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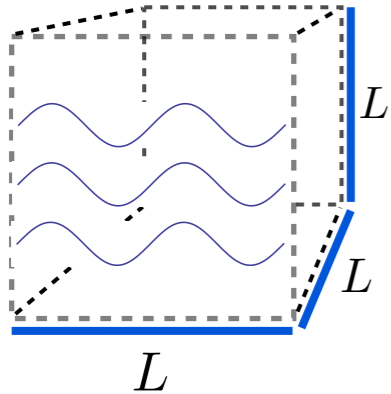
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- Completing the formalism: including resonant subchannels
- Numerical experiments in the isotropic approximation
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Motivation

- Studying resonances with three particle decay channels
 - $\omega(782, I^G J^{PC} = 0^- 1^{--}) \rightarrow 3\pi$ (no resonant subchannels)
 - $a_2(1320, I^G J^{PC} = 1^- 2^{++}) \rightarrow \rho\pi \rightarrow 3\pi$
 - $N(1440) \rightarrow \Delta\pi \rightarrow N\pi\pi$
 - $X(3872) \rightarrow J/\Psi\pi\pi$
- Calculating weak decay amplitudes involving 3 or more particles, e.g. $K \rightarrow 3\pi$, $D \rightarrow 2\pi$, 4π , ...
- Determining NNN interactions

Methodology & Status

2 & 3 particle
spectrum from LQCD



Quantization conditions

$$\det [F_2^{-1} + \mathcal{K}_2]$$

$$\det [F_3^{-1} + \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}]$$

Intermediate
scattering quantities

Integral equations in
infinite volume

Scattering amplitudes

$$\mathcal{M}_2, \mathcal{M}_3, \mathcal{M}_{23}, \dots$$

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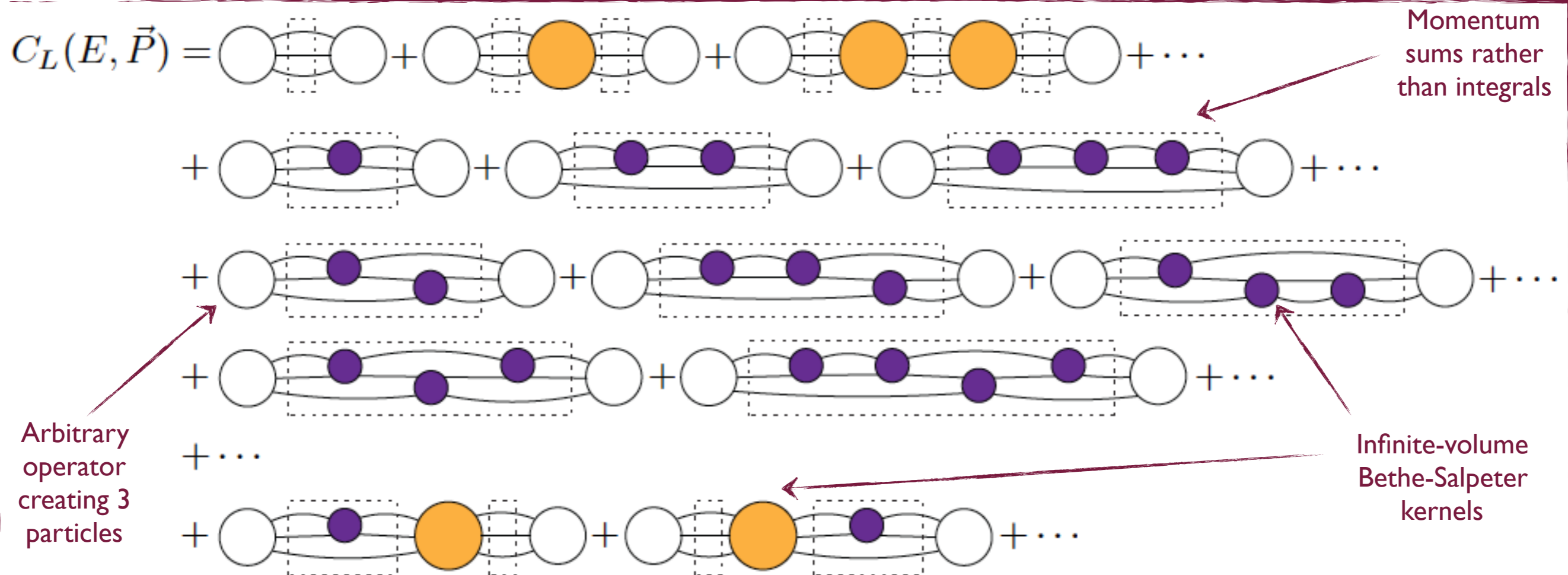
- Three approaches
 - Relativistic [Briceño, Hansen, SRS]
 - NREFT [Hammer, Pang, Rusetsky]
 - Finite-volume Khuri-Treiman [Döring, Mai]
- Each have pros and cons
 - Intermediate scattering quantities differ
 - All require partial-wave truncation
 - Similar challenges for numerical implementation

Our approach (1)

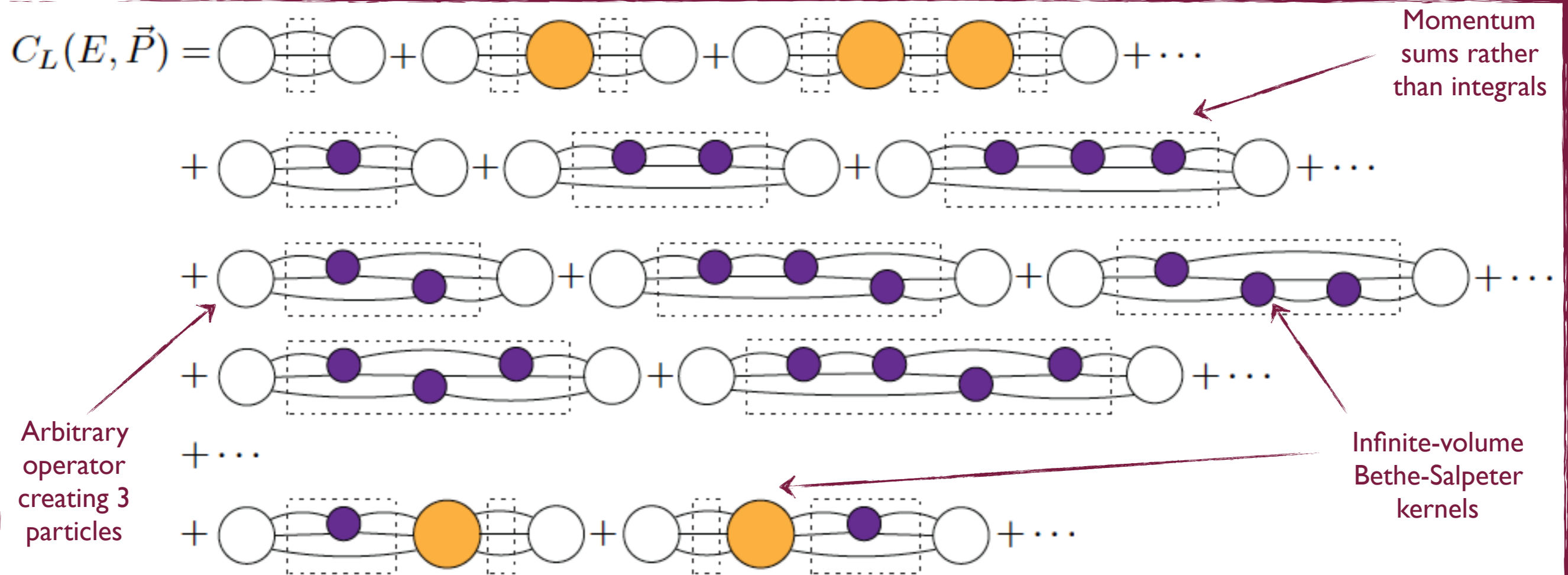
[Hansen & SRS,
arXiv:1408.5933]

- Generic relativistic EFT, working to all orders
 - Do not need a power-counting scheme
 - To simplify analysis: impose a global Z_2 symmetry (G parity) & consider identical scalars
- Obtain spectrum from poles in finite-volume correlator
 - Consider $E_{CM} < 5m$ so on-shell states involve only 3 particles

(1)



Our approach (2)



