

Three-hadron dynamics from Lattice QCD

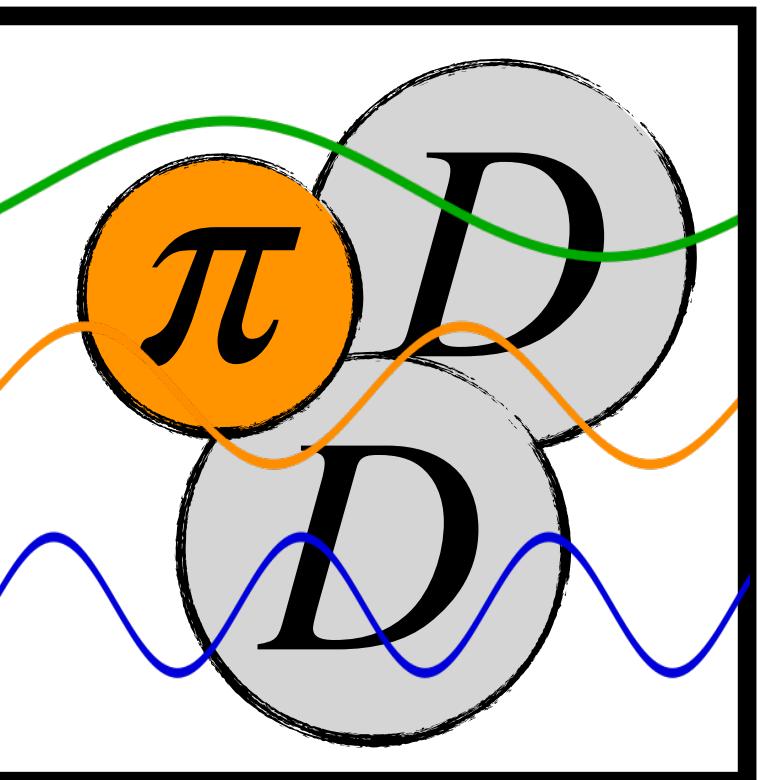
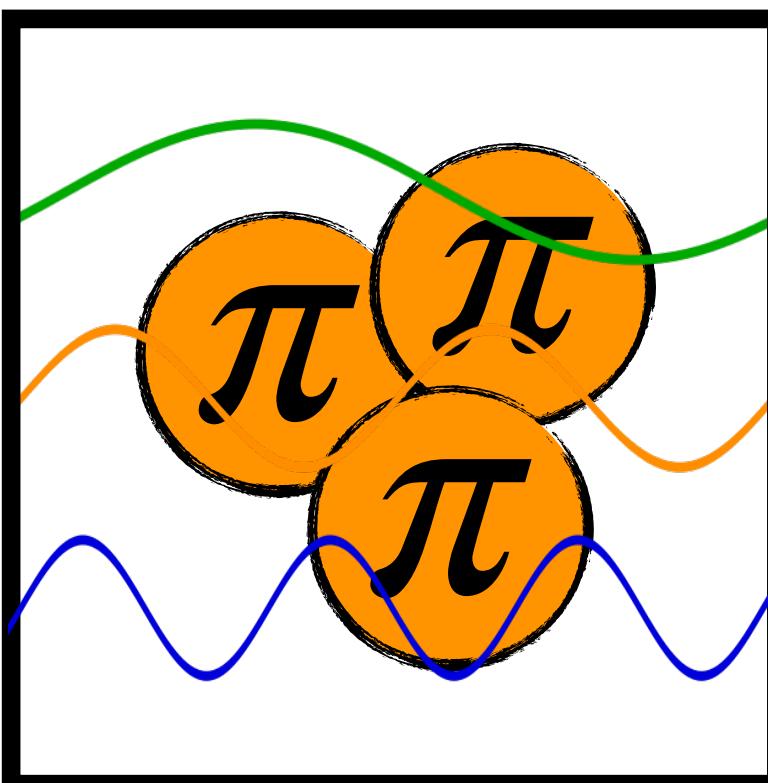
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The three-hadron frontier

Many reasons to study the three-hadron problem from lattice QCD

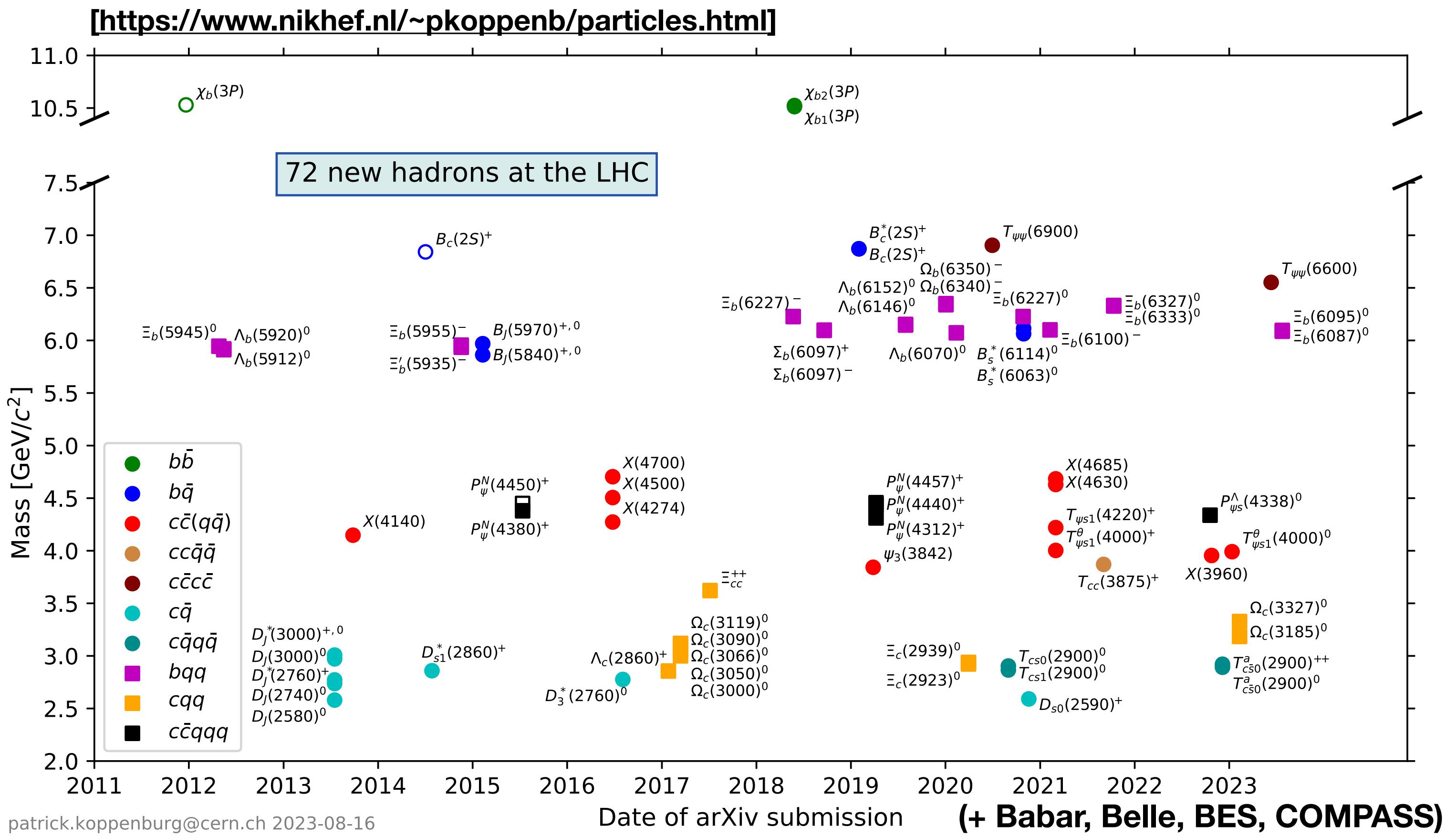
- Resonances that decay to three (or more) hadrons
 - ▶ Exotics: $T_{cc} \rightarrow DD^*, DD\pi$
 - ▶ 3π resonances: $\omega(782)$, $h_1(1170)$, $a_1(1260)$...
 - ▶ Roper: $N(1440) \rightarrow \Delta\pi \rightarrow N\pi\pi$
- Interest in three-baryon forces: NNN , NNY
- Electroweak processes $K \rightarrow 3\pi$, $K^0 \leftrightarrow 3\pi \leftrightarrow \bar{K}^0$, $\gamma \rightarrow 3\pi$
- Major developments in the three-particle finite-volume formalism

[Hansen, Sharpe, PRD 2014 & 2015], [Hammer, Pang, Rusetsky, JHEP 2017] x 2
[Mai, Döring, EPJA 2017] [...]
- See other related talks at this conference:

[M. Hansen (plenary, Tuesday)]
[F. Pittler (parallel, Monday), M. Sjö, A. Rusetsky, L. Meng, S. Dawid (parallel, Tuesday)]

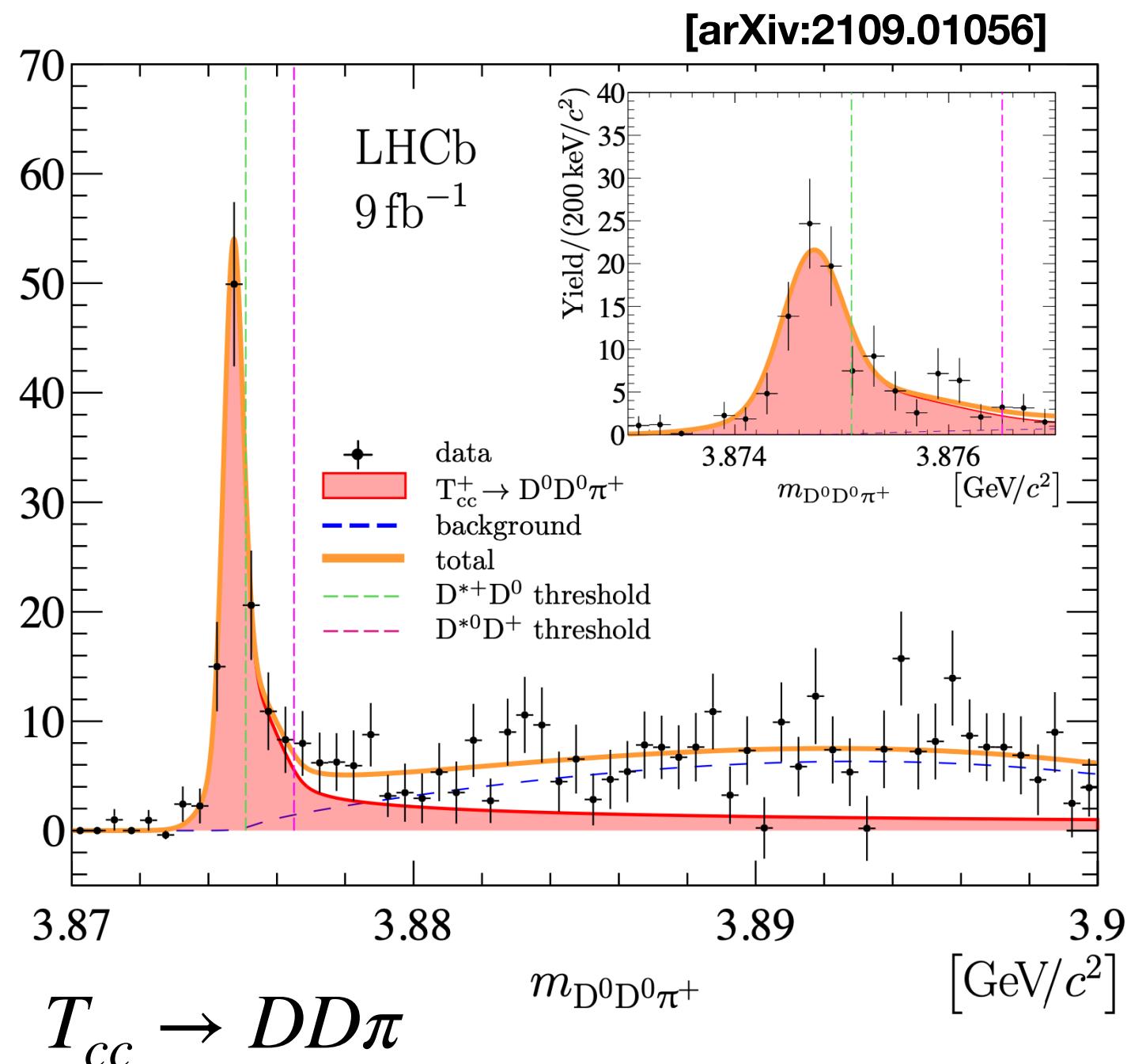
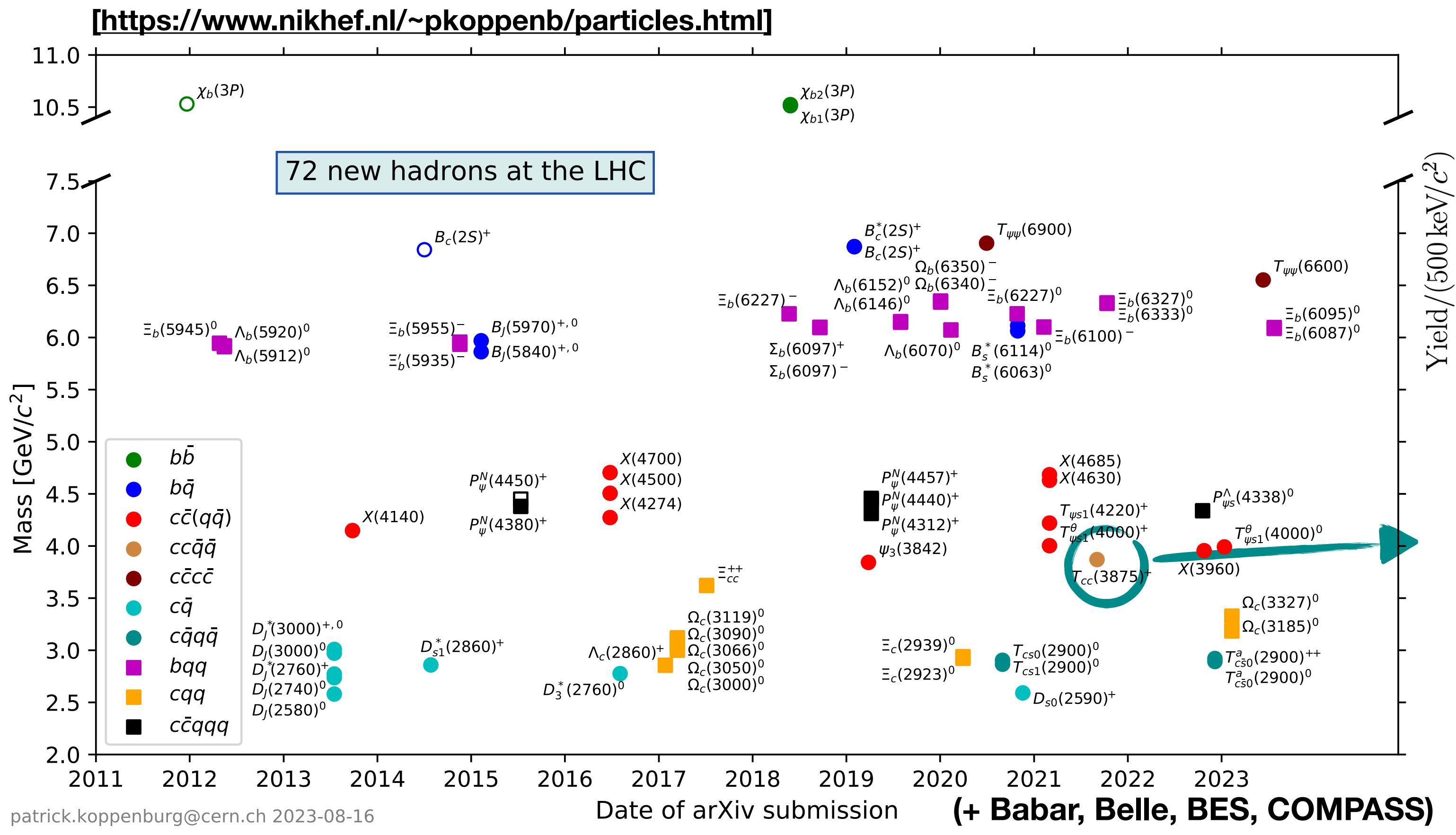
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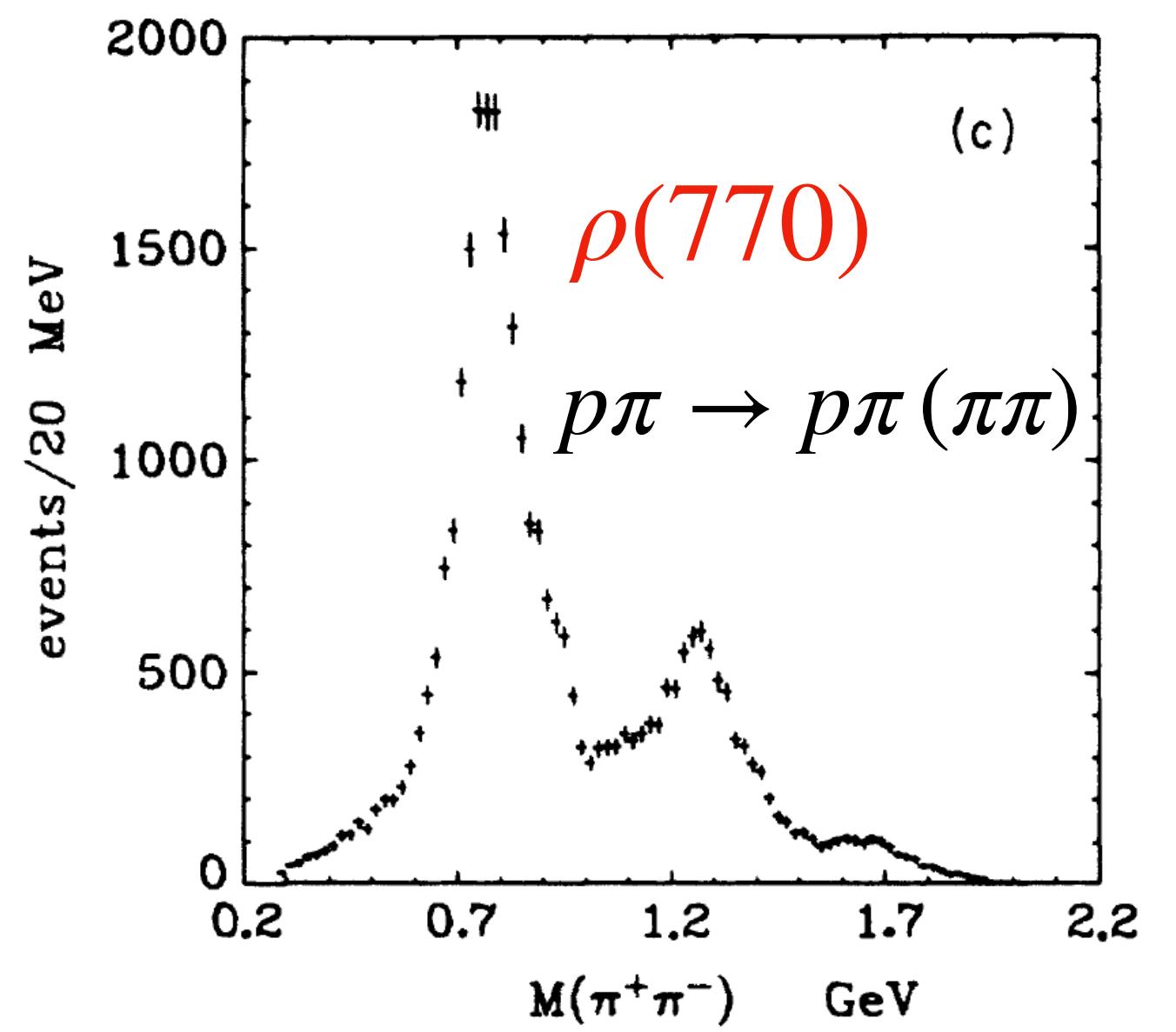
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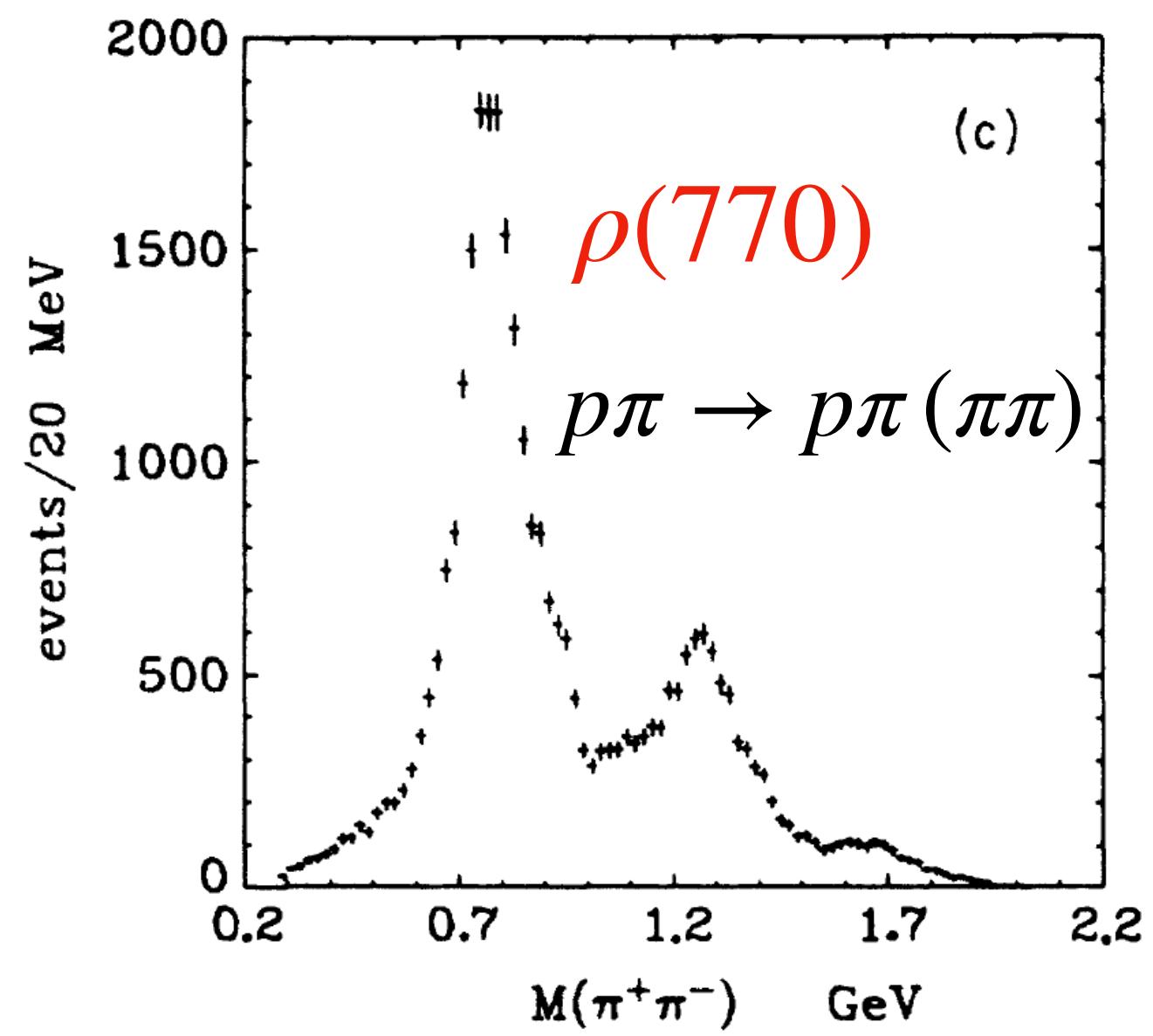


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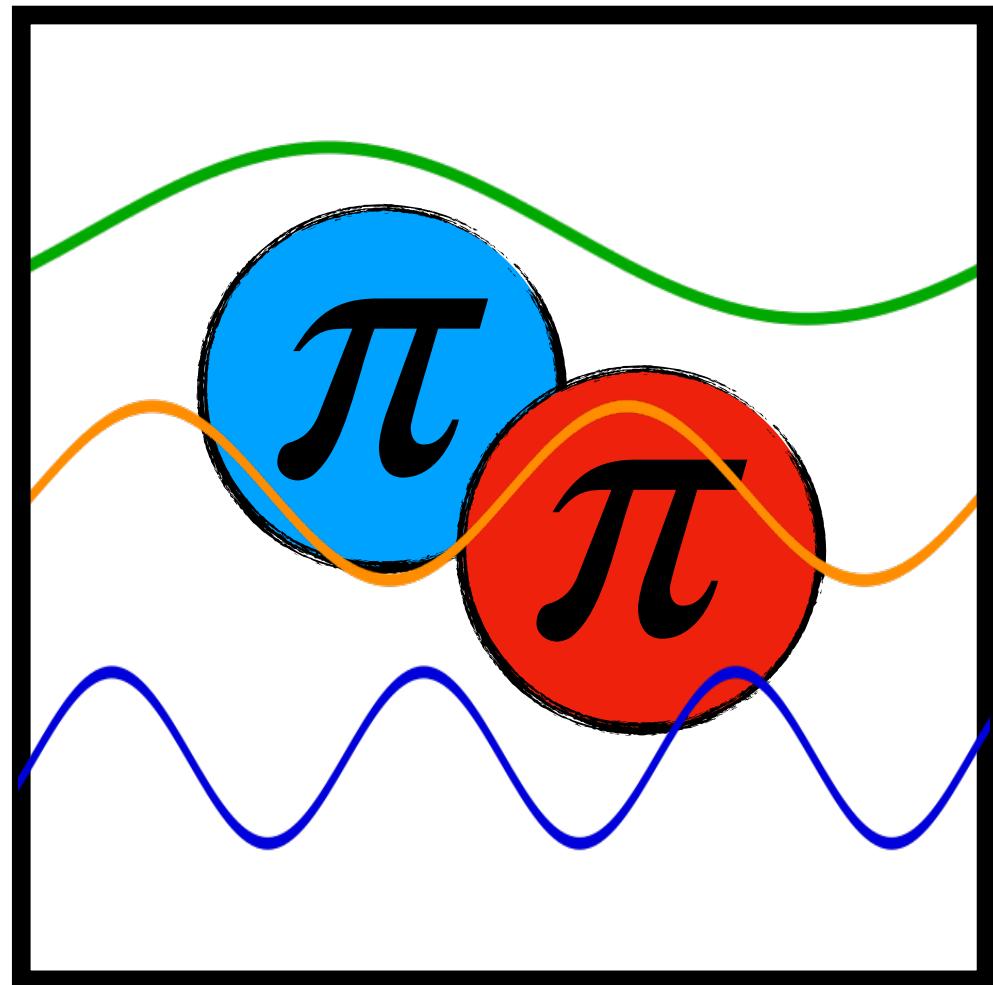


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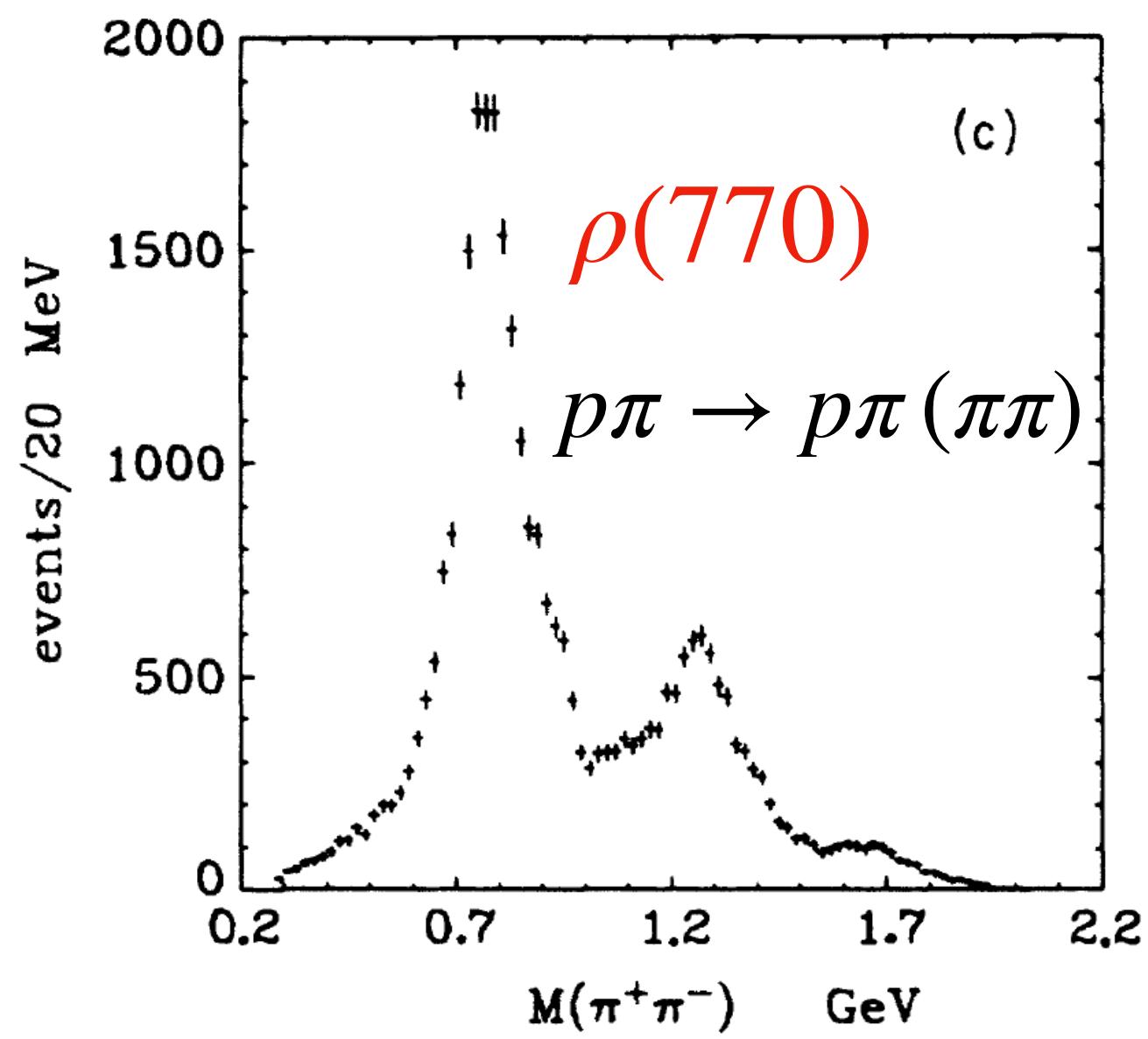
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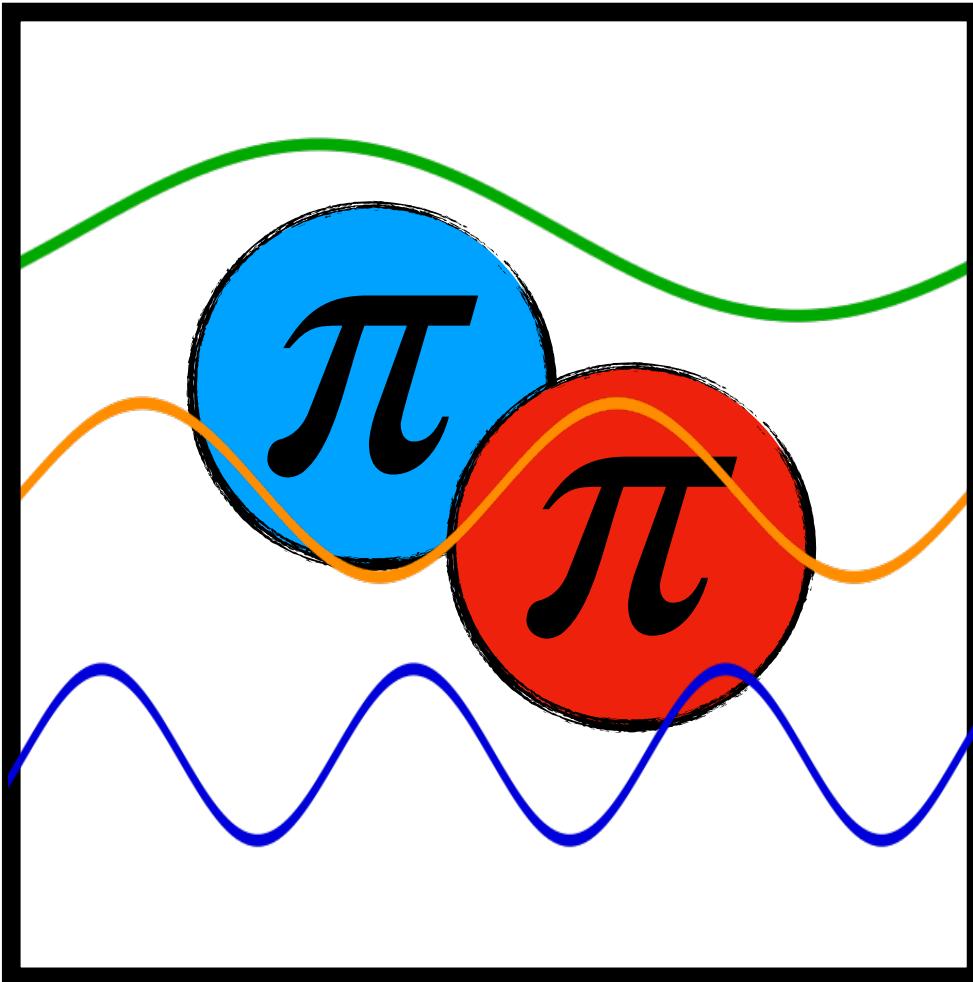
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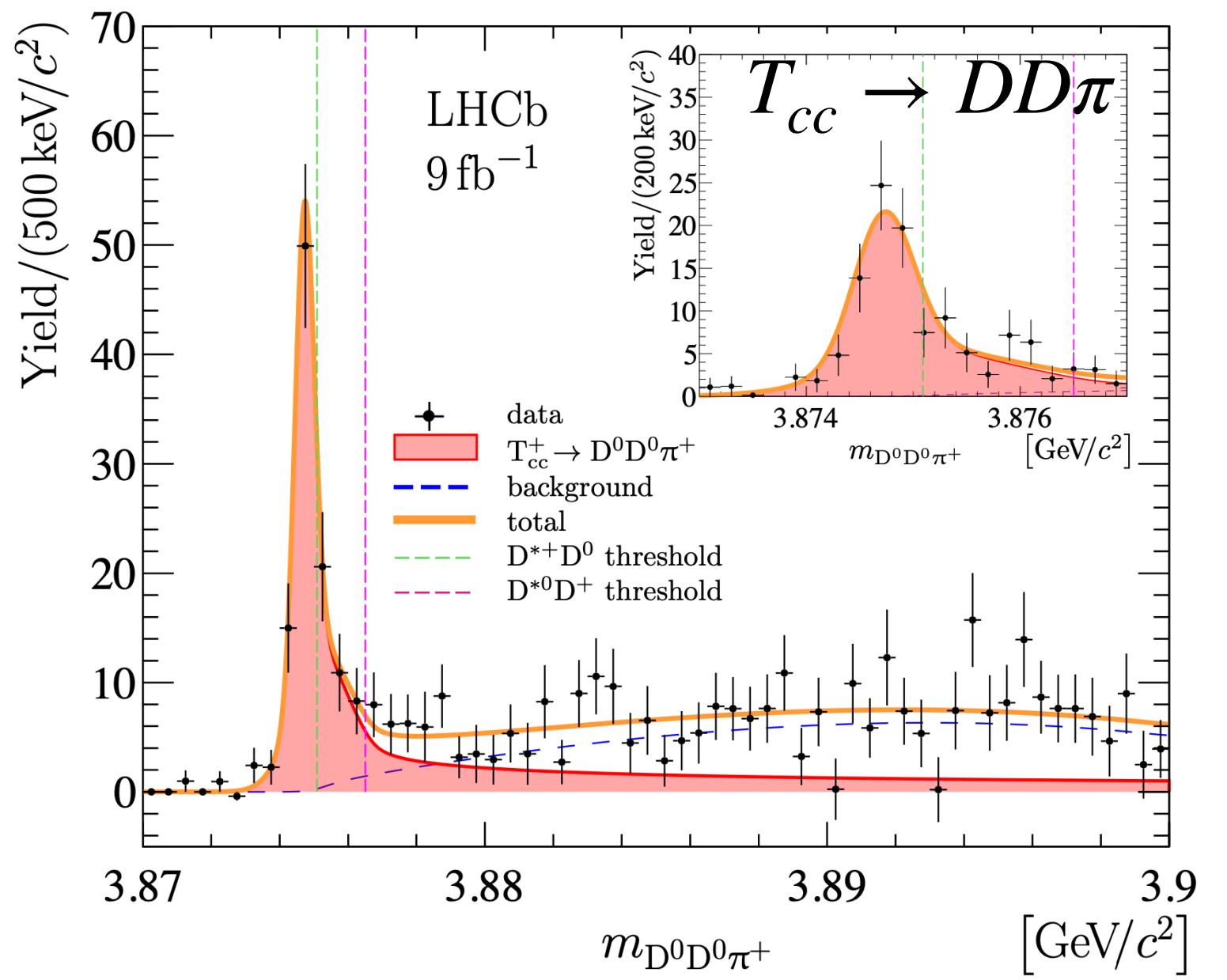
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[Lüscher, 89']



