



Three-body amplitudes for the analysis of lattice data and experiment

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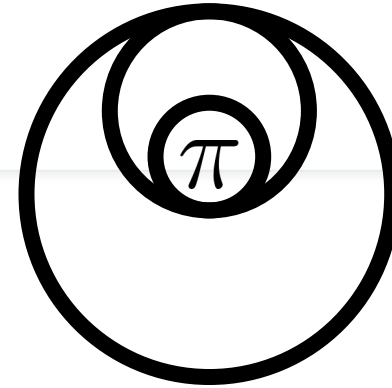
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Overview



Review 2B-lattice: [\[Briceno\]](#)
Reviews 3B-lattice: [\[Hansen\]](#) [\[Mai\]](#)
Review hadron resonances: [\[Mai\]](#)

Key publications Finite-Volume Unitary (FVU) approach:

- Three-body unitarity [\[Mai/JPAC\]](#)
- Three-body unitarity finite volume [\[Mai\]](#)
- a_1 in finite volume & results from IQCD [\[Mai\]](#)

Talk outline:

- 3-body unitarity
- a_1 in infinite volume
- $3\pi^+$, a_1 in finite volume
- Recent extensions: channel space & applications

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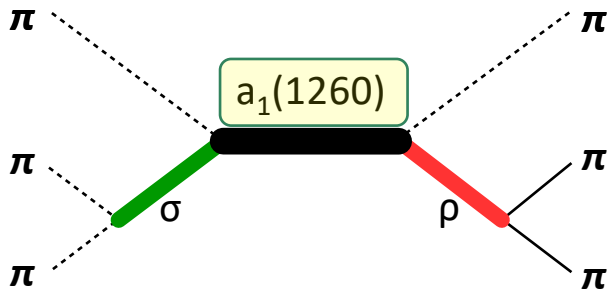
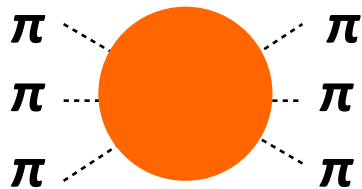
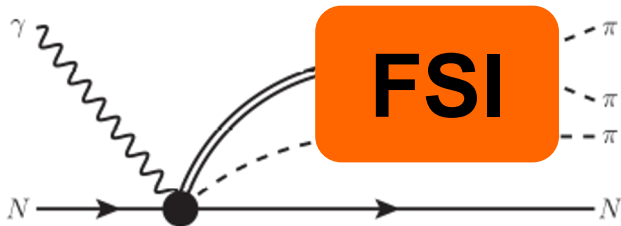
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Three-body aspects: $\pi\pi N$ vs. $\pi\pi\pi$

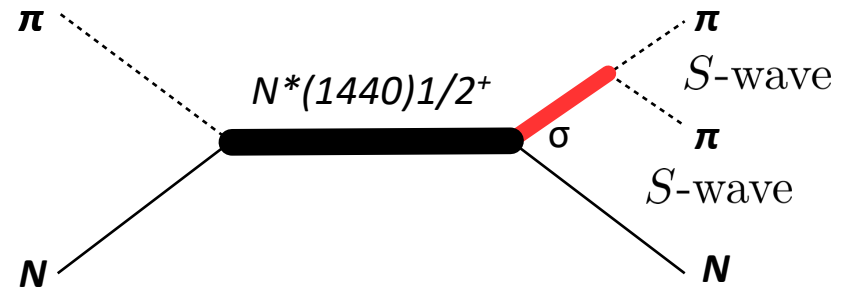
Light mesons



- COMPASS @ CERN: $\pi_1(1600)$ discovery
- GlueX @ Jlab in search of hybrids and exotics,
- Finite volume spectrum from lattice QCD:

Lang (2014), Woss [HadronSpectrum] (2018)
 Hörz (2019), Culver (2020, 21,...), Fischer (2020),
 Hansen/HadSpec (2020),...

Light baryons



- Roper resonance is debated for ~ 50 years in experiment.
- 1st calculation w. meson-baryon operators on the lattice: Lang et al. (2017)

How Many Resonances Decay to 3 Particles?

[PDG]

Just one sub-family of resonances (N^*):

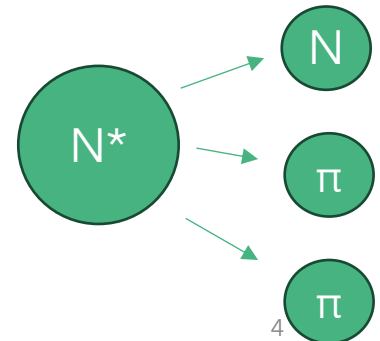
N Baryons ($S = 0, I = 1/2$)			
p	stable	PDF	N(1900) $3/2^+$
n	"stable"	PDF	N(2000) $5/2^+$
N(1440) $1/2^+$		PDF	N(1990) $7/2^+$
N(1520) $3/2^-$		PDF	N(2040) $3/2^+$
N(1535) $1/2^-$		PDF	N(2060) $5/2^-$
N(1650) $1/2^-$		PDF	N(2100) $1/2^+$
N(1675) $5/2^-$		PDF	N(2120) $3/2^-$
N(1680) $5/2^+$		PDF	N(2190) $7/2^-$
N(1700) $3/2^-$		PDF	N(2220) $9/2^+$
N(1710) $1/2^+$		PDF	N(2250) $9/2^-$
N(1720) $3/2^+$		PDF	N(2300) $1/2^+$
N(1860) $5/2^+$		PDF	N(2570) $5/2^-$
N(1875) $3/2^-$		PDF	N(2600) $11/2^-$
N(1880) $1/2^+$		PDF	N(2700) $13/2^+$
N(1895) $1/2^-$		PDF	N(3000 Region)

≥ 3 -body decays

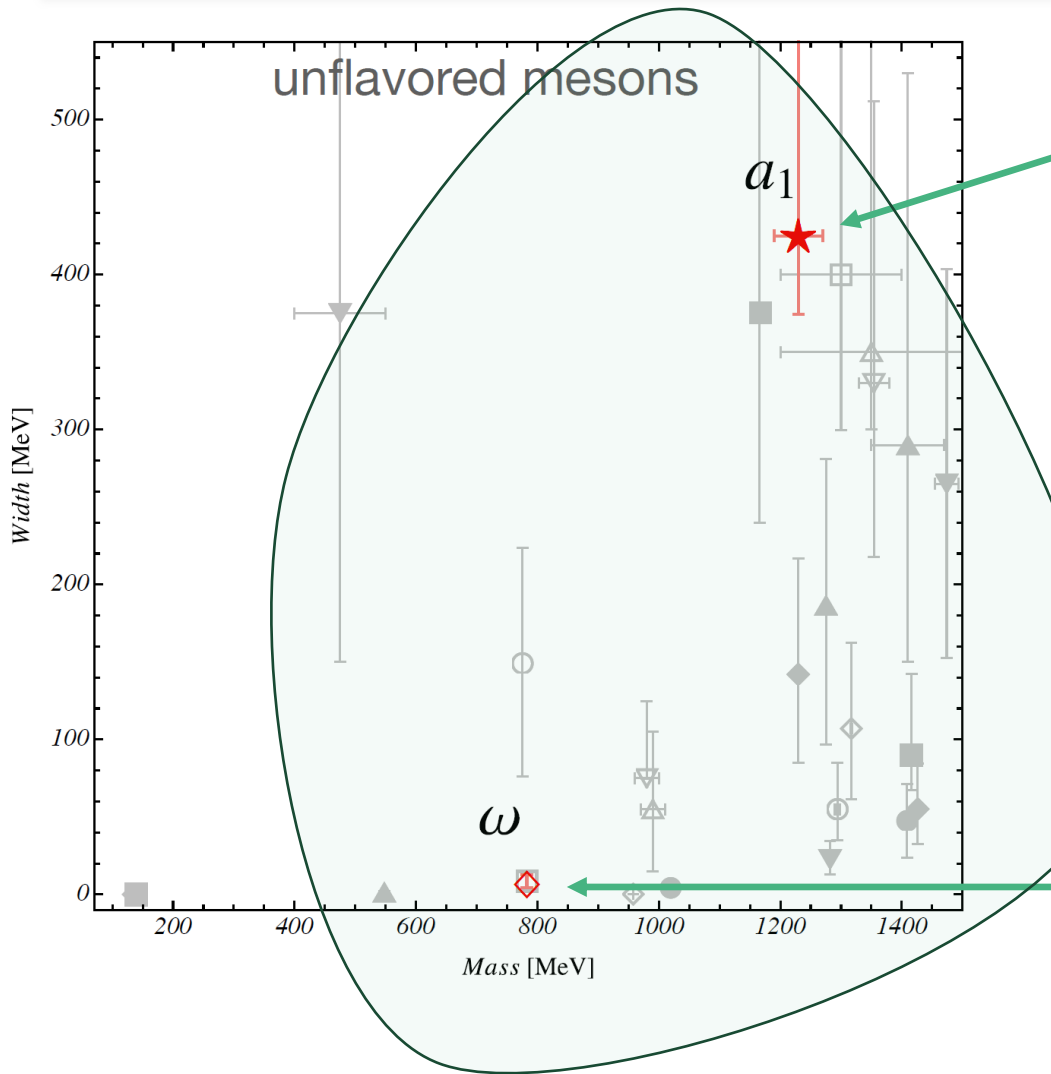
≥ 3 -body decays

Number of states
With only two-
body decays in
this sub-family:

0



>2-body meson decays



Decays almost 100% to 3 pions (decay to 2 pseudoscalar mesons forbidden)

Almost stable; lattice results & chiral extrapolation
 [Yan, Mai et al., [2407.16659](#)]

Three-body unitarity with isobars *

[Mai 2017]

$$\begin{aligned} \langle q_1, q_2, q_3 | (\hat{T} - \hat{T}^\dagger) | p_1, p_2, p_3 \rangle &= i \int_P \langle q_1, q_2, q_3 | \hat{T}^\dagger | k_1, k_2, k_3 \rangle \langle k_1, k_2, k_3 | \hat{T} | p_1, p_2, p_3 \rangle \\ &\times \prod_{\ell=1}^3 \left[\frac{d^4 k_\ell}{(2\pi)^4} (2\pi) \delta^+(k_\ell^2 - m^2) \right] (2\pi)^4 \delta^4 \left(P - \sum_{\ell=1}^3 k_\ell \right) \end{aligned}$$

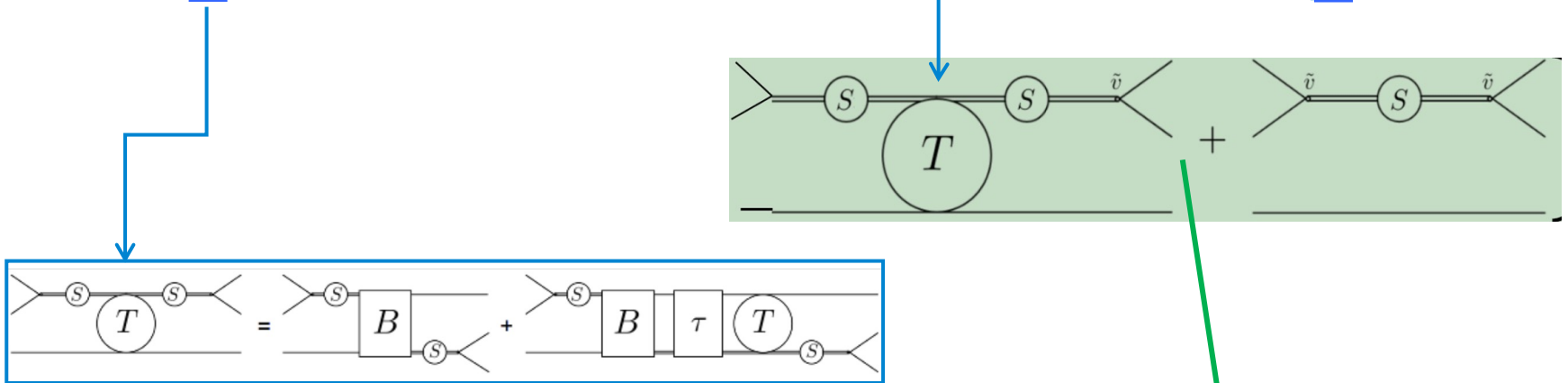
delta function sets all intermediate particles on-shell

Idea: To construct a 3B amplitude, start directly from unitarity (based on ideas of 60's); match a general amplitude to it

* "Isobar" stands for two-body sub-amplitude which can be resonant or not; can be matched to CHPT expansion to one loop if desired. Isobars are re-parametrizations of full 2-body amplitudes [\[Bedaque\]](#) [\[Hammer\]](#)

Three-body unitarity

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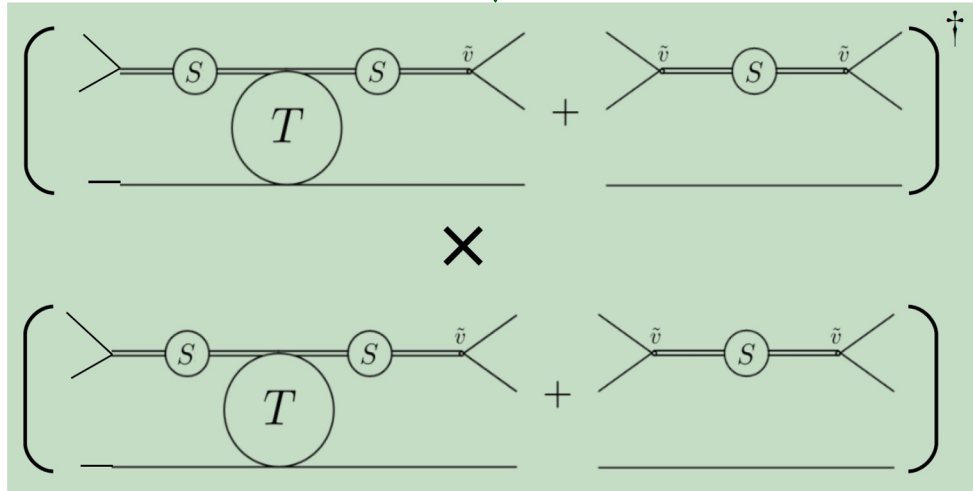
General Bethe-Salpeter Ansatz for the isobar-spectator interaction

→ **B** & **τ** are unknown functions to be obtained by matching To right-hand side.

The three-pion state is populated by first combining two states to an "isobar", and then adding the third "spectator"

Three-body unitarity

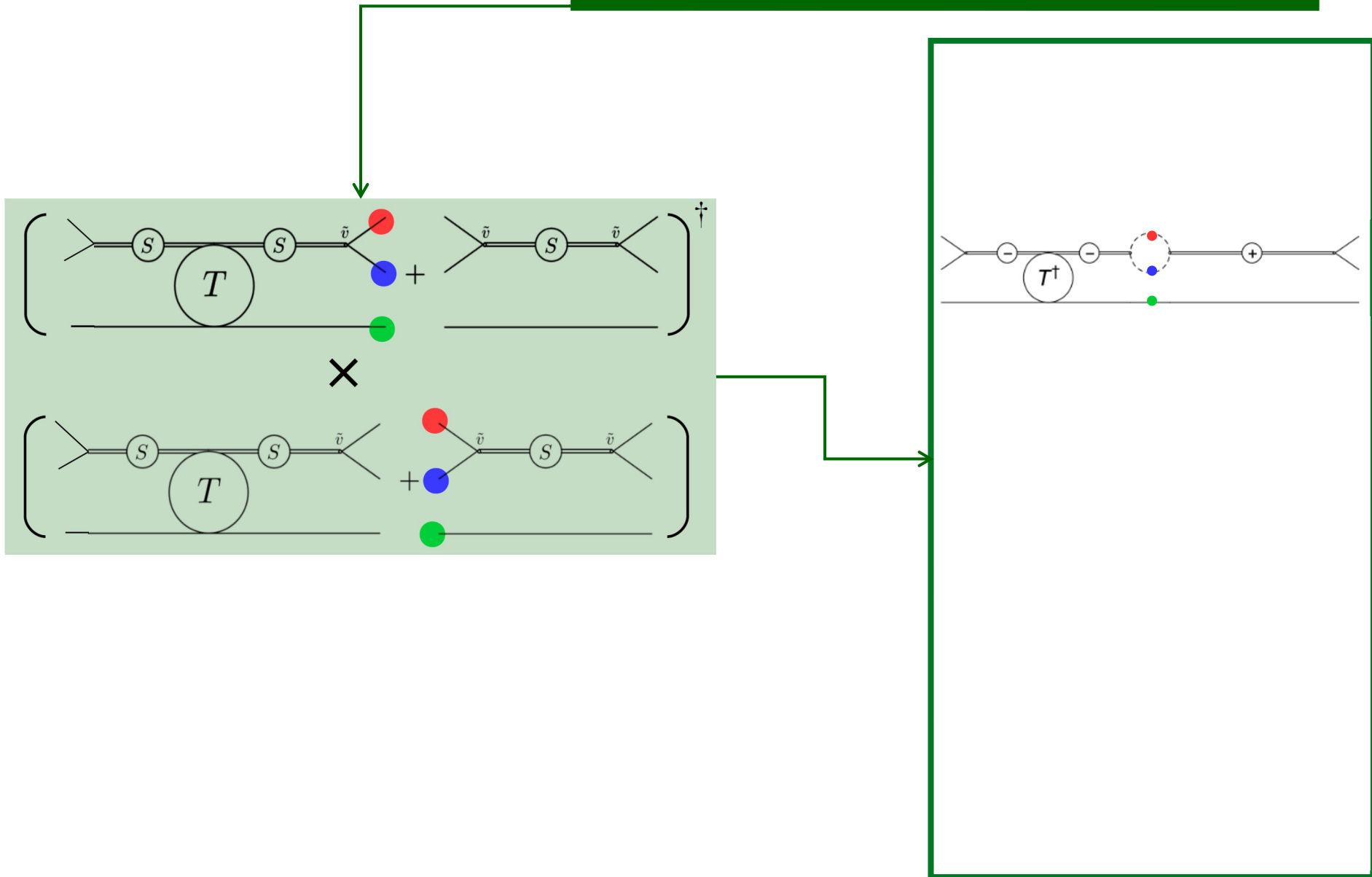
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General connected-disconnected structure

