

# Kinematics and Lorentz Transformations

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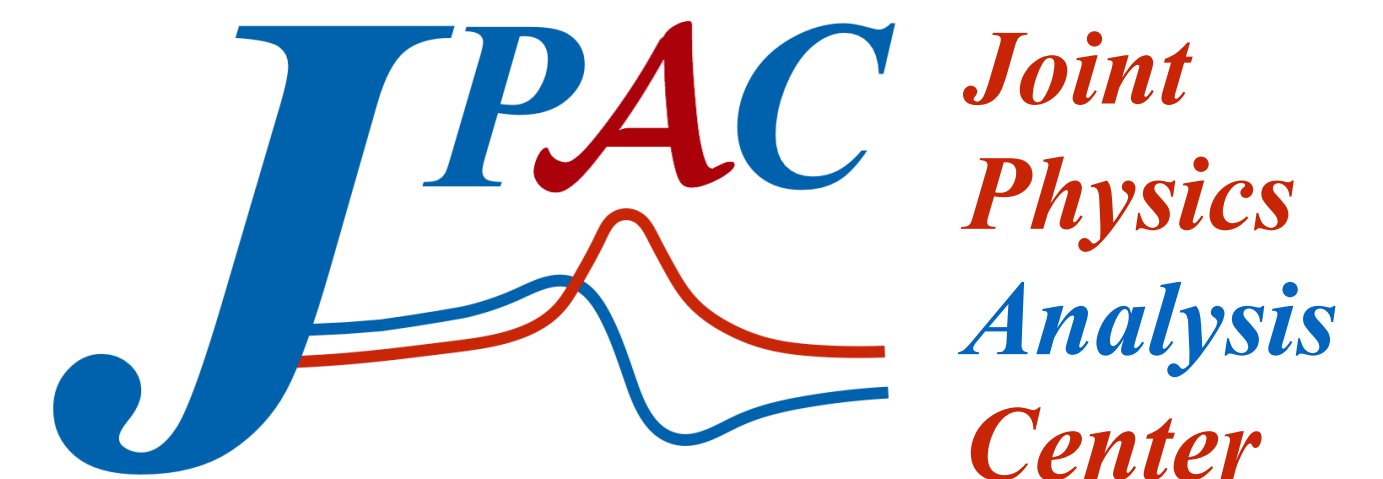
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1. Kinematics and Lorentz transformations
2. Cross sections
3. Helicity formalism

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# Experiments

A “beam” and a “target” collide

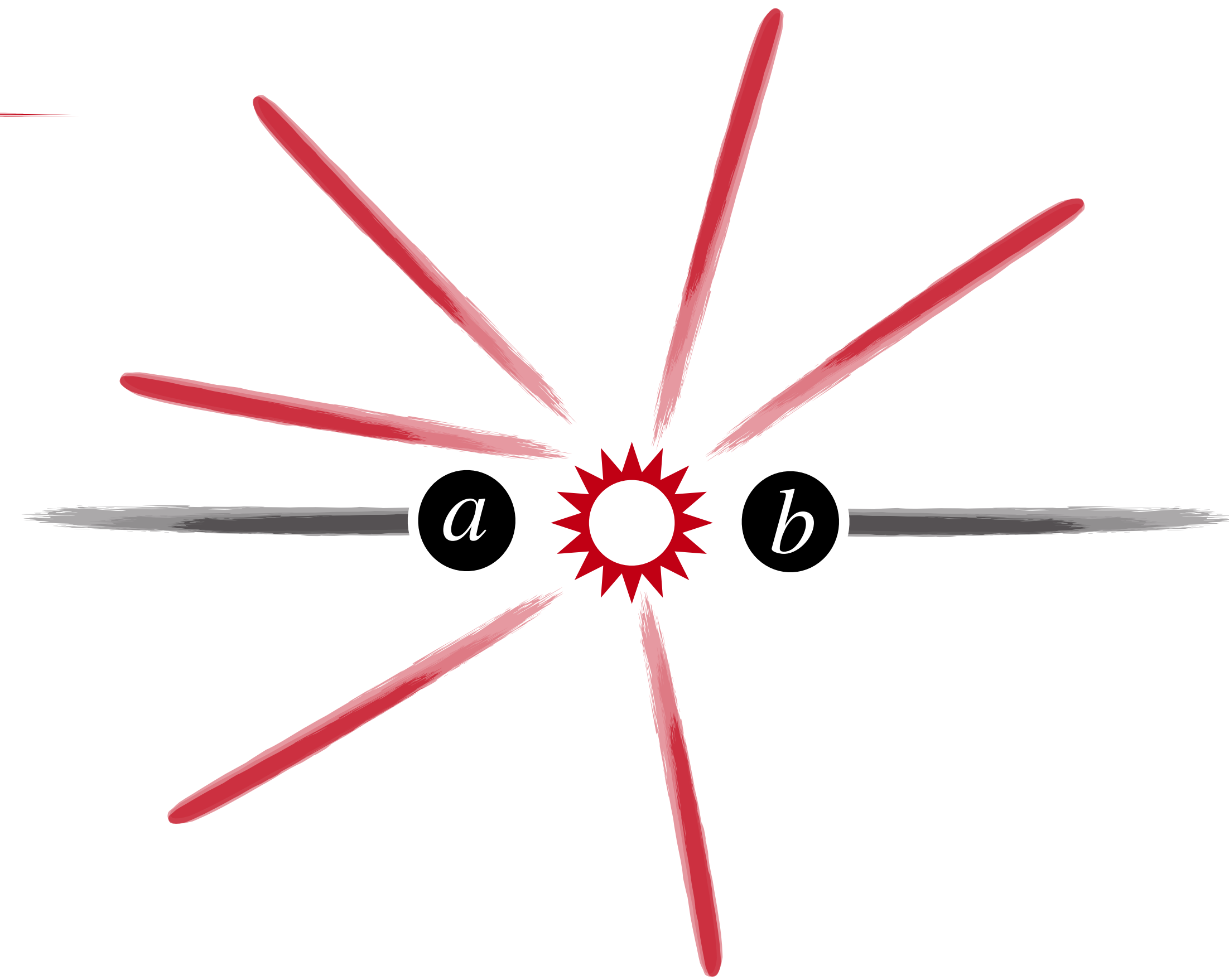
Other particles are created

Each particle has a 4-vector

$$p^\mu = (E, p_x, p_y, p_z) = (E, \vec{p})$$

They depend on the frame

Notations:  $p_a + p_b \rightarrow p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n$



On their mass shell:

$$p_i^2 = E_i^2 - \vec{p}_i^2 = m_i^2$$

# Frames

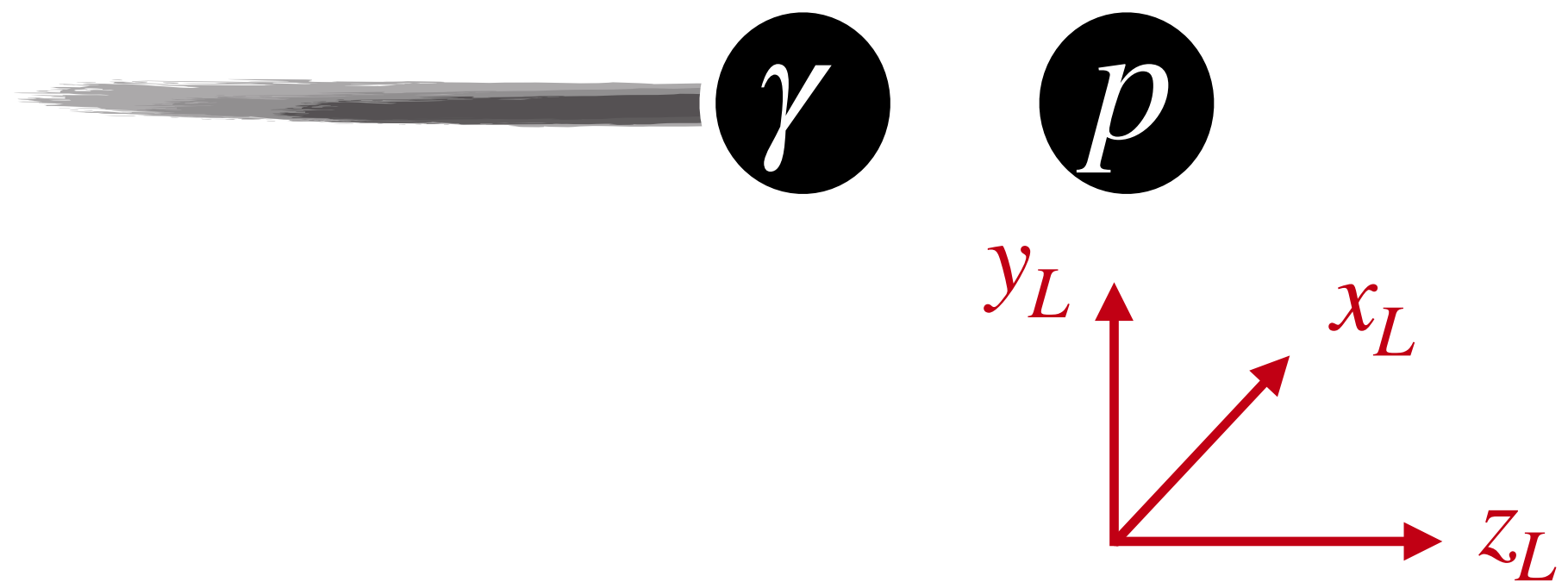
Need to specify which particle or group of particles is at rest and two axes.

The laboratory frame (or Lab frame)

$$\vec{p}_b = \vec{0}$$

$\vec{z}$  is parallel to the beam  $\vec{p}_a$

$\vec{y}$  is pointing “upward”



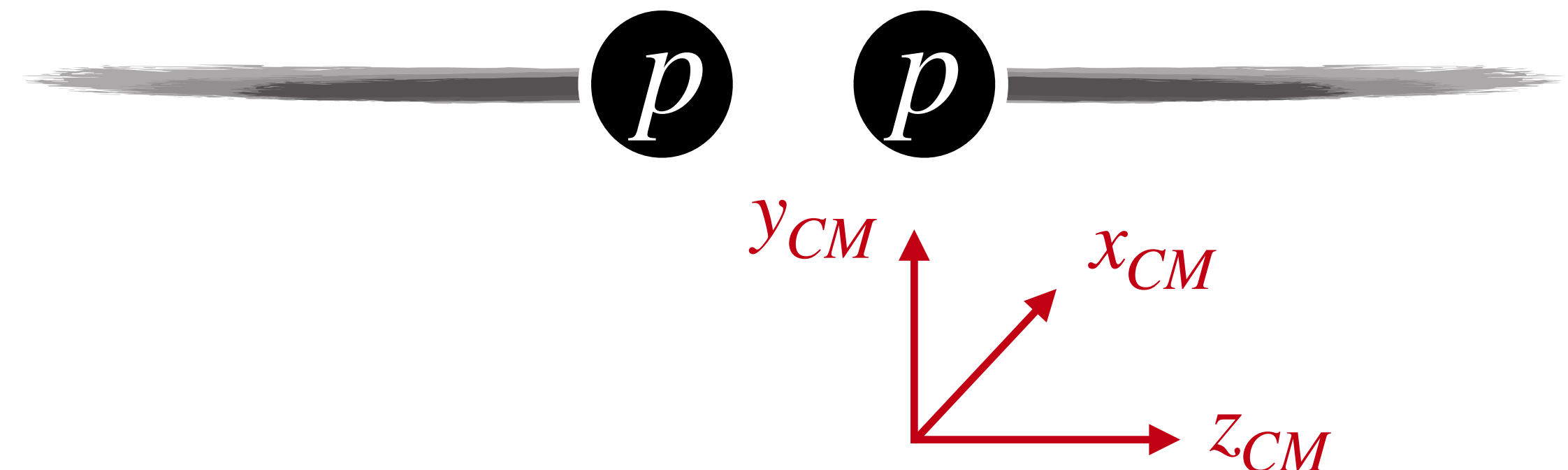
The third one is given by  $\vec{x} = \vec{y} \times \vec{z}$

The center-of-mass frame (or CoM frame)

$$\vec{p}_a + \vec{p}_b = \vec{0}$$

$\vec{z}$  is parallel to the beam  $\vec{p}_a$

$\vec{y}$  is pointing “upward”



# Dimensionality

## 2-final particles

Conservation of energy-momentum

$$\vec{p}_a + \vec{p}_b = \vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2$$

Choose a (rest) frame

$$= \vec{0}$$

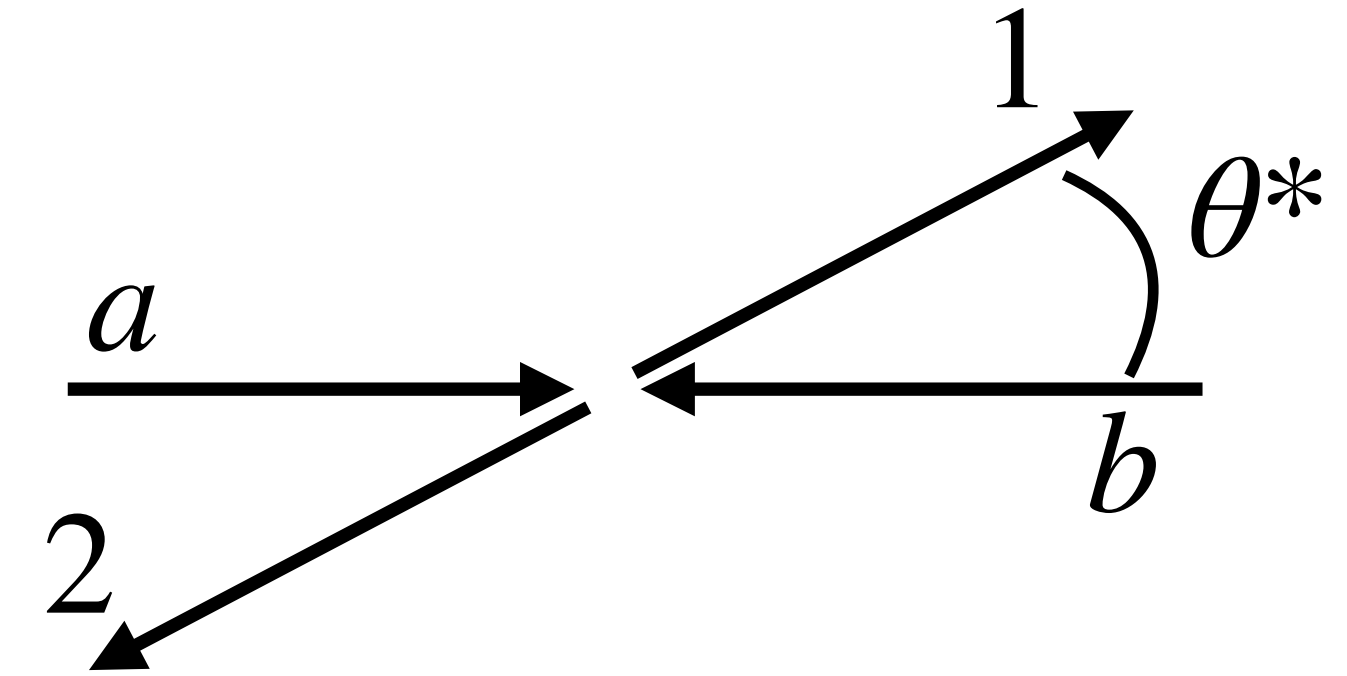
Choose an orientation (if possible)

$4 \times 3$  d.o.f

-4

-3

-3



2 degrees of freedom

- Total energy in CoM
- Scattering angle

## $n$ -final particles

$$\vec{p}_a + \vec{p}_b = \vec{p}_1 + \dots + \vec{p}_n = \vec{0}$$

$$3(n + 2) - 10 = 3n - 4$$

For  $n$ -particles in the final states:  
 $3n - 4$  degrees of freedom

# Two-particles Final States

Standard frames:

CoM frame and Lab frame

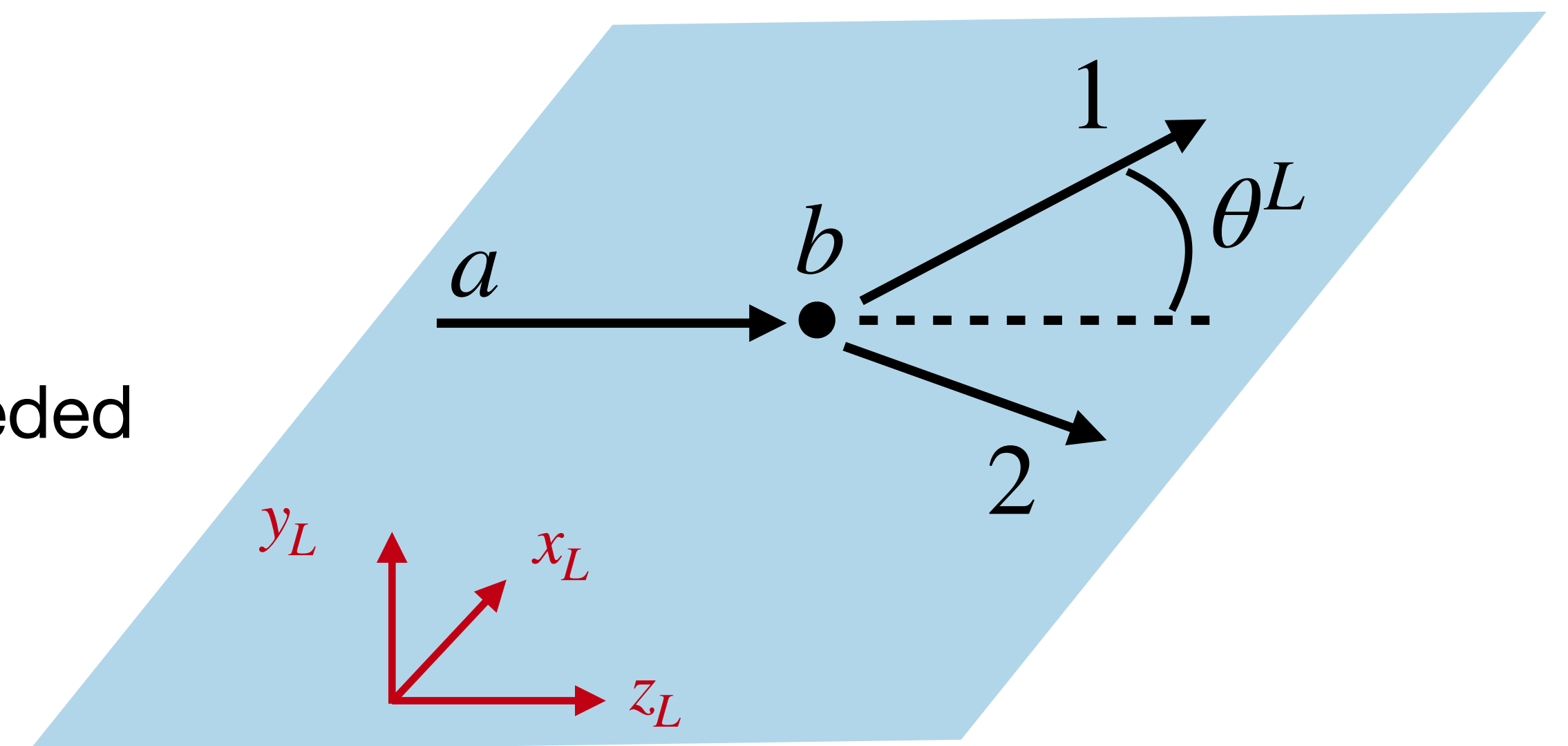
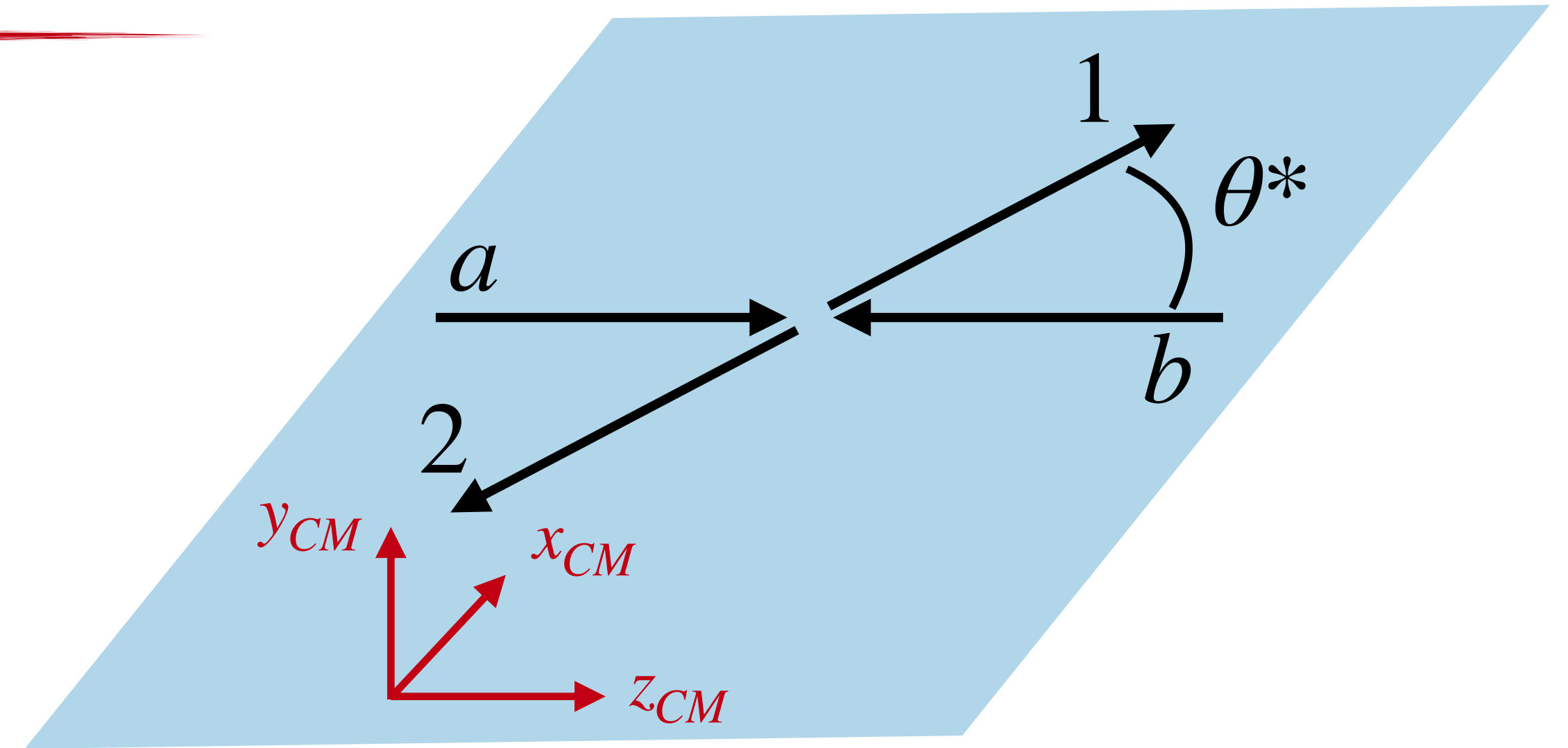
In both frames,  
the scattering happens in the x-z plane

$\vec{z}$  is parallel to the beam  $\vec{p}_a$

$\vec{y}$  is parallel to  $\vec{p}_a \times \vec{p}_1 \rightarrow \theta^{*,L} \in [0, \pi]$

$\rightarrow$  Only  $\cos \theta^{*,L}$  needed

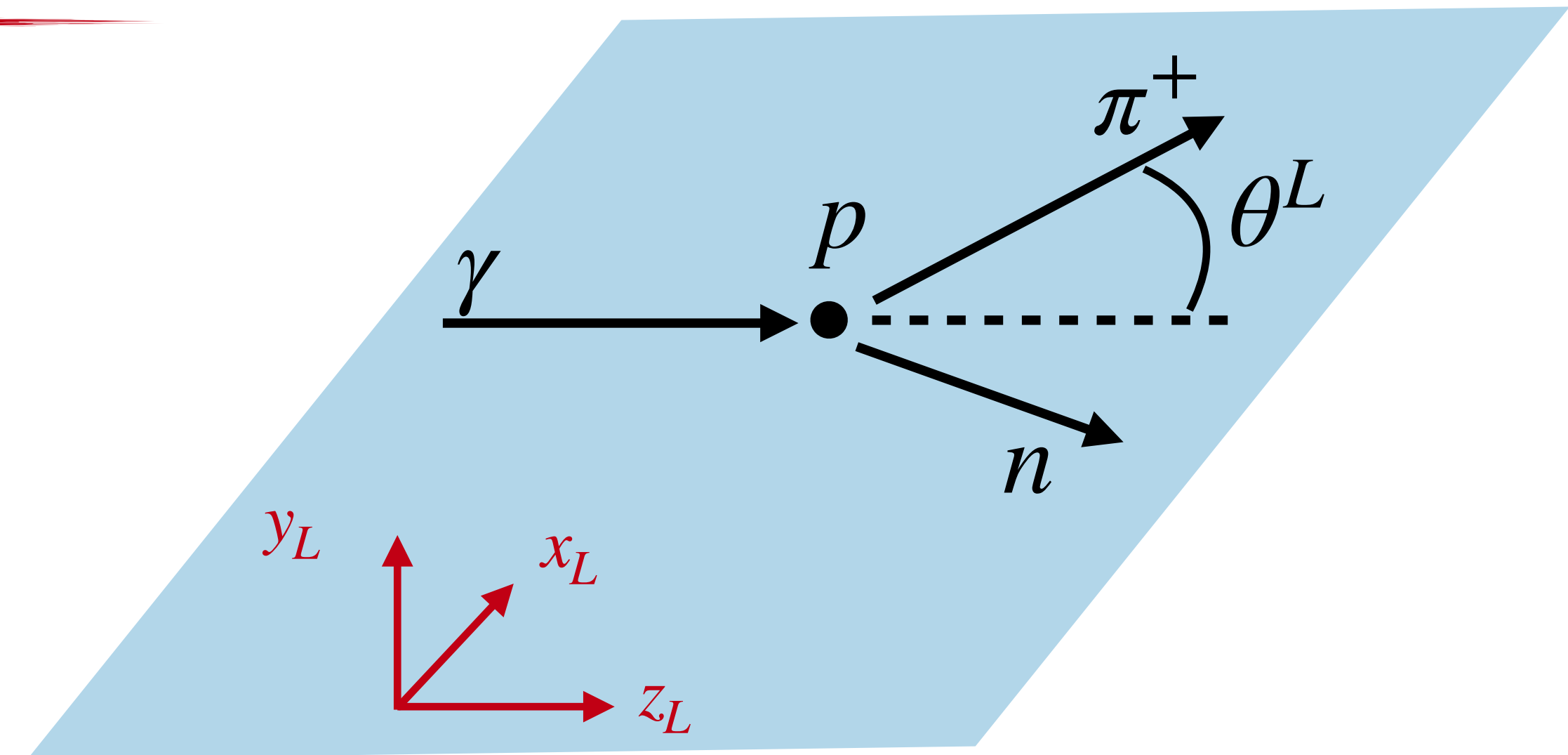
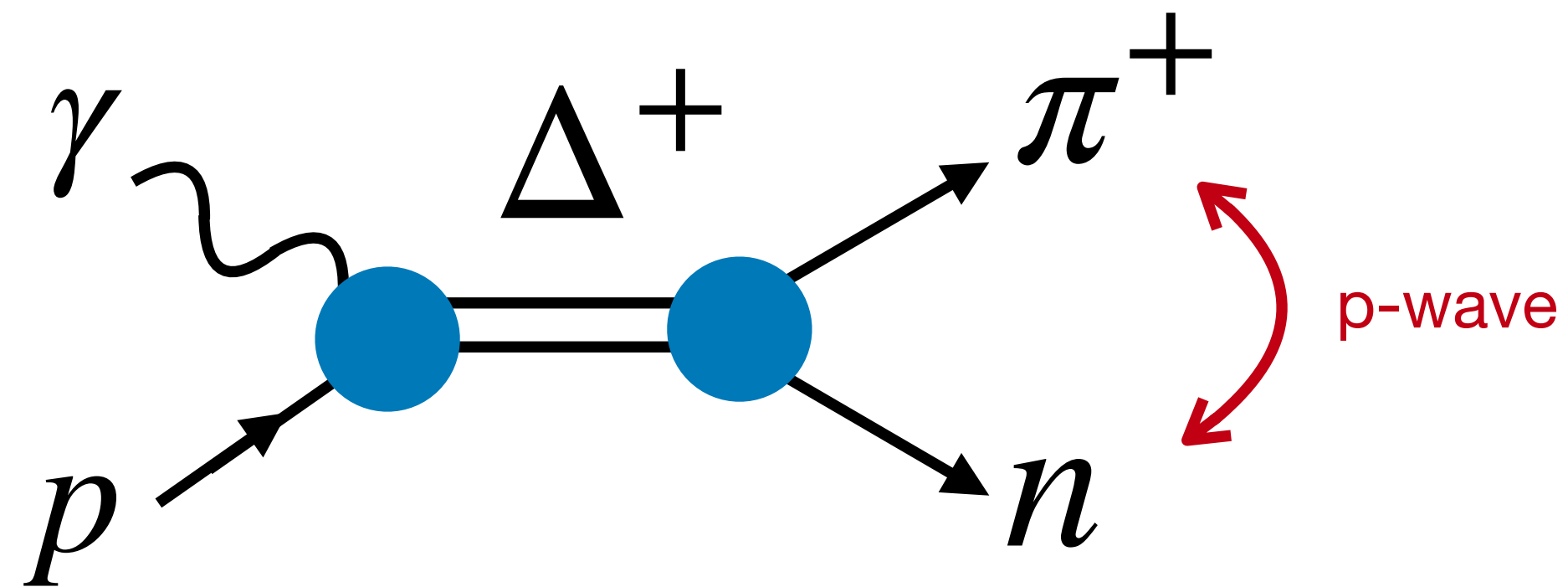
The two frames are related by  
a boost along the  $z$  axis





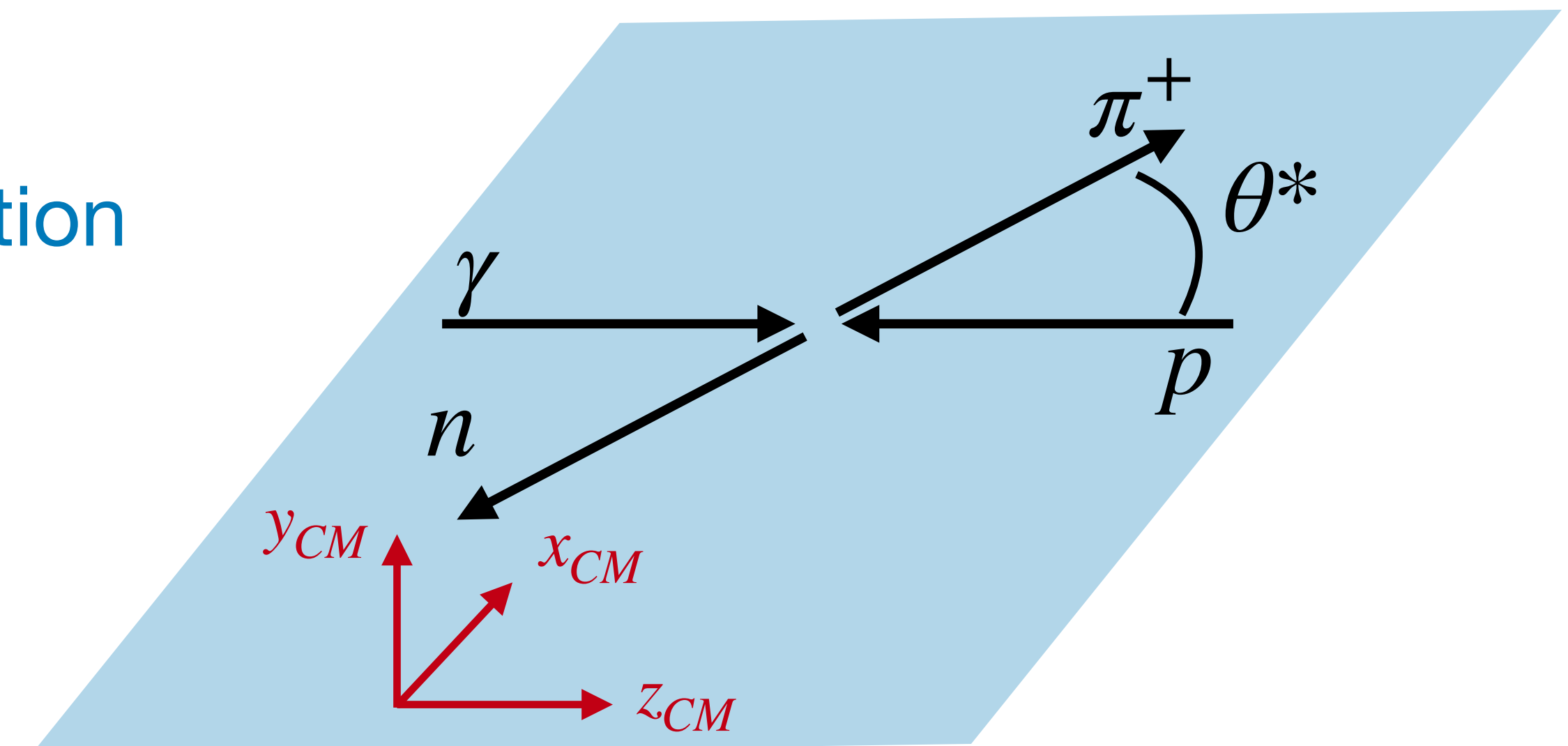
# Two-particles Final States

Data in Lab frame but physics in CoM



Resonance spin determine CoM angular distribution

$$I \propto \left| Y_M^1(\theta^*, \phi^*) \right|^2 \neq \left| Y_M^1(\theta^L, \phi^L) \right|^2$$



The true intensity involves  $D^{\frac{3}{2}}(\phi^*, \theta^*, 0)$  but we'll see that later...

