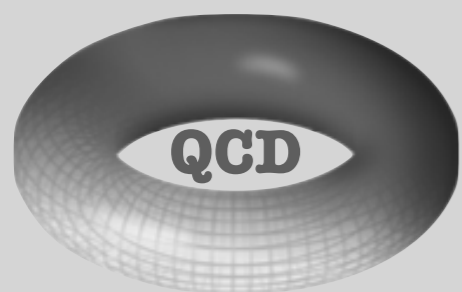


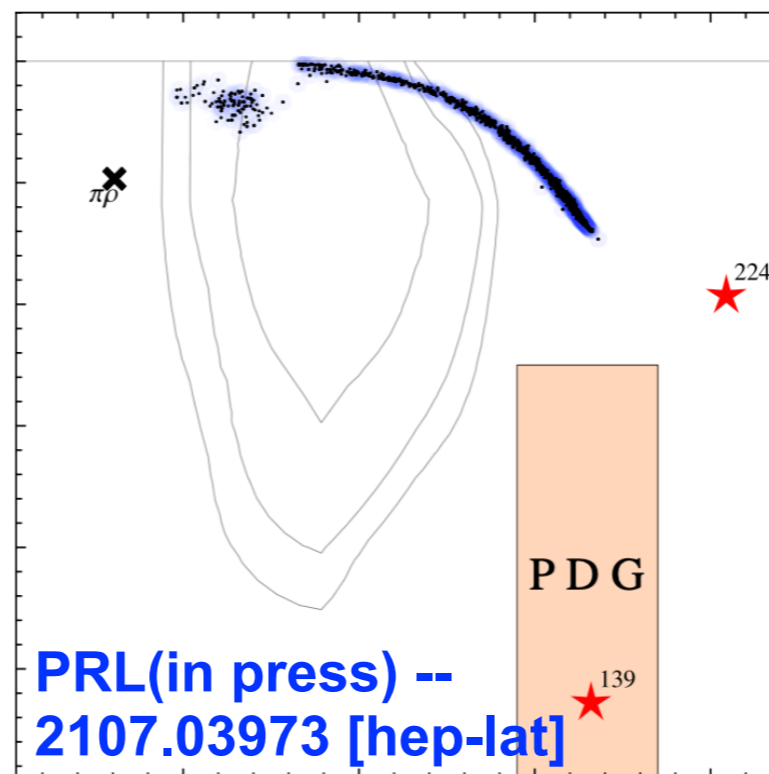
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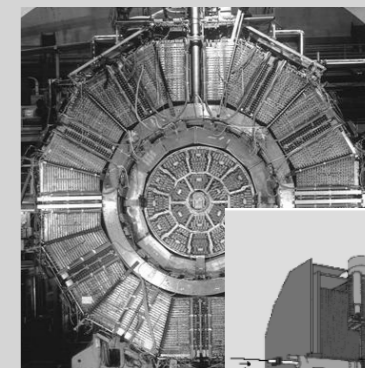
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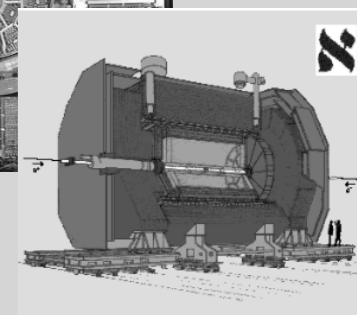


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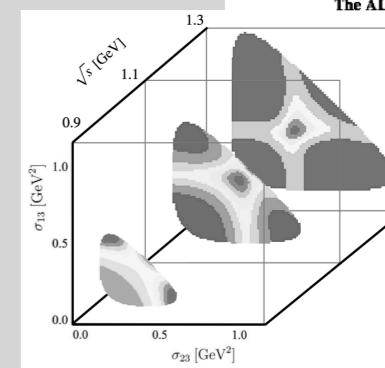
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The ALEPH Detector



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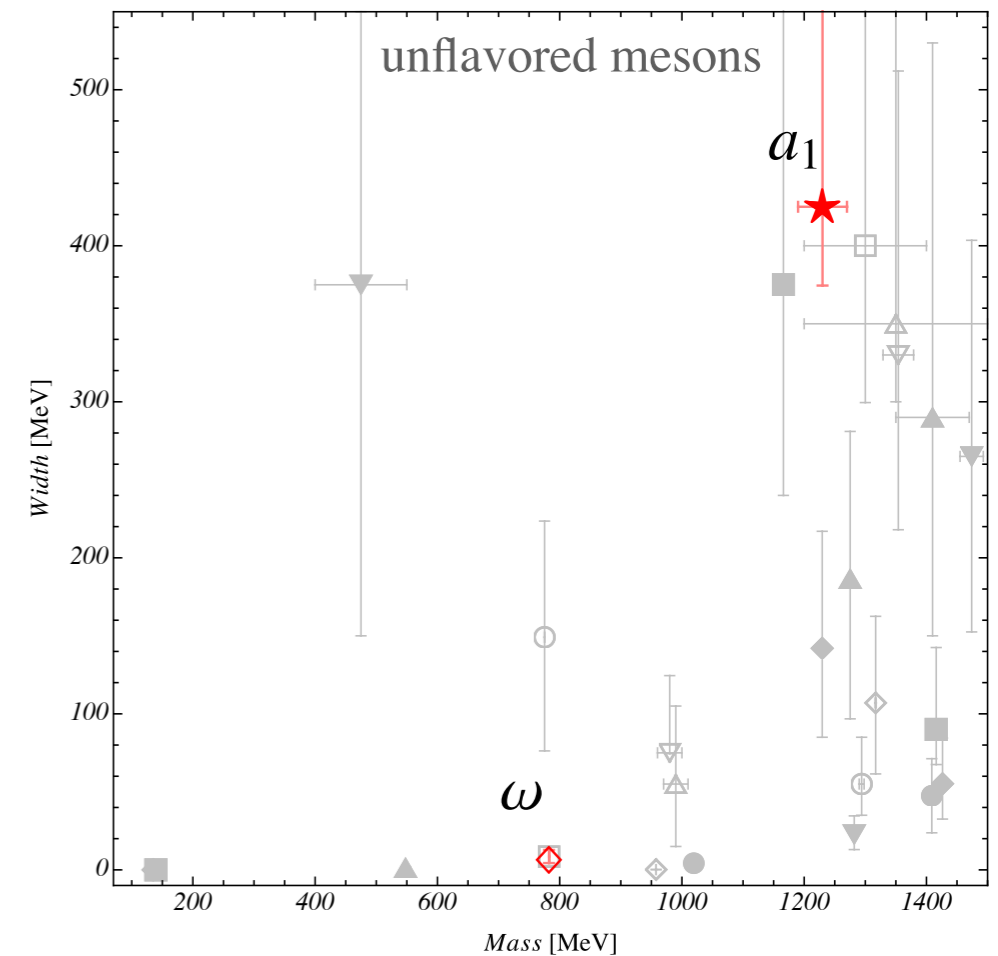
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**Pattern and production mechanisms** of many excited hadrons are unresolved issues

**Many questions are related to the hadronic 3-body problem**

- $\omega(782)$ ,  $a_1(1260)$ , ...
- Roper resonance  $N^*(1440)$
- exotic mesons:  $\pi_1(1600)$ , ...

(experimental searches @COMPASS, GlueX)



