

# Electroweak

# Two Nucleon Matrix Elements

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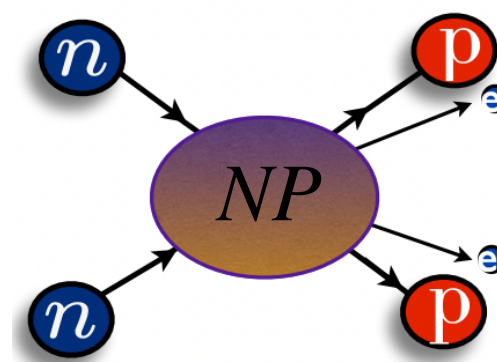
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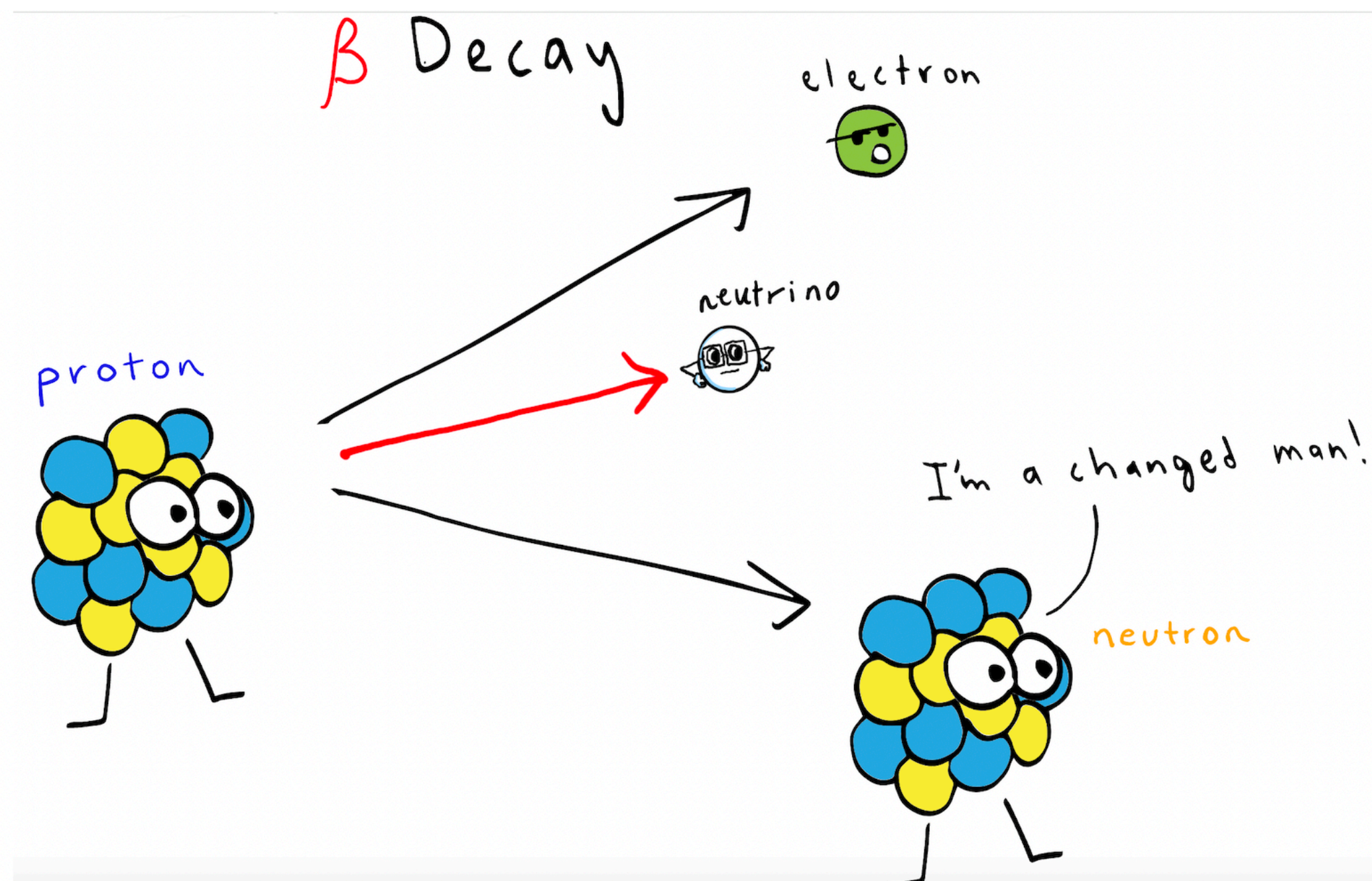
Nuclear Theory  
New Physics



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# Introduction

- Quantitative predictions for electroweak interactions of hadronic system described by **Standard Model** (SM)



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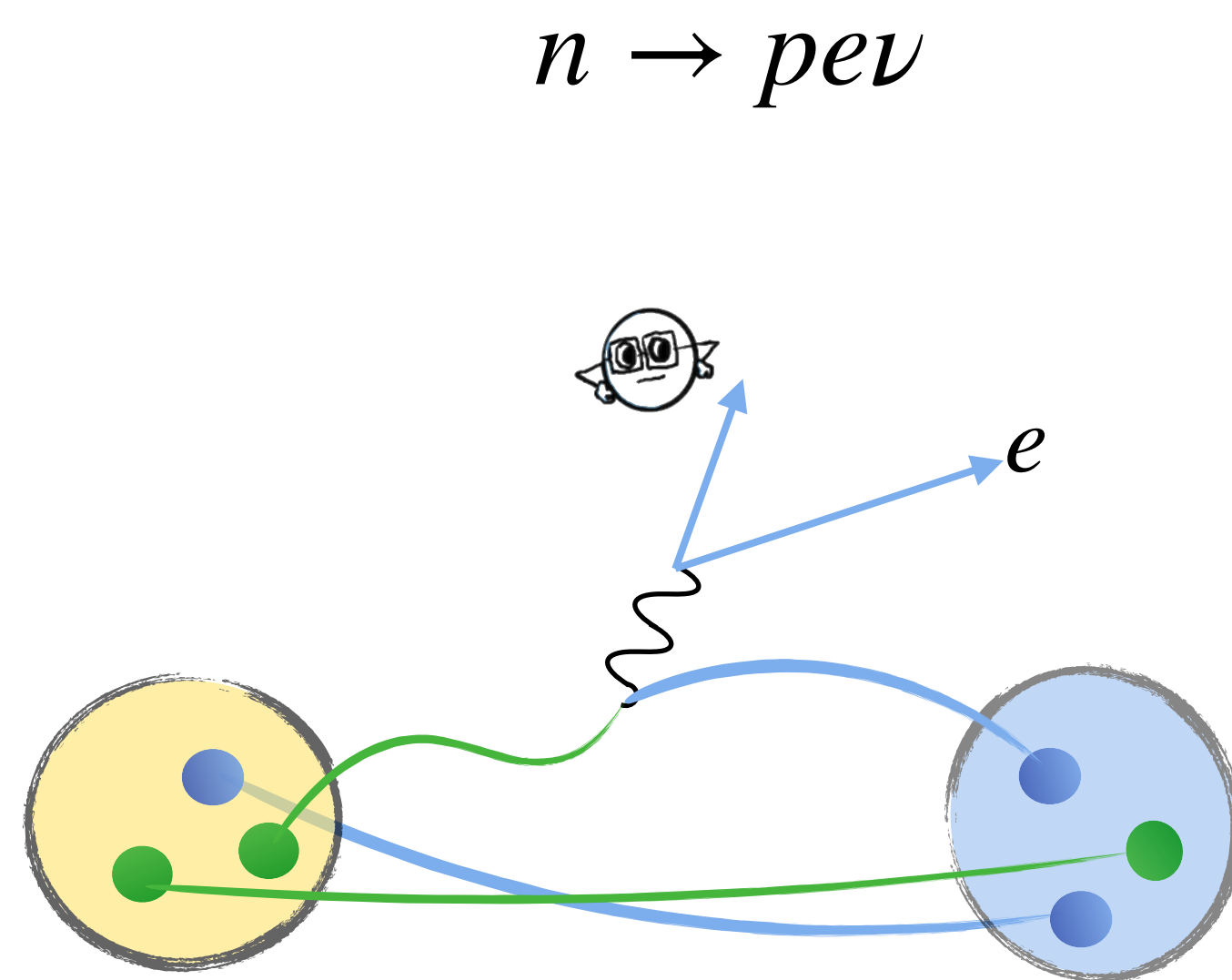
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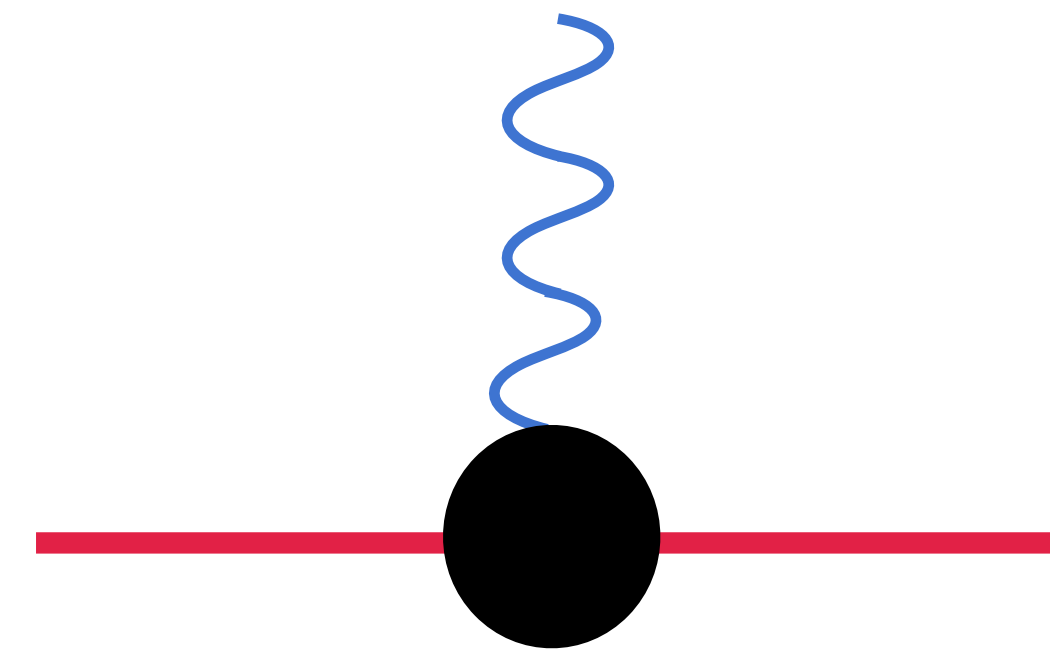
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## Electroweak