# Boost between Lab and CoM

Only the energy and z component change

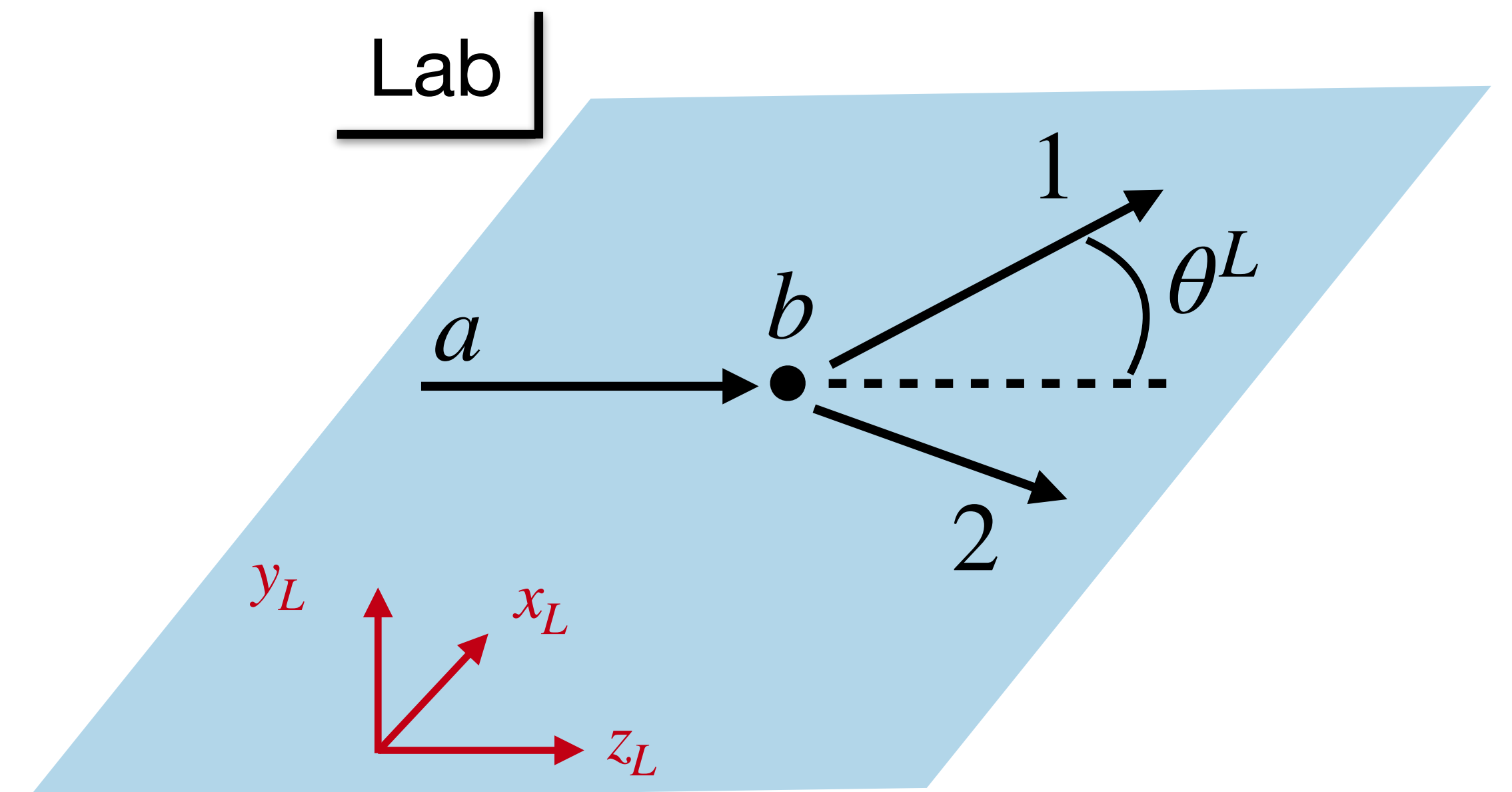
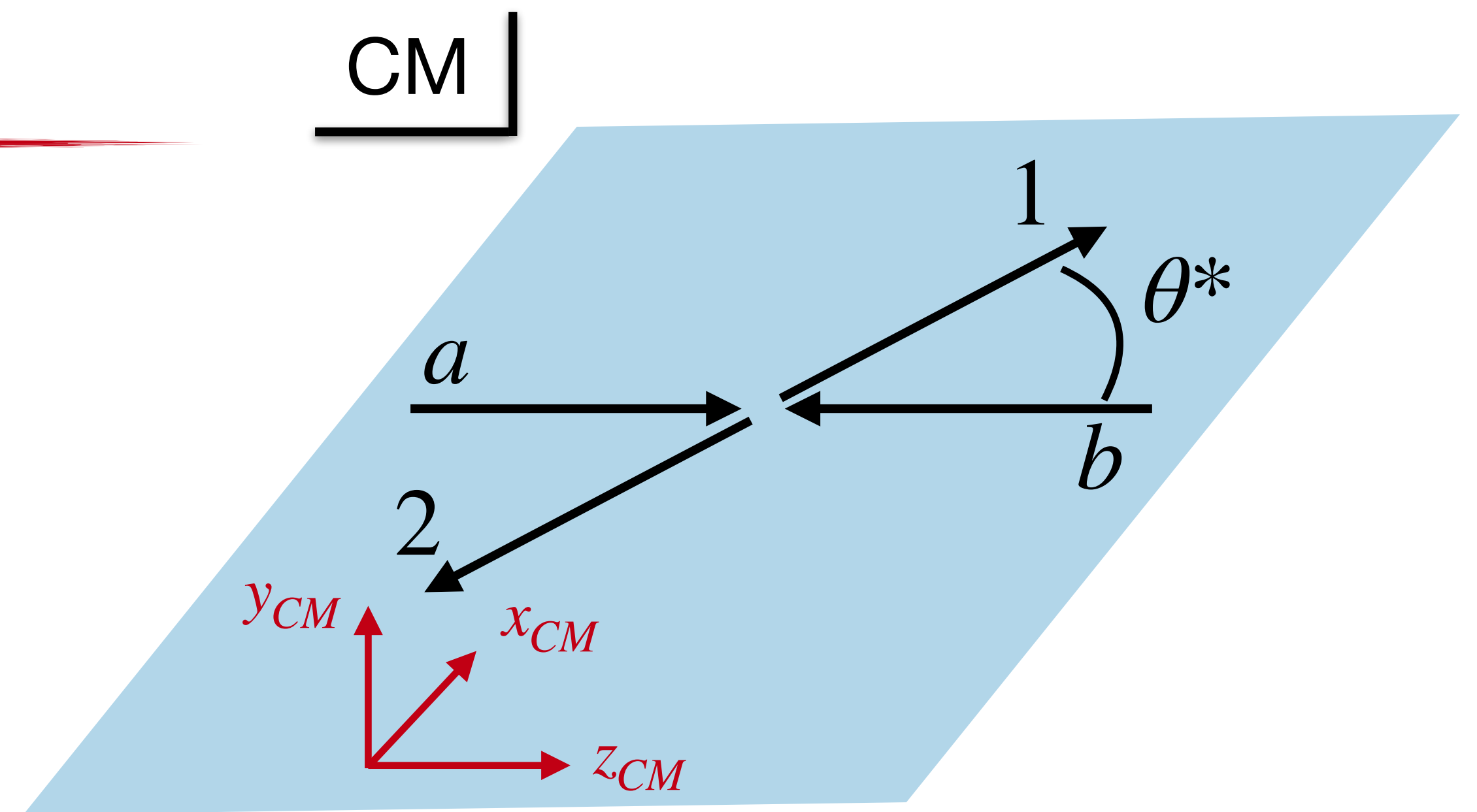
$$\begin{pmatrix} E^* \\ p_z^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & \gamma\beta \\ \gamma\beta & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E^L \\ p_z^L \end{pmatrix}$$

Inverse relation

$$\begin{pmatrix} E^L \\ p_z^L \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E^* \\ p_z^* \end{pmatrix}$$

With  $\beta = \frac{p_b^*}{m_b}$        $\gamma\beta = \frac{E_b^*}{m_b}$

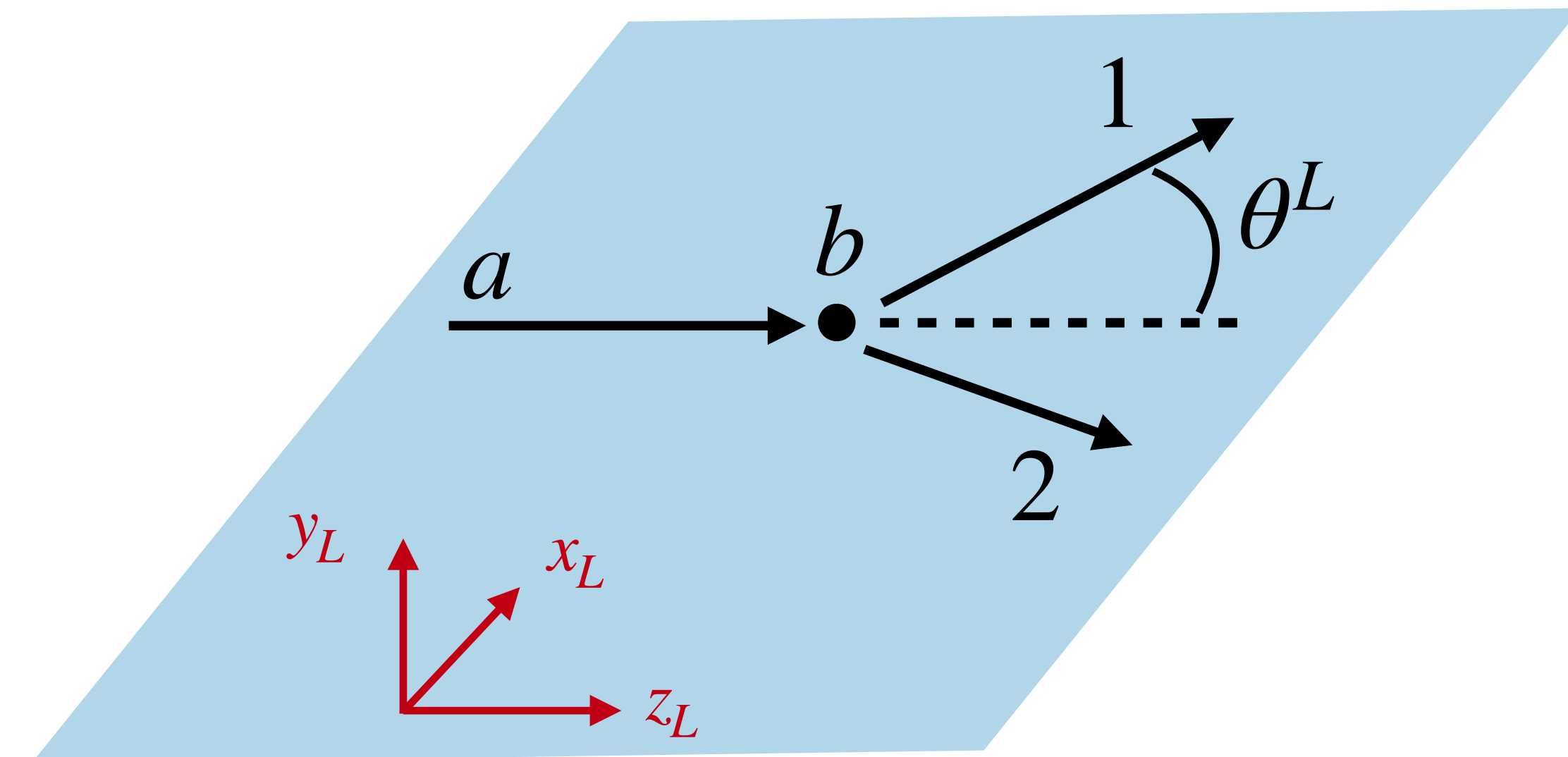
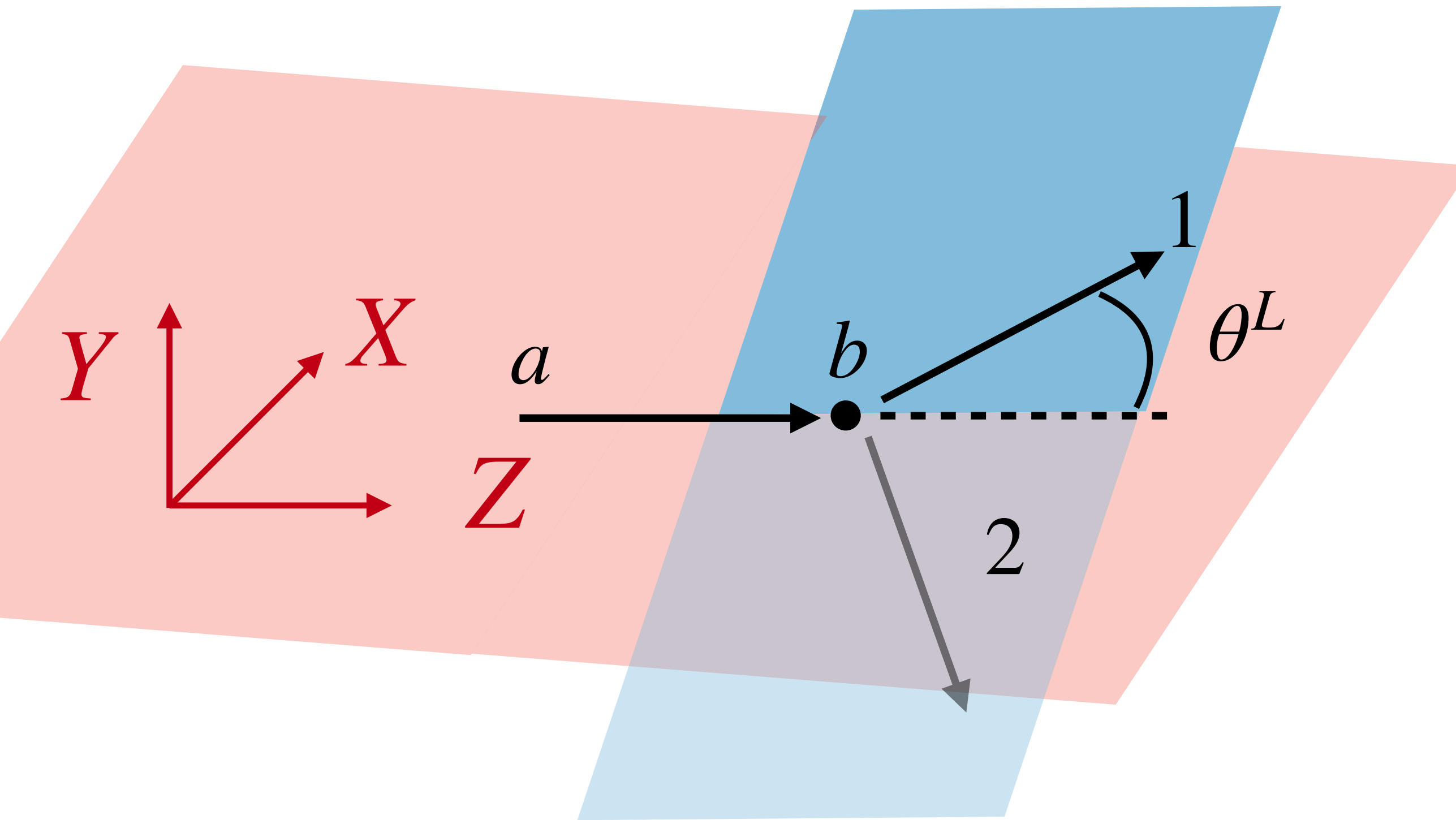
Exercise: check that it brings the target at rest





# Events

Events are collected in a detector-fixed frame  $XYZ$



Every event will lie in a different plane in the fixed  $XYZ$  frame

The orientation of the blue plane in the fixed frame only matters if either beam or target is polarized

# Rotations

Under a rotation, the energy is conserved, only the spacial components change

$$(E, \vec{p}) = (E, p_x, p_y, p_z) \quad \longrightarrow \quad R [(E, \vec{p})] = (E, \vec{p}') = (E, p'_x, p'_y, p'_z)$$

Any rotation can be decomposed into rotations around the  $z$  and  $y$  axes

$$R_z(\omega) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \omega & -\sin \omega & 0 \\ \sin \omega & \cos \omega & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_y(\omega) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \omega & 0 & \sin \omega \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \omega & 0 & \cos \omega \end{pmatrix}$$

For completeness:

$$R_x(\omega) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \omega & -\sin \omega \\ 0 & \sin \omega & \cos \omega \end{pmatrix}$$

# Active rotations

Under an active rotation, the momentum is changed and the axes are fixed

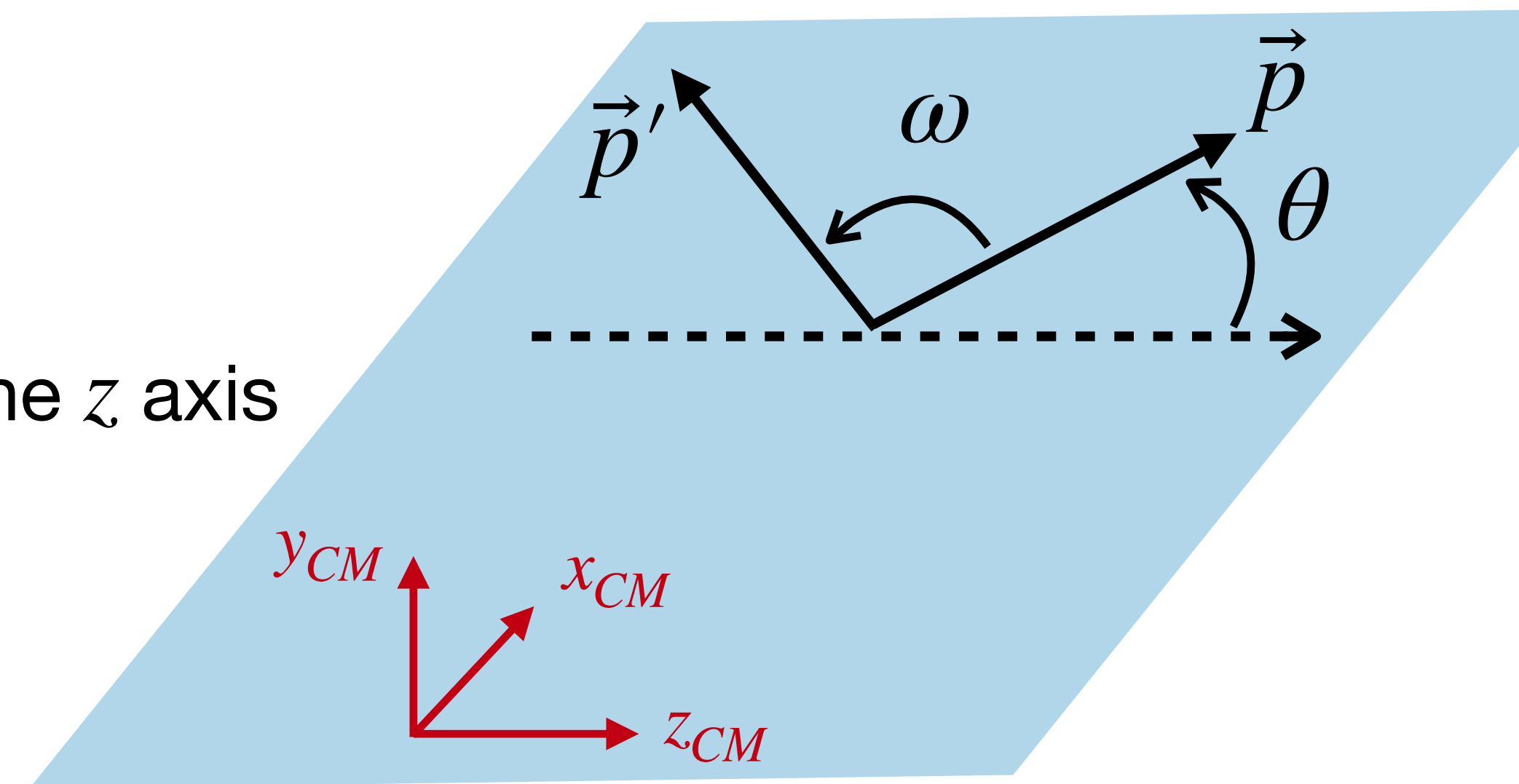
## Example:

a momentum of unit length forming an angle  $\theta$  with the  $z$  axis

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta \\ 0 \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

After a rotation of  $\omega$  around  $y$ , it forms an angle  $\theta + \omega$  with the  $z$  axis

$$\begin{pmatrix} p'_x \\ p'_y \\ p'_z \end{pmatrix} = R_y(\omega) \begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\theta + \omega) \\ 0 \\ \cos(\theta + \omega) \end{pmatrix}$$



Exercise: check the result of the rotation

# Example 1

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Format:

$$E_a, p_{a,x}, p_{a,y}, p_{a,z}$$

The data are in the lab frame

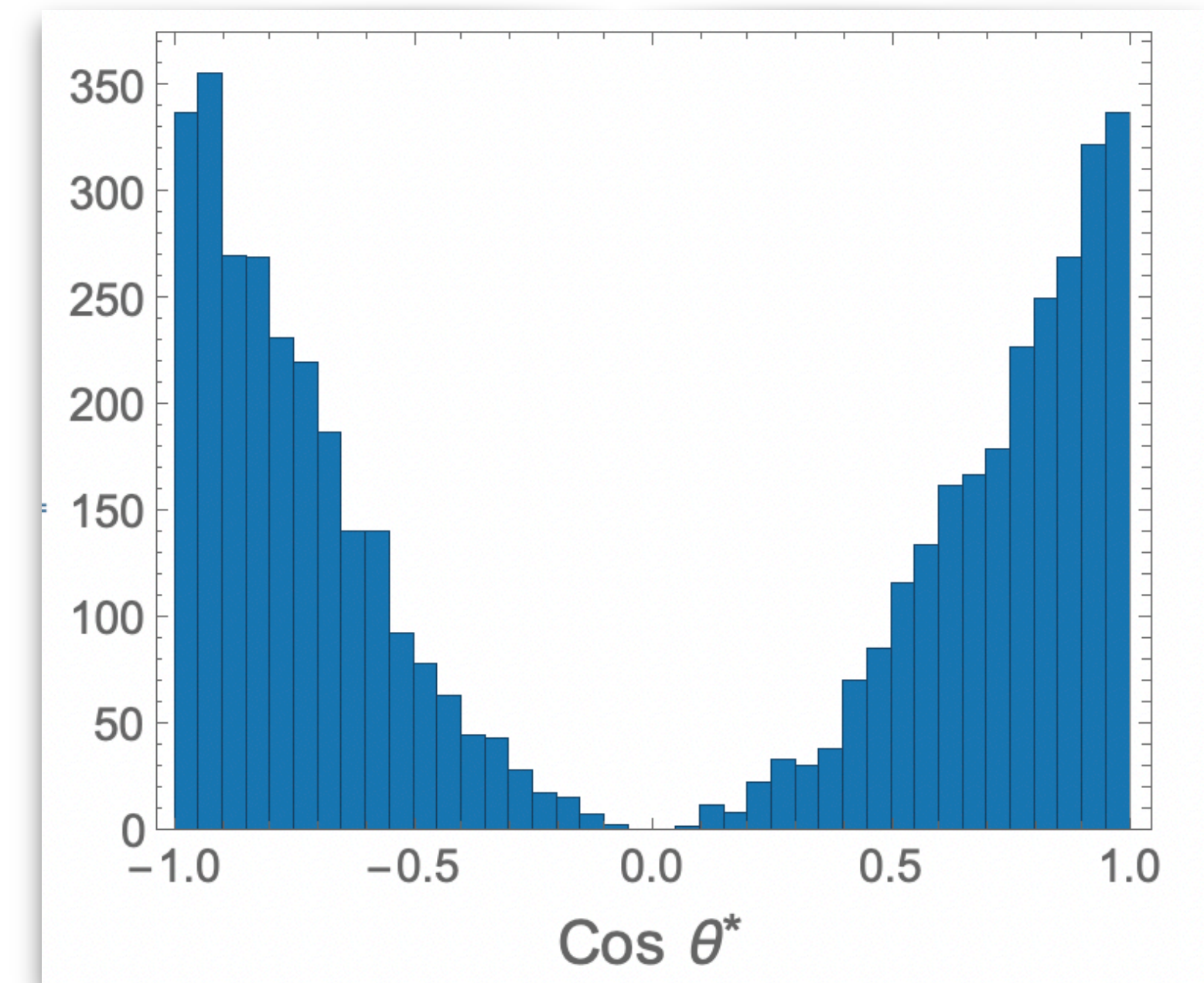
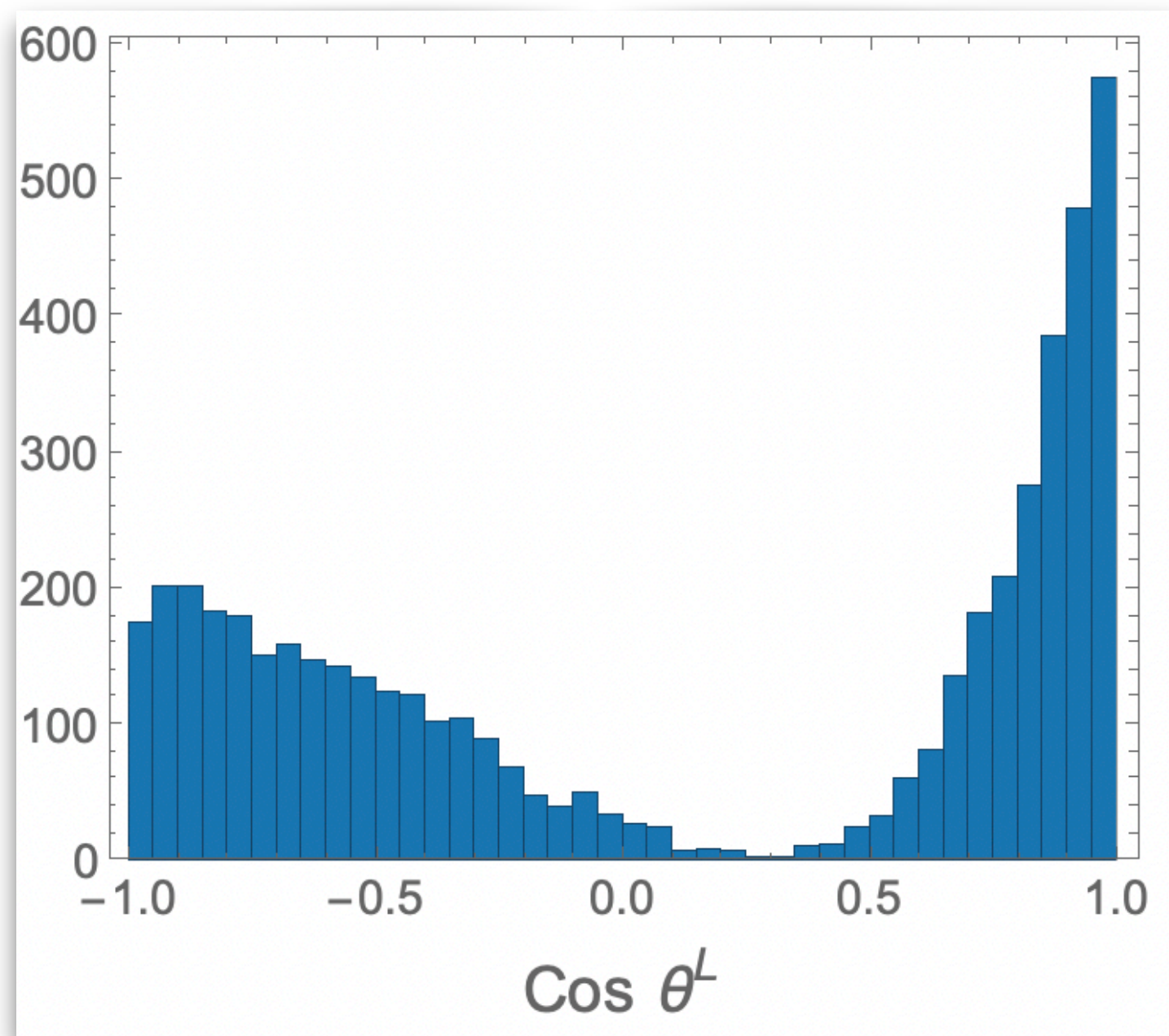
$$E_1, p_{1,x}, p_{1,y}, p_{1,z}$$

