

# Dispersive determination of the $\sigma$ resonance from lattice QCD

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EXOTIC HADRONS TOPICAL COLLABORATION

# A NEW ERA OF DISCOVERY

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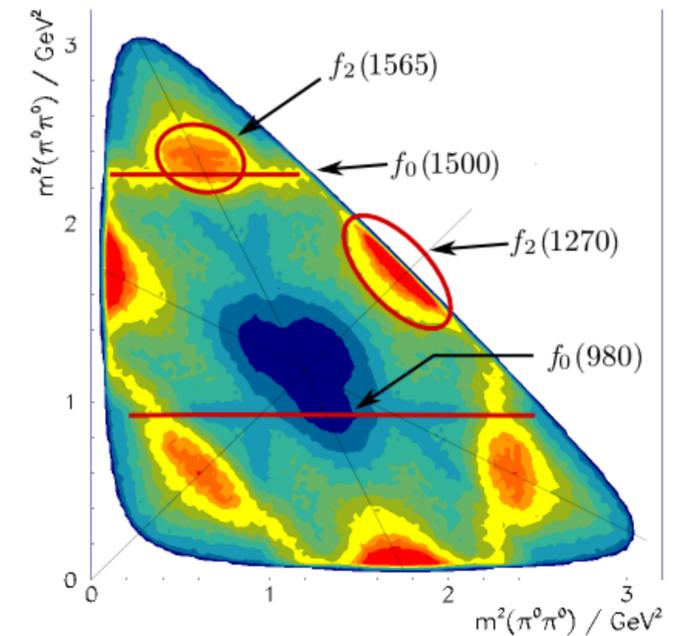
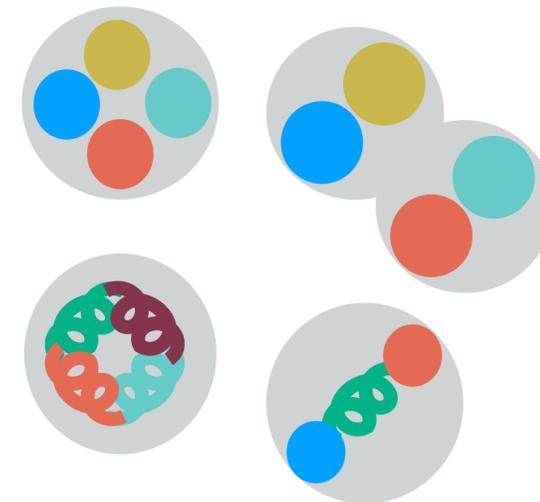
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“hadron spectroscopy explores the possible bound combinations of quarks and gluons allowed by the interactions of QCD”

# QCD

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|---|---|---|
| $u$<br>up<br>2.3 MeV<br>$2/3$<br>$1/2$    | $c$<br>charm<br>1.28 GeV<br>$2/3$<br>$1/2$  | $g$<br>gluon<br>0.12 GeV<br>$1$             |
| $d$<br>down<br>4.8 MeV<br>$-1/3$<br>$1/2$ | $s$<br>strange<br>95 MeV<br>$-1/3$<br>$1/2$ | $b$<br>bottom<br>4.7 GeV<br>$-1/3$<br>$1/2$ |



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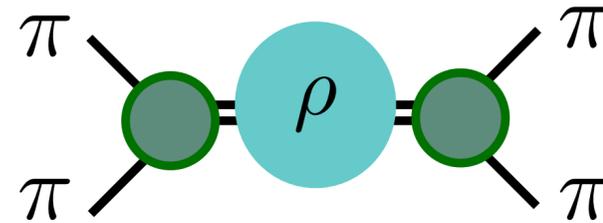
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How do we extract this particle?

# Lattice QCD

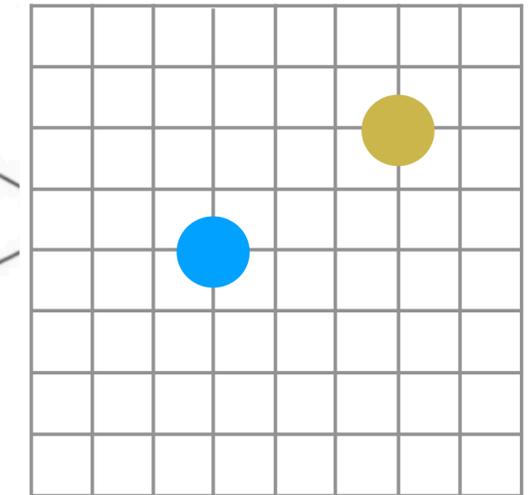
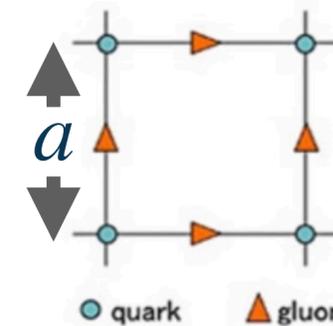
*Dudek, Jackura, Ortega-Gama's (and others) talks for more/better details*

**Discretized, euclidean spacetime**

$$\int \mathcal{D}\varphi(x) = \prod_x \int d\varphi_x$$

$$-iS = -i \int d^3x dt \mathcal{L} \rightarrow - \int d^3x dt \mathcal{L}_E = -S_E$$

*Regulator*



**Numerical, Montecarlo sampling of our gluon fields**

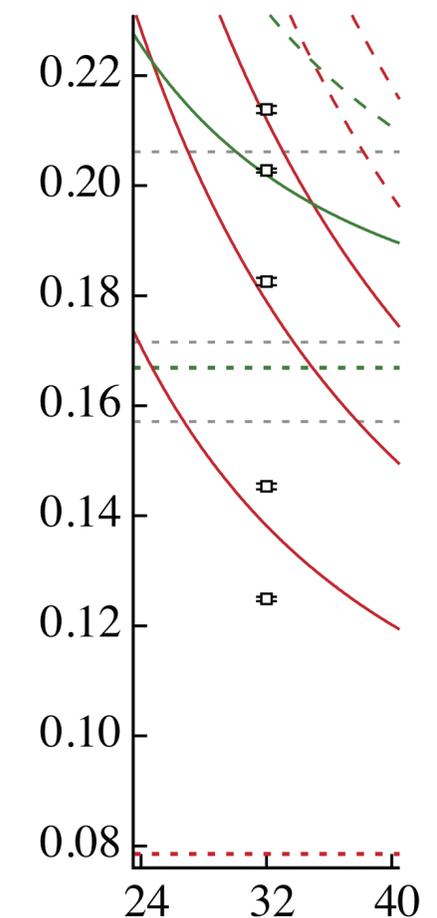
$$\langle O \rangle = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N O[U_n]$$

**States Time evolution**  $|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-Ht} |\psi(0)\rangle$

$$\langle O_f(t) O_i^\dagger(0) \rangle \sim \sum_n e^{-E_n t} \langle 0 | O_f(0) | n \rangle \langle n | O_i^\dagger(0) | 0 \rangle$$

**Desired energies**

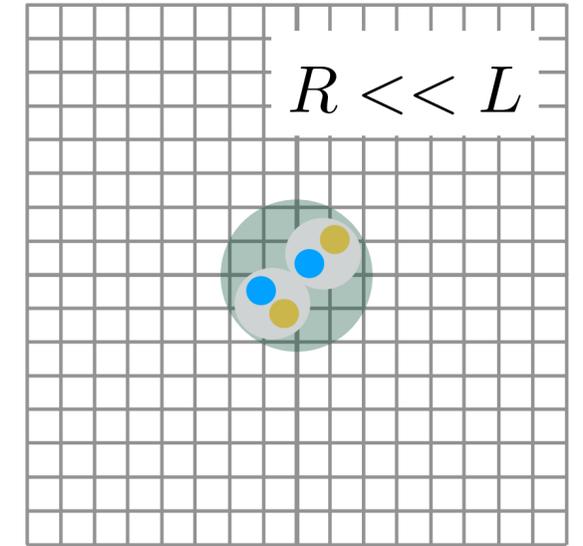
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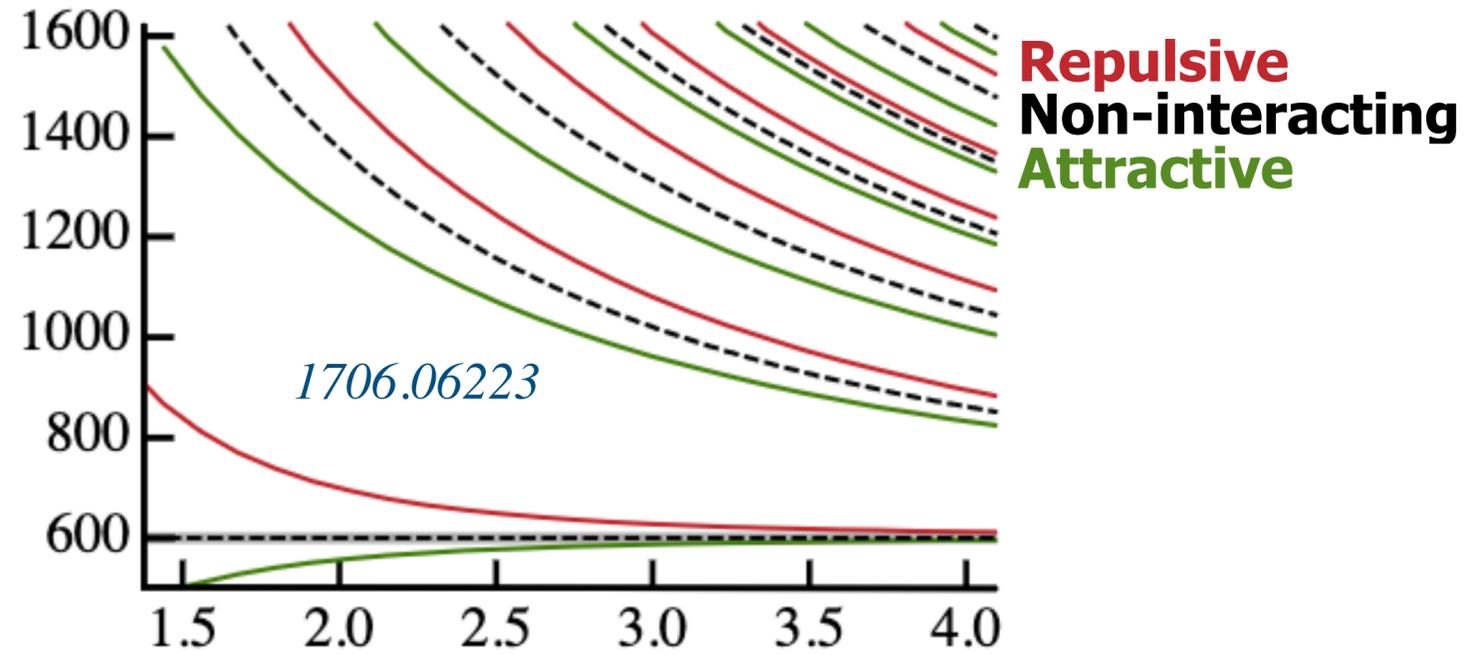
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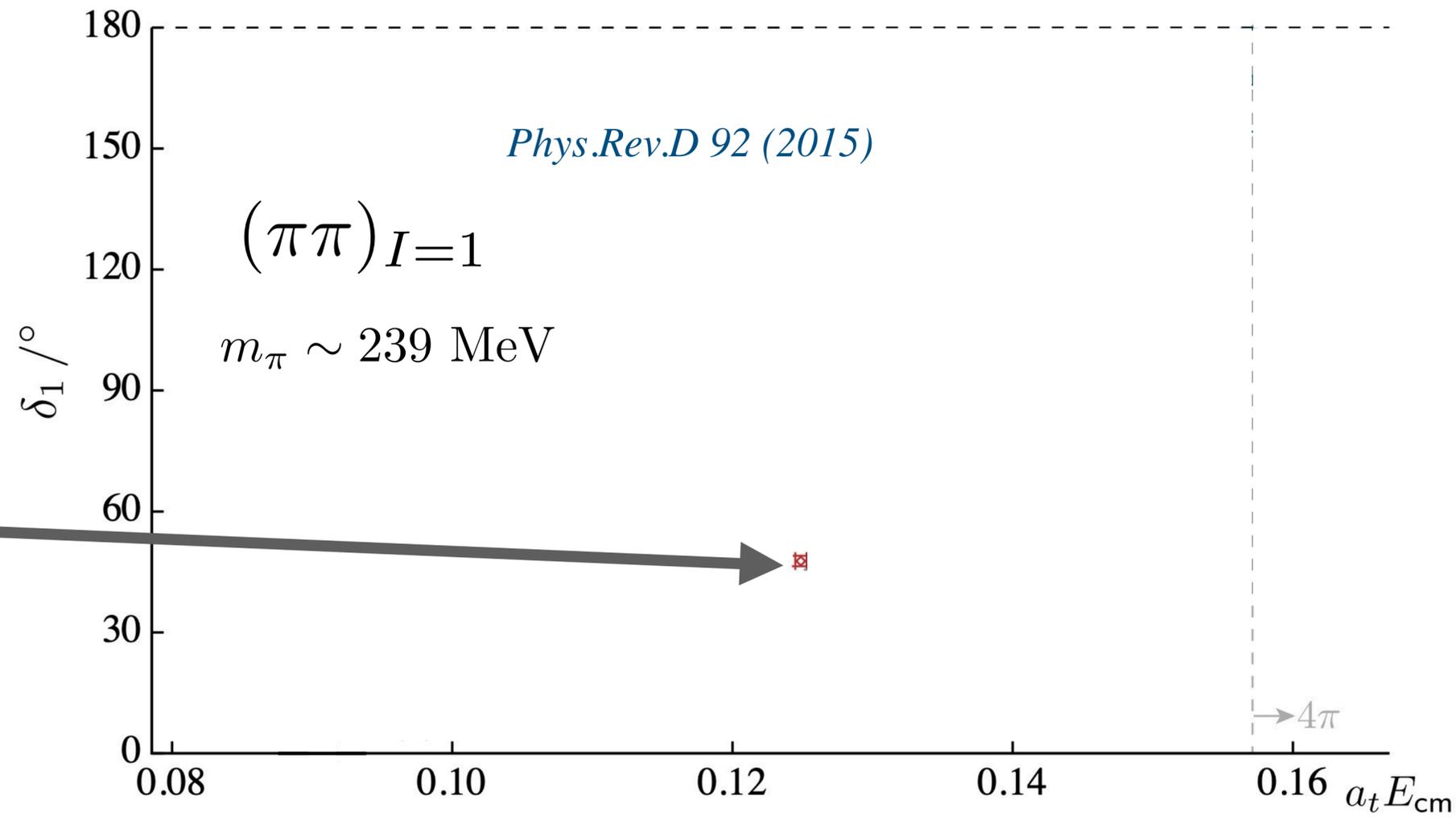
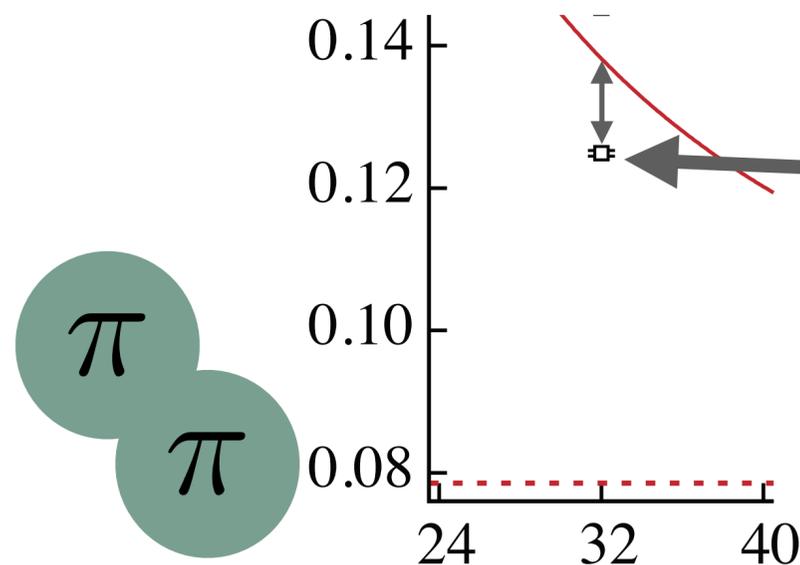


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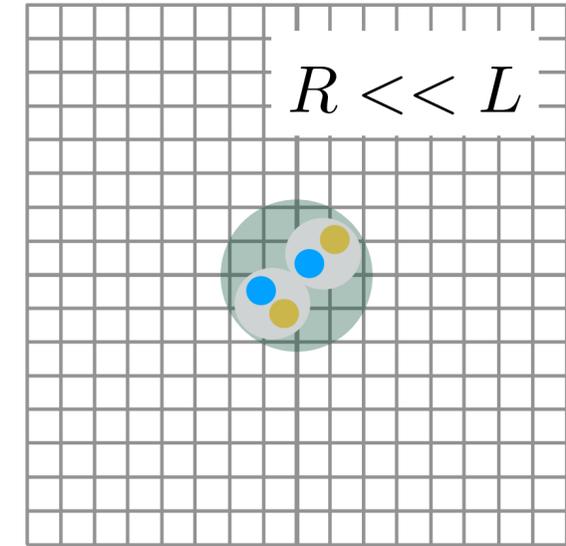


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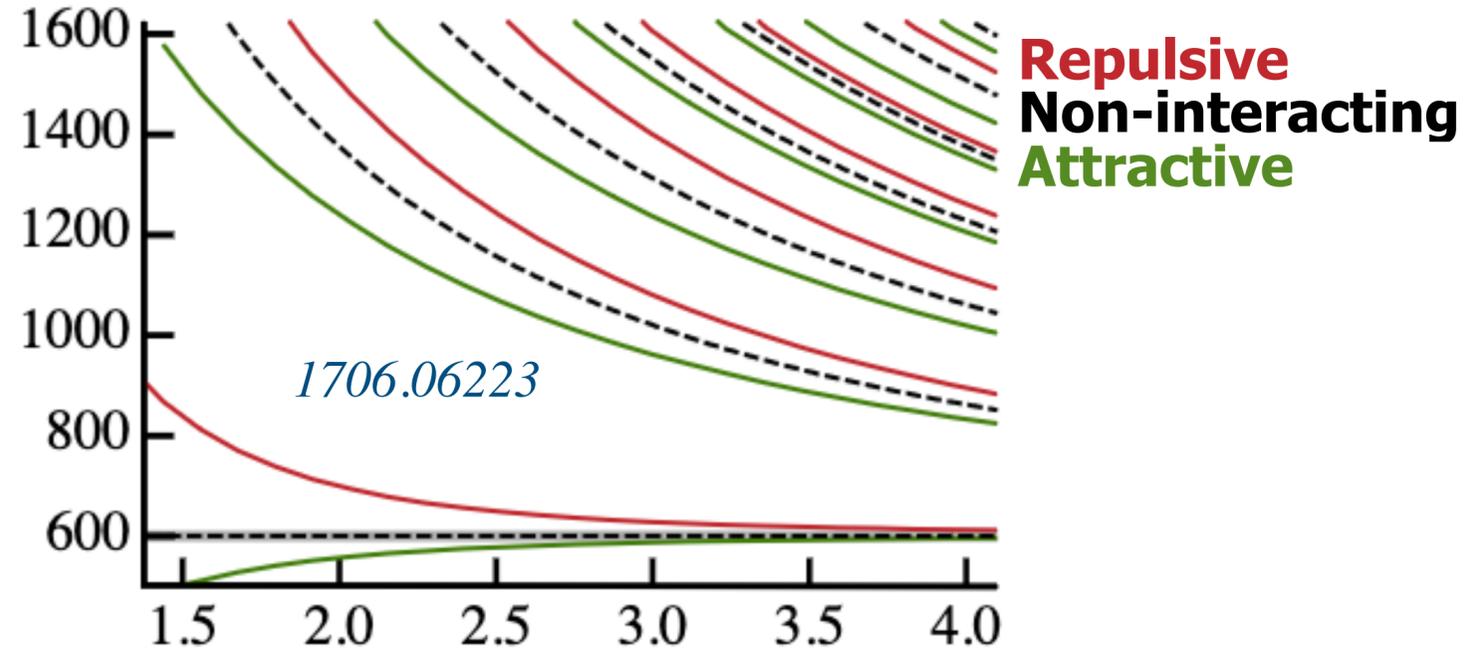
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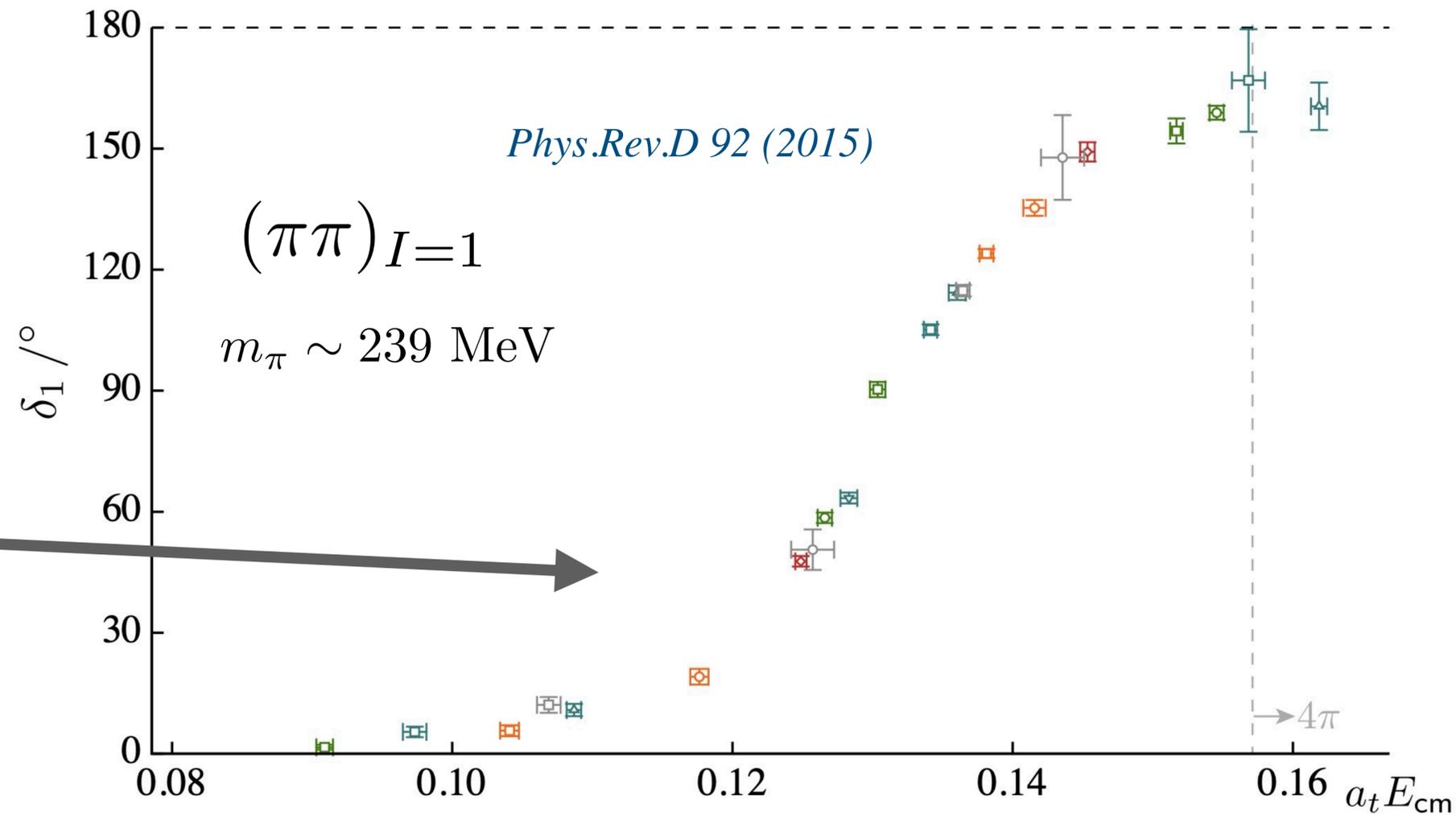
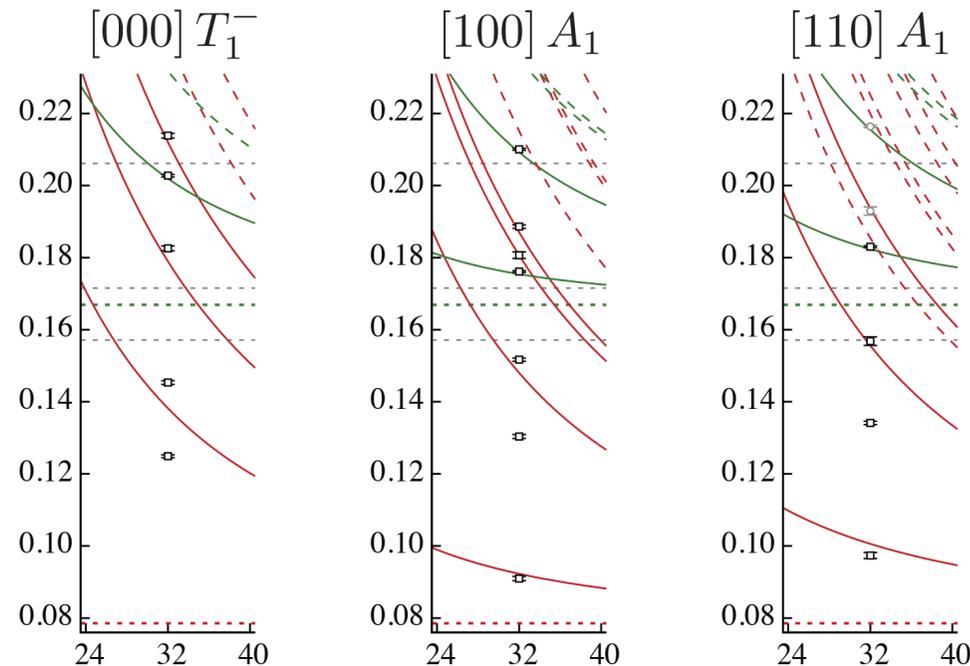


