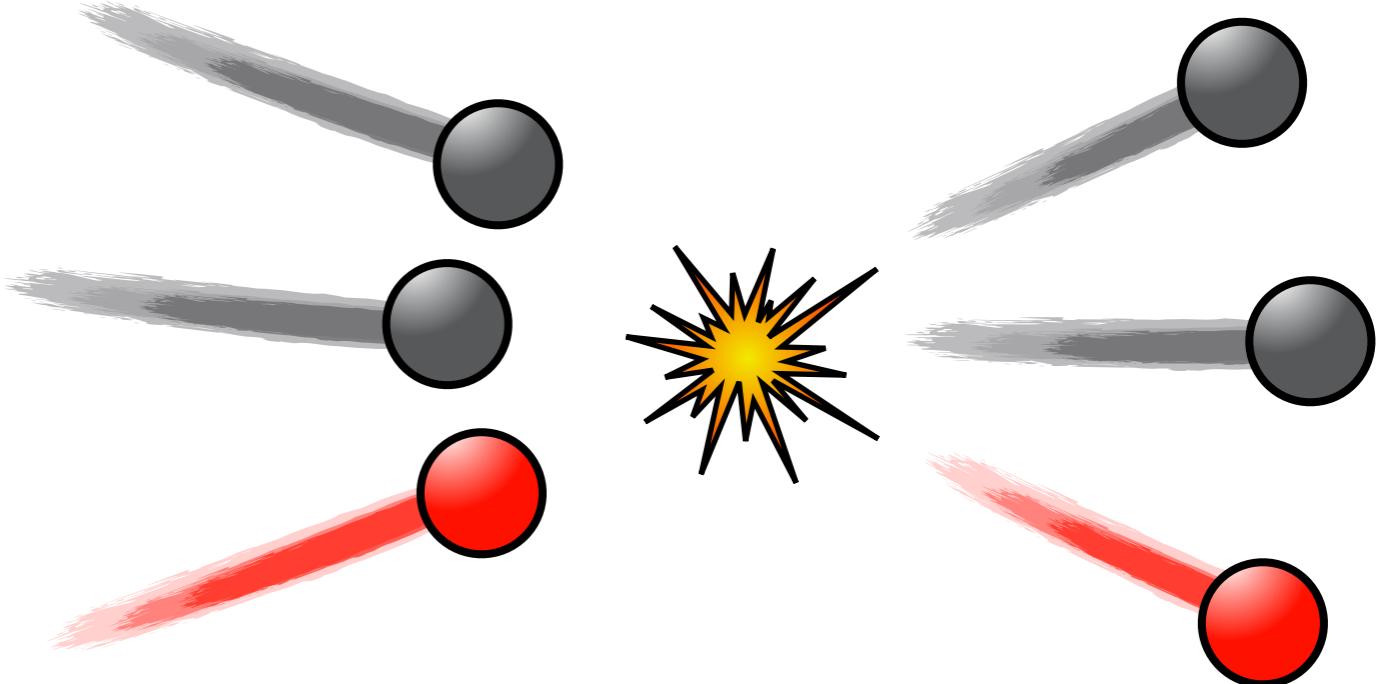


# Integral equations for relativistic three-hadron scattering

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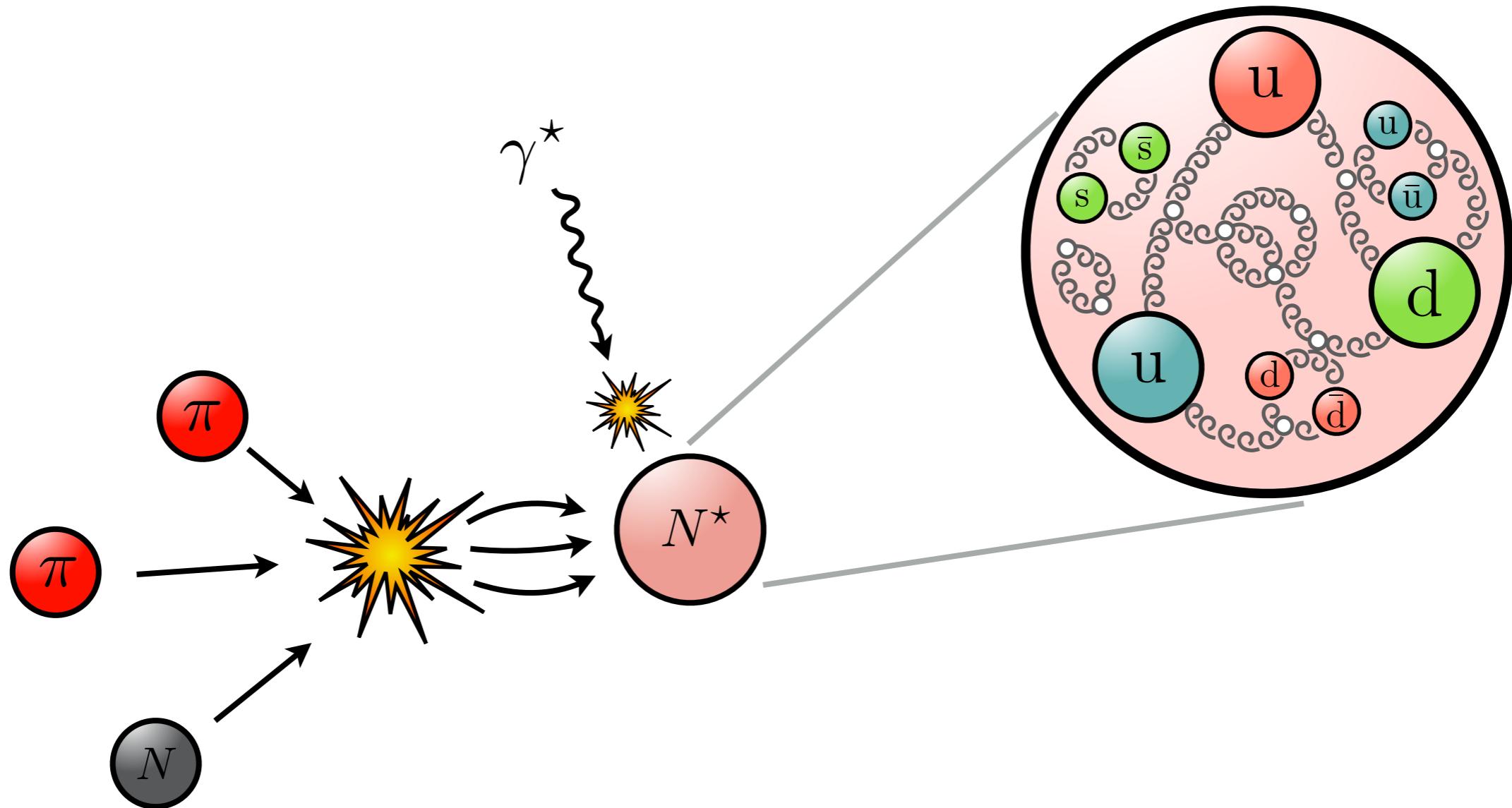
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# Why three-body interactions?

Three-body interactions play a key role in many outstanding problems in hadron physics

