

Three particle scattering amplitudes from finite-volume simulations



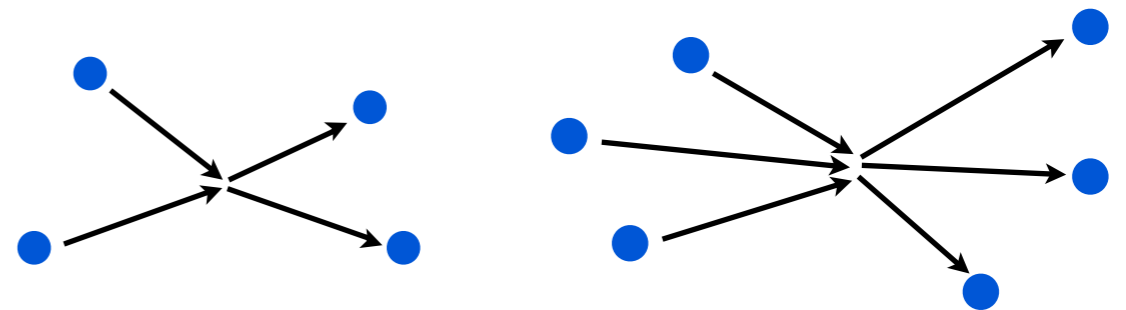
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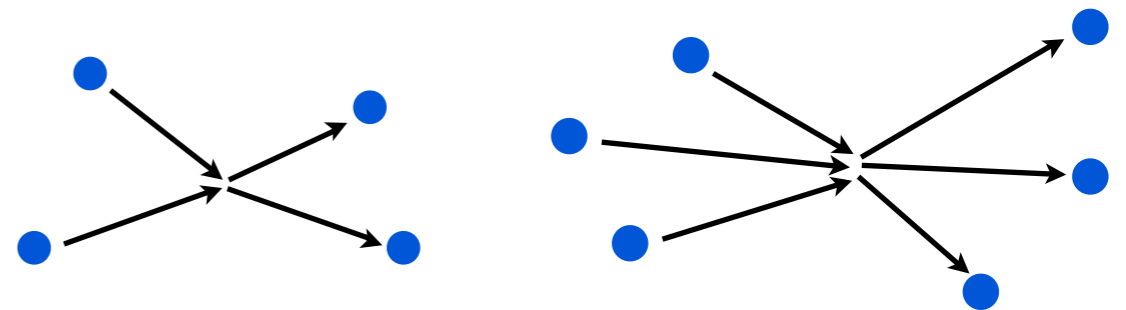
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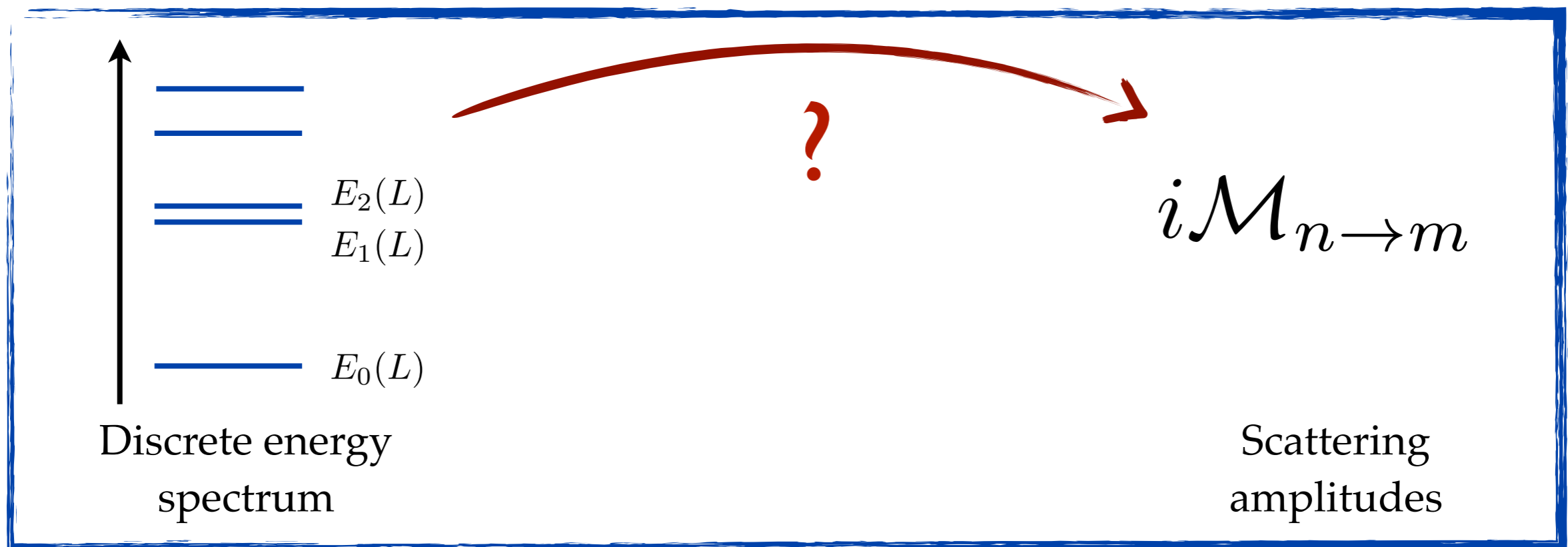
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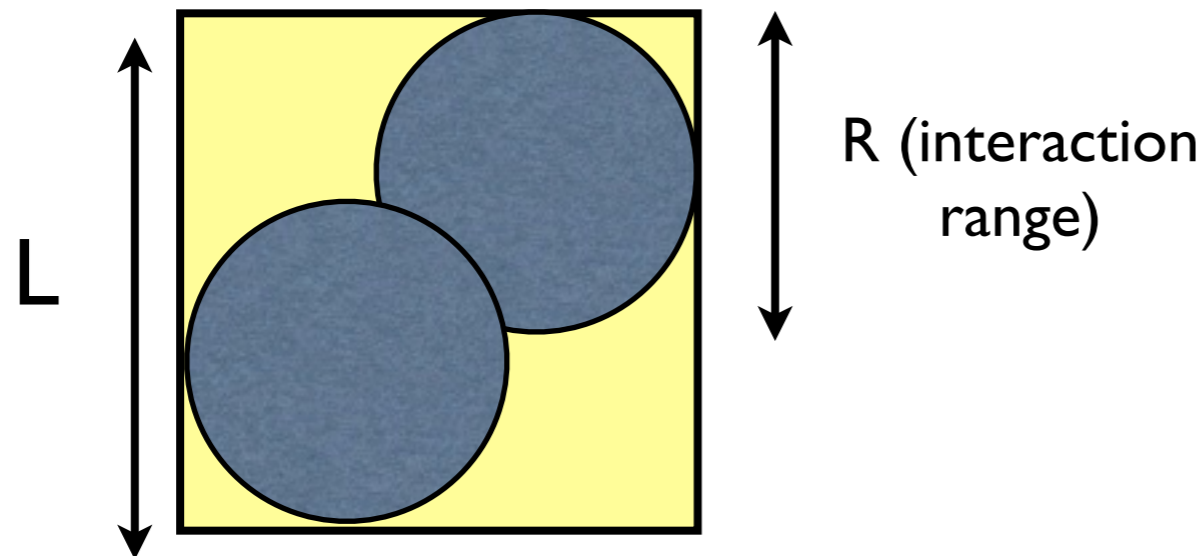
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- Lattice QCD can calculate energy levels of multiple particle systems in a box
- How are these related to scattering amplitudes?



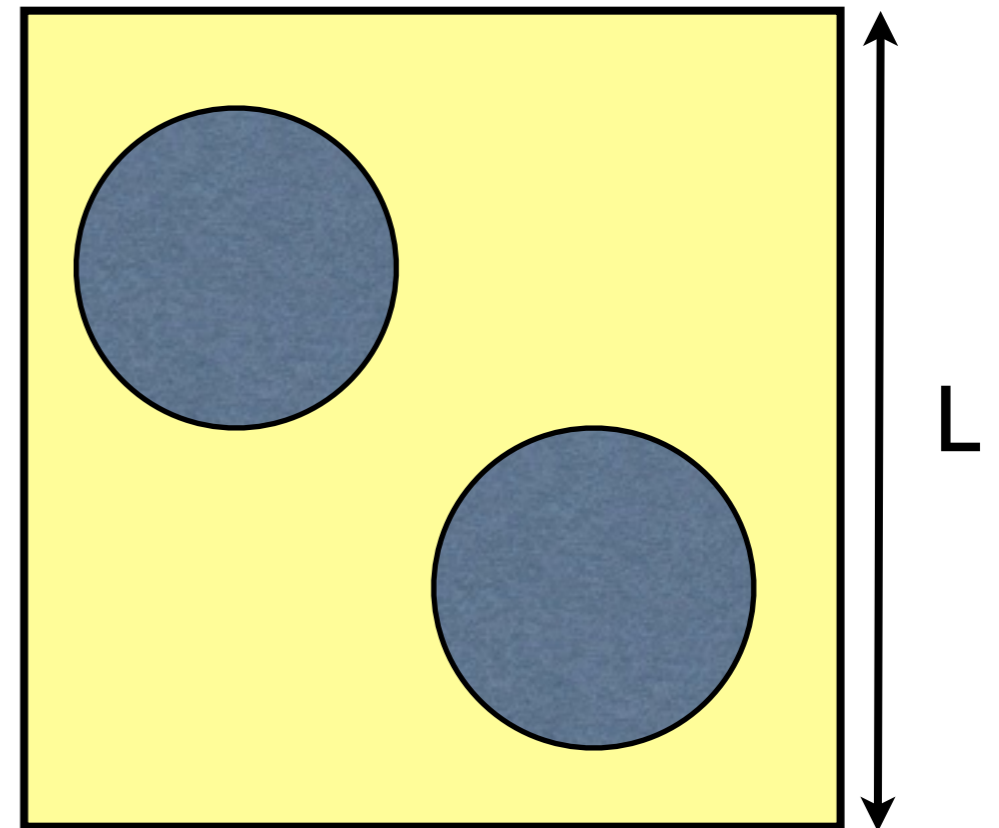
When is spectrum related to scattering amplitudes?



$$L < 2R$$

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Spectrum NOT related to scatt. amps.
Depends on finite-density properties

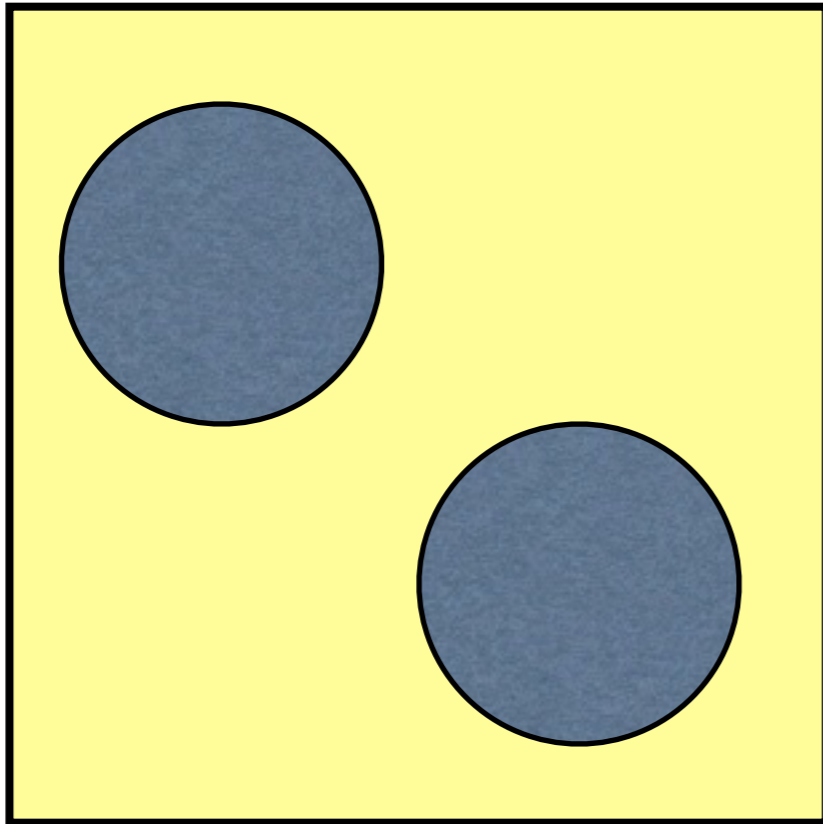


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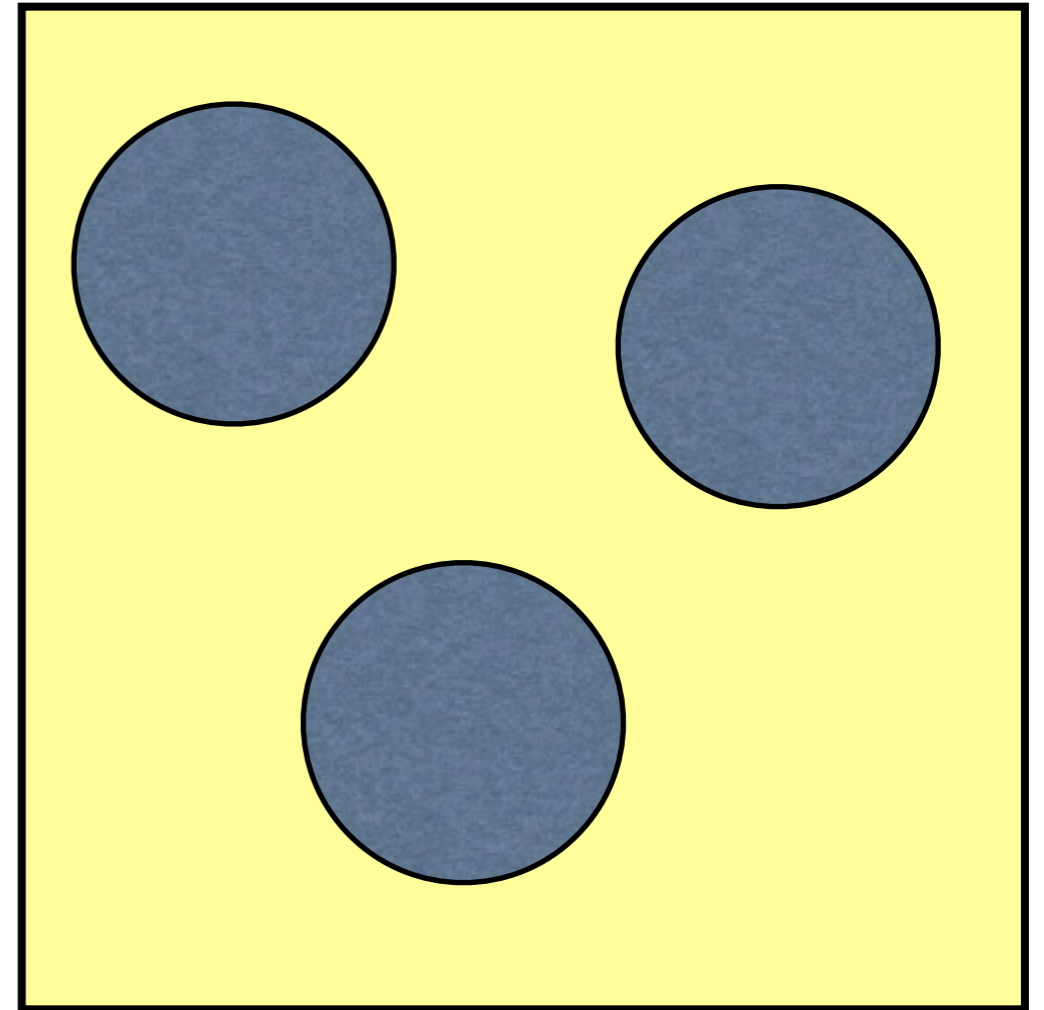
There is an “outside” region.
Spectrum IS related to scatt. amps.
up to corrections proportional to
 $e^{-M_\pi L}$

[Lüscher]

Problems considered today



Theoretically understood;
numerical implementations mature.
Will sketch as warm-up problem



