

S-matrix approach to 2 and 3 hadron interactions

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Outline

- Opportunities and challenges in hadron spectroscopy
- Amplitudes from S-matrix analysis: 2-to-2 scattering 1-to-3 decays : how virtual exchanges become real
- Three particle scattering : the framework

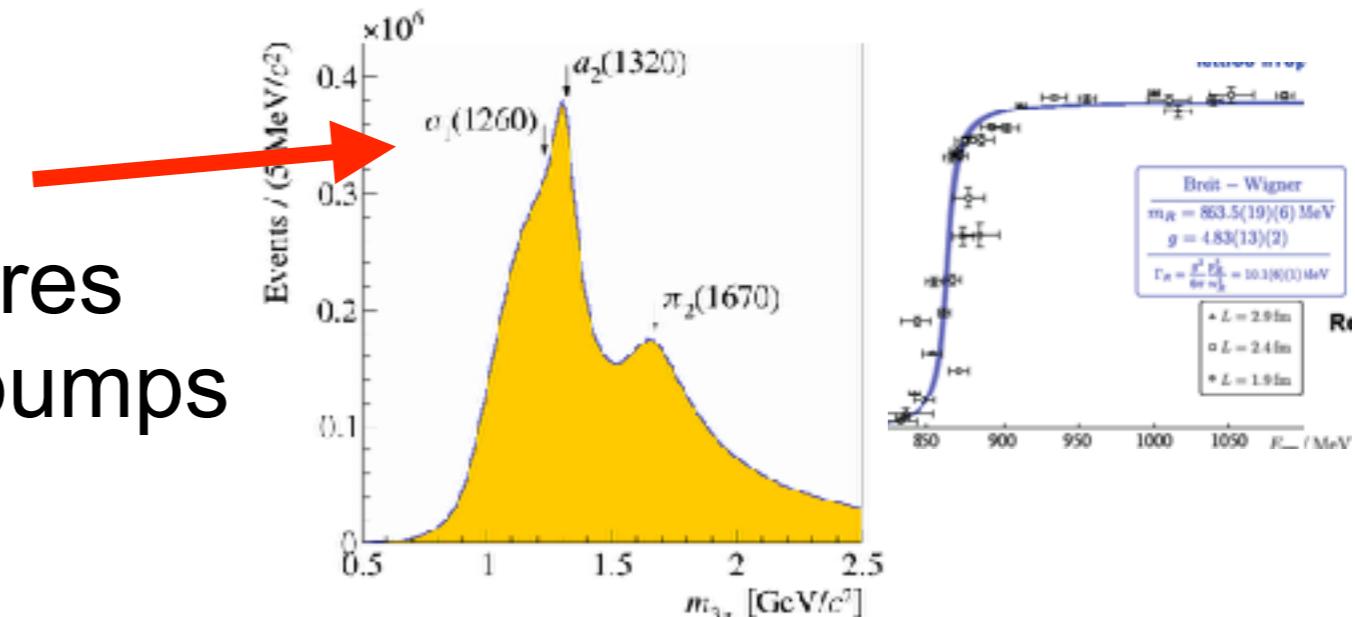


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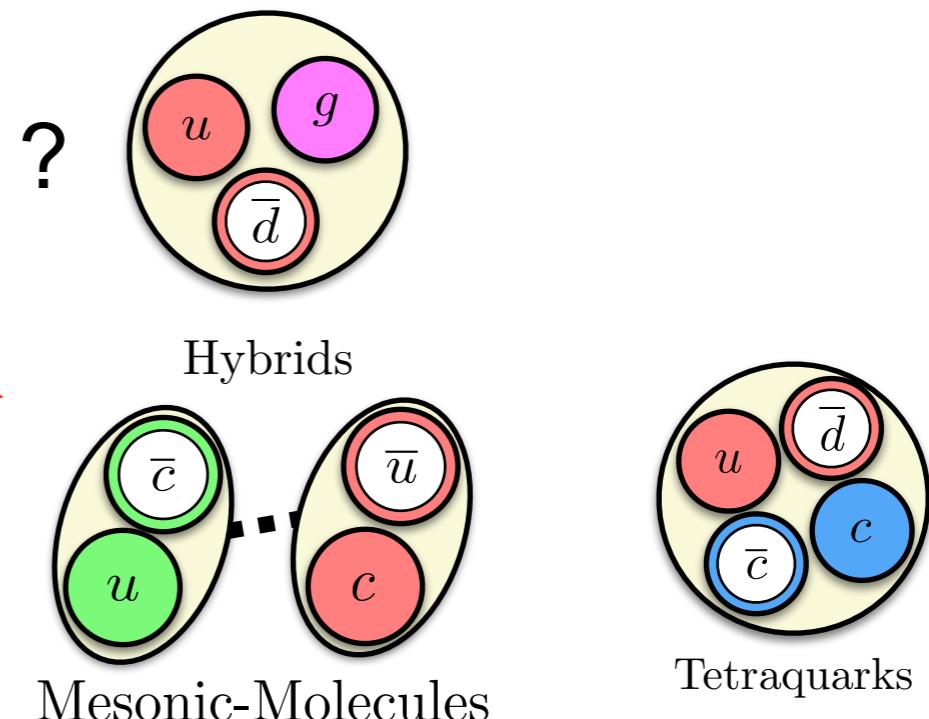
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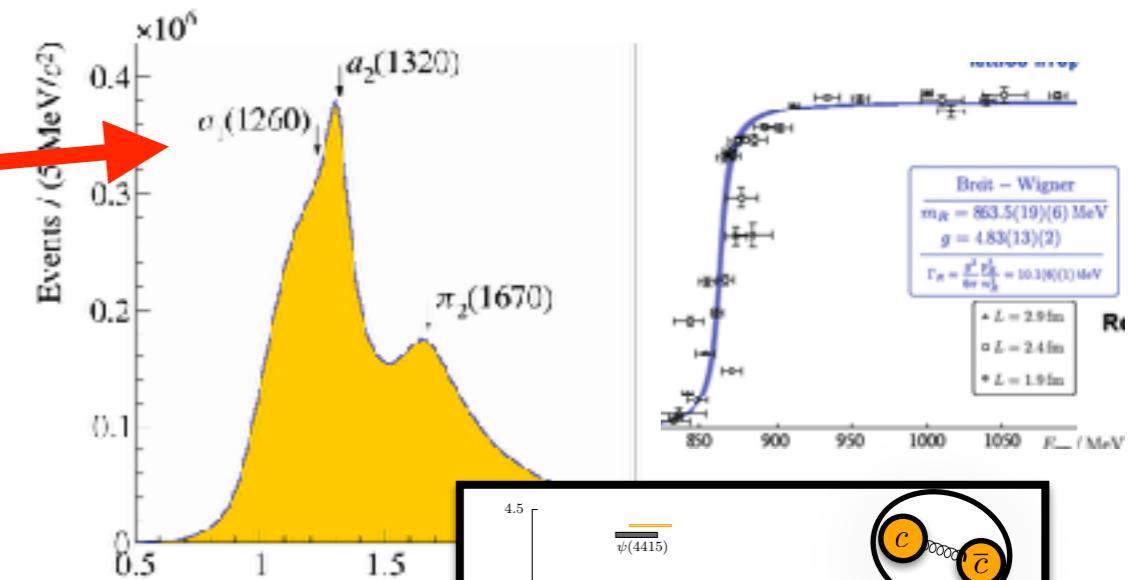


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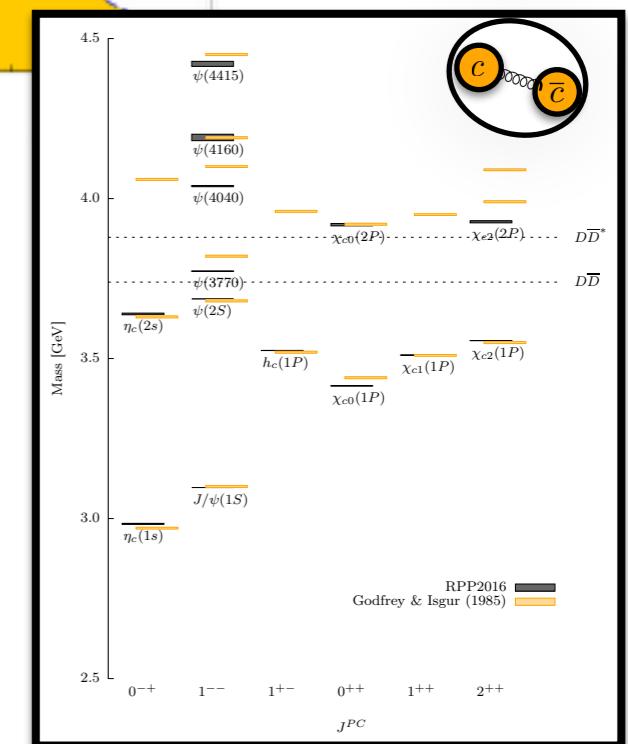


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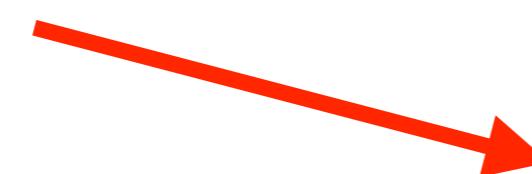
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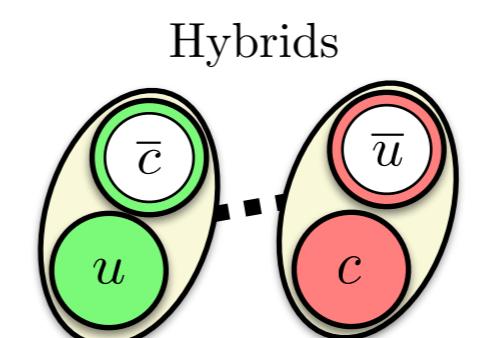
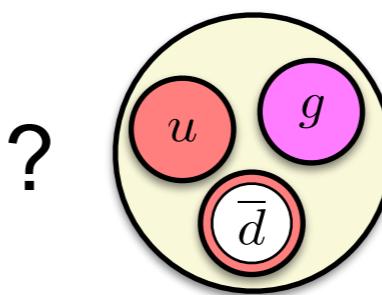
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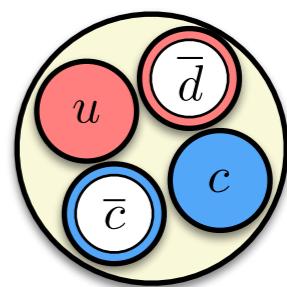
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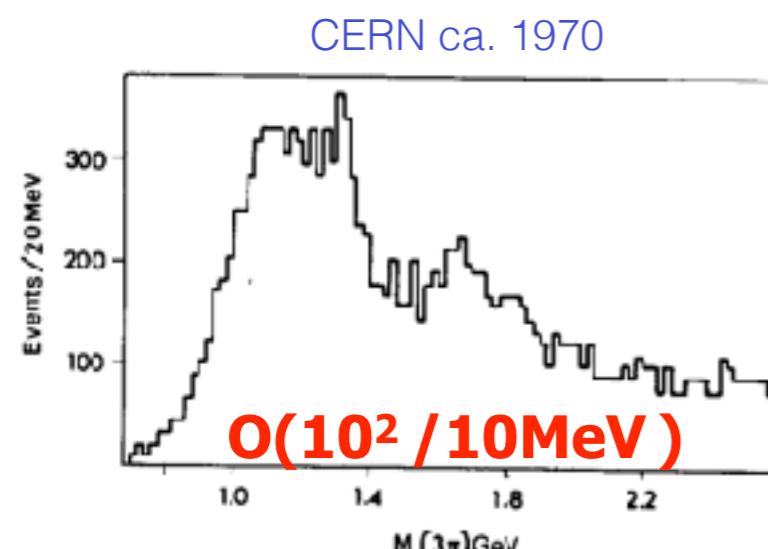
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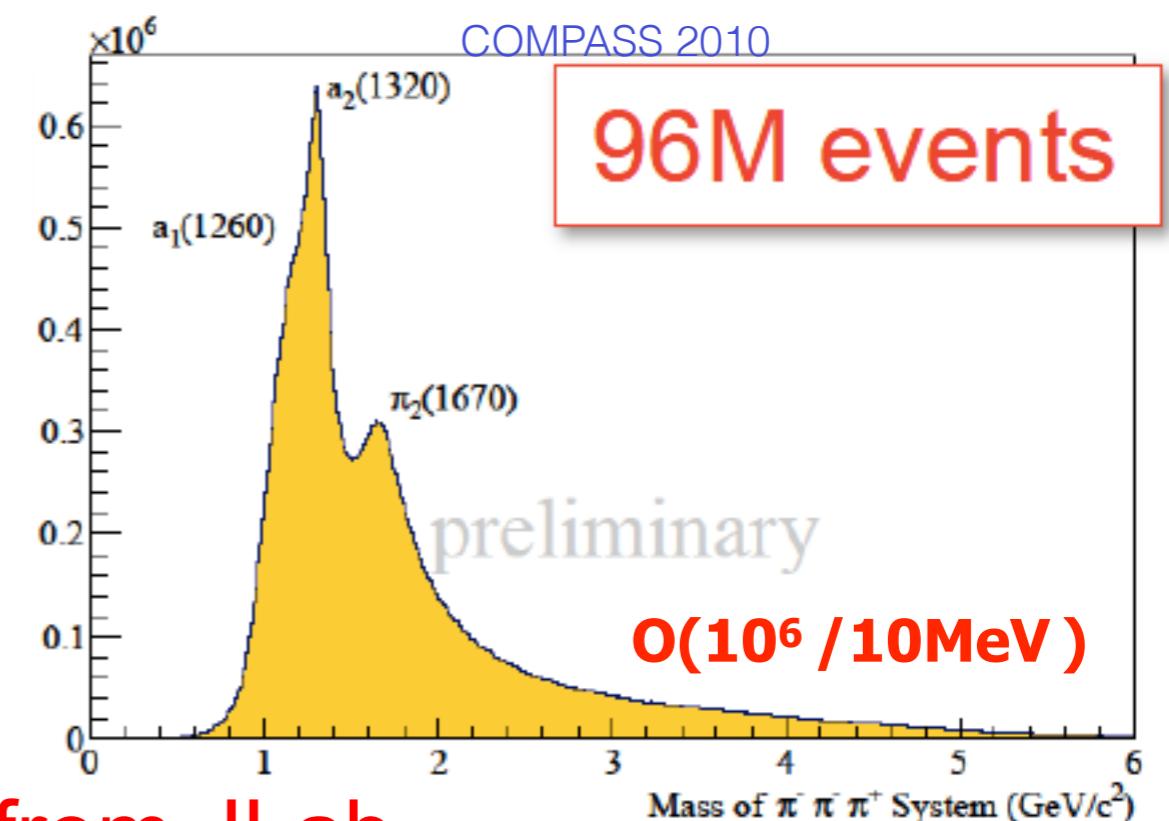
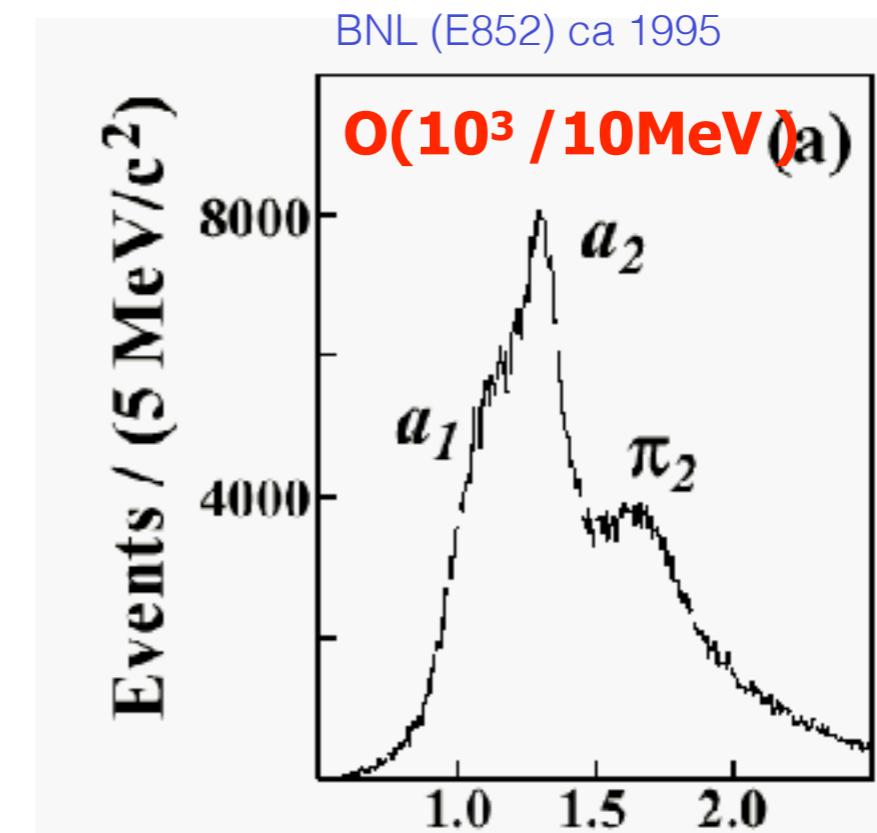
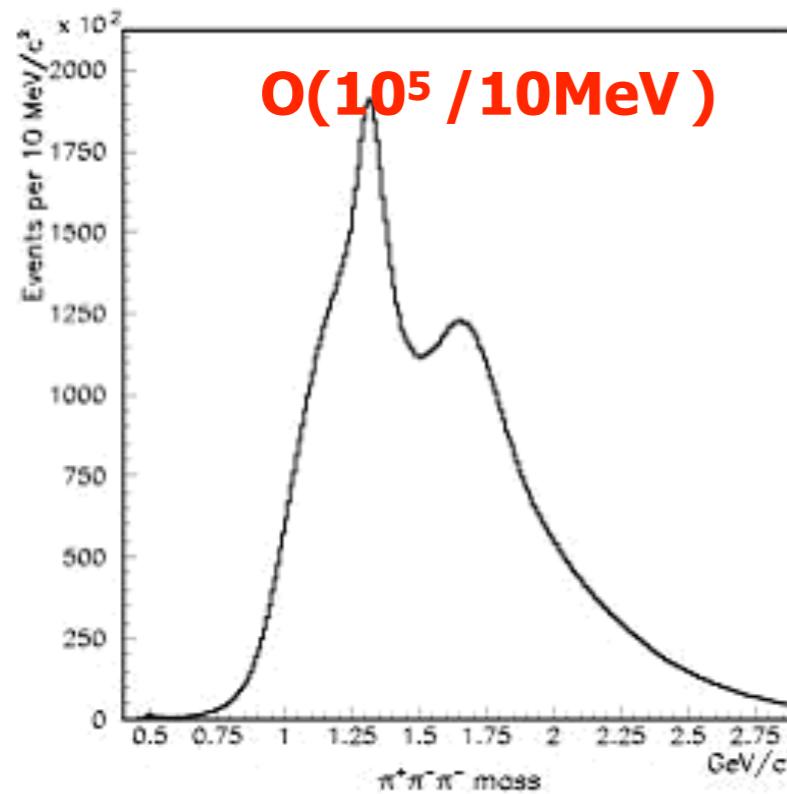
Tetraquarks

