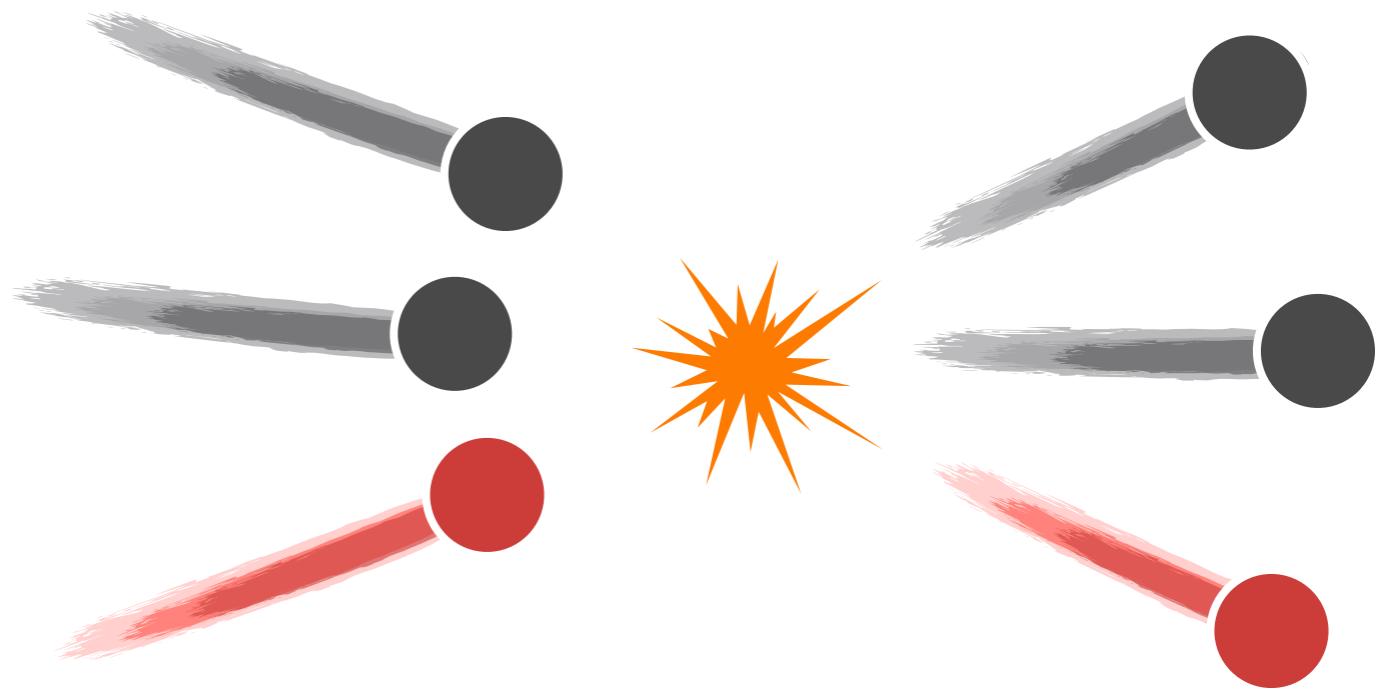


# Few-Body Dynamics from QCD

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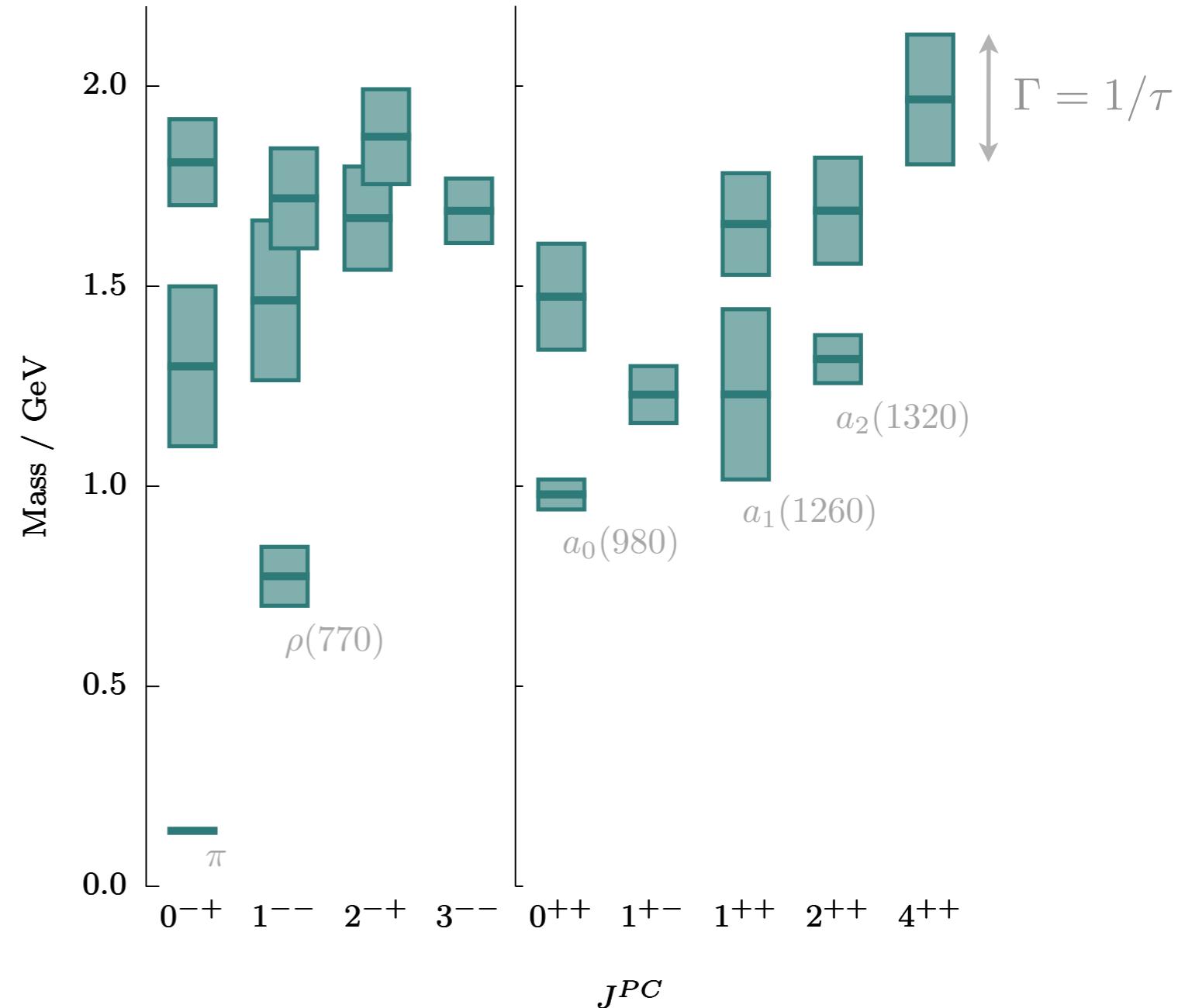
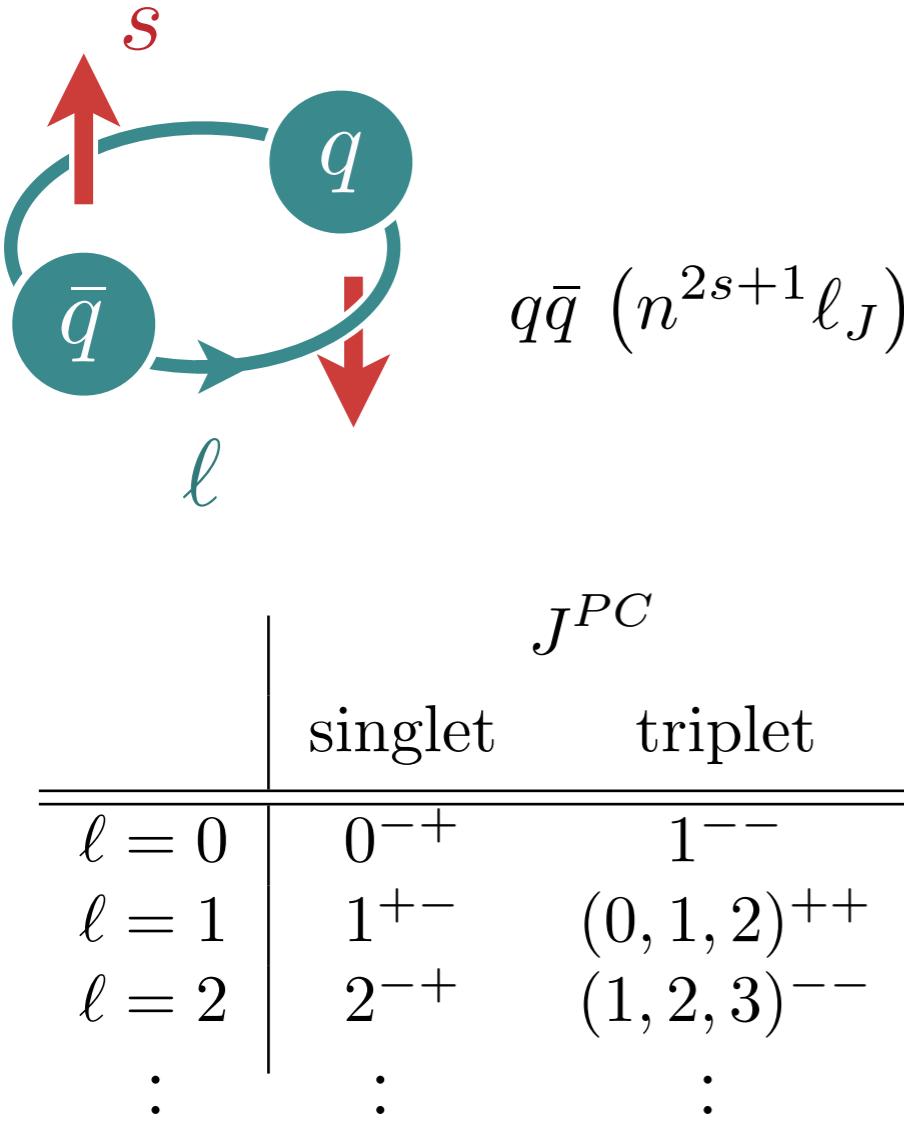
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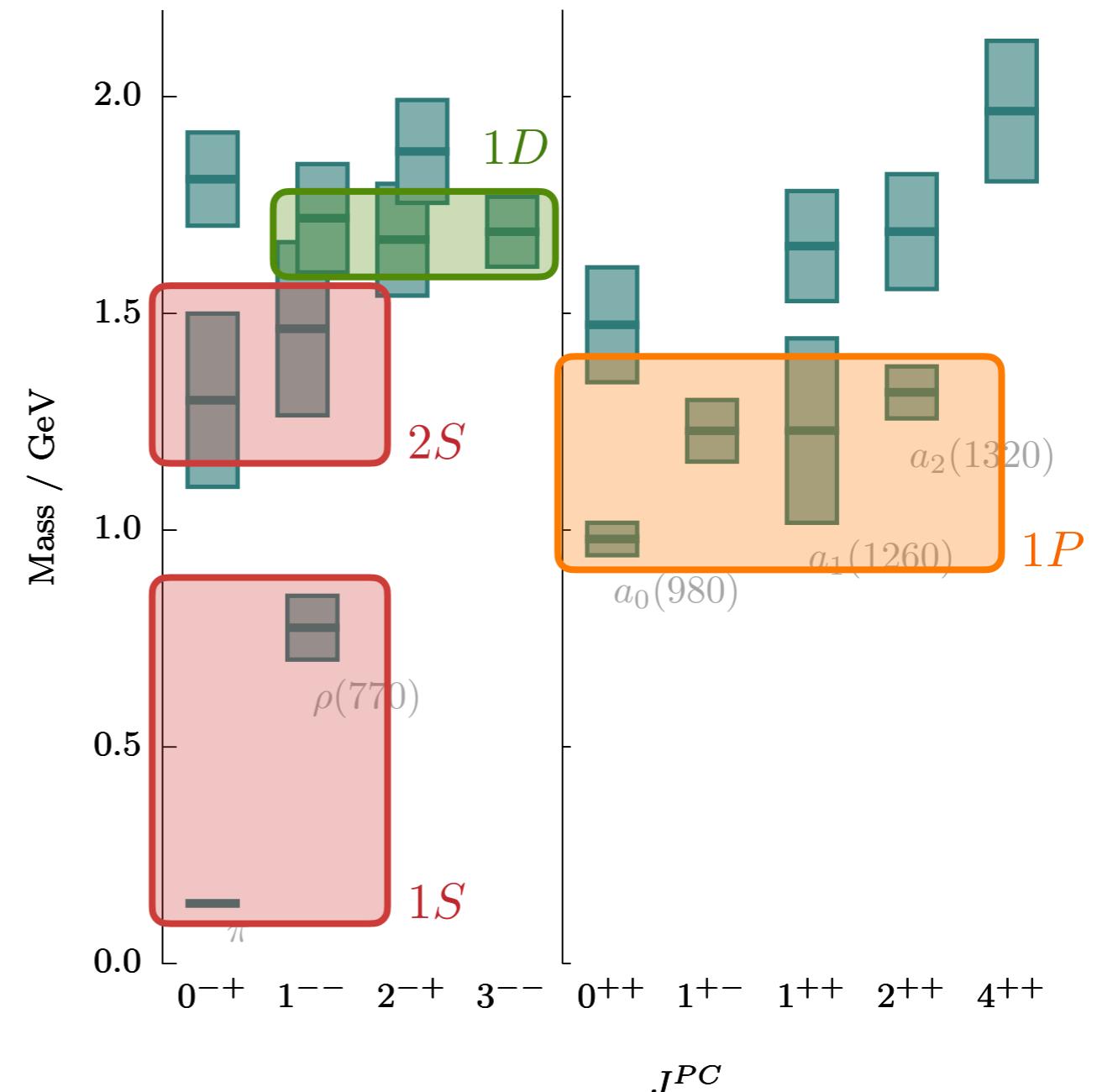
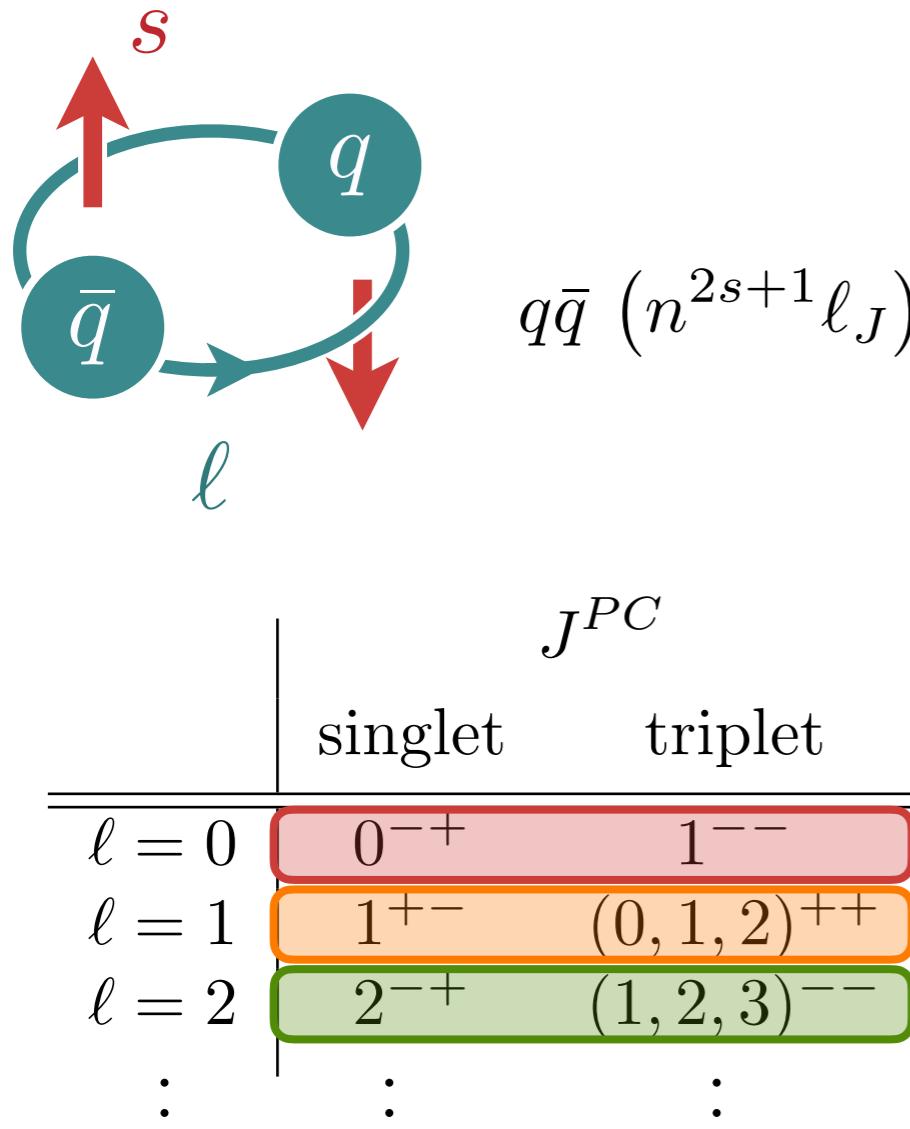
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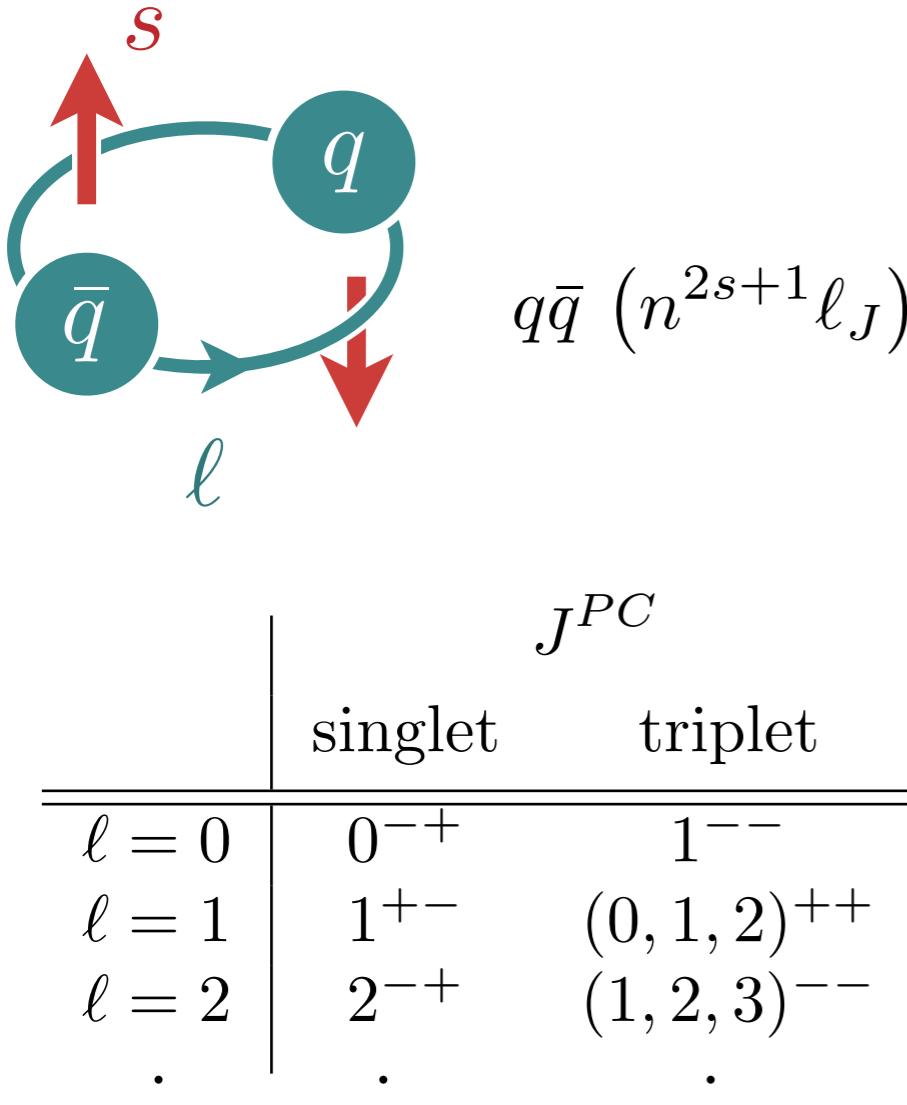
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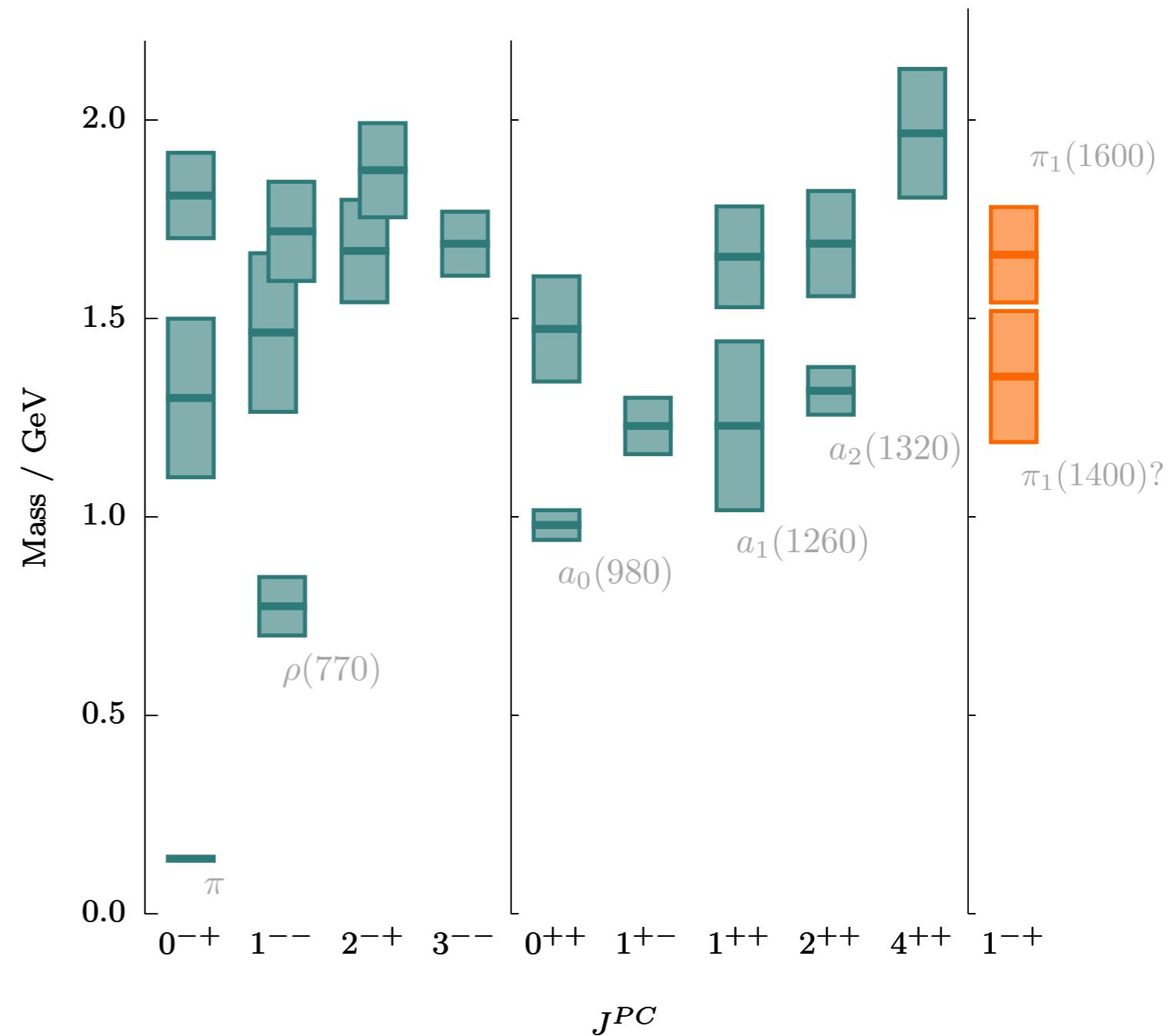
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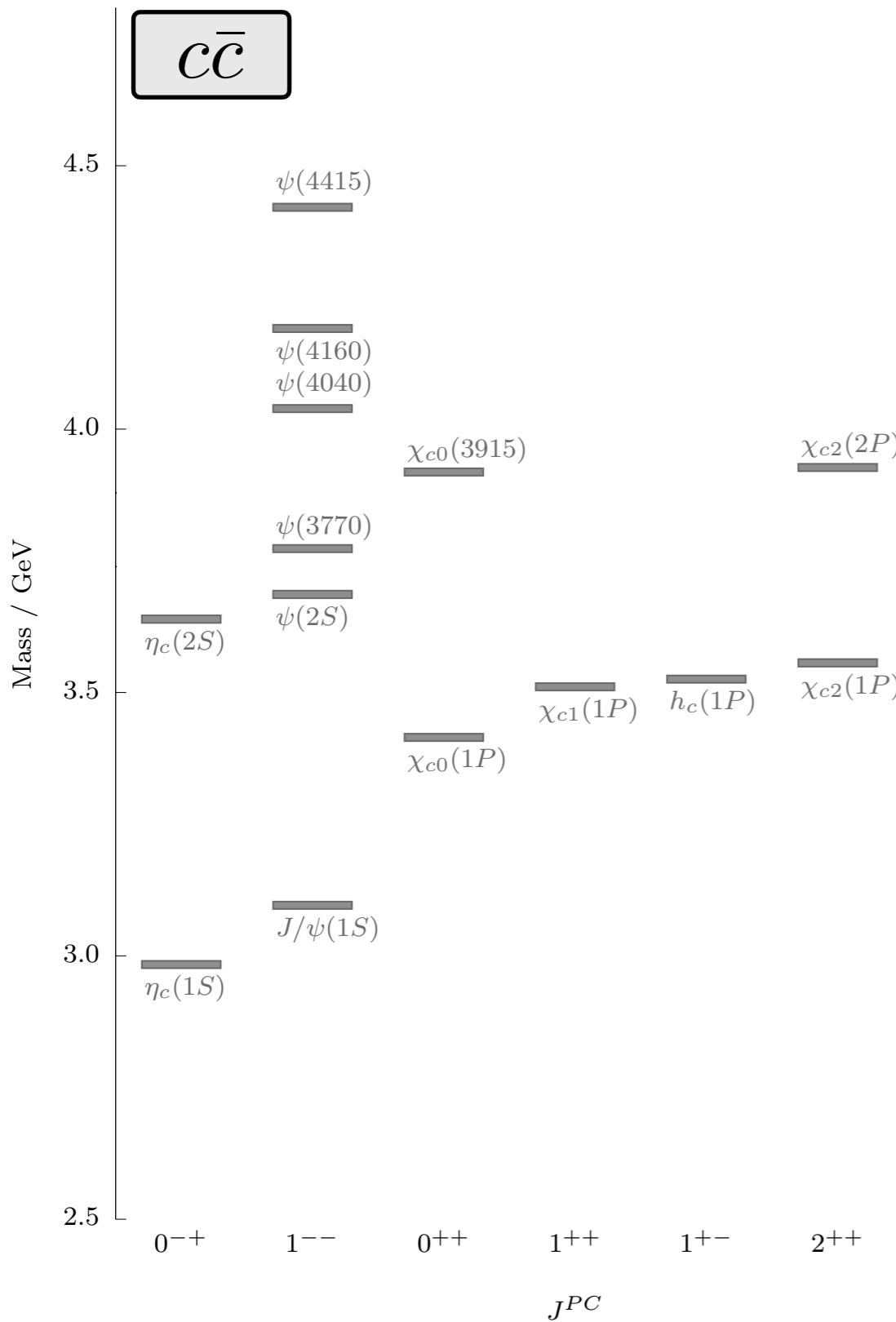