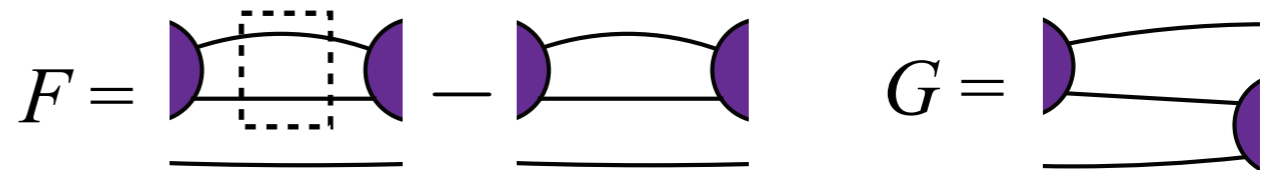
- Replace sums with integrals plus sum-integral differences to extent possible
 - If summand has pole or cusp then difference $\sim 1/L^n$ and must keep (Lüscher zeta function)
 - If summand is smooth then difference $\sim \exp(-mL)$ and drop
- Avoid cusps by using PV prescription—leads to generalized 3-particle K matrix
- Subtract above-threshold divergences of 3-particle K matrix—leads to $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$

Our approach (3)

- (3)
- Reorganize, resum, ... to separate infinite-volume on-shell relativistically-invariant non-singular scattering quantities ($\mathcal{K}_2, \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$) from known finite-volume functions (F [Lüscher zeta function] & G [“switch function”])

$$\det [F_3^{-1} + \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}]$$

$$F_3 \equiv \frac{F}{2\omega L^3} \left[-\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{1 + [1 + \mathcal{K}_2 G]^{-1} \mathcal{K}_2 F} \right]$$



- All quantities are infinite-dimensional matrices with indices describing 3 on-shell particles

[finite volume “spectator” momentum: $\mathbf{k}=2\pi\mathbf{n}/L$] \times [2-particle CM angular momentum: l,m]



- For large spectator-momentum \mathbf{k} , the other two particles are below threshold; we must include such configurations by analytic continuation up to a cut-off at $k \sim m$ [provided by $H(\mathbf{k})$]

Our approach (4)

[Hansen & SRS, arXiv:1504.04248]

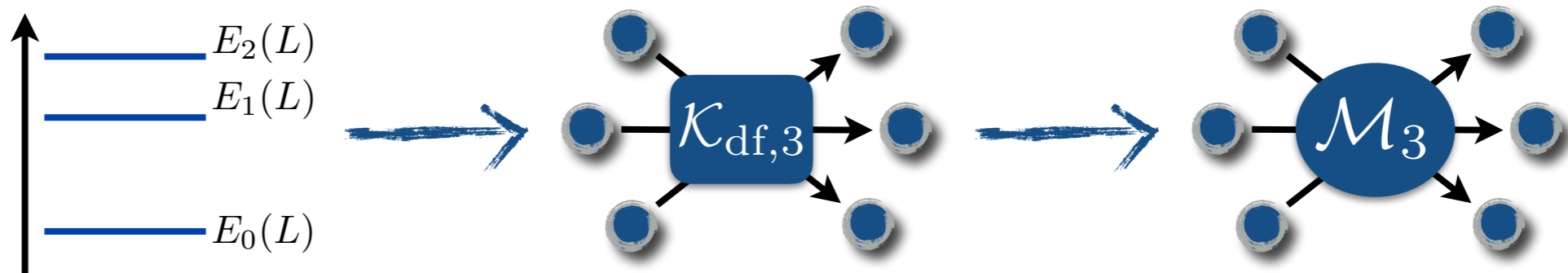
- Relate $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ to \mathcal{M}_3 by taking infinite-volume limit of finite-volume scattering amplitude
 - Results in infinite-volume integral equations involving \mathcal{M}_2 & cut-off function H
 - Can formally invert equations to show that $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ (while unphysical) is relativistically invariant and has same properties under discrete symmetries (P,T) as \mathcal{M}_3

(4)

Status of relativistic approach

- Original work applied to scalars with G-parity & no subchannel resonances [Hansen, SRS: 1408.5933 & 1504.04248]

$$\det [F_3^{-1} + \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}]$$

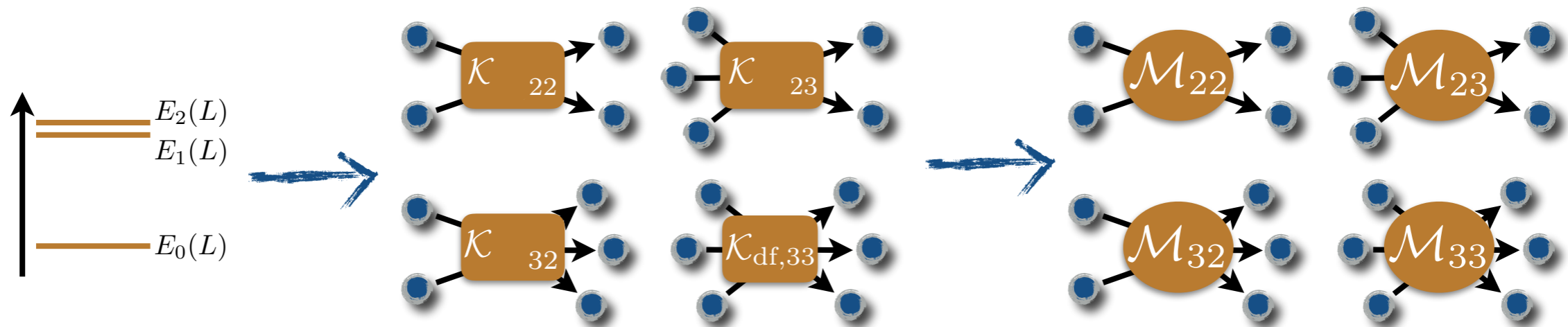


Status of relativistic approach

- Second major step: removing G-parity constraint, allowing $2 \leftrightarrow 3$ processes [Briceño, Hansen, SRS: 1701.07465]

F_2 appears
in 2-particle
quantization
condition

$$\det \left[\begin{pmatrix} F_2 & 0 \\ 0 & F_3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{K}_{22} & \mathcal{K}_{23} \\ \mathcal{K}_{32} & \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},33} \end{pmatrix} \right] = 0$$



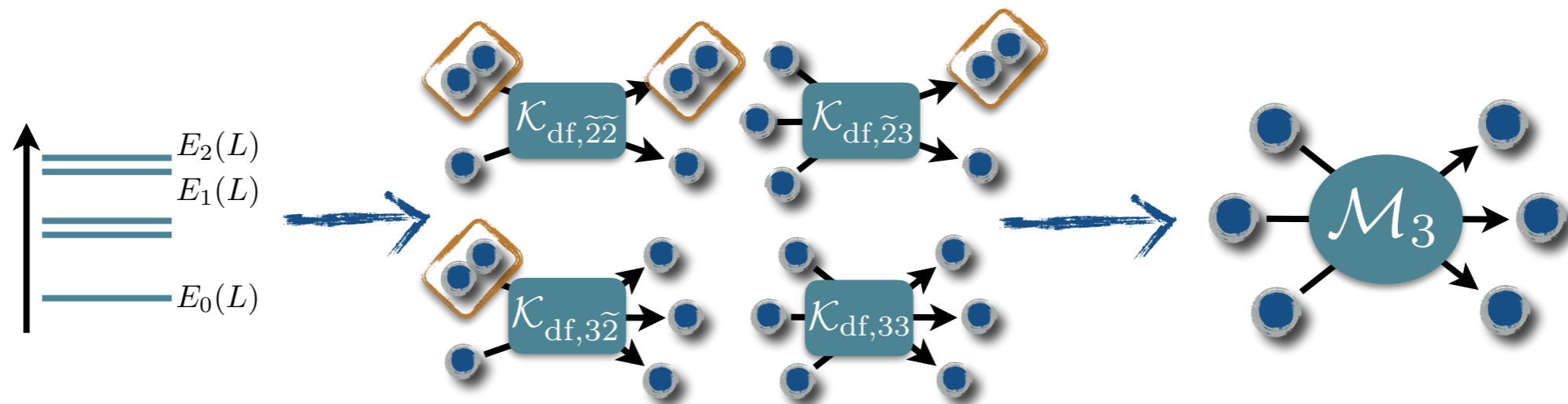
Completing the formalism (1)

