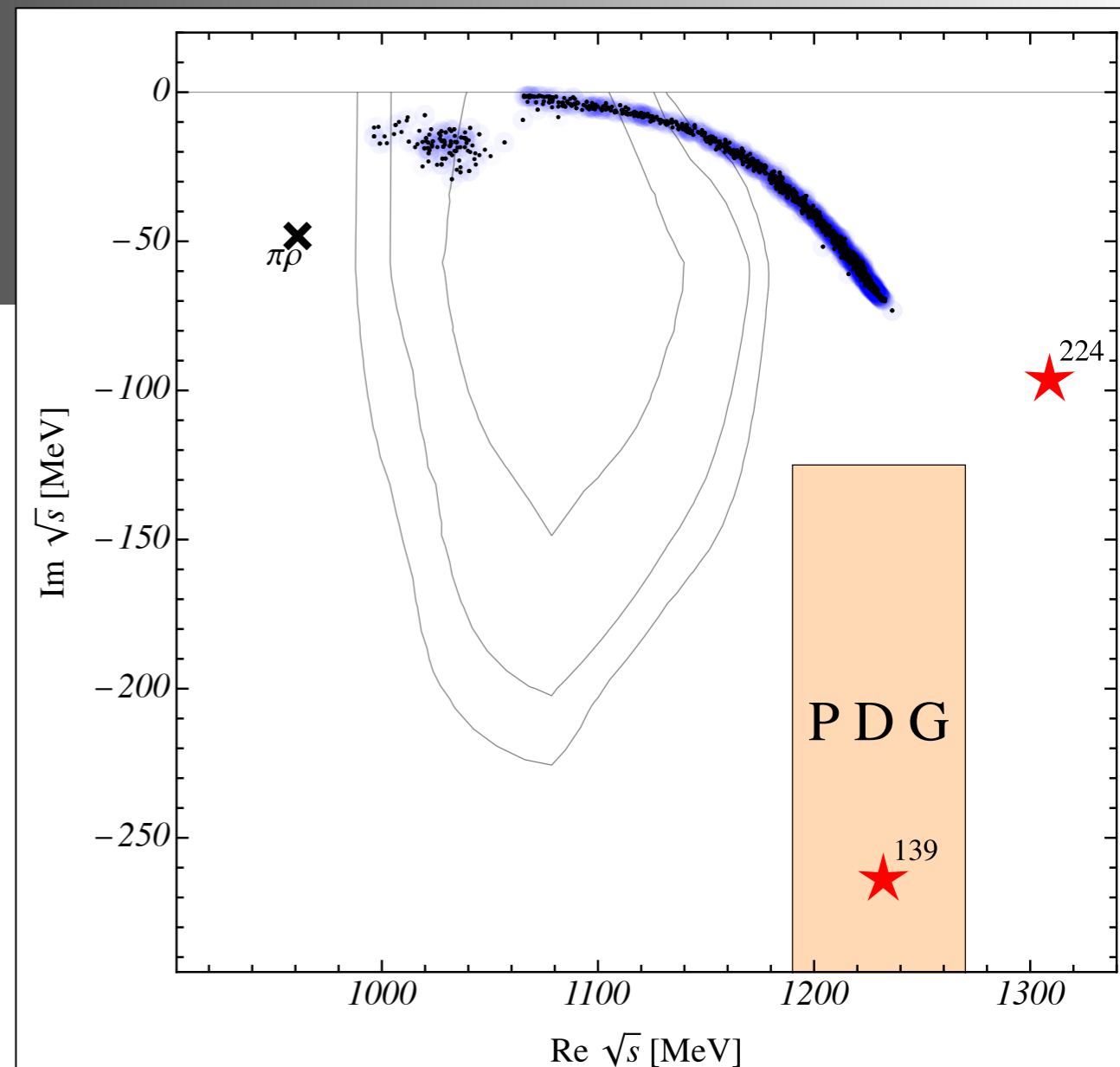
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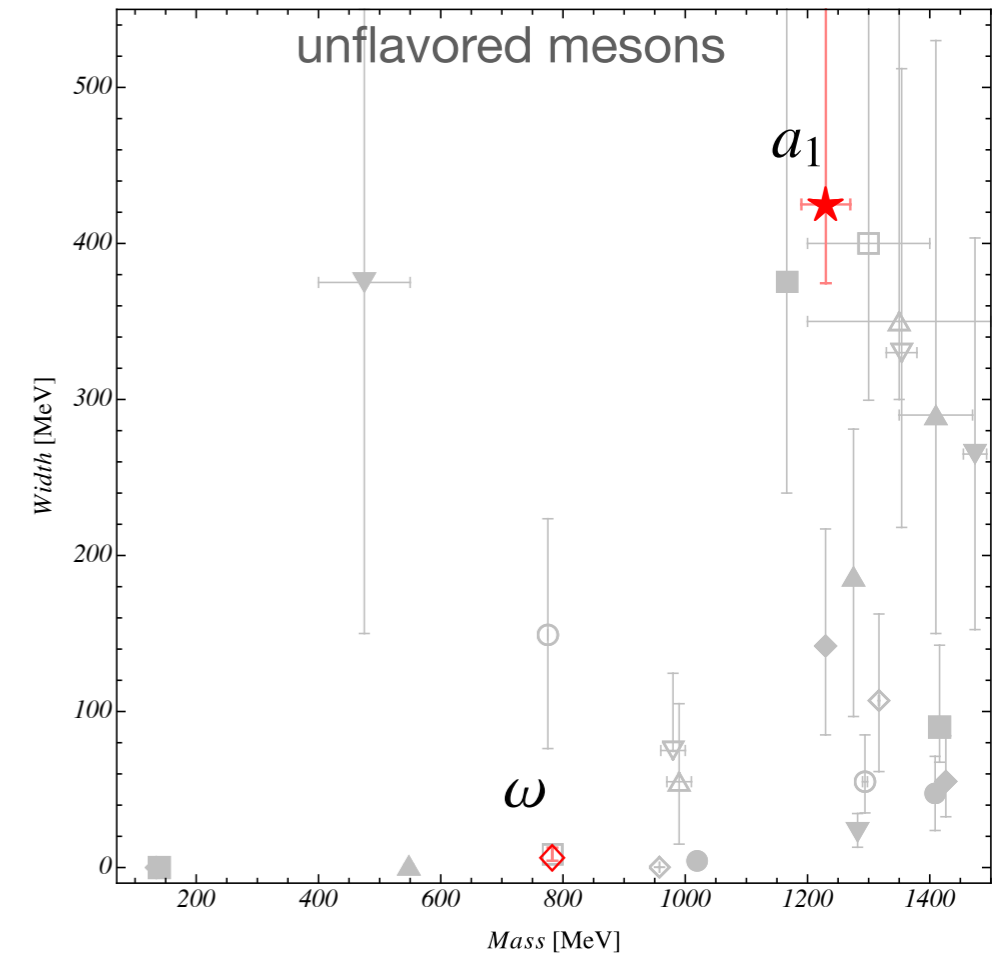
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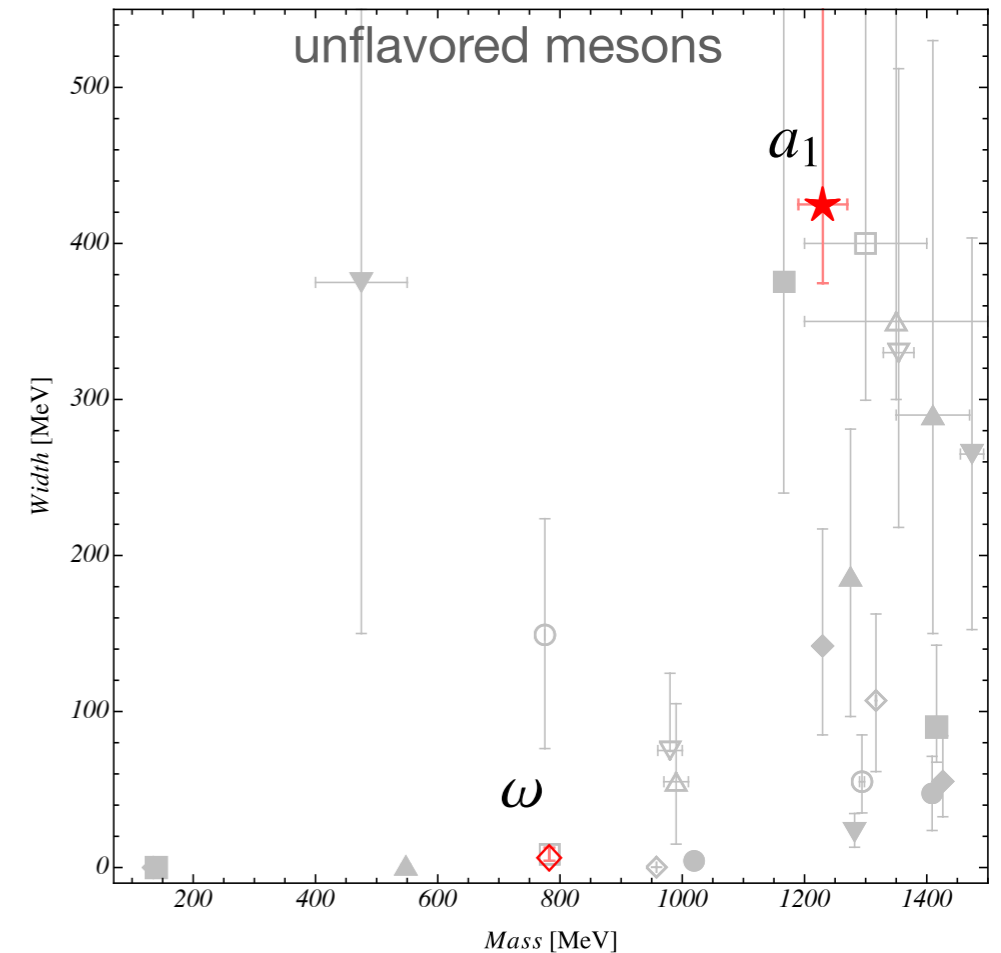


