

**Three-body amplitudes
for the analysis of
lattice data and experiment**

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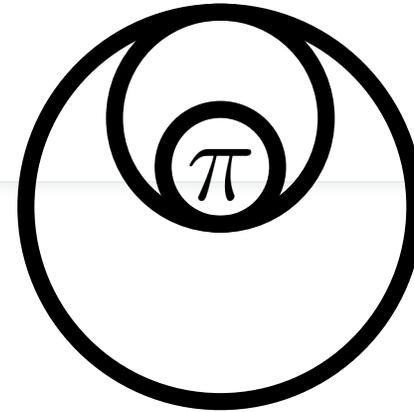
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Overview



(Y. Feng)

Review 2B-lattice: [\[Briceno\]](#)
Reviews 3B-lattice: [\[Hansen\]](#) [\[Mai\]](#)
Review hadron resonances: [\[Mai\]](#)

Key publications Finite-Volume Unitary (FVU) approach:

- Three-body unitarity [\[Mai/JPAC\]](#)
- Three-body unitarity finite volume [\[Mai\]](#)
- a_1 in finite volume & results from IQCD [\[Mai\]](#)

Talk outline:

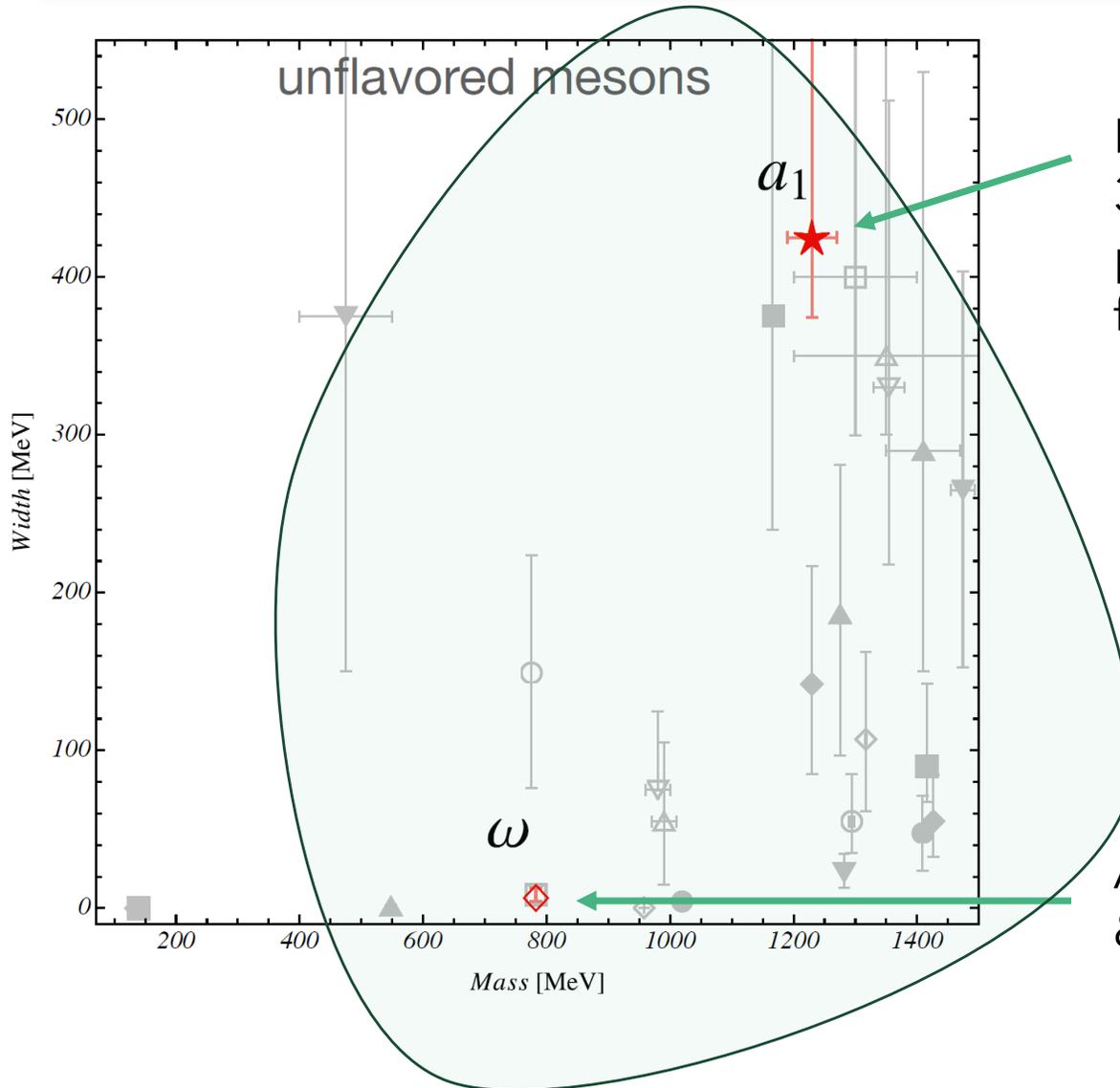
- 3-body unitarity
- a_1 in infinite volume
- a_1 in finite volume
- Recent extensions: channel space & applications

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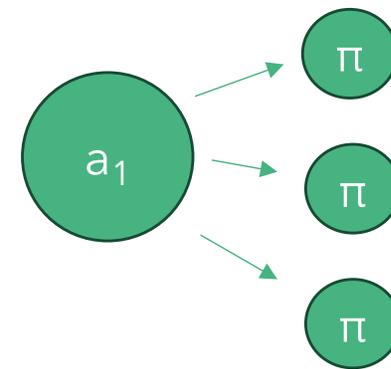


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>2-body meson decays



Decays almost 100% to 3 pions (decay to 2 pseudoscalar mesons forbidden)



Almost stable; lattice results & chiral extrapolation

[Yan, Mai et al., [2407.16659](#)]

Three-body unitarity with isobars *

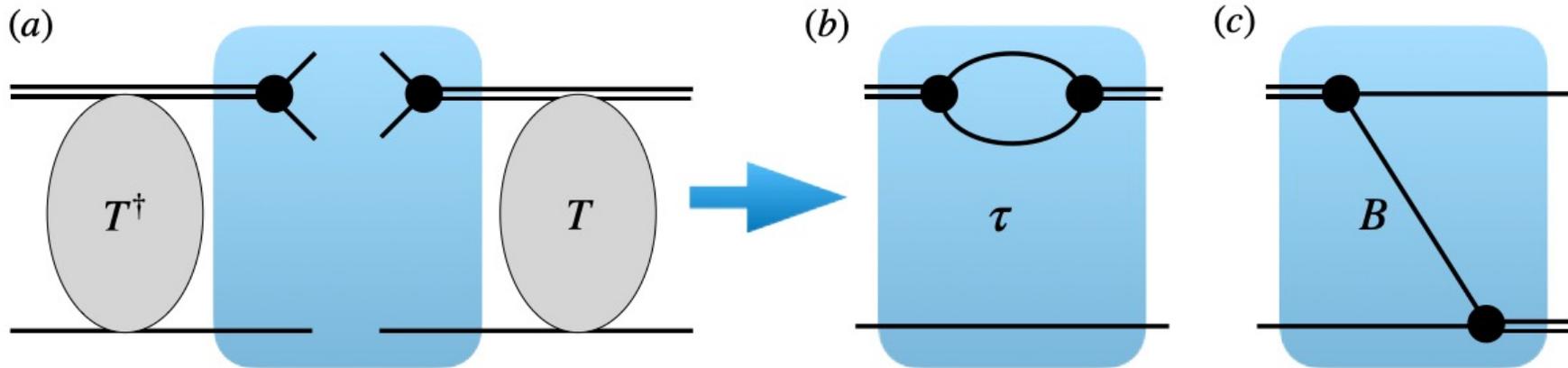
[Mai 2017]

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

Idea: To construct a 3B amplitude, start directly from unitarity (based on ideas of 60's); match a general amplitude to it

$$\times \prod_{\ell=1}^3 \left[\frac{d^4 k_\ell}{(2\pi)^4} (2\pi) \delta^+(k_\ell^2 - m^2) \right] (2\pi)^4 \delta^4 \left(P - \sum_{\ell=1}^3 k_\ell \right)$$

delta function sets all intermediate particles on-shell

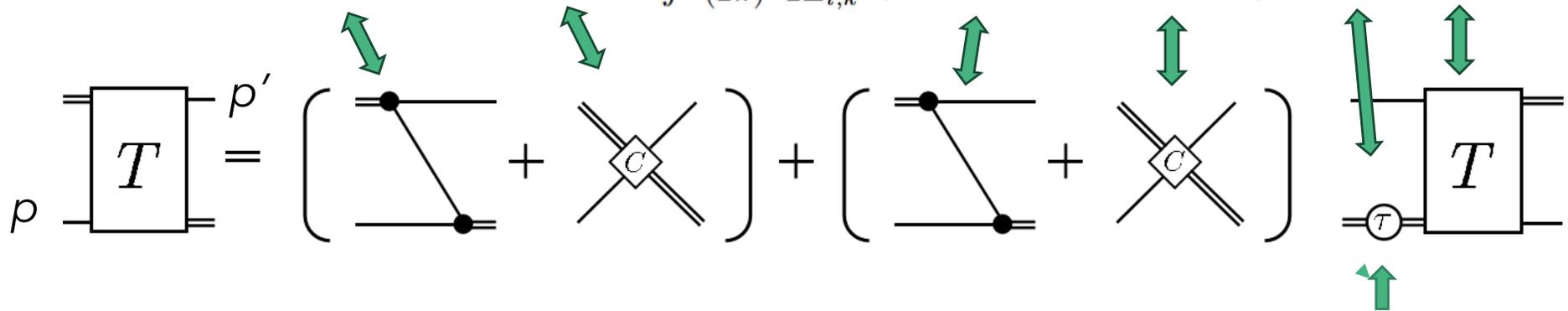


“Isobar” stands for two-body sub-amplitude which can be resonant or not; can be matched to CHPT expansion to one loop if desired. Isobars are re-parametrizations of full 2-body amplitudes [Bedaque][Hammer]

Resulting scattering equation

- 4-dim BSE becomes 3-dim by putting spectator on-shell (choice)

$$\tilde{T}_{ji}(s, \mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) = \tilde{B}_{ji}(s, \mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) + \tilde{C}_{ji}(s, \mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) + \int \frac{d^3l}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{l,k}} \left(\tilde{B}_{jk}(s, \mathbf{p}', l) + \tilde{C}_{jk}(s, \mathbf{p}', l) \right) \tilde{\tau}_k(\sigma_l) \tilde{T}_{ki}(s, l, \mathbf{p})$$



Exchange B:

- Complex
- Required by unitarity

Contact term C:

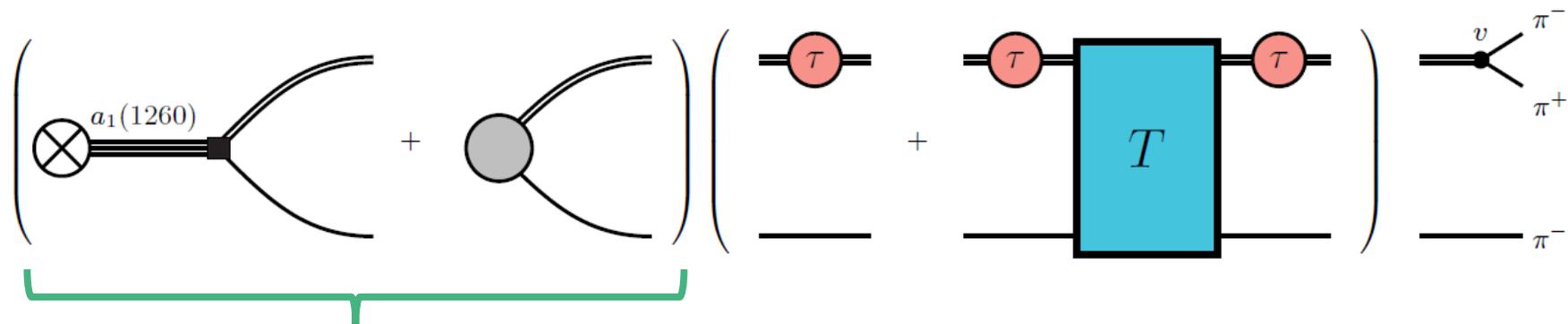
- Does not destroy unitarity
- Free parametrization: fit to data

Isobar-spectator Green's functions

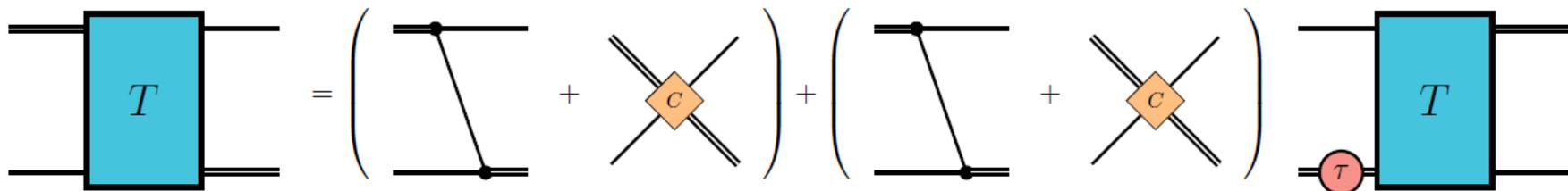
The $a_1(1260)$ and its Dalitz plots

[Sadasivan 2020]

- Disconnected and connected decays for three-body unitarity



Additional fit parameters

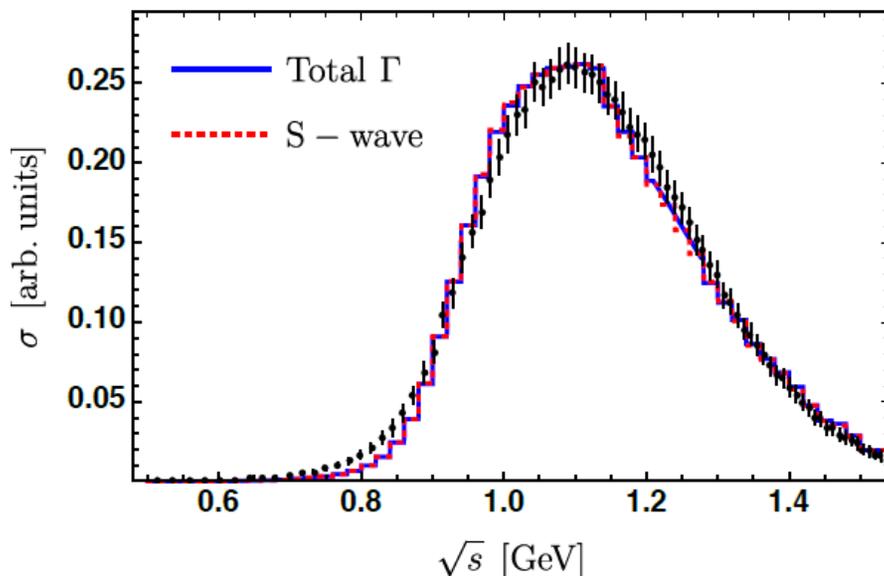


Fitting the lineshape & predicting Dalitz plots

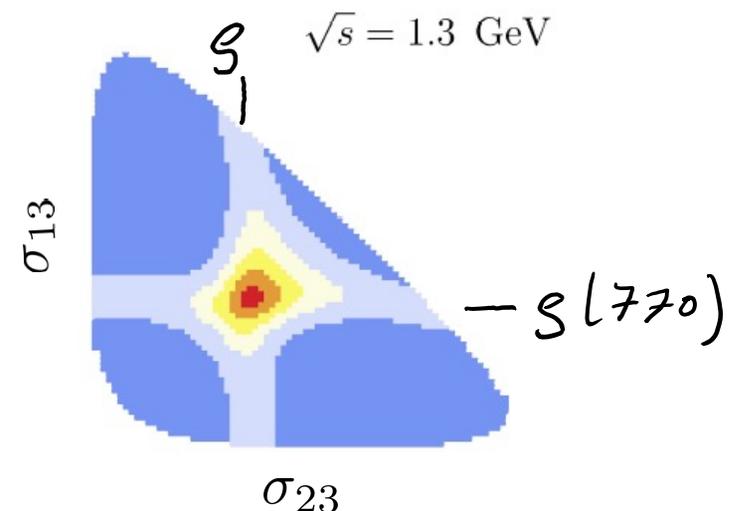
[Sadasivan 2020]

- One can have $\pi\rho$ in S- and D-wave coupled channels
- Fit contact terms to the lineshape from Experiment (ALEPH)

$a_1 \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+$ (symmetrize π^- 's!)



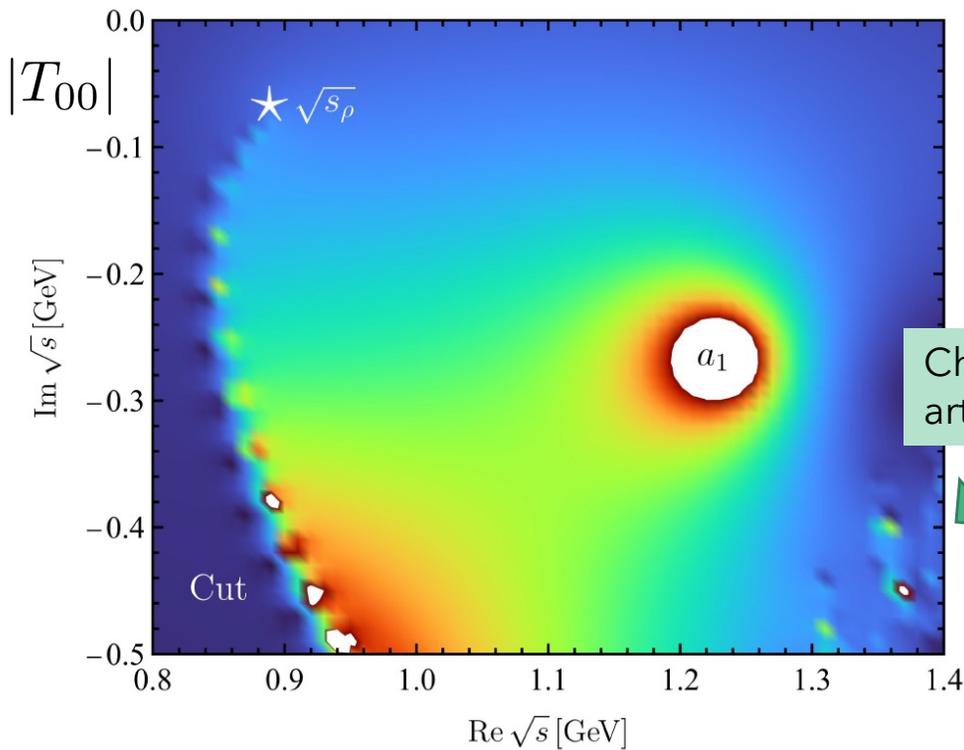
predict \rightarrow



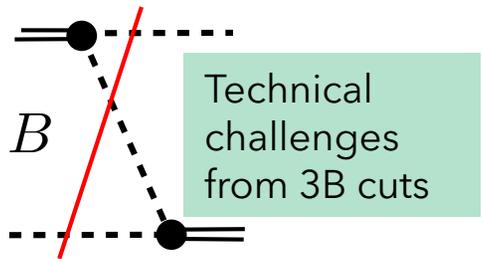
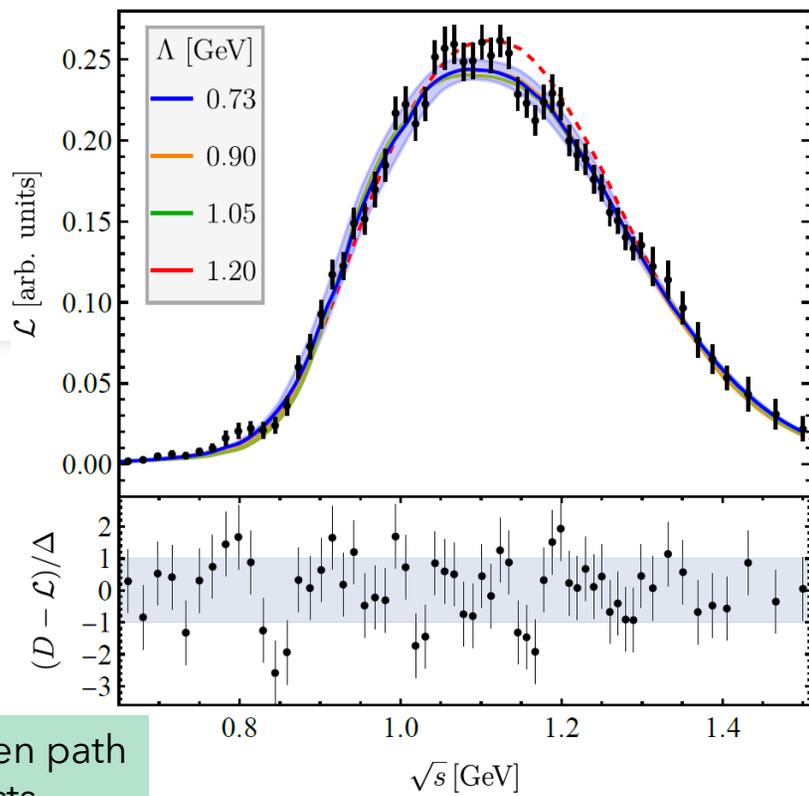
Where is the resonance pole in s ? Pole positions & residues are reaction-independent characteristics of resonance mass, width, and branching ratios