- Most excited states strongly couple to three (or more) particle channels

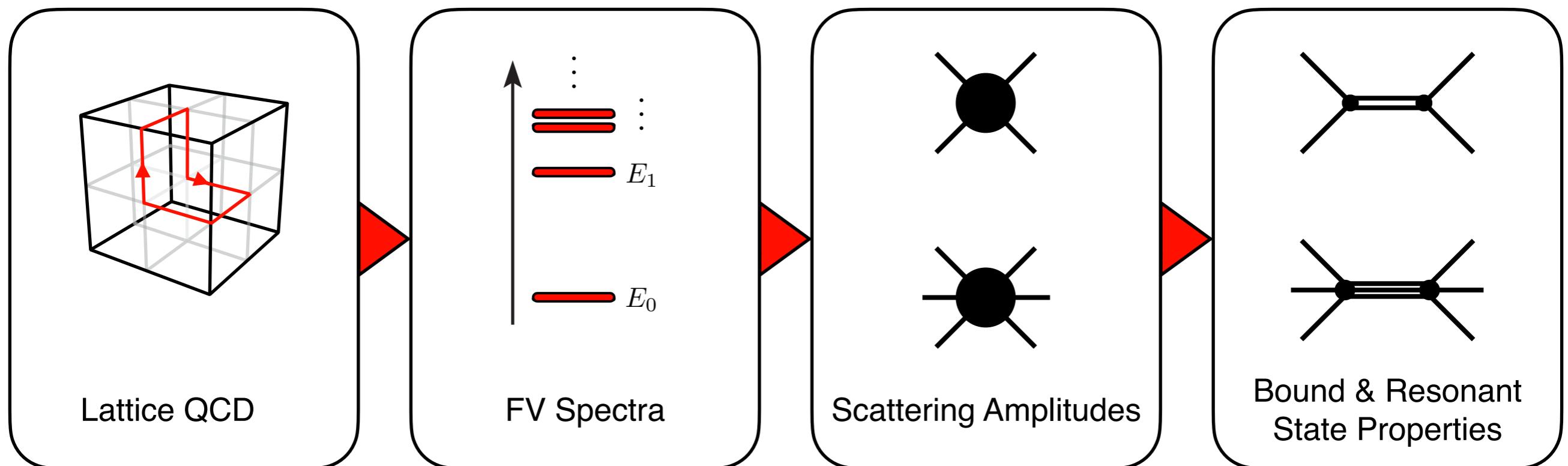
e.g. the Roper



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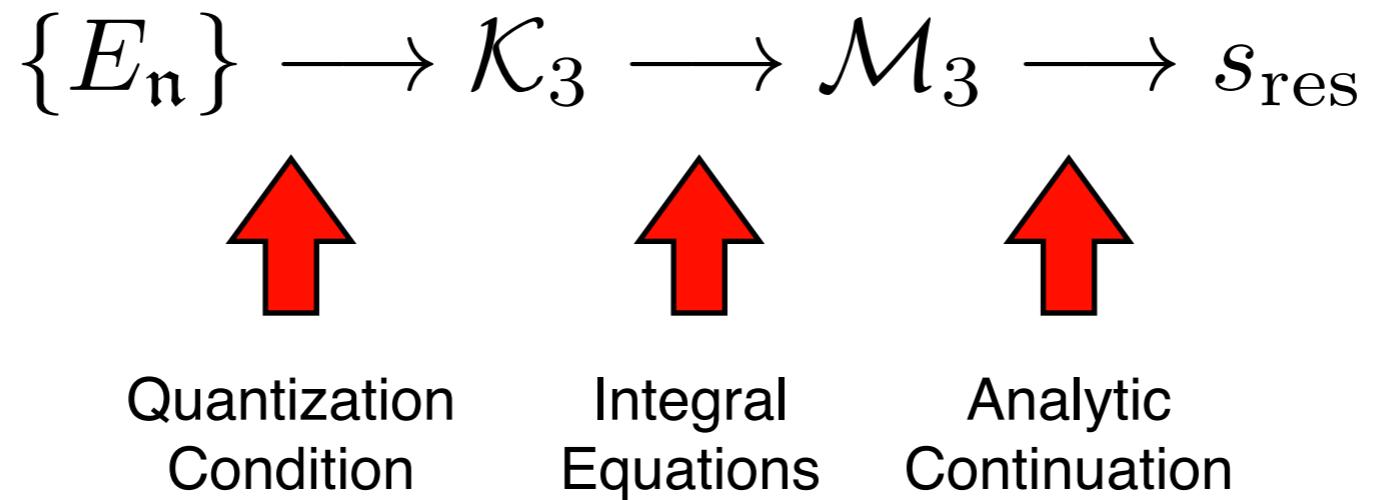
Lattice QCD offers a systematic avenue to compute multi-hadron scattering amplitudes

- Connect spectra to scattering amplitudes via Lüscher methodology



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*See Max Hansen's talk  
for applications*

$$\{E_n\} \longrightarrow \mathcal{K}_3 \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}_3 \longrightarrow s_{\text{res}}$$



Quantization  
Condition

Integral  
Equations

Analytic  
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All-orders relativistic field theory (RFT)

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Non-relativistic EFT (NREFT)

H. Hammer, J. Pang, and A. Rusetsky  
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Finite-volume unitarity (FVU)

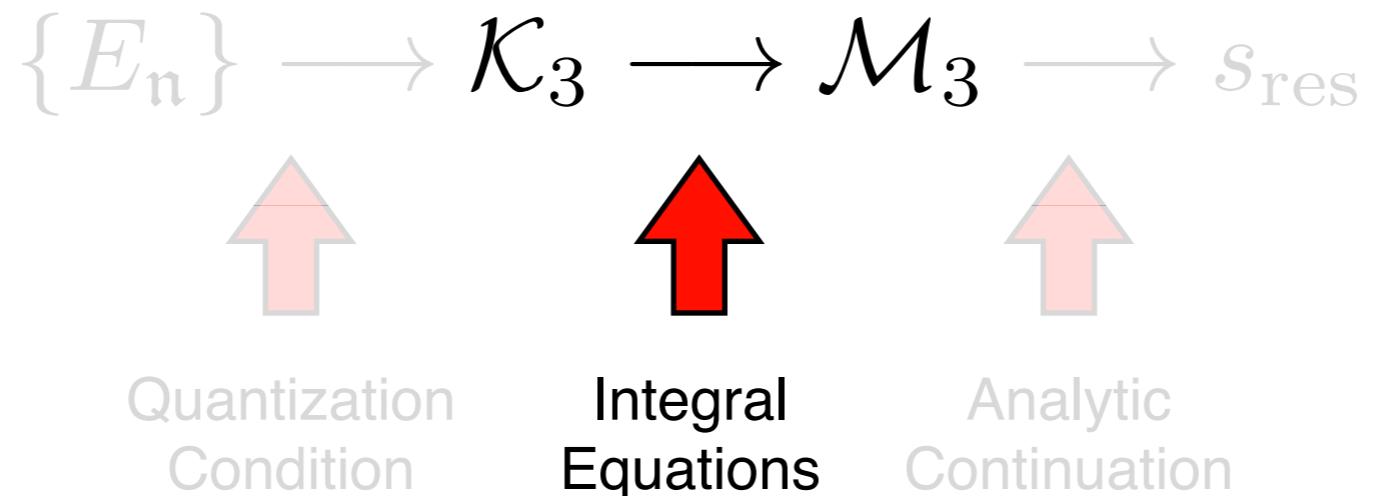
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S-matrix unitarity

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*On-shell two-particle rescattering*

$$\text{Im } \mathcal{I} = -\rho \sim \begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \circ \\ \cdot \end{array}$$

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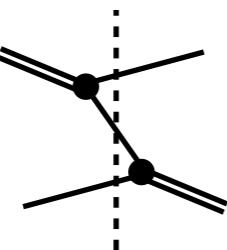
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*On-shell exchange*

$$\text{Im } G = -\Delta \sim$$



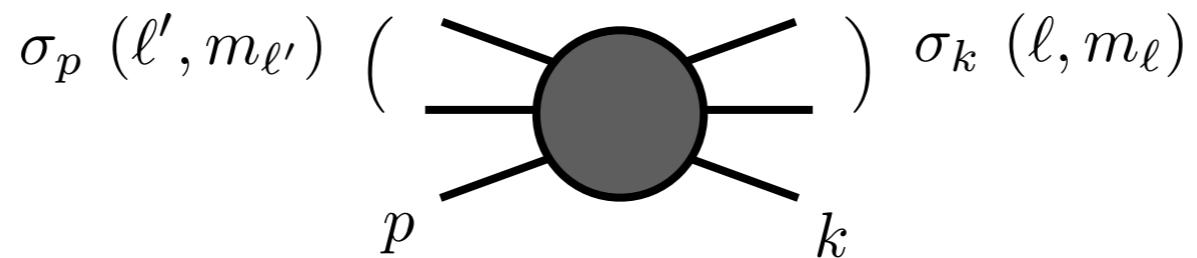
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- Many equivalent forms (Hansen-Sharpe, Blanton-Sharpe, Döring-Mai, JPAC-AJ, Mikhasenko)
- Matrix equation in pair angular momenta
- Integral equation in spectator momenta
- Singular kernels
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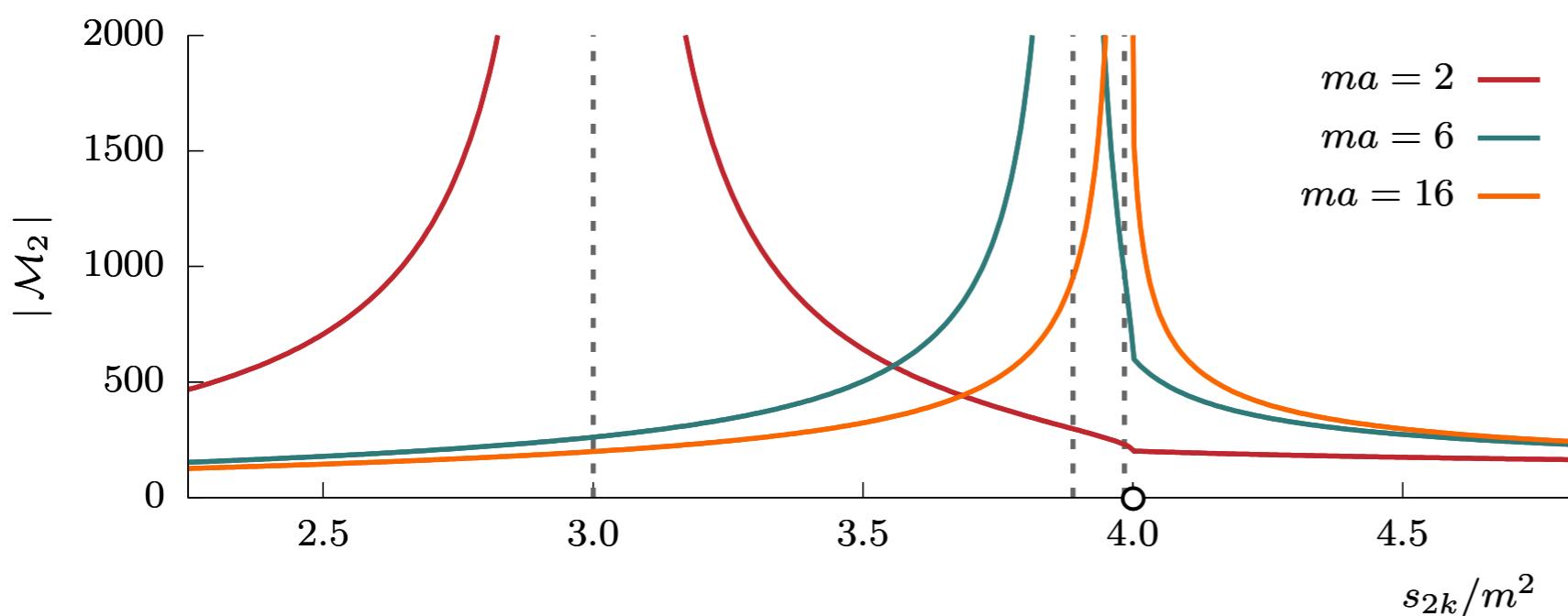
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$$\mathcal{K}_2^{-1} \sim -\frac{1}{a}$$



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Assume  $\mathcal{K}_3 = 0$

$$\mathcal{M}_3|_{\mathcal{K}_3=0} \equiv \mathcal{D} \implies \mathcal{D} = -\mathcal{M}_2 G \mathcal{M}_2 - \mathcal{M}_2 \int G \mathcal{D}$$

