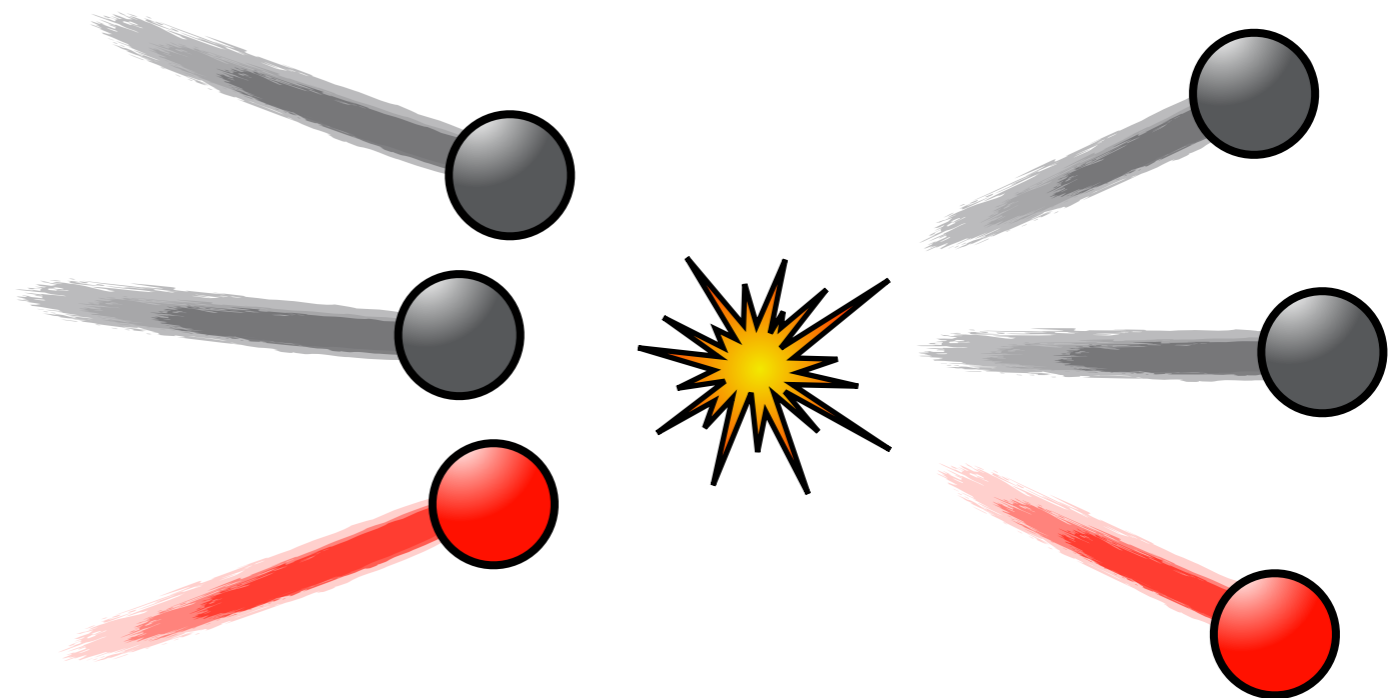


Progress in relativistic three-hadron scattering from lattice QCD

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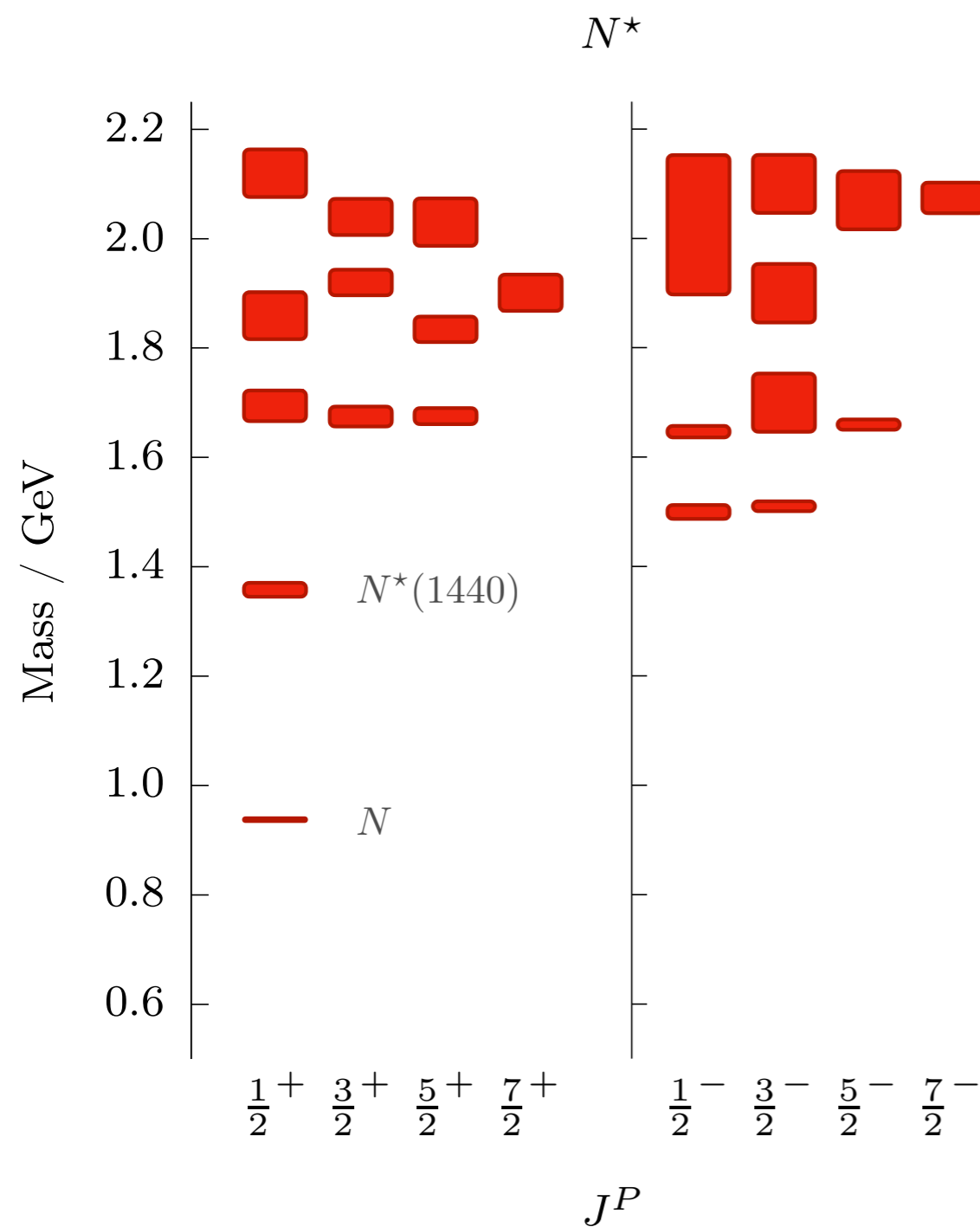
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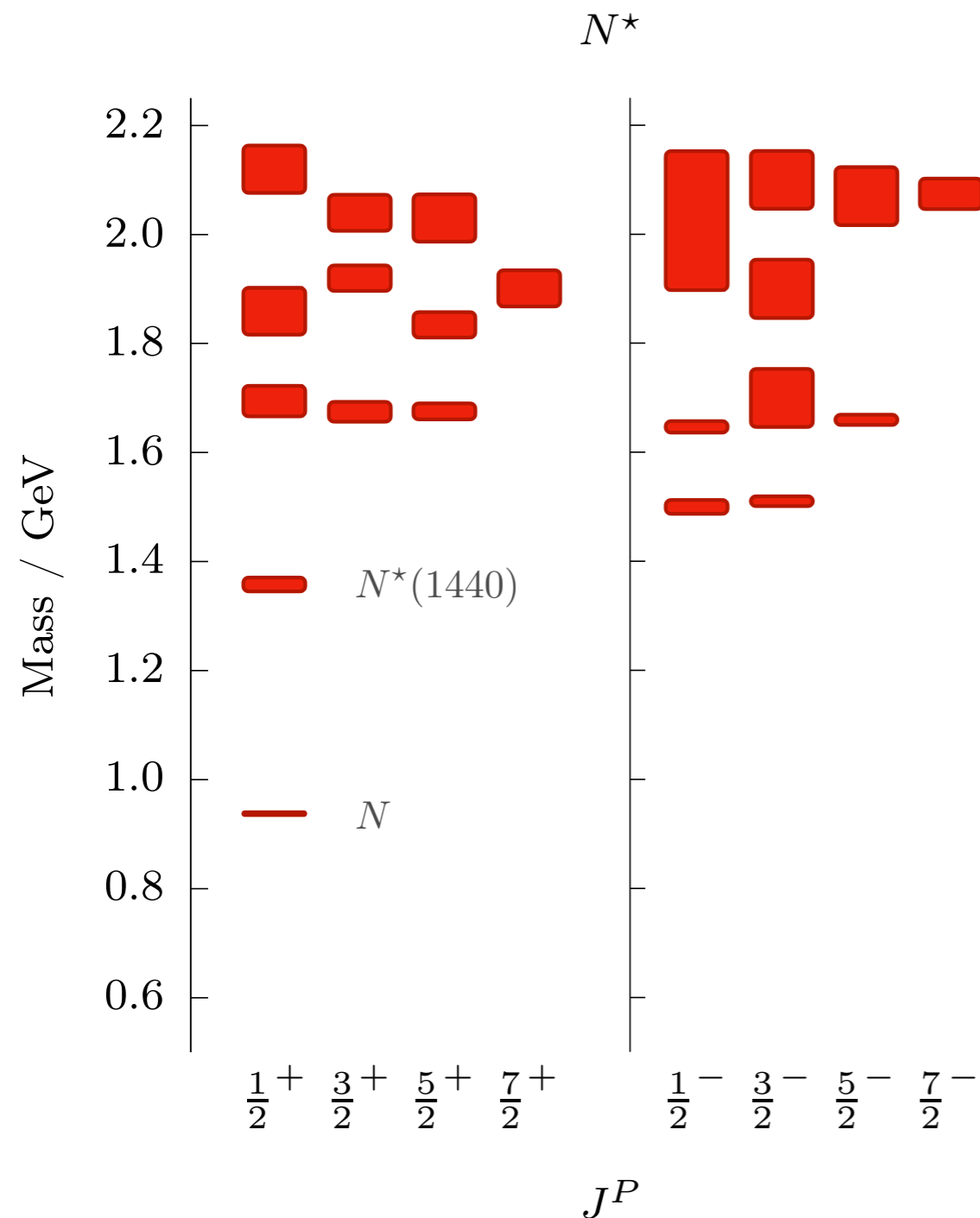
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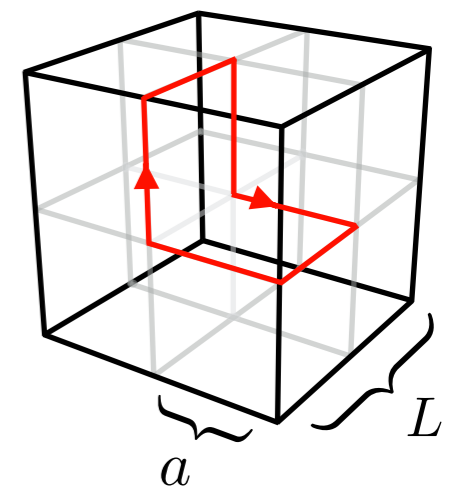
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Lattice QCD offers a systematic approach to compute hadrons from QCD

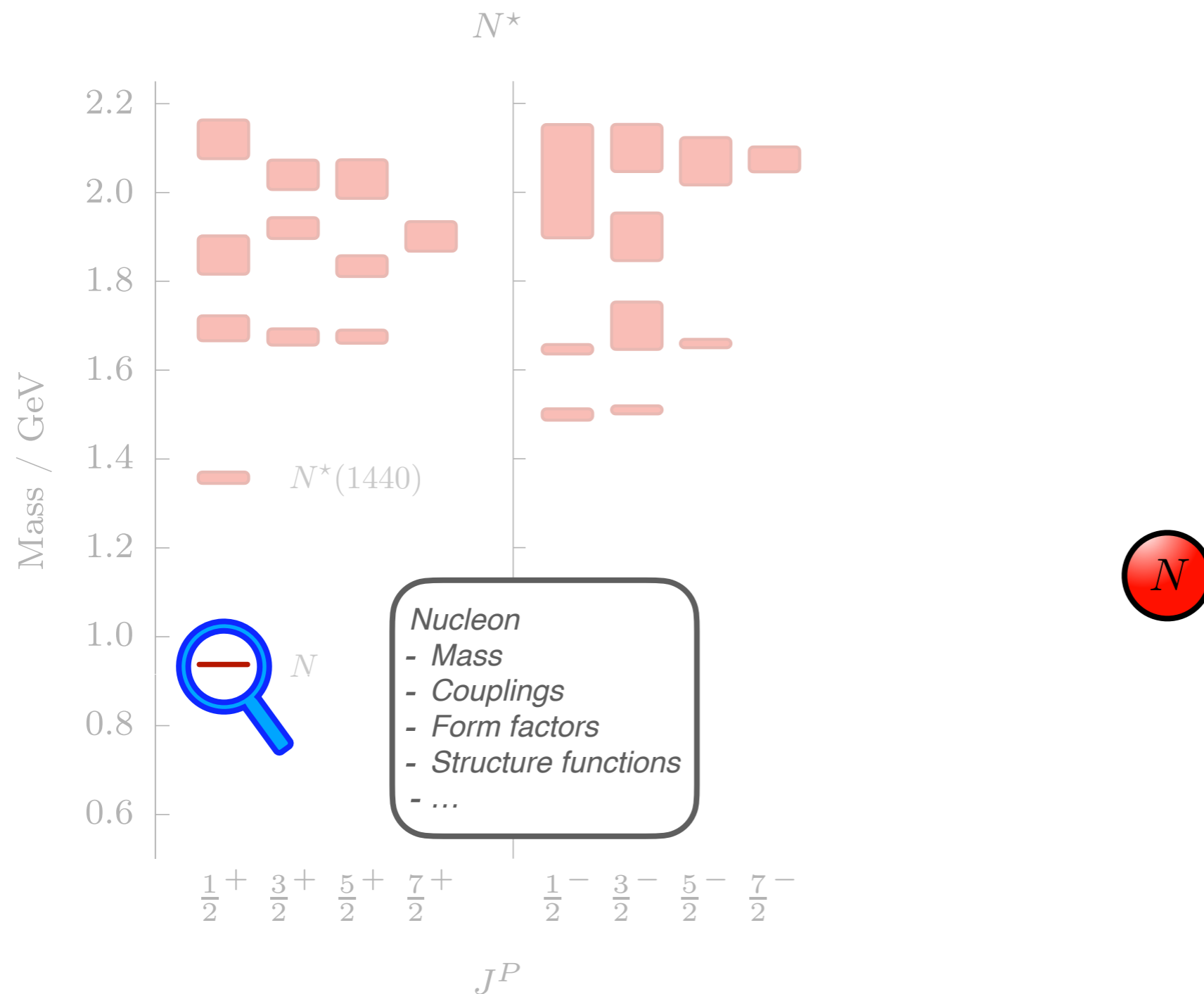
- Numerically evaluate QCD path integral
 - Euclidean spacetime, $t \rightarrow -i\tau$
 - Finite volume, L
 - Discrete spacetime, a
 - Heavier than physical quark mass, $m > m_{\text{phys}}$.



