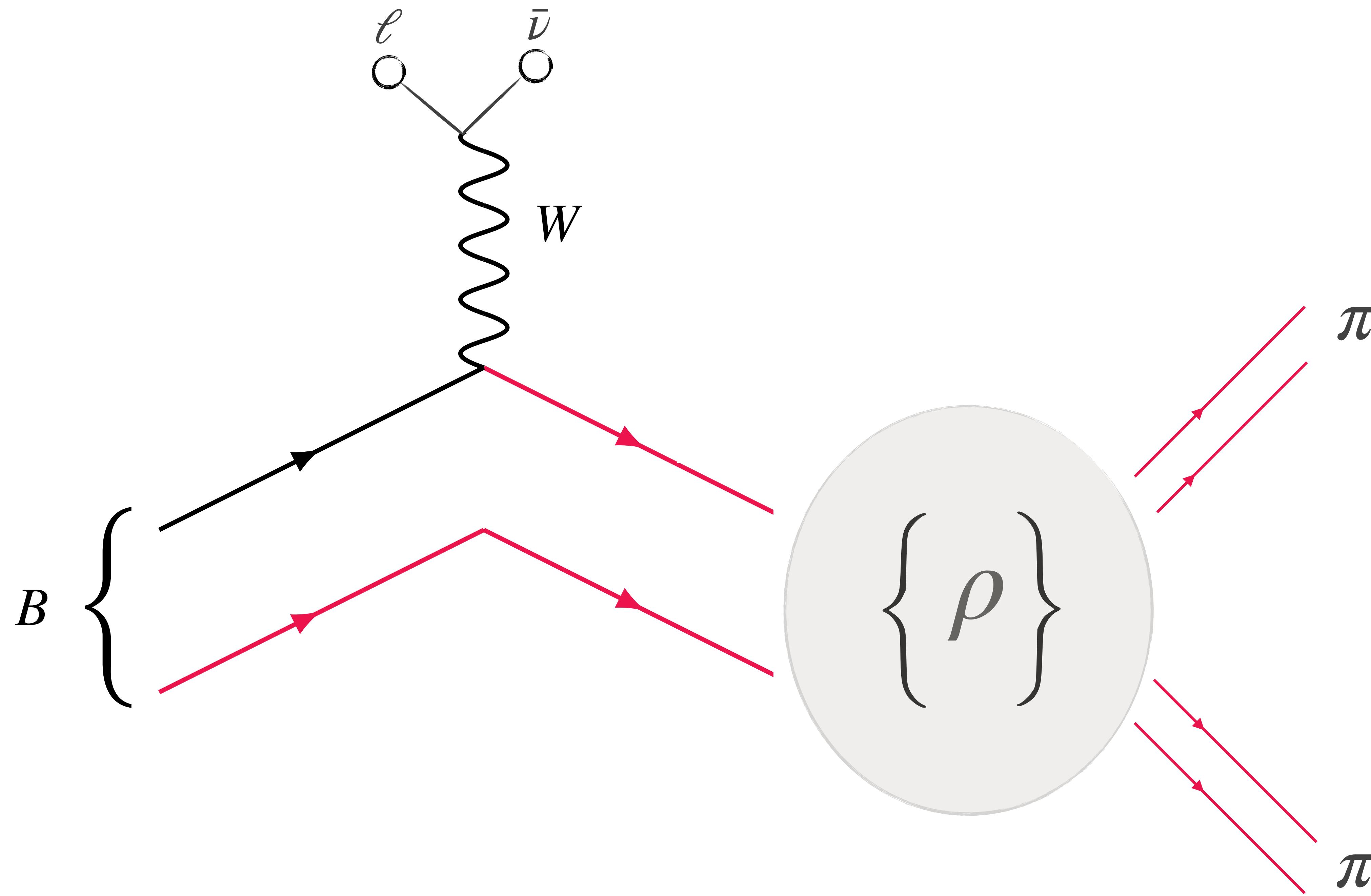
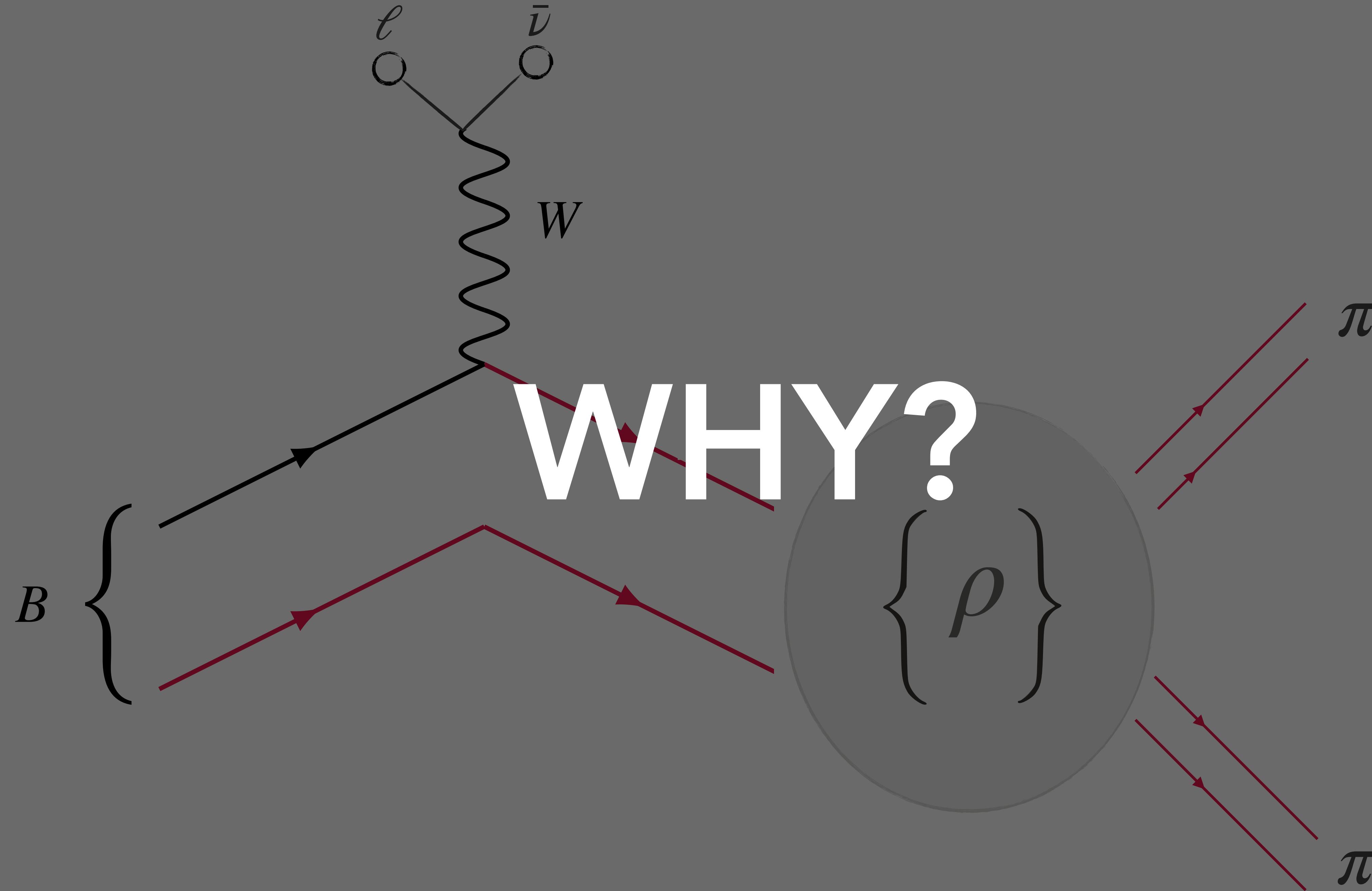


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# The $B \rightarrow \pi\pi\ell\bar{\nu}$ process on the lattice

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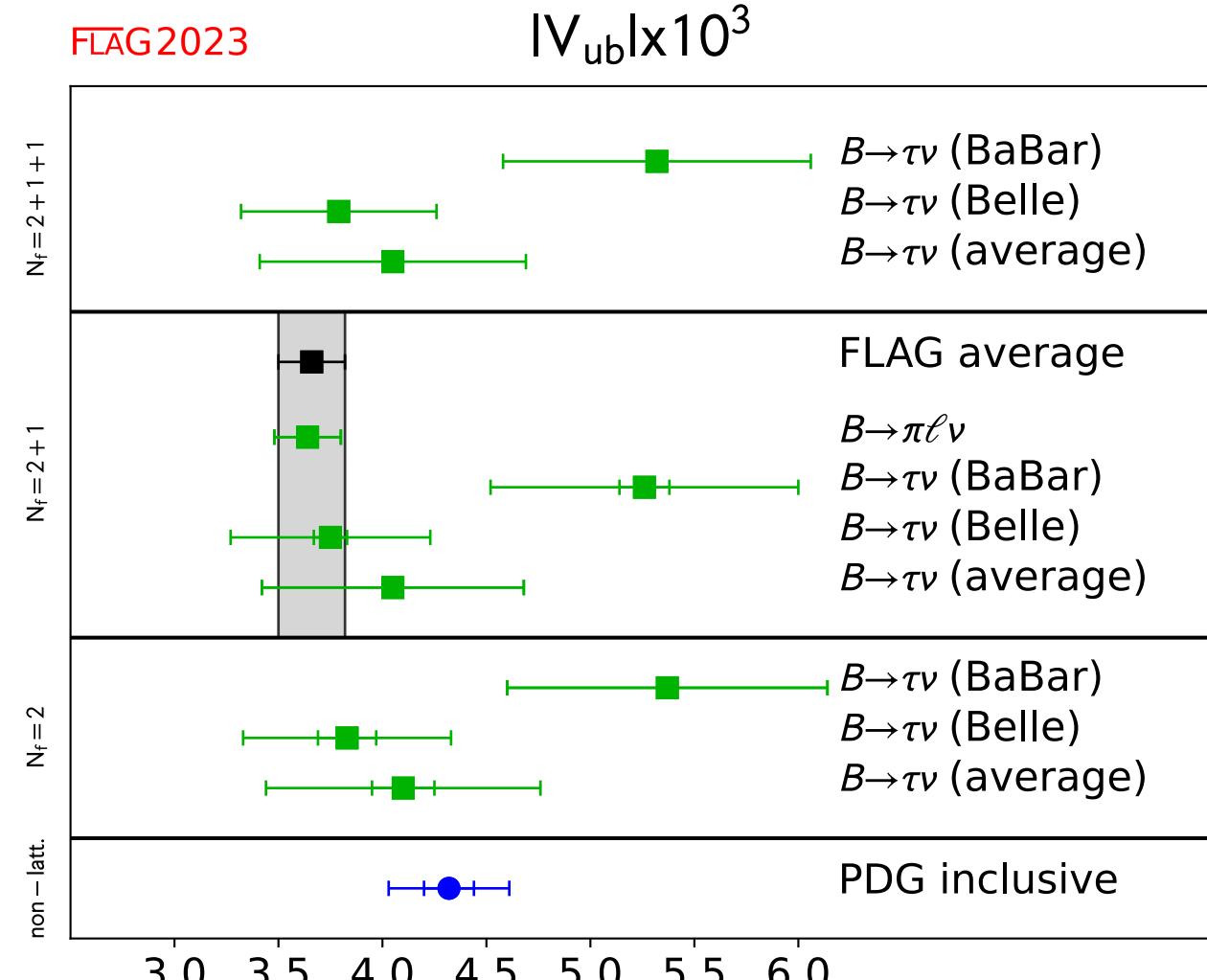
# the puzzle of $|V_{ub}|$

M. Hohmann, Challenges in Semileptonic B decays

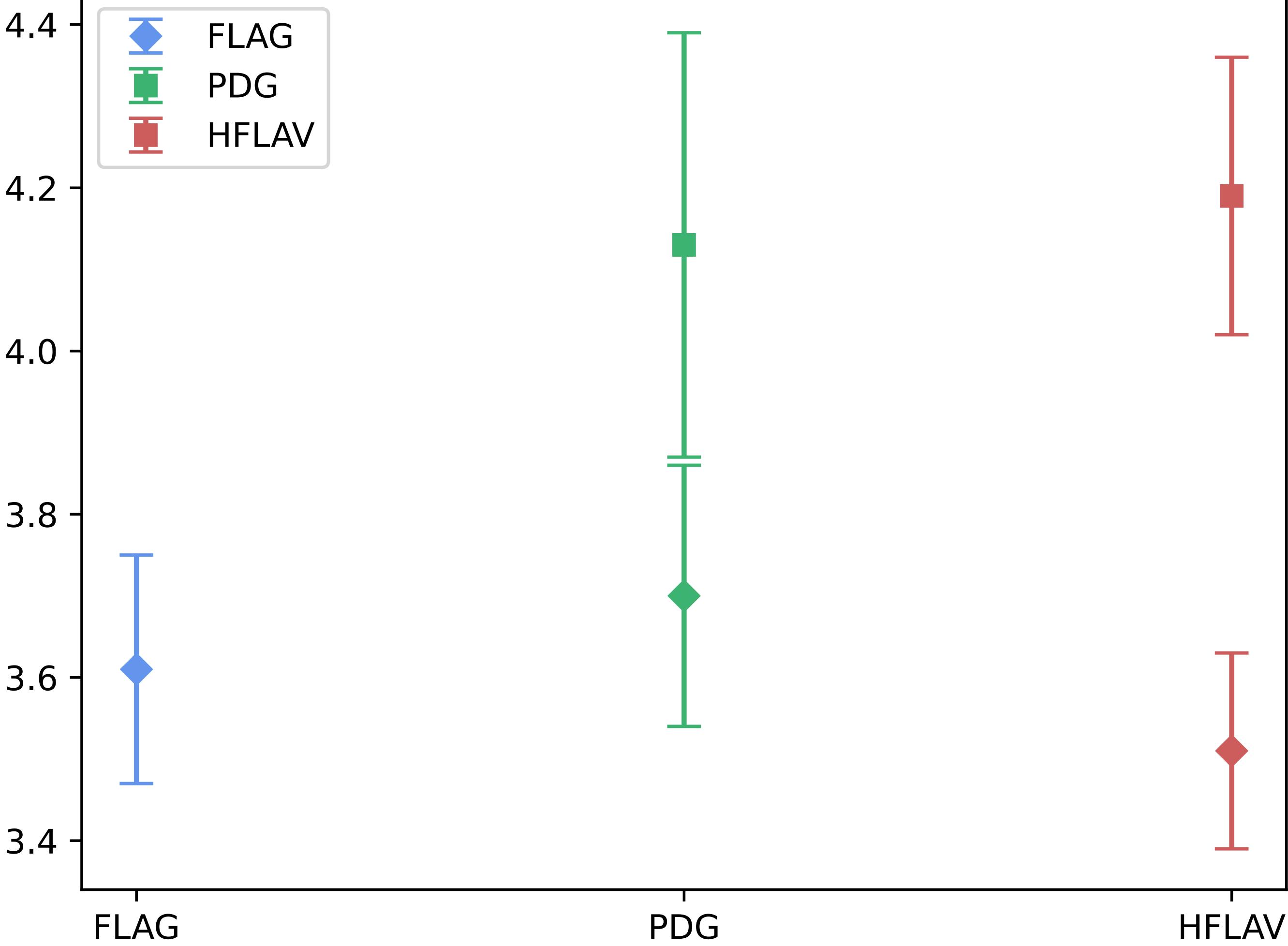
Decay Channel	$B^+ [\%]$	$B^0 [\%]$
$B \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu$	0.152(3)	0.082(2)
$B \rightarrow \rho \ell \nu$	0.147(2)	0.082(1)
$B \rightarrow \omega \ell \nu$	0.127(2)	-
$B \rightarrow \eta \ell \nu$	0.127(4)	-
$B \rightarrow \eta' \ell \nu$	0.097(4)	-
$B \rightarrow x_u \ell \nu$	0.1030(5)	0.0540(4)

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contributions from the  $V_{cb}$   
processes



inclusive determination



exclusive determination

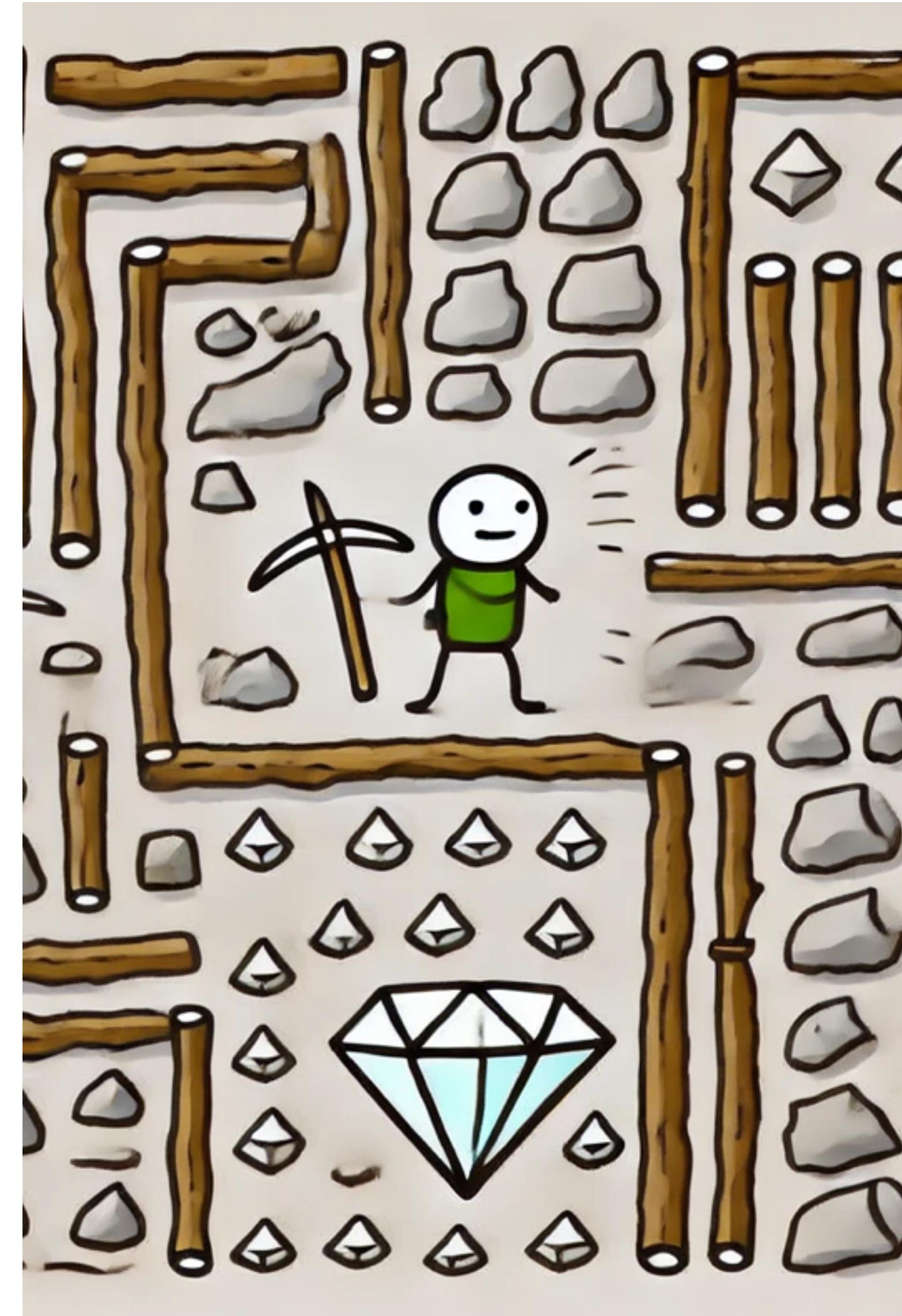
so how do we solve it?

