

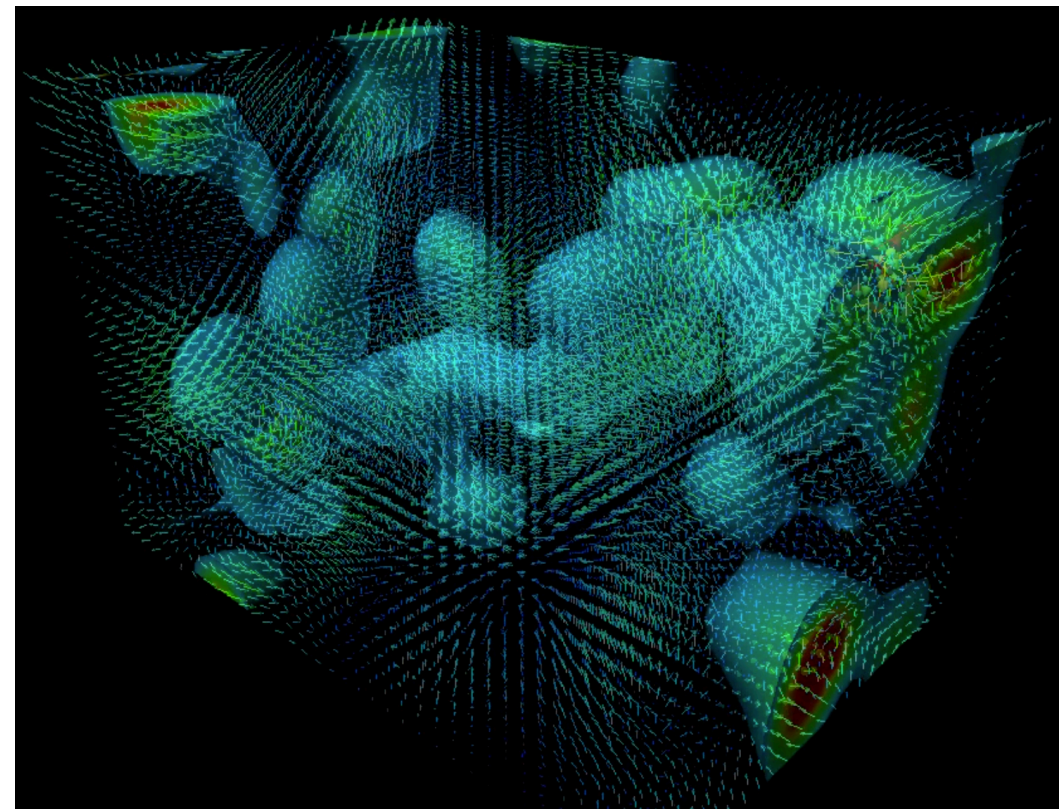
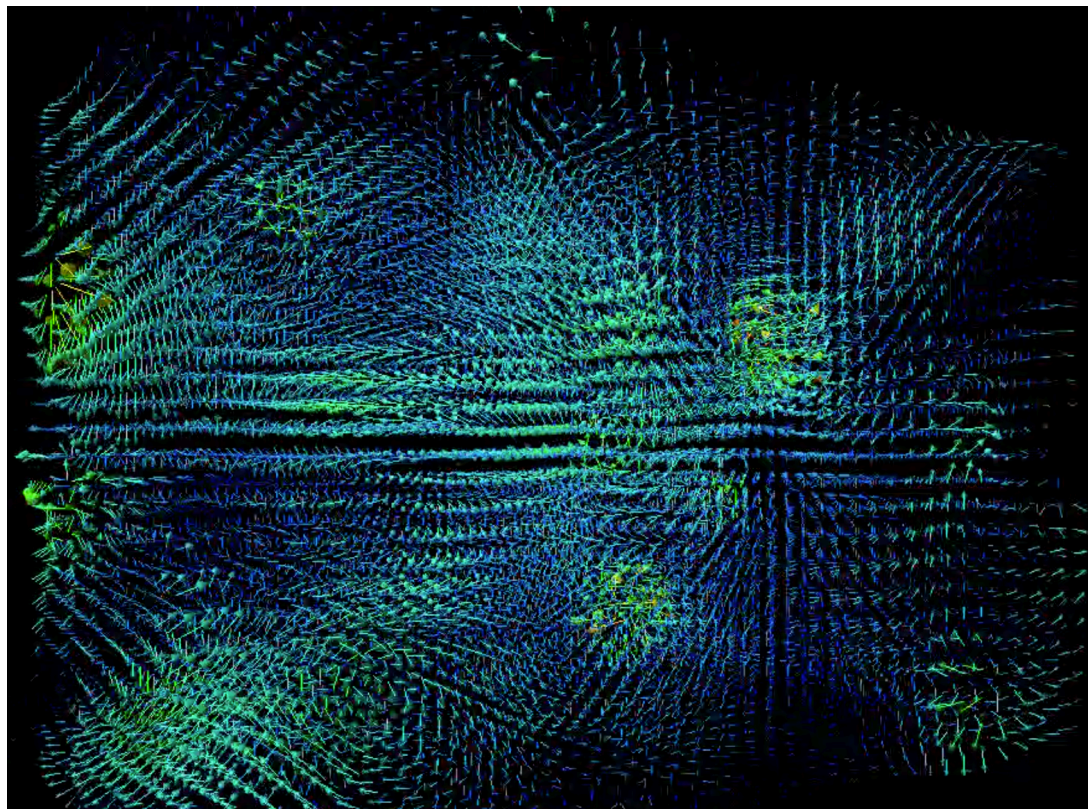
# ***Spectroscopy and Scattering: Formalism*** ***(Lecture 1/3)***

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# Lattice field theory

- ❑ Non-perturbative regulator of quantum field theory (QFT)
- ❑ Systematically improvable numerical method for extracting QFT's properties
- ❑ Exciting, vibrant, highly active research community
- ❑ Technical field that challenges all of us to be great communicators

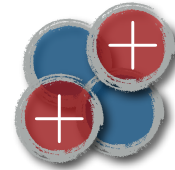


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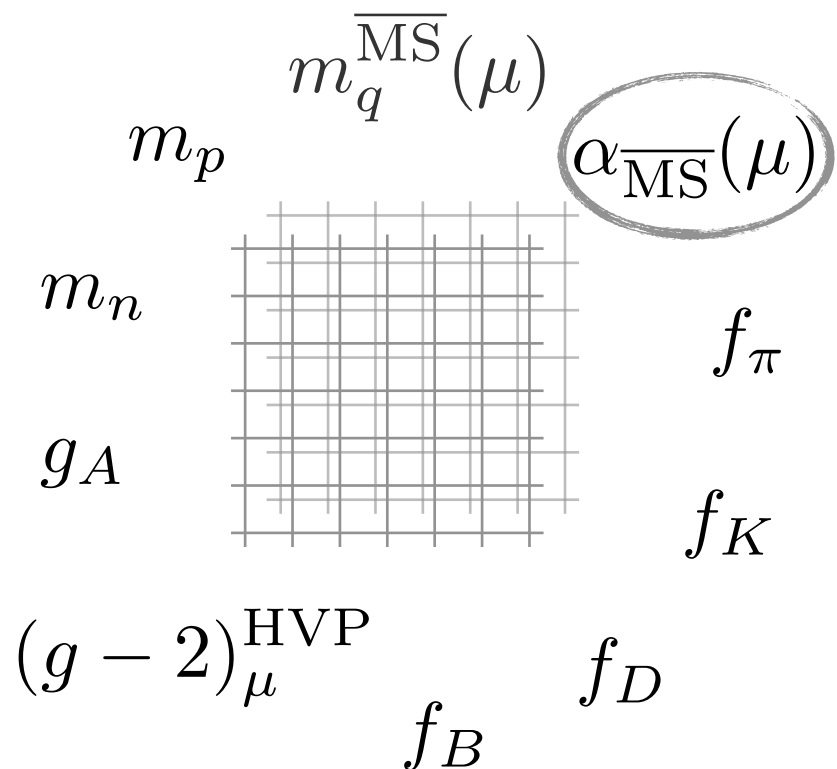
# Recipe for strong force predictions

1. Lagrangian defining QCD
2. Formal / numerical machinery (lattice field theory)
3. A few experimental inputs (e.g.  $M_\pi, M_K, M_\Omega$ )

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \sum_f \bar{\Psi}_f (i \not{D} - m_f) \Psi_f - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu}$$



*Wide range of precision pre-/post-dictions*



$$\alpha_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^{(5)}(M_Z) = 0.1182(8)$$

lattice average

$$\alpha_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^{(5)}(M_Z) = 0.1174(16)$$

PDG 18 (non-lattice)

Overwhelming evidence for QCD ✓

Tool for new-physics searches ✓

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Non-perturbative quantum field theory (QFT)