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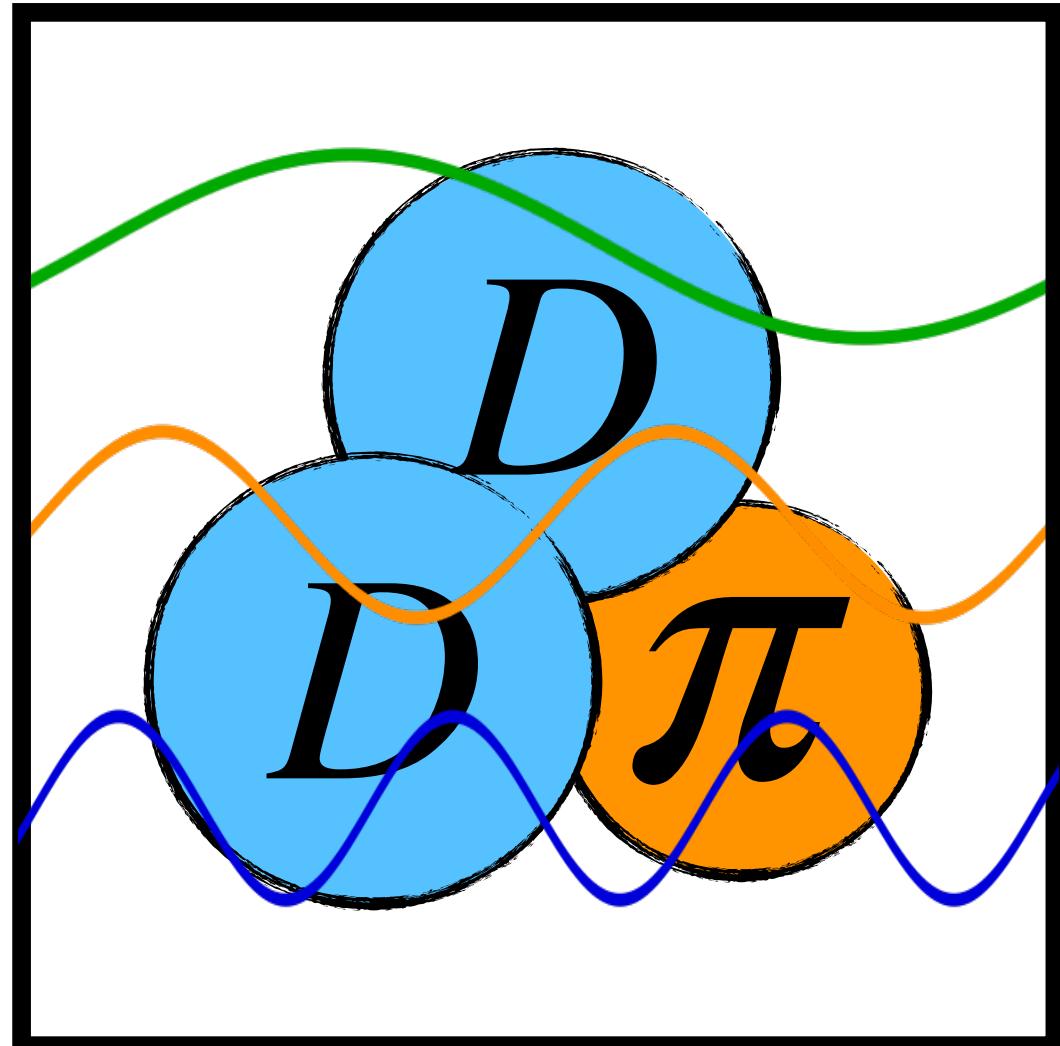


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Finite-volume formalism
Need to include 3-body effects!



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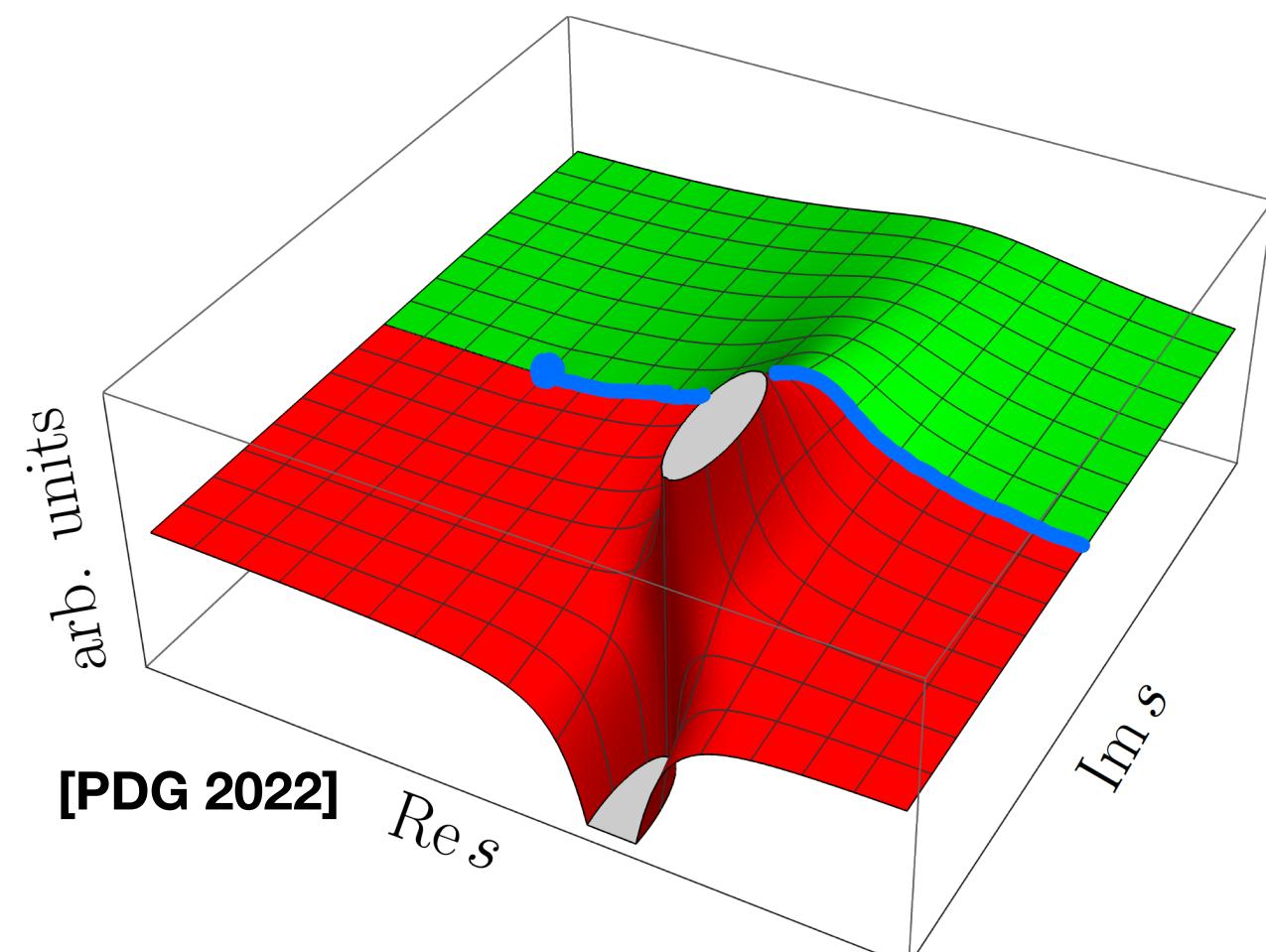
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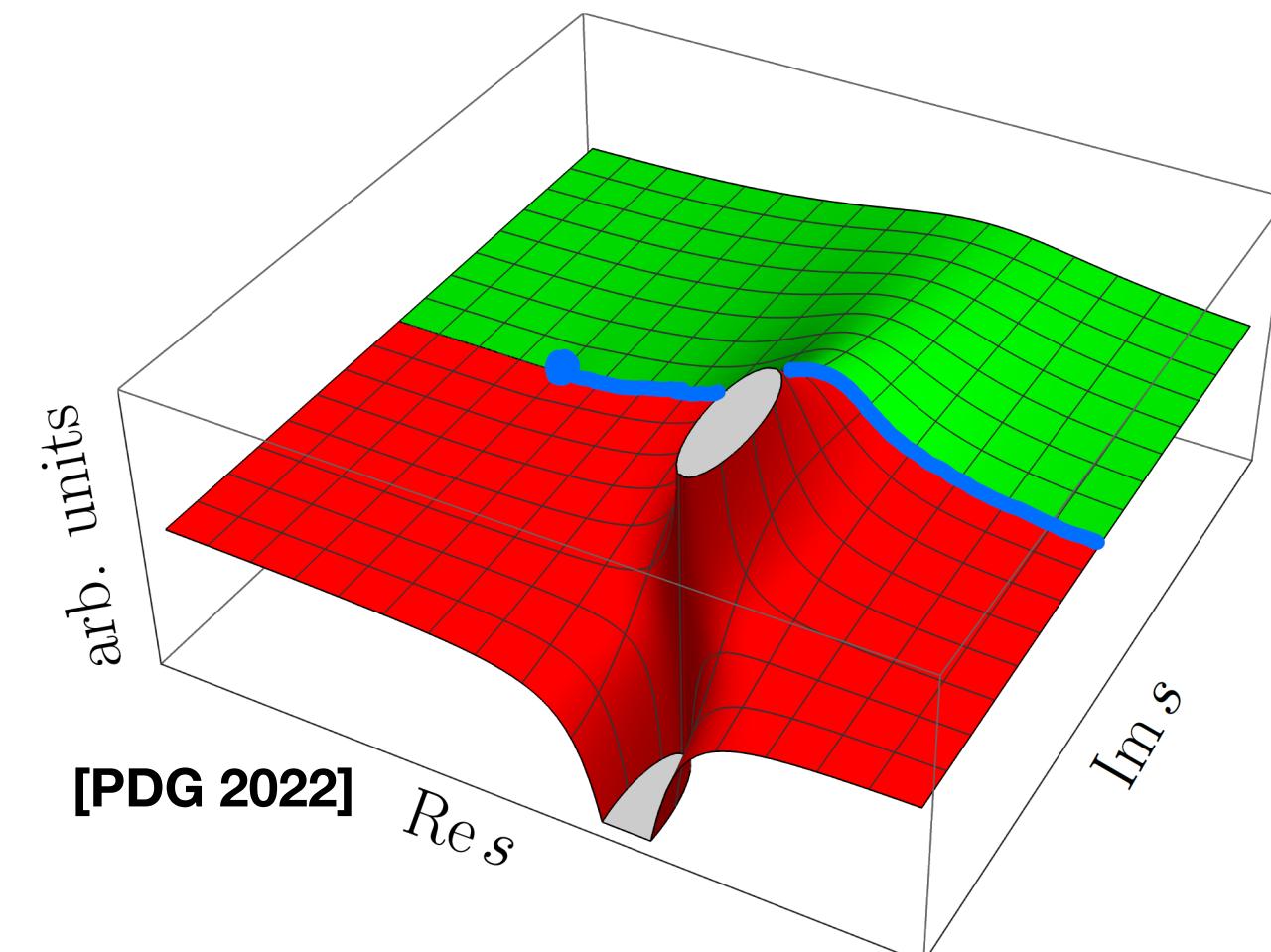
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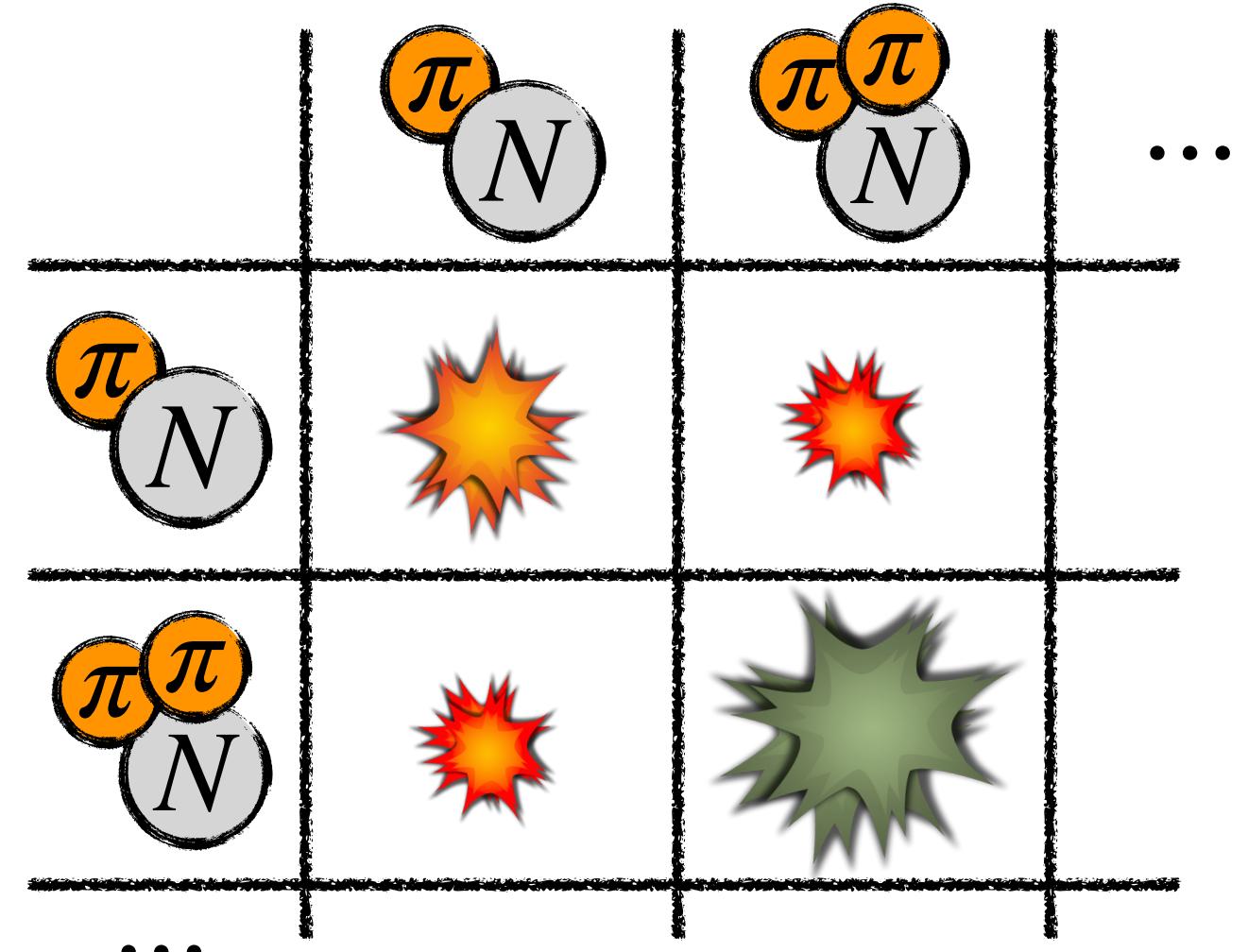
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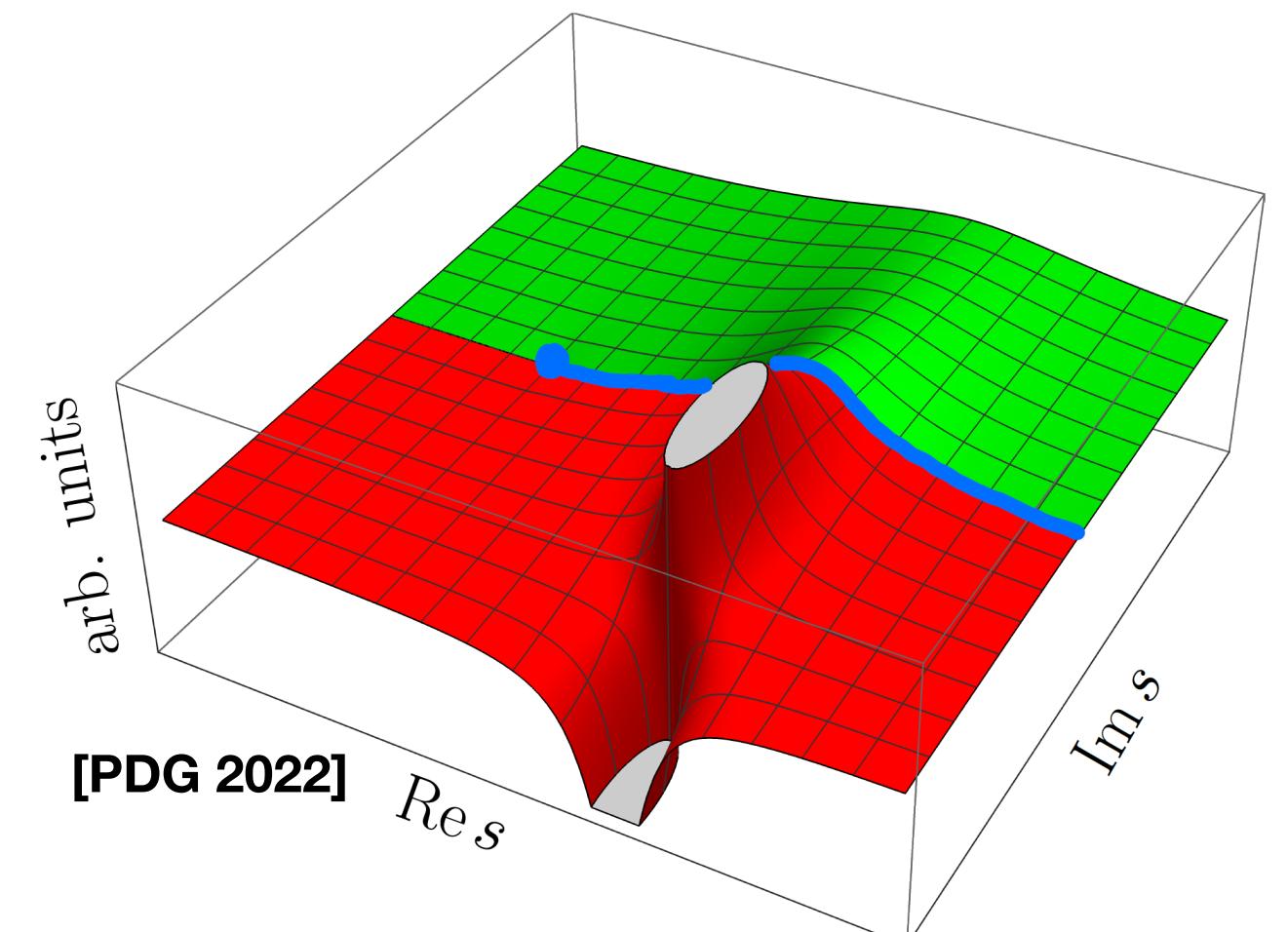
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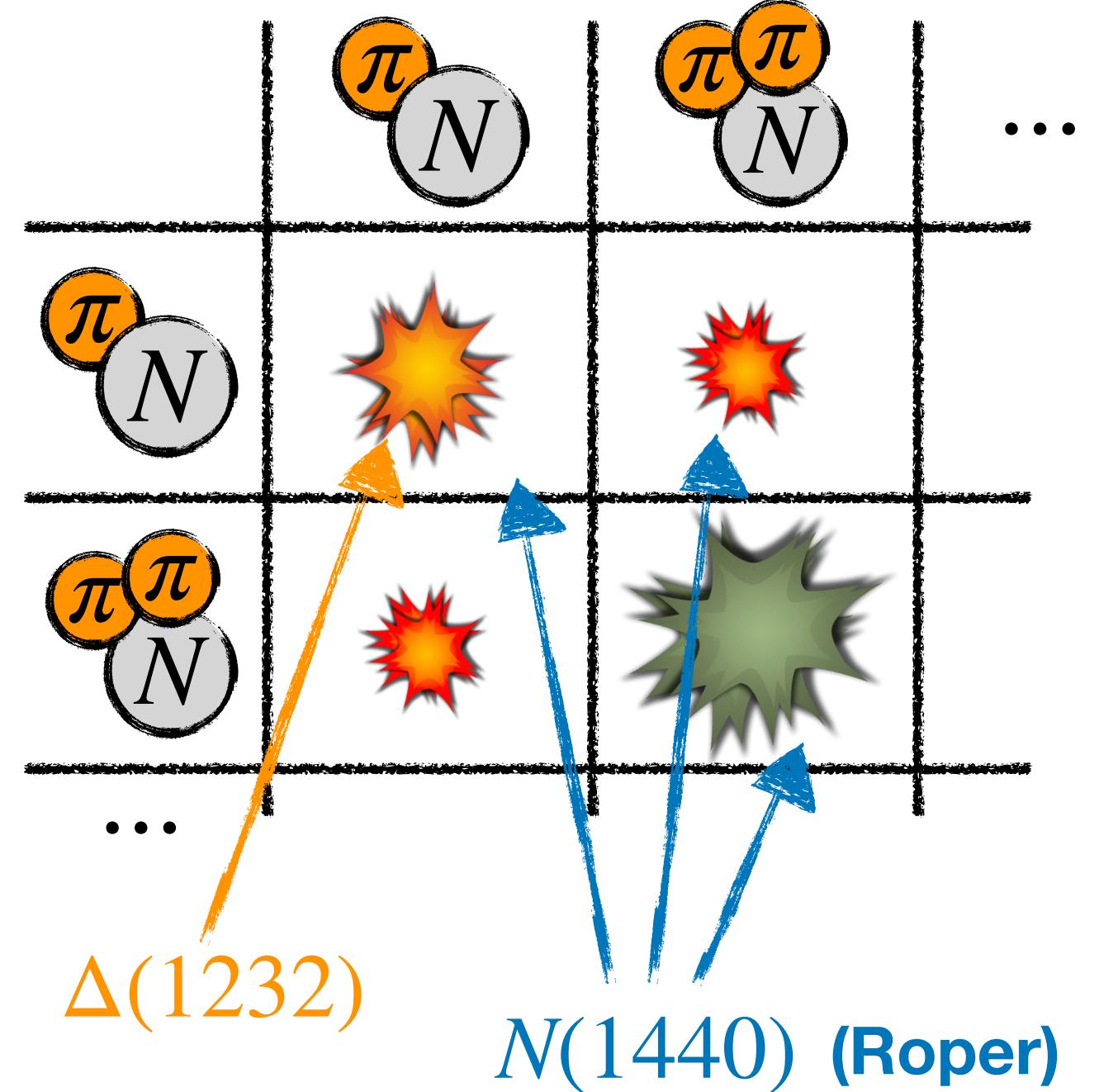
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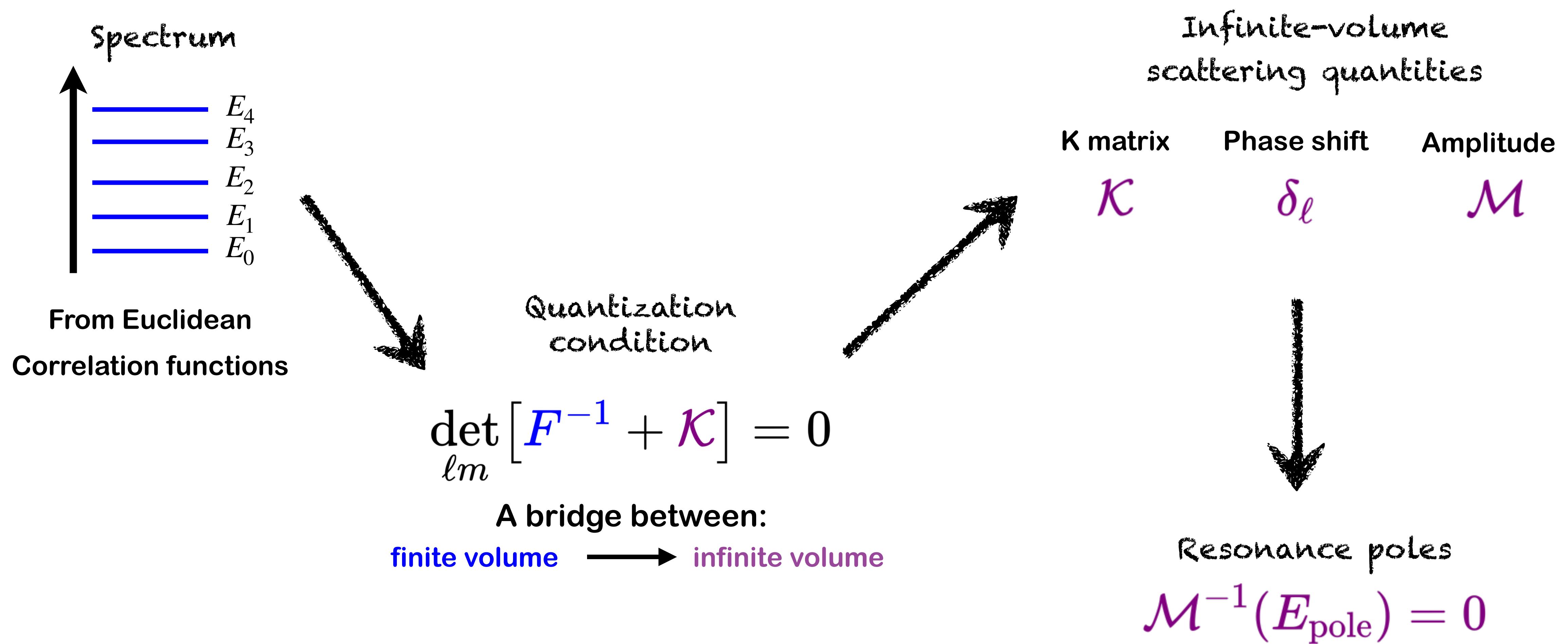


Outline

1. Three-hadron scattering from lattice QCD
2. Three mesons at maximal isospin from lattice QCD
3. A three-body description of the T_{cc}

Scattering amplitudes from Lattice QCD

Formalism



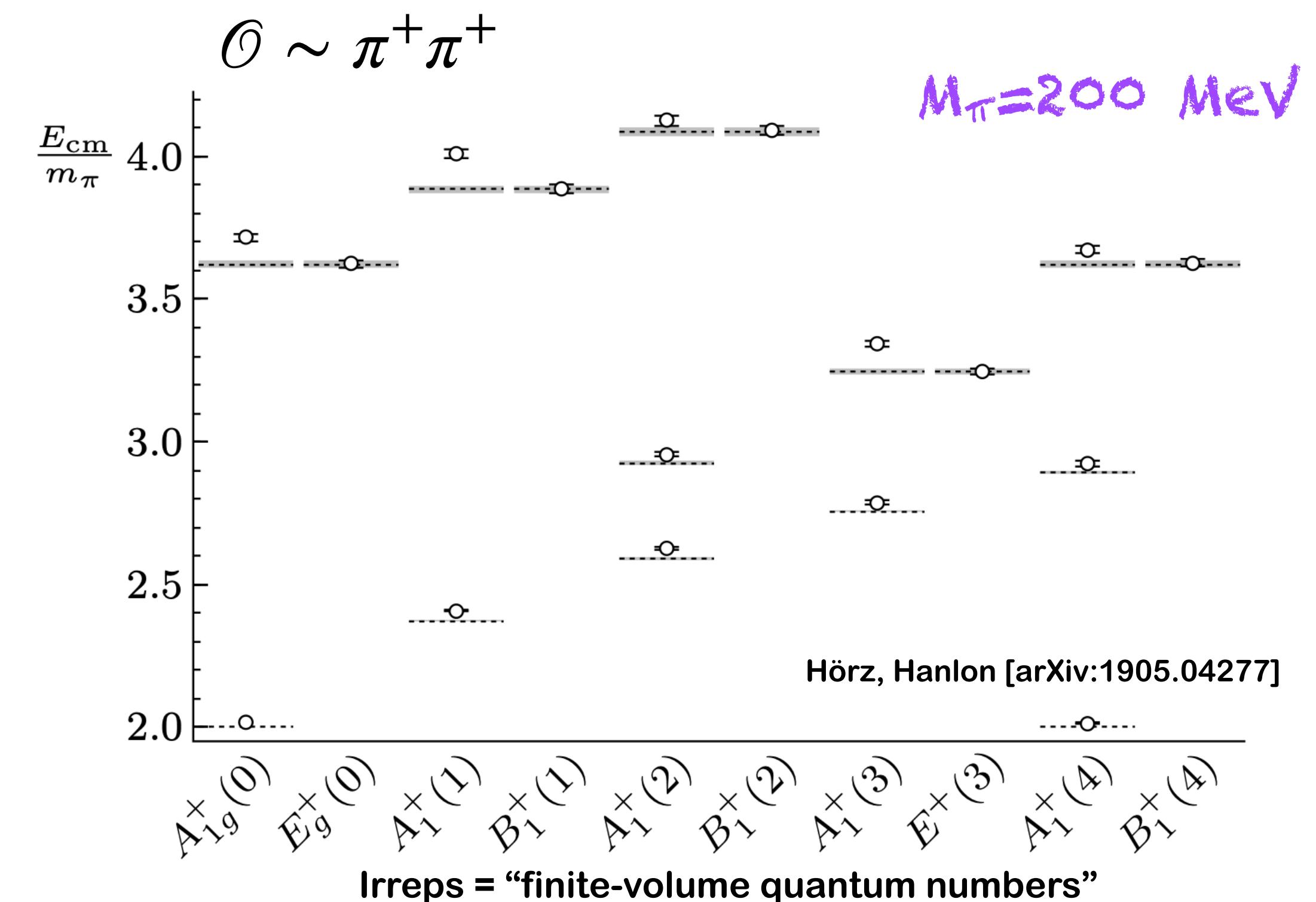
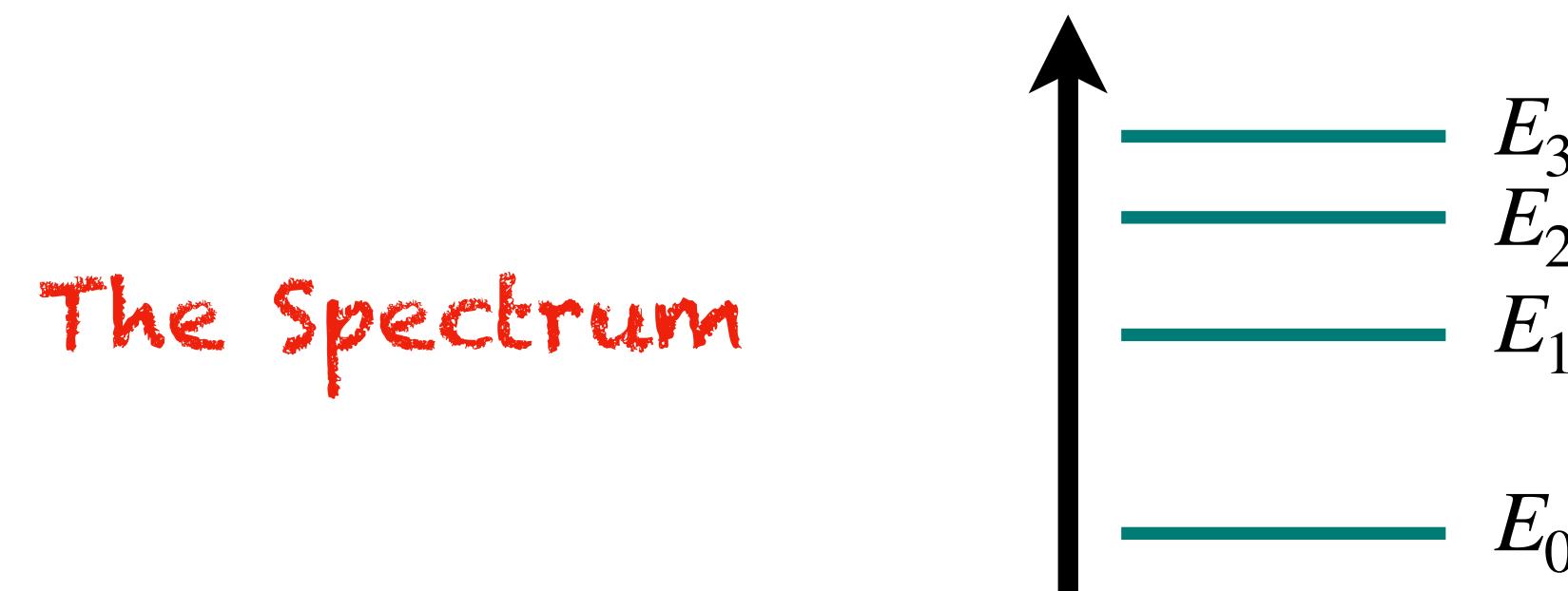
Finite-Volume Spectrum