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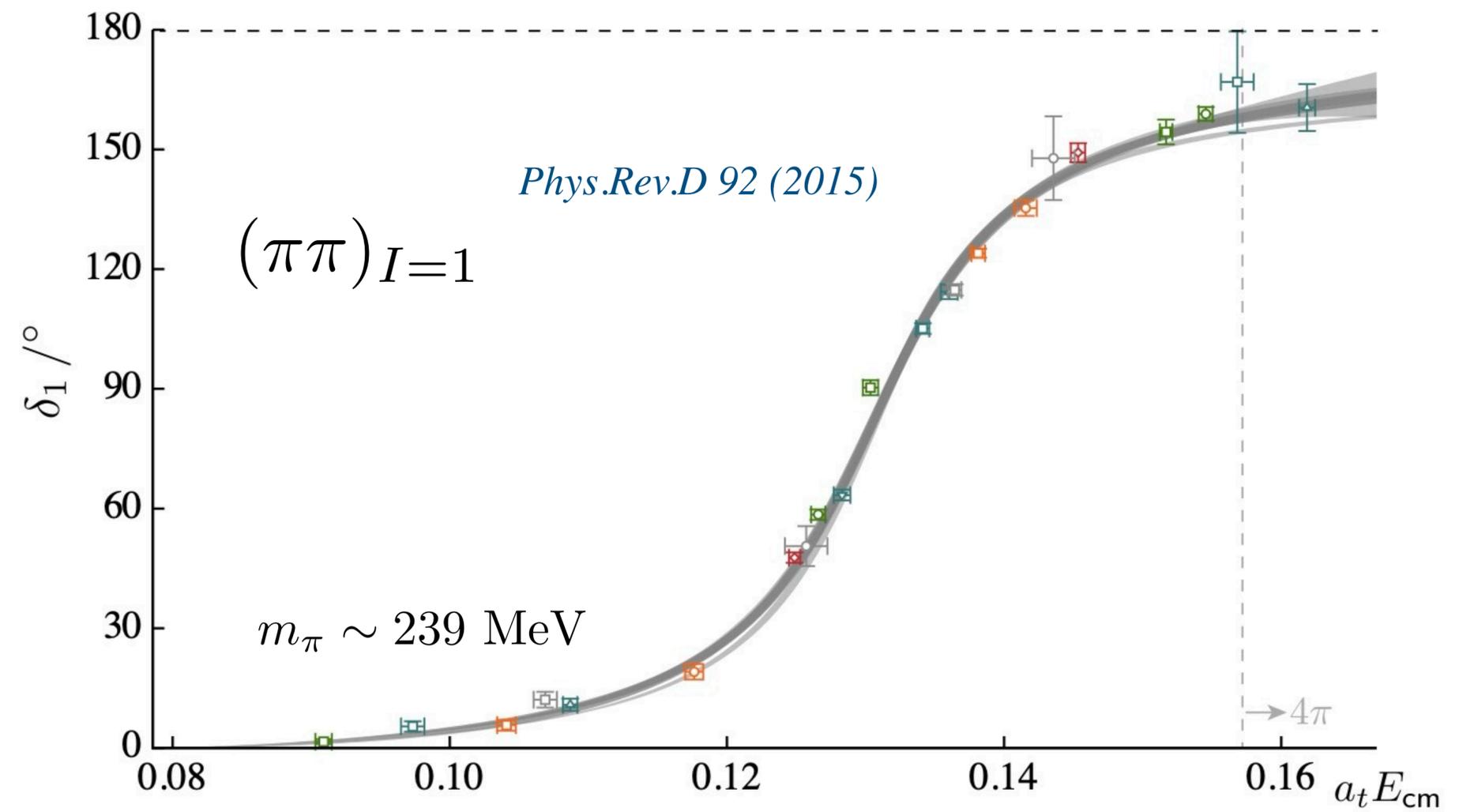
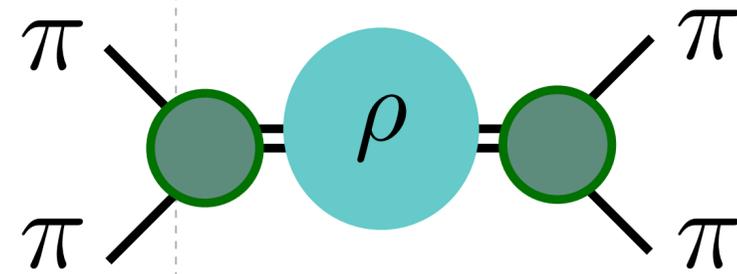
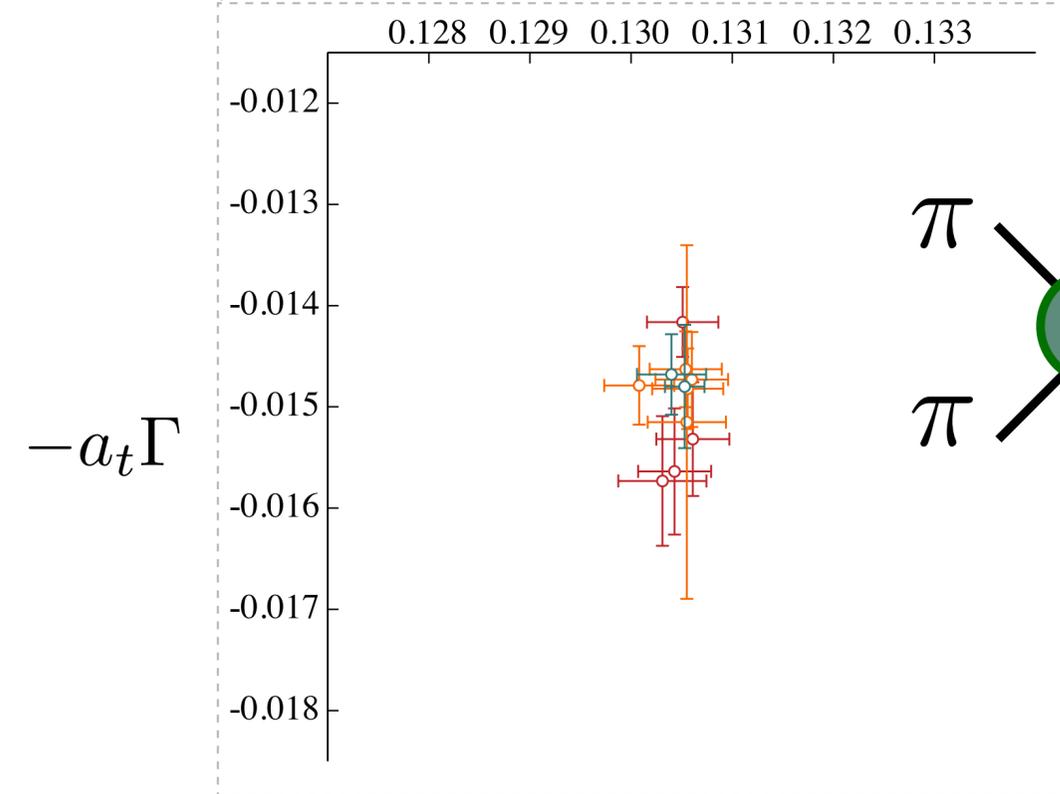
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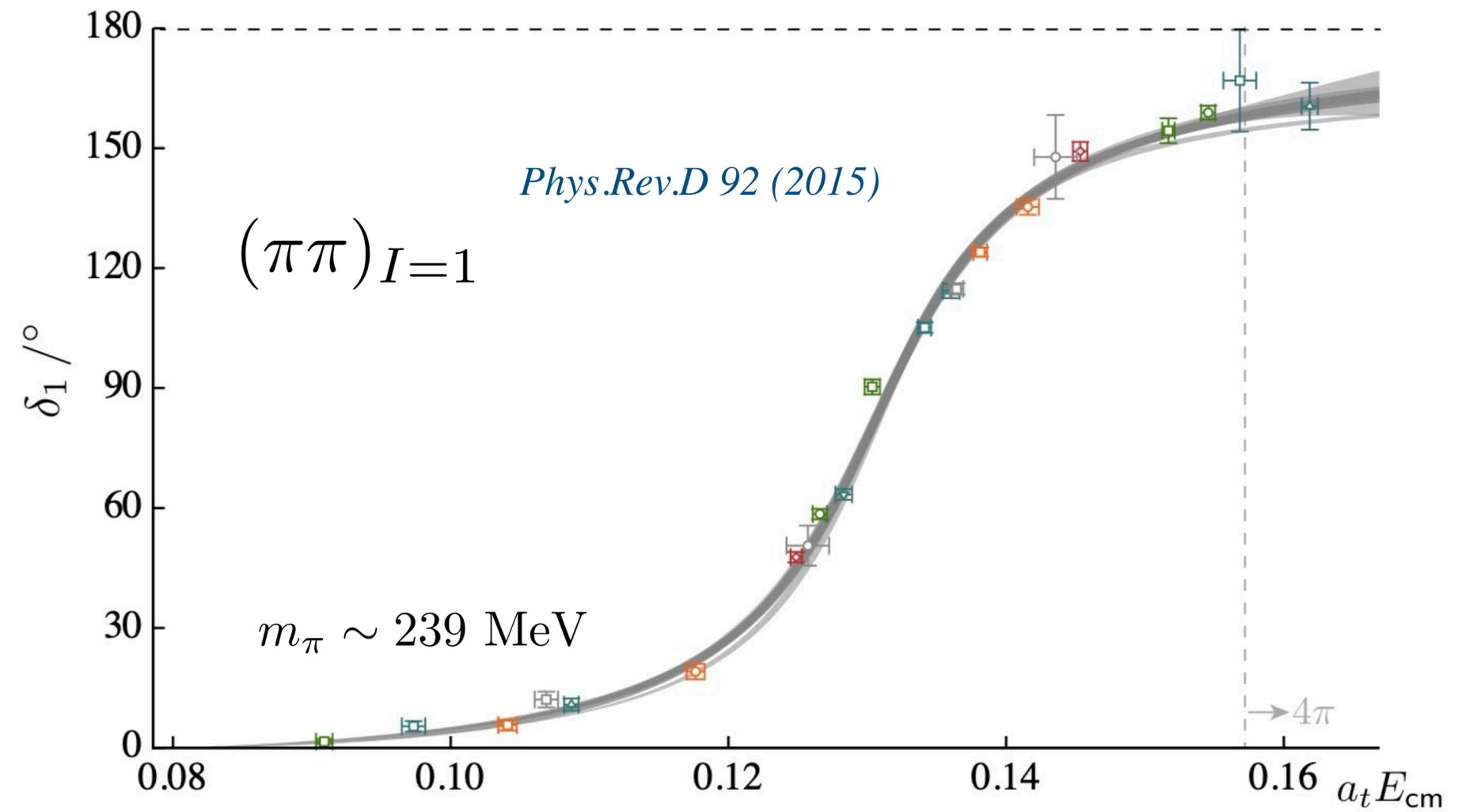
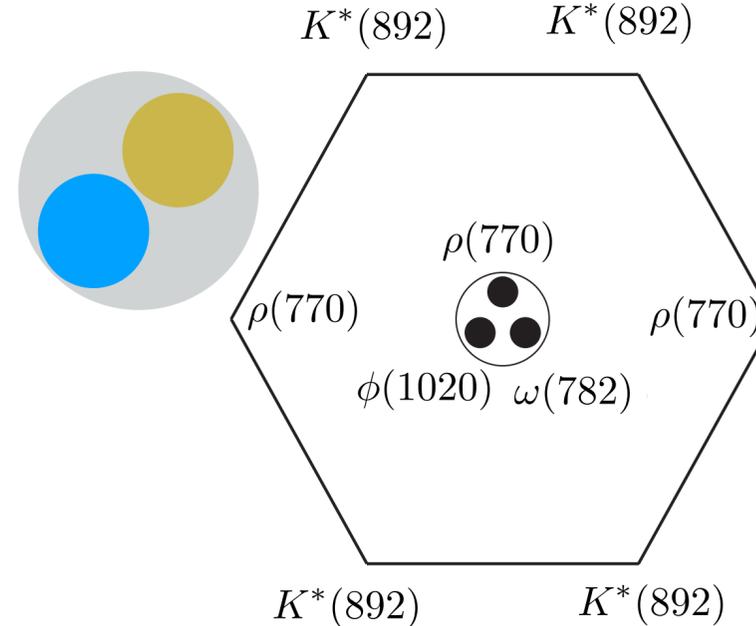
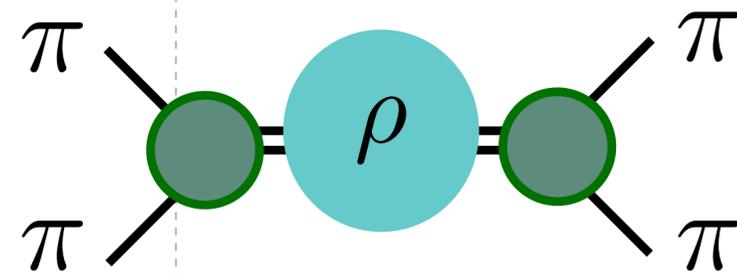
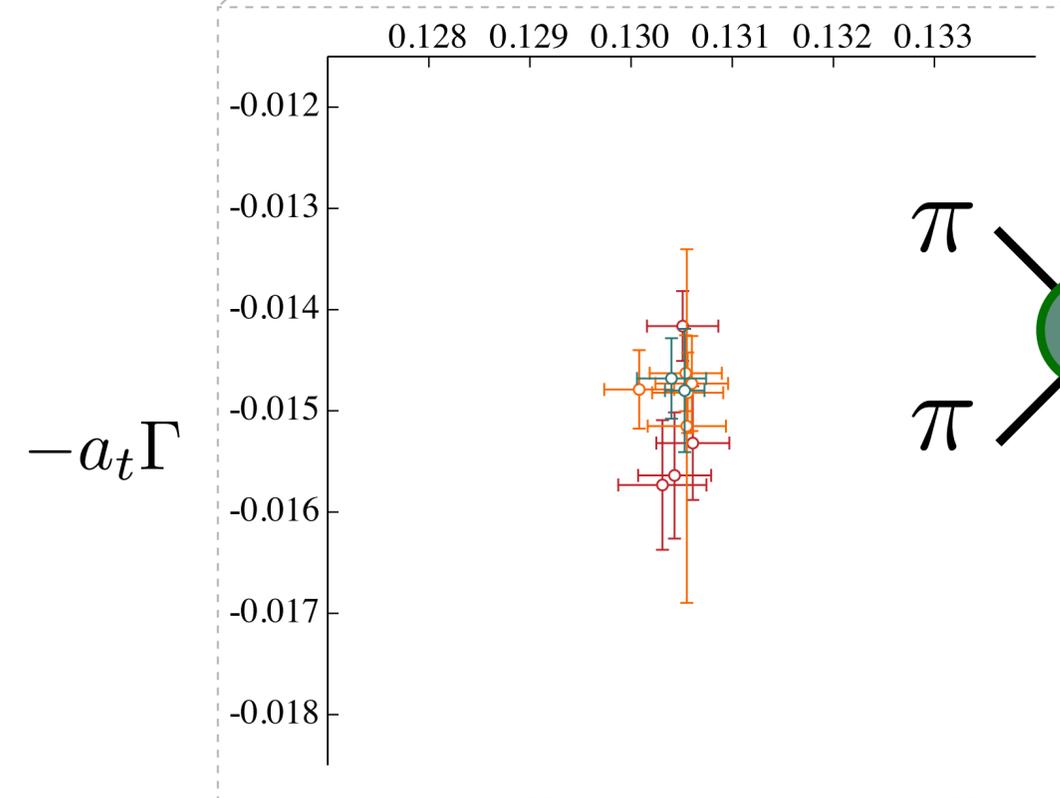
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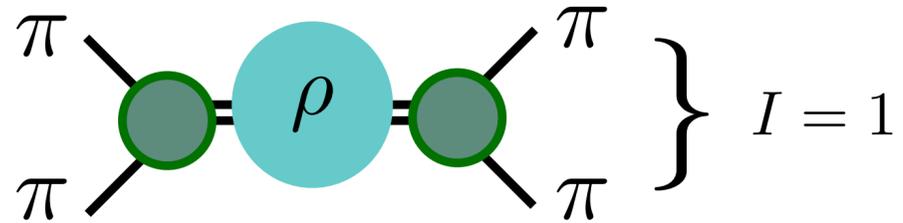


The  $\rho$  is an ordinary, narrow, isolated resonance

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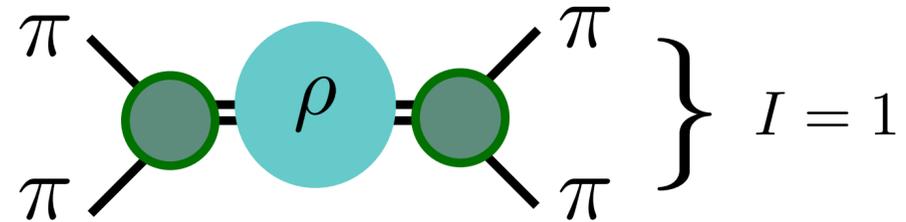


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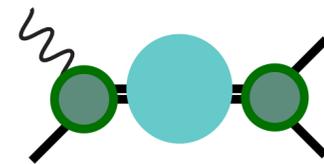
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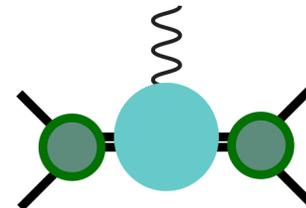
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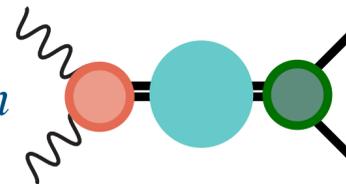
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*Resonance "form factors"*



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*"Photon" fusion*

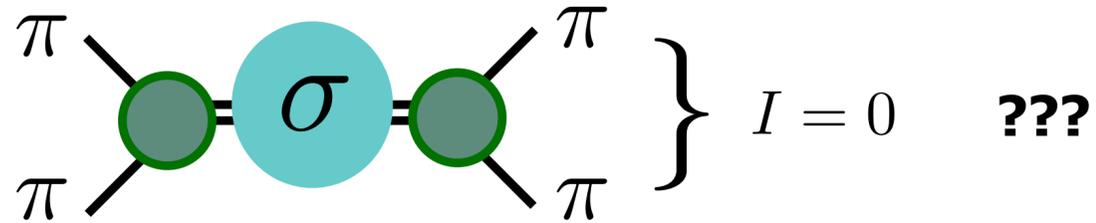


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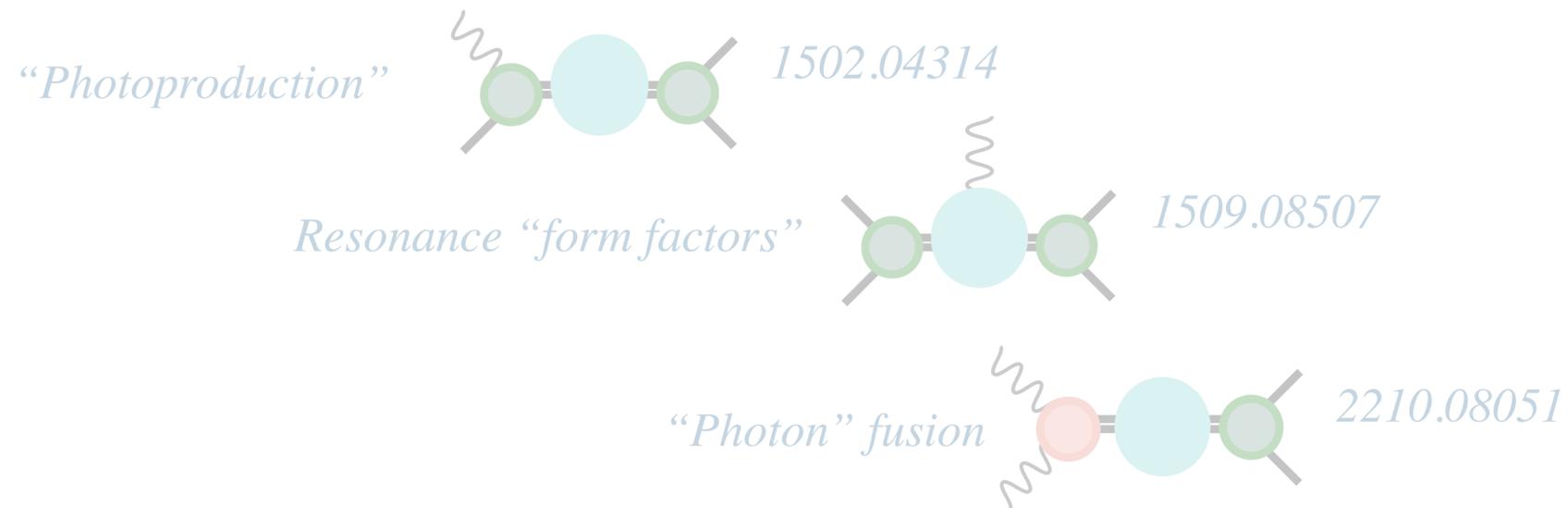
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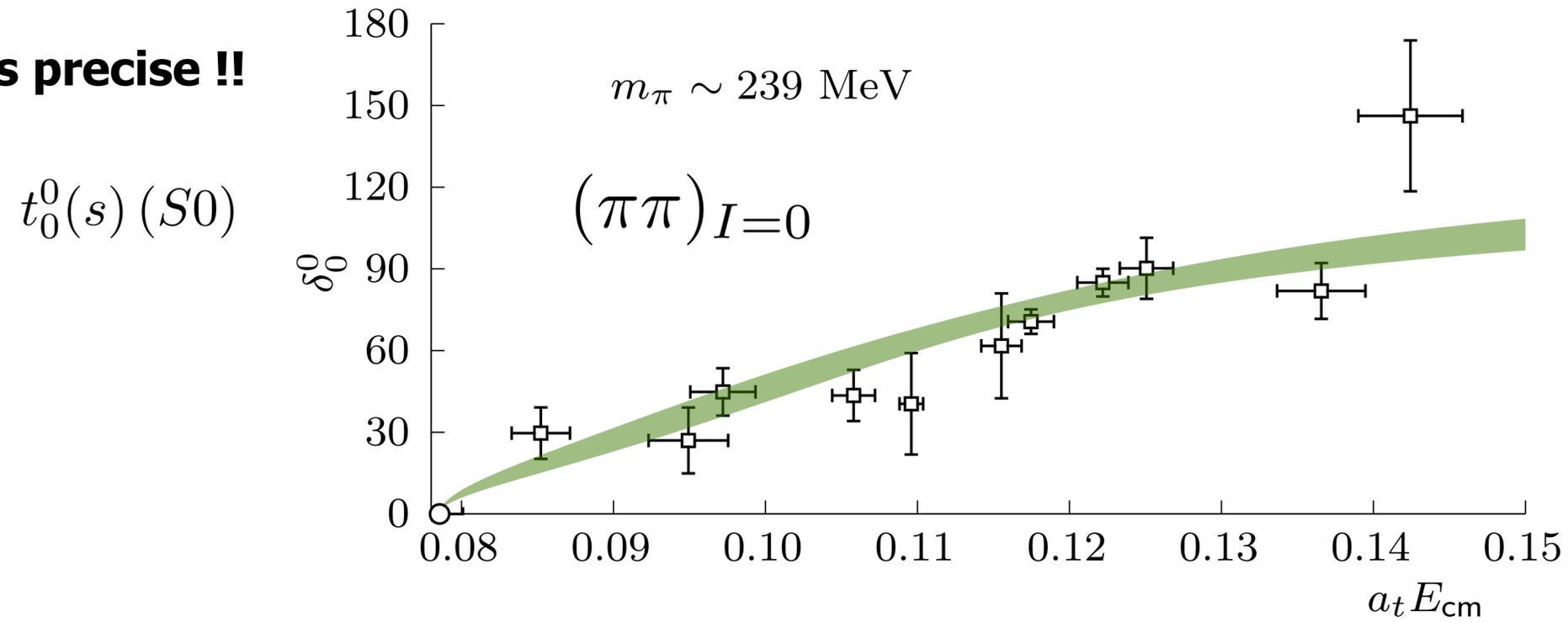
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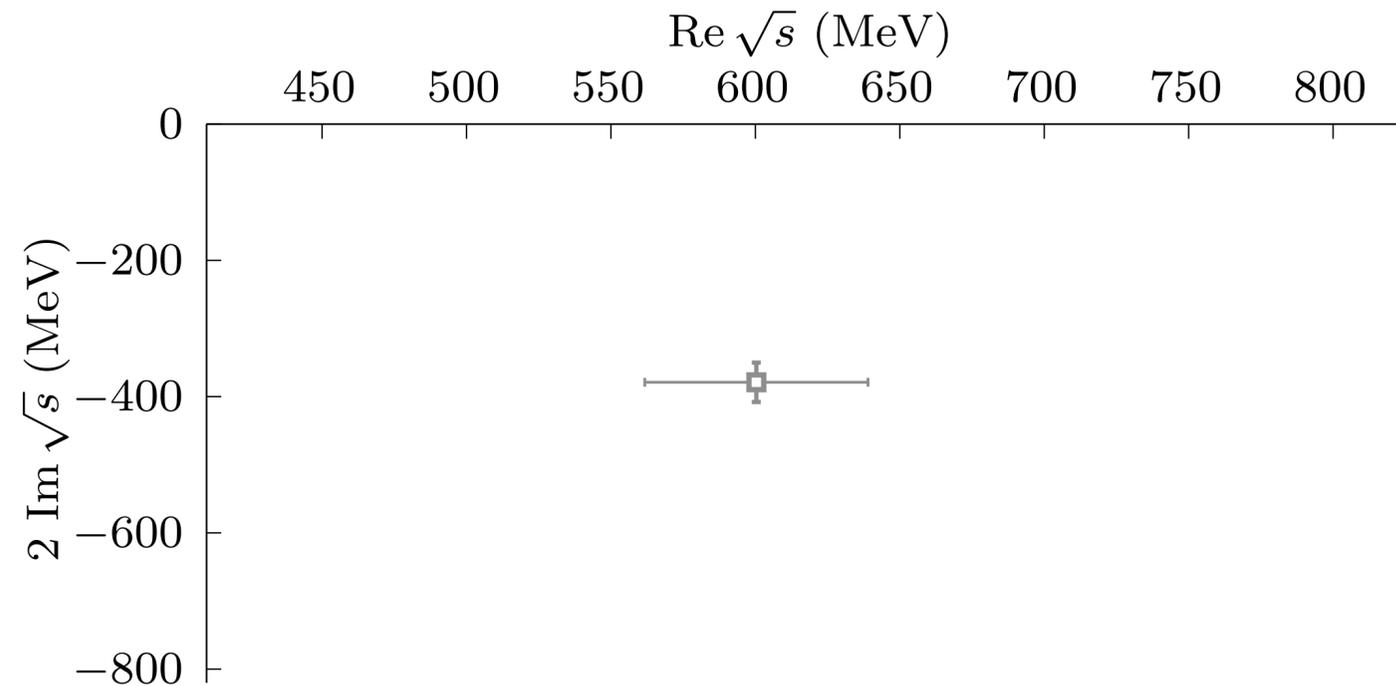
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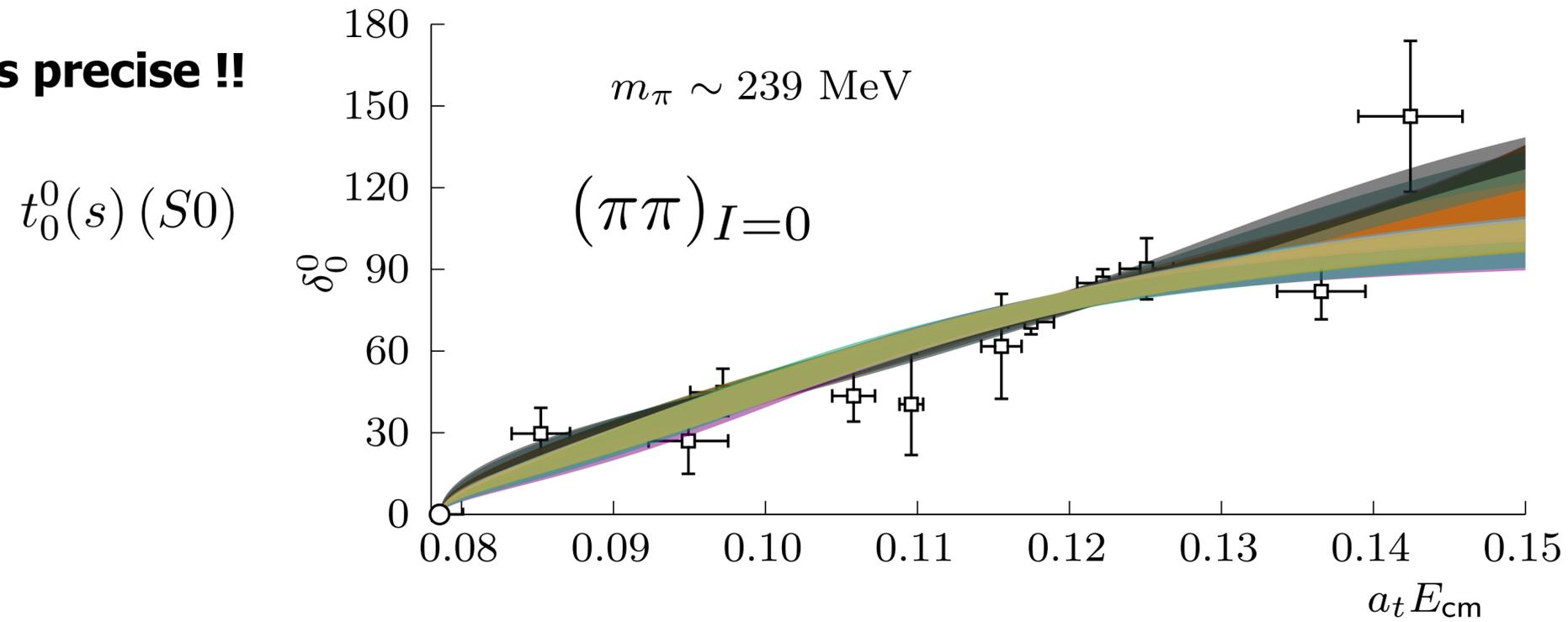
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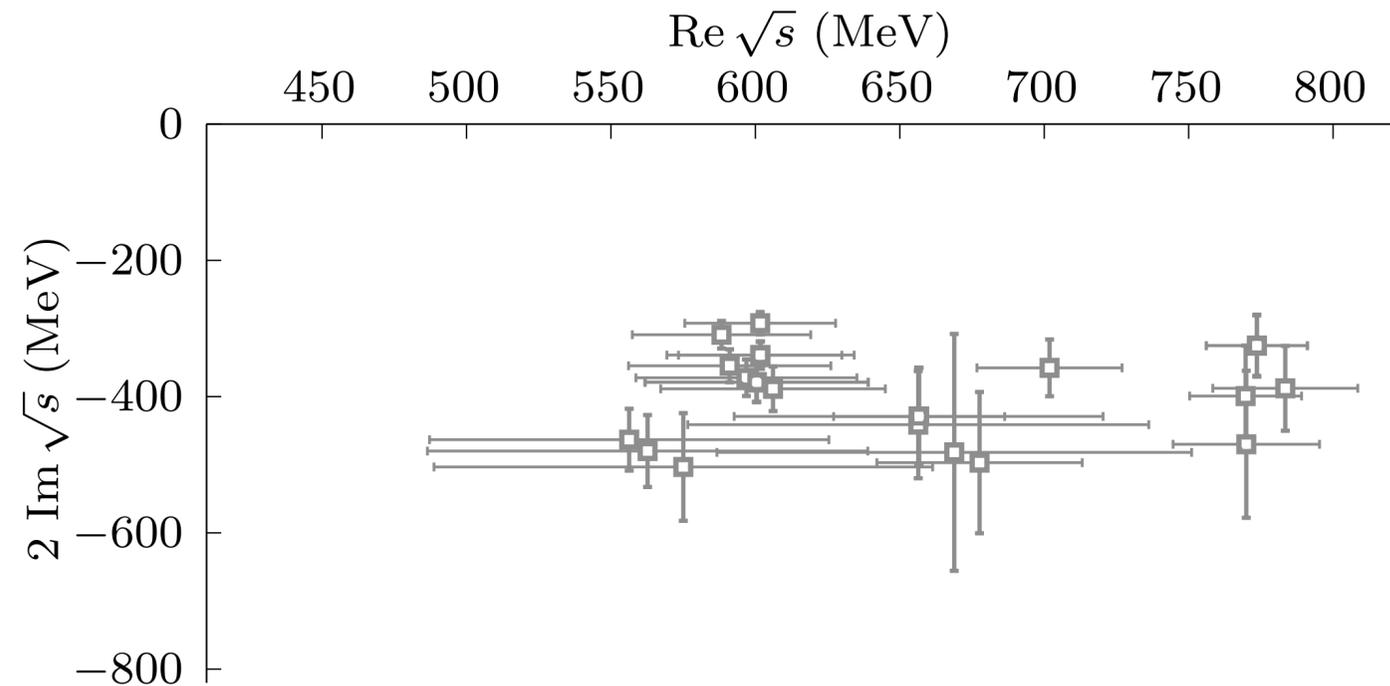
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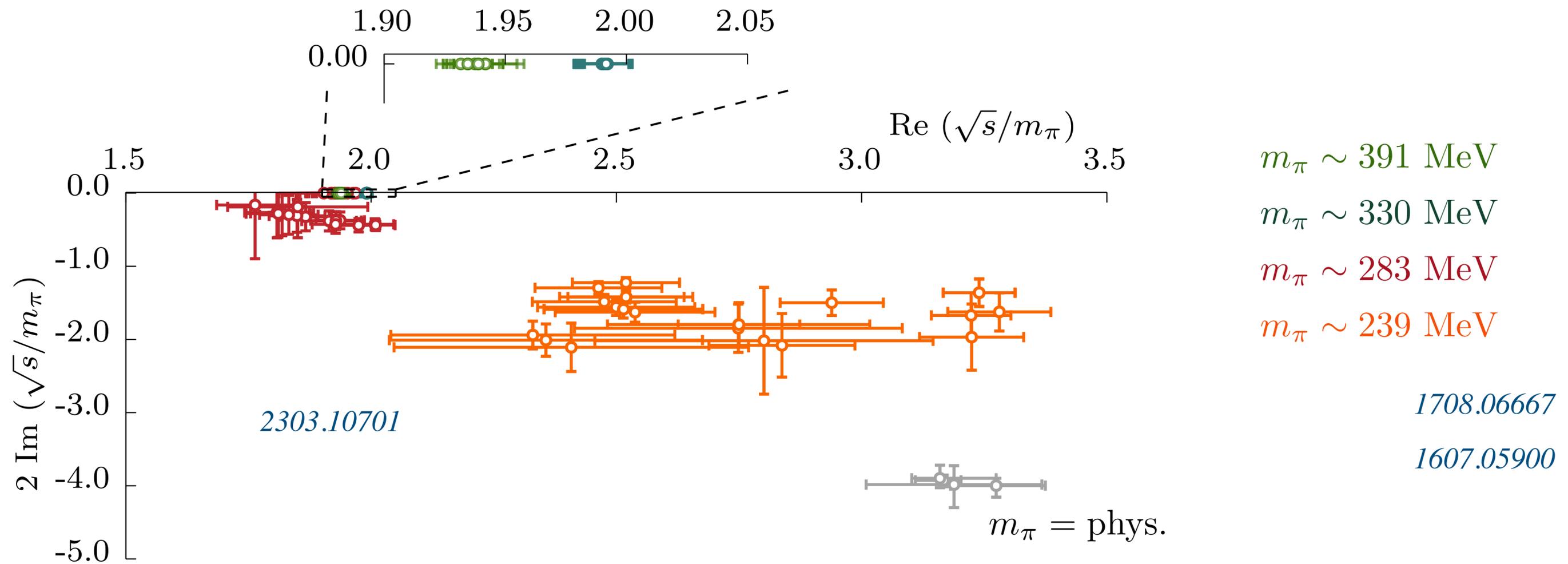
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VERY large model (systematic) spread!!