3pion challenge

evolution in statistics



E852 (Full sample)



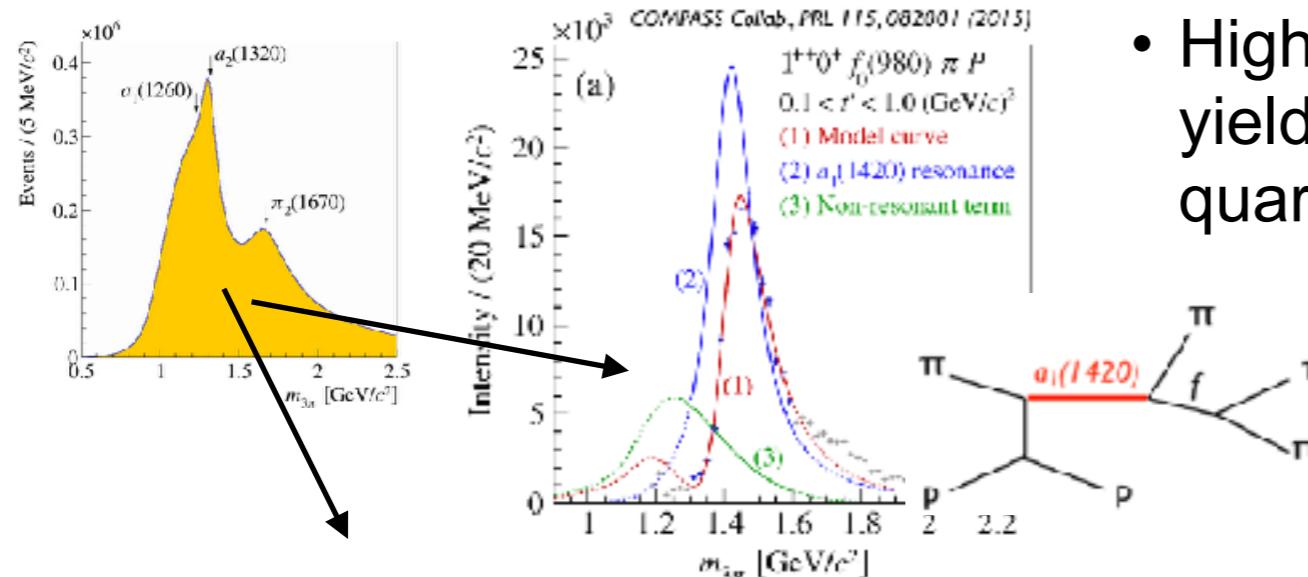
Comparable statistics expected from JLab



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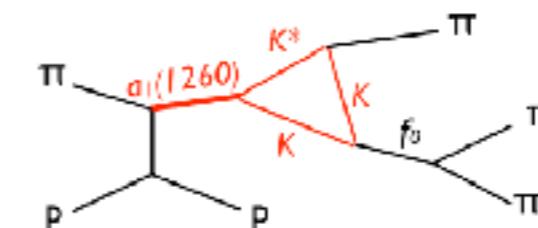


Signatures of new, unusual light resonances

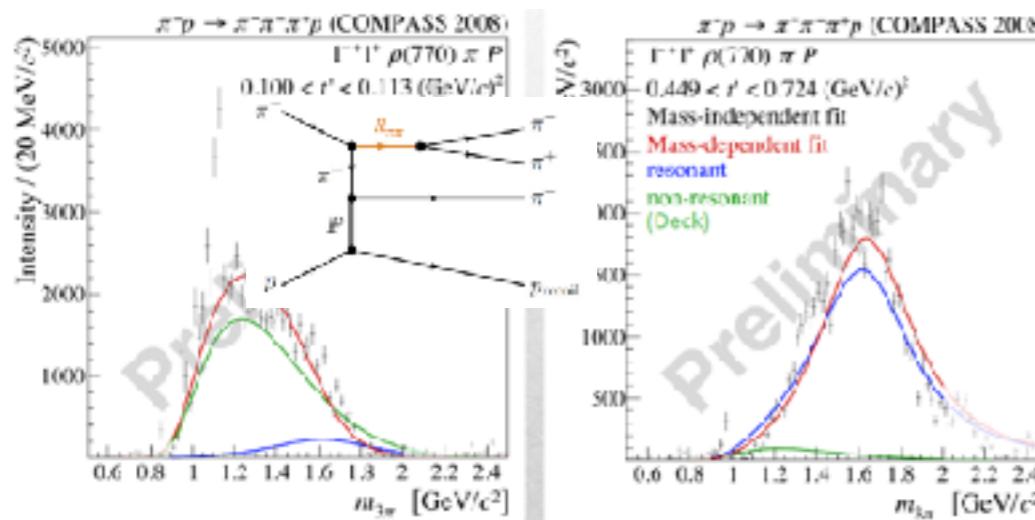


- High precision PWA of 3pi diffractive association yields a new **a₁(1460)** incompatible with the quark model/Regge expectations.

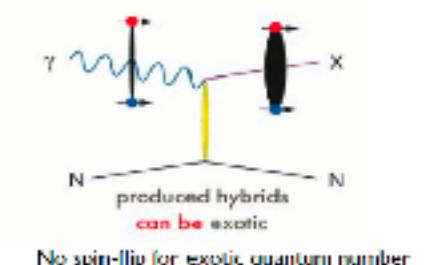
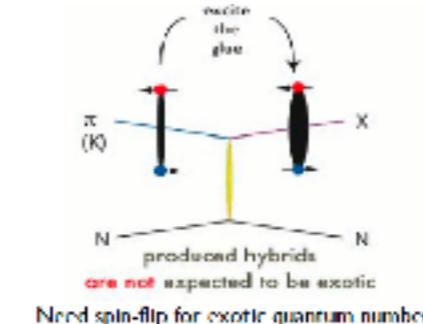
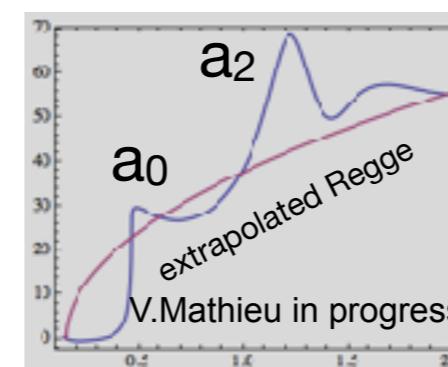
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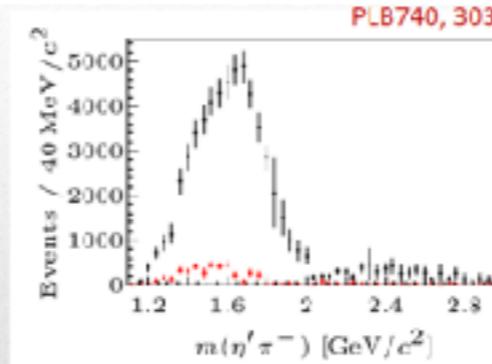
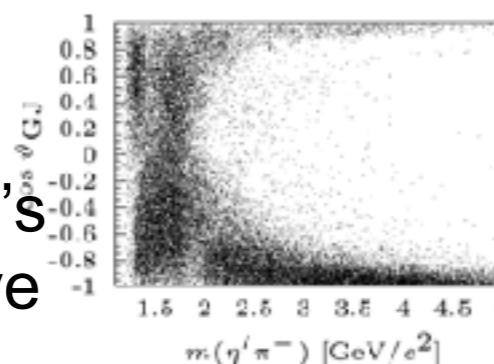
- At low-t exotic wave production compatible with one pion exchange



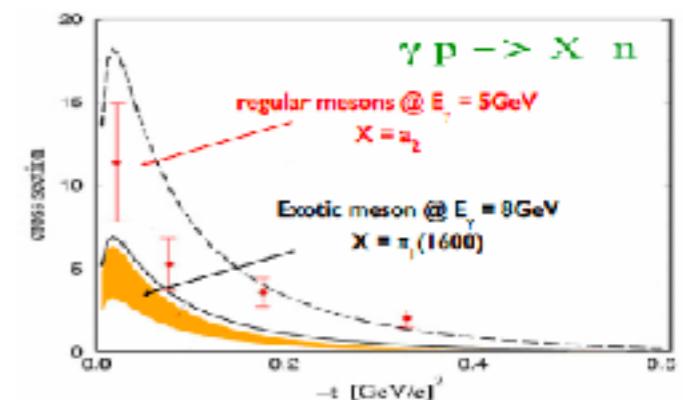
- In photoproduction exotic mesons be produced via pion exchange



- Large exotic wave seen in $\eta^{(')}$ π production : FESR's to constrain P-wave



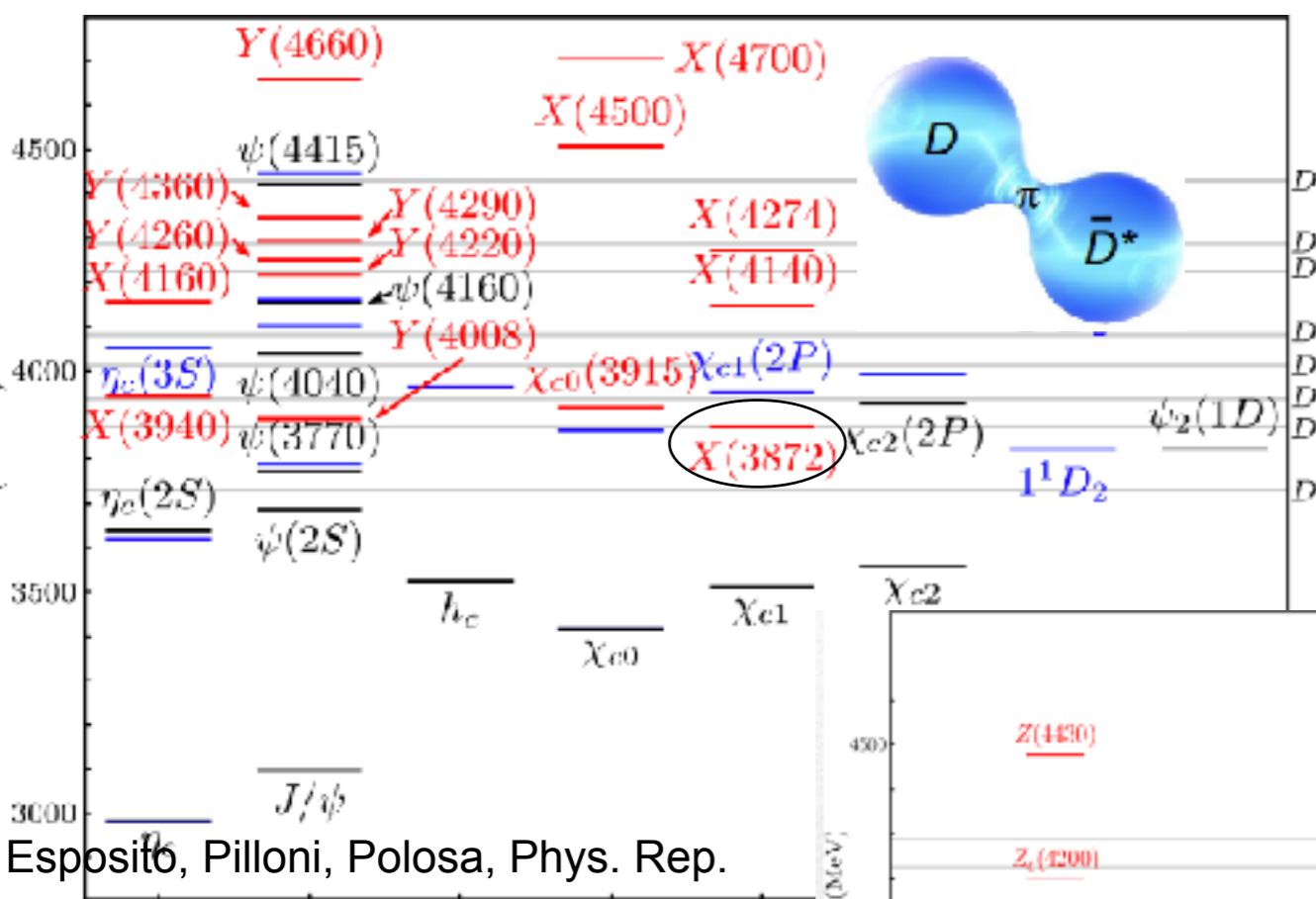
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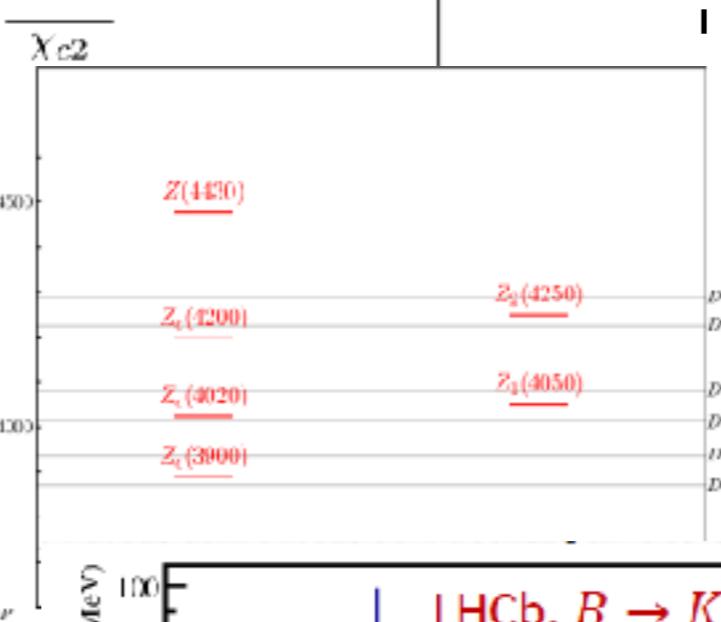
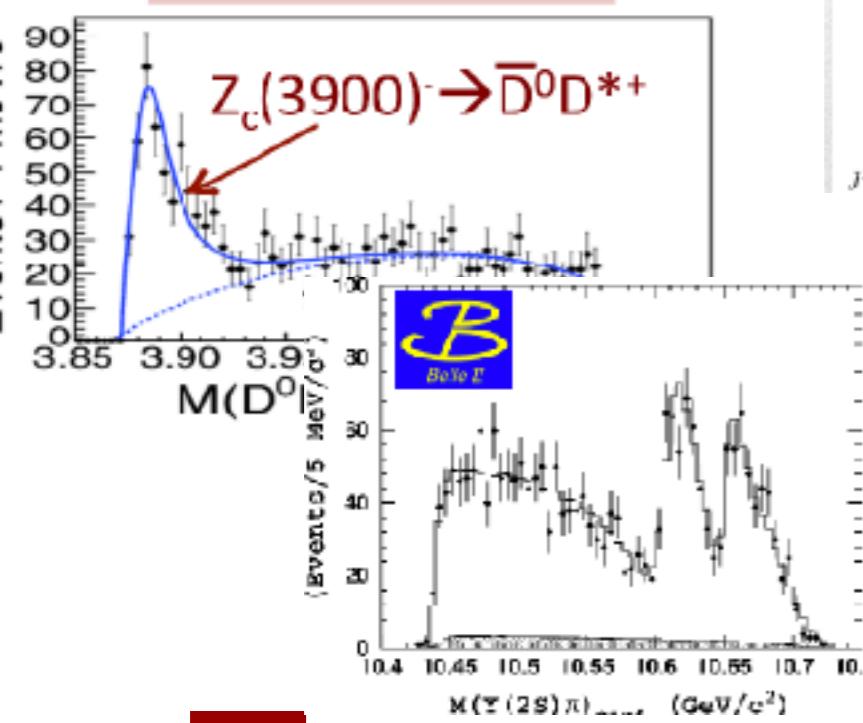
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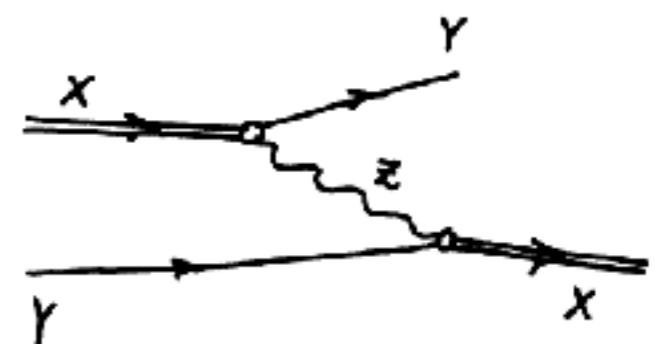
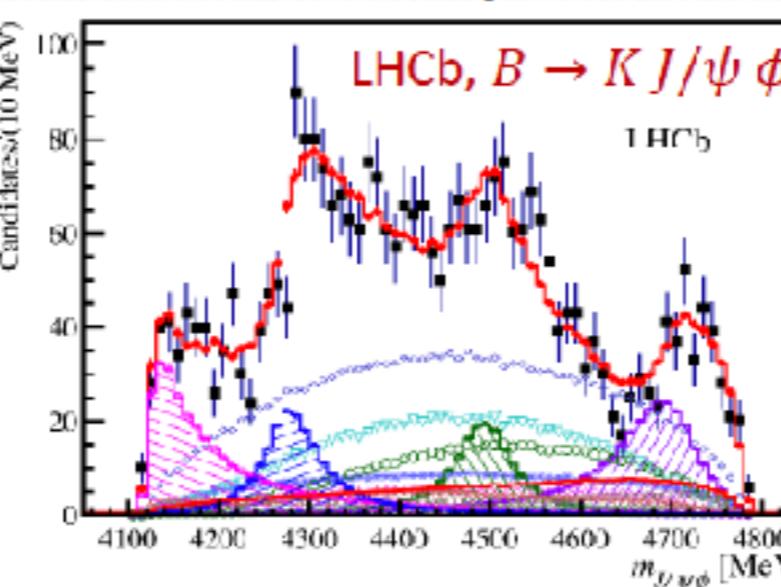
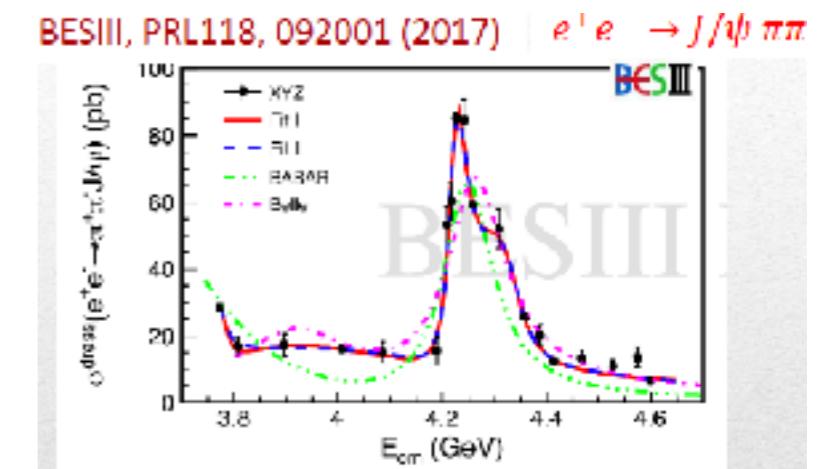
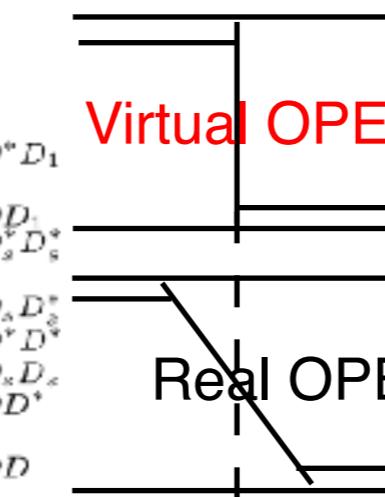