Result: Pole position

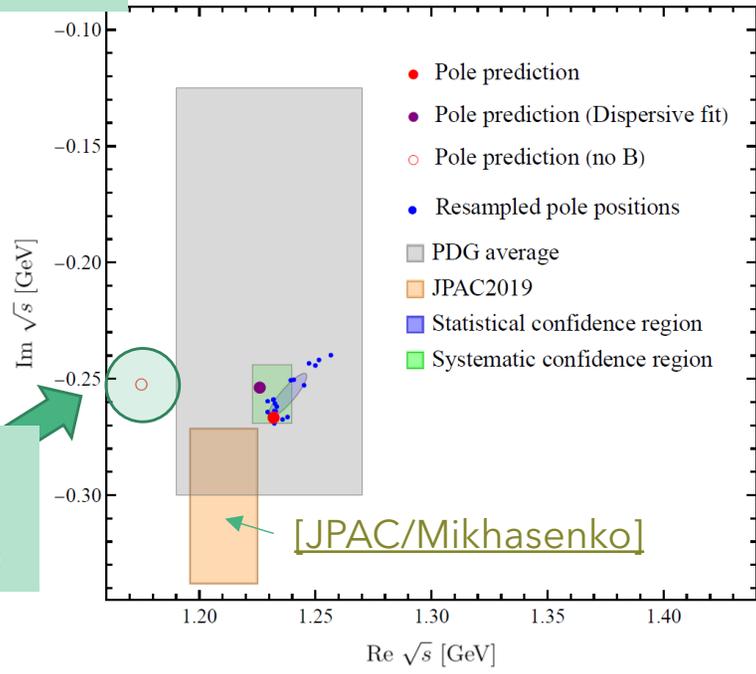
Technicalities analytic cont.:
 contour deformation } [[Sadasivan \(2021\)](#)]
 } [[Doering \(2009\)](#)]



Chosen path artifacts



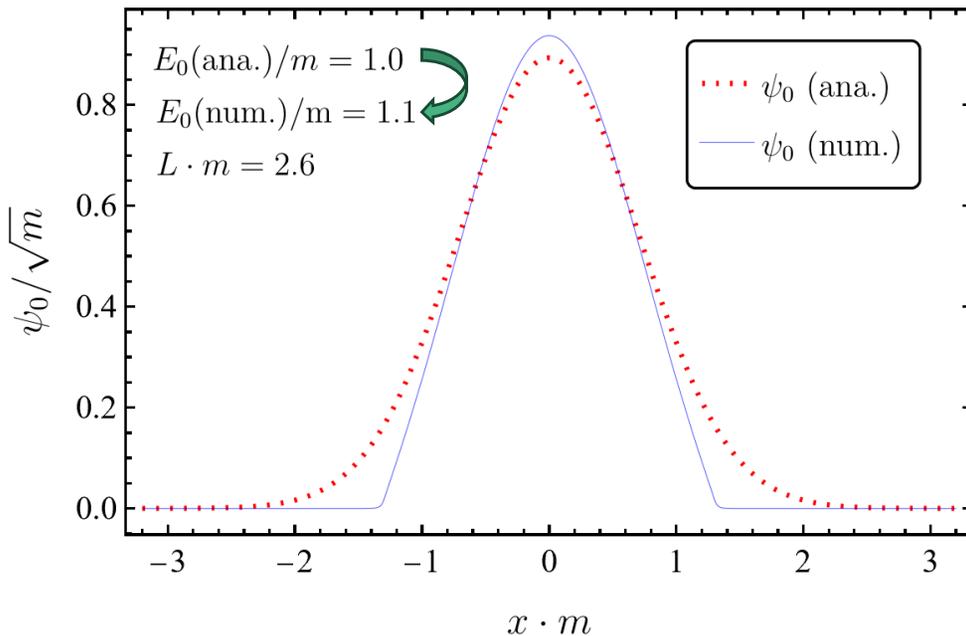
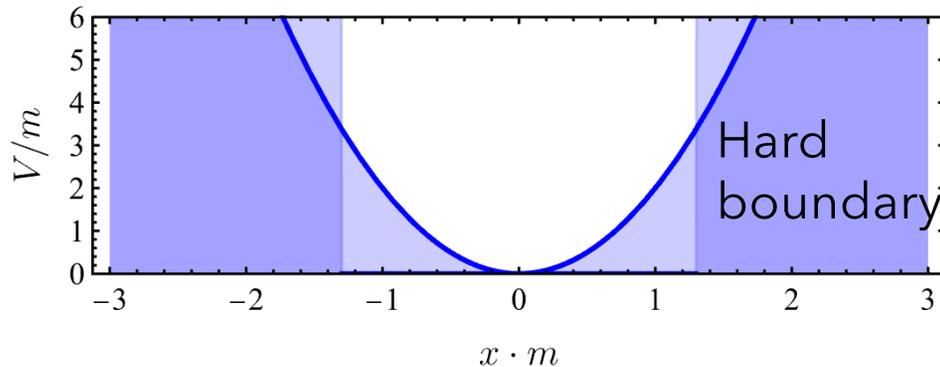
If the B-term is neglected + refit (unitarity violated)



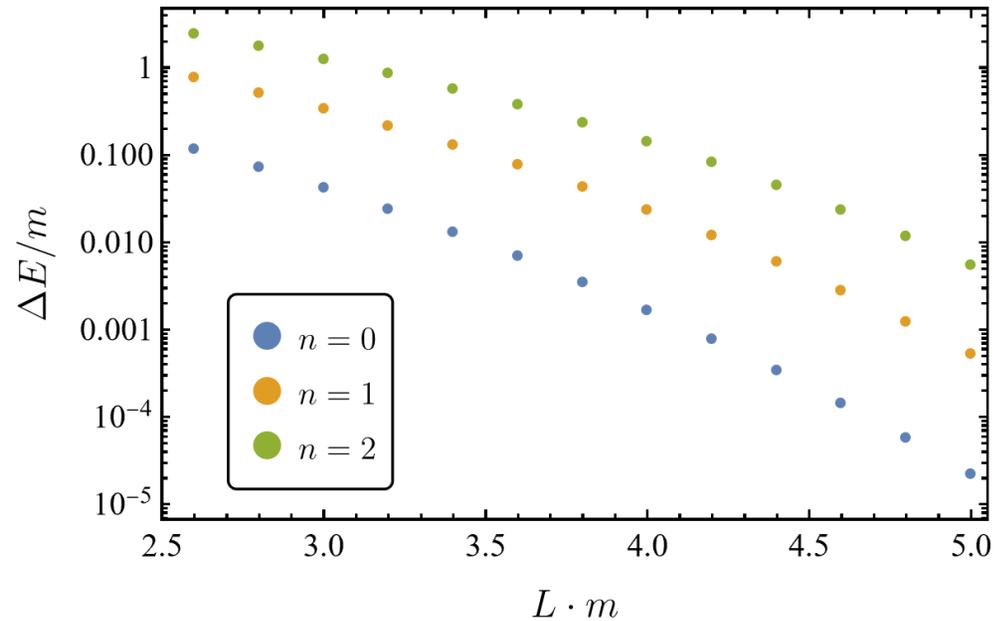
Finite-Volume Effects

A wave function is squeezed into a finite volume

[<https://blogs.gwu.edu/doring/>]



