

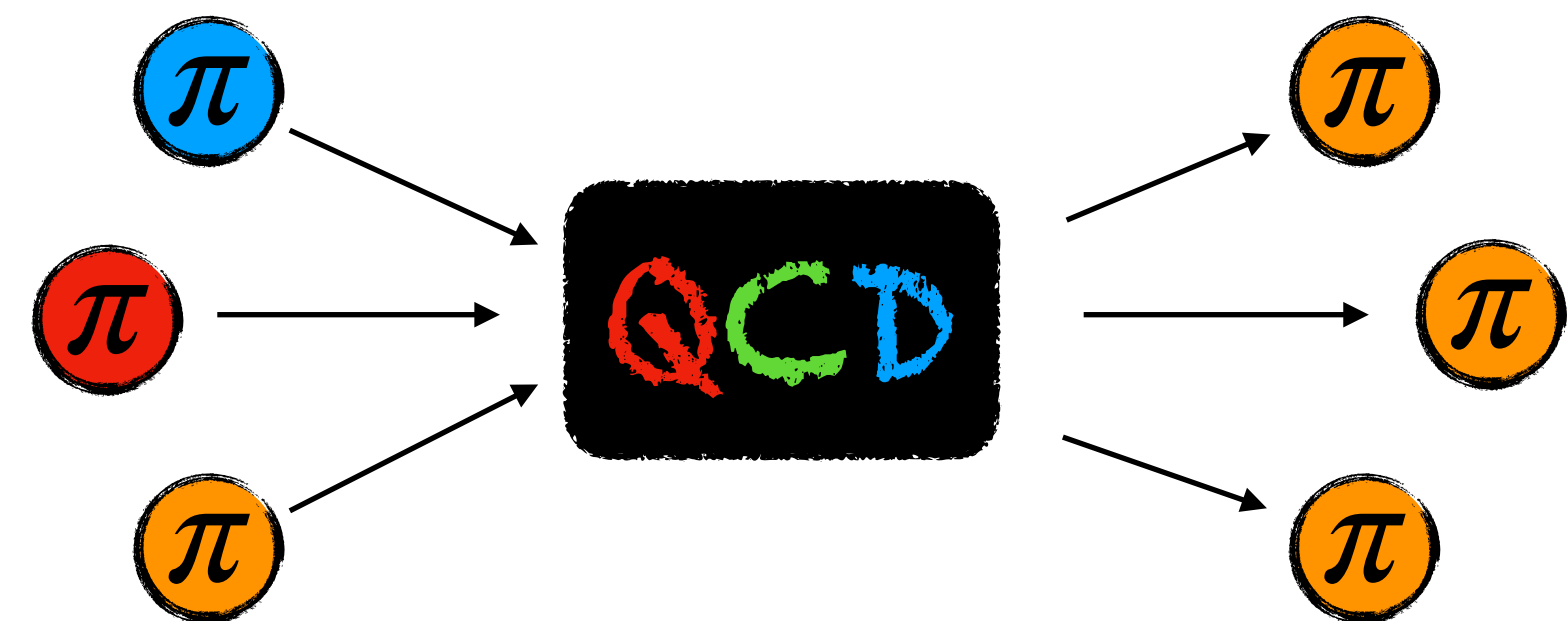
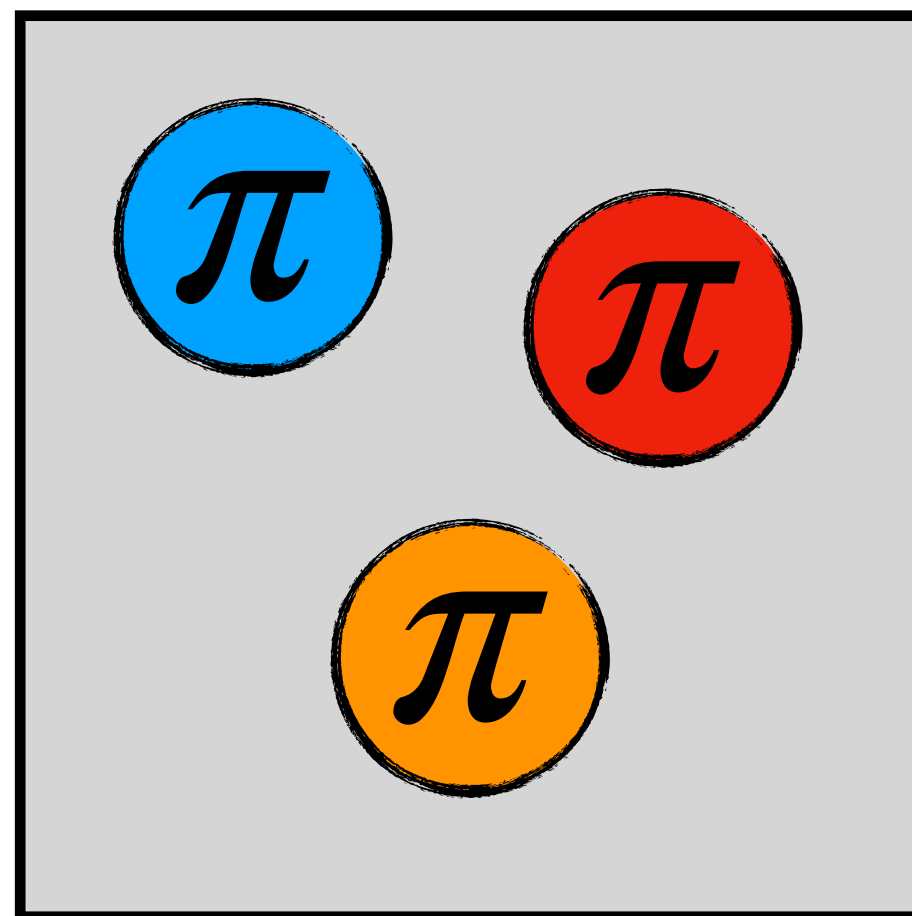
# two- and three-particle scattering amplitudes from lattice QCD

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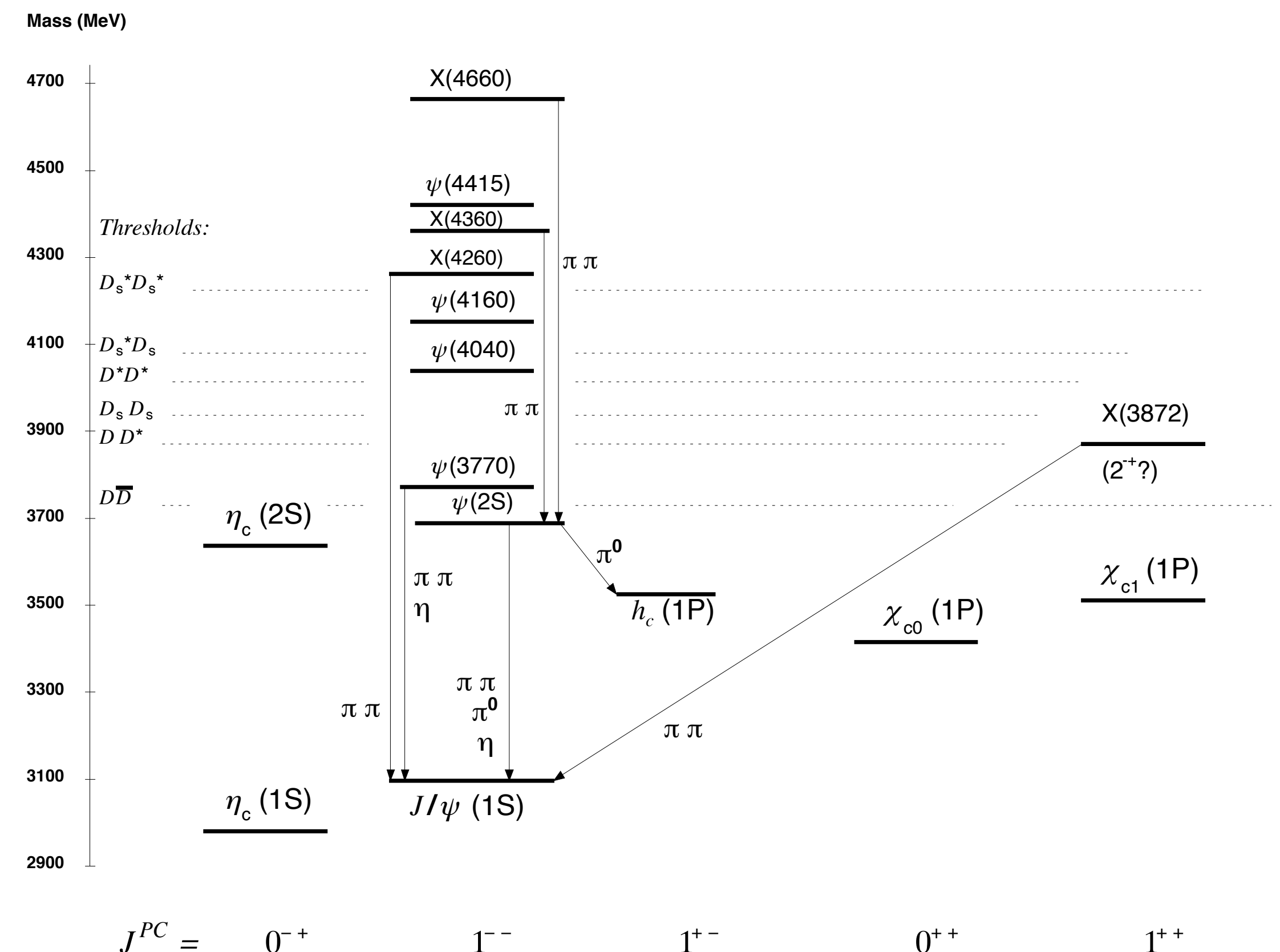
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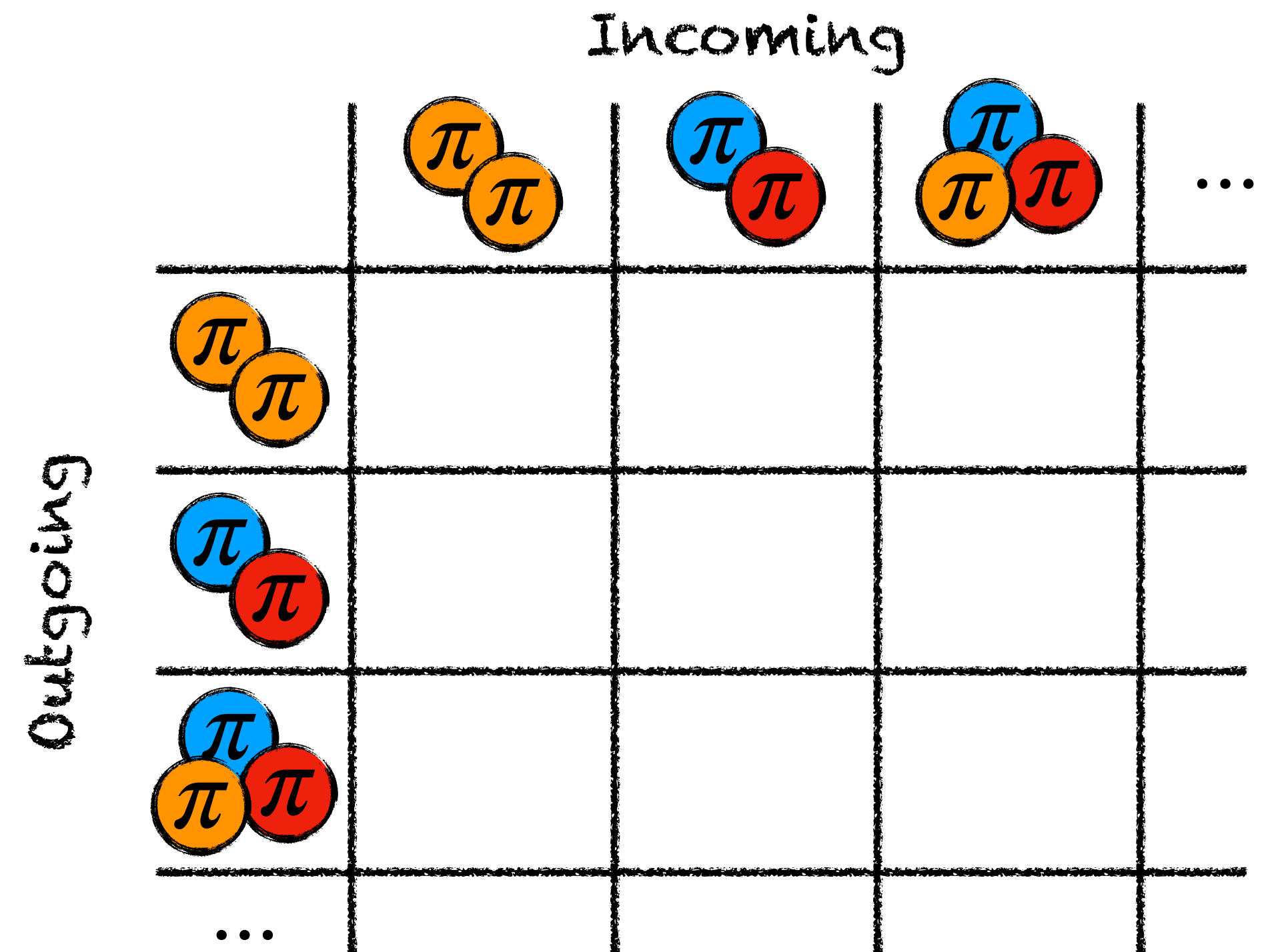
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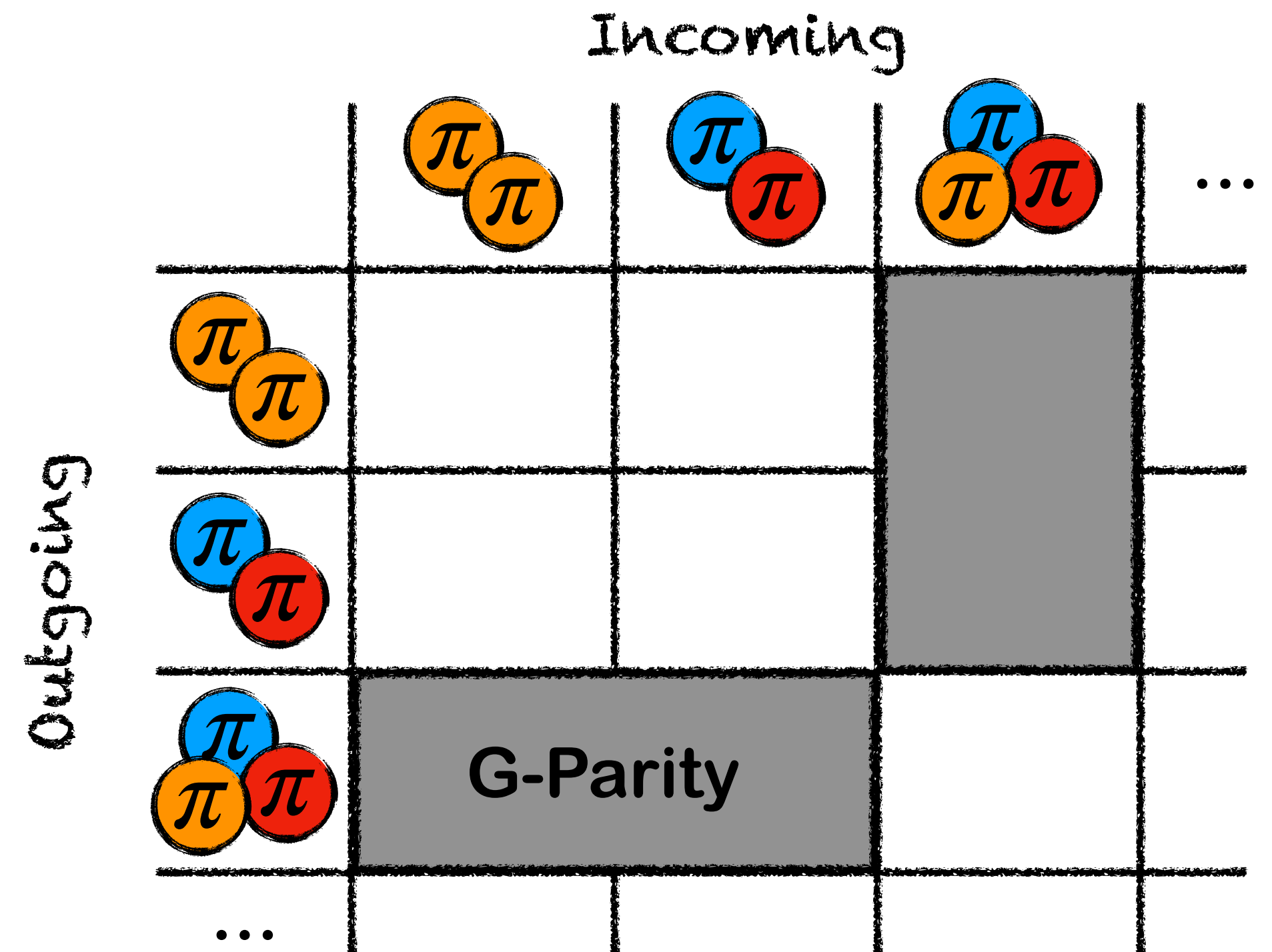


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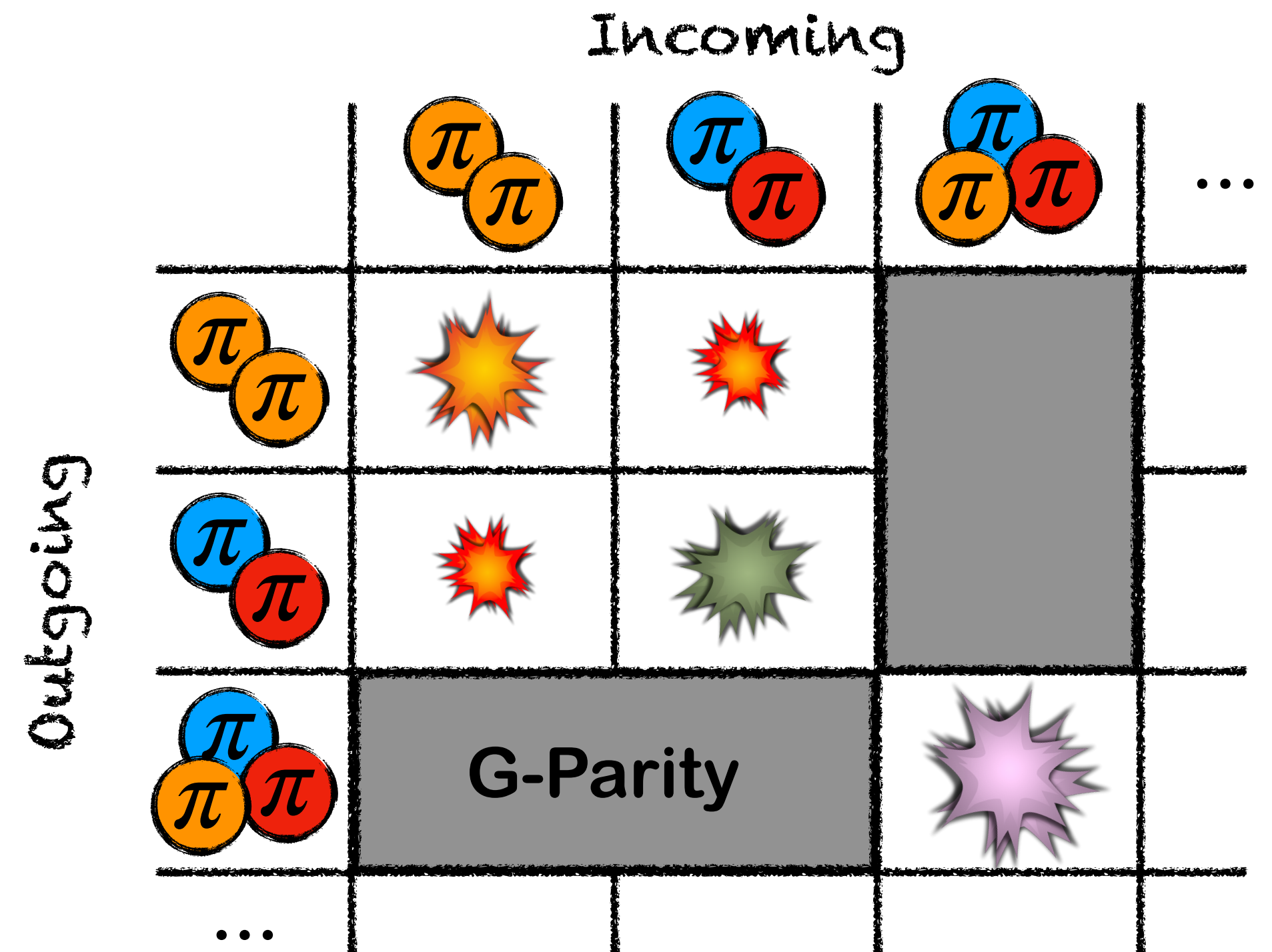


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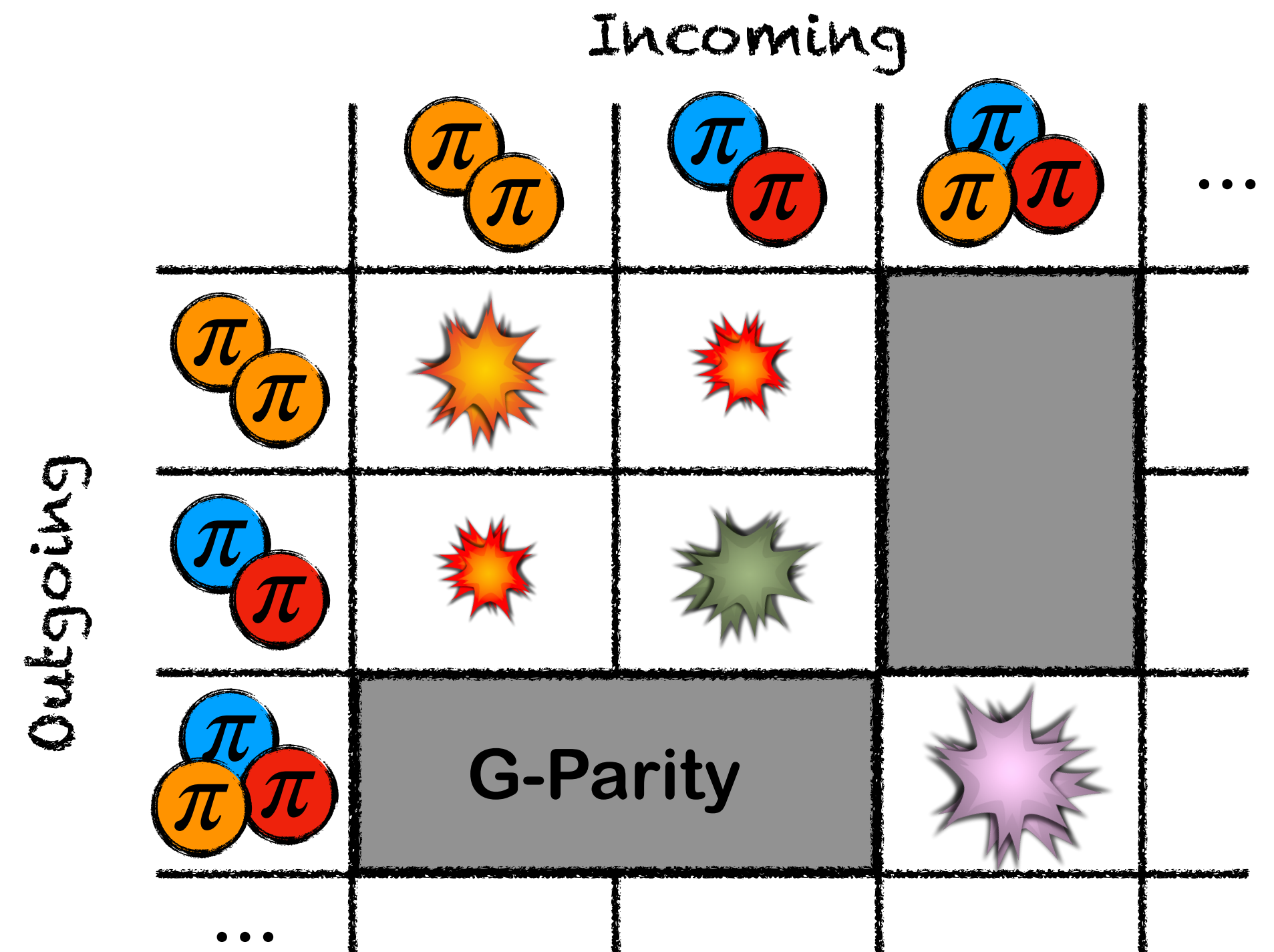
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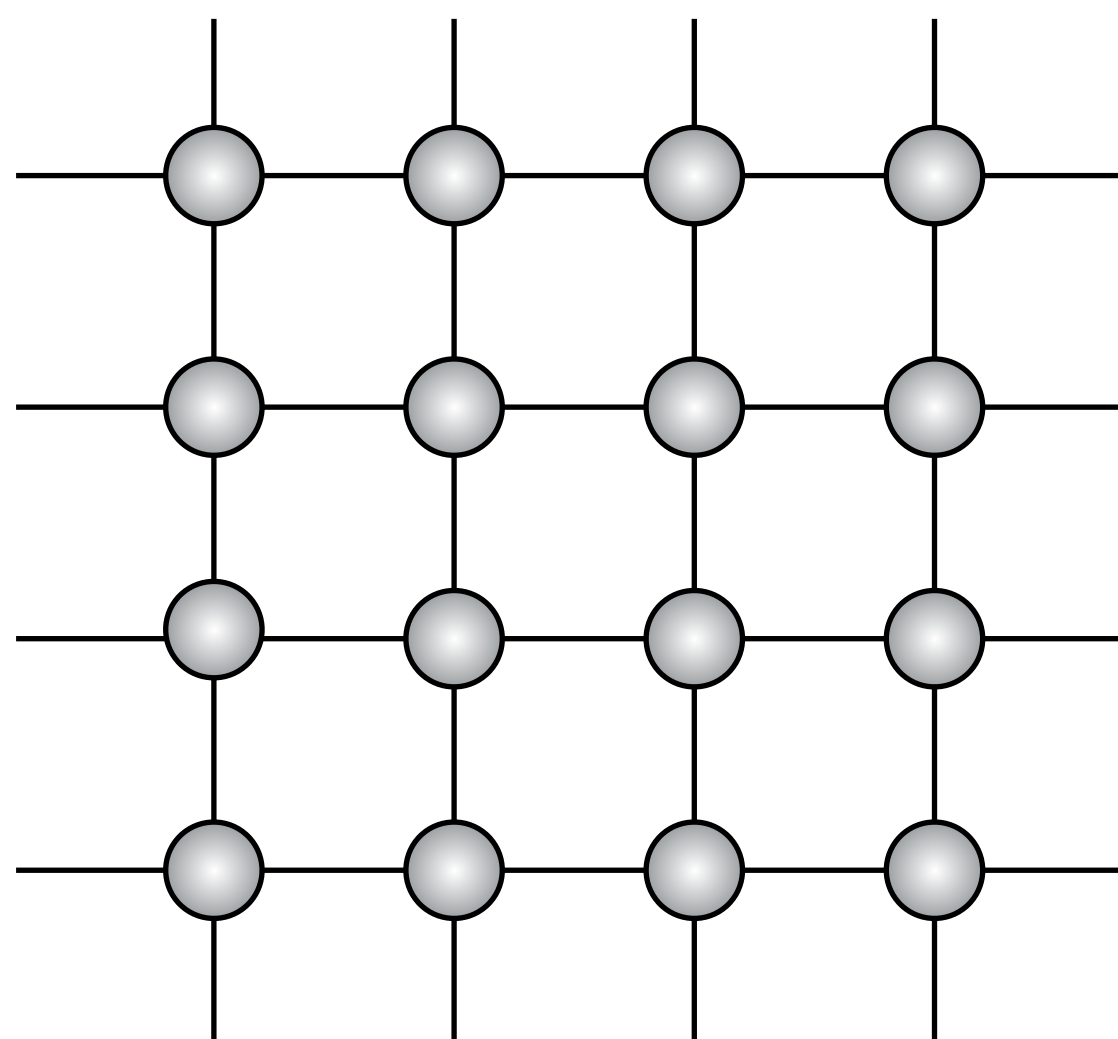
## This Talk:

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- Formalism for  $2 \rightarrow 2$  scattering
- Three-particle scattering on the lattice
- Lattice results three-particle scattering



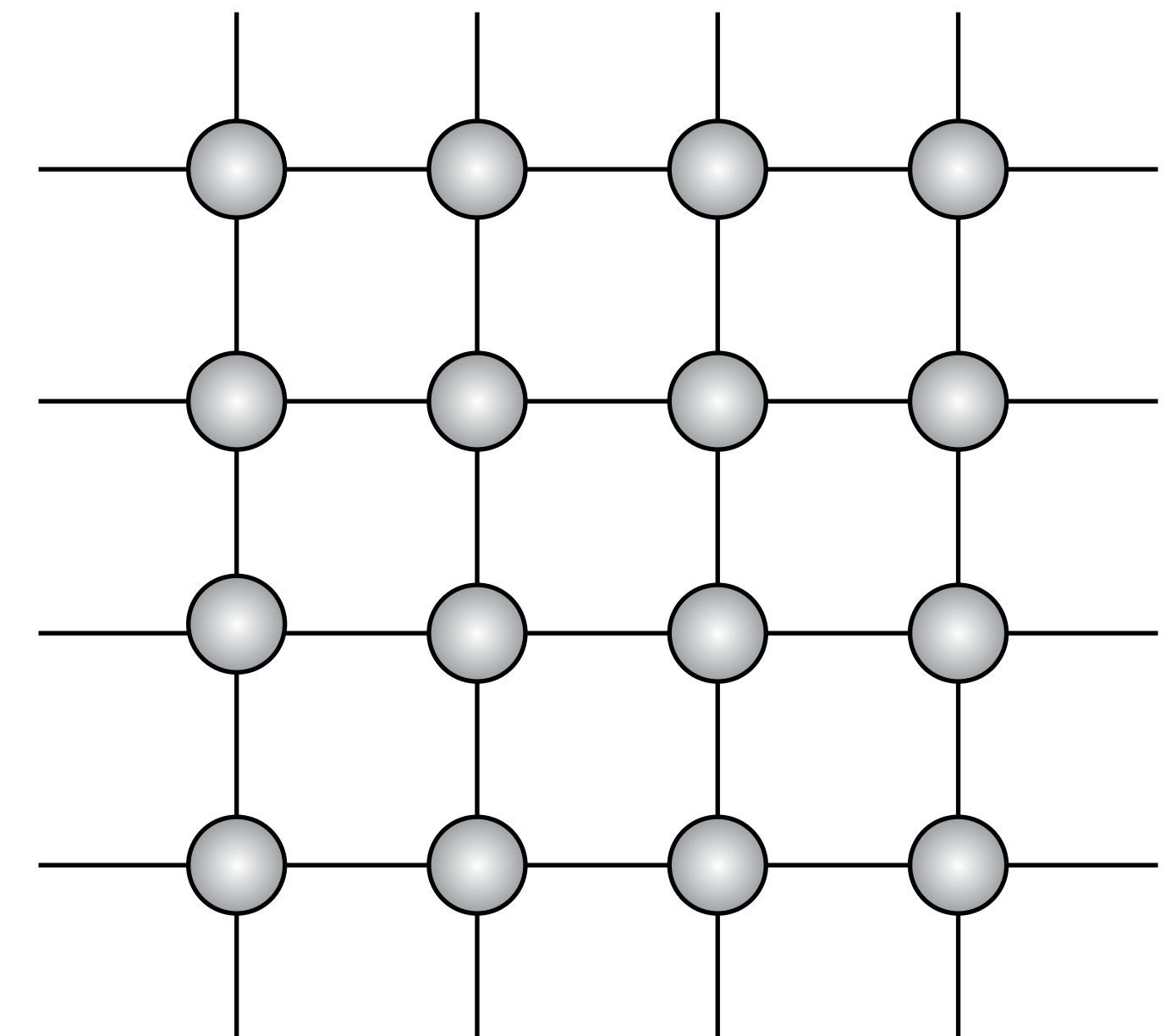
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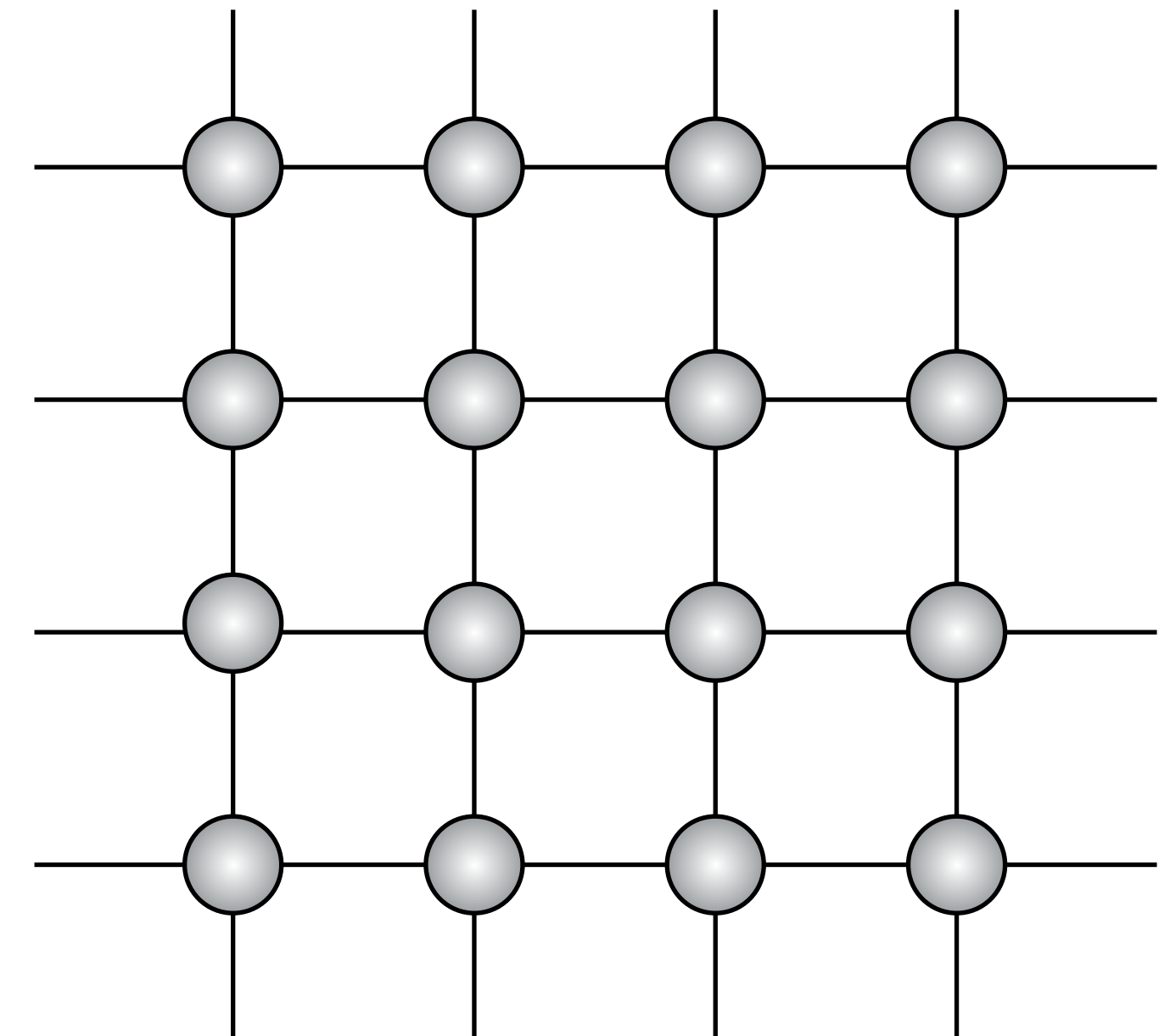