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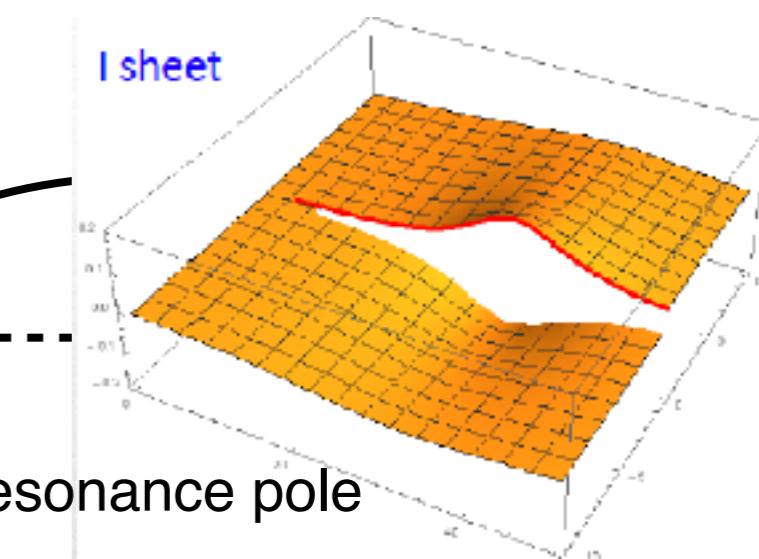
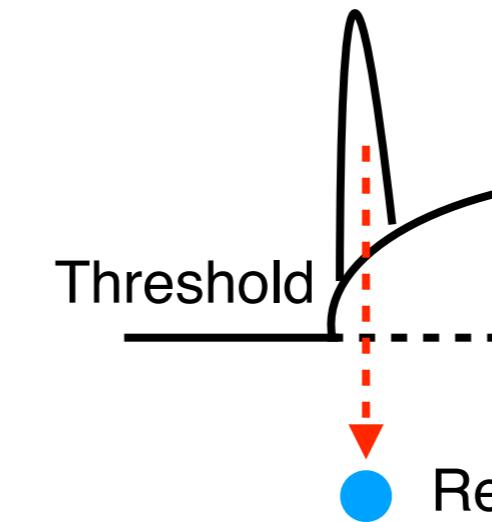
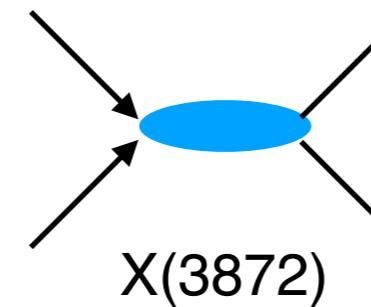
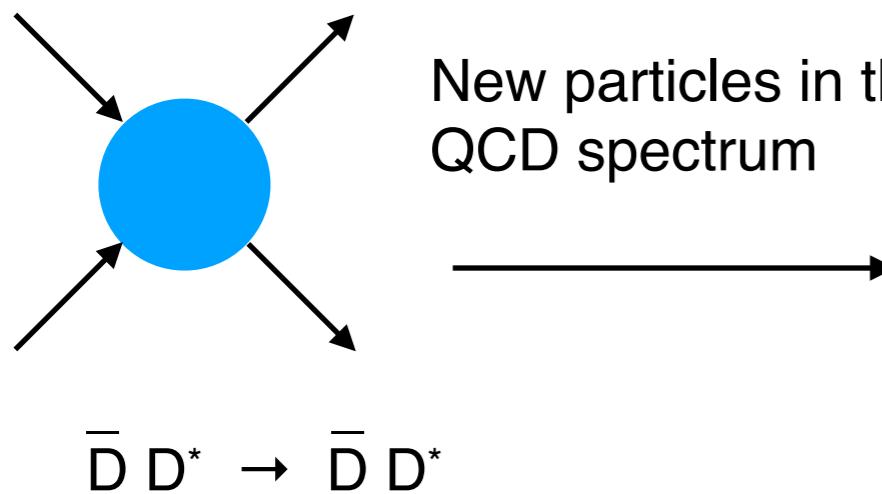
If the width of particle X is not very large we will stay close to the physical region. This almost singular behavior of $A(s)$ for certain physical s causes the peaking effect to which we refer as an (X, Y, Z) peak.



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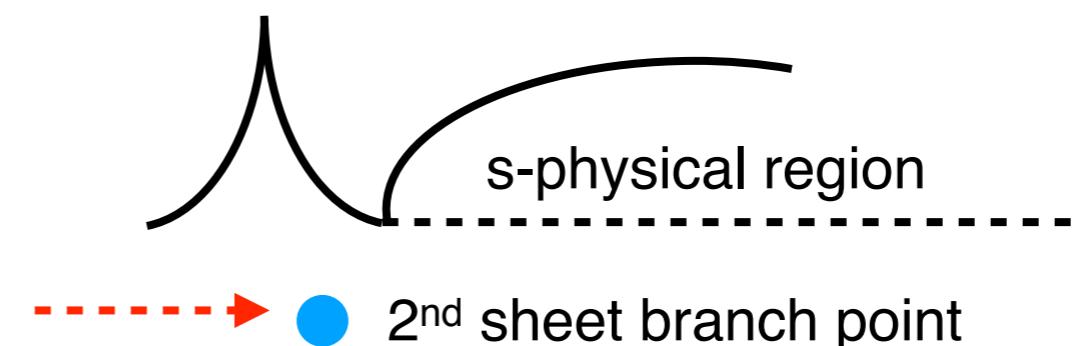
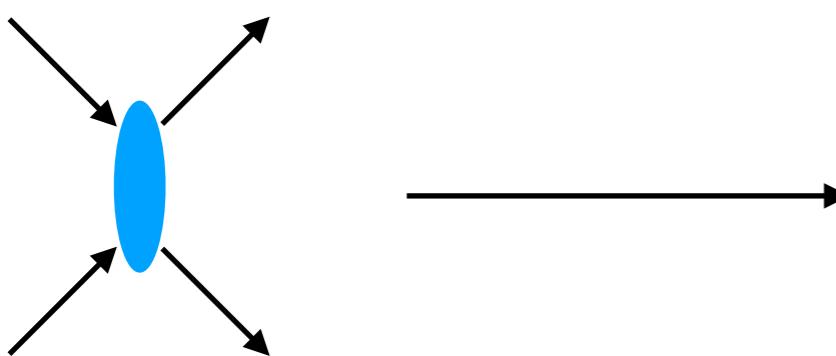


Amplitude signatures



Other effects can be “generated” exchanges forces” (*)

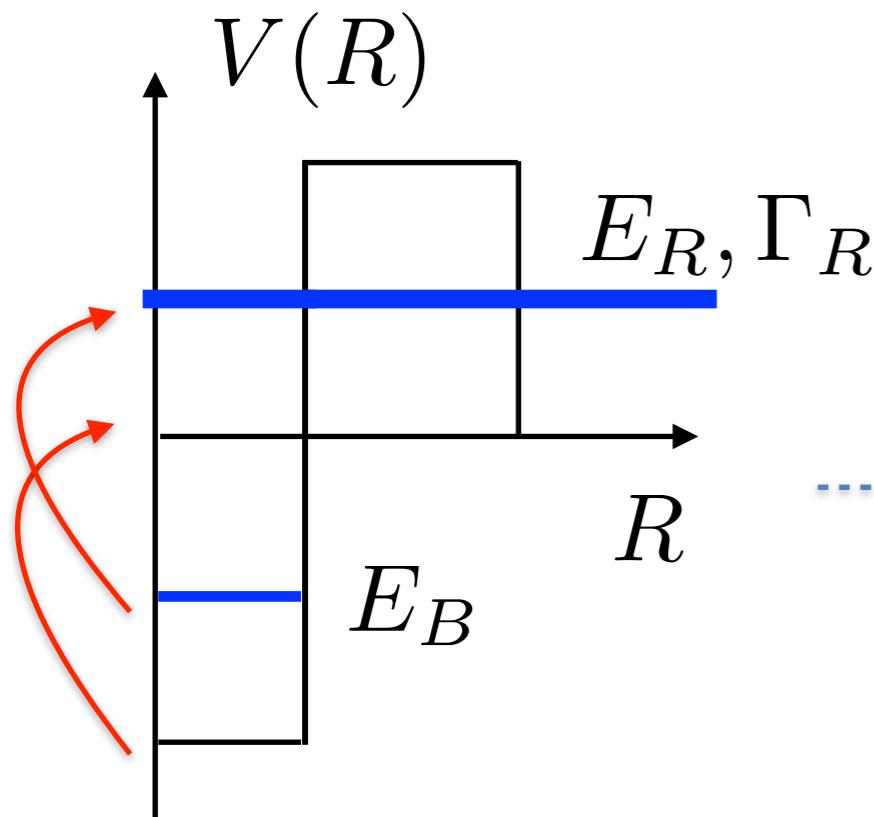
The “interesting stuff” happens on **unphysical sheets**. When singularities are close to the physical region rapid variations in amplitudes (cross sections) appear



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Anatomy of resonances



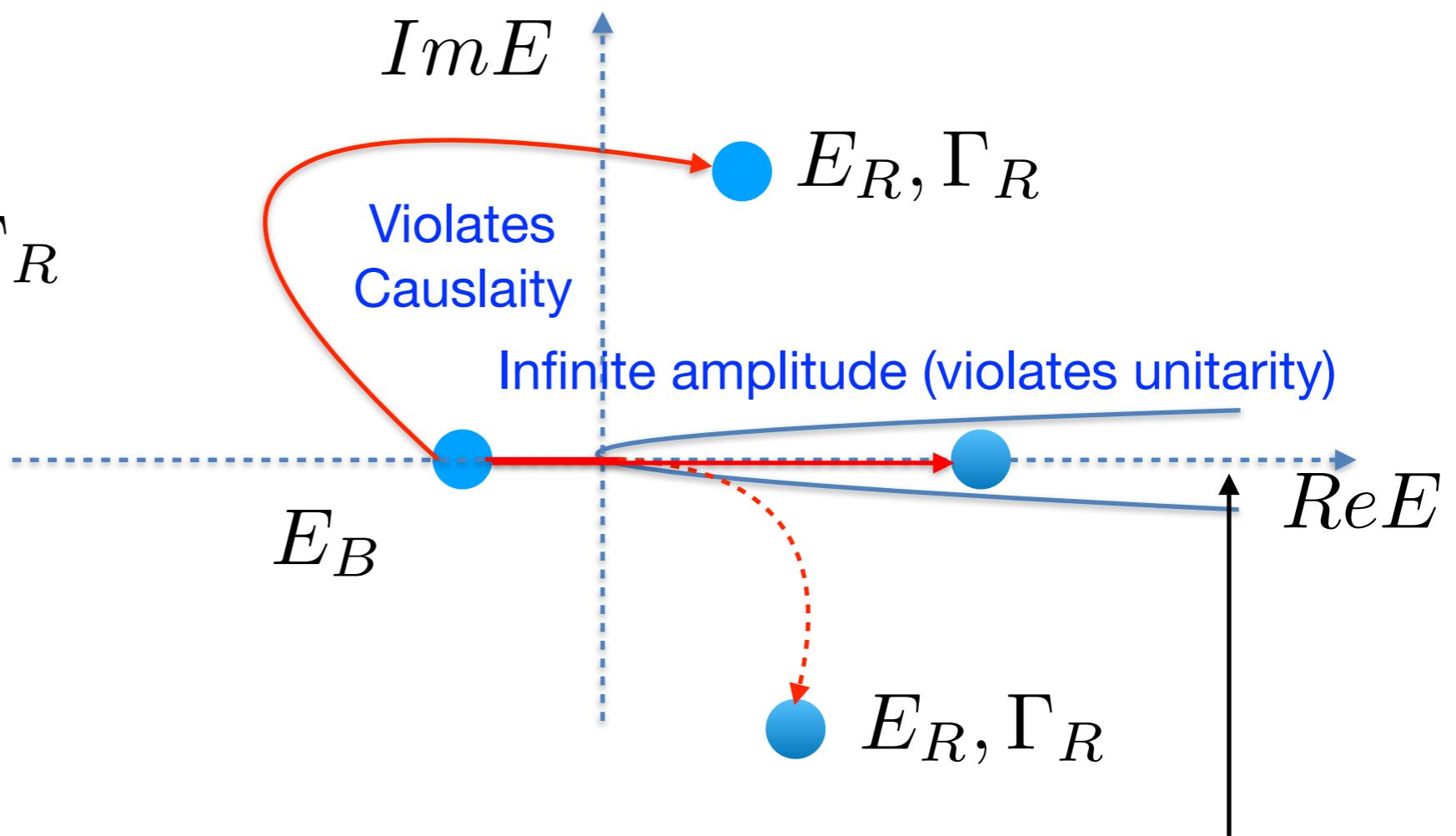
When strength of interactions is reduced bound states become resonances



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The only place for bound states pole to migrate is onto an unphysical sheet connected to the open channel branch point

S-matrix formalism to 3 hadron interactions

Properties of reaction amplitudes are determined by

Causality: Reaction amplitudes are smooth (analytical) functions of kinematical variables with singularities reflecting existence of constraints (laws)

Unitarity: Determines singularities.

