



# Progress in Coupled-Channel Three-Pion Scattering for (In)Finite volume

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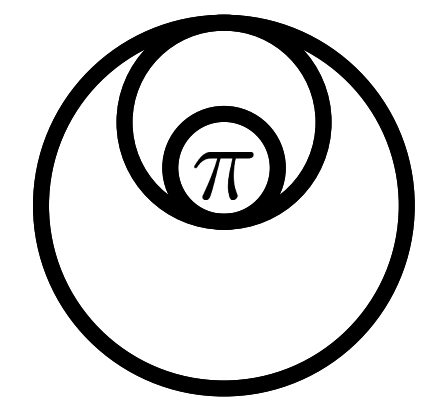
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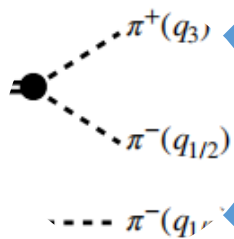
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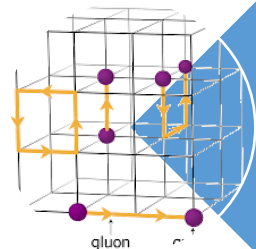
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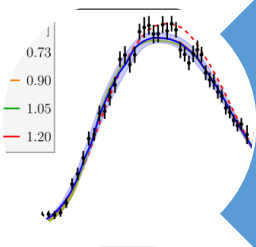
# Outline



3-Body Dynamics



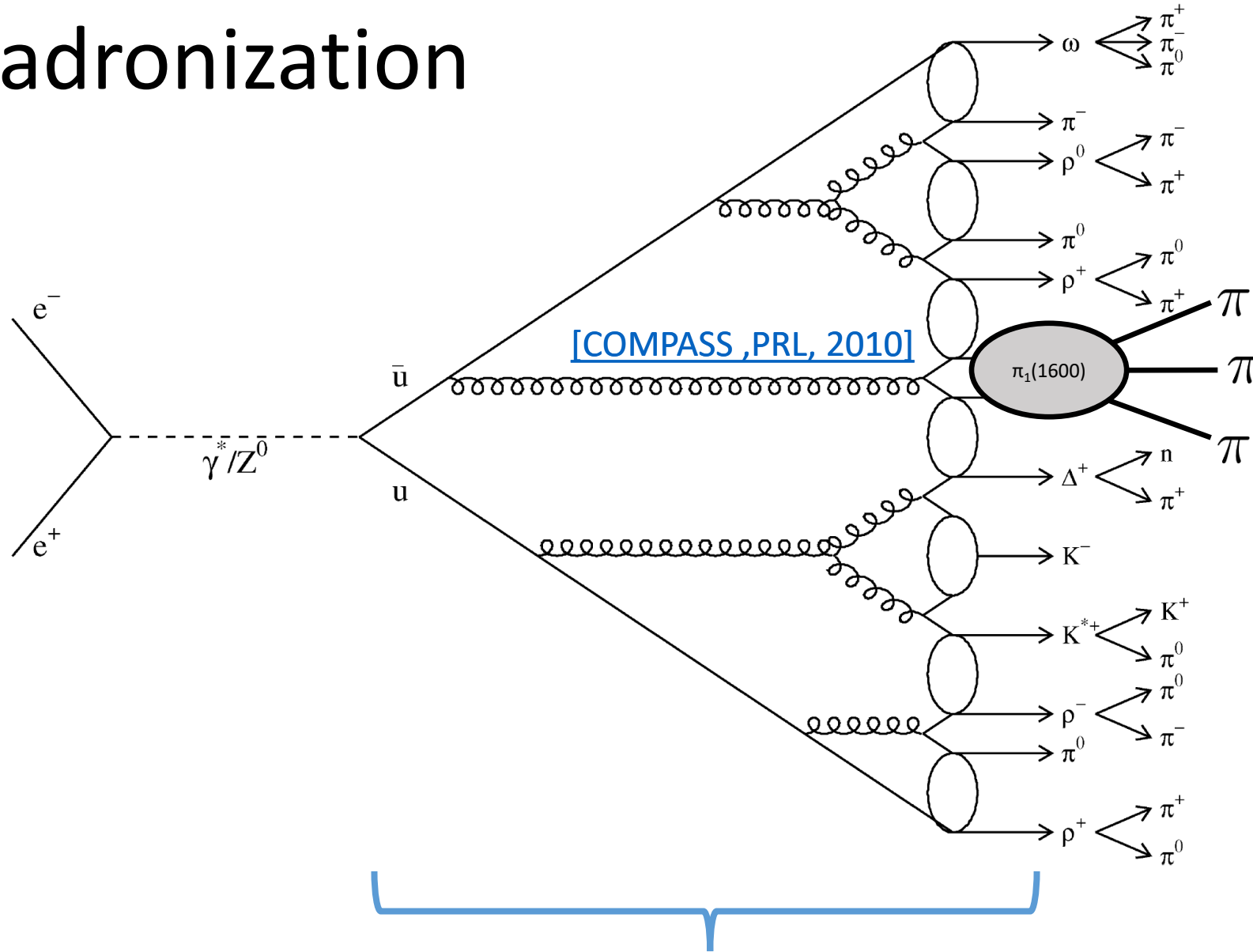
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Infinite-Volume Calculations

# 3-Body Dynamics

# Hadronization



- Confinement into color-neutral hadrons
- Mass generation of hadrons
- **Resonances:** key phenomena connecting QCD and experiment

Non-perturbative quark-gluon dynamics in QCD

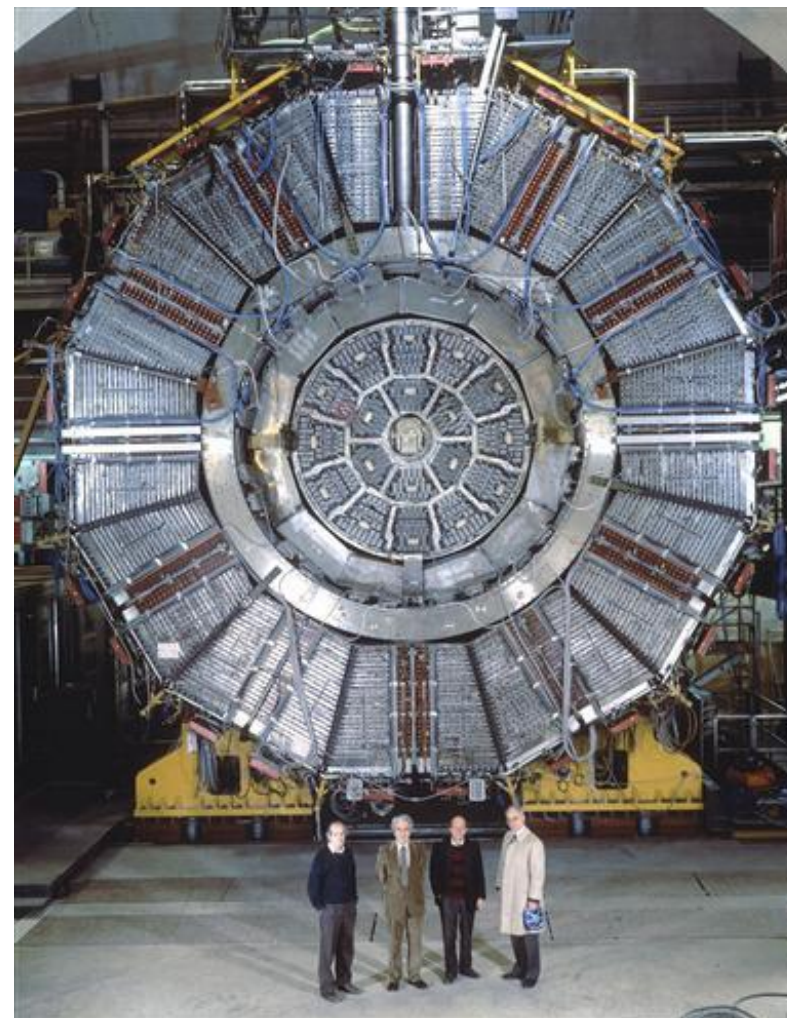
# Experiments

Decay mode	Resonance	$\mathcal{B}$ (%)
Leptonic decays		35.2
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau$		17.8
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau$		17.4
Hadronic decays		64.8
$\tau^- \rightarrow h^- \nu_\tau$		11.5
$\tau^- \rightarrow h^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	$\rho(770)$	25.9
$\tau^- \rightarrow h^- \pi^0 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	$a_1(1260)$	9.5
$\tau^- \rightarrow h^- h^+ h^- \nu_\tau$	$a_1(1260)$	9.8
$\tau^- \rightarrow h^- h^+ h^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$		4.8
Other	<b><math>h^\pm</math> refers to charged pions</b>	3.3

$a_1(1260)$  decay involves three-body dynamics

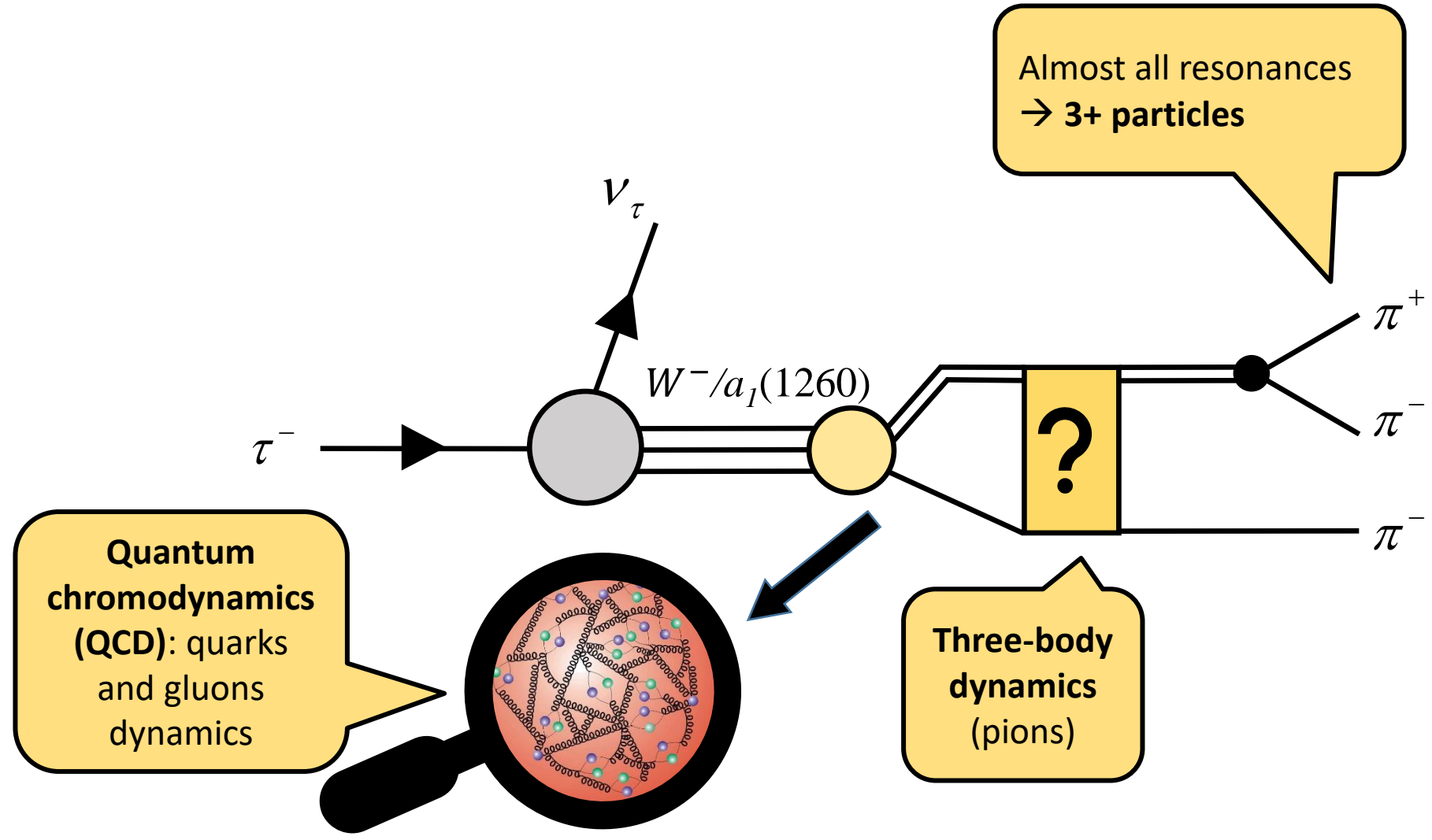
$$a_1(1260) \quad I^G(J^{PC}) = 1^-(1^{++})$$

[\[PDG\]](#)