Distortion of the energy spectrum as function of box size



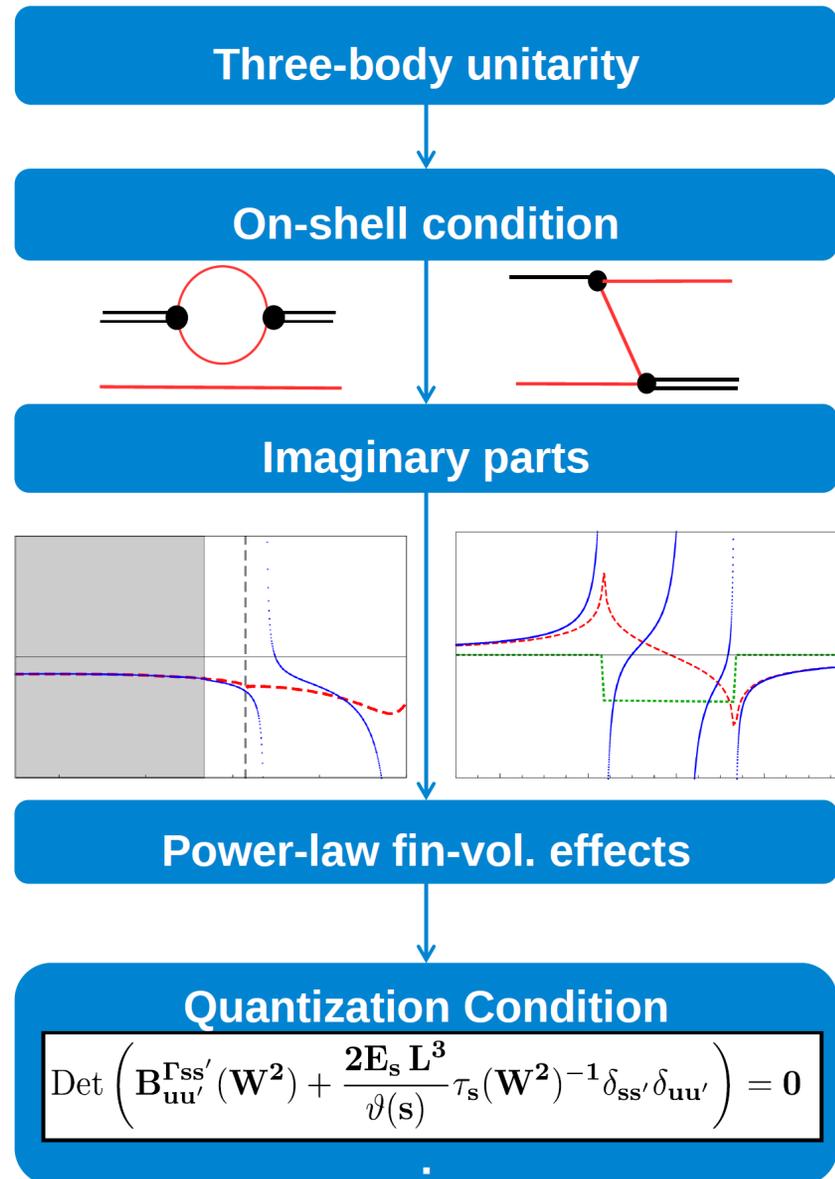
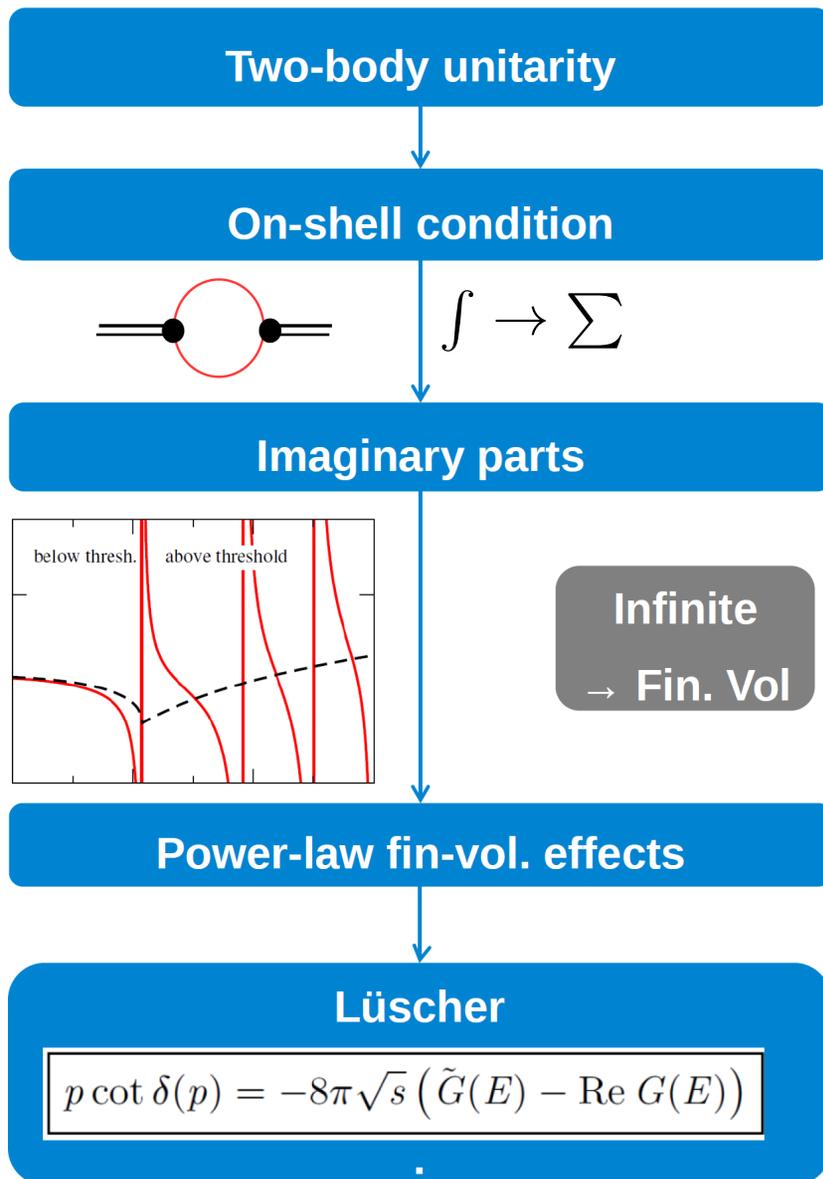
Periodic Boundary Conditions

$$\Psi(\vec{x}) \stackrel{!}{=} \Psi(\vec{x} + \hat{e}_i L) = \exp(i L q_i) \Psi(\vec{x})$$

$$q_i = \frac{2\pi}{L} n_i, \quad n_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

only discrete momenta allowed

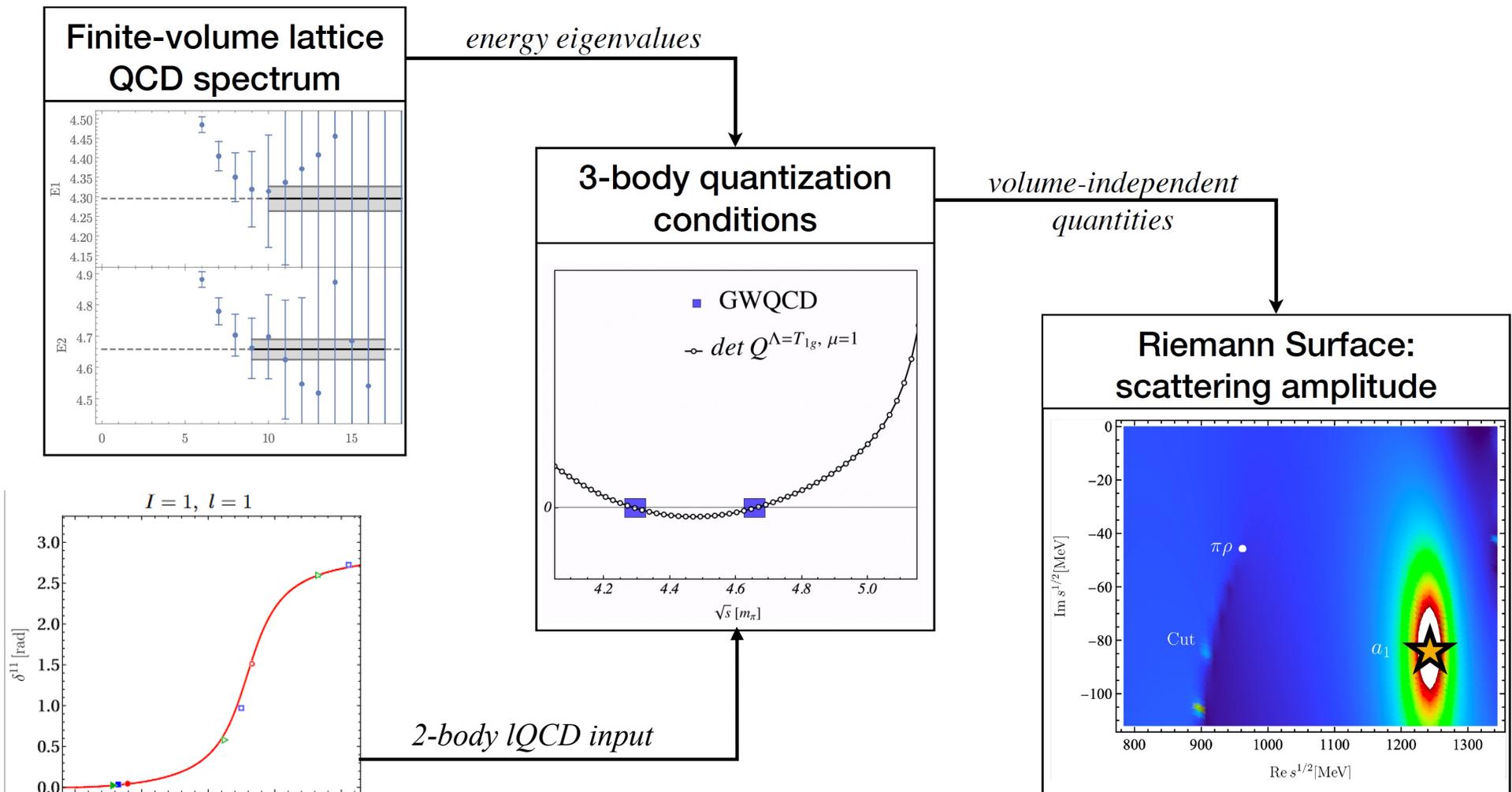
Lattice QCD: Finite-volume unitarity (FVU)



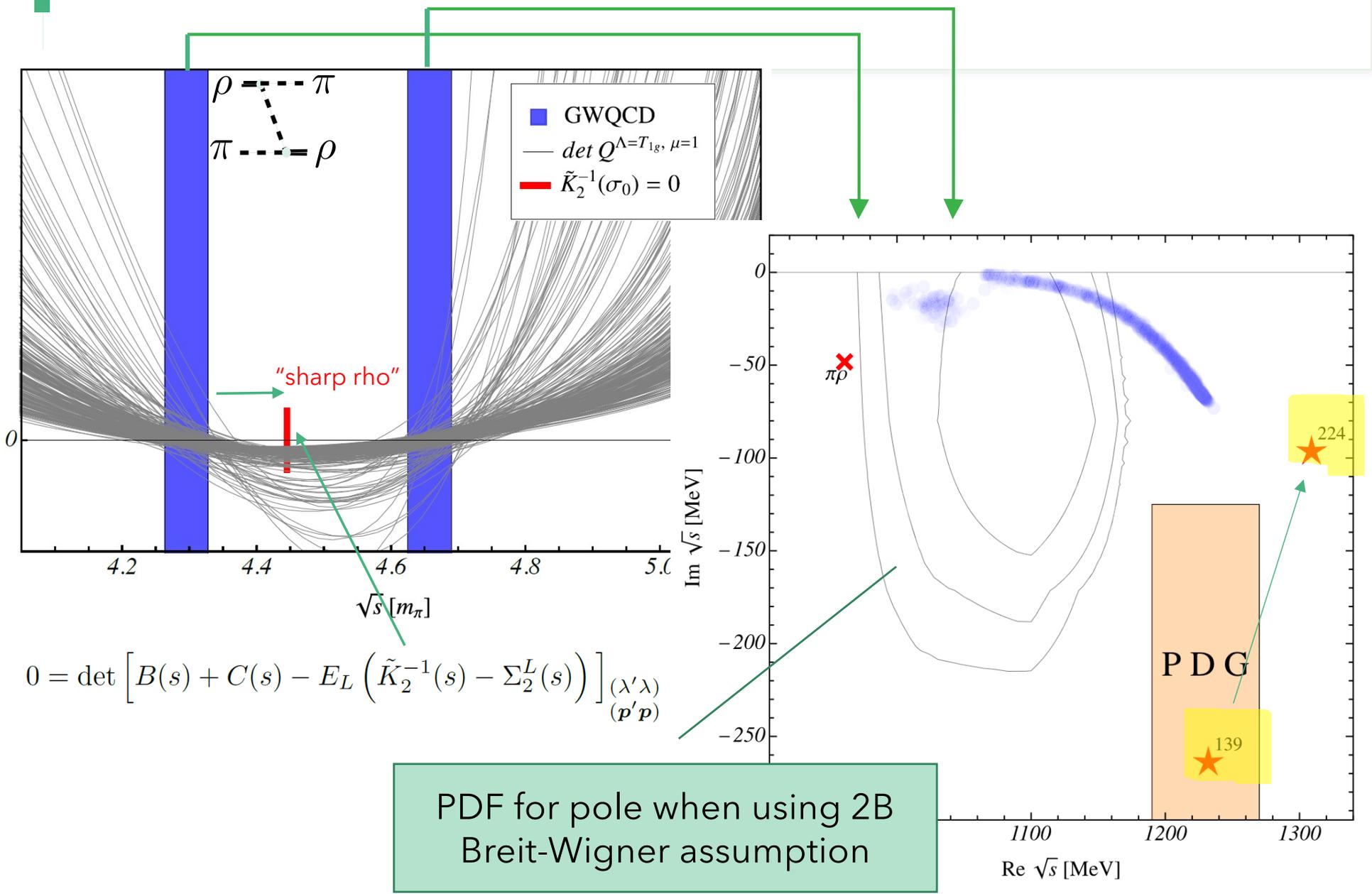
Extraction of $a_1(1260)$ from IQCD

[Mai/MD/GWQCD, PRL 2021]