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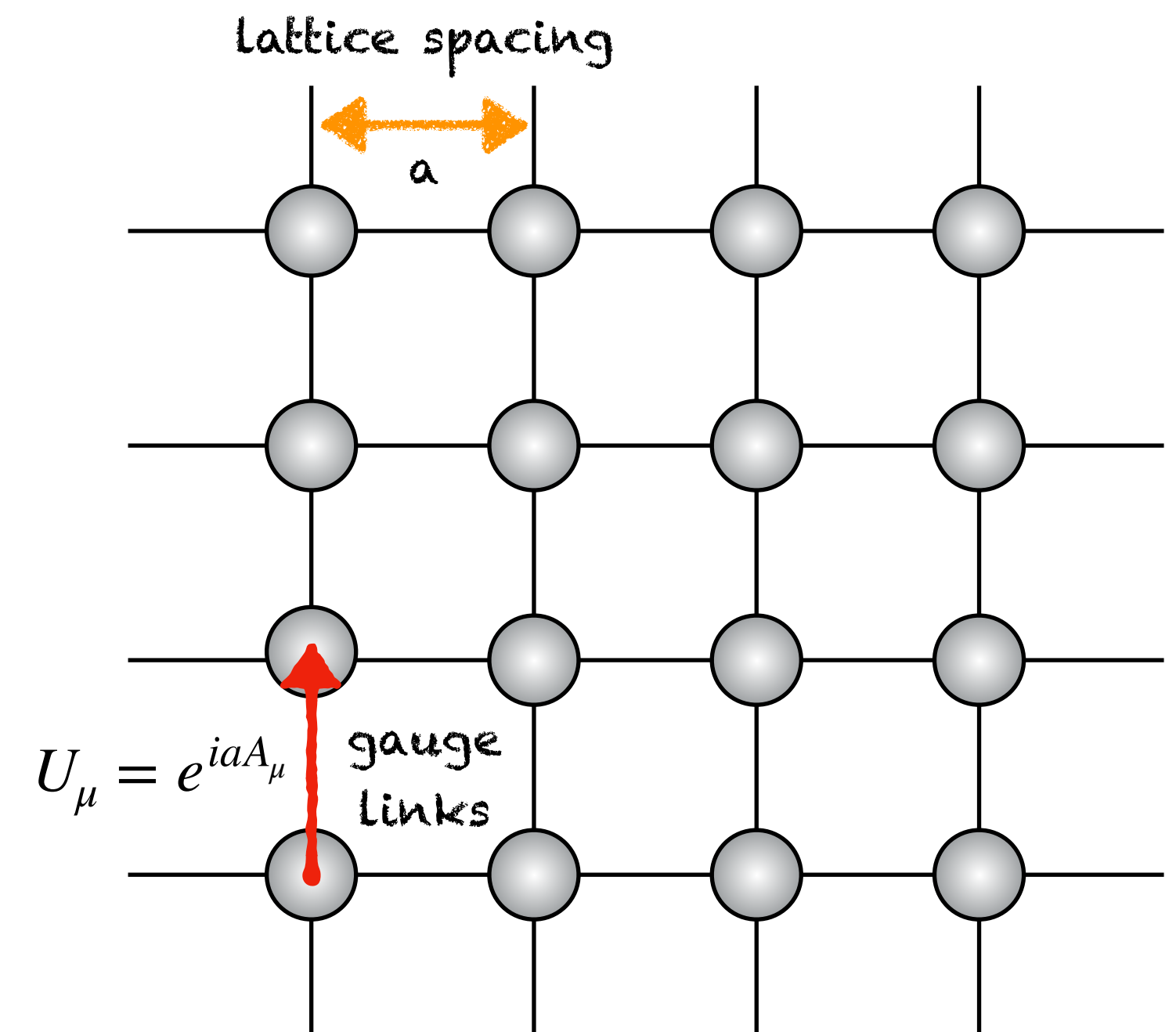
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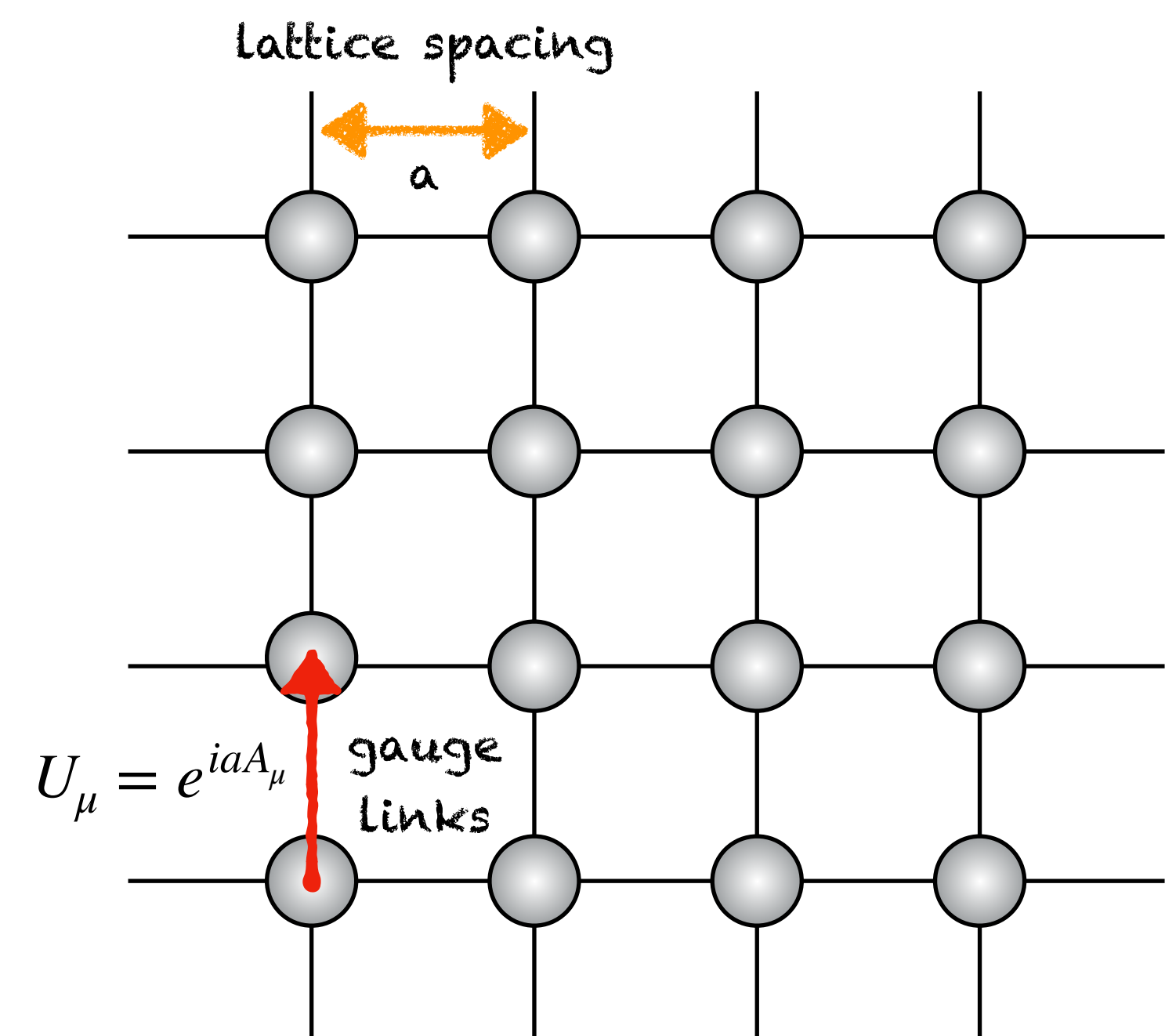
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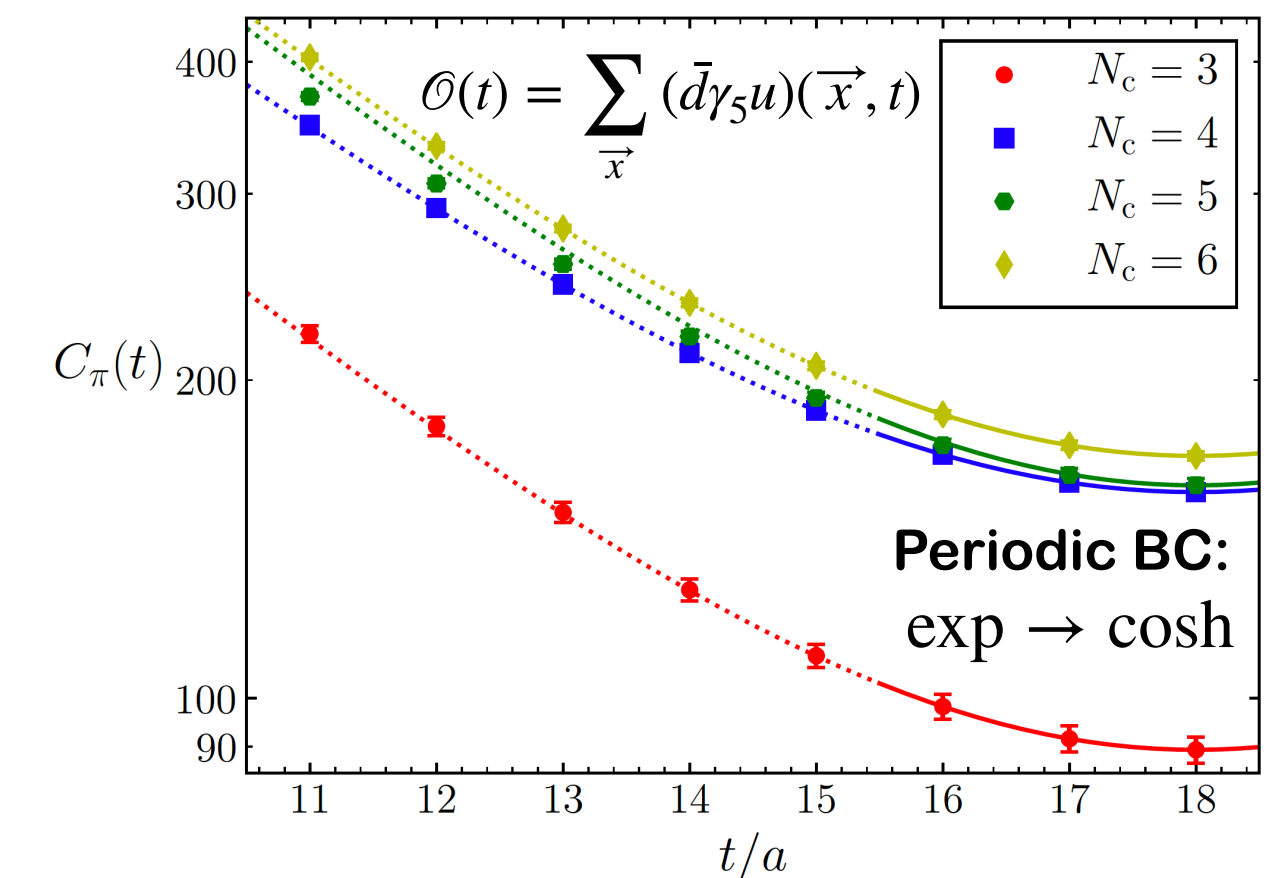
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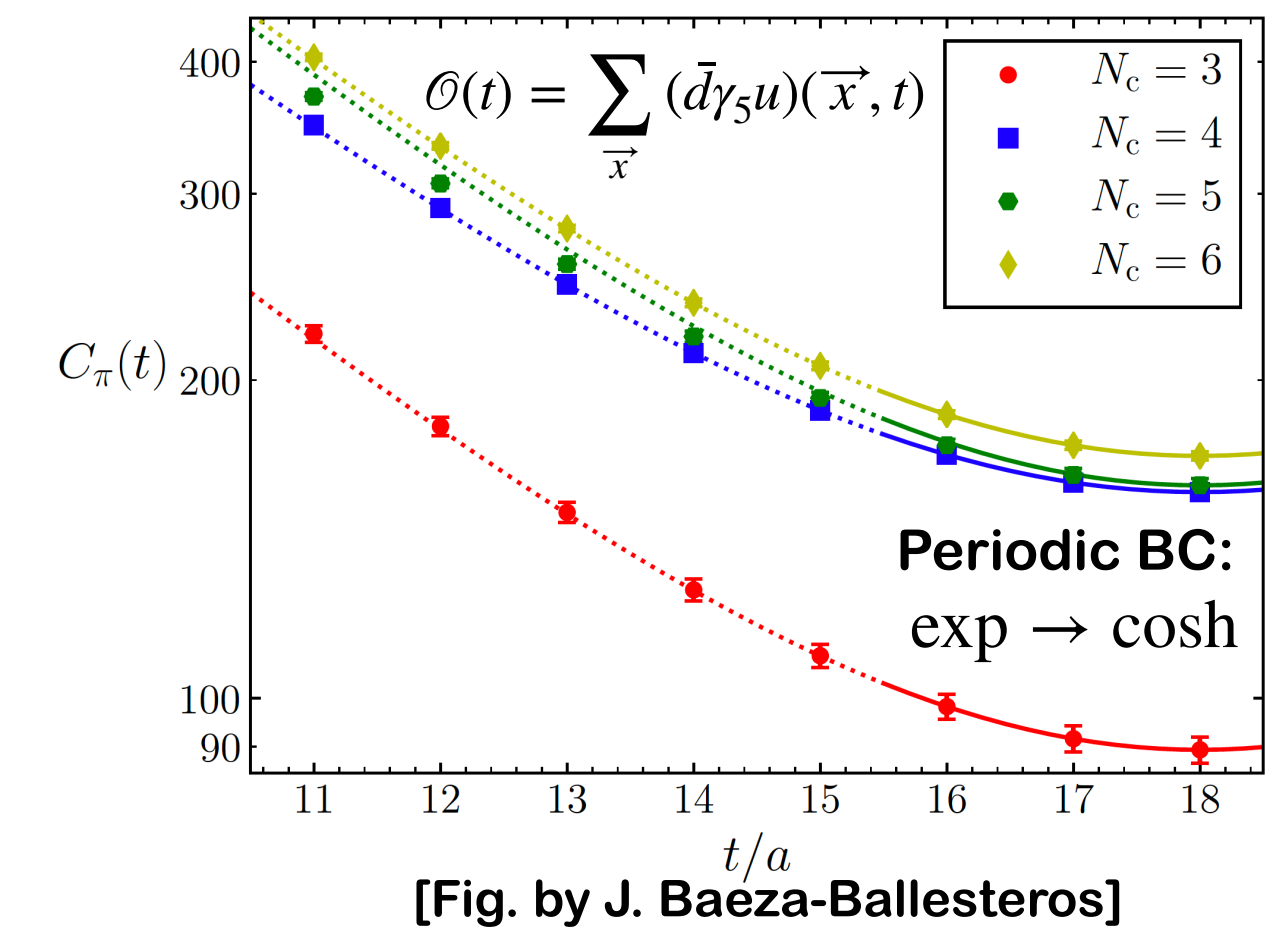


[Fig. by J. Baeza-Ballesteros]

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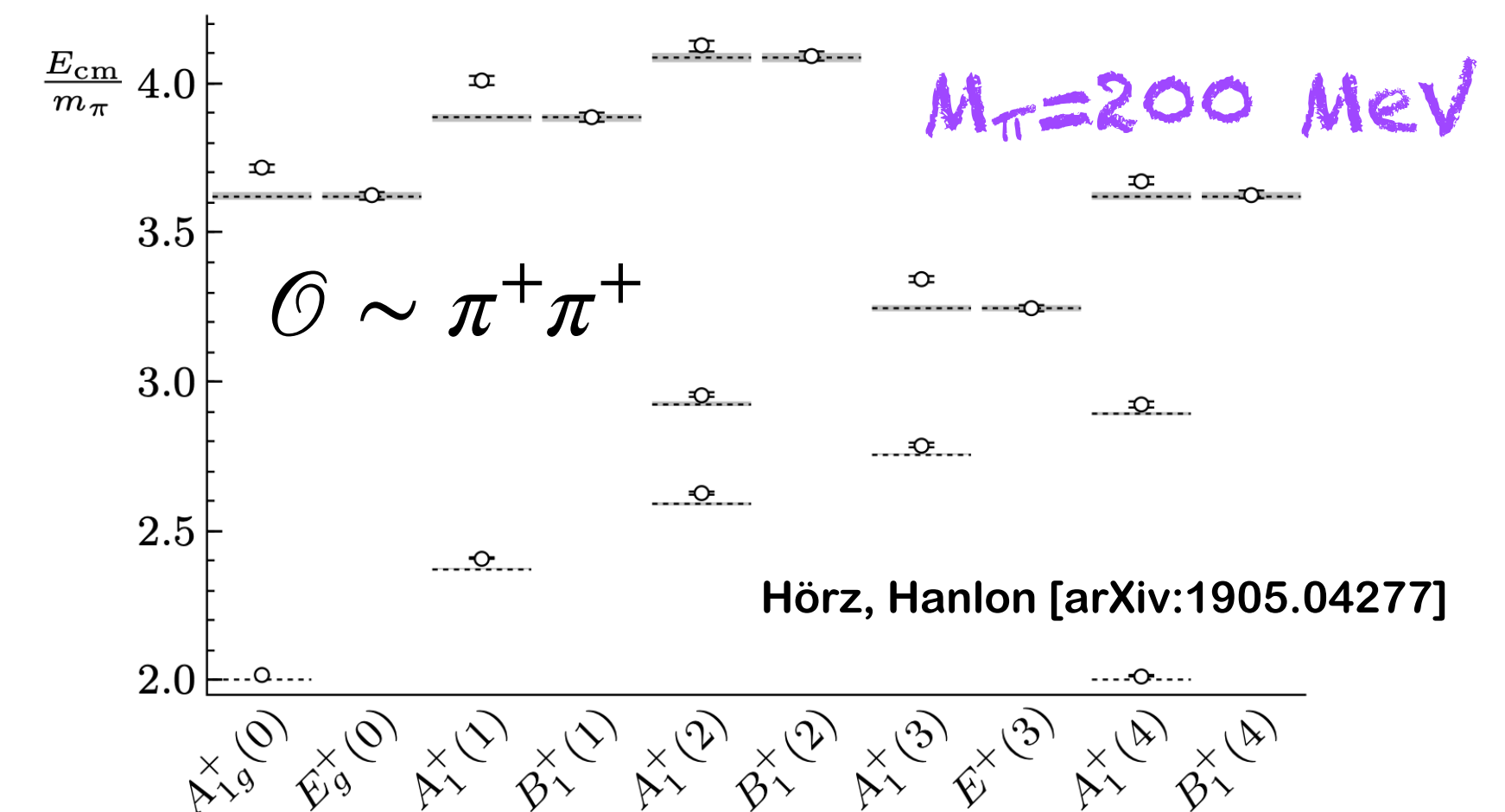
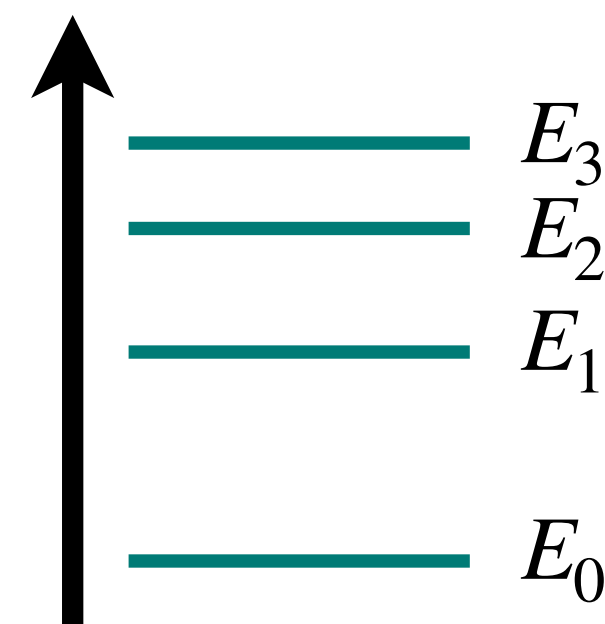
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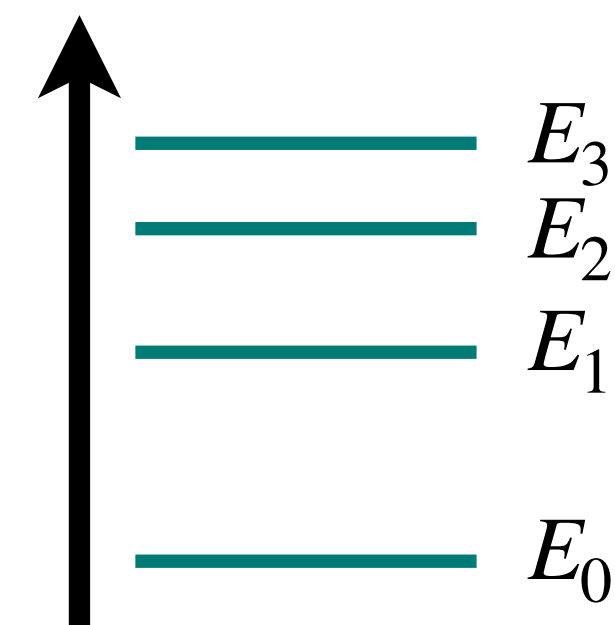
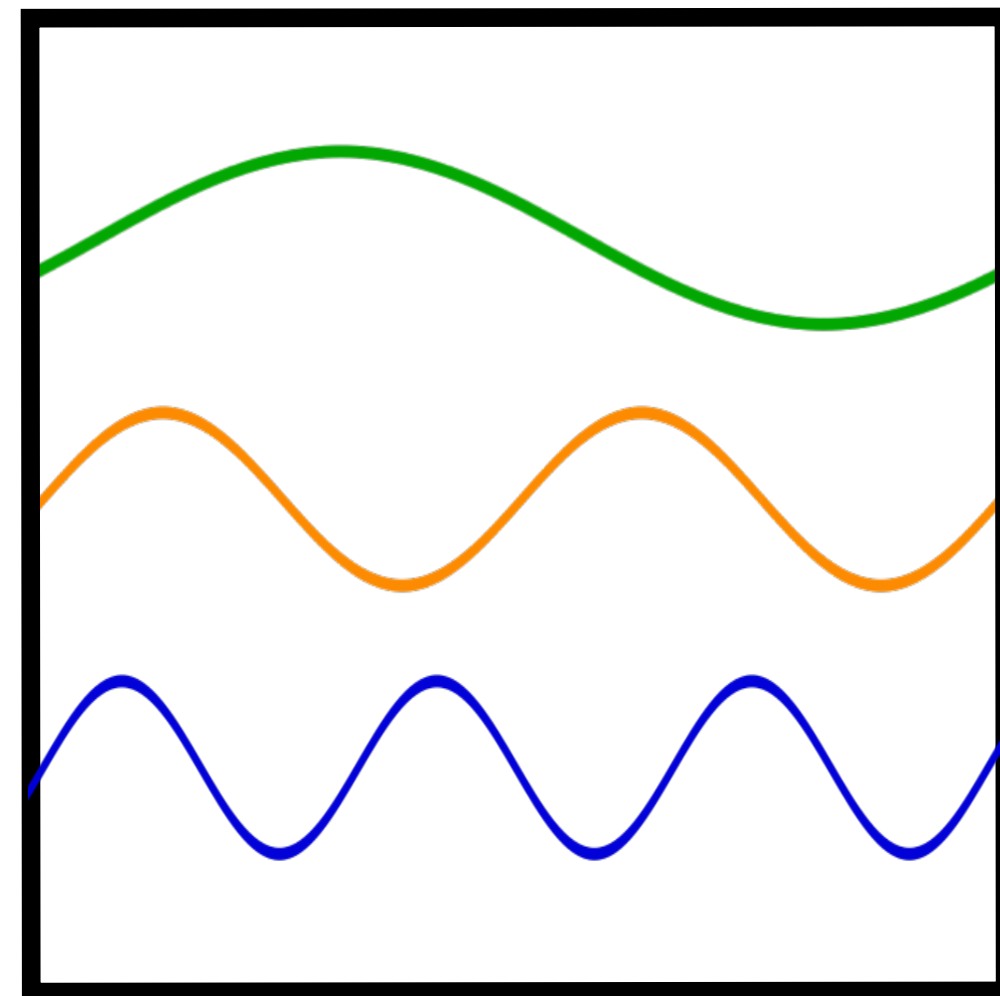


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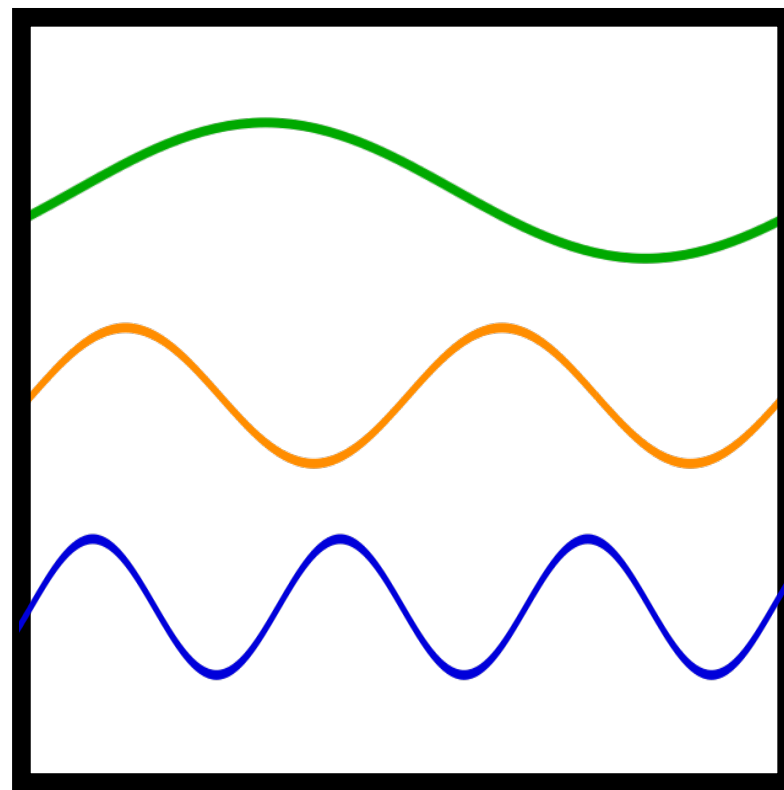


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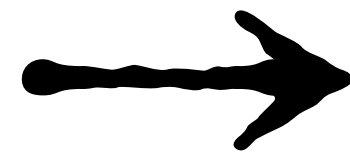
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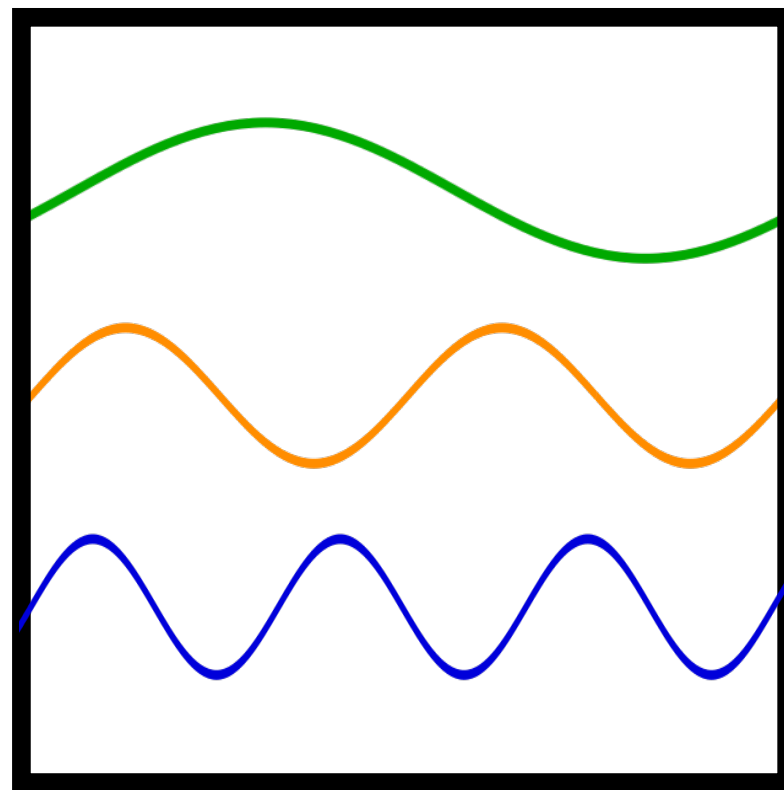


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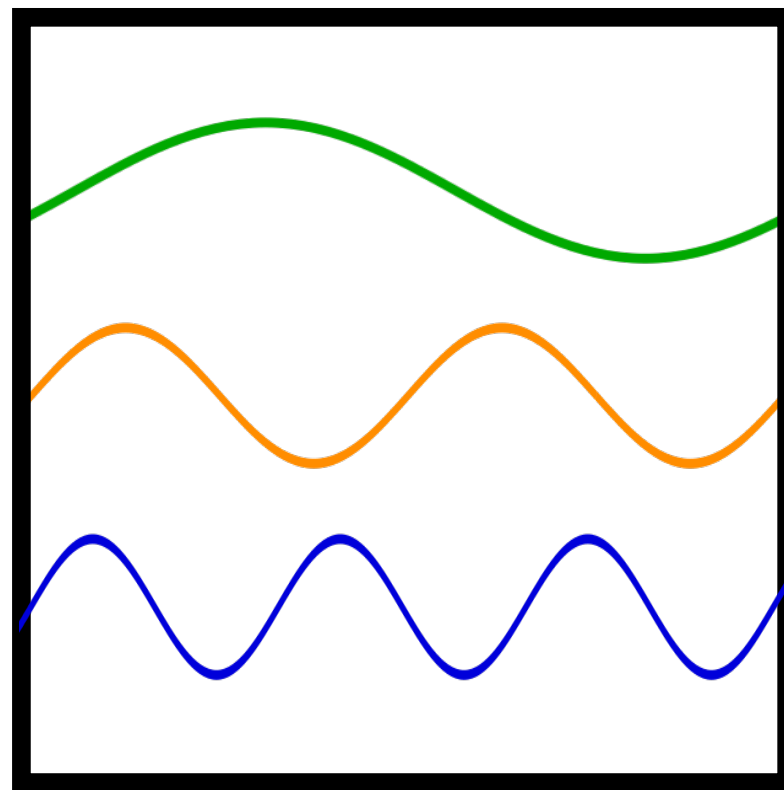