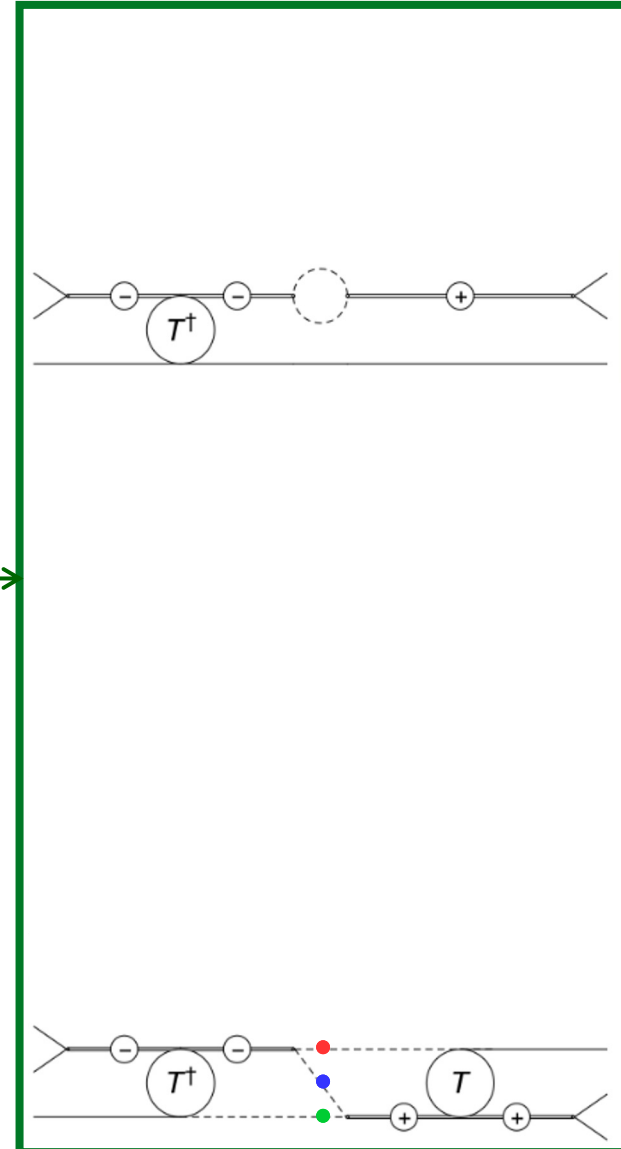
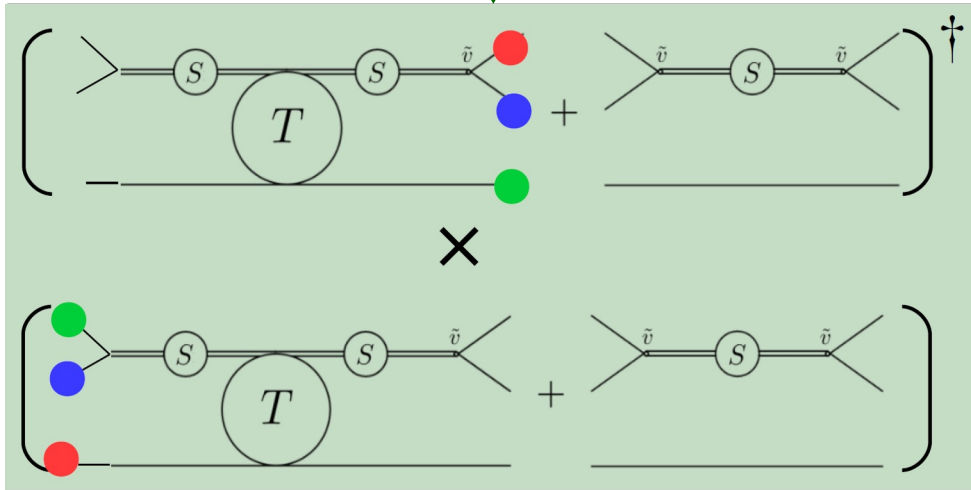
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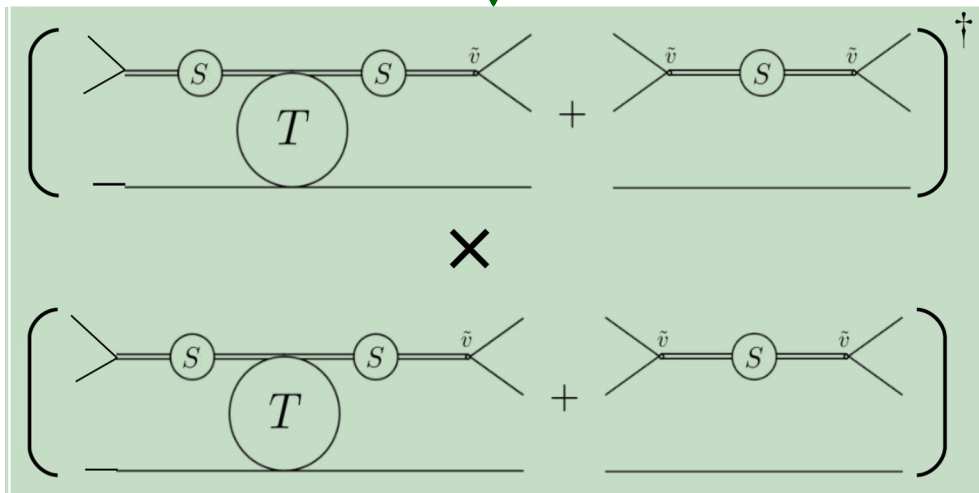
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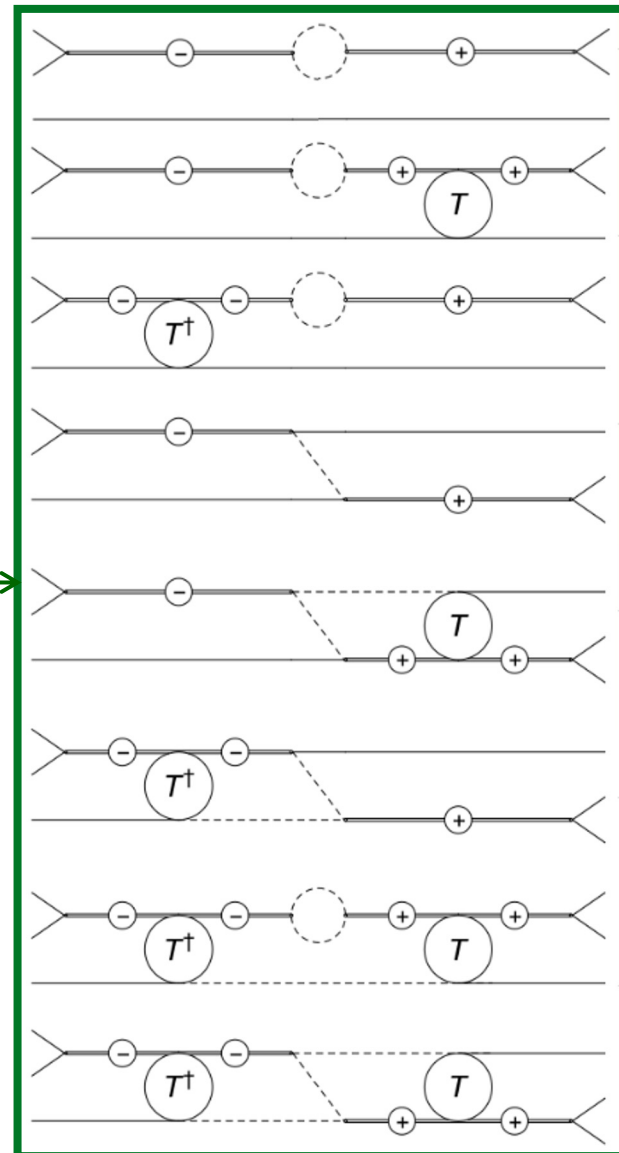


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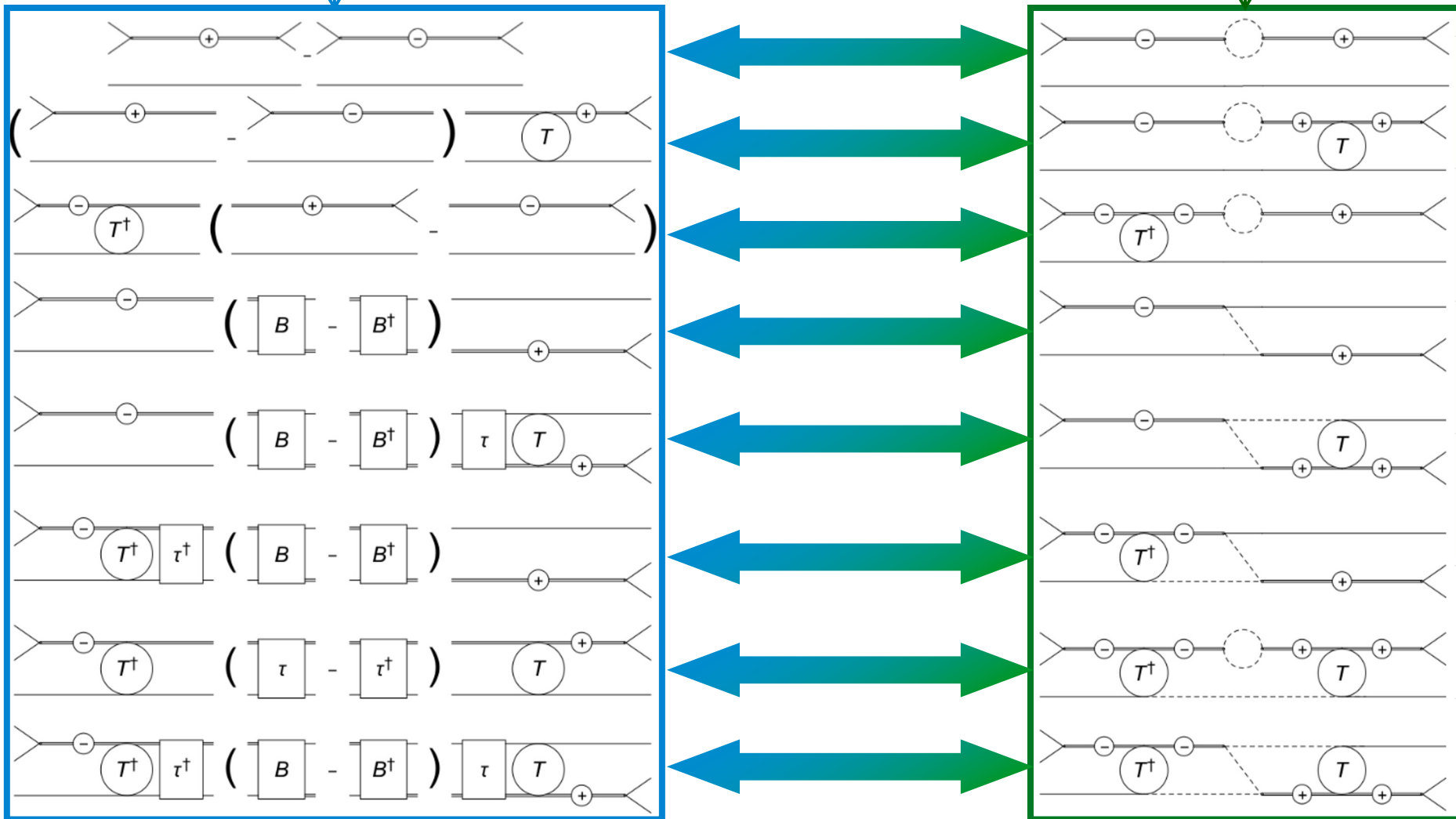
8 topologies



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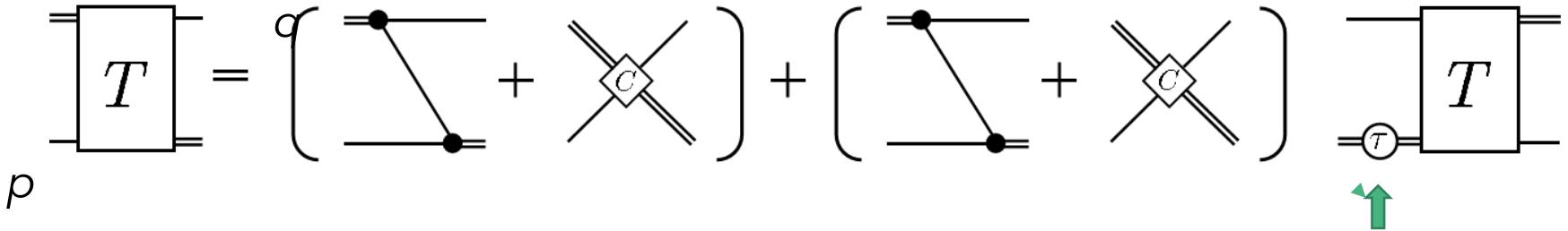
General BSE ($T = B + B\tau T$)



Resulting scattering equation

- 4-dim BSE becomes 3-dim by putting spectator on-shell (choice)

$$\langle q | T(s) | p \rangle = \langle q | B(s) | p \rangle + \langle q | C(s) | p \rangle + \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \langle q | (B(s) + C(s)) | k \rangle \tau(\sigma(k)) \langle k | T(s) | p \rangle ,$$



Exchange:

- Complex
- Required by unitarity

Contact term:

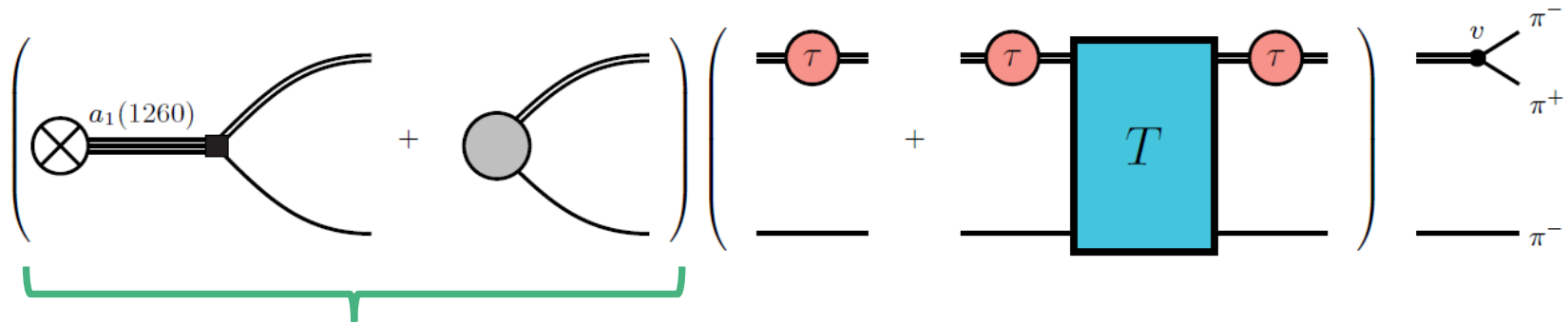
- Does not destroy unitarity
- Free parametrization: fit to data

Isobar-spectator Green's functions

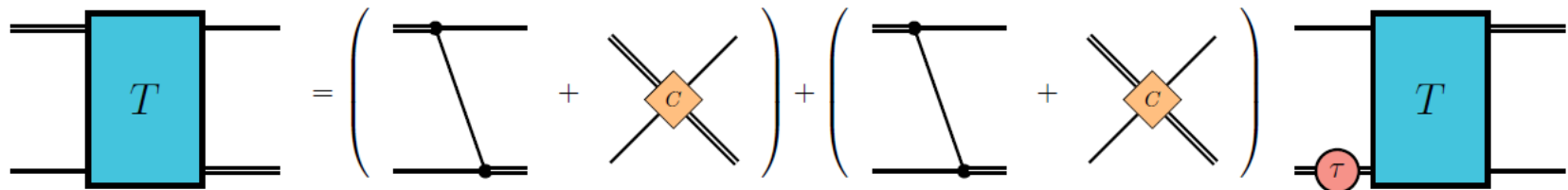
The $a_1(1260)$ and its Dalitz plots

[Sadasivan 2020]

