

Scattering amplitudes from lattice QCD



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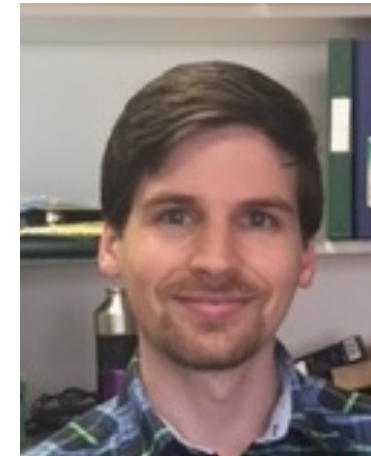
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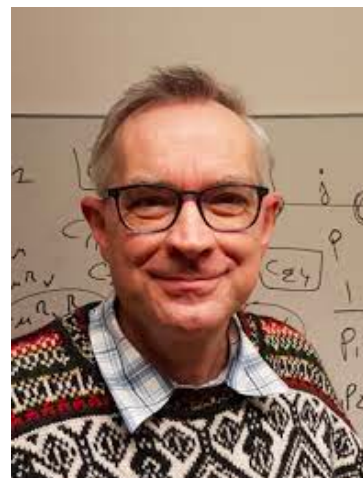
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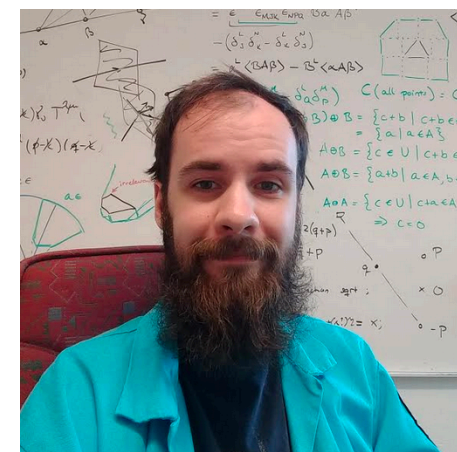
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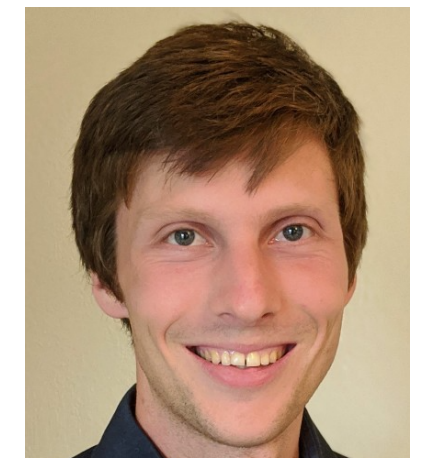
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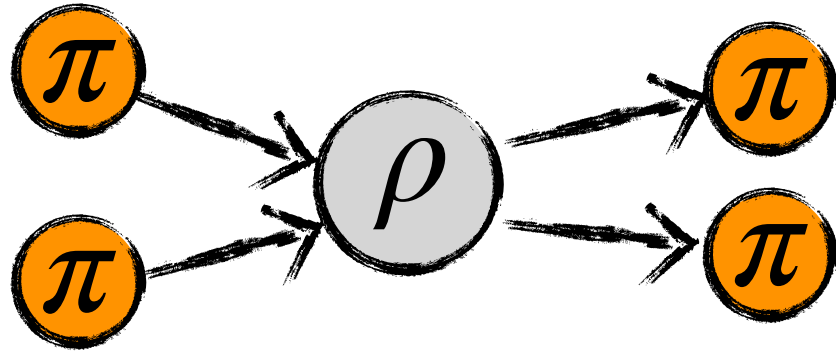


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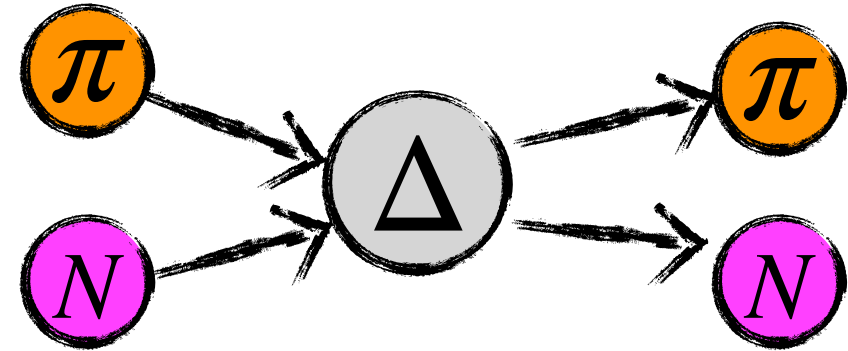
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Overview: present status



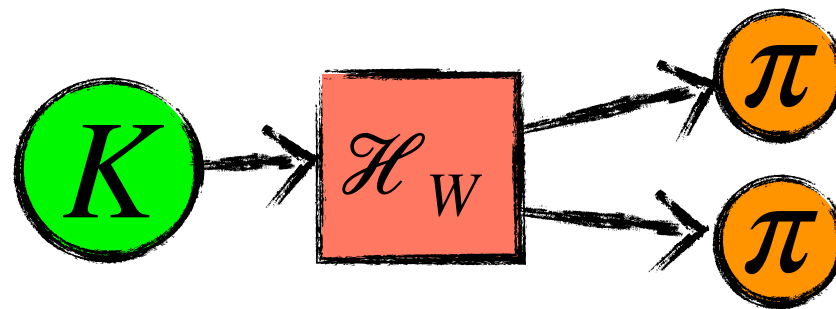
Physical quark masses

E.g.: Wang, Leinweber, Liu, Liu, Sun, Thomas, Wu, Xing, Yu,
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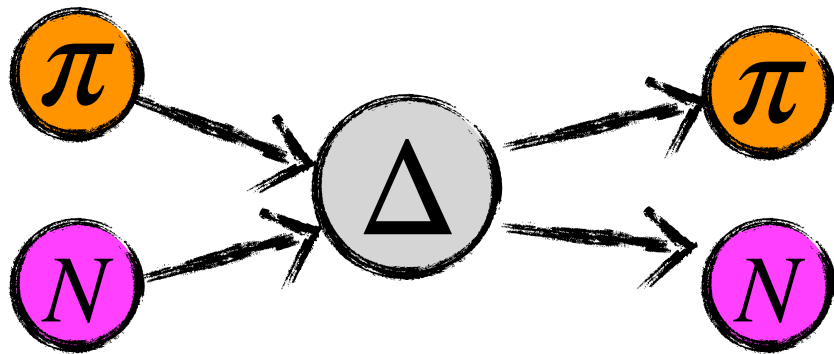


Almost “FLAG-ready”, i.e. fully controlled

Abbott et al. [RBC-UKQCD collaboration], 2004.09440

Δ resonance

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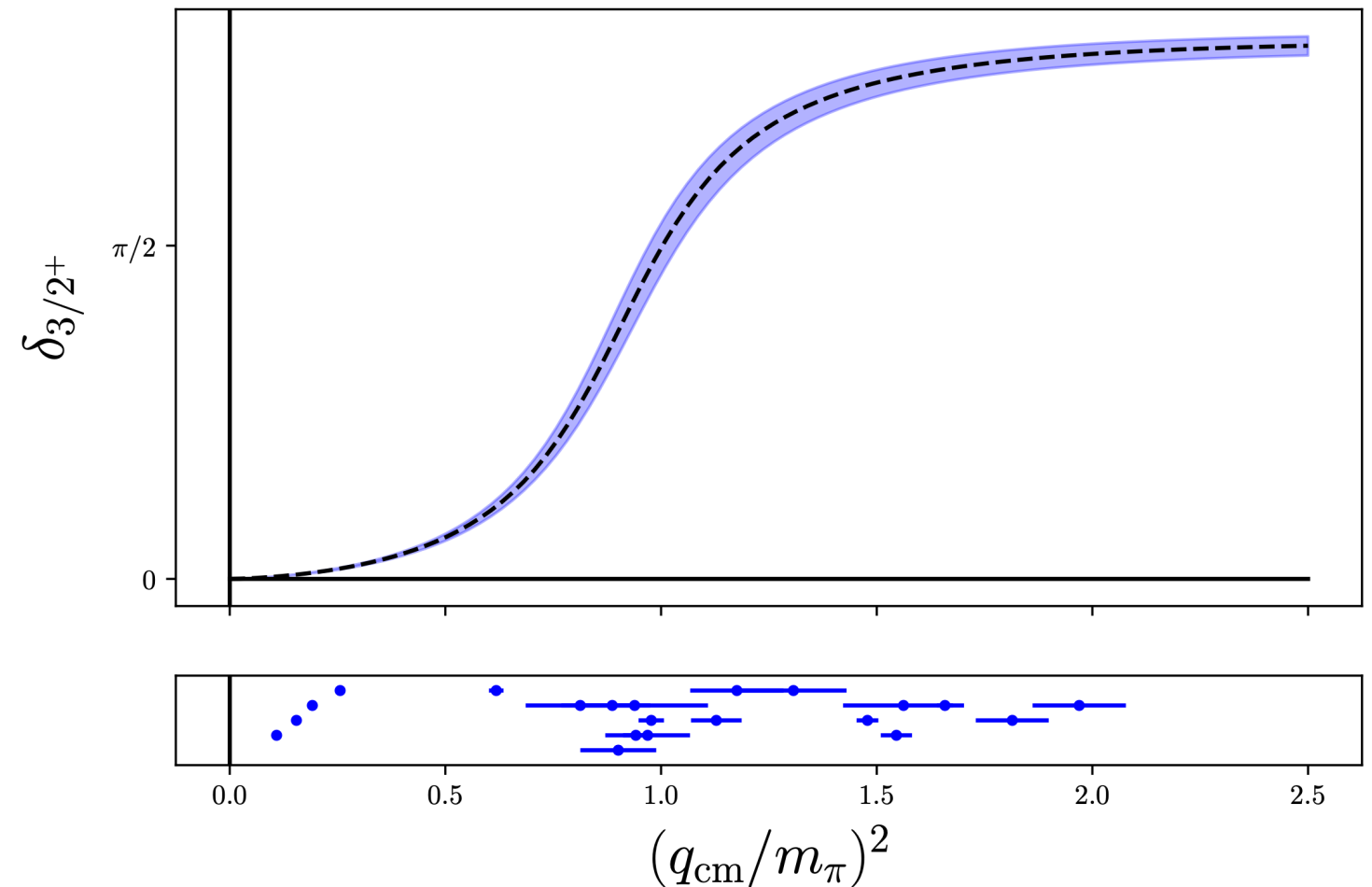
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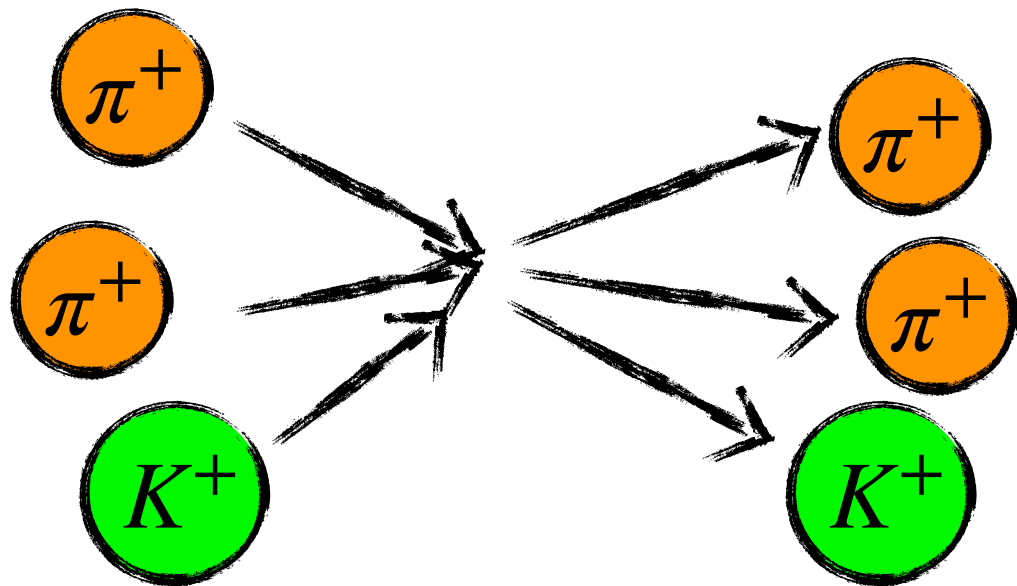
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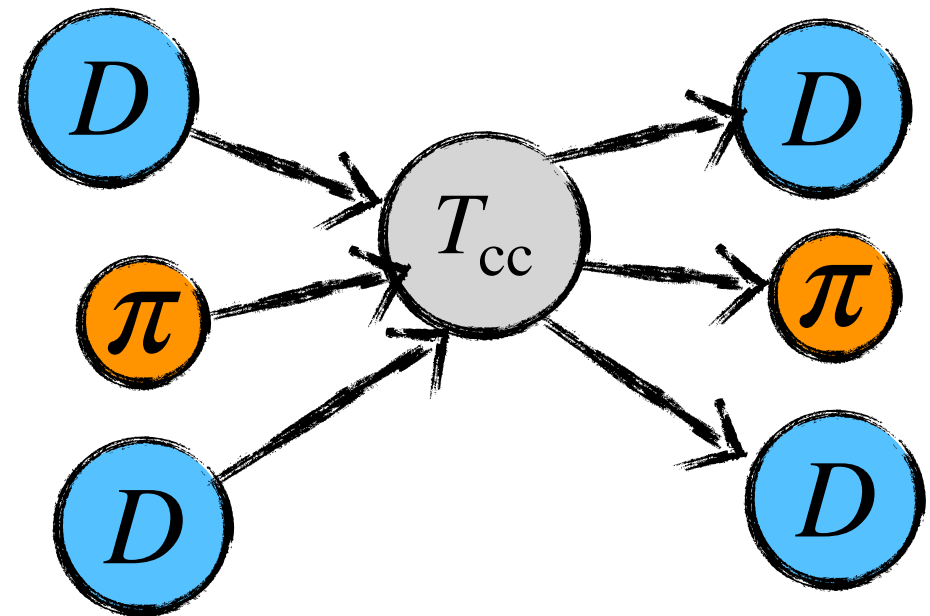


Overview: present frontier



Physical quark masses

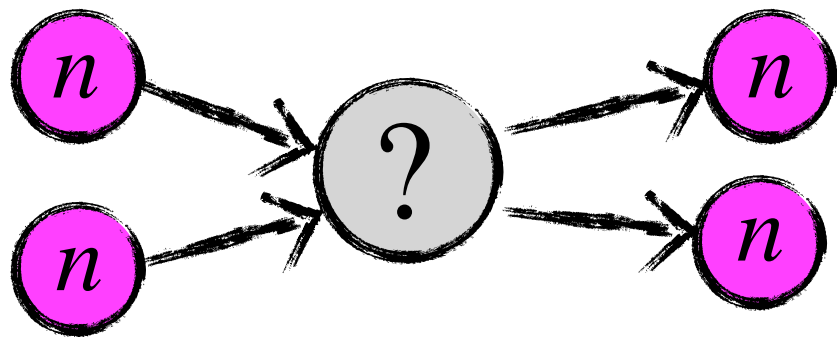
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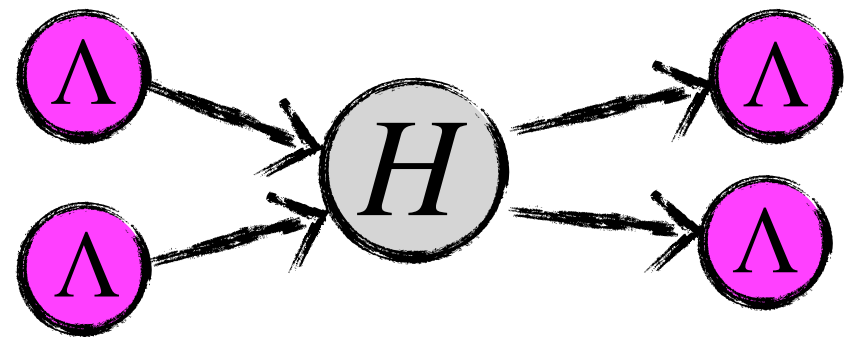
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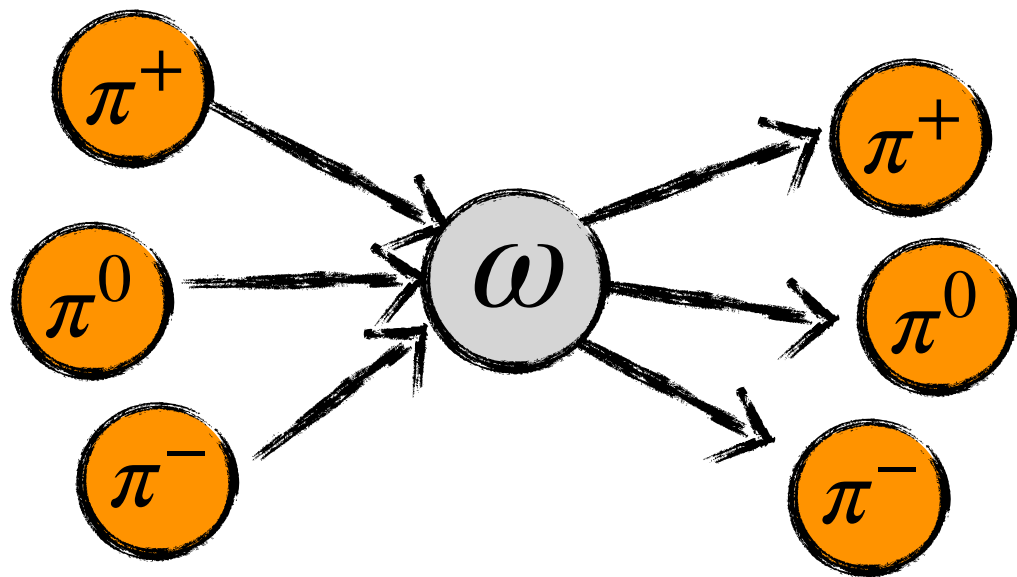


Di-neutron bound state?