- First-ever three-body resonance from 1st principles (with explicit three-body dynamics).



a_1 results - Details



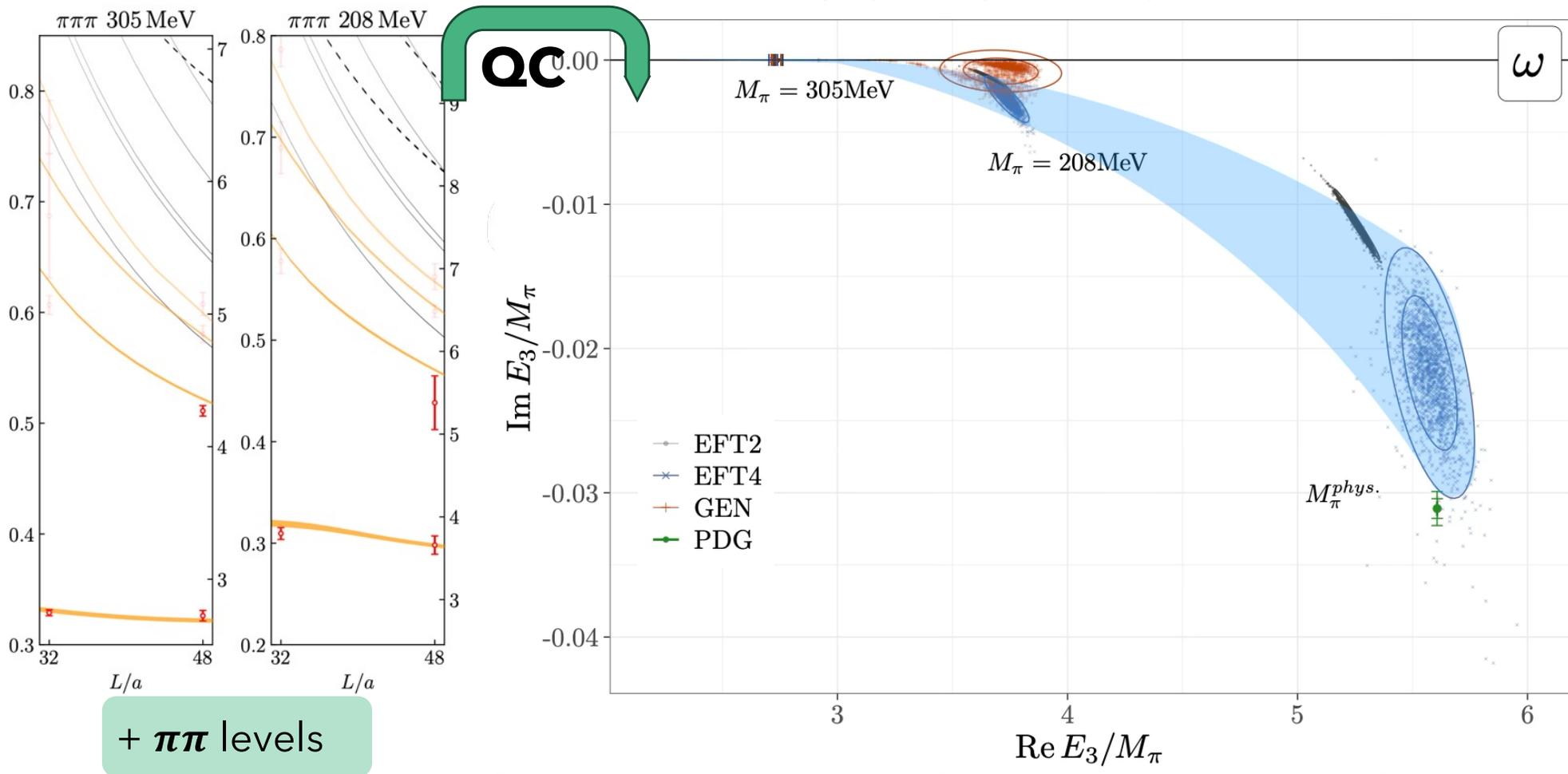
$\omega \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$ from Lattice QCD

[Yan, Mai, et al., PRL (2024)]

Lattice QCD
 Nf = 2 + 1 Clover fermions
 2/3 particle operators
 2 pion masses, 2 volumes

Result

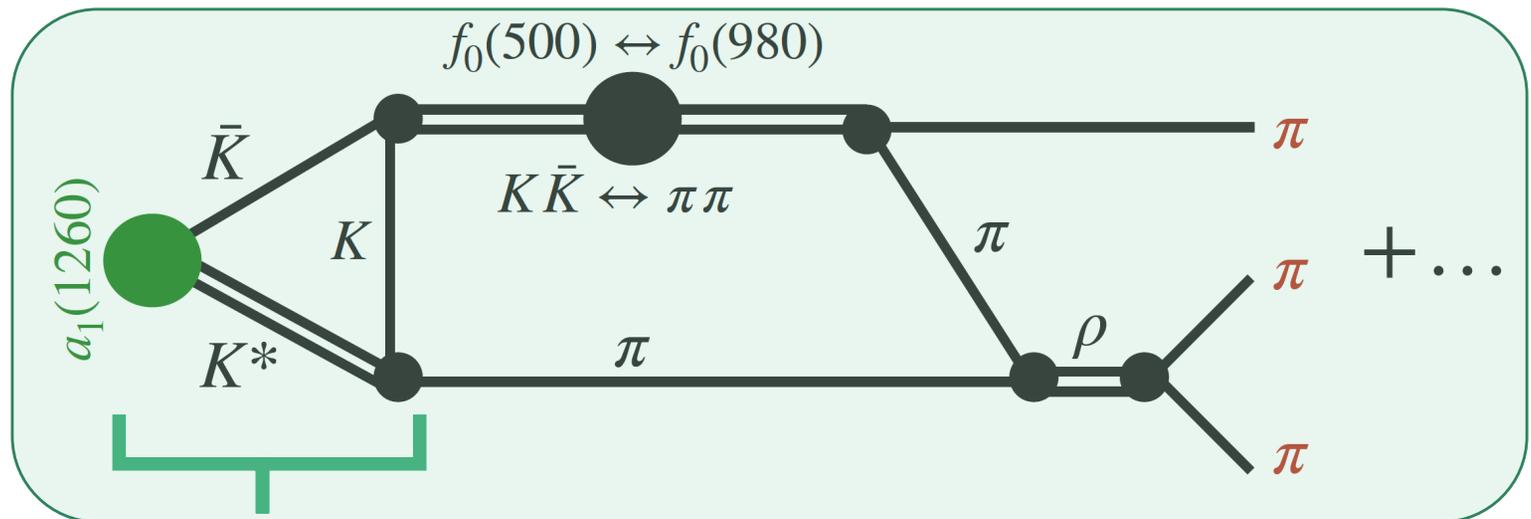
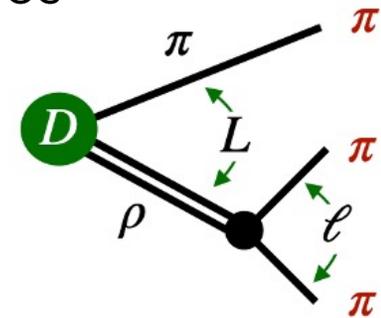
- Various EFT based ansatzes
- ω becomes a bound state at ~ 300 MeV
- at the physical point very close to the EXP value



Coupled-channel, unitary amplitudes

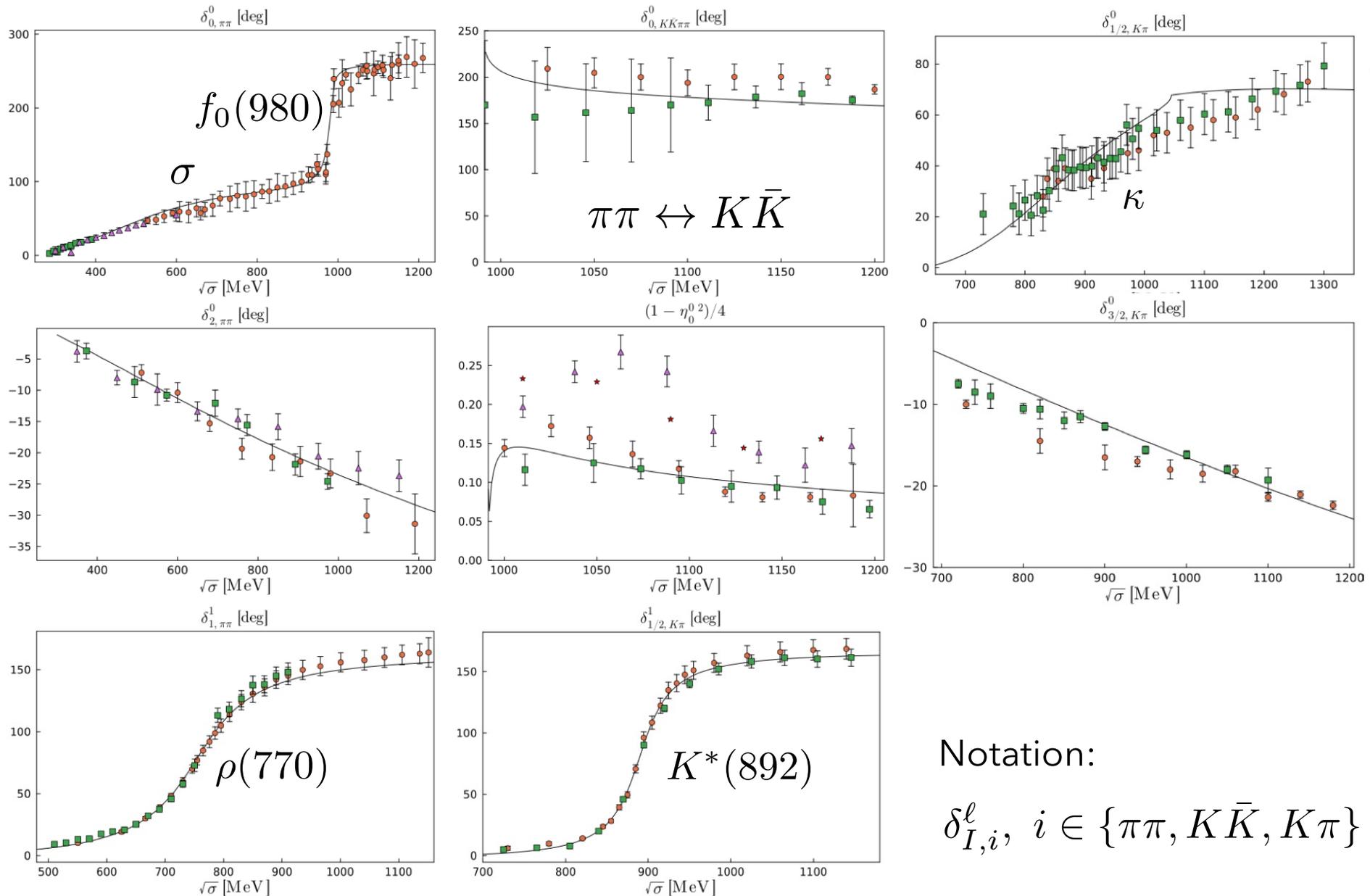
[Feng, Gil, MD, Molina, Mai, Shastry, Szczepaniak, PRD '24]