- Disconnected and connected decays for three-body unitarity



Additional fit parameters

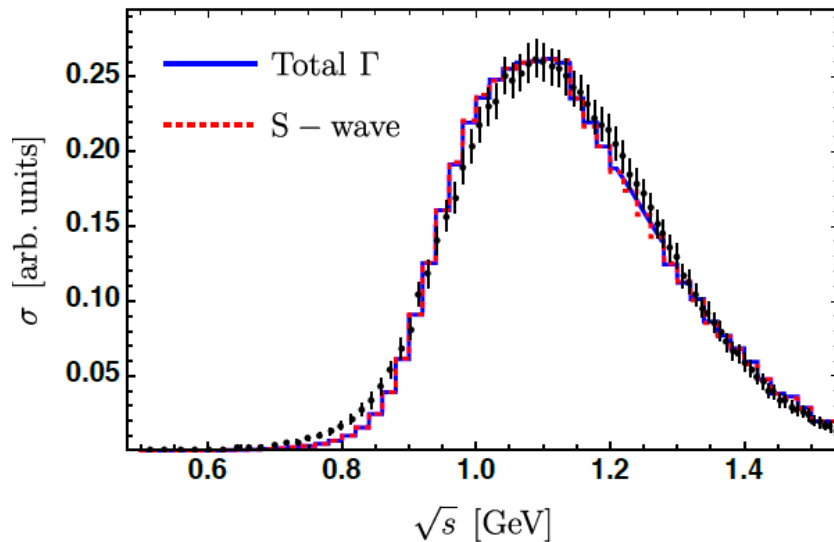


Fitting the lineshape & predicting Dalitz plots

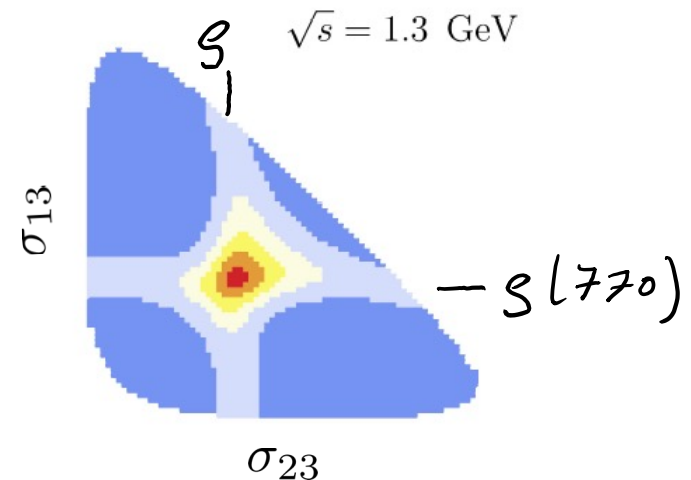
[Sadasivan 2020]

- One can have $\pi\rho$ in S- and D-wave coupled channels
- Fit contact terms to the lineshape from Experiment (ALEPH)

$a_1 \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+$ (symmetrize π^- 's!)



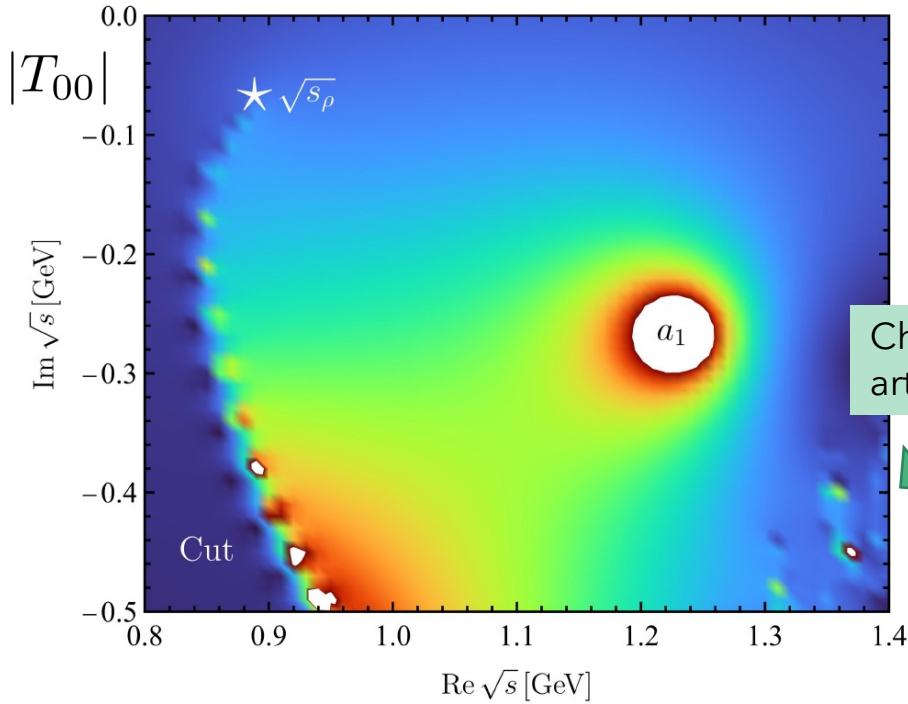
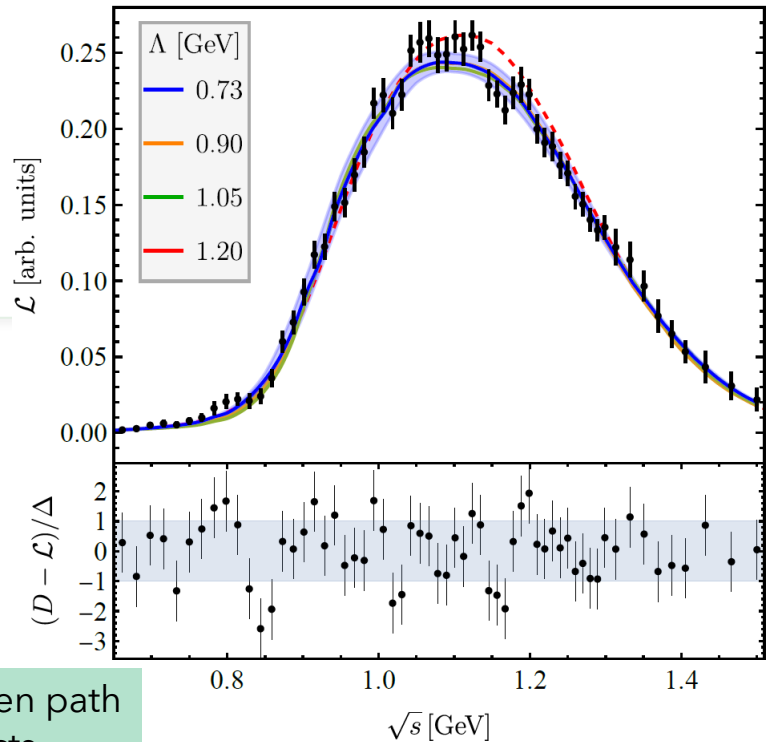
predict \rightarrow



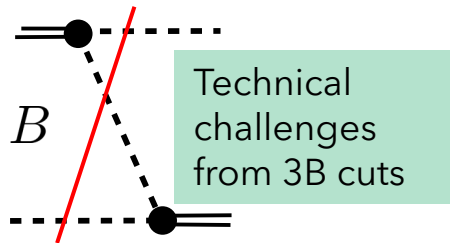
Where is the resonance pole in s ? Pole positions & residues are reaction¹⁵-independent characteristics of resonance mass, width, and branching ratios

Result: Pole position

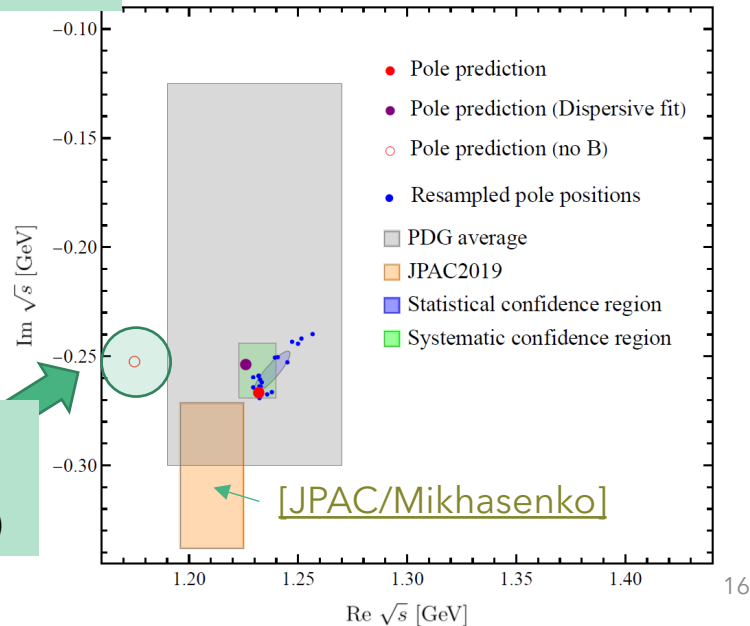
Technicalities analytic cont.:
 contour deformation } [Sadasivan (2021)]
 } [Doering (2009)]



Chosen path artifacts



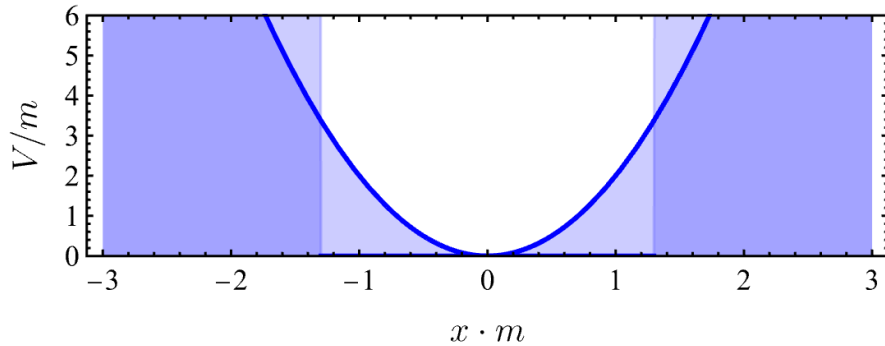
If the B-term is neglected + refit (unitarity violated)



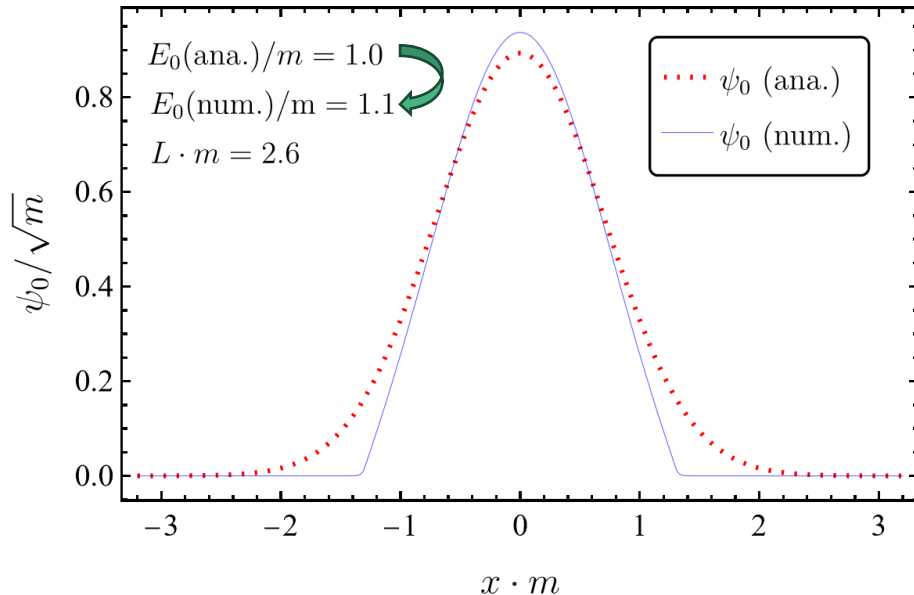
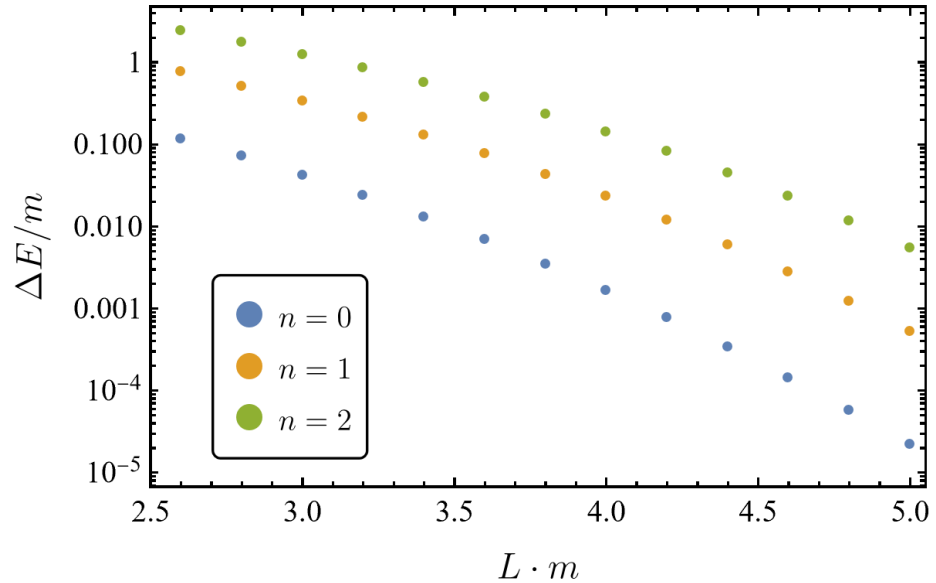
Finite-Volume Effects

A wave function is squeezed into a finite volume

[<https://blogs.gwu.edu/doring/>]



Distortion of the energy spectrum as function of box size



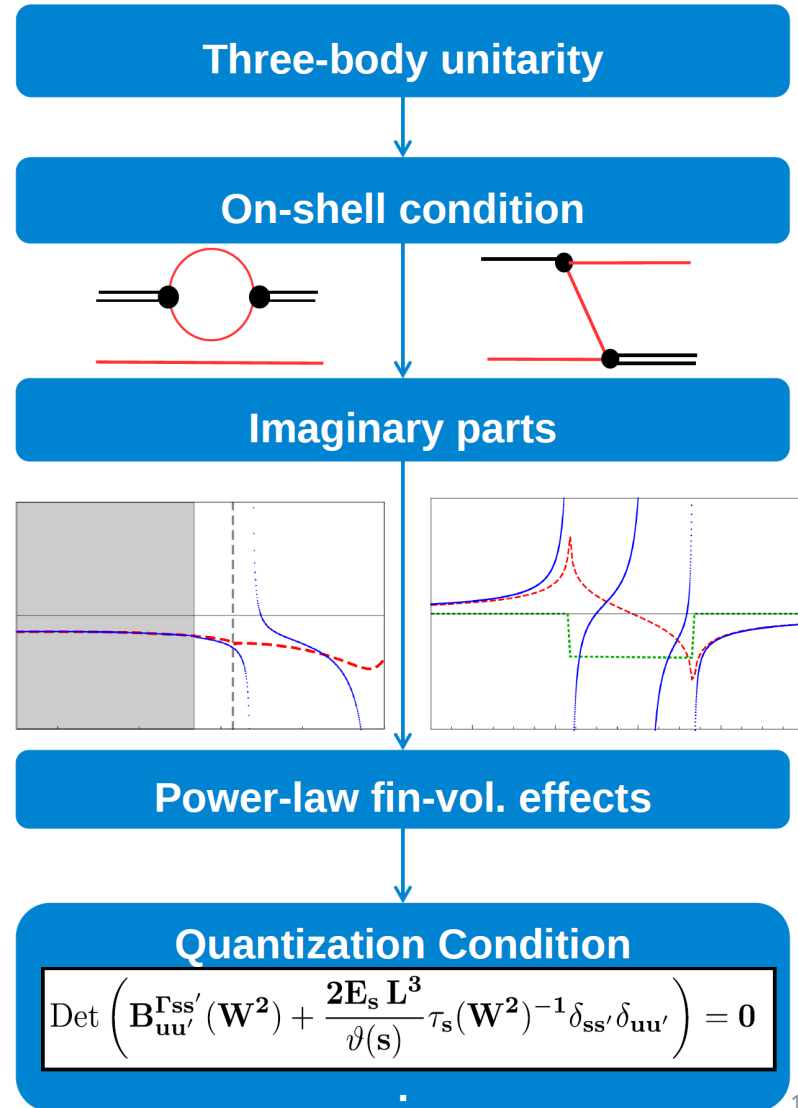
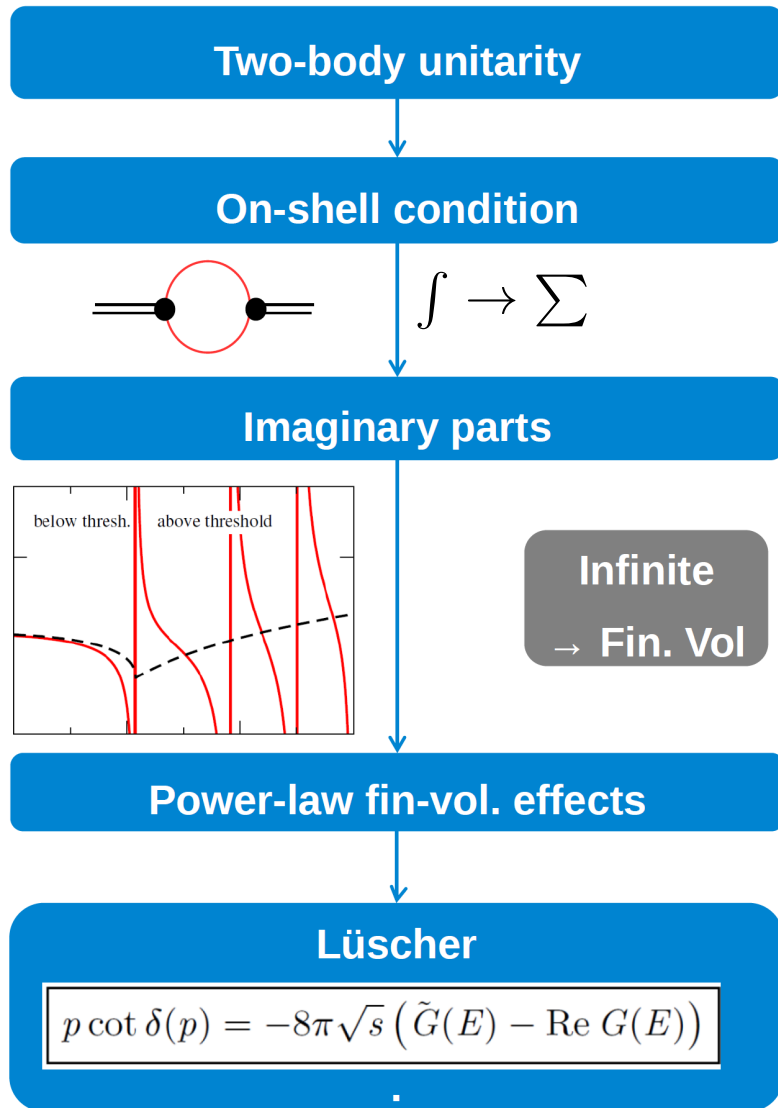
Periodic Boundary Conditions

$$\Psi(\vec{x}) \stackrel{!}{=} \Psi(\vec{x} + \hat{e}_i L) = \exp(i L q_i) \Psi(\vec{x})$$

$$q_i = \frac{2\pi}{L} n_i, \quad n_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