- $\gamma$
- $\nu$



$$1 + J \rightarrow 1$$

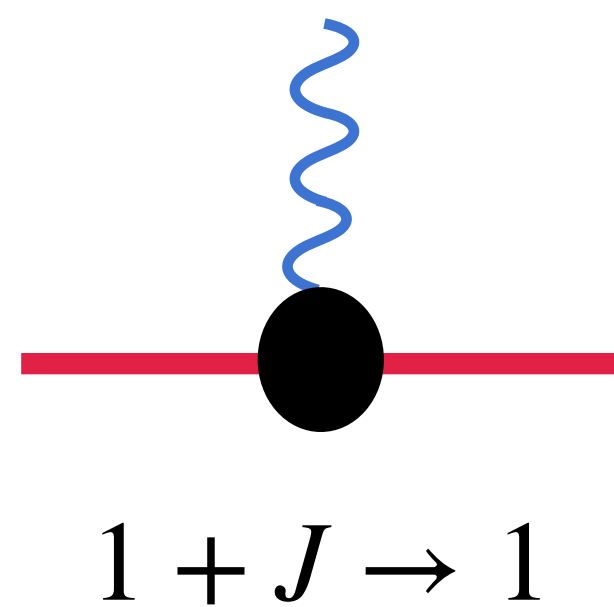


1 **QCD-stable Hadron**  $|N\rangle, |\pi\rangle, \dots$

$J$  **Local, external current**

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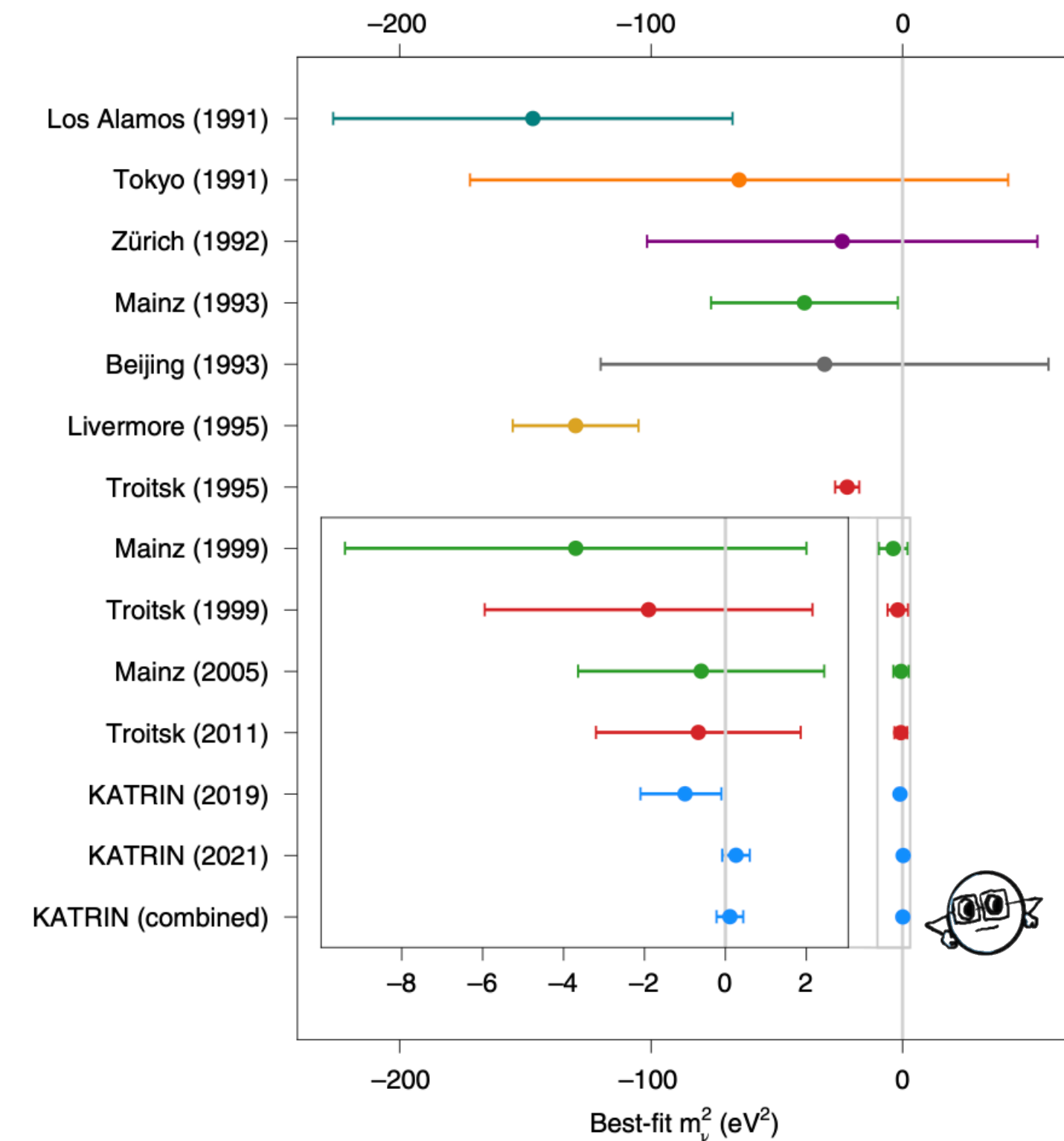
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- Precision Experiments Reveal *New Physics*