- ▶ Compute Euclidean correlation functions:

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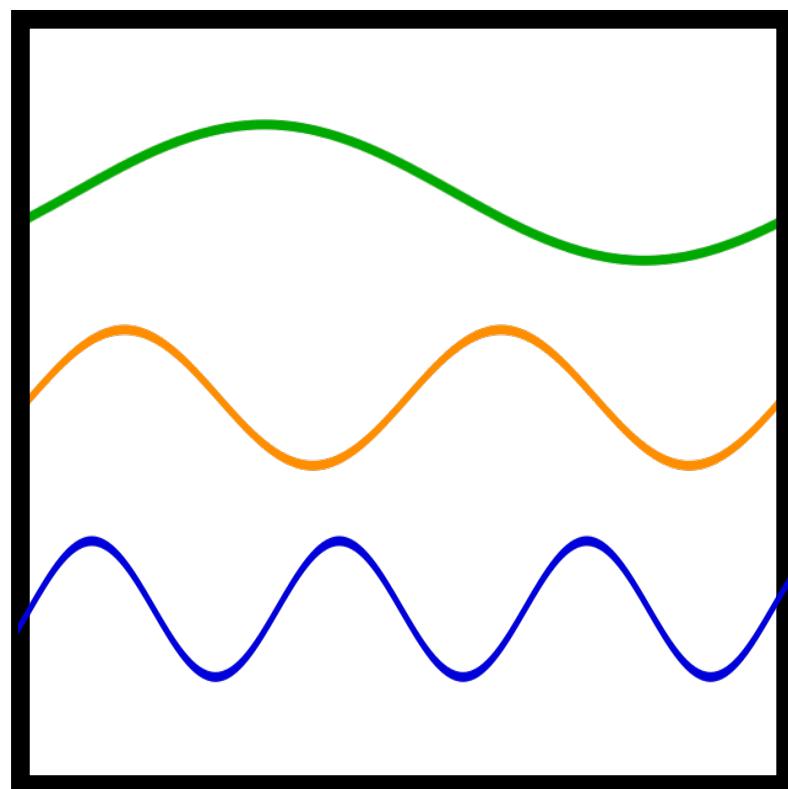
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- ▶ Variational techniques
(Generalized EigenValue Problem, GEVP)



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Free scalar particles in finite volume
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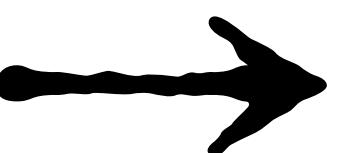


$$\vec{p} = \frac{2\pi}{L}(n_x, n_y, n_z)$$

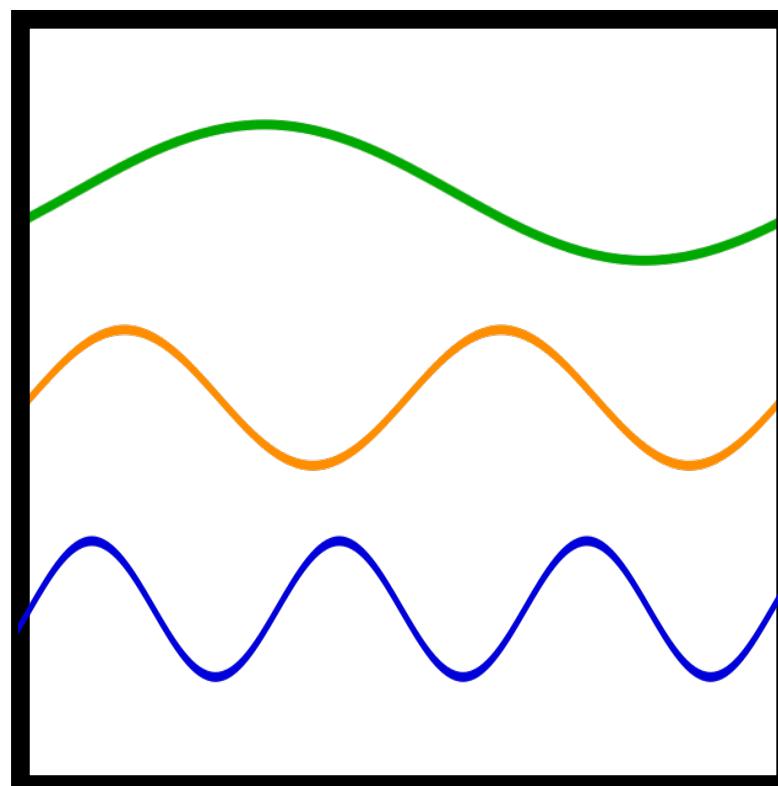
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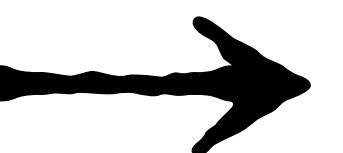
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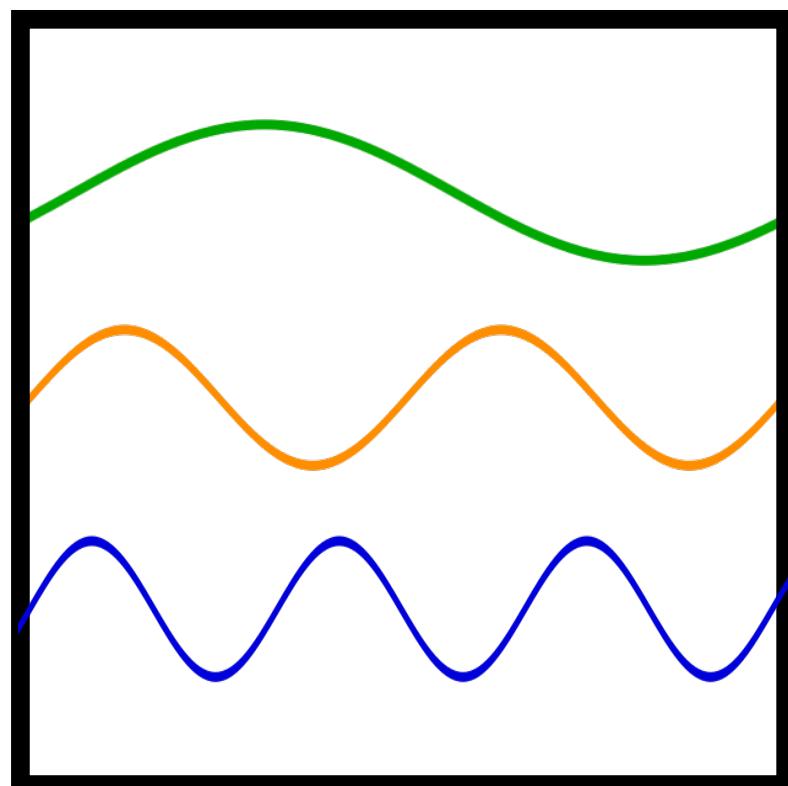
[Huang, Yang, 1958]

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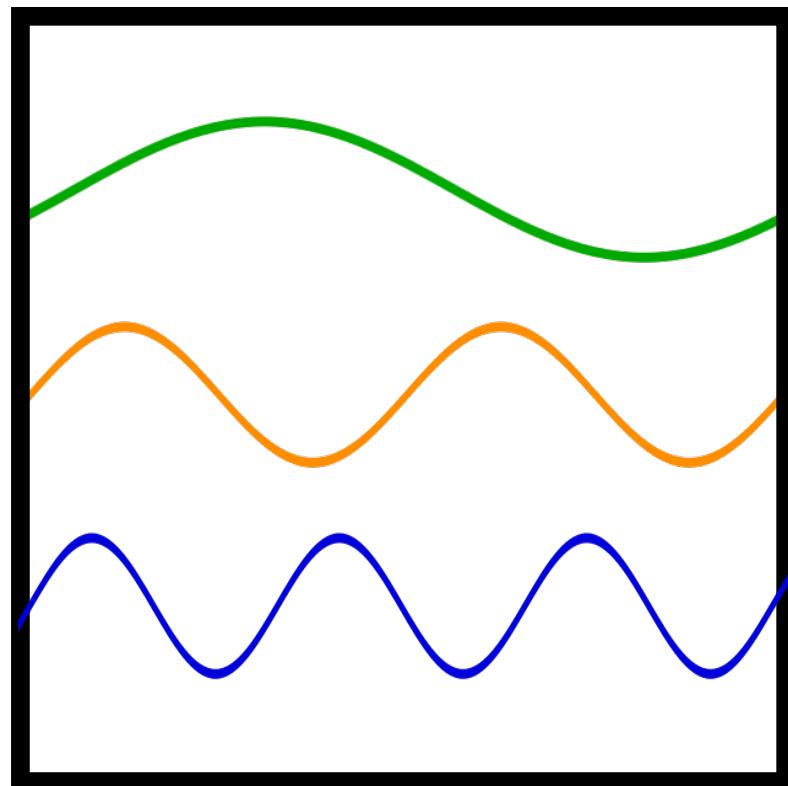
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In general a problem of
Quantum Field Theory
in finite volume

and state to leading order

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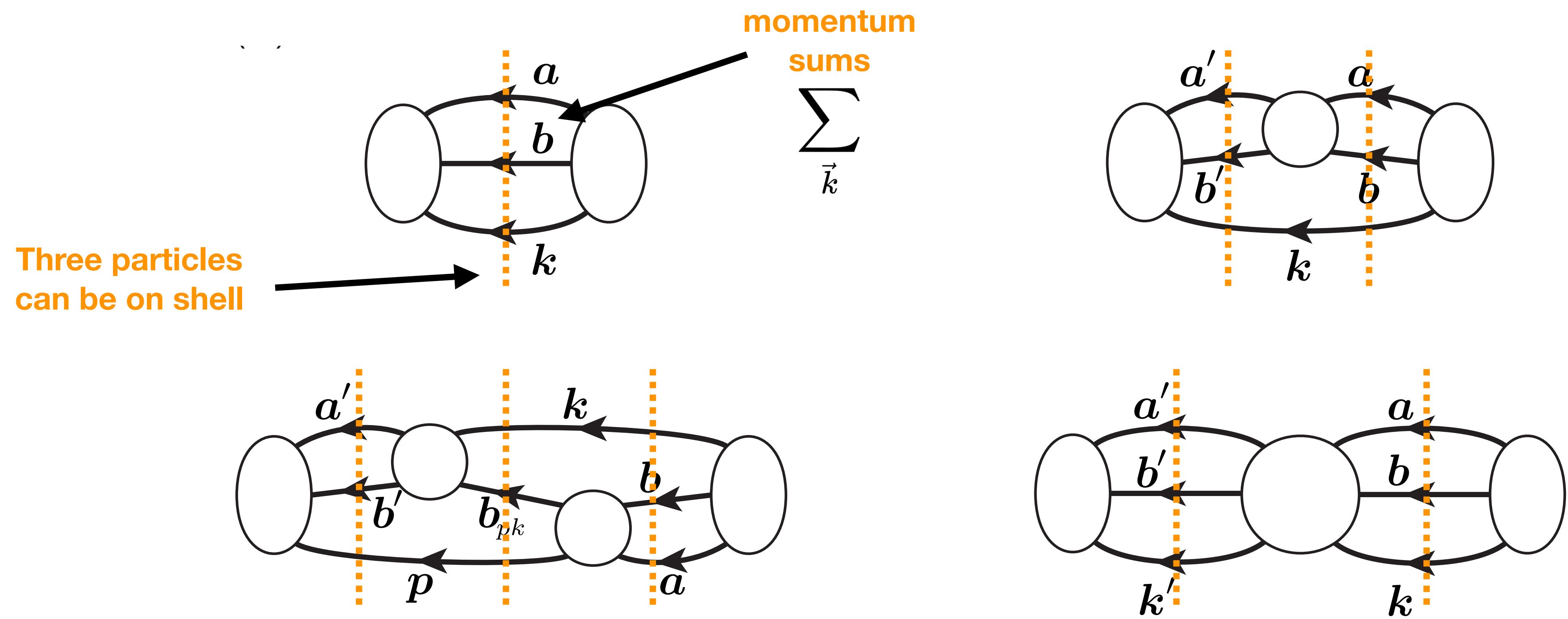
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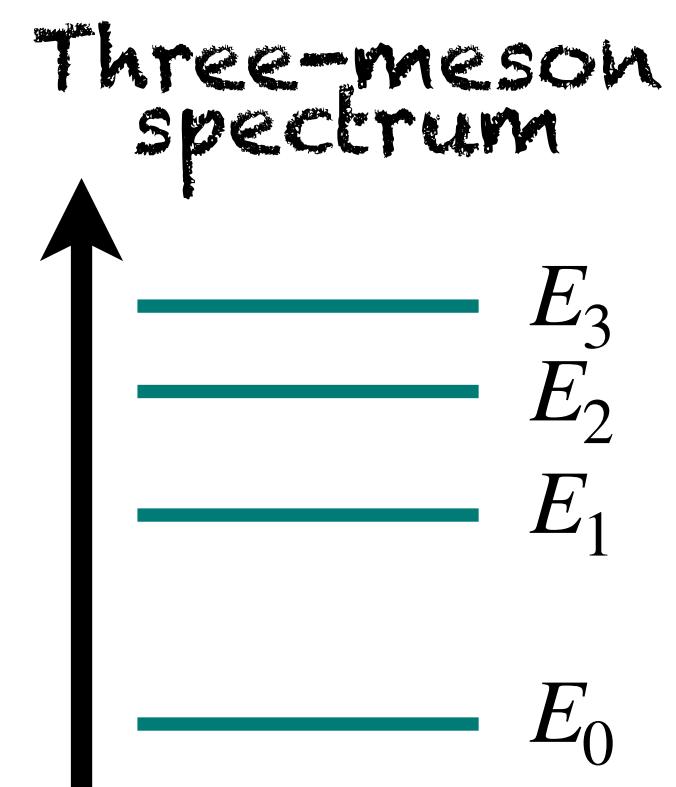
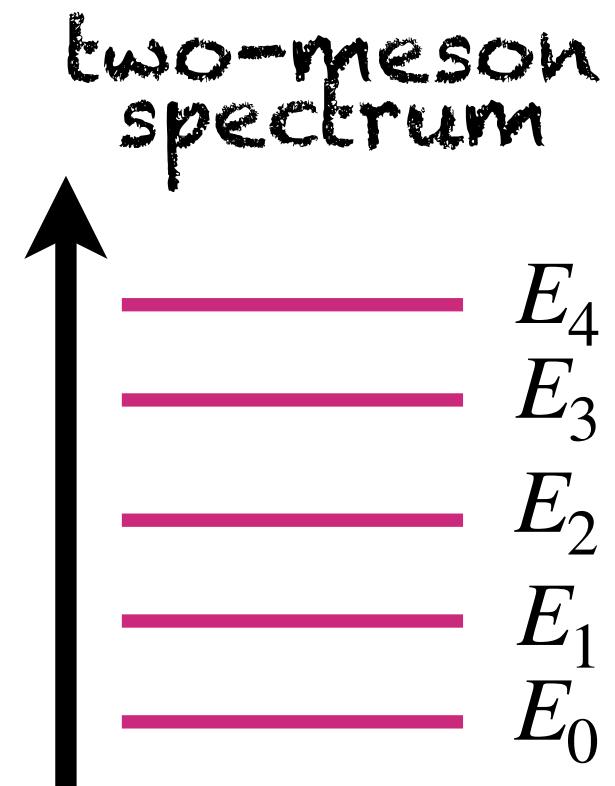
- ▶ Derivation in an EFT to all orders including finite-volume effects from all diagrams
[Hansen, Sharpe, PRD 2014 & 2015]



[Draper, Hansen, FRL, Sharpe, JHEP 2023]

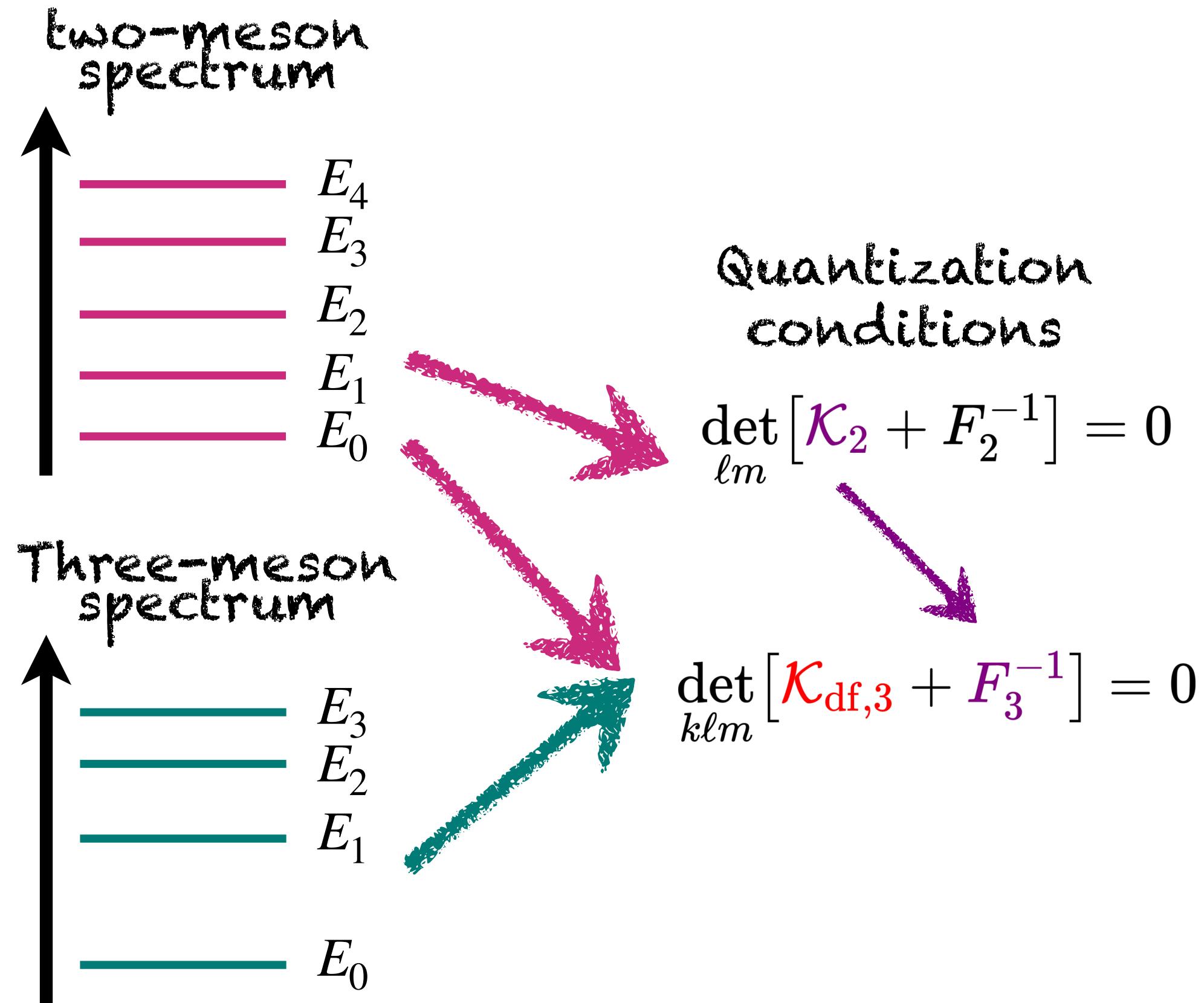
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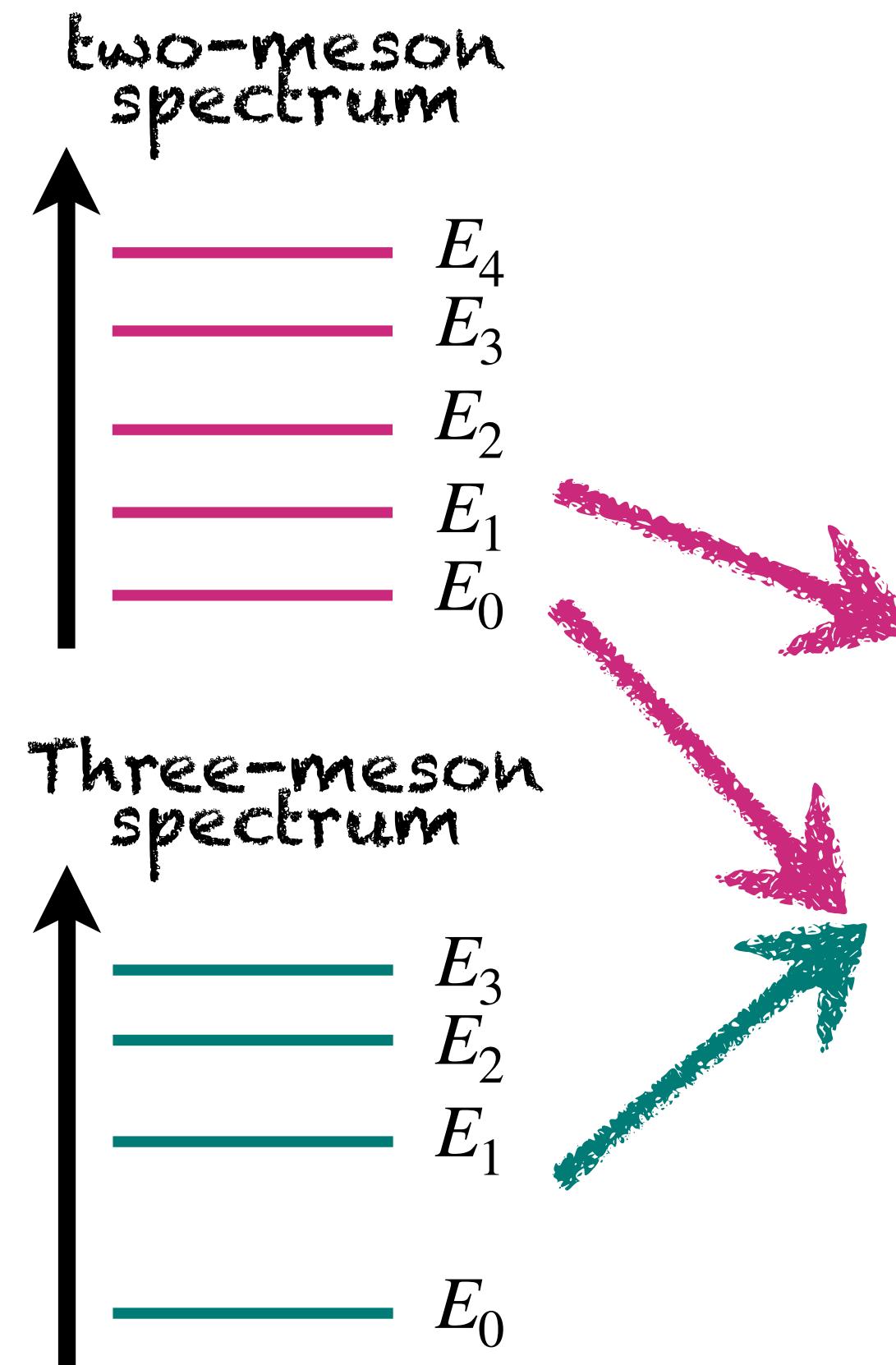
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Quantization
conditions

$$\det_{lm} [\mathcal{K}_2 + F_2^{-1}] = 0$$

$$\det_{klm} [\mathcal{K}_{df,3} + F_3^{-1}] = 0$$

K-matrices

$$\mathcal{K}_2$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$$

Fit

Parametrize:

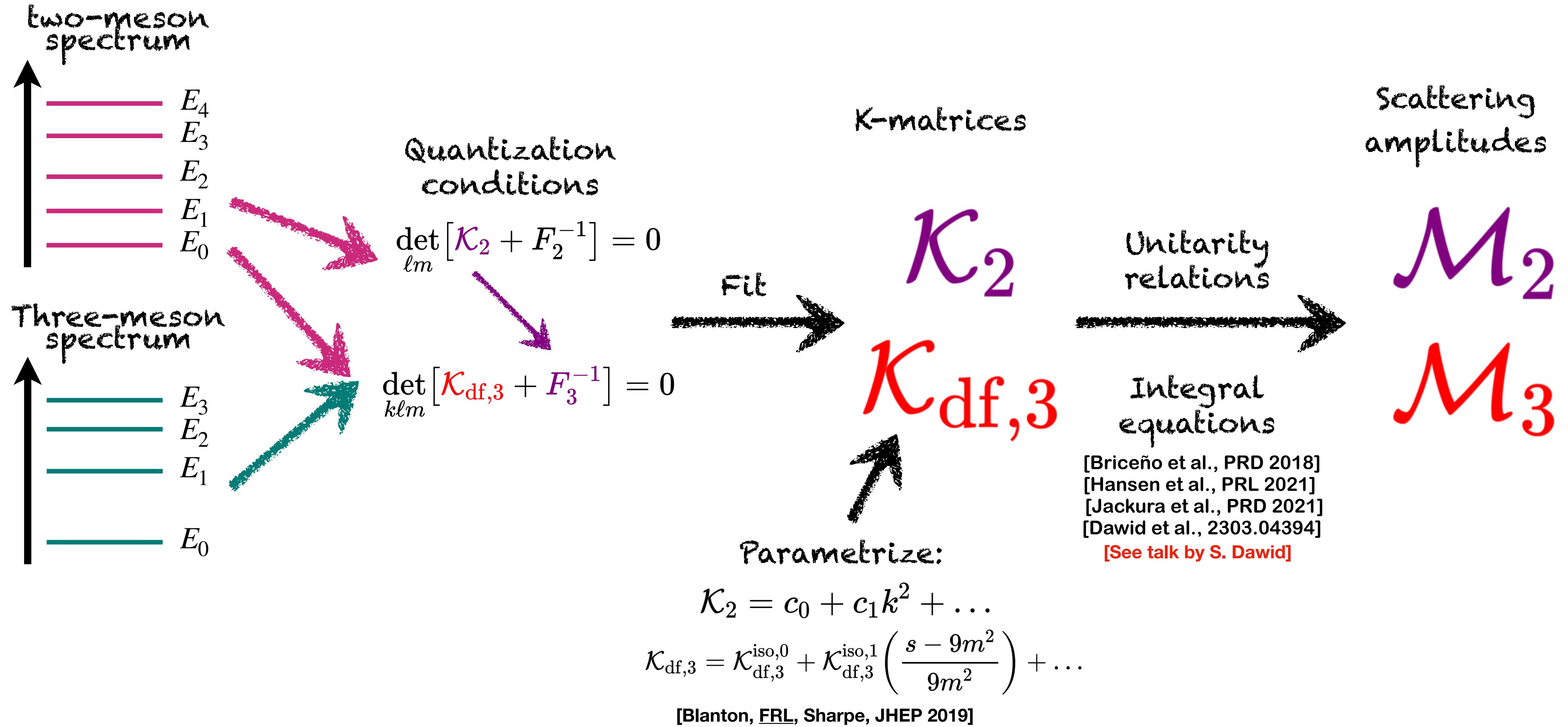
$$\mathcal{K}_2 = c_0 + c_1 k^2 + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{df,3} = \mathcal{K}_{df,3}^{\text{iso},0} + \mathcal{K}_{df,3}^{\text{iso},1} \left(\frac{s - 9m^2}{9m^2} \right) + \dots$$

[Blanton, FRL, Sharpe, JHEP 2019]

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Three-mesons at maximal isospin

Three-meson systems

Important benchmark system: three pseudoscalar mesons at maximal isospin

- ▶ Implement formalism and explore its features
- ▶ Test fitting strategies to extract three-body K matrix
- ▶ Interpret results in combination with EFTs
- ▶ Investigate features of scattering amplitudes
- ▶ First determinations of these scattering amplitudes at the physical point!

$$3\pi^+, \quad 3K^+, \quad \pi^+\pi^+K^+, \quad K^+K^+\pi^+$$

[Blanton ... [FRL](#) ... et al., PRL 2020 & JHEP 2021]

[Draper ... [FRL](#) ... et al., JHEP 2023],

[Fischer ... [FRL](#) ... et al (ETMC), EPJC 2021]

[Alexandru et al, Brett et al, Culver et al, Mai et al. (GWQCD) PRD 2020&2021]

[Hansen et al (HadSpec), PRL 2021 See talk by M. Hansen]

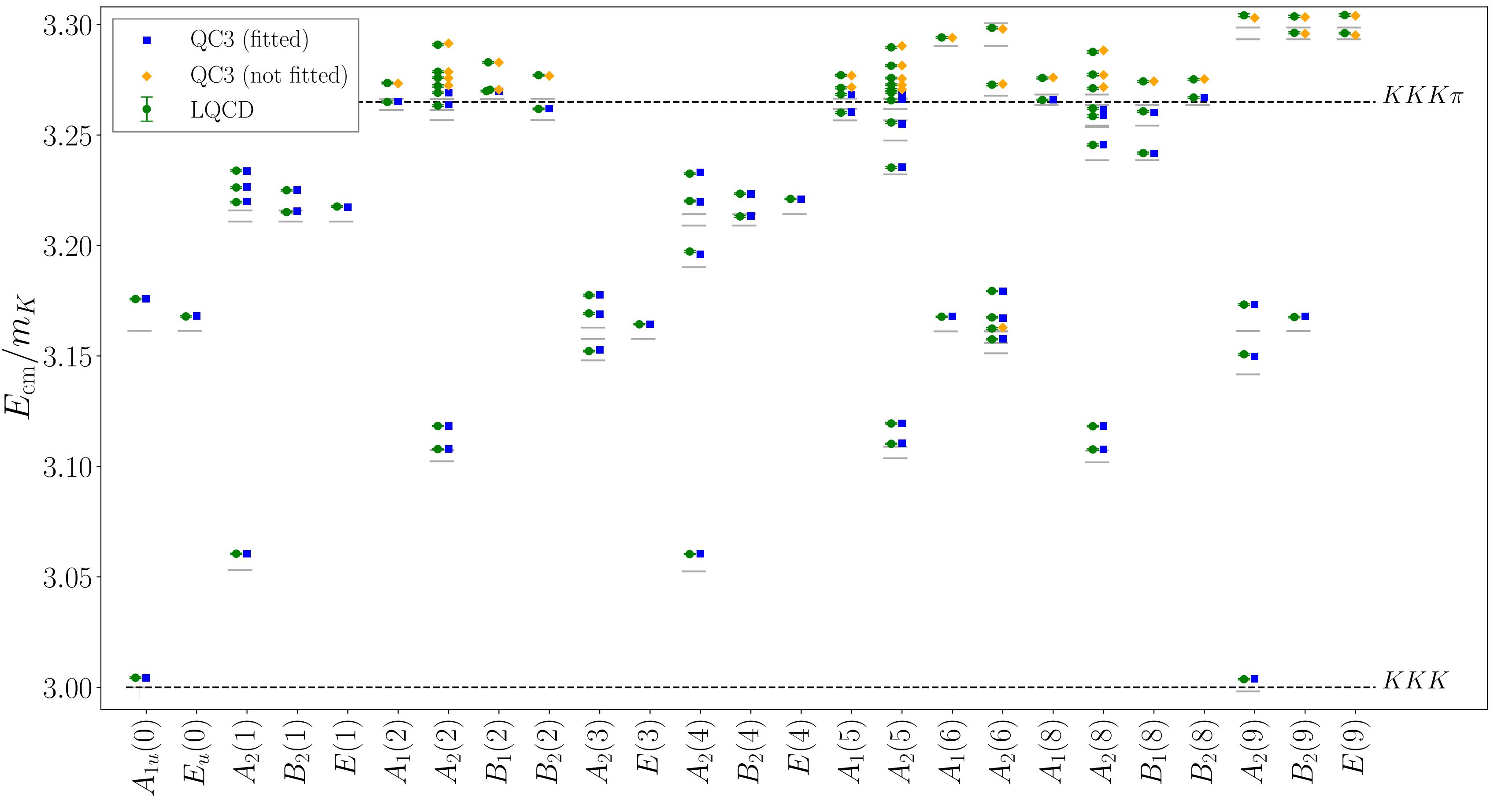
	$(L/a)^3 \times (T/a)$	M_π [MeV]	M_K [MeV]	N_{cfg}
N203	$48^3 \times 128$	340	440	771
N200	$48^3 \times 128$	280	460	1712
D200	$64^3 \times 128$	200	480	2000
E250	$96^3 \times 192$	130	500	505