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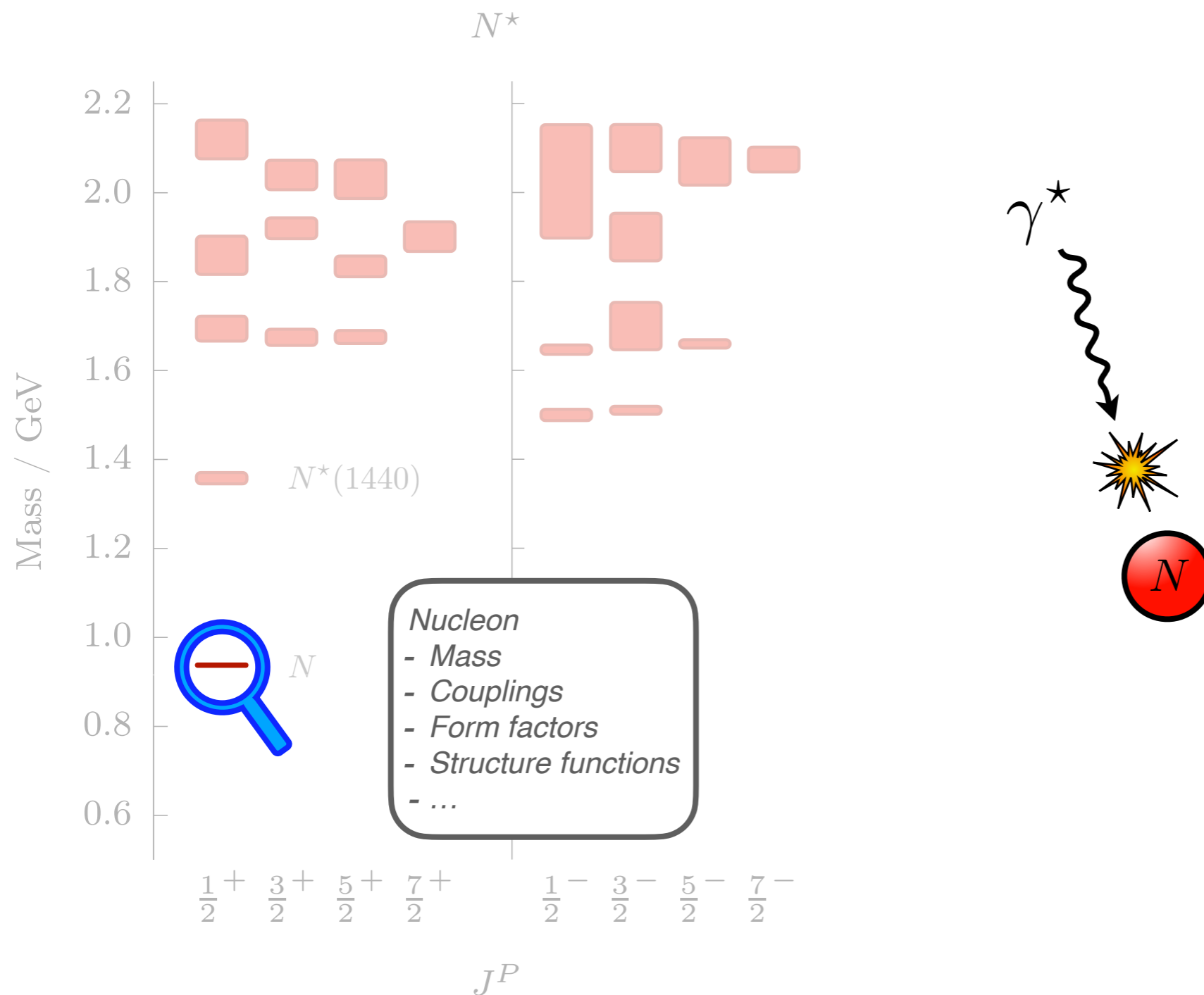
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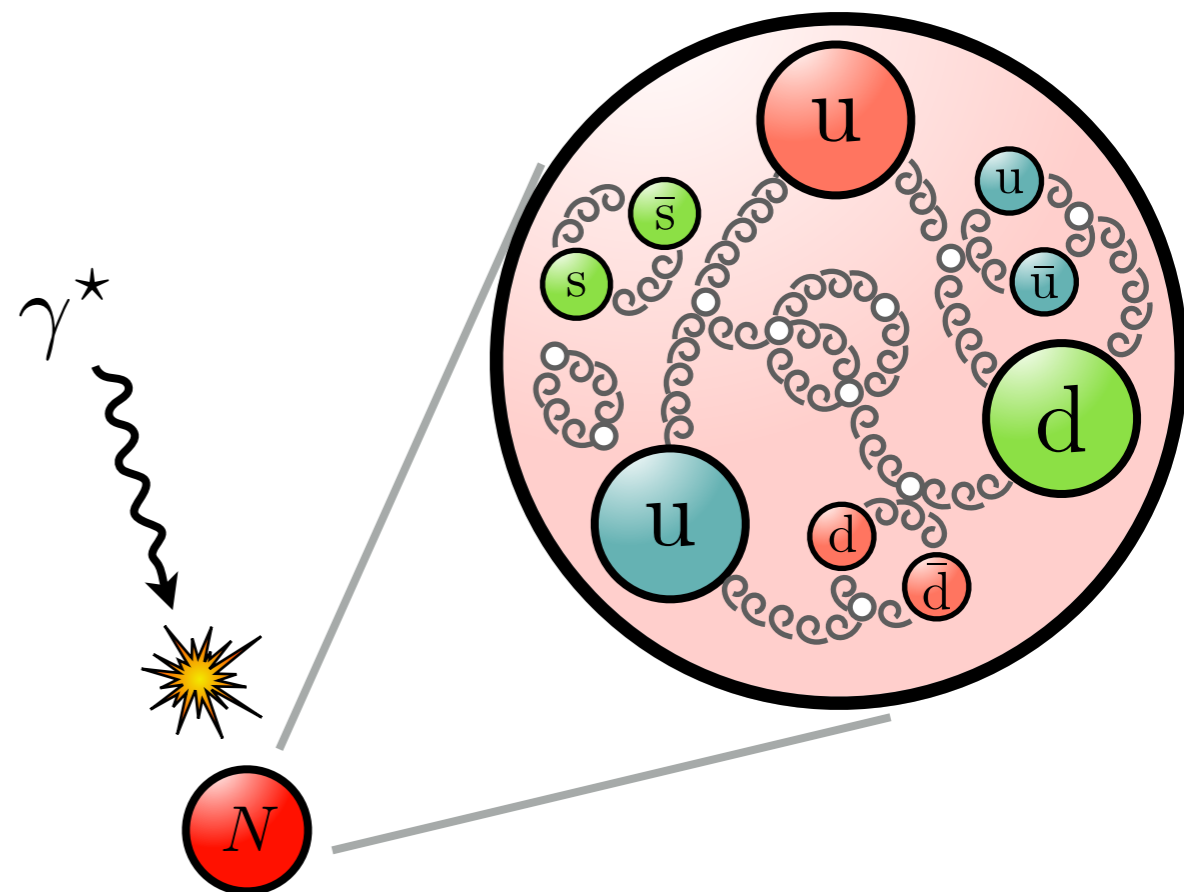
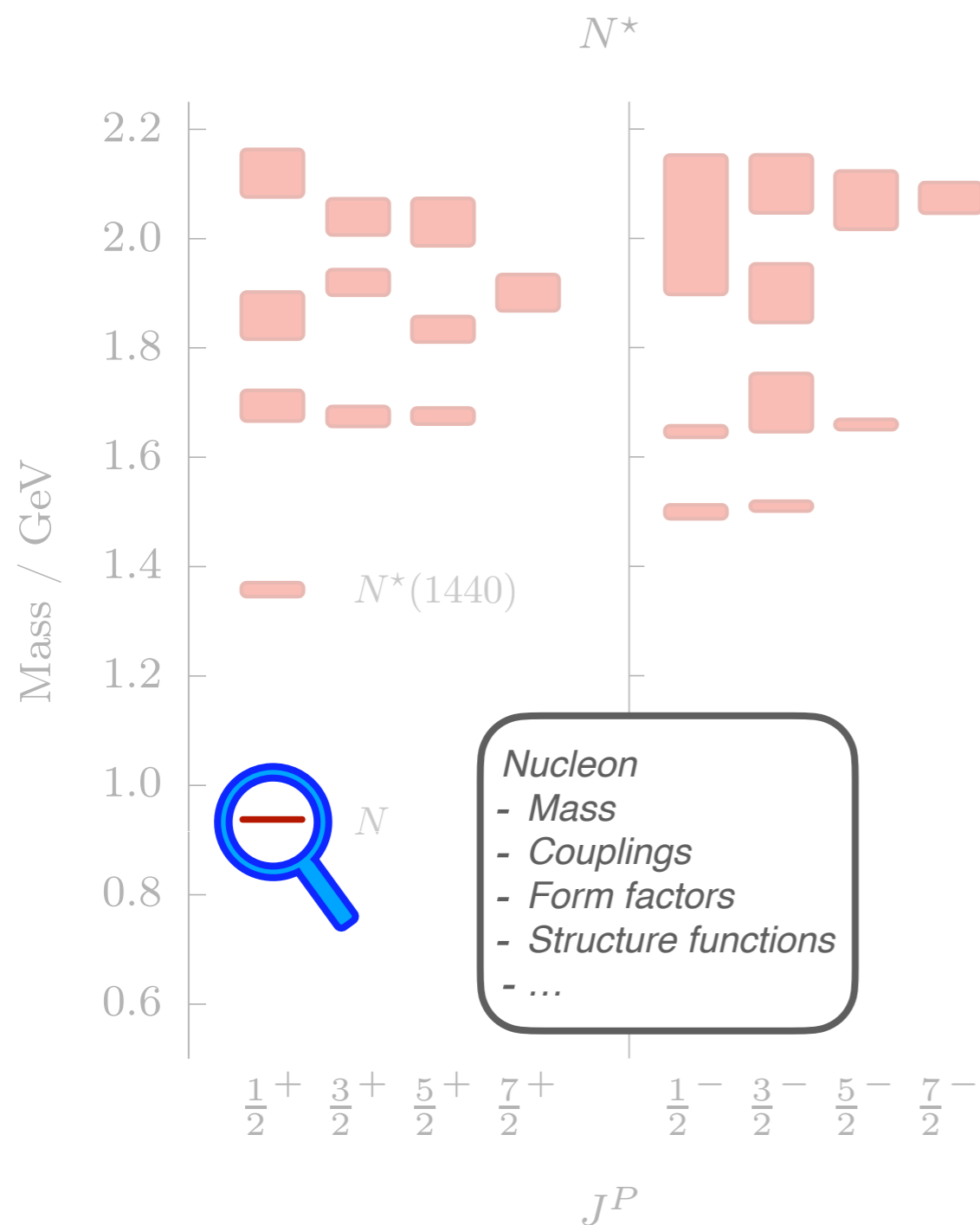


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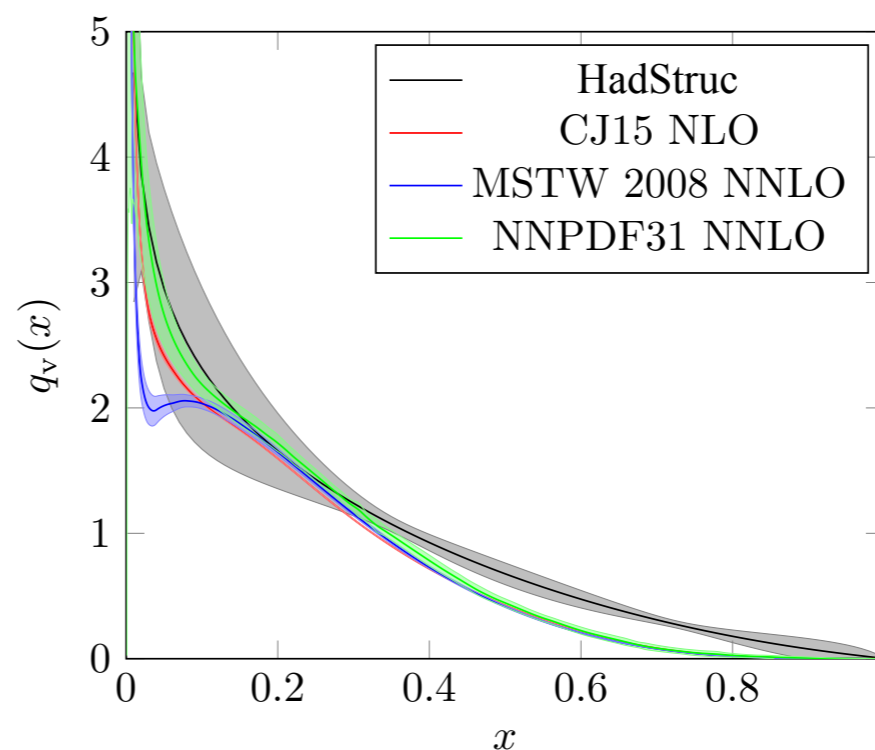
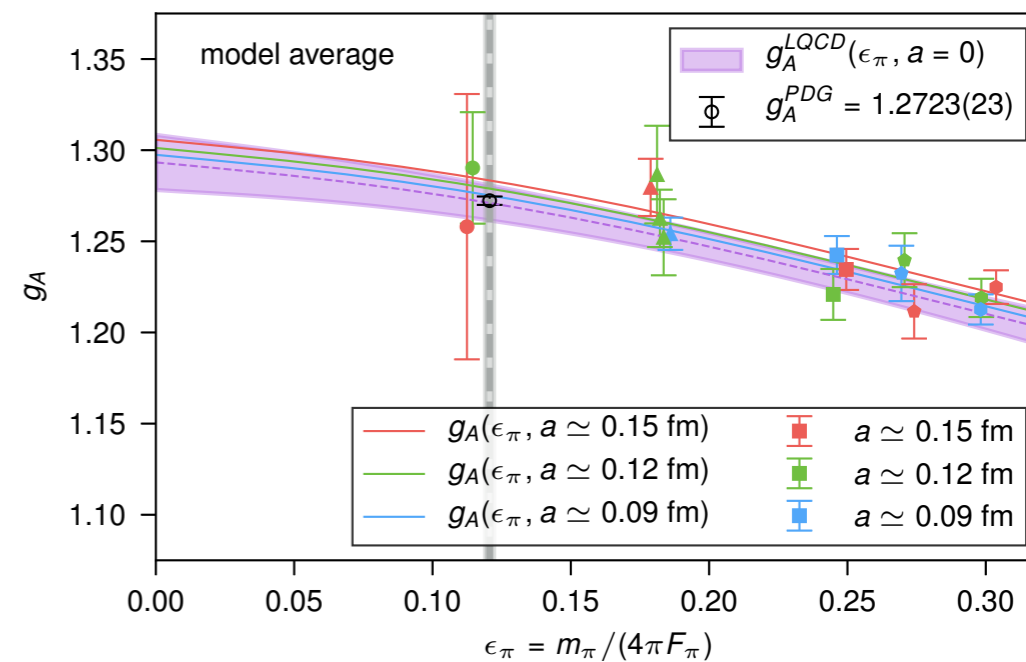
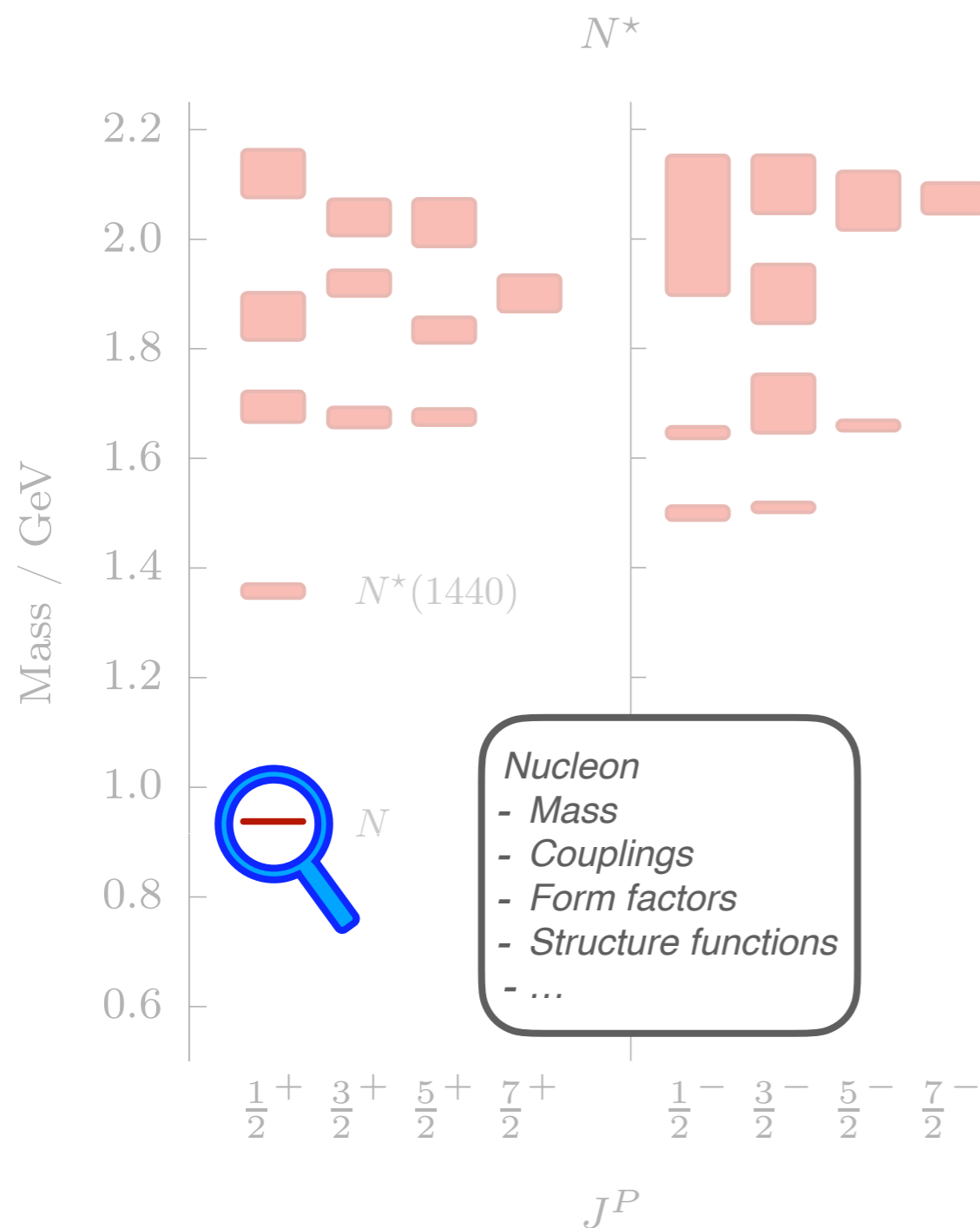


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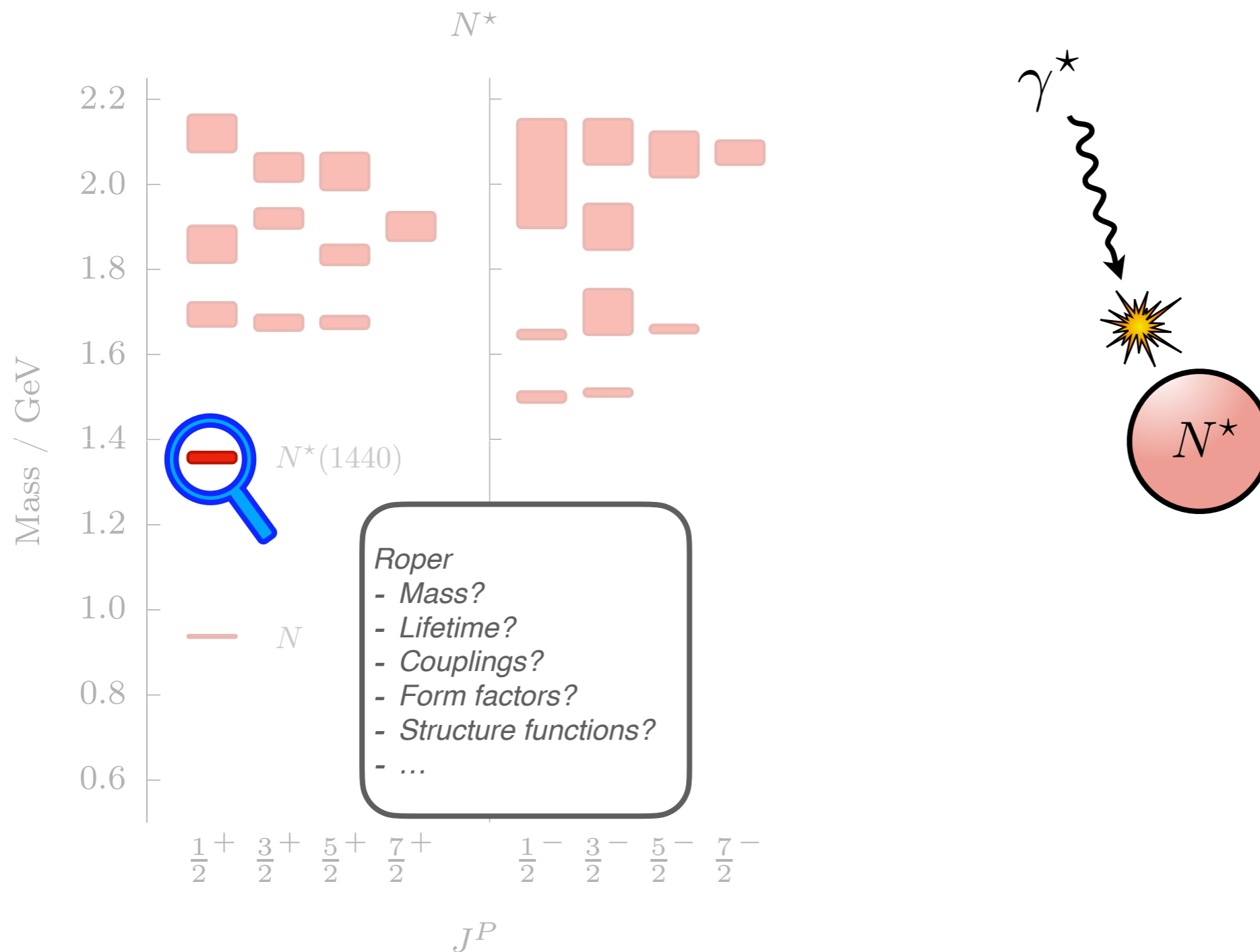
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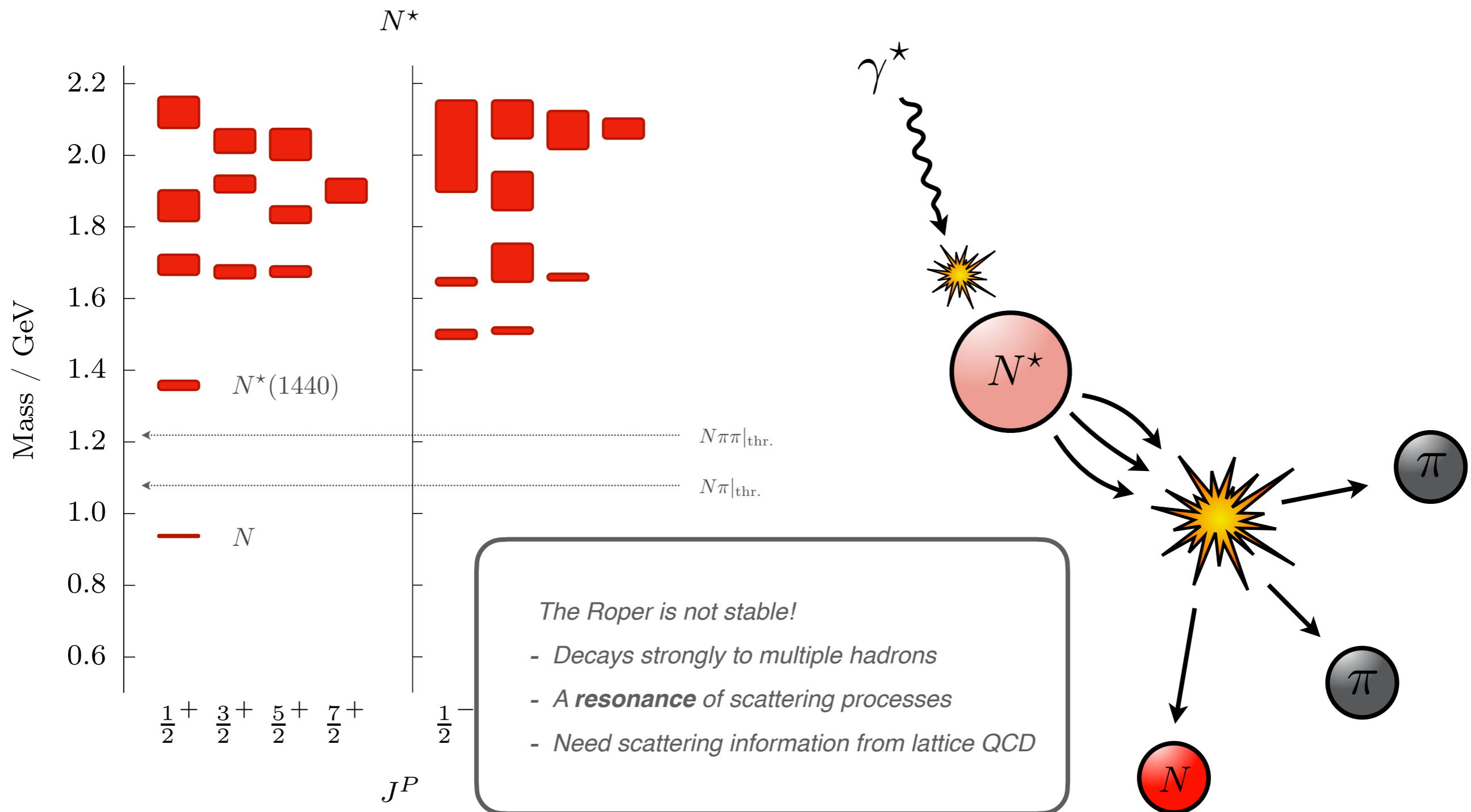
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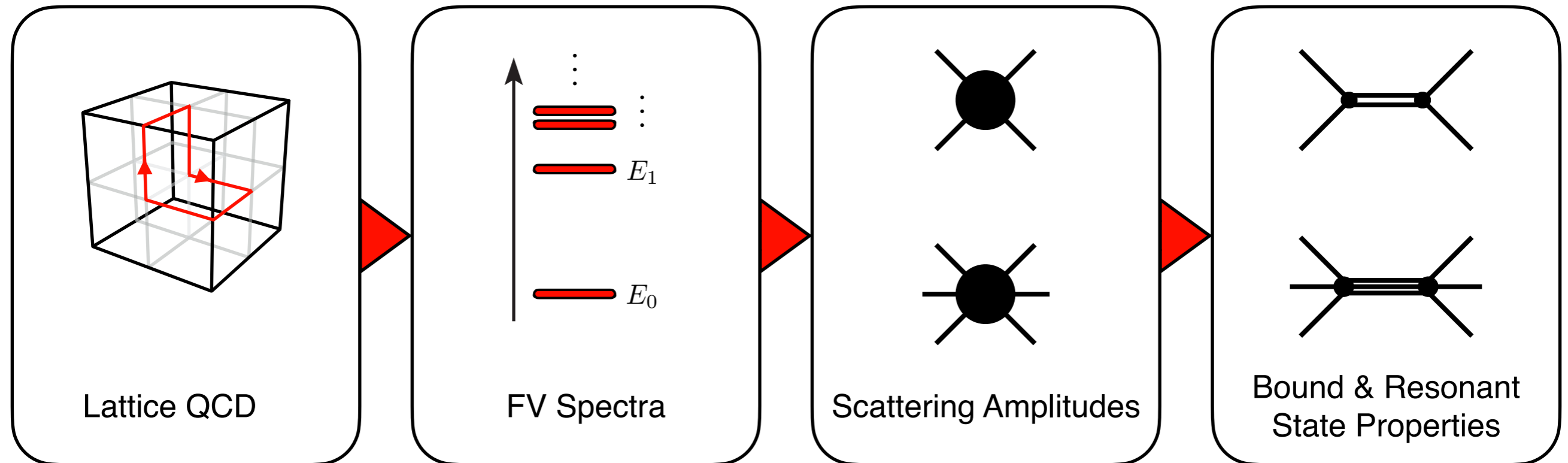
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Path to scattering physics from QCD