- Coupled-channel, coupled-partial wave amplitudes
- Unitarity manifest
- In-flight transitions of isobars: $\pi\pi \leftrightarrow K\bar{K}$
- All isospins: $I = 0, 1/2, 1, 3/2, 2$
- All subsystems up to P-wave, including $f_0(500), \rho, f_0(980), K^*, \kappa$
- Example:



"Triangle"

Two-body input (including $\pi\pi \leftrightarrow K\bar{K}$)



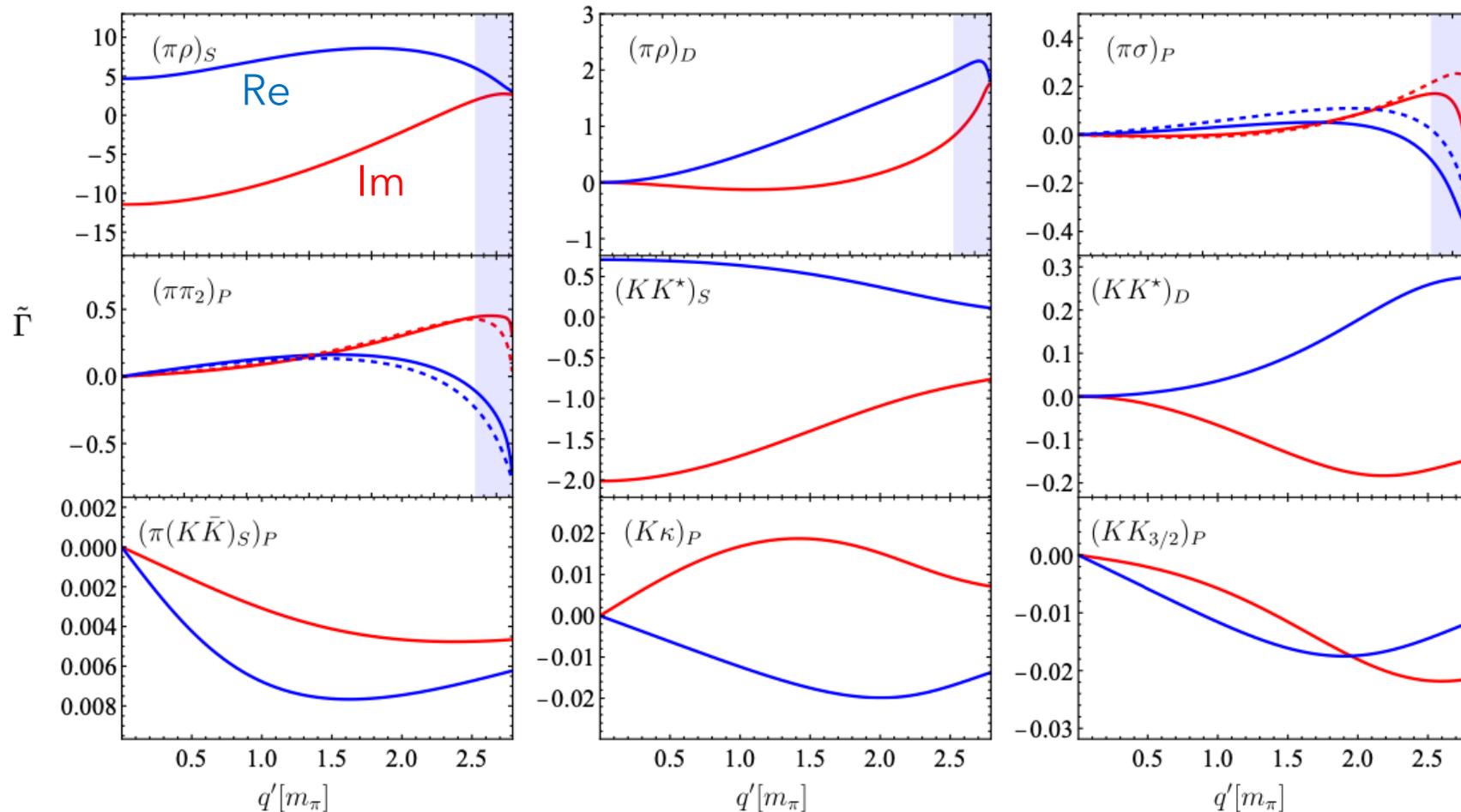
Notation:

$$\delta_{I,i}^\ell, \quad i \in \{\pi\pi, K\bar{K}, K\pi\}$$

Production amplitude 9-channel model

(Only the (non-trivial) rescattering piece)

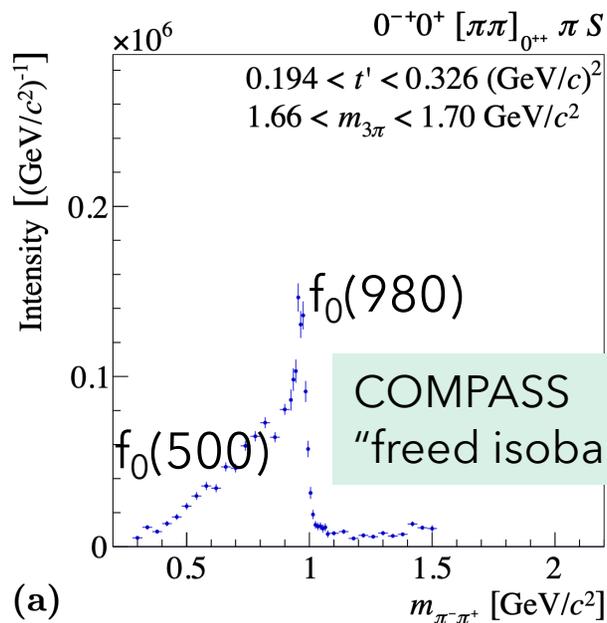
$$3m_\pi < W < 2m_K + m_\pi$$



Dashed lines: with $\pi\rho$ switched off (influence of coupled channels)

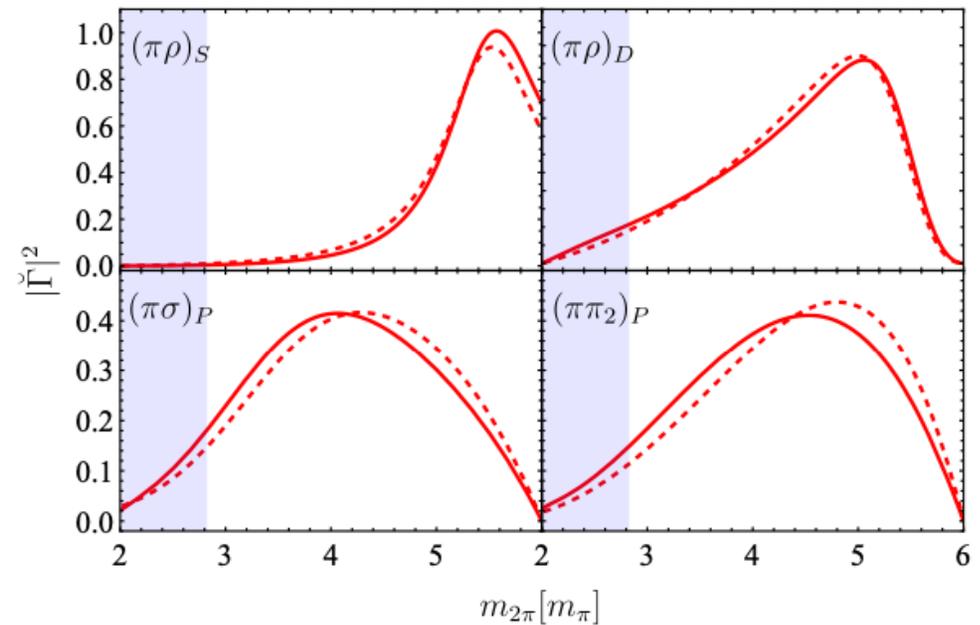
Future applications: Line-shape modifications

Lineshapes in the analysis of experimental data (COMPASS)



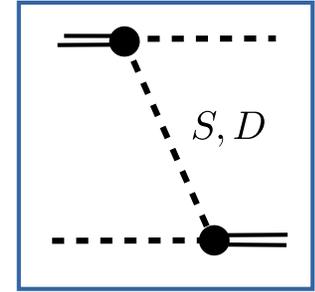
2b lineshape
extracted from 3b
lineshape

Predicted line-shape
modifications by three-
body corrections and
coupled-channels:



[Phys. Rev. D 95, 032004 (2017)]