- Final major step: allowing subchannel resonance (i.e. pole in \mathcal{K}_2)
[Briceño, Hansen, SRS: 1808.XXXXX]

resonance +
particle channel
(not physical)

Determined by \mathcal{K}_2 &
Lüscher finite-volume
zeta functions

$$\det \left[\begin{pmatrix} F_{\tilde{2}\tilde{2}} & F_{\tilde{2}3} \\ F_{3\tilde{2}} & F_{33} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},\tilde{2}\tilde{2}} & \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},\tilde{2}3} \\ \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3\tilde{2}} & \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},33} \end{pmatrix} \right] = 0$$



Completing the formalism (2)

$$\det \left[\begin{pmatrix} F_{\tilde{2}\tilde{2}} & F_{\tilde{2}3} \\ F_{3\tilde{2}} & F_{33} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},\tilde{2}\tilde{2}} & \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},\tilde{2}3} \\ \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3\tilde{2}} & \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},33} \end{pmatrix} \right] = 0$$

- Forced into extra unphysical “ $\rho\pi$ ” channel to account for FV effects of poles in \mathcal{K}_2 at intermediate stages of derivation
- Positive feature: should allow smooth transition between formalism for resonant and stable ρ as $m_{u,d}$ increased

Completing the formalism (3)

- To-do list
 - Multiple poles in K_2
 - Nondegenerate particles with spin
 - Connecting formalism for resonances to that for stable particles
- All appear straightforward

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Isotropic low-energy approximation

[Briceño, Hansen & SRS, 1803.04169]

- Scalar particles with G parity so no $2 \leftrightarrow 3$ transitions and no subchannel resonances (e.g. $3 \pi^+$)
- 2-particle interactions are purely s-wave, and determined by the scattering length alone (which can be arbitrarily negative, $a \rightarrow -\infty$)
- Point-like three-particle interaction $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$ independent of momenta, although can depend on $s=(E_{cm})^2$
- Reduces problem to 1-d quantization condition, although intermediate matrices involve finite-volume momenta up to cutoff $|k| \sim m$
- **Analog in our formalism of the approximations used in other approaches:**
[Hammer, Pang, Rusetsky, 1706.07700; Mai & Döring, 1709.08222; Döring et al., 1802.03362; Mai & Döring, 1807.04746]

Isotropic low-energy approximation

[Briceño, Hansen & SRS, 1803.04169]

$$\det \left[F_3^{-1} + \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3} \right] \longrightarrow 1/\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}^{\text{iso}}(E^*) = -F_3^{\text{iso}}[E, \vec{P}, L, \mathcal{M}_2^s]$$

- Relation of $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ to \mathcal{M}_3 (matrix equation that becomes integral equation when $L \rightarrow \infty$)

$$\mathcal{M}_3 = \mathcal{S} \left[\mathcal{D} + \mathcal{L} \frac{1}{1/\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}^{\text{iso}} + F_{3,\infty}^{\text{iso}}} \mathcal{R} \right]$$

symmetrization

\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{L} & \mathcal{R} depend on \mathcal{M}_2 & kinematical factors

$L \rightarrow \infty$ limit of F_3^{iso} depends on \mathcal{M}_2 & kinematical factors

Solutions with $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}=0$

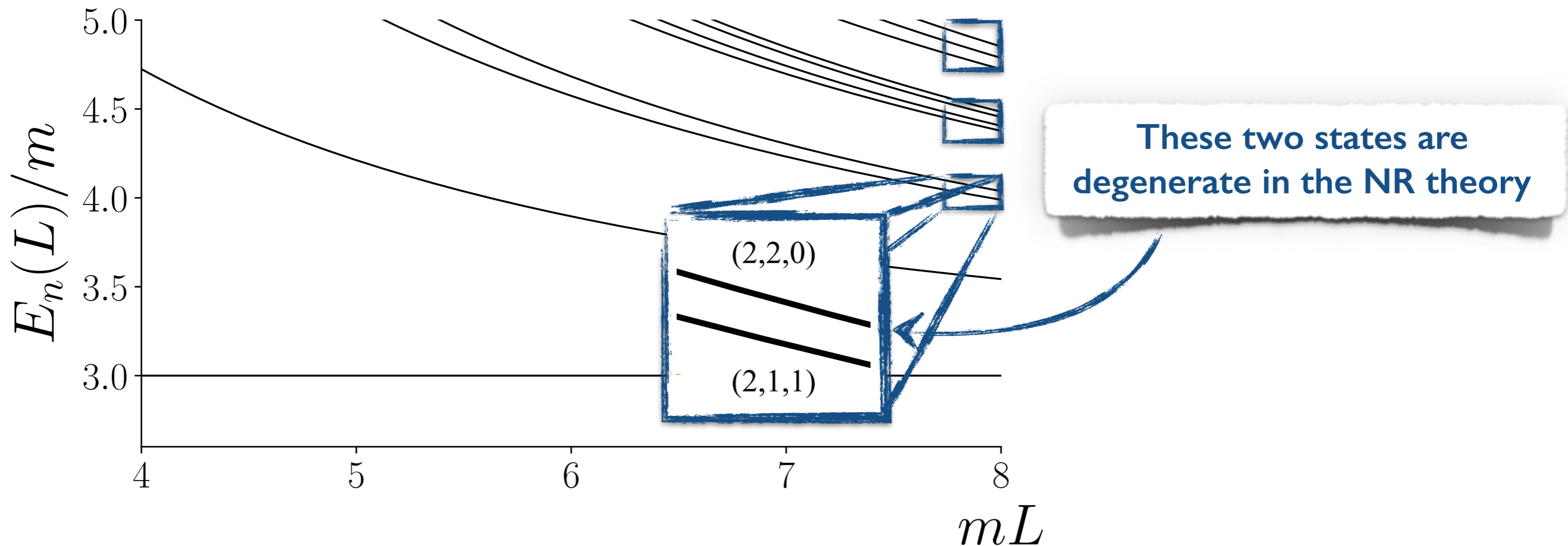
- Useful benchmark: deviations measure impact of 3-particle interaction
 - **Caveat: scheme-dependent since $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$ depends on cut-off function H**
- Meaning of limit for \mathcal{M}_3 :

$$i\mathcal{M}_3 = \mathcal{S} \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} \\ \text{Diagram 2} \\ \text{Diagram 3} \end{array} + \dots \right]$$

The diagram shows a series of Feynman diagrams for the three-particle amplitude $i\mathcal{M}_3$. The first diagram consists of two $i\mathcal{M}_2$ vertices connected by a propagator line. The second diagram consists of three $i\mathcal{M}_2$ vertices connected in a chain. The third diagram consists of four $i\mathcal{M}_2$ vertices connected in a chain. The diagrams are enclosed in large square brackets, with a plus sign and an ellipsis following the second diagram, indicating a sum of terms.