$\nu\beta$

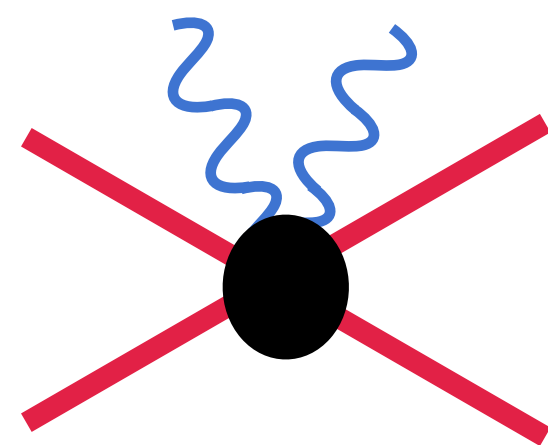
Beta decay

$n \rightarrow p e \nu$



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$$2 + J + J \rightarrow 2$$

$2\nu\beta\beta$  Rare Nuclear Decay

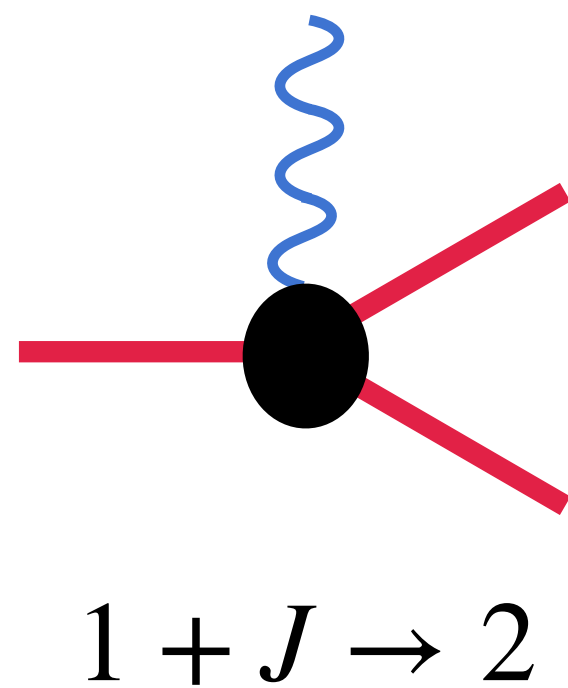
$$nn \rightarrow ppeevv$$

$0\nu\beta\beta$  Lepton Number Violation

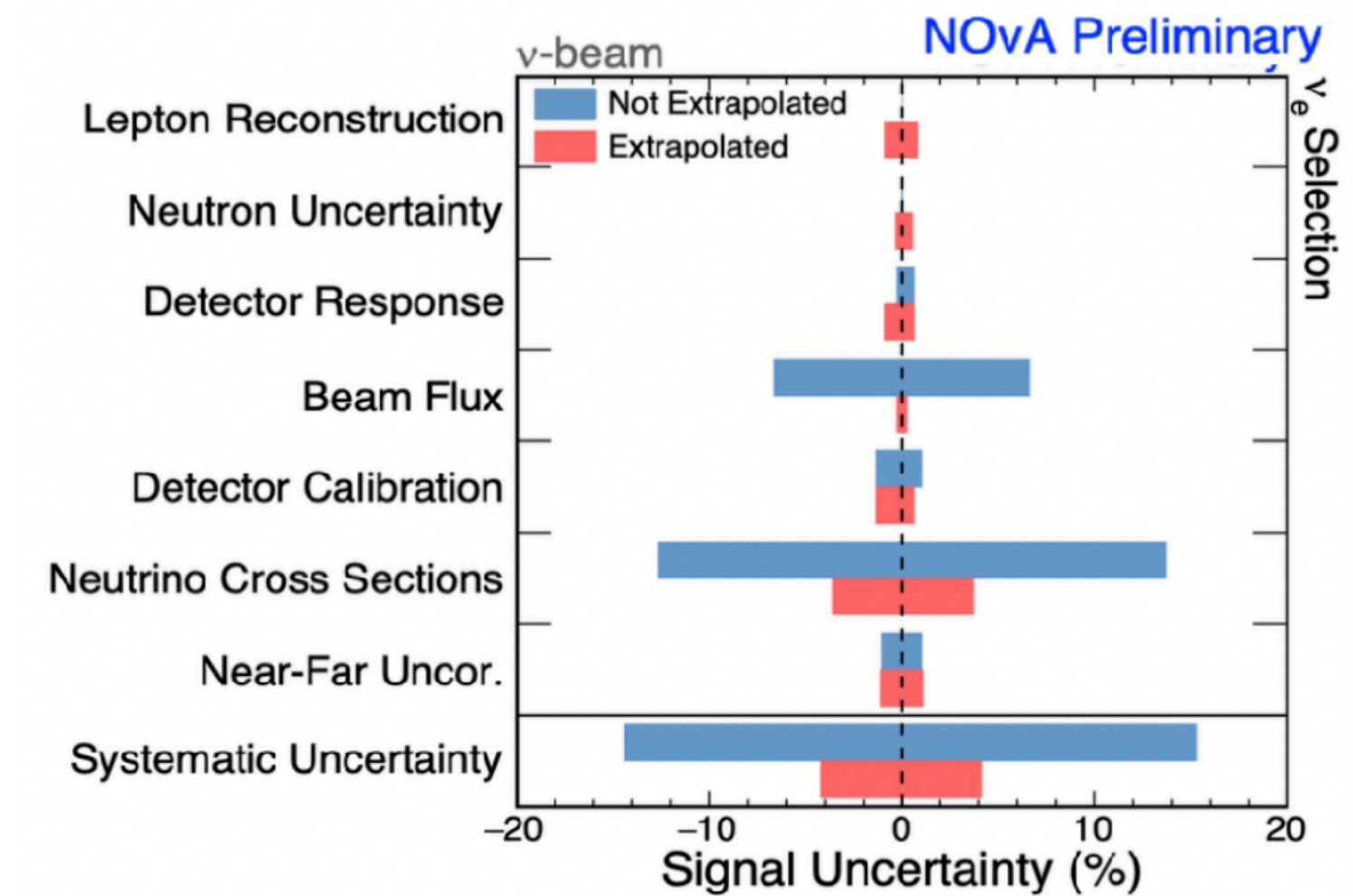
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## Resonance Production



# Precision Frontier

- Standard Model **successful** **Not Complete**
- Low-Energy Precision Experiments Reveal *New Physics*

neutrino

DUNE DEEP UNDERGROUND NEUTRINO EXPERIMENT  $^{40}\text{Ar}$

Jefferson Lab **PROJECT 8**  $^{48}\text{Ti}$   $^2\text{H}$

PERKEO III  $n$

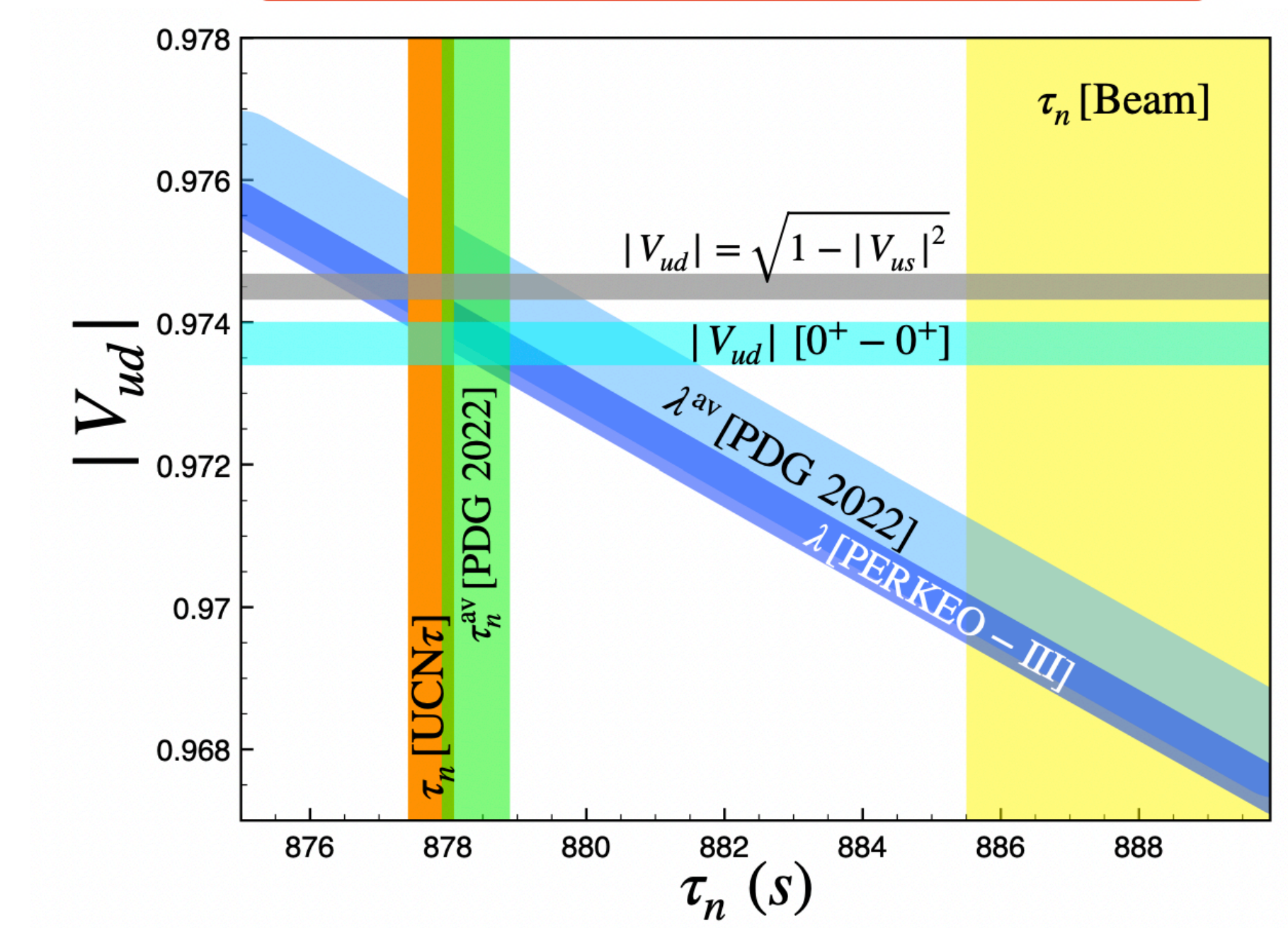
CUPID  $^{100}\text{Mo}$

LEGEND  $^{76}\text{Ge}$

KATRIN KARlsruhe TRITIUM NEUTRINO EXPERIMENT  $^3\text{H}$

UCNτ  $n$

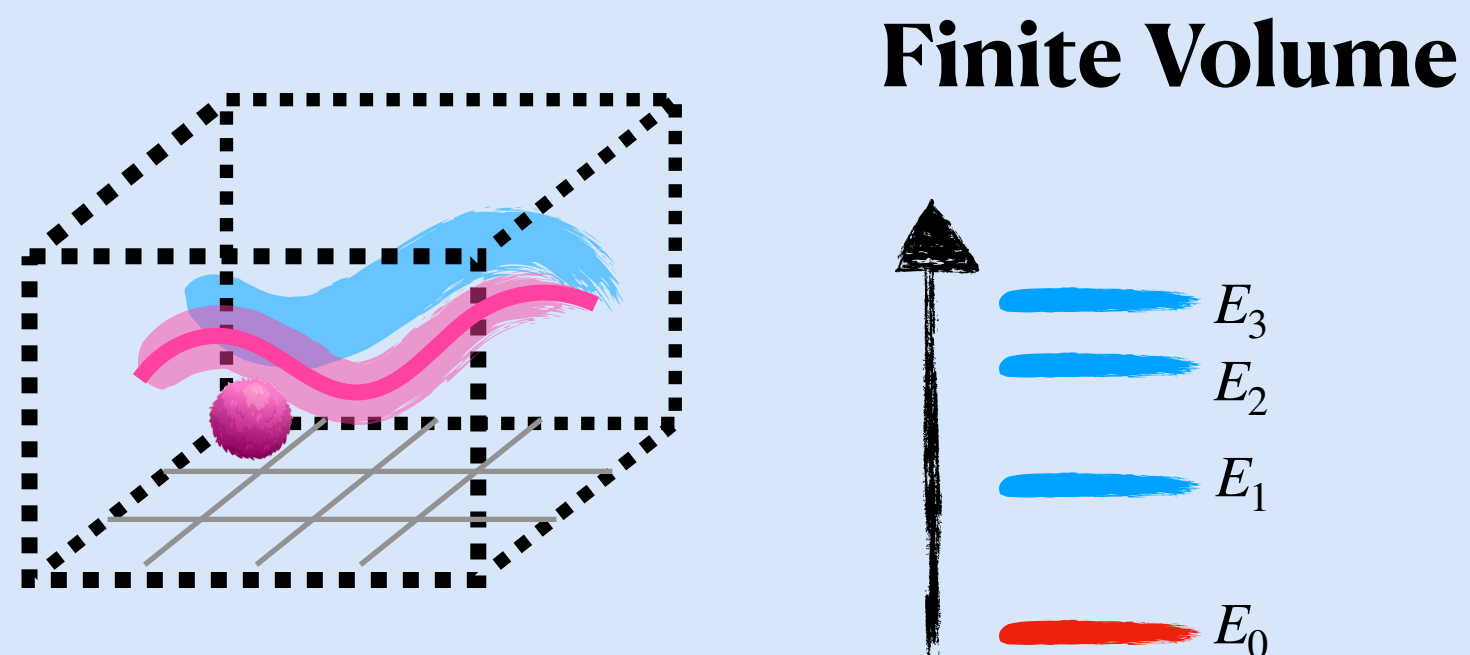
$$|\bar{V}_{ud}|^2 + |\bar{V}_{us}|^2 + |\bar{V}_{ub}|^2 = 1 + \Delta_{\text{CKM}}(\epsilon_i)$$