$$\text{tr } m_q = 2m_{ud} + m_s \simeq \text{const}$$

$$a \simeq 0.063 \text{ fm}$$

3K spectrum

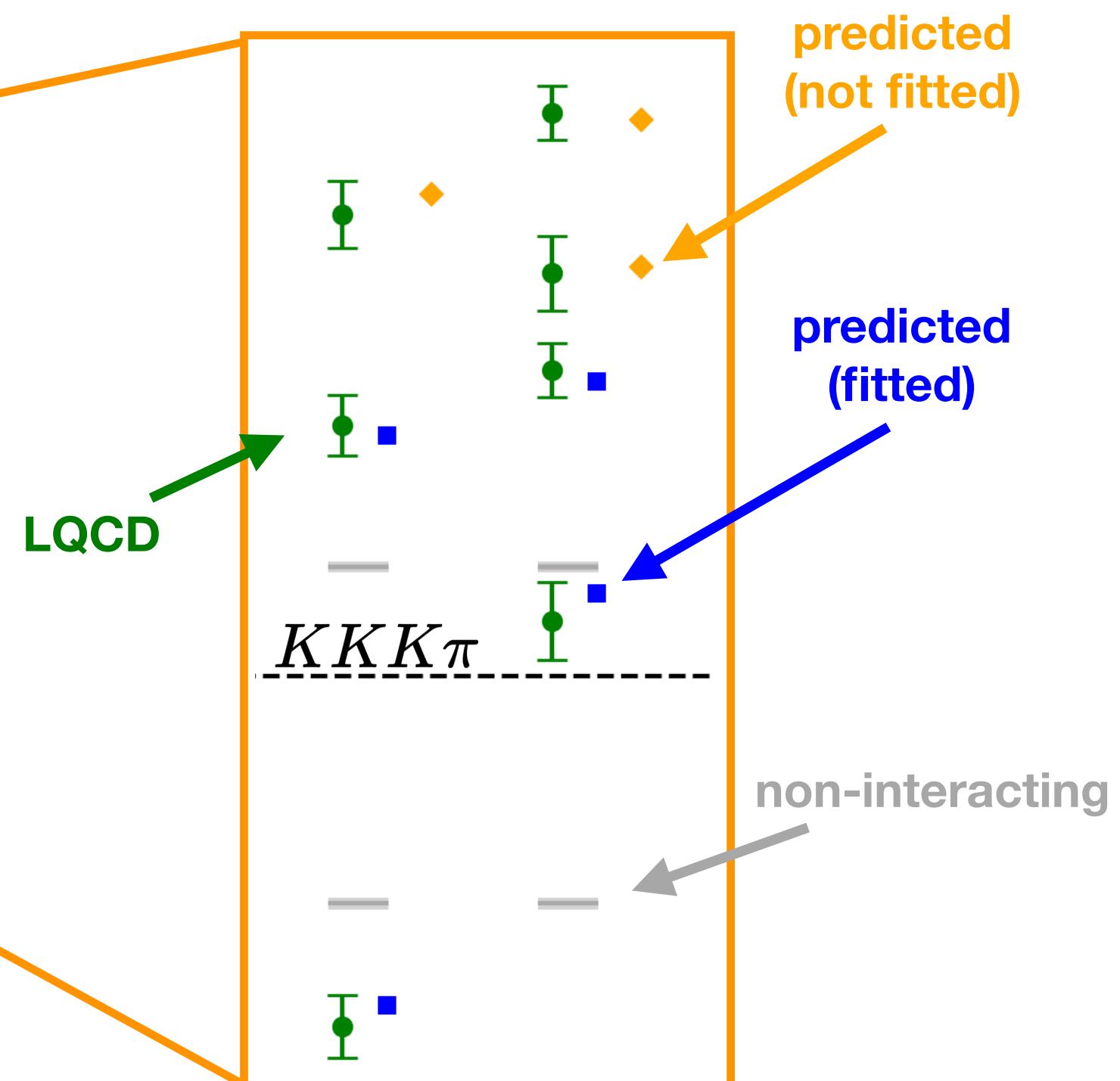
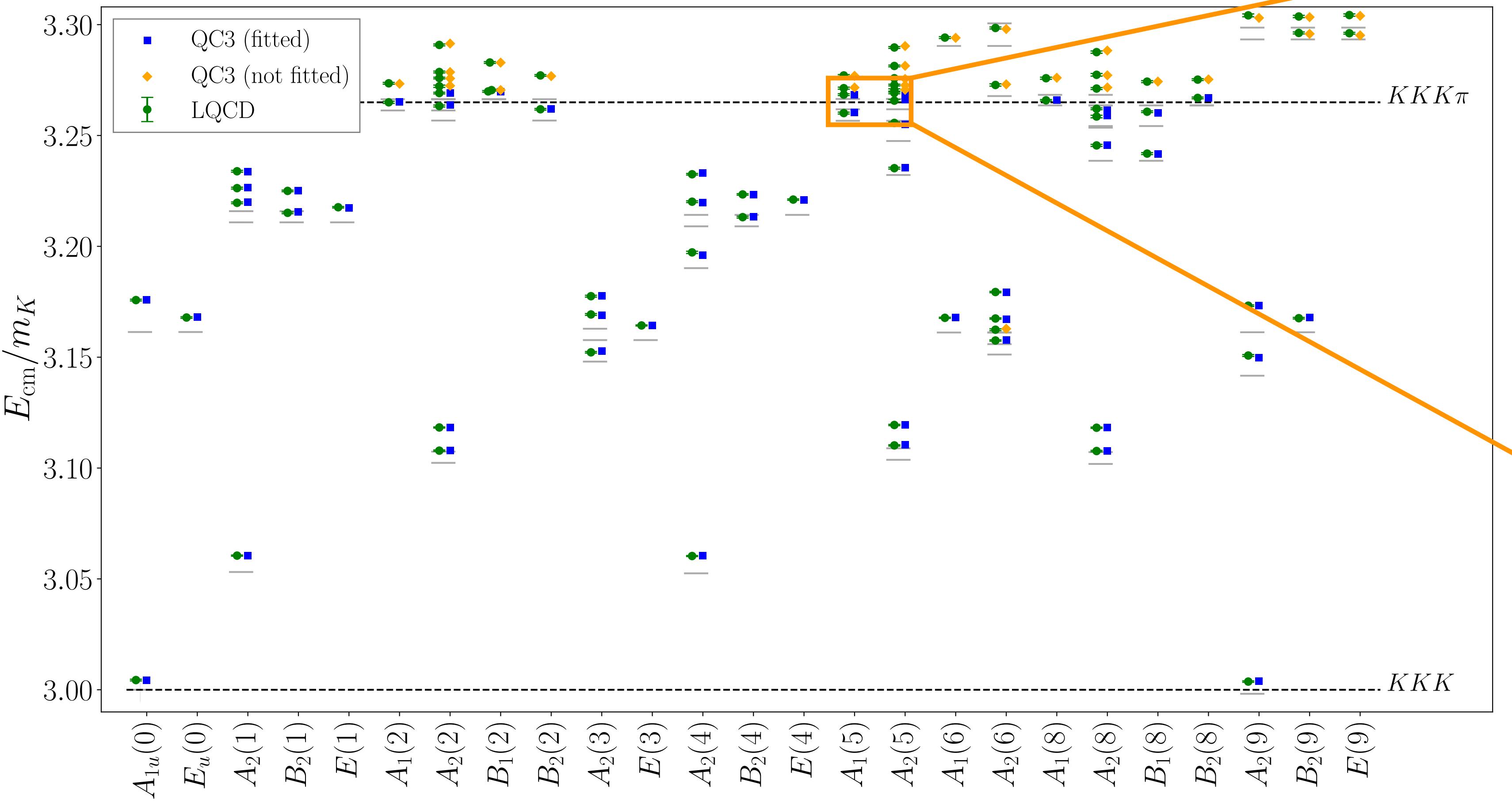
E250 ensemble, $M_\pi \sim 130$ MeV, $M_K \sim 500$ MeV



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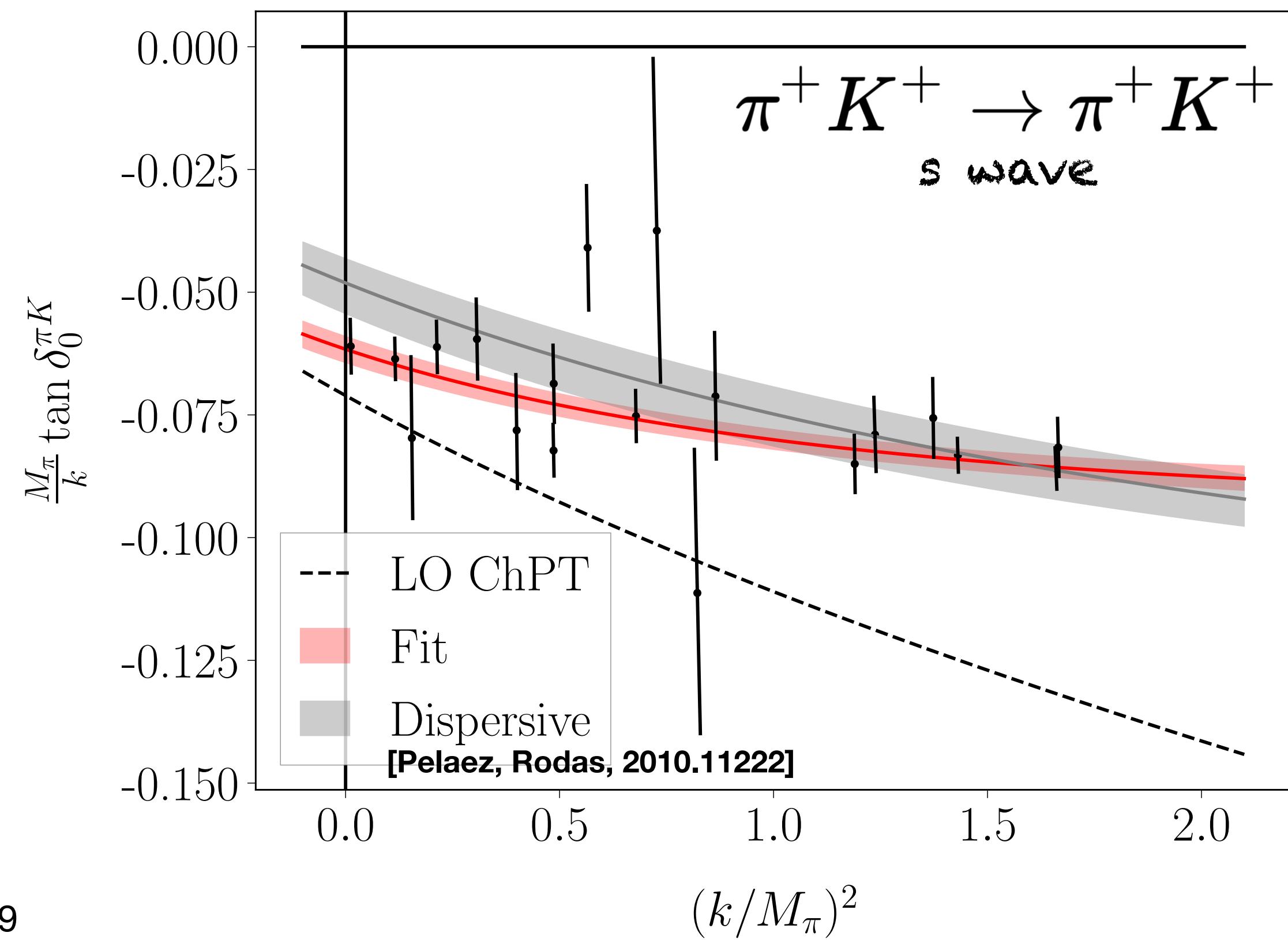
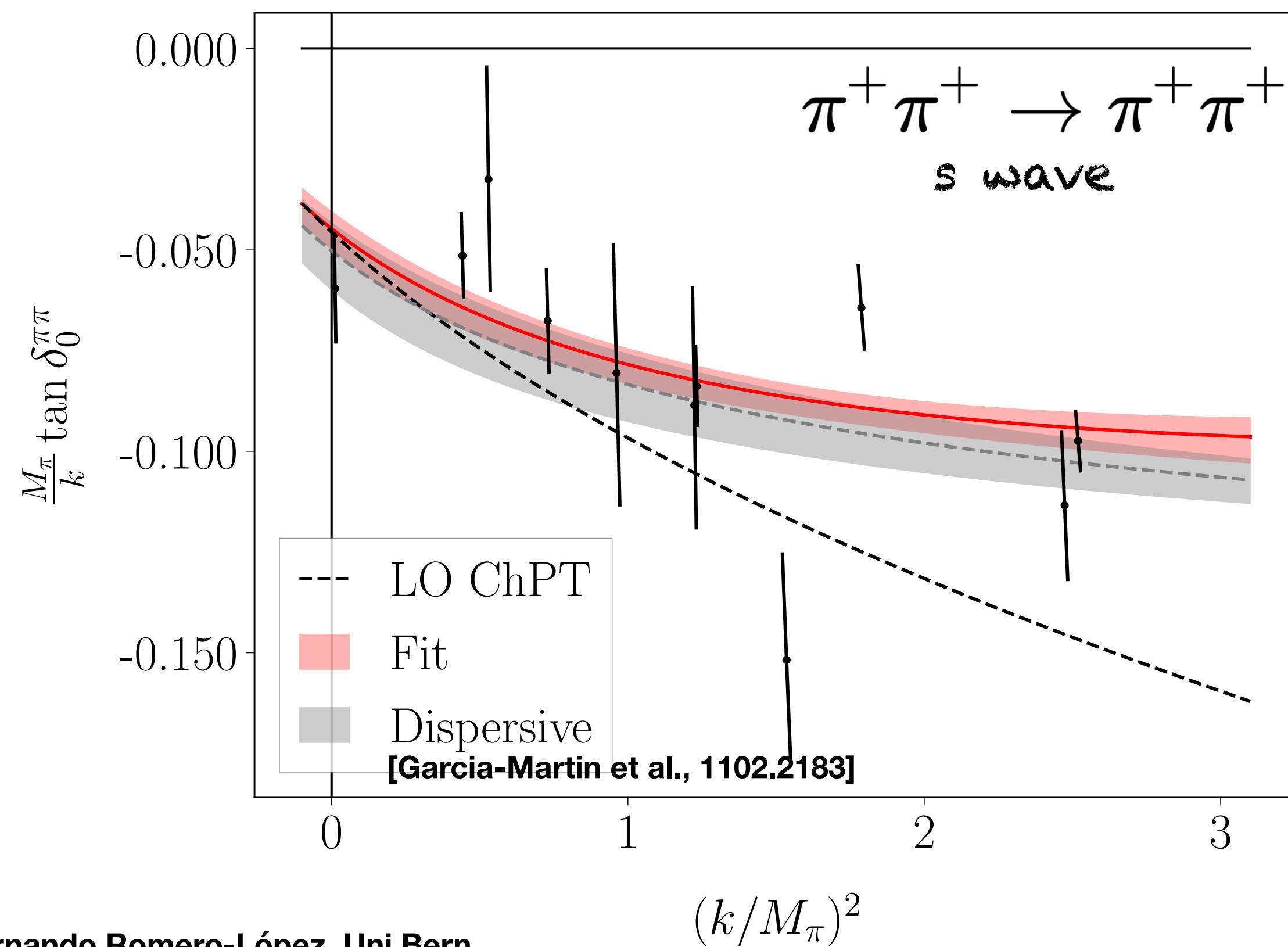
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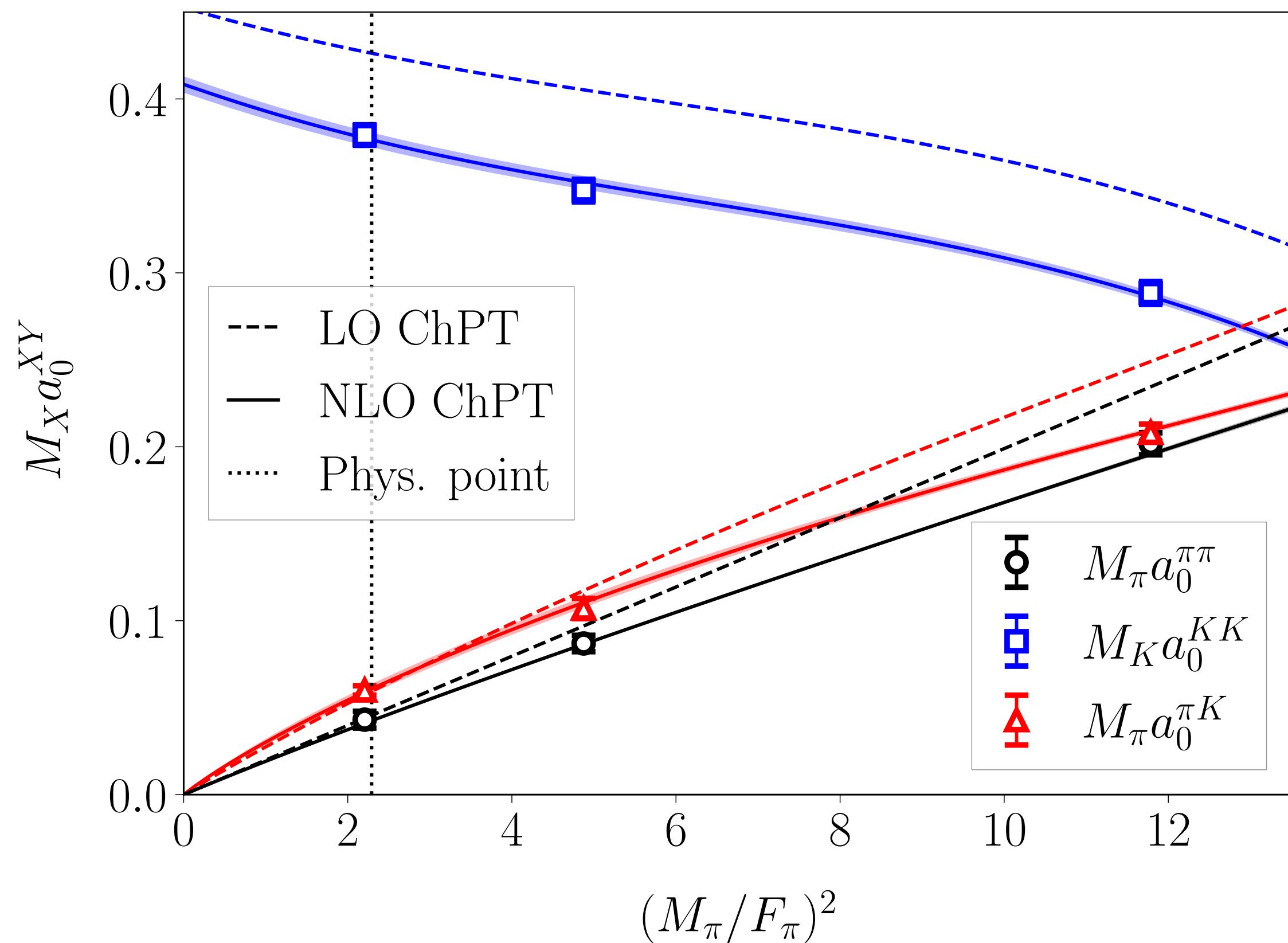
Two-body phase shift

- Required input for three-meson calculations
- Competitive statistical uncertainties! ➤ Lattice QCD can access low-energy region!



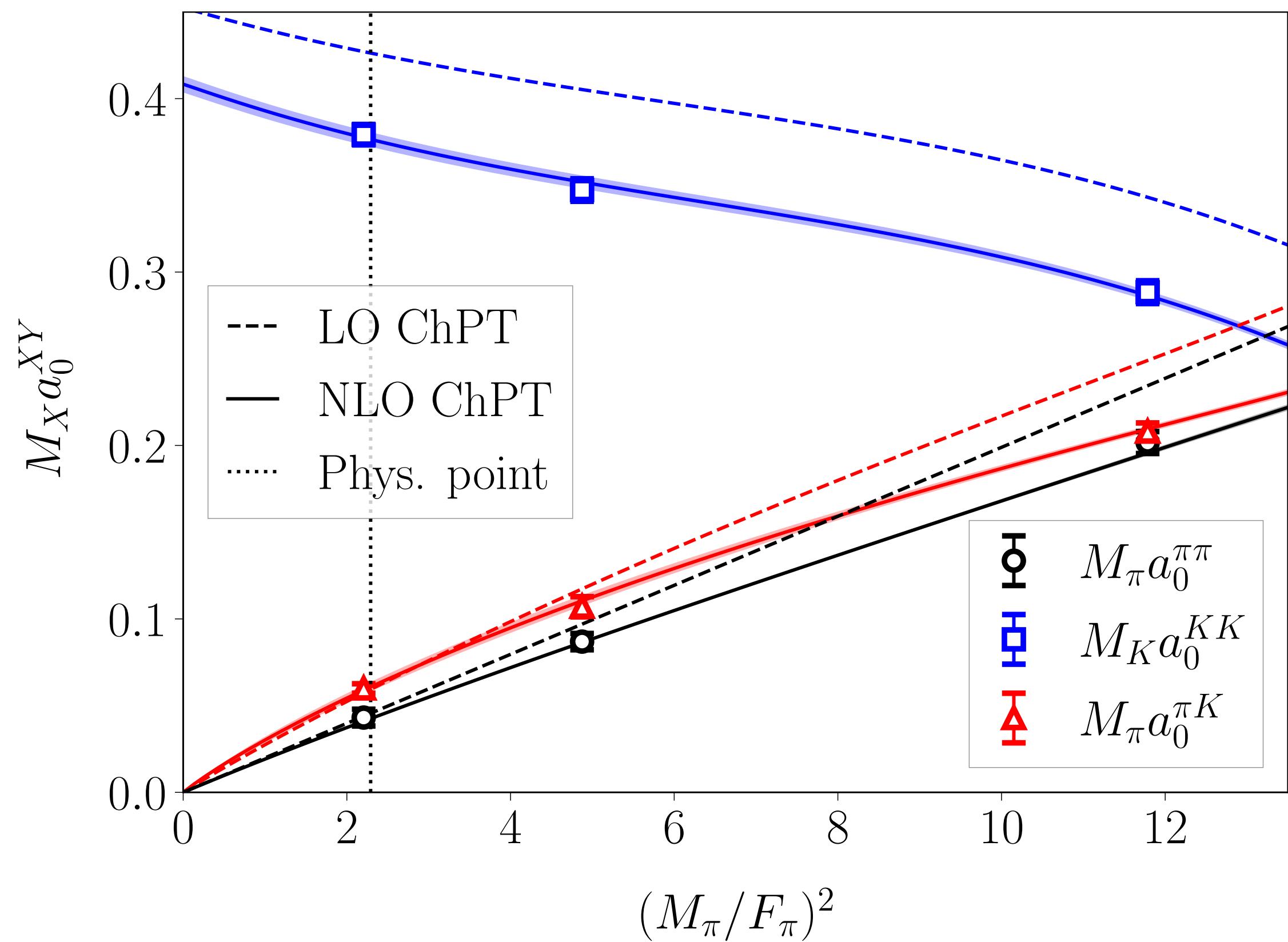
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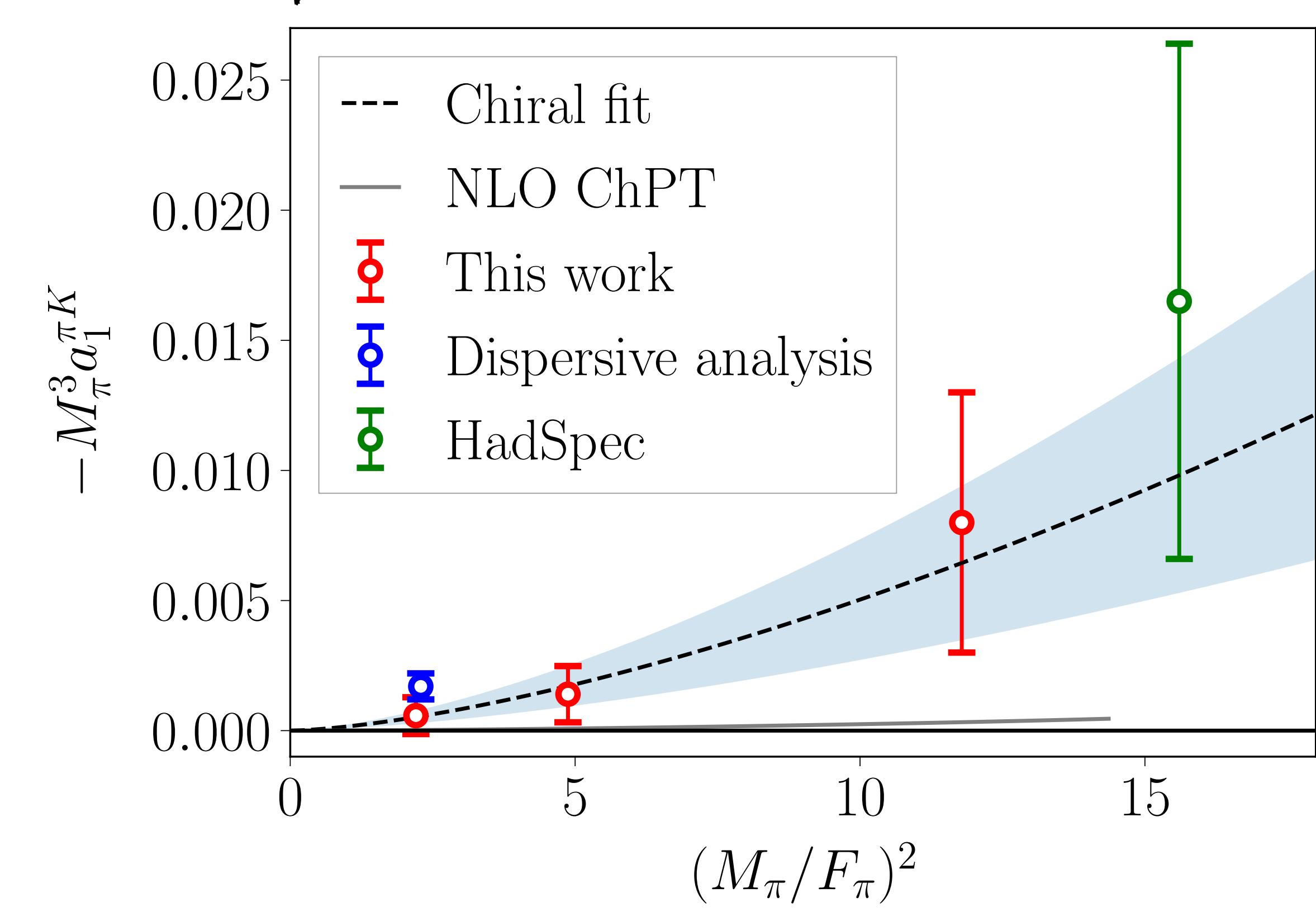


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p-wave πK scattering lengths



Dispersive results: [Pelaez, Rodas, 2010.11222]

Three-pion \mathcal{K} matrix

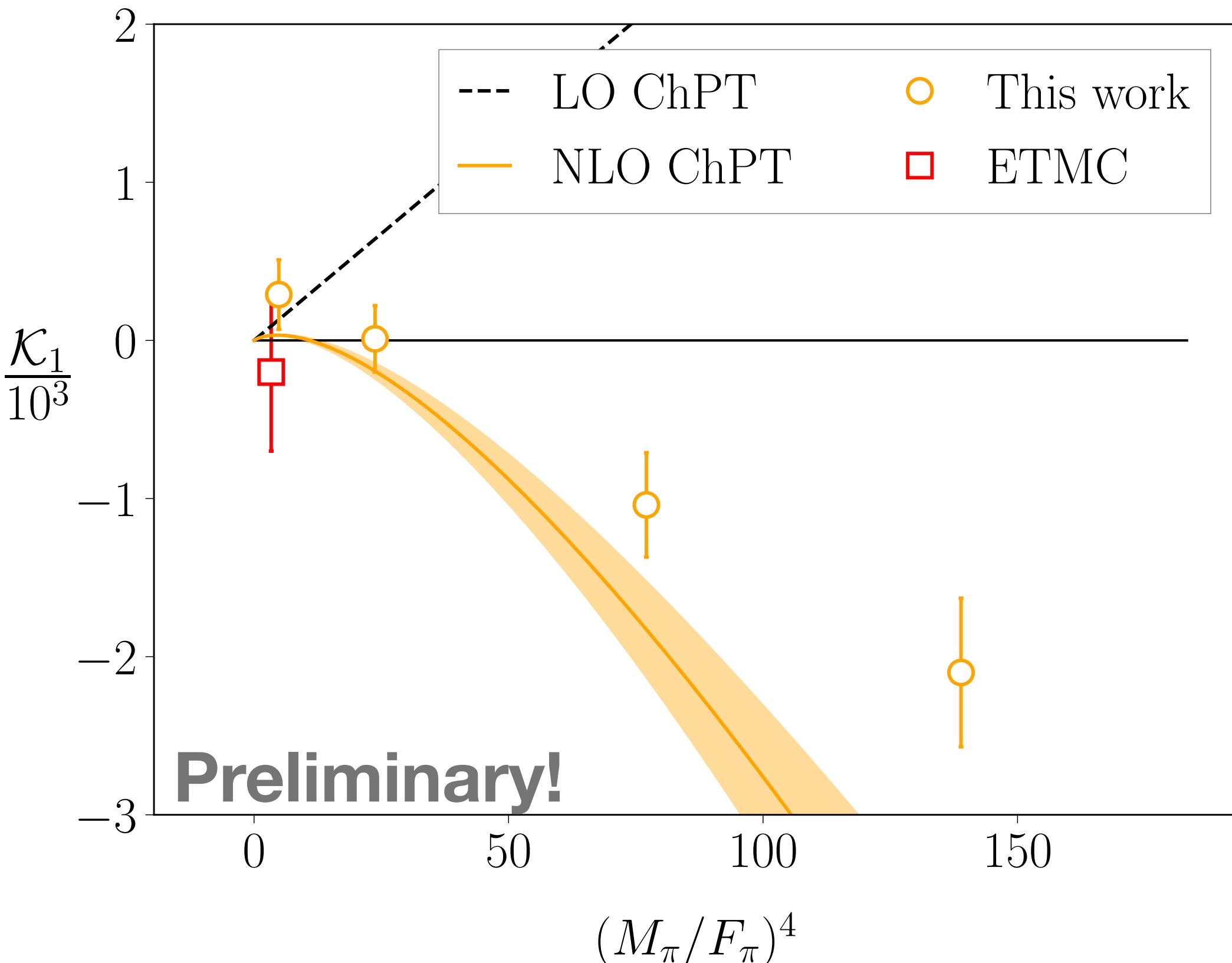
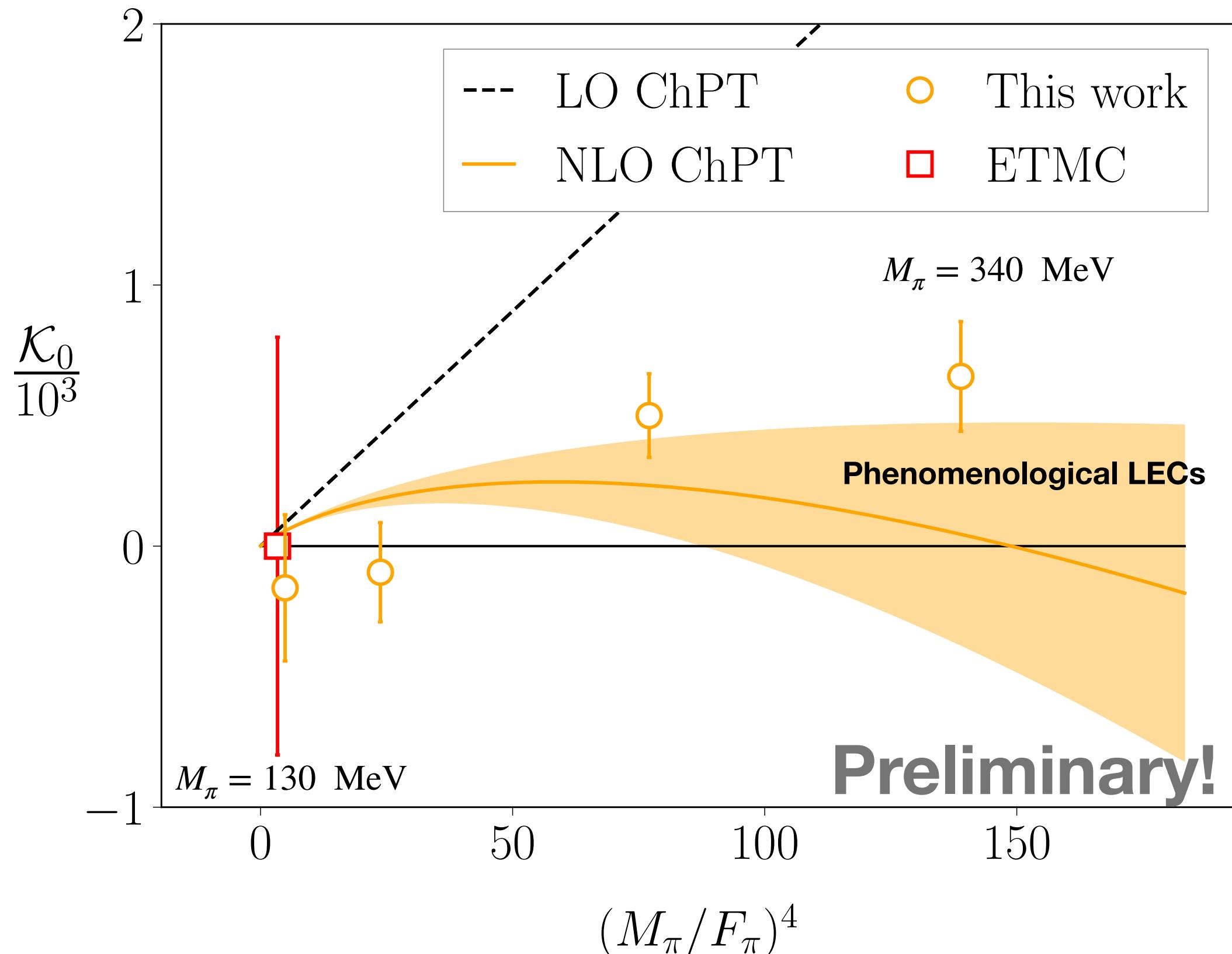
- Compare to chiral perturbation theory

NLO ChPT: [Baeza-Ballesteros, Bijnens, Husek, [FRL](#), Sharpe, Sjö, JHEP 2023] [\[See talk by M. Sjö\]](#)

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

This work: [Dawid, Draper, Hanlon, Hörz, Morningstar, [FRL](#), Sharpe, Skinner, JHEP 2023 + on-going work]