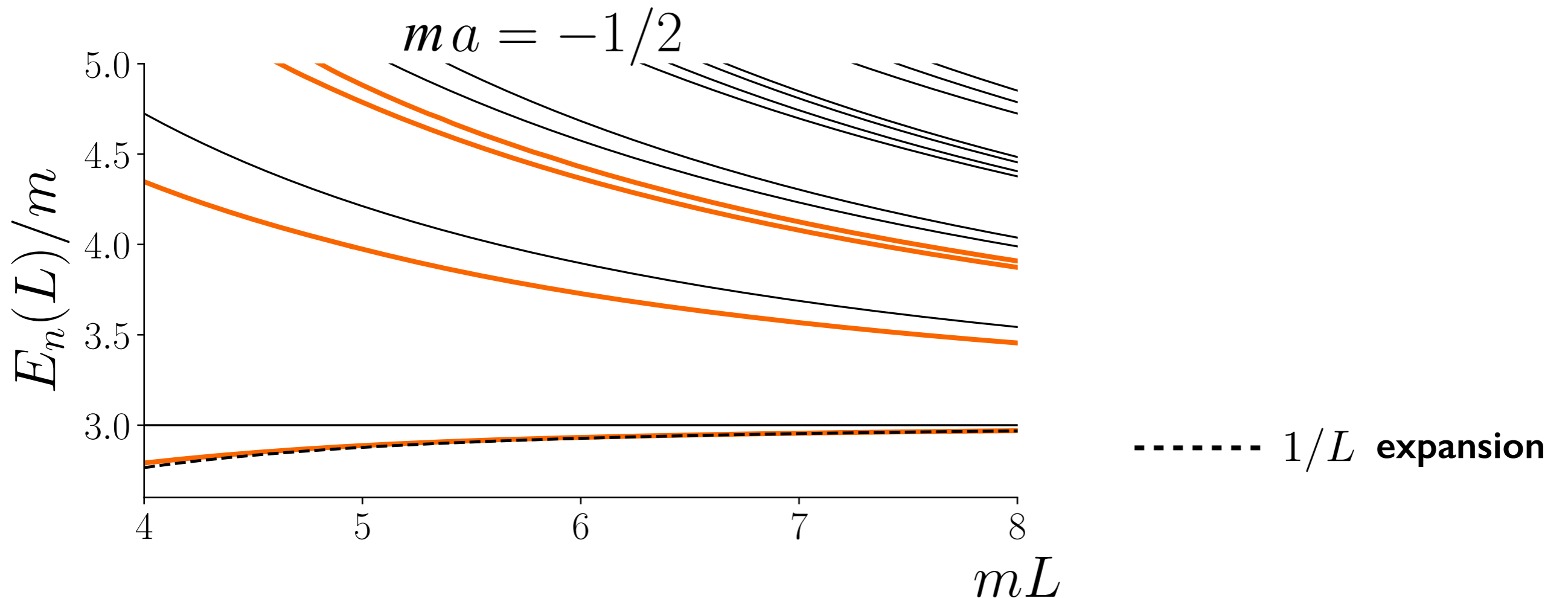
Solutions with $K_{df,3}=0$

- Non-interacting states



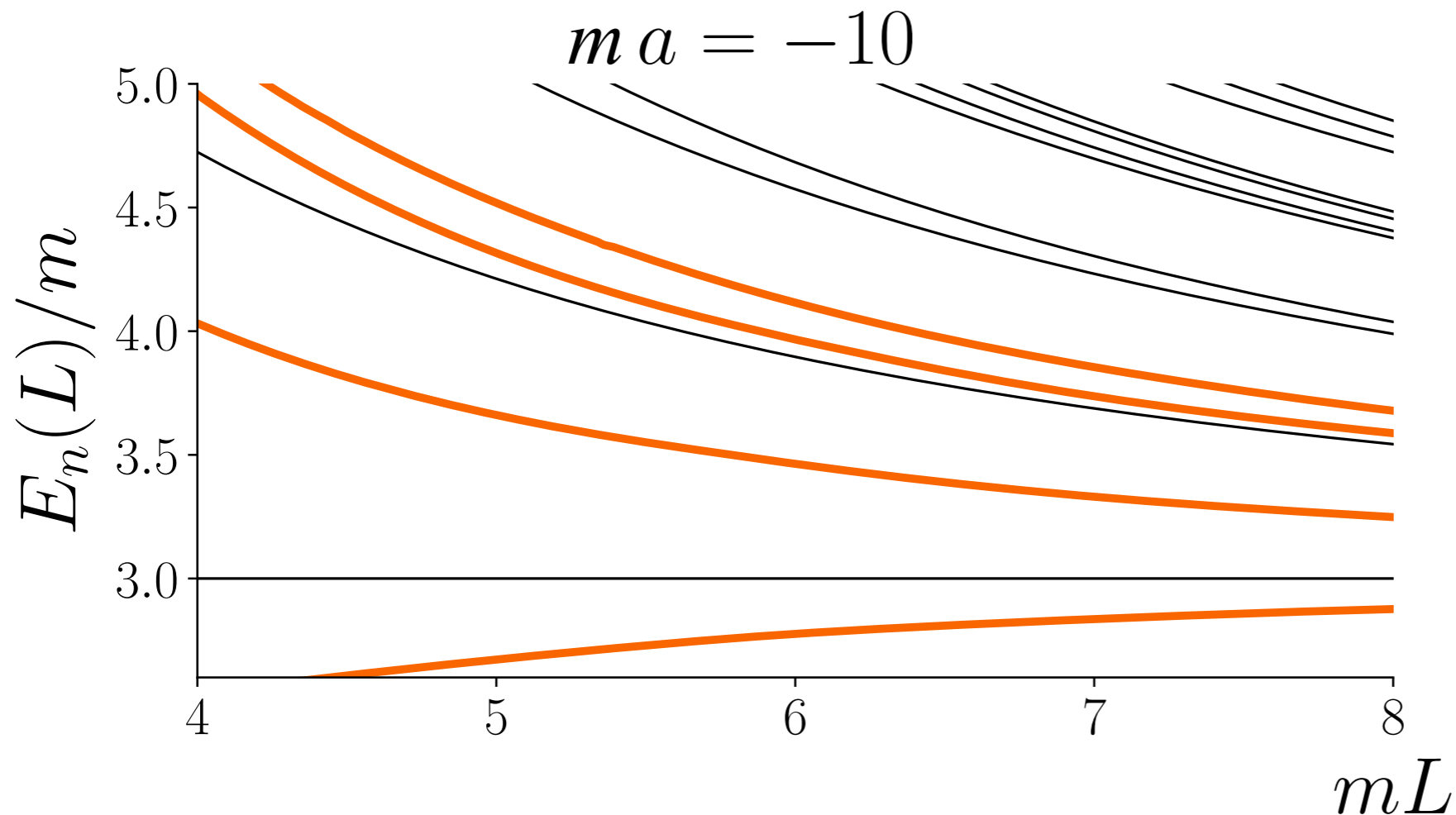
Solutions with $K_{df,3}=0$

- Weakly attractive two-particle interaction



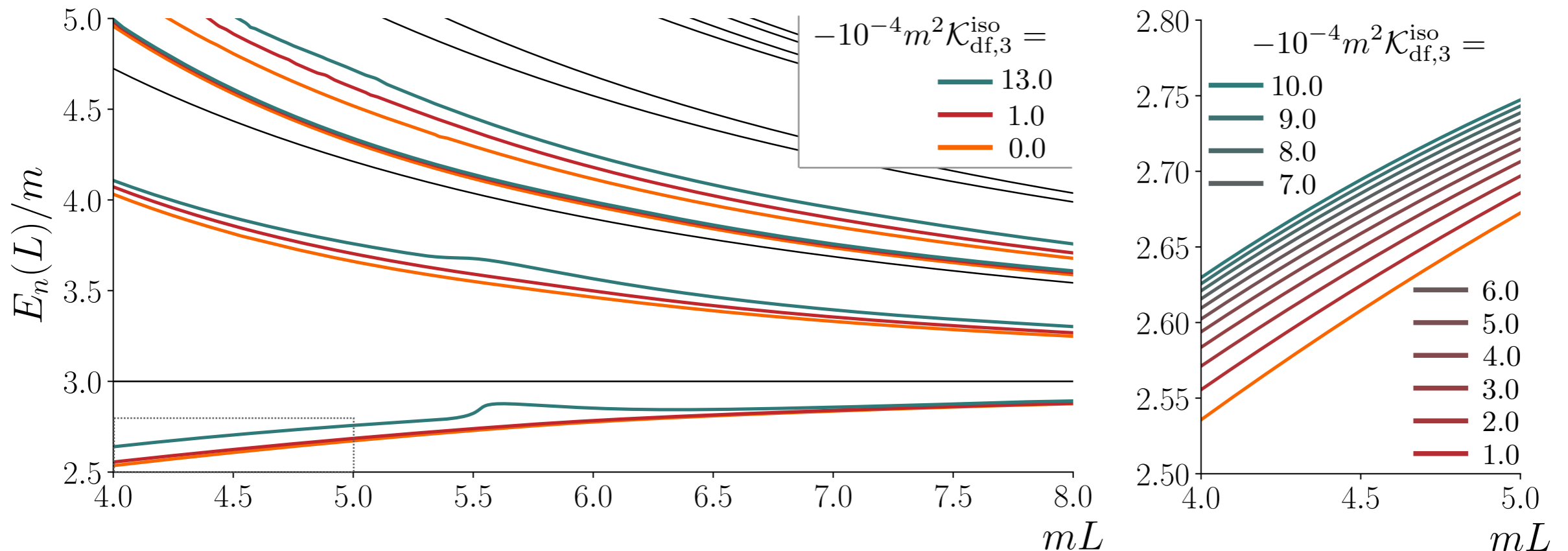
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Impact of $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$