**Forbidden quantum numbers:**  $0^{--}, 0^{+-}, 1^{-+}, 2^{+-}, \dots$



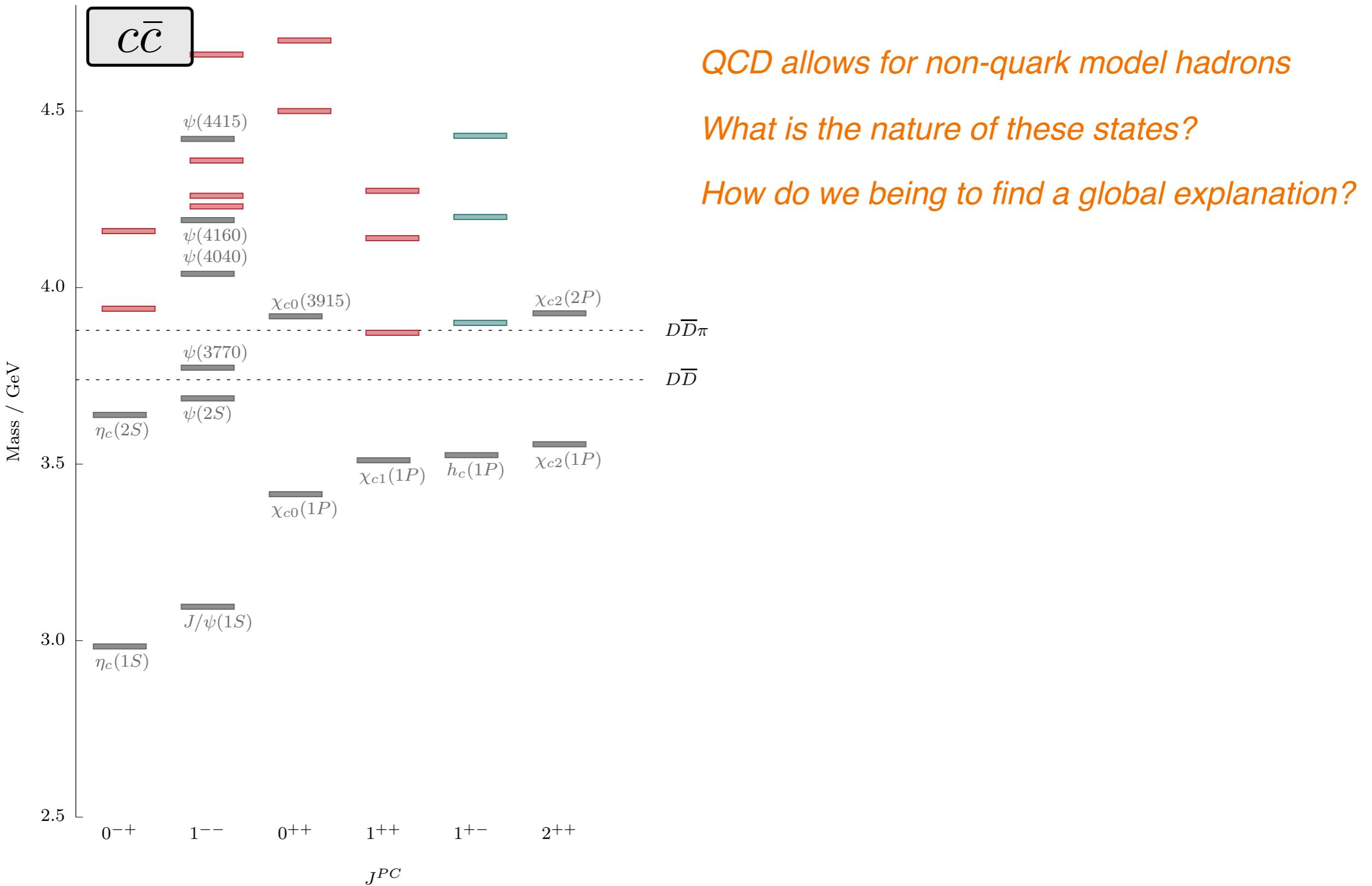
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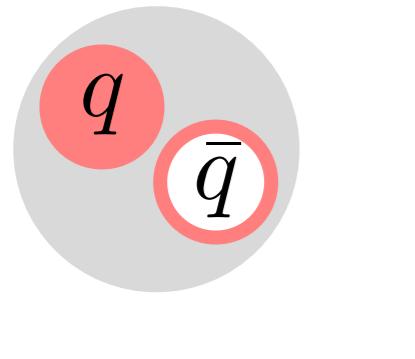
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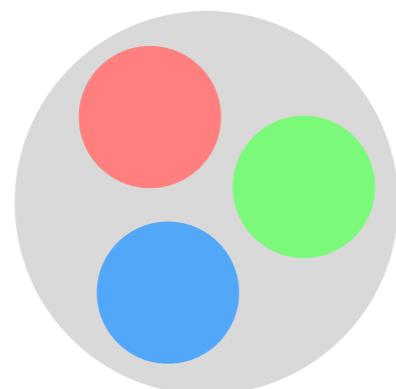
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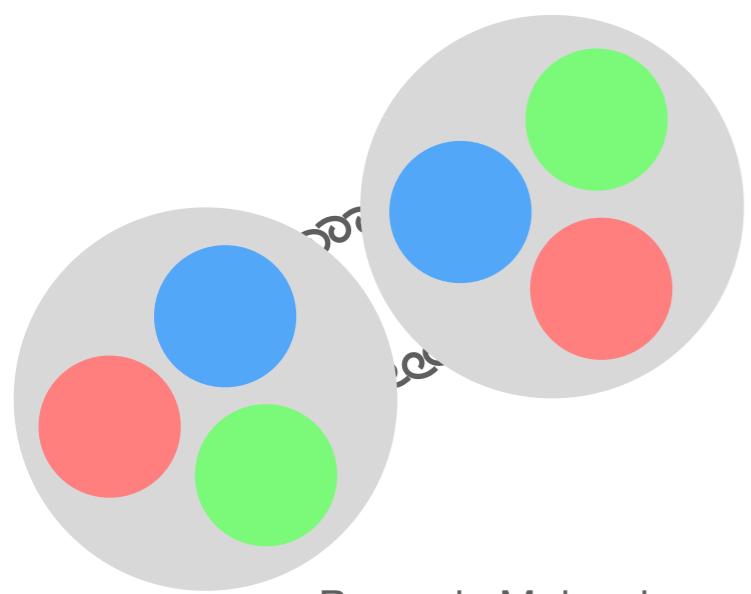
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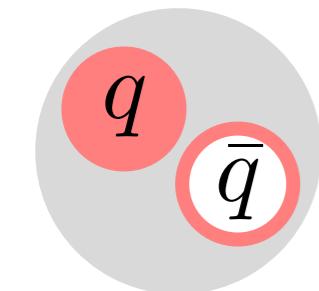
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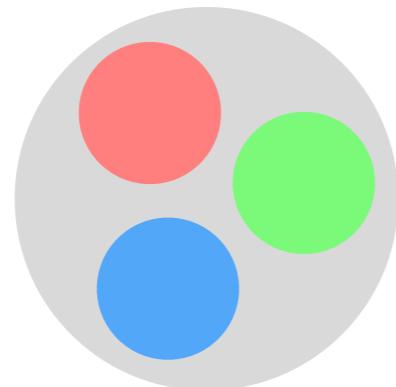
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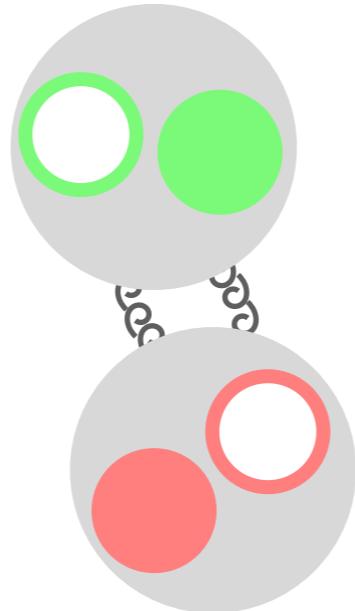
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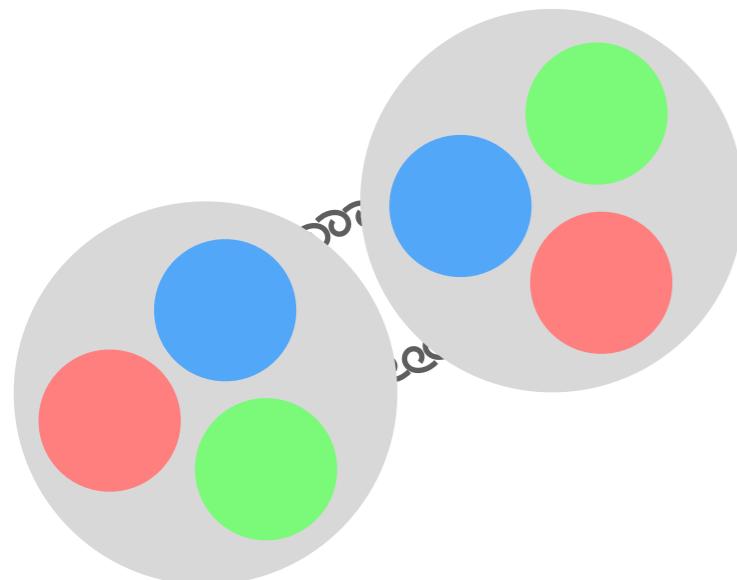
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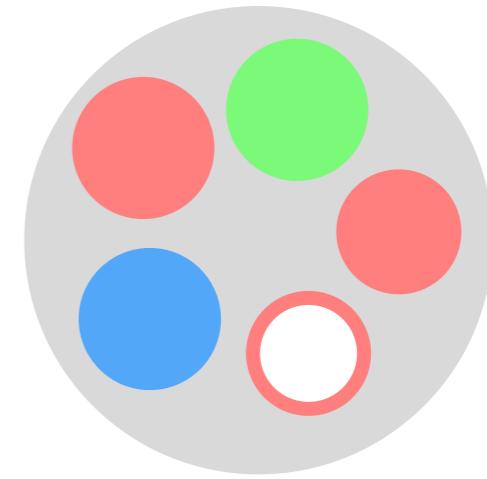
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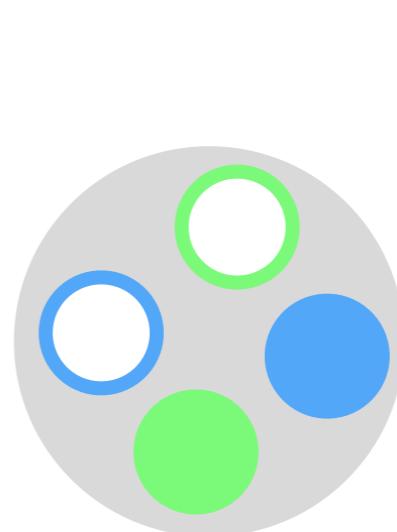
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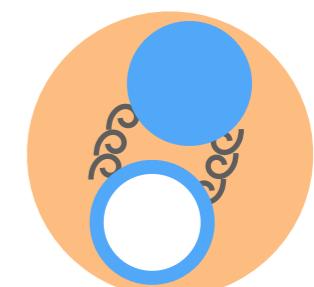
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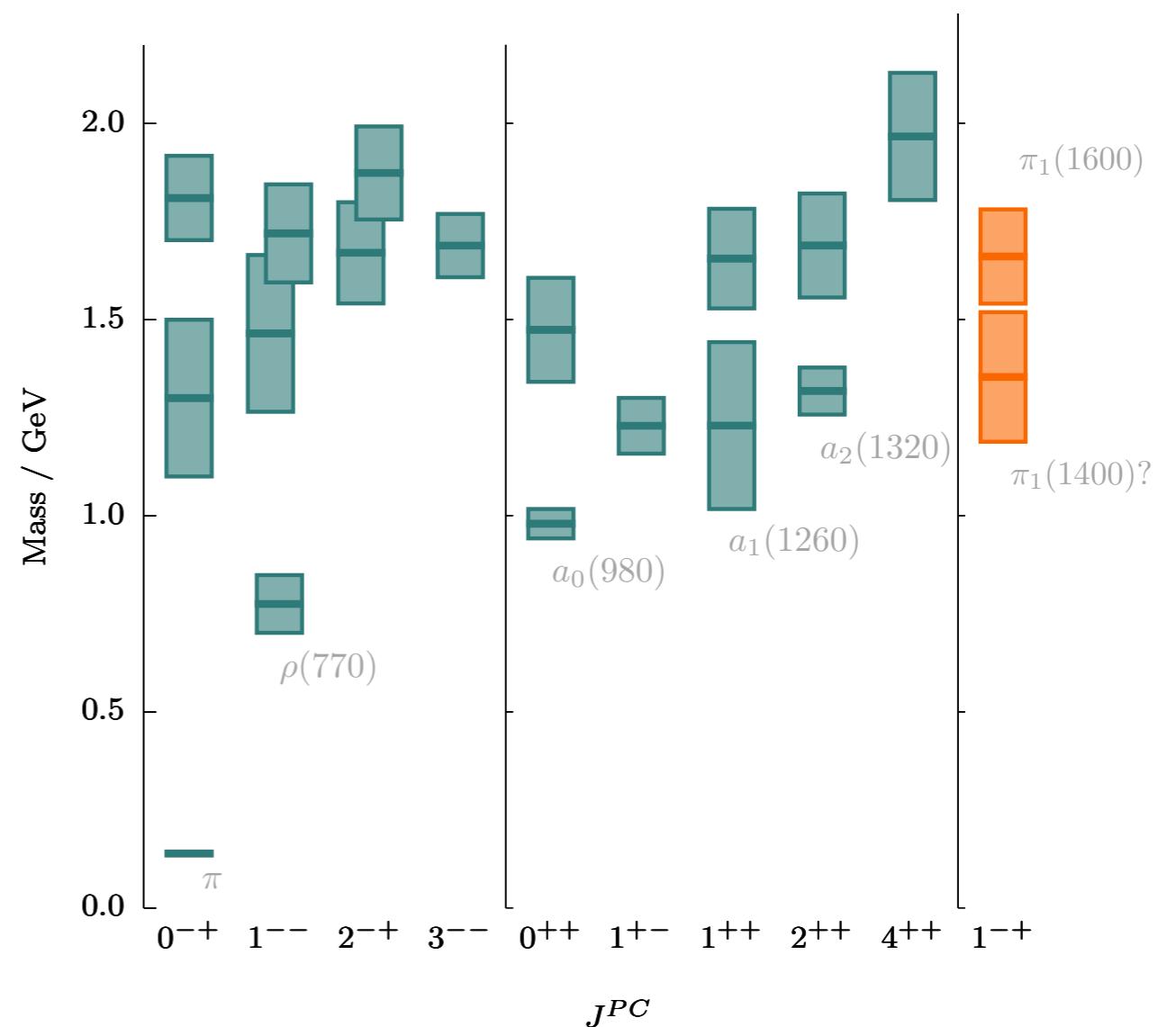
Hybrids