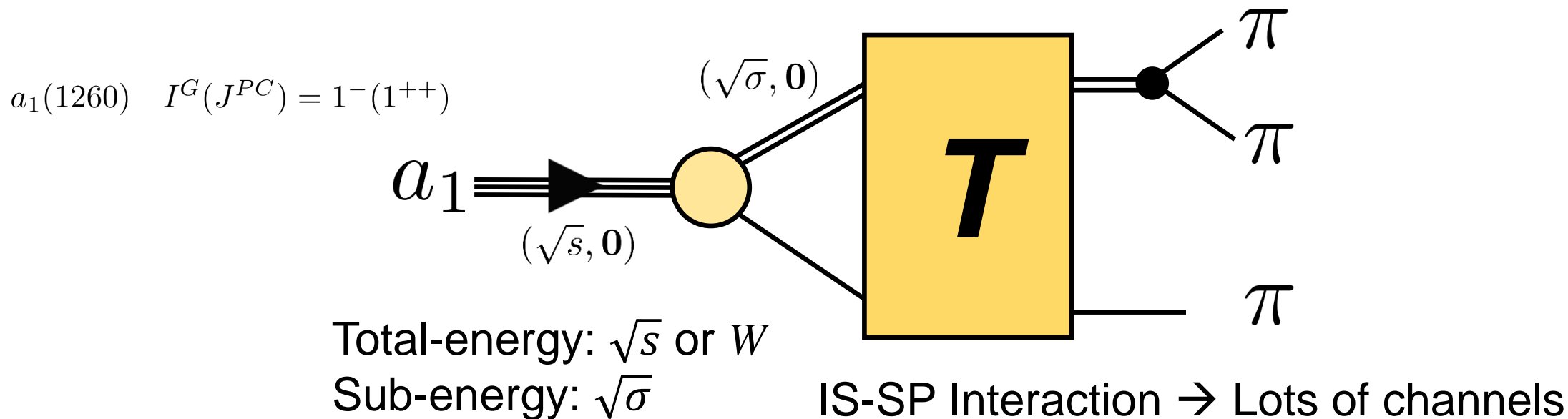


[ALEPH Detector](#)

# $\tau$ -decay



# Kinematics



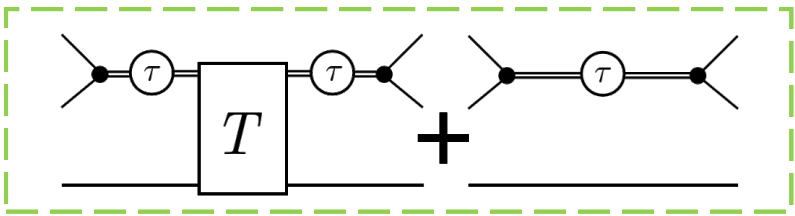
- $\equiv$  Isobar (Two stable particles interact)
- $-$  Spectator (The third particle)

# Three-body Unitarity

"Conservation of probability"

$$SS^\dagger = \mathbb{1} \quad \langle q_1, q_2, q_3 | (\hat{T} - \hat{T}^\dagger) | p_1, p_2, p_3 \rangle = i \int_P \langle q_1, q_2, q_3 | \hat{T}^\dagger | k_1, k_2, k_3 \rangle \langle k_1, k_2, k_3 | \hat{T} | p_1, p_2, p_3 \rangle$$

$\hat{T}$ : 3  $\rightarrow$  3 amplitude



**Connected**

Disconnected

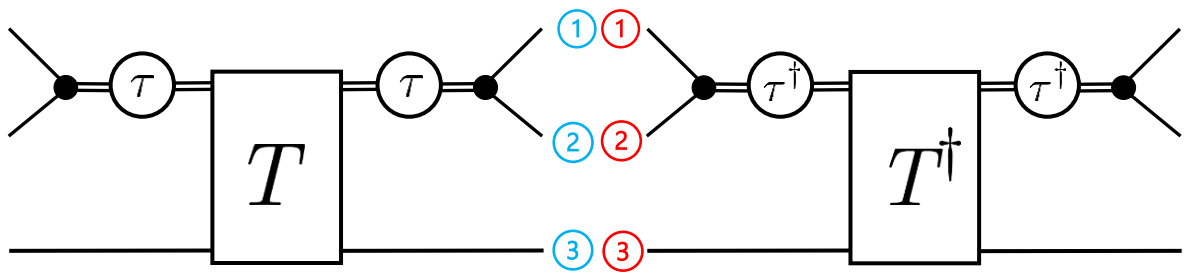
$$\int \prod_{j=1}^3 d^4 k_j \quad \text{[Diagram of } T \text{ and } T^\dagger \text{ with internal lines } k_j \text{]} \quad \text{[Diagram of } T^\dagger \text{ and } T \text{ with internal lines } k_j \text{]}$$



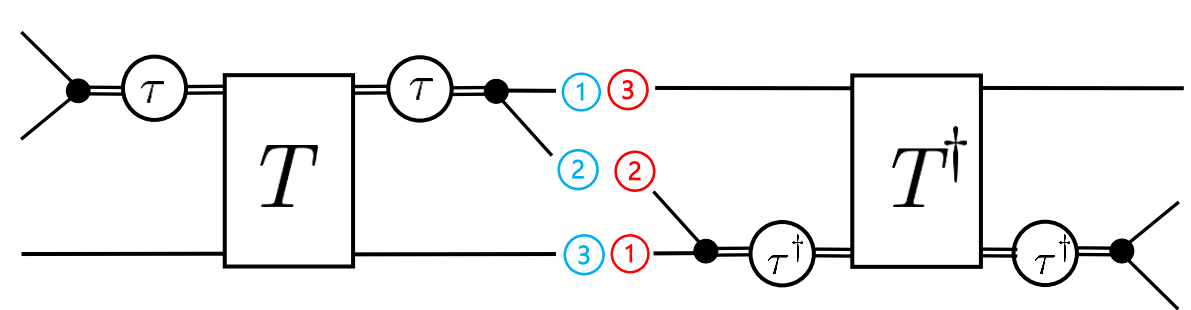


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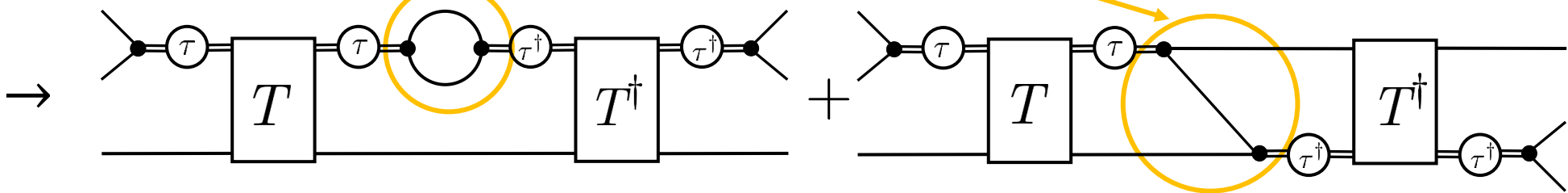
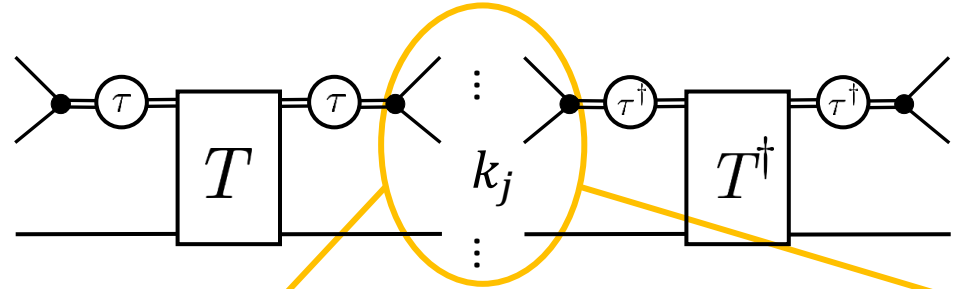
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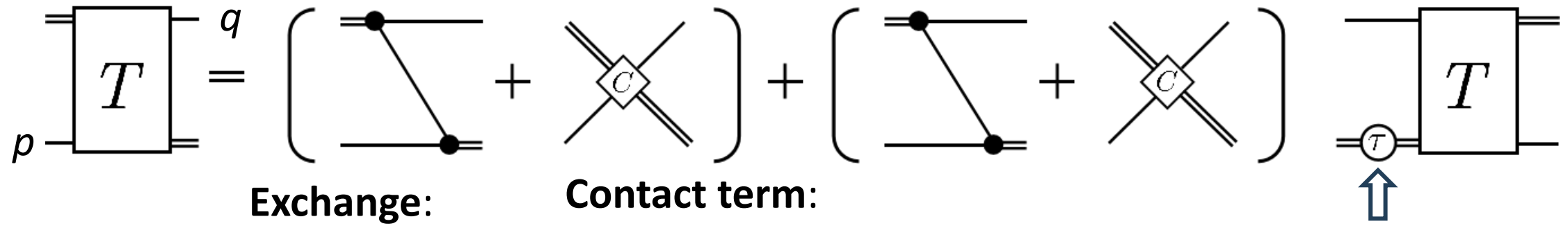
$$\int \prod_{j=1}^3 d^4 k_j$$



# Scattering Equation

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

- General Ansatz **Bethe-Salpeter equation** (BSE)
- Derive manifestly unitary amplitude (similar to Lippman-Schwinger equation (LSE))



**Exchange:**

- Complex
- Required by unitarity

**Contact term:**

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

**Isobar-spectator**

**Green's functions:**

- 2-body scattering input

# Partial-wave decomposition

- Plane-wave basis  
(Finite volume)

$$T_{\lambda'\lambda}(p, q_1) = (B_{\lambda'\lambda}(p, q_1) + C) + \sum_{\lambda''} \int \frac{d^3l}{(2\pi)^3 2E_l} (B_{\lambda'\lambda''}(p, l) + C) \tau(\sigma(l)) T_{\lambda''\lambda}(l, q_1)$$

- *JLS* basis:  
(Infinite volume)

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

# Upgrade to 4-channel model

$$\Gamma(a_1(1260) \rightarrow (\rho\pi)_{S\text{-wave}}, \rho \rightarrow \pi\pi) / \Gamma_{\text{total}}$$

VALUE(10<sup>-2</sup>)

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COMMENT

• • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • •

60.19

37k

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10.6  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ ,  $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$

Old: isobar in *P*-wave [[Sadasivan 2021 PRD](#)]

New: isobars in *S*-wave

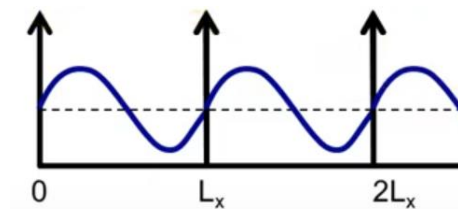
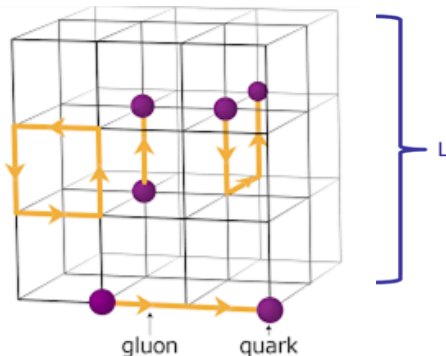
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- $\sigma: f_0(500)$ ;  $(\pi\pi)_2$ : repulsive isospin I=2 channel
- Systematic inclusion of all possible isobars up to *P*-wave
- More channels will be included

# To Finite Volume

# LQCD: Quantization Condition (QC)

- Impose periodic Boundary Condition (Lattice)



$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \psi(\mathbf{r} + L\hat{e}_i) = e^{iL \hat{e}_i \cdot \mathbf{p}_{\text{op}}} \psi(\mathbf{r})$$

## Infinite volume

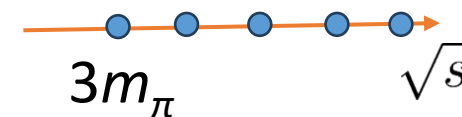
Continuous momenta



## Finite volume

$$\mathbf{p} = 2\pi\mathbf{n}/L \text{ for } \mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^3$$

$$\int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} f(\mathbf{p}) \rightarrow \frac{1}{L^3} \sum_{\mathbf{p} \in 2\pi/L \mathbb{Z}^3} f(\mathbf{p})$$



- Phase shifts
- Pole positions

QC

Discrete energy spectrum  
(from LQCD)

# Results

$$T = (B + C) + (B + C)\tau T$$

$$T = \frac{B+C}{\mathbb{1} - (B+C)\tau}$$

## Quantization Condition (QC)

$$0 = \det \left[ B(s) + \boxed{C(s)} - E_L \left( \tilde{K}_2^{-1}(s) - \Sigma_2^L(s) \right) \right]_{\substack{(\lambda'\lambda) \\ (\mathbf{p}'\mathbf{p})}}$$

fit parameters

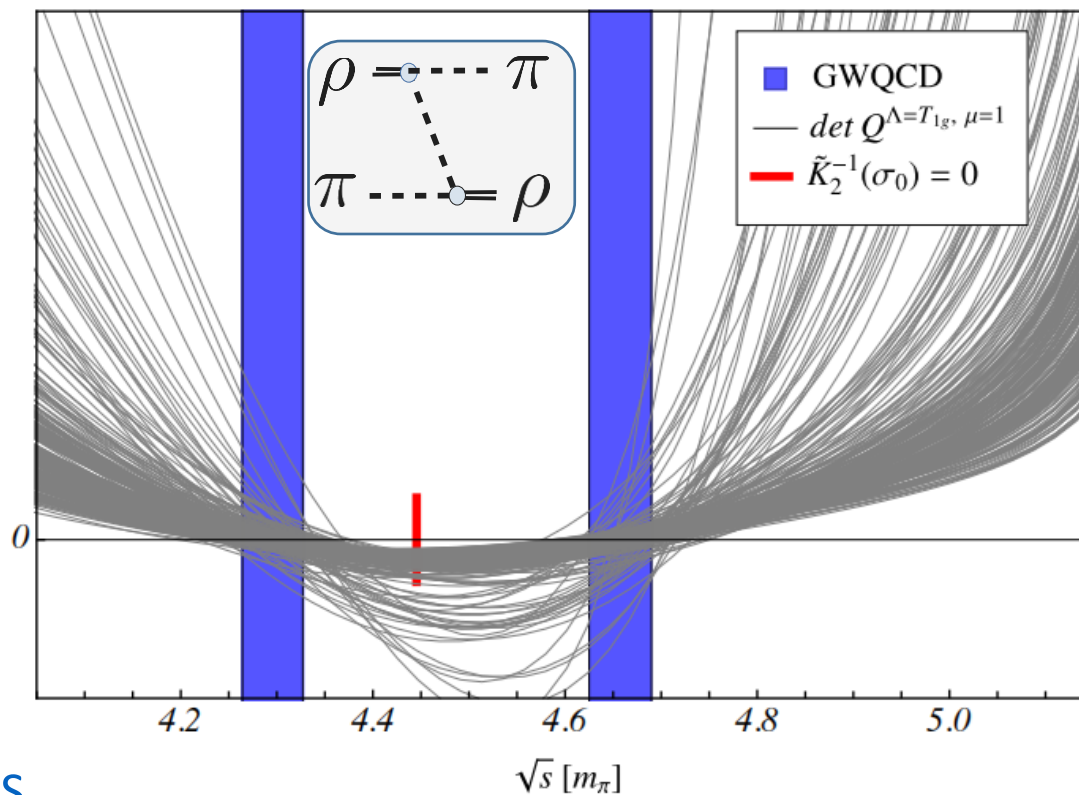
- Generalization of QC to 4-channels achieved, All isobars up to **P-wave** are included:  
 $a_1 \leftrightarrow (\pi\rho)_S \leftrightarrow (\pi\rho)_D \leftrightarrow (\pi\sigma)_P \leftrightarrow (\pi(\pi\pi))_{S,I=2}$
- Analysis is on the way [YF et al., in preparation]