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Total error becomes really large when the state is a resonance



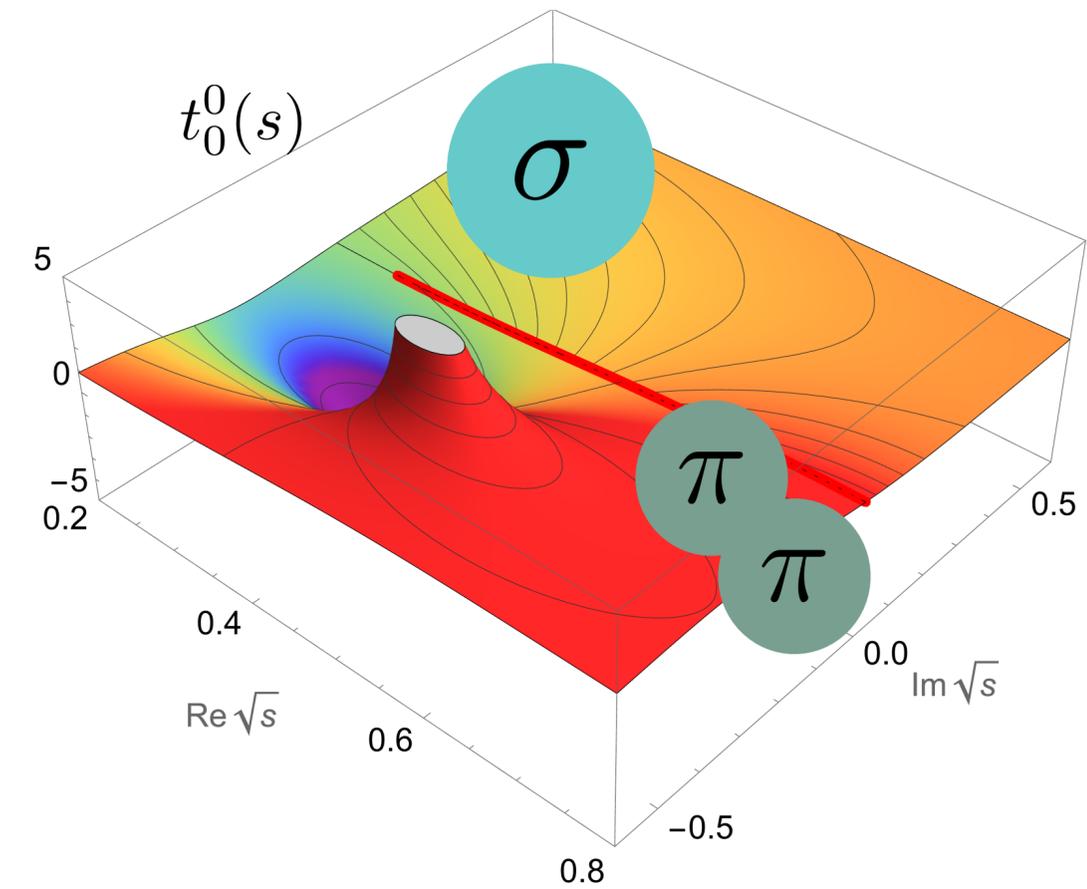
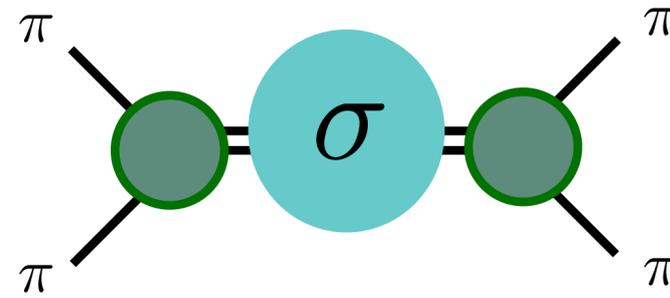
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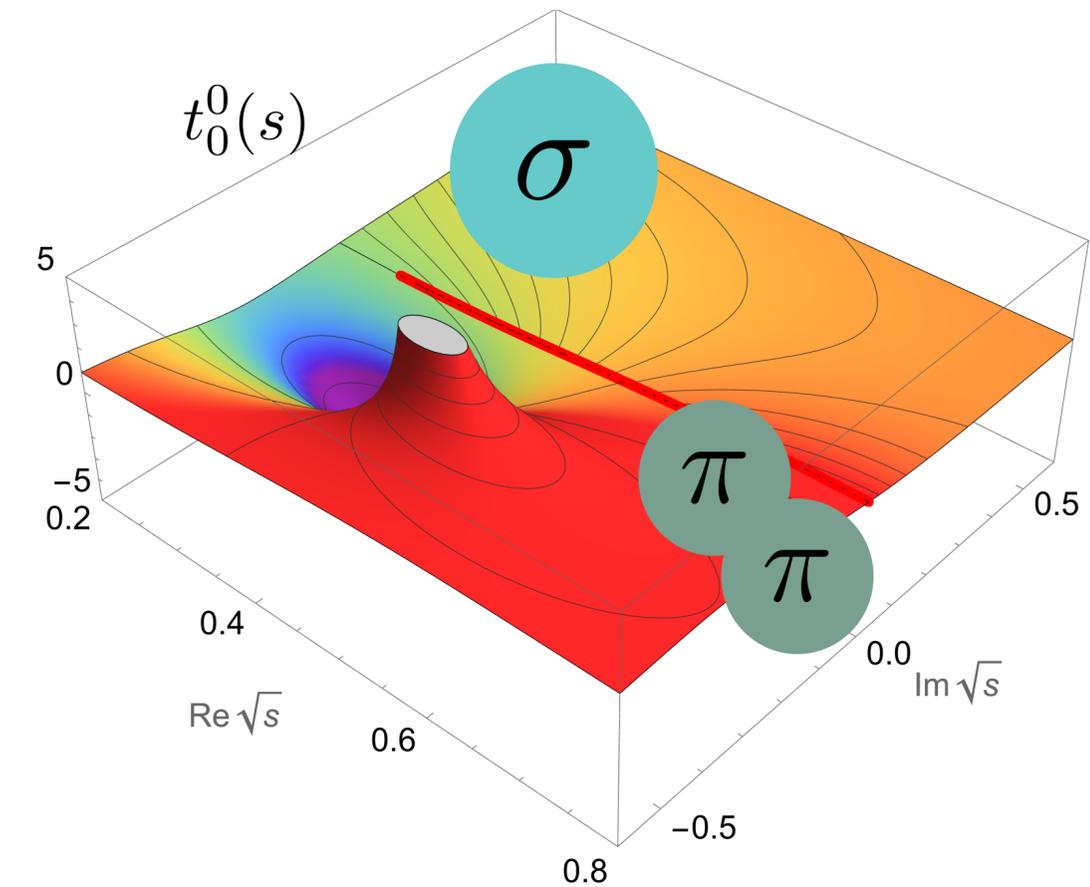
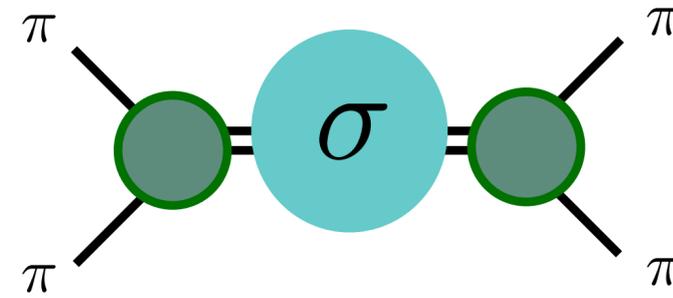
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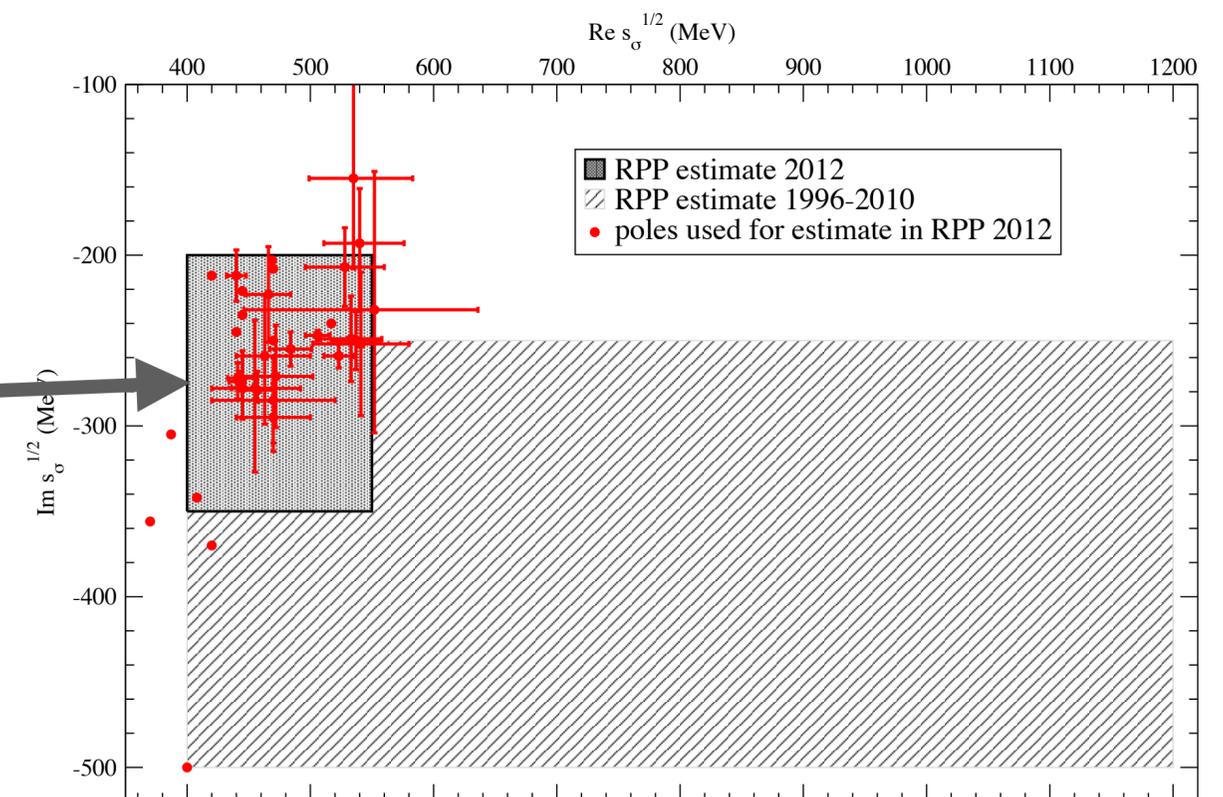


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What happens for Lattice QCD ??

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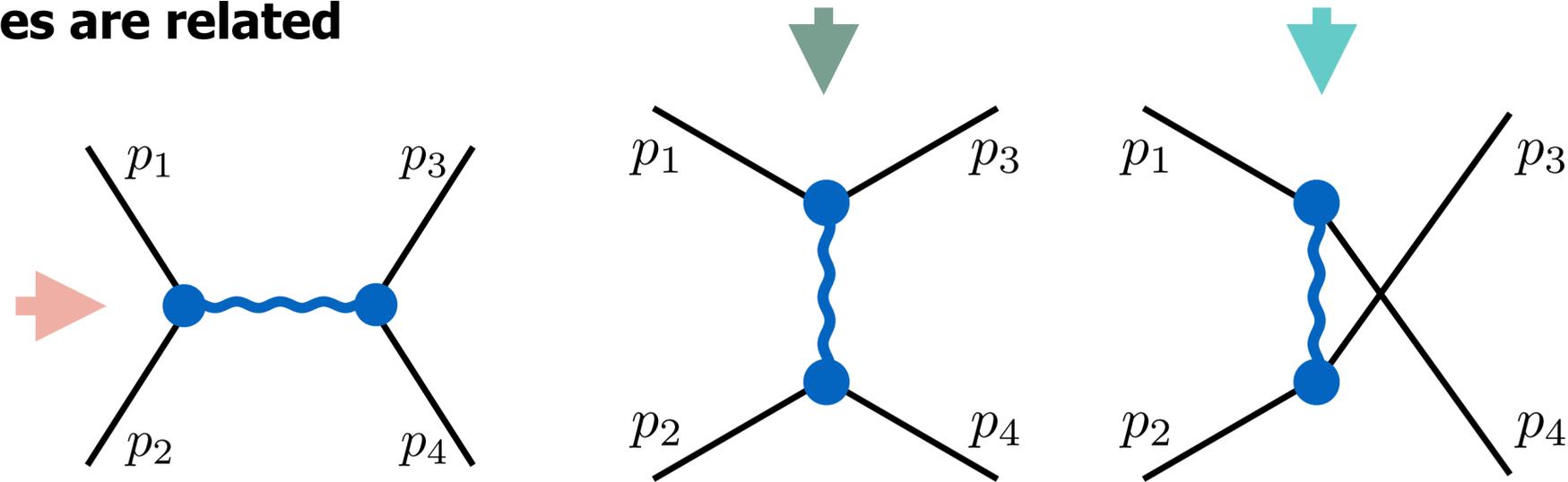
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**In practice, most analyses only apply the first one**

# Crossing

Particles and anti-particles are related

s-channel  
t-channel  
u-channel

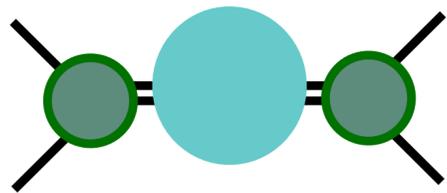


$$s = (p_1 + p_2)^2$$

$$t = (p_1 - p_3)^2$$

$$u = (p_1 - p_4)^2$$

Example, for  $\pi\pi$ , we can relate all amplitudes through a single function  $T$



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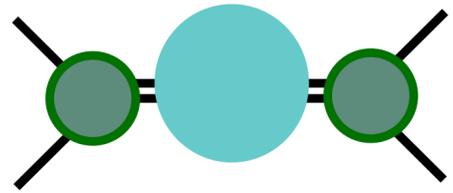
$$(\pi\pi)_{I=2} \rightarrow T^{I=2}(s, t, u) = T(t, s, u) + T(u, t, s)$$

More cumbersome for partial waves  $T^I(s, t, u) = 32\pi \sum_{\ell} (2\ell + 1) t_{\ell}^I(s) P_{\ell}(\cos \theta_s)$

$$t_{\ell}^I(s) = \frac{1}{64\pi} \int_{-1}^1 d\cos \theta_s T^I(s, t, u) P_{\ell}(\cos \theta_s)$$

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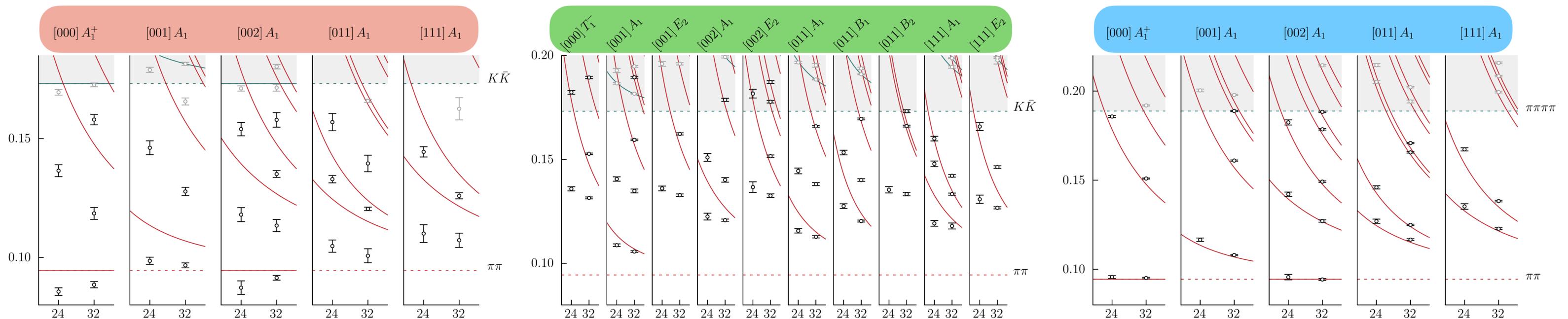
Lattice QCD gives us information on well-defined isospin. We can combine it to build  $T$

$m_\pi \sim 283$  MeV

$(\pi\pi)_{I=0}$

$(\pi\pi)_{I=1}$

$(\pi\pi)_{I=2}$



# Dispersion relations

*Hoferichter's talk*

## Cauchy theorem over contour C

$$T(s, t, u) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{T(s', t, u'(s', t))}{s' - s} ds' \quad + \text{ maybe subtractions}$$

How is this useful?? → “hooks” are given by

$$\text{Im } T(s, t, u) \rightarrow \text{data}$$

Project the integral to get your dispersion relations (ex. Roy eqs.):

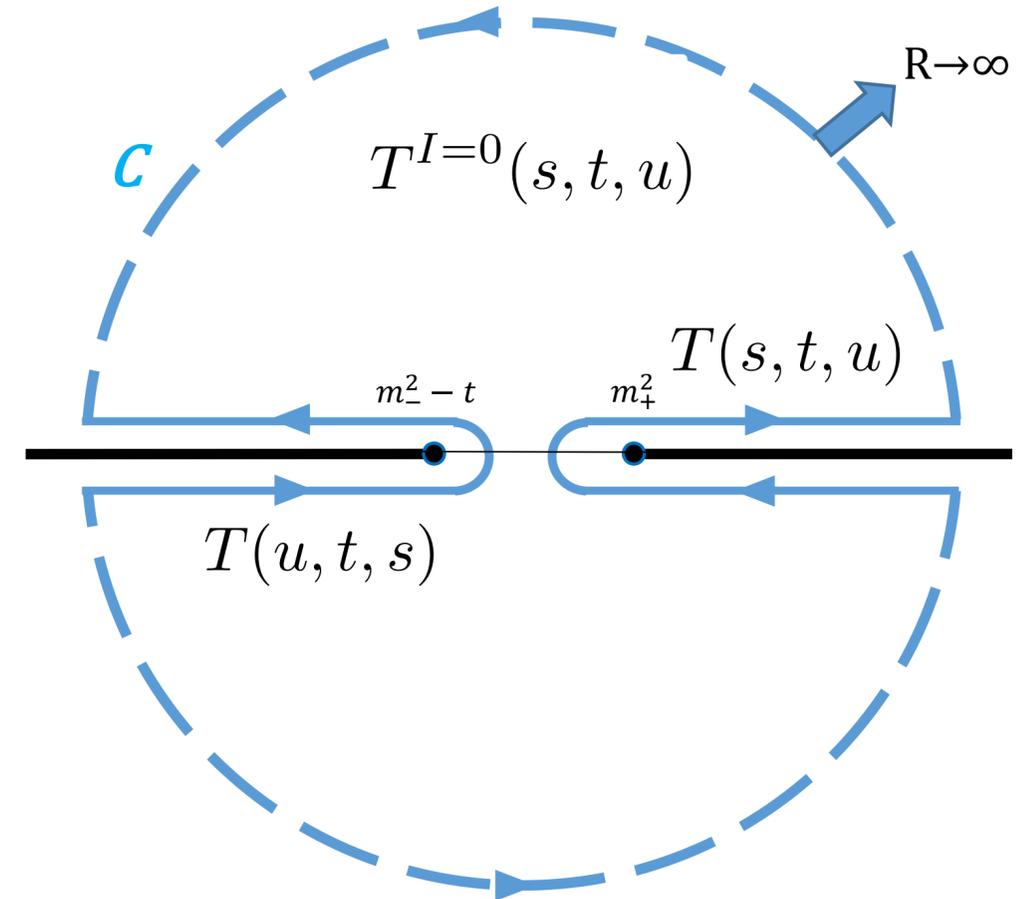
*Roy Phys.Lett.B 36 (1971)*

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



Sum over all isospins and partial waves (only a few  $\ell$  contribute)

$s$  – plane (fixed  $t$ )

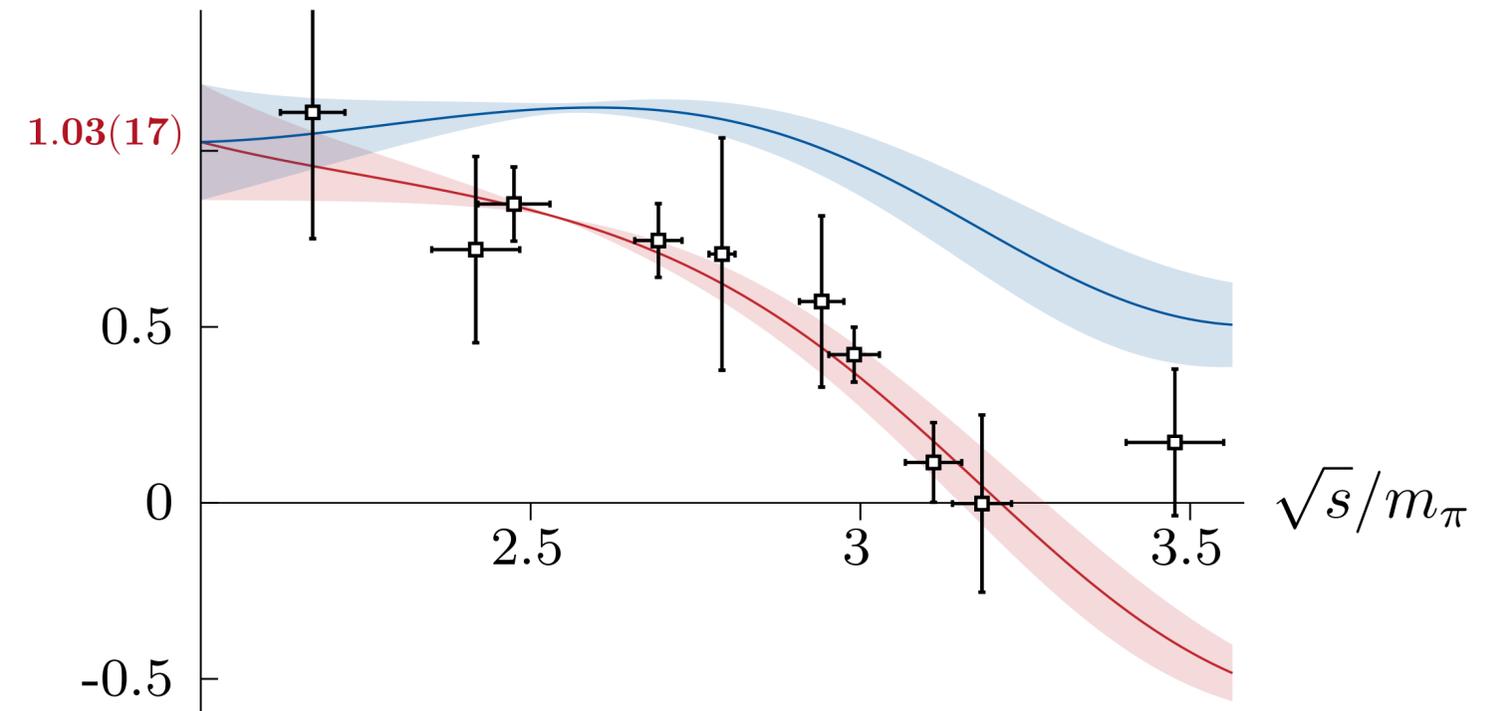
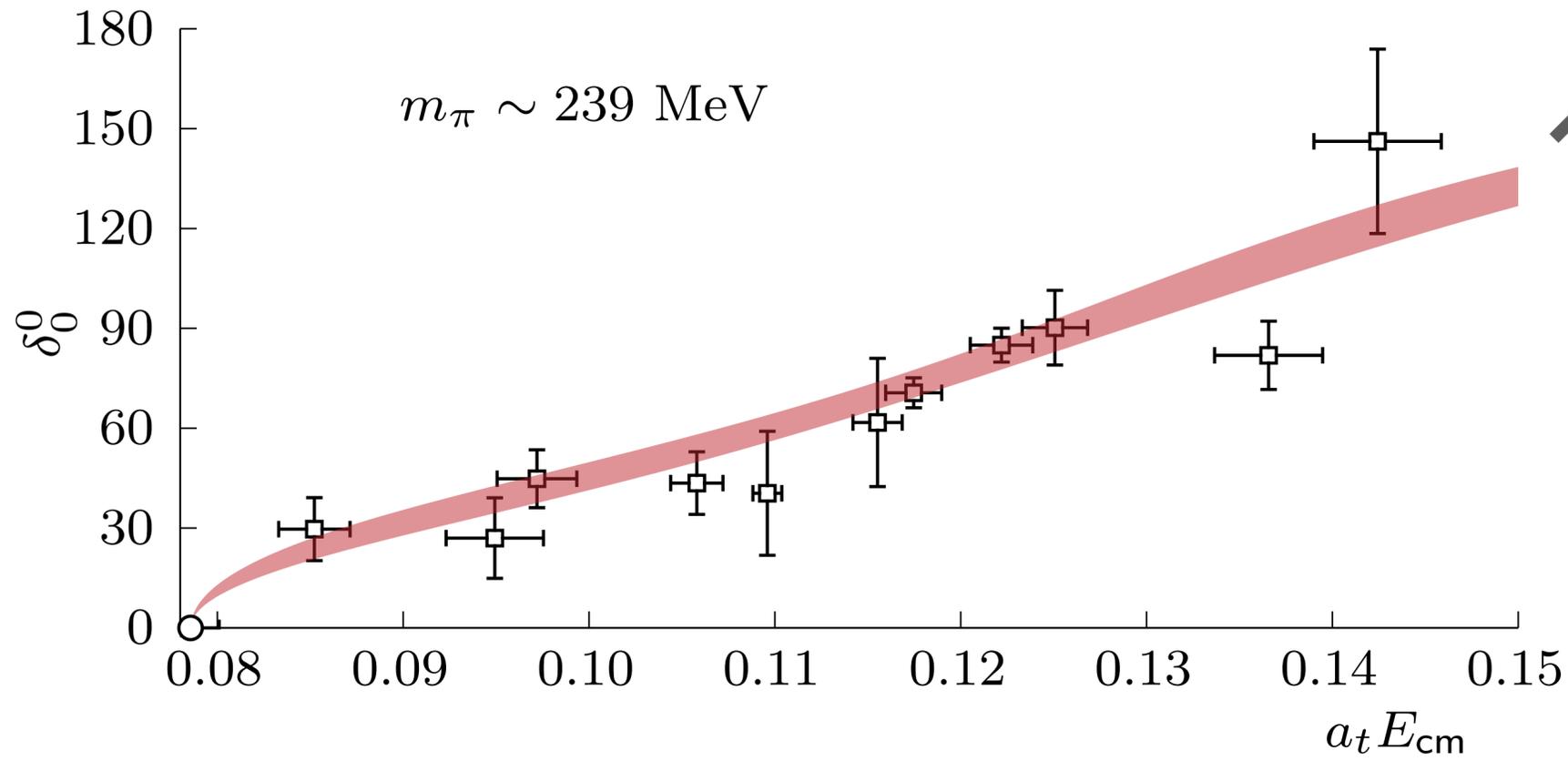




