

Meson production amplitudes from Lattice QCD

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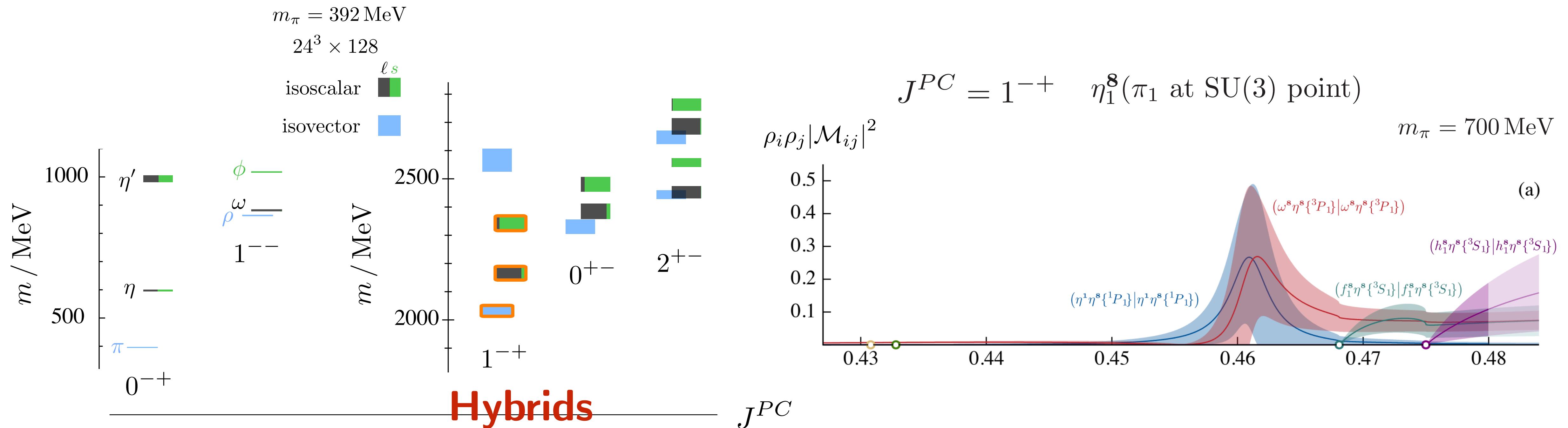
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Characterization of hadrons (Lattice QCD)

[Dudek et al. 1309.2608]
[Woss et al. 2009.10034]

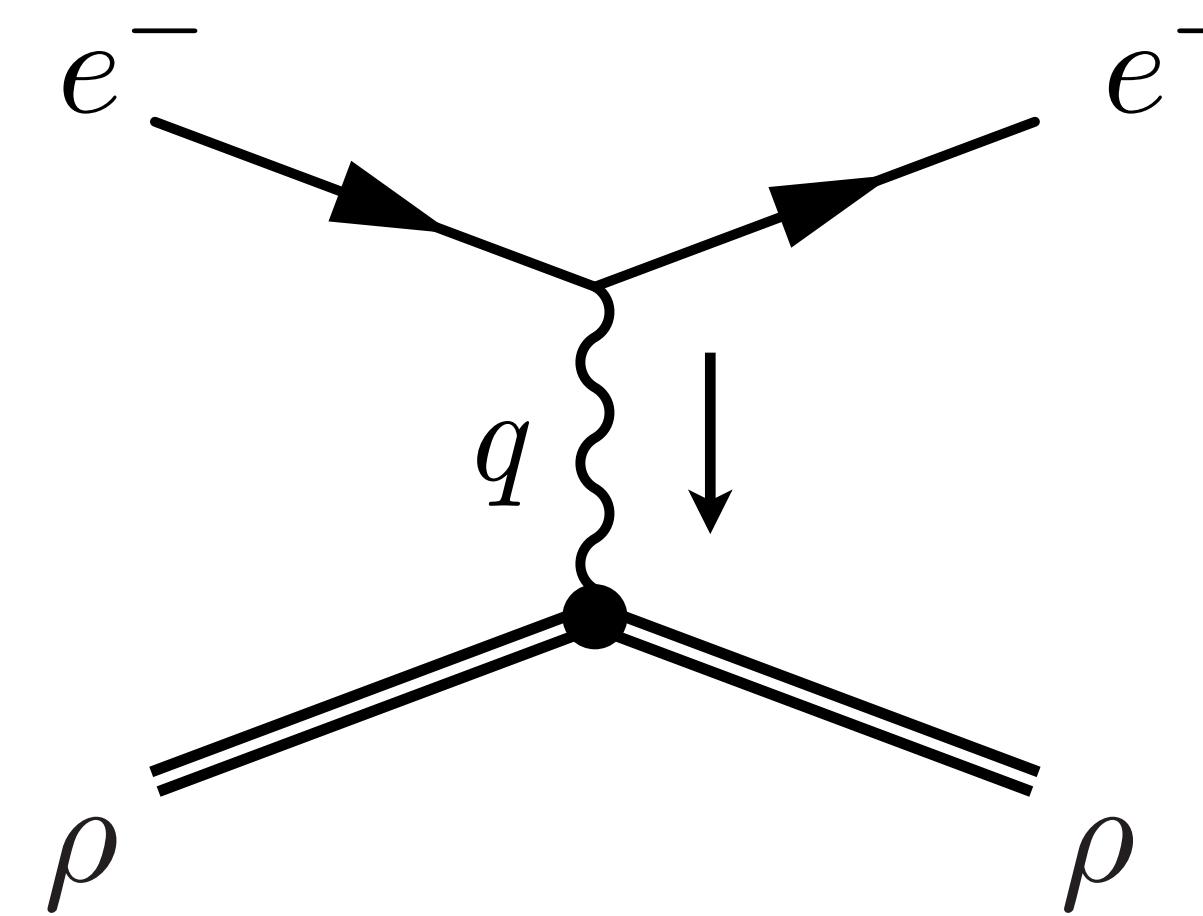


- Masses and decay widths
- Couplings to hadronic decay channels
- *Couplings to electroweak currents*

Study of resonances

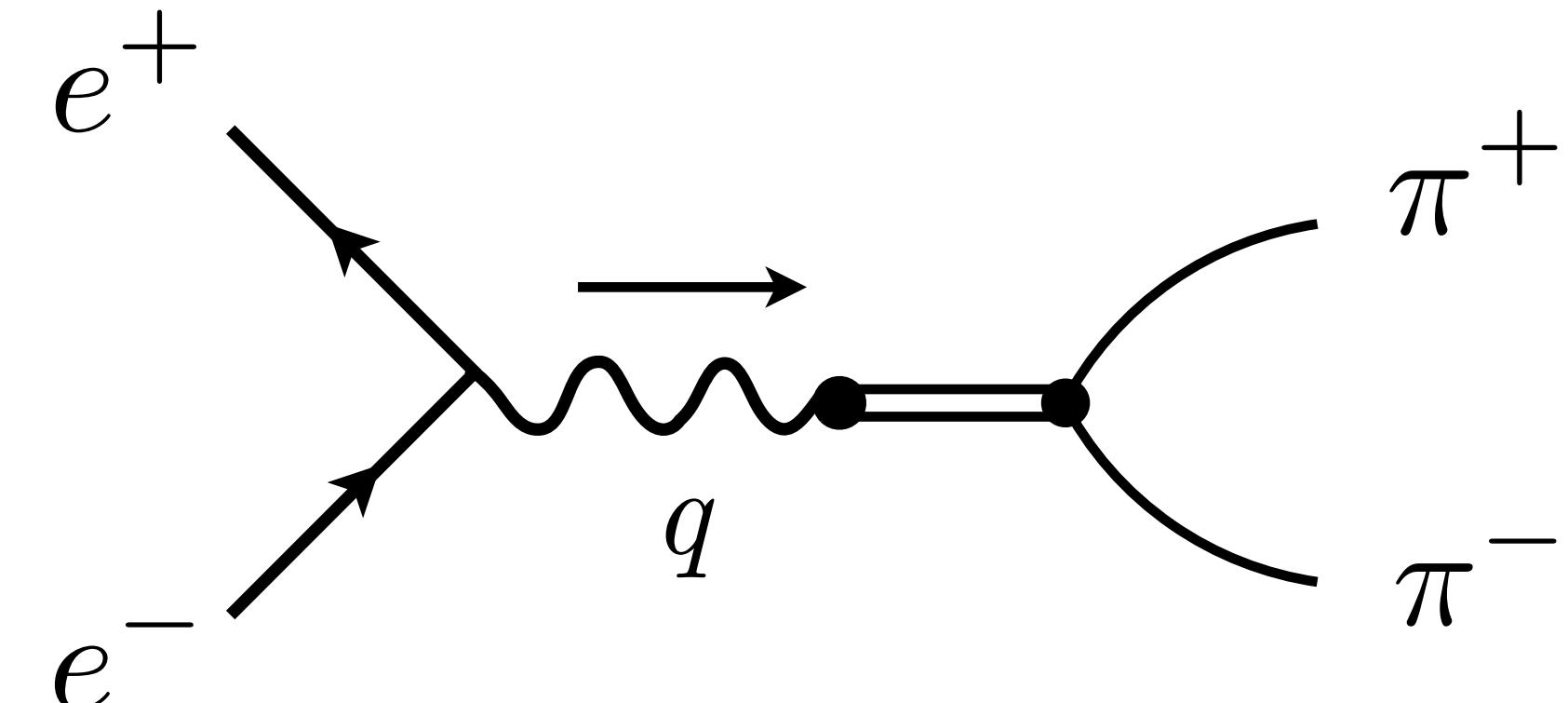
Spacelike

$$Q^2 \equiv -q^2 > 0$$



Timelike

$$q^2 > 0$$

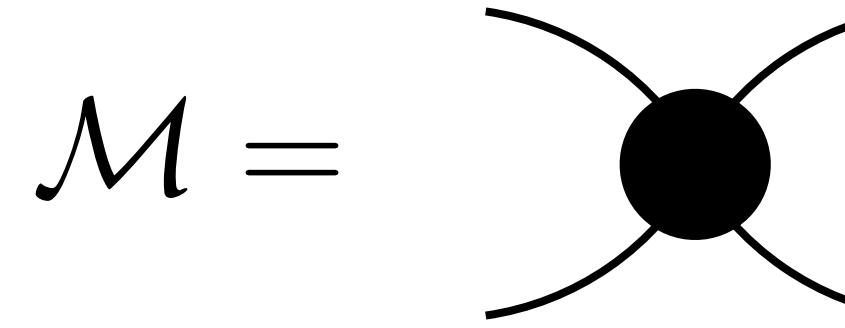


Structural information

Production mechanisms

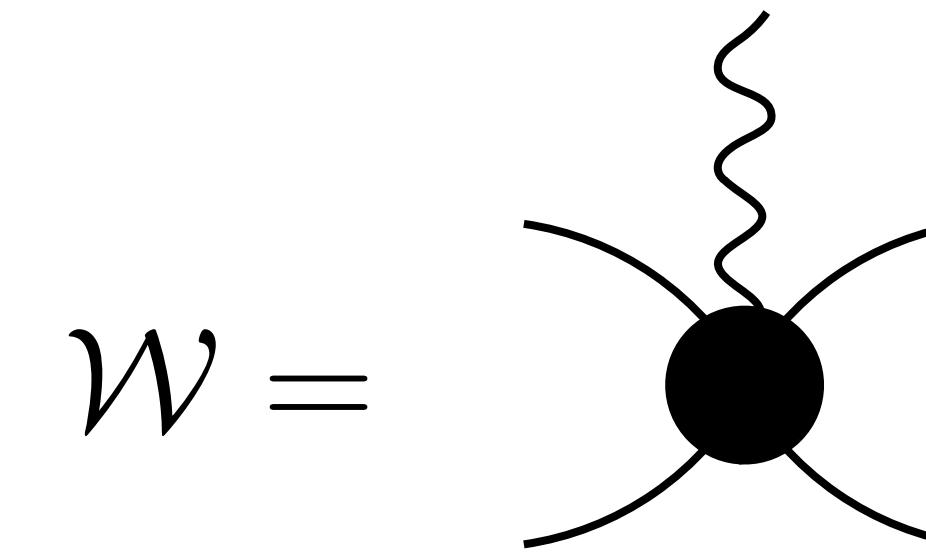
Resonant meson form factors

Hadronic two-to-two
Scattering amplitude



$$\frac{c}{s - s_R} i$$

Two-to-two
Transition amplitude



$$f_{R \rightarrow R}$$

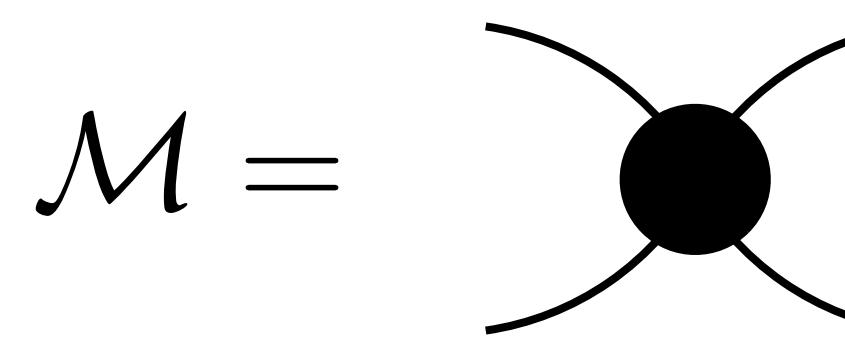
Production amplitude
with hadronic final state
interactions

$$f = \text{Diagram of a central interaction vertex with three external lines, one wavy and two solid.}$$