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This work: $a_1(1260)$ from lattice QCD

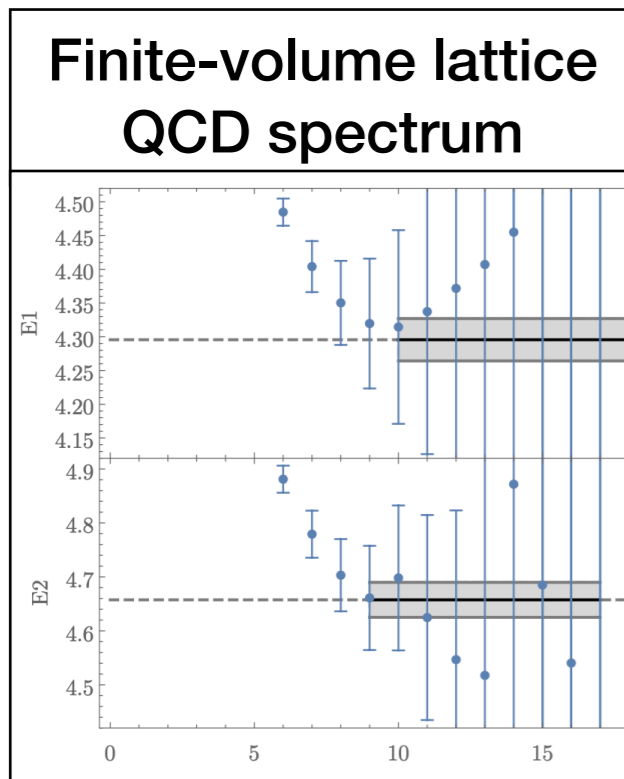
- Goal #1: Resonant three-body system in lattice QCD.
- Goal #2: First-ever determination of parameters of three-body resonance from QCD.

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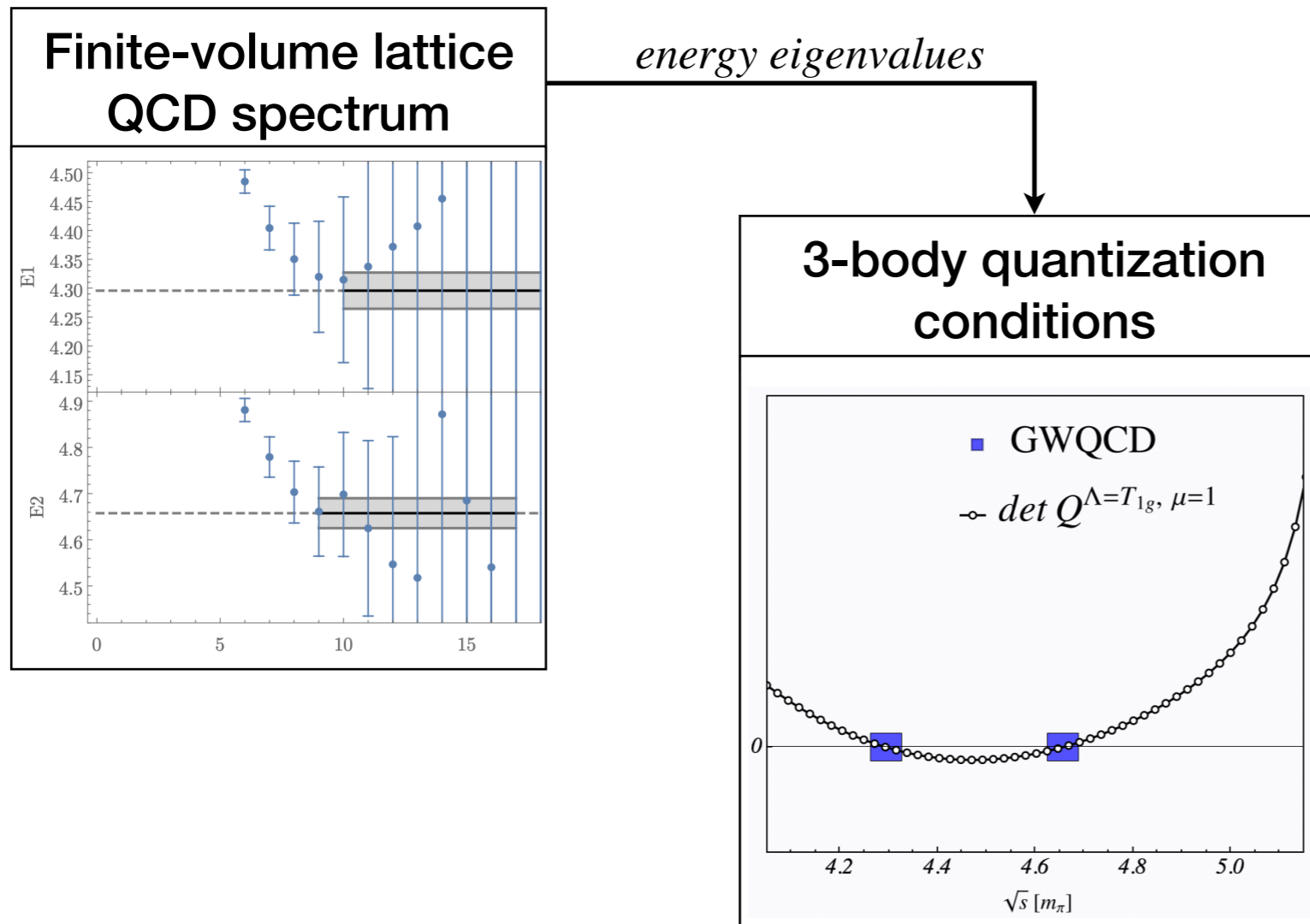
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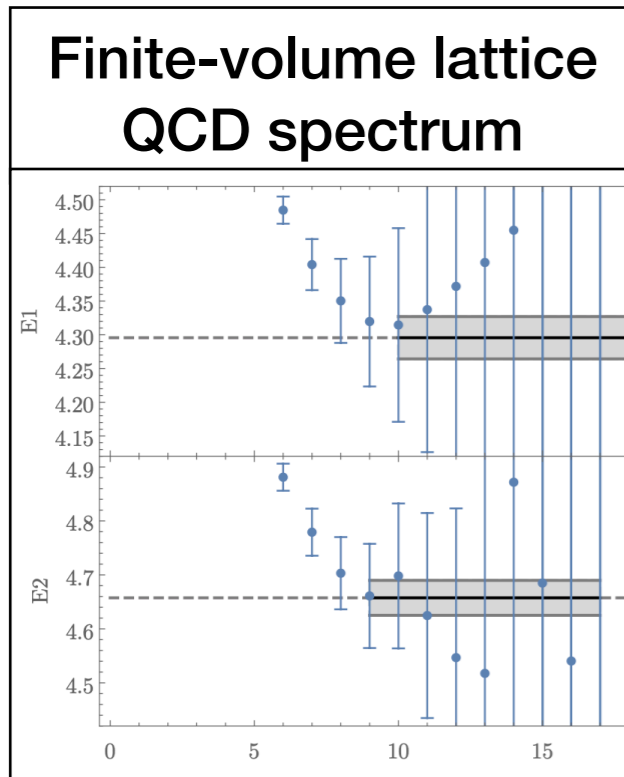
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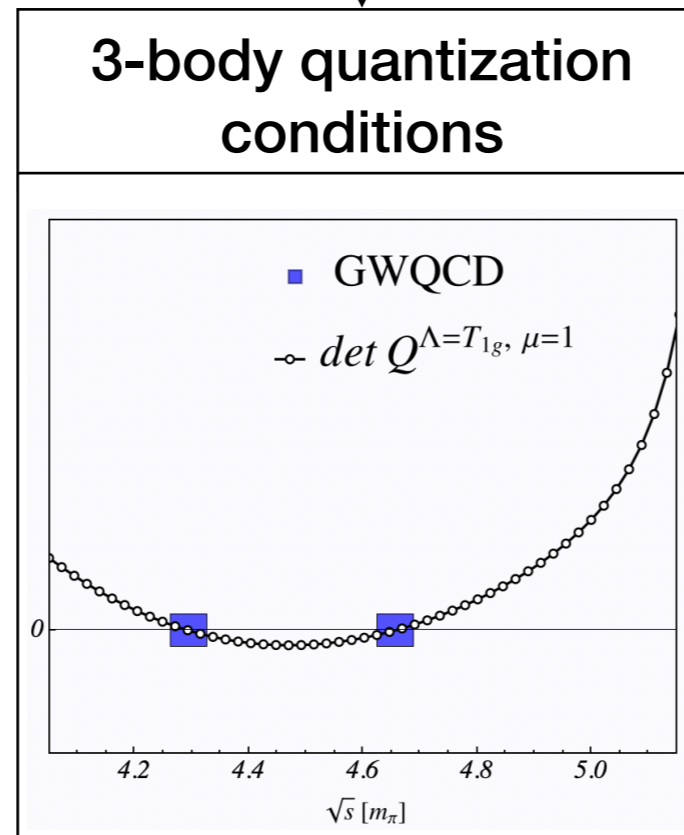