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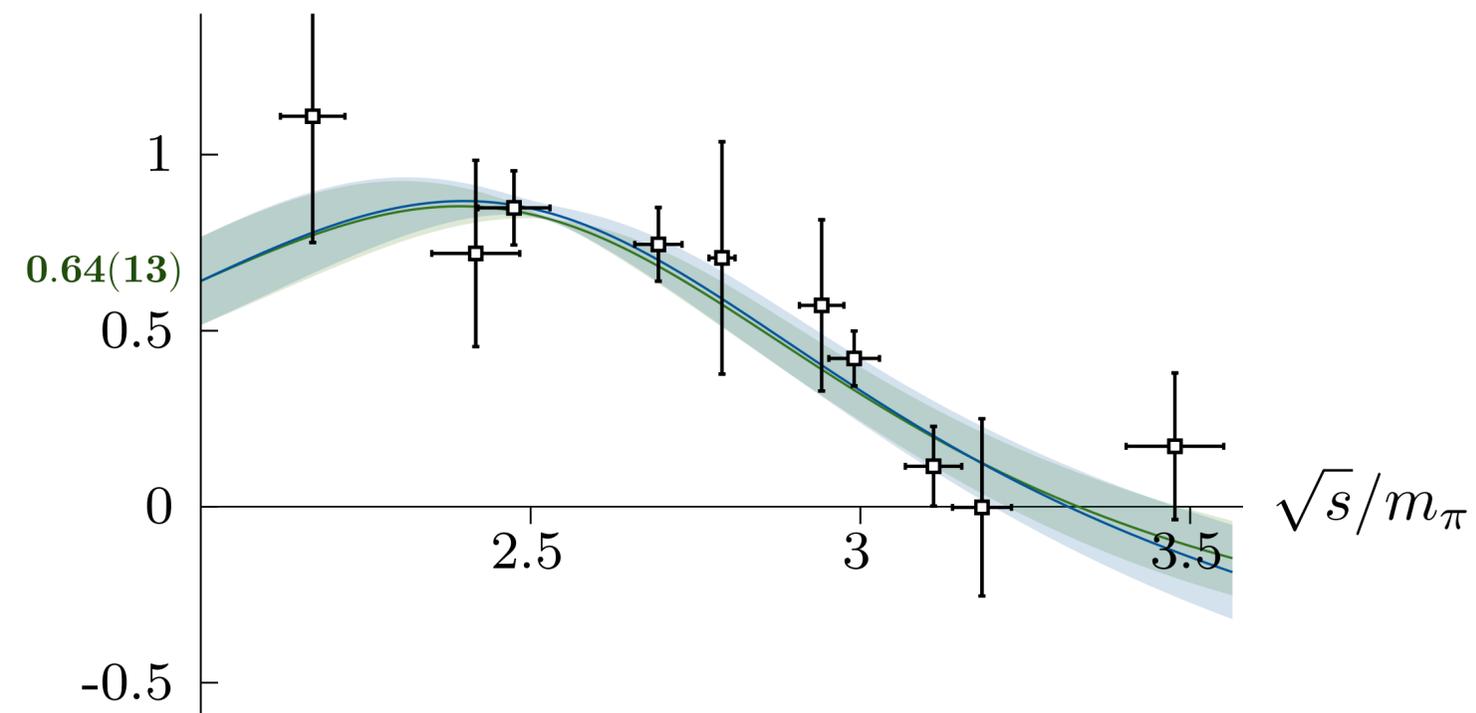
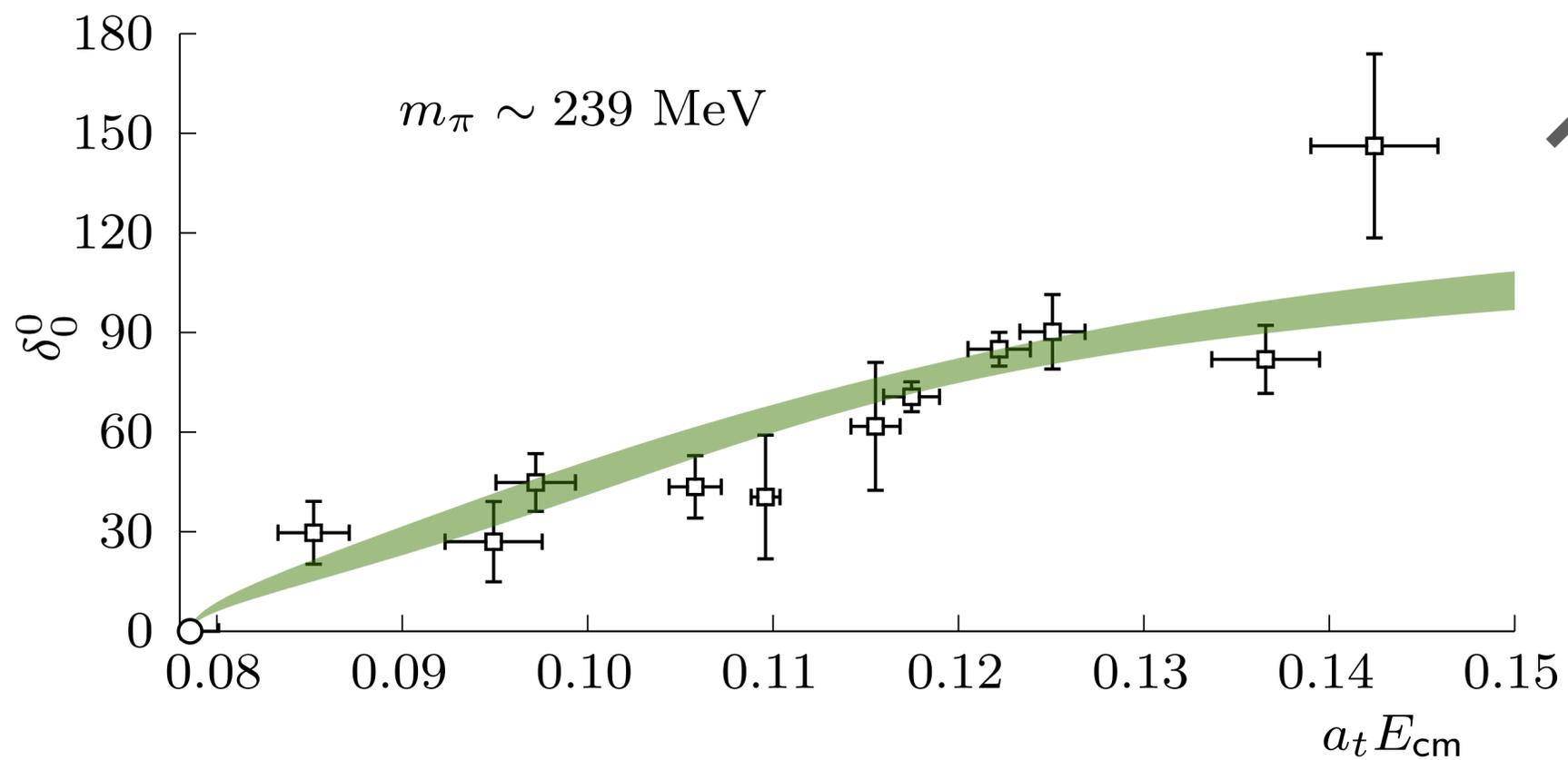
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## Model 2

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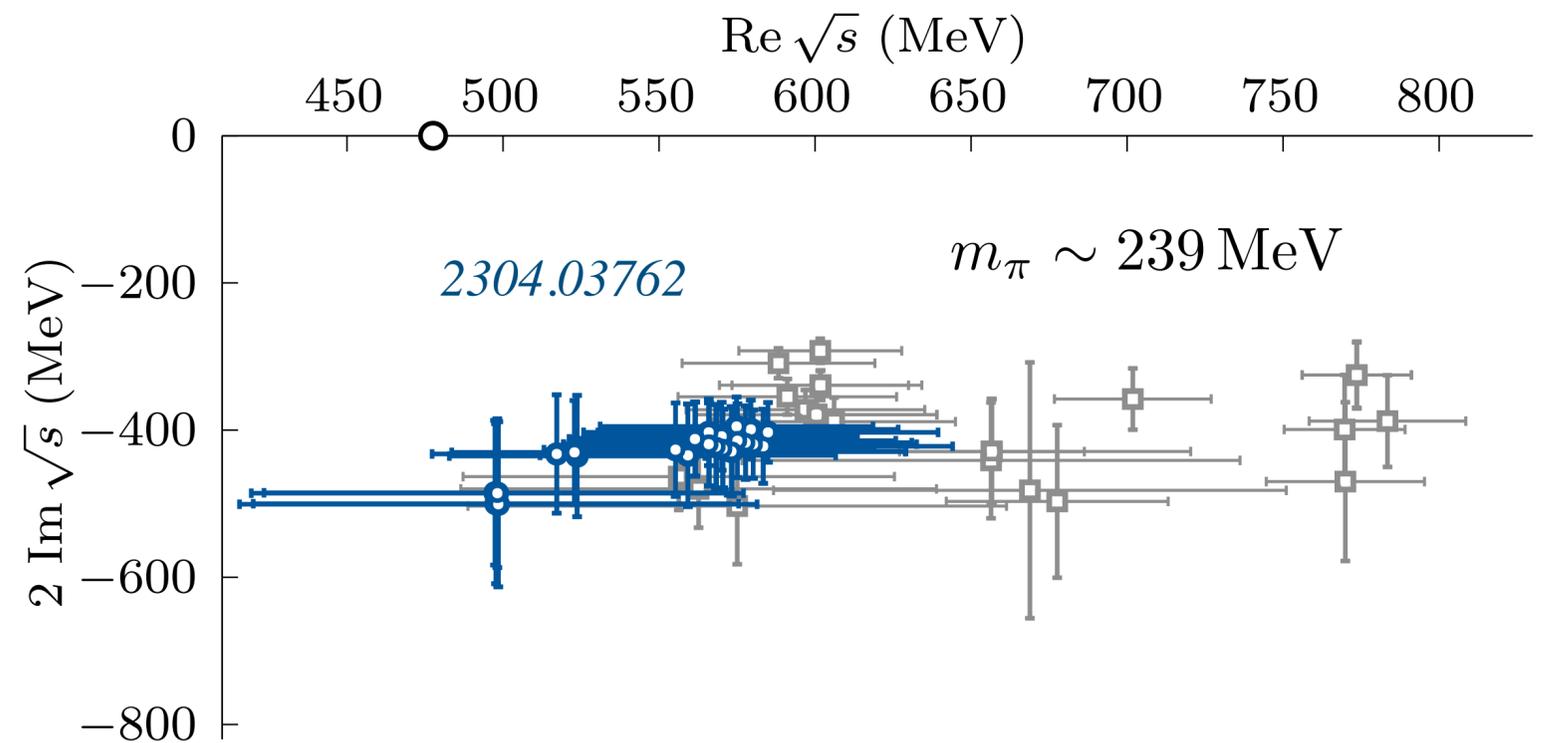
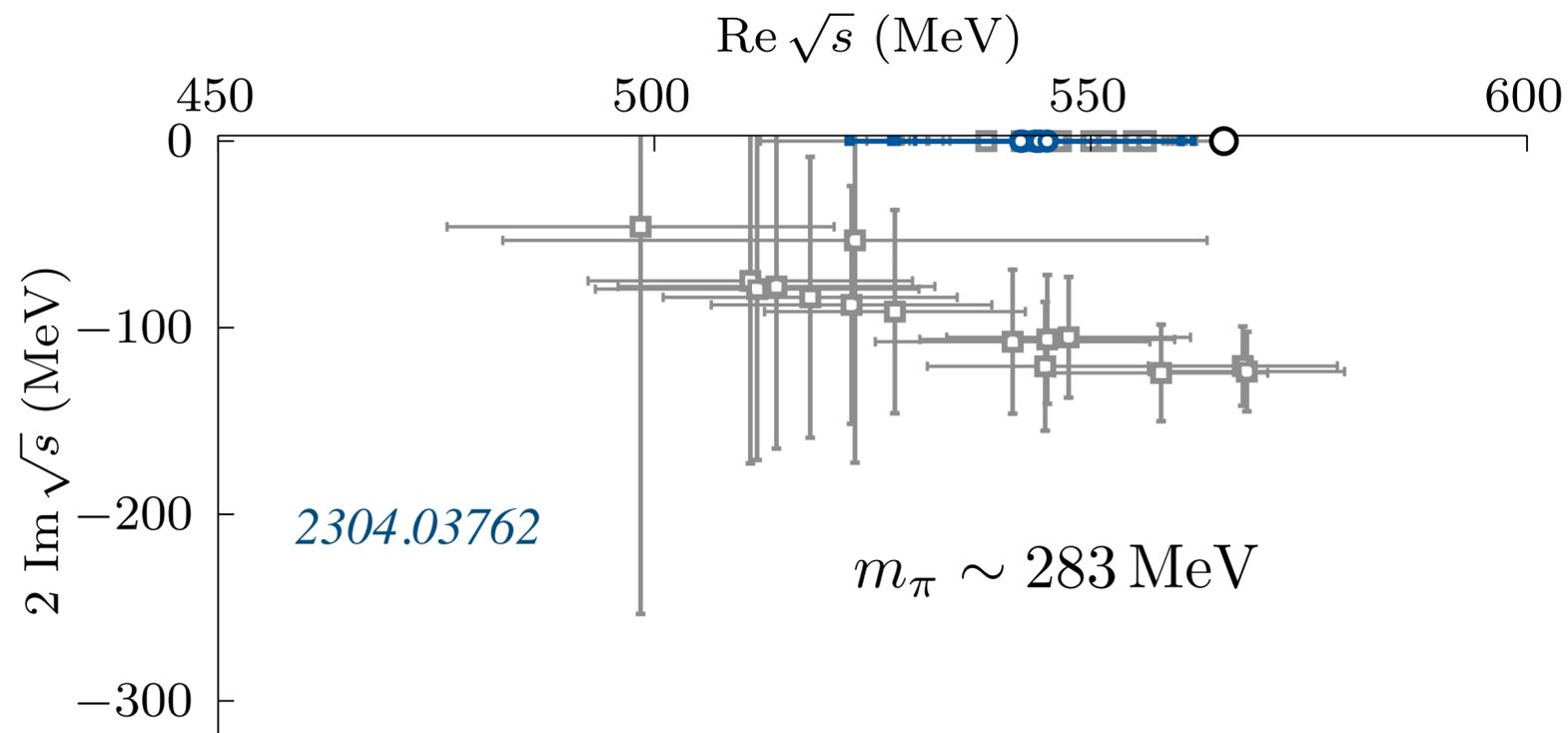
# Outside the physical region

- ✓ **Probability is conserved** → **Unitarity**
- ✓ **Causality** → **analyticity**
- ✓ **Particle-antiparticle relation** → **crossing symmetry**

**Systematic tension is drastically reduced!!**

Ordinary analysis

**Dispersive analysis**

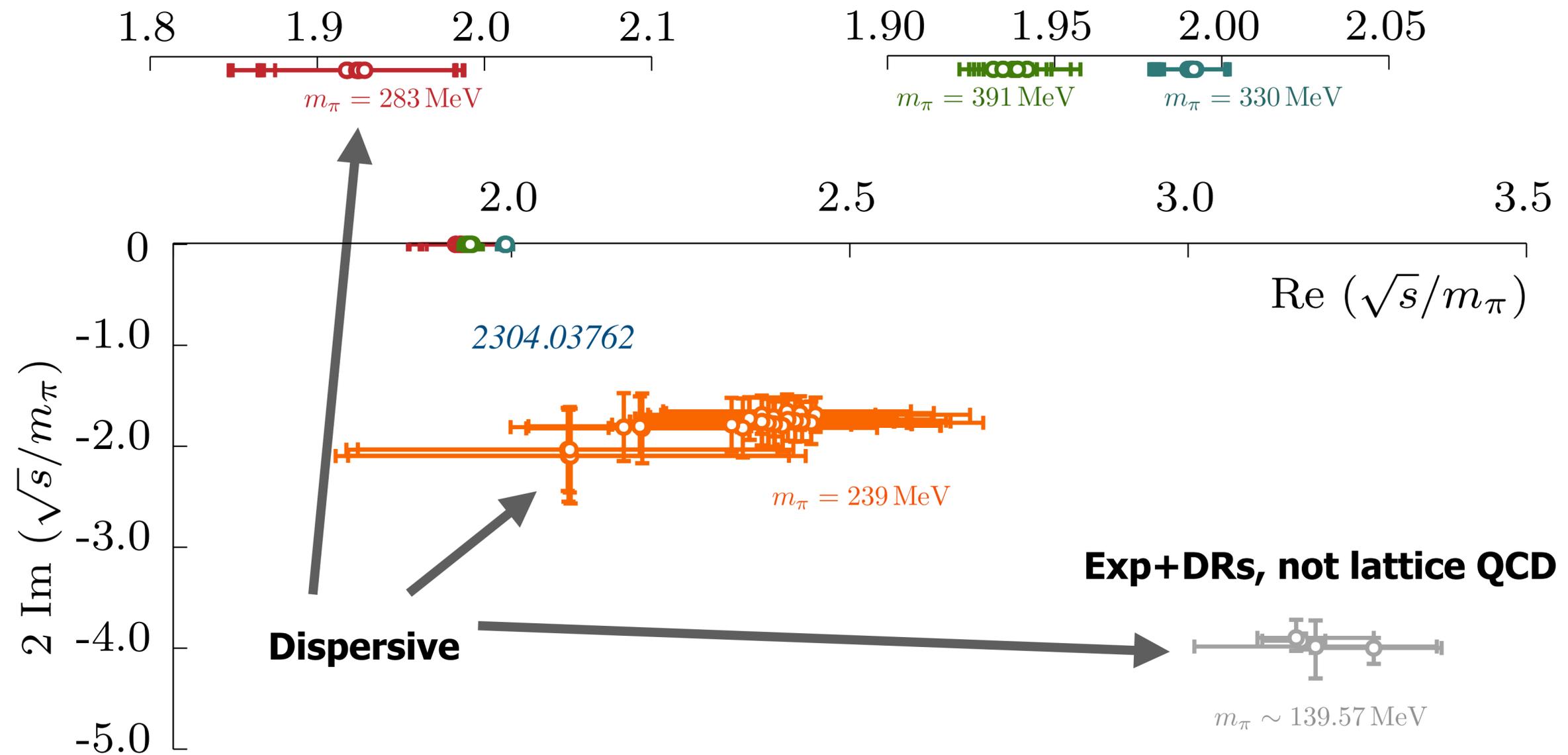


# Outside the physical region

## Various recent, dispersive determinations

Another dispersive approach

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# Summary and outlook

**First-principles extraction of a broad resonance directly from QCD**

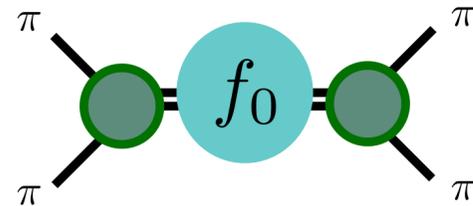
**The lighter the  $\pi$ , the more relevant this approach is**

**(Much) Better constraints over scattering lengths**

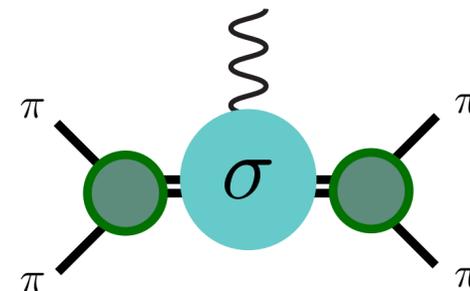
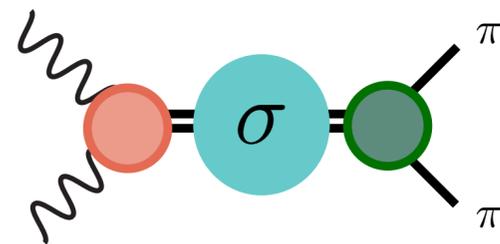
## Future

**Study low-energy observables in more detail (Adler zeroes move away from real axis, for large  $m_\pi$ )**

**Extract the  $f_0(980)$  ??**



**Study new observables ??**



# Spare slides

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# Permutations

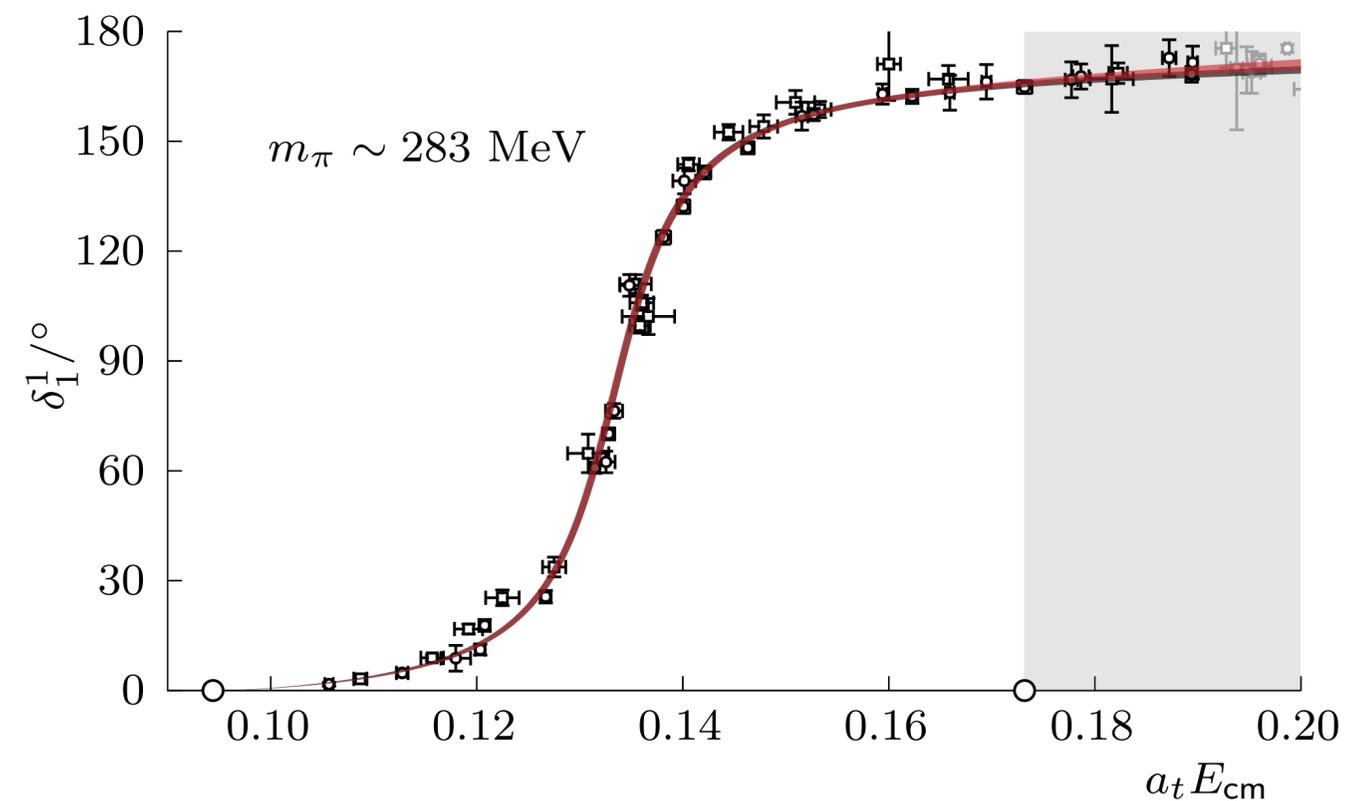
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For  $\ell_{max}$  partial waves

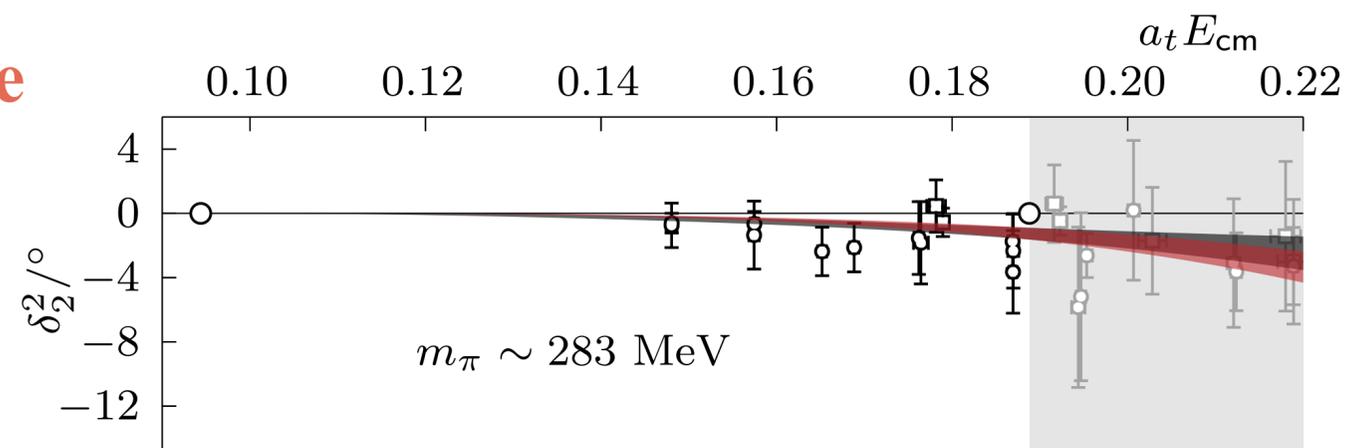
$$N_I \ell_{max} N_{params} \sim 10^5$$

We can fix most

$I = 1$  P-wave



$I = 2$  D-wave



# Crossing

$s$  - plane (fixed  $t$ )

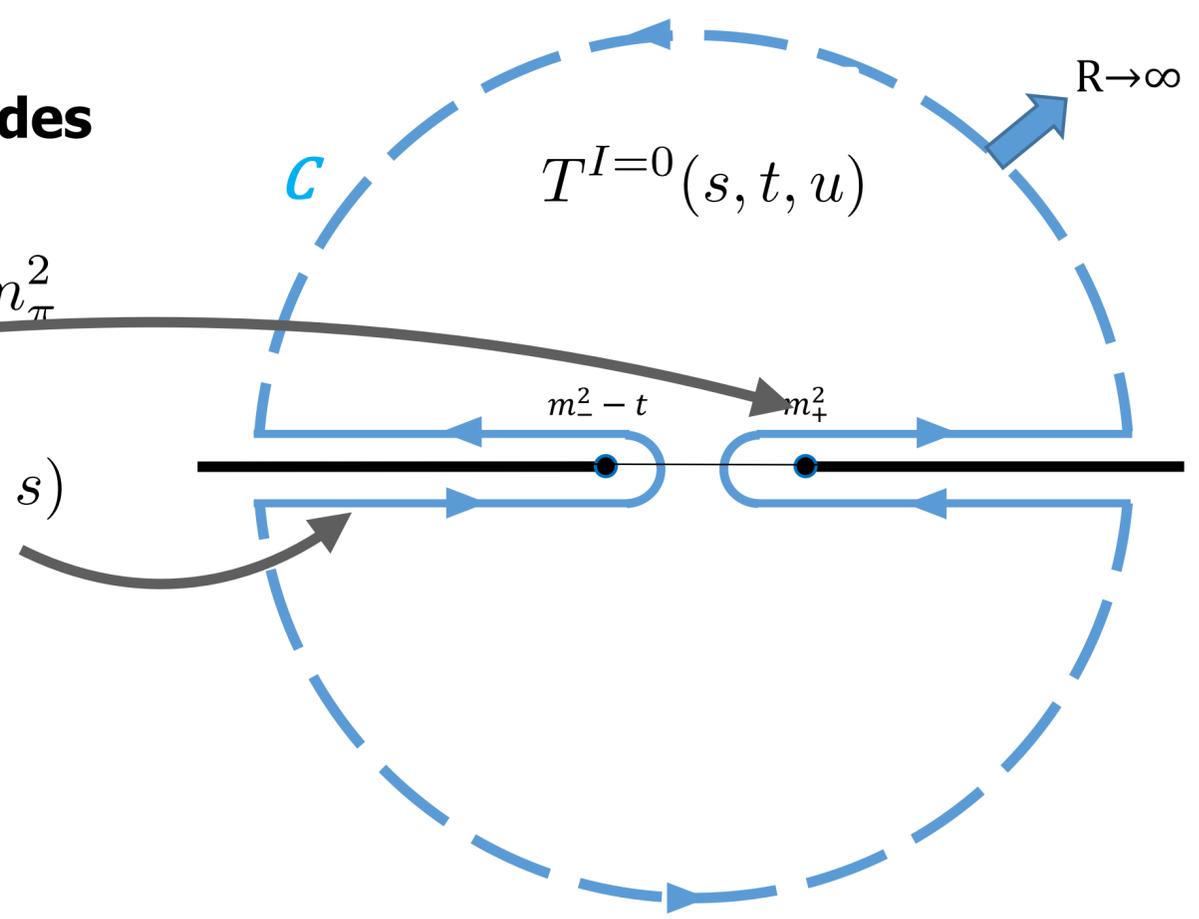
**Determines the analytic structure of the amplitudes**

$T(s, t, u)$  has a unitarity cut for  $s \geq 4m_\pi^2$

$$T^{I=0}(s, t, u) = 3T(s, t, u) + T(t, s, u) + T(u, t, s)$$

**Cauchy theorem over contour C**

$$T(s, t, u) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{T(s', t, u'(s', t))}{s' - s} ds'$$