**This work:  $a_1(1260)$  from lattice QCD**

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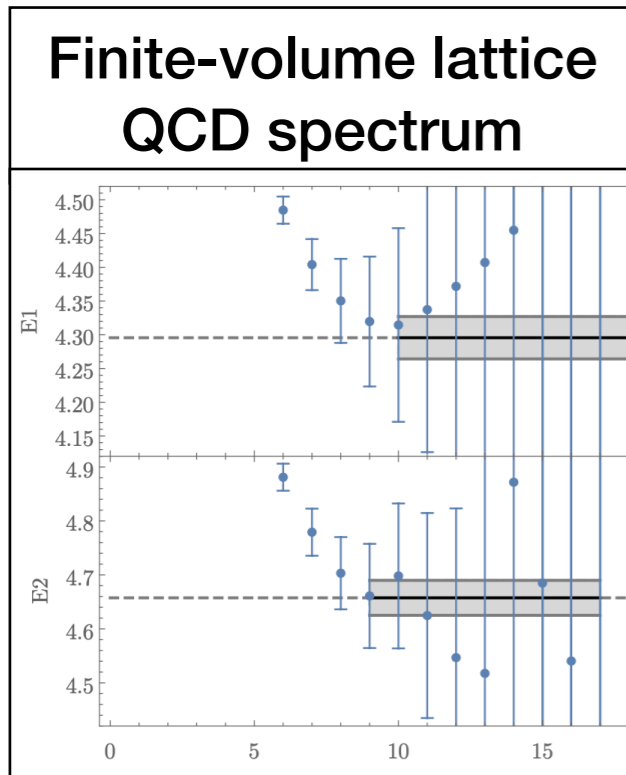
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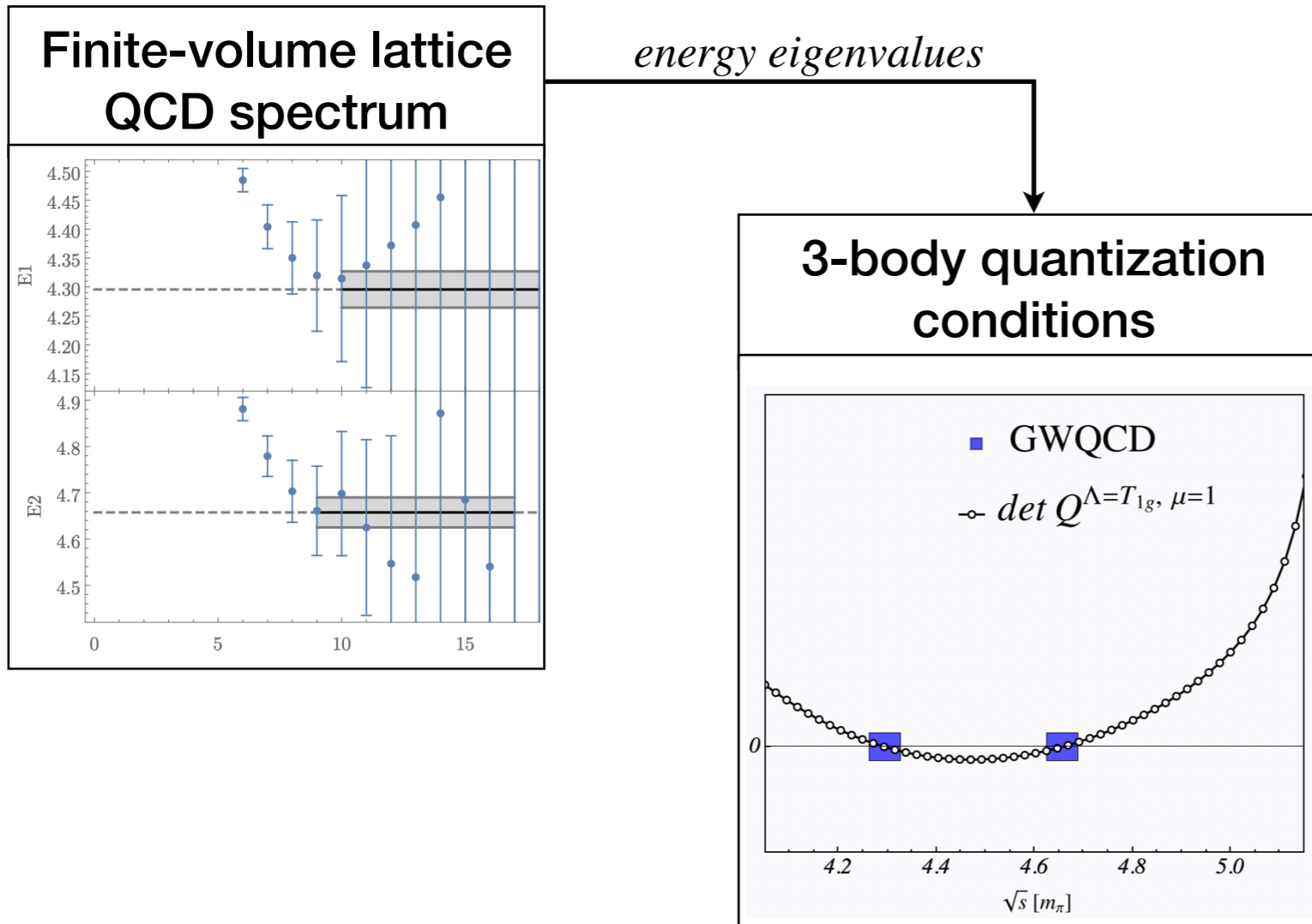
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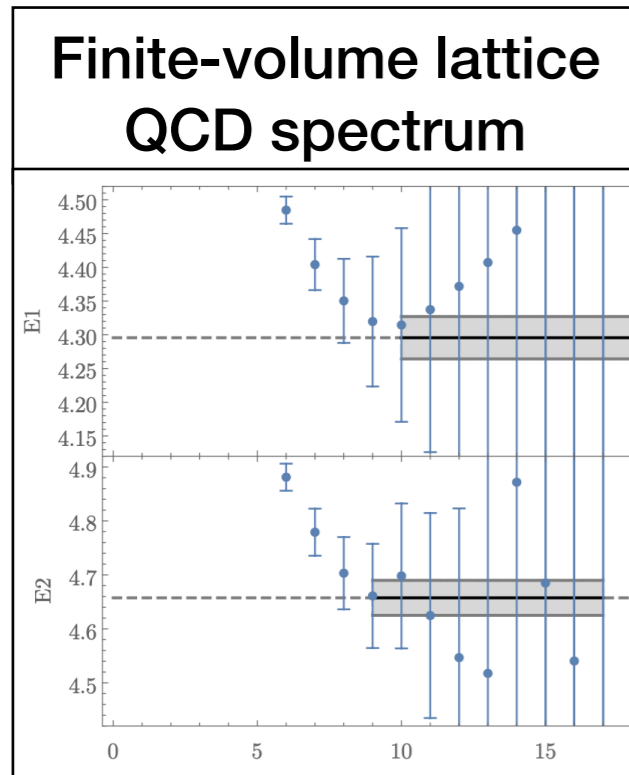
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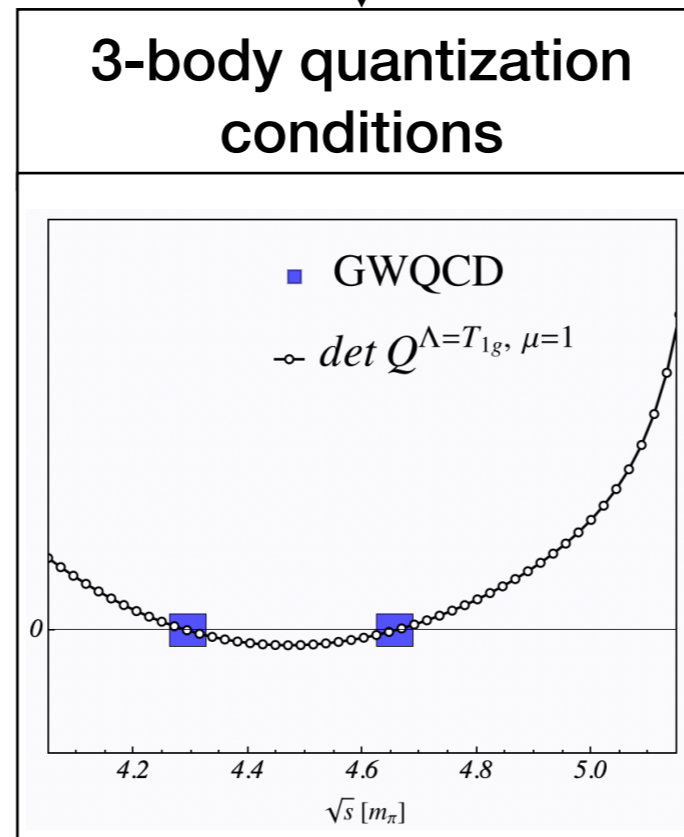
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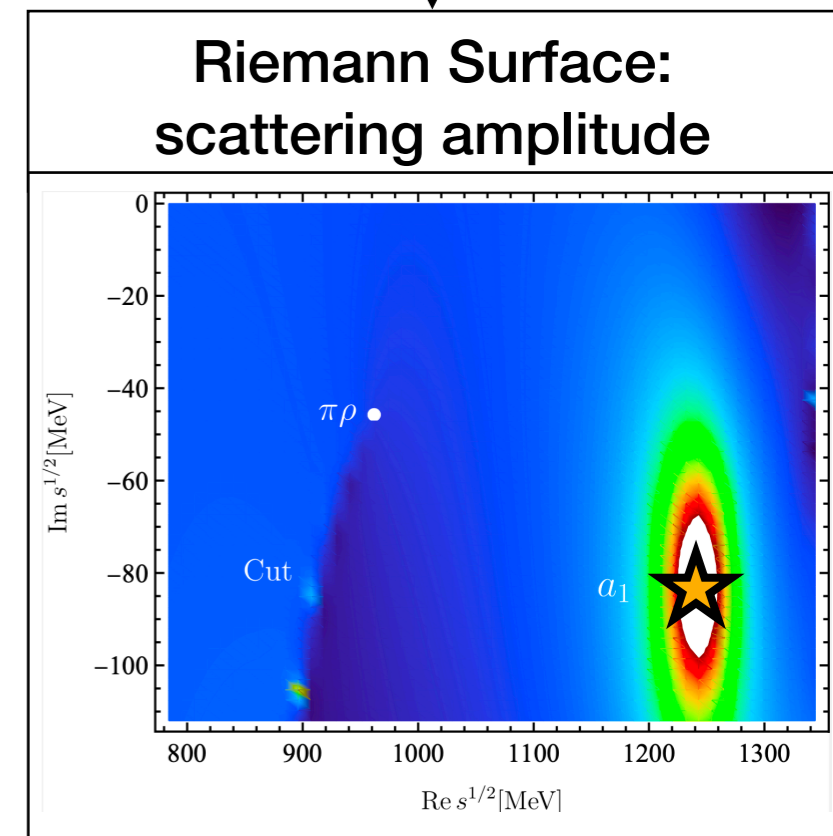
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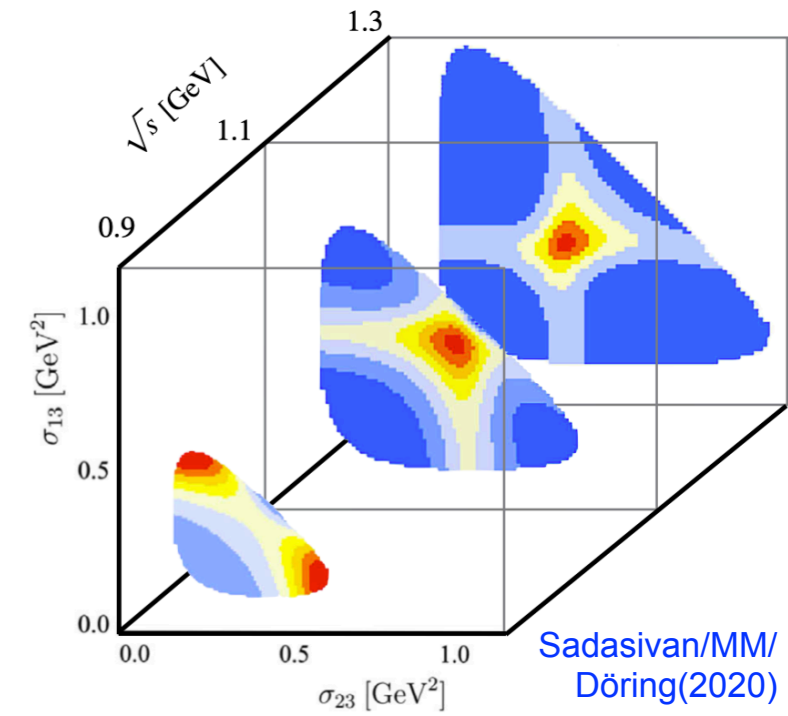