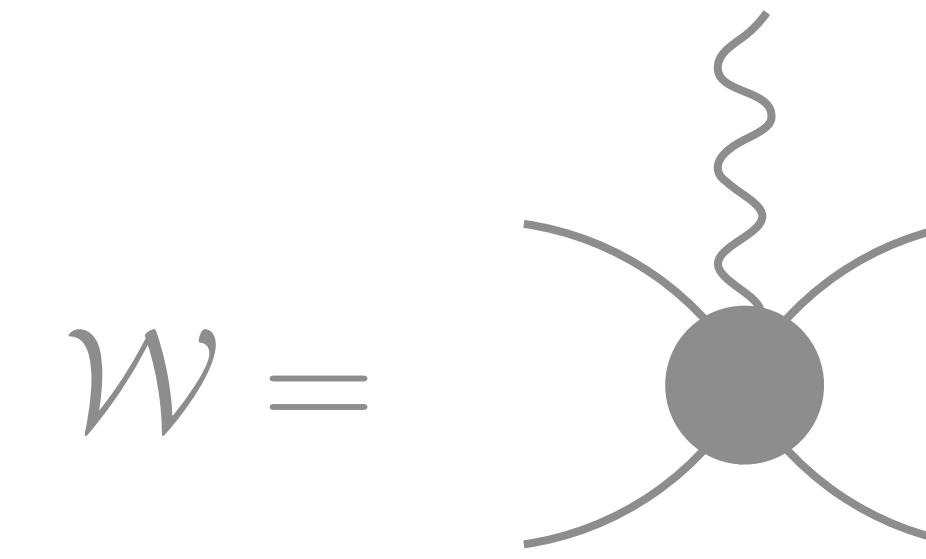
$$f_R$$

Resonant meson form factors

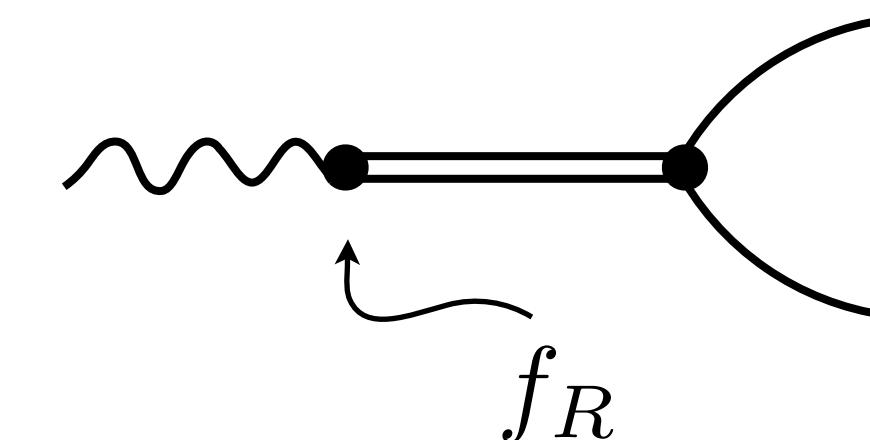
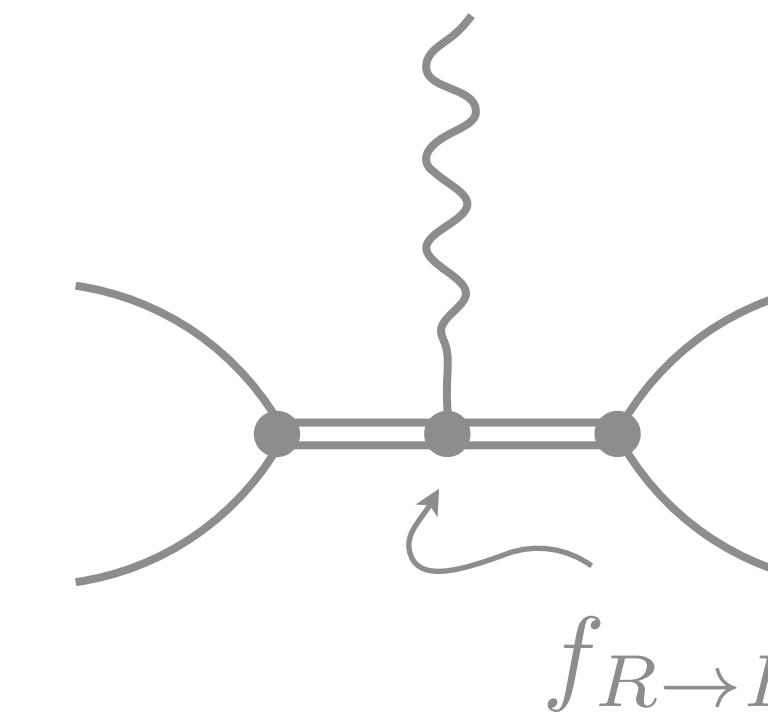
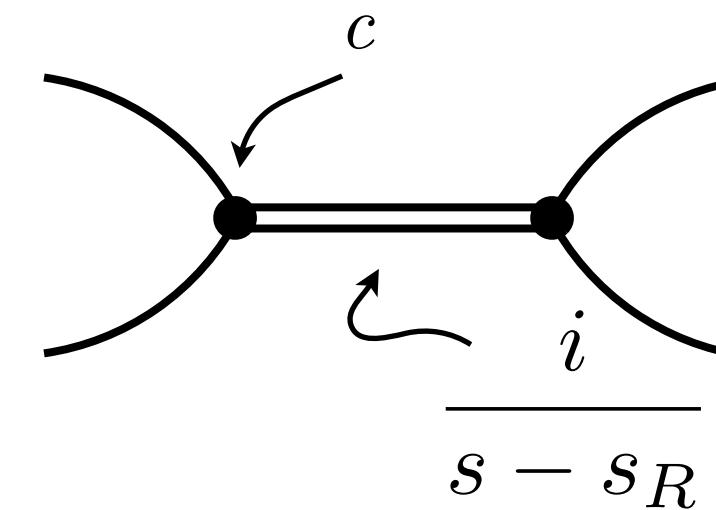
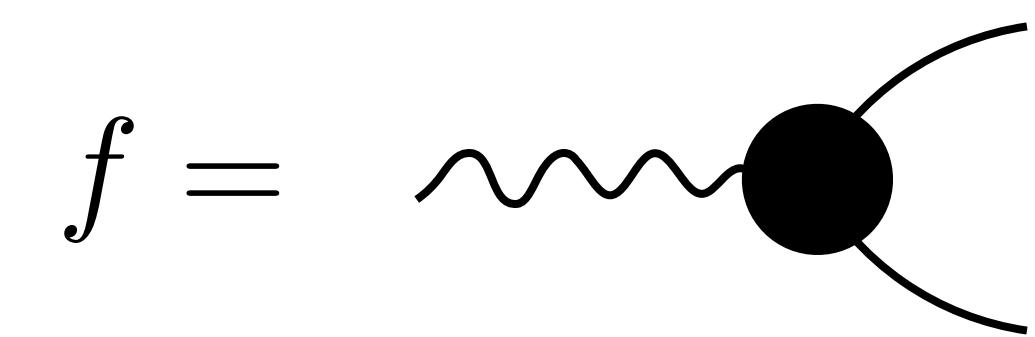
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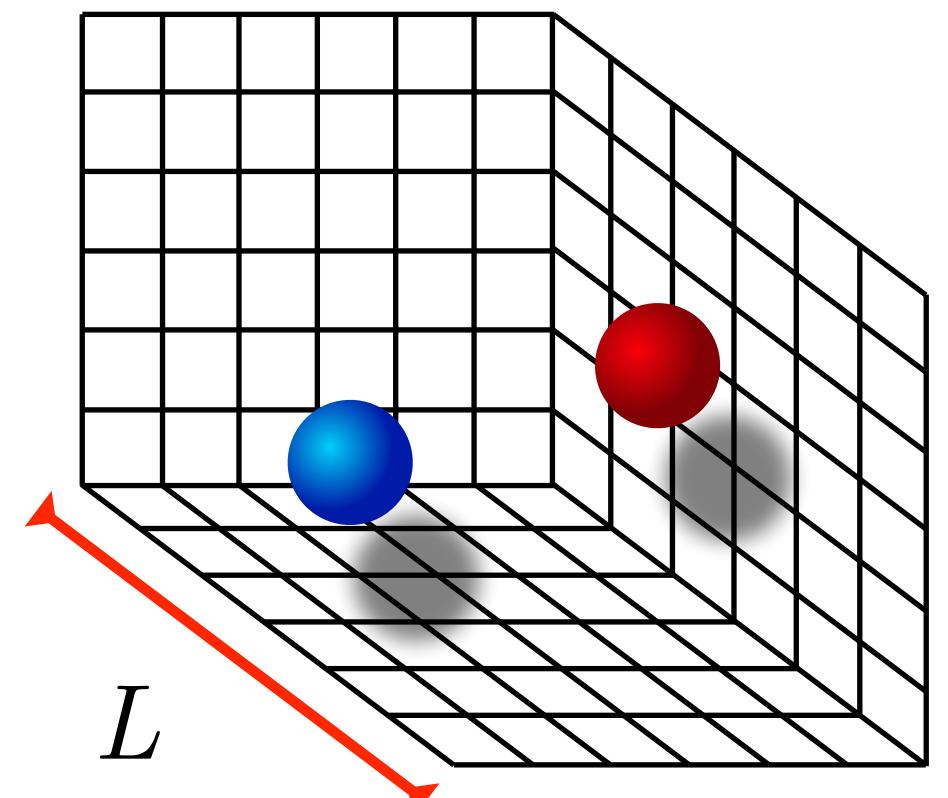


Lüscher formalism

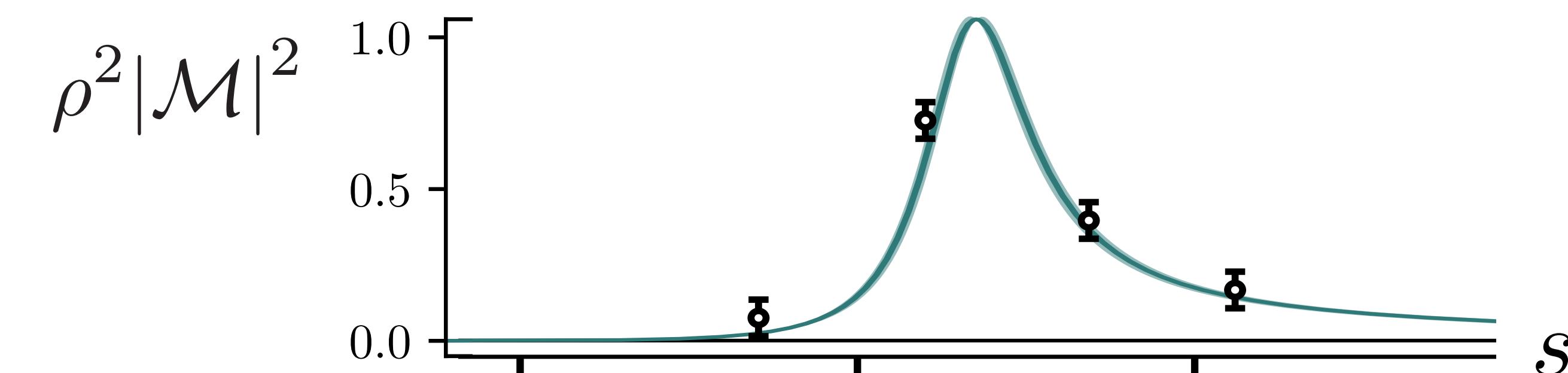
[*Commun.Math.Phys.* 105, 153 (1986) and extensions]
See Briceno et al. (2017) 1706.06223 for a review

$$\langle O_i(t) O_j^\dagger(0) \rangle = \sum_{n=0} Z_i^{n*} Z_j^n e^{-E_n t}$$

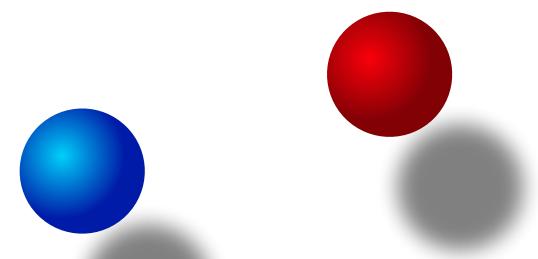
$$C_L(P^2) \rightarrow E_n^{\star 2}(L)$$



$$\mathcal{M}(s) =$$



$$\det(F(s, L) + \mathcal{M}^{-1}(s)) = 0 + \mathcal{O}(e^{-m_\pi L})$$

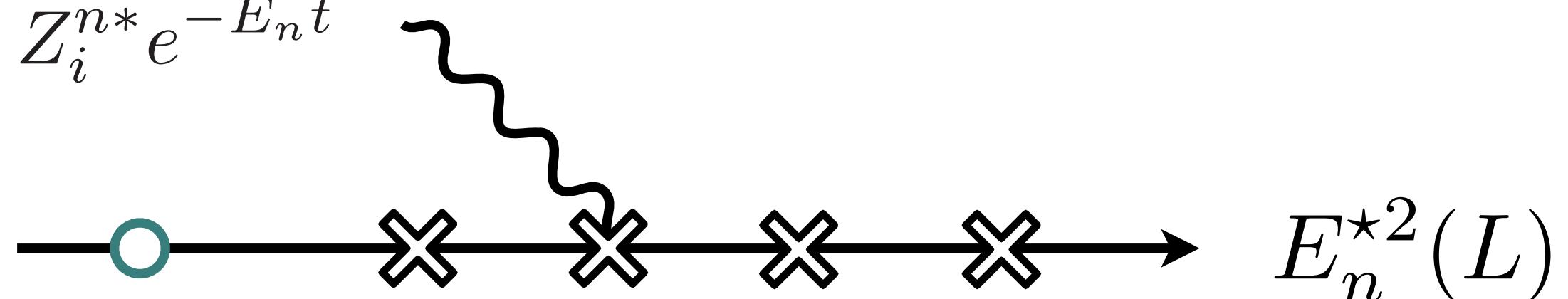


Two-hadron production

[Meyer (2011) 1105.1892]