Lattice QFT

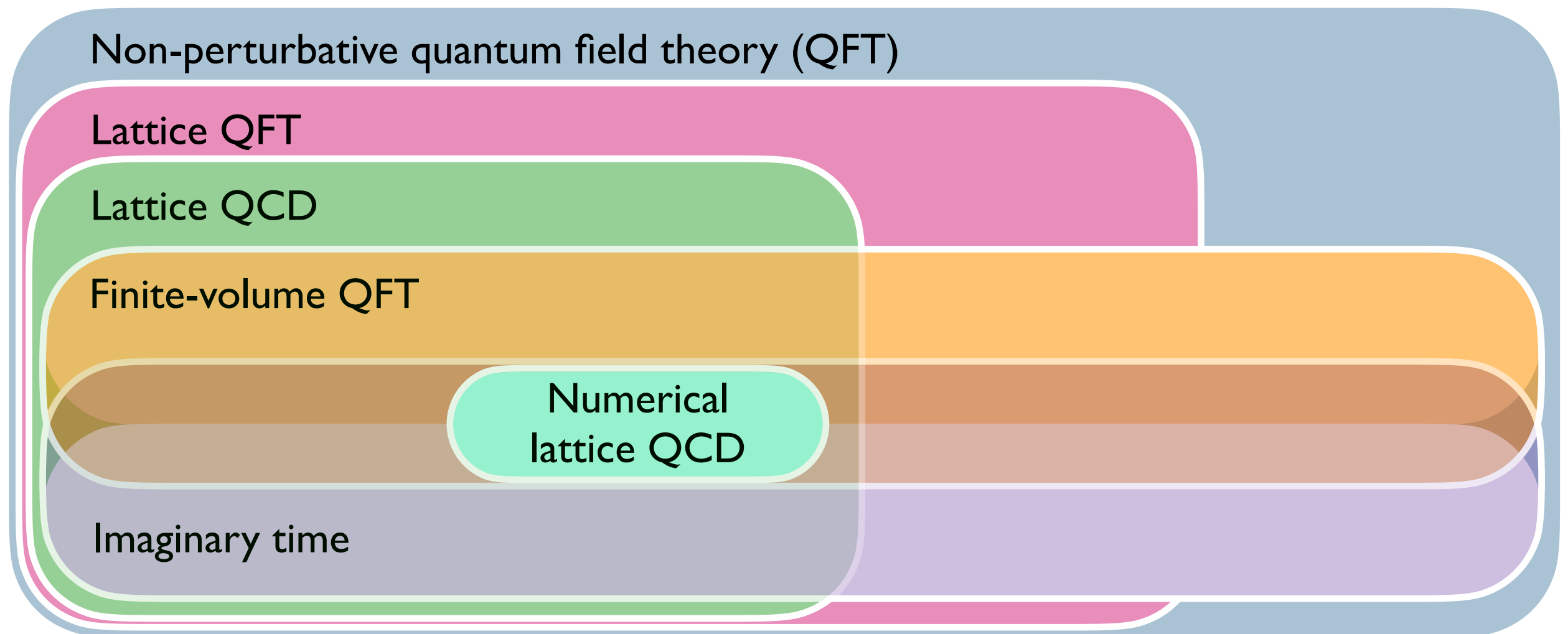
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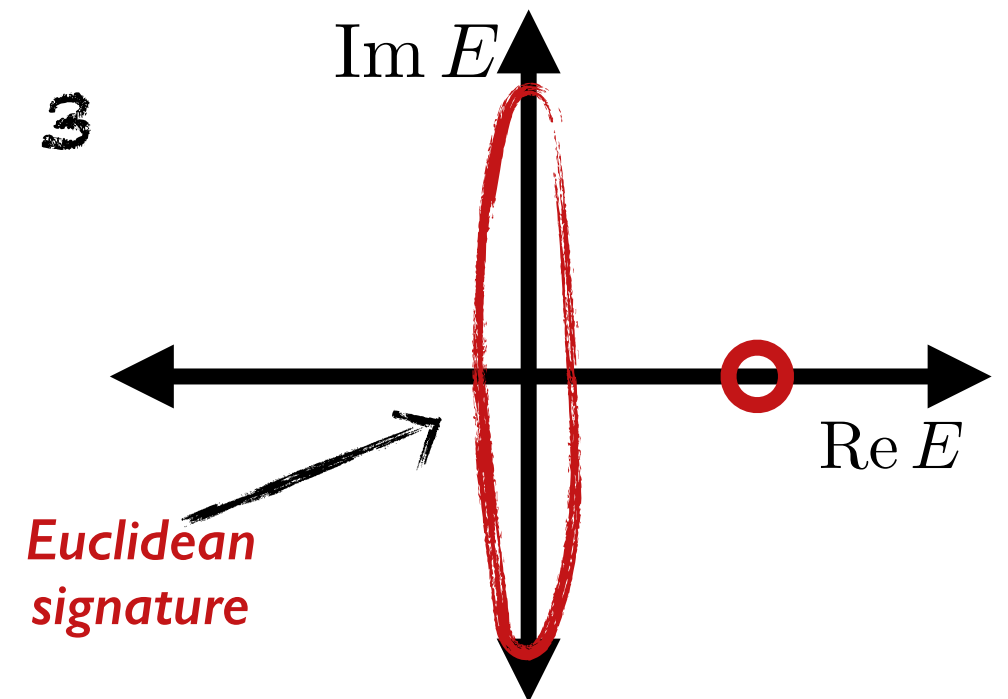
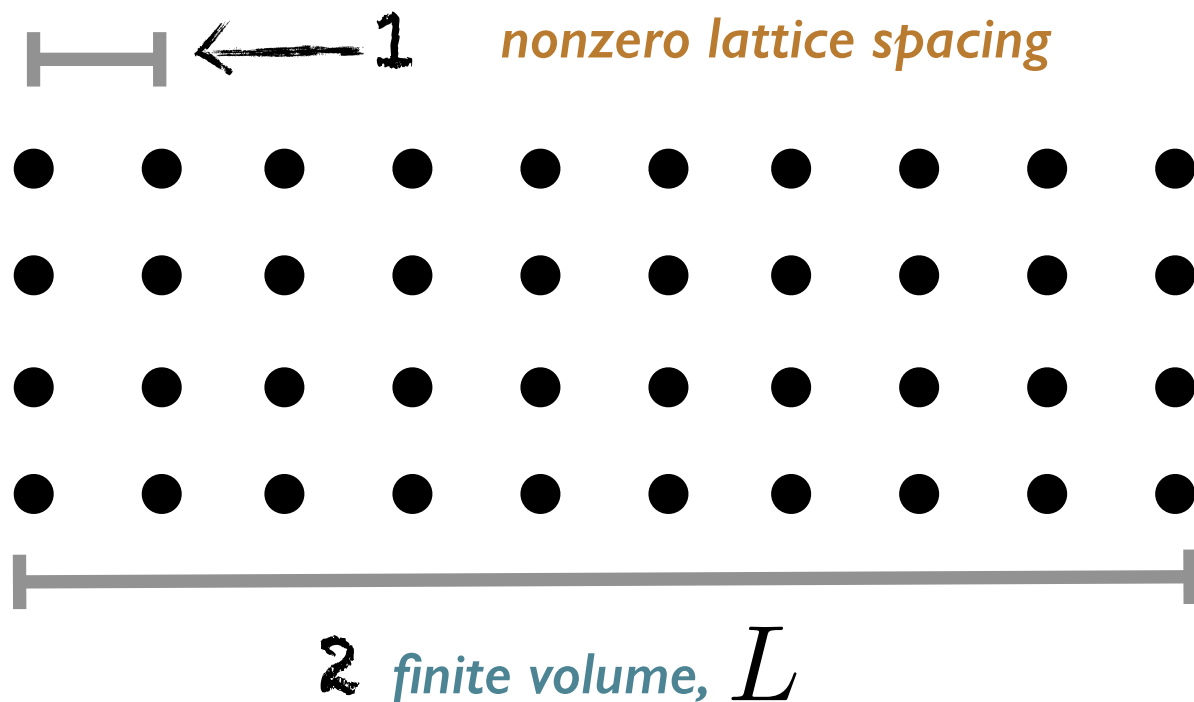
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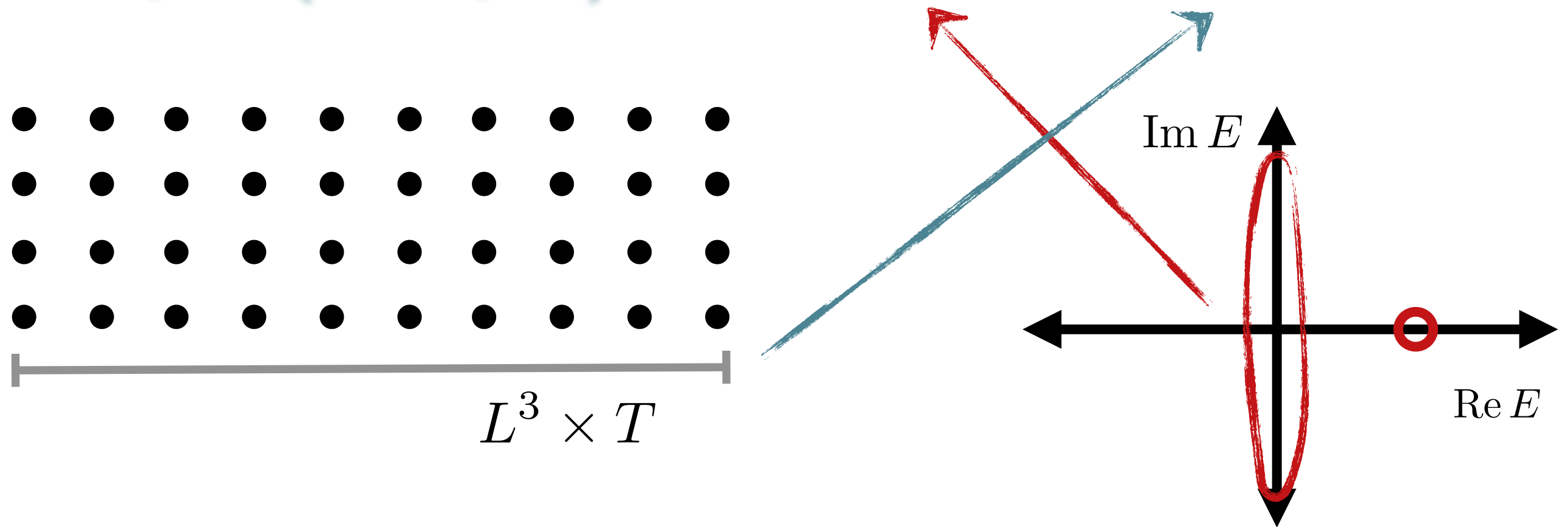
To proceed we have to make *three modifications*



Also...  $M_{\pi, \text{lattice}} > M_{\pi, \text{our universe}}$   
(but physical masses  $\rightarrow$  increasingly common)



# QCD (and QED) in a Euclidean finite volume



Sometimes the finite-volume is an unwanted artifact (extrapolate  $L \rightarrow \infty$ )...

... but it can also be a useful tool (fit data to predicted  $L$  dependence)