Formalism under development—
will present new solution based on generalizing
Lüscher's formalism.
Practical applicability under investigation

Outline

- Motivations
- Status of multi particle quantization conditions
- Set-up and main ideas
- Recap of 2-particle quantization condition
- 3-particle quantization condition (in terms of $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$)
- Utility of 3-particle result: truncation
- Infinite volume relation between $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ and \mathcal{M}_3
- Conclusions and outlook

HALQCD method

- There is an alternative approach, followed by the HALQCD collaboration [Aoki et al.], using the Bethe-Salpeter wave-function calculated with lattice QCD to determine scattering amplitudes
- Extended from 2 particle to 3 (and higher) particle case in non-relativistic domain
- Potentially more powerful than the Lüscher-like methods I discuss today, but based on certain assumptions

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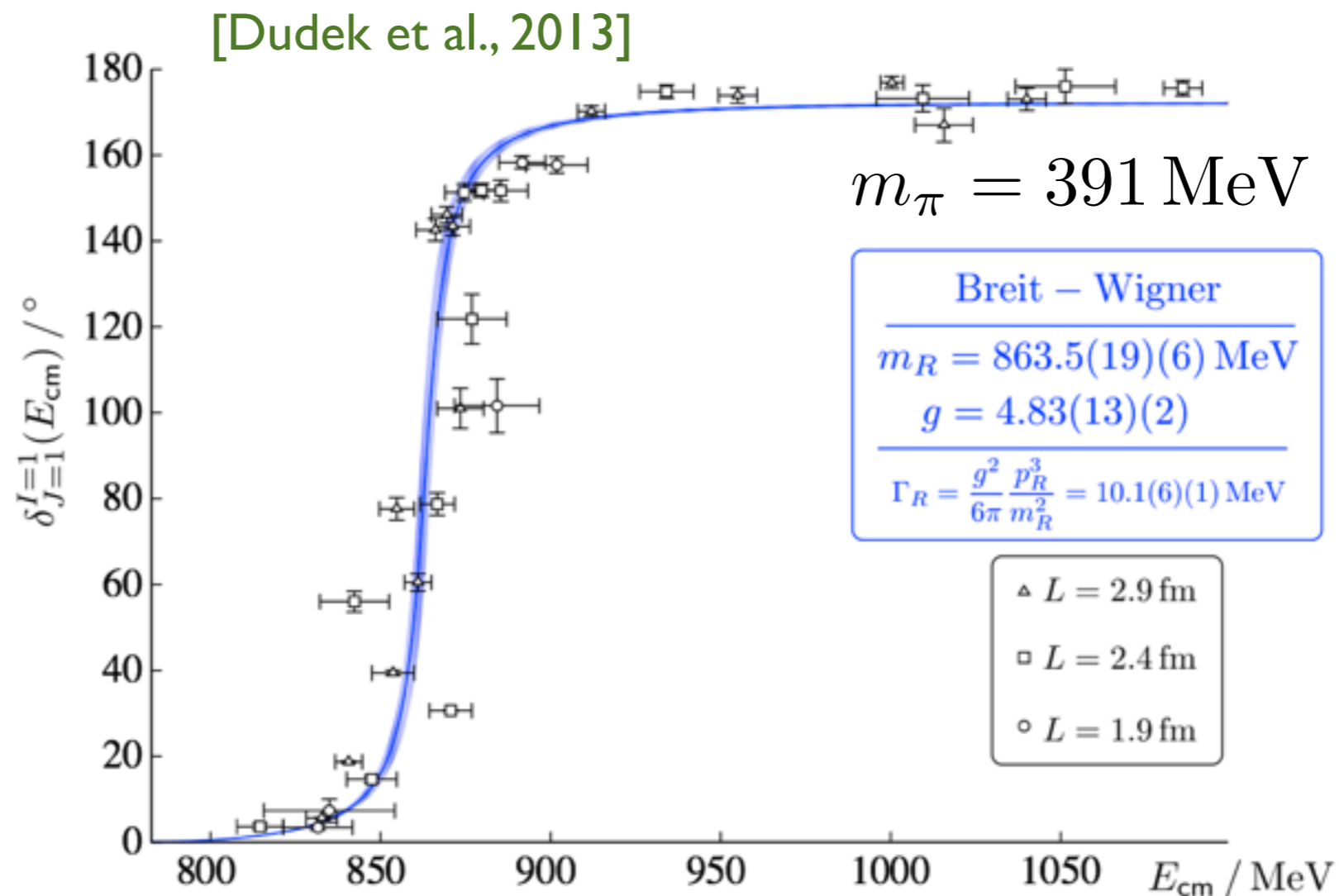
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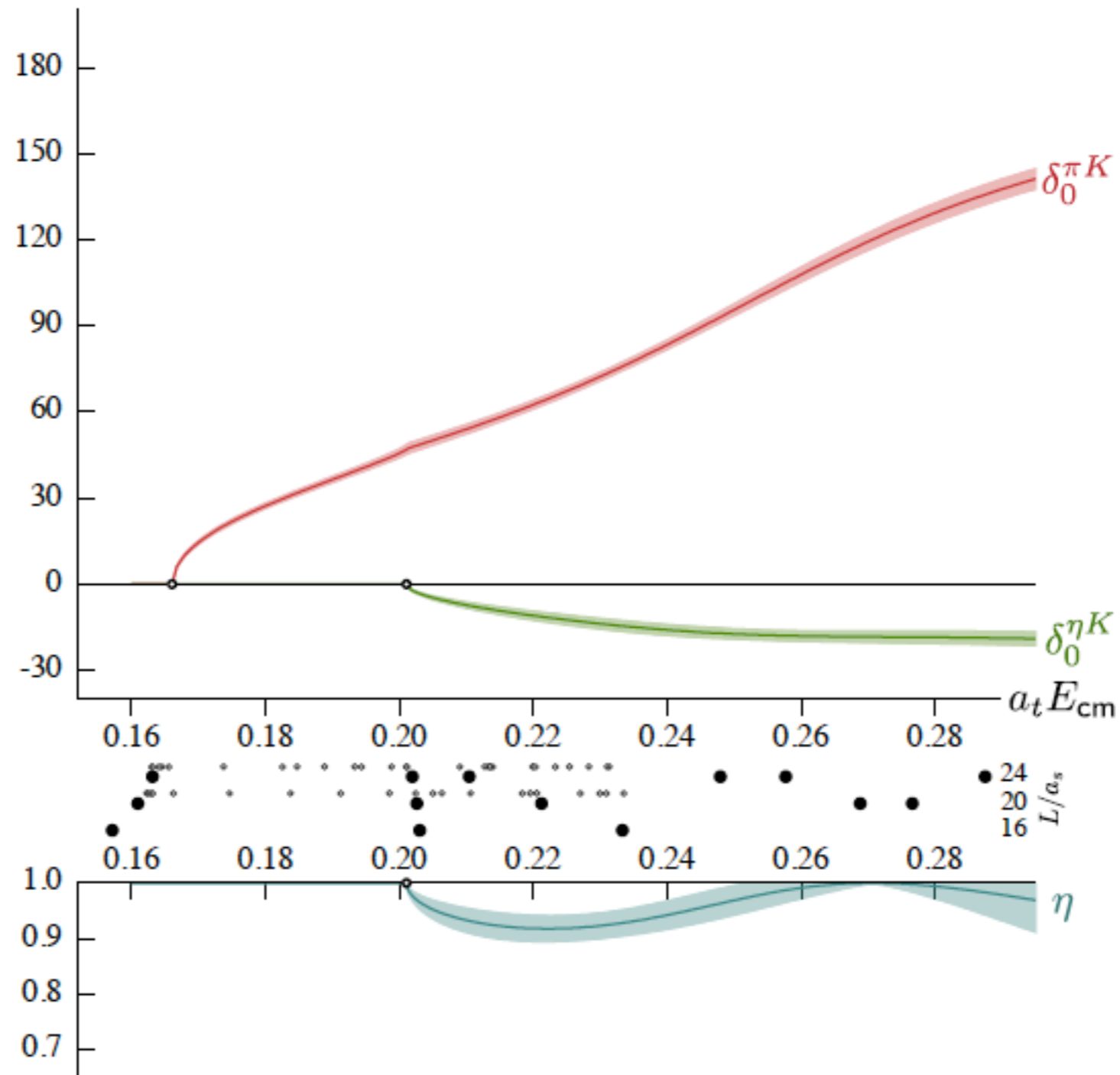
Status for 2 particles

- Long understood in NRQM [Huang & Yang 57, ...]
- Quantization formula in QFT for energies below inelastic threshold converted into NRQM problem and solved by [Lüscher 86 & 91]
- Solution generalized to arbitrary total momentum \mathbf{P} , multiple (2 body) channels, general BCs and arbitrary spins [Rummukainen & Gottlieb 85; Kim, Sachrajda & SS 05; Bernard, Lage, Meißner & Rusetsky 08; Hansen & SS 12; Briceño & Davoudi 12; ...]
- Relation between finite volume $1 \rightarrow 2$ weak amplitude (e.g. $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$) and infinite volume decay amplitude determined [Lellouch & Lüscher 00]
- LL formula generalized to general \mathbf{P} , to multiple (2 body) channels, to arbitrary currents, general BCs & arbitrary spin (e.g. $\gamma^* \pi \rightarrow \rho \rightarrow \pi\pi$, $\gamma^* N \rightarrow \Delta \rightarrow \pi N$, $\gamma D \rightarrow NN$) [Kim, Sachrajda & SS 05; Christ, Kim & Yamazaki 05; Meyer 12; Hansen & SS 12; Briceño & Davoudi 12; Agadjanov, Bernard, Meißner & Rusetsky 14; Briceño, Hansen & Walker-Loud 14; Briceño & Hansen 15;...]
- Leading order QED effects on quantization condition determined [Beane & Savage 14]

State of the art

S-WAVE $\pi K/\eta K$ SCATTERING

[Dudek, Edwards,
Thomas & Wilson 14]



Coupled two-body
channels

$$m_\pi \sim 391 \text{ MeV}$$

Status for 3 particles

- [Beane, Detmold & Savage 07 and Tan 08] derived threshold expansion for n particles in NRQM, and argued it applied also in QFT
- [Polejaeva & Rusetsky 12] showed in NREFT that 3 body spectrum determined by infinite-volume scattering amplitudes, using integral equation
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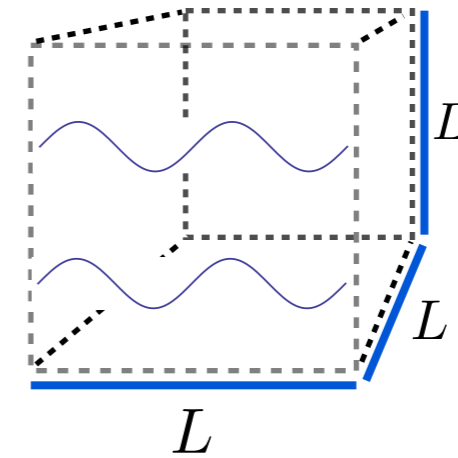
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Set-up & main ideas

Set-up

- Work in continuum (assume that LQCD can control discretization errors)



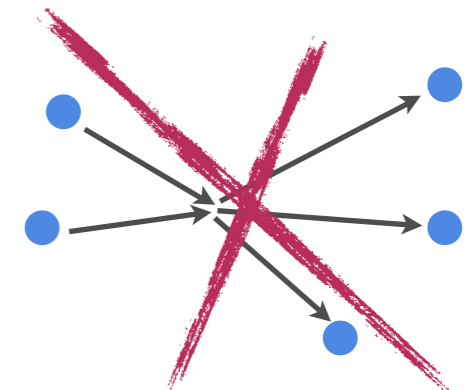
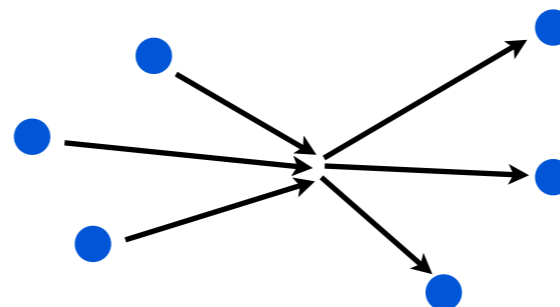
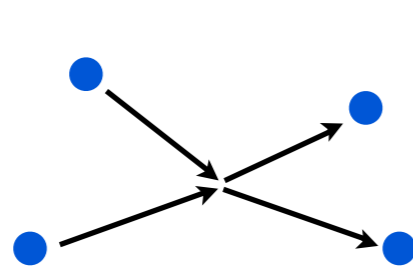
- Cubic box of size L with periodic BC, and infinite (Minkowski) time

- Spatial loops are sums: $\frac{1}{L^3} \sum_{\vec{k}}$ $\vec{k} = \frac{2\pi}{L} \vec{n}$

- Consider identical particles with physical mass m , interacting arbitrarily except for a Z_2 (G-parity-like) symmetry

- Only vertices are $2 \rightarrow 2$, $2 \rightarrow 4$, $3 \rightarrow 3$, $3 \rightarrow 1$, $3 \rightarrow 5$, $5 \rightarrow 7$, etc.

- Even & odd particle-number sectors decouple



Methodology

- Calculate (for some $\mathbf{P}=2\pi\mathbf{n}_P/L$)

$$C_L(E, \vec{P}) \equiv \int_L d^4x e^{-i\vec{P}\cdot\vec{x}+iEt} \langle \Omega | T \sigma(x) \sigma^\dagger(0) | \Omega \rangle_L$$

CM energy is
 $E^* = \sqrt{(E^2 - P^2)}$

- Poles in C_L occur at energies of finite-volume spectrum
- For 2 & 3 particle states, $\sigma \sim \pi^2$ & π^3 , respectively
- E.g. for 2 particles:

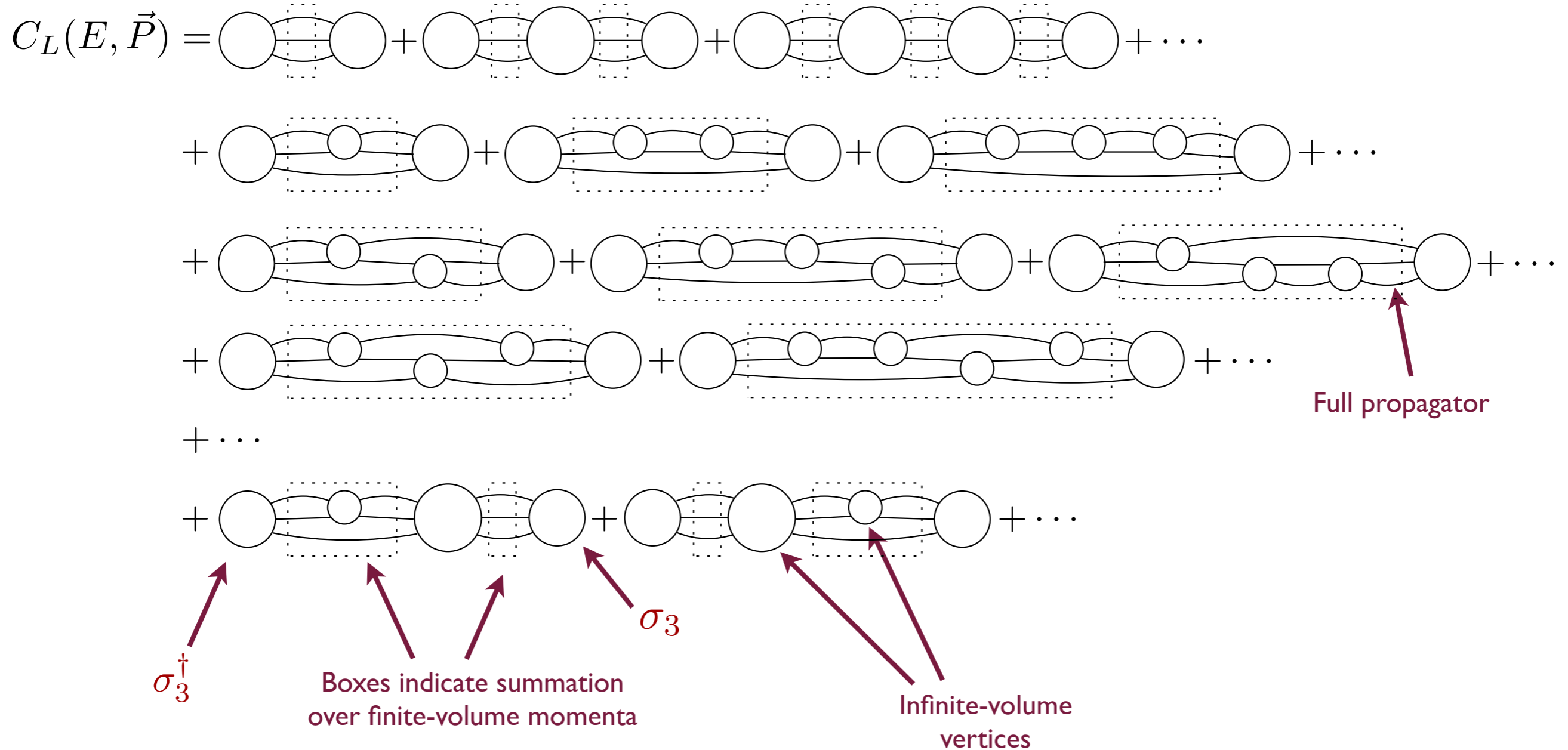
$$C_L(E, \vec{P}) = \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} + \dots$$