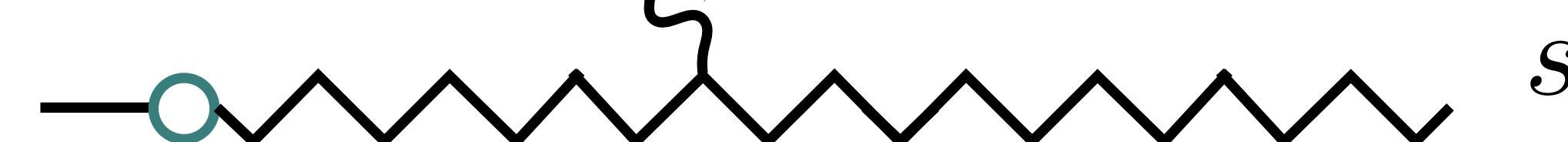
[Lellouch, Lüscher (2001) hep-lat/0003023]

$$\langle O_i(t) \mathcal{J}^\mu(0) \rangle = \sum_{n=0} \langle n | \mathcal{J}^\mu(0) | 0 \rangle Z_i^{n*} e^{-E_n t}$$



$$E_n^{\star 2}(L)$$

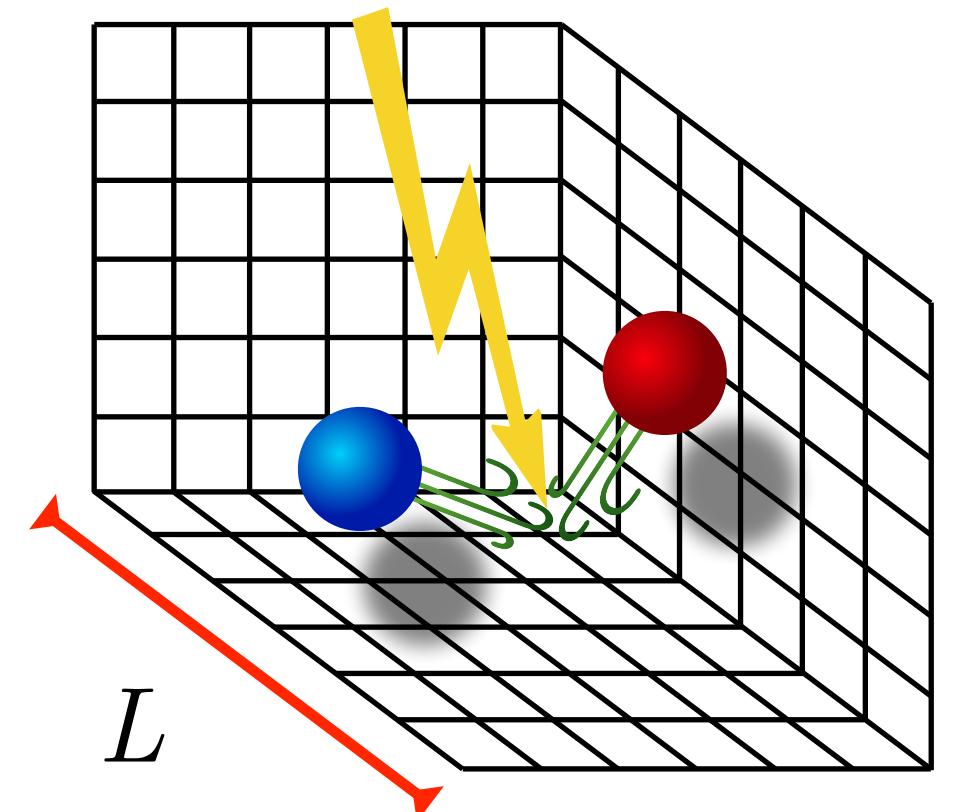
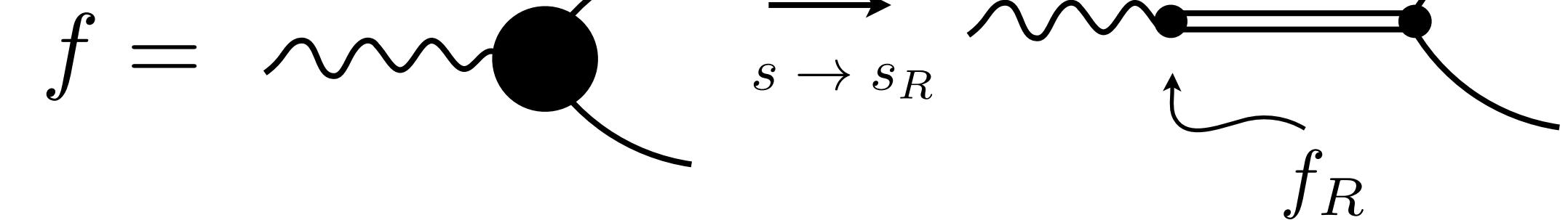
$$|\langle n | \mathcal{J}(0) | 0 \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{L^3} f(s) \cdot \mathcal{R}_n \cdot f(s)$$



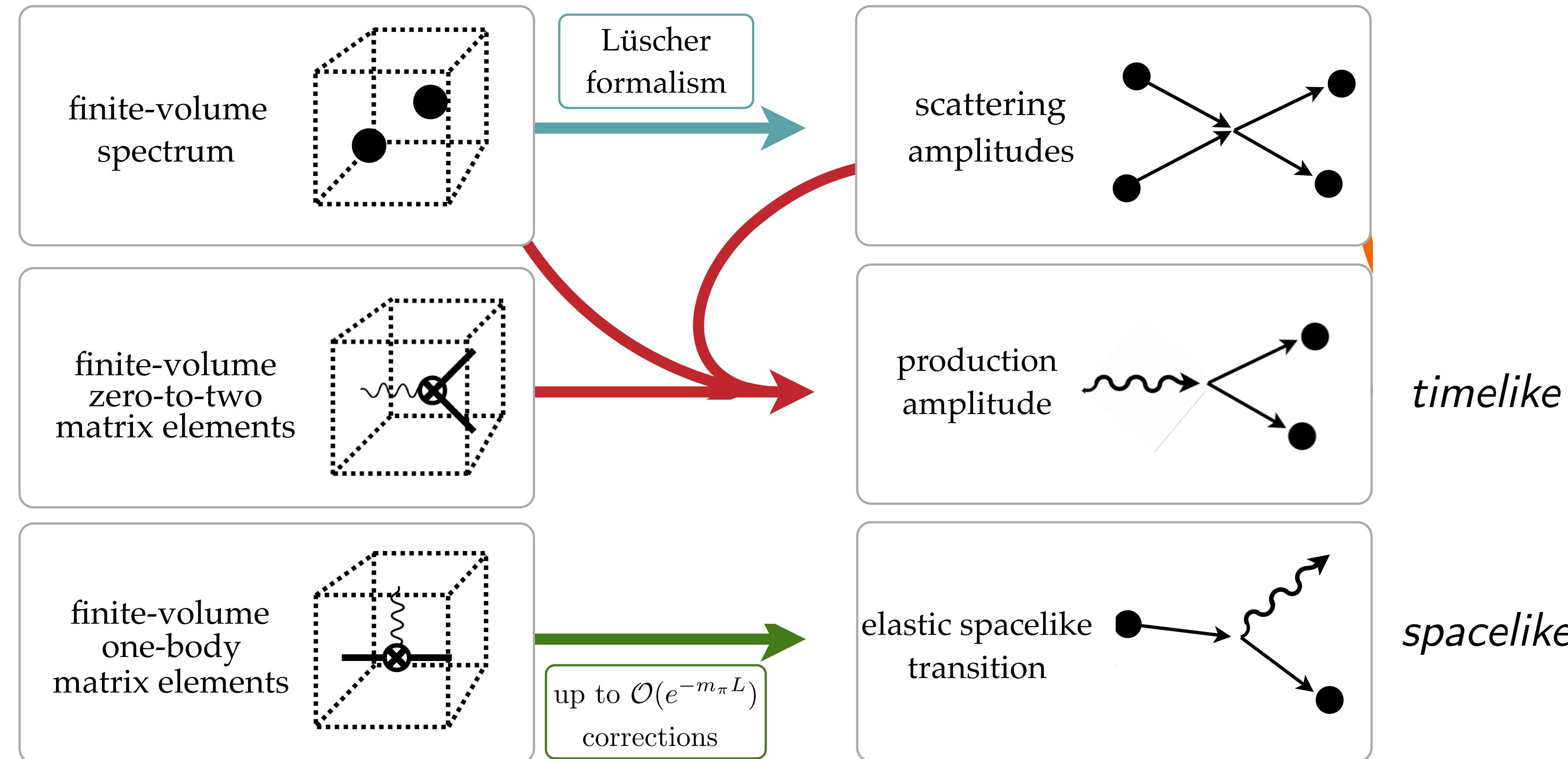
- Lellouch-Lüscher factor

$$\mathcal{R}_n \equiv \lim_{E \rightarrow E_n} \frac{E - E_n}{F^{-1} + \mathcal{M}}$$