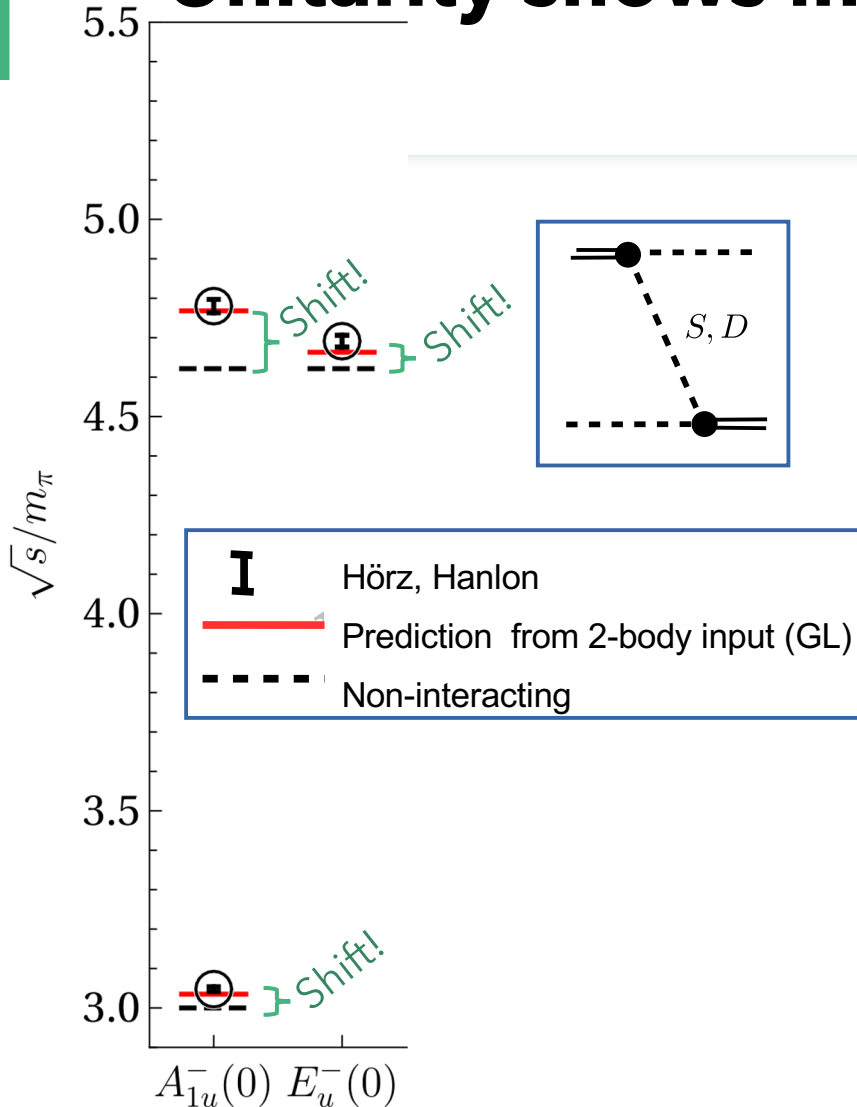
only discrete momenta allowed

Lattice QCD: Finite-volume unitarity (FVU)



Unitarity shows in FV spectrum: $3\pi^+$

[GWQCD/Culver 2019]



S **D** (lowest participating wave)

- D-wave prediction qualitatively good
- Relative/absolute strength between S- and D-wave matched
- Consequence that 3-body interaction dominated by exchange
- Consequence of 3-body Unitarity

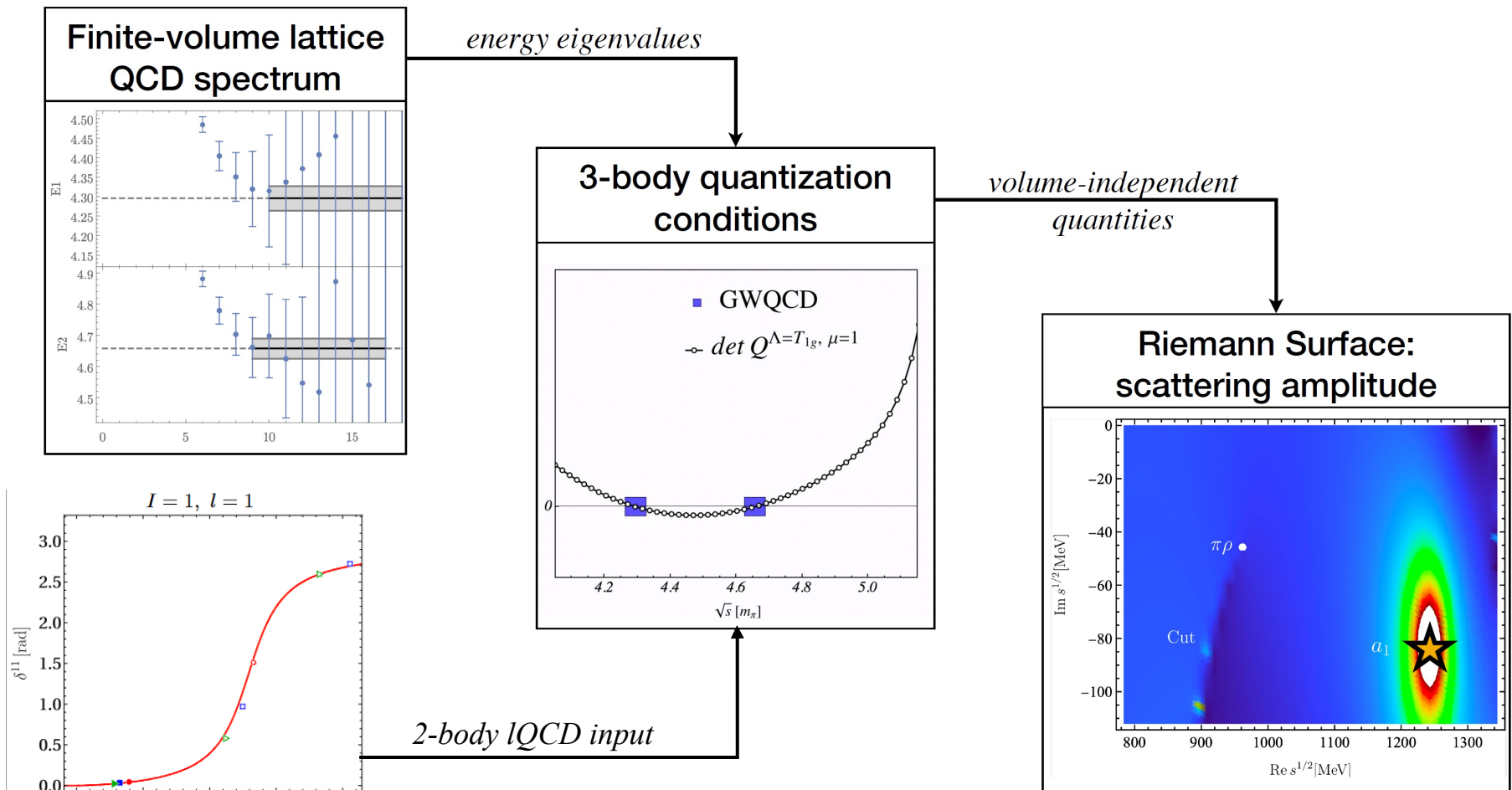
• Three-body unitarity directly visible in the eigenvalue spectrum of lattice QCD

- Many additional levels, including boosts (not shown)

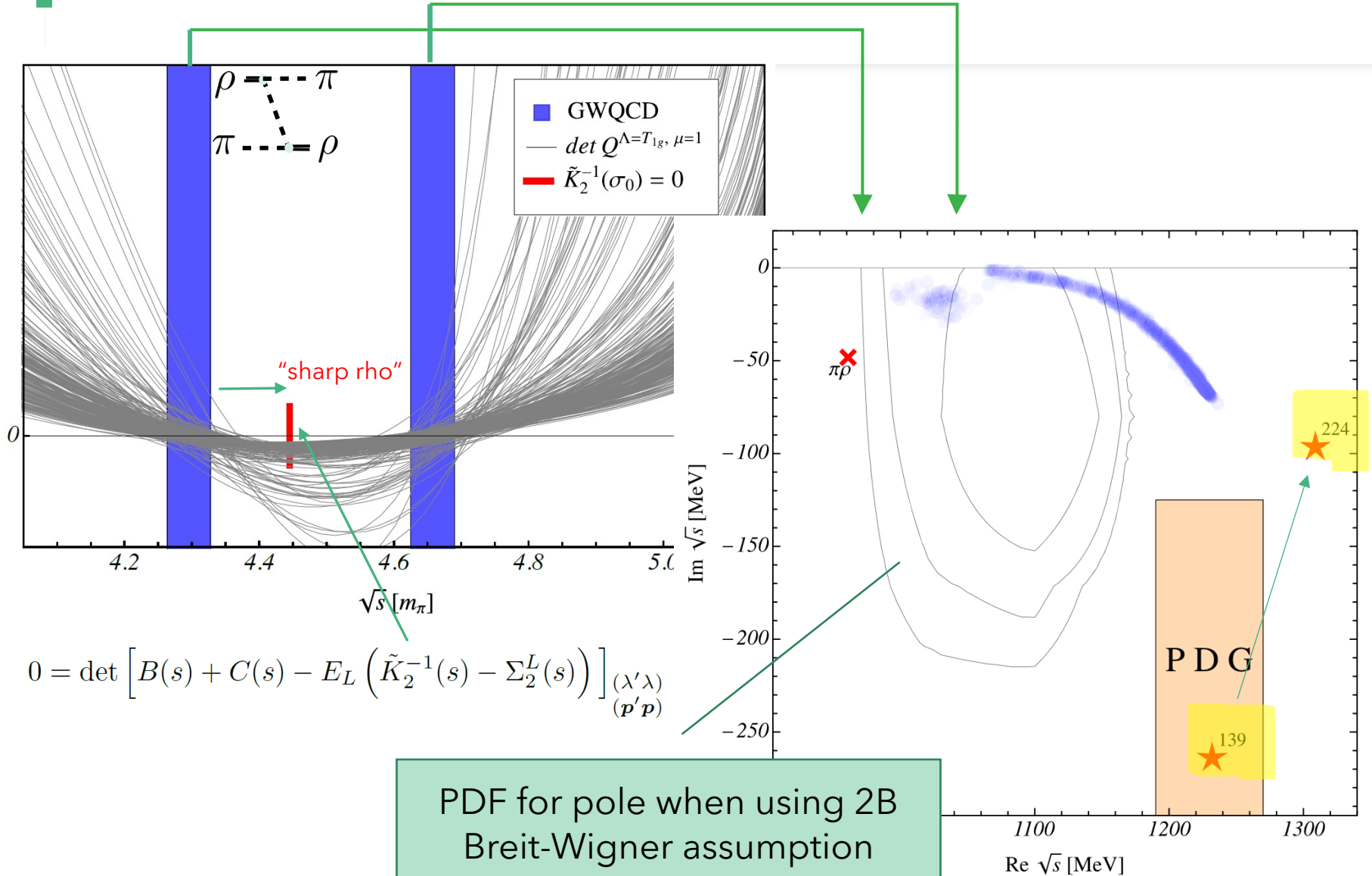
Extraction of $a_1(1260)$ from IQCD

[Mai/MD/GWQCD, PRL 2021]

- First-ever three-body resonance from 1st principles (with explicit three-body dynamics).



Results - overview



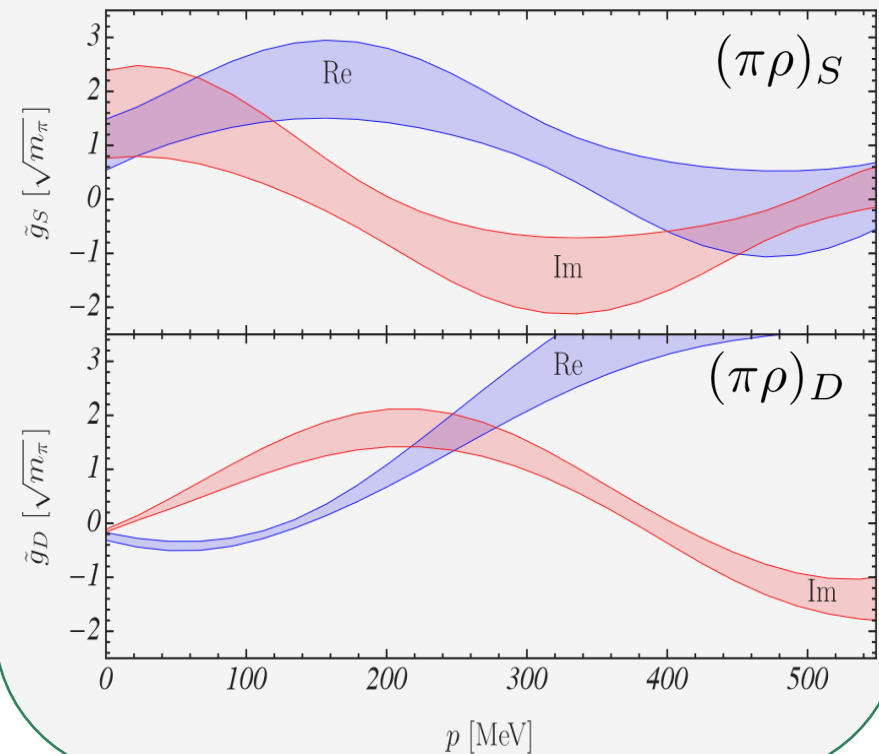
Branching ratios

- Calculate the residue at the pole:

$$\text{Res}(T_{e'e}^c(\sqrt{s})) = \tilde{g}_{e'}\tilde{g}_e$$

- This result is not as reliable as pole position/existence of a_1
- More energy eigenvalues needed to better pin down the decay channels

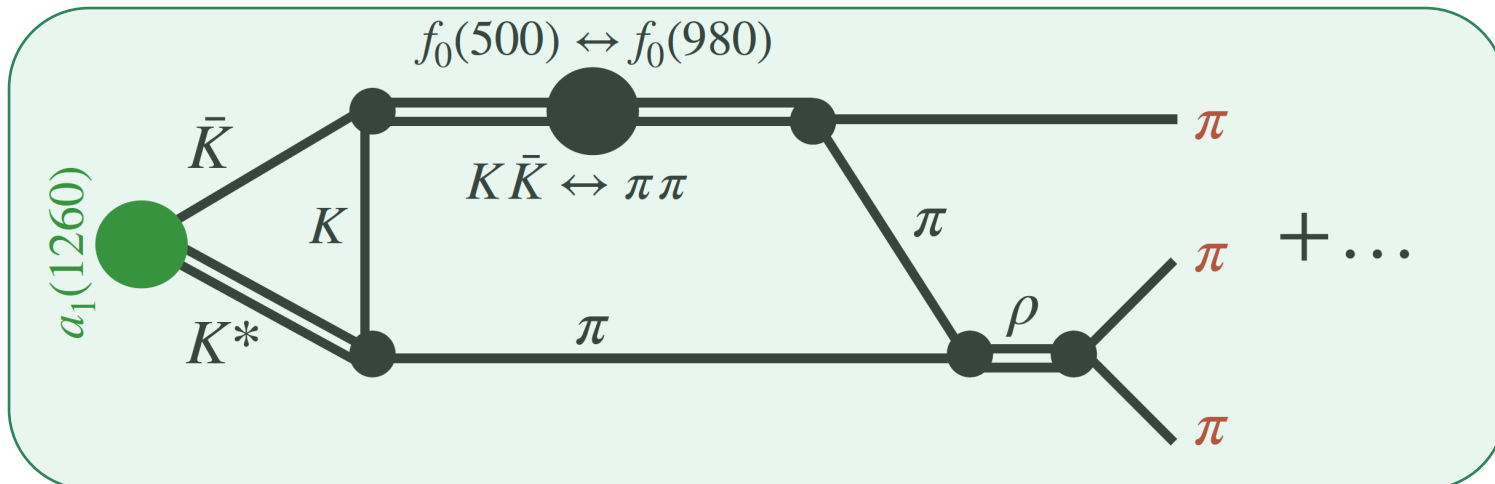
“**Branching ratios**” in 3B decays are momentum -dependent, complex pole residues



