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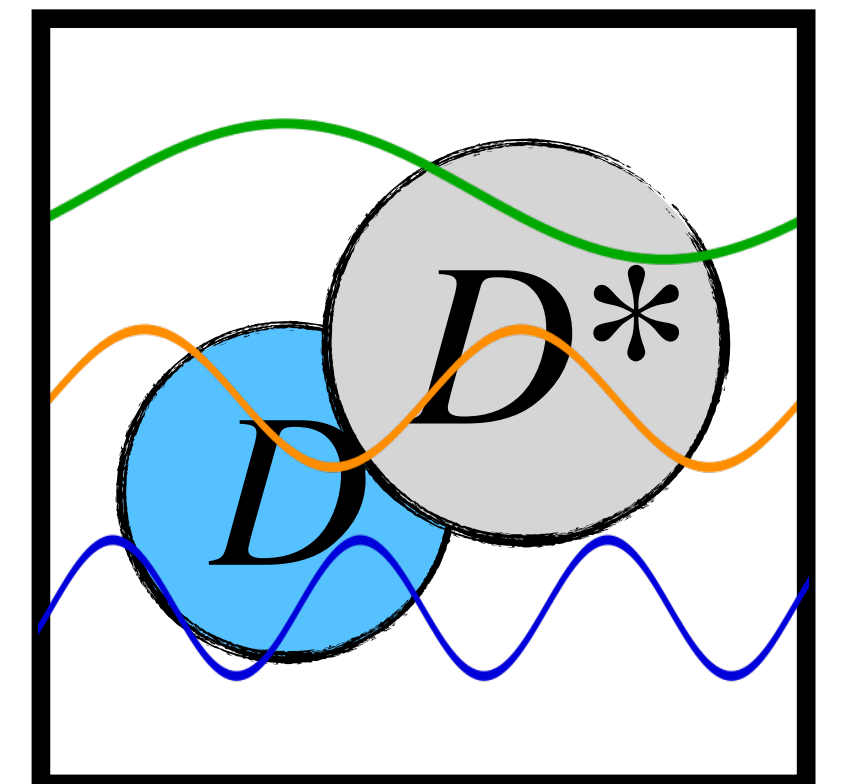
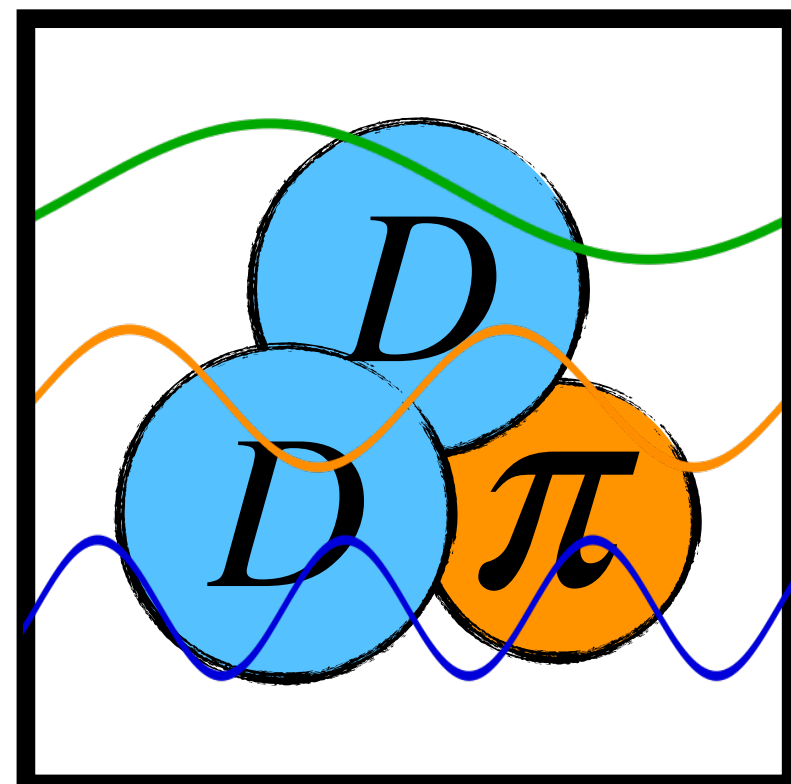
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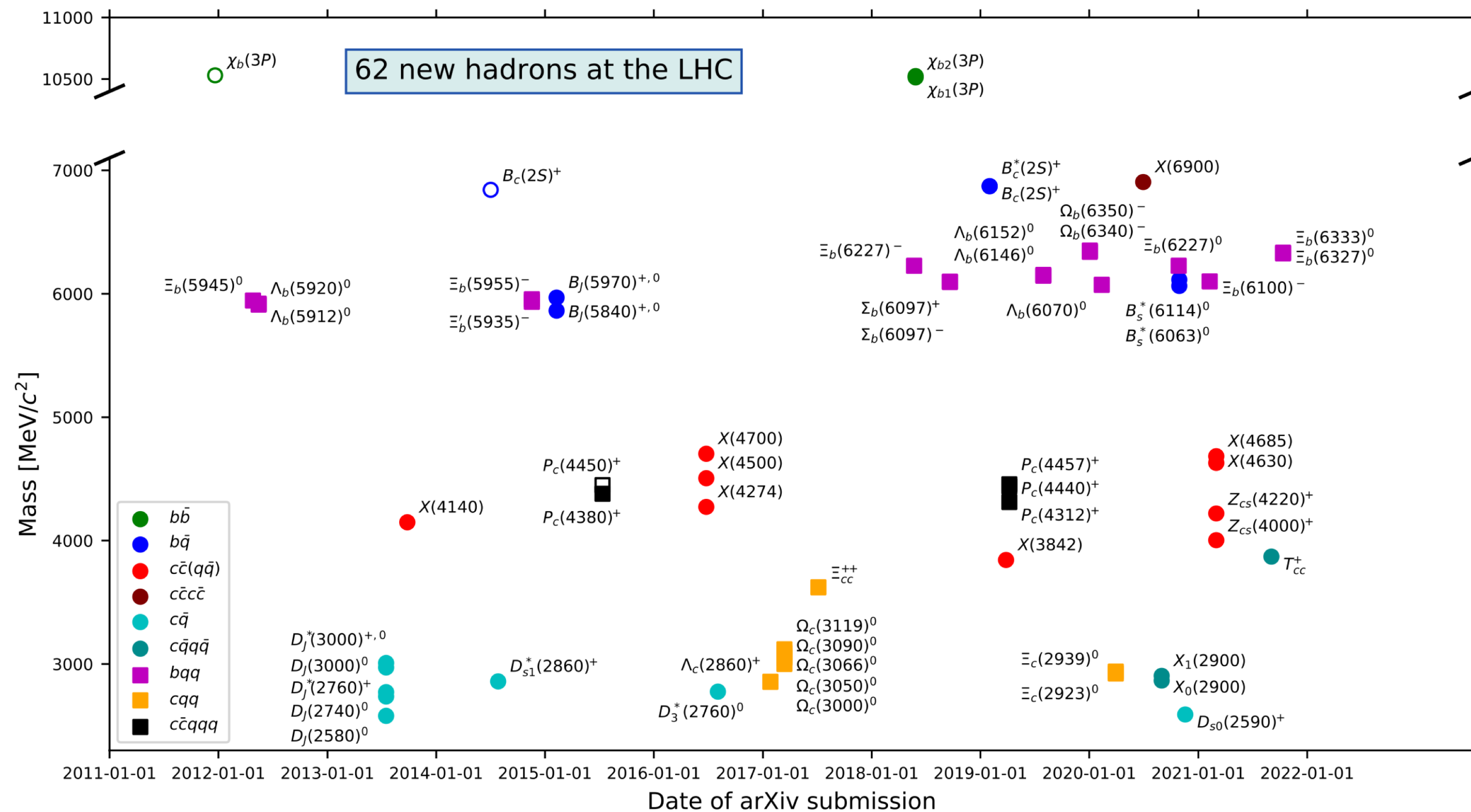
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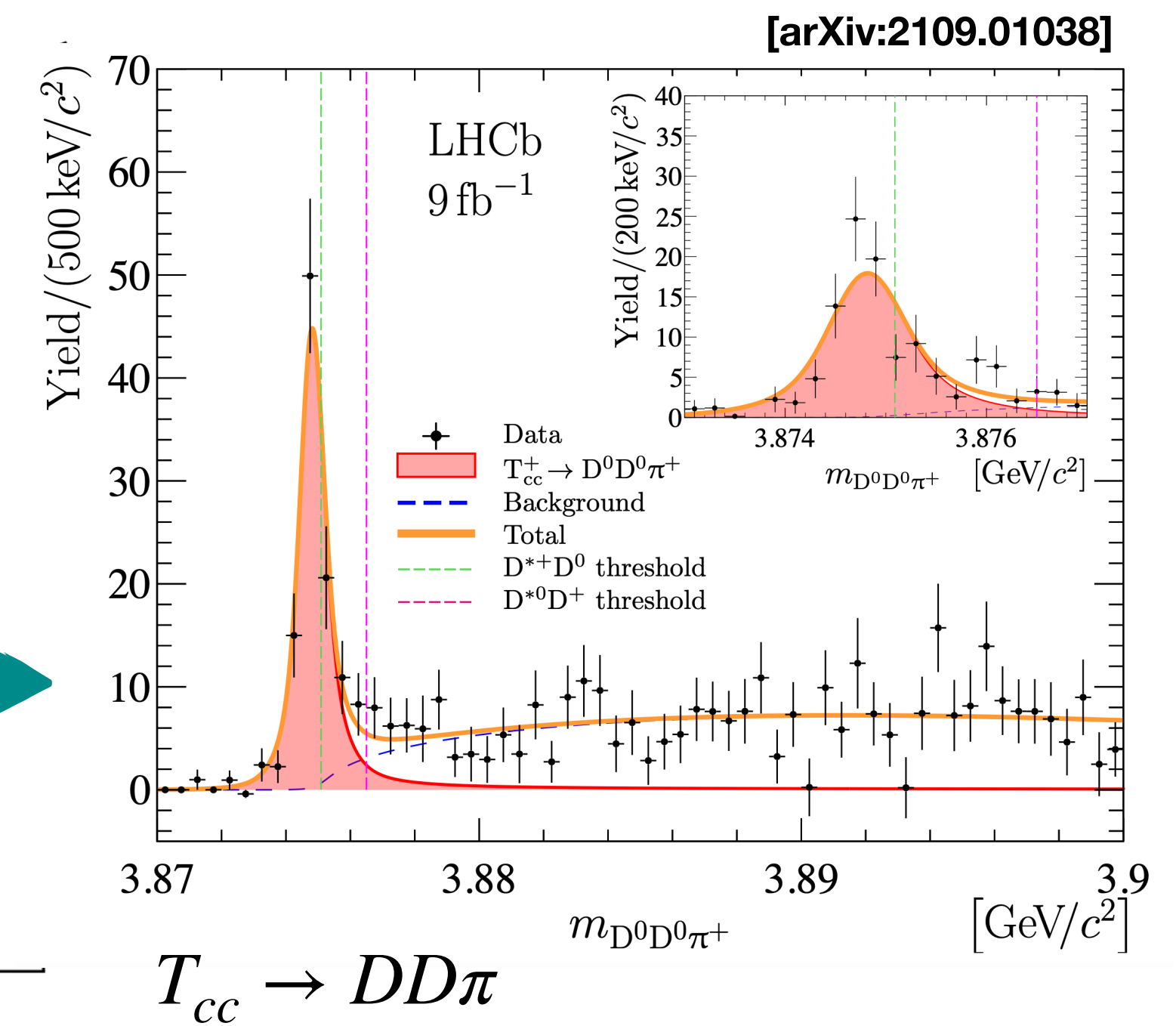
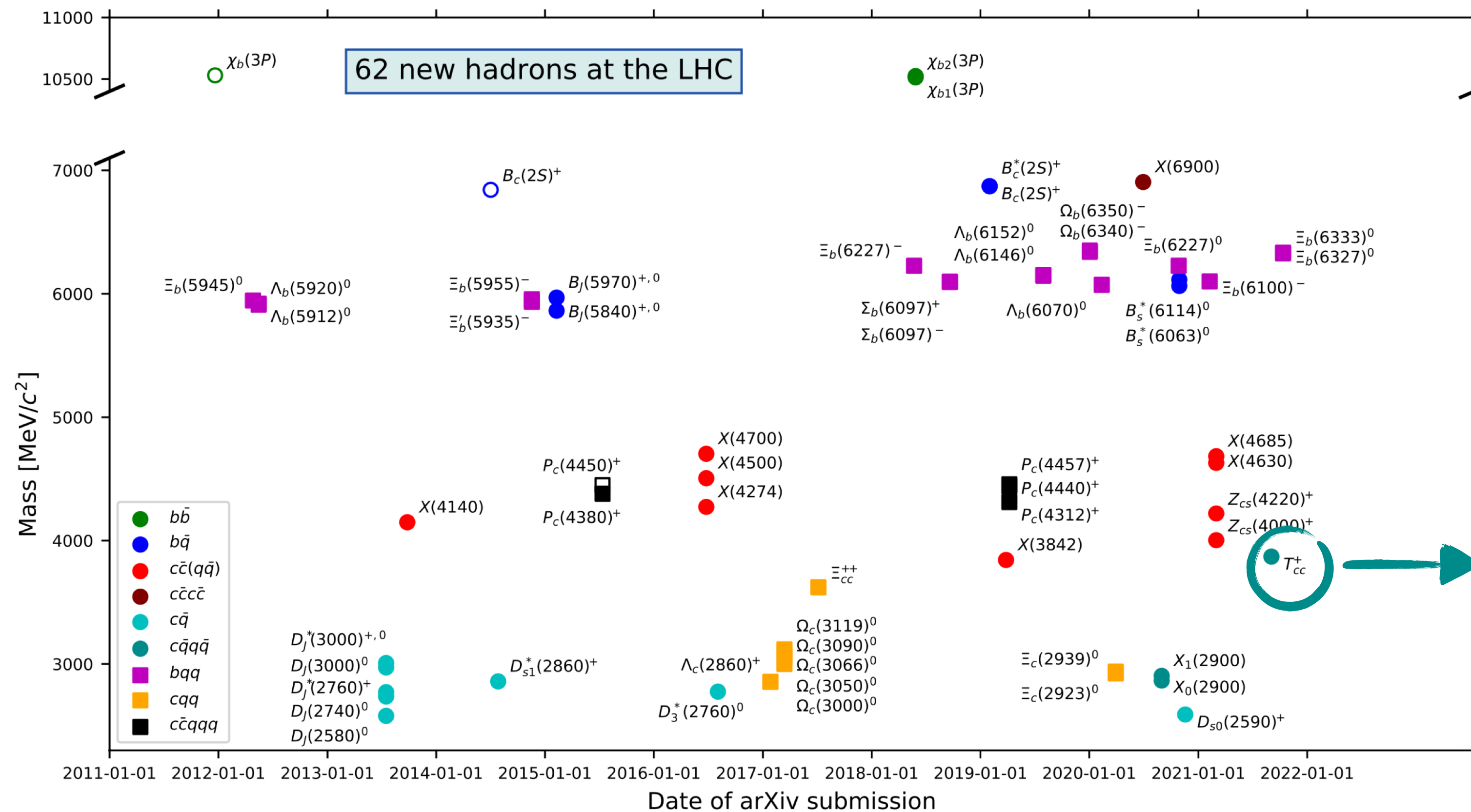


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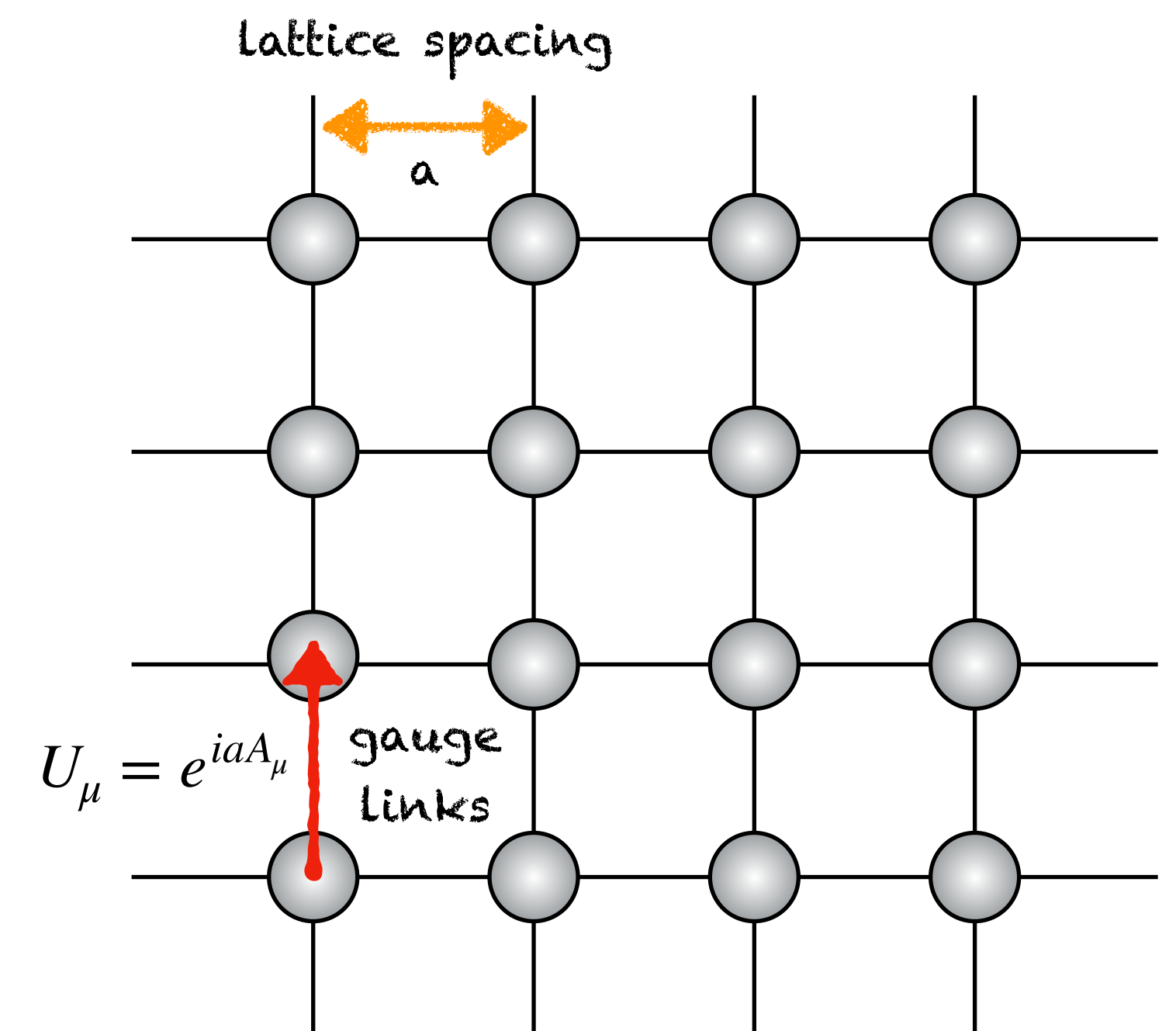
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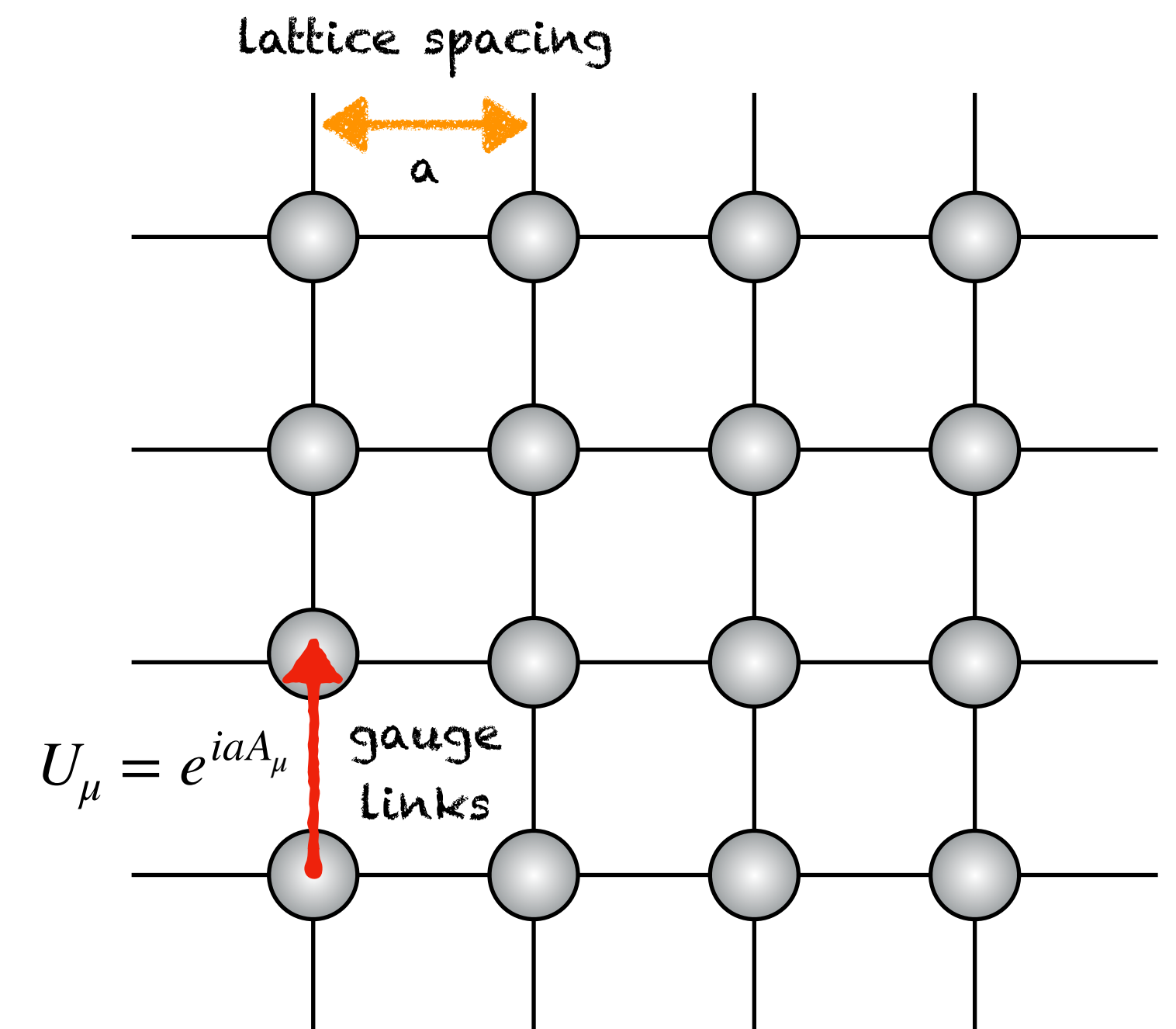
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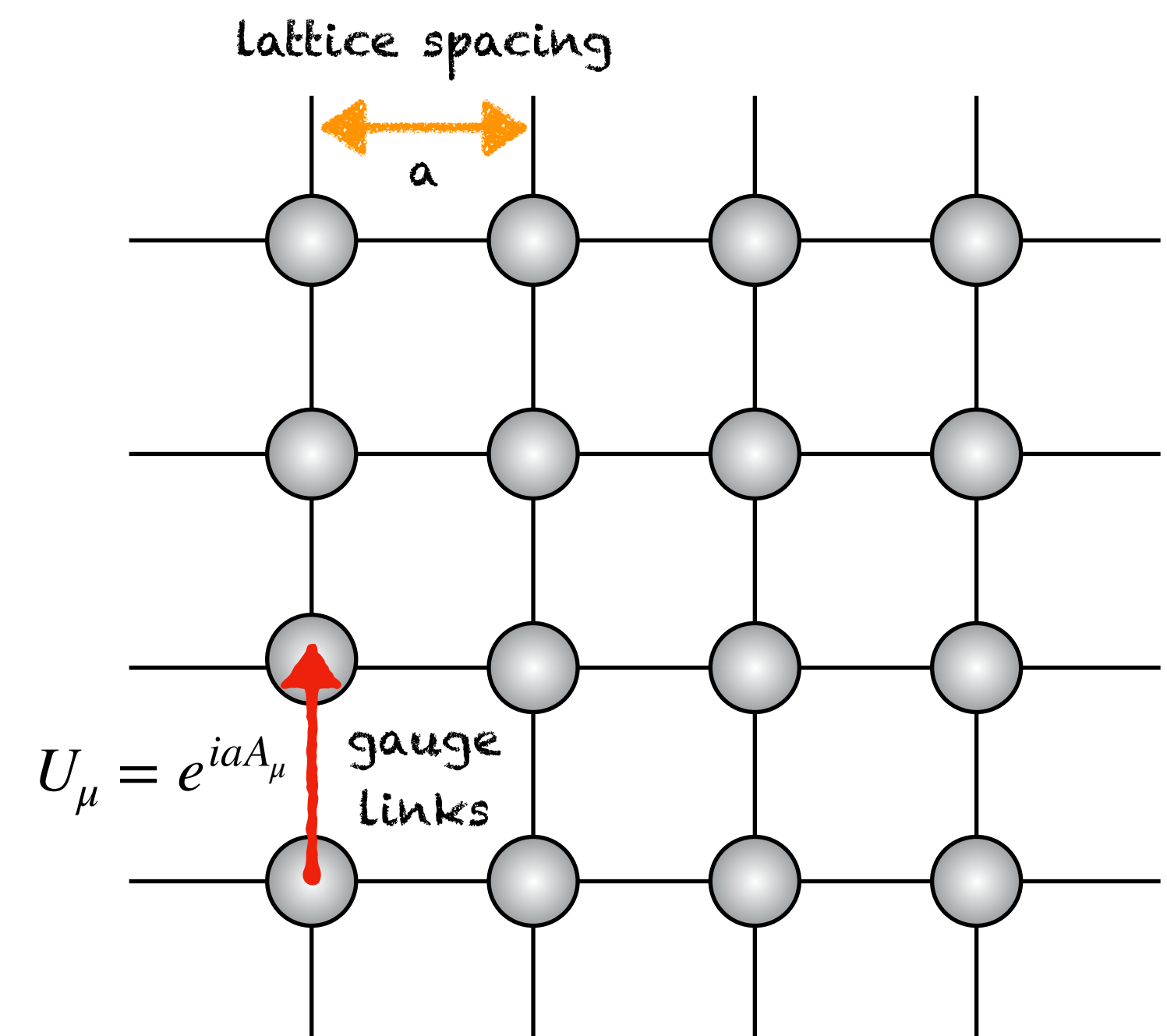
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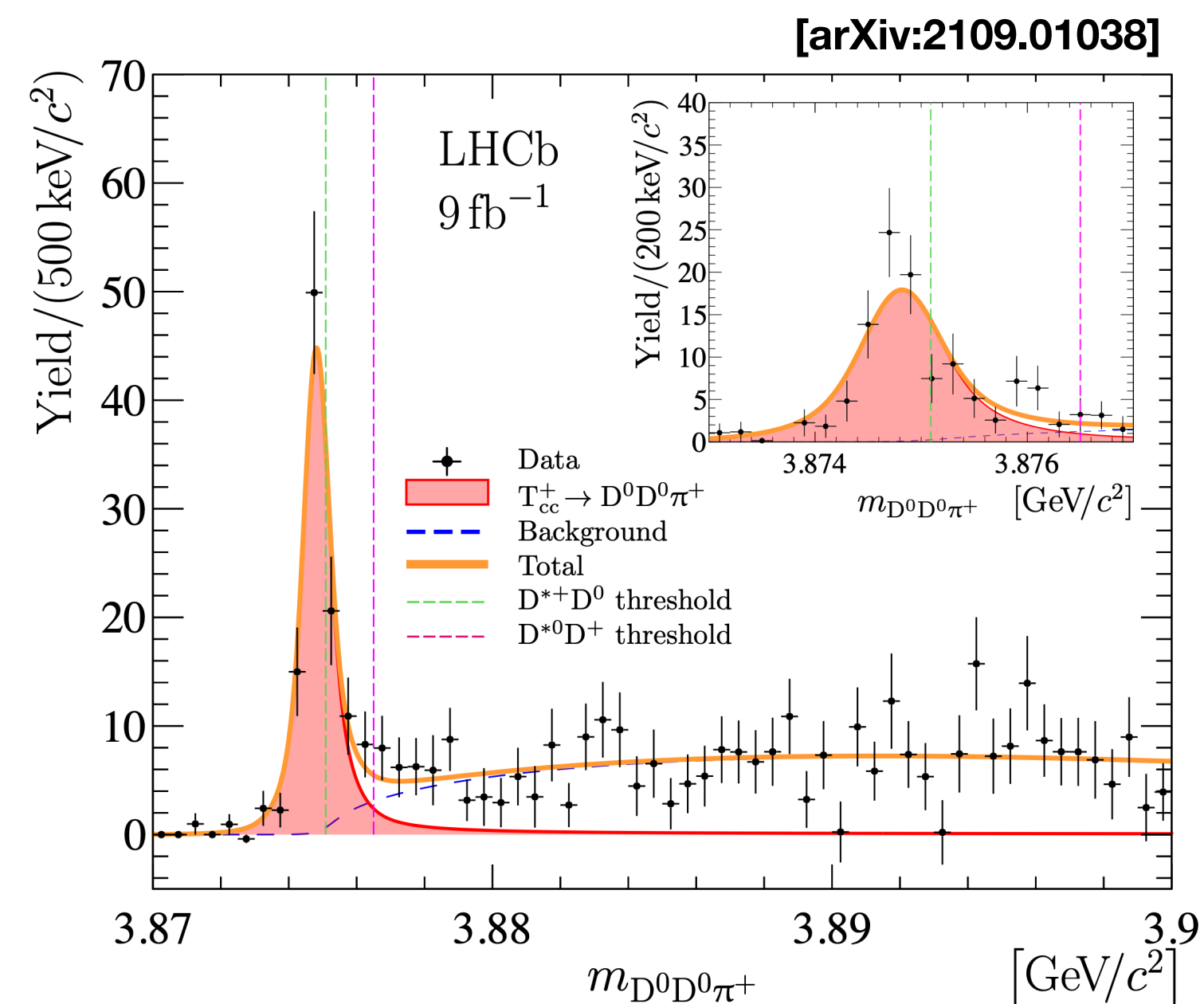
Yes, but not that simple!



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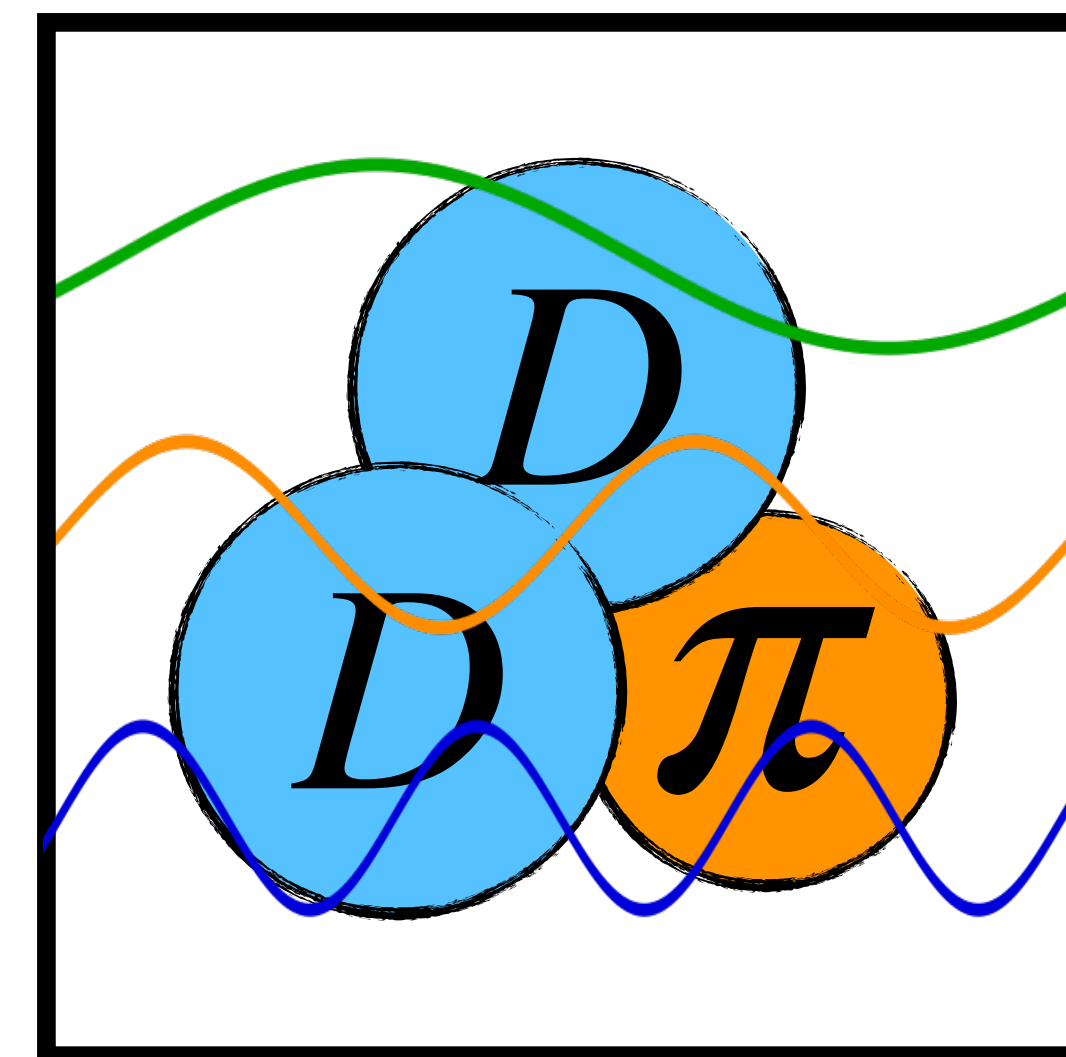
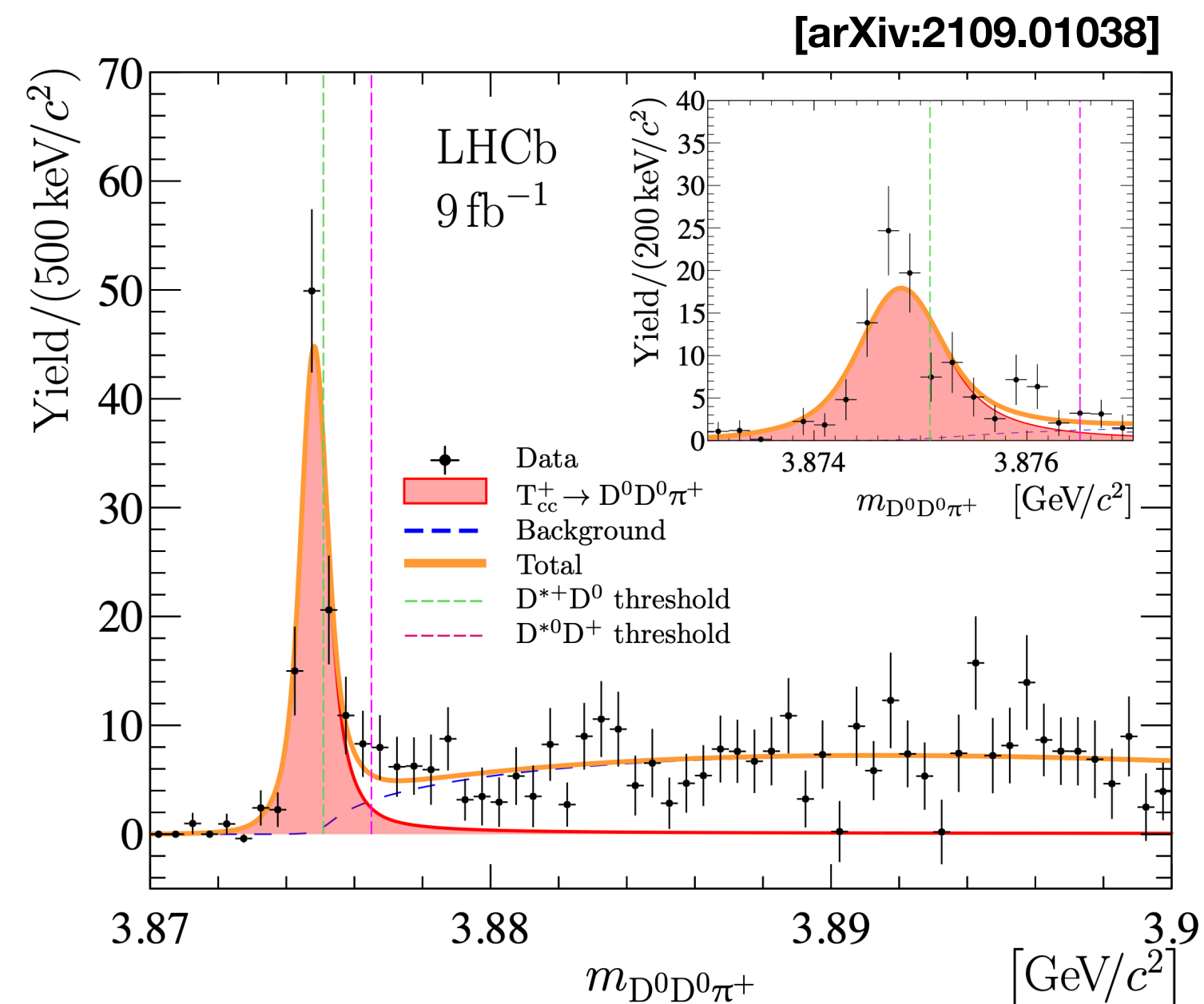
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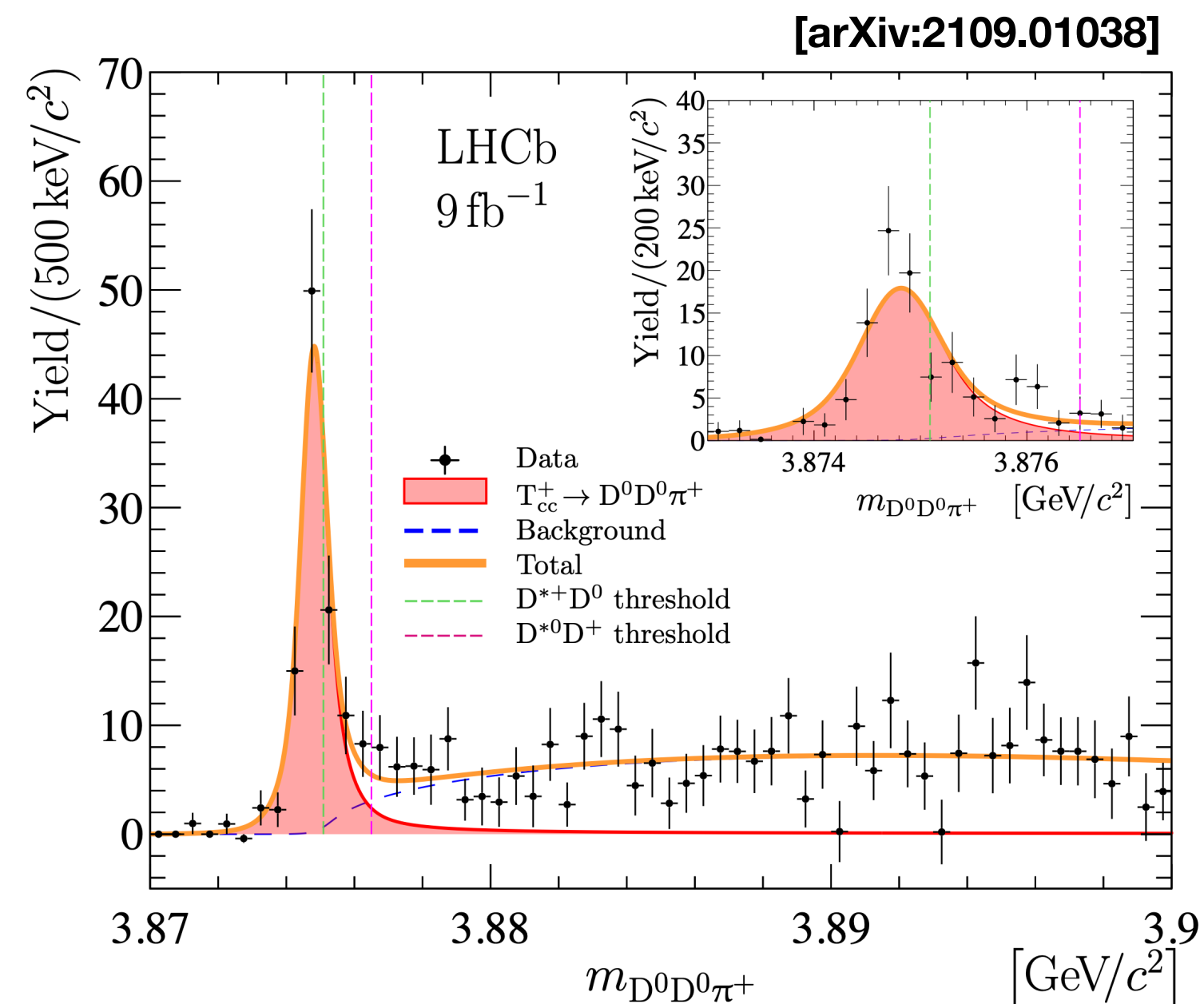
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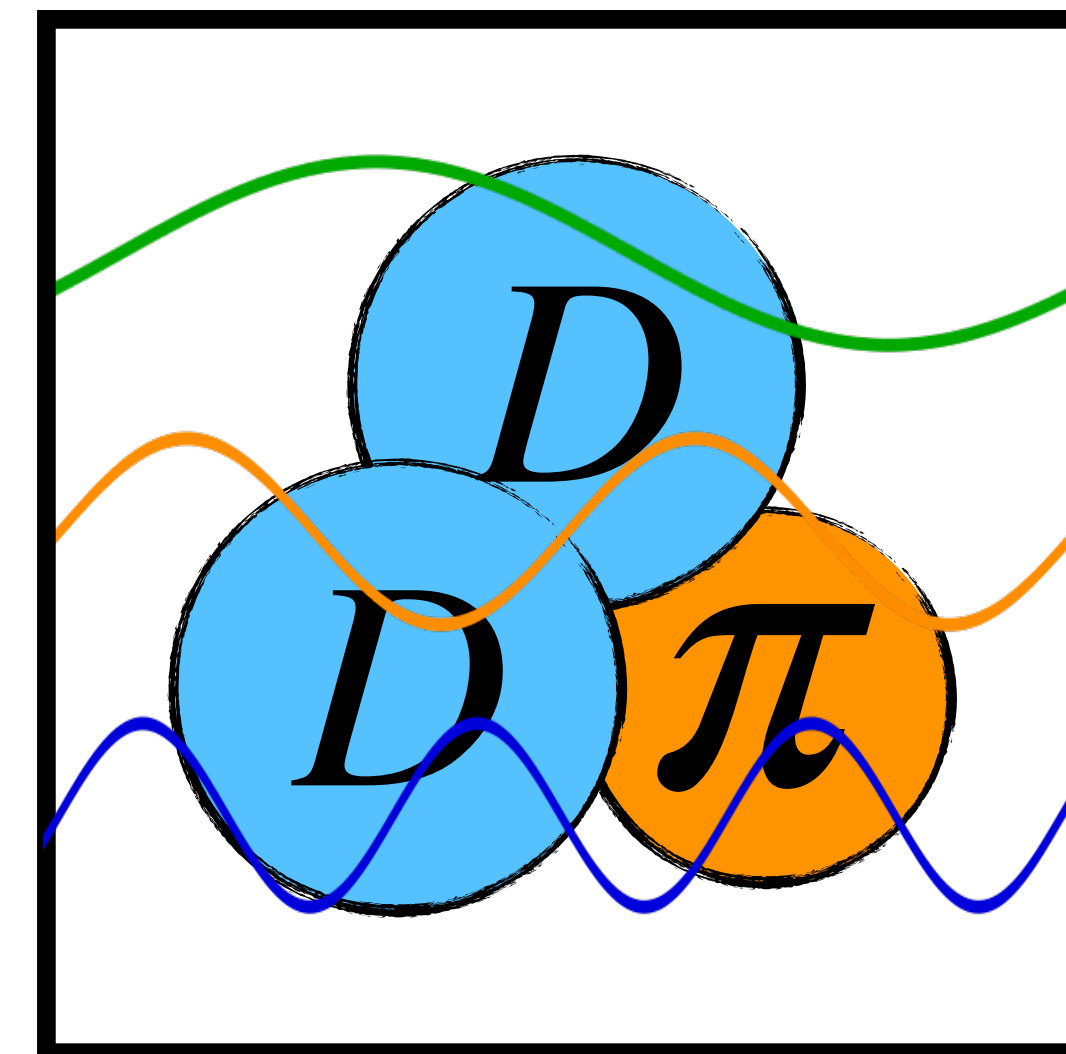
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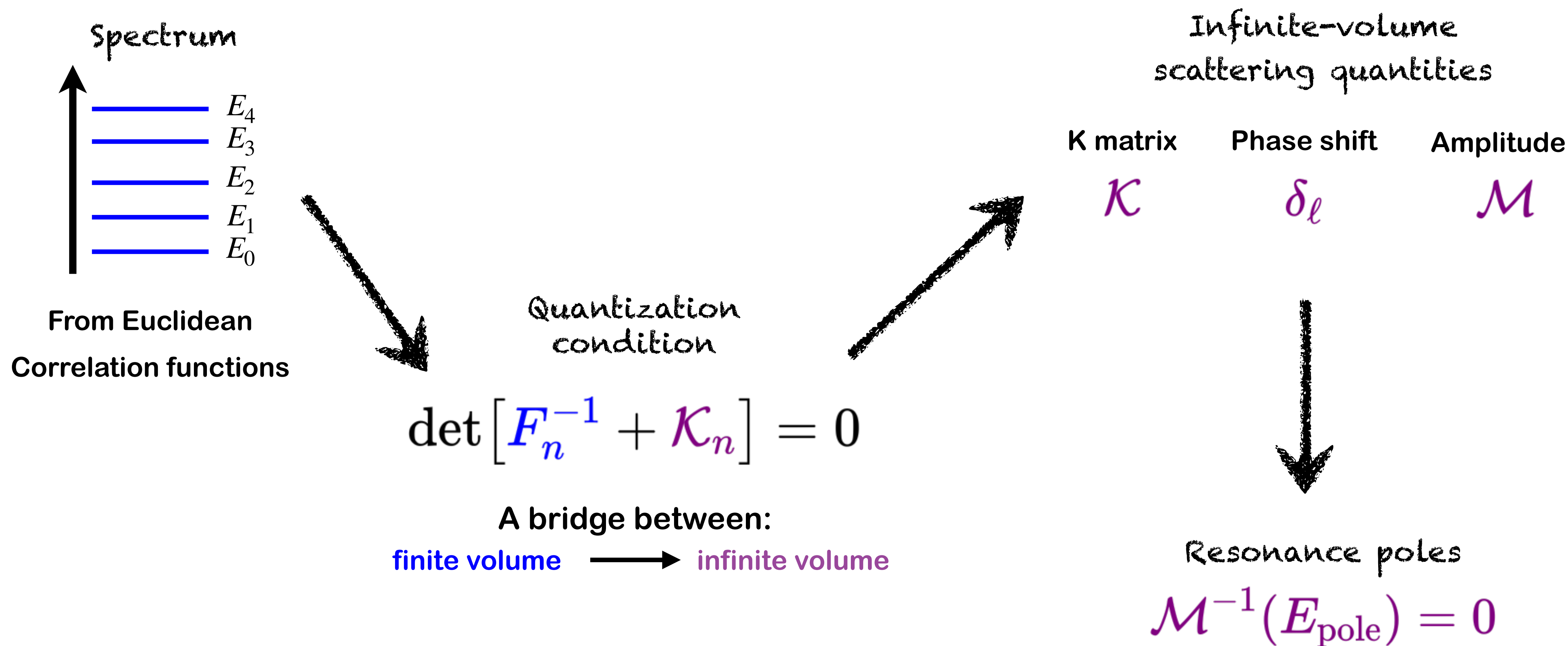
Finite-volume formalism?  
[Lüscher, 1986]

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Need to include 3-body effects!