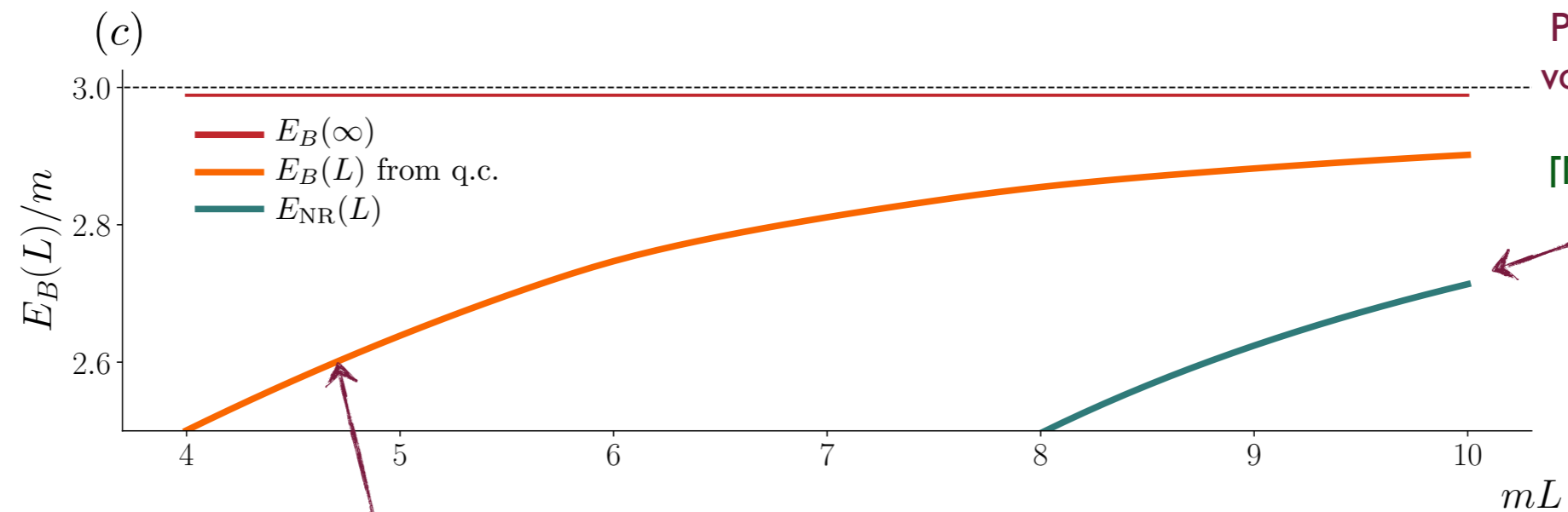
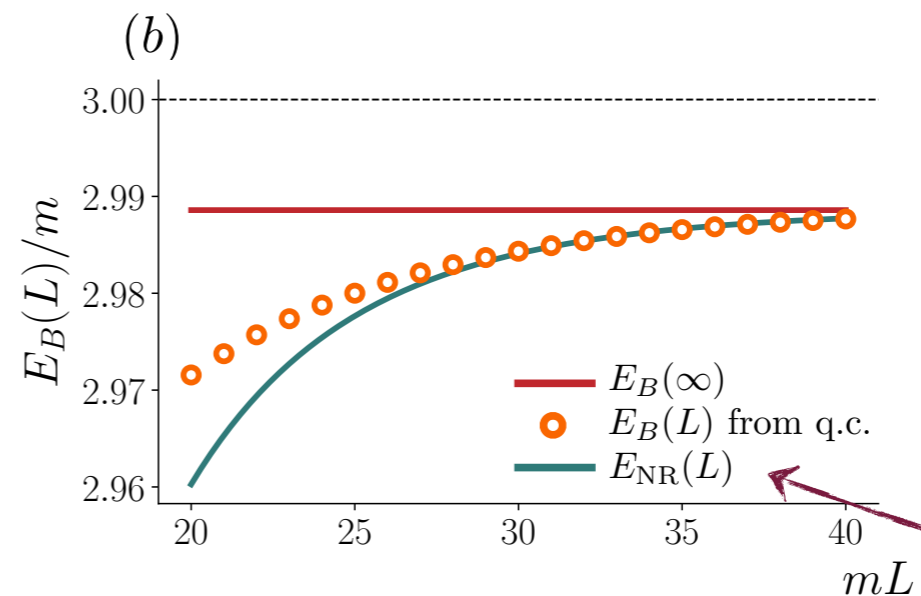
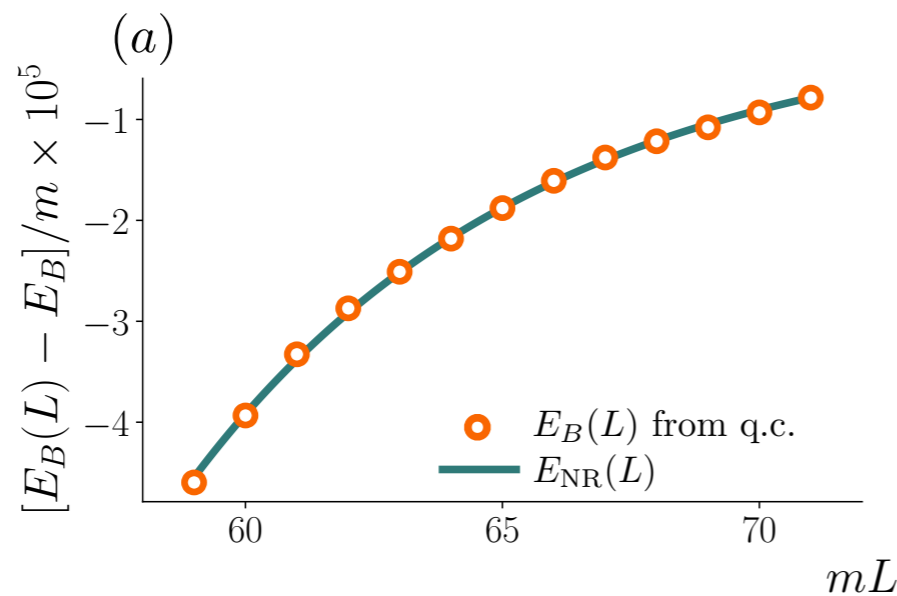
$ma = -10$ (strongly attractive interaction)



Local 3-particle interaction has significant effect on energies, especially in region of simulations ($mL < 5$), and thus can be determined

Volume-dependence of 3-body bound state

$am = -10^4$ & $m^2 K_{df,3}^{iso} = 2500$ (unitary regime)



Prediction of asymptotic volume-dependence from NRQM [Meißner, Rîos, Rusetsky]

Need quantization condition to determine finite-volume effects for realistic values of mL

Bound state wave-function

- Work in unitary regime ($ma = -10^4$) and tune $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ so 3-body bound state at $E_B = 2.98858$ m
- Solve integral equations numerically to determine $\mathcal{M}_{\text{df},3}$ from $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$
- Determine wavefunction from residue at bound-state pole

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{df},3}^{(u,u)}(k,p) \sim -\frac{\Gamma^{(u)}(k)\Gamma^{(u)}(p)^*}{E^2 - E_B^2}$$

- Compare to analytic prediction from NRQM in unitary limit [**Hansen & SRS, 1609.04317**]

$$|\Gamma^{(u)}(k)_{\text{NR}}|^2 = |c||A|^2 \frac{256\pi^{5/2}}{3^{1/4}} \frac{m^2 \kappa^2}{k^2(\kappa^2 + 3k^2/4)} \frac{\sin^2 \left(s_0 \sinh^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}k}{2\kappa} \right)}{\sinh^2 \frac{\pi s_0}{2}}$$