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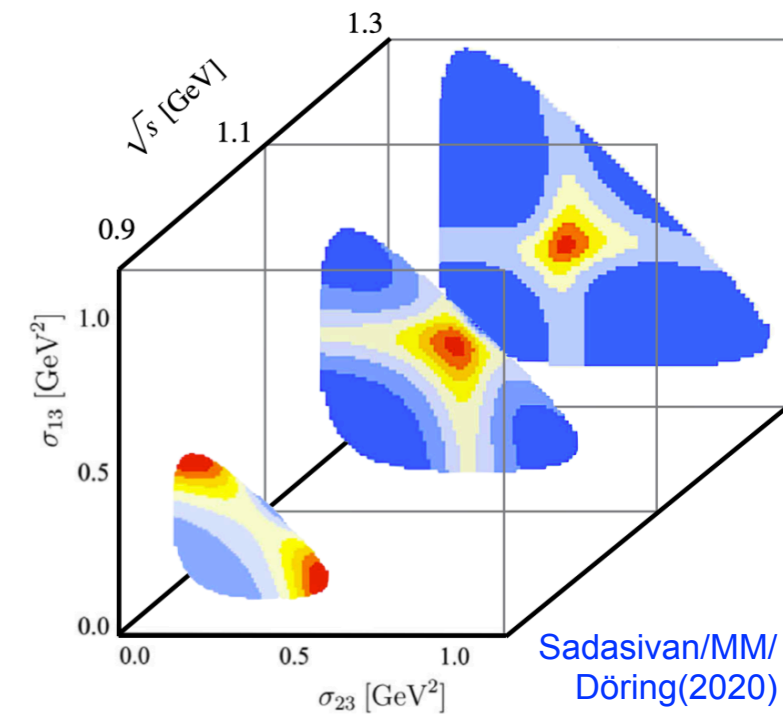
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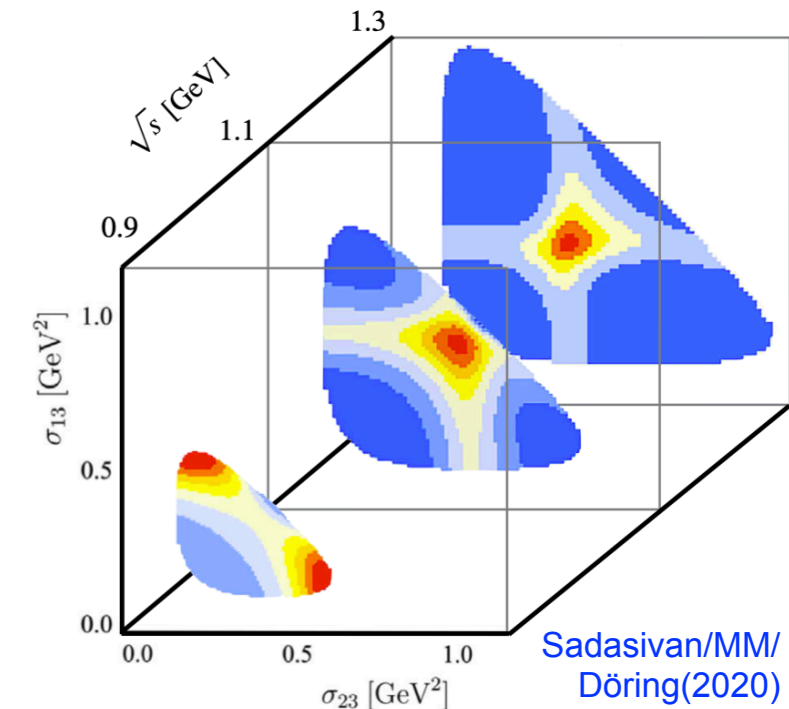


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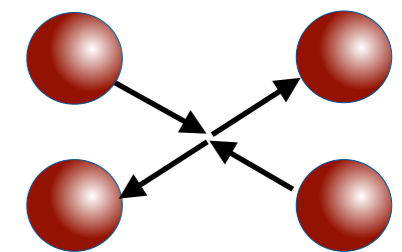
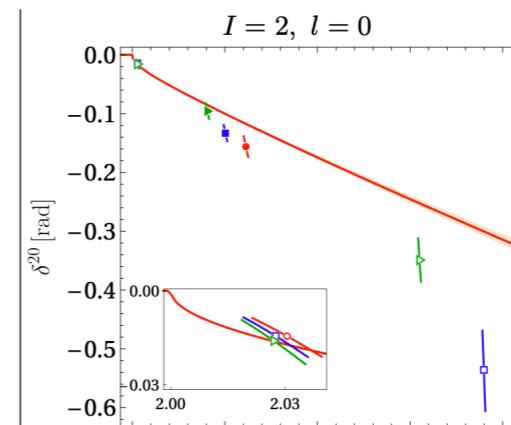
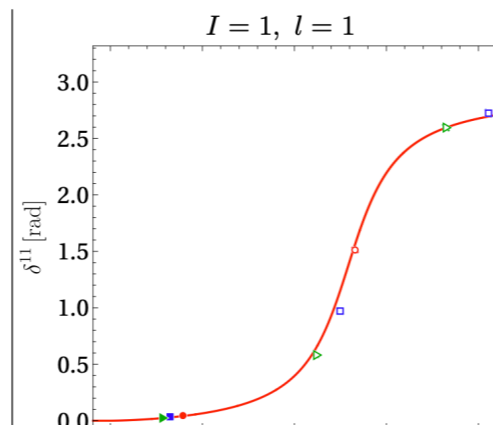
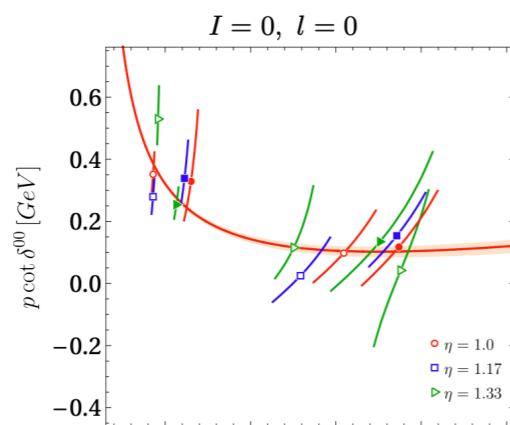
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[NPLQCD], [RQCD], [ETMC], [HadSpec], ... **Review: Rev.Mod.Phys. 90 (2018) 2**



e.g. MM et al. [GWQCD] (2019)

- non-resonant 3-body systems with maximal isospin:  $\pi^+\pi^+\pi^+$ ,  $K^-K^-K^-$ , ...

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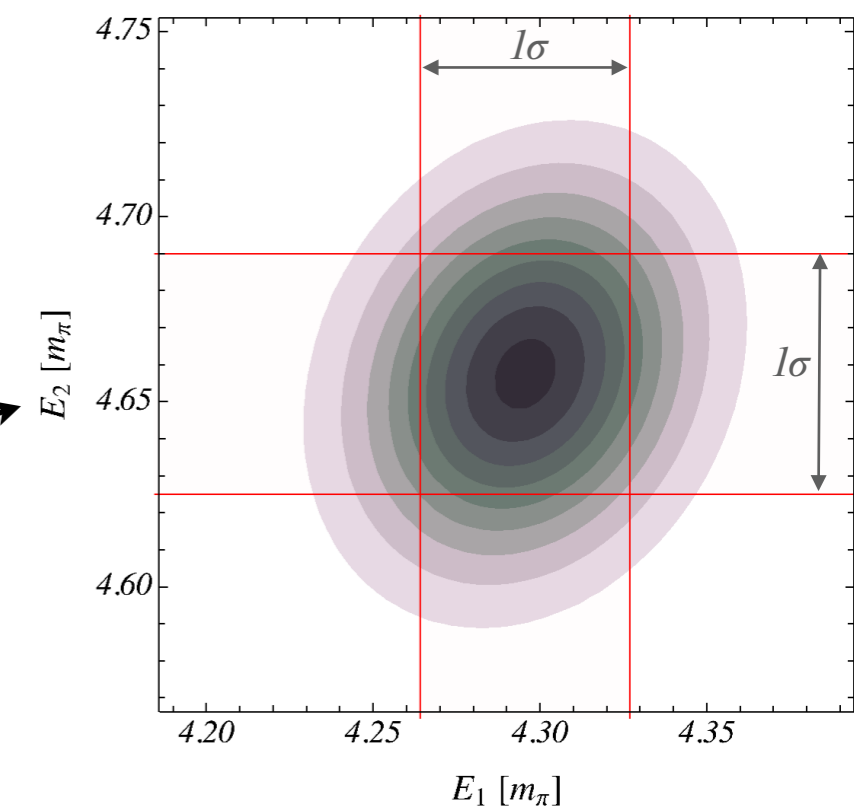
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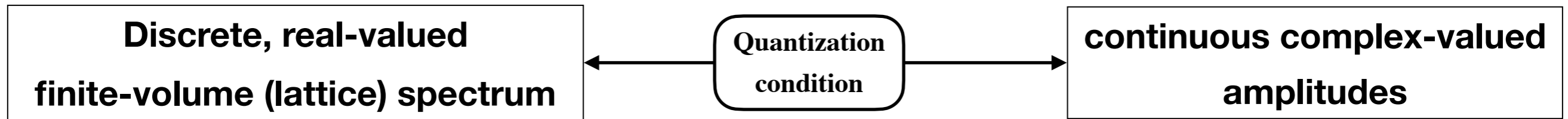
- $3\pi$  operators essential for the excited-state extraction  
c.f.  $\rho\pi$  operators in previous 2-meson  $a_1$  calculation