# The general strategy



# Outline

1. Three-particles in a finite volume
2. Finite-volume formalism for the  $T_{cc}$
3. Infinite-volume three-body dynamics of the  $T_{cc}$

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- ☑ Major developments in the three-particle finite-volume formalism

[Hansen, Sharpe, PRD 2014 & 2015], [Hammer, Pang, Rusetsky, JHEP 2017] x 2

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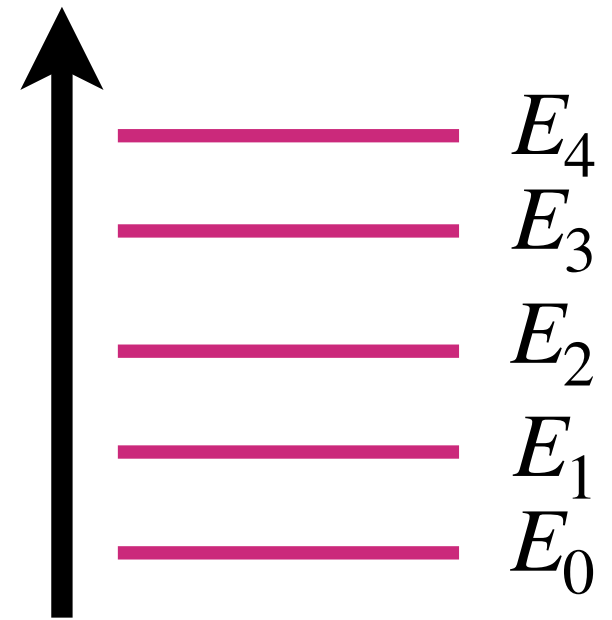
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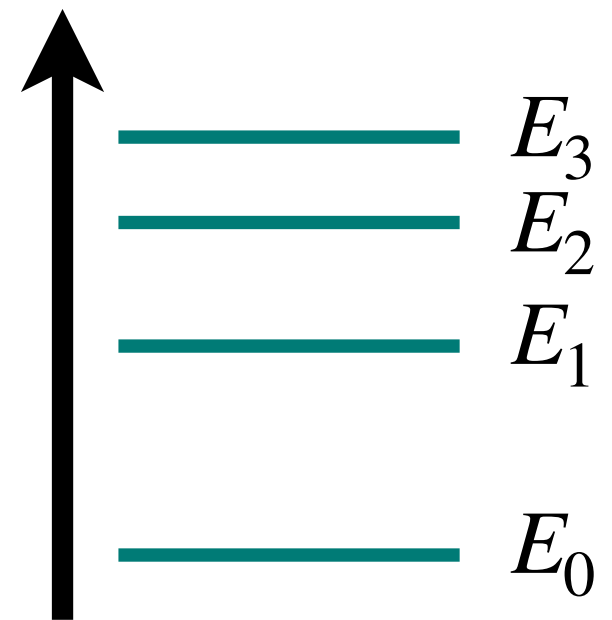
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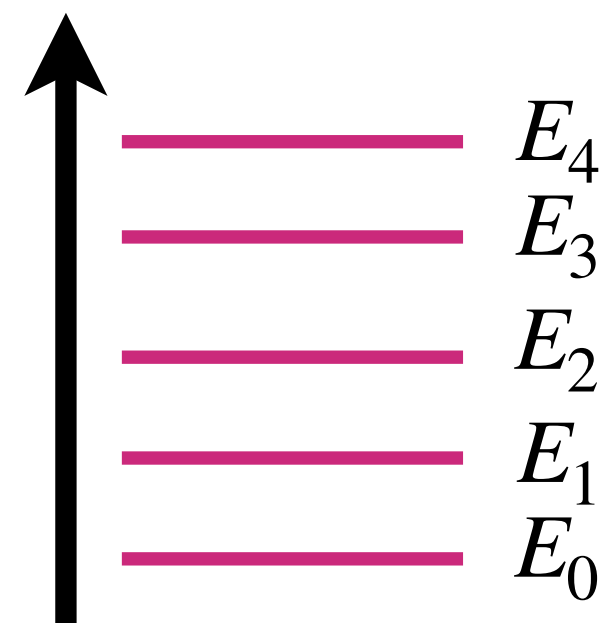




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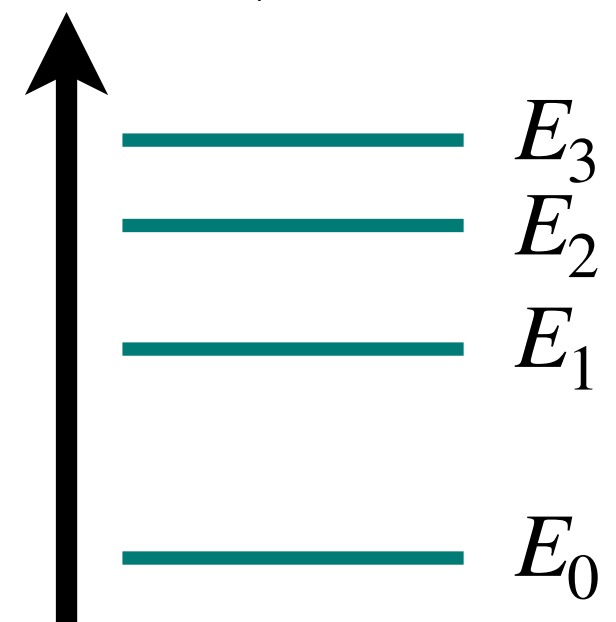
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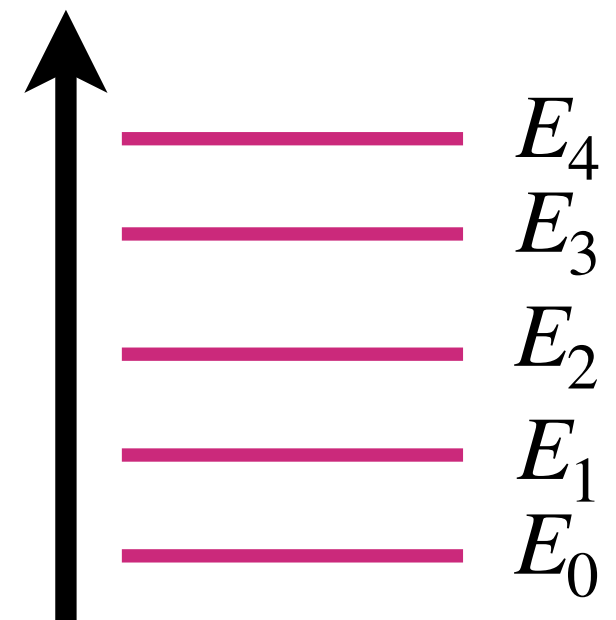
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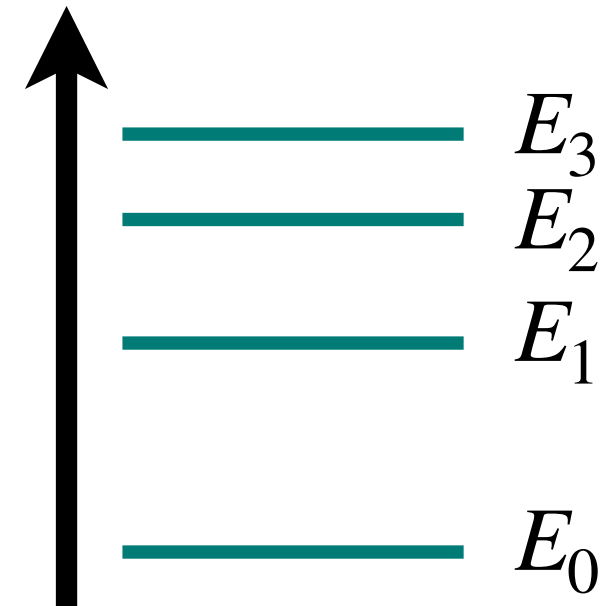


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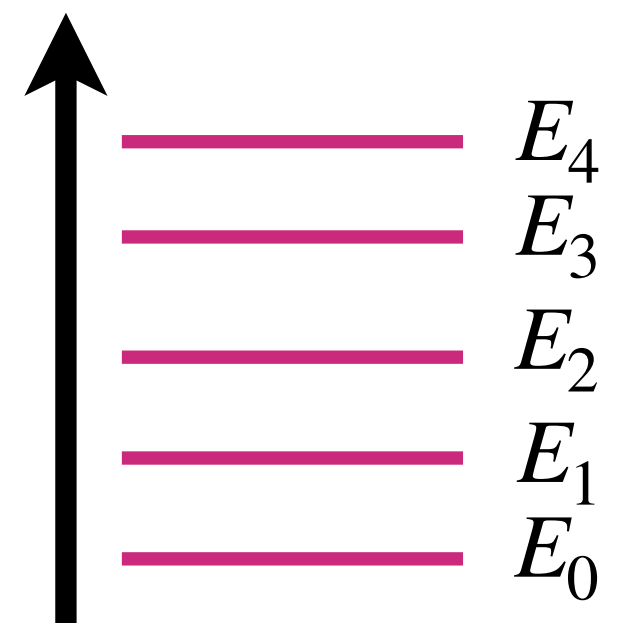
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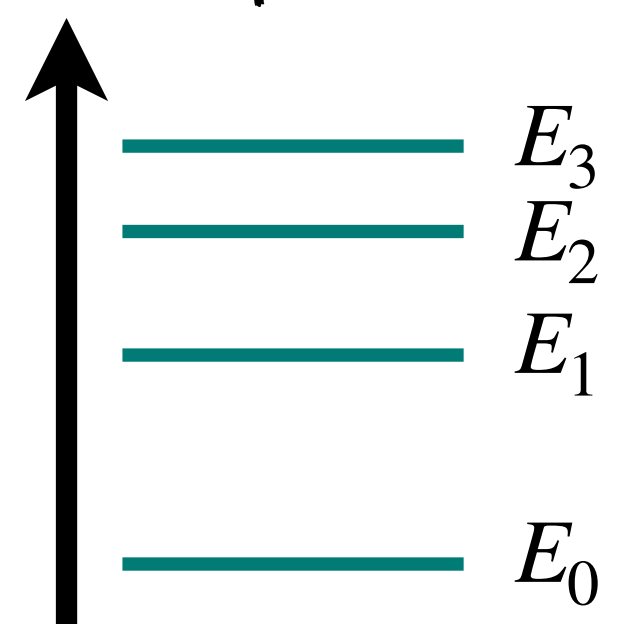
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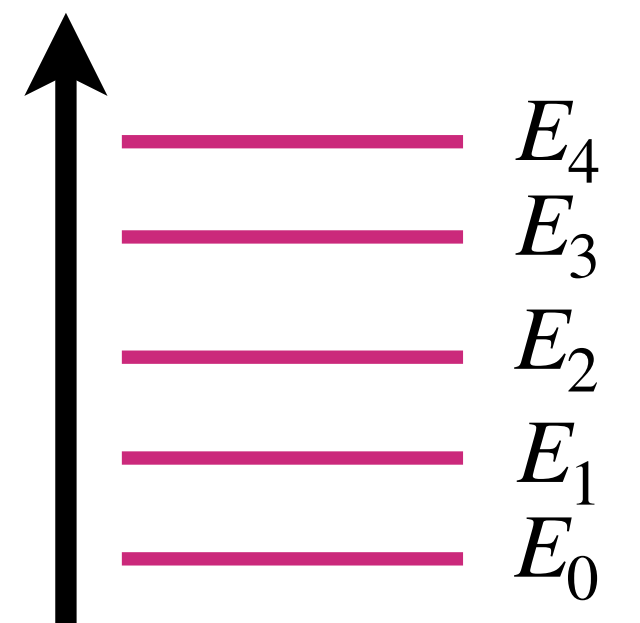
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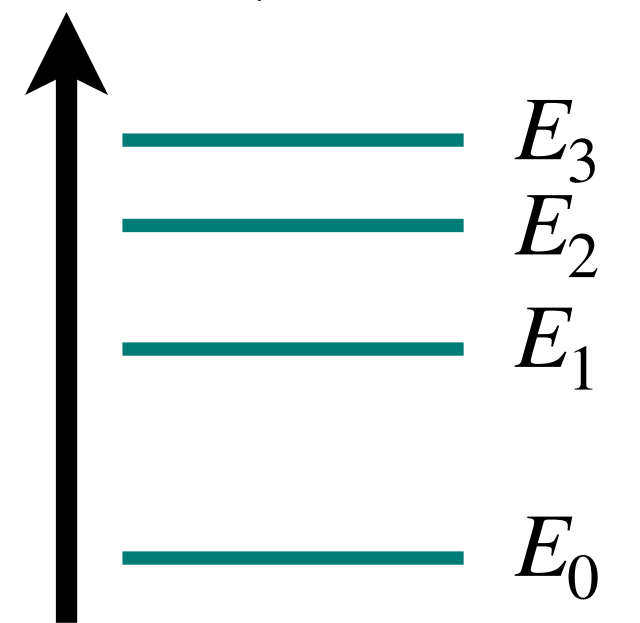
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resonance properties

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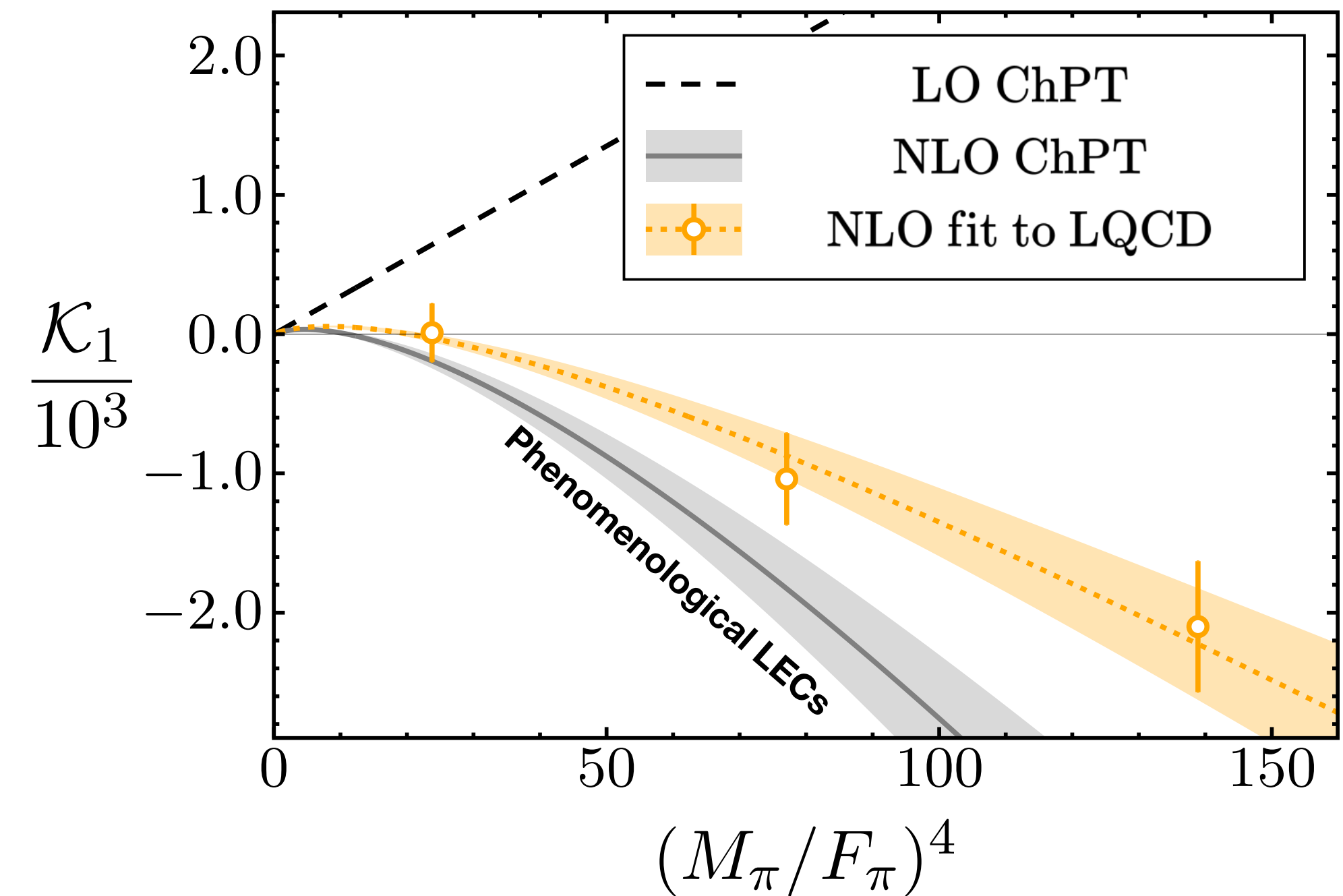
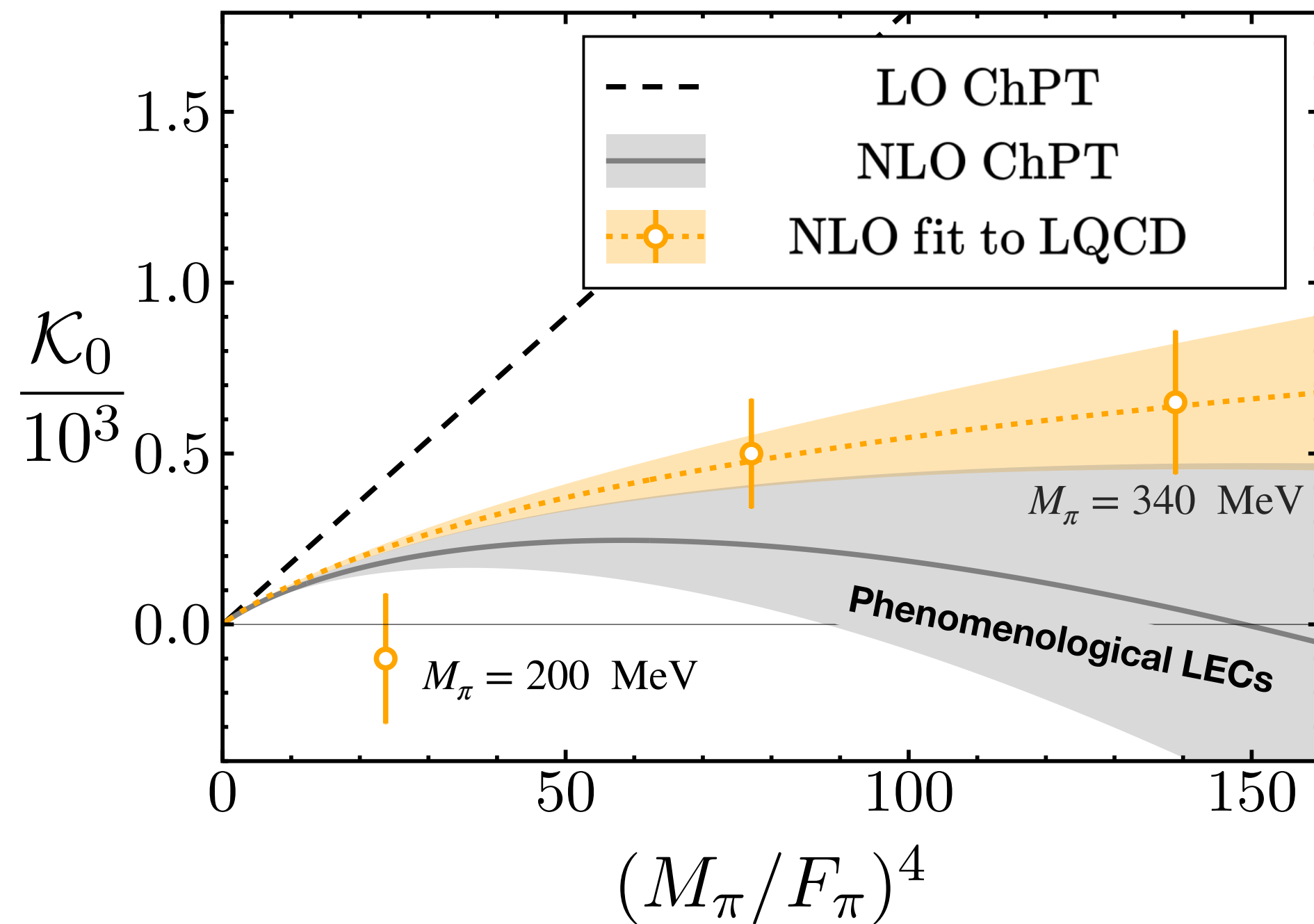
Example:  $\pi^+\pi^+\pi^+$  scattering

Lattice data: [Blanton, Hanlon, Hörz, Morningstar, [FRL](#), Sharpe, JHEP 2021]

NLO ChPT: [Baeza-Ballesteros, Bijens, Husek, [FRL](#), Sharpe, Sjö, JHEP 2023]

parametrized by the three-particle K-matrix

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# Nondegenerate systems

- Relevant three-body systems involve nonidentical particles



$$T_{cc} \rightarrow DD\pi$$

- First step: RFT formalism for three different scalars

[Blanton, Sharpe, PRD 2021] x 2, [Hansen, FRL, Sharpe, JHEP 2021]

e.g.  $\pi^+\pi^0\pi^-$ ,  $K^+K^+\pi^+$ ,  $D_s^+D^0\pi^-$

$$\det_{k,\ell,m,\mathbf{f}} [1 - \mathbf{K}_{df,3}(E^*)\mathbf{F}_3(E, \mathbf{P}, L)] = 0$$

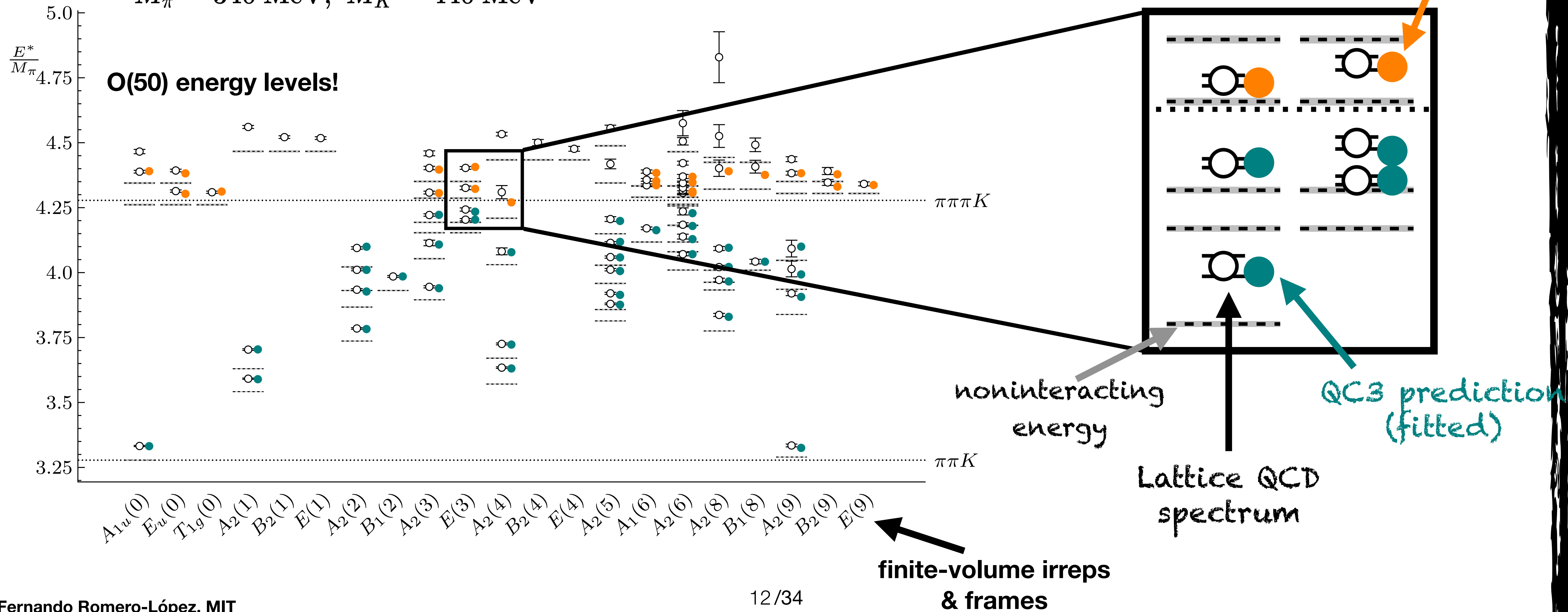
Implementation: [github.com/ferolo2/QC3](https://github.com/ferolo2/QC3) release

determinant runs over an additional “flavor” index

# $\pi^+\pi^+K^+$ Lattice QCD spectrum

$\pi\pi K$ , N203,  $a \simeq 0.063$  fm

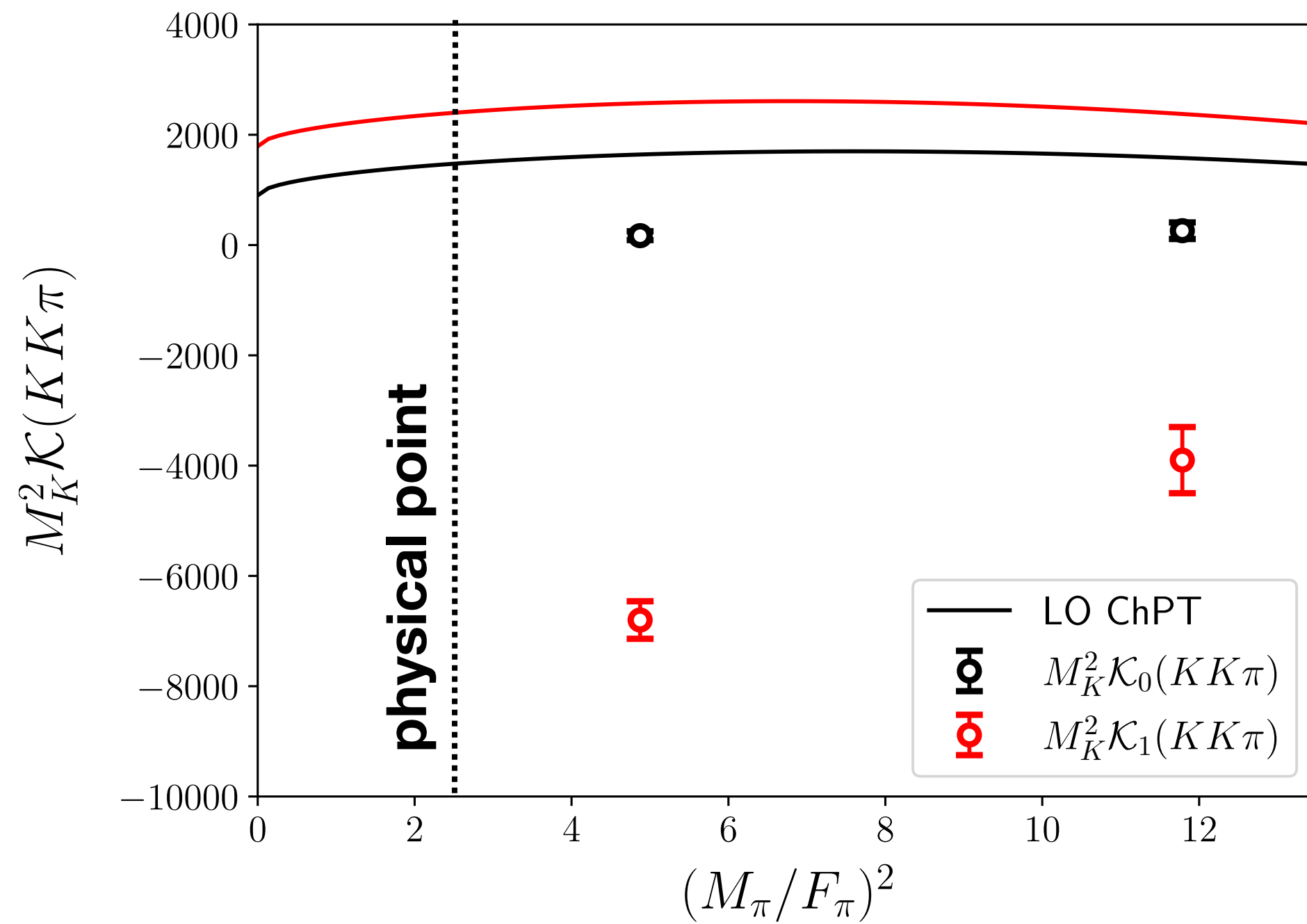
$M_\pi = 340$  MeV,  $M_K = 440$  MeV



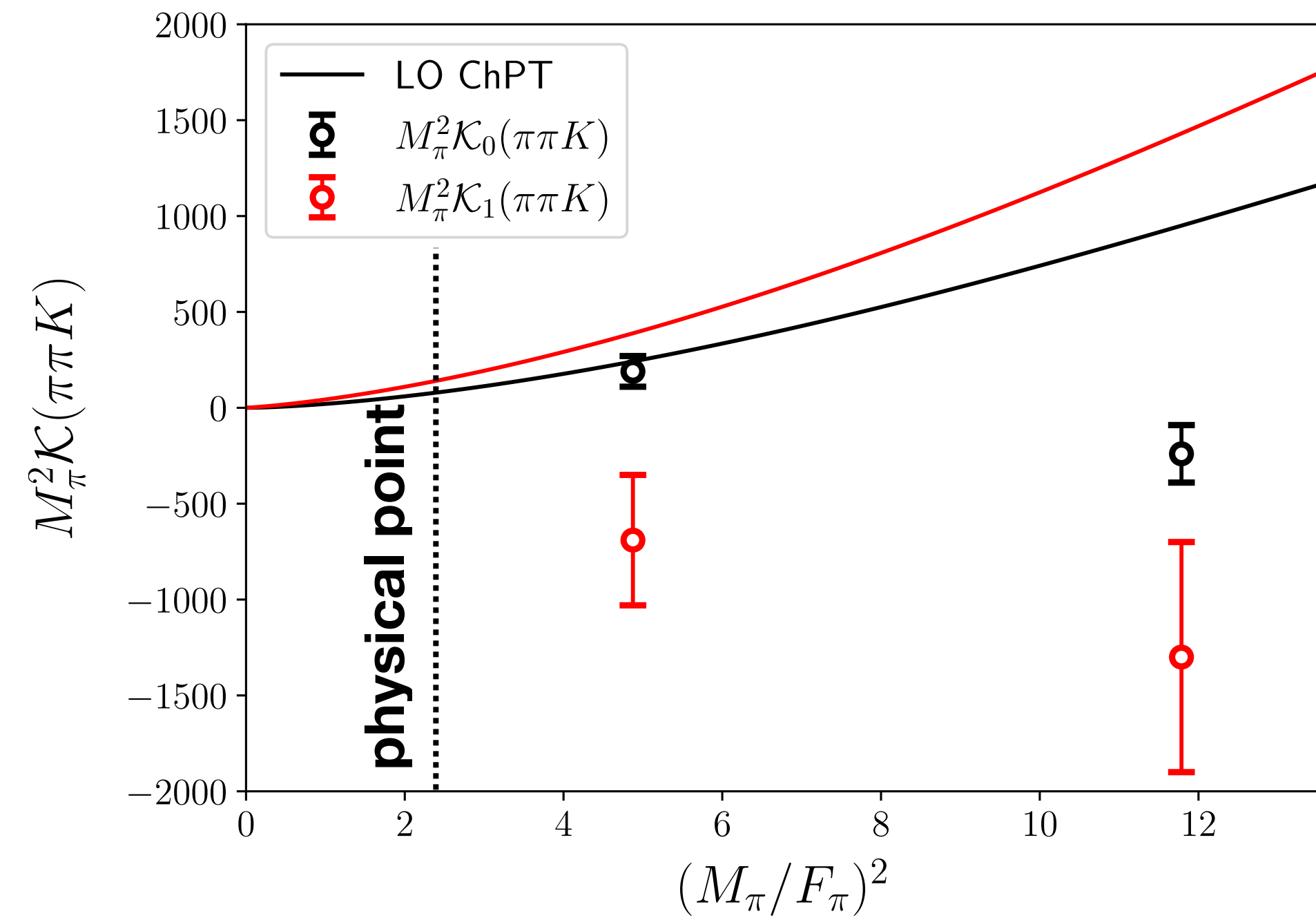


# Selected $K_{df,3}$ results

$$\mathcal{K}_{df,3} = \mathcal{K}_0 + \mathcal{K}_1 \left( \frac{s - s_{th}}{s_{th}} \right) + \dots$$



► Statistically significant different from zero



► Disagreement with LO ChPT. **NLO effects?**

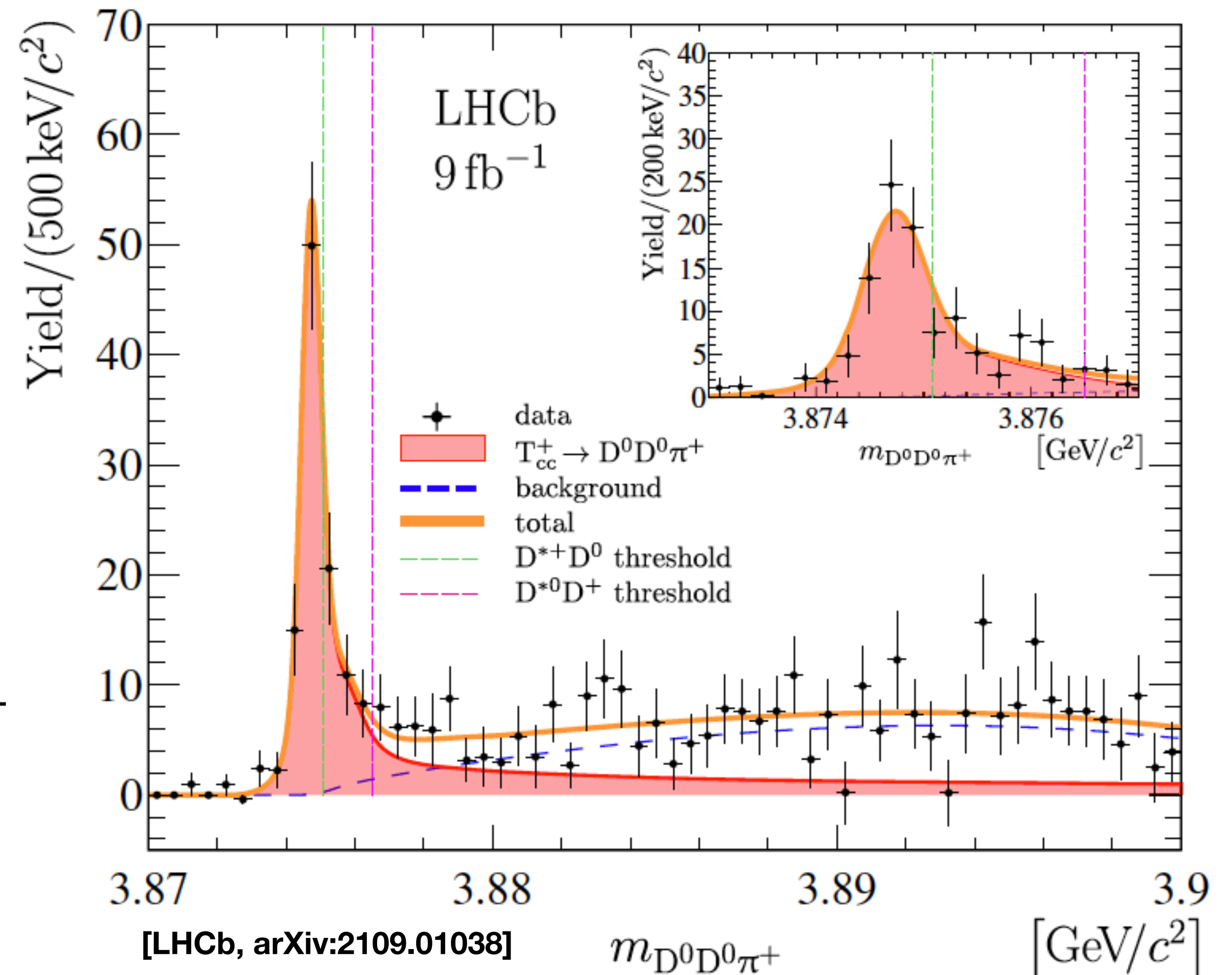
Finite-volume  
formalism for the Tcc

# Doubly-charmed tetraquark

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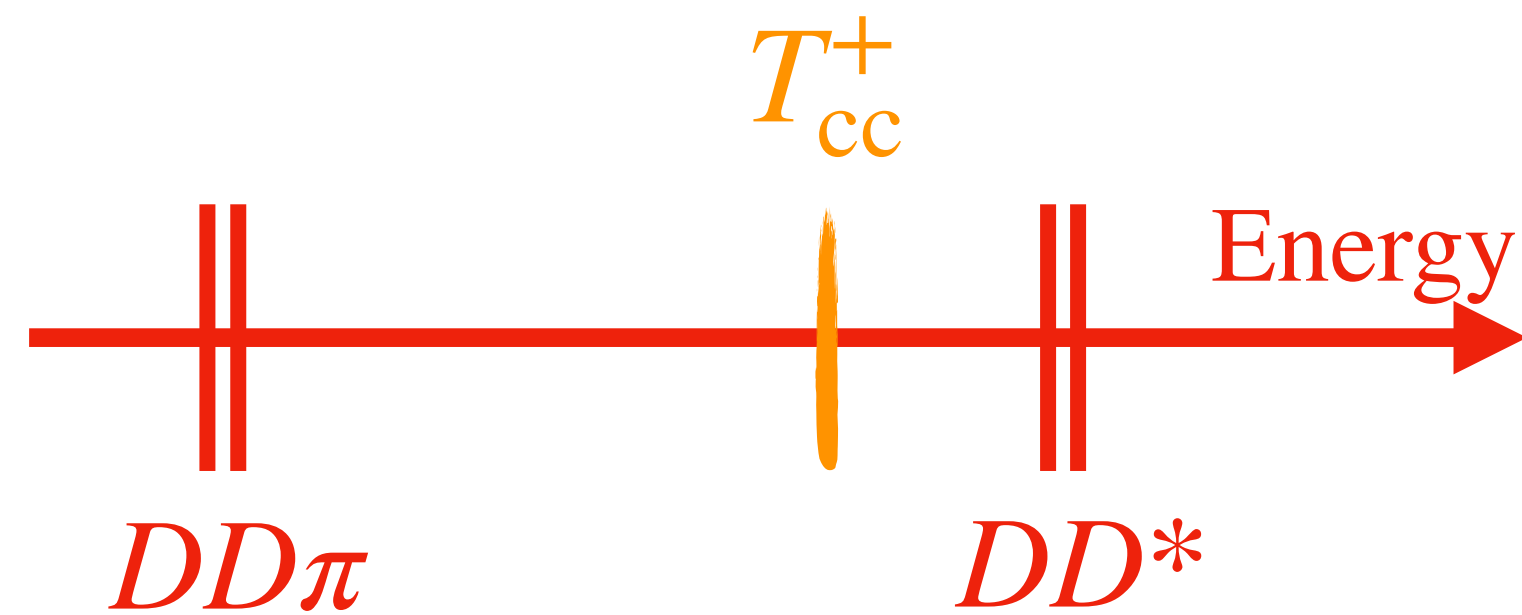
Incorporating  $DD\pi$  effects and left-hand cuts in  
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Maxwell T. Hansen<sup>a</sup>, Fernando Romero-López<sup>b</sup>, and Stephen R. Sharpe<sup>c</sup>  
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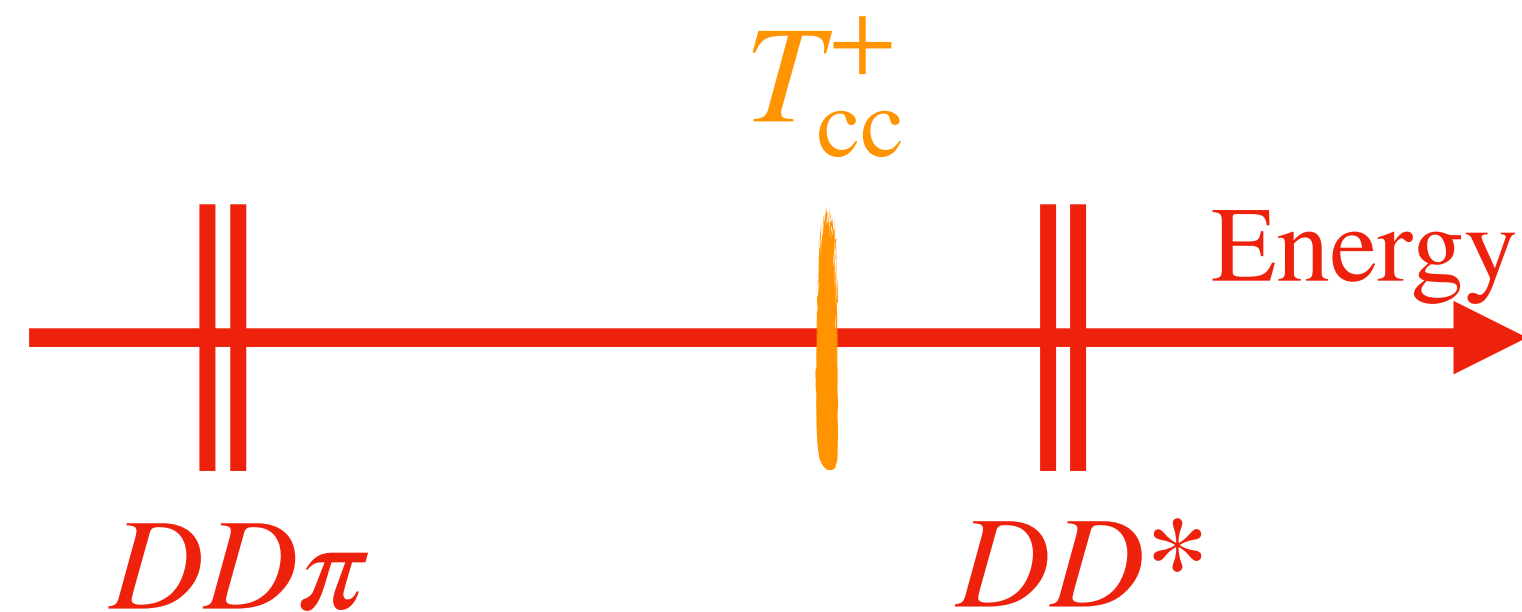
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$N_f=2+1+1$  QCD  
(heavier quarks)  $T_{cc}^+?$



► Stable  $D^*$  at slightly heavier-than-physical quark masses

$$T_{cc} \rightarrow DD^*?$$

suitable for the two-body Lüscher formalism?