$$E_2, p_{2,x}, p_{2,y}, p_{2,z}$$

$$\vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots$$

Boost to the CoM and  
Compute and plot  
the  $\cos \theta^*$  distribution

Compute and plot the  $\cos \theta^L$  distribution





# Computing angles

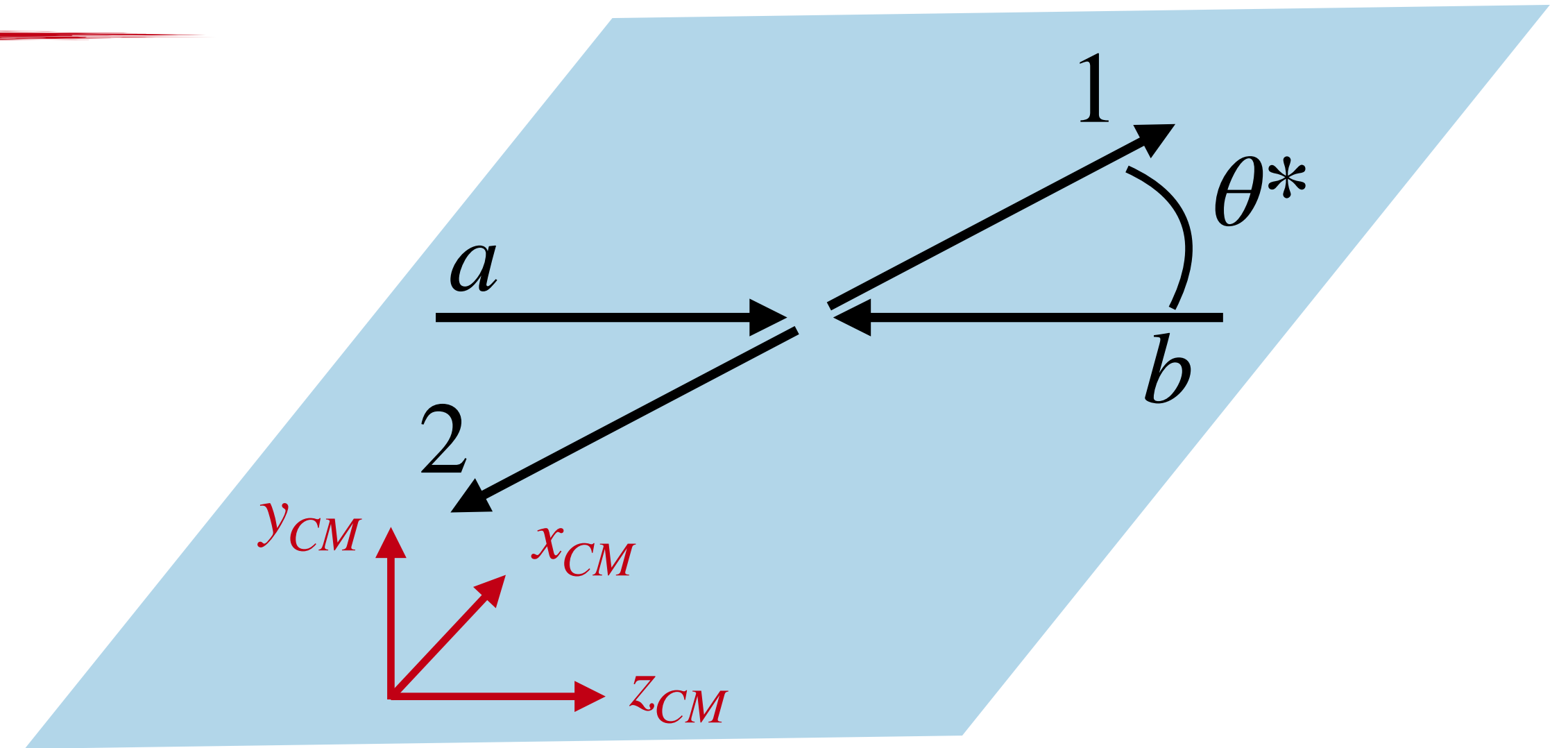
## First method:

Perform appropriate Lorentz transformations

Extract angles from scalar and vectorial products

Polar angles  $\in [0, \pi]$  require only cos

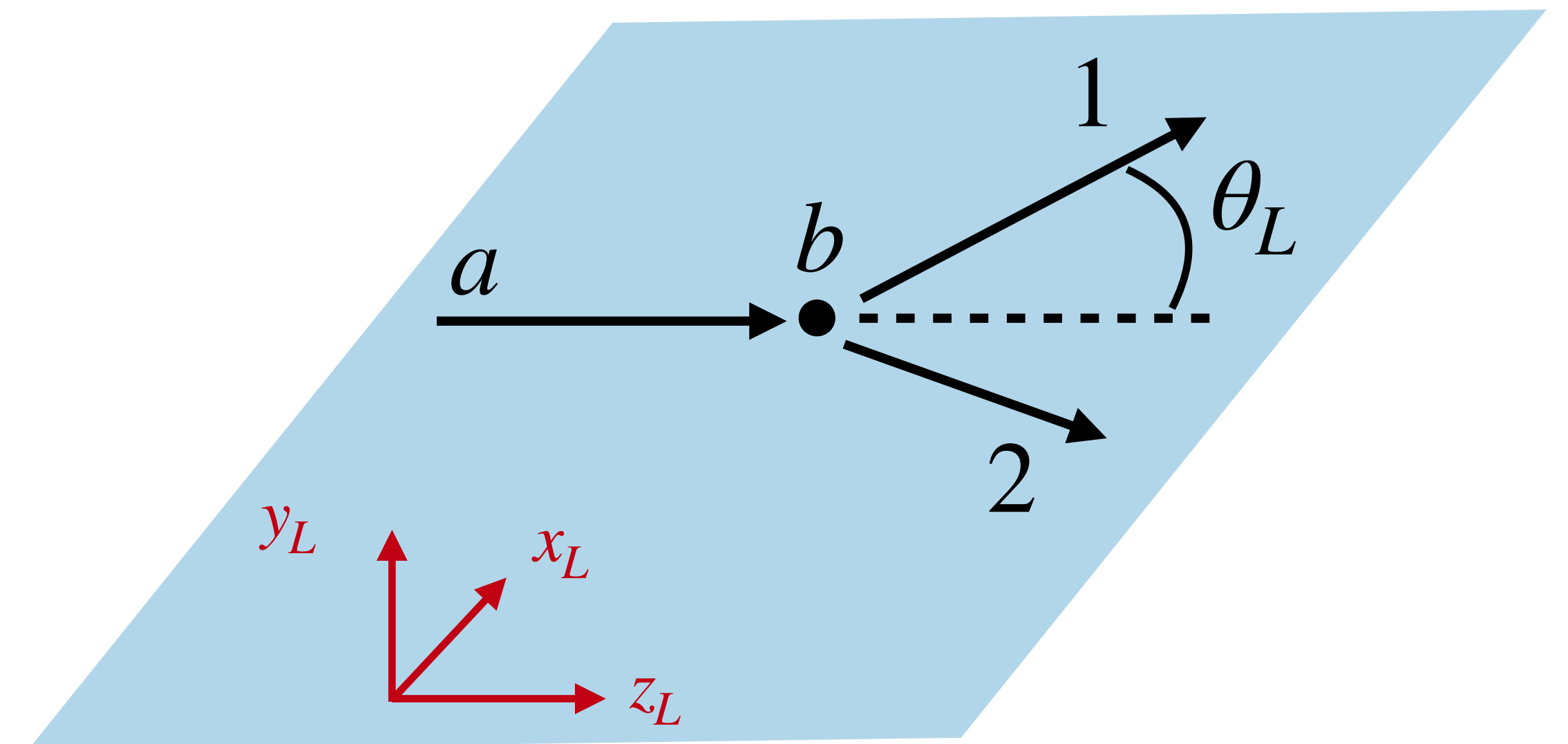
Azimuthal angles  $\in [0, 2\pi[$  require cos and sin



## Alternative method:

Extract Lorentz invariants

Compute angles from Lorentz invariants



# Mandelstam variables

Two variables: Total energy  $E_{CM}$   
Scattering angle  $\theta^*$ ,  $\theta^L$

The mass shell  $p_i^2 = m_i^2$

Lorentz invariants:

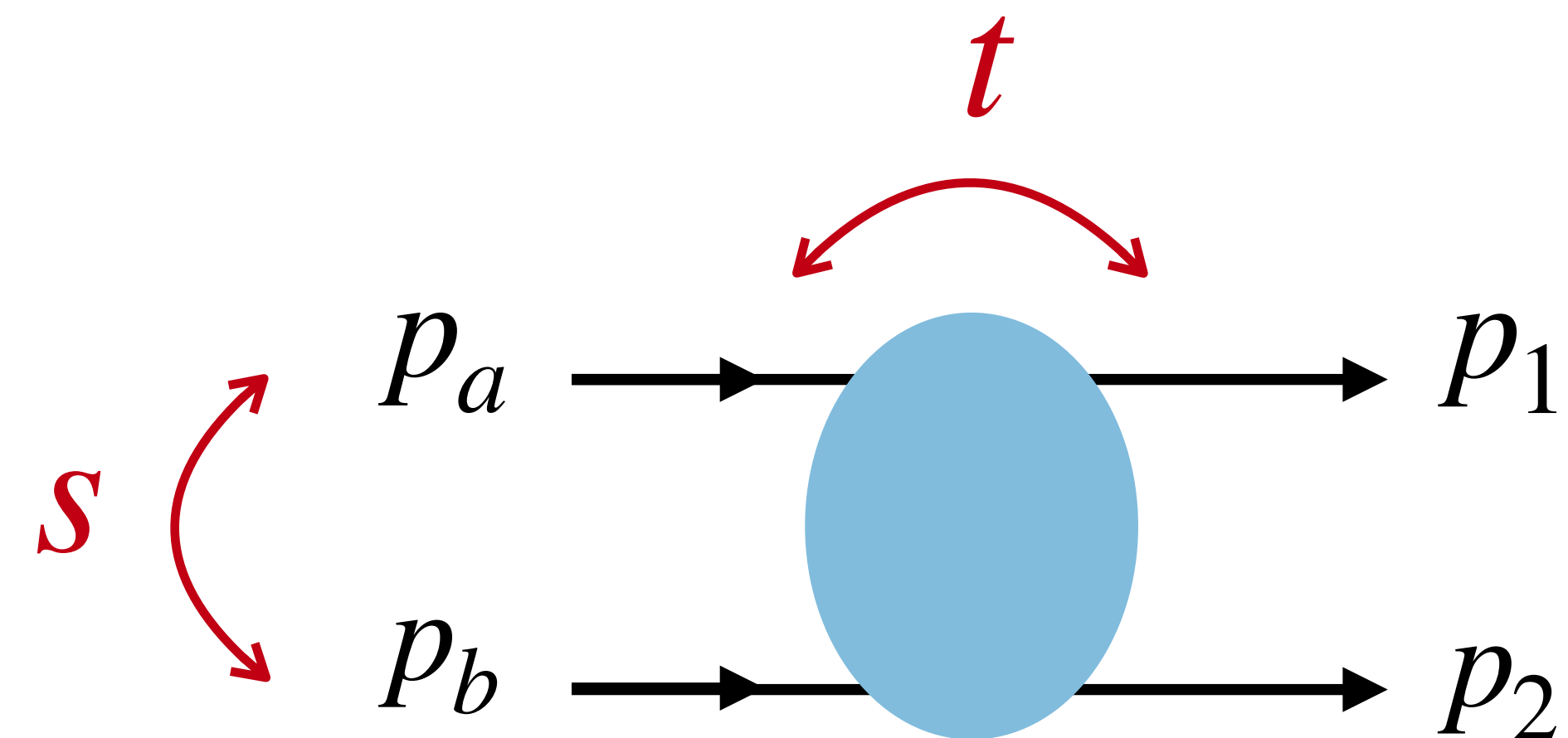
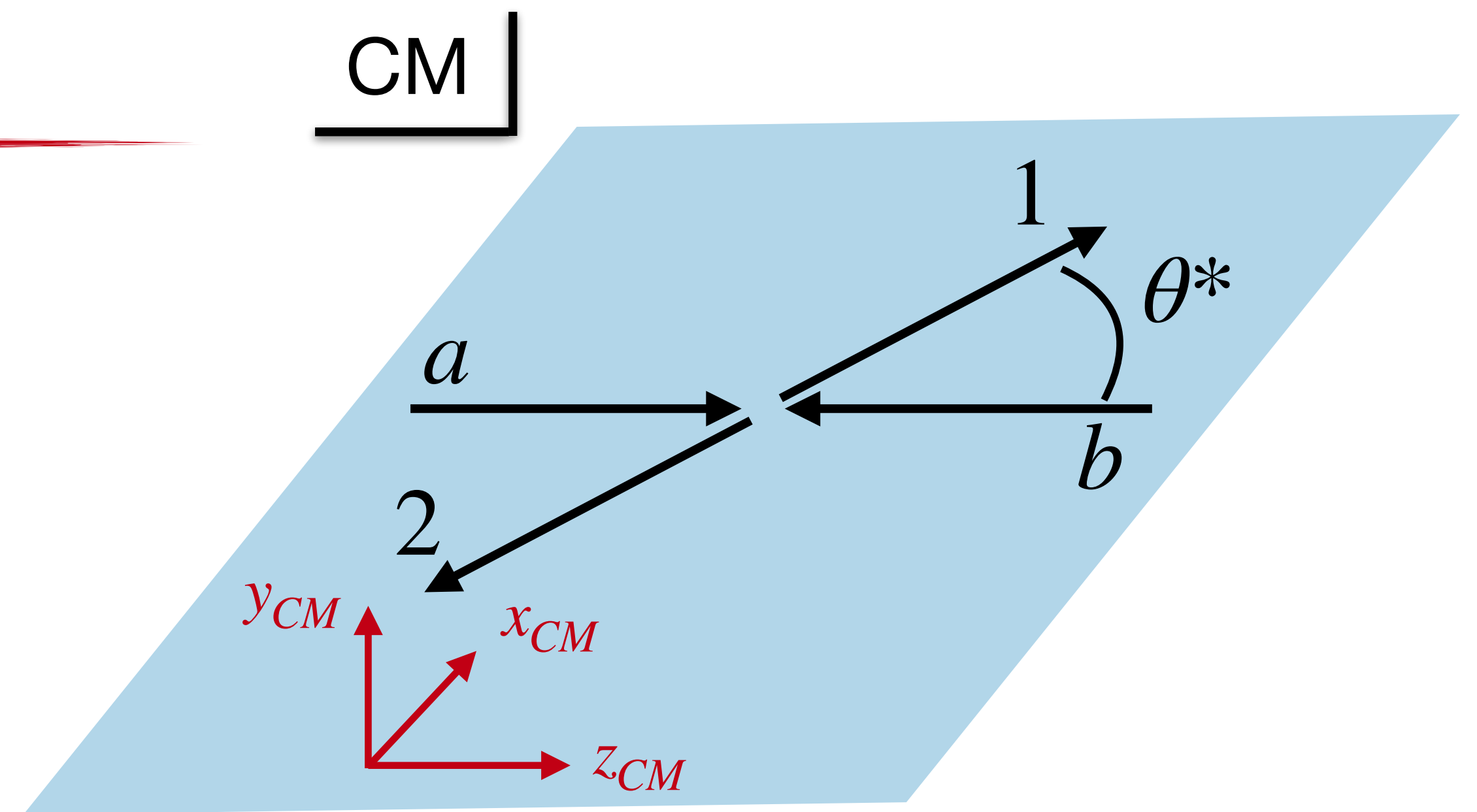
$$s = (p_a + p_b)^2 = (p_1 + p_2)^2$$

$$t = (p_a - p_1)^2 = (p_b - p_2)^2$$

$$u = (p_a - p_2)^2 = (p_b - p_1)^2$$

Only two independent

Check that  $s + t + u = m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_1^2 + m_2^2$ , using  $p_a + p_b = p_1 + p_2$





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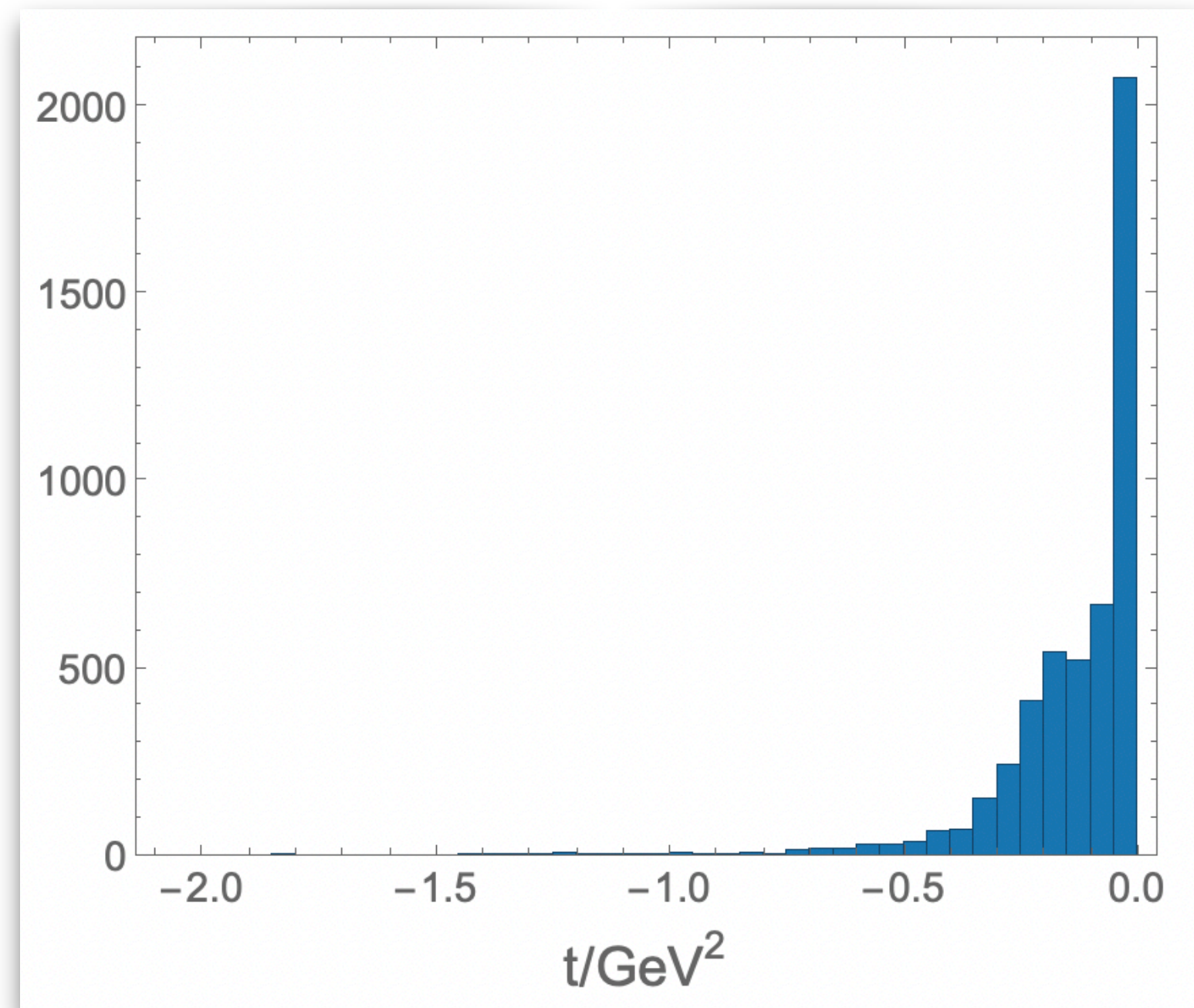
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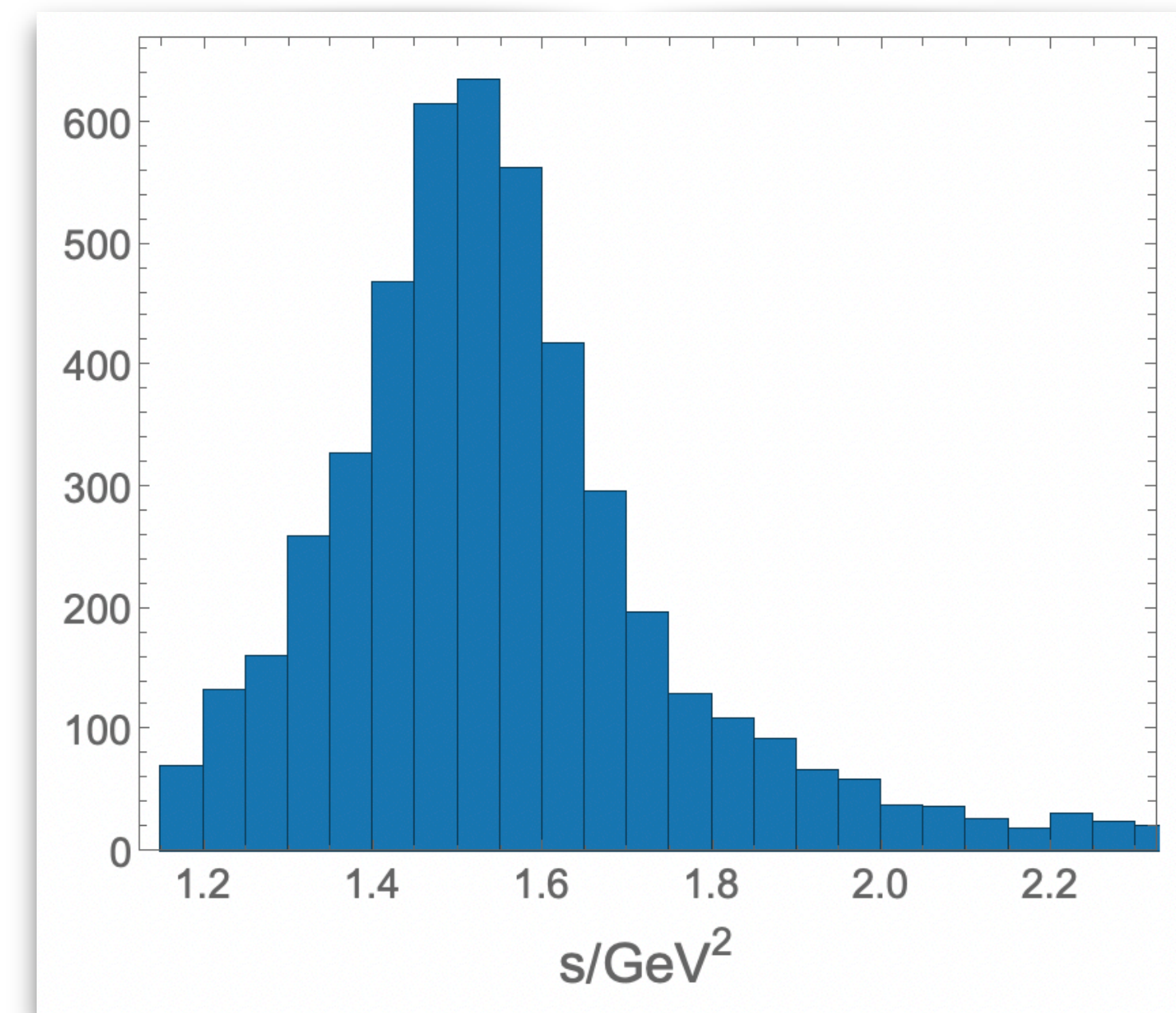
$$E_2, p_{2,x}, p_{2,y}, p_{2,z}$$

$$\vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots$$

$t$  distribution



$s = (E^*)^2$  distribution

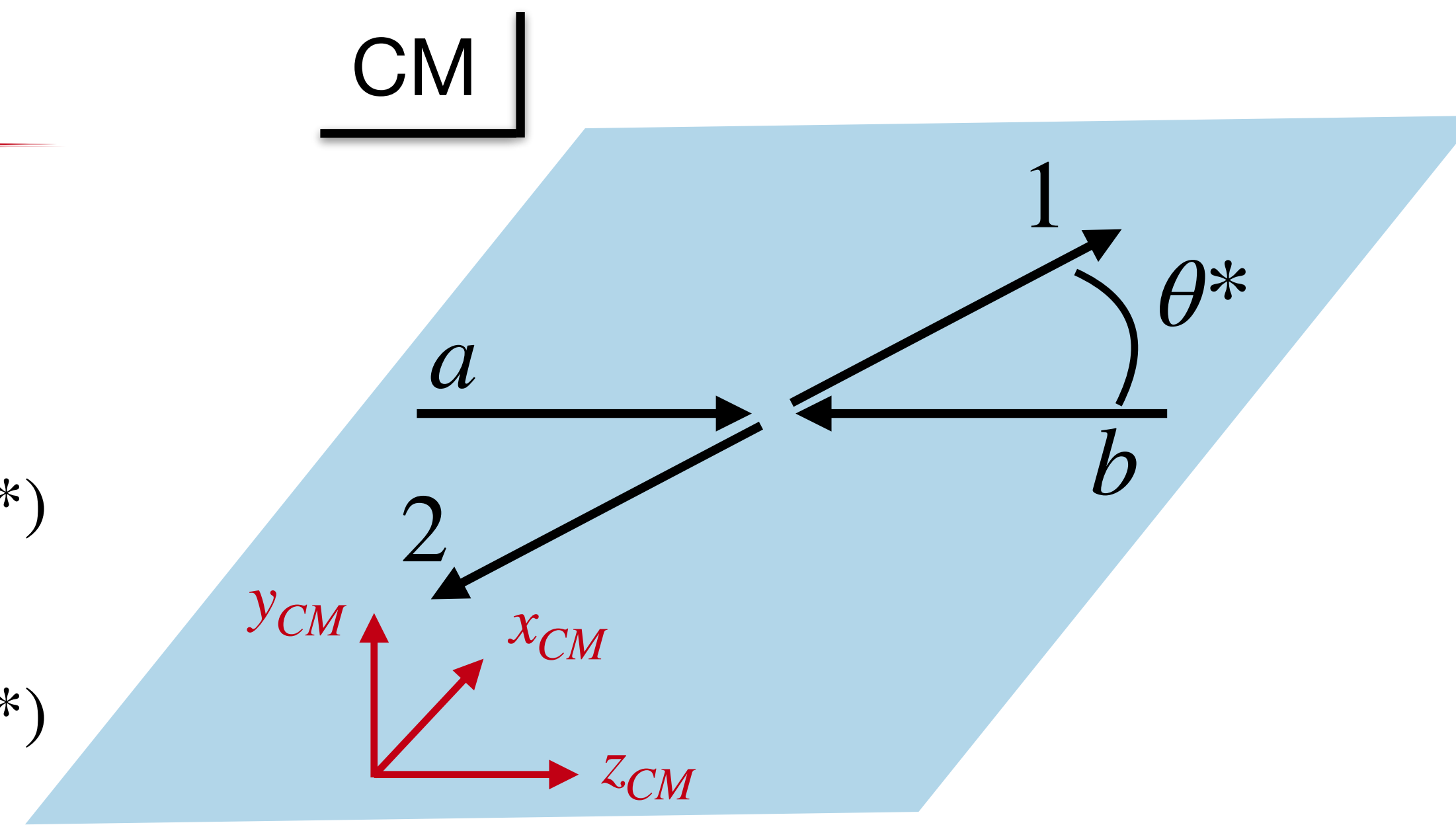


# CM Kinematics

Every frame dependent quantities  
is expressed with Mandelstam variables

$$p_a = (E_a^*, 0, 0, |\vec{p}_a^*|) \quad p_1 = (E_1^*, |\vec{p}_1^*| \sin \theta^*, 0, |\vec{p}_1^*| \cos \theta^*)$$

$$p_b = (E_b^*, 0, 0, -|\vec{p}_a^*|) \quad p_2 = (E_2^*, -|\vec{p}_1^*| \sin \theta^*, 0, -|\vec{p}_1^*| \cos \theta^*)$$



**Invariant:**  $s = (E_a^* + E_b^*)^2 = E_{CM}^2$   $t = (p_a - p_1)^2 = m_a^2 + m_1^2 - 2E_a^*E_1^* + 2|\vec{p}_a^*||\vec{p}_1^*|\cos \theta^*$

