

# Extracting the $\sigma$ resonance from first-principles QCD

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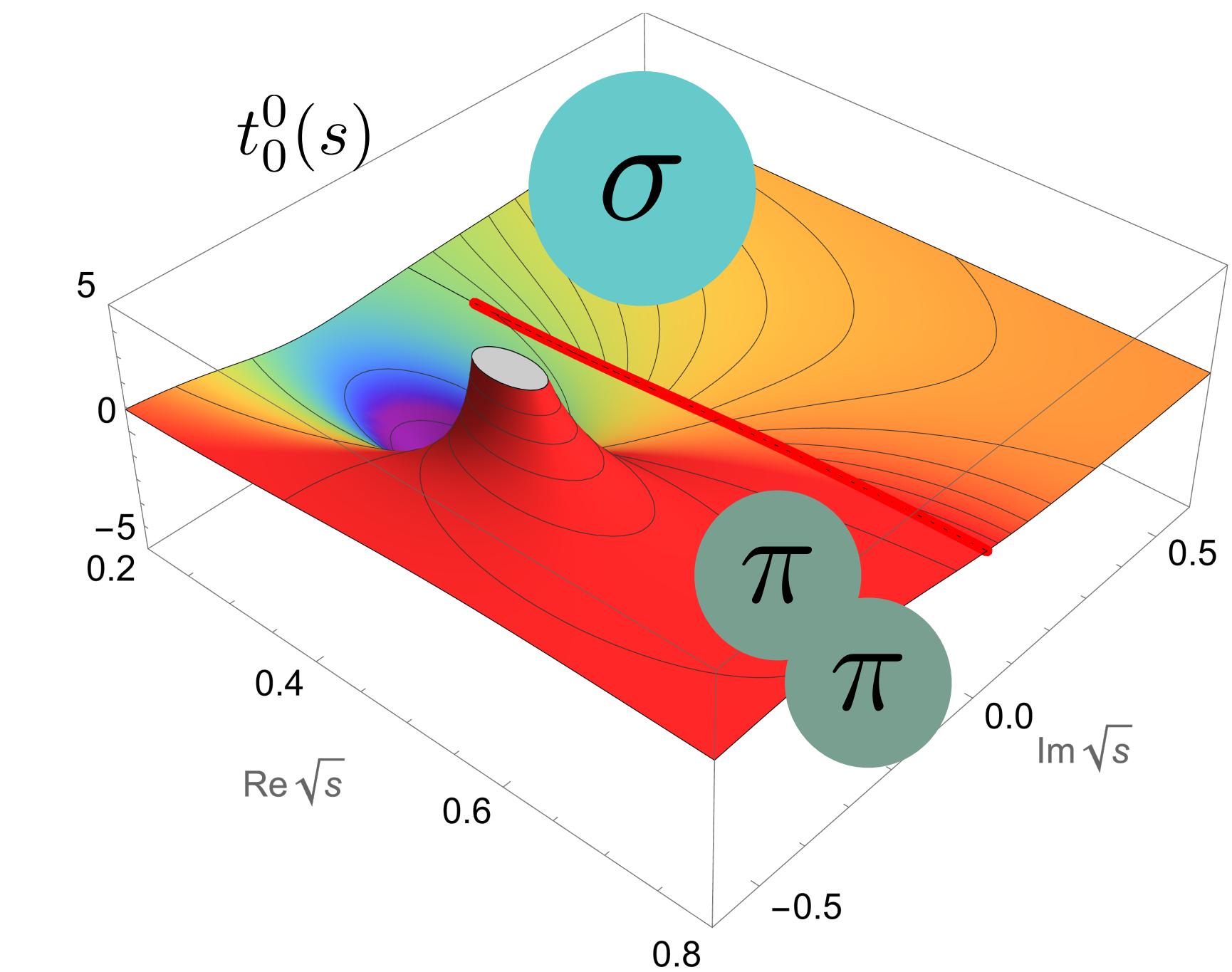
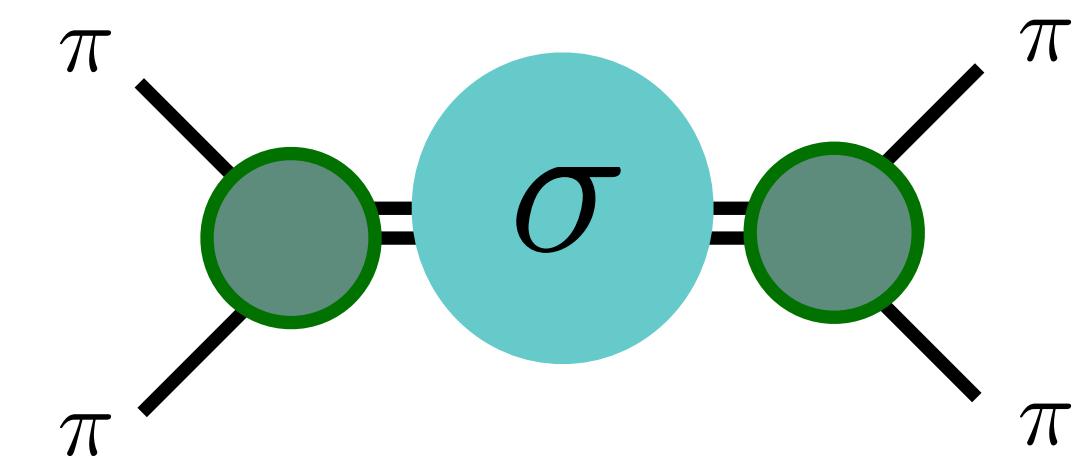
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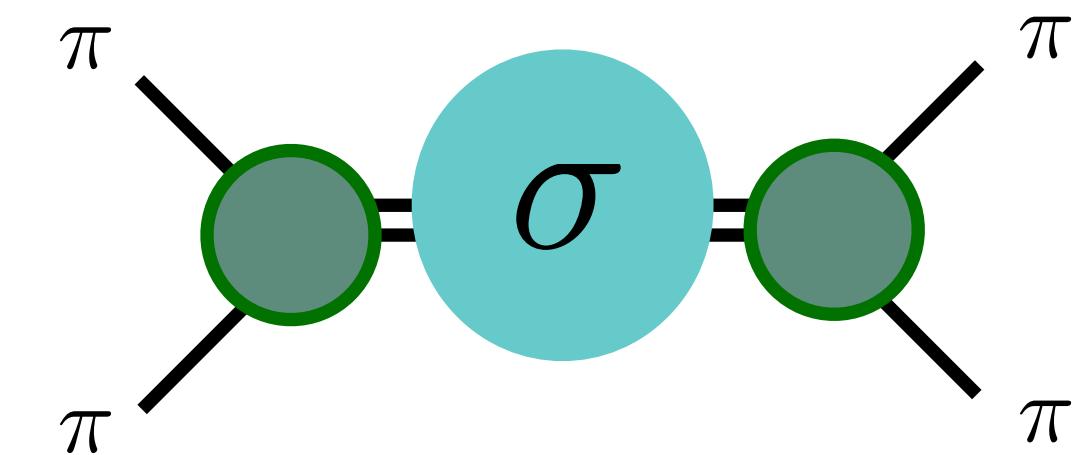
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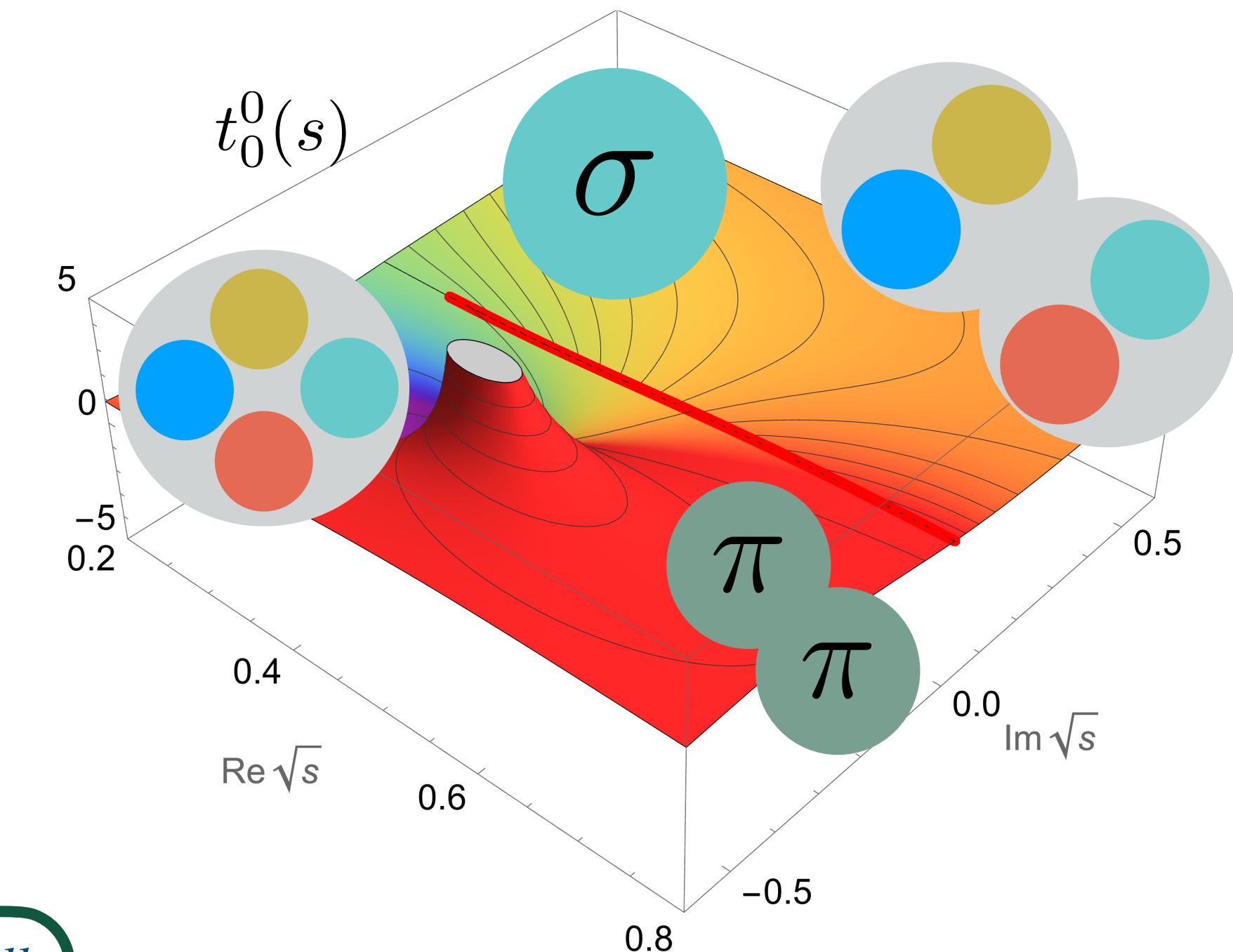
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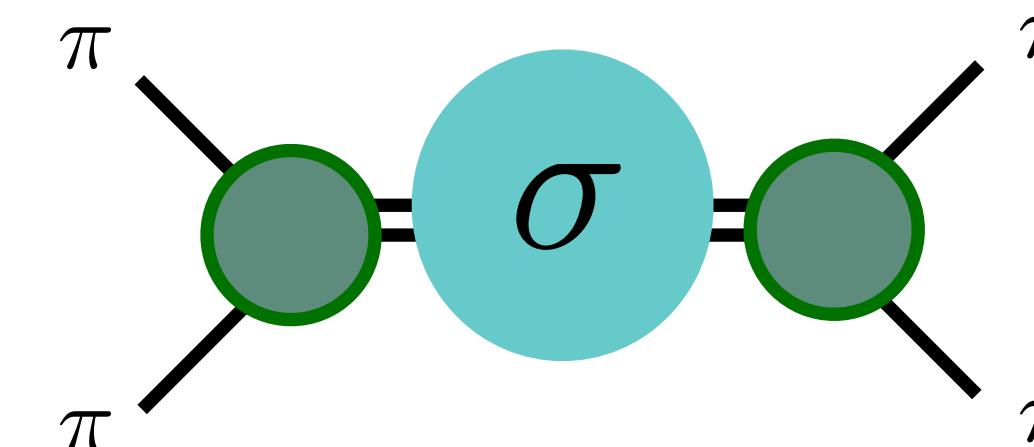
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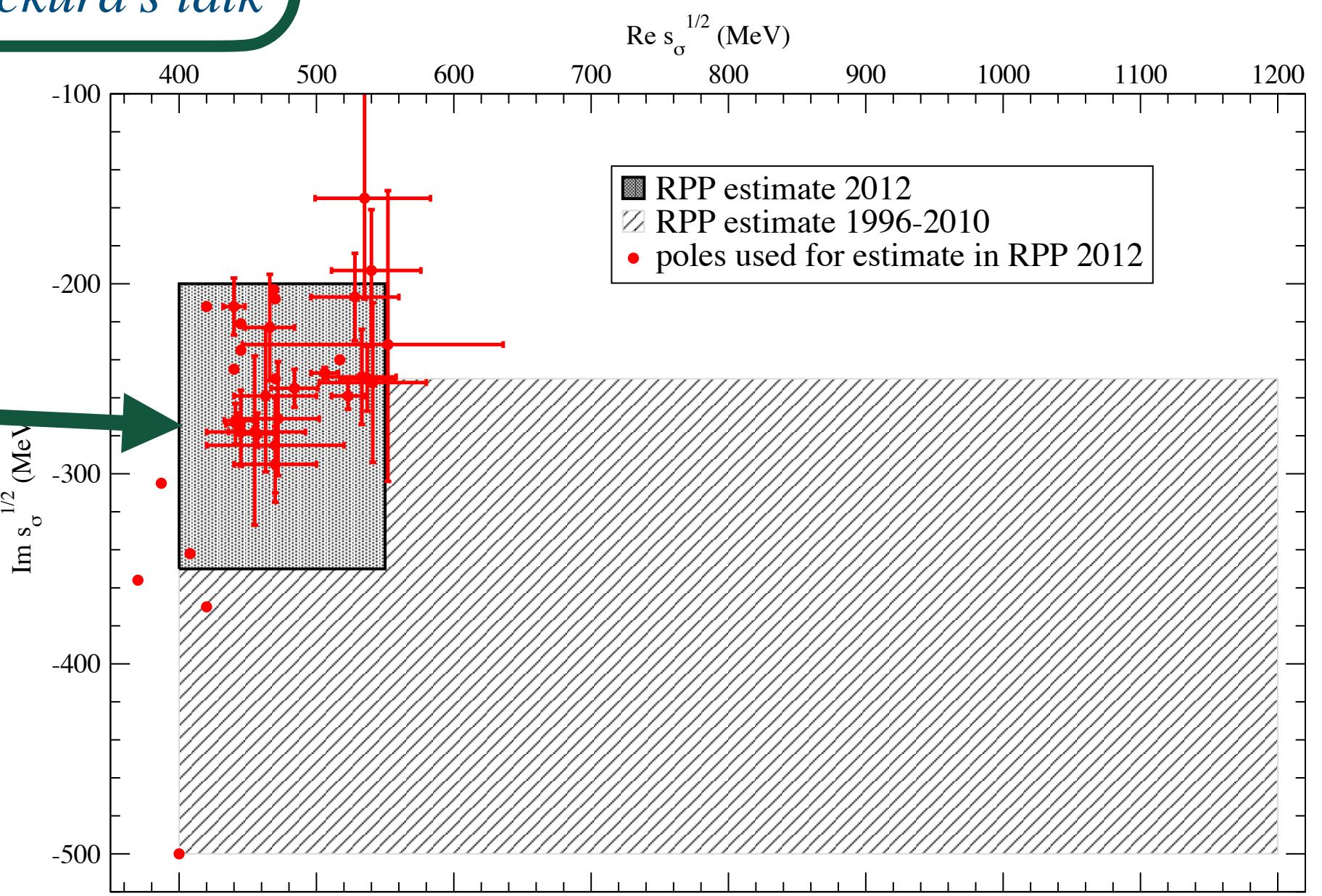
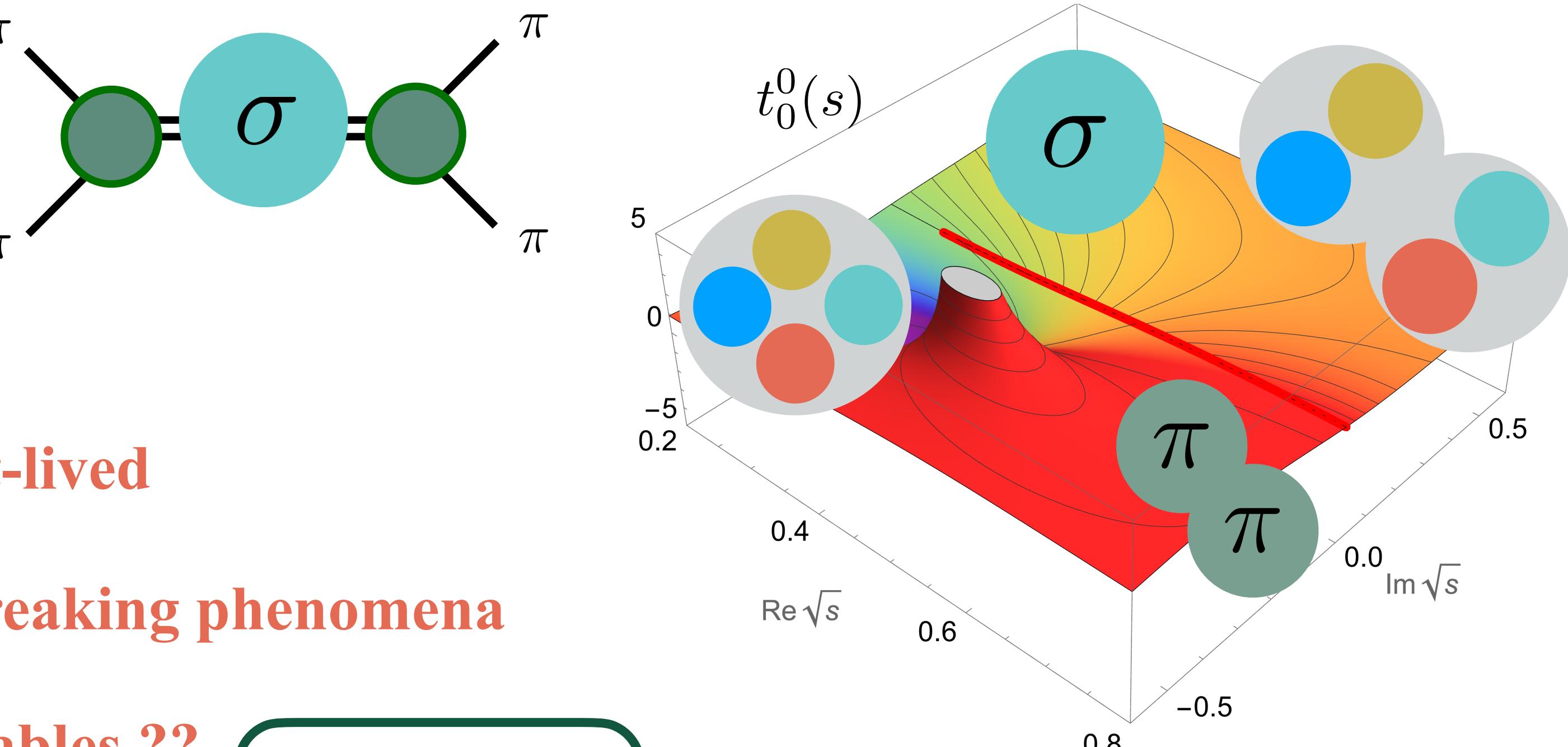
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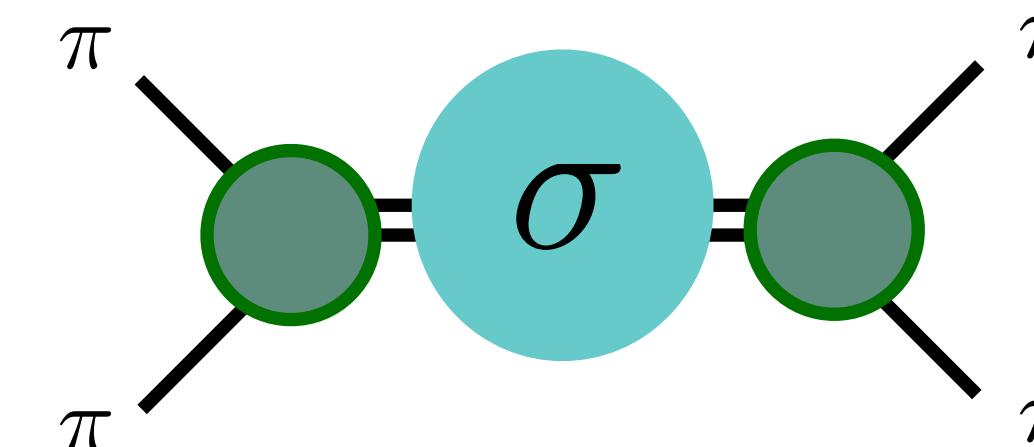
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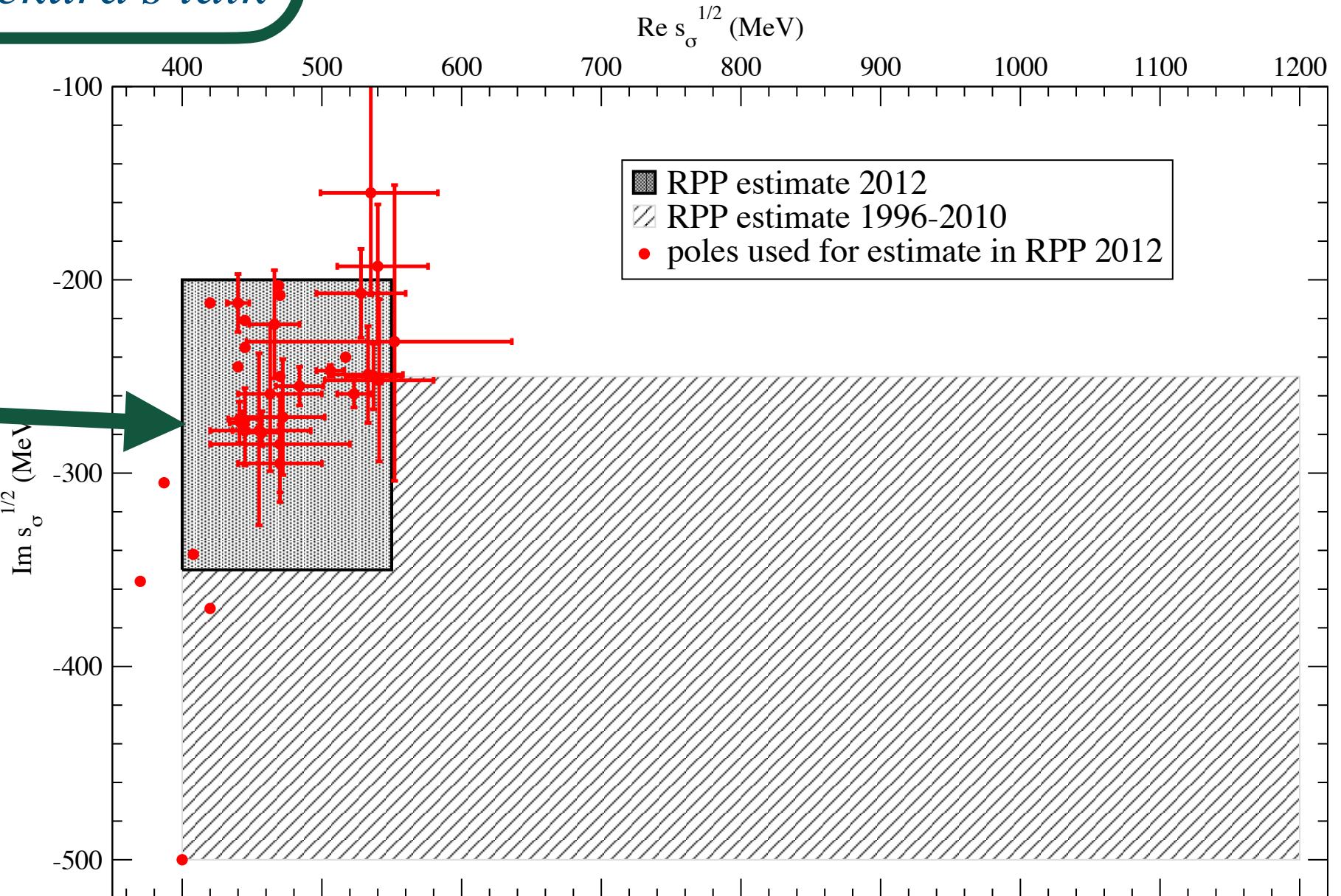
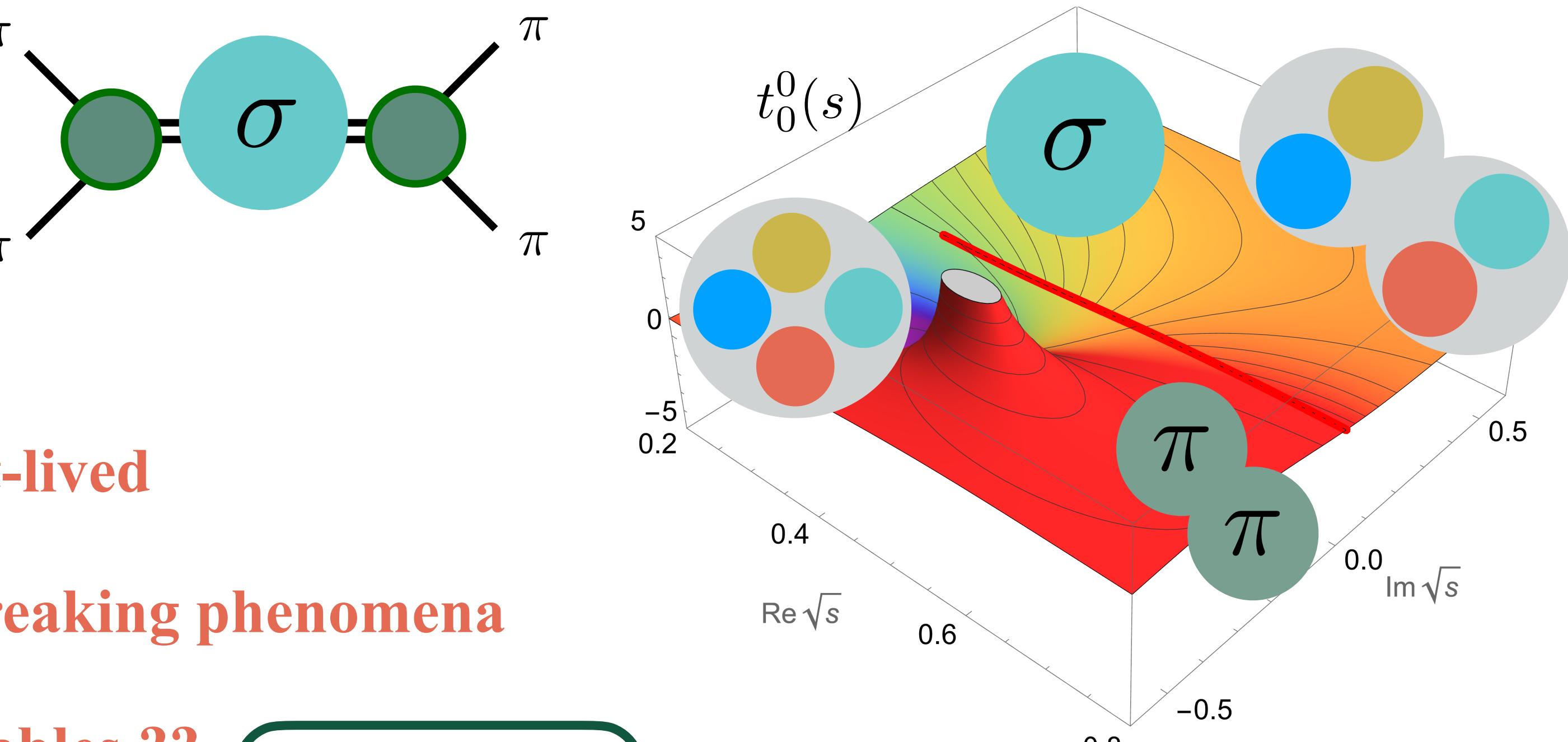
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What happens for Lattice QCD ??



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Other works

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had spec

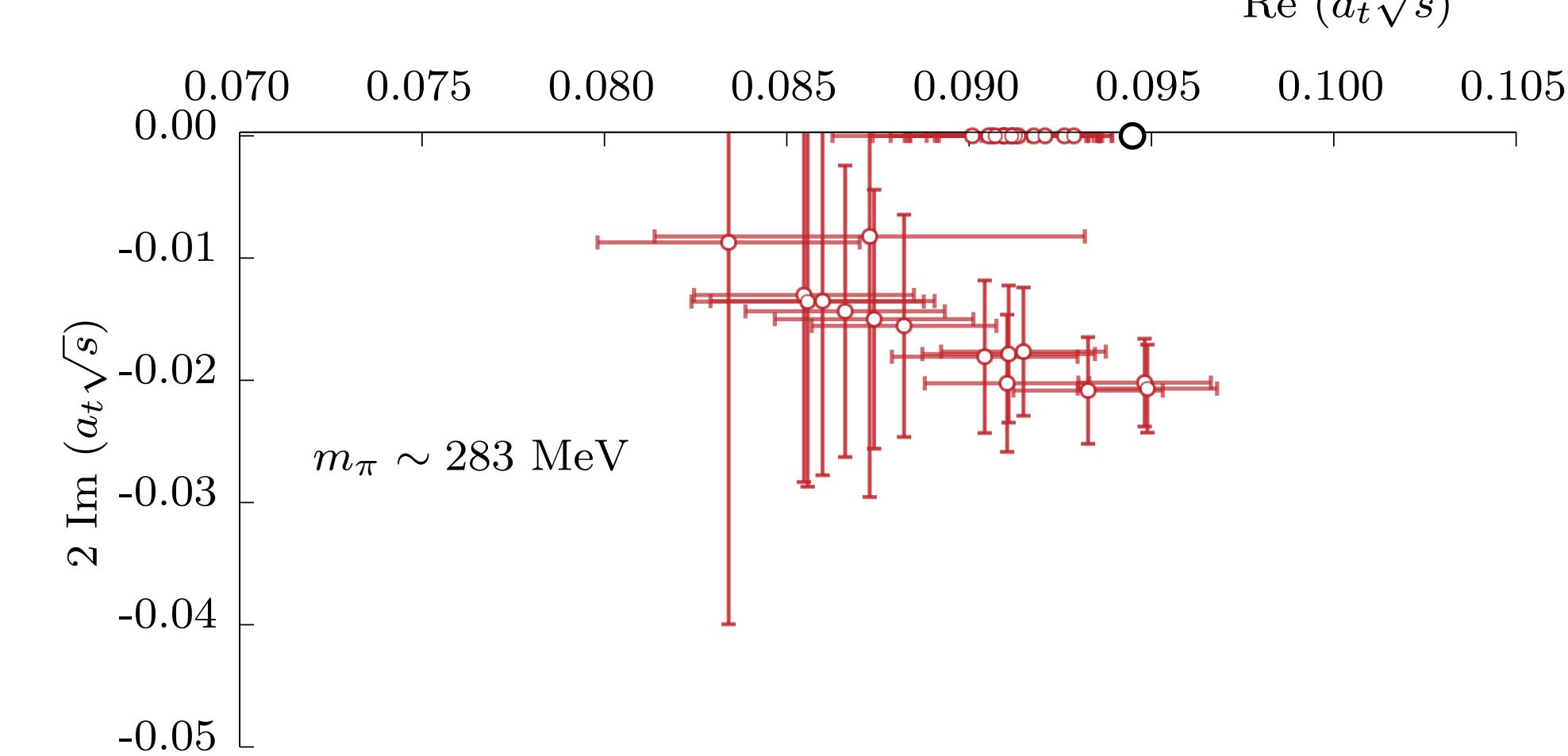
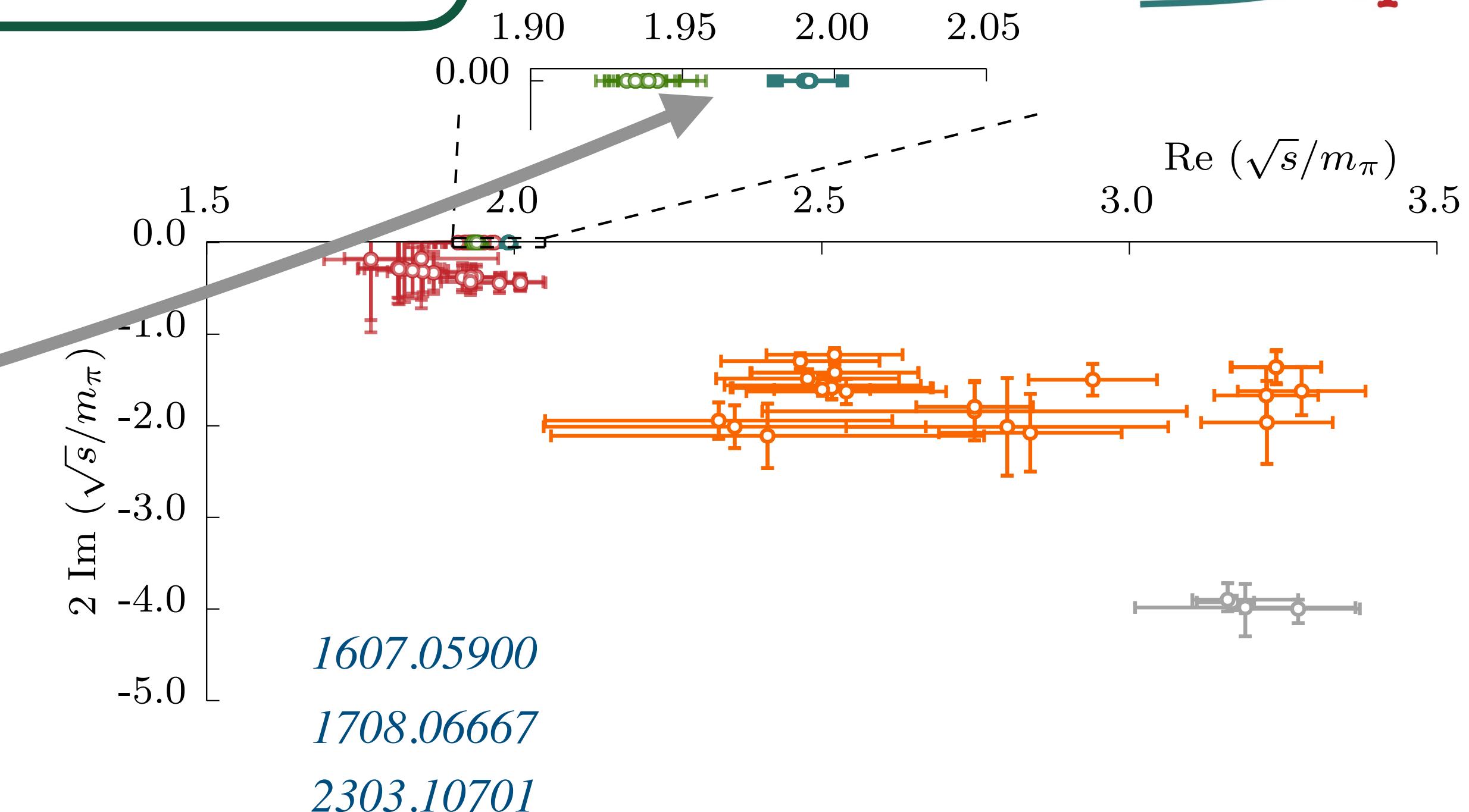
Stable and “easy” to extract at higher masses

✓  $m_\pi \sim 391 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow \text{Stable}$

✓  $m_\pi \sim 330 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow \text{Stable}$

❓  $m_\pi \sim 239 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow \text{Broad resonance}$