- Extension to  $\eta\pi\pi + K\bar{K}\pi$  in finite volume: [Z. Draper, S. Sharpe 2403.20064 [hep-ph]]

First extraction 3-body resonance from lattice QCD (2 channels)

$a_1(1260) \rightarrow \pi\rho$

[Mai et al., PRL 2021]



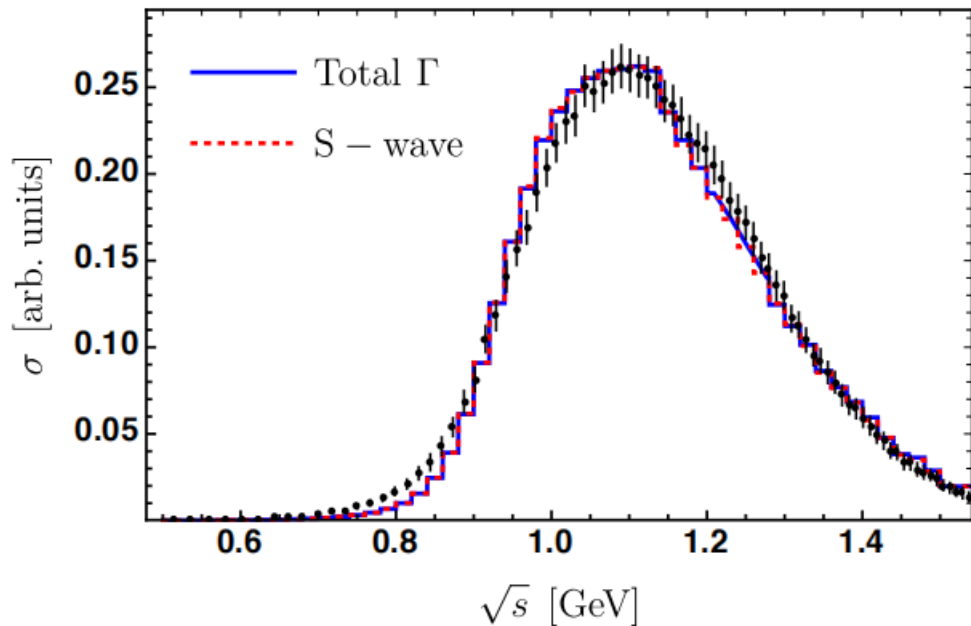
# To Infinite Volume



# Production amplitude

$$T_{L'L}(q_{\text{out}}, p_{\text{in}}) \rightarrow \check{\check{\Gamma}}_{L'}(q_{\text{out}})$$

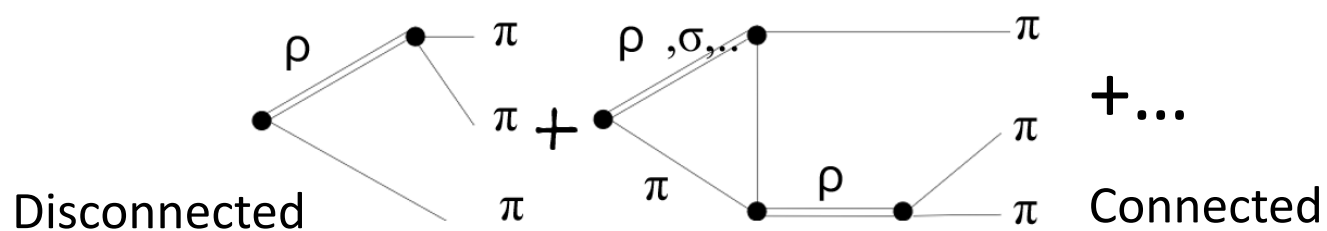
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- An example of  $a_1(1260)$  lineshape (ALEPH data) from the decay

$$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ \nu_\tau$$

Disconnected part = Traditional Isobar model



$$\check{\check{\Gamma}}_{L'} = \check{\check{\Gamma}}_{L'}^{\text{disc}} + \check{\check{\Gamma}}_{L'}^{\text{con}}$$

Lineshape

$$\mathcal{L}(\sqrt{s}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{q}_1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 \mathbf{q}_2}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 \mathbf{q}_3}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_{q_1} 2E_{q_2} 2E_{q_3}} \quad (18)$$

$$\times (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(P_3 - q_1 - q_2 - q_3) |\overline{\Gamma(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \mathbf{q}_3)}|^2.$$

# Dalitz plots

- CLEO data [[Phys.Rev.D 61 \(2000\) 012002](#)]
  - Channel dynamics mostly visible in Dalitz plots, not line shape
  - Large data set for  $\tau$  Dalitz decays
- Need more channels for combined analysis of Dalitz plots.
  - Analyze future data with different final states  $\pi\pi\pi/\pi K\bar{K}$

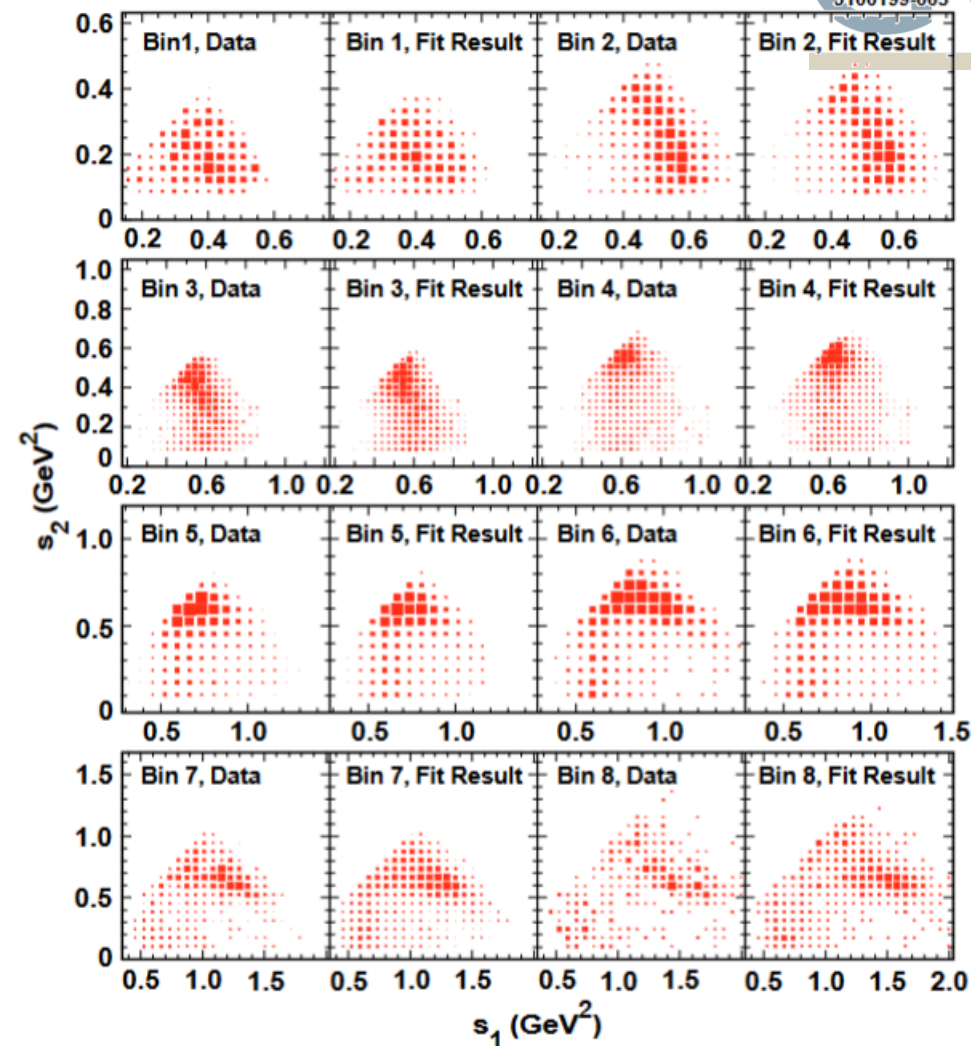


FIG. 5. Dalitz plot distributions for data and fit result. Here  $s_1$  is taken to be the higher of the two values of  $M_{\pi-\pi_0}^2$  in each event. Bins 1 through 8 correspond to slices in  $\sqrt{s} = 0.6-0.9, 0.9-1.0, 1.0-1.1, 1.1-1.2, 1.2-1.3, 1.3-1.4, 1.4-1.5, 1.5-1.8$  GeV.

# Partial-wave projection

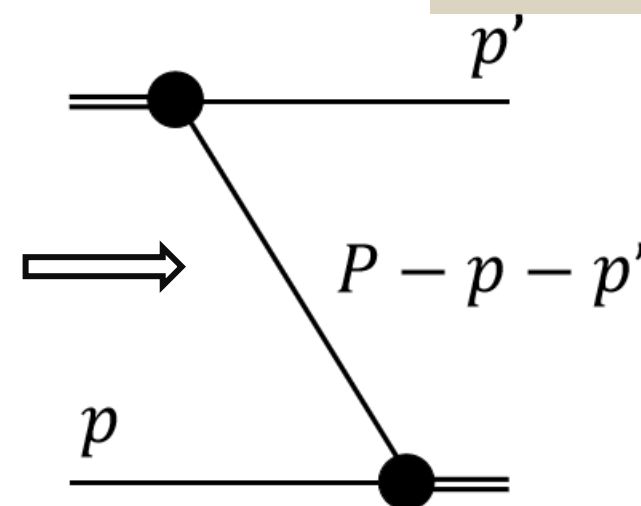
$$B_{L'L}(q_{\text{out}}, p_{\text{in}}) \rightarrow T_{L'L}(q_{\text{out}}, p_{\text{in}}) \rightarrow \check{\check{\Gamma}}_{L'}(q_{\text{out}})$$

$$B_{\lambda'\lambda}(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) = \frac{I_f v_{\lambda'}^*(P - p - p', p) v_{\lambda}(P - p - p', p')}{2E_{p'+p}} f(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p})$$

$$x = \cos(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}), \quad E_{p+p'}^2 = m_{\pi}^2 + p^2 + p'^2 + 2pp'x,$$

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

Forward propagator



## Logarithmic Singularities

$$B_{\lambda'\lambda}(p', p) = 2\pi \int_{-1}^{+1} dx d_{\lambda'\lambda}^J(x) B_{\lambda'\lambda}(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p})$$

$$B_{L'L}(p', p) = U_{L'\lambda'} B_{\lambda'\lambda}(p', p) U_{\lambda L}$$

Projection: Plane-wave  $\rightarrow$  Partial-wave

Projection: Helicity  $\rightarrow$  JLS

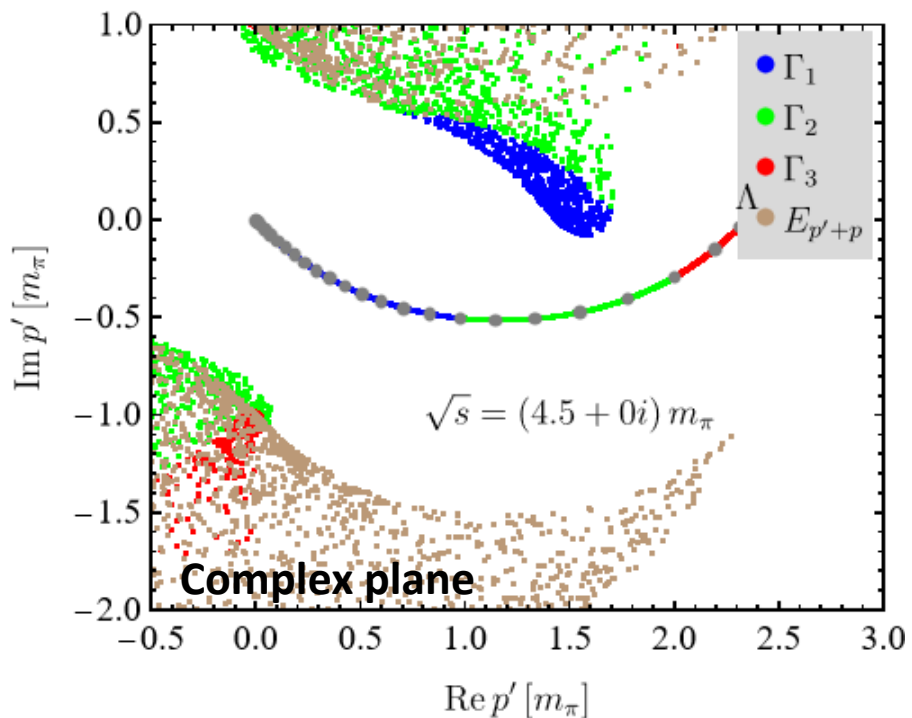
# Solving scattering equation for complex momenta