**From**  $p_1^2 = ([p_a + p_b] - p_2)^2$  **we obtain**  $E_2^* = \frac{s + m_2^2 - m_1^2}{2\sqrt{s}}$

**And**  $|\vec{p}_1^*| = \sqrt{(E_1^*)^2 - m_1^2} = \frac{\lambda^{1/2}(s, m_1^2, m_2^2)}{2\sqrt{s}}$

**With**  $\lambda(a, b, c) = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - 2(ab + bc + ca)$

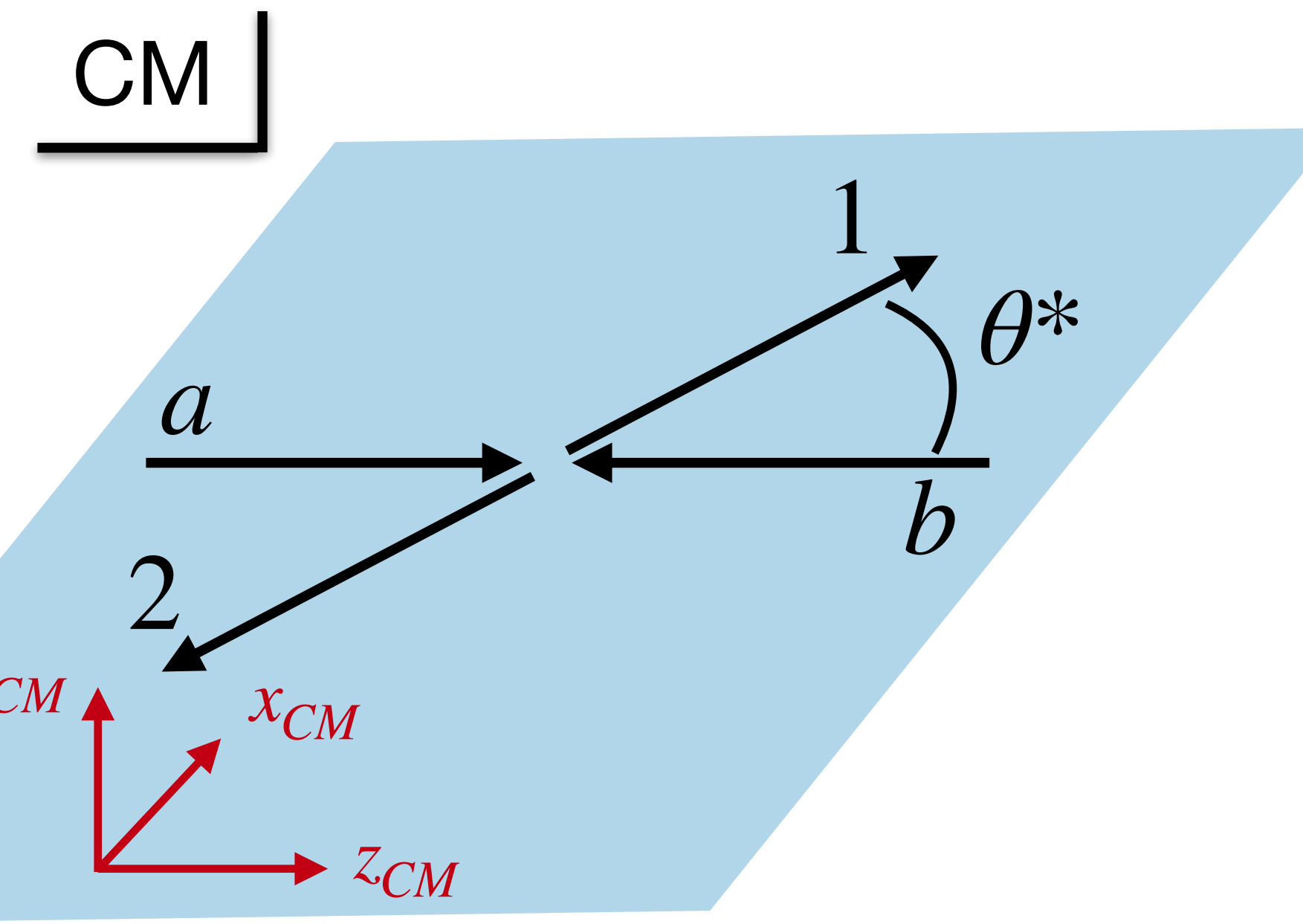
# CoM Kinematics

$$t = m_a^2 + m_1^2 - 2E_a^* E_1^* + 2 |\vec{p}_a^*| |\vec{p}_1^*| \cos \theta^*$$

Angles are physical:  $-1 \leq \cos \theta^* \leq 1$

$$t_{min,max} = m_a^2 + m_1^2 - 2E_a^* E_1^* \pm 2 |\vec{p}_a^*| |\vec{p}_1^*|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2s} \left[ (m_1 - m_a)^2 + (m_2 - m_b)^2 \right]^2 + \left( |\vec{p}_a^*| \pm |\vec{p}_1^*| \right)^2$$



Note that  $t_{min} = 0$ ,  $t_{max} = -4 |p^*|^2$  if  $m_a = m_1$  and  $m_b = m_2$  (elastic scattering)

Equivalent expression for the scattering angle in the CoM

$$\cos \theta^* = 1 + \frac{t - t_{min}}{2 |\vec{p}_a^*| |\vec{p}_1^*|} = \frac{s(t - u) + (m_a^2 - m_b^2)(m_1^2 - m_2^2)}{\lambda^{1/2}(s, m_a^2, m_b^2) \lambda^{1/2}(s, m_1^2, m_2^2)}$$

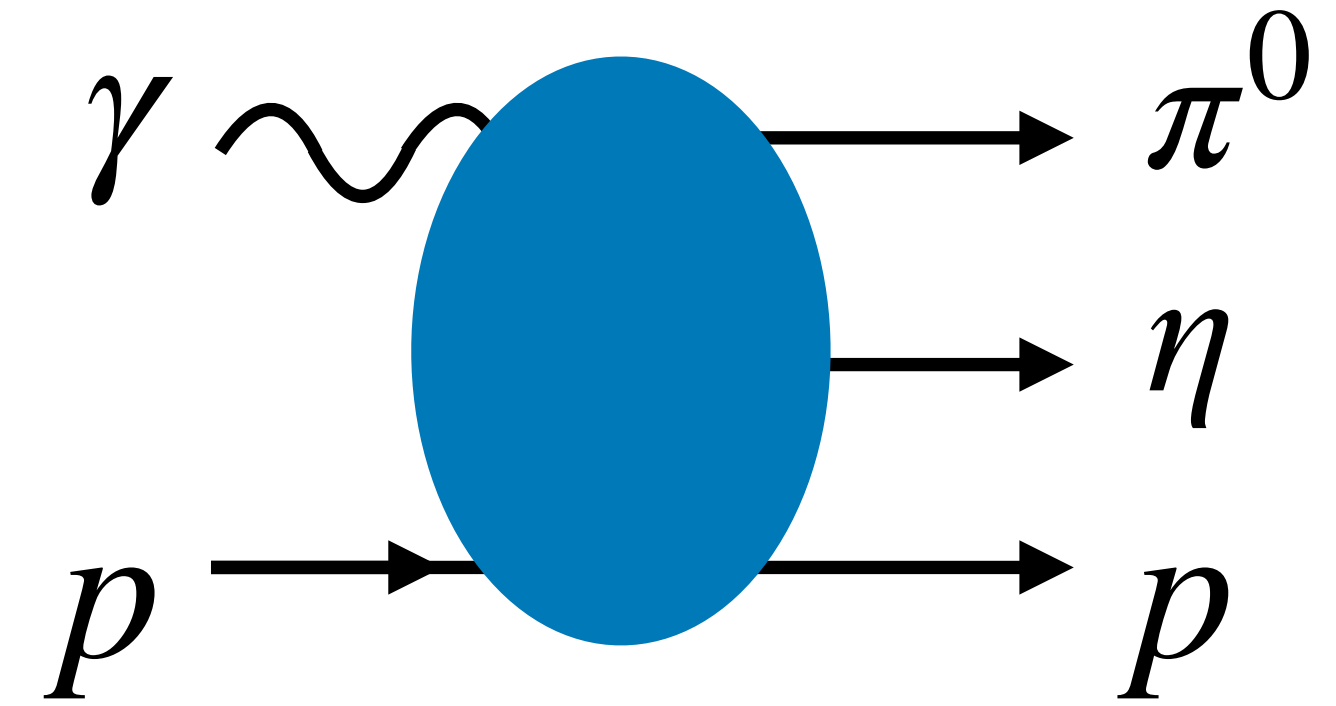
Exercices:

- Check all relations
- Compute  $\cos \theta^L$  as a function of  $s, t, u$

# Three-particles Final States

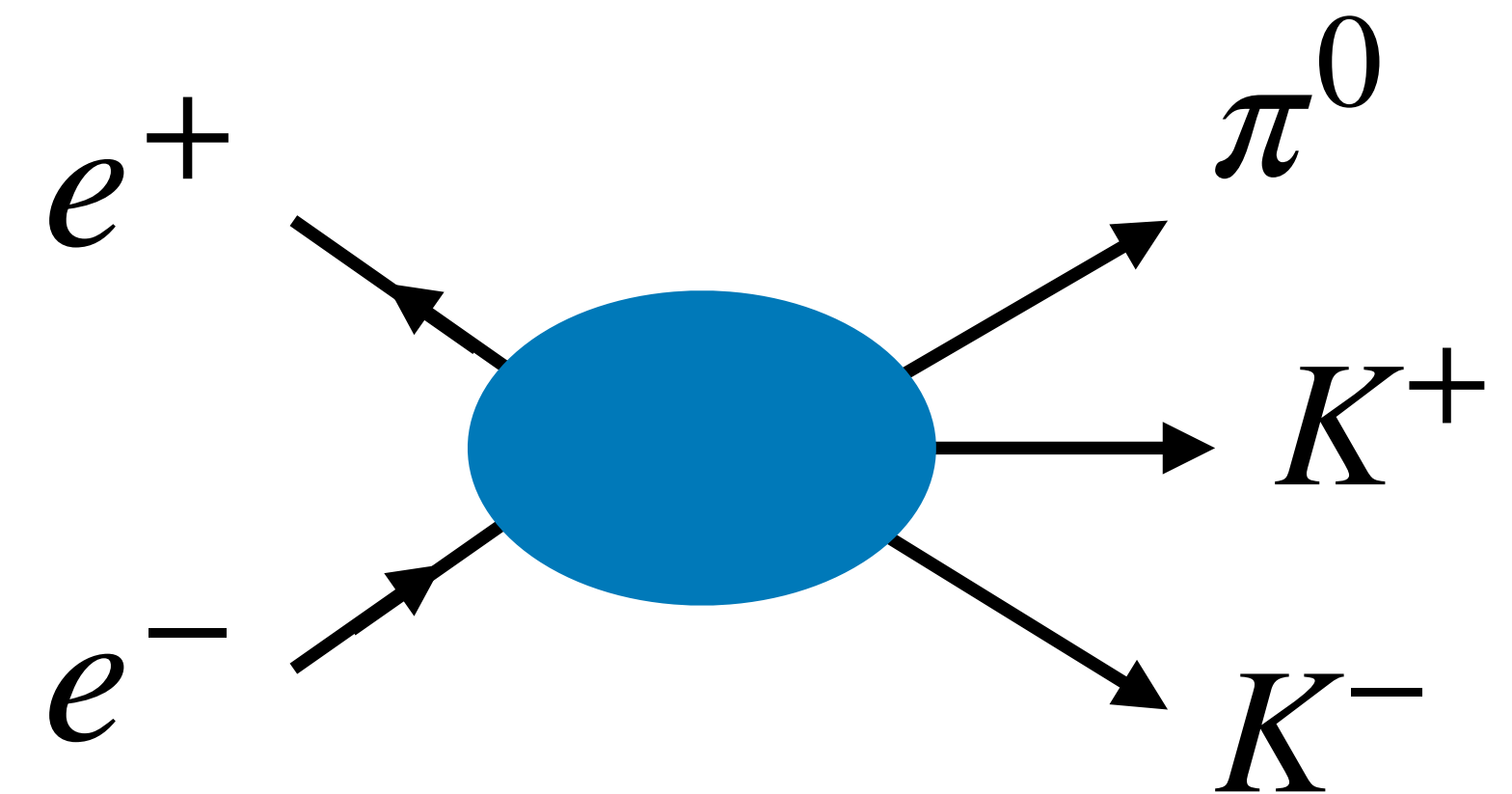
Peripheral production

$$\gamma p \rightarrow \eta \pi^0 p$$



Annihilation

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^0$$





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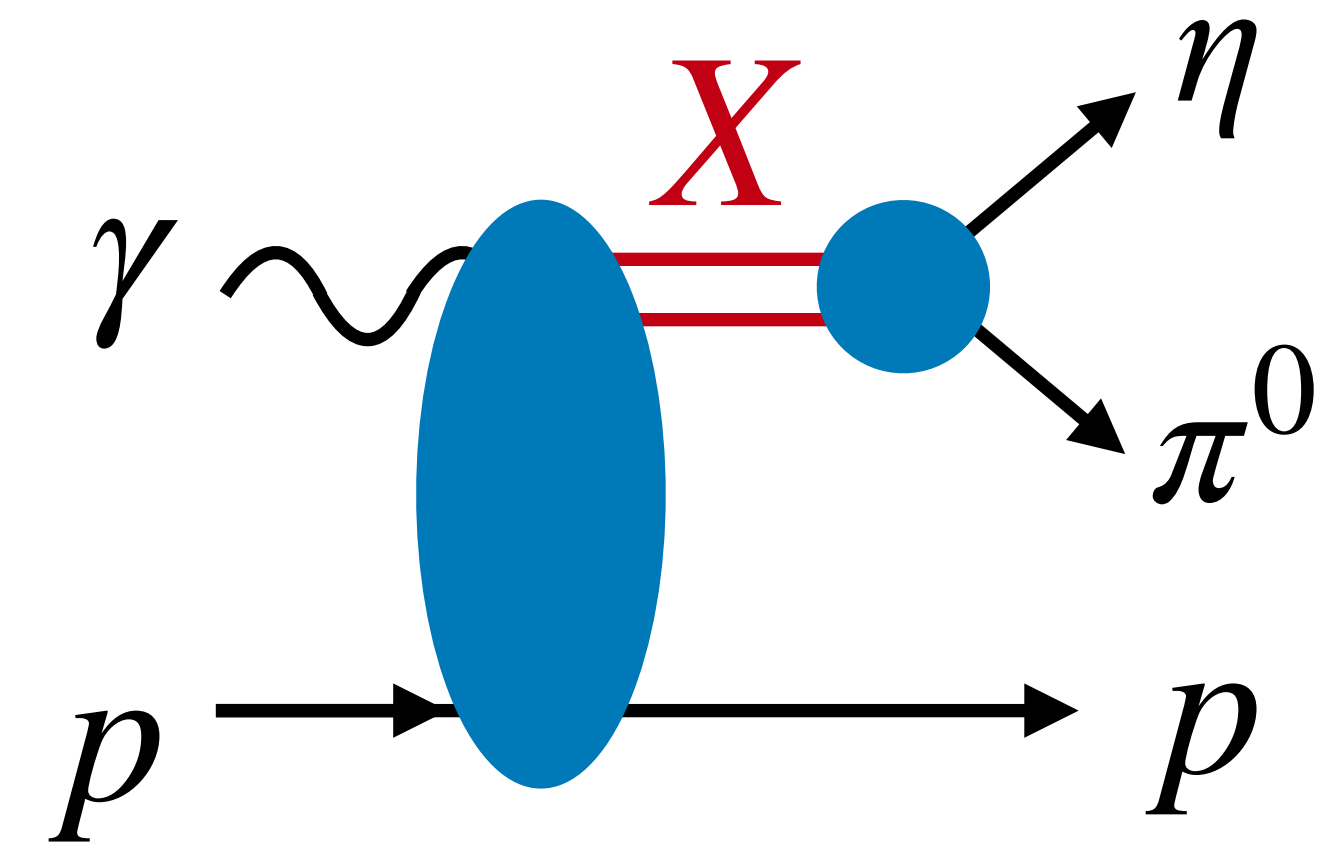
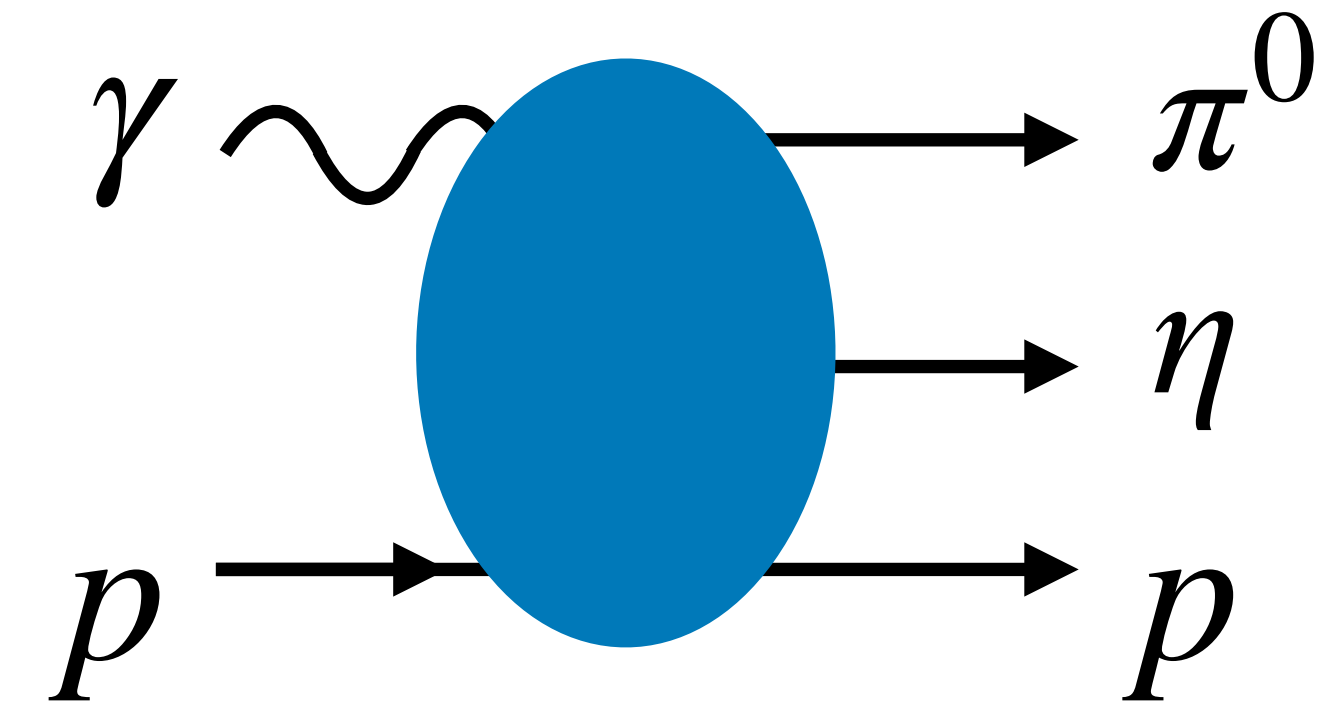
$$\gamma p \rightarrow \eta \pi^0 p$$

Mesonic resonances produced on a nucleon target

$$X = a_0, \pi_1, a_2, \dots \rightarrow \eta \pi$$

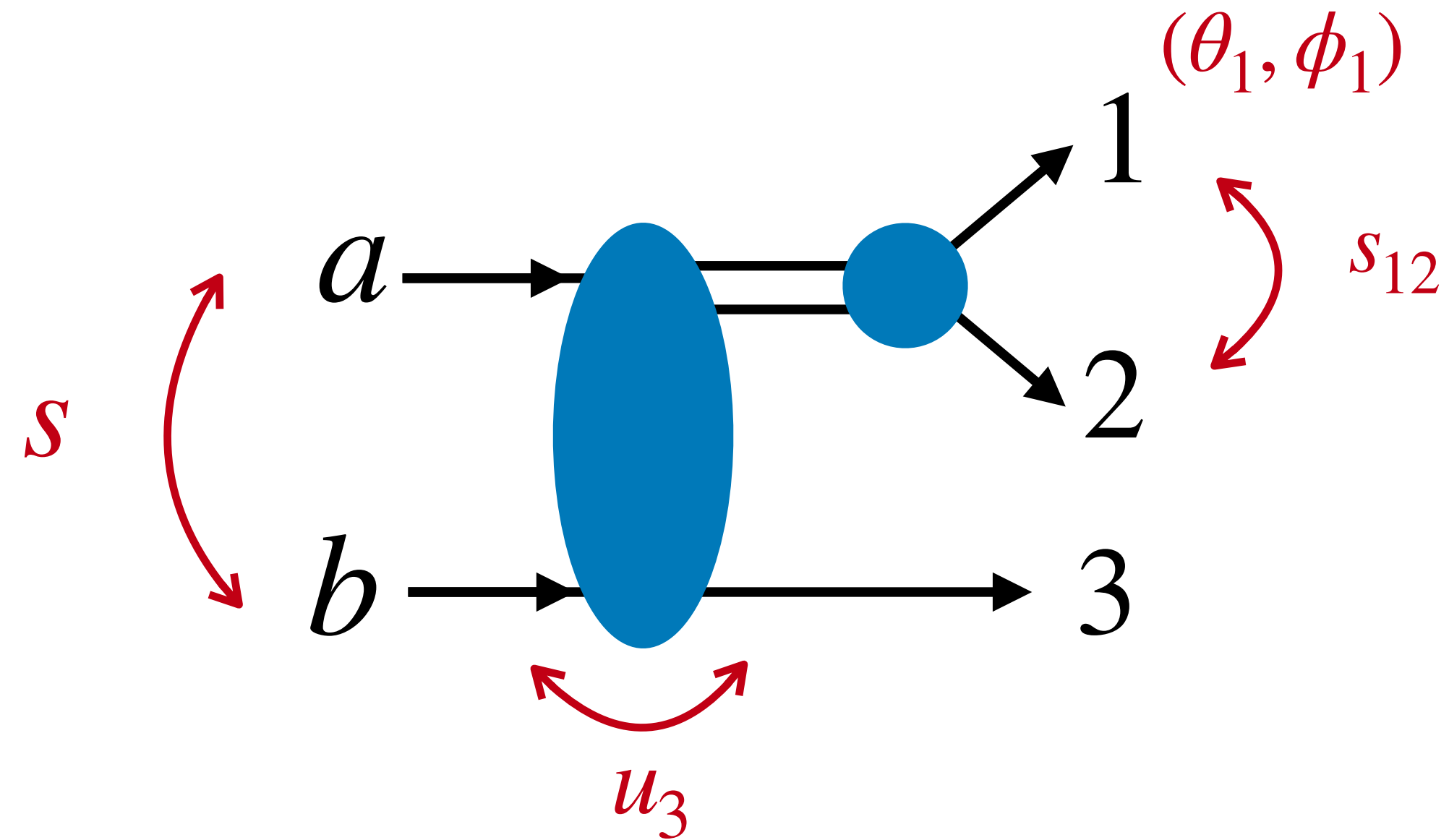
Corresponds to S,P,D,... waves

Need to study the angular distribution in the  $\eta\pi$  rest frame



# Relevant variables

There are 5 independent variables

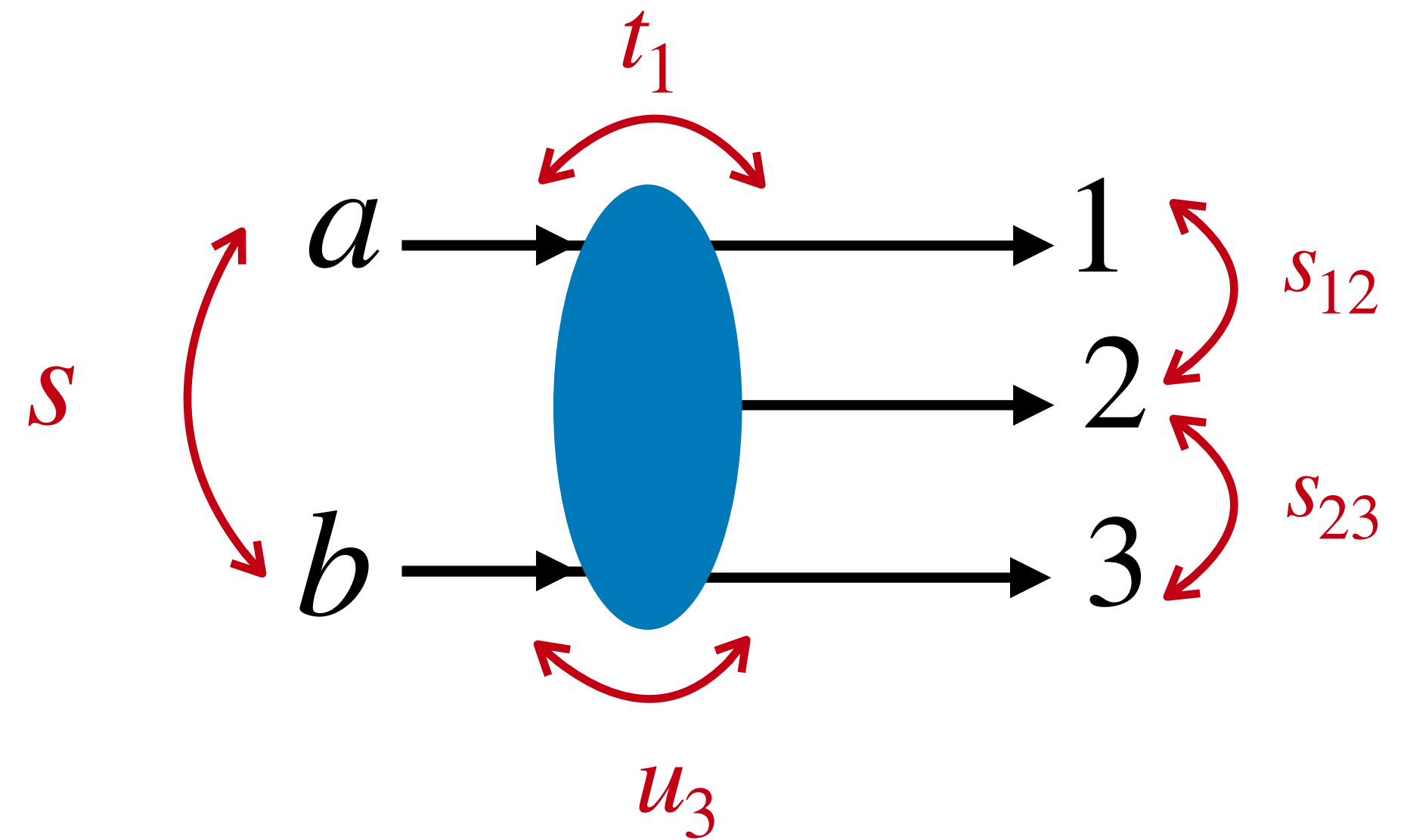


$(\theta_1, \phi_1)$ : Angles of 1 in (12) RF

$$s_{12} = (p_1 + p_2)^2 \quad s = (p_a + p_b)^2$$

$$u_3 = (p_b - p_3)^2 \quad (\theta_1, \phi_1) \leftrightarrow (t_1, s_{23})$$

5 Mandelstam variables:  $s, t_1, u_3, s_{12}, s_{23}$



$$s_{ij} = (p_i + p_j)^2$$

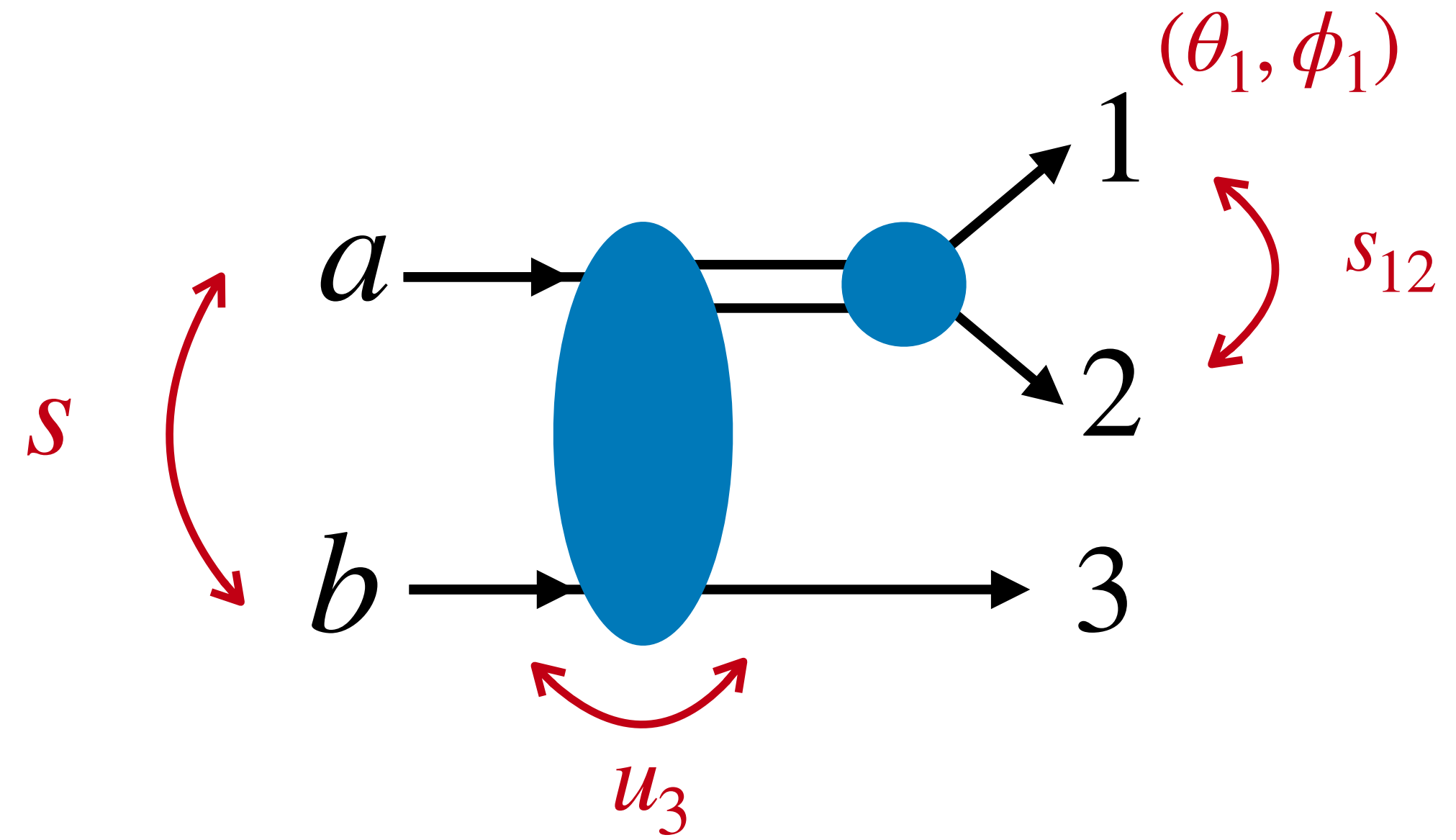
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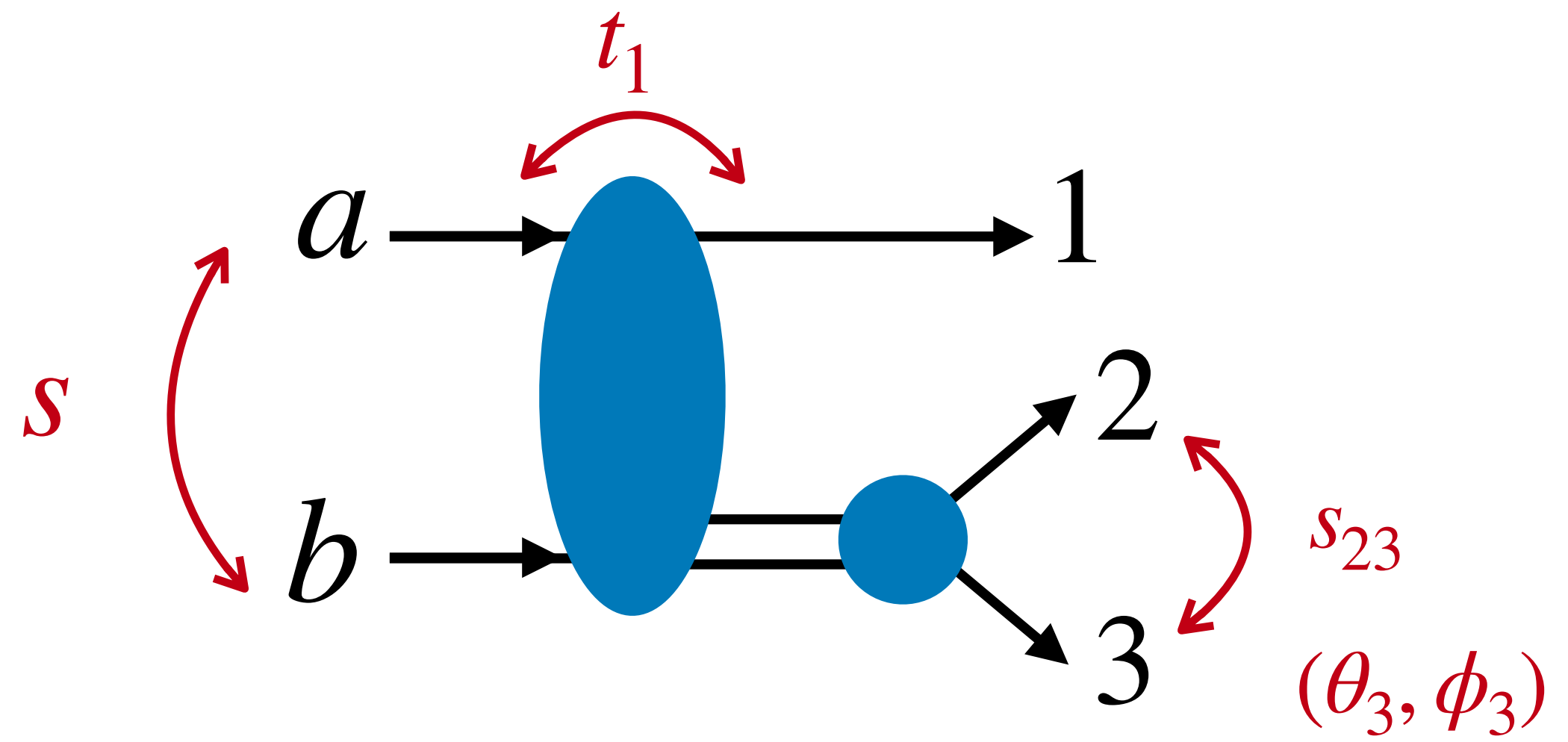
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$(\theta_3, \phi_3)$ : Angles of 3 in (23) RF