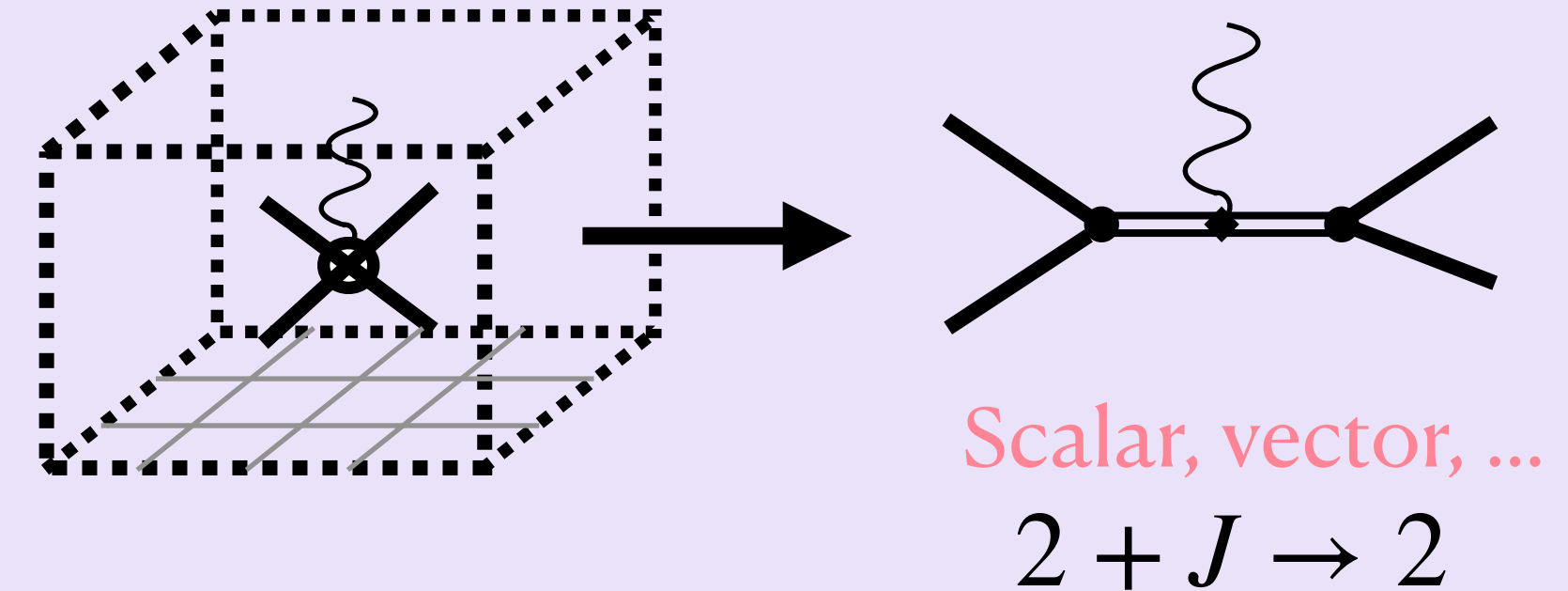
# Nuclear Physics

- **Quest:** state-of-the-art predictions with quantified uncertainties
- **Methods:** Effective Field Theory, Lattice QCD
- **Focus:** Electroweak Currents of Two Hadron Systems

## Calculations of NN systems



## Form Factors from Finite Volume

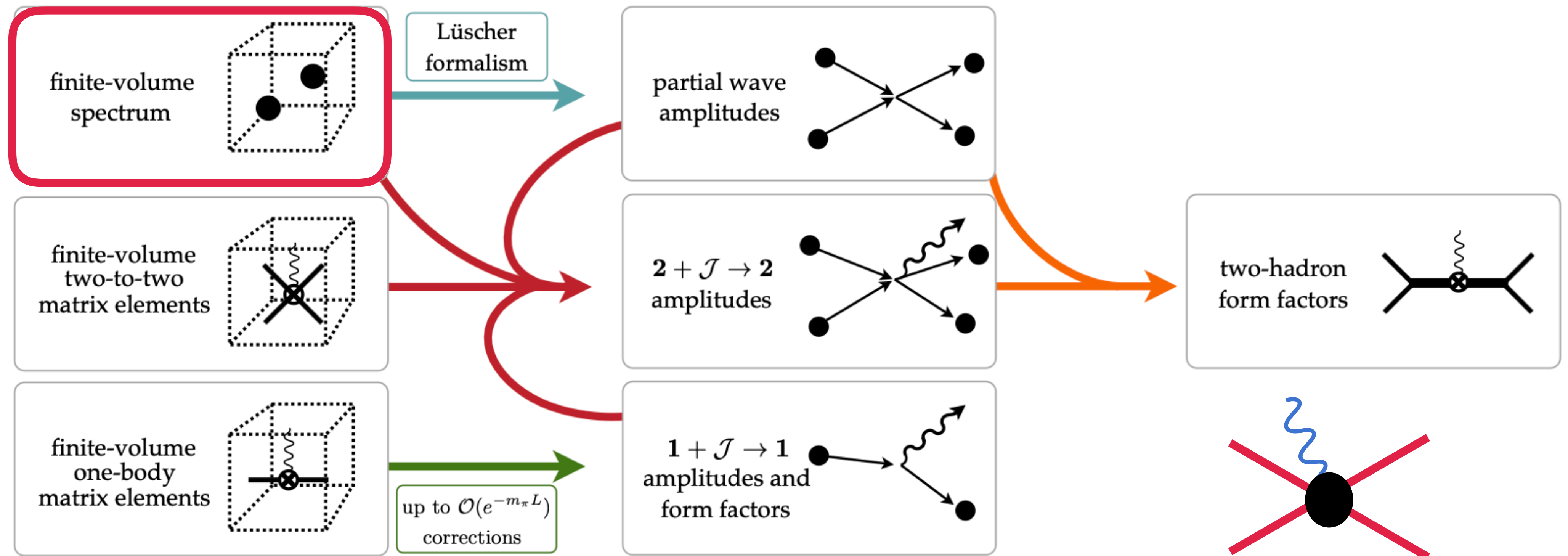




# 2 + J → 2 Amplitudes

Formalism to map FV to Physical Amplitudes

$$|\langle \mathbf{2} | \mathcal{J} | \mathbf{2} \rangle_L| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L^3}} \sqrt{\text{Tr} [\mathcal{R} \mathcal{W}_{L,\text{df}} \mathcal{R} \mathcal{W}_{L,\text{df}}]}$$



[Baroni, Briceño, Hansen, Ortega-Gama (2018)]

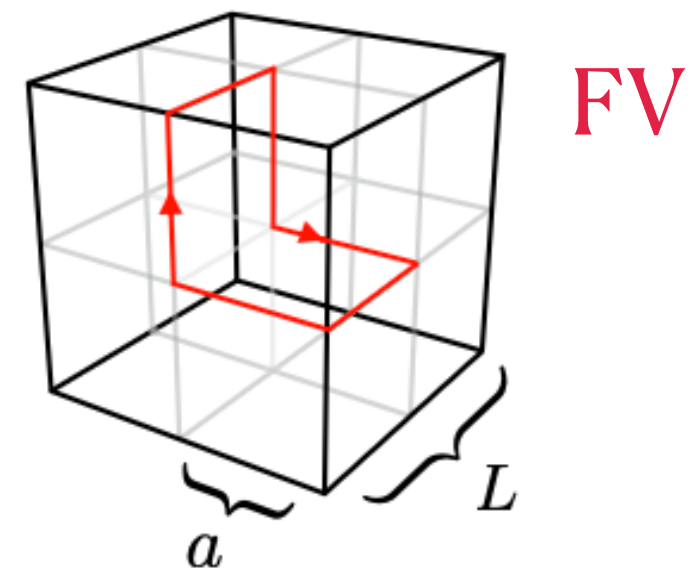
# Lattice Calculations

## □ Numerical **Low-Energy** Observables

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \bar{\psi}_i (i\gamma^\mu (D_\mu)_{ij} - m \delta_{ij}) \psi_j - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu}$$



$m_u$   
 $m_d$   $g_{\text{stronk}}$   
 $m_s$



Finite, Euclidean Spacetime

$$L \rightarrow \infty$$

$$a \rightarrow 0$$

$$m_\pi \rightarrow 139 \text{ MeV}$$



# Lattice Calculation

- Numerical **Low-Energy** Observables
- FV Energies

Evaluate using Monte Carlo techniques:

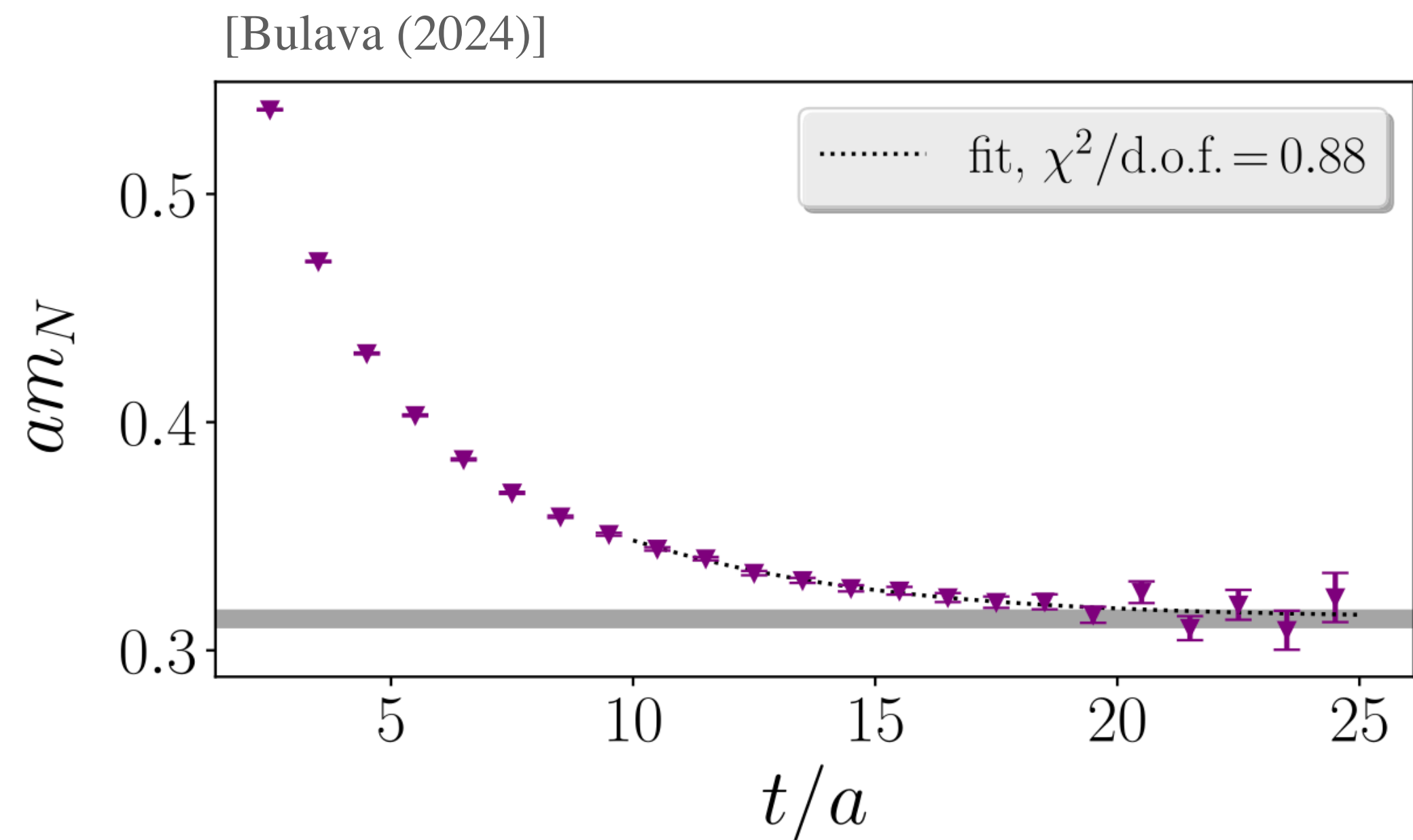
$$C(x_0 - y_0, \mathbf{P}) = \frac{1}{Z_{Eucl.}} \int \mathcal{D}[U, q, \bar{q}] \mathcal{O}'_{\lambda'}(x_0, \mathbf{P}) \mathcal{O}^\dagger_{\lambda}(y_0, \mathbf{P}) e^{-S_{Eucl.}}$$

**correlation function**

$$C_L(t) = \langle O(t) O^\dagger(0) \rangle$$

$$C_L(t) = \sum_{\mathbf{n}} Z_n Z_n^\dagger e^{-E_n t} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-E_0 t}$$

*(Note: An arrow points from the  $\sum_n |n\rangle\langle n|$  term in the previous equation to the  $Z_n Z_n^\dagger$  term in this equation.)*



# Finite Volume

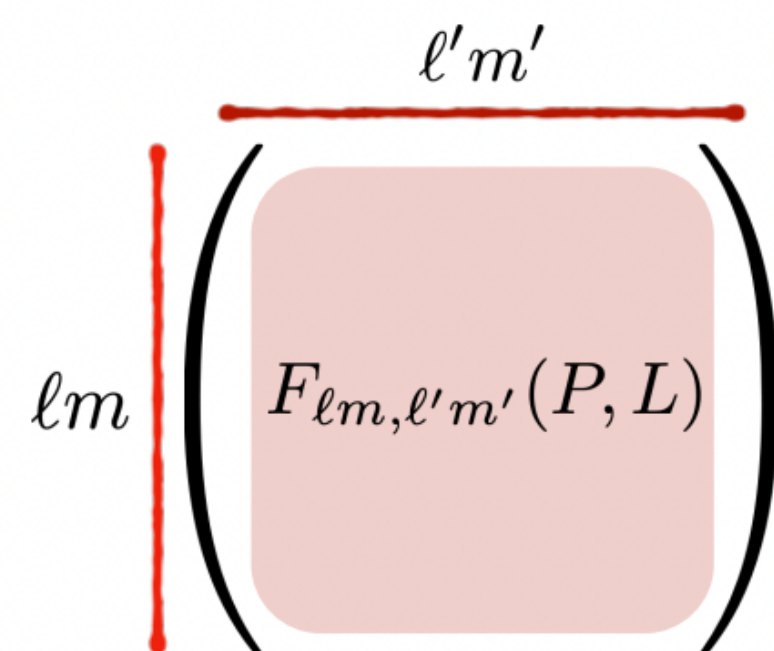
- Numerical **Low-Energy** Observables
- FV Energies
- Physical Observables **Lüscher Formalism**

[Lüscher (1986)]  
 [Rummukainen and Gottlieb (1995)]  
 [Kim, Sachrajda, and Sharpe (2005)]  
 [Leskovec and Prelovsek (2012)]  
 [Briceño and Davoudi (2012), (2013)]  
 [Briceño (2014)]

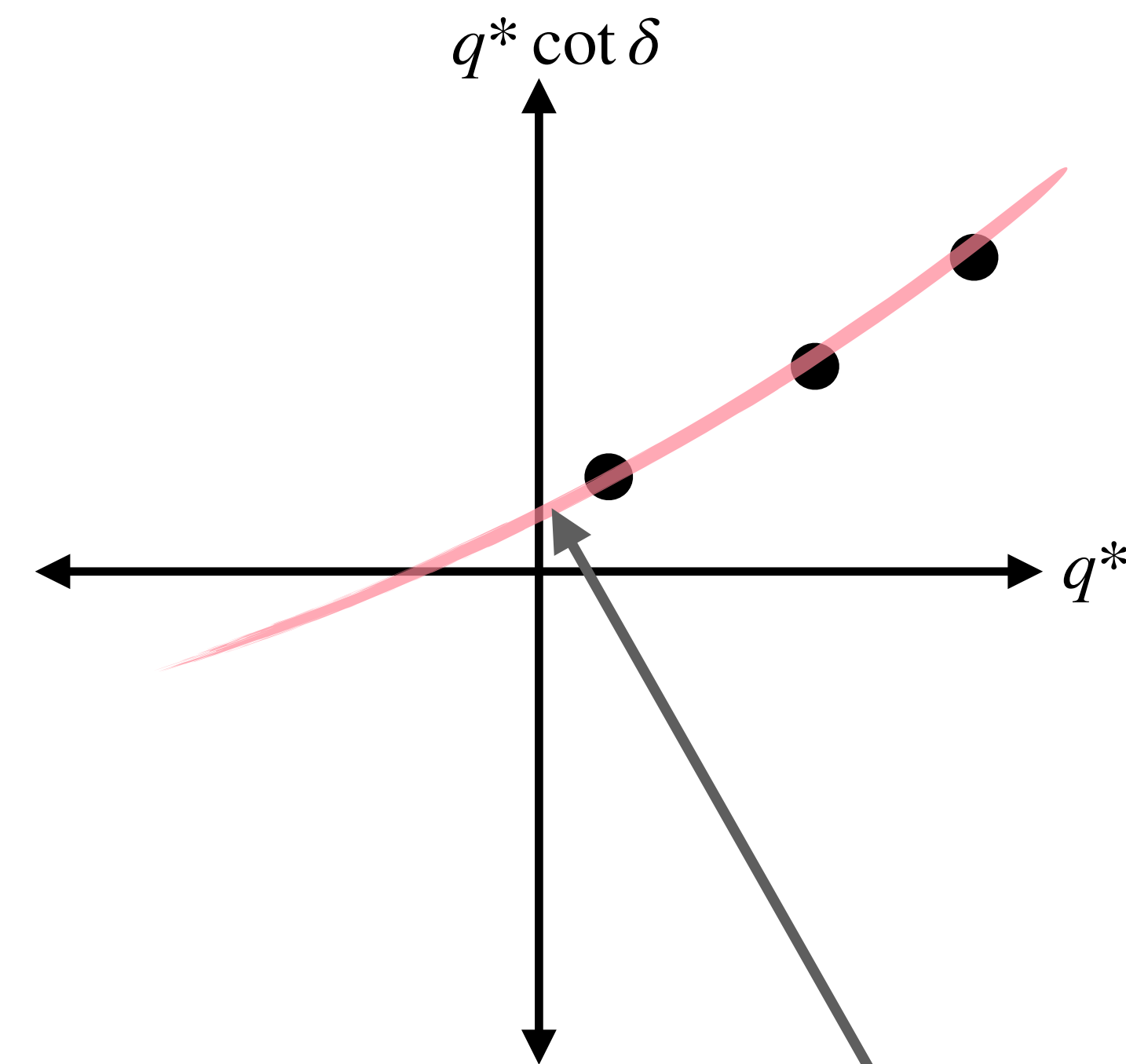
$$\det_{lm} \left[ \mathcal{M}(s) + F^{-1}(P, L) + O(e^{-m_\pi L}) \right] = 0$$

$$\mathcal{M}(s) \sim (p \cot \delta(s) - i\rho(s))^{-1}$$

$$p \cot \delta(s) = -\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2}rp^2 \quad \text{ERE}$$