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

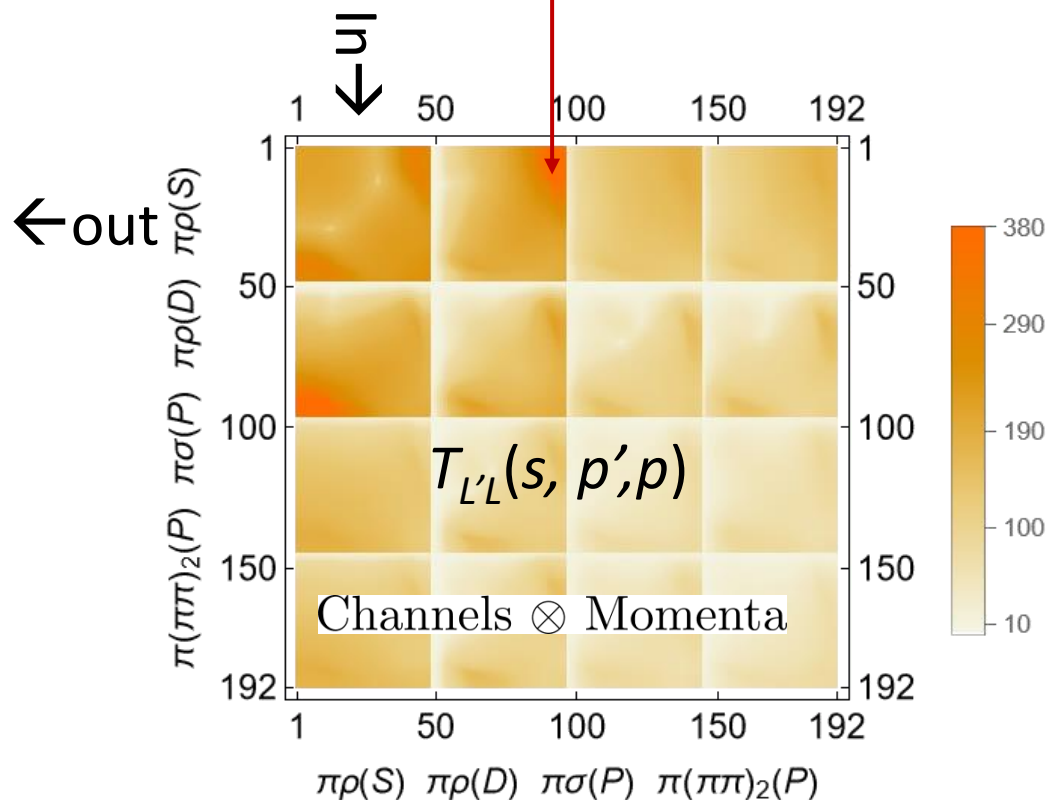
- Avoid vanishing denominator at

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

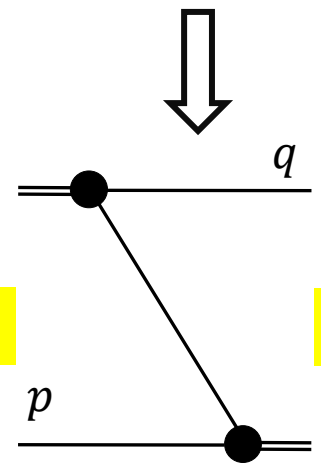
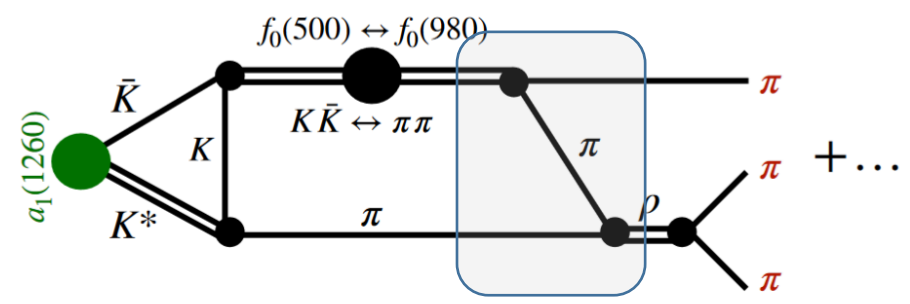
$$\alpha(p) = \sqrt{s} - E_p, \quad \beta(p, x) = \alpha^2(p) - p^2 x^2. \quad (23)$$



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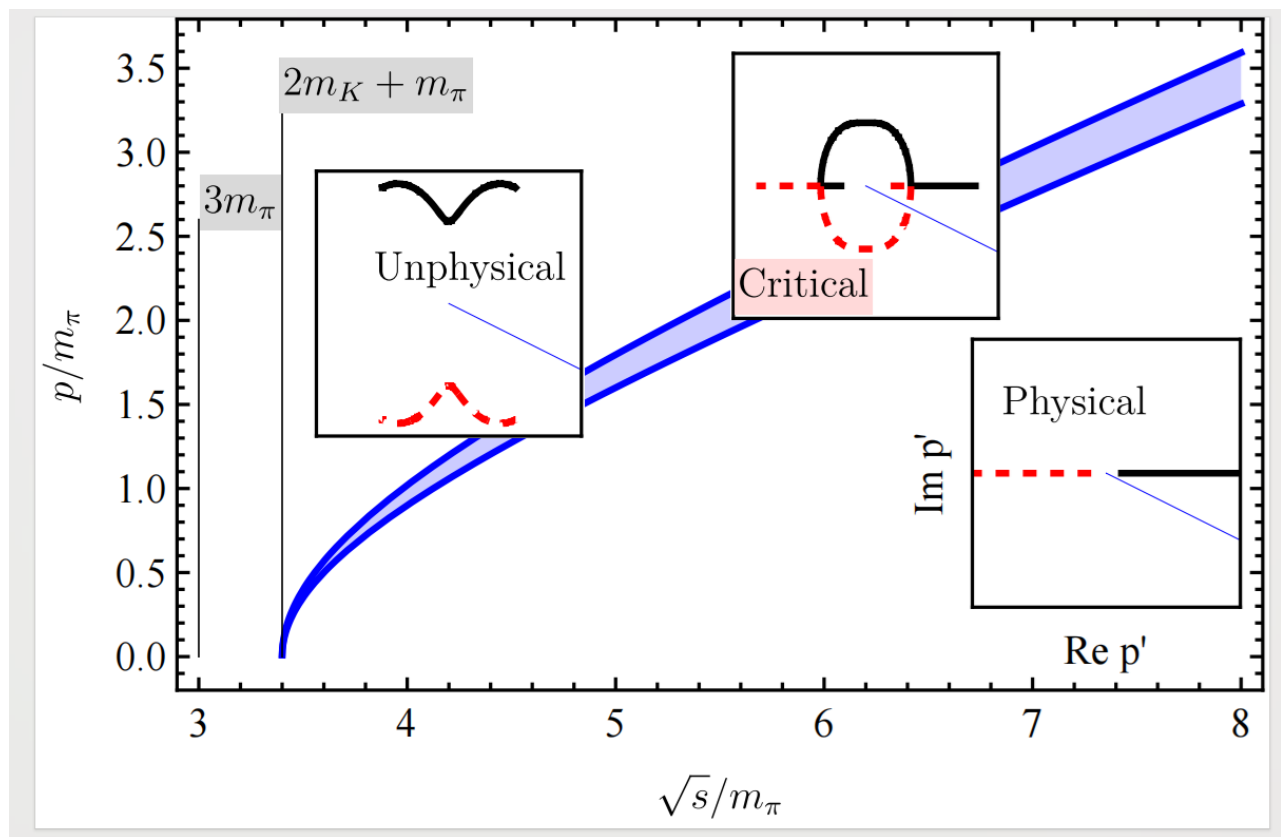
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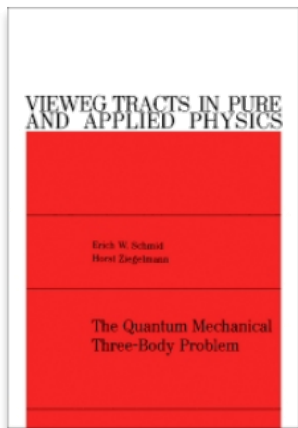
Complex momenta

Real momenta

$$p_{\pm} = \frac{qx(q^2 - \alpha^2) \pm \alpha \sqrt{(\beta + q^2(x^2 - 1))^2 - 4m_{\pi}^2 \beta}}{2\beta} \quad (1)$$



# Heatheringington and Schick method



## The Quantum Mechanical Three-Body Problem

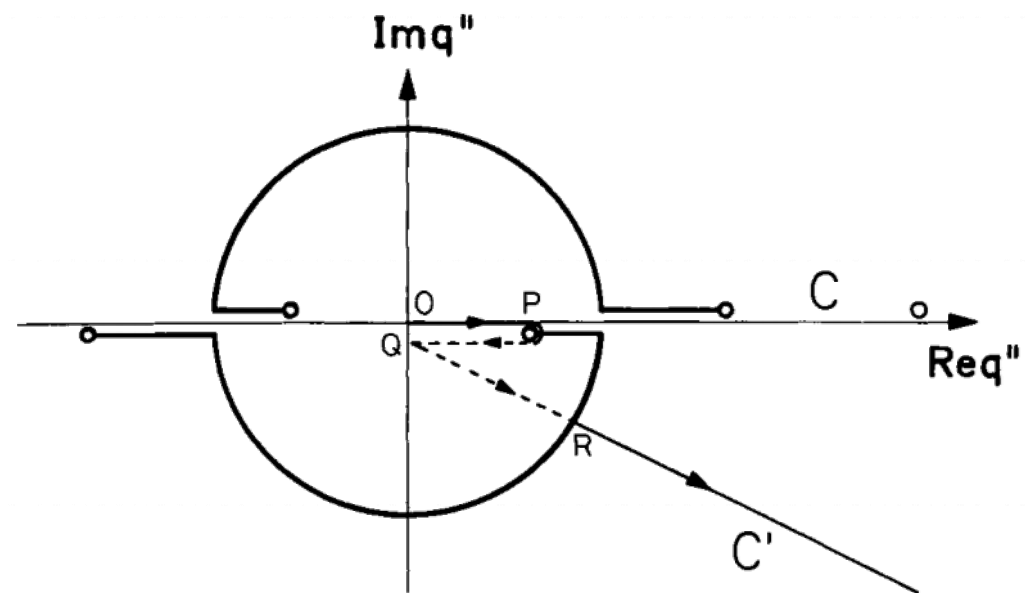
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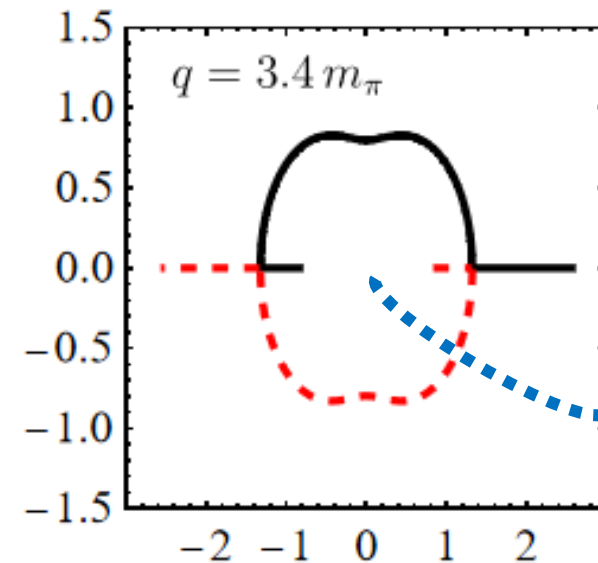
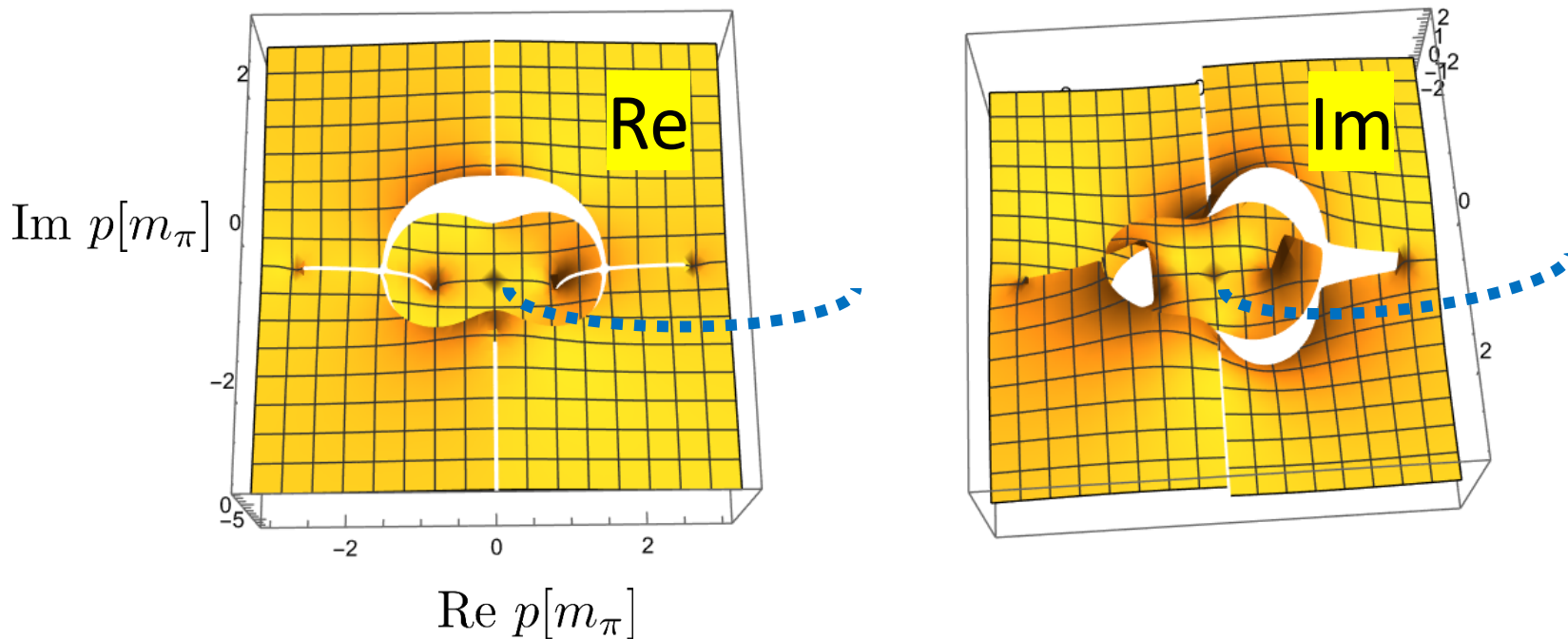