Normalization of
dynamic FV state
& rescattering effects

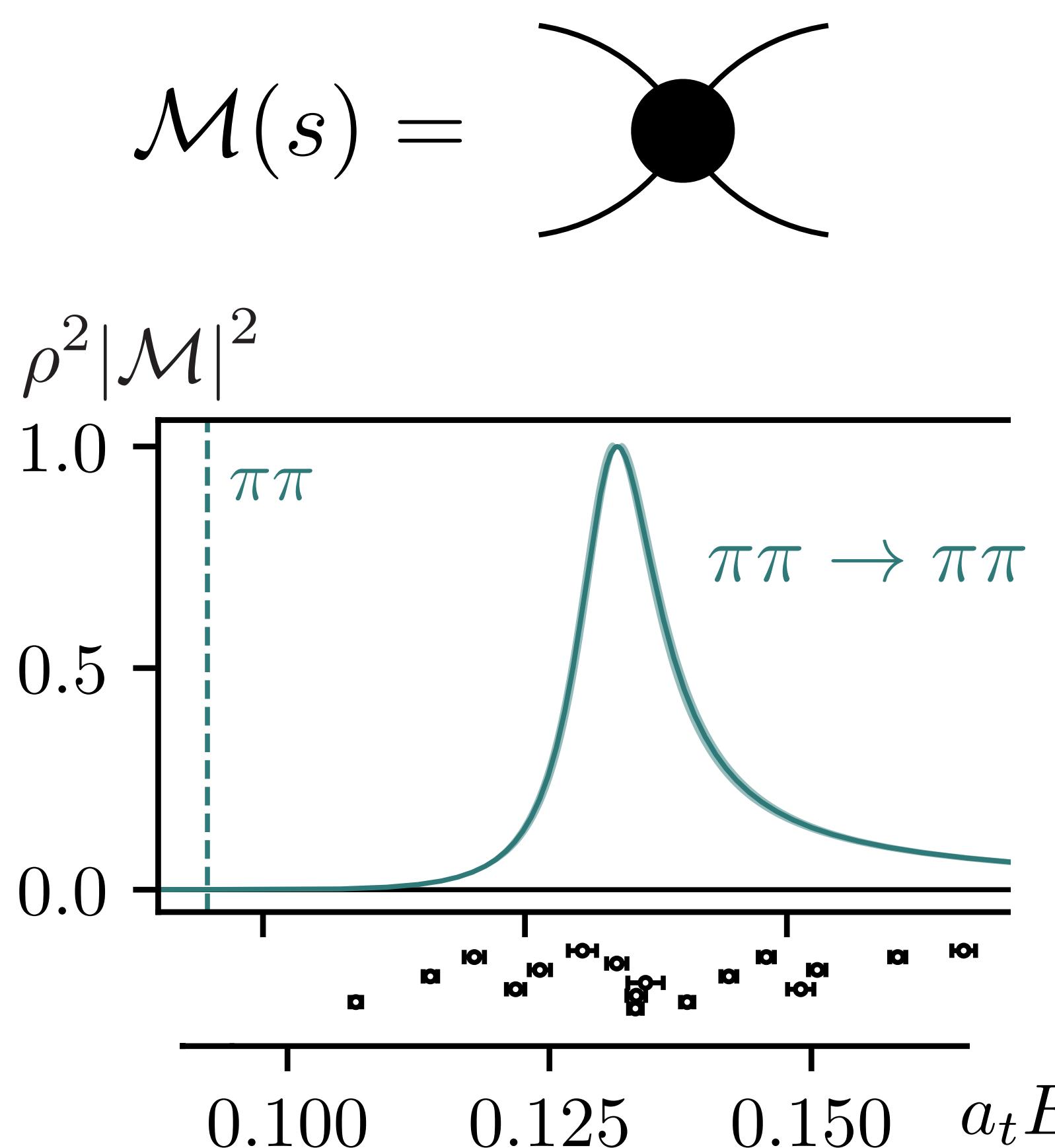


Lattice QCD form factors workflow



Matrix elements of excited states

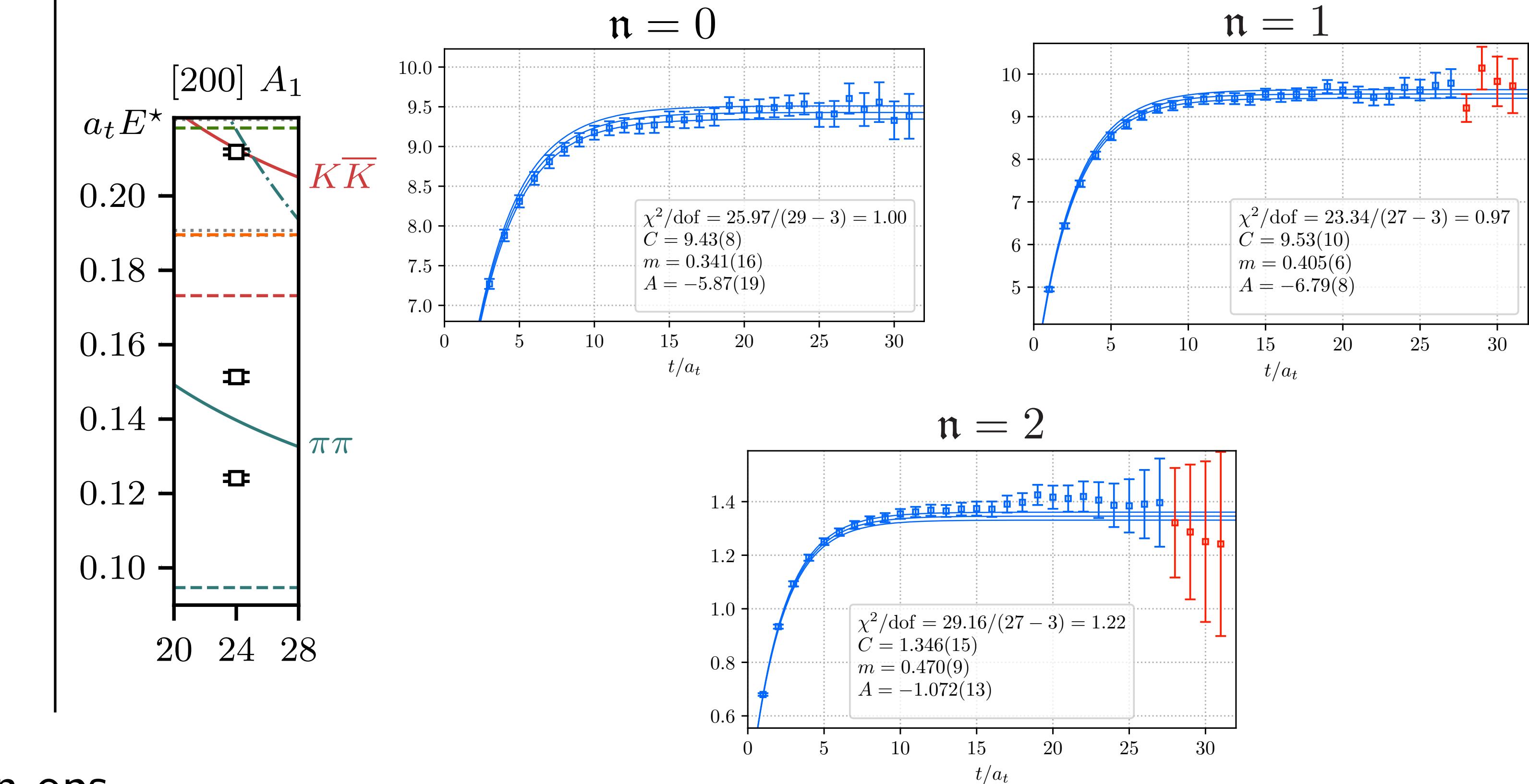
[Ortega-Gama et al. (HadSpec) 2407.20617]



$$\frac{\langle \mathcal{J}(t)\Omega_n^\dagger(0) \rangle}{\langle \Omega_n(t)\Omega_n^\dagger(0) \rangle}$$

Matrix elements from optimized operators (solutions of GEVP)

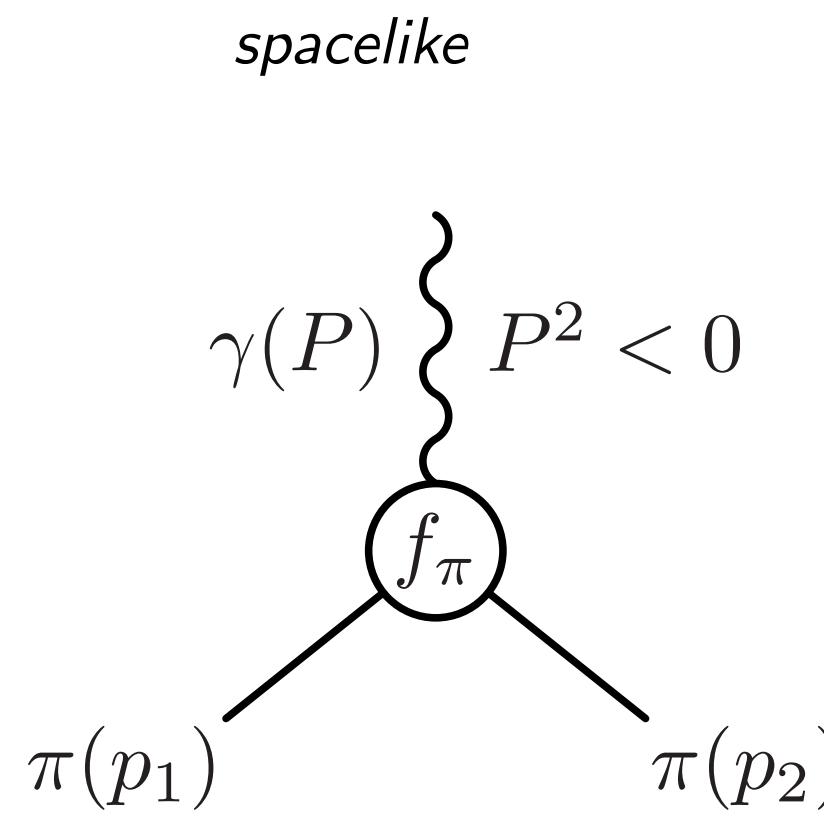
	m/MeV
π	284
K	519



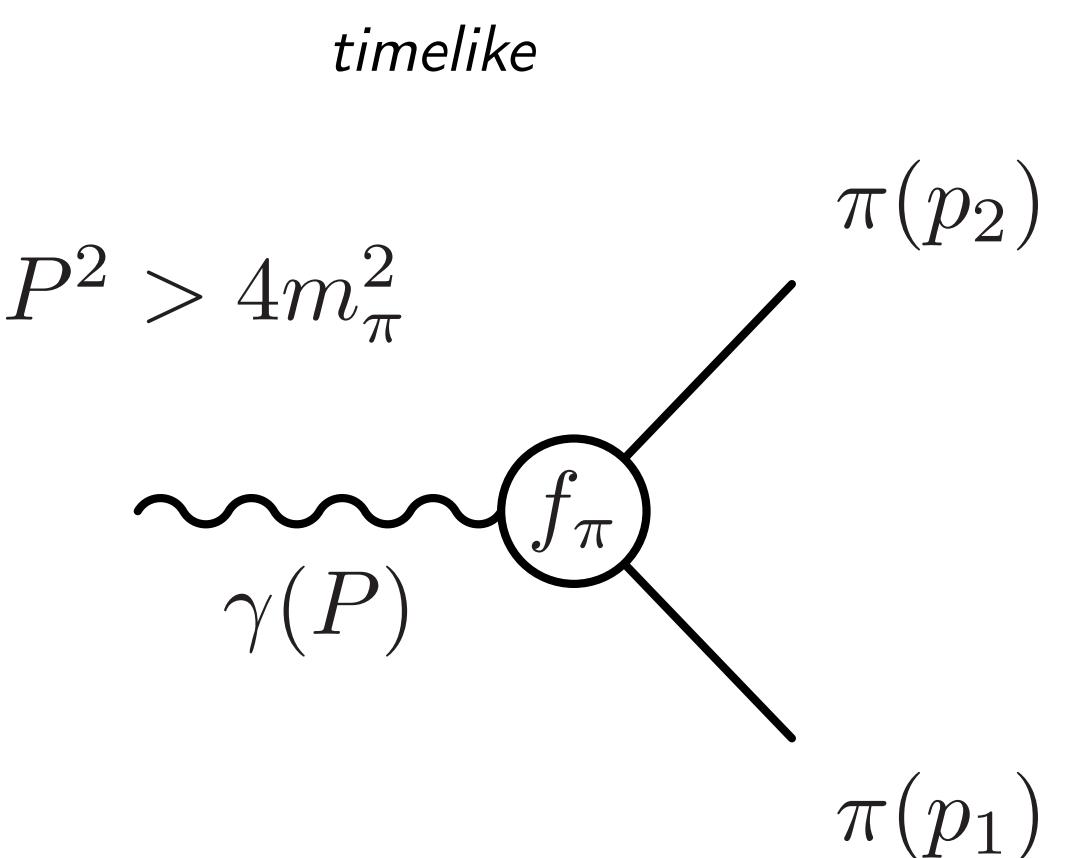
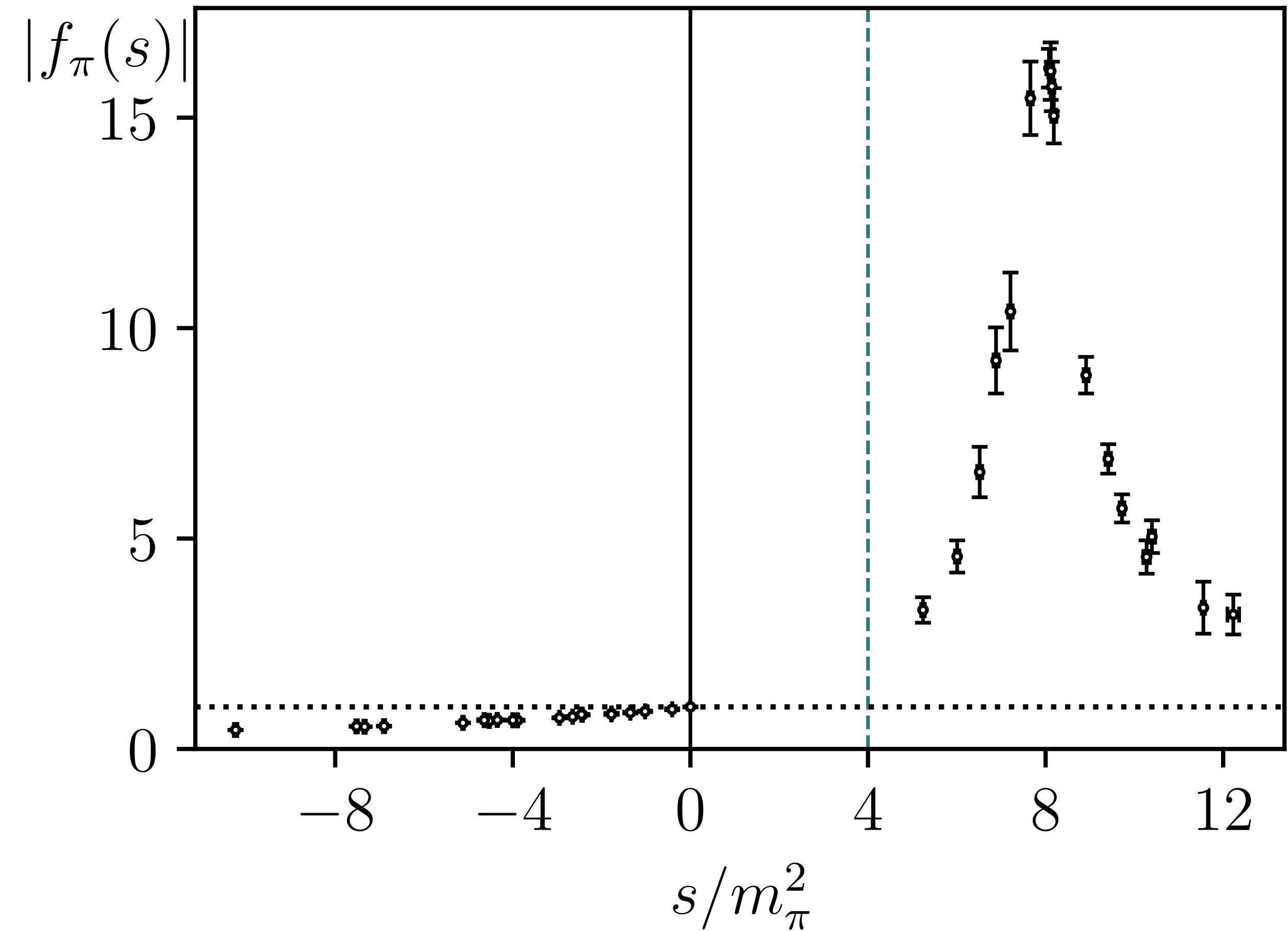
Pion form factor extraction