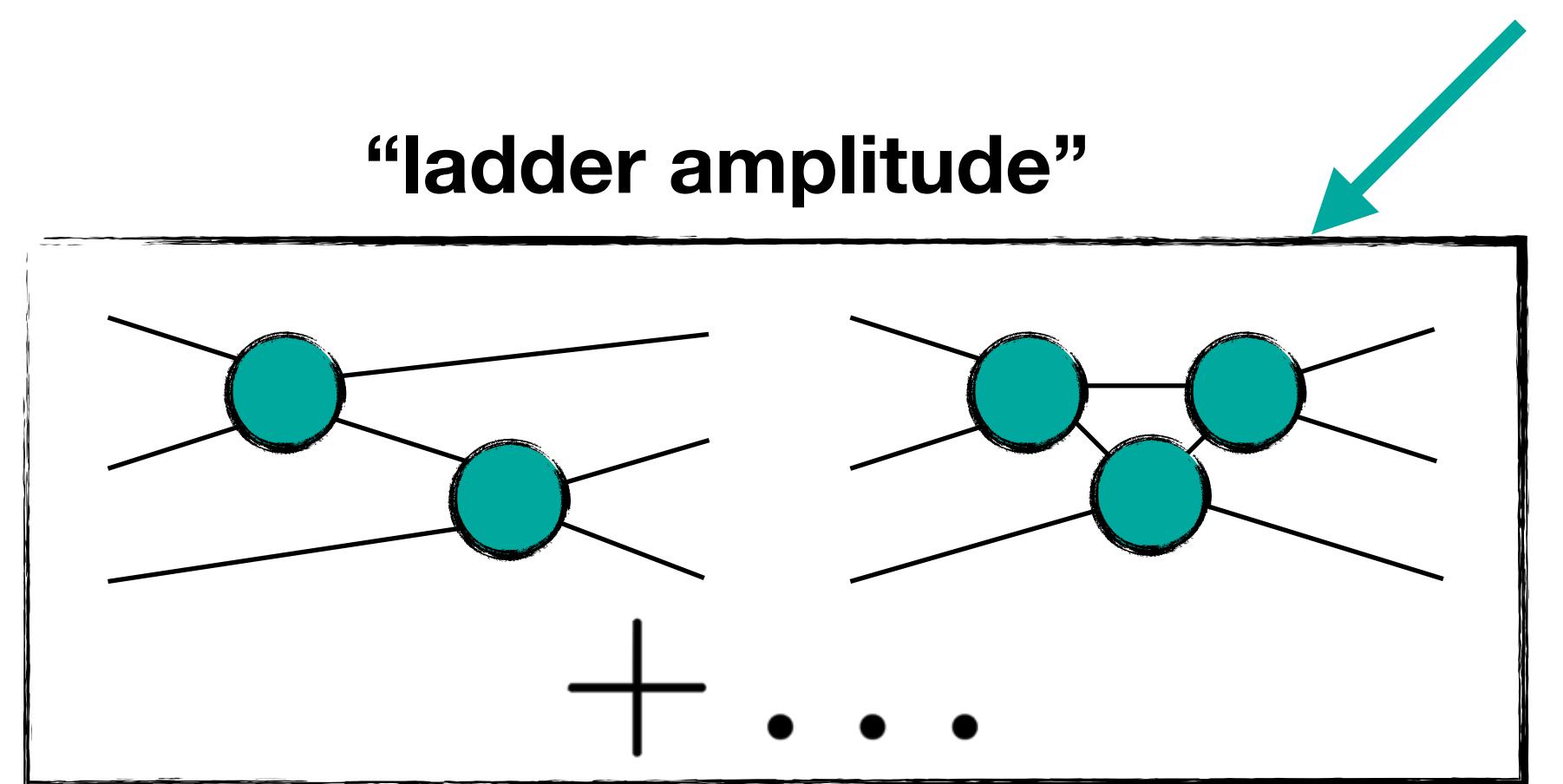
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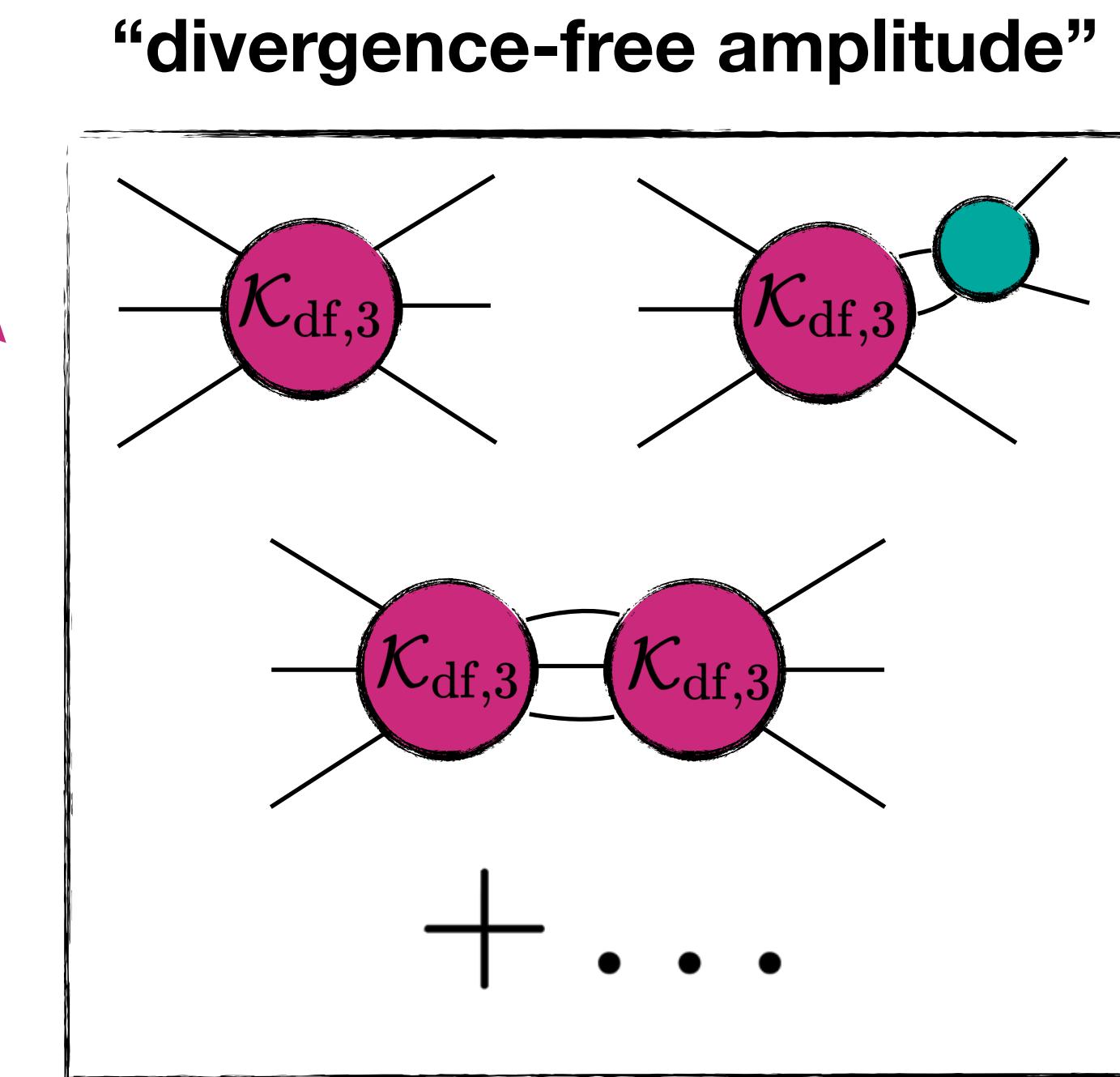
- Physical amplitudes that are consistent with unitarity are obtained after solving integral equations:

$$\mathcal{M}_3 = \mathcal{D} + \mathcal{M}_{\text{df},3}$$



two-body rescattering

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



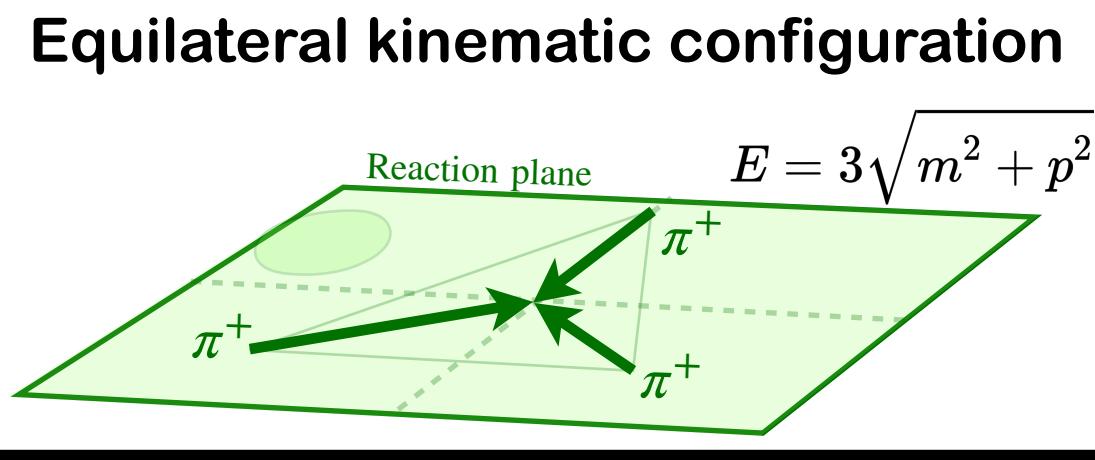
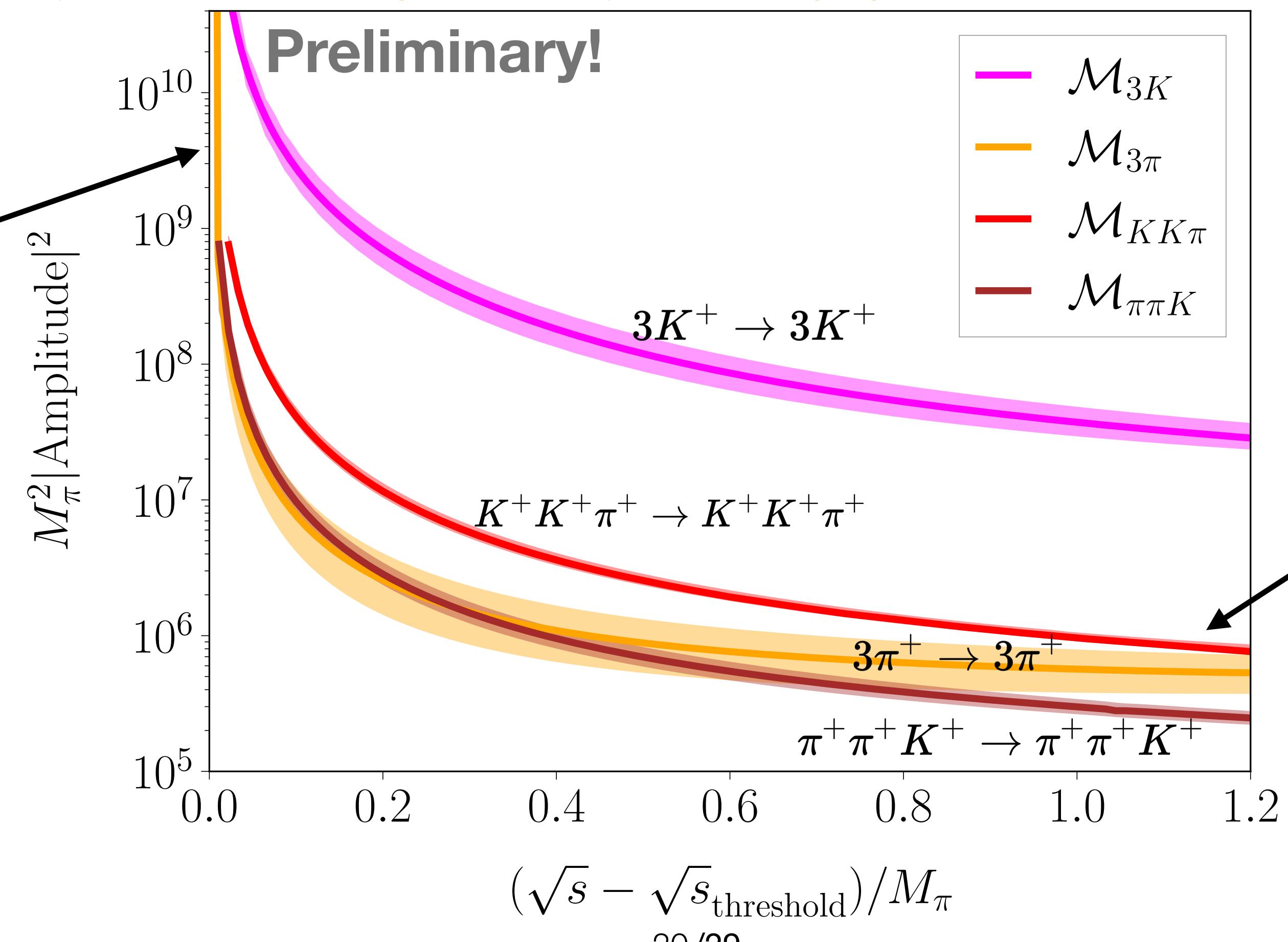
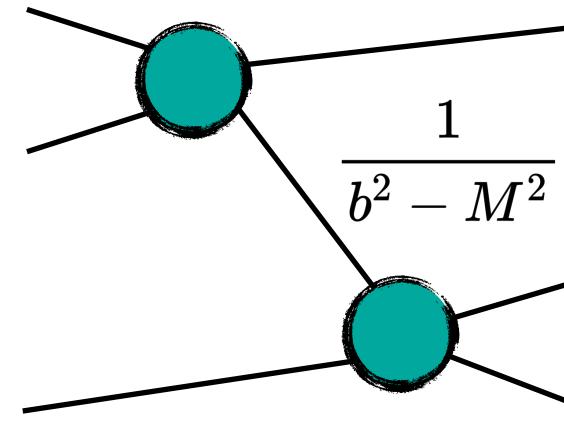
At least one
three-body interaction

Three-meson amplitudes

Lattice QCD predictions for physical three-meson scattering amplitudes

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

Divergent
at threshold



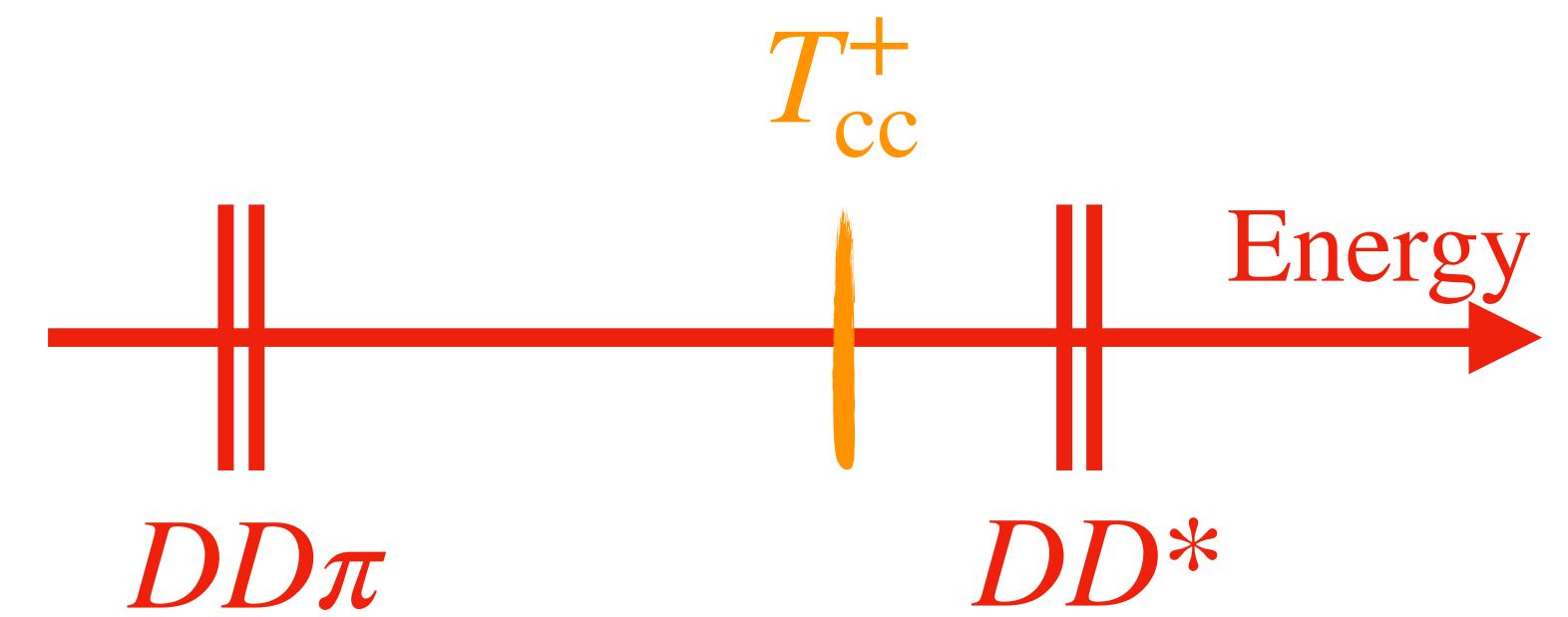
Pion interactions
are chirally suppressed

$$M_\pi^2 \mathcal{M}_3 = O(M_\pi^4 / F_\pi^4)$$

A three-body description of the T_{cc}

Doubly-charmed tetraquark

Experiment



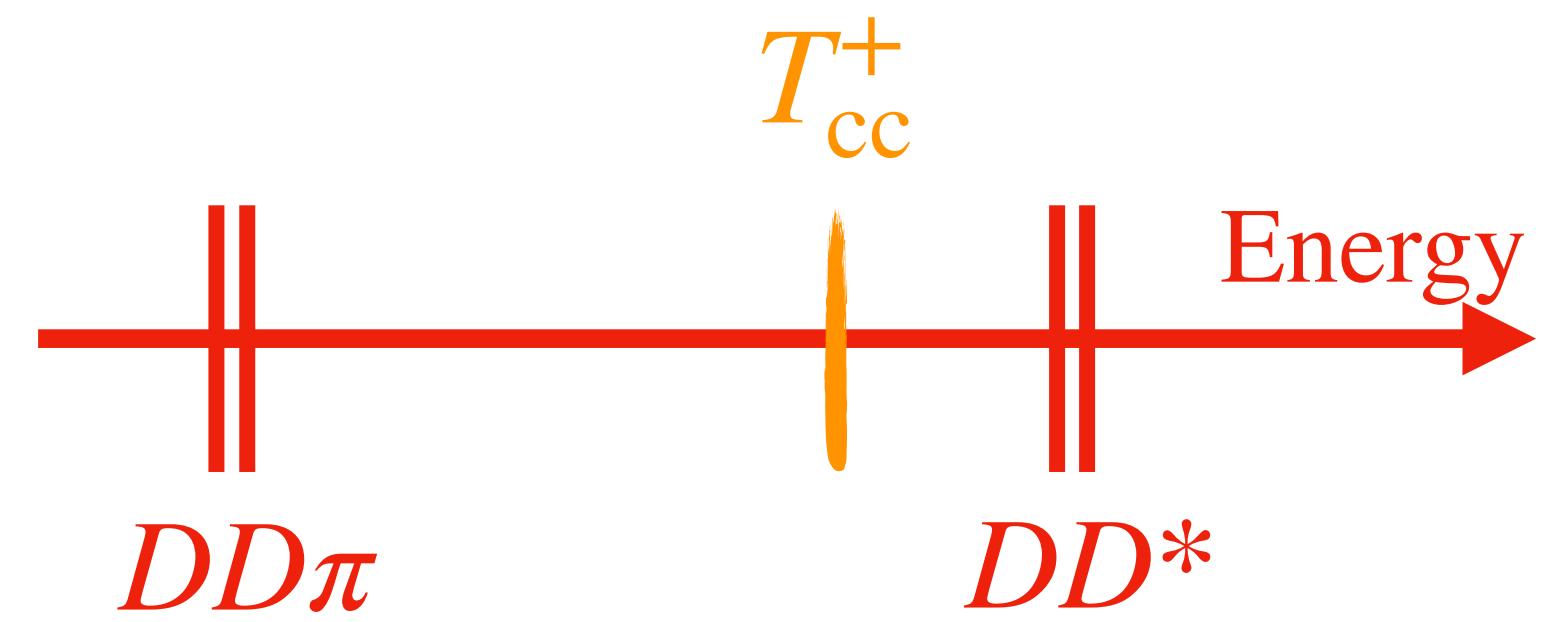
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$N_f=2+1+1$ QCD
(heavier quarks)

$T_{cc}^+ ?$



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

$$T_{cc} \rightarrow DD^* ?$$

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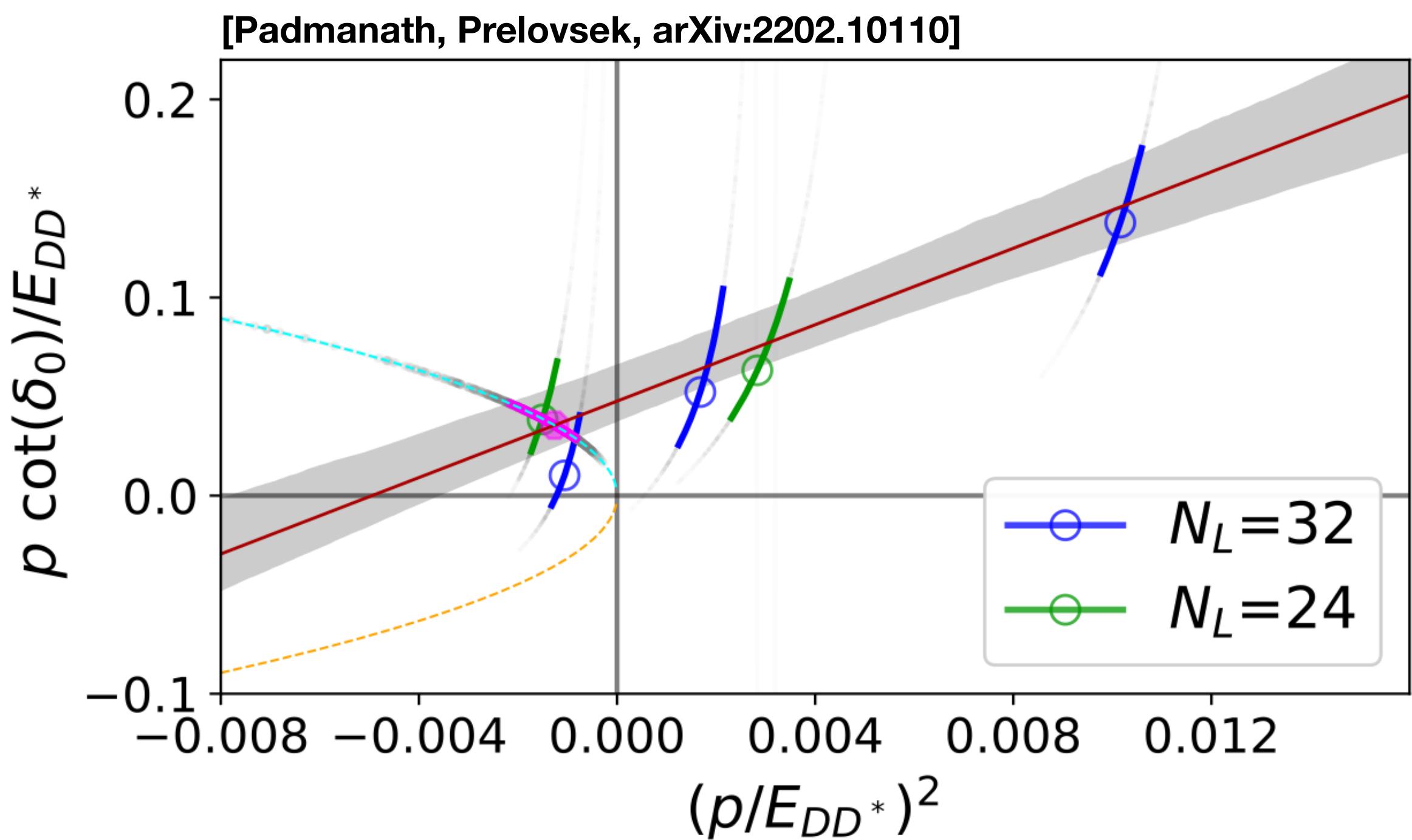
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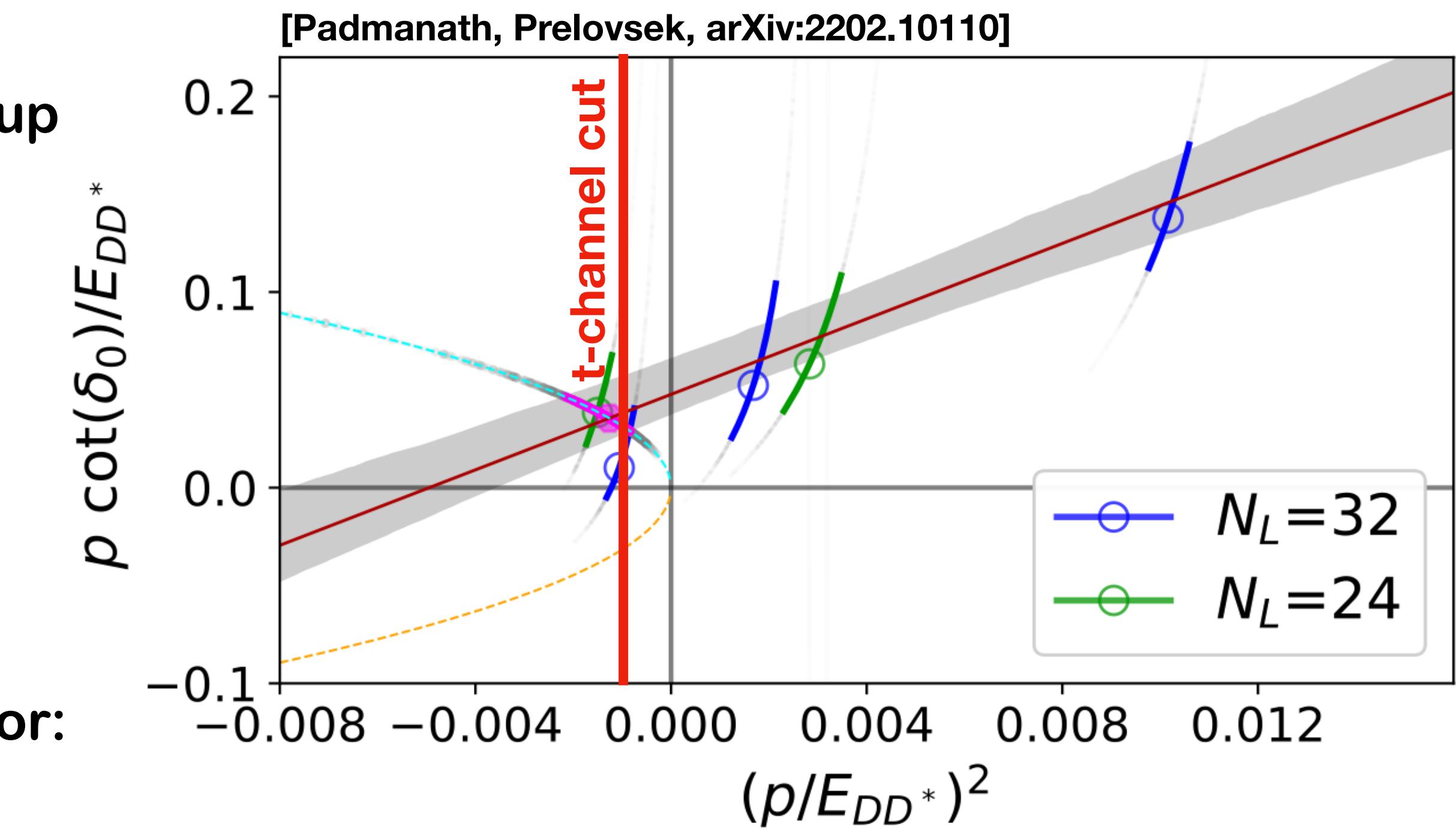
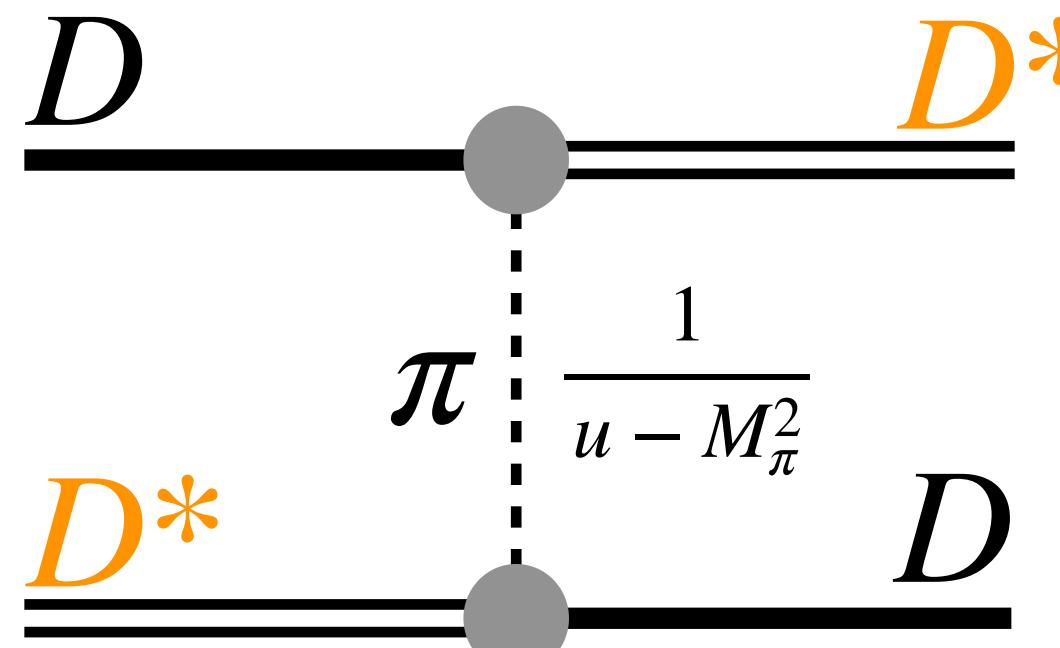
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i.e. complex phase shift

! one-pion exchange creates non-analytic behavior:



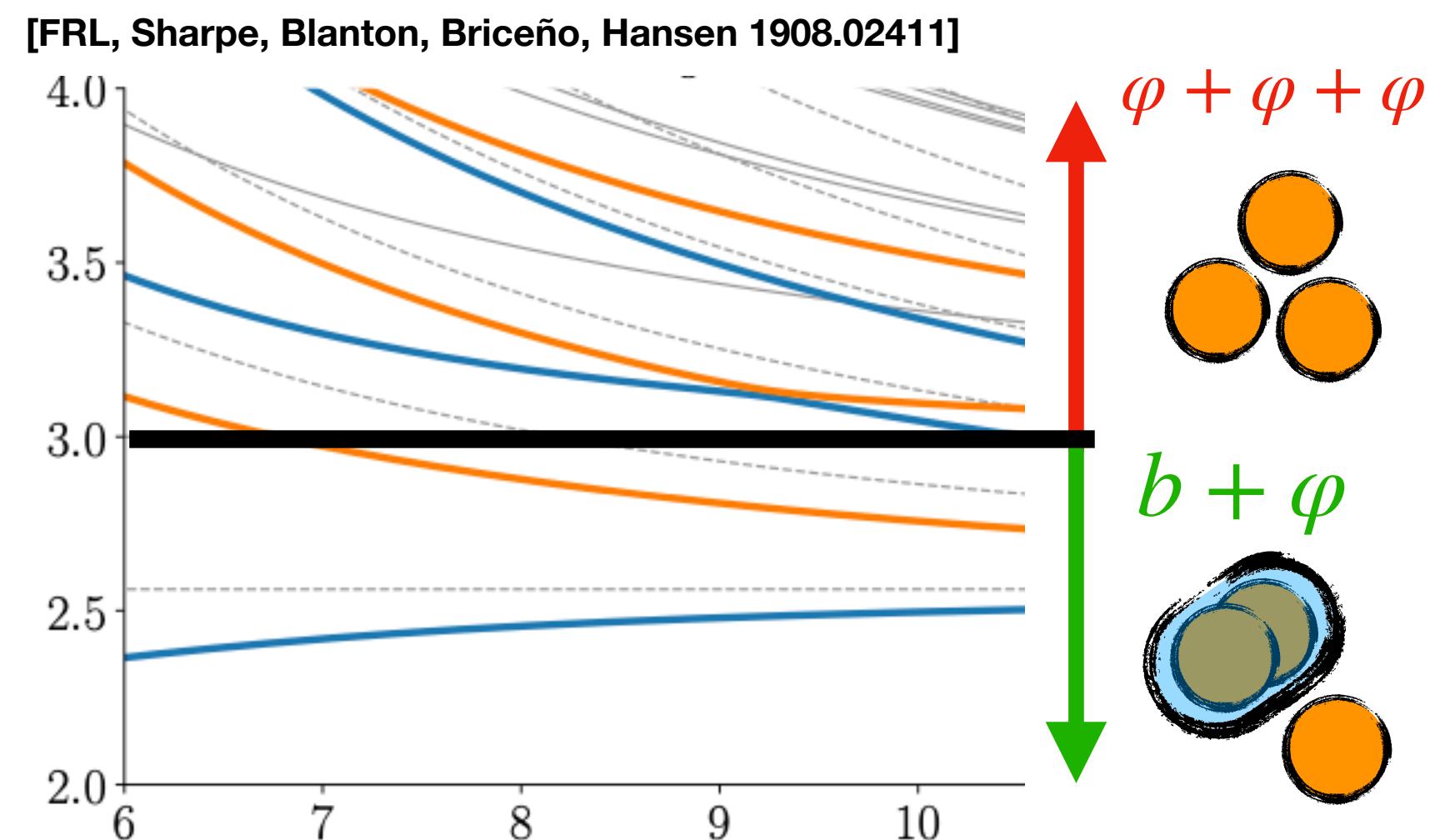
$$u = M_\pi^2, \quad t = 0, \quad s - s_{th} = -M_\pi^2 + (M_D - M_{D^*})^2$$

just 8 MeV below threshold!