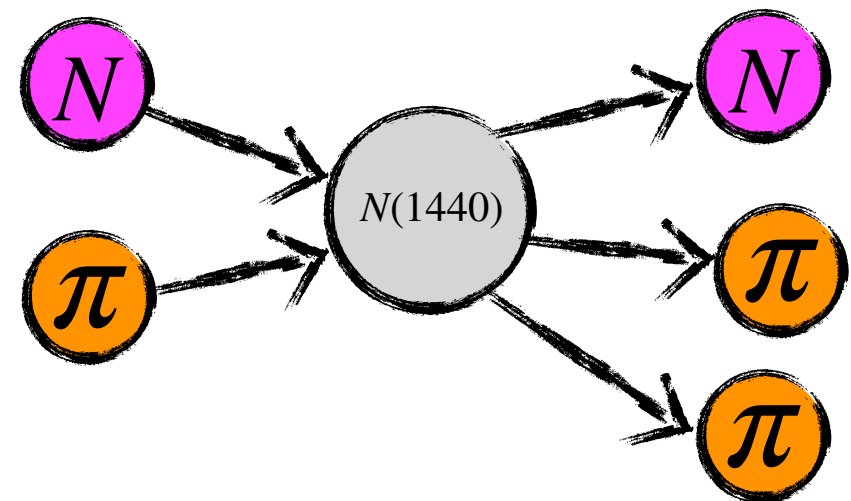


Is H dibaryon bound?

Overview: “near” future

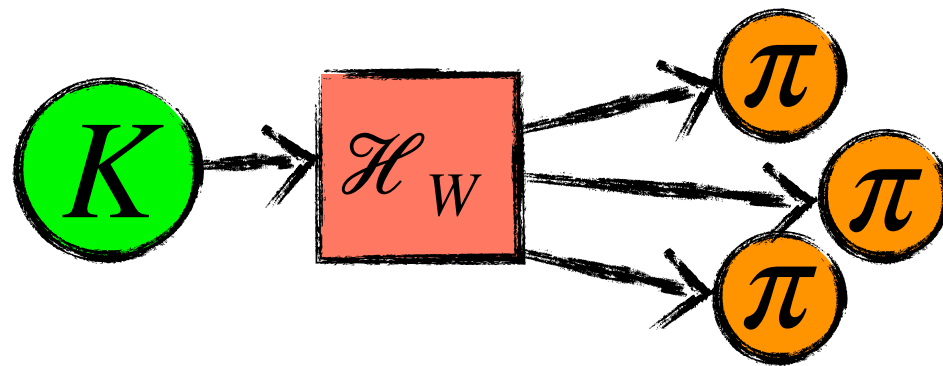


Formalism: Hansen, Romero-López, SRS, 2003.10974
First LQCD results and alternative formalism:
Yan, Mai, Garofalo, Meißner, Liu, Liu, Urbach, 2407.16659



Roper resonance

Formalism: Hansen, Romero-López, SRS, ... in prep.



Formalism: Hansen, Romero-López, SRS, 2101.10246

Outline

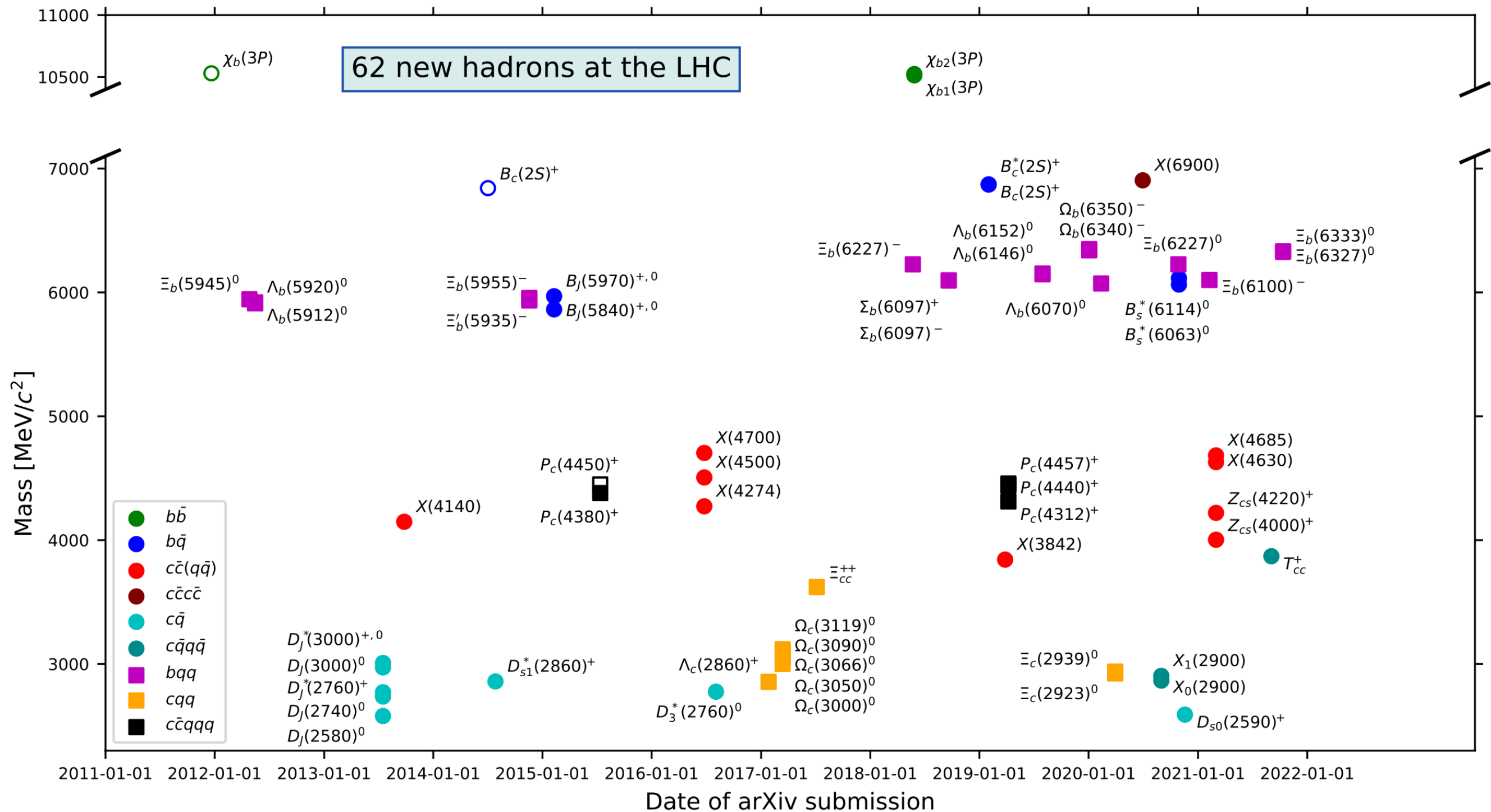
- Motivation
- The fundamental issue
- Summary of formalism
- Applications of three-particle formalism
 - Three-particle amplitudes involving pions & kaons at physical quark masses
 - $DD\pi$ scattering, relevant for T_{cc}^+
- New issue: unexpected subthreshold singularities
- Outlook

Motivation

Underlying motivations

- Determine properties of strong interaction resonances from QCD
 - E.g. exotics such as $T_{cc}(3875)^+ \rightarrow DD^* \rightarrow DD\pi$

Cornucopia of exotics



[I. Danilkin, talk at INT workshop, March 23]

+ data from Babar, Belle, COMPASS, ...

Underlying motivations

- Determine properties of strong interaction resonances from QCD
 - E.g. exotics such as $T_{cc}(3875)^+ \rightarrow DD^* \rightarrow DD\pi$
- Determine three particle “forces” for $3n$, 3π , $3K$, ...
 - Needed to understand neutron star EoS, properties of large nuclei, ...
- Calculate weak decay amplitudes within the Standard Model, in order to search for new physics
 - E.g. $K \rightarrow 2\pi$ (essentially done), $K \rightarrow 3\pi$ (method known), & $D \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$, K^+K^- (open question)

The fundamental issue

On the one hand...

- LQCD determines energies and properties of finite-volume eigenstates
 - Obtained by fits to (numerically-evaluated) Euclidean correlation functions:

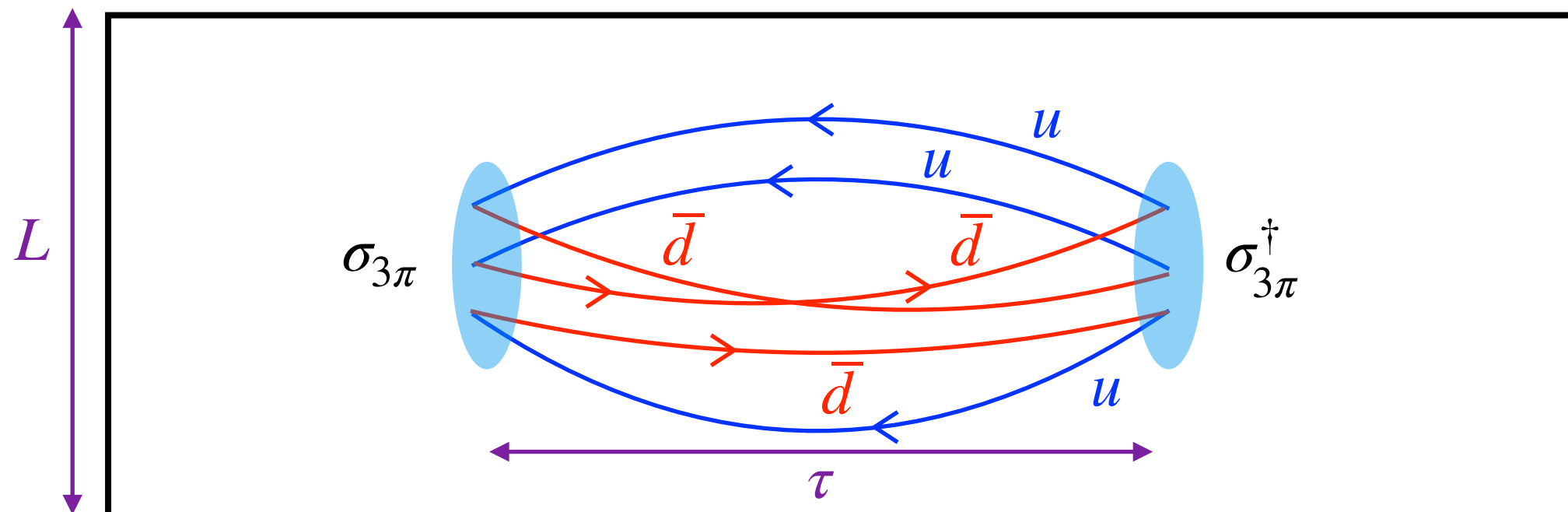
$$\int_L d^3x e^{-i\vec{P}\cdot\vec{x}} {}_L\langle\Omega|\sigma_{3\pi}(\tau,\vec{x})\sigma_{3\pi}^\dagger(0)|\Omega\rangle_L \propto \sum_n \left| {}_L\langle 0|\sigma_{3\pi}^\dagger(0)|3\pi,\vec{P},n\rangle_L \right|^2 e^{-E_n\tau}; \quad (\tau > 0)$$

$\vec{P} = 2\pi\vec{n}/L$
 Assuming L^3 box with PBC

$\sigma_{3\pi} \sim 3\pi^+$
 Lives on timeslice

Tower of finite-volume states
 with quantum numbers of $3\pi^+$,
 with momentum $\vec{P}$, and living
 in irreps of cubic group

Energies of said states



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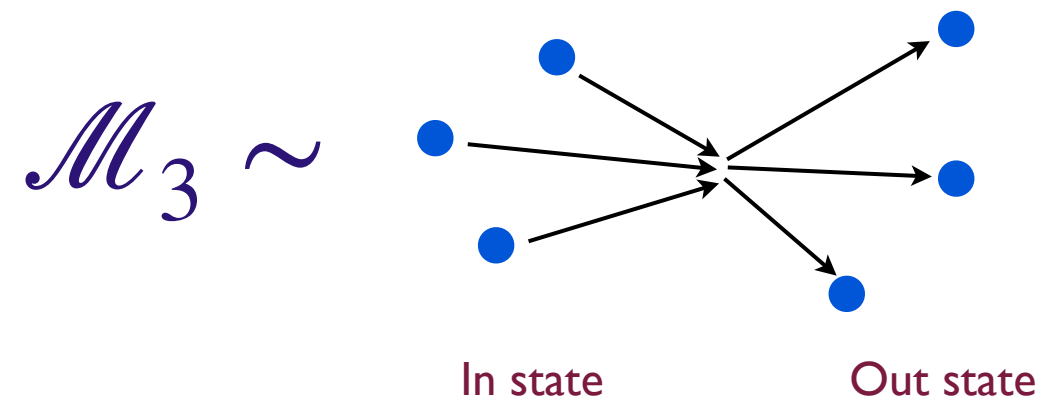
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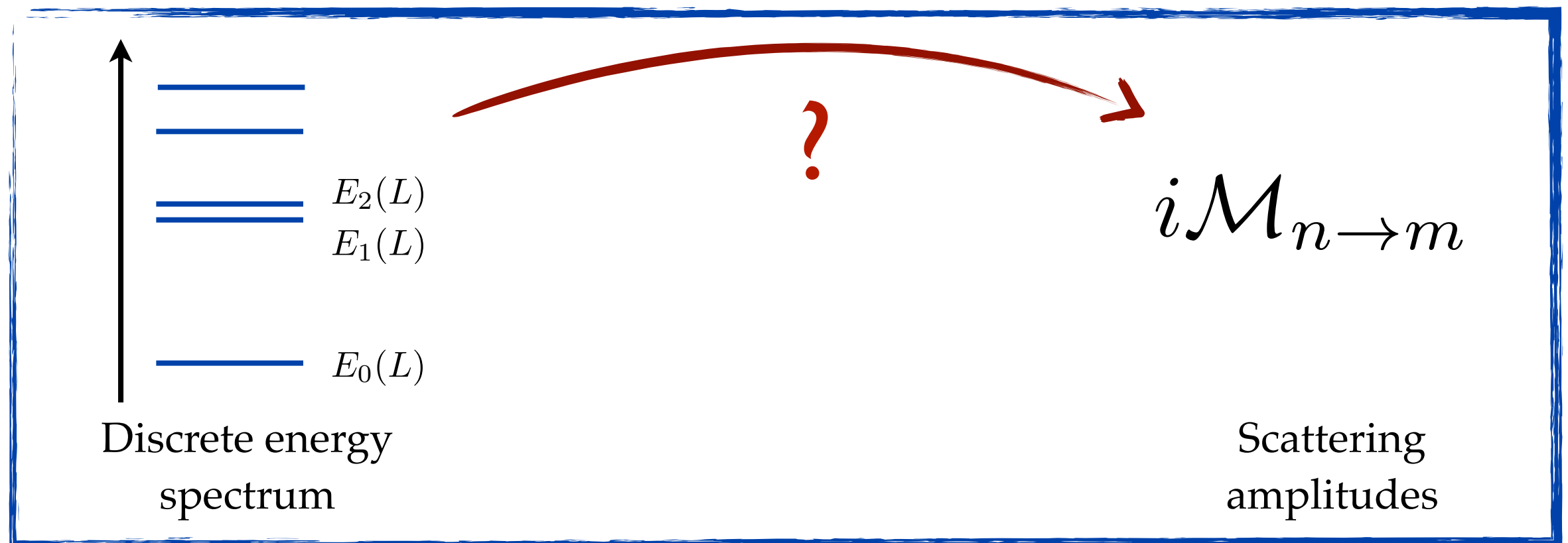
- E_n are physical quantities!
 - Can determine 5-10 levels for each choice of quantum numbers ($\vec{P}$, irrep, ...)
 - Can now begin to calculate with physical quark masses
 - Results come with statistical & systematic errors (e.g. need $a \rightarrow 0$)
 - Today, I assume that the physical E_n are provided by LQCD simulations

...while on the other

- We want infinite-volume scattering amplitudes, e.g.