**How is this useful??** → “hooks” are given by  $\text{Im } T(s, t, u) \rightarrow$  **direct+crossing data**

**Project the integral to get your dispersion relations (ex. Roy eqs.):**

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

*Roy Phys.Lett.B 36 (1971)*

$$\tau_0^0(s)/m_\pi = \frac{1}{3}(a_0^0 + 5a_0^2) + \frac{1}{3}(2a_0^0 - 5a_0^2) \frac{s}{4m_\pi^2}$$

# Outside the physical region

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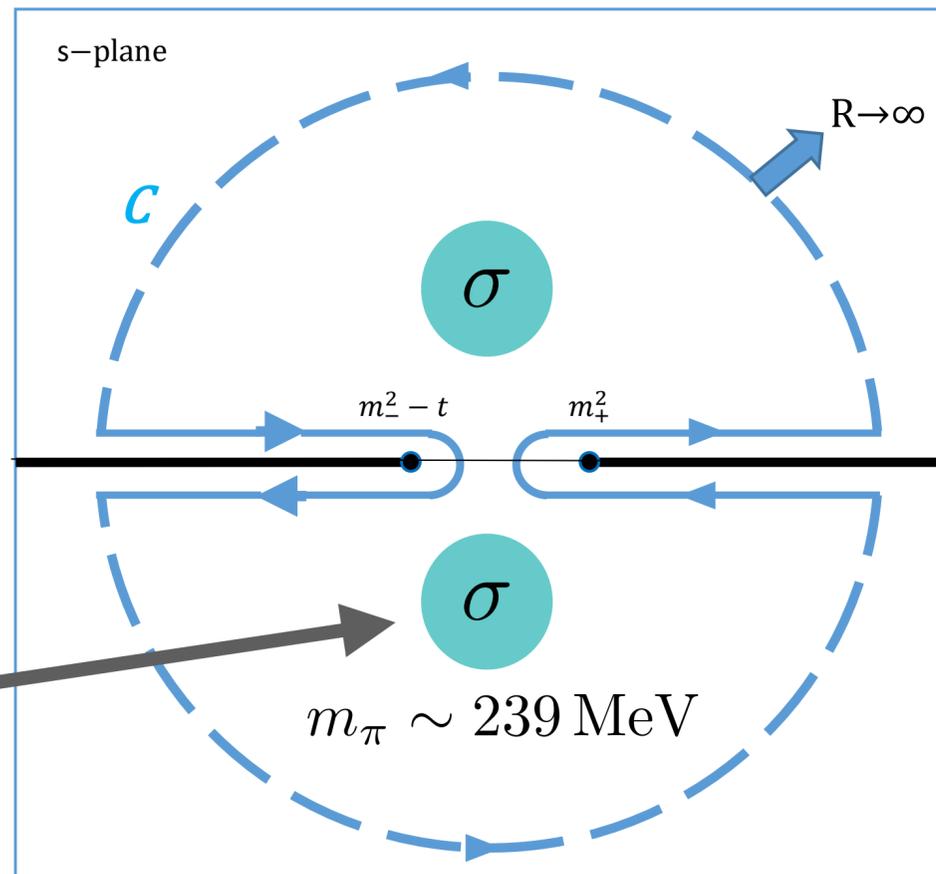
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# Tests: good vs bad

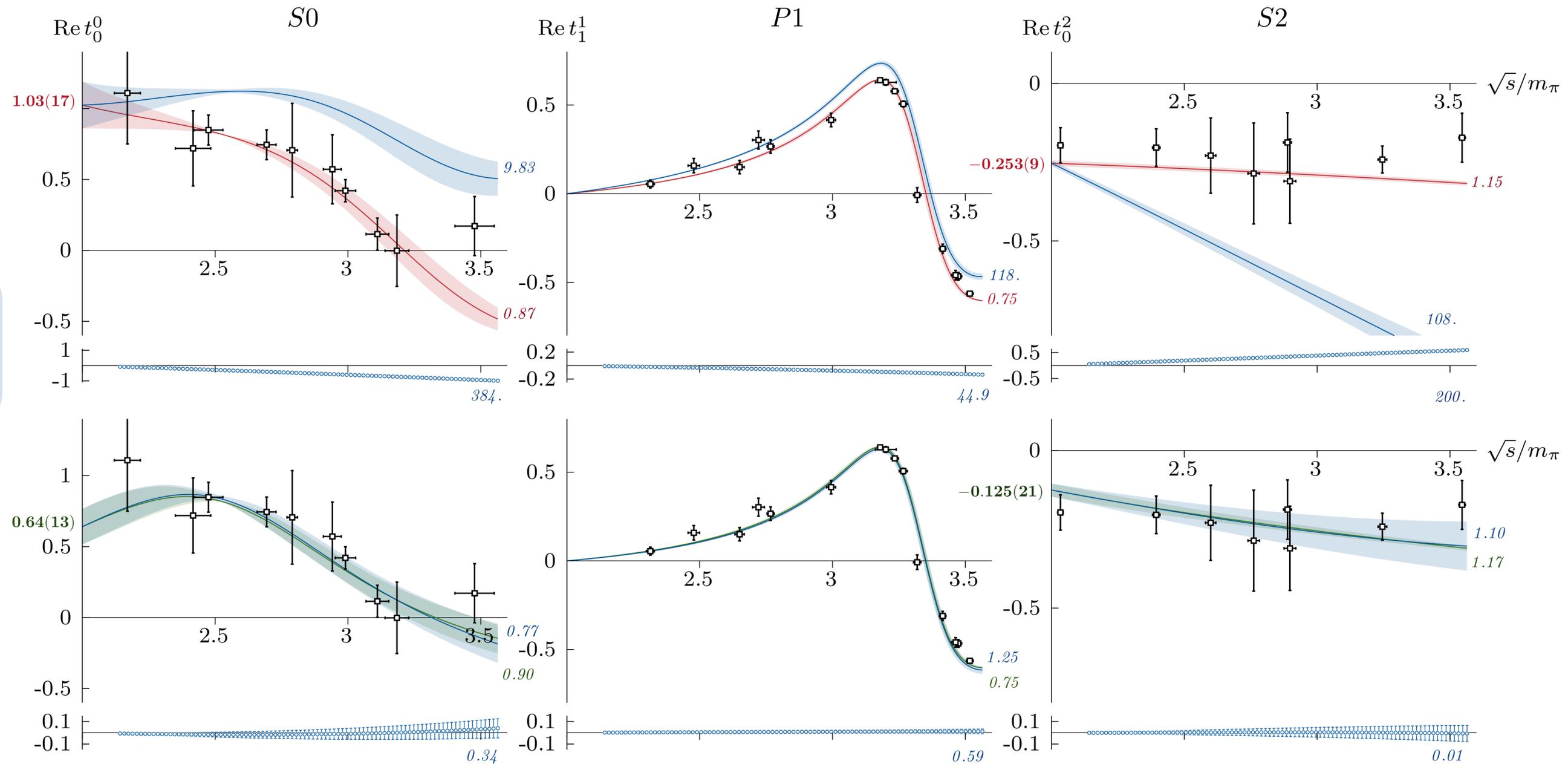
We select those models that respect the DRs

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

Fit combination 1

Dispersive output

Fit combination 2



# Scattering plane

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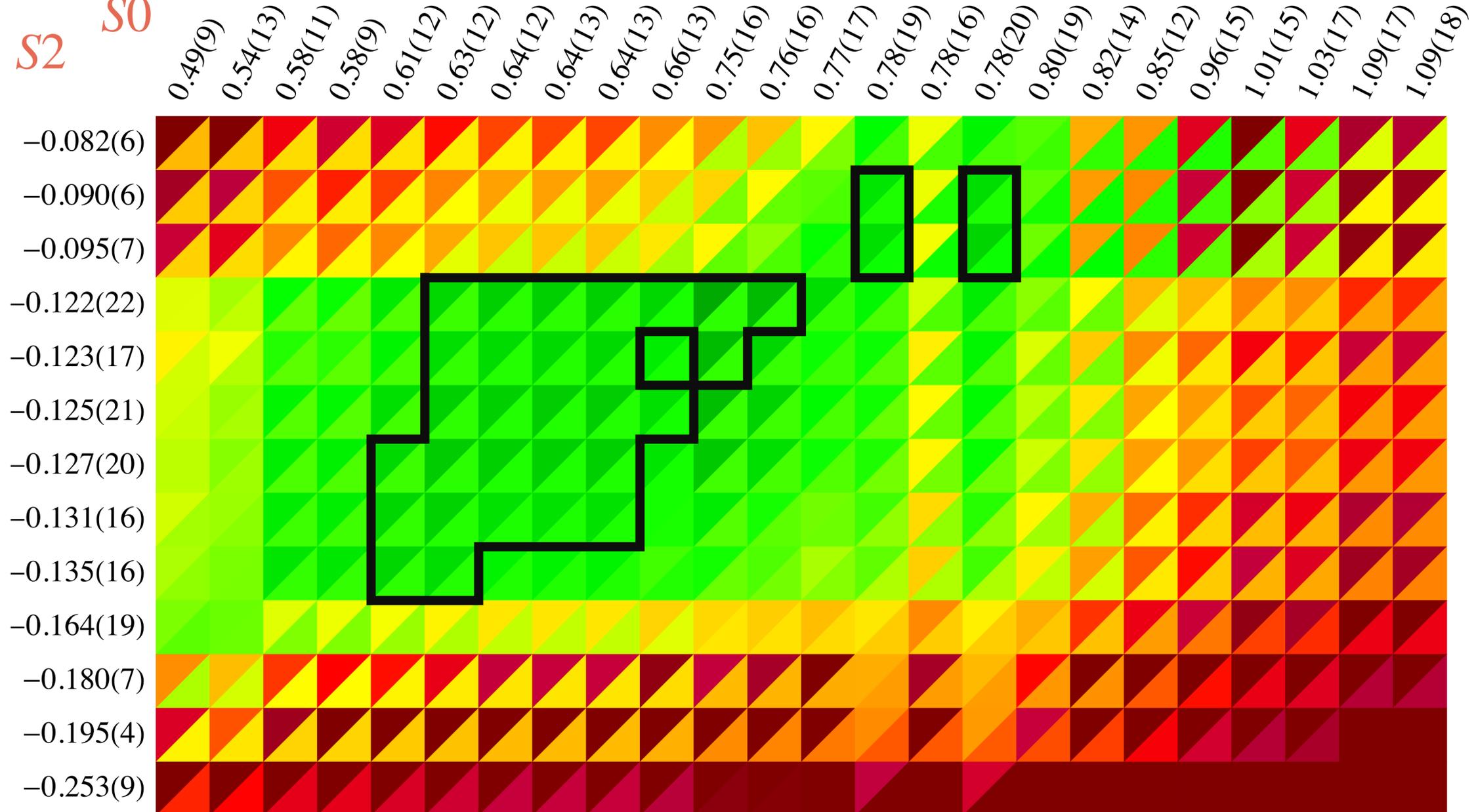
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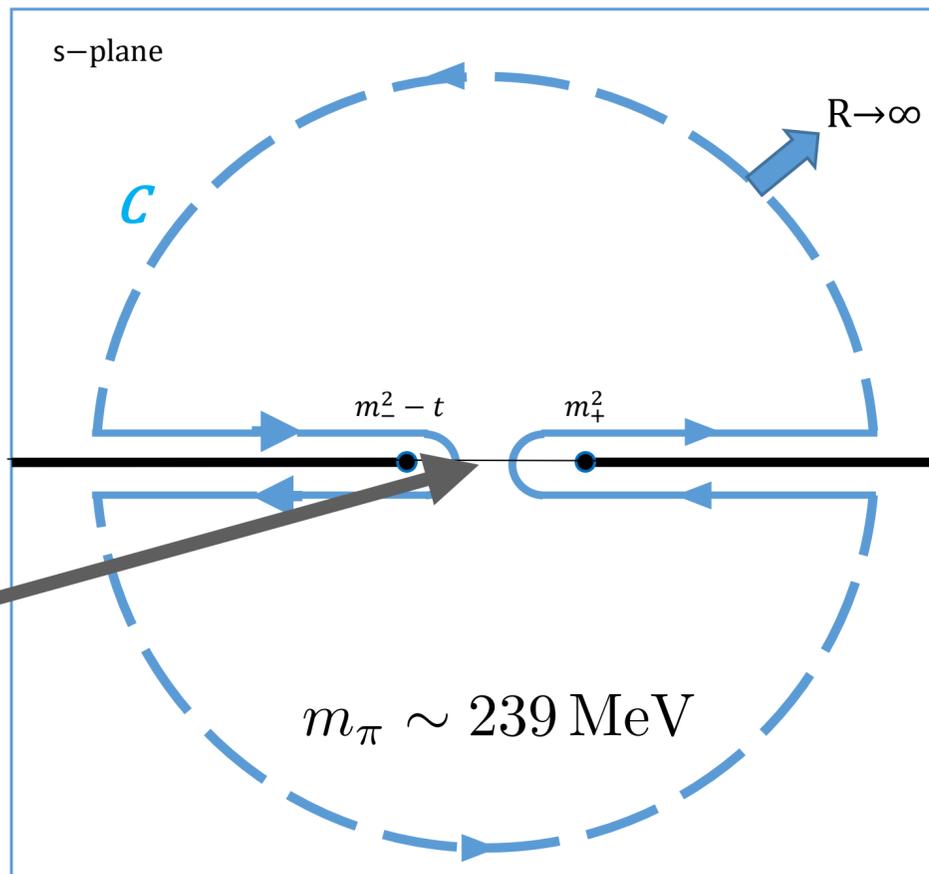
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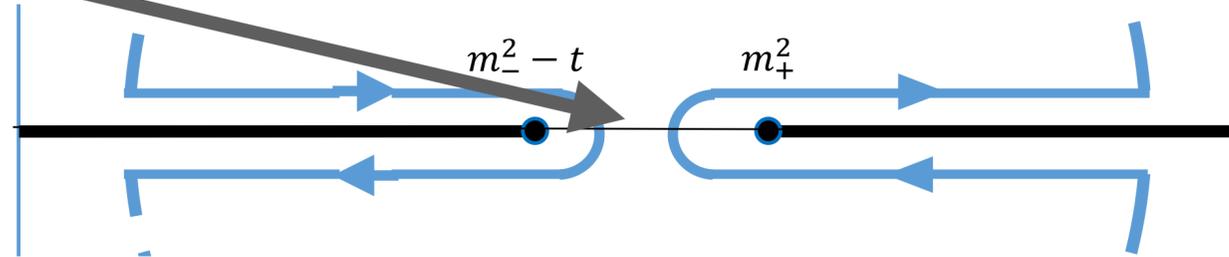


Now, what happens here??

# Adler Zeroes

If  $m_\pi \simeq 0$  then  $T(s, t, u) \xrightarrow{s \sim 0} 0$

*Adler, Phys.Rev. 137 (1965)*



**These zeroes appear on the S-waves and are considered directly linked to ChPT**

*ChPT predicts Adler zeroes for all pseudo-scalar scattering amplitudes at LO*

$$s_{A,I=0} = m_\pi^2/2 \quad s_{A,I=2} = 2m_\pi^2$$

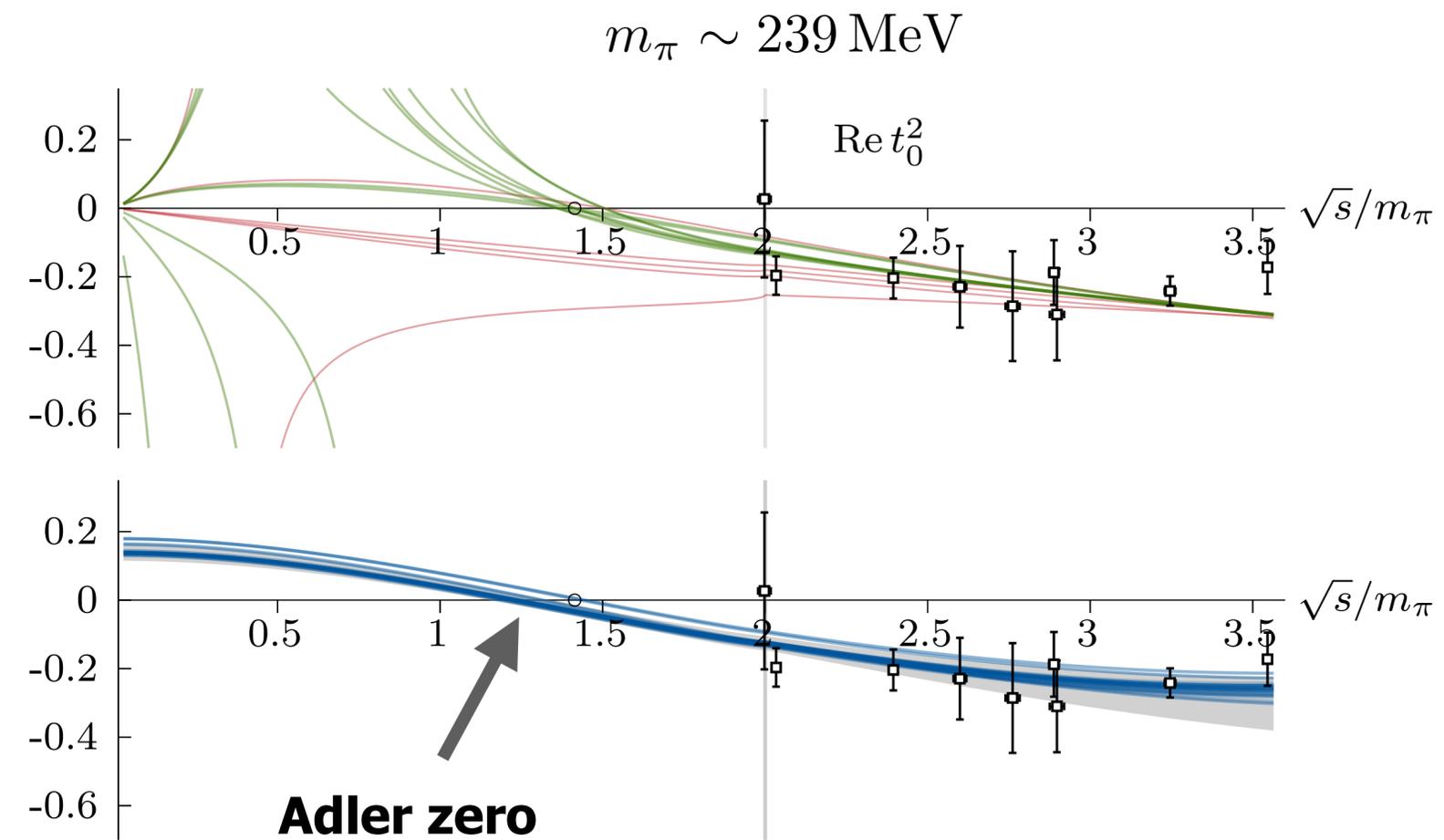
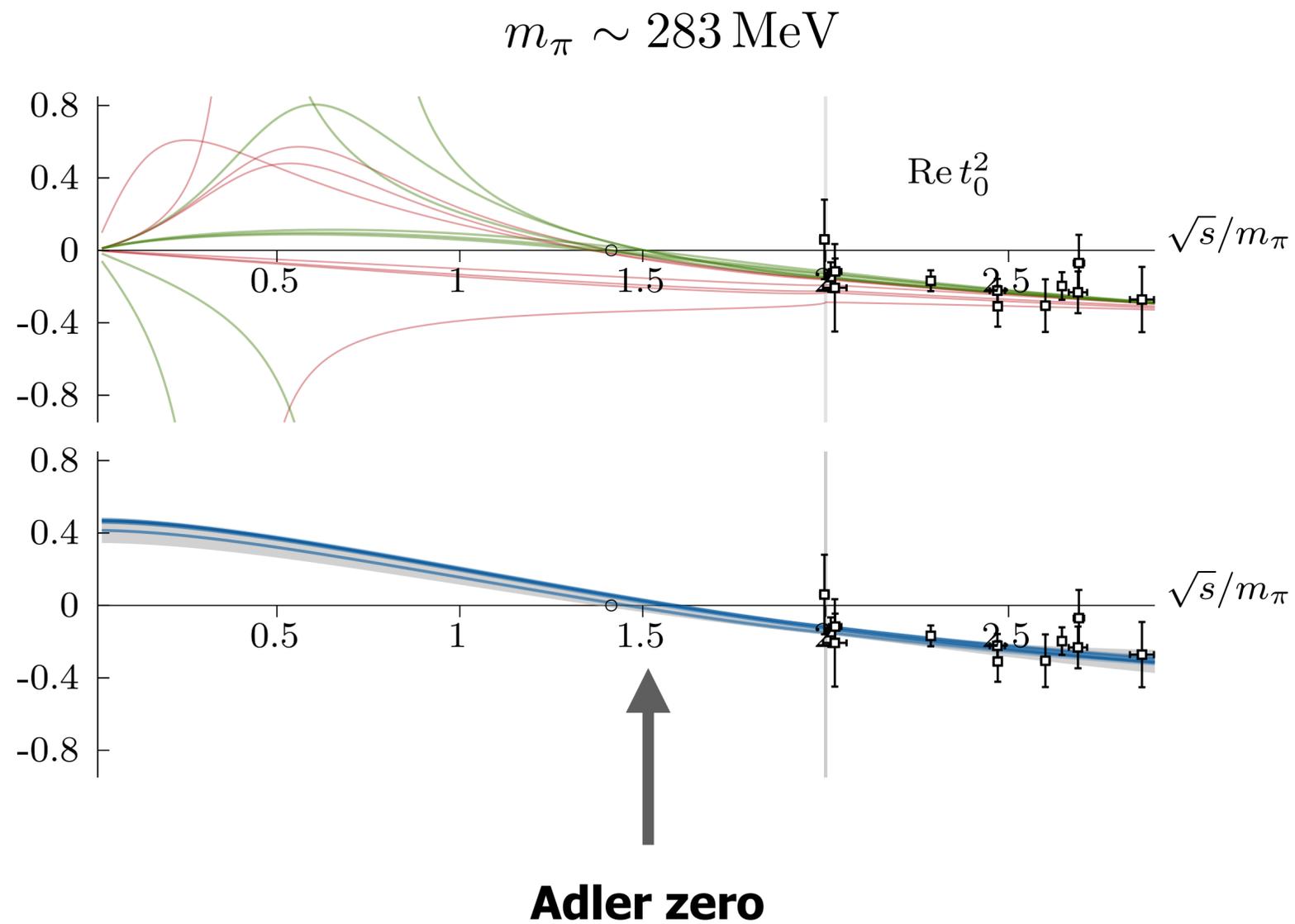
**In lattice QCD our  $m_\pi \neq 0$ , but we still use ChPT in most analyses**

**What can our DRs say about that?**

# Adler Zeroes

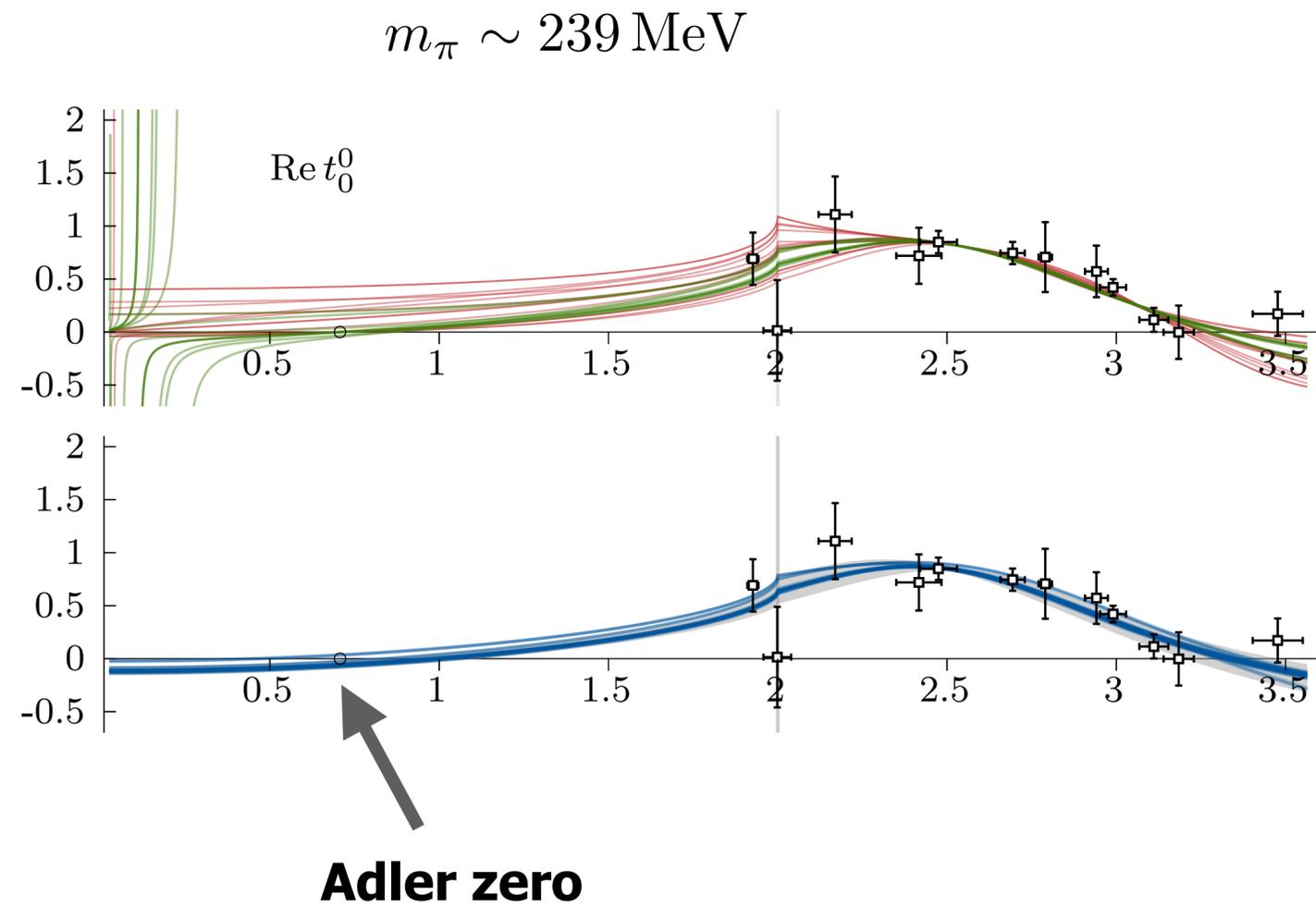
Very "stable" for  $I = 2 \pi\pi$

Even "bad" DRs produce Adler zeroes for  $I=2$ , close to the LO prediction  $s_{A,I=2} = 2m_\pi^2$