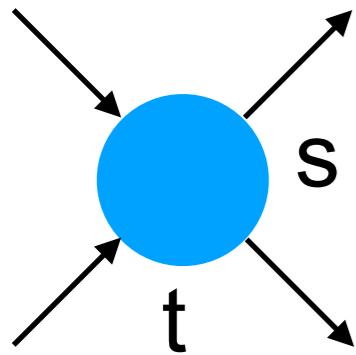
Crossing: Dynamical relations: reaction amplitudes in the exchange channel (forces) are analogous to amplitude in the direct channel (resonance)



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2-to-2 scattering



$$A(s, t) = \sum_l (2l + 1) a_l(s) P_l(z_s)$$

Analysis of $a_l(s)$ model dependent: Testing hypothesis

- Dispersion relation (Analyticity)
- Unitarity ...

$$a_l(s) = B_l(s) + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{tr} ds' \frac{Im a_l(s')}{s' - s} \quad |a(s' + i\epsilon)|^2 \rho(s')$$

...implies a relation
between $\text{Re } a_l$ and $\text{Im } a_l$

- B_l from cross channel interactions. Given B_l (e.g. for elastic $\pi\pi$ scattering it can be related to $a_l(s)$'s. **Unitarity** “converts” a dispersion relation to an integral equation (eg Roy eq.) for the partial waves). **Solution is non unique** — there are resonances/bound states not constrained by “exchange forces”

Real axis vs complex plane

To look for poles need to continue though the unitary cut

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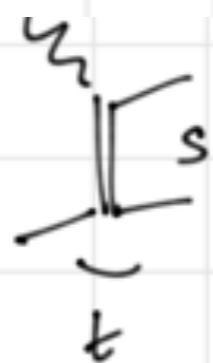
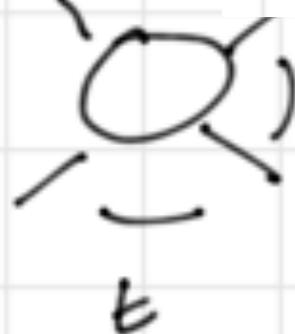
$$a_l^{II}(s) = a_l(s) + 2iIm a_l(s)$$

- (All) that is needed is an analytical continuation of the phase shift ($a_l(s)$ on the real axis)
- In a typical application of Roy eq., $\text{Im } a_l$ does not correspond to limit of an analytical function. Thus what is quoted is not the “true pole” (but the probably a value close to it)

Beyond 2 particle production Khuri-Treiman (KT) model

 M^2

$$A(s, t, M^2) = a(t, M^2) + a(s, M^2) + a(u, M^2)$$



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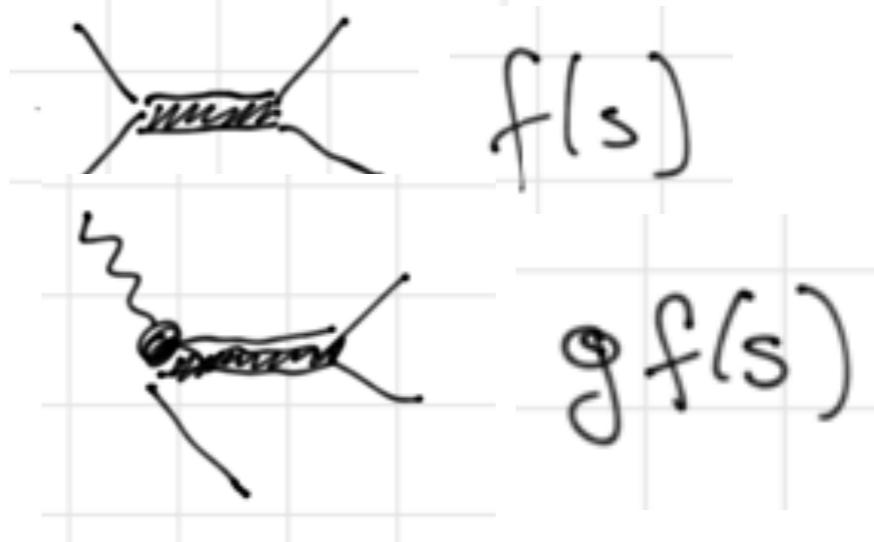


- Isobars are not partial waves. They are model amplitudes with **direct channels branch points only**

Or in decay channel



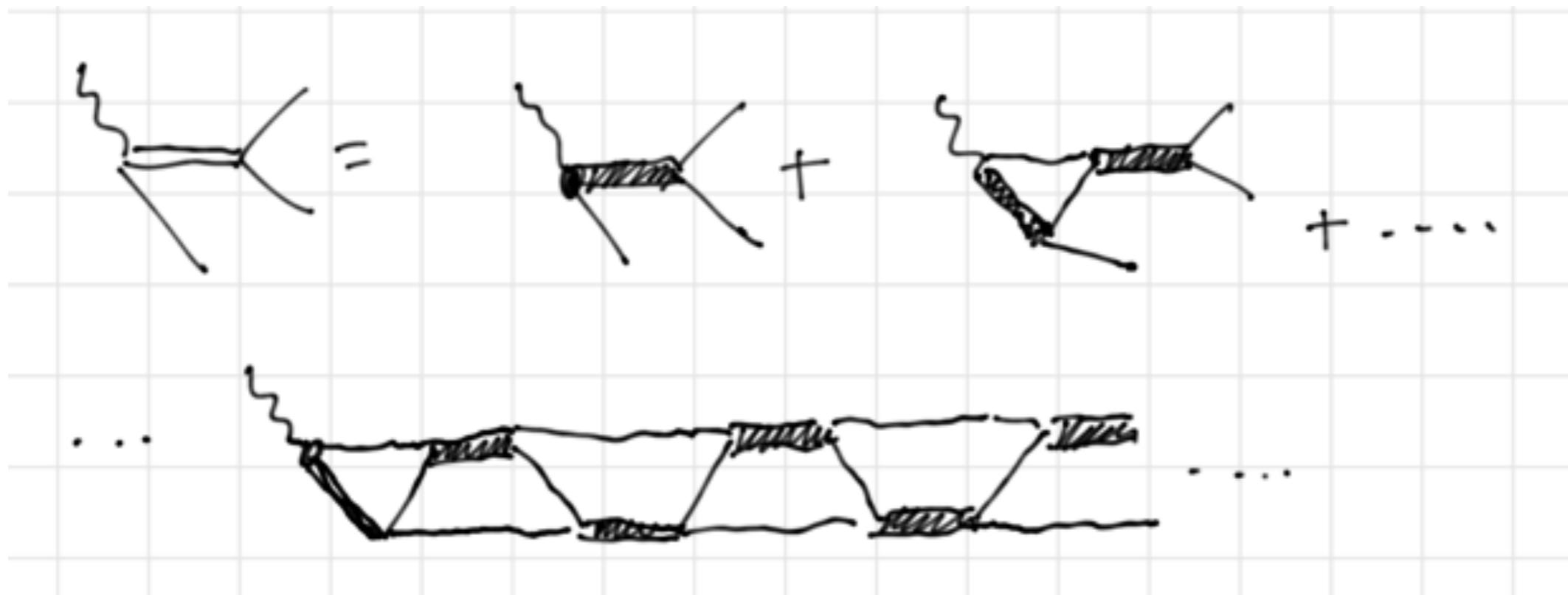
- Isobars to be determined in terms of 2-to-2 scattering amplitude and a coupling, g to the production channel ($g=1$)
- unitarity : t-channel process acts as a “driving” term for s-channel isobar



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KT equations

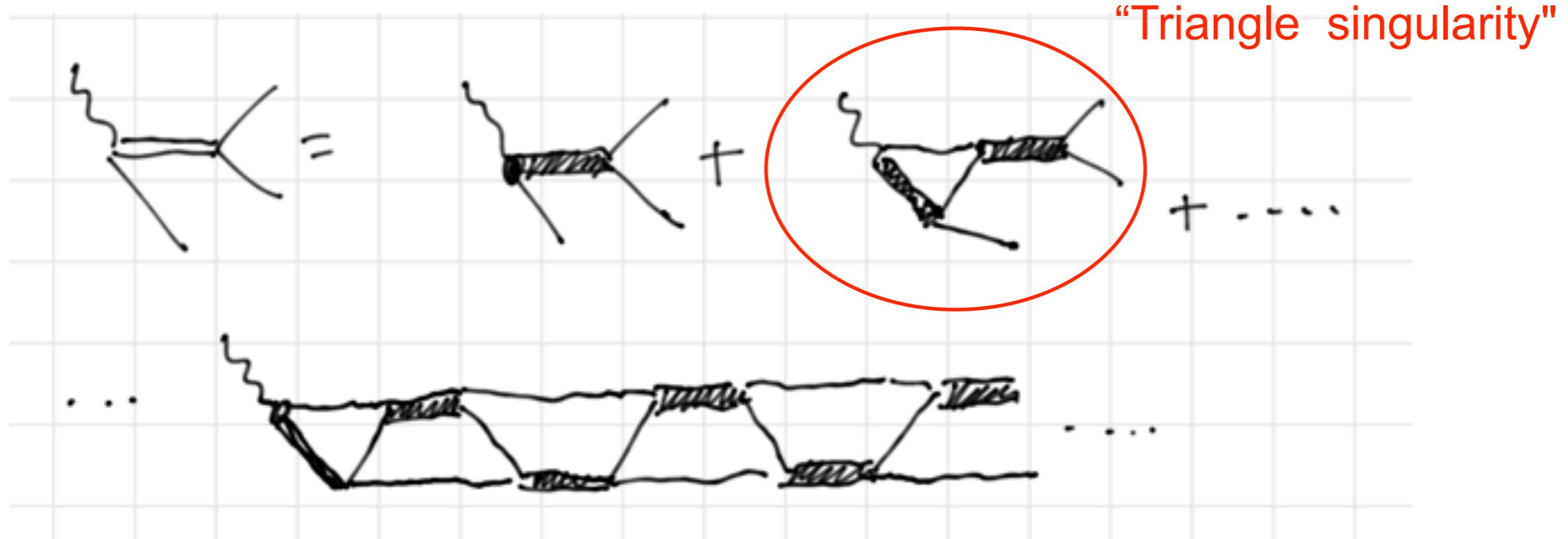


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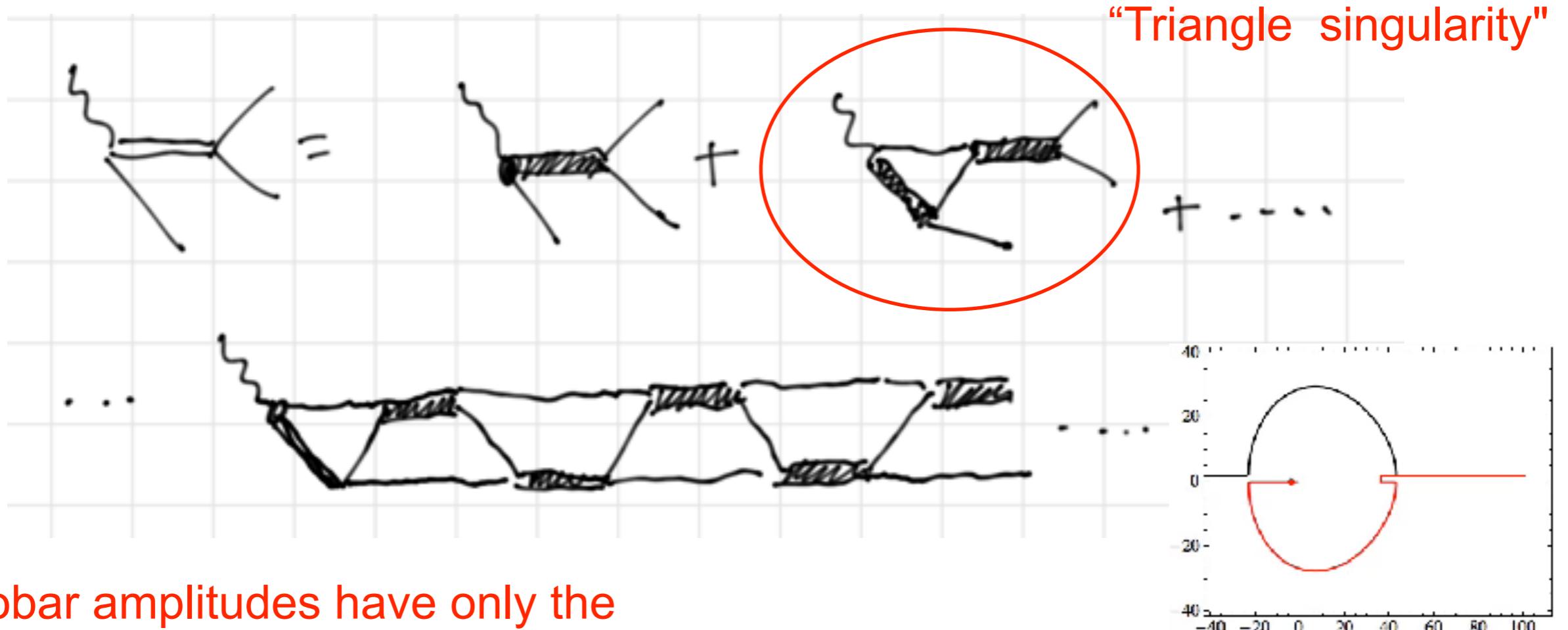