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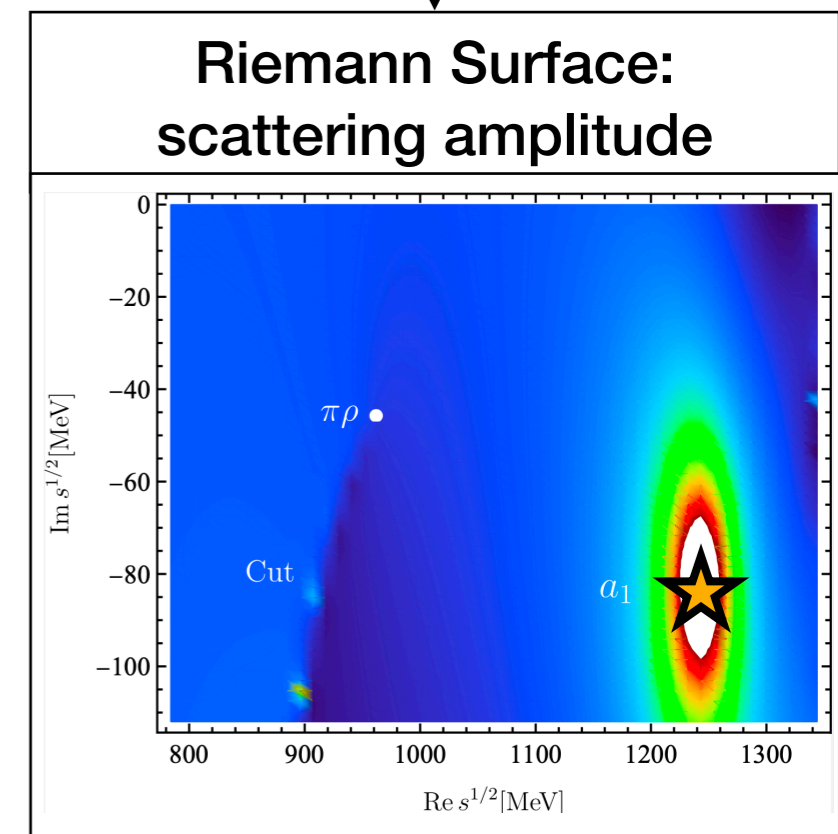
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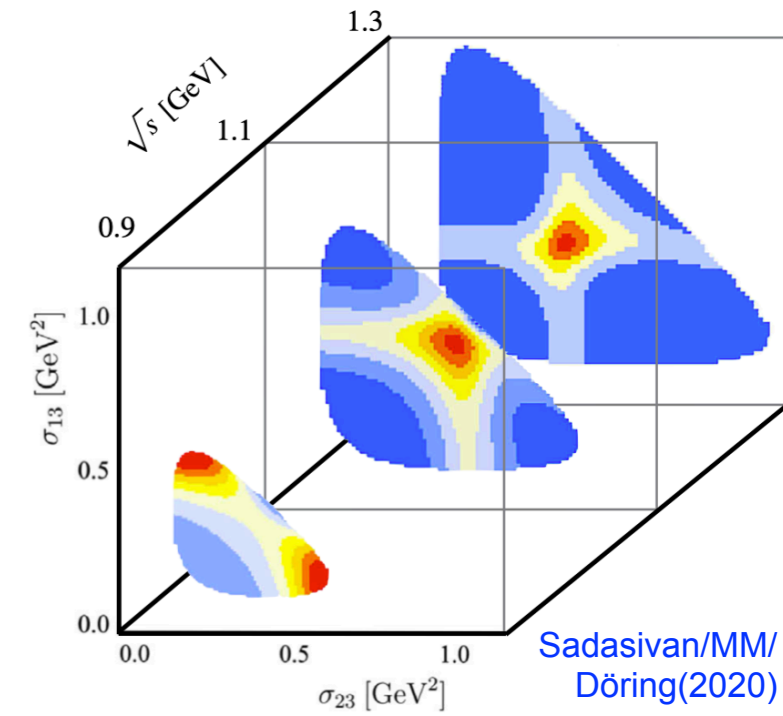
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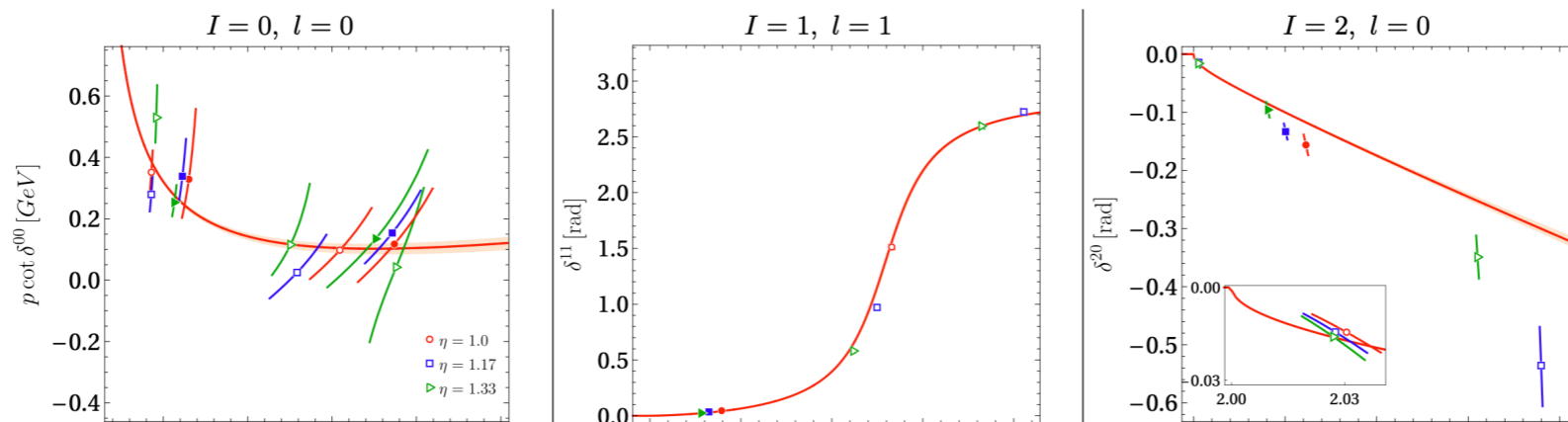
Theoretical ab-initio access: lattice QCD

- full quark-gluon dynamics with some technical issues

1. Discretized Euclidean space-time >> continuum limit
2. Unphysical pion mass >> chiral extrapolations
3. Finite Volume >> quantization condition

- many studies of 2-body systems

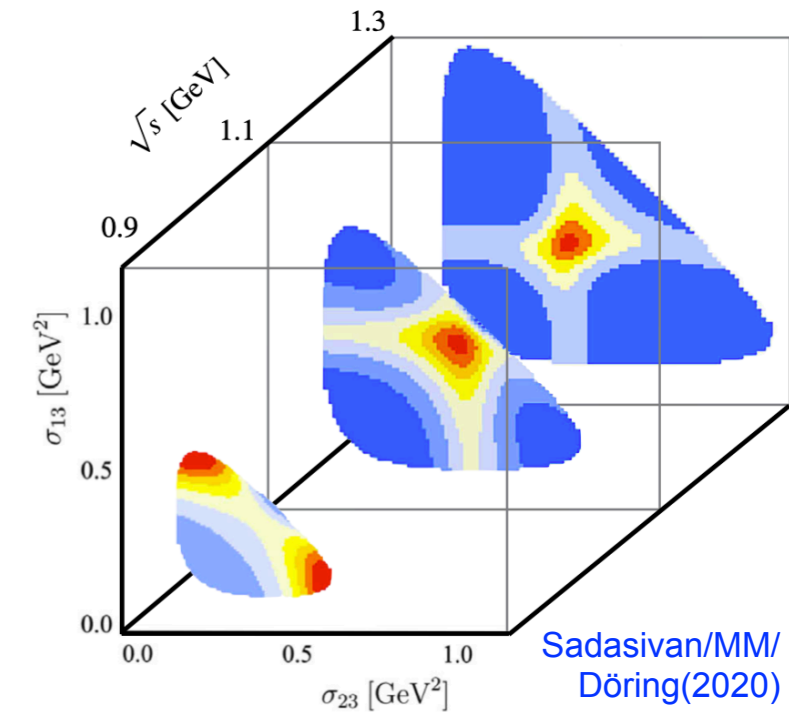
[NPLQCD], [RQCD], [ETMC], [HadSpec], ... **Review: Rev.Mod.Phys. 90 (2018) 2**



e.g. MM et al. [GWQCD] (2019)

- new calculations of non-resonant 3-body systems with maximal isospin: $\pi^+\pi^+\pi^+$, $K^-K^-K^-$, ...