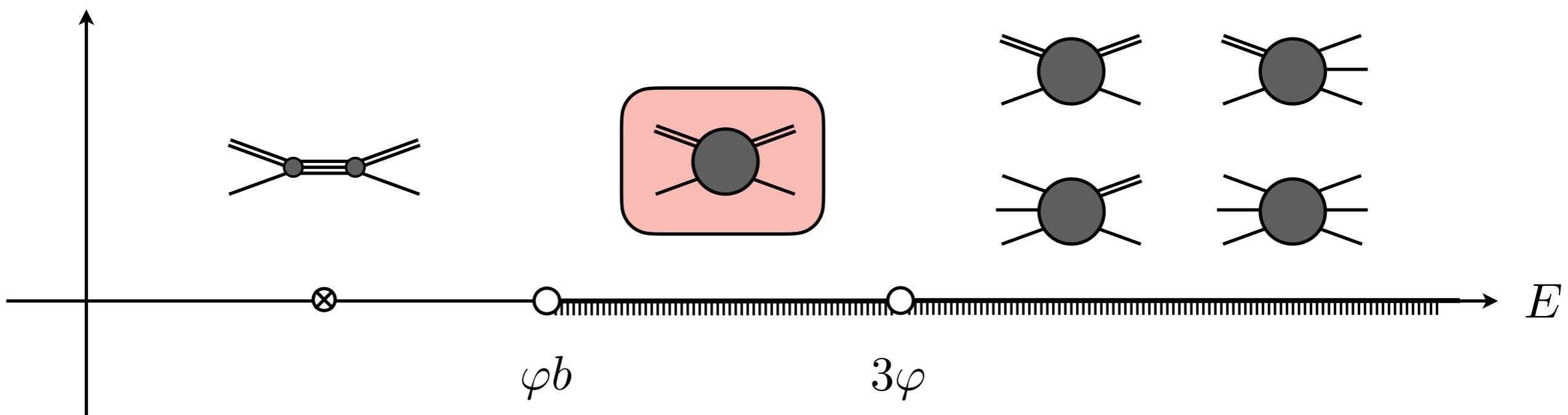
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# Solving three-body scattering equations

Focus on case where 2-body systems forms bound state

- Consider energies below three particle threshold

$$\lim_{\sigma_p, \sigma_k \rightarrow \sigma_b} i\mathcal{M}_3 = ig_b \frac{i}{\sigma_p - \sigma_b} i\mathcal{M}_{\varphi b} \frac{i}{\sigma_k - \sigma_b} ig_b$$



# Solving three-body scattering equations

Convert integral equation to linear equation

- Introduce regulators  $N$  (matrix size) and  $\epsilon$  (pole shift)
- Recover amplitude in  $N \rightarrow \infty, \epsilon \rightarrow 0^+$  limit

$$\mathcal{M}_{\varphi b} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \mathcal{M}_{\varphi b}(N, \epsilon)$$

$S$ -matrix unitarity provides a way to check quality of solutions

- Deviation from unitarity guides quality of solution

$$\text{Im } \mathcal{M}_{\varphi b}^{-1}(E) = -\rho_{\varphi b}(E)$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\varphi b}(E; N) \equiv \left| \frac{\text{Im} [\mathcal{M}_{\varphi b}^{-1}(E; N)] + \rho_{\varphi b}(E)}{\rho_{\varphi b}(E)} \right| \times 100$$

Several methods

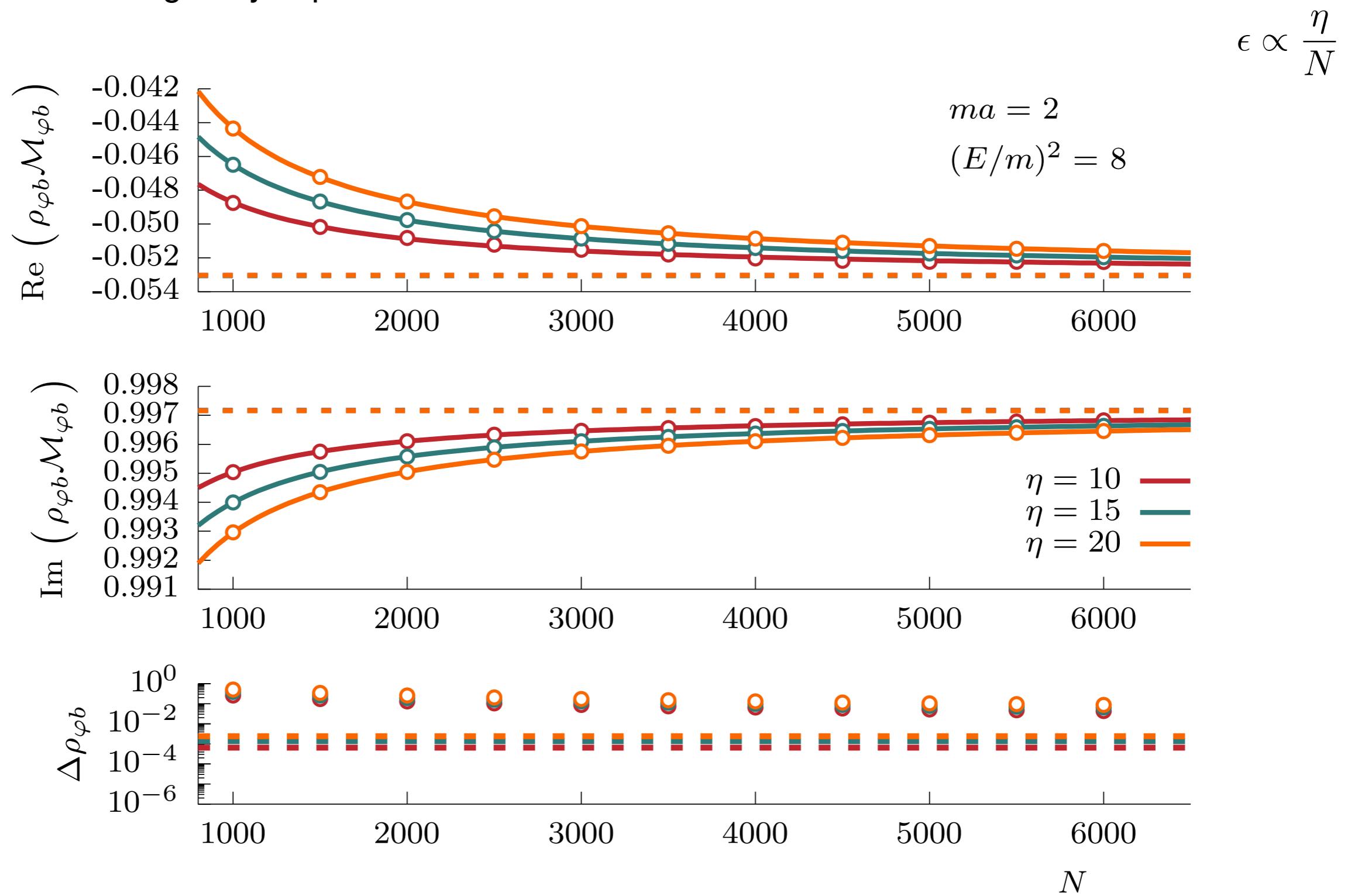
- Brute-force
- Remove bound-state pole explicitly
- Splines — Glöckle, Hasberg, Negehabian Z. Phys. **A305** (1982) 217

# $N \rightarrow \infty$ Extrapolations

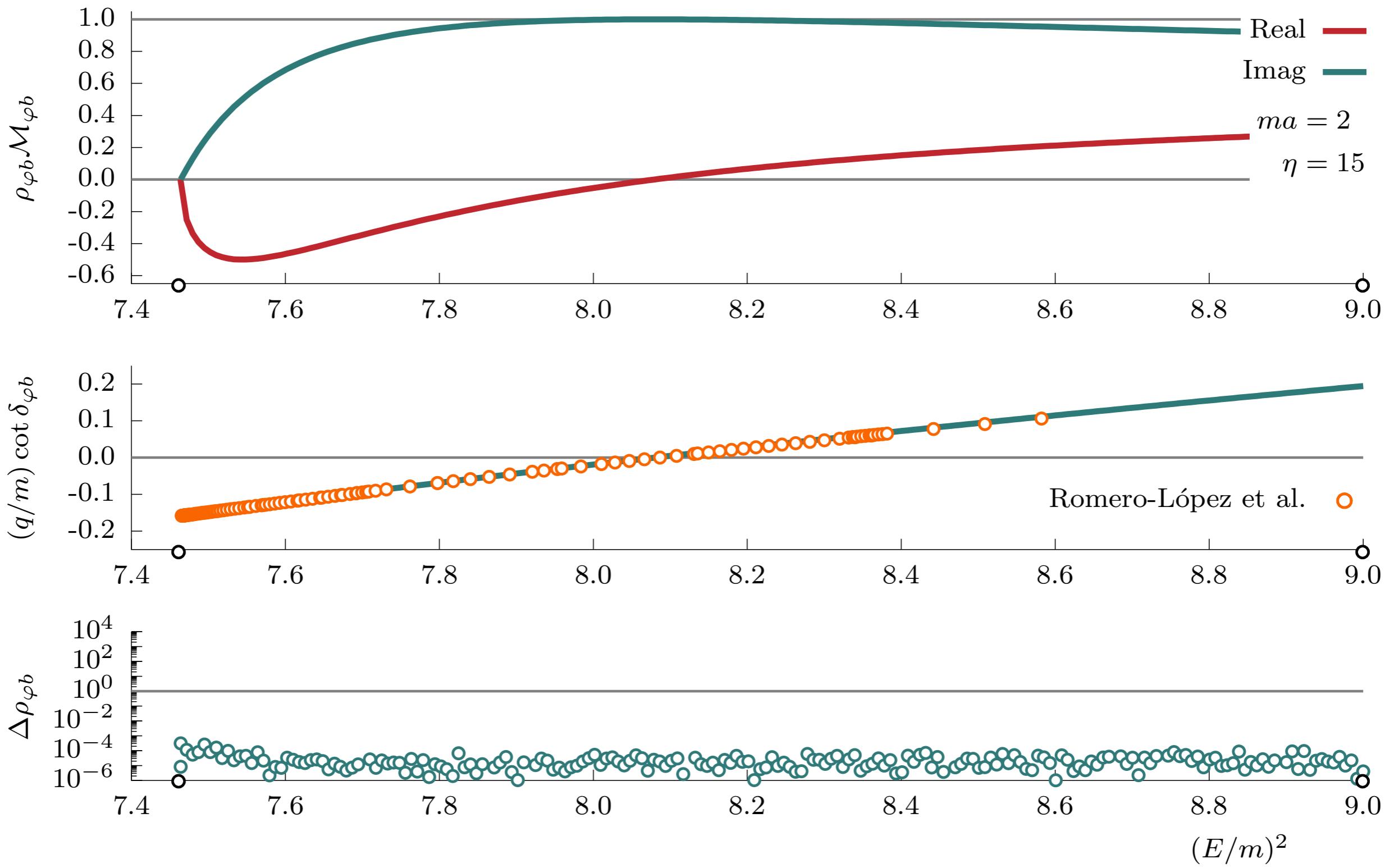
Compute multiple  $N$  solutions – extrapolate to  $N \rightarrow \infty$  limit