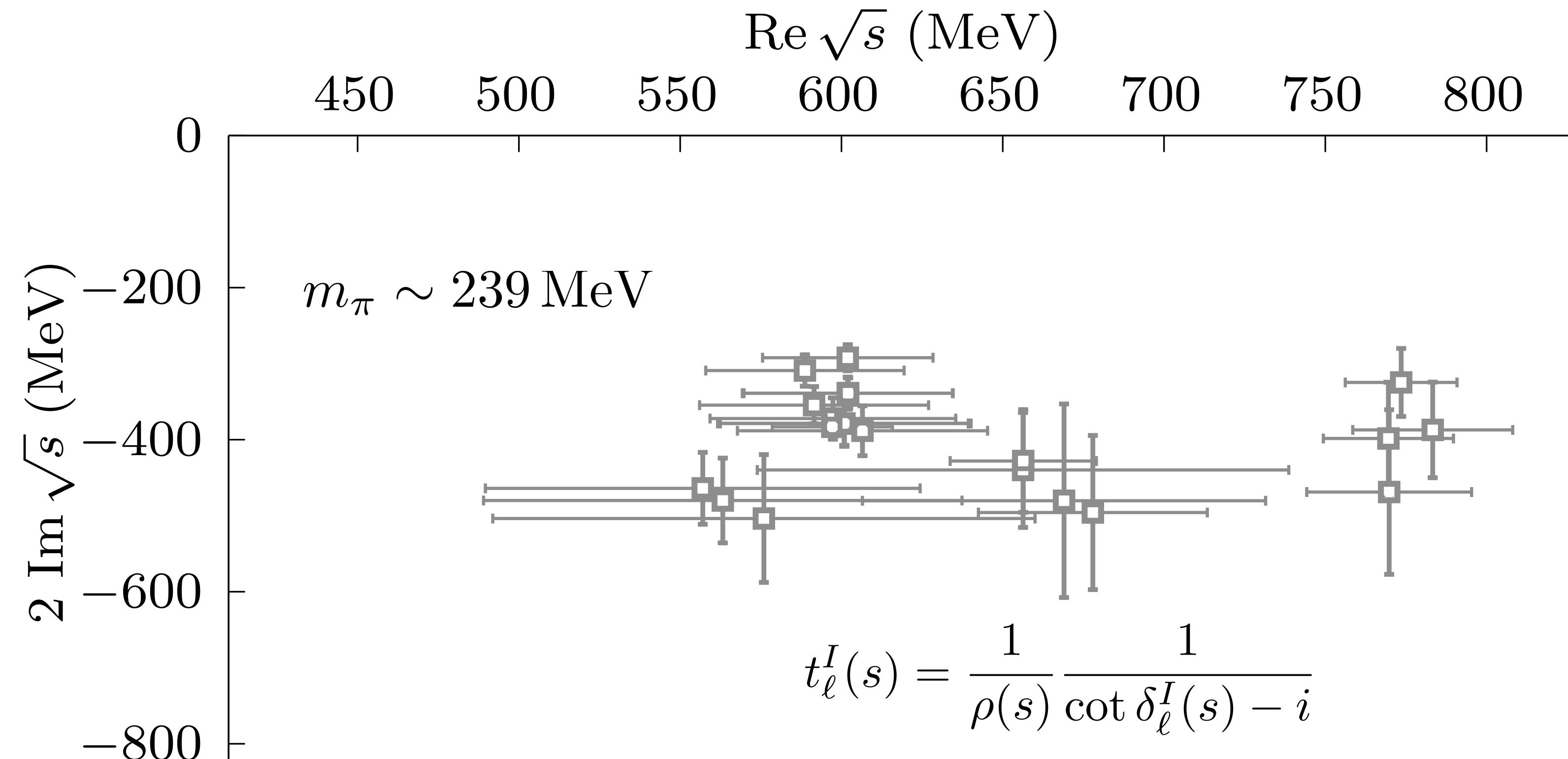
❓  $m_\pi \sim 283 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow ??$



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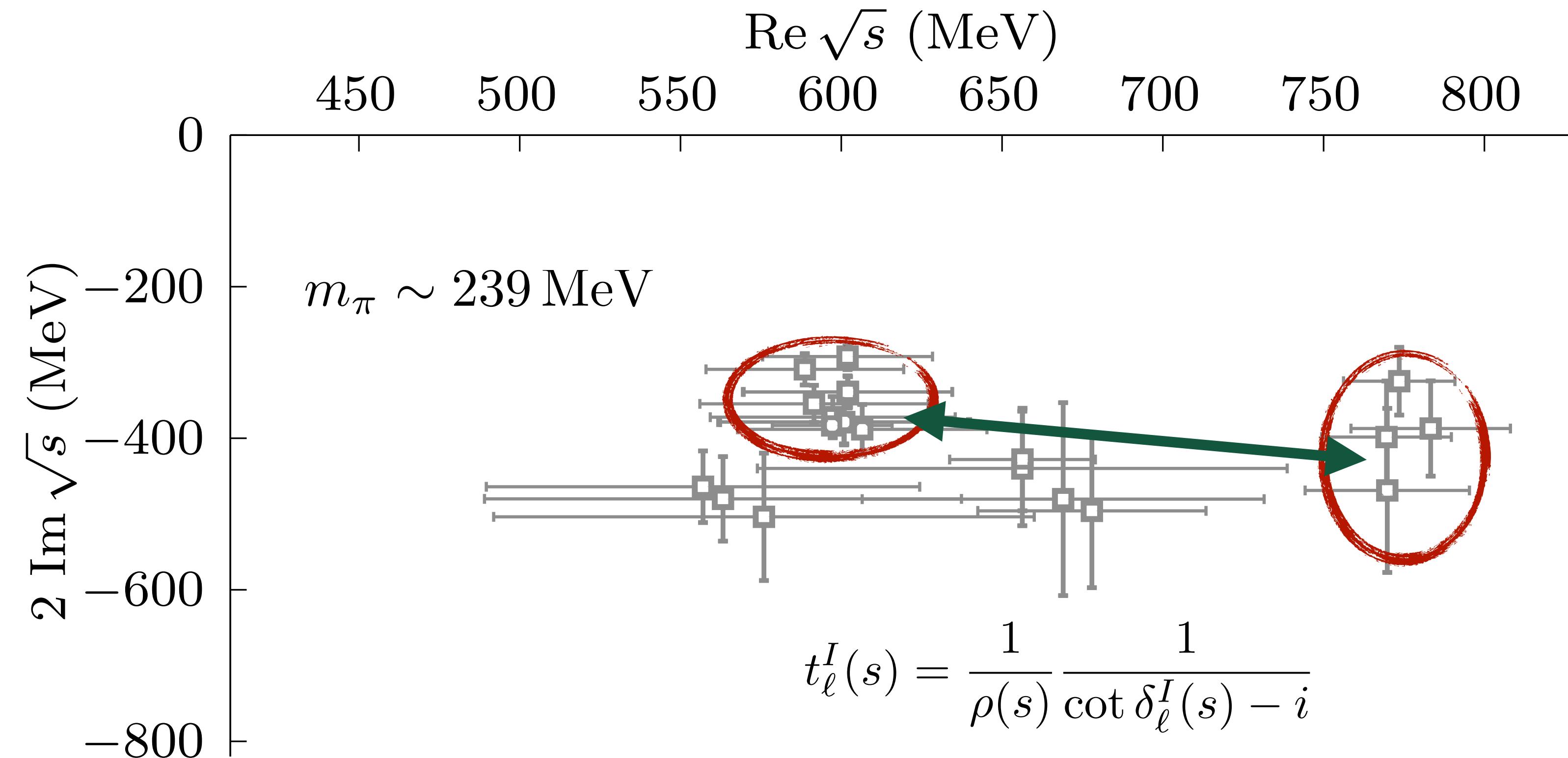
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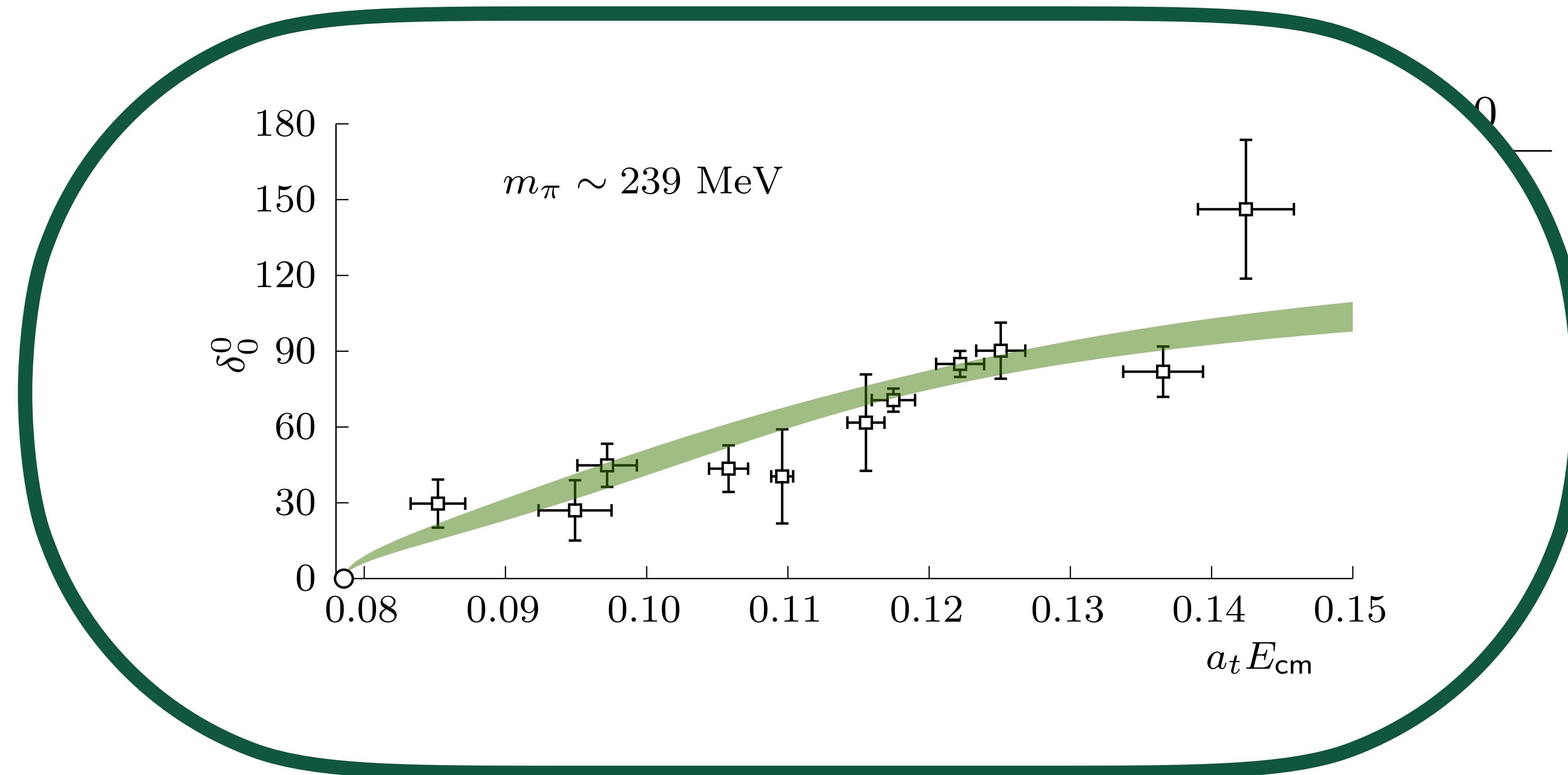


Models are incompatible with one another

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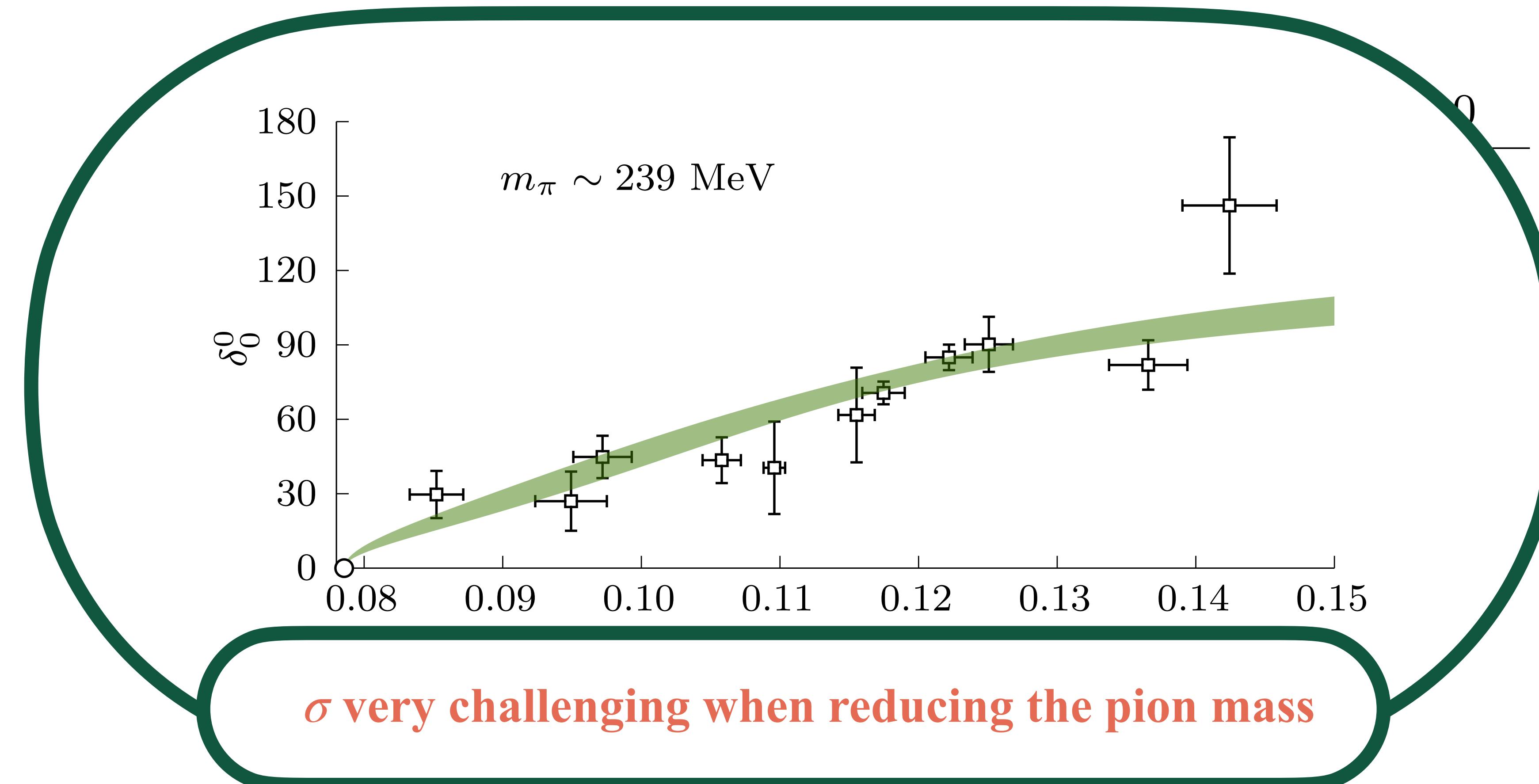


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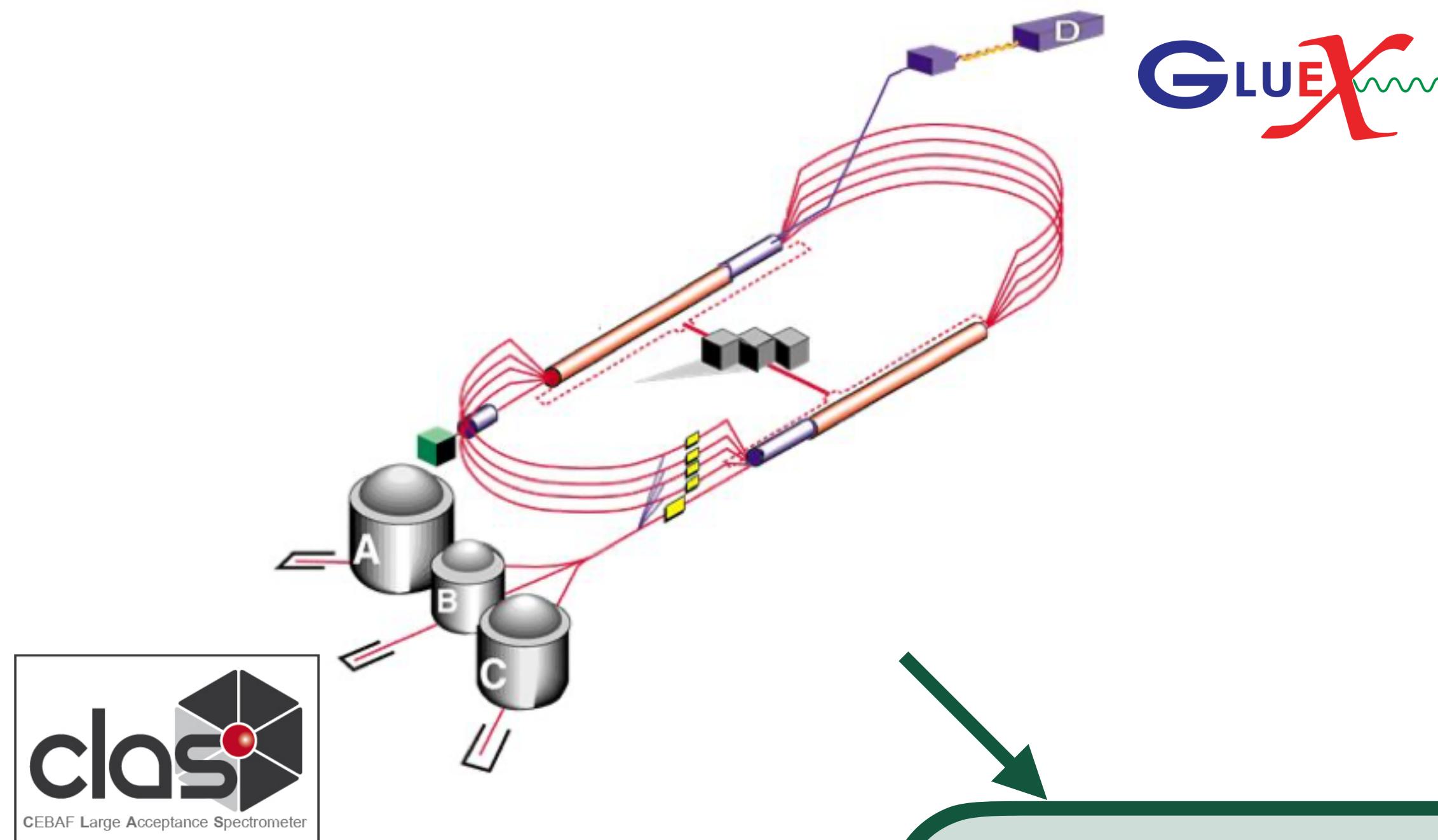
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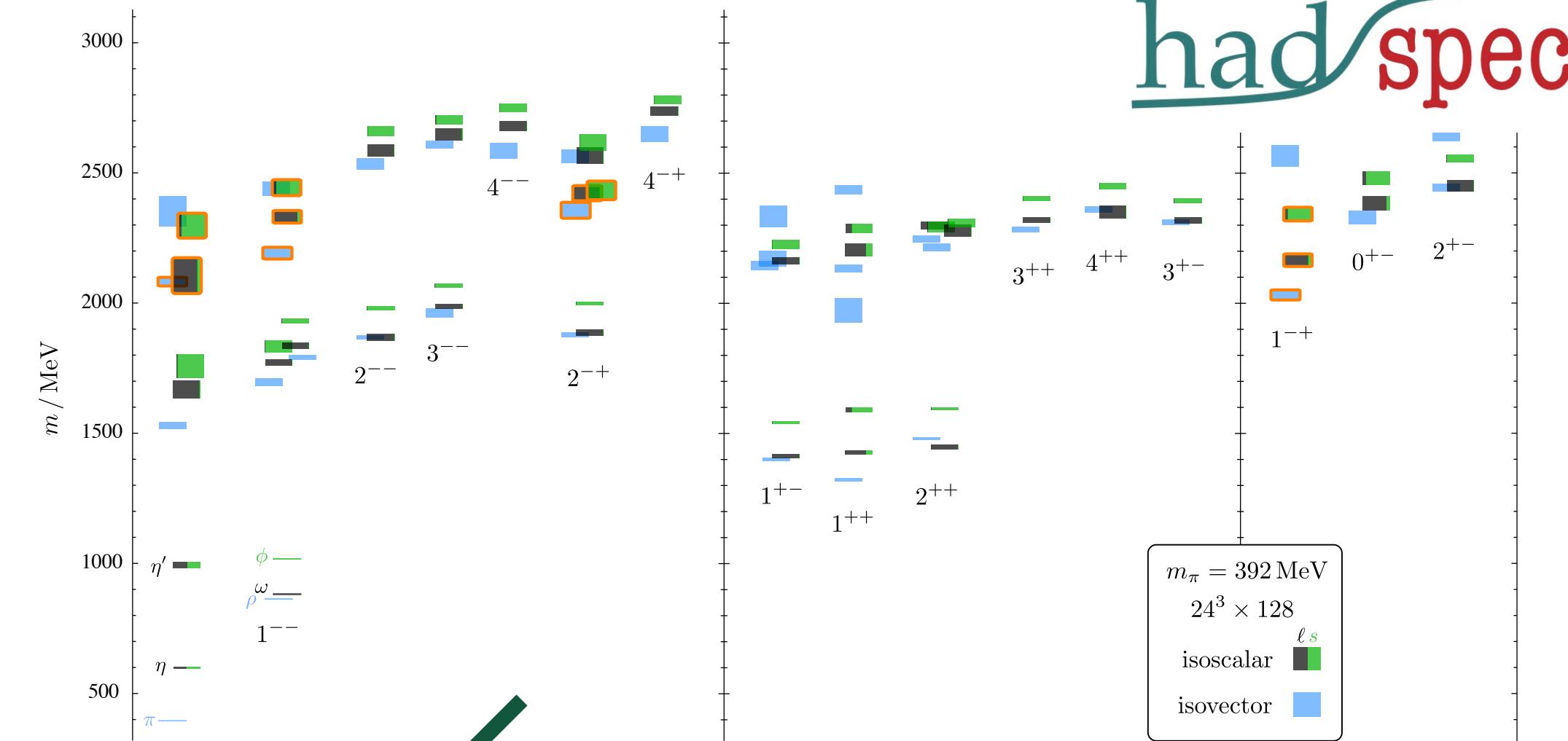
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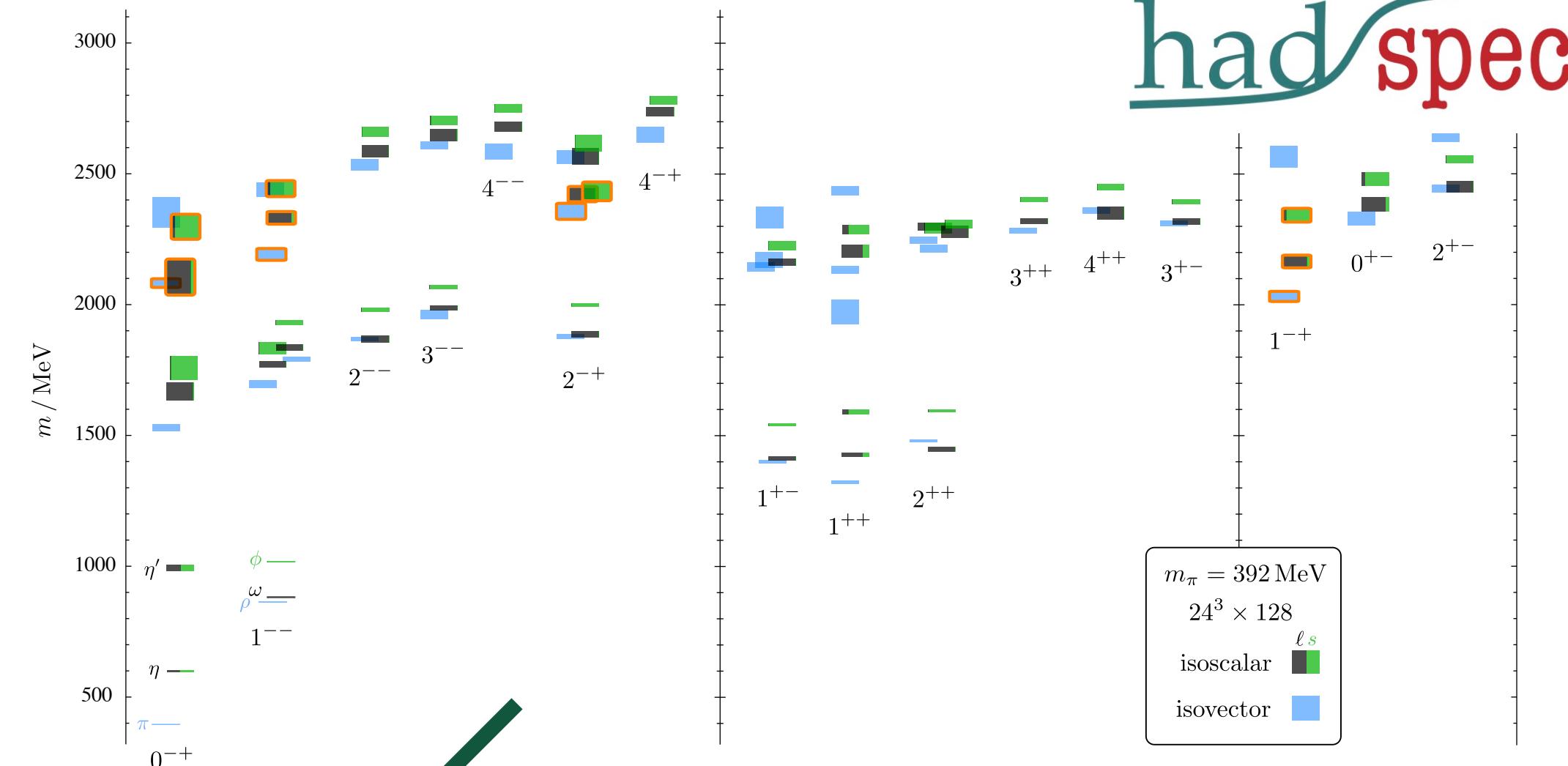
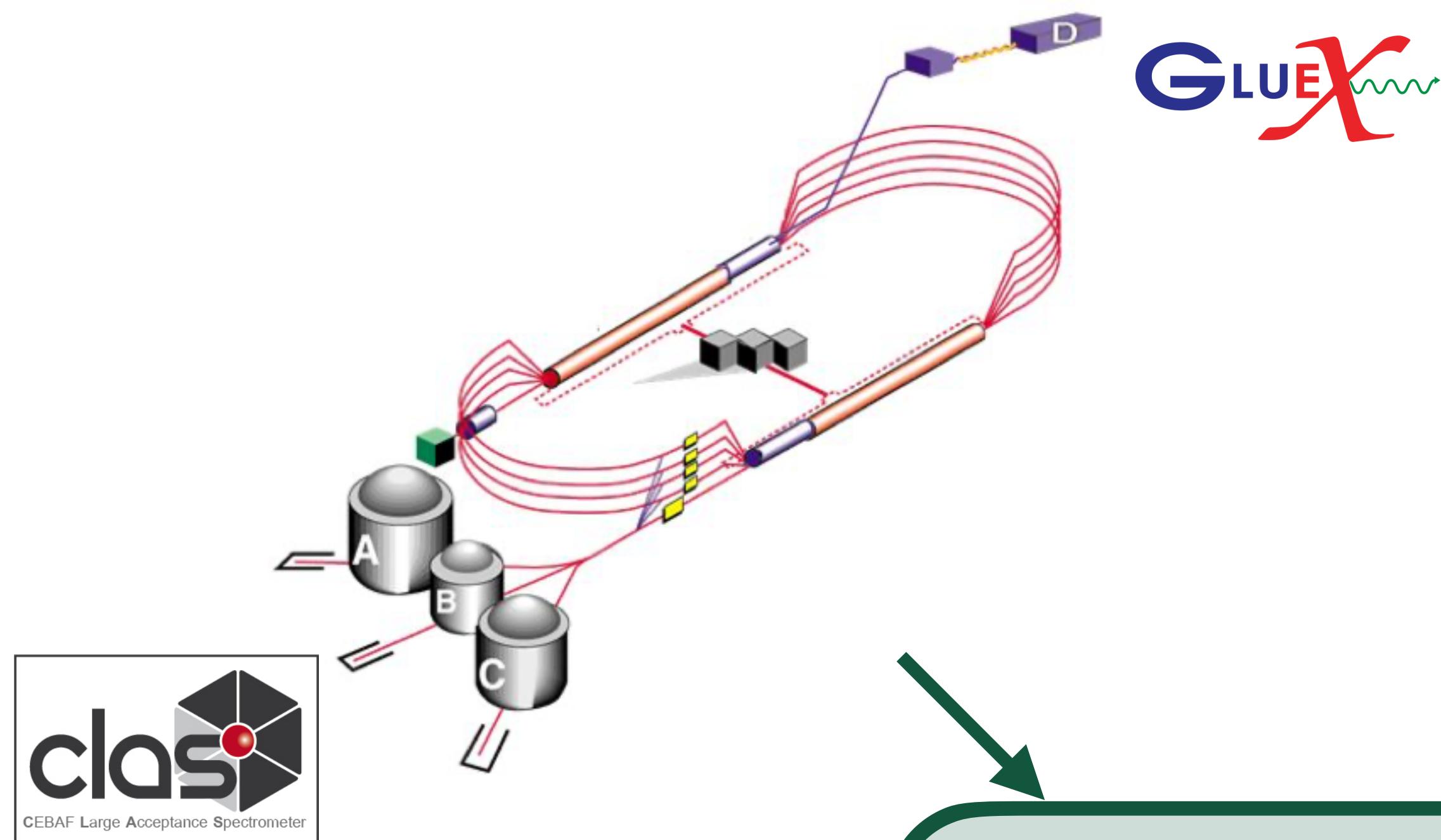
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## Amplitude analyses

- Unitarity
- Analyticity
- Crossing

## Observables



Sometimes

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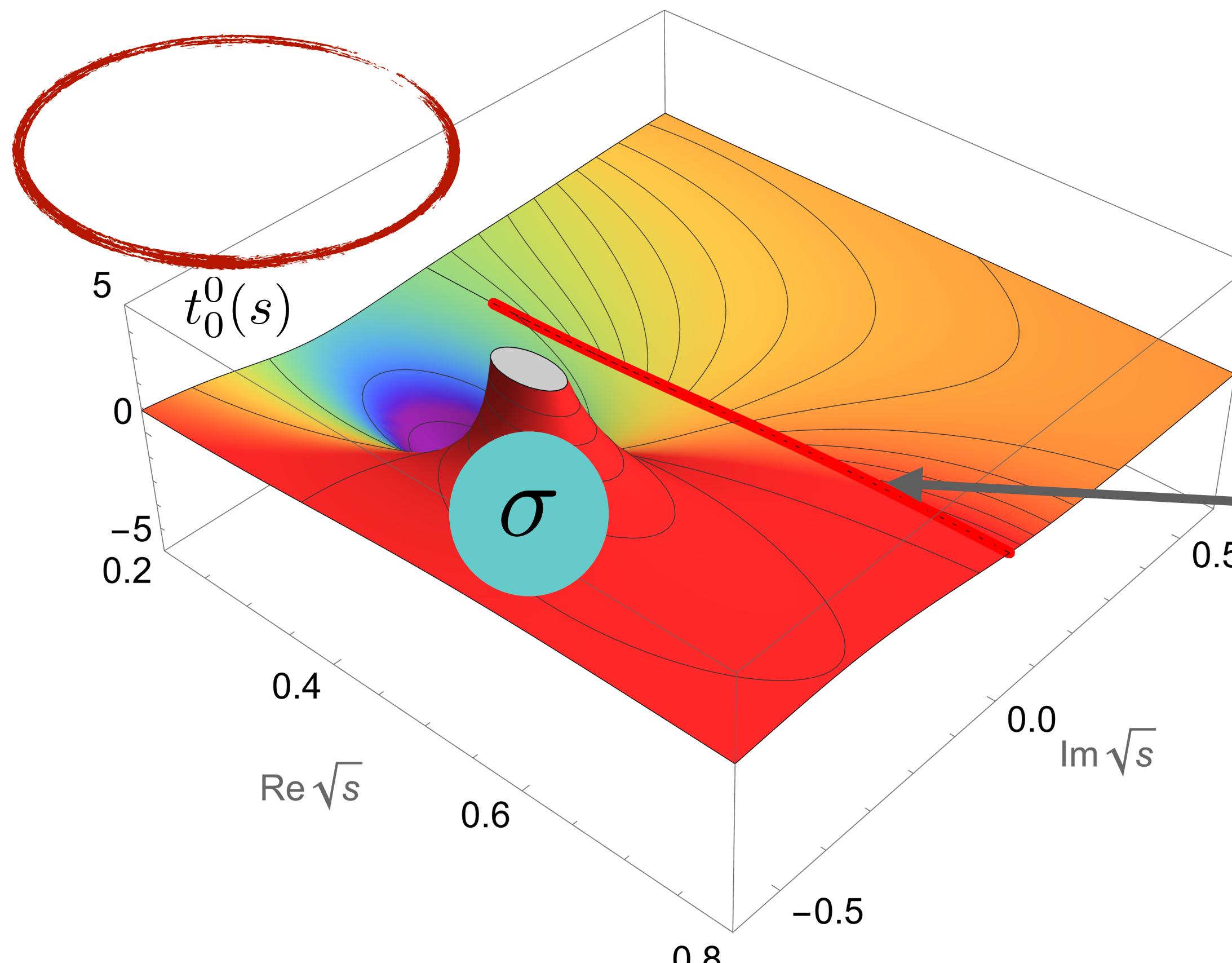
$$t_\ell^I(s) = \frac{1}{\rho(s)} \frac{1}{\cot \delta_\ell^I(s) - i}$$

“Always”

“Never”