# Heatherington and Schick method

$$B \sim f(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s} - E_p - E_{p'} - E_{p+p'} + i\epsilon} \quad B_{\lambda'\lambda}(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) = 2\pi \int_{-1}^{+1} dx d_{\lambda'\lambda}^J(x) B_{\lambda'\lambda}(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p})$$

3D plot: Integrate over the angle

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



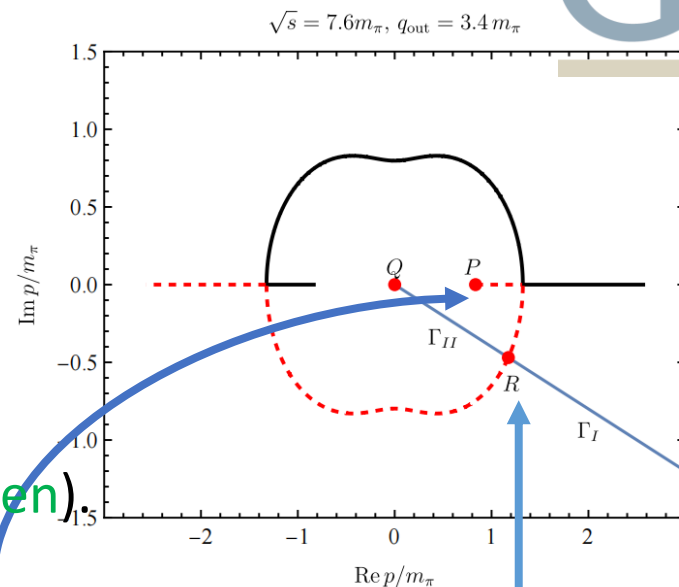
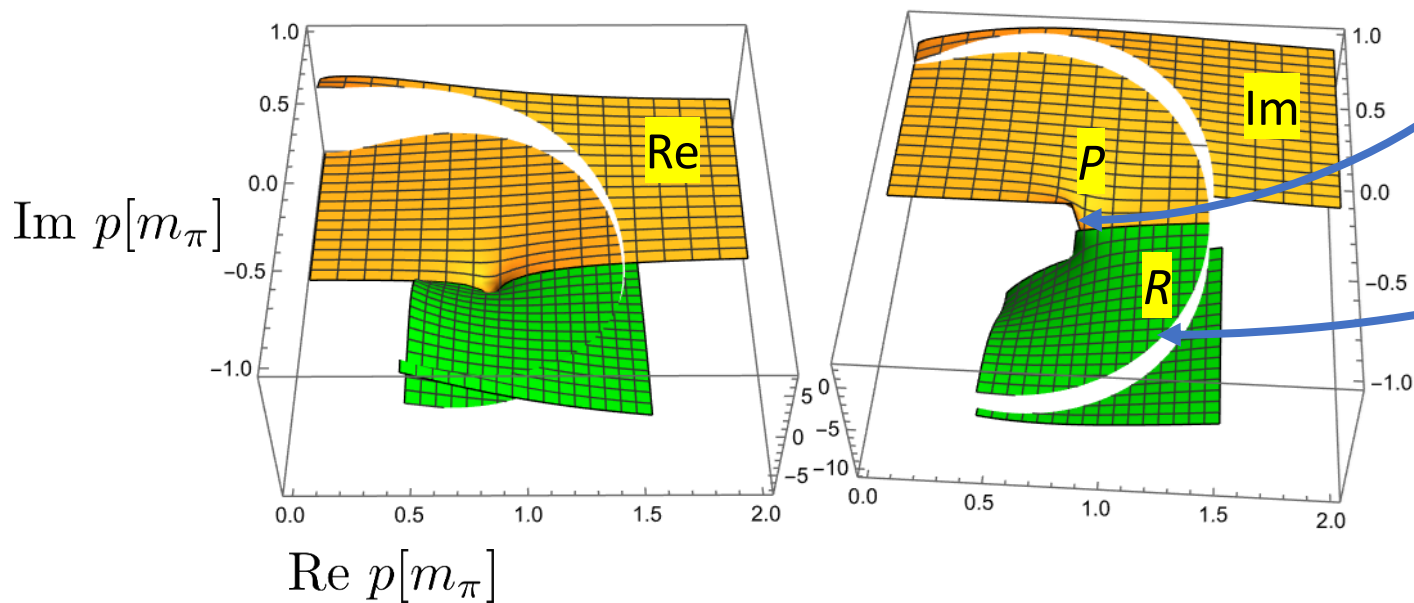
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Discontinuity: 2 times of

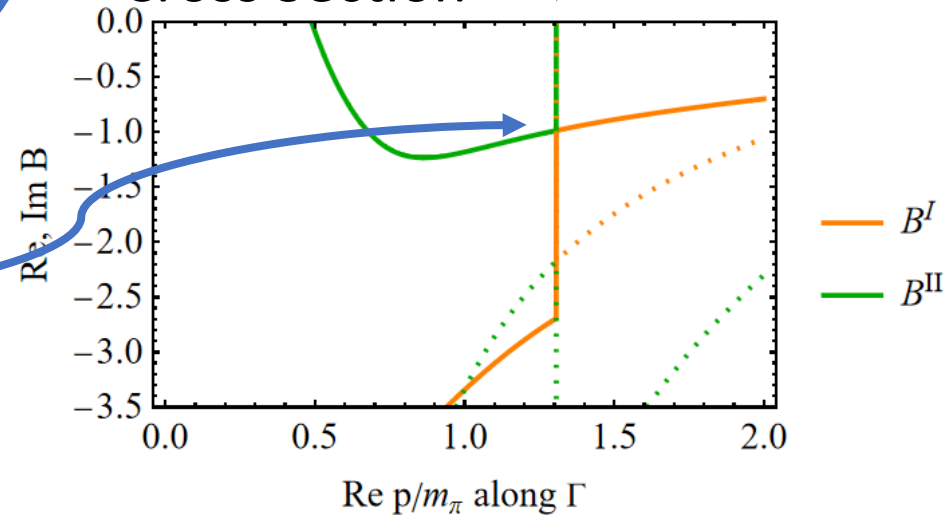
$$d_f = \text{Im} \int_{-1}^1 dx f(\mathbf{q}', \mathbf{q}). \quad f(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s} - E_p - E_{p'} - E_{p+p'} + i\epsilon}$$

Smooth transition between 1st sheet (orange) and 2nd sheet (green).

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



Cross Section

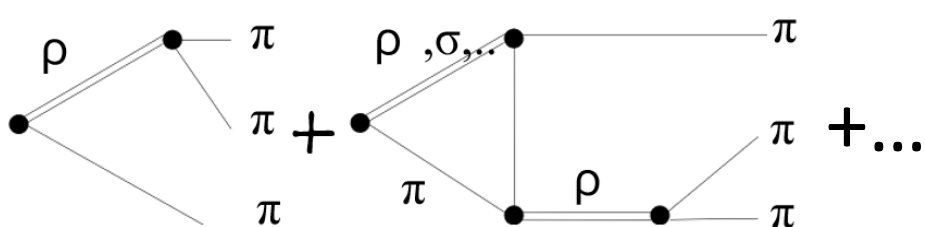




# Preliminary results

# Lineshape Modification

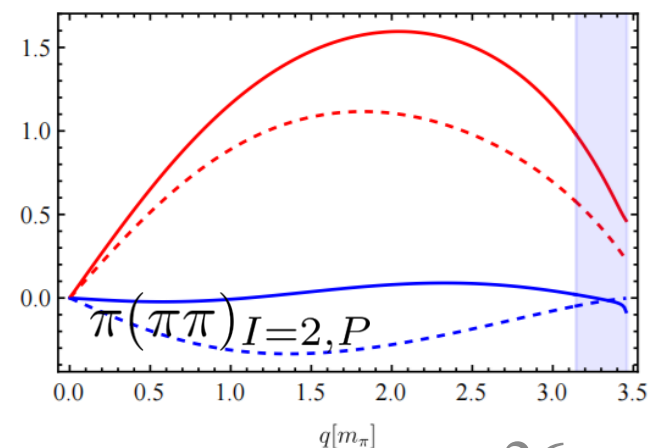
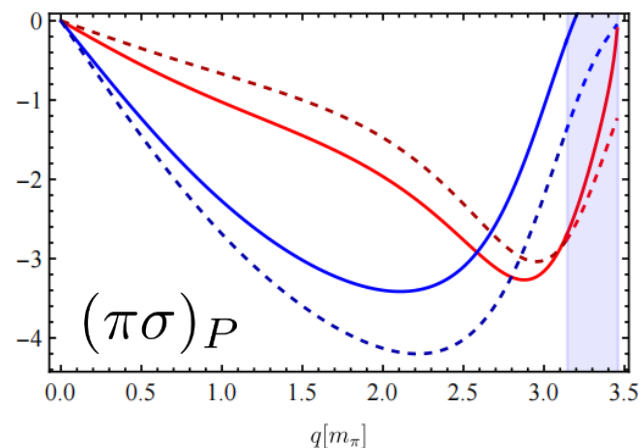
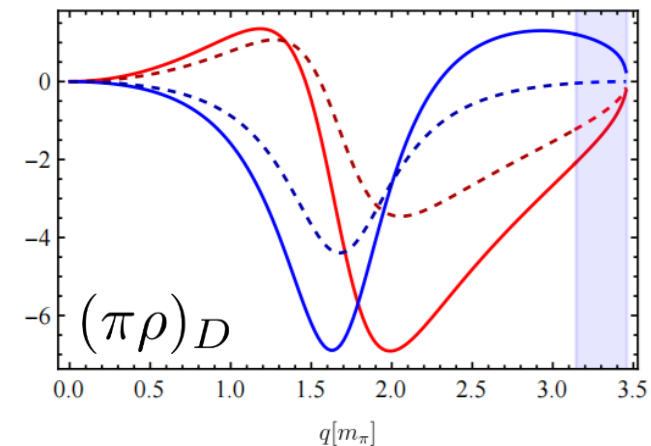
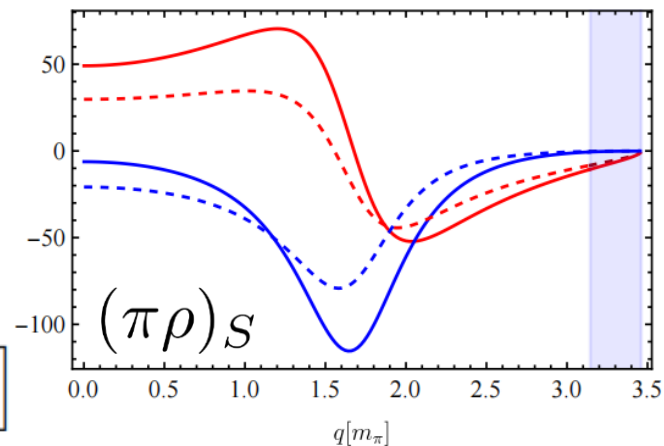
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$$\check{\check{\Gamma}}_{L'} = \check{\check{\Gamma}}_{L'}^{\text{disc}} + \check{\check{\Gamma}}_{L'}^{\text{con}}$$