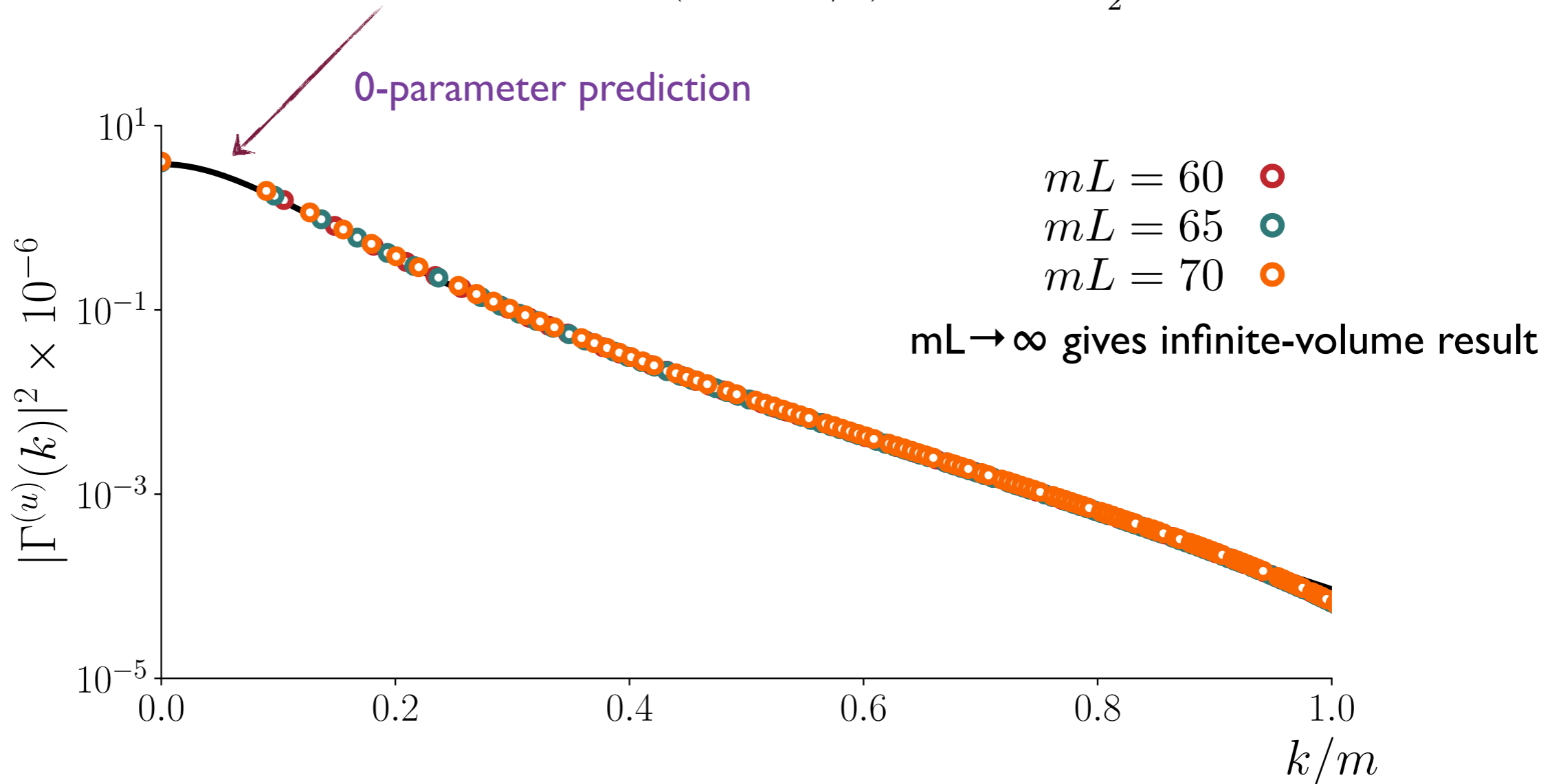
Known constant

Determined by fit to
volume-dependence of
bound-state energy

Known constant

Bound state wave-function

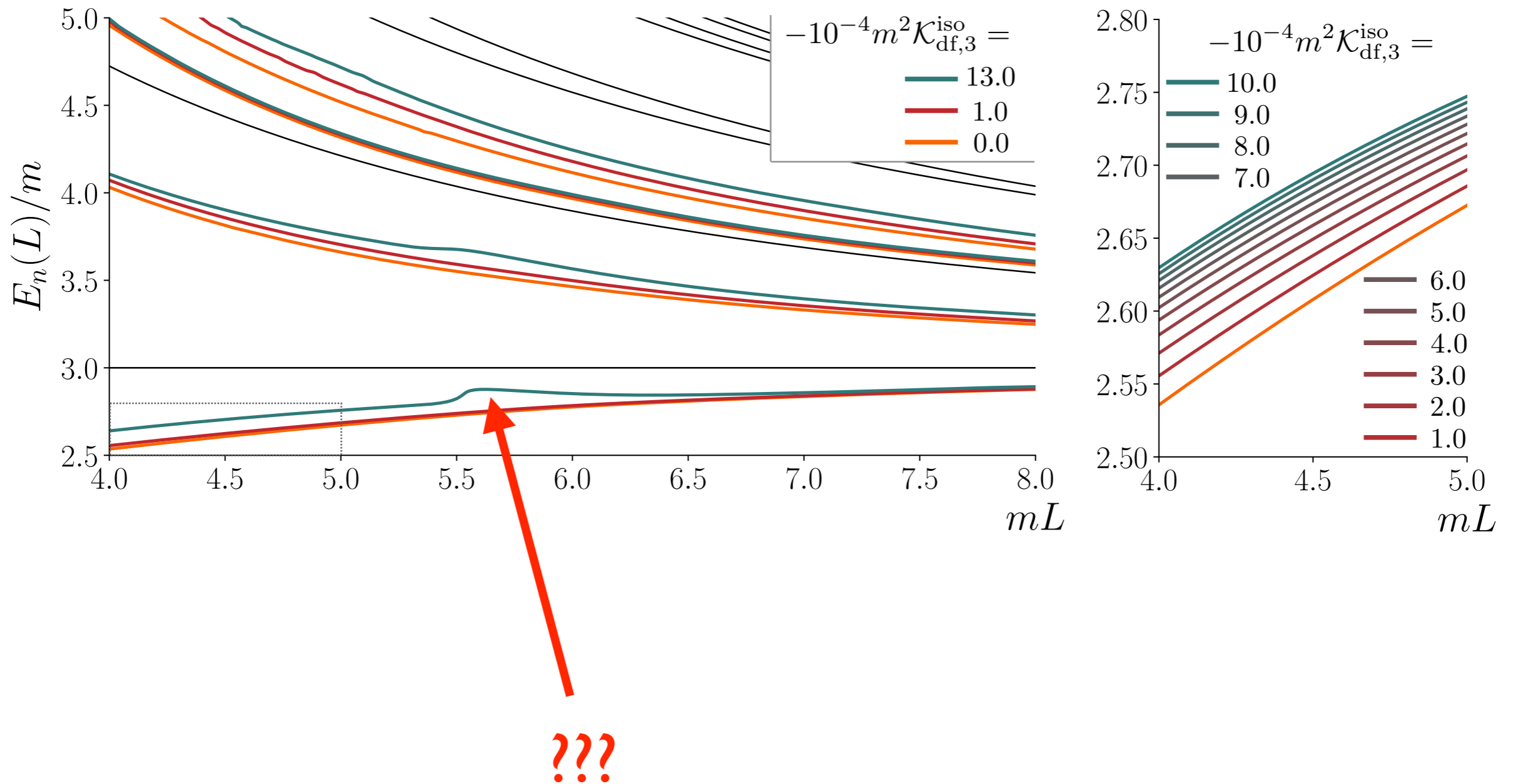
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Works over many orders of magnitude
to expected accuracy