Previous pion timelike ff
lattice calculations

[Feng et al. 1412.6319]
[Andersen et al. 1808.05007]
[Erben et al. 1910.01083]



Directly from lattice
matrix elements



Applying LL factor to
lattice matrix elements

Unitarity and Watson's theorem

$$\text{Im} \quad \text{Diagram} = \sum_n \text{Diagram}_n$$

$$\text{Im } f_a = \sum_n f_n \rho_n \mathcal{M}_{na}^*$$

Elastic solution:

K-matrix representation

$$f = \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{A}$$

$$f = \frac{\mathcal{A}}{\mathcal{K}^{-1} - i\rho}$$

Satisfies **unitarity**,

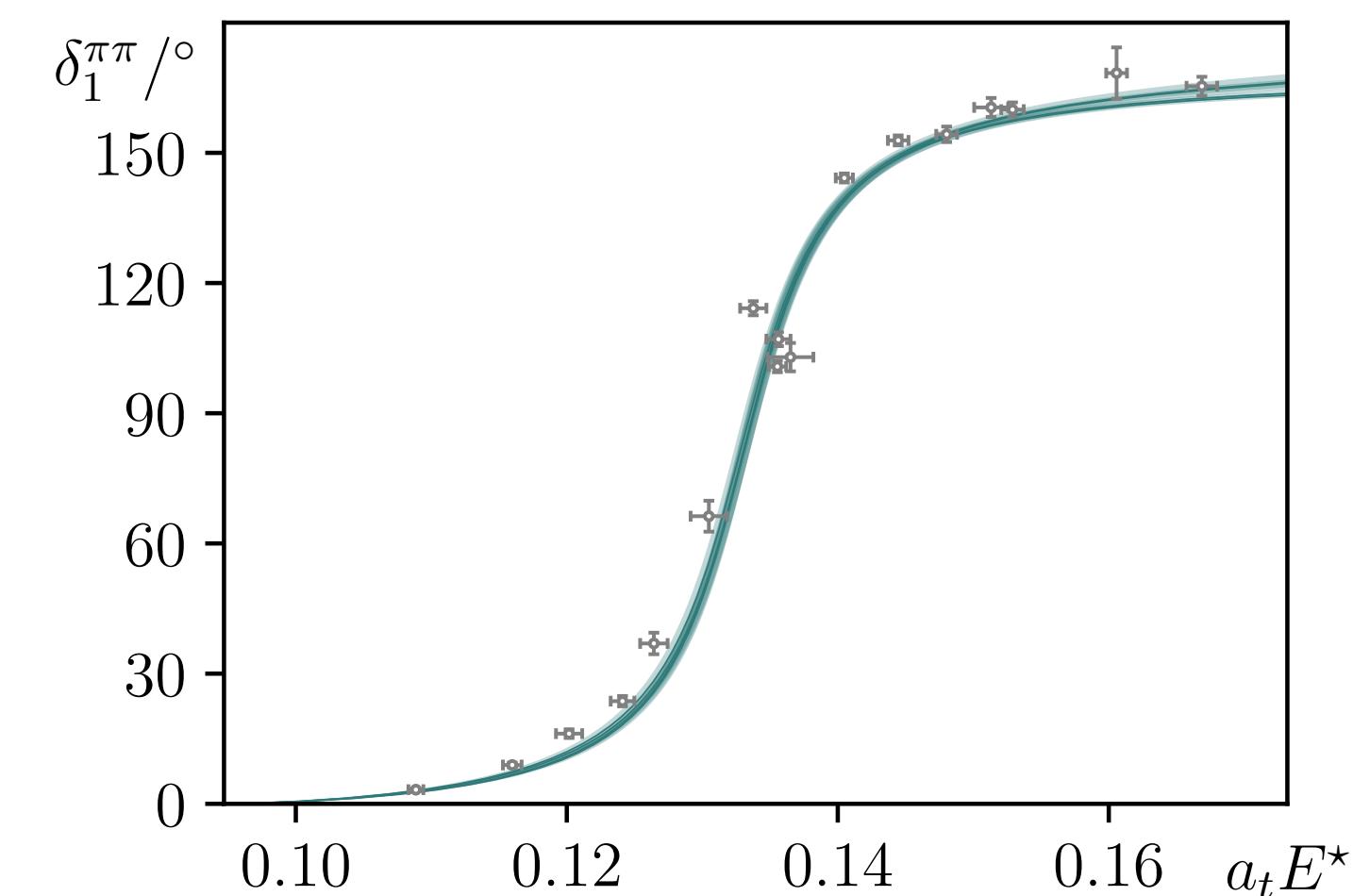
Analyticity is not guaranteed

Omnès representation

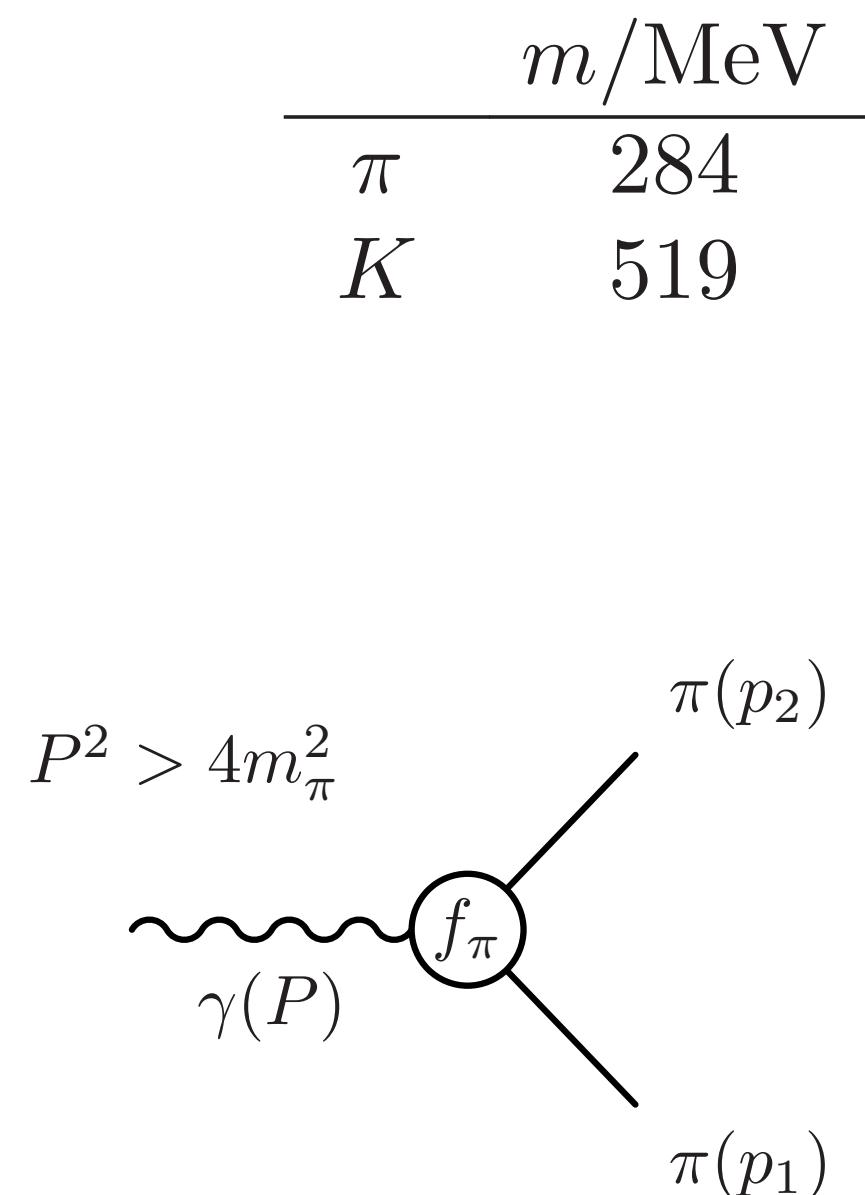
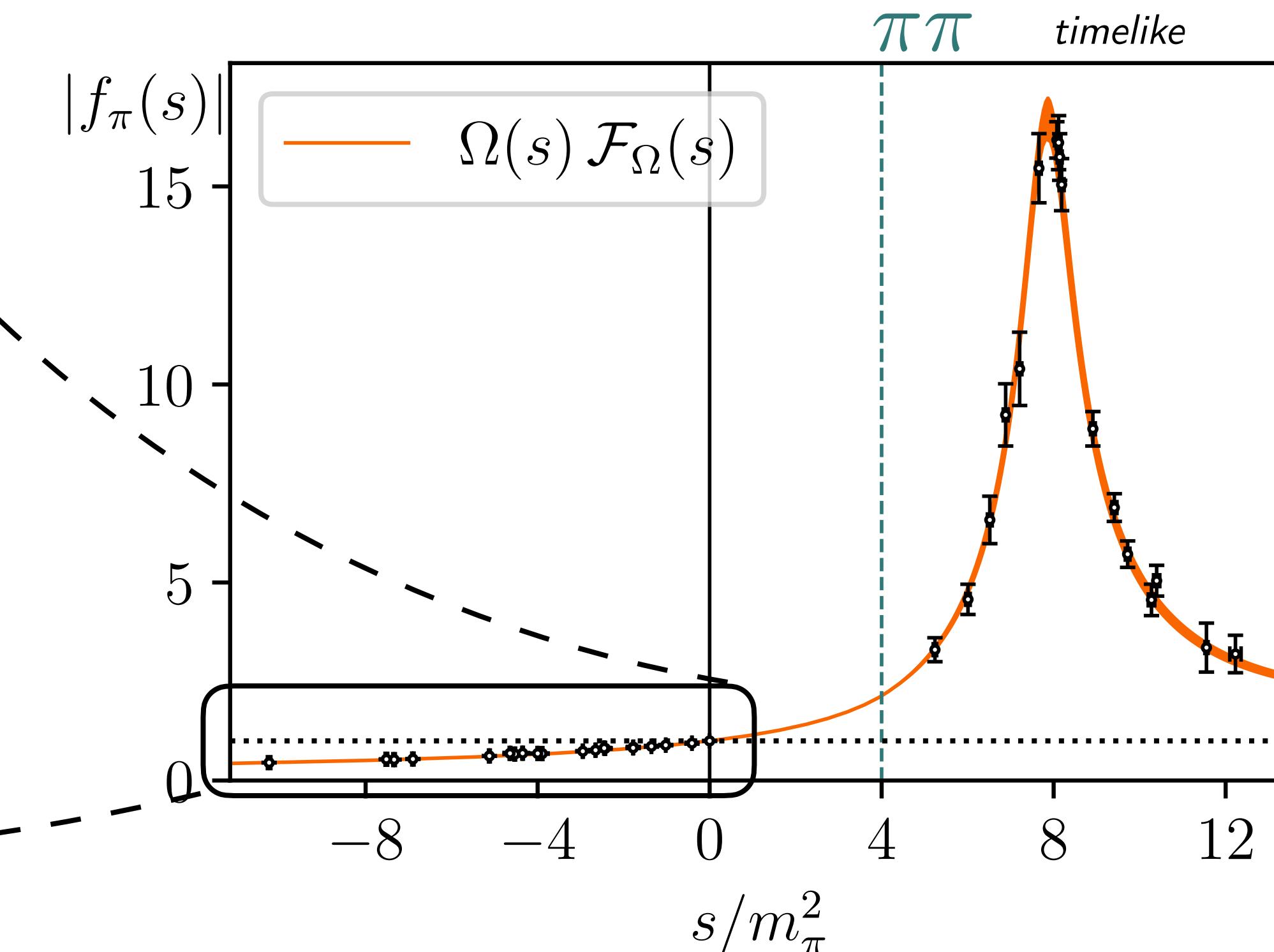
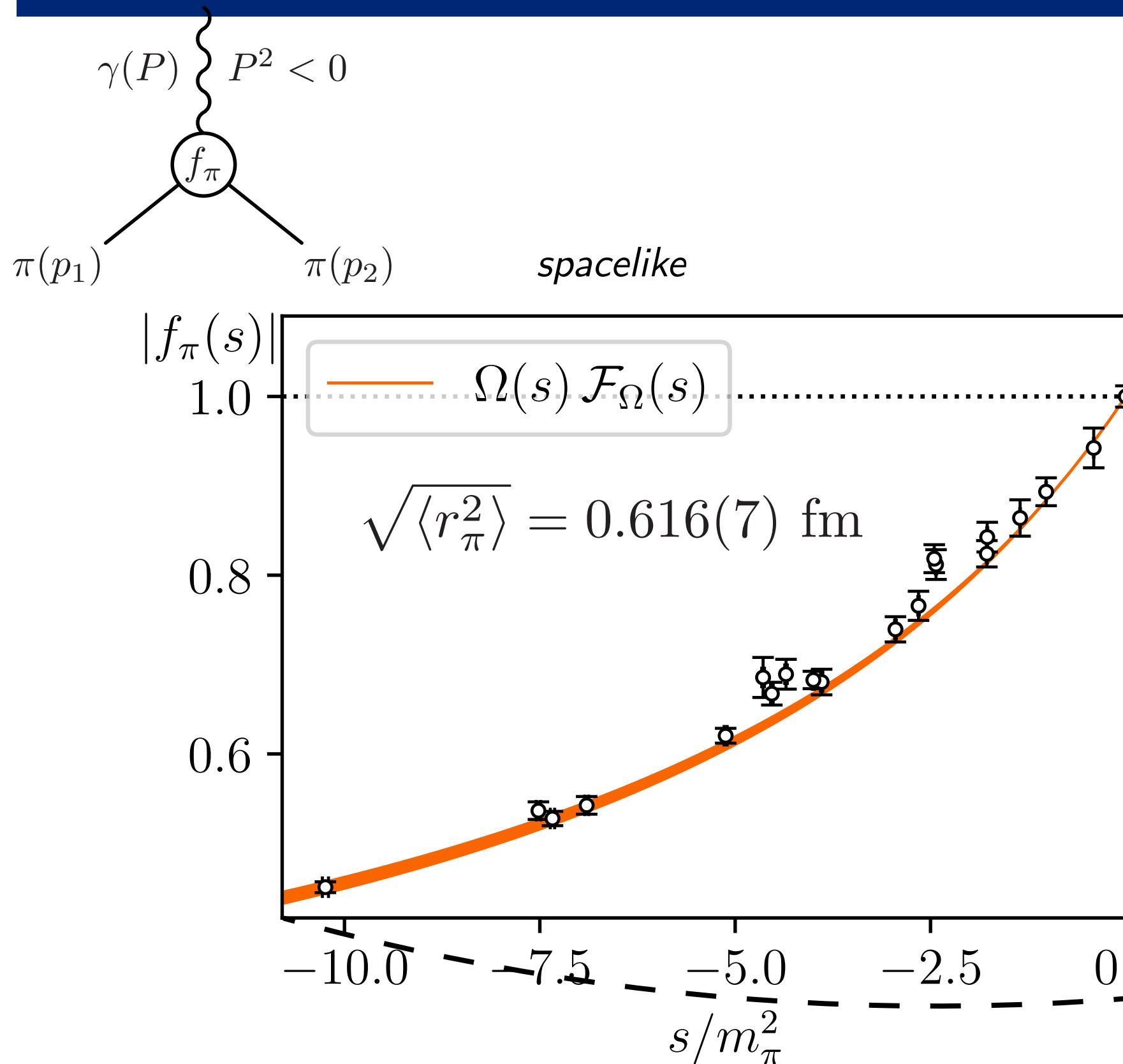
$$f = \Omega \times \mathcal{F}$$