# The Hadron Spectrum

How to connect QCD to the hadron spectrum?

- Need to understand how to quantify what the hadrons are in nature
- Need to find non-perturbative approach to access these hadrons *rigorously*

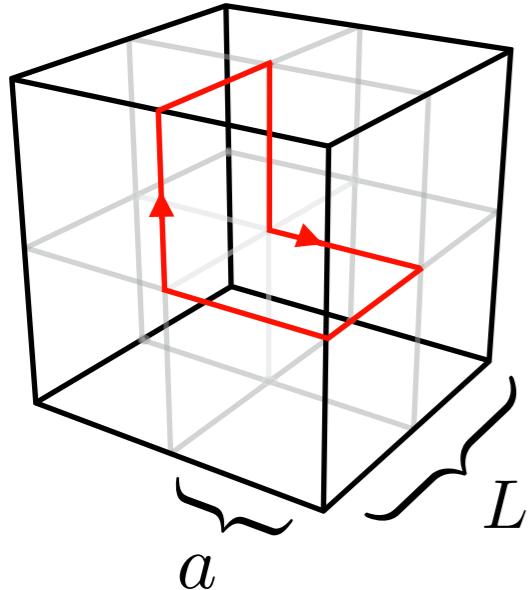
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \sum_f \bar{\psi}_f (i \not{D} - m_f) \psi_f - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (\mathbf{G}_{\mu\nu} \mathbf{G}^{\mu\nu})$$



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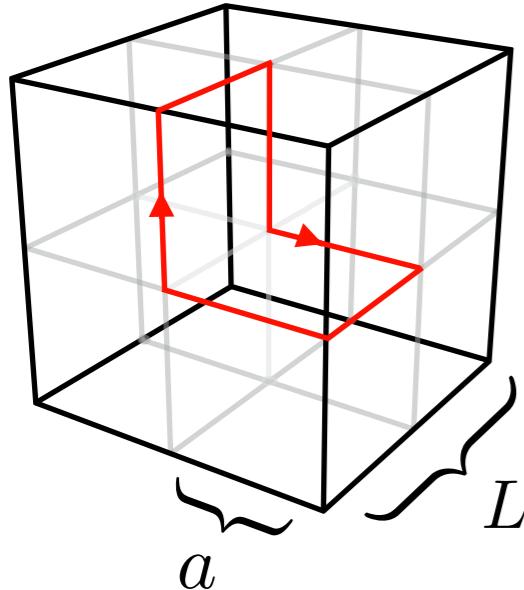
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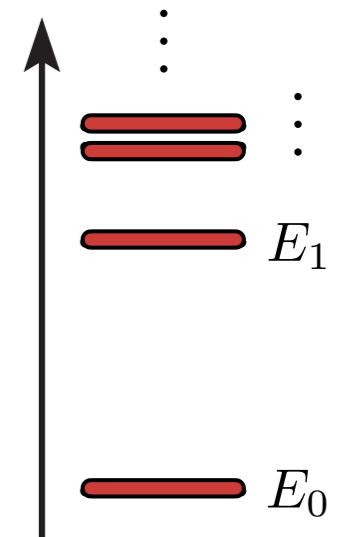


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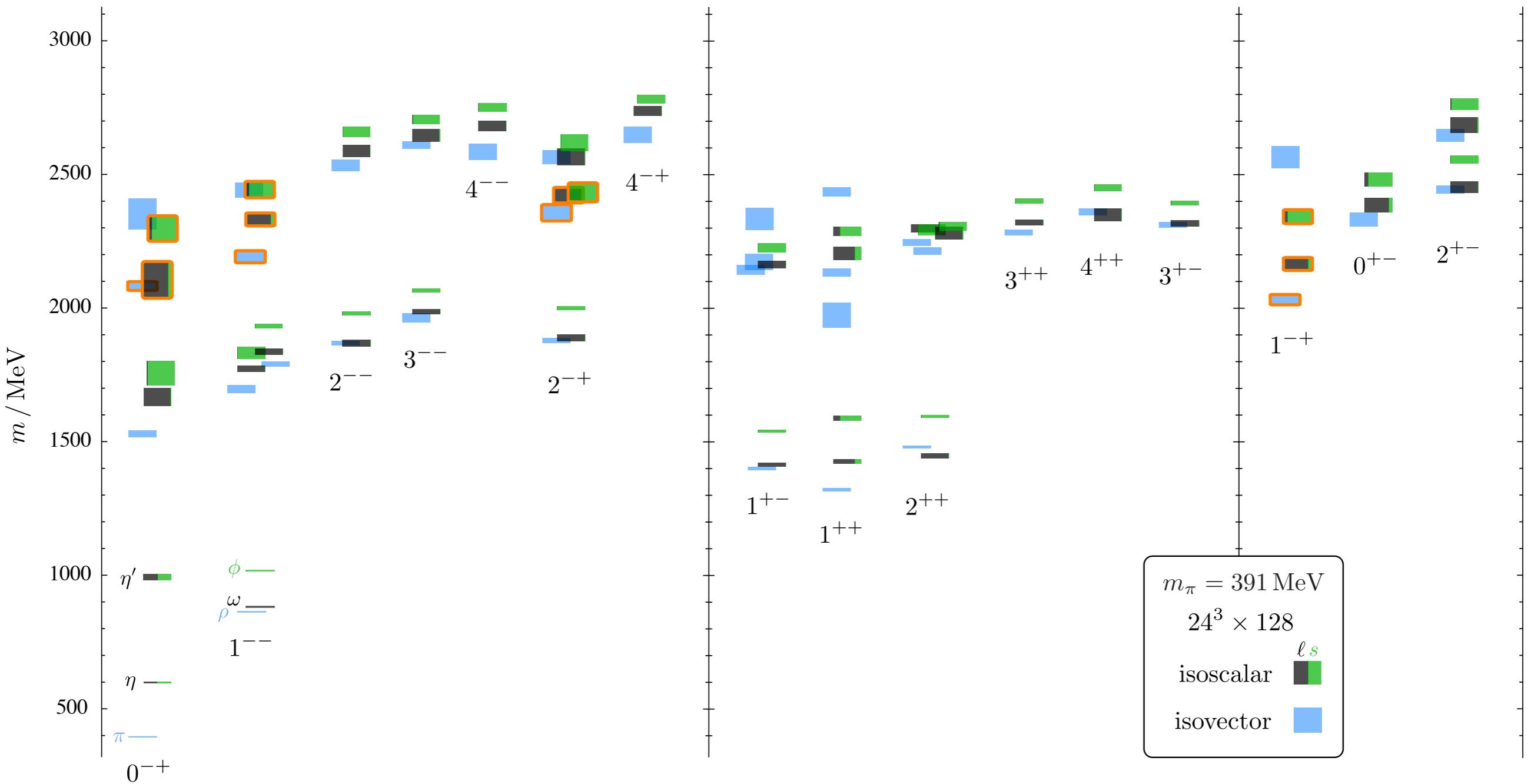
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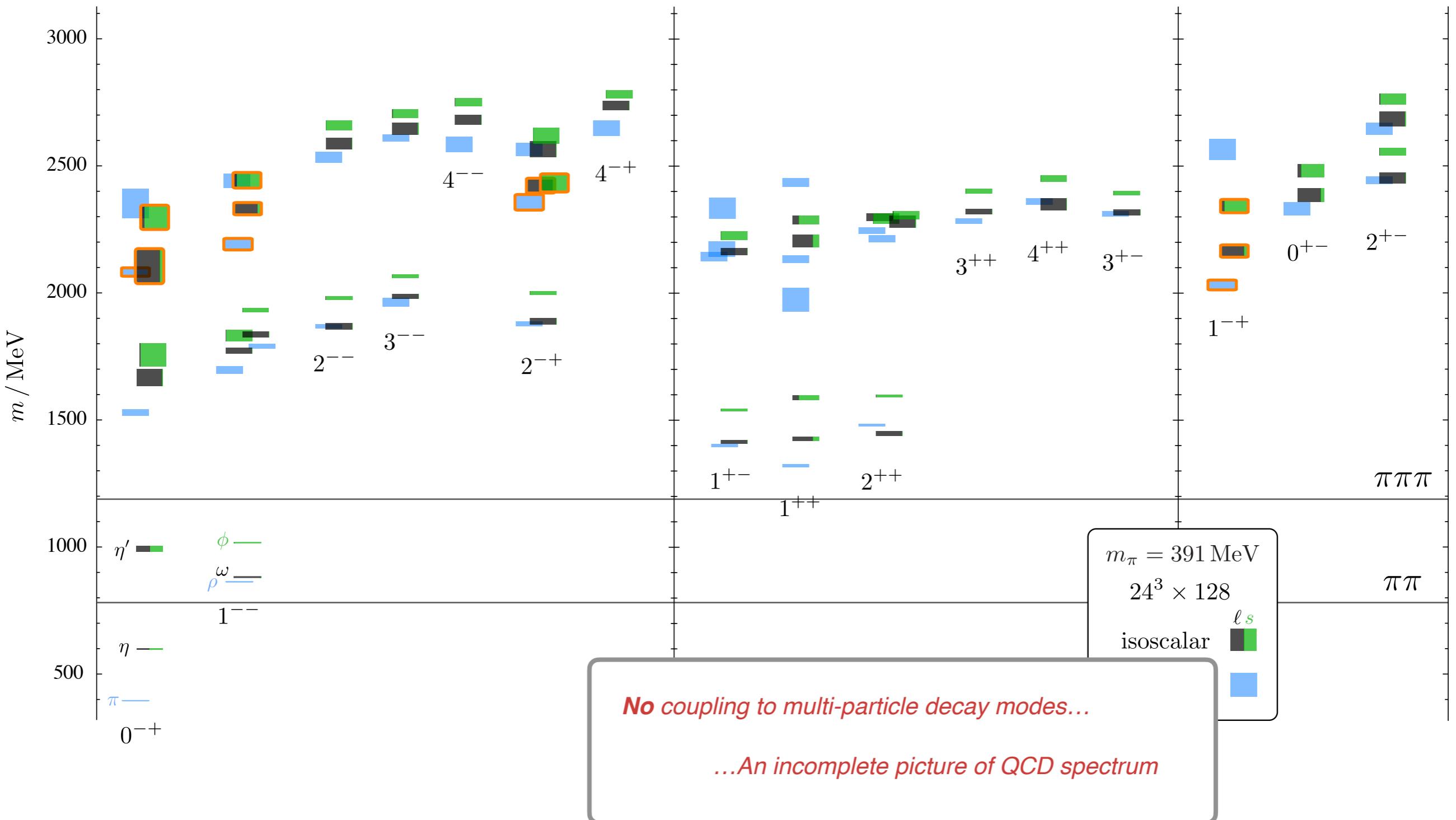
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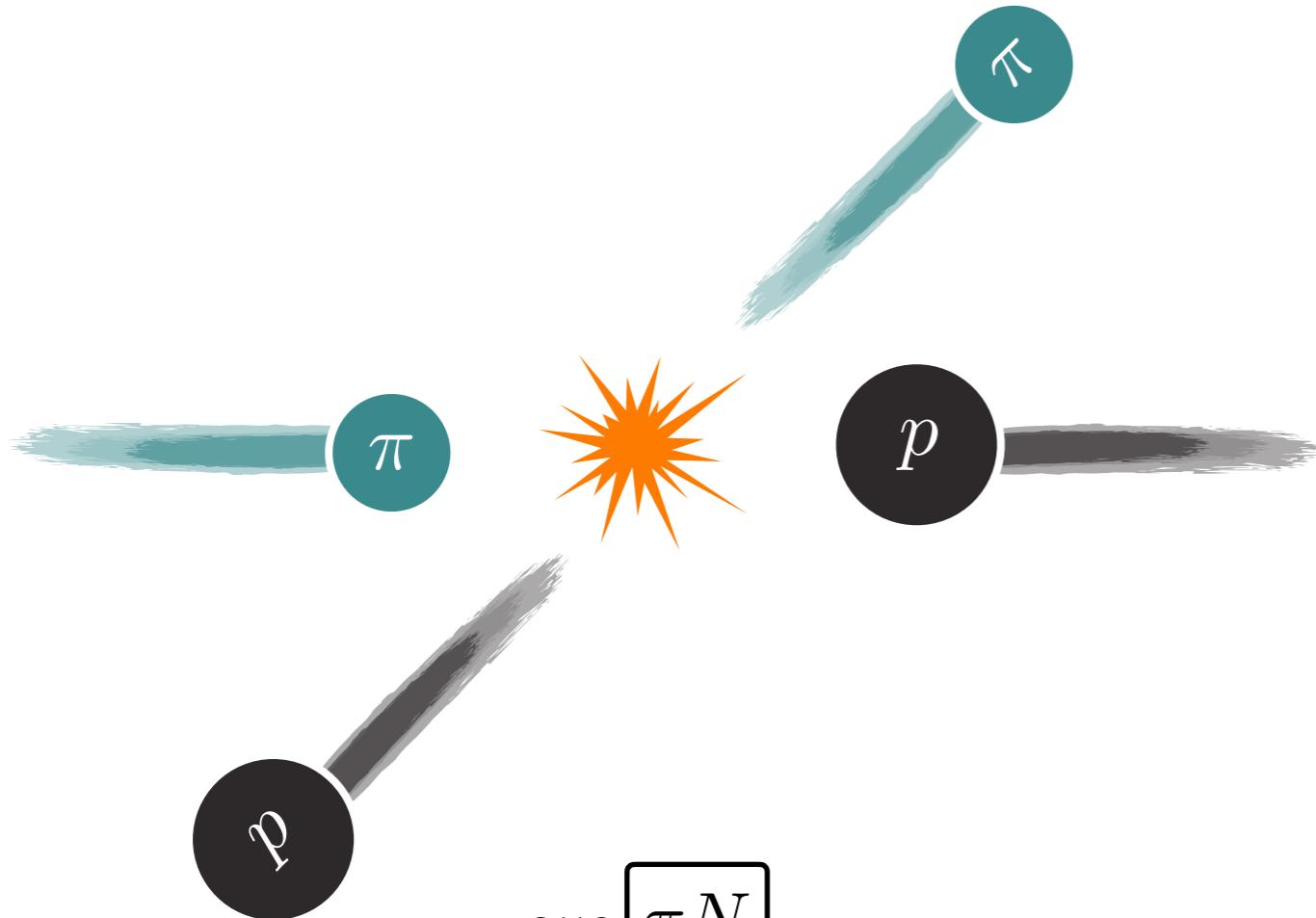
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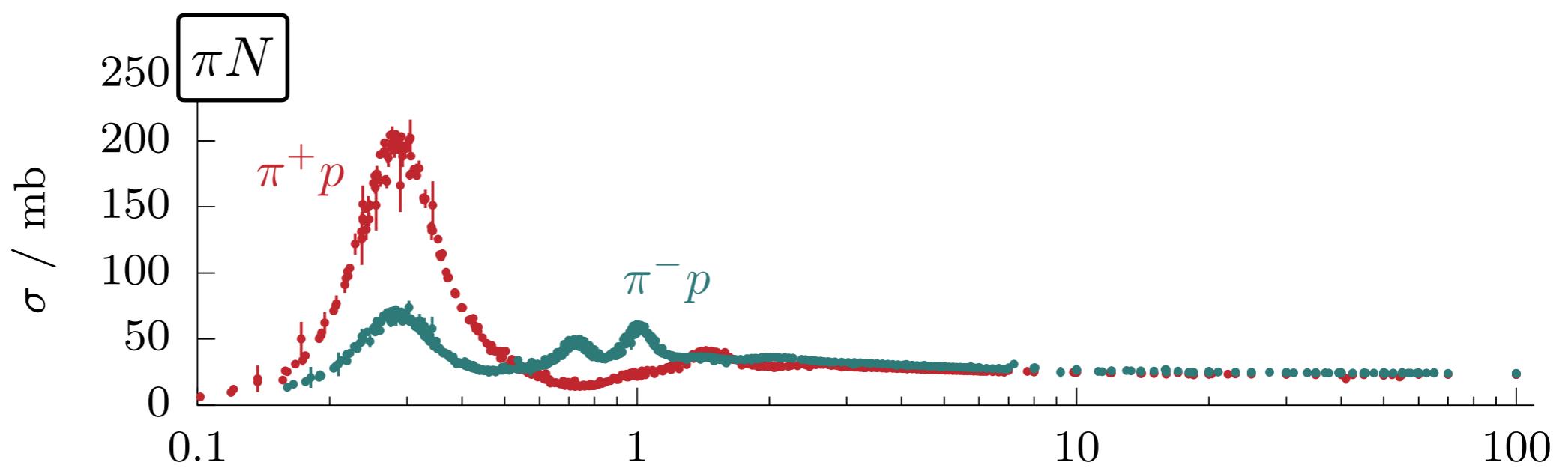