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## systematically!

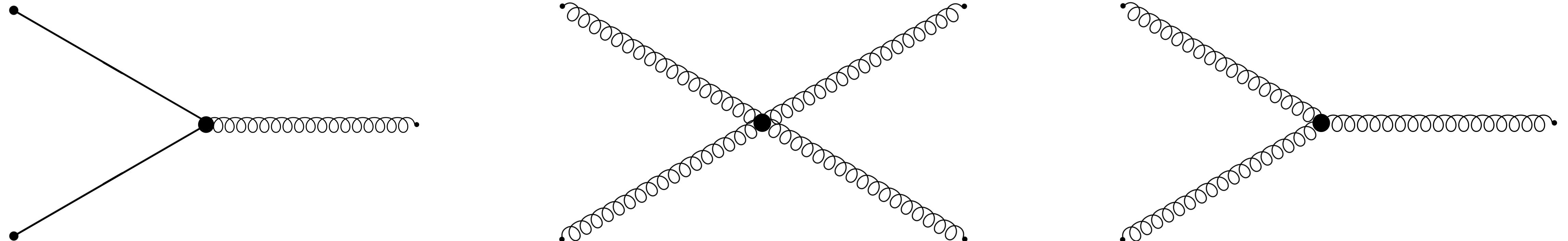
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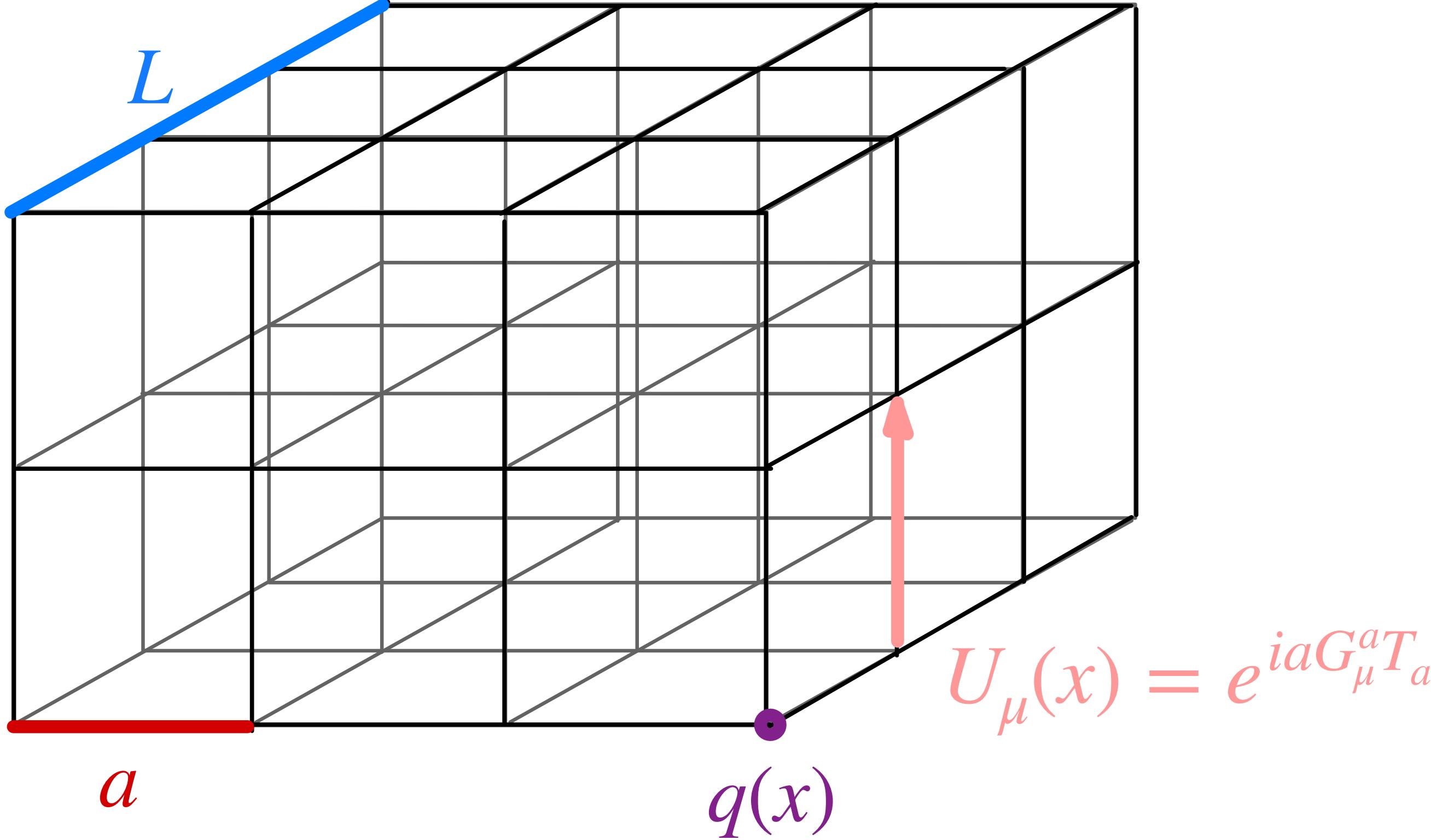
- ❖ improve inclusive methodology  
(great progress in inclusive decays on lattice: [2111.12774](#),  
[2405.06152](#) )
- ❖ add exclusive processes (today)



# Quantum Chromodynamics

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \sum_q \left( \bar{q}_i i\gamma_\mu \left[ \delta_{ij} \partial^\mu + i(G_a^\mu T^a)_{ij} \right] q_j - m_q \bar{q}_i q_i \right) - \frac{1}{4} G_a^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}^a$$



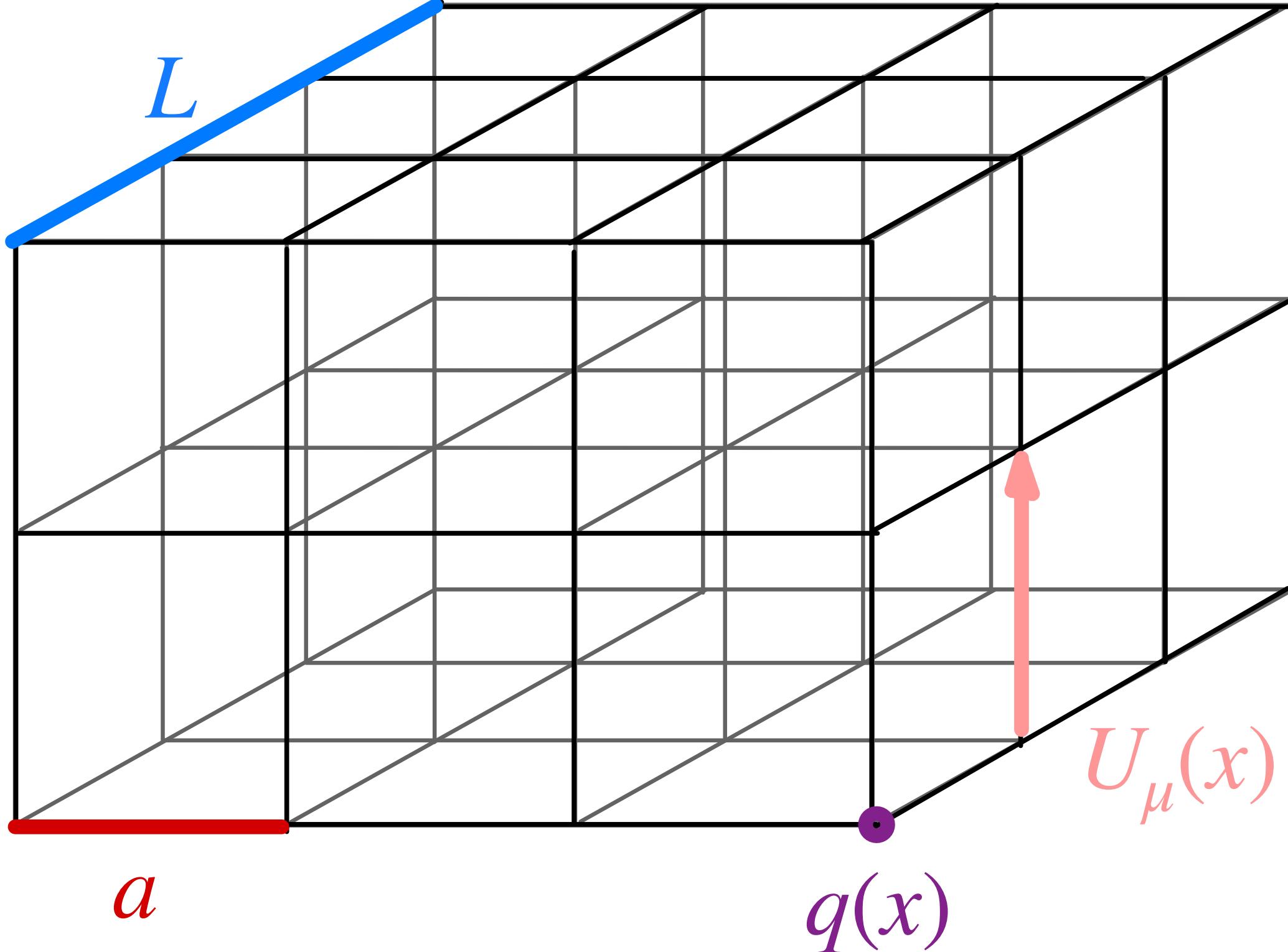


how do we add exclusive processes?

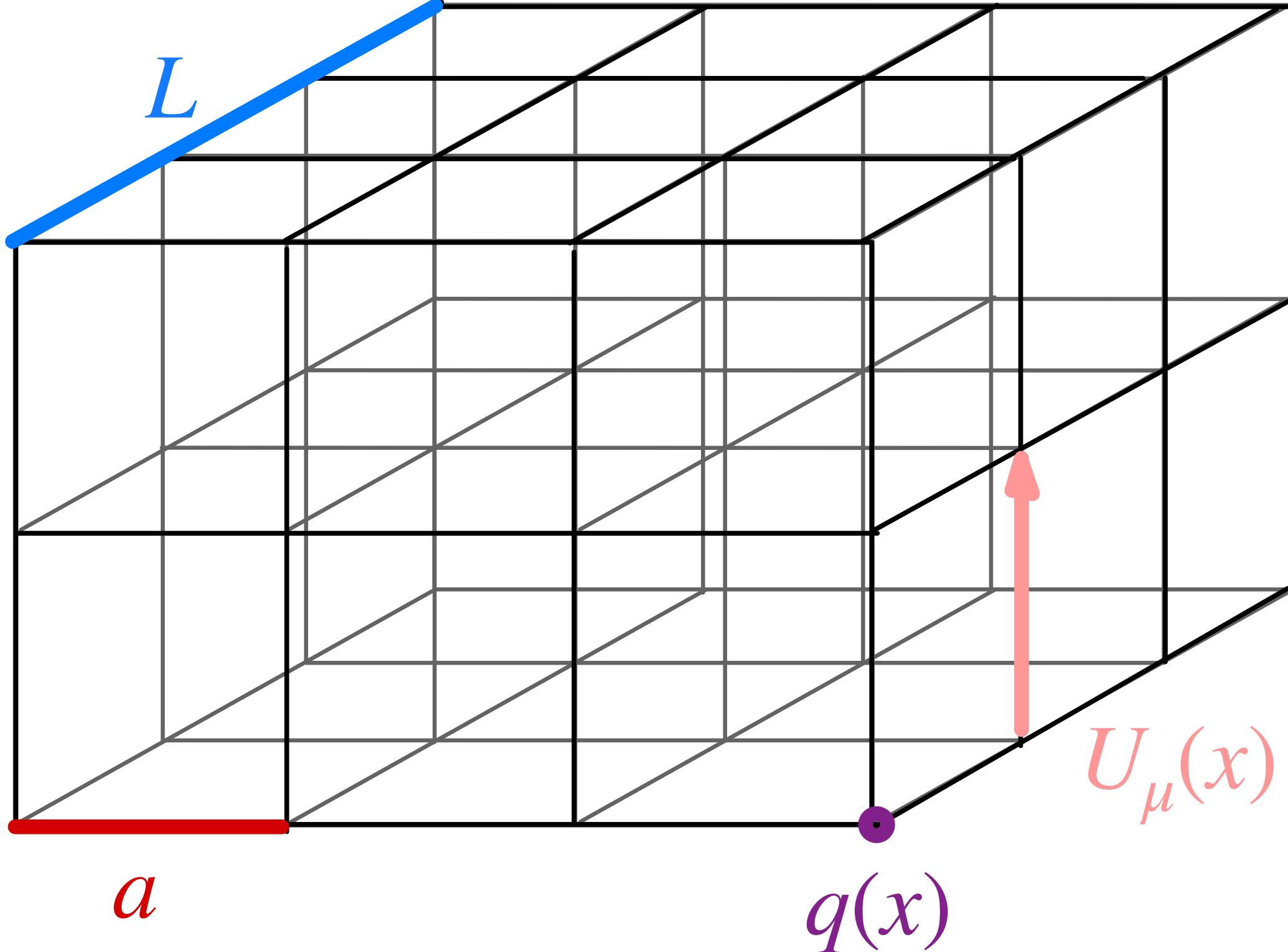
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lattice QCD

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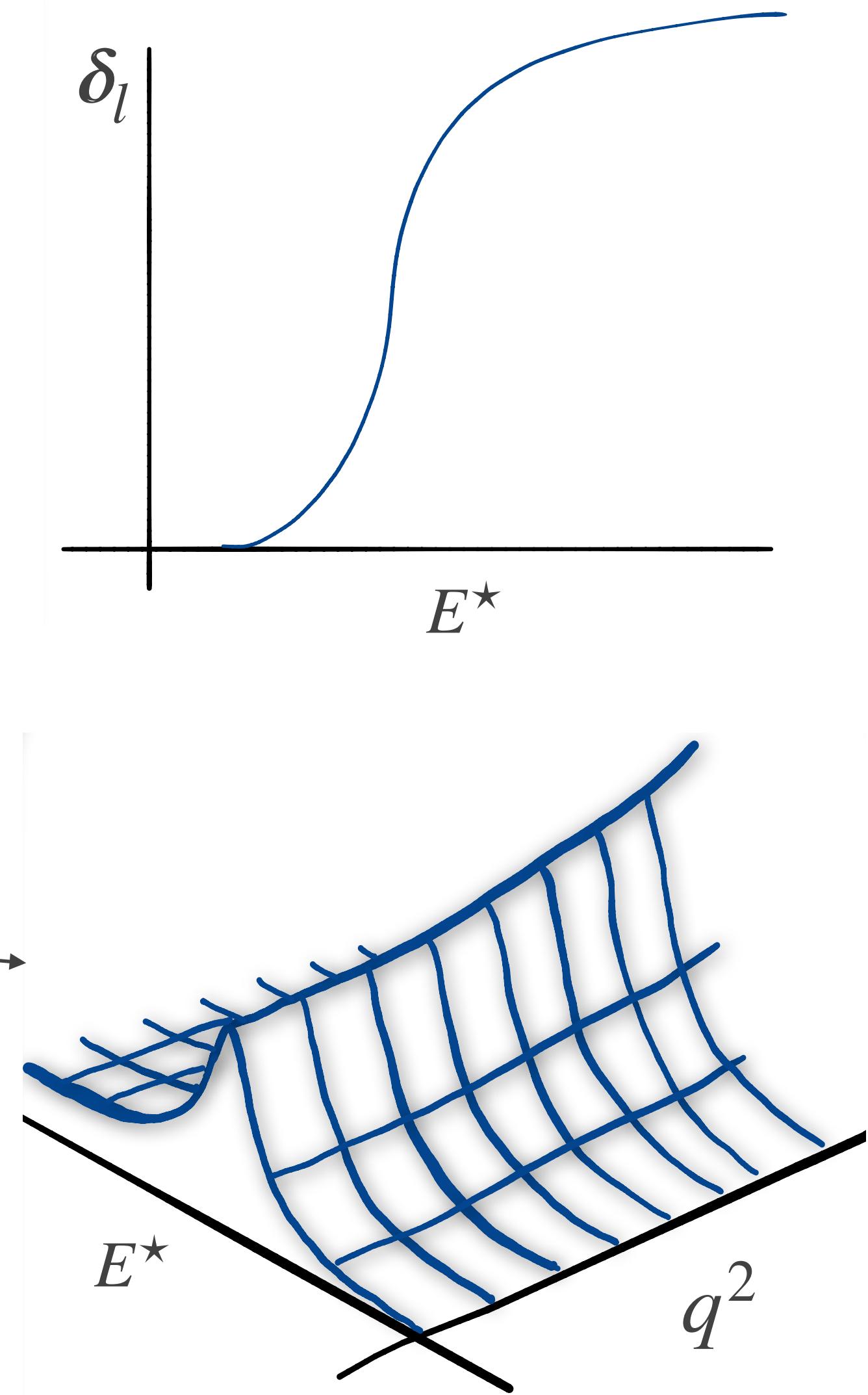
- ❖  $t \rightarrow i t$  ( $S \rightarrow iS$ )
- ❖  $Z = \int \mathcal{D}U \mathcal{D}q \mathcal{D}\bar{q} e^{-S(q, \bar{q}, U)}$
- ❖ discretize space time ( $a$ )
- ❖ place system in a finite-volume box ( $L$ )