$$\Omega(s) = \exp\left(\frac{s}{\pi} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^\infty s' \frac{\delta(s')}{s'(s' - s)} \right)$$

Dispersive solution satisfying **unitarity** and **analyticity**



Pion vector form factor

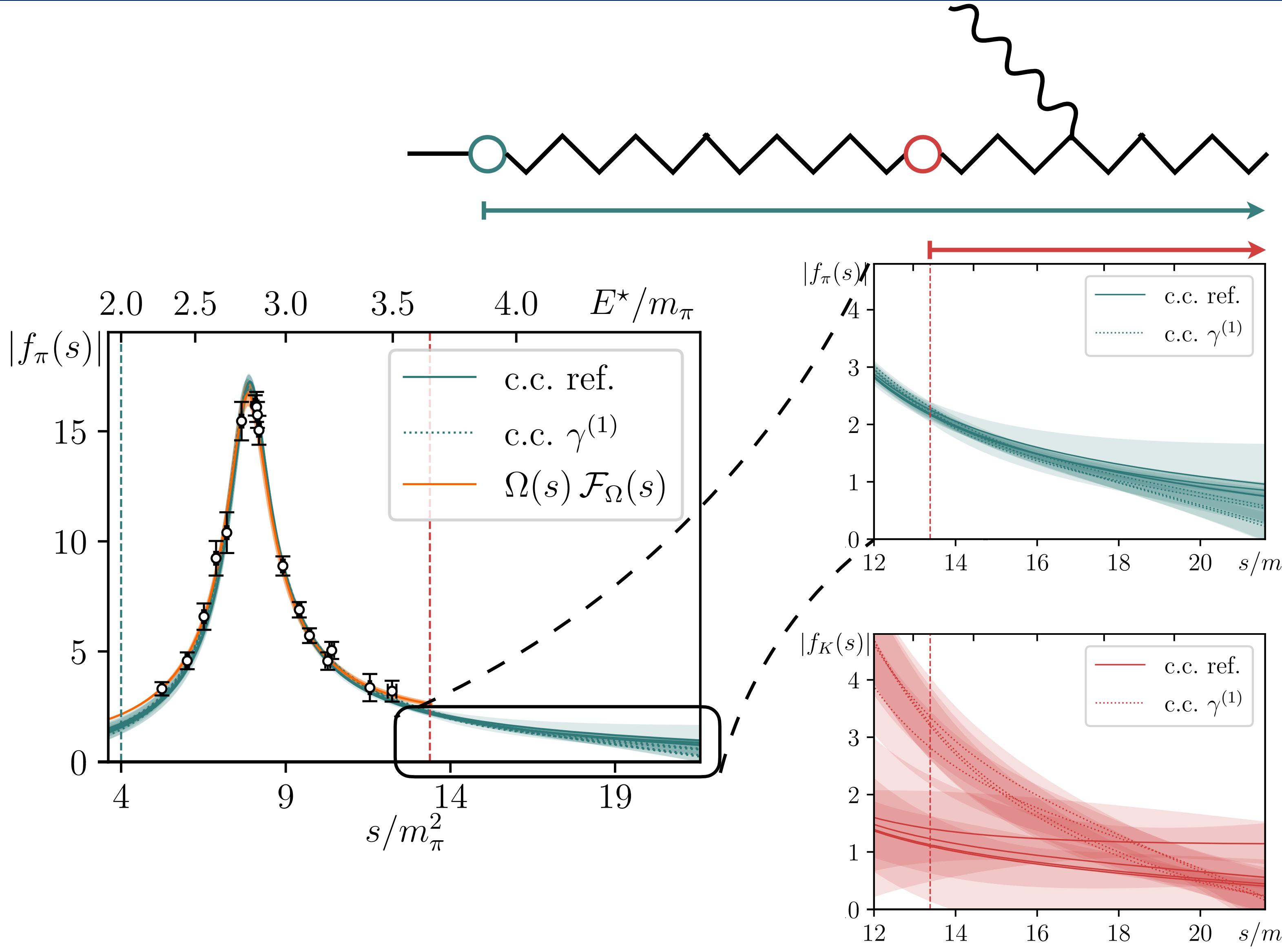


$$\Omega(s) = \exp\left(\frac{s}{\pi} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^\infty ds' \frac{\delta_1^{\pi\pi}(s')}{s'(s'-s)}\right)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_\Omega(s) = Q + \sum_{n=1}^N c_n (z_c(s)^n - z_c(0)^n)$$

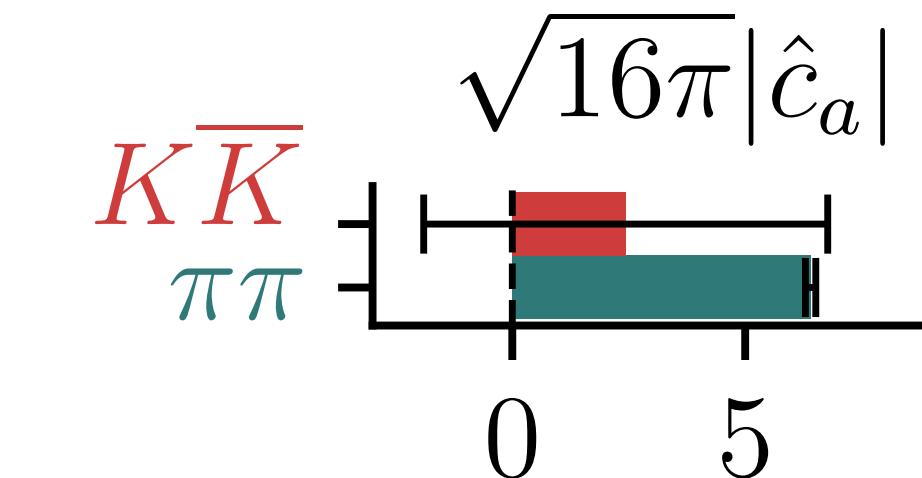
$$z_c(s) = \frac{\sqrt{s_c - s_0} - \sqrt{s_c - s}}{\sqrt{s_c - s_0} + \sqrt{s_c - s}}$$

Timelike form factor above KK threshold



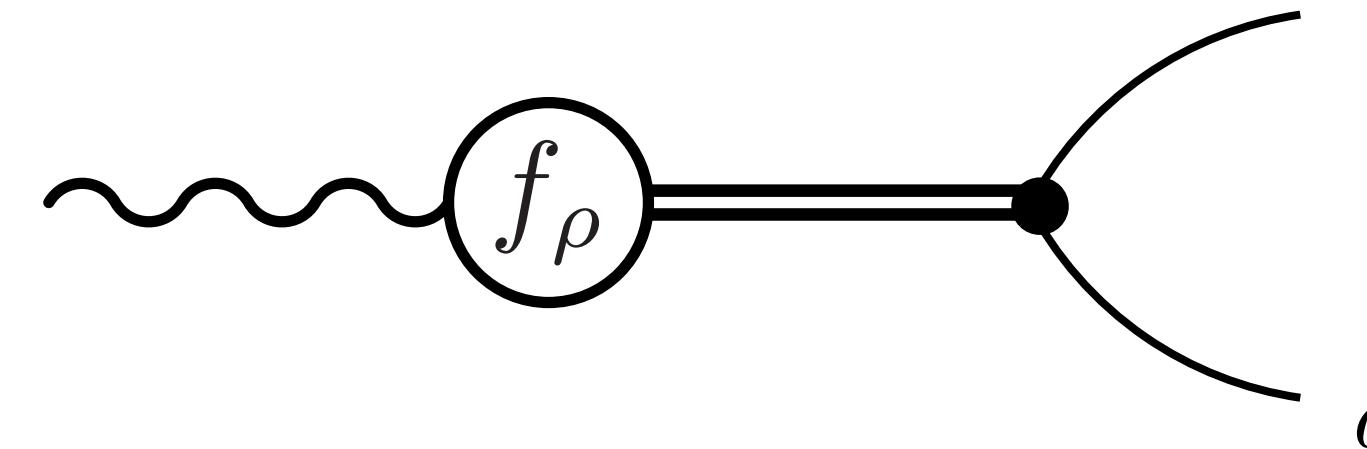
The uncertainty near KK threshold is driven by the nearby resonance

$$f_a(m_R^2) \propto \hat{c}_a + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Gamma_R}{m_R}\right)$$