Using the volume as a tool often resolves the issue of Euclidean signature



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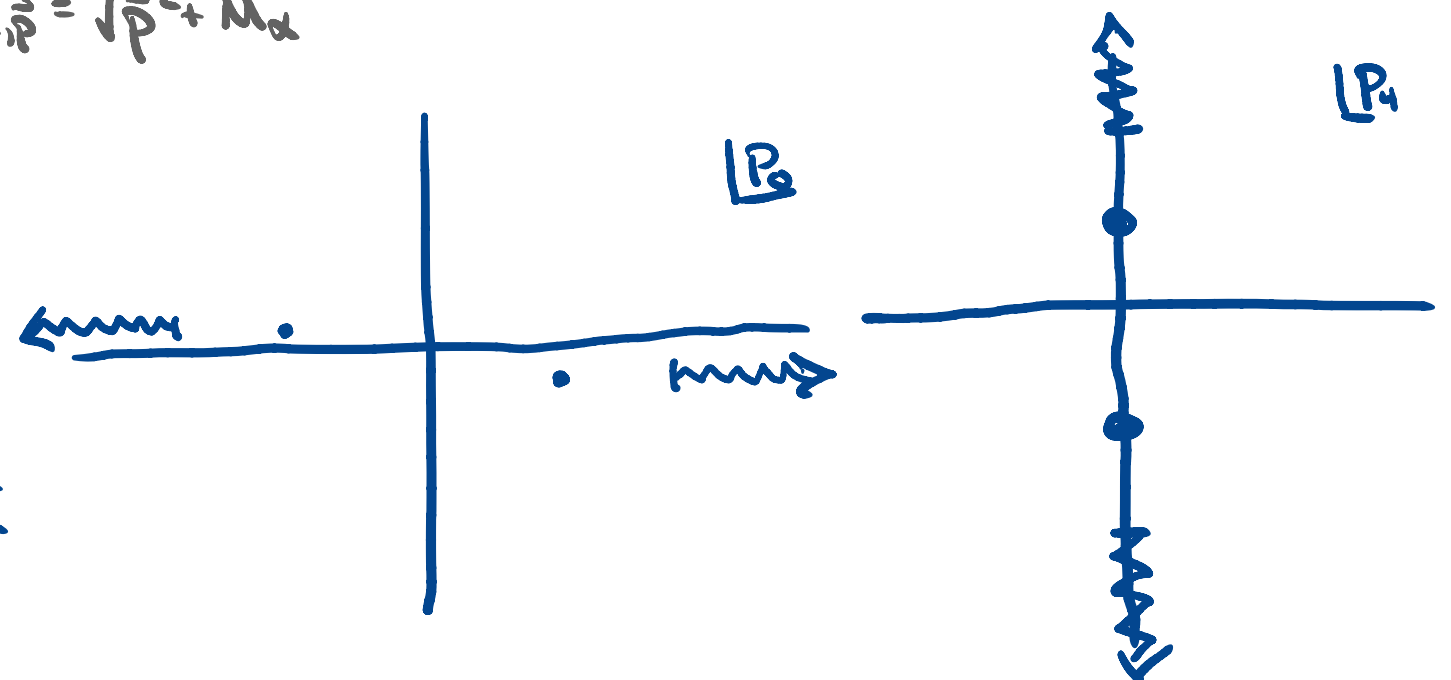
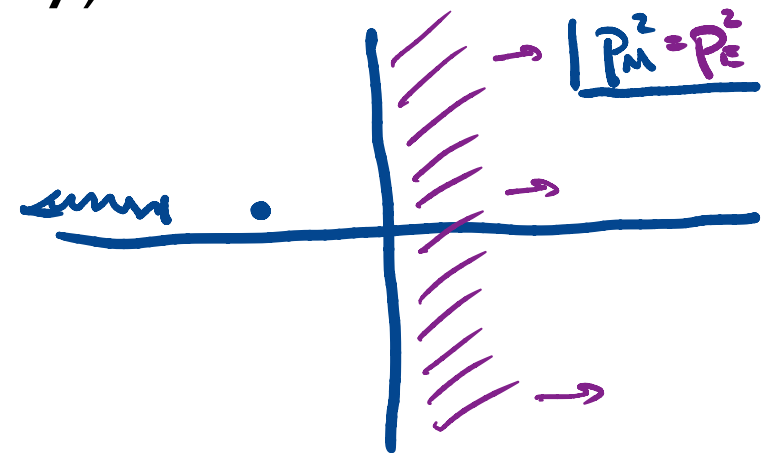
# Euclidean vs Minkowski

## Four-vector basics

$$\left. \begin{aligned} X_M^\alpha &= (t, \vec{x})^\alpha \\ P_M^\alpha &= (E, \vec{p})^\alpha \end{aligned} \right\} X_M \cdot P_M = X_M^\alpha P_{M,\alpha} = -Et + \vec{p} \cdot \vec{x} \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} X_{E,\alpha} &= (\vec{x}, it) = (\vec{x}, \tau)_\alpha \quad \alpha=1,2,3,4 \\ X_E^2 &= \tau^2 + \vec{x}^2 \end{aligned} \right.$$

## Minkowski two-point function (generic scalar theory)

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{G}_M(p_M) &= \int d^4x_M e^{-ip_M \cdot x_M} \langle 0 | T \{ \phi(x_M) \phi(0) \} | 0 \rangle \\ &= \int_0^\infty dt e^{+iEt} \langle 0 | \tilde{\phi}(0, \vec{p}) e^{-i\hat{H}t - \epsilon t} \phi(0) | 0 \rangle + \dots \\ &= \int d\alpha \frac{1}{2\omega_{\alpha,\vec{p}}} \frac{1}{i} \frac{|Z_\alpha|^2}{-E + \omega_{\alpha,\vec{p}} - i\epsilon} + \dots \quad \begin{aligned} Z_\alpha &= \langle 0 | \phi(0) | \alpha, \vec{p} \rangle \\ \omega_{\alpha,\vec{p}} &= \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + M_\alpha^2} \end{aligned} \\ &= \frac{1}{i} \int d\alpha \frac{|Z_\alpha|^2}{p_M^2 + M_\alpha^2 - i\epsilon} \end{aligned}$$



## Euclidean two-point function

$$\tilde{G}_E(p_E) = \int d^4x_E e^{-ip_E \cdot x_E} \langle \dots \rangle_{e^{-\hat{H}Z}} = \int d\alpha \frac{|Z_\alpha|^2}{p_E^2 + M_\alpha^2}$$

# Meaning of Euclidean

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- ☐ Four-vectors
- ☐ QFT path integral

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- ☐ Masses
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- ☐ Scattering amplitudes
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For the case of correlation functions, Minkowski vs Euclidean is...



**Important** when we have  
limited knowledge  
(e.g. numerical estimate for  
real Euclidean momenta)

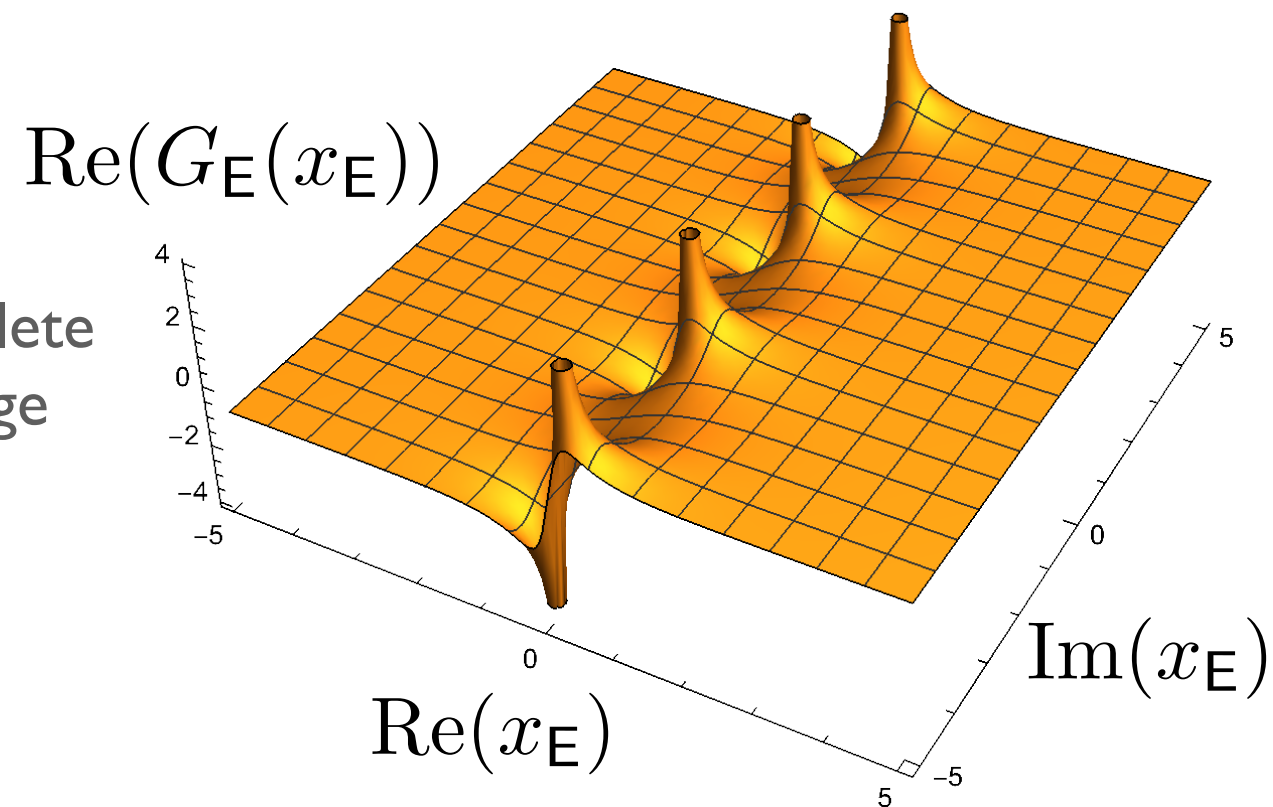
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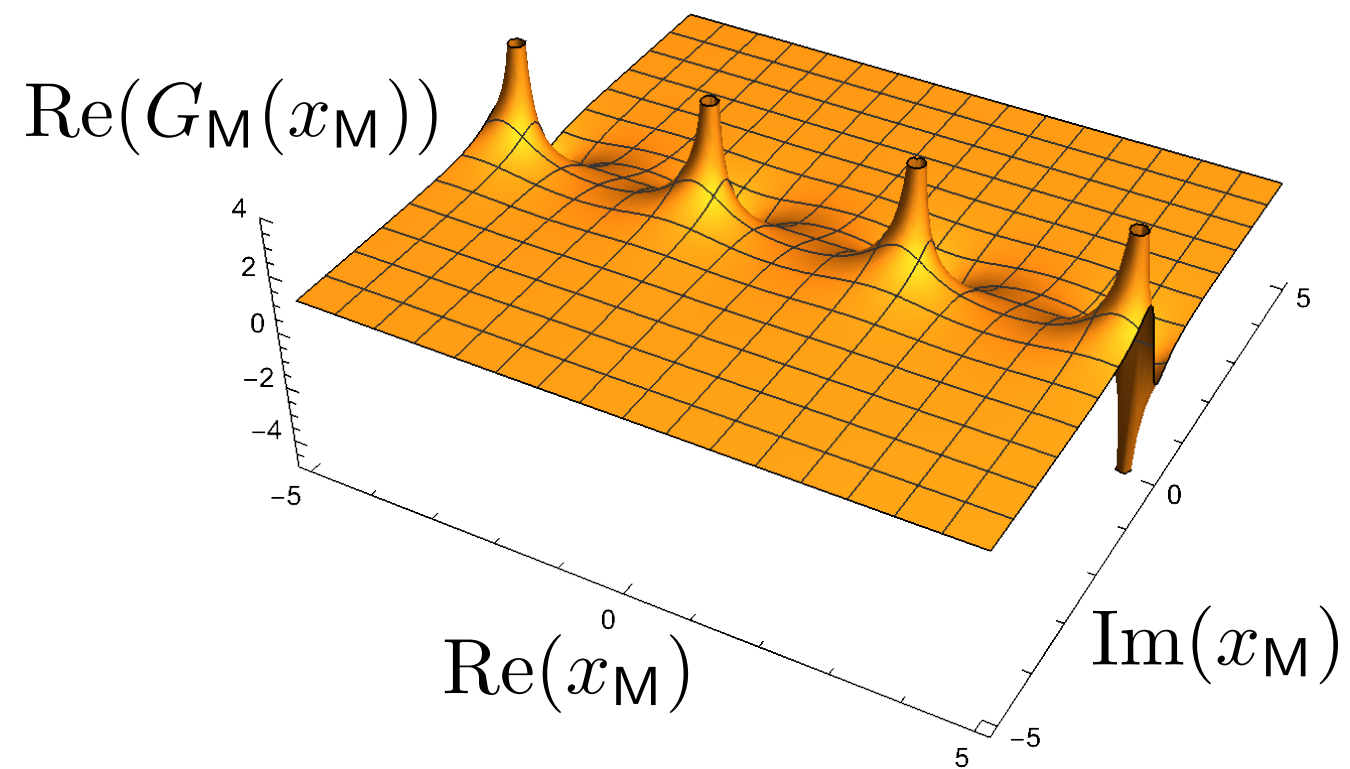
$$G_E(x_E) = \tanh(x_E) \quad \text{and we have complete analytic knowledge}$$