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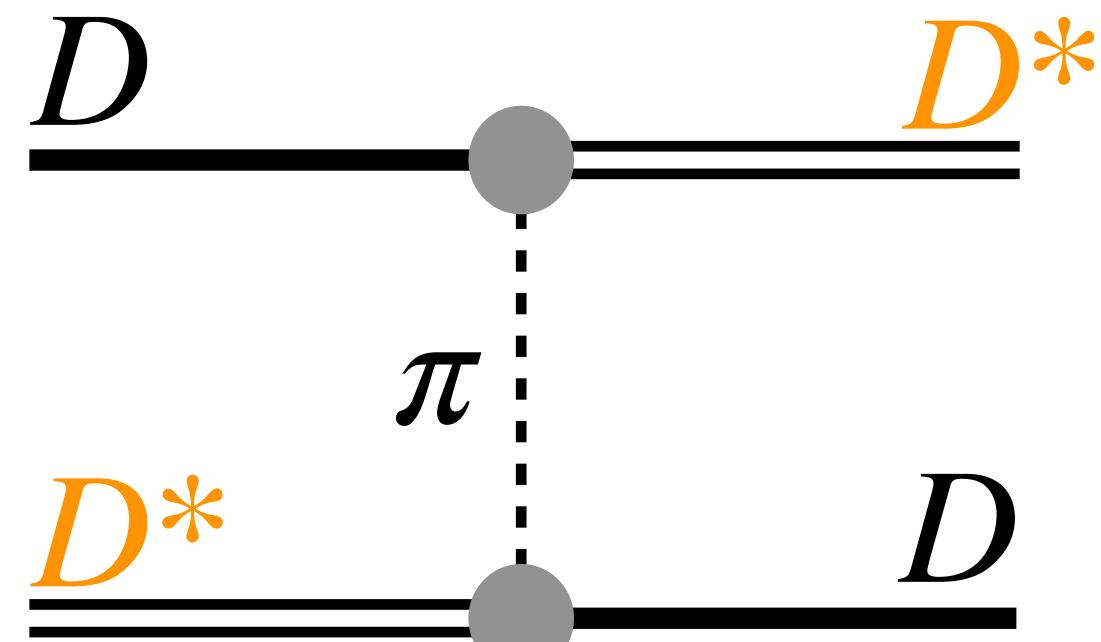
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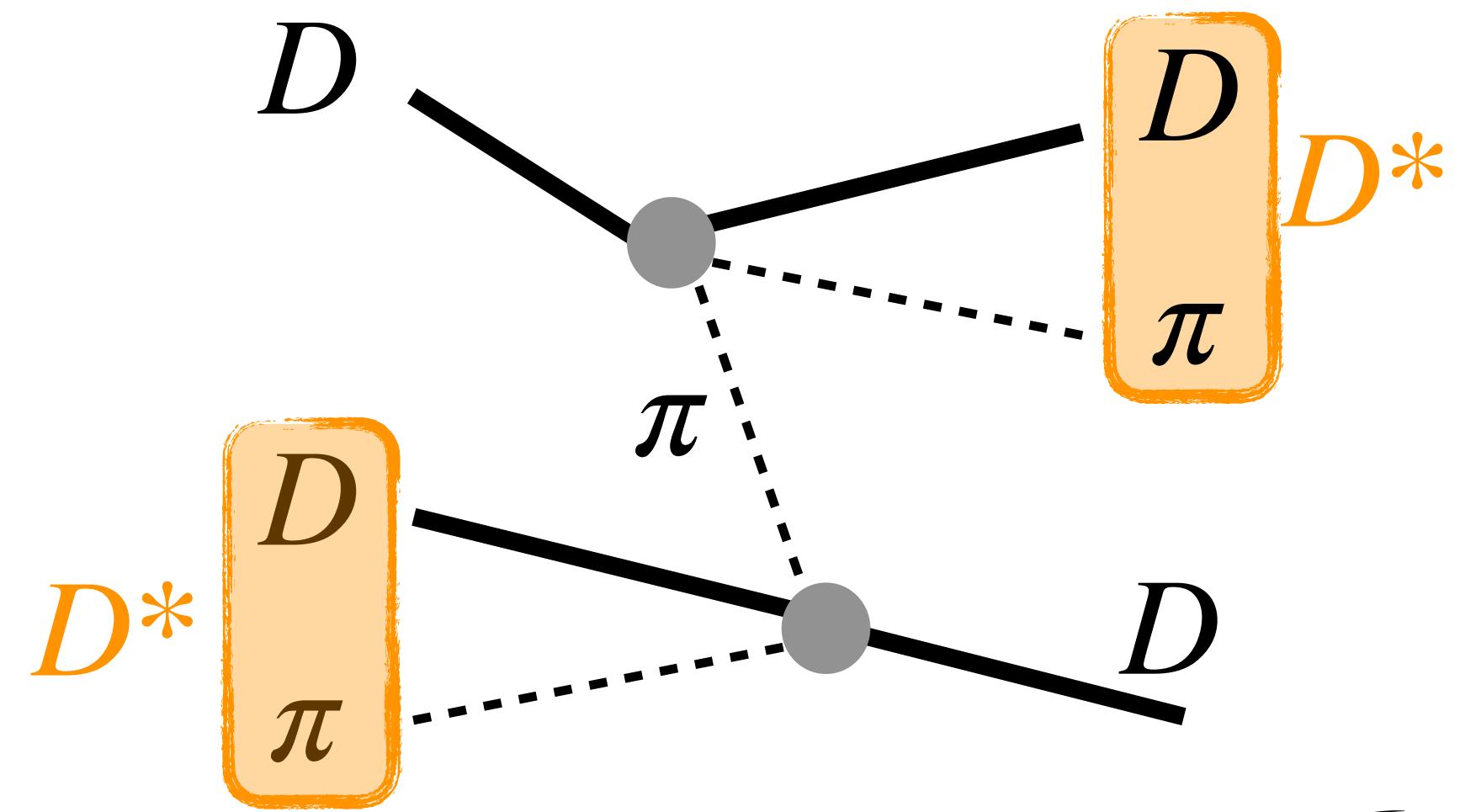
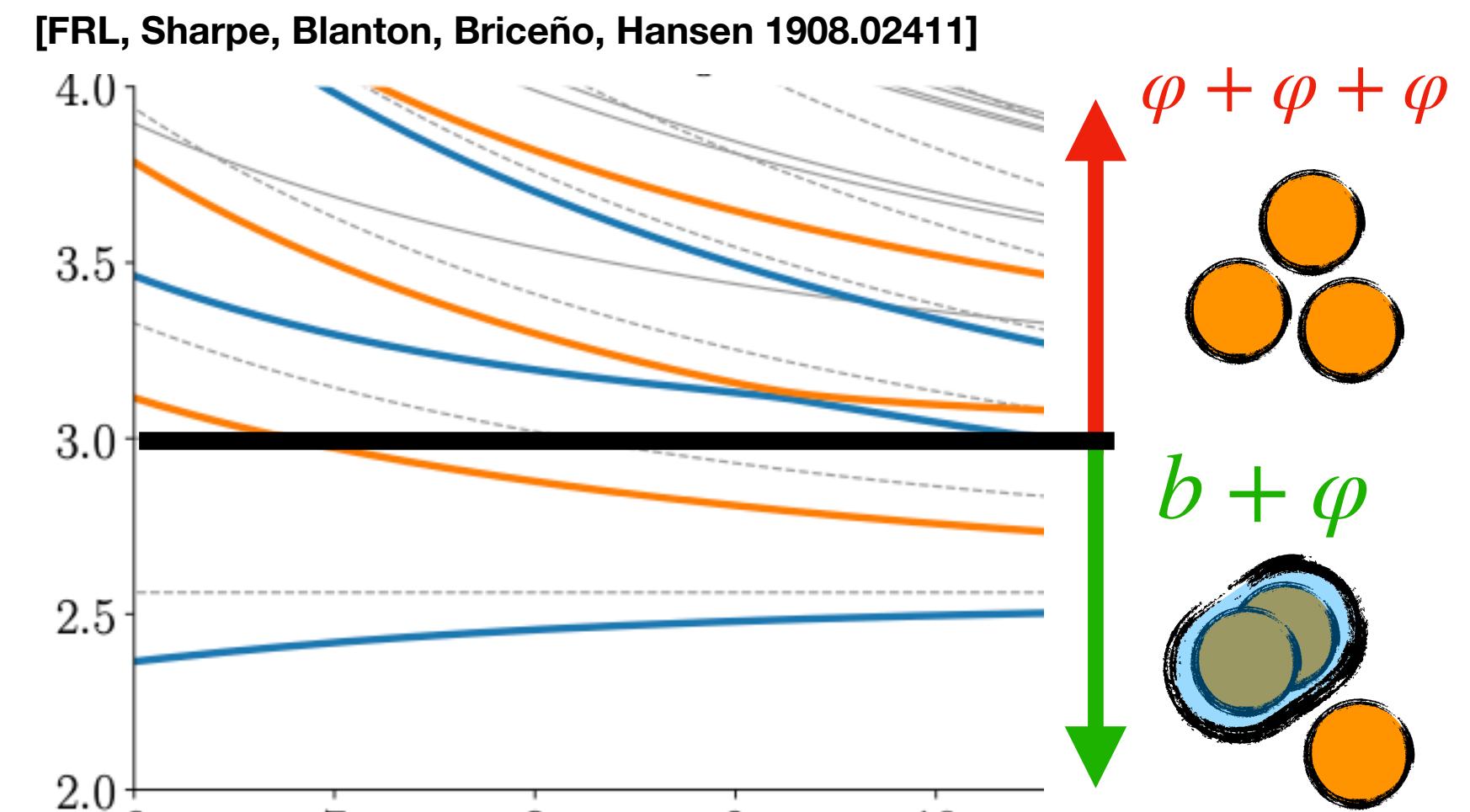
- This solves the left-hand cut problem:

- ▶ Finite-volume effects from one-pion exchange naturally incorporated

Other approaches: [Du et al (2408.09375), Abolnikov et al. (2407.04649), Bubna et al. (2402.12985),
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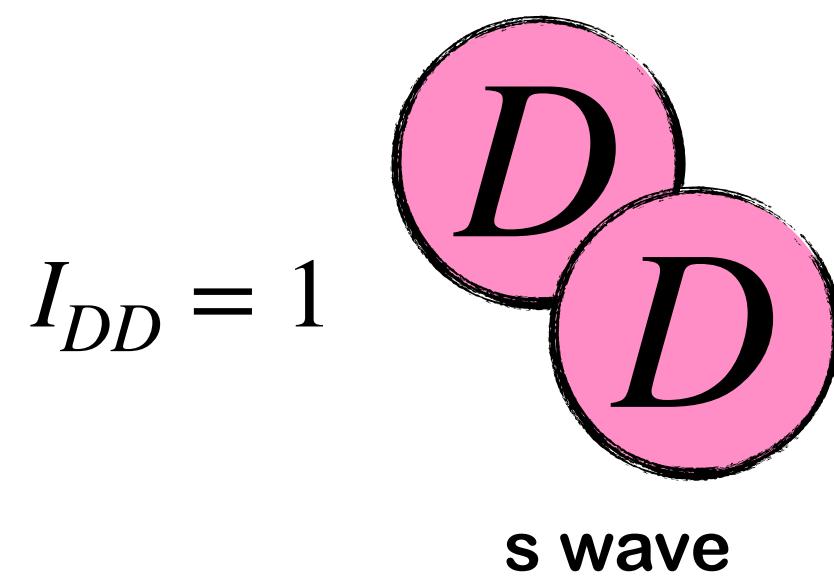
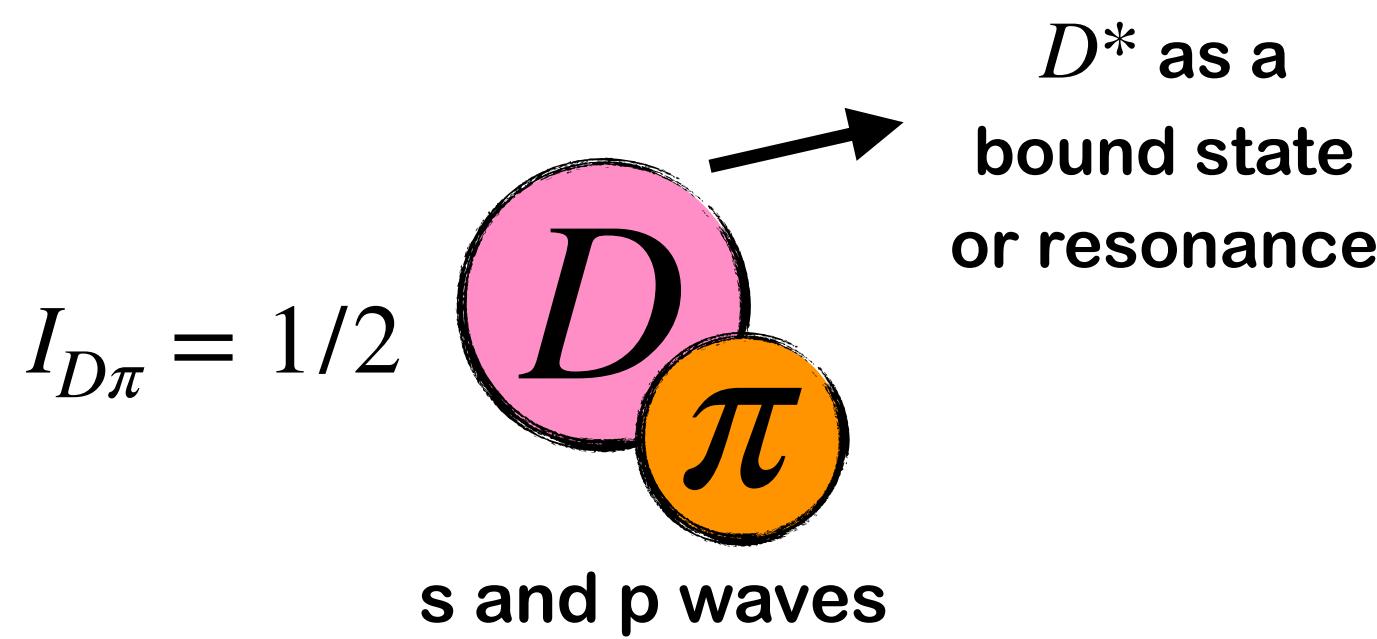
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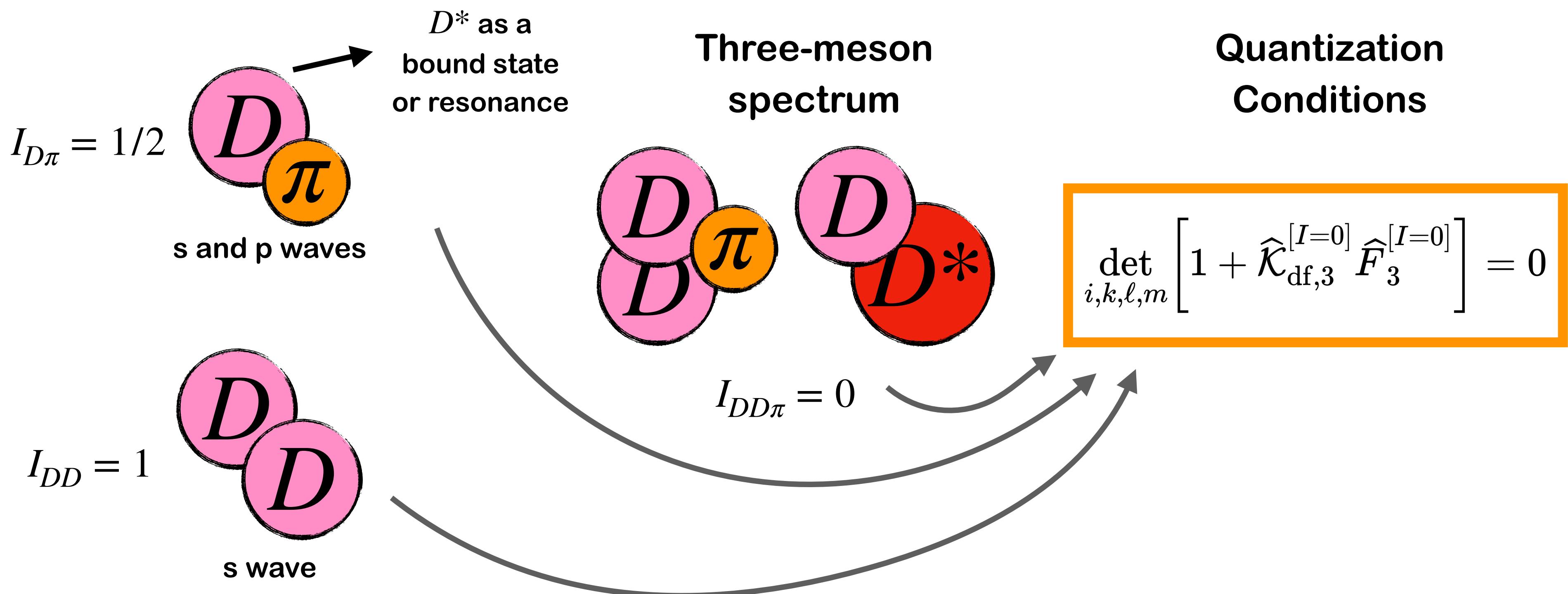
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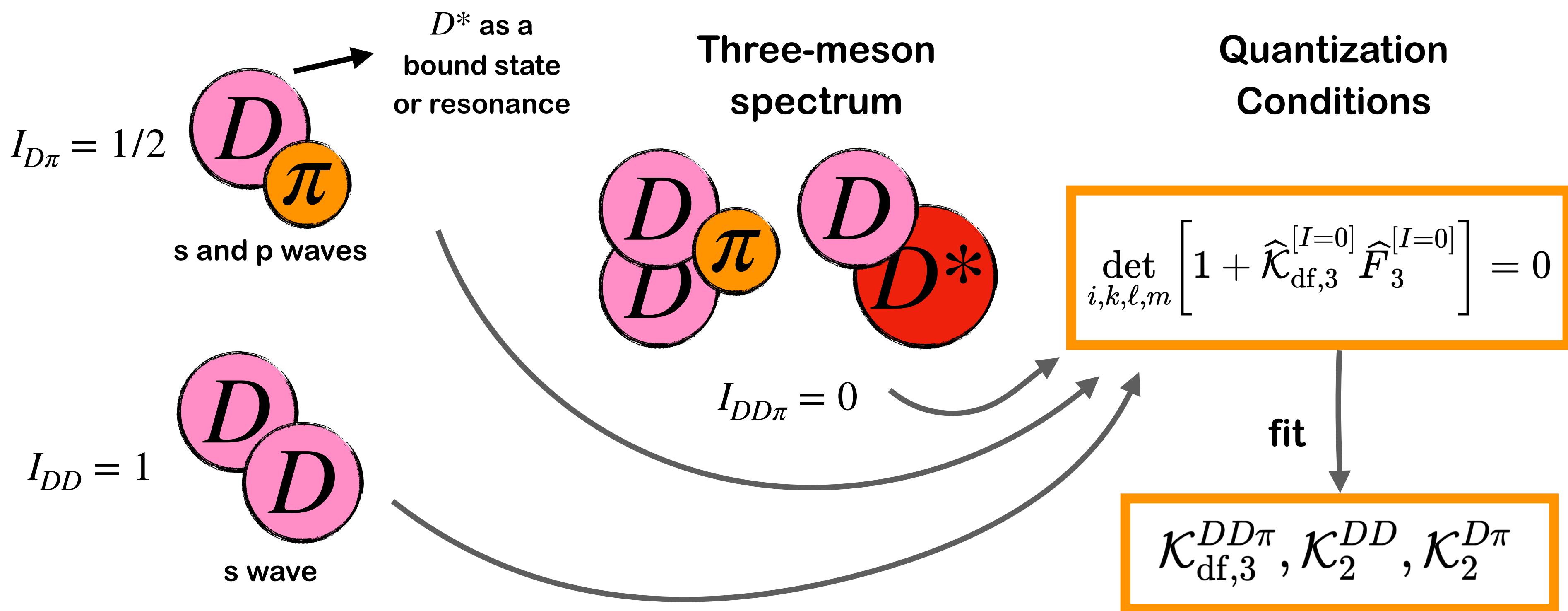
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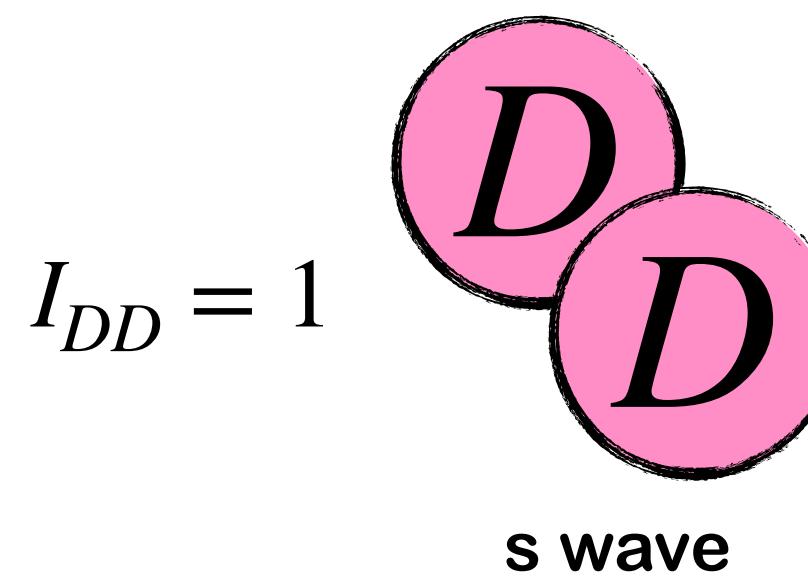
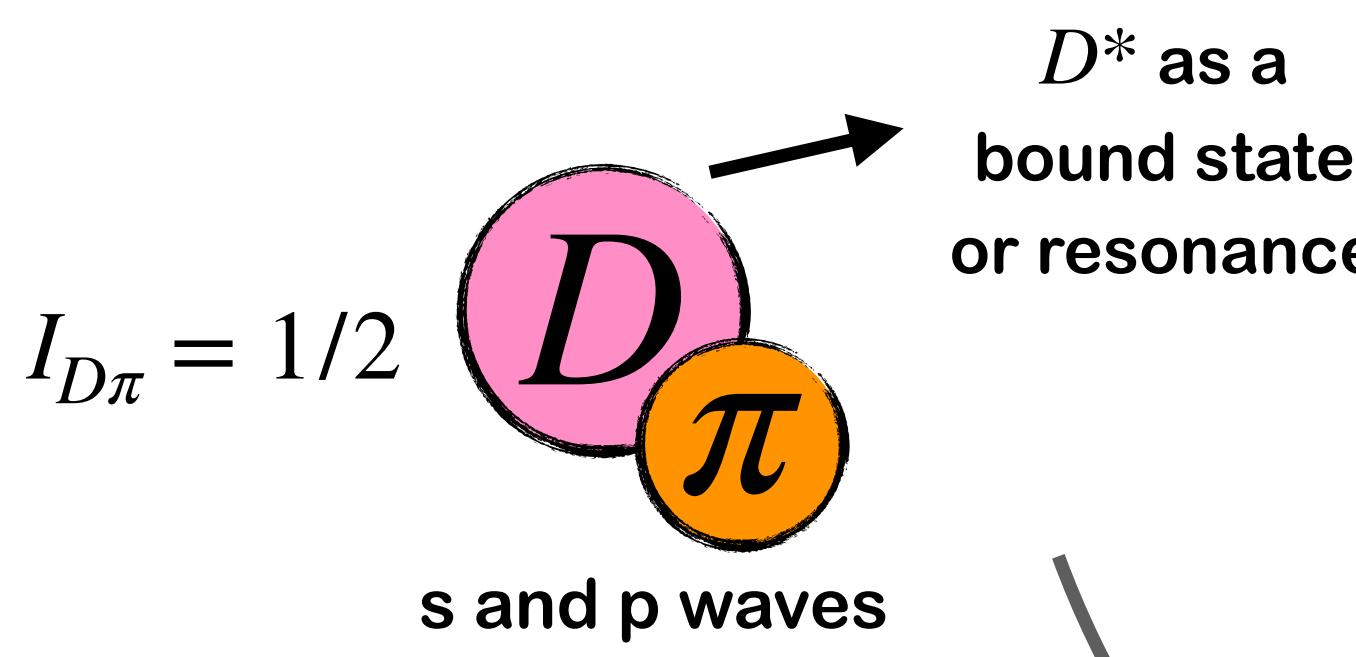
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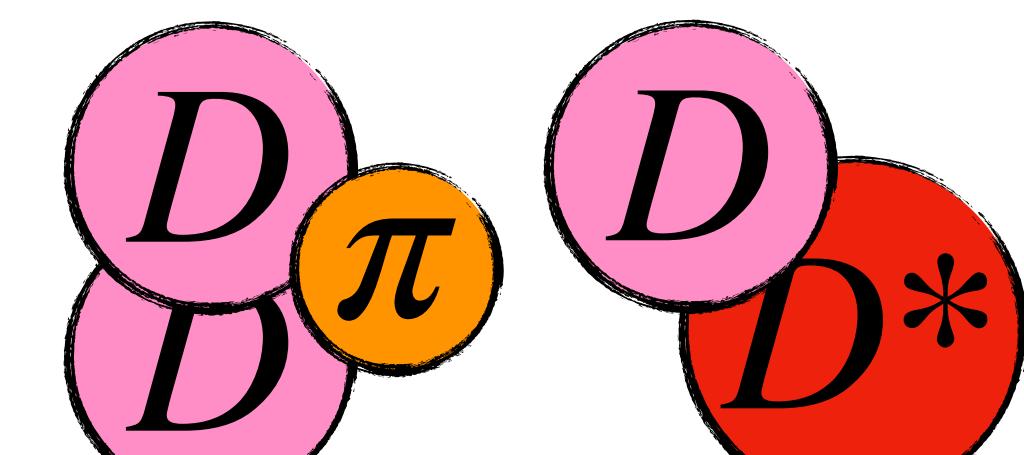
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Three-meson
spectrum



$I_{DD\pi} = 0$

Quantization
Conditions

$$\det_{i,k,\ell,m} \left[1 + \hat{\mathcal{K}}_{df,3}^{[I=0]} \hat{F}_3^{[I=0]} \right] = 0$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{df,3}^{DD\pi}, \mathcal{K}_2^{DD}, \mathcal{K}_2^{D\pi}$$

Tetraquark
properties

$$\mathcal{M}_3 \sim \frac{-g^2}{s - M_{T_{cc}}^2}$$

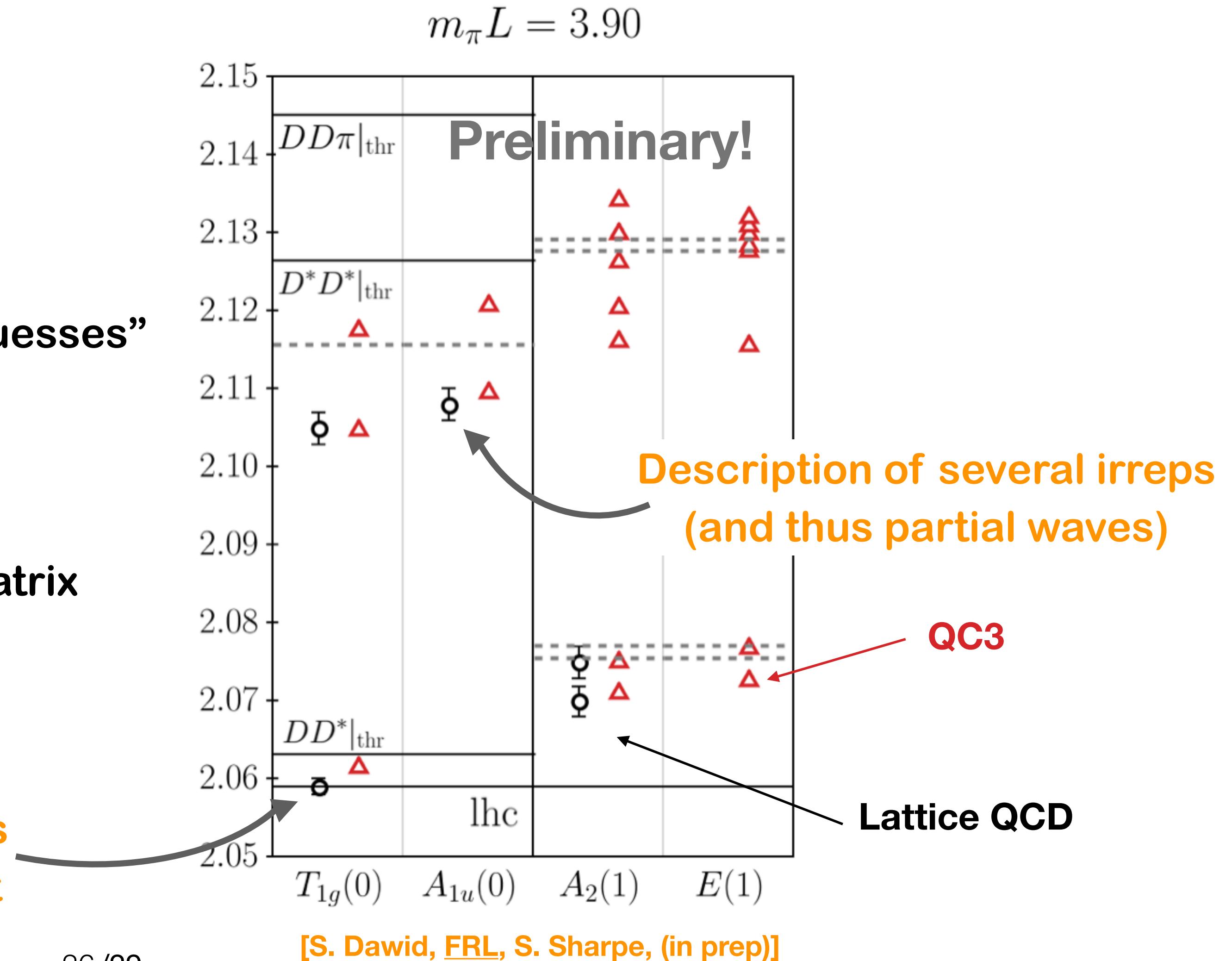
Integral equations
[Dawid, FRL, Sharpe (in prep)]

Analyzing D-D* data

- Published data only provides DD* energies
[Padmanath, Prelovsek, 2202.10110]
- Fix D π and DD interactions with “educated guesses”
 - ▶ HChPT and lattice results
 - ▶ Neglect DD interactions
- Only “free” parameter in the three-body K matrix

$$\mathcal{K}_{df,3} = \mathcal{K}_E (p_\pi - p'_\pi)^2$$

Finite-volume energies
near the left-hand cut

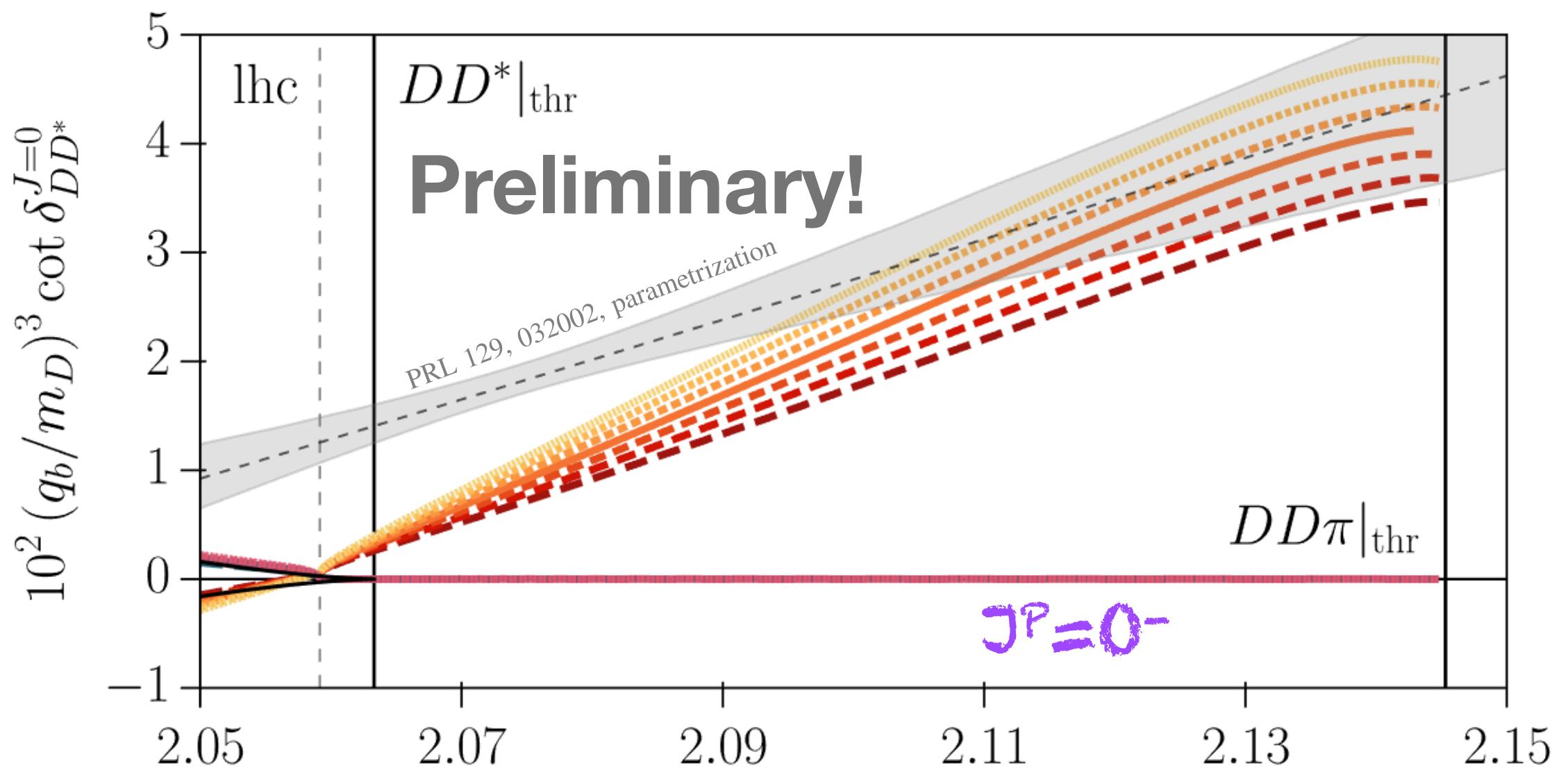
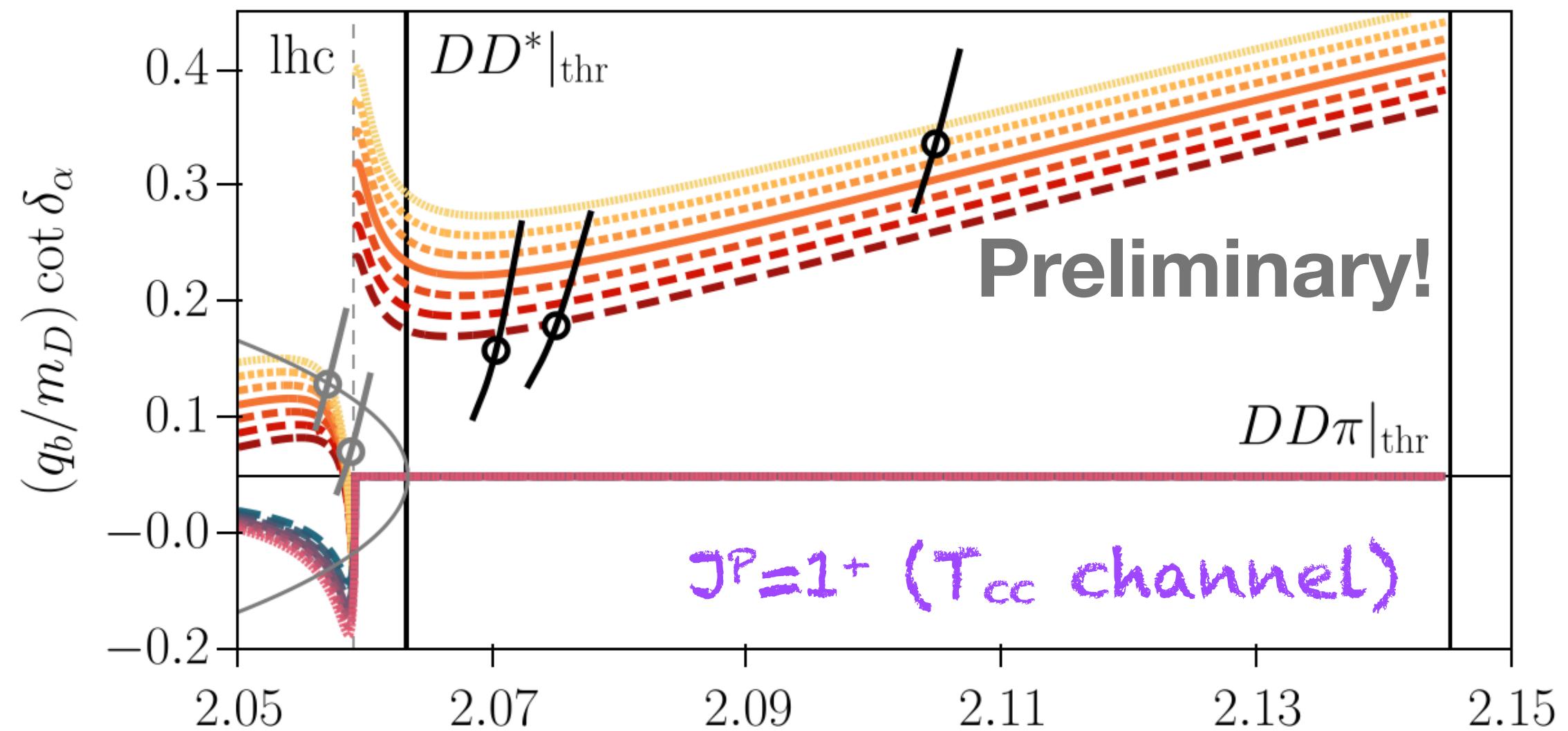


Analyzing D-D* data

- With simple parametrizations we are able to reproduce lattice QCD energies.