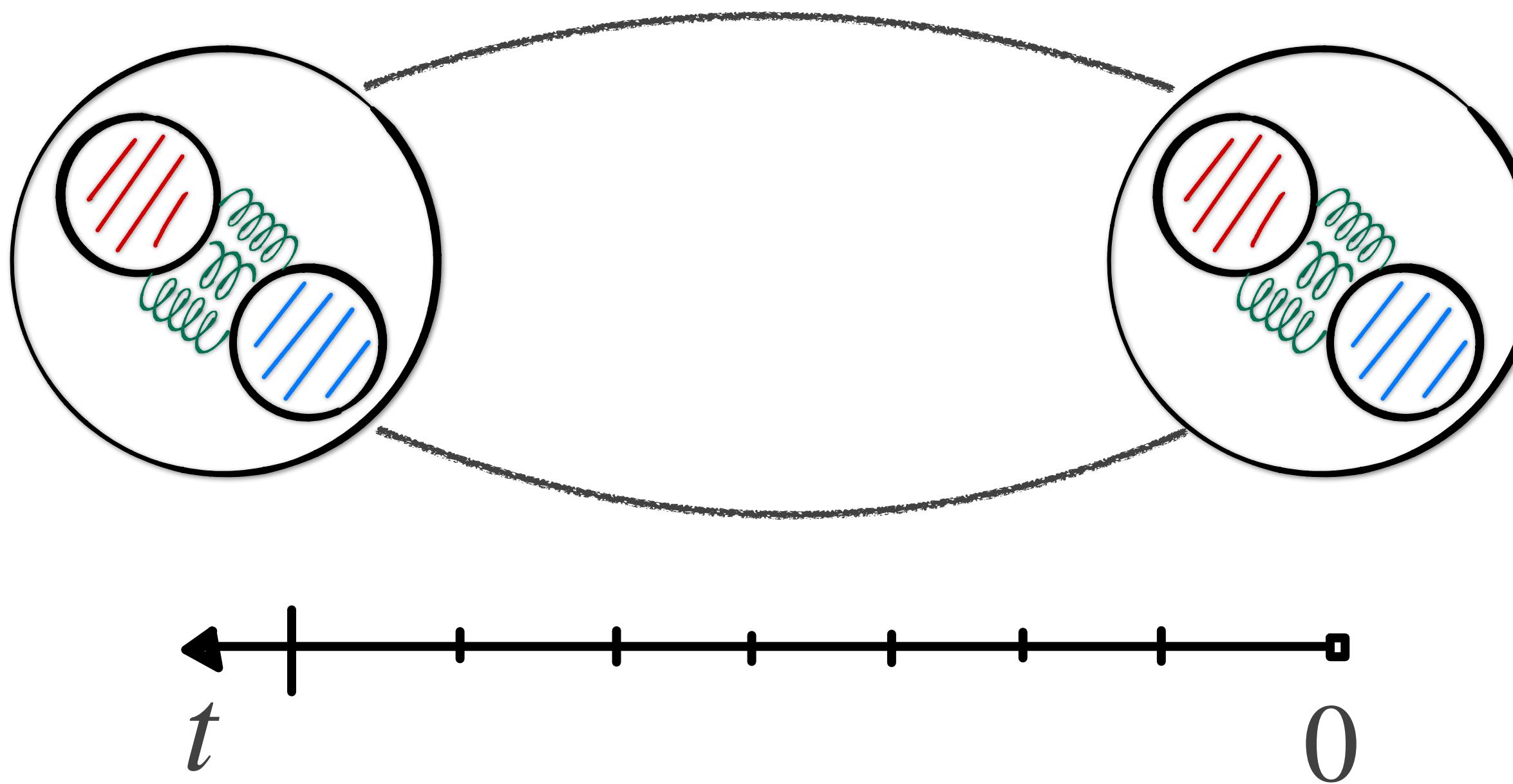
- ❖ Wilson-Clover fermions
- ❖  $a \approx 0.11403 \text{ fm}$
- ❖  $m_\pi \approx 320 \text{ MeV}$
- ❖  $32^3 \times 96$
- ❖  $N_{config} = 1039$

# what can we calculate on the lattice?

- ❖ **1-point functions**  
(vevs)
- ❖ **2-point functions**  
(masses, scattering amplitudes,...)
- ❖ **3-point functions**  
(matrix elements of all kinds,...)
- ❖ **4-point functions**  
(DIS, spectral decompositions, ...)



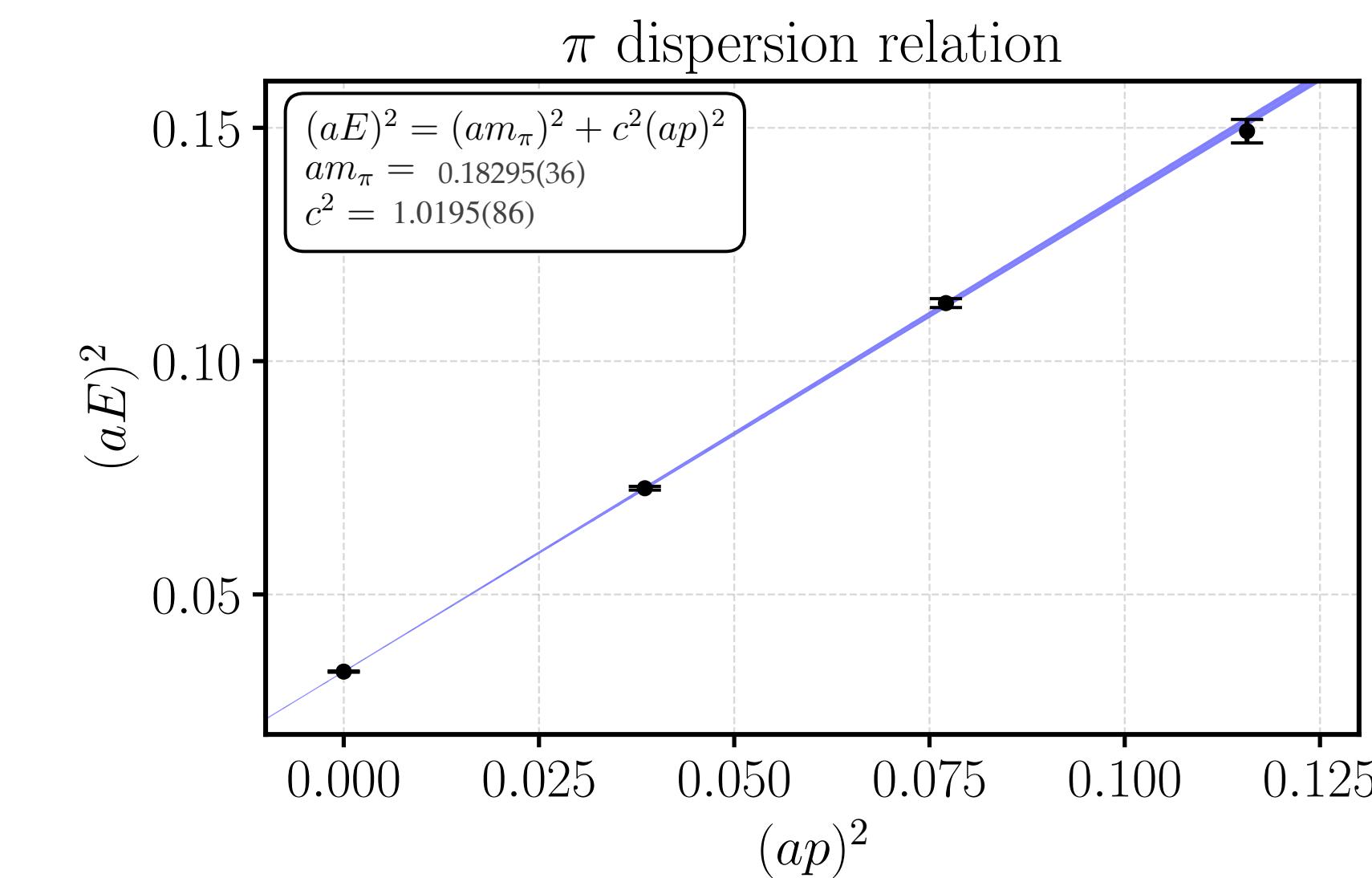
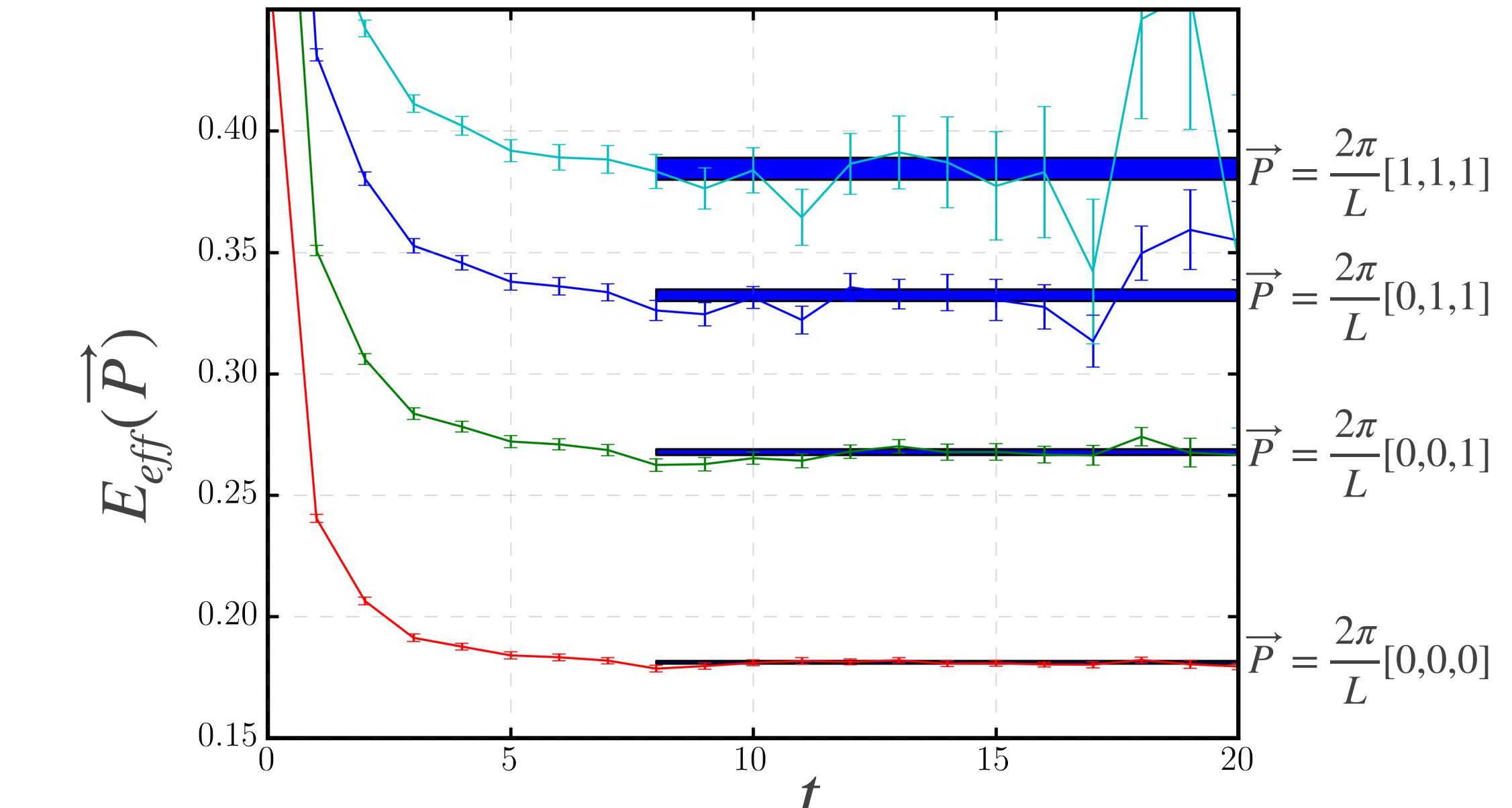
# 2-point functions: stable hadrons



$$C_{\pi}^{\vec{P}}(t) = \sum_n \frac{|\langle 0 | O_{\pi}(\vec{P}) | n \rangle|^2}{2E_n} e^{-E_n t}$$

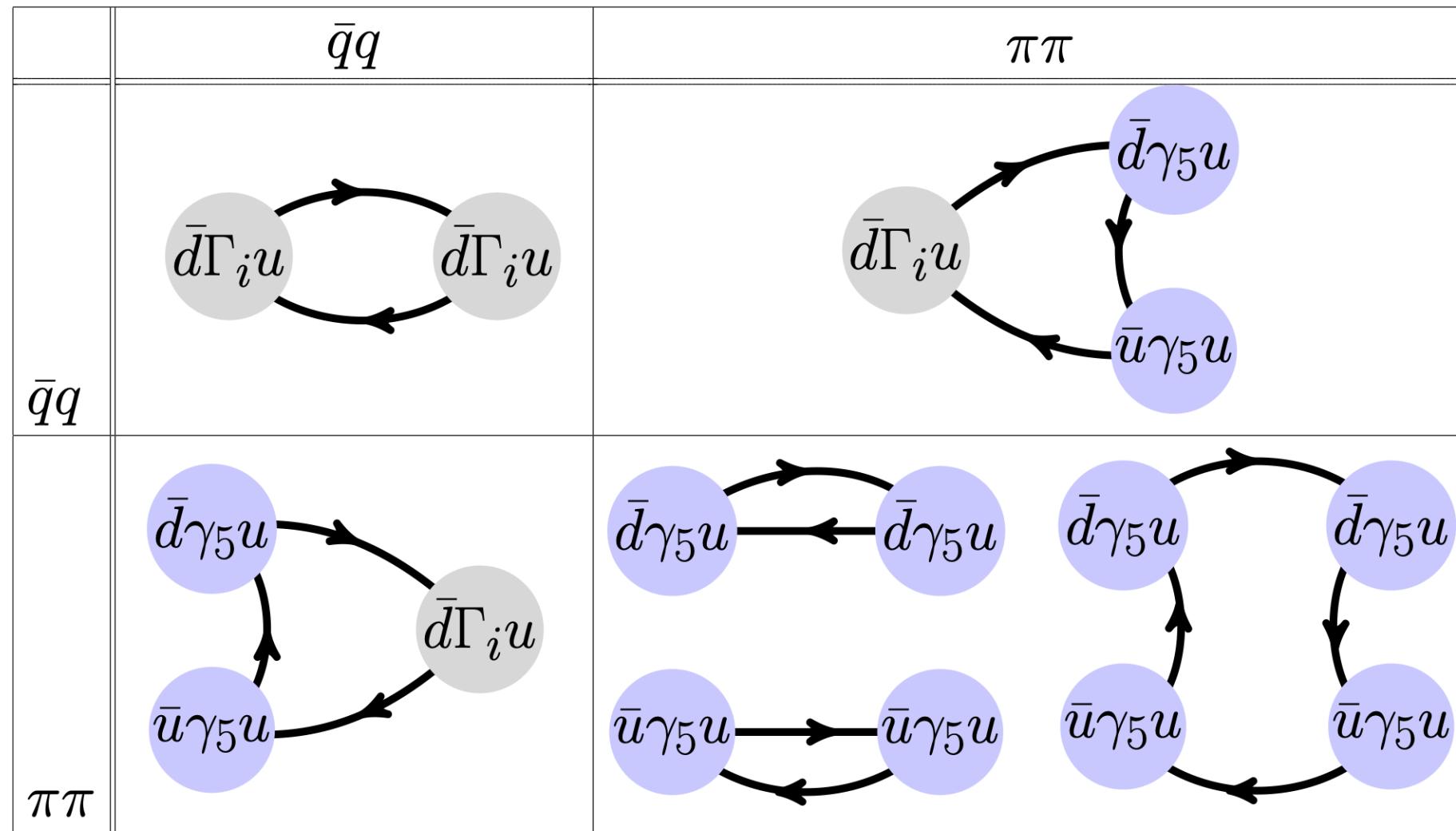
$t \rightarrow \infty$

$$C_{\pi}^{\vec{P}}(t) = \frac{|\langle 0 | O_{\pi}(\vec{P}) | \pi \rangle|^2}{2E_{\pi}} e^{-E_{\pi} t}$$



# 2-point functions: unstable hadrons

- ❖ use excited states!
- ❖ build a matrix of correlation functions

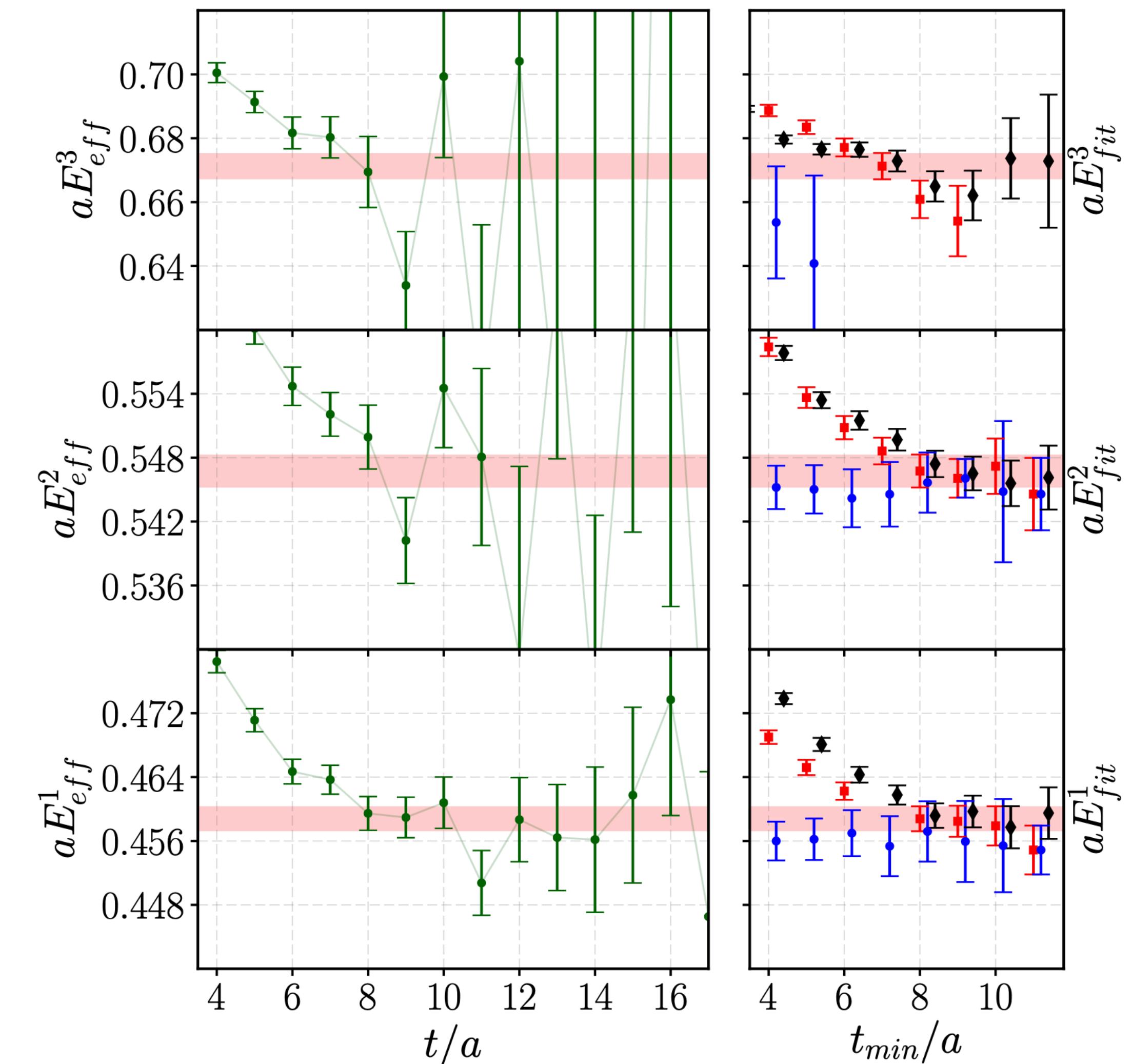


$$C_{ij}^{\vec{P}, \Lambda}(t) = \sum_n \frac{\langle 0 | O_i(\vec{P}, \Lambda) | n, \vec{P}, \Lambda \rangle \langle n, \vec{P}, \Lambda | O_j(\vec{P}, \Lambda) | 0 \rangle}{2E_n^{\vec{P}, \Lambda}} e^{-E_n^{\vec{P}, \Lambda} t}$$