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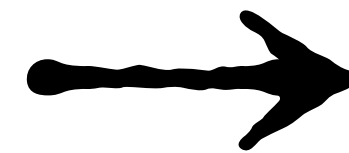
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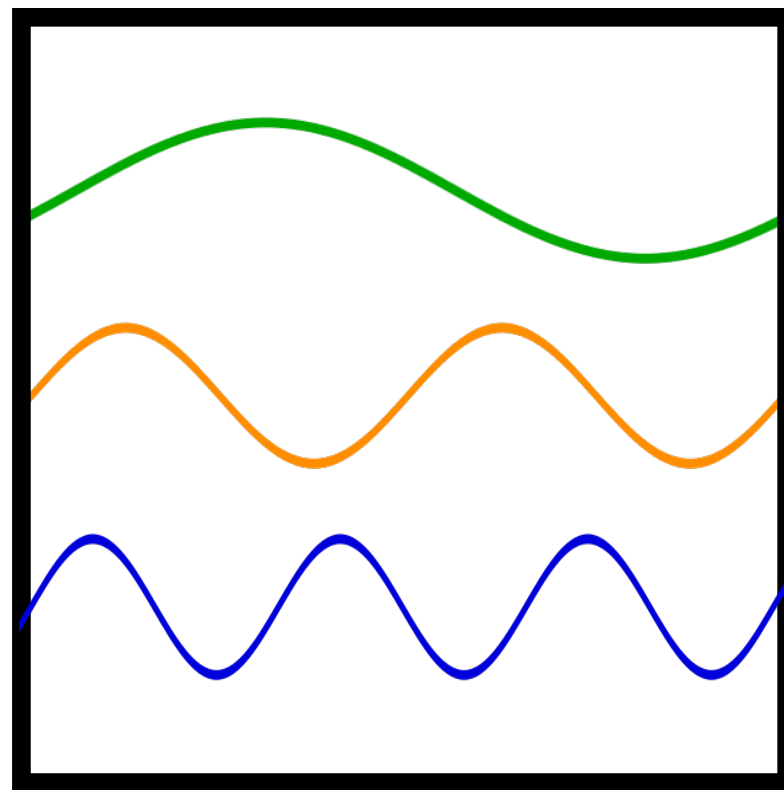
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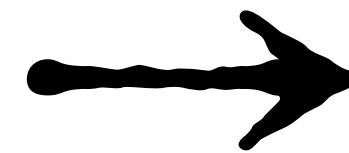
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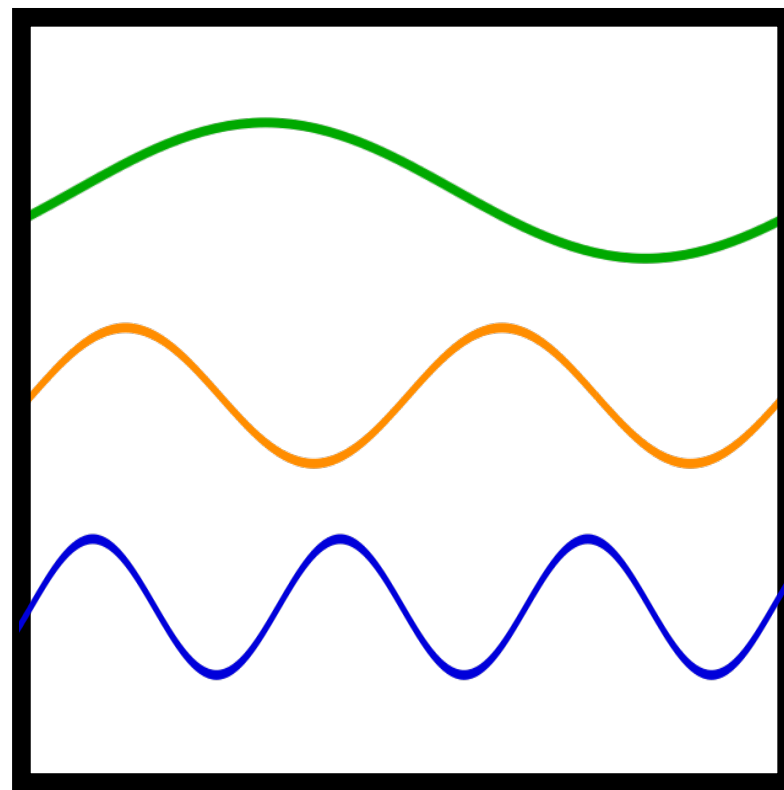
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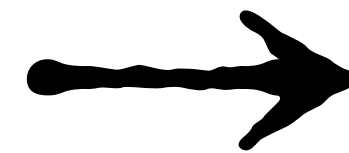
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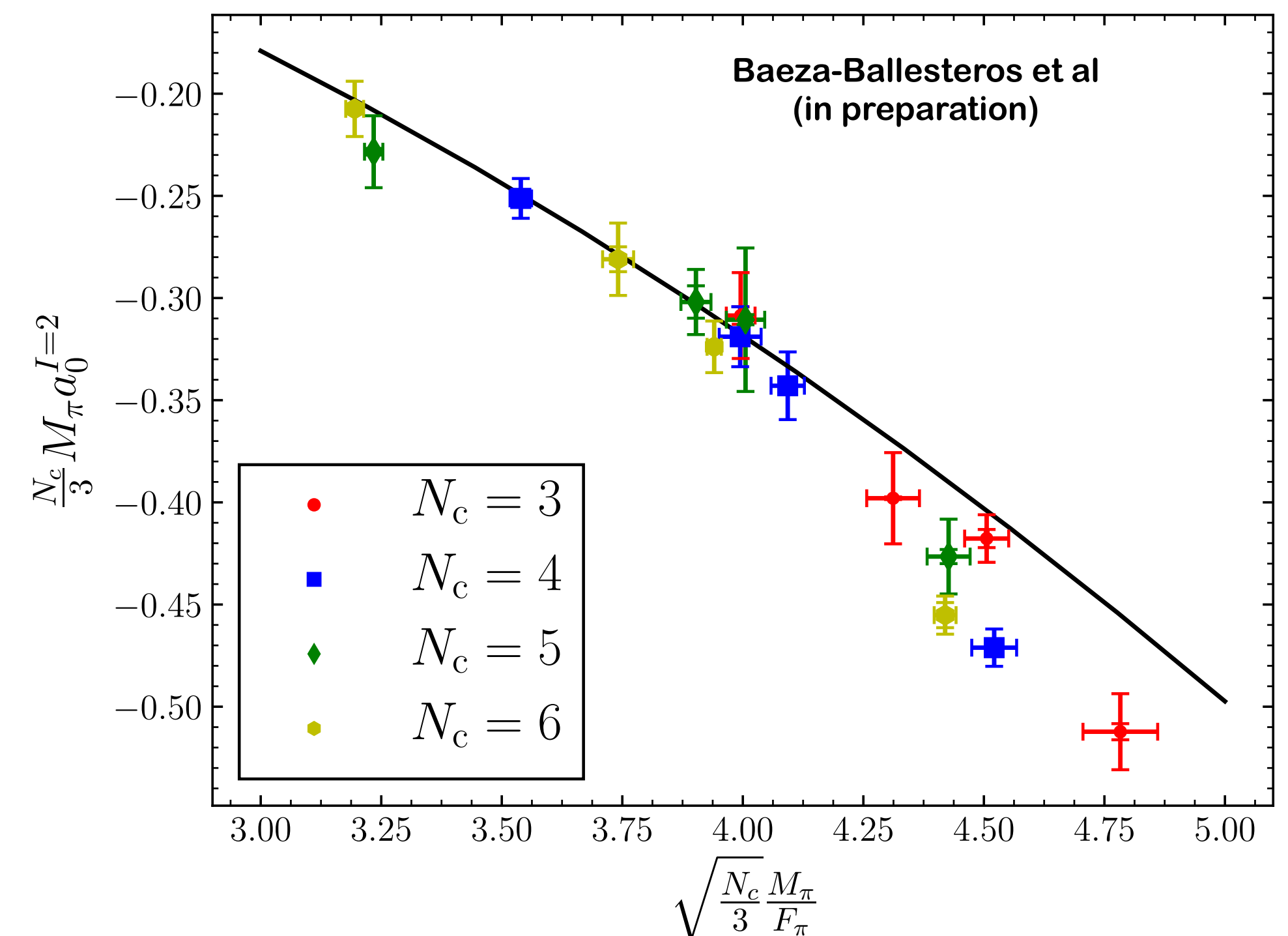
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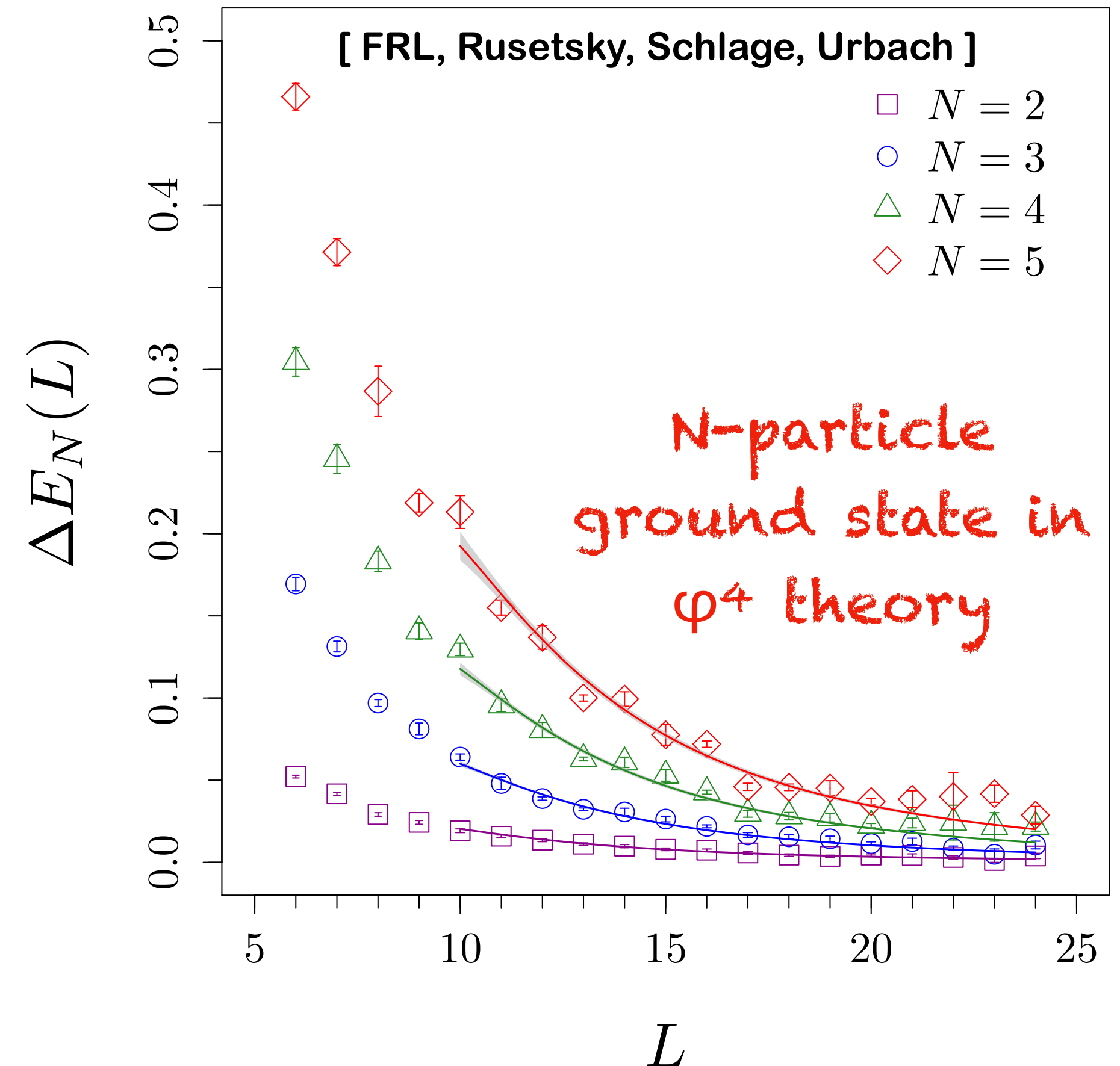
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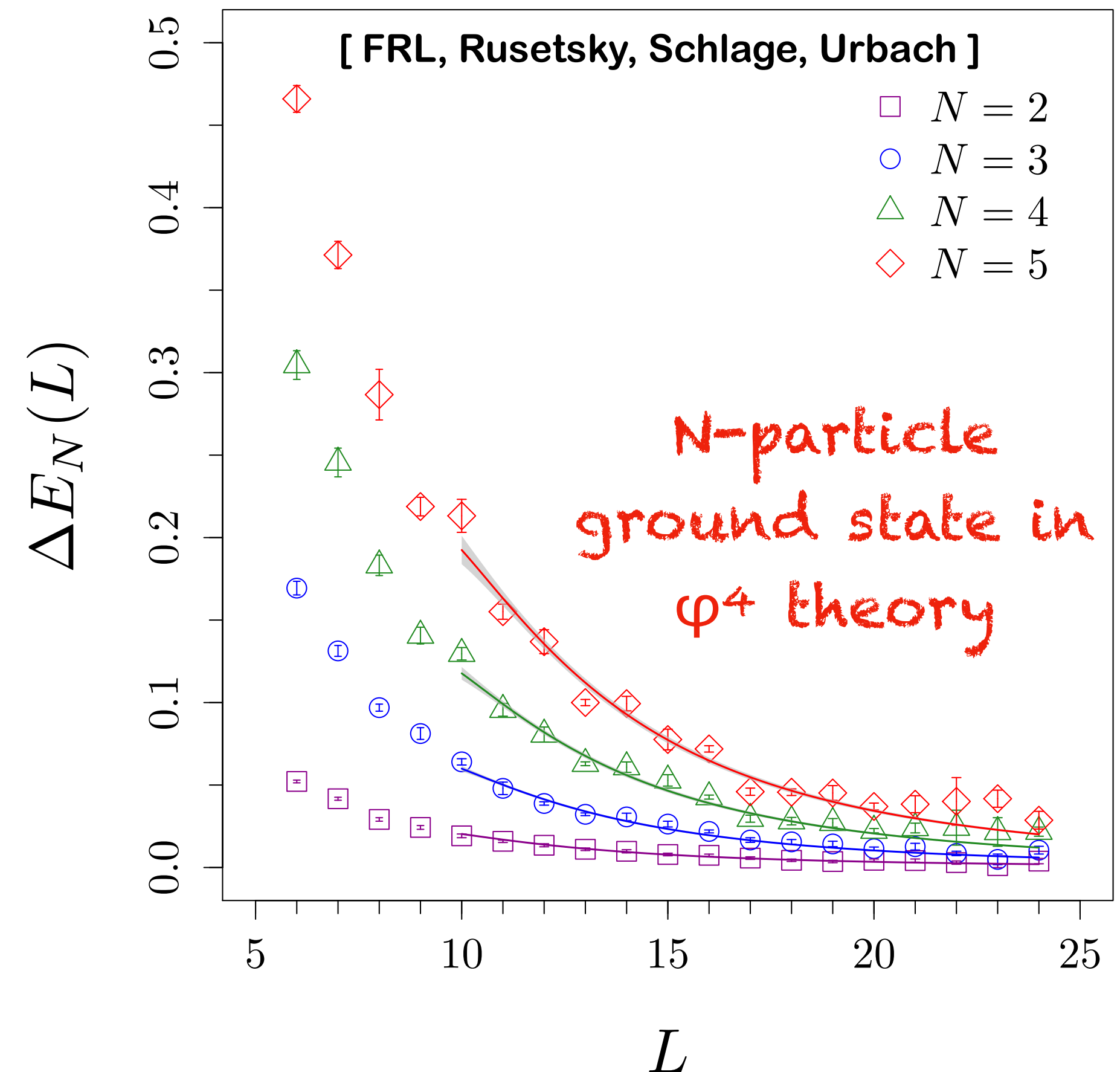
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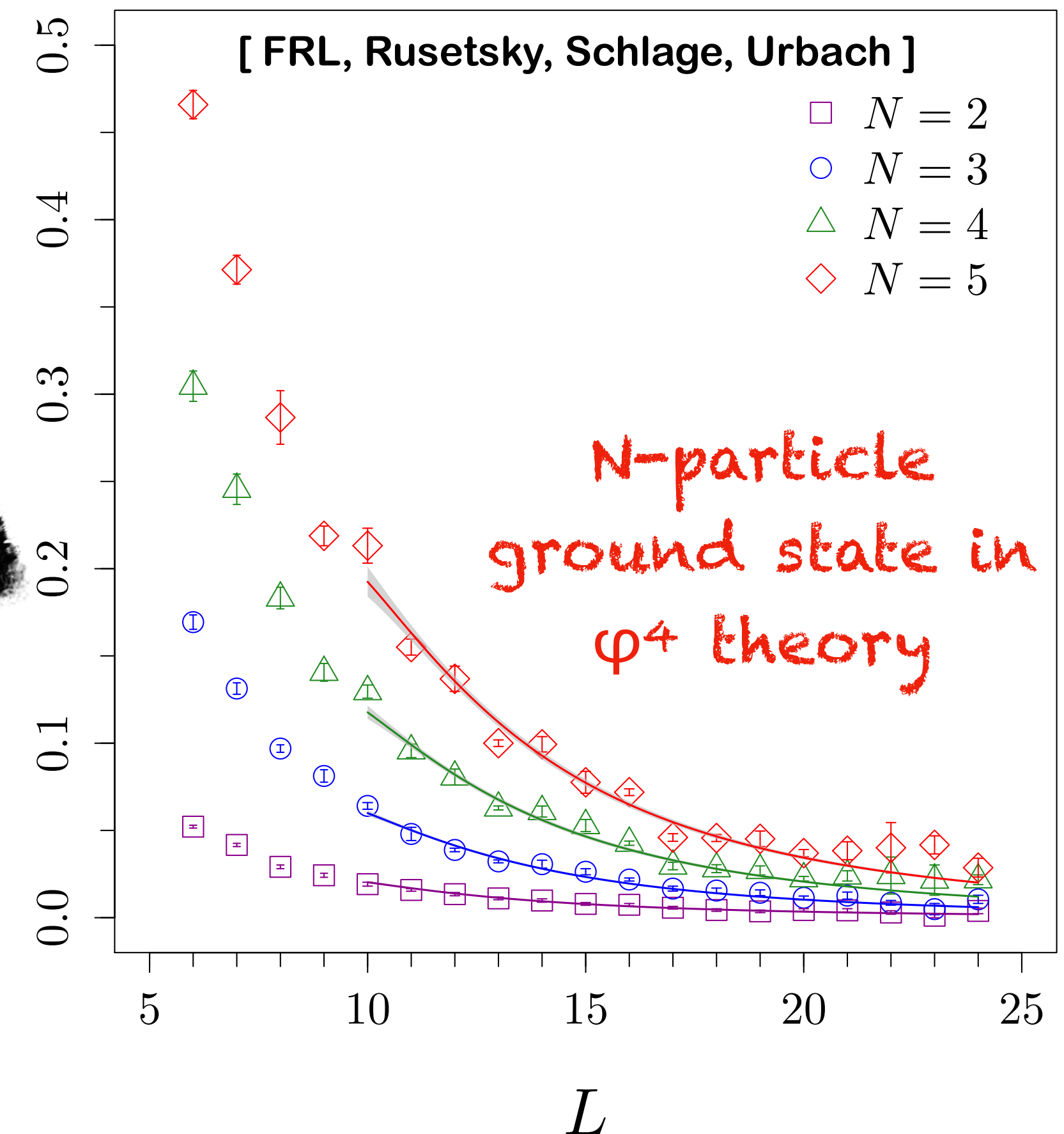
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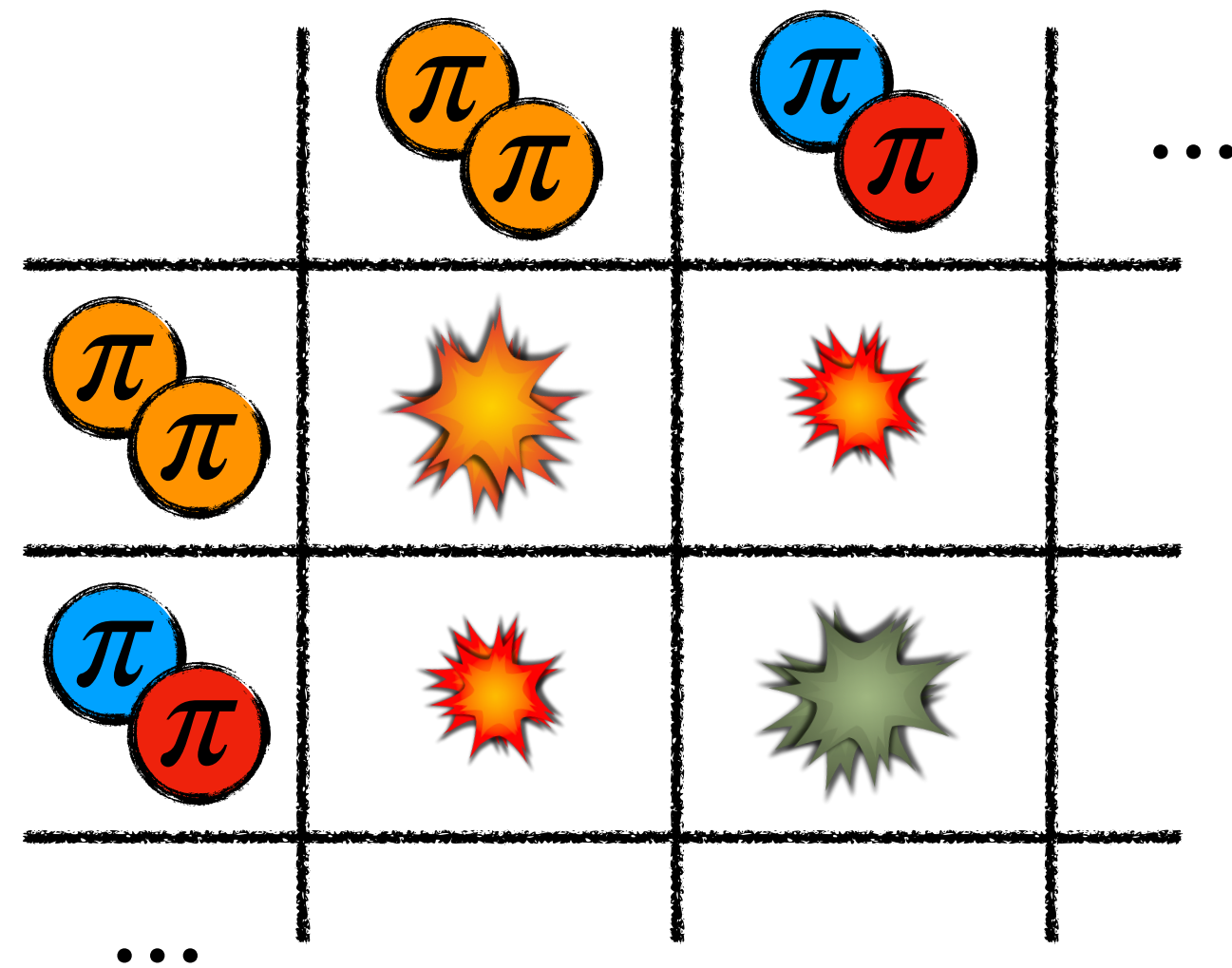
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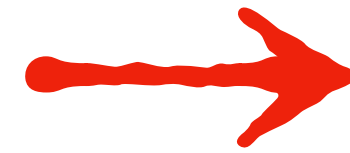
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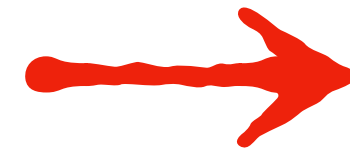
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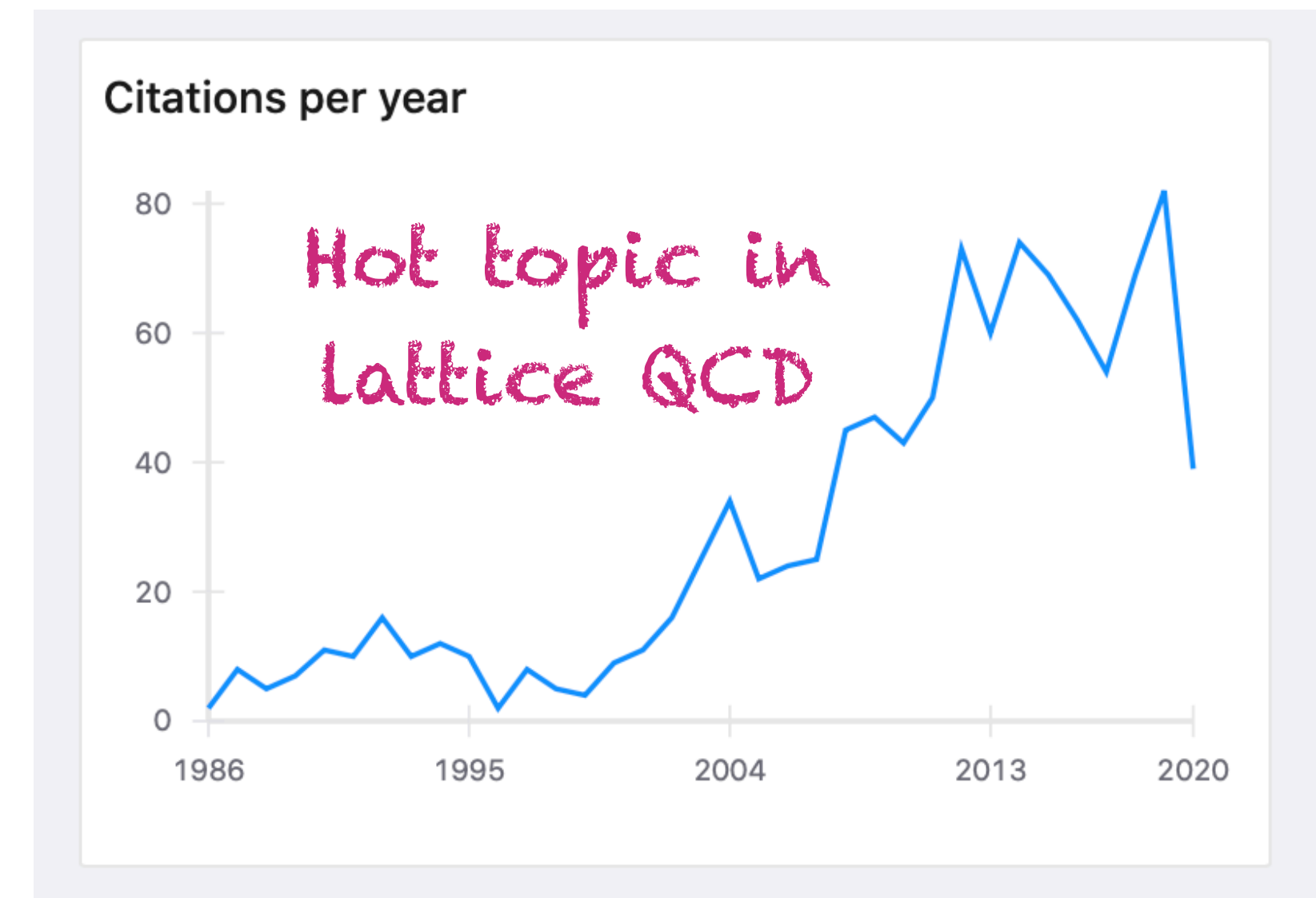
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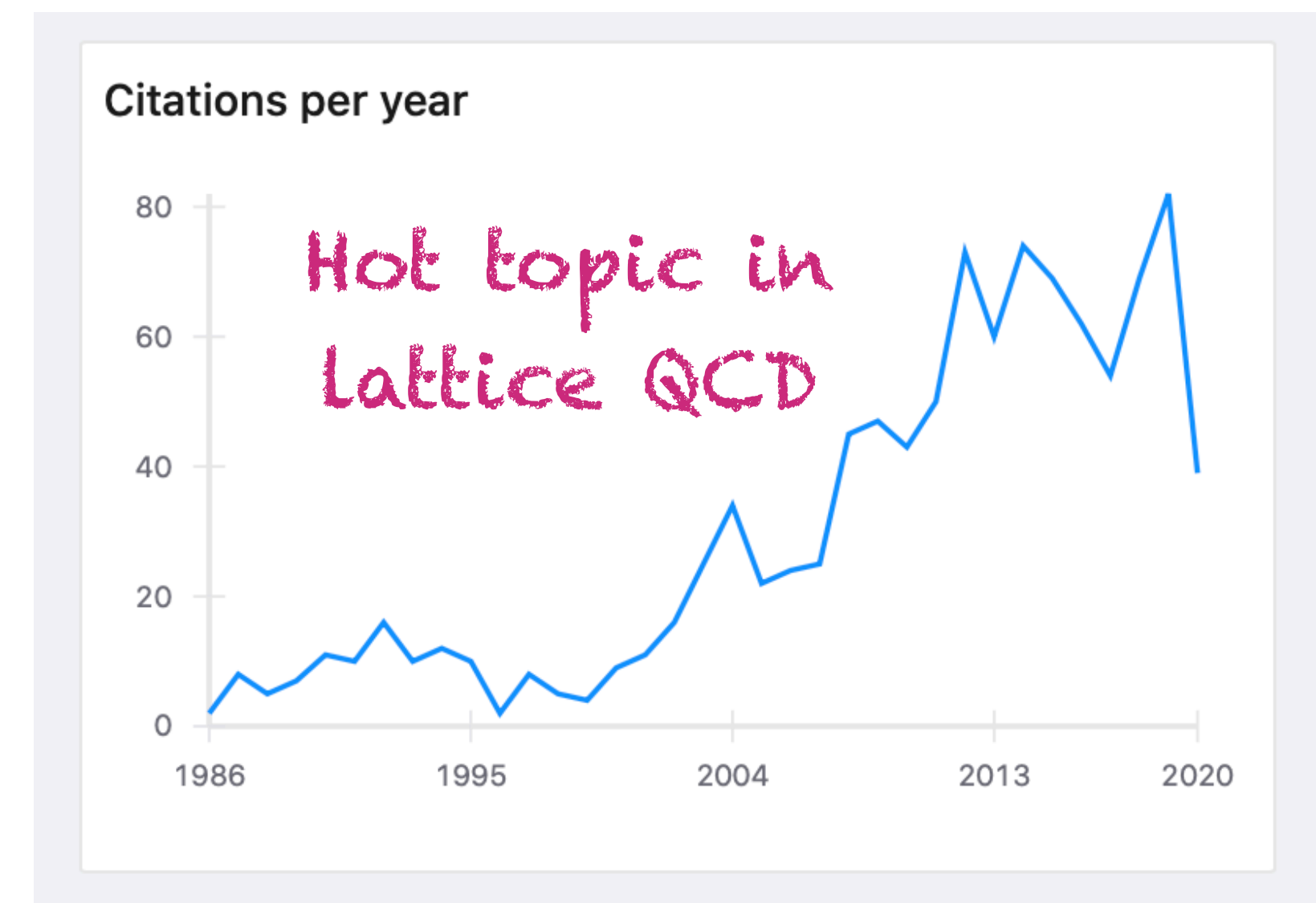
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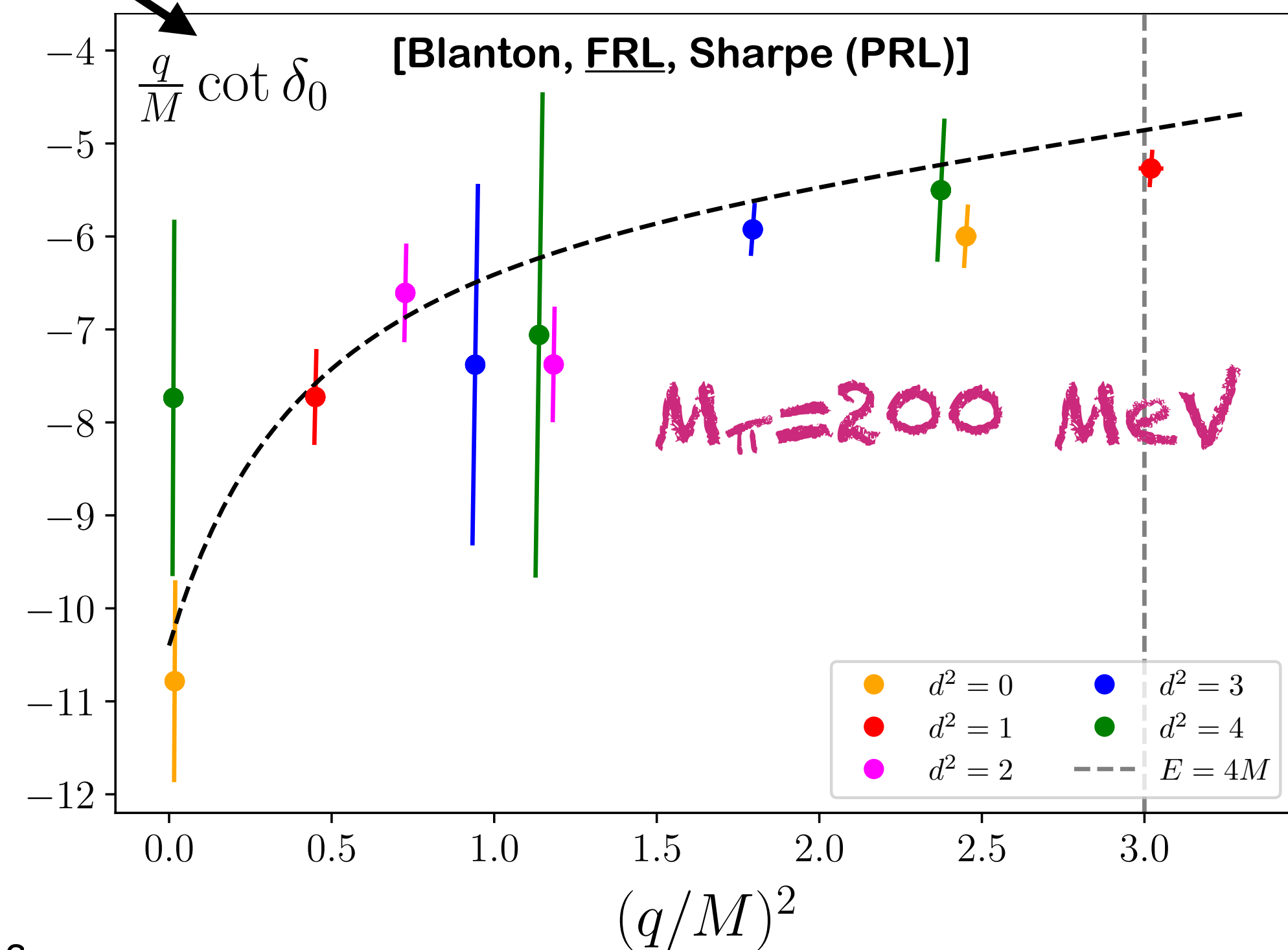
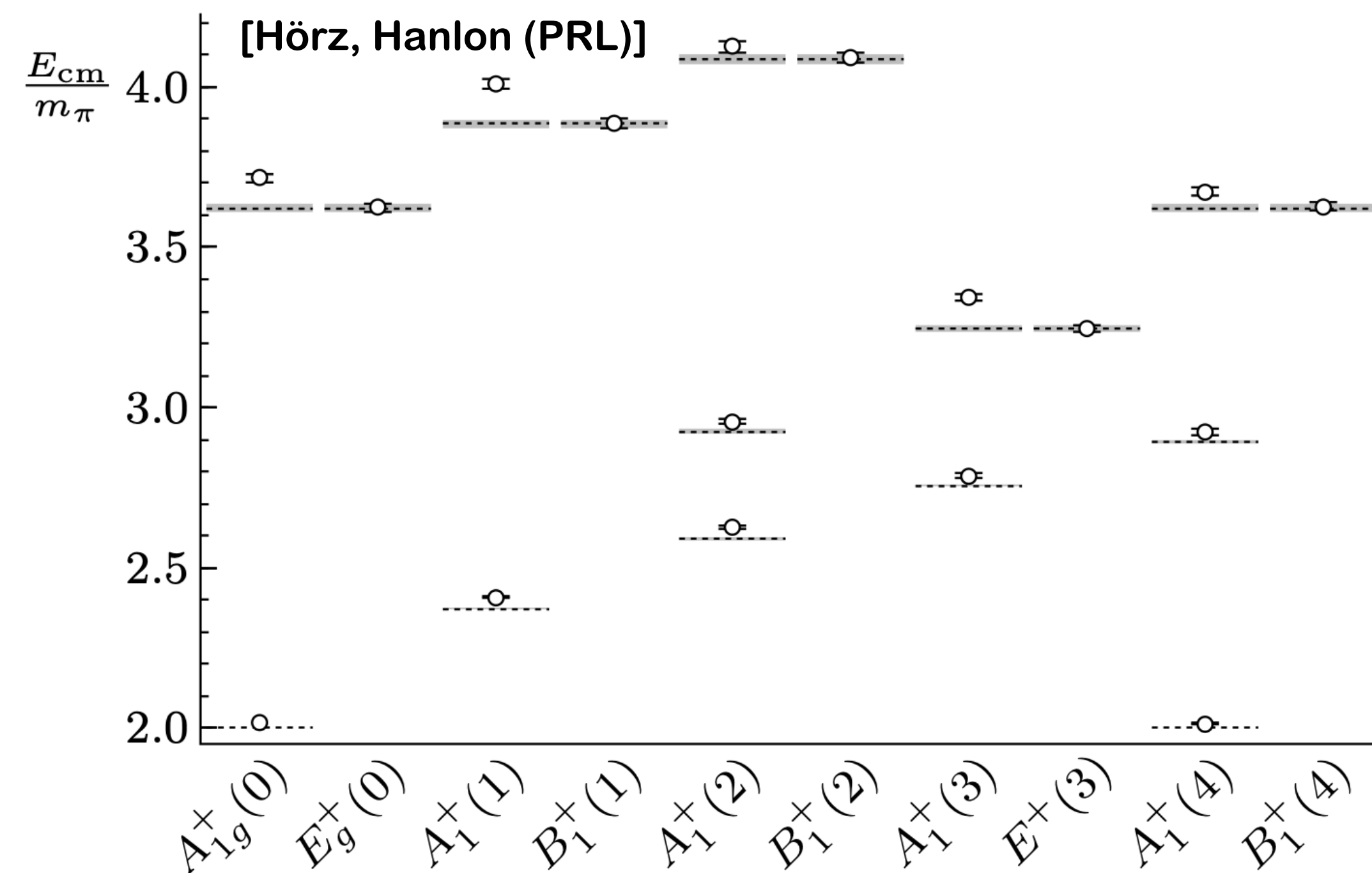
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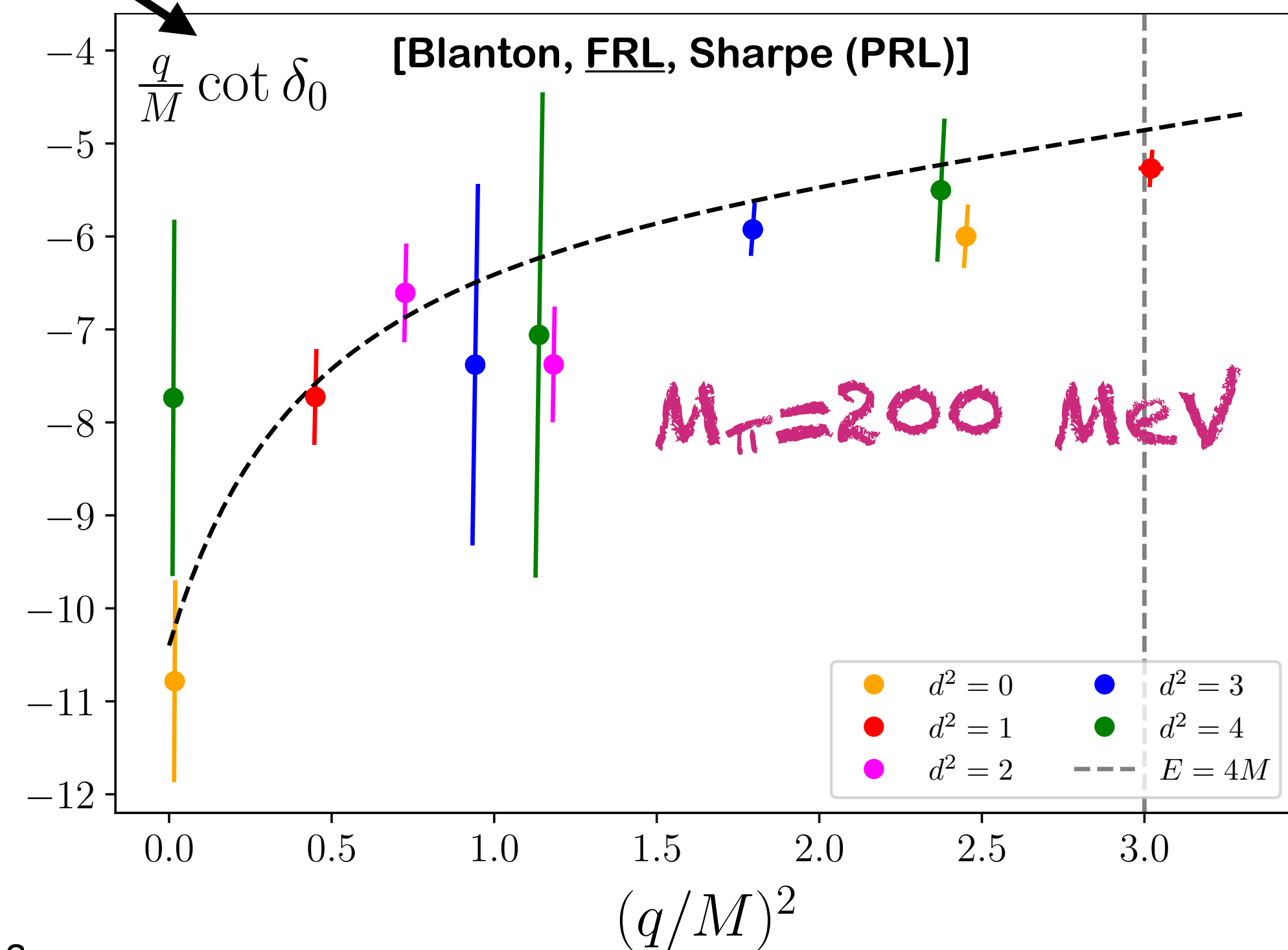
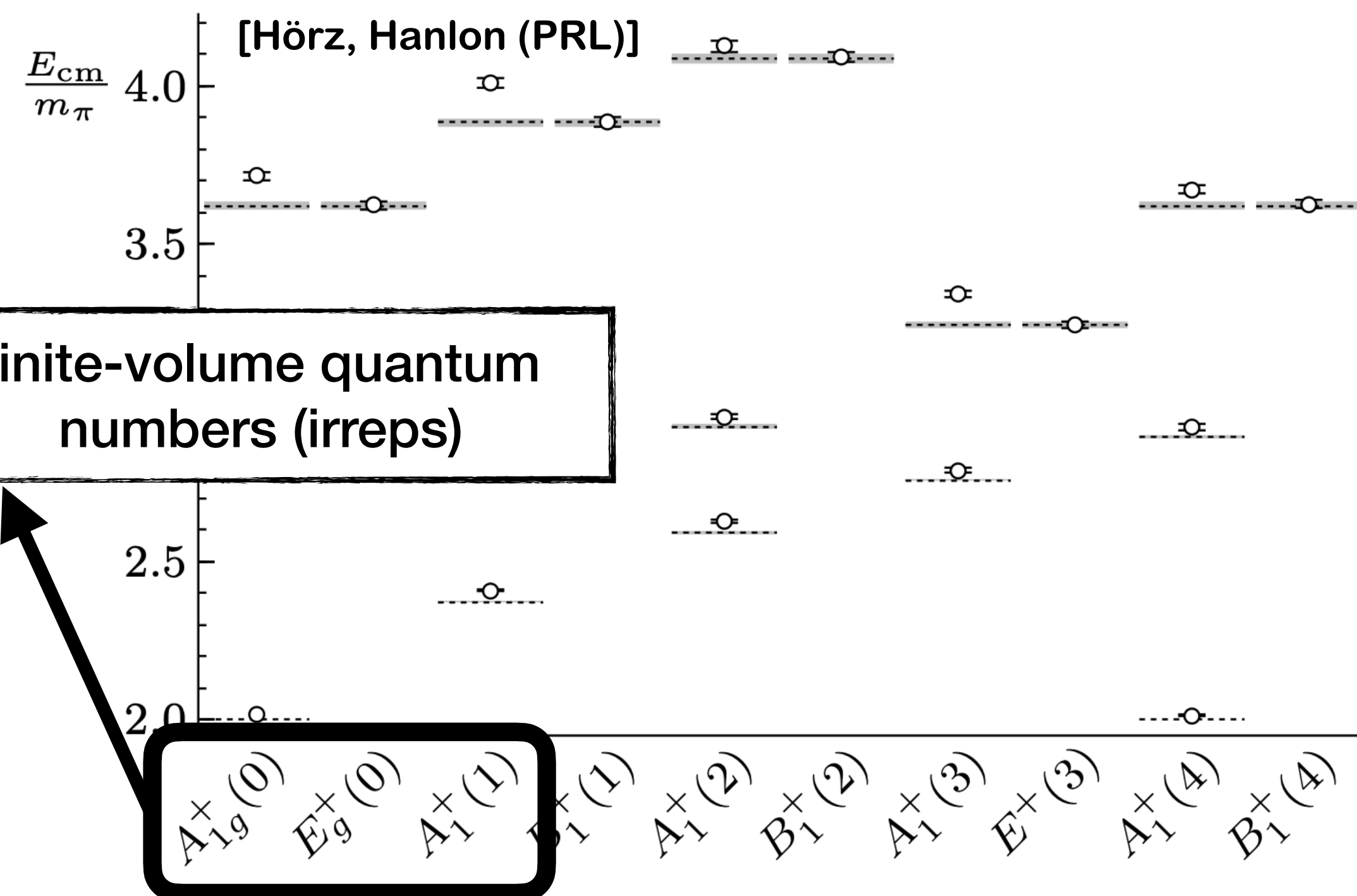
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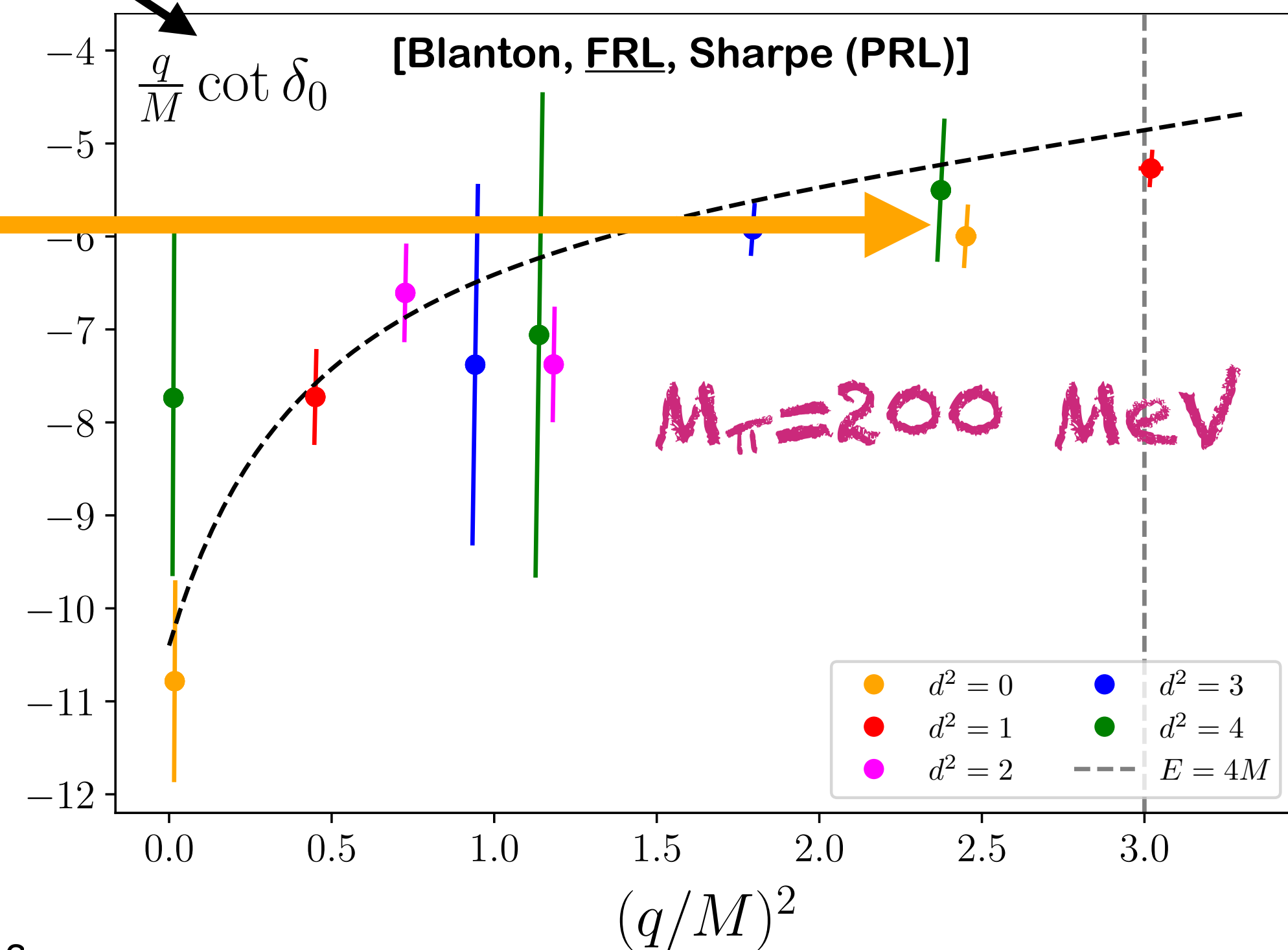
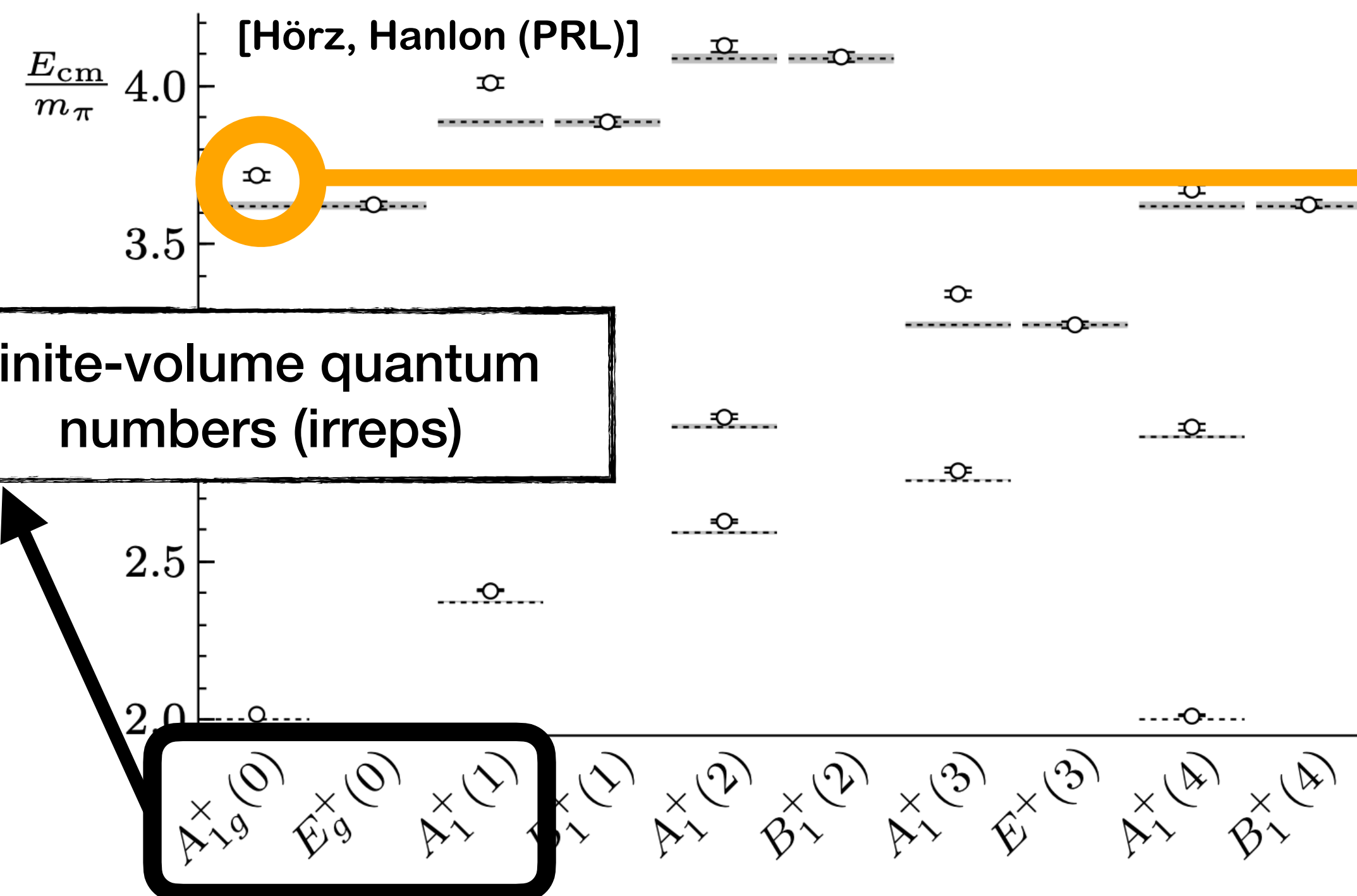
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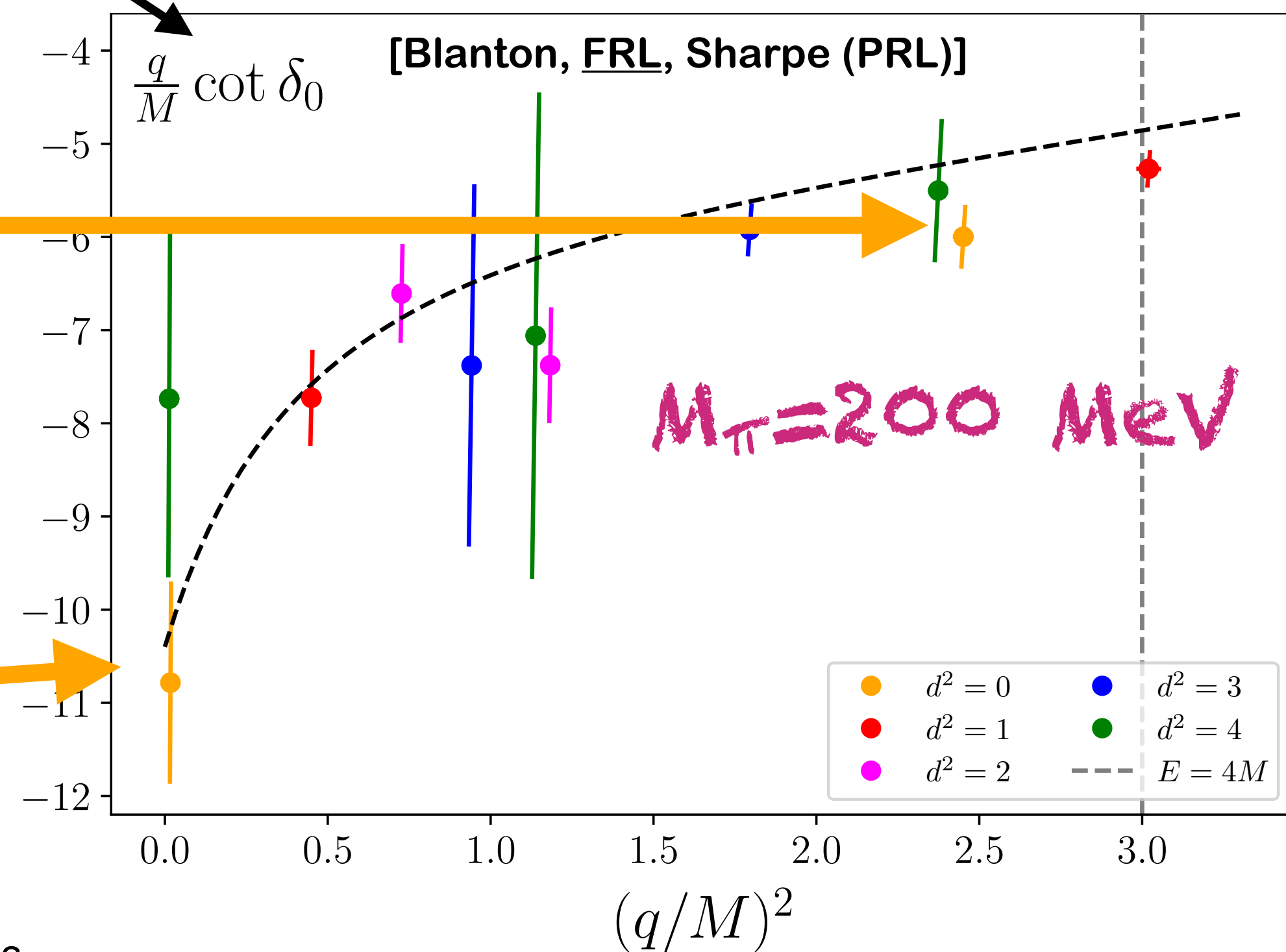
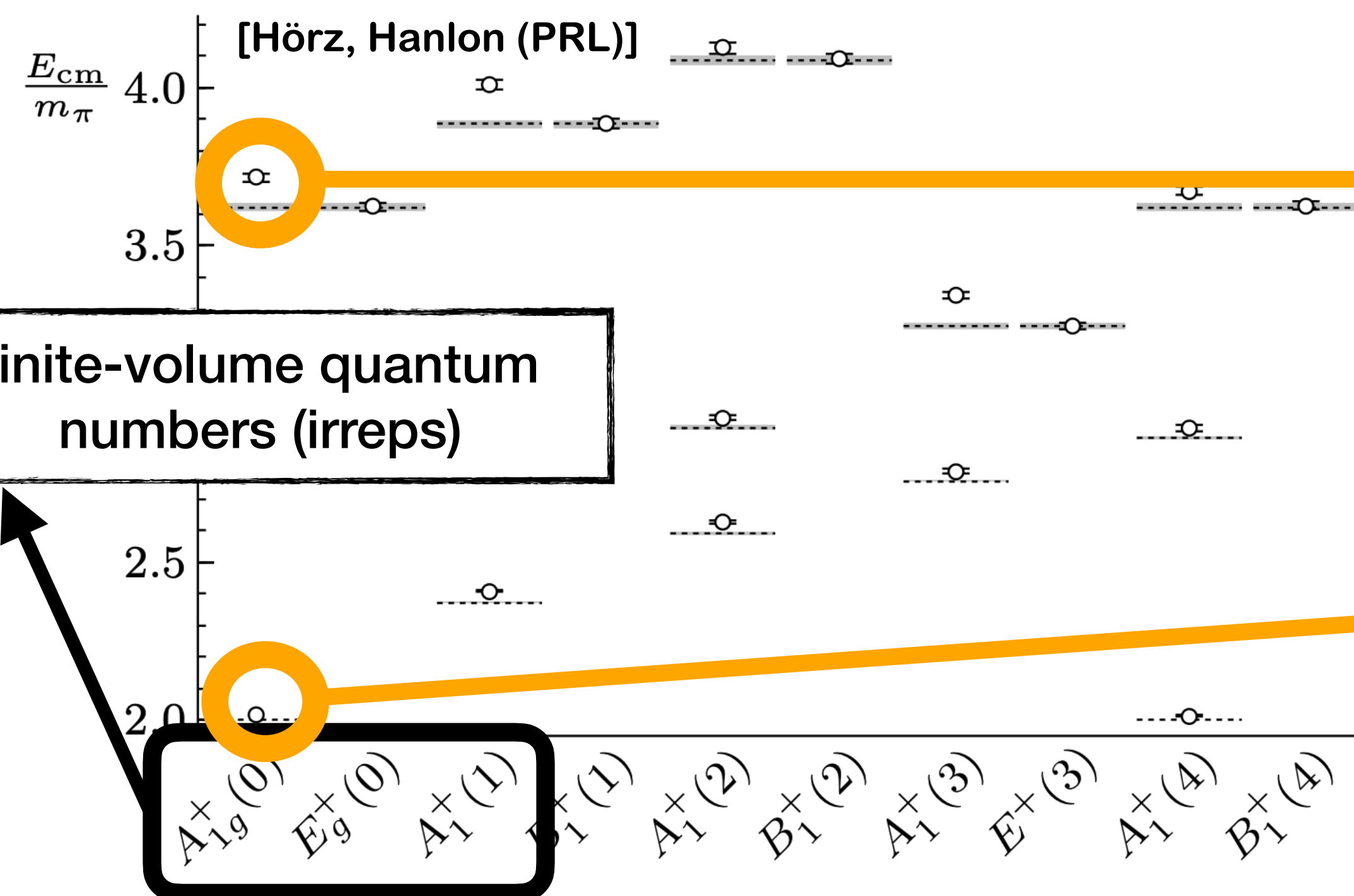
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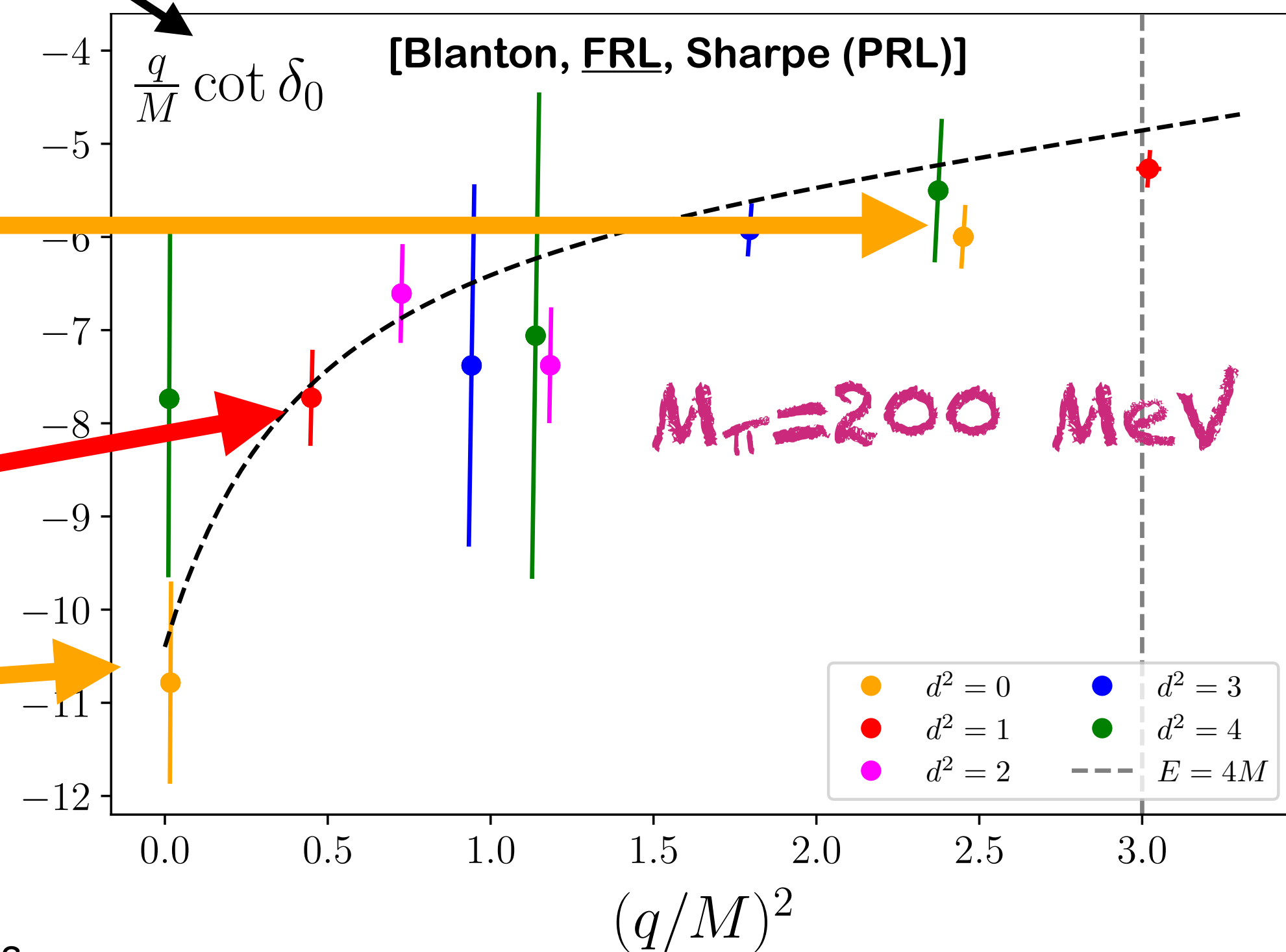
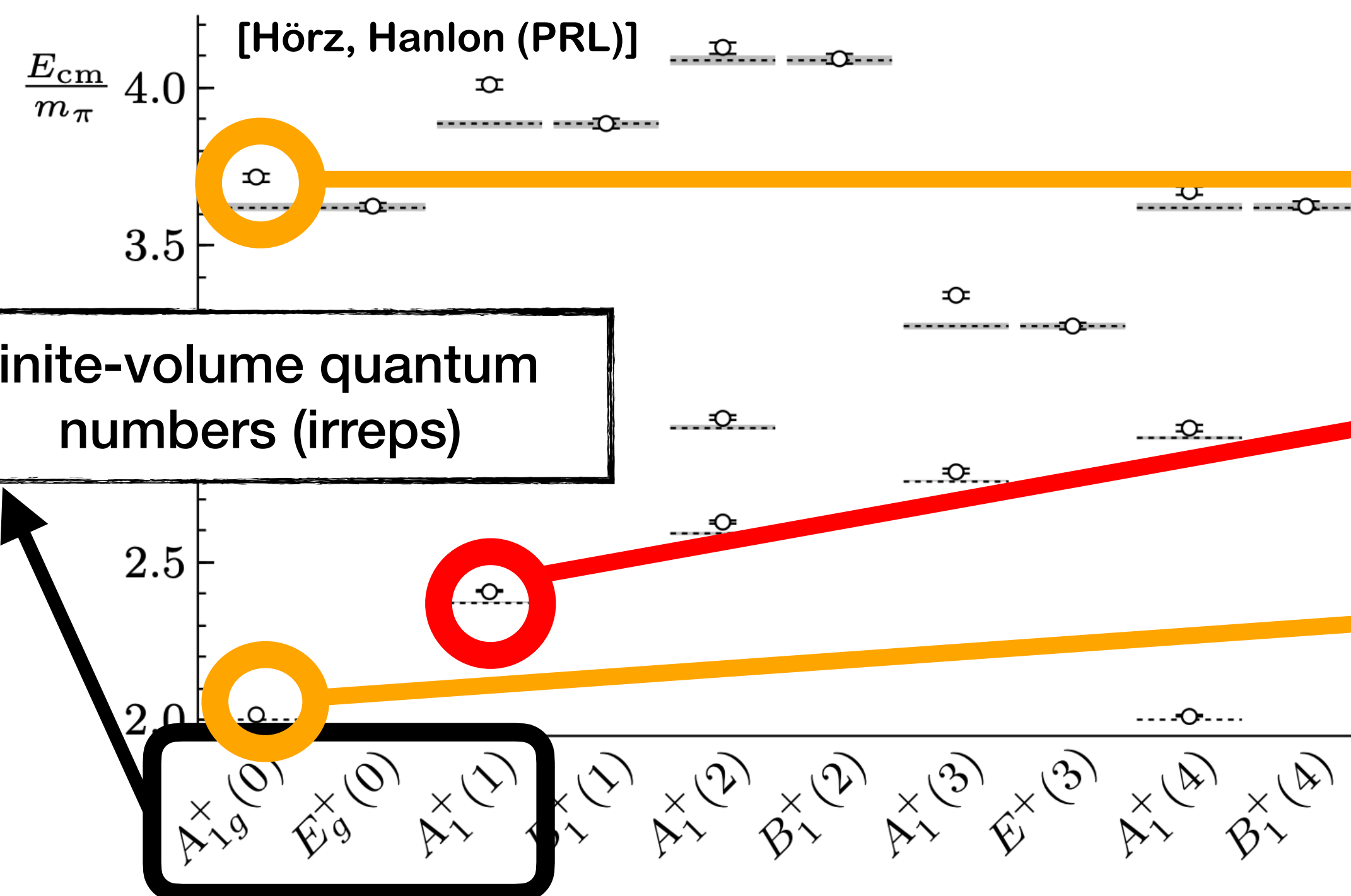
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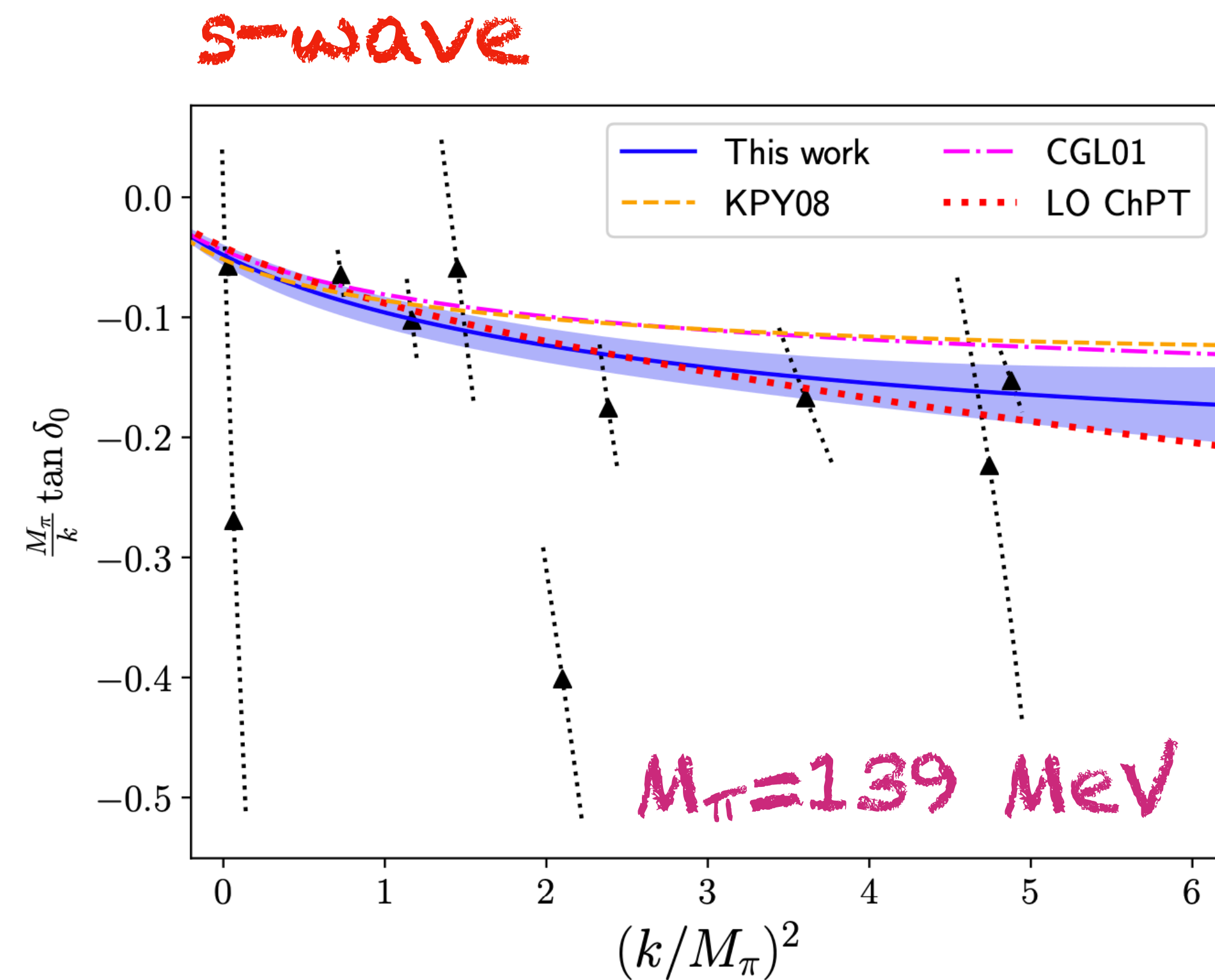
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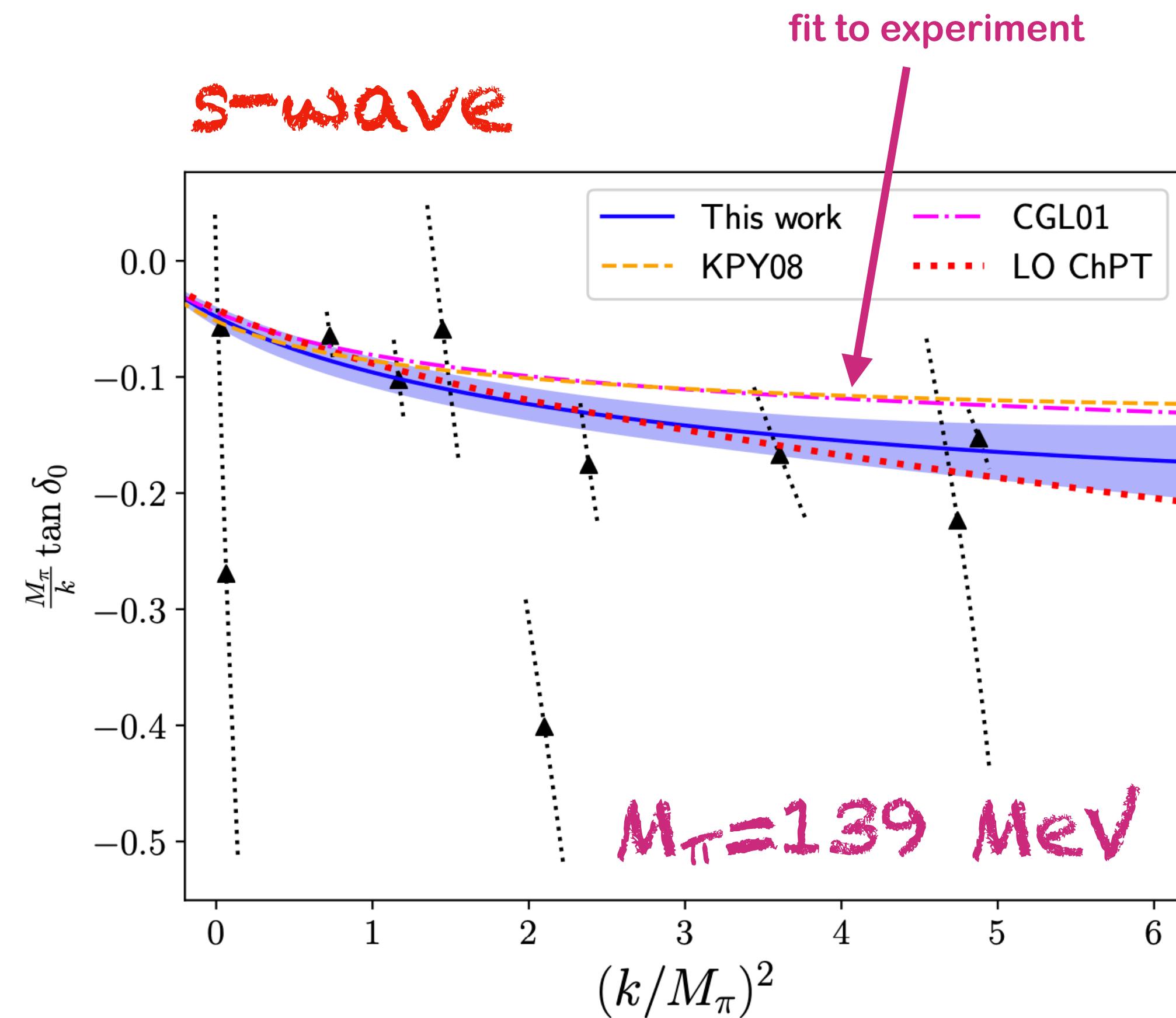
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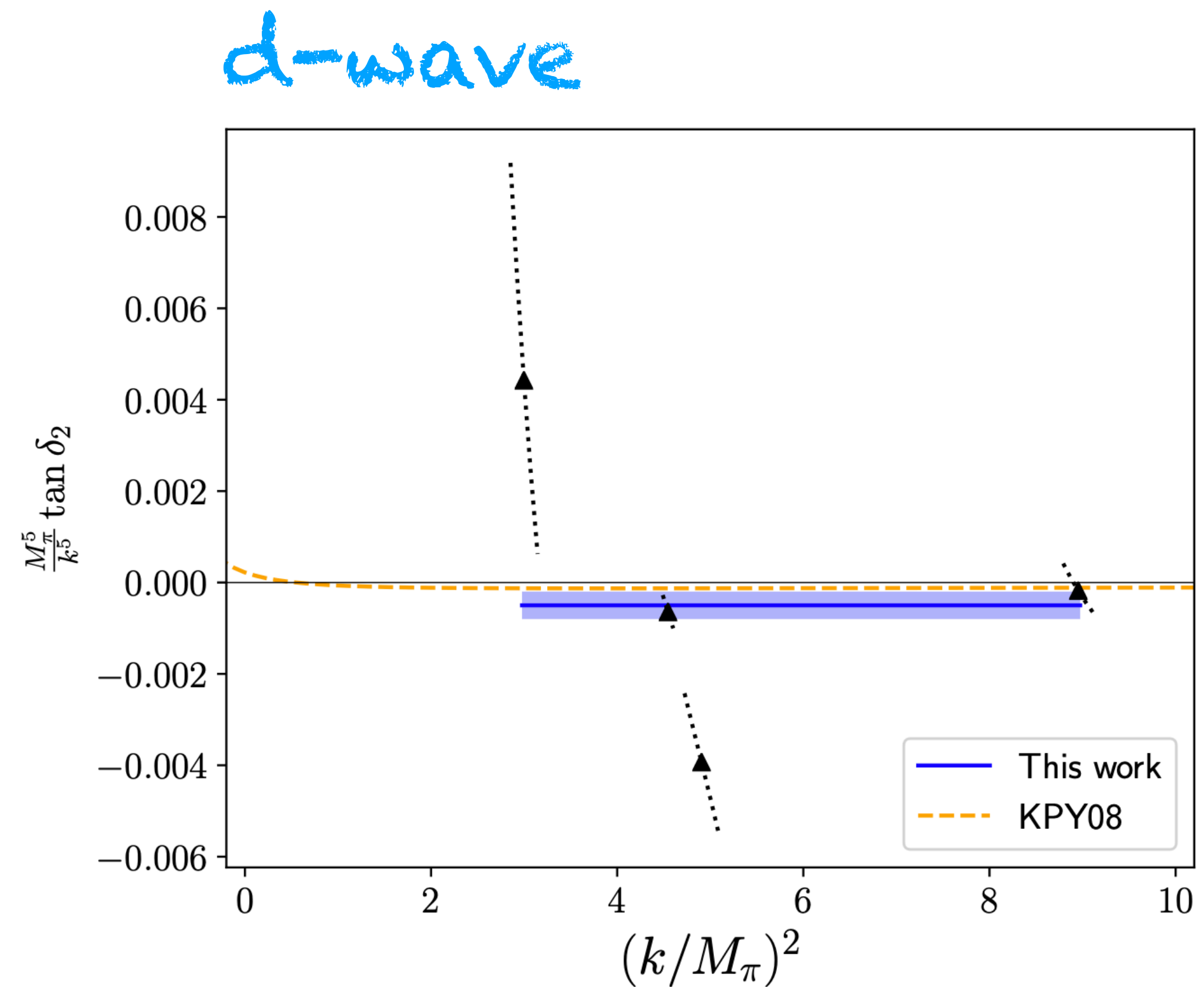
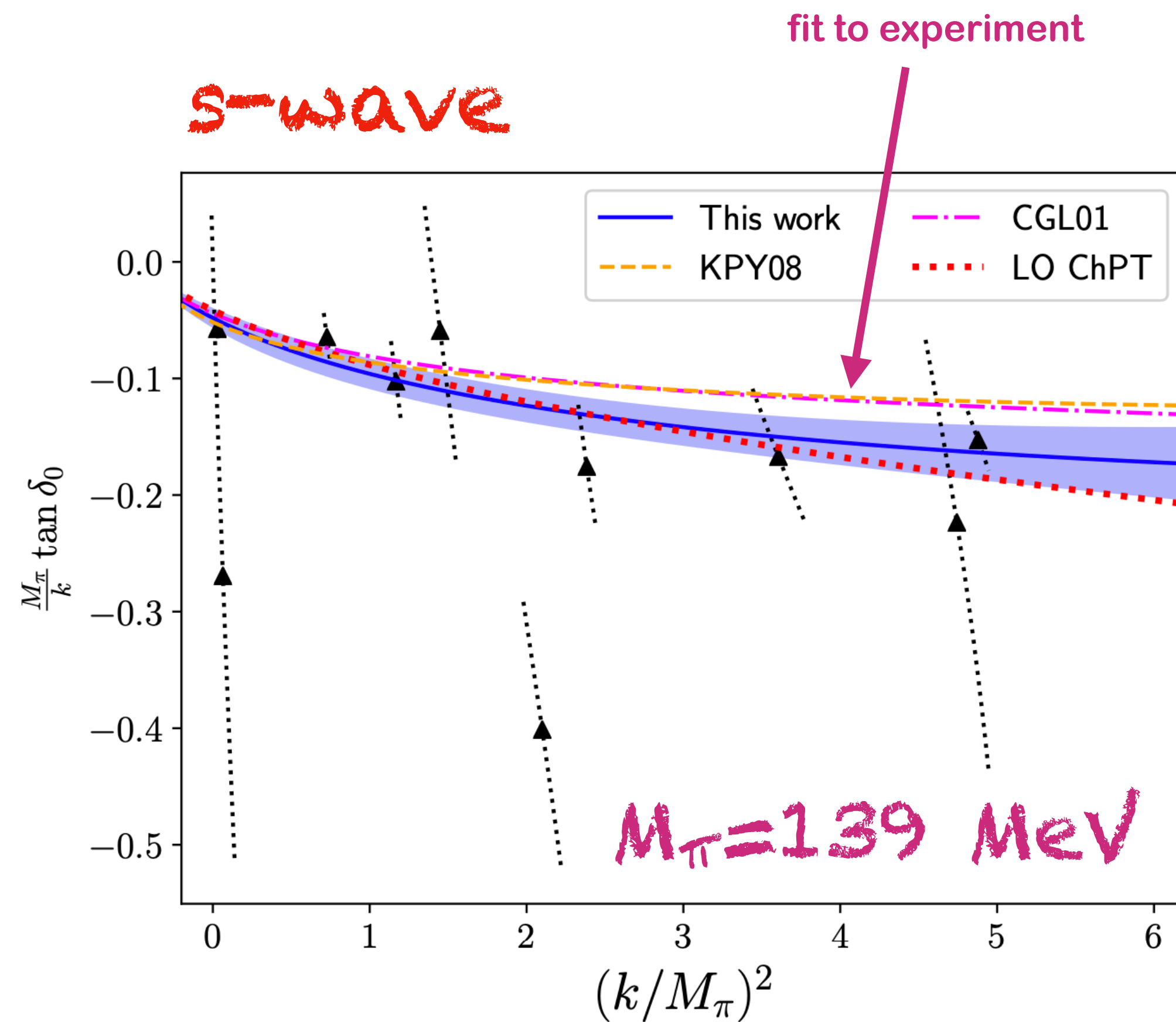