# D-D\* scattering

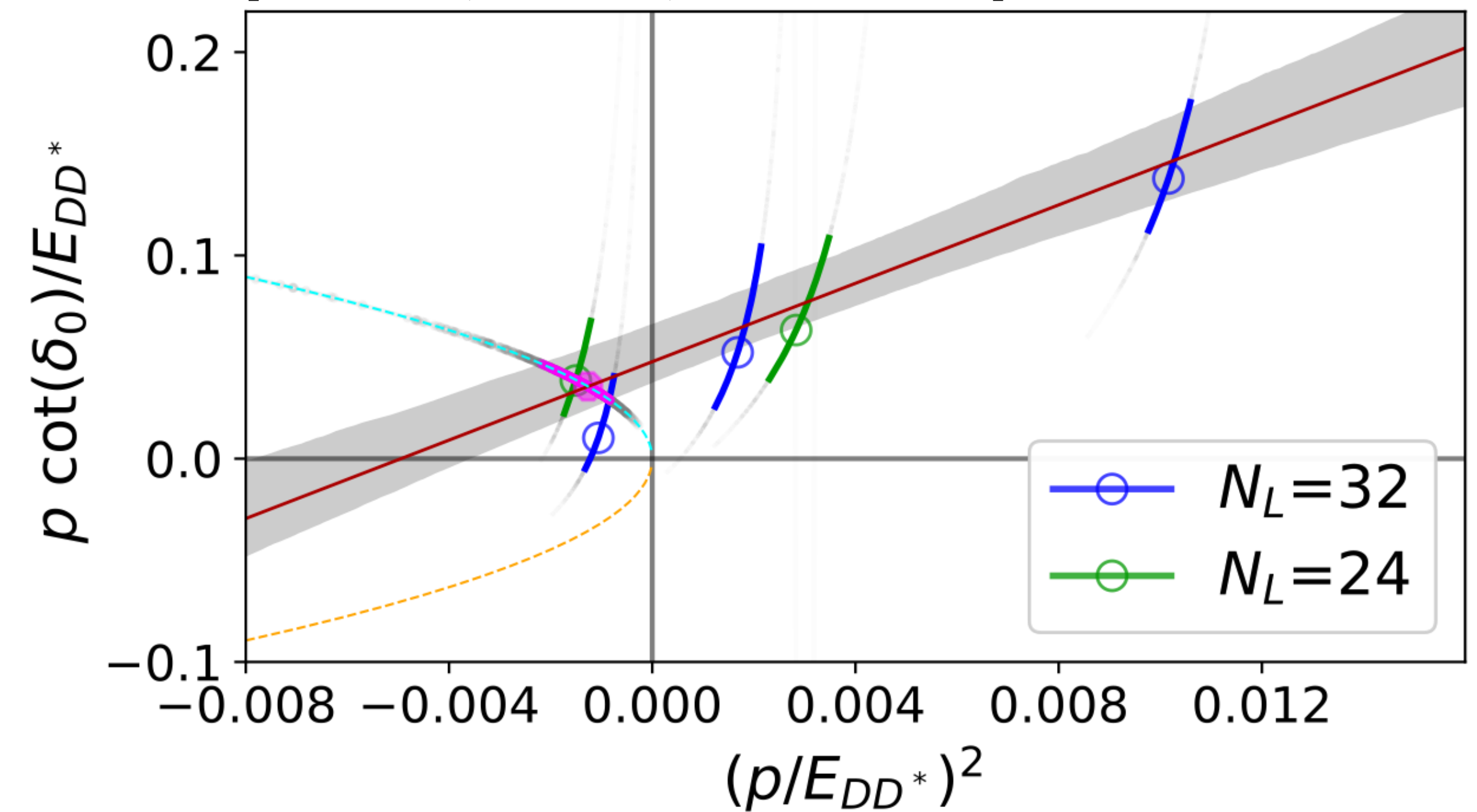
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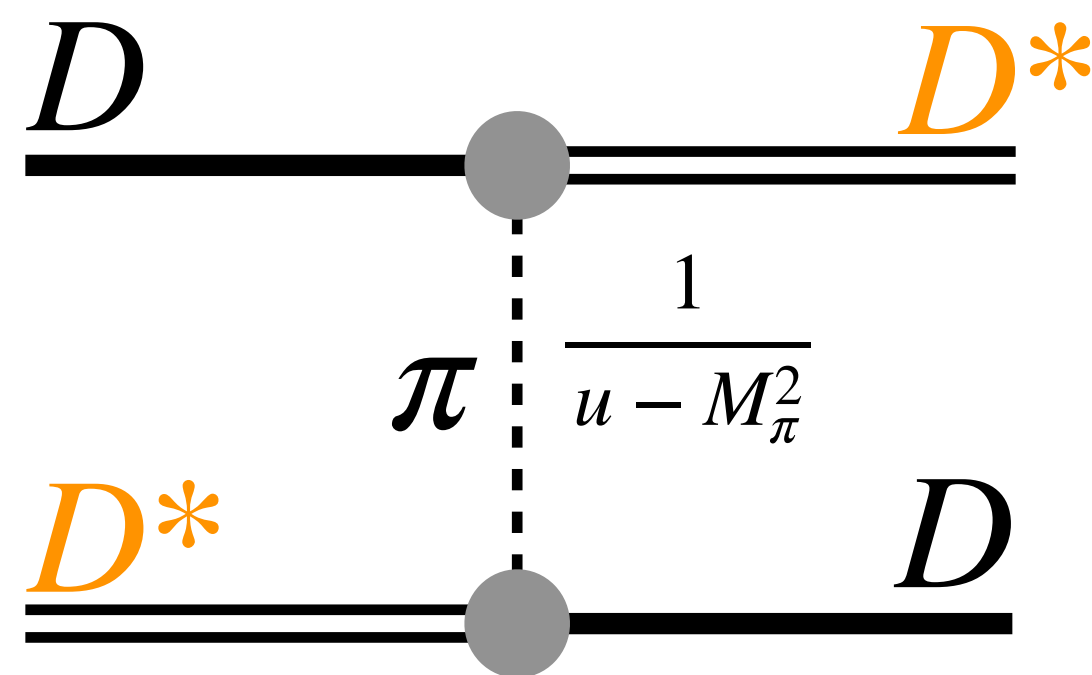
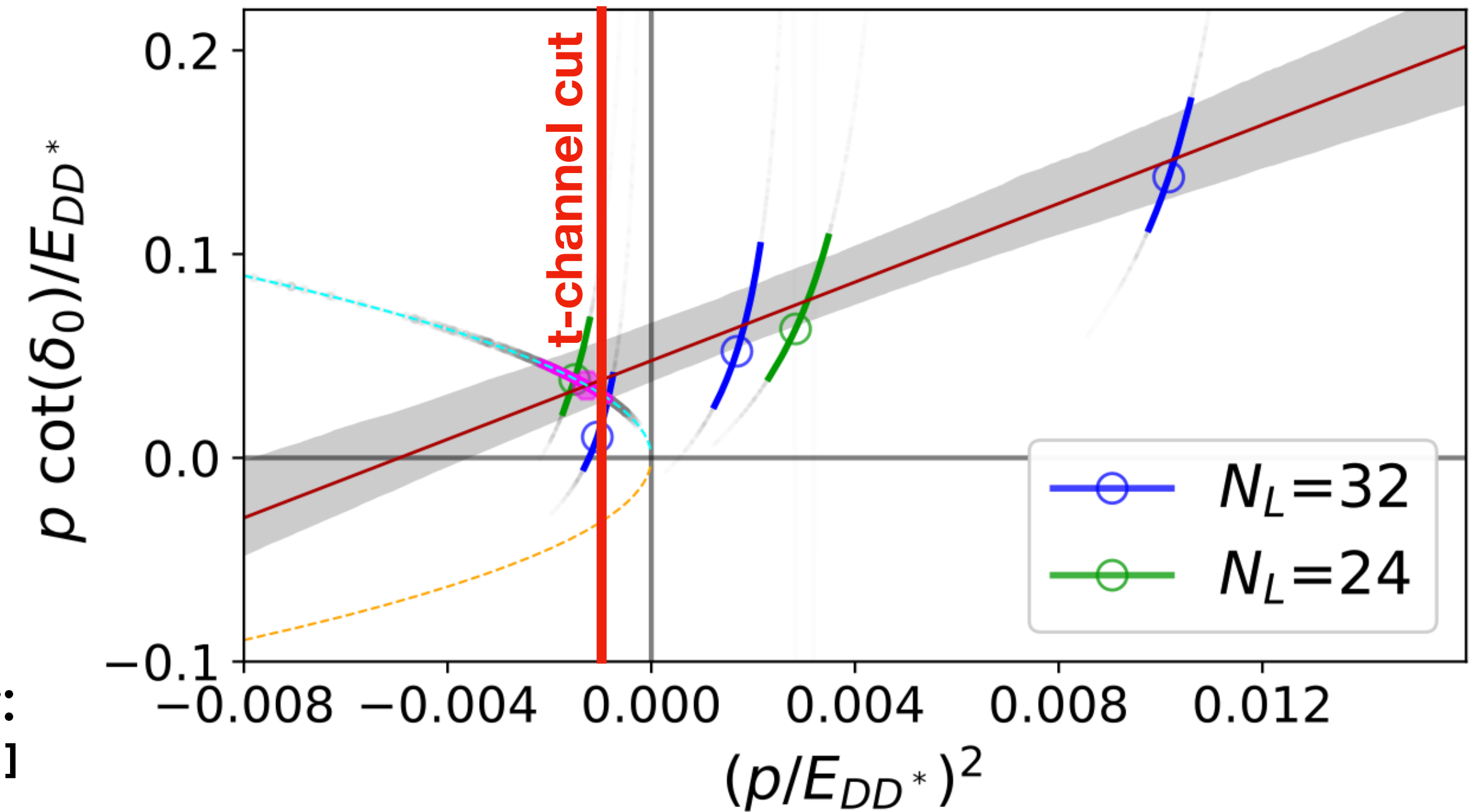
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- ▶ Signature of virtual bound state?
- ▶ But two-particle formalism breaks down  
i.e. complex phase shift

! one-pion exchange creates non analytic behavior:  
see also [Du et al, 2303.09441]

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$$u = M_\pi^2, \quad t = 0, \quad s - s_{th} = -M_\pi^2 + (M_D - M_{D^*})^2$$

just 8 MeV below threshold!

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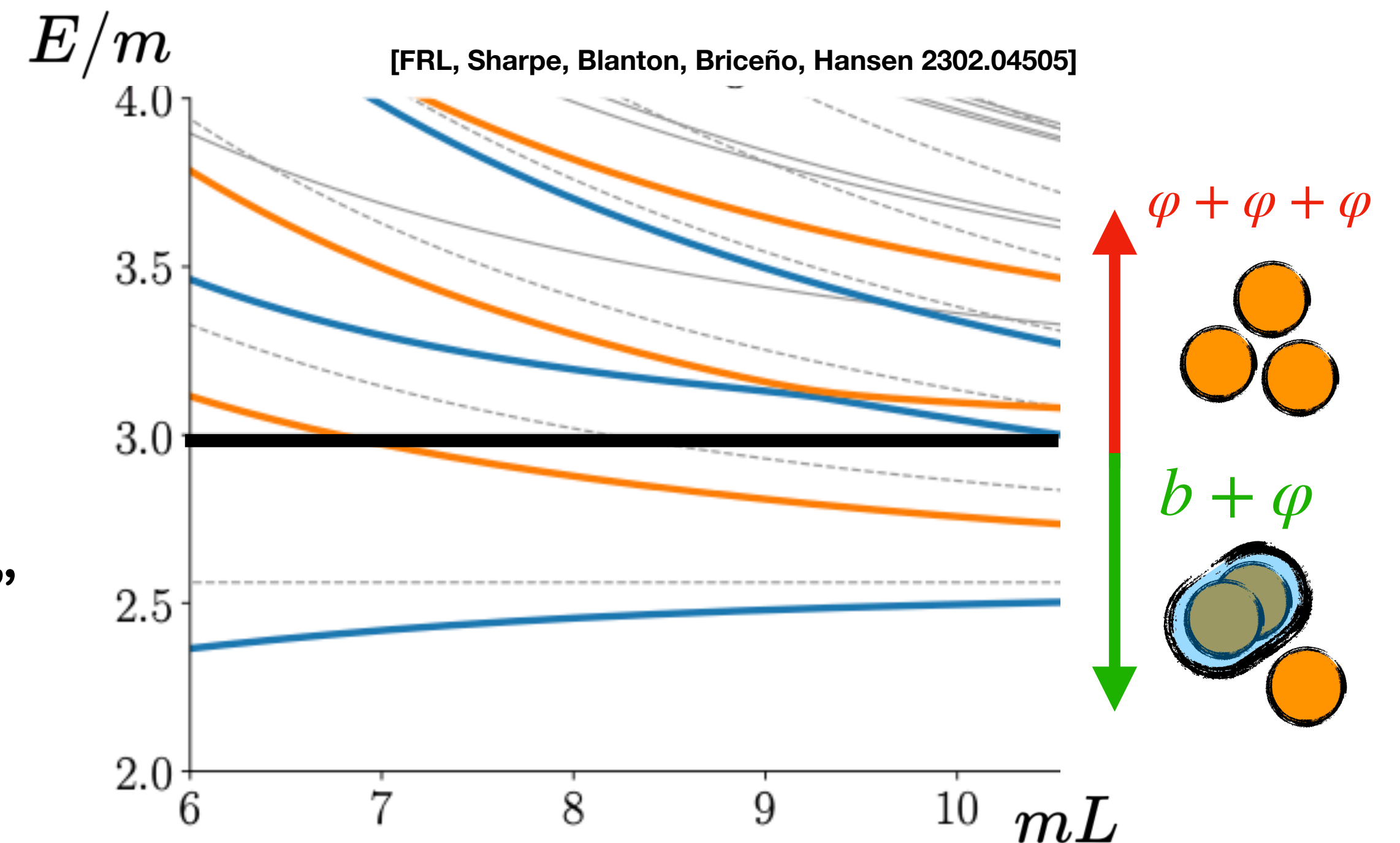
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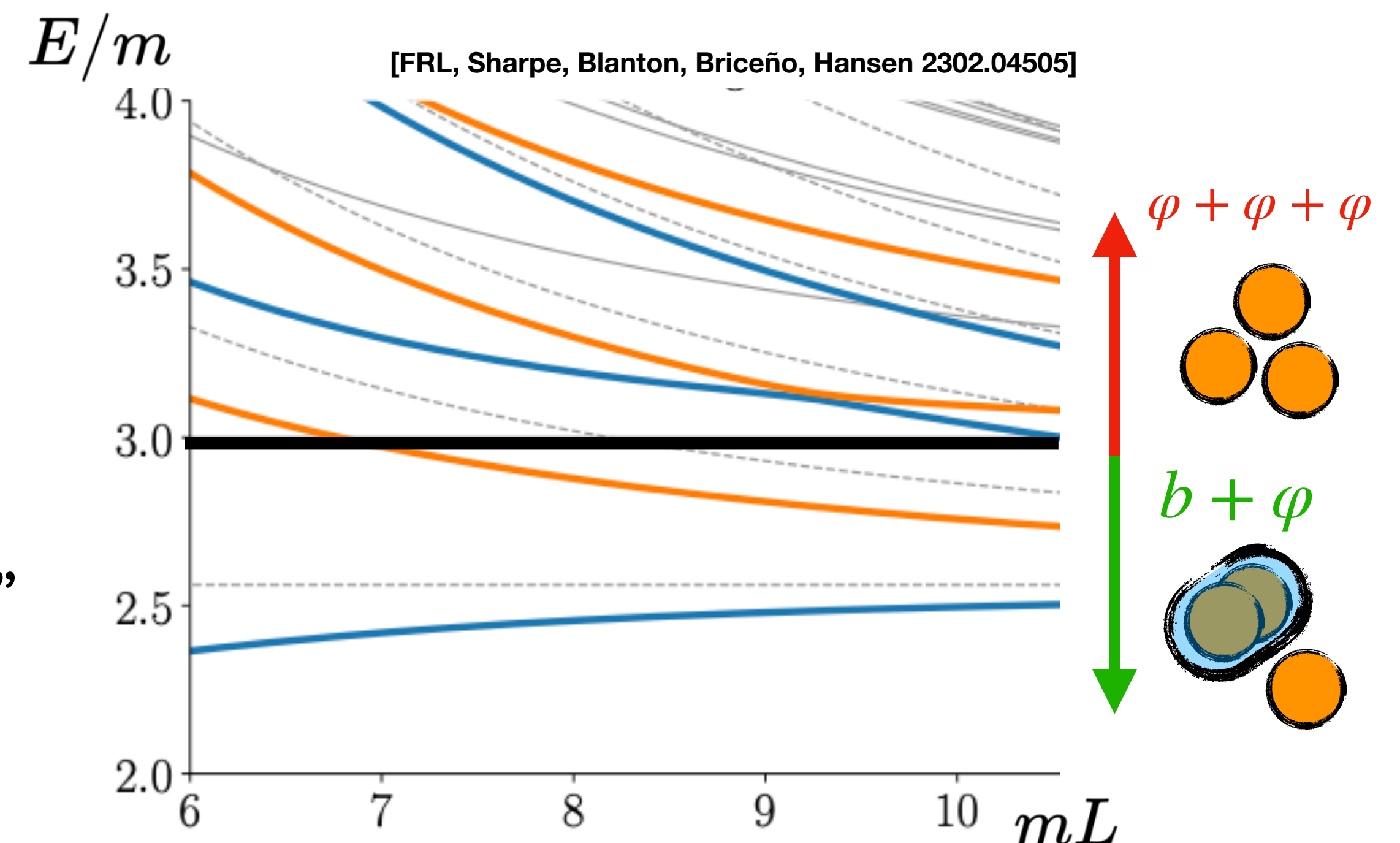
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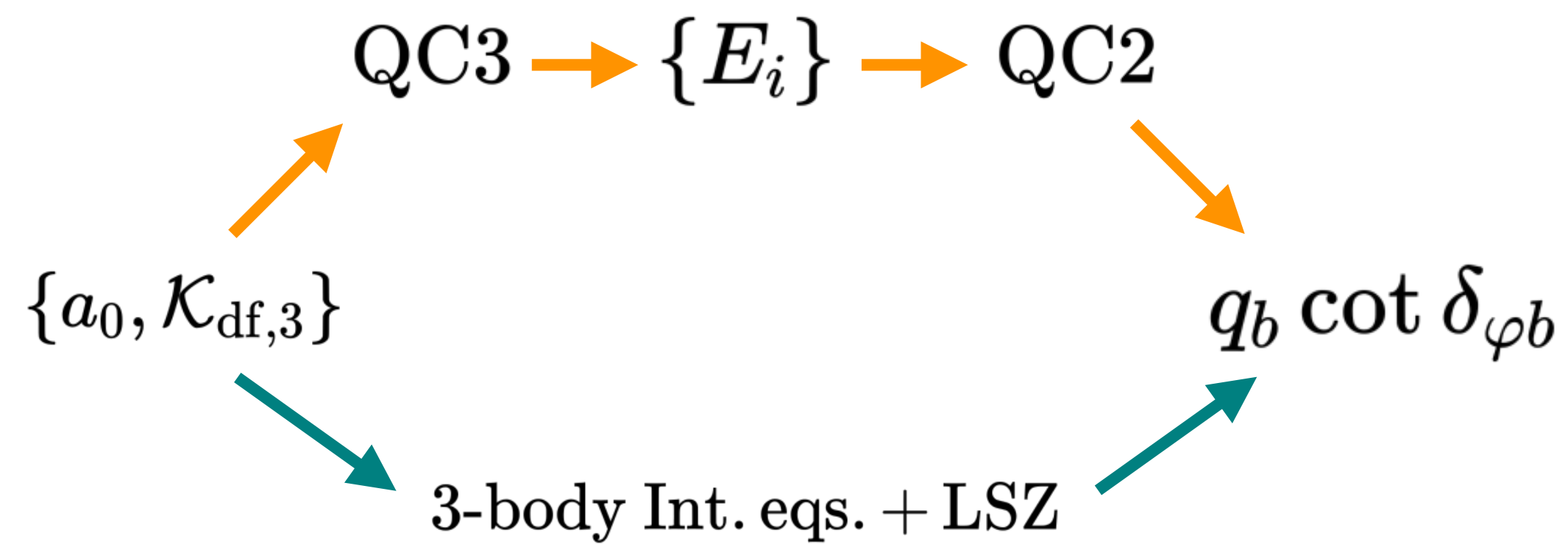
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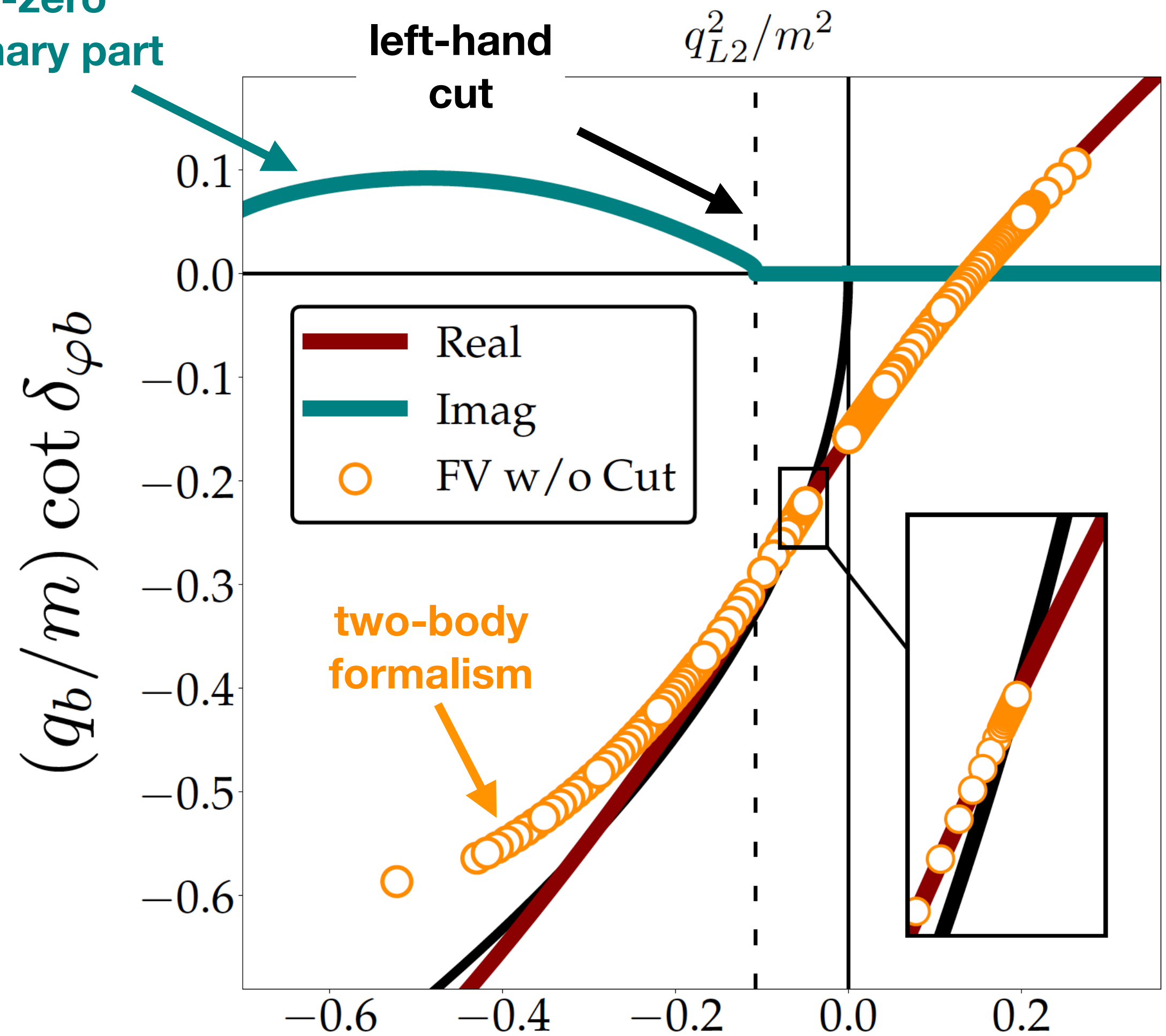
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# The breakdown of QC2

An example of the breakdown of the two-body formalism is obtained by comparing the two- and three-particle formalisms



non-zero  
Imaginary part



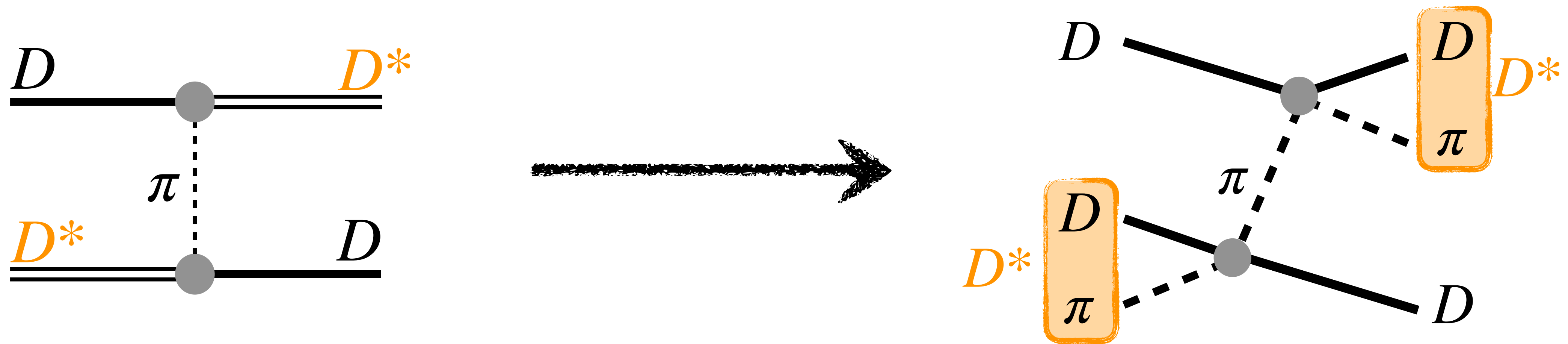
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# Overcoming left-hand cuts

○ How this solves the left-hand cut problem:

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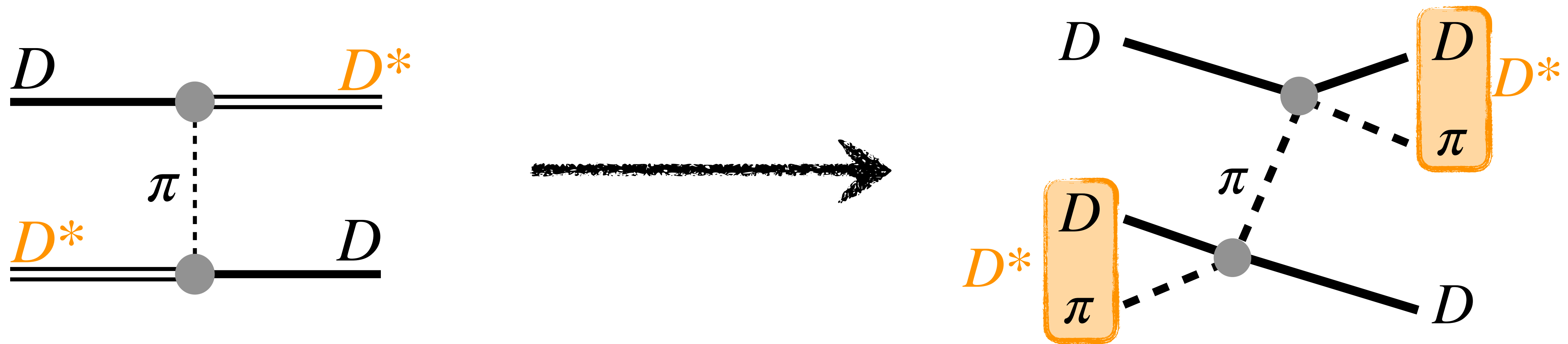


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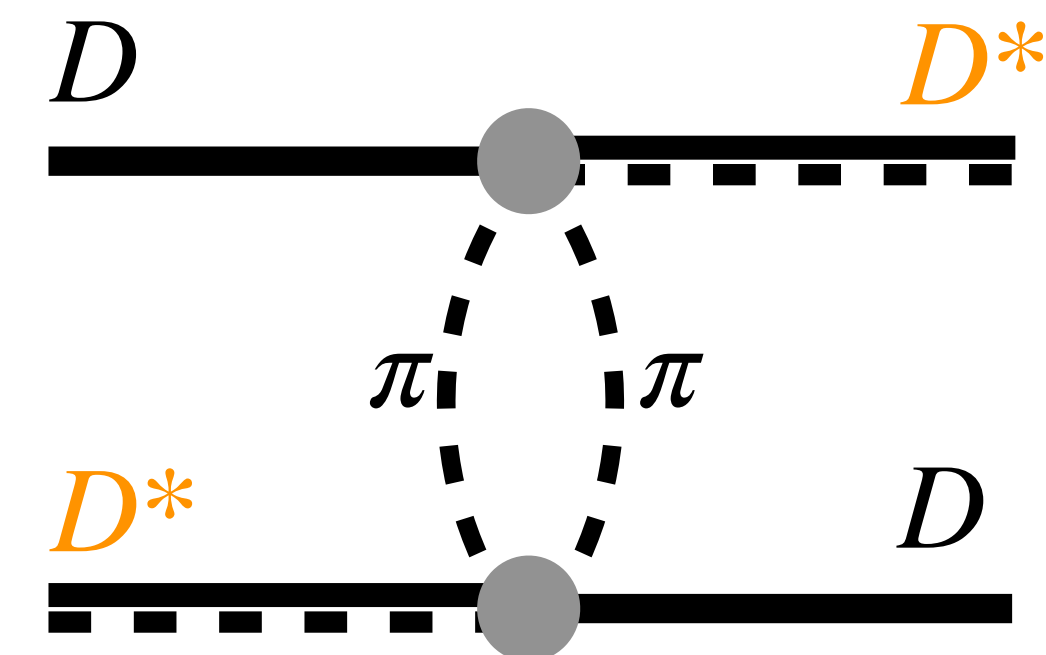
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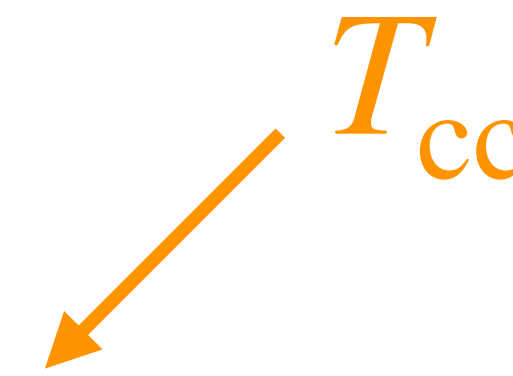
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- Isospin 0 and 2 equations are formally identical to those for  $K^+ K^+ \pi^+$  systems

[Blanton, Sharpe (2105.12094)]

- ▶ Already implemented and tested!

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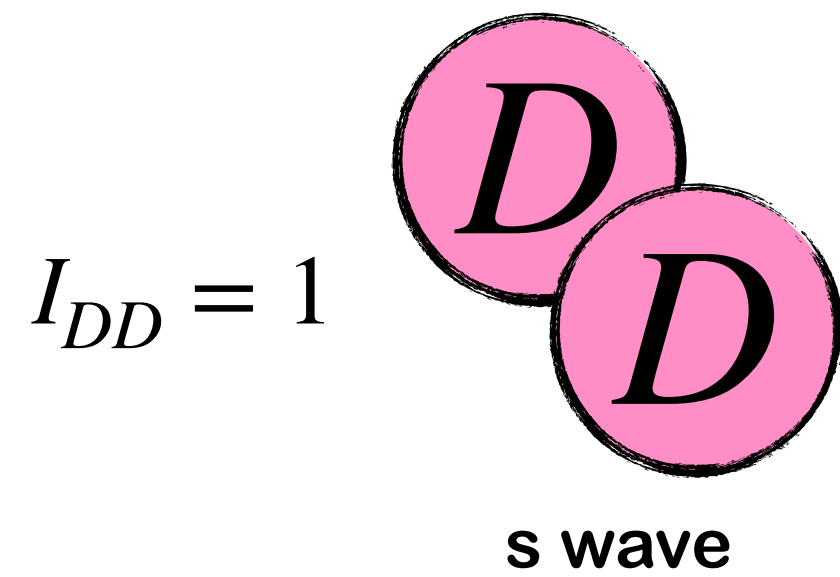
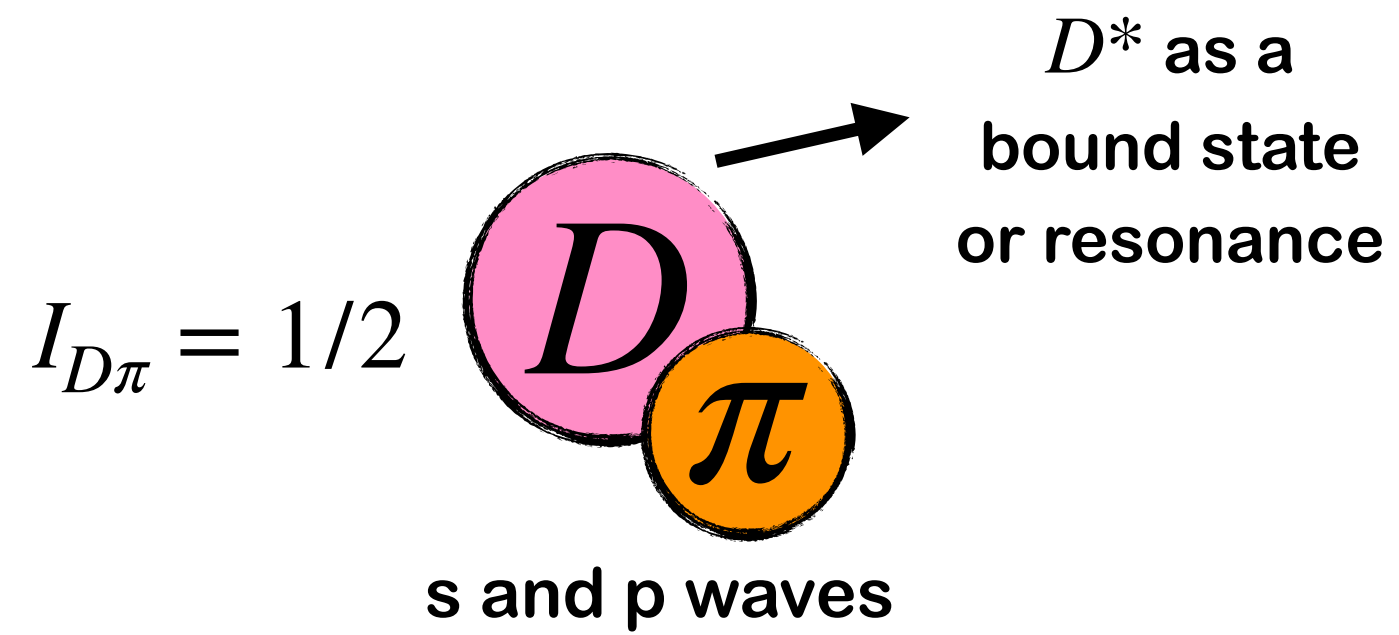
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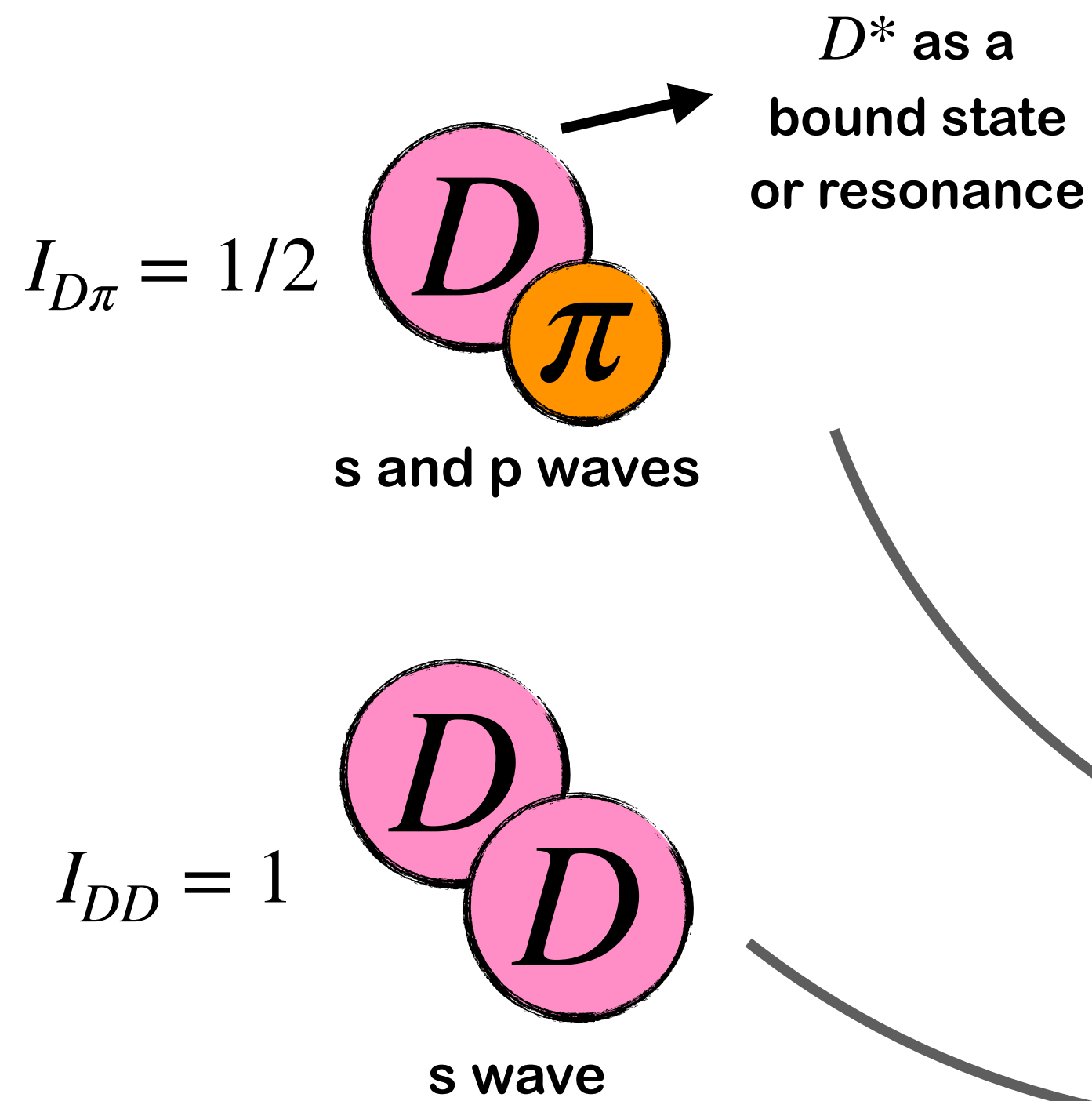