[S. Dawid, FRL, S. Sharpe, (in prep)] Data from: [Padmanath, Prelovsek, arXiv:2202.10110]

[More details in parallel by S. Dawid (Tuesday)]



- Still lots of modeling, and need a genuine three-body study of the T_{cc} !

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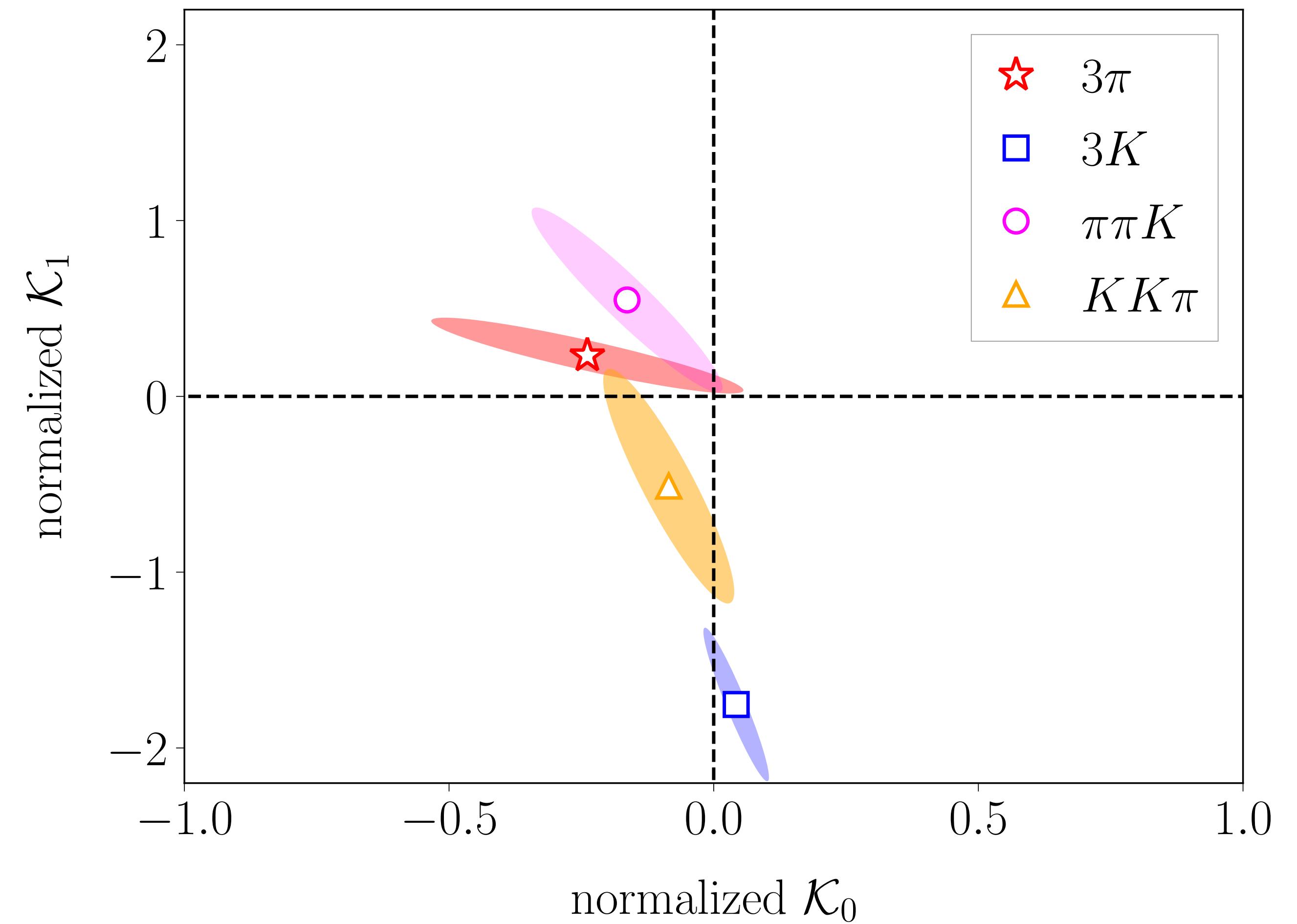
- Interactions of two and three mesons including higher partial waves from lattice QCD
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- The isospin-3 three-particle K matrix at NLO in ChPT
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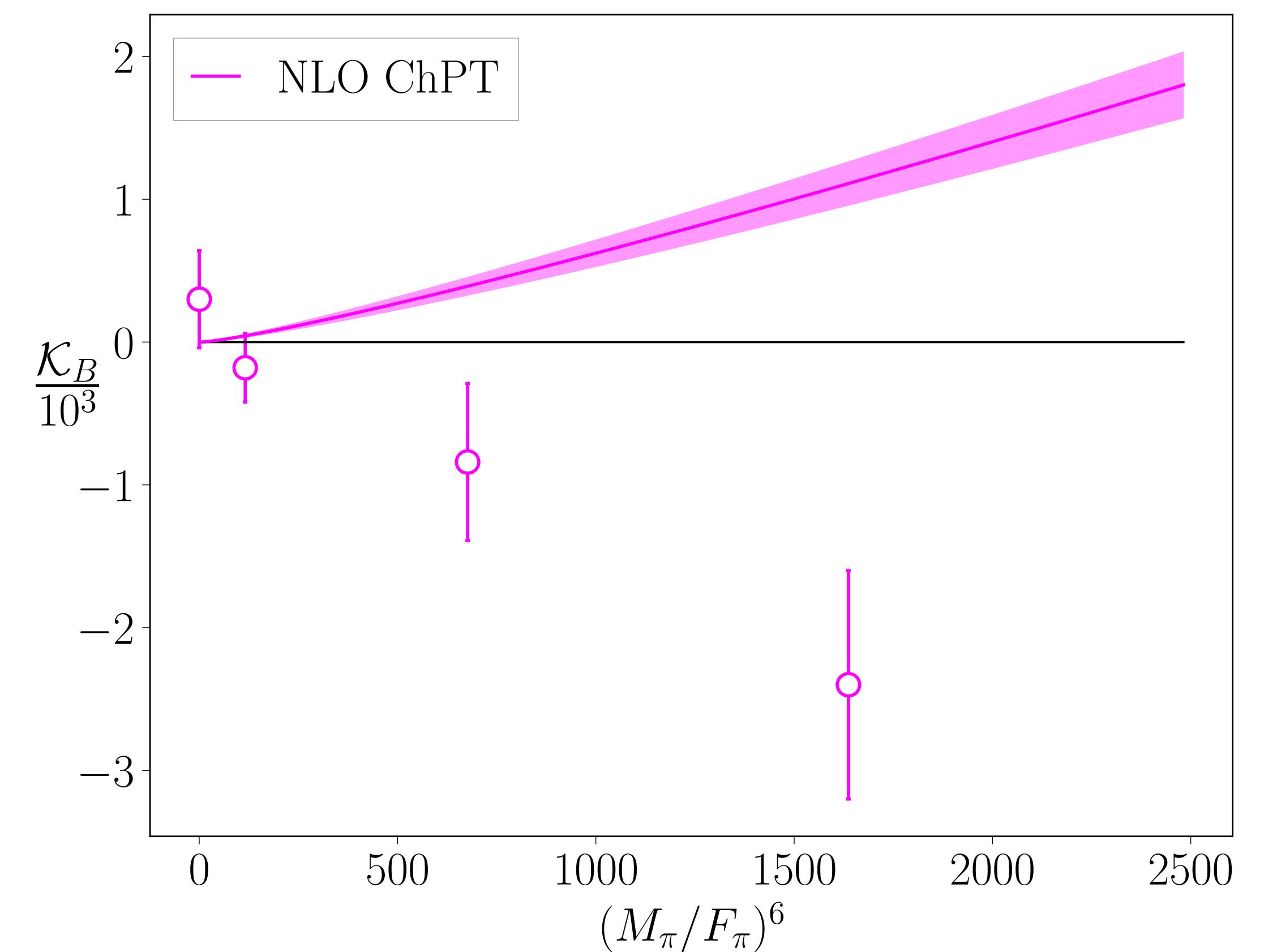
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Back-up

Significance of Kdf3



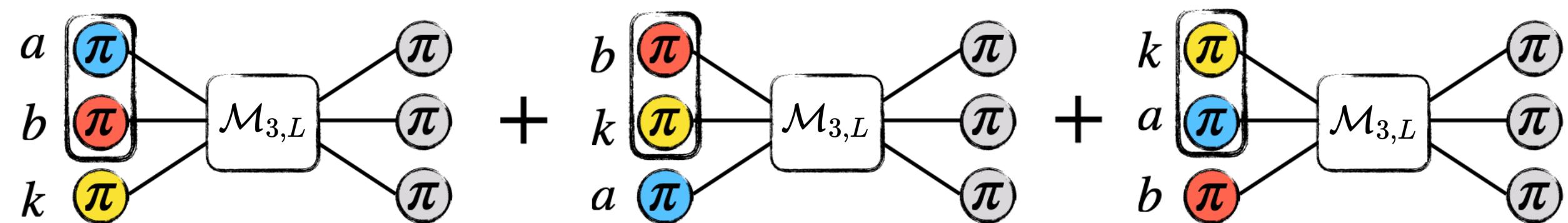
Comparison to ChPT



Kinematic configuration

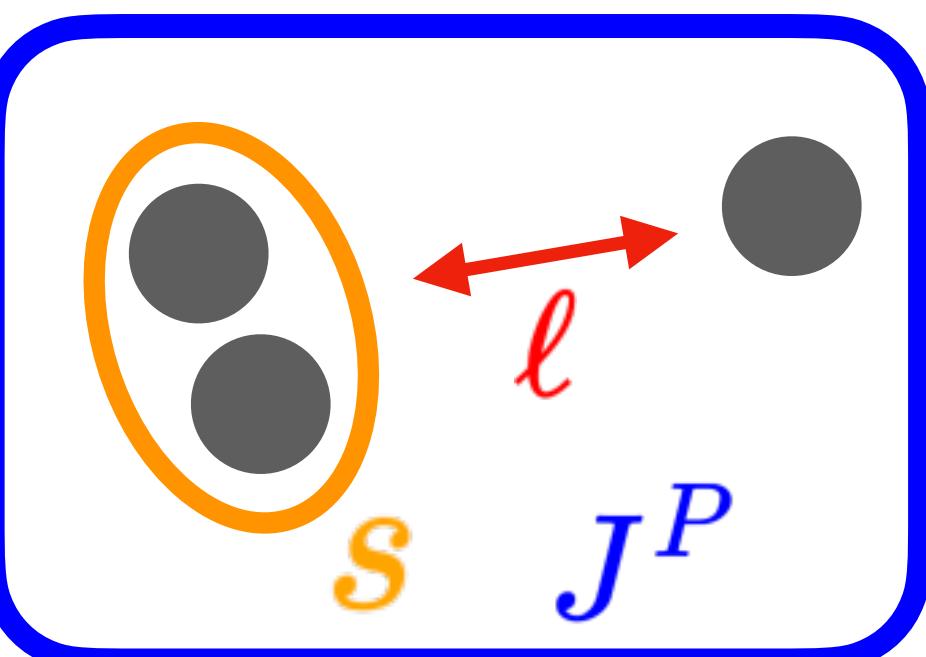
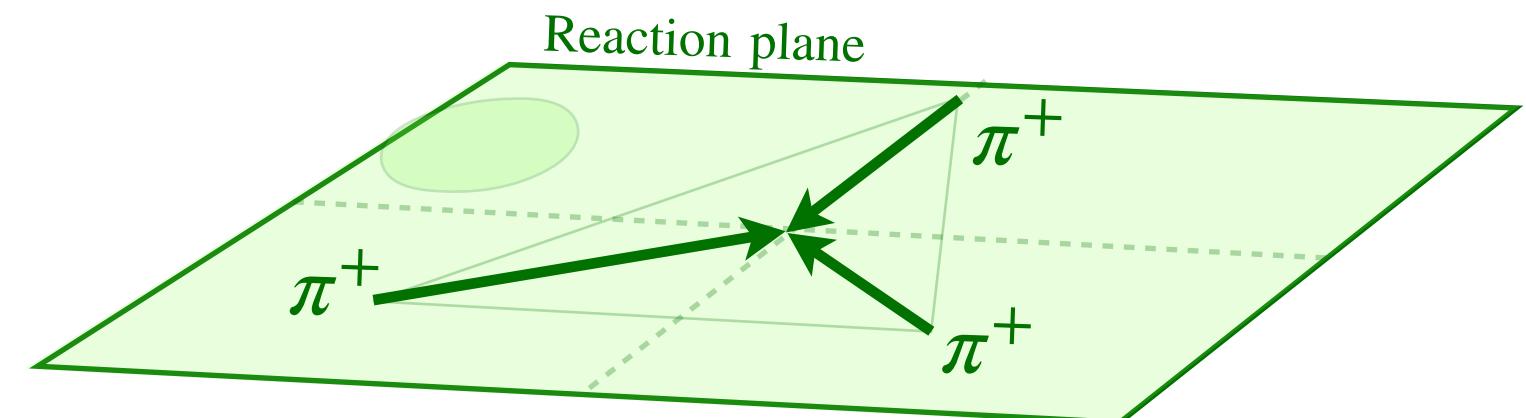
- Symmetrize (each particle gets a turn to be the spectator)

$$\mathcal{M}_{3,L}(P) \equiv S[\mathcal{M}_{3,L}^{(u,u)}(P)] =$$



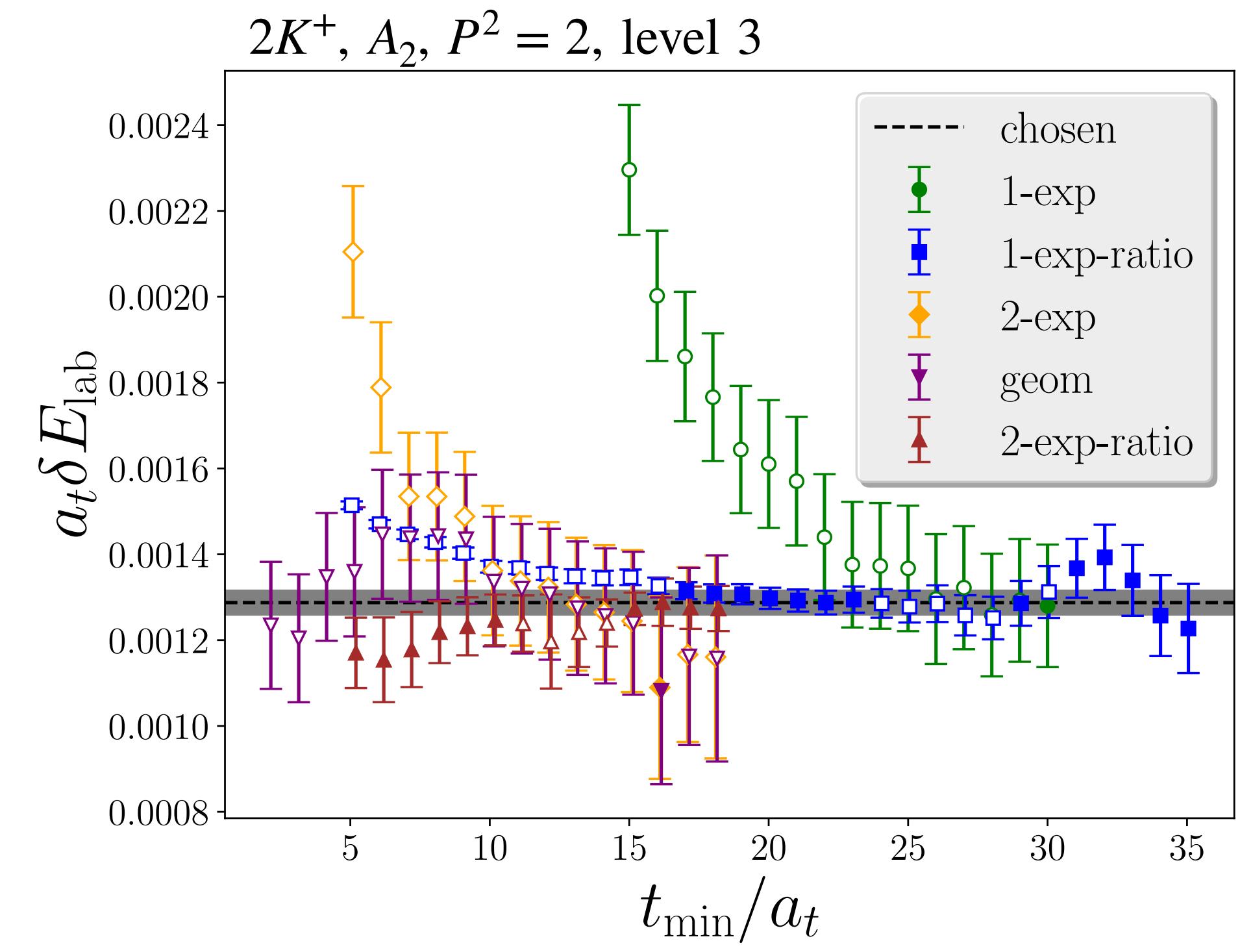
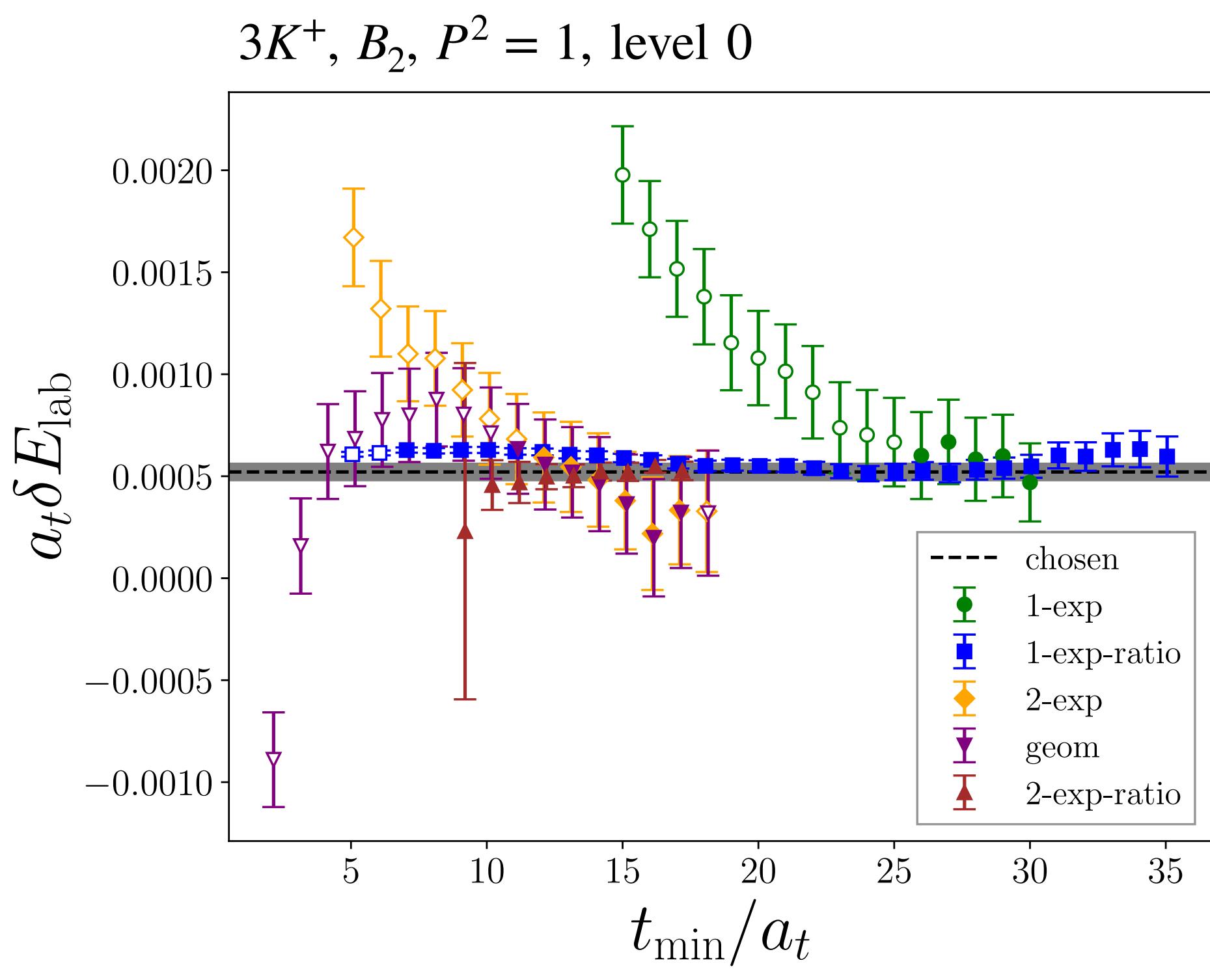
- Equilateral kinematic configuration $E = 3\sqrt{m^2 + p^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_3^{J=0}(E) = & 9 \left[\mathcal{M}_{3,00;00}^{(u,u)J=0}(E) + \frac{5}{4} \mathcal{M}_{3,22;22}^{(u,u)J=0}(E) \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \left(\mathcal{M}_{3,22;00}^{(u,u)J=0}(E) + \mathcal{M}_{3,00;22}^{(u,u)J=0}(E) \right) \right], \end{aligned}$$



Partial-wave projection
[Jackura, Briceño, 2312.00625]

t-min plots



Extracting energies

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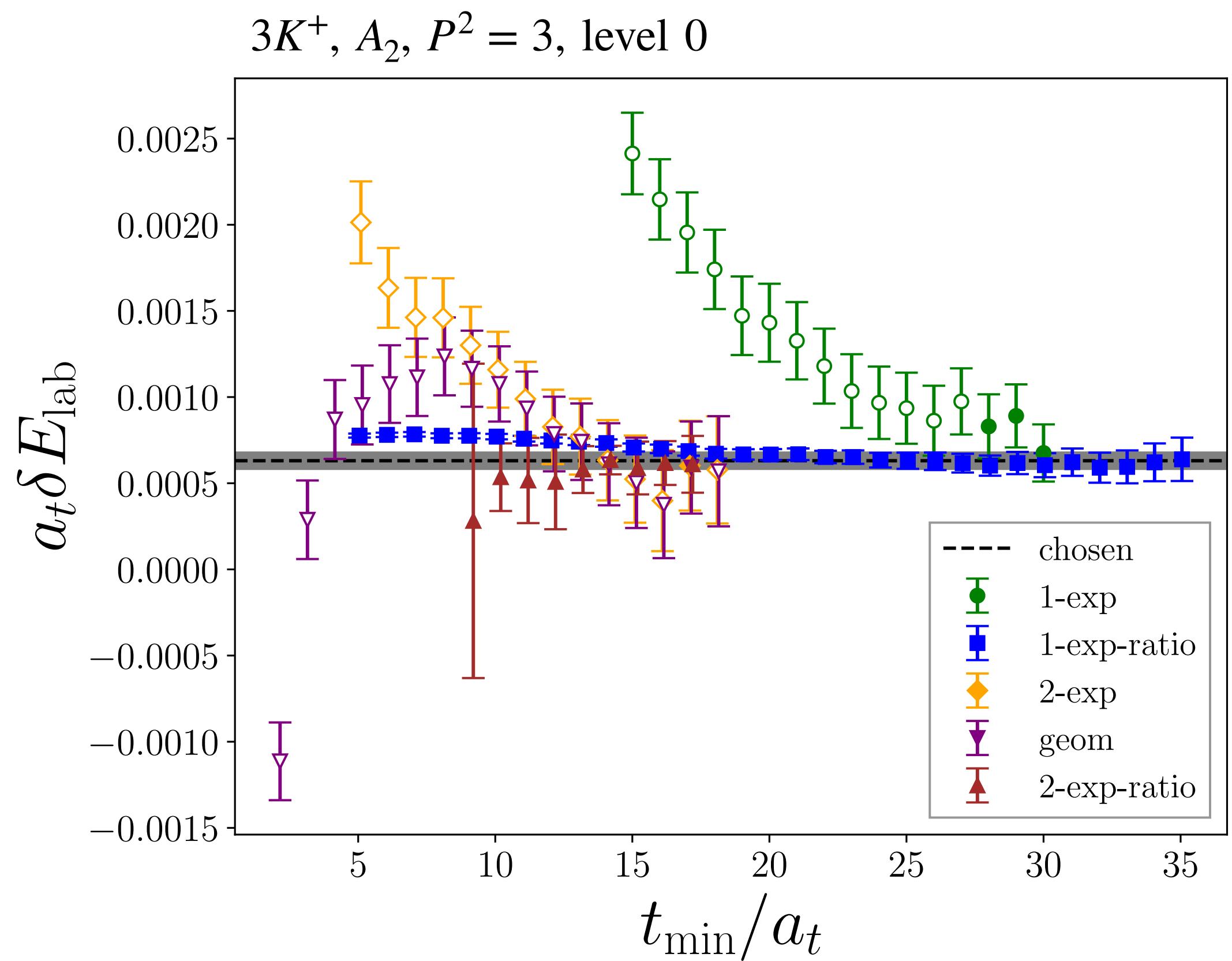
[Morningstar et al, 1104.3870]

- GEVP and look for consistency between methods.

- ▶ Single and double exponential
- ▶ Ratio fit with single and double exponential

- Use ratio fit to benefit from correlated cancellations

$$R_n(t) = \frac{C_{\text{three-meson}}(t)}{C_{\text{meson}}(t)C_{\text{meson}}(t)C_{\text{meson}}(t)}$$



Filling the spectrum

- Requires a correlated fit for several systems at one. For instance: $\pi\pi K + \pi\pi + \pi K$

- Fit energy shifts in the lab frame (“spectrum method”)

$$\chi^2(\vec{p}) = \sum_{ij} \left(\Delta E_{\text{lab},i} - \Delta E_{\text{lab},i}^{\text{QC}}(\vec{p}) \right) \underbrace{(C^{-1})_{ij}}_{\substack{\text{covariance} \\ \text{matrix of lab-shifts}}} \left(\Delta E_{\text{lab},j} - \Delta E_{\text{lab},j}^{\text{QC}}(\vec{p}) \right)$$

parameters in
K-matrices

“predicted minus measured”
lab-frame energy shifts

- Include several two-meson partial waves:
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 - ◆ s and p waves for πK

- Threshold expansion in three-body K matrix

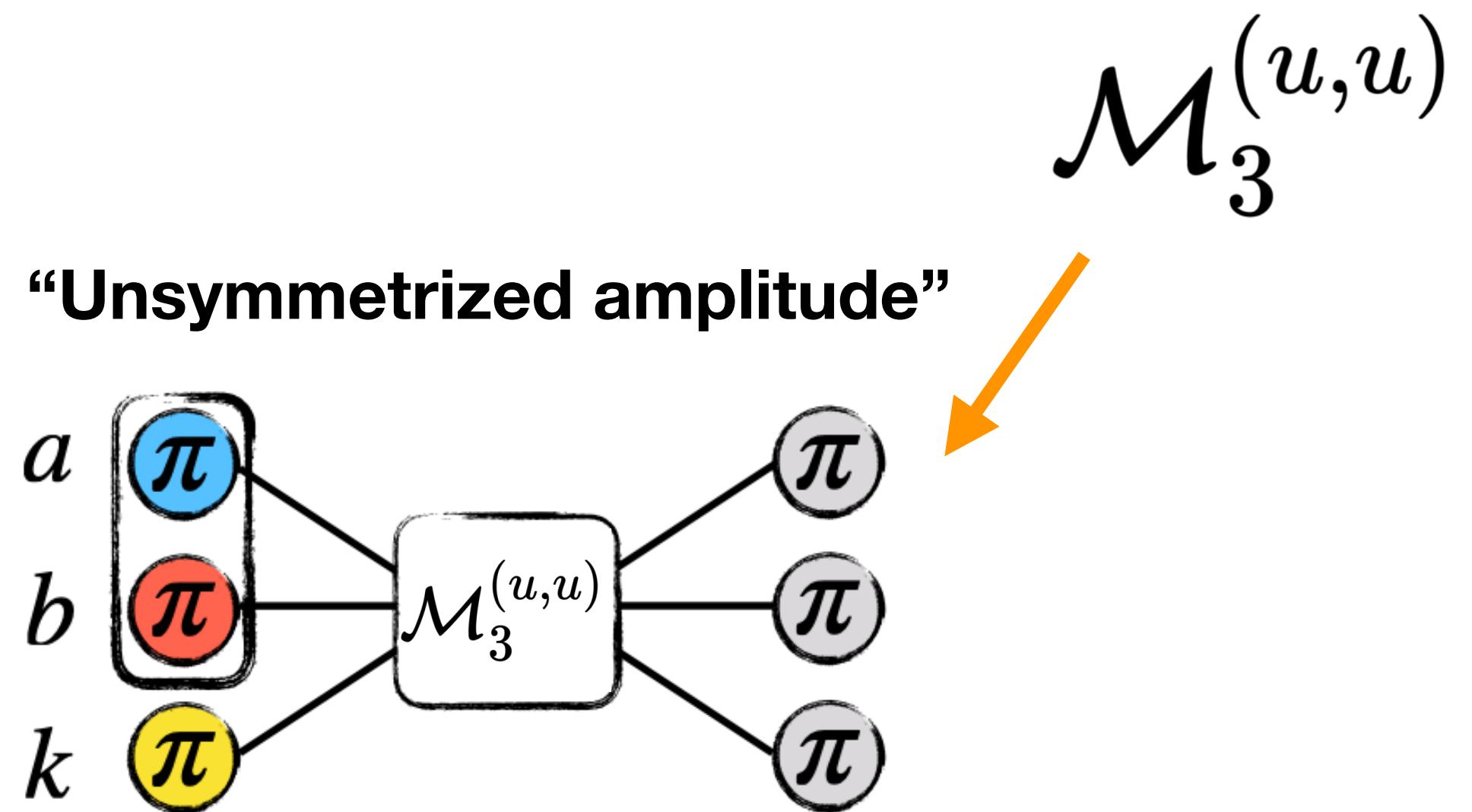
$$\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3} = \mathcal{K}_0 + \mathcal{K}_1 \Delta + \mathcal{K}_2 \Delta^2 + \mathcal{K}_A \Delta_A + \mathcal{K}_B \Delta_B,$$