[NPLQCD]; Hörz/Hanlon; [GWQCD]; [HadSpec]; Blanton et al.



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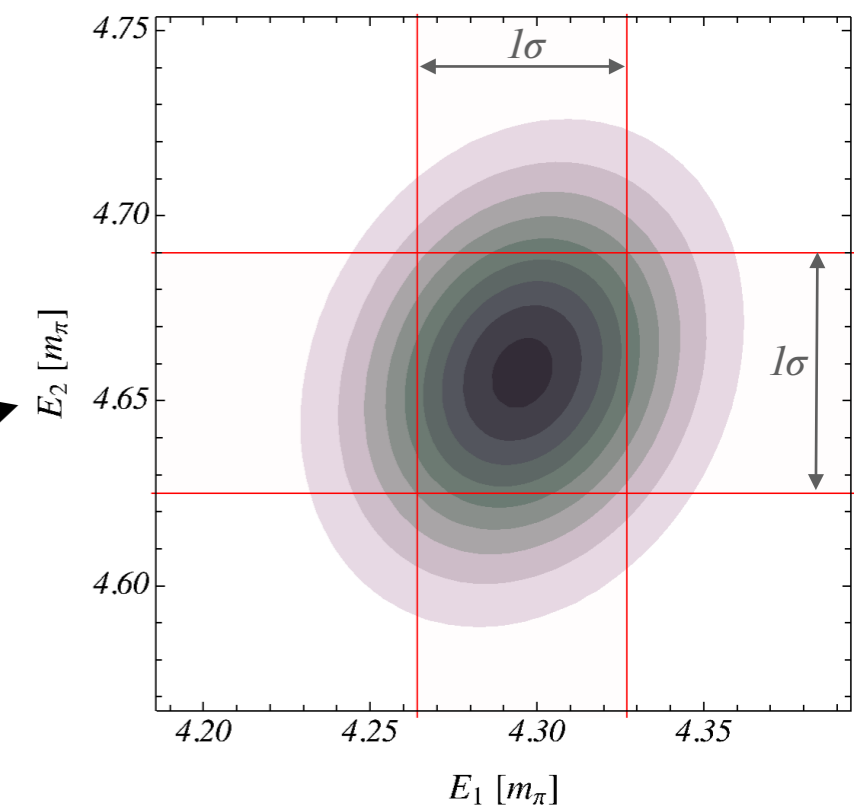
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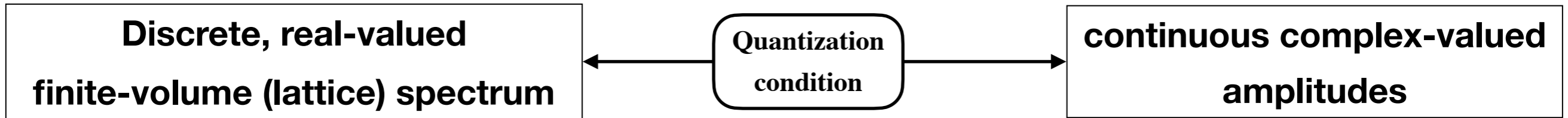
- 3π operators essential for the excited-state extraction
c.f. $\rho\pi$ operators in previous 2-meson a_1 calculation

Lang et al. JHEP 04, 162 (2014)

- high-momentum states are required:
 $\pi(0,0,0)\pi(+1,+1,0)\pi(-1,-1,0)$ etc..

- two levels exist below 5π threshold

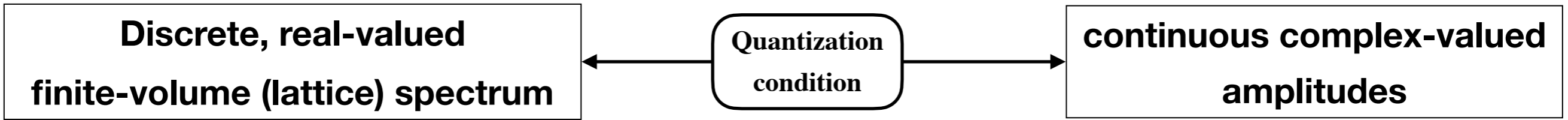




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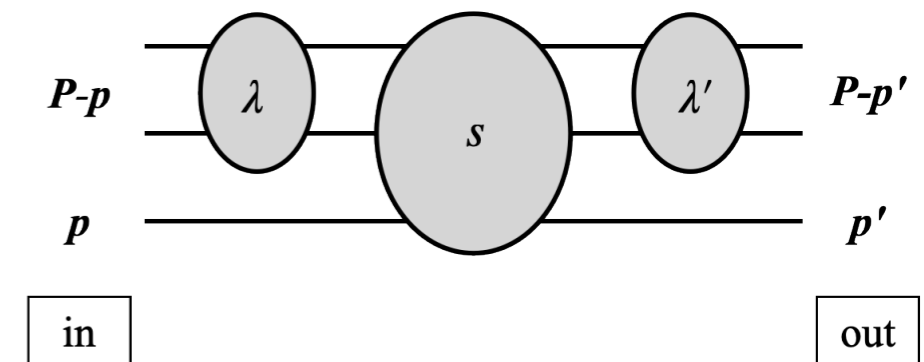
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Finite Volume Unitarity (FVU) [MM, Döring EPJA \(2017\) PRL \(2019\)](#)

- extended to higher spin and coupled-channels: new degree of freedom (helicity, λ)

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- ∞ -dim. determinant equation in $\mathbf{p} \in \frac{2\pi}{L} \mathbf{Z}^3 \rightarrow$ practical applications require truncation
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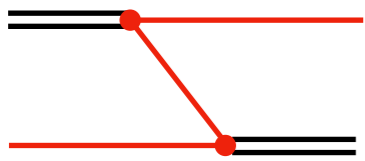
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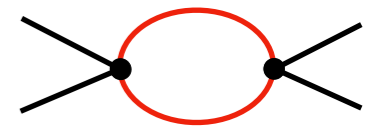
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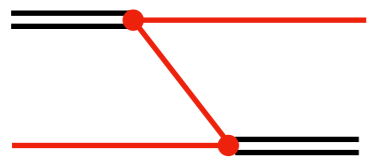
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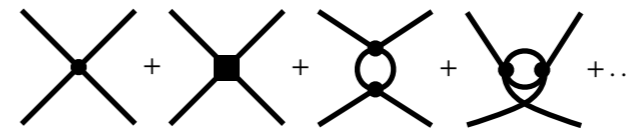
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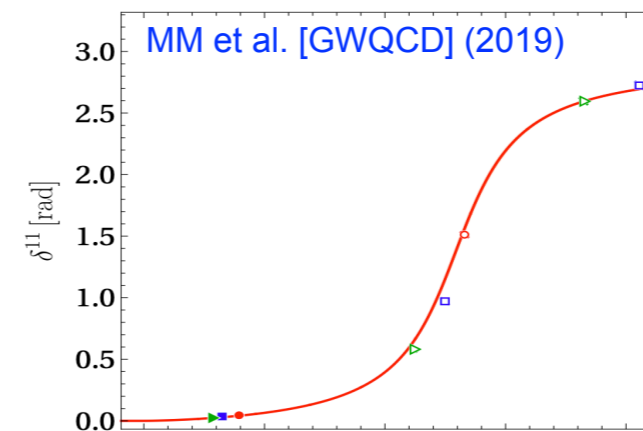
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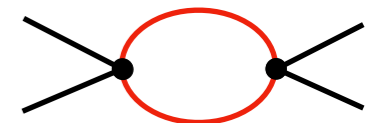
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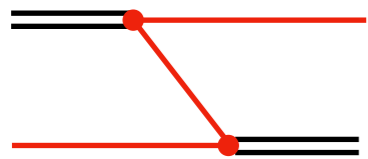
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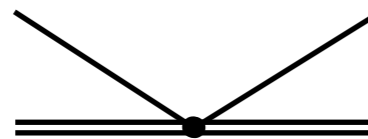
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three-body force

- dynamics of $\rho\pi$ system



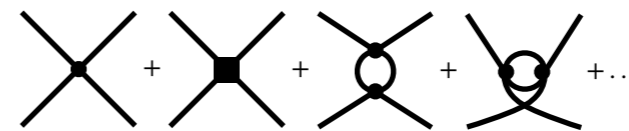
- regular function \Rightarrow Laurent series

$$C_{\ell'\ell}(s, \mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) = \sum_{i=-1}^{\infty} c_{\ell'\ell}^{(i)}(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p})(s - \mathbf{m}_{a_1}^2)^i$$