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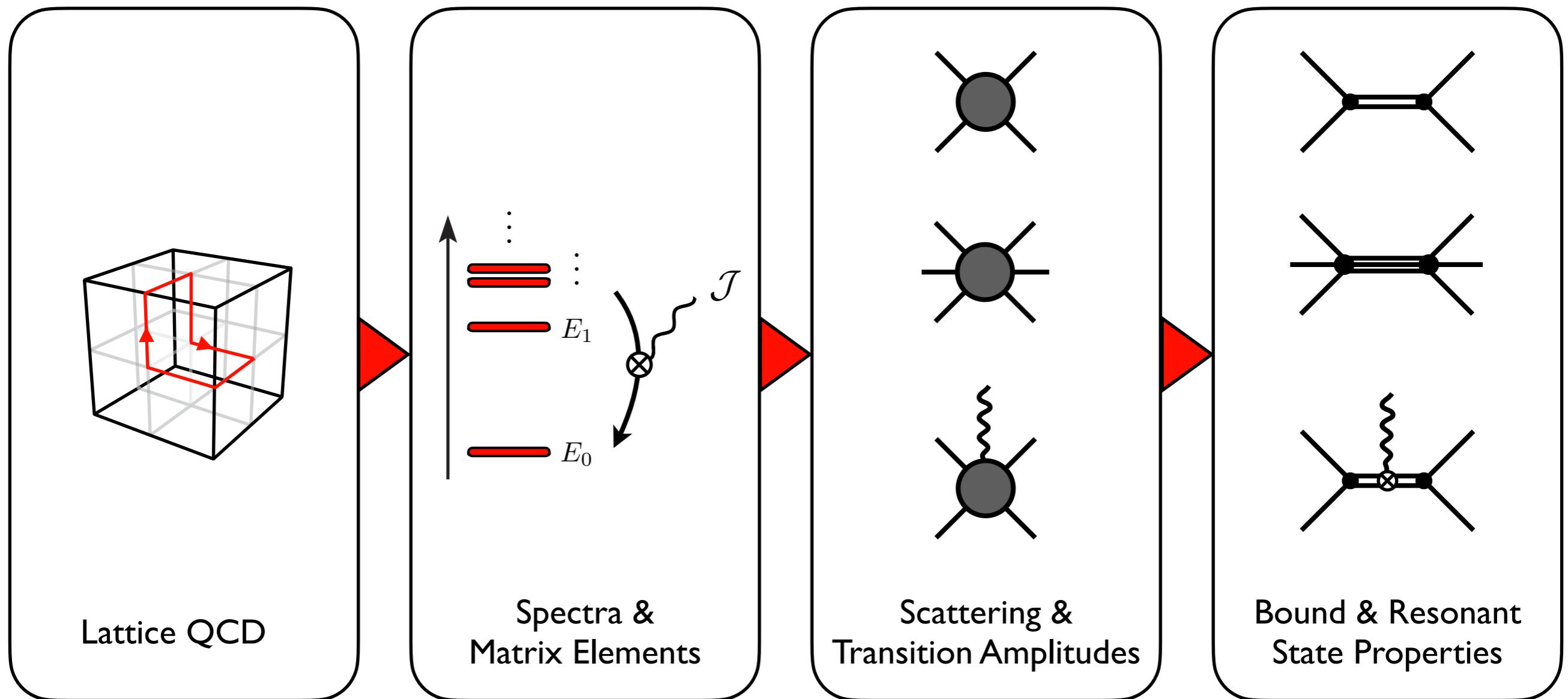
How to quantify such a process  
with Lattice QCD?



# Few-Body Physics from QCD

Path to few-body physics from QCD

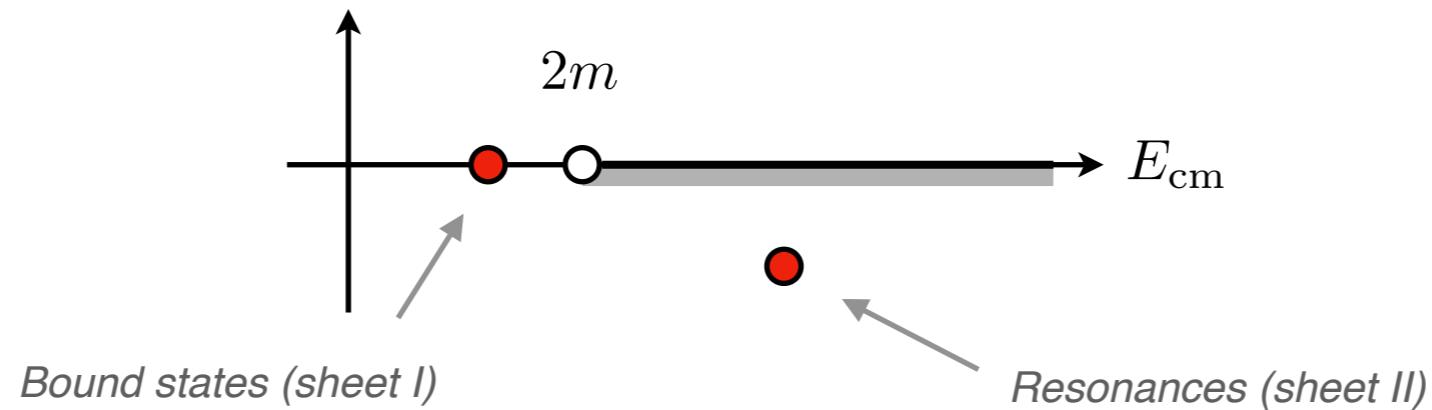
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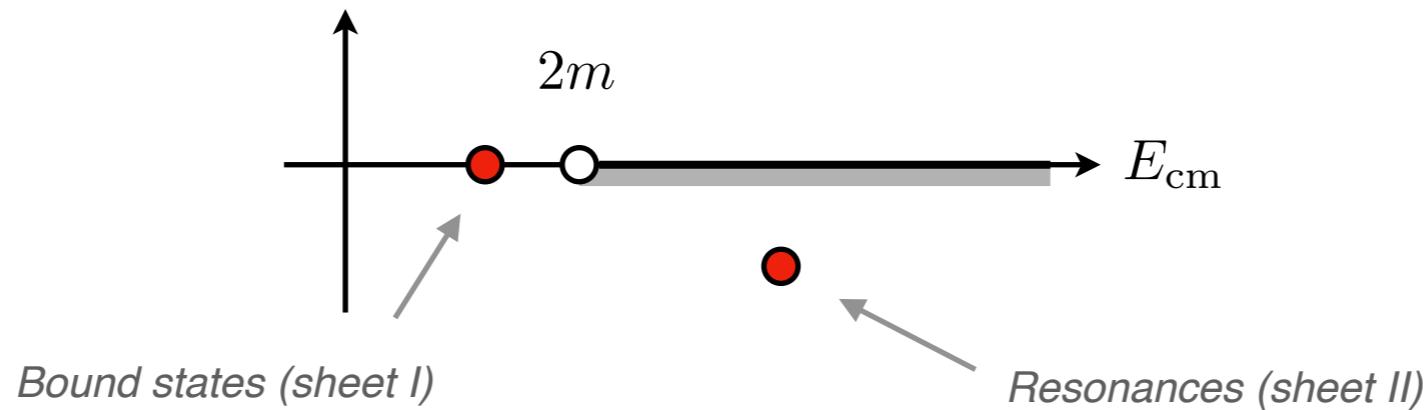
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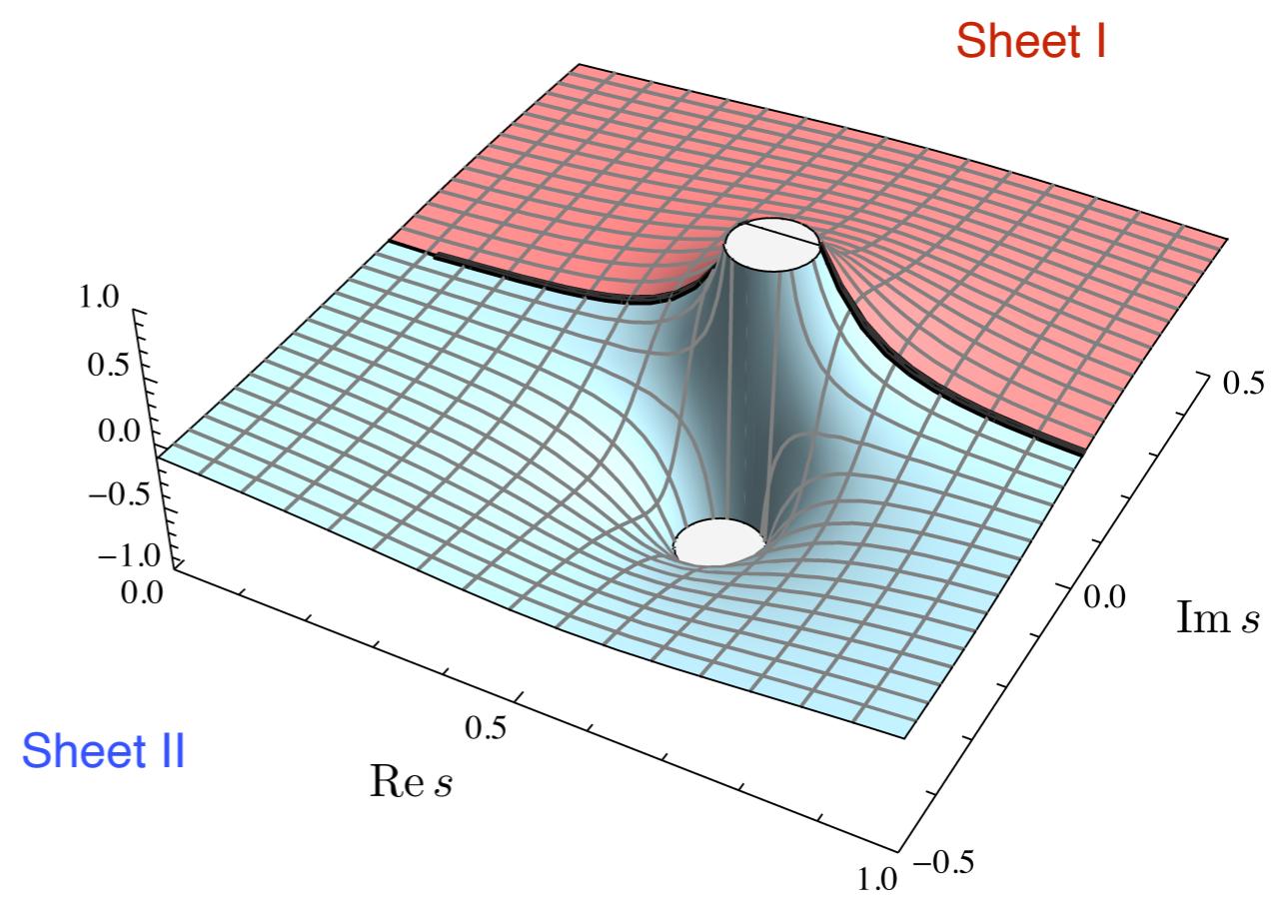
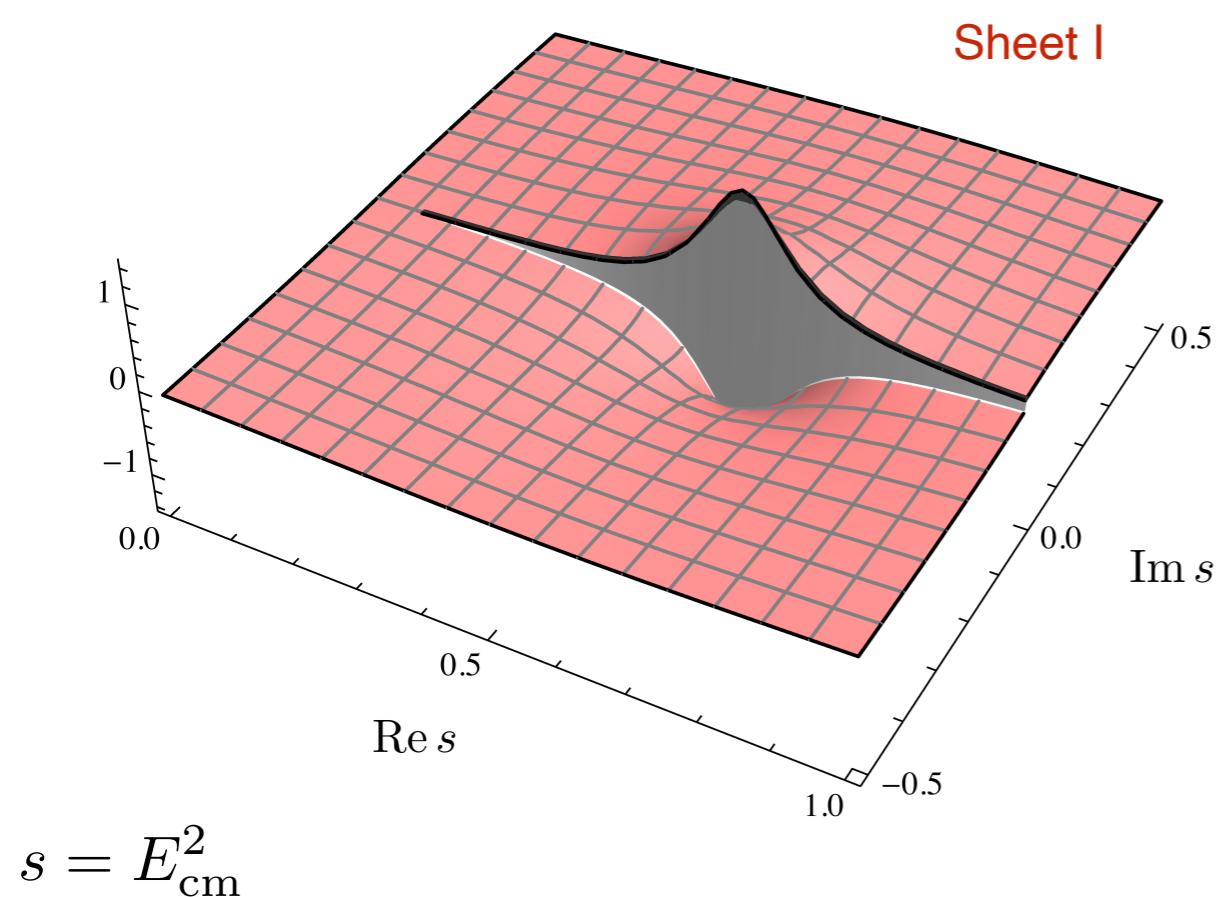
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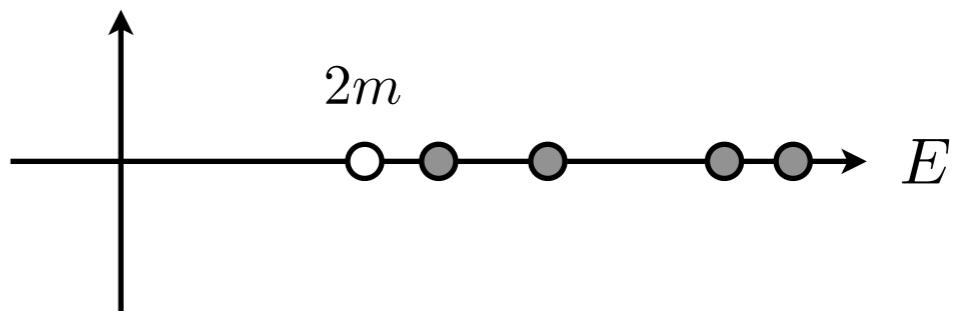
e.g., Narrow resonance