- How do we relate these? A finite-volume QFT problem.



A related question:

- LQCD can also calculate matrix elements between finite-volume states

$${}_L\langle\Omega|\sigma_{3\pi}(\tau_f, \vec{P})[\int_L d^3x \mathcal{H}_W(0, \vec{x})]K^\dagger(\tau_i, \vec{P})|\Omega\rangle_L \propto \sum_{n',n} c_{n',n} e^{-E_n \tau_f} \underbrace{{}_L\langle 3\pi, \vec{P}, n' | \mathcal{H}_W(0) | K, n \rangle_L}_{\text{A physical quantity if } E_{n'} = E_n} e^{E_{K'} \tau_i}$$

$\nearrow \tau_f > 0$
 $\nwarrow \tau_i < 0$

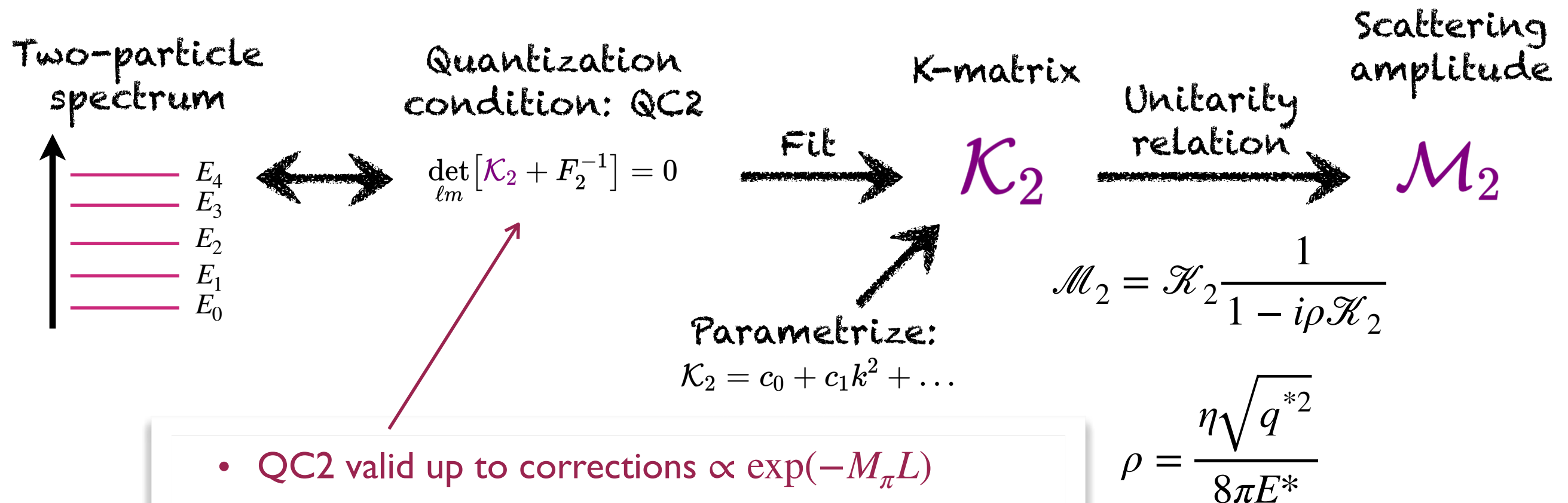
- How are these related to decay amplitudes?

$$\mathcal{A}(K \rightarrow 3\pi) = {}_{\text{out}}\langle 3\pi | \mathcal{H}_W(0) | K \rangle$$

Summary of formalism

2-particle formalism

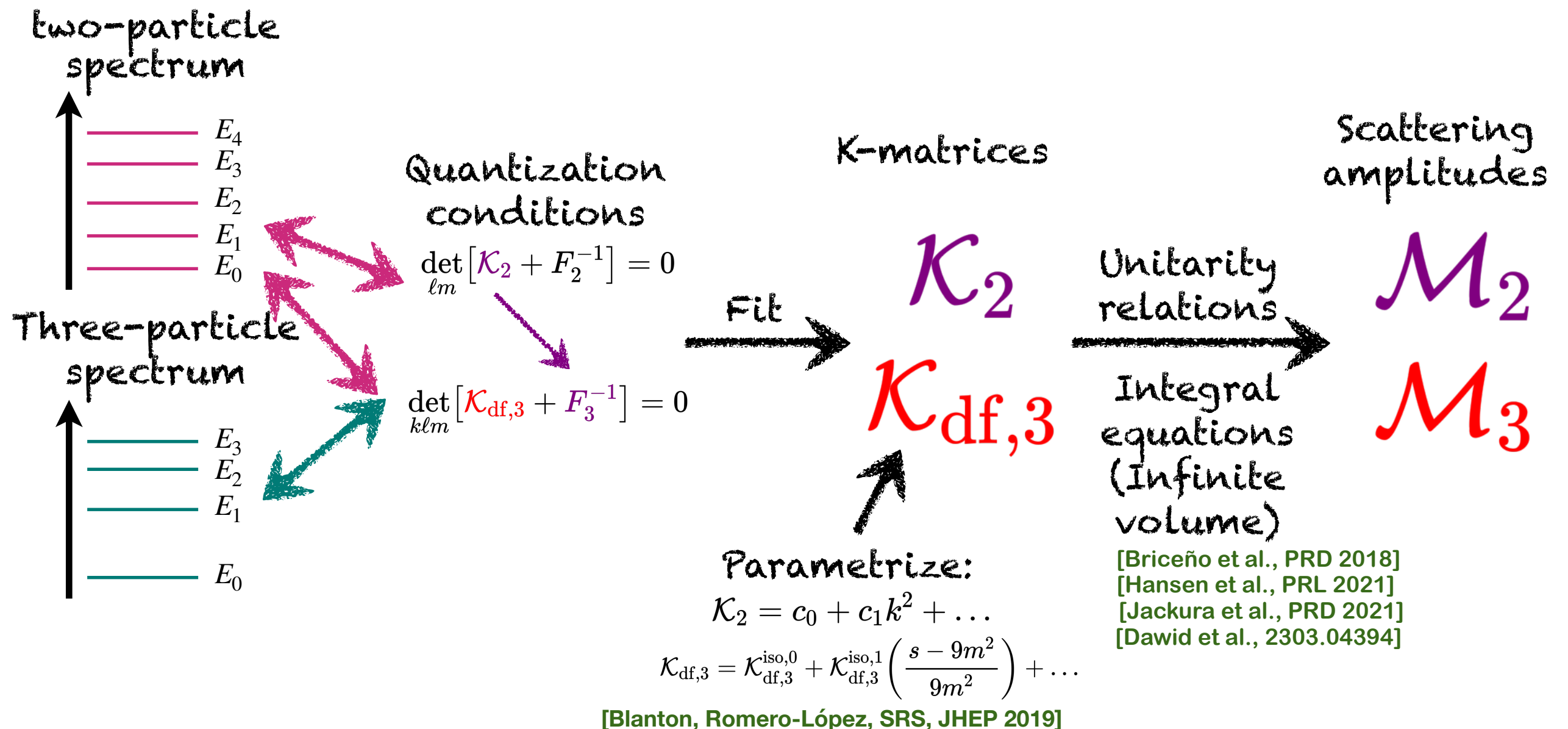
[Lüscher, 1986-91 + many subsequent works]



- QC2 valid up to corrections $\propto \exp(-M_\pi L)$
- QC2 valid up to inelastic threshold
- Matrix indices are CM-frame ℓ, m
- $\mathcal{K}_2$ is an infinite-volume quantity; diagonal in ℓ, m
- F depends on E, P, L ; mixes ℓ, m
- In practical applications, must truncate in ℓ

3-particle formalism

[Hansen & SRS, 2014 & 2015 + many subsequent works]

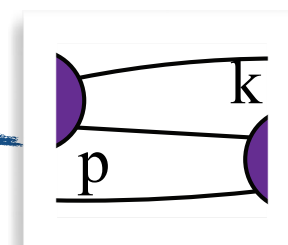
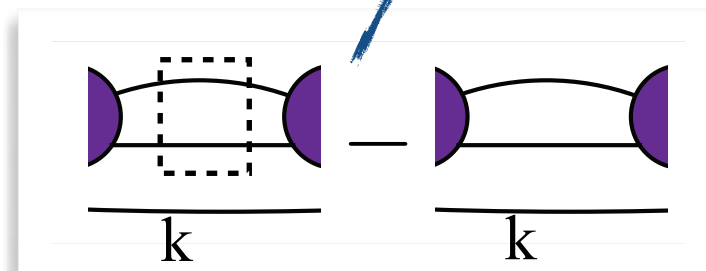
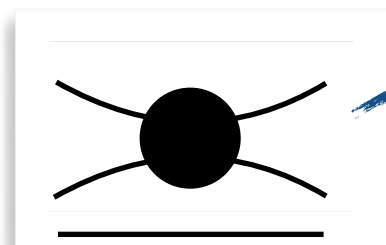


QC3

$$\det_{k\ell m} \left[F_3^{-1} + \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3} \right] = 0$$

- QC3 valid up to corrections $\propto \exp(-M_\pi L)$
- QC3 valid up to first inelastic threshold, e.g. $E^* = 5M_\pi$ for 3 pion system
- Matrix indices are spectator finite-volume momentum k , and pair CM-frame ℓ, m
- Formalism includes smooth cutoff in k ; must truncate “by hand” in ℓ

$$F_3 = \frac{1}{2\omega L^3} \left[\frac{F}{3} - F \frac{1}{1/\mathcal{K}_{2,L} + F + G} F \right]$$



Relating $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ to $\mathcal{M}_3$

$$\mathcal{M}_3 = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{S} \left\{ \mathcal{D}_L^{(u,u)} + \mathcal{M}_{\text{df},3,L}^{(u,u)} \right\} = \mathcal{D} + \mathcal{M}_{\text{df},3}$$

- $\mathcal{D}$ contains all divergent contributions to $\mathcal{M}_3$, but depends on cutoff function $H(\vec{k})$

$$\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{S} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} \\ \text{Diagram 2} \\ \text{Diagram 3} \end{array} \right\}$$

The diagram shows a series of terms in curly braces, separated by plus signs. Each term consists of three horizontal lines representing particle paths. The first term has two circles labeled $\mathcal{M}_2$ on the top and bottom lines, with a purple G between them. The second term has three circles labeled $\mathcal{M}_2$ on the top, middle, and bottom lines, with purple G between the top and middle, and between the middle and bottom. The sequence continues with an ellipsis.

- $\mathcal{M}_{\text{df},3}$ is divergence-free, equals $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ at leading order, and is also cutoff-dependent

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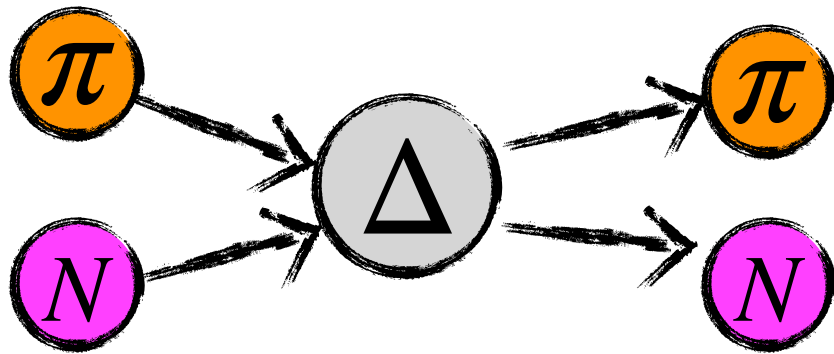
- “Decorations” ensure that $\mathcal{M}_3$ is unitary
- Methods for solving integral equations, and analytically continuing to complex momenta, are now well established [Briceño, Dawid, Hansen, Islam, Jackura, 2020-23]
 - In practice, project on definite overall J^P

Status: formalism

- 3 identical spinless particles [Hansen & SRS 14,15 (RFT); Hammer, Pang, Rusetsky 17 (NREFT); Mai, Döring 17 (FVU)]
 - Applications: $3\pi^+$, $3K^+$, as well as ϕ^4 theory
- Mixing of two- and three-particle channels for identical spinless particles [Briceño, Hansen, SRS 17]
- 3 degenerate but distinguishable spinless particles, e.g 3π with isospin 0, 1, 2, 3 [Hansen, Romero-López, SRS 20]; $I = 1$ case in FVU approach [Mai et al., 21]
 - Potential applications: $\omega(782)$, $a_1(1260)$, $h_1(1170)$, $\pi(1300)$, ...
- 3 nondegenerate spinless particles [Blanton, SRS 20]
 - Potential applications: $D_s^+ D^0 \pi^-$
- 2 identical + 1 different spinless particles [Blanton, SRS 21]
 - Applications: $\pi^+ \pi^+ K^+$, $K^+ K^+ \pi^+$
- 3 identical spin-1/2 particles [Draper, Hansen, Romero-López, SRS 23]
 - Potential applications: $3n$, $3p$, 3Λ
- $DD\pi$ for all isospins (also $BB\pi$, $KK\pi$) [Draper, Hansen, Romero-López, SRS 23]
 - Potential applications: $T_{cc} \rightarrow D^* D$ incorporating LH cut
- Multiple three-particle channels: $\eta\pi\pi + K\bar{K}\pi$ [Draper & SRS 24]
 - Potential applications: $b_1(1235)$, $\eta(1295)$
- $N\pi\pi$ at maximal isospin [Hansen, Romero-López, SRS 23]
 - Step on the way to Roper: $N(1440) \rightarrow N\pi + N\pi\pi$

Δ resonance

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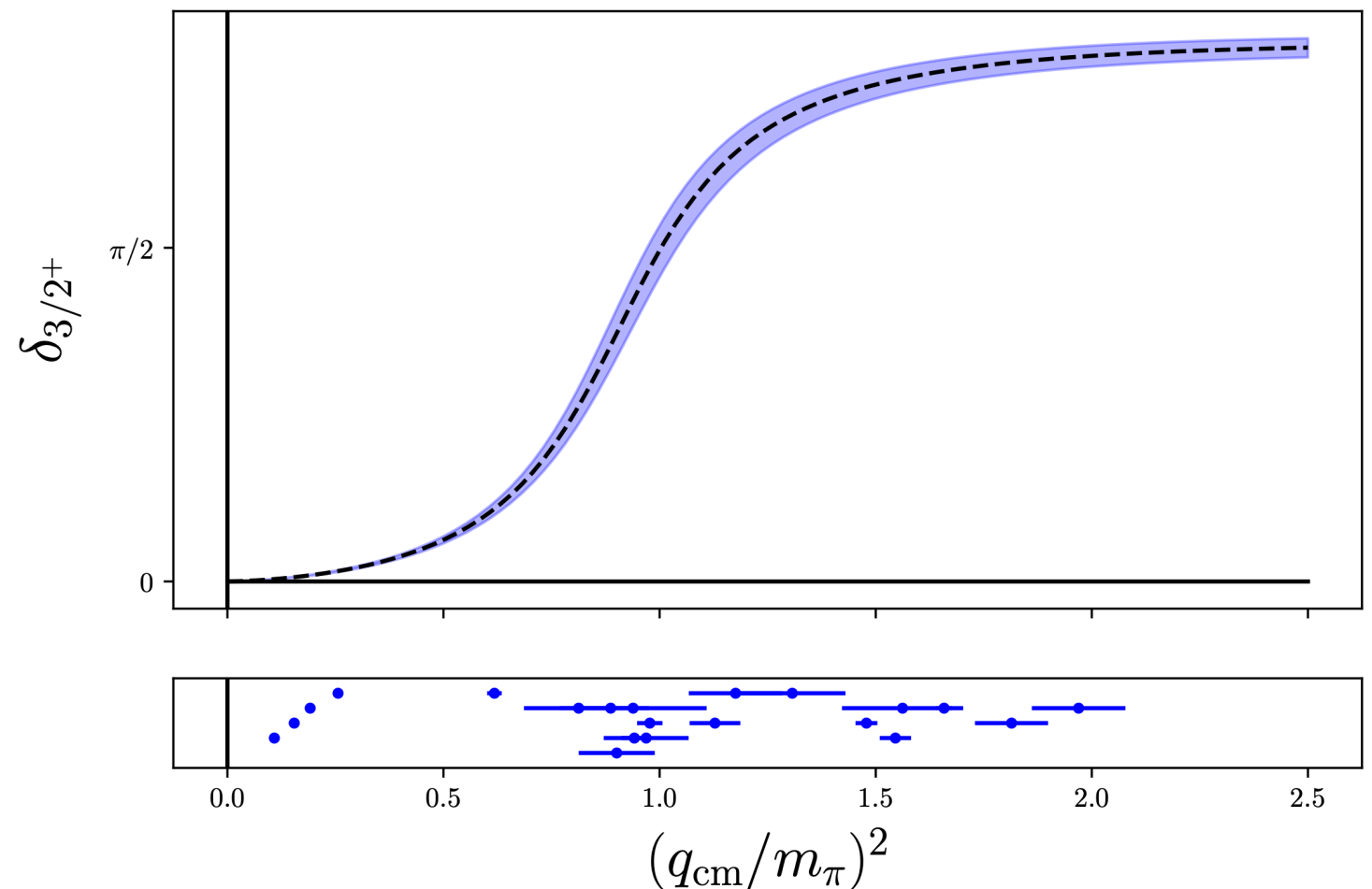
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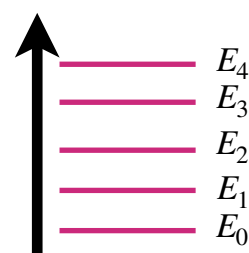
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two-meson
spectrum