Encodes FV effects



bound state :  $\lim_{q \rightarrow 0} q \cot \delta < 0$

no bound state :  $\lim_{q \rightarrow 0} q \cot \delta > 0$

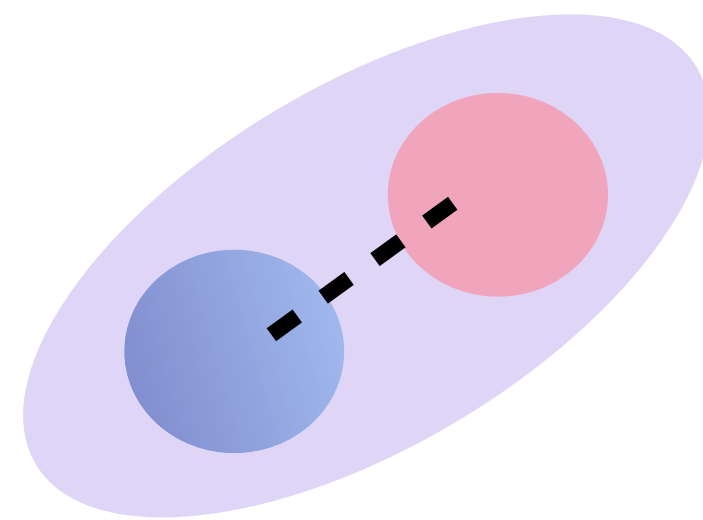


# NN System

- **Benchmark System in Nuclear Physics**

- Challenge in LQCD  $\frac{\text{Signal}}{\text{Noise}} \sim \sqrt{N} \exp \left[ -A \left( m_N - \frac{3}{2} m_\pi \right) t \right]$

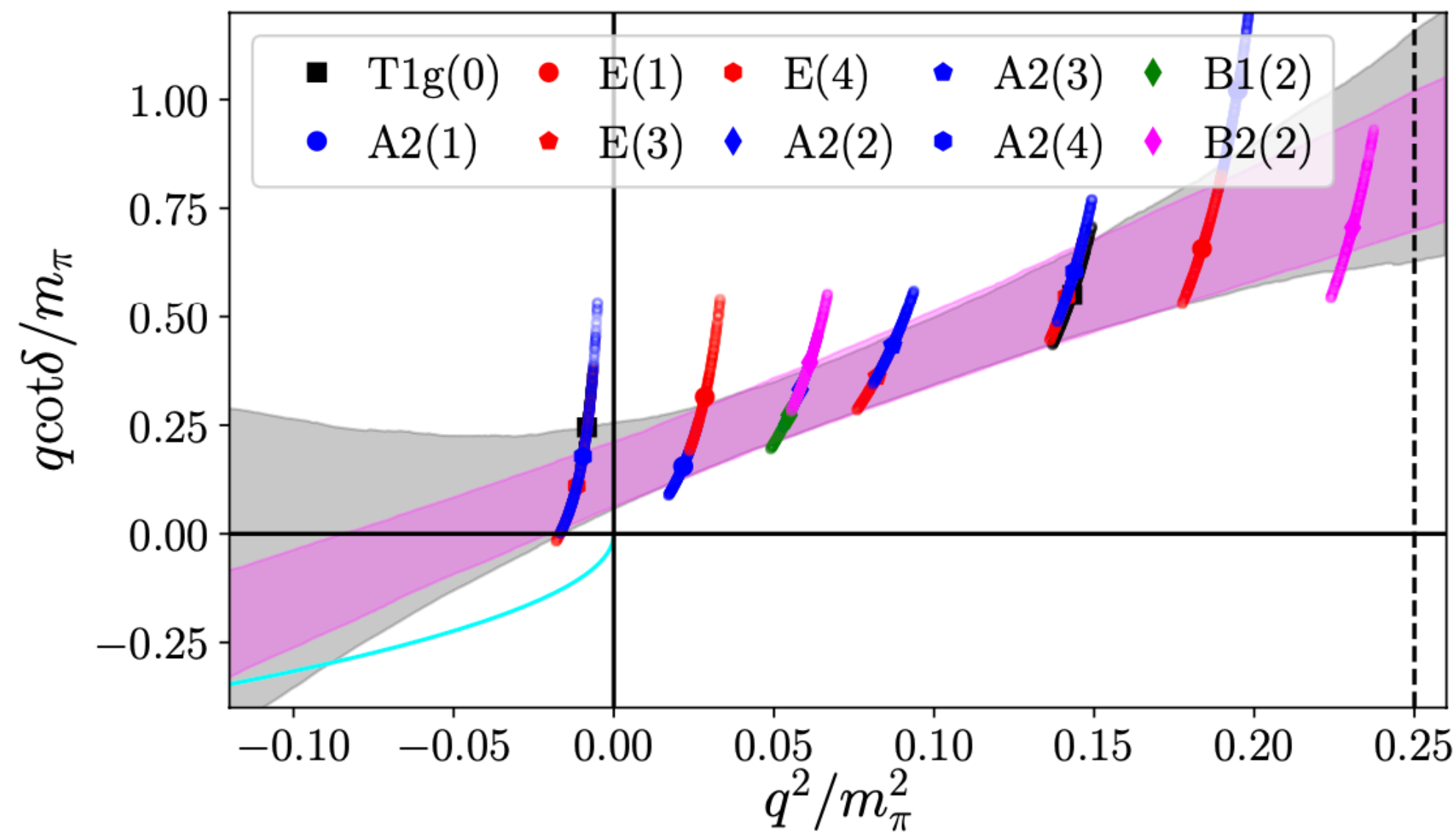
- **NN at SU(3) Symmetric Point**      ■ Precise NN spectrum



**Deuteron**

$B_d = 2.2 \text{ MeV}$

[Hörz (2021)]



$m_\pi \sim 714 \text{ MeV}$

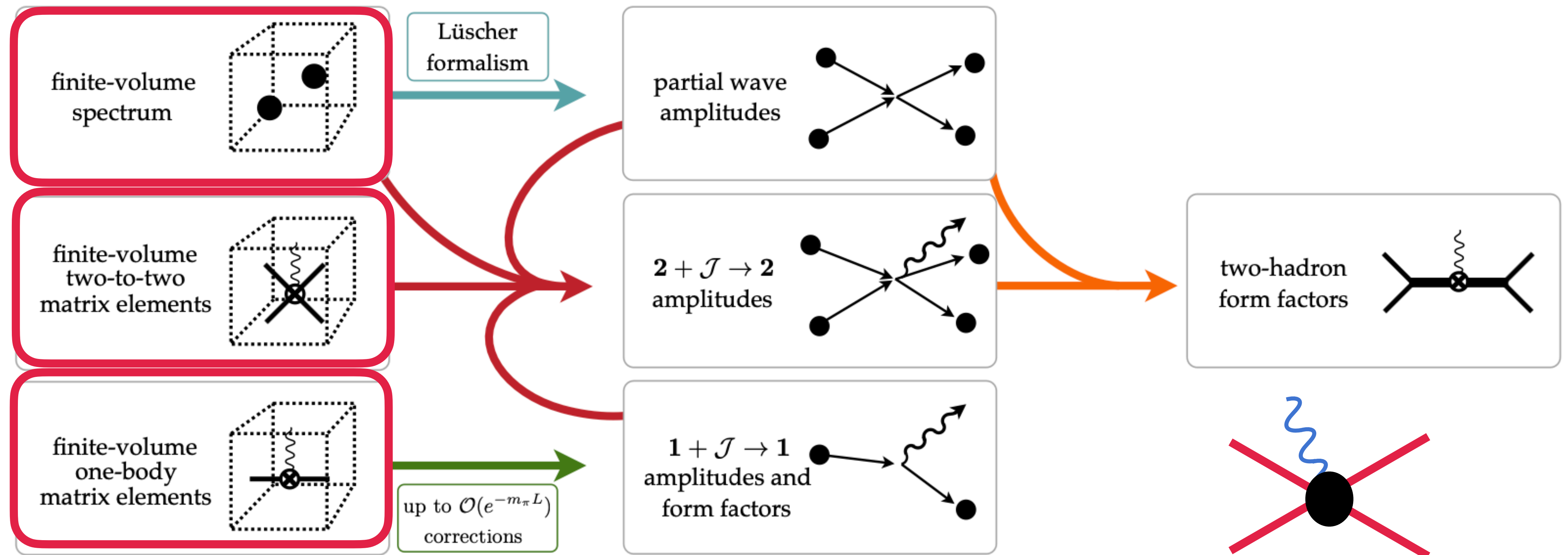
$m_u = m_d = m_s$



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# 2 Hadron Form Factors

▣ **Formalism developed**

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$$\mathcal{W}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} = \text{[diagrams]}$$



**FV State Correction**

$$|E, \mathbf{P}\rangle_\infty = \mathcal{R} |E, \mathbf{P}\rangle_L$$

▣ **Test on a Low energy EFT**

$$\langle P_f | \mathcal{J}^\mu(0) | P_i \rangle_\infty = (P_f + P_i)^\mu F(Q^2)$$