Summary

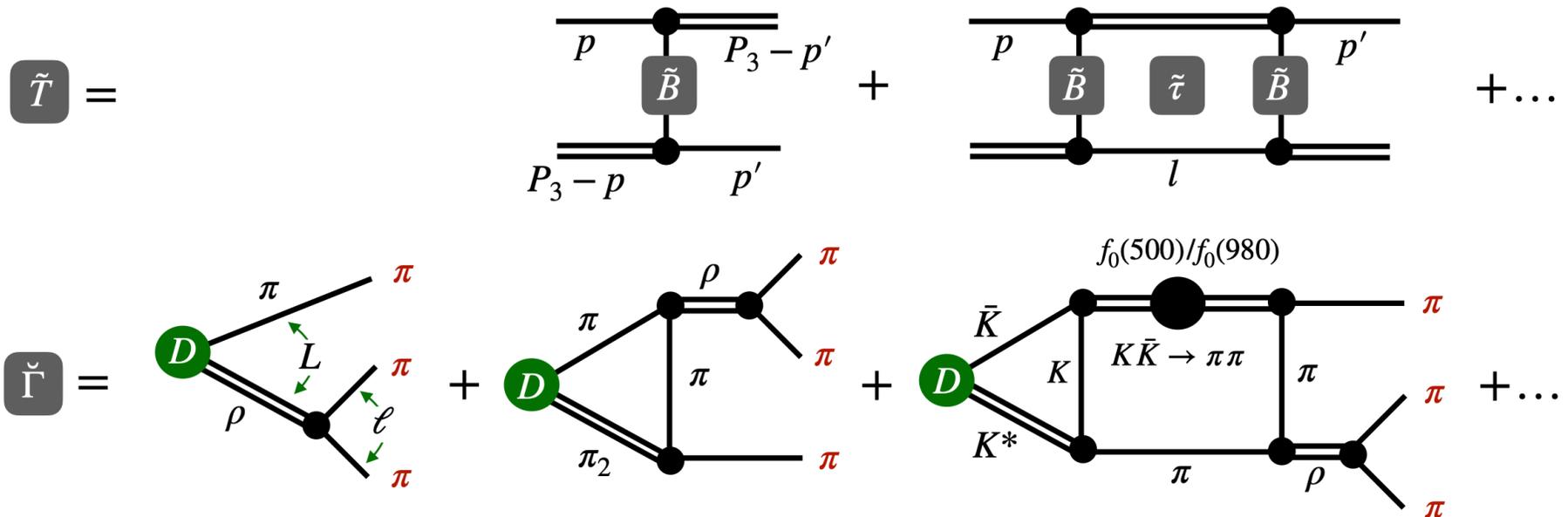


- Three-body systems beyond the tree-level isobar model:
 - Three-body effects in lineshapes and Dalitz plots
 - Resonance pole positions subject to 3-body modifications
 - Extension to 9 channels with systematic inclusion up to P-wave isobars
 - Future: data analysis, dynamic generation of resonances, triangle effects, nonzero net strangeness, baryons,...
- Lattice QCD determining the explicit dynamics of resonant three-body systems:
 - First determination of existence and properties of a three-body resonance - the $a_1(1260)$ - in coupled channels by FVU,
 - Recently extension to ω and its three-pion dynamics

Spare slides

Channel space

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

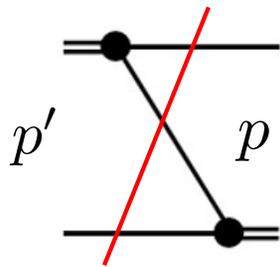


- Scattering matrix dimensions:
 Spectator momentum \otimes JLS channels \otimes isobar channels

How to solve the scattering equation

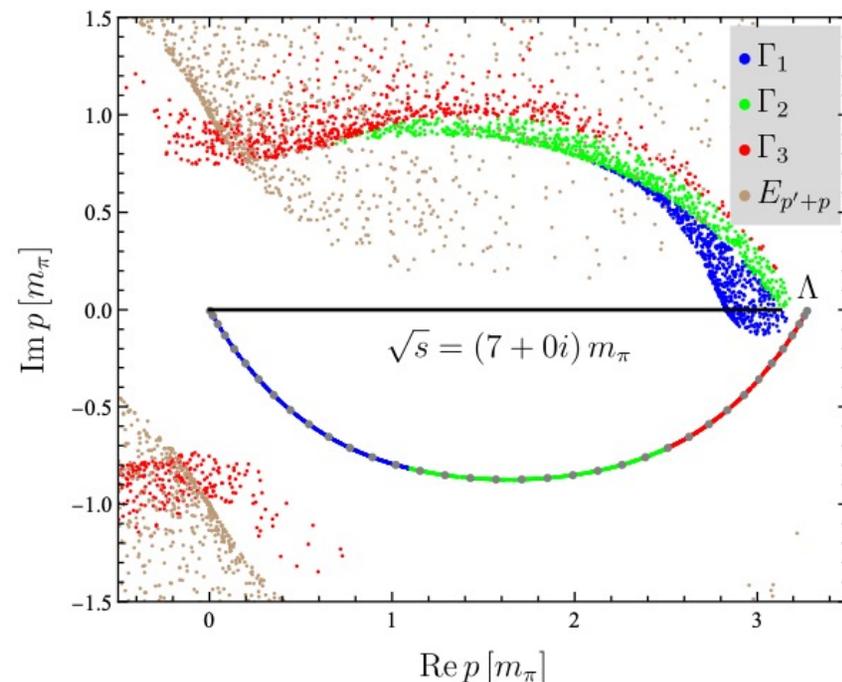
$$\tilde{T}_{ji}(s, p', p) = \tilde{B}_{ji}(s, p', p) + \tilde{C}_{ji}(s, p', p) + \int_0^\Lambda \frac{dl^2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_l} \left(\tilde{B}_{jk}(s, p', l) + \tilde{C}_{jk}(s, p', l) \right) \tilde{\tau}_k(\sigma_l) \tilde{T}_{kj}(s, l, p)$$

• Three-body cuts



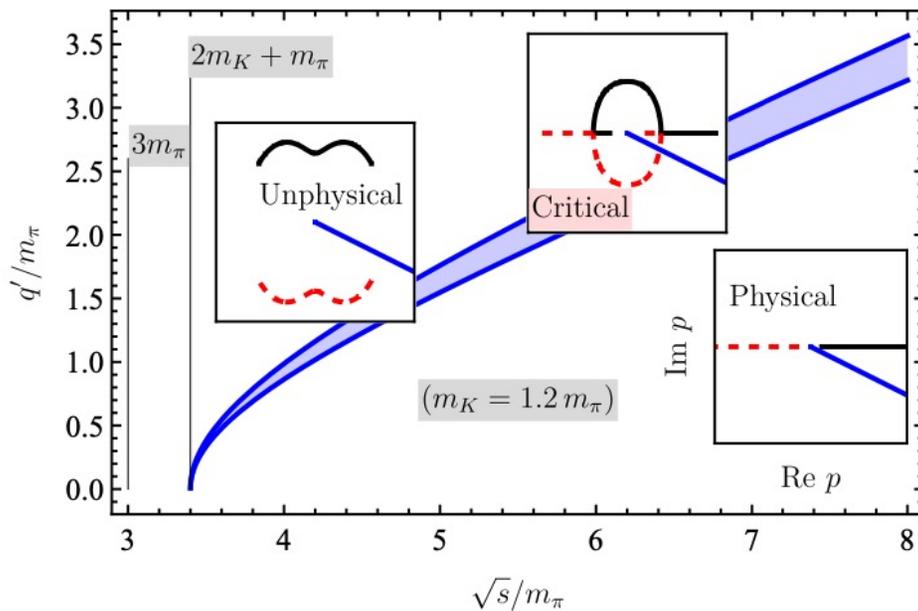
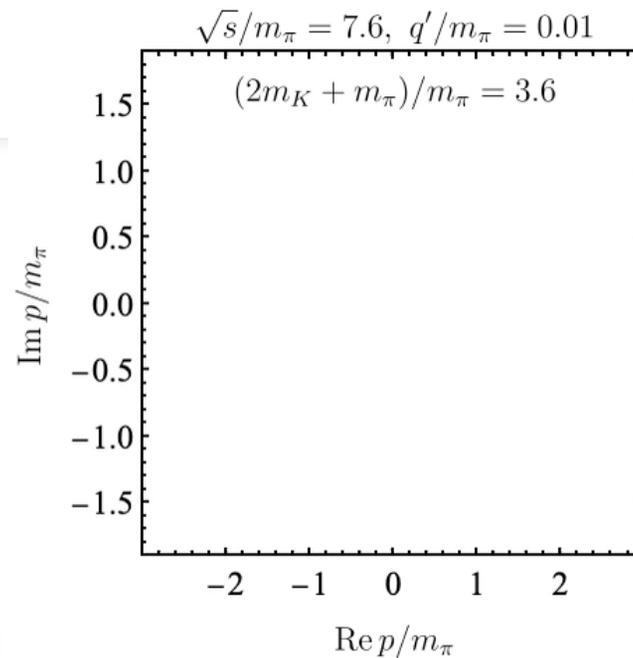
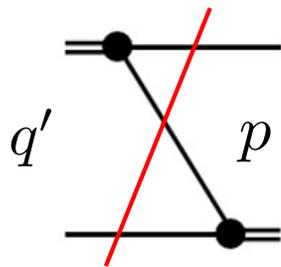
$$\tilde{B}_{ji}(s, \mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) = \frac{(\tilde{\mathbf{I}}_F)_{ji} v_j^*(p, P - p - p') v_i(p', P - p - p')}{2E_{p'+p}(\sqrt{s} - E_p - E_{p'} - E_{p'+p}) + i\epsilon}$$

- Angle, energy dependent
- Depend also on p' and p
- Solve LSE for complex momenta on a deformed contour

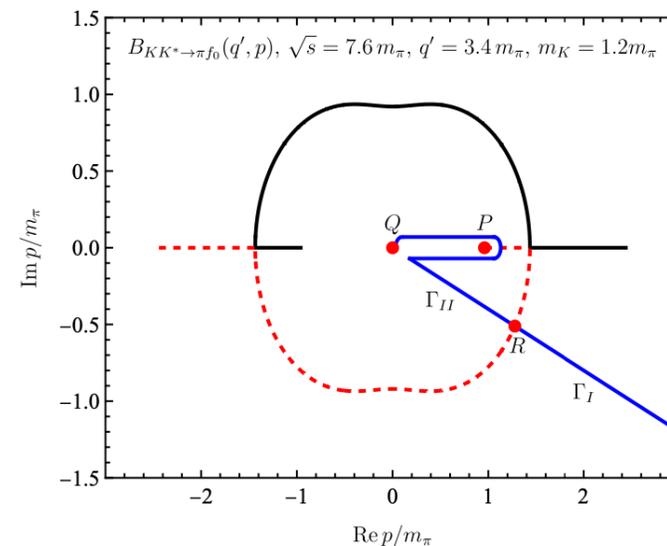


How to get the solution for real, physical momenta

- No solution for real momenta in "critical region"



Solution 1: Contour deformation [Cahill & Sloane]



How to get the solution for real, physical momenta

Solution 2: Direct inversion [Ziegelmann et al.]