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Fit

$\mathcal{K}_2$

Parametrize

Unitarity

$\delta \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}_2$

Application of 3-particle formalism:

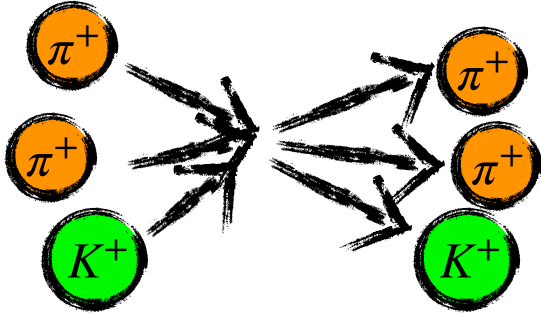
QCD predictions for physical multimeson scattering amplitudes

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[2502.14348 (PRL) & 2502.17976 (PRD)]



Three PGBs at maximal isospin



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

- Benchmark system, with simple repulsive dynamics
 - First calculation at physical quark masses
 - Study $J^P = 0^-, 1^+, 2^-$, including subchannels with $\ell = 0, 1, 2$
 - Compare to expectations from ChPT
- Use CLS ensembles ($\mathcal{O}(a)$ improved Wilson) + GEVP

	$(L/a)^3 \times (T/a)$	$M_\pi[\text{MeV}]$	$M_K[\text{MeV}]$	N_{cfg}	$M_\pi L$
N203	$48^3 \times 128$	340	440	771	5.41
N200	$48^3 \times 128$	280	460	1712	4.42
D200	$64^3 \times 128$	200	480	2000	4.20
E250	$96^3 \times 192$	130	500	505	4.05

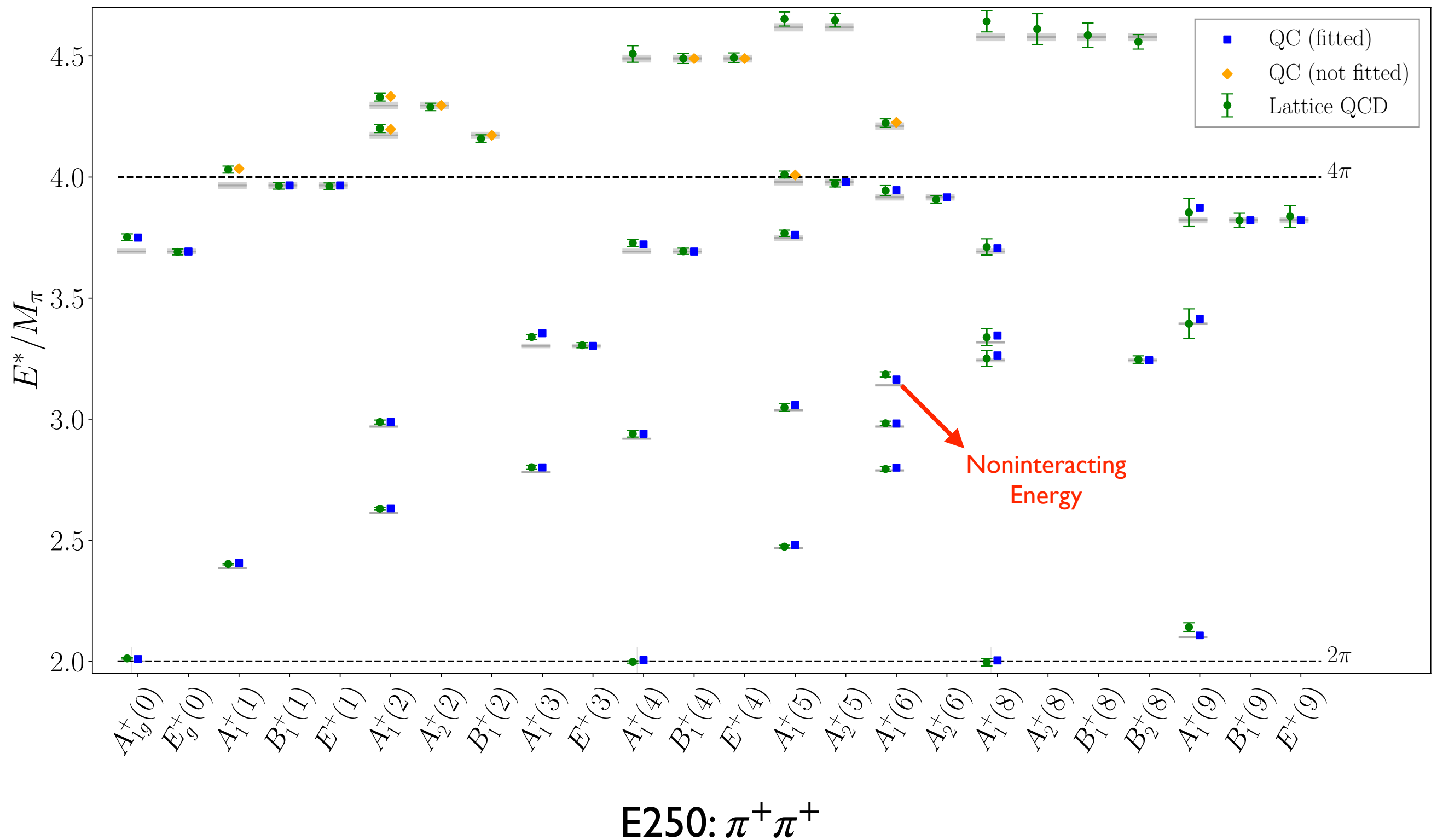
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Present work

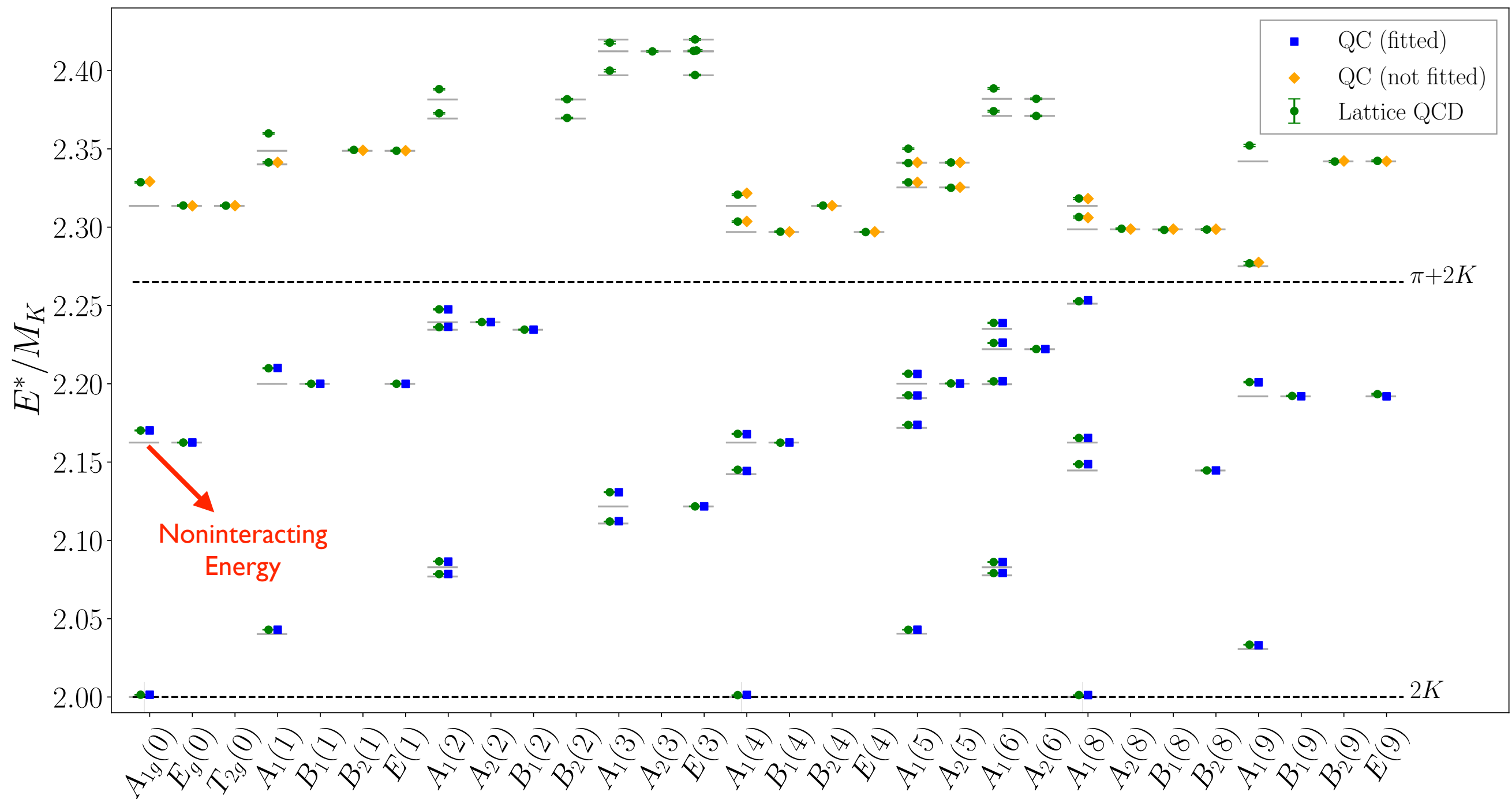
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$$\text{tr } m_q = 2m_{ud} + m_s \simeq \text{const}$$

Example of spectrum

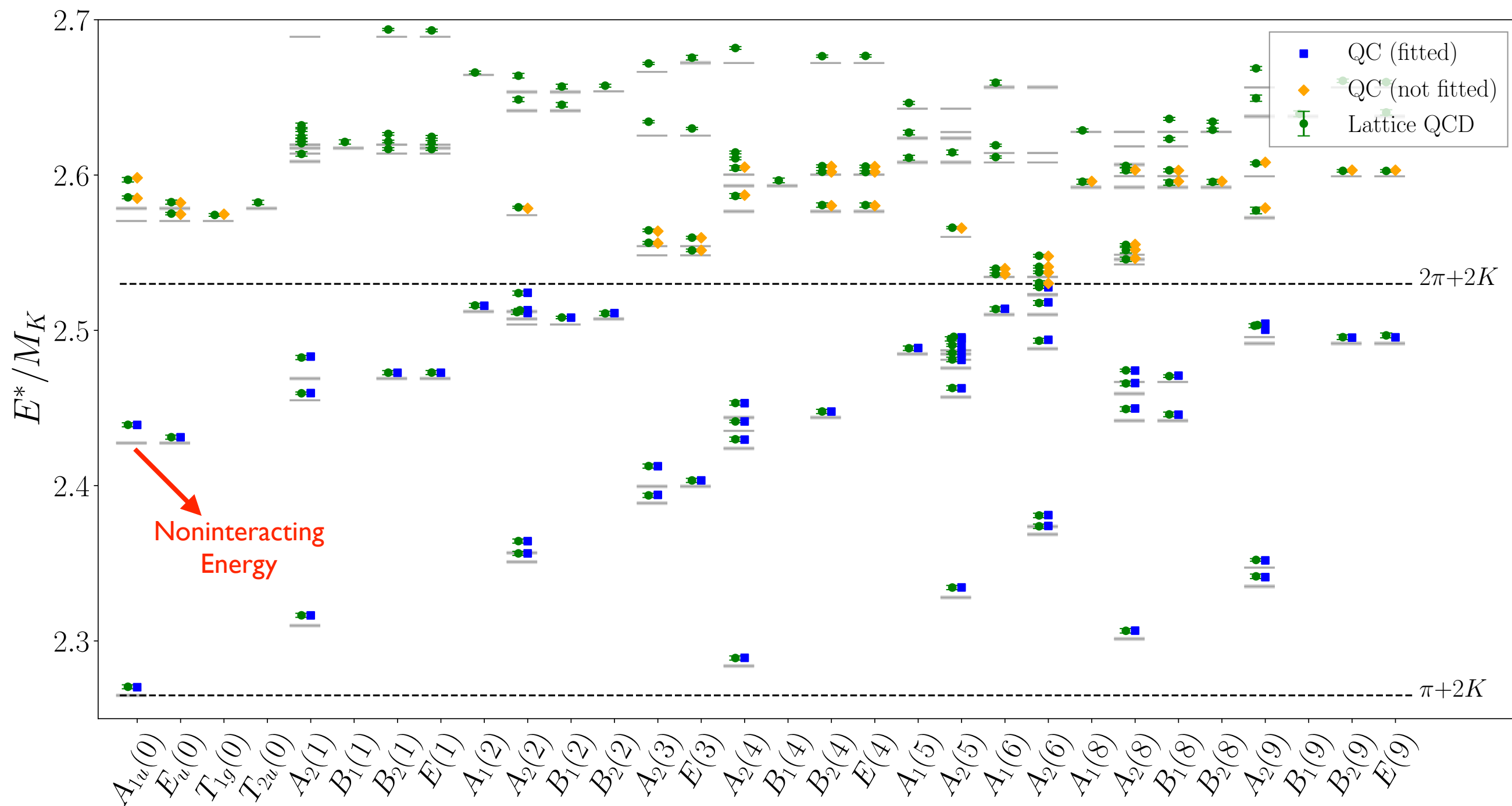


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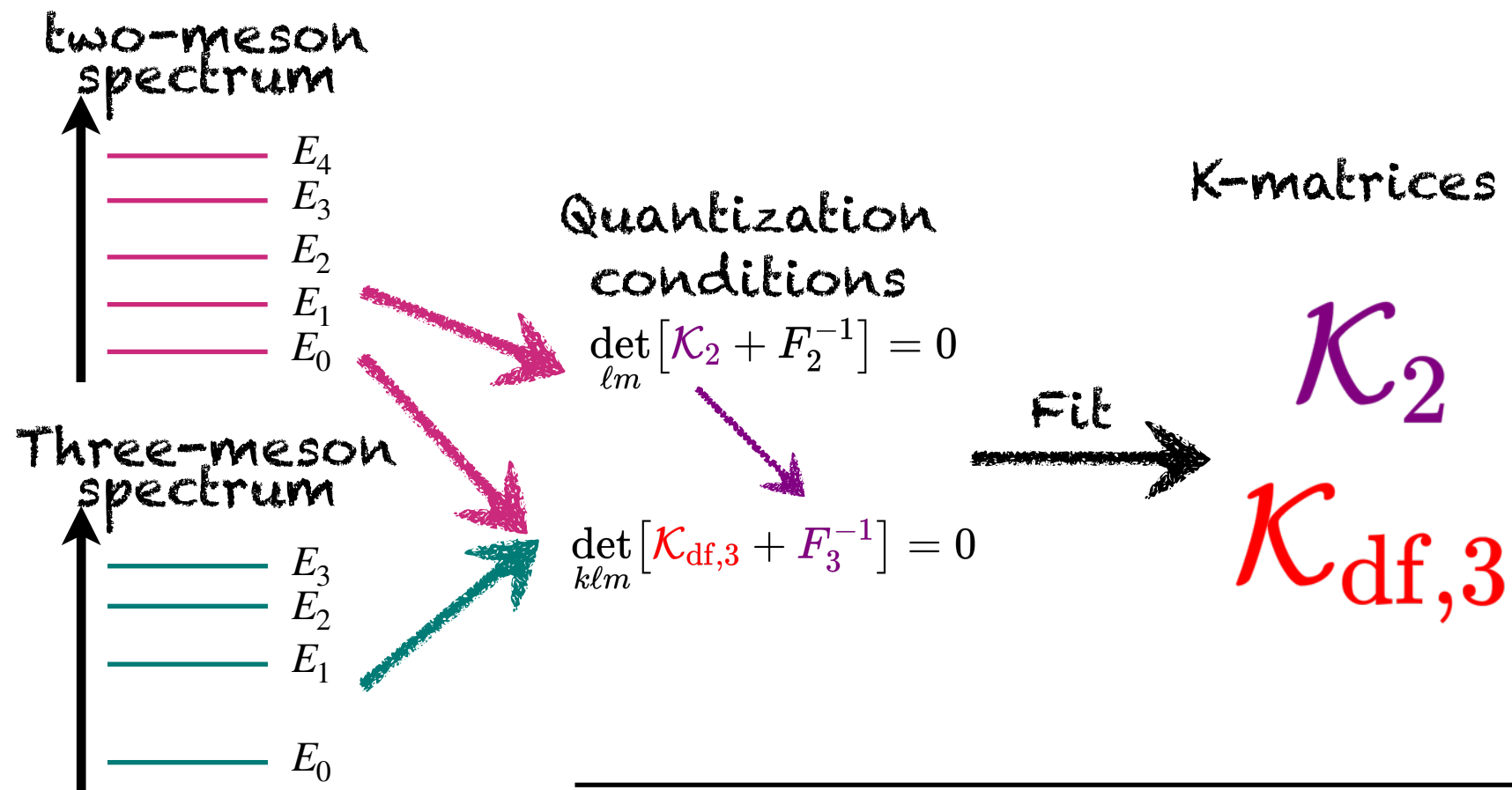
E250: K^+K^+