$$\Delta \equiv \frac{s - 9m^2}{9m^2}$$

Functions of Mandelstam
variables

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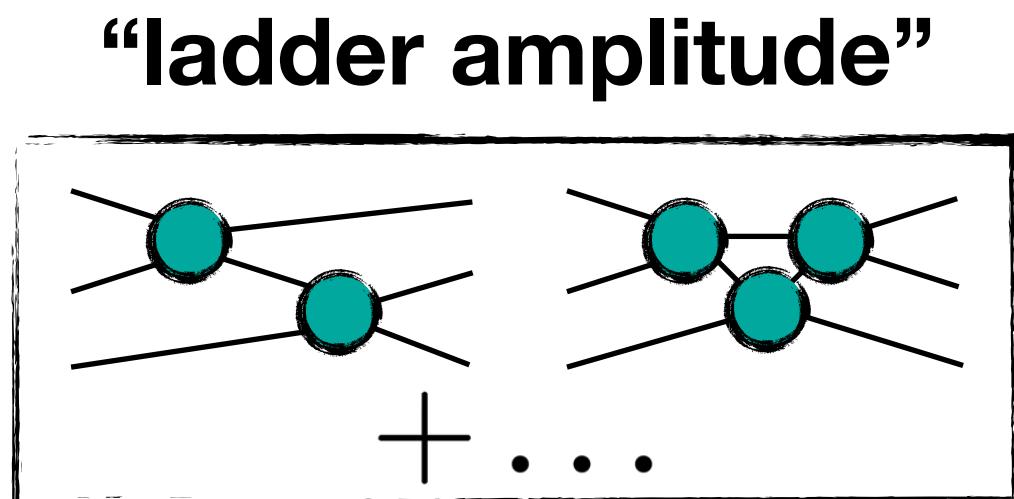
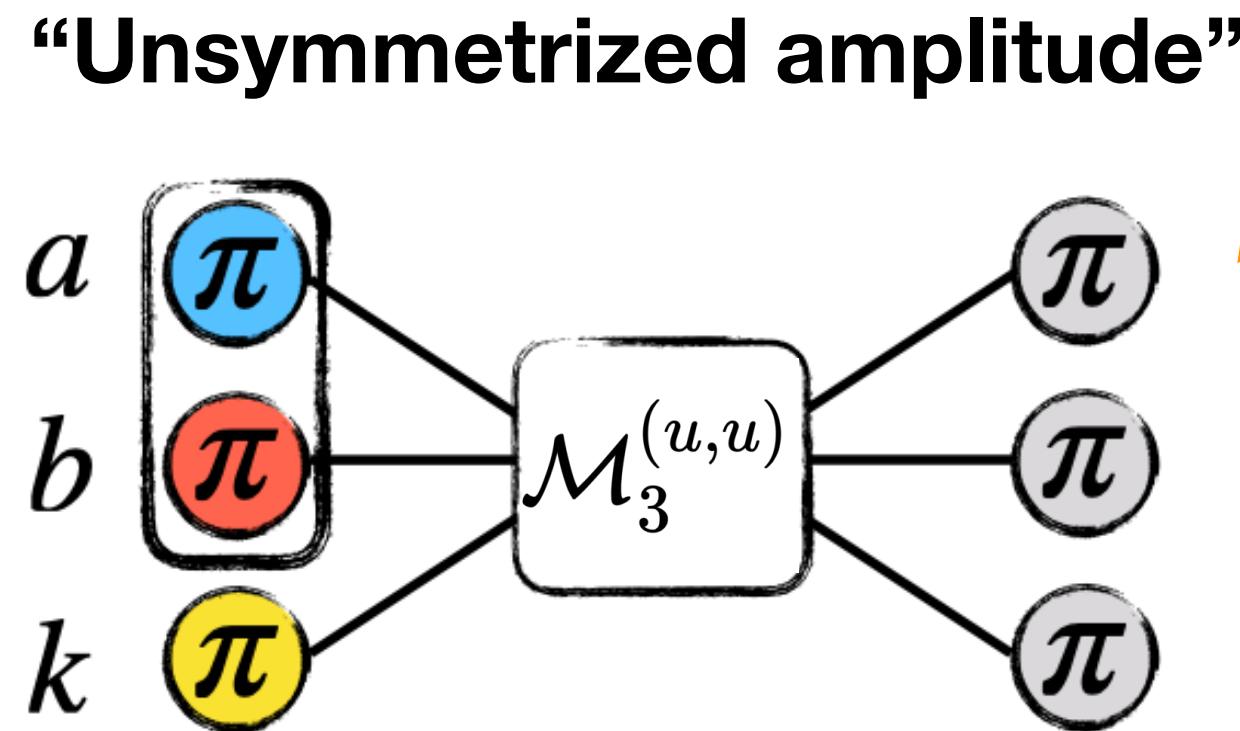
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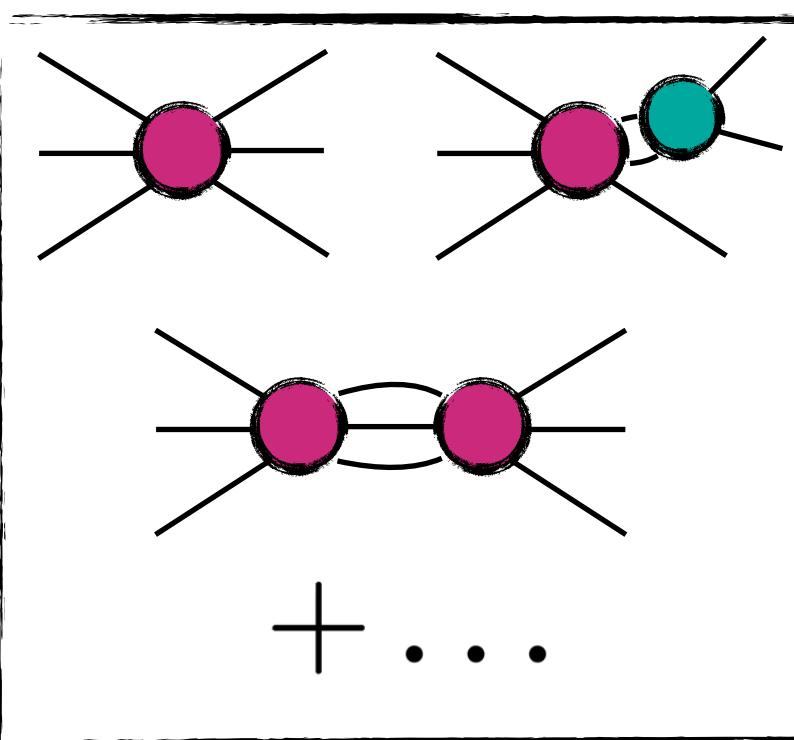
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“divergence-free
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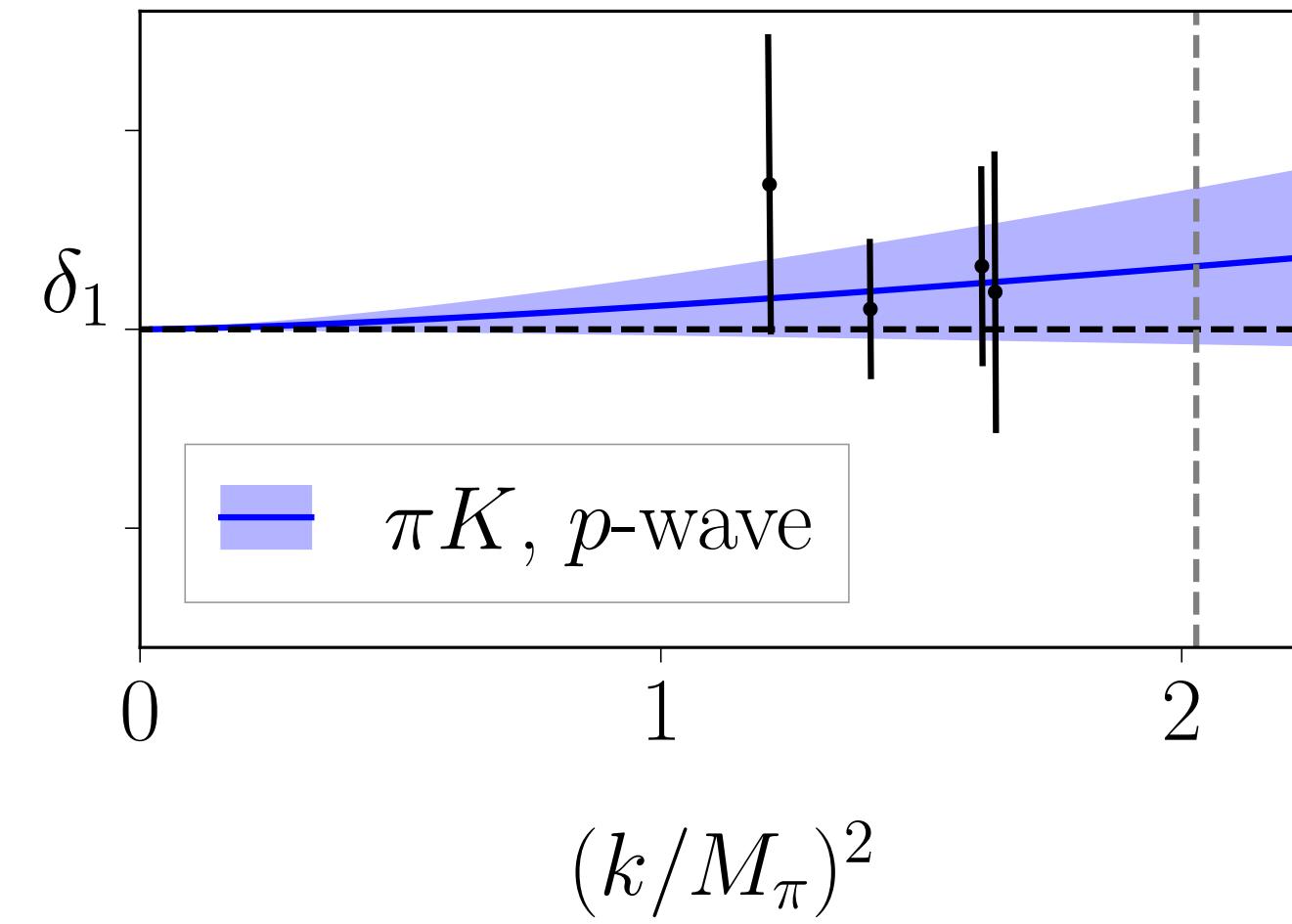
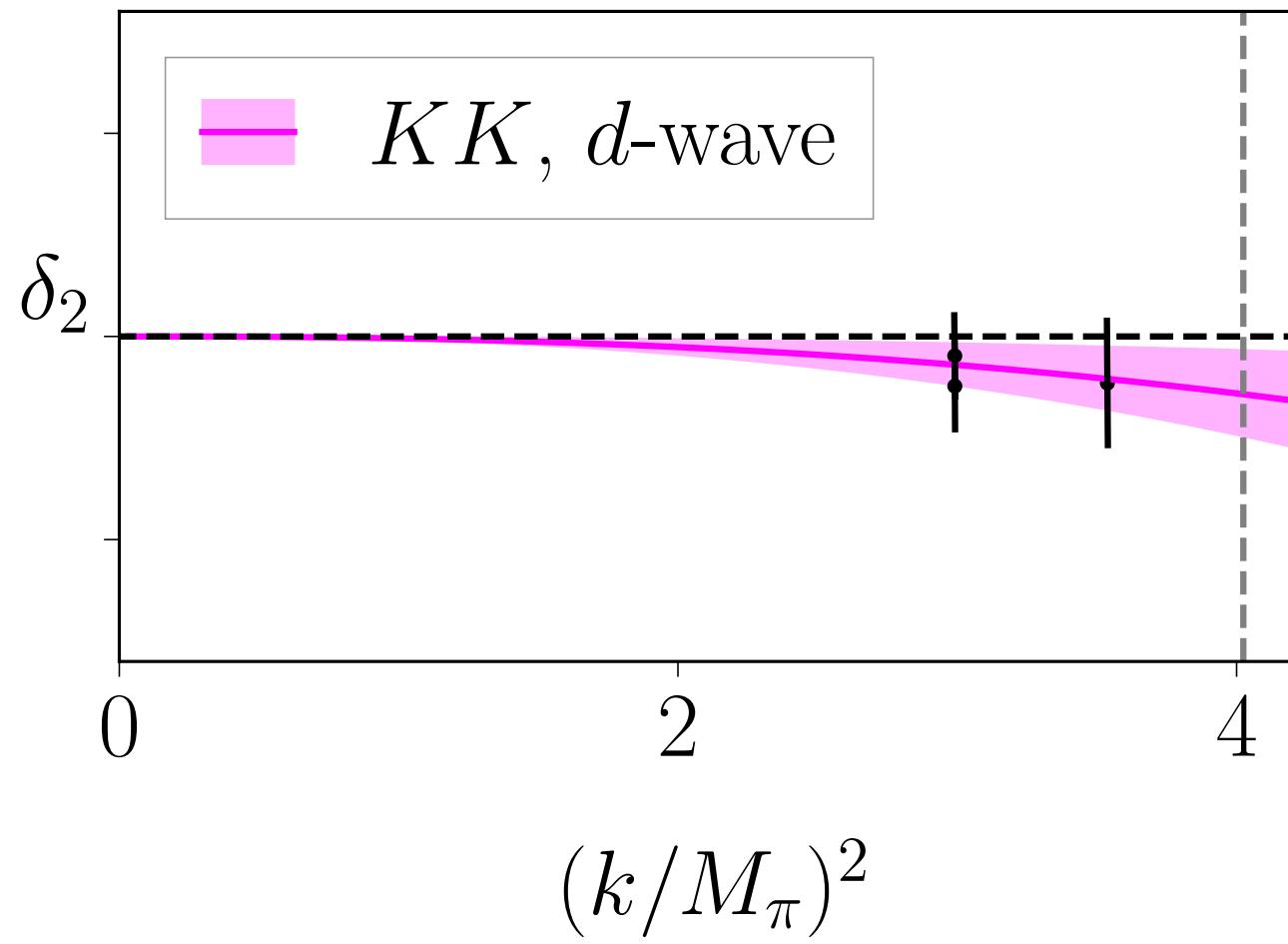
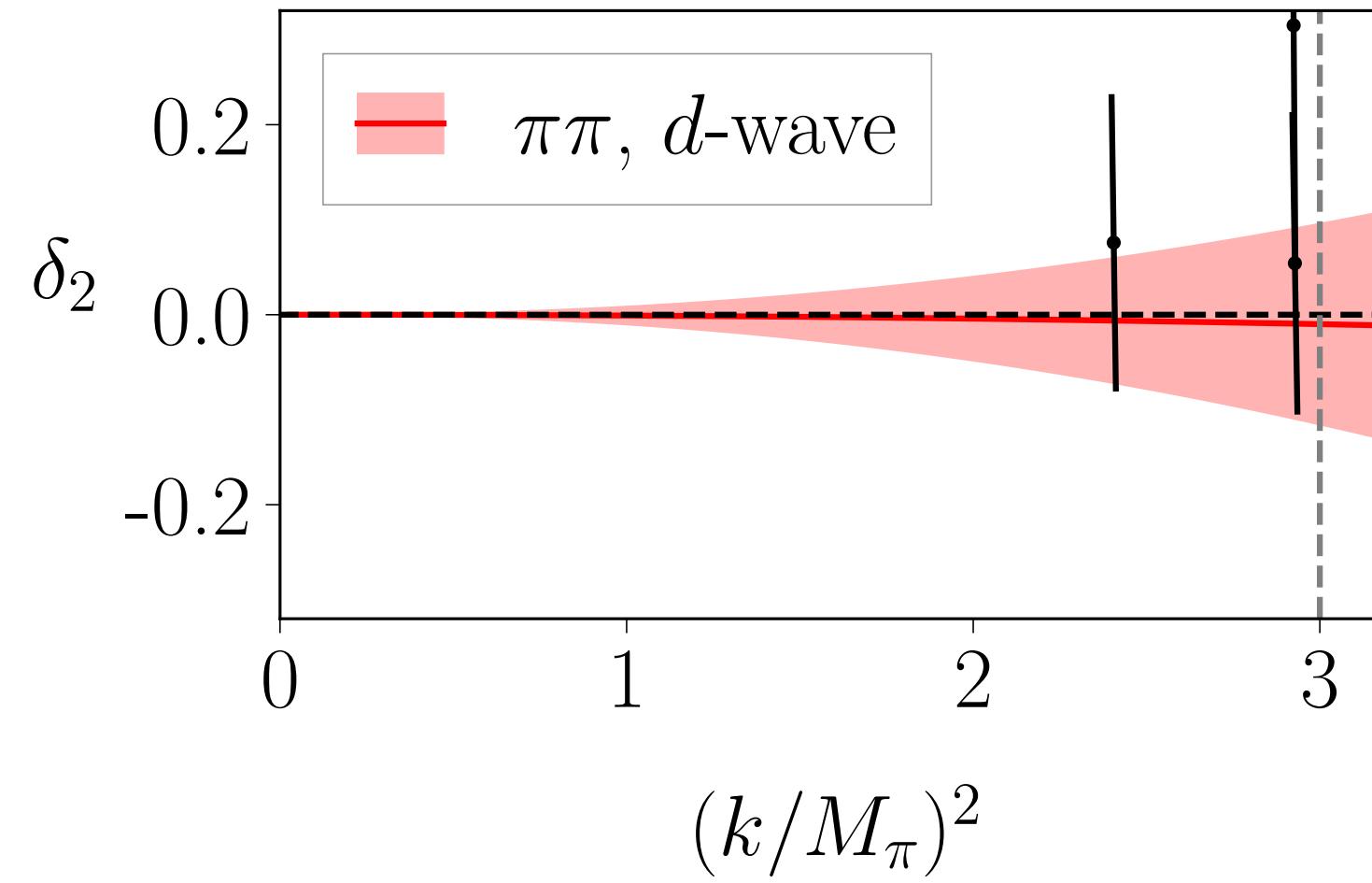
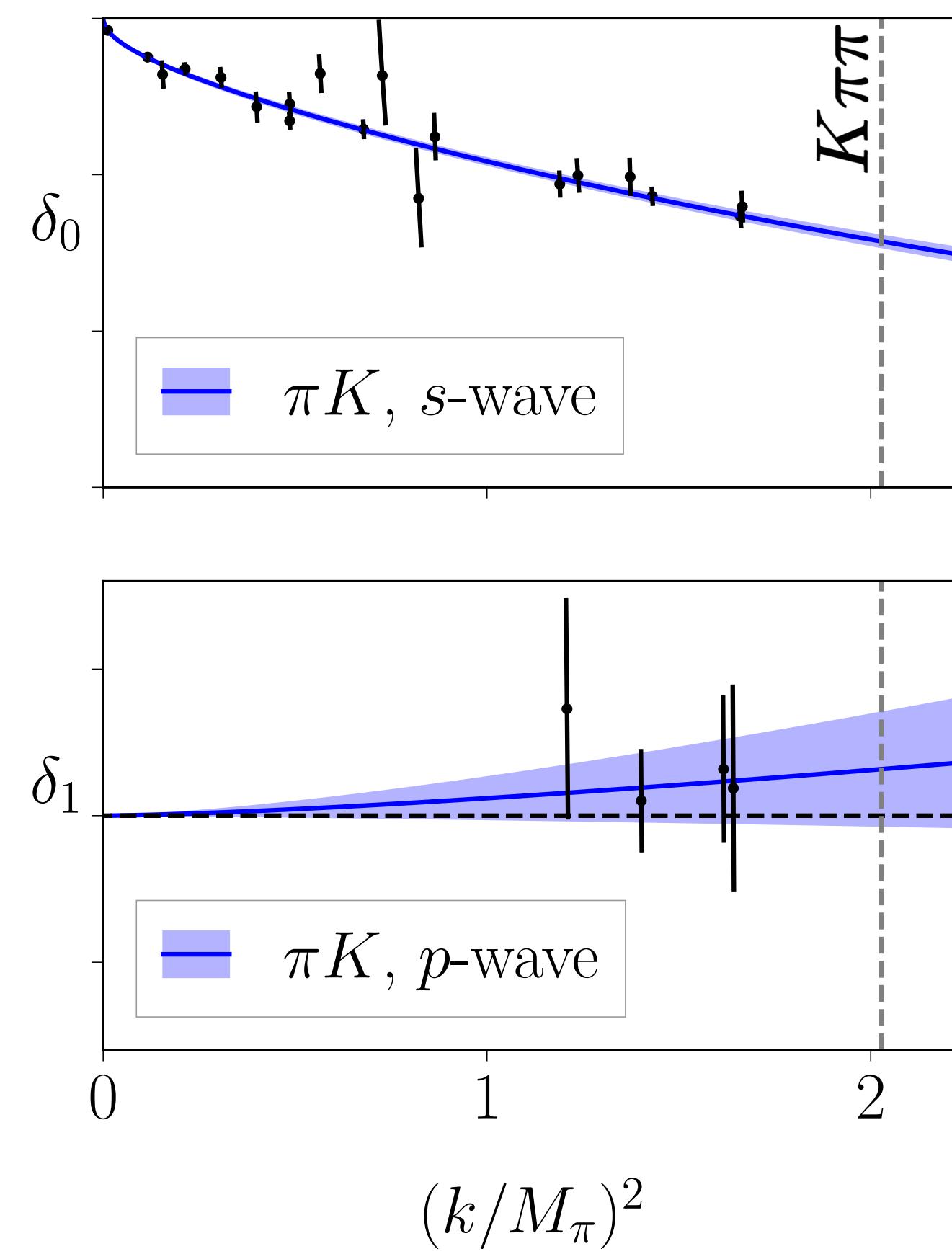
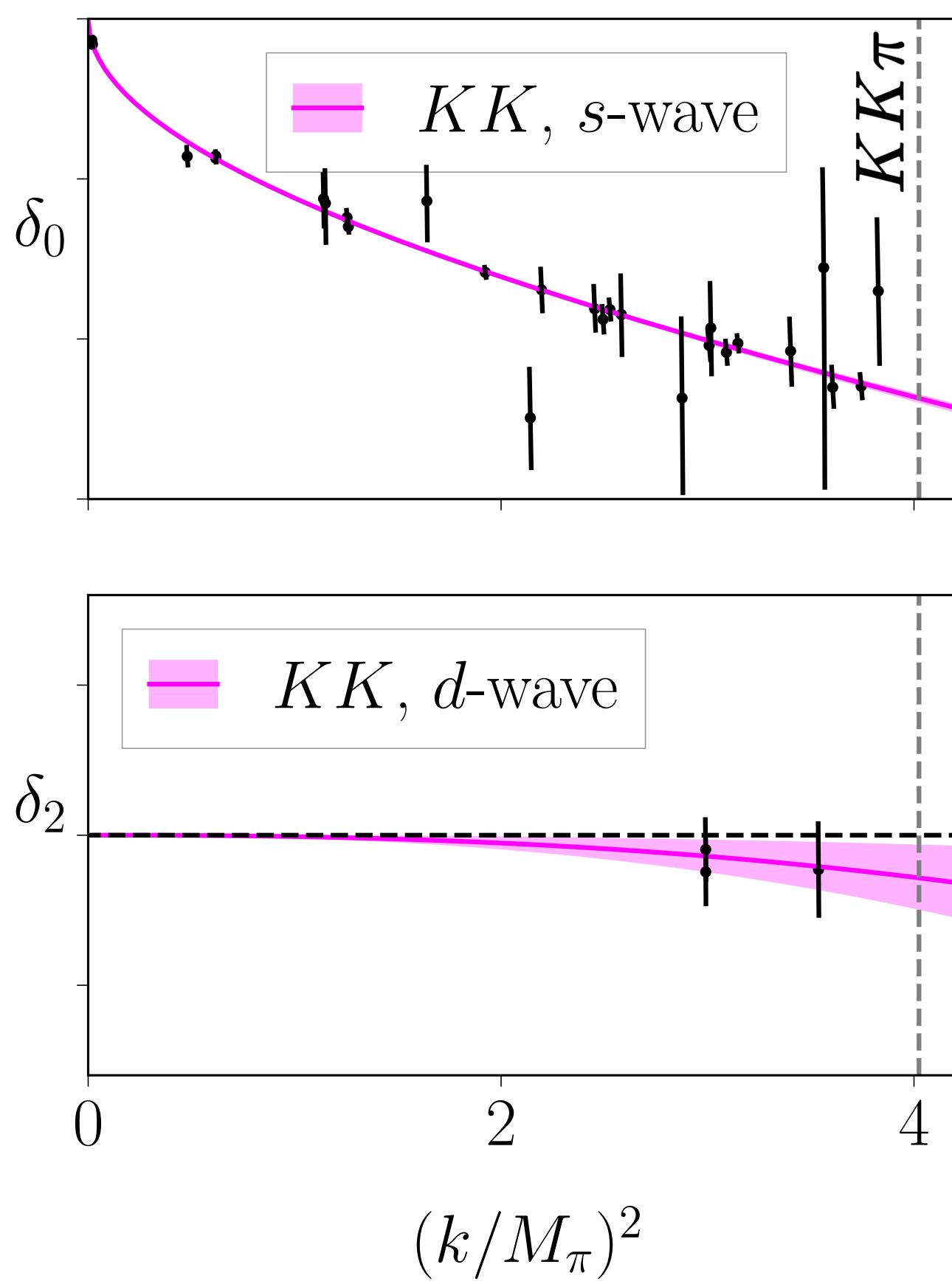
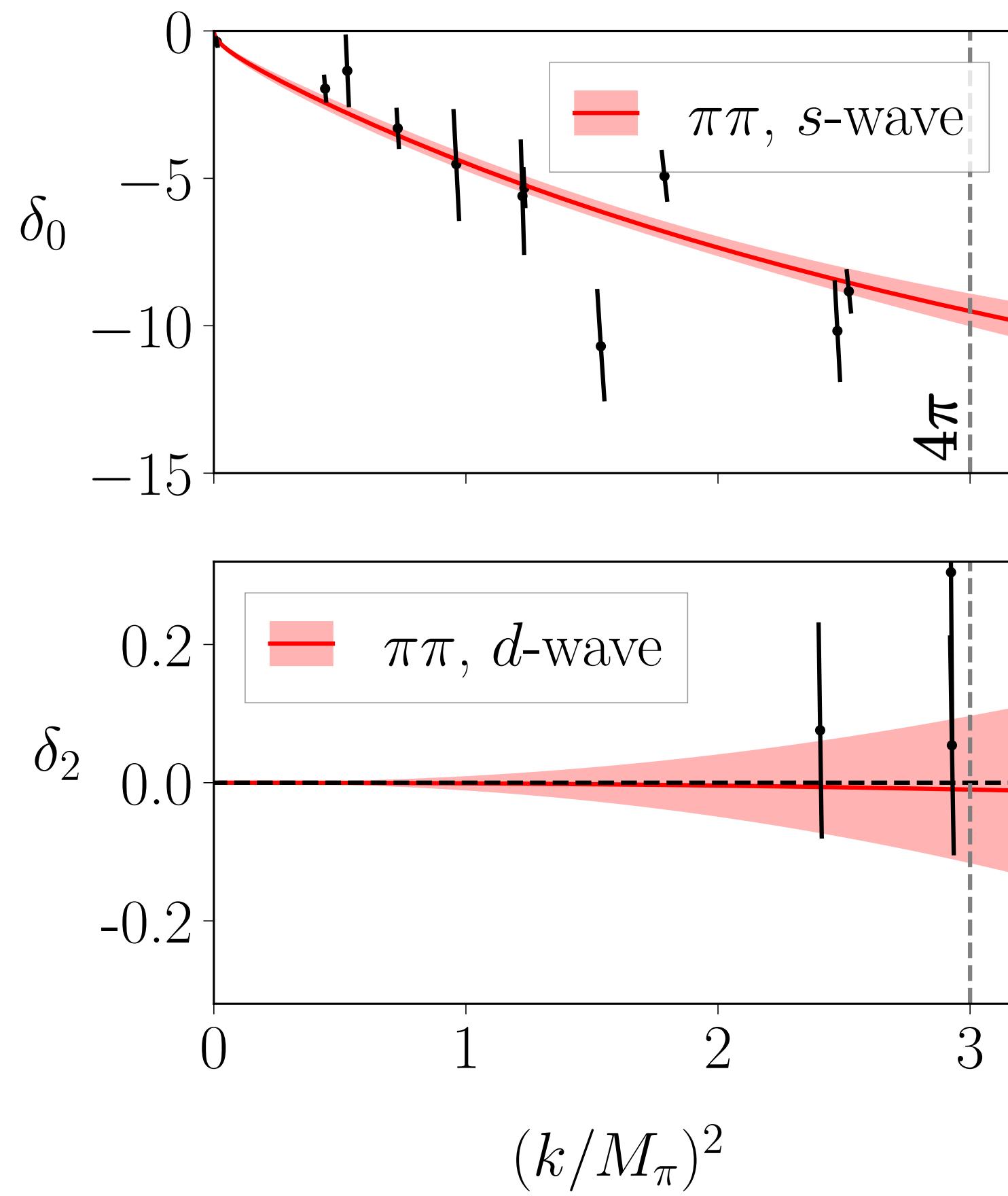
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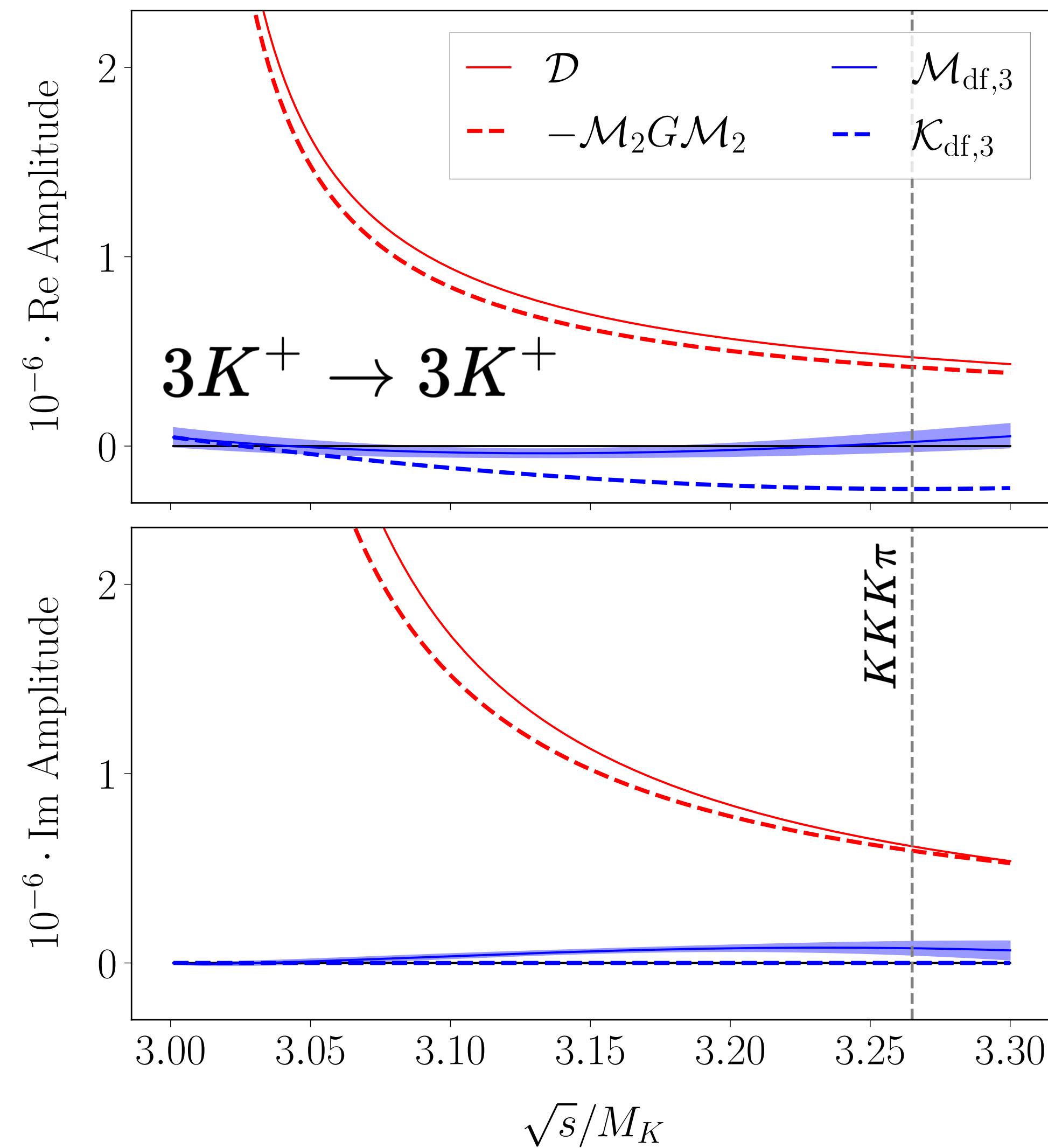
At least one
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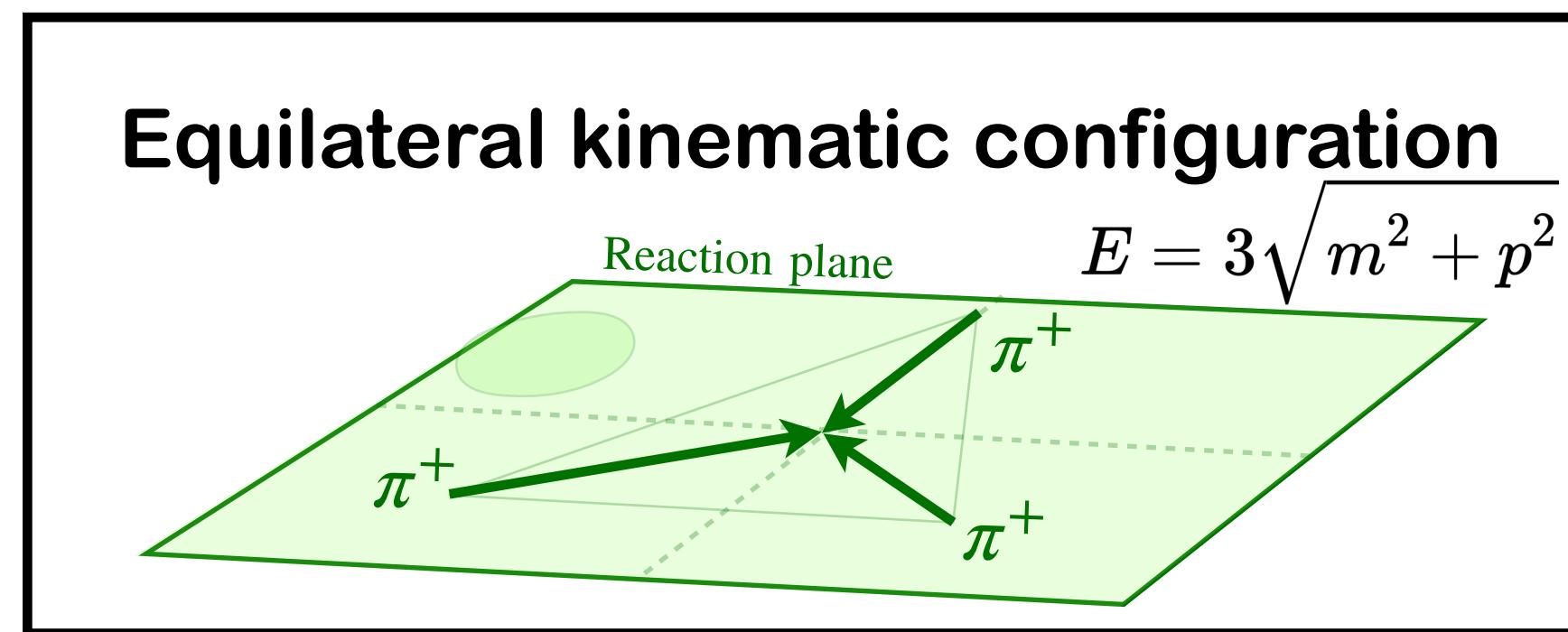
- Required input for three-meson calculations



Three-kaon $J^P=0^-$ amplitude



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► Partial-wave projected to $J^P = 0^-$
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