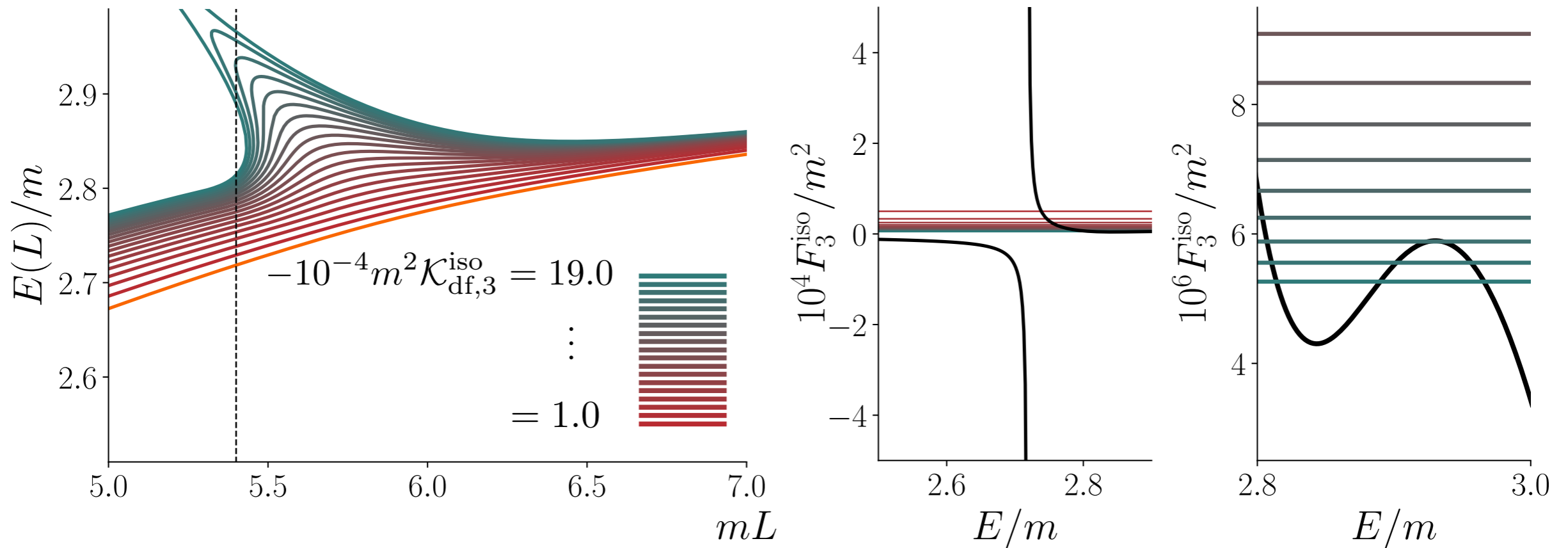
Unphysical solutions

$ma = -10$ (strongly attractive interaction)



Unphysical solutions

$$1/\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}^{\text{iso}}(E^*) = -F_3^{\text{iso}}[E, \vec{P}, L, \mathcal{M}_2^s]$$



- 2 extra solutions appear as L is varied, due to non-monotonicity in F_3^{iso}
 - Unphysical because leads to poles in correlator with wrong sign
 - Occur for larger magnitudes of $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}^{\text{iso}}$ and smaller mL
- Possible sources: unphysical parameter choices or enhanced $\exp(-mL)$ effects

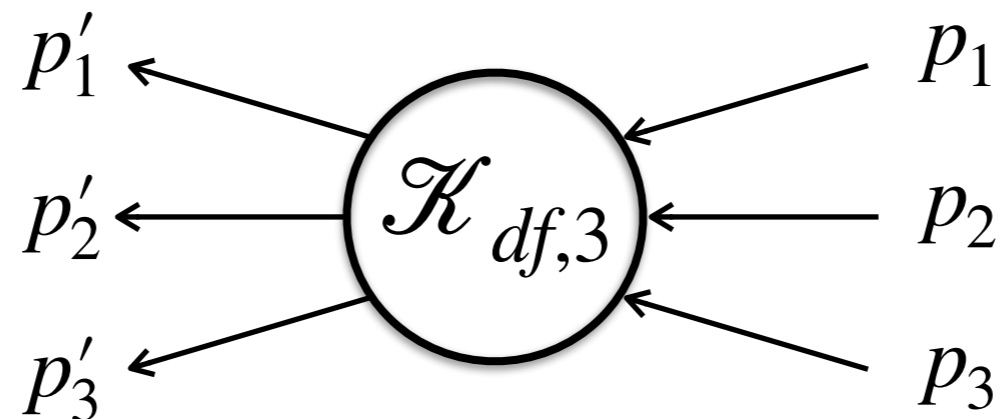
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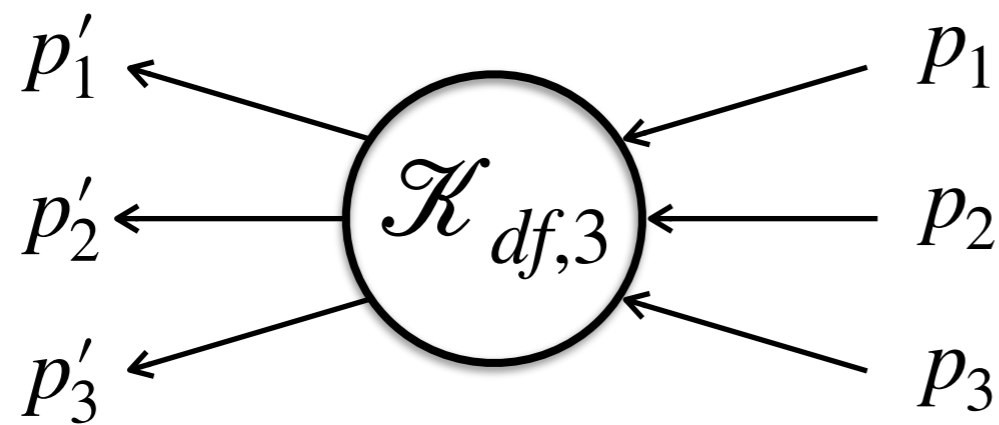
Beyond the isotropic approximation

[Tyler Blanton, Fernando Romero-Lopez & SRS, in progress]

- In 2-particle case, assume s-wave dominance at low energies, then systematically add in higher waves (suppressed by q^{2l})
- We are implementing the same general approach for $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$, making use of the facts that it is relativistically invariant and completely symmetric under initial- & final-state permutations, and expanding about threshold
- We work in the G-parity invariant theory with 3 identical scalars, so the first channel beyond s-wave has $l=2$ (d-wave)



Beyond the isotropic approximation



$$\Delta = s - 9m^2$$

$$\Delta_1 = (p_2 + p_3)^2 - 4m^2 \text{ etc.}$$

$$\Delta'_1 = (p'_2 + p'_3)^2 - 4m^2 \text{ etc.}$$

$$t_{ij} = (p_i - p'_j)^2$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{df,3} = \mathcal{K}_{df,3}^{iso}(E) + c_A \mathcal{K}_{3A} + c_B \mathcal{K}_{3B} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta^3)$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{df,3}^{iso} = c_0 + c_1 \Delta + c_2 \Delta^2$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{3A} = \sum_{i=1}^3 (\Delta_i^2 + \Delta_i'^2)$$

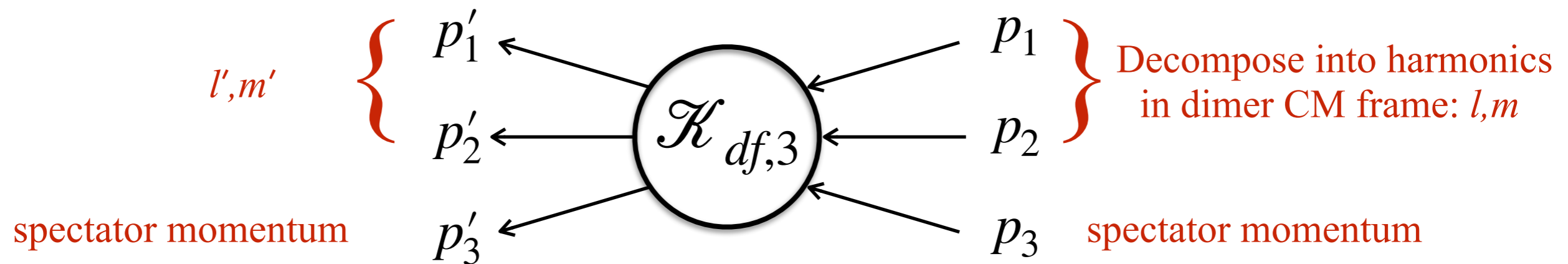
$$\mathcal{K}_{3B} = \sum_{i,j=1}^3 t_{ij}^2$$

c_0 is the leading term—
only term kept in isotropic approx

c_1 is coefficient of the only linear term

Only three coefficients needed at quadratic order:
 c_2, c_A & c_B
Many fewer than the 7 angular variables + s dependence
present at arbitrary energy!