Example of spectrum



E250: $K^+K^+\pi^+$

Fits to spectra

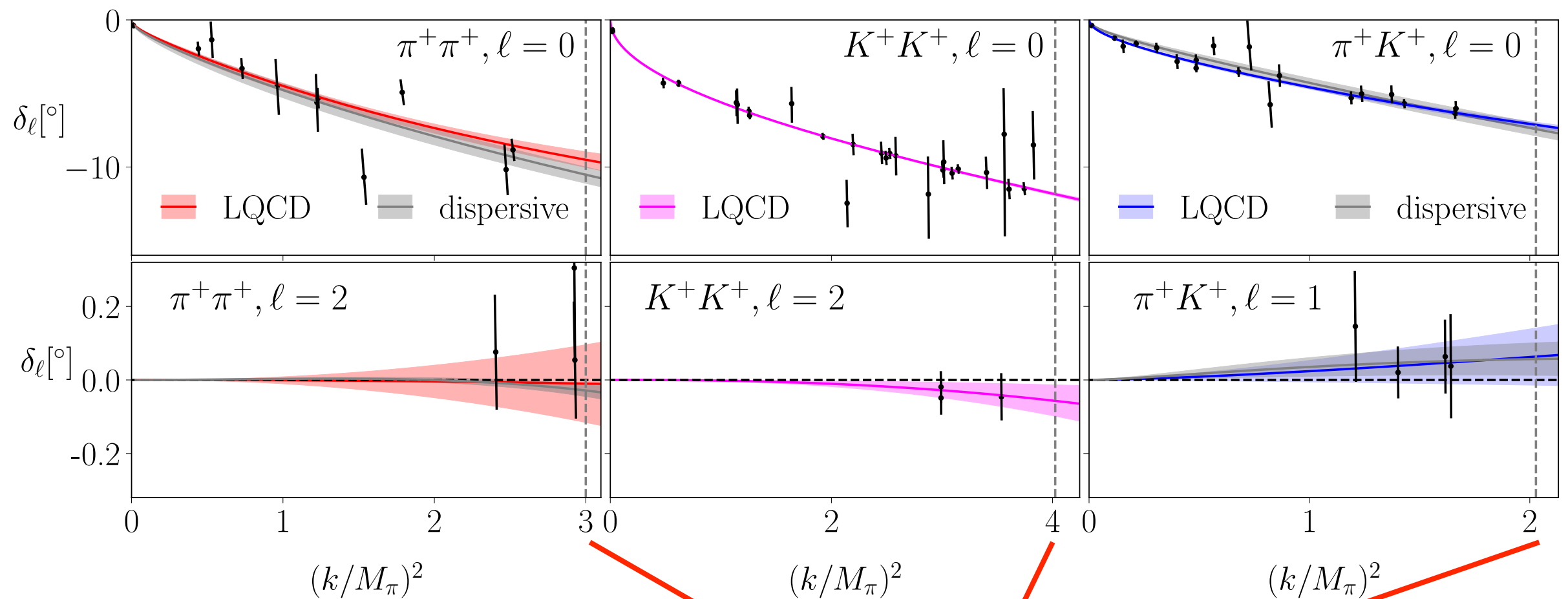


channels	# levels	# parameters	χ^2/DOF
$2\pi/3\pi$	$34 + 32$	6	1.14
$2\pi/\pi K/2\pi K$	$24 + 25 + 23$	9	1.23
$2K/\pi K/2K\pi$	$25 + 40 + 50$	10	1.95
$2K/3K$	$40 + 53$	6	1.49

Parameters in $\mathcal{K}_2$ and $\mathcal{K}_3$: use threshold expansions

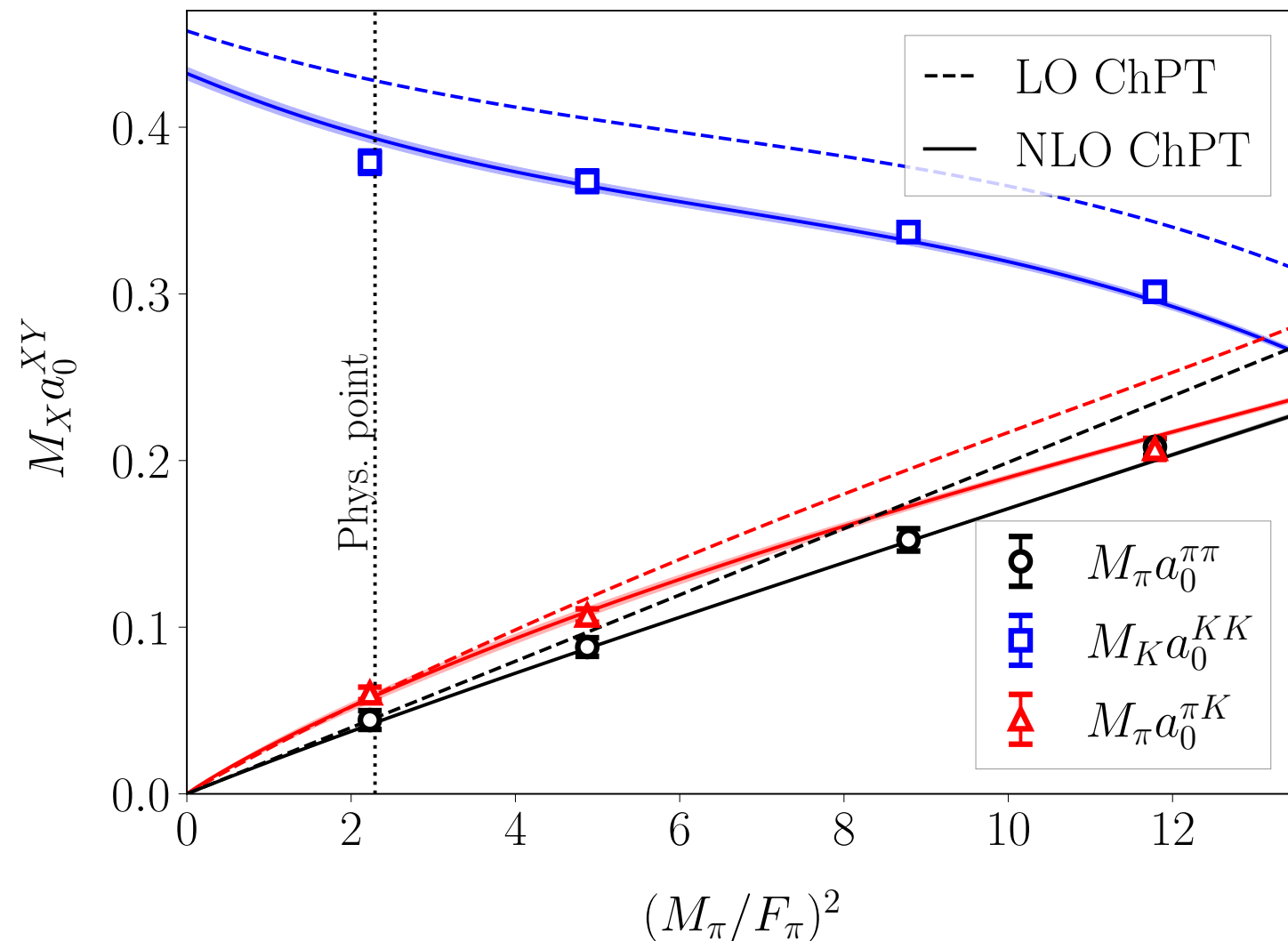
2-particle interactions

E250: $\sim$ physical quark masses



Inelastic thresholds

Scattering lengths



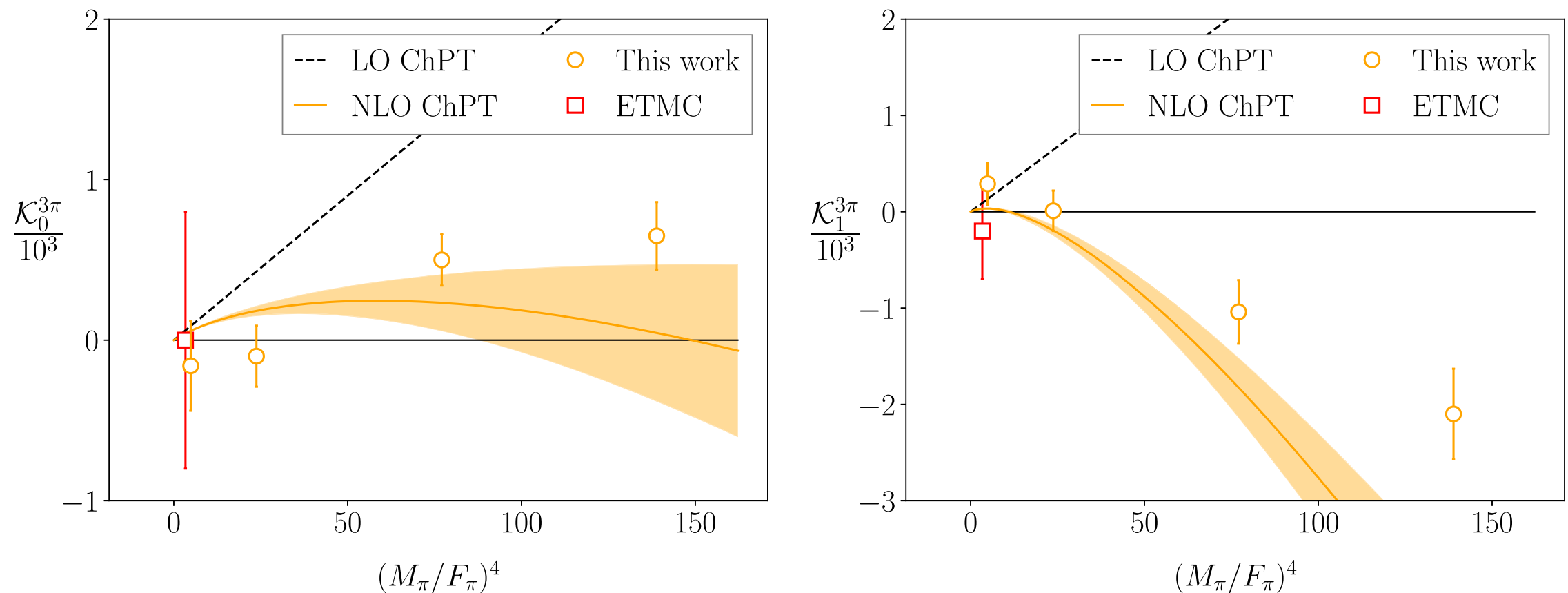
$$\chi^2/\text{dof} = 12.4/(11 - 2)$$

- Simultaneous chiral fit to $\pi\pi$, πK , KK scattering lengths
 - Fit involves two LECs, one of which is determined with 2% stat. Errors

Comparing $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ to ChPT

- Parametrize $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ in a threshold expansion, keeping first two terms
- From fits to spectra, we find non vanishing results for these terms at heavier quark masses
- Compare to NLO Chiral Perturbation theory calculation of $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ for $3\pi \rightarrow 3\pi$

[Baeza-Ballesteros, Bijns, Husek, Romero-López, SRS, Sjö, 2303.13206 (JHEP) & 2401.14293 (JHEP)]

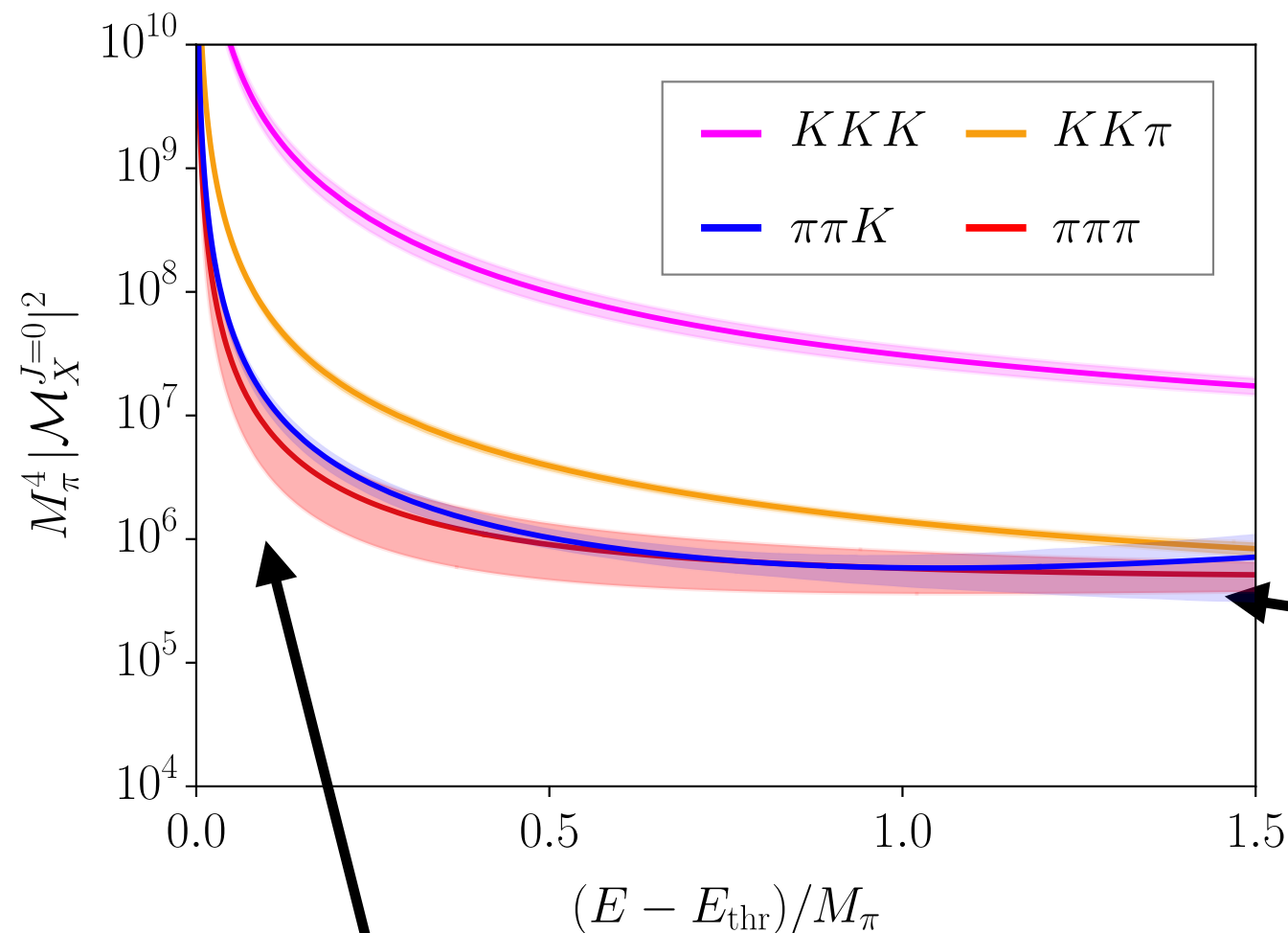


Large NLO corrections in ChPT resolve LO inconsistency

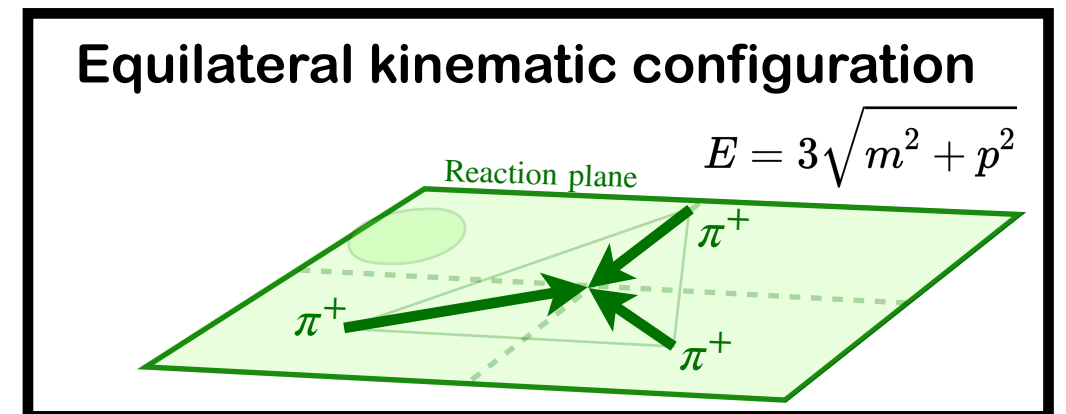
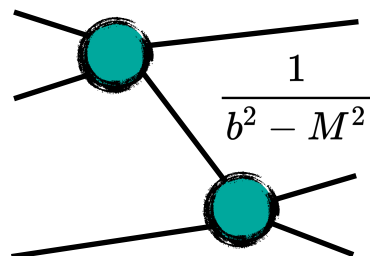
Physical 3-particle amplitudes

$$M_\pi^4 |\text{Amplitude}|^2$$

$$J^P = 0^-$$



**Divergent
at threshold**



**Pion interactions
are chirally suppressed**

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

$$\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{S} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} \\ \text{Diagram 2} \end{array} + \dots \right\}$$

Diagram 1: Two vertices labeled $\mathcal{M}_2$ connected by a line labeled G .