- ❖ variational analysis:

$$C_{ij}^{\vec{P}, \Lambda}(t) v_n^{\vec{P}, \Lambda}(t) = \lambda_n^{\vec{P}, \Lambda}(t, t_0) C_{ij}^{\vec{P}, \Lambda}(t_0) v_n^{\vec{P}, \Lambda}(t)$$

$|\vec{P}| = 0, \Lambda = T_1$ , basis:  $O_{1234}$



# 2-point functions: unstable hadrons

$$C_L^{(2)} = \text{O} \circ \text{O} + \text{O} \circ \text{O} \text{---} \text{O} + \dots$$

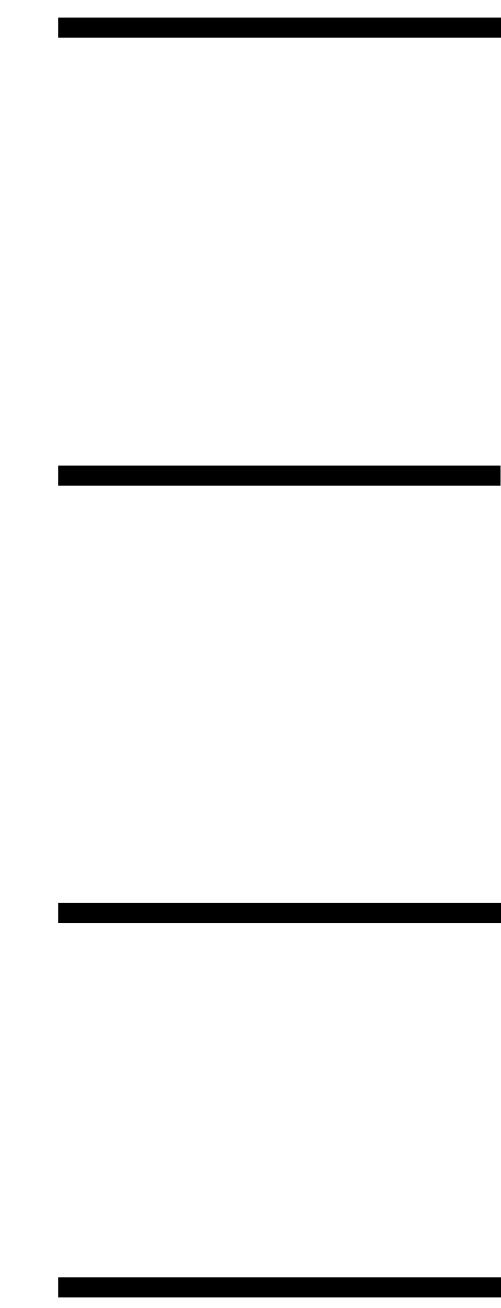
$$C_L^{(2)} = C_\infty^{(2)} - A' \frac{1}{F^{-1}(E^\star) + T(E^\star)} A$$

$$C_L^{(2)} = \sum_n \frac{R_n}{E^\star - E_n^\star} + \mathcal{O}(\text{reg})$$

for each  $\vec{P}$  and  $\Lambda$ :

$$\det [F^{-1}(E^\star) + T(E^\star)] = 0$$

$$E_n^{\vec{P}, \Lambda \star}$$



# scattering on the lattice

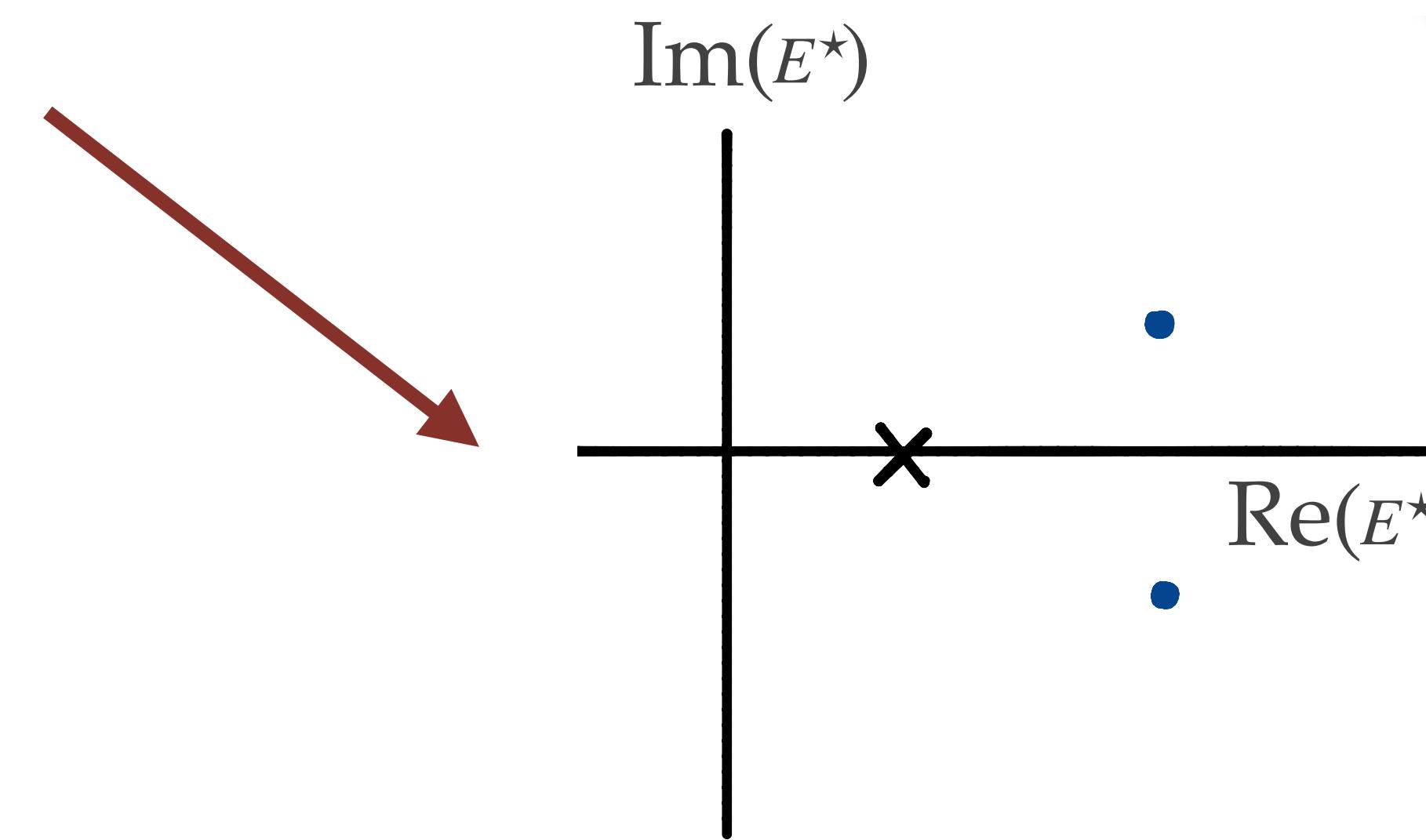
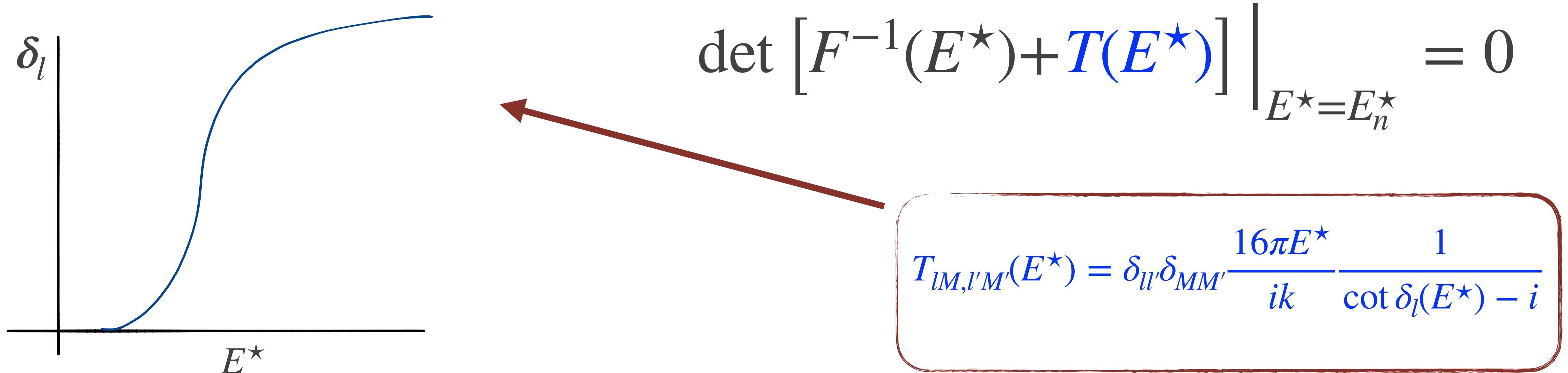
$$\det [F^{-1}(E^\star) + T(E^\star)] \Big|_{E^\star=E_n^\star} = 0$$

$$F_{lM,l'M'}(E^\star) = \frac{ik}{8\pi E} \left[ \delta_{MM'} \delta_{ll'} + i \sum_{\bar{l},\bar{m}} \sqrt{\frac{(2l+1)(2\bar{l}+1)}{4\pi(2l'+1)}} \langle lM, \bar{l}\bar{m}_l | l'M' \rangle \langle l0, \bar{l}0 | l'0 \rangle \frac{(4\pi)^2}{\gamma L k^{\bar{l}+1}} \left(\frac{2\pi}{L}\right)^{\bar{l}-2} Z_{\bar{l}\bar{m}}(k^2) \right]$$

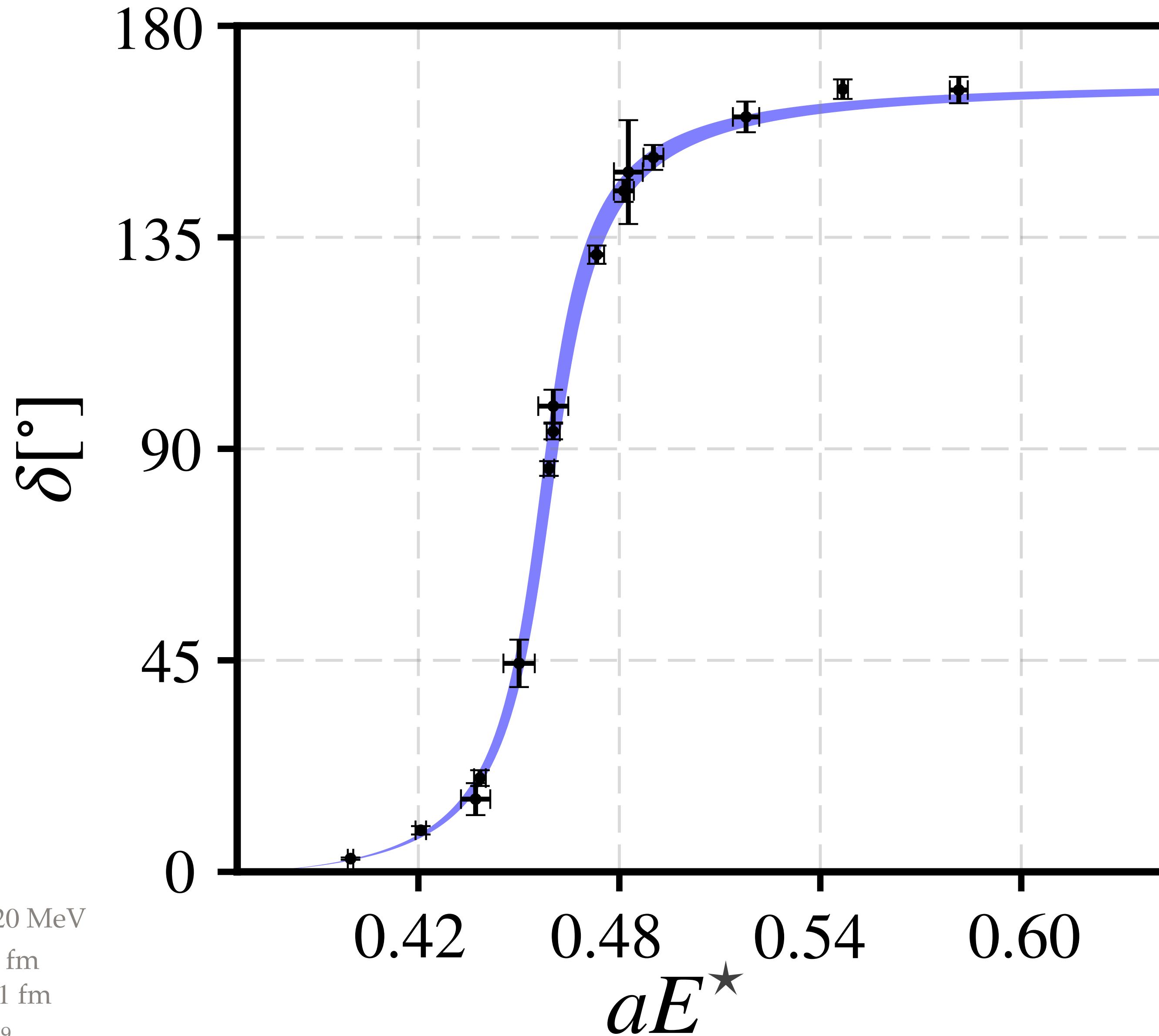
Clebsch-Gordan coefficients

the Lüscher Zeta function

# scattering in the infinite volume



# $\rho$ from lattice QCD



discrete data points:

- lattice QCD
- $\vec{P}, \Lambda, n$
- 15 data points

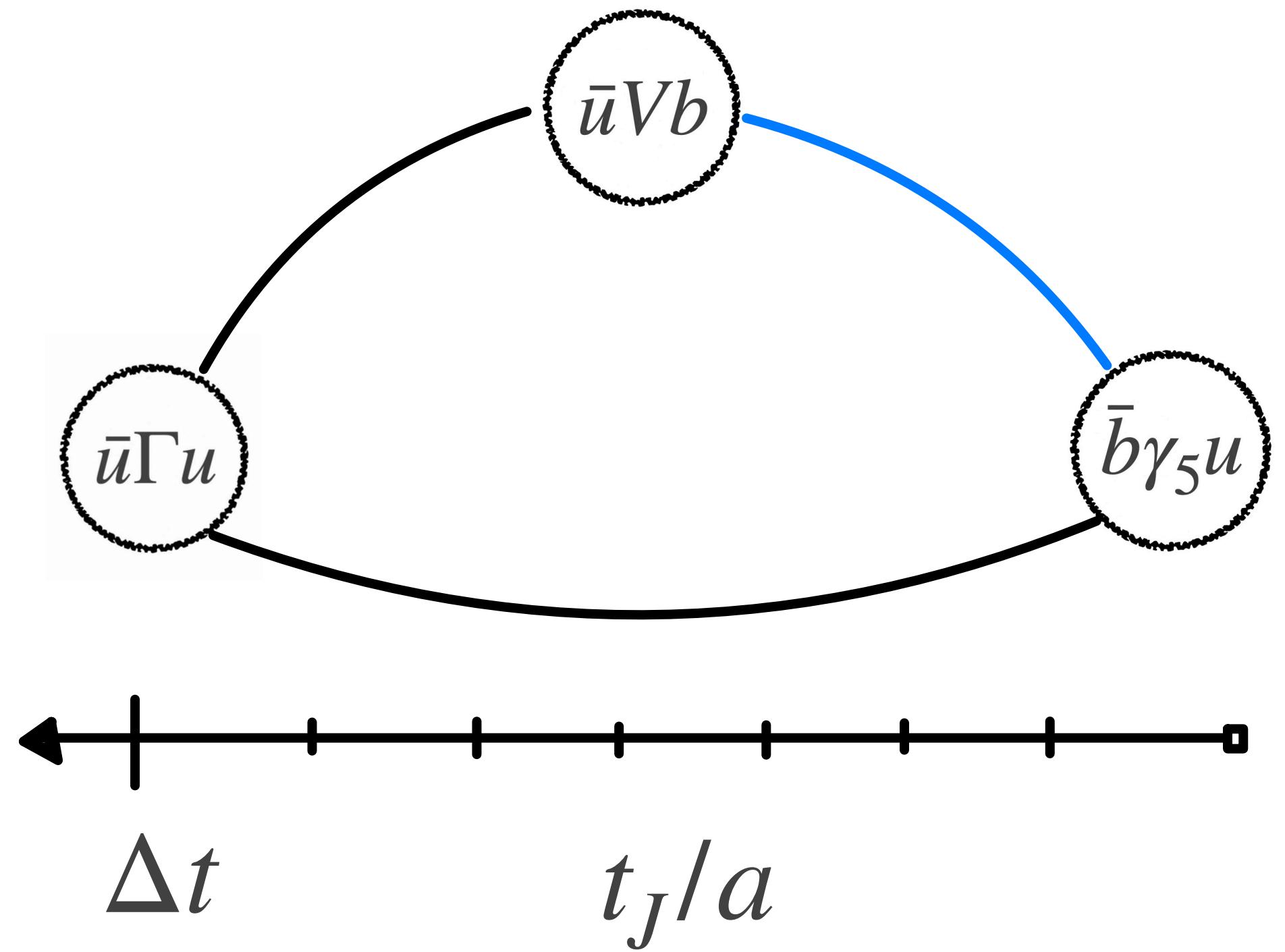
shaded region

- Breit-Wigner for  $\rho$
- mass and decay width

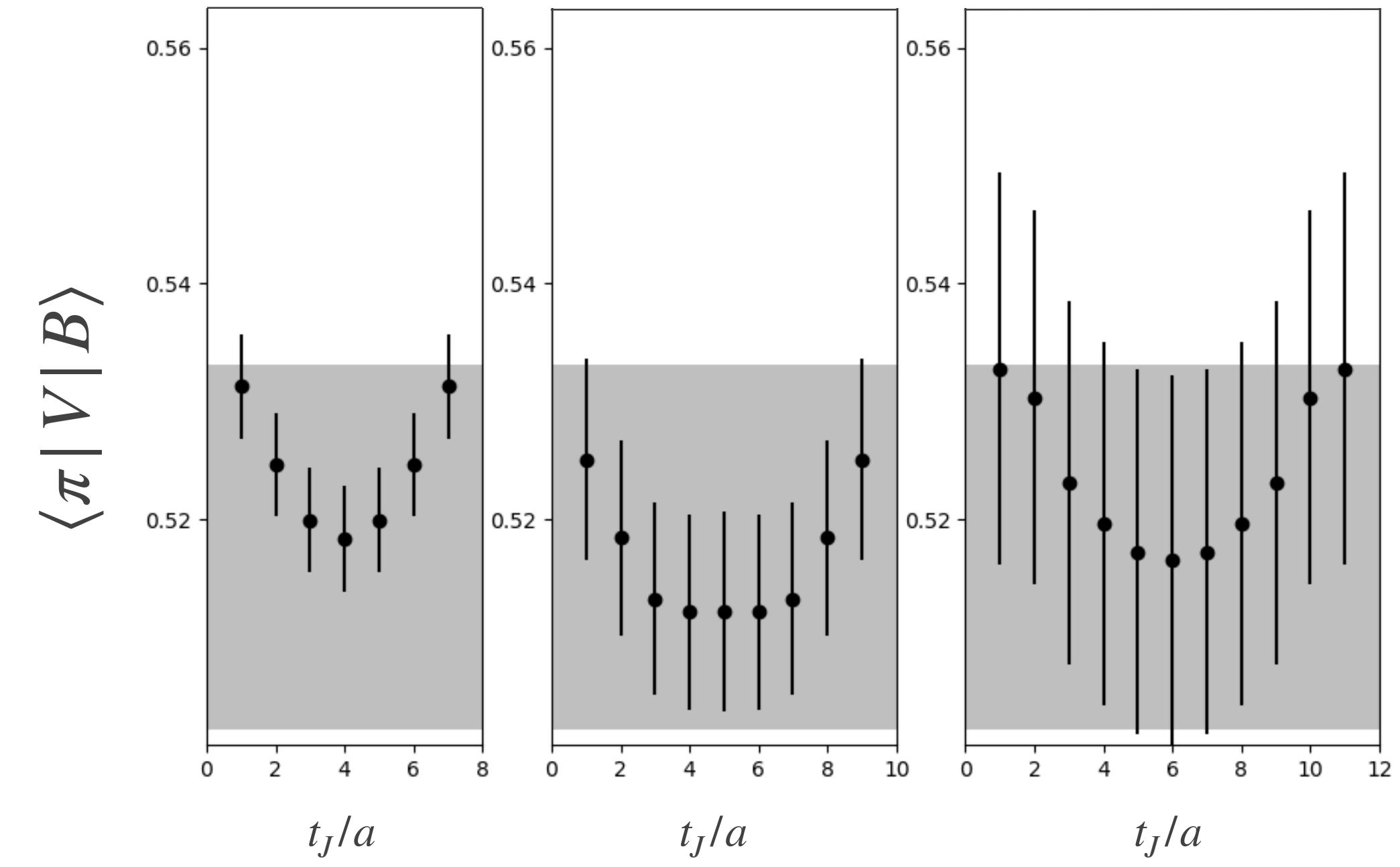
$m_\pi \approx 320$  MeV  
 $L \approx 3.6$  fm  
 $a \approx 0.11$  fm  
1704.05439

$$T(E^*) \propto \frac{1}{\cot \delta - i}$$

# 3-point functions: stable hadrons



$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow \infty} C_3 = Z_\pi \langle \pi | V | B \rangle Z_B \frac{e^{-E_\pi(\Delta t - t_J)} e^{-E_B t_J}}{2E_\pi 2E_B}$$



$$\langle \pi | V | B \rangle = \sum_i K_i f_i(q^2)$$

# 3-point functions: unstable hadrons

$$C_L^{(3)} = \text{diagram with two loops} + \text{diagram with one loop and a central shaded circle} + \dots$$

$$C_L^{(3)} = C_\infty^{(3)} - A' R A$$

$$R = \lim_{E \rightarrow E_n} \frac{E - E_n}{F^{-1} + T}$$

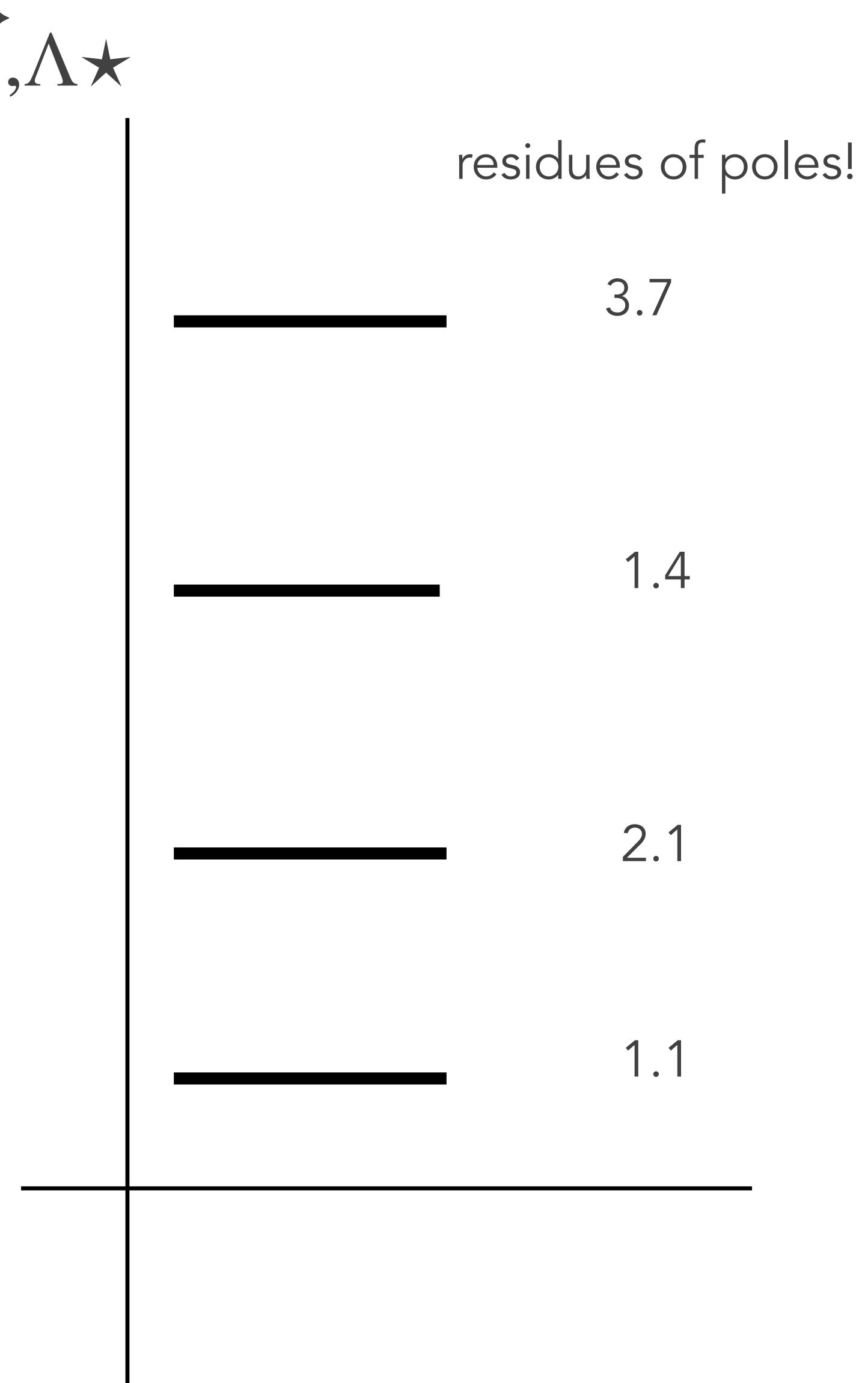
↑ residue of pole!

normalization of finite-volume states

$$|E_n^{\vec{P}, \Lambda^\star}\rangle_L \sim \sqrt{R} |p_1 p_2(E^\star = E_n^{\vec{P}, \Lambda^\star})\rangle_\infty$$



the “Lellouch-Lüscher” factor

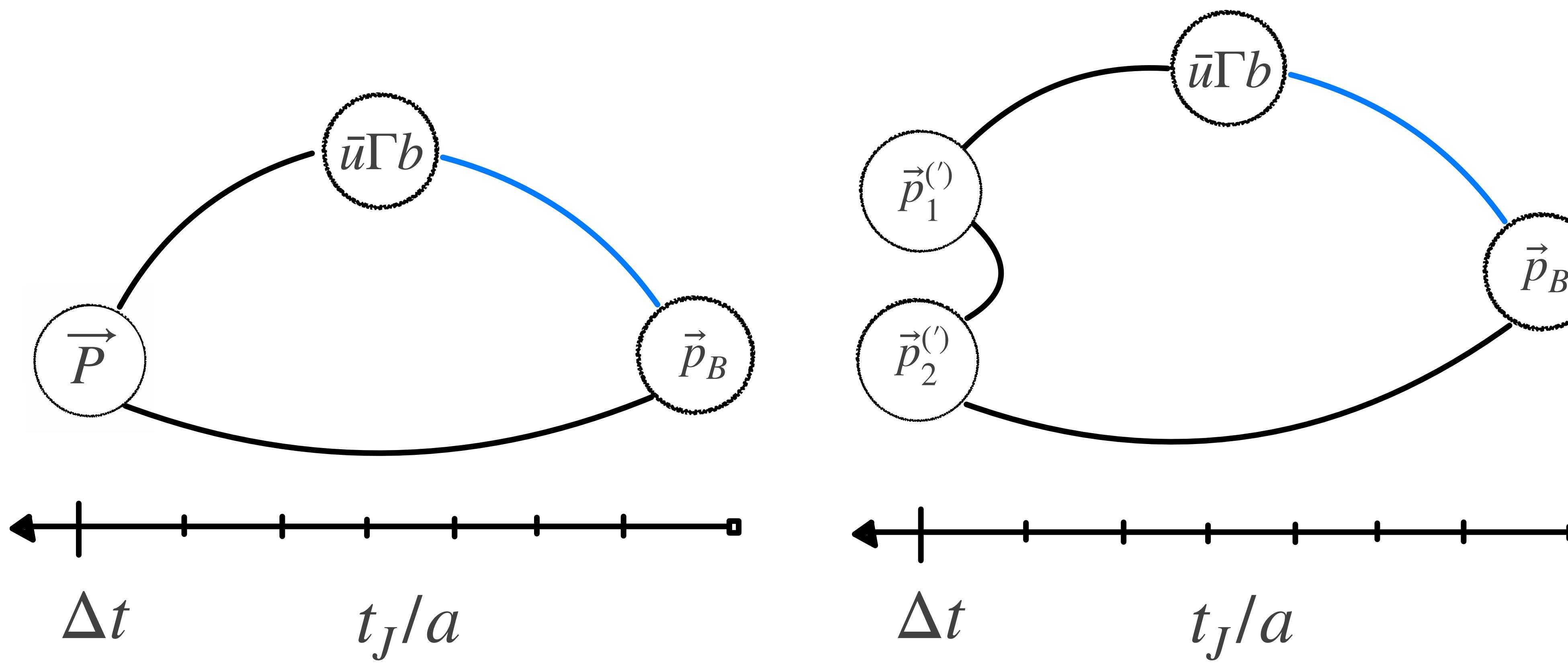


Lellouch, Lüscher [hep-lat/0003023](#)  
Lin, Sachrajda, Testa [hep-lat/0104006](#)

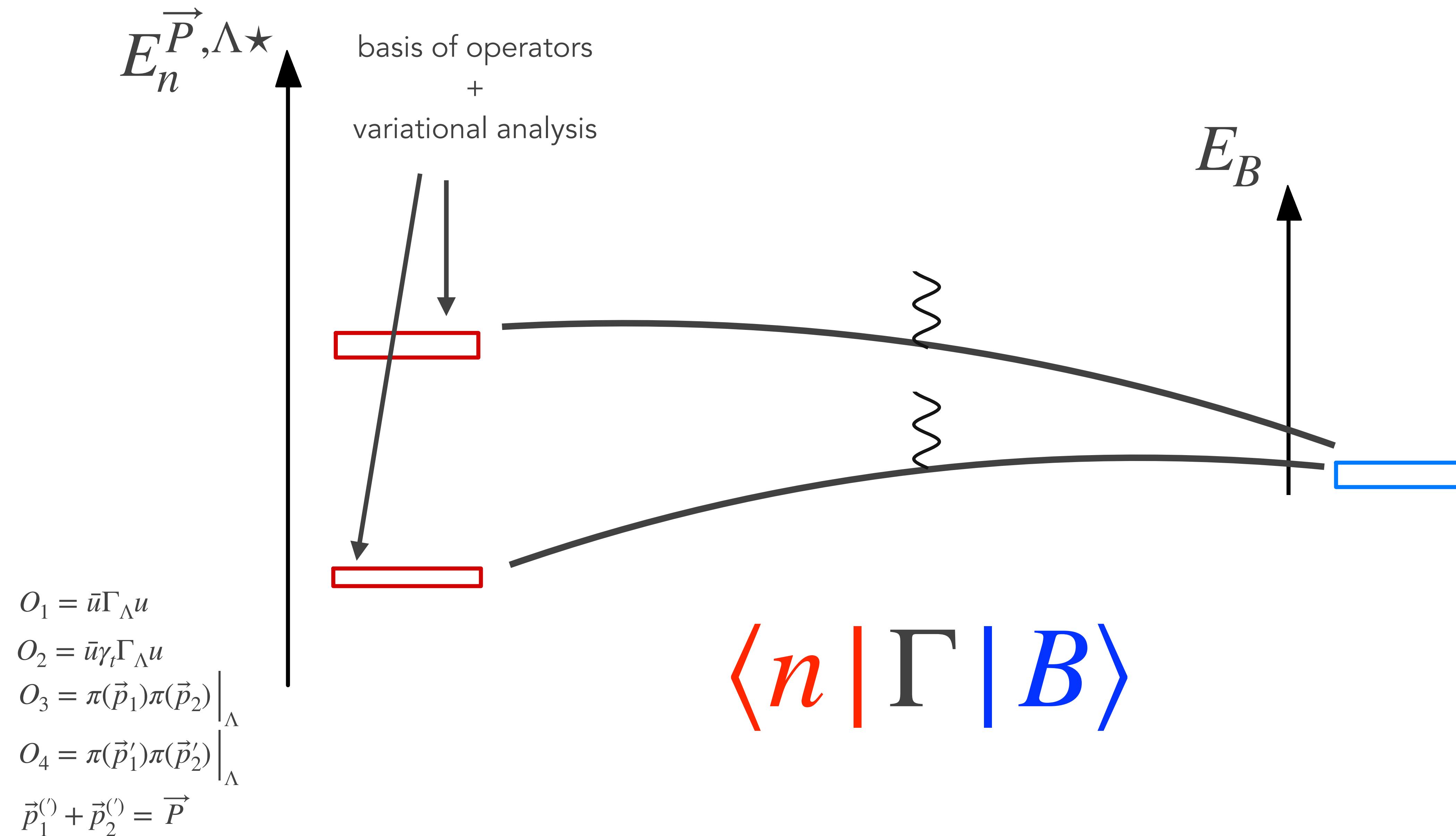
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Briceno, Hansen, Walker-Loud [1406.5965](#)  
Briceno, Hansen [1502.04314](#)  
Briceno, Dudek, LL [2105.02017](#)