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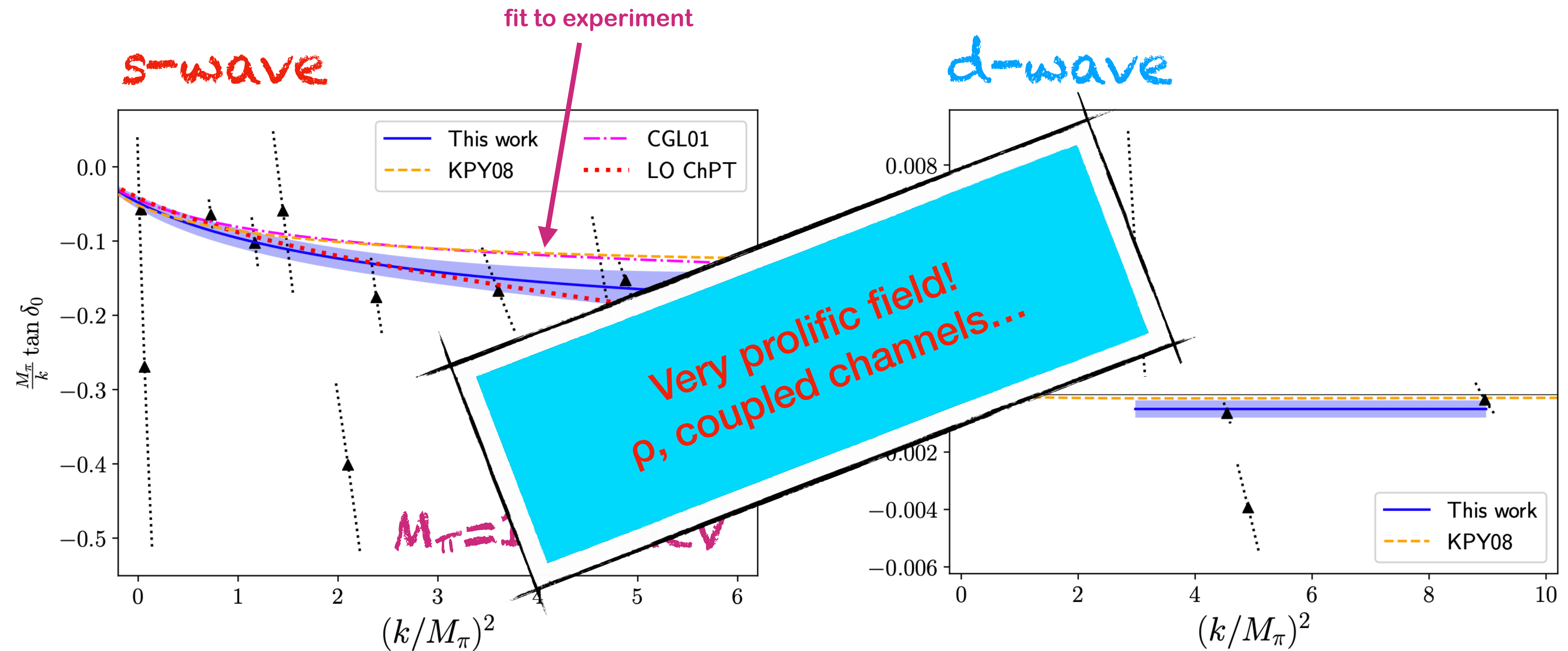
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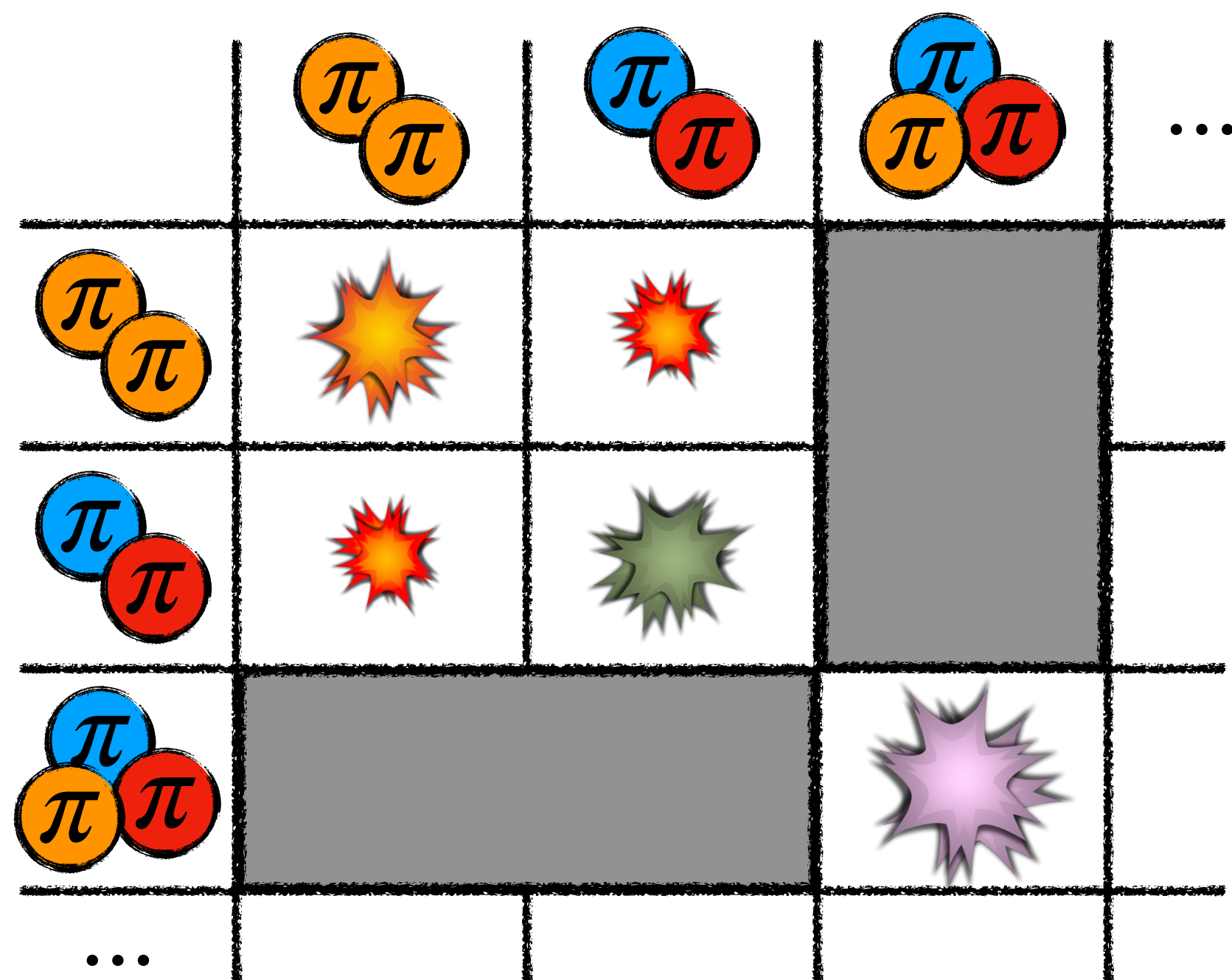
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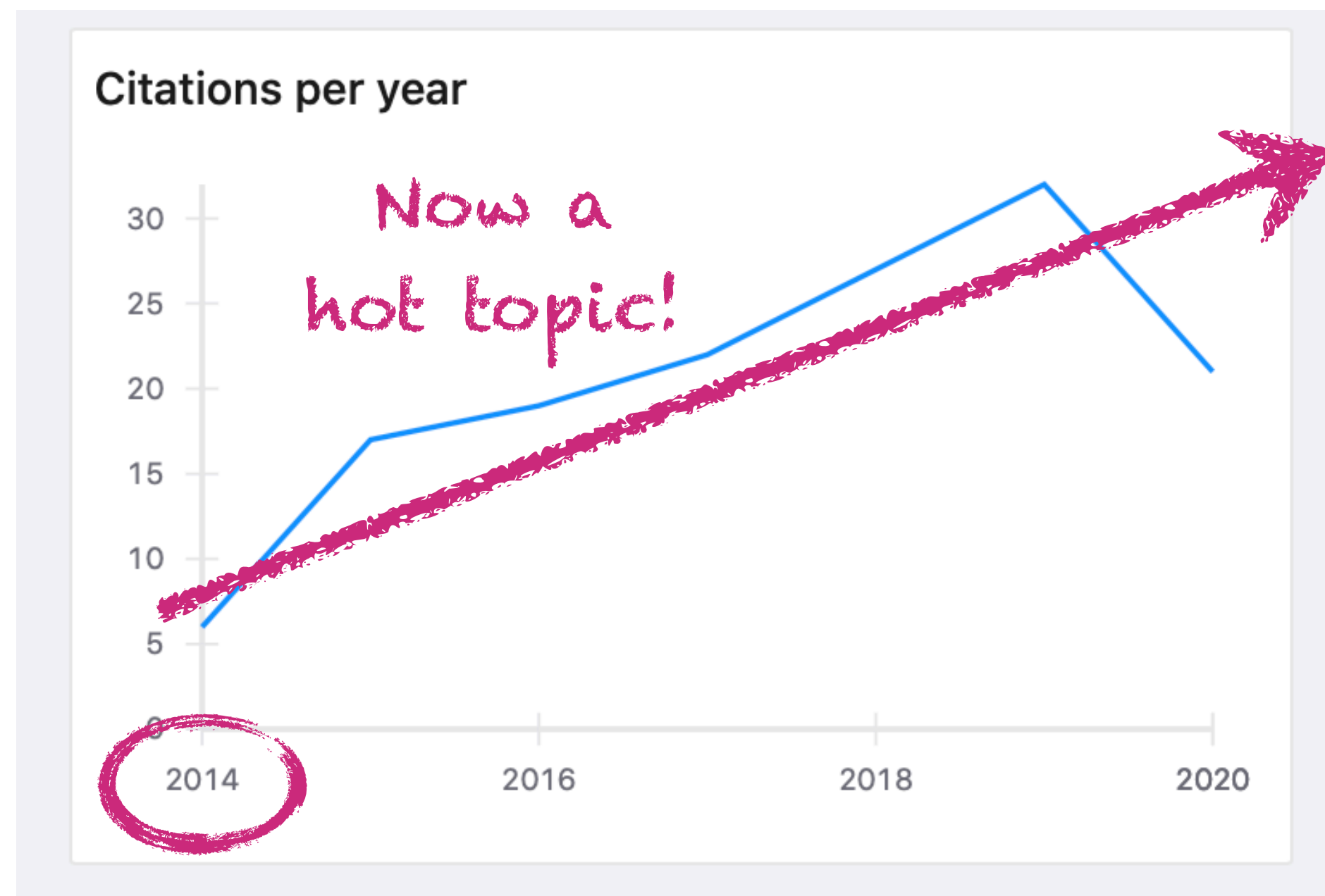
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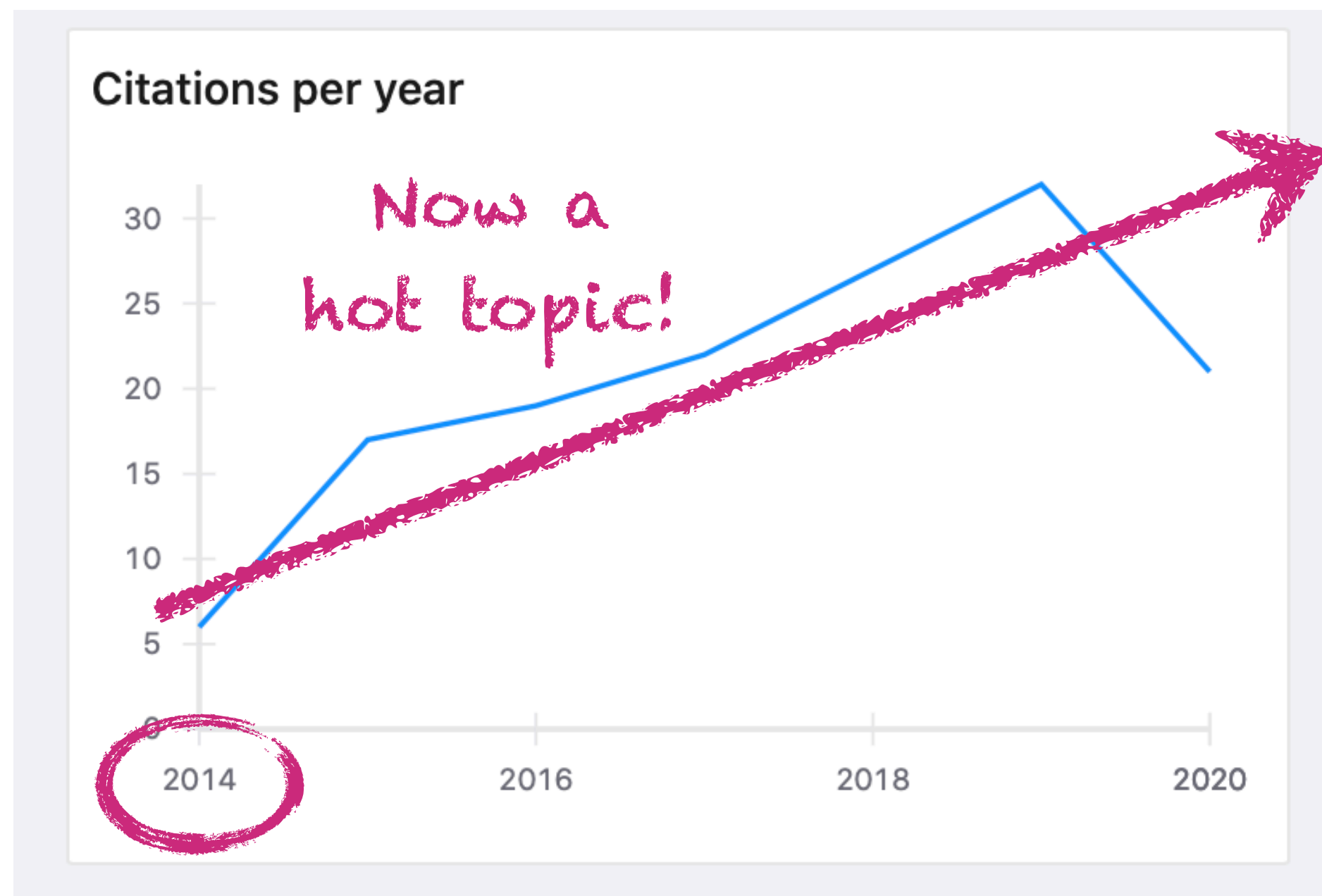