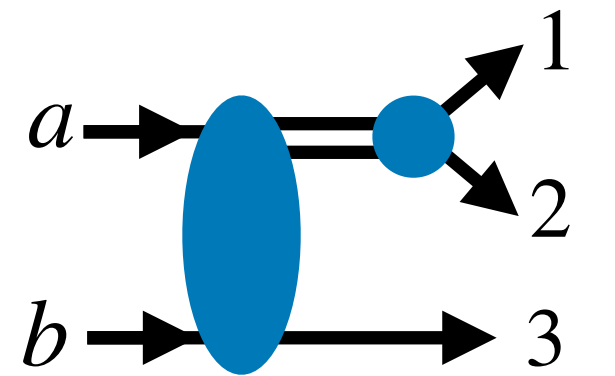
$$s_{23} = (p_2 + p_3)^2 \quad s = (p_a + p_b)^2$$

$$t_1 = (p_a - p_1)^2$$

$$(\theta_3, \phi_3) \leftrightarrow (u_3, s_{12})$$

How to get angles from Mandelstam variables?

# Gottfried-Jackson Frame



(12) Rest Frame (12RF)

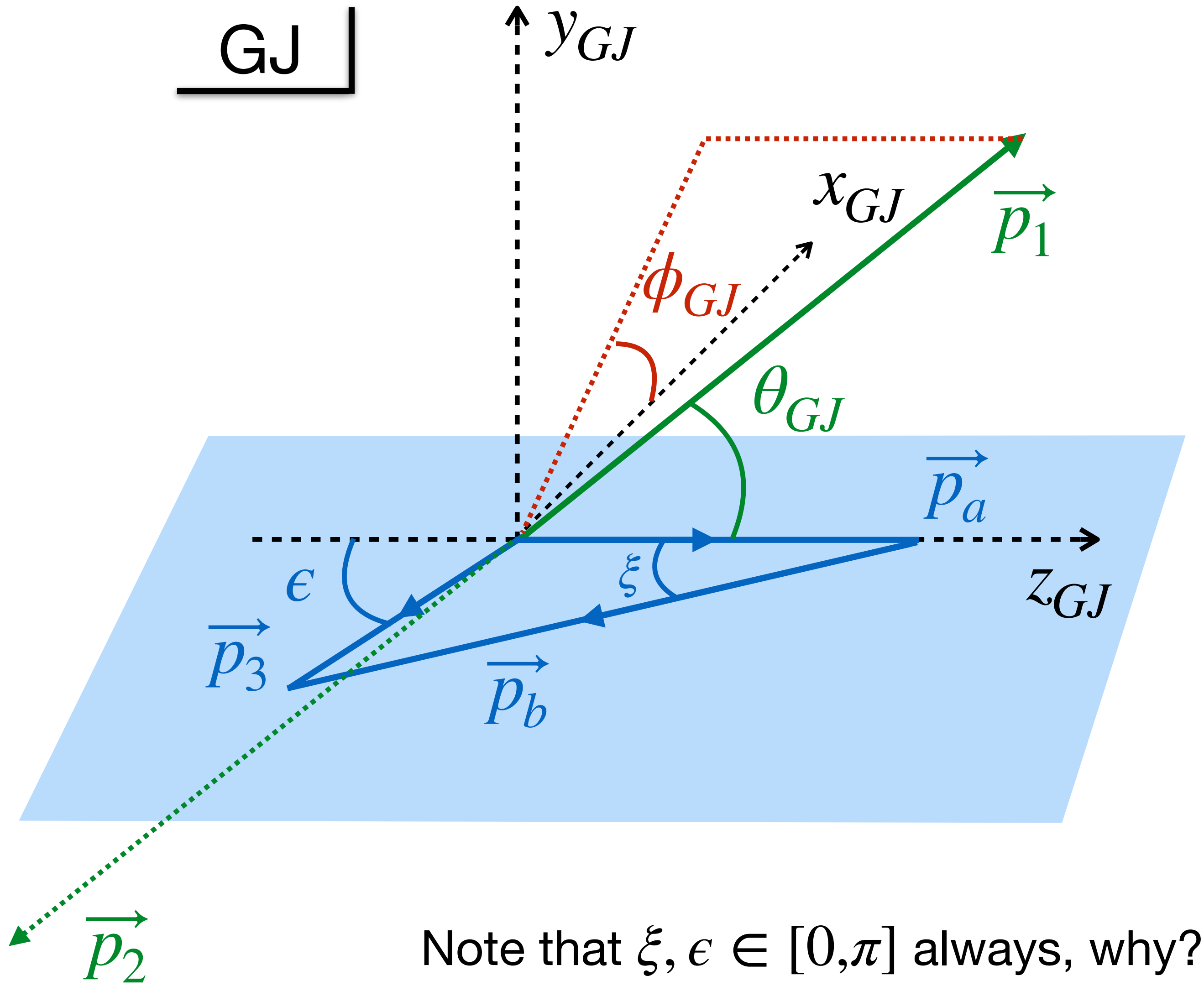
$$\vec{p}_a + \vec{p}_b = \vec{p}_3 + \underbrace{(\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2)}_{\vec{0}}$$

The reaction plane is  $x - z$  with

$$\vec{y} \propto \vec{p}_b \times \vec{p}_a \Big|_{12RF}$$

$z$  axis along the beam (a)

$$\vec{z} \propto \vec{p}_a \Big|_{12RF}$$



Note that  $\xi, \epsilon \in [0, \pi]$  always, why?

# Rotation of momenta

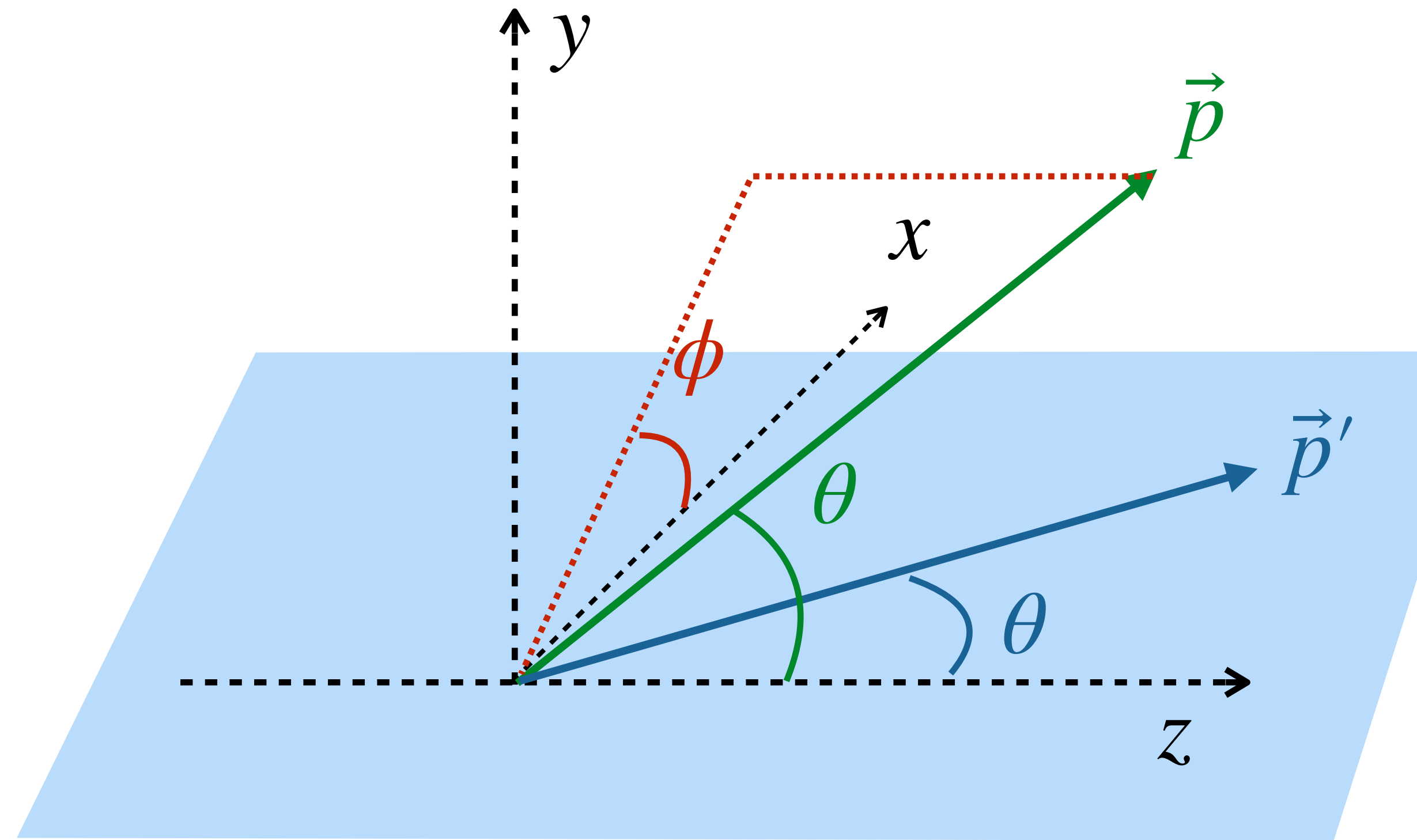
$$\vec{p} = |\vec{p}| (\sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \theta \sin \phi, \cos \theta)$$

$$\vec{p} = |\vec{p}| R_z(\phi) \cdot R_y(\theta) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{p} = |\vec{p}| R_z(\phi) \cdot R_y(\theta) \cdot R_z(\gamma) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

↓  
Irrelevant rotation

$$\vec{p} = |\vec{p}| R(\phi, \theta, \gamma) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Conventions:  $\gamma = 0$  or  $\gamma = -\phi$

# Gottfried-Jackson Frame

Momenta in the (12)-GJ frame

$$\vec{p}_1 = |\vec{p}_1| (\sin \theta_{GJ} \cos \phi_{GJ}, \sin \theta_{GJ} \sin \phi_{GJ}, \cos \theta_{GJ})$$

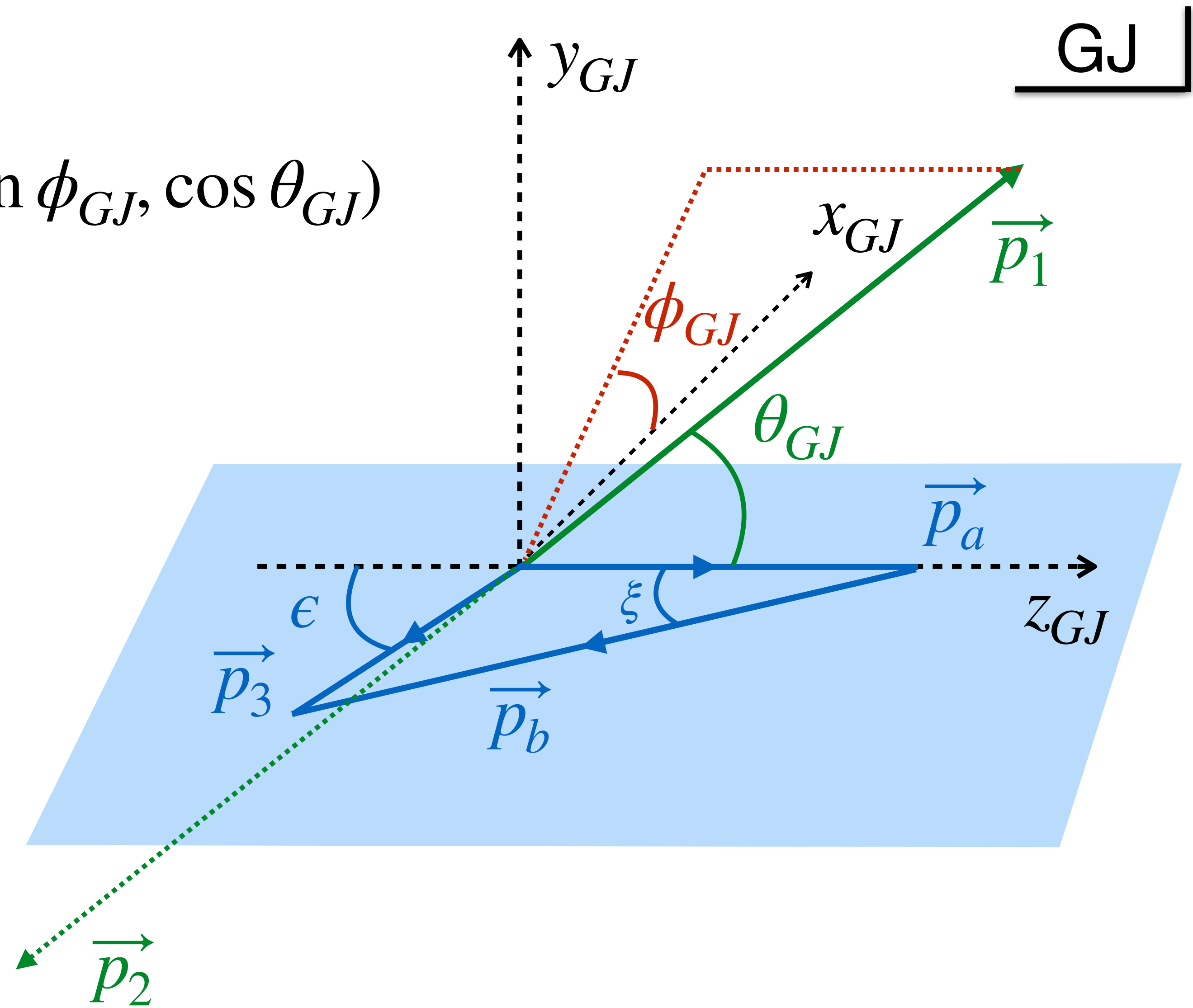
$$\vec{p}_2 = -\vec{p}_1$$

$$\vec{p}_a = |\vec{p}_a| (0, 0, 1)$$

$$\vec{p}_b = |\vec{p}_b| (-\sin \xi, 0, -\cos \xi)$$

$$\vec{p}_3 = |\vec{p}_3| (-\sin \epsilon, 0, -\cos \epsilon)$$

$$\text{Momentum } |\vec{p}_i| = \sqrt{E_i^2 - m_i^2}$$



# Gottfried-Jackson Frame

Calculating energies using  $\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 = \vec{0}$

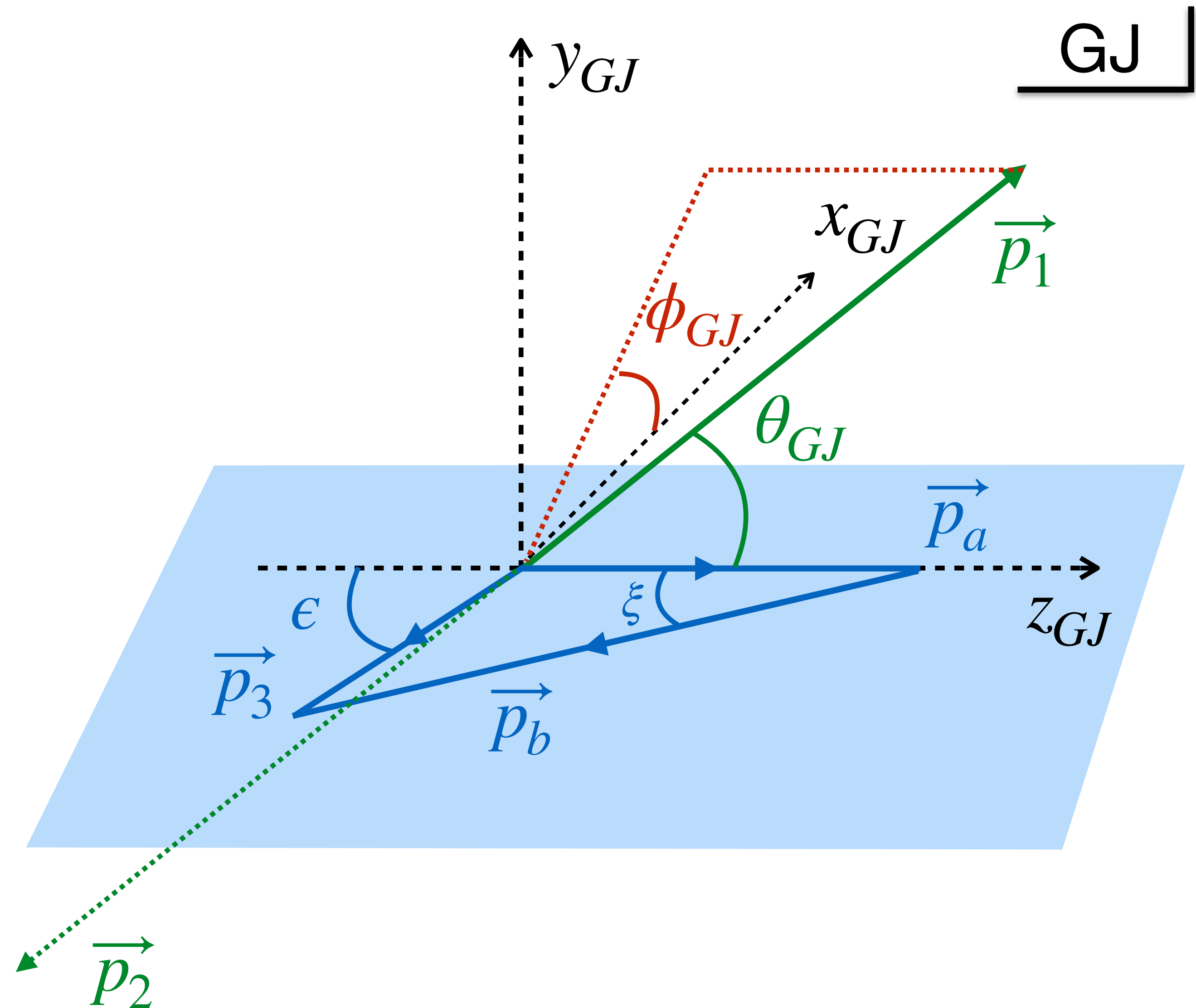
$$u_3 = (p_b - p_3)^2 = ([p_1 + p_2] - p_a)^2$$

$$= s_{12} + m_a^2 - 2E_a\sqrt{s_{12}}$$

$$E_a = \frac{s_{12} + m_a^2 - u_3}{2\sqrt{s_{12}}}$$

All 5 energies depend only on  $s, s_{12}, u_3$

Exercice: Compute the other energies  $E_b, E_1, E_2, E_3$



# Gottfried-Jackson Frame

Polar angle from  $\vec{p}_a \cdot \vec{p}_1$

$$t_1 = (p_a - p_1)^2$$

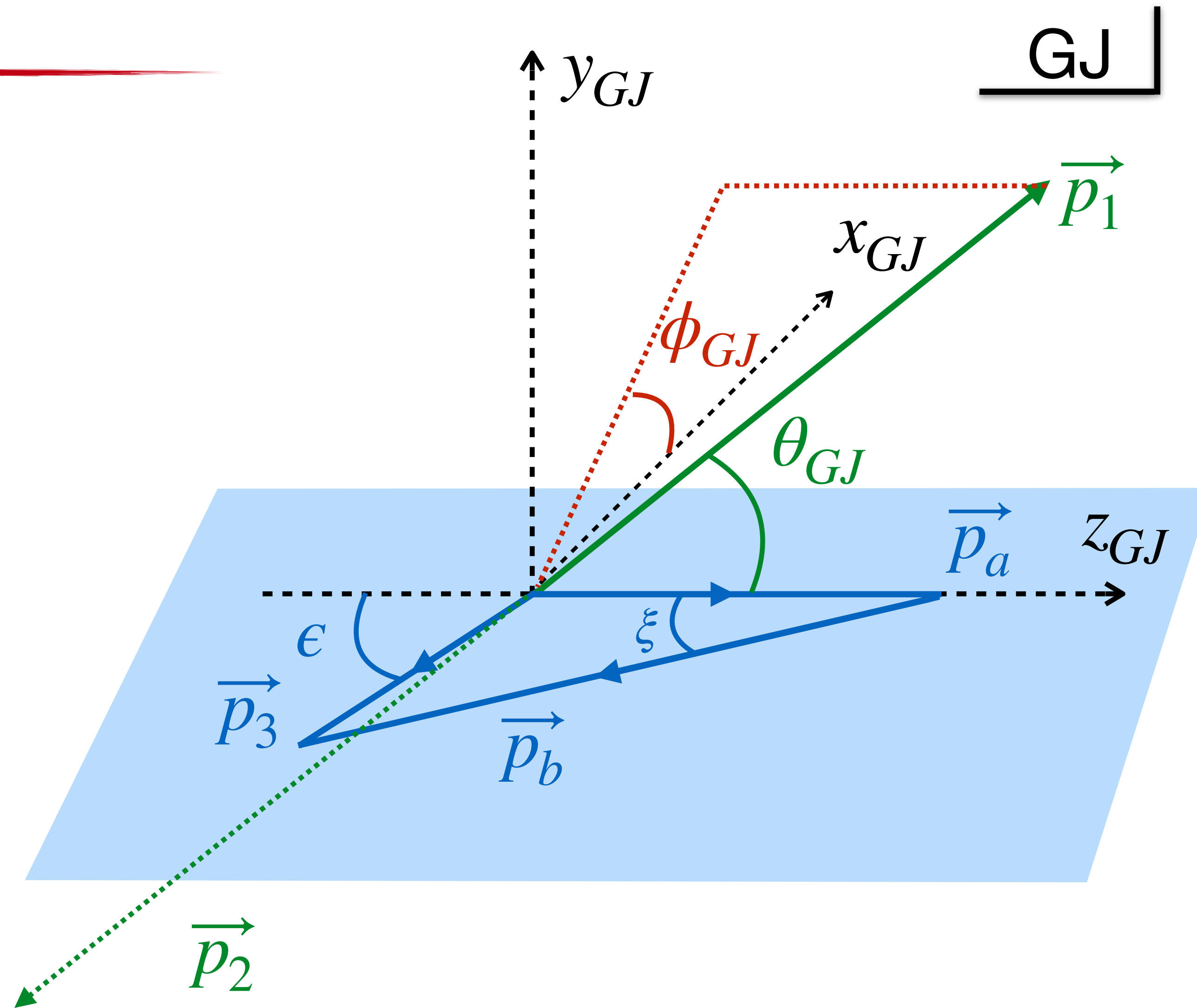
$$= m_a^2 + m_1^2 - 2E_a E_1 + 2|\vec{p}_1| |\vec{p}_a| \cos \theta_{GJ}$$

Azimuthal angle from  $\vec{p}_2 \cdot \vec{p}_3$

$$s_{23} = (p_2 + p_3)^2$$

$$= m_2^2 + m_3^2 + 2E_2 E_3$$

$$- 2|\vec{p}_1| |\vec{p}_3| \left[ \sin \epsilon \sin \theta_{GJ} \cos \phi_{GJ} + \cos \epsilon \cos \theta_{GJ} \right]$$



Exercice: Compute the other angles  $\cos \xi$  and  $\cos \epsilon$



# Helicity Frame

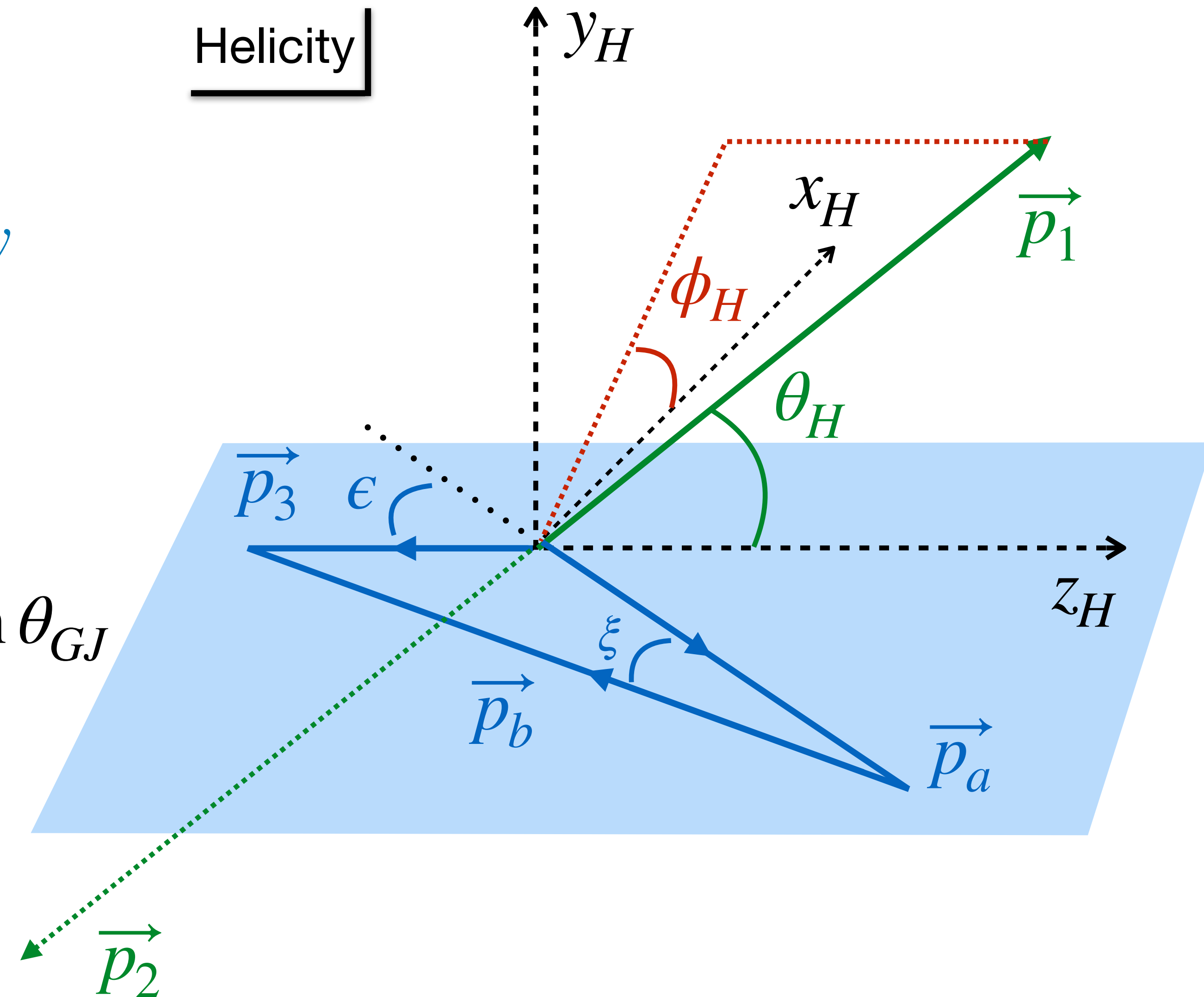
$z$  is opposite to the recoil,  $\vec{z} \propto -\vec{p}_3$