Boxes indicated summation over finite-volume momenta

Infinite-volume vertices

Full propagators Normalized to unit residue at pole

3-particle correlator



Key step 1

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 - Drop exponentially suppressed terms ($\sim e^{-ML}$, $e^{-(ML)^2}$, etc.) while keeping power-law dependence

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Exp. suppressed if $g(k)$ is smooth
and scale of derivatives of g is $\sim 1/M$

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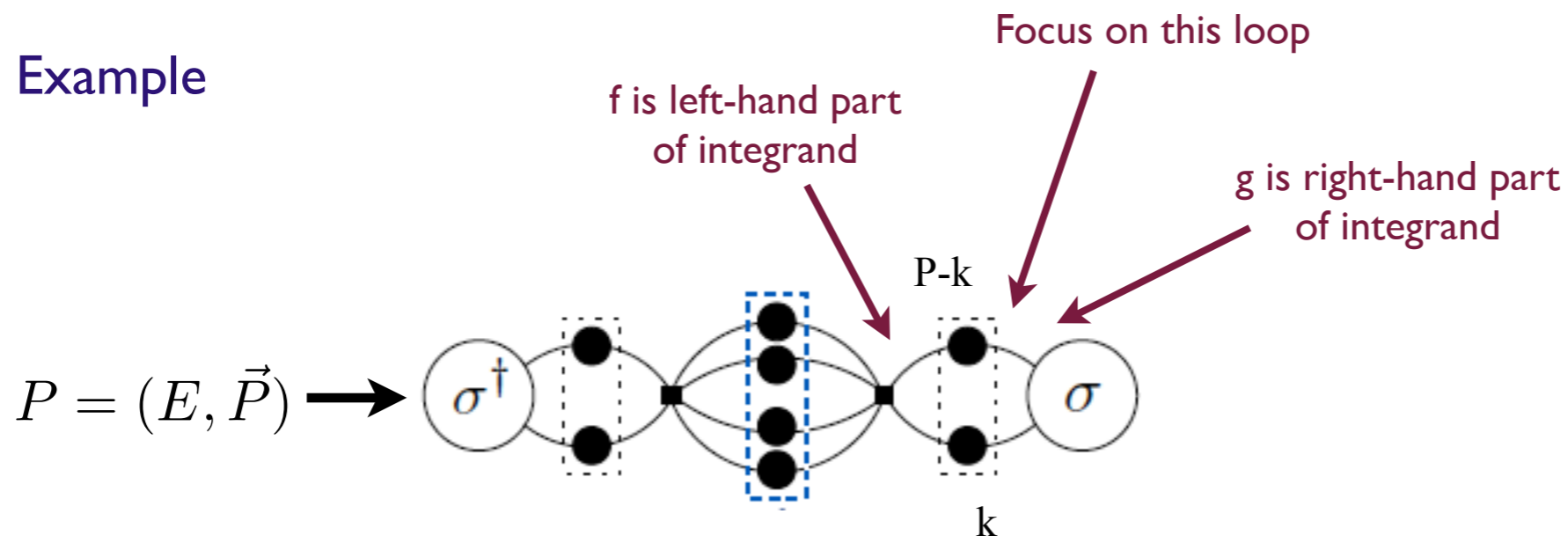
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- Decomposed into spherical harmonics, \mathcal{F} becomes

$$F_{\ell_1, m_1; \ell_2, m_2} \equiv \eta \left[\frac{\text{Re} q^*}{8\pi E^*} \delta_{\ell_1 \ell_2} \delta_{m_1 m_2} + \frac{i}{2\pi E L} \sum_{\ell, m} x^{-\ell} \mathcal{Z}_{\ell m}^P[1; x^2] \int d\Omega Y_{\ell_1, m_1}^* Y_{\ell, m}^* Y_{\ell_2, m_2} \right]$$

$x \equiv q^* L / (2\pi)$ and $\mathcal{Z}_{\ell m}^P$ is a generalization of the zeta-function

Kinematic functions

$Z_{4,0}$ & $Z_{6,0}$ for $P=0$ [Luu & Savage, '11]

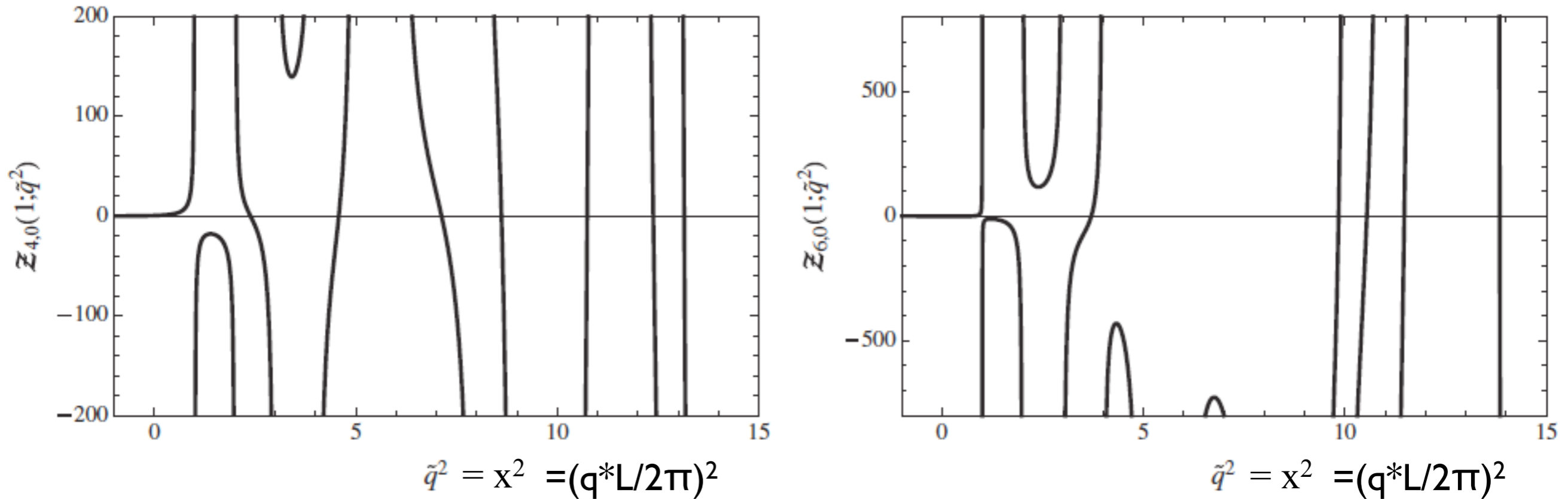


FIG. 29. The functions $Z_{4,0}(1; \tilde{q}^2)$ (left panel) and $Z_{6,0}(1; \tilde{q}^2)$ (right panel).

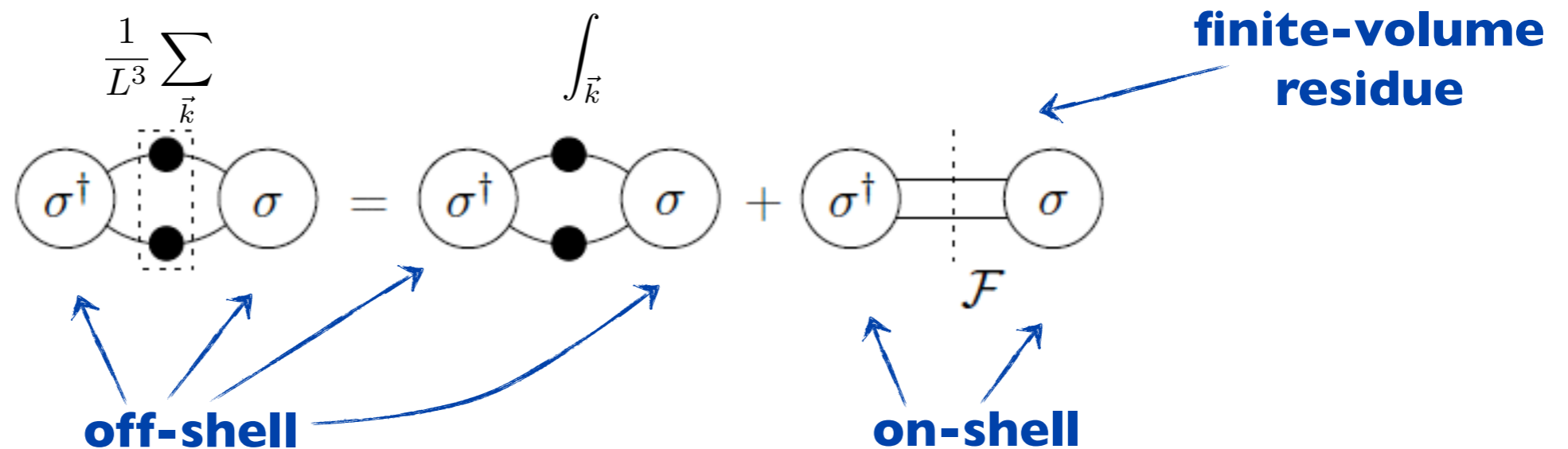
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- Diagrammatically



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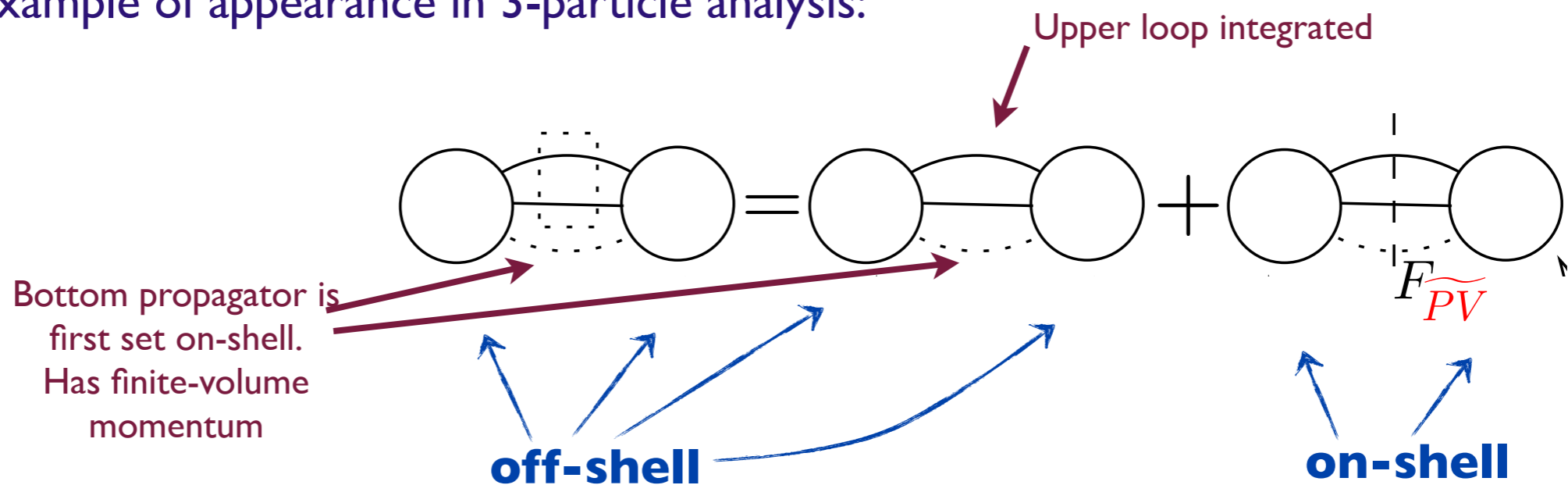
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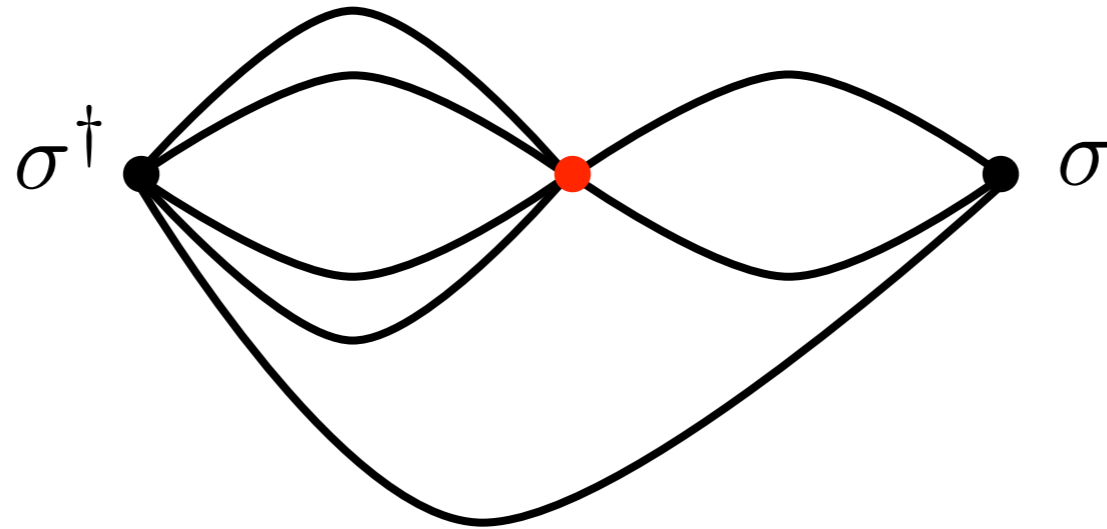
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- Example of appearance in 3-particle analysis:



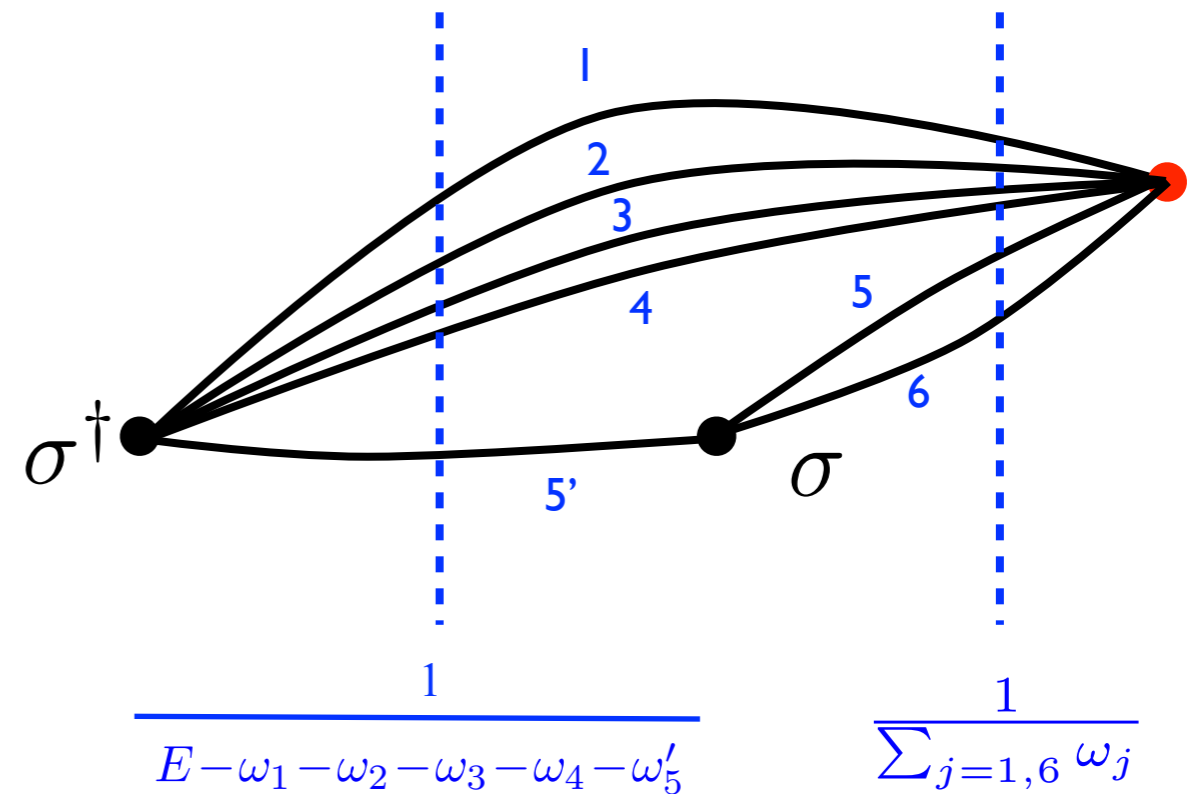
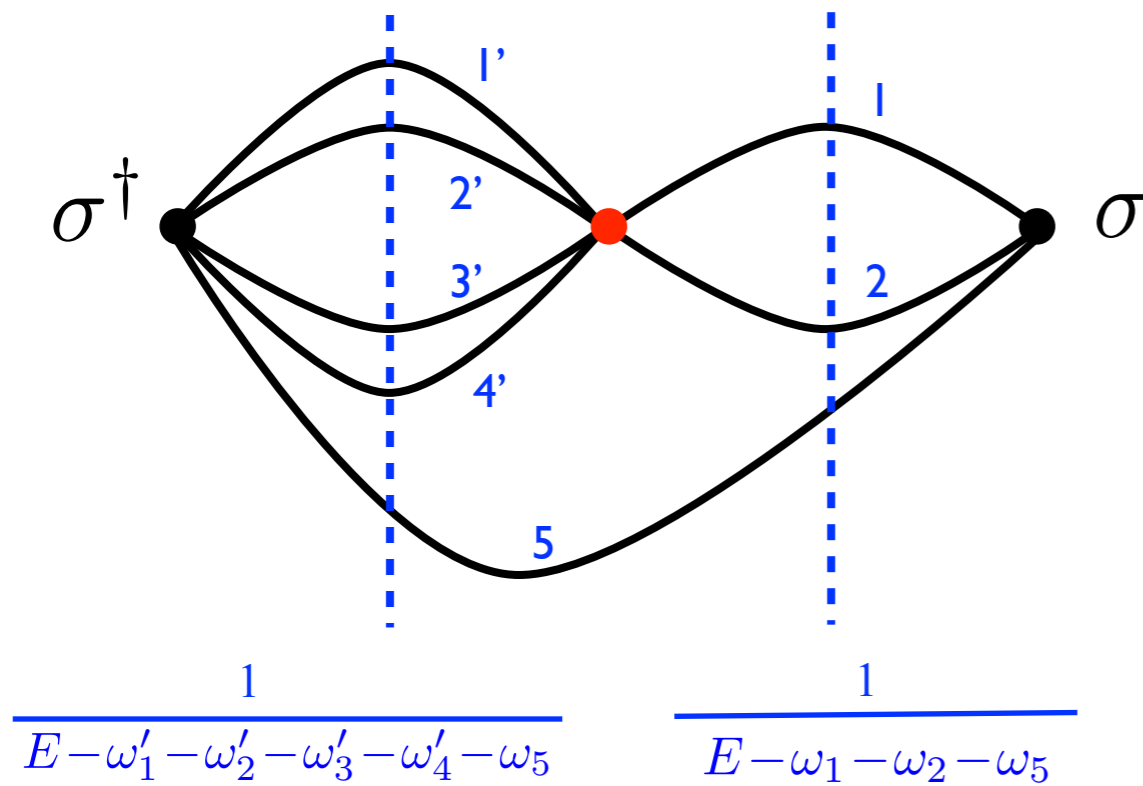
Key step 3

- Identify potential singularities: can use time-ordered PT (i.e. do k_0 integrals)
- Example



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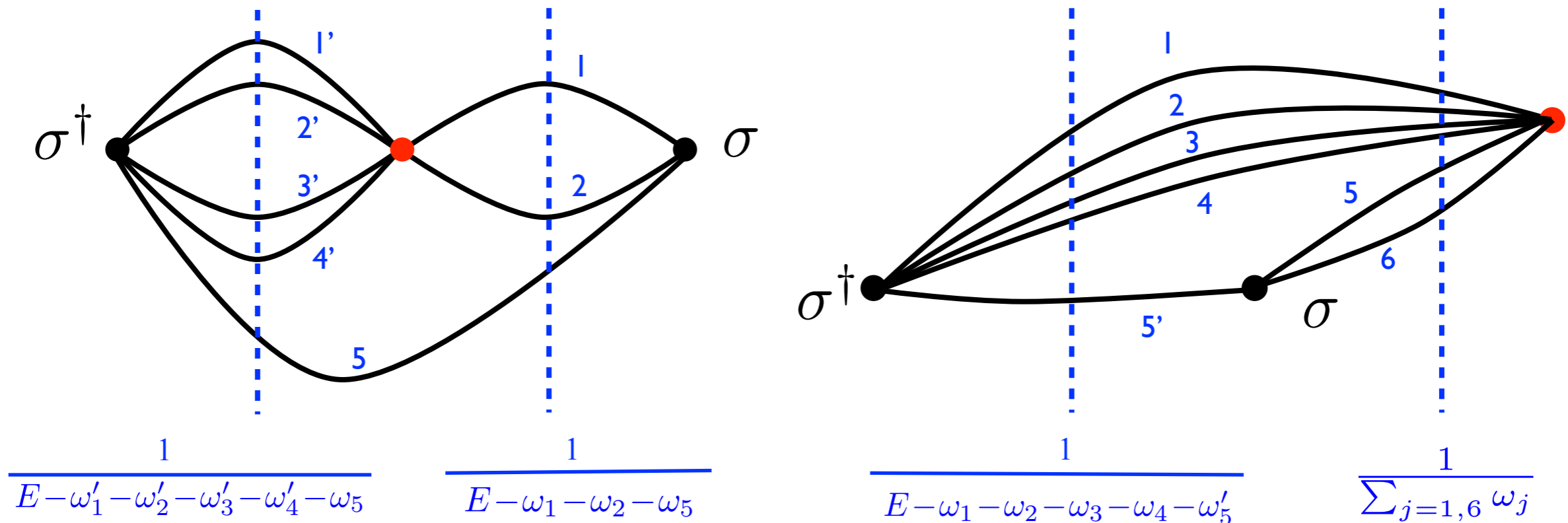
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On-shell energy $\omega_j = \sqrt{\vec{k}_j^2 + M^2}$

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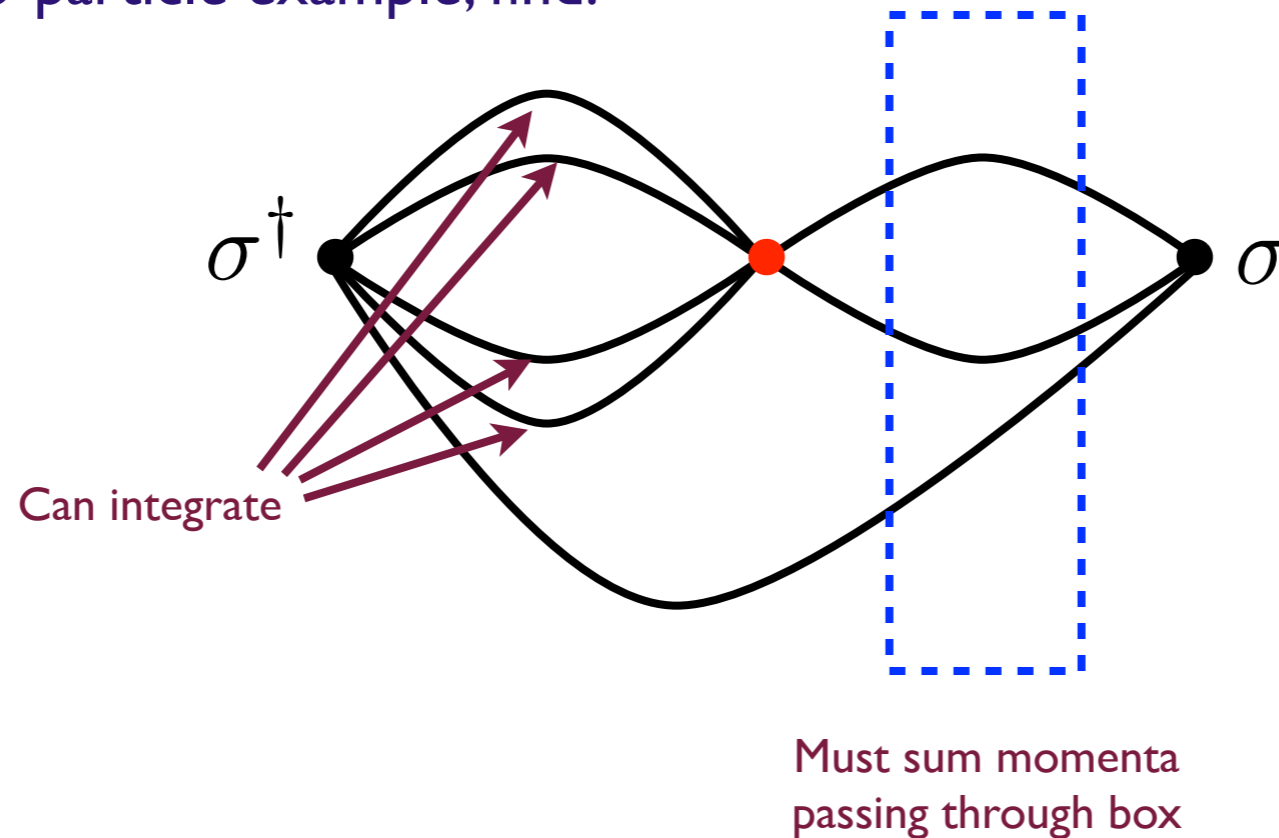
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- If restrict $M < E^* < 5M$ then only 3-particle “cuts” have singularities, and these occur only when all three particles to go on-shell

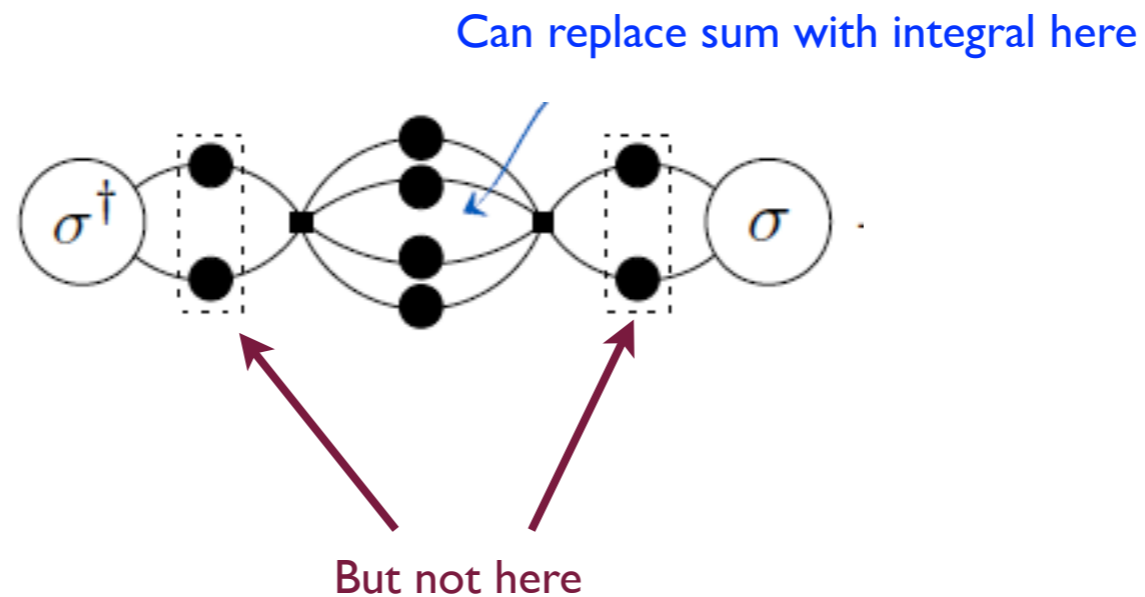
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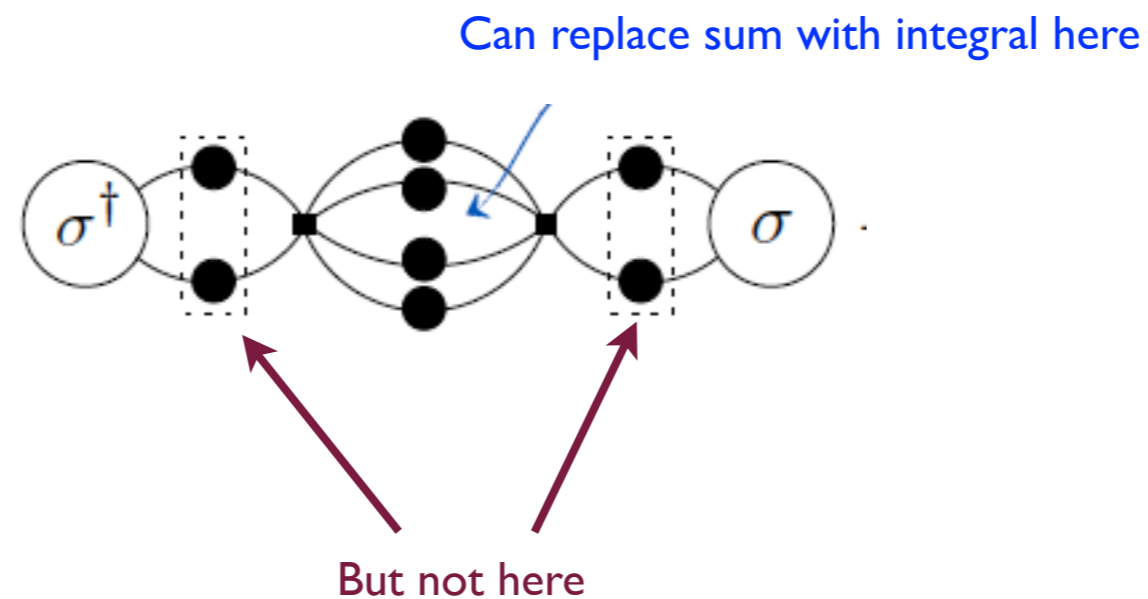
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- Then repeatedly use $\text{sum}=\text{integral} + \text{“sum-integral”}$ to simplify

Key issues 4-6

- Dealing with cusps, avoiding divergences in 3-particle scattering amplitude, and dealing with breaking of particle interchange symmetry
- Discuss later!