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

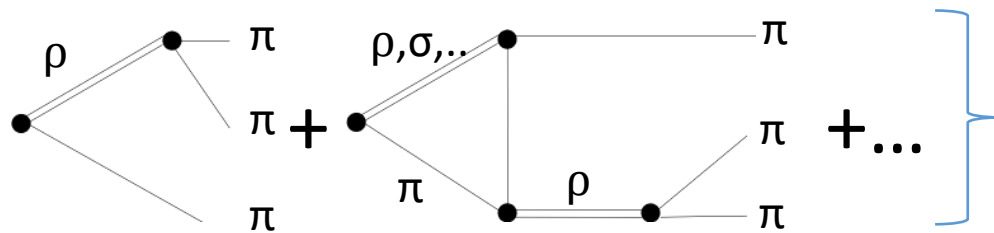


Solid line: Full  
Dashed line: Disc

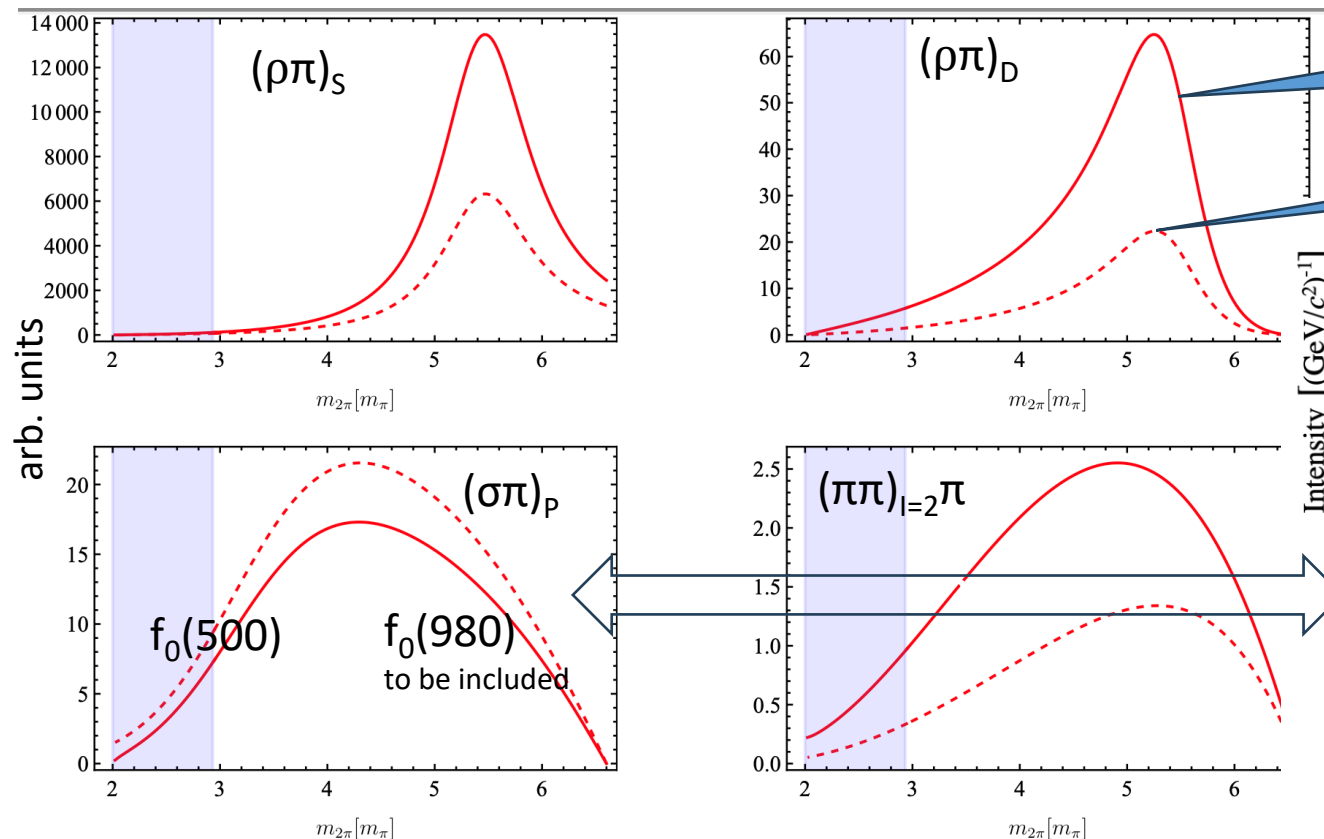
Red: *Re*  
Blue: *Im*

# Lineshape Modification

- Isobar lineshapes modification through 3-body effects



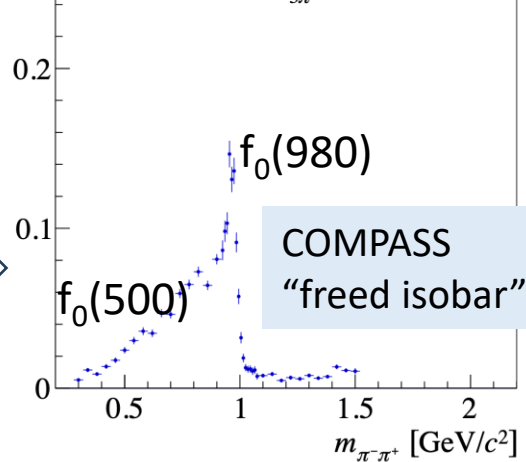
$I^{G(J^{PC})} = 1^-(1^{++}) \rightarrow$   
 $(\rho\pi)_S, (\rho\pi)_D,$   
 $(\sigma\pi)_P, (\pi\pi)_{I=2}\pi, \dots$   
 $\rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$



With 3B effects

Lineshape w/o 3B

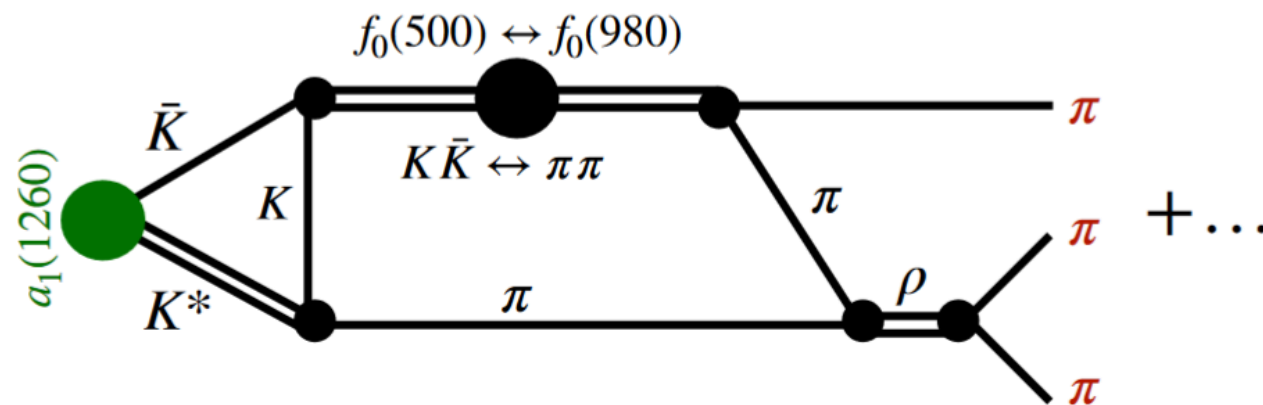
$0^-+0^+ [\pi\pi]_{0^{++}} \pi S$   
 $0.194 < t' < 0.326 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$   
 $1.66 < m_{3\pi} < 1.70 \text{ GeV/c}^2$



2b lineshape extracted from 3b experiment

# Extension to strangeness

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

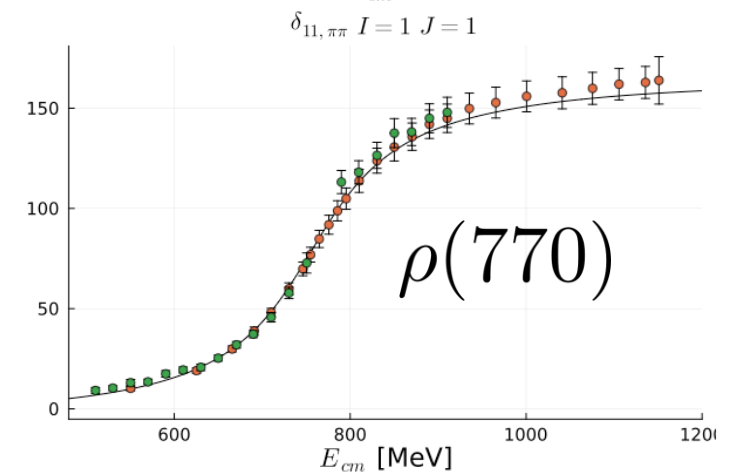
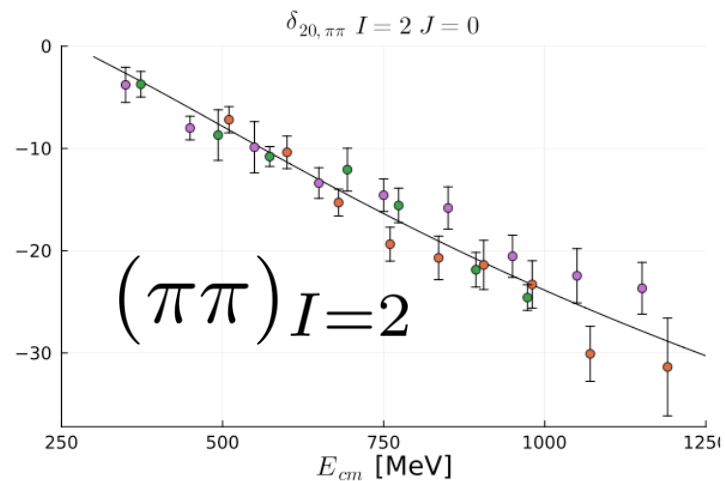
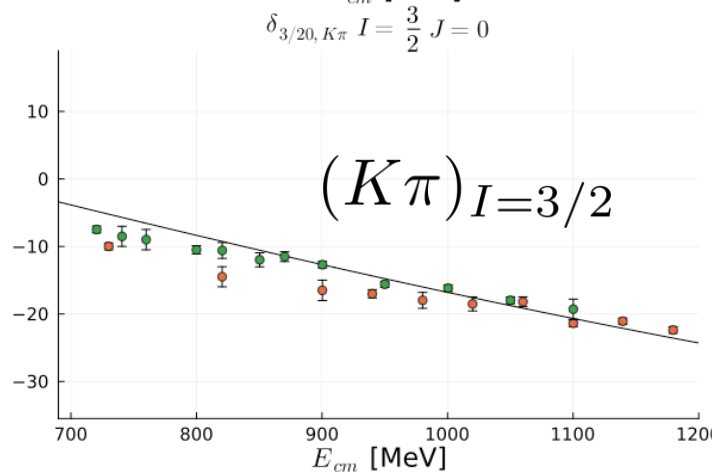
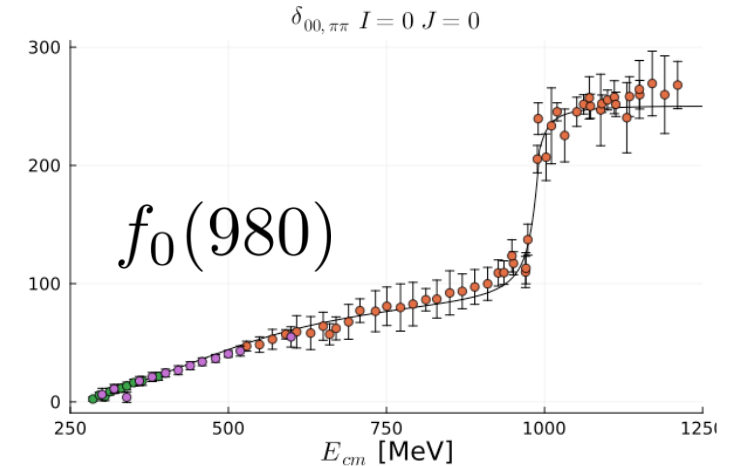
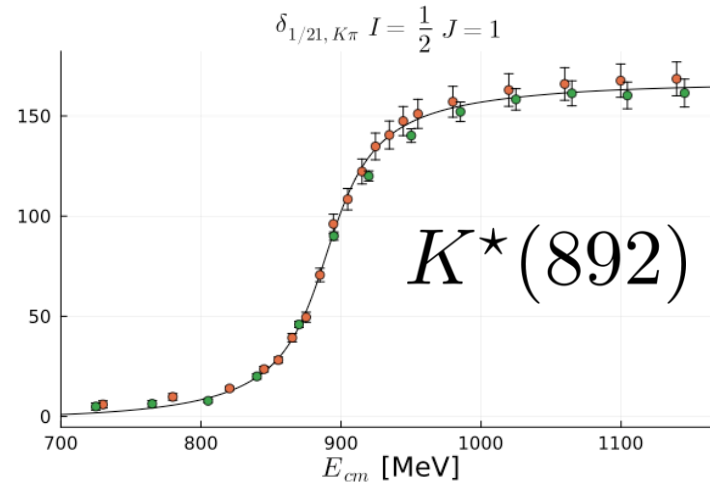
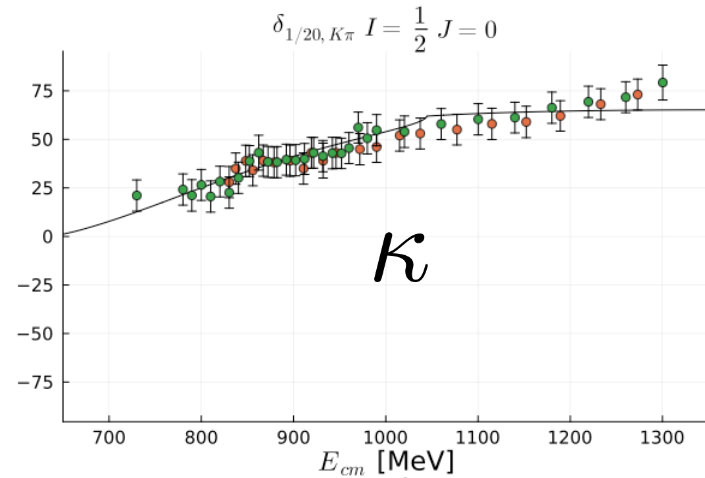