# Connecting Scattering Physics to QCD

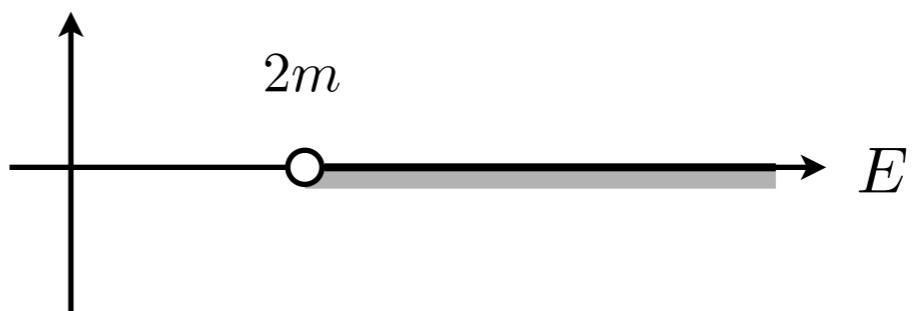
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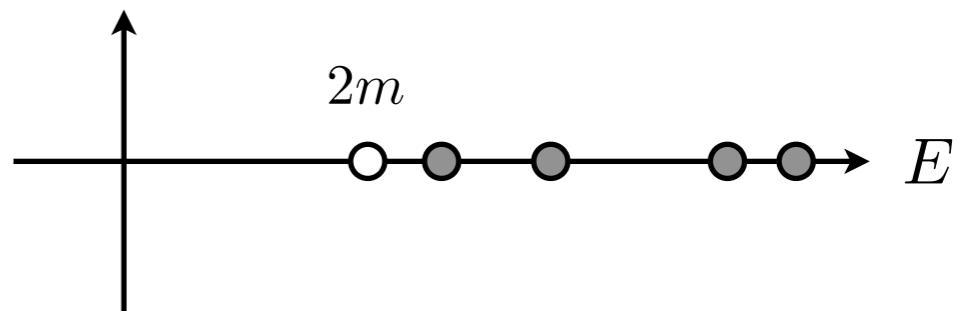
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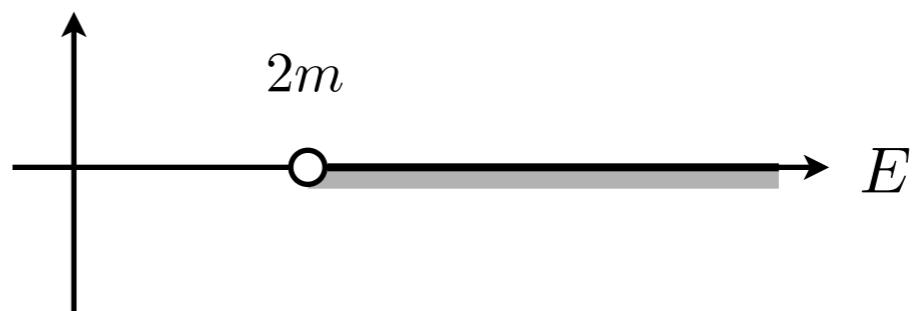
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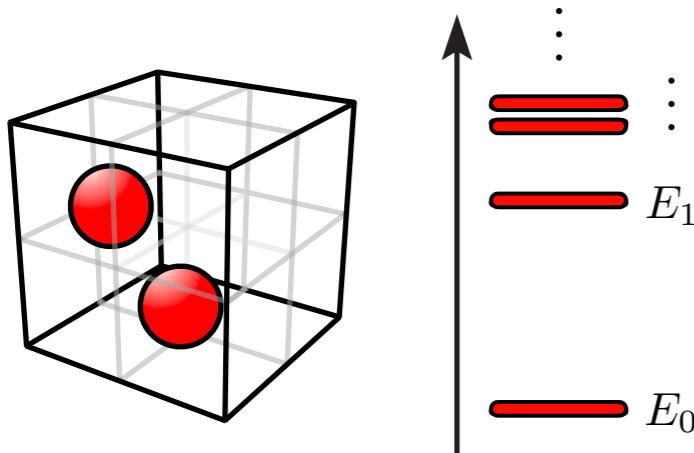
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**A:** Correct analytic structure of finite-volume correlators

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Employing scattering theory and EFTs to all-orders  
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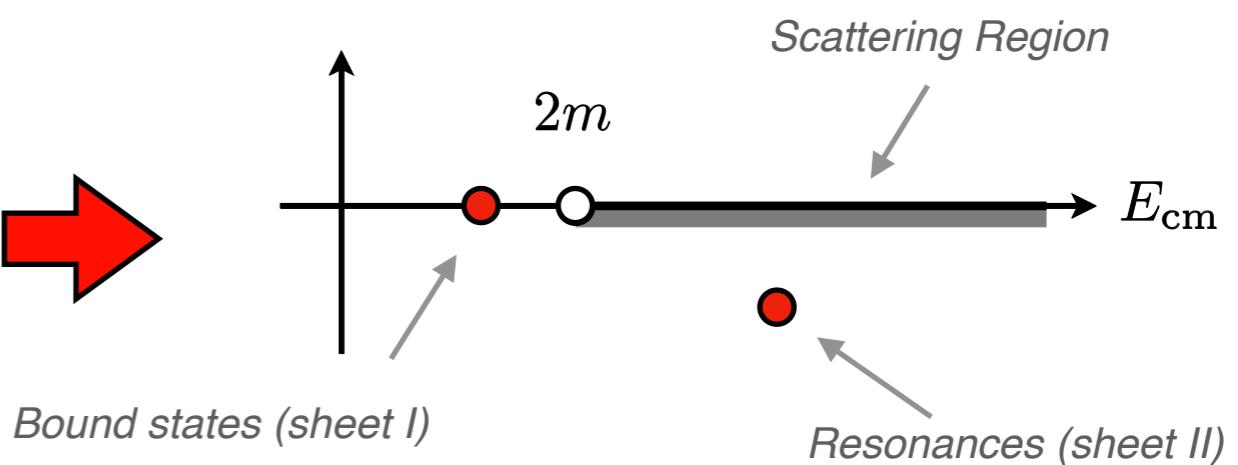


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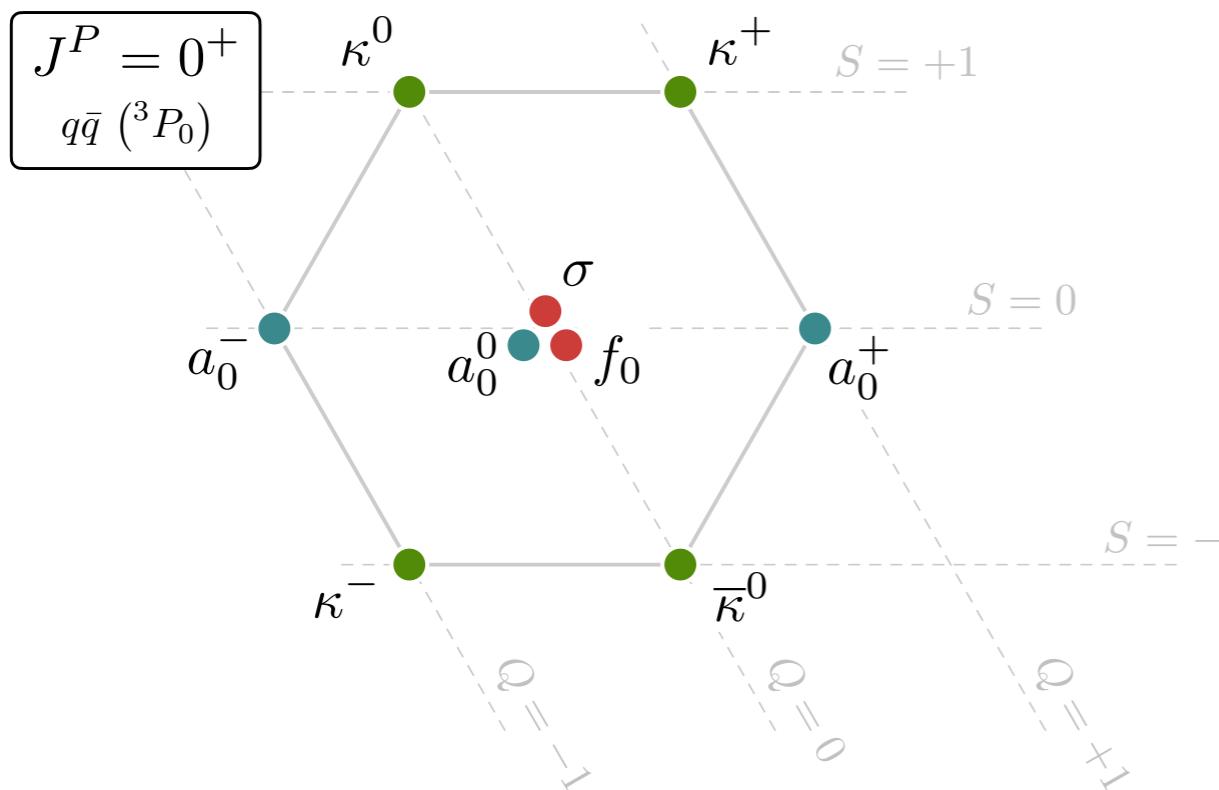
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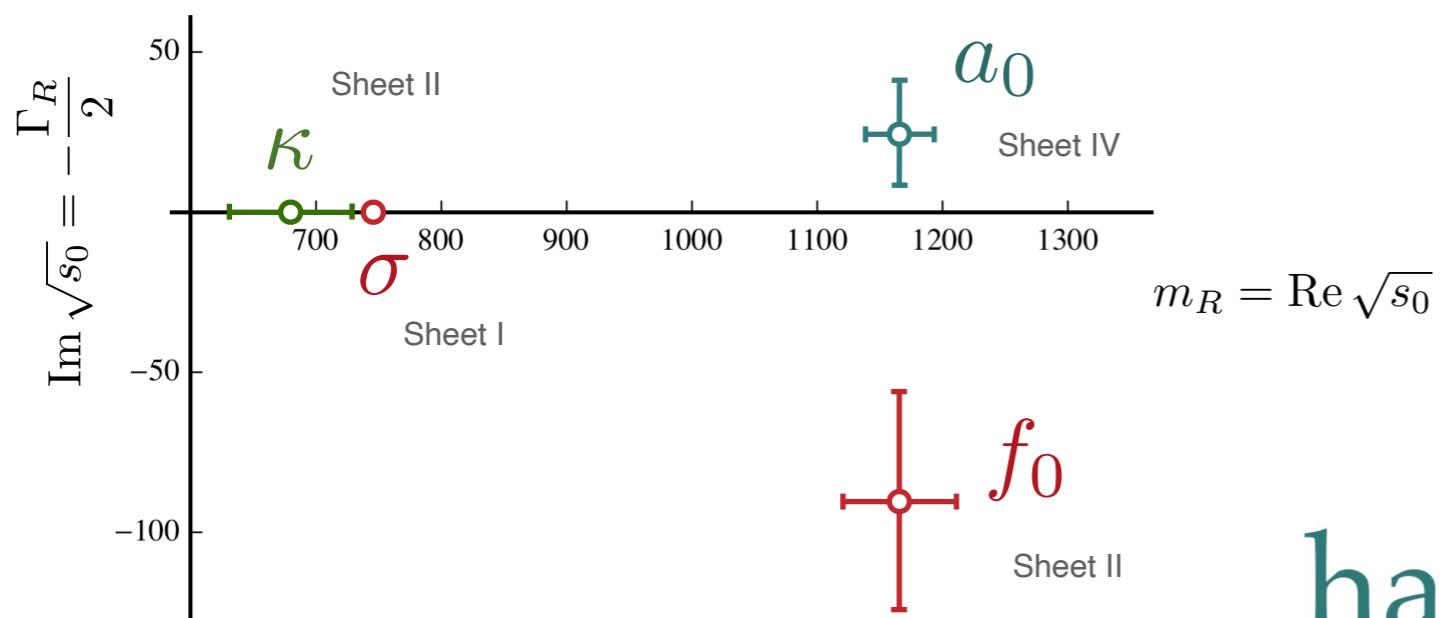
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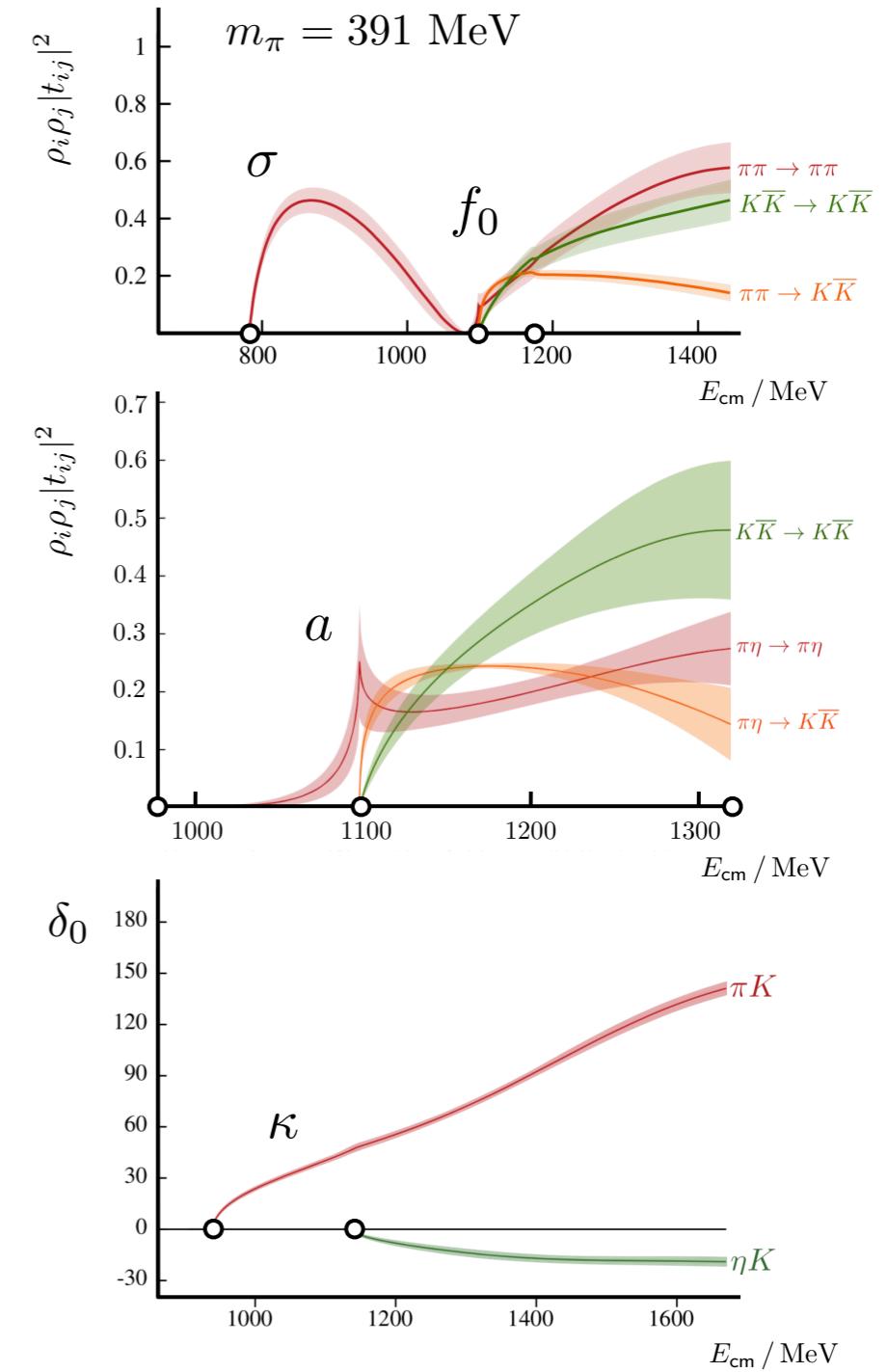
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$m_\pi = 391$  MeV