... analytic continuation gives the Minkowski correlator

$$G_M(x_M) = i \tan(x_M)$$

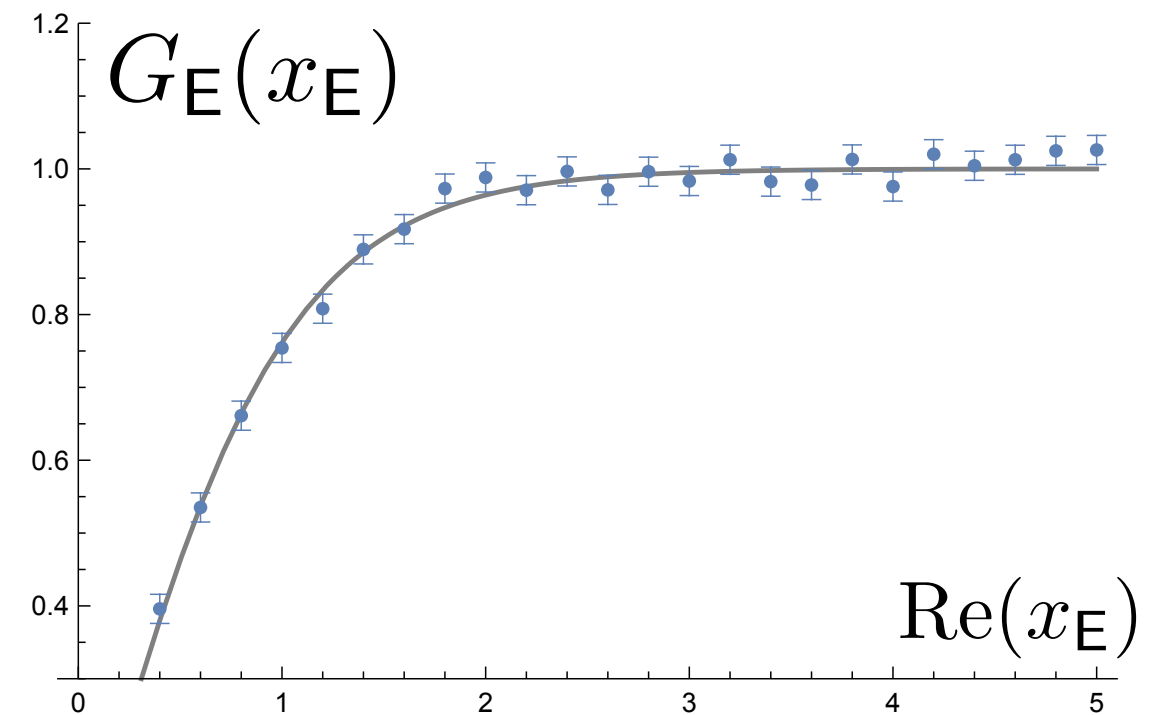
but this is just a relabeling  
of the same information



# Limited numerical knowledge

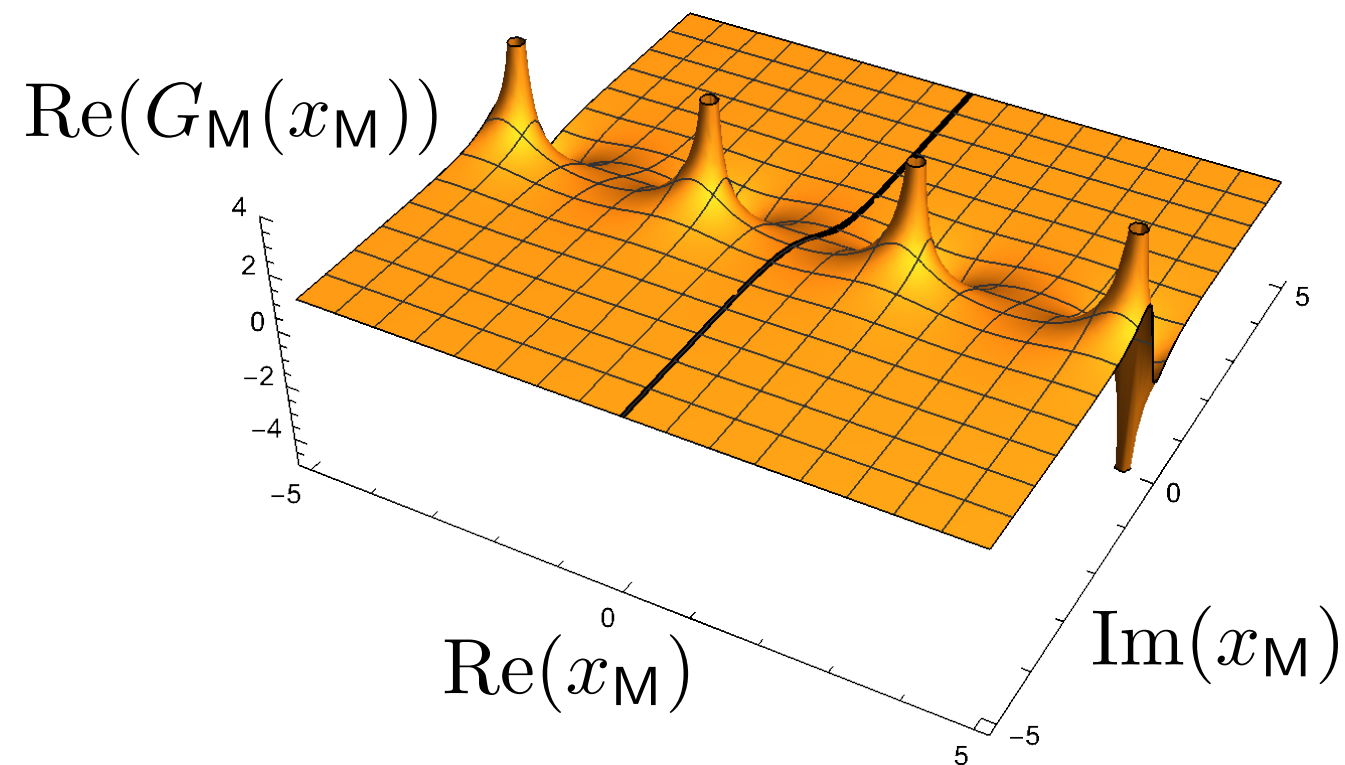
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**IMPORTANT**



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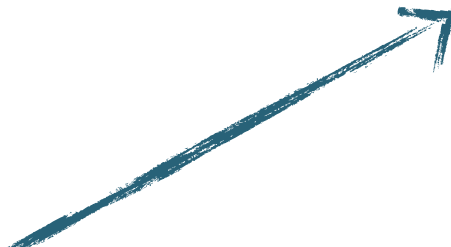
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Mostly the lectures are  
concerned with these  
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**Correlators** (where M vs. E is meaningful) are often used to  
access **observables** (where M vs. E is not meaningful)

# Finite-volume setup

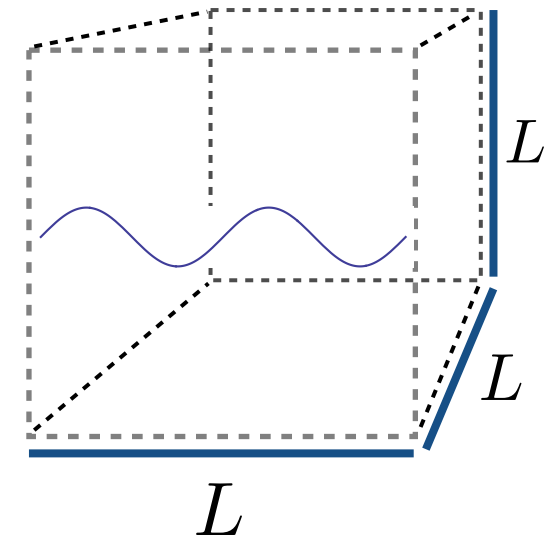
cubic, spatial volume (extent  $L$ )

periodic boundary conditions\*

$$q(\tau, \mathbf{x}) = q(\tau, \mathbf{x} + L\mathbf{e}_i) \quad \Bigg| \quad \pi(\tau, \mathbf{x}) = \pi(\tau, \mathbf{x} + L\mathbf{e}_i)$$

time direction infinite\*

← continuum theory →



\*will also briefly consider finite  $T$  effects,  
alternative boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\pi}(\tau, \mathbf{p}) &= \int_L d^3\mathbf{x} \, e^{-i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \pi(\tau, \mathbf{x}) \\ &= \int_L d^3\mathbf{x} \, e^{-i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \pi(\tau, \mathbf{x} + L\mathbf{e}_i) \\ &= \int_L d^3\mathbf{x} \, e^{-i\mathbf{p}\cdot(\mathbf{x}-L\mathbf{e}_i)} \pi(\tau, \mathbf{x})\end{aligned}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\quad} e^{-i\mathbf{p}\cdot L\mathbf{e}_i} = 1 \implies p_i L = 2\pi n_i$$

Quantization of momentum

$$\mathbf{p} = \frac{2\pi}{L} \mathbf{n}, \quad \mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^3$$



# Fourier transform conventions (here in one-dimension)

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simplify via...

$$\int dp e^{ip(x-x')} = 2\pi \delta(x - x')$$

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argument can only  
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 For a smooth function we can  
replace the sum with an integral

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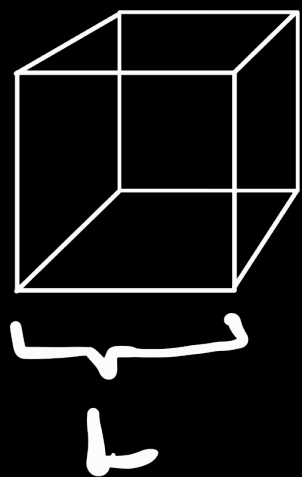
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- 4-dimensional ( $T_3 \times \mathbb{R}$ )

- periodicity  $L$

-  $p \in 2\pi/L \mathbb{Z}^3$

- time-direction  $T \rightarrow \infty$

- lattice spacing  $a \rightarrow 0$

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(  
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$$= \text{self-energy loop} + M^2 \frac{\lambda}{32\pi^2} \sum_{\underline{n} \neq \underline{0}} \int_0^\infty d\alpha \frac{1}{\alpha^2} e^{-\alpha - \frac{1}{4}\alpha [M^2 L^2 \underline{n}^2]}$$

$$\frac{M(L)^2 - M_{\text{phys}}^2}{M_{\text{phys}}^2} = \frac{\lambda}{32\pi^2} \sum_{\underline{n} \neq \underline{0}} \frac{K_1(\mu L |\underline{n}|)}{\mu L |\underline{n}|} = \frac{6\lambda}{32\pi^2} \frac{1}{\mu L} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu L}} e^{-\mu L}$$