**Transition Amplitude**

$$\mathcal{W}_{L,df}$$

$$\langle E, \mathbf{P}' | J | E, \mathbf{P} \rangle_\infty$$

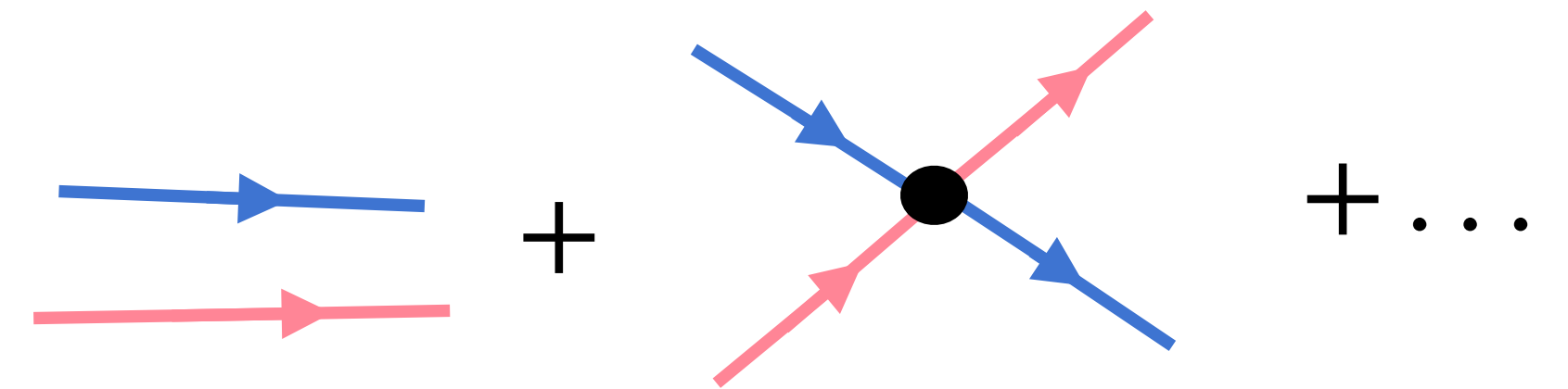
# Nuclear EFT

- Low energy Nuclear EFT  
2 point-like **non-relativistic** nucleons  
interacting with contact interaction

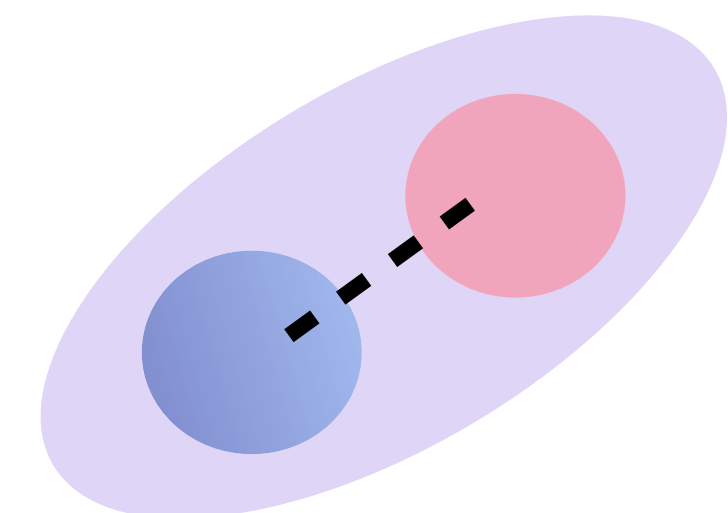
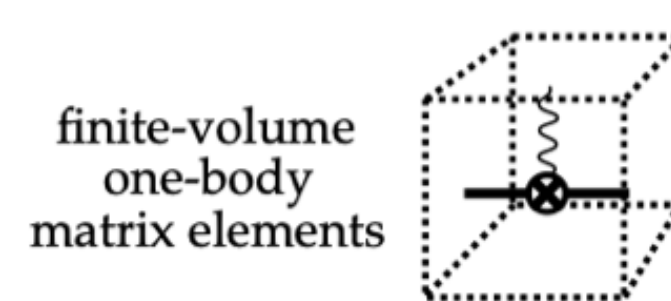
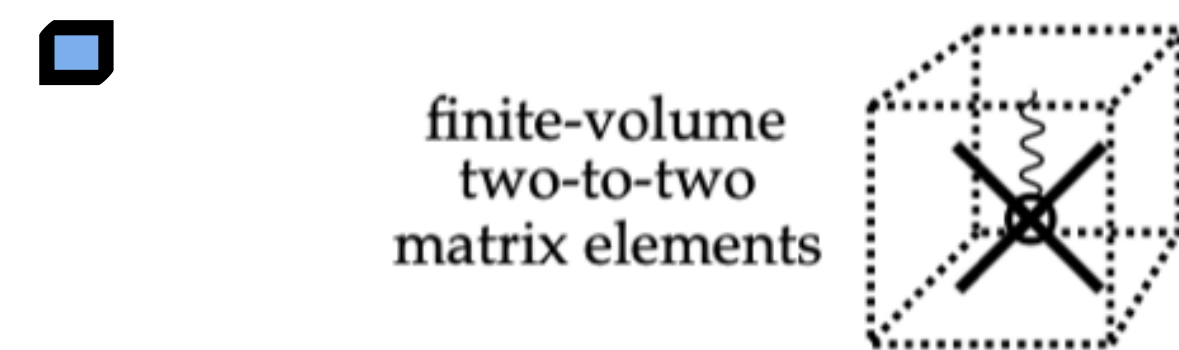
Energies  $\ll m_\pi$  (same condition as Lüscher)

Endres, Kaplan, Lee,  
Nicholson (2011)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \psi^\dagger \left( i\partial_\tau + \frac{\nabla^2}{2M} \right) \psi + g_0 (\psi^\dagger \psi)^2 + \dots$$



- Tunable**  $g$   
Test interactions with deep or shallow bound states



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# FV Spectrum

- Low energy Nuclear EFT  
2 point-like **non-relativistic** nucleons  
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- Discretize LEFT

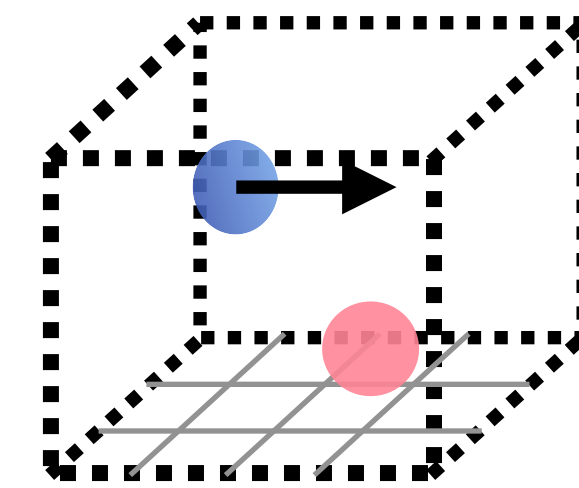
$$C(\tau) = \langle \Psi_{\text{snk},2} | e^{-H\tau} | \Psi_{\text{src},2} \rangle$$
$$= \langle \Psi_{\text{snk},2} | [e^{-H}]^\tau | \Psi_{\text{src},2} \rangle$$

Transfer matrix  
 $\langle pq | \mathcal{T} | p'q' \rangle$

Tunable **L, g, M, P**

Eigenvalues  $\sim L^6$

$$E_0 = -\ln \lambda(g_0)$$



FV Spectrum  
[Nicholson (2016)]