Production amplitude $\tilde{\Gamma}_j^T(s, q') = D_j(s, q') + \int_0^\Lambda \frac{dq q^2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_q} \tilde{B}^{ji}(s, q', q) \tilde{\tau}_i(\sigma(q)) \tilde{\Gamma}_i^T(s, q)$

Ansatz $\tilde{\Gamma}^T(q) \approx \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{\Gamma}^T(q_i) H_i(q)$ with Lagrange polynomials $H_i(q) = \frac{\prod_{j \neq i}^N (q - q_j)}{\prod_{j \neq i}^N (q_i - q_j)}$

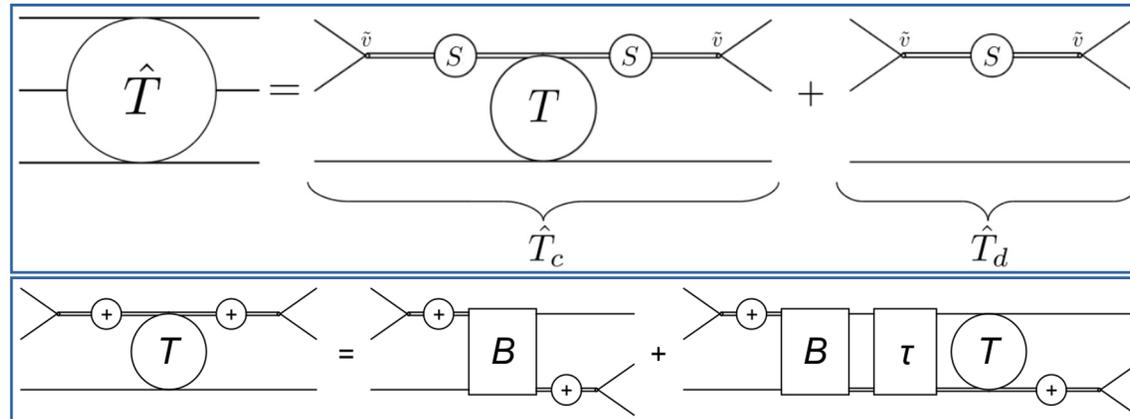
Makes integral equation a matrix equation $\tilde{\Gamma}^T(q_j) = D(q_j) + A_{ji} \tilde{\Gamma}^T(q_i)$

With singular integrals $A_{ji} = \int_0^\Lambda \frac{dq q^2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_q} \tilde{B}(q_j, q) \tilde{\tau}(\sigma(q)) H_i(q)$

... for which many established algorithms exist

Scattering amplitude

3 → 3 scattering amplitude is a 3-dimensional integral equation



LS-type

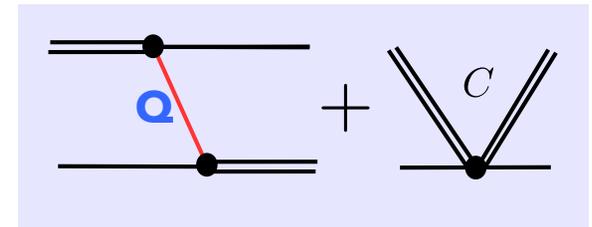
- Imaginary parts of B, τ^{-1} are fixed by **unitarity/matching**
- B, S are determined **consistently** through 8 different relations

Matching →
$$\text{Disc } B(u) = 2\pi i \lambda^2 \frac{\delta(E_Q - \sqrt{m^2 + Q^2})}{2\sqrt{m^2 + Q^2}}$$

- un-subtracted dispersion relation

$$\langle q|B(s)|p \rangle = -\frac{\lambda^2}{2\sqrt{m^2 + Q^2} (E_Q - \sqrt{m^2 + Q^2} + i\epsilon)} + C$$

- one- π exchange in TOPT → **RESULT, NOT INPUT!**
- One can map to field theory but does not have to. Result is a-priori dispersive.



Add. Steps to map to theory might be needed [Brett (2021)]

Analytic cont. 3-body

[Sadasivan (2021)]
[Doering (2009)]

SMC

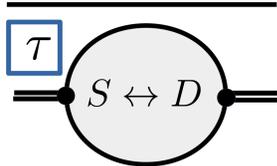
$$T_{LL'}^J(q_1, p) = (B_{LL'}^J(q_1, p) + C_{LL'}(q_1, p)) + \int_0^\Lambda \frac{dl^2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_l} (B_{LL''}^J(q_1, l) + C_{LL''}(q_1, l)) \tau(\sigma(l)) T_{L''L'}^J(l, p)$$

$$\tau^{-1}(\sigma) = K^{-1} - \Sigma,$$

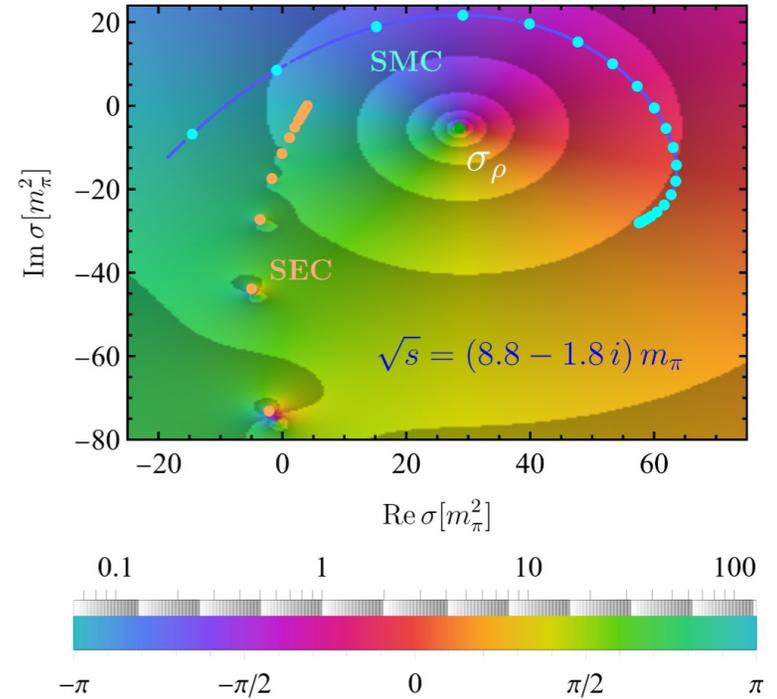
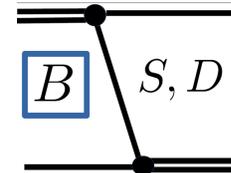
$$\Sigma = \int_0^\infty \frac{dk}{(2\pi)^3} k^2 \frac{1}{2E_k} \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma'{}^2} \frac{\tilde{v}(k)^* \tilde{v}(k)}{\sigma - 4E_k^2 + i\epsilon}$$

$$B_{\lambda\lambda'}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}') = \frac{v_\lambda^*(P - \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}', p) v_{\lambda'}(P - \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}', p')}{2E_{p'+p} (\sqrt{s} - E_p - E_{p'} - E_{p'+p} + i\epsilon)}$$

SEC



Singularities

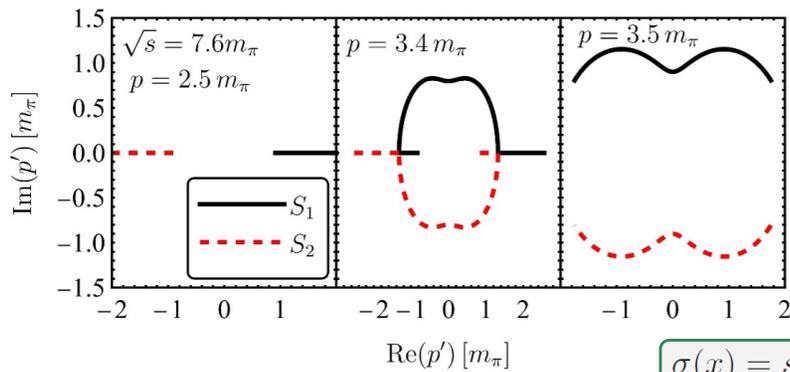


- Two contours (SMC and SEC)
- Deform both "adiabatically" to go to complex s
- Set of rules:
 - Contours cannot intersect with each others
 - Contours cannot intersect with (3-body) cuts
- Passing singularities left or right determines sheet

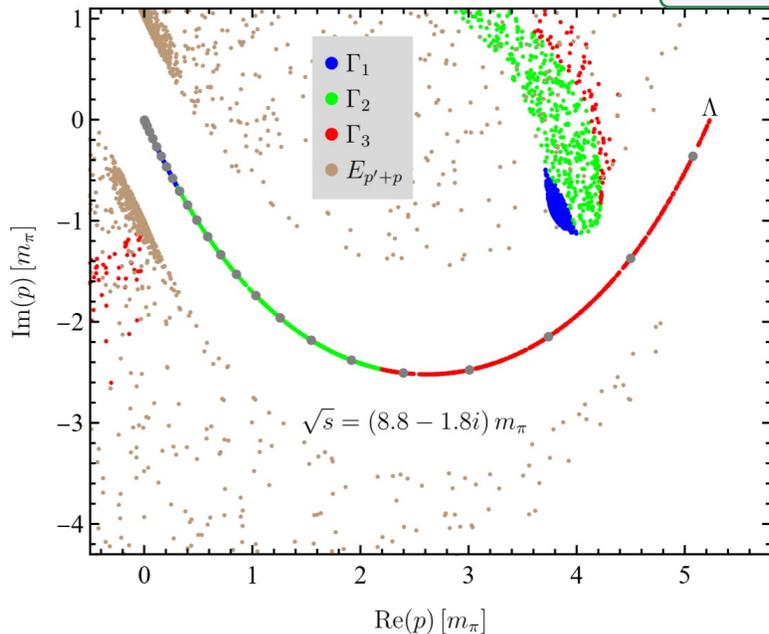
Analytic continuation 3-body (contd.)

- Three-body cuts

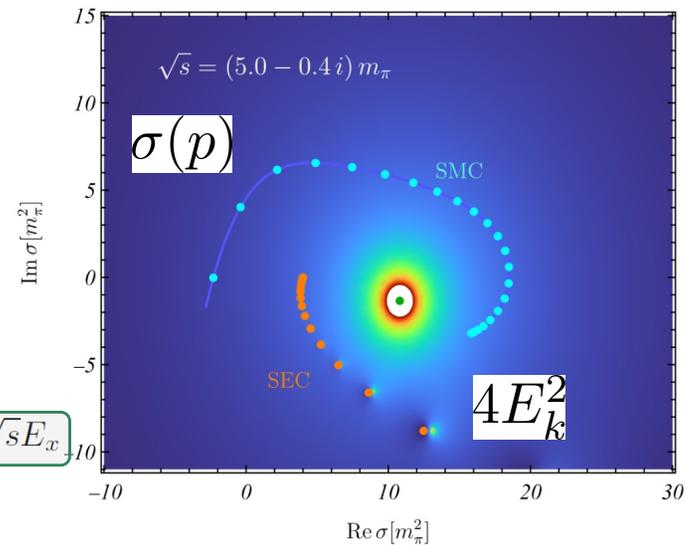
$$\sqrt{s} - E_p - E_{p'} - E_{p+p'} + i\epsilon = 0$$



$$\sigma(x) = s + m_\pi^2 - 2\sqrt{s}E_x$$



- Complex branch points



Integration limits at poles induce branch points