Use Lüscher methodology to connect lattice QCD observables to scattering amplitudes

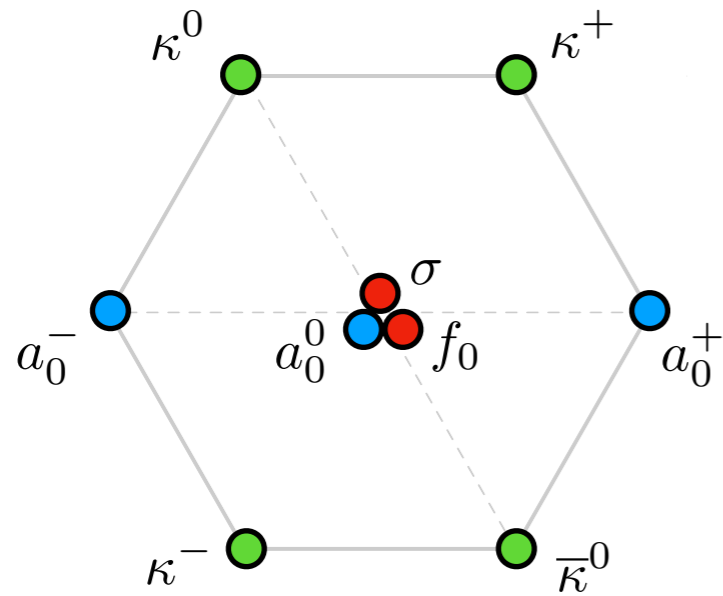
- Non-perturbative, model-independent, systematically improvable



Path to scattering physics from QCD

Much success in two-body sector

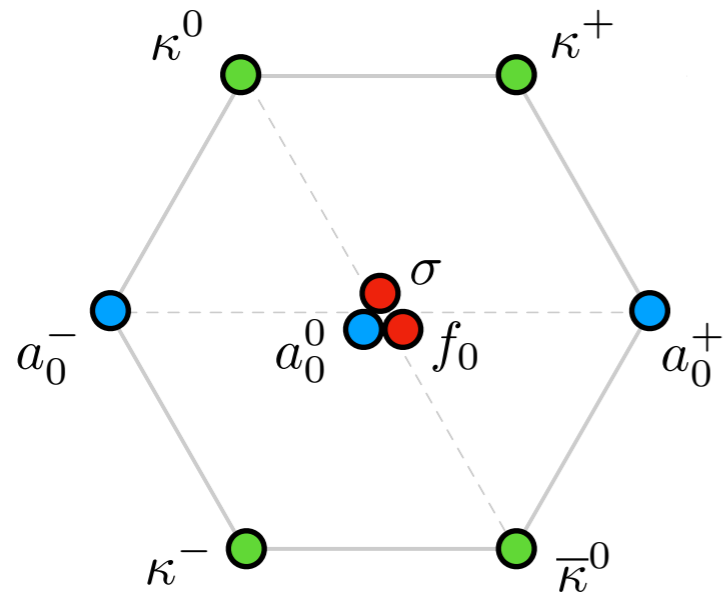
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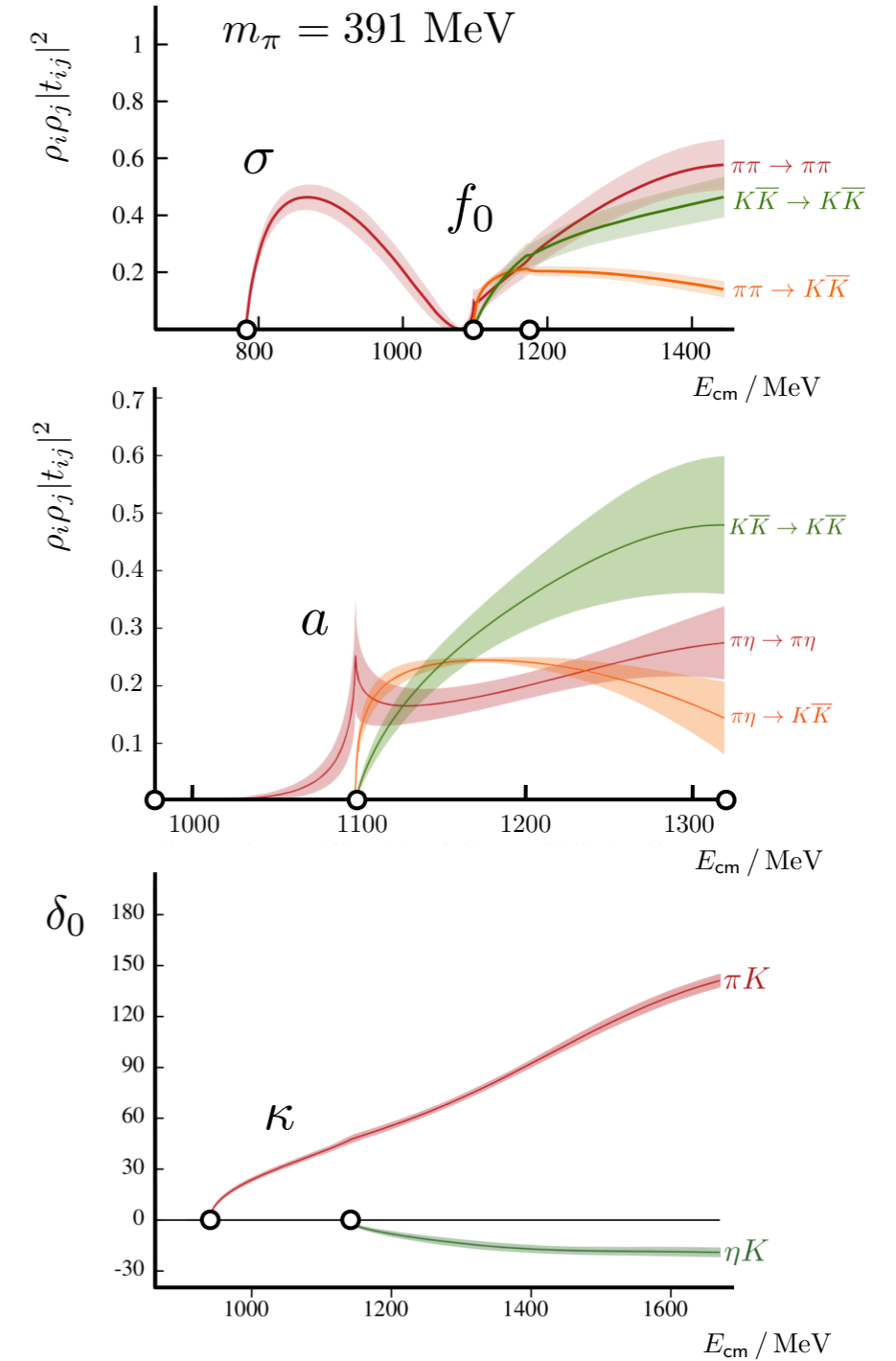
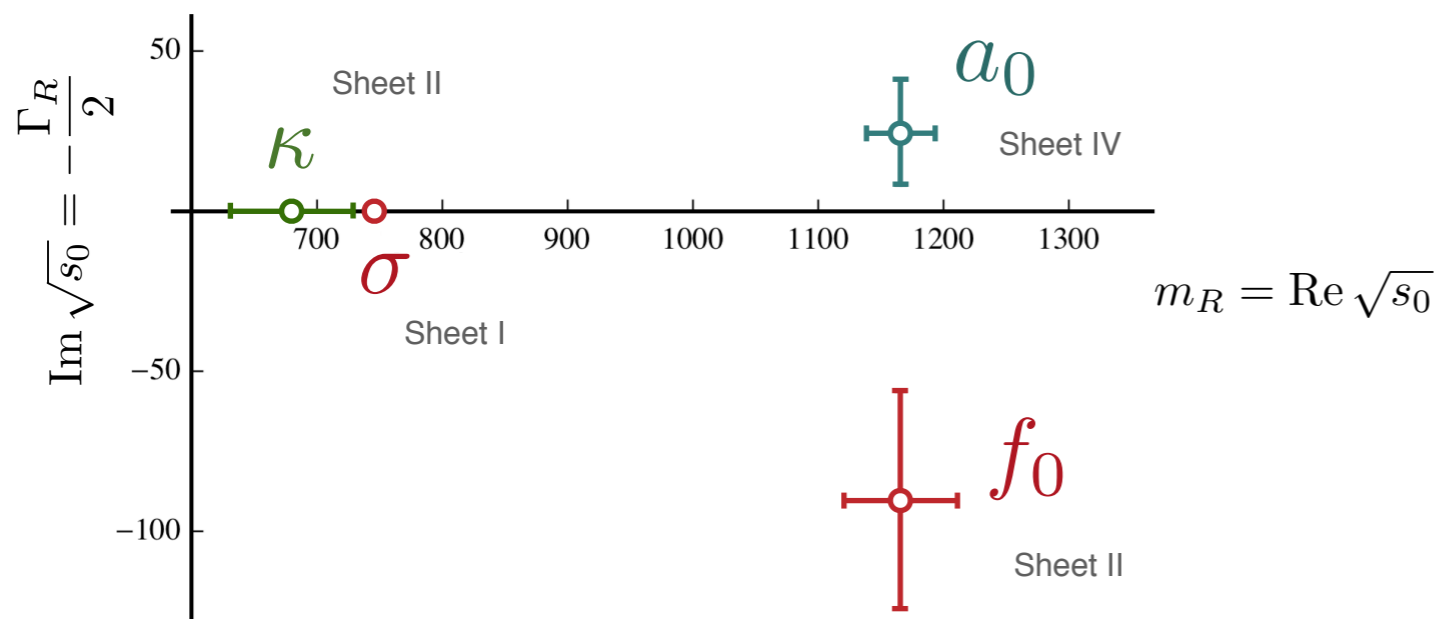
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Path to three-body physics from QCD

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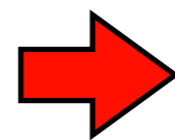
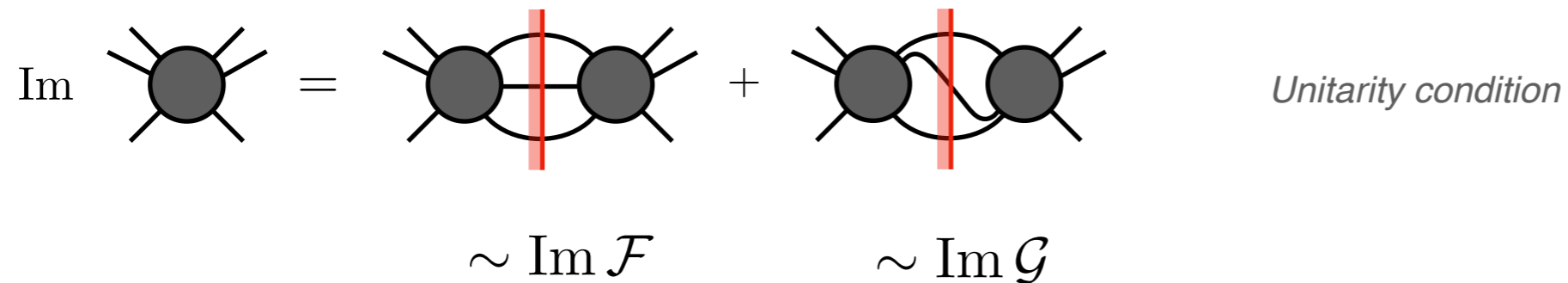


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Scattering theory for three-body systems

Using principles of S matrix to constrain amplitude

- *Lorentz Invariance*
- *Unitarity*
- *Analyticity*
- *Crossing*



$$\mathcal{T}_3 = \mathcal{K}_3 - \int \mathcal{K}_3 \mathcal{F} \mathcal{T}_3 - \iint \mathcal{K}_3 \mathcal{G} \mathcal{T}_3$$

On-shell scattering equation

\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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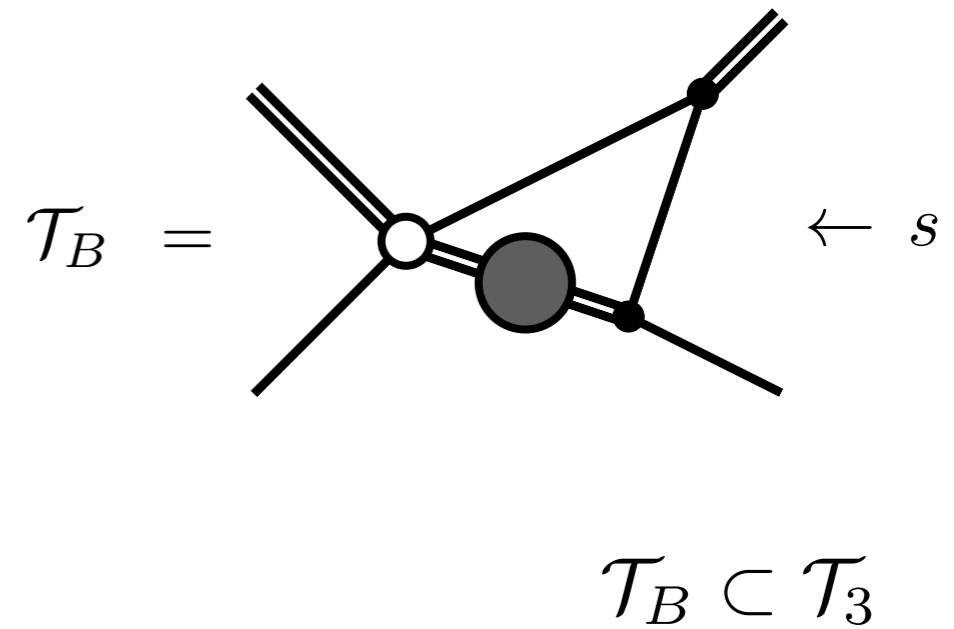
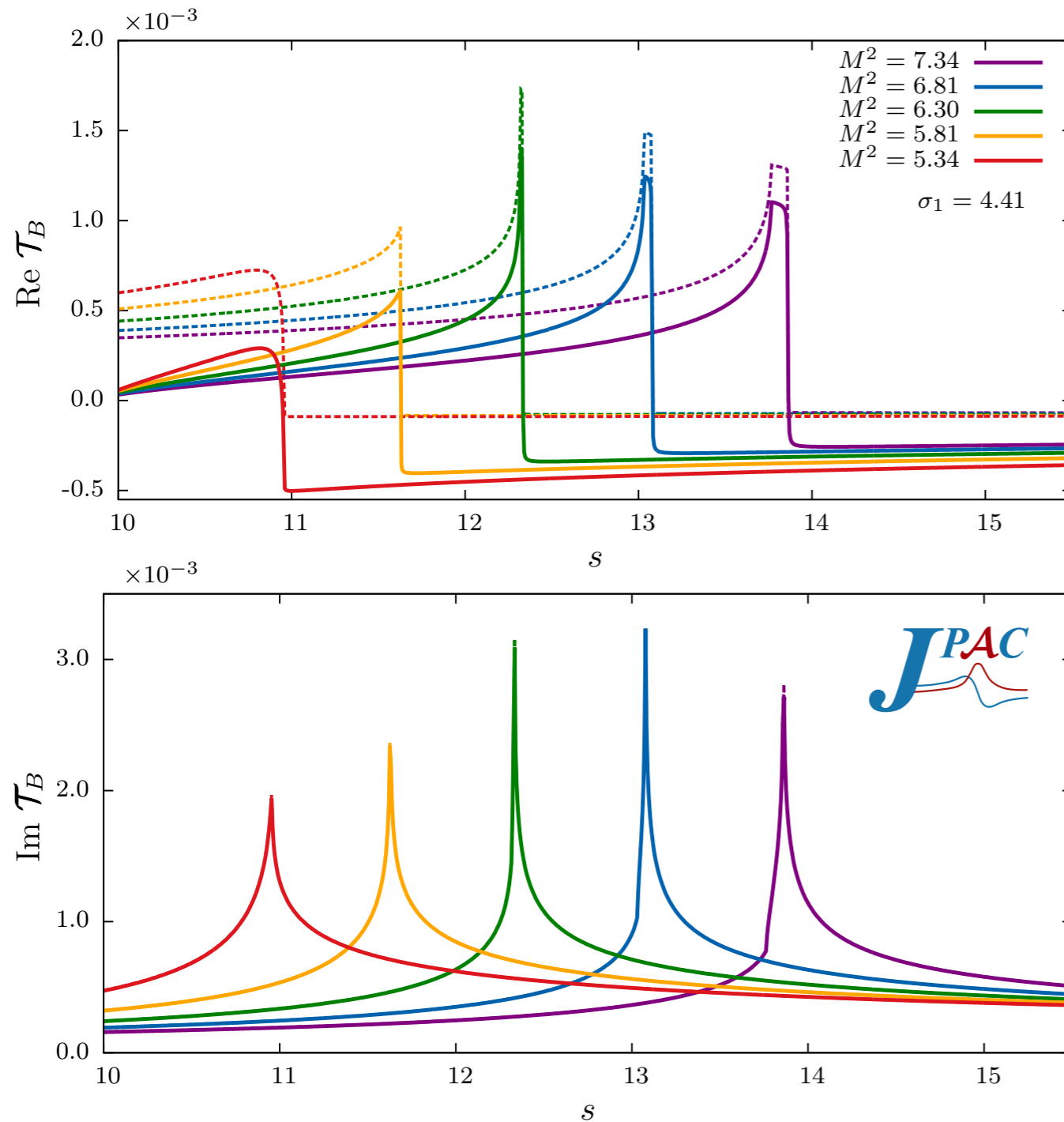
cf. two-body case: $\mathcal{T}_2 = \mathcal{K}_2 - \mathcal{K}_2 \mathcal{F} \mathcal{T}_2$