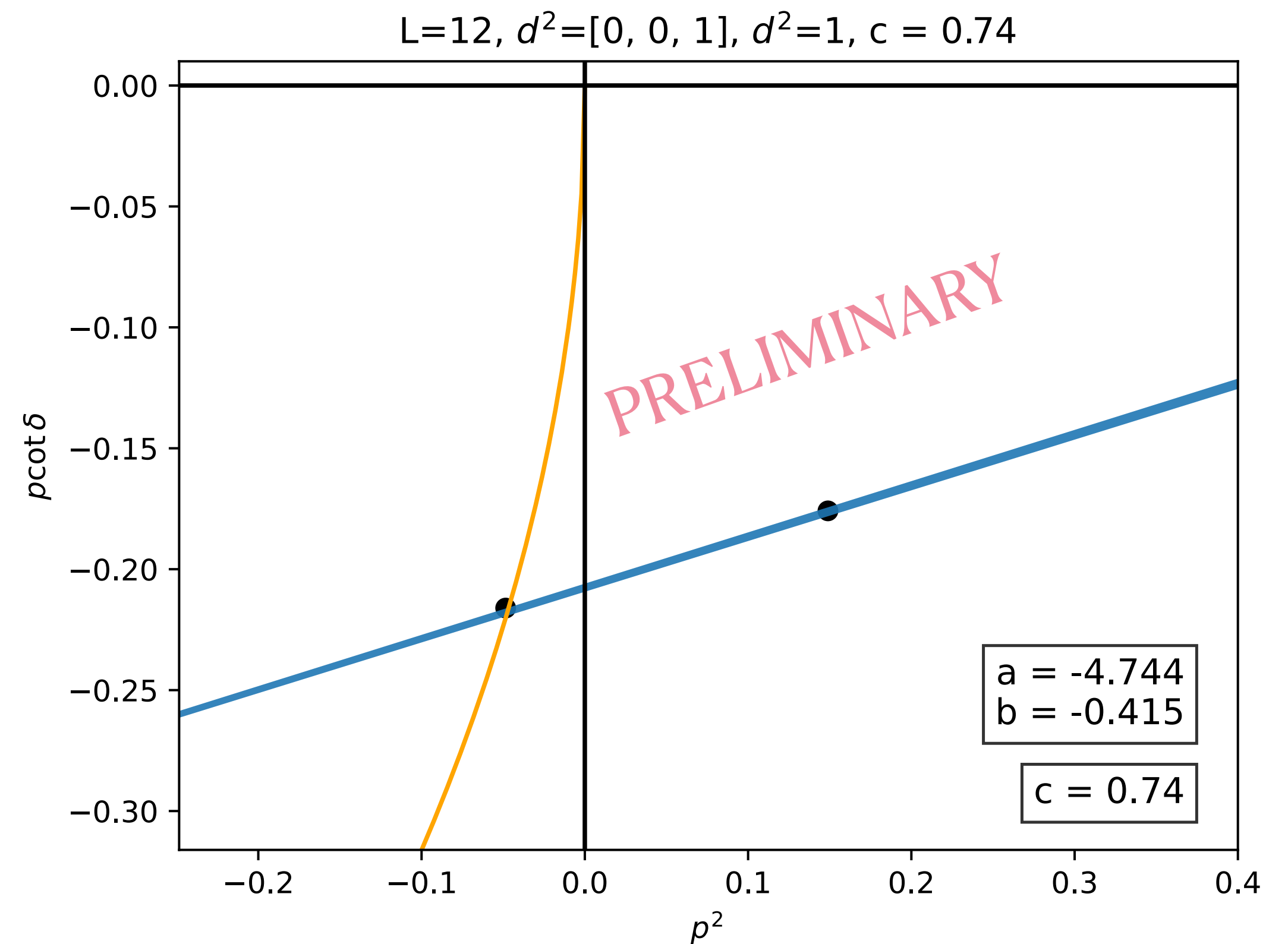
# FV Spectrum

- Low energy Nuclear EFT  
2 point-like non-relativistic nucleons interacting with contact interaction
- Discretize LEFT
- Non-Relativistic Lüscher (s-wave)

$$E_{NR}^* \longrightarrow \det_{lm} \left[ \mathcal{M}(s) + F^{-1}(P, L) \right] = 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$p \cot \delta + \frac{2}{\pi L} \sum_n \frac{1}{\left(\frac{p^* L}{2\pi}\right)^2 - n^2}$$

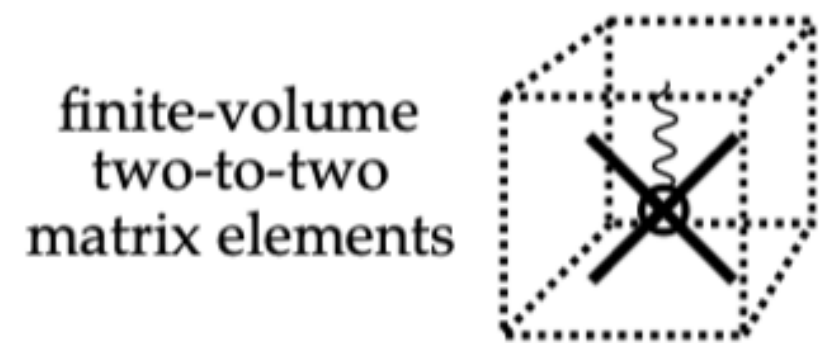
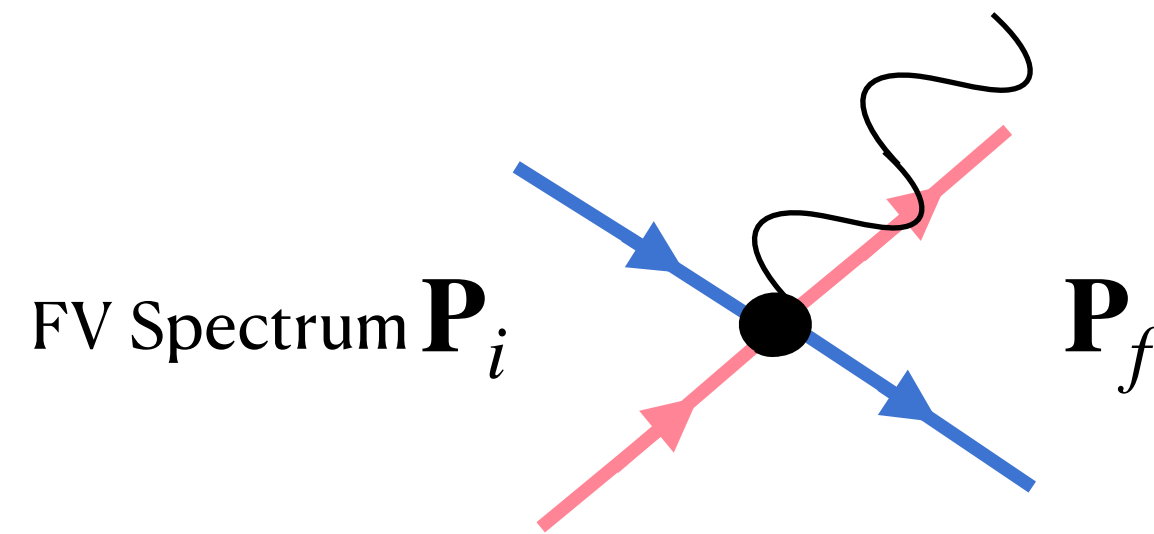


$$p \cot \delta = -\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2} r k^2$$

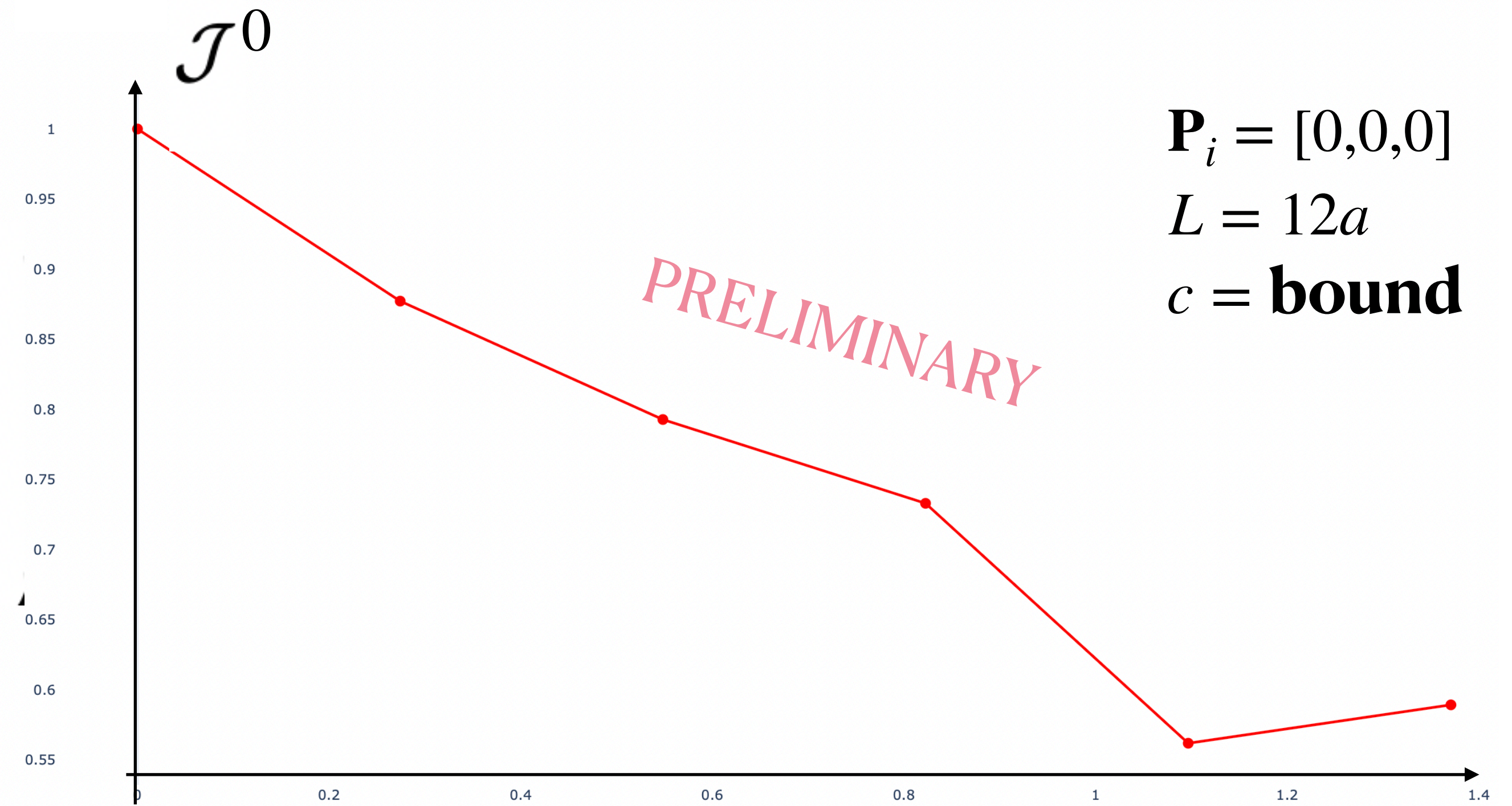
# Matrix Elements

- $2 + J^\mu \rightarrow 2$  Matrix Elements  
vector (EM) current

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$|\langle \mathbf{2} | \mathcal{J} | \mathbf{2} \rangle_L| :$



$\mathbf{P}_i = [0,0,0]$   
 $L = 12a$   
 $c = \text{bound}$

- Non-relativistic version of Formalism

$$Q^2 = (\mathbf{P}_f - \mathbf{P}_i)^2$$



# Conclusion

- Quantitative predictions for electroweak interactions of hadronic system require advancements in LQCD calculations and FV Formalisms
- NN systems must resolve energy spectrum before reliable form factors
- Testing of FV Formalism with Low-energy LEFT