Coupled-channel, unitary amplitudes

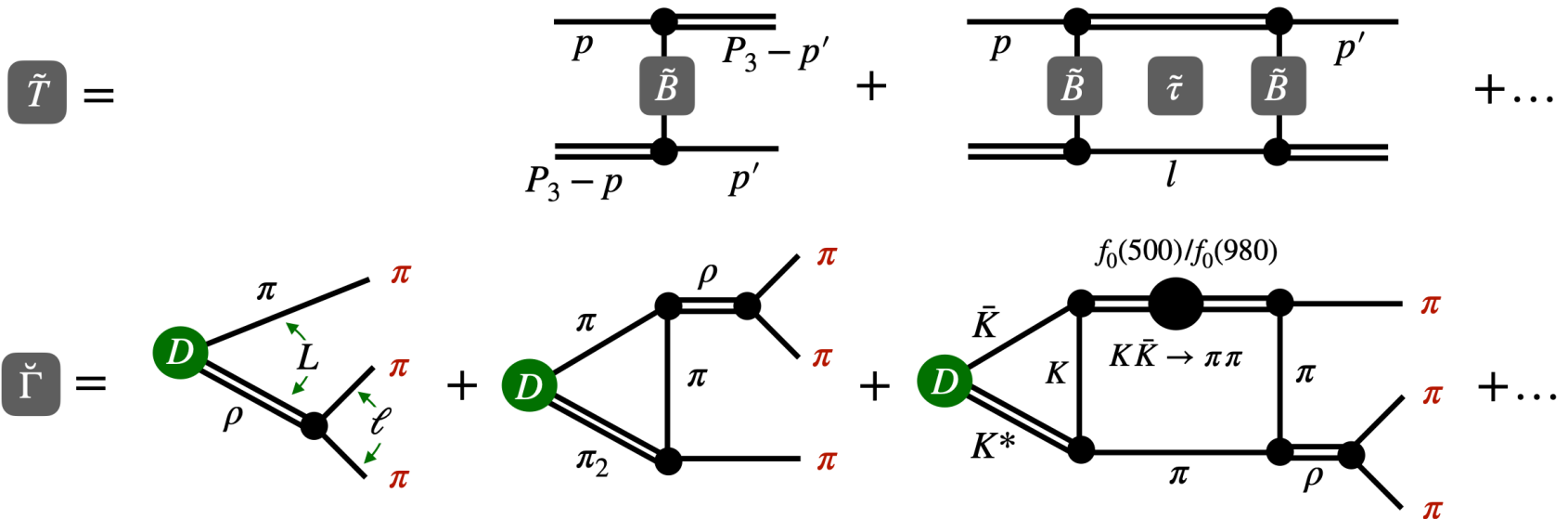
[Feng, Gil, Molina, Mai, Shastry, Szczepaniak, MD, PRD '24]

- Coupled-channel, coupled-partial wave amplitudes
- Unitarity manifest
- In-flight transitions of isobars: $\pi\pi \leftrightarrow K\bar{K}$
- All isospins: $I = 0, 1/2, 1, 3/2, 2$
- All subsystems up to P-wave, including $f_0(500)$, ρ , $f_0(980)$, K^* , κ
- Example:



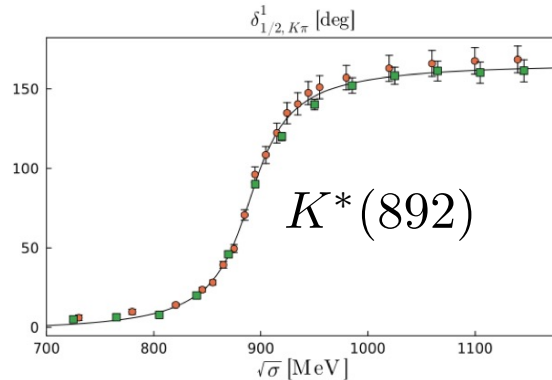
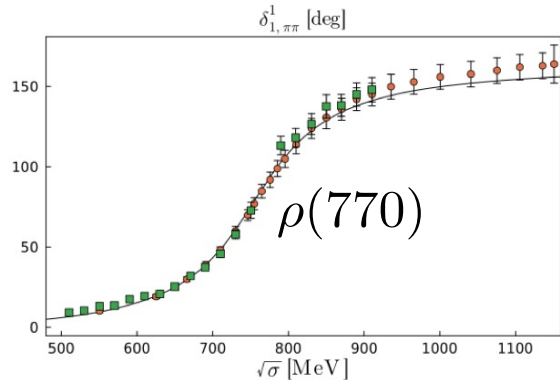
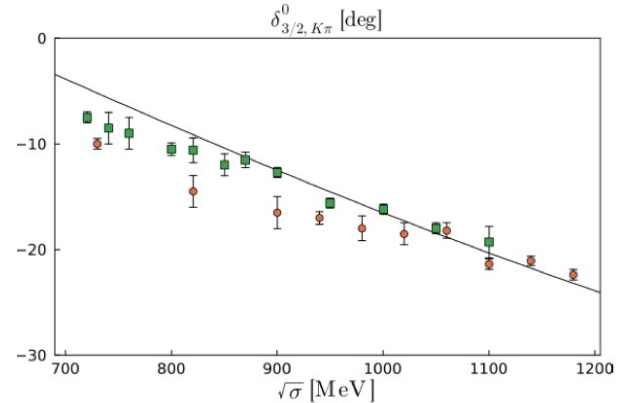
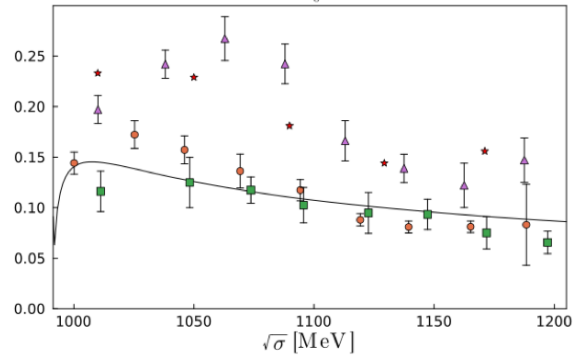
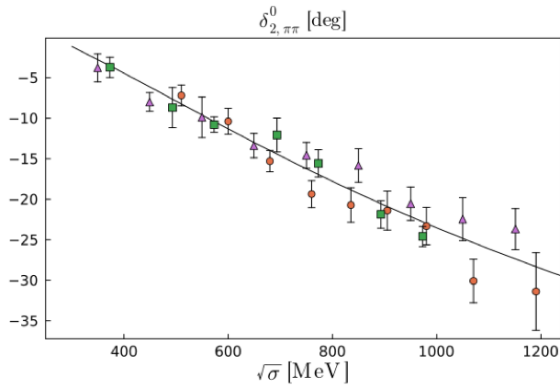
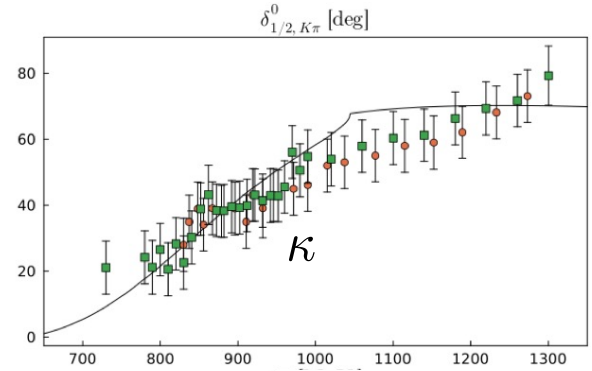
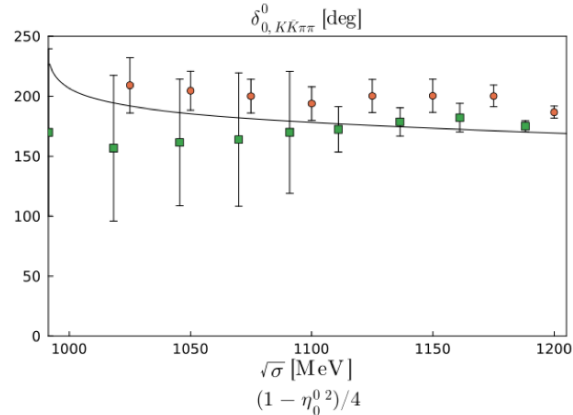
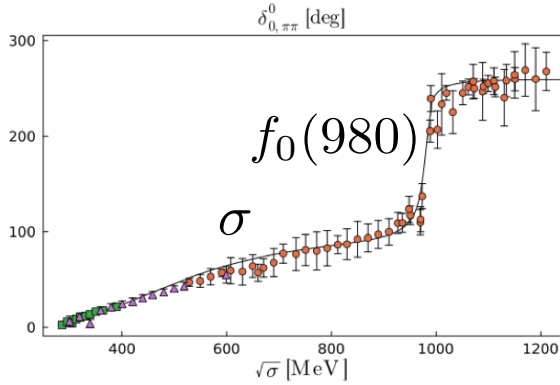
Channel space

Isobar (S_I, I_I)	(1, 1)	(1, 1/2)	(0, 0)	(0, 2)	(0, 1/2)	(0, 3/2)
HB basis (11 Ch.)	$\pi\rho_{\lambda=\pm 1,0}$	$KK^*_{\lambda=\pm 1,0}$	$\pi\sigma$	$\pi(K\bar{K})_S$	$\pi\pi_2$	$K\kappa$
JLS basis (9 Ch.)	$(\pi\rho)_S (\pi\rho)_D$	$(KK^*)_S (KK^*)_D$	$(\pi\sigma)_P$	$(\pi(K\bar{K})_S)_P$	$(\pi\pi_2)_S$	$(K\kappa)_S (K(\pi K)_S)_P$



- Scattering matrix dimensions:
 Spectator momentum \otimes JLS channels \otimes isobar channels

Two-body input



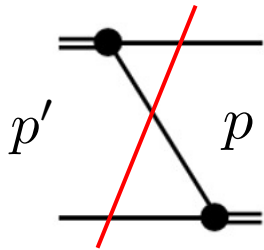
Notation:

$$\delta_{I,i}^\ell, \quad i \in \{\pi\pi, K\bar{K}, K\pi\}$$

How to solve the scattering equation

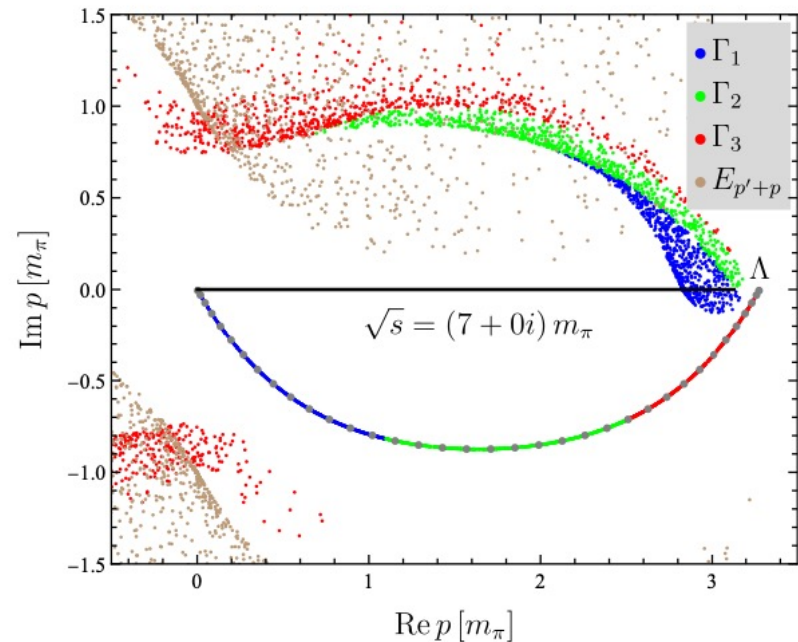
$$\tilde{T}_{ji}(s, p', p) = \tilde{B}_{ji}(s, p', p) + \tilde{C}_{ji}(s, p', p) + \int_0^\Lambda \frac{dl l^2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_l} \left(\tilde{B}_{jk}(s, p', l) + \tilde{C}_{jk}(s, p', l) \right) \tilde{\tau}_k(\sigma_l) \tilde{T}_{kj}(s, l, p)$$

• Three-body cuts



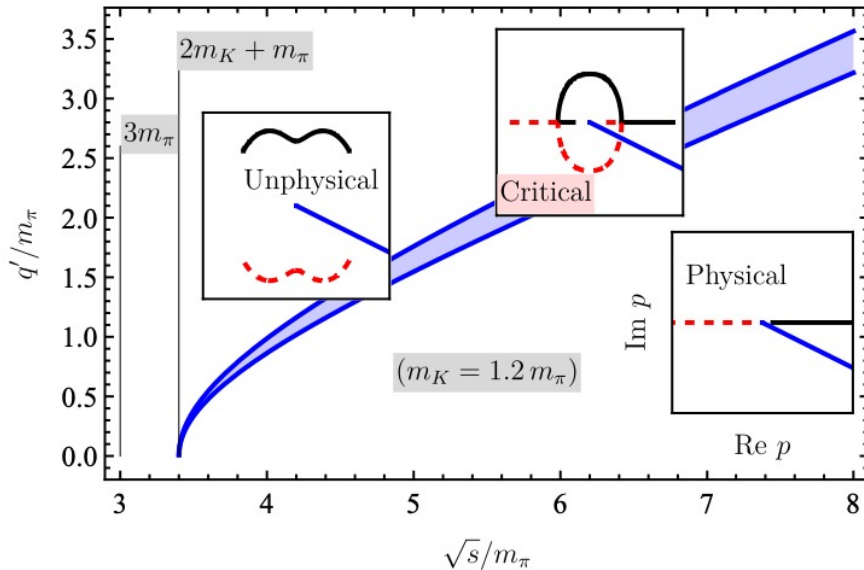
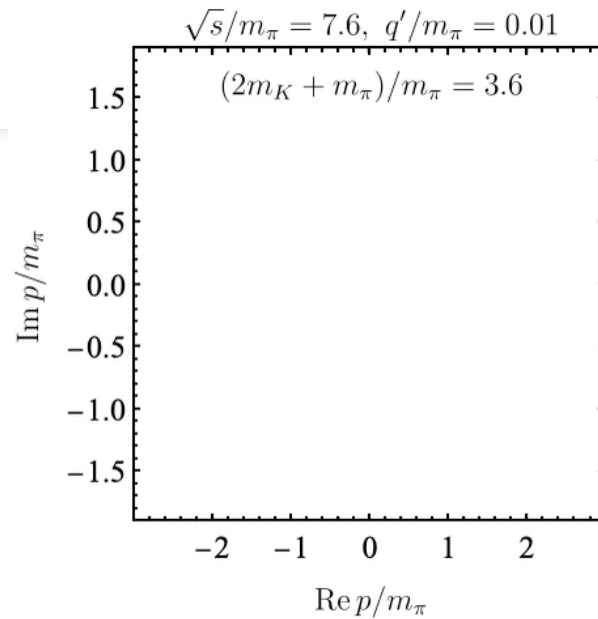
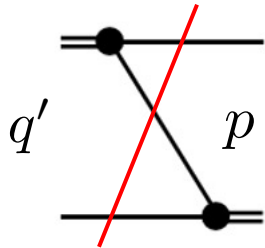
$$\tilde{B}_{ji}(s, \mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) = \frac{(\tilde{\mathbf{I}}_F)_{ji} v_j^*(\mathbf{p}, P - \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}') v_i(\mathbf{p}', P - \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}')}{2E_{p'+p}(\sqrt{s} - E_p - E_{p'} - E_{p'+p}) + i\epsilon}$$

- Angle, energy dependent
- Depend also on p' and p
- Solve LSE for complex momenta on a deformed contour

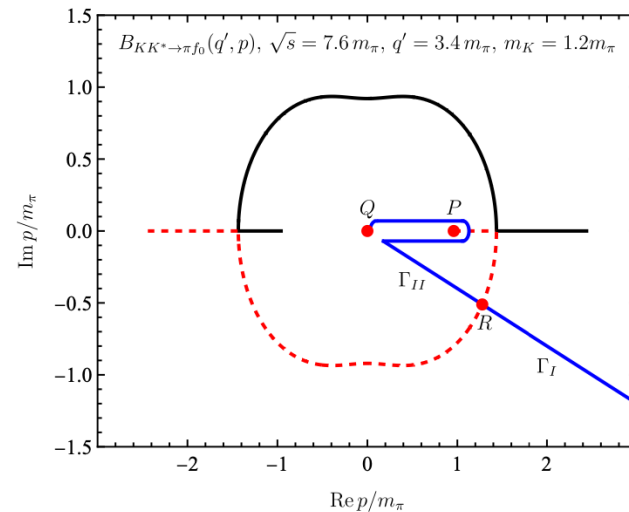


How to get the solution for real, physical momenta

- No solution for real momenta in "critical region"



Solution 1: Contour deformation [Cahill & Sloane]



How to get the solution for real, physical momenta

Solution 2: Direct inversion [Ziegelmann et al.]