2-particle quantization condition

Following method of [Kim, Sachrajda & SS 05]

- Apply previous analysis to 2-particle correlator ($0 < E^* < 4M$)

$$C_L(E, \vec{P}) = \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} + \text{diagram 3} + \text{diagram 4} + \dots$$

these loops are now integrated

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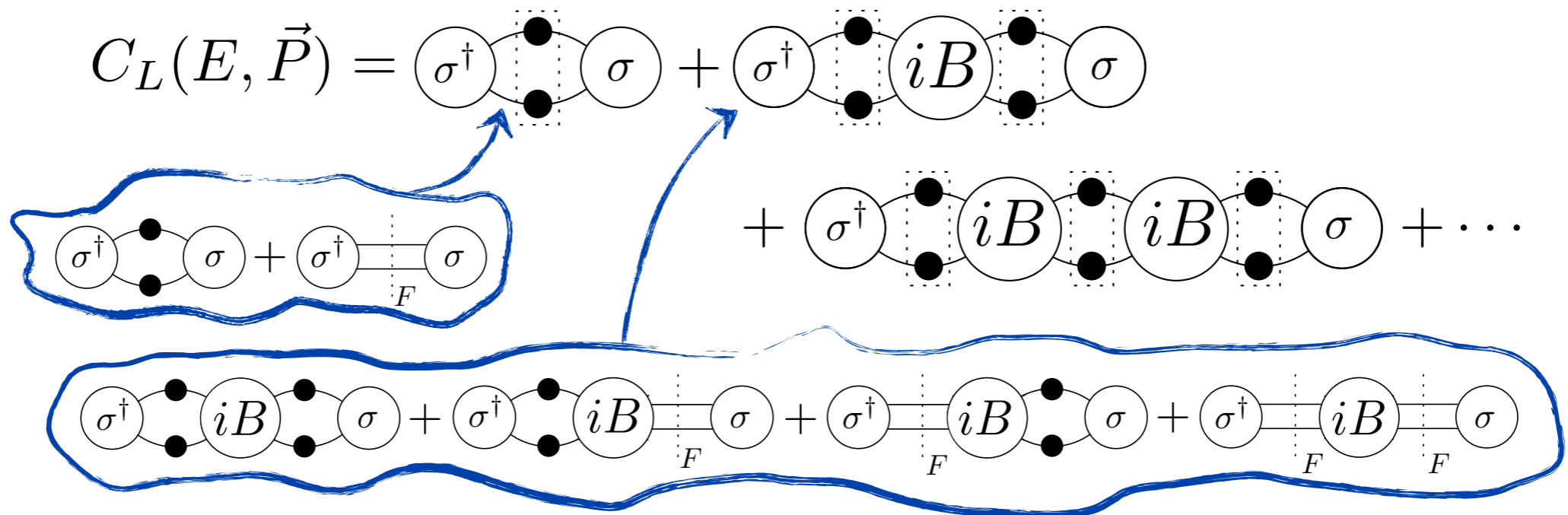
The diagram shows the expansion of the 2-particle correlator $C_L(E, \vec{P})$. The first term is a circle labeled σ^\dagger on the left and σ on the right, with two black dots between them connected by two arcs. A dashed box encloses these two dots. This is followed by a plus sign and another similar diagram. A large blue bracket groups a series of diagrams: a small square, a diagram with four arcs between two dots, a diagram with two arcs and two dots, and an ellipsis. A blue arrow points from a cloud-like shape labeled iB to the first diagram in the bracketed series. The series ends with a diagram similar to the first term, followed by a plus sign and an ellipsis.

- Leading to

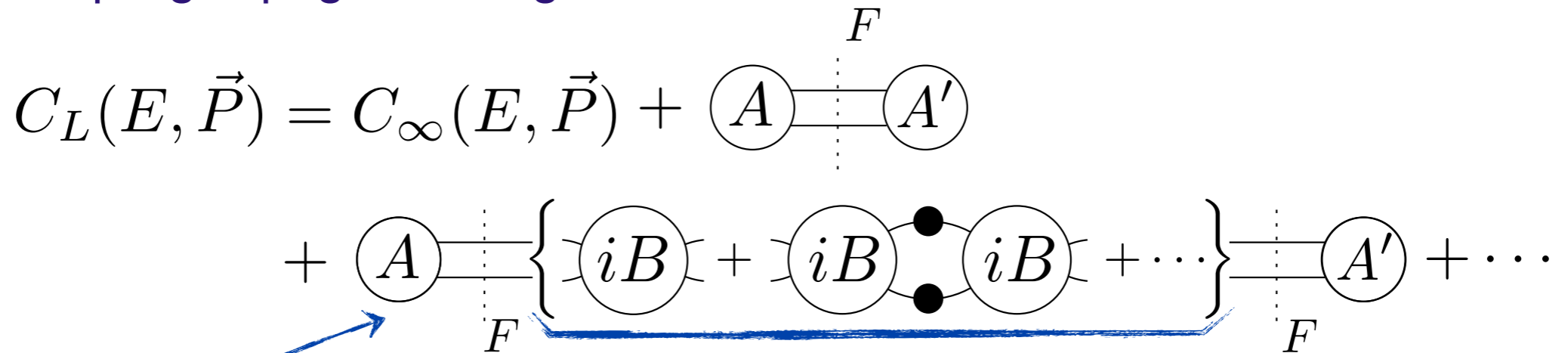
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The diagram shows the resummed series for the 2-particle correlator. It starts with the first term from the previous diagram, followed by a plus sign and a diagram where the iB kernel is inserted between the two dots of the first diagram. This is followed by another plus sign and a diagram where two iB kernels are inserted in series between the two dots. The series continues with an ellipsis.

- Next use sum identity



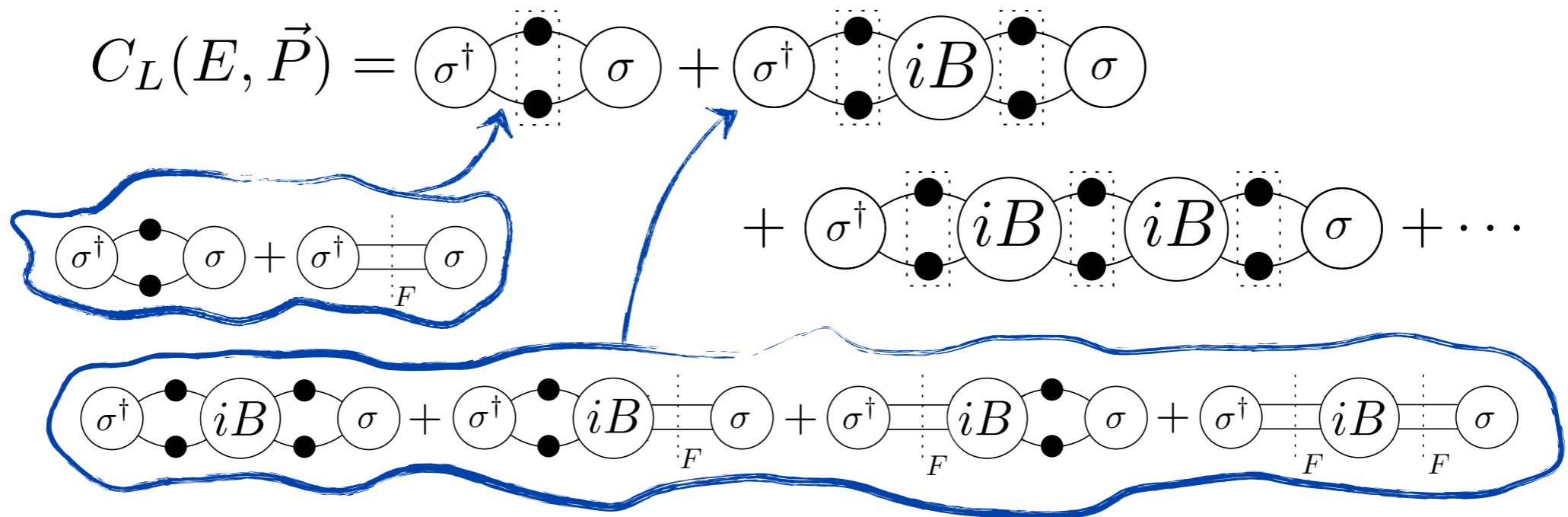
- And keep regrouping according to number of “F cuts”



two F cuts

the infinite-volume, on-shell 2→2 scattering amplitude

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- Alternate form if use PV-tilde prescription:

$$C_L(E, \vec{P}) = C_\infty^{\widetilde{PV}}(E, \vec{P}) + \begin{array}{c} F_{\widetilde{PV}} \\ \text{---} \\ A \text{---} A' \\ \text{---} \\ F_{\widetilde{PV}} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ A_{\widetilde{PV}} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} iB \\ iB \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} iB \\ \dots \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ A'_{\widetilde{PV}} \\ F_{\widetilde{PV}} \end{array} + \dots$$

**the infinite-volume, on-shell
2→2 K-matrix**

- Final result:

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_L(E, \vec{P}) &= C_\infty(E, \vec{P}) \\
 &+ \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} \\
 &+ \text{Diagram 3} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Diagram 1: A circle labeled A on the left and a circle labeled A' on the right, connected by a horizontal line. A vertical dashed line labeled F is positioned between them.

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matrices in l,m space (pointing to $i\mathcal{M}_{2 \rightarrow 2}$)

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- A red arrow points from the text "no poles, only cuts" to the $A' iF$ term.
- A blue arrow points from the text "matrices in l,m space" to the $i\mathcal{M}_{2 \rightarrow 2}$ term in the denominator.
- A red arrow points from the text "no poles, only cuts" to the A term.

⇒
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Alternative form

2-particle quantization condition

- At fixed L & \vec{P} , the finite-volume spectrum E_1, E_2, \dots is given by solutions to

$$\Delta_{L, \vec{P}}(E) = \det \left[(F_{\vec{P}V})^{-1} + \mathcal{K}_2 \right] = 0$$

- $\mathcal{K}_2, F_{\vec{P}V}$ are matrices in l, m space
- \mathcal{K}_2 is diagonal in l, m
- $F_{\vec{P}V}$ is off-diagonal, since the box violates rotation symmetry
- To make useful, truncate by assuming that \mathcal{K}_2 vanishes above l_{max}

$$i\mathcal{K}_{2;00;00}(E_n^*) = \left[iF_{\vec{P}V;00;00}(E_n, \vec{P}, L) \right]^{-1}$$

Equivalent to generalization of s-wave Lüscher equation to moving frame [Rummukainen & Gottlieb]

3-particle quantization condition

Following [Hansen & SS 14]

Final result

- Spectrum is determined (for given L, \mathbf{P}) by solutions of

$$\Delta_{L,P}(E) = \det \left[F_3^{-1} + \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3} \right] = 0$$

- Superficially similar to 2-particle form ...

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- All quantities are (infinite-dimensional) matrices, e.g. $(F_3)_{klm;pl'm'}$, with indices

[finite volume “spectator” momentum: $\mathbf{k}=2\pi\mathbf{n}/L$] \times [2-particle CM angular momentum: l,m]



Three on-shell particles with total energy-momentum (E, \mathbf{P})

- For large \mathbf{k} other two particles are below threshold; must include such configurations by analytic continuation up to a cut-off at $k \sim m$ [provided by $H(\mathbf{k})$]

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- Important limitation: our present derivation requires that all two-particle sub-channels are non-resonant at the spectral energy under consideration
- Resonances imply that \mathcal{K}_2 has a pole, and this leads to additional finite volume dependence not accounted for in the derivation
- We only have an ugly solution—searching for something better

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 - How can it be made useful?

Key issue 4: dealing with cusps

- Can sum subdiagrams without 3-particle cuts into Bethe-Salpeter kernels
 \Rightarrow Skeleton expansion in terms of Bethe-Salpeter kernels

$$\begin{aligned}
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The diagrams in the expansion represent various subdiagrams of the full propagator $C_L(E, \vec{P})$. The first row shows diagrams with orange circles (representing 3-particle cuts) and dashed boxes. The second and third rows show diagrams with purple circles (representing Bethe-Salpeter kernels) and dashed boxes. The fourth row shows diagrams with both orange and purple circles. The fifth row shows diagrams with purple circles and dashed boxes. The sixth row shows diagrams with orange circles and dashed boxes.

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Key issue 4: dealing with cusps

- Want to replace sums with integrals + F-cuts as in 2-particle analysis
- Straightforward implementation fails when have 3 particle intermediate states adjacent to $2 \rightarrow 2$ kernels

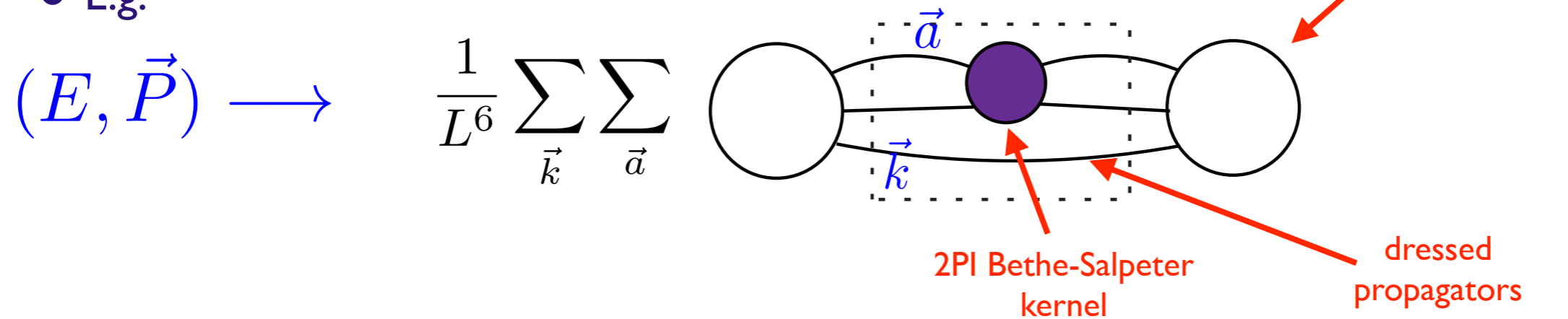
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Cusp analysis (1)

- Aim: replace sums with integrals + finite-volume residue

- E.g.

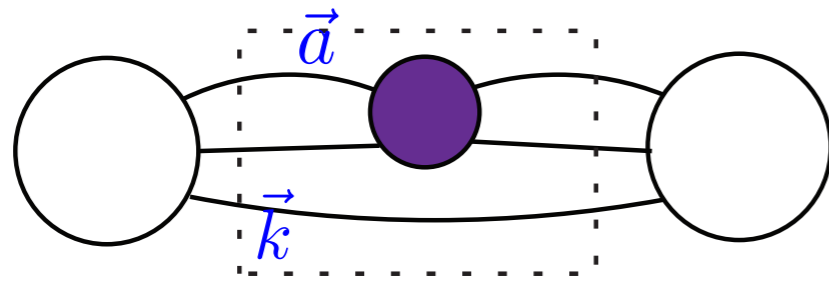


- Can replace sums with integrals for smooth, non-singular parts of summand
- Singular part of left-hand 3-particle intermediate state

$$\frac{1}{L^6} \sum_{\vec{k}} \sum_{\vec{a}} \frac{A(\vec{k}, \vec{a}) B(\vec{k}, \vec{a})}{E - \omega_k - \omega_a - \omega_{ka}}$$

Diagram illustrating the singular part of the left-hand 3-particle intermediate state. The denominator is $E - \omega_k - \omega_a - \omega_{ka}$, where $\omega_k = \sqrt{\vec{k}^2 + m^2}$, $\omega_a = \sqrt{\vec{a}^2 + m^2}$, and $\omega_{ka} = \sqrt{(\vec{P} - \vec{k} - \vec{a})^2 + m^2}$. The numerator $A(\vec{k}, \vec{a}) B(\vec{k}, \vec{a})$ is labeled as "smooth functions". The denominator is labeled as "denominator vanishes on-shell".