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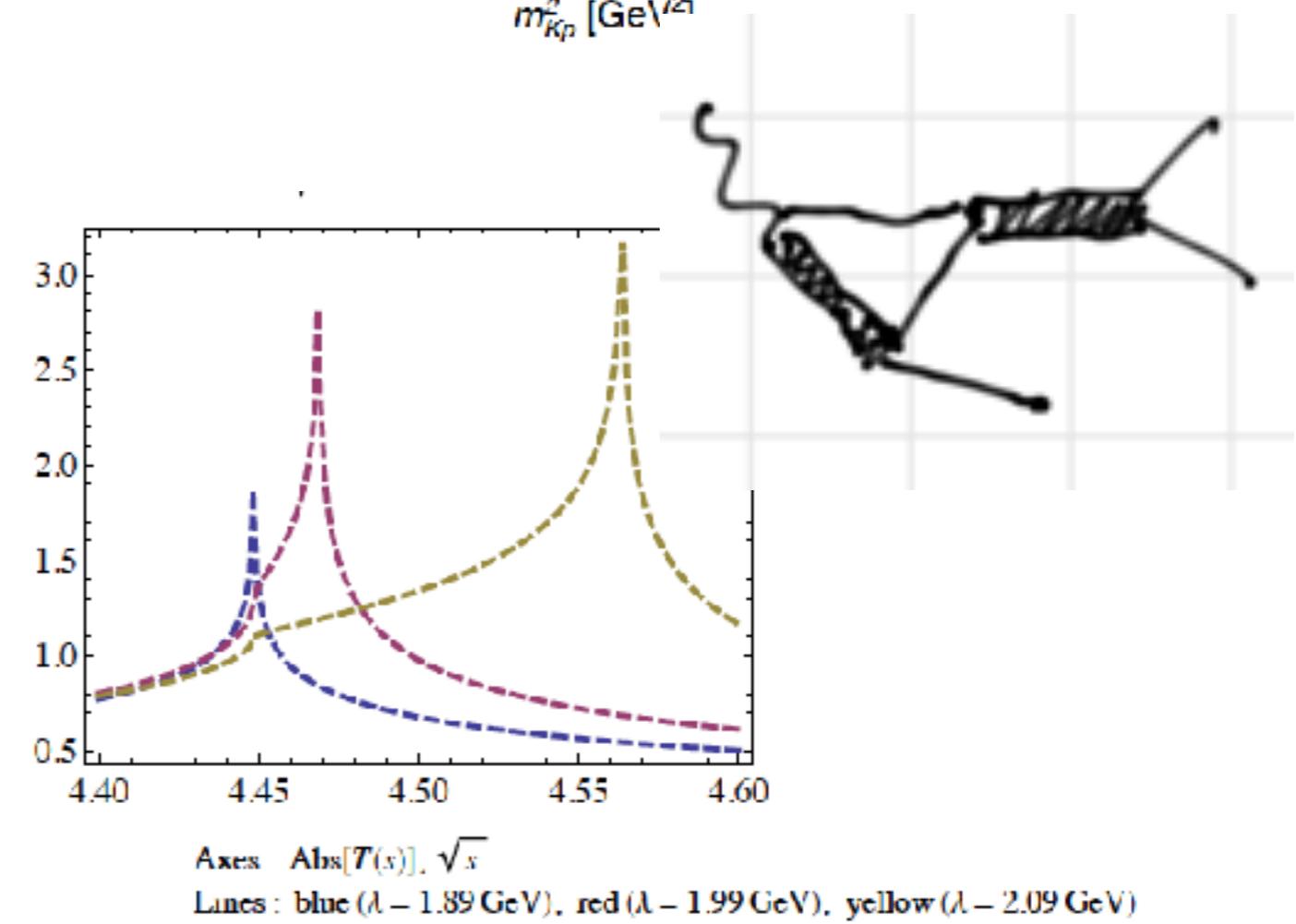
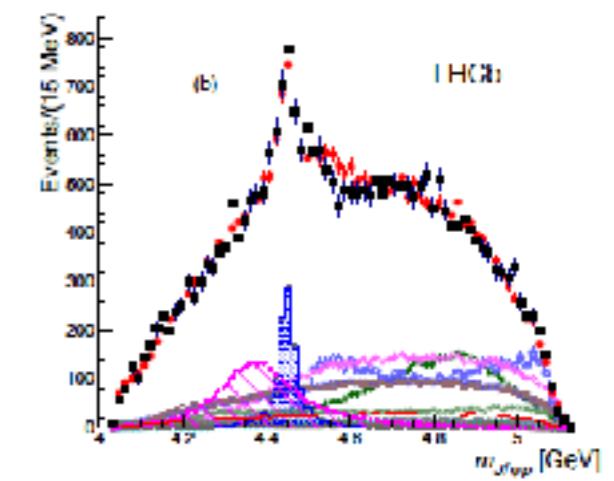
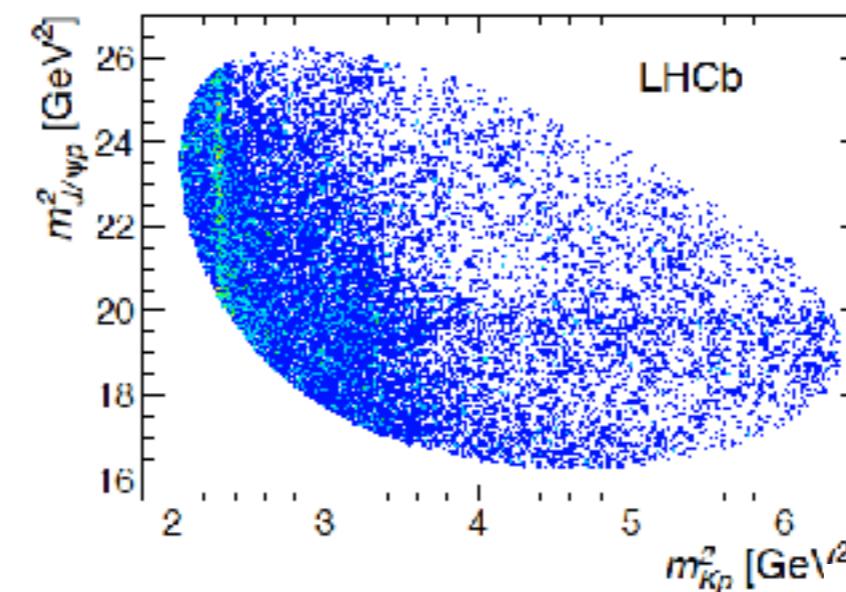
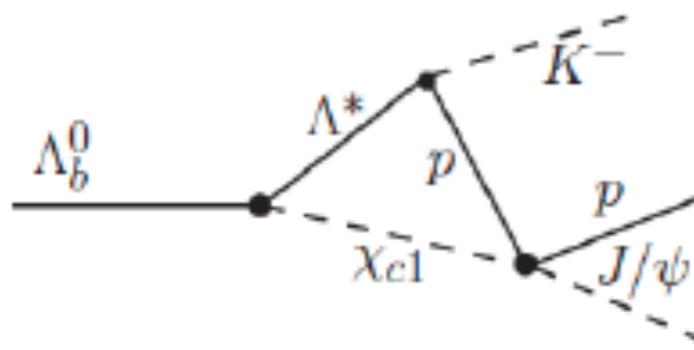
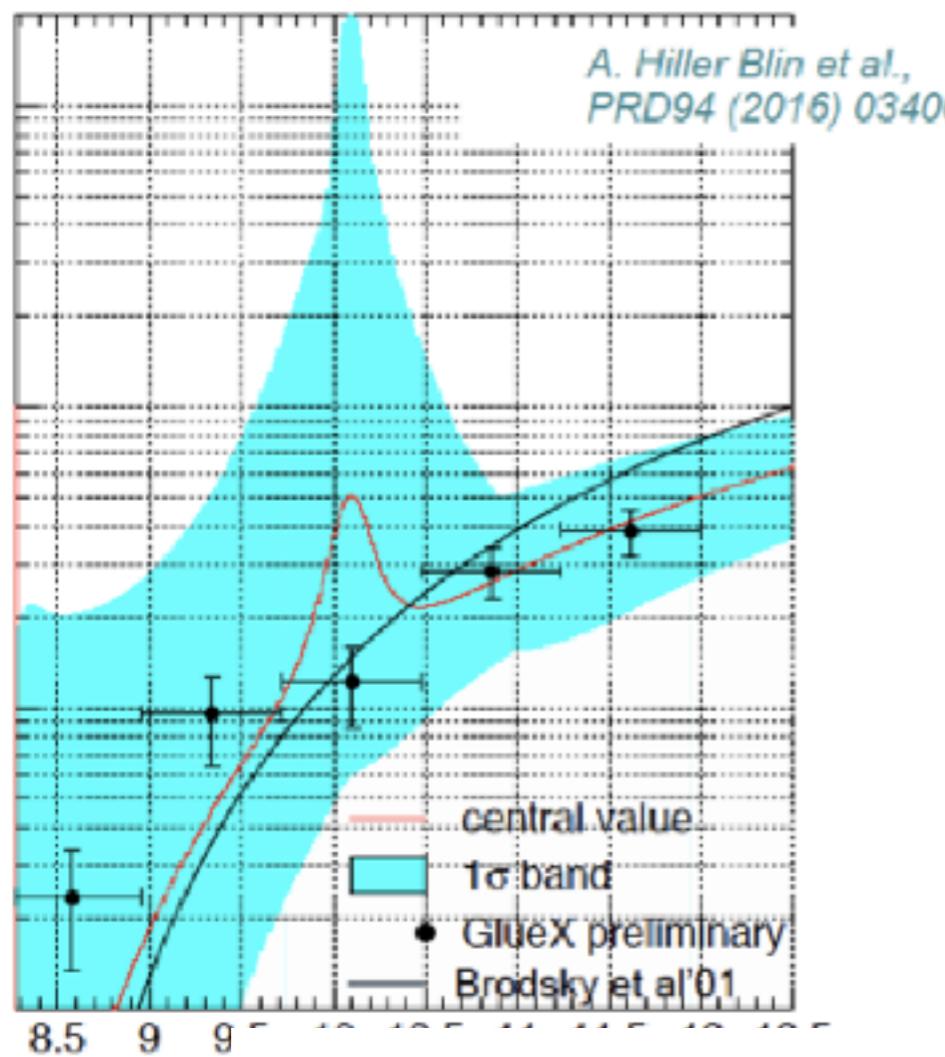
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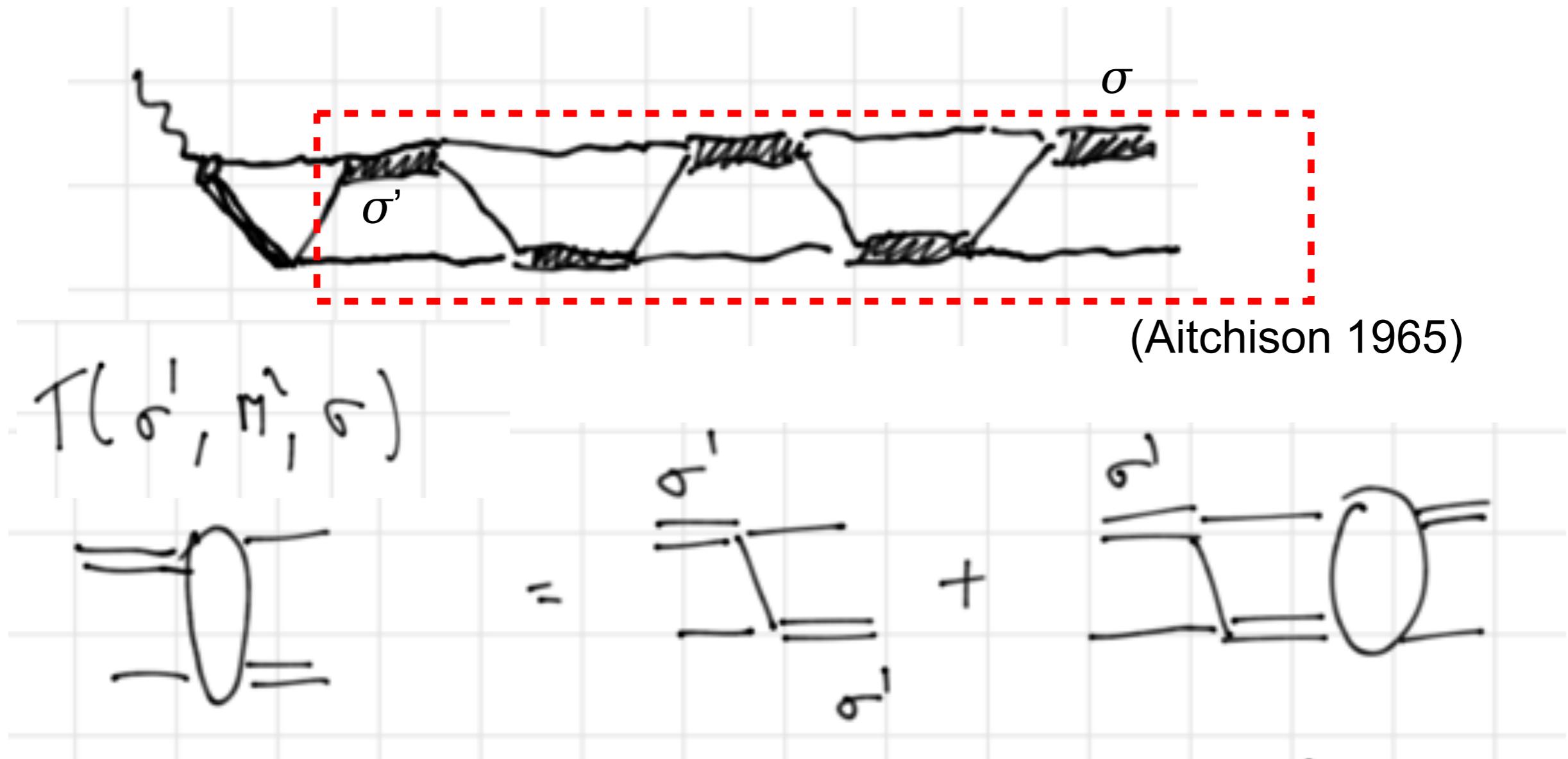
Pentaquark as a triangle singularity ?



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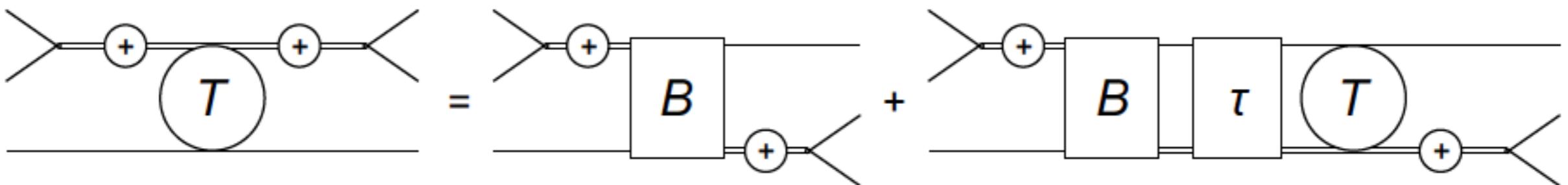
3-to-3 amplitude from a 2-to-2 (1-to-3) KT model



$$T(\sigma', M^2, \sigma) = B(\sigma', M^2, \sigma)$$

$$+ \int d\sigma'' B(\sigma', M^2, \sigma'') \tau(\sigma'', M^2) T(\sigma'', M^2, \sigma)$$

Relation to other approaches



$$T(q, p; s) = B(q, p; s) - \int \frac{d^3 l}{(2\pi)^3} B(q, l; s) \frac{\tau(\sigma(l))}{2E(l)} T(l, p; s)$$

$$T_{3 \rightarrow 3}(\sigma', s, \sigma) = \sum_{\sigma''} \left[\frac{1}{1 - \tau(s)B(s)} \right]_{\sigma', \sigma''} [B(s)]_{\sigma'', \sigma}$$

M. Mai et al. (JPAC)
I. Aitchison (Khuri-Treiman)
H. Hammer et al. (EFT)



“ ρ vs Chew-Mandelstam” phase space (properly removes unphysical singularities from ρ)

- Reproduces 3-to-3 unitarity on the real axis only
- Analyticity in sub-channel variables ?

$$T = \frac{1}{K^{-1}(s) - i\rho(s)}$$
$$T = \frac{1}{K^{-1}(s) - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{tr} ds' \frac{\rho(s')}{s' - s}}$$

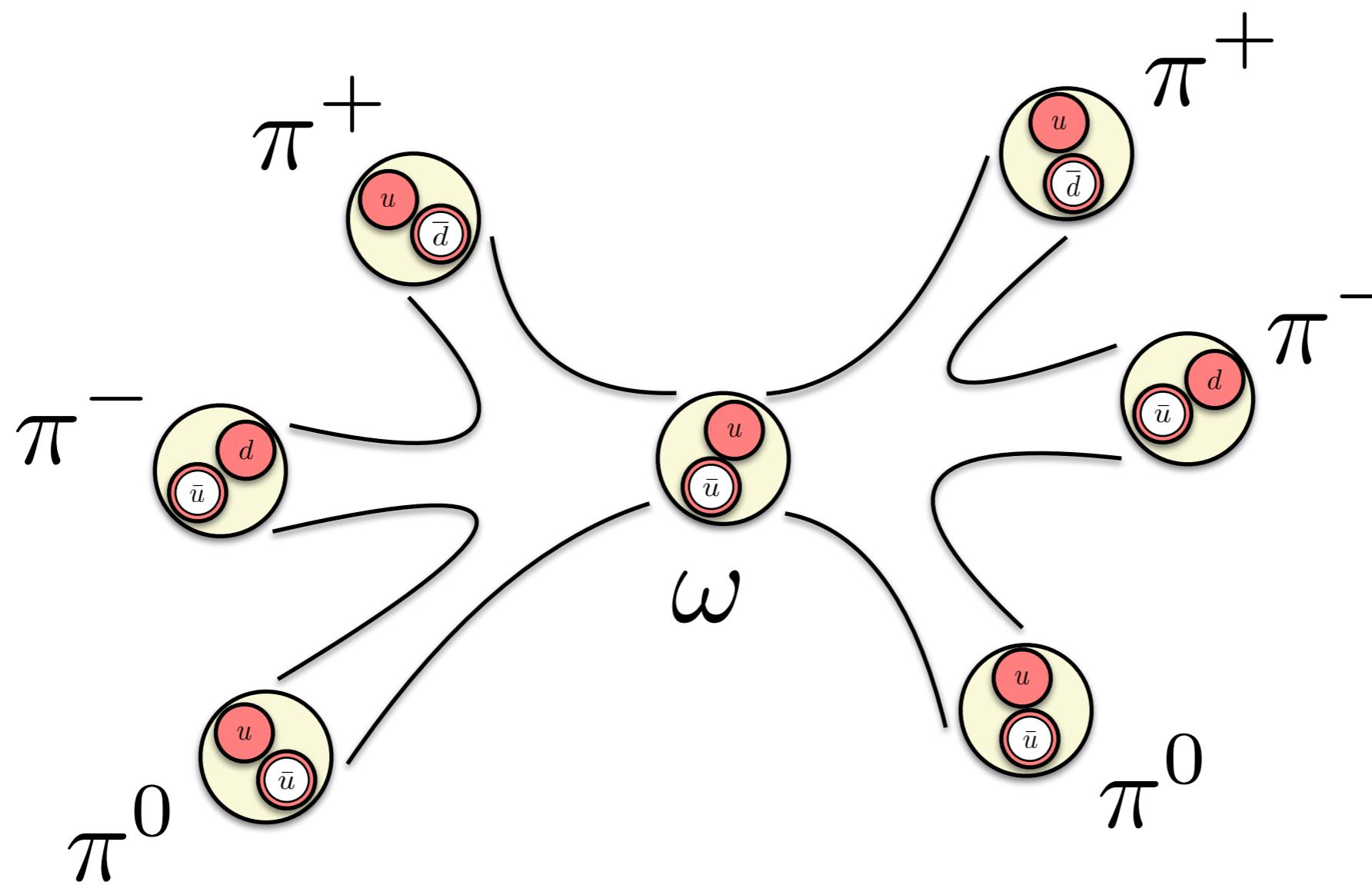
Next step is to derive the proper dispersive representation



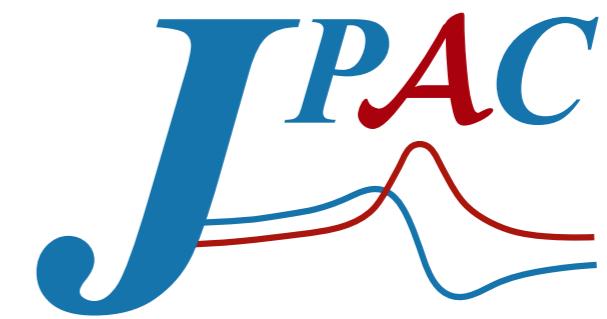
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3-to-3 scattering from dispersion relations



Special thanks to Andrew Jackura



$$C(s_+ s_+ \sigma_+) - C(s_- s_+ \sigma_+) = \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2}$$

$$C(s'_- s_- \sigma_+) - (s'_- s_- \sigma_-) = \text{Diagram 3} + \text{Diagram 4}$$

$$C(s'_- s_+ \sigma_+) - C(s'_- s_- \sigma_+) = \text{Diagram 5} + \text{Diagram 6} + \text{Diagram 7}$$

$$+ \text{Diagram 8} + \text{Diagram 9} + \text{Boxes}$$

$$(w_{123}) < b_{23}'' < (s-m)$$

$$\textcircled{2} = \frac{1}{2} \int d\zeta_{23} \frac{x^2(s, \zeta_{23}, w)}{us} \int \frac{dt}{t} \left[\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\nu(b_{12}) \nu(b_{23})}{\mu^2 - t(s, s, \zeta_{12}, b_{23}'')} \right] \ln \left(\frac{1}{D/b_{23}''} \right) C_3(s_{13}, s_+ \sigma_{12+})$$

+ i\varepsilon no singularities in b_{12}''