$$\hat{c}_a = \frac{c_a}{k_a^*}$$

ρ meson decay constant



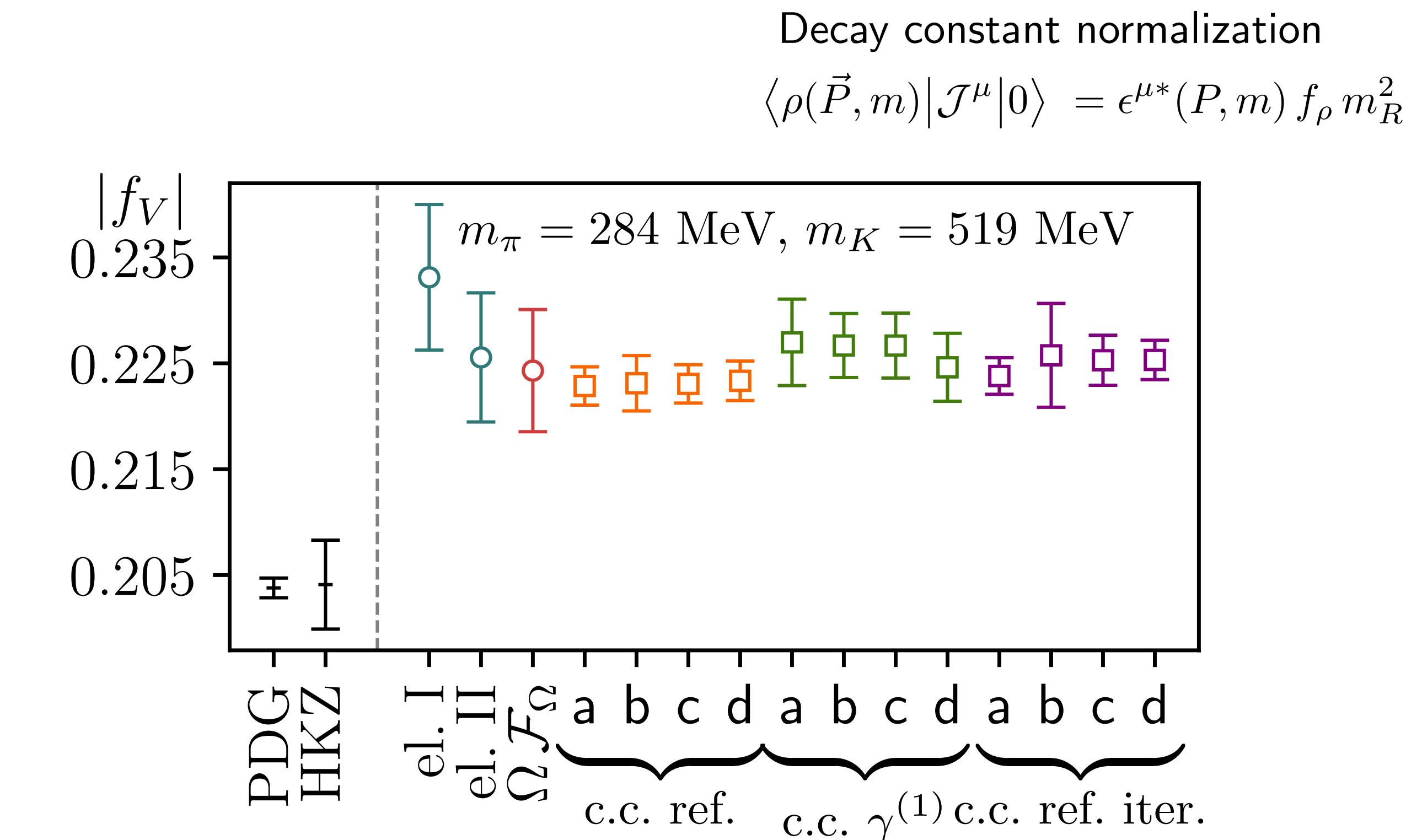
$$f_a(s \sim s_R) \sim \sqrt{16\pi} \hat{c}_a \frac{1}{s - s_R} f_\rho$$

Coupled channel unitary parameterizations:

$$f_a = \sum_b \frac{1}{k_a^*} \mathcal{M}_{ab} \frac{1}{k_b^*} \mathcal{F}_b$$

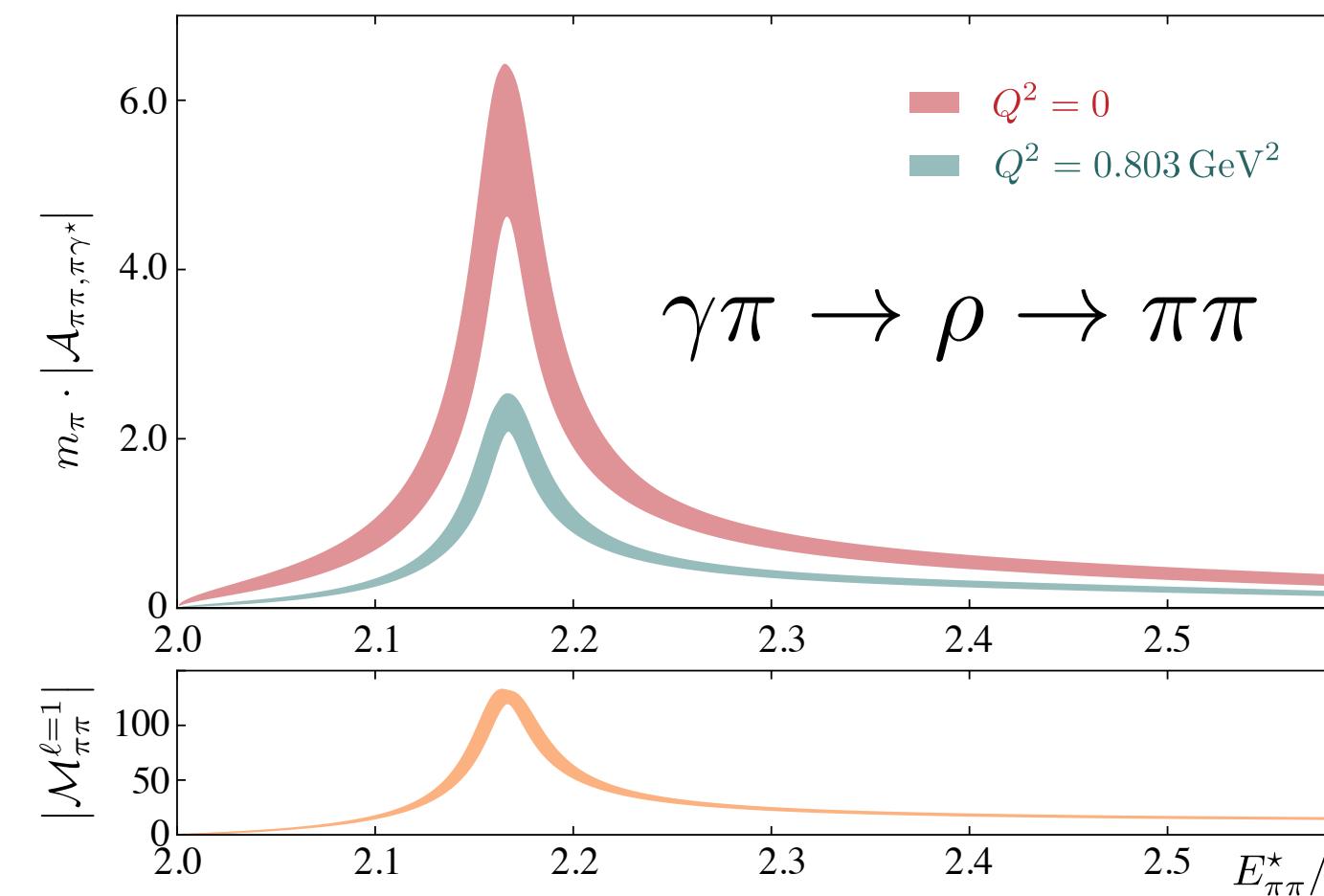
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P-wave
barrier factor

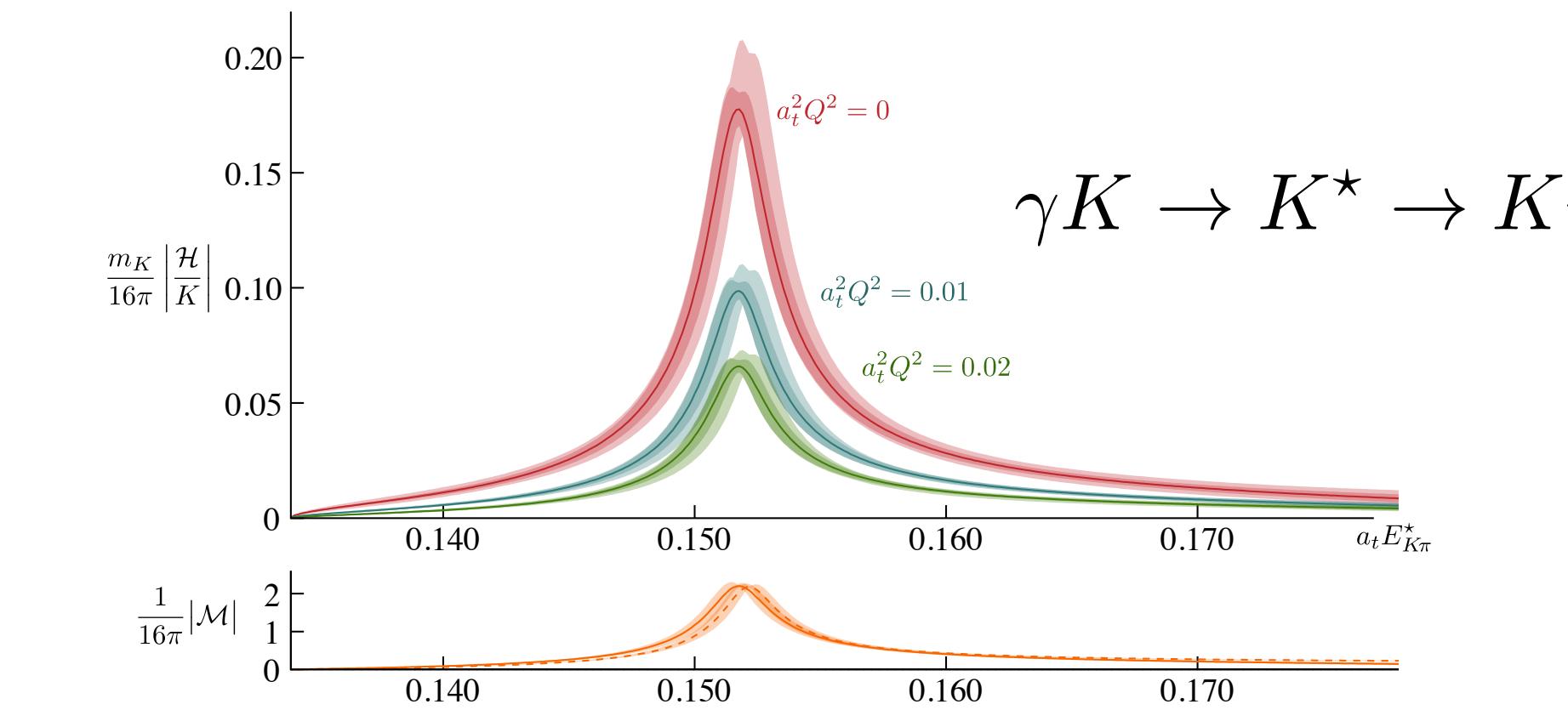


$$\mathcal{F}_a(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{N_a} h_{n,a} s^n$$

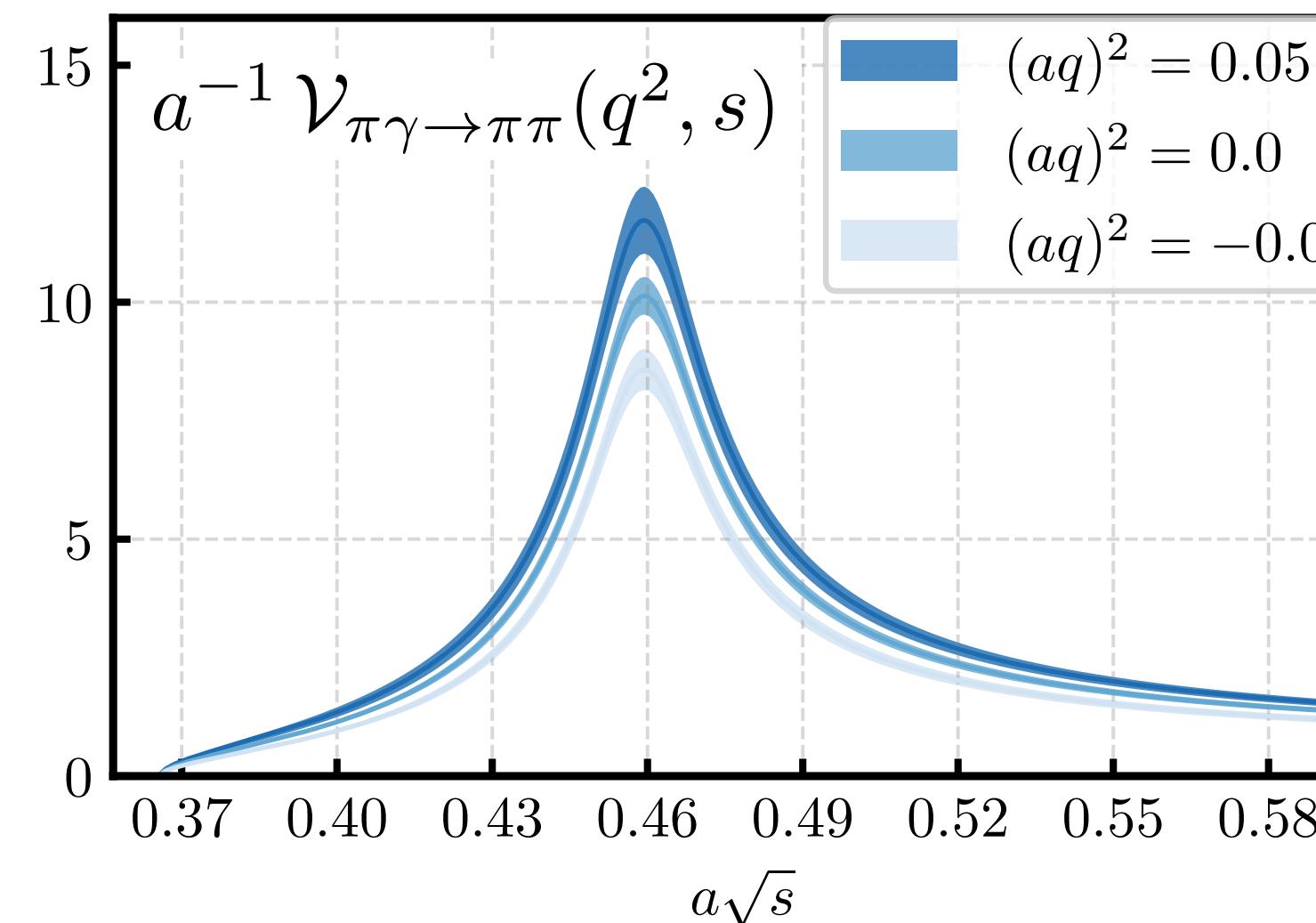
Transition form factors (resonances)