Cusp analysis (2)



$$\frac{1}{L^6} \sum_{\vec{k}} \sum_{\vec{a}} \frac{A(\vec{k}, \vec{a}) B(\vec{k}, \vec{a})}{E - \omega_k - \omega_a - \omega_{k_a}}$$

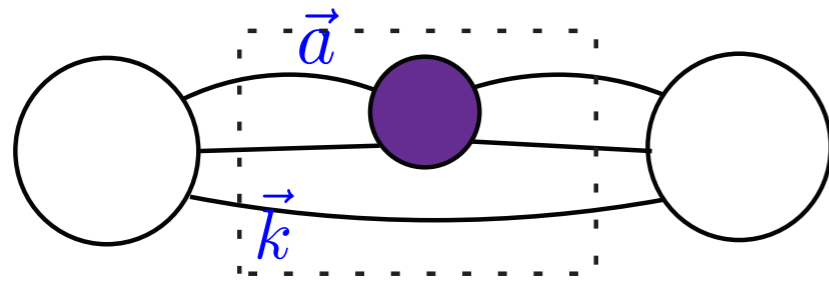
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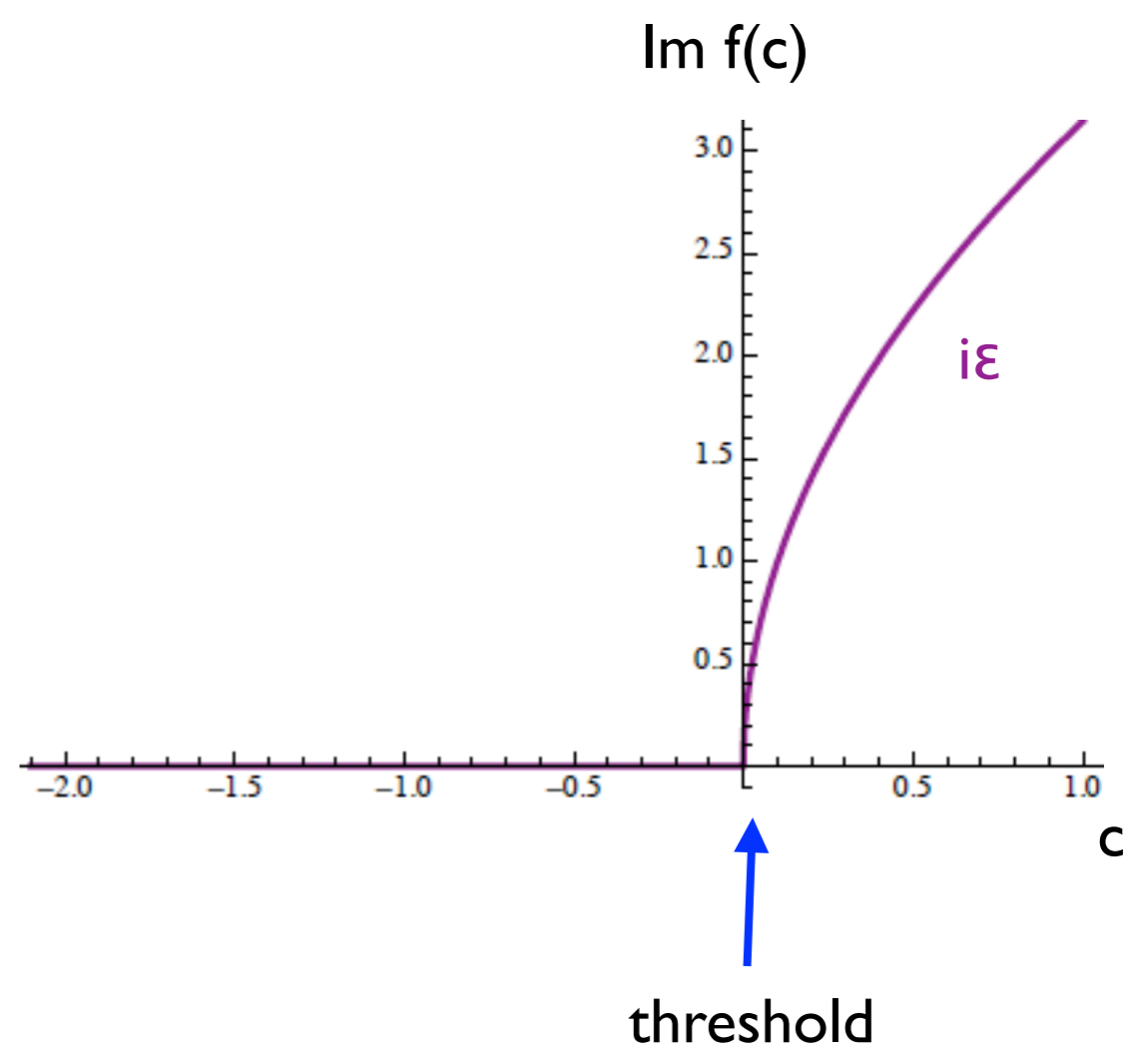
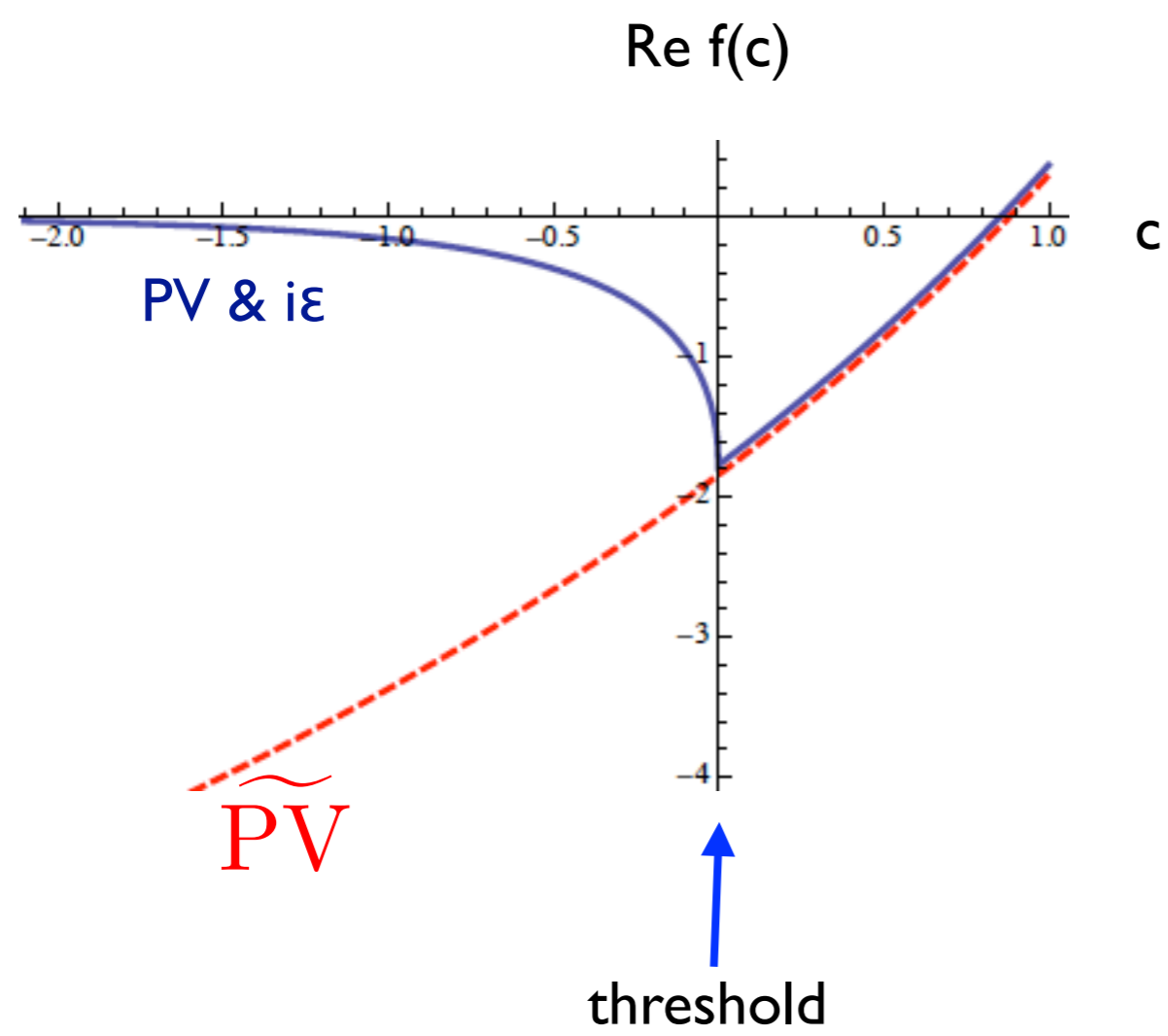
- Want to replace sum over k with integral for $\int_{\vec{a}}$ term
- Only possible if integral over a gives smooth function
- $i\epsilon$ prescription and standard principal value (PV) lead to cusps at threshold \Rightarrow sum-integral $\sim 1/L^4$ [Polejaeva & Rusetsky]
- Requires use of modified $\widetilde{\text{PV}}$ prescription

Result:
$$\frac{1}{L^6} \sum_{\vec{k}} \sum_{\vec{a}} = \int_{\vec{k}} \int_{\vec{a}} + \sum_{\vec{k}} \text{“F term”}$$

Cusp analysis (3)

$$x \sim (a^*)^2$$

• Simple example: $\int_{\vec{a}} \frac{A(\vec{k}, \vec{a}) B(\vec{k}, \vec{a})}{E - \omega_k - \omega_a - \omega_{ka}} \longrightarrow f(c) = \int_0^\infty dx \frac{\sqrt{x} e^{-(x-c)}}{c-x}$



- Far below threshold, \widetilde{PV} smoothly turns back into PV

Cusp analysis (4)

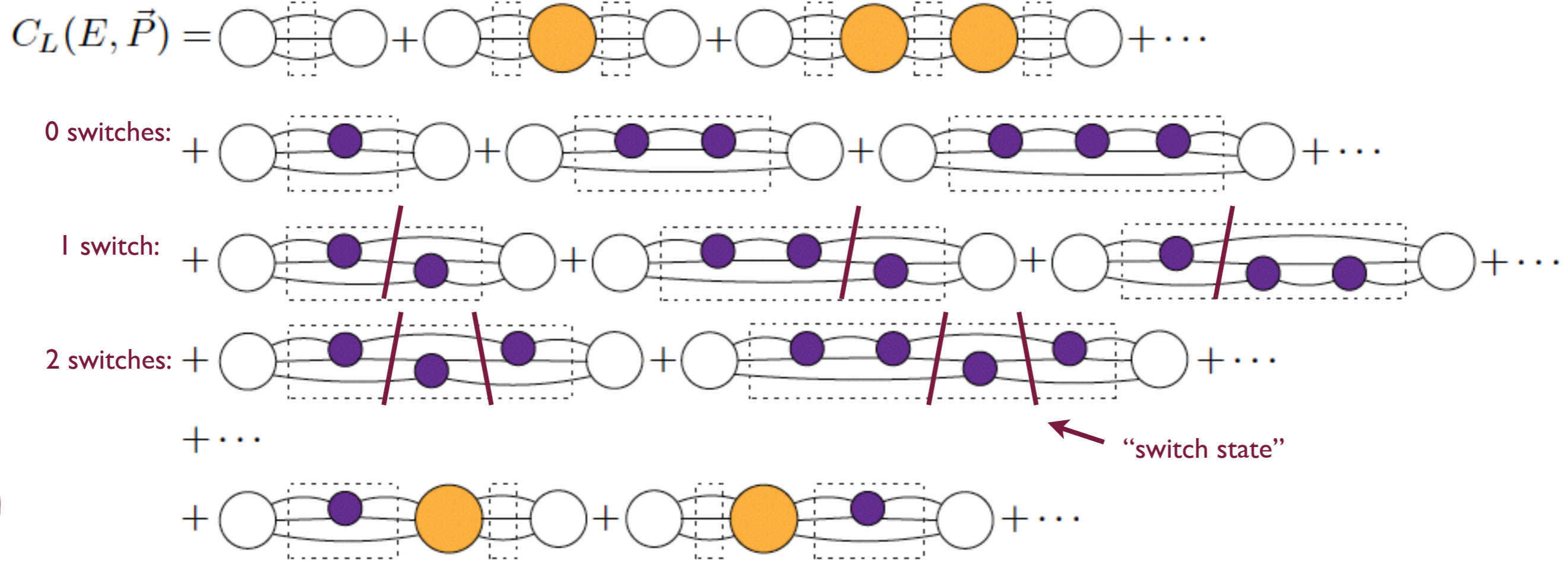
- Bottom line: must use $\widetilde{P}\widetilde{V}$ prescription for all loops
- This is why K-matrix \mathcal{K}_2 appears in 2-particle summations
- \mathcal{K}_2 is standard above threshold, and given below by analytic continuation (so there is no cusp)
- This prescription is that used previously when studying finite-volume effects on bound-state energies using two-particle quantization condition [Detmold, Savage,...]
- Far below threshold smoothly turns into \mathcal{M}_2^ℓ

Key issue 5: dealing with “switches”

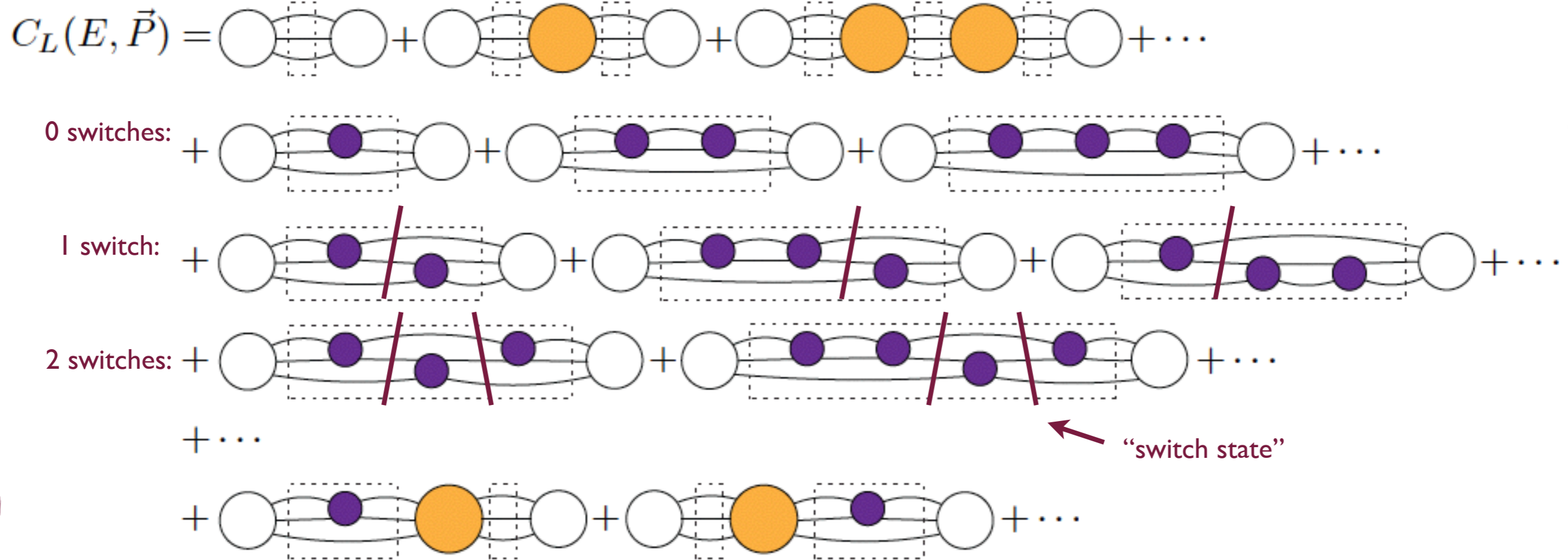
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The diagrams illustrate a series of terms in a sum for $C_L(E, \vec{P})$. Each term consists of two large white circles connected by two lines. The first row shows terms with orange circles (switches) on the lines between the white circles. The second and third rows show terms with purple circles (switches) on the lines. The fourth row shows terms with a purple circle and an orange circle on the lines. Dashed boxes enclose the internal structures of each diagram.