Lang et al. JHEP 04, 162 (2014)

- high-momentum states are required:  
 $\pi(0,0,0)\pi(+1,+1,0)\pi(-1,-1,0)$  etc..
- two levels exist below  $5\pi$  threshold



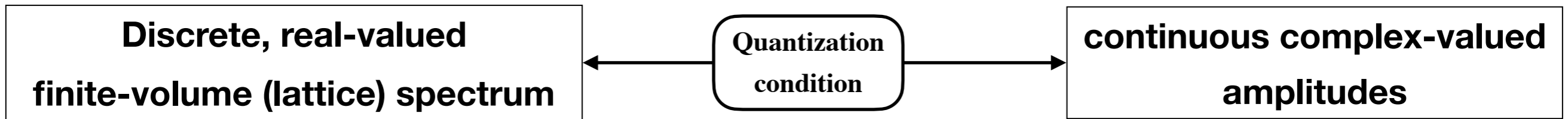
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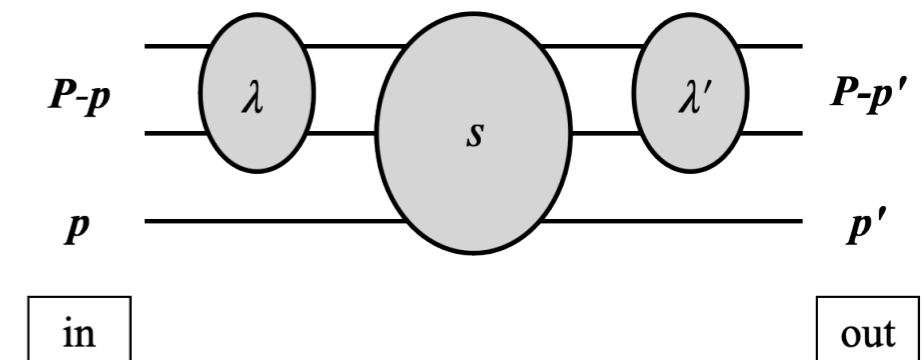
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## Finite Volume Unitarity (FVU) [MM, Döring EPJA \(2017\) PRL \(2019\)](#)

- extended to higher spin and coupled-channels: new degree of freedom (helicity,  $\lambda$ )

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- $\infty$ -dim. determinant equation in  $\mathbf{p} \in \frac{2\pi}{L} \mathbf{Z}^3 \rightarrow$  practical applications require truncation
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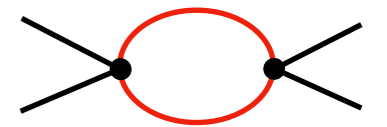
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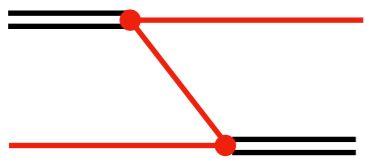
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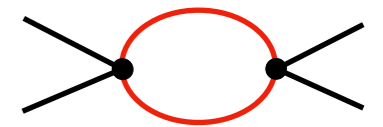
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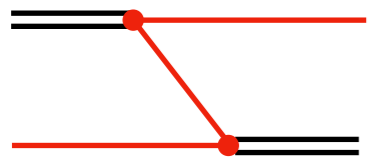
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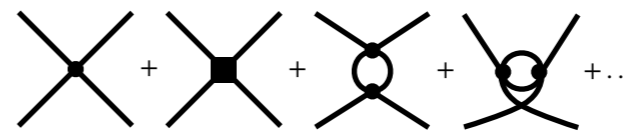
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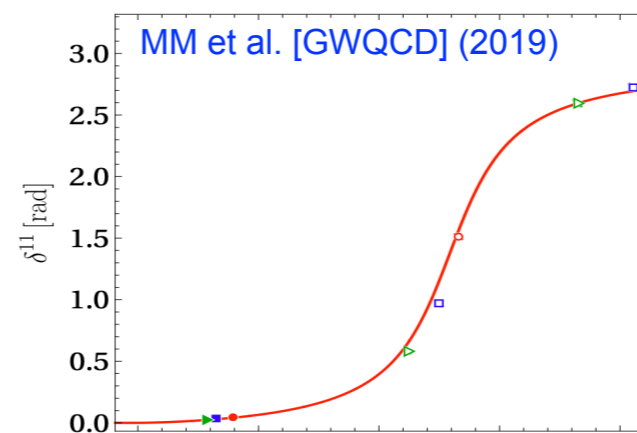
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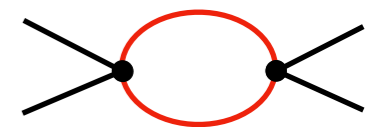
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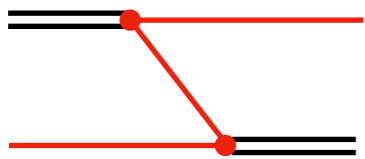
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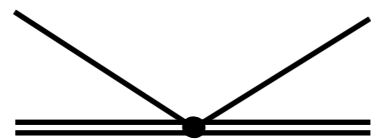
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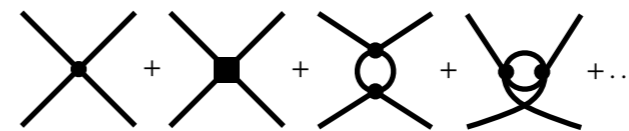
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$$C_{\ell'\ell}(s, \mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) = \sum_{i=-1}^{\infty} c_{\ell'\ell}^{(i)}(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p})(s - \mathbf{m}_{a_1}^2)^i$$

- fit to 3-body levels  $\rightarrow$  next slide

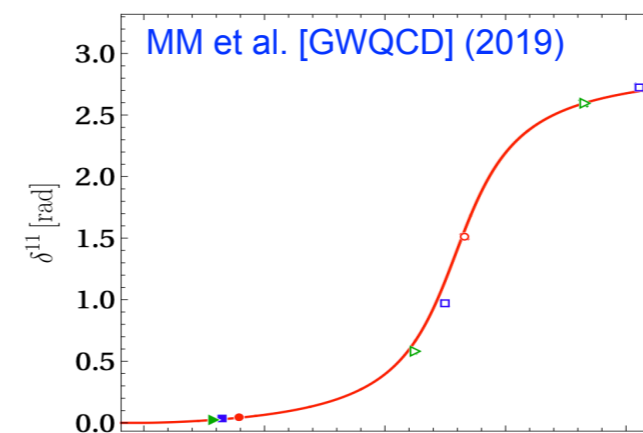
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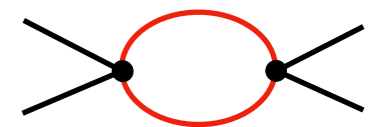
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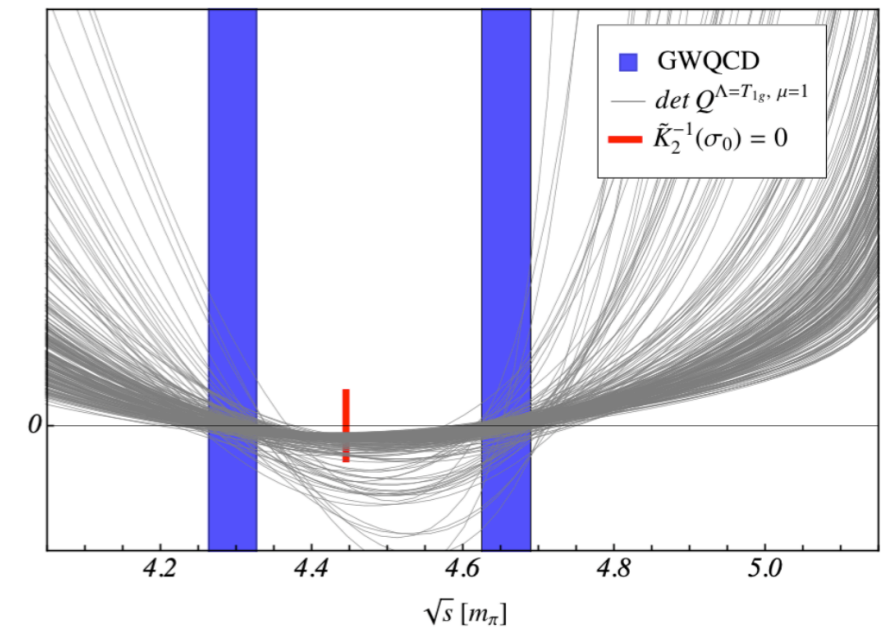
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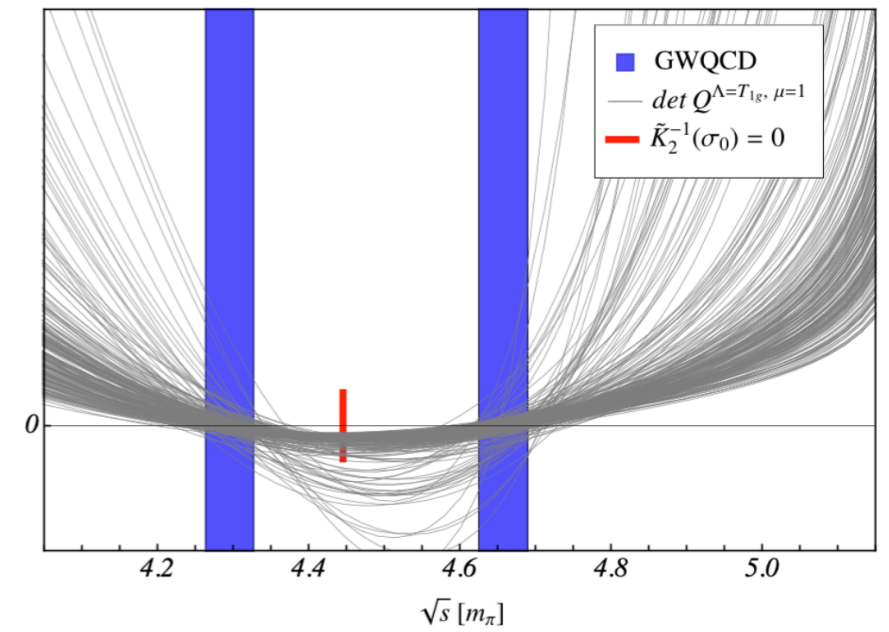
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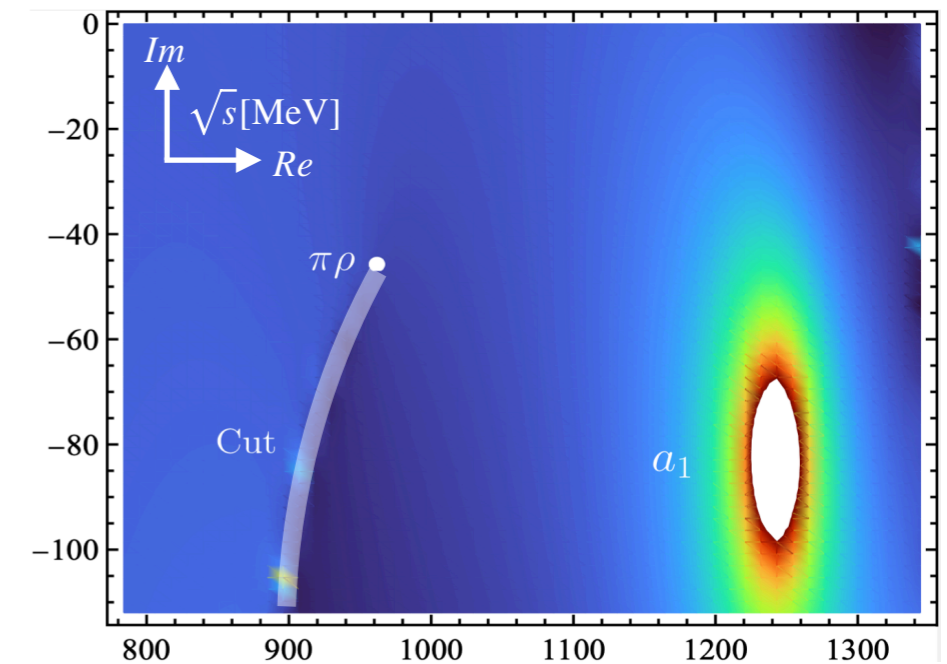