$$\mathcal{M}_{\varphi b}(E; N) \approx \mathcal{M}_{\varphi b}(E) + \frac{\alpha}{N}$$

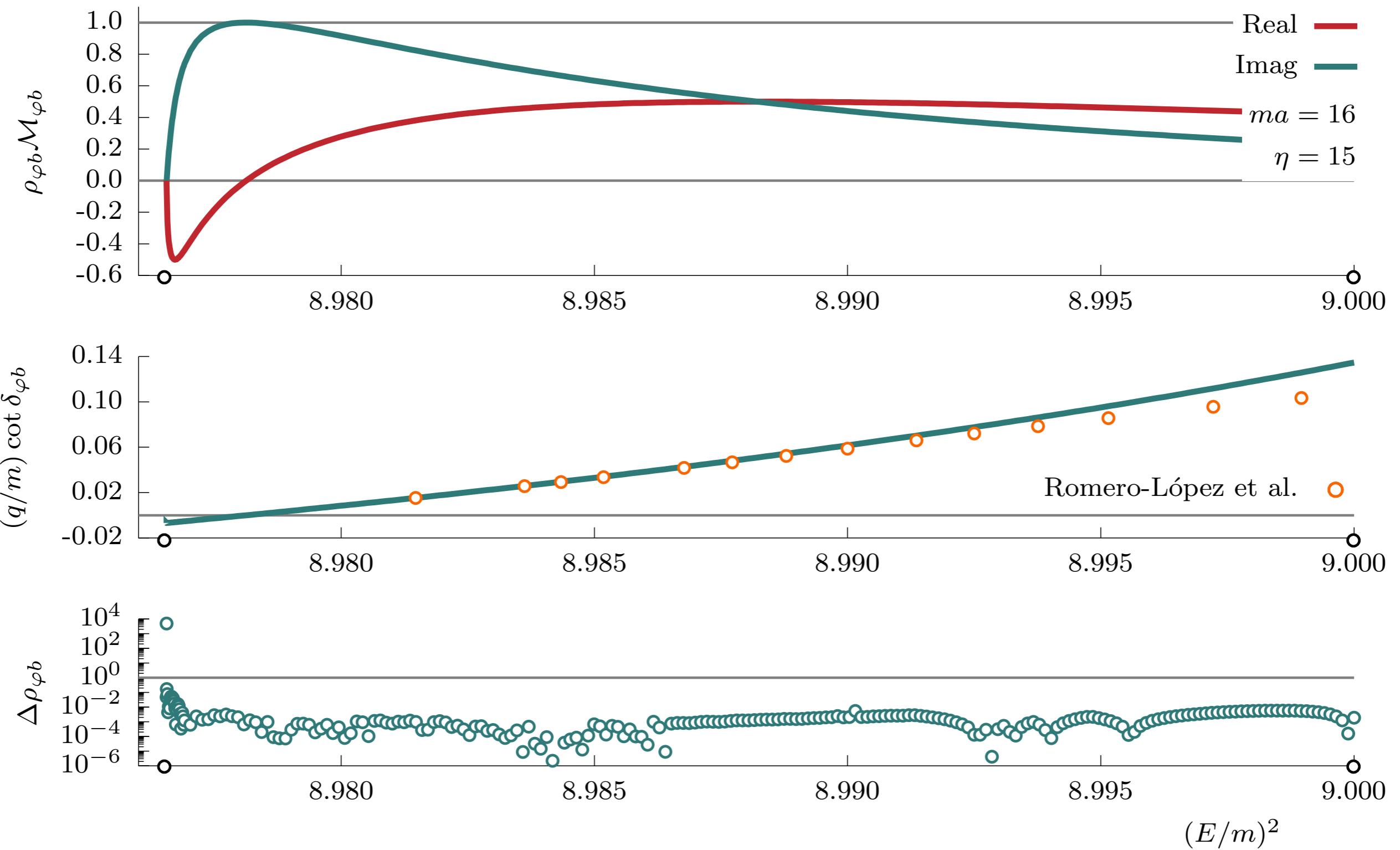
- Unitarity deviation greatly improved



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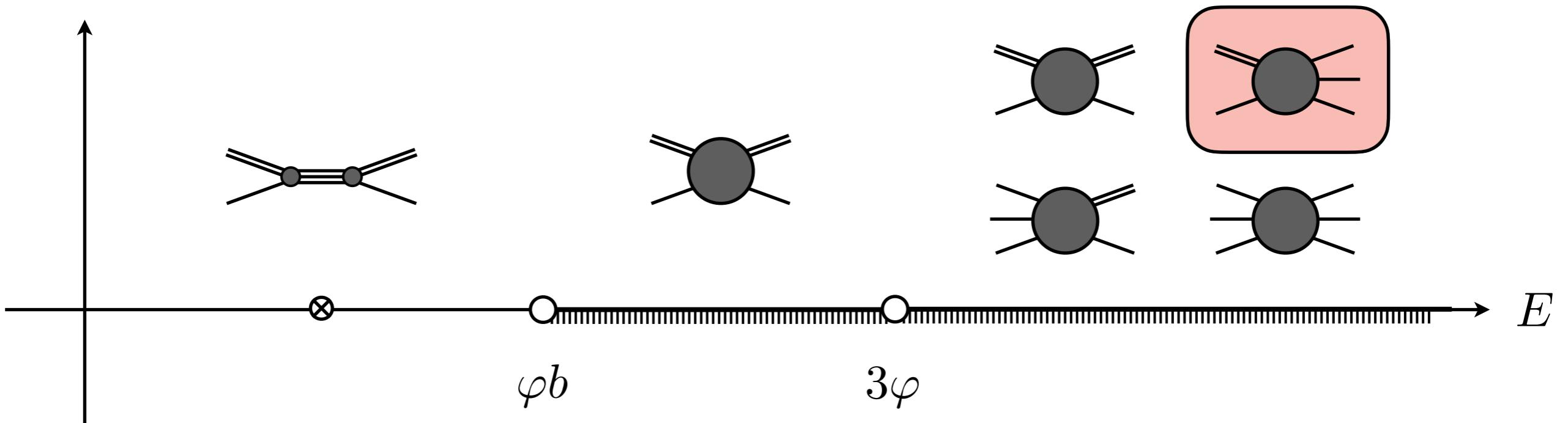