Decomposing into spectator/dimer basis



$$\mathcal{K}_{3A}, \mathcal{K}_{3B} \Rightarrow l'=0,2 \text{ \& } l=0,2$$

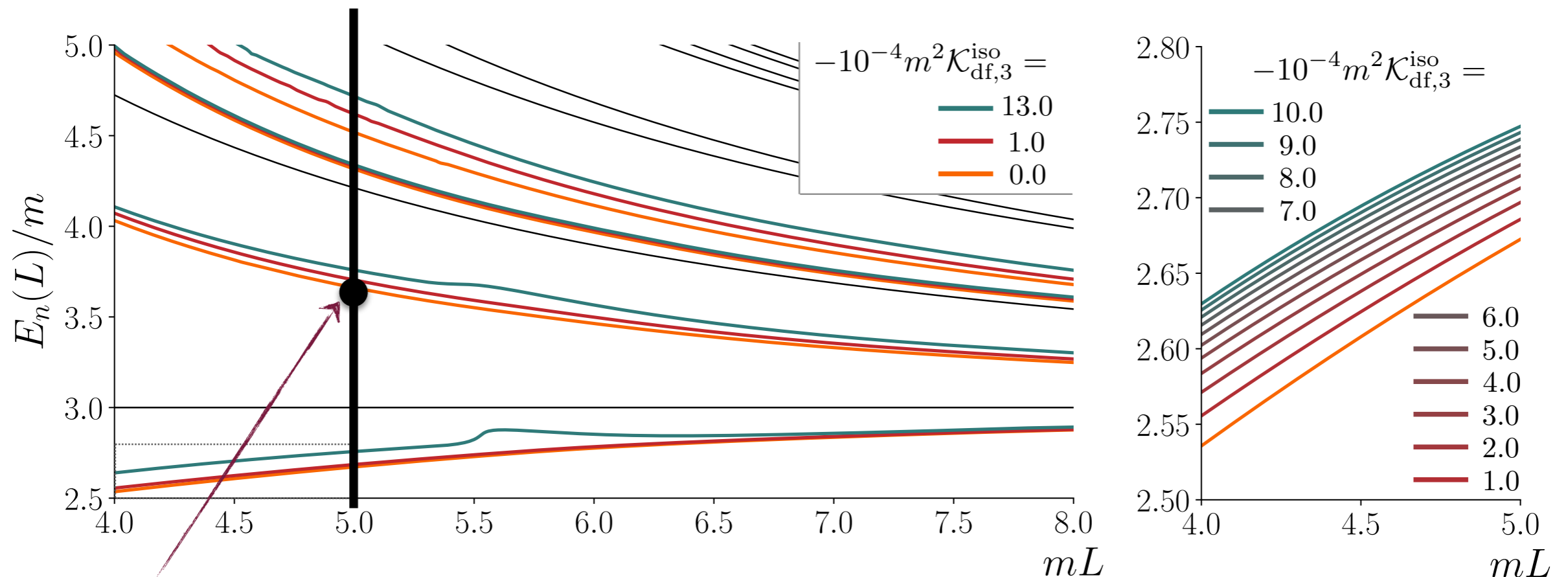
For consistency, need $\mathcal{K}_2^{(0)} \sim 1+q^2+q^4$ & $\mathcal{K}_2^{(2)} \sim q^4$

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{K}_2^{(0)}} = \frac{1}{16\pi E_2} \left[\frac{1}{a_0} + r_0 \frac{q^2}{2} + P_0 r_0^3 q^4 \right] \quad \frac{1}{\mathcal{K}_2^{(2)}} = \frac{1}{16\pi E_2} \frac{1}{q^4} \frac{1}{a_2^5}$$

Implemented quantization condition through quadratic order, for $\mathbf{P}=0$, including projection onto overall cubic group irreps

First results including $l=2$

$$\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3} = 0, \quad a_0 = -10, \quad r_0 = 0.5, \quad P_0 = 0.5, \quad -1.5 \leq a_2 \leq 0.1$$



What happens to this level as a_2 is turned on?

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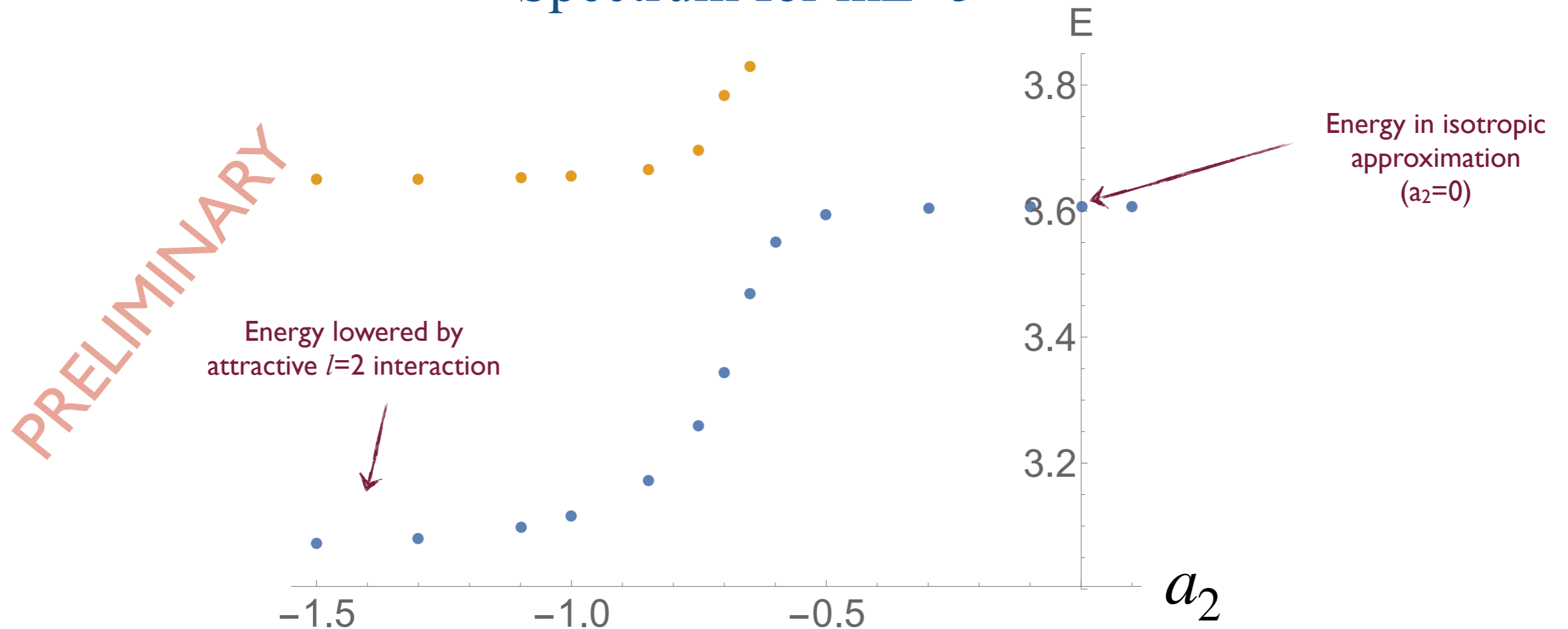
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Spectrum for $mL=5$



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Outlook & open issues

- Complete formalism to-do list: nondegenerate particles of arbitrary spins
- Understand relation between different approaches
- Extend numerical experiments to include K-matrix poles ($ma > 1$ in isotropic approximation)
- Understand unphysical solutions
- Determine generalization of Lellouch-Lüscher factor to allow study of three-particle decays such as $K \rightarrow 3\pi$
- Use formalism to analyze results from simulations: simplest case is 3 pions
 - Need more understanding of appropriate parametrizations of $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$
- ...

Backup slides

Evidence for exponentially suppressed finite-volume effects

Use threshold expansion to determine 3-particle interaction at threshold

$$R_6(L) \equiv -L^6 \left\{ E(L) - 3 - \frac{c_3}{L^3} - \frac{c_4}{L^4} - \frac{c_5}{L^5} - \frac{\tilde{c}_6}{L^6} \right\}$$
$$= \frac{\mathcal{M}_{3,\text{thr}}}{48} + \mathcal{O}(1/L).$$

Result depends on choice of regularization of Lüscher zeta function, an exponentially suppressed effect