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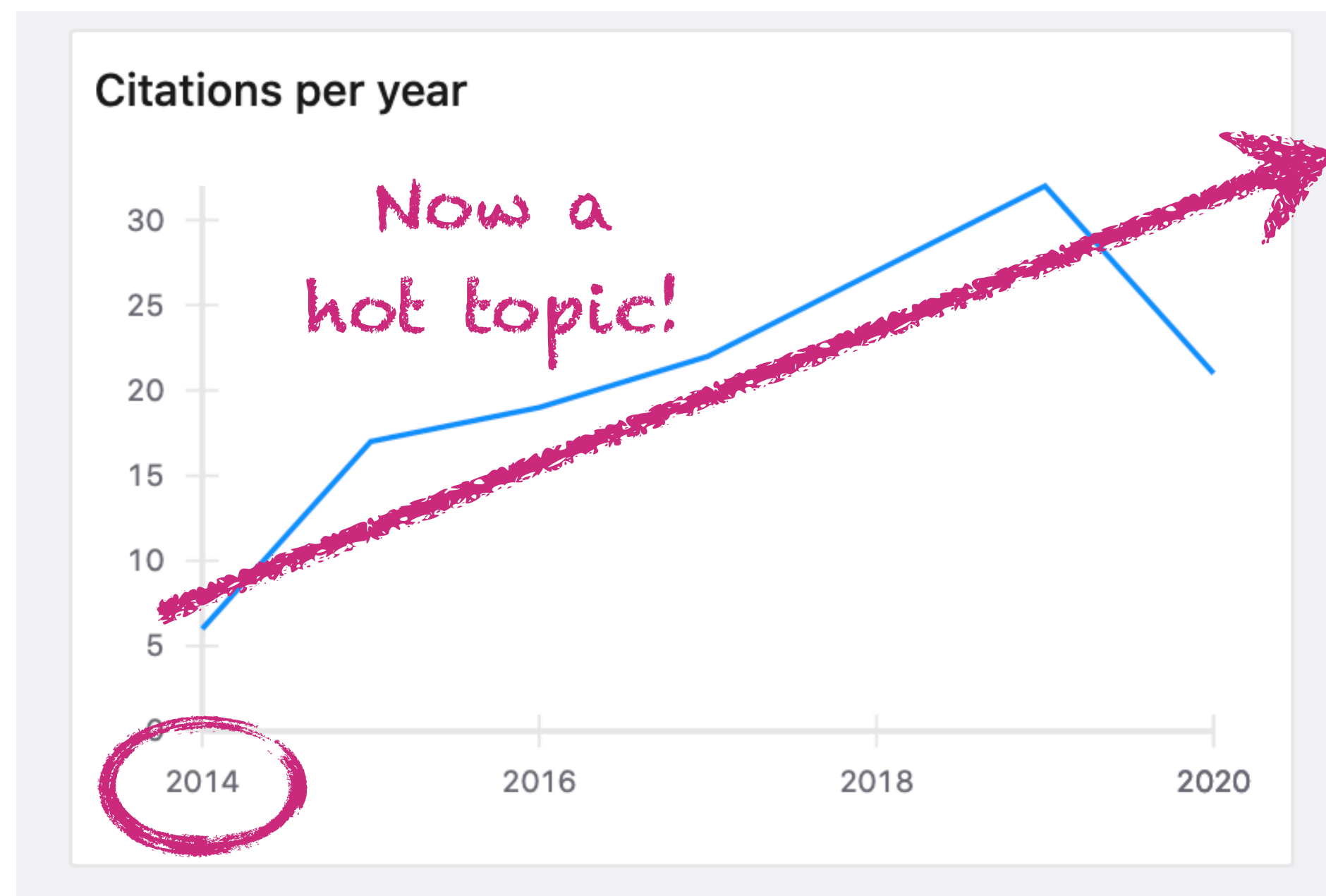
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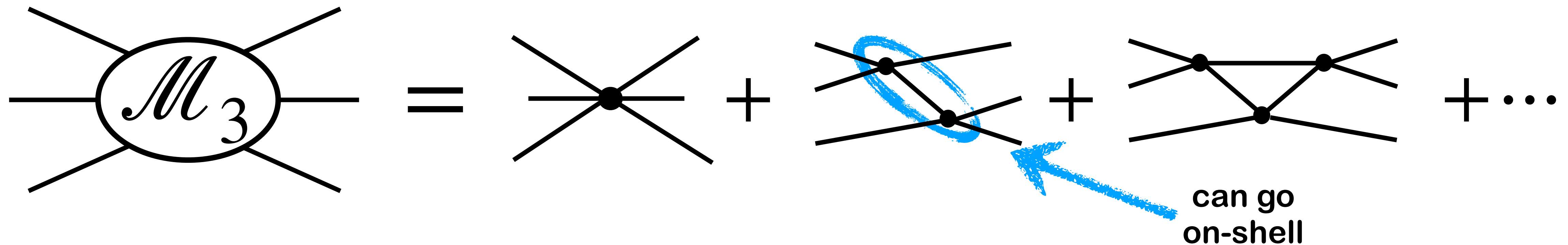
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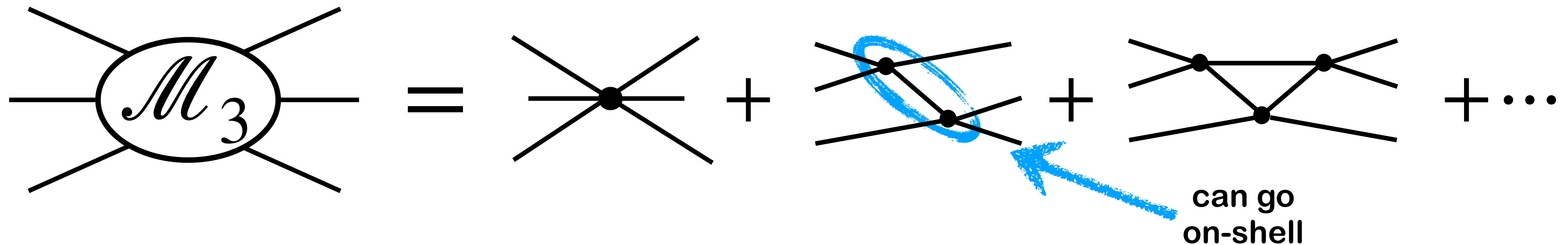
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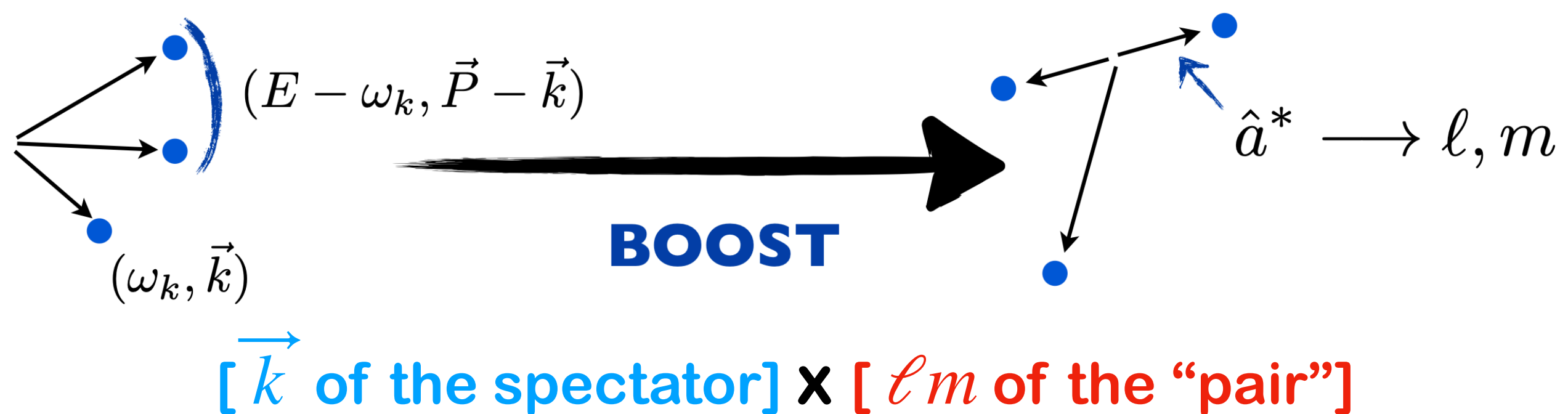
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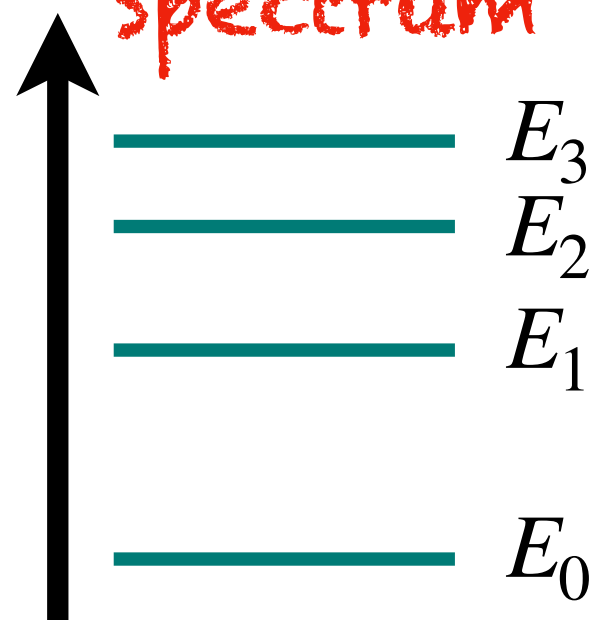
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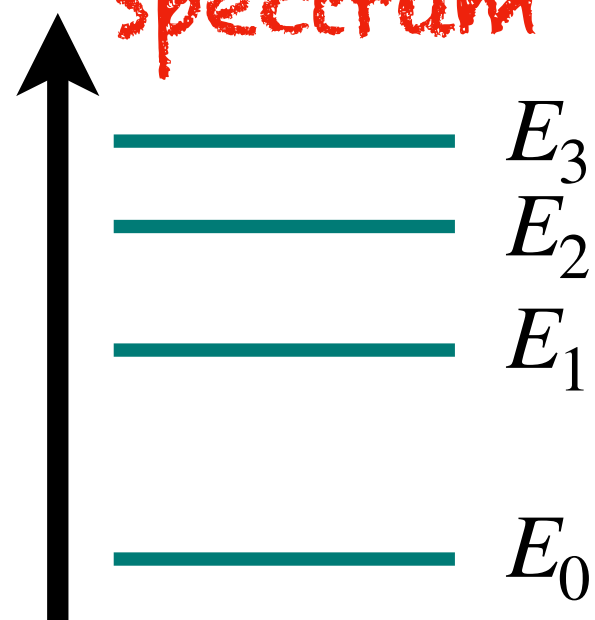