# 3-point functions

$$C_{3,i} = \langle O_i(\vec{P}, \Lambda) \Gamma O_B(\vec{p}_B) \rangle$$



# matrix elements



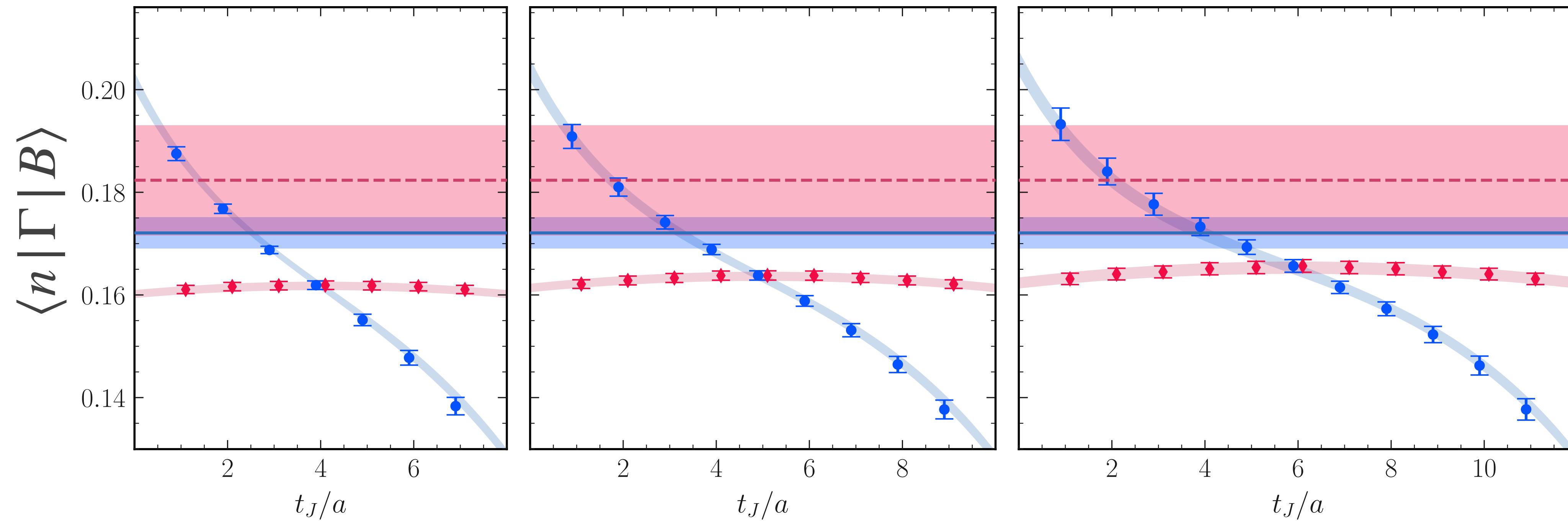
# state projection

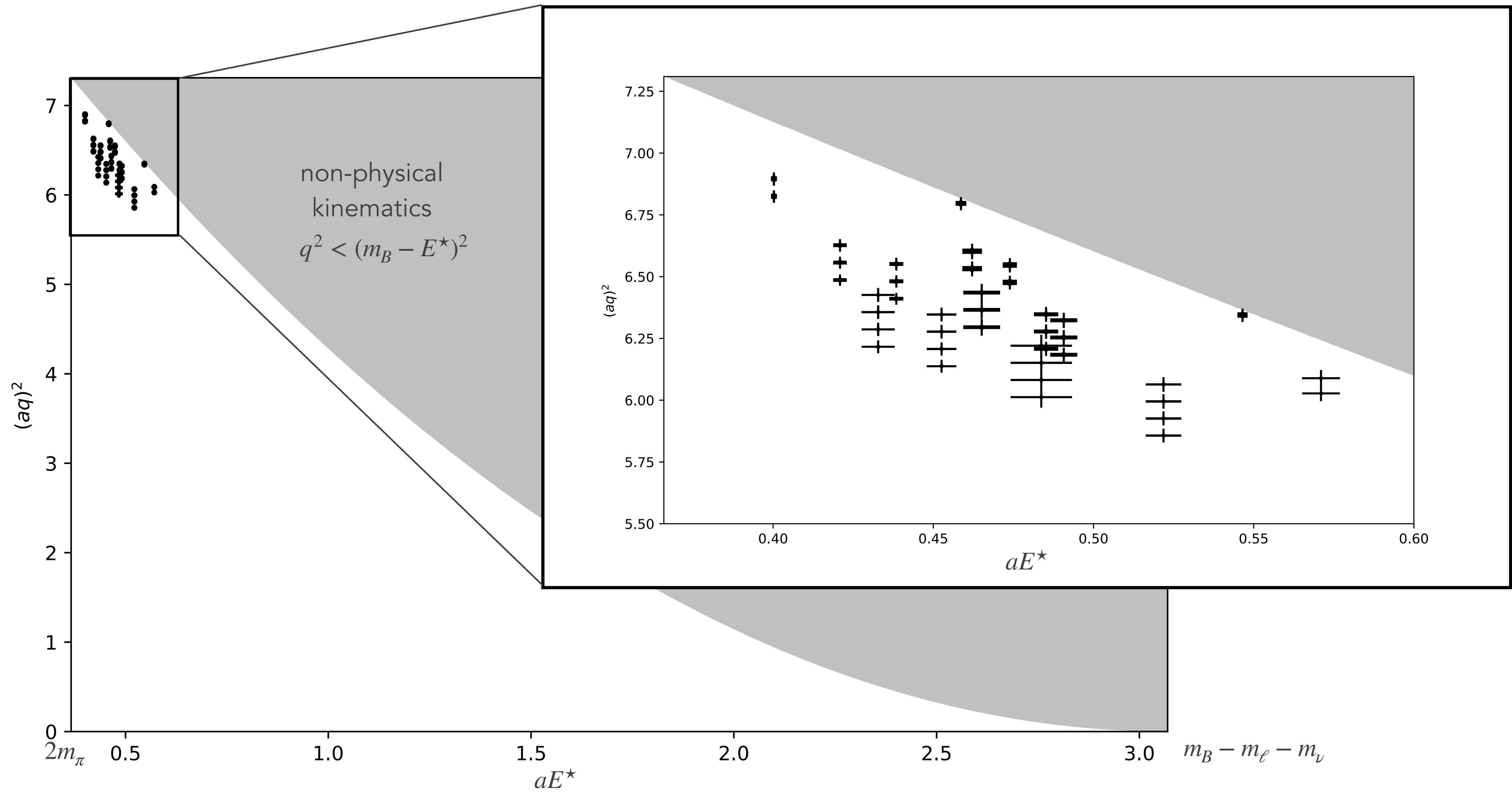
$$C_{3,i} = \sum_{n \in [\pi\pi]} Z_i^n \langle n | \Gamma | B \rangle Z_B \frac{e^{-E_n(\Delta t - t)} e^{-E_B t}}{2E_n 2E_B}$$

$$C_3^n = u_i^n C_{3,i}$$

$$u_i^n Z_i^m = 2E_n e^{E_n t_0} \delta^{nm}$$

$$\Gamma = J_A^\mu, \vec{P} = \frac{2\pi}{L}(0, 0, 1), \Lambda = A_2, r = 1, n = 1, \vec{p}_B = \frac{2\pi}{L}(0, 0, 0), \mu = 3, \text{sign} = 1.0$$





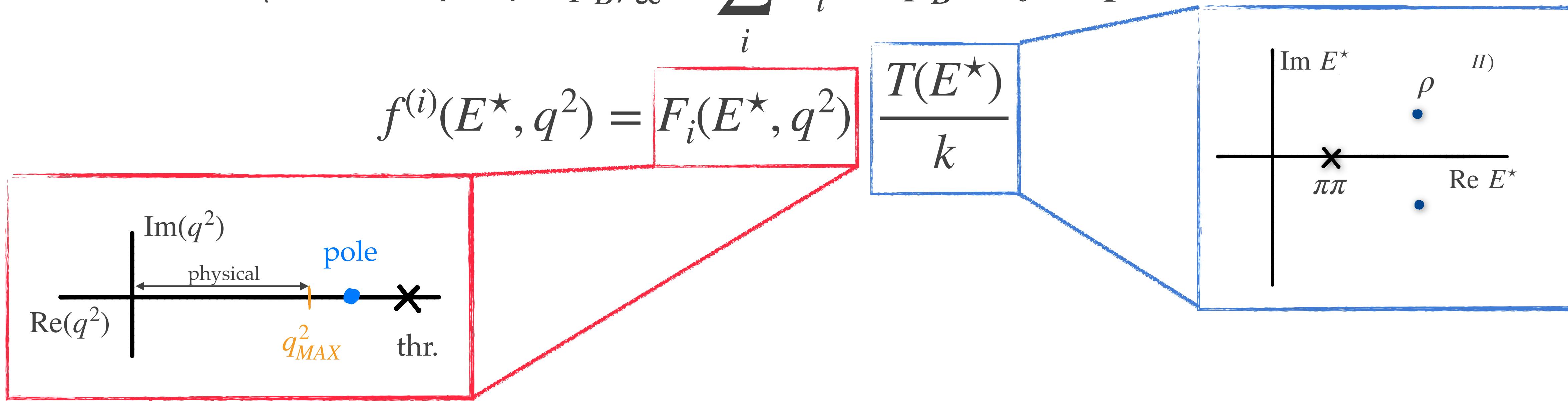
# transition amplitude

Boyd, Grinstein, Lebed [hep-ph/9412324](#)

Bourrely, Caprini, Lellouch [0807.2722](#)

Alexandrou, LL, Meinel et al. [1807.08357](#)

$$\langle \pi\pi, E^*, \epsilon | \Gamma^\mu | B, p_B \rangle_\infty = \sum_i K_i^\mu(P, p_B, \epsilon) f^{(i)}(q^2, s)$$



$$\langle n | V | B \rangle_L = \sqrt{R_n} \langle \pi\pi, E^* | V | B, p_B \rangle_\infty$$

“Lellouch-Lüscher”  
factor

# transition amplitude - Vector Current

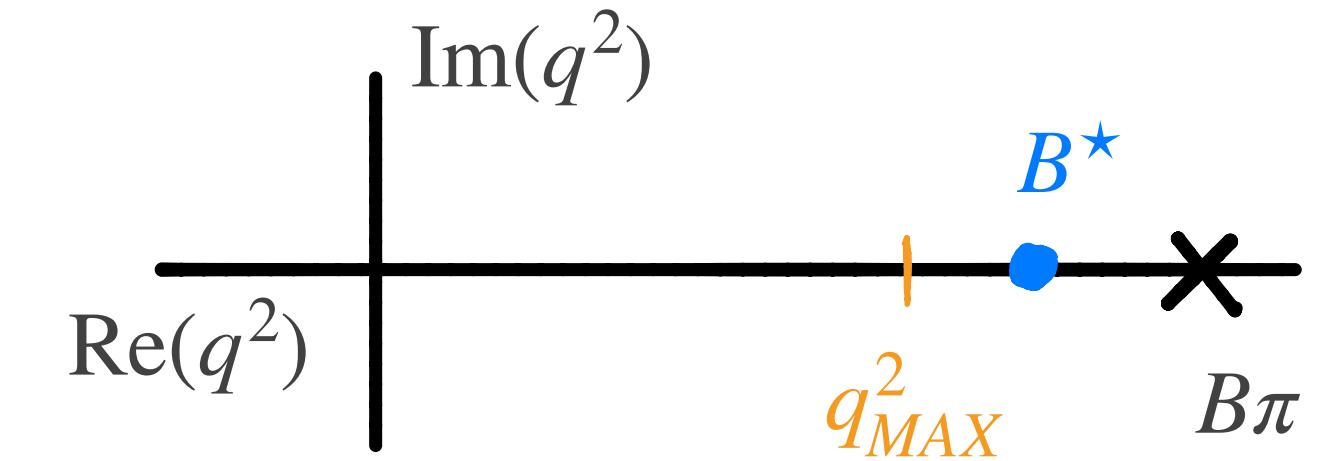
$$f^{(V)}(E^\star, q^2) = F_V(E^\star, q^2) \frac{T(E^\star)}{k}$$

$$K_V^\mu(P, p_B, \epsilon) = \frac{2i}{m_B + E^\star} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \epsilon_\nu(P, m) P_\alpha p_{B\beta}$$

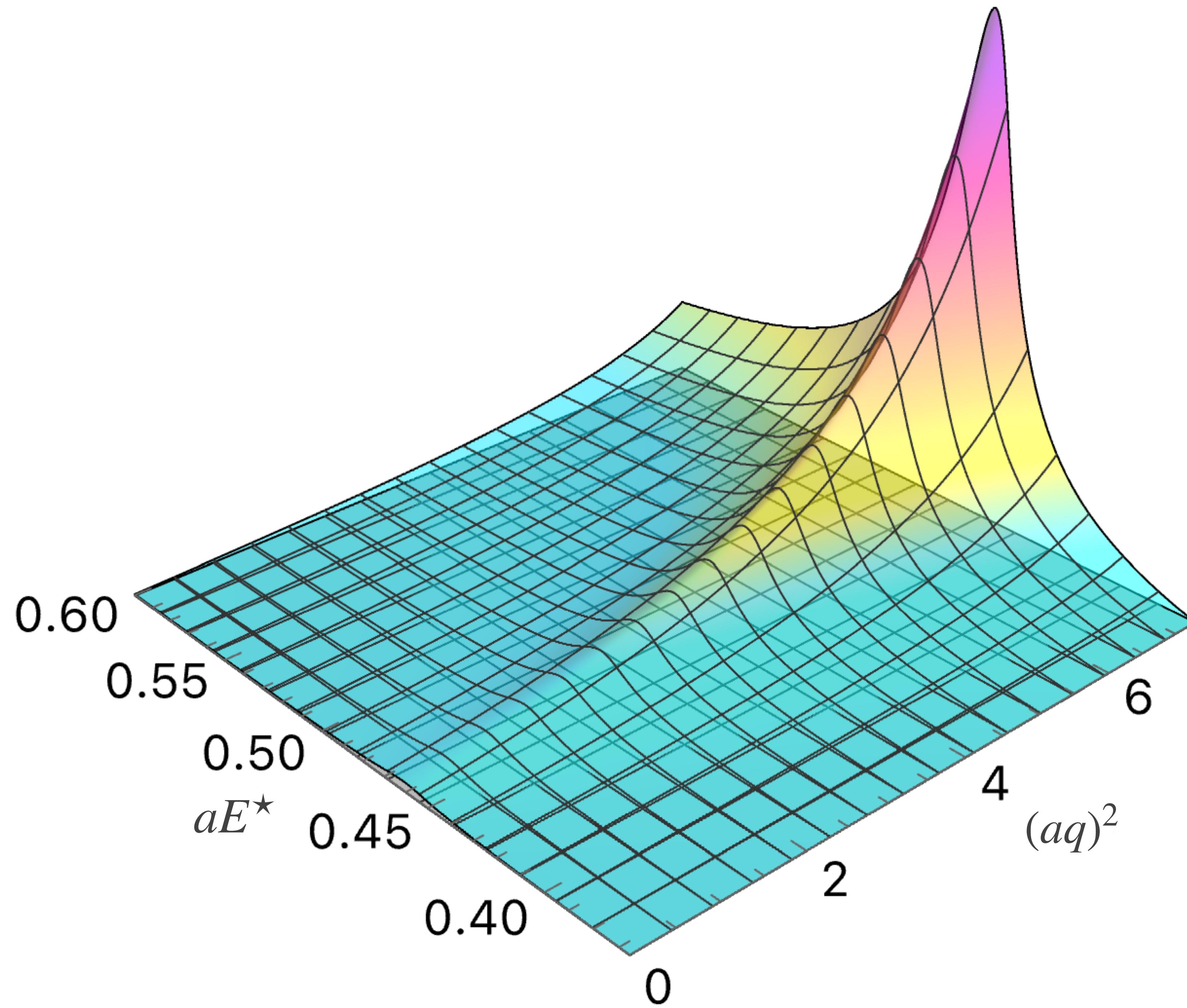
$$F_V(q^2, s) = \frac{a_0^{(V)} + a_1^{(V)} z(q^2)}{1 - \frac{q^2}{m_{B^\star}^2}}$$

$$T(E^\star) = \frac{E^\star \Gamma}{m_R^2 - E^{\star 2} - i E^\star \Gamma}$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{g_{\rho\pi\pi}^2}{6\pi} \frac{p^3}{E^{\star 2}}$$



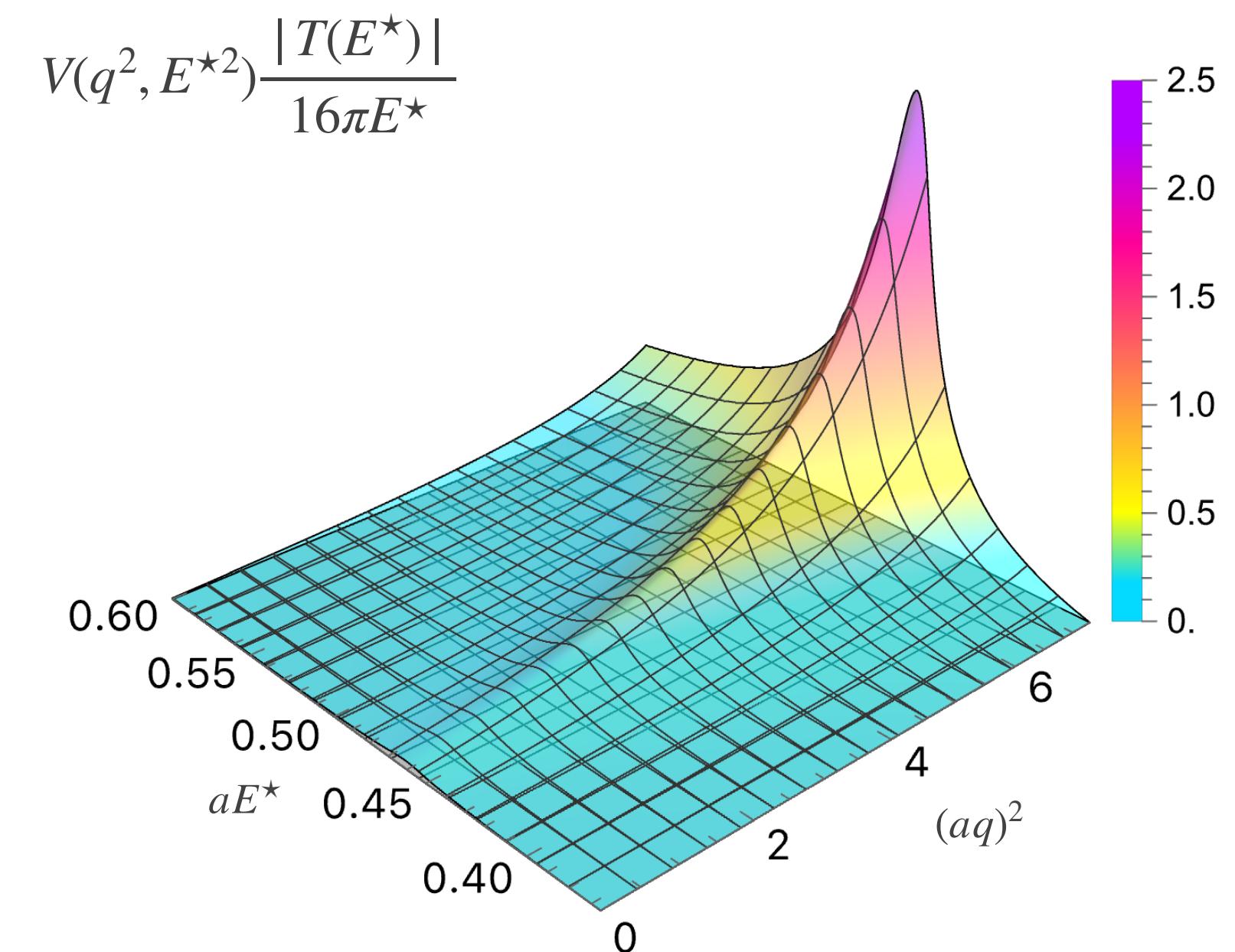
$$\frac{\chi^2}{\text{dof}} = \frac{72.1}{64 - 2} = 1.16$$



# the observable part

- ❖ example!  
(similar to [2311.00864](#))
- ❖ only vector form factor shown
- ❖ differential branching fraction

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma}{dE^{\star 2}dq^2} \Bigg|_{V,\ell=1} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{ub}|^2}{(4\pi)^5} \frac{2}{3} \frac{\lambda^{3/2}(m_B^2, E^{\star 2}, q^2)q^2}{m_B^3 E^{\star} (m_B + E^{\star})^2} |T(E^{\star})|^2 |V(q^2, E^{\star 2})|^2$$