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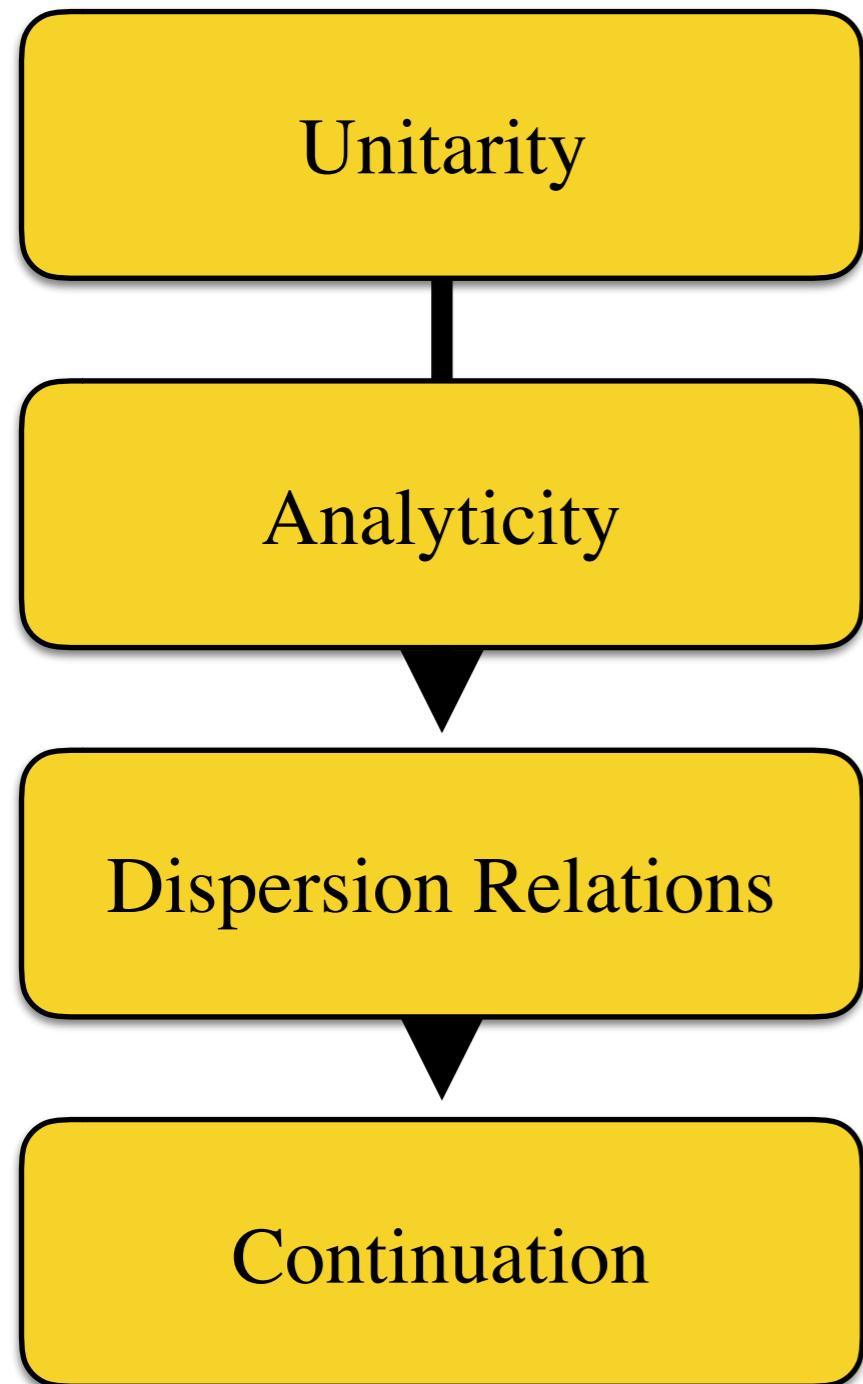
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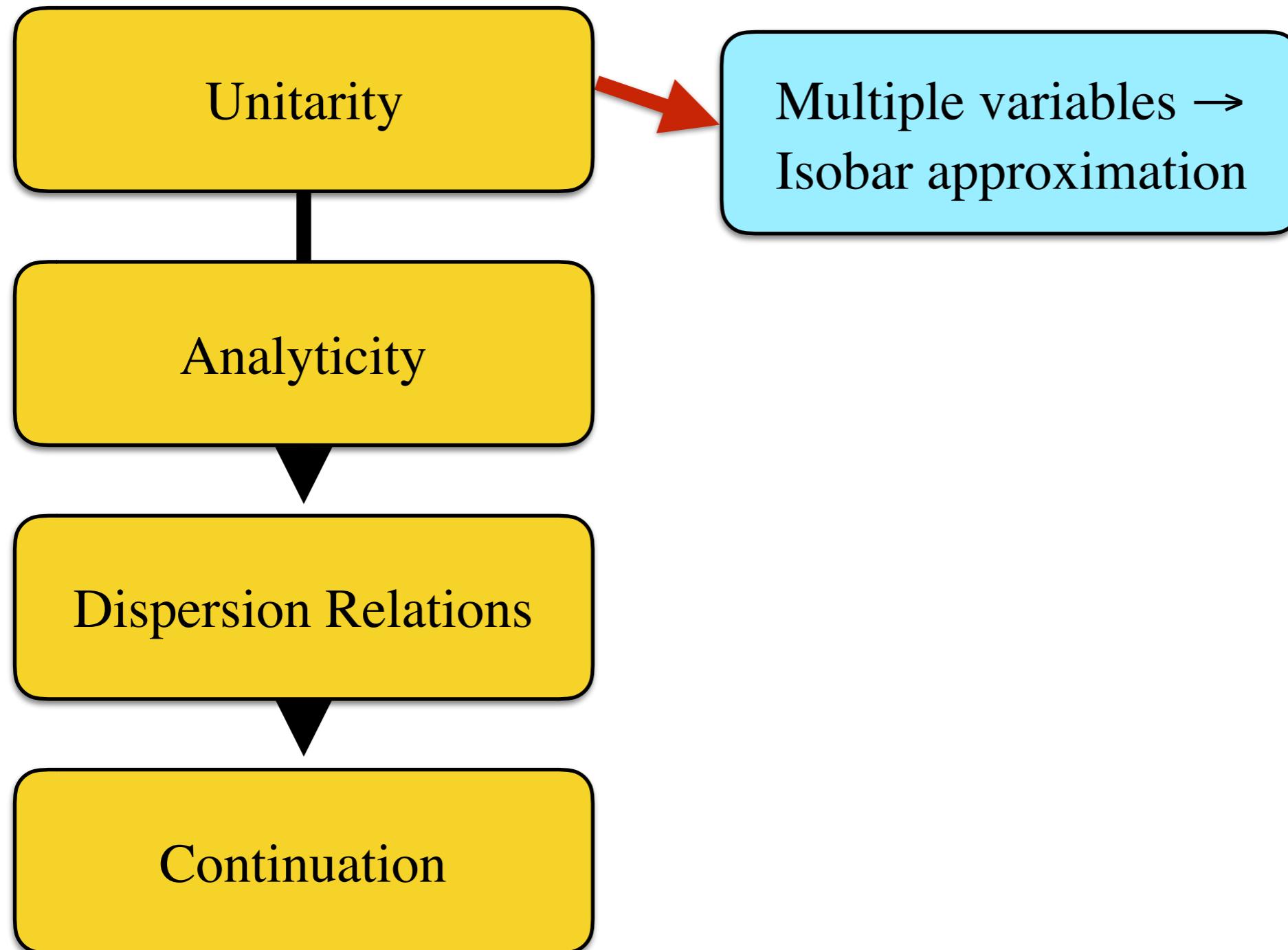
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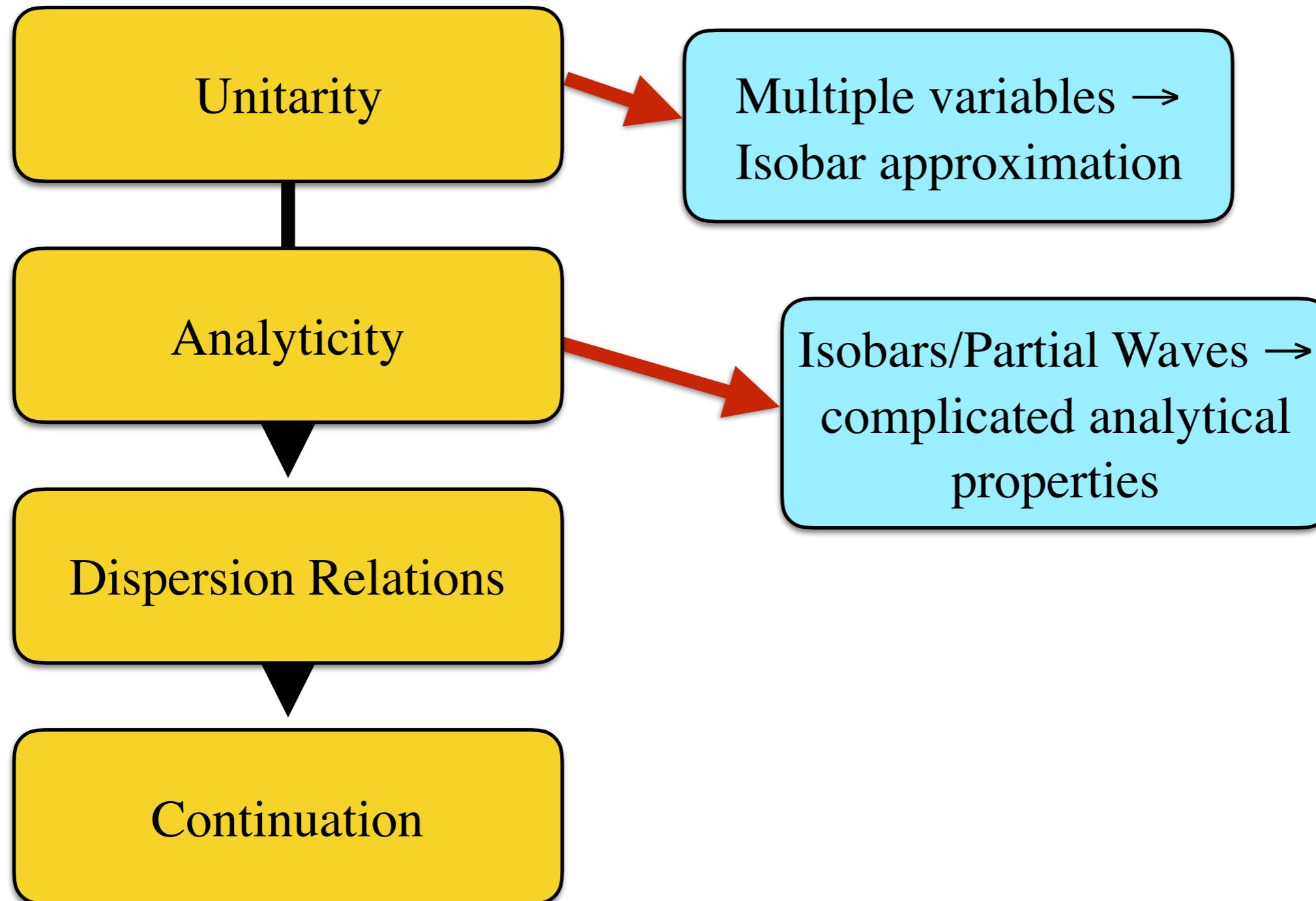
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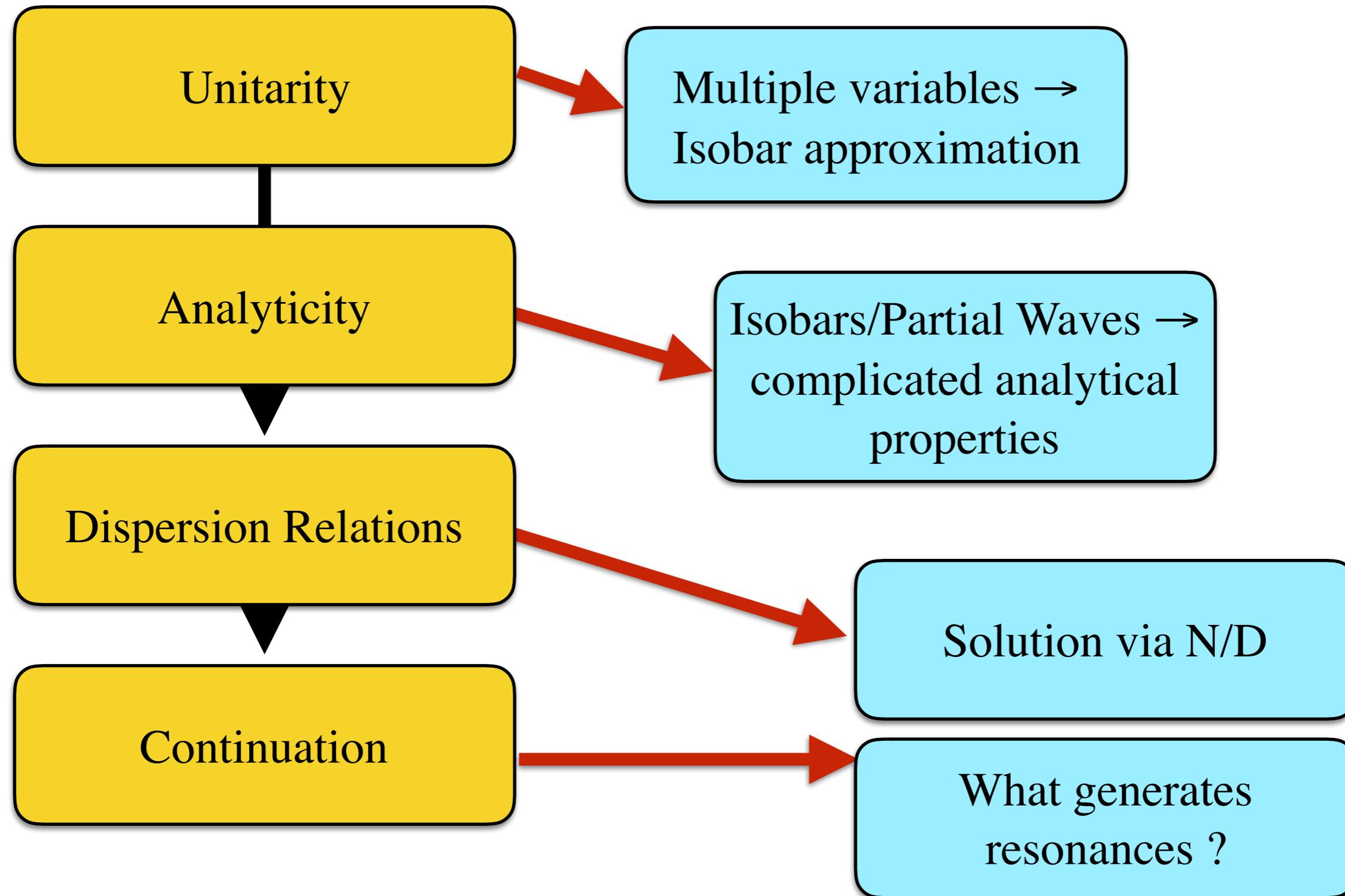
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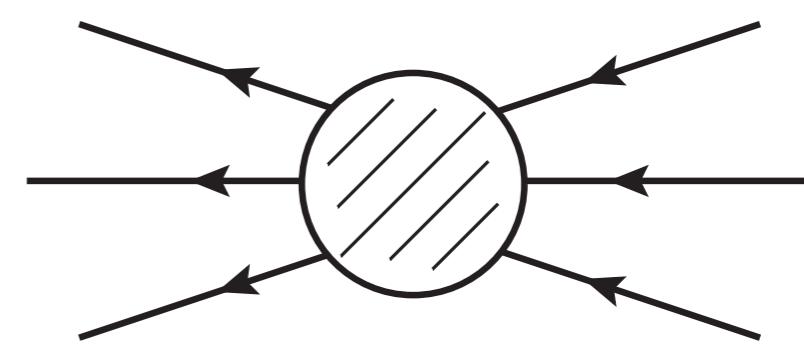
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3-to-3 elastic scattering

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Consider the elastic scattering of the $3 \rightarrow 3$ system $123 \rightarrow 123$, where 1, 2, and 3 are distinguishable particles



The S-matrix is decomposed as

$$\langle \{p'\} | S | \{p\} \rangle = \langle \{p'\} | \{p\} \rangle \quad \text{Completely Disconnected}$$
$$+ i \sum_j \tilde{\delta}(p'_j - p_j) (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(Q'_j - Q_j) \mathcal{F}_j(\{p', p\}_j) \quad \text{Disconnected}$$
$$+ i (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(P' - P) \mathcal{A}(\{p', p\}) \quad \text{Connected}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_j(\{p', p\}_j) \quad \mathcal{A}(\{p', p\})$$



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Unitarity relations

$$1 = S^\dagger S \rightarrow 2Im(F + A) = (F + A)^\dagger P.S.(F + A)$$

Disconnected 2→2 Unitarity Relation

$$2 \operatorname{Im} \mathcal{F}_j(\{\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}\}_j) = \rho_2(\sigma_j) \int d\Omega''_j \mathcal{F}_j^*(\{\mathbf{p}'', \mathbf{p}'\}_j) \mathcal{F}_j(\{\mathbf{p}'', \mathbf{p}\}_j)$$

Connected 3→3 Unitarity Relation

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \operatorname{Im} \mathcal{A}(\{\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}\}) &= \int \tilde{dp}_1'' \tilde{dp}_2'' \tilde{dp}_3'' (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(P'' - P) \mathcal{A}^*(\{\mathbf{p}'', \mathbf{p}'\}) \mathcal{A}(\{\mathbf{p}'', \mathbf{p}\}) \\ &+ \sum_k \rho_2(\sigma'_k) \int d\Omega''_k \mathcal{F}_k^*(\{\mathbf{p}'', \mathbf{p}'\}_k) \mathcal{A}(\{\mathbf{p}'', \mathbf{p}\}) \Theta(\sigma'_k - \sigma_{th}^{(k)}) \\ &+ \sum_j \rho_2(\sigma_j) \int d\Omega''_j \mathcal{A}^*(\{\mathbf{p}'', \mathbf{p}'\}) \mathcal{F}(\{\mathbf{p}'', \mathbf{p}\}_j) \Theta(\sigma_j - \sigma_{th}^{(j)}) \\ &+ \sum_{\substack{j, k \\ j \neq k}} 2\pi \delta(u_{jk} - m_{(jk)}^2) \mathcal{F}_k^*(\{\mathbf{p}'', \mathbf{p}'\}_k) \mathcal{F}_j(\{\mathbf{p}'', \mathbf{p}\}_j) \end{aligned}$$