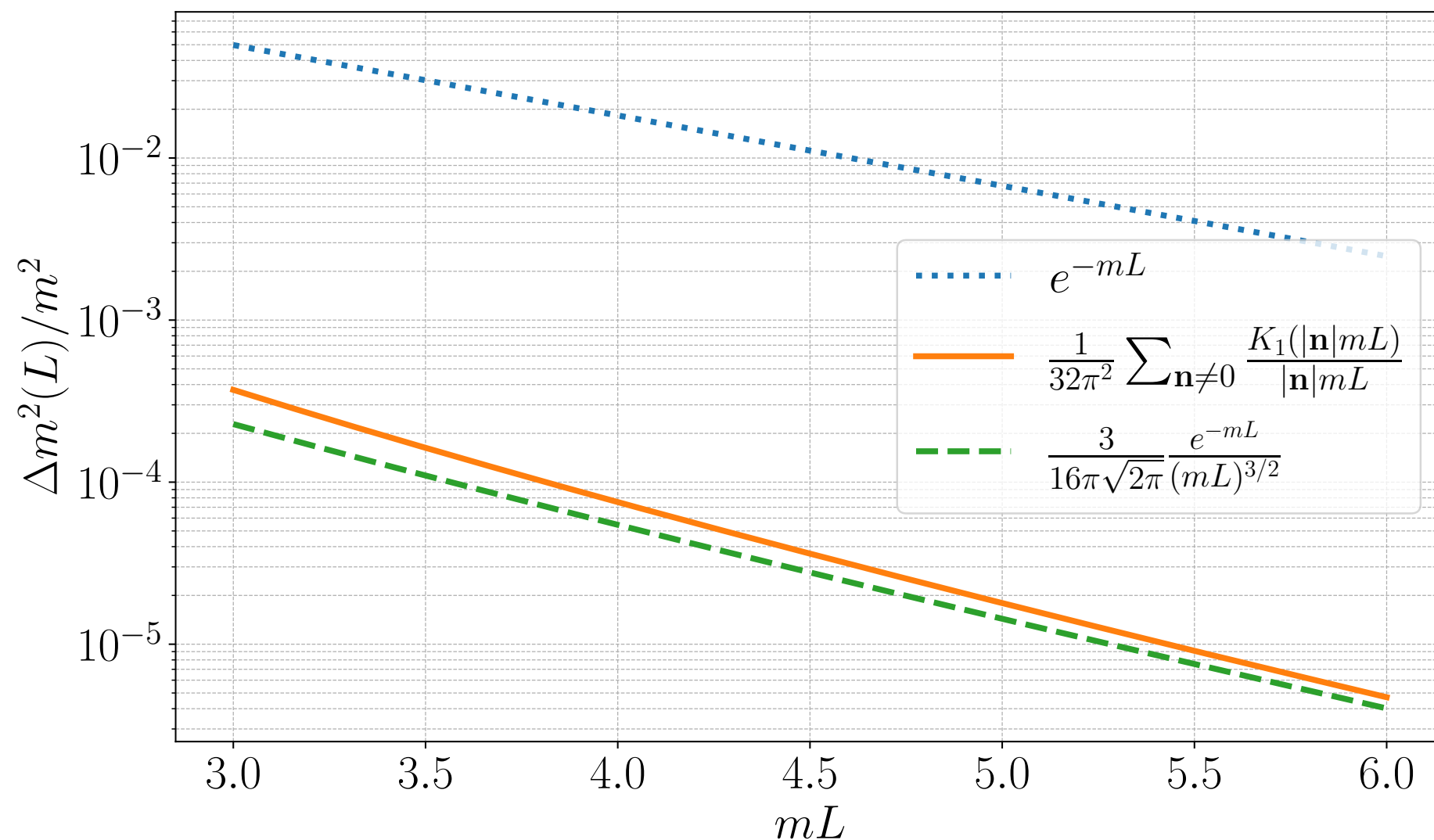
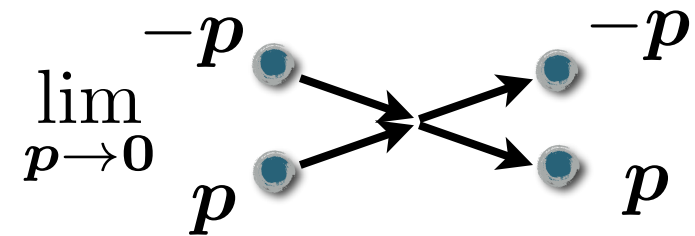


# Particle mass in $\lambda\phi^4$

□ Leading order volume correction ( $\Delta m^2(L) = m(L)^2 - m^2 > 0$ )

$$\frac{\Delta m^2(L)}{m^2} = \frac{\lambda_0}{32\pi^2} \sum_{\mathbf{n} \neq 0} \frac{K_1(|\mathbf{n}|mL)}{|\mathbf{n}|mL} = \frac{3\lambda_0}{16\pi\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{e^{-mL}}{(mL)^{3/2}} \left[1 + \mathcal{O}(1/L, e^{-\beta mL})\right]$$

□ To the order we work: coupling = threshold scattering amplitude



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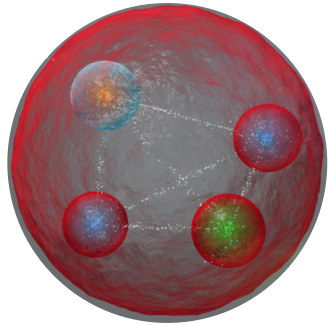
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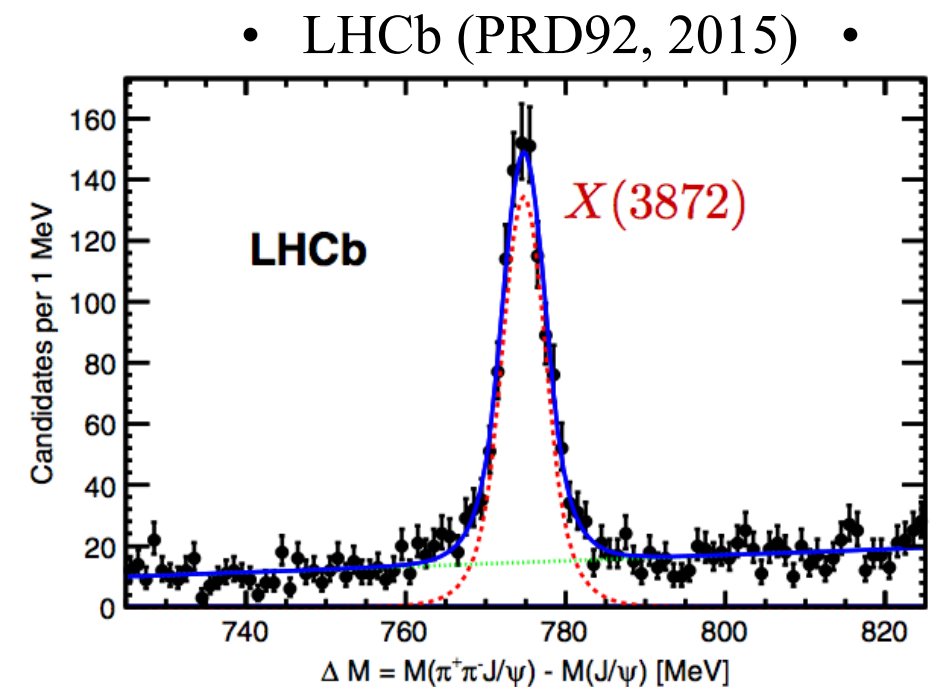
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- Exotics, XYZs, tetra- and penta-quarks,  $H$  dibaryon



e.g.  $X(3872)$

$$\sim |D^0 \bar{D}^{*0} + \bar{D}^0 D^{*0}\rangle ?$$



- Electroweak, CP violation, resonant enhancement

CP violation in charm

$$D \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$$

$$\Delta A_{CP} = (-15.4 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-4}$$

• LHCb (PRL, 2019) •

$$f_0(1710) \text{ could enhance } \Delta A_{CP}$$

• Soni (2017) •

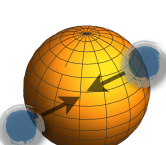
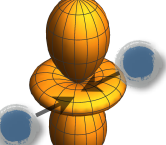
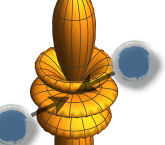
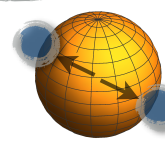
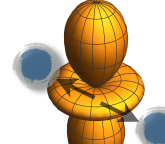

Resonant B decays

$$B \rightarrow K^* \ell\ell \rightarrow K\pi \ell\ell$$

$$|X\rangle, |\rho\rangle, |K^*\rangle, |f_0\rangle \notin \text{QCD Fock space}$$

# QCD Fock space

- At low-energies QCD = hadronic degrees of freedom  $\pi \sim \bar{u}d$ ,  $K \sim \bar{s}u$ ,  $p \sim uud$
- Overlaps of multi-hadron *asymptotic states*  $\rightarrow$  S matrix

		$ \pi\pi, \text{in}\rangle$			
					
		$e^{2i\delta_0(s)}$	0	0	depends on $s = E_{\text{cm}}^2$ and angular variables
$S(s) \equiv \langle \pi\pi, \text{out}  $		0	$e^{2i\delta_1(s)}$	0	diagonal in angular momentum
		0	0	$e^{2i\delta_2(s)}$	
		0	0	$e^{2i\delta_2(s)}$	