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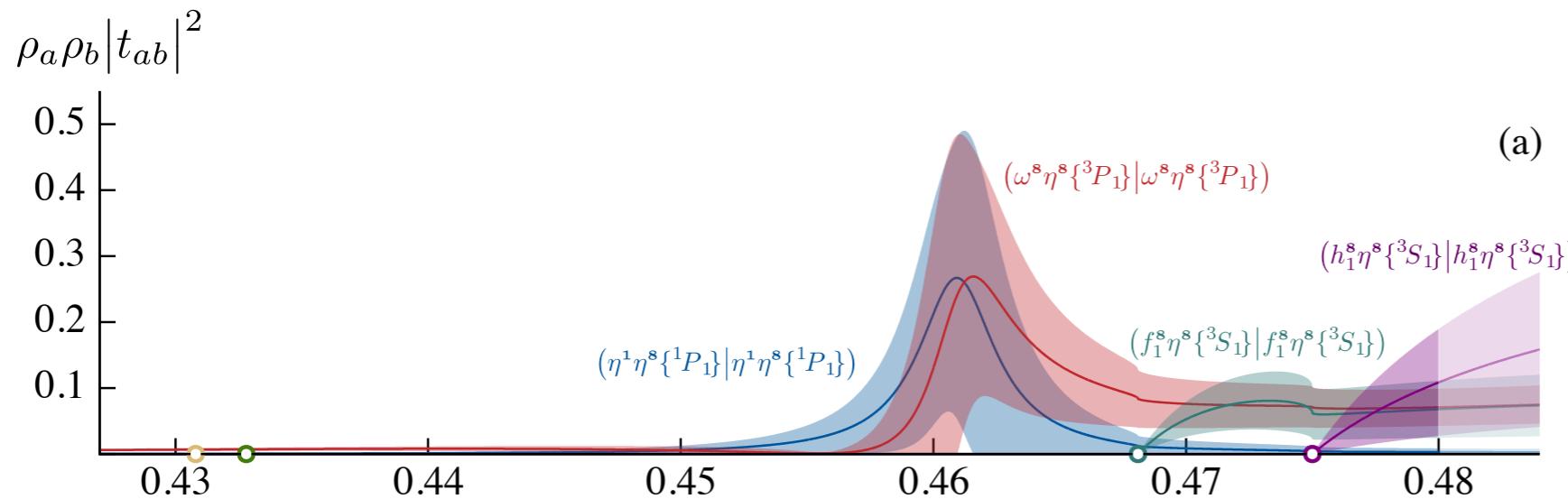
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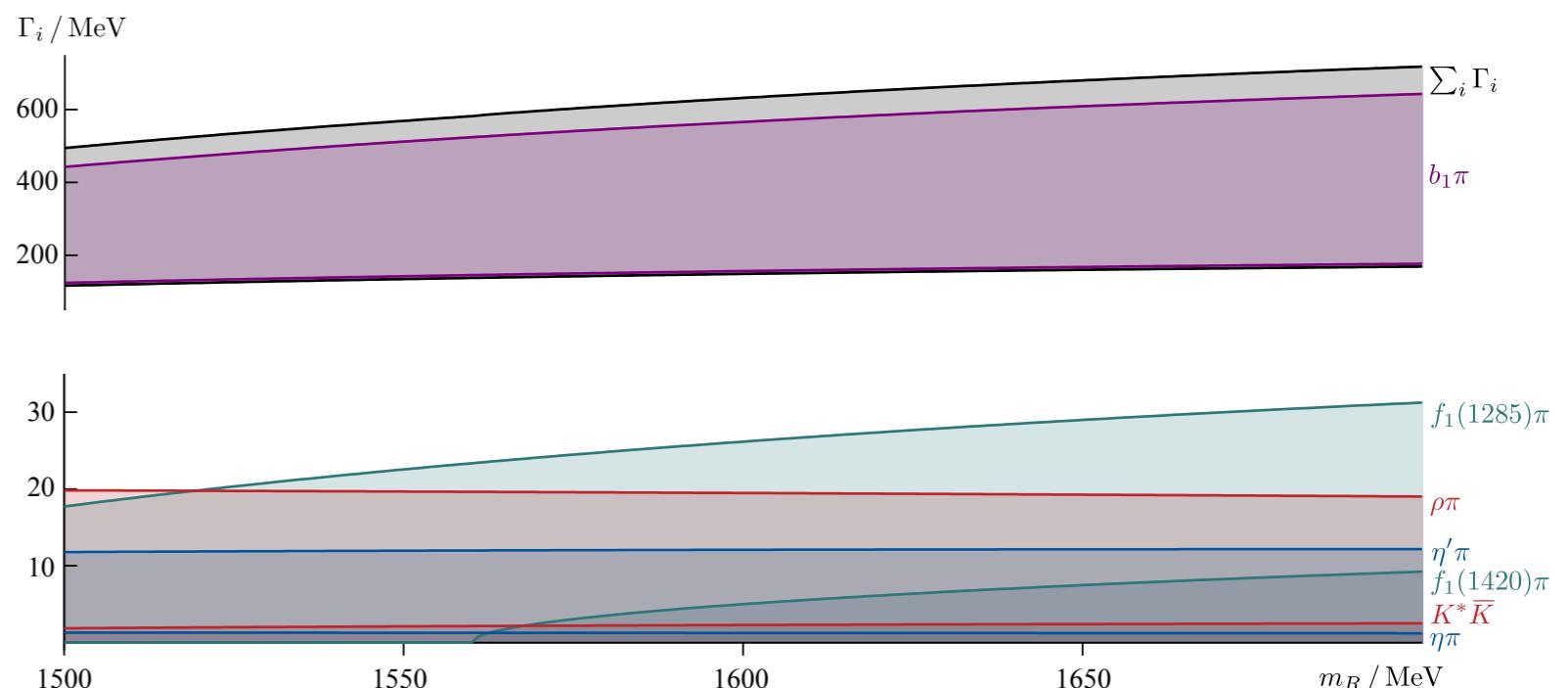
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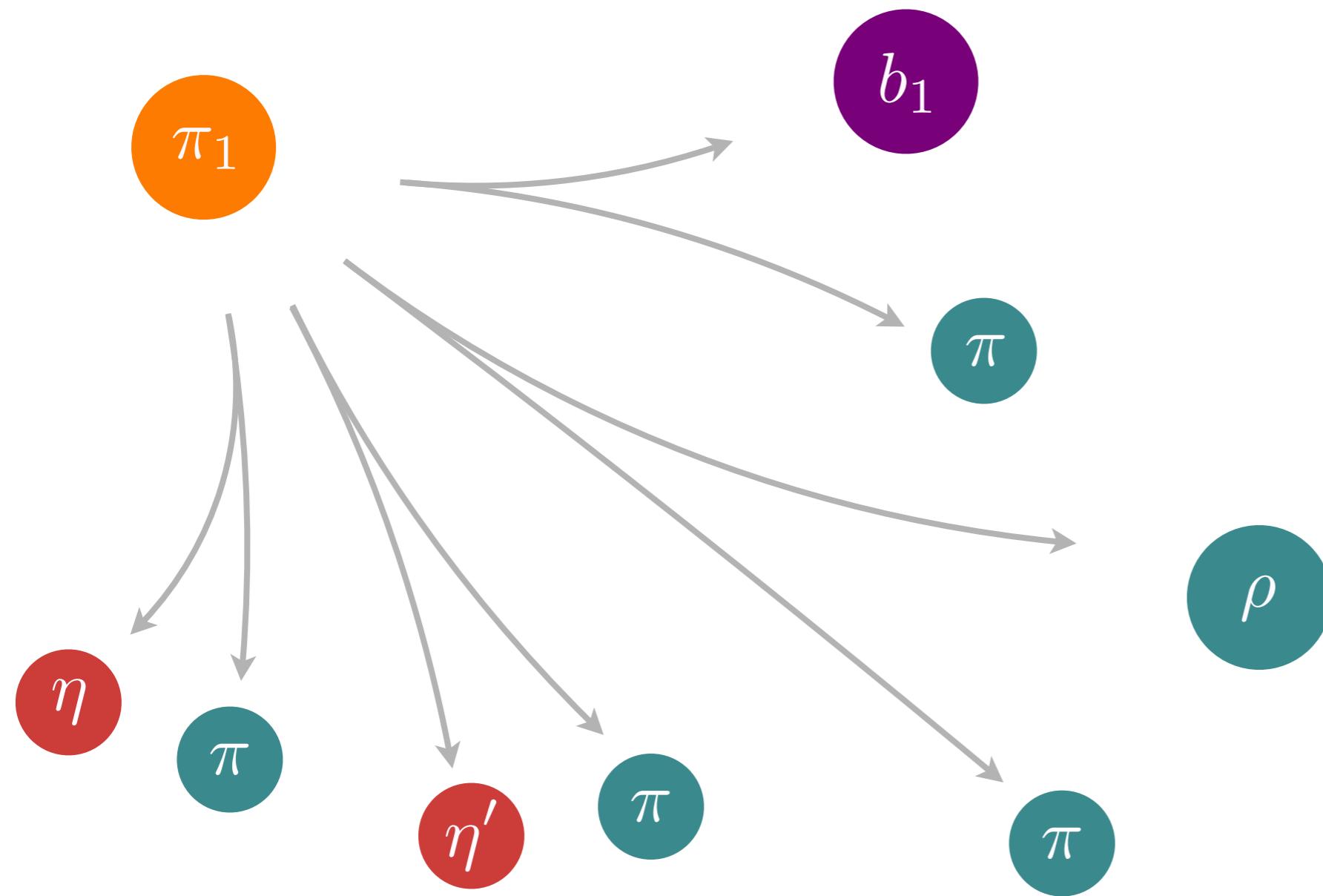
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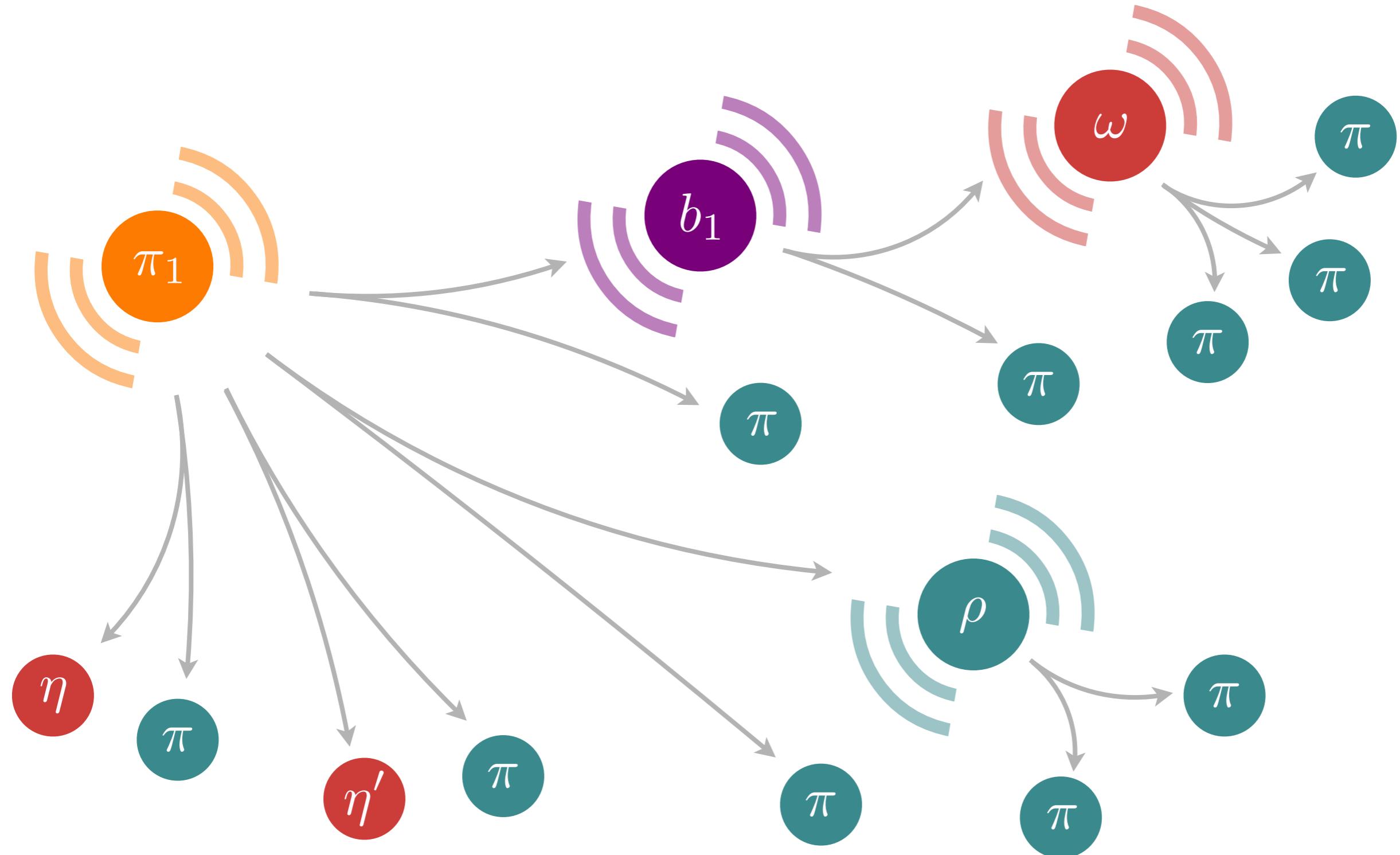
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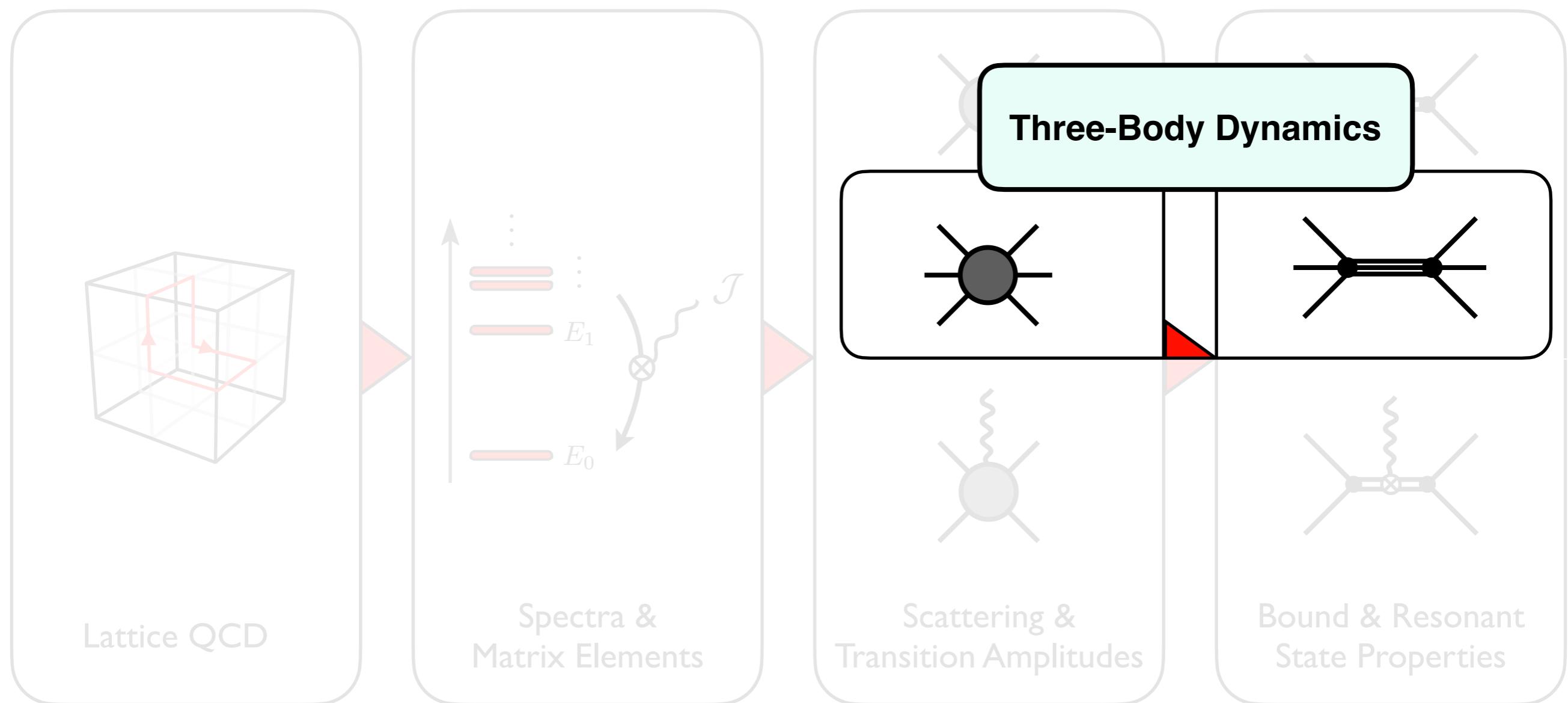
At physical point, 3, 4,.. body decays



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# Three-Body Dynamics

## On-shell scattering relations

*Unitarity condition*

$$\text{Disc} \quad \text{Diagram} = \quad \text{Diagram} + \quad \text{Diagram}$$

$\sim \rho$                              $\sim \text{Disc } \mathcal{G}$

*On-shell scattering equation*

$$\mathcal{M}_3 = \mathcal{K}_3 + \int \mathcal{K}_2 \cdot i\rho \cdot \mathcal{M}_3 + \iint \mathcal{K}_3 \cdot \mathcal{G} \cdot \mathcal{M}_3$$

$\mathcal{K}_3$  Unknown!  
Obtained from Lattice QCD

M. Mai, B. Hu, M. Döring, A. Pilloni, and A. Szczepaniak  
Eur. Phys. J. A **53**, 177 (2017)

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$$\mathcal{G} = \text{Diagram}$$

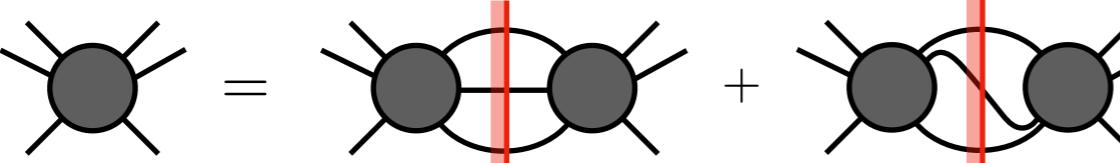
*cf. two-body case:*

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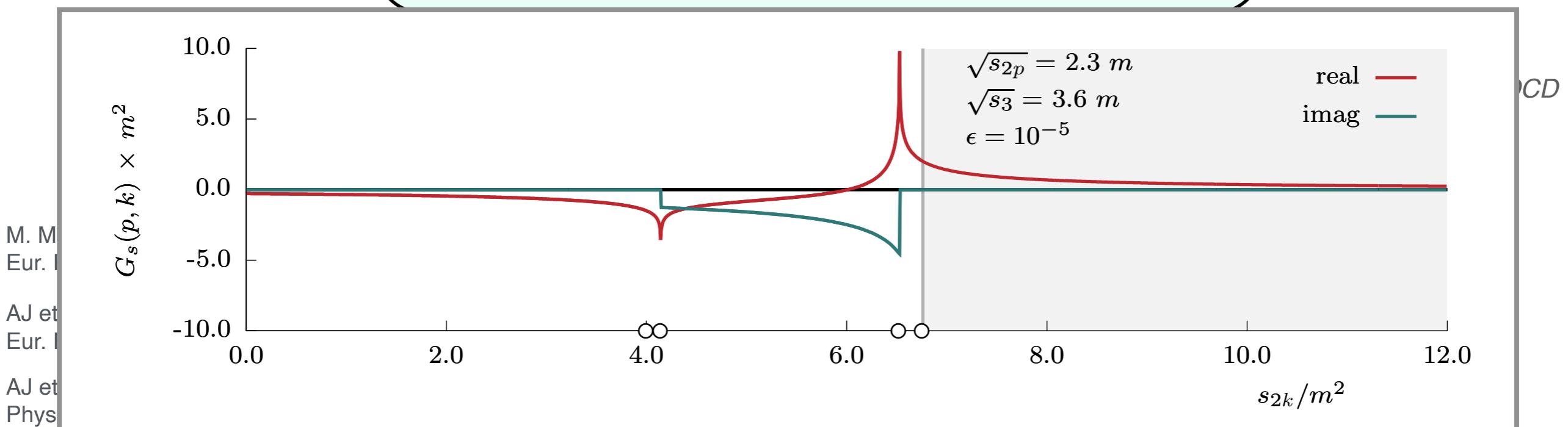
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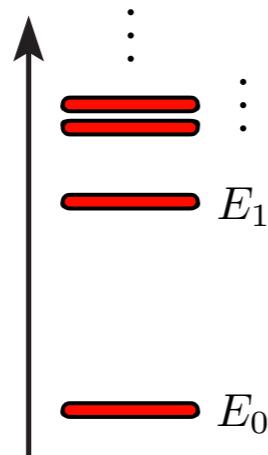
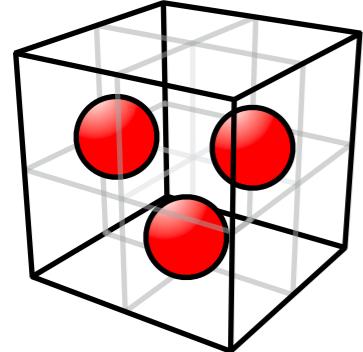
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# Three-Body Dynamics