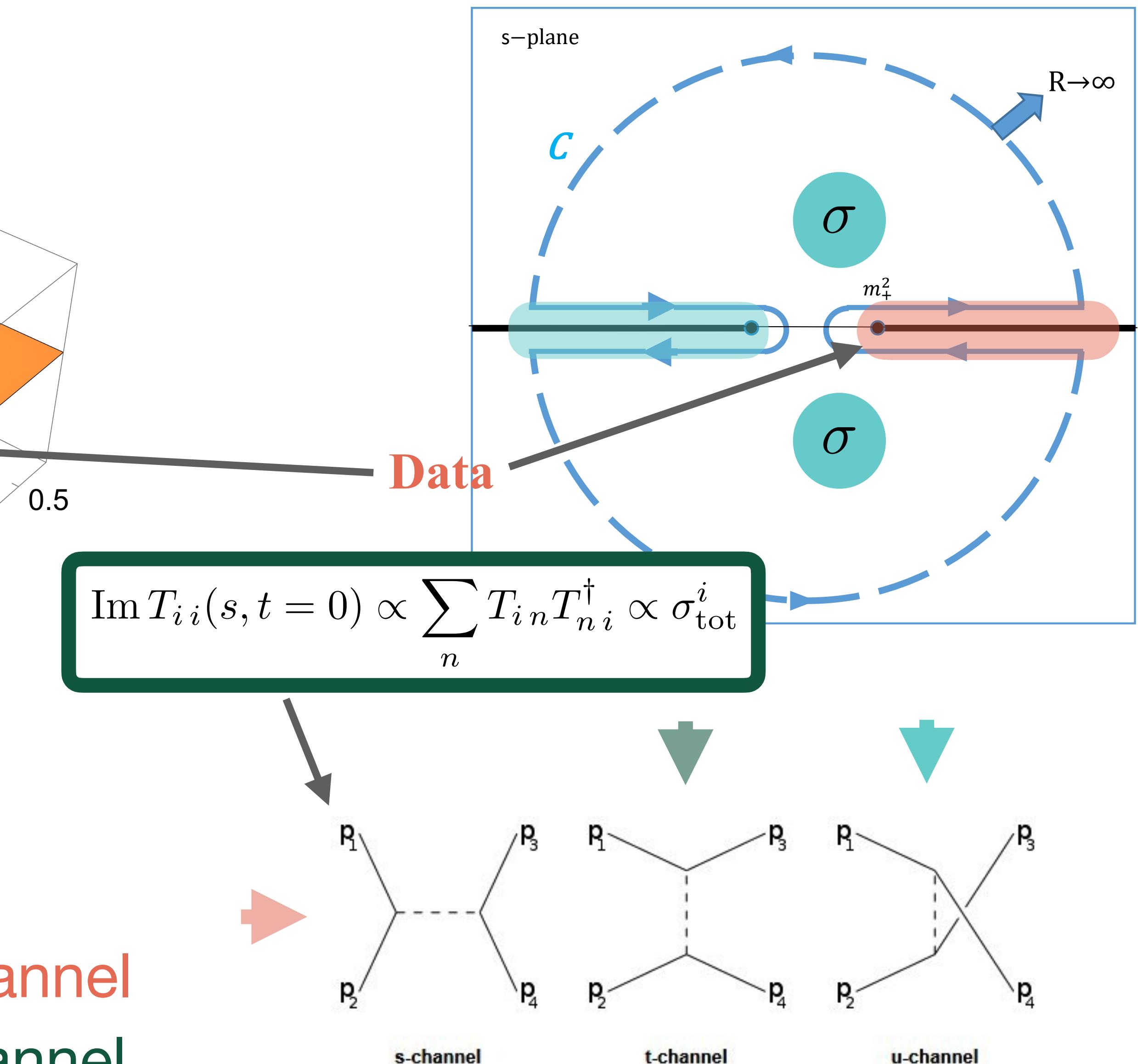
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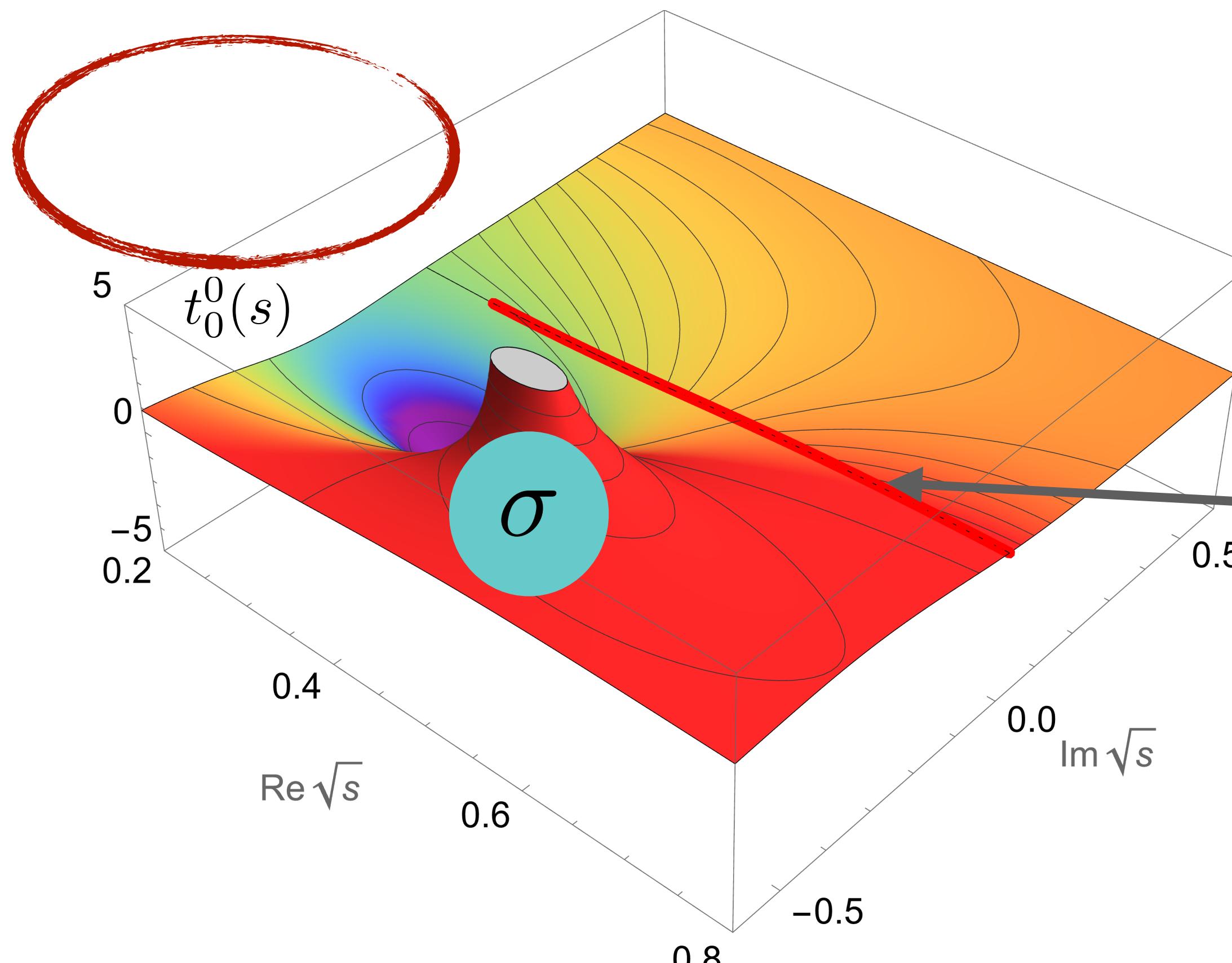


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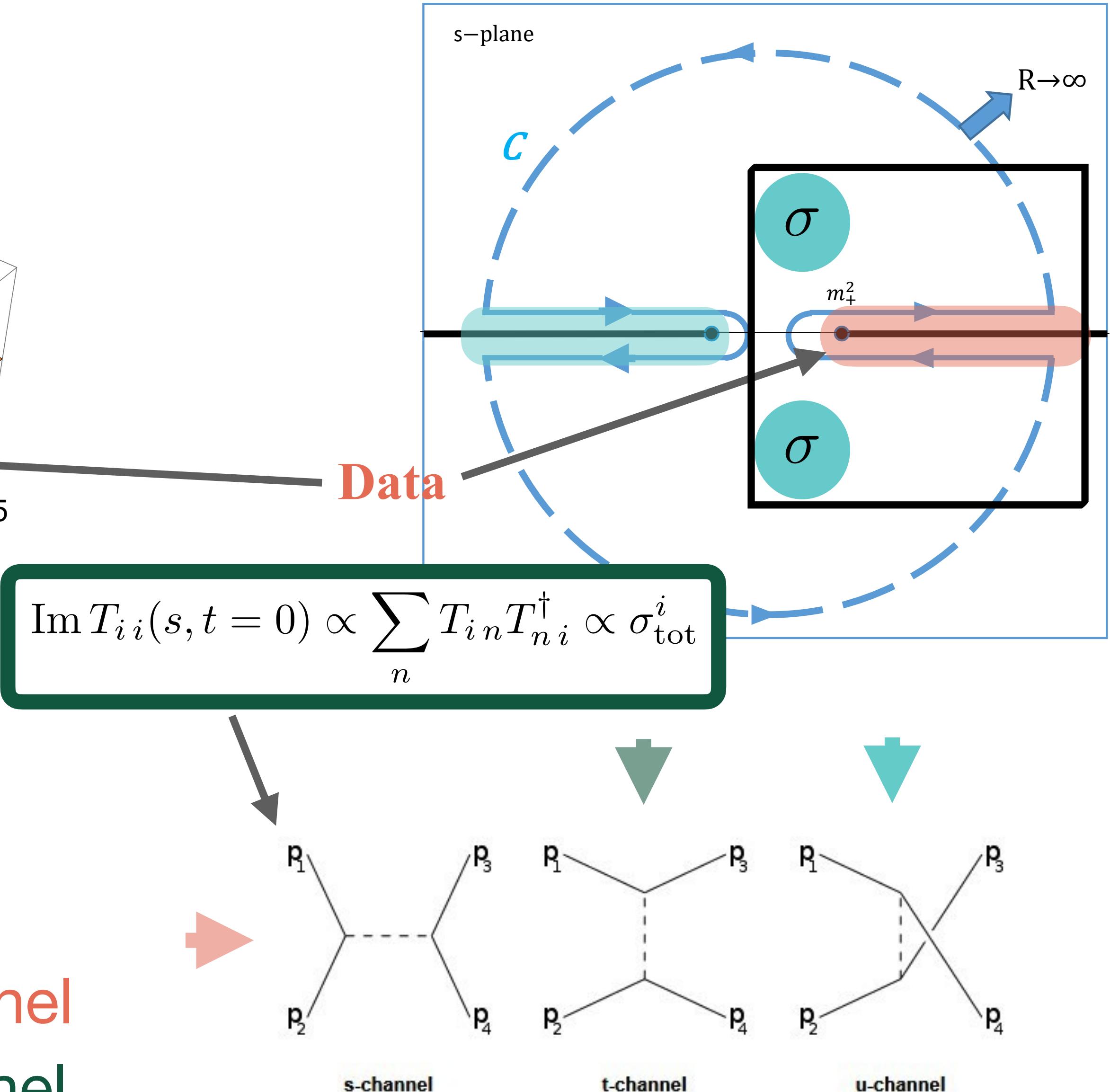


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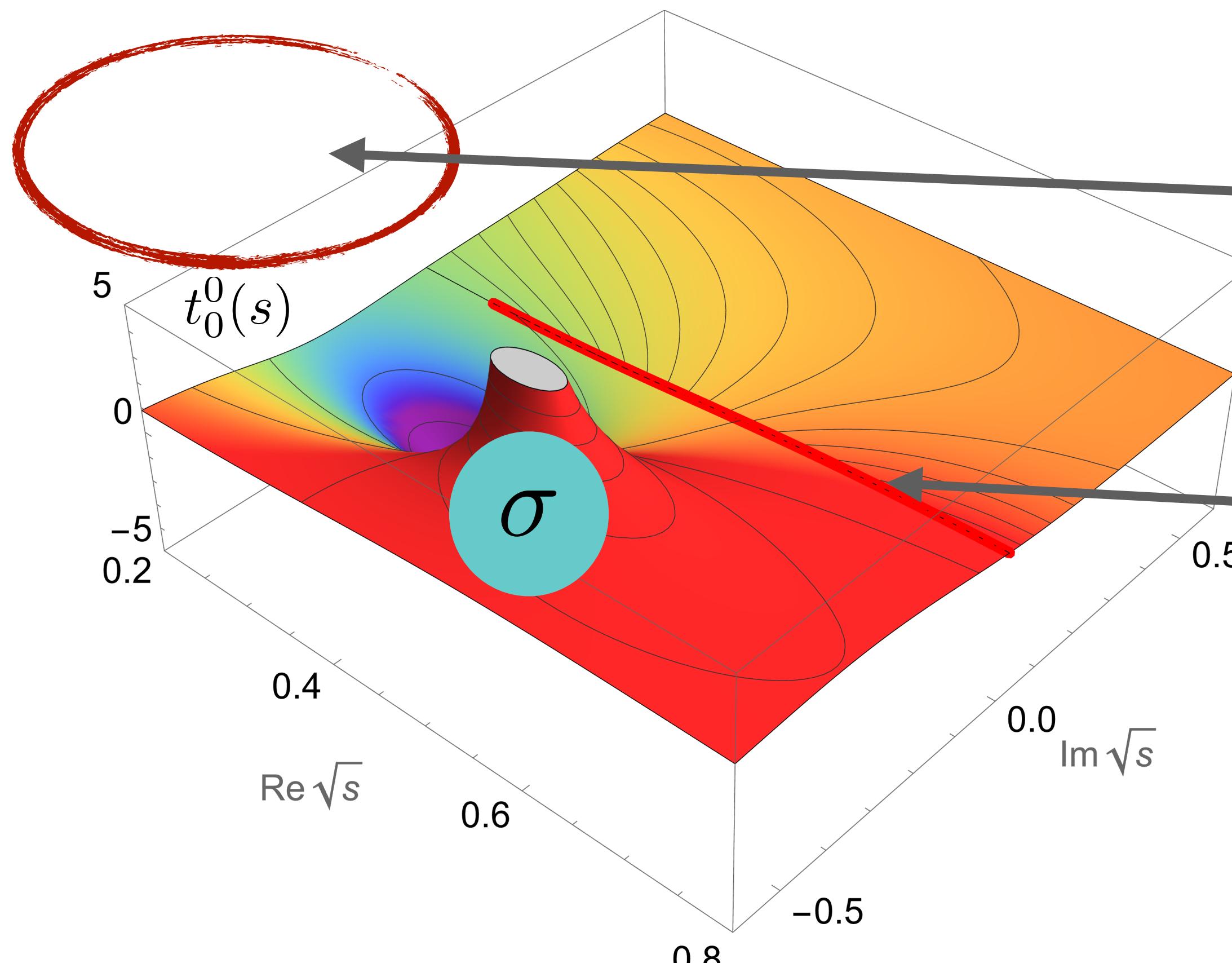


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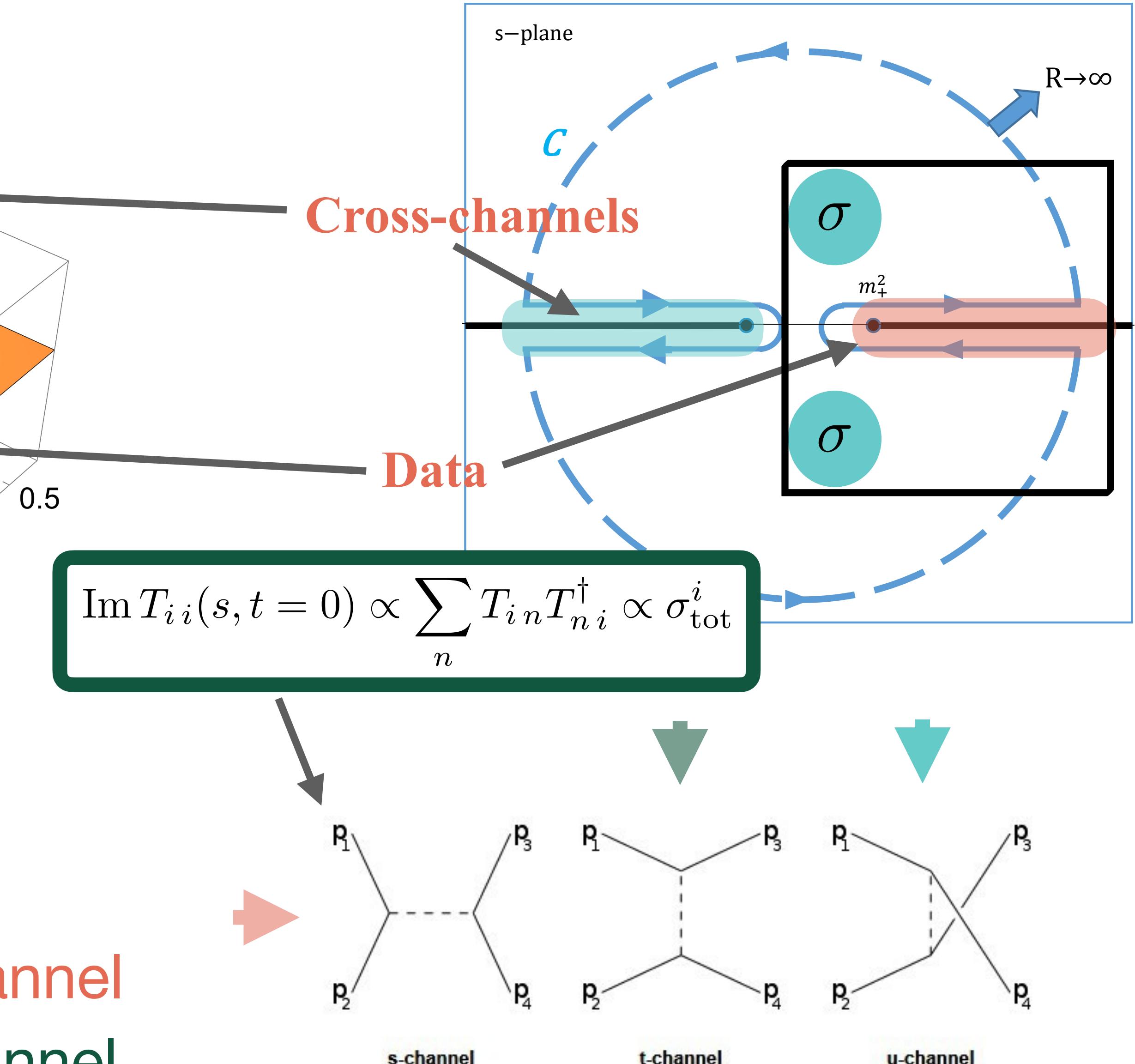


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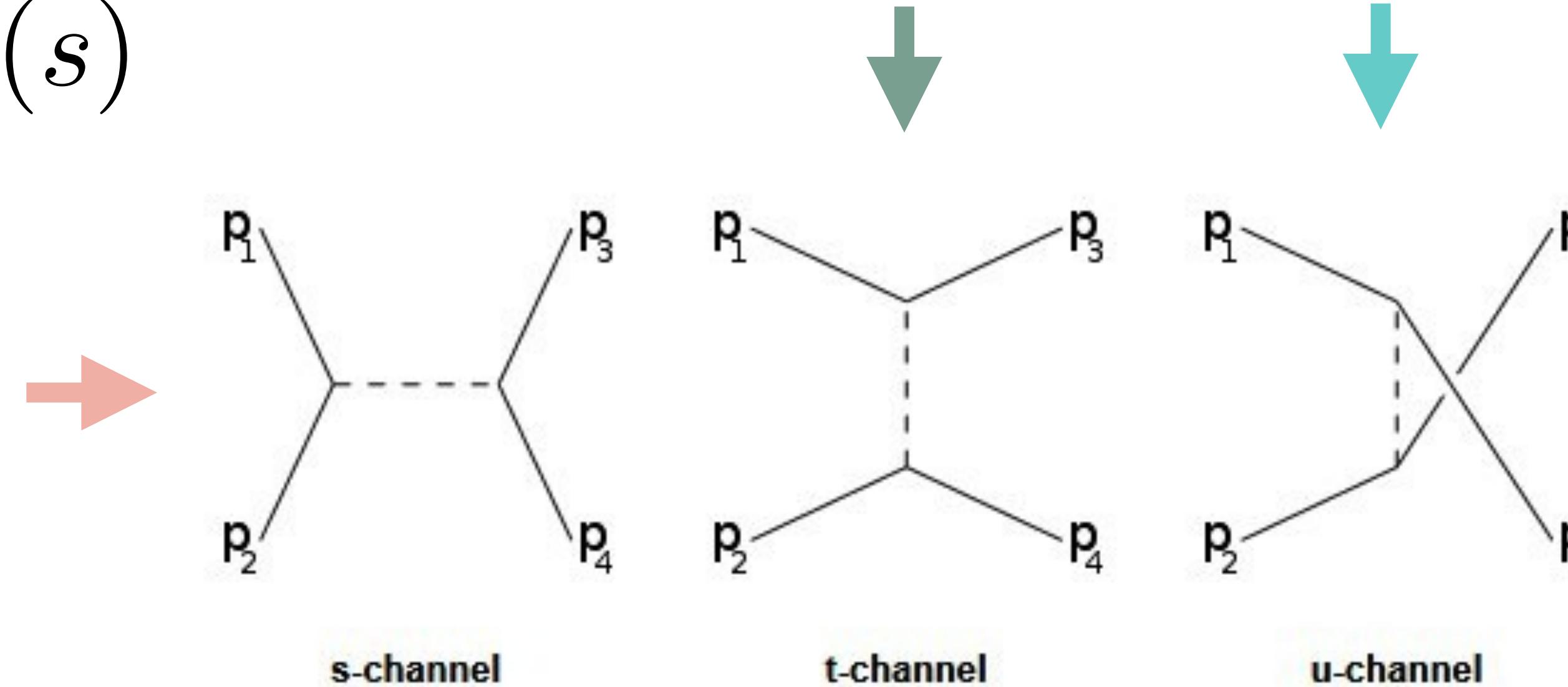
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# Crossing

$$t_0^0(s)$$



We need crossing!! Perhaps implemented analytically

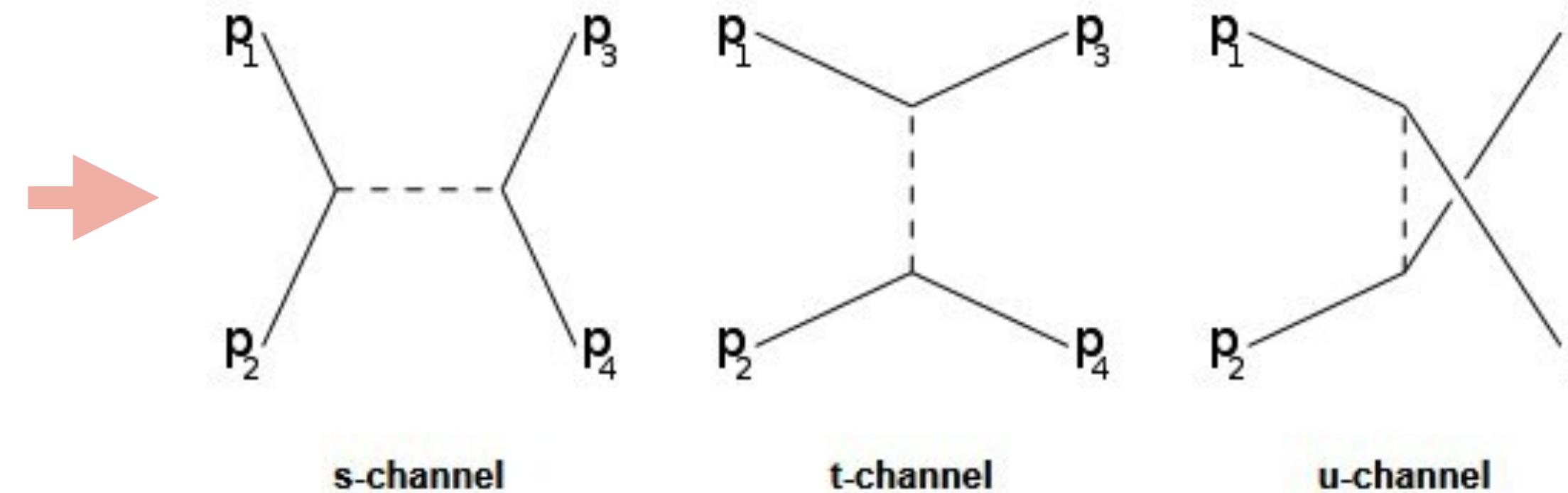
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Built using Cauchy's theorem

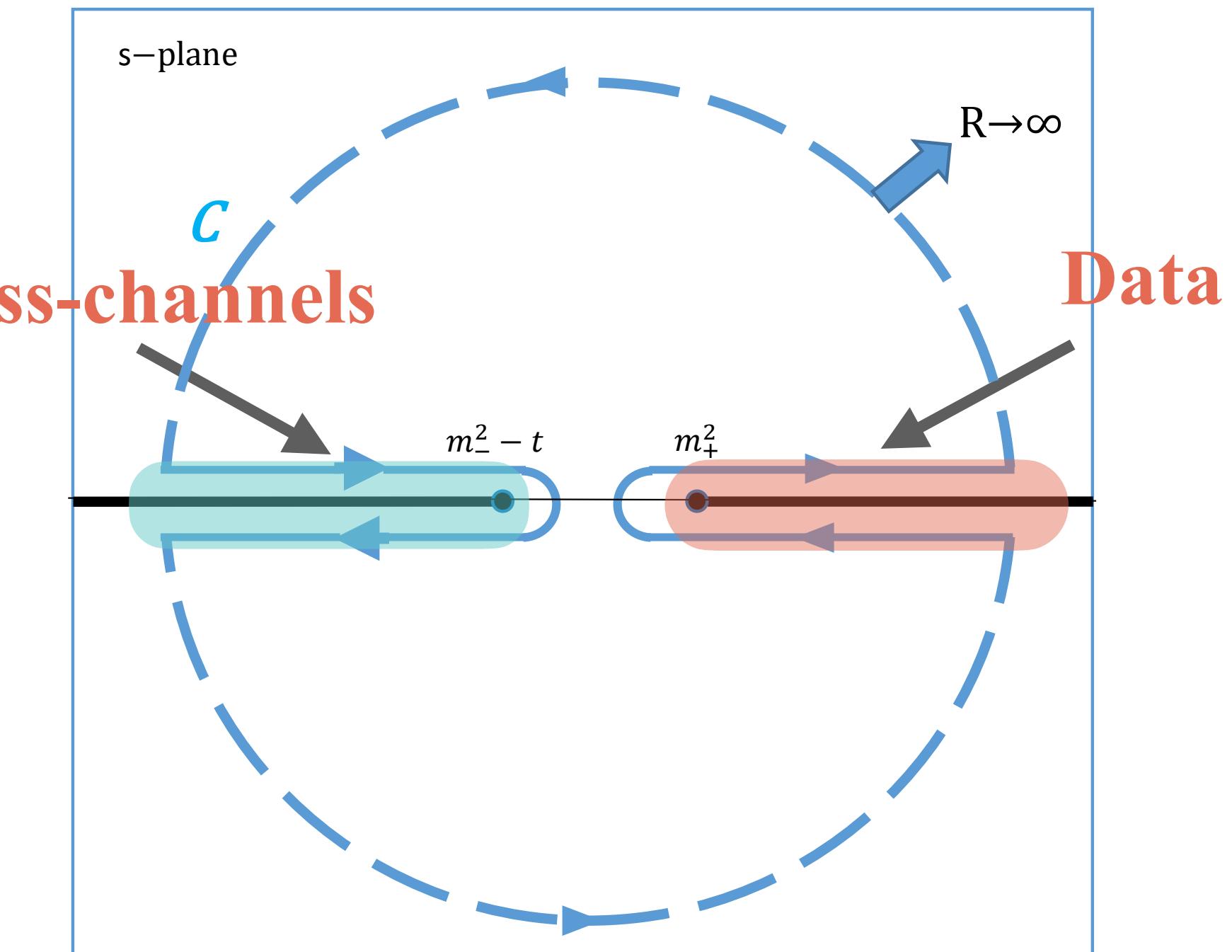
$$t(z) = \oint_C \frac{t(z')}{z' - z} dz'$$

They can implement both analyticity AND crossing

Crossing



Causality  $\leftrightarrow$  Analyticity



# Partial wave dispersion relations

Amplitudes are decomposed in partial waves

$$T^I(s, t) = 32\pi \sum_{\ell} (2\ell + 1) P_{\ell}(\cos \theta) t_{\ell}^I(s)$$

Fit to the data

Fit → In

DR → Out

Dispersive's result

$$\tilde{t}_{\ell}^I(s) = \tau_{\ell}^I(s) + \sum_{I', \ell'} \int_{4m_{\pi}^2}^{\infty} ds' K_{\ell \ell'}^{II'}(s', s) \operatorname{Im} t_{\ell'}^{I'}(s')$$

The most well-known are the ROY eqs., for example, for  $I = \ell = 0$  they look

Roy PLB (1971)

$$\tilde{t}_0^0(s) = a_0^0 + \frac{1}{12m_{\pi}^2} (2a_0^0 - 5a_0^2) (s - 4m_{\pi}^2) + \sum_{I', \ell'} \int_{4m_{\pi}^2}^{\infty} ds' K_{0\ell'}^{0I'}(s', s) \operatorname{Im} t_{\ell'}^{I'}(s')$$

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## “Model-independent”

Obtain your DRs



Crossing+analyticity

Use all PWs available



Necessary Input

Make *Fit* → *In* *DR* → *Out* compatible



Unitarity



**Use all PWs available**

**Scalar  $\ell = 0$  waves dominate the DRs**

*But we extracted/fitted several waves*

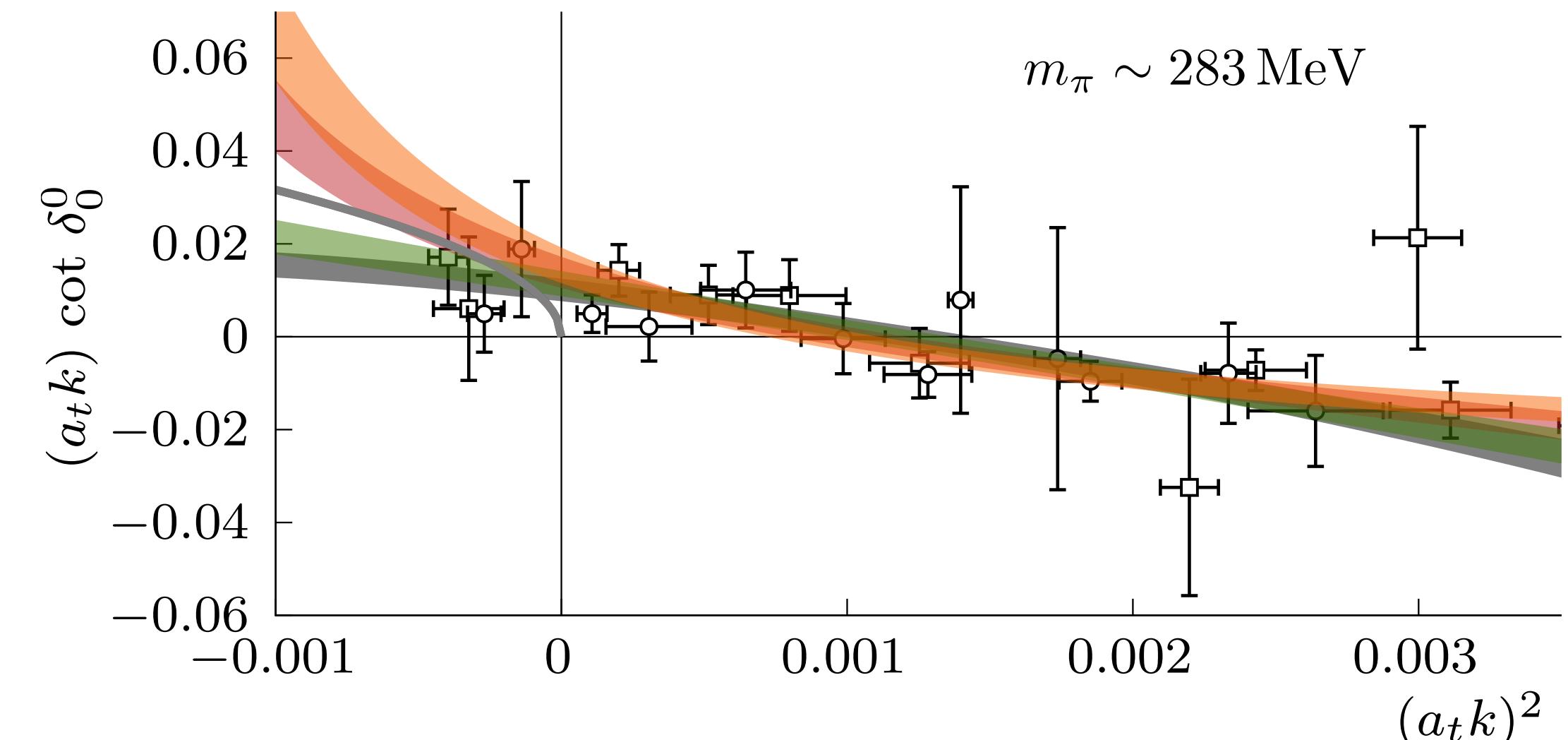
**Every band is a different model fit**

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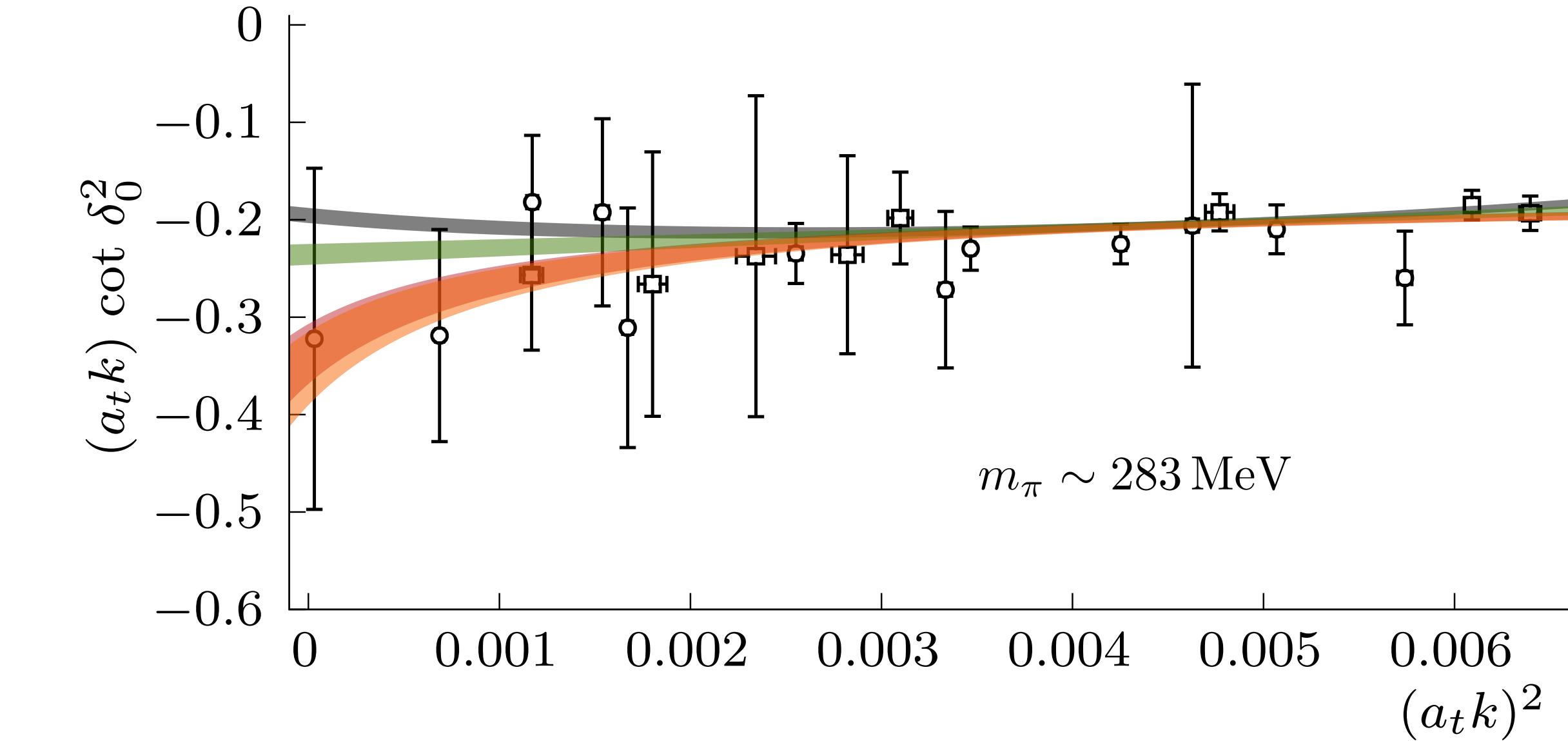
**Large SL spreads at threshold**

$$k \cot \delta_0^I(s) \sim 1/a_0^I$$

$\ell = 0, I = 0 \pi\pi$



$\ell = 0, I = 2 \pi\pi$



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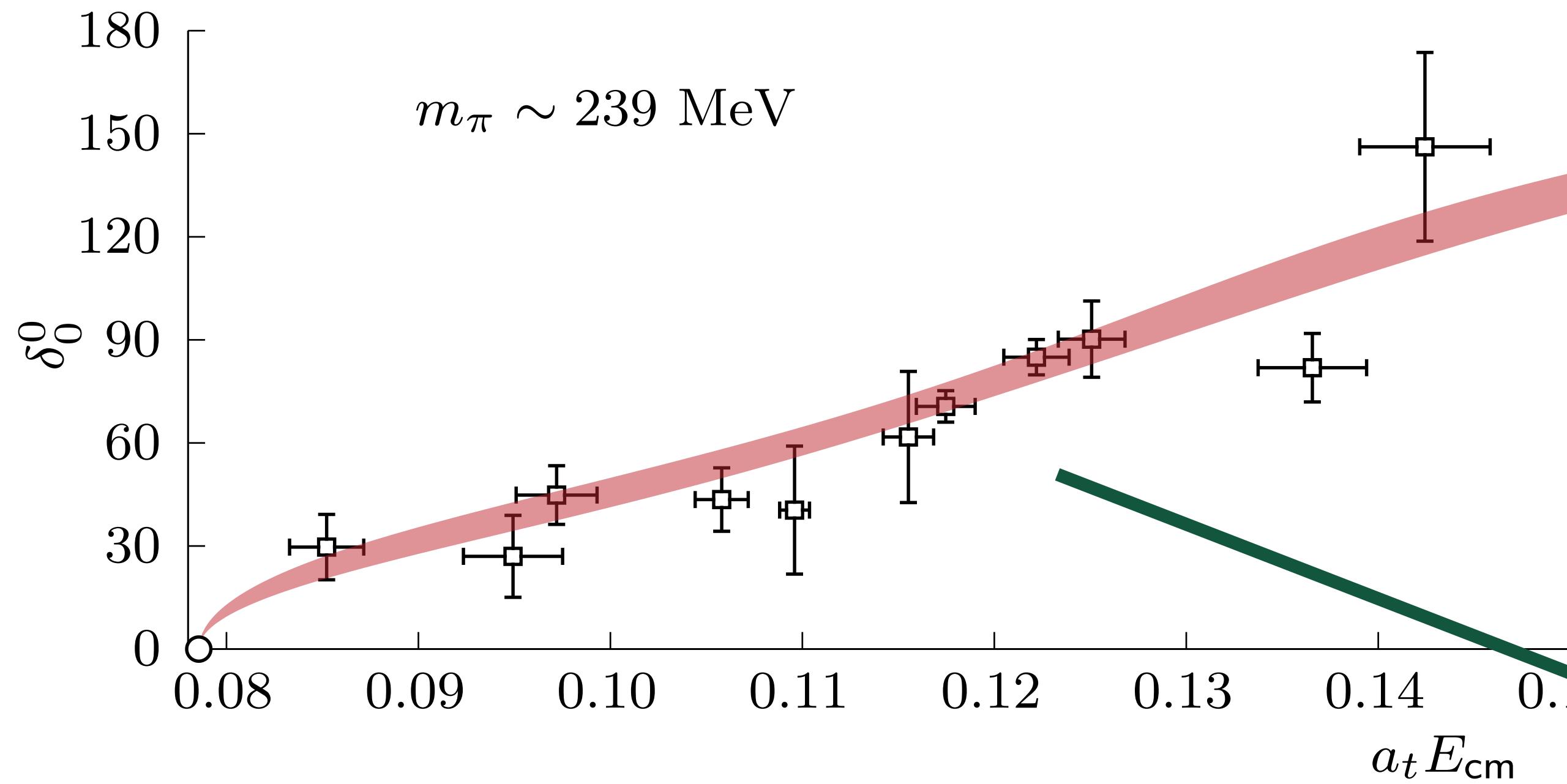