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Using principles of S matrix to constrain amplitude

- Informs the analytic structure — needed to understand resonance phenomena

e.g. effects of triangle singularities

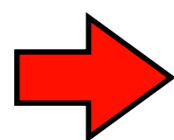
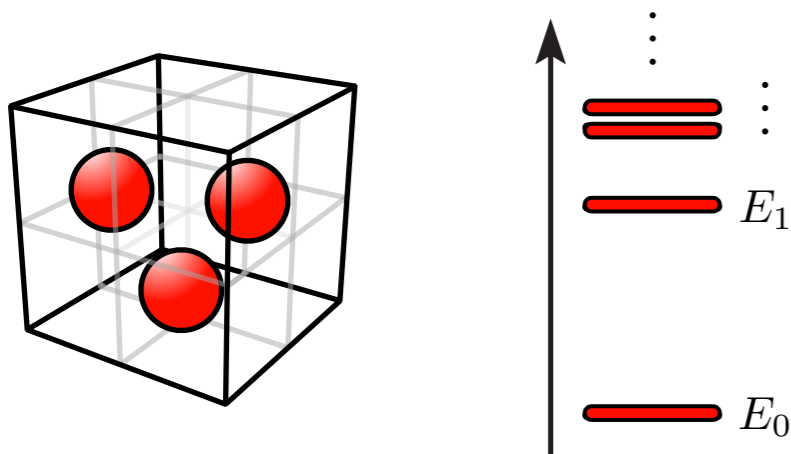


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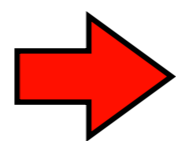
Connecting Lattice QCD to three-body amplitudes

For a given K matrix, can solve integral equations

- K matrices given from lattice QCD



$$\det \left(1 + \mathcal{K}_3 (\mathcal{F}_L + \mathcal{G}_L) \right)_{E=E_n} = 0 \quad \text{Quantization condition}$$



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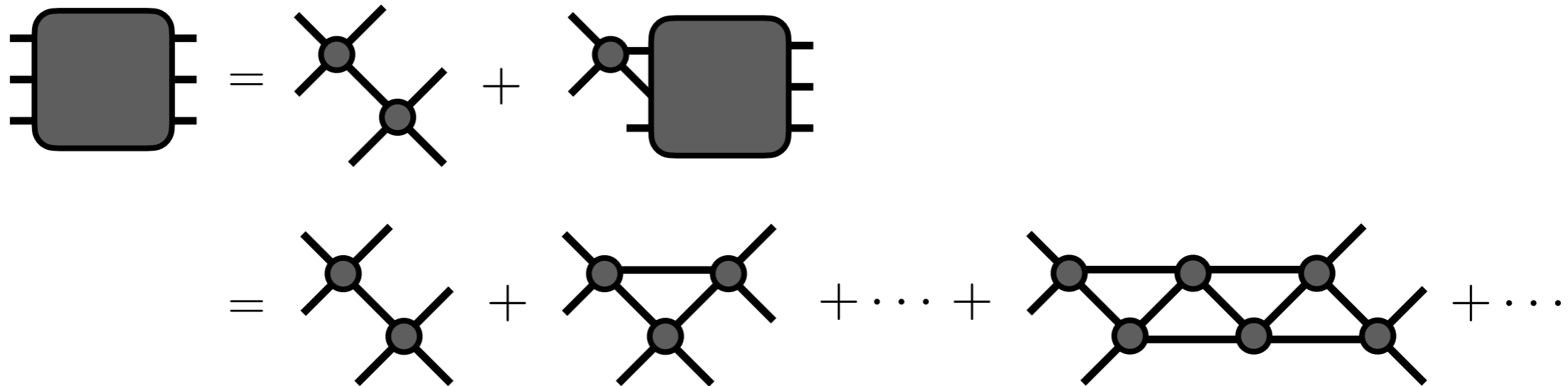
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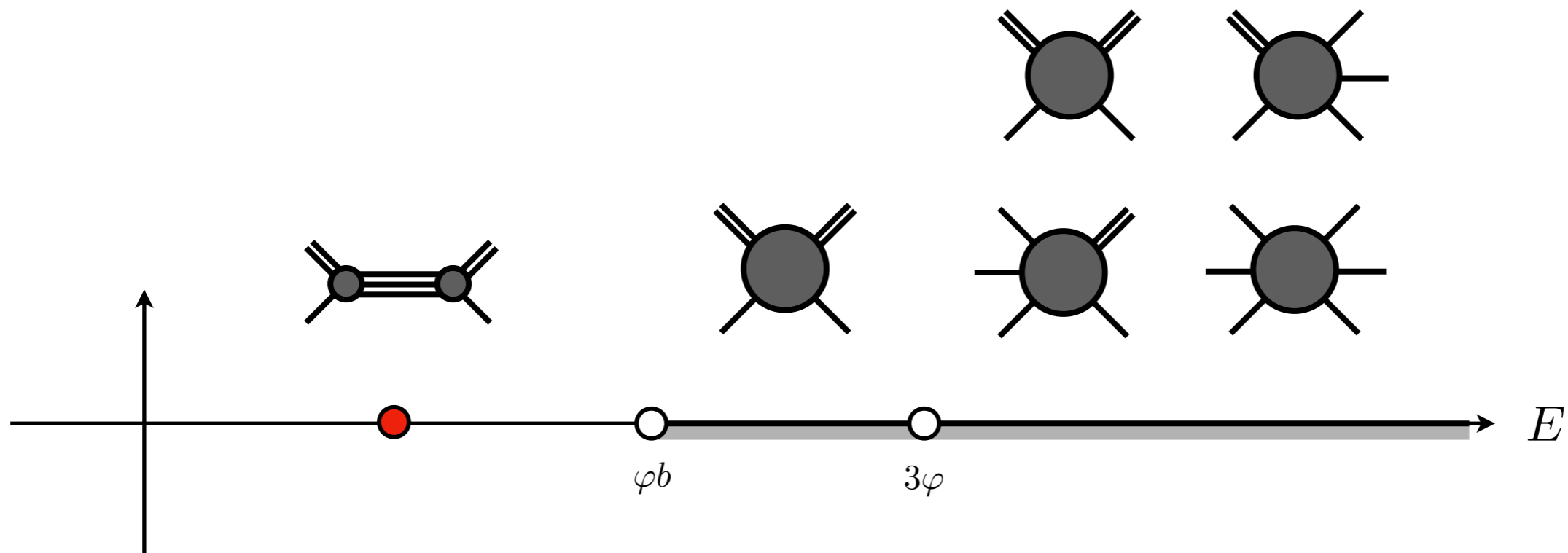


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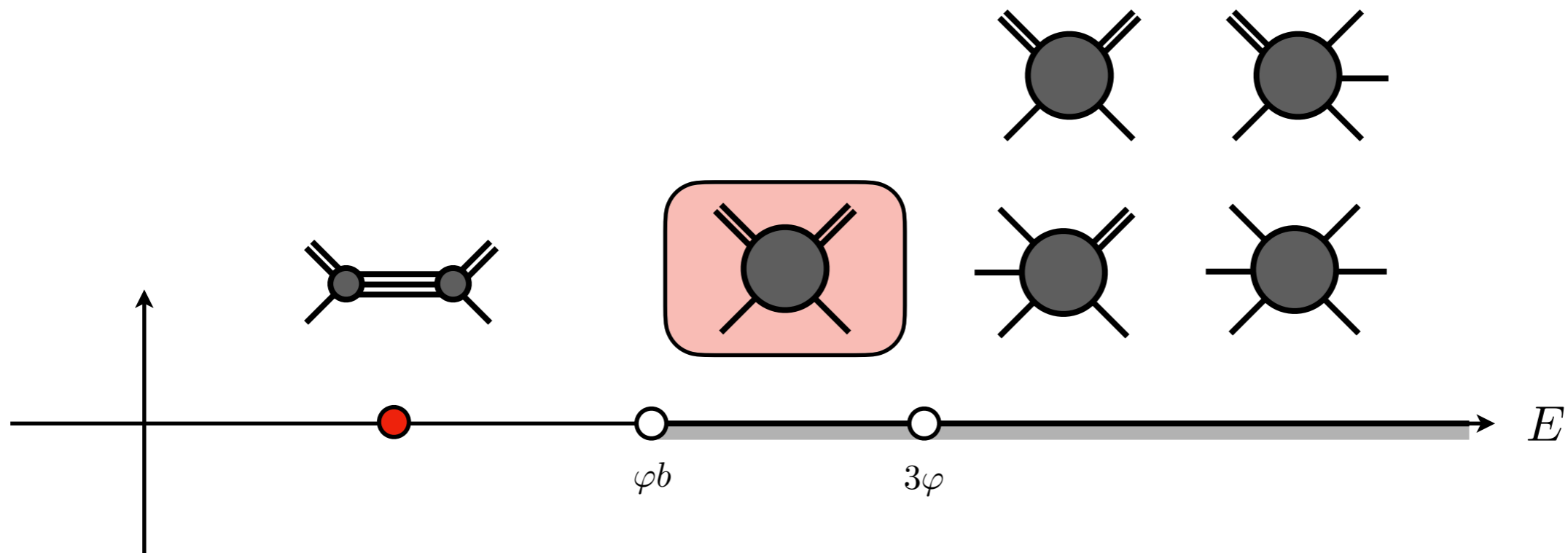


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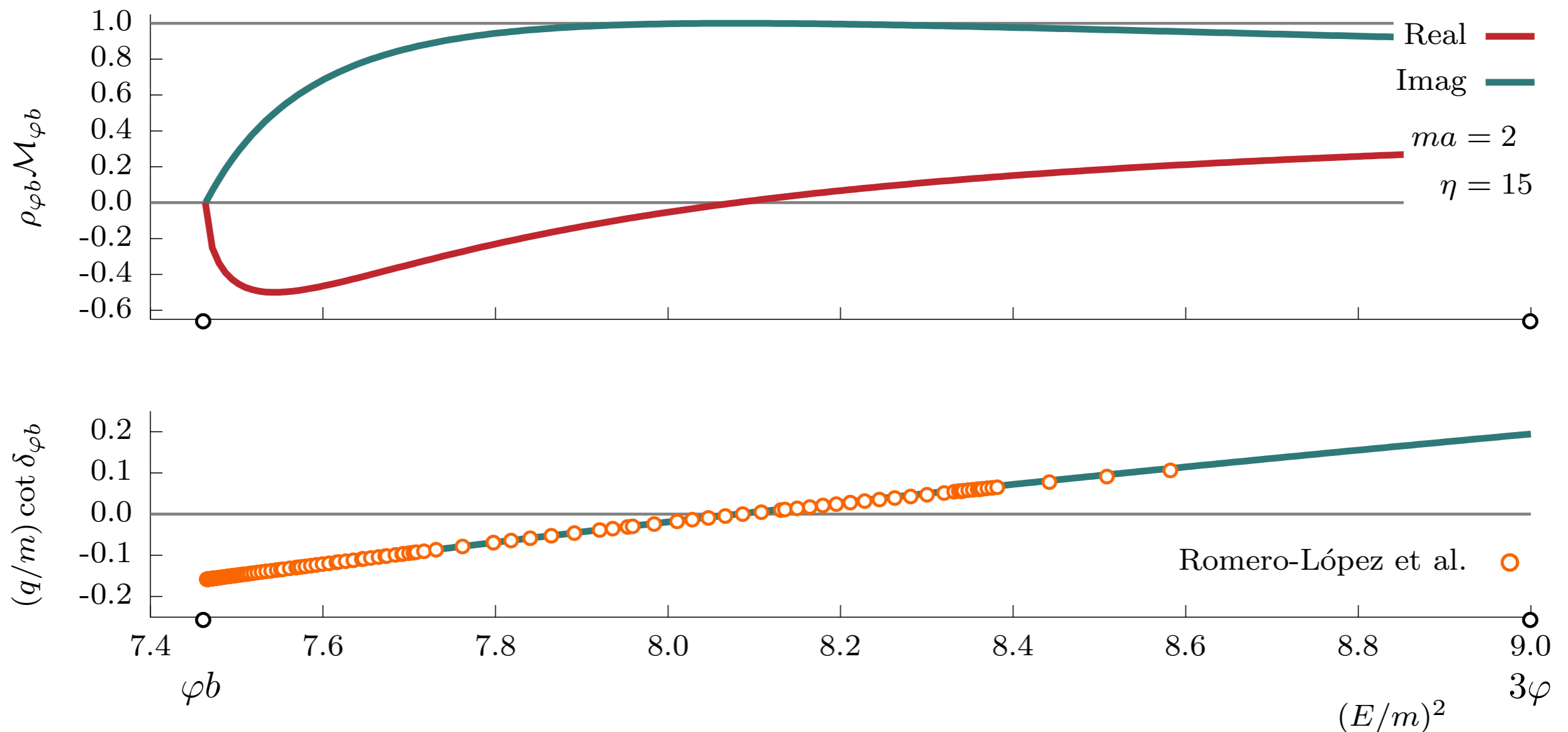
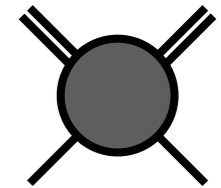
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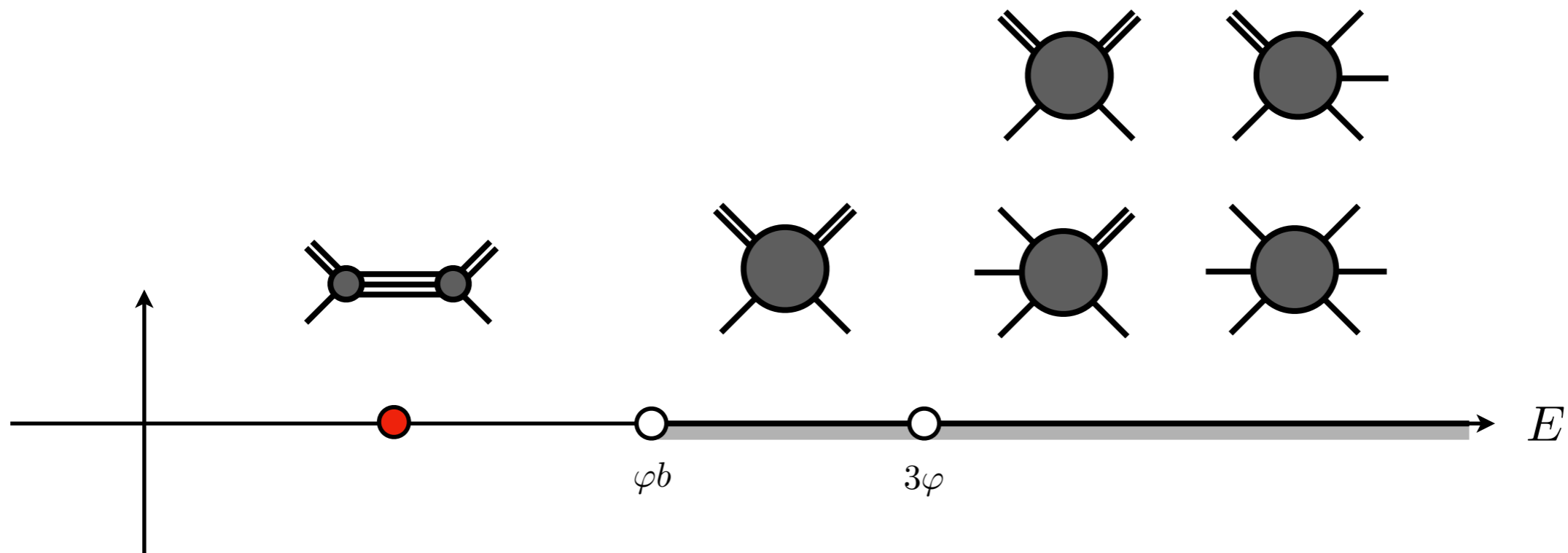
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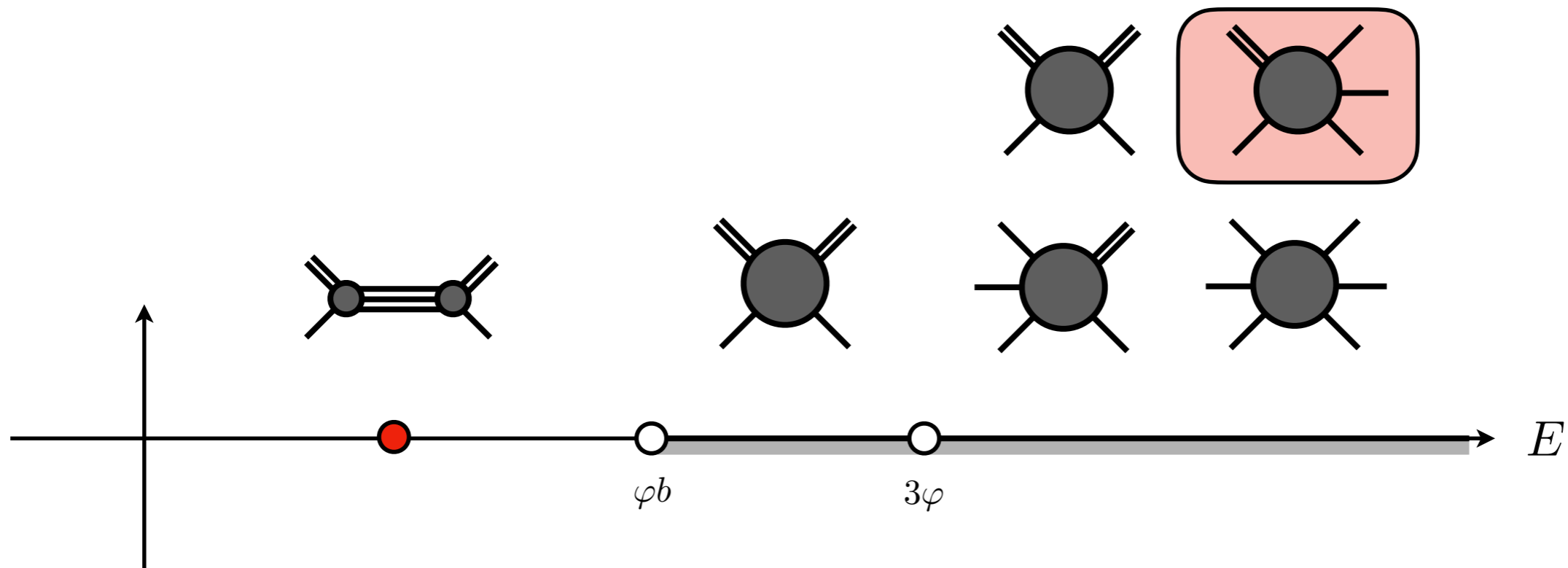
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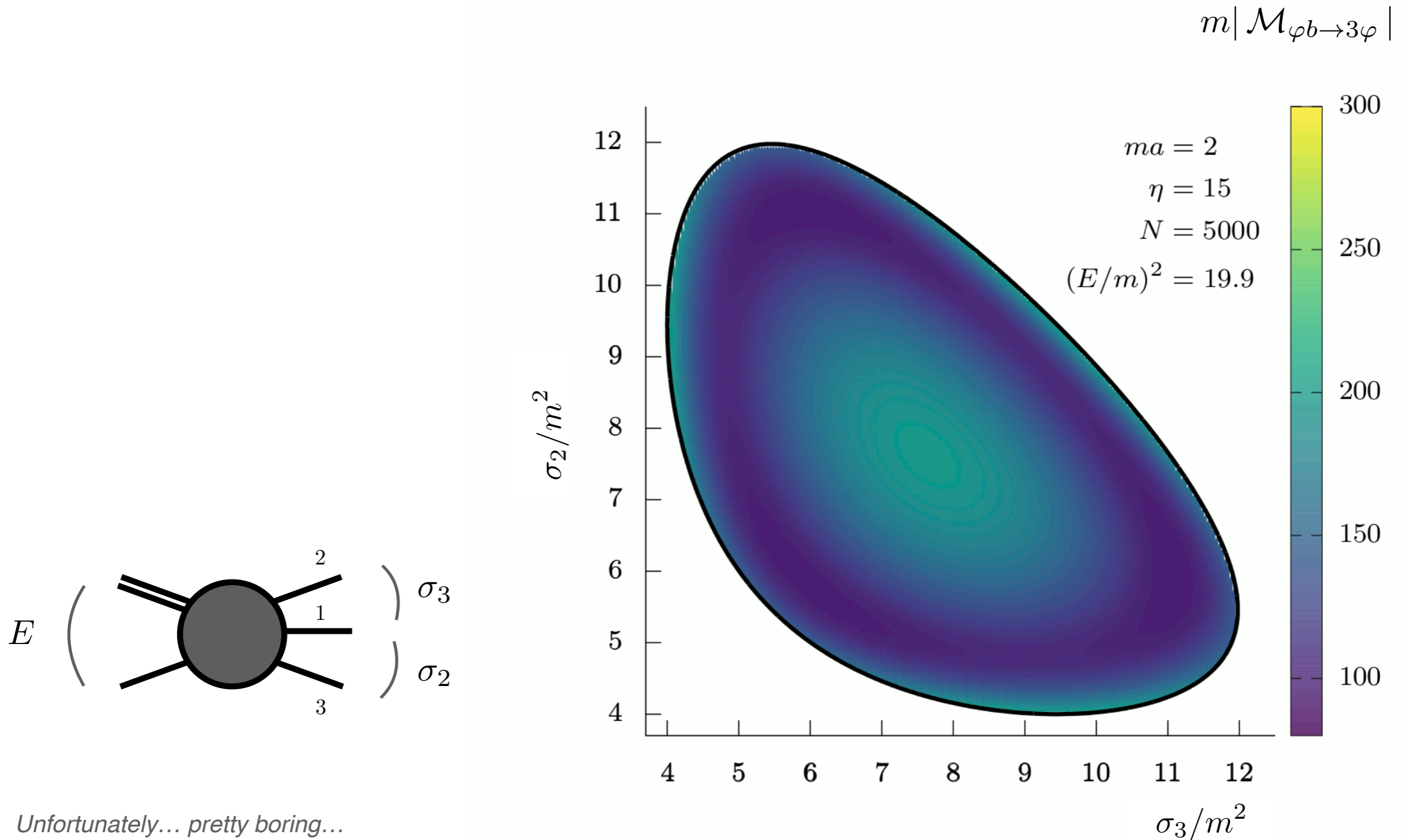
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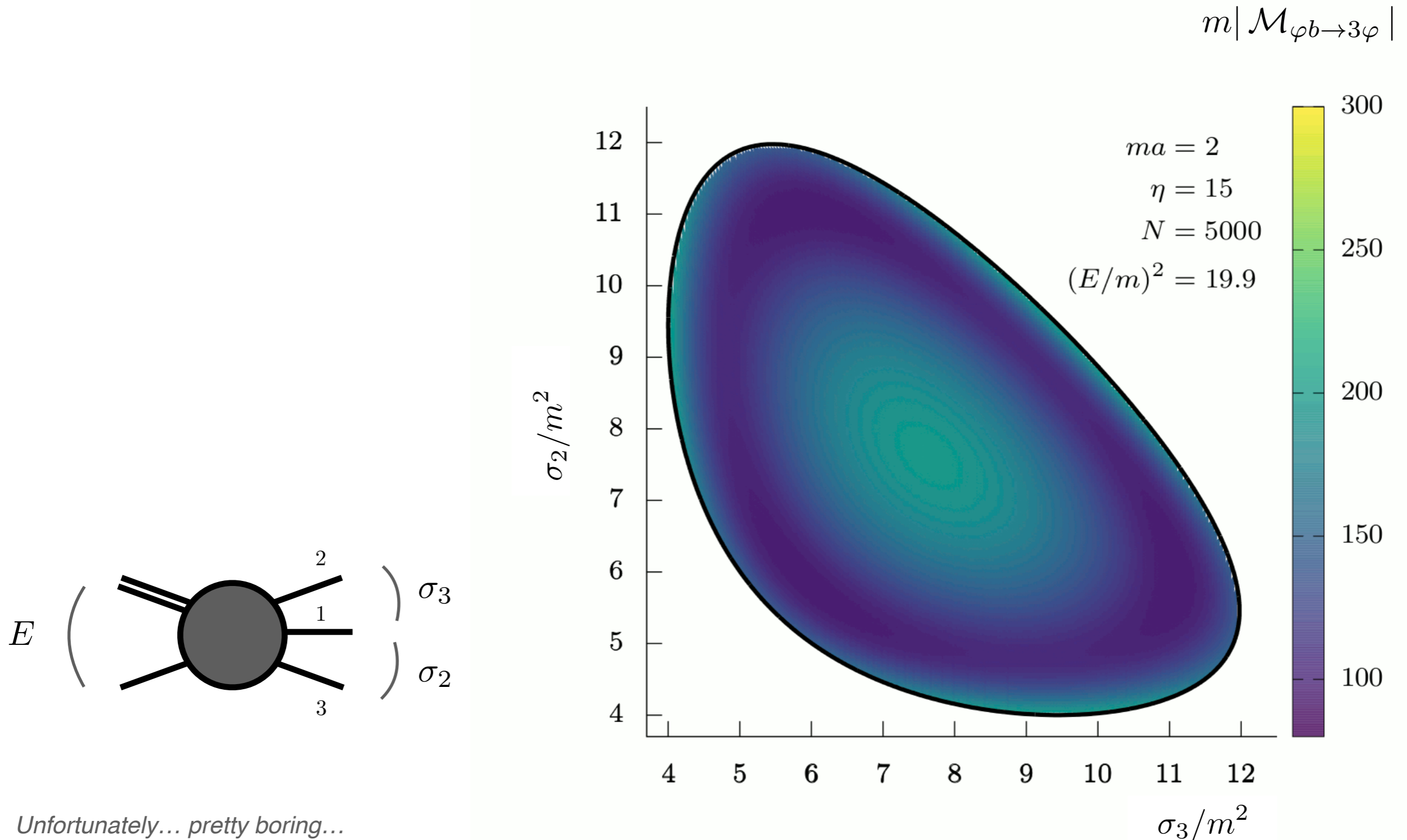