Infinite-volume scattering amplitude

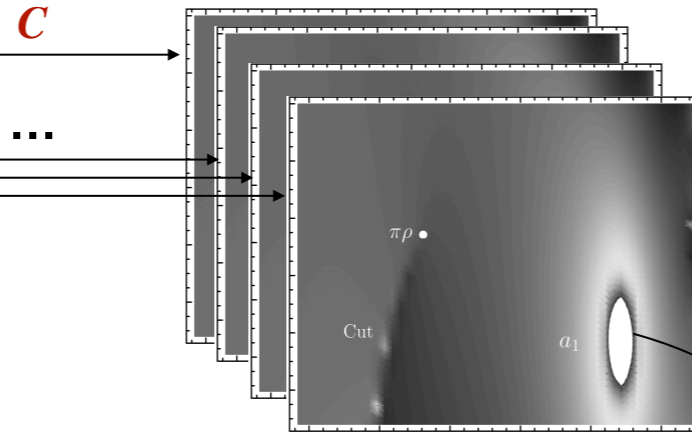
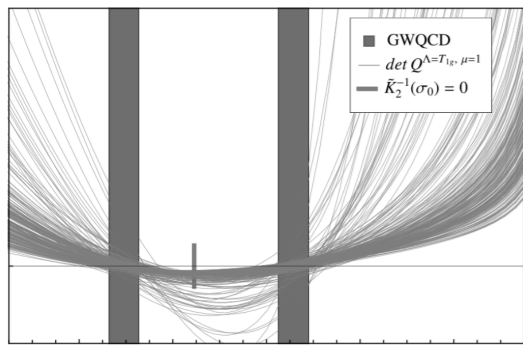
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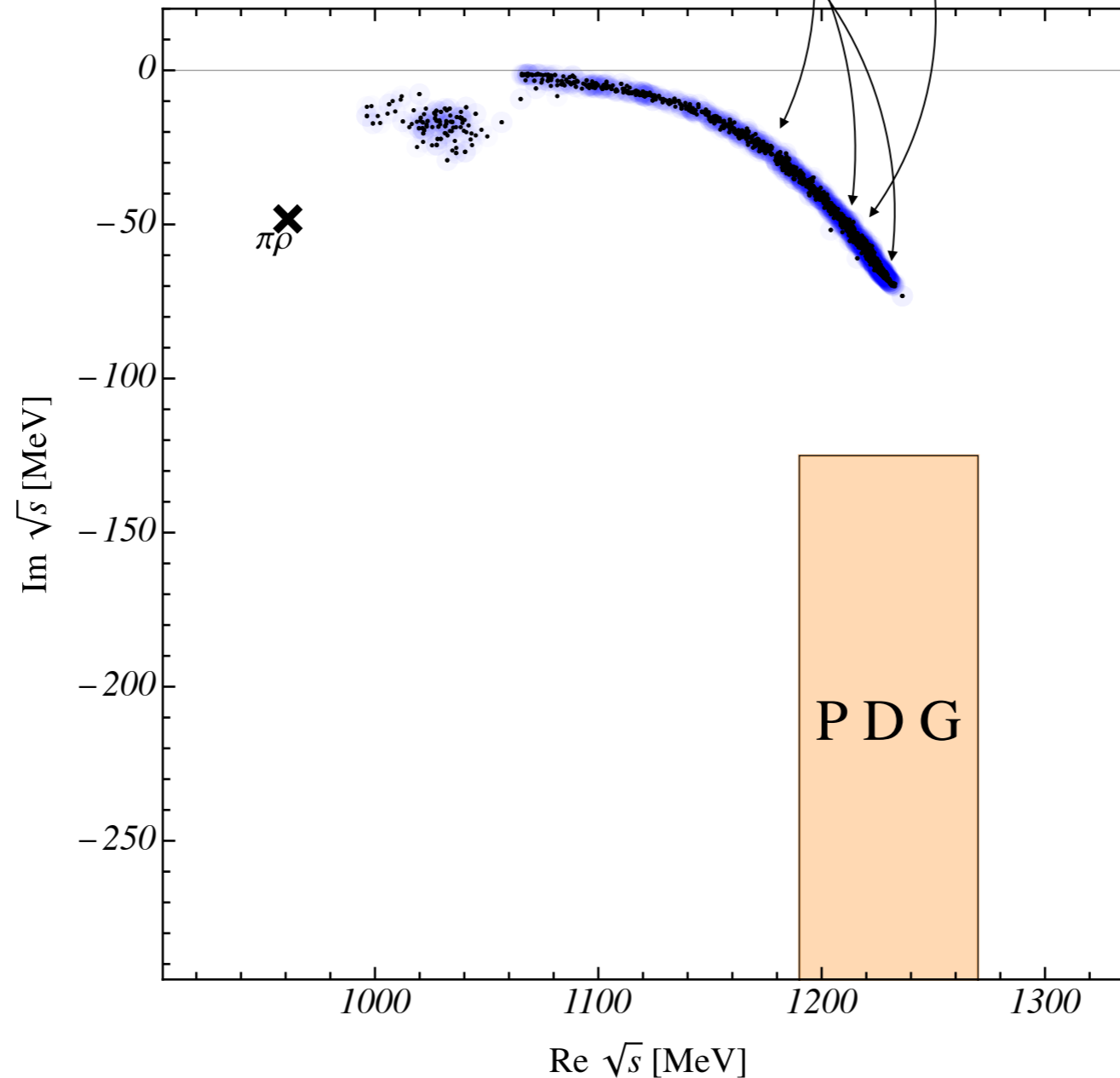
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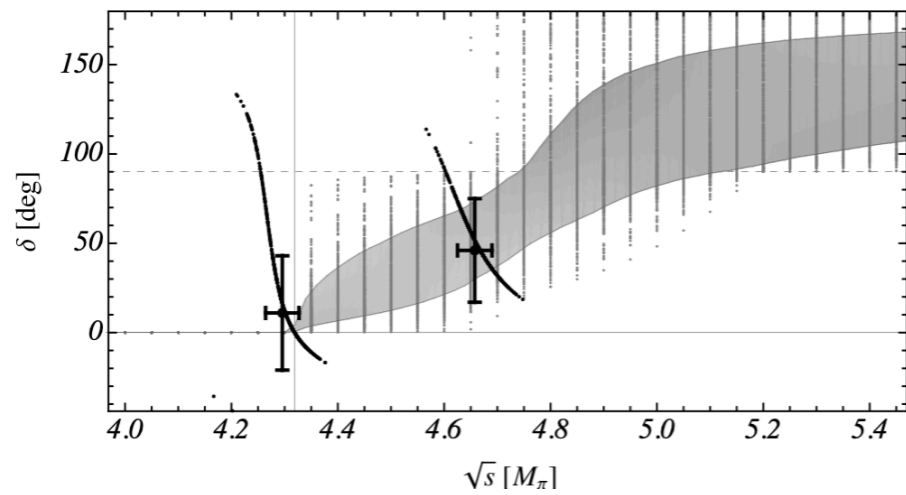
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- 2000 resampling sets
- distribution of poles is finite
- 90% @  $\sim((1110..1210) - (20..70)i)$  MeV