$K_0^*(700)$

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

# 2-body input

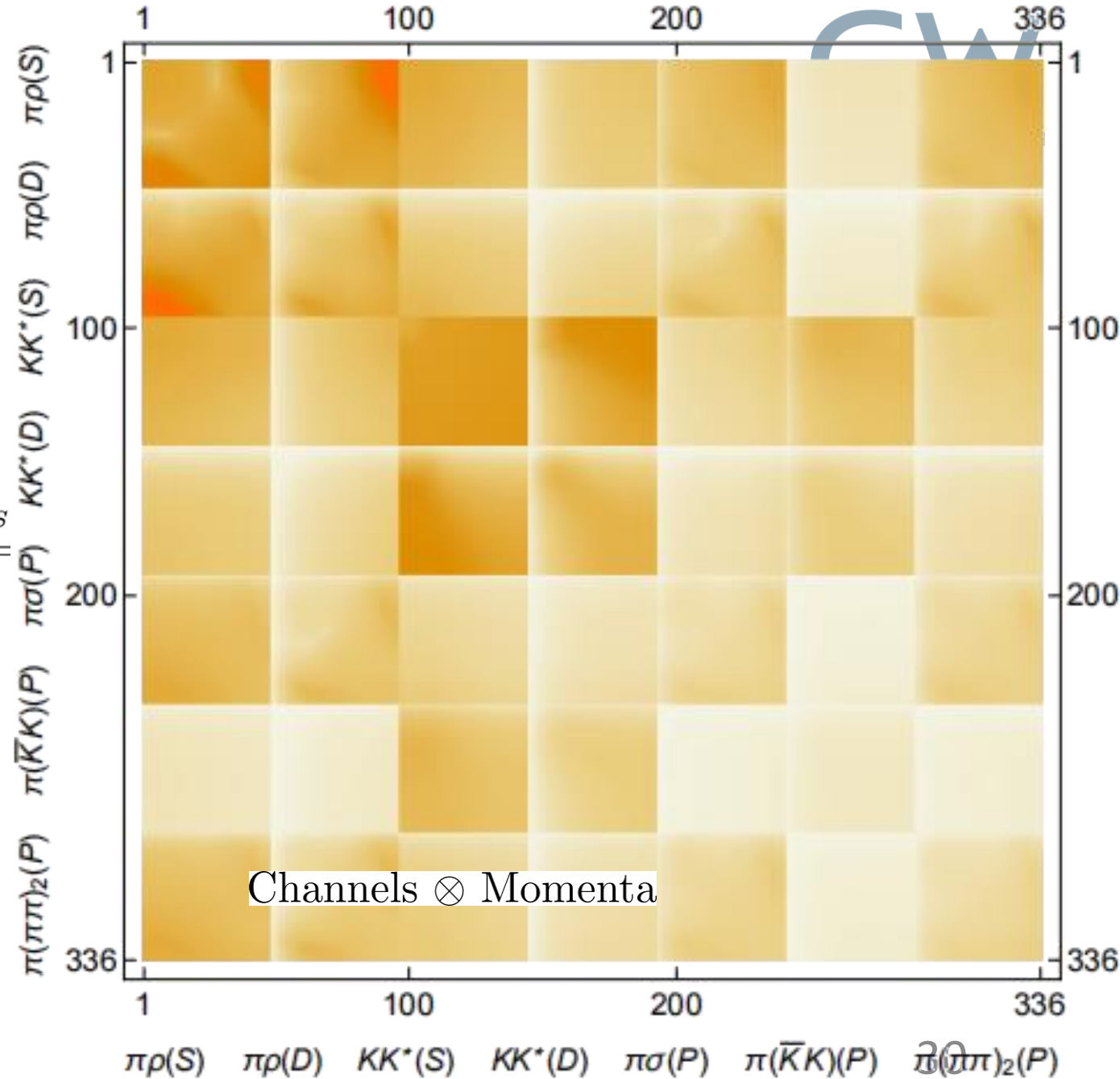
More 2-body inputs:  $\eta^{00}$   $\delta_{K\bar{K} \rightarrow \pi\pi}^{00}$



# Prelim Results

## 7-channel model T-matrix

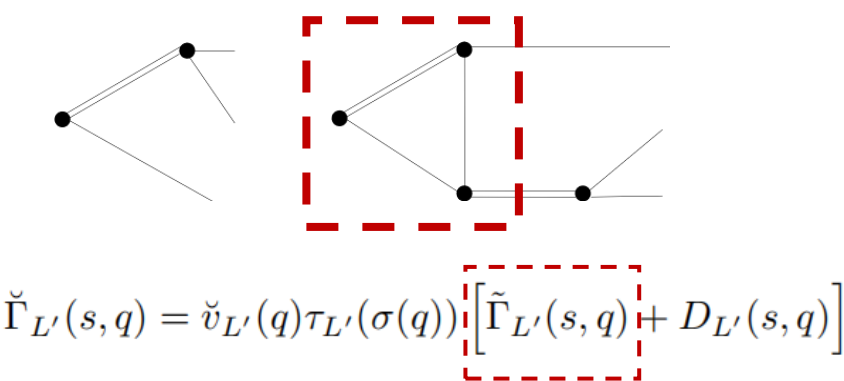
$\pi\rho_{\lambda=\pm 1,0}$	$KK^*_{\lambda=\pm 1,0}$	$\pi\sigma$	$\pi(K\bar{K})_S$	$\pi\pi_2$
$(\pi\rho)_S$	$(KK^*)_S$	$(\pi\sigma)_P$	$(\pi(K\bar{K})_S)_P$	$(\pi\pi_2)_S$
$(\pi\rho)_D$	$(KK^*)_D$			



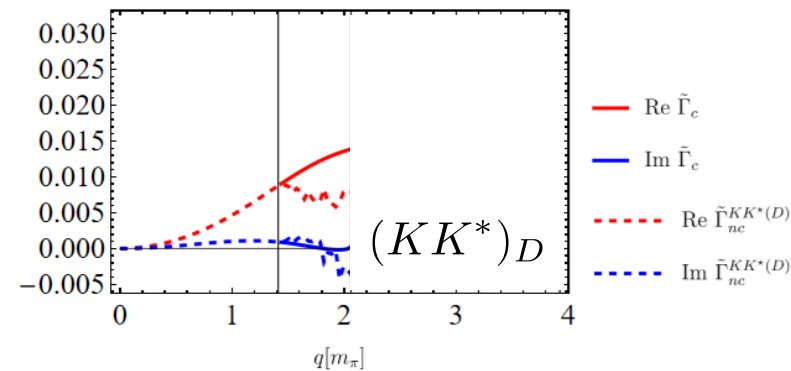
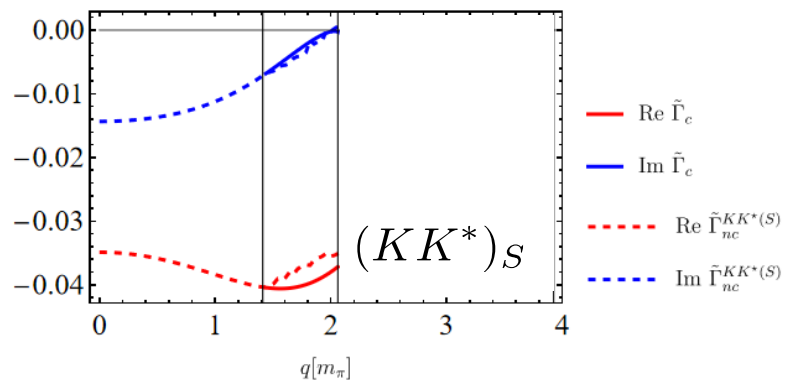
# Prelim results 2

Production amplitude (strangeness): Only the (non-trivial) re-scattering piece

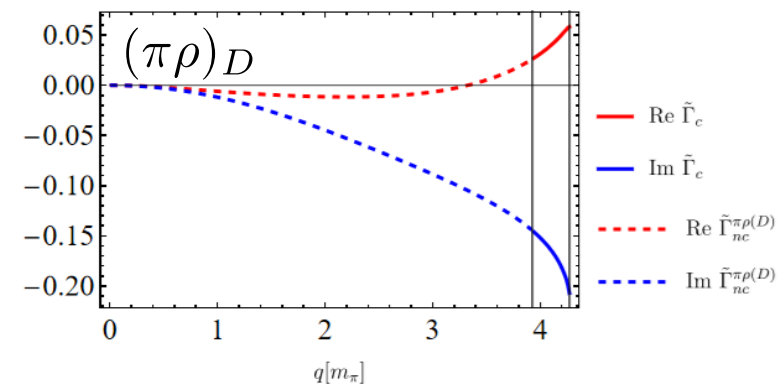
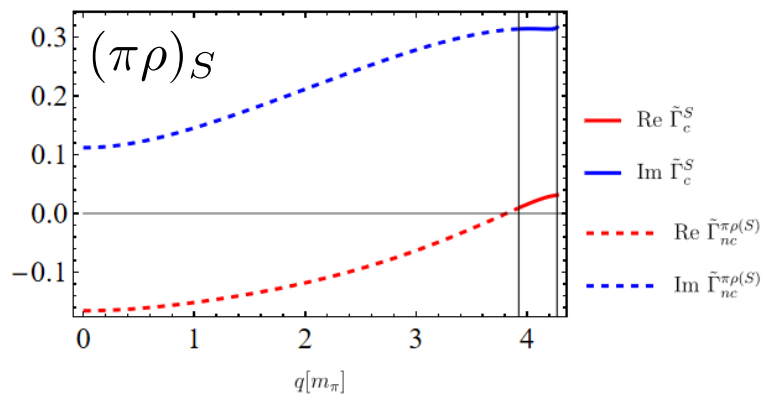
Without final isobar decay



$$W > 2m_K + m_\pi$$

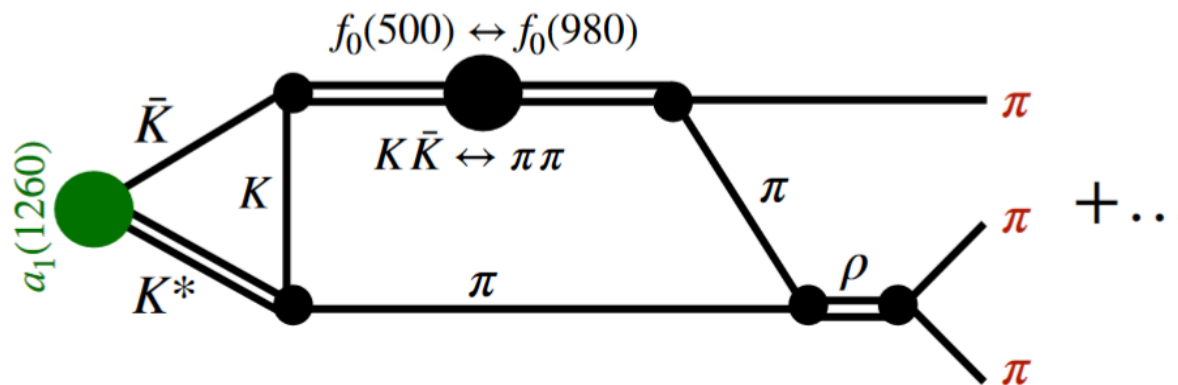


Rescattering generates phase motion of the three-body amplitude

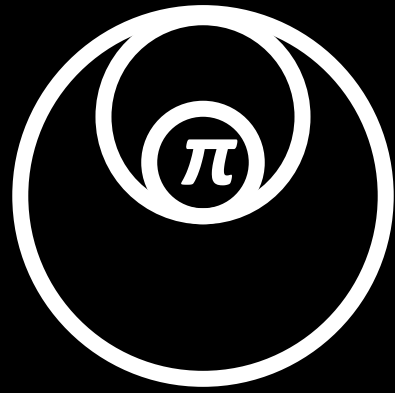


# Summary and outlook

- **Finite volume:** Four-channel quantization condition allows for better determination of  $a_1$  amplitude and other spins/isospins (in progress).
- **Infinite volume:**
  - Quantify line-shape modification and phase motion induced by three-body effects beyond traditional isobar model
  - Inclusion of kaons (+eta) will allow to analyze different final states (help needed!)
  - Allows for consistent inclusion of triangles as coupled-channel transition ( $a_1(1420)$ )
  - Can some resonances be generated by nonlinear meson dynamics from three-body unitarity?