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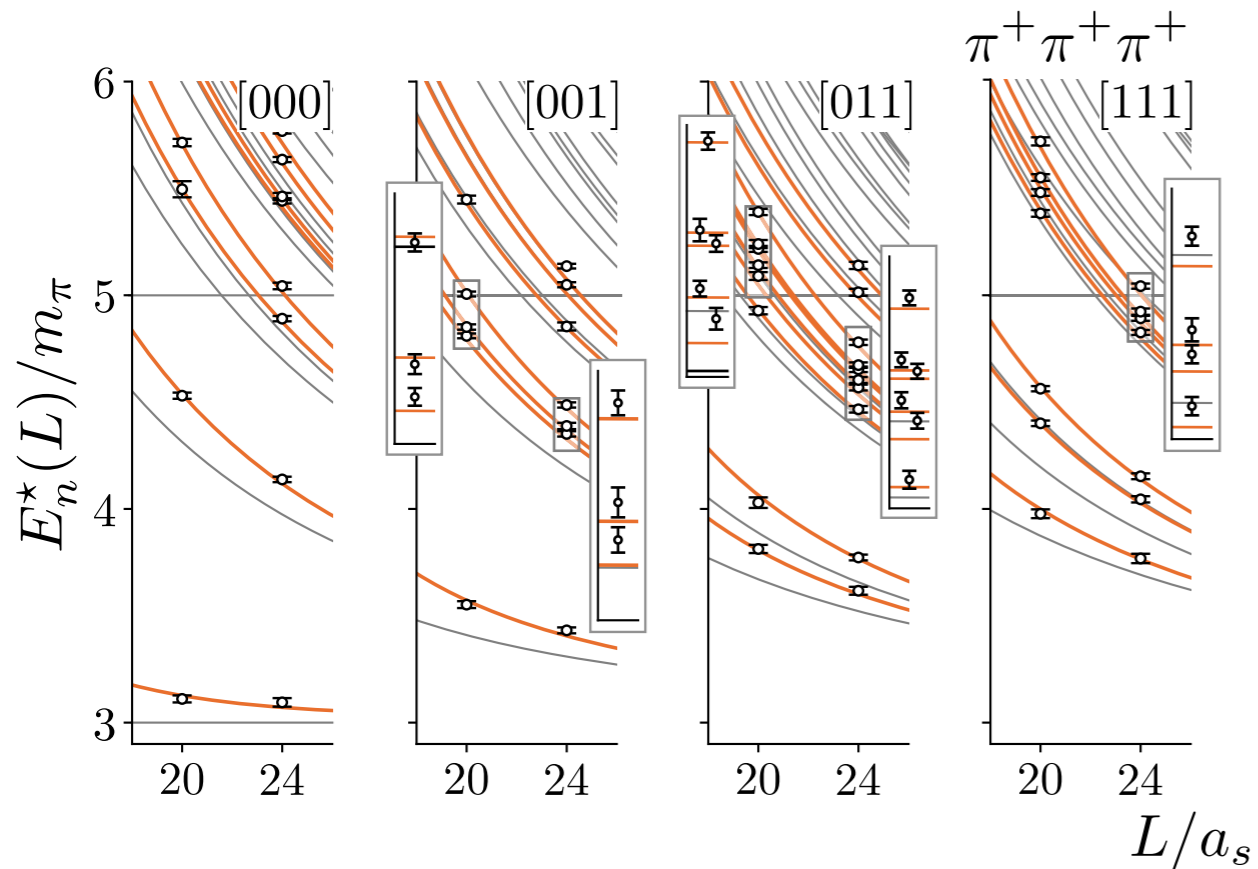
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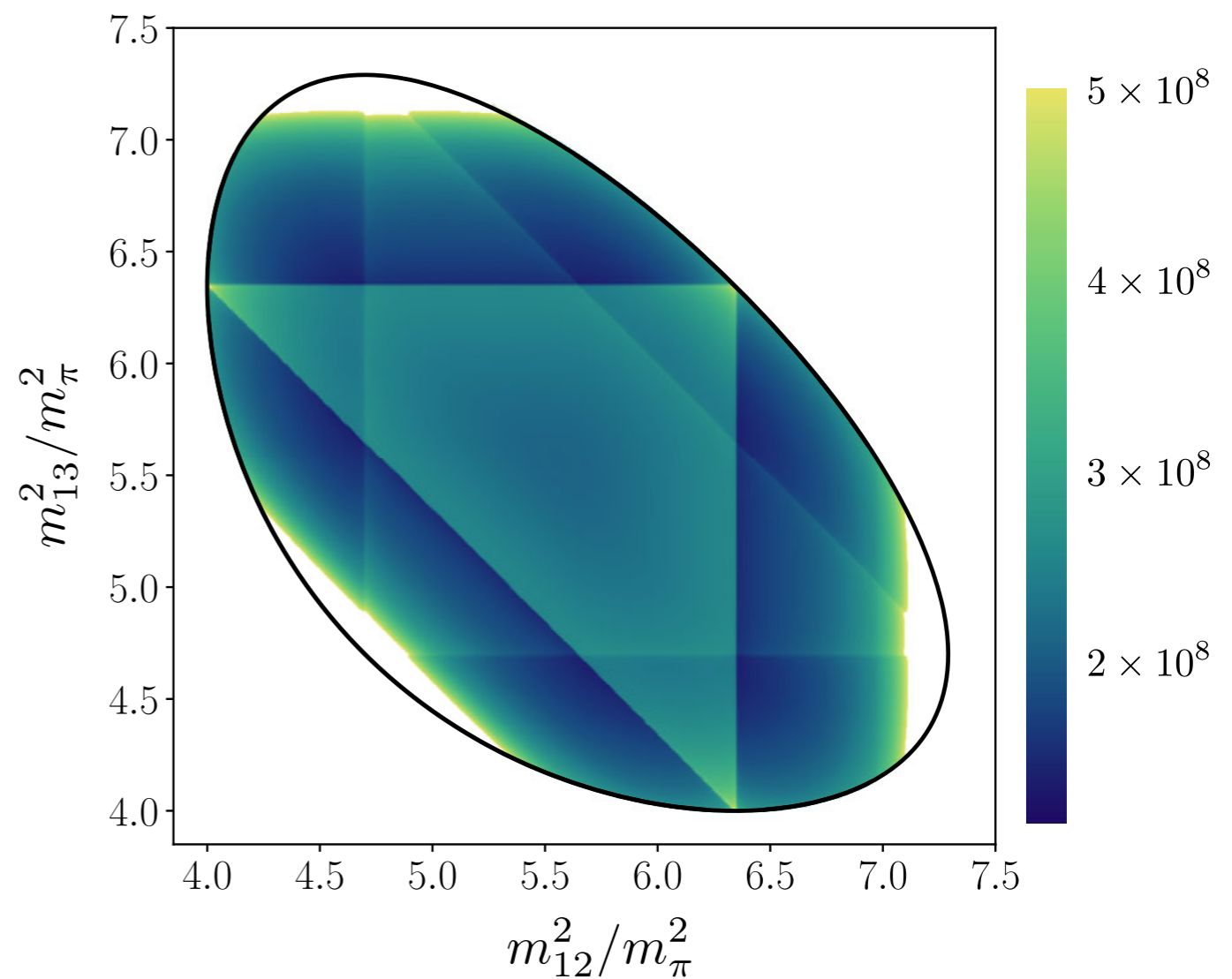
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Applications to $3\pi^+$



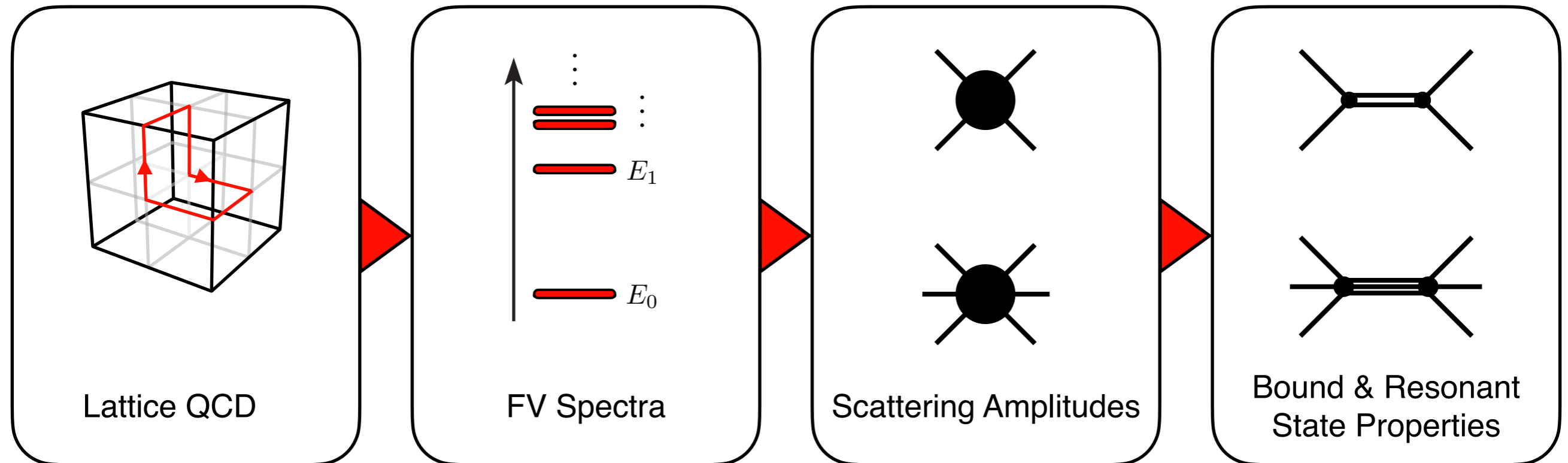
See M. Hansen,
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Path to three-body physics from QCD

Three-body resonances from QCD are within reach

- Clear systematic path via Lattice QCD
- Scattering theory constraints allow for model-independent analyses



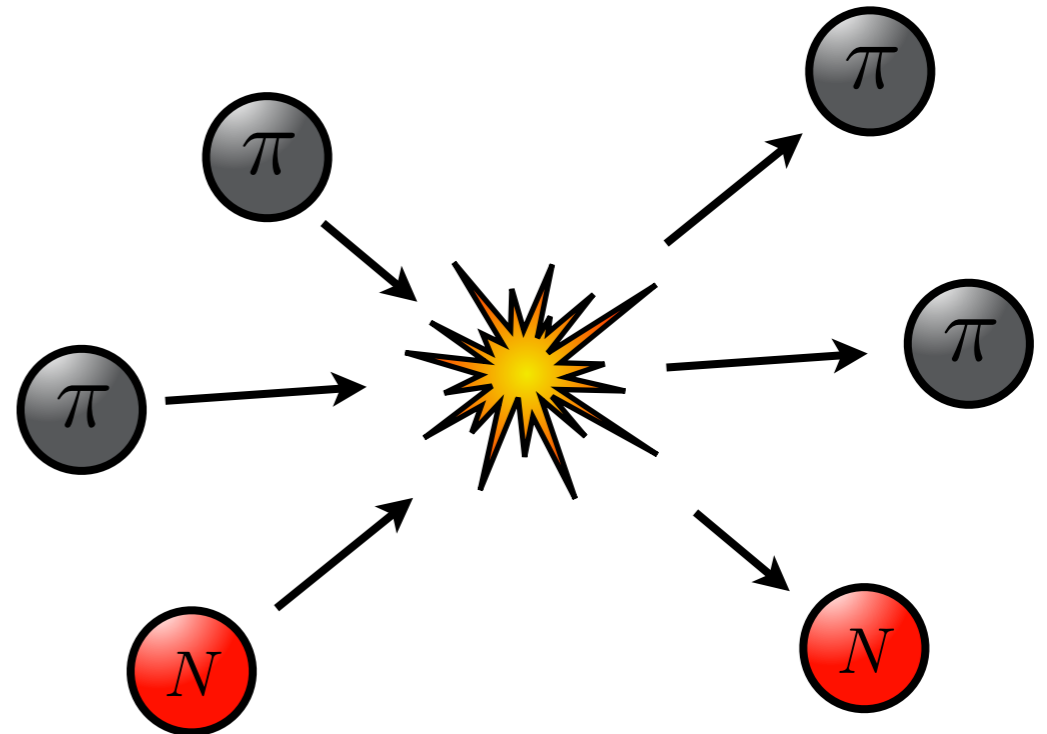
Summary

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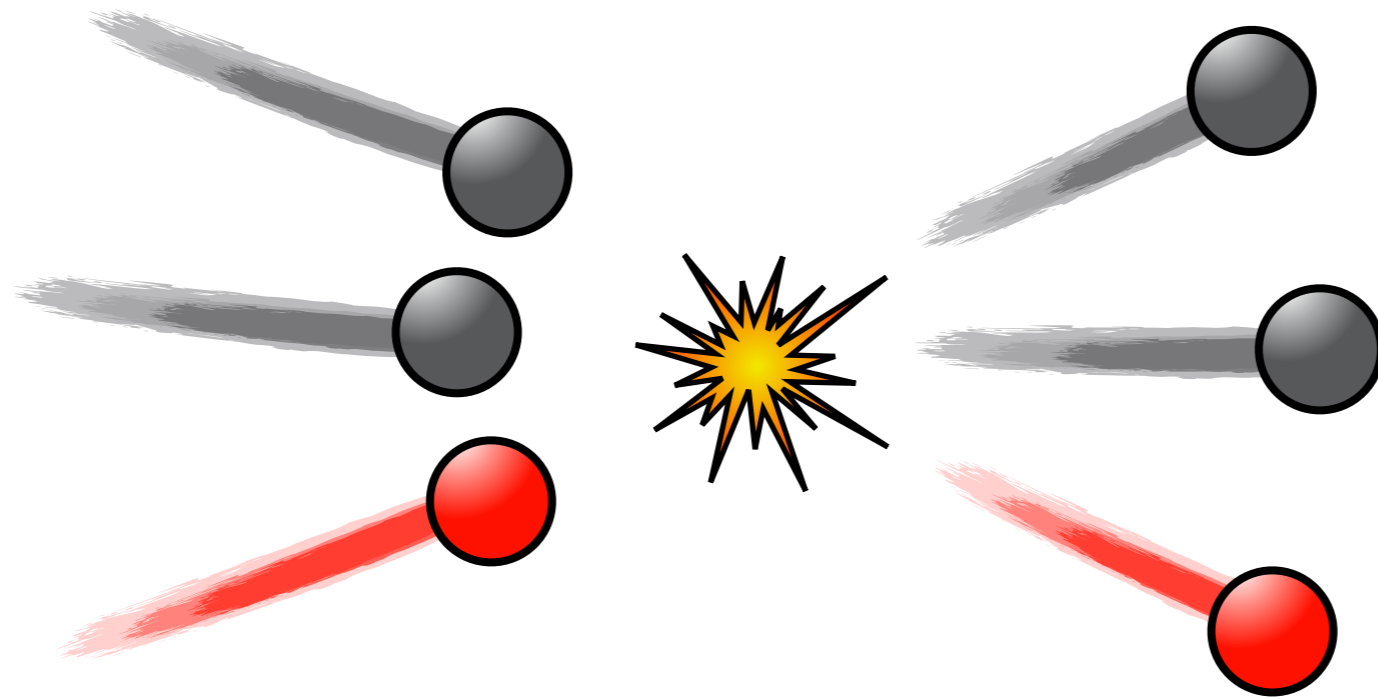
- Most excited states strongly couple to three (or more) particle channels