Gottfried-Jackson and helicity frames are related by a rotation of angle  $\omega$  around  $y$

$$\vec{p} |_{GJ} = R_y(\epsilon) \vec{p} |_H$$

$$\cos \theta_H = \cos \epsilon \cos \theta_{GJ} + \sin \epsilon \cos \phi_{GJ} \sin \theta_{GJ}$$

$$\cot \phi_H = \cos \epsilon \cot \phi_{GJ} - \sin \epsilon \frac{\cot \theta_{GJ}}{\sin \phi_{GJ}}$$



# Decays into Two Particles

Momentum fixed

$$|\vec{p}_1| = |\vec{p}_2| = \frac{1}{2M} \lambda^{1/2}(M^2, m_1^2, m_2^2)$$

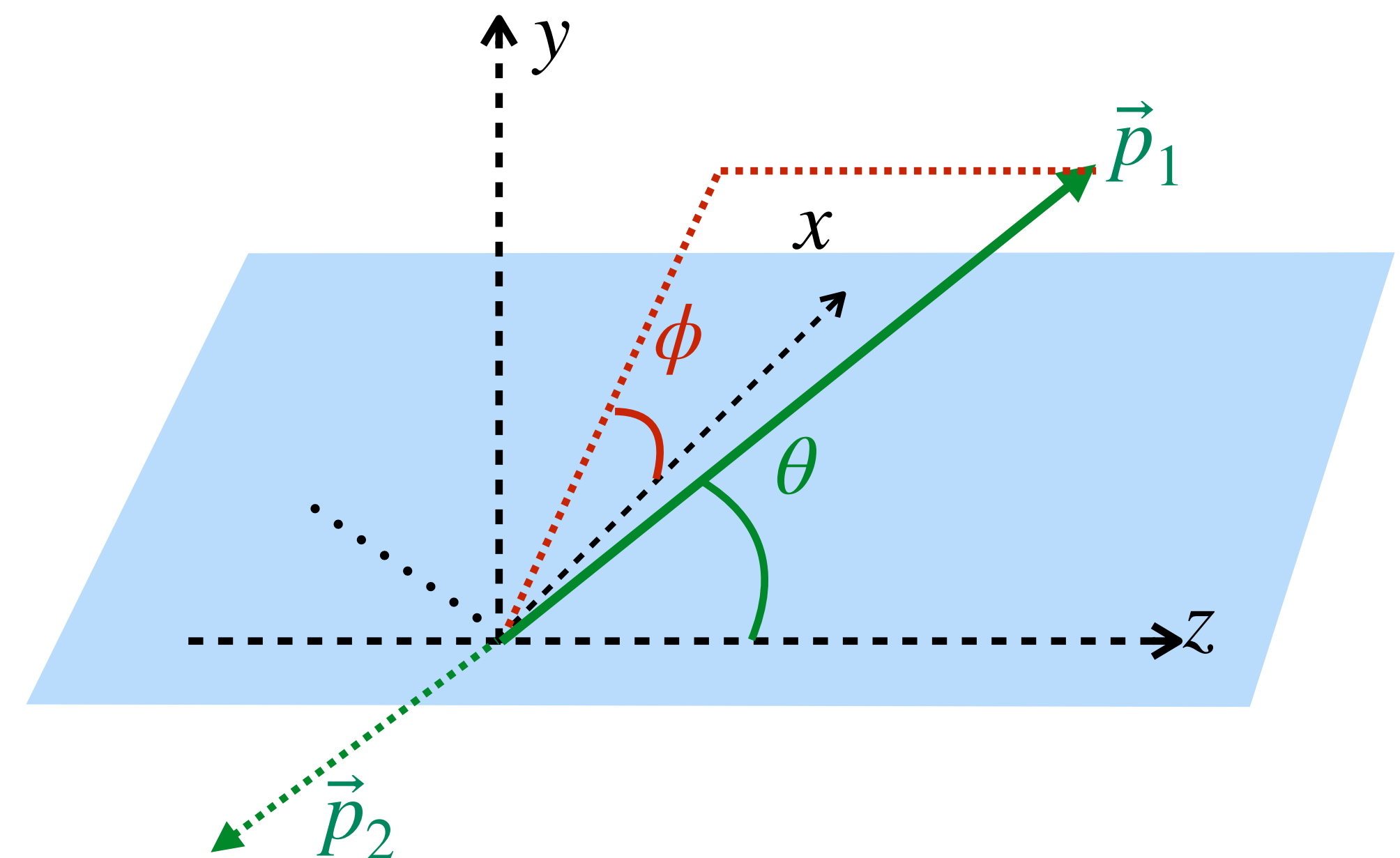
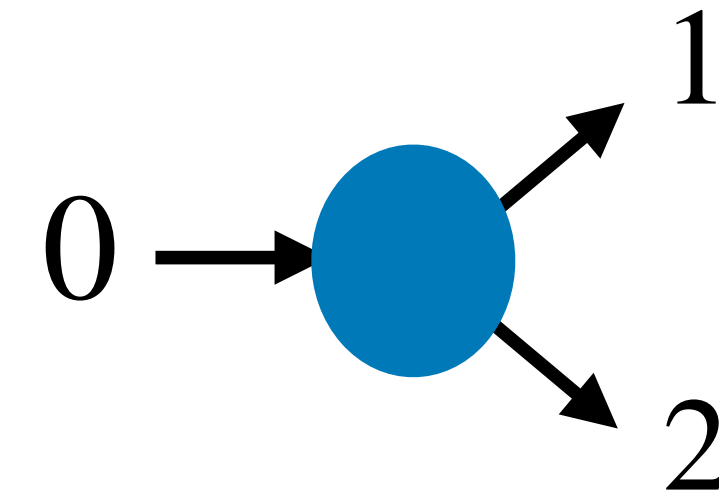
Particle 0 has mass  $M$

Angular dependence fixed by the spin of 0

Only  $z$  axis matters if not polarized

Intensity depends on  $\theta$  only

Example  $\frac{d\Gamma}{d\Omega} \propto |Y_m^\ell(\theta, \phi)|^2 \propto |P_\ell^{(m)}(\cos \theta)|^2$



# Decays into Three Particles

The three momenta determine a plane

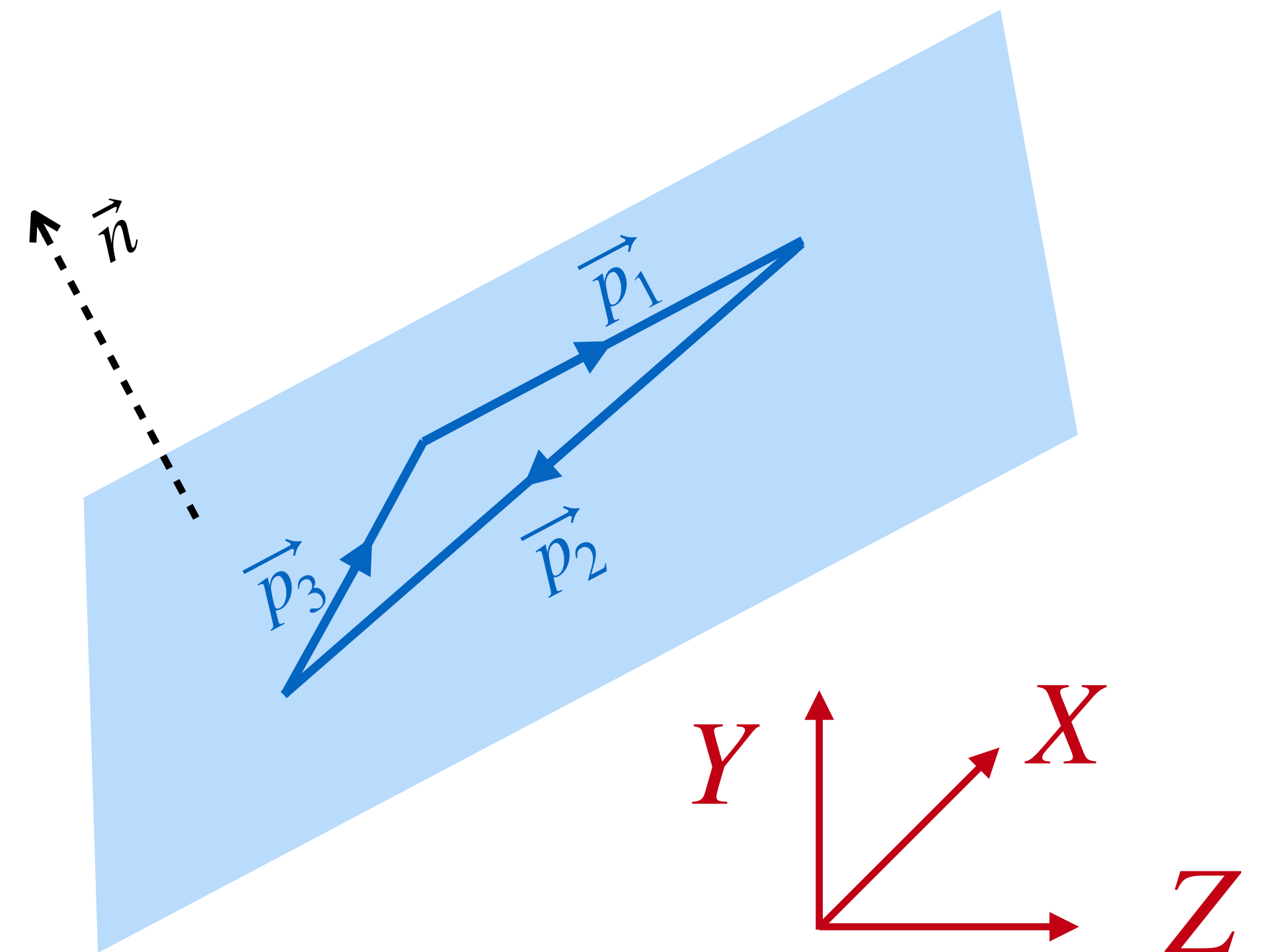
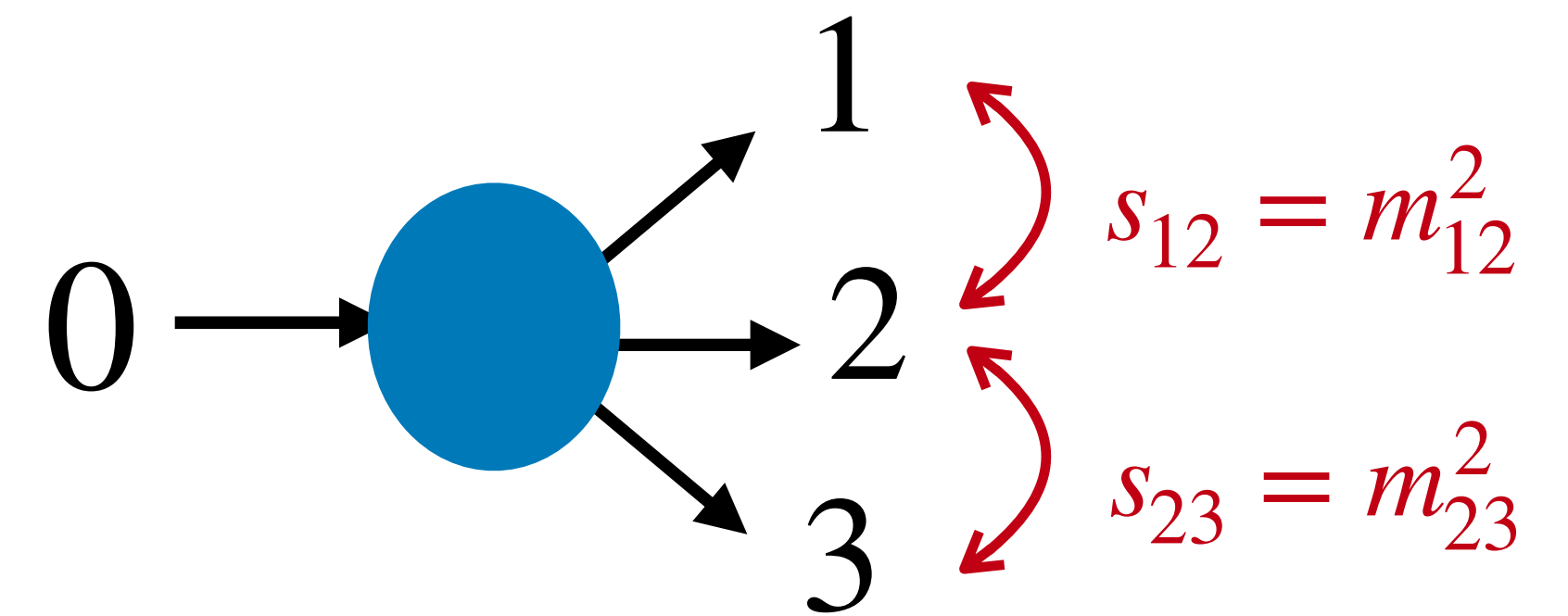
The orientation of the plane is determined by three Euler angles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$

The orientation of the plane does not matter if not polarized

The decay is described by two variables  $s_{12}, s_{23}$

Representation in a Dalitz plot

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{ds_{12}ds_{23}} \propto |A|^2$$

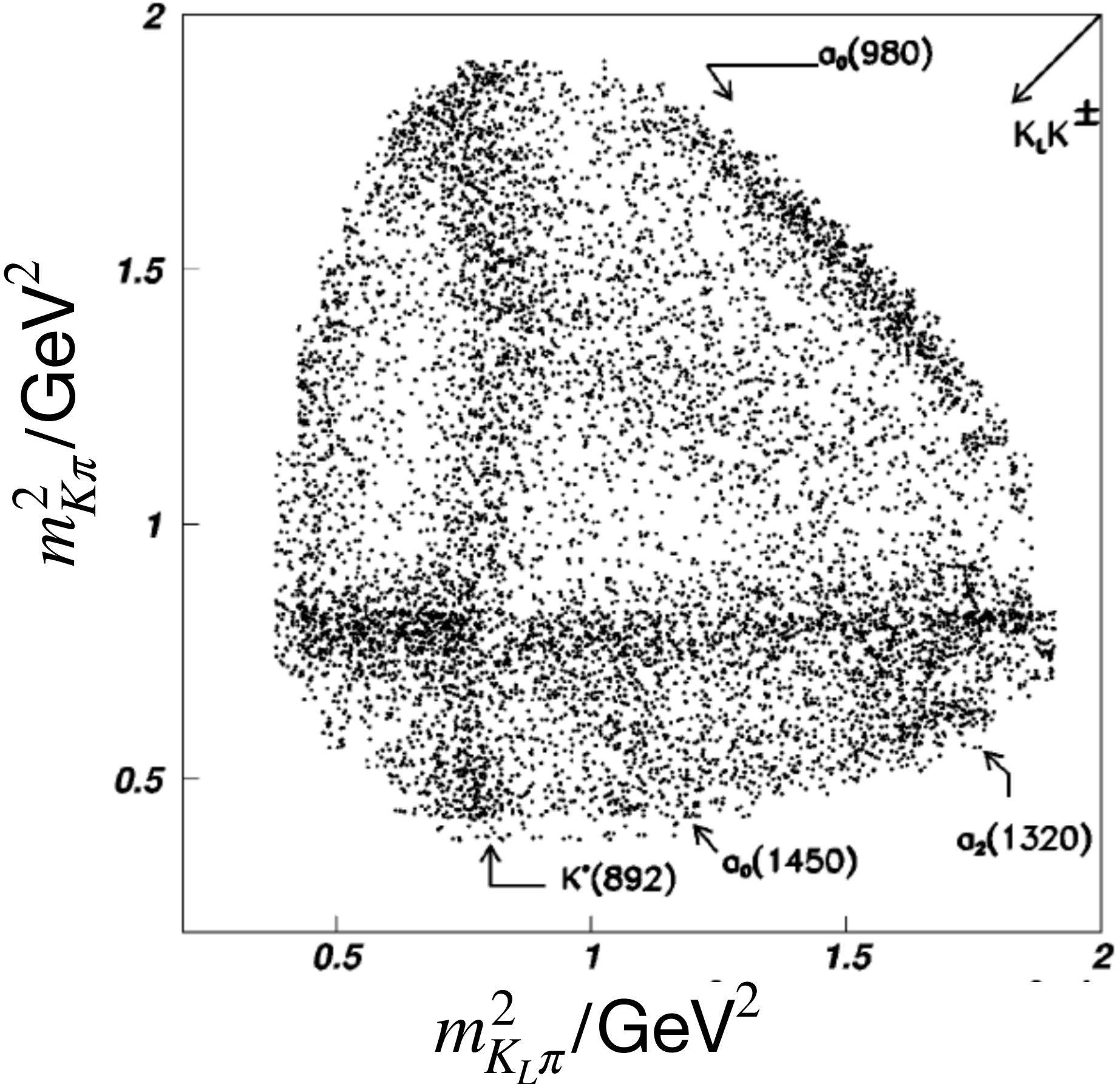




# Dalitz Plot

$$p\bar{p} \rightarrow K_L^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$$

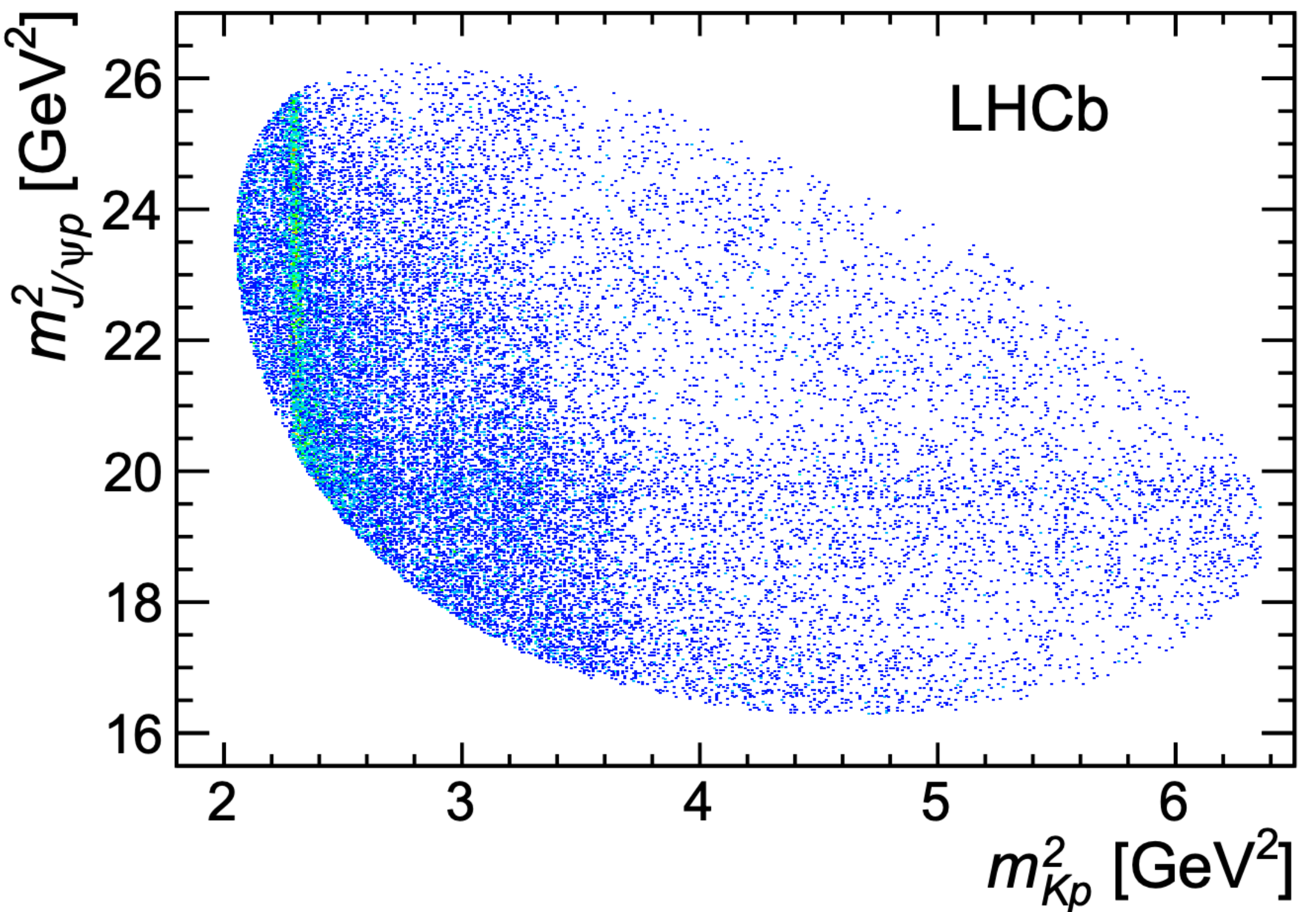
Crystal Barrel, Phys. Rev. D57 (1998) 3860



Every event is a point (scatter plot)

$$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^- p$$

LHCb, Phys. Rev. Lett. 115 (2015) 072001



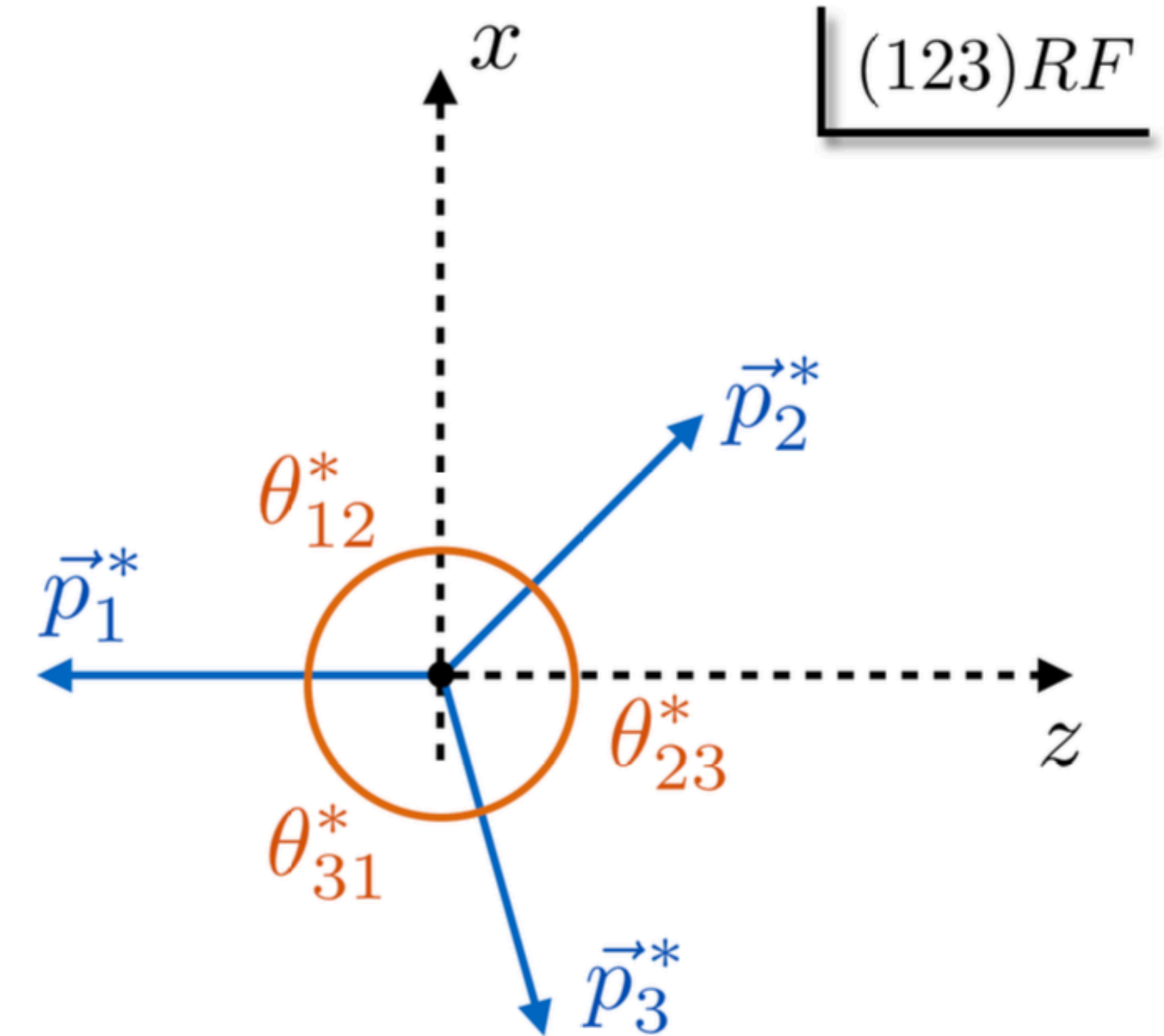
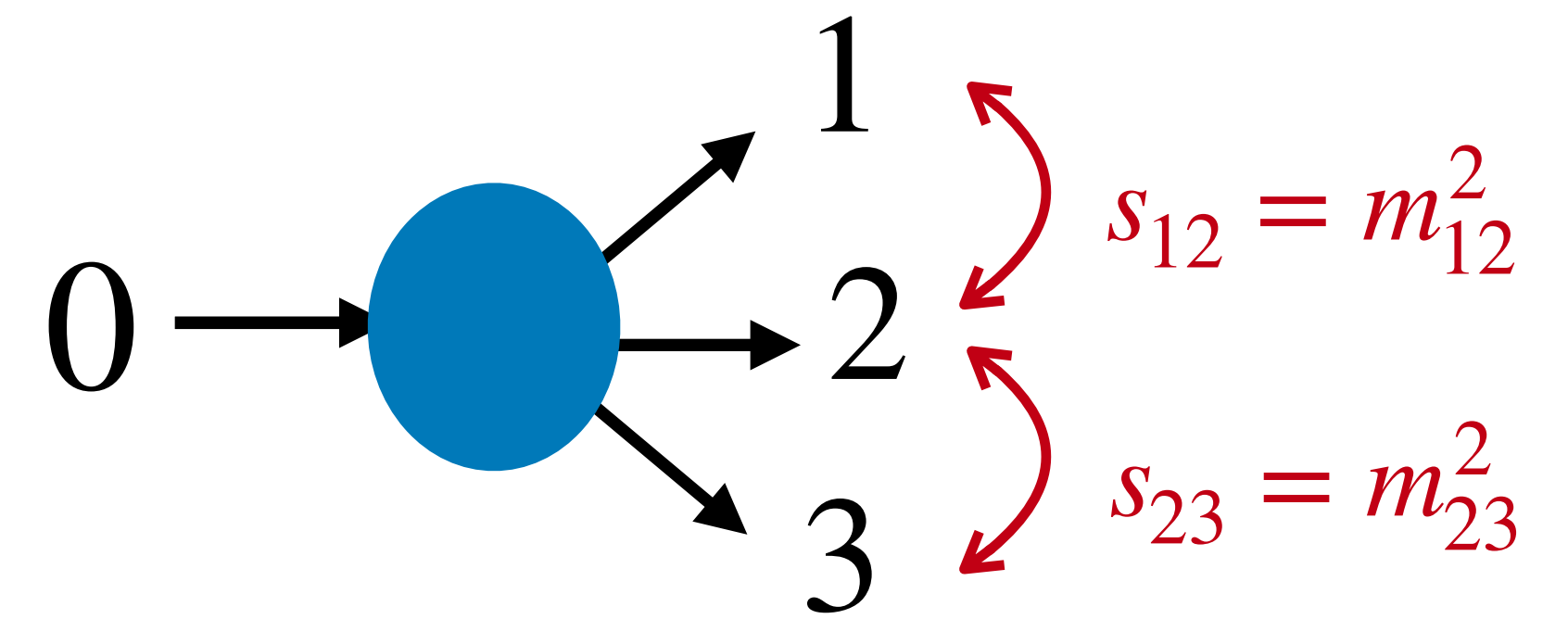
# Dalitz Plot