# Above the three-body threshold

Methodology not limited to below 3-body threshold

- Allows for calculation of breakup / recombination amplitude

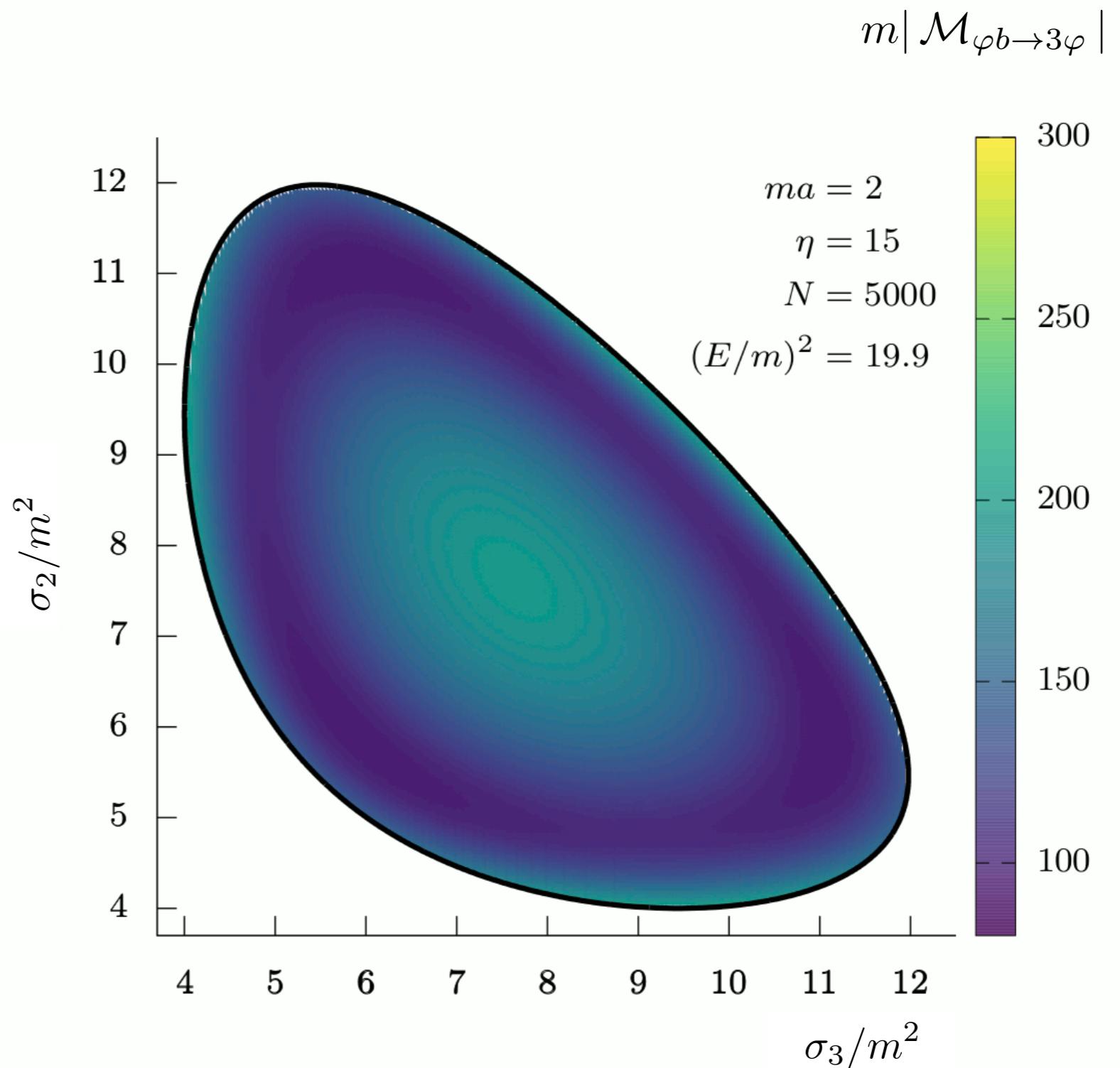
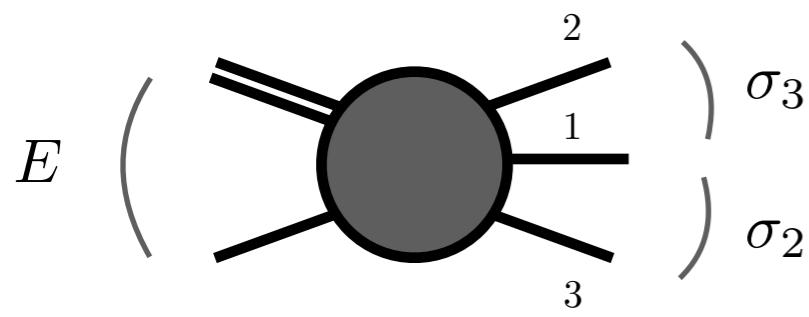
$$\mathcal{M}_{\varphi \rightarrow 3\varphi}(\sigma_p) = - \lim_{\sigma_k \rightarrow \sigma_b} \frac{\sigma_k - \sigma_b}{g} \mathcal{M}_3(\sigma_p, \sigma_k)$$



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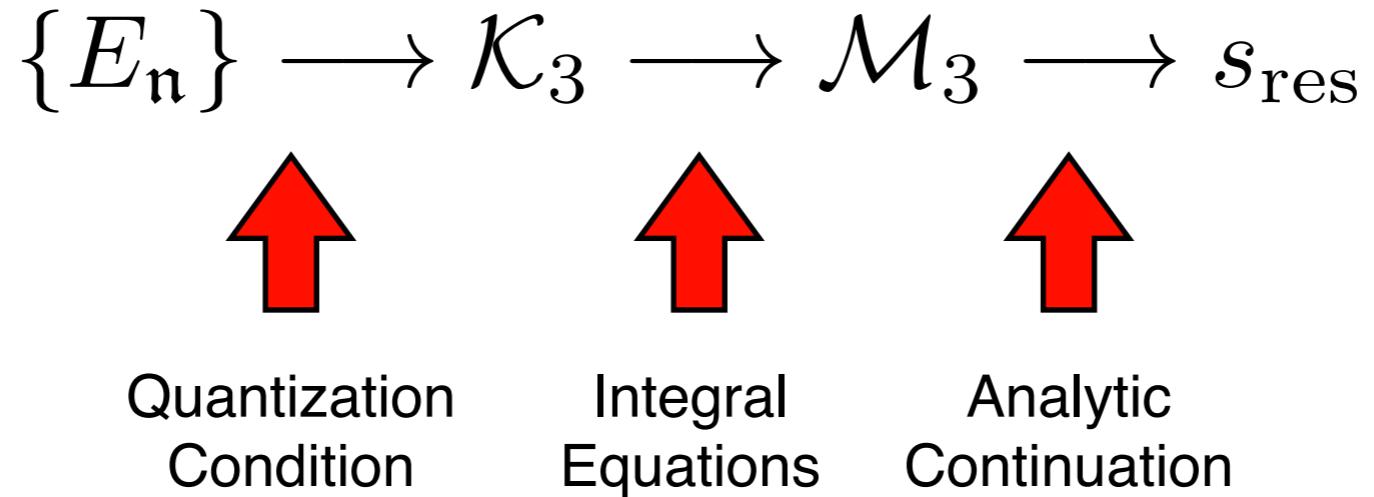
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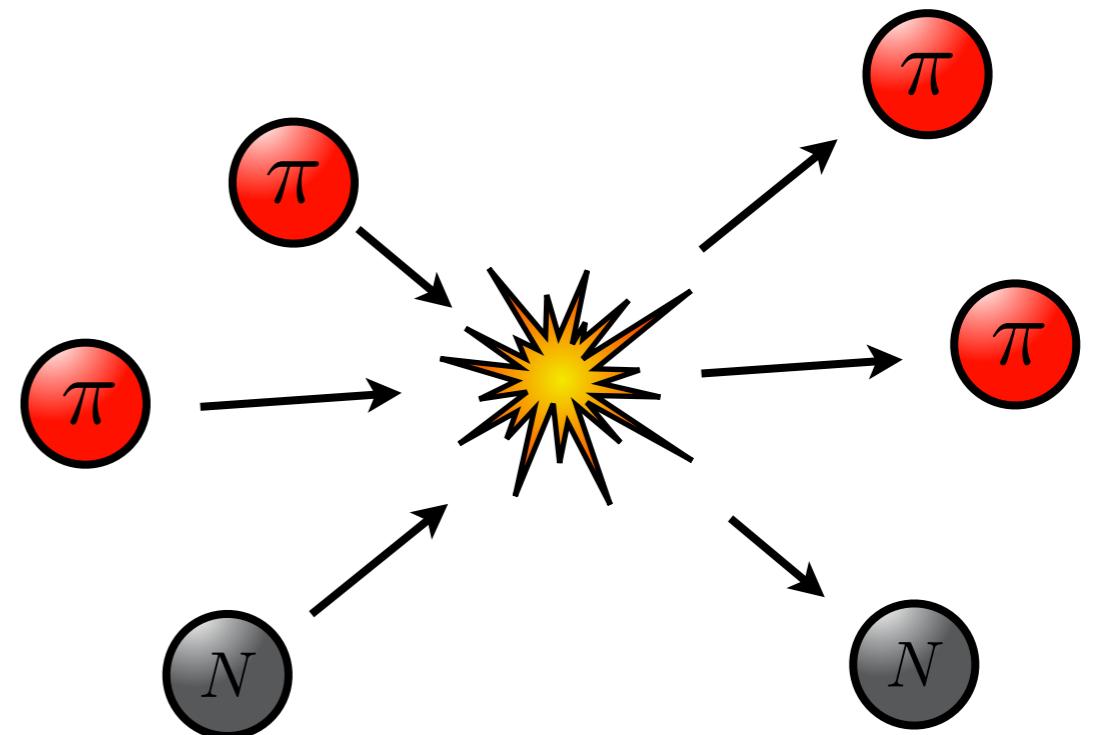
Plenty of work ahead of us

- Effects of scheme/cutoff dependencies?
- Consistent analytic continuation to complex energies?
- Efficient versions of quantization conditions/ integral equations?
- Generalizations to multiple channels, arbitrary spins?

# Summary

Three-body resonances from QCD are within reach

- First lattice calculations for  $3\pi^+$ ,  $3K$ , first  $\mathbf{3} \rightarrow \mathbf{3}$  amplitude from QCD
- Integral equations for strongly interacting two-body (bound) states examined
- No restrictions above three-particle threshold
- ‘Easily’ generalized to resonating systems, coupled waves, ...