# Adler Zeroes

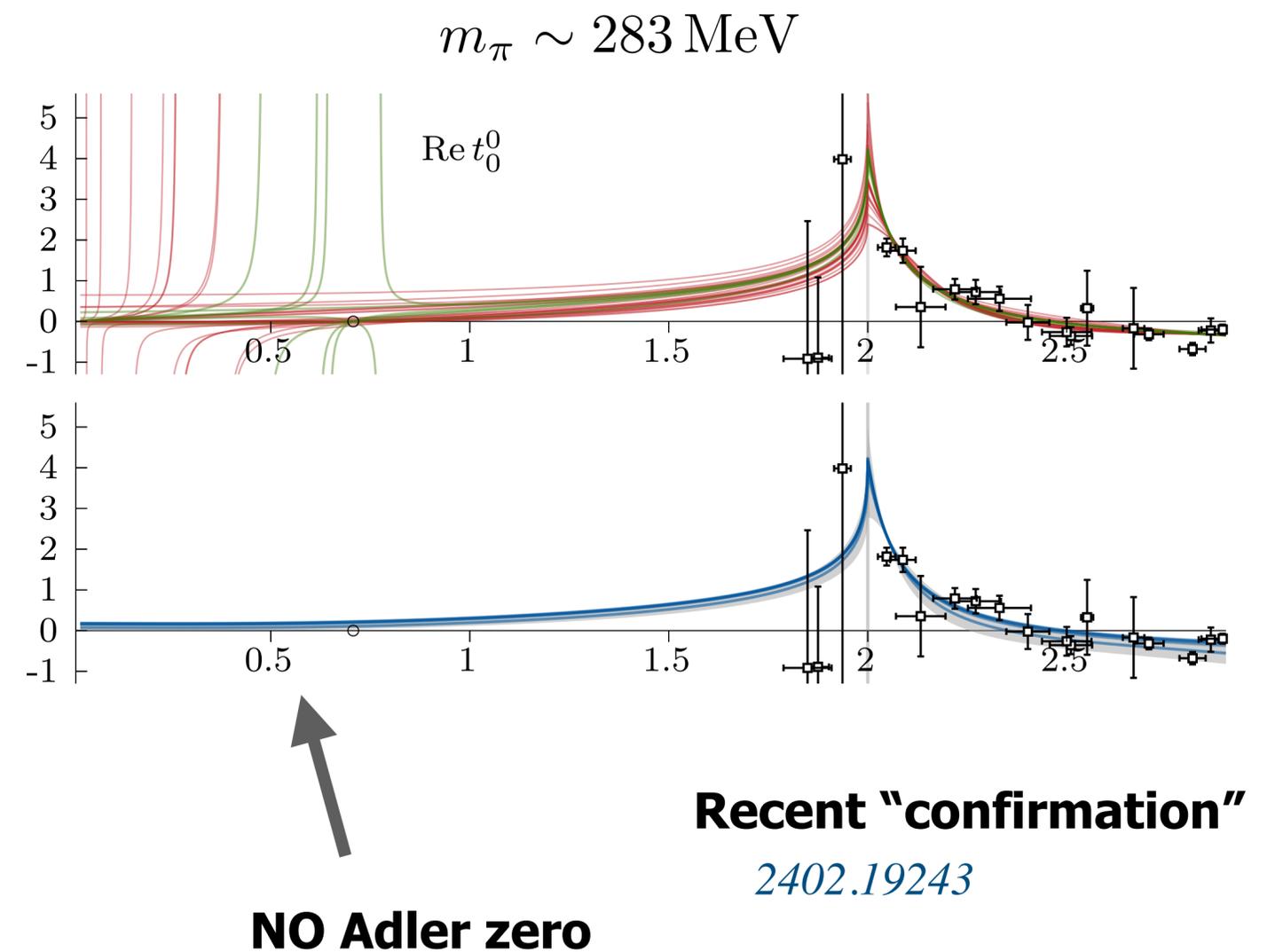
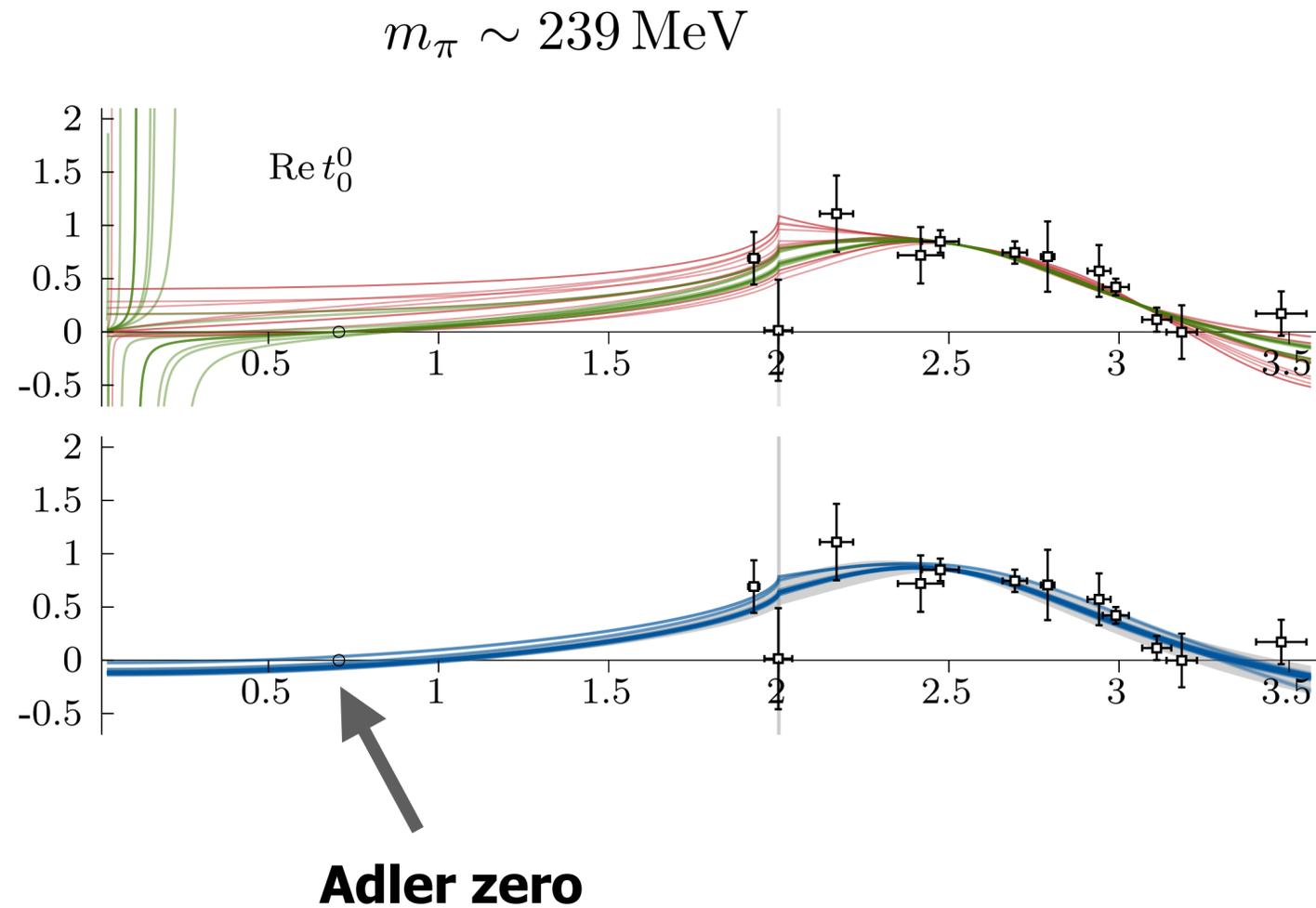
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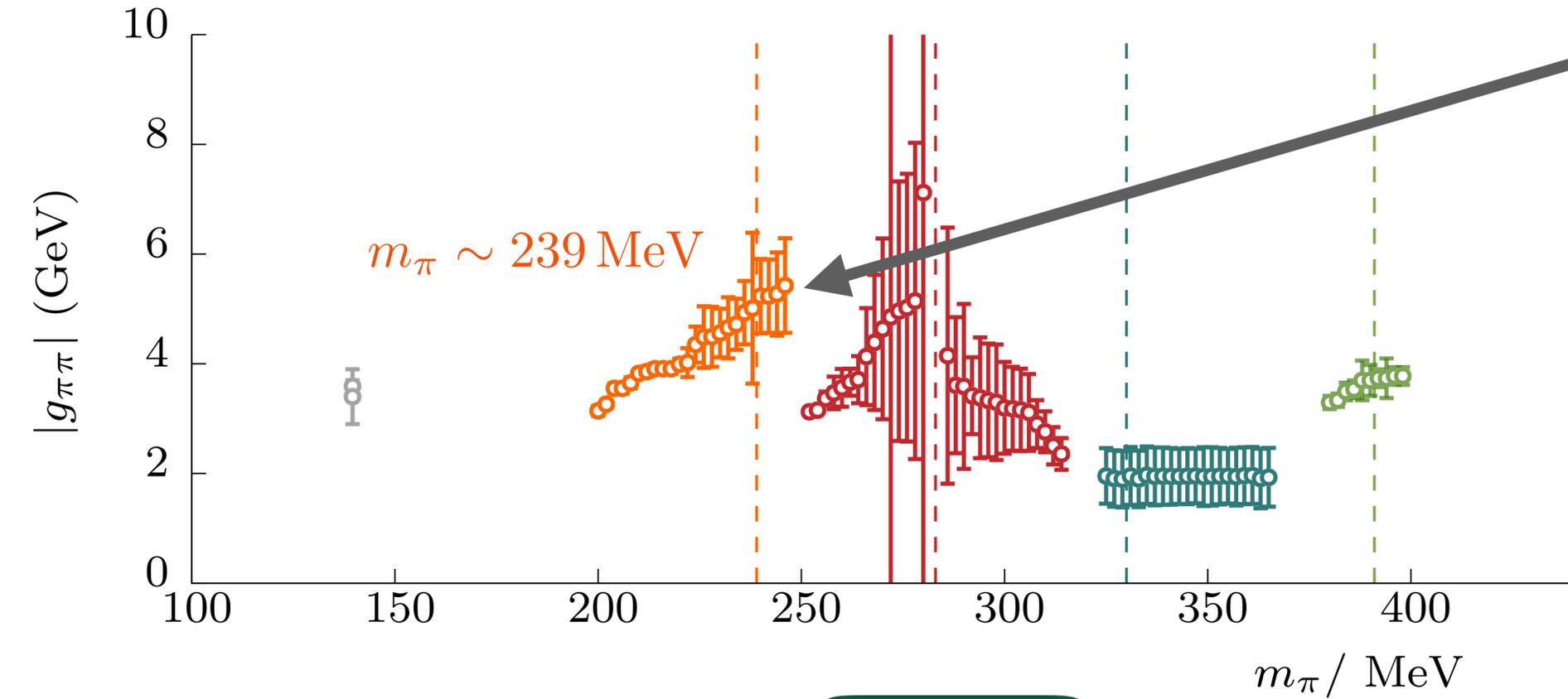
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# Couplings

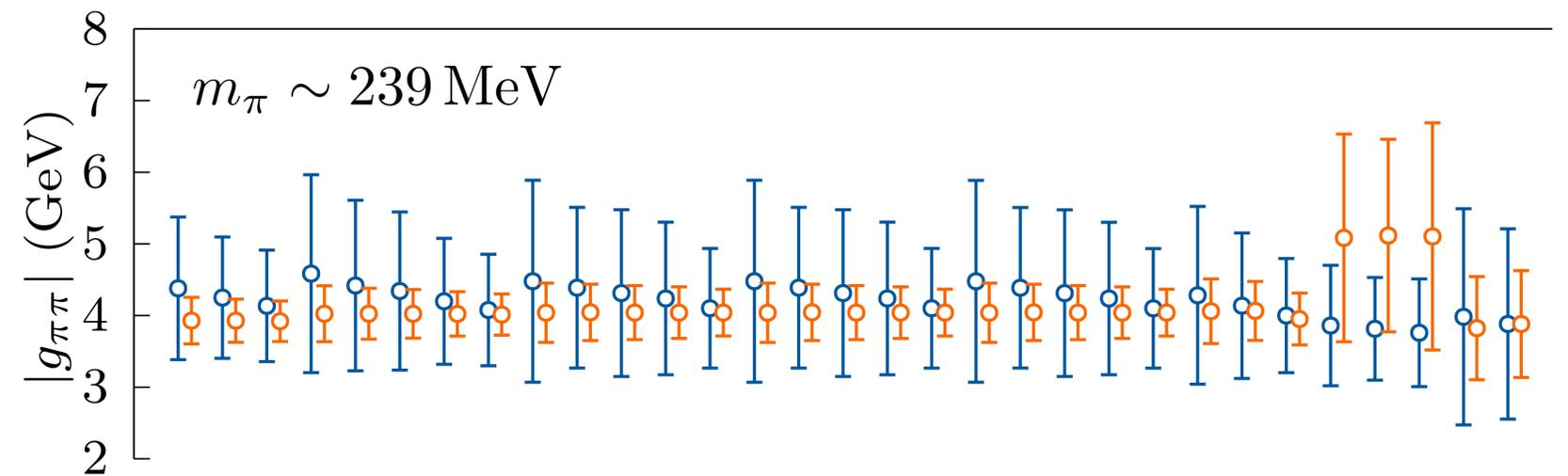
Models: Large systematic dependence



$m_{\pi} \sim 239$  MeV

DRs: No systematics

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**Make**

*Fit* → *In*

*DR* → *Out*

**compatible**



**Unitarity**

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



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**Lattice QCD data description**

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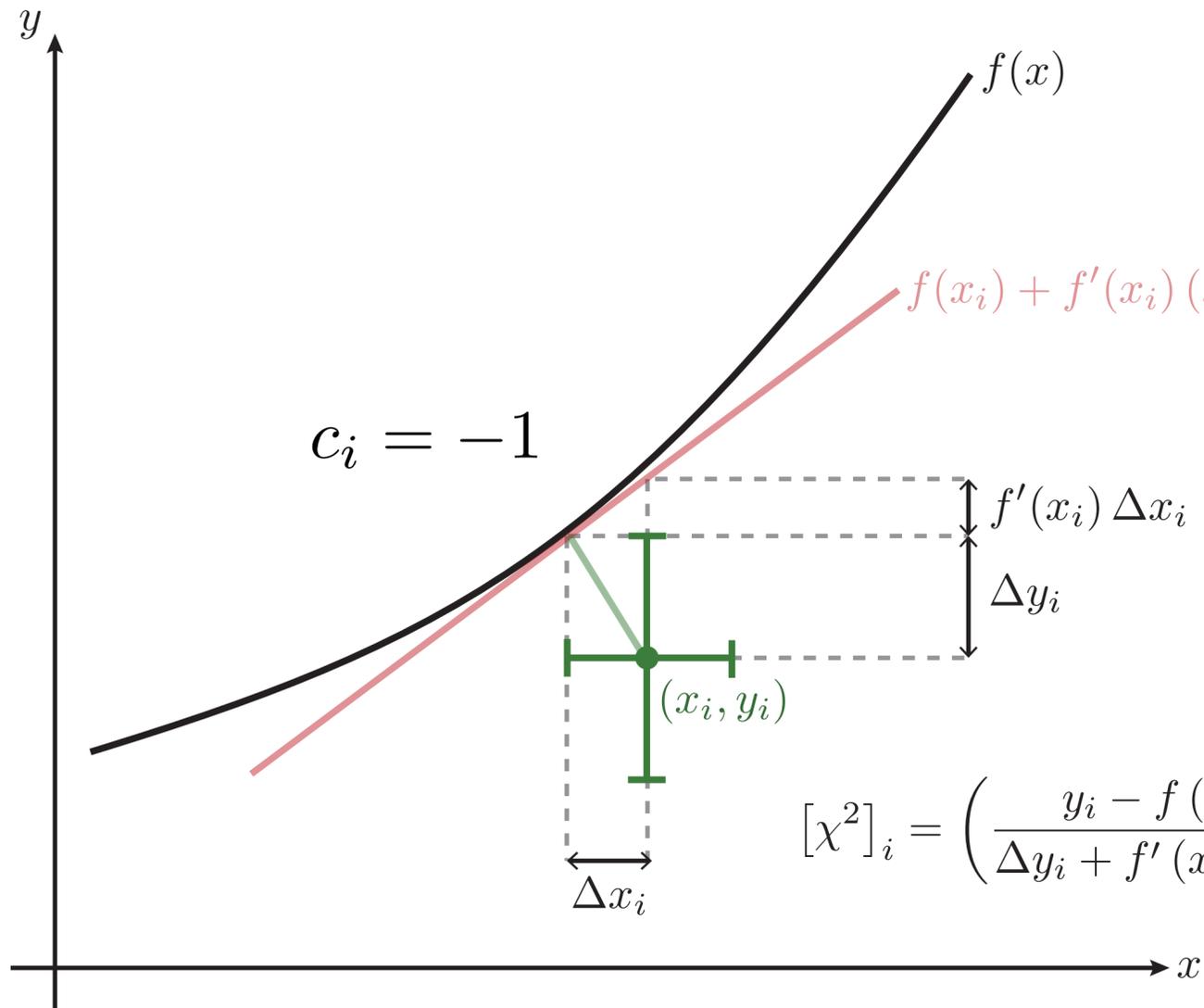
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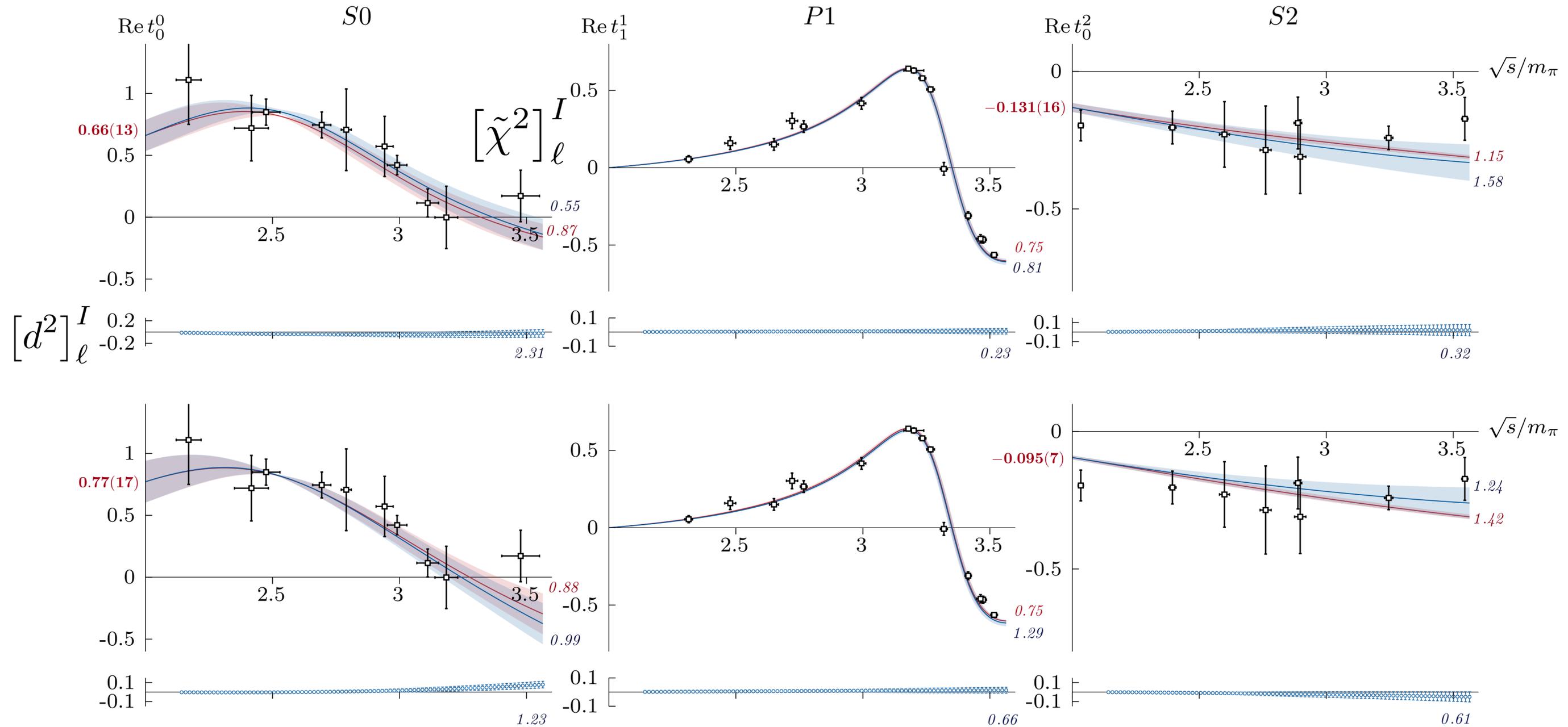
$$\Delta_i^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta f_i & \frac{d\tilde{f}_\ell^I(s_i)}{dE_i} \Delta E_i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -c_i \\ -c_i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \tilde{f}_i \\ \frac{d\tilde{f}_\ell^I(s_i)}{dE_i} \Delta E_i \end{pmatrix}$$

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

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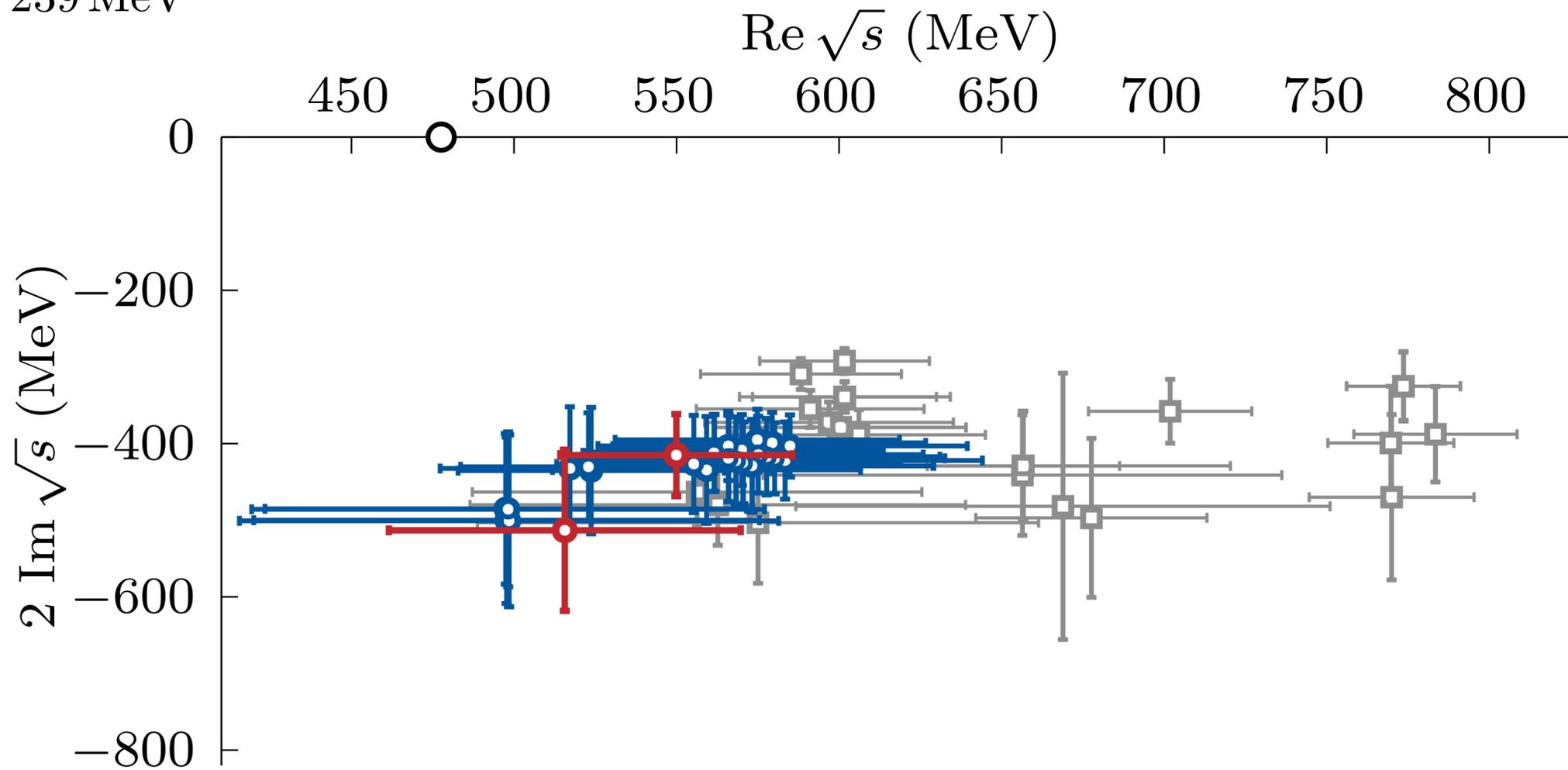
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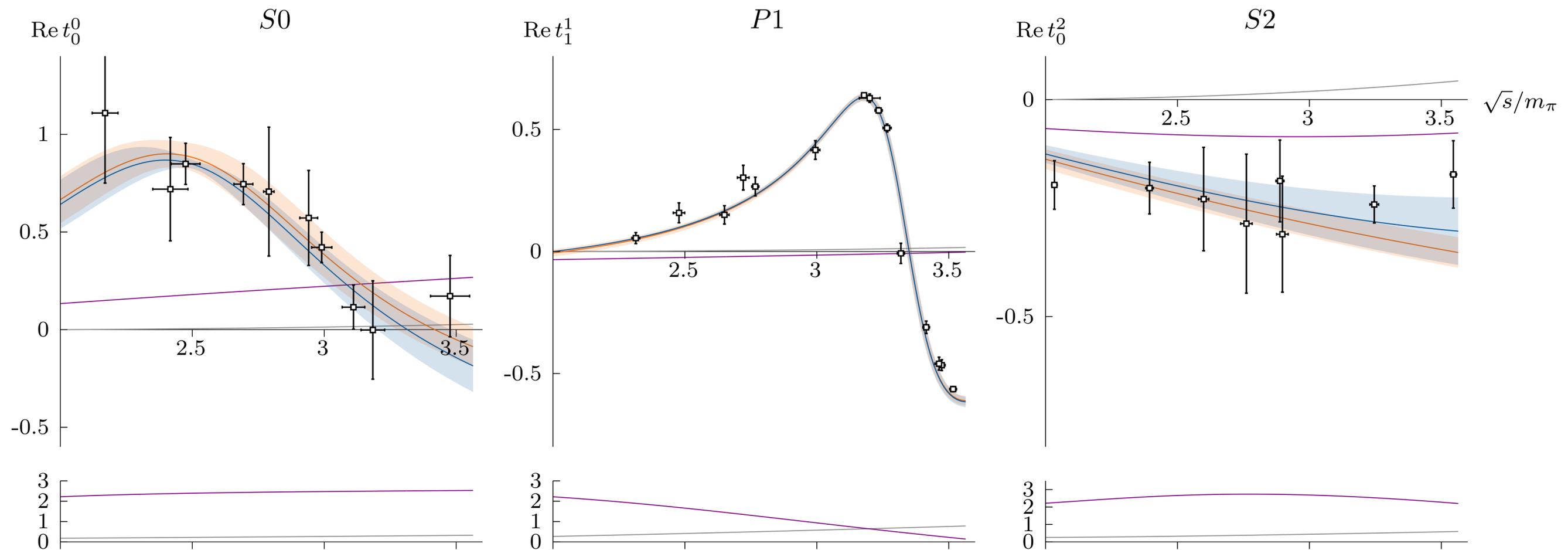


# GKPY vs ROY

**GKPY: Minimally subtracted** → one less subtraction than ROY

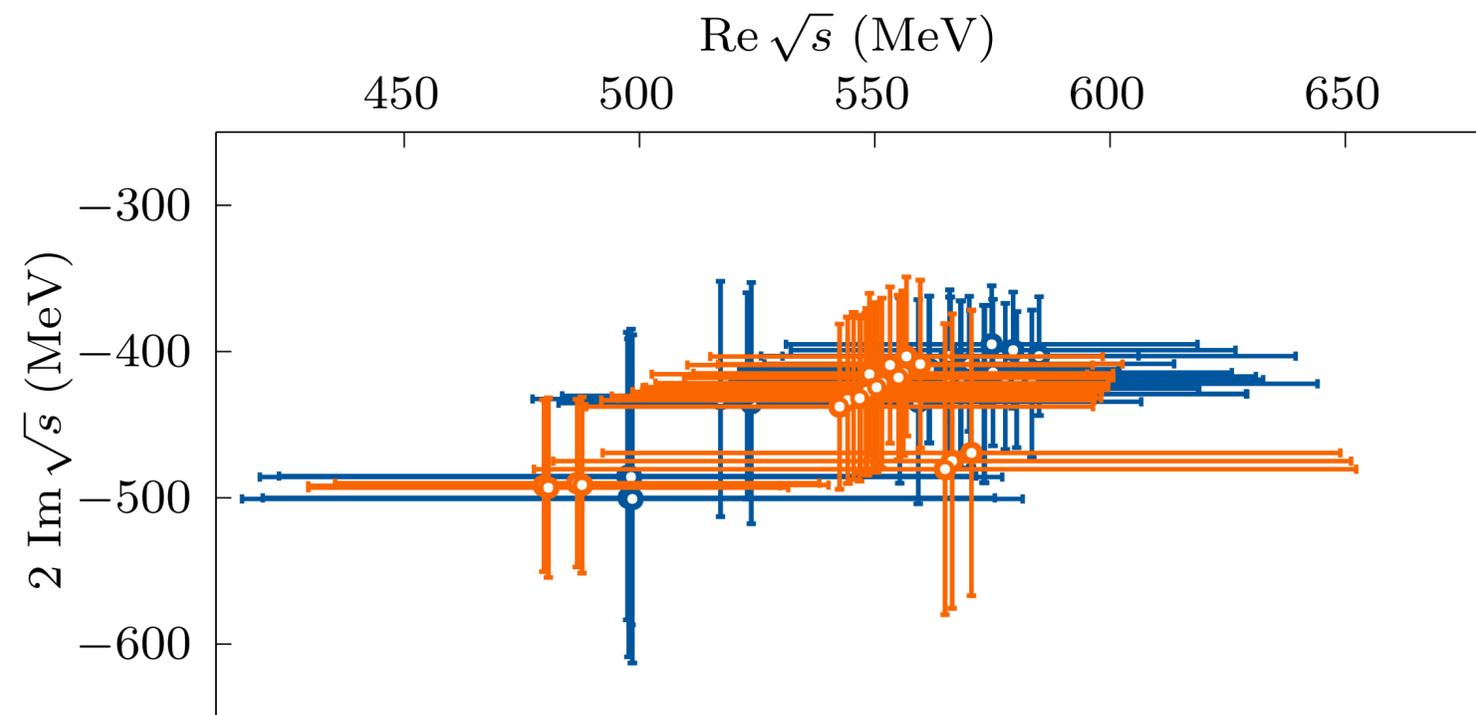
**For our analysis, Regge contribution too large for  $d^2$**

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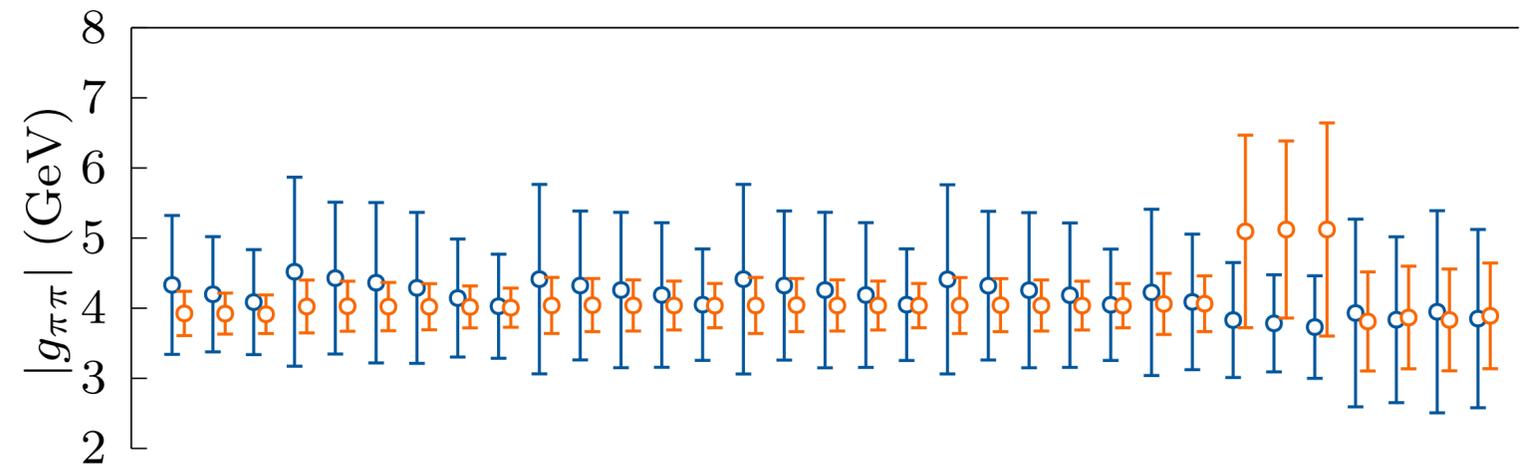