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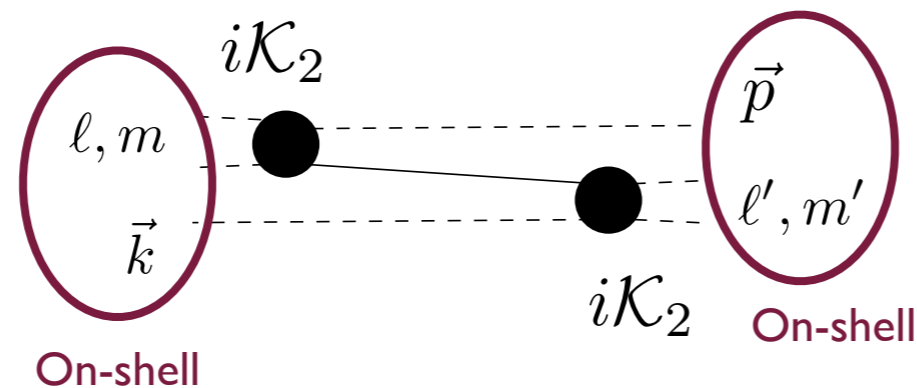
- With cusps removed, no-switch diagrams can be summed as for 2-particle case
- “Switches” present a new challenge

One-switch diagrams

$$C_L^{(2)} = \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} + \dots$$

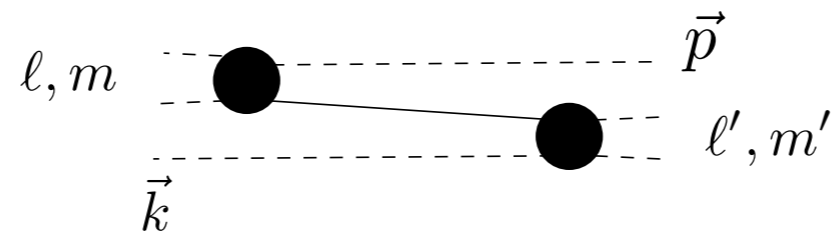
Can treat similarly to 2-particle case
leading to a series of F_{PV} 's and \mathcal{K}_2 's

- End up with L-dependent part of $C^{(2)}$ having at its core:

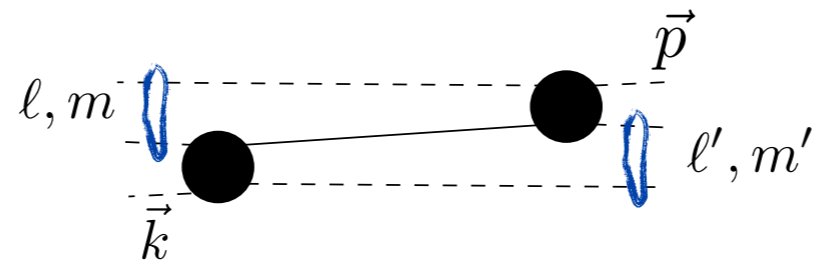


- This is our first contribution to the infinite-volume 3 particle scattering amplitude

One-switch problem



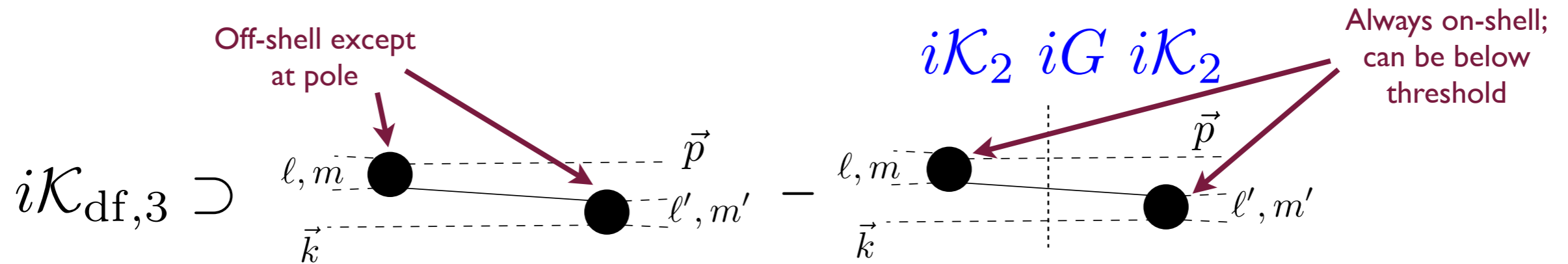
- Amplitude is singular for some choices of \mathbf{k} , \mathbf{p} in physical regime
 - Propagator goes on shell if top two (and thus bottom two) scatter elastically
- Not a problem per se, but leads to difficulties when amplitude is symmetrized
 - Occurs when include three-switch contributions



- Singularity implies that decomposition in $Y_{l,m}$ will not converge uniformly
 - Cannot usefully truncate angular momentum expansion

One-switch solution

- Define divergence-free amplitude by subtracting singular part
 - Utility of subtraction noted in [Rubin, Sugar & Tiktopoulos, '66]

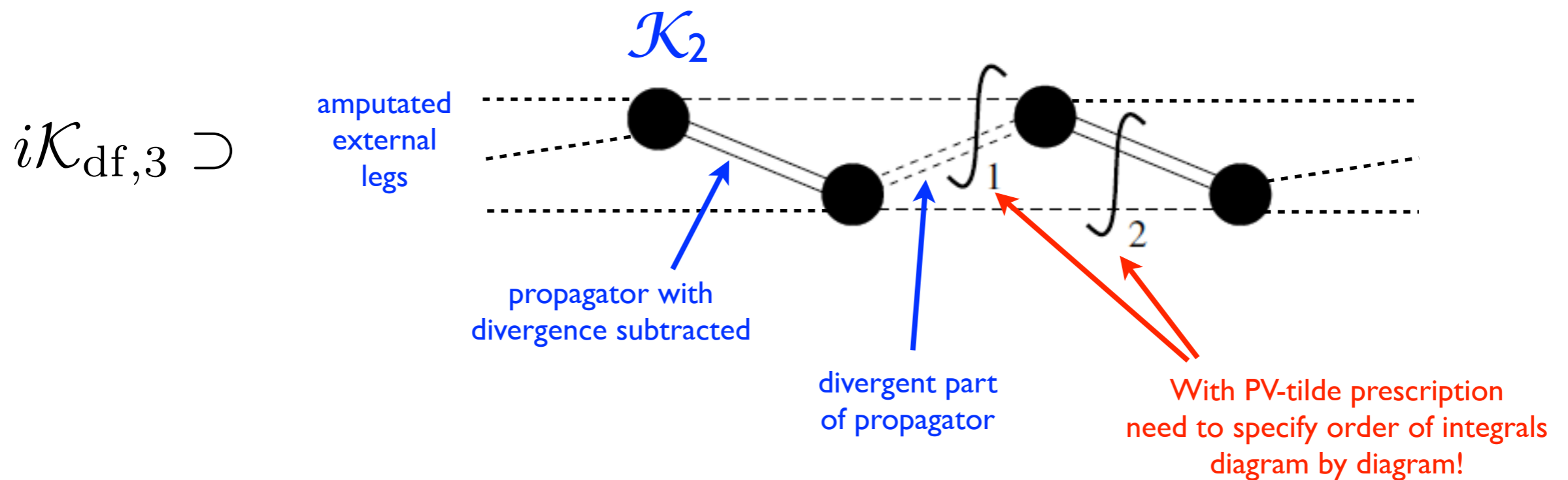


$$G_{p,\ell',m';k,\ell,m} \equiv \left(\frac{k^*}{q_p^*}\right)^{\ell'} \frac{4\pi Y_{\ell',m'}(\hat{k}^*) H(\vec{p}) H(\vec{k}) Y_{\ell,m}^*(\hat{p}^*)}{2\omega_{kp}(E - \omega_k - \omega_p - \omega_{kp})} \left(\frac{p^*}{q_k^*}\right)^{\ell} \frac{1}{2\omega_k L^3}$$

- Key point: $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$ is local and its expansion in harmonics can be truncated
- Subtracted term must be added back---leads to G contributions to F_3
- Can extend divergence-free definition to any number of switches

Key issue 6: symmetry breaking

- Using \widetilde{PV} prescription breaks particle interchange symmetry
 - Top two particles treated differently from spectator
 - Leads to very complicated definition for $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$, e.g.



- Can extend definition of $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$ to all orders, in such a way that it is symmetric under interchange of external particles

Key issue 6: symmetry breaking

- Final definition of $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ is, crudely speaking:
 - Sum all Feynman diagrams contributing to \mathcal{M}_3
 - Use $\widetilde{\text{PV}}$ prescription, plus a (well-defined) set of rules for ordering integrals
 - Subtract leading divergent parts
 - Apply a set of (completely specified) extra factors (“decorations”) to ensure external symmetrization
- $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ is an UGLY infinite-volume quantity related to scattering
- At the time of our initial paper, we did not know the relation between $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ and \mathcal{M}_3 & \mathcal{M}_2 , although we had reasons to think that such a relationship exists
- Now we know the relationship

Final result

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- Successfully separated infinite volume quantities from finite volume kinematic factors, but ...
 - But what is $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$? ✓
 - How do we obtain this result? ✓
 - How can it be made useful?

Utility of result: truncation

Truncation in 2 particle case

$$\Delta_{L, \vec{P}}(E) = \det \left[(F_{\widetilde{PV}})^{-1} + \mathcal{K}_2 \right] = 0$$

- If \mathcal{M} (which is diagonal in l, m) vanishes for $l > l_{\max}$ then can show that need only keep $l \leq l_{\max}$ in F (which is not diagonal) and so have finite matrix condition which can be inverted to find $\mathcal{M}(E)$ from energy levels

Truncation in 3 particle case

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- For fixed E & \mathbf{P} , as spectator momentum $|\mathbf{k}|$ increases, remaining two-particle system drops below threshold, so F_{PV} becomes exponentially suppressed
 - Smoothly interpolates to $F_{PV}=0$ due to H factors; same holds for G
- Thus \mathbf{k} sum is naturally truncated (with, say, N terms required)
- l is truncated if both \mathcal{K}_2 and $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$ vanish for $l > l_{\max}$
- Yields determinant condition truncated to $[N(2l_{\max} + 1)]^2$ block

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- Given prior knowledge of \mathcal{K}_2 (e.g. from 2-particle quantization condition) each energy level E_i of the 3 particle system gives information on $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$ at the corresponding 3-particle CM energy E_i^*
- Probably need to proceed by parameterizing $\mathcal{K}_{df,3 \rightarrow 3}$, in which case one would need at least as many levels as parameters at given energy
- Given \mathcal{K}_2 and $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$ one can reconstruct \mathcal{M}_3
- The locality of $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$ is crucial for this program
- Clearly very challenging in practice, but there is an existence proof...

Isotropic approximation

- Assume $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$ depends only on E^* (and thus is indep. of \mathbf{k}, l, m)
- Also assume \mathcal{K}_2 only non-zero for s-wave ($\Rightarrow l_{\max}=0$) and known
- Truncated $[N \times N]$ problem simplifies: $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$ has only 1 non-zero eigenvalue, and problem collapses to a single equation:

$$1 + F_3^{\text{iso}} \mathcal{K}_{df,3}^{\text{iso}}(E^*) = 0$$

Known in terms of
two particle scattering amplitude



$$F_3^{\text{iso}} \equiv \sum_{\vec{k}, \vec{p}} \frac{1}{2\omega_k L^3} \left[F_{\text{PV}}^s \left(-\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{1 + [1 + \mathcal{K}_2^s G^s]^{-1} \mathcal{K}_2^s F_{\text{PV}}^s} \right) \right]_{k,p}$$

Infinite volume relation between $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$ & \mathcal{M}_3

[Hansen & SS 15, in preparation]

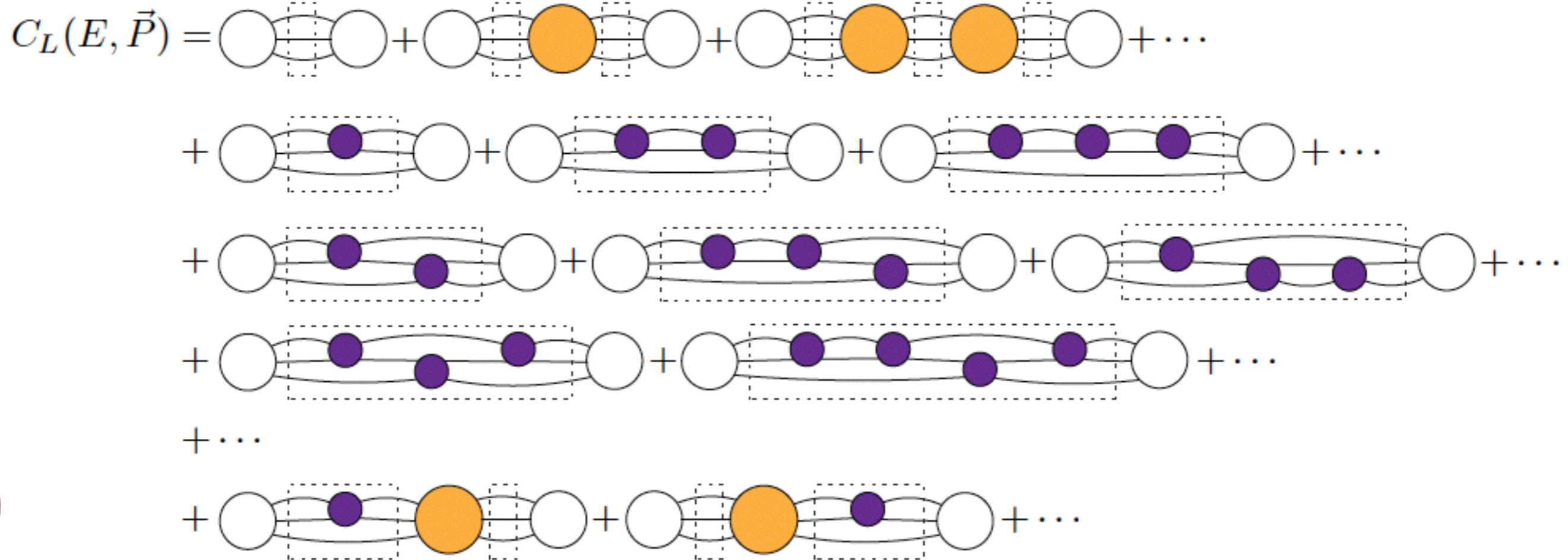
The issue

- Three particle quantization condition depends on $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ rather than the three particle scattering amplitude \mathcal{M}_3
- $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ is an infinite volume quantity (loops involve integrals) but is not physical
 - Has a very complicated, unwieldy definition
 - Depends on the cut-off function H
 - However, it was forced on us by the analysis, and is some sort of local vertex
- To complete the quantization condition we must relate $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ to \mathcal{M}_3

The method

- Define a “finite volume scattering amplitude” $\mathcal{M}_{L,3}$ which goes over to \mathcal{M}_3 in an (appropriately taken) $L \rightarrow \infty$ limit
- Relate $\mathcal{M}_{L,3}$ to $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ at finite volume—which turns out to require a small generalization of the methods used to derive the quantization condition
- Take $L \rightarrow \infty$, obtaining nested integral equations