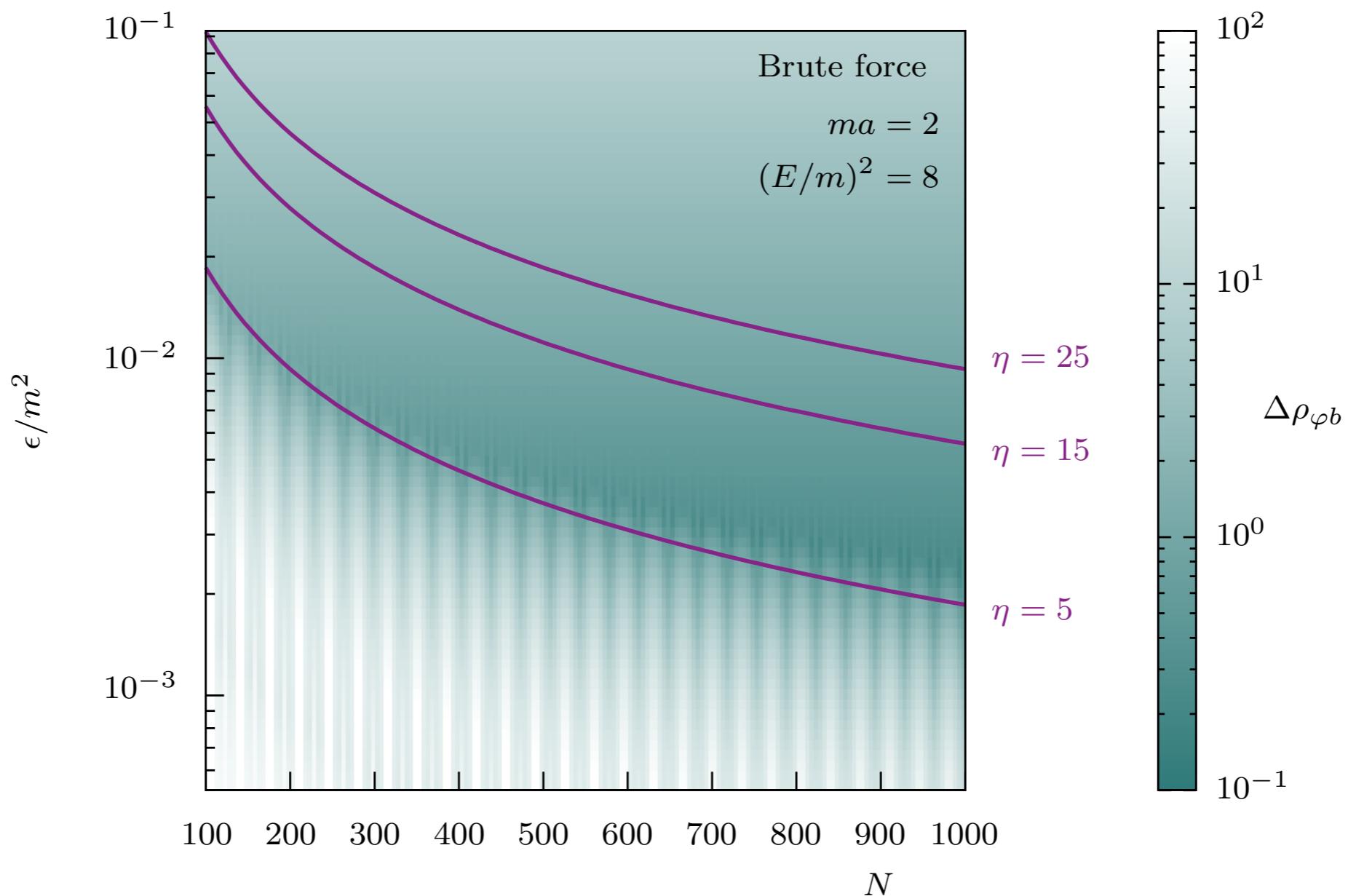




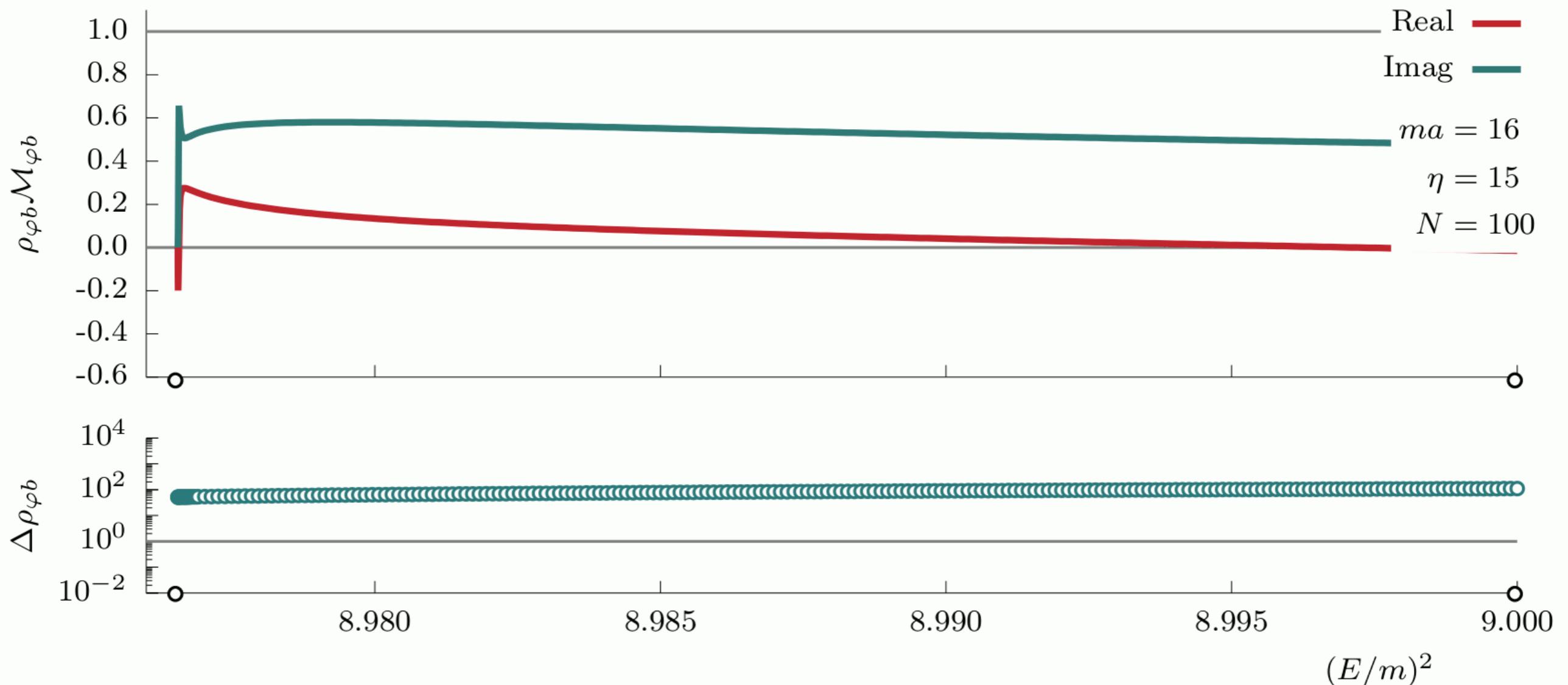
# $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ limit

Ensure  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  through  $N \rightarrow \infty$  limit

$$\left[ \sum_x \Delta x - \int dx \right] \frac{1}{x^2 - x_0^2 + i\epsilon} \sim e^{-2\pi\epsilon/\Delta x} \implies \epsilon \propto \frac{\eta}{N}$$



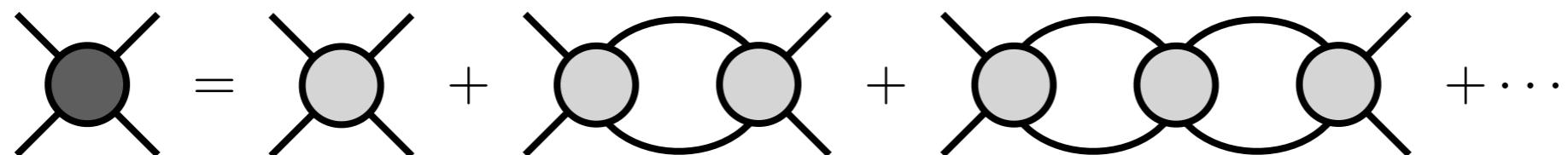
# Evolution of solutions



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Sum to all orders in generic EFT all relevant cuts leading to singularities in physical region

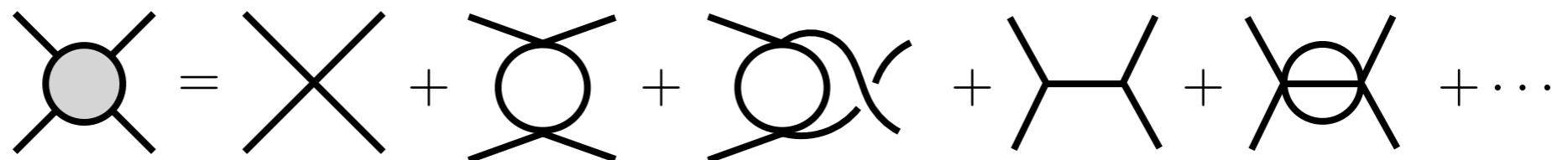
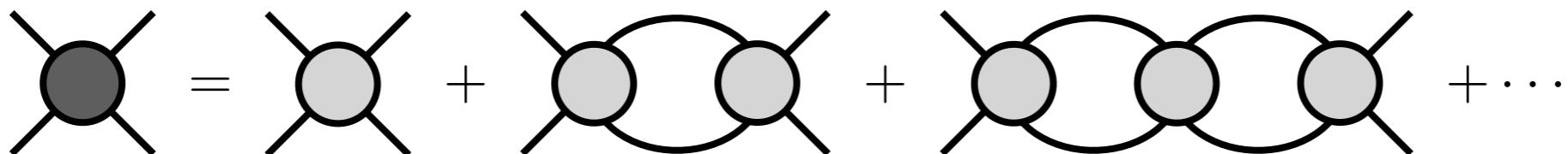
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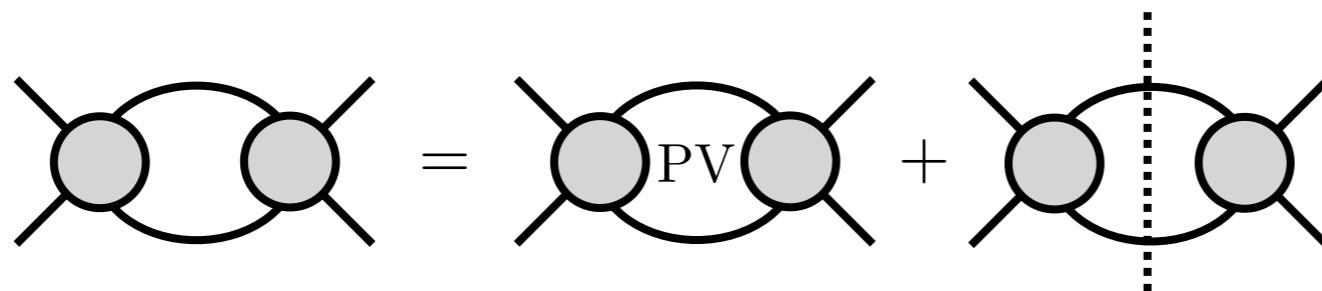
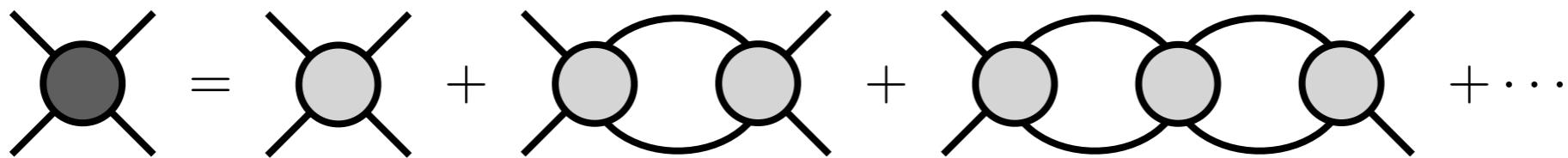