Framework in place to determine three-body hadron physics from lattice QCD

- Rapid development in formalisms relating lattice QCD observables to amplitudes
- Scattering phenomenology is advancing in tandem
- First applications of these ideas appearing in the literature



Extra Slides



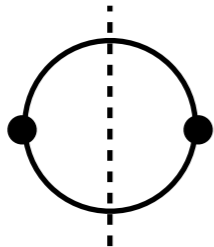
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On-shell two-particle rescattering

$$\text{Im } \mathcal{I} = -\rho \sim \text{Im} \left(\text{circle with vertical dashed line} \right)$$


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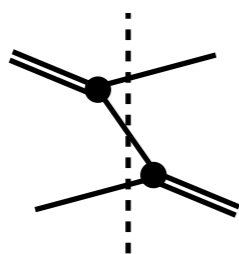
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$$\text{Im } G = -\Delta \sim \text{diagram}$$


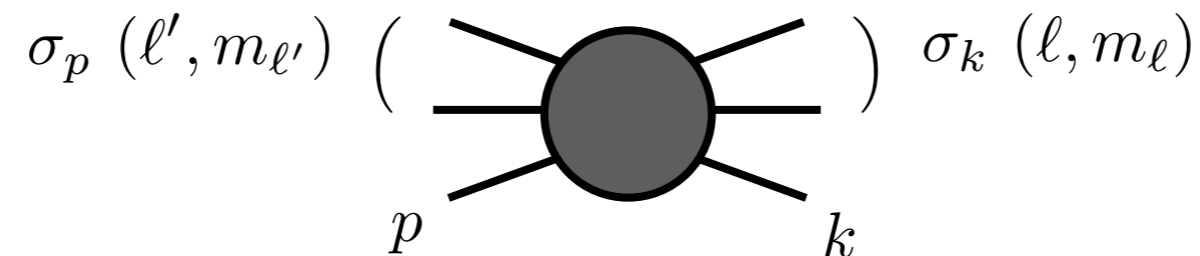
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- Many equivalent forms (Hansen-Sharpe, Blanton-Sharpe, Döring-Mai, JPAC-AJ, Mikhasenko)
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- Integral equation in spectator momenta
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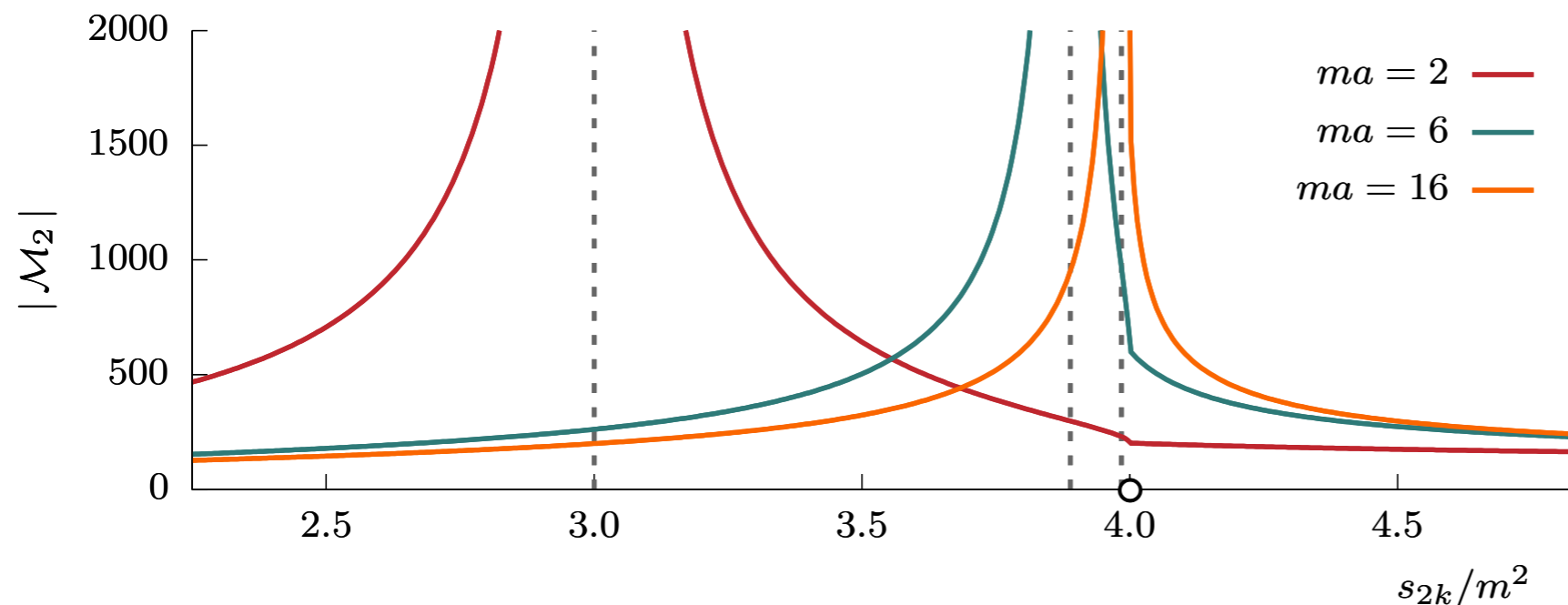
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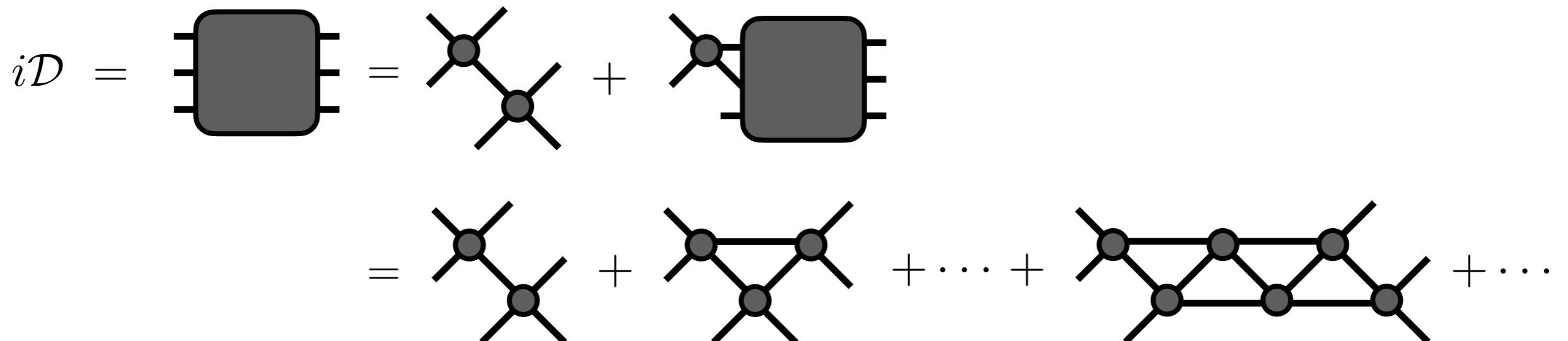
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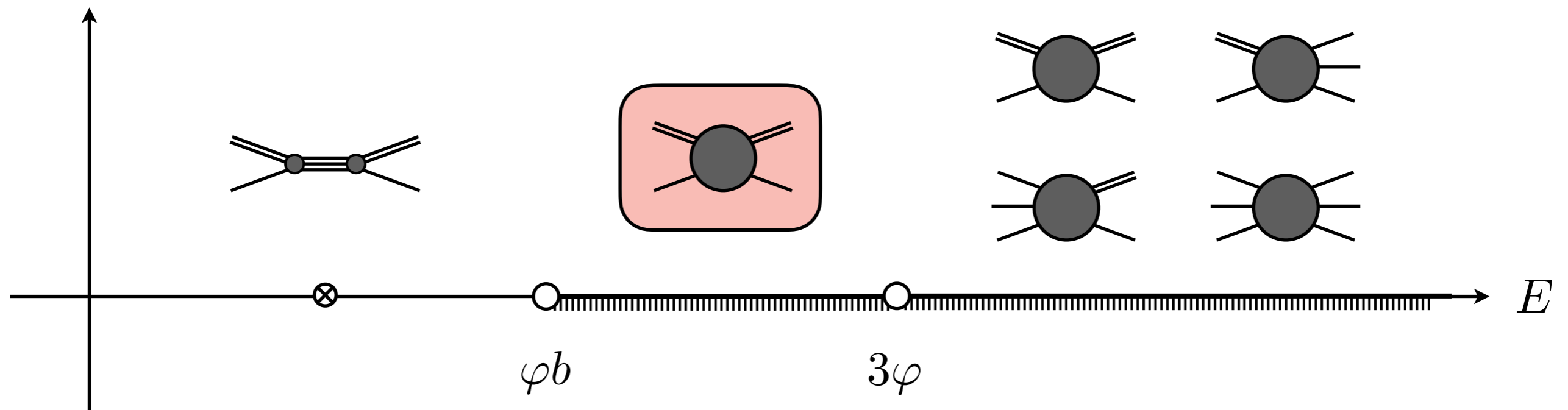


Solving three-body scattering equations

Focus on case where 2-body systems forms bound state

- Consider energies below three particle threshold

$$\lim_{\sigma_p, \sigma_k \rightarrow \sigma_b} i\mathcal{M}_3 = ig_b \frac{i}{\sigma_p - \sigma_b} i\mathcal{M}_{\varphi b} \frac{i}{\sigma_k - \sigma_b} ig_b$$



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Convert integral equation to linear equation

- Introduce regulators N (matrix size) and ϵ (pole shift)
- Recover amplitude in $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+$ limit

$$\mathcal{M}_{\varphi b} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \mathcal{M}_{\varphi b}(N, \epsilon)$$

Several methods

- *Brute-force*
- *Remove bound-state pole explicitly*
- *Splines — Glöckle, Hasberg, Neghabian Z. Phys. **A305** (1982) 217*

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$$\mathcal{M}_{\varphi b} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \mathcal{M}_{\varphi b}(N, \epsilon)$$

S-matrix unitarity provides a way to check quality of solutions

- Deviation from unitarity guides quality of solution

$$\text{Im } \mathcal{M}_{\varphi b}^{-1}(E) = -\rho_{\varphi b}(E)$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\varphi b}(E; N) \equiv \left| \frac{\text{Im} \left[\mathcal{M}_{\varphi b}^{-1}(E; N) \right] + \rho_{\varphi b}(E)}{\rho_{\varphi b}(E)} \right| \times 100$$

Several methods

- *Brute-force*
- *Remove bound-state pole explicitly*
- *Splines* — Glöckle, Hasberg, Neghabian *Z. Phys.* **A305** (1982) 217

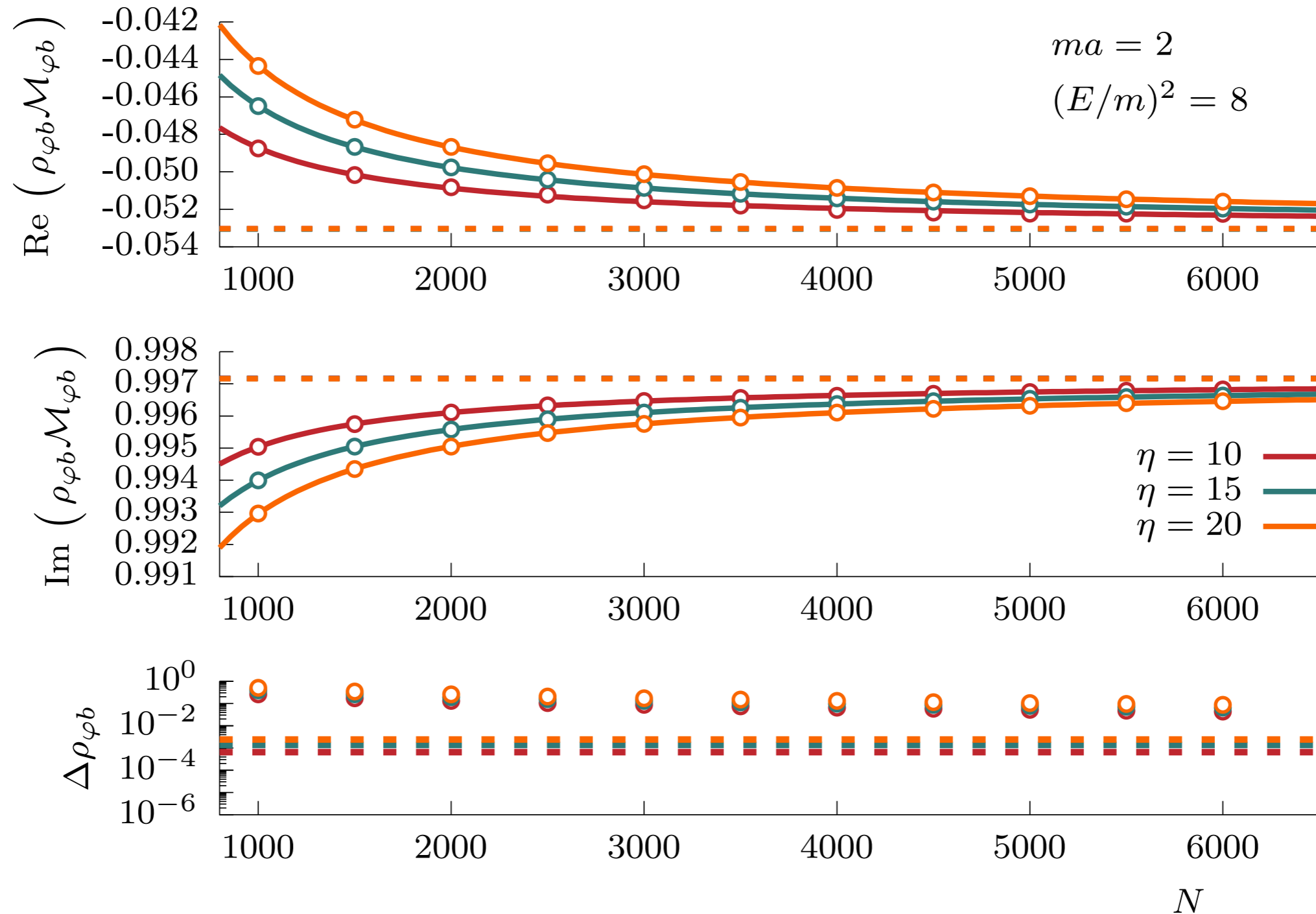
$N \rightarrow \infty$ Extrapolations

Compute multiple N solutions — extrapolate to $N \rightarrow \infty$ limit

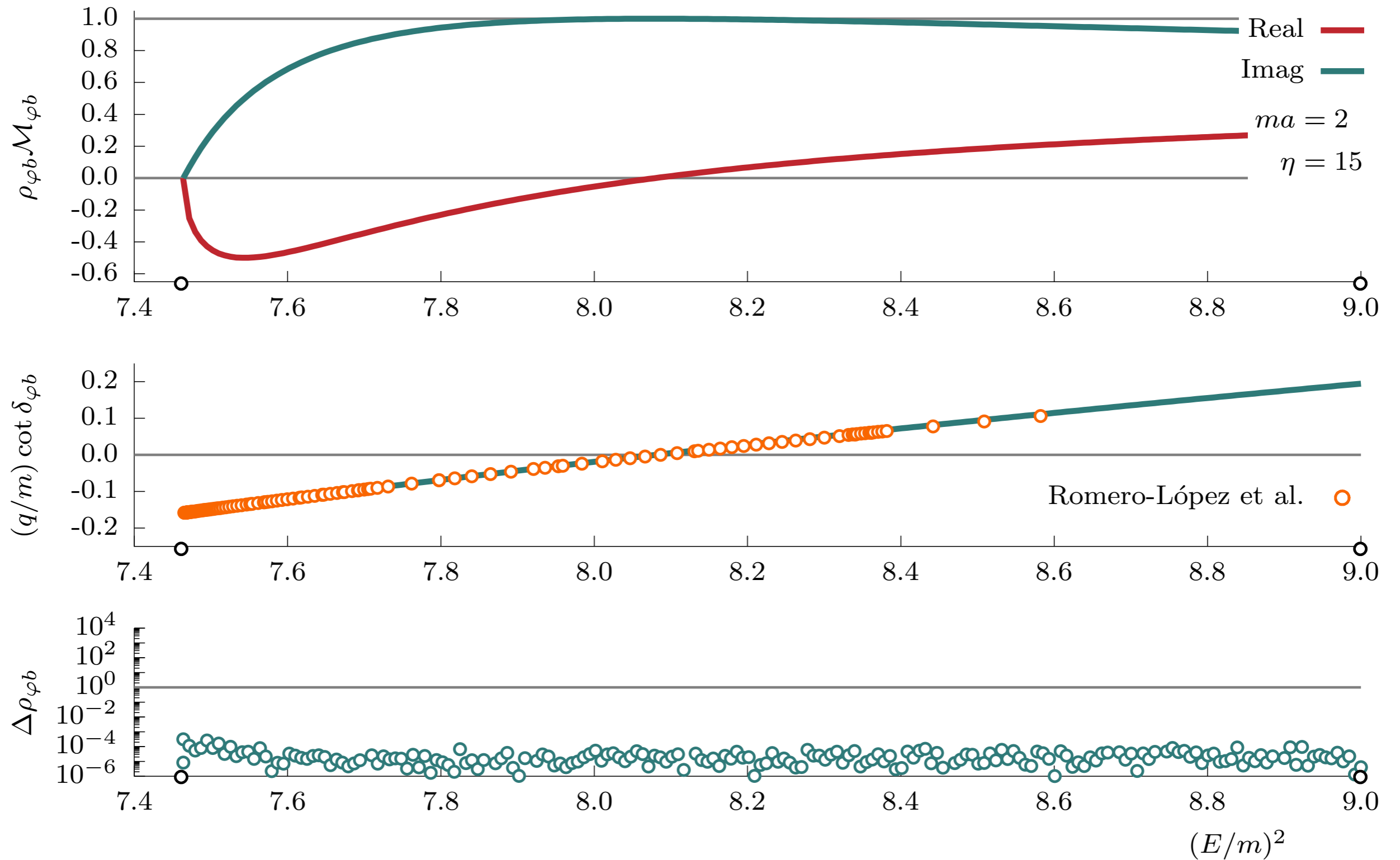
- Unitarity deviation greatly improved

$$\mathcal{M}_{\varphi b}(E; N) \approx \mathcal{M}_{\varphi b}(E) + \frac{\alpha}{N}$$