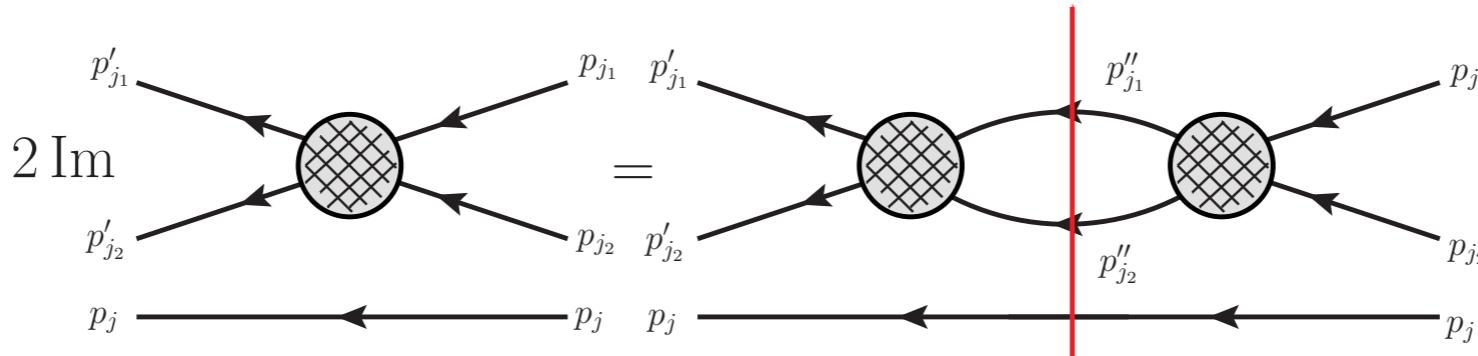


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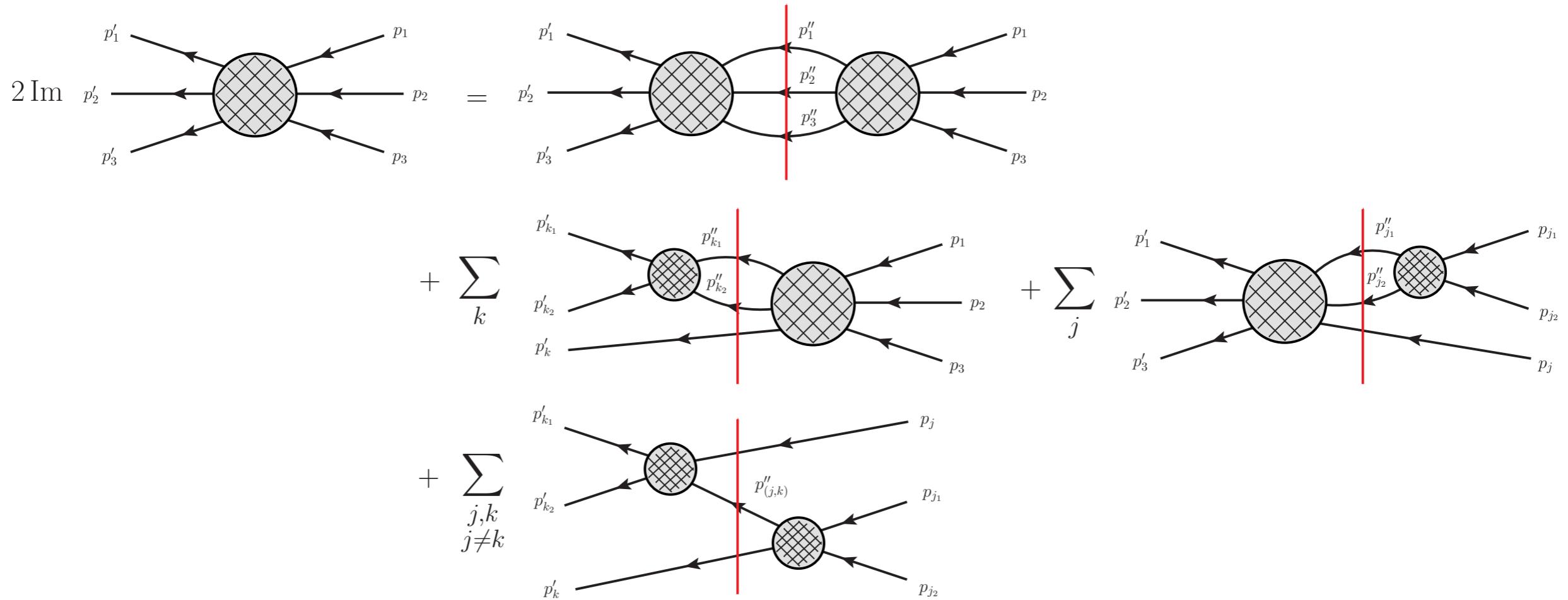


Unitarity relations

Disconnected 2→2 Unitarity Relation



Connected 3→3 Unitarity Relation

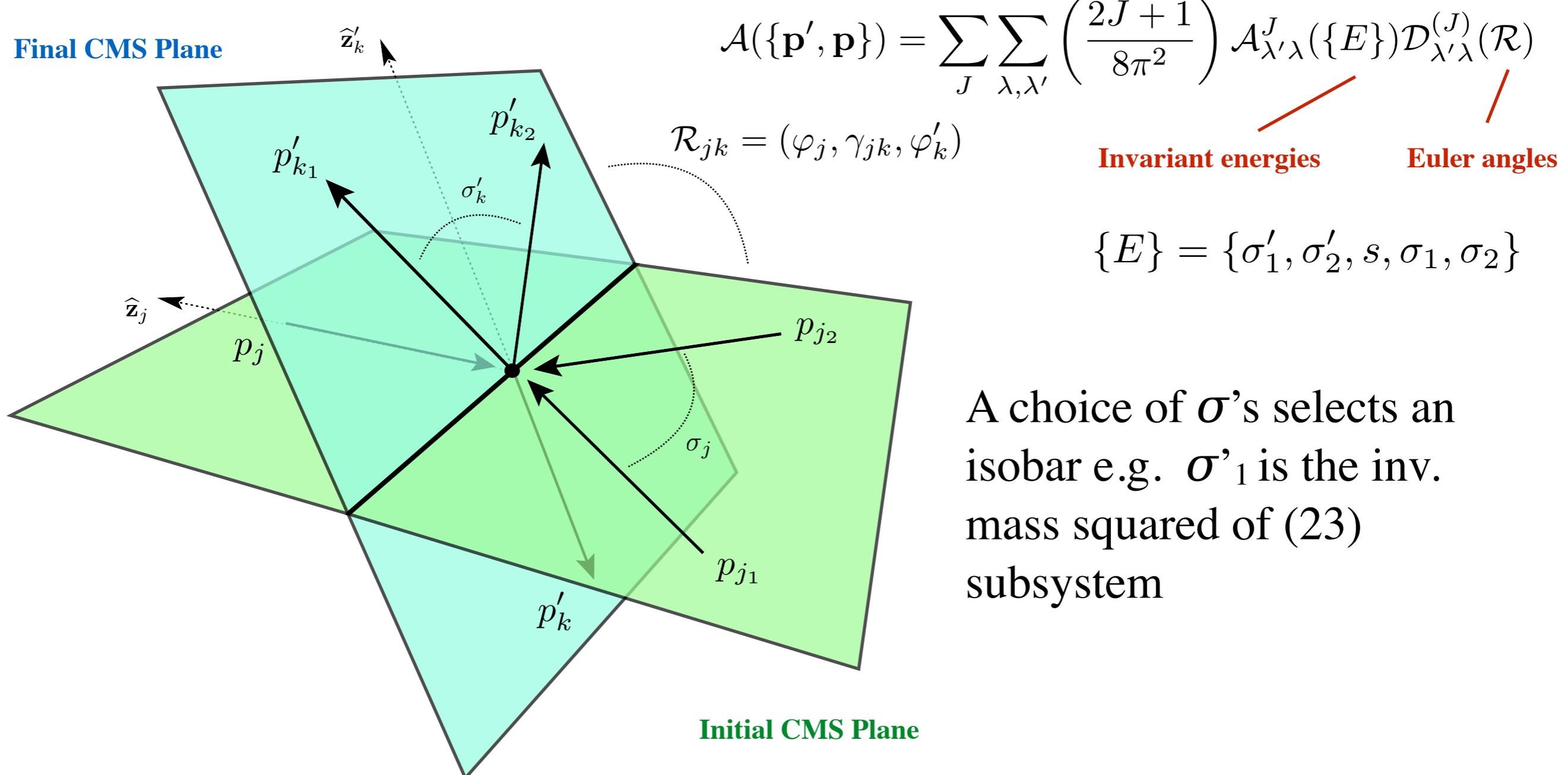


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Too many variables ...

3→3 amplitudes depend on 8 independent variables. One representation is

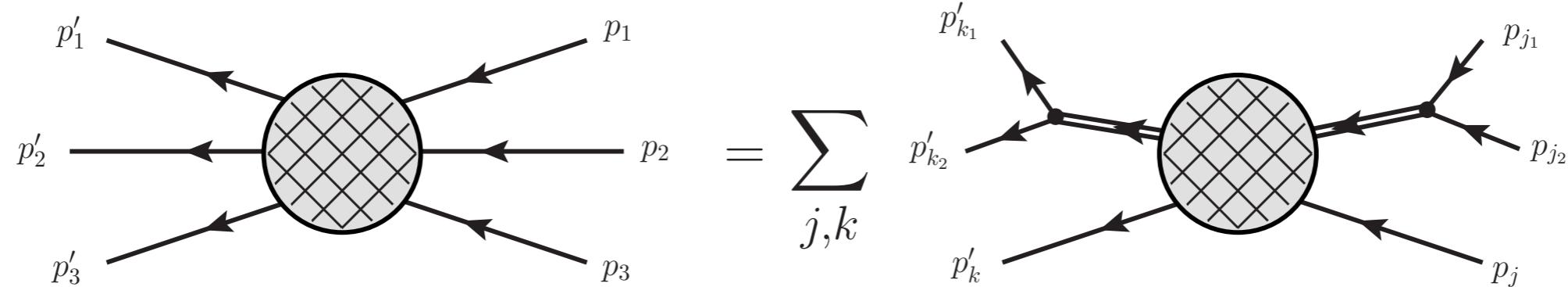


Isobar-particle scattering

Assume that the amplitude can be expanded into *Isobar Amplitudes*

$$\mathcal{A}(\{\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}\}) = \sum_{j,k} \mathcal{A}_{kj}(\{\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}\}_{kj})$$

Two particles interact before interacting with spectator



Sum over all allowed isobars
Infinite sum analytically continued accounts for singularities in the other two σ variables



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$$\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \sum_{J' \lambda' J \lambda'}^{J_{max}} A_{11}(\sigma'_1, s, t_{11}, \sigma_1) Y_{J' \lambda'}^*(\Omega'_1) Y_{J \lambda}(\Omega_1)$$

$$+ \sum_{J' \lambda' J \lambda'}^{J_{max}} A_{21}(\sigma'_2, s, t_{21}, \sigma_2) \dots$$

Like in a KT model, adding truncated sums of particle-isobar amplitudes leads to a complicated sub-channel energy dependence (but with only normal threshold branch points)

act before
spectator



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Isobar-particel amplitude unitarity relations

These are coupled equations for each A_{ij}

Factorizes the sub-energy rescattering

$$\mathcal{A}_{kj}(\sigma'_k, s, t_{jk}, \sigma_j) = \frac{1}{D_k(\sigma'_k)} \hat{\mathcal{A}}_{kj}(\sigma'_k, s, t_{jk}, \sigma_j) \frac{1}{D_j(\sigma_j)}$$

2→2 Rescattering

Still sub-energy dependence

$$A_{11}(\sigma'_1, s, t_{11}, \sigma_1) \\ = f_1(\sigma'_1) \hat{A}_{11}(\sigma'_1, s, t_{11}, \sigma_1) f_1(\sigma_1) \quad f_j(\sigma_j) = N_j(\sigma_j)/D_j(\sigma_j)$$



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Isobar-particel amplitude unitarity relations

These are coupled equations for each A_{ij}

$$2 \operatorname{Im} \begin{array}{c} \xi'_k \\ \downarrow \\ \text{---} \\ \xi_j \end{array} = \sum_n \begin{array}{c} \xi'_k \\ p'_k \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \xi''_n \\ p''_n \\ \text{---} \\ \xi_j \\ p_j \end{array} + \sum_{n,r} \begin{array}{c} \xi'_k \\ p'_k \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \xi''_r \\ p''_r \\ \text{---} \\ \xi''_n \\ p''_n \\ \text{---} \\ \xi_j \\ p_j \end{array} + \sum_{n \neq k} \begin{array}{c} \xi'_k \\ p'_k \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \xi''_n \\ p''_n \\ \text{---} \\ \xi_j \\ p_j \end{array} + \sum_{r \neq j} \begin{array}{c} \xi'_k \\ p'_k \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \xi''_r \\ p''_r \\ \text{---} \\ \xi_j \\ p_j \end{array}$$

$$A_{11}(\sigma'_1, s, t_{11}, \sigma_1) = f_1(\sigma'_1) \hat{A}_{11}(\sigma'_1, s, t_{11}, \sigma_1) f_1(\sigma_1)$$

$$+ \begin{array}{c} \xi'_k \\ p'_k \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \xi_j \\ p_j \end{array} + \sum_{r \neq j} \begin{array}{c} \xi'_k \\ p'_k \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \xi''_{(jk)} \\ p''_{(jk)} \\ \text{---} \\ \xi_j \\ p_j \end{array} \quad (j \neq k)$$

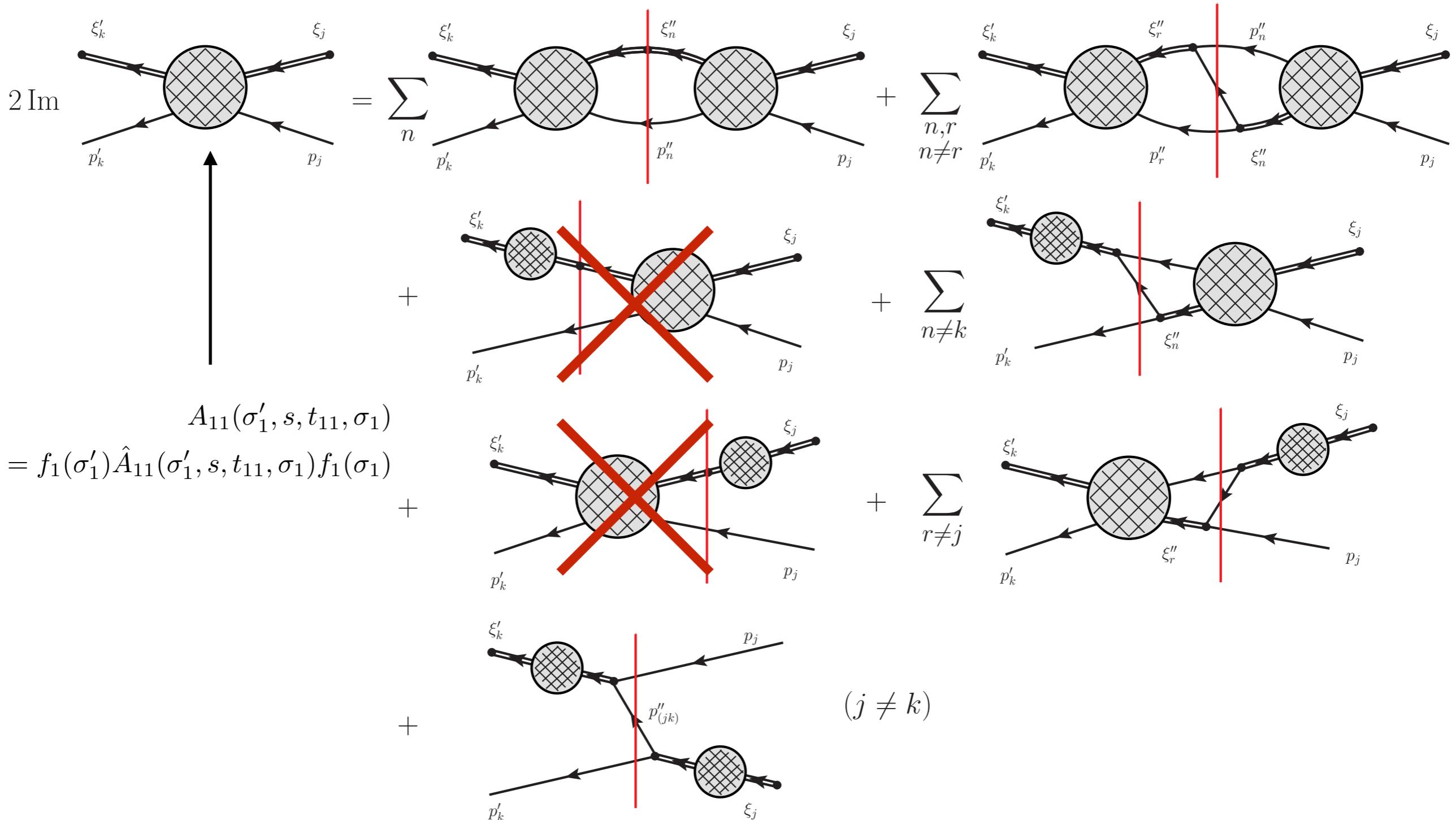


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Isobar-particel amplitude unitarity relations

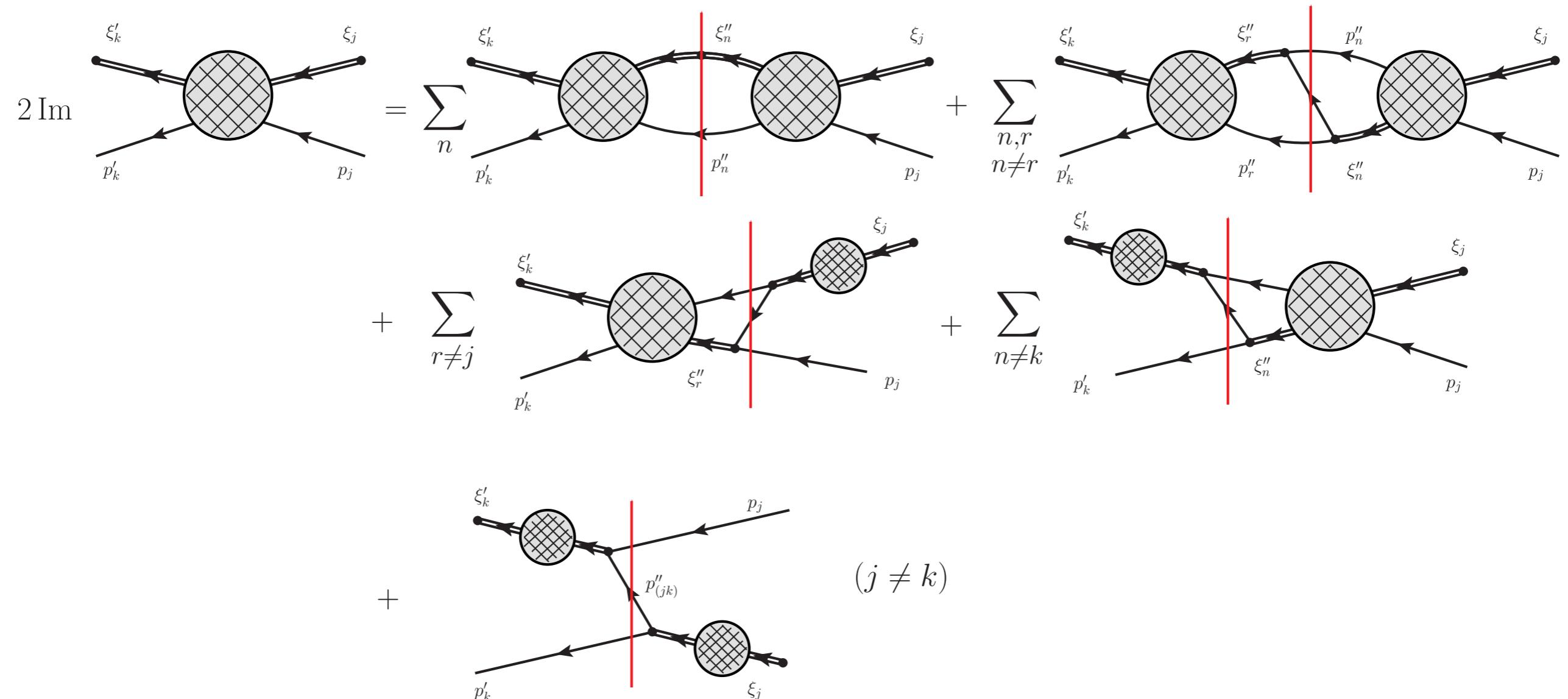
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Isobar amplitude unitarity relations