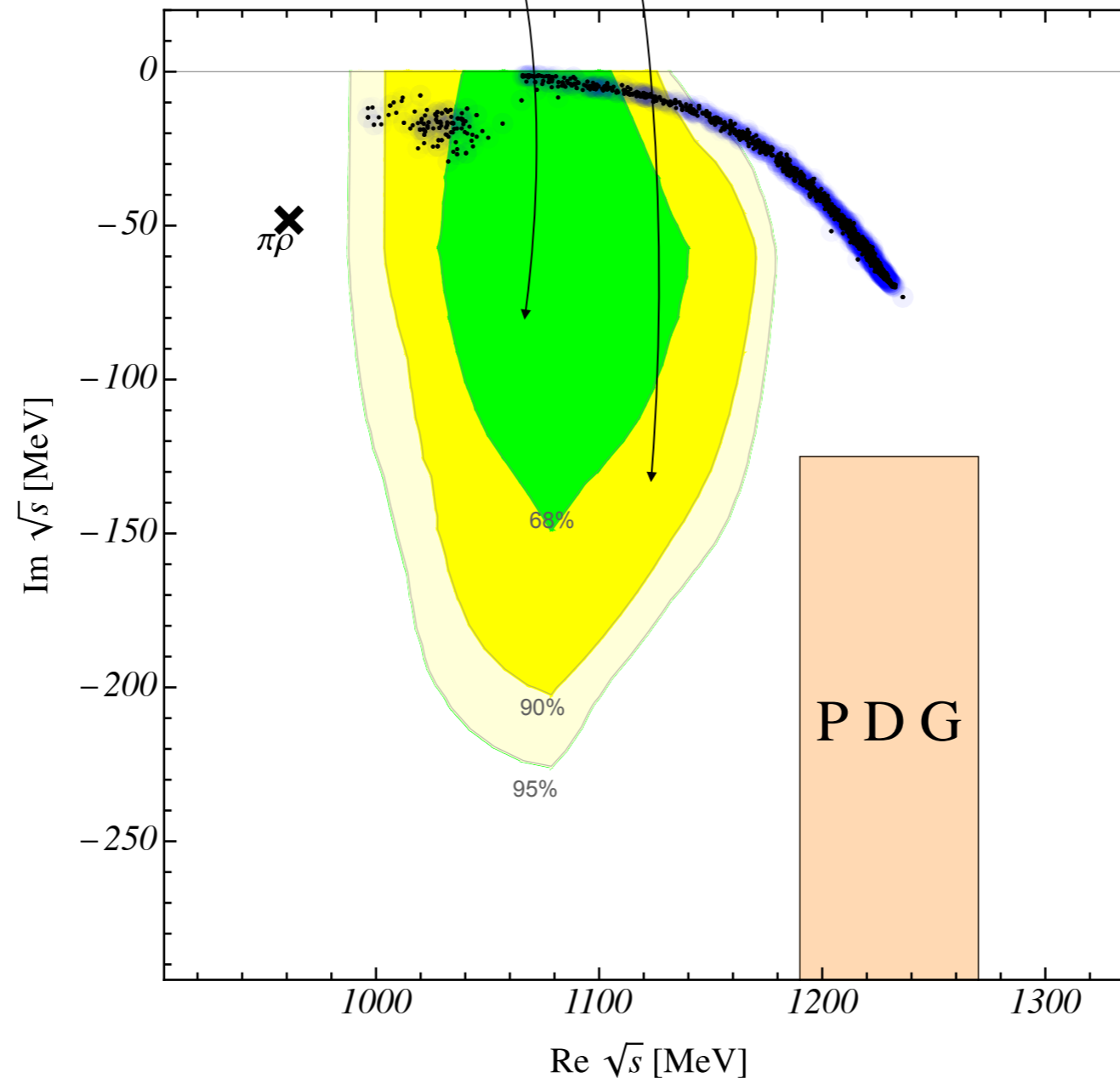


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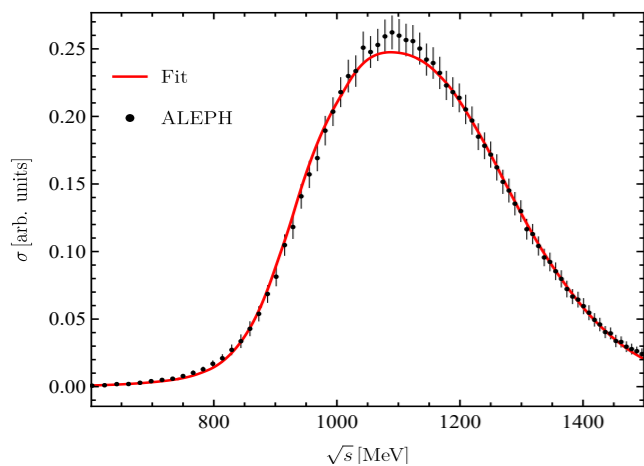


**Can one use two-body approximation?**

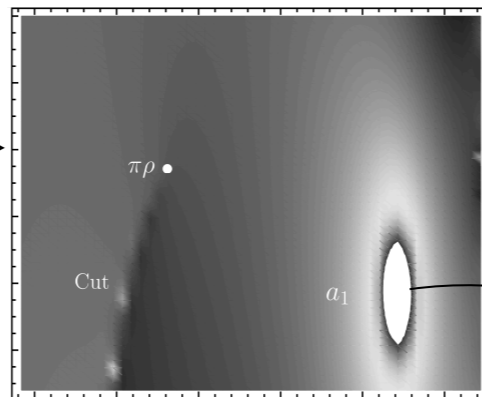
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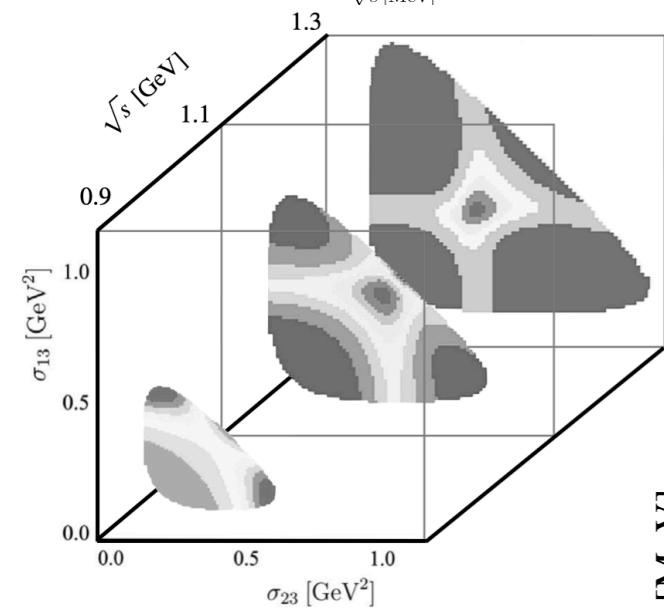


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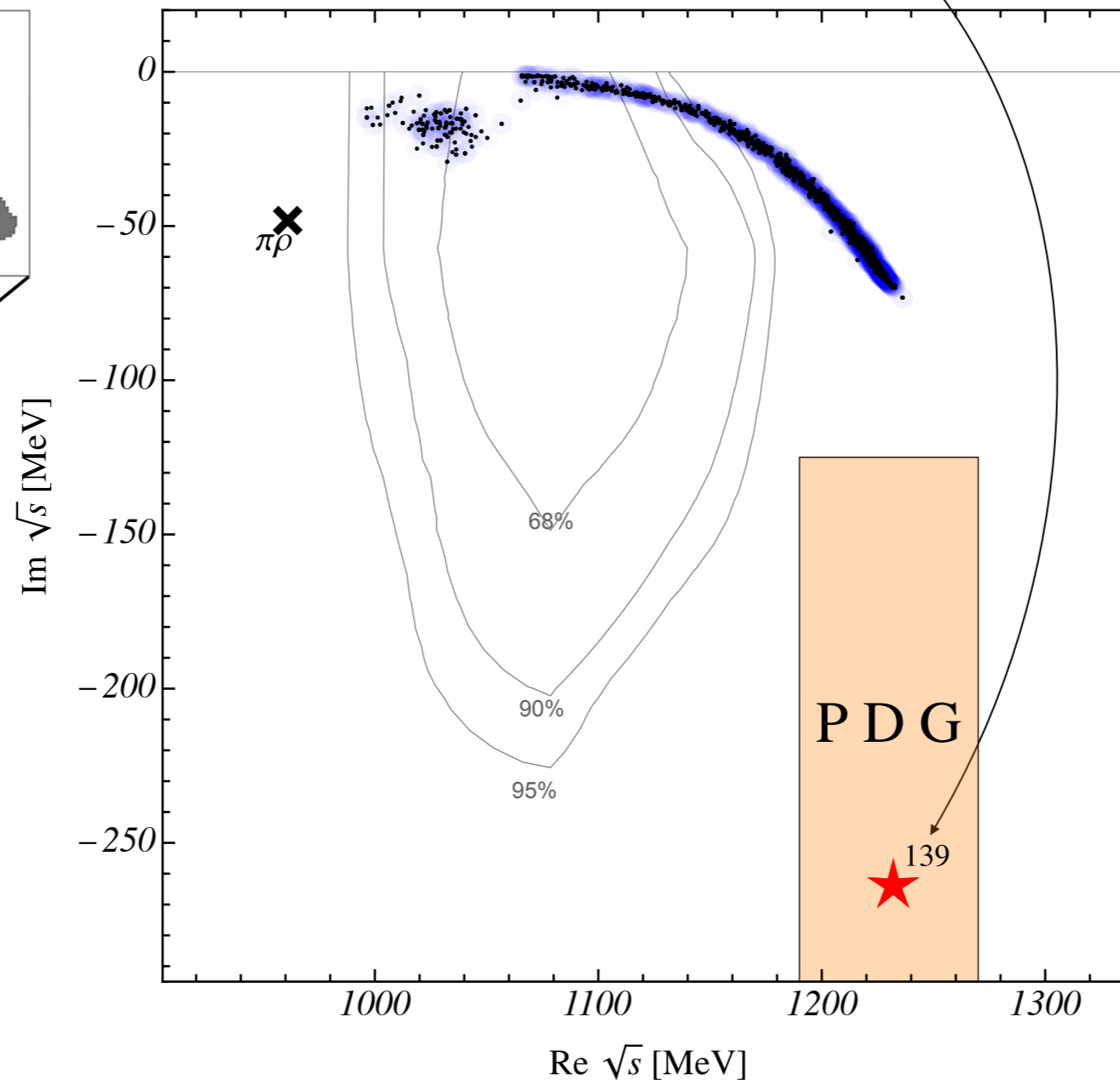