Production amplitude $\tilde{\Gamma}_j^T(s, q') = D_j(s, q') + \int_0^\Lambda \frac{dq q^2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_q} \tilde{B}_{ji}(s, q', q) \tilde{\tau}_i(\sigma(q)) \tilde{\Gamma}_i^T(s, q)$

Ansatz $\tilde{\Gamma}^T(q) \approx \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{\Gamma}^T(q_i) H_i(q)$ with Lagrange polynomials $H_i(q) = \frac{\prod_{j \neq i}^N (q - q_j)}{\prod_{j \neq i}^N (q_i - q_j)}$

Makes integral equation a matrix equation $\tilde{\Gamma}^T(q_j) = D(q_j) + A_{ji} \tilde{\Gamma}^T(q_i)$

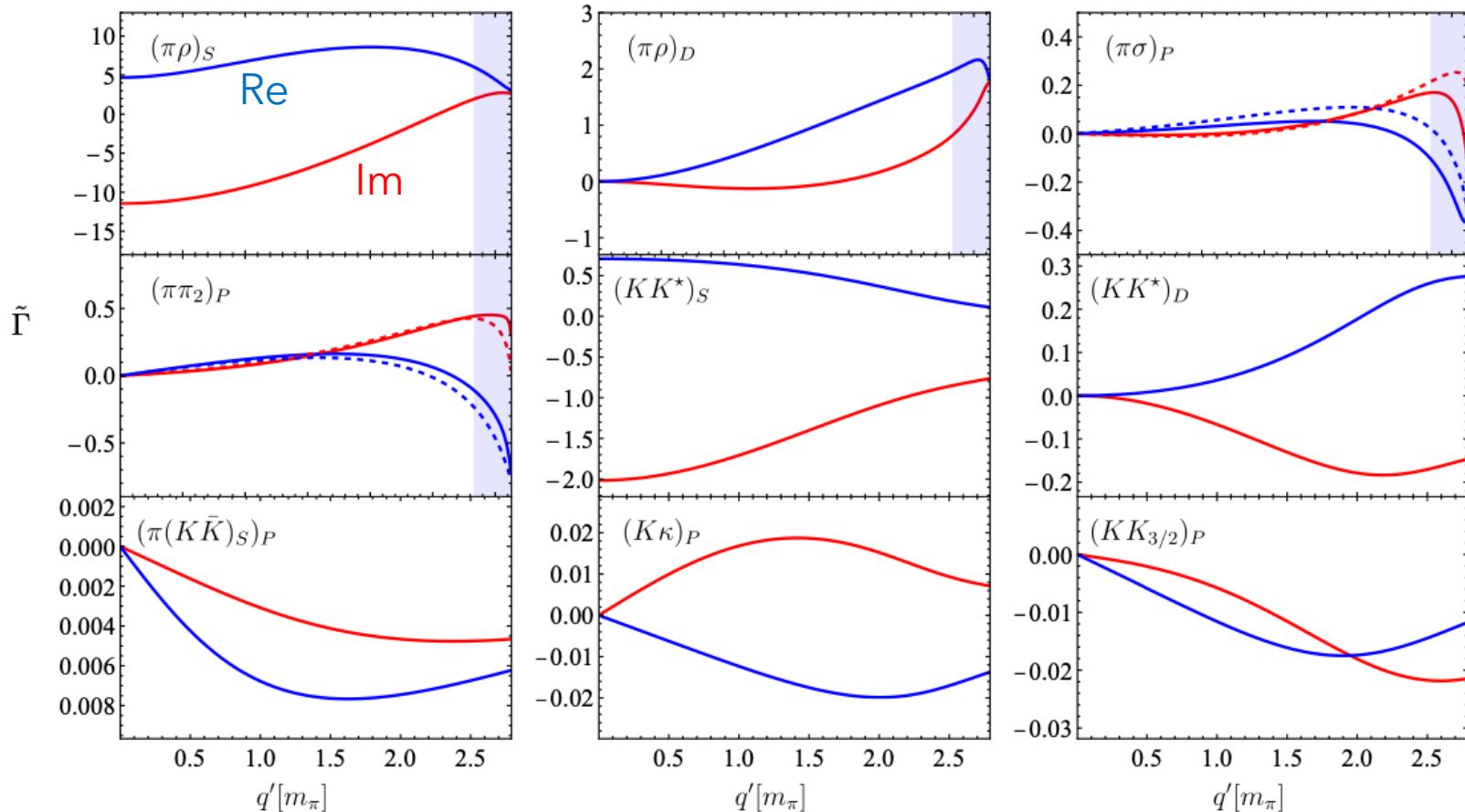
With singular integrals $A_{ji} = \int_0^\Lambda \frac{dq q^2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_q} \tilde{B}(q_j, q) \tilde{\tau}(\sigma(q)) H_i(q)$

... for which many established algorithms exist

Production amplitude 9-channel model

(Only the (non-trivial) rescattering piece)

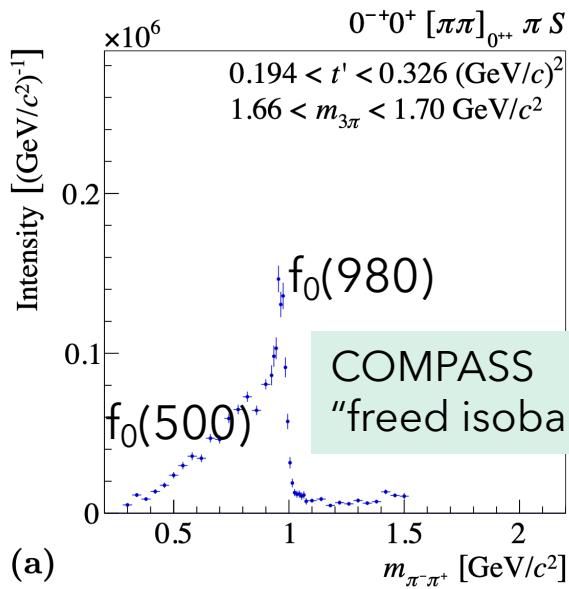
$$3m_\pi < W < 2m_K + m_\pi$$



Dashed lines: with $\pi\rho$ switched off (influence of coupled channels)

Future applications: Line-shape modifications

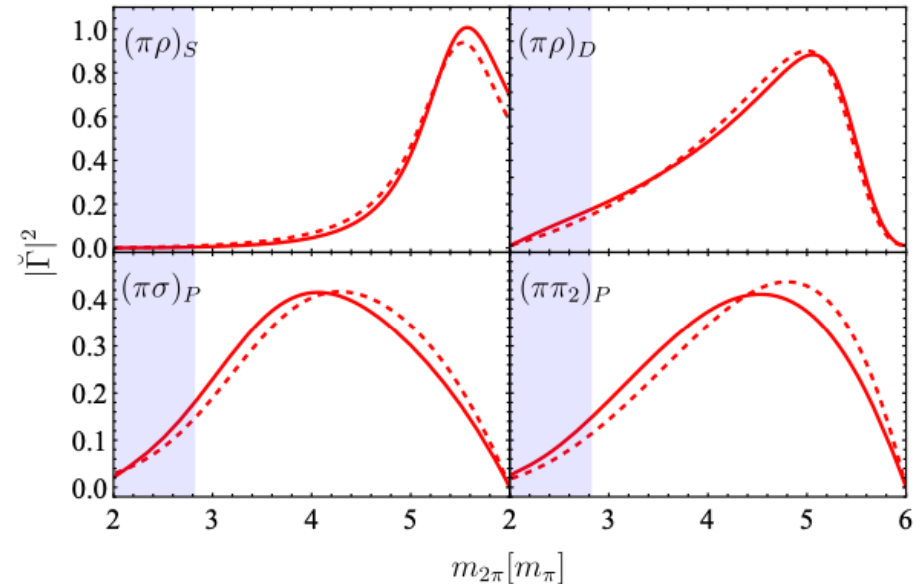
Lineshapes in the analysis of experimental data (COMPASS)



2b lineshape
extracted from 3b
lineshape

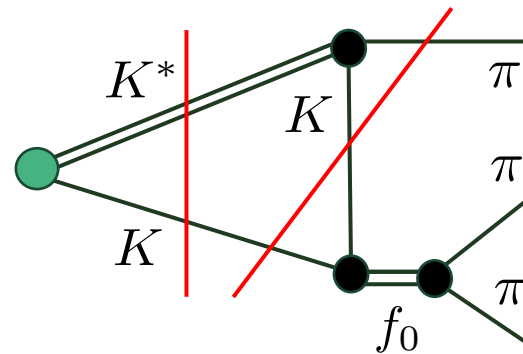
[Phys. Rev. D 95, 032004 (2017)]

Predicted line-shape
modifications by three-
body corrections and
coupled-channels:



Triangle singularities (TS)

- Triangle singularities are three-body singularities happening in the physical region, while isobar & spectator are also “on-shell”



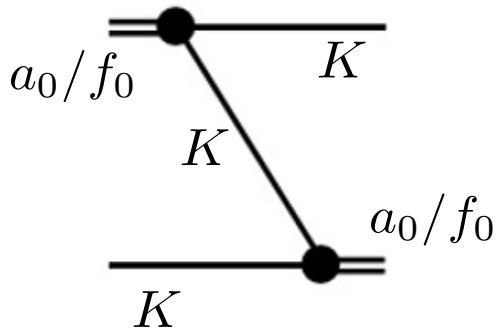
Notation: K can also stand for \bar{K}

- How does re-scattering affect triangle singularities?
 - Rather small effects [Sakthivasan, Mai, Rusetsky, M.D., arXiv: 2407.17696]
- Quantitative results under way: Unified description of $a_1(1260)$ and $a_1(1420)$ as resonance + TS

Triangle singularities at thresholds (1)

[Khemchandani, Martinez, MD, in progress]

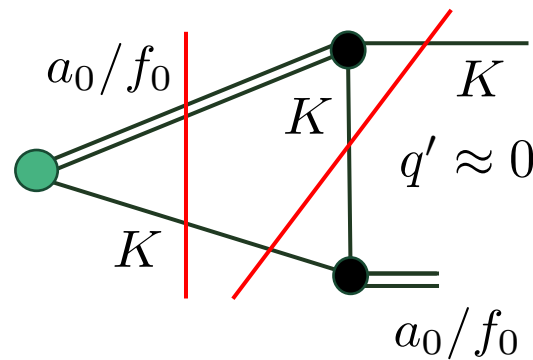
- The $K(1460)$ resonance from $Kf_0(980)$ and $Ka_0(980)$ channels



- Molecular state? [Albaldejo et al., 2010; Martinez et al., 2011]
- At zero a_0, f_0 widths, “molecular” bound state with $E_B=0.5\text{MeV}$ is found “dynamically generated” [Zang, Hanhart et al., EPJA 2022]

Preliminary findings: $E_B=0.5\text{MeV}$ confirmed. Once isobars have width, an interplay of real thresholds, complex thresholds, triangle singularity, and a molecular state arise.

$$m_{a_0} \approx m_{f_0} \approx 2m_K$$

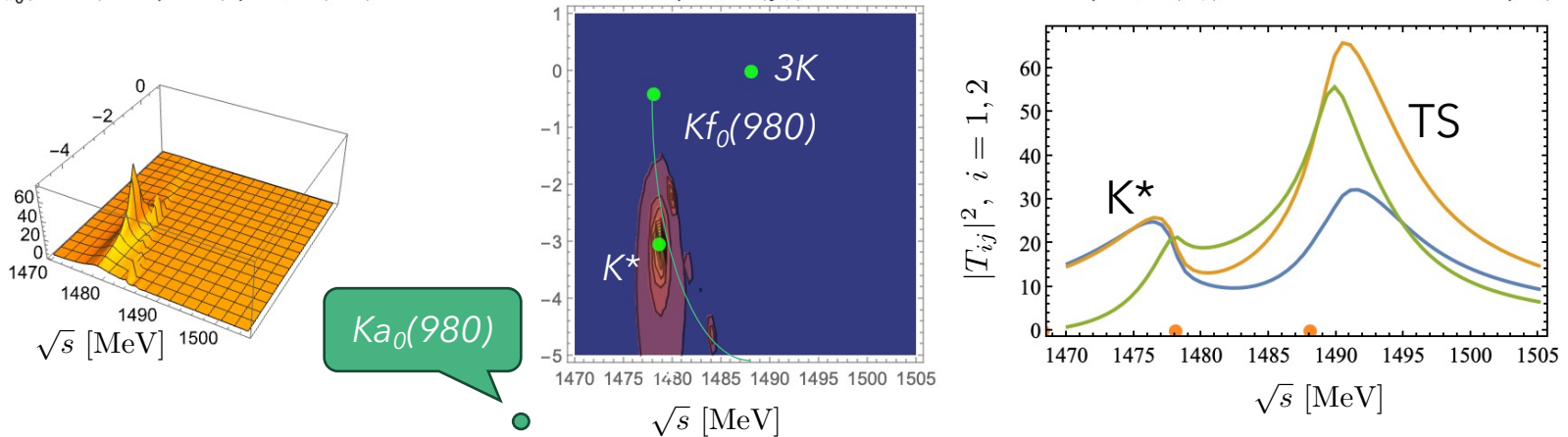


Triangle singularities at thresholds (2)

[Khemchandani, Martinez, MD, prelim]

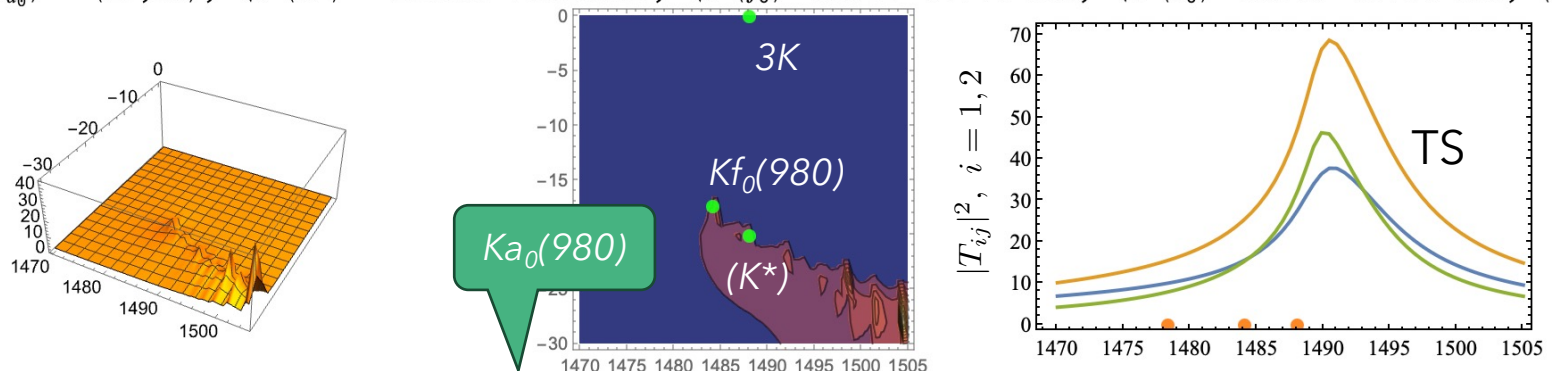
- Isobars with almost zero width

$(x_{f_0}, x_{a_0}) = (0.2, 0.2)$, $\sqrt{s}(K^*) = 1479.0 - 3.0 i \text{ MeV}$; $\sqrt{s}(f_0) = 982.0 - 0.4 i \text{ MeV}$; $\sqrt{s}(a_0) = 972.1 - 8.2 i \text{ MeV}$; (n

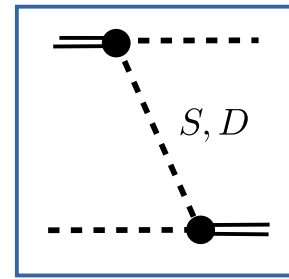


- Isobars with full width: Only the TS survives; K^* pole disappears

$(x_{f_0}, x_{a_0}) = (1., 1.)$, $\sqrt{s}(K^*) = 1488.0 - 20.1 i \text{ MeV}$; $\sqrt{s}(f_0) = 988.1 - 17.4 i \text{ MeV}$; $\sqrt{s}(a_0) = 982.3 - 53.6 i \text{ MeV}$; (n



Summary



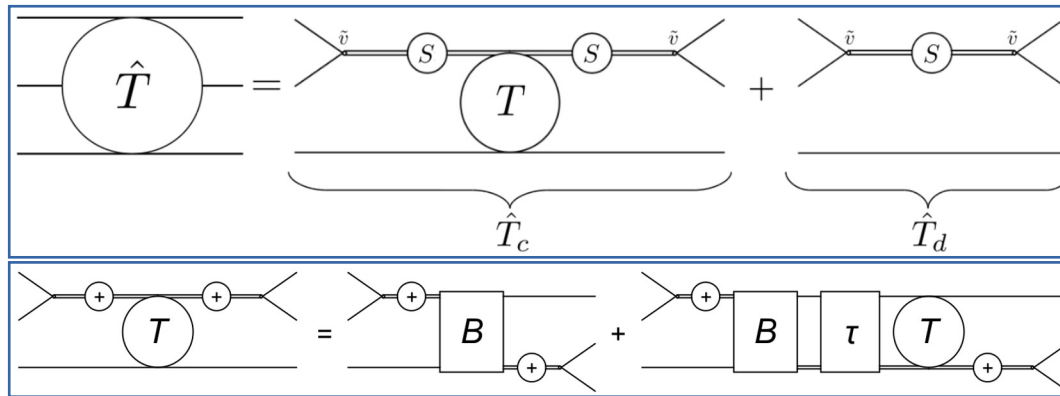
- Lattice QCD progress in determining the explicit dynamics of three-body systems:
 - Three pions at maximal isospin well understood (FVU, RFT, Peng Guo,...)
 - First determination of existence and properties of a three-body resonance - the **$a_1(1260)$** - in coupled channels by FVU, recently: ω
- **Outlook:** More (isospin) channels; other physical systems
 - Channel extension for strangeness with many applications
 - Data analysis (GlueX, Compass, Amber, ?)
 - Dynamical generation of resonances, kinematic effects (triangles), complex branch points: Unified treatment seems possible.
 - Other ideas?