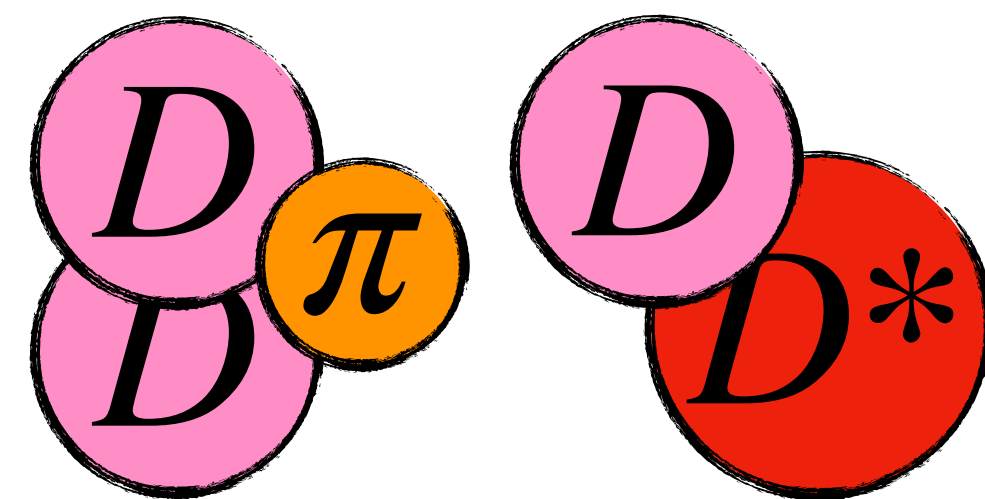
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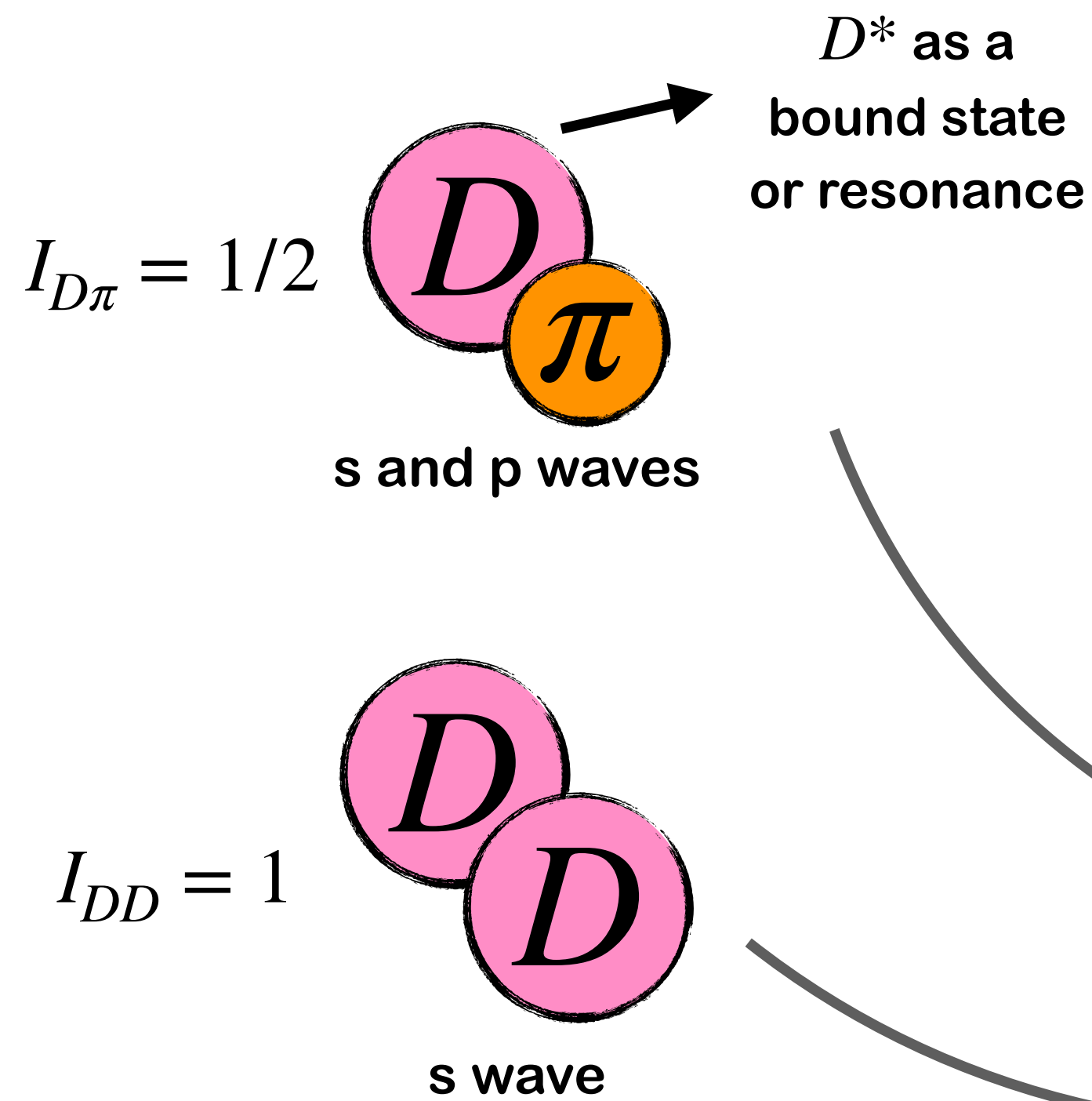
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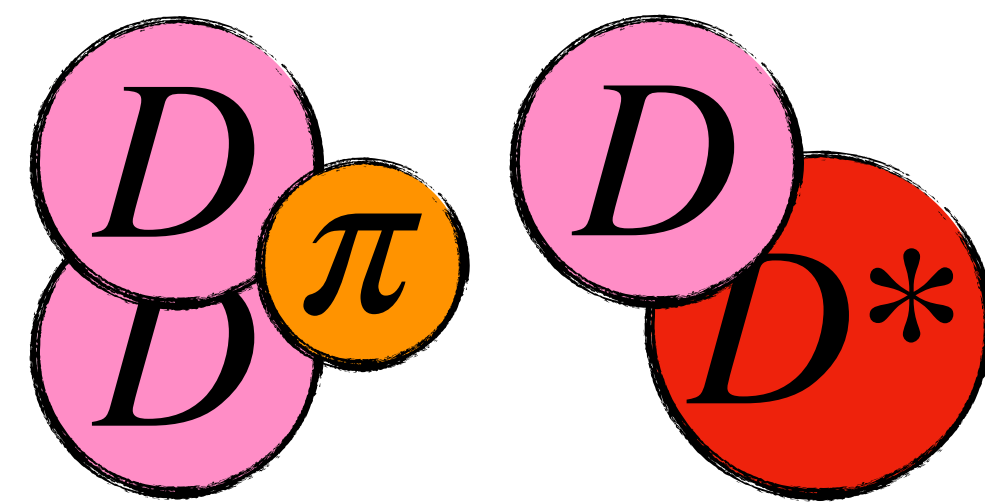
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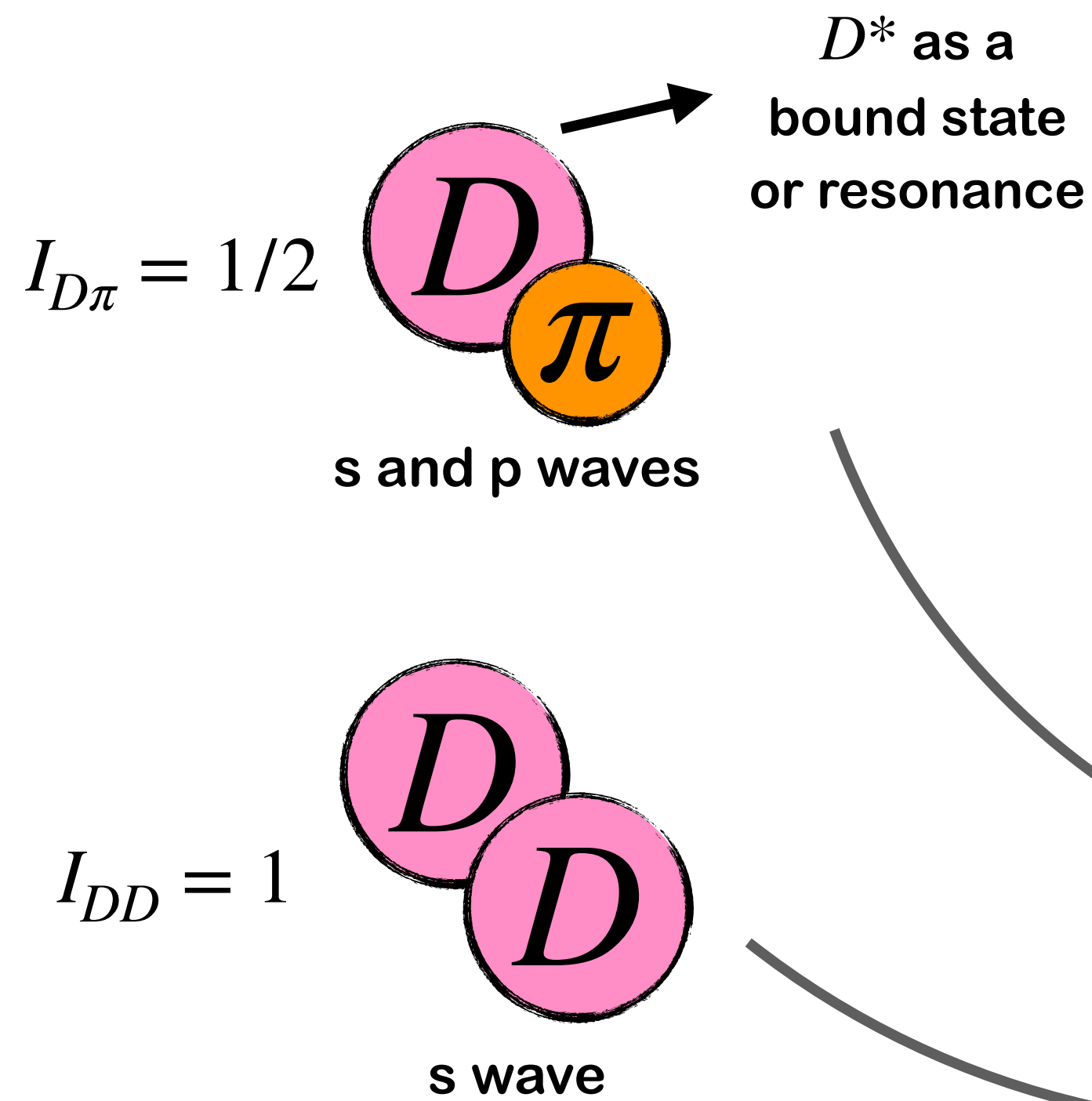
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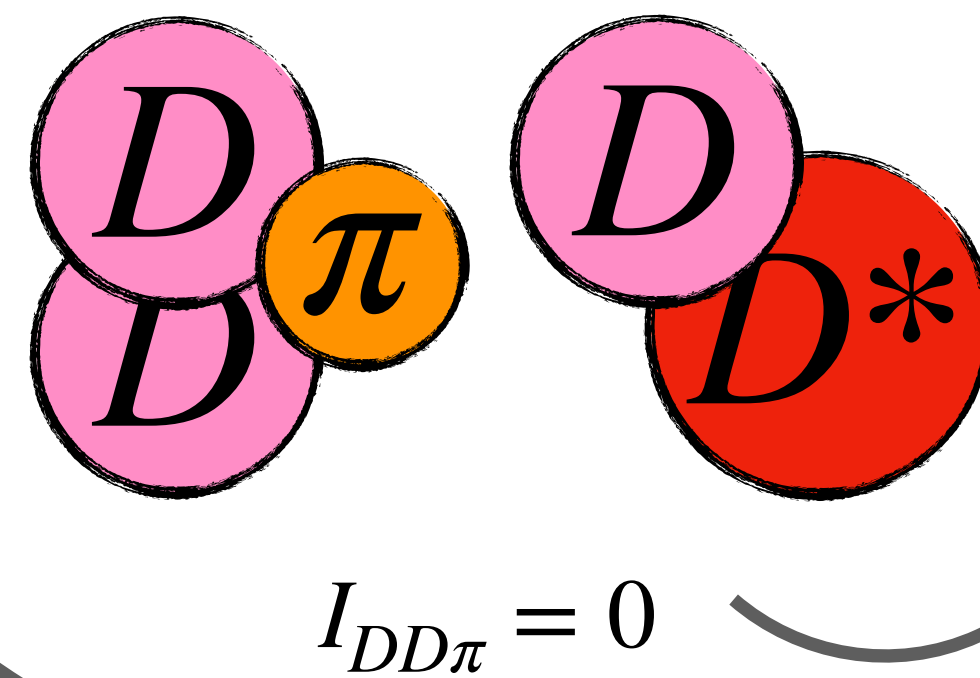
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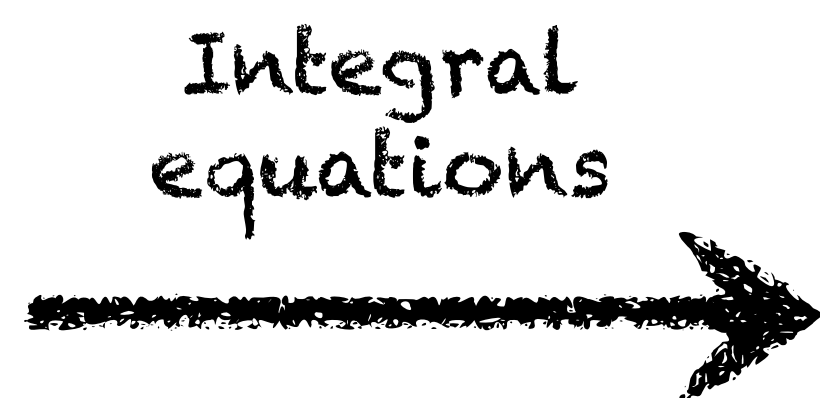
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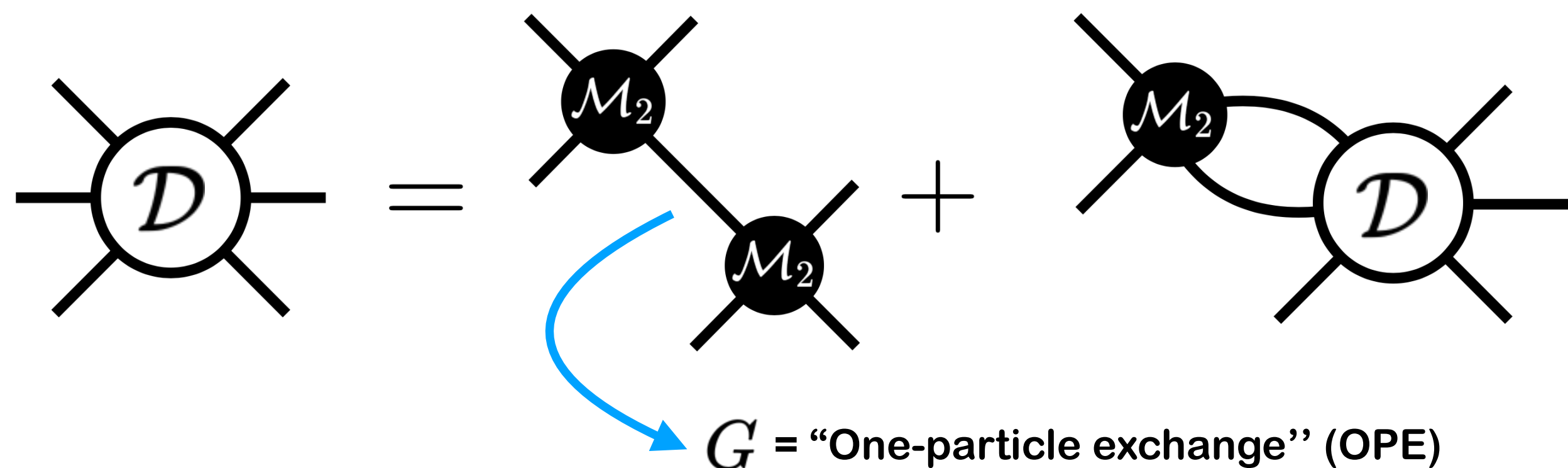
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Integral equations can be used to parametrize a unitary scattering amplitude using the K matrices, independently of lattice QCD!

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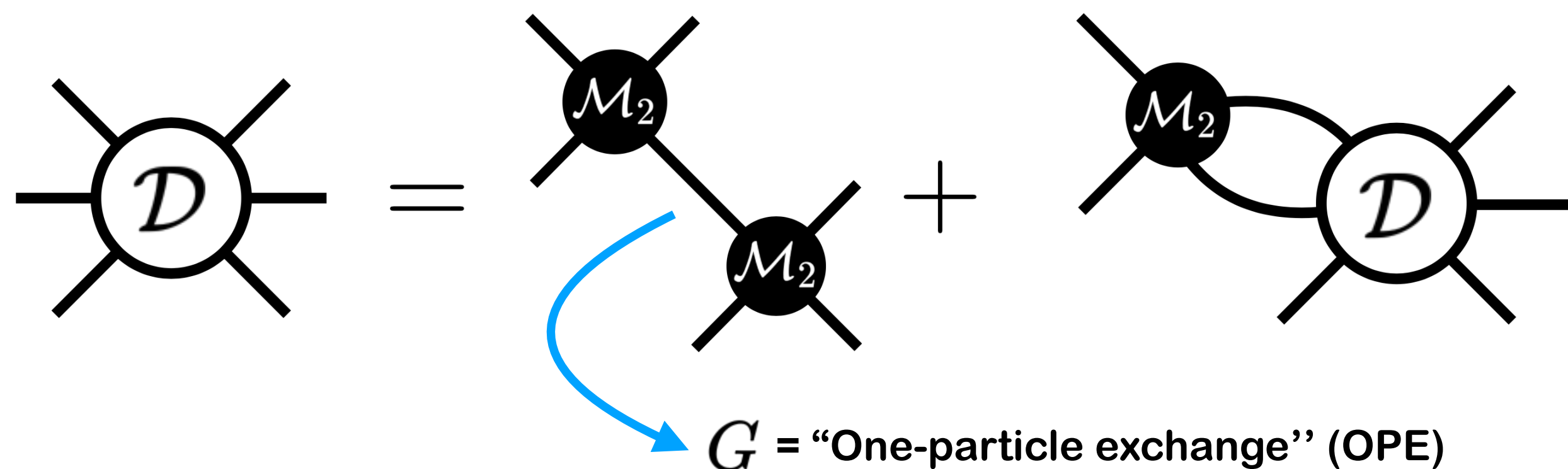


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► Useful to define amputated integral equation





# Dimer-particle scattering

- Assume the two-body subsystem has a bound state (dimer)

$$\mathcal{M}_2 \simeq \frac{-g^2}{s - m_b^2}$$

← coupling  
← mass

- The particle-dimer amplitude can be obtained using the LSZ reduction formula

$$\mathcal{M}_{\varphi b} = \lim_{s_{2p}, s_{2k} \rightarrow m_b^2} (s_{2p} - m_b^2) \mathcal{D}(s, k, p) (s_{2k} - m_b^2) = g^2 d(s, q_{\varphi b}, q_{\varphi b})$$

- Given underlying K matrices, particle-dimer dynamics are determined through integral equations.

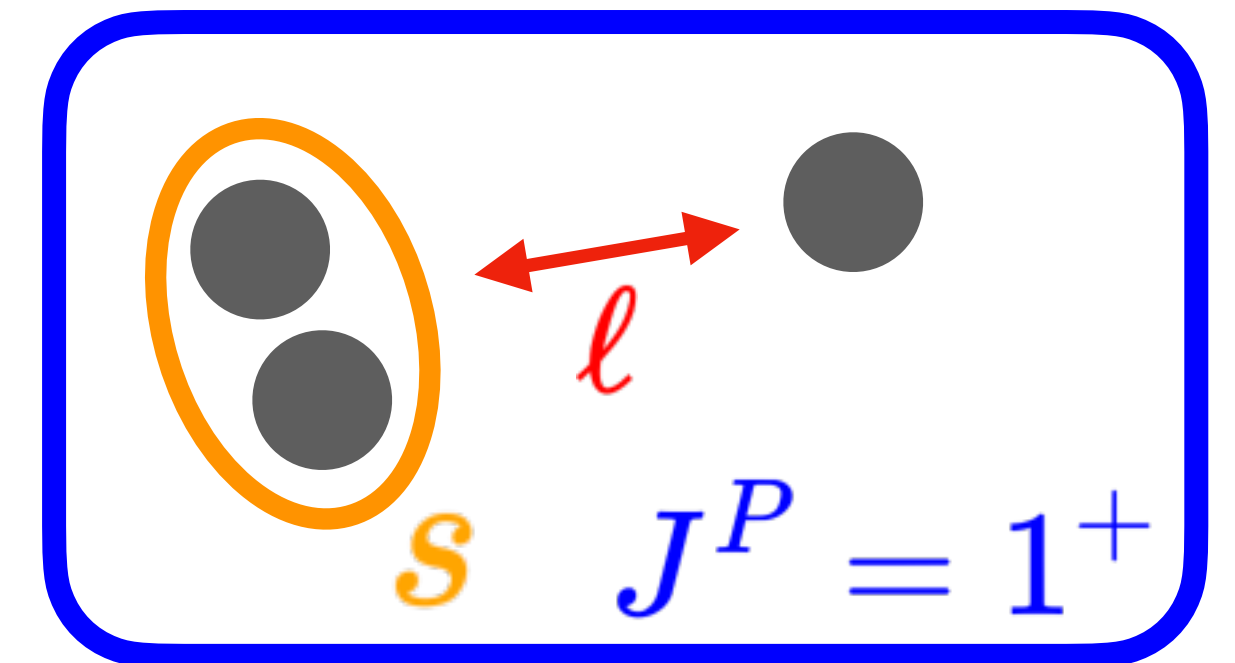
$\mathcal{M}_{DD^*}$  is fully determined by  $DD$ ,  $D\pi$ ,  $DD\pi$  interactions!

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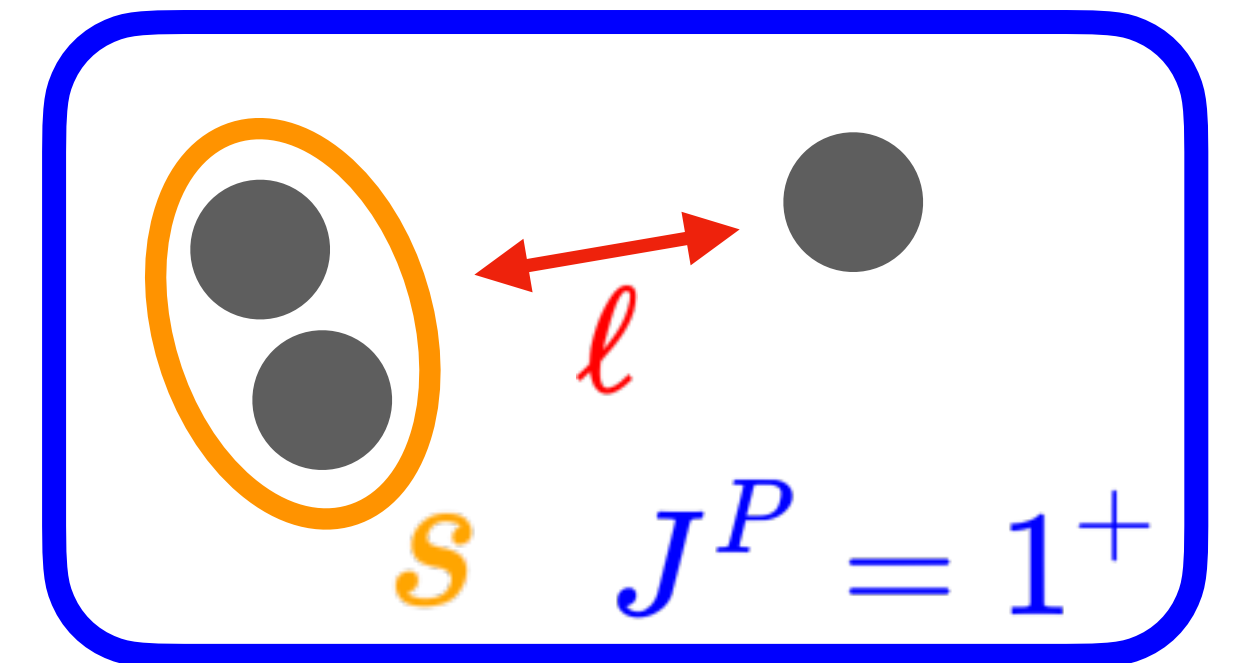


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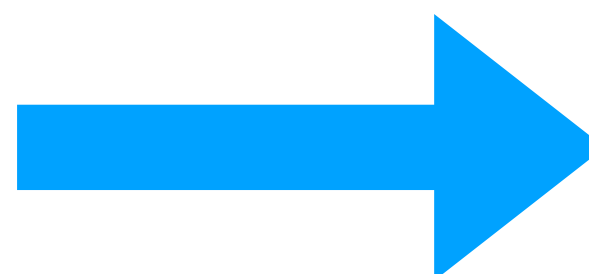
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Note:  $s \leq 1$

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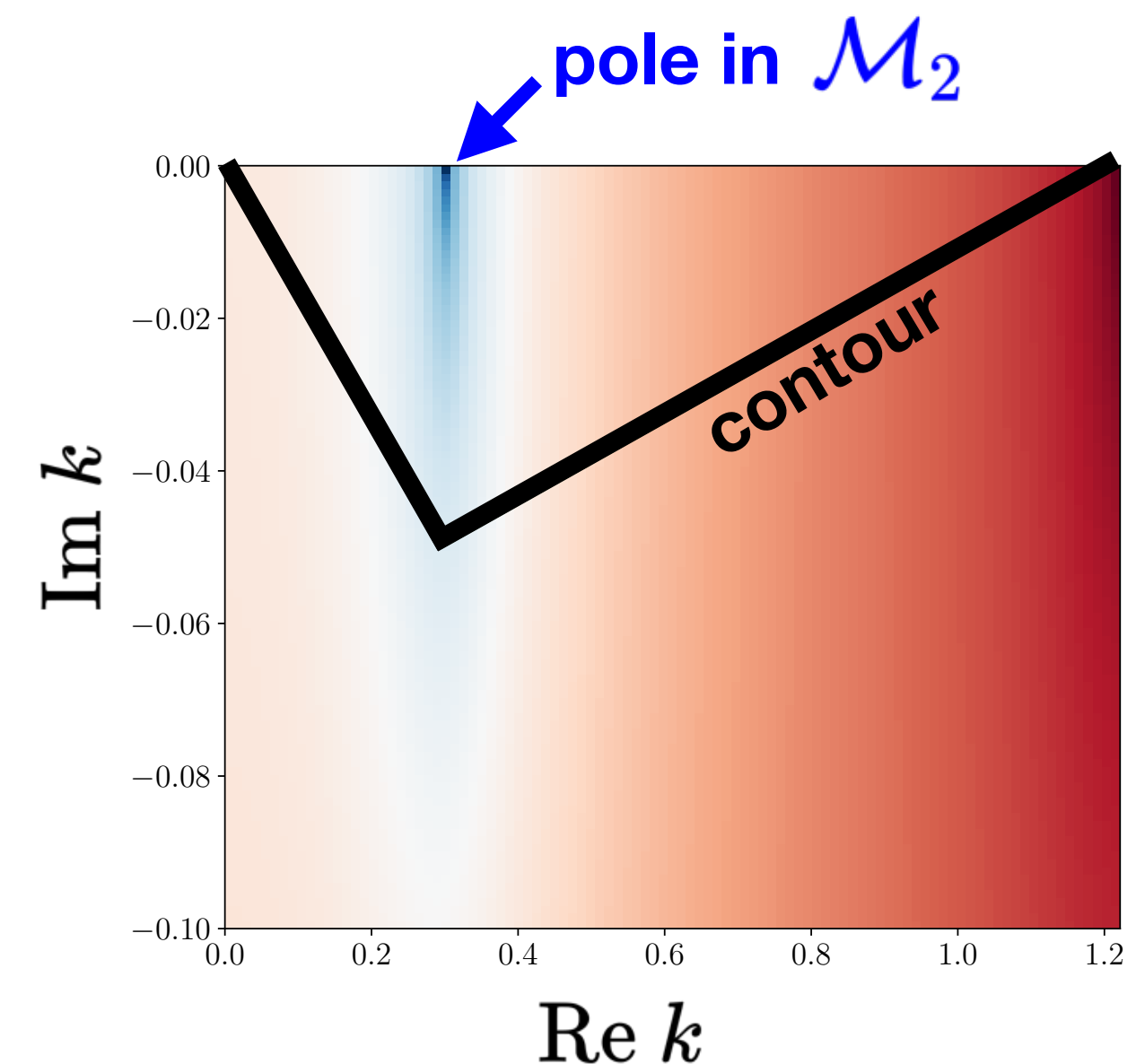
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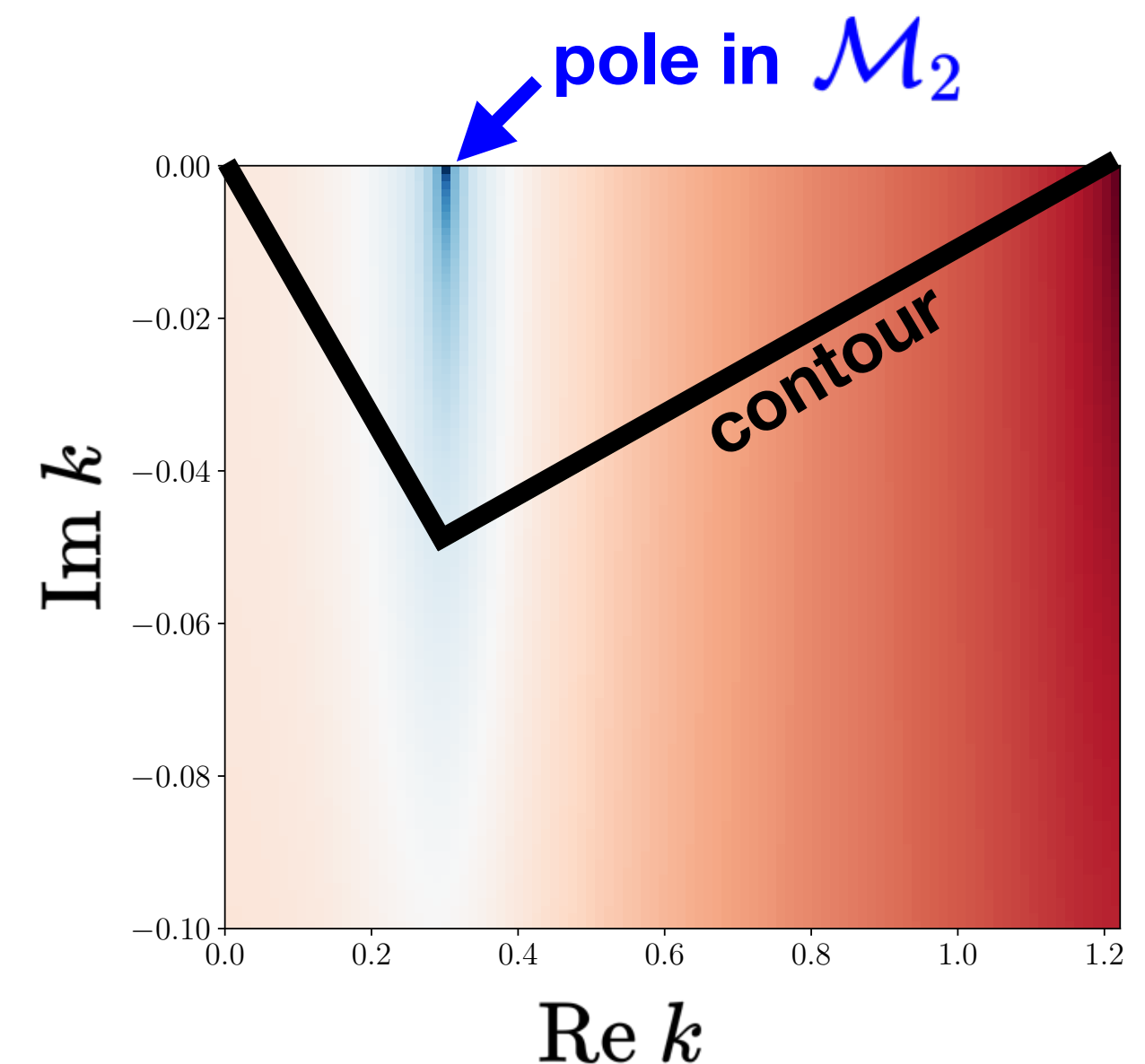
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- Need partial-wave projected one-particle-exchange

$$G^{(ij)}(p, k)_{J; \ell' s'; \ell s}$$

[Jackura, Briceño, arXiv:2312.00625]



# A toy model for the $T_{cc}$

- Choose meson masses:

$$\frac{M_\pi}{M_D} = 0.145$$

Parameters match heavier charm mass of  
[Padmanath, Prelovsek, arXiv:2202.10110]

- Simple  $D\pi$  p-wave interactions to have a bound  $D^*$

$$\frac{k^3}{M_D^3} \cot \delta_1^{D\pi} = -\frac{1}{M_D a_1^{D\pi}} \longrightarrow M_D a_1^{D\pi} = -7.9^3 \longrightarrow \frac{M_{D^*}}{M_D} = 1.063$$

- Set  $D\pi$  s-wave,  $DD$  s-wave and three-body  $K$  matrix to zero

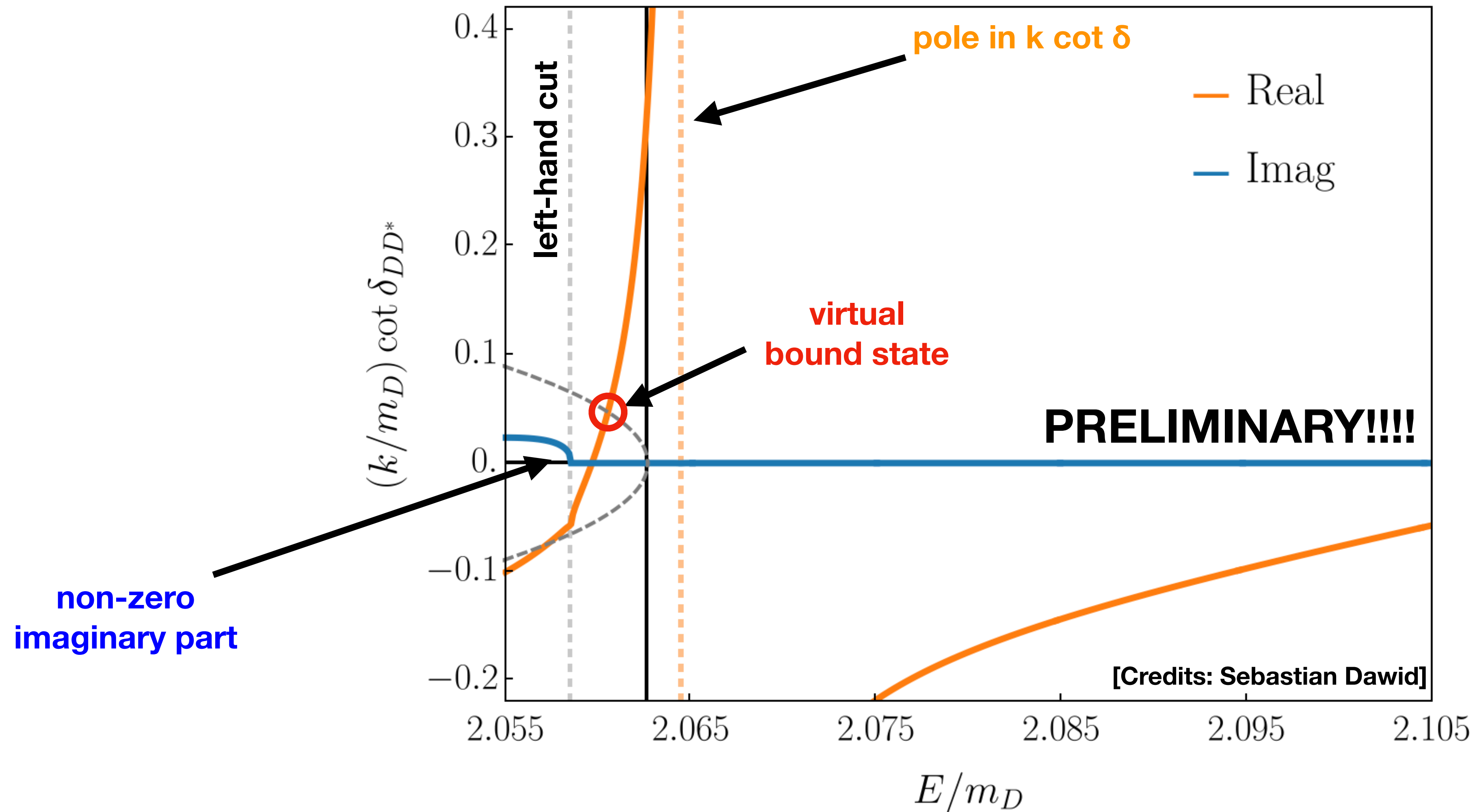
$$a_0^{DD} = a_0^{D\pi} = \mathcal{K}_{df,3} = 0$$

- Neglect  $DD^*$  d-wave interactions  
(ignore d-wave component of the  $T_{cc}$ )

one-channel int. eq.

$$(D\pi)_{I=1/2} D \\ (\ell = 0, s = 1)$$

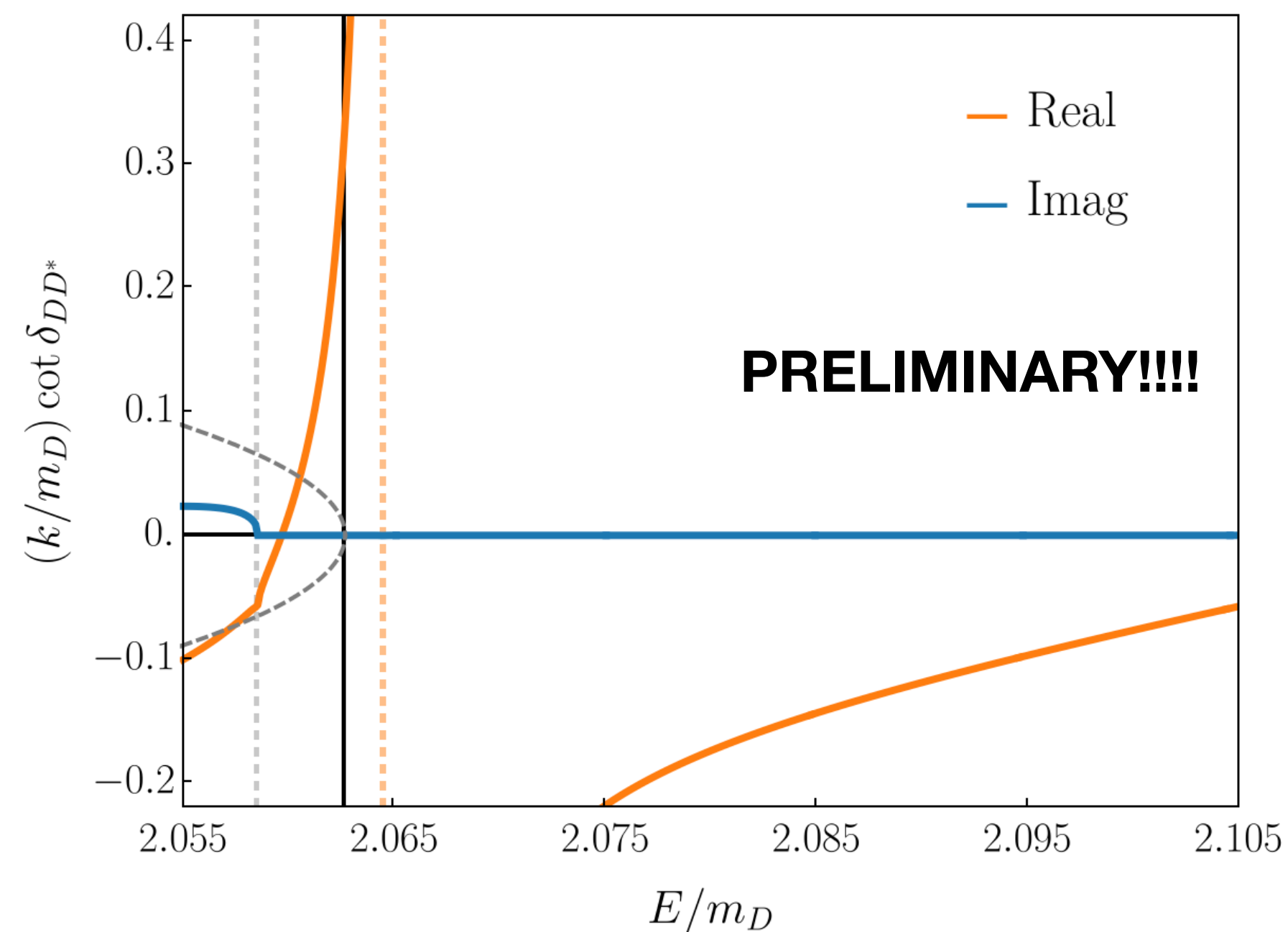
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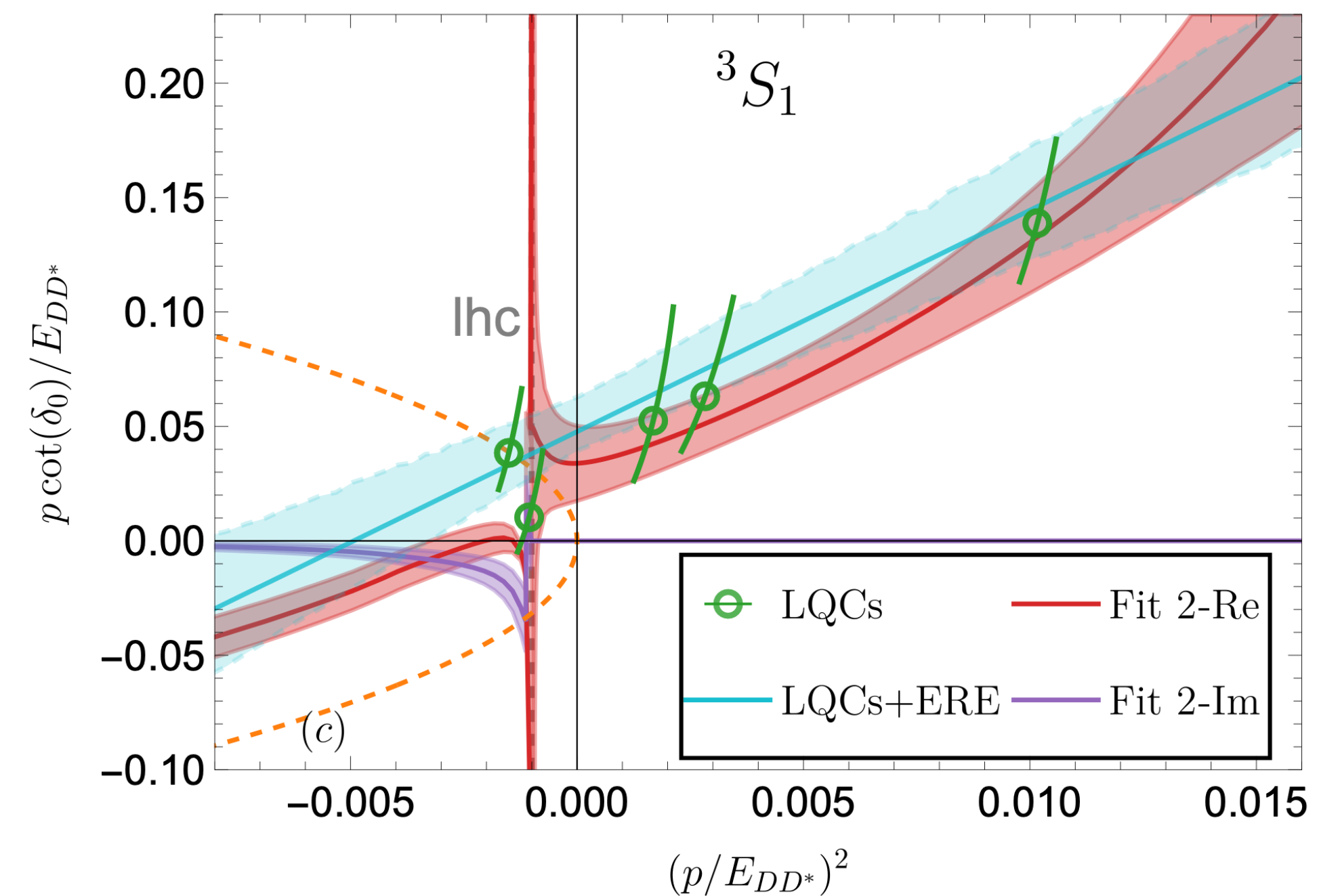


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- Simple one-parameter model reproduces some qualitative features (virtual bound state)
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[Credits: Sebastian Dawid]



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- Solve full set of integral equations:

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- Explore the regime in which the tetraquark decays to three-particles.

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- Similar features in systems of B mesons. What about the  $T_{bb}$ ?

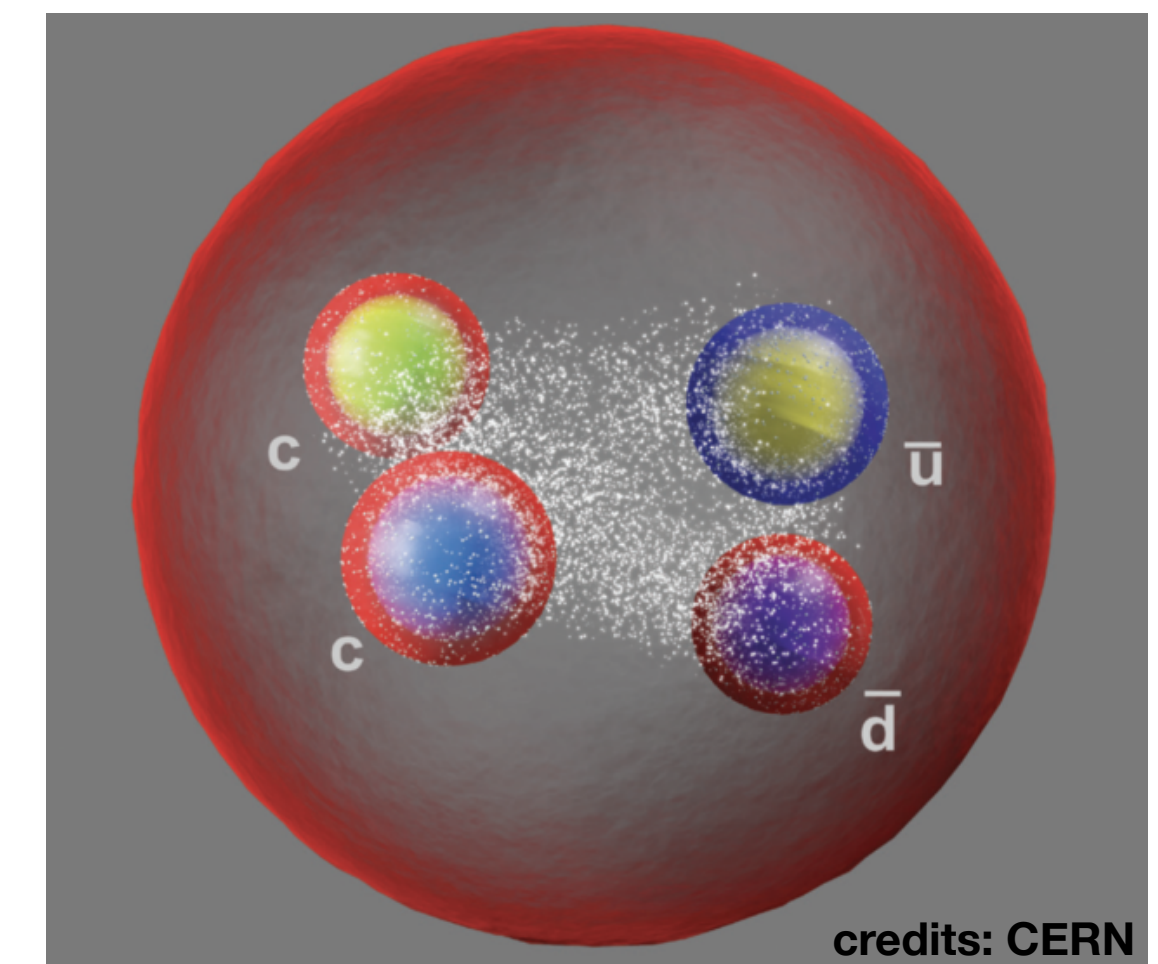
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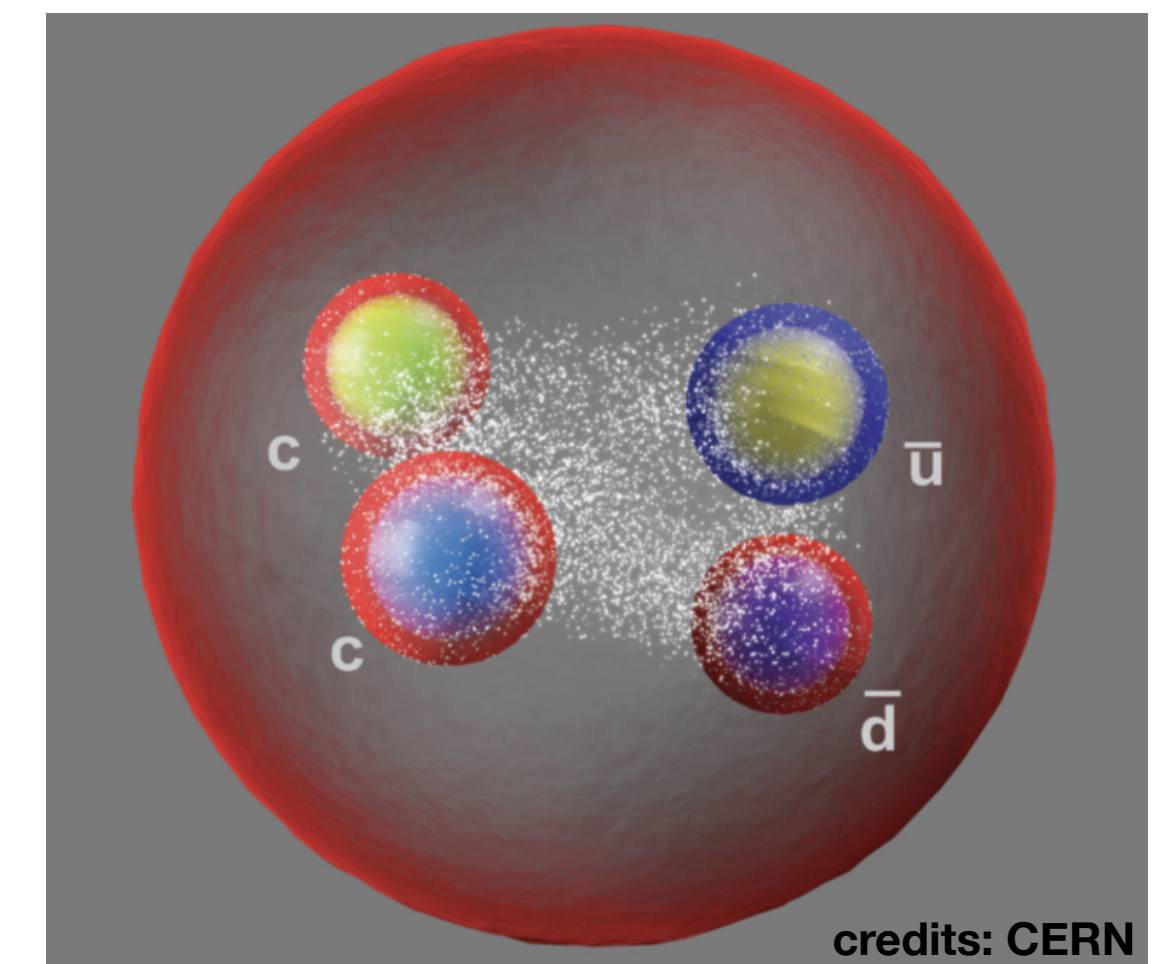
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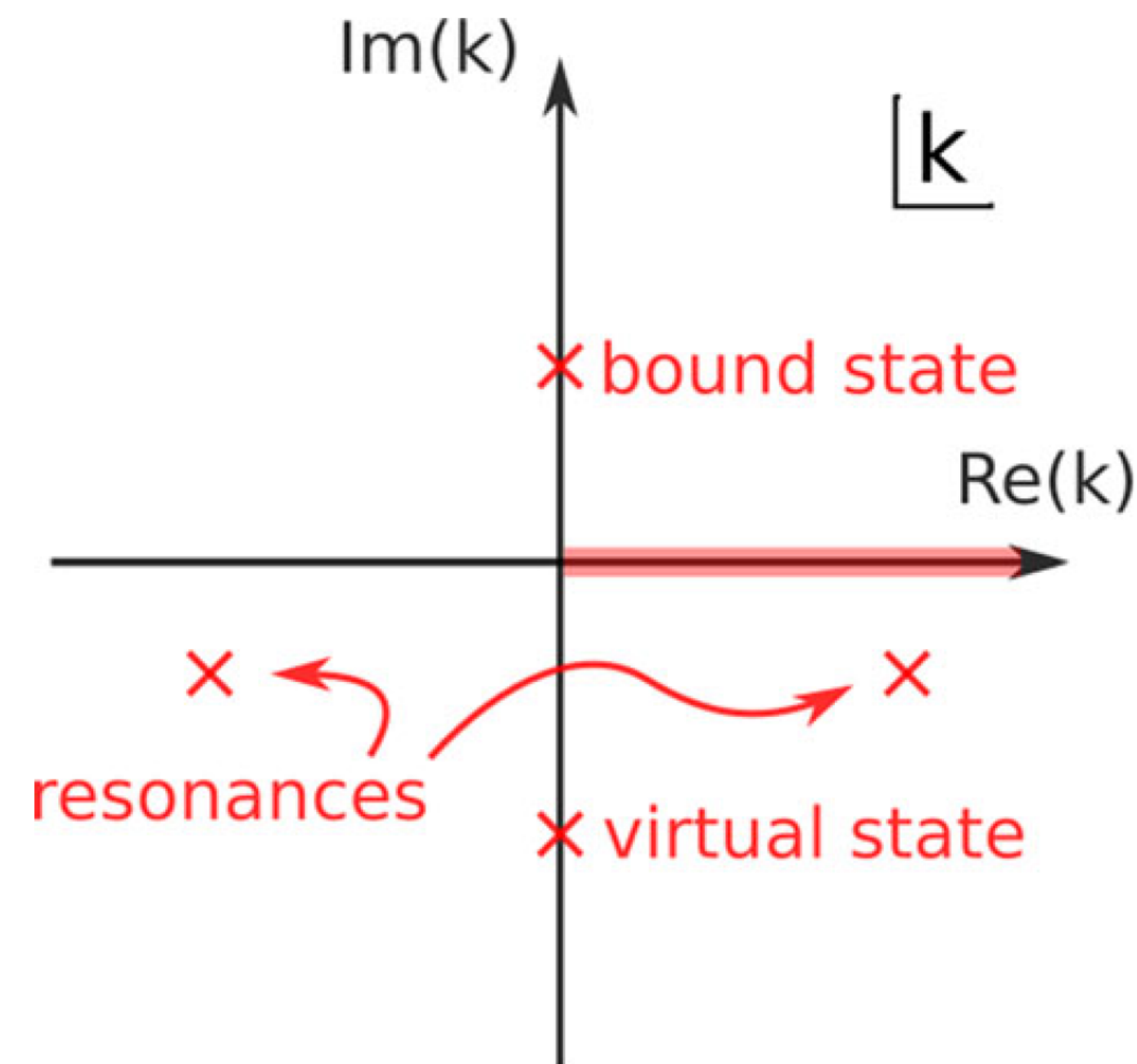
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Backup