# as a resonance?

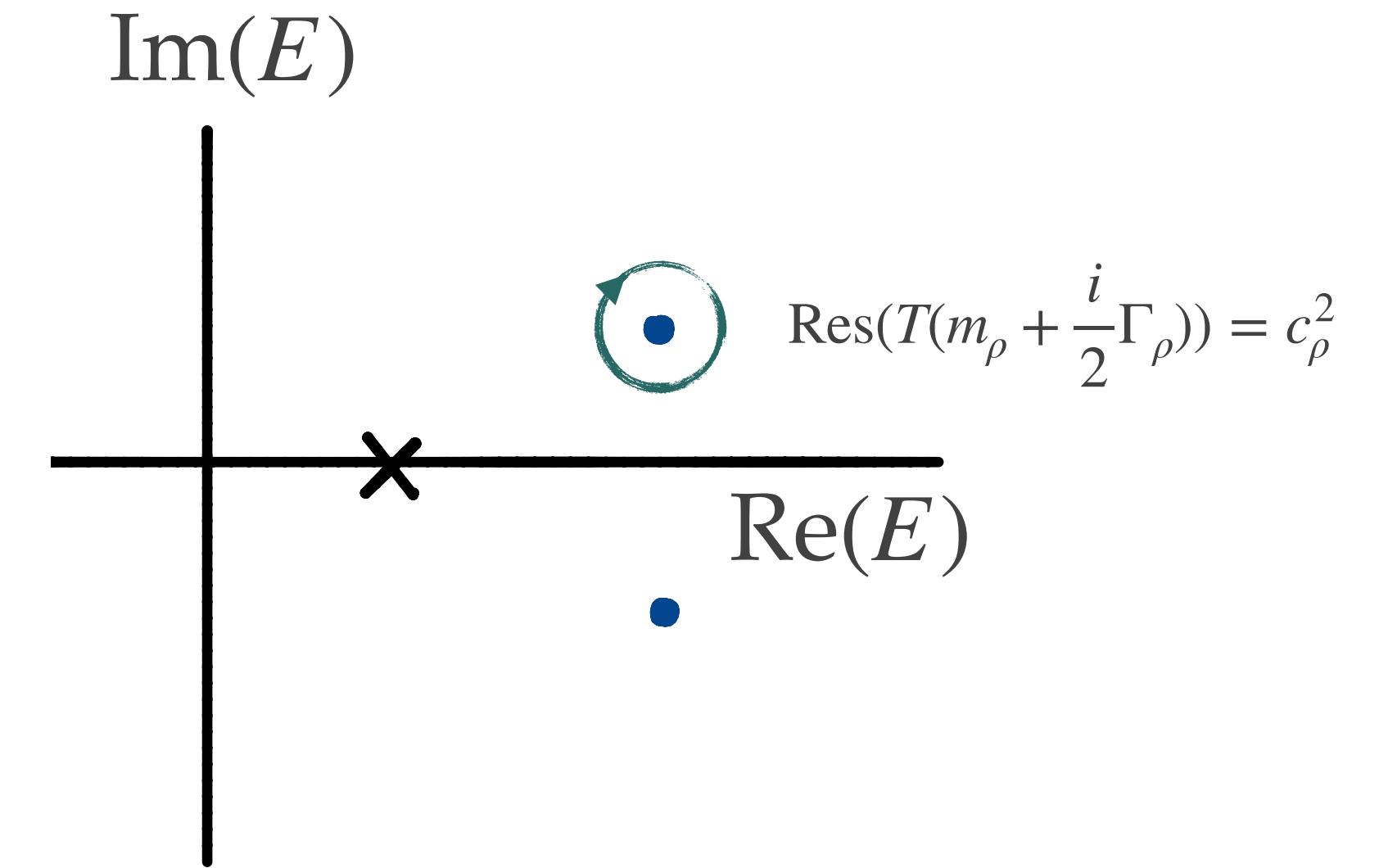
- ❖  $\rho$  as a pole of  $\pi\pi$  scattering

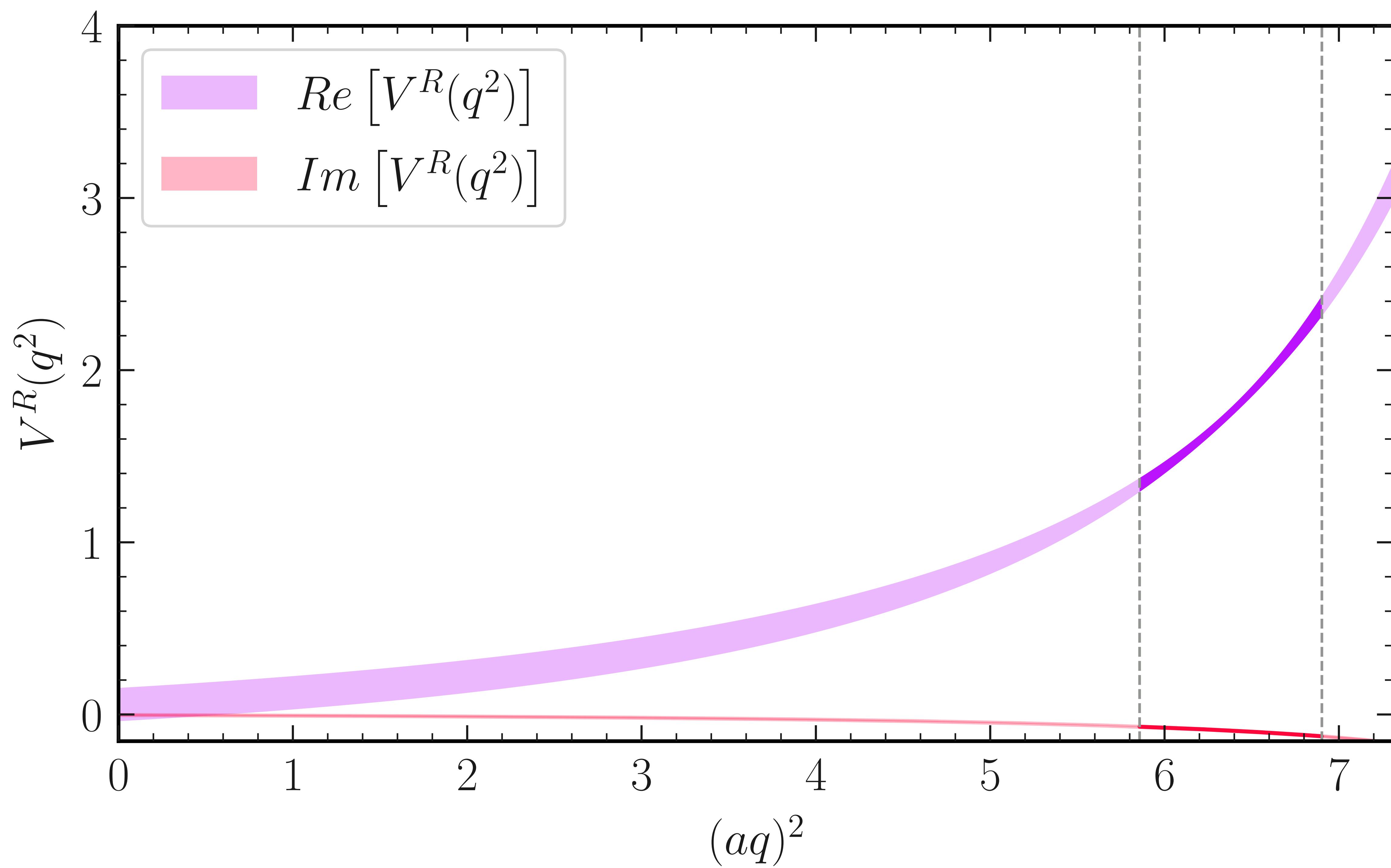
$$m_\rho + \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_\rho \leftrightarrow k_\rho$$

$$V^R(q^2) = \frac{c_\rho}{k_\rho} F_V \left( q^2, E^\star = m_\rho + i\Gamma_\rho/2 \right)$$

- ❖ reduce  $E^\star$  dependence into a resonance ("narrow width approx.")
- ❖ differential branching fraction  
(going to the B rest frame and simplifying)

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma}{dE^{\star 2}dq^2} \Bigg|_{V,\ell=1} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{ub}|^2}{12\pi^3} |\vec{q}|_{B-\text{RF}}^3 q^2 \underbrace{\frac{1}{\pi \left( E^{\star 2} - m_\rho^2 \right)^2 + E^{\star 2} \Gamma^2(E^\star)}}_{{\color{red} \rightarrow \delta(E^{\star 2} - m_\rho^2)}} \frac{1}{(m_B + E^\star)^2} \underbrace{\frac{16\pi E^{\star 2} \Gamma(E^\star)}{k^3} \left| V(q^2, E^\star) \right|^2}_{V^R(q^2, E^\star)}$$





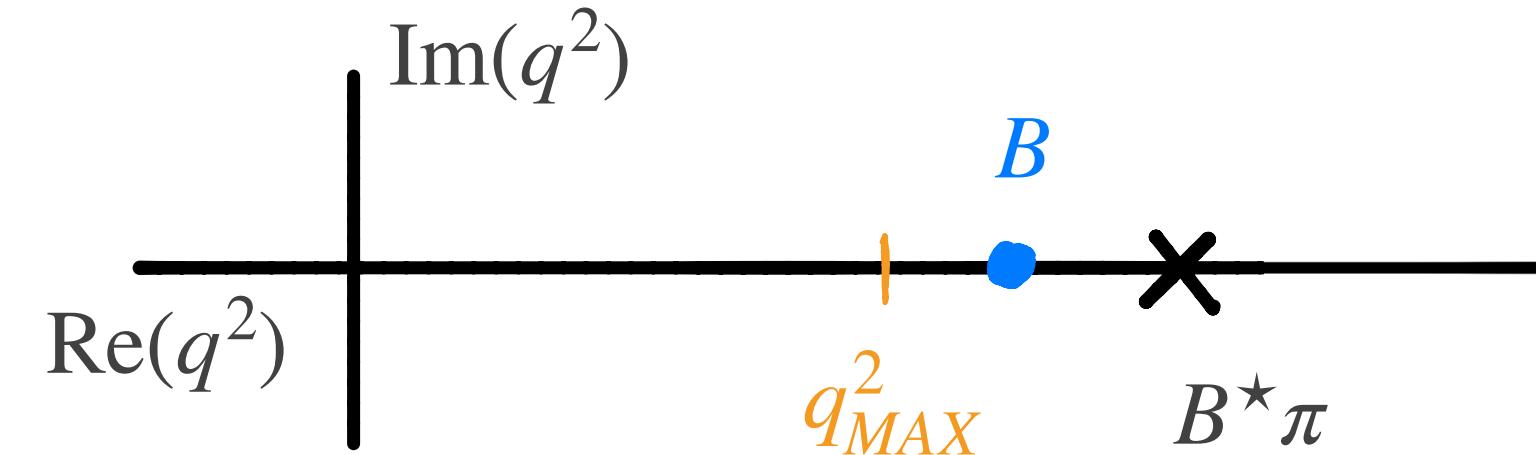
# transition amplitude - Axial Current

$$K_{A_0}^\mu(P, p_B, \epsilon) = 2E^\star \epsilon(P, m) \cdot q \frac{q^\mu}{q^2}$$

$$K_{A_1}^\mu(P, p_B, \epsilon) = (m_B + E^\star) \left[ \epsilon(P, m)^\mu - \epsilon(P, m) \cdot q \frac{q^\mu}{q^2} - \epsilon(P, m) \cdot q \frac{q^2(m_B^2 - E^{\star 2} - q^2)}{\lambda(m_B^2, E^{\star 2}, q^2)} (P^\mu + p_B^\mu - (m_B^2 - E^{\star 2}) \frac{q^\mu}{q^2}) \right]$$

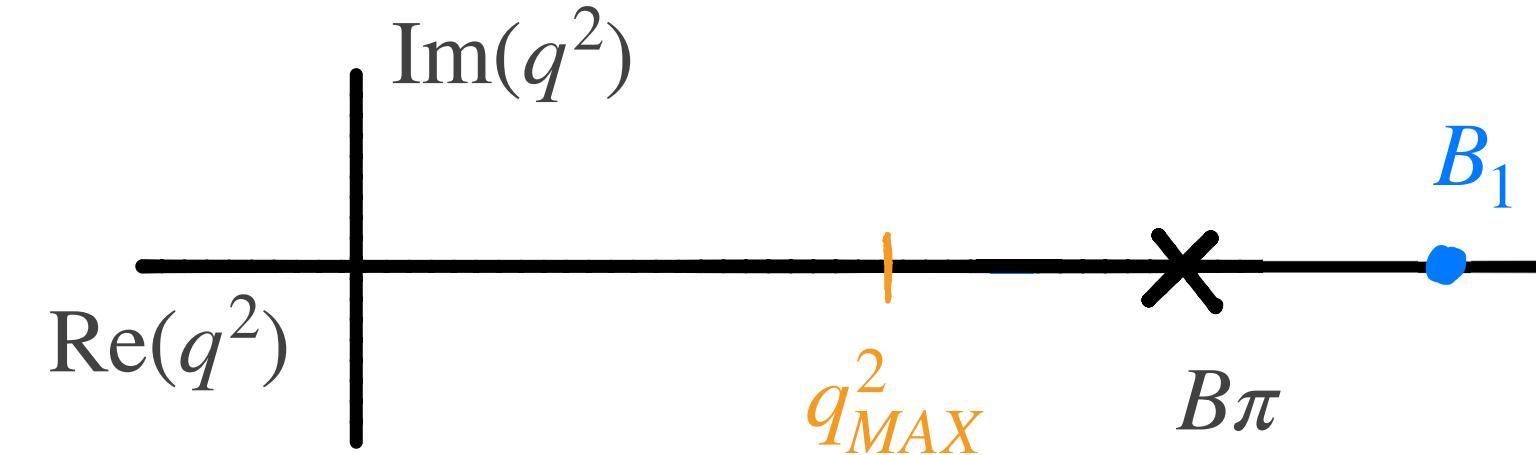
$$K_{A_{12}}^\mu(P, p_B, \epsilon) = \frac{16 \epsilon(P, m) \cdot q m_B E^{\star 2}}{\lambda} \left[ P^\mu + p_B^\mu - (m_B^2 - E^{\star 2}) \frac{q^\mu}{q^2} \right]$$