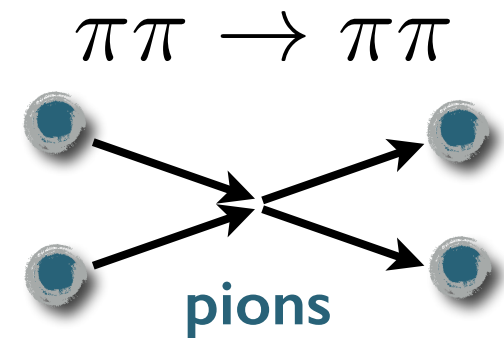
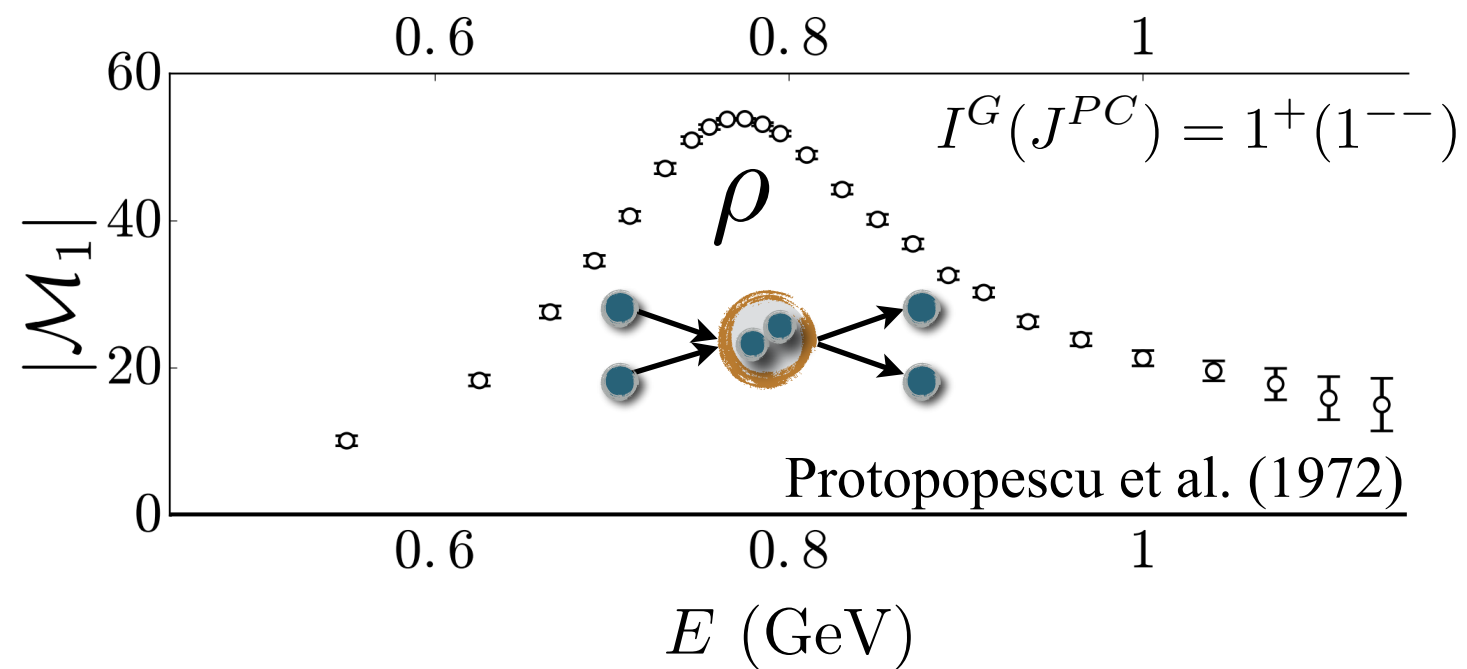
$$\mathcal{M}_\ell(s) \propto e^{2i\delta_\ell(s)} - 1$$

- An enormous space of information

$$|\pi\pi\pi\pi, \text{in}\rangle \quad |K\bar{K}, \text{in}\rangle \quad \dots$$

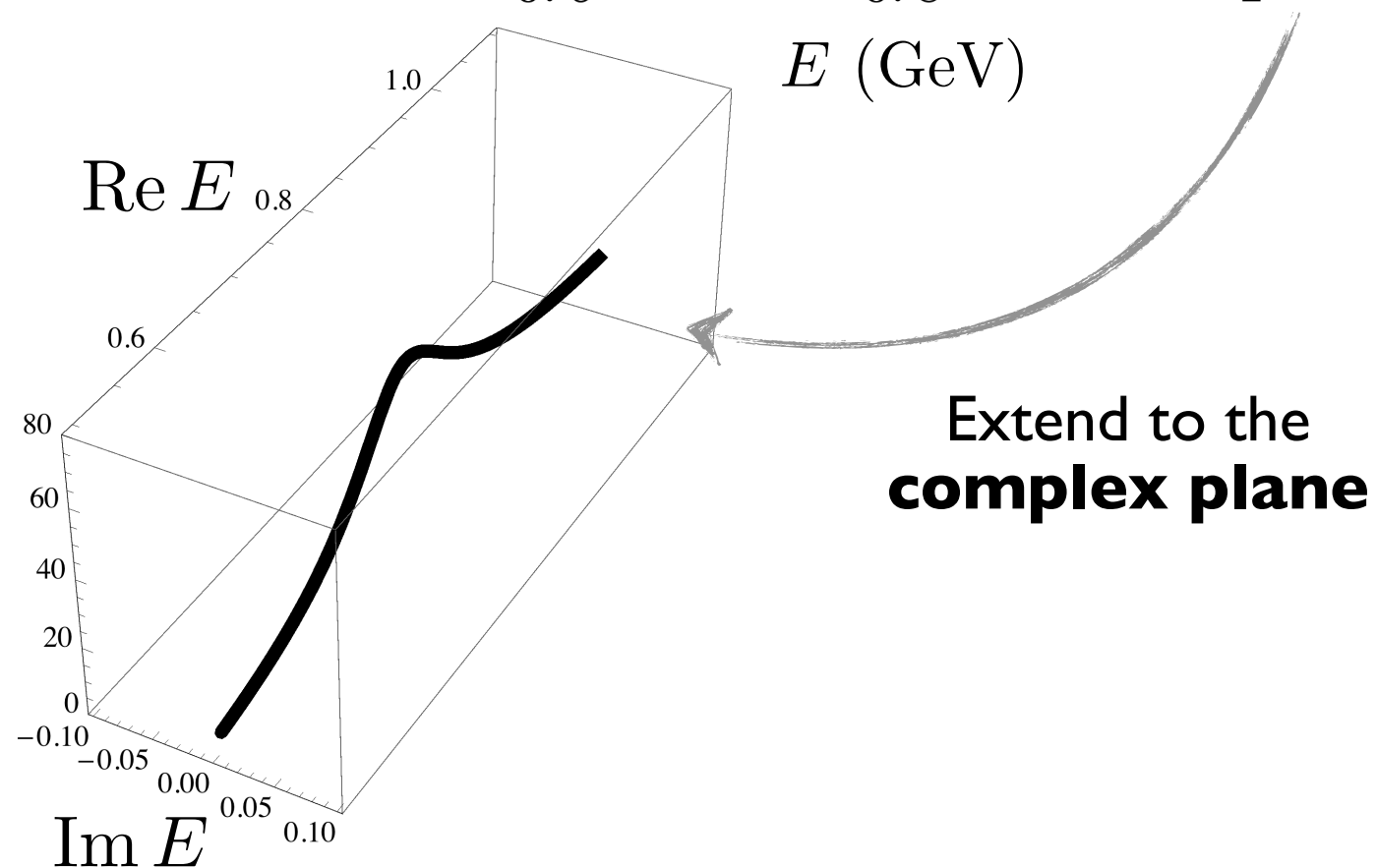
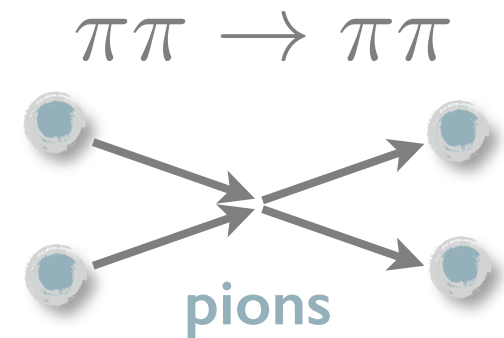
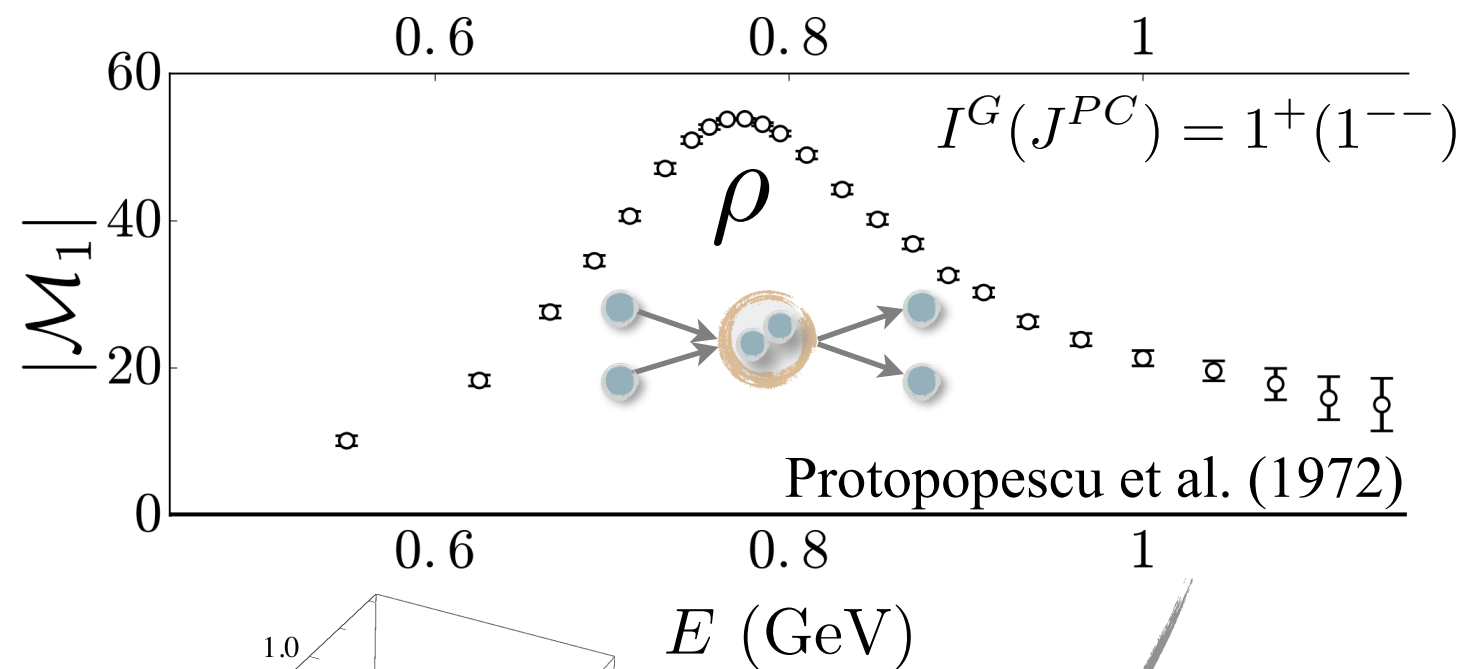
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 scattering rate