Need to associate $\operatorname{Im} \hat{A}_{ij}(\sigma'_i, s, u_{ij}, \sigma_j)$
with discontinuities across individual variables

From real axis (unitarity) to the complex plane

We can split the imaginary part into discontinuities across all variables

Need to be careful on which direction we approach the real axis from the complex planes

$$\begin{aligned} 2i \operatorname{Im} \hat{\mathcal{A}}_{kj}(\sigma'_k, s, t_{jk}, u_{jk}, \sigma_j) &= \Delta_{\sigma'_k} \hat{\mathcal{A}}_{kj}(s_+, t_{jk+}, u_{jk+}, \sigma_{j+}) \\ &\quad + \Delta_s \hat{\mathcal{A}}_{kj}(\sigma'_{k-}, t_{jk+}, u_{jk+}, \sigma_{j+}) \\ &\quad + \Delta_{t_{jk}} \hat{\mathcal{A}}_{kj}(\sigma'_{k-}, s_-, u_{jk+}, \sigma_{j+}) \\ &\quad + \Delta_{u_{jk}} \hat{\mathcal{A}}_{kj}(\sigma'_{k-}, s_-, t_{jk-}, \sigma_{j+}) \\ &\quad + \Delta_{\sigma_j} \hat{\mathcal{A}}_{kj}(\sigma'_{k-}, s_-, t_{jk-}, u_{jk-}) \end{aligned}$$

$$x_{\pm} = x \pm i\epsilon$$



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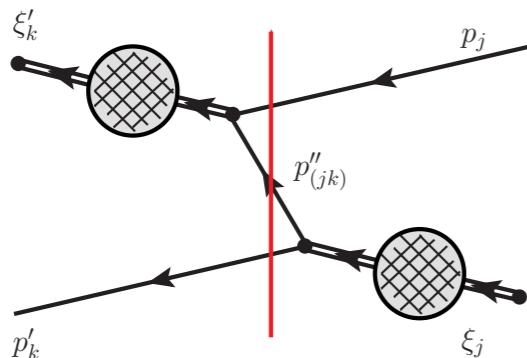


From real axis (unitarity) to the complex plane

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For $j \neq k$, have to worry about singularities in u_{jk} from
One Particle Exchange (OPE)



$$(j \neq k) \sim \delta(u_{jk} - m_{(jk)})$$

$\sigma_j, \kappa_j, \sigma_{k-}, \sigma_-, t_{jk-}, u_{jk-}$

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Single variable discontinuity reactions

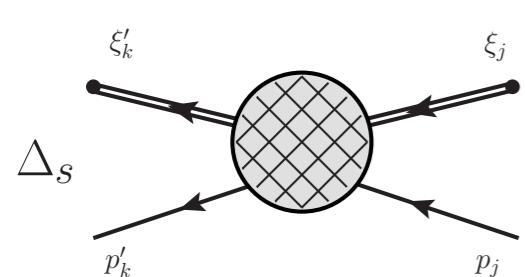
$$\Delta_S = \xi'_k \quad \text{---} \quad \text{circle} \quad \text{---} \quad \xi_j$$
$$\Delta_S = i \sum_n \left[\xi'_k \quad \text{---} \quad \text{circle} \quad \text{---} \quad \xi''_n \quad \text{---} \quad \text{circle} \quad \text{---} \quad \xi_j \right] + i \sum_{n \neq r} \left[\xi'_k \quad \text{---} \quad \text{circle} \quad \text{---} \quad \xi''_r \quad \text{---} \quad \text{circle} \quad \text{---} \quad \xi''_n \quad \text{---} \quad \text{circle} \quad \text{---} \quad \xi_j \right]$$
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$$\Delta_{u_{jk}} = \xi'_k \quad \text{---} \quad \text{circle} \quad \text{---} \quad \xi_j$$
$$\Delta_{u_{jk}} = i \left[\xi'_k \quad \text{---} \quad \text{circle} \quad \text{---} \quad p''_{(jk)} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{circle} \quad \text{---} \quad \xi_j \right] \quad (j \neq k)$$



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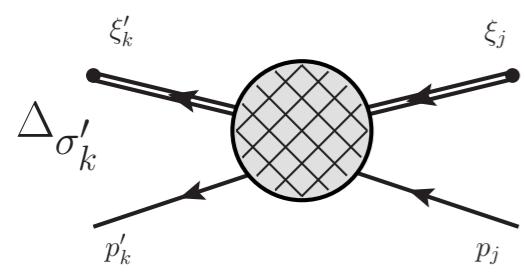


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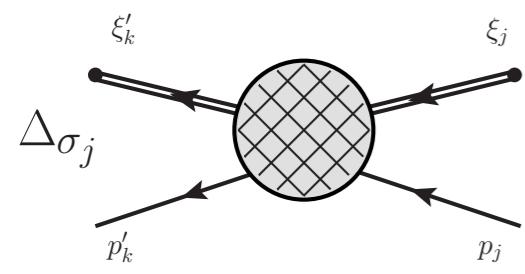
$$\Delta_s = i \sum_n \text{Diagram} + i \sum_{n \neq r} \text{Diagram}$$

The first term in the sum is a diagram with a central shaded circle and two internal lines connecting it to another shaded circle. A red vertical line separates the two circles. The left circle has incoming lines ξ'_k and p'_k , and outgoing lines ξ''_n and p''_n . The right circle has incoming lines ξ''_n and p''_n , and outgoing lines ξ_j and p_j . The second term in the sum is a diagram where the two circles are swapped: the left circle has incoming lines ξ'_k and p'_k , and outgoing lines ξ''_r and p''_r . The right circle has incoming lines ξ''_r and p''_r , and outgoing lines ξ_j and p_j .



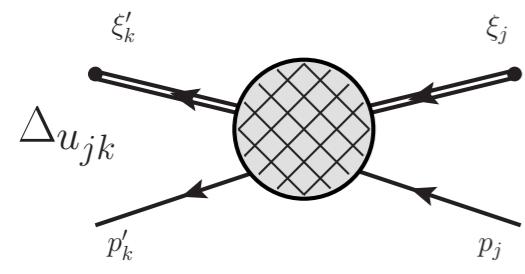
$$\Delta_{\sigma'_k} = i \sum_{n \neq k} \text{Diagram}$$

The diagram shows a central shaded circle with two incoming lines labeled ξ'_k and p'_k , and two outgoing lines labeled ξ_j and p_j . A red vertical line separates the central circle from another shaded circle. The central circle has an incoming line ξ'_k and an outgoing line ξ''_n . The other shaded circle has an incoming line p'_k and an outgoing line ξ_j .



$$\Delta_{\sigma_j} = i \sum_{r \neq j} \text{Diagram}$$

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$$\Delta_{u_{jk}} = i \text{Diagram}$$

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Will turn this into an *s*-channel cut via Partial Wave Projection

$$u_{jk} = u_{jk}(\sigma'_k, s, z_{jk}, \sigma_j)$$



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Partial wave projection

We now want to consider partial wave projections of the amplitude

To simplify the expressions, let's consider the case for $J = 0$, and spin-0 isobars

$$\mathcal{C}_{kj}(\sigma'_k, s, \sigma_j) = \int_{-1}^{+1} dz_{jk} \hat{\mathcal{A}}_{kj}(\sigma'_k, s, t_{jk}(s, z_{jk}), \sigma_j)$$

We can proceed to project out the discontinuities

Note : The off-diagonal ($j \neq k$) amplitudes have a subtlety because of the OPE amplitude

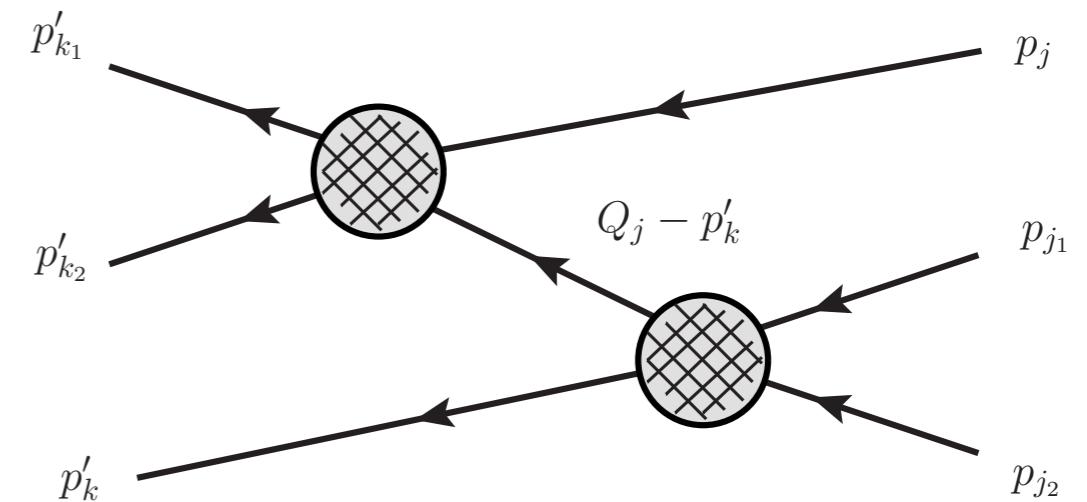
One particle exchange

Partial wave projection of the OPE term gives an extra cut in the complex s -plane

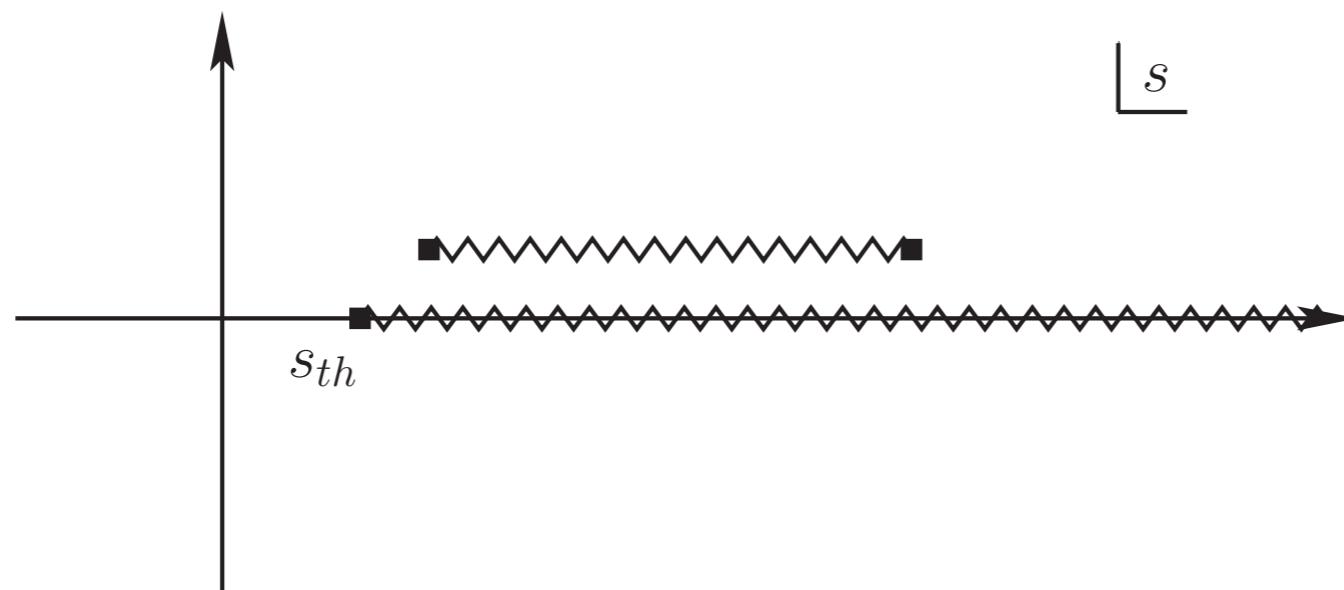
Exchange Mass

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} dz_{jk} \delta(u_{jk}(s, z_{jk}) - m_{(jk)}^2)$$

$$\sim \frac{2s}{\lambda^{1/2}(s, \sigma_j, m_j^2) \lambda^{1/2}(s, \sigma'_k, m_k^2)} \Theta(s - s^{(+)}) \Theta(s^{(-)} - s)$$



Non-zero in Dalitz region



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Triangle singularities

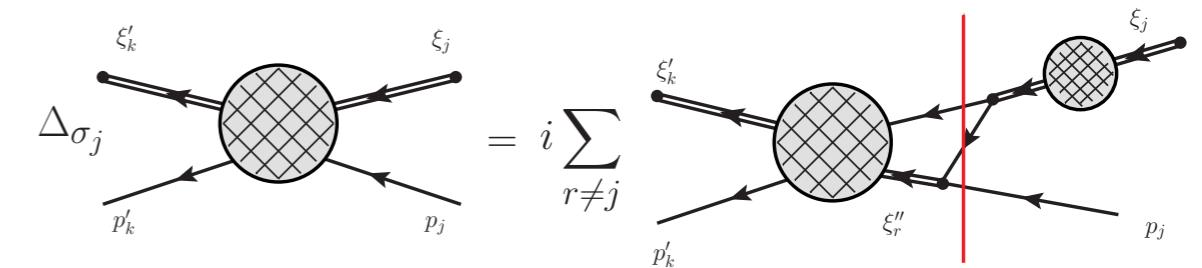
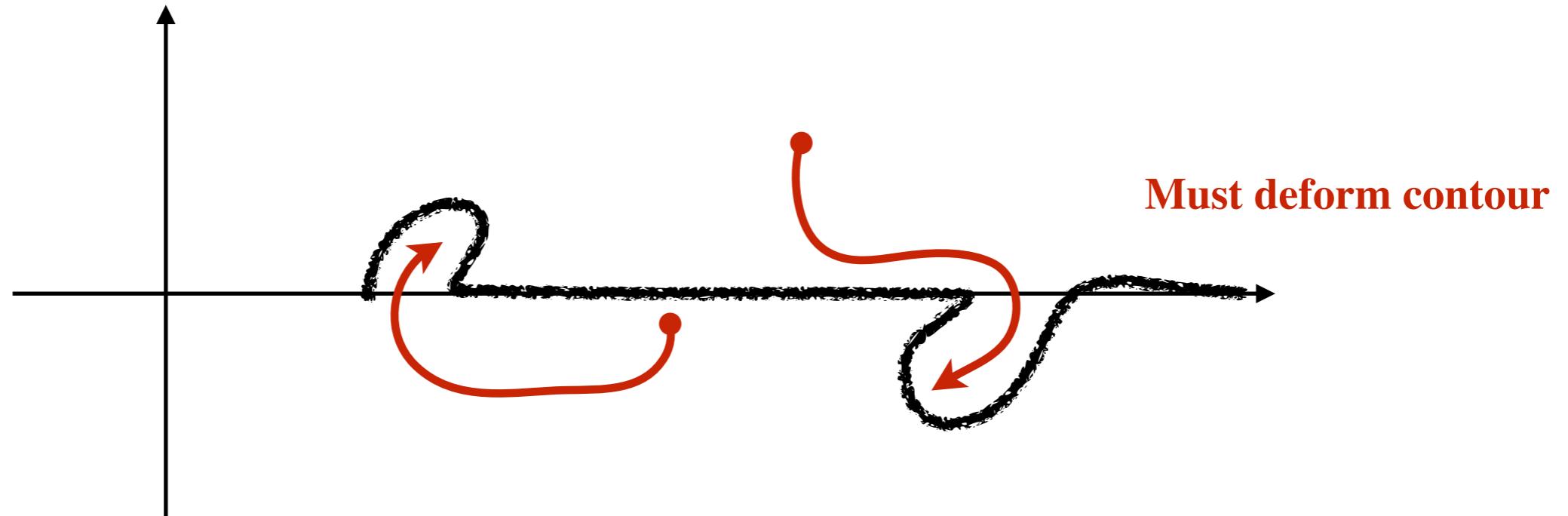
Kinematics may require deformation of dispersive contours

$$\Delta_{\sigma_1} \mathcal{C}_{31}(\sigma_{3-}', s_-, \sigma_{1+}) = i \rho_2(\sigma_{1+}) N_1(\sigma_{1+}) \int d\sigma_3'' D_3^{-1}(\sigma_3'') \mathcal{C}_{33}(\sigma_{3-}, s_-, \sigma_{3-}')$$

Fix s, σ_{3-}' , investigate contour in σ_1

C has only normal threshold branch points

$$\mathcal{C}_{31}(\sigma_{3-}', s_-, \sigma_{1+}) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\sigma_{th}^{(1)}}^{(\sqrt{s_-} - m_1)^2} d\hat{\sigma} \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma} - \sigma_{1+}} \rho_2(\hat{\sigma}) N_1(\hat{\sigma}) b(\hat{\sigma}, s_-, \sigma_{3-}')$$



Summary

- Existing 3 particle scattering amplitudes may have spurious singularities — analyticity not enforced.
- Proposed framework: unitarity + analyticity (only normal thresholds in particle-isobar amplitudes) → dispersion relations + short range inputs → N/D equations → amplitudes !



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