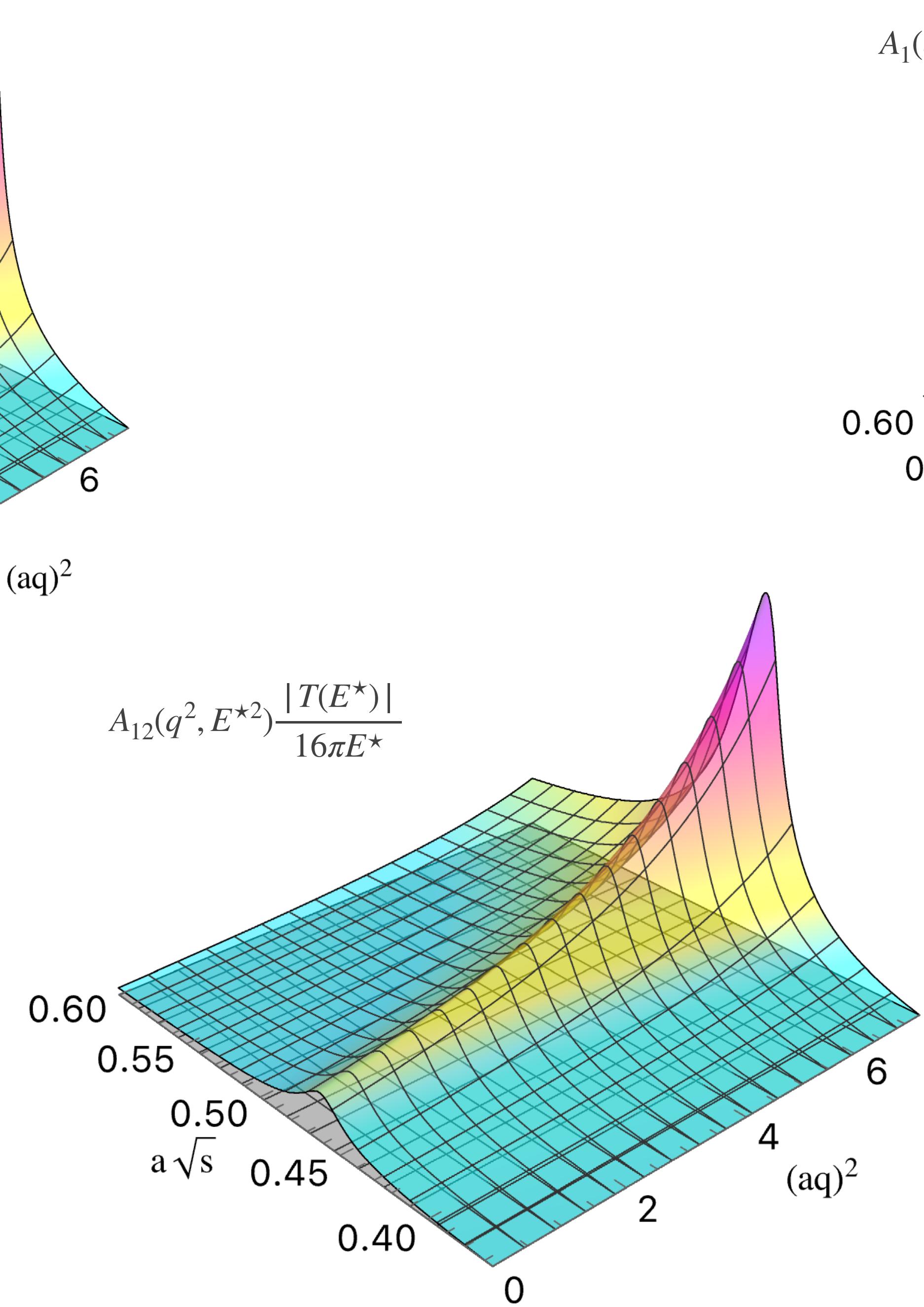
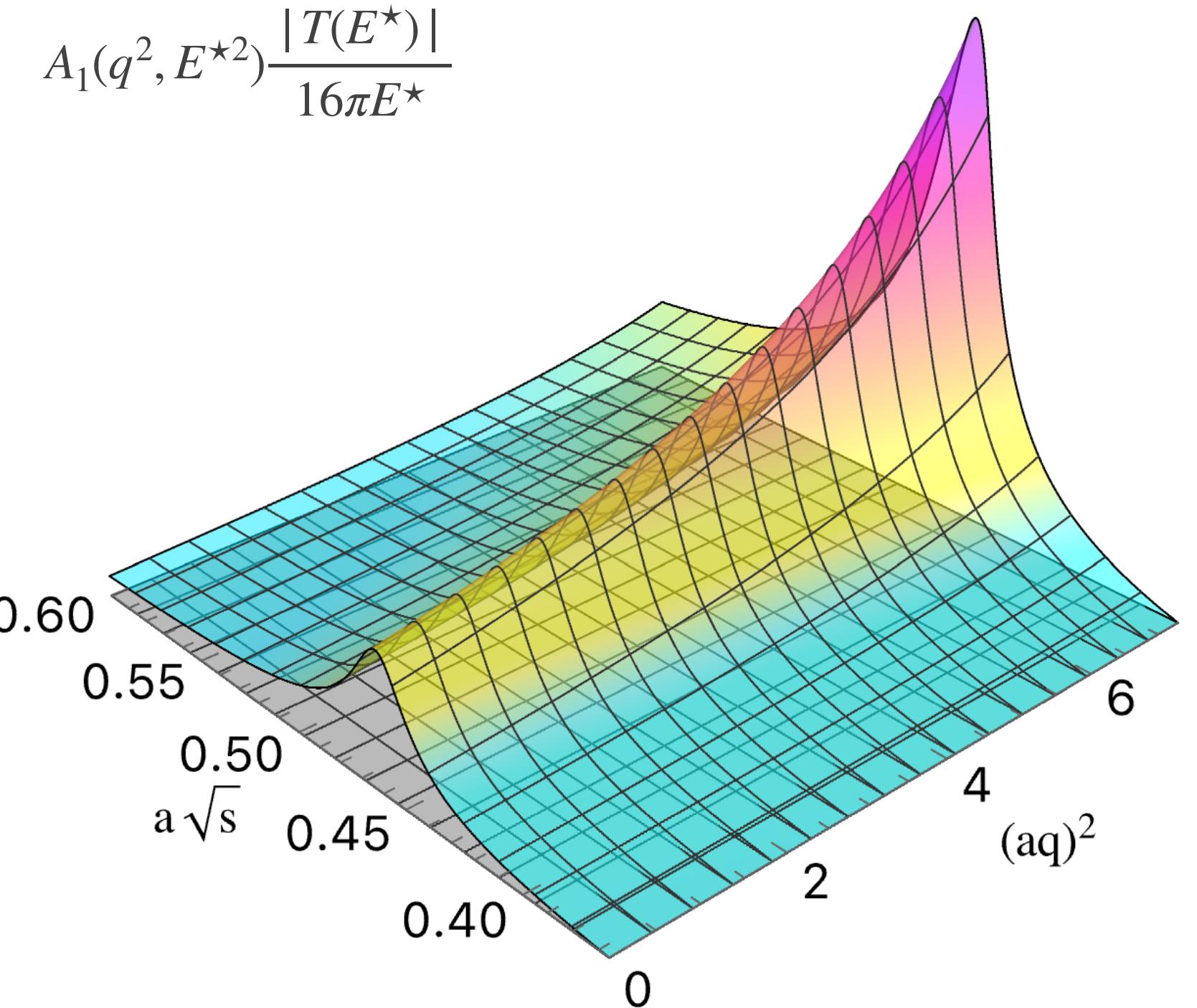
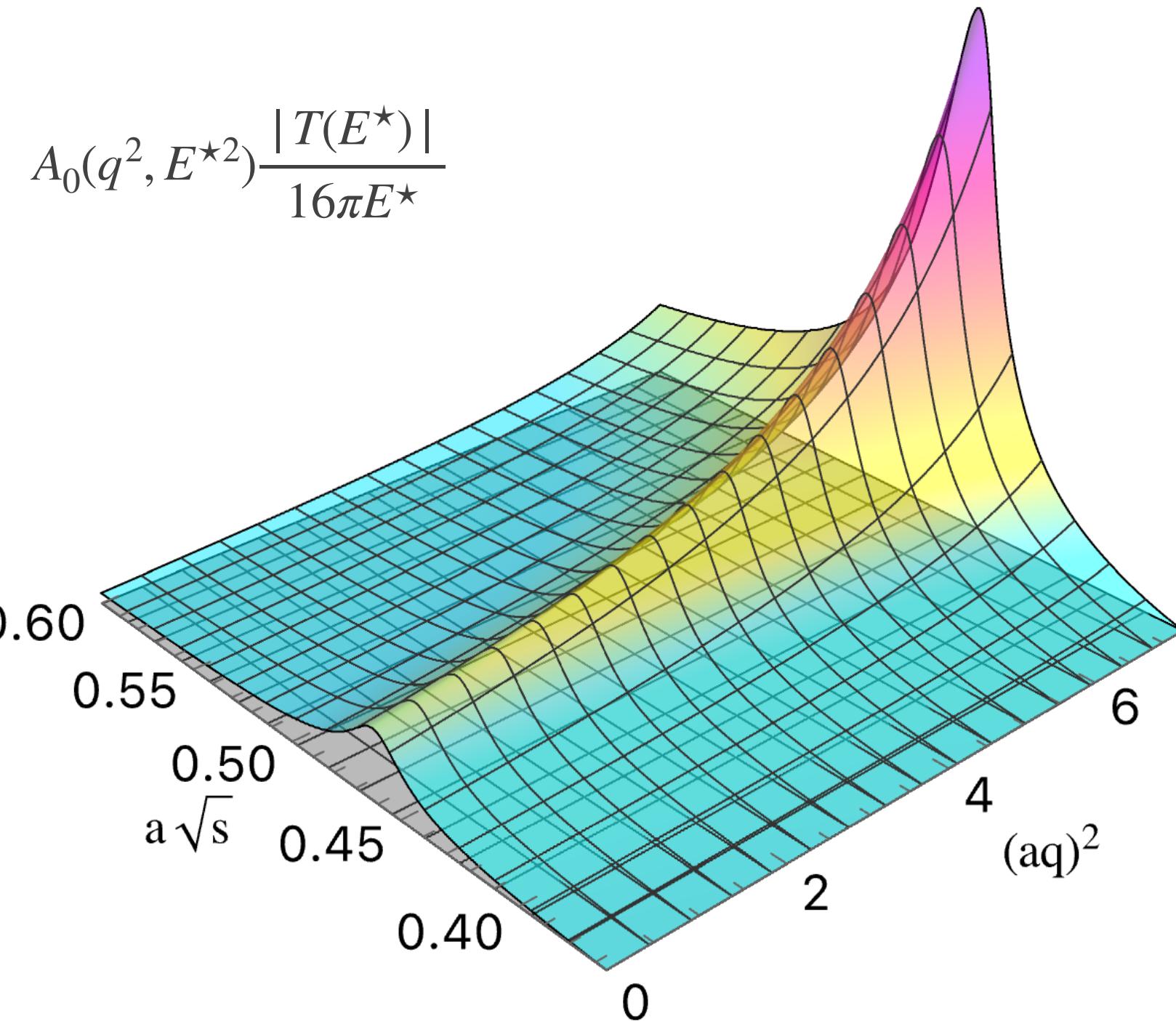
$$F_{A_0}(q^2, s) = \frac{a_0^{(A_0)} + a_1^{(A_0)} z(q^2)}{1 - \frac{q^2}{m_{B^\star}^2}}$$



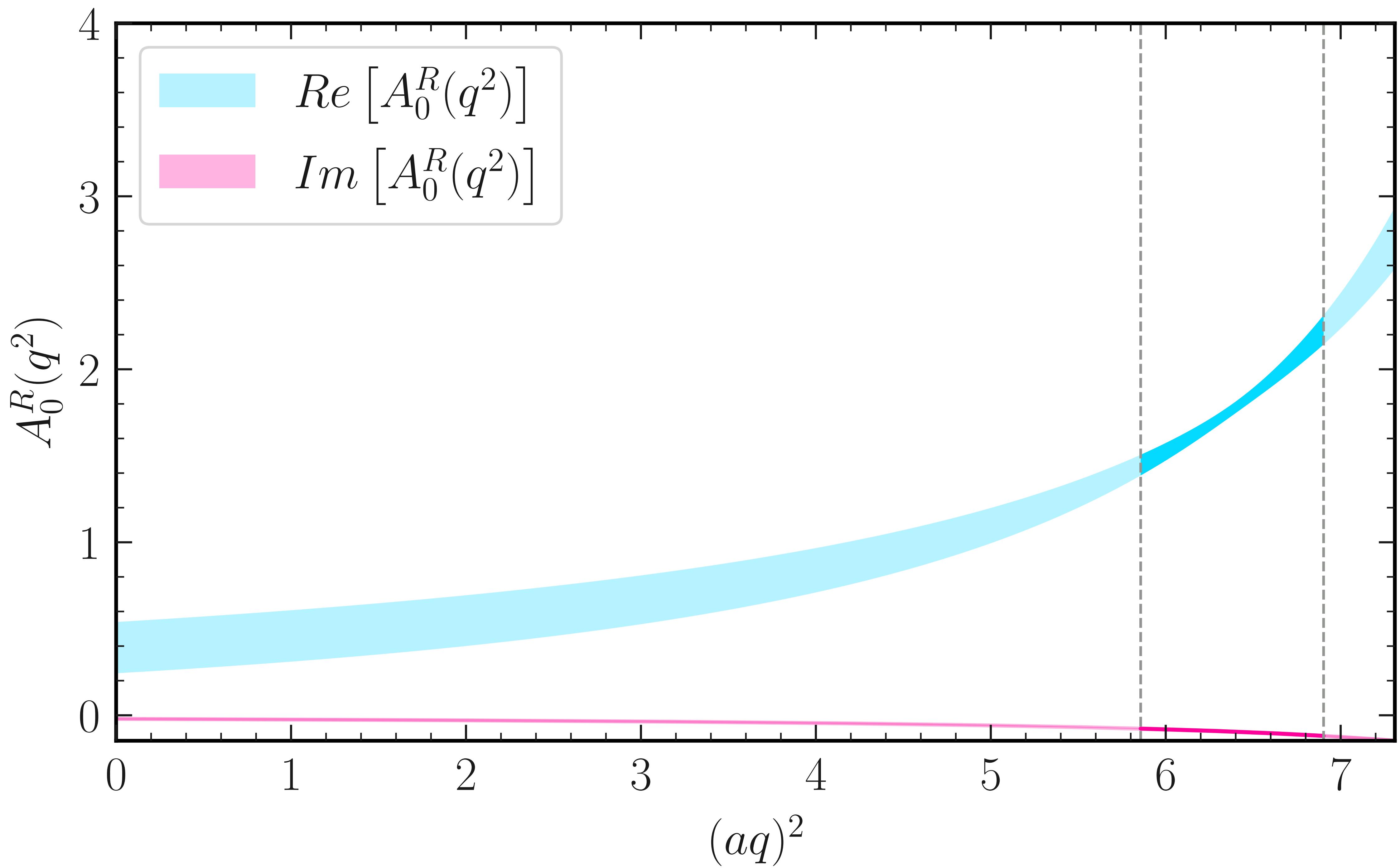
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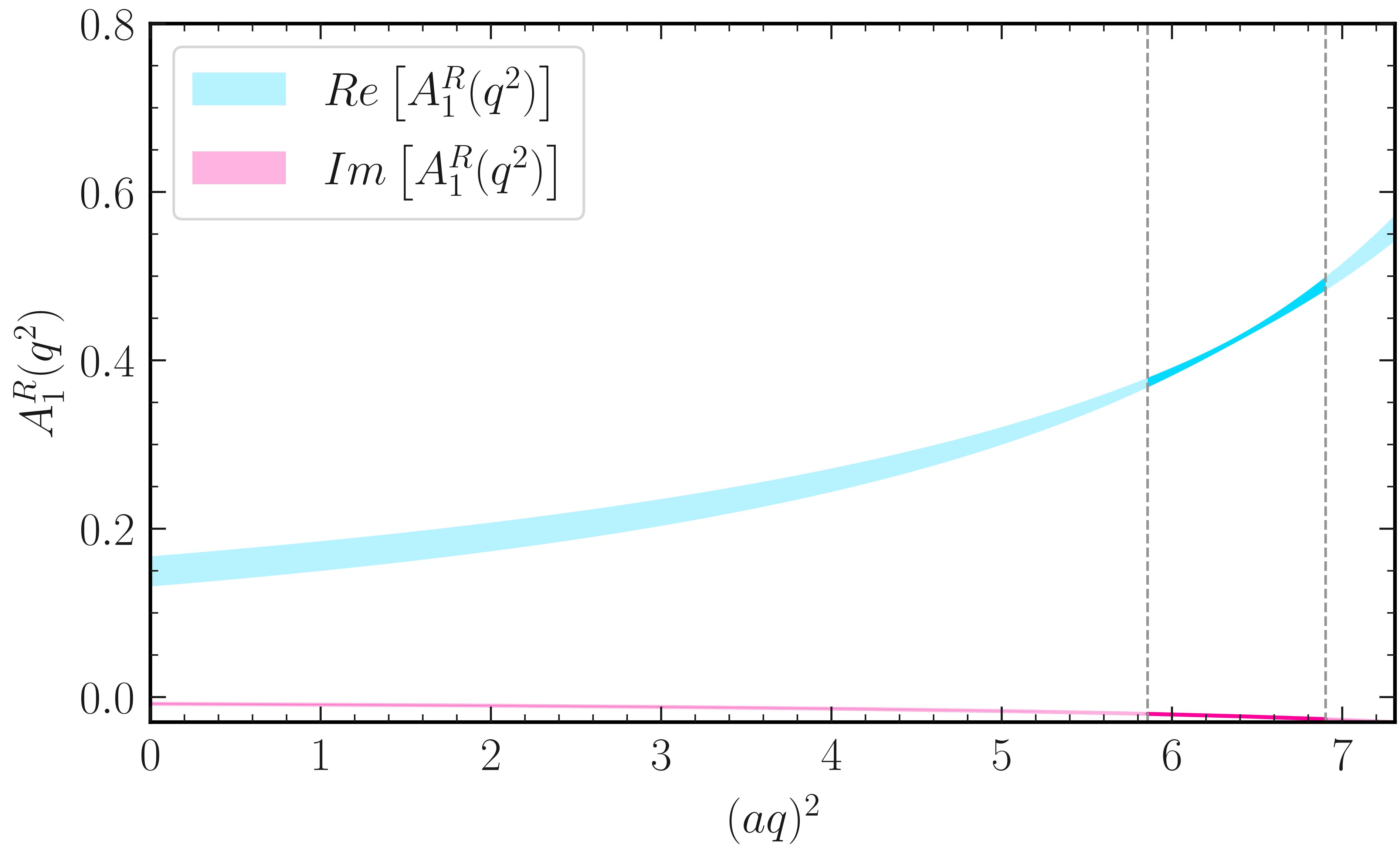
$$F_{A_{12}}(q^2, s) = \frac{a_0^{(A_{12})} + a_1^{(A_{12})} z(q^2)}{1 - \frac{q^2}{m_{B^\star}^2}}$$

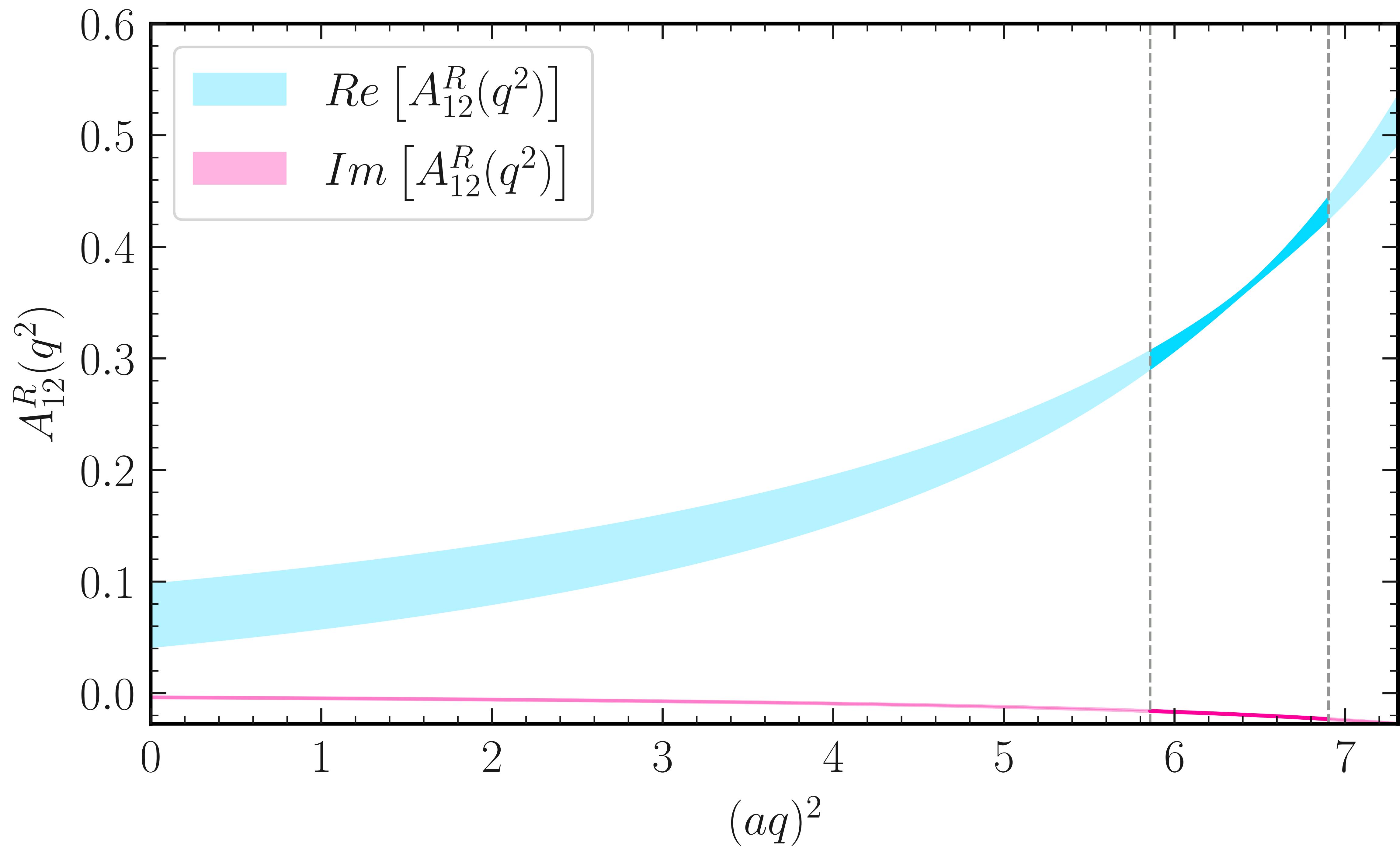




$$\frac{\chi^2}{\text{dof}} = \frac{105.1}{183 - 5} = 0.59$$







# Summary

- ❖ first steps on the first process
- ❖ exciting opportunities ahead
- ❖ a "new" approach to flavor physics