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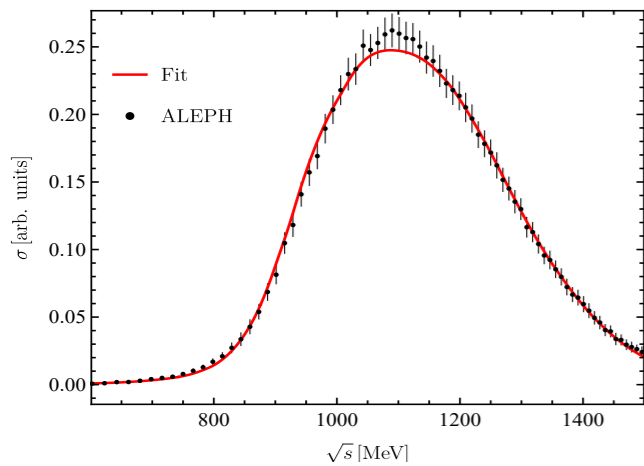
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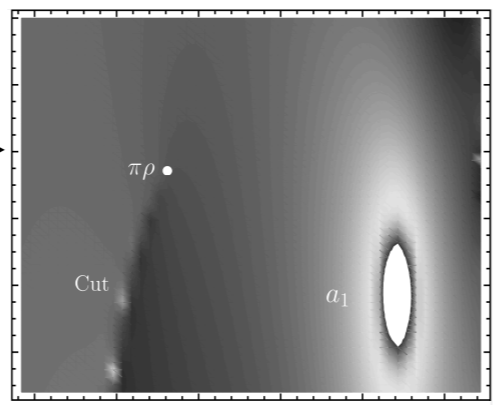
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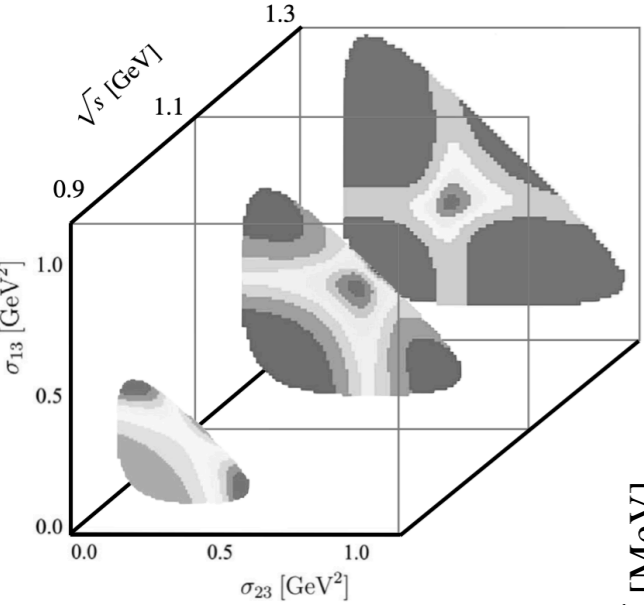


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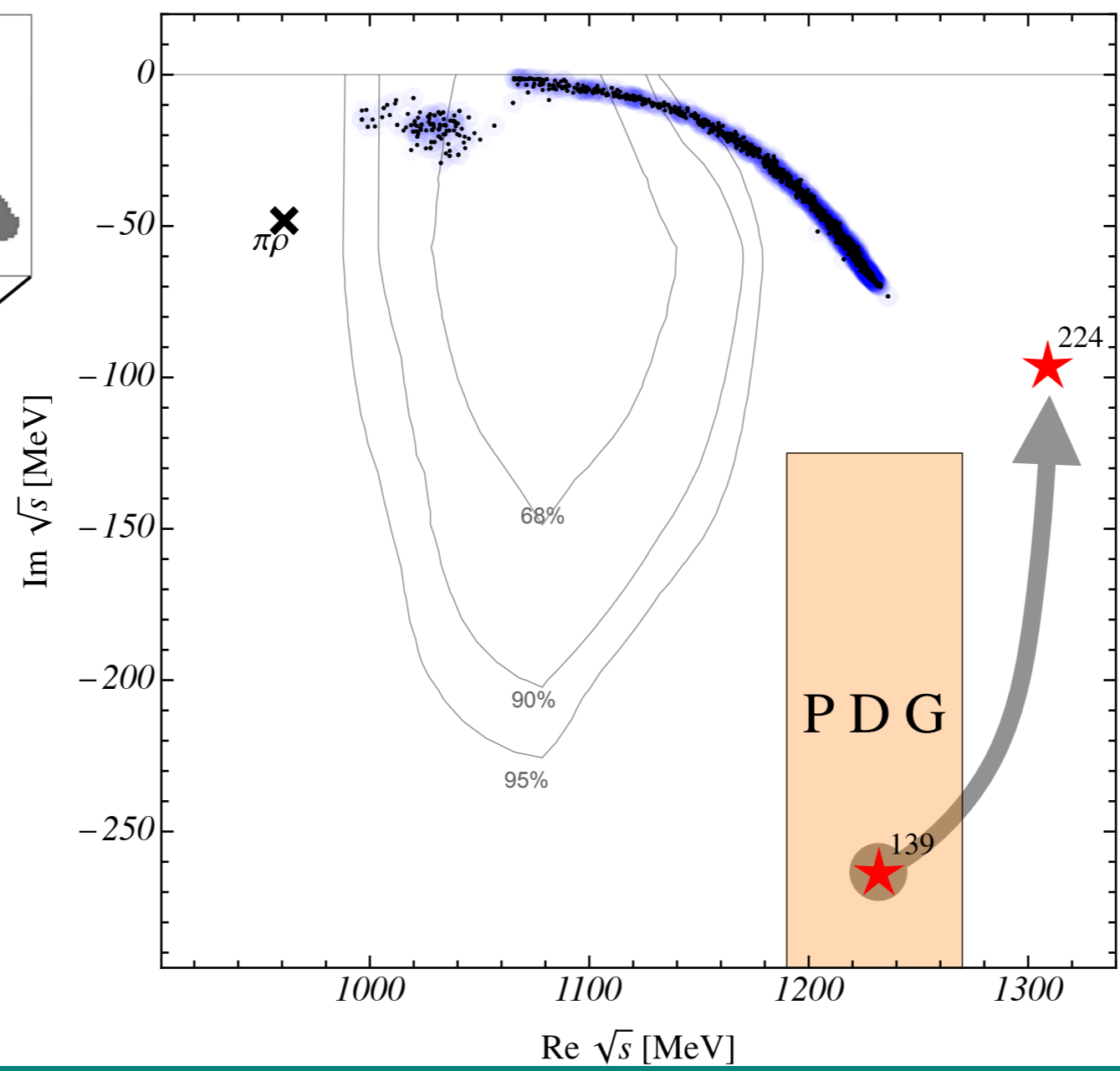


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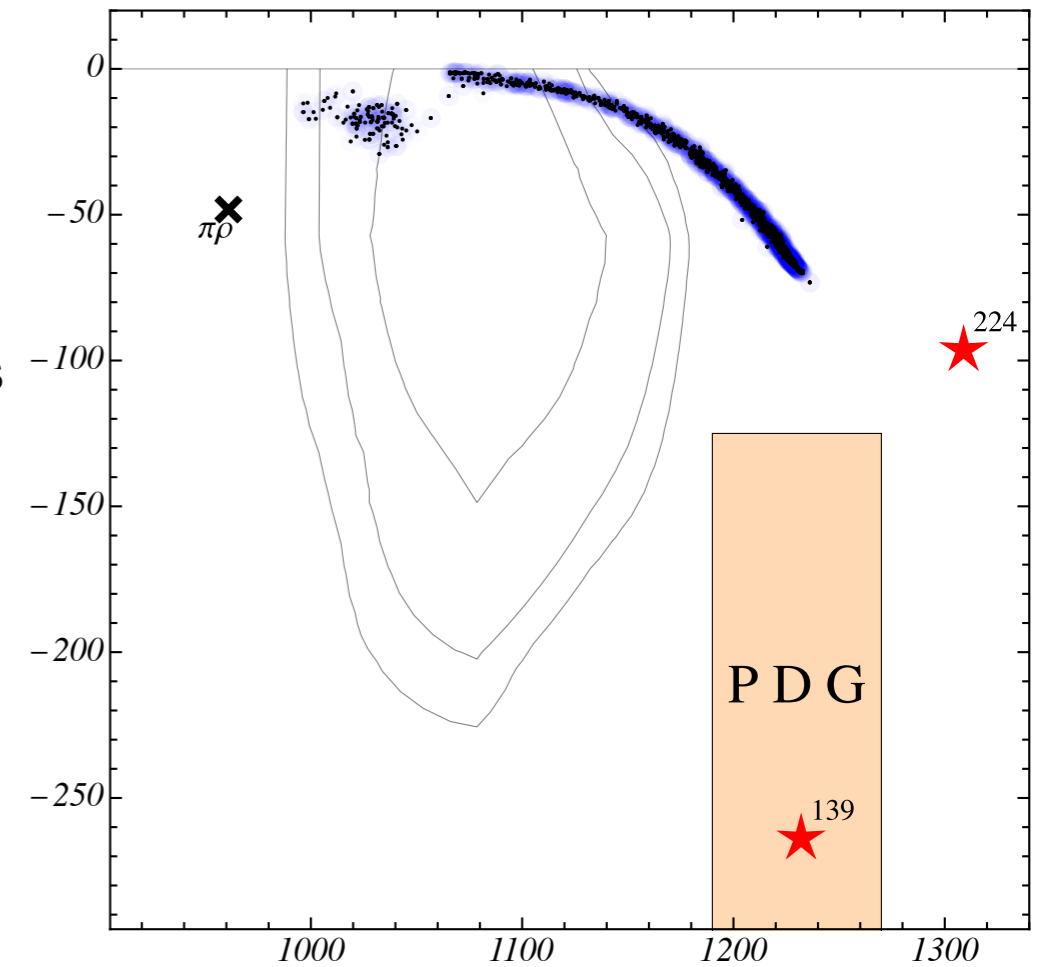
(naive) **chiral extrapolation**  
confirms expectations:

- $a_1$  becomes heavier
- ... and narrower



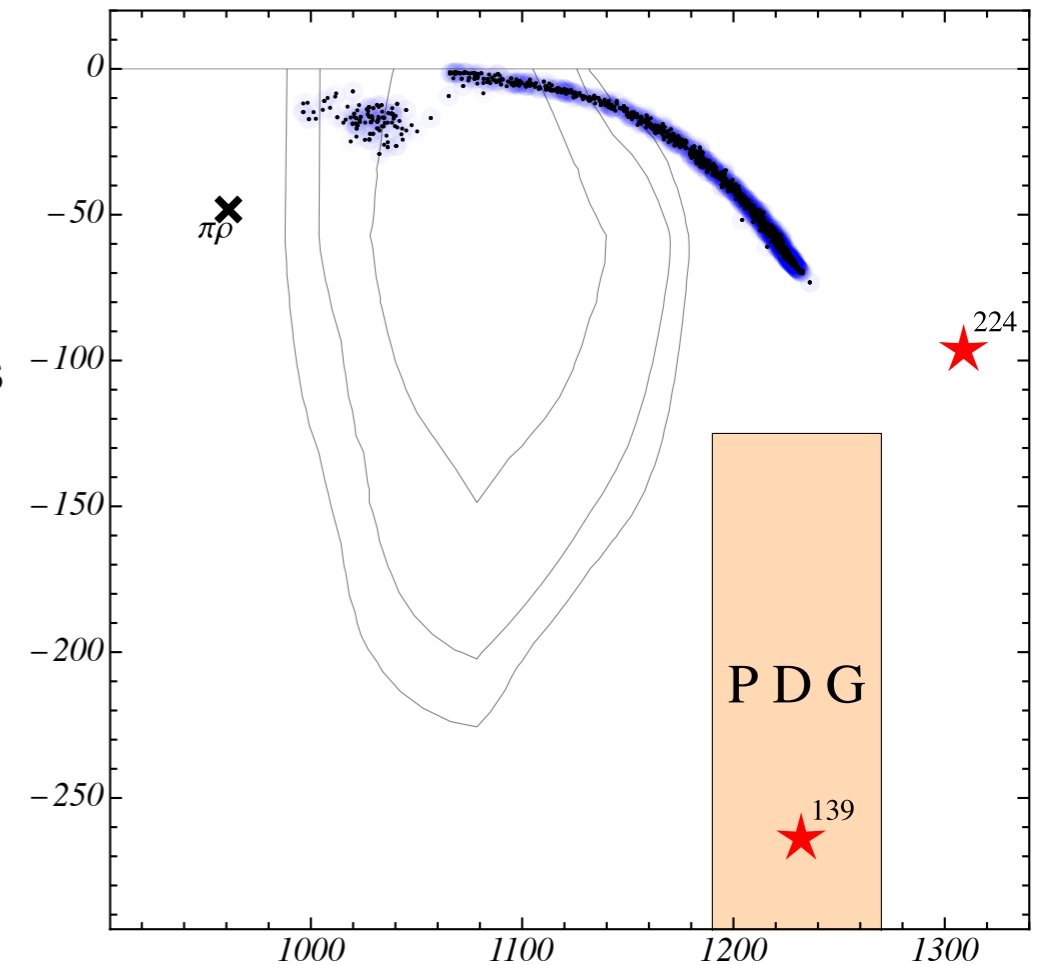
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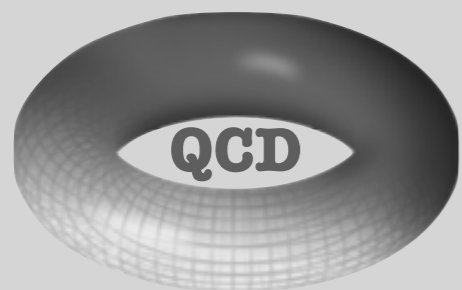
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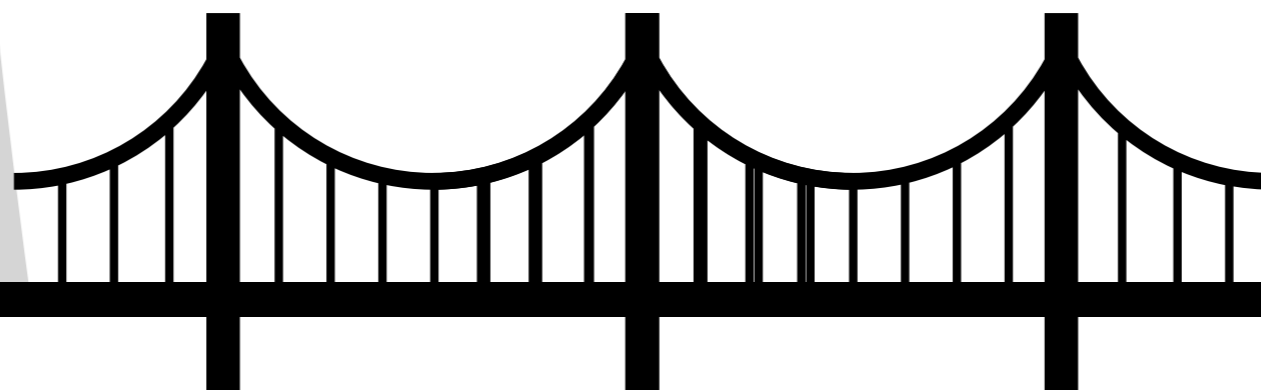
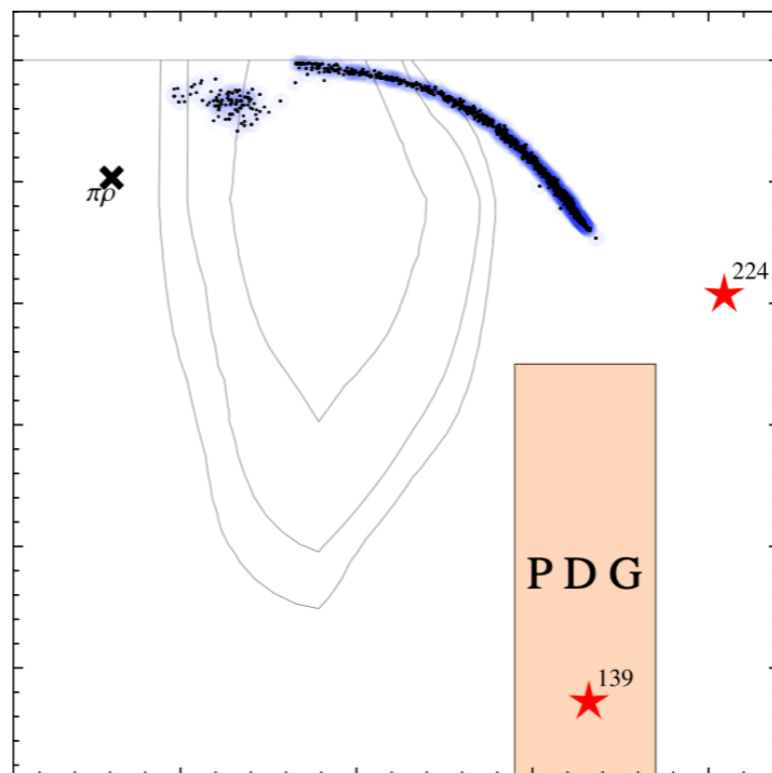
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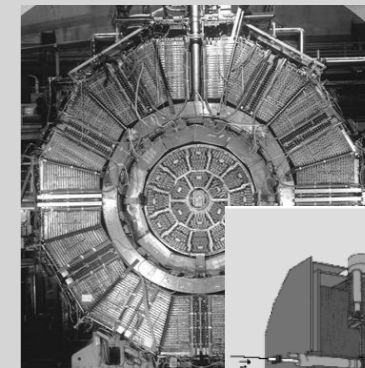


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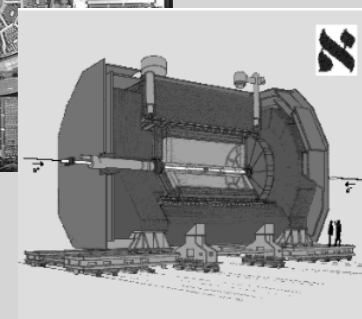
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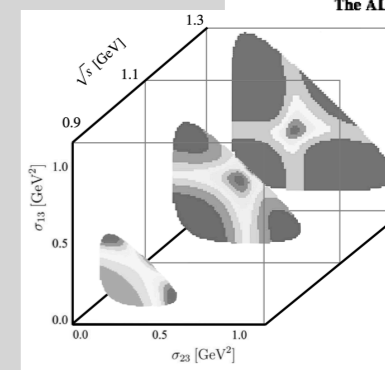
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