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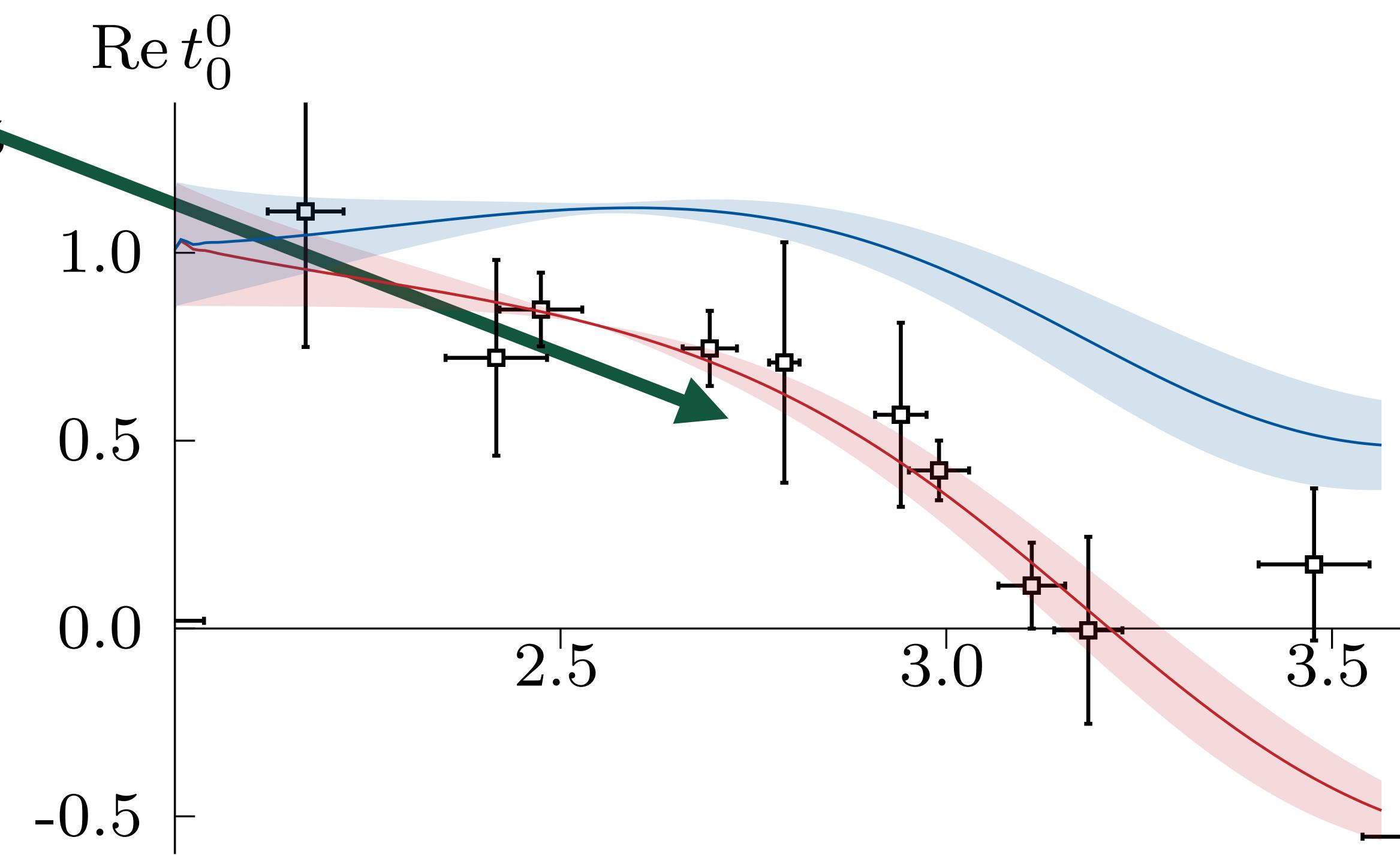
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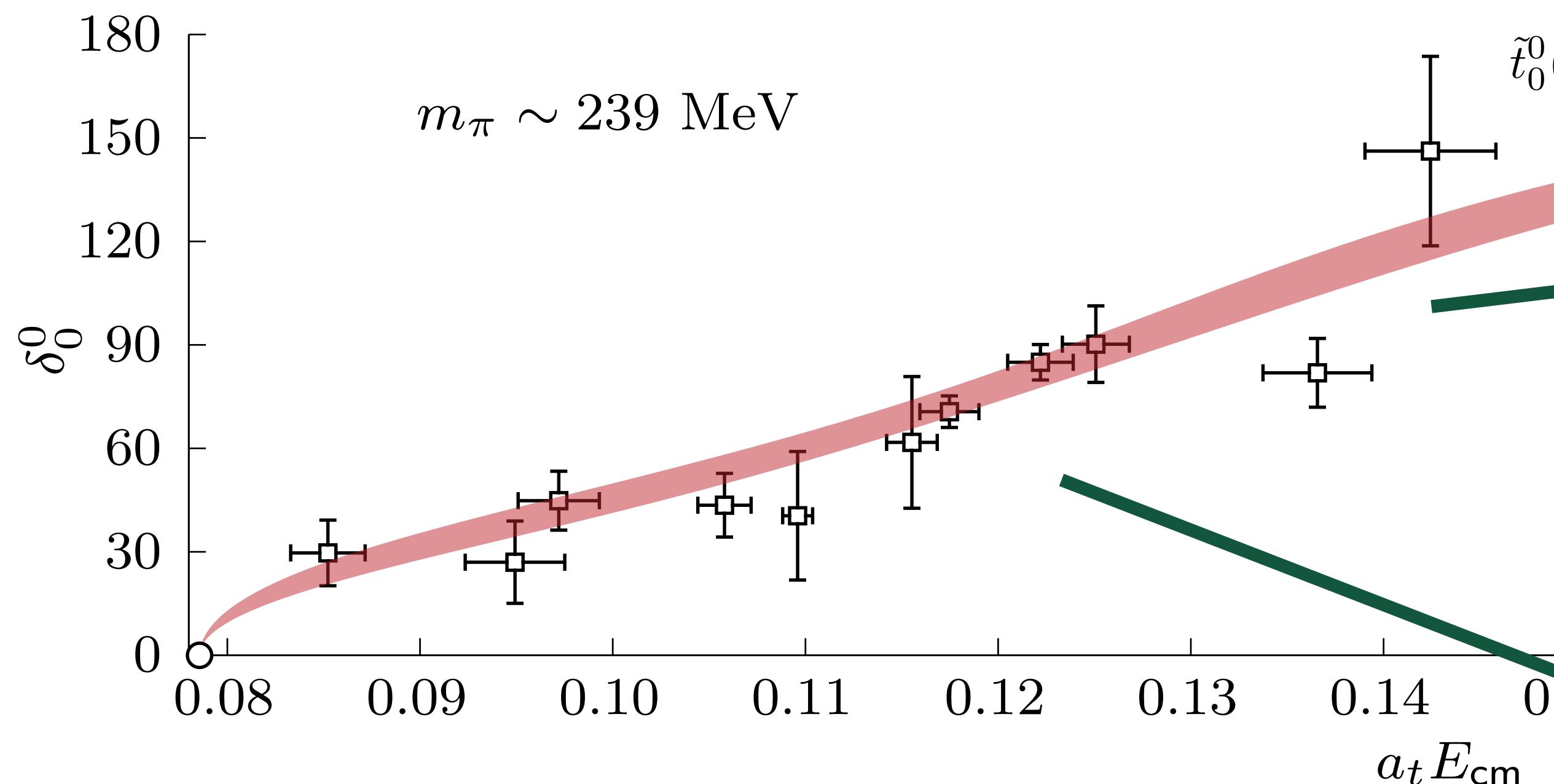
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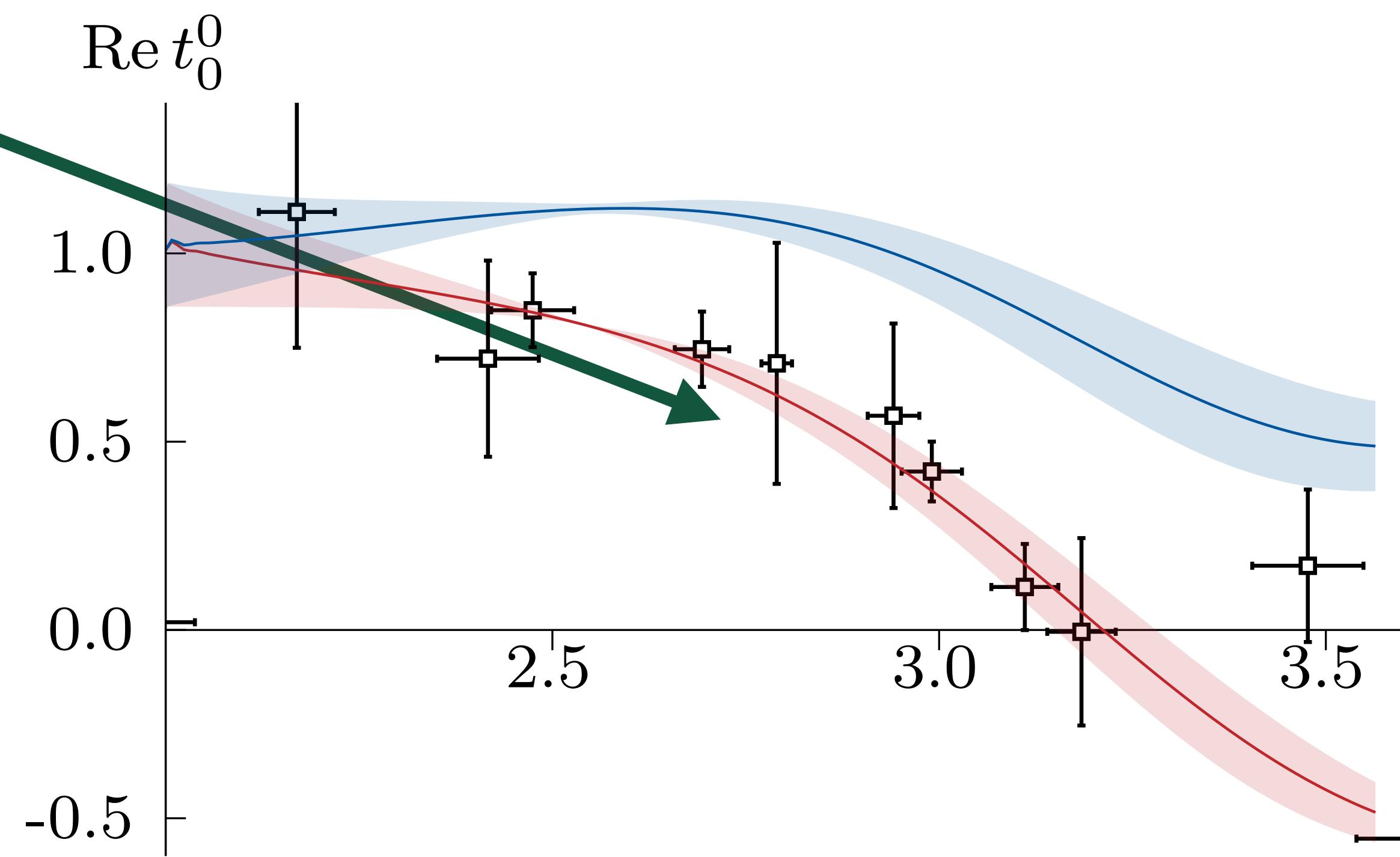
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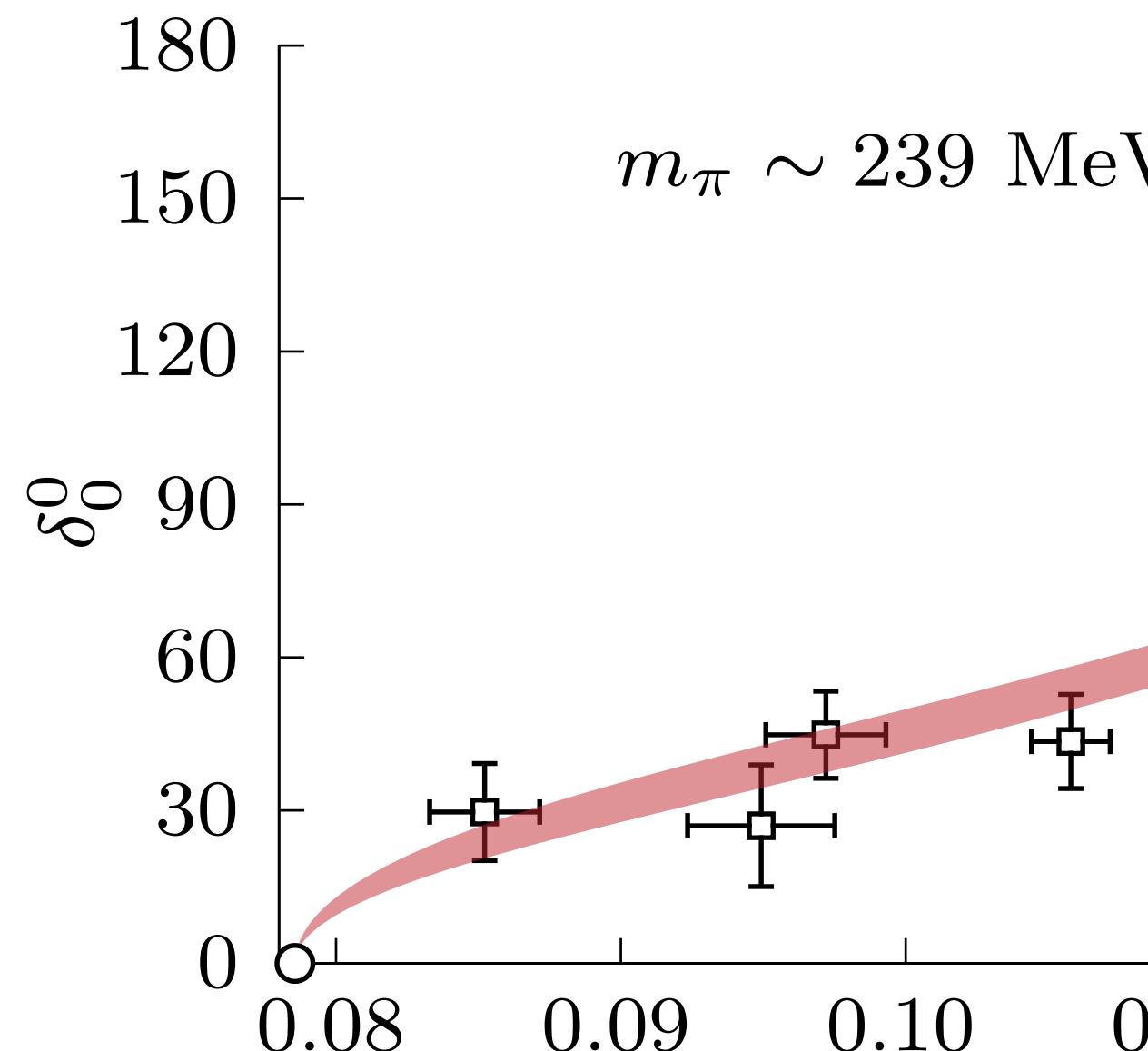
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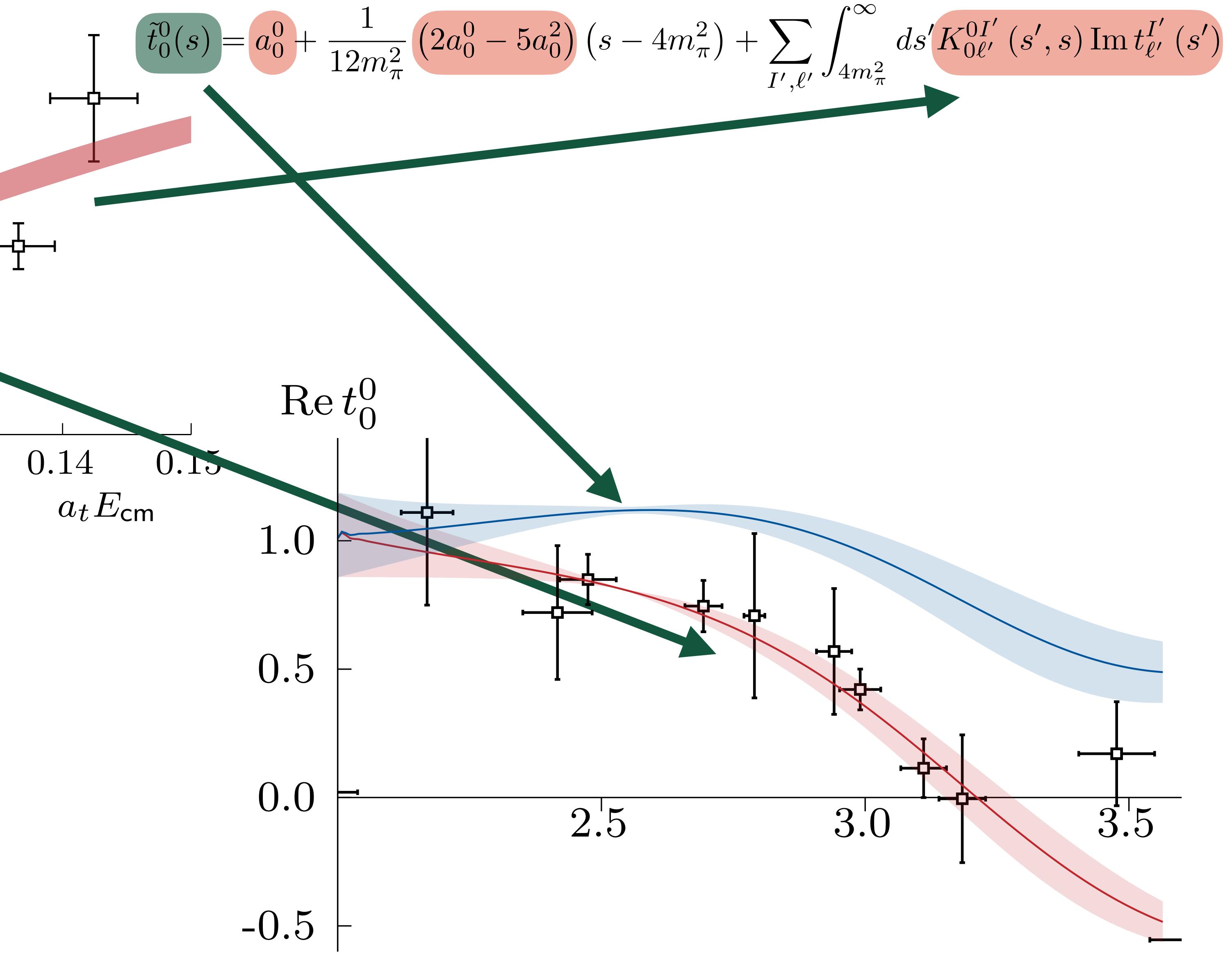
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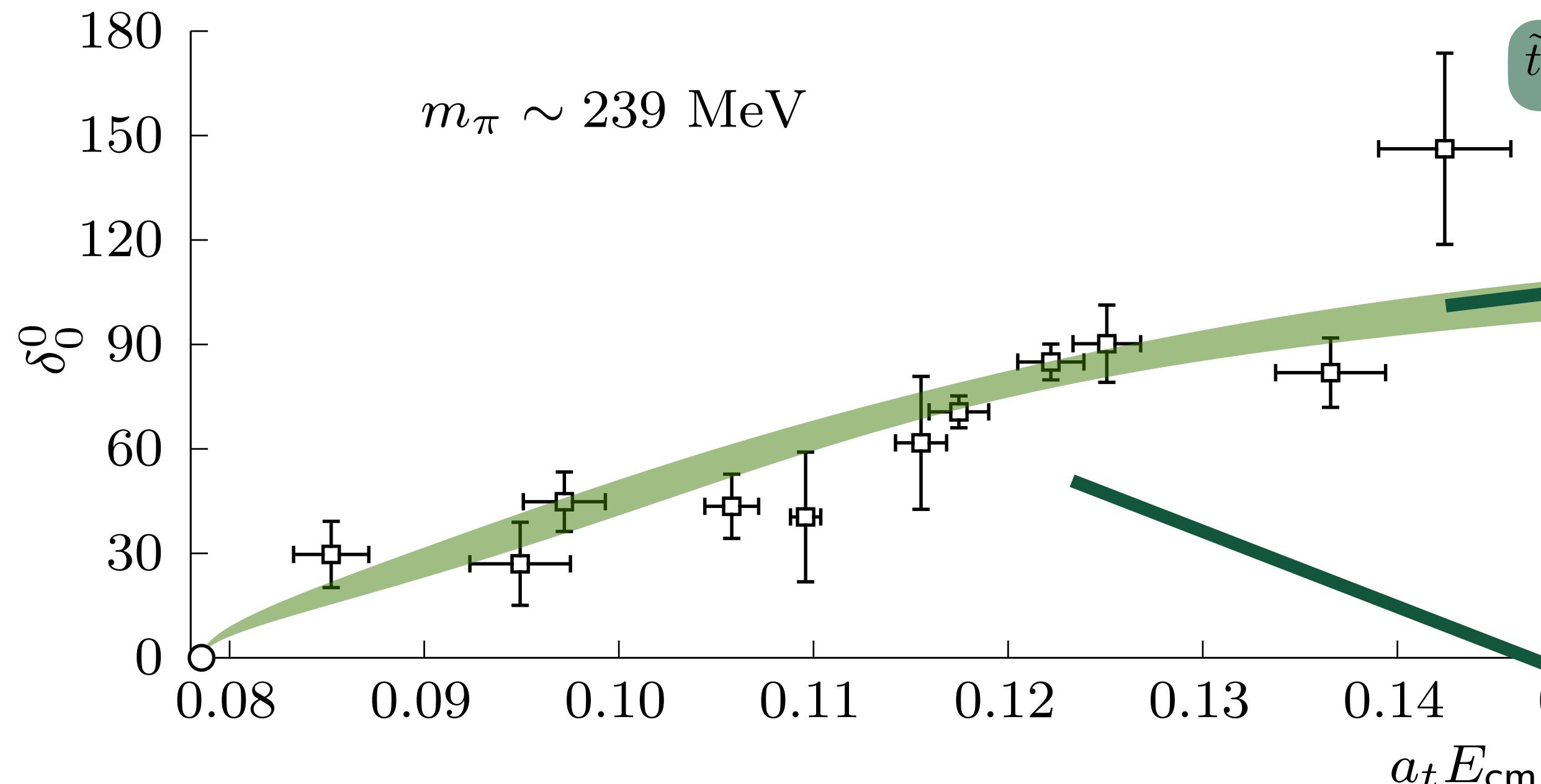
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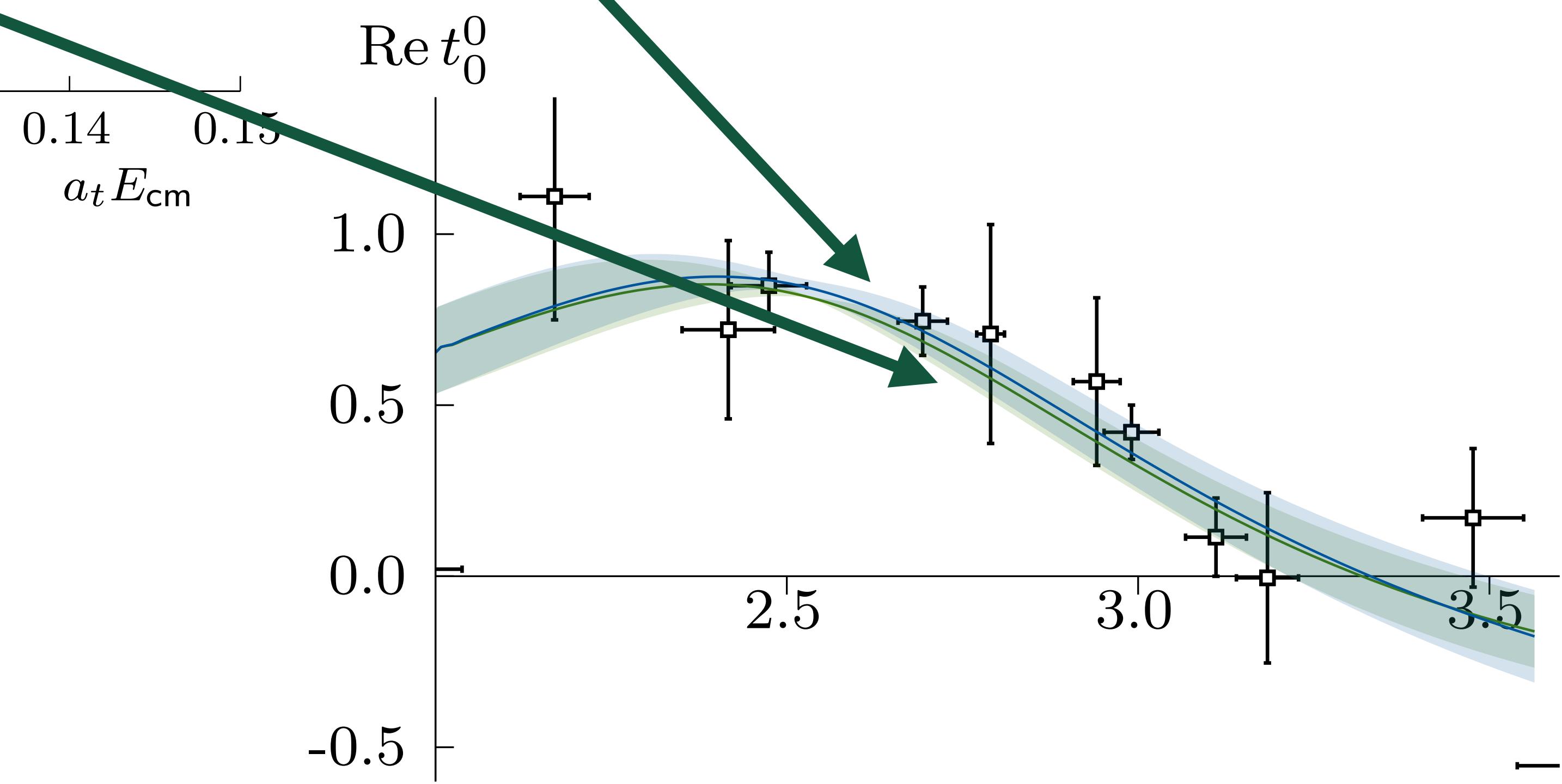
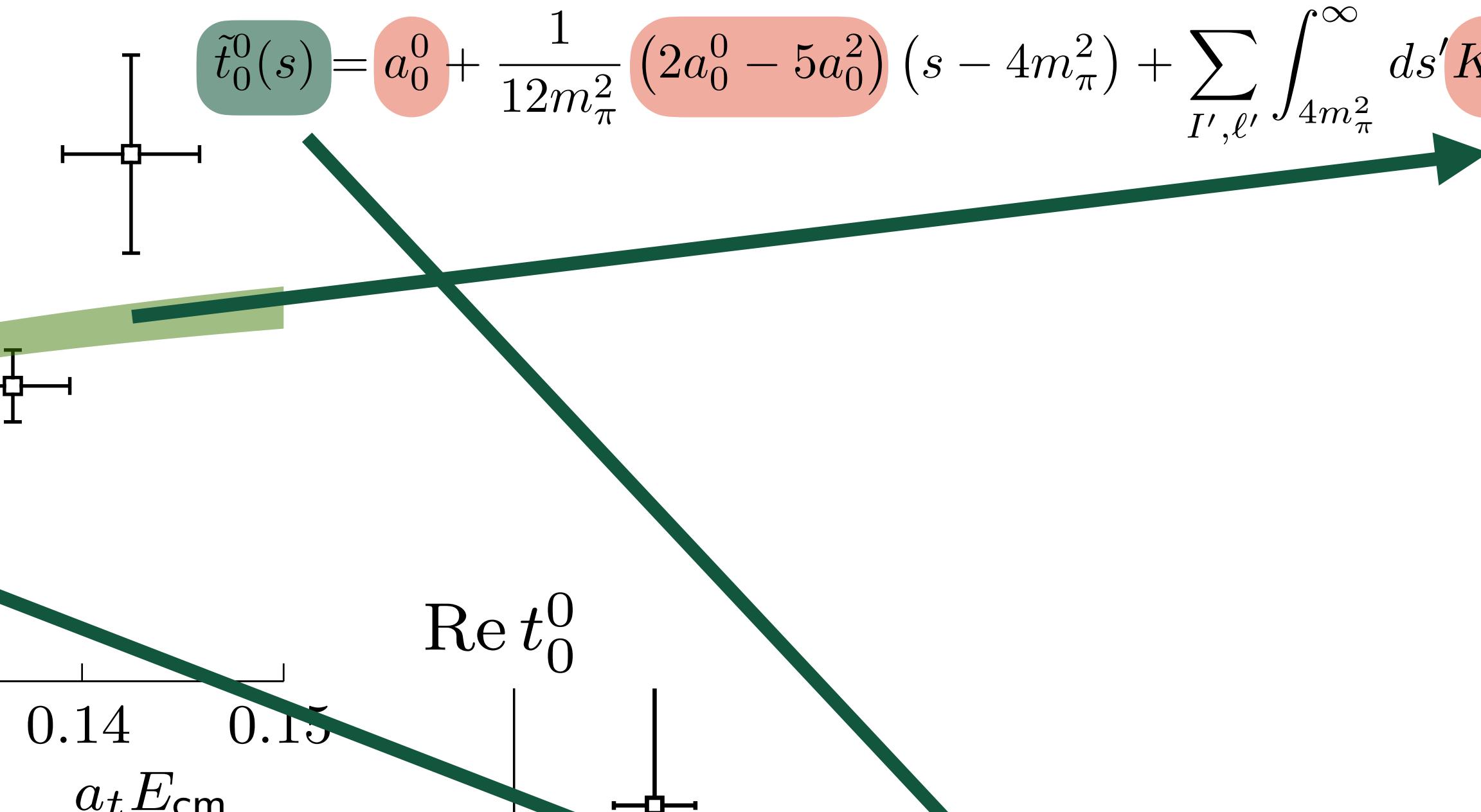
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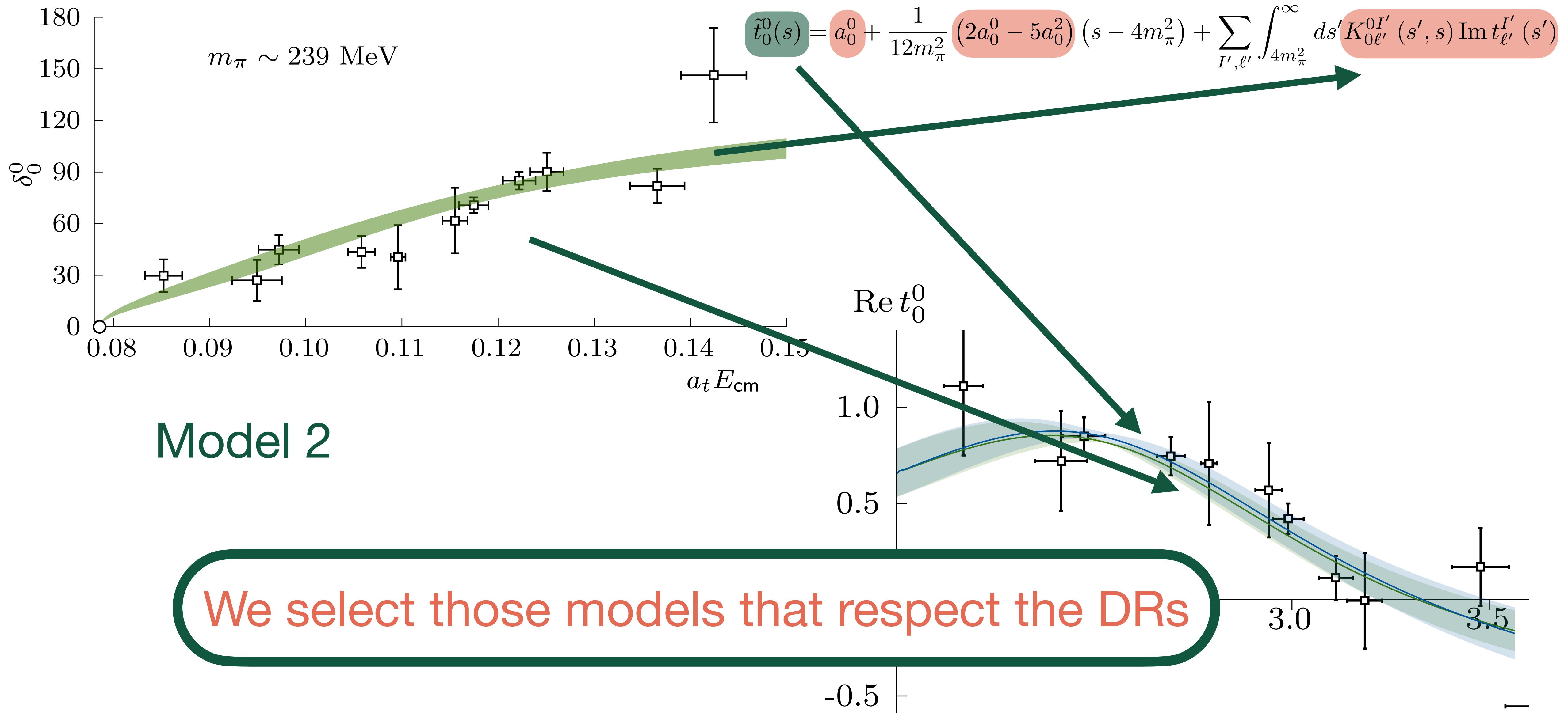