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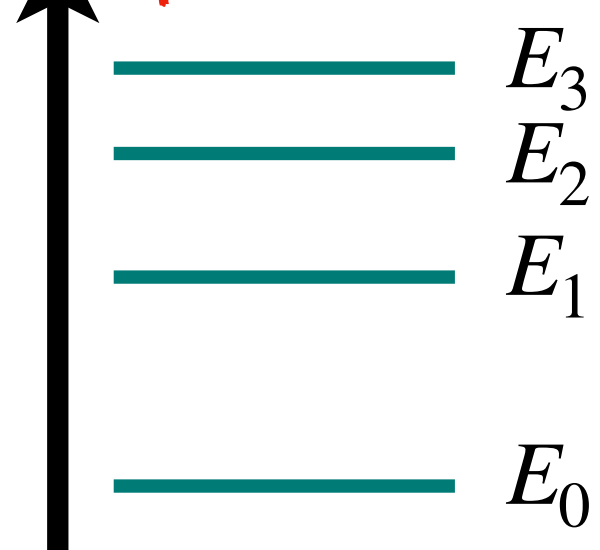
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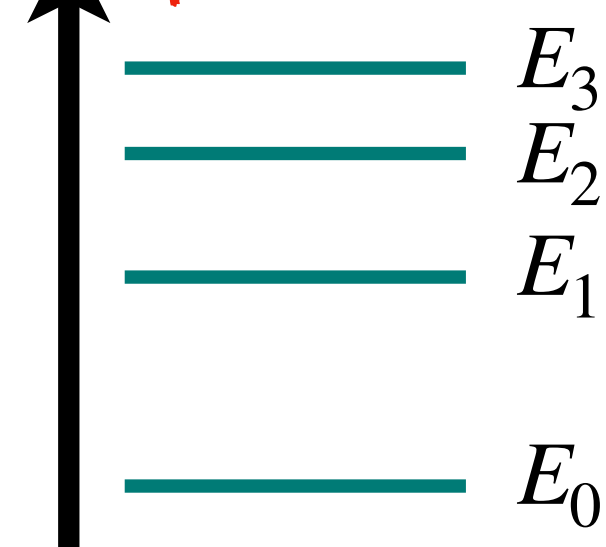
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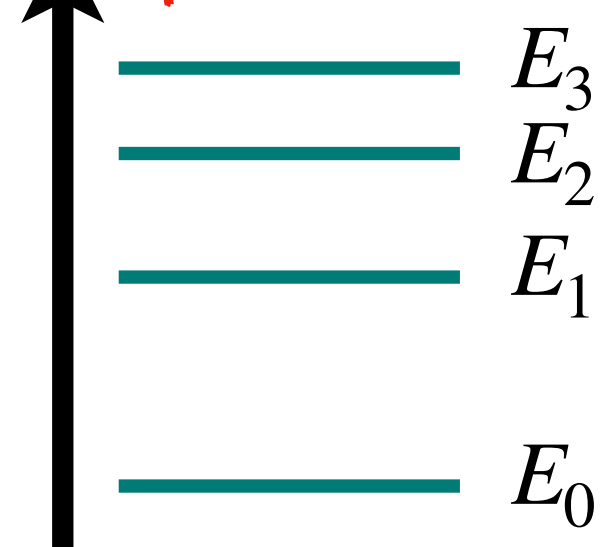
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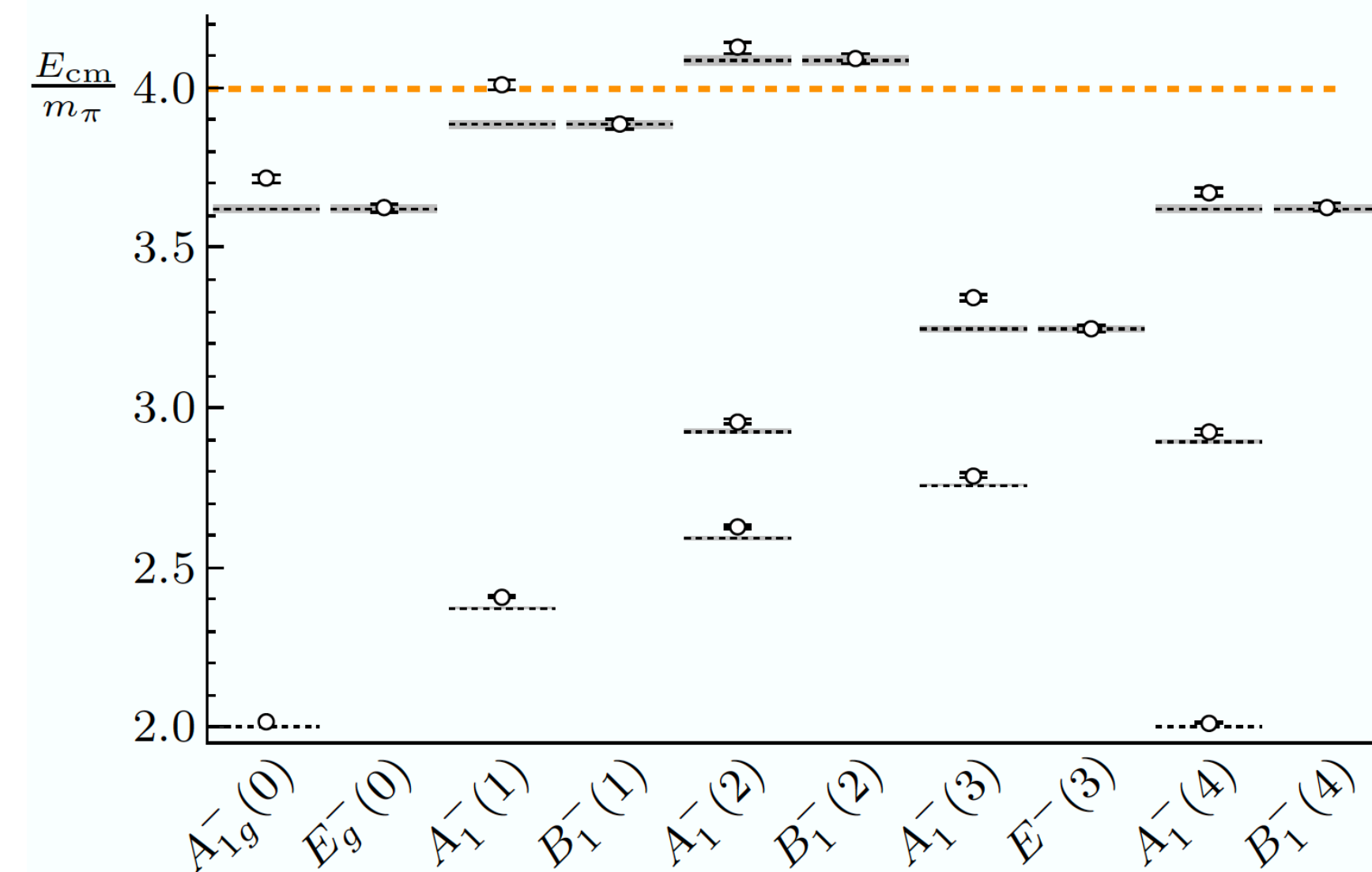
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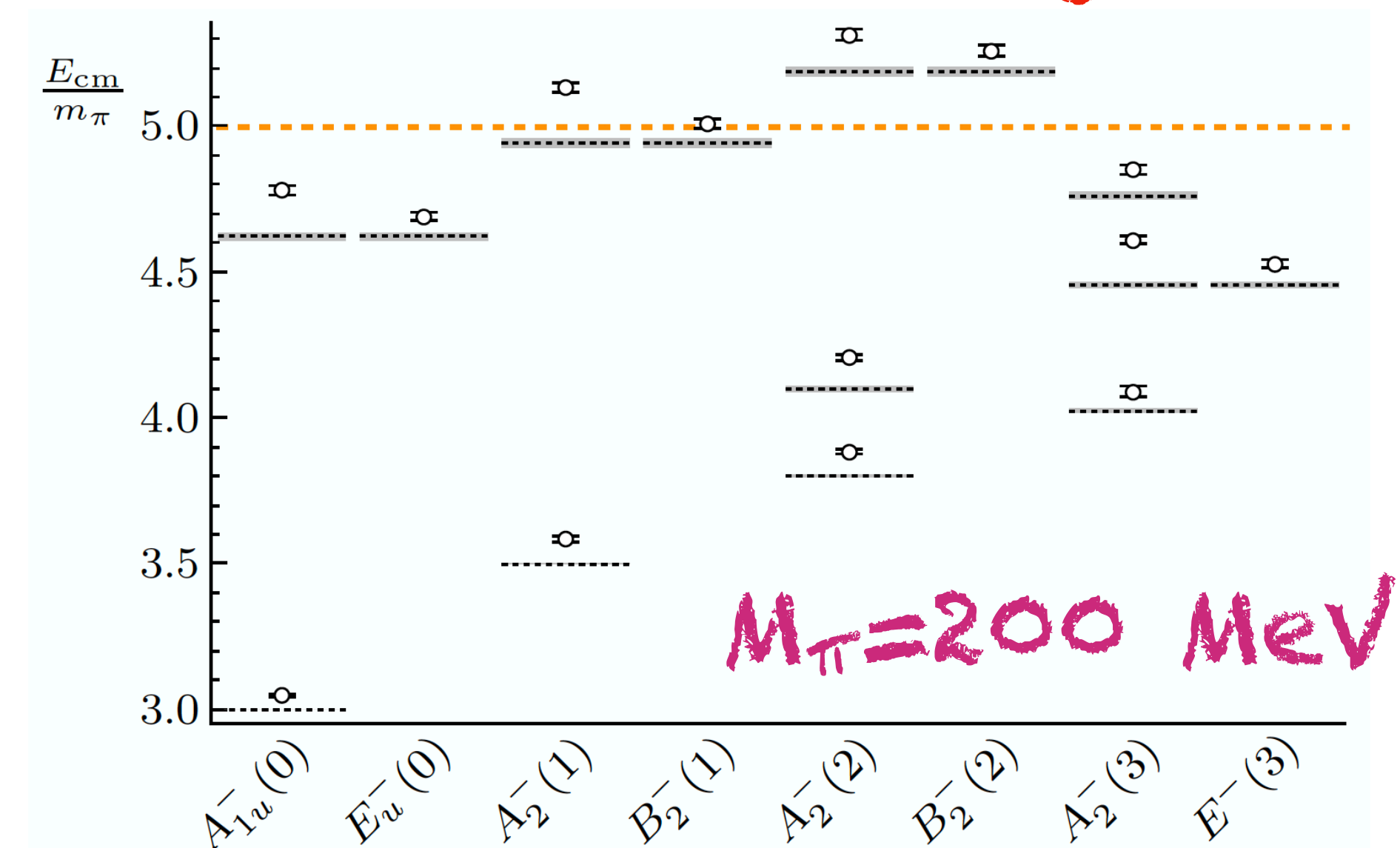
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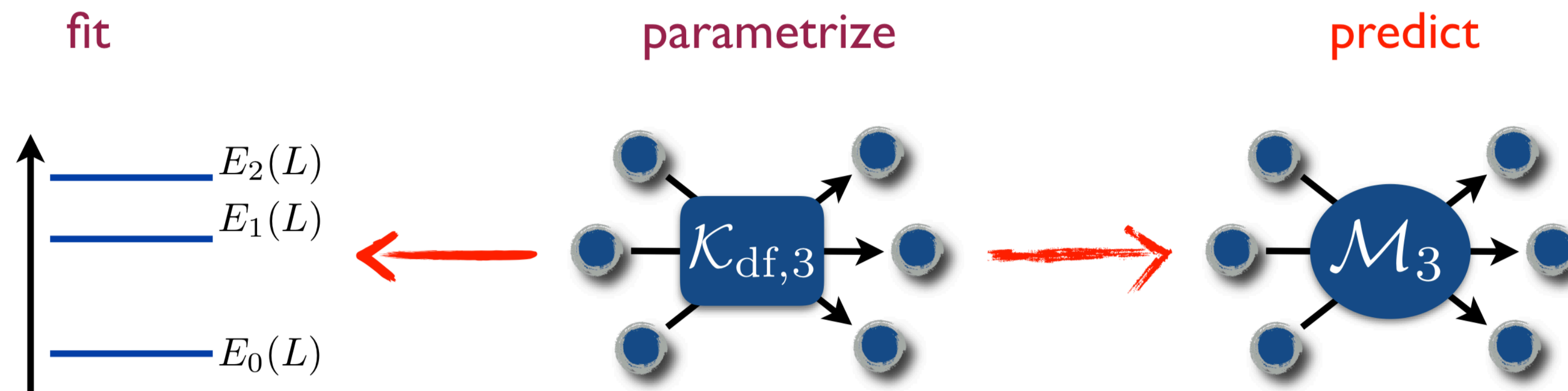
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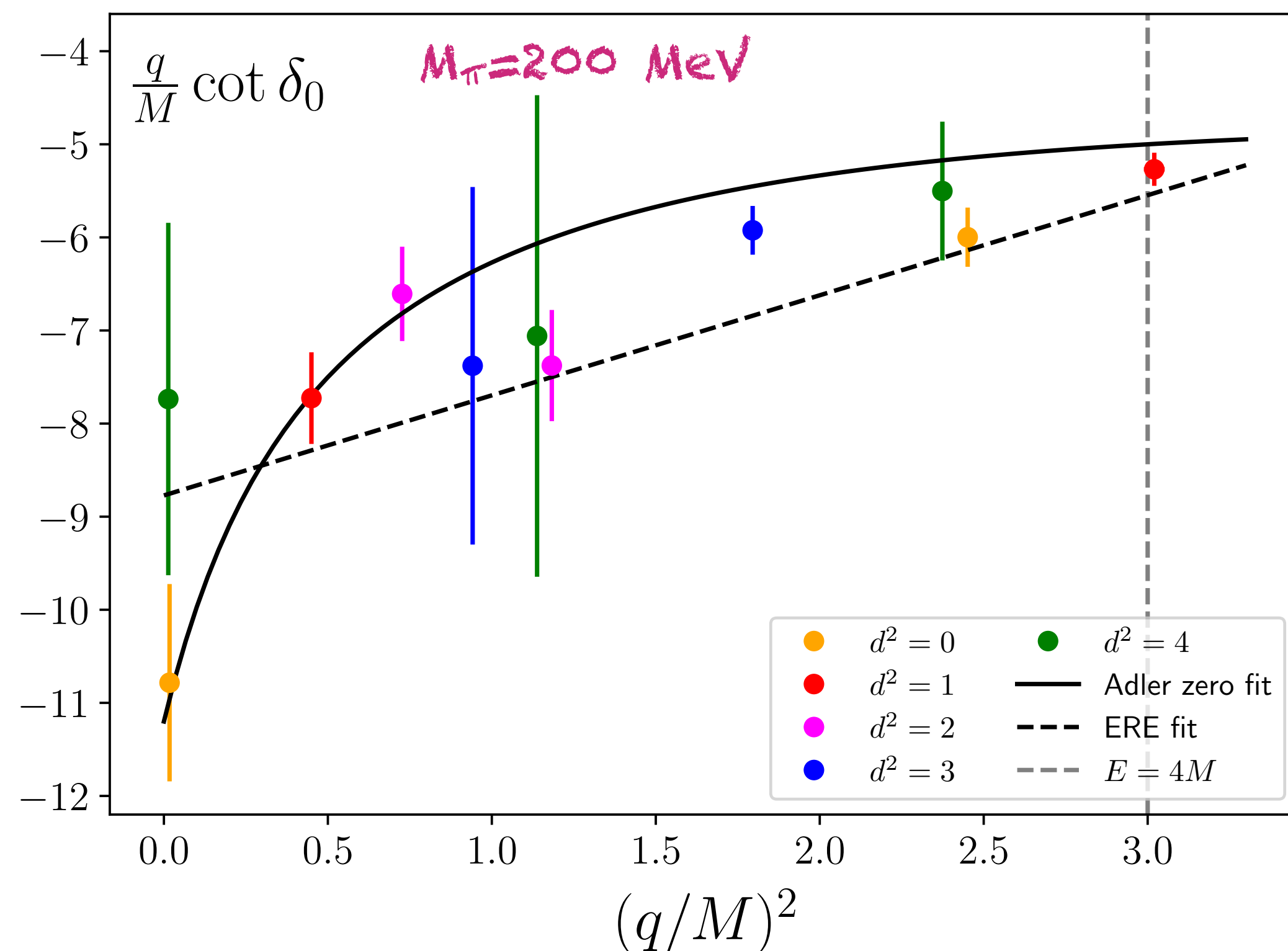
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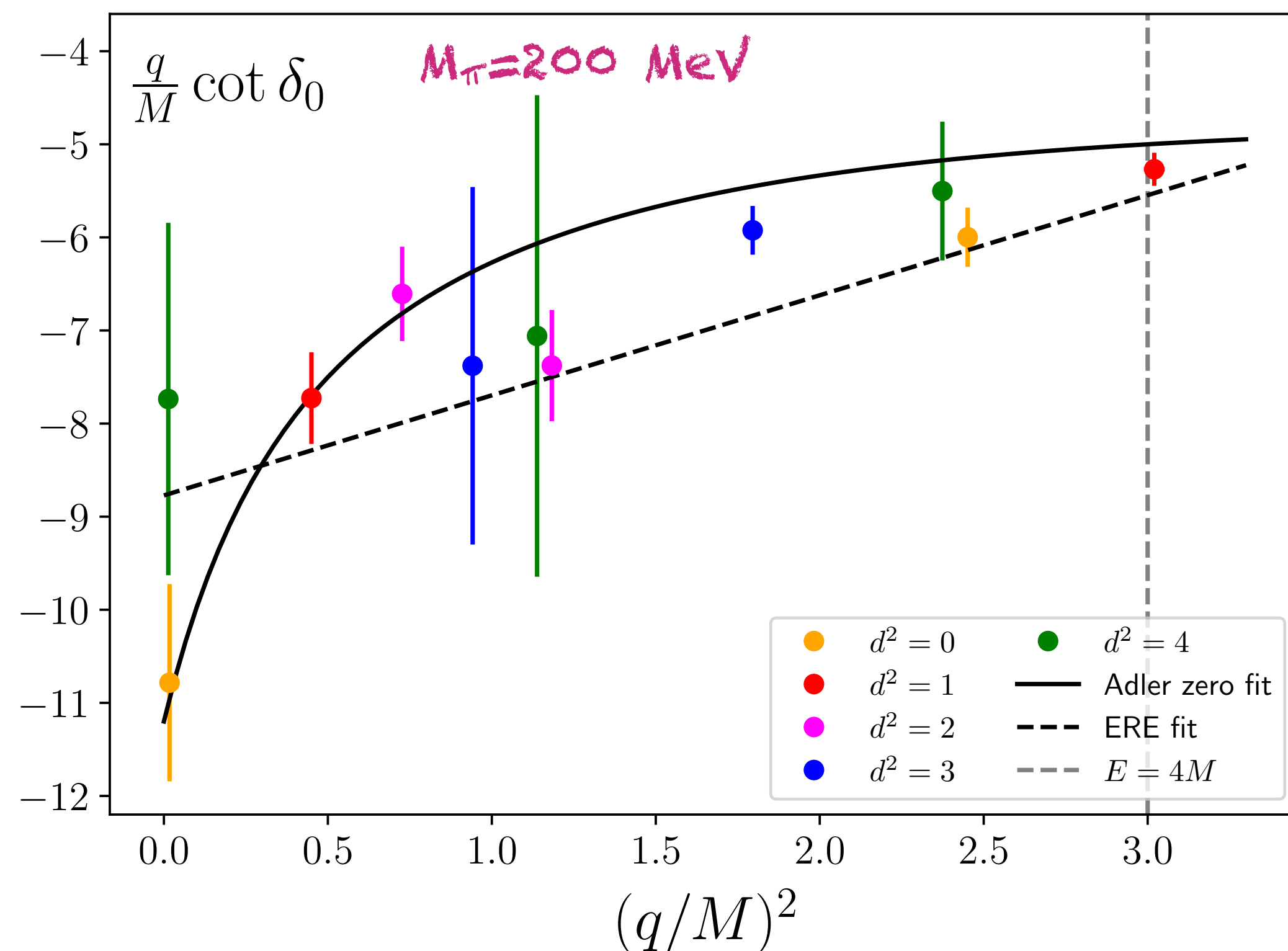
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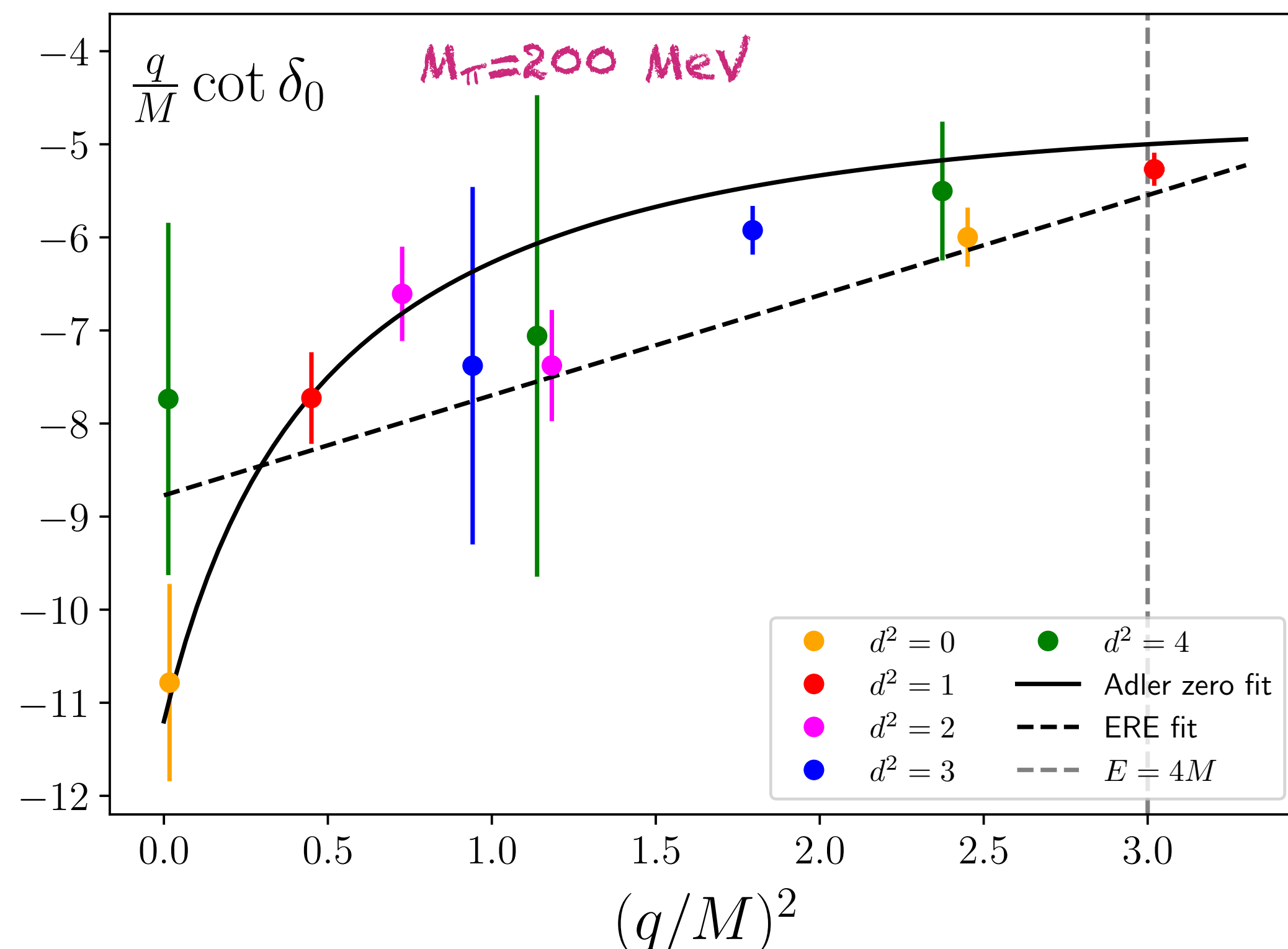
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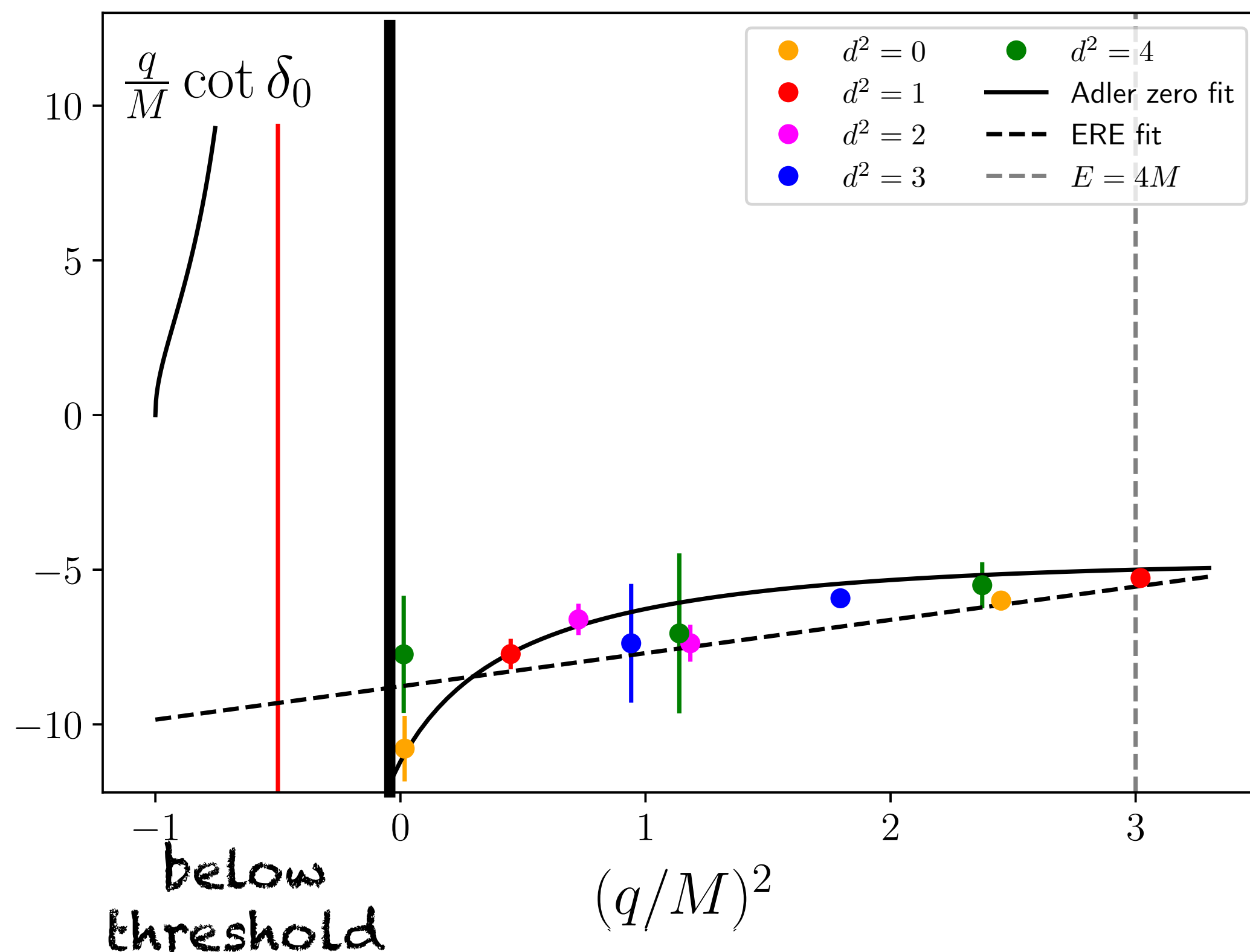
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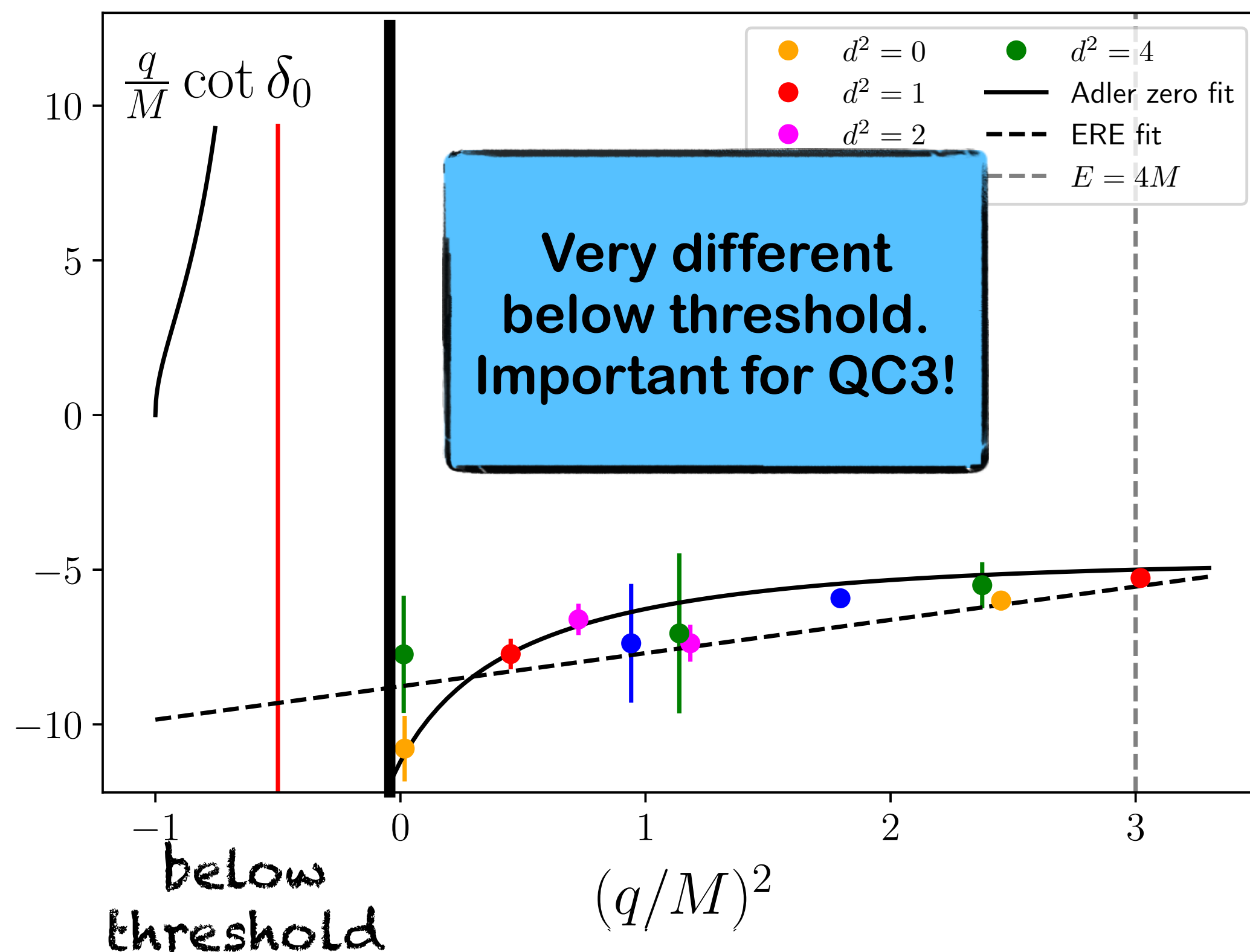
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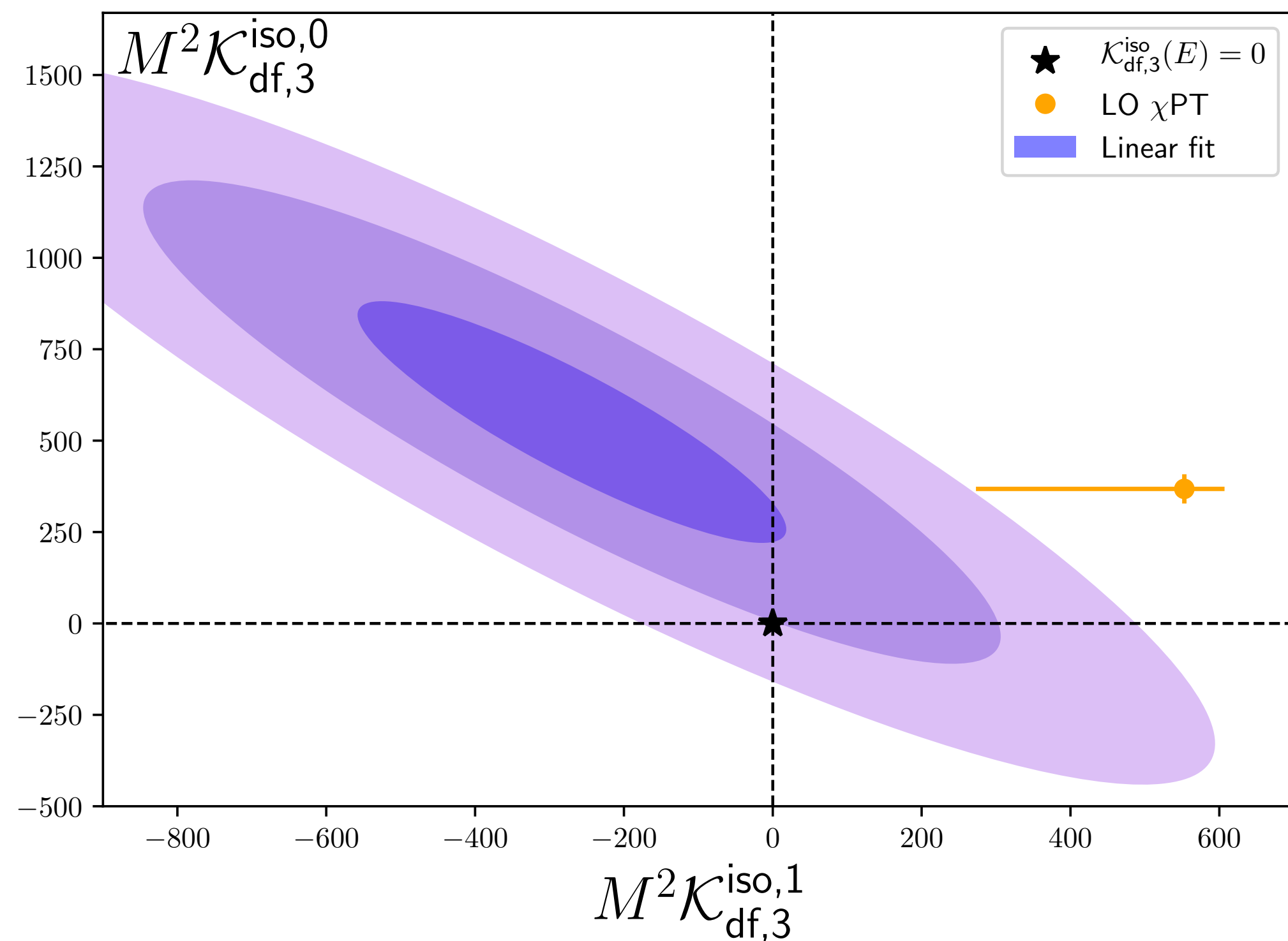
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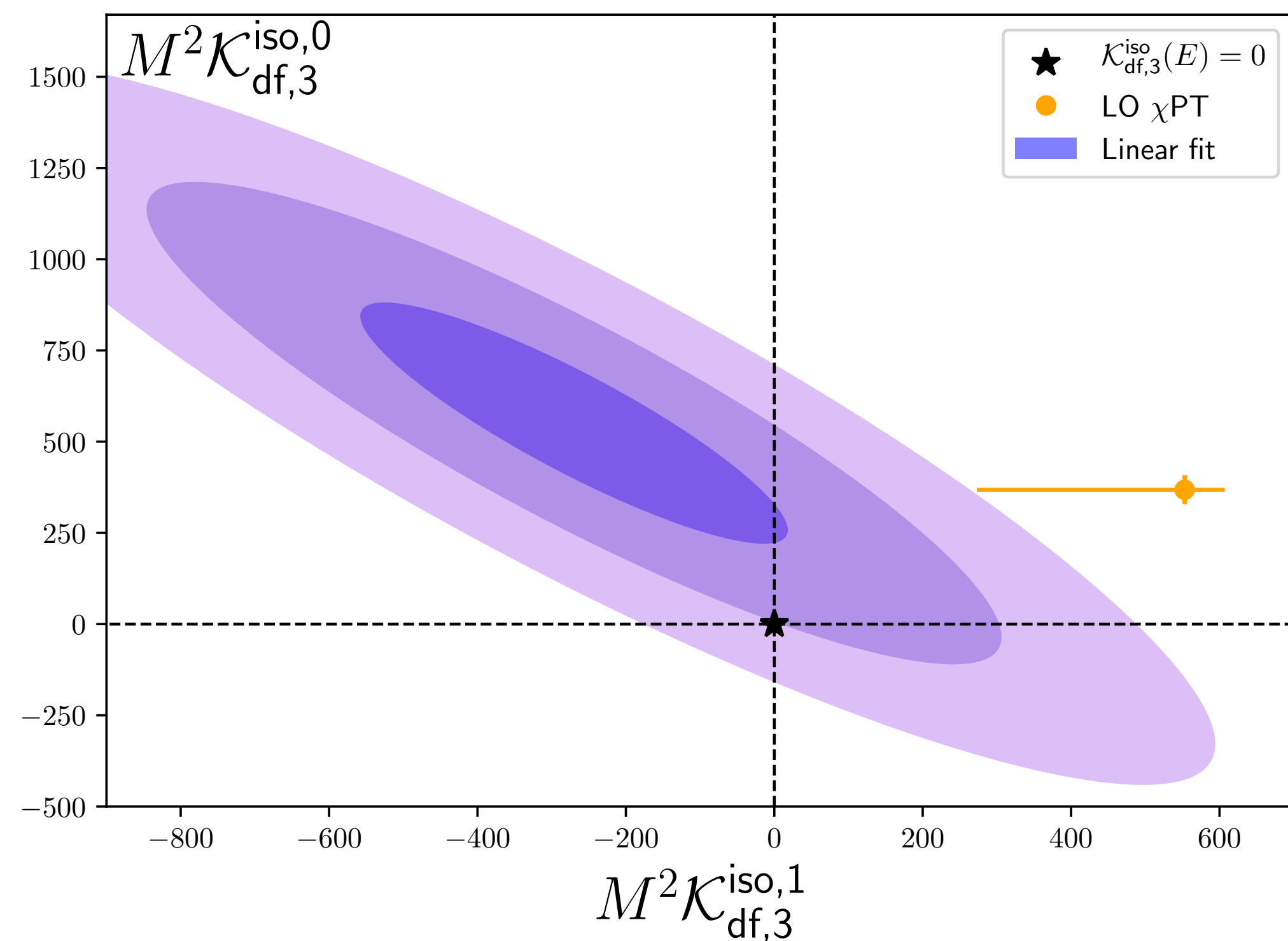


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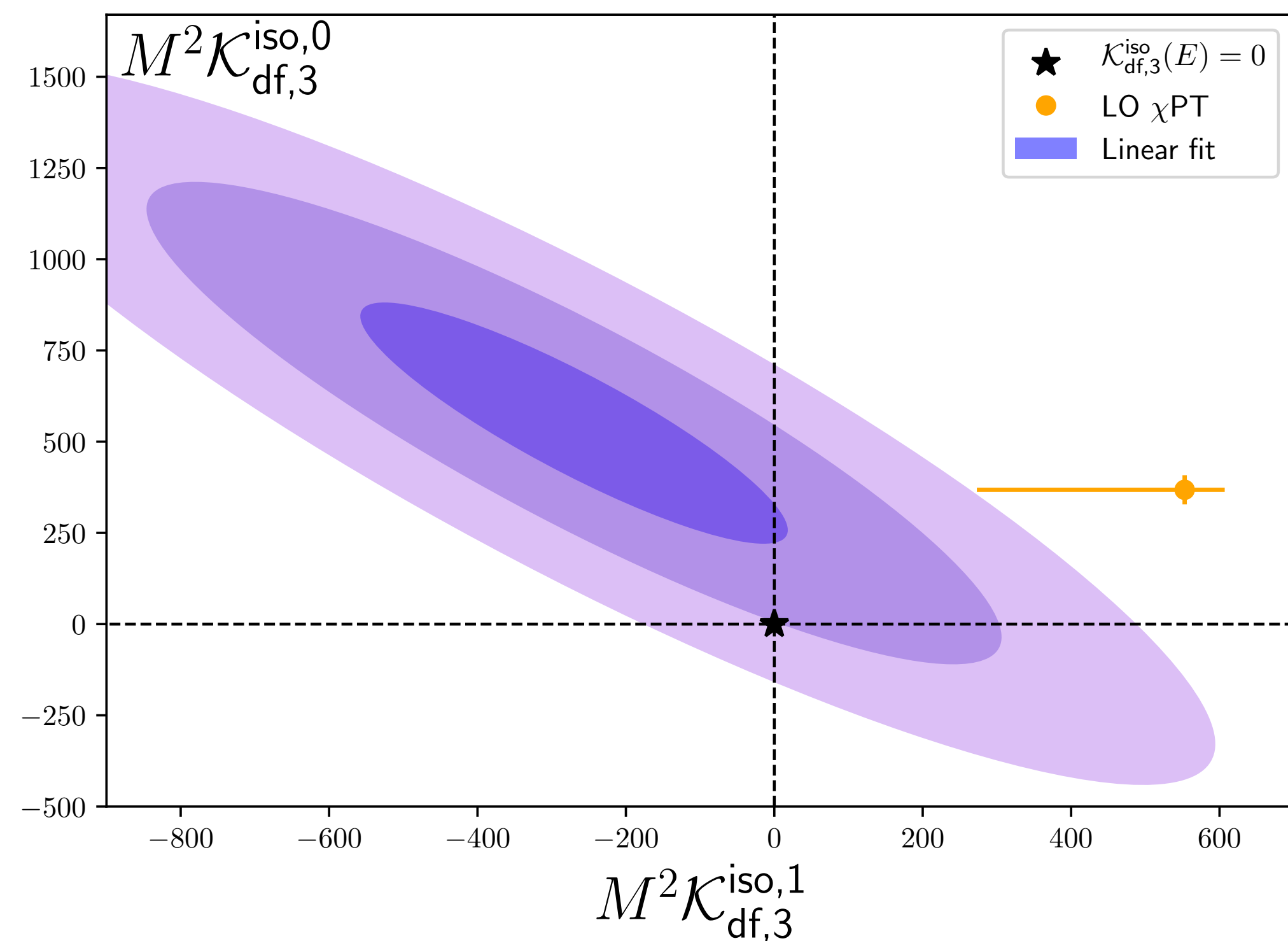