# GKPY vs ROY

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



GKPY produces less than half the uncertainty in most cases



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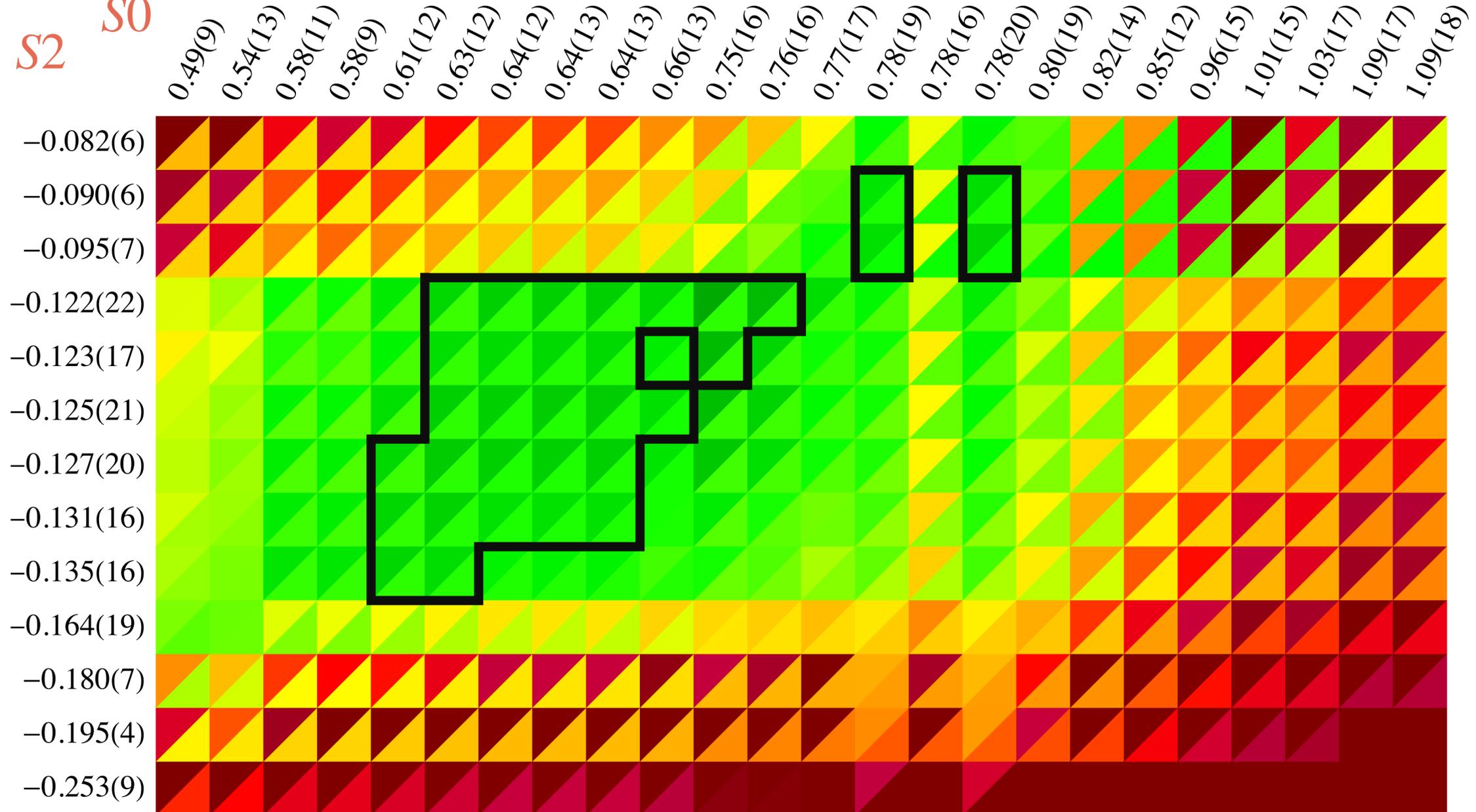
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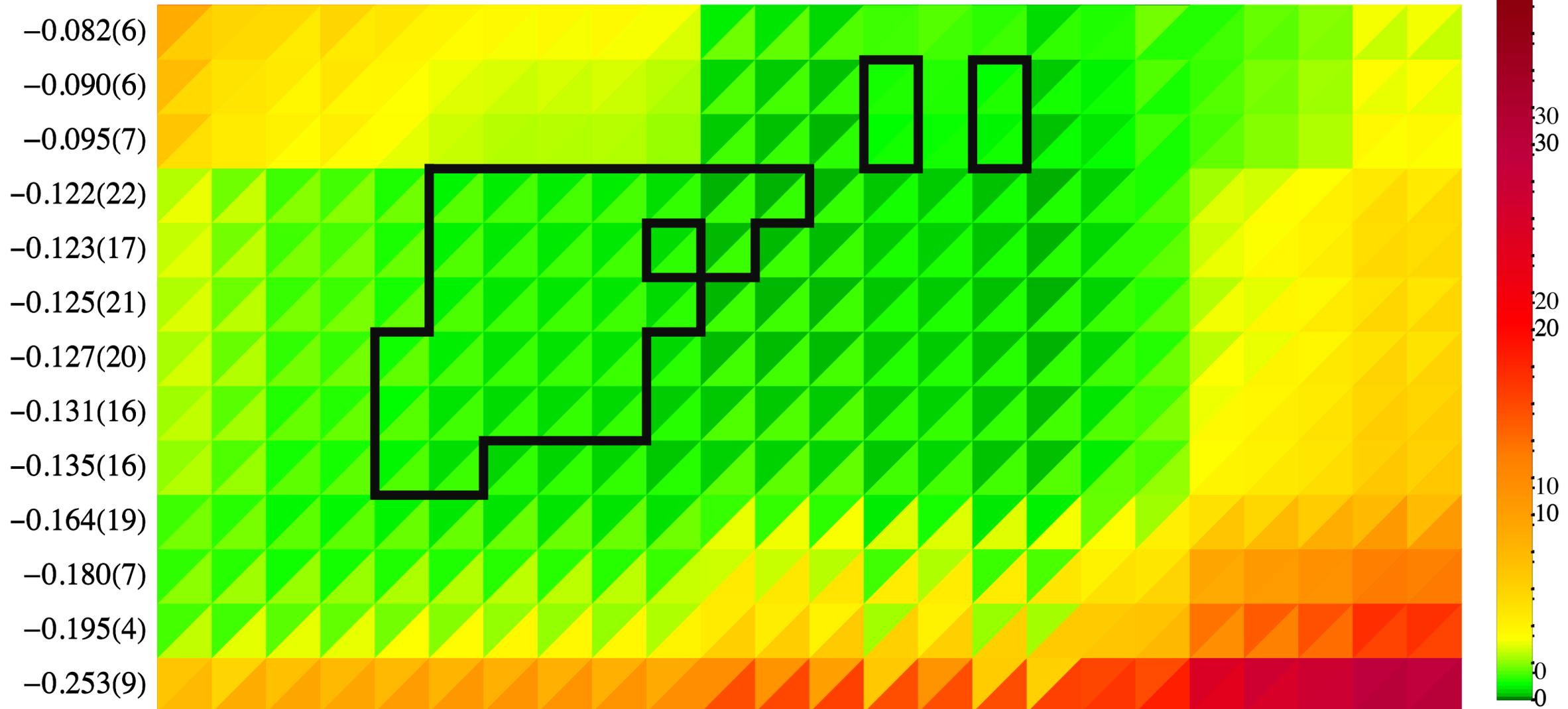
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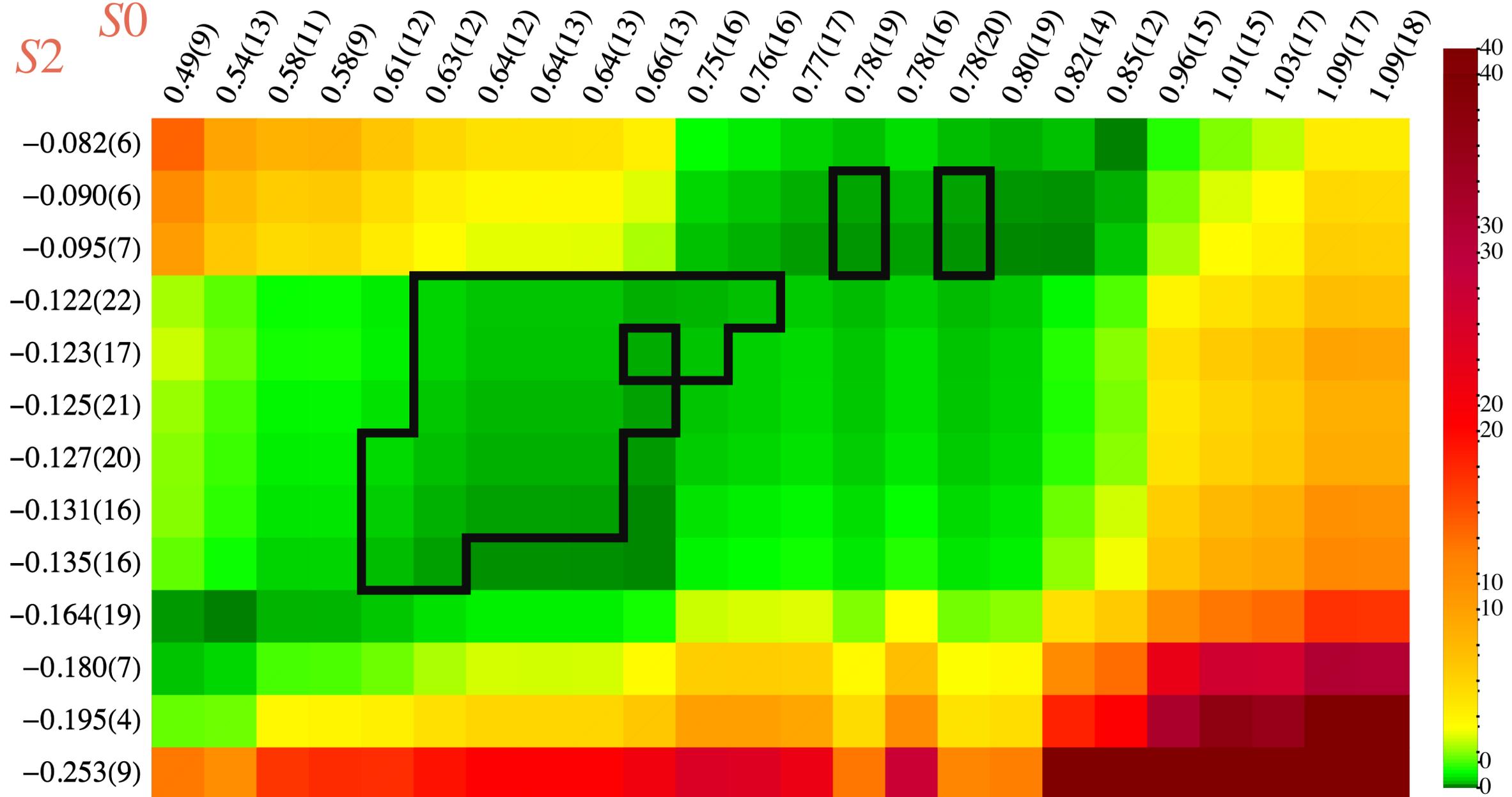
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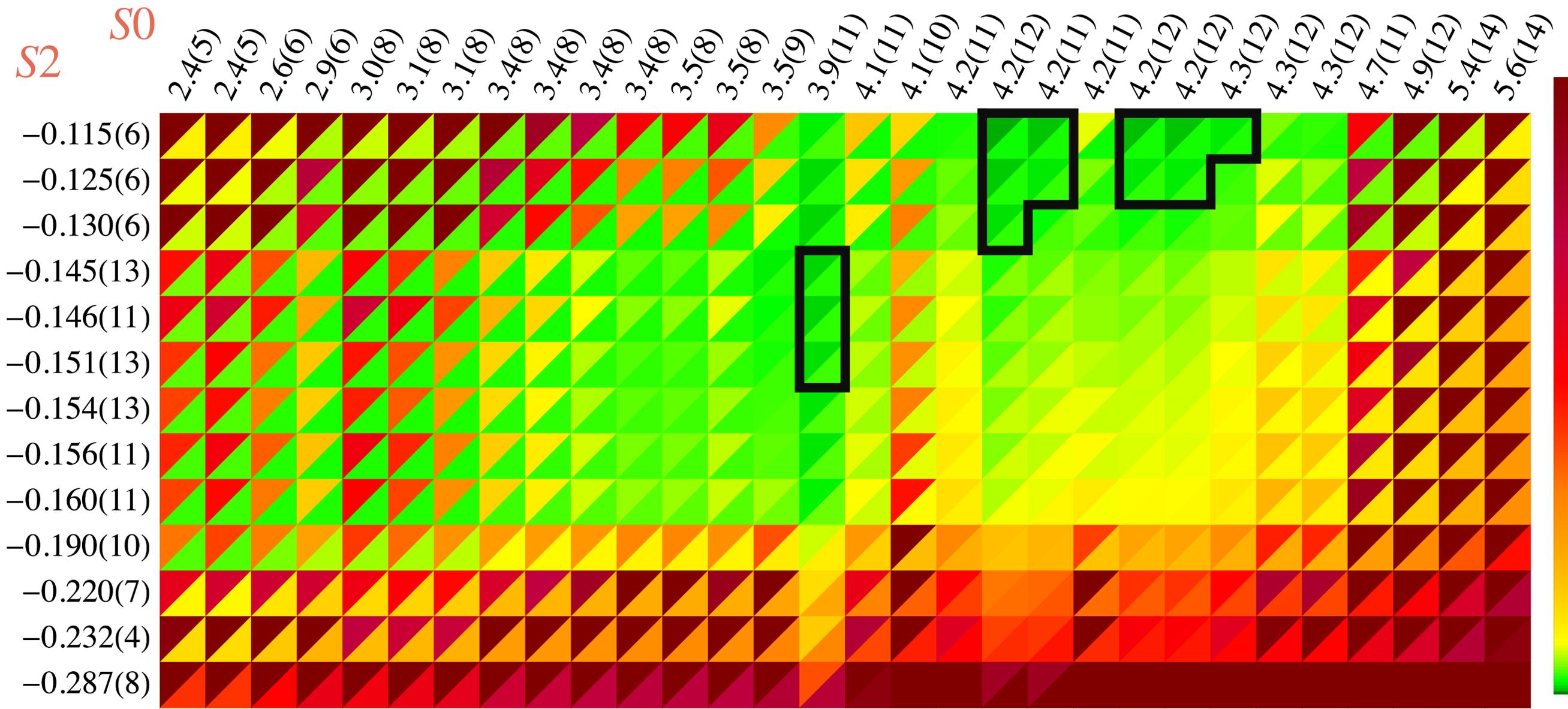
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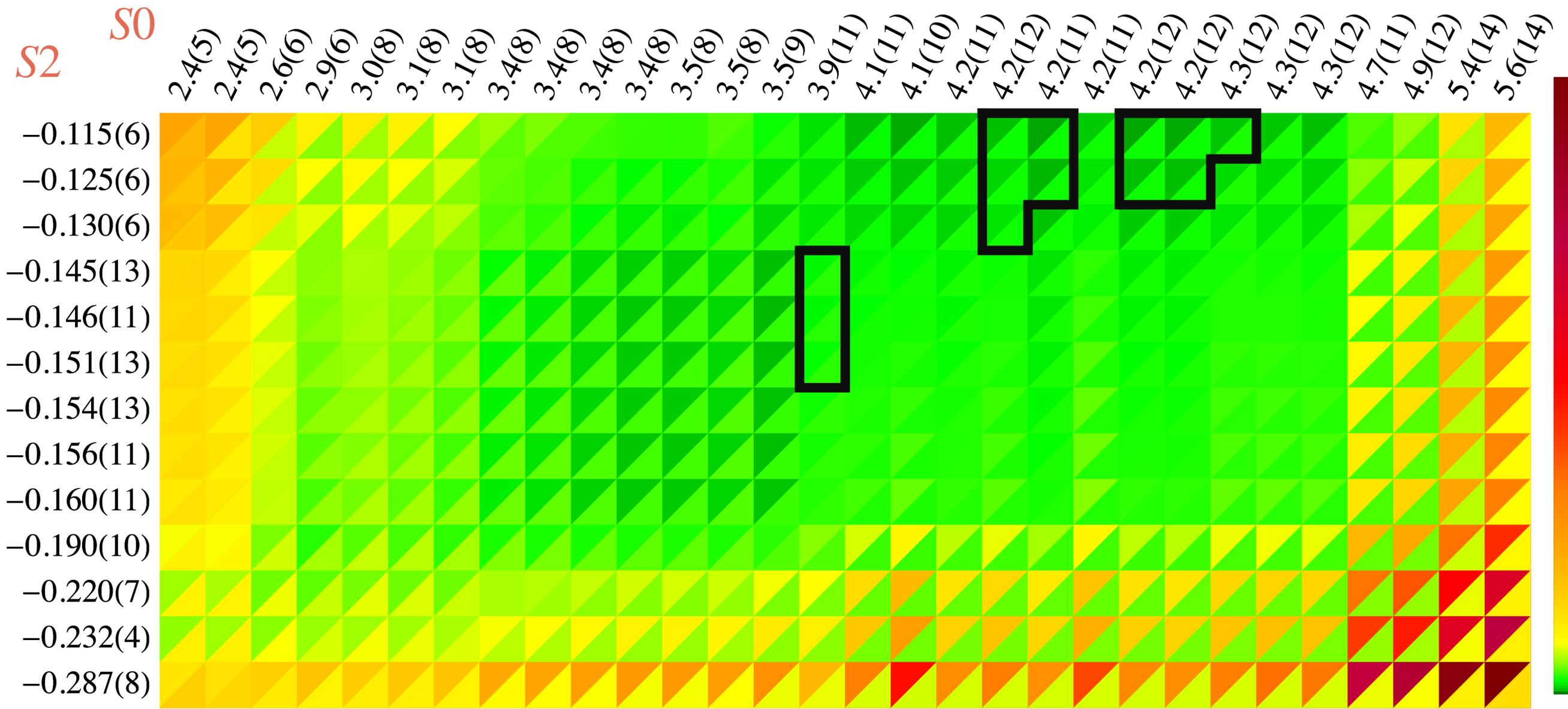
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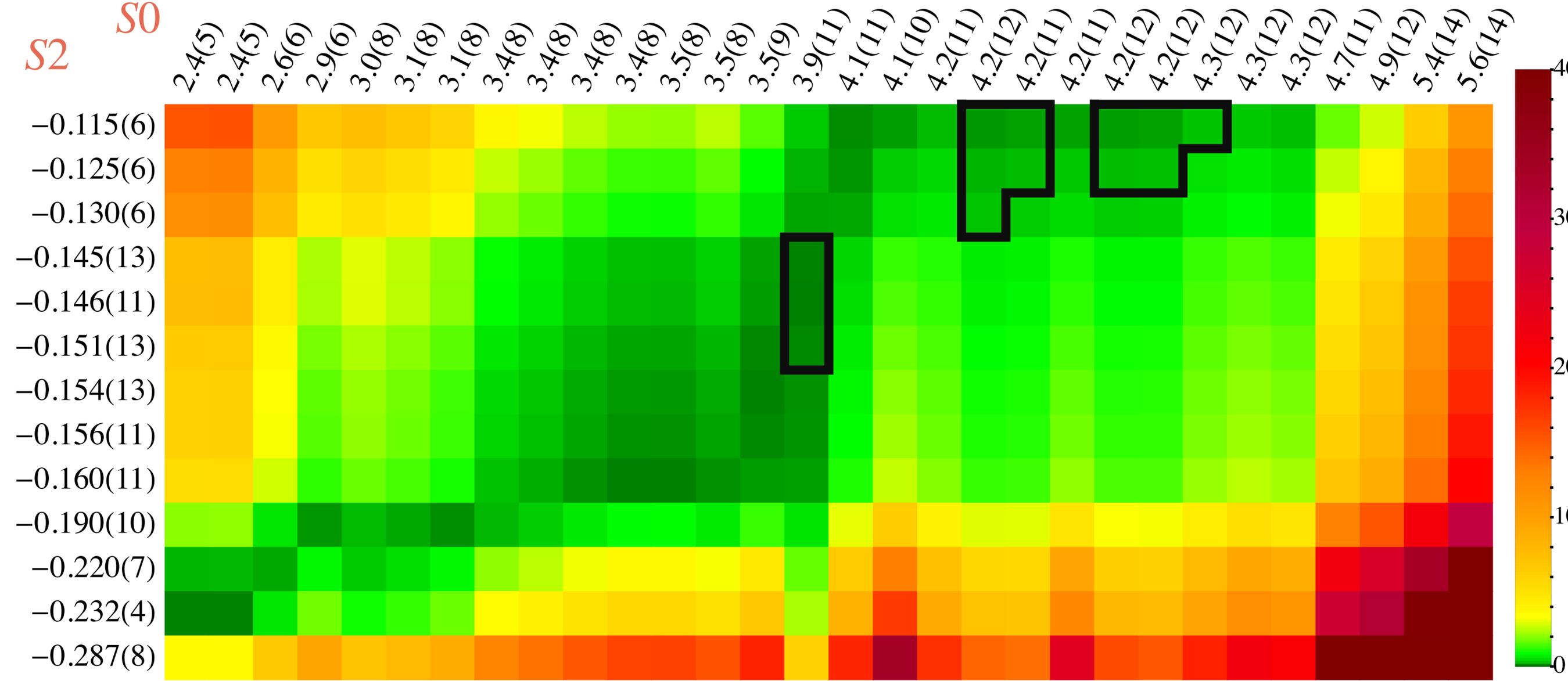
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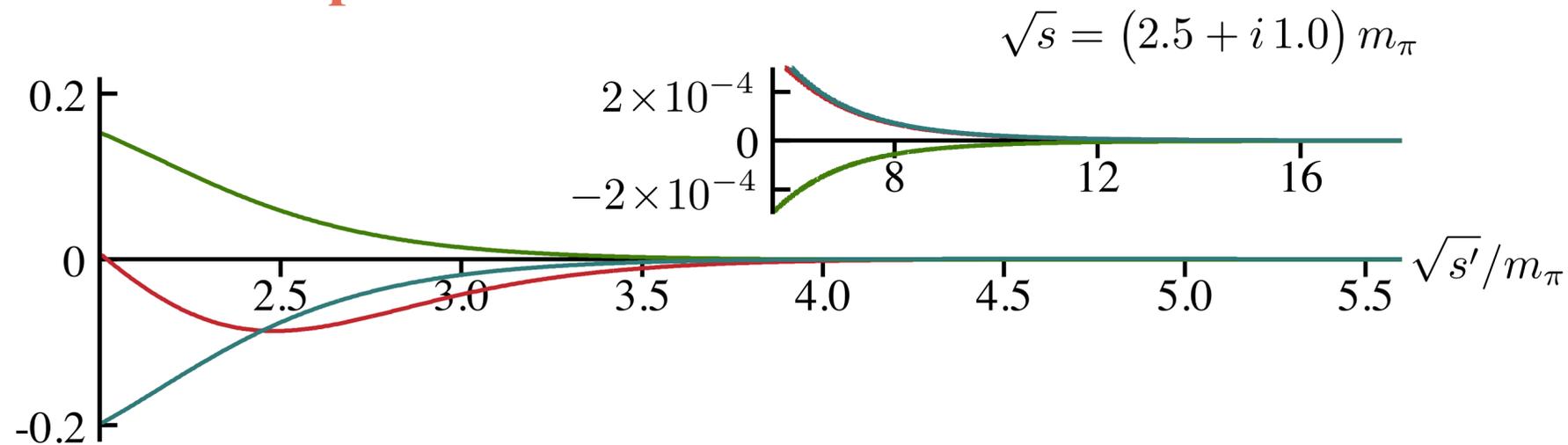
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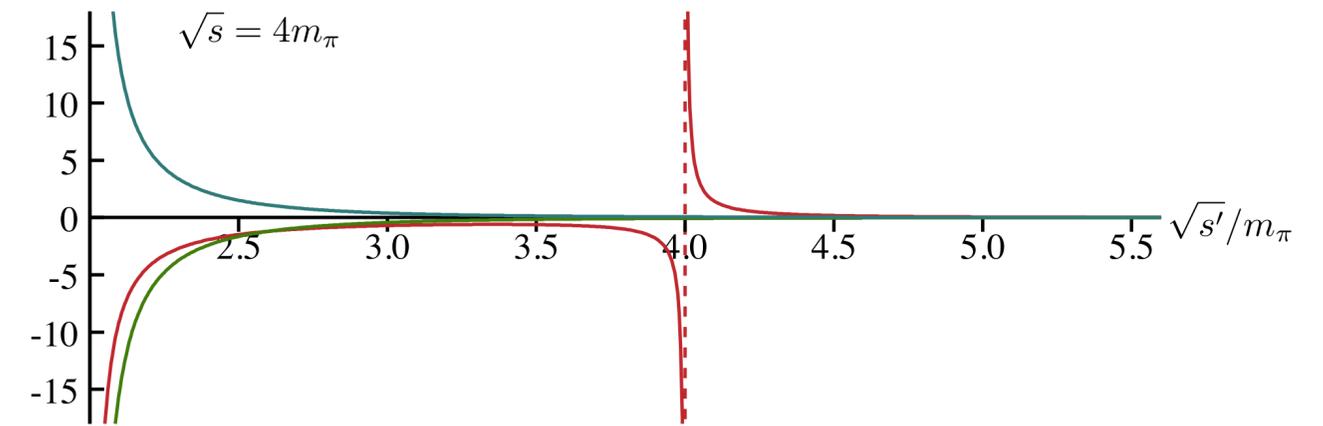
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Smeared over a large energy region

Complex  $s$



Real  $s$



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

# The bad

Not happening

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

Partial waves

Extrapolated

$$\int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\infty} = \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{s_{max}} + \int_{s_{max}}^{\infty} = \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{s_{fit}} + \int_{s_{fit}}^{s_{max}} + \int_{s_{max}}^{\infty} \quad \leftarrow \text{Regge}$$

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

# The Regge

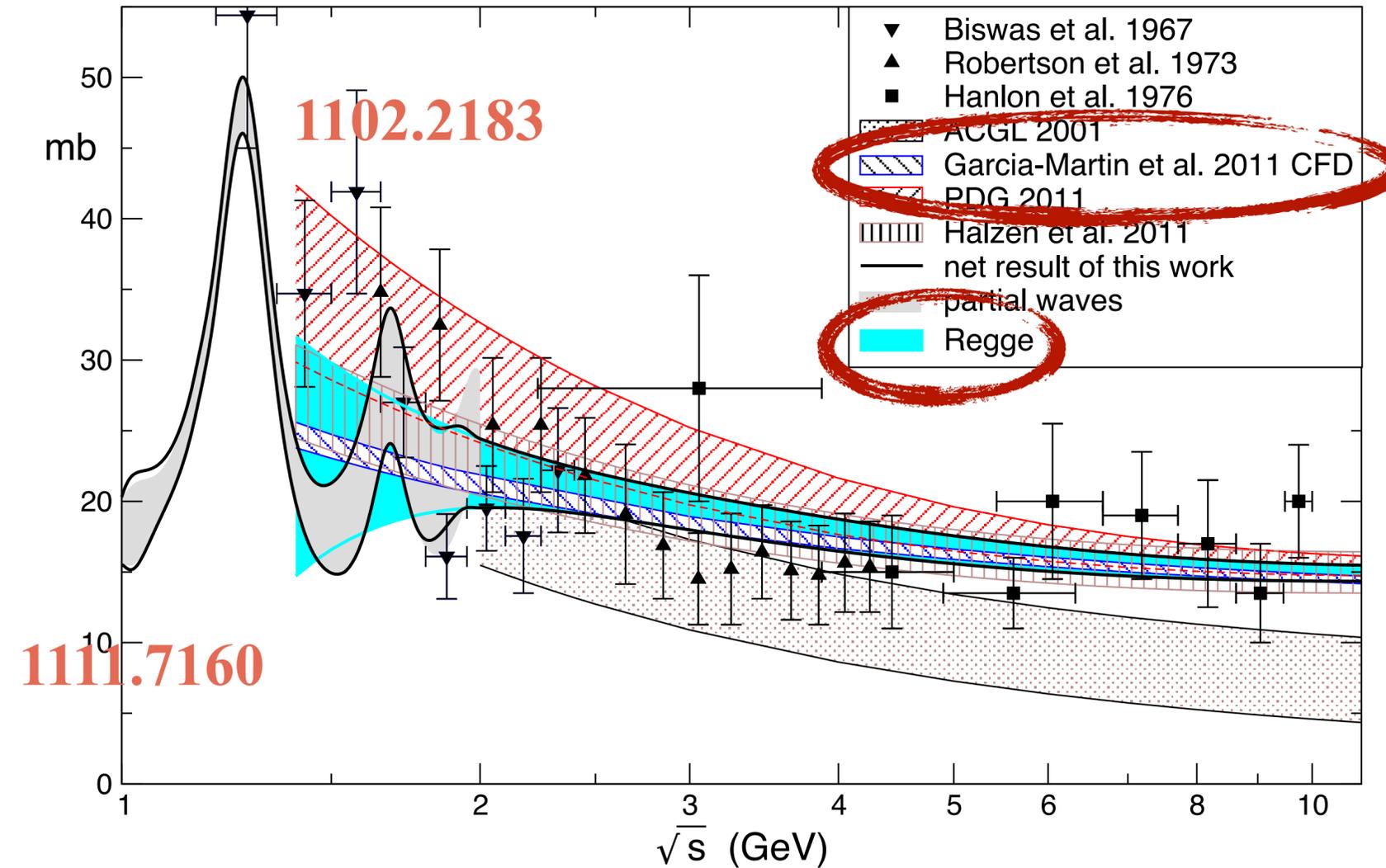


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$\mathbb{P} \rightarrow$  gluon exchanges  $\rightarrow$  constant over  $m_q$