- fit to 3-body levels \rightarrow next slide

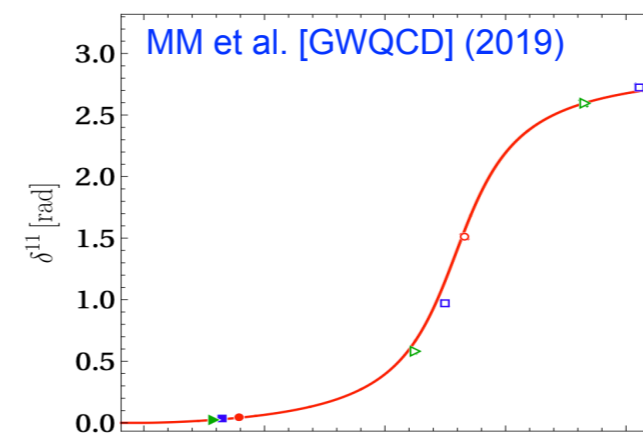
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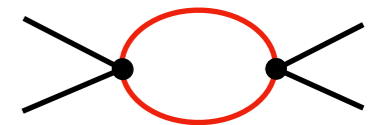
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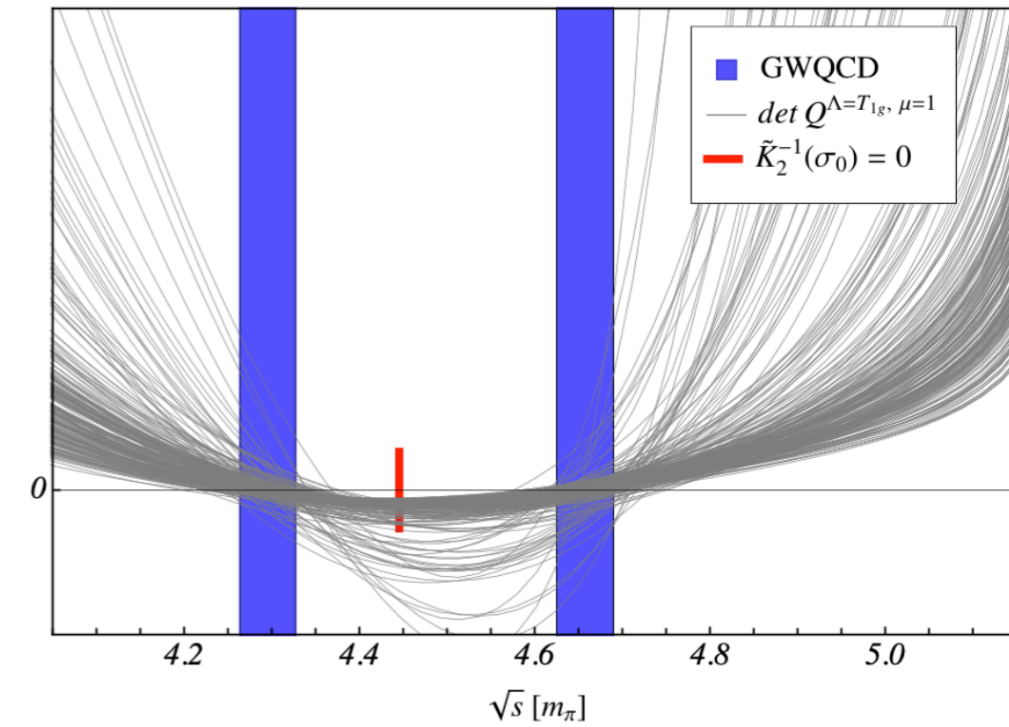
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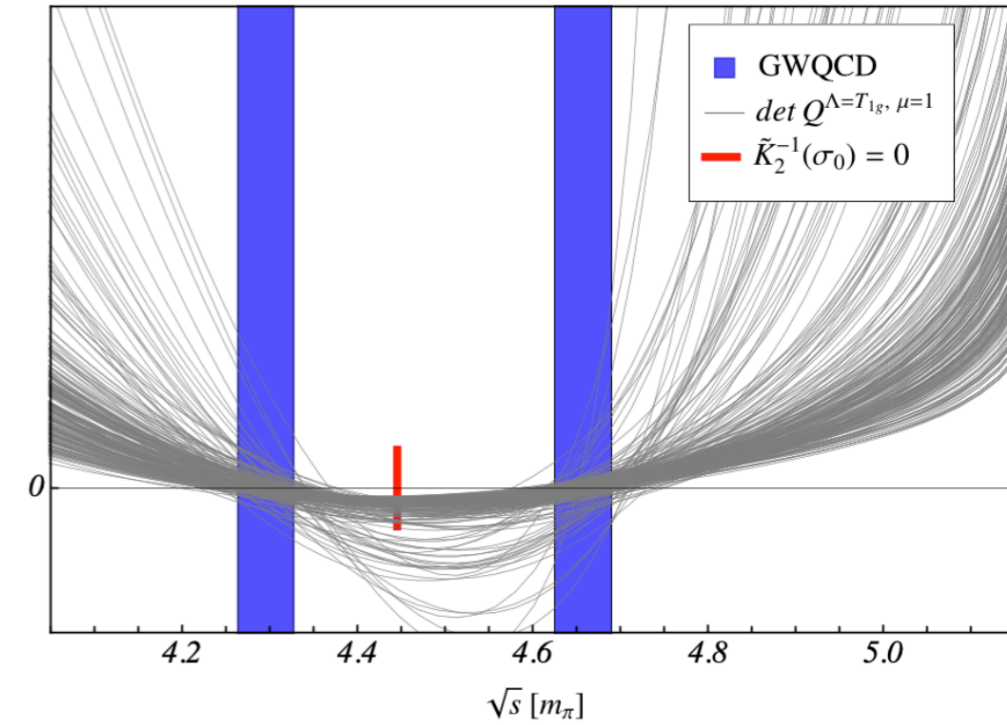


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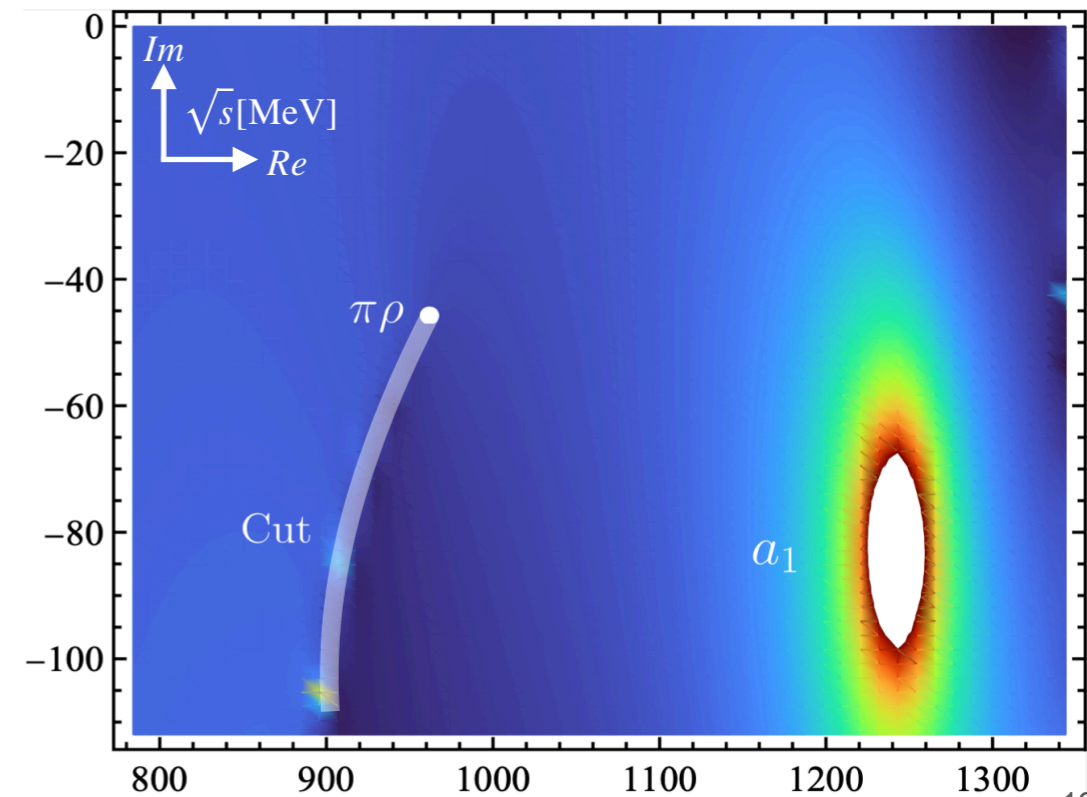


Infinite-volume scattering amplitude

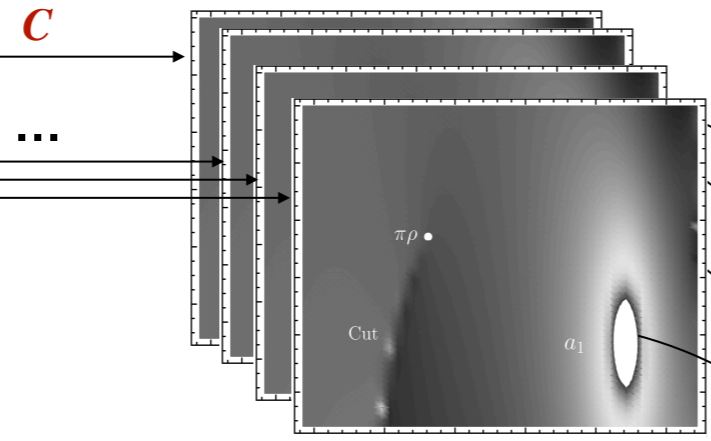
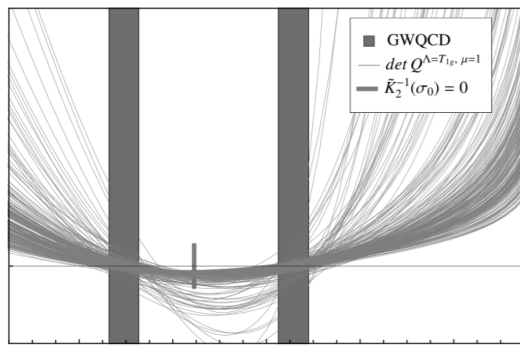
- integral equation with all inputs fixed from lattice QCD results

$$T^c = B + C + \int \frac{d^3\ell}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{(B + C)}{2E_\ell} \frac{1}{\tilde{K}_n^{-1} - \Sigma_n} T^c$$