# Poles

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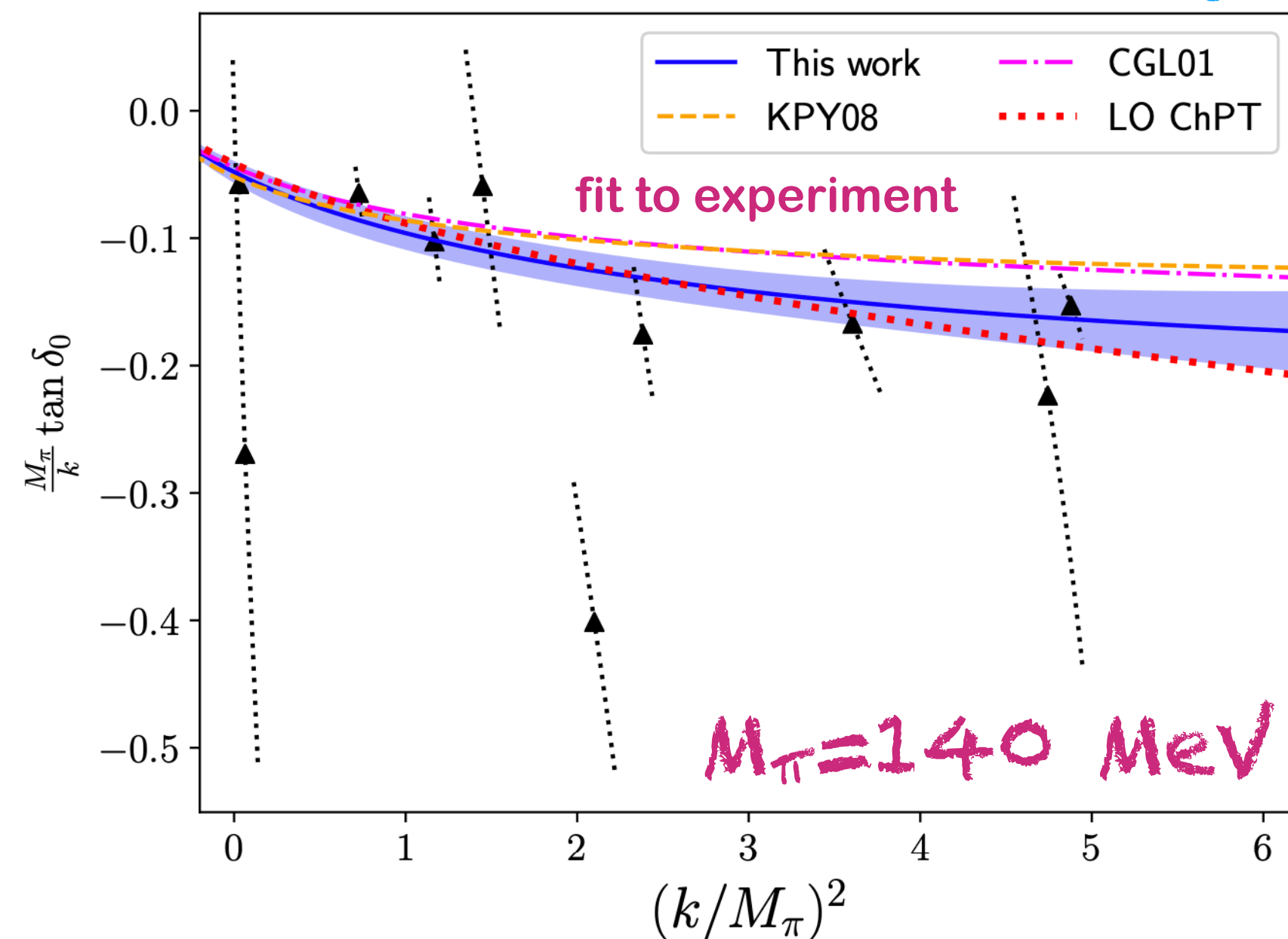
**Fig. 1** Naming convention for the poles in the  $k$ -plane. The thick red line for positive real valued  $k$  marks the physical momenta in the scattering regime

[Matuschek et al, EPJA 2021]

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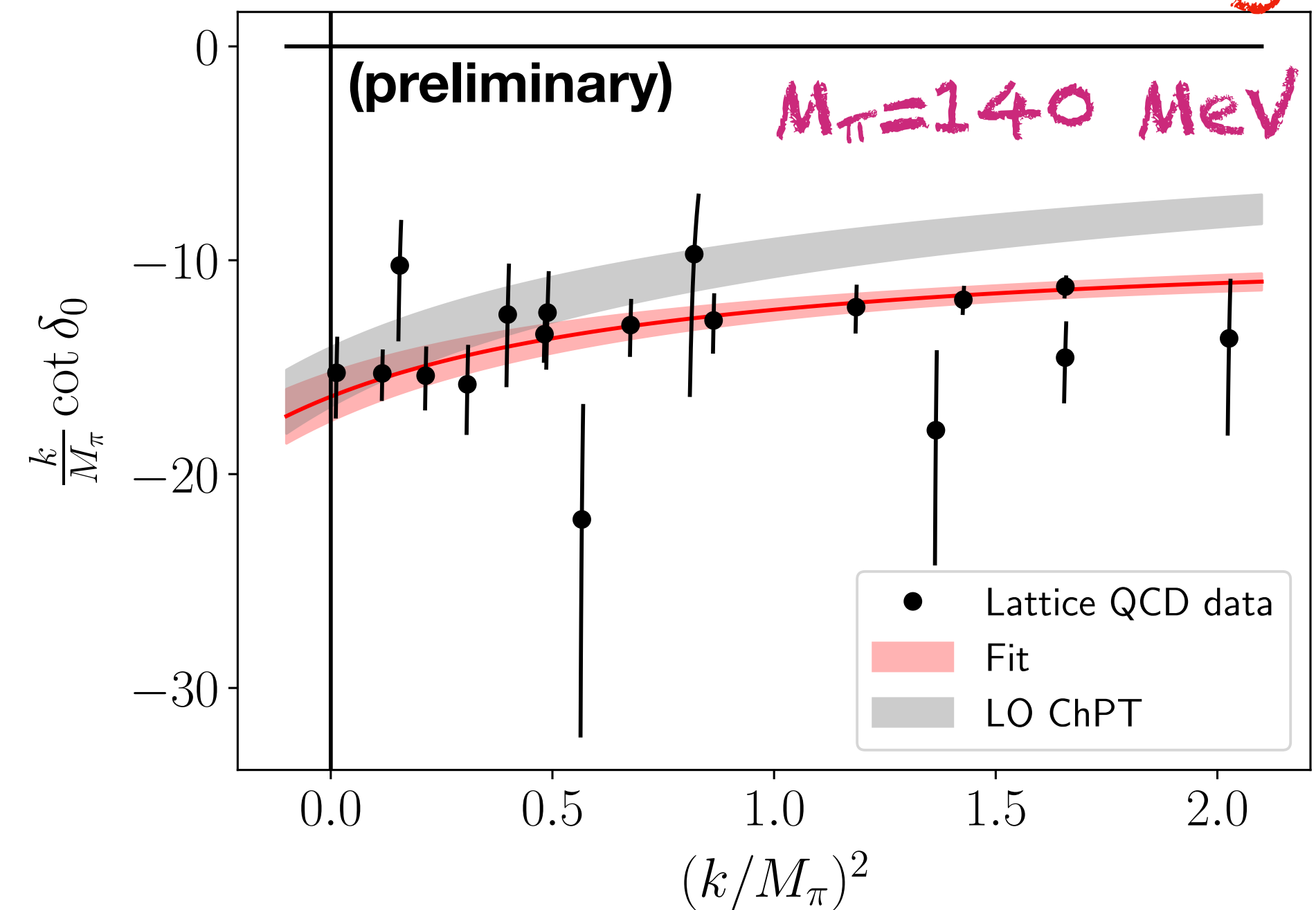
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## I=2 $\pi\pi$ scattering



[Fischer, Kostrzewa, Liu, FRL, Ueding, Urbach (ETMC), EPJC 2021]

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[Draper, Hanlon, Hörz, Morningstar, FRL, Sharpe (in preparation)]



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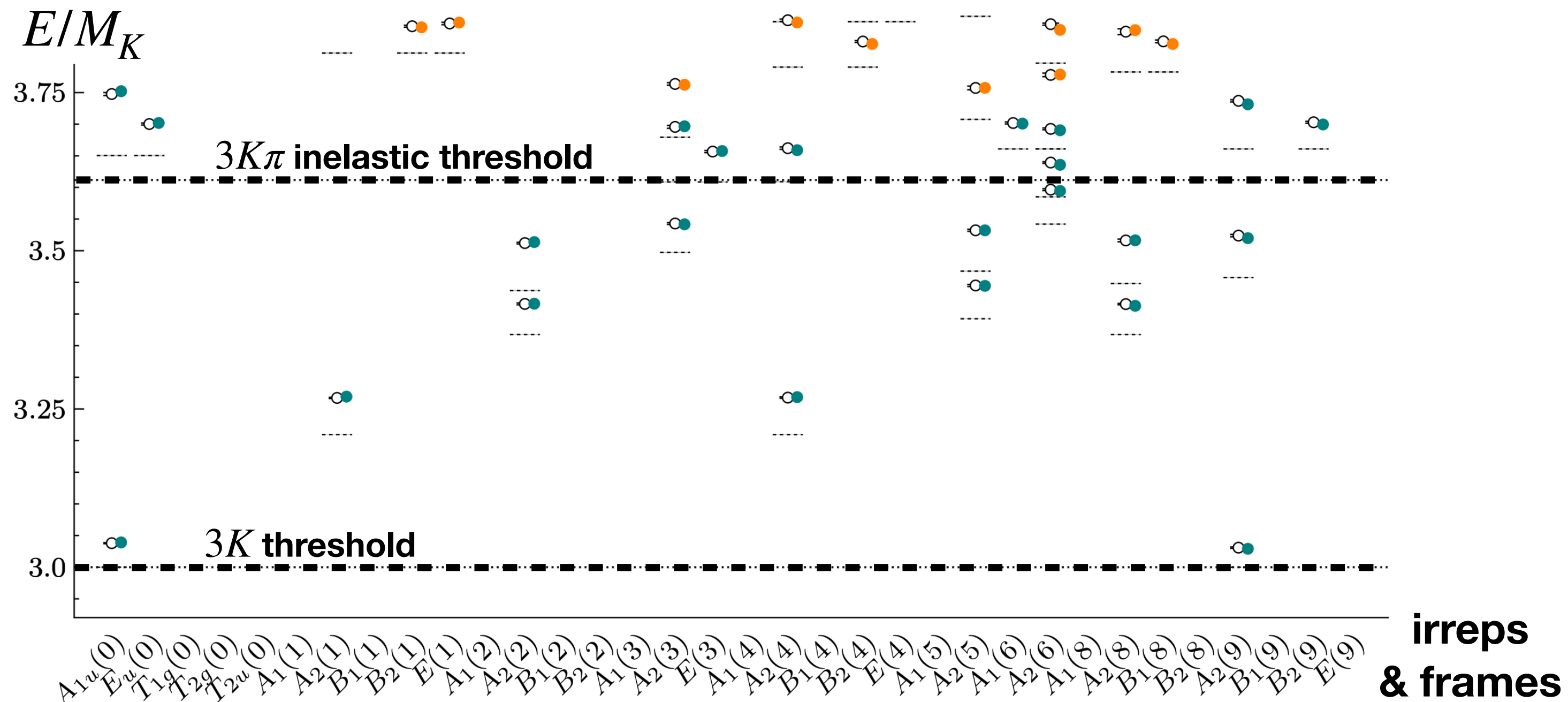
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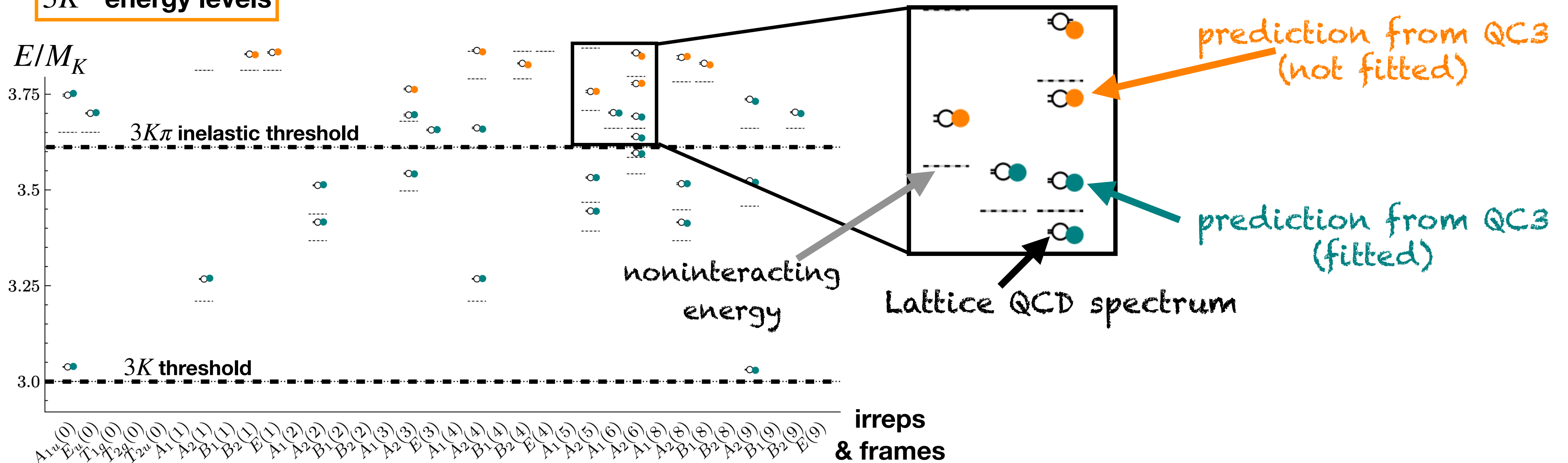
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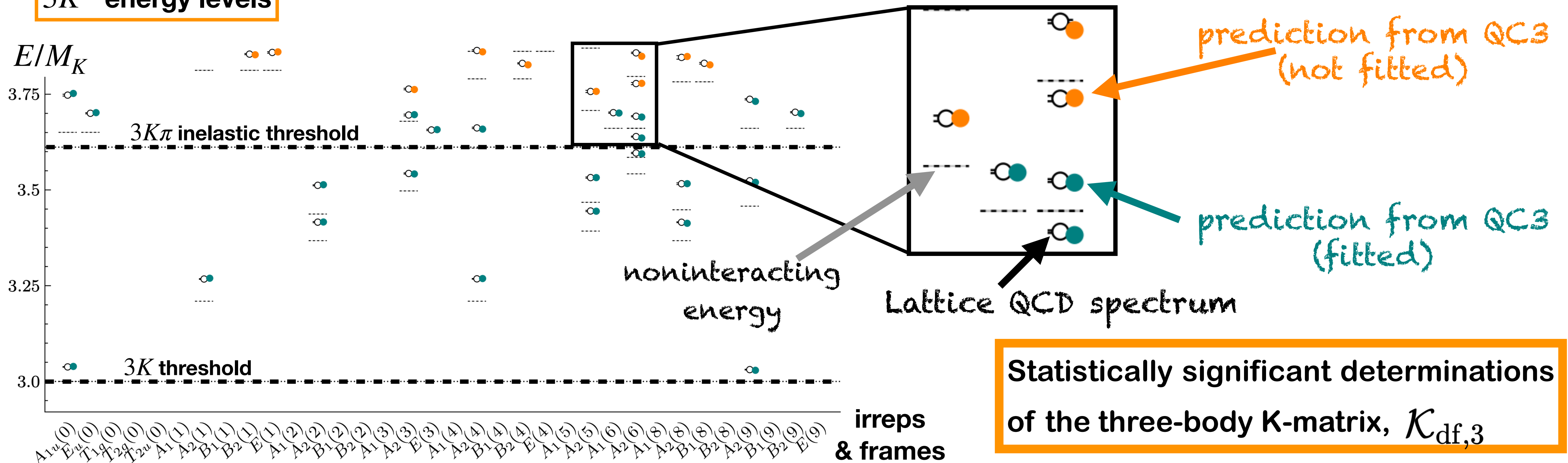
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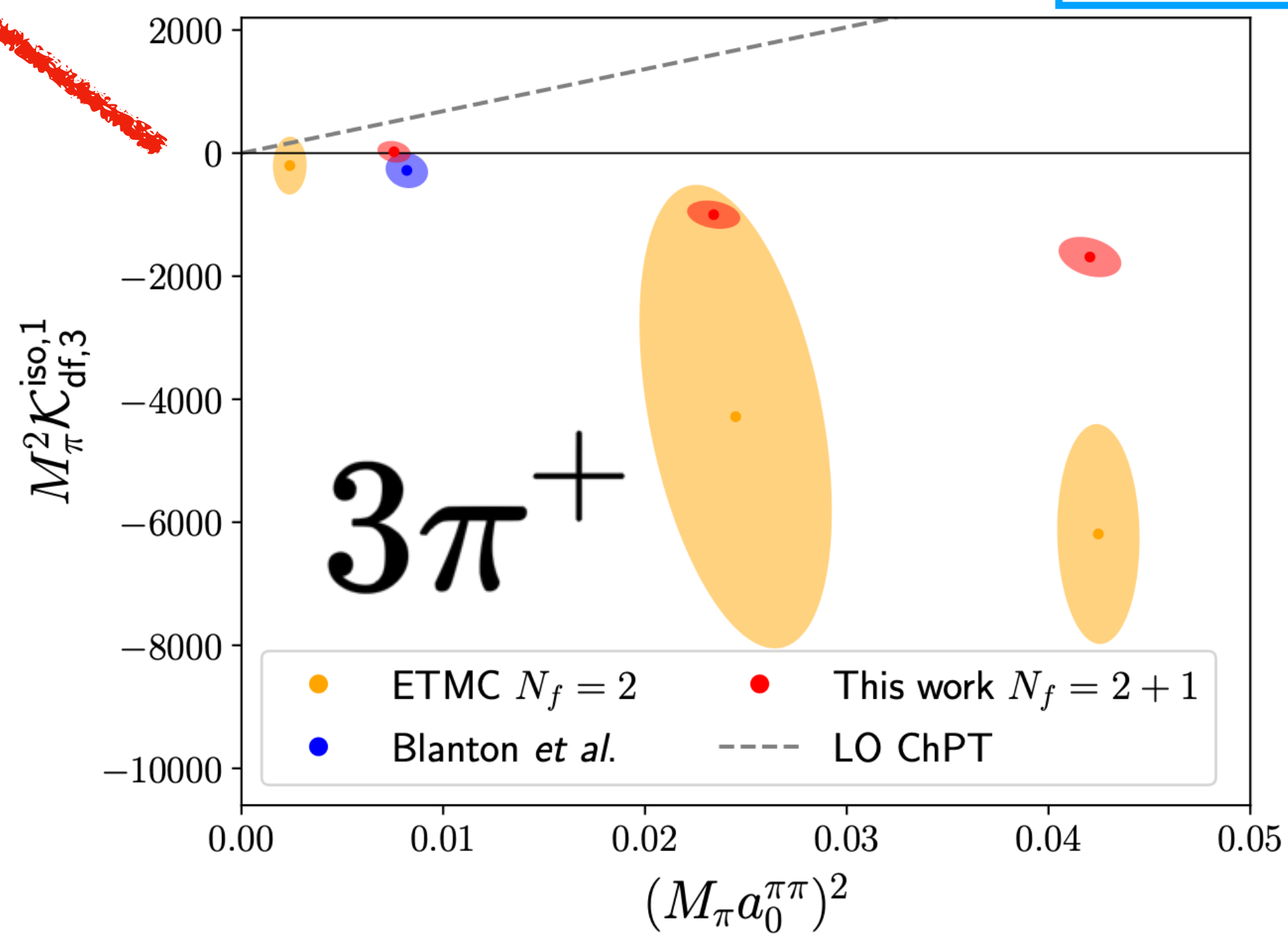
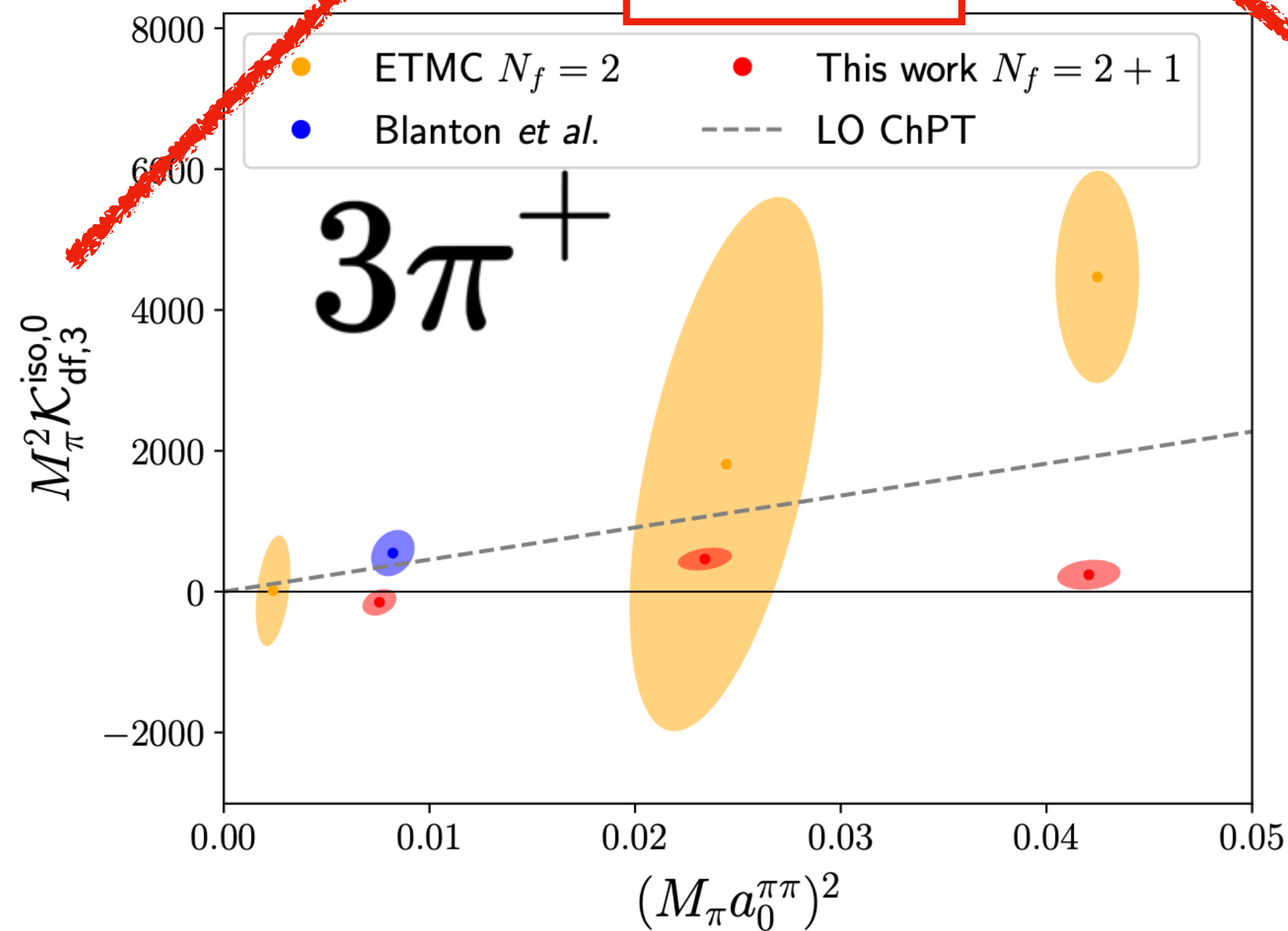
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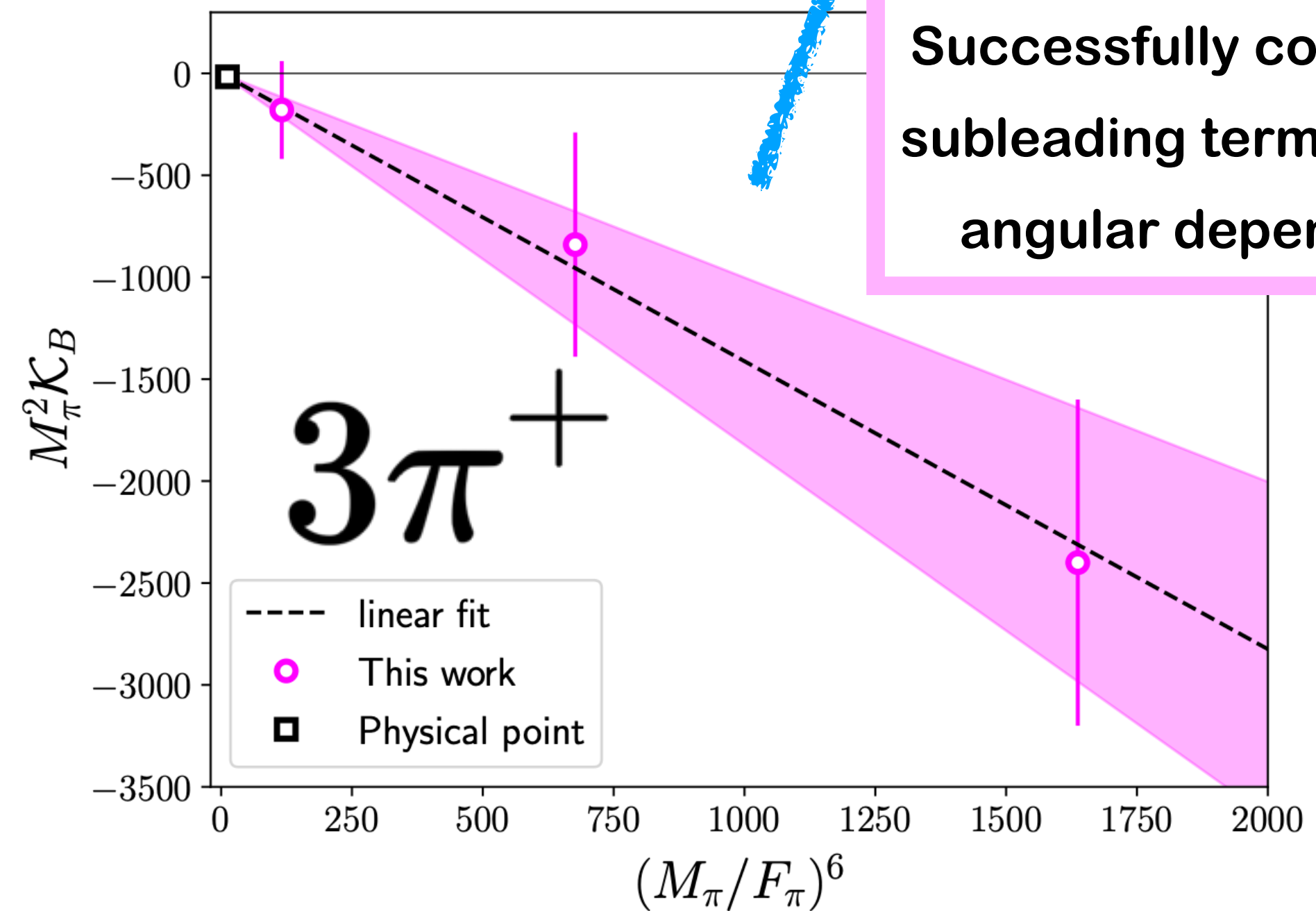
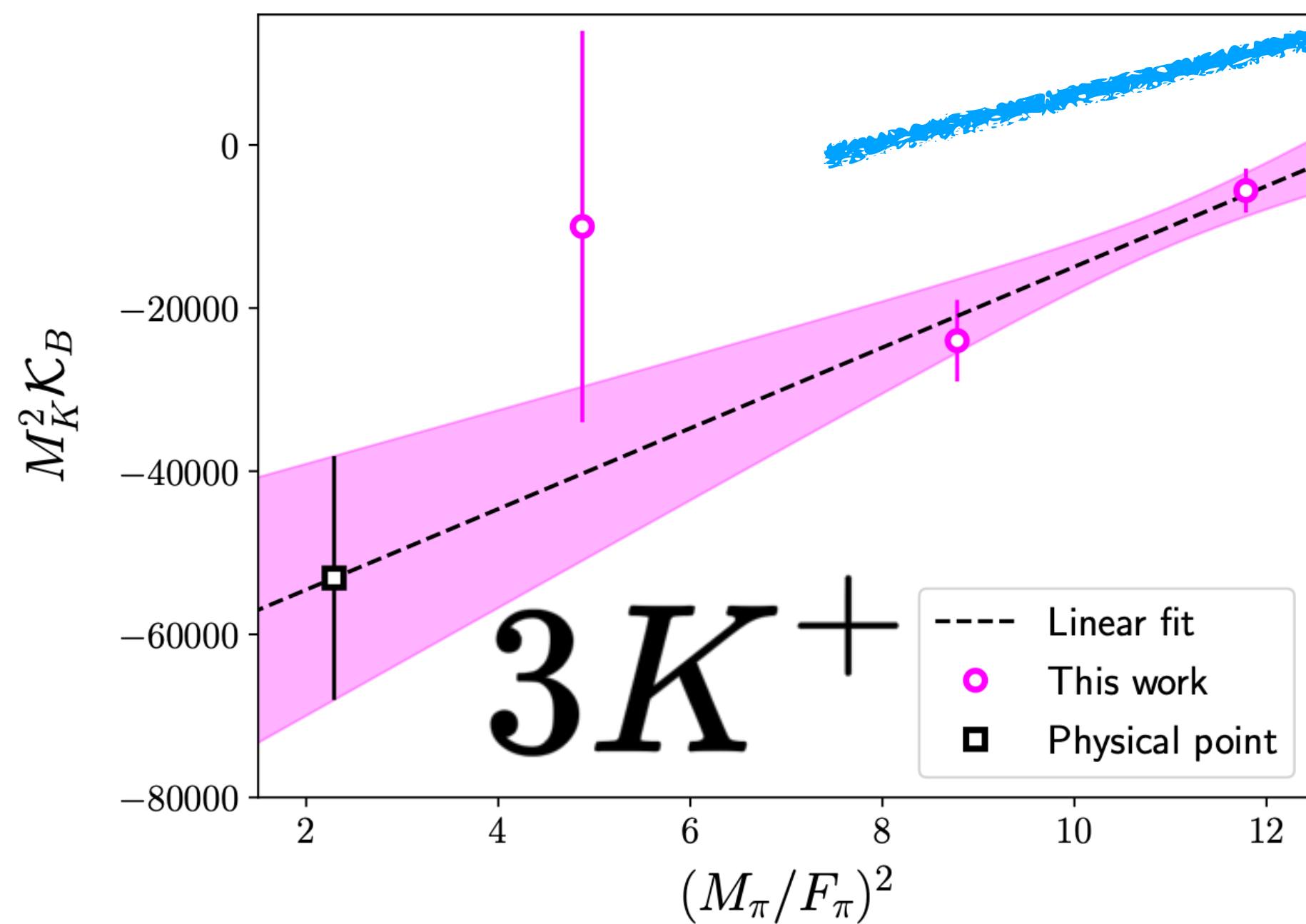
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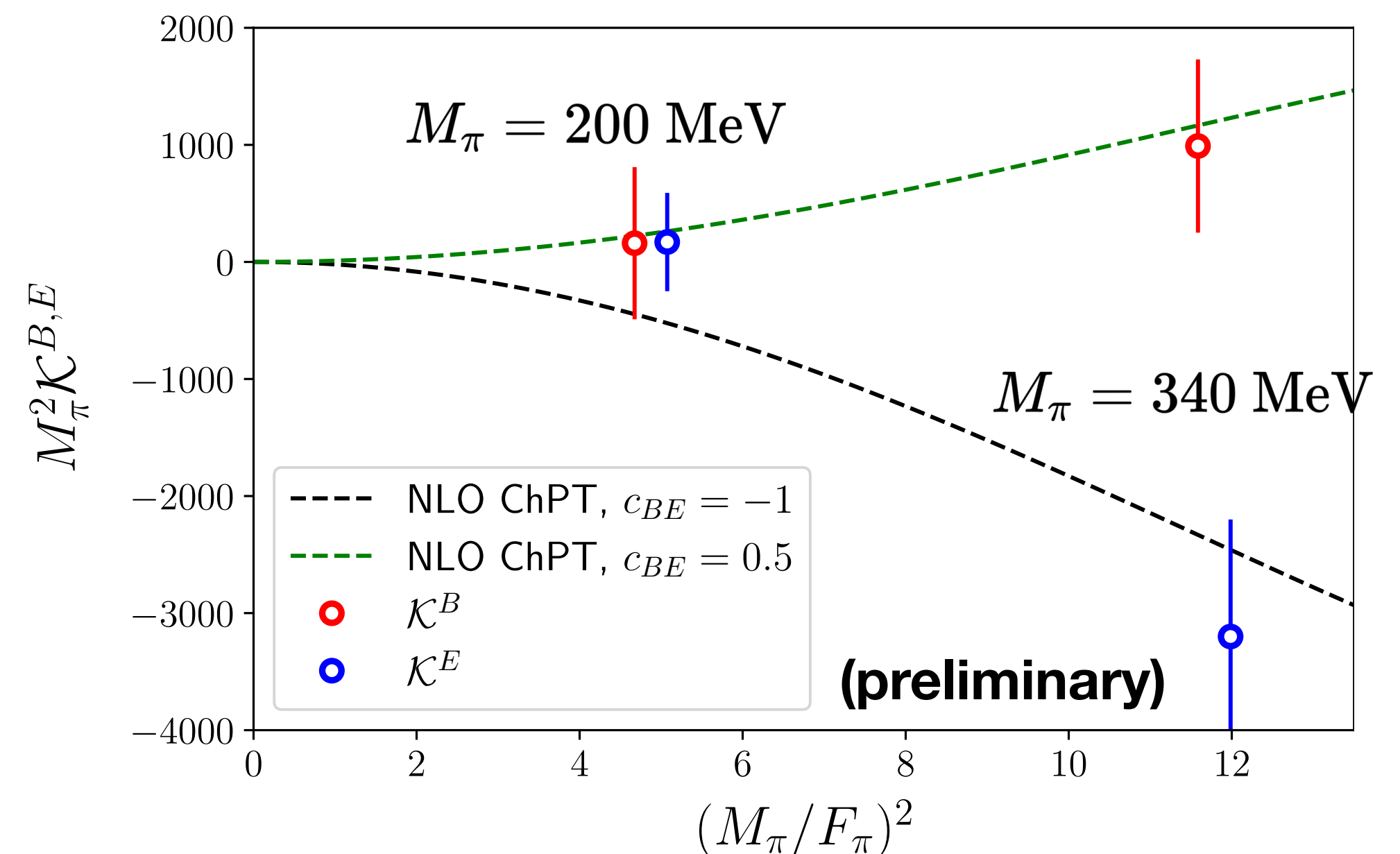
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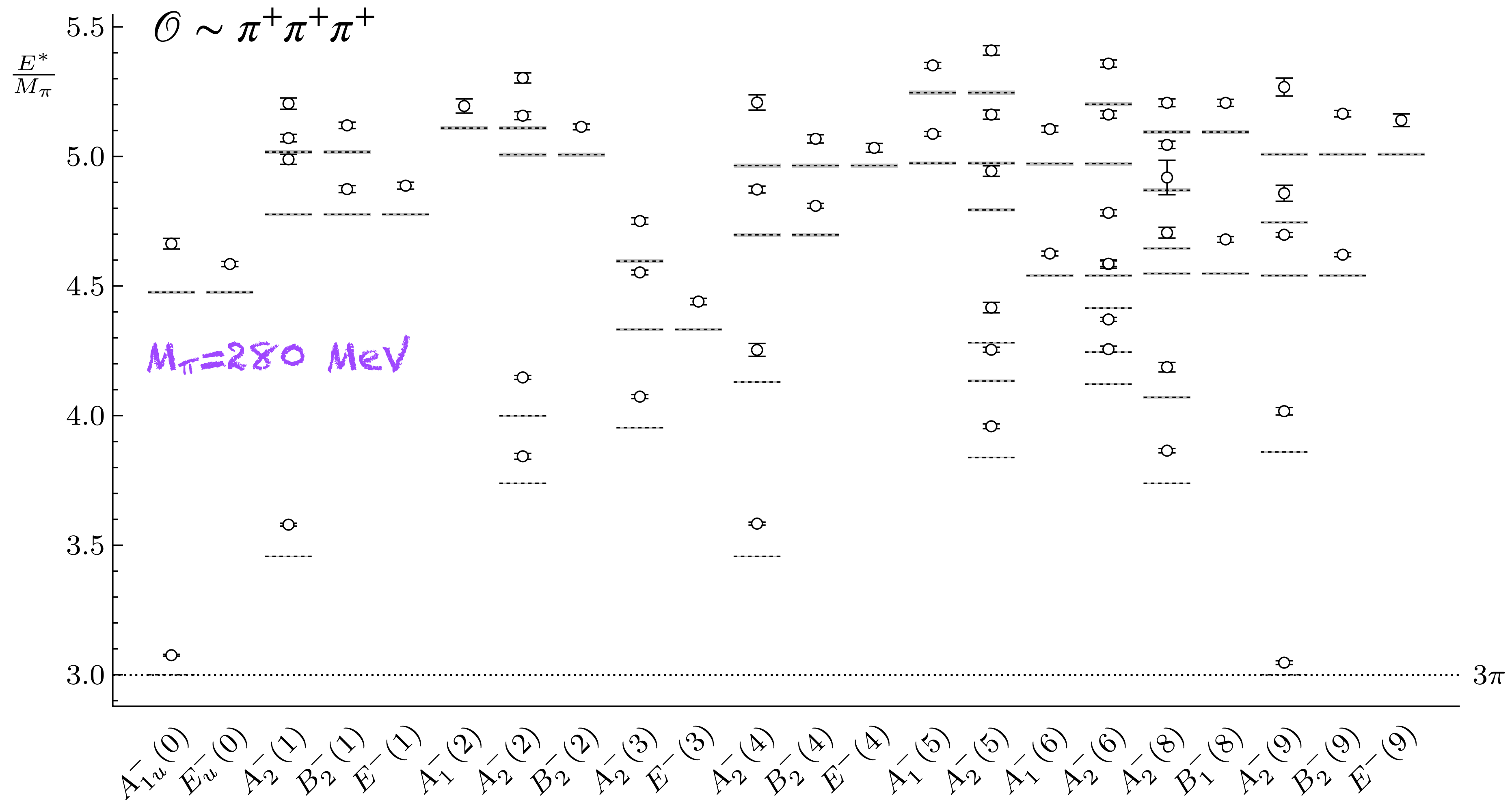
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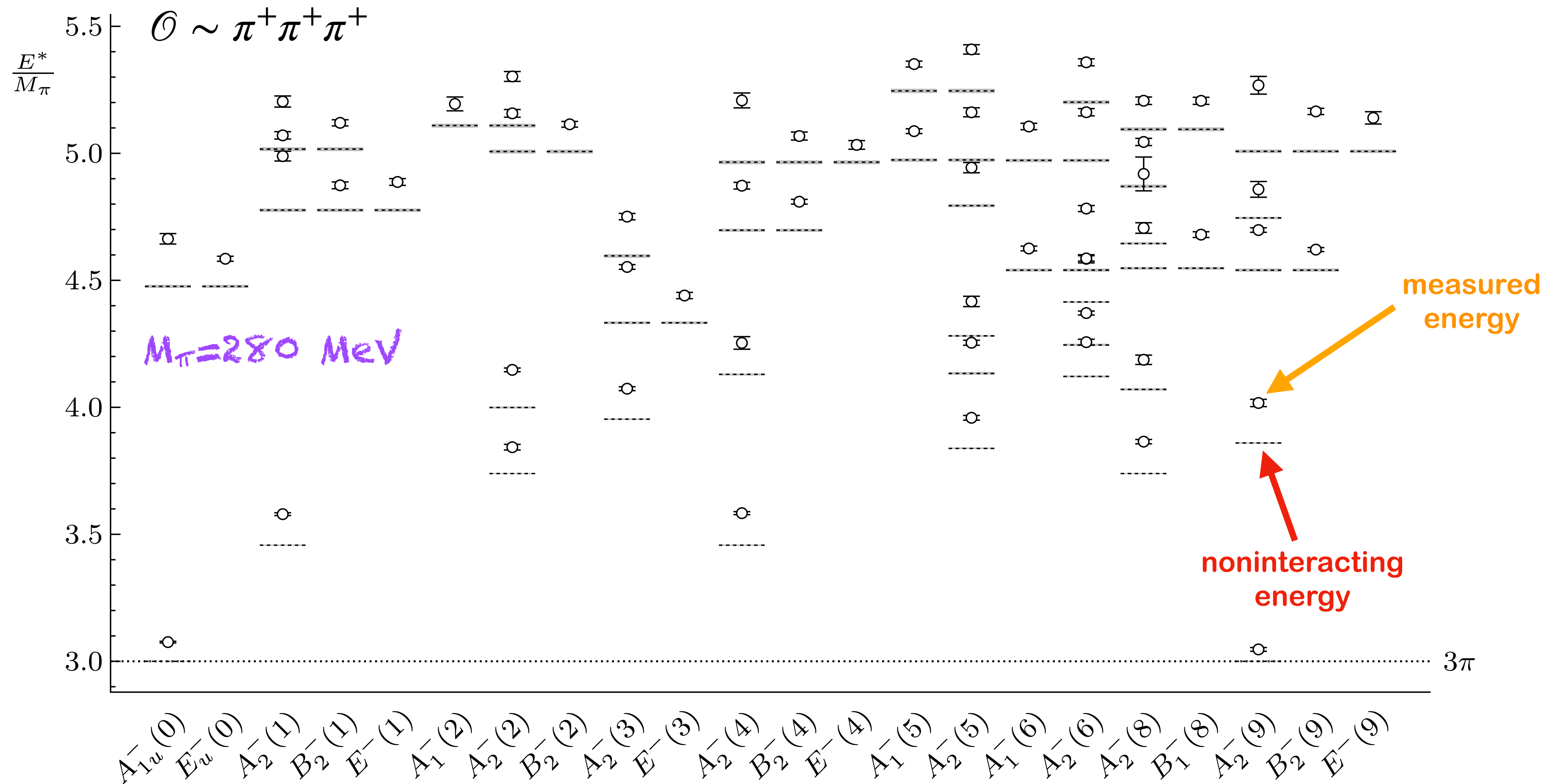