## Connecting to finite-volume spectra

*Finite-volume quantization condition*



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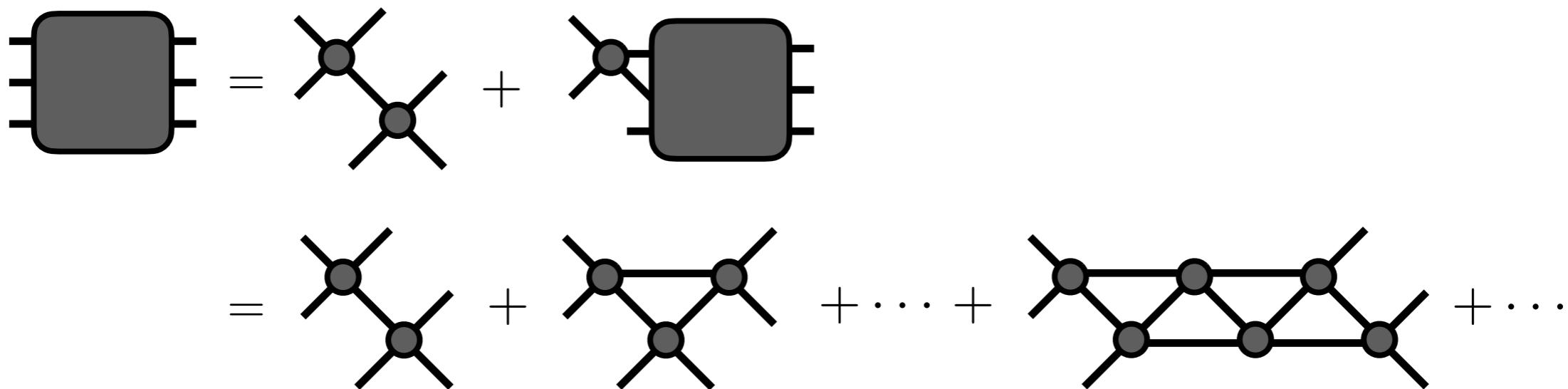
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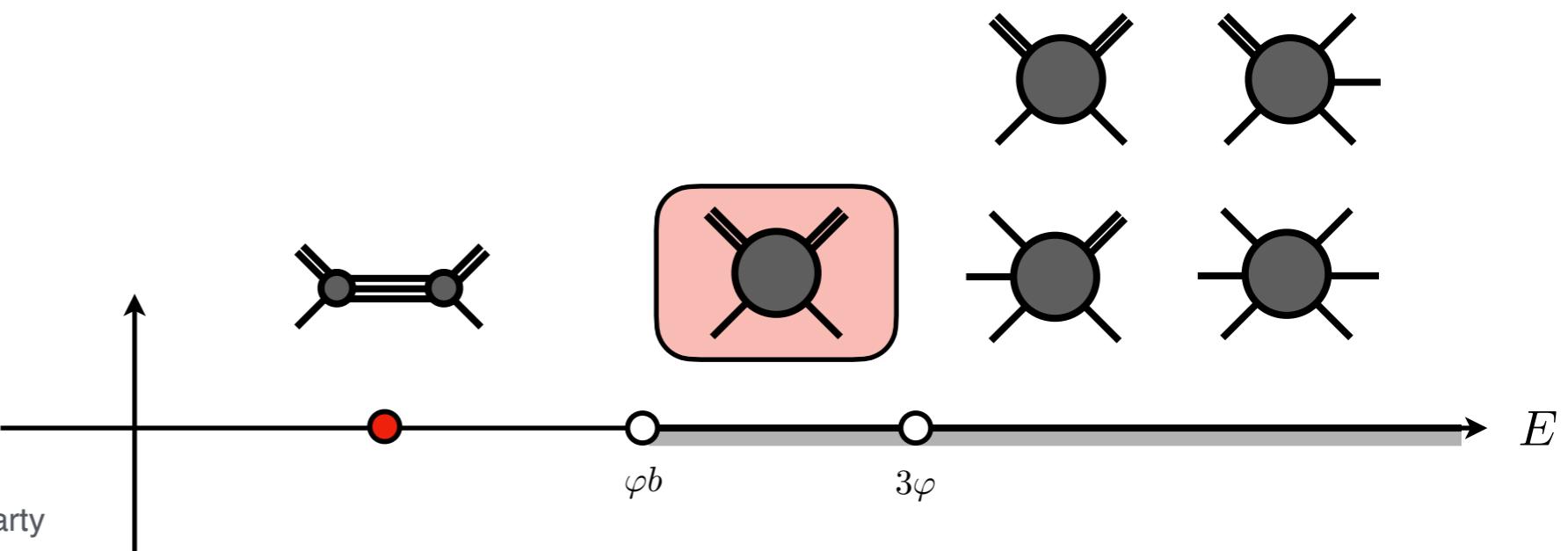
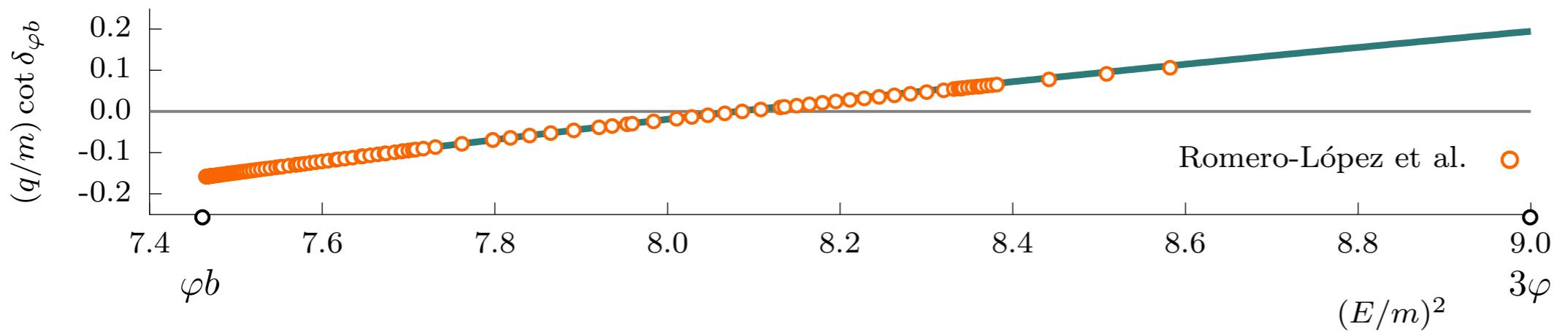
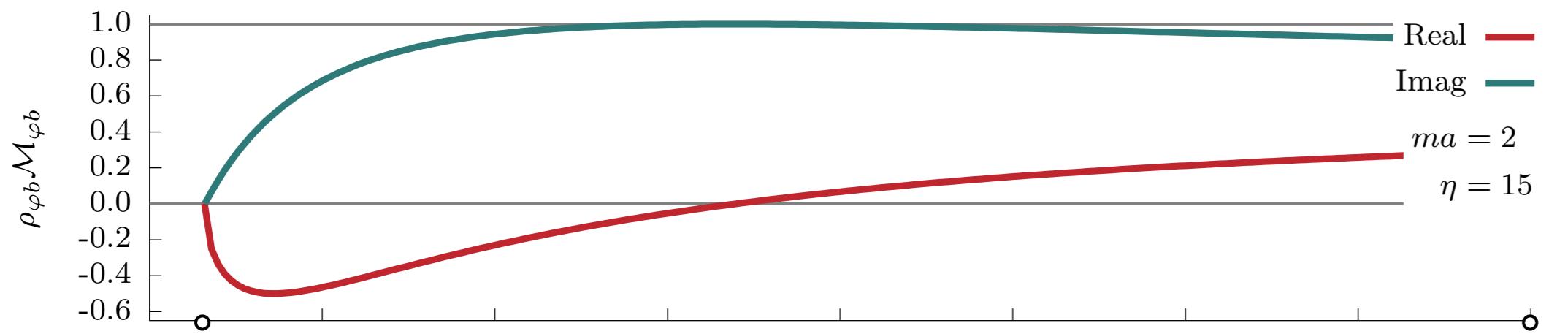
Examine toy-model –  $3\varphi \rightarrow 3\varphi$

- Assume exchange dominance – **No short-range three-body forces**
- Scalar system –  $J = 0$
- Two-hadron pair forms bound state –  $2\varphi \rightarrow b$

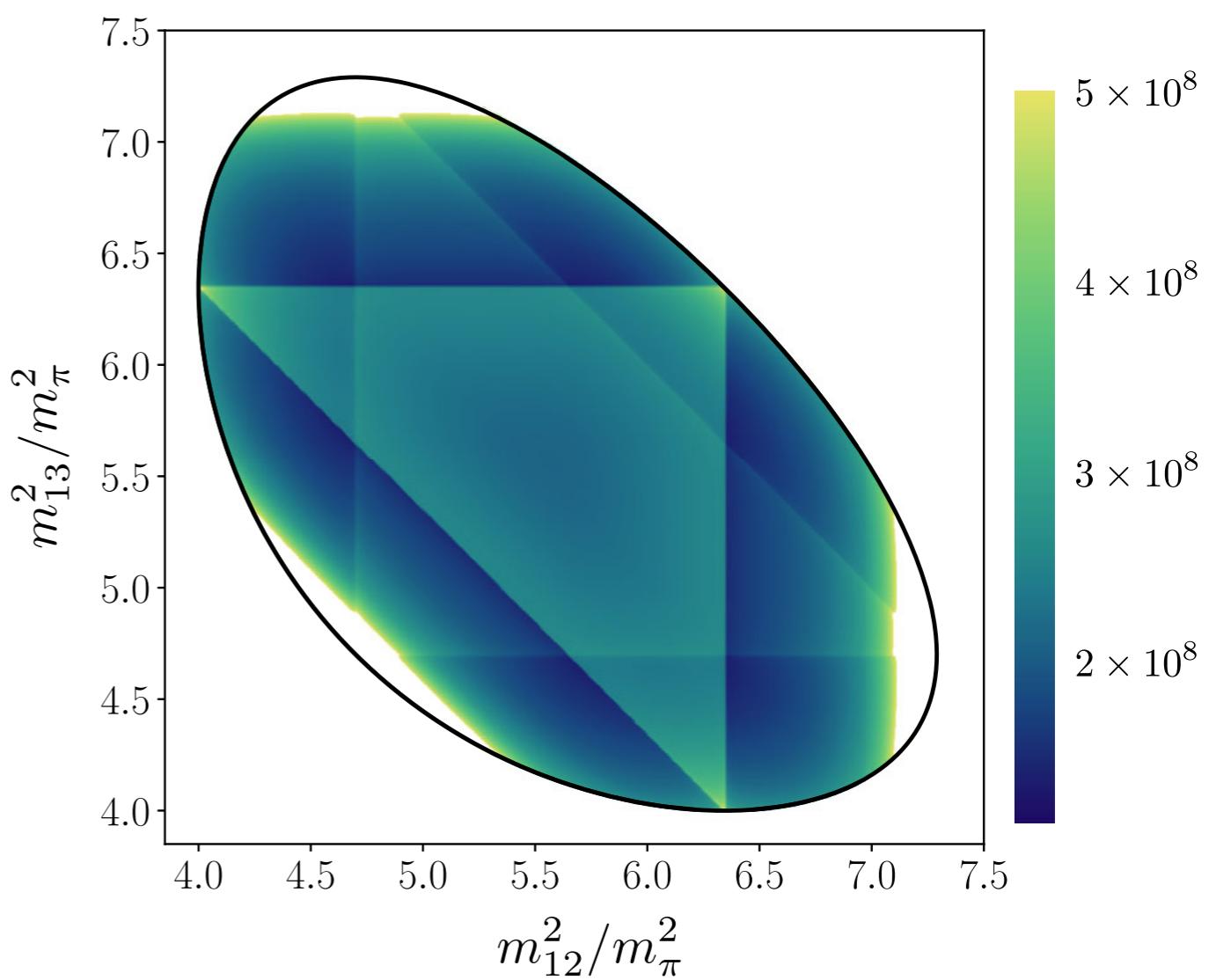
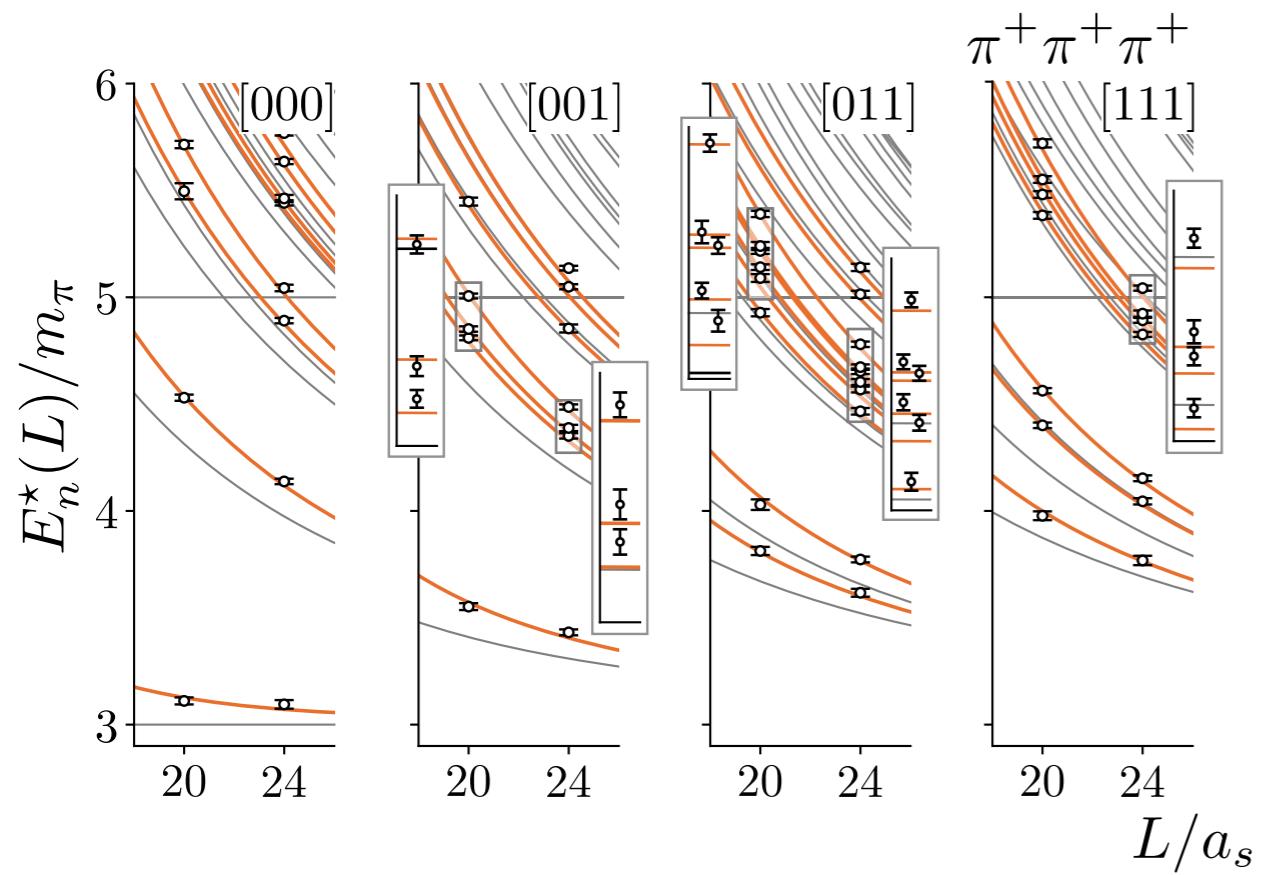
*Toy model version of  $3N \rightarrow 3N$  with  $2N \rightarrow d$*



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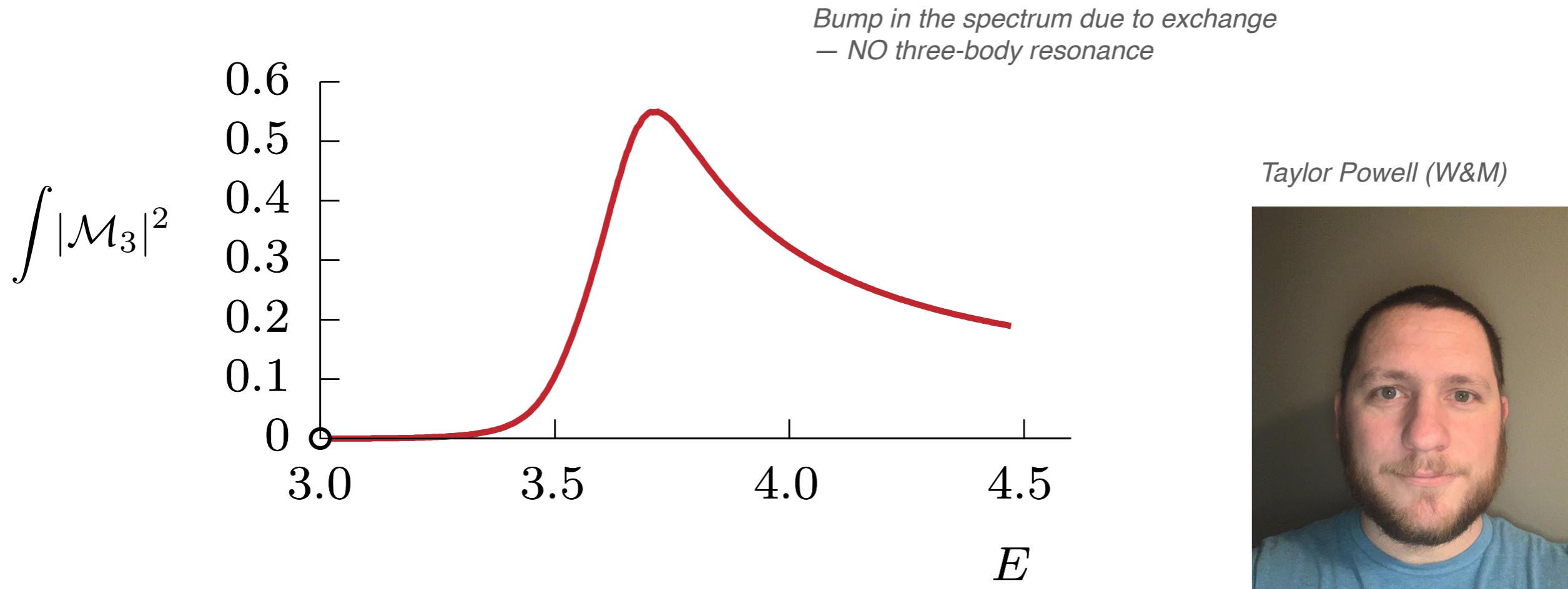
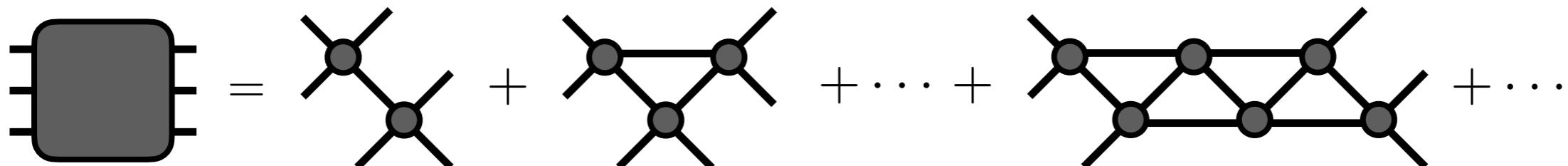
# Applications to $3\pi^+$