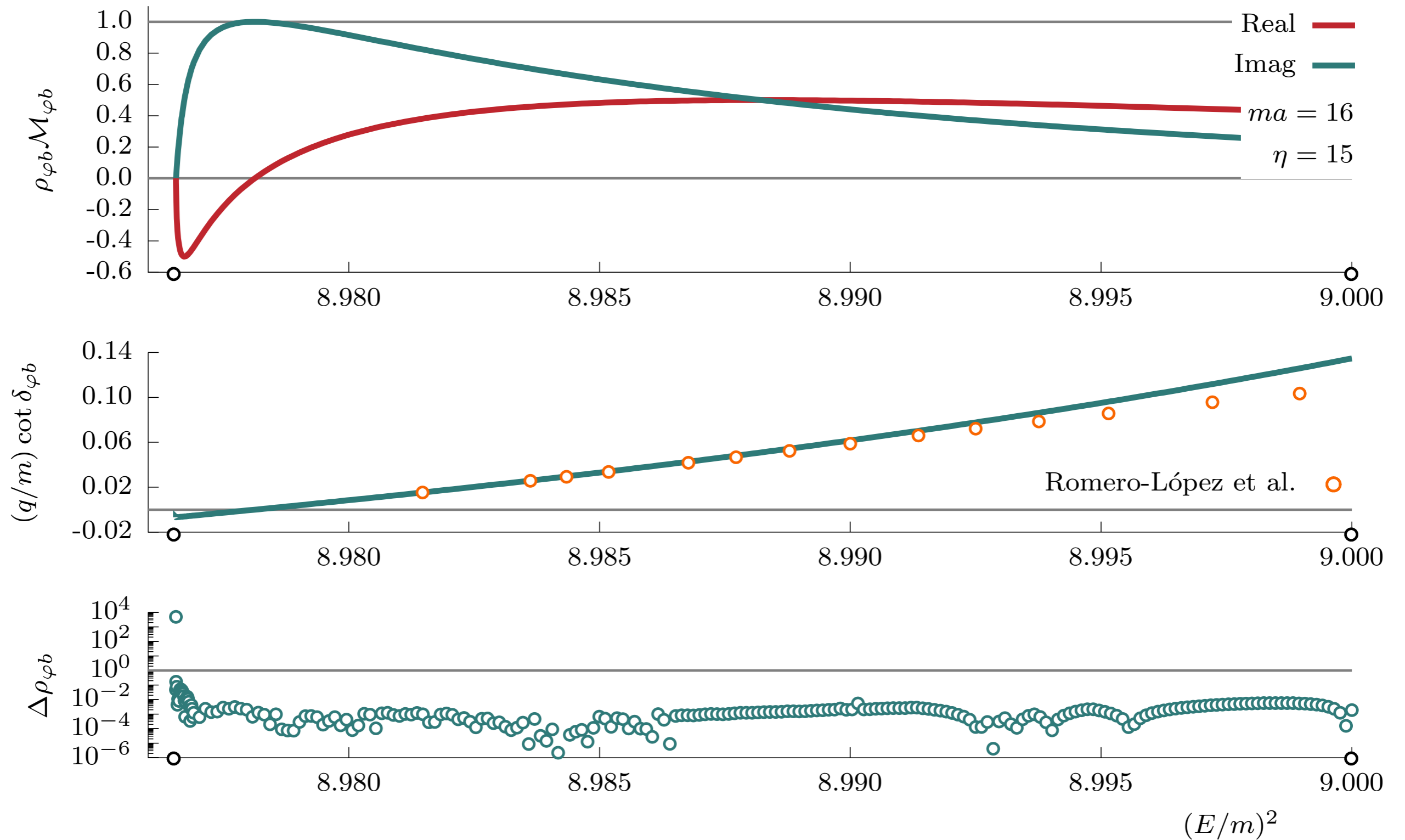
$$\epsilon \propto \frac{\eta}{N}$$



Example of solution



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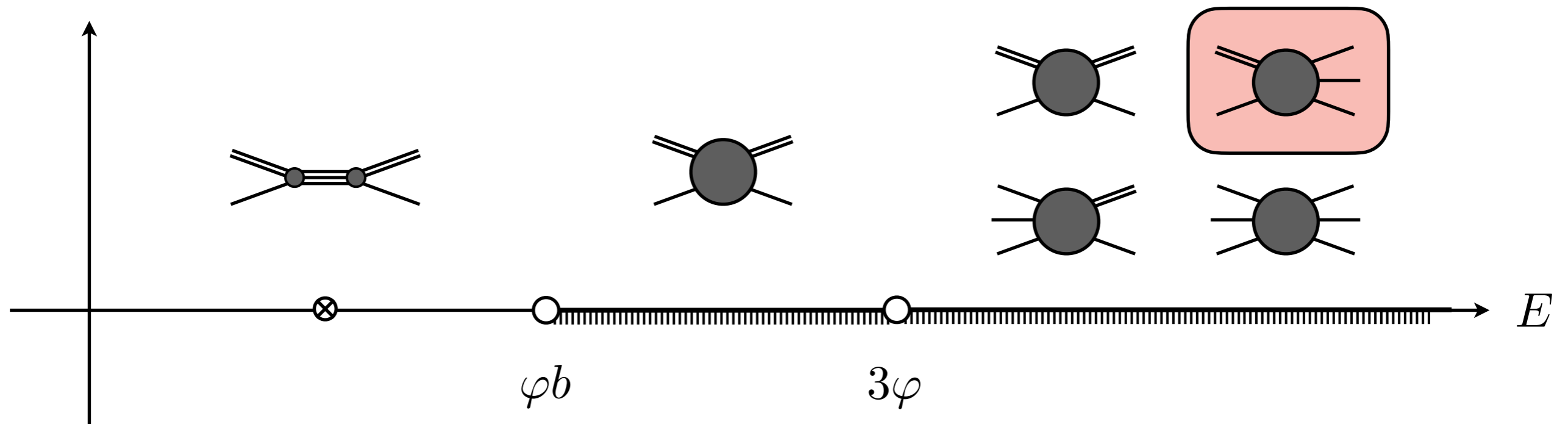


Above the three-body threshold

Methodology not limited to below 3-body threshold

- Allows for calculation of breakup / recombination amplitude

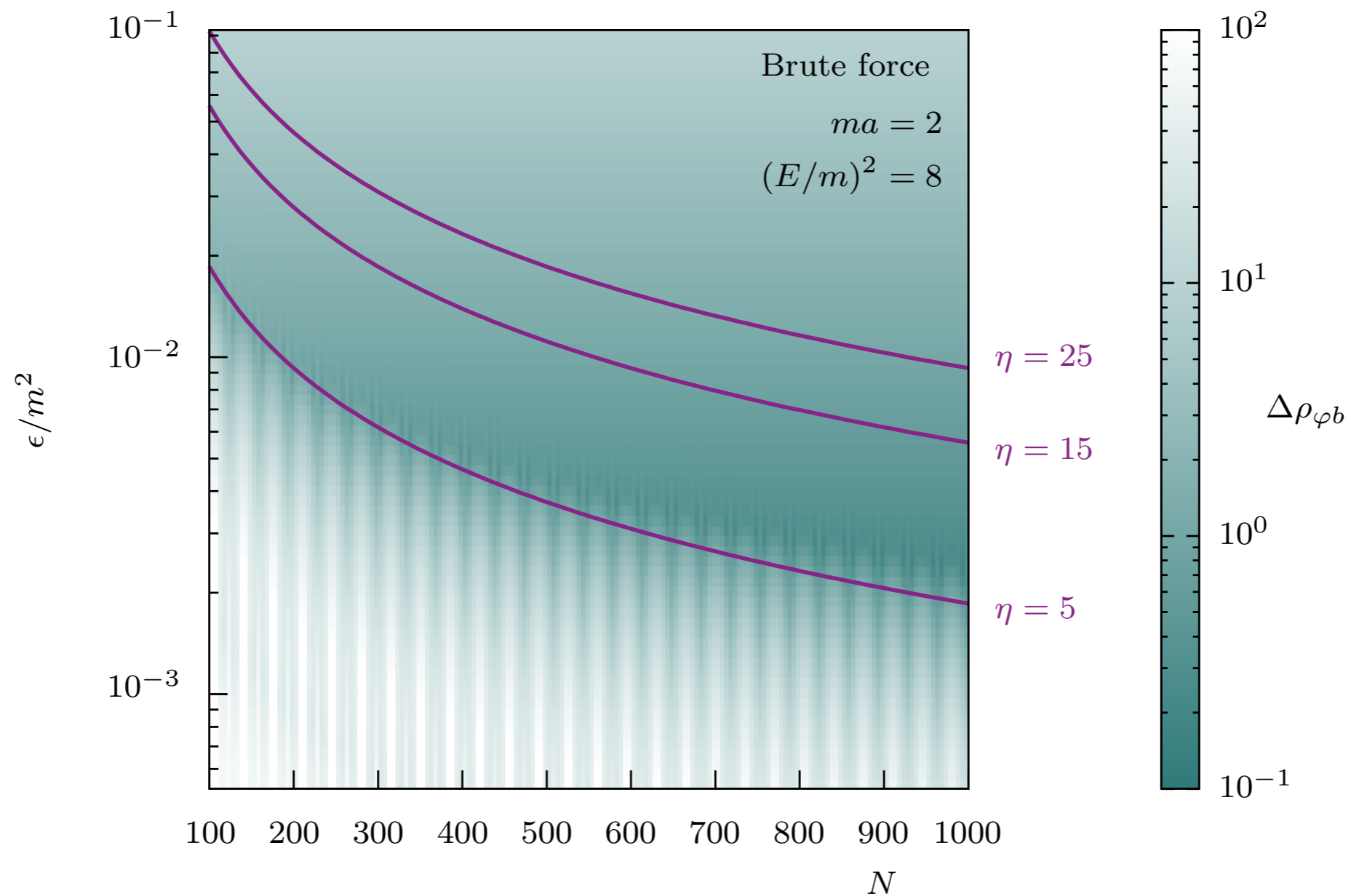
$$\mathcal{M}_{\varphi \rightarrow 3\varphi}(\sigma_p) = - \lim_{\sigma_k \rightarrow \sigma_b} \frac{\sigma_k - \sigma_b}{g} \mathcal{M}_3(\sigma_p, \sigma_k)$$



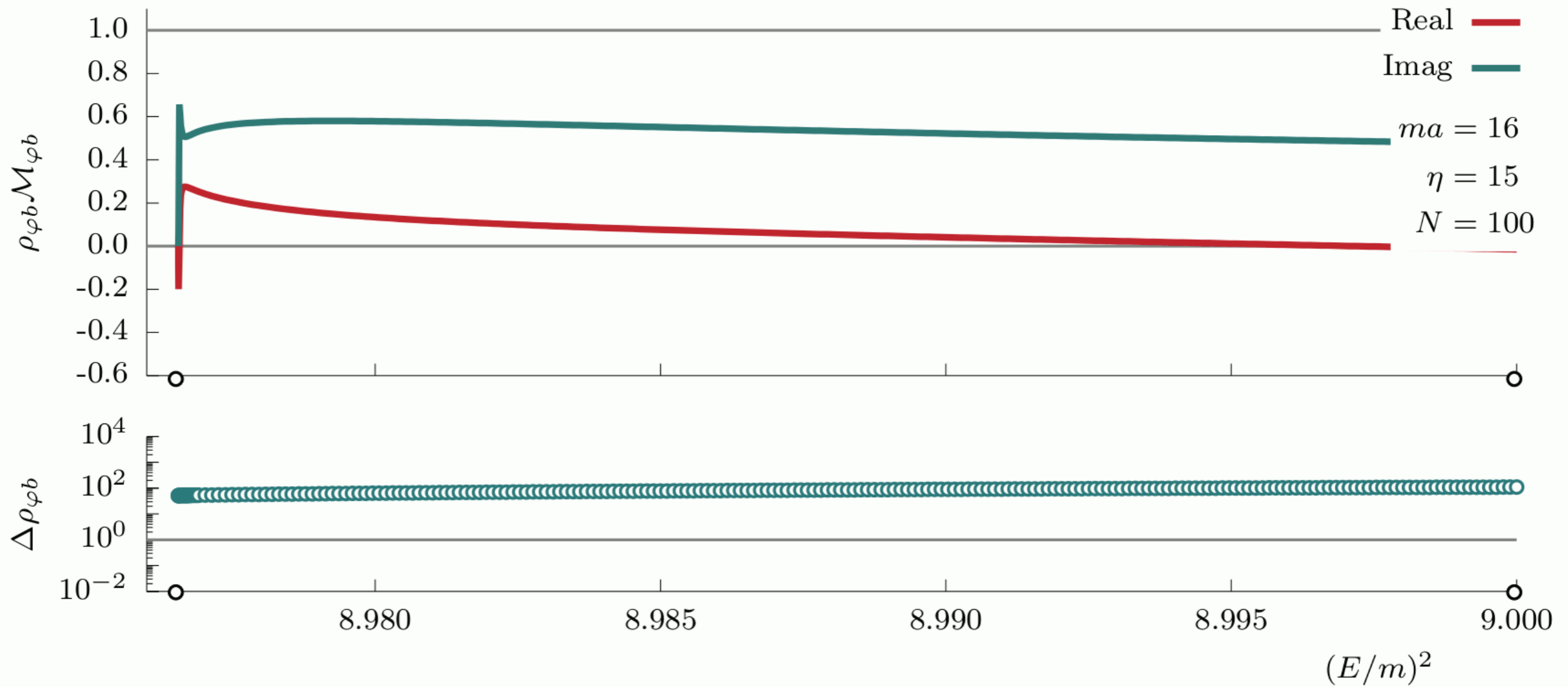
$\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ limit

Ensure $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ through $N \rightarrow \infty$ limit

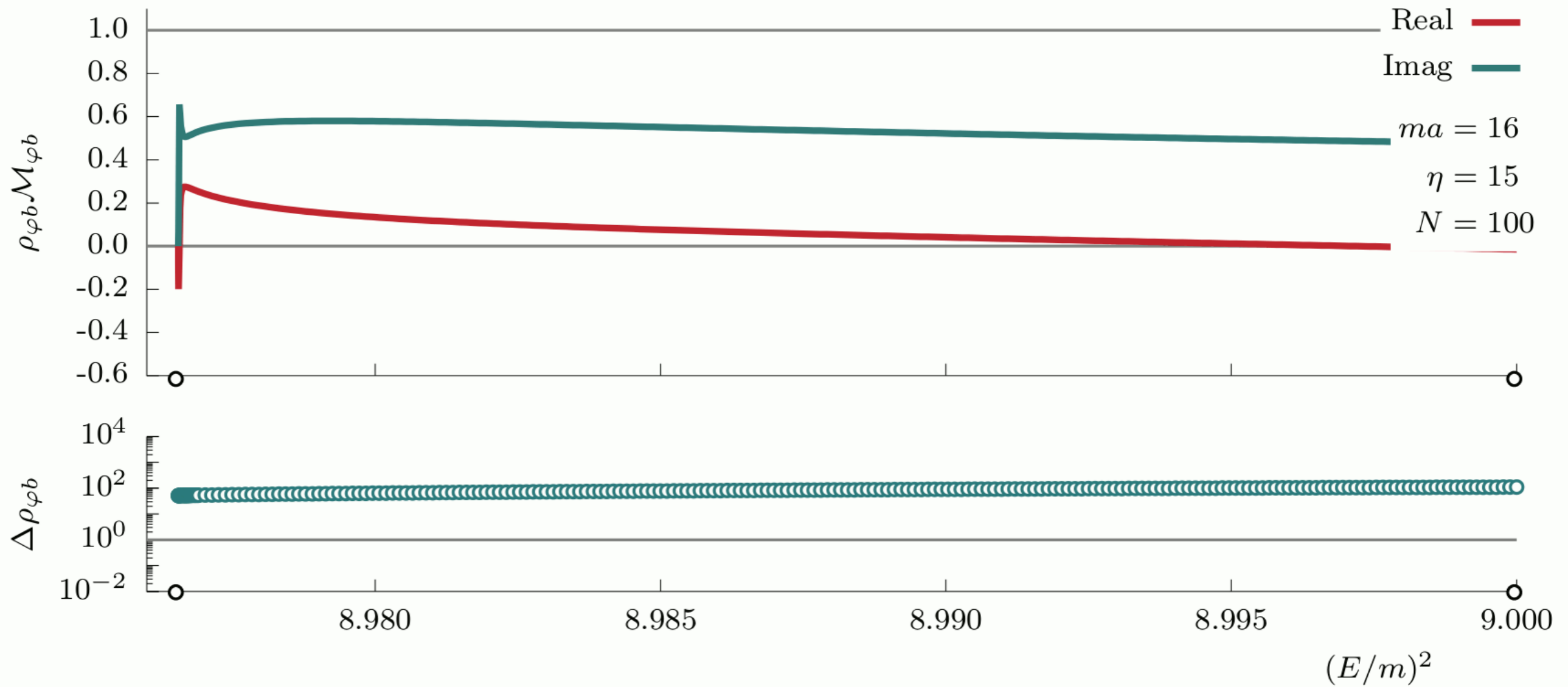
$$\left[\sum_x \Delta x - \int dx \right] \frac{1}{x^2 - x_0^2 + i\epsilon} \sim e^{-2\pi\epsilon/\Delta x} \implies \epsilon \propto \frac{\eta}{N}$$



Evolution of solutions



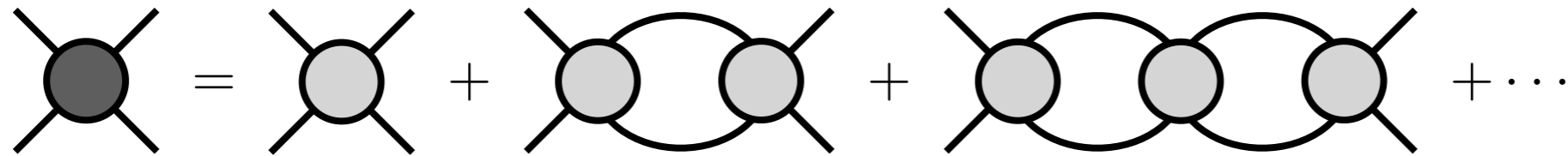
Evolution of solutions



On-shell scattering amplitudes from RFT

Sum to all orders in generic EFT all relevant cuts leading to singularities in physical region

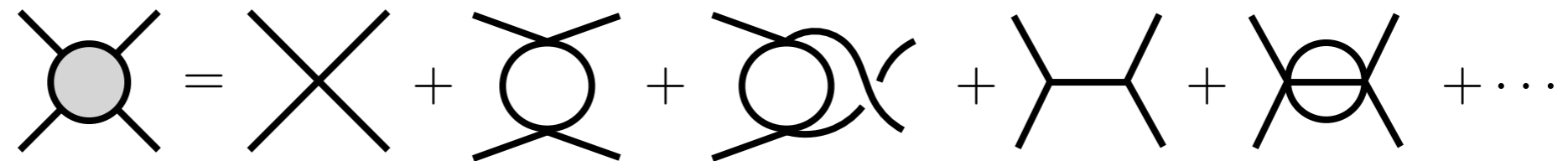
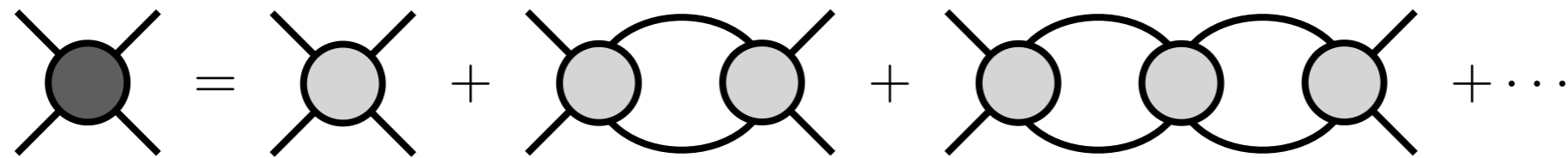
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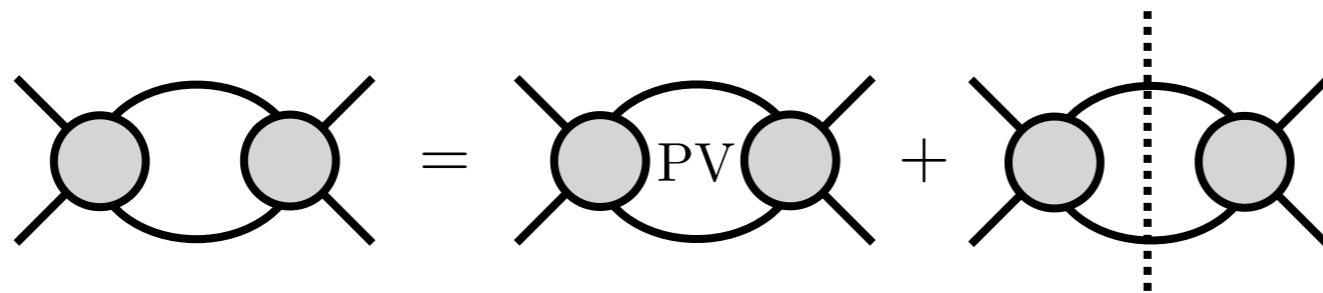
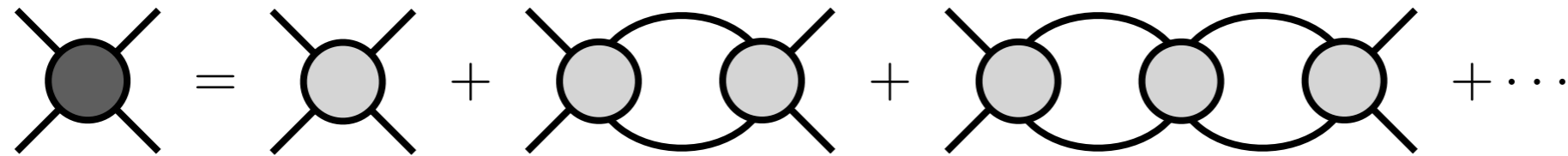