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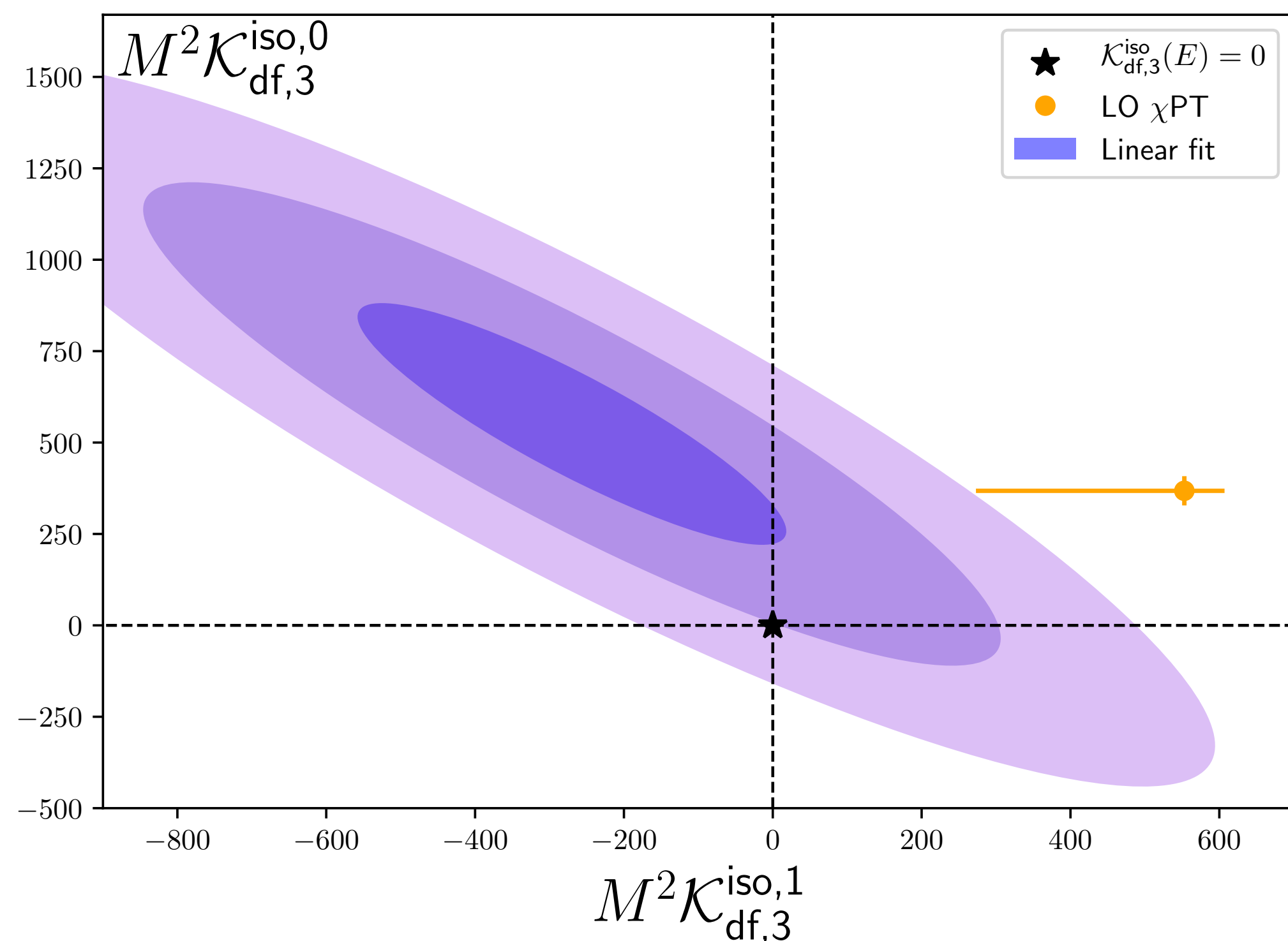
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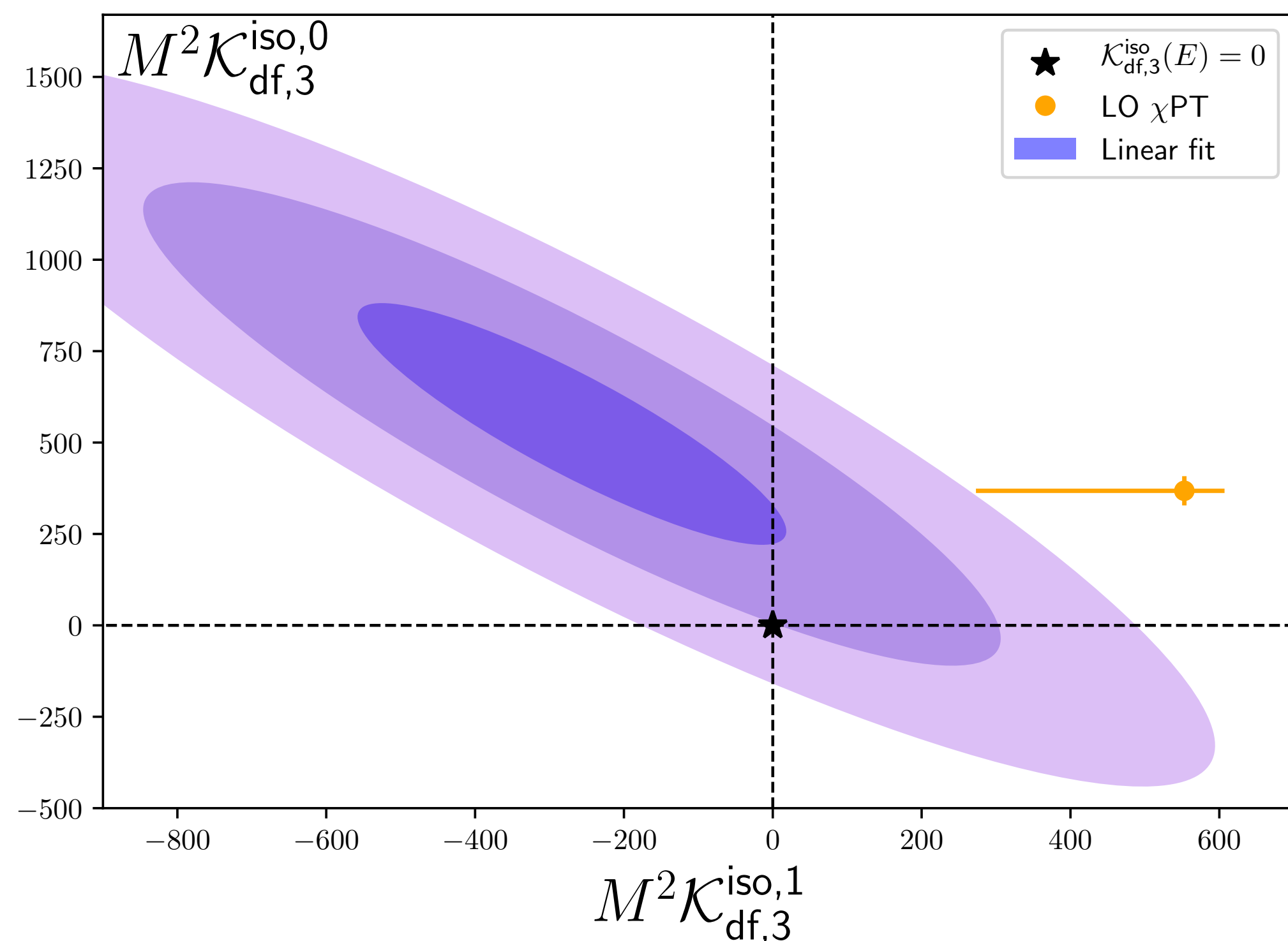
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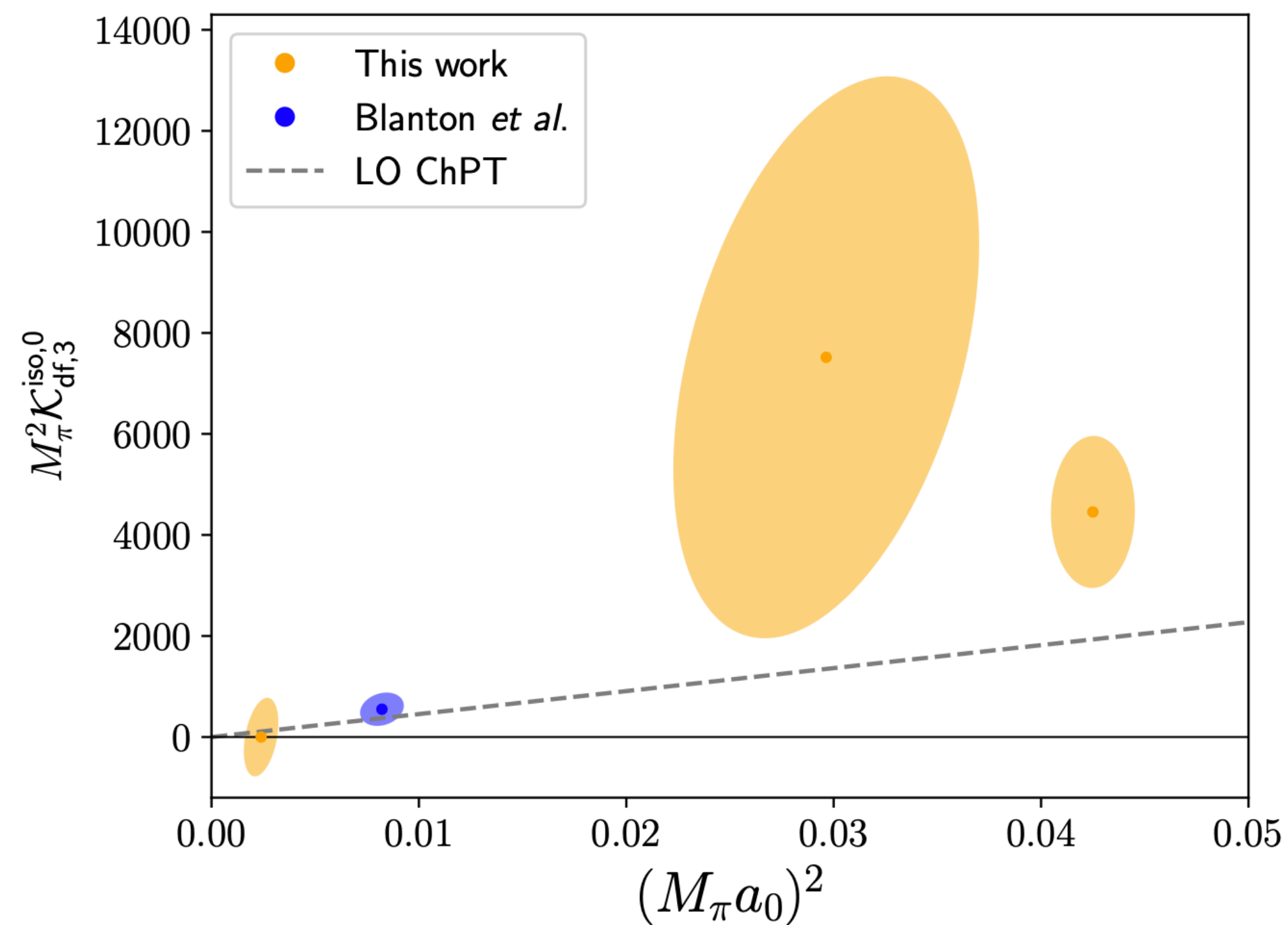


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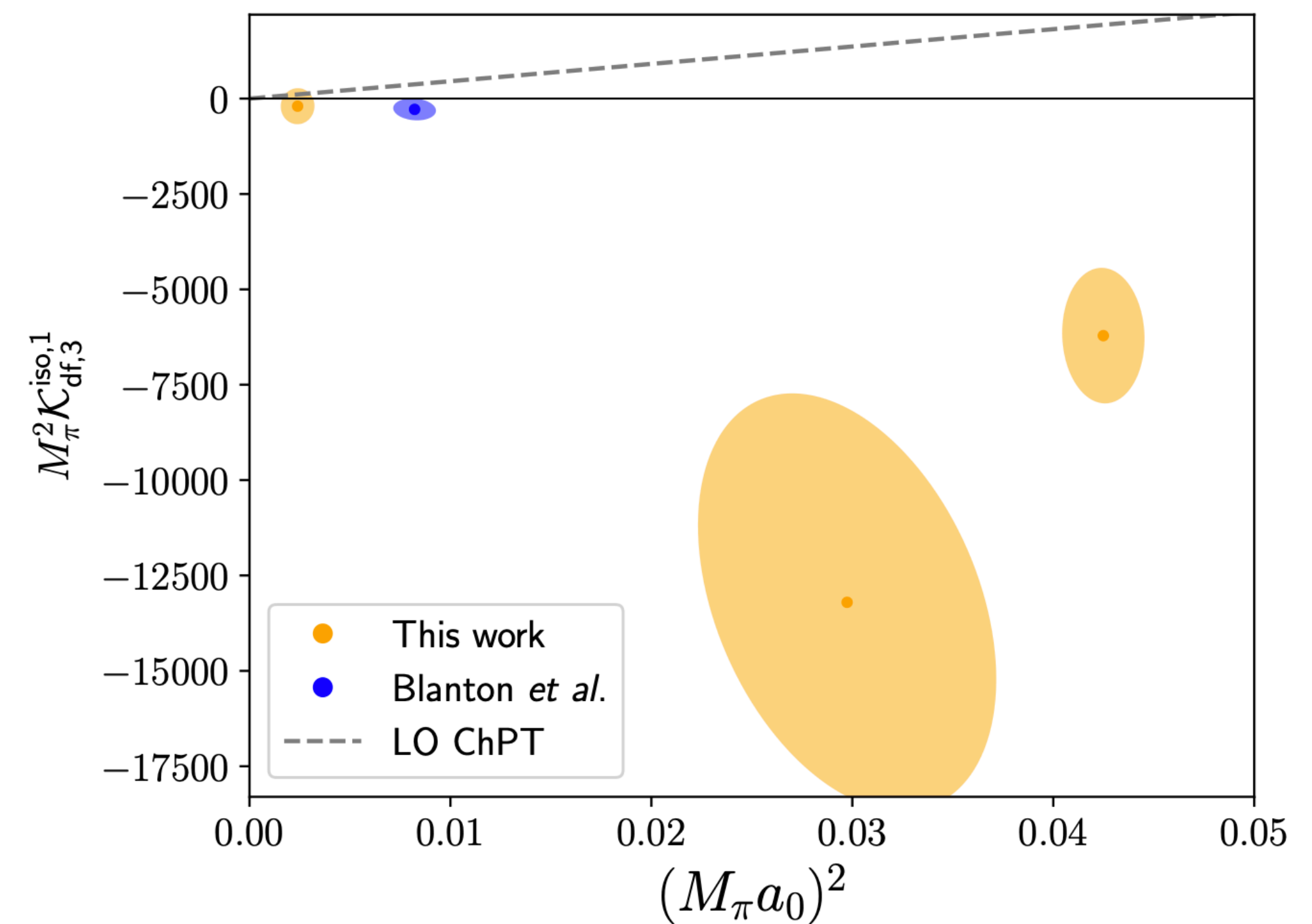
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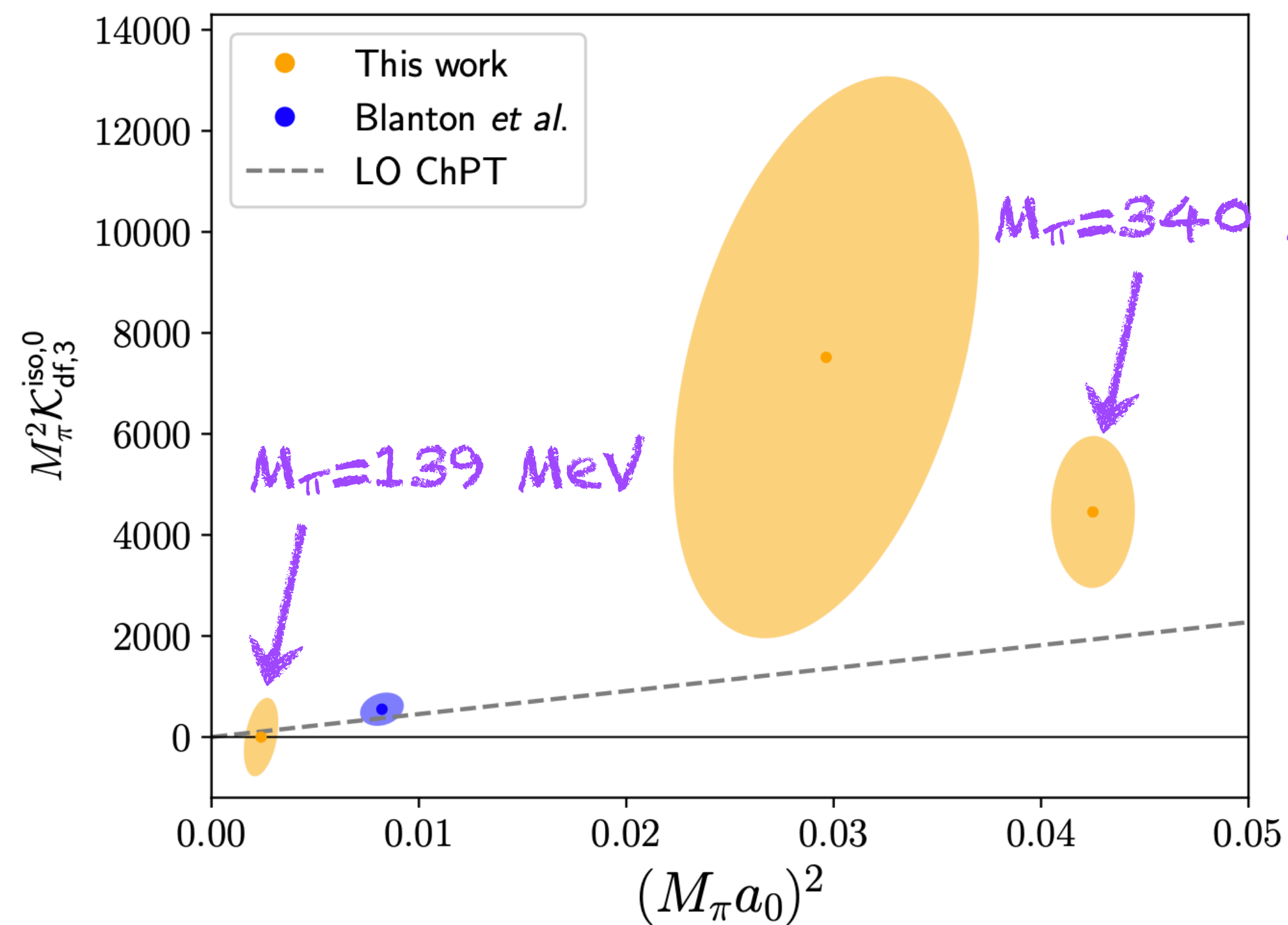
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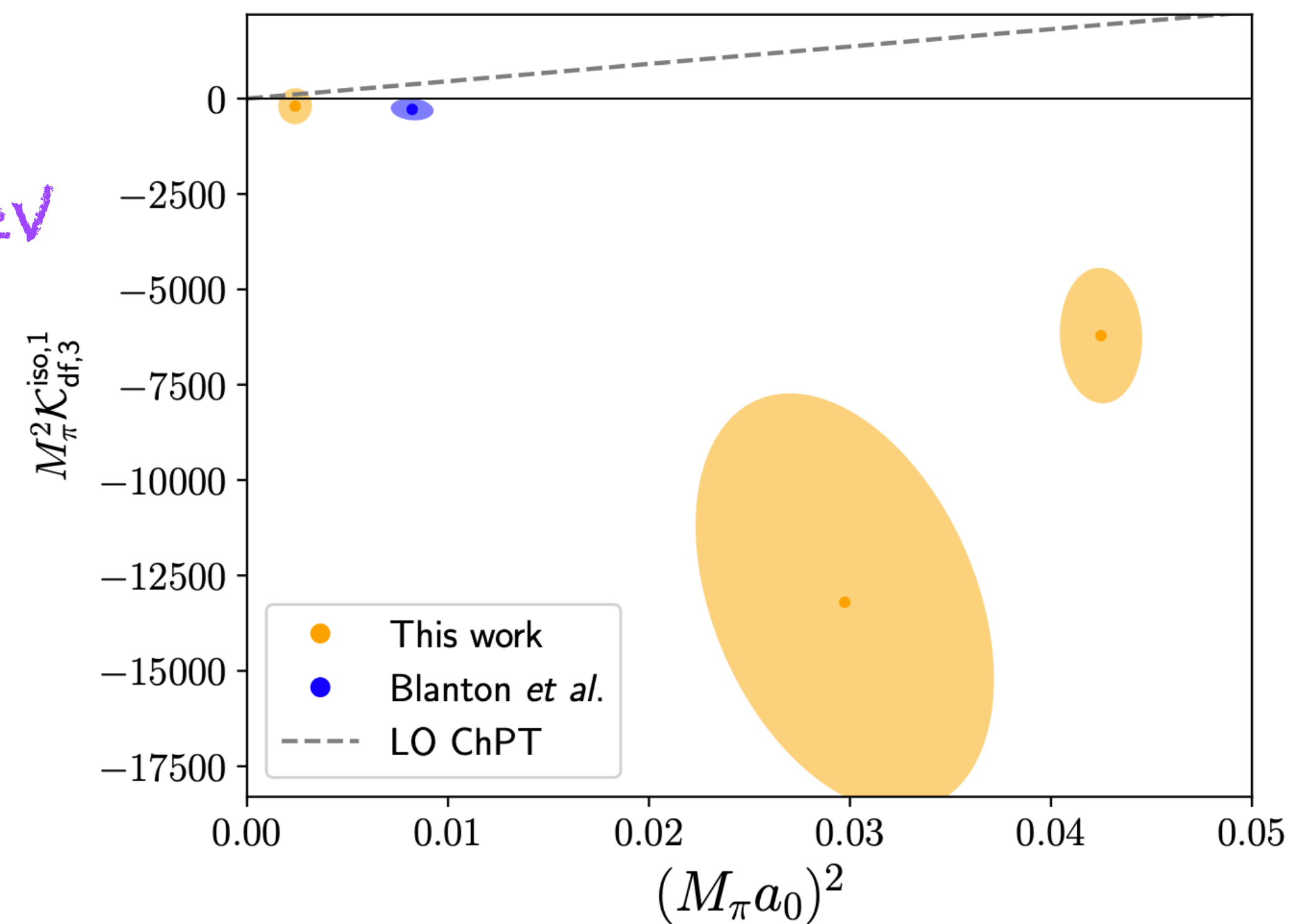
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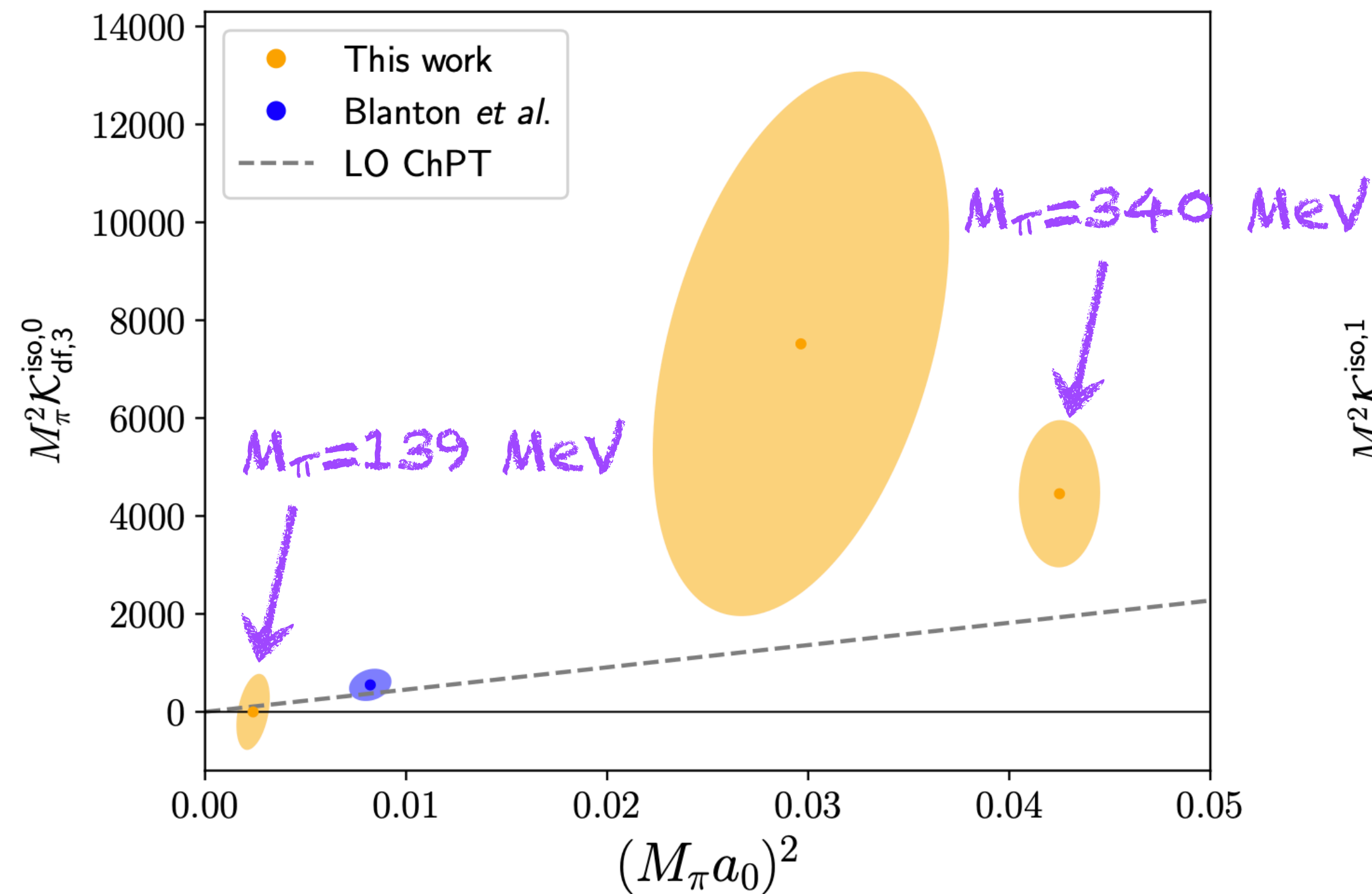
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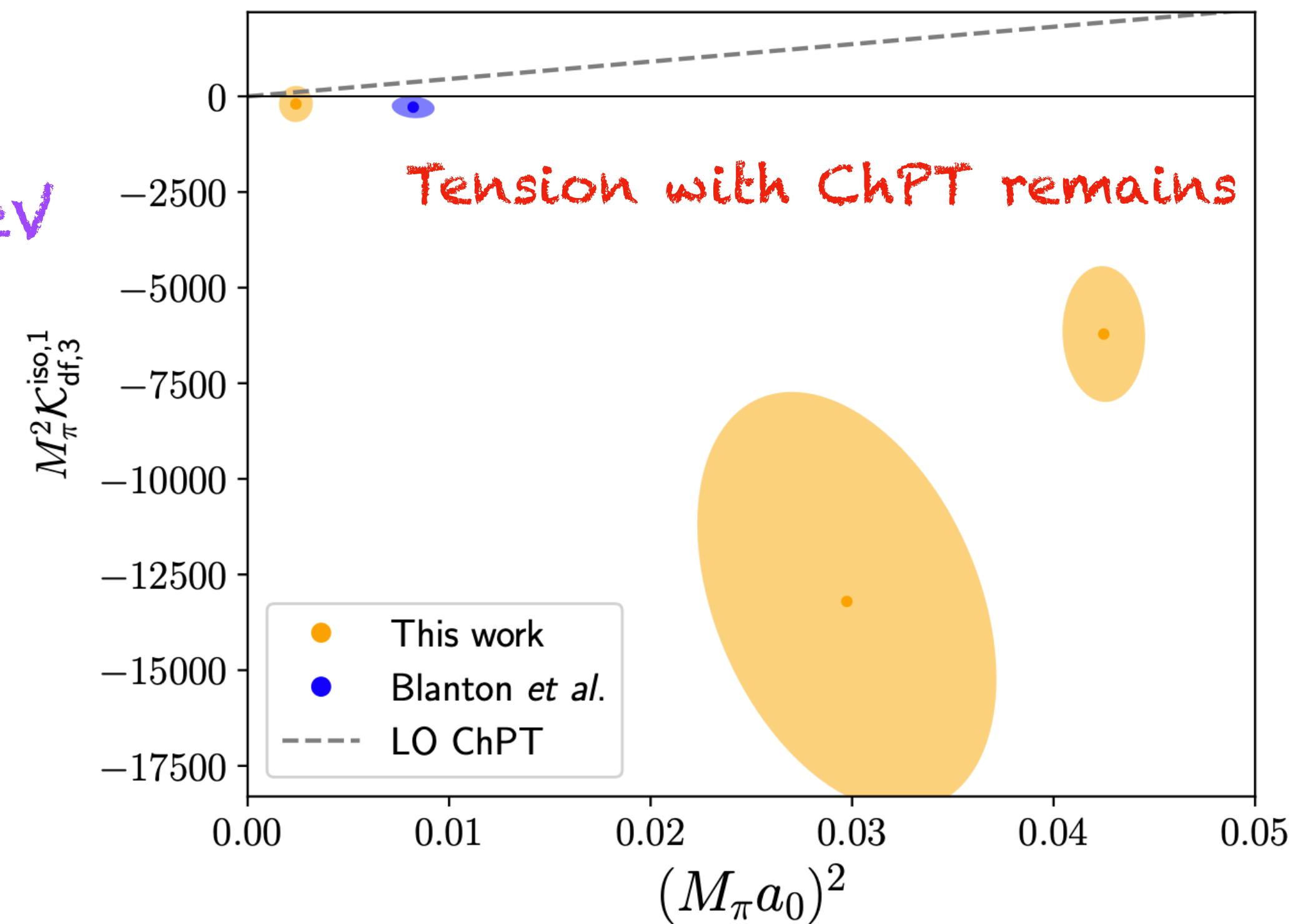
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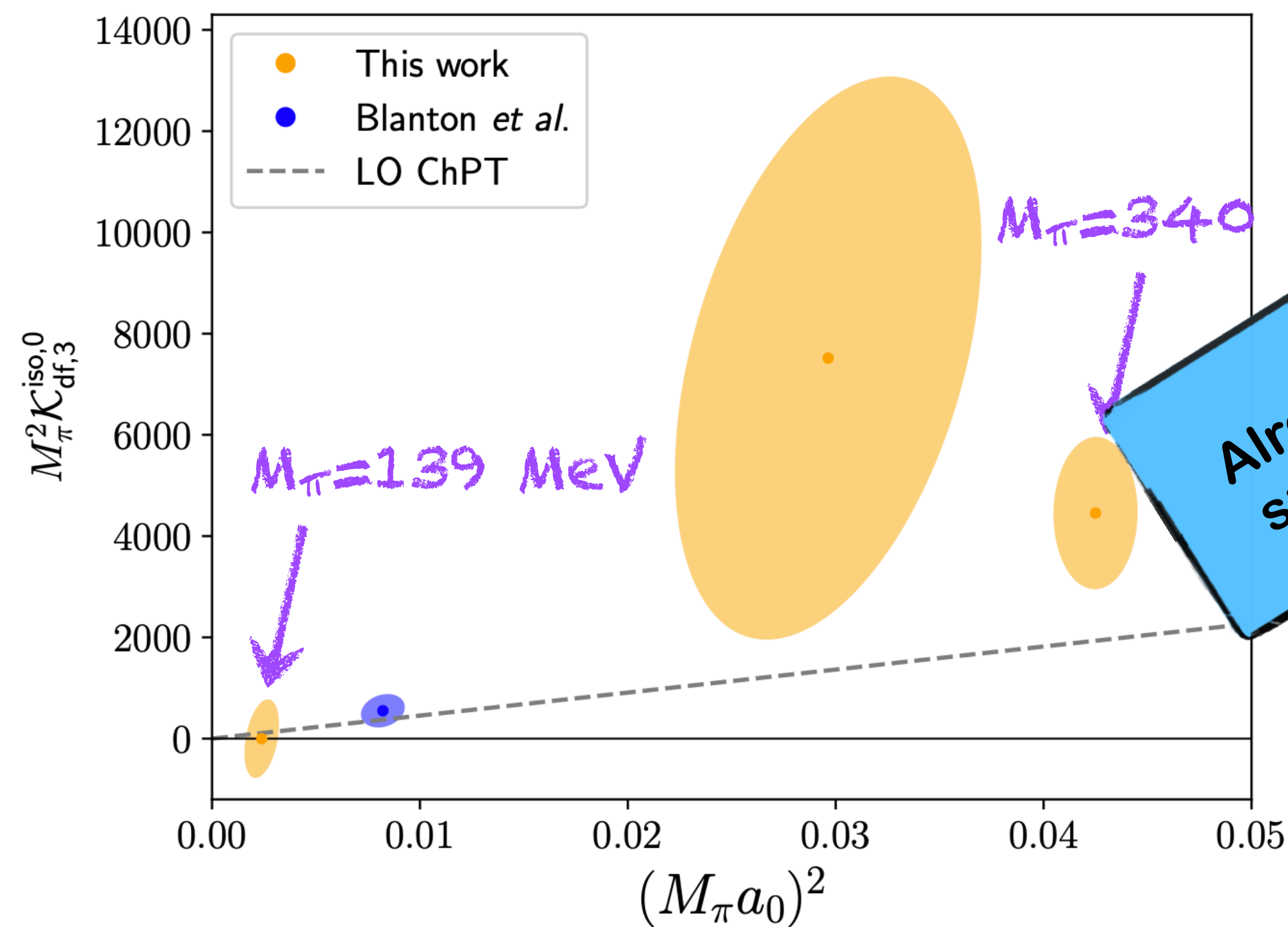
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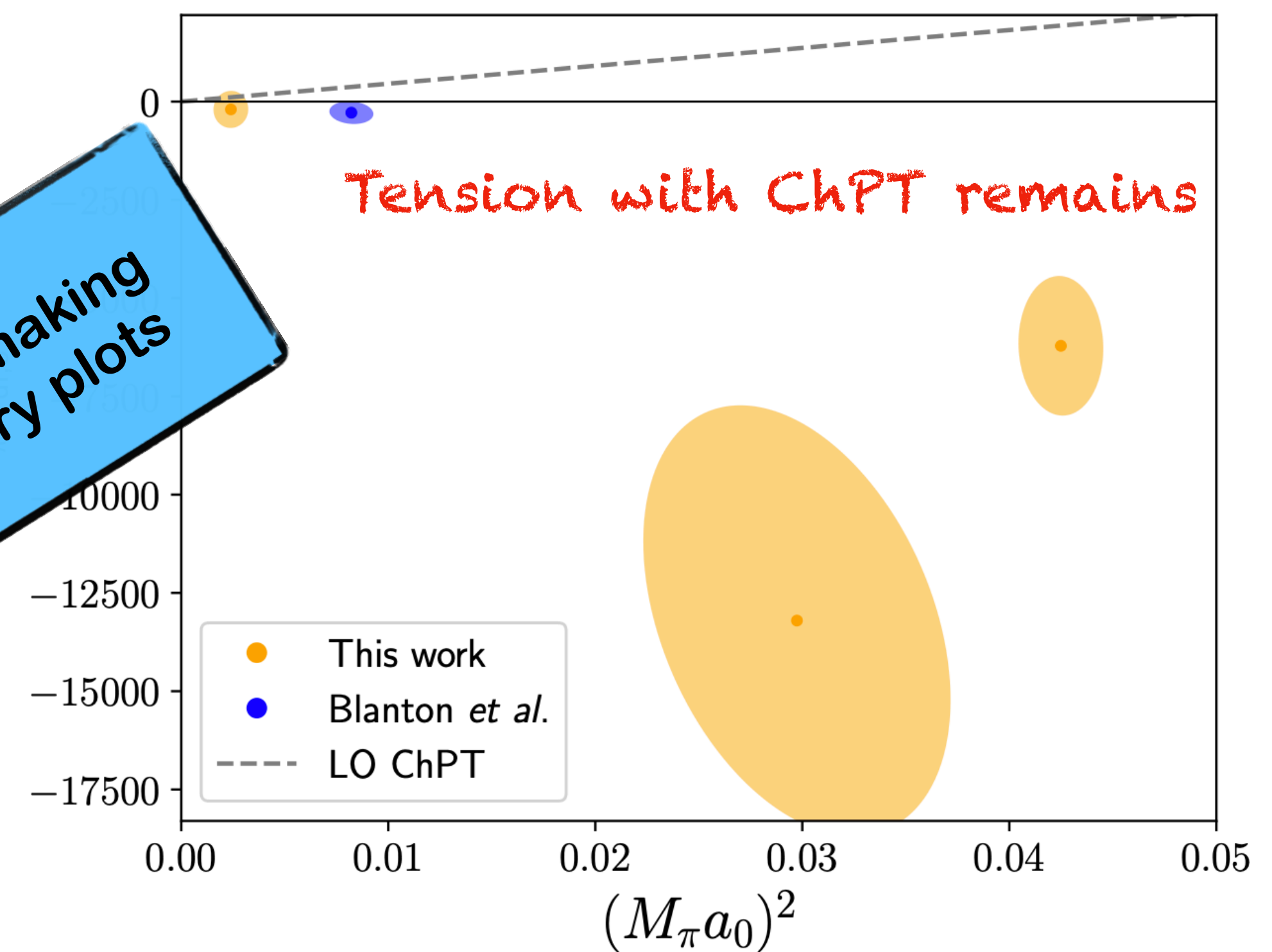
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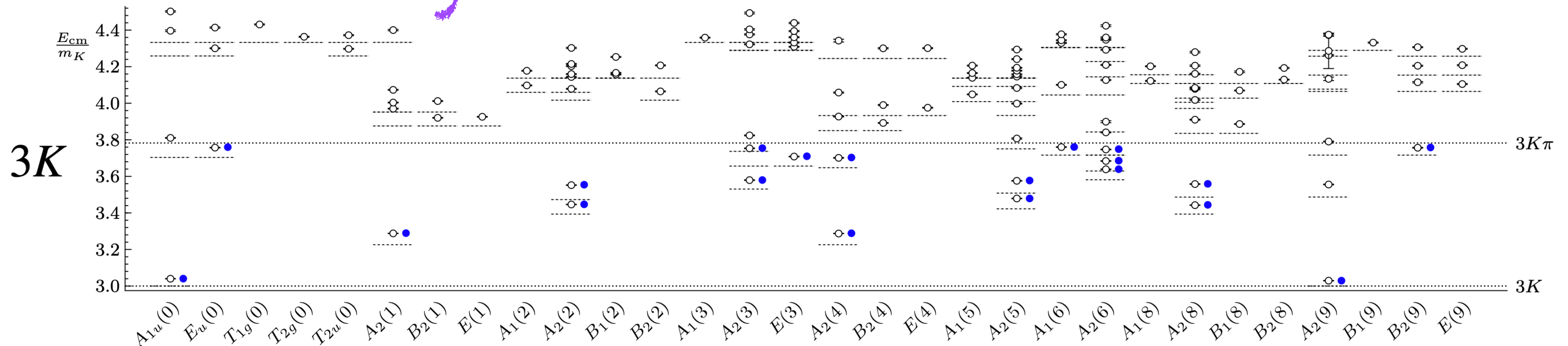