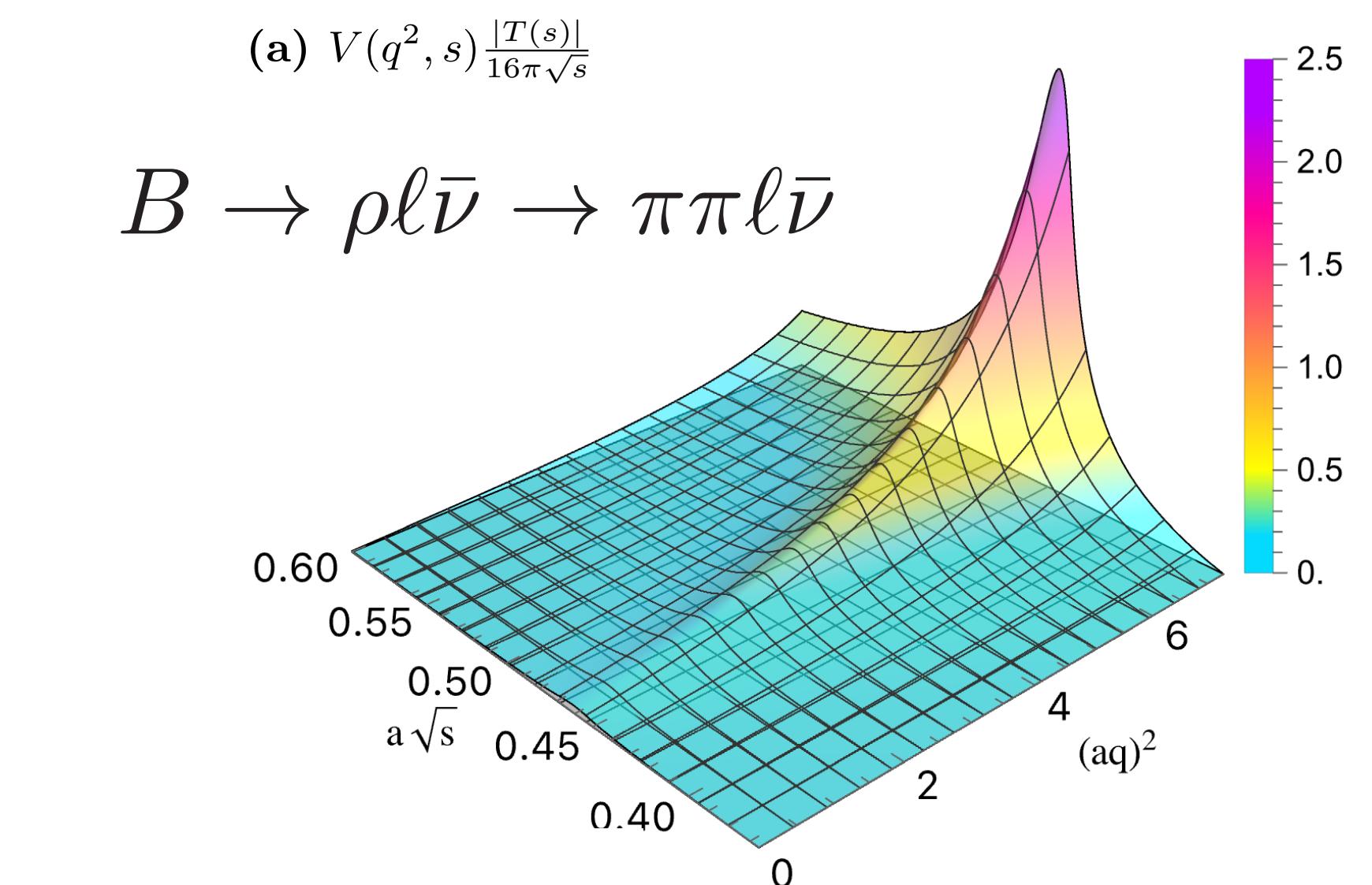
[Briceño et al. (HadSpec) 1604.03530]



[Radhakrishnan et al. (HadSpec) 2208.13755]



[Alexandru et al. 1807.08357]

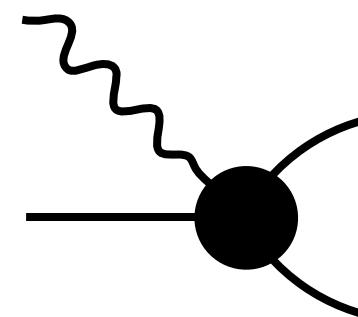


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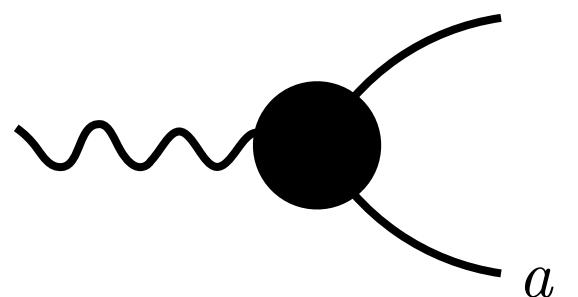
Summary and outlook

The extraction of form factors of resonant states complements the determination of their masses and widths.

Transition amplitudes.



Timelike form factors in coupled channel region.

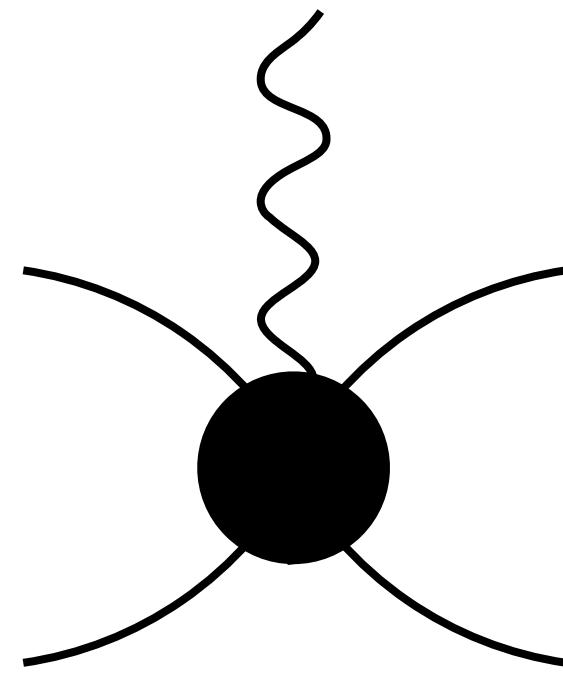


Future LQCD calculations of transition amplitudes:

Non-resonant channels.

Conventional resonances, eg. ρ decaying to $\pi\pi$.

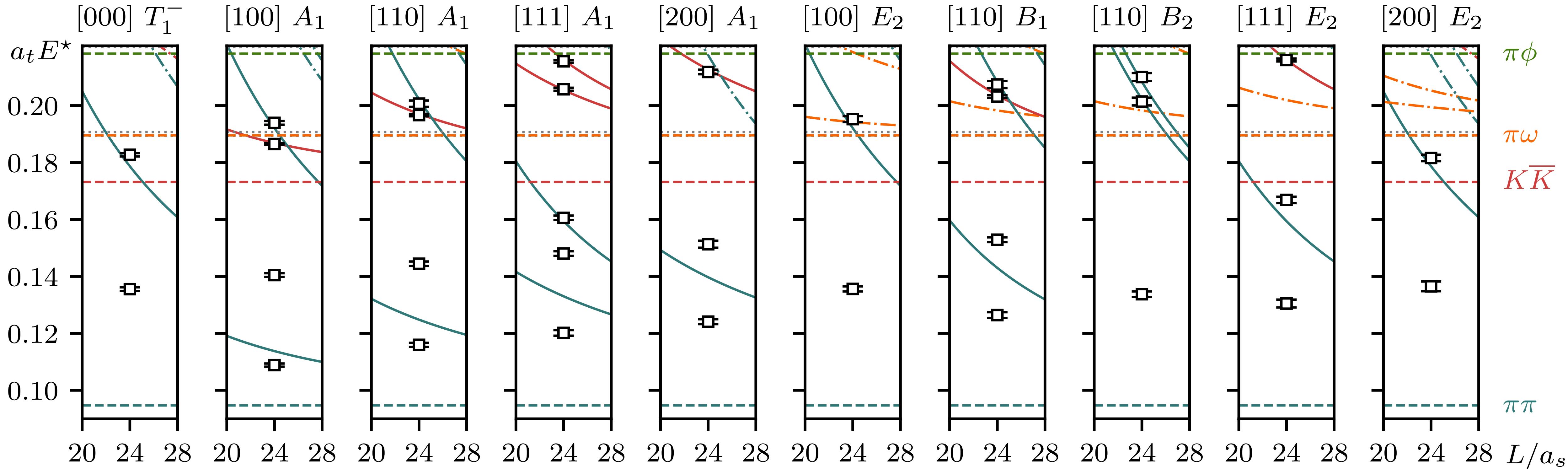
Exotic resonances, which typically decay to multiple channels.



Back up

Spectra

- 17 elastic levels
- 15 above KK threshold

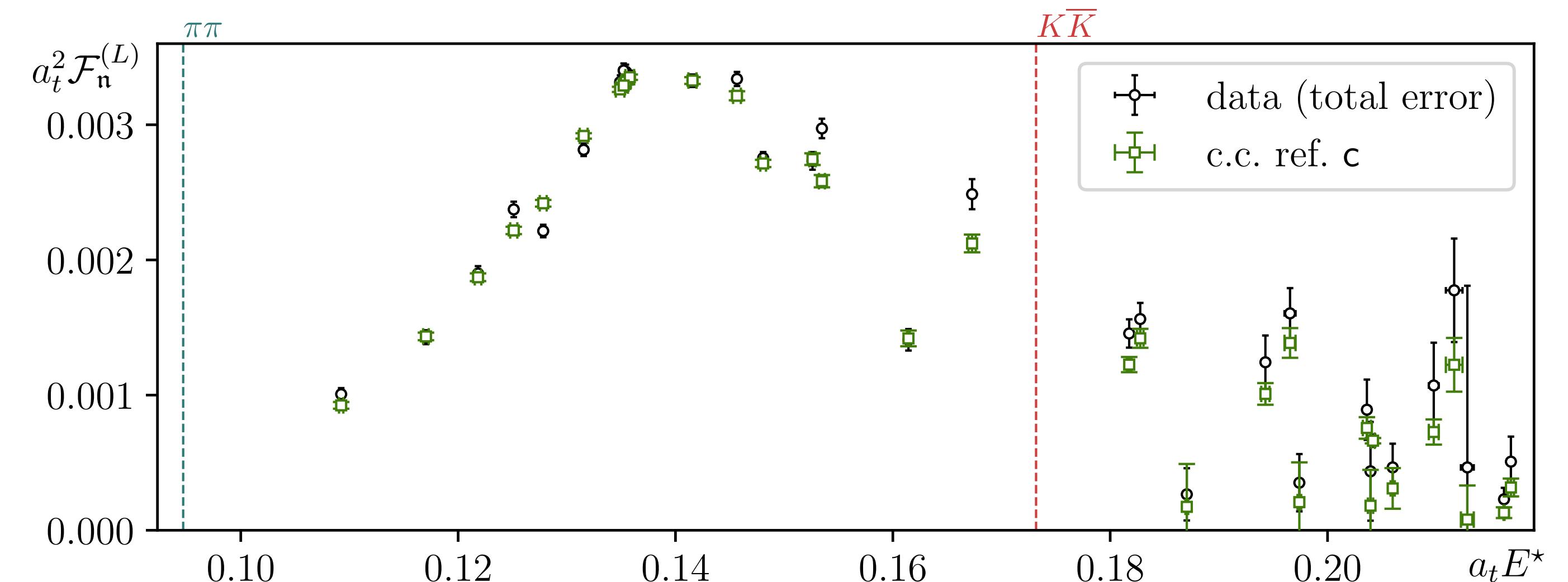


Matrix elements

$$\mathcal{F}_n^{(L)} = \sum_a r_{n,a} f_a(s)$$

$$f_a = \frac{1}{k_a^\star} \mathcal{M}_{ab} \frac{1}{k_b^\star} \mathcal{F}_b$$

$$\mathcal{F}_a(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{N_a} h_{n,a} s^n$$



$$\tilde{\mathcal{R}}(E_{\mathfrak{n}}, L) = 2E_{\mathfrak{n}} \lim_{E \rightarrow E_{\mathfrak{n}}} \frac{E - E_{\mathfrak{n}}}{\mathcal{M}(s) + F^{-1}(E, L)} = \frac{2E_{\mathfrak{n}}}{\lambda'_0} \mathbf{v}_0 \mathbf{v}_0^\top$$

$$r_{\mathfrak{n},a}(L) = \sqrt{\frac{2E_{\mathfrak{n}}^*}{\lambda'_0}} \frac{(\mathbf{v}_0)_a}{k_a^\star}$$