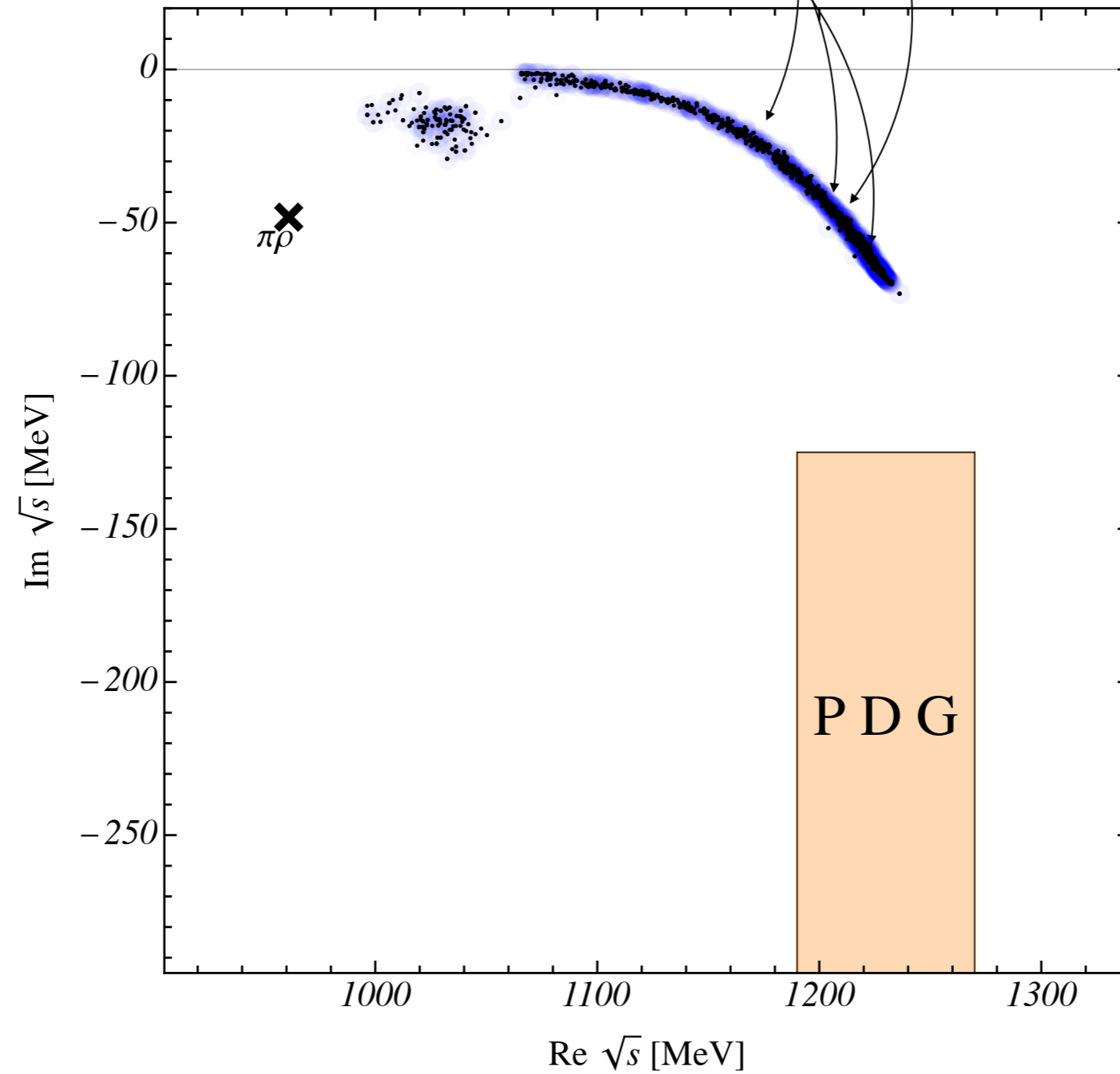
- contour deformation of spectator momenta
- analytic continuation to 2.Riemann sheet

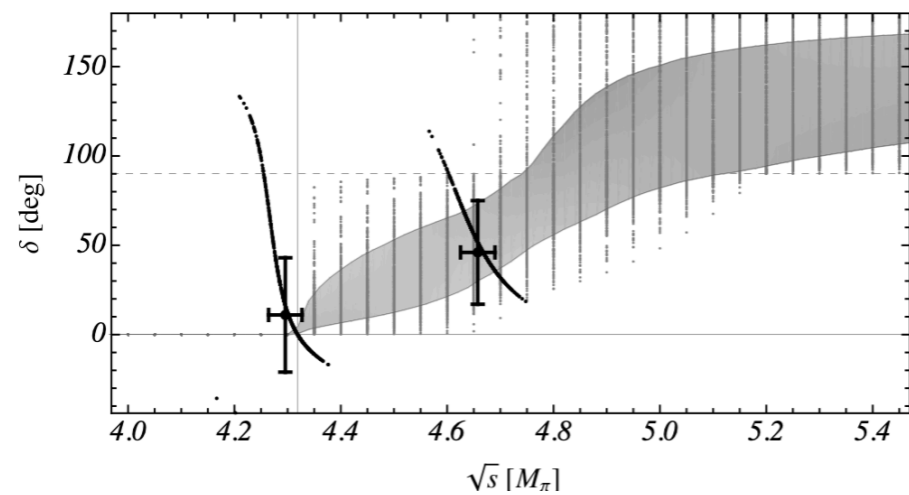


PARAMETERS OF $a_1(1260)$



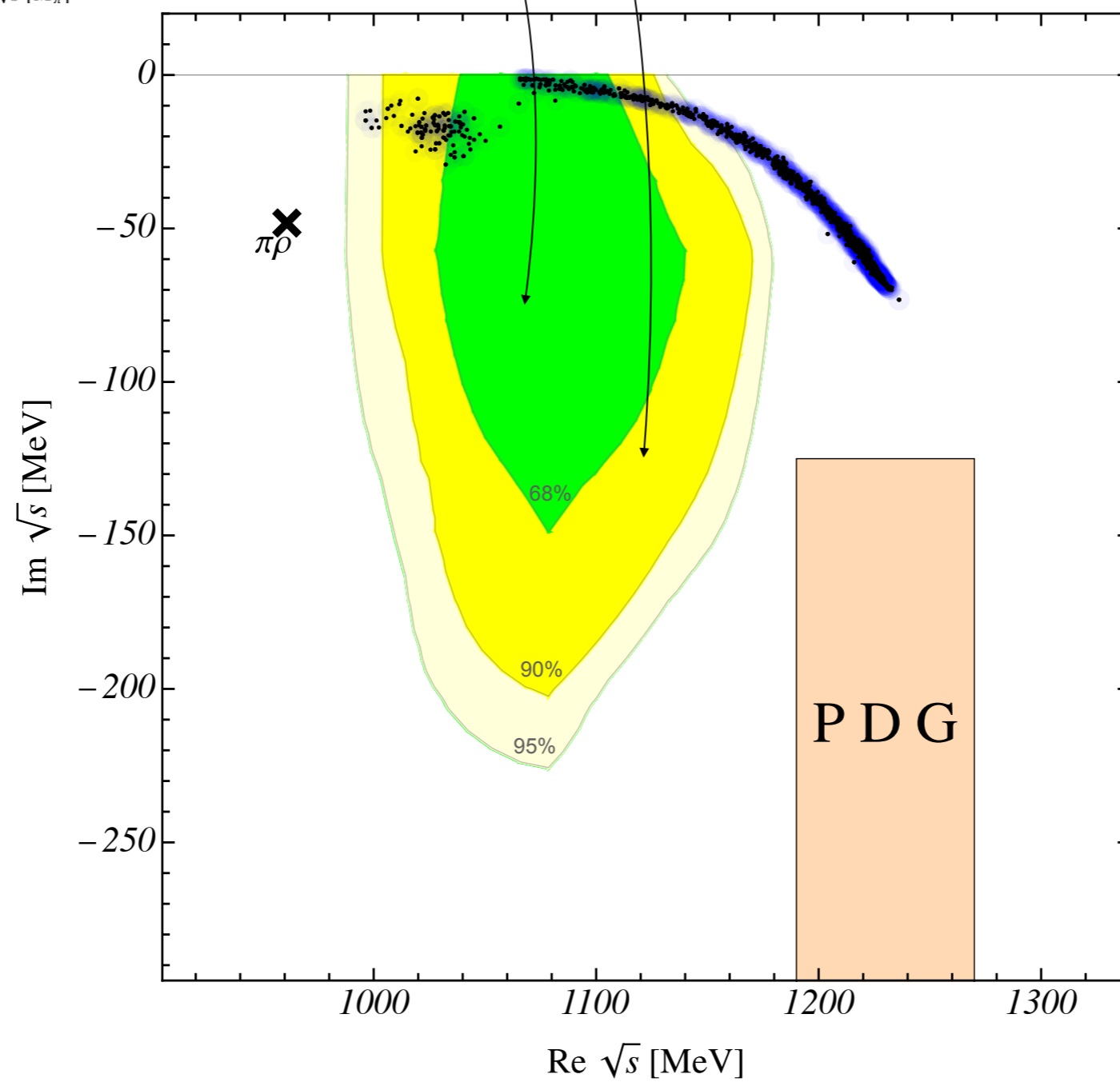
- $m_\pi=224$ MeV
- 2000 resampling sets
- distribution of poles is finite
- 90% @ $\sim((1110..1210) - (20..70)i)$ MeV