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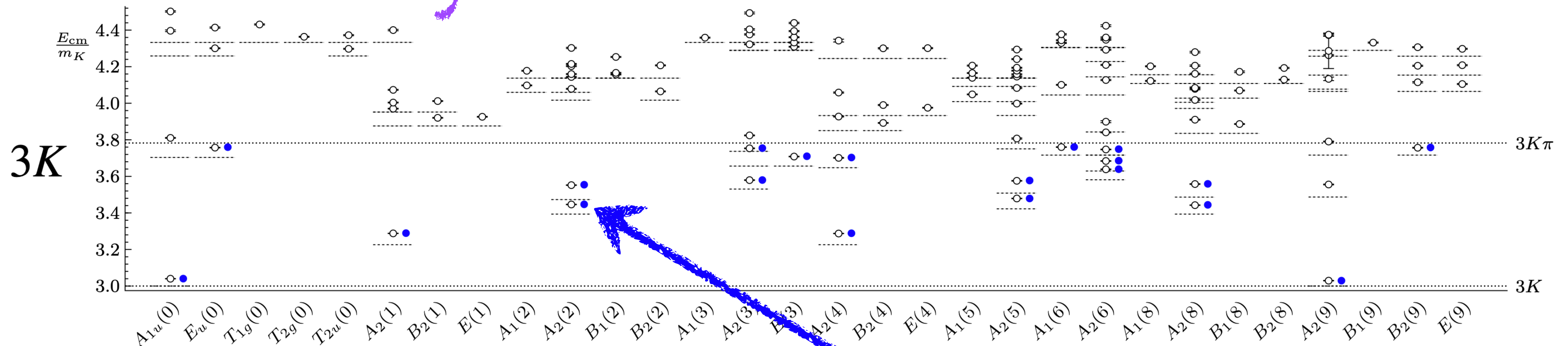


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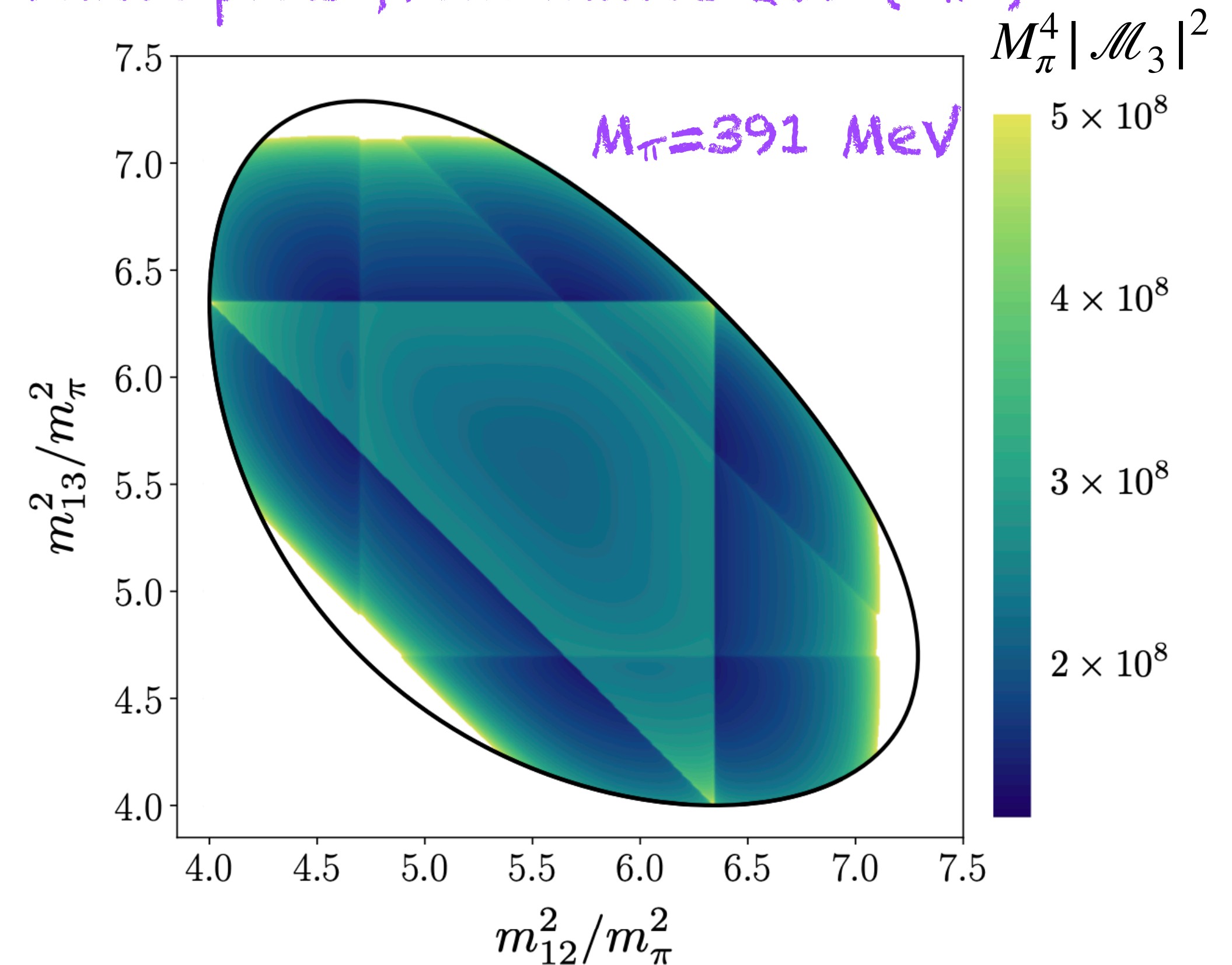


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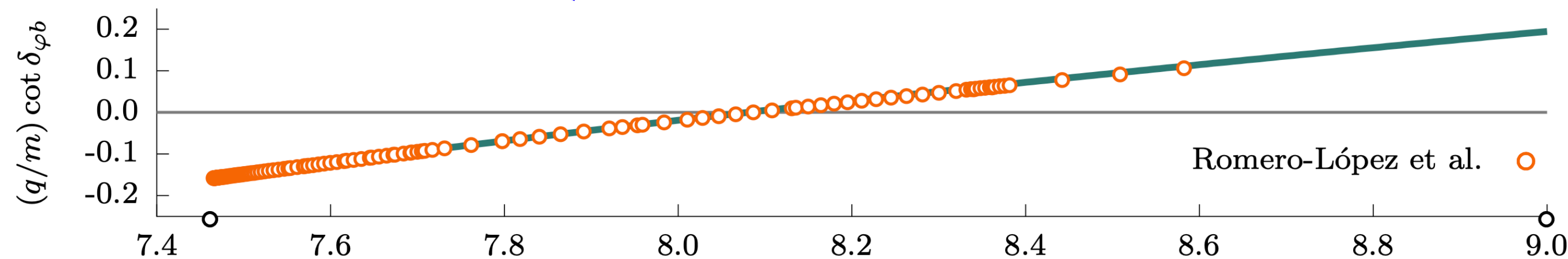


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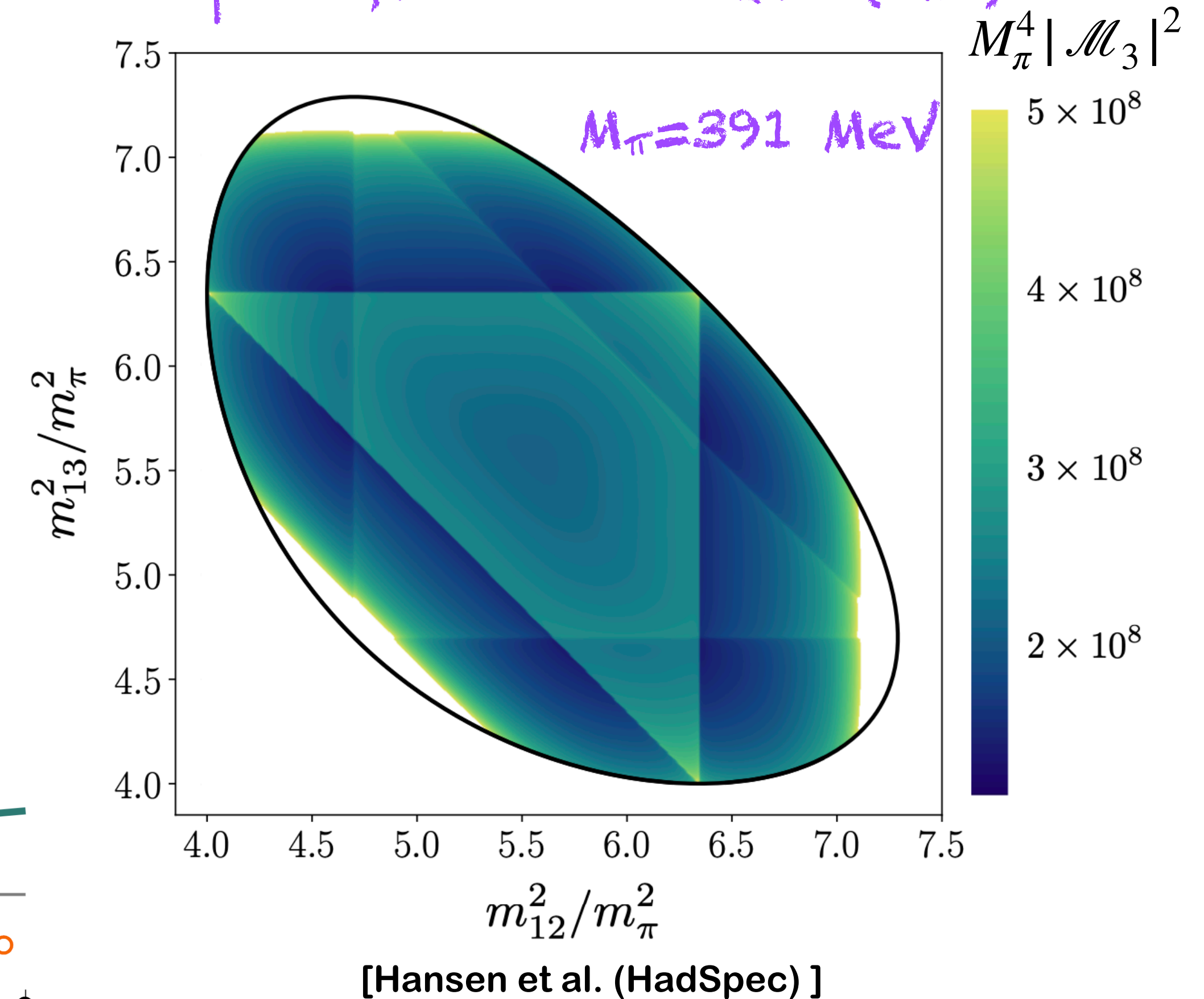
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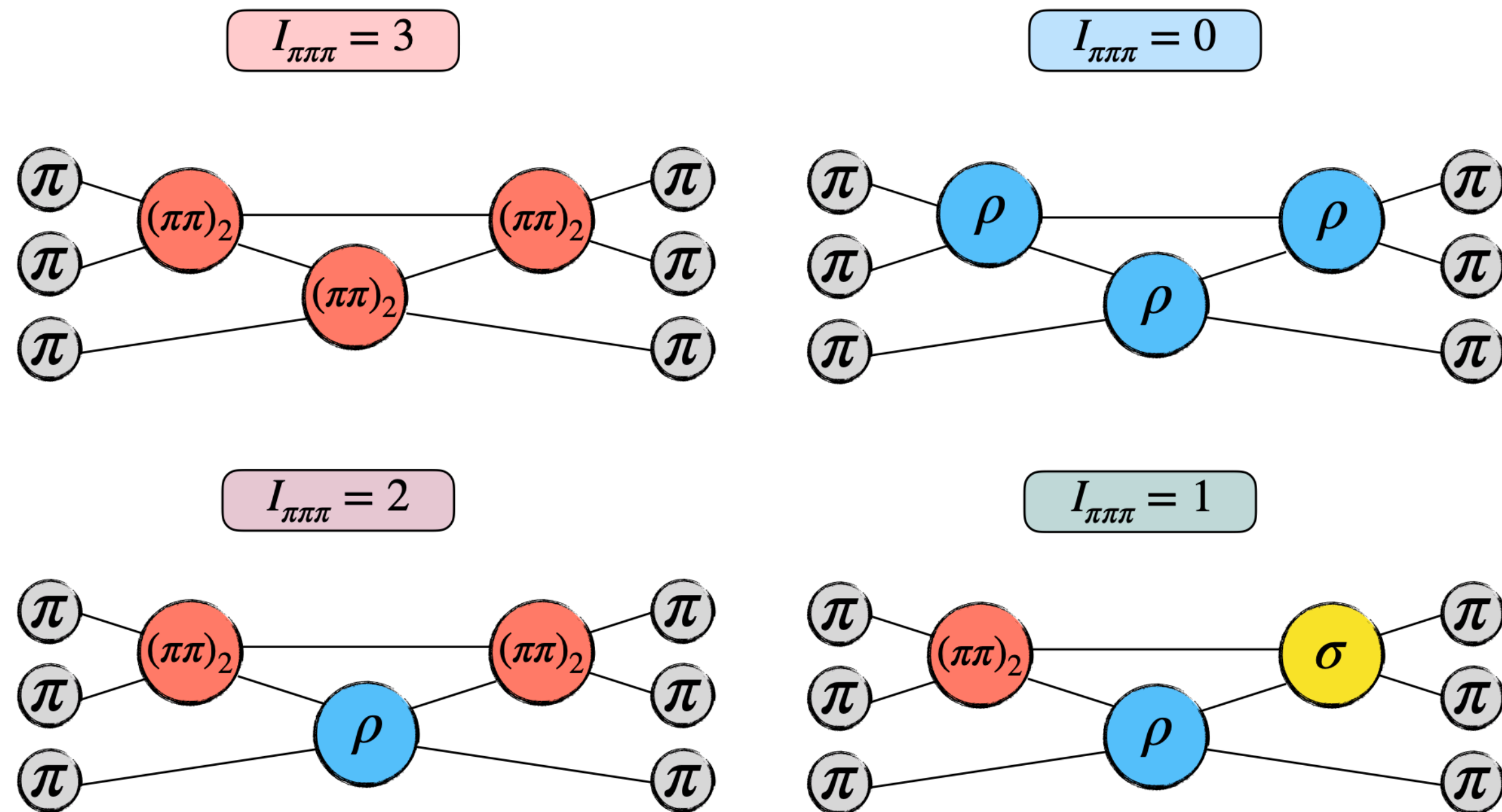
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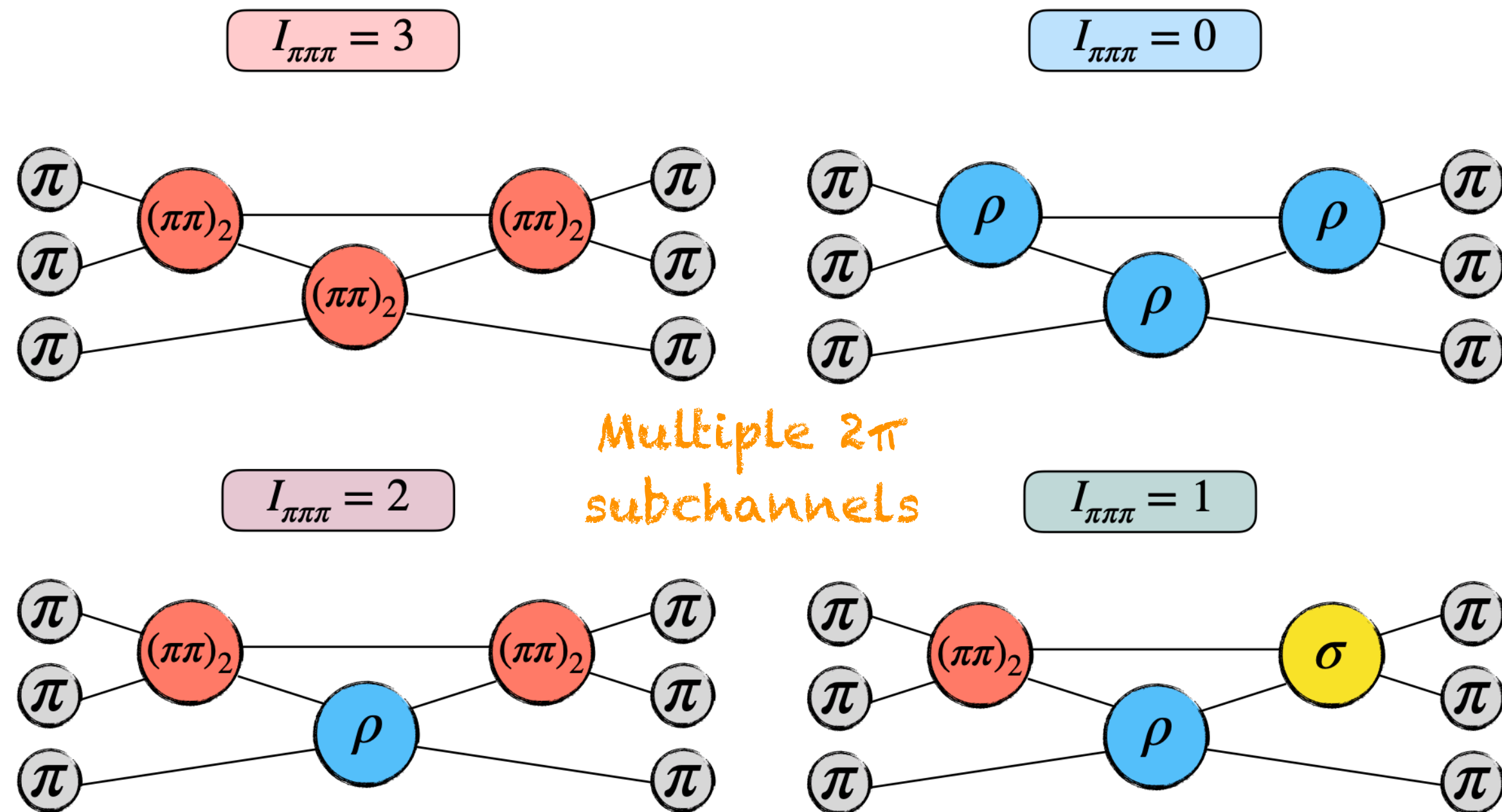
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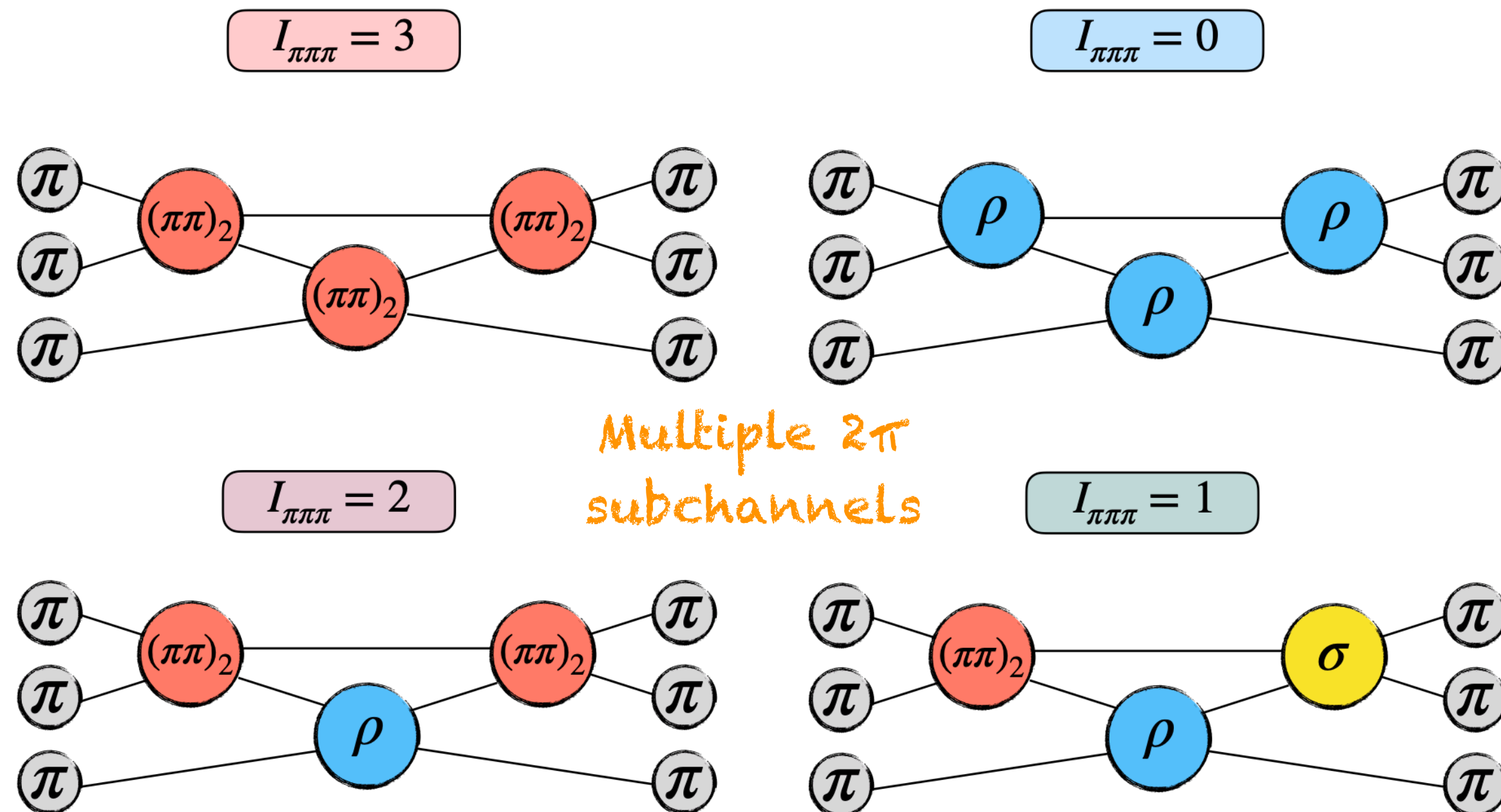




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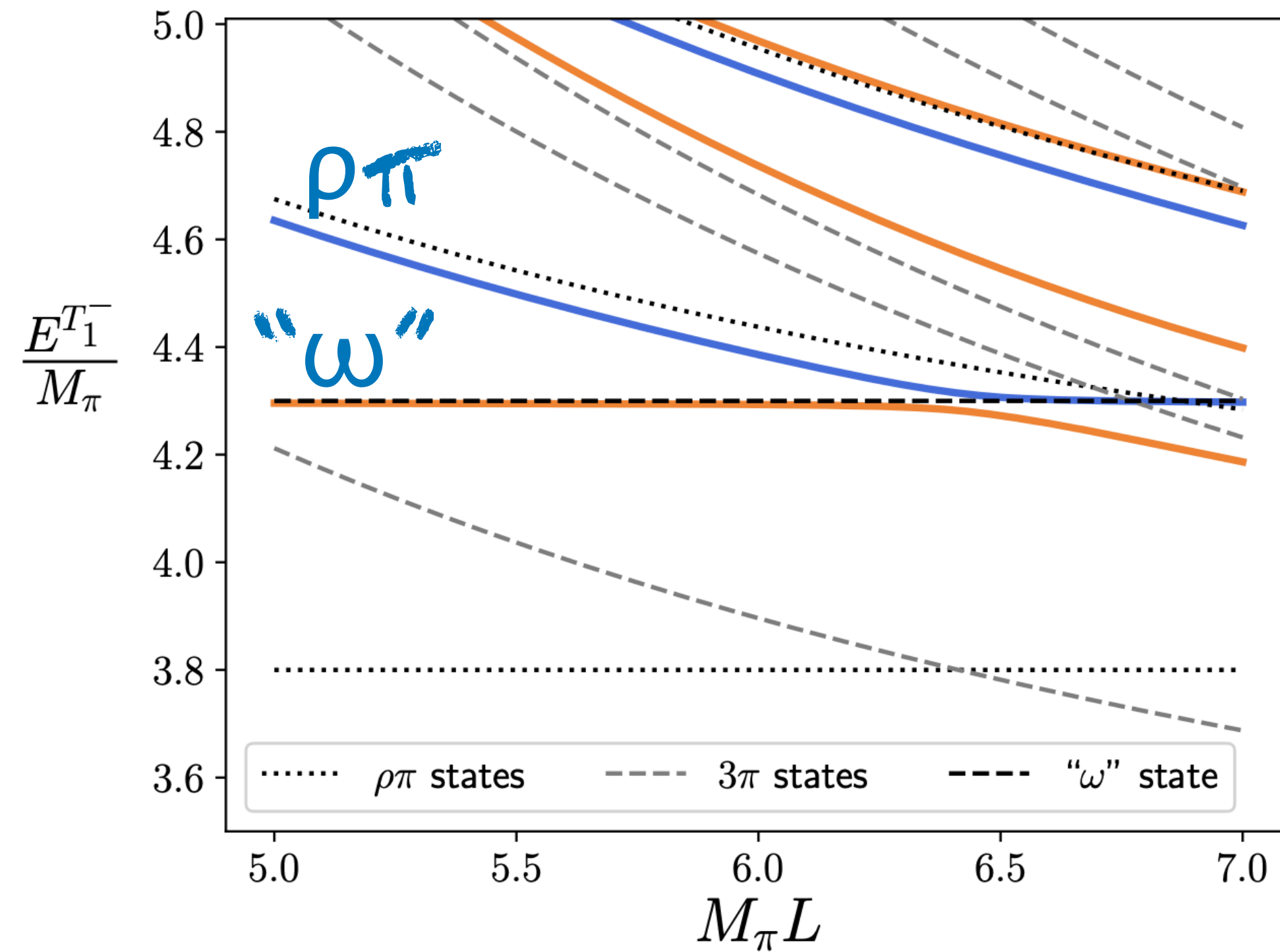
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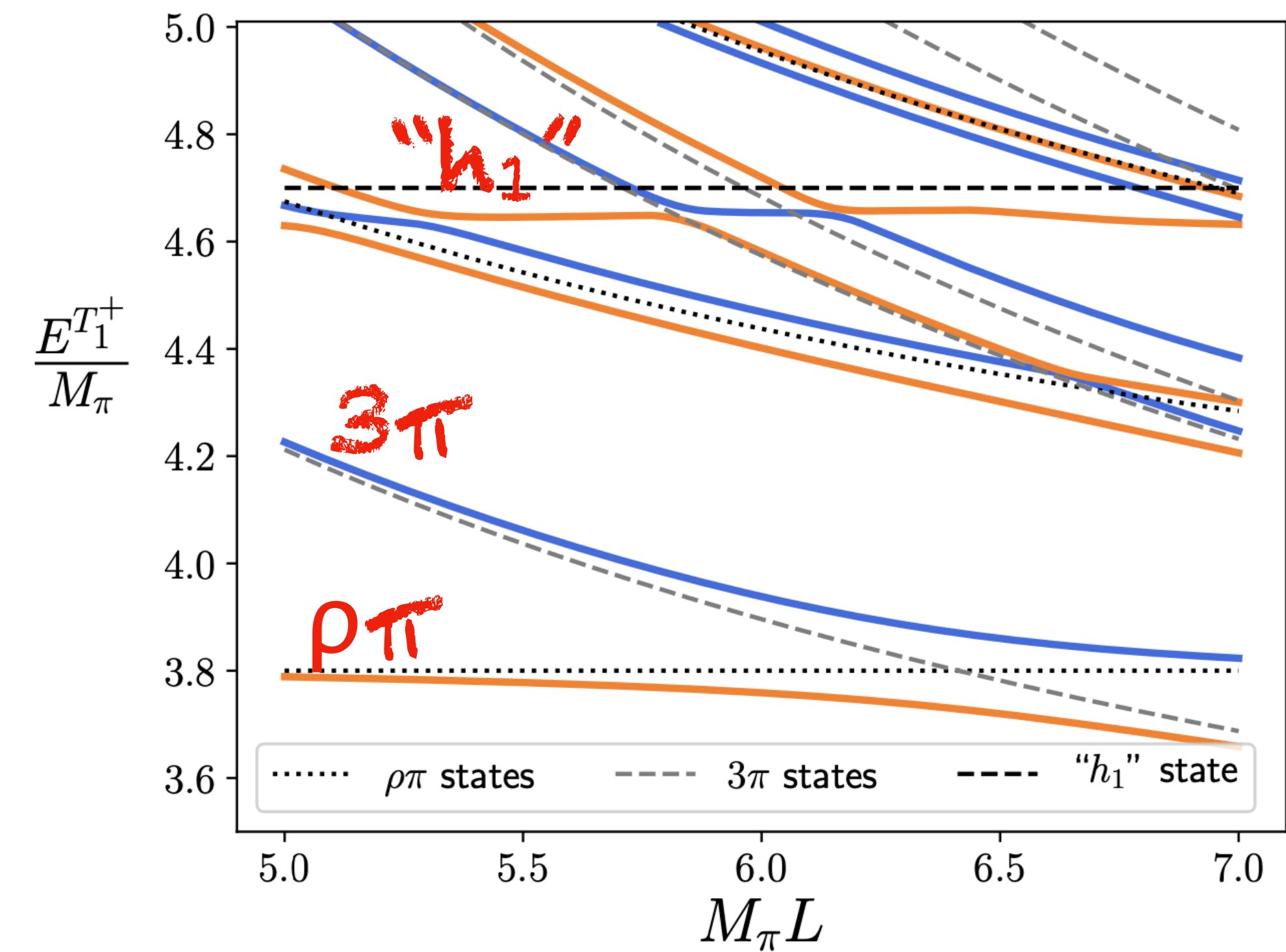
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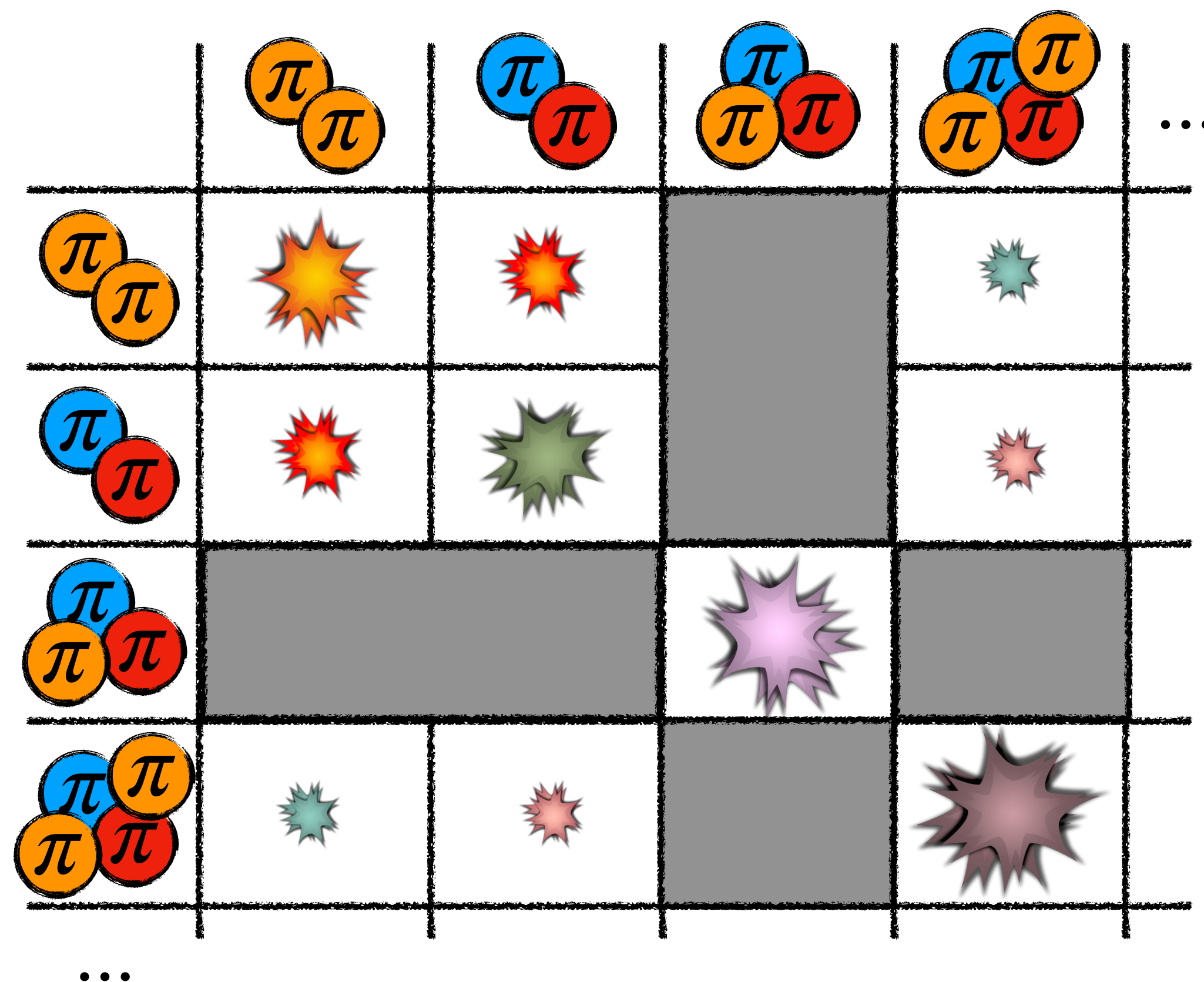
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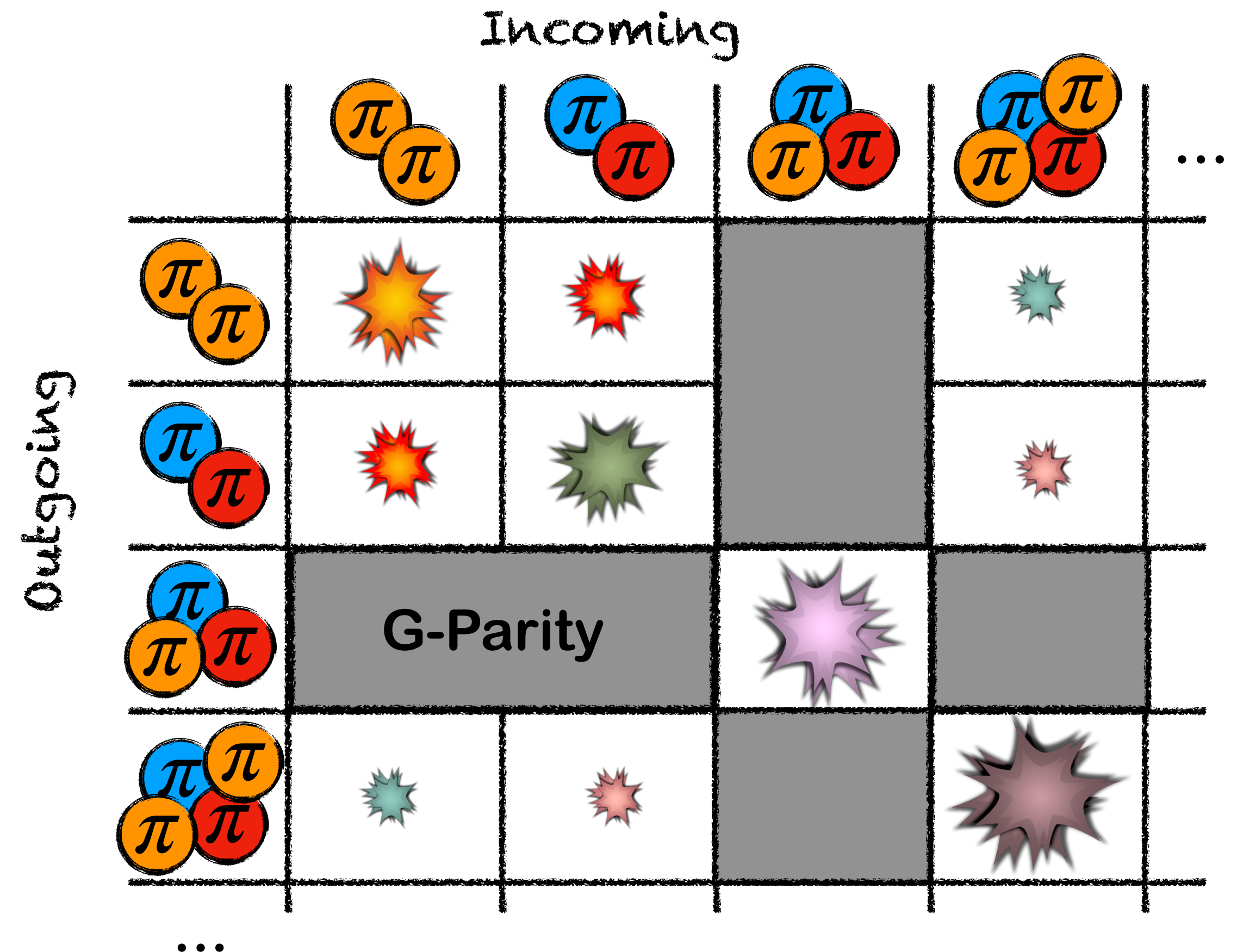
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