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

$\sigma_{\pi^- \pi^+}$



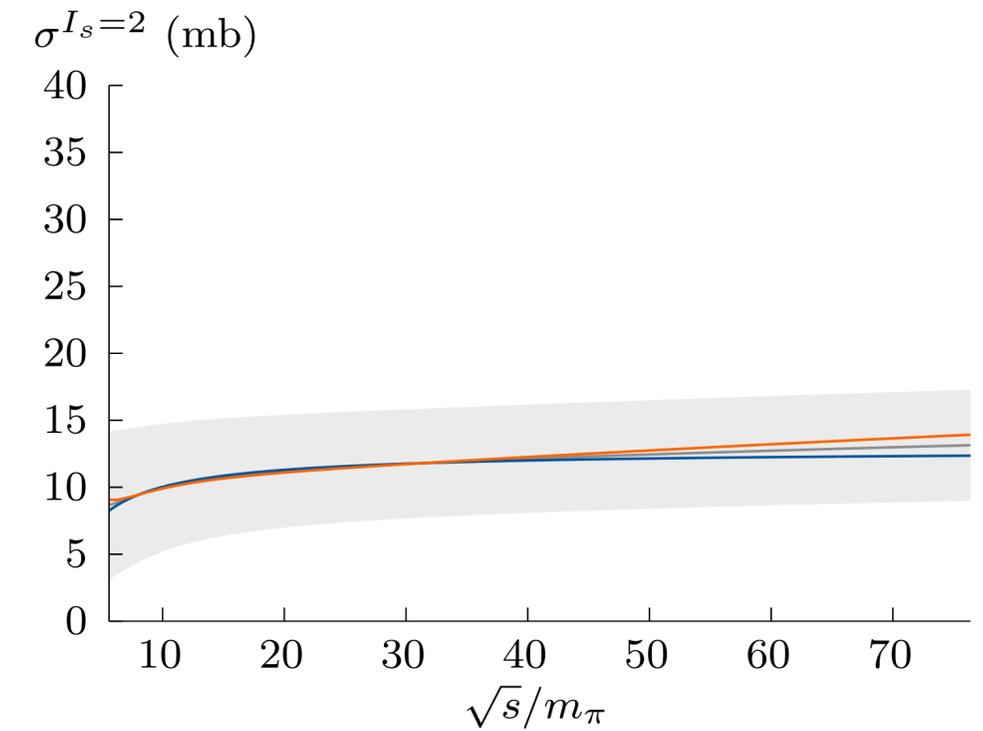
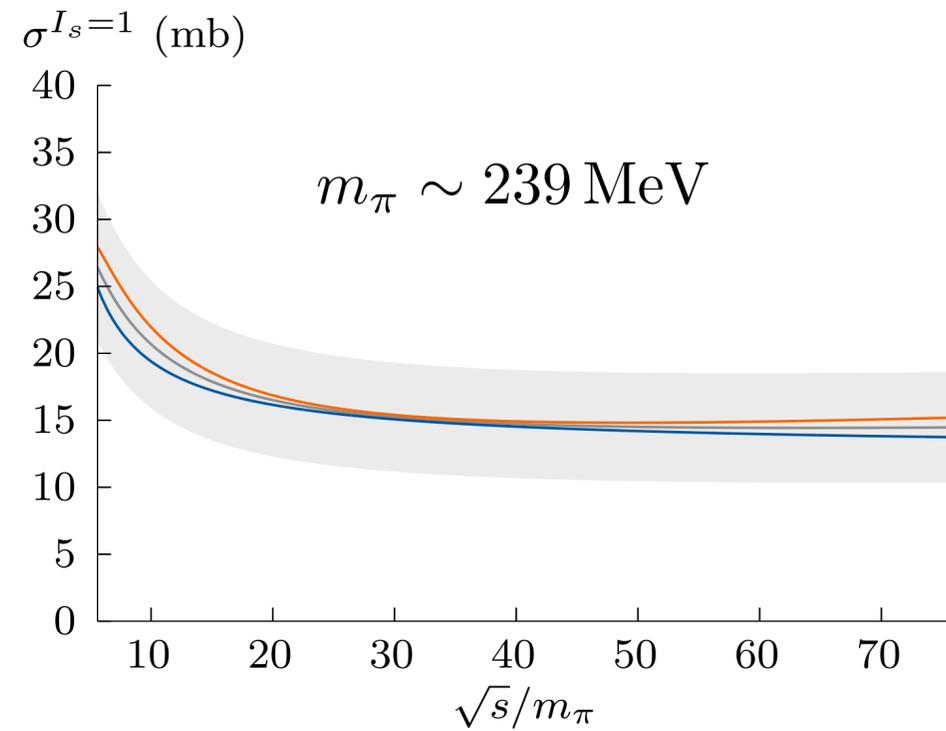
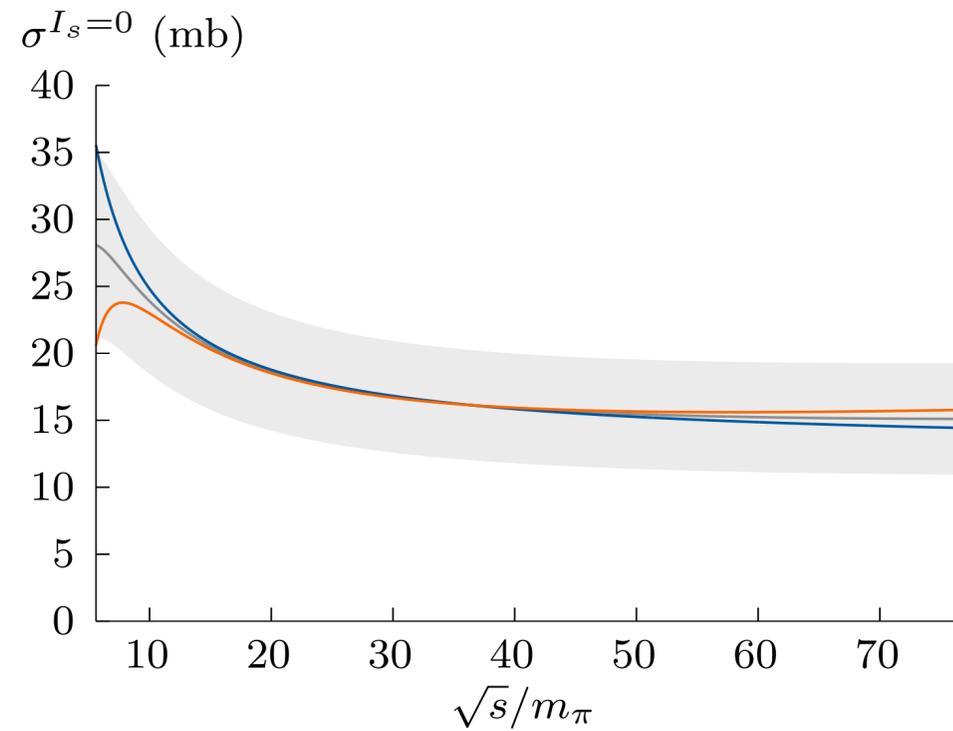
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# Pions on the lattice

## Connected diagrams

*Actual lattices ( $32^3 \times 256$ )*

$$[D^{-1}[U]]_{00,xt}$$

*Size*

$$4 \times 3 \times 4 \times 3 \times L^3 \times T$$

*Around 10 GB per flavor*

## Disconnected diagrams

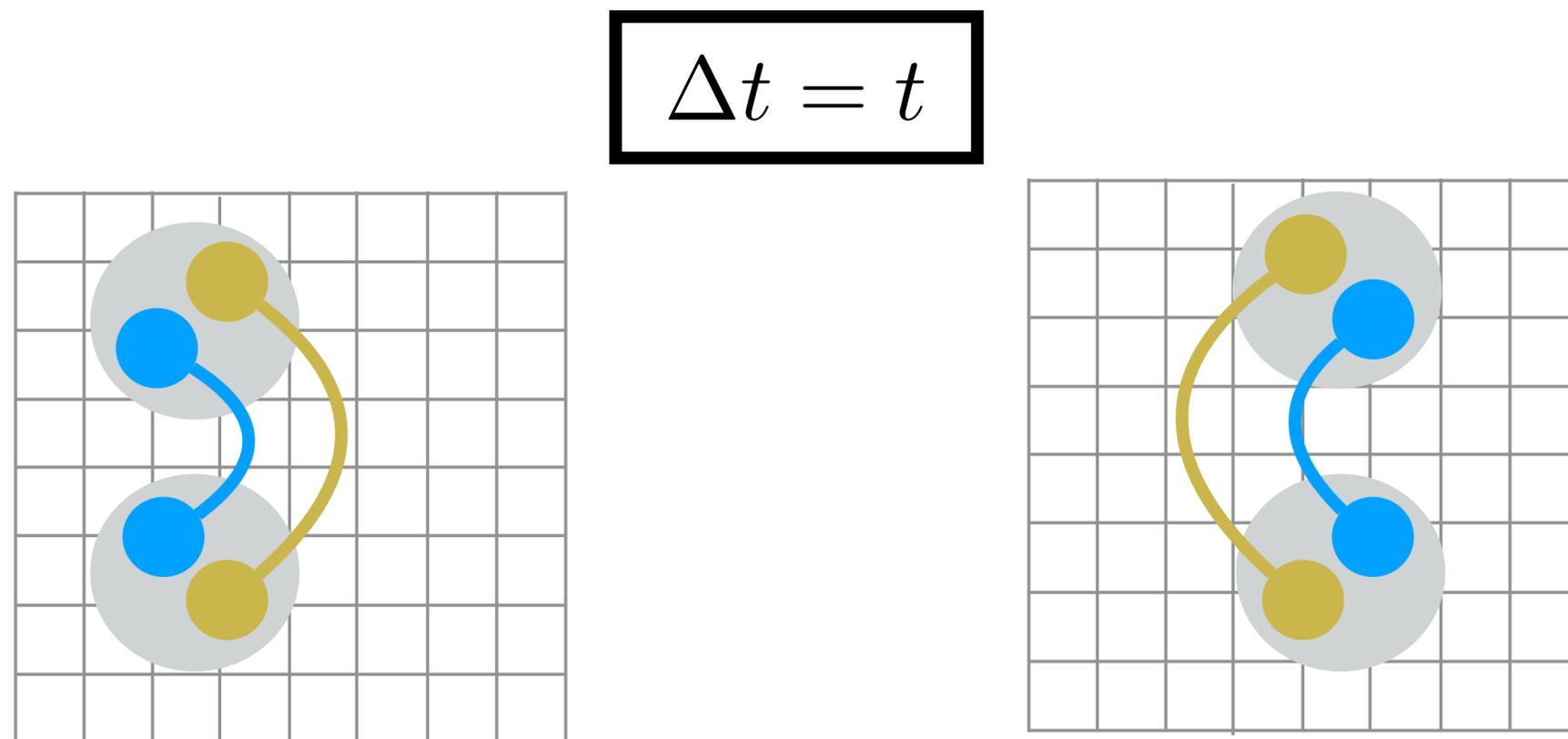
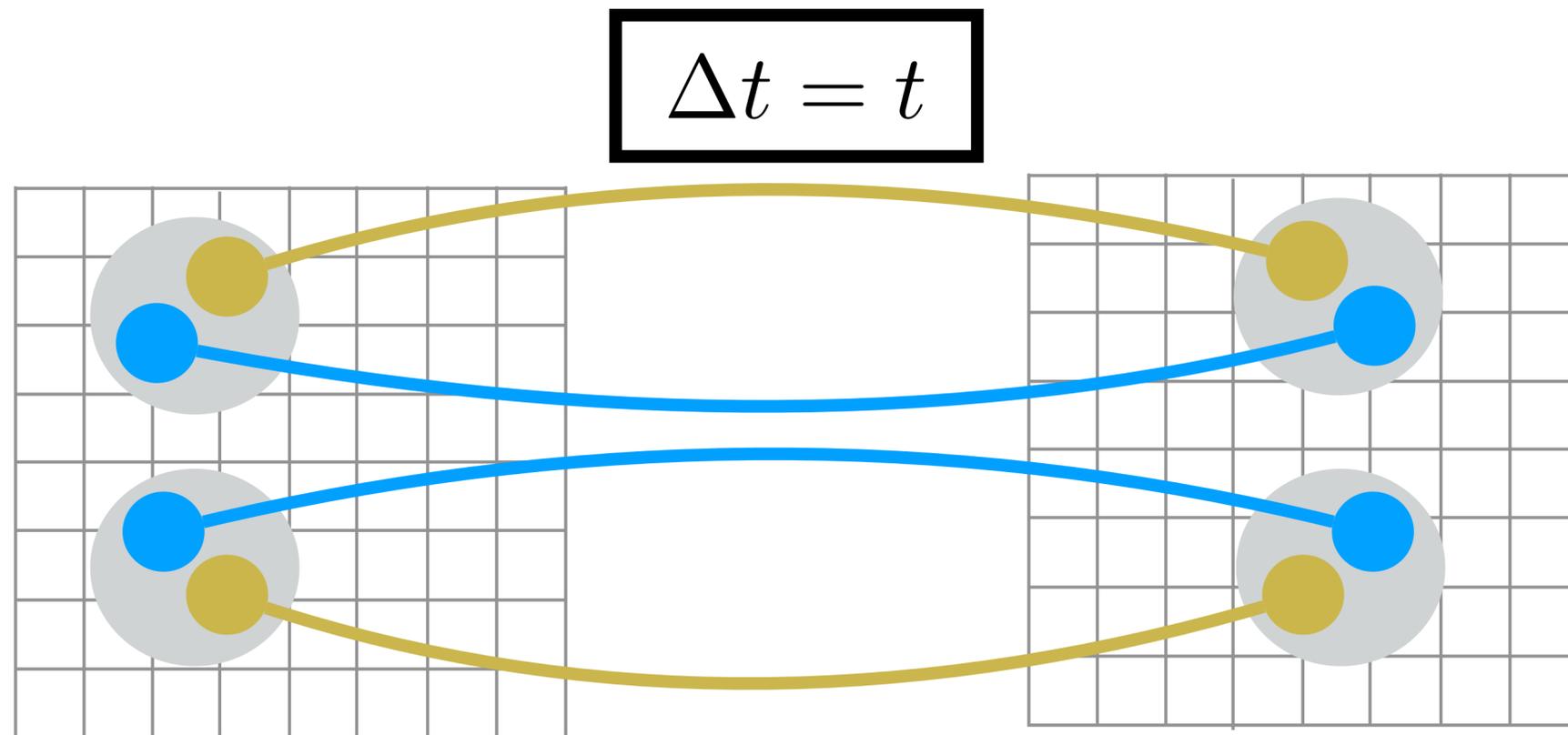
$$[D^{-1}[U]]_{x_i t_i, x_f t_f}$$

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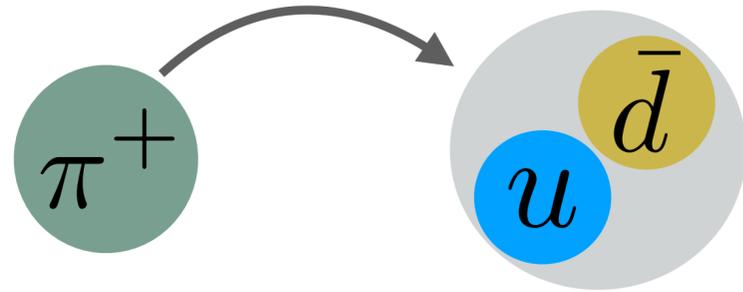
*Around 80 PB per flavor*

**We use clever techniques to “solve” this**

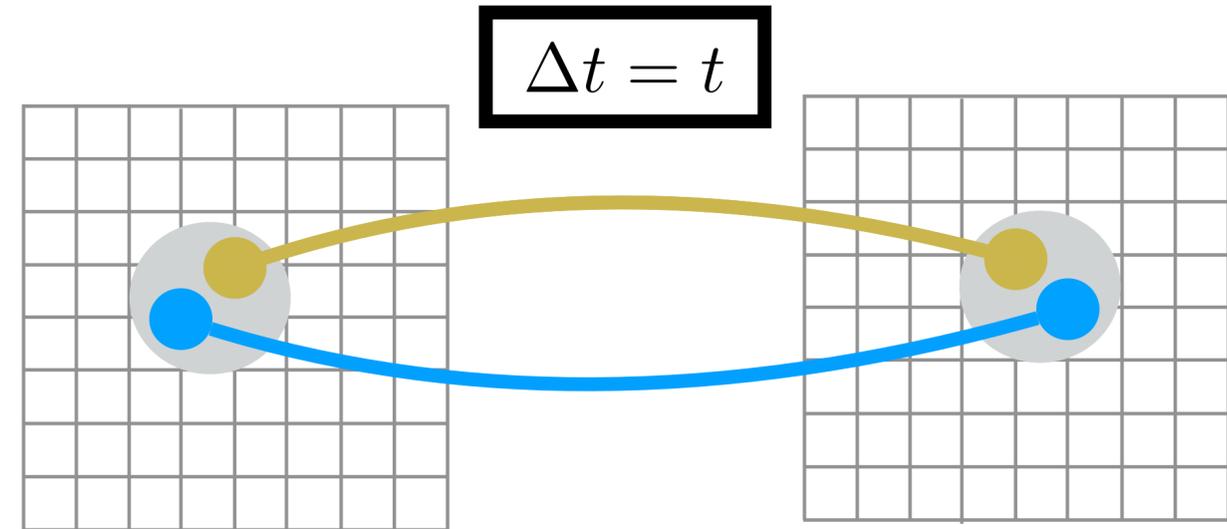


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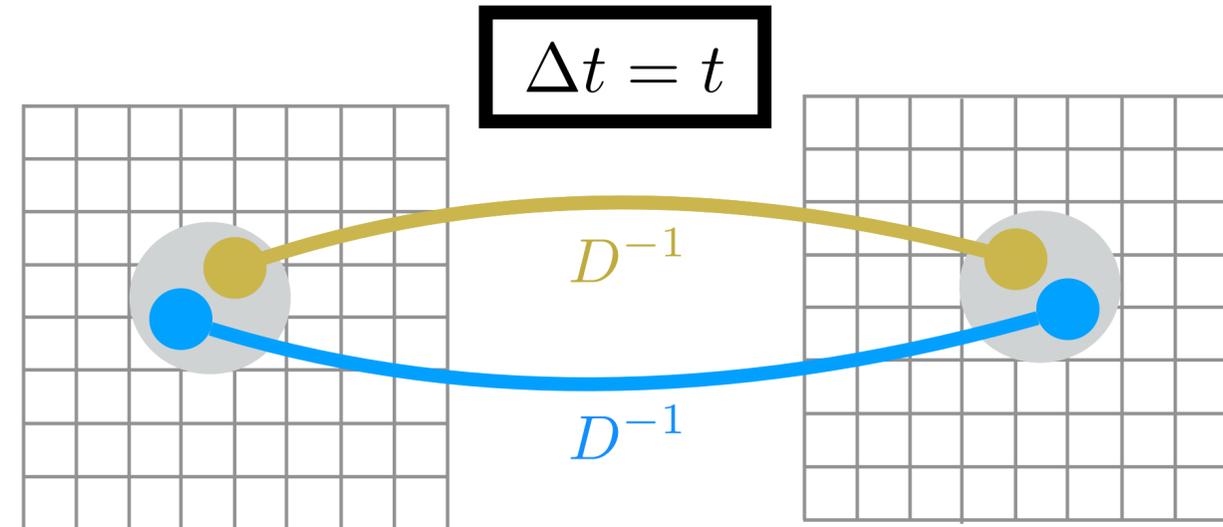
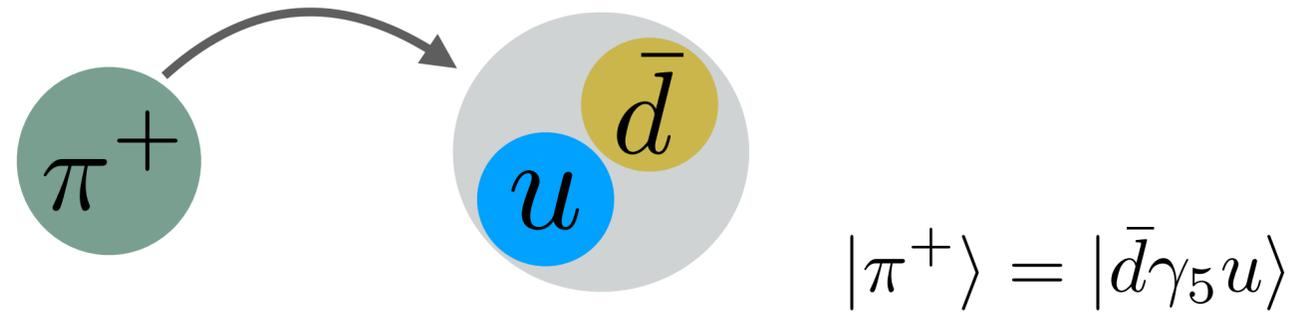


$$|\pi^+\rangle = |\bar{d}\gamma_5 u\rangle$$



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What is the evolution? → contractions

$$\langle 0 | (\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\psi)_{x,t} (\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\psi)_{0,0} | 0 \rangle = -\text{tr} \left( [D^{-1}[U]]_{00,xt} \gamma_5 [D^{-1}[U]]_{xt,00} \gamma_5 \right)$$

Point to all propagators

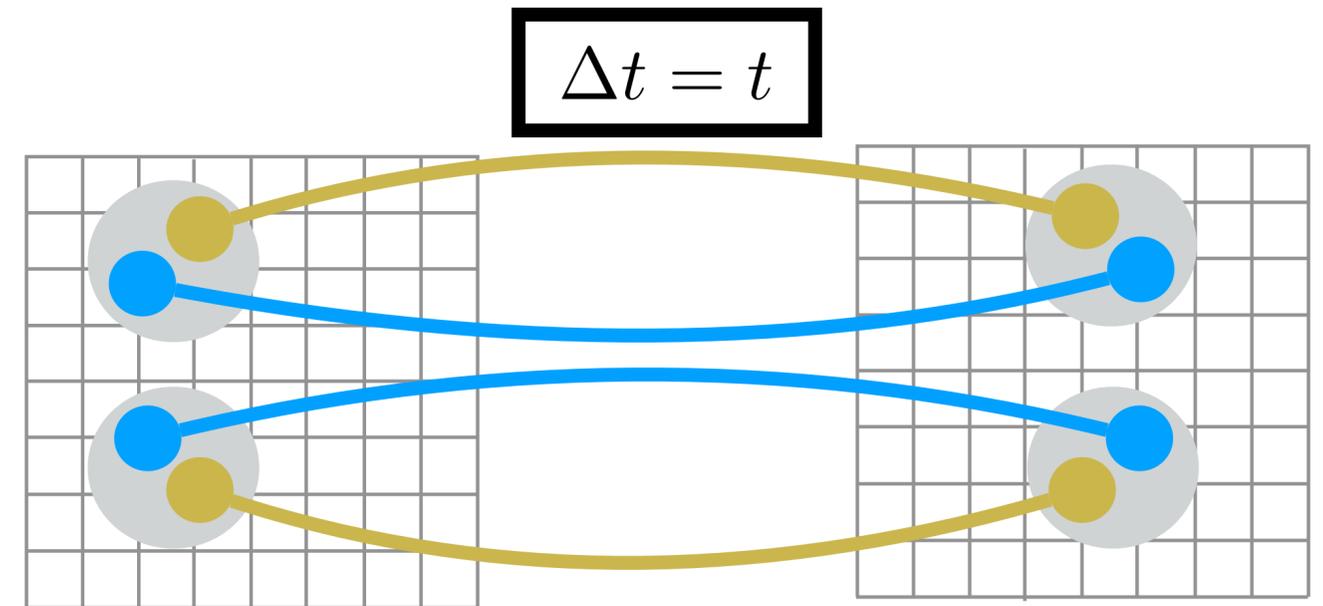
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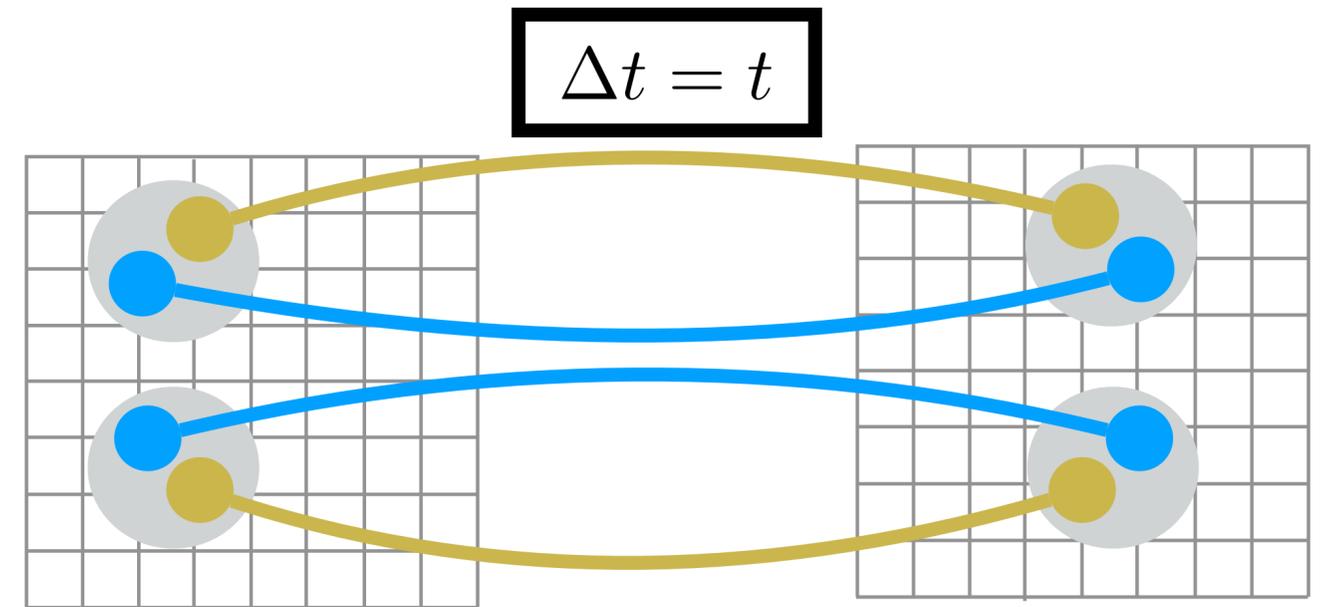
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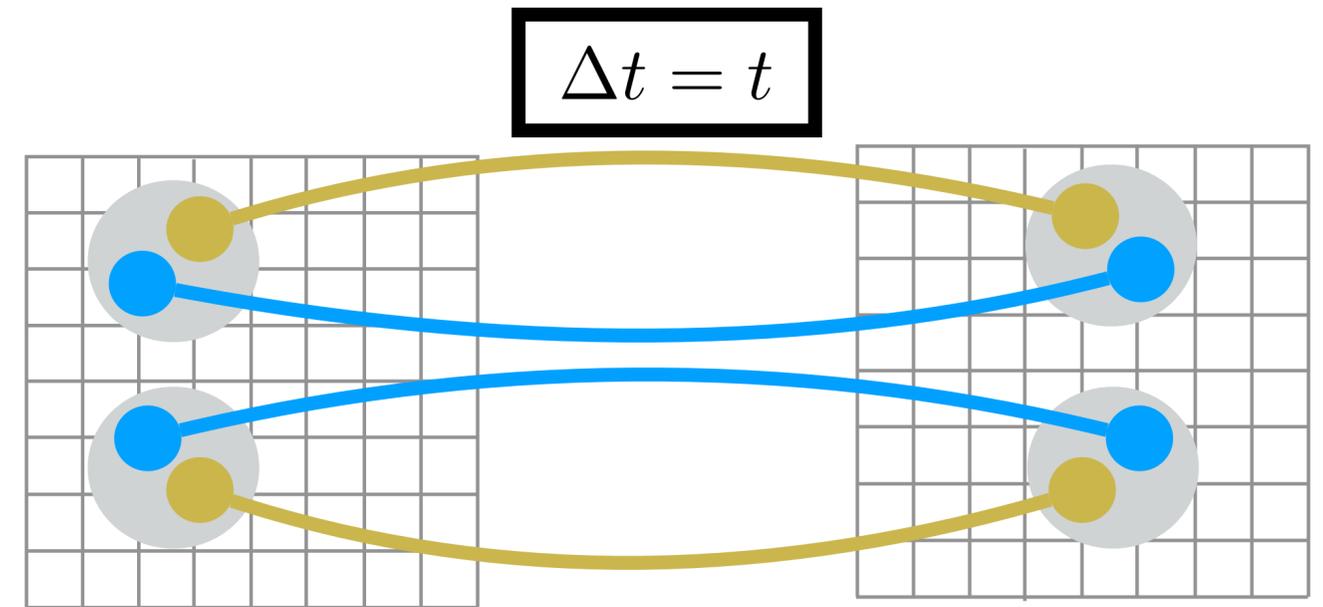
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*Euclidean time*

We determine these energies from fitting the temporal evolution of the system

$$m_{\text{eff}} = \log \left[ \frac{C(t)}{C(t+1)} \right]$$