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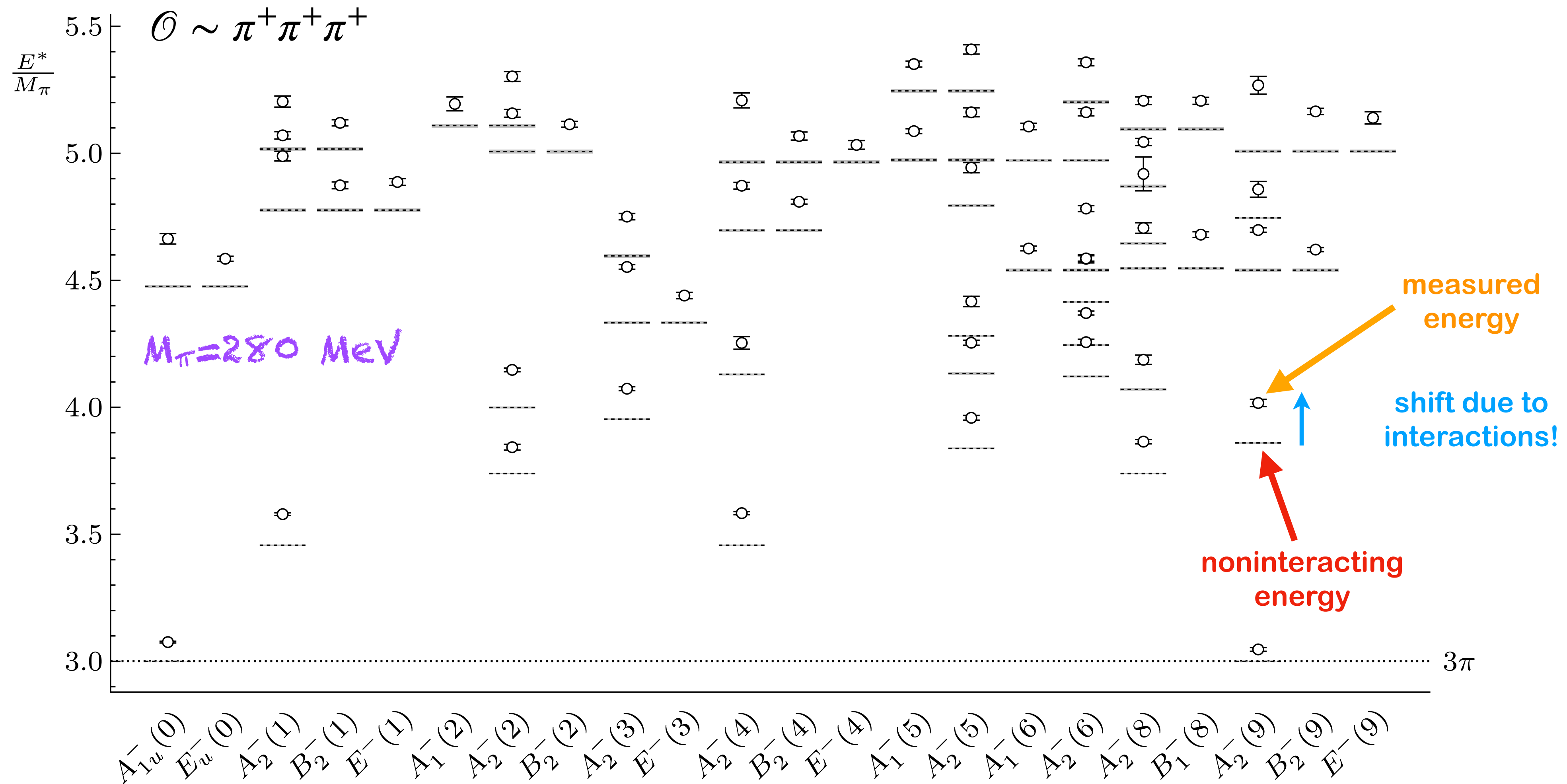
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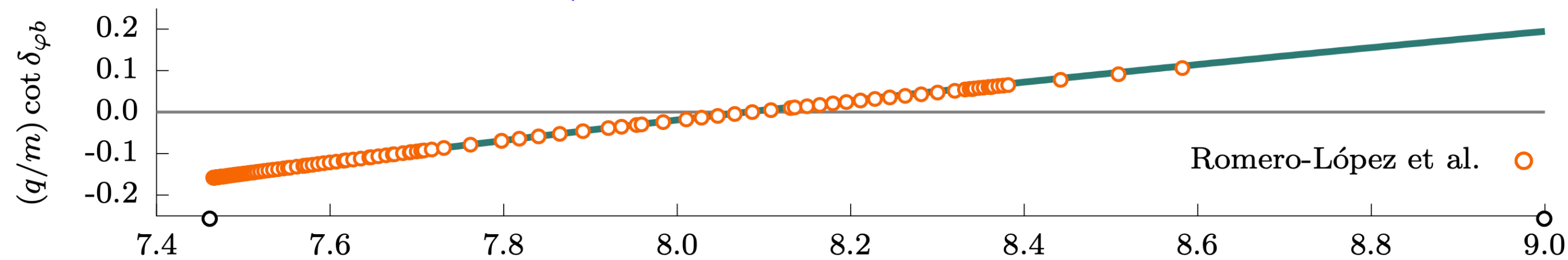
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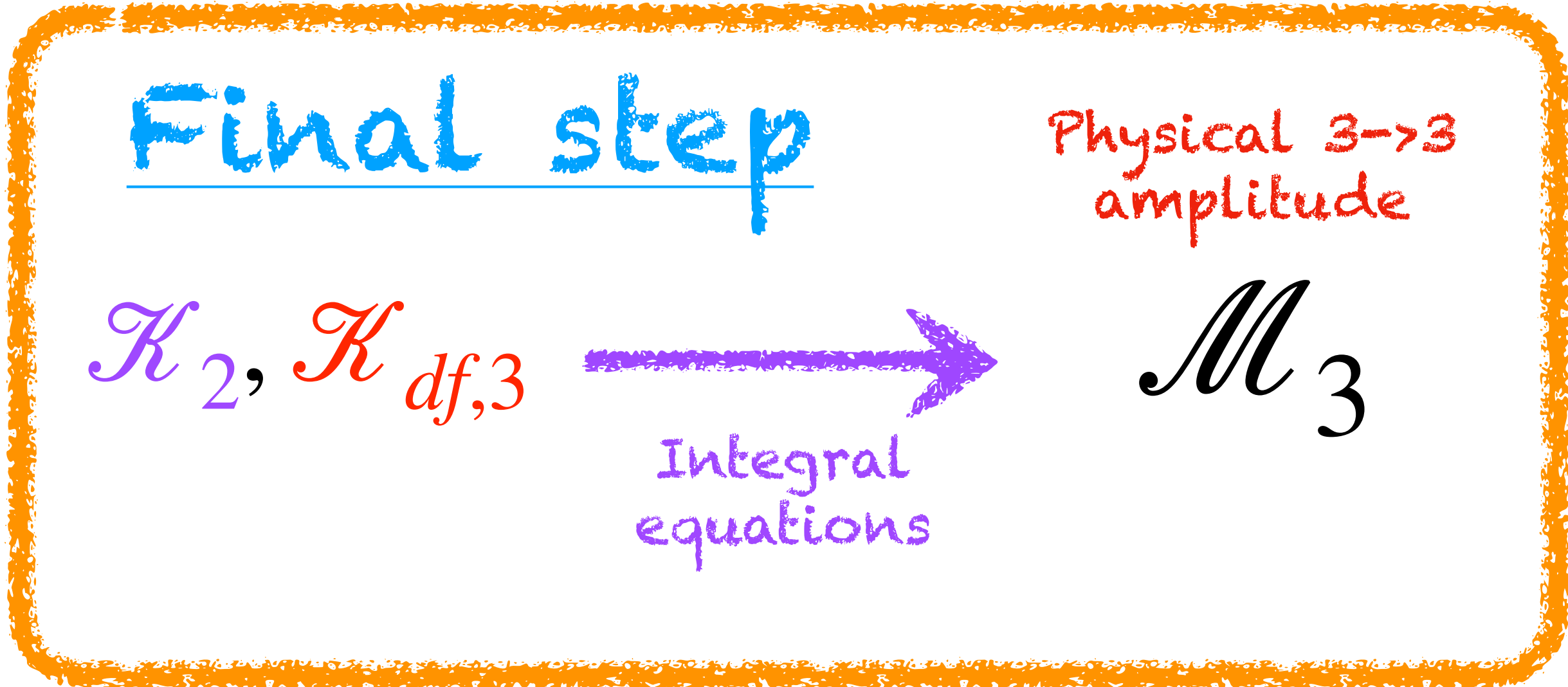
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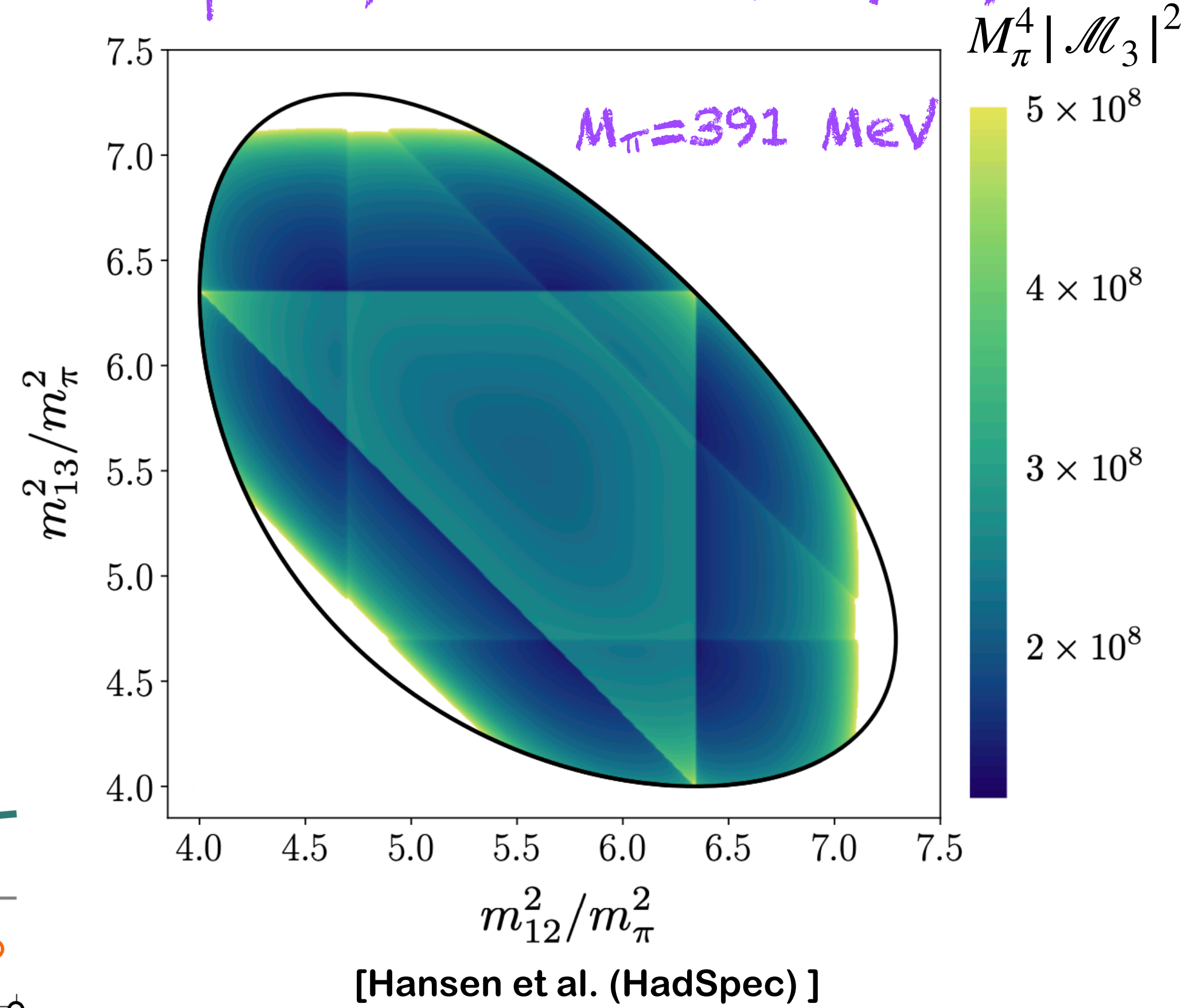
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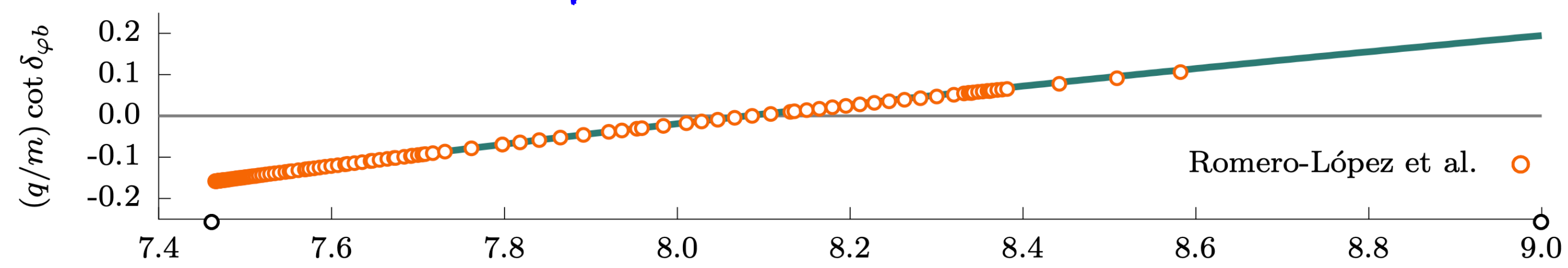
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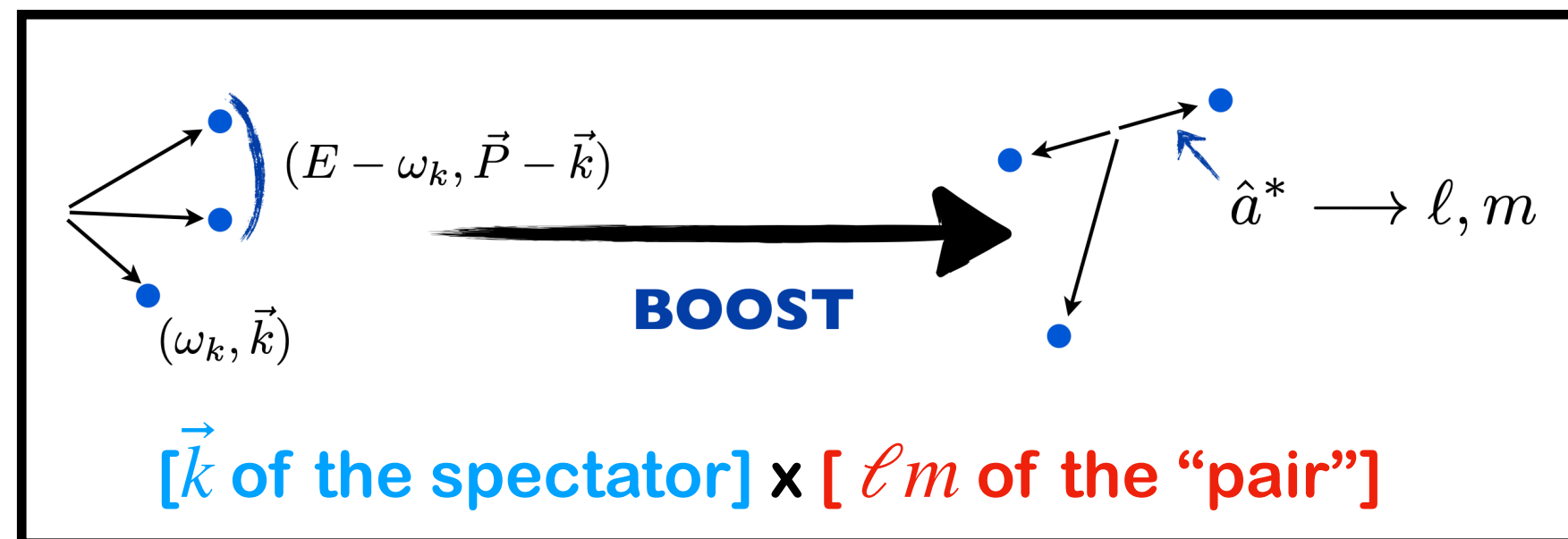
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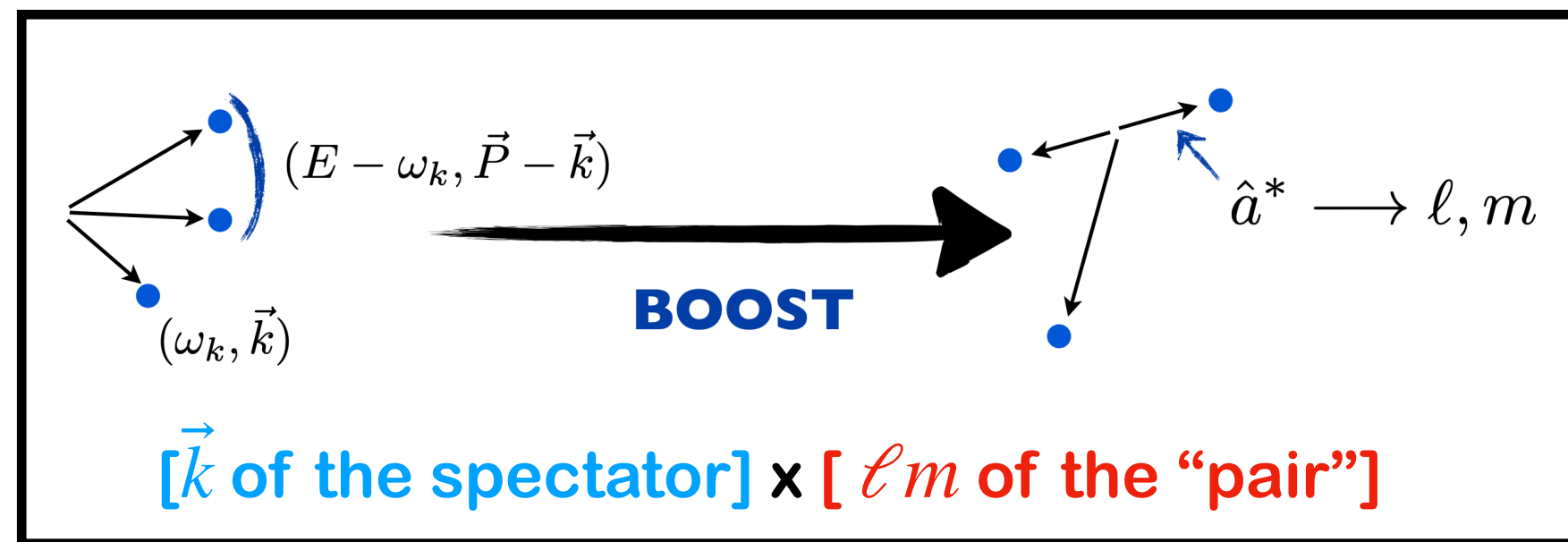
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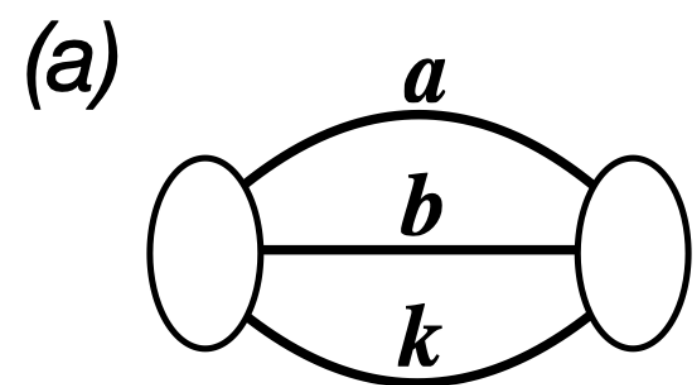
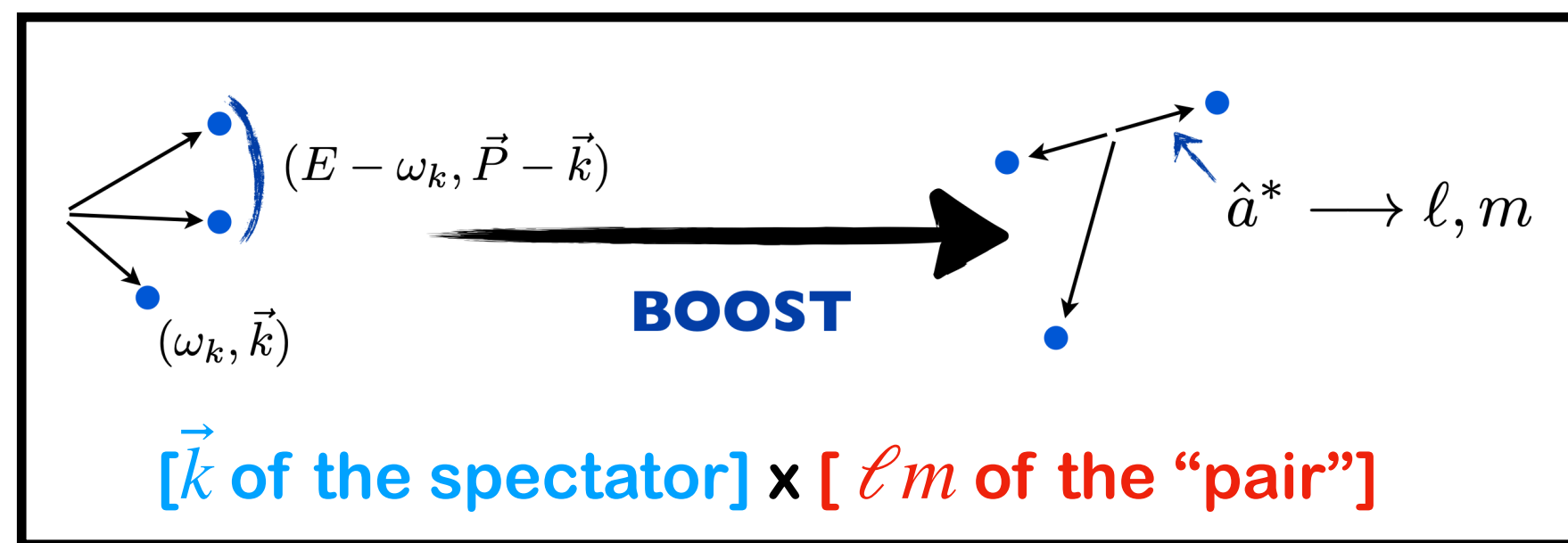
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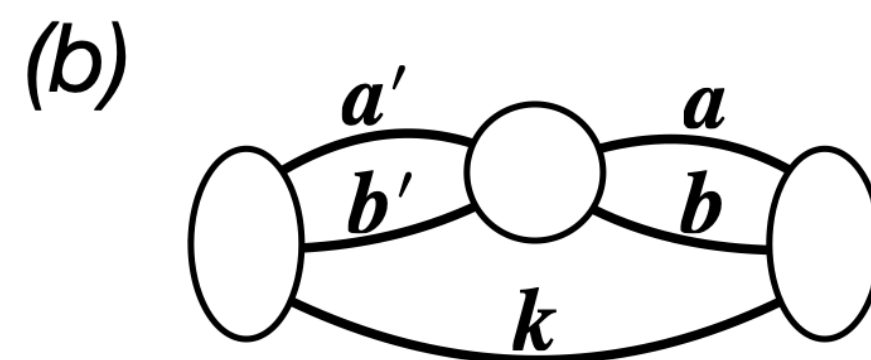
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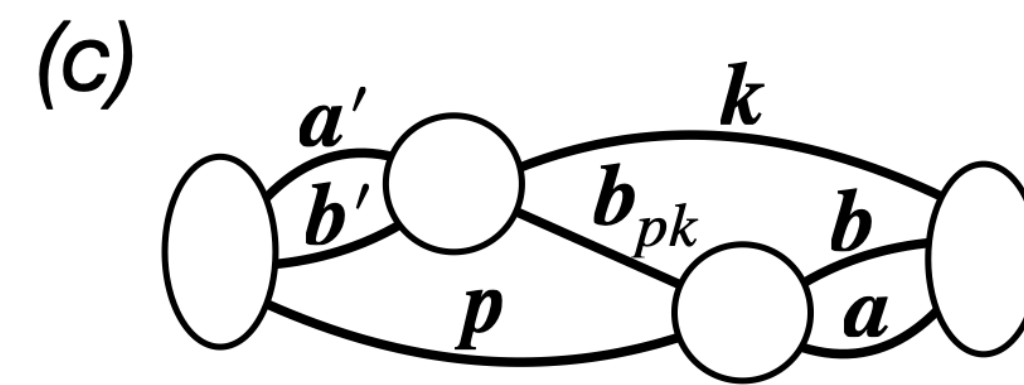
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# Including isospin

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[Hansen, FRL, Sharpe, JHEP 2020]

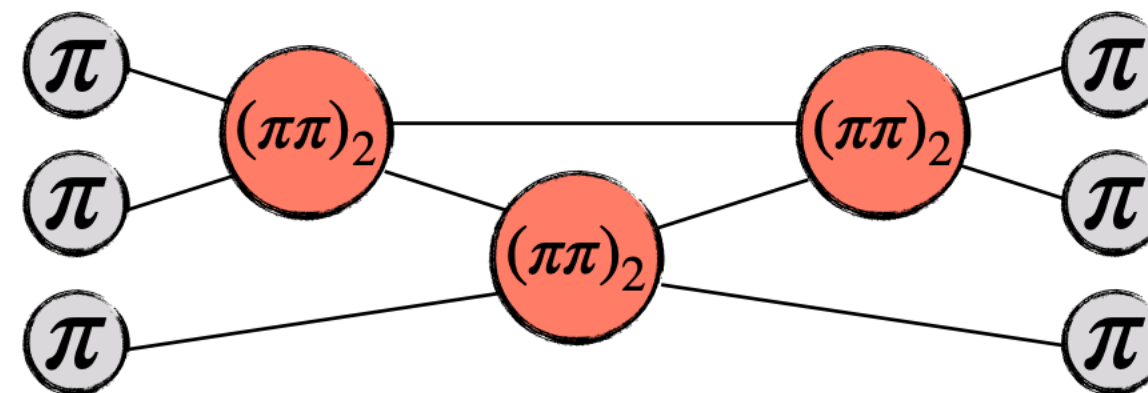
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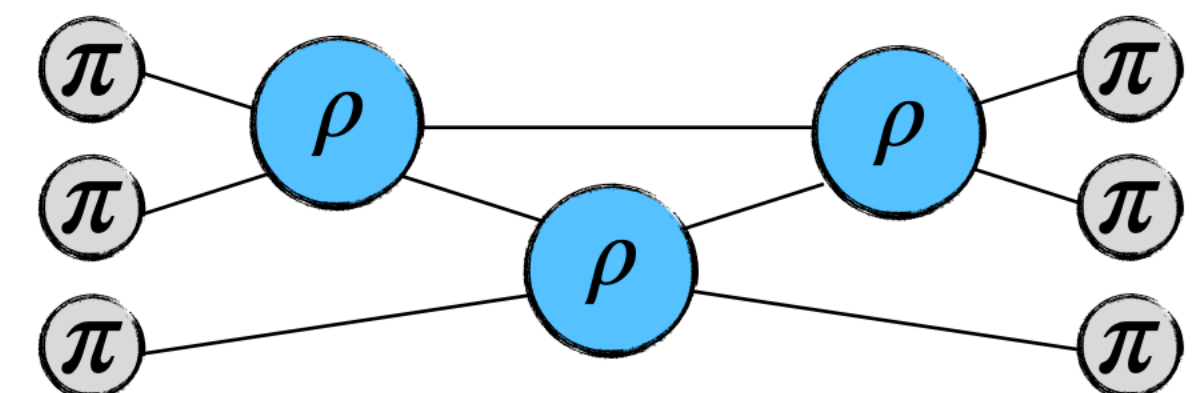
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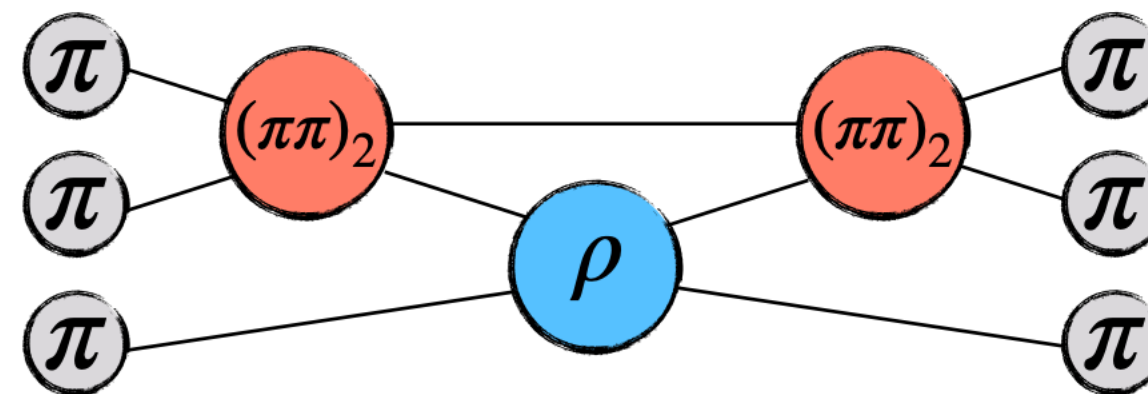
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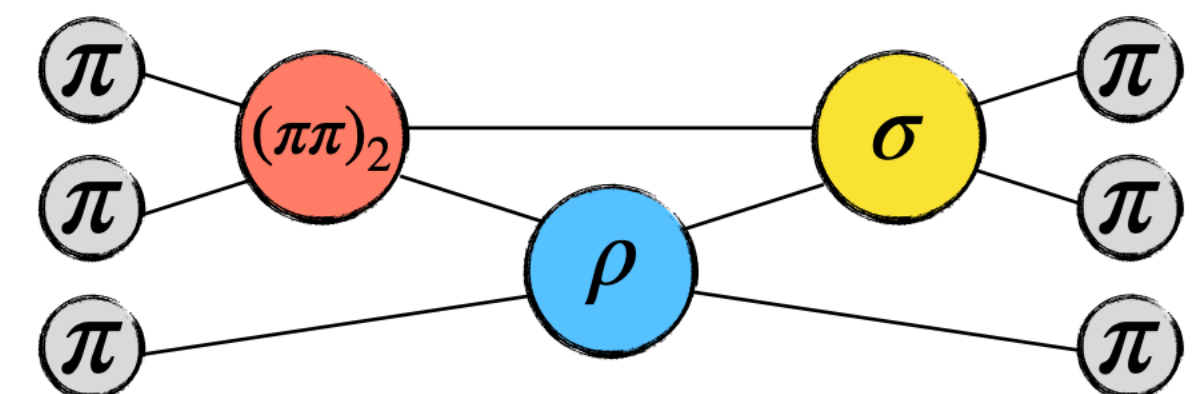
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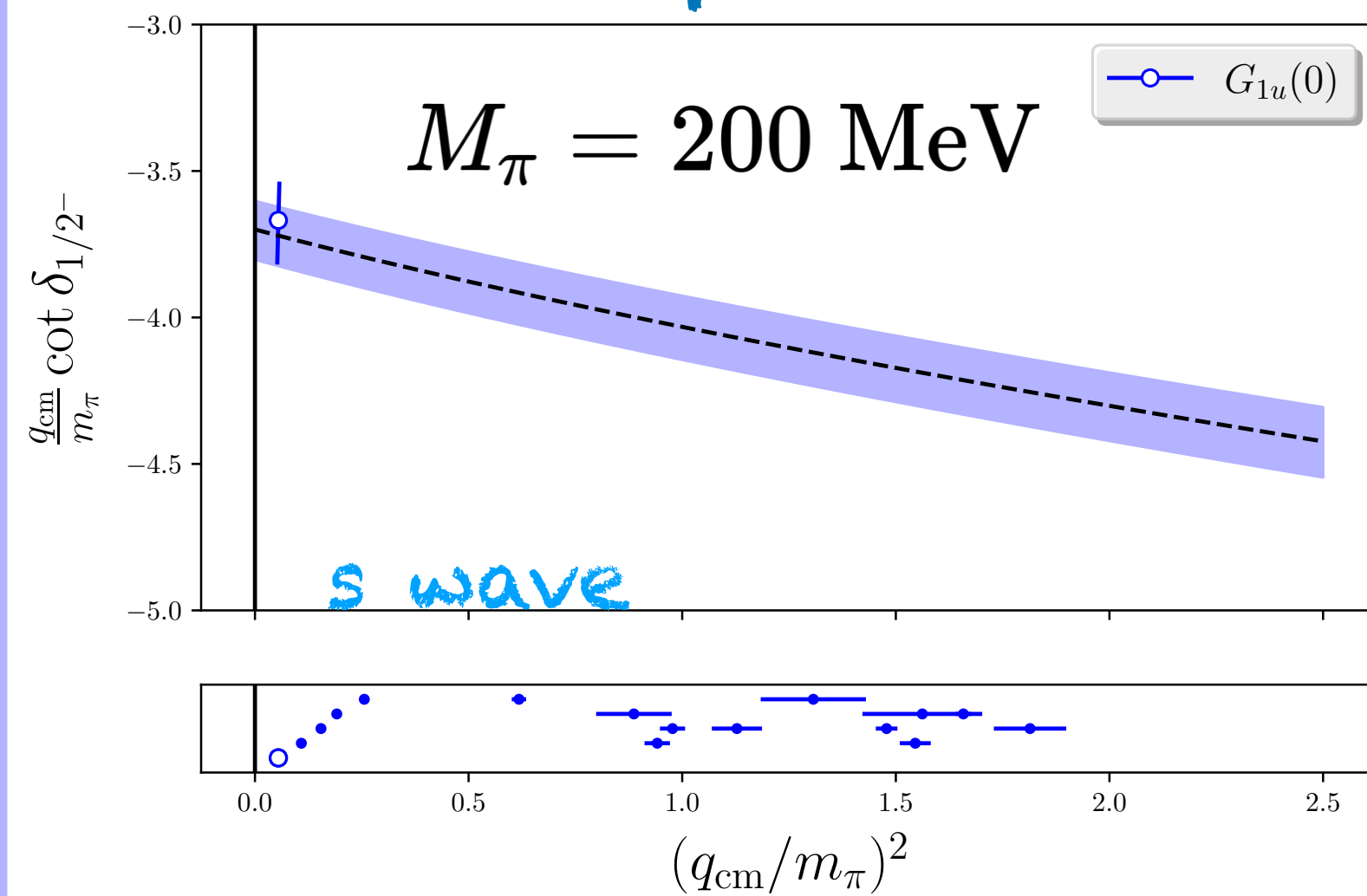


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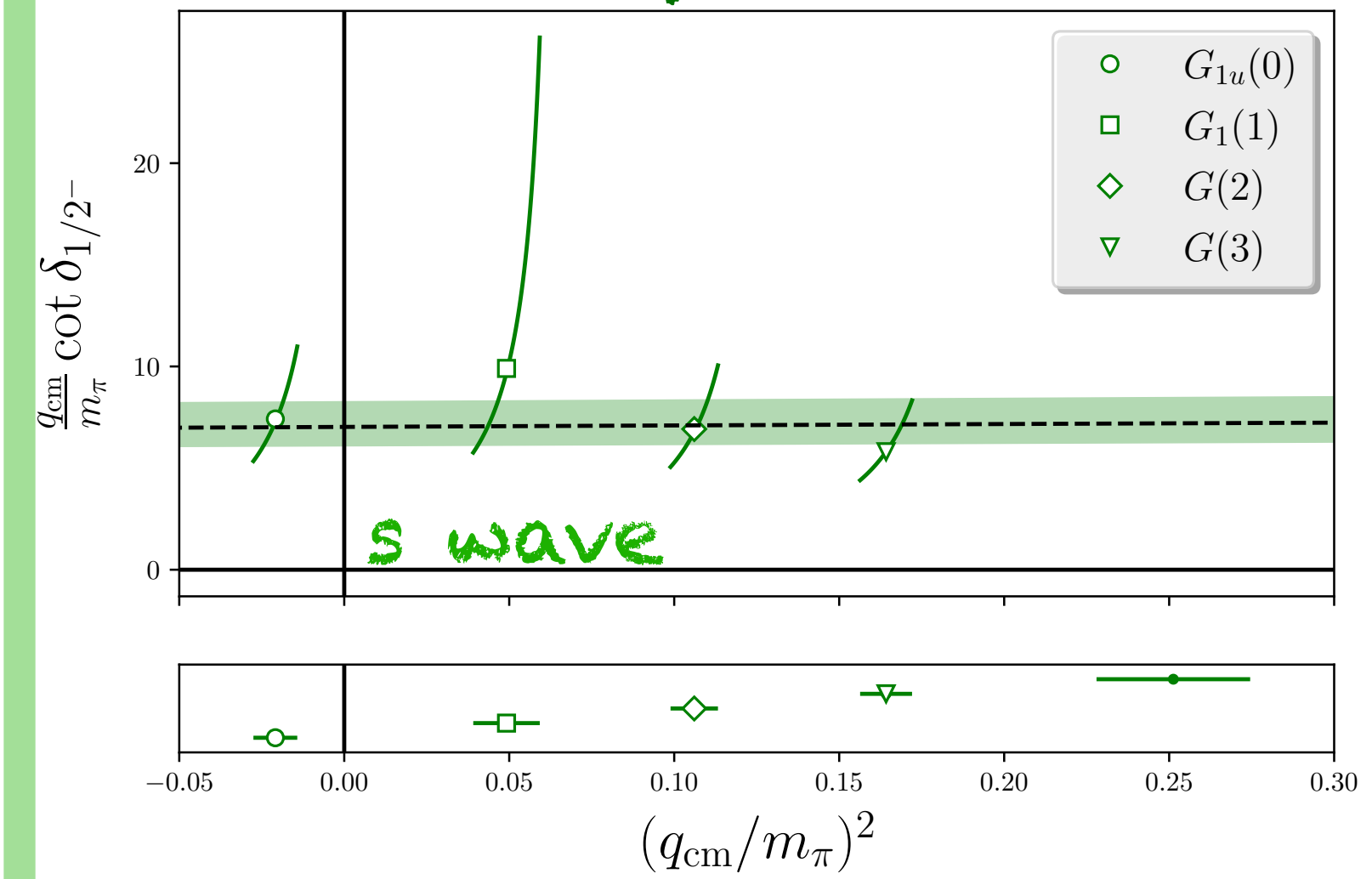
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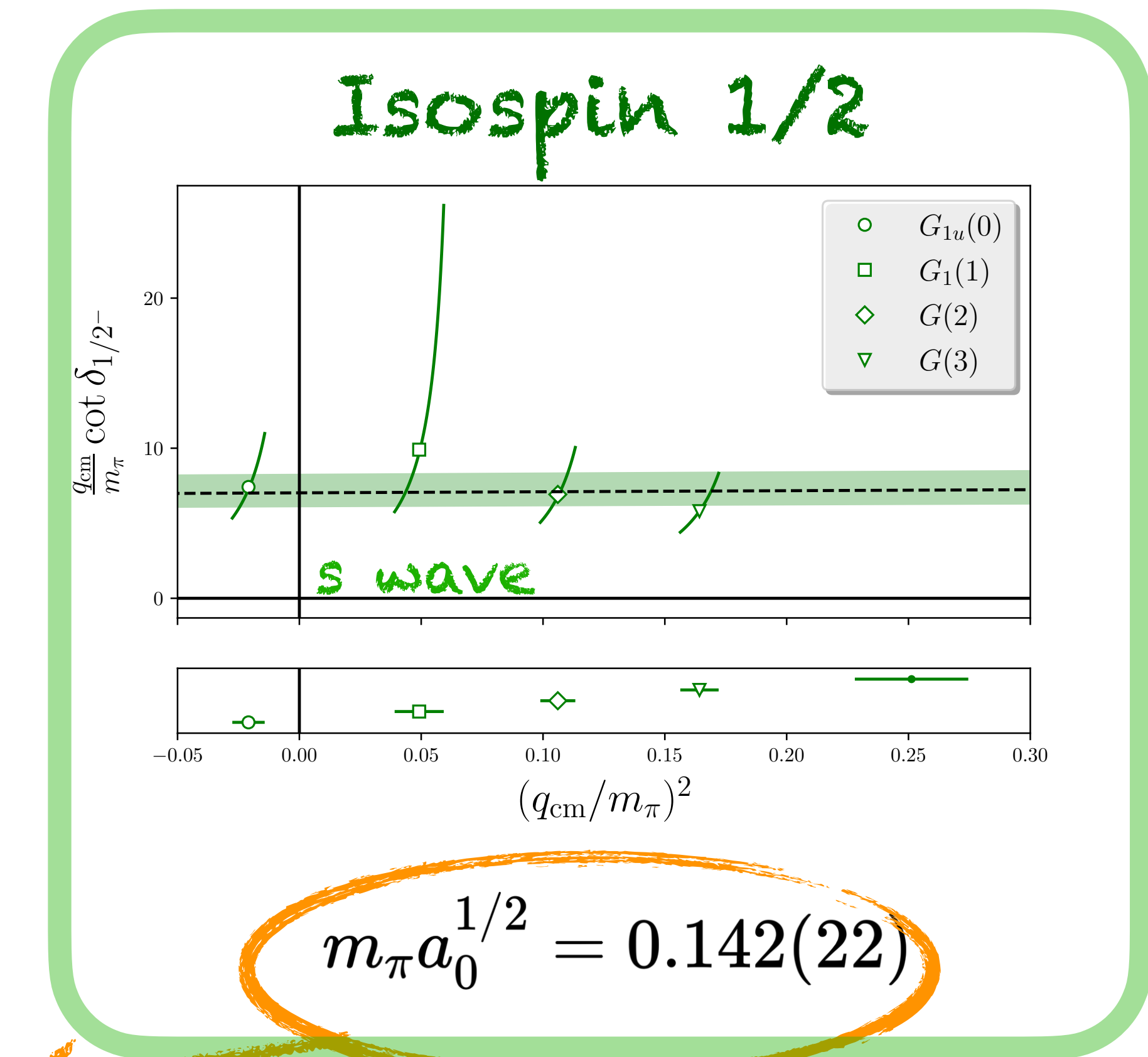
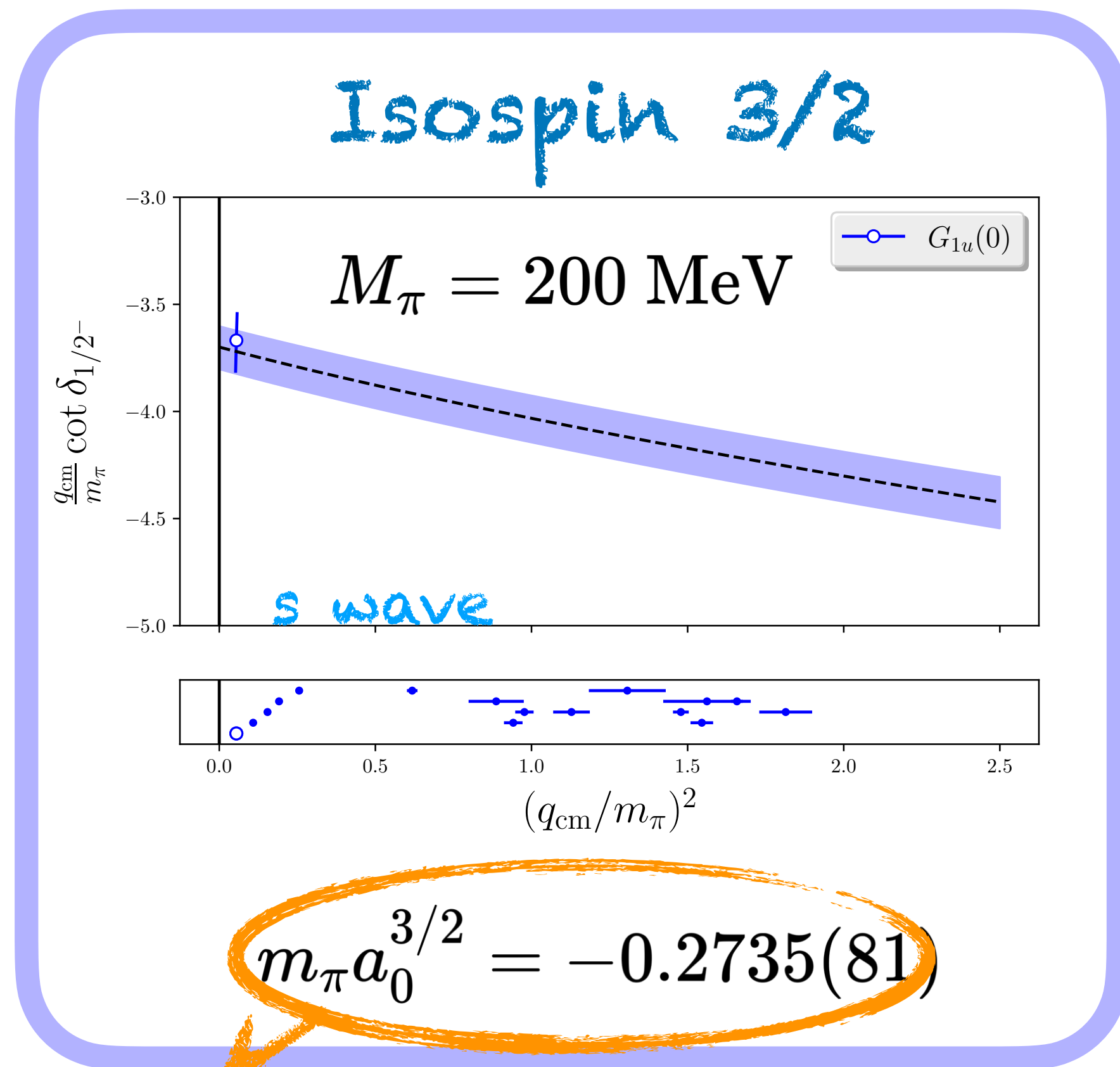
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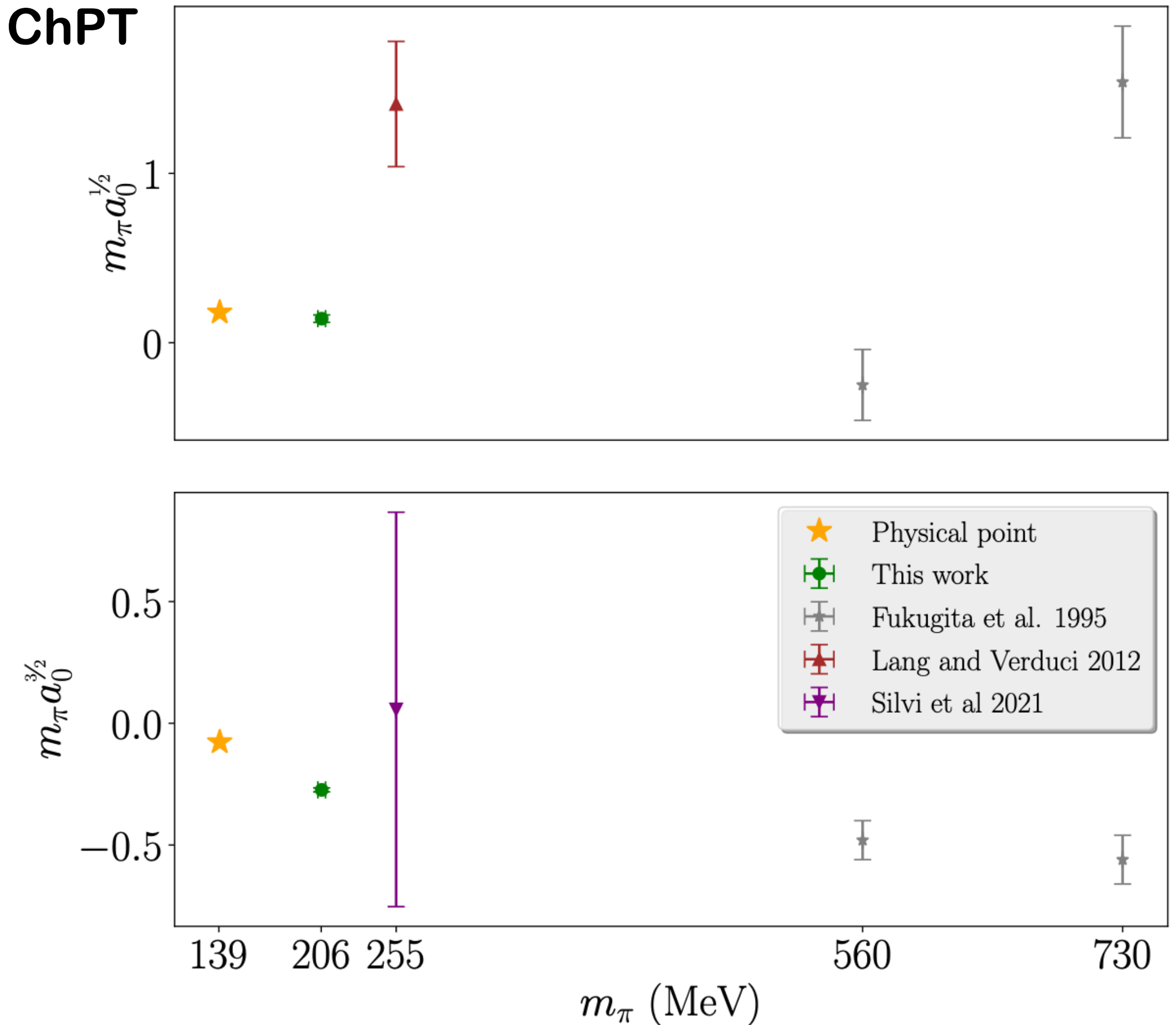
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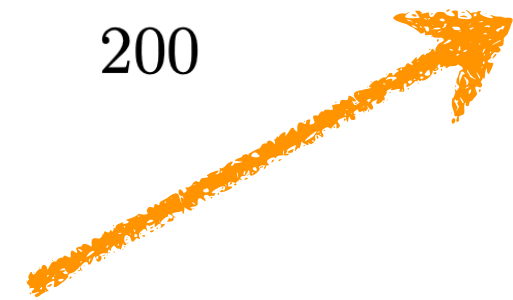