Diagram 2: Two vertices labeled $\mathcal{M}_2$ connected by a line labeled G , with an additional vertex labeled $\mathcal{M}_2$ on the line.

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{df},3} = \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3} + \mathcal{S} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 3} \\ \text{Diagram 4} \end{array} + \dots \right\}$$

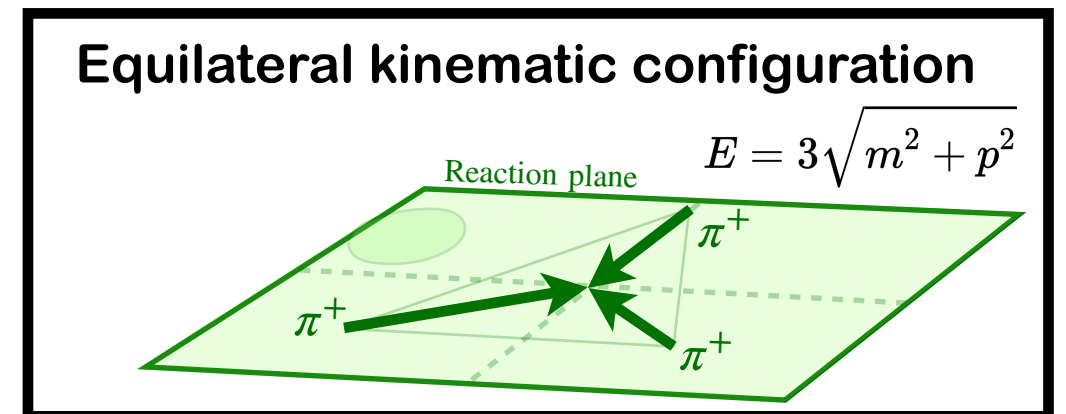
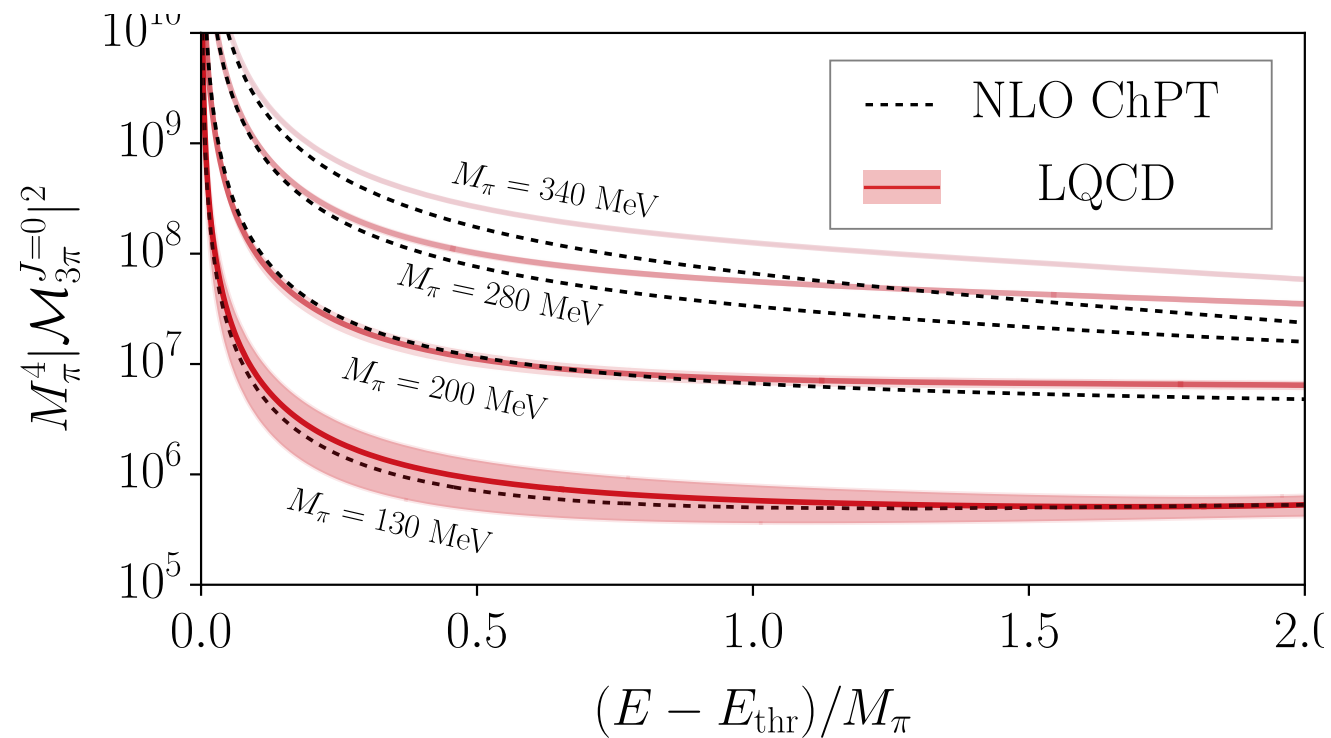
Diagram 3: Two vertices labeled $\mathcal{M}_2$ connected by a line labeled ρ .

Diagram 4: Two vertices labeled $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ connected by a line labeled ρ .

Comparison with ChPT

$$M_\pi^4 |\text{Amplitude}|^2$$

$$J^P = 0^-$$



Observe expected breakdown as M_π or p_π increase

Application of 3-particle formalism:

Incorporating $DD\pi$ effects and left-hand cuts in lattice QCD studies of the $T_{cc}(3875)^+$

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Finite- and infinite-volume study of $DD\pi$ scattering

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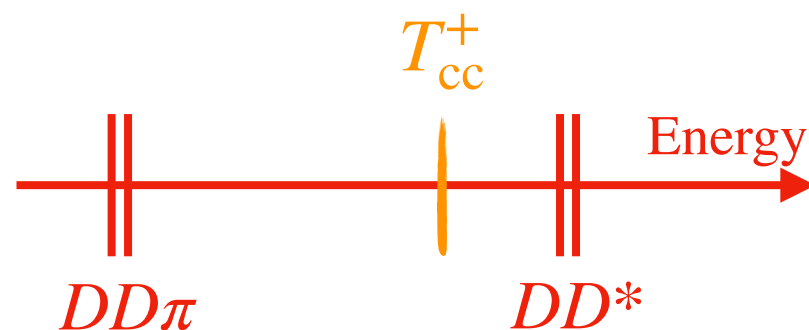
Comparison of integral equations used to study T_{cc}^+ for a stable D^*

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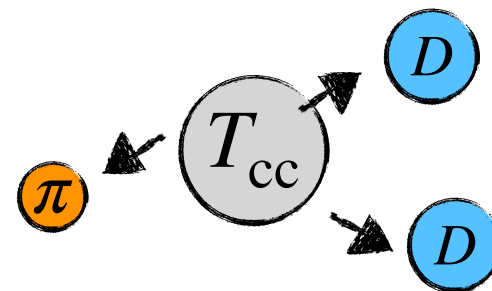
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Doubly-charmed tetraquark

Experiment

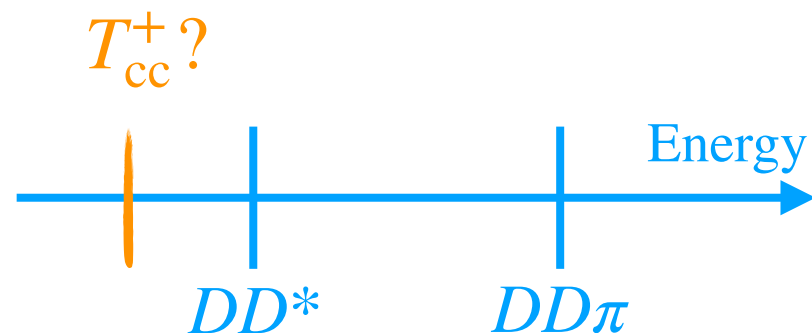


► For physical quark masses is a three-body resonance

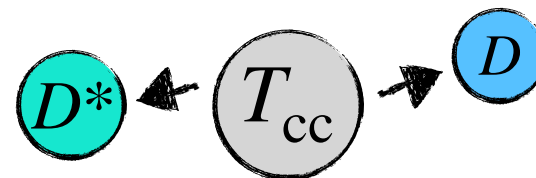


need three-body formalism!

LQCD calculations with heavier-than-physical quarks



► D^* is stable for slightly heavier-than-physical quarks



suitable for the two-body finite-volume formalism?

Adapted from: Fernando Romero-López

DD^* scattering

- Several LQCD studies using QC2 in T_{cc} channel

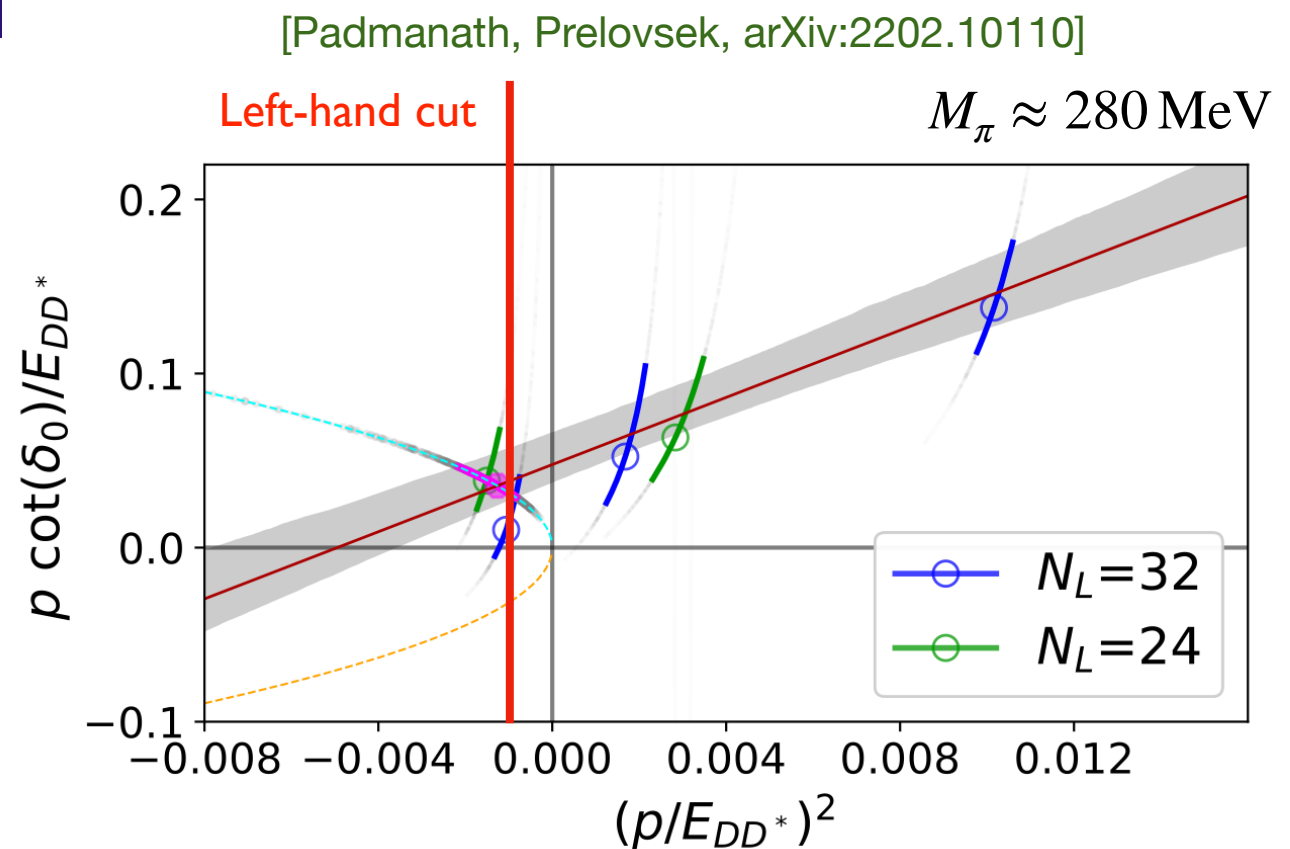
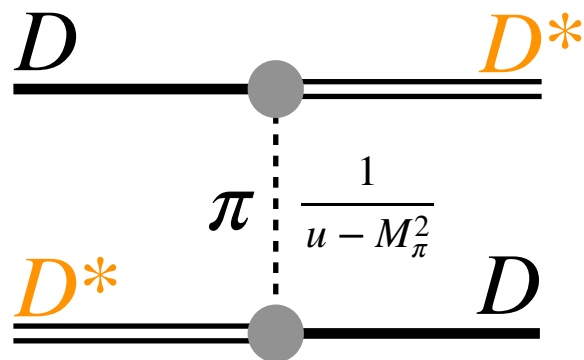
[Chen et al., 2206.06185]

[Lyu et al. (HALQCD), 2302.04505]

[Padmanath & Prelovsek, 2202.10110]

[Whyte, Thomas, Wilson, 2405.15741]

- Use heavier-than-physical quarks
- Find signature of virtual bound state
- But QC2 fails at left-hand cut, below which phase shift becomes complex



- Several solutions to failure have been proposed, by generalizing the QC2

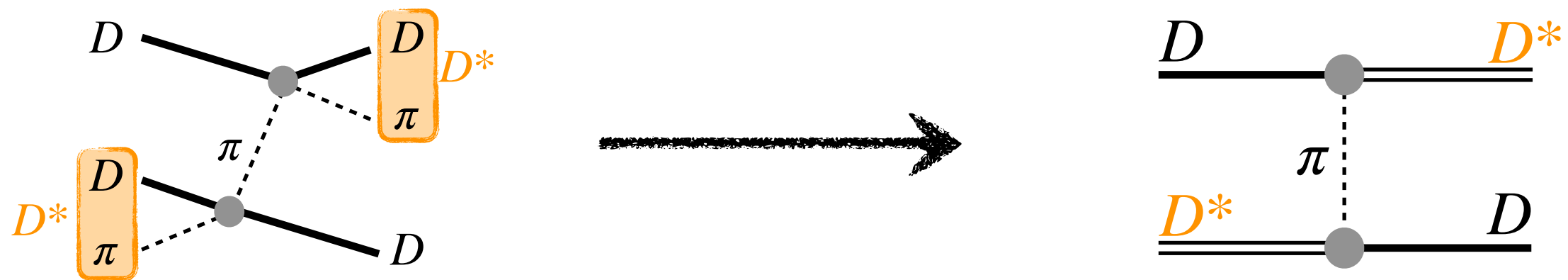
[Du et al (2408.09375), Abolnikov et al. (2407.04649), Bubna et al. (2402.12985),

Meng et al. (2312.01930), Raposo, Hansen (2311.18793, Raposo, Hansen, Briceño, Jackura (2502.19375))]

3-body solution

[Hansen, Romero-López, SRS, 2401.06609, JHEP]