Each CoM breakup momentum depends on only one invariant

$$s_{12} = \underbrace{(p_1 + p_2 + p_3 - p_3)^2}_{(M, \vec{0})} = M^2 + m_3^2 - 2ME_3^*$$

$$E_i^* = \frac{M^2 + m_i^2 - s_{jk}}{2M}$$

$$|\vec{p}_i^*| = \frac{\lambda^{1/2}(M^2, m_i^2, s_{jk})}{2M}$$





# Decays into Three Particles

Angle between particles  $i$  and  $j$  from  $s_{ij}$

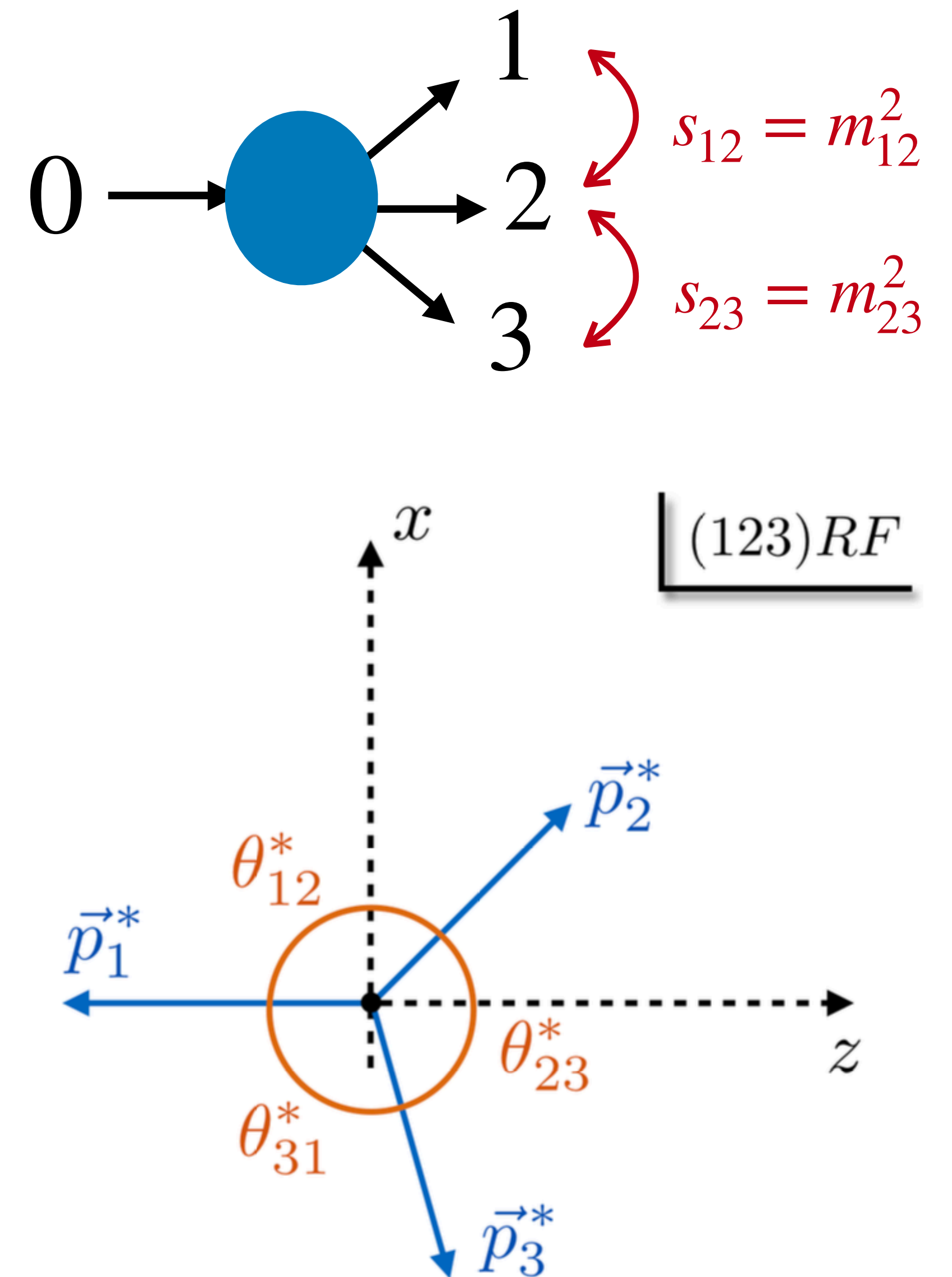
$$\cos \theta_{ij}^* = \frac{(M^2 + m_i^2 - s_{jk})(M^2 + m_j^2 - s_{ki}) + 2M^2(m_i^2 + m_j^2 - s_{ij})}{\lambda^{1/2}(M^2, m_i^2, s_{jk}) \lambda^{1/2}(M^2, m_j^2, s_{ki})}$$

Exercice: check  $\cos \theta_{12}^*$

There are 2 independent angles,  
corresponding to 2 independent invariants

$$\theta_{12}^* + \theta_{23}^* + \theta_{31}^* = 2\pi$$

Exercice: check that relation using  $s_{12} + s_{23} + s_{31} = M^2 + m_1^2 + m_2^2 + m_3^2$

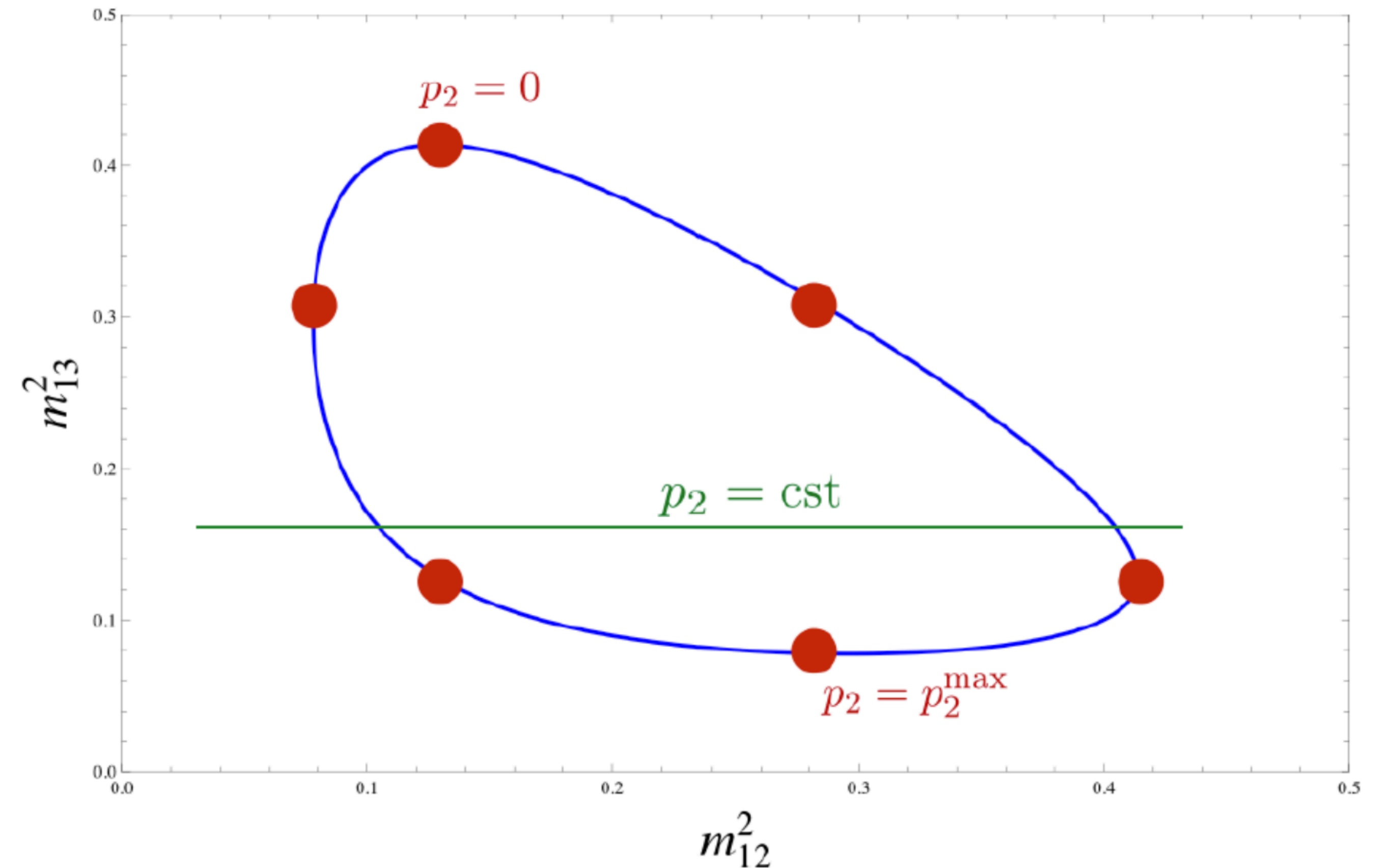




# Dalitz Plot: kinematics

Each CoM breakup momentum depends on only one invariant

$$|\vec{p}_2^*| = \frac{\lambda^{1/2}(M^2, m_2^2, s_{31})}{2M}$$



The Mandelstam invariants obey  $s_{12} + s_{23} + s_{31} = M^2 + m_1^2 + m_2^2 + m_3^2$

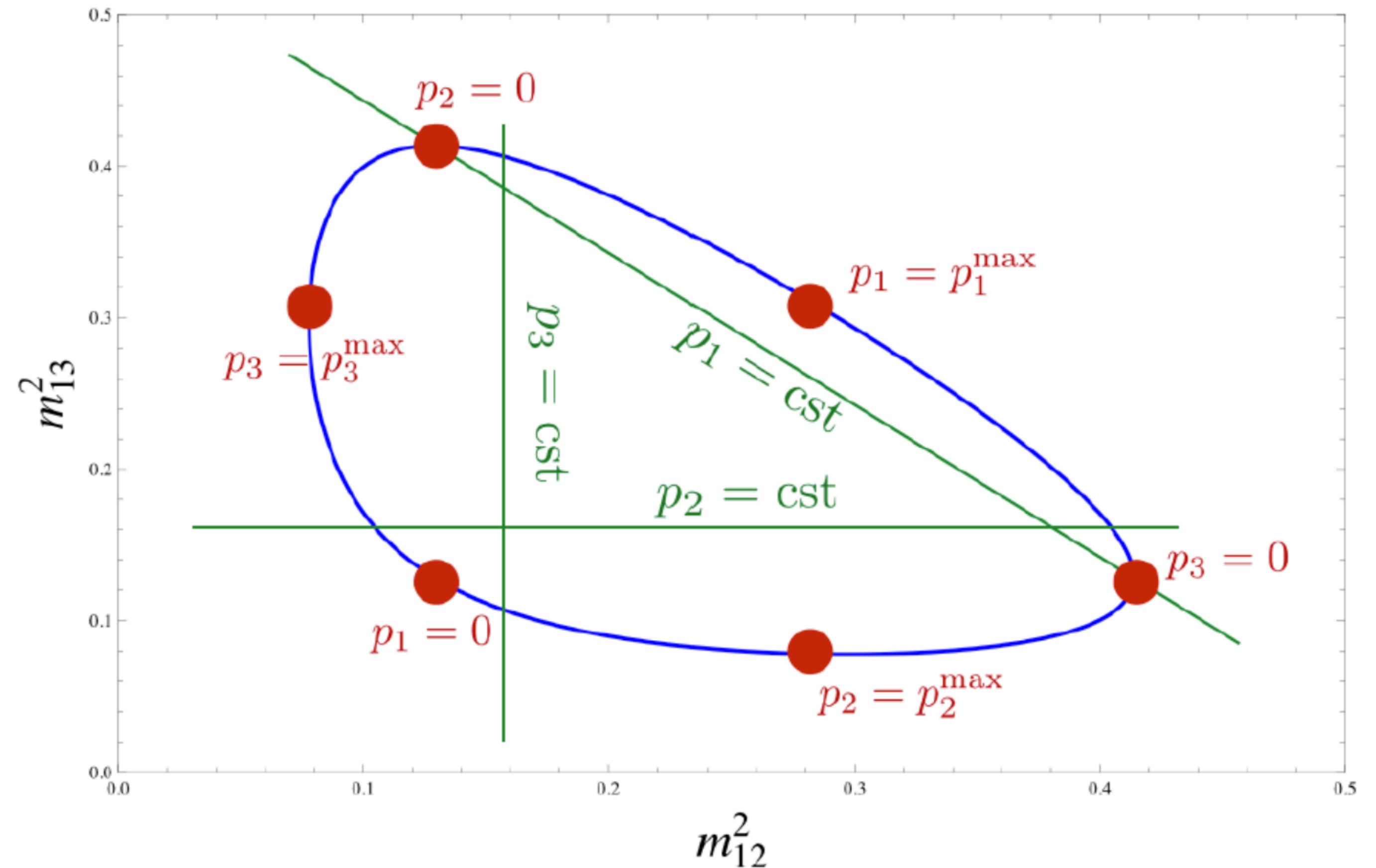
# Dalitz Plot: kinematics

Each CoM breakup momentum depends on only one invariant

$$|\vec{p}_1^*| = \frac{\lambda^{1/2}(M^2, m_1^2, s_{12})}{2M}$$

$$|\vec{p}_2^*| = \frac{\lambda^{1/2}(M^2, m_2^2, s_{31})}{2M}$$

$$|\vec{p}_3^*| = \frac{\lambda^{1/2}(M^2, m_3^2, s_{12})}{2M}$$



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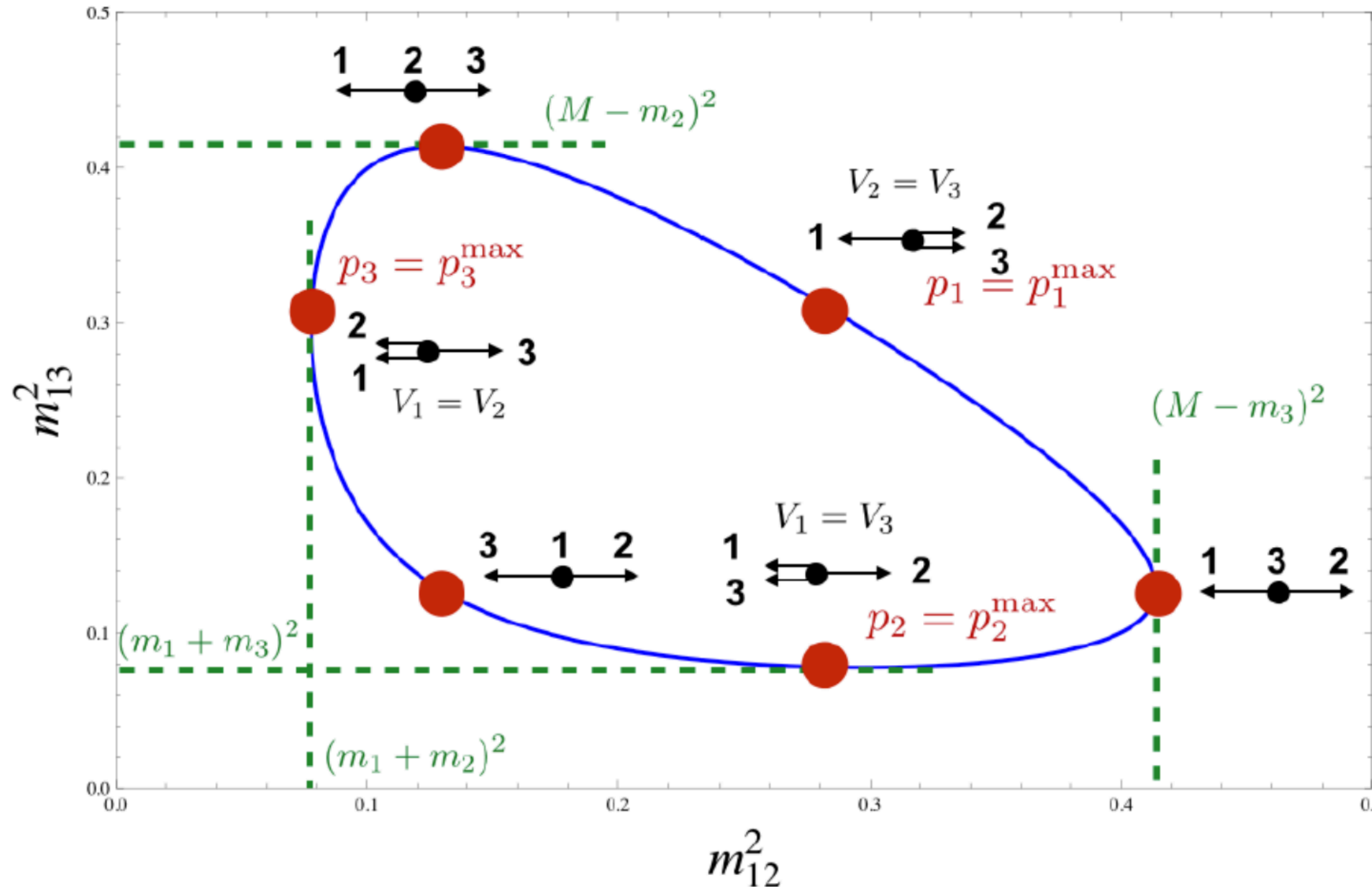
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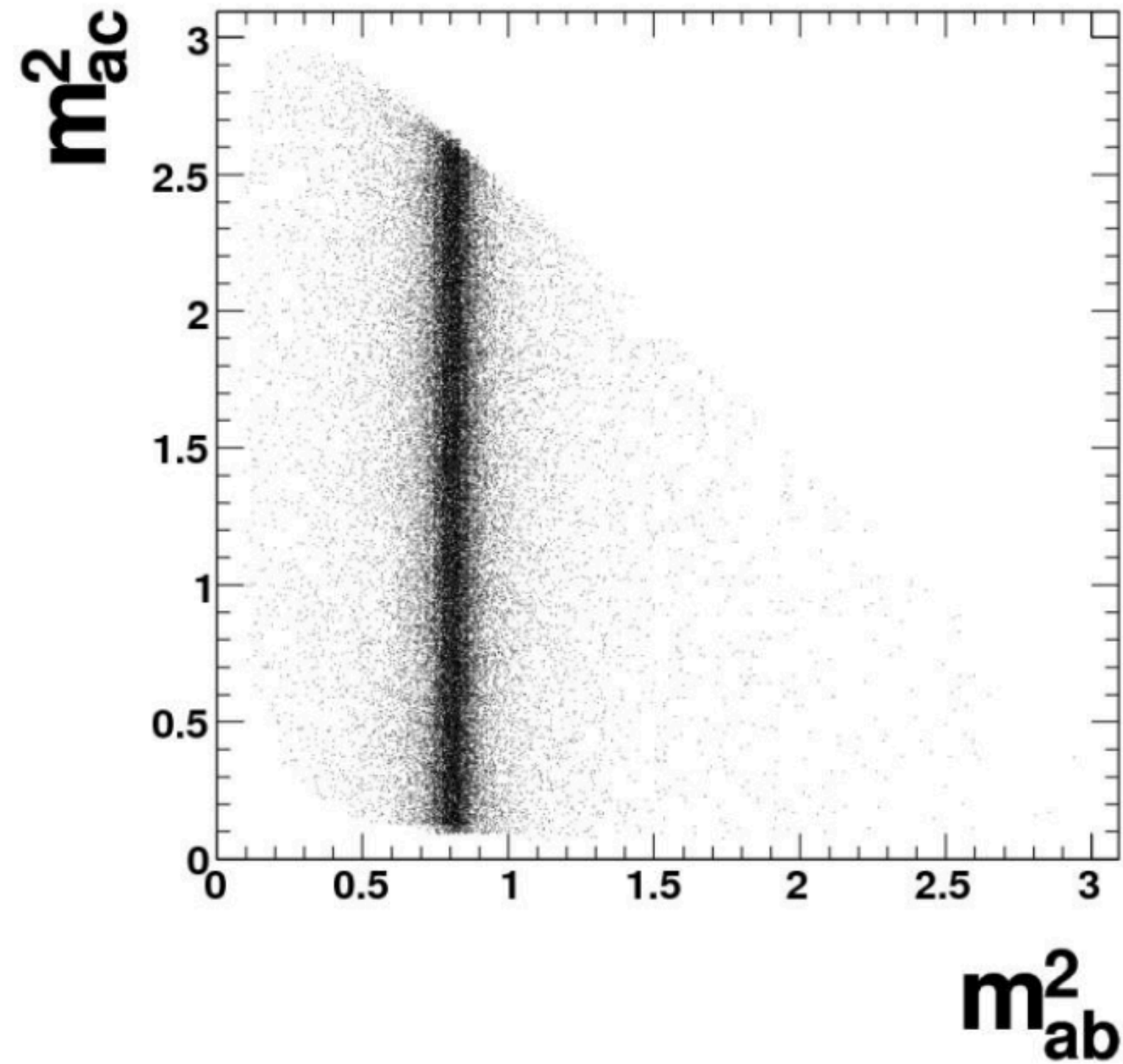


# Dalitz Plot

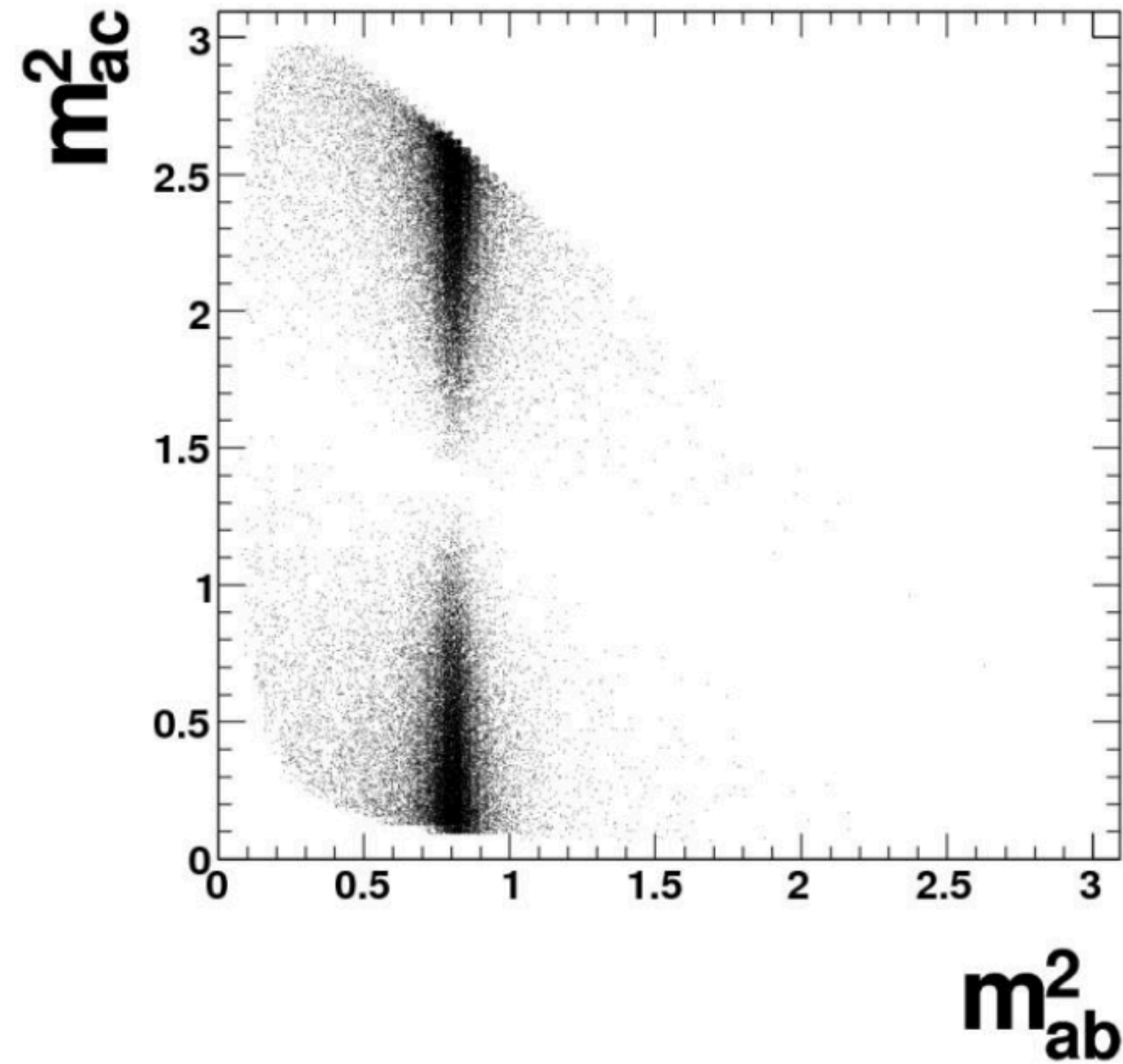
Spin provides angular modulations

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{d\Omega} \propto |Y_m^\ell(\theta, \phi)|^2 \propto |P_\ell^{(m)}(\cos \theta)|^2$$

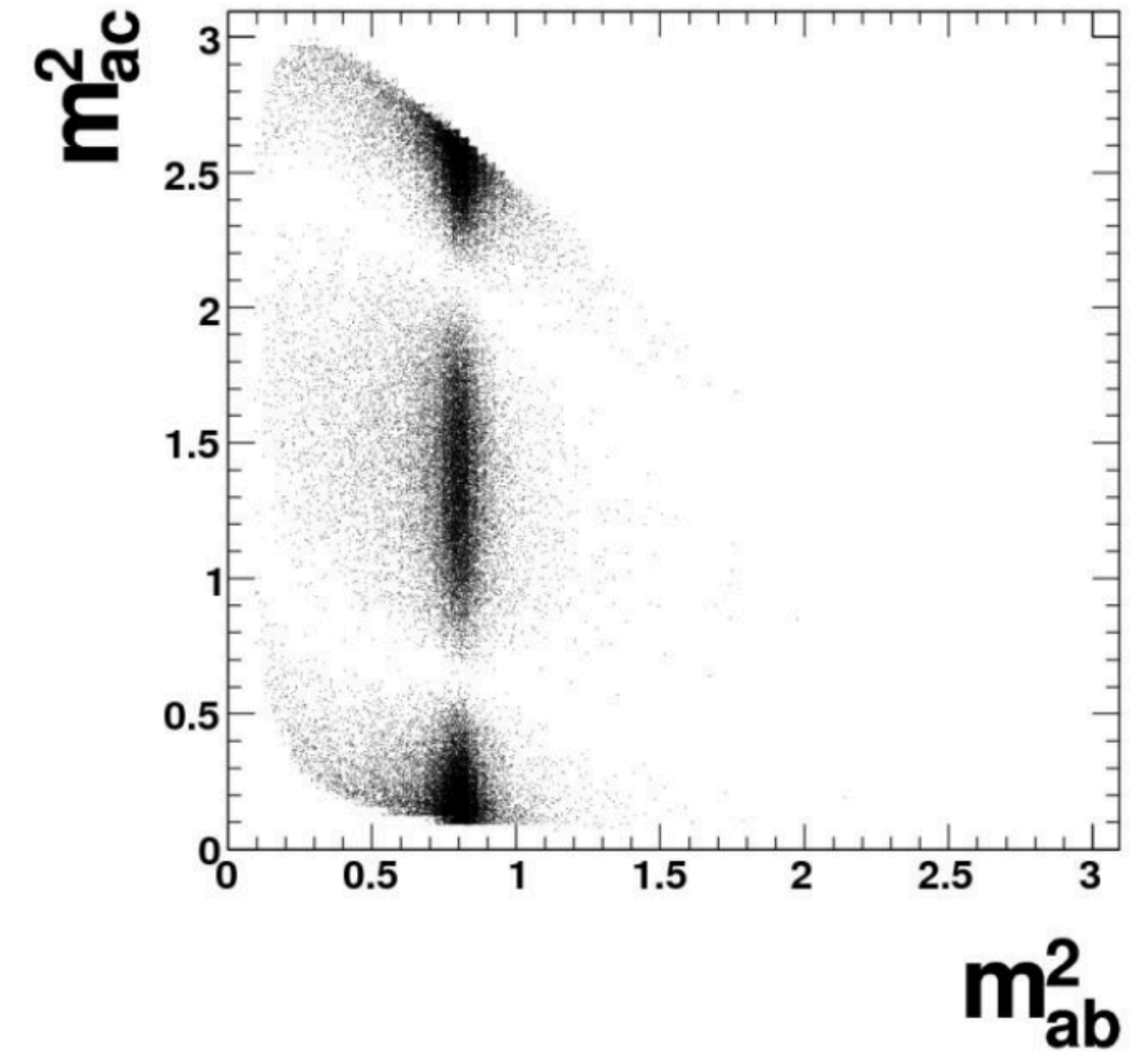
## Spin-0



## Spin-1



## Spin-2



# Decays into Three Particles

## Kinematics in the (12) rest frame

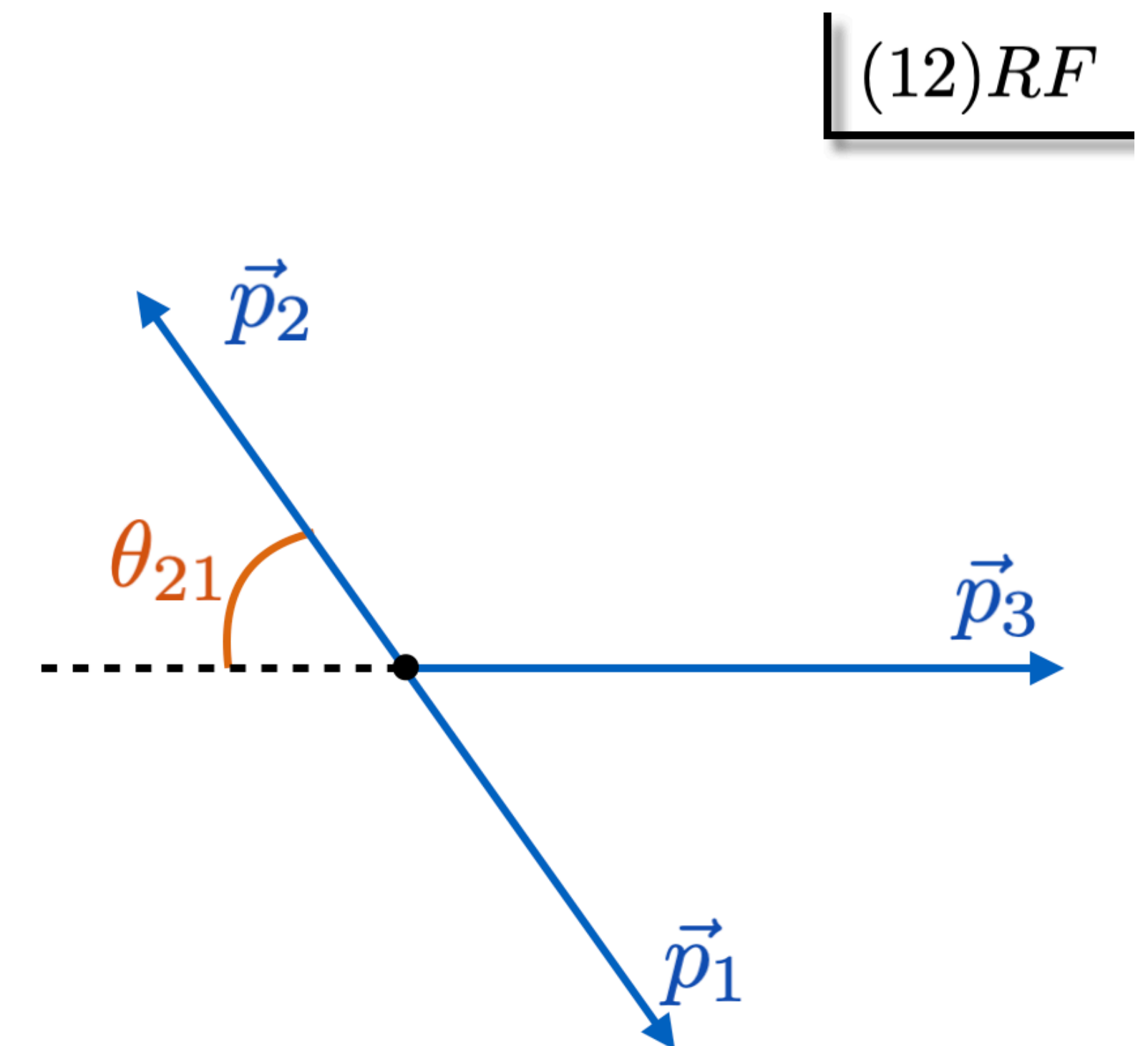
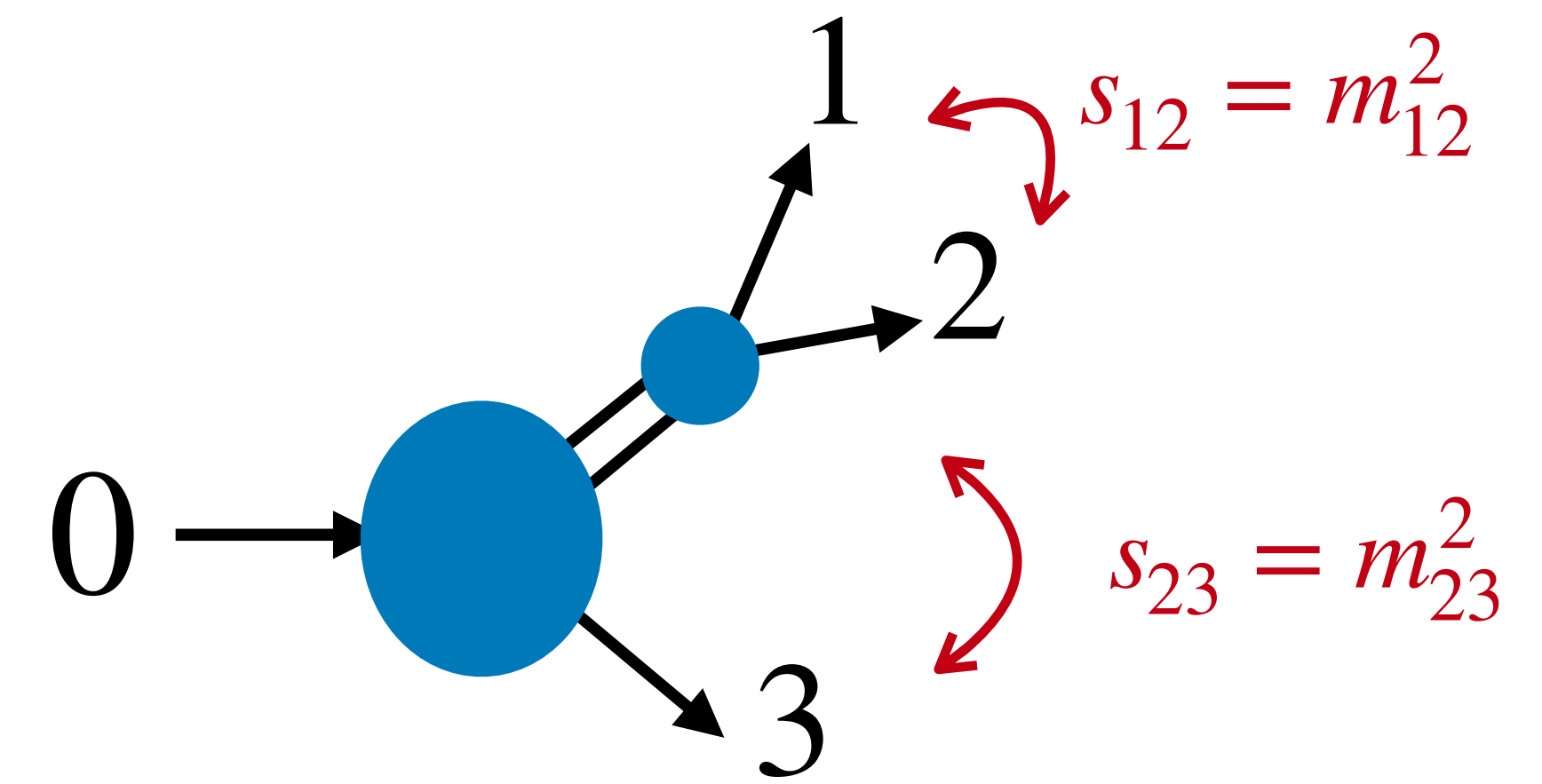
same as 2-to-2 kinematics with  $p_{\bar{3}} = -p_3 = (-E_3, -\vec{p}_3)$