*All 2PI diagrams - left hand cuts and higher multi-particle thresholds*

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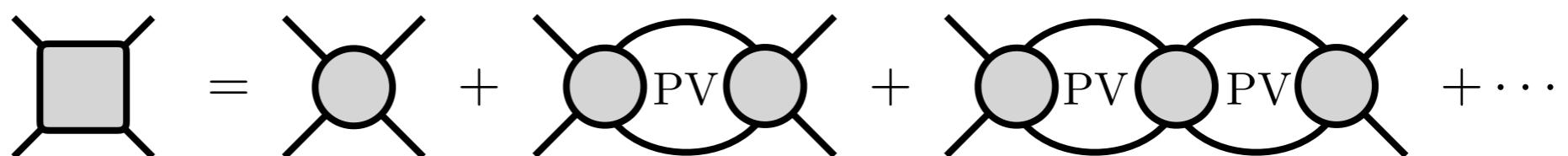
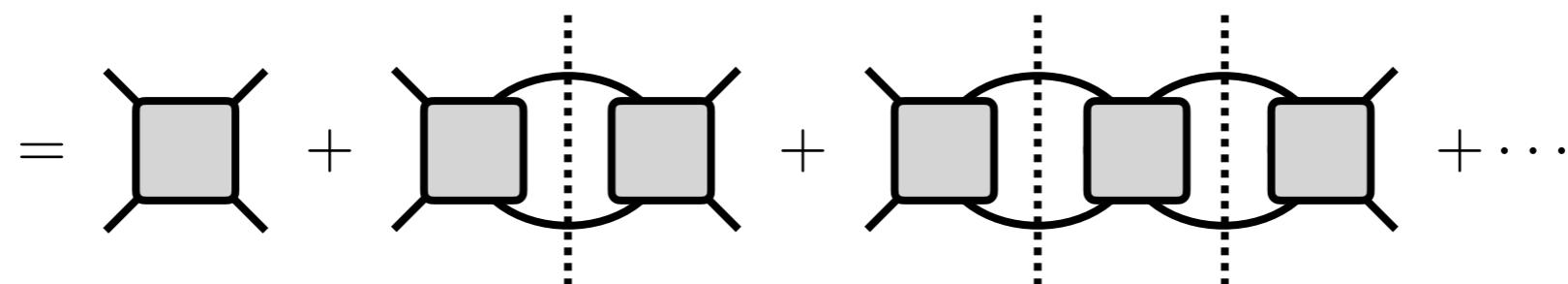
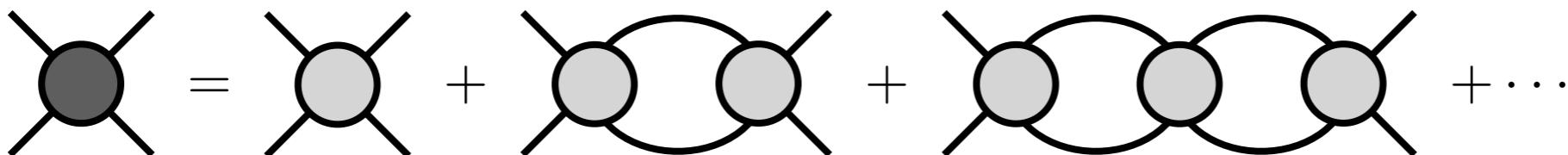


$$\rho = \frac{q}{8\pi E} \sim \sqrt{s - s_{\text{th}}}$$

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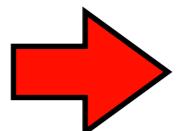
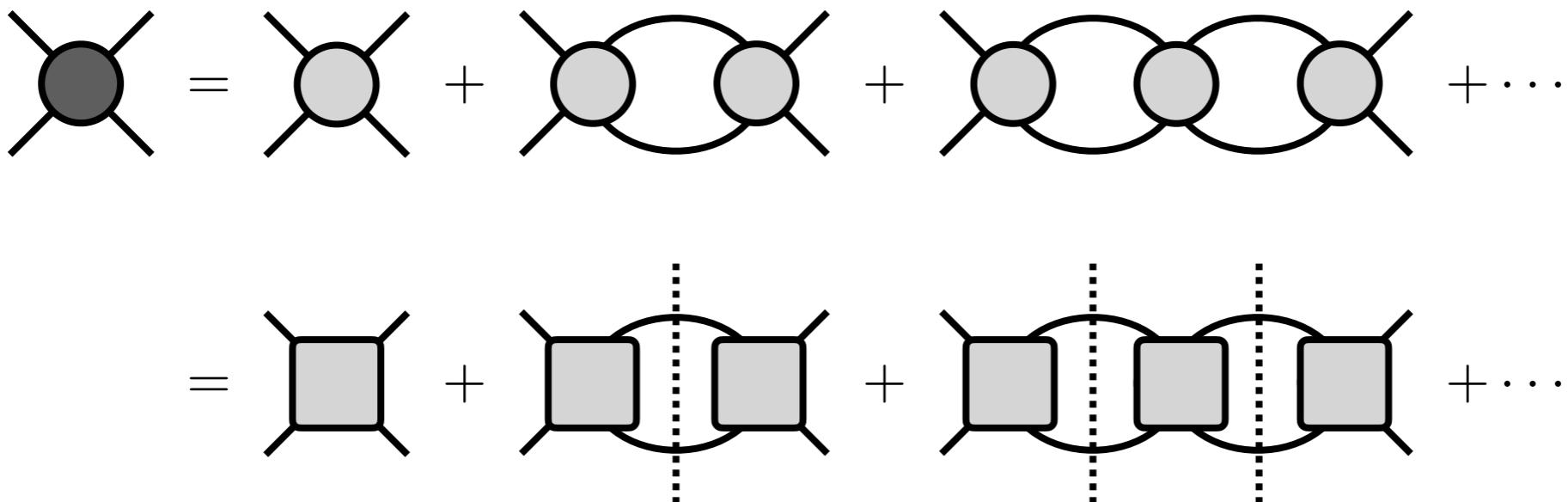


*K matrix — unknown dynamical function unconstrained by unitarity*

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For given  $K$  matrix, obtain on-shell solution for amplitude

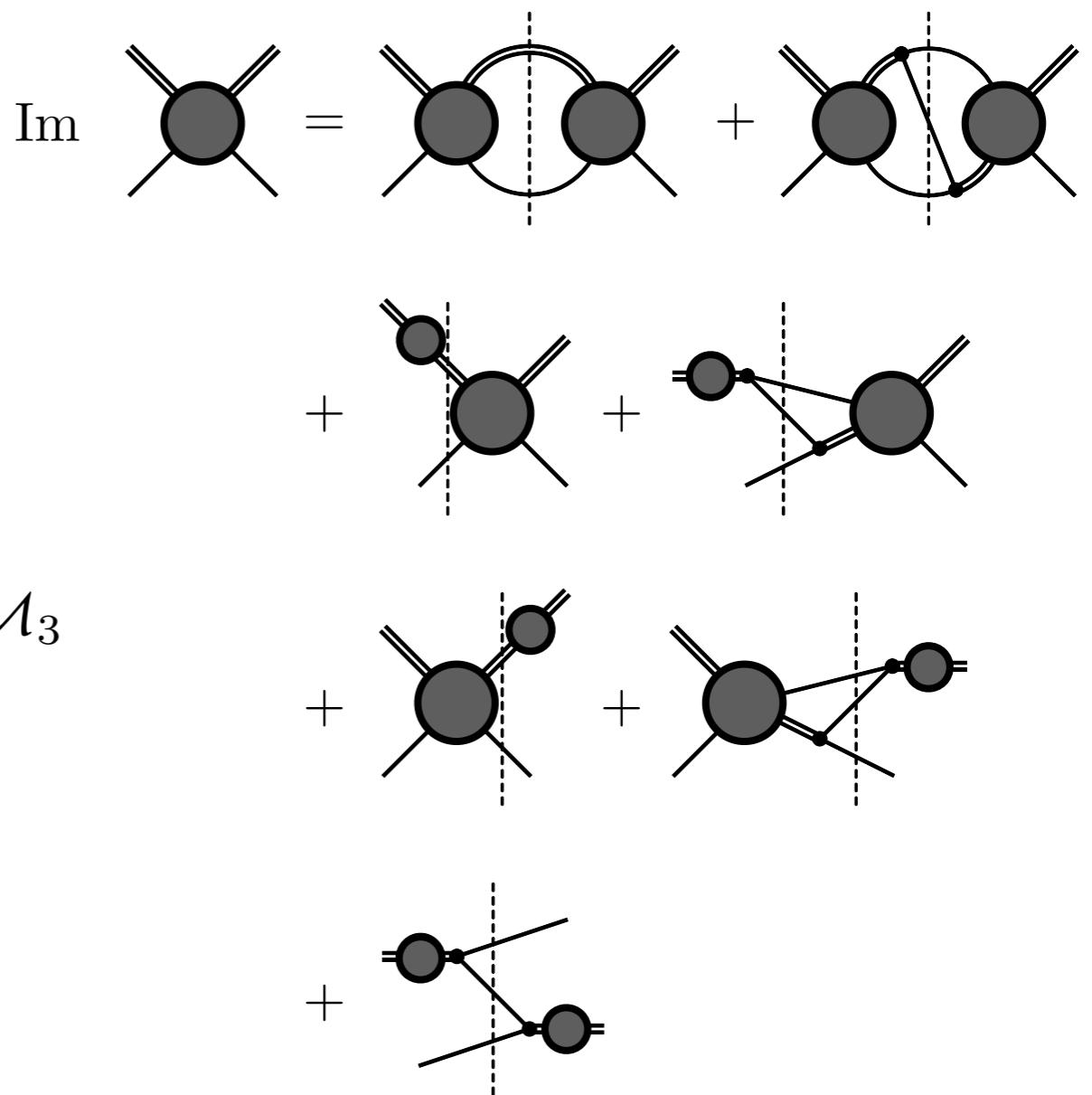
# On-shell scattering amplitudes from unitarity