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Spare slides

Scattering amplitude

3 → 3 scattering amplitude is a 3-dimensional integral equation



LS-type

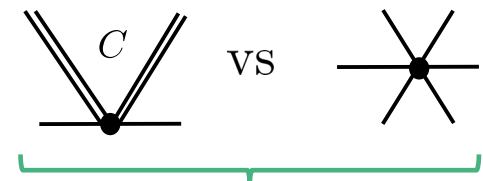
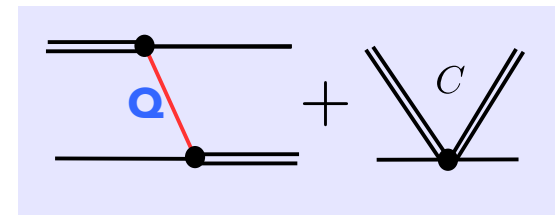
- Imaginary parts of B, τ^{-1} are fixed by **unitarity/matching**
- B, S are determined **consistently** through 8 different relations

Matching \rightarrow $\text{Disc } B(u) = 2\pi i \lambda^2 \frac{\delta(E_Q - \sqrt{m^2 + Q^2})}{2\sqrt{m^2 + Q^2}}$

- un-subtracted dispersion relation

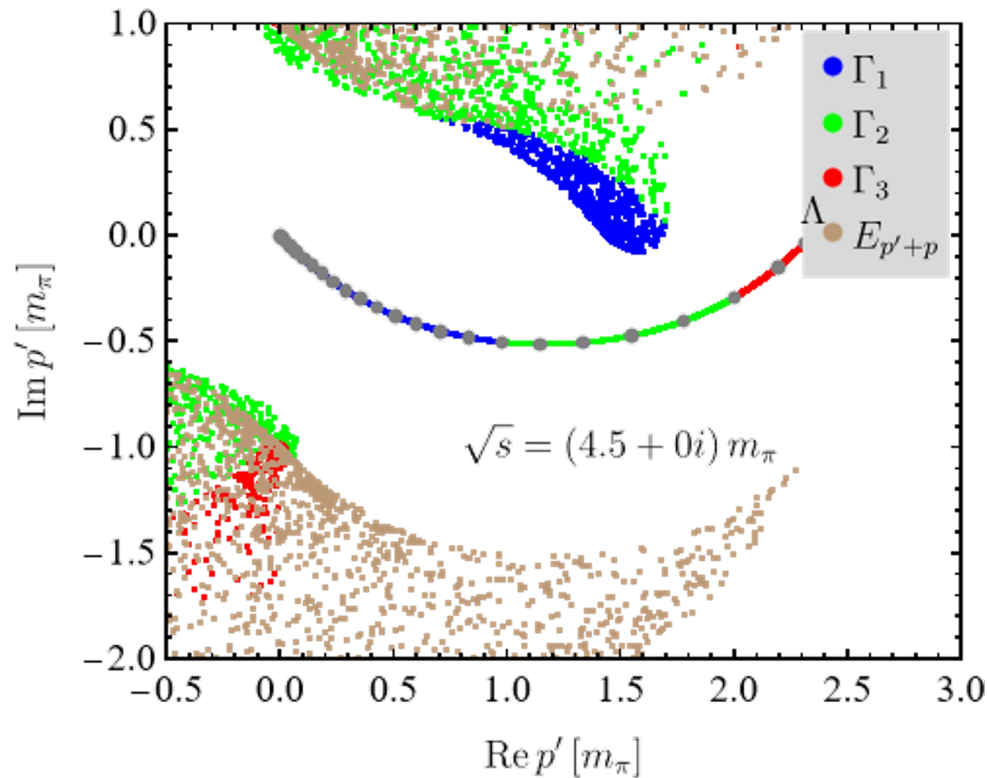
$$\langle q|B(s)|p \rangle = -\frac{\lambda^2}{2\sqrt{m^2 + Q^2} (E_Q - \sqrt{m^2 + Q^2} + i\epsilon)} + C$$

- one- π exchange in TOPT \rightarrow **RESULT, NOT INPUT!**
- One can map to field theory but does not have to. Result is a-priori dispersive.



Add. Steps to map to theory might be needed [Brett (2021)]

Details: Solving the scattering equation at complex momenta



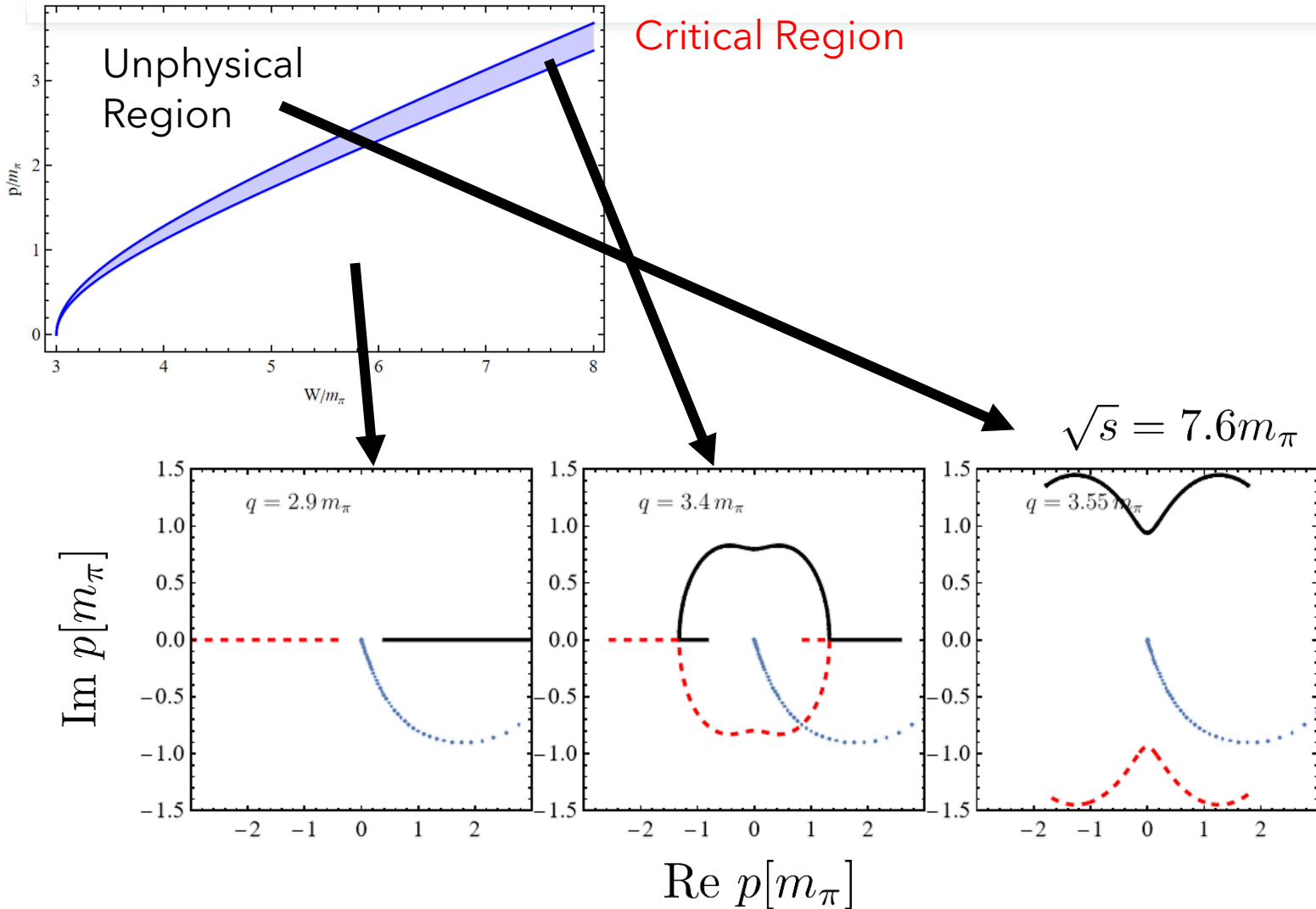
$$f(p', p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s} - E_p - E_{p'} - E_{p+p'} + i\epsilon}$$

- Avoid vanishing denominator at

$$p'_\pm = \frac{px(p^2 - \alpha^2) \pm \alpha \sqrt{(\beta + p^2(x^2 - 1))^2 - 4m_\pi^2 \beta}}{2\beta},$$

$$\alpha(p) = \sqrt{s} - E_p, \quad \beta(p, x) = \alpha^2(p) - p^2 x^2. \quad (23)$$

Spectator momentum regions



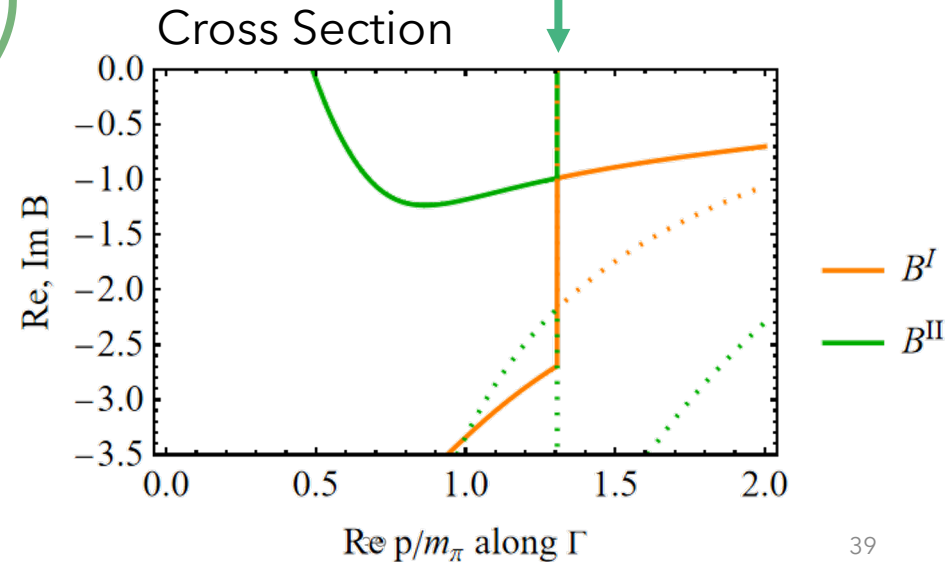
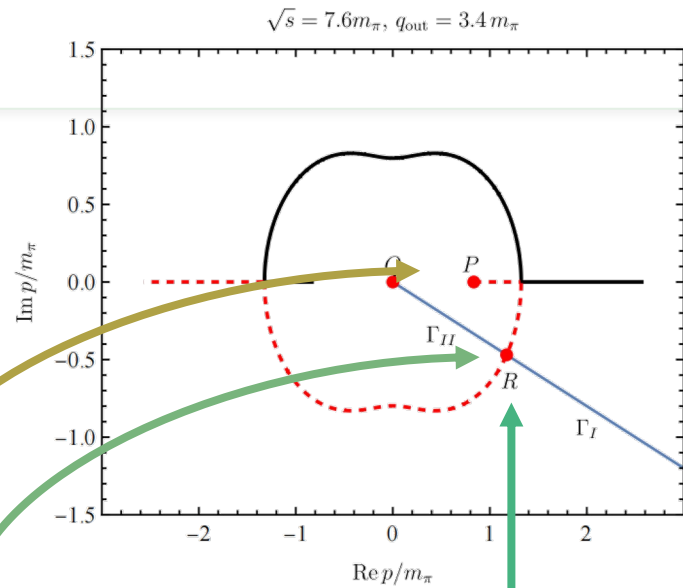
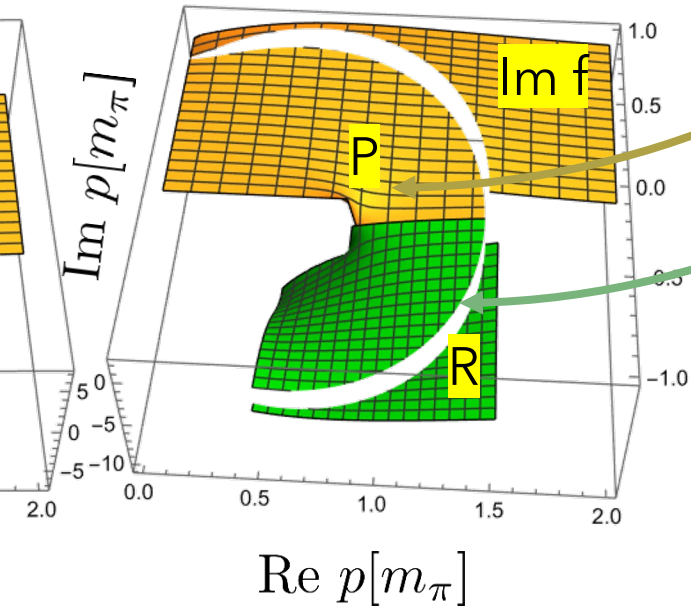
Analytic continuation to 2nd sheet & back

Discontinuity: 2 times

$$f(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s} - E_p - E_{p'} - E_{p+p'} + i\epsilon}$$

the smooth transition between first sheet (orange) and second sheet (green).

$$\sqrt{s} = 7.6m_\pi, q = 3.4m_\pi$$



Partial-wave decomposition

- Plane-wave basis

$$T_{\lambda'\lambda}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}_1) = (B_{\lambda'\lambda}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}_1) + C) + \sum_{\lambda''} \int \frac{d^3l}{(2\pi)^3 2E_l} (B_{\lambda'\lambda''}(\mathbf{p}, l) + C) \tau(\sigma(l)) T_{\lambda''\lambda}(l, \mathbf{q}_1)$$

$$B_{\lambda\lambda'}^J(q_1, p) = 2\pi \int_{-1}^{+1} dx d_{\lambda\lambda'}^J(x) B_{\lambda\lambda'}(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{p}) \quad B_{LL'}^J(q_1, p) = U_{L\lambda} B_{\lambda\lambda'}^J(q_1, p) U_{\lambda'L'}$$

- JLS basis:

$$T_{LL'}^J(q_1, p) = (B_{LL'}^J(q_1, p) + C_{LL'}(q_1, p)) + \int_0^\Lambda \frac{dl l^2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_l} (B_{LL''}^J(q_1, l) + C_{LL''}(q_1, l)) \tau(\sigma(l)) T_{L''L'}^J(l, p)$$

Analytic cont. 3-body

[Sadasivan (2021)]

[Doering (2009)]