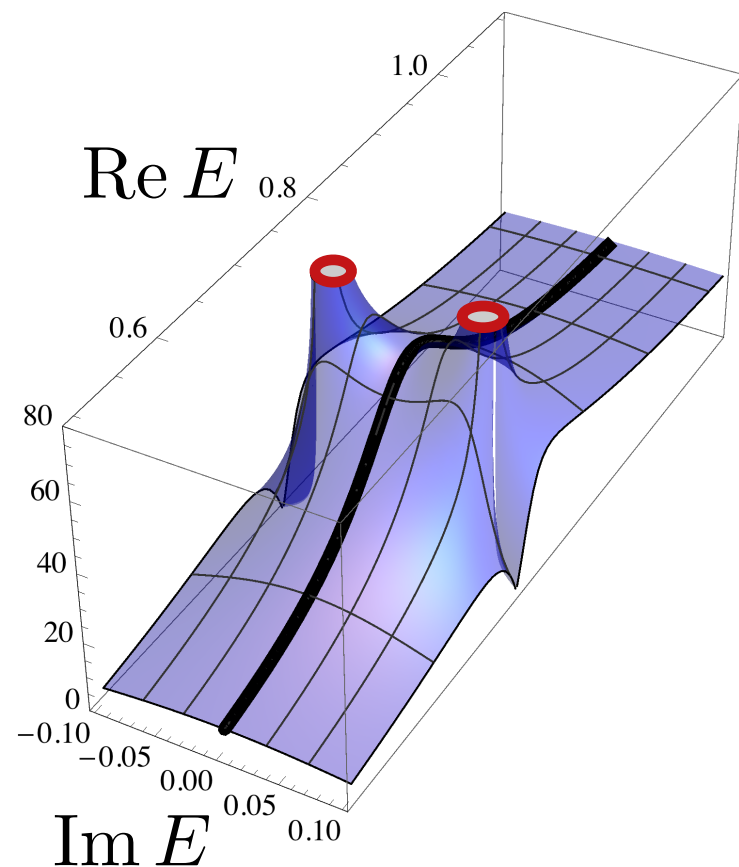
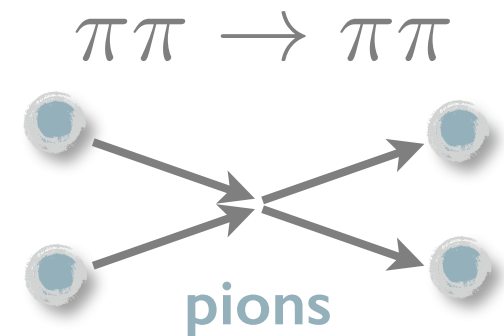
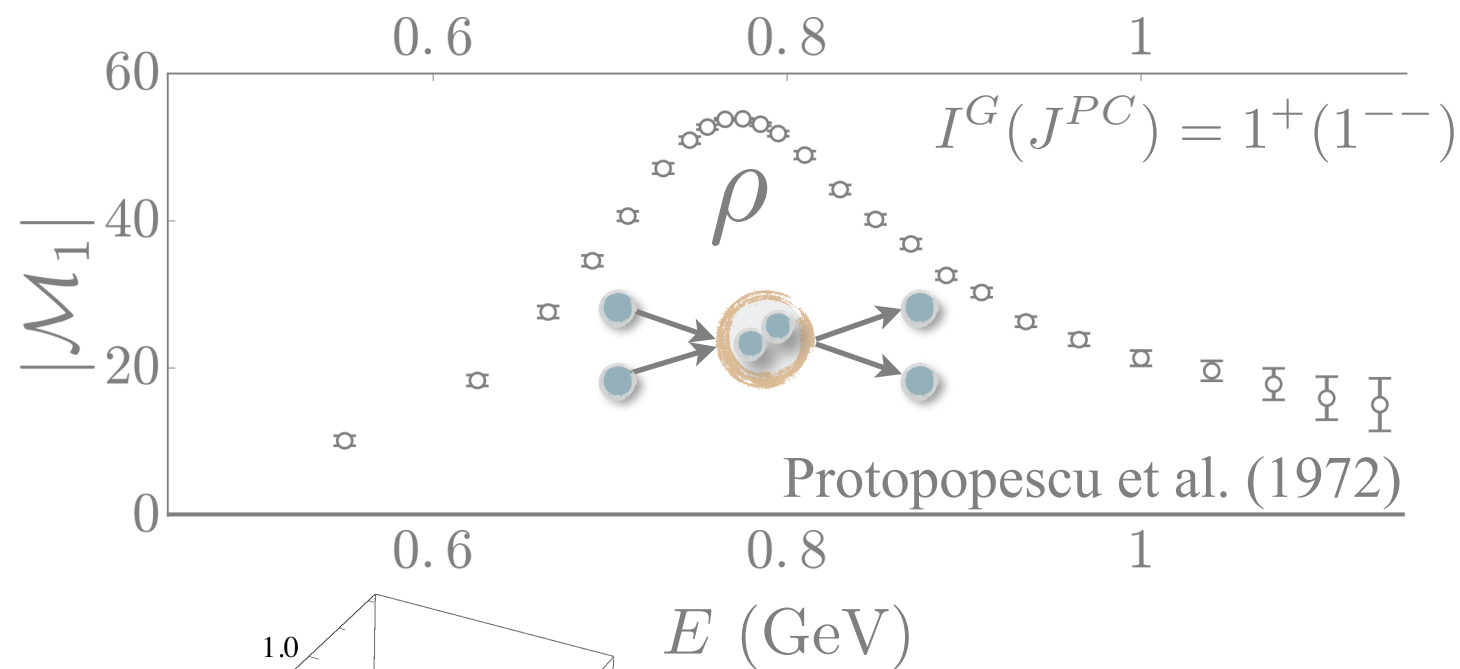
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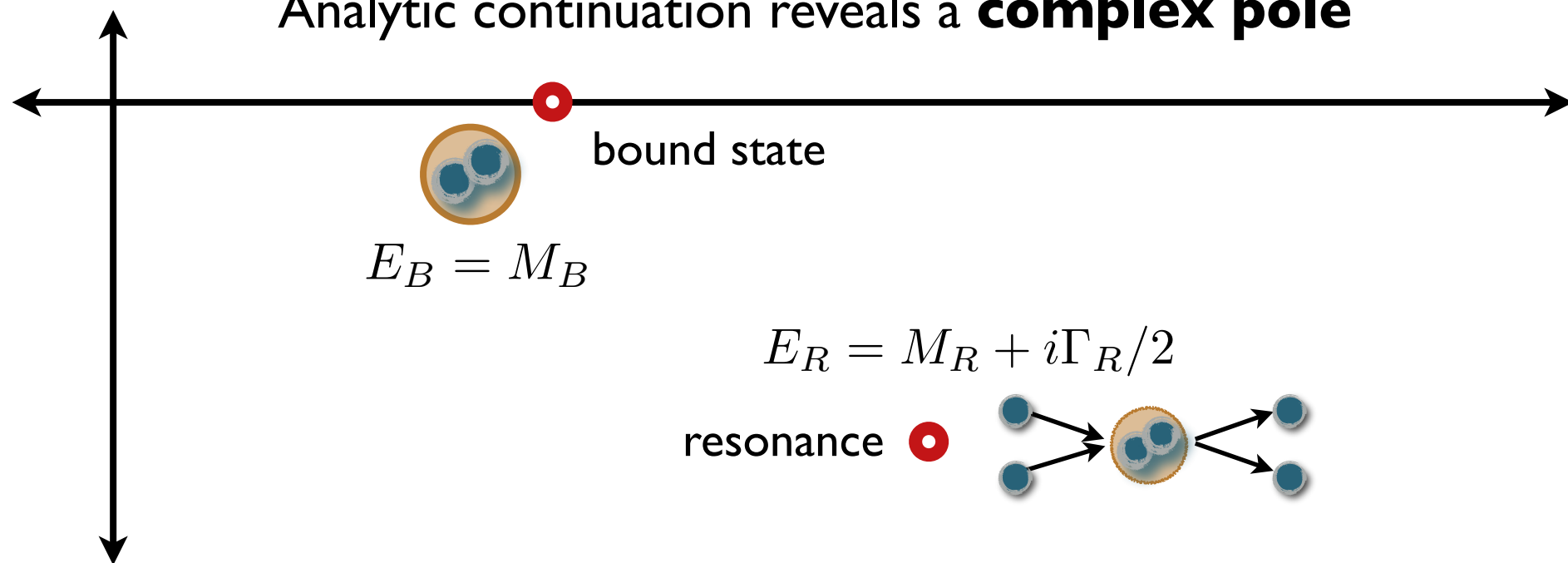


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Analytic continuation reveals a **complex pole**

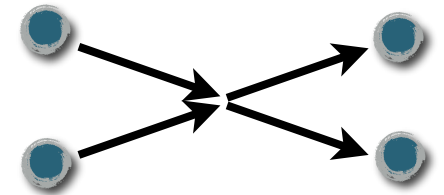




# Analyticity

❑ Instead of  $|\mathcal{M}(s)|^2 \rightarrow$  analytically continue the **amplitude** itself

For two-particle energies  $(2m)^2 < s < (4m)^2$ , what is the analytic structure?



❑ The optical theorem tells us...

$$\rho(s) |\mathcal{M}_\ell(s)|^2 = \text{Im } \mathcal{M}_\ell(s)$$

where  $\rho(s) = \frac{\sqrt{1 - 4m^2/s}}{32\pi}$  is the two-particle phase space

❑ Unique solution is...  $\mathcal{M}_\ell(s) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{K}_\ell(s)^{-1} - i\rho(s)}$

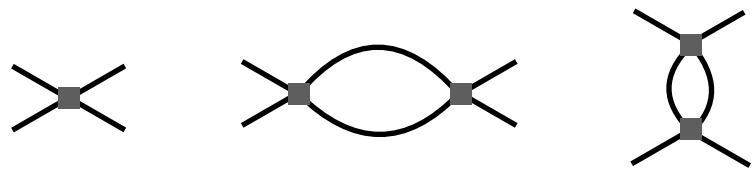
$\mathcal{K}$  matrix (short distance)

phase-space cut (long distance)

Key message: *The scattering amplitude has a square-root branch cut*

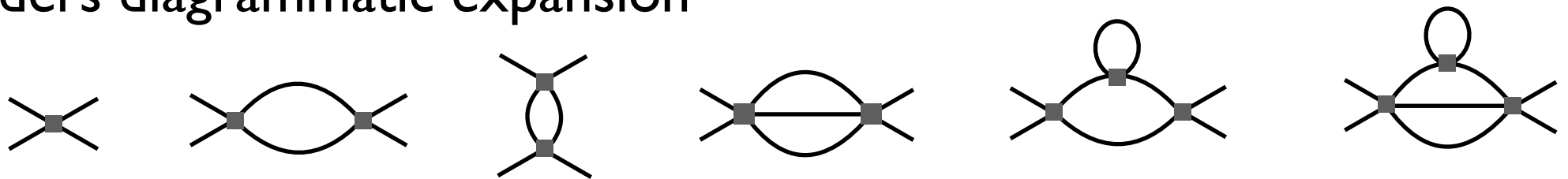
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$$\mathcal{M} = \text{[diagram 1]} + \text{[diagram 2]} + \text{[diagram 3]}$$


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$$\mathcal{M} =$$


The diagrammatic expansion of the Bethe-Salpeter equation is shown as  $\mathcal{M} =$  followed by a series of diagrams. The first diagram is a four-point vertex. The subsequent diagrams are terms in a series: a bubble diagram, a crossed-bubble diagram, a diagram with a horizontal exchange line and two arcs, a diagram with a vertical exchange line and two arcs, a diagram with a horizontal exchange line, a loop, and an arc, and finally a diagram with a vertical exchange line, a loop, and an arc.

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The diagrammatic expansion shows the following structures:


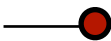
- Row 1: Tree-level exchange, one-loop bubble, two-loop exchange with a bubble, two-loop exchange with a horizontal line, two-loop exchange with a vertical loop, two-loop exchange with a horizontal line and a vertical loop.
- Row 2: Two-loop exchange with a horizontal line and a bubble, two-loop exchange with a vertical loop and a bubble, two-loop exchange with a horizontal line and a bubble, two-loop exchange with a vertical loop and a bubble, two-loop exchange with a horizontal line and a bubble, two-loop exchange with a horizontal line and a bubble.
- Row 3: Two-loop exchange with a horizontal line and a bubble, two-loop exchange with a vertical loop and a bubble, two-loop exchange with a horizontal line and a bubble.