- Use QC3, but include D^* as a bound state in p -wave $D\pi$ channel
 - Finite-volume effects from u -channel pion exchange naturally incorporated

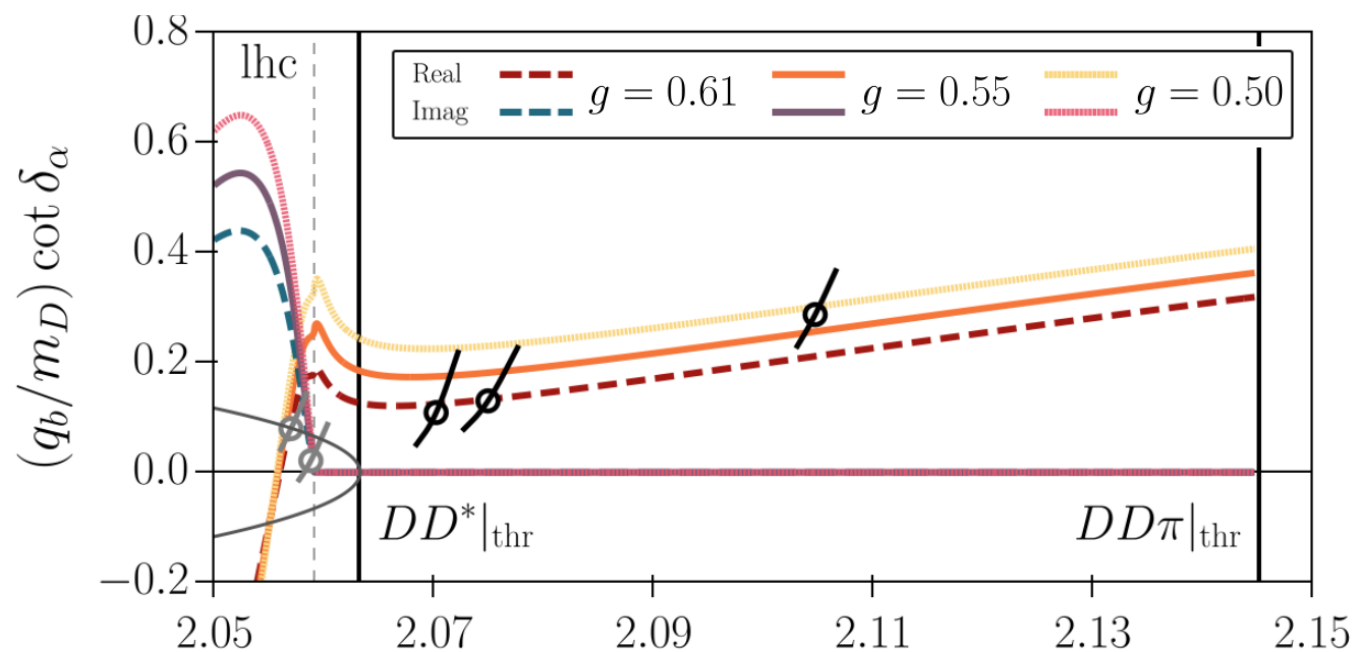


- Important advantage of QC3 approach:
 - Works for all choices of quark masses, including physical case of unbound D^*

Application to LQCD data

[Dawid, Romero-López, SRS, 2409.17059, JHEP]

- Proof of concept study to (limited) existing LQCD data with bound D^*
 - Choose p -wave $D\pi$ scattering amplitude to obtain D^* , for given choice of $g_{D^*D\pi}$
 - Choose reasonable s -wave $D\pi$ and DD amplitudes
 - Eyeball fit to results of [Padmanath, Prelovsek, arXiv:2202.10110] requires inclusion of $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$
 - Solve integral equations, analytically continue to D^* pole, use LSZ to obtain $\mathcal{M}(DD^*)$
 - Result shows appropriate behavior at and below left-hand cut



- Virtual bound-state pole moves into complex plane!
- Looking forward: complete analysis requires more extensive LQCD spectra
 - DD , $D\pi$, $DD\pi$ & DD^* levels

Unexpected subthreshold singularities

Finite-volume formalism for $N\pi\pi$ at maximal isospin

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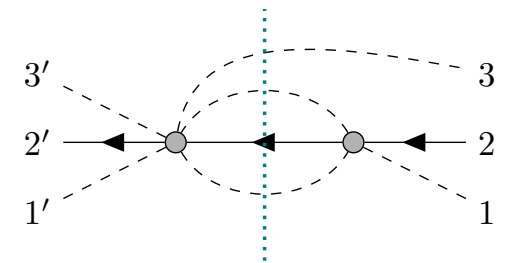
Parameter space in QC3

QC3 for $N\pi\pi$:
$$\det_{i\mathbf{p}\ell m m_s} \left(1 + \hat{\mathcal{K}}_{\text{df},3}(E^*) \hat{F}_3(E, \mathbf{P}, L) \right) = 0$$

Matrix indices are:
channel, spectator momentum,
pair angular momentum,
lab frame nucleon spin

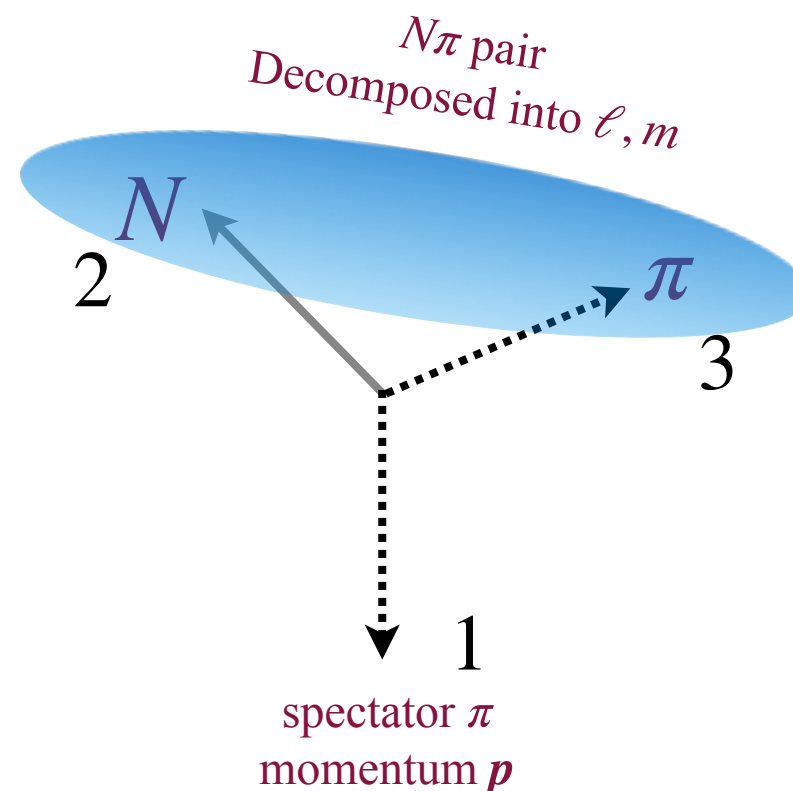
- A key quantity in derivation is B_3 , $3 \rightarrow 3$ Bethe-Salpeter kernel (3 Particle Irreducible)

- Must be nonsingular in range of kinematic parameters
- Otherwise introduce uncontrolled L^{-n} finite-volume effects



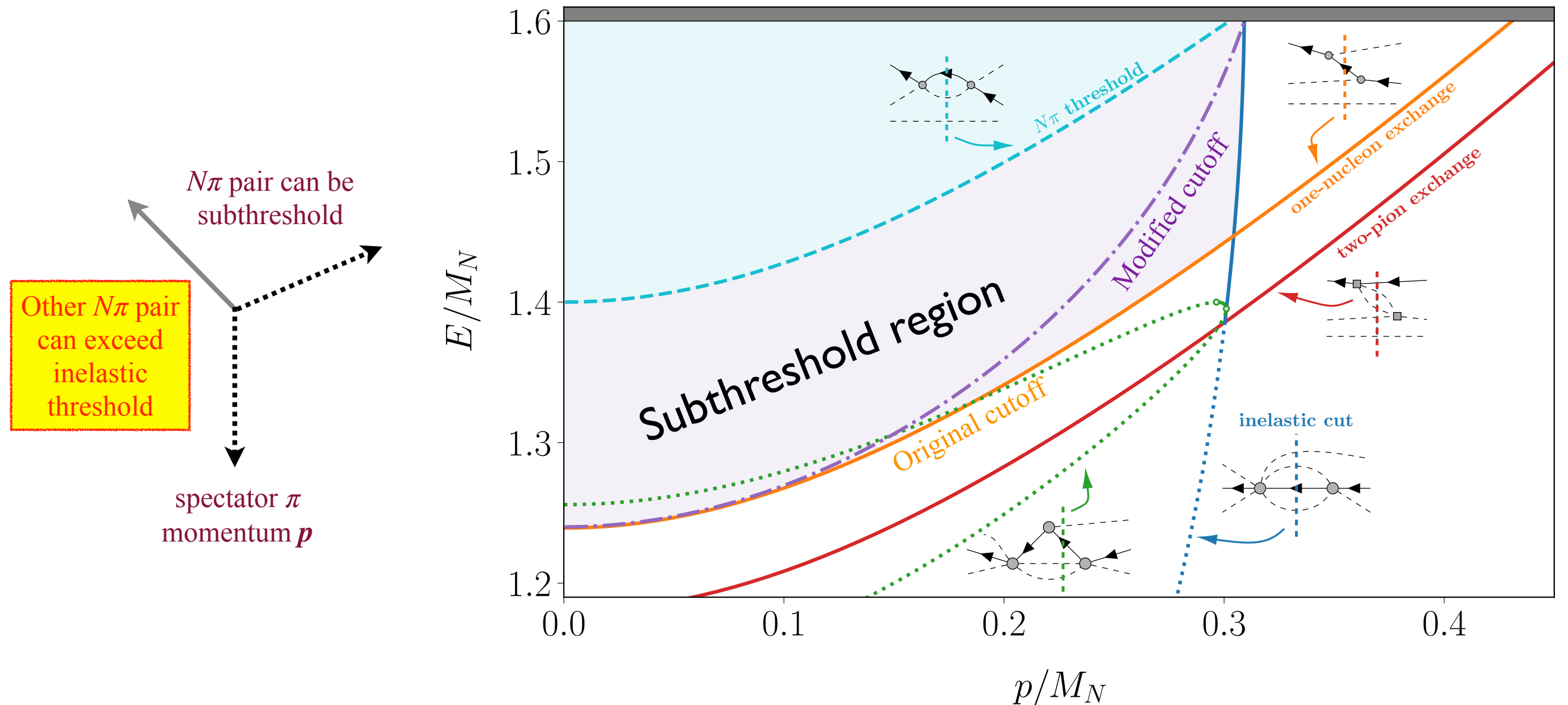
- Parameter space (for pion spectator)

- Energy E , momentum $\mathbf{P}$



Subthreshold singularities

Parameter space for $P = 0$, $M_\pi/M_N = 0.2$



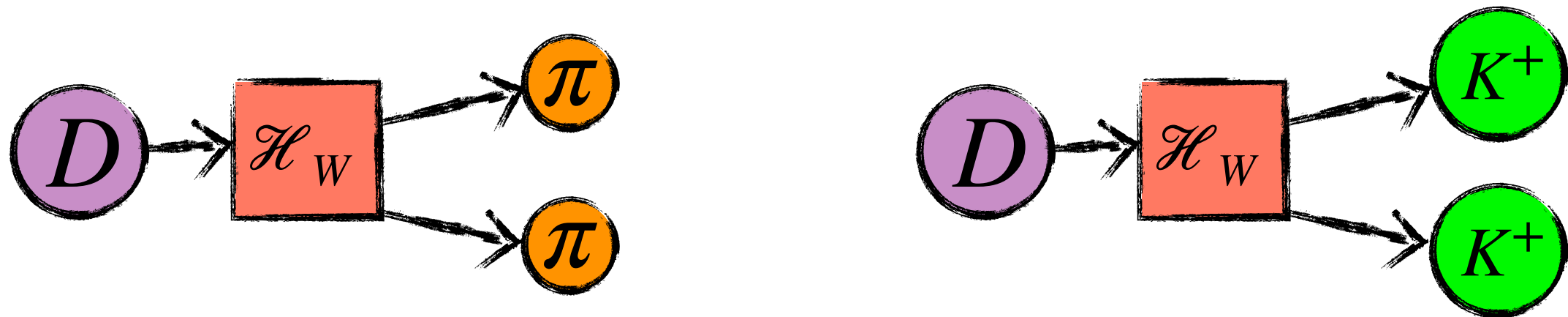
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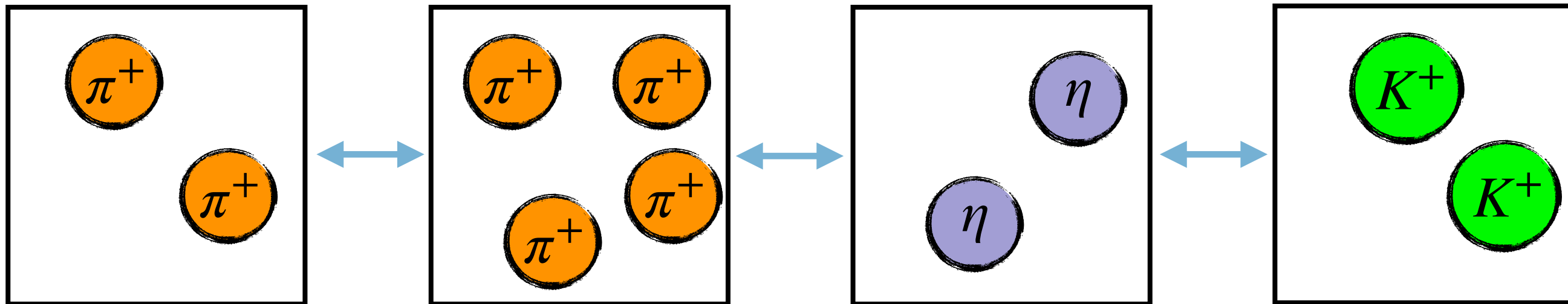
- Two-particle sector is entering precision phase
 - Frontier is two nucleons, and form factors of mesonic resonances
- Major steps have been taken in the three-particle sector
 - Formalism well established & cross checked, and almost complete
 - Several applications to three-particle spectra from LQCD
 - Path to a calculation of $K \rightarrow 3\pi$ decay amplitudes is now open
- Next steps in implementation
 - $T_{cc}^+ \rightarrow D^*D \rightarrow DD\pi$ for lighter quark masses
 - $3\pi(I=2) \leftrightarrow \rho\pi$; $3\pi(I=0) \leftrightarrow \omega(782) \leftrightarrow K\bar{K}(I=0)$ (WZW term)
 - $N\pi\pi \leftrightarrow \Delta\pi$; $N\pi\pi + N\pi$ [Roper]
 - Improved, model-independent fitting & analytic continuation [Salg, Romero-López, Jay, [2506.16161](#)]
- Next steps in formalism
 - $NNN(I=\frac{1}{2}), N\pi\pi + N\pi$ [for Roper] & $NN\pi + NN$ (all underway)
 - Four particles!

Long-term dream

CP violation in D decays



Challenge: finite-volume mixing with 4π , 6π , $\eta\eta$, ...