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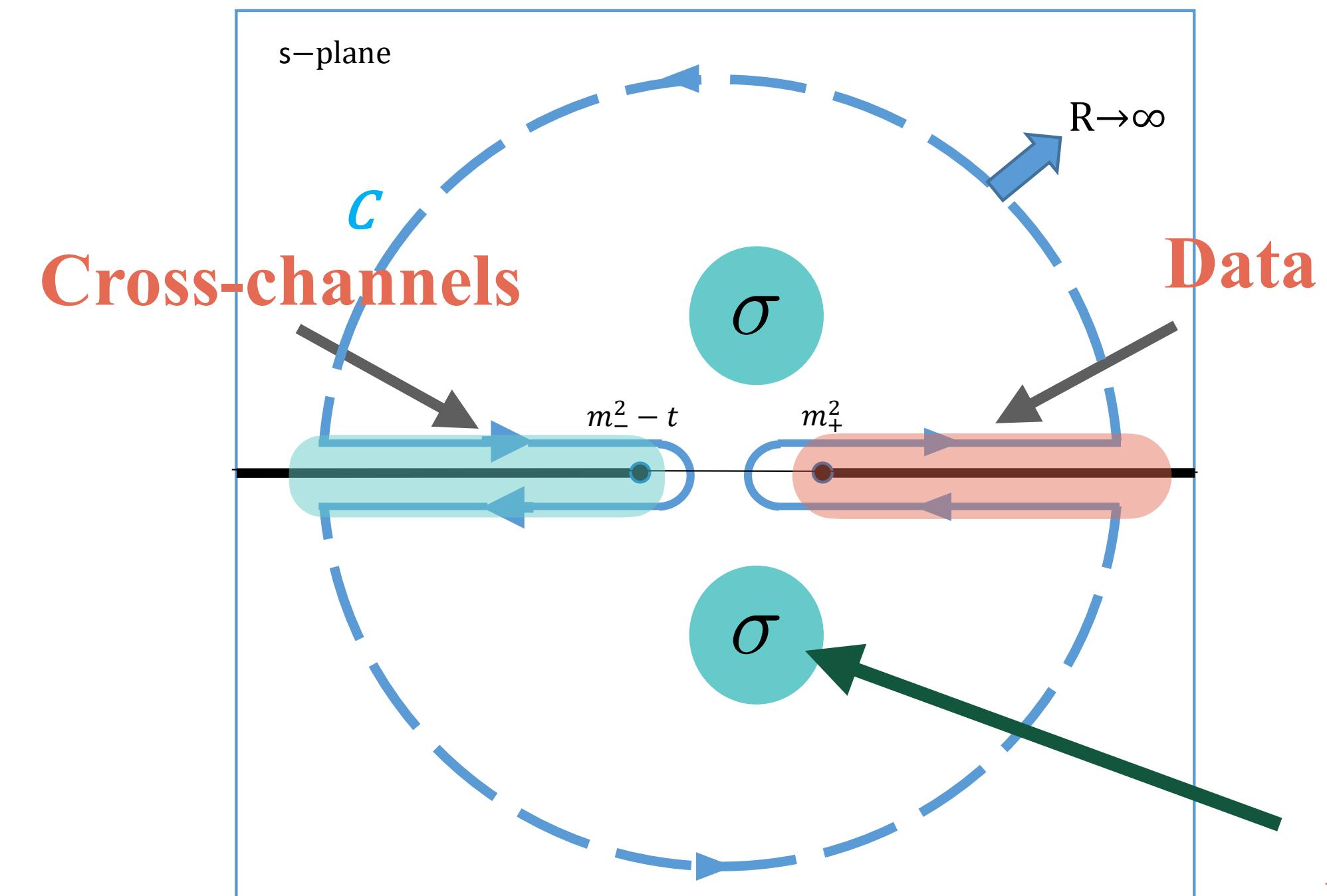
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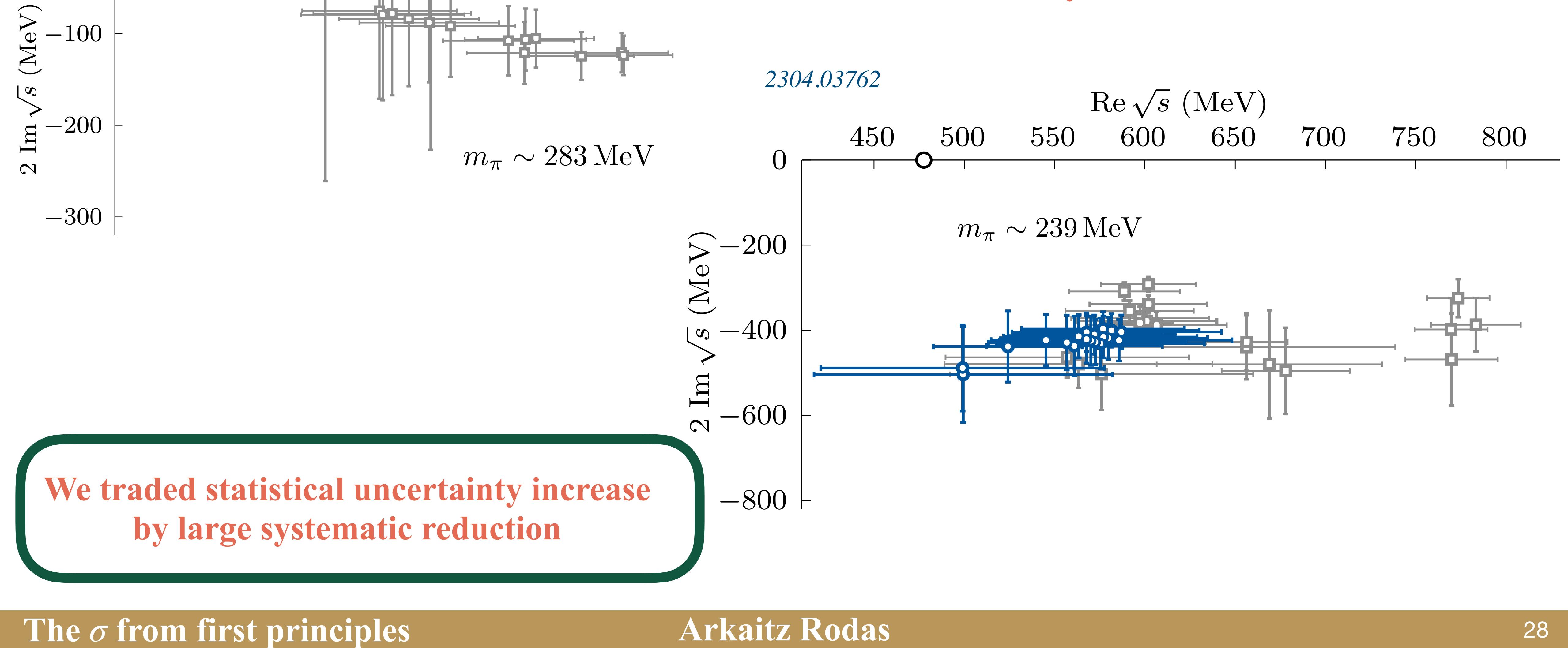


Both sides are good now

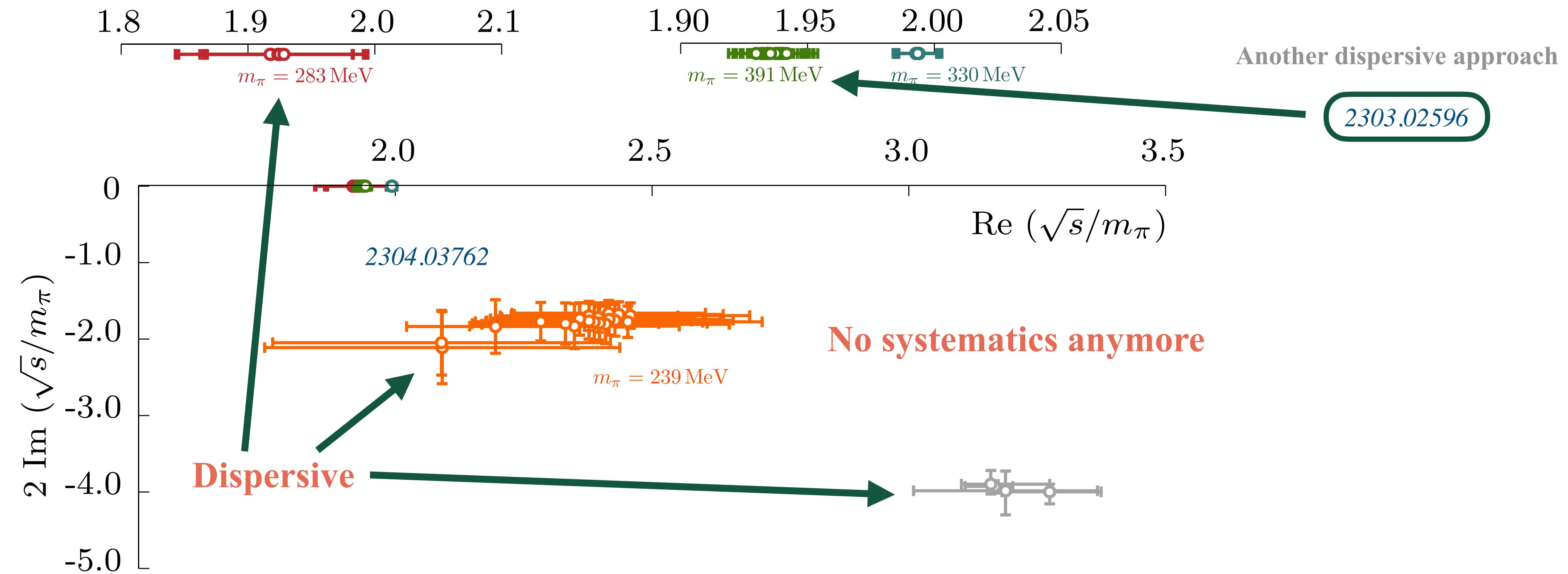
What happens everywhere else??

What happens here??

# Dispersive $\sigma$



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First-principles extraction of a broad resonance directly from QCD

The lighter the  $\pi$ , the more relevant this approach is

Better constraints over scattering lengths

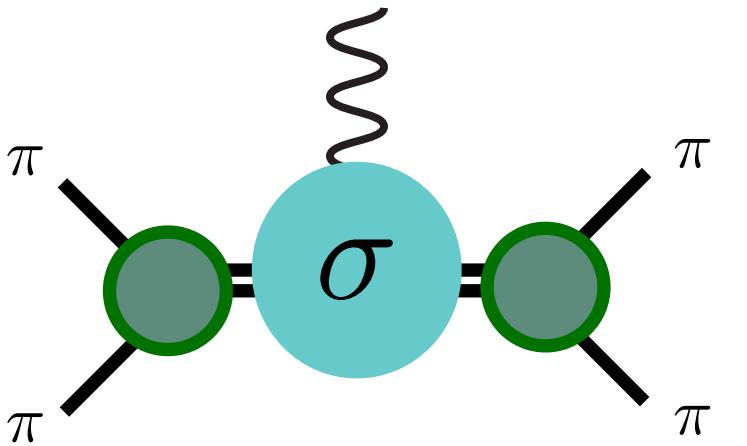
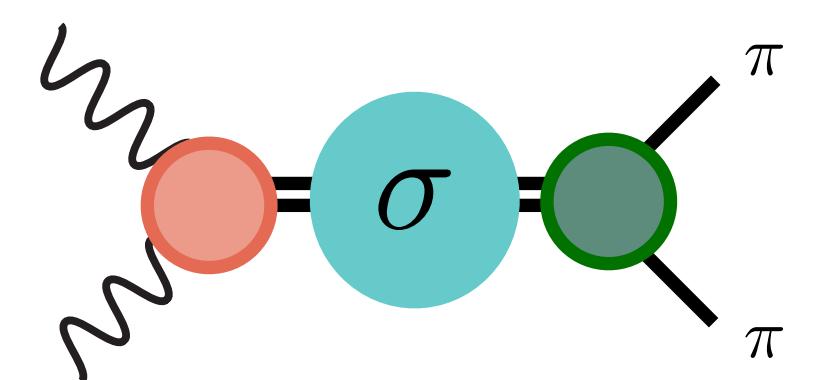
## Future

Include second, larger volume for the lighter pion mass

Extract the  $f_0(980)$  ??

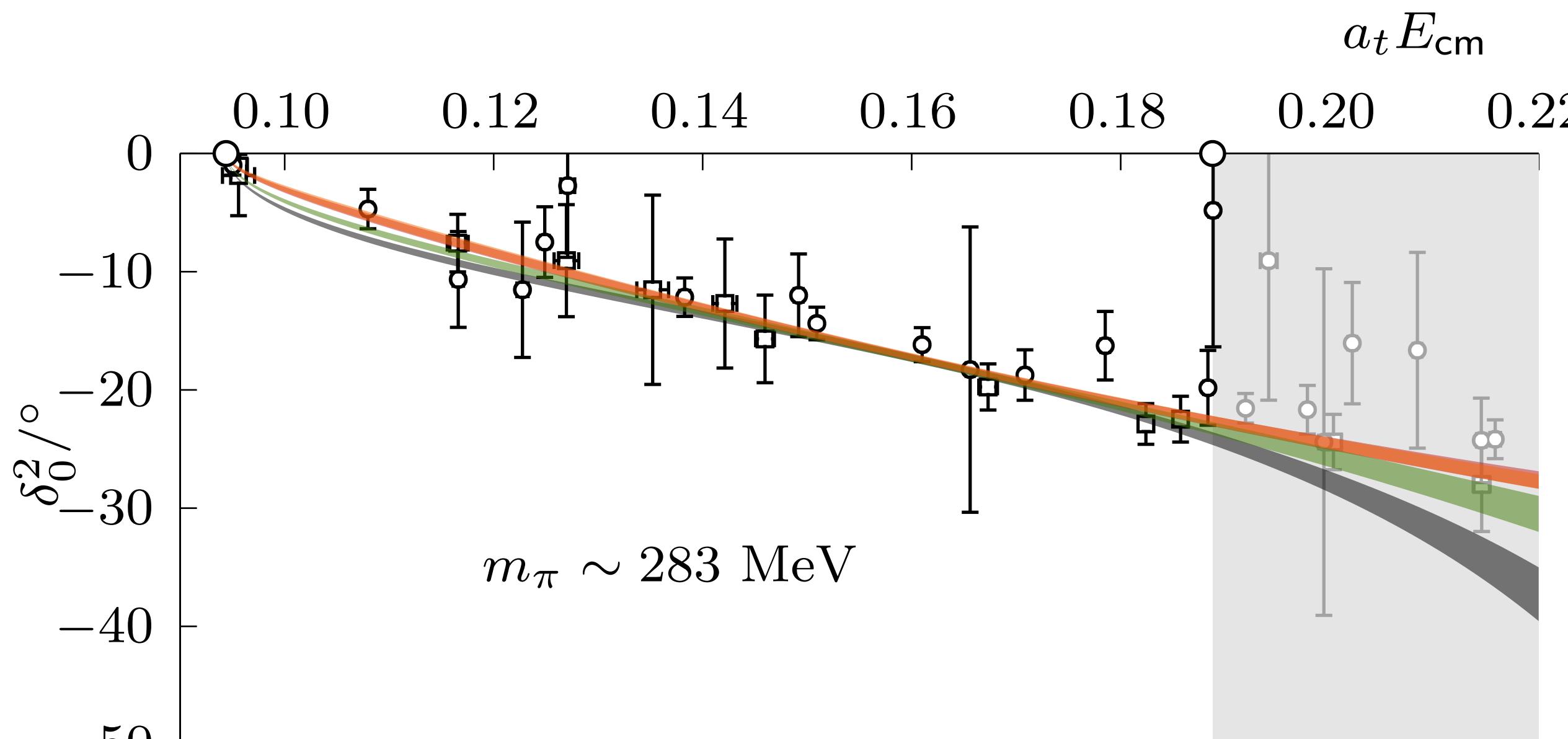
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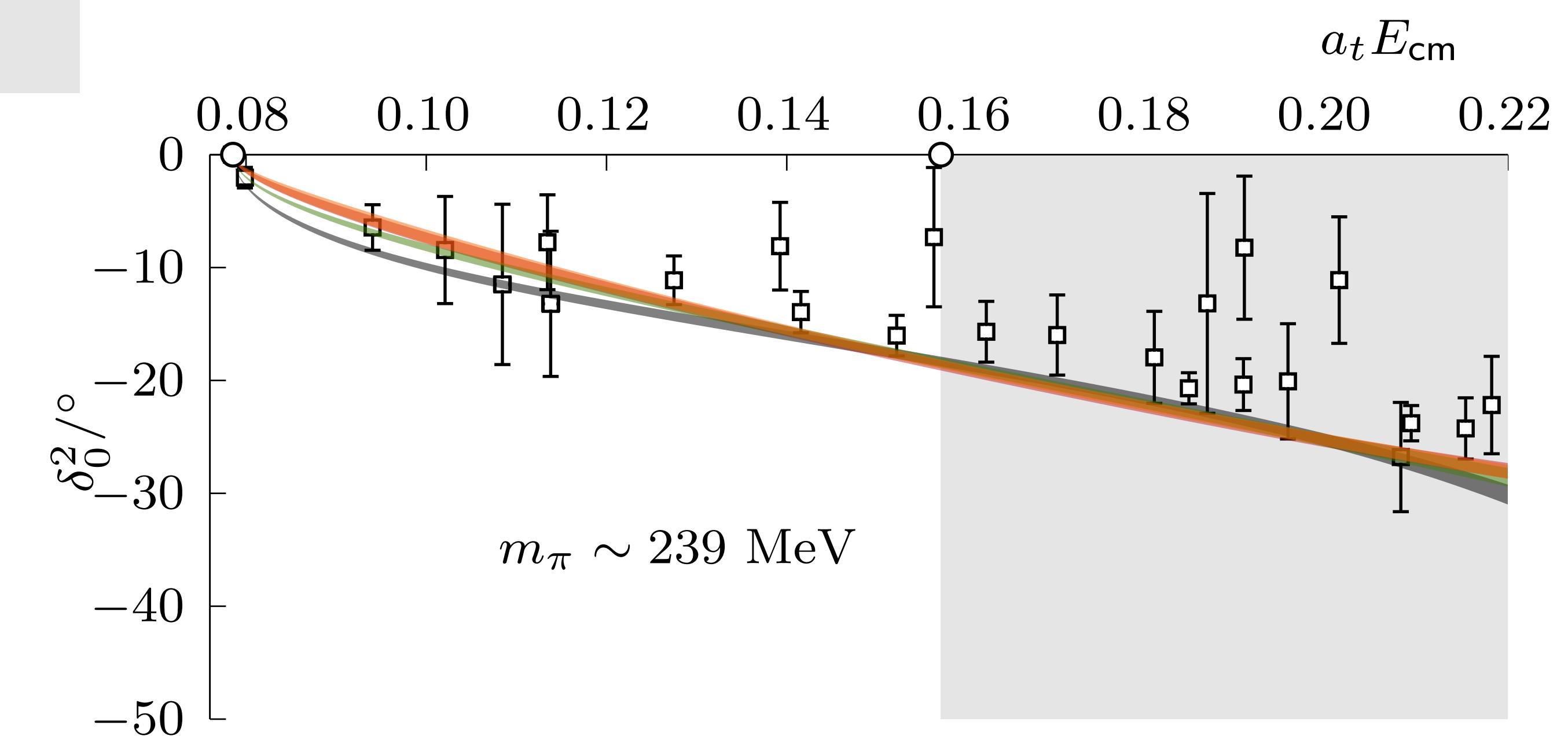
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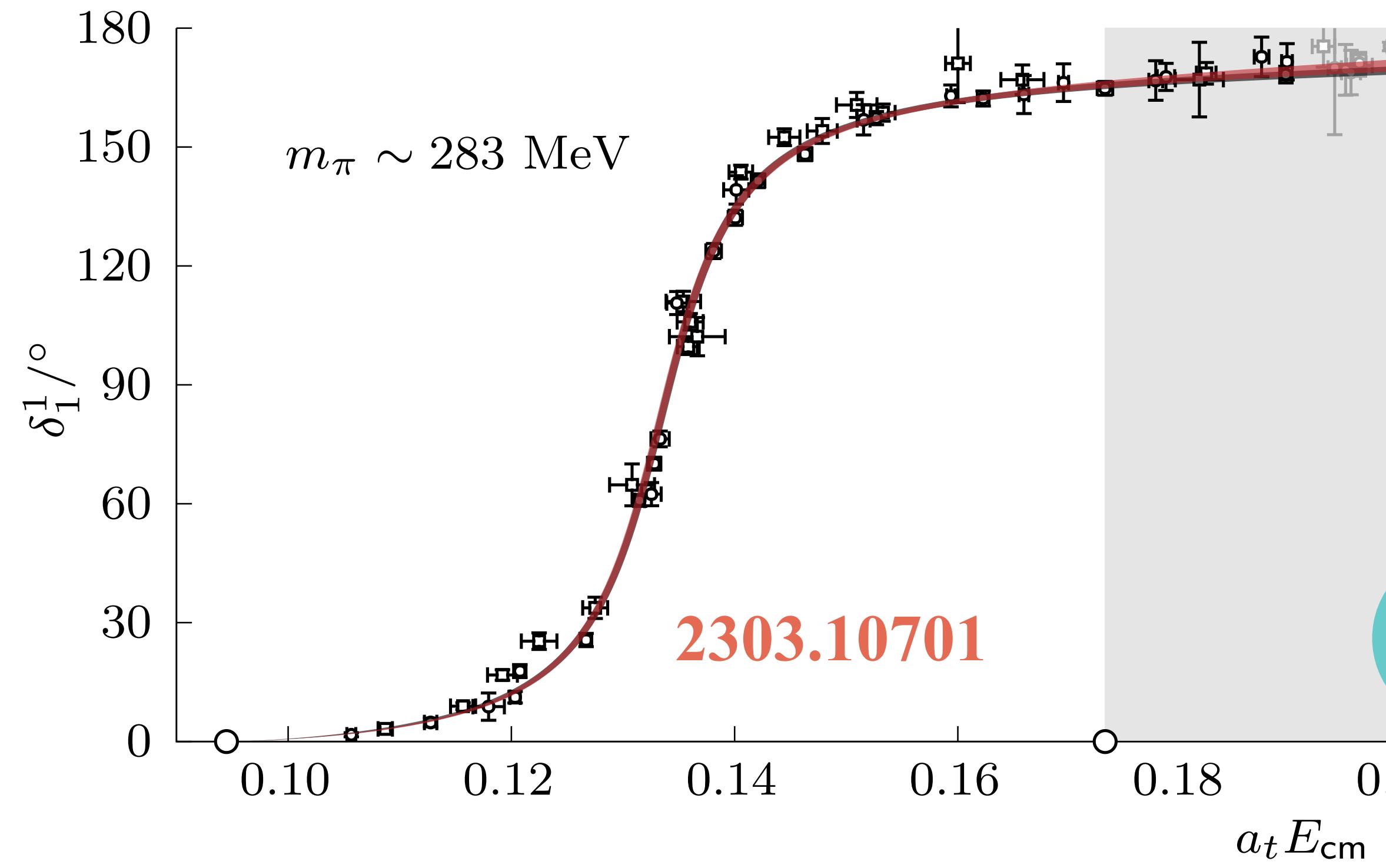


10+ parameterizations

Systematic spread at threshold

Percent error for  $\delta(s)$

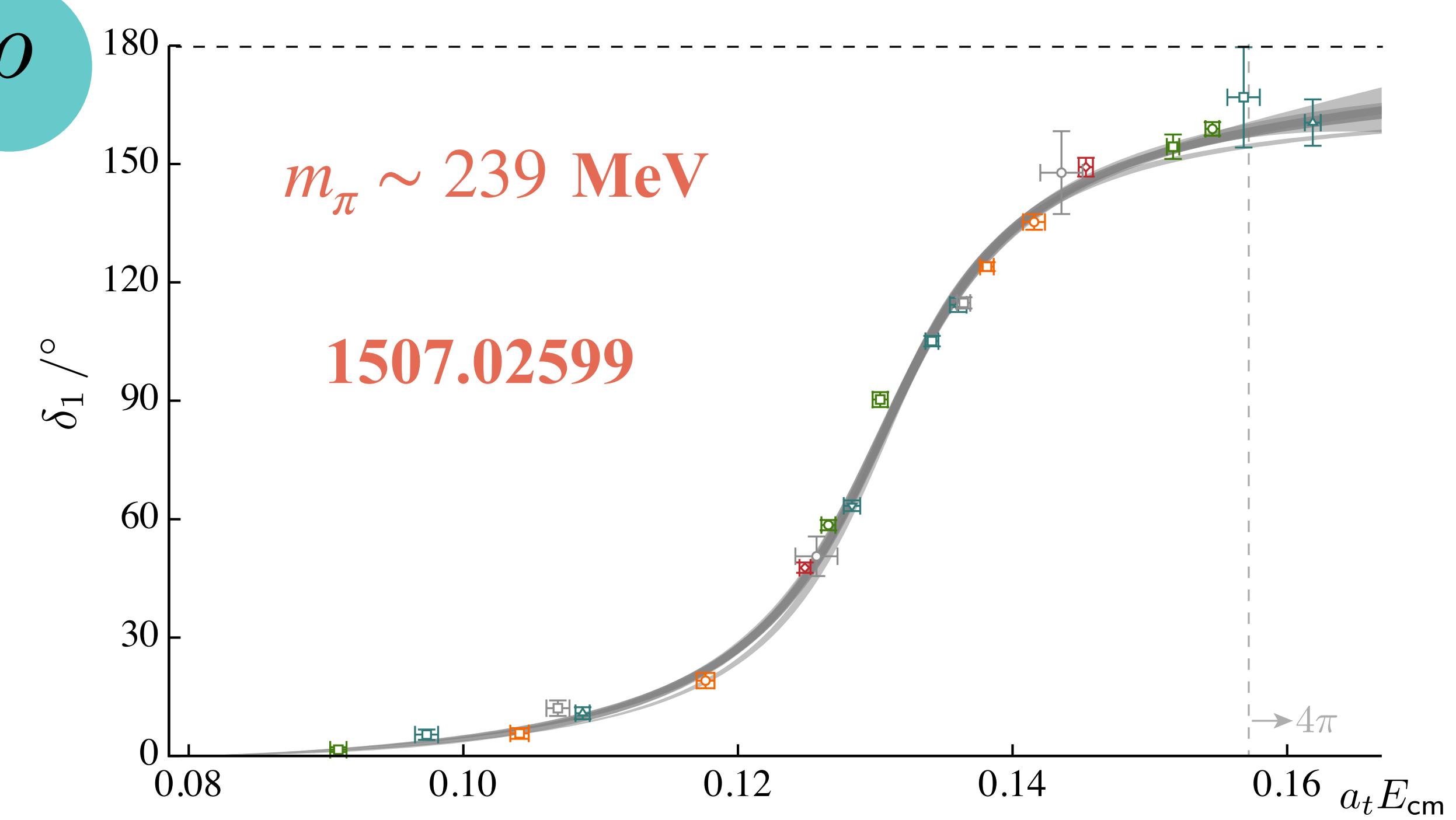


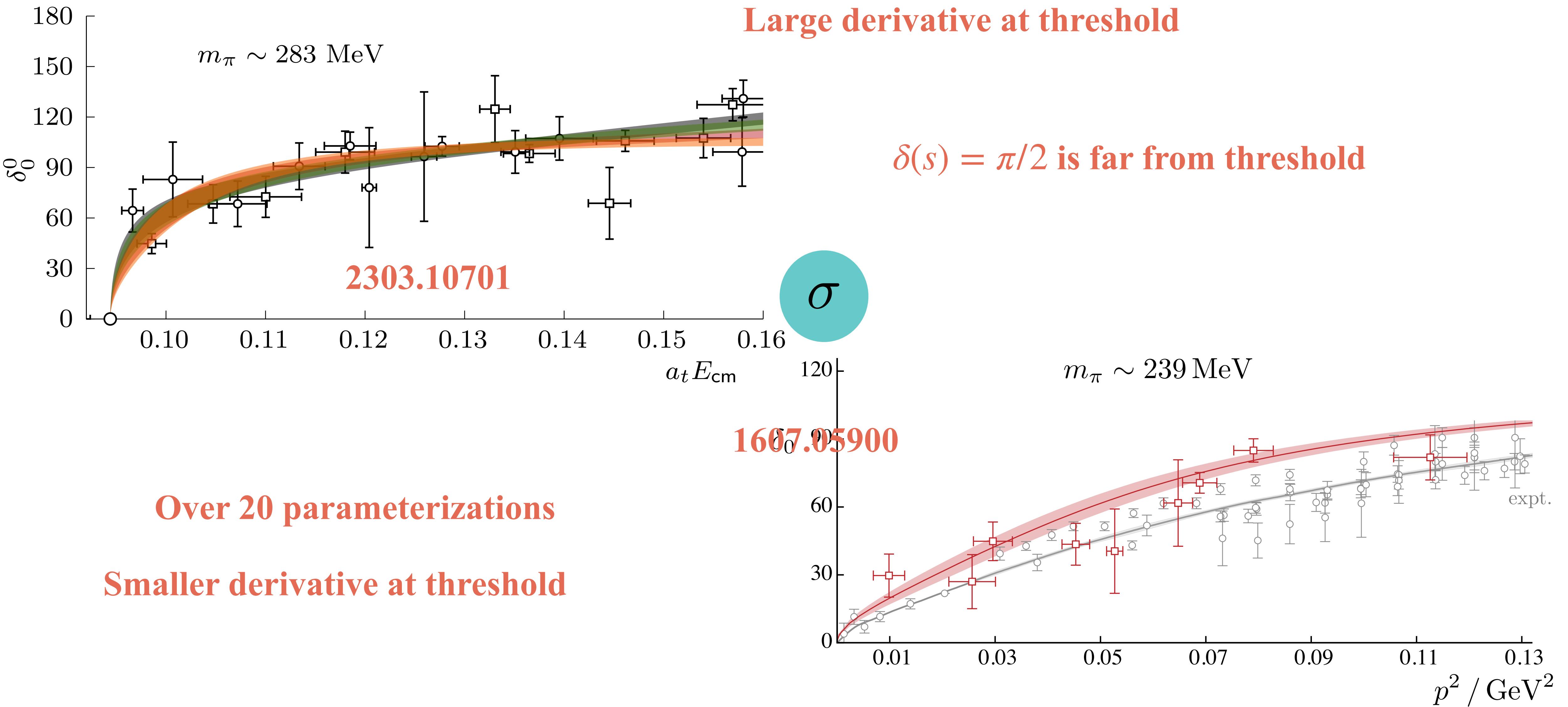


Around 10 parameterizations

Very consistent amplitude fits

Percent error for  $\delta(s)$





# Permutations

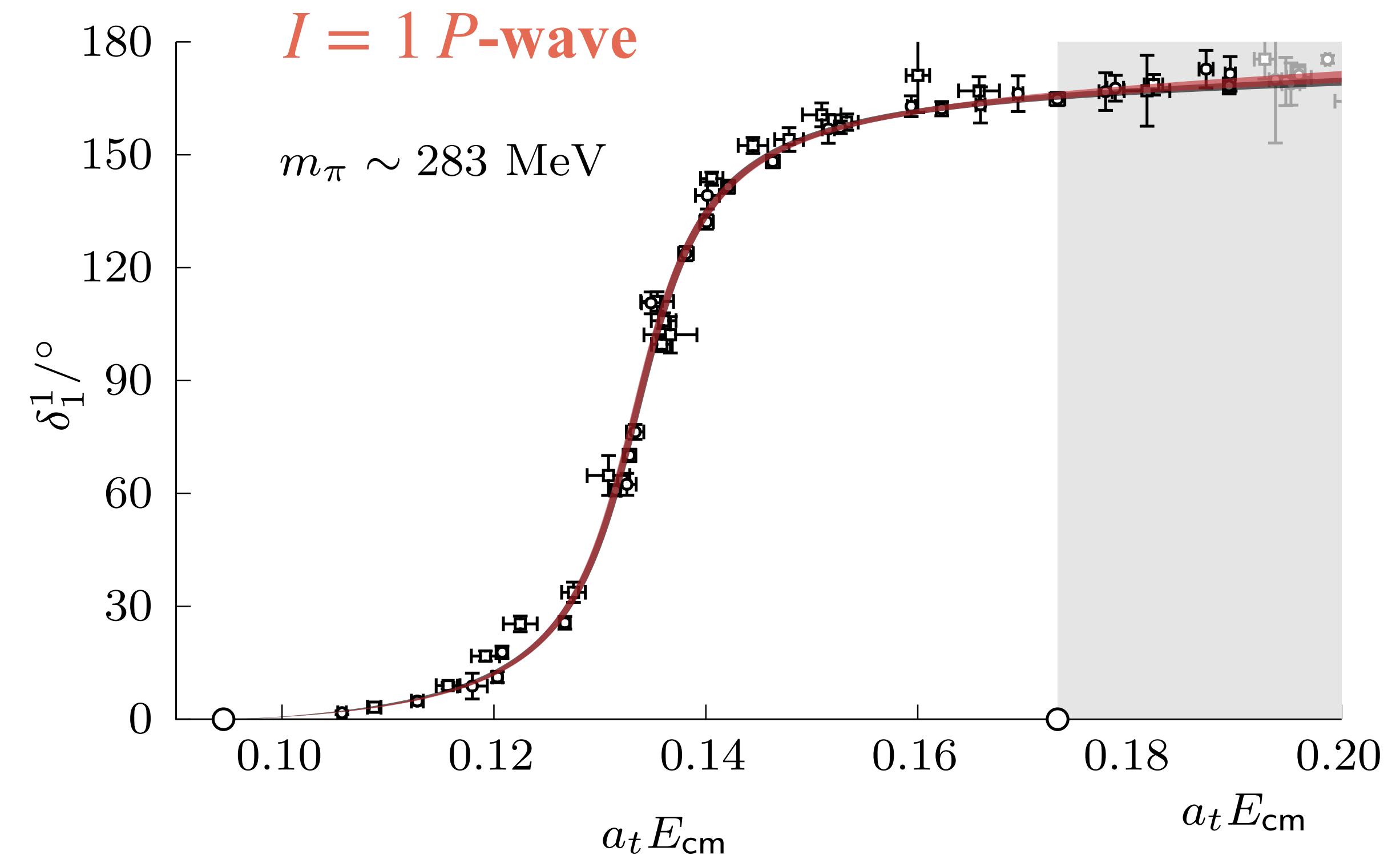
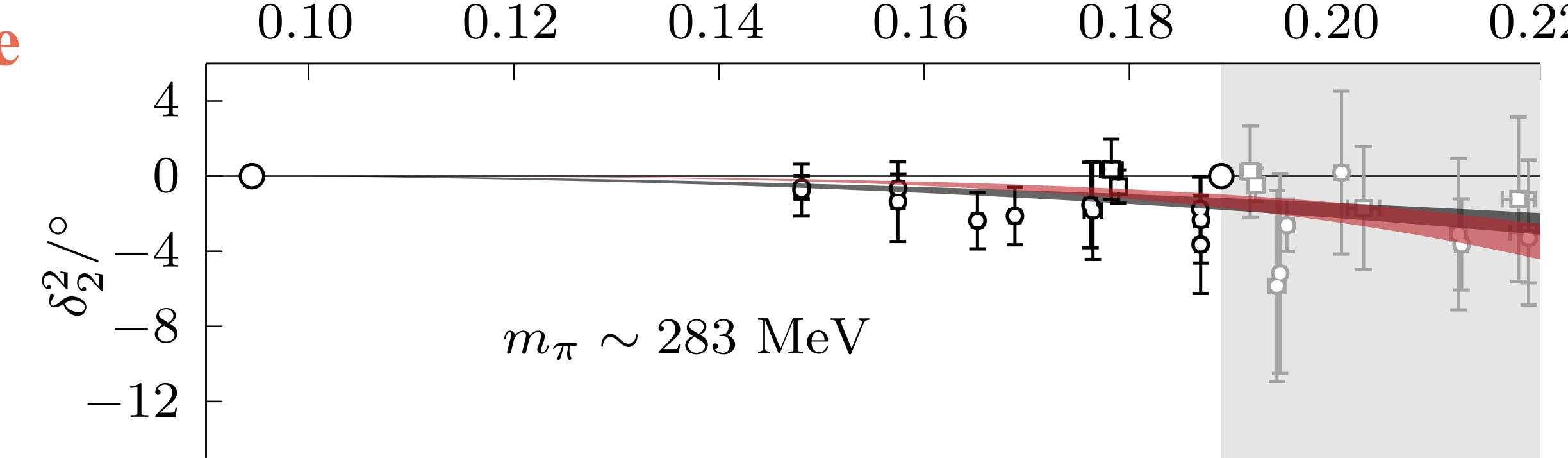
$$\sum_{I', \ell'} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^\infty ds' K_{\ell\ell'}^{II'}(s', s) \operatorname{Im} t_{\ell'}^{I'}(s')$$

For  $\ell_{max}$  partial waves

$$N_I \ell_{max} N_{params} \sim 10^5$$

We can fix most

$I = 2$  D-wave





Make

*Fit* → *In*

*DR* → *Out*

compatible



Unitarity

$$[d^2]_{\ell}^I \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{smp1}}} \left( \frac{\text{Re } \tilde{t}_{\ell}^I(s_i) - \text{Re } t_{\ell}^I(s_i)}{\Delta [\text{Re } \tilde{t}_{\ell}^I(s_i) - \text{Re } t_{\ell}^I(s_i)]} \right)^2$$