Crossing:  $0 \rightarrow 1 + 2 + 3 \iff 0 + \bar{3} \rightarrow 1 + 2$

$$E_1 = \frac{s_{12} + m_1^2 - m_2^2}{2\sqrt{s_{12}}} \quad E_3 = -\frac{s_{12} + m_3^2 - M^2}{2\sqrt{s_{12}}}$$

$$E_2 = \frac{s_{12} - m_1^2 + m_2^2}{2\sqrt{s_{12}}} = \frac{M^2 - s_{12} - m_3^2}{2\sqrt{s_{12}}}$$

In the (ij) rest frame, the angle  $\theta_{ij}$  is between  $\vec{p}_i$  and  $-\vec{p}_k$



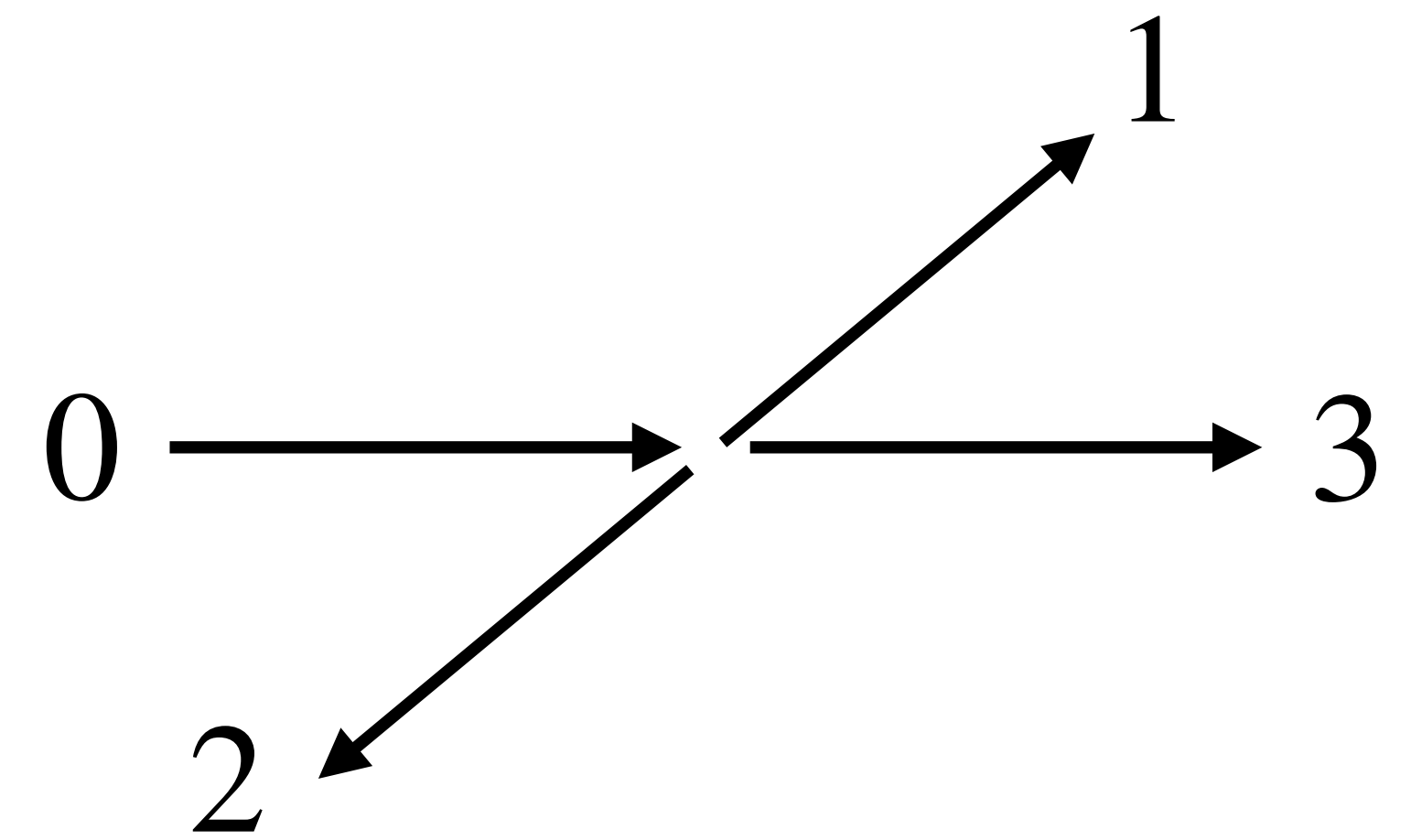
# Dalitz Plot Boundaries

Boundaries of  $s_{23} = (p_2 + p_3)^2$   
 from  $p_2 + p_3 = (E_2 + E_3, \vec{p}_2 + \vec{p}_3)$

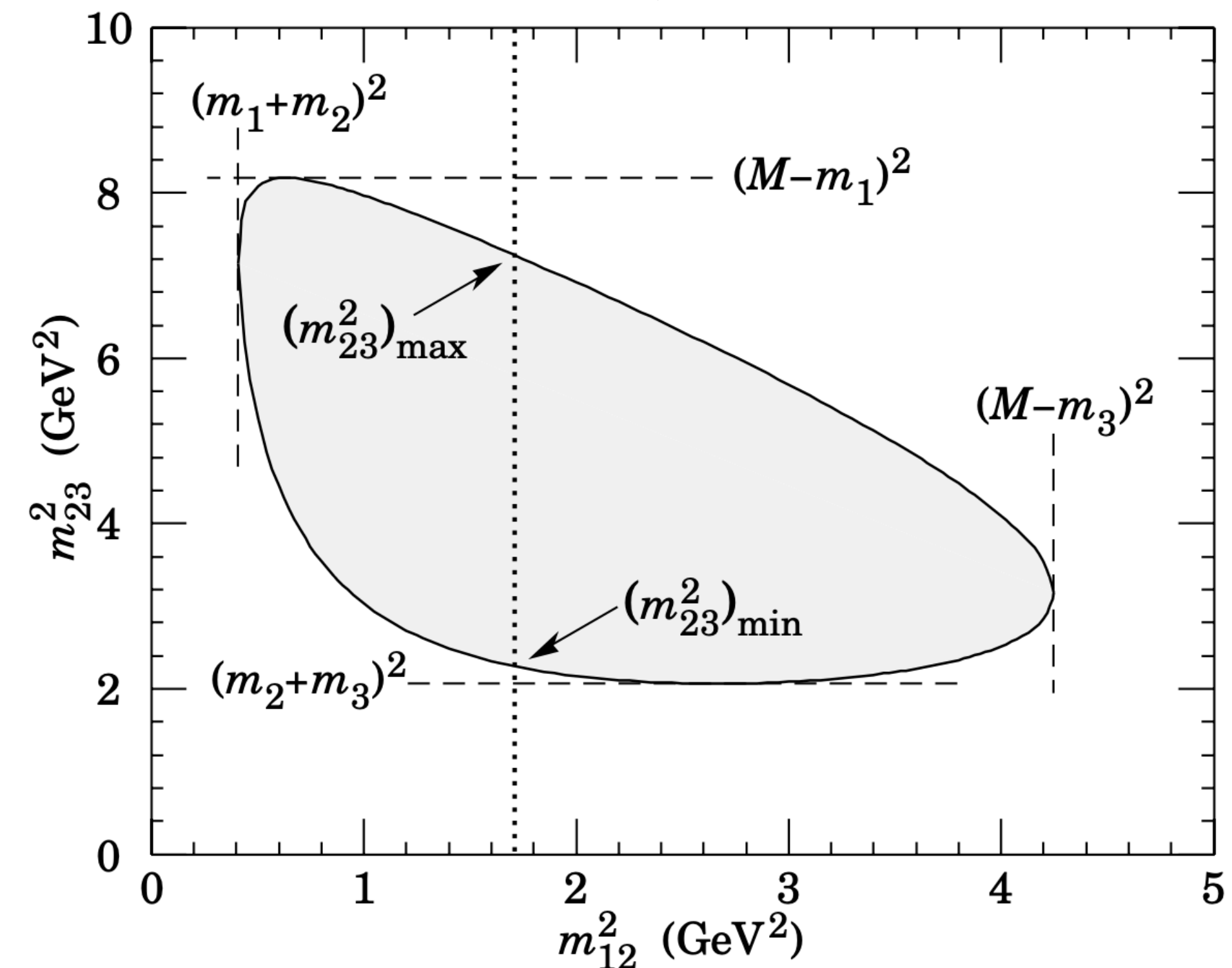
$$s_{23,min} = (E_2 + E_3)^2 - \left( \sqrt{E_2^2 - m_2^2} + \sqrt{E_3^2 - m_3^2} \right)^2$$

$$s_{23,max} = (E_2 + E_3)^2 - \left( \sqrt{E_2^2 - m_2^2} - \sqrt{E_3^2 - m_3^2} \right)^2$$

$$E_2 = \frac{s_{12} - m_1^2 + m_2^2}{2\sqrt{s_{12}}} \quad E_3 = \frac{M^2 - s_{12} - m_3^2}{2\sqrt{s_{12}}}$$



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# Exercice 2

File: Three-Particles-1.dat      Format:

The data are in the lab frame

The file Three-Particles-flat.dat has no dynamics, only phase

$$E_a, p_{a,x}, p_{a,y}, p_{a,z}$$

$$E_1, p_{1,x}, p_{1,y}, p_{1,z}$$

$$E_2, p_{2,x}, p_{2,y}, p_{2,z}$$

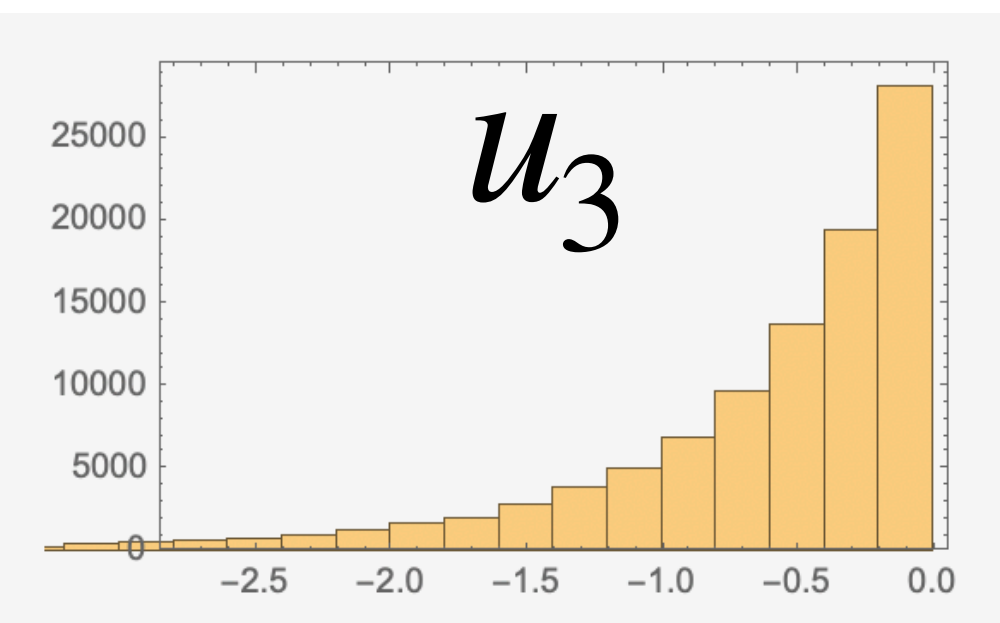
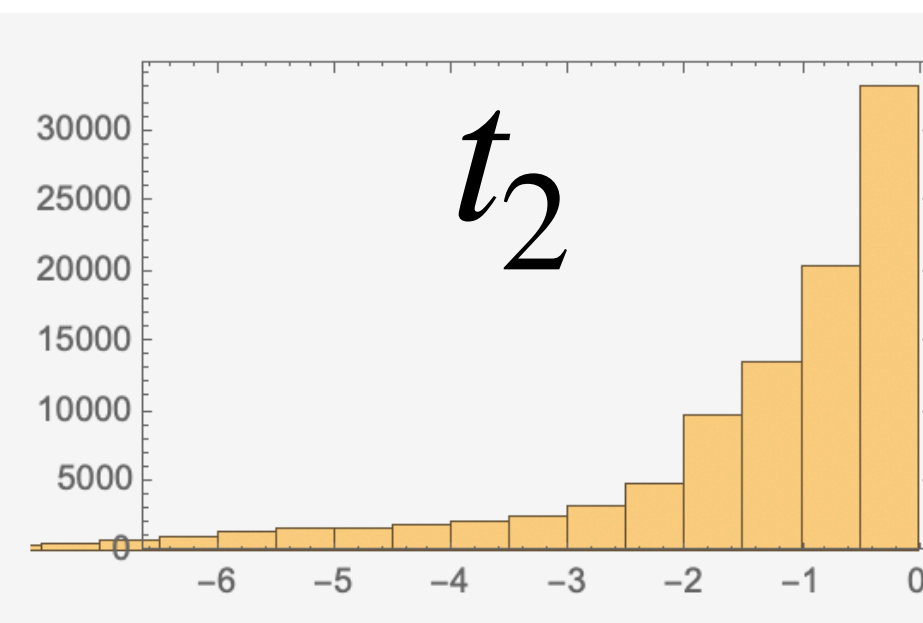
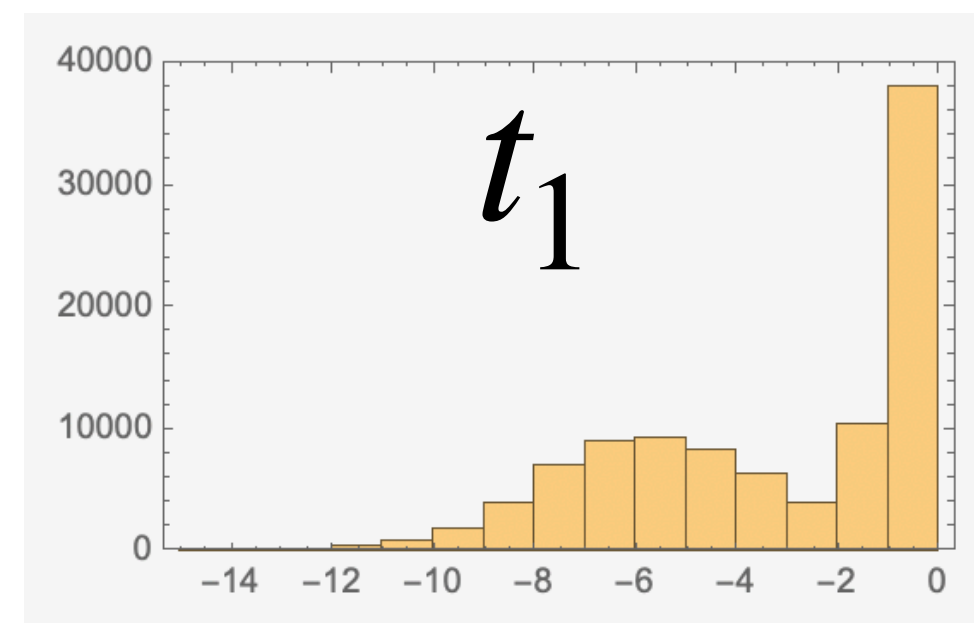
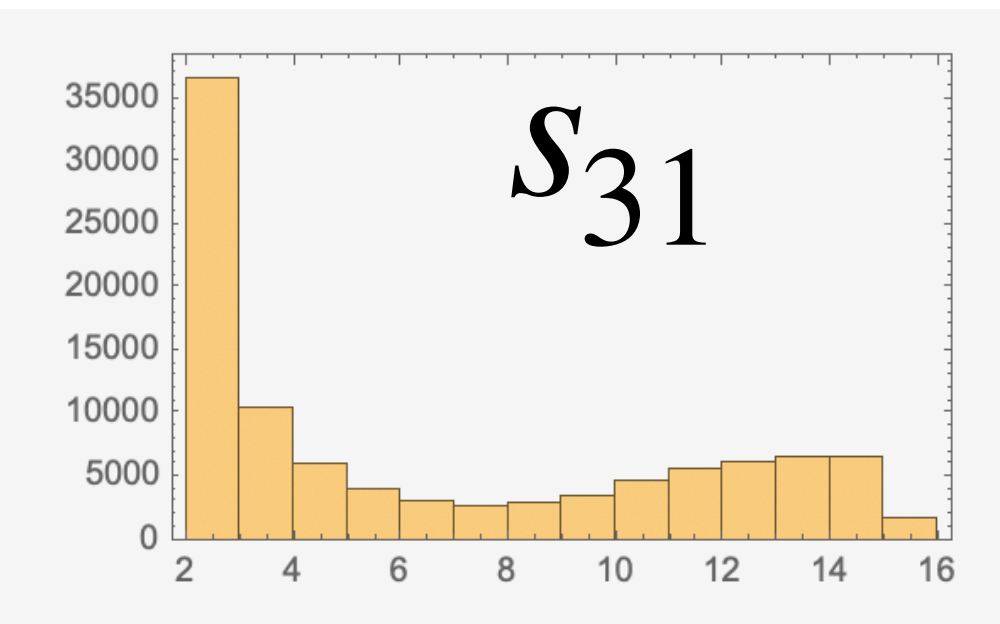
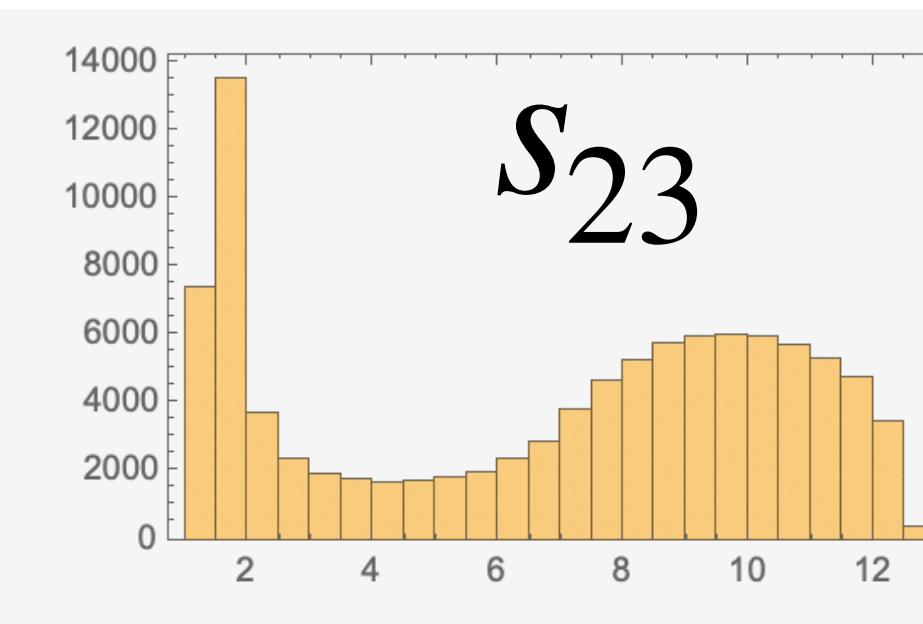
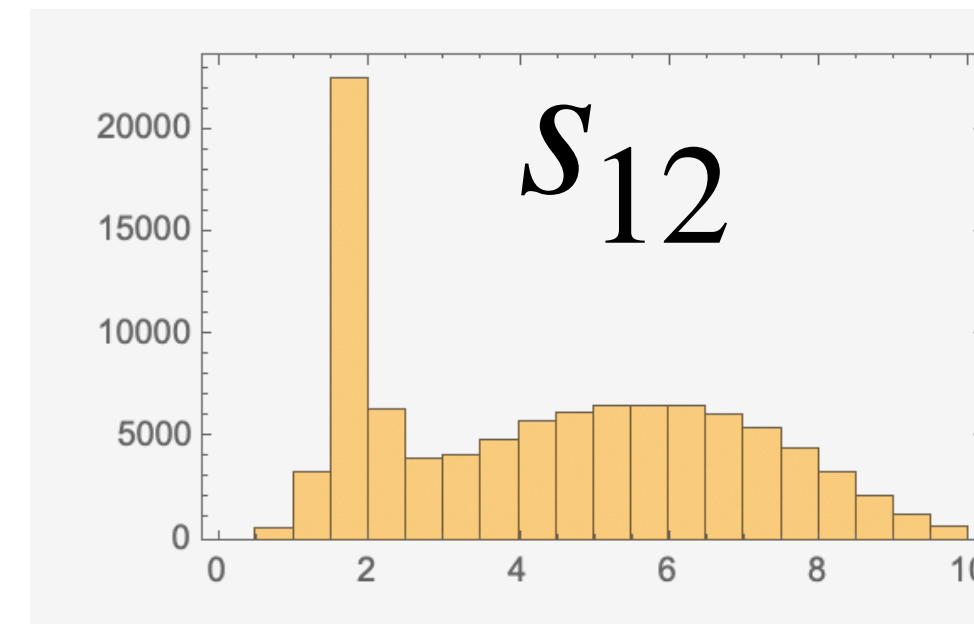
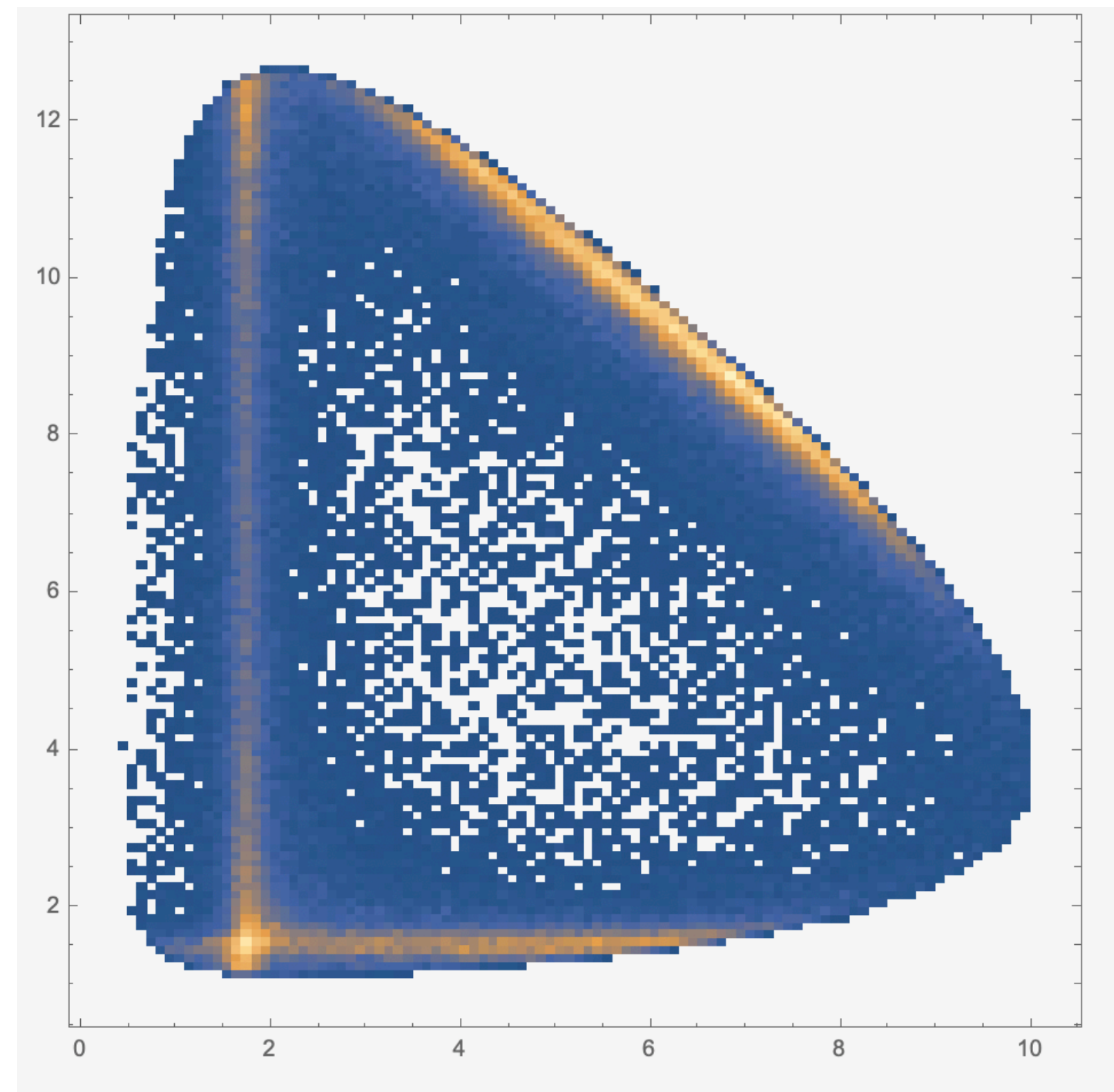
$$E_3, p_{3,x}, p_{3,y}, p_{3,z}$$

$$\vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots$$

Which reaction is it?

What resonances are included?

What is the spin of the resonances?



## Dalitz and VanHove Plots

**Lecturers:** Tim Londergan and Vincent Mathieu

- Videos: [Lectures I](#) (Londergan), [Lectures II](#) (Londergan), [Lectures III](#) (Mathieu)
- Material: [Slides I](#), [Slides II](#),  
Events Plab = 3 GeV [plain text](#) [ROOT](#) format  
Events Plab = 6 GeV [plain text](#) [ROOT](#) format  
Events Plab = 9 GeV [plain text](#) [ROOT](#) format  
Events Plab = 12 GeV [plain text](#) [ROOT](#) format  
ROOT files:
  - The model: [BreitWigner.cc](#)
  - Generating events: [generatePhysics.cc](#)
  - Configuration file: [Dalitz4.cfg](#)
  - Print events in text files: [extractEvents.c](#)

[Mathematica file](#)  
[Results](#)

In the text files, the 4x3 first columns correspond to (E,px,py,pz) of particles 1(Eta), particle 2(Pi) and particle 3(P). The last two columns are s12 and s23. Units are GeV. The events are in the center-of-mass frame of the reaction. The Mathematica notebook reads the data from the text files, displays the Dalitz and Van Hove plots, performs cut in the Van Hove angle and show the mass projections with and without the cut.