4+-particle formalism not yet developed

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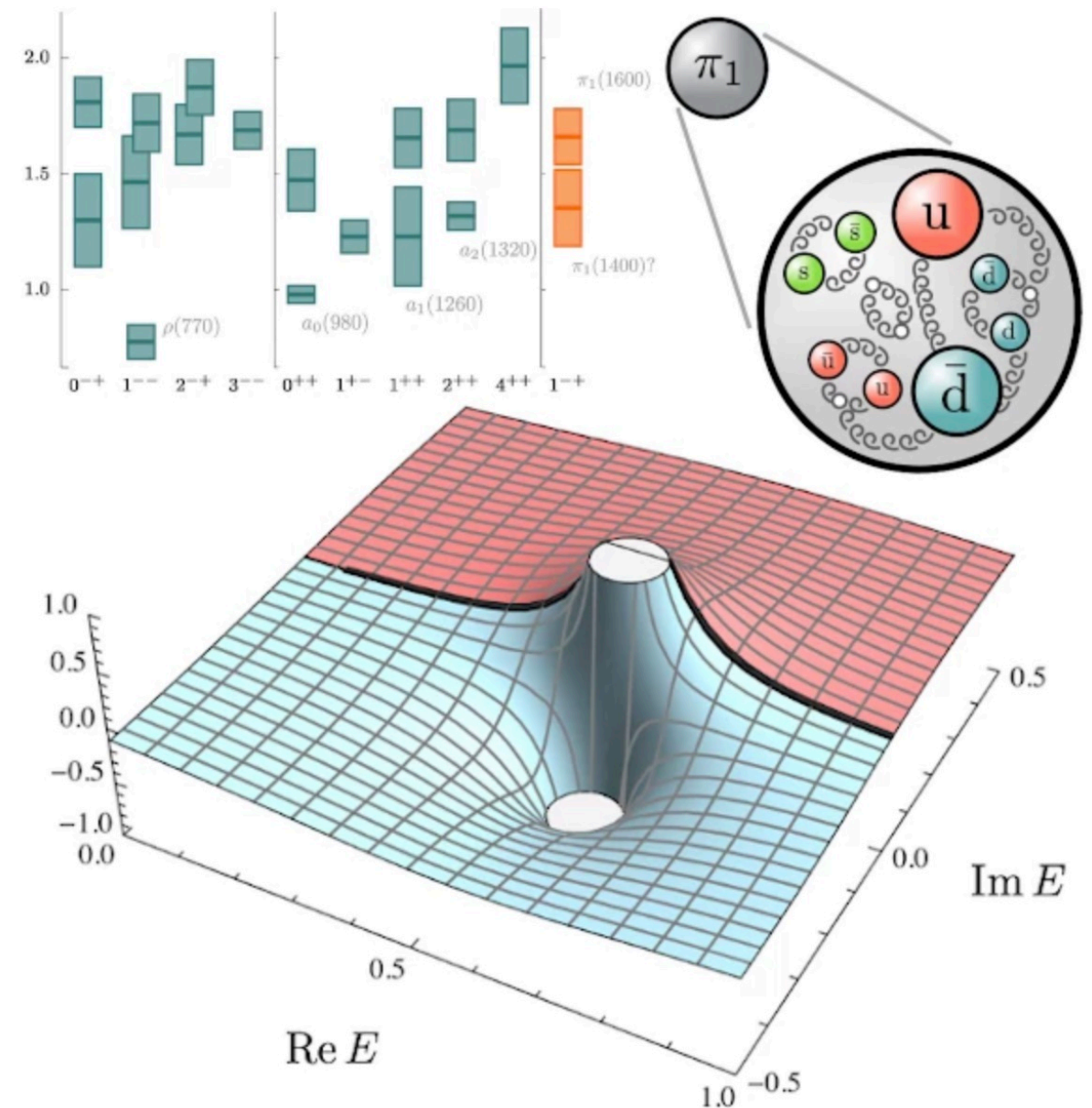
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Thank you!
Questions?

Backup slides

Explicit forms of F & G

- F & G are known geometrical functions, containing cutoff function $H(k)$

$$\widetilde{F}_{p\ell'm';k\ell m} = \delta_{pk} H(\vec{k}) F_{\ell'm';\ell m}(E - \omega_k, \vec{P} - \vec{k}, L)$$

$$F_{\ell'm';\ell m}(E, \vec{P}, L) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{L^3} \sum_{\vec{k}} -\text{PV} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \right) \frac{\mathcal{Y}_{\ell'm'}(\vec{k}^*) \mathcal{Y}_{\ell m}^*(\vec{k}^*) h(\vec{k})}{2\omega_k 2\omega_{P-k} (E - \omega_k - \omega_{P-k})}$$

$$\mathcal{Y}_{\ell m}(\vec{k}^*) = \sqrt{4\pi} \left(\frac{k^*}{q^*} \right)^\ell Y_{\ell m}(\hat{k}^*)$$

$$G_{p\ell'm';k\ell m} = \left(\frac{k^*}{q_p^*} \right)^{\ell'} \frac{4\pi Y_{\ell'm'}(\hat{k}^*) H(\vec{p}) H(\vec{k}) Y_{\ell m}^*(\hat{p}^*)}{(P - k - p)^2 - m^2} \left(\frac{p^*}{q_k^*} \right)^\ell \frac{1}{2\omega_k L^3}$$

Relativistic form
introduced in [BHS17]

Two-particle formalism

[Lüscher, 1986-91 + many subsequent works by many authors]

I will follow approach of [Kim, Sachrajda, & SS, 2005], generalized to use time-ordered PT following [Blanton & SS, 2020]

Generic relativistic FT (RFT) approach

- Study Minkowski time, finite-volume correlator

$$C_L(E, \vec{P}) \equiv \int_L d^4x e^{iEt - i\vec{P} \cdot \vec{x}} \langle \Omega | T \left\{ \sigma_{2\pi}(x) \sigma_{2\pi}^\dagger(0) \right\} | \Omega \rangle_L$$

- For fixed $\vec{P}$, poles in C_L occur when $E = E_n$
- Analyze in generic EFT for pions, (kaons, ...) working to all orders in (TO)PT
 - For simplicity, assume exact isospin symmetry
 - Restrict kinematic range to $0 < E^* = \sqrt{E^2 - P^2} < 4M_\pi$

$C_L(E, \vec{P}) =$

No need for $i\epsilon$ in finite volume $\rightarrow$

Can go on shell

Cannot go on shell

Can go on shell

Can go on shell

Infinite-volume vertices

Generic relativistic FT (RFT) approach

$$C_L(E, \vec{P}) =$$

The diagrams represent various Feynman diagrams for the generic relativistic FT (RFT) approach. The first row shows three diagrams: a single loop with a red square on the left and a green square on the right, with a dashed purple line; a single loop with a green square on the left and a red square on the right, with a dashed red line; and a double loop with a red square on the left and a green square on the right, with two dashed purple lines. The second row shows two diagrams: a diagram with a red square on the left and a green square on the right, with a dashed red line and a dashed purple line; and a diagram with a red square on the left and a green square on the right, with three dashed purple lines. The third row shows one diagram with a red square on the left and a green square on the right, with three dashed purple lines. The equation ends with '+ ...'.

- Cuts divide into:
 - Relevant—can go on shell
 - Irrelevant—cannot go on shell

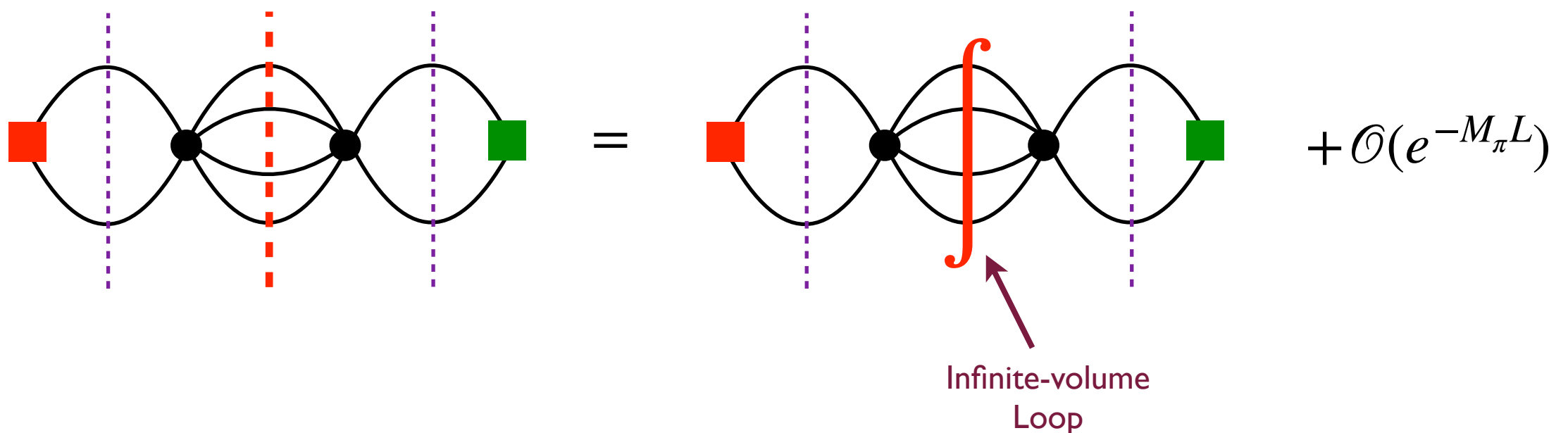
- Three-momenta in loops are summed over finite-volume set

Use Poisson summation formula

$$\frac{1}{L^3} \sum_{\vec{k}} g(\vec{k}) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} g(\vec{k}) + \sum_{\vec{l} \neq \vec{0}} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{iL\vec{l} \cdot \vec{k}} g(\vec{k})$$

Exp. suppressed if $g(\vec{k})$ is smooth
and $g' \sim g/M_\pi$

- Replace loop sums with integrals where summand/integrand is nonsingular
 - Drop exponentially suppressed terms ($e^{-M_\pi L}$, $e^{-(M_\pi L)^2}$, etc.) while keeping power-law dependence



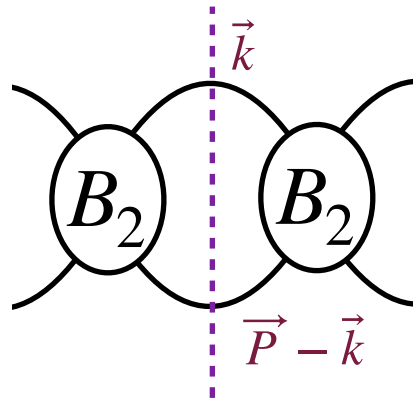
Expansion in relevant cuts

$$C_L(E, \vec{P}) = C_L^{(0)}(E, \vec{P}) + \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} + \dots$$

- B_2 is the TOPT version of a Bethe-Salpeter kernel (2PI in s-channel)
 - A' and A are corresponding “endcaps”

$$B_2 = \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} + \dots$$

Dealing with relevant cuts



$$\frac{1}{L^3} \sum_{\vec{k}} f(E, \vec{P}, \vec{k}) \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\omega_k \omega_{P-k}} \frac{1}{E - \omega_k - \omega_{P-k}} g(E, \vec{P}, \vec{k})$$

$$= \text{PV} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} f(E, \vec{P}, \vec{k}) \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\omega_k \omega_{P-k}} \frac{1}{E - \omega_k - \omega_{P-k}} g(E, \vec{P}, \vec{k})$$

$$+ \sum_{\ell', m'; \ell, m} f_{\ell' m'}^{\text{on}}(E^*) F_{\ell' m'; \ell m}(E, \vec{P}, L) g_{\ell m}^{\text{on}}(E^*)$$

On-shell projected in pair CM frame, and decomposed into harmonics

- F is a known, calculable kinematic finite-volume function

$$F_{\text{PV}; \ell' m'; \ell m}(E, \vec{P}, L) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{L^3} \sum_{\vec{k}} - \text{PV} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \right) \frac{\mathcal{Y}_{\ell' m'}(\vec{k}^*) \mathcal{Y}_{\ell m}^*(\vec{k}^*) h(\vec{k})}{2\omega_k 2\omega_{P-k} (E - \omega_k - \omega_{P-k})}$$

Harmonic polynomial

CM frame relative momentum

UV cutoff

Key move

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1: Two } B_2 \text{ circles connected by a horizontal line, with a vertical dashed purple line through the center.} \\ \Sigma \end{array} & = & \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 2: Two } B_2 \text{ circles connected by a horizontal line, with a vertical red line through the center.} \\ \int \end{array} & + & \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 3: Two } B_2 \text{ circles connected by a horizontal line, with a vertical blue line through the center. The blue line is labeled 'On' on both sides.} \\ F \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

Resummations

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_L(E, \vec{P}) &= C_L^{(0)}(E, \vec{P}) + \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} + \text{diagram 3} + \dots \\
 &= C_L^{(0)}(E, \vec{P}) + \text{diagram 1 with } \int_{+F} + \text{diagram 2 with } \int_{+F} + \text{diagram 3 with } \int_{+F} + \dots \\
 &= C_\infty(E, \vec{P}) + \bar{A}' \cdot iF \cdot \bar{A} + \bar{A}' \cdot iF \cdot i\mathcal{K}_2 \cdot iF \cdot \bar{A} + \bar{A}' \cdot iF \cdot i\mathcal{K}_2 \cdot iF \cdot i\mathcal{K}_2 \cdot iF \cdot \bar{A} + \dots \\
 &= C_\infty(E, \vec{P}) + \bar{A}' \cdot iF \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \mathcal{K}_2 \cdot F} \cdot \bar{A}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{diagram } \mathcal{K}_2 = \text{diagram } B_2 + \text{diagram } B_2 \int B_2 + \dots$$

$$\text{diagram } \bar{A} = \text{diagram } A + \text{diagram } B_2 \int A + \dots$$

Quantization condition (QC2)

$$C_L(E, \vec{P}) = C_\infty(E, \vec{P}) + \bar{A}' \cdot iF \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \mathcal{K}_2 \cdot F} \cdot \bar{A}$$

Has no L-dependent poles

Only source of L-dependent poles

- QC2: finite-volume energies occur when

$$\det(F^{-1} + \mathcal{K}_2) = 0$$

- Matrix indices are CM-frame ℓ, m
- $\mathcal{K}_2$ is an infinite-volume quantity: diagonal in ℓ, m
- F depends on finite-volume size & geometry, mixes ℓ, m
- In practical applications, must truncate in ℓ

Step 2: relating $\mathcal{K}_2$ to $\mathcal{M}_2$

- Consider “finite-volume scattering amplitude”

$$\mathcal{M}_{2,L}^{(\text{off})} = \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \dots$$

- Use similar steps as for $C_{2,L}$: project on ℓ, m , project on shell, use “key move”

$$i\mathcal{M}_{2,L} = i\mathcal{K}_2 + i\mathcal{K}_2 \cdot iF \cdot i\mathcal{K}_2 + \dots = i\mathcal{K}_2 \frac{1}{1 + F\mathcal{K}_2}$$

- Take $L \rightarrow \infty$ limit, regularizing integrals with $i\epsilon$ prescription

$$\mathcal{M}_{2,L} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_2, \quad F_{\ell',m';\ell,m} \rightarrow -i\delta_{\ell'\ell}\delta_{m'm}\rho, \quad \rho = -i\sqrt{q^{*2}}/16\pi E^*$$

- Leads to standard relation between $\mathcal{M}_2$ & $\mathcal{K}_2$, showing that $\mathcal{K}_2$ is the standard, relativistic two-particle K matrix

$$\mathcal{M}_2 = \mathcal{K}_2 \frac{1}{1 - i\rho\mathcal{K}_2}$$

Matrix structure in QC_3

- All quantities are infinite-dimensional matrices with indices $\mathbf{k}\ell mi$ describing 3 on-shell particles

[finite volume “spectator” momentum: $\mathbf{k} = (2\pi/L)\mathbf{n}$] $\times$ [2-particle CM angular momentum: ℓ, m] $\times$ [spectator flavor: i]

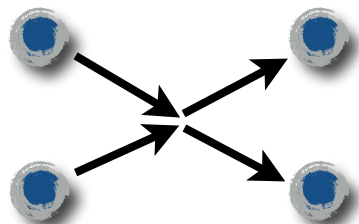


- For large k (at fixed E, L), the other two particles are below threshold
- Must include such configurations, by analytic continuation, up to a cut-off at $k \approx m$ [Polejaeva & Rusetsky, '12]

Divergence-free K matrix

- $K_{df,3}$ has the same symmetries as M_3 : relativistic invariance, particle interchange, T-reversal

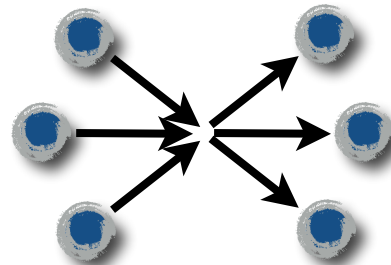
M_2, K_2



12 momentum components
-10 Poincaré generators

2 degrees of freedom
 $s=E^2 + \theta$

$M_3, K_{df,3}$



18 momentum components
-10 Poincaré generators

8 degrees of freedom
 $s=E^2 + 7$ “angles”

- Need more parameters to describe $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$ than $\mathcal{K}_2$ (will be discussed in lecture 3)
- Why $\mathcal{K}_2$ and $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$ appear in QC3, rather than $\mathcal{M}_2$ and $\mathcal{M}_{df,3}$, will be explained shortly

Threshold expansion for $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$

- $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ is a real, smooth function which is Lorentz, P and T invariant
- Expand about threshold in powers of $\Delta = (s - 9M_\pi^2)/9M_\pi^2$, $\tilde{t}_{ij} = (p'_i - p_j)^2/9M_\pi^2, \dots$

$$\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3} = \underbrace{\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}^{\text{iso},0} + \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}^{\text{iso},1} \Delta + \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}^{\text{iso},2} \Delta^2}_{\text{Depend on CM energy}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{K}_A \Delta_A + \mathcal{K}_B \Delta_B}_{\text{Angular dependence}} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta^3)$$

$\Delta_B = \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \tilde{t}_{ij}^2 - \Delta^2,$

- Can separate terms in fit based on dependence on energy and rotational properties
 - E.g. only $\mathcal{K}_B$ contributes to nontrivial irreps