Start with  $S$  matrix unitarity

- Provides constrain for amplitude on real axis in physical region
- On-shell amplitude satisfies linear equation — check unitarity constraint

$$\mathcal{M}_3 = \mathcal{M}_2(\mathcal{R} - G)\mathcal{M}_2 + \int \mathcal{M}_2(\mathcal{R} - G)\mathcal{M}_3$$

*R* is a different short-distance function



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*Extension to FV*

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# Equivalence of relativistic methods

The RFT vs FVU methods can be summarized as “Bottom up” vs “Top down”

On-shell scattering equations are equivalent

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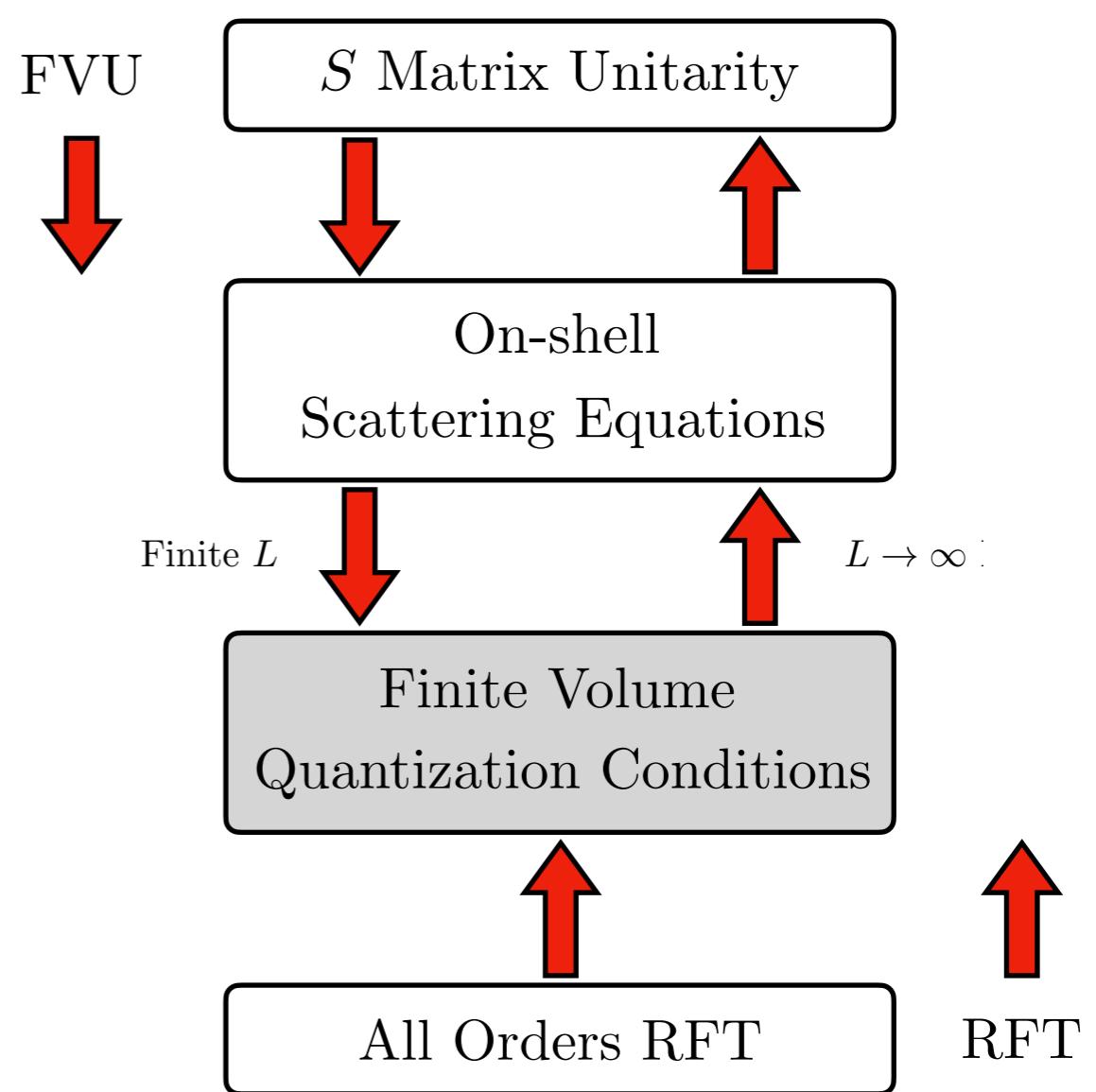
Quantization conditions are equivalent

T. Blanton and S. Sharpe  
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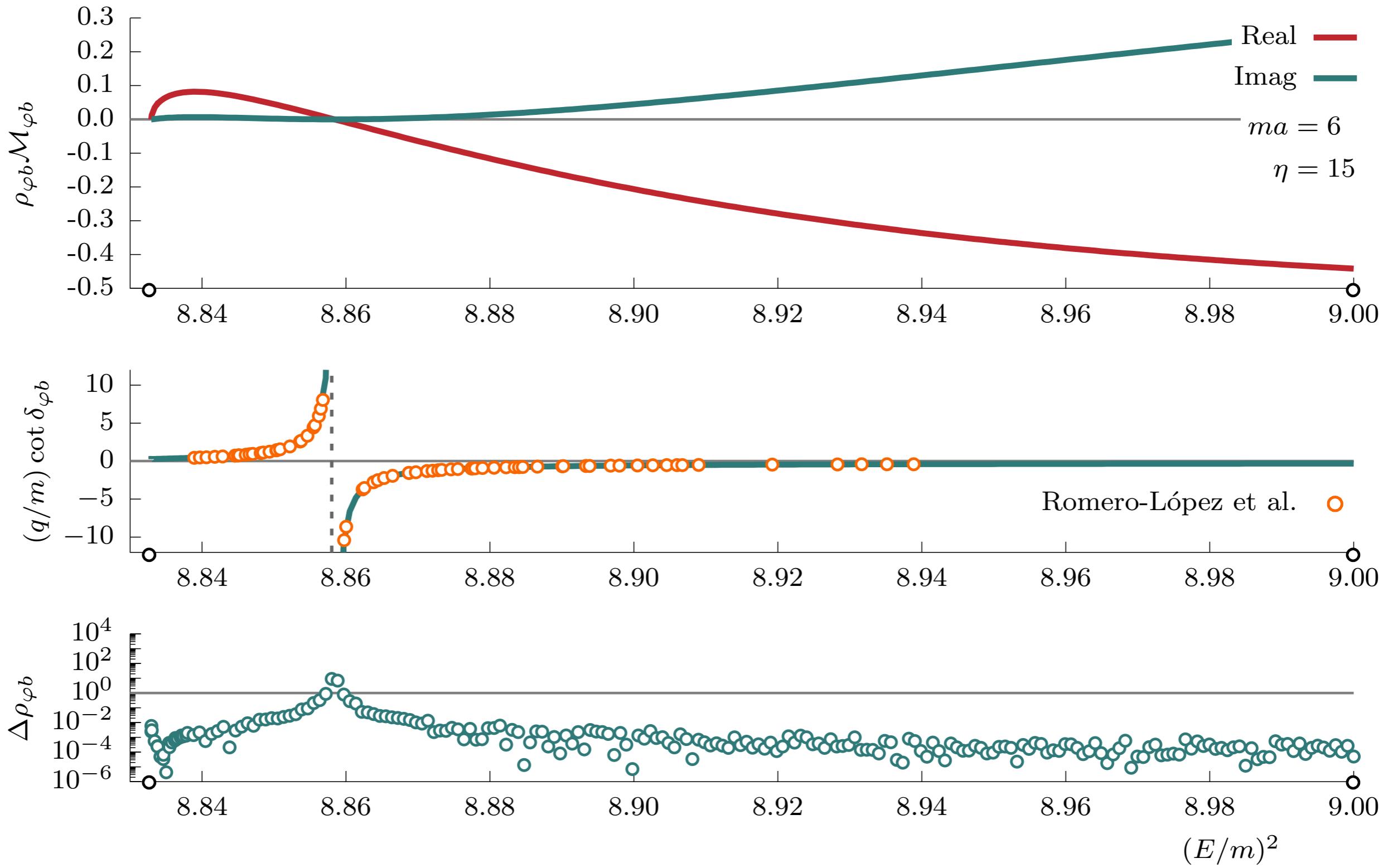
$$\begin{aligned} \text{---} &= \text{---} + \text{---} \\ \text{---} &= \frac{1}{3} \text{---} + \text{---} + \text{---} \end{aligned}$$

Each diagram consists of two external lines meeting at a vertex. The first diagram has a single internal line connecting the two vertices. The second diagram has a central rectangular loop connecting the two vertices.

*Small details, e.g. aspects of symmetrization  
— see literature for information*



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