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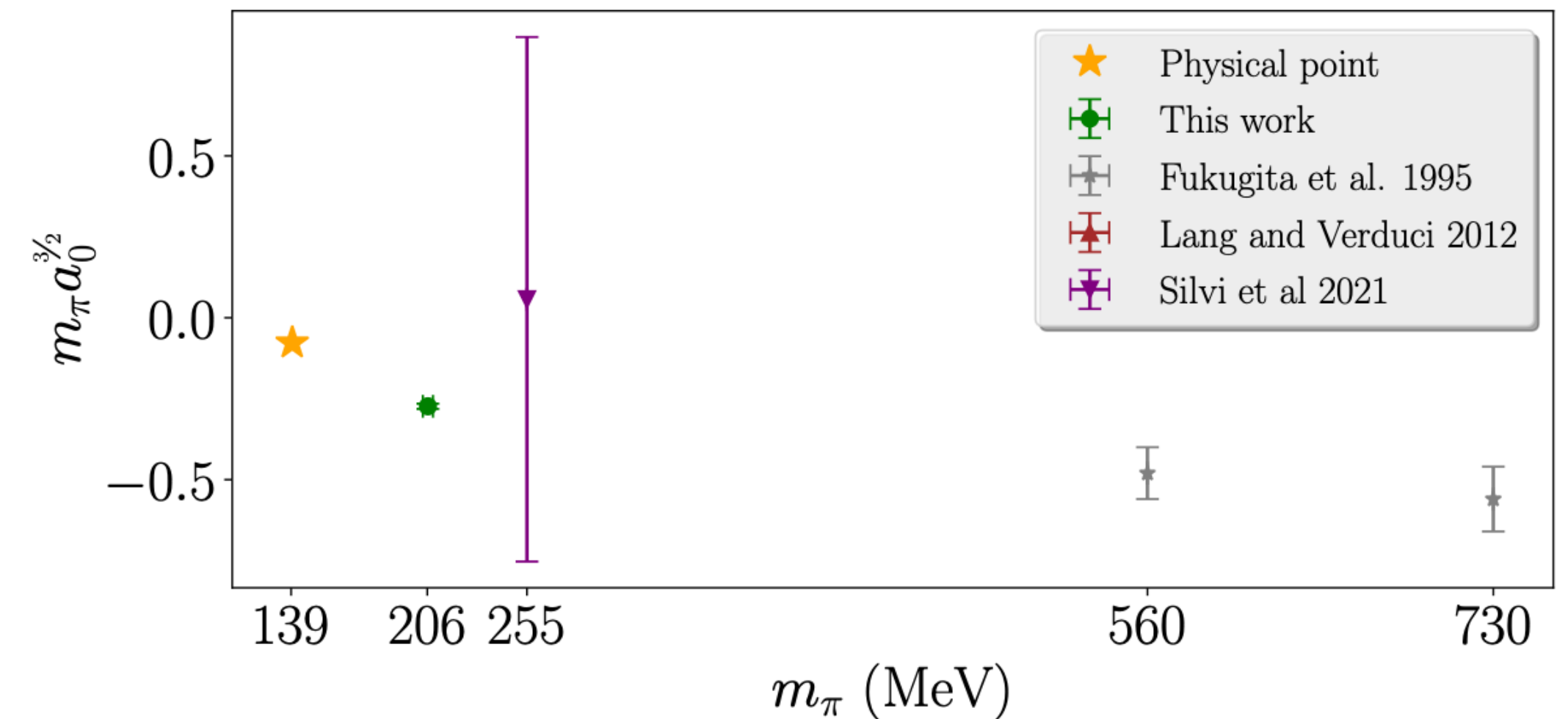
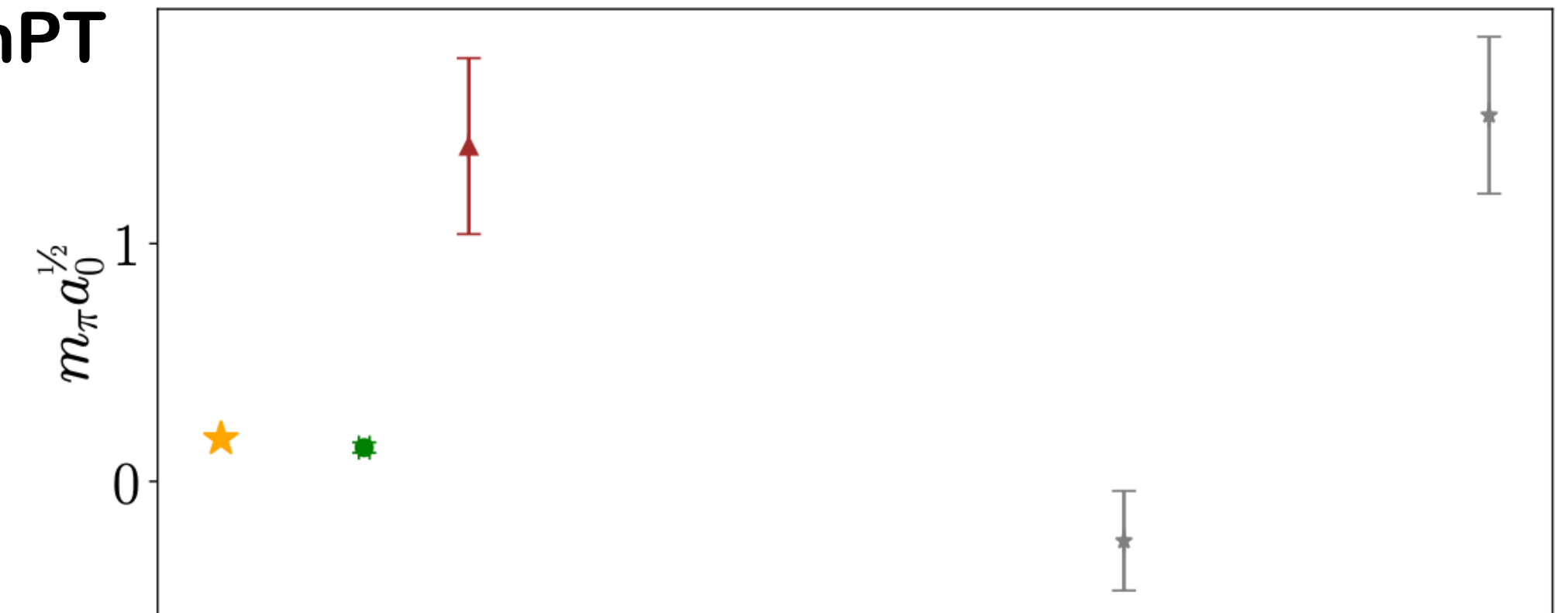
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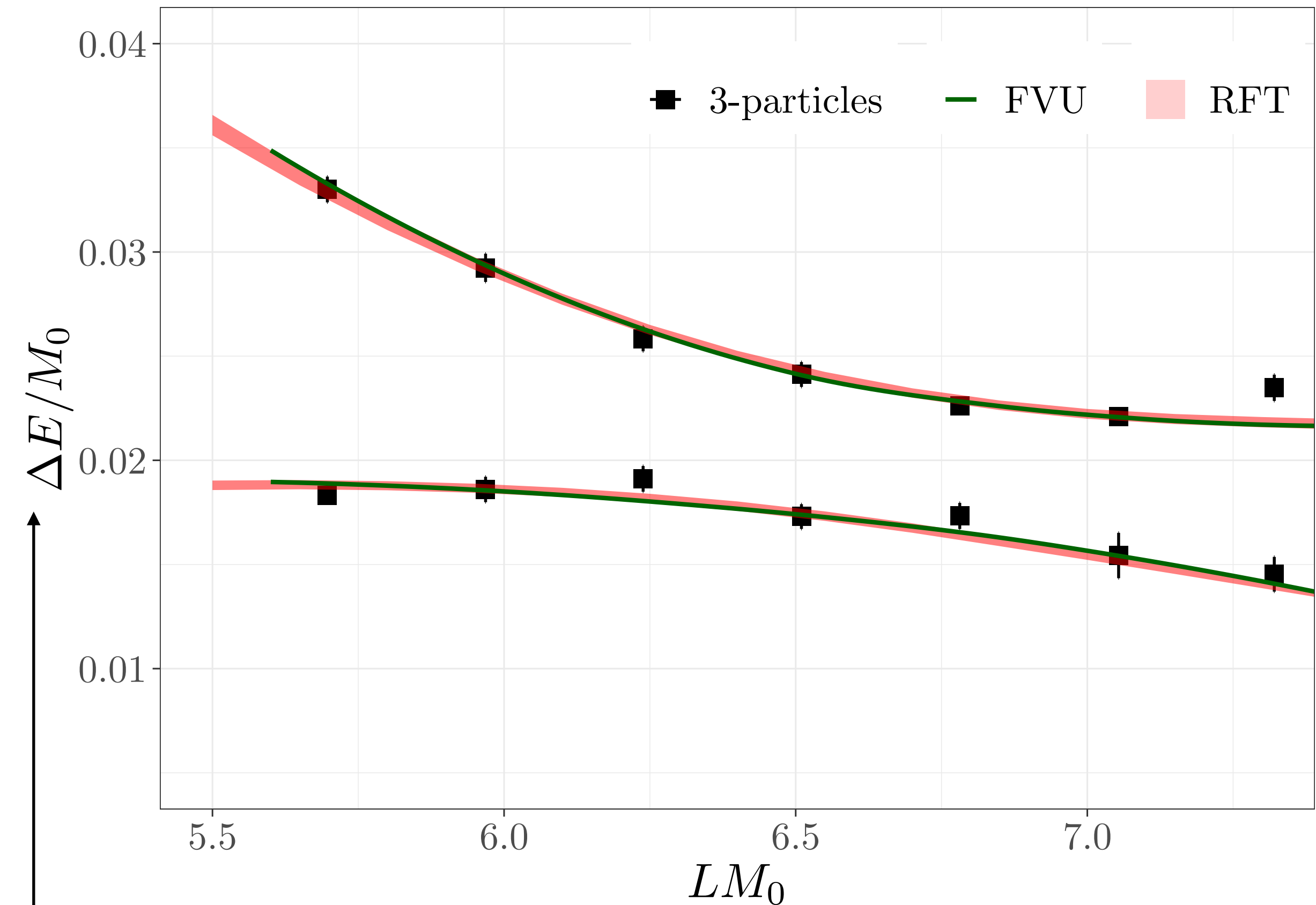
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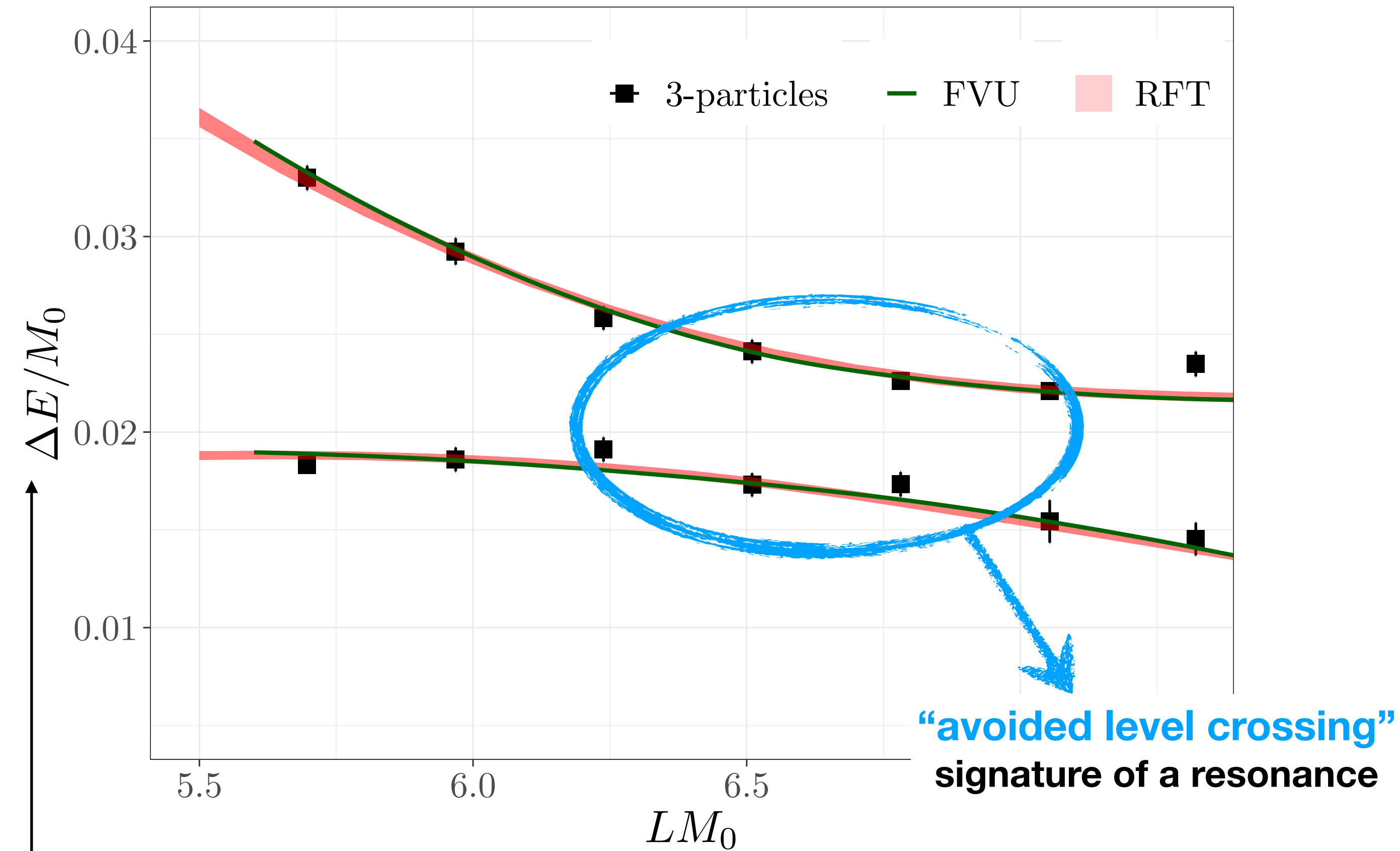
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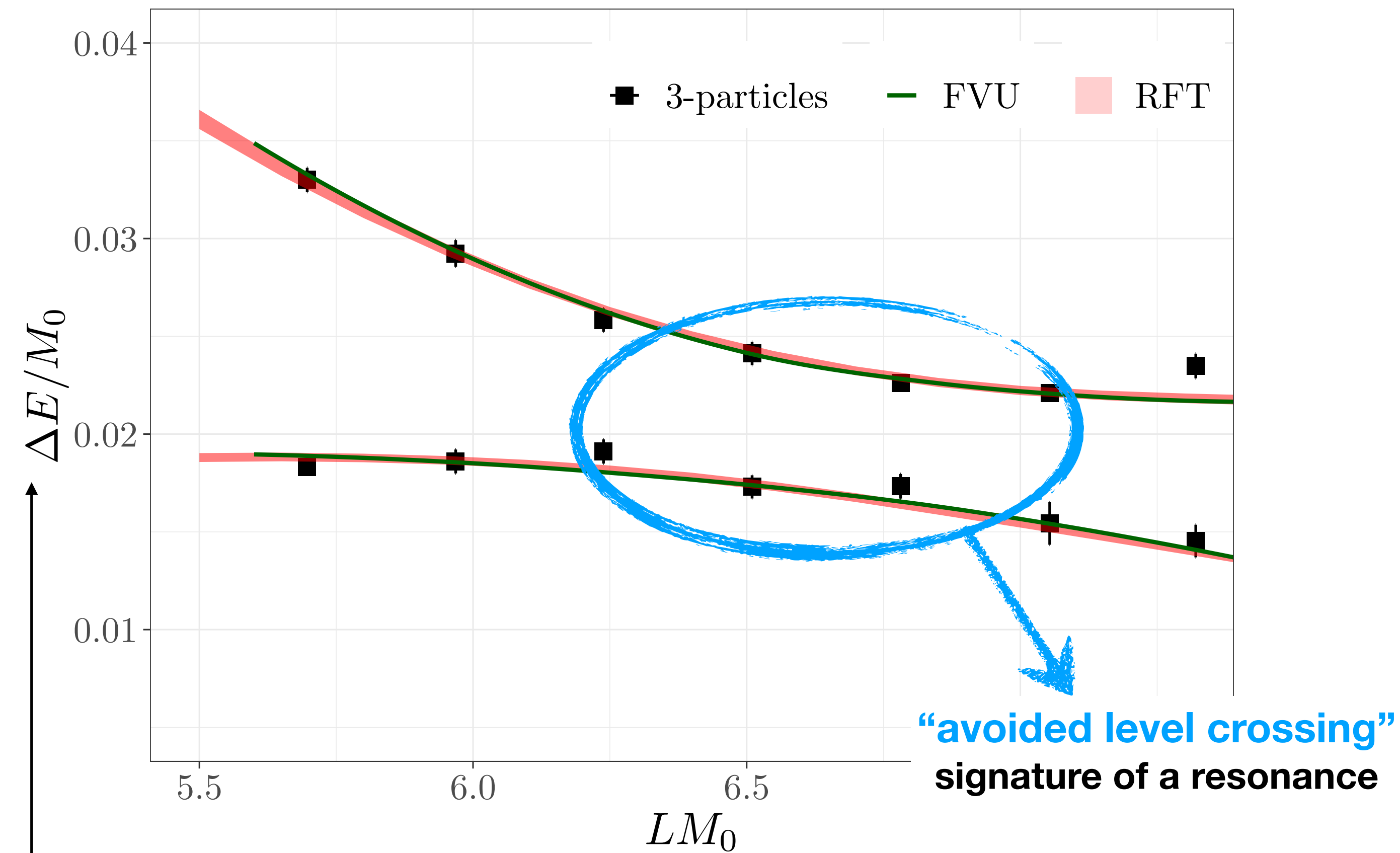
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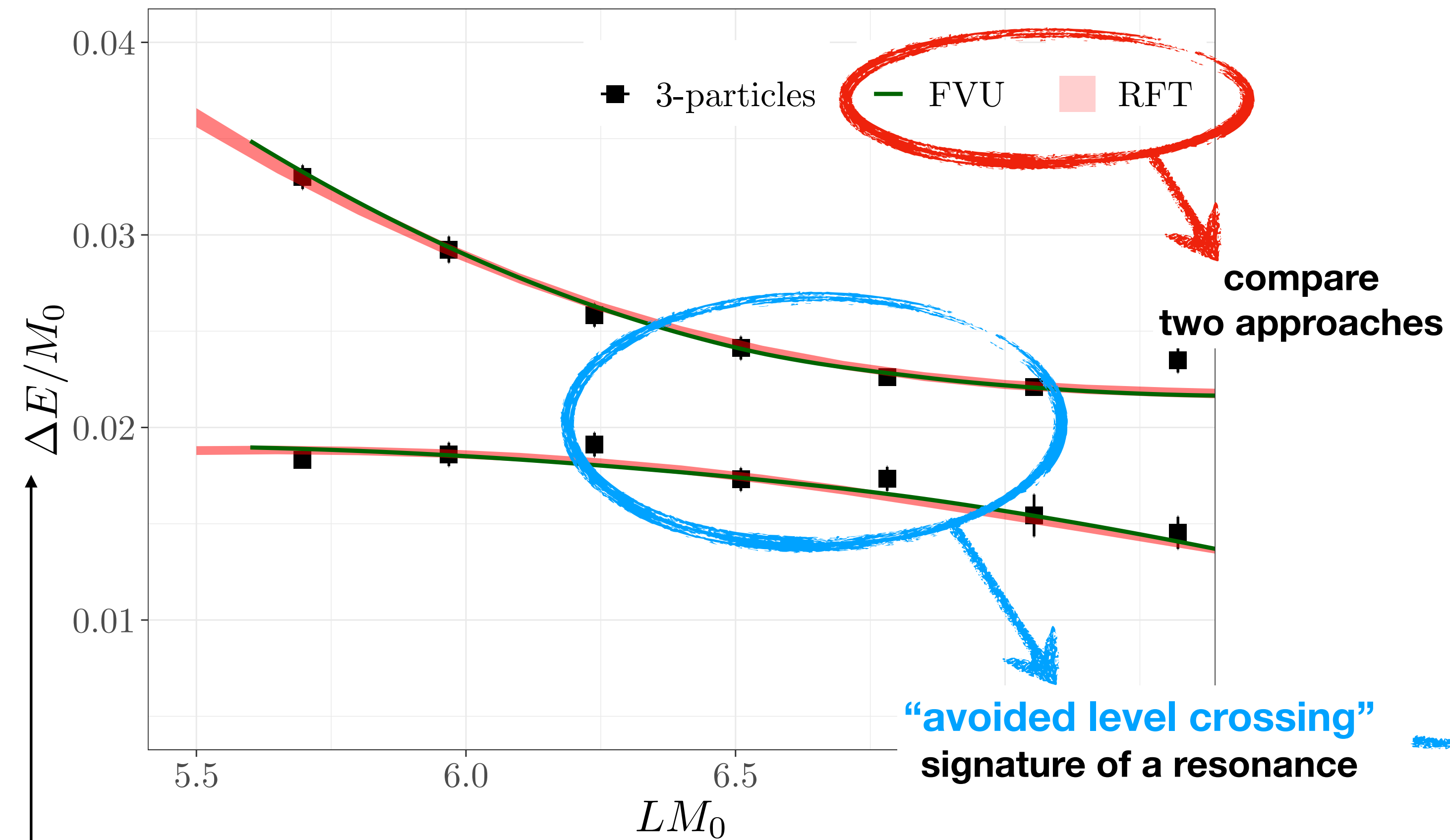
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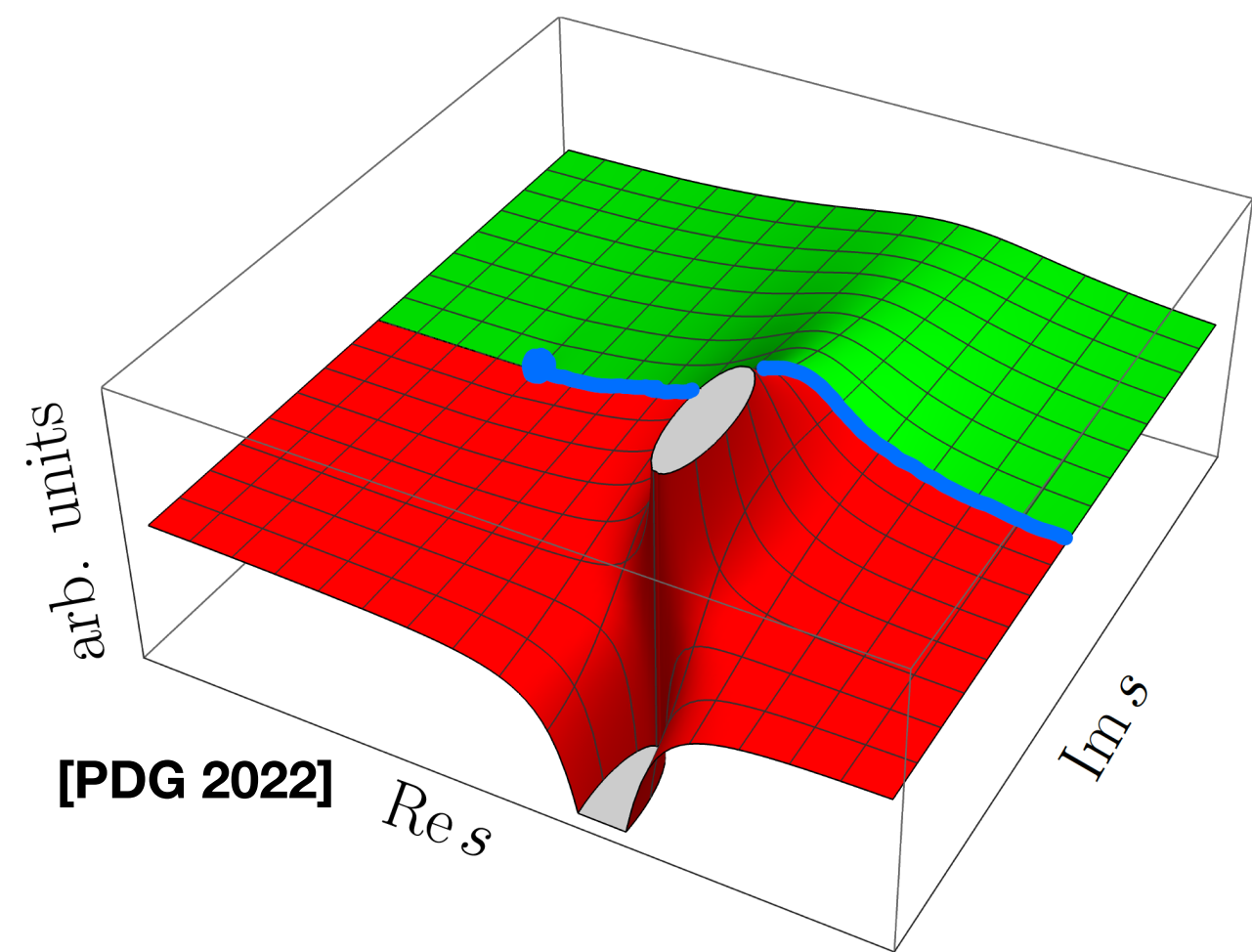
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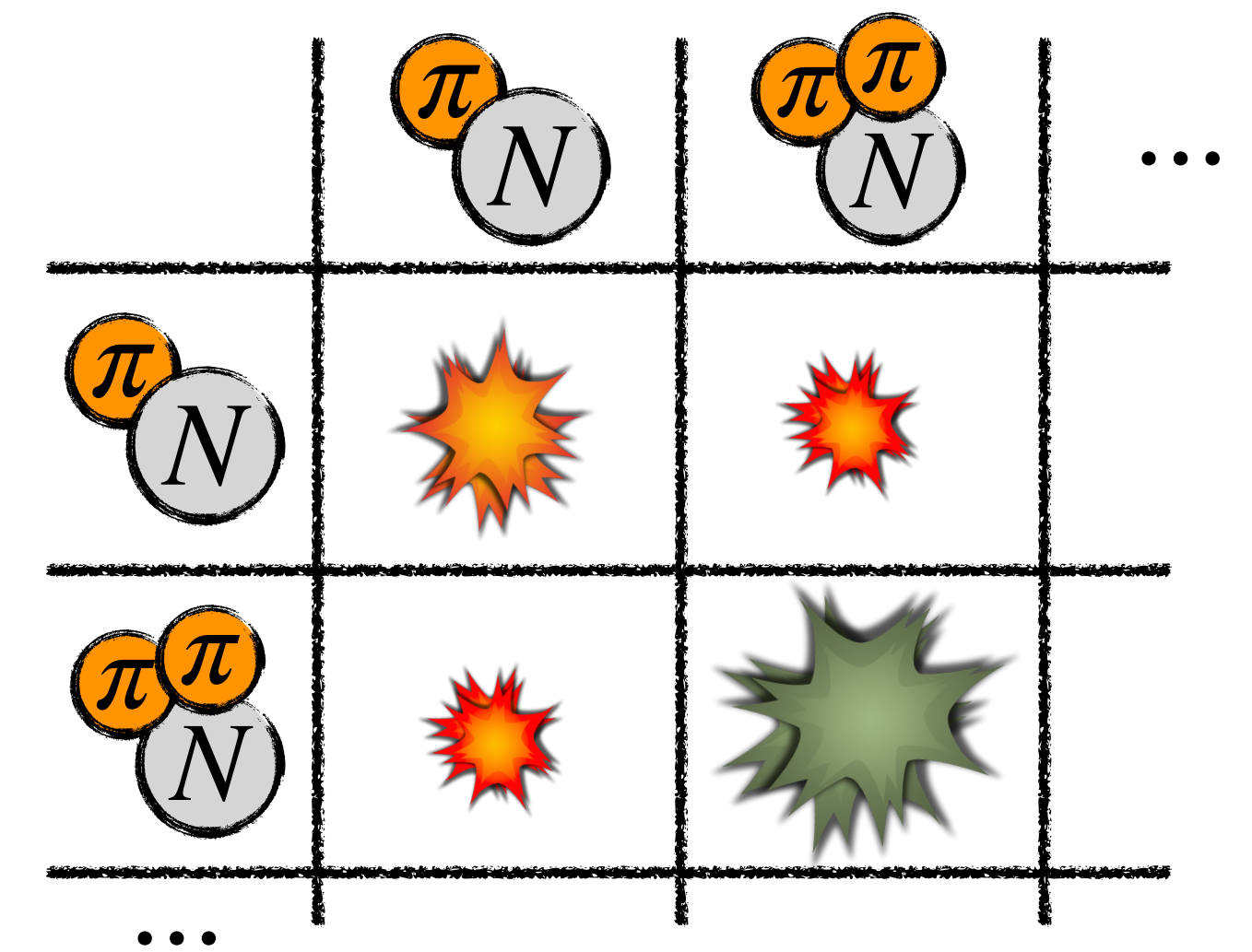
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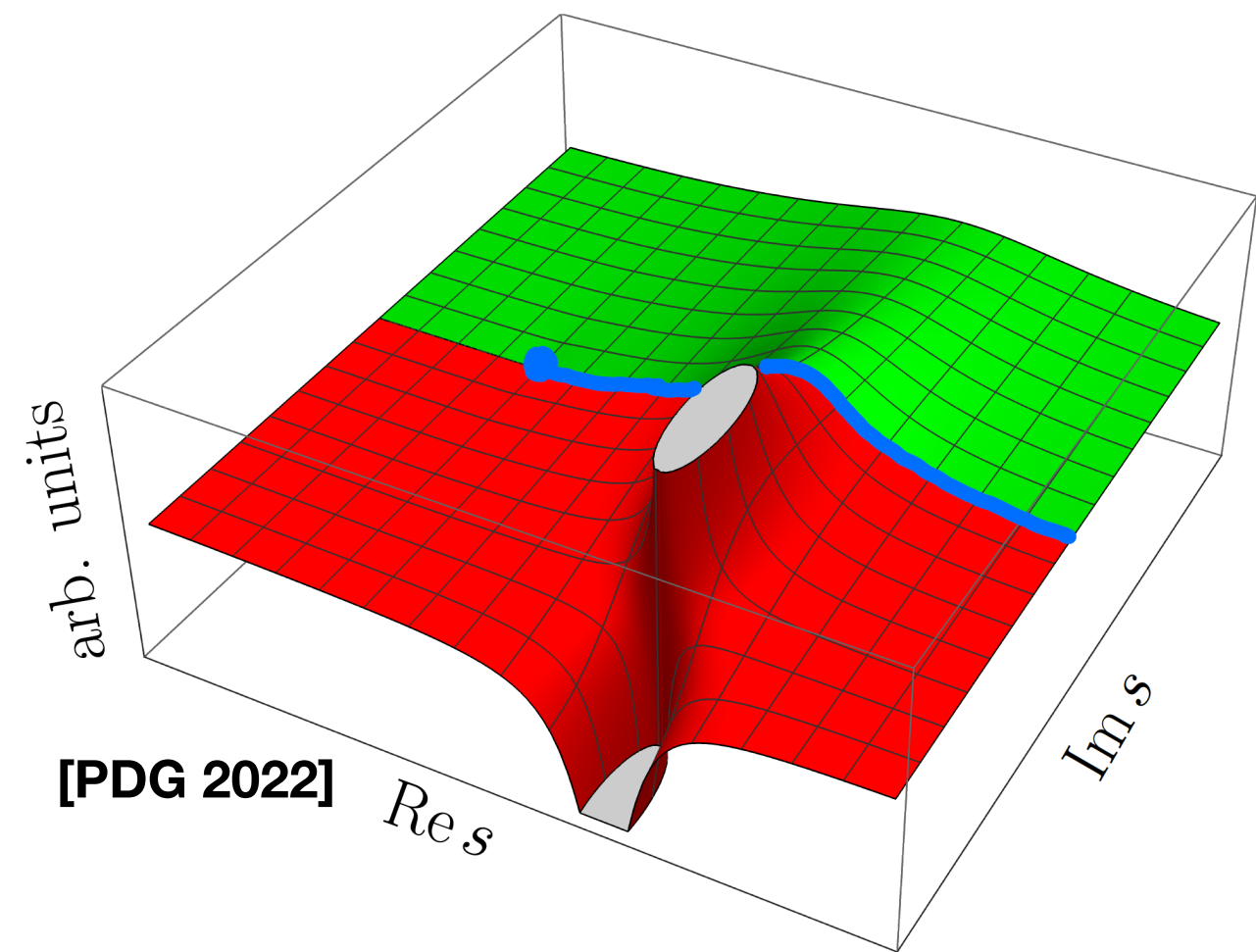
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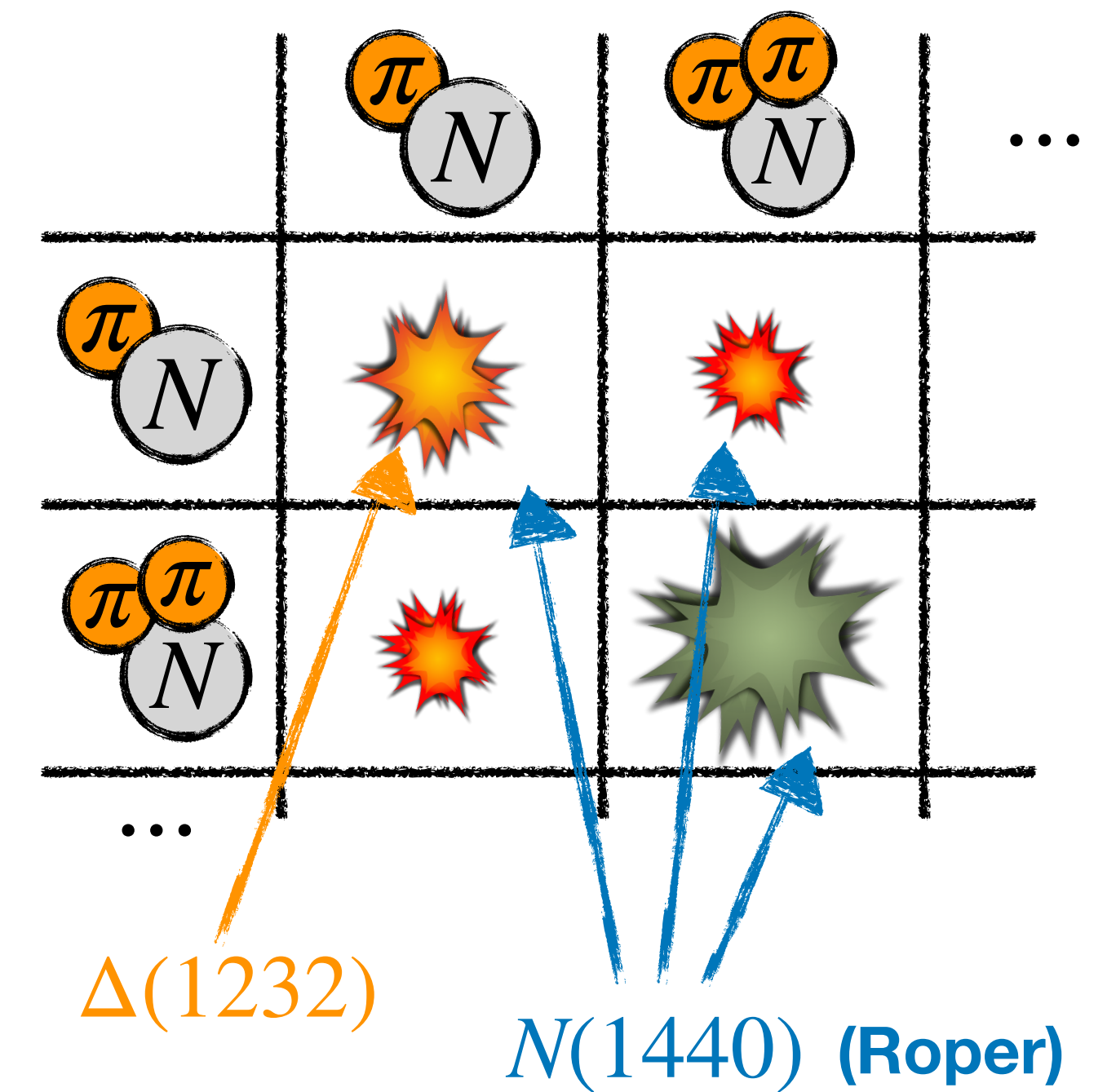
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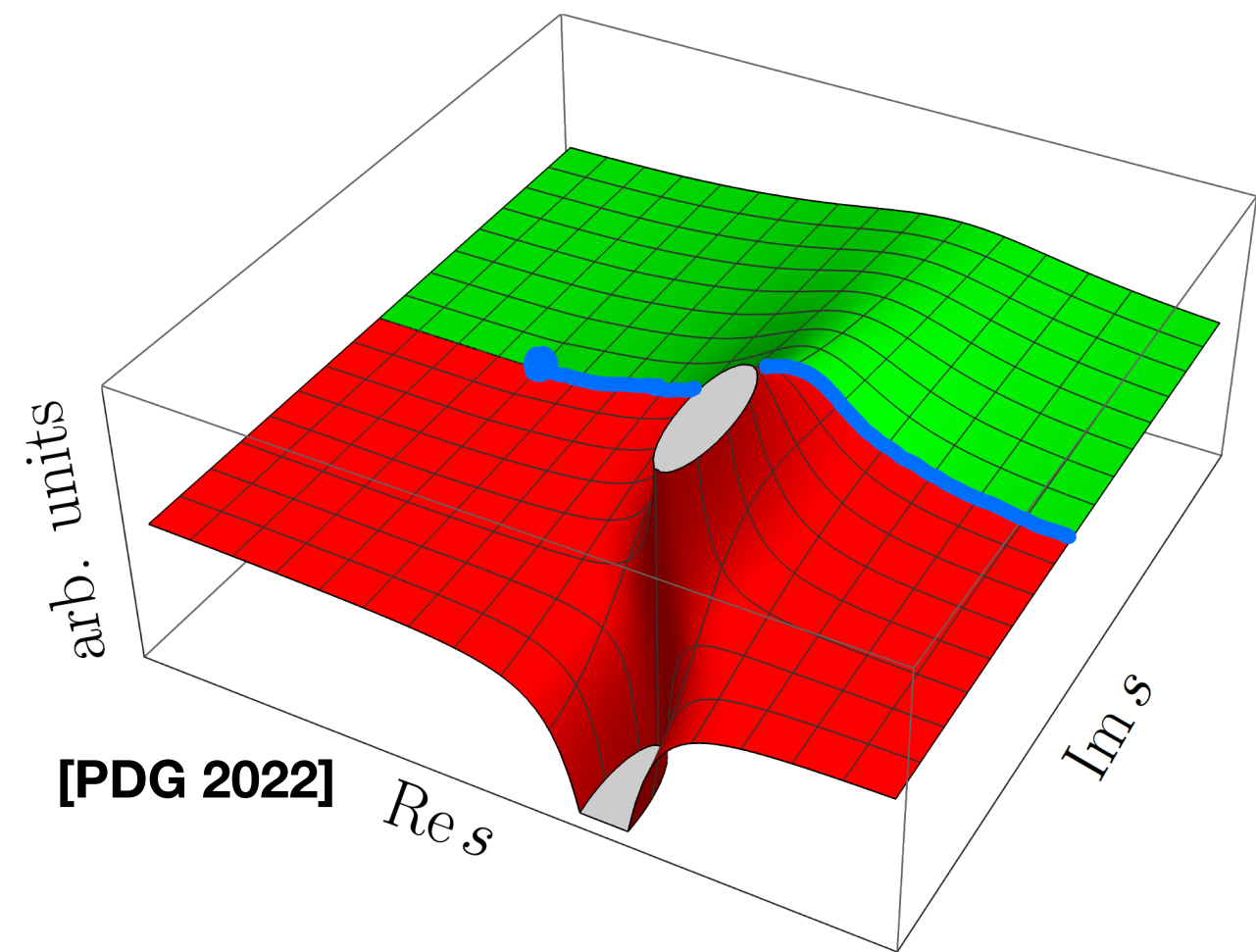
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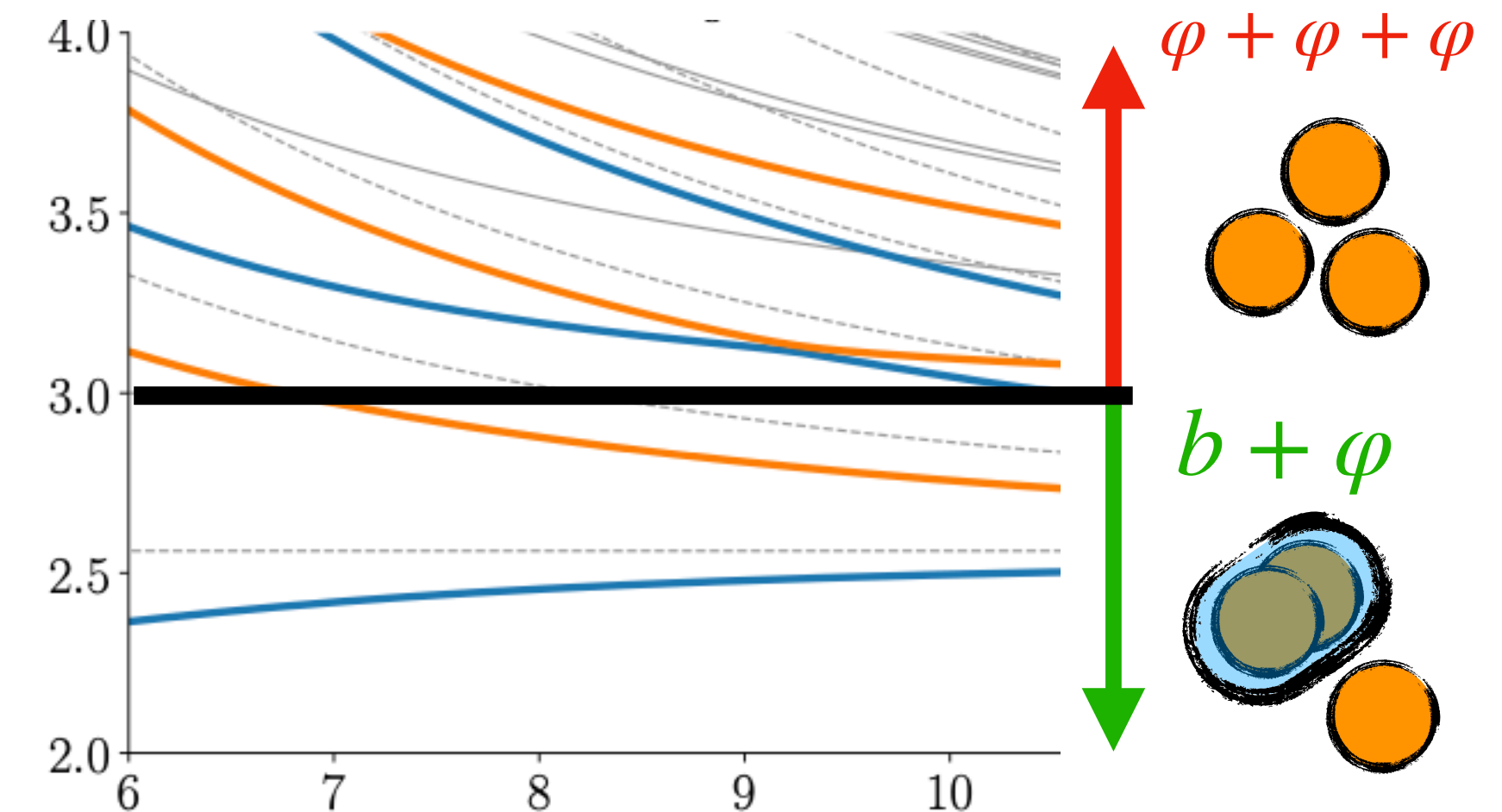
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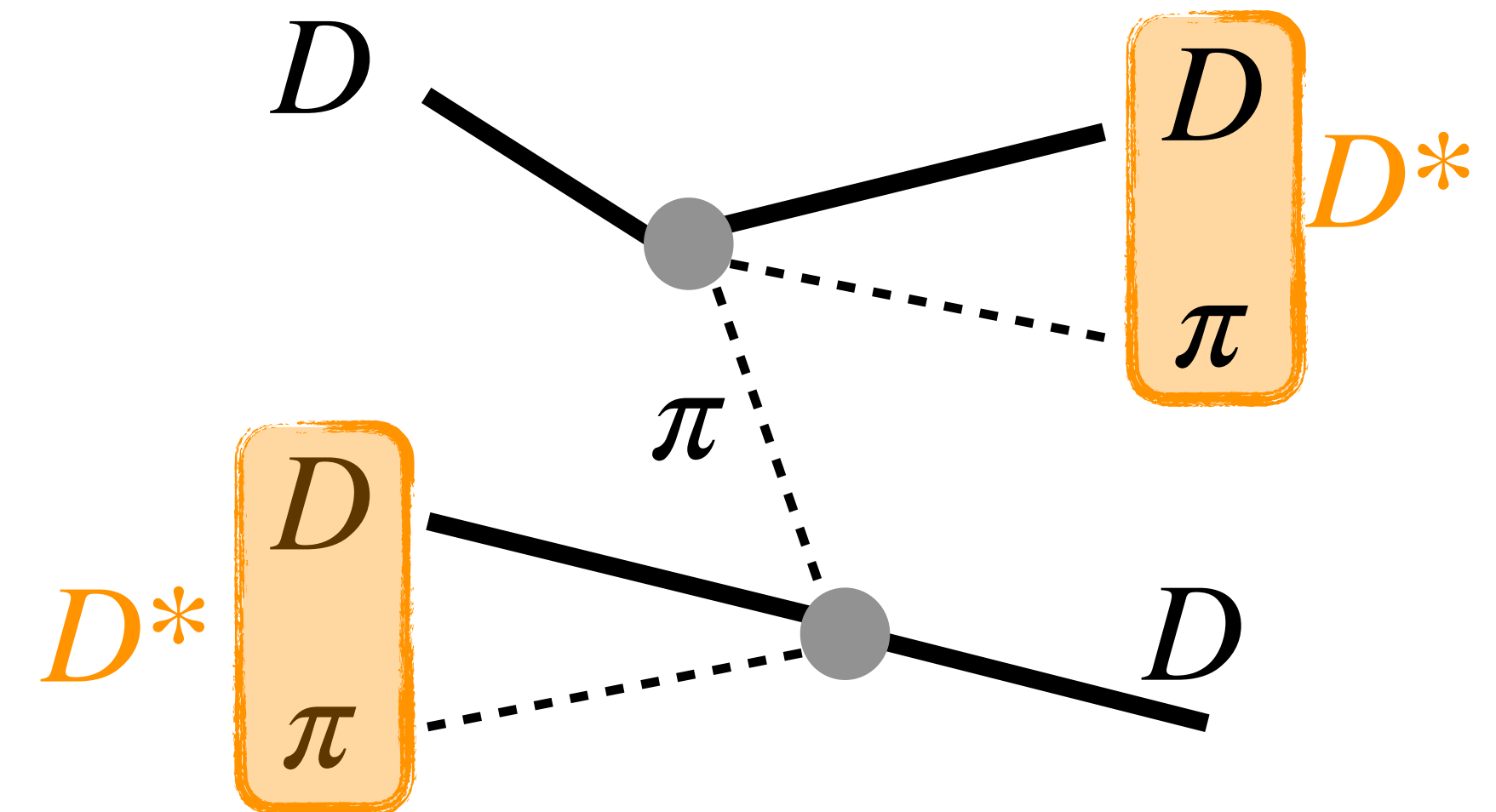
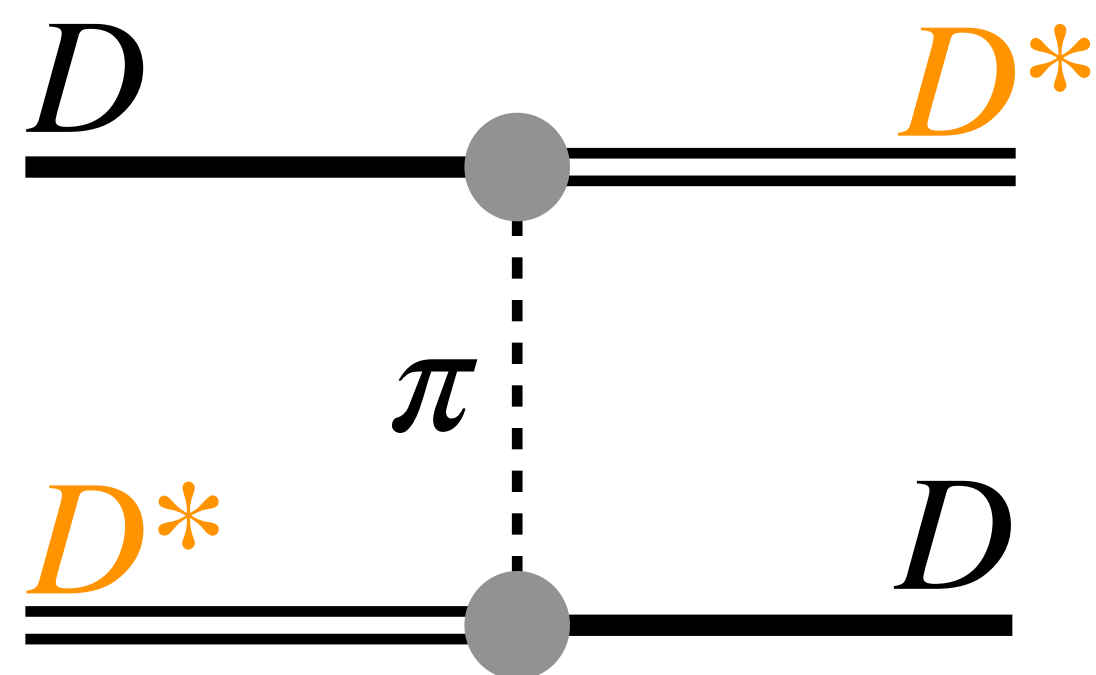
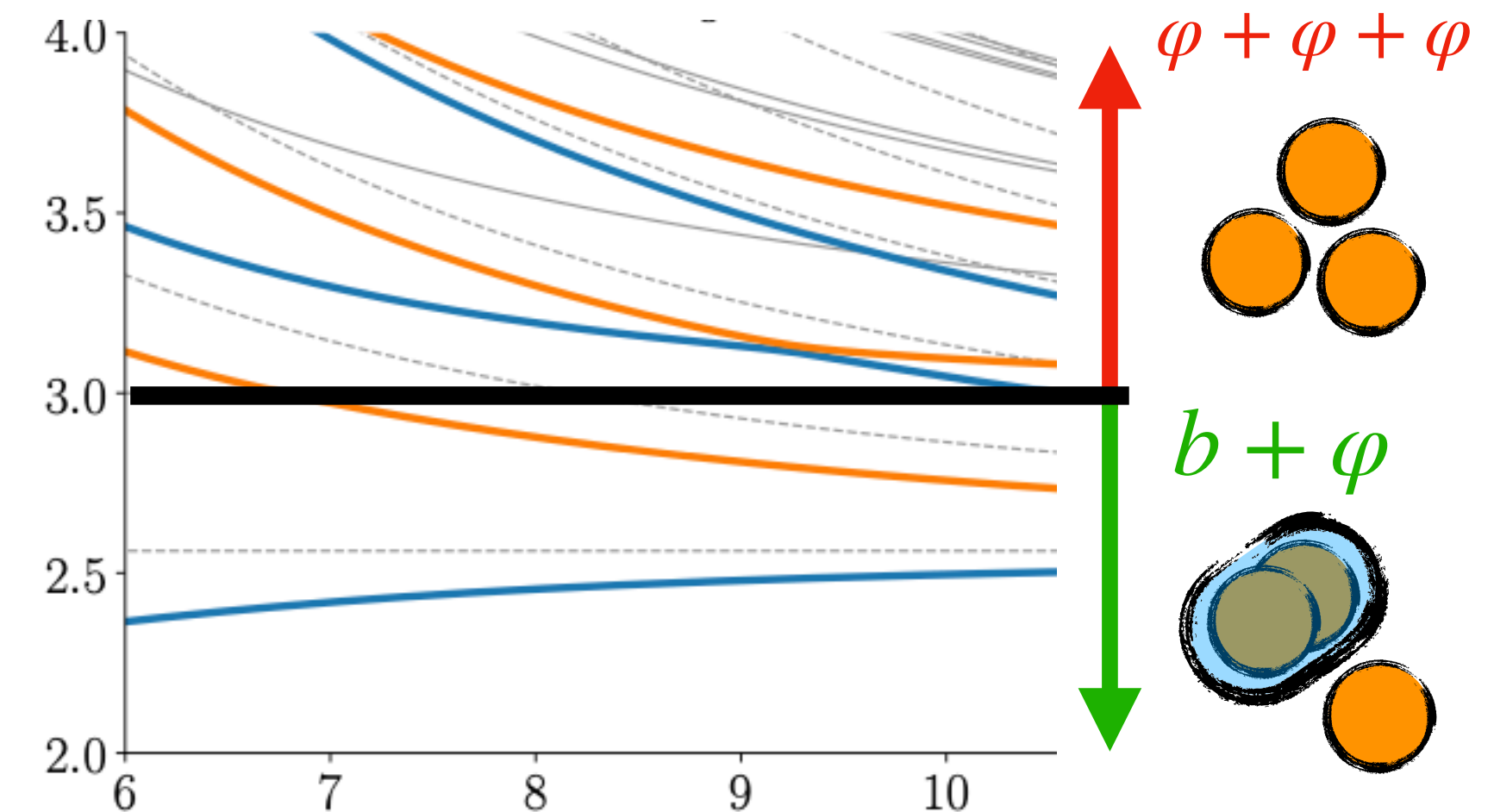
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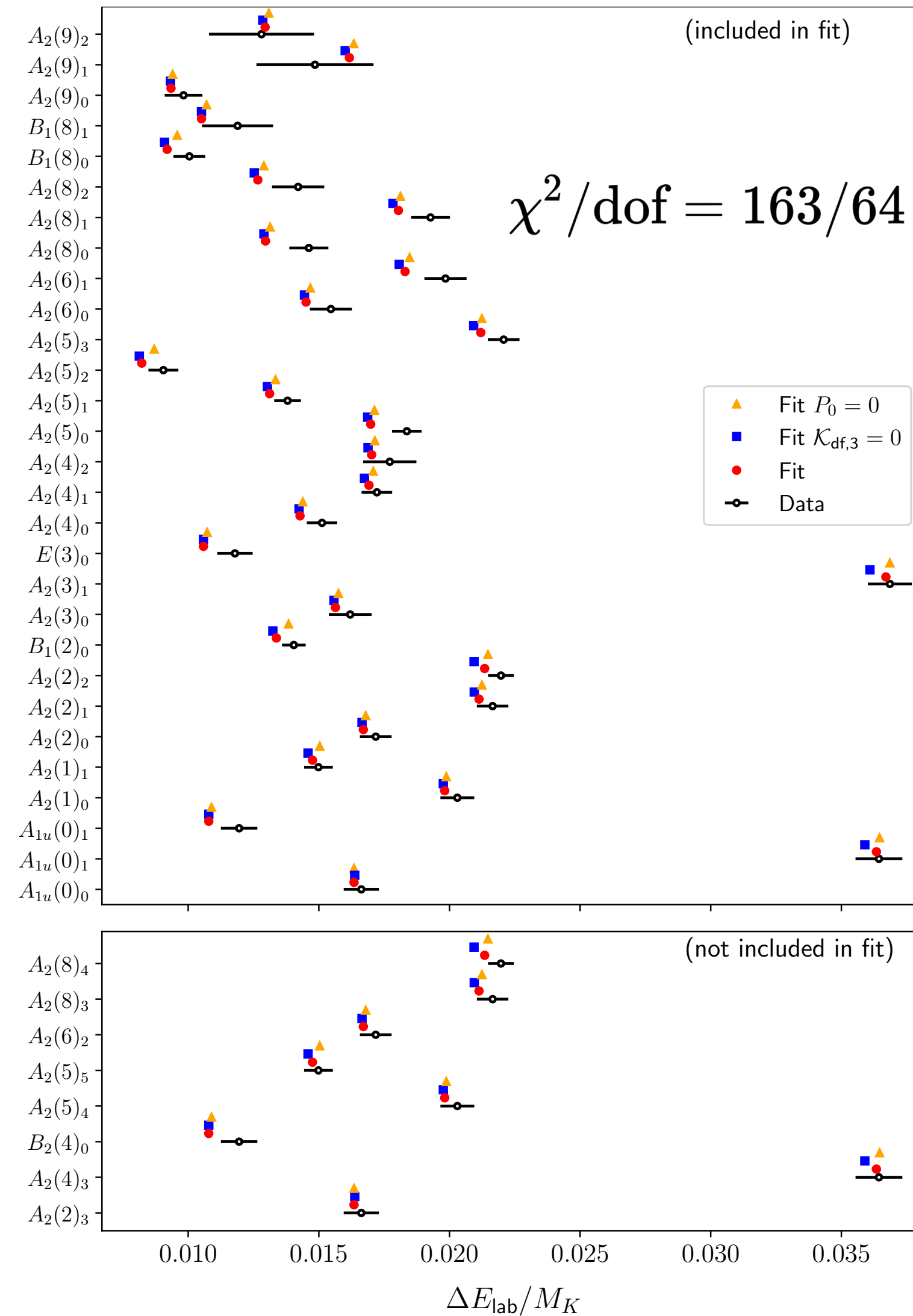
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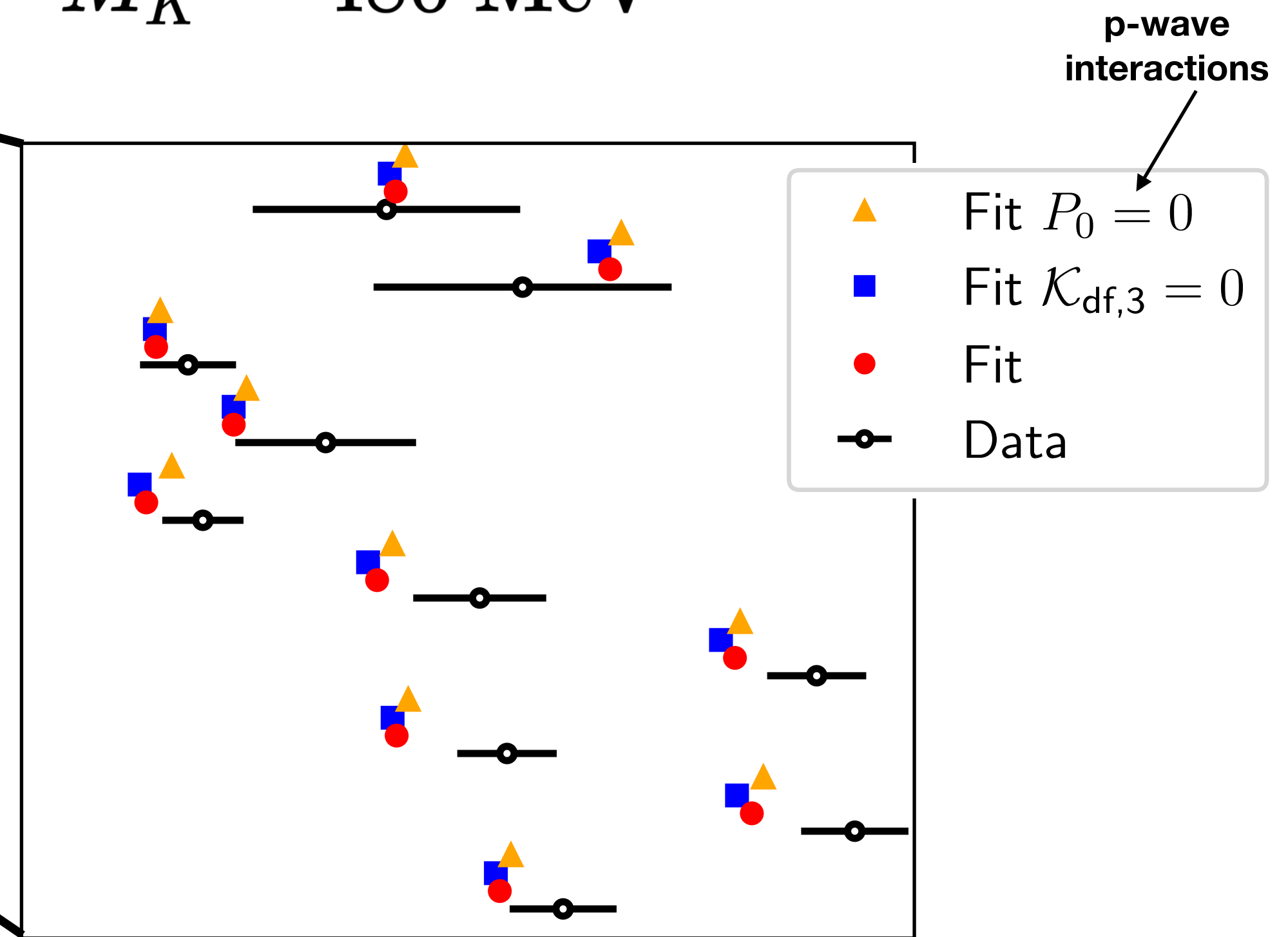
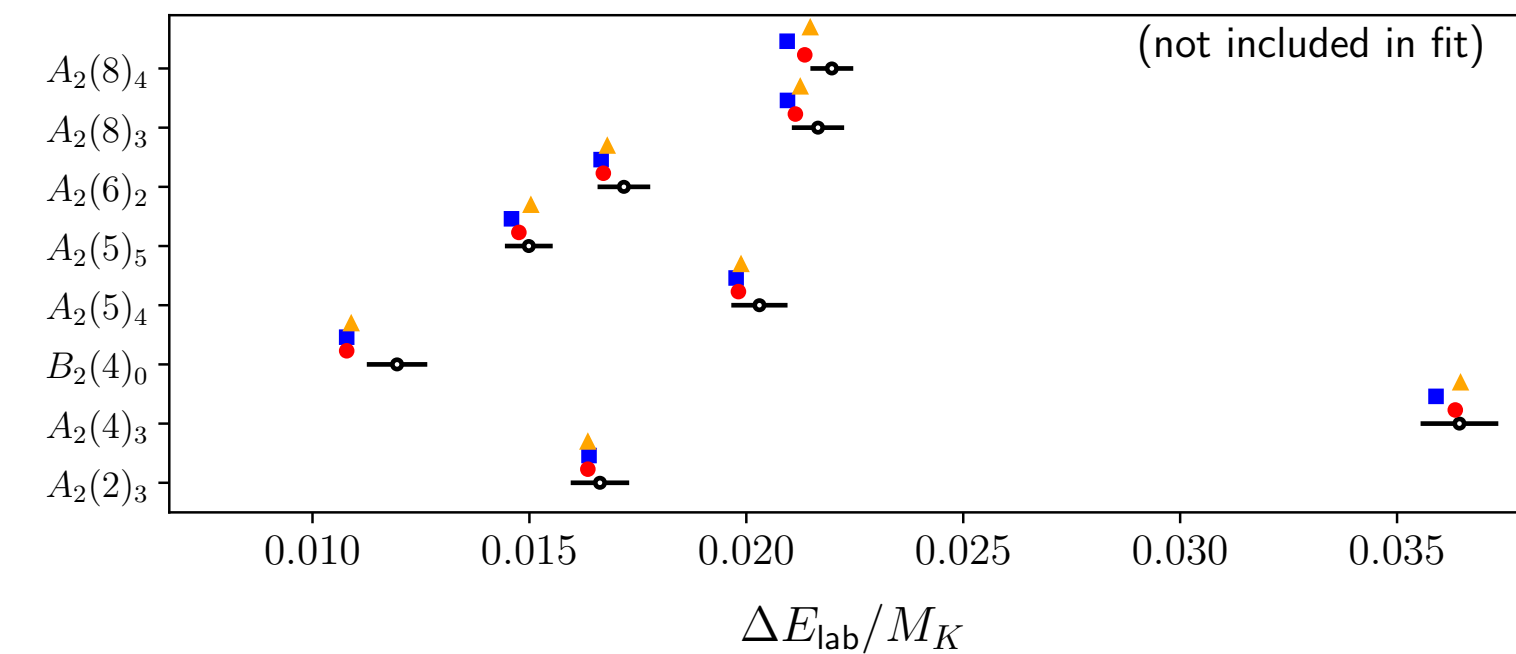
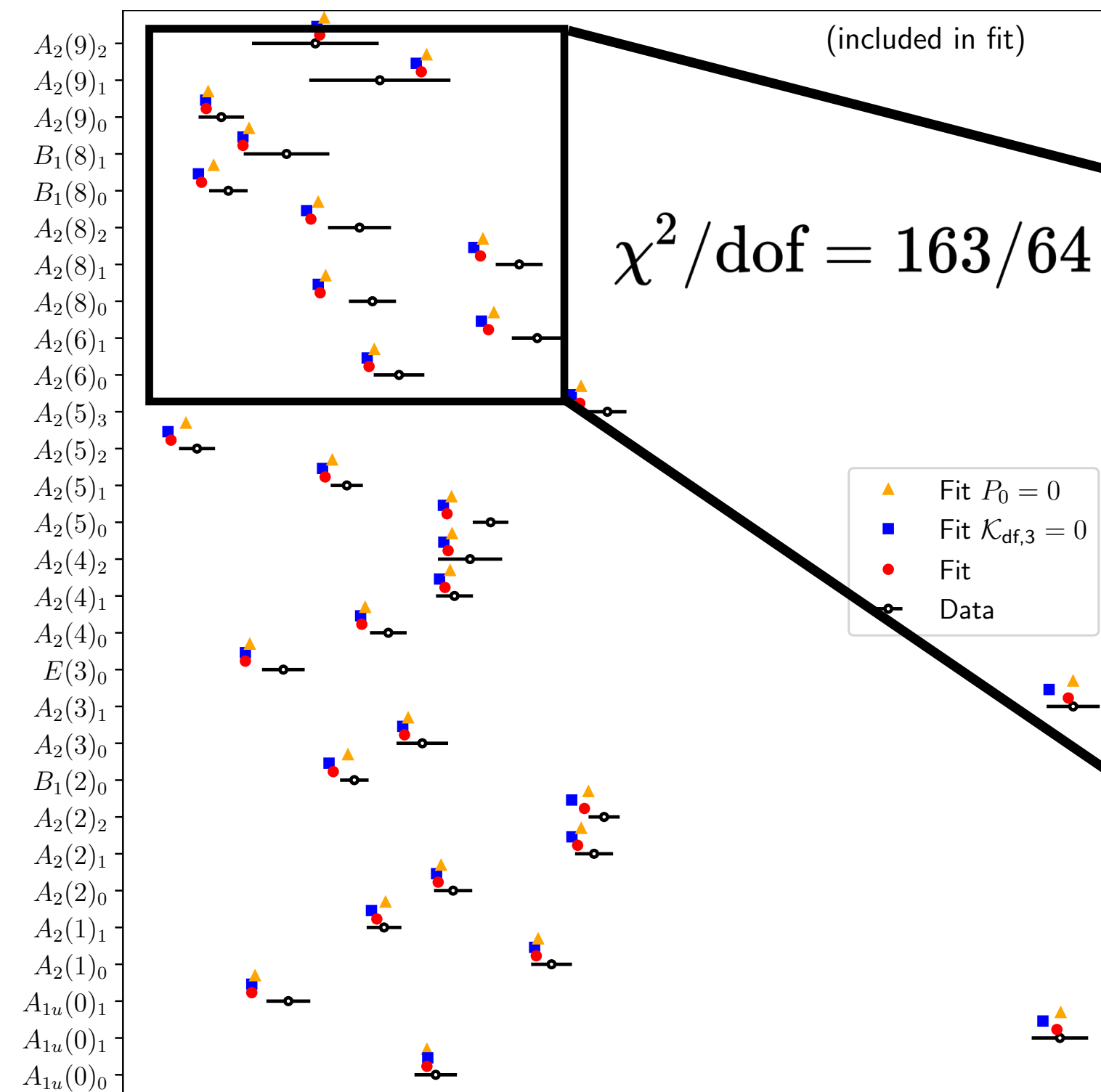
# Visualization of fits