SMC

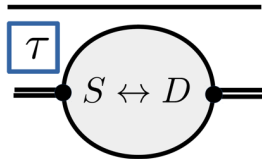
$$T_{LL'}^J(q_1, p) = (B_{LL'}^J(q_1, p) + C_{LL'}(q_1, p)) + \int_0^\Lambda \frac{dl^2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_l} (B_{LL''}^J(q_1, l) + C_{LL''}(q_1, l)) \tau(\sigma(l)) T_{L''L'}^J(l, p)$$

$$\tau^{-1}(\sigma) = K^{-1} - \Sigma,$$

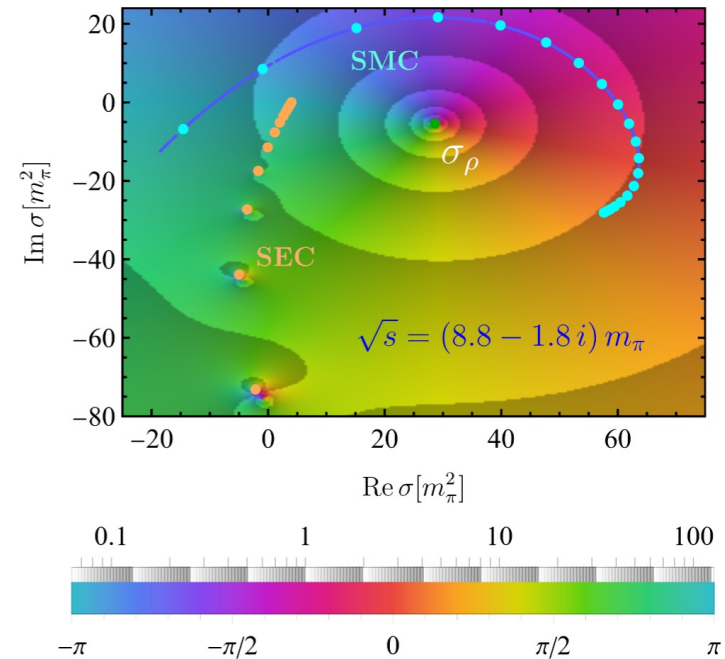
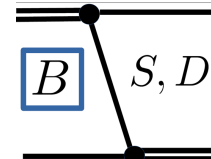
$$\Sigma = \int_0^\infty \frac{dk k^2}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_k} \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma'^2} \frac{\tilde{v}(k)^* \tilde{v}(k)}{\sigma - 4E_k^2 + i\epsilon}$$

$$B_{\lambda\lambda'}(p, p') = \frac{v_\lambda^*(P - p - p', p) v_{\lambda'}(P - p - p', p')}{2E_{p'+p}(\sqrt{s} - E_p - E_{p'} - E_{p'+p} + i\epsilon)}$$

SEC



Singularities

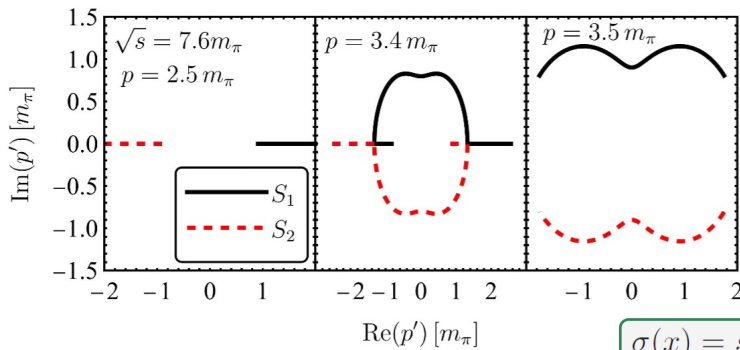


- Two contours (SMC and SEC)
- Deform both "adiabatically" to go to complex s
- Set of rules:
 - Contours cannot intersect with each others
 - Contours cannot intersect with (3-body) cuts
- Passing singularities left or right determines sheet

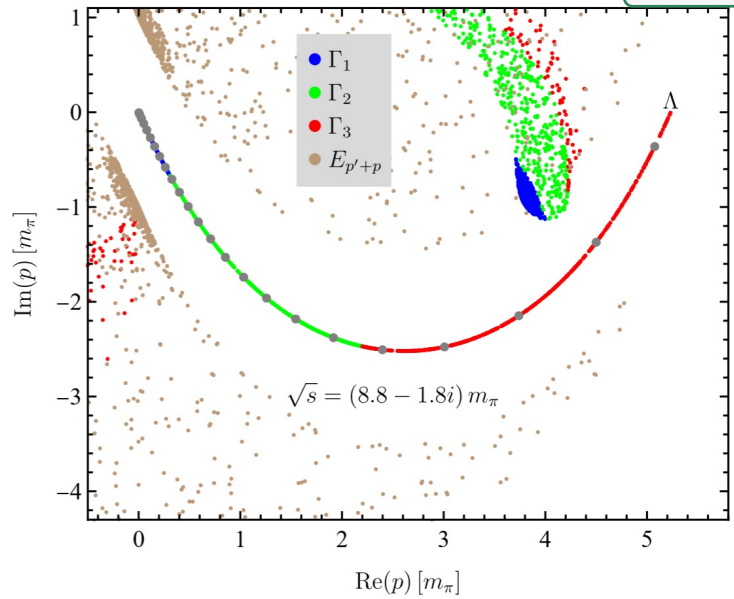
Analytic continuation 3-body (contd.)

- Three-body cuts

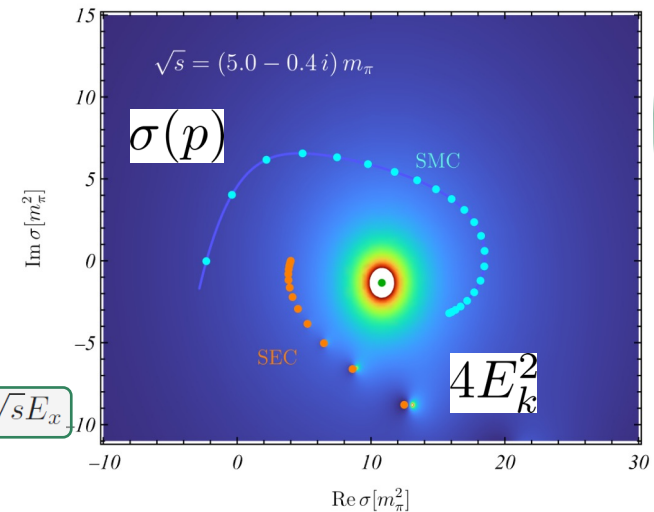
$$\sqrt{s} - E_p - E_{p'} - E_{p+p'} + i\epsilon = 0$$



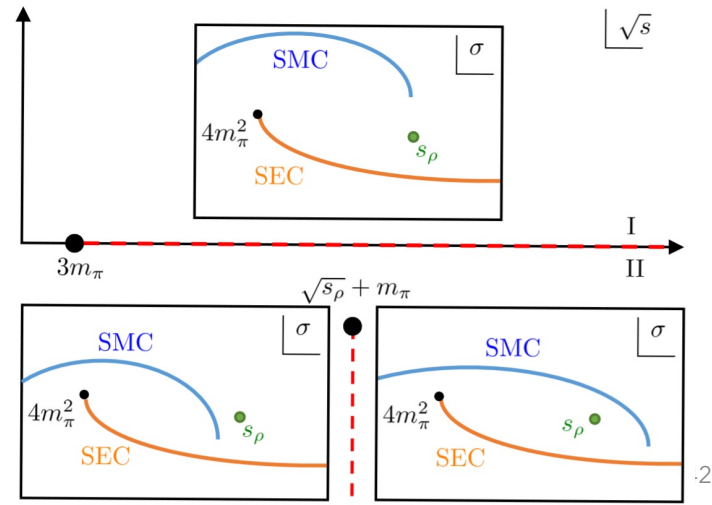
$$\sigma(x) = s + m_\pi^2 - 2\sqrt{s}E_x$$



- Complex branch points

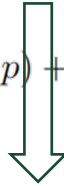


Integration limits at poles induce branch points



Heatherington and Schick method

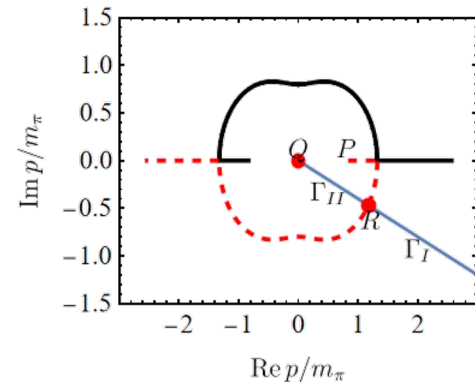
$$T(s, q, p) = B^I(s, q, p) - \int_0^{P(q)} \frac{dq'' (q'')^2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{q''}} \text{Im } B^{II}(s, q, q'') \tau(\sigma(q'')) T(s, q'', p) \\ + \int_{\Gamma_{II}} \frac{dl l^2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_l} B^{II}(s, q, l) \tau(\sigma(l)) T(s, l, p) + \int_{\Gamma_I} \frac{dl l^2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_l} B^I(s, q, l) \tau(\sigma(l)) T(s, l, p) ,$$



$$\text{Im } B^I = 0 \quad (0 < q'' < P) \quad \text{Im } B^{II} \rightarrow 2d(s, q, q'')$$



$$\tilde{\Gamma}_{L'}(s, q) = -2 \int_0^{P(q)} \frac{dq'' (q'')^2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{q''}} d_{L'L}(s, q, q'') \tau_L(\sigma(q'')) \left(\tilde{\Gamma}_L(s, q'') + D_L(s, q'') \right) \\ + \int_{\Gamma} \frac{dl l^2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_l} \left(B_{L'L}^{II \rightarrow I}(s, q, l) + C_{L'L}(s, q, l) \right) \tau_L(\sigma(l)) \left(\tilde{\Gamma}_L(s, l) + D_L(s, l) \right)$$



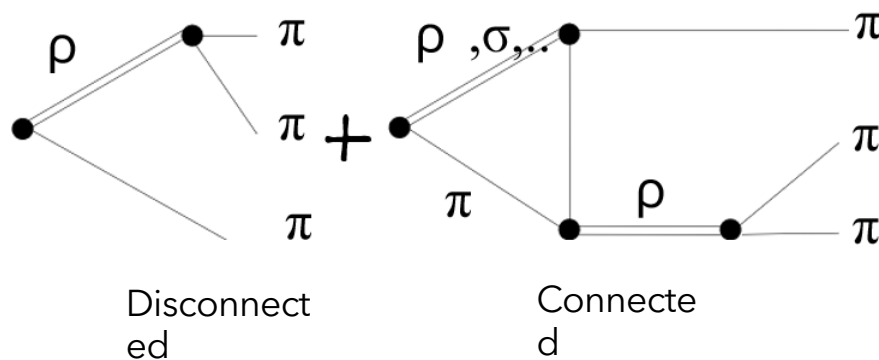
B defined as smooth transition from 2nd to 1st sheet for more compact notation

Production amplitude

$$\check{\Gamma} = \check{\Gamma}^C + \check{\Gamma}^D$$

$$\check{\Gamma}_{L'}(s, q) = \check{v}_{L'}(q) \tau_{L'}(\sigma(q)) \left[\tilde{\Gamma}_{L'}(s, q) + D_{L'}(s, q) \right]$$

2-body decay vertex,
in the 2-body cm
frame



$$D_L(s, p) = D_{fL}(s, p) B_L(\lambda p)$$

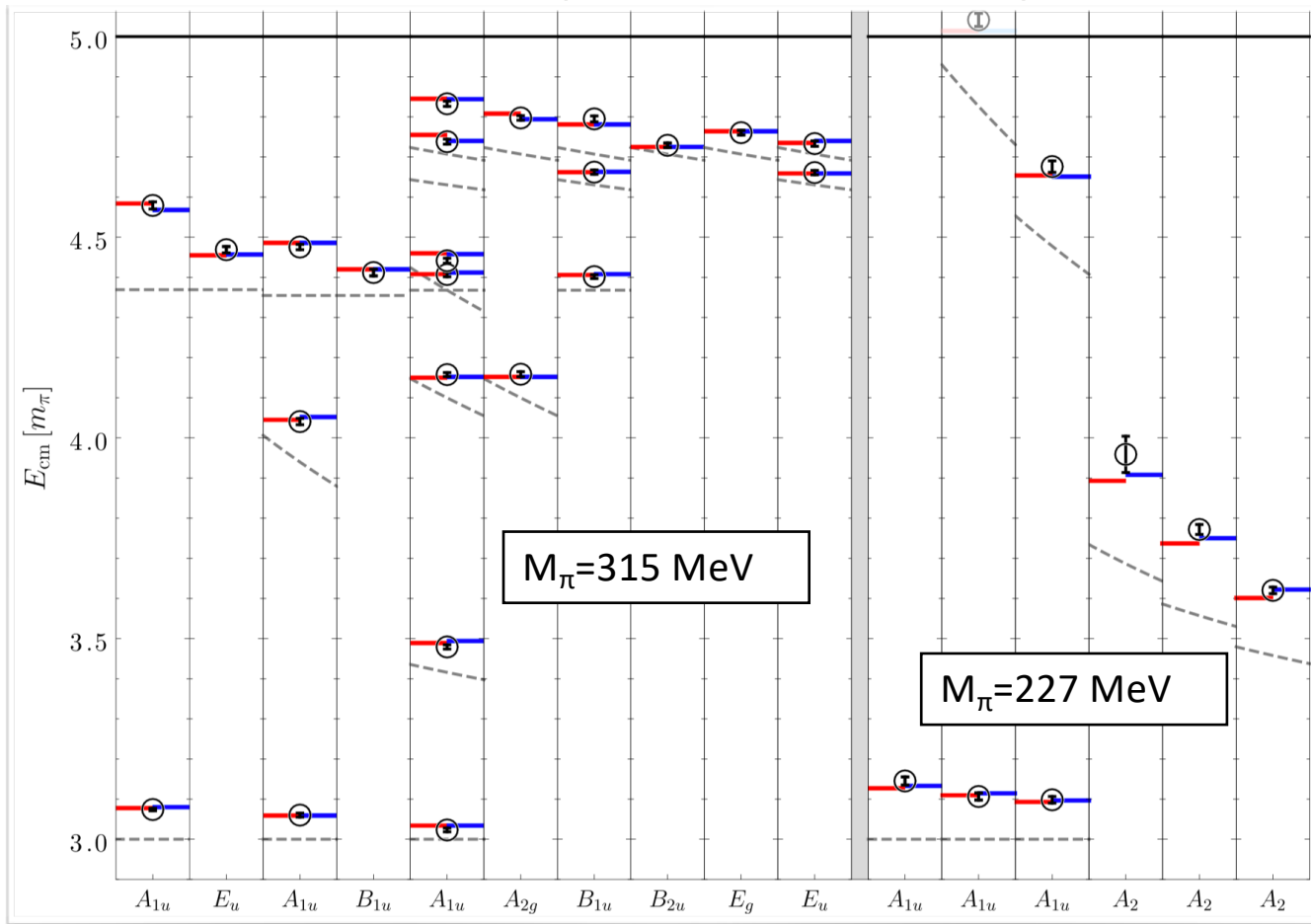
Fit to
data

..... (more re-scattering terms
+ 3-body forces)

GWUQCD data

Culver, MM, Brett, Alexandru, Döring (2019) PRD

- *More recent data is available*
 - *very dense spectrum from elongated boxes*
 - *different pion masses (chiral extrapolations?)*



— predictions from
— MM/Döring (2018)

◆ lattice calculation

χ^2_{pp} (no fit) ~ 2

C=0 still works fine

Plane-wave implementation of the C-term

- **Step 1:** JM-basis \rightarrow Helicity basis
- **Step 2:** partial-wave basis \rightarrow Plane-wave basis
- **Step 3:** C (and B, and 3B propagator) from plane-wave basis to irreps by suitable rotations

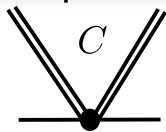
$$\mathcal{A}_{\lambda'\lambda}(s, \mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) = \sum_{M=-J}^J \frac{2J+1}{4\pi} \mathfrak{D}_{M\lambda'}^{J*}(\phi_{\mathbf{p}'}, \theta_{\mathbf{p}'}, 0) \mathcal{A}_{\lambda'\lambda}^J(s, p', p) \mathfrak{D}_{M\lambda}^J(\phi_{\mathbf{p}}, \theta_{\mathbf{p}}, 0), \quad \text{Step 2}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\lambda'\lambda}^J(s, p', p) = U_{\lambda'e'} \mathcal{A}_{e'e}(s, p', p) U_{e\lambda},$$

$$U_{e\lambda} := \sqrt{\frac{2\ell+1}{2J+1}} (\ell 0 1 \lambda | J \lambda) (1 \lambda 0 0 | 1 \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{Step 1}$$

4 different fits to 2 energy eigenvalues

- Fitted isobar-spectator interaction (case 1, 2) for $|\mathbf{p}| \leq 2\pi/L|(1, 1, 0)| \approx 2.69 m_\pi$.



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

- a_1 can be generated as pole even though no built-in singularity

Non-zero coefficients	No of fit parameters	χ^2
c_{00}^0 (no built-in pole)	1	9
c_{00}^0, c_{00}^1 (no built-in pole)	2	0.15
g_0, g_2, m_{a_1}, c	4	10^{-7}



$$C_{\ell\ell}(s, \mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) = g_{\ell'} \left(\frac{|\mathbf{p}'|}{m_\pi} \right)^{\ell'} \frac{m_\pi^2}{s - m_{a_1}^2} g_\ell \left(\frac{|\mathbf{p}|}{m_\pi} \right)^\ell + c \delta_{\ell'0} \delta_{\ell 0}$$

- In these cases, there is a built-in singularity, leading to resonance poles

Three kaons at maximal isospin

[Alexandru 2020]

- First study of three kaons from lattice QCD with chiral amplitudes
- Other groups have improved on this in the meantime:
 - Max. isospin, non-identical masses ($\pi^+\pi^+K^+$, $\pi^+K^+K^+$)
[Blanton 2021]
 - Pions and kaons at maximal isospin with unprecedented accuracy and no. of levels ($\pi^+\pi^+\pi^+$, $K^+K^+K^+$)
[Blanton 2021]

- Two mass-degenerate light quarks (u,d); valence strange quark
- nHYP-smearred clover action
- quark propagation is treated using the LapH method with optimized inverters
- Lattice spacing determined from Wilson flow parameter w_0