Make

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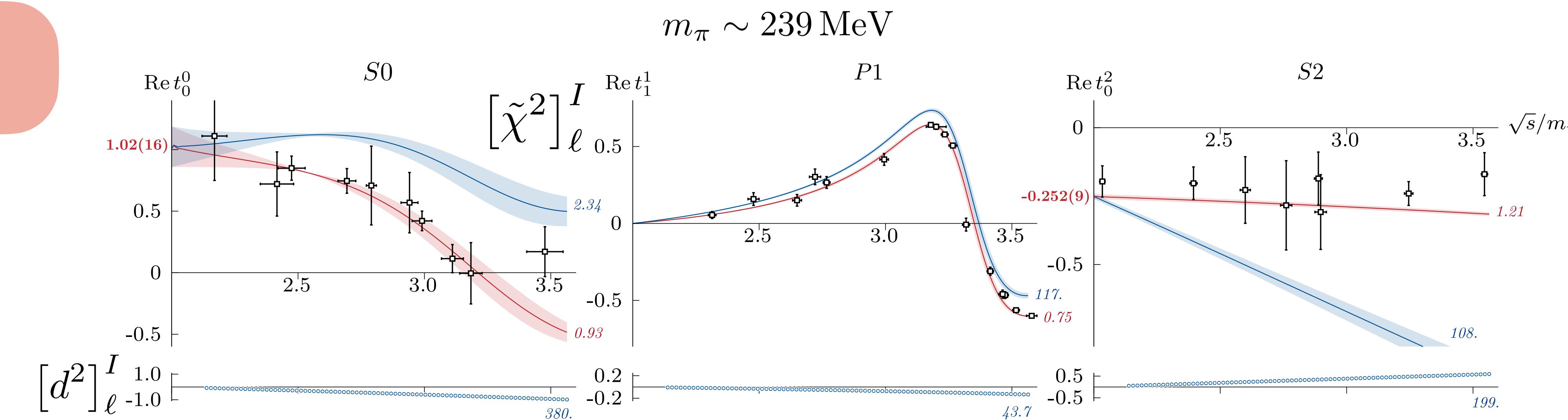


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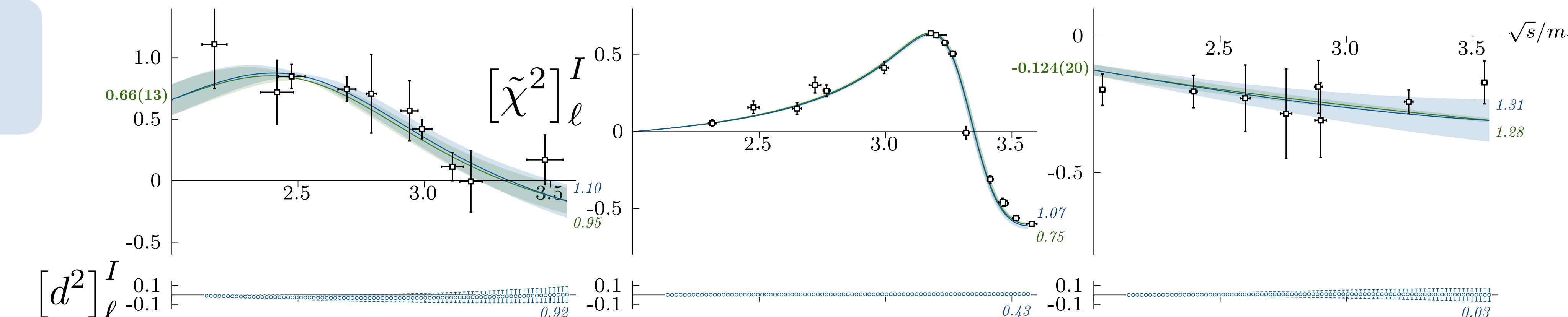
$$[\tilde{\chi}^2]_{\ell}^I \equiv \sum_{i,j=1}^{N_{\text{lat}}} \left( \frac{\mathfrak{f}_i - \text{Re } \tilde{t}_{\ell}^I(s_i)}{\Delta_i} \right) \text{corr}(\mathfrak{f}_i, \mathfrak{f}_j) \left( \frac{\mathfrak{f}_j - \text{Re } \tilde{t}_{\ell}^I(s_j)}{\Delta_j} \right)$$

# Tests: good vs bad

Bad fit combination



Dispersive output



Good fit combination



**Make**

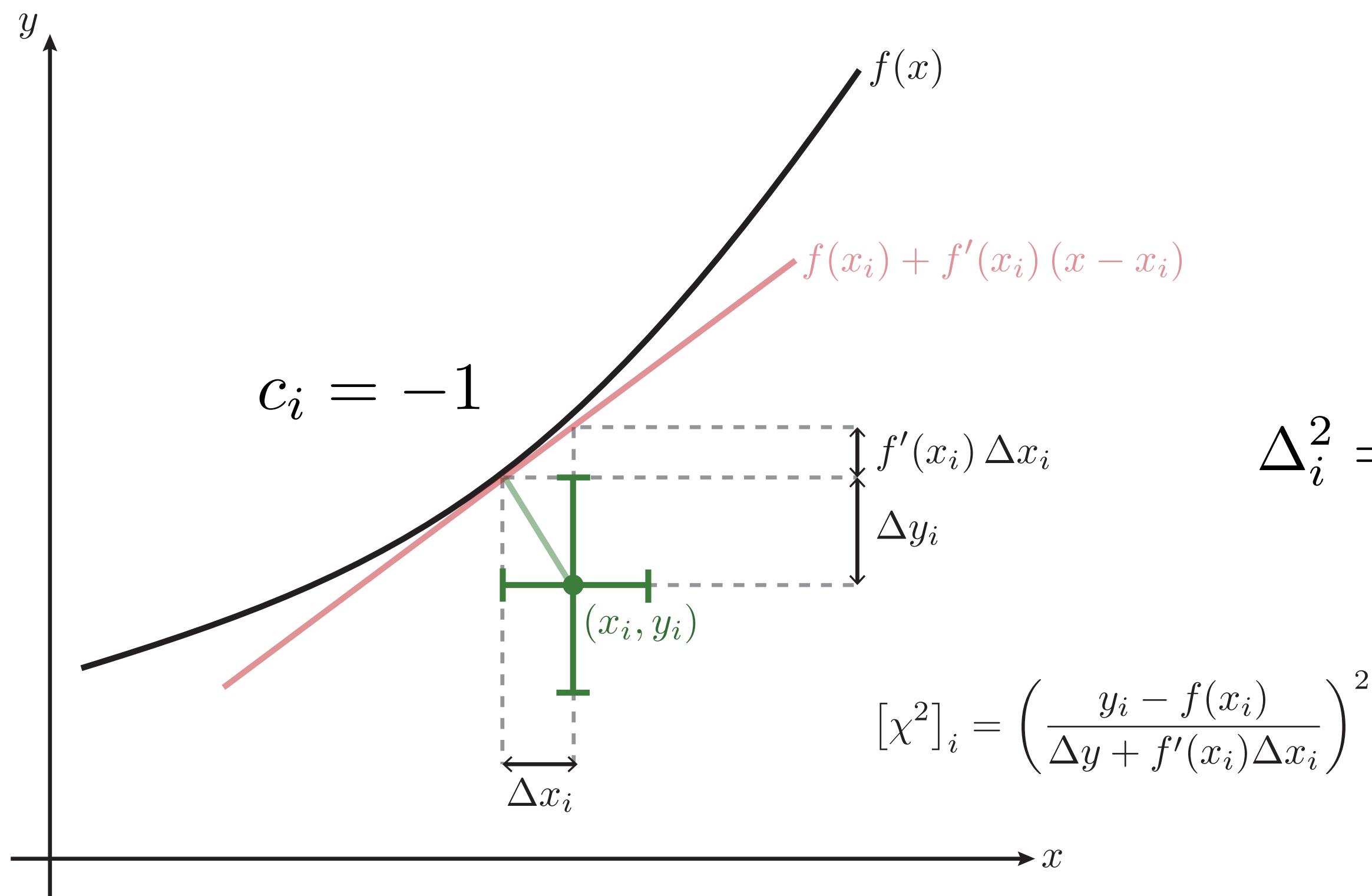
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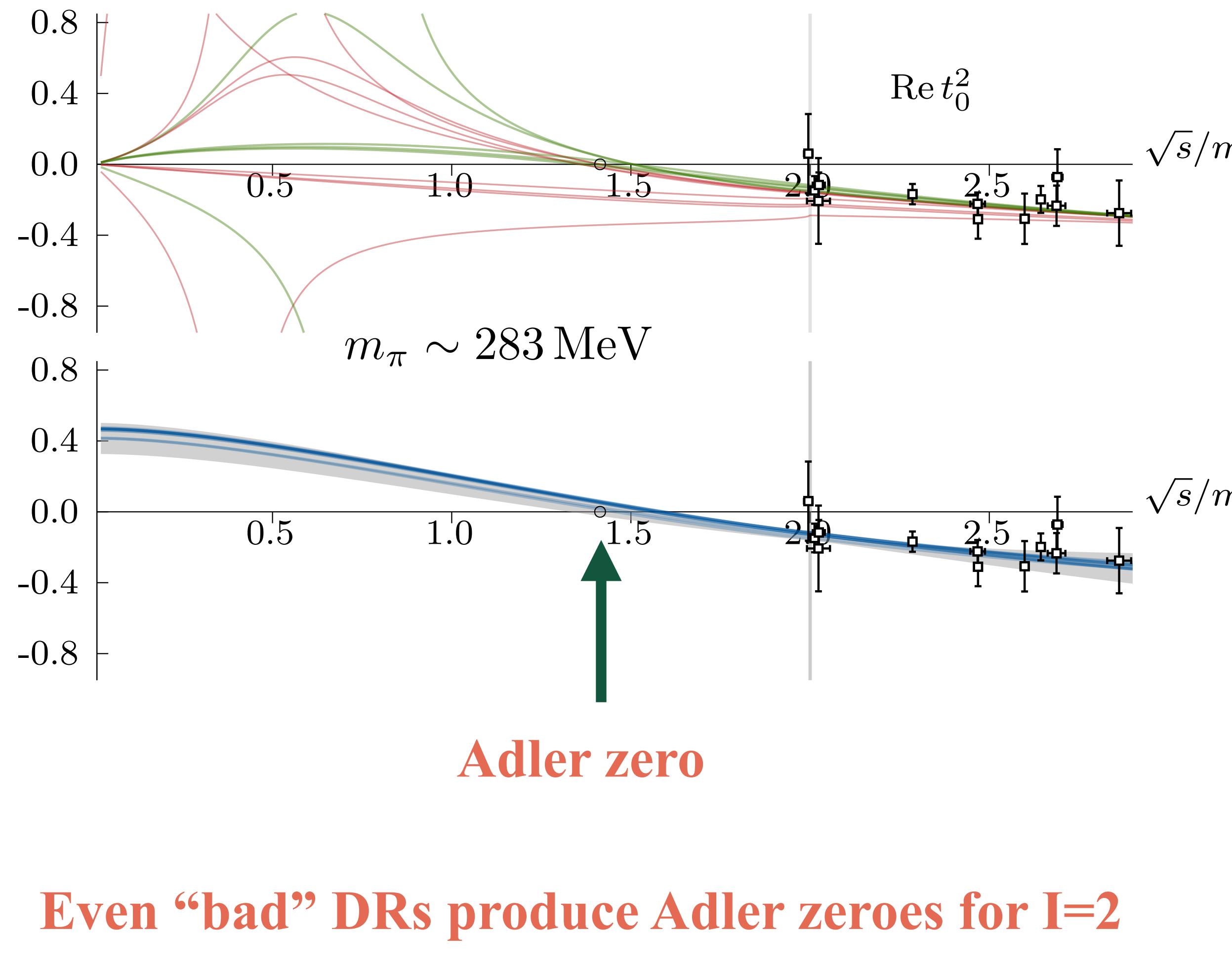
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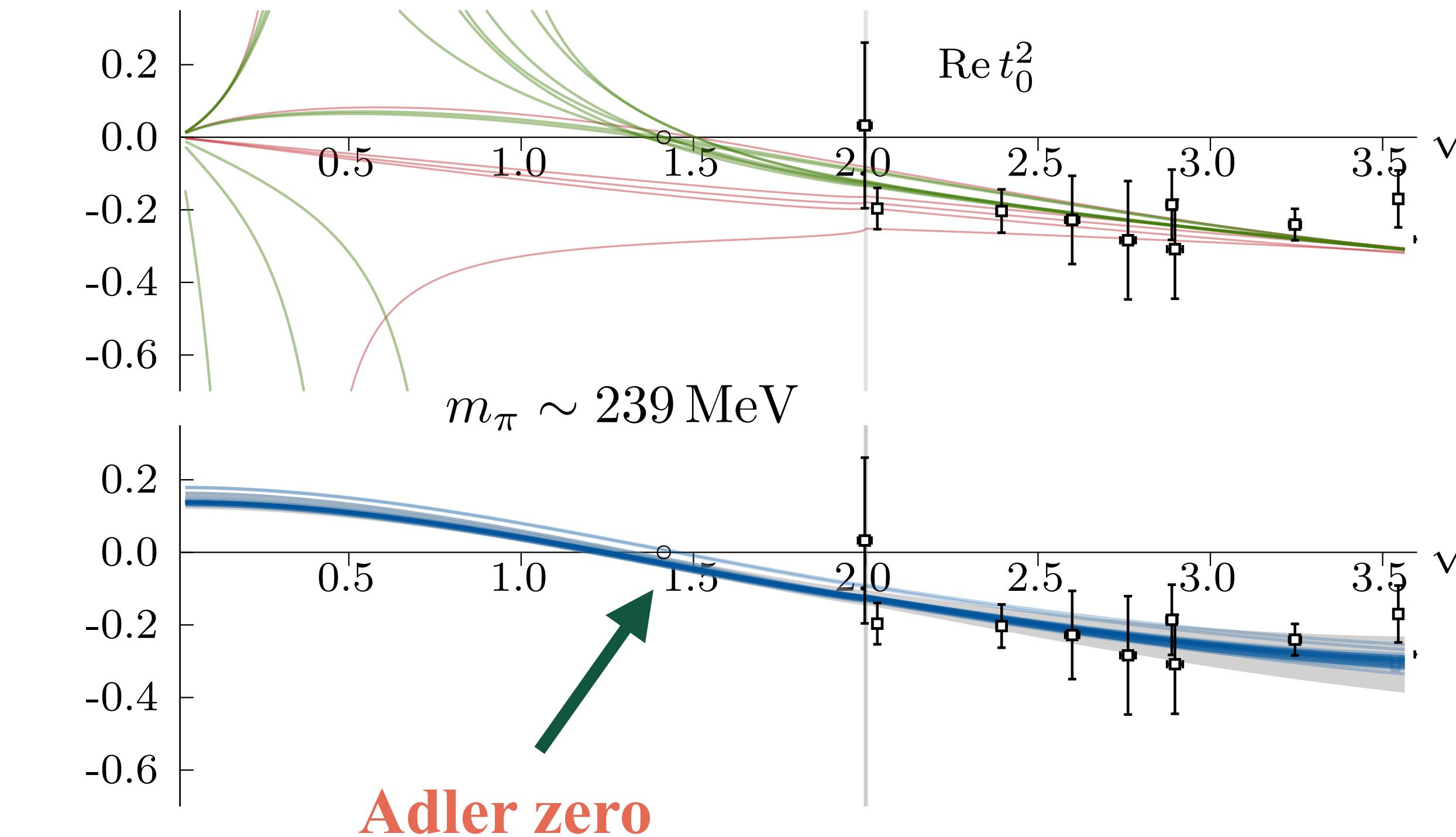
$$[\chi^2]_i = \left( \frac{y_i - f(x_i)}{\Delta y + f'(x_i)\Delta x_i} \right)^2$$

$$\Delta_i^2 = \left( \Delta \mathfrak{f}_i \ \frac{d\tilde{f}_{\ell}^I(s_i)}{dE_i} \Delta E_i \right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -c_i \\ -c_i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \left( \frac{\Delta \tilde{f}_i}{\frac{d\tilde{f}_{\ell}^I(s_i)}{dE_i} \Delta E_i} \right)$$

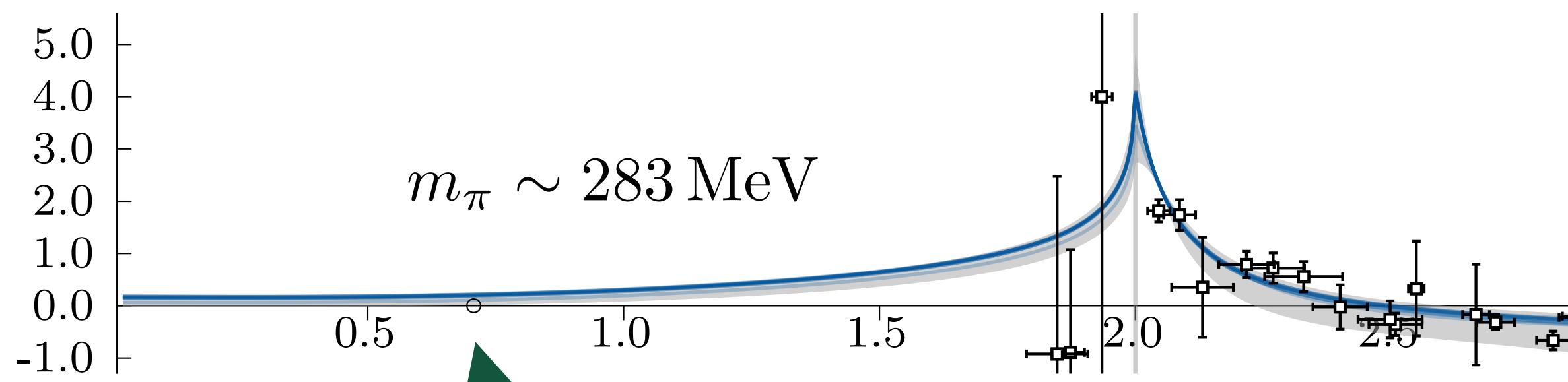
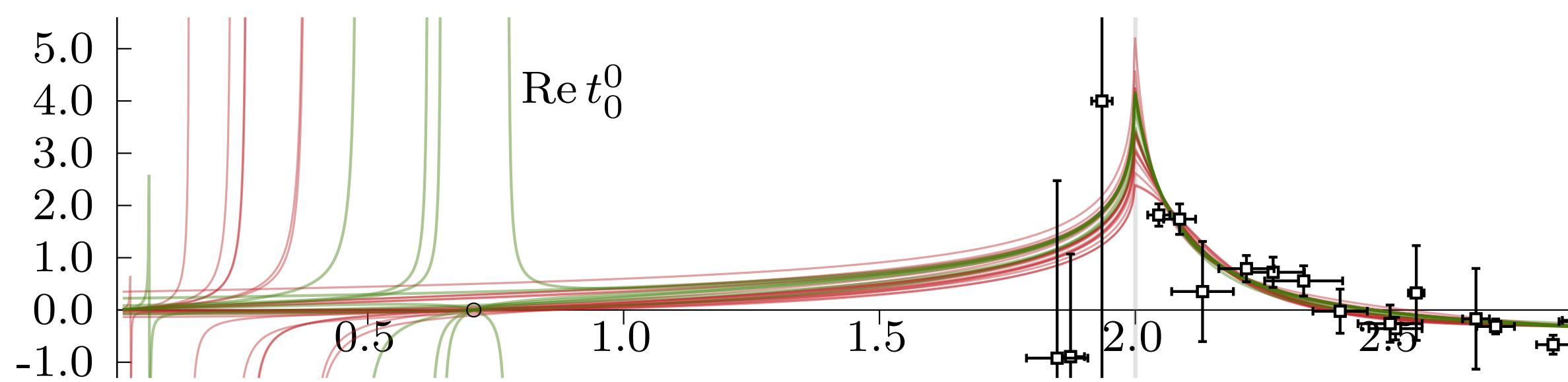
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Very “stable” for  $I = 2 \pi\pi$

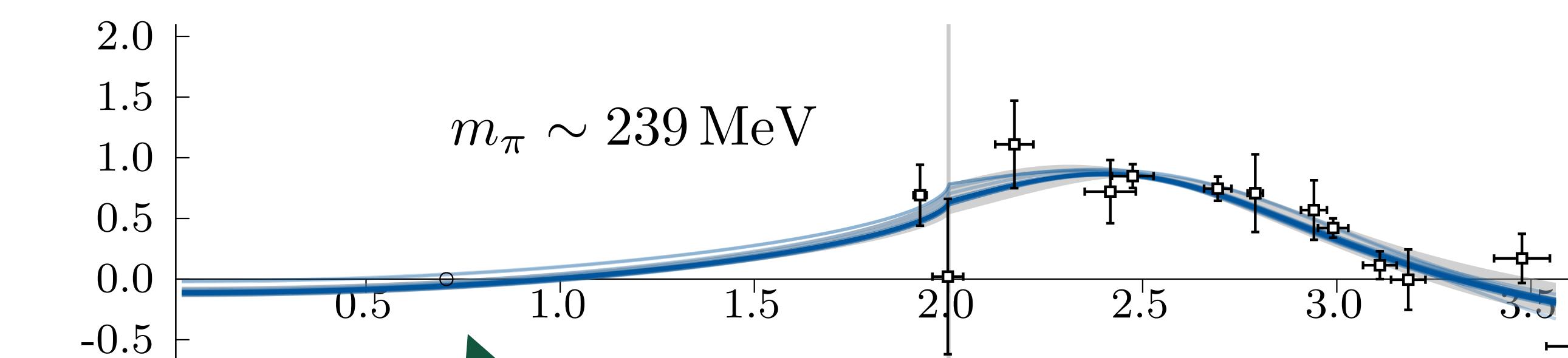
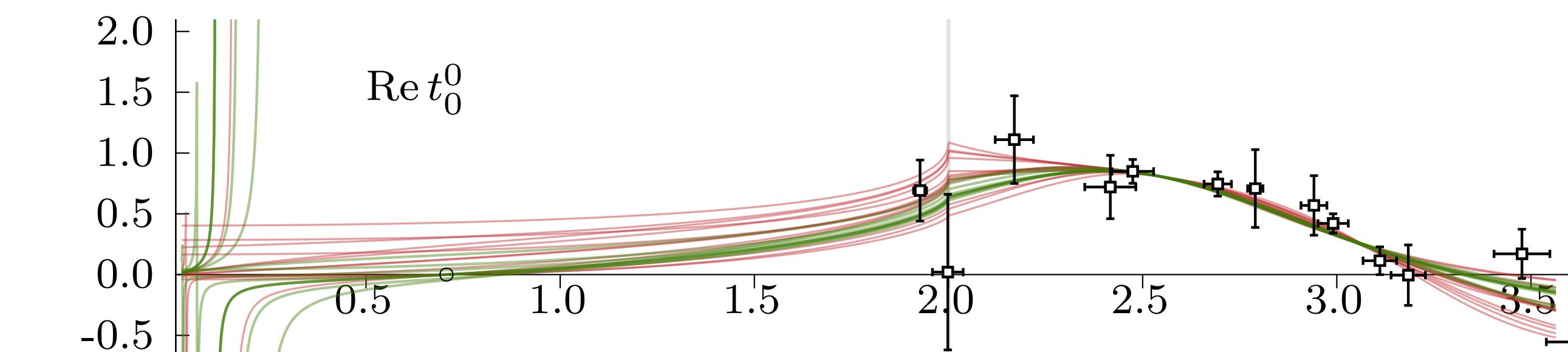


# Sub-threshold



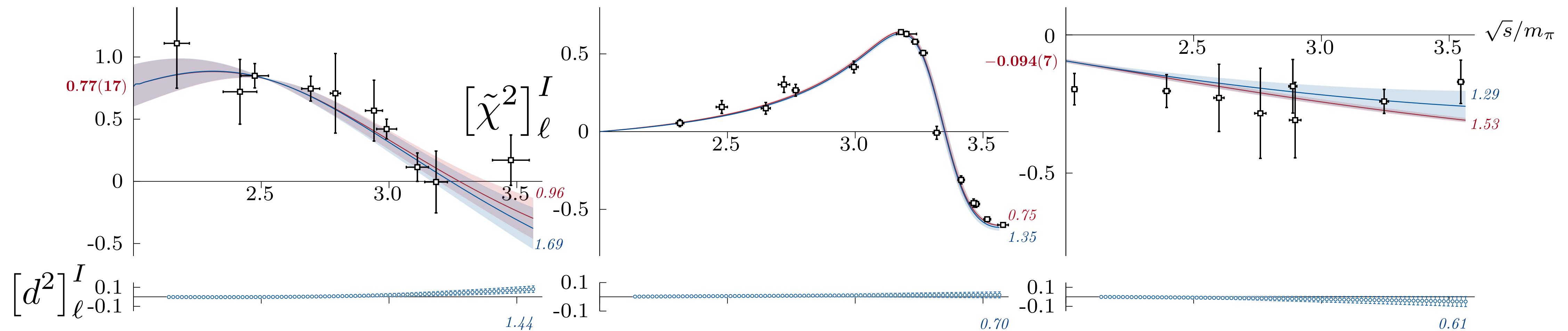
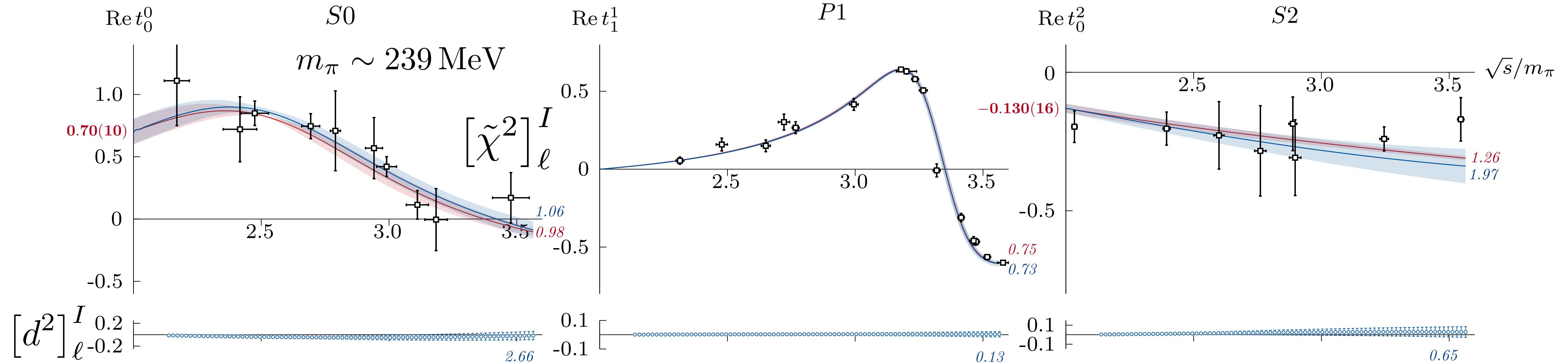
All good DRs produce an  $I = 0$   $\pi\pi$  Adler zero  
for the lighter mass

No good DR produces an  $I = 0$   $\pi\pi$  Adler zero  
for the heavier mass



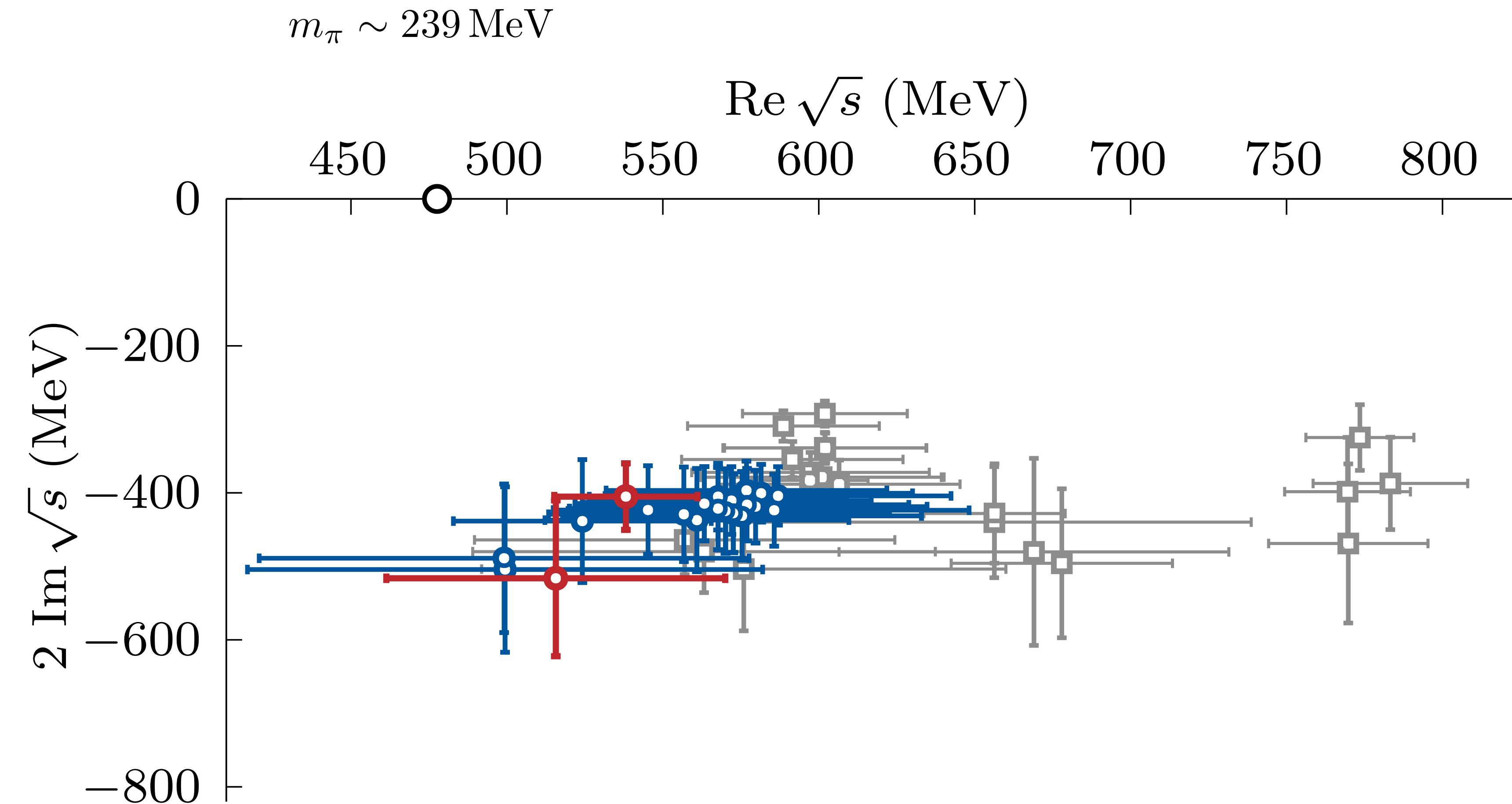
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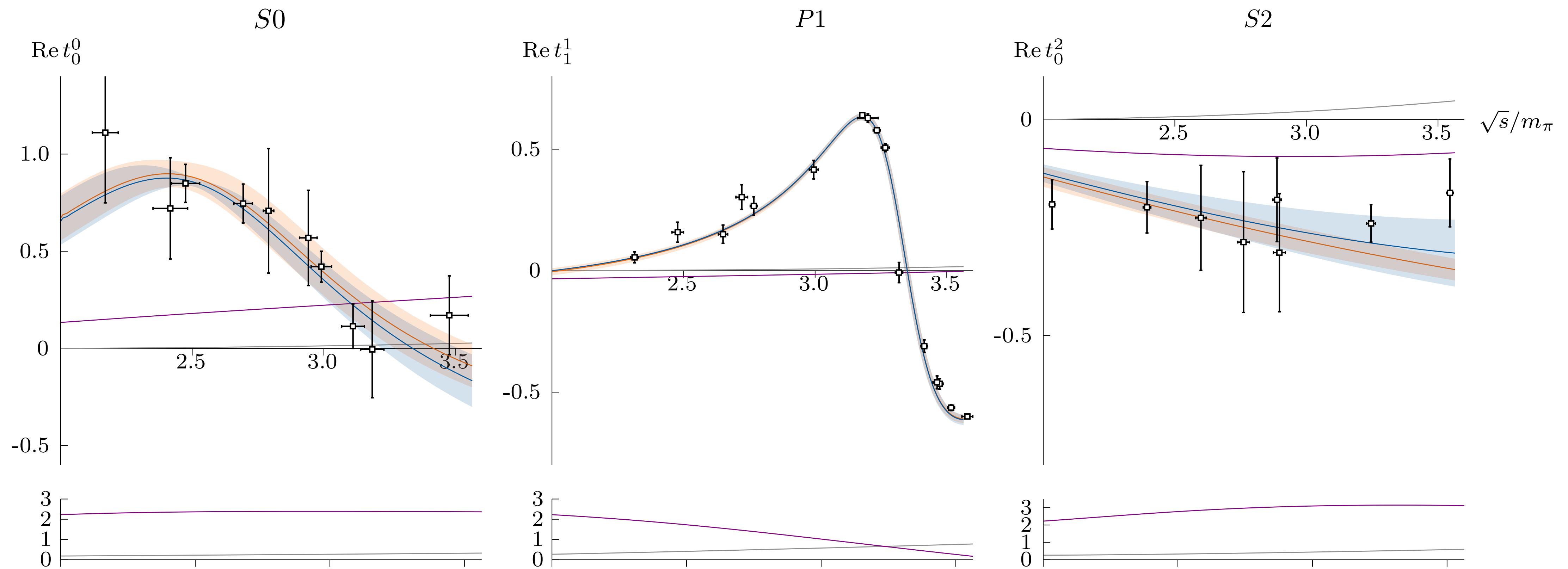


# GKPY vs ROY

GKPY: Minimally subtracted → one less subtraction than ROY

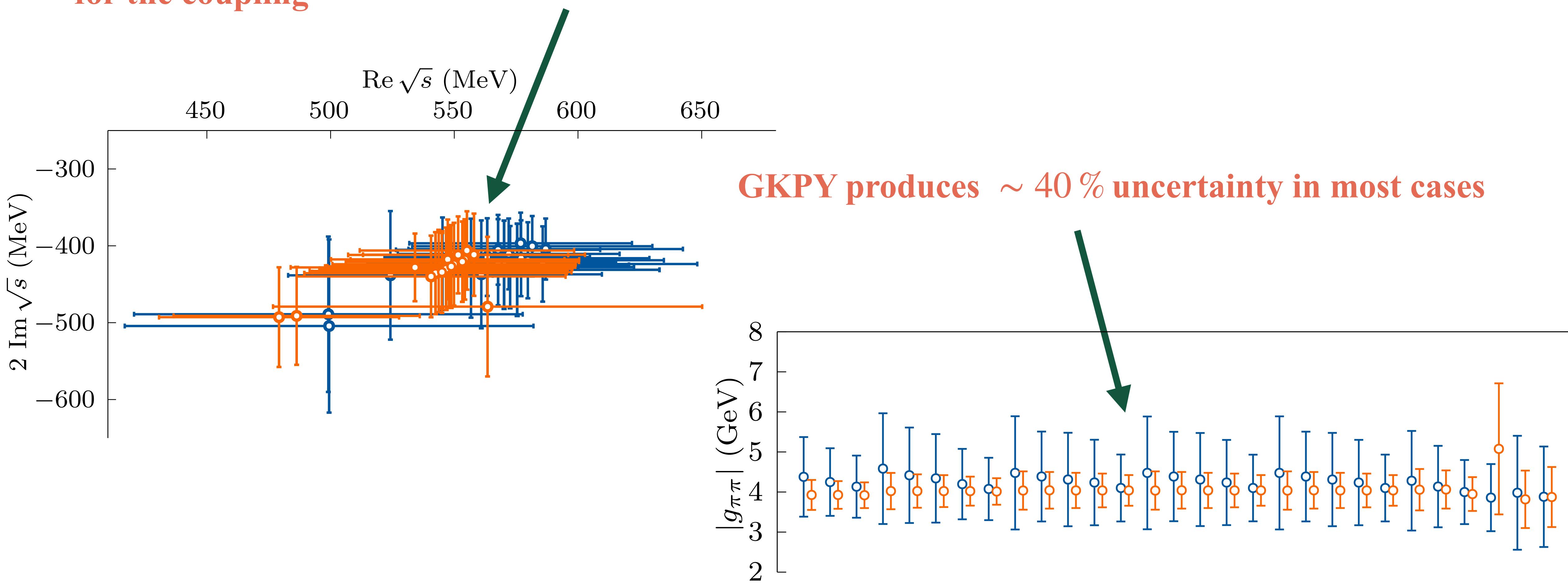
For our analysis, Regge contribution too large for  $d^2$

$$m_\pi \sim 239 \text{ MeV}$$



# GKPY vs ROY

However, pole extraction is more accurate in most cases, particularly for the coupling