# Three-Body Dynamics

Three-body physics contains more degrees-of-freedom

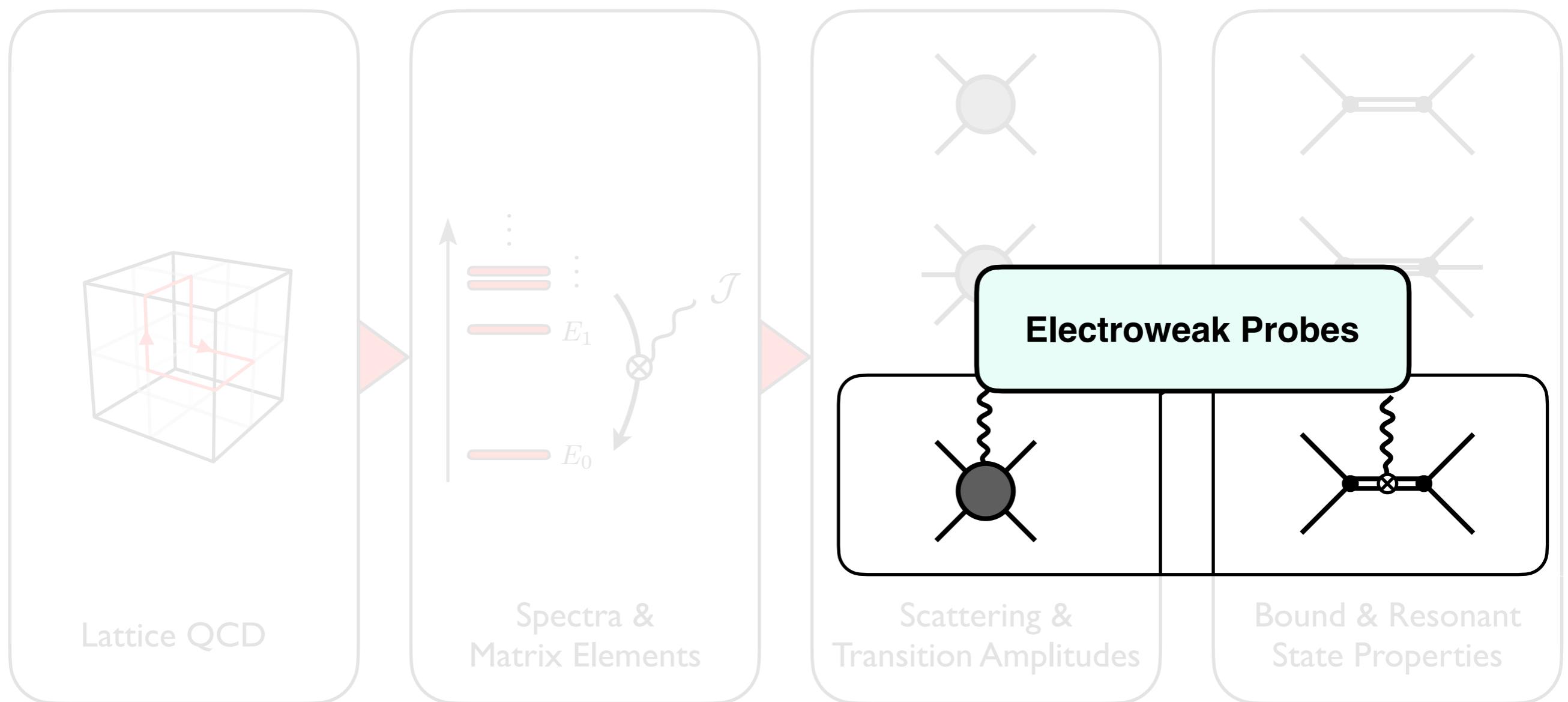
- Find new features not encountered in two-body systems



# Few-Body Physics from QCD

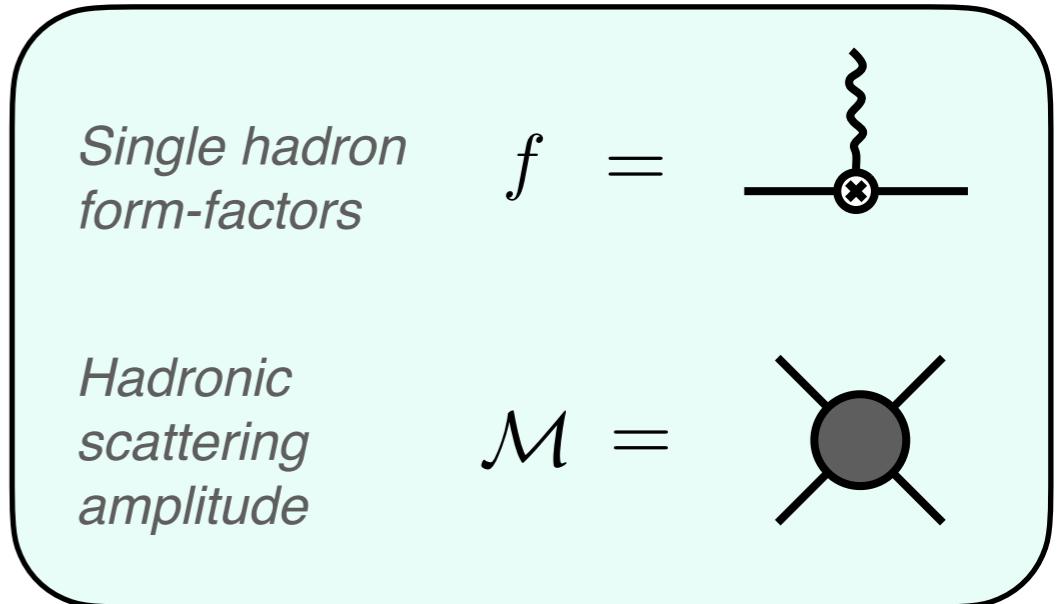
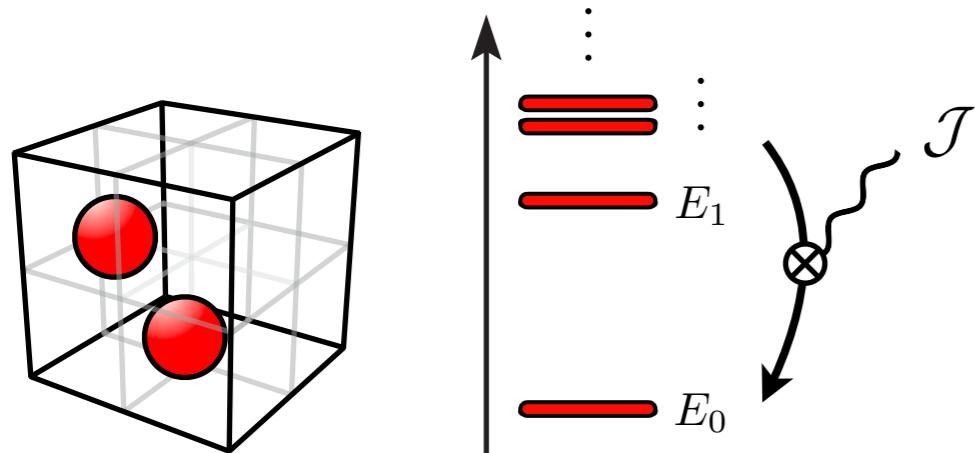
Path to few-body physics from QCD

- Link finite-volume spectra and matrix elements to scattering amplitudes
- Tools: *Lattice QCD, Scattering Theory, & Effective Field Theory*



# Hadronic Structure & Electroweak Probes

Mapping between matrix elements and  $2 + \mathcal{J} \rightarrow 2$  amplitudes

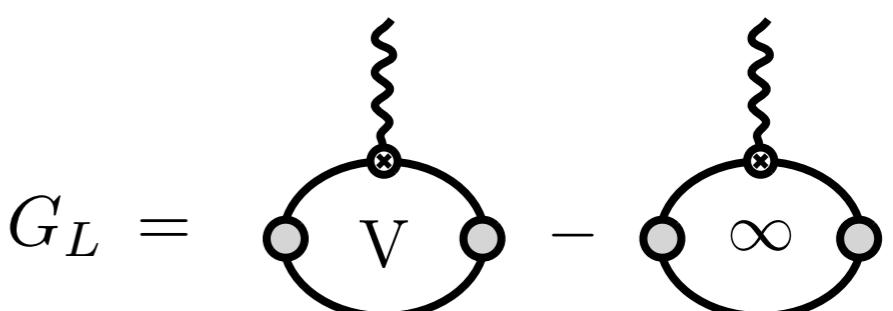


$$\langle \mathfrak{m} | \mathcal{J} | \mathfrak{n} \rangle_L = \frac{1}{L^3} \mathcal{W}_{L,\text{df}} \cdot \sqrt{\mathcal{R}_{L,\mathfrak{m}} \cdot \mathcal{R}_{L,\mathfrak{n}}} \quad \xleftarrow{\text{FV conversion factors}}$$

$$\mathcal{W}_{L,\text{df}} = \mathcal{W}_{\text{df}} + \mathcal{M} \cdot f \cdot G_L \cdot \mathcal{M}$$

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*FV geometric function*

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*Unknown short-distance function*

- Constrain using Lattice QCD
- Constrained by Ward-Takahashi identity

*Single hadron form-factors*

$$f = \text{Diagram}$$

*Hadronic scattering amplitude*

$$\mathcal{M} = \text{Diagram}$$

*Triangle diagram*

*Contains normal and anomalous singularities from intermediate on-shell particles*

$$G = \text{Diagram}$$

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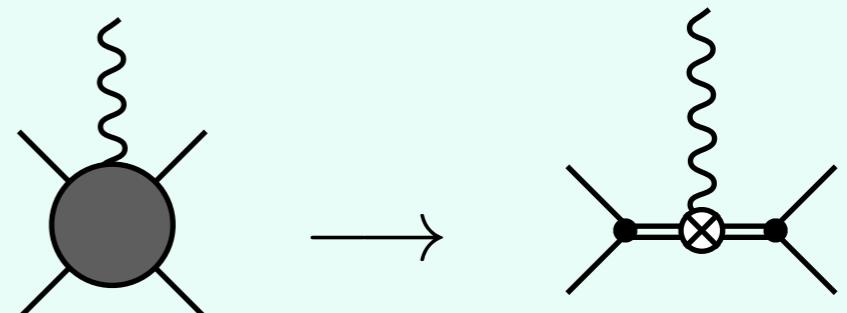
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Rigorous definition for resonance form factors

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{df}} \sim \frac{g}{s_f - s_p} \cdot f_p \cdot \frac{g}{s_i - s_p}$$



$$f_p = g^2 (\mathcal{A} + \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{G}) \Big|_{s_f=s_i=s_p}$$

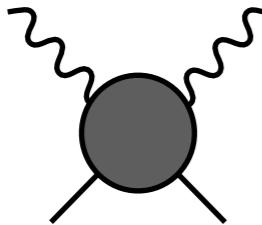
# Two-current systems

Coupling two currents to hadronic systems – Compton-like processes

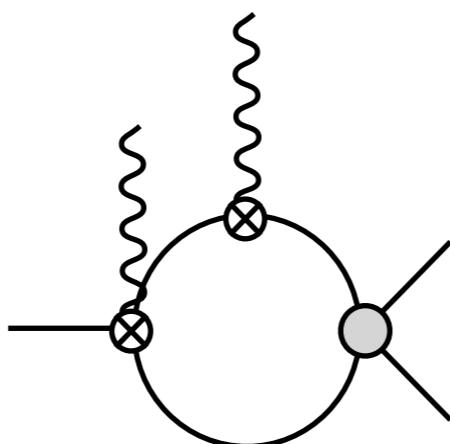
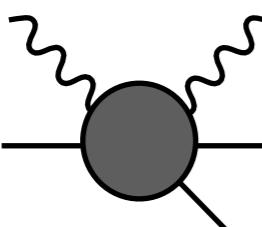


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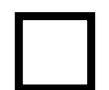
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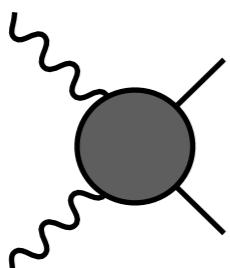
$$\boxed{1 + \mathcal{J} \rightarrow 2 + \mathcal{J}}$$



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$$\square \quad \mathcal{J} + \mathcal{J} \rightarrow 2$$



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*In preparation*

# Summary

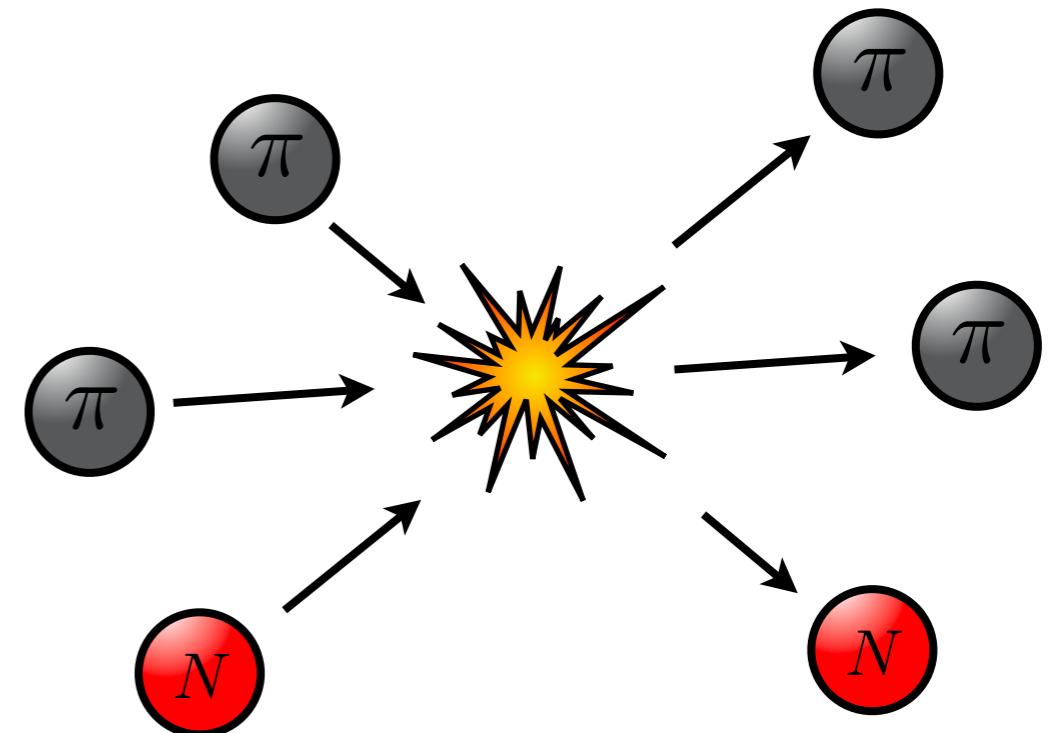
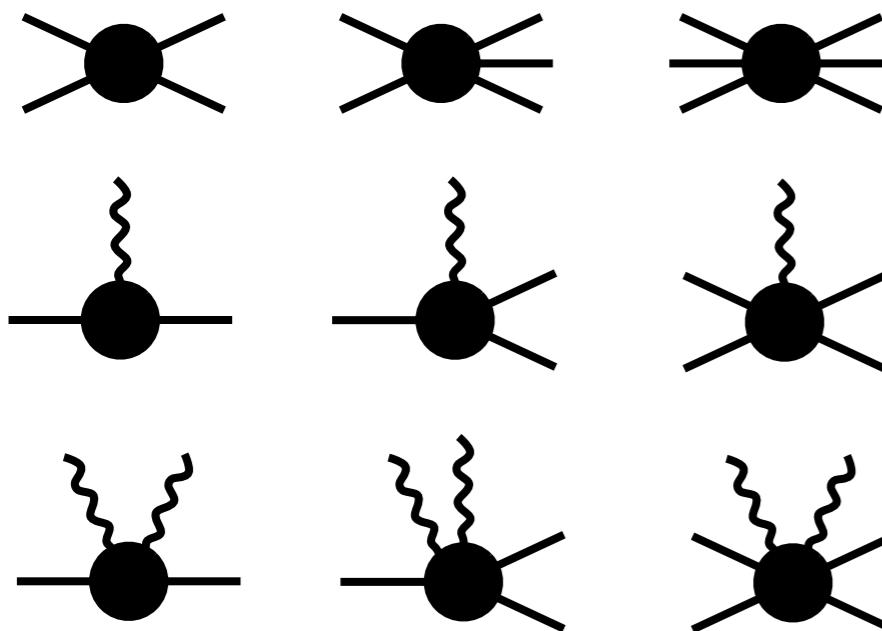
Few-body interactions play a key role in many outstanding problems in nuclear & hadron physics

Lattice QCD, EFTs, & Scattering theory combined provide useful tools to extract physics from QCD

- Rapid development in formalisms relating lattice QCD observables to amplitudes
- Scattering phenomenology is advancing in tandem

Latest developments in three-body scattering & two-body matrix elements

- First applications appearing in literature
- Can address increasingly complicated processes



Much more to come!