For questions



# Delta00

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} \eta e^{2i\delta_1} & i(1 - \eta^2)^{1/2} e^{i(\delta_1 + \delta_2)} \\ i(1 - \eta^2)^{1/2} e^{i(\delta_1 + \delta_2)} & \eta e^{2i\delta_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \tilde{C}(s) \right]_{(\mathbf{p}', j)(\mathbf{p}, i)} = \frac{3}{4\pi} \sum_{M=-1}^1 \mathfrak{D}_{-M-\lambda(j)}^{1*}(\phi_{-\mathbf{p}'}, \theta_{-\mathbf{p}'}, 0) \tilde{C}_{ji}(s, p', p) \mathfrak{D}_{-M-\lambda(i)}^1(\phi_{-\mathbf{p}}, \theta_{-\mathbf{p}}, 0)$$

$$\text{with } \tilde{C}_{ji}(s, p', p) = U_{jL'} \tilde{C}_{L'L}(s, p', p) U_{Li} \quad \text{for } U_{Lj} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{Lj}$$

$$\text{with } \tilde{C}_{L'L}(s, p', p) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (p')^{L'} \cdot \tilde{c}_{L'L}^{(i)}(s)^i \cdot (p)^L .$$

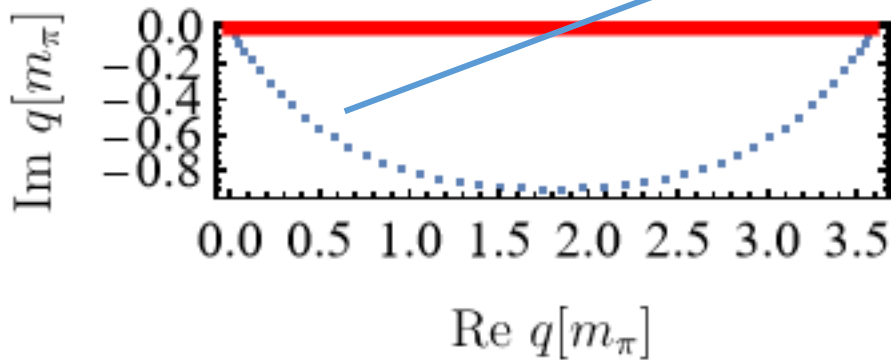
# Extrapolation to real momenta

$$T_{L'L}(q_{\text{out}}, p_{\text{in}}) \rightarrow \check{\check{\Gamma}}_{L'}(q_{\text{out}})$$

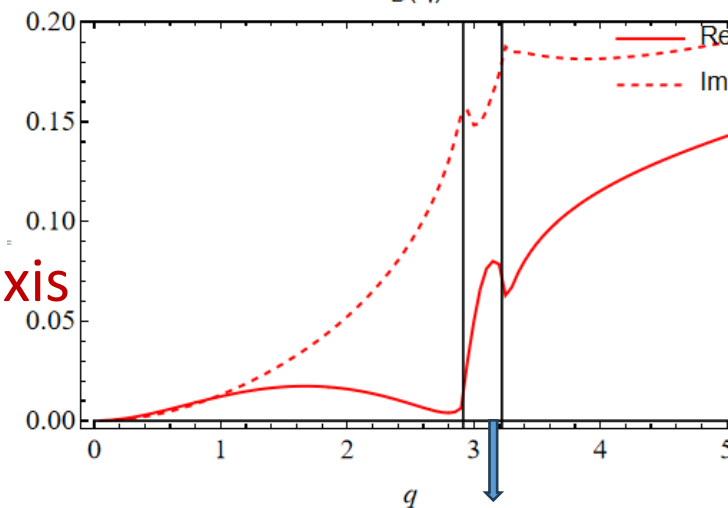
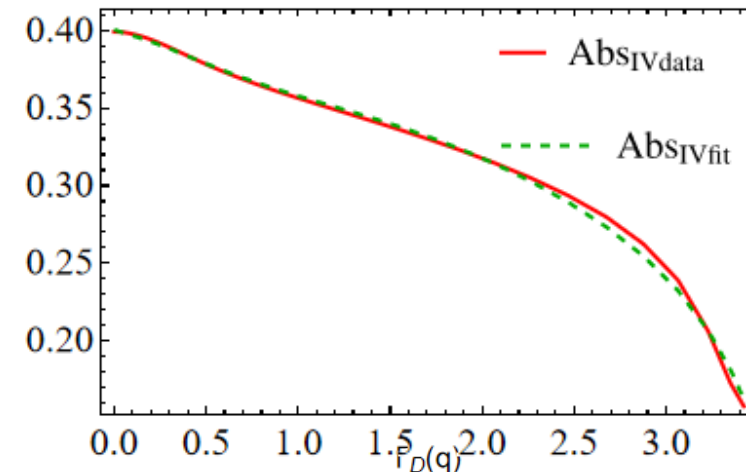
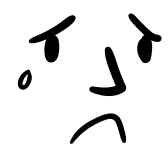
First try: Pade fit

$$\check{\check{\Gamma}}_L(q_1) = \left(\frac{q_1}{m_\pi}\right)^L H(q_1) \frac{\sum_{j=0}^m a_j^L (q_1/m_\pi)^j}{\sum_{k=0}^n b_k^L (q_1/m_\pi)^k}$$

Fit in complex plane



Extrapolate to real-axis



Not good in "critical region" for  $D$ -wave

# Finite volume 2-body input

$$\Sigma_{n,\lambda'\lambda}^L(s, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{J(\mathbf{p})}{L^3} \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{S}_L} \frac{\sigma_p^n}{(4E_{k^*}^2)^n} \frac{\epsilon_{\lambda'\nu}^{*\nu*}(\mathbf{P}_3 - \mathbf{p})(P_\nu^* - p_\nu^* - 2k_\nu^*) \epsilon_{\lambda\mu}^{*\mu}(\mathbf{P}_3 - \mathbf{p})(P_\mu^* - p_\mu^* - 2k_\mu^*)}{2E_{k^*}(\sigma_p - 4E_{k^*}^2)}.$$

$$\mathbf{k}^*(s, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{p} \left( \frac{\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{p}}{p^2} (J(s, \mathbf{p}) - 1) + \frac{1}{2} J(s, \mathbf{p}) \right), \quad J(s, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma_p}}{\sqrt{s} - E_{\mathbf{p}}},$$

$$\tau_{\lambda'\lambda}^{-1}(\sigma_p) = \delta_{\lambda'\lambda} \tilde{K}_n^{-1}(s, \mathbf{p}) - \Sigma_{n,\lambda'\lambda}(s, \mathbf{p}), \quad (4)$$

$$\tilde{K}_n^{-1}(s, \mathbf{p}) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i \sigma_p^i \quad \text{and} \quad \Sigma_{n,\lambda'\lambda}(s, \mathbf{p}) =$$

$$\int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\sigma_p^n}{(4E_k^2)^n} \frac{\hat{v}_{\lambda'}^*(P - p - k, k) \hat{v}_\lambda(P - p - k, k)}{2E_k(\sigma_p - 4E_k^2 + i\epsilon)}.$$

# LQCD DATA

Table I. Details of the GWQCD  $N_f = 2$  ensemble parameters used in this work. Here  $a$  is the lattice spacing,  $N_{\text{cfg}}$  the number of Monte-Carlo configurations for each ensemble. The pion and kaon masses are  $aM_\pi$  and  $aM_K$ , respectively. The errors on every value are purely stochastic except the lattice spacing which includes an estimated 2% systematic uncertainty.

Ensemble	$N_t \times N^3$	$a/\text{fm}$	$N_{\text{cfg}}$	$aM_\pi$	$af_\pi$	$aM_K$	$af_K$
2448	$48 \times 24^3$	0.1210(2)(24)	300	0.1931(4)	0.0648(8)	0.3236(3)	0.1015(2)
2464	$64 \times 24^3$	0.1215(3)(24)	400	0.1378(6)	0.0600(10)	0.3132(3)	0.0980(2)

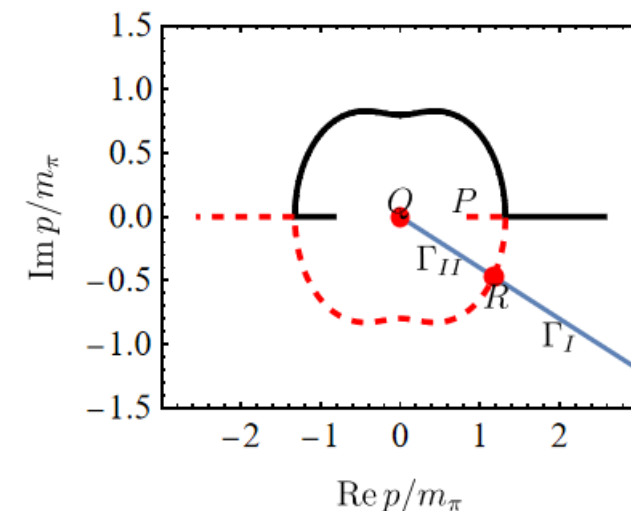
# Heatherington and Schick method

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

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

Same method for  
production amplitude

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





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

### 3. Blatt-Weisskopf barrier-penetration factors

For  $\ell = 0, \dots, 5$  the Blatt-Weisskopf barrier-penetration factors [167, 168] are explicitly given by

$$B_0(r) = 1,$$

$$B_1(r) = r/\sqrt{1+r^2},$$

$$B_2(r) = r^2/\sqrt{9+3r^2+r^4},$$

$$B_3(r) = r^3/\sqrt{225+45r^2+6r^4+r^6},$$

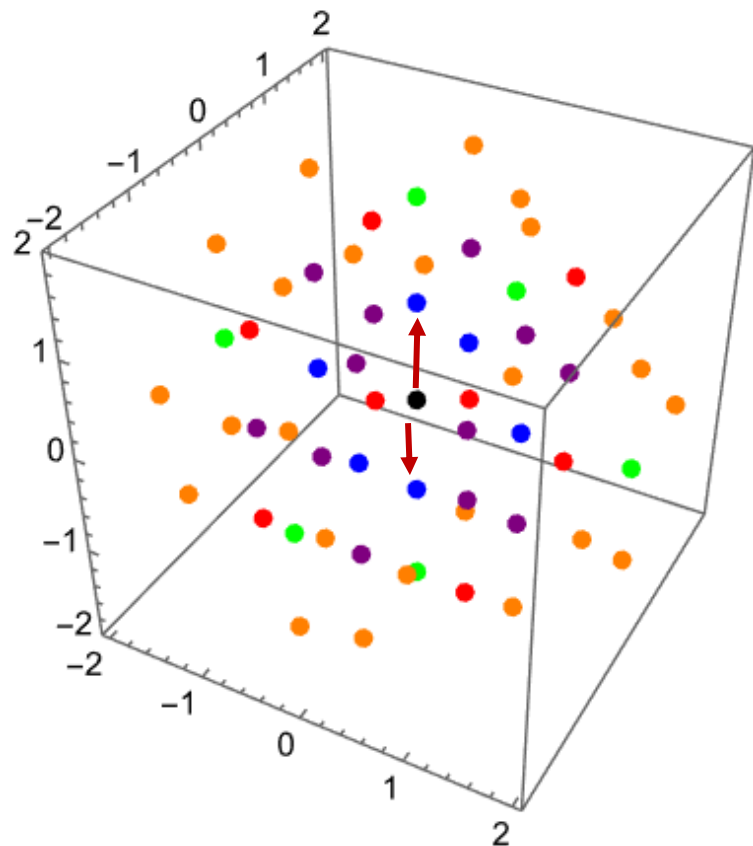
$$B_4(r) = r^4/\sqrt{11025+1575r^2+135r^4+10r^6+r^8},$$

$$B_5(r) = r^5/\sqrt{893025+99225r^2+6300r^4+315r^6+15r^8+r^{10}}.$$

# Spectator momentum

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{p} = 2\pi\mathbf{n}/L \text{ for } \mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^3$$

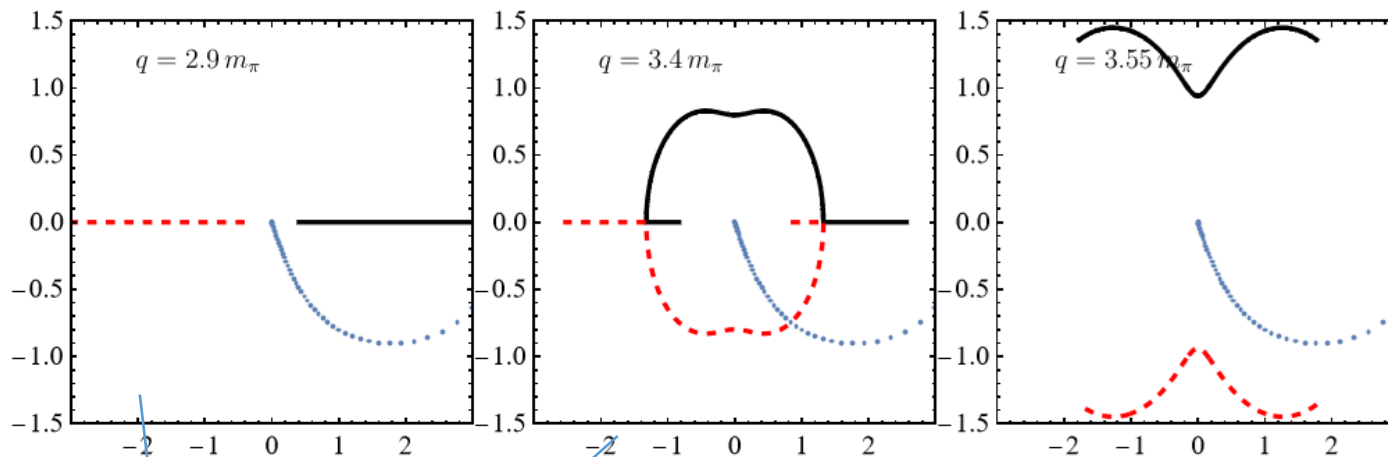
Spectator momentum shells



- 1: {0,0,0}
- 2: {1,0,0}
- 3: {1,1,0}
- 4: {1,1,1}
- 5: {2,0,0}
- 6: {2,1,0}
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$$\frac{2\pi}{L}$$

e.g. Shell 2: we have  $2*3 = 6$  plane-wave momenta:  
 $(1,0,0), (1,0,0), (0,1,0),$   
 $(0,1,0), (0,1,0), (0,0,1),$   
 $(0,0,-1)$



$$\tilde{\Gamma}_{L'L}(s, q) = \int_{\Gamma} \frac{dp p^2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} T_{L'L}(s, q, p) \tau_L(\sigma(p)) D_L(s, p) ,$$

for the non-critical and

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

for the critical region.