All 2PI diagrams - left hand cuts and higher multi-particle thresholds

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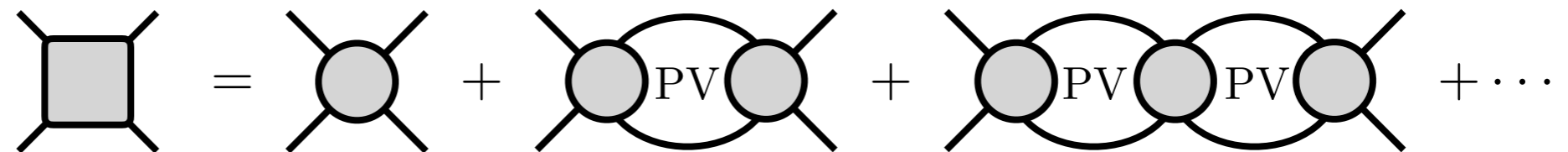
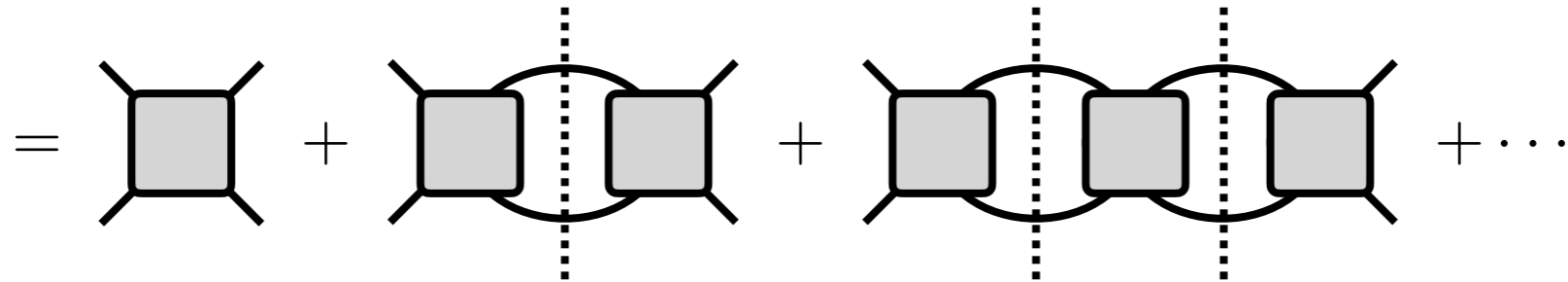
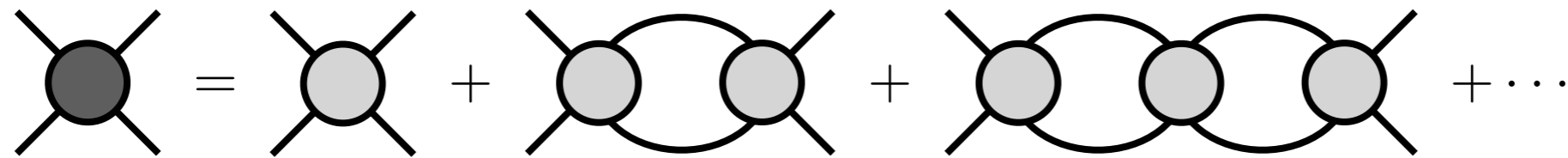


$$\rho = \frac{q}{8\pi E} \sim \sqrt{s - s_{\text{th}}}$$

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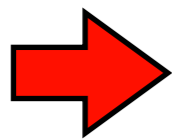
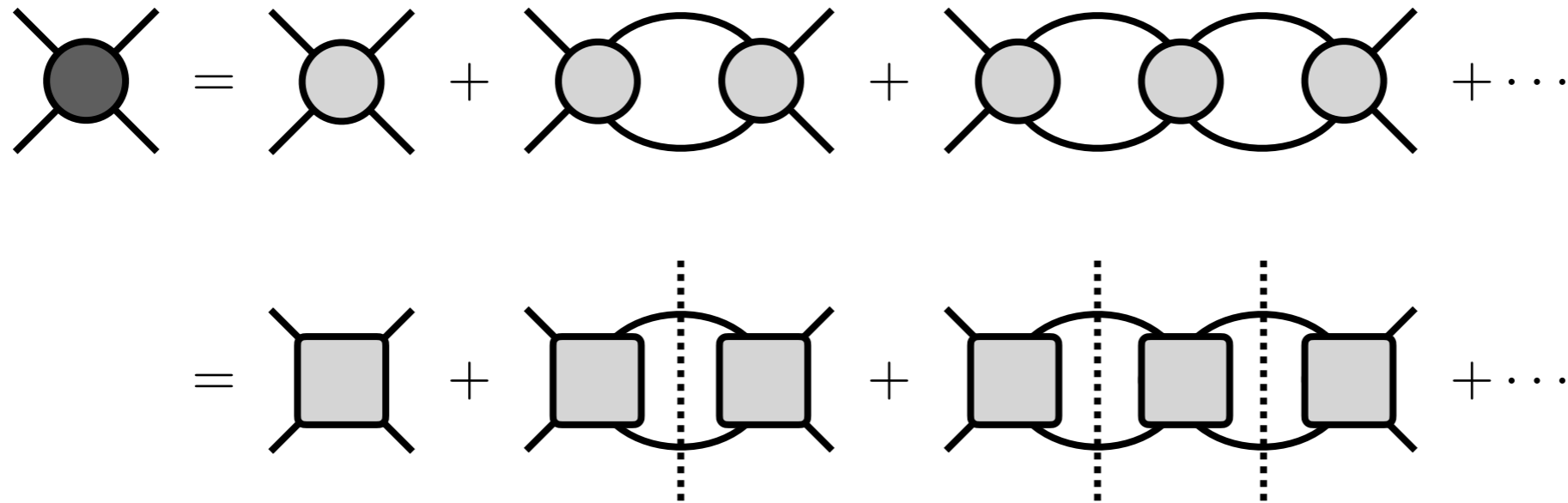


K matrix — unknown dynamical function unconstrained by unitarity

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$$\mathcal{M}_2 = \mathcal{K}_2 + \mathcal{K}_2 i\rho \mathcal{M}_2$$

For given K matrix, obtain on-shell solution for amplitude

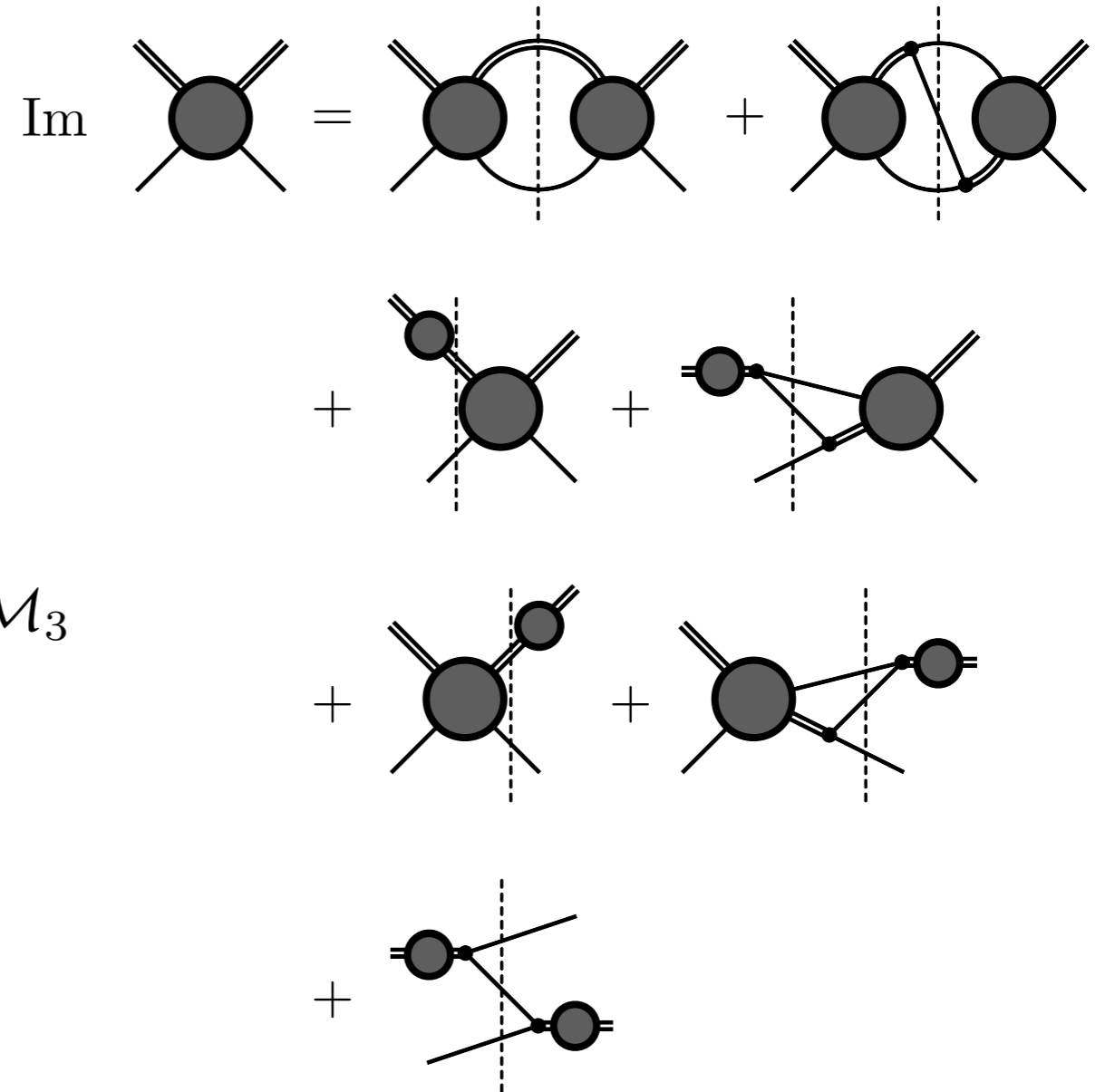
On-shell scattering amplitudes from unitarity

Start with S matrix unitarity

- Provides constrain for amplitude on real axis in physical region
- On-shell amplitude satisfies linear equation — check unitarity constraint

$$\mathcal{M}_3 = \mathcal{M}_2(\mathcal{R} - G)\mathcal{M}_2 + \int \mathcal{M}_2(\mathcal{R} - G)\mathcal{M}_3$$

\mathcal{R} is a different short-distance function



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Extension to FV

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Equivalence of relativistic methods

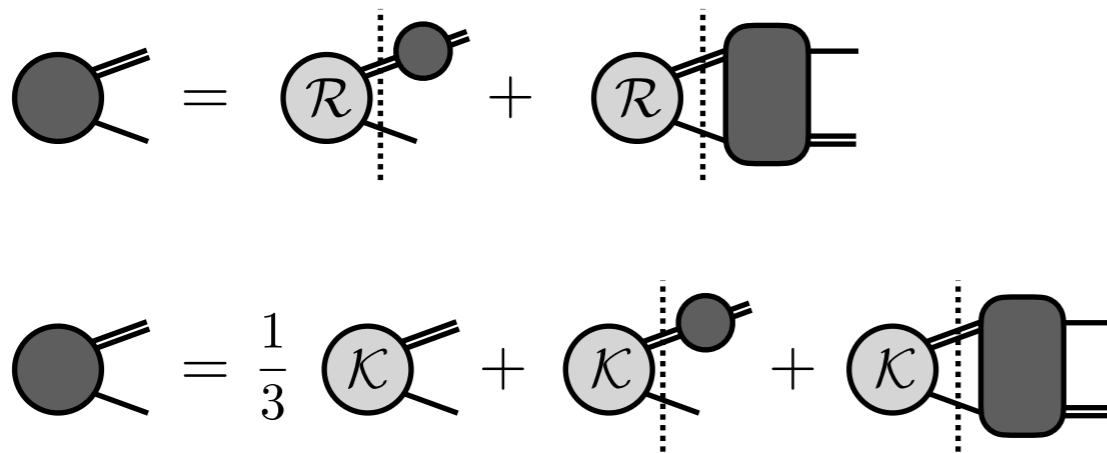
The RFT vs FVU methods can be summarized as “Bottom up” vs “Top down”

On-shell scattering equations are equivalent

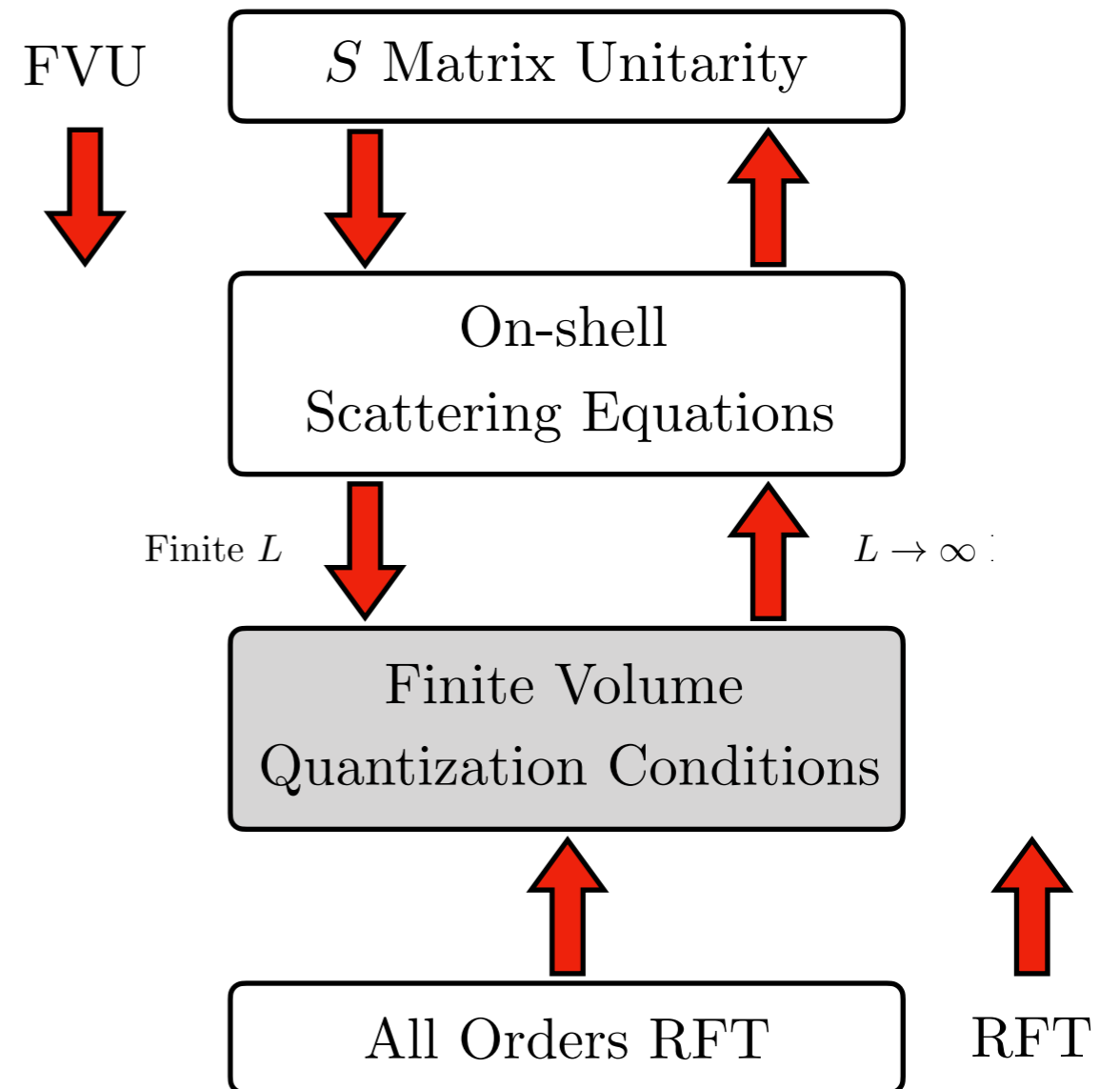
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Quantization conditions are equivalent

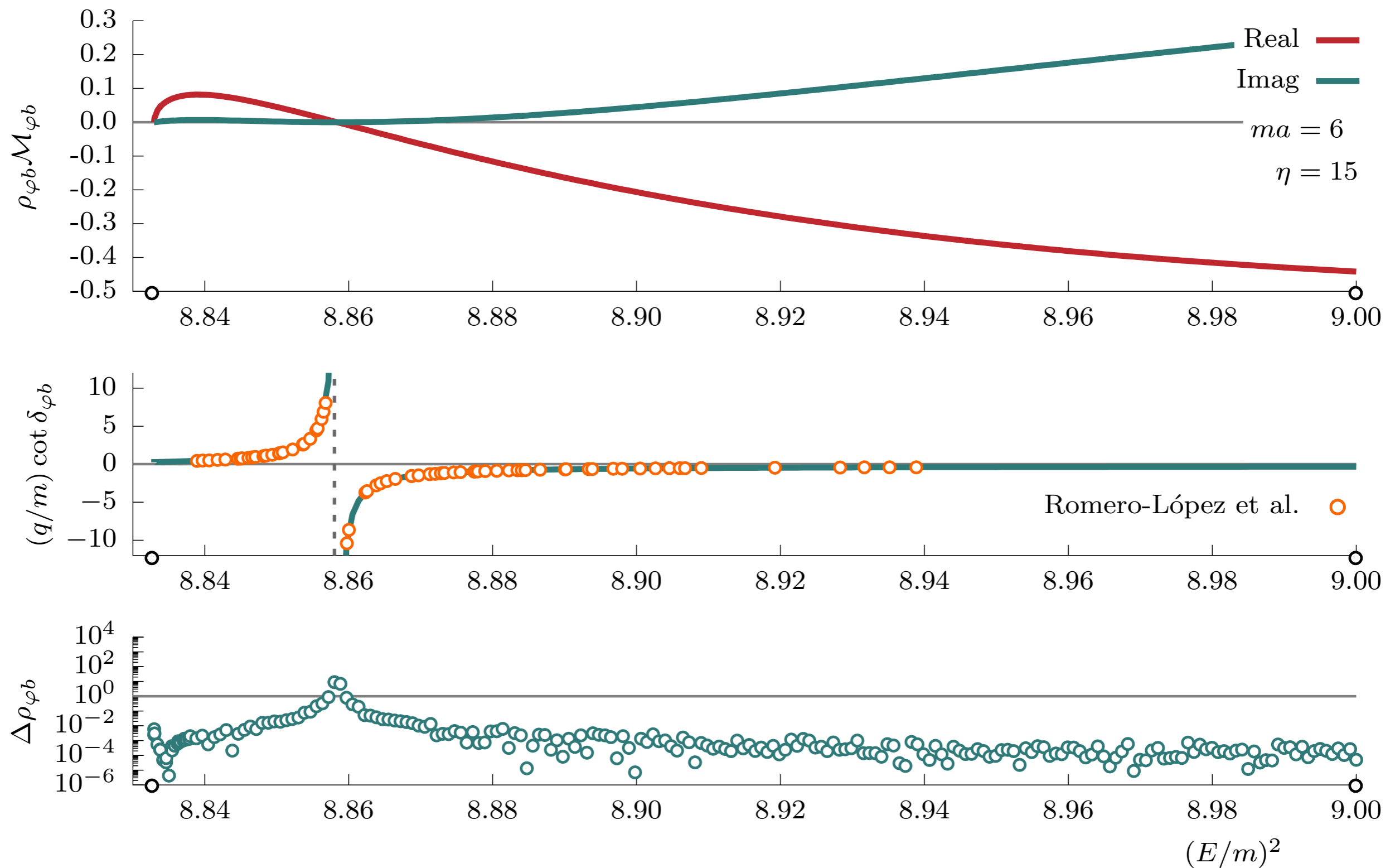
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*Small details, e.g. aspects of symmetrization
— see literature for information*



Example of solution — Extrapolated result



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