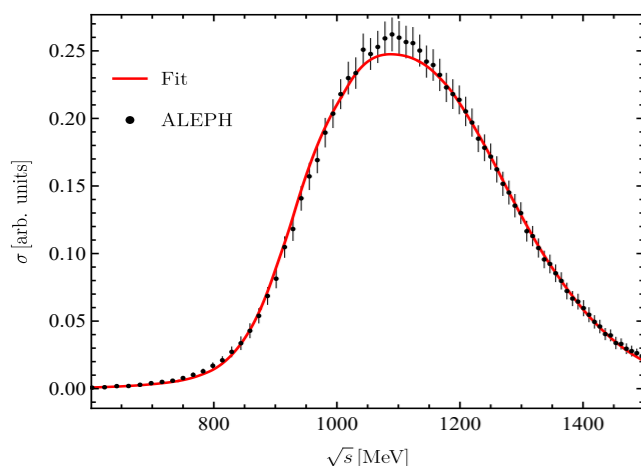




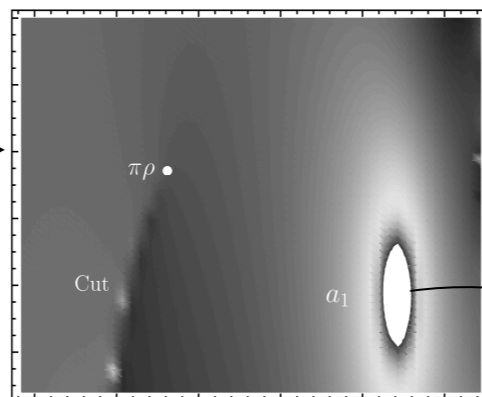
Can one use two-body approximation?

- Breit-Wigner parametrization
 - 2-body Lüscher quantization condition
- \Rightarrow very crude approximation!



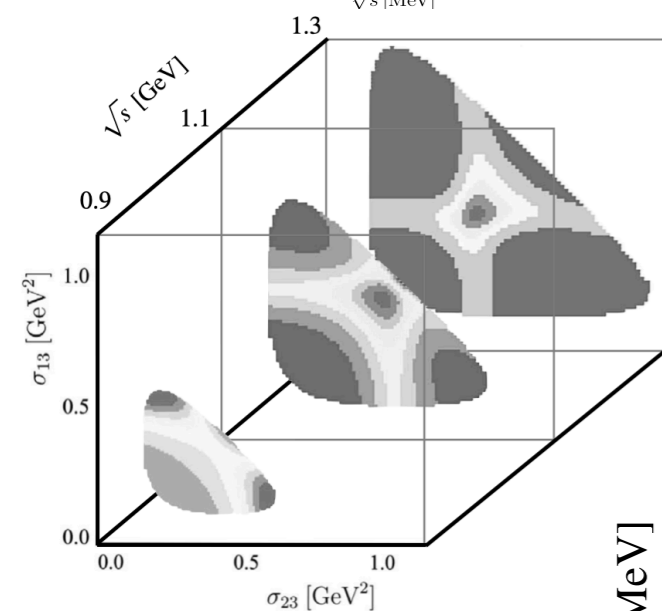


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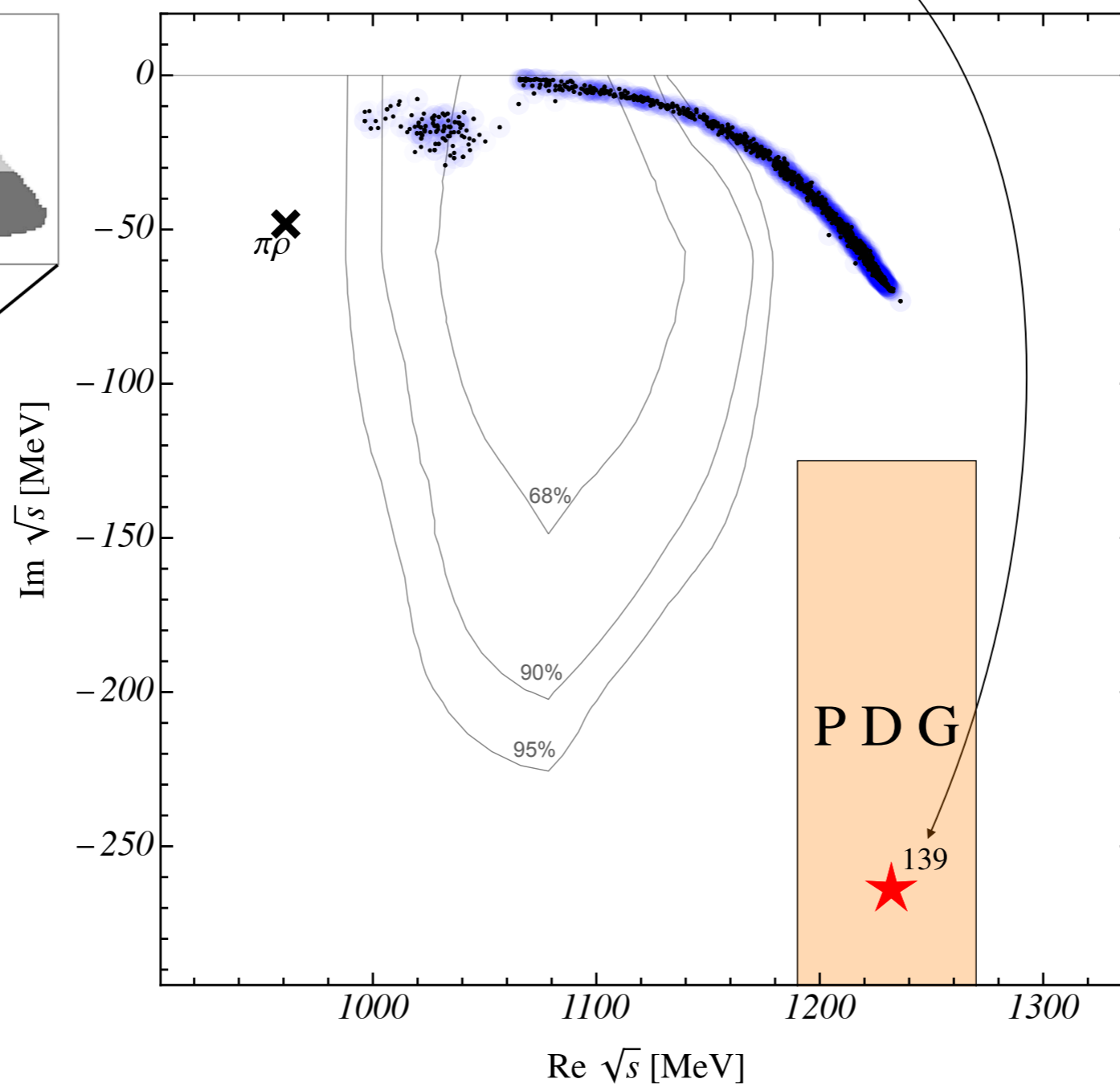


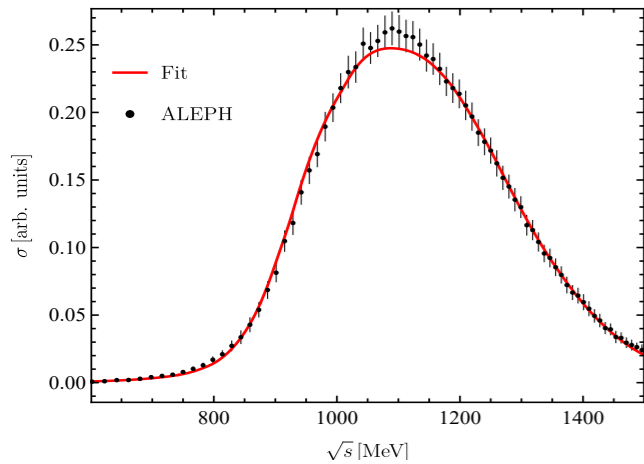
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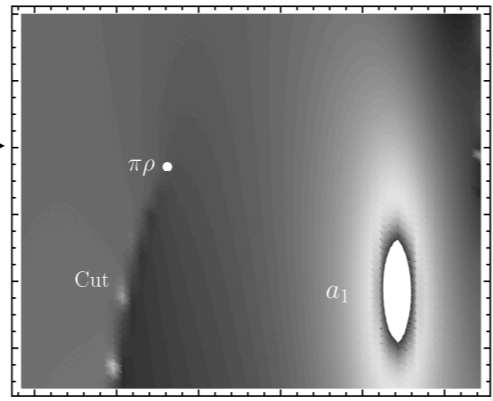