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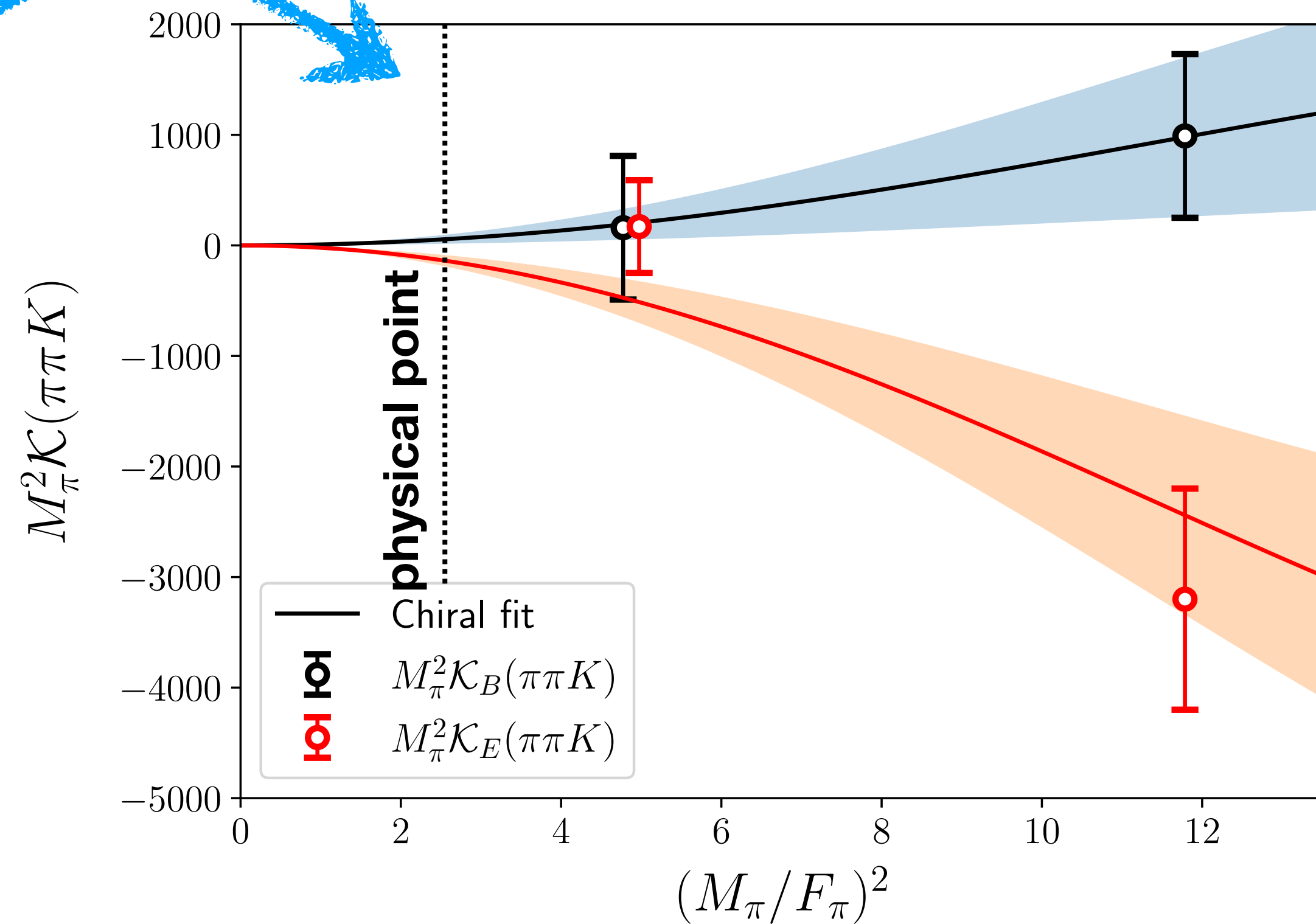
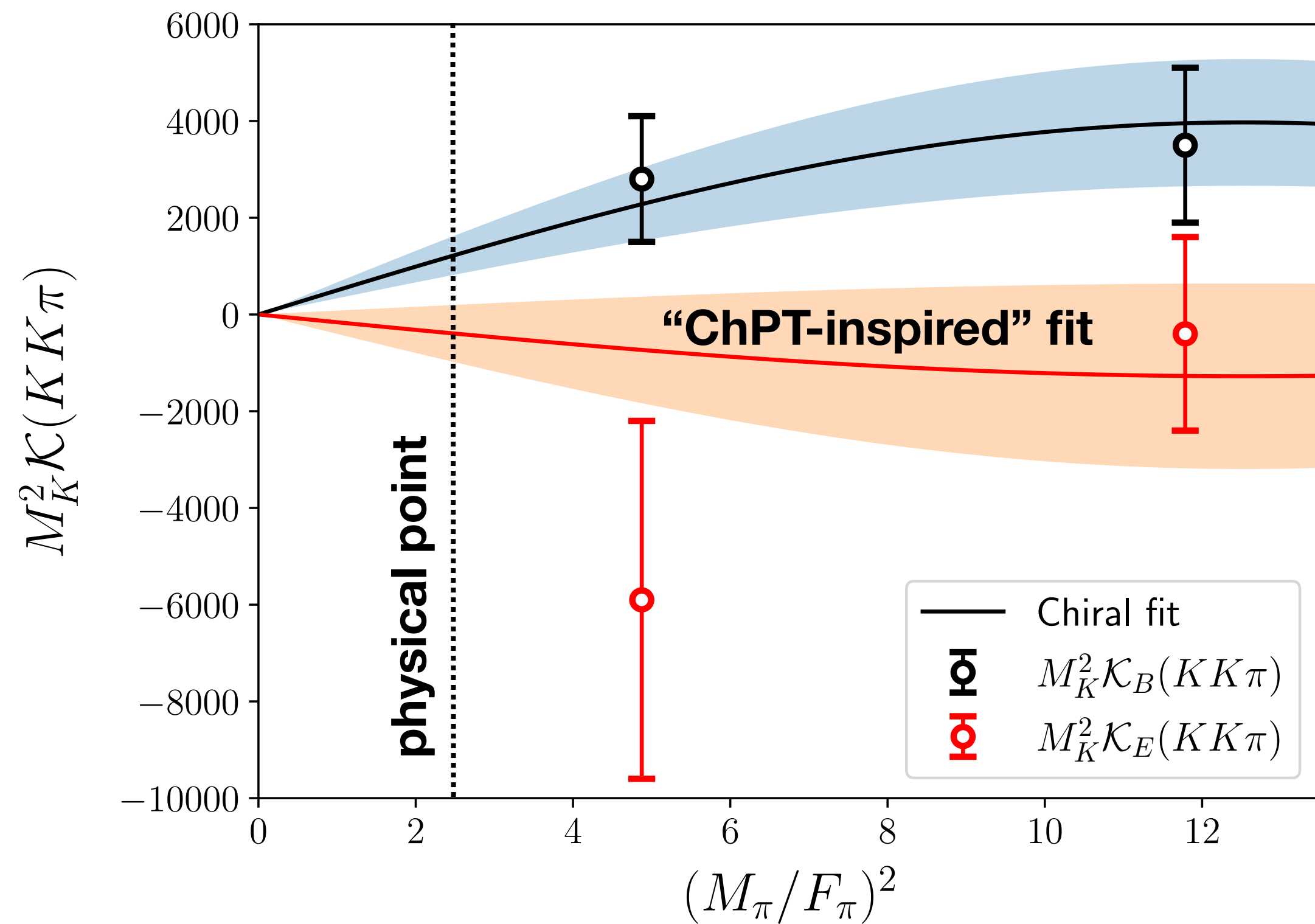
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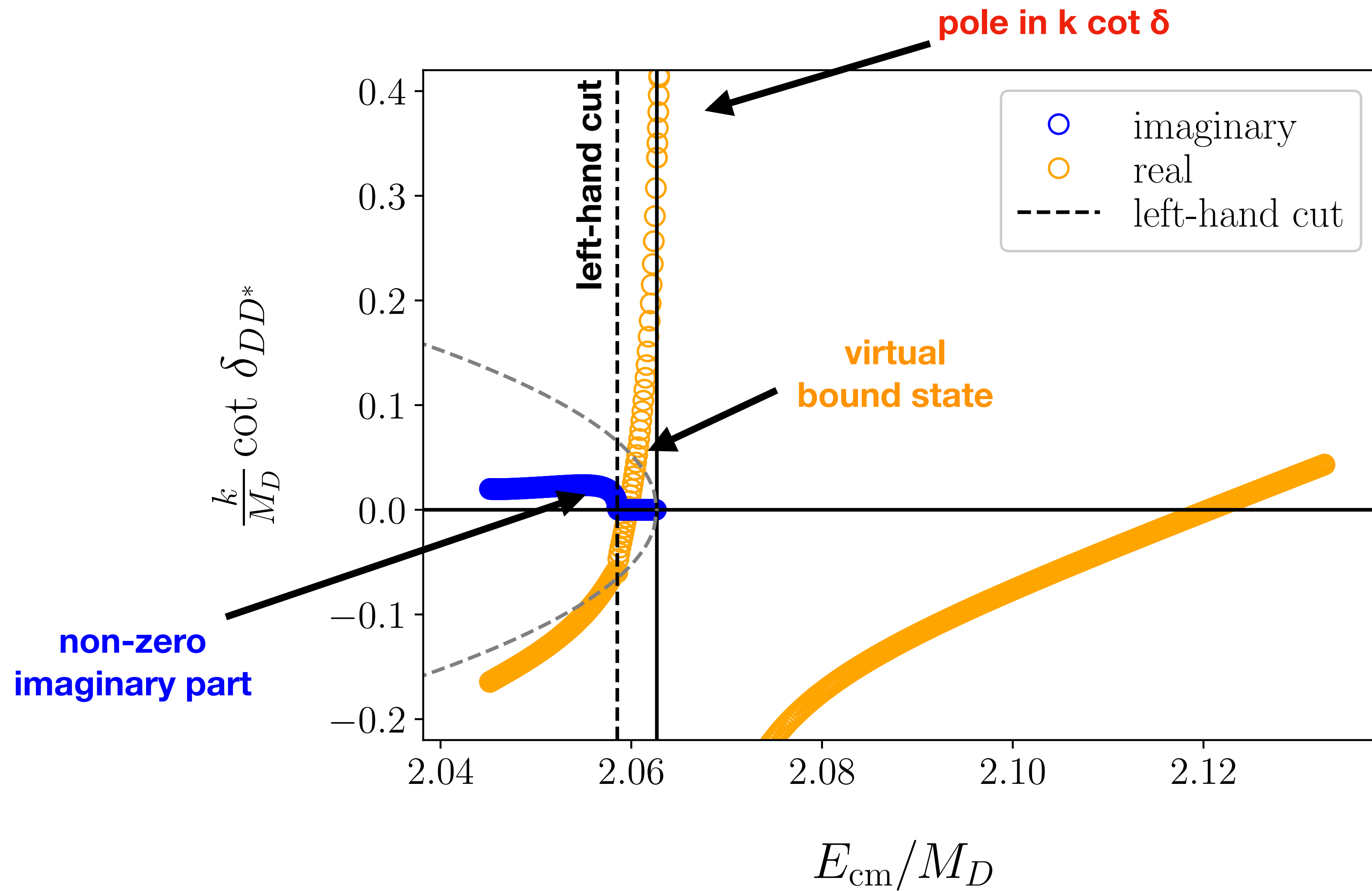
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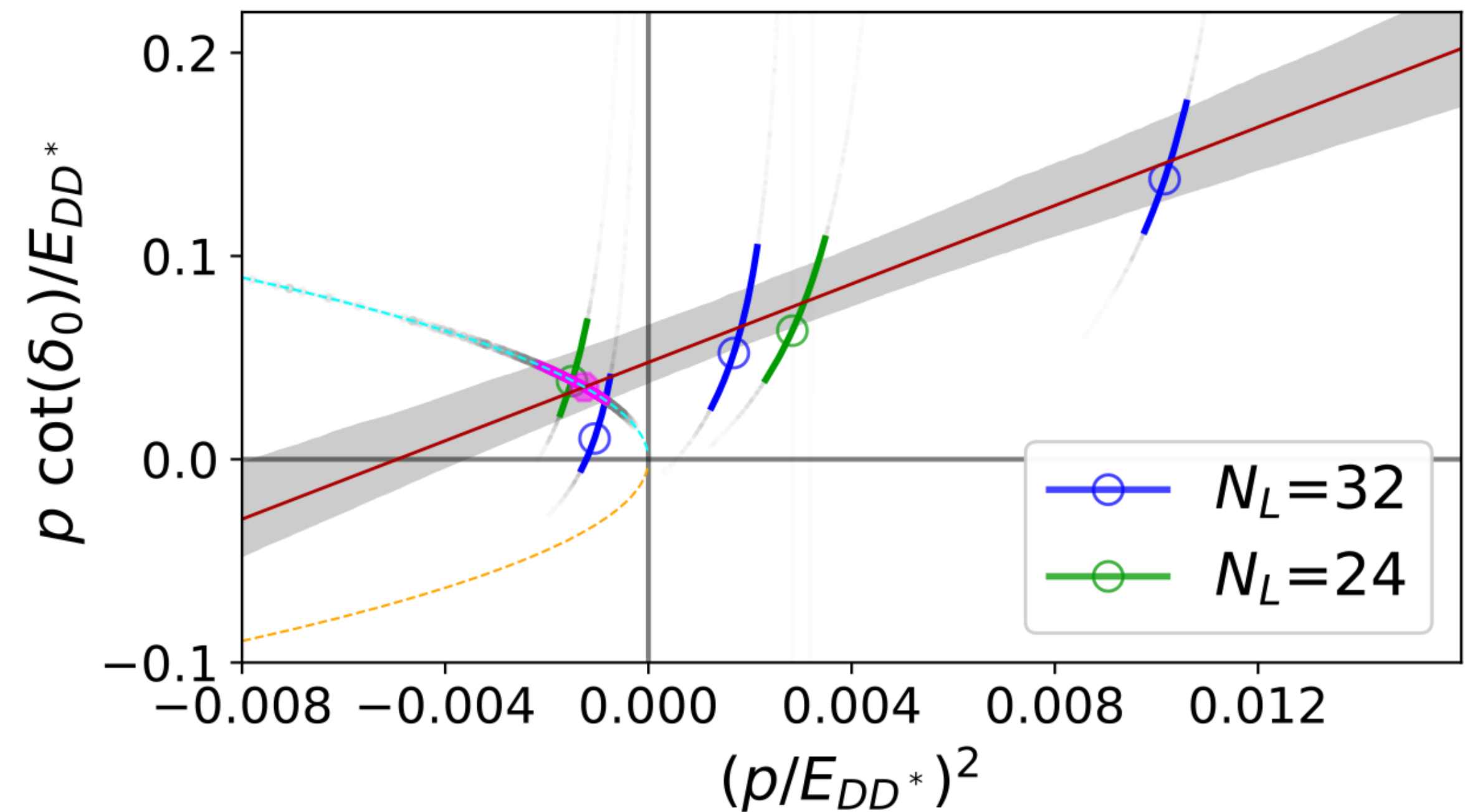
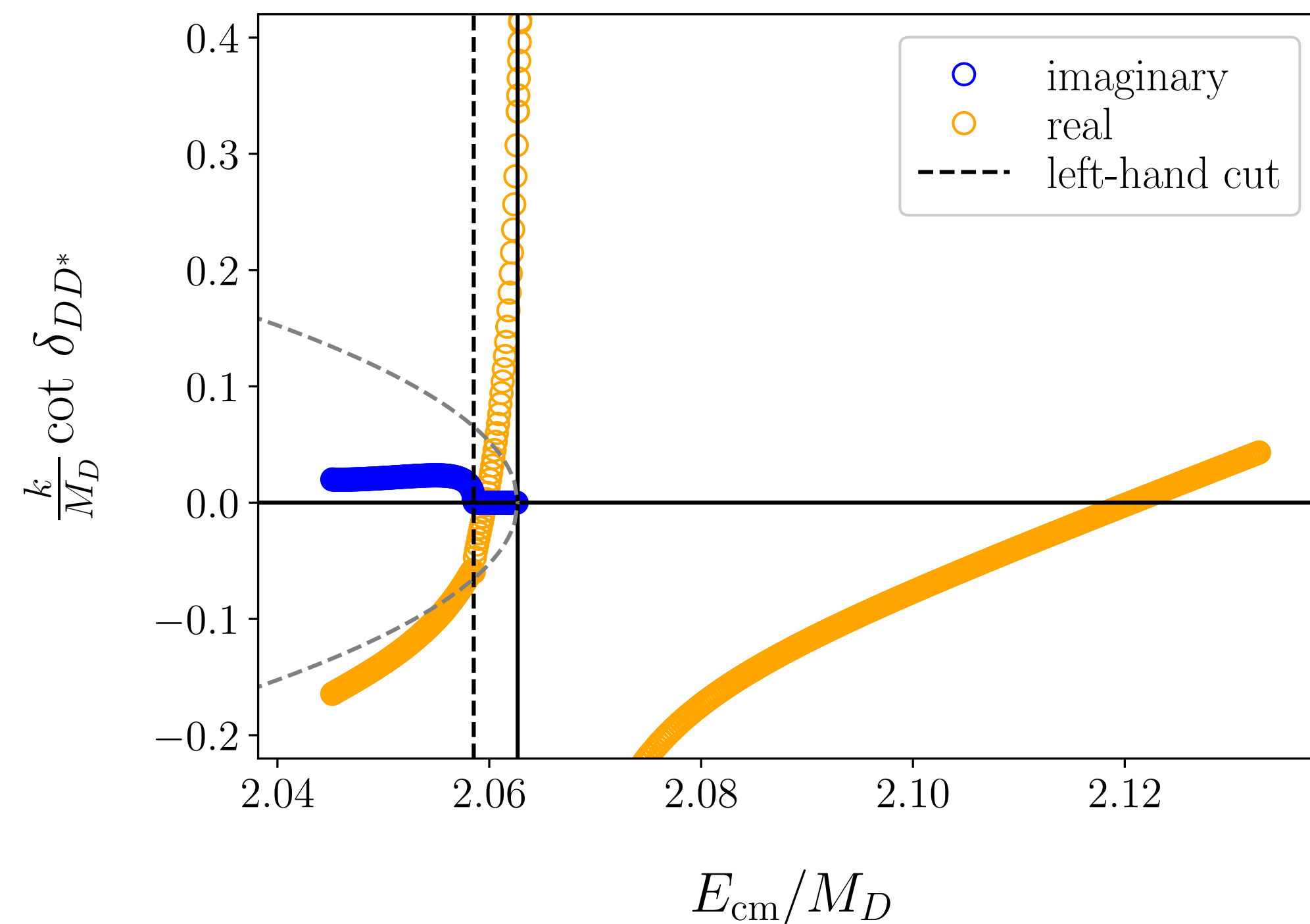


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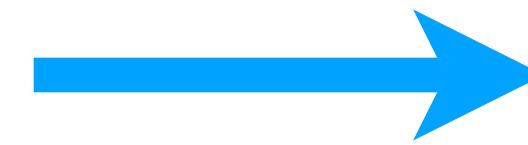
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