# Scattering plane

$N_I \ell_{\max} N_{\text{params}} \sim 300 - 400$

Black

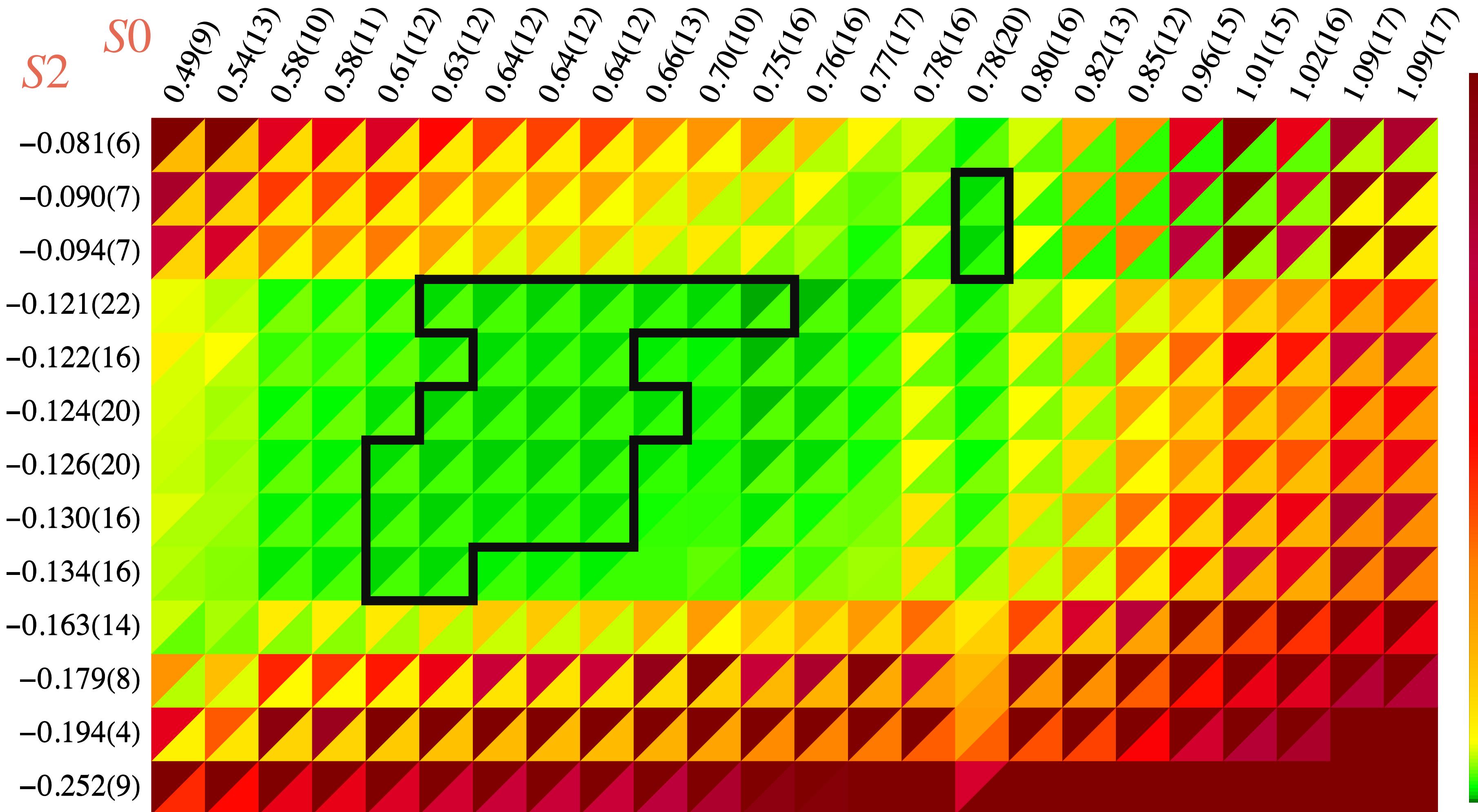
ROY

$m_\pi \sim 239 \text{ MeV}$

$\langle d^2/N_{\text{smp1}} \rangle_{\text{pw}}$   $\langle \tilde{\chi}^2/N_{\text{lat}} \rangle_{\text{pw}}$

$d^2/N_{\text{smp1}} < 1, \quad \tilde{\chi}^2/N_{\text{lat}} < 2$

$S_0$   $S_2$



40

30

20

10

0

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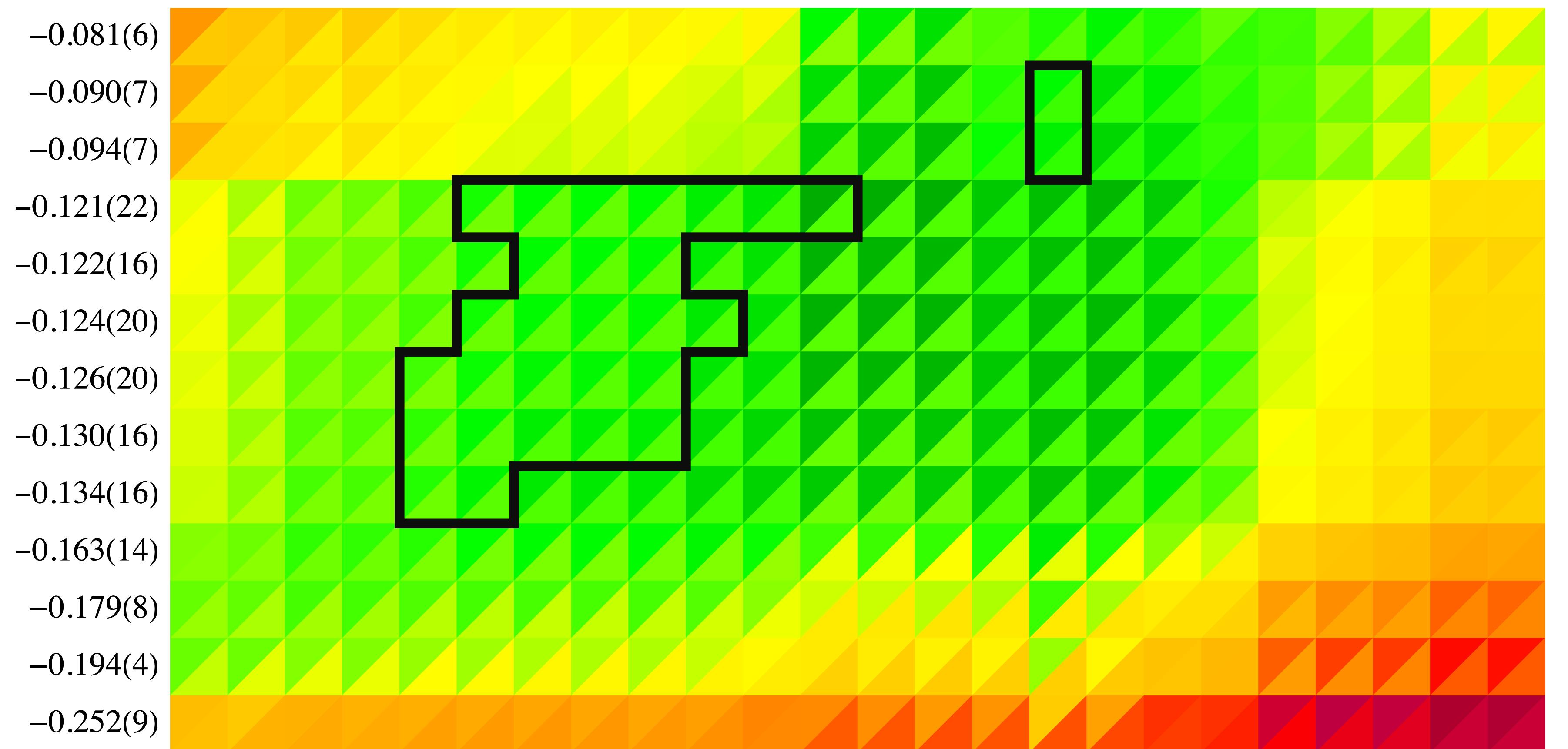
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**Olsson**

$$d^2/N_{\text{smp1}} < 1, \quad \tilde{\chi}^2/N_{\text{lat}} < 2$$

*S0*  
*S2*

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-0.081(6)  
-0.090(7)  
-0.094(7)  
-0.121(22)  
-0.122(16)  
-0.124(20)  
-0.126(20)  
-0.130(16)  
-0.134(16)  
-0.163(14)  
-0.179(8)  
-0.194(4)  
-0.252(9)

■  $\langle d^2/N_{\text{smp1}} \rangle_{\text{pw}}$  ■  $\langle \tilde{\chi}^2/N_{\text{lat}} \rangle_{\text{pw}}$

0 10 20 30 40

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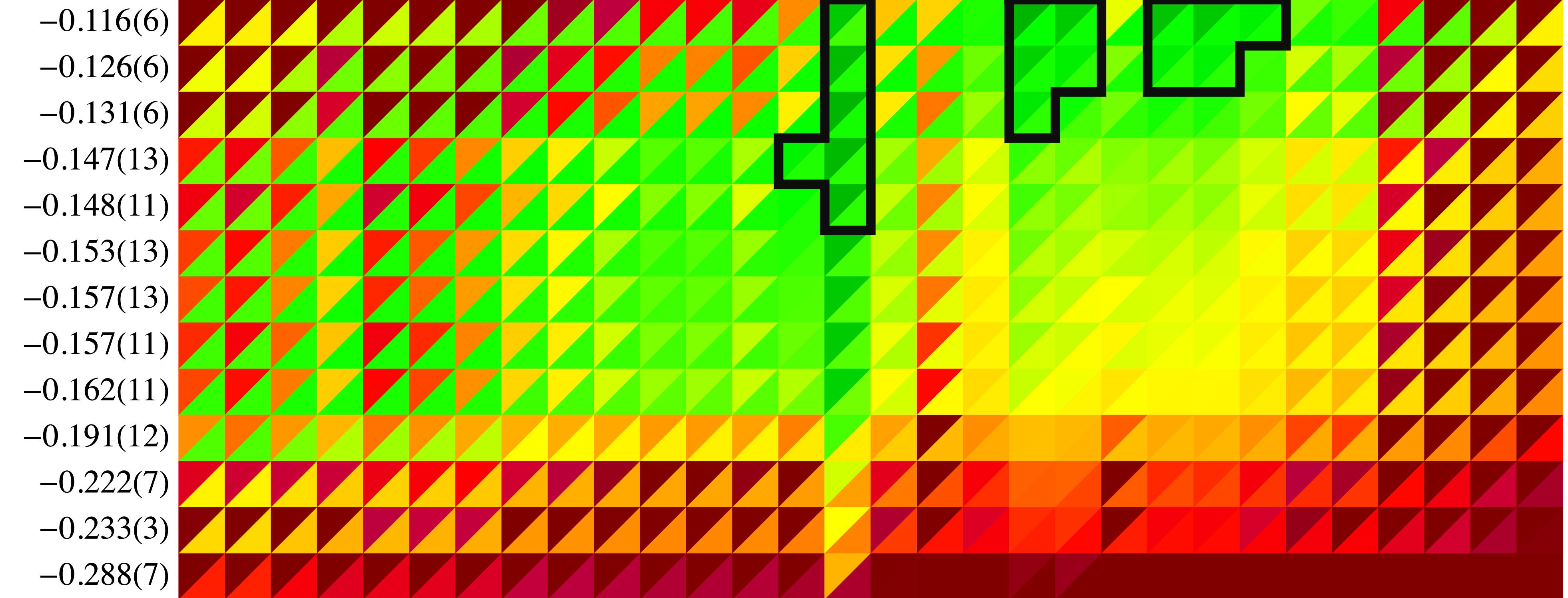
$m_\pi \sim 283 \text{ MeV}$

$\blacktriangledown \langle d^2/N_{\text{smp}} \rangle_{\text{pw}}$   $\blacktriangle \langle \tilde{\chi}^2/N_{\text{lat}} \rangle_{\text{pw}}$

$d^2/N_{\text{smp}} < 1, \quad \tilde{\chi}^2/N_{\text{lat}} < 2$

S0  
S2

2.38(50)  
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5.63(145)



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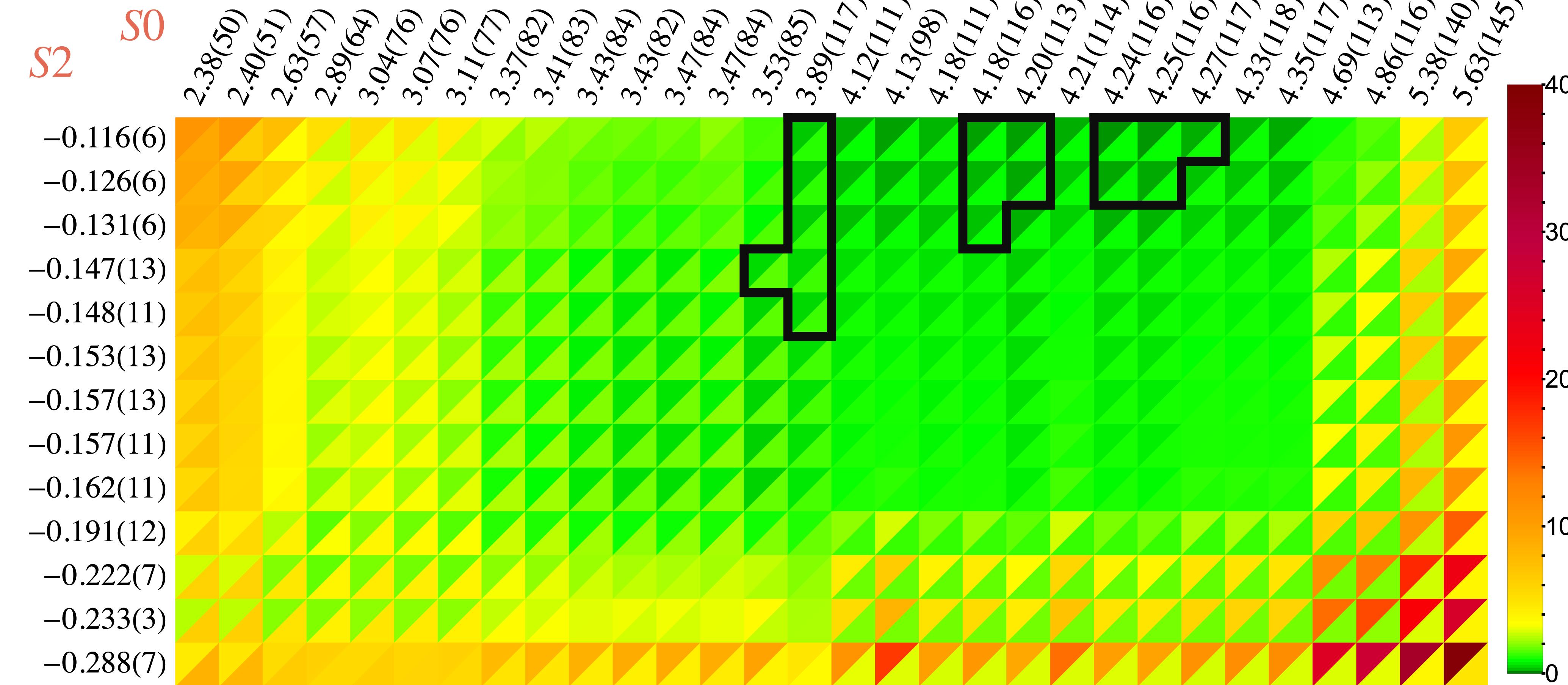
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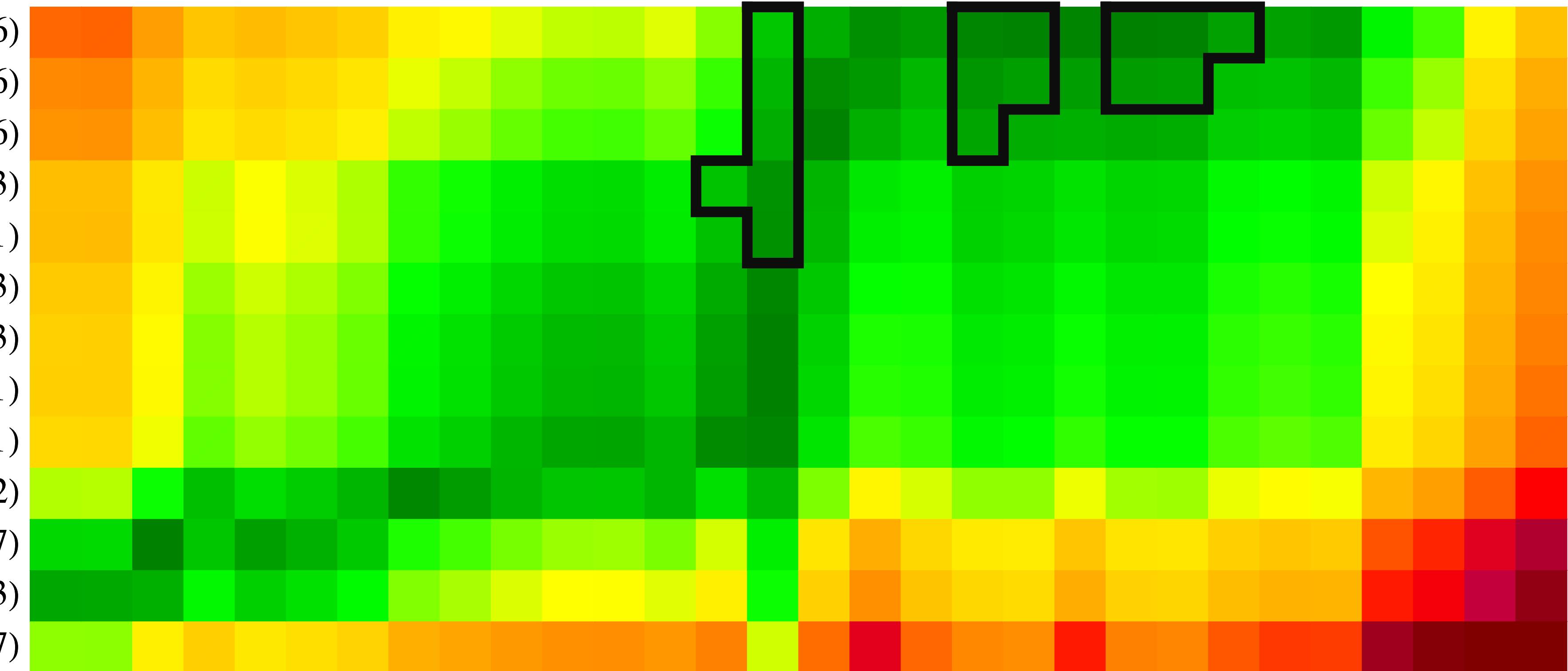
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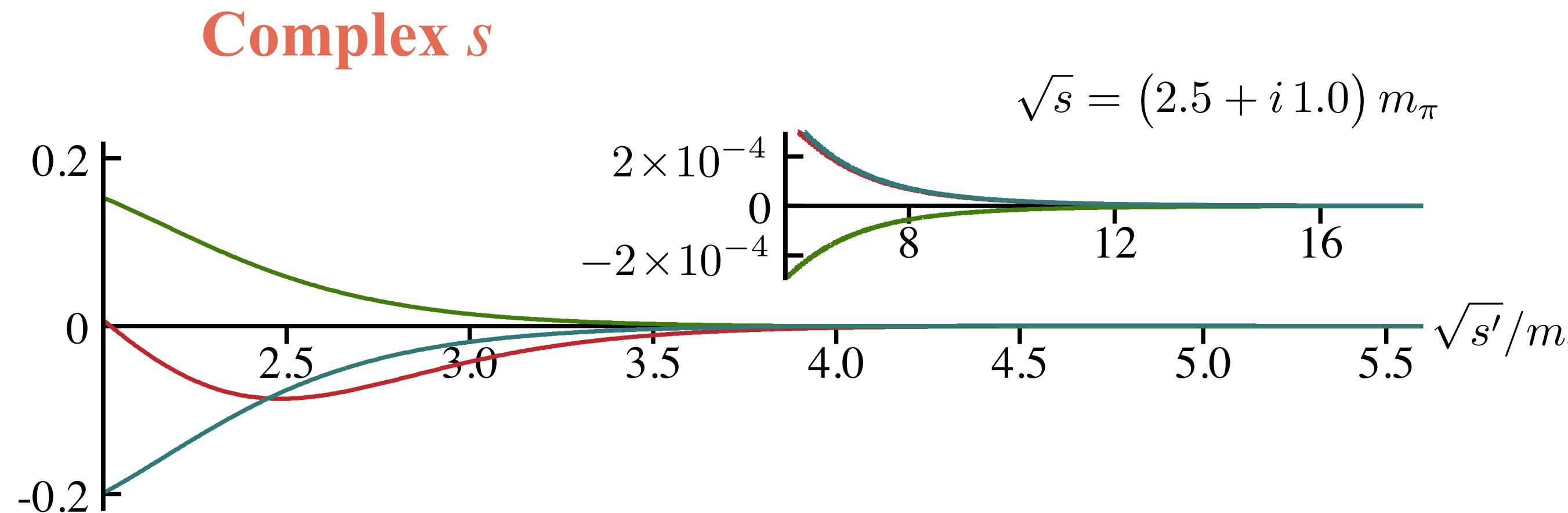
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# The good

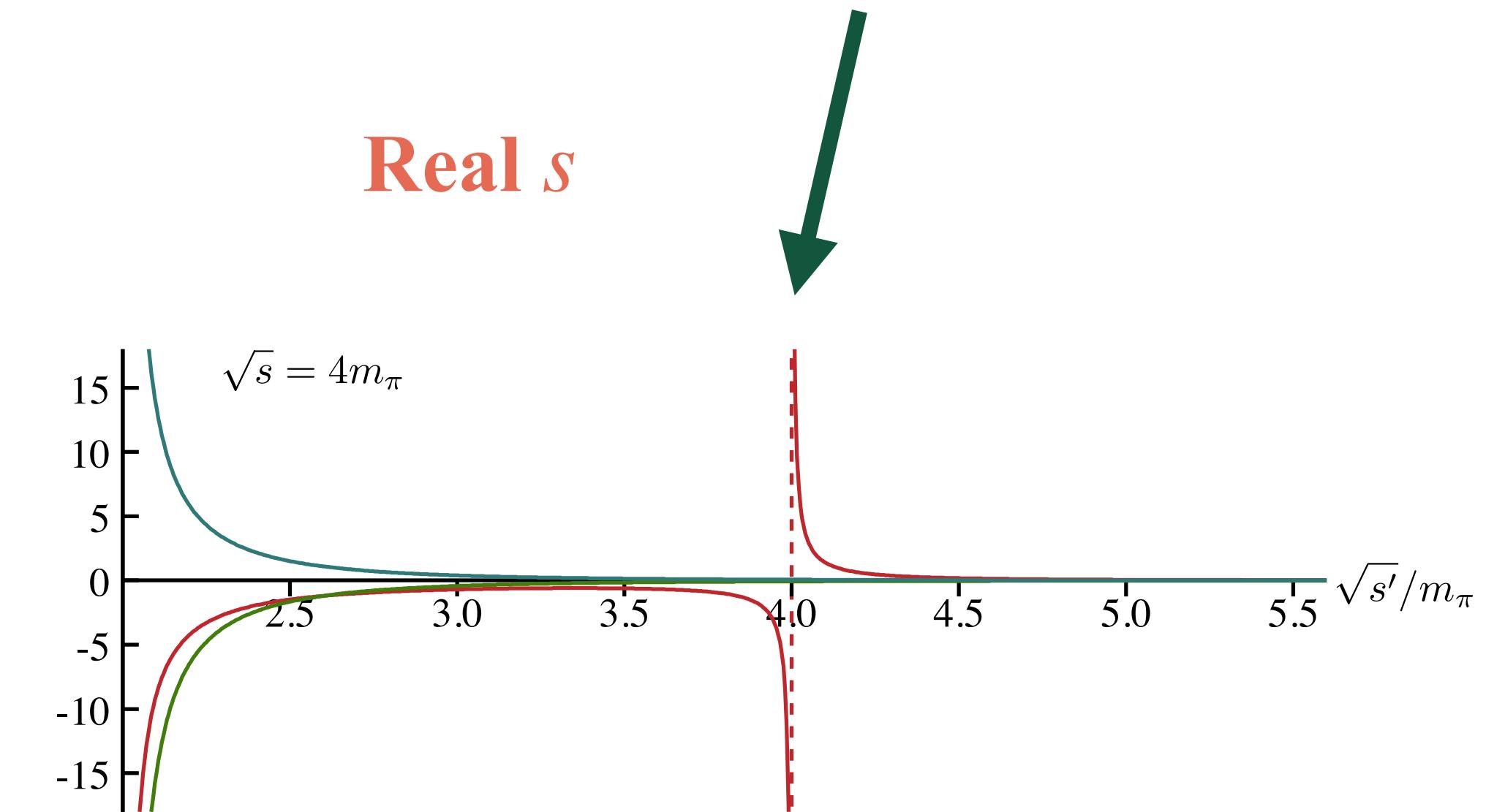
*Fit → In*

*DR → Out*

Smeared over a large energy region

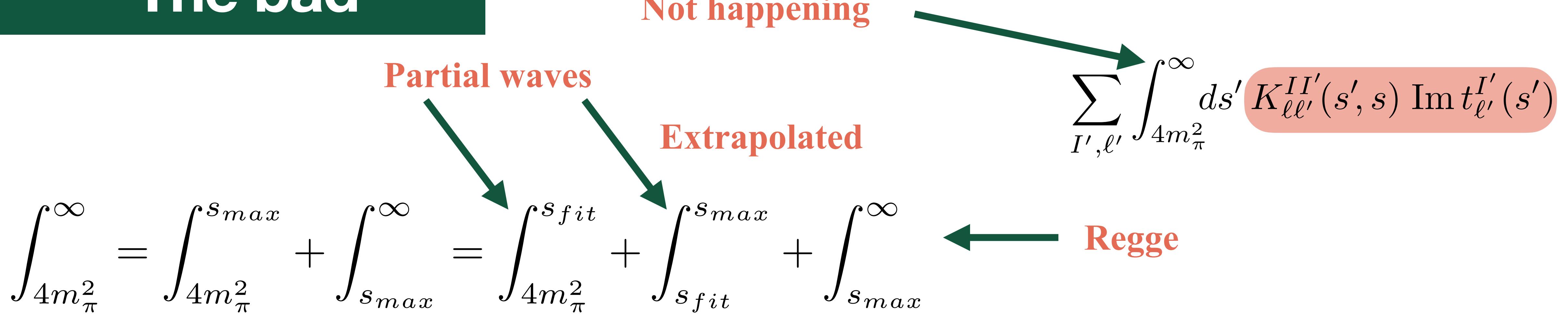


$$\tilde{t}_\ell^I(s) = \tau_\ell^I(s) + \sum_{I', \ell'} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^\infty ds' K_{\ell\ell'}^{II'}(s', s) \operatorname{Im} t_{\ell'}^{I'}(s')$$



An  $\epsilon$  on the real axis →  $\epsilon'$  in the complex plane

# The bad



□ Regge must be extrapolated from phys.  $m_\pi$

□ Regge is wrong below  $a_t m_\pi \sim 0.22 - 0.25$

# The Regge



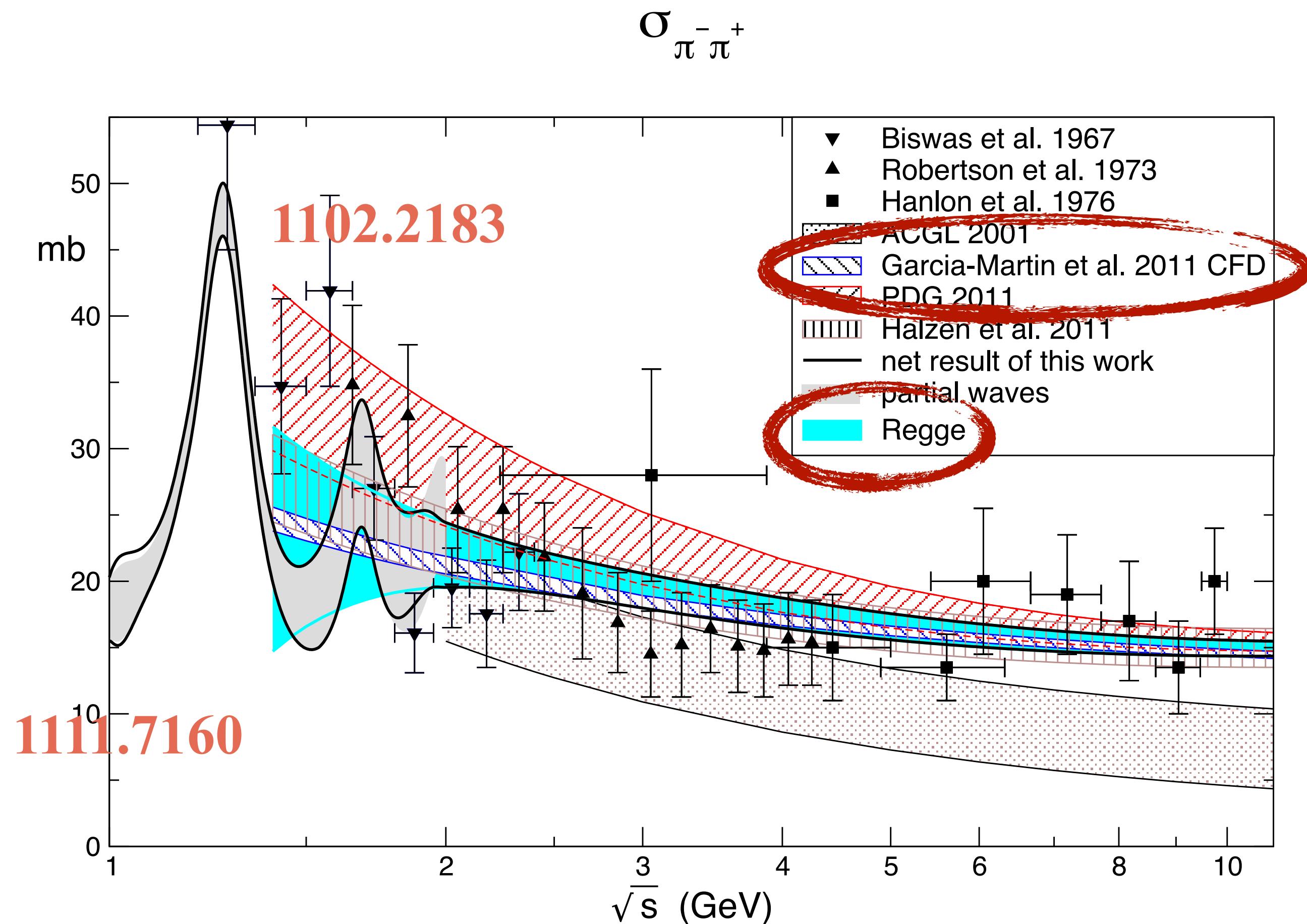
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$\mathbb{P} \rightarrow$  gluon exchanges  $\rightarrow$  constant over  $m_q$

$\rho, f_2 \rightarrow$  resonances, not constant  $\rightarrow \lambda \sim \Gamma/M$

$$\text{Our } F_{\text{Regge}} = \frac{F_{\text{Regge1}} + F_{\text{Regge2}}}{2}$$