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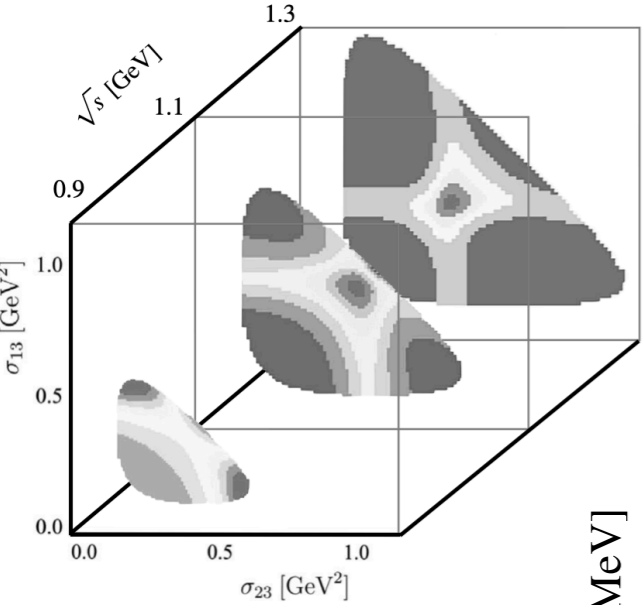


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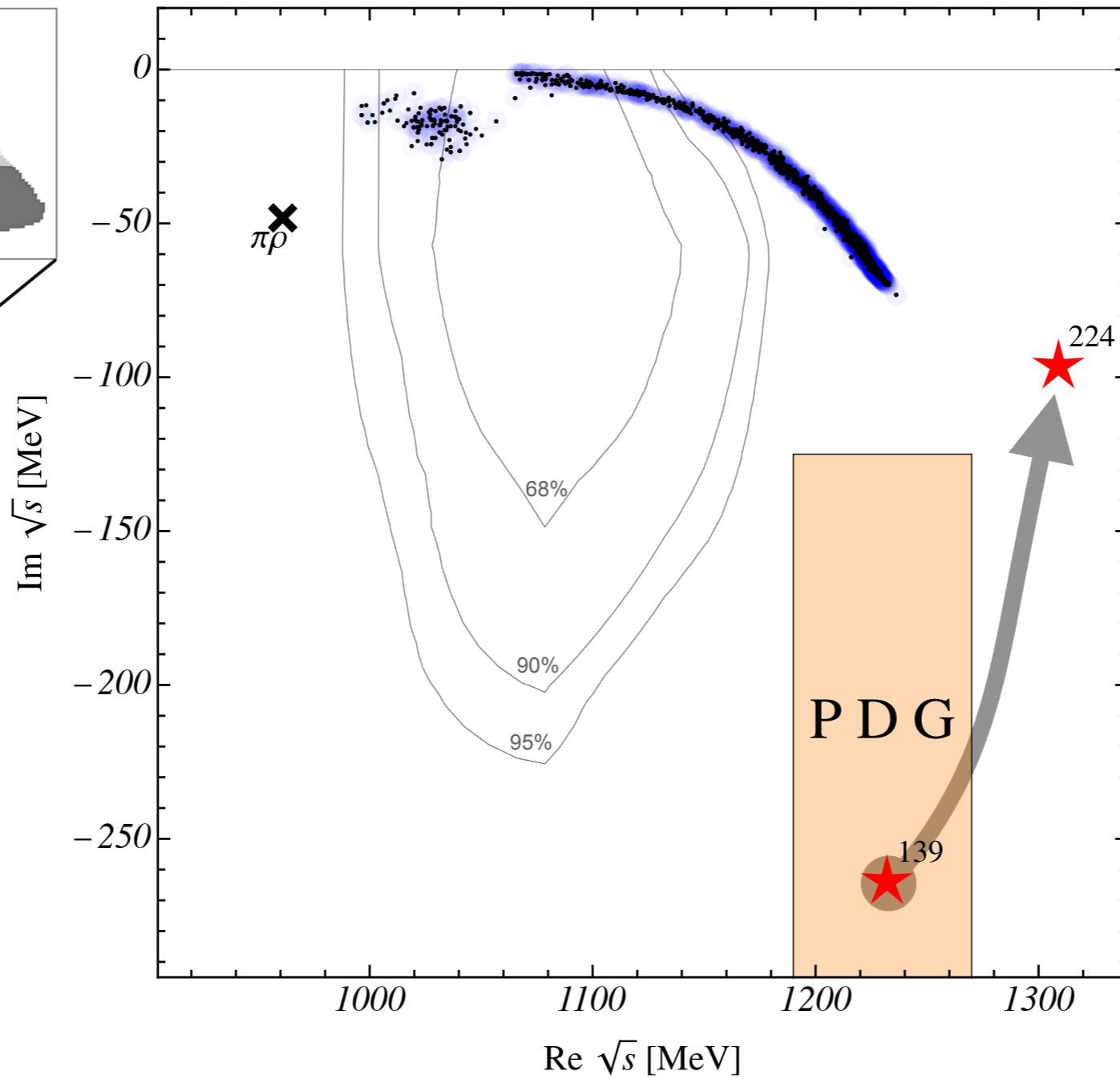


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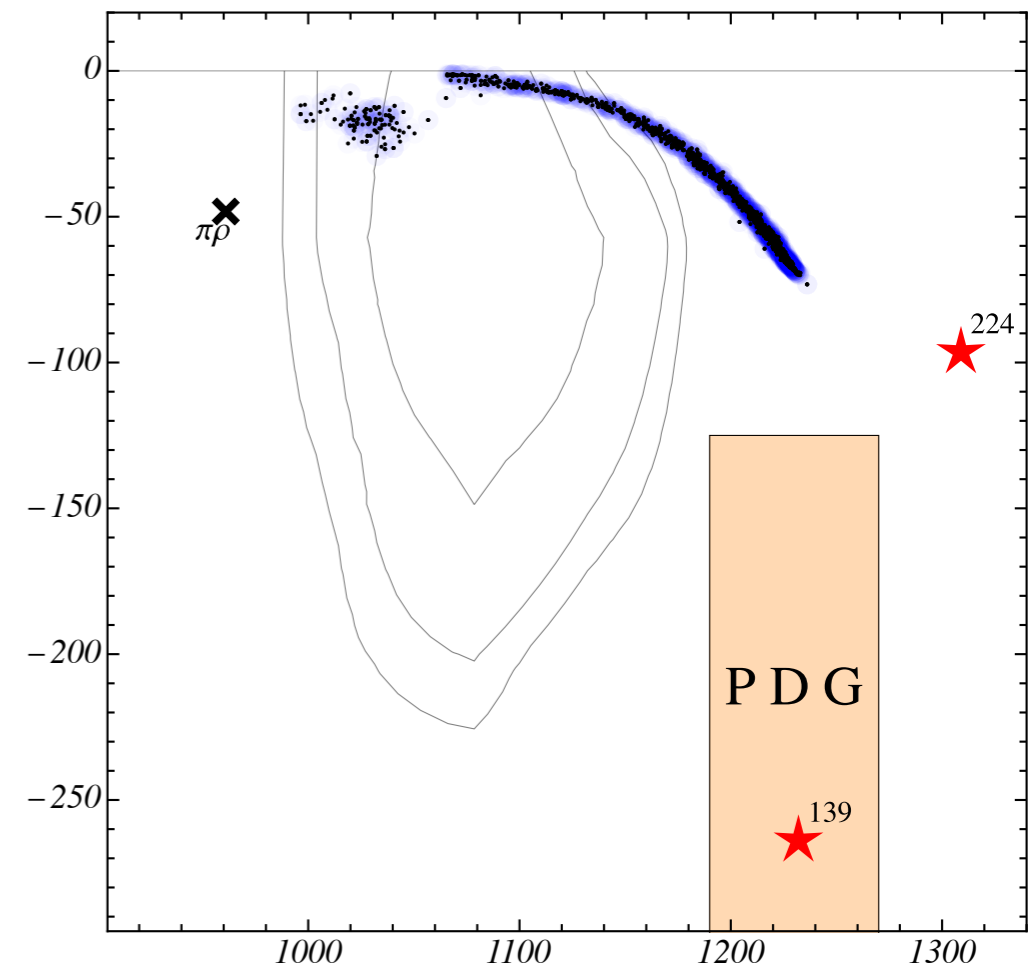


(naive) **chiral extrapolation**
confirms expectations:

- a_1 becomes heavier
- ... and narrower

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Outlook

- More lattice levels (another setup: m_π, L):
 - precise determination of a_1 parameters
 - importance of the $\sigma\pi$ channels
 - chiral trajectory of three-body term C