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□ Construct  and  such that this is true


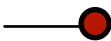
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 = & \text{[Diagram 16]} + \text{[Diagram 17]} + \text{[Diagram 18]} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{[blue circle]} = \text{[Diagram 19]}$$

$$\text{[line with red dot]} =$$

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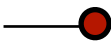


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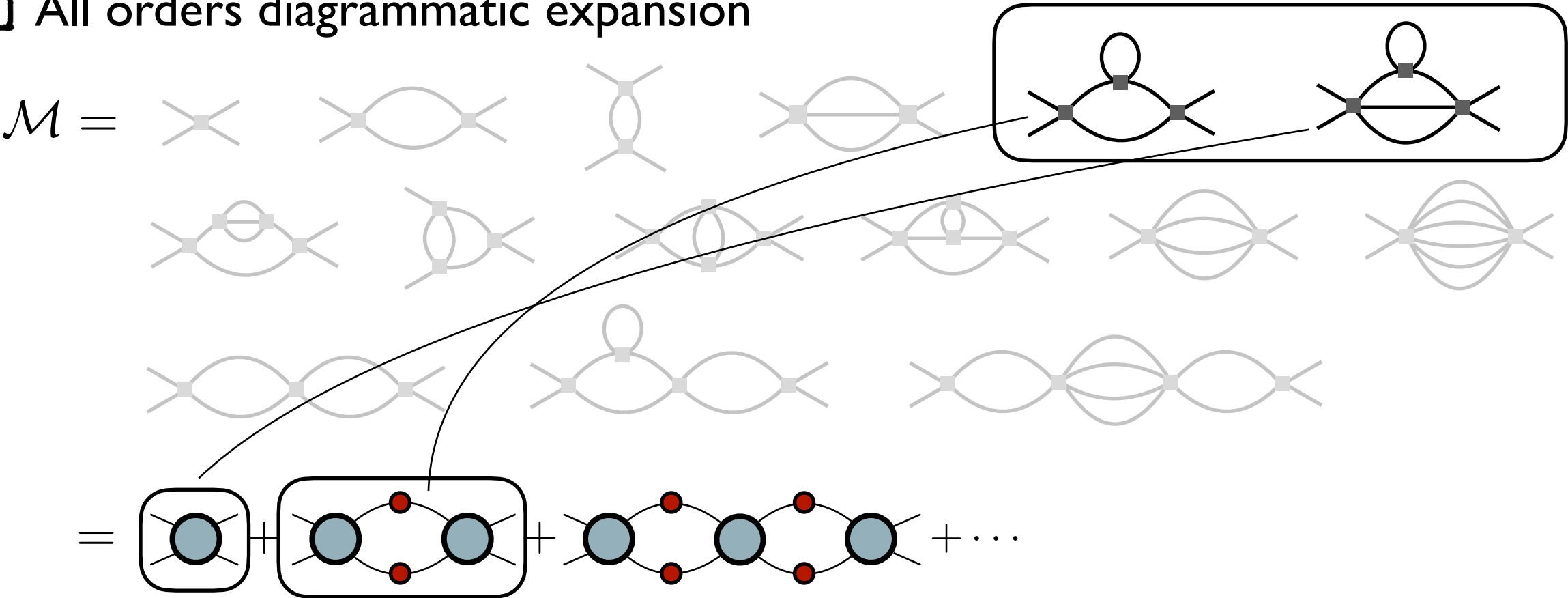
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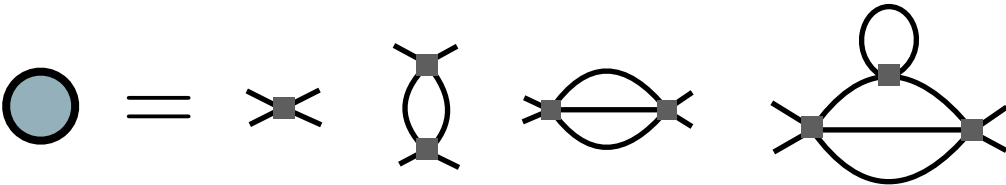
$$\text{[line with red dot]} = \text{[line]}$$

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Bethe Salpeter kernel  
(2PI in the s-channel)

$$\text{[red dot on line]} = \text{[line]} + \text{[line with loop]} + \text{[line with two loops]} + \text{[line with bubble]}$$

Fully dressed propagator

# Bethe Salpeter kernel

$$\text{blue circle} = \text{cross} + \text{vertical loop} + \text{horizontal loop} + \text{vertical loop with top bubble} = B(s)$$

□ Analyticity of B.S. kernel  
 time-ordered (old fashioned) perturbation theory

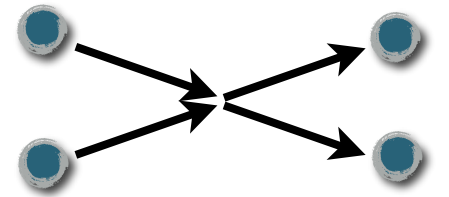
$$\int_{\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2} \frac{1}{E - \omega_{\mathbf{p}_1} - \omega_{\mathbf{p}_2} - \omega_{\mathbf{P}-\mathbf{p}_1-\mathbf{p}_2}}$$

$$\int_{\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2} \frac{1}{-E - \omega_{\mathbf{p}_1} - \omega_{\mathbf{p}_2} - \omega_{\mathbf{P}-\mathbf{p}_1-\mathbf{p}_2}}$$

□ Real and analytic for  $s < (3m)^2$   
 no  $i\epsilon$  needed if pole is not satisfied

# Analyticity of $\mathcal{M}$ (from B.S. kernel)

For two-particle energies  $(2m)^2 < s < (3m)^2$ , what is the analytic structure?



$$\mathcal{M}(s) \equiv \text{[diagram of a single vertex]} + \text{[diagram of two vertices connected by a loop with } i\epsilon \text{]} + \text{[diagram of three vertices connected by two loops with } i\epsilon \text{]} + \dots$$

non-analytic:  
on-shell particles = singularities

— propagating pion

$$\text{[diagram of two vertices connected by a loop with } i\epsilon \text{]} = \text{[diagram of two vertices connected by a loop with PV]} + \text{[diagram of two vertices connected by a loop with a dashed line and } \rho(s) \text{]}$$

$\rho(s) \propto \sqrt{s - (2m)^2}$

cutting rule

defines the  $K$  matrix

$$= \left[ \text{[diagram of a single vertex]} + \text{[diagram of two vertices connected by a loop with PV]} + \dots \right] + \left[ \text{[diagram of a single vertex]} + \text{[diagram of two vertices connected by a loop with PV]} + \dots \right] \text{[diagram of a loop with a dashed line and } \rho(s) \text{]} \left[ \text{[diagram of a single vertex]} + \text{[diagram of two vertices connected by a loop with PV]} + \dots \right] + \dots$$

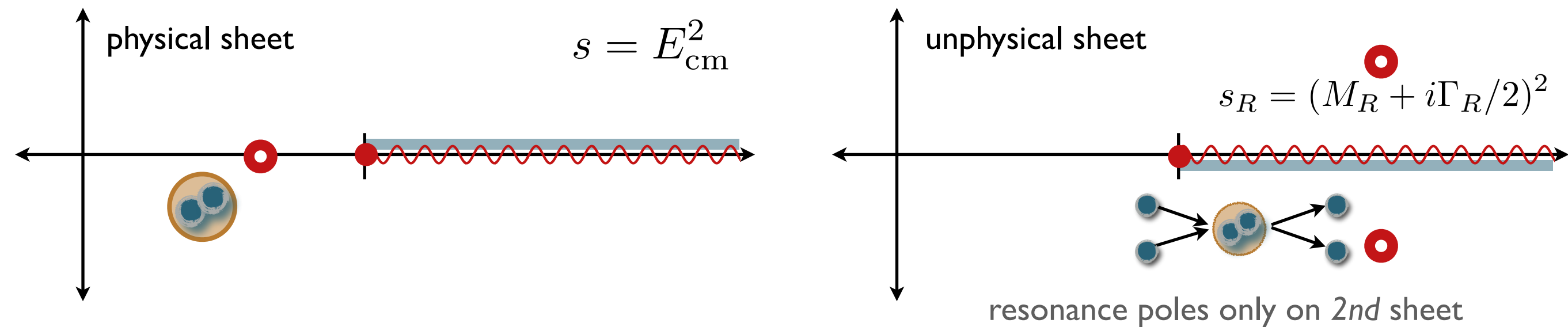
$$= \mathcal{K}(s) + \mathcal{K}(s)i\rho(s)\mathcal{K}(s) + \dots = \frac{1}{\mathcal{K}(s)^{-1} - i\rho(s)}$$

branch-cut singularity  
 $\sqrt{s - (2m)^2}$

# Cuts and sheets

$$\mathcal{M}_\ell(s) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{K}_\ell(s)^{-1} - i\rho(s)} \propto \frac{1}{p \cot \delta_\ell(s) - ip} \propto e^{2i\delta_\ell(s)} - 1 \quad \rho(s) \propto \sqrt{s - (2m)^2}$$

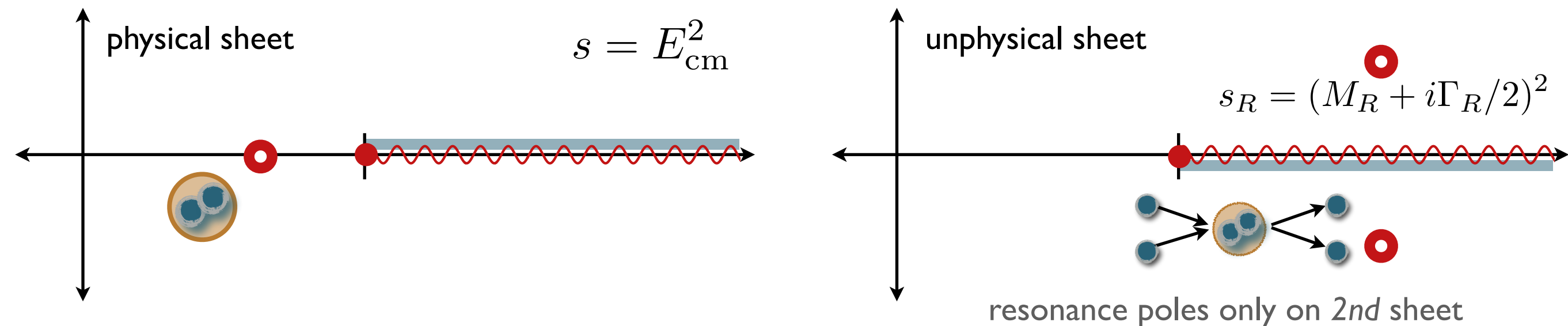
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□ Important lessons:

Details of analyticity = important for quantitative understanding

Possible to separate...

(i) *long-distance kinematic singularities*

(ii) *short-distance/microscopic physics (depending on interaction details)*



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- ☒ Meaning of Euclidean
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