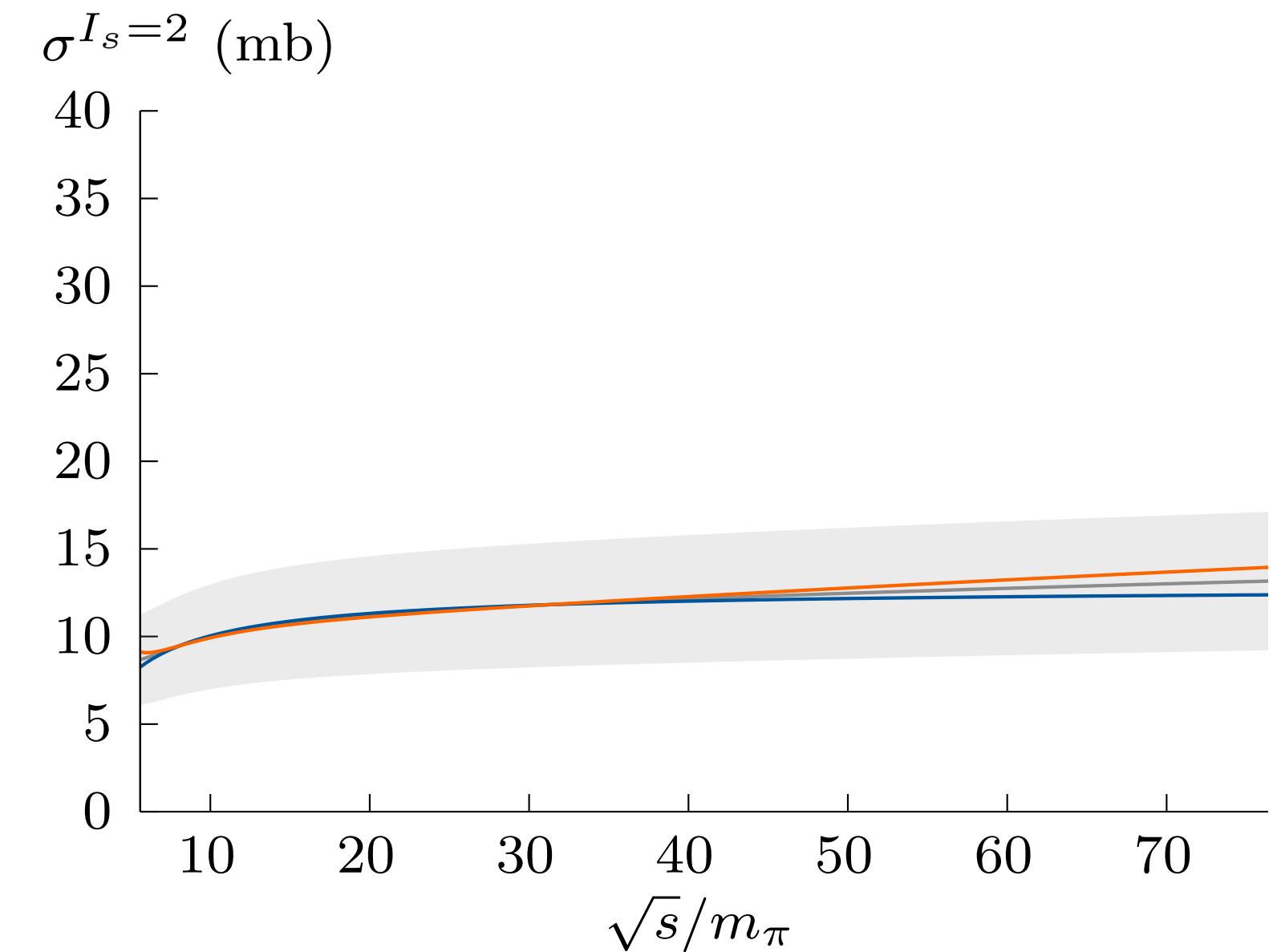
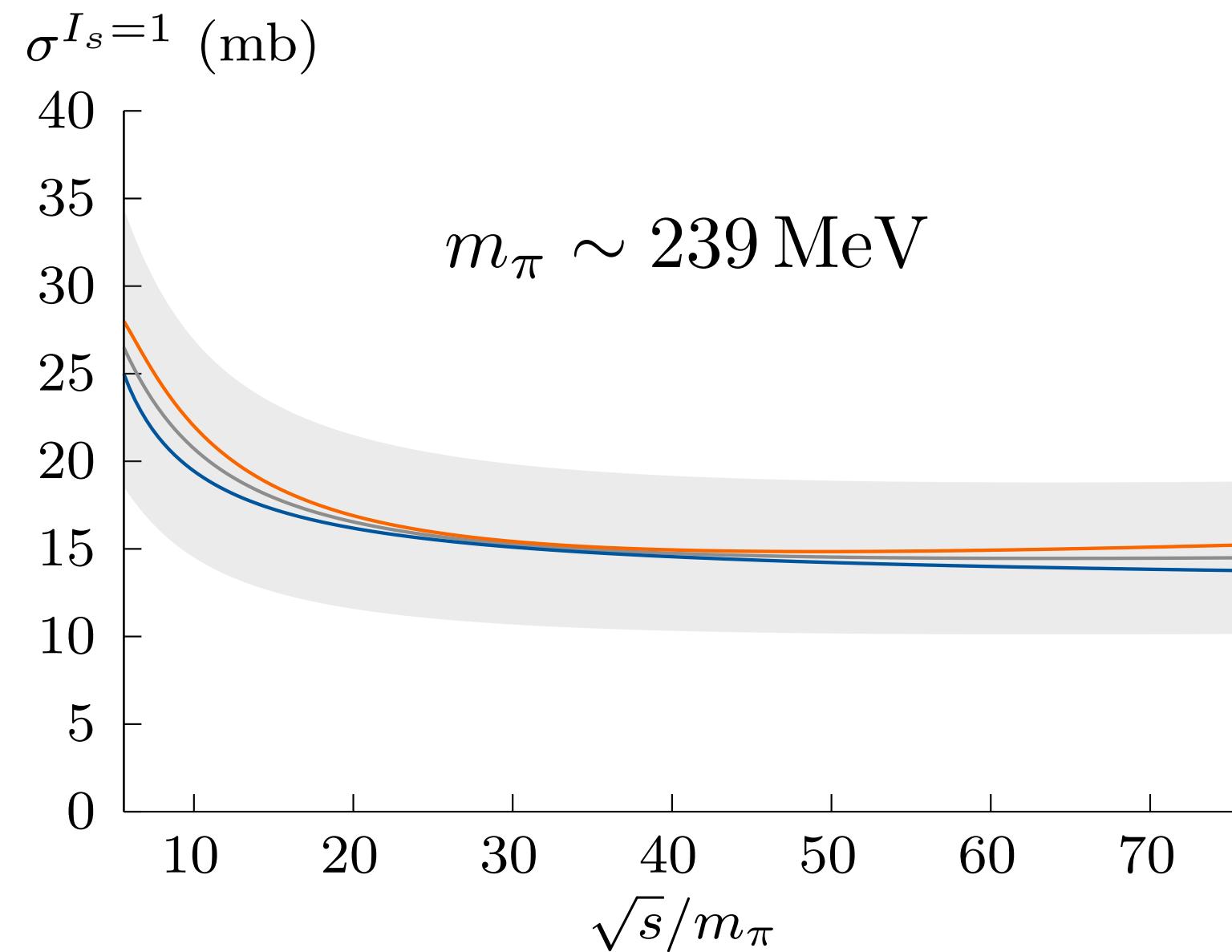
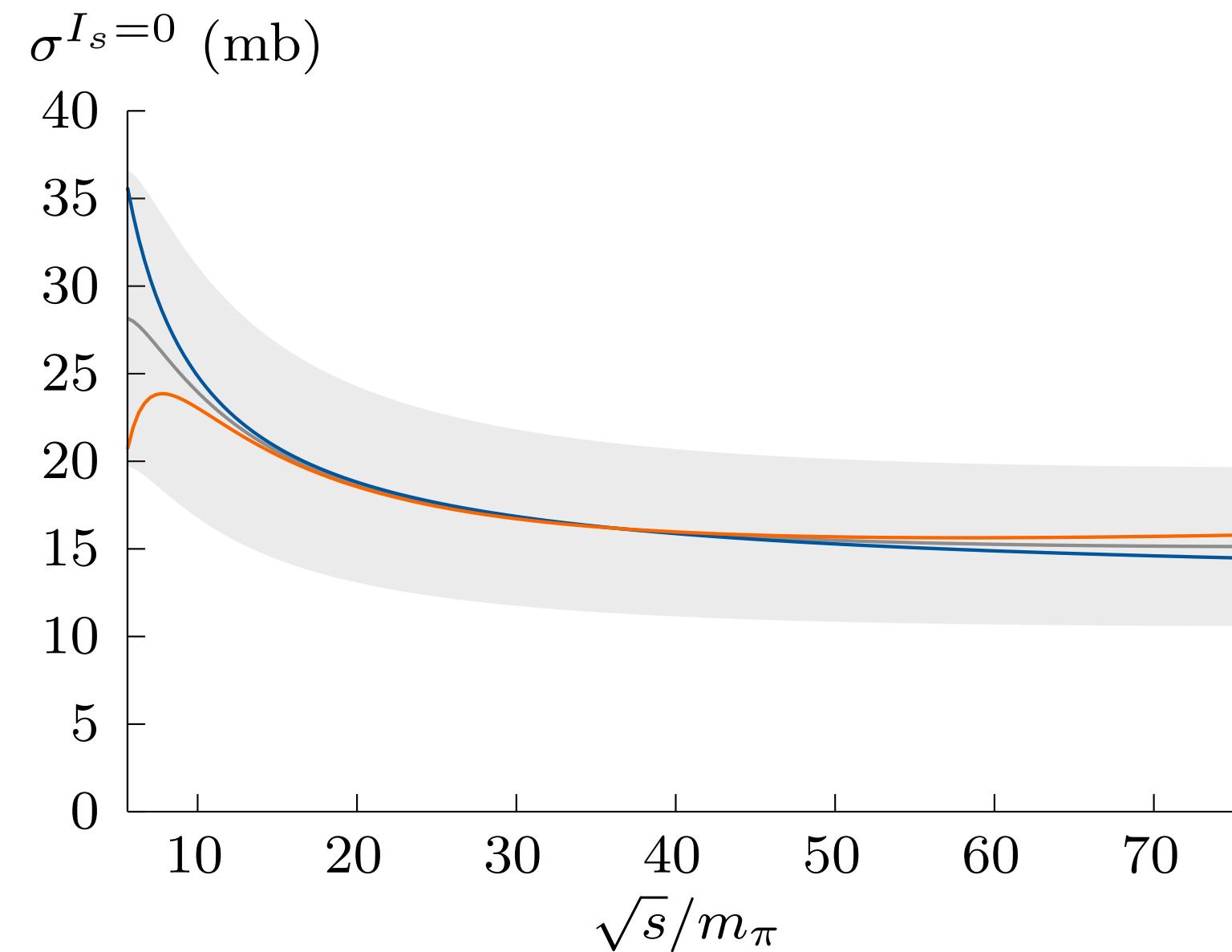
Big uncertainty  $\Delta F_{\text{Regge}} = 0.3 F_{\text{Regge}}$



# Regge

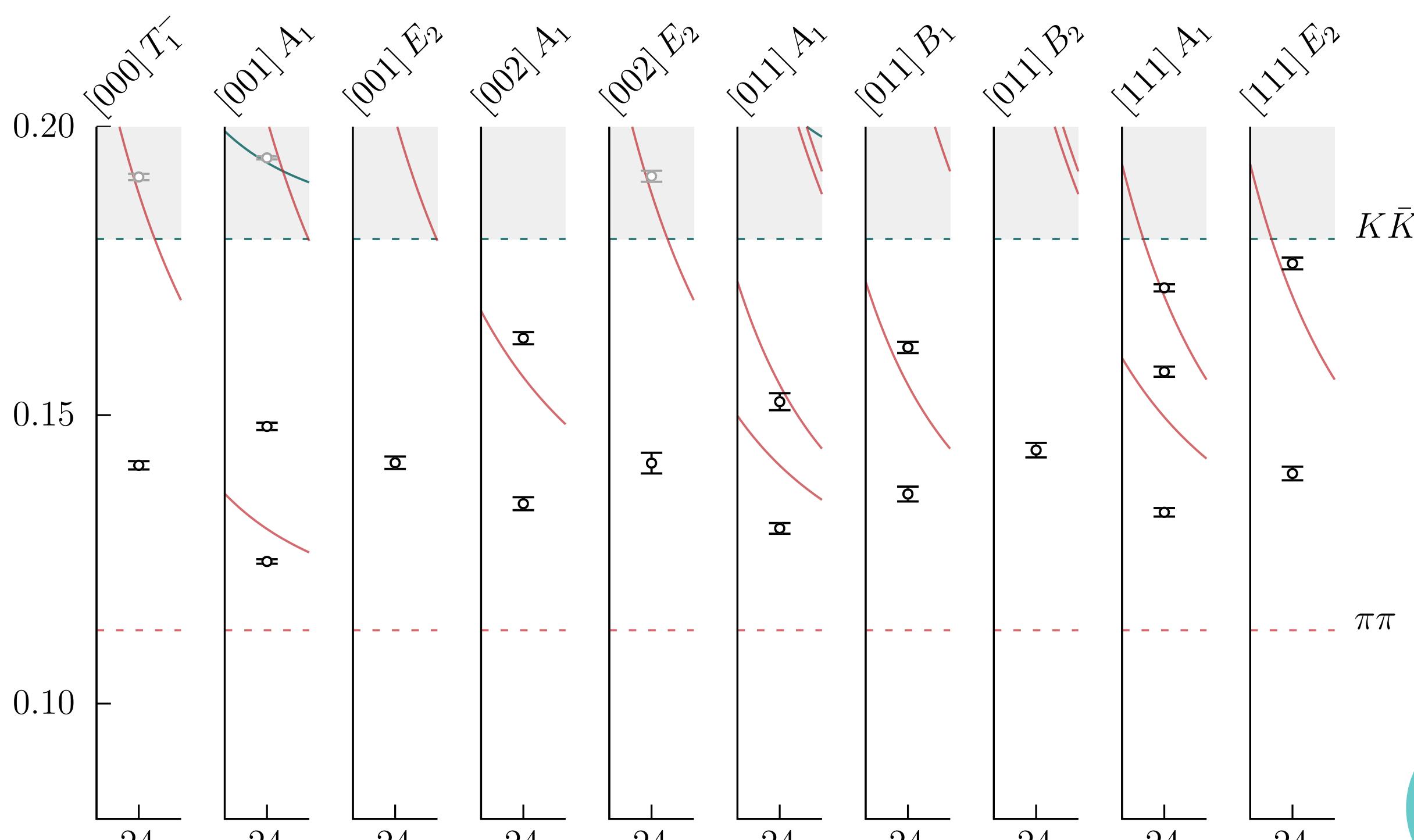


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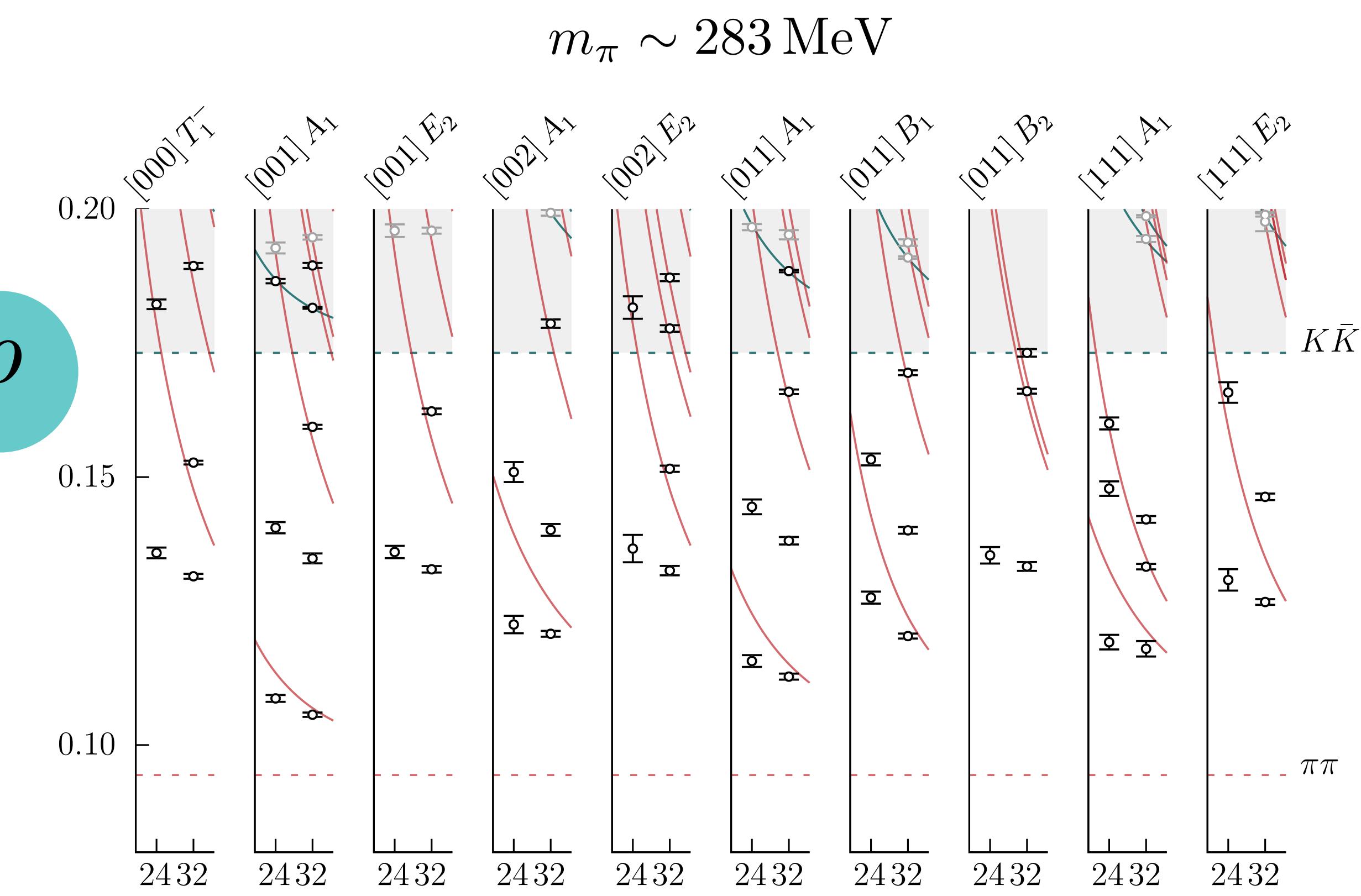
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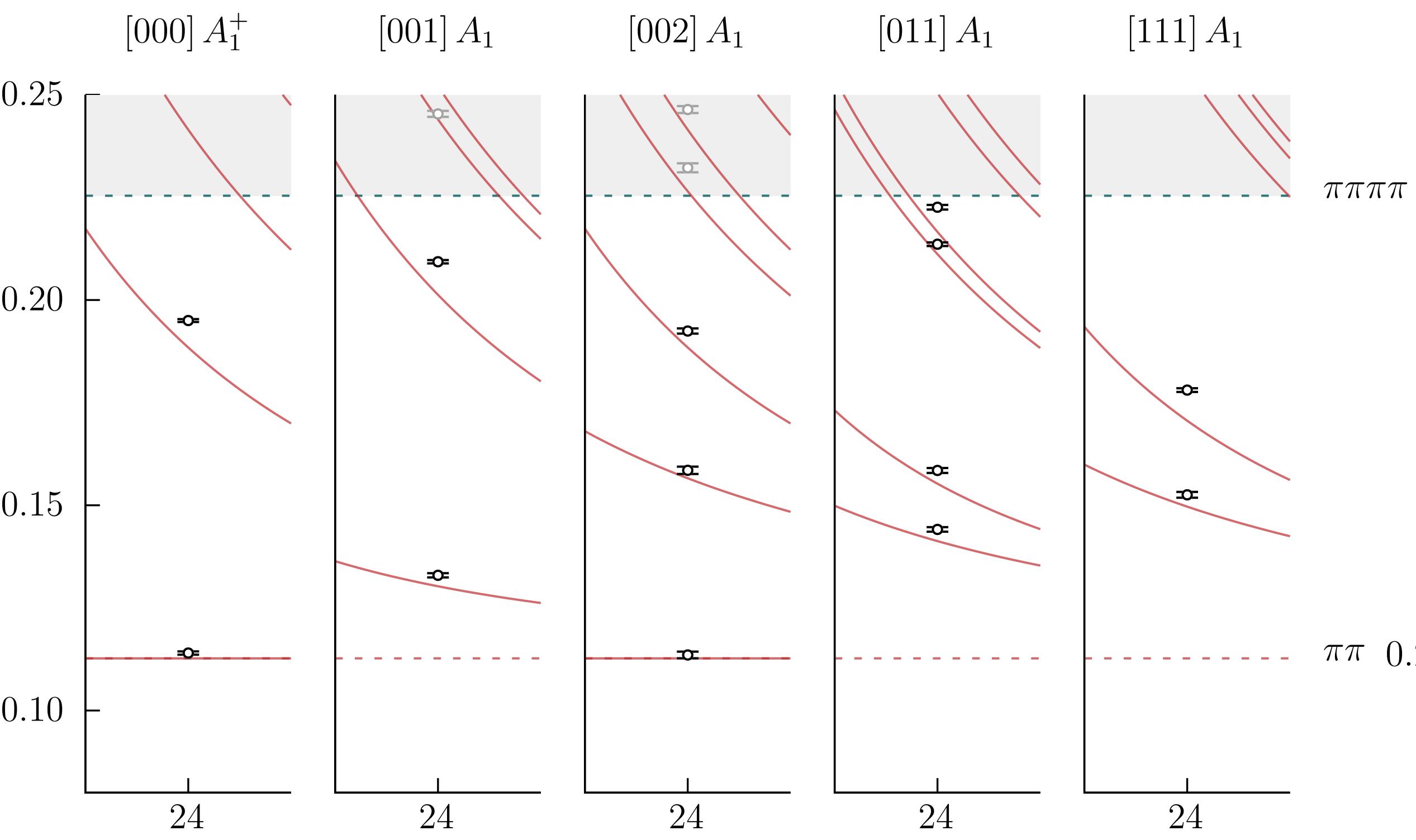
$m_\pi \sim 330 \text{ MeV}$

Allows us to study the  
 $\rho$  resonance  $m_q$  dependence

Similar spectrum to  
 previous masses



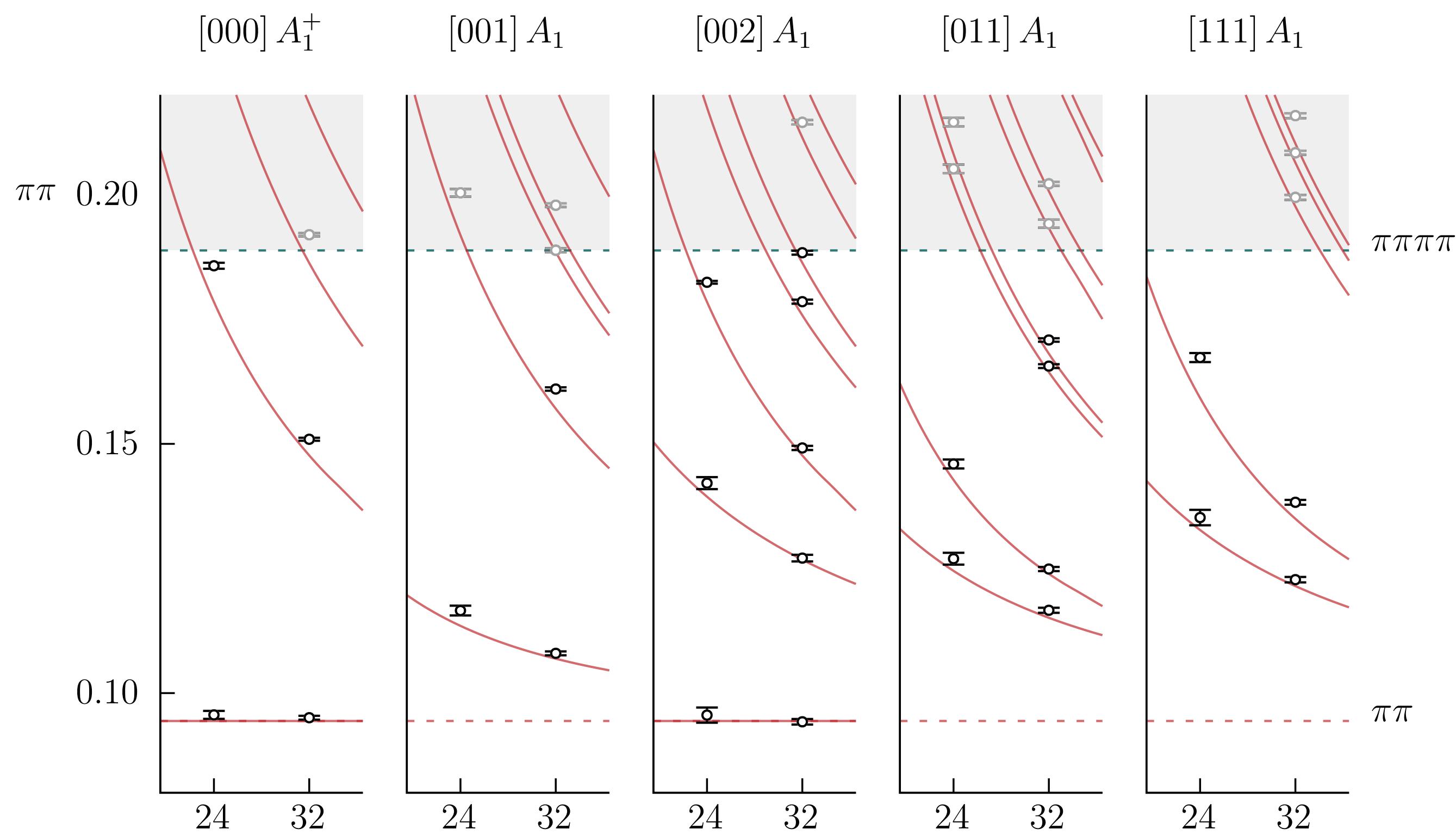
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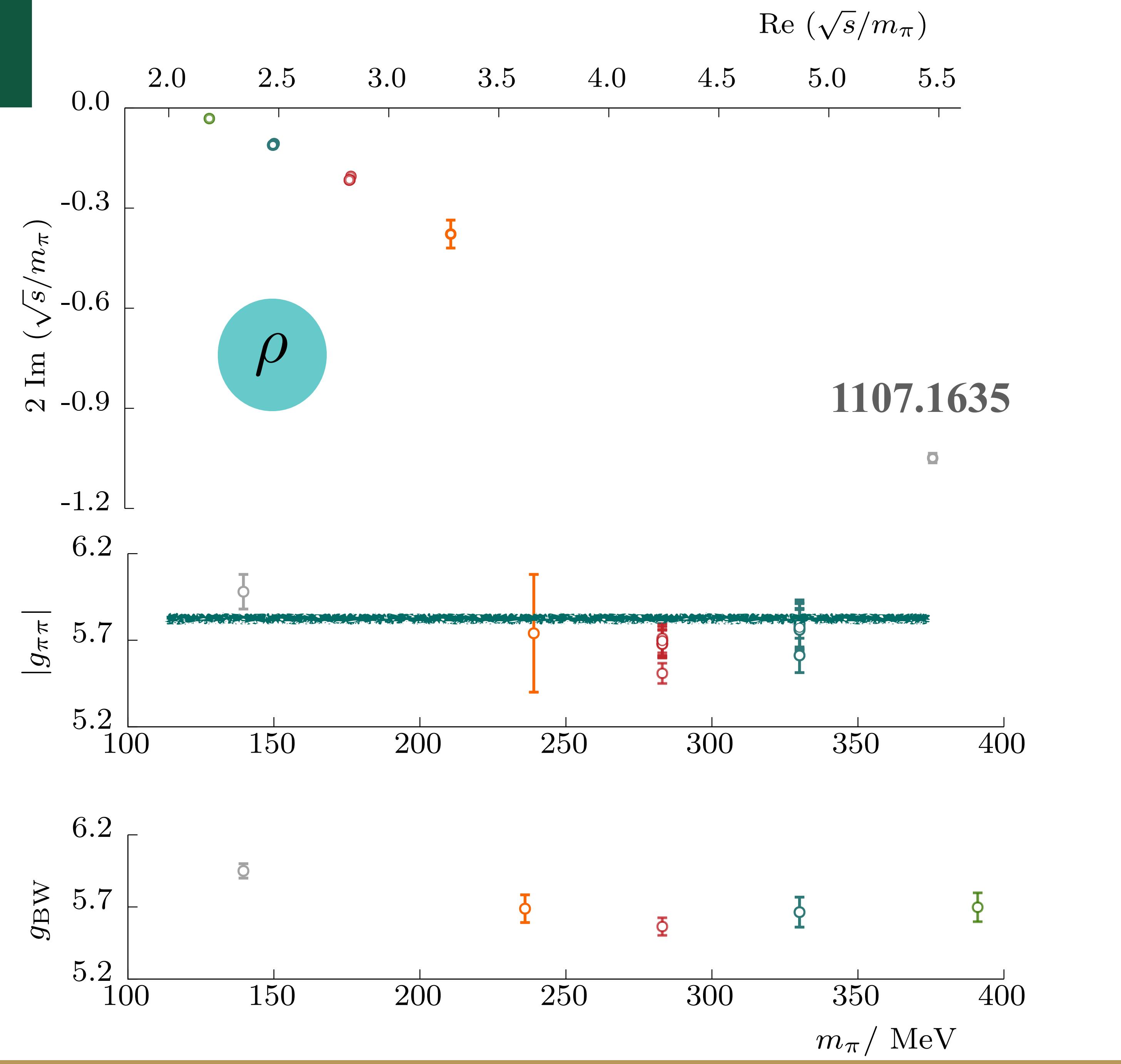


$I = 1 \pi\pi$

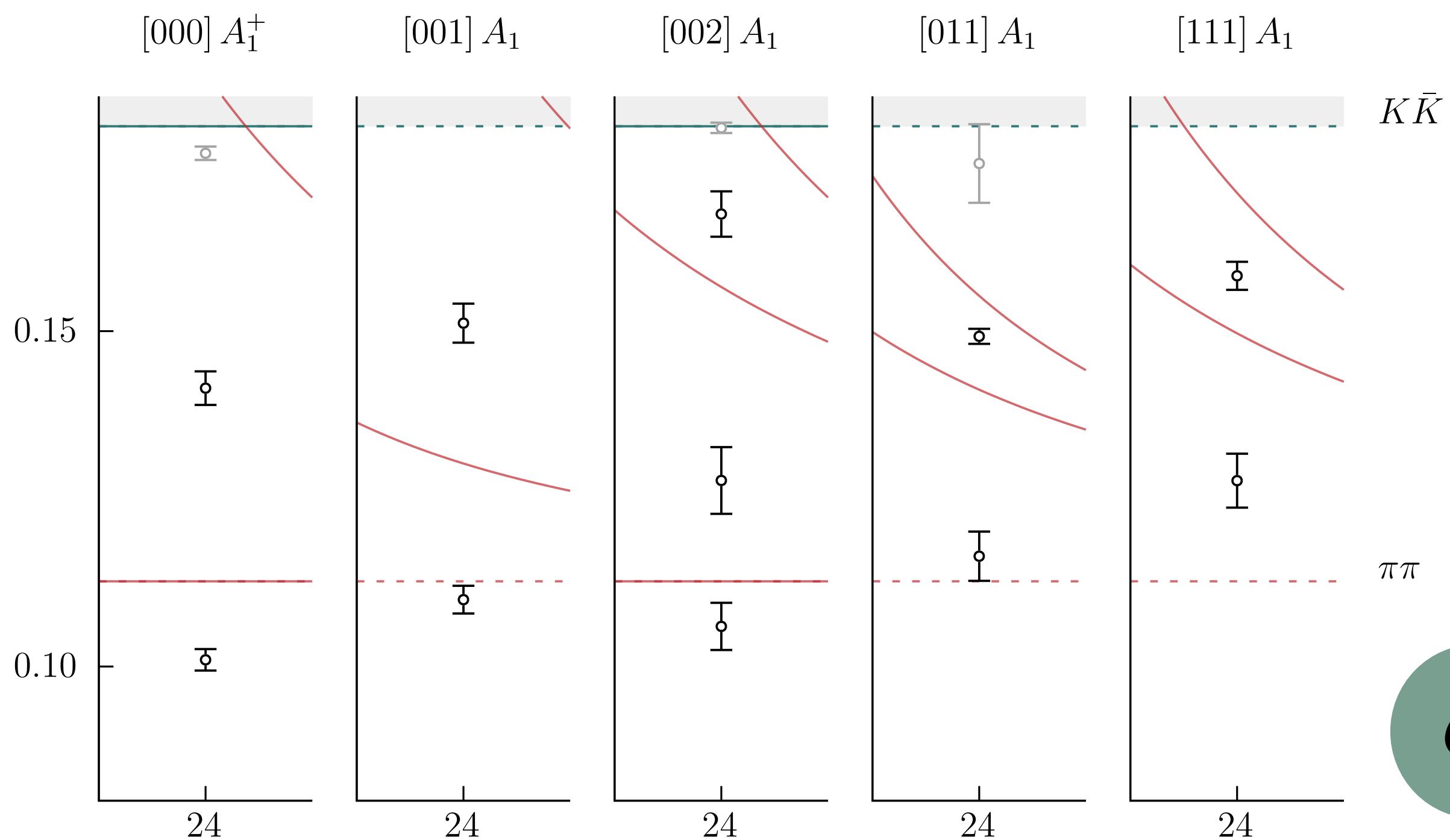
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Ordinary  $m_q$  dependence

$g$  constant



# $I = 0 \pi\pi$

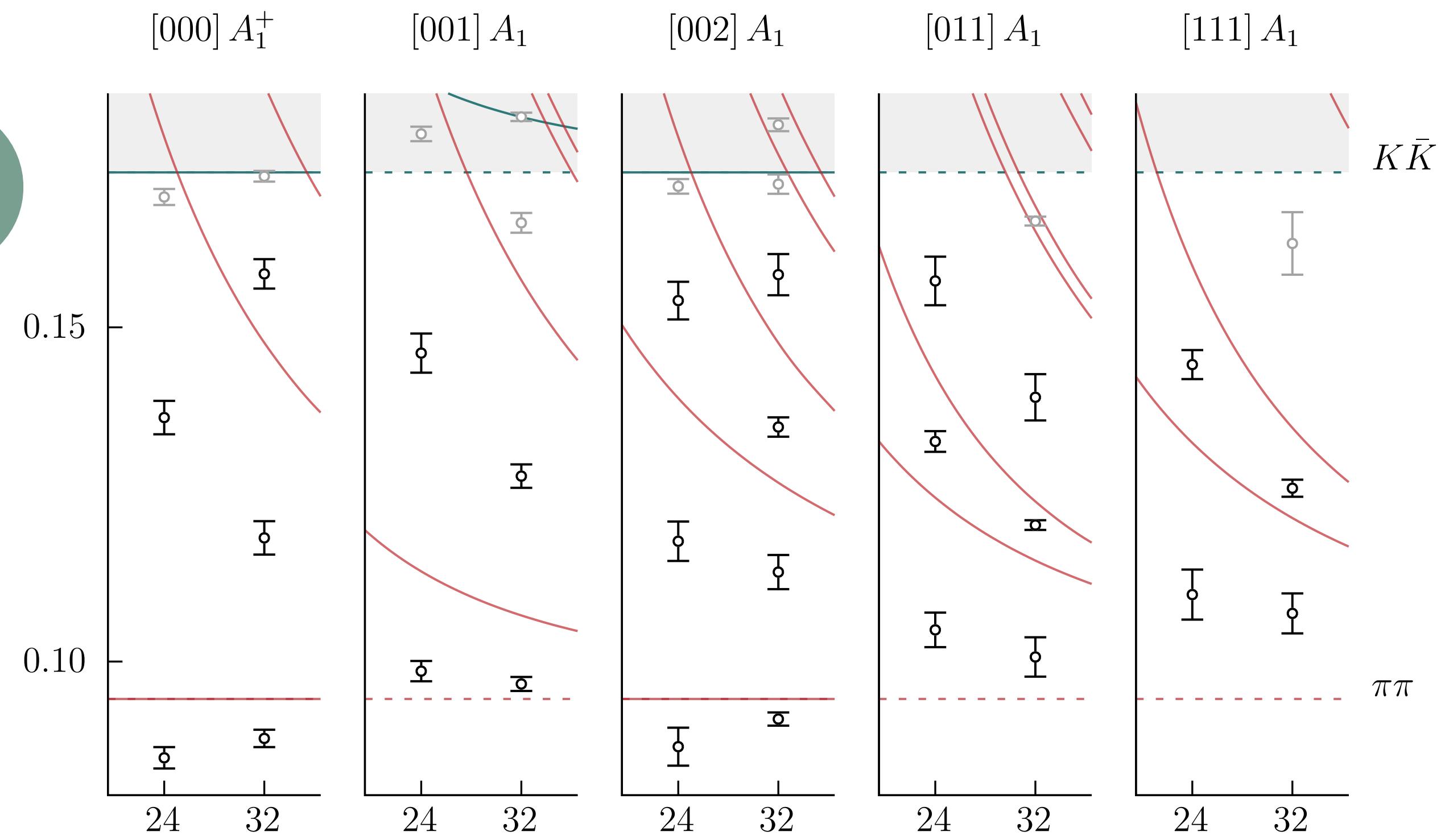


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Over 60 “elastic” levels for  $I=0$

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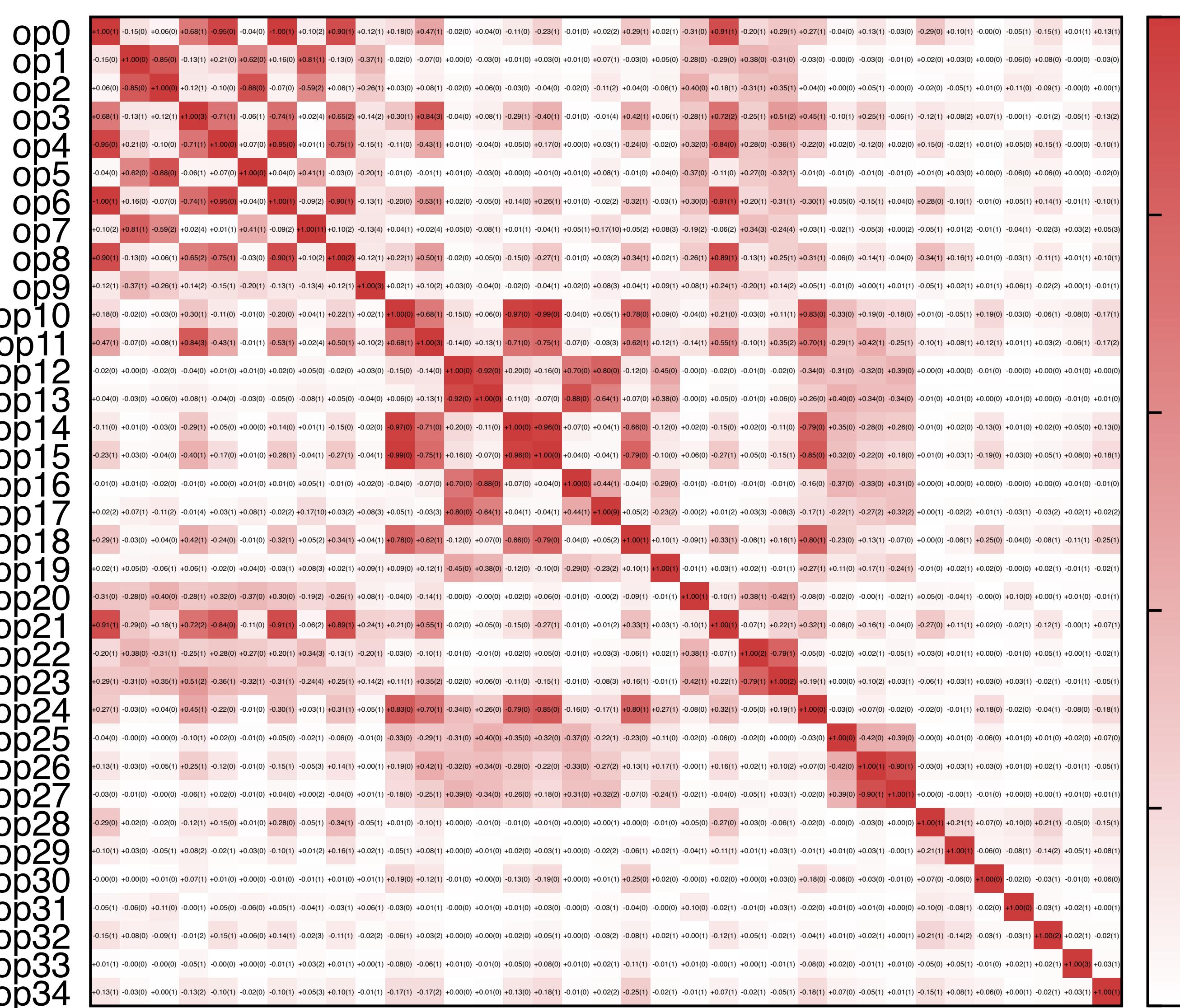
Many ops. for a good GEVP

Distillation → 0905.2160

Time src avg. correlations

Some highly correlated

More than a few relevant ops.



Many fits for a  
good  $E_n$

Many fits for diff

$t_0$   
 $t_{min}, t_{max}$   
 $N_{exp}(1-2)$

Model averaging  
technique

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