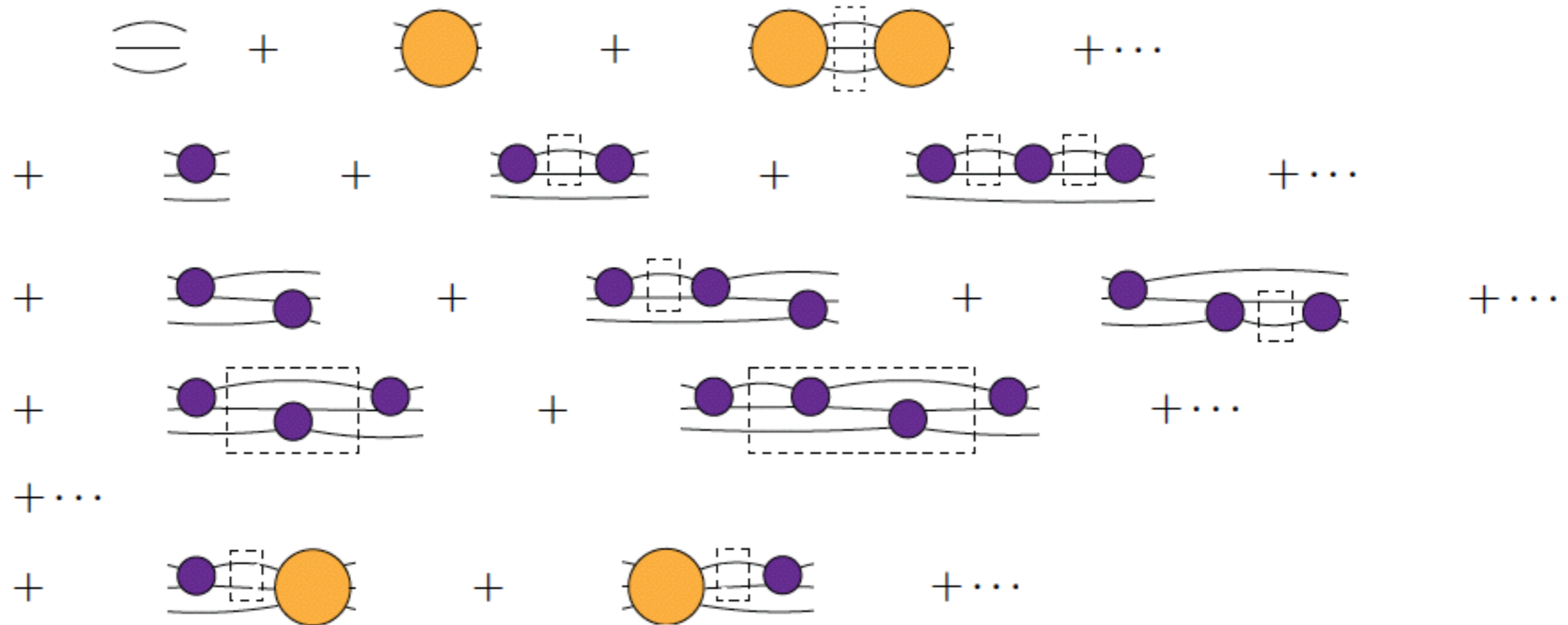
Modifying C_L to obtain $\mathcal{M}_{L,3}$



$$C_L(E, \vec{P}) = C_\infty(E, \vec{P}) + A'_3 iF_3 \frac{1}{1 - i\mathcal{K}_{df,3 \rightarrow 3} iF_3} A_3$$

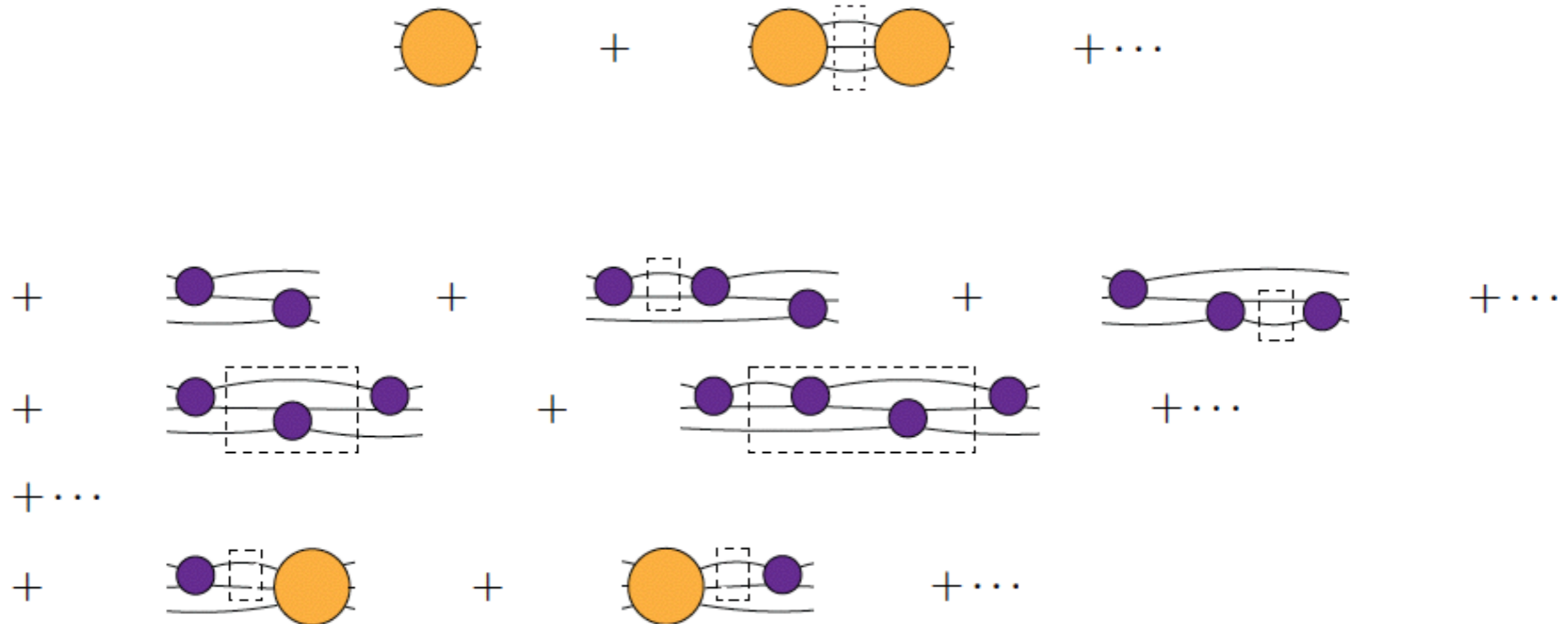
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Modifying C_L to obtain $\mathcal{M}_{L,3}$



Step I: “amputate”

Modifying C_L to obtain $\mathcal{M}_{L,3}$



Step 2: Drop disconnected diagrams

Modifying C_L to obtain $\mathcal{M}_{L,3}$

$$i\mathcal{M}_{L,3 \rightarrow 3} \equiv \mathcal{S} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \dots \\ + \text{Diagram 3} + \text{Diagram 4} + \text{Diagram 5} + \dots \\ + \text{Diagram 6} + \text{Diagram 7} + \dots \\ + \dots \\ + \text{Diagram 8} + \text{Diagram 9} + \dots \end{array} \right\}$$

The diagrams in the sum are:

- Diagram 1: A single orange circle with three external lines.
- Diagram 2: Two orange circles connected by a dashed box, with three external lines.
- Diagram 3: Three purple circles on a horizontal line, with two external lines above and two below. A dashed box encloses the first two circles.
- Diagram 4: Three purple circles on a horizontal line, with two external lines above and two below. A dashed box encloses the last two circles.
- Diagram 5: Three purple circles on a horizontal line, with two external lines above and two below. A dashed box encloses all three circles.
- Diagram 6: A purple circle on a horizontal line, with two external lines above and two below. A dashed box encloses the purple circle and the first external line above.
- Diagram 7: An orange circle on a horizontal line, with two external lines above and two below. A dashed box encloses the orange circle and the first external line above.

Step 3: Symmetrize

$\mathcal{M}_{L,3}$ in terms of $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$

$$i\mathcal{M}_{L,3\rightarrow 3} \equiv \mathcal{S} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \dots \\ + \text{Diagram 3} + \text{Diagram 4} + \text{Diagram 5} + \dots \\ + \text{Diagram 6} + \text{Diagram 7} + \dots \\ + \dots \\ + \text{Diagram 8} + \text{Diagram 9} + \dots \end{array} \right\}$$

The diagrams represent various Feynman-like diagrams for a 3-particle process. Diagram 1 is a single orange circle with three external lines. Diagram 2 shows two orange circles connected by a dashed box, with three external lines. Diagrams 3-7 show three purple circles connected by wavy lines, with various dashed boxes indicating internal interactions. Diagrams 8-9 show a purple circle and an orange circle connected by a dashed box, with three external lines.

$$i\mathcal{M}_{L,3\rightarrow 3} = i\mathcal{D}_L + \mathcal{S} \left[\mathcal{L}_L \ i\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3\rightarrow 3} \frac{1}{1 - iF_3 \ i\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3\rightarrow 3}} \ \mathcal{R}_L \right]$$

$$i\mathcal{D}_L \equiv \mathcal{S} \left[\frac{1}{1 - i\mathcal{M}_{L,2\rightarrow 2} \ iG} \ i\mathcal{M}_{L,2\rightarrow 2} \ iG \ i\mathcal{M}_{L,2\rightarrow 2} [2\omega L^3] \right]$$

$\mathcal{M}_{L,3}$ in terms of $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$

$$i\mathcal{M}_{L,3\rightarrow 3} = i\mathcal{D}_L + \mathcal{S} \left[\mathcal{L}_L \ i\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3\rightarrow 3} \frac{1}{1 - iF_3 \ i\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3\rightarrow 3}} \ \mathcal{R}_L \right]$$

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- \mathcal{L}_L and \mathcal{R}_L depend only on $\mathcal{M}_{L,2}$, G and F_{PV}
- $\mathcal{M}_{L,2}$ is “finite volume two particle scattering amplitude”

$$i\mathcal{M}_{L,2\rightarrow 2} \equiv i\mathcal{K}_{2\rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{1 - iF_{\text{PV}} i\mathcal{K}_{2\rightarrow 2}}$$

$\mathcal{M}_{L,3}$ in terms of $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$

$$i\mathcal{M}_{L,3\rightarrow 3} = i\mathcal{D}_L + \mathcal{S} \left[\mathcal{L}_L \ i\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3\rightarrow 3} \frac{1}{1 - iF_3 \ i\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3\rightarrow 3}} \ \mathcal{R}_L \right]$$

$$i\mathcal{D}_L \equiv \mathcal{S} \left[\frac{1}{1 - i\mathcal{M}_{L,2\rightarrow 2} \ iG} \ i\mathcal{M}_{L,2\rightarrow 2} \ iG \ i\mathcal{M}_{L,2\rightarrow 2} [2\omega L^3] \right]$$

- Key point: the *same (ugly)* $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ appears in $\mathcal{M}_{L,3}$ as in \mathcal{C}_L

$$C_L(E, \vec{P}) = C_\infty(E, \vec{P}) + A'_3 iF_3 \frac{1}{1 - i\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3\rightarrow 3} \ iF_3} A_3$$

- Can use $\mathcal{M}_{L,3}$ to derive quantization condition

Final step: taking $L \rightarrow \infty$

$$i\mathcal{M}_{L,3 \rightarrow 3} = i\mathcal{D}_L + \mathcal{S} \left[\mathcal{L}_L \ i\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3 \rightarrow 3} \frac{1}{1 - iF_3 \ i\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3 \rightarrow 3}} \ \mathcal{R}_L \right]$$

$$i\mathcal{D}_L \equiv \mathcal{S} \left[\frac{1}{1 - i\mathcal{M}_{L,2 \rightarrow 2} \ iG} \ i\mathcal{M}_{L,2 \rightarrow 2} \ iG \ i\mathcal{M}_{L,2 \rightarrow 2} [2\omega L^3] \right]$$

$$iF_3 \equiv \frac{iF_{\text{PV}}}{2\omega L^3} \left[\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{1 - i\mathcal{M}_{L,2 \rightarrow 2} \ iG} \ i\mathcal{M}_{L,2 \rightarrow 2} \ iF_{\text{PV}} \right]$$

- All equations involve matrices with indices k, l, m

Spectator momentum
 $\mathbf{k} = 2 \mathbf{n} \pi / L$
 Summed over \mathbf{n}

Already in infinite
 volume variables

Final step: taking $L \rightarrow \infty$

$$i\mathcal{M}_{L,3 \rightarrow 3} = i\mathcal{D}_L + \mathcal{S} \left[\mathcal{L}_L \ i\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3 \rightarrow 3} \frac{1}{1 - iF_3 \ i\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3 \rightarrow 3}} \ \mathcal{R}_L \right]$$

$$i\mathcal{D}_L \equiv \mathcal{S} \left[\frac{1}{1 - i\mathcal{M}_{L,2 \rightarrow 2} \ iG} \ i\mathcal{M}_{L,2 \rightarrow 2} \ iG \ i\mathcal{M}_{L,2 \rightarrow 2} [2\omega L^3] \right]$$

$$iF_3 \equiv \frac{iF_{\text{PV}}}{2\omega L^3} \left[\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{1 - i\mathcal{M}_{L,2 \rightarrow 2} \ iG} \ i\mathcal{M}_{L,2 \rightarrow 2} \ iF_{\text{PV}} \right]$$

- Sums over momenta \rightarrow integrals (+ now irrelevant $1/L$ terms!)
- Must introduce pole prescription for sums to avoid singularities

$$i\mathcal{M}_{3 \rightarrow 3} = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \Big|_{i\epsilon} i\mathcal{M}_{L,3 \rightarrow 3}$$

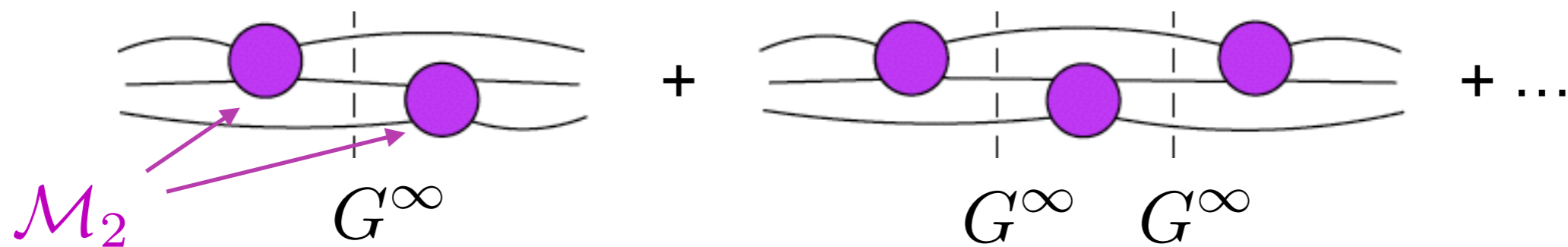
Final result: nested integral equations

(1) Obtain $L \rightarrow \infty$ limit of \mathcal{D}_L

$$i\mathcal{D}^{(u,u)}(\vec{p}, \vec{k}) = i\mathcal{M}_2(\vec{p})iG^\infty(\vec{p}, \vec{k})i\mathcal{M}_2(\vec{k}) + \int_s \frac{1}{2\omega_s} i\mathcal{M}_2(\vec{p})iG^\infty(\vec{p}, \vec{s})i\mathcal{D}^{(u,u)}(\vec{s}, \vec{k})$$

$$G_{\ell'm'; \ell m}^\infty(\vec{p}, \vec{k}) \equiv \left(\frac{k^*}{q_p^*}\right)^{\ell'} \frac{4\pi Y_{\ell'm'}(\hat{k}^*) H(\vec{p}) H(\vec{k}) Y_{\ell m}^*(\hat{p}^*)}{2\omega_{kp}(E - \omega_k - \omega_p - \omega_{kp} + i\epsilon)} \left(\frac{p^*}{q_k^*}\right)^\ell$$

- Quantities are still matrices in l, m space
- Presence of cut-off function means that integrals have finite range
- $\mathcal{D}^{(u,u)}$ sums geometric series which gives physical divergences in \mathcal{M}_3



Final result: nested integral equations

(2) Sum geometric series involving $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$

$$i\mathcal{T}(\vec{p}, \vec{k}) = i\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}(\vec{p}, \vec{k}) + \int_{\vec{s}} \int_{\vec{r}} i\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}(\vec{p}, \vec{s}) \frac{i\rho(\vec{s})}{2\omega_s} i\mathcal{L}^{(u,u)}(\vec{s}, \vec{r}) i\mathcal{T}(\vec{r}, \vec{k}),$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{(u,u)}(\vec{p}, \vec{k}) = \left(\frac{1}{3} + i\mathcal{M}_2(\vec{p})i\rho(\vec{p}) \right) (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{k}) + i\mathcal{D}^{(u,u)}(\vec{p}, \vec{k}) \frac{i\rho(\vec{k})}{2\omega_k},$$

- $\rho(\mathbf{k})$ is a phase space factor (analytically continued when below threshold)
- Requires $\mathcal{D}^{(u,u)}$ and \mathcal{M}_2
- Corresponds to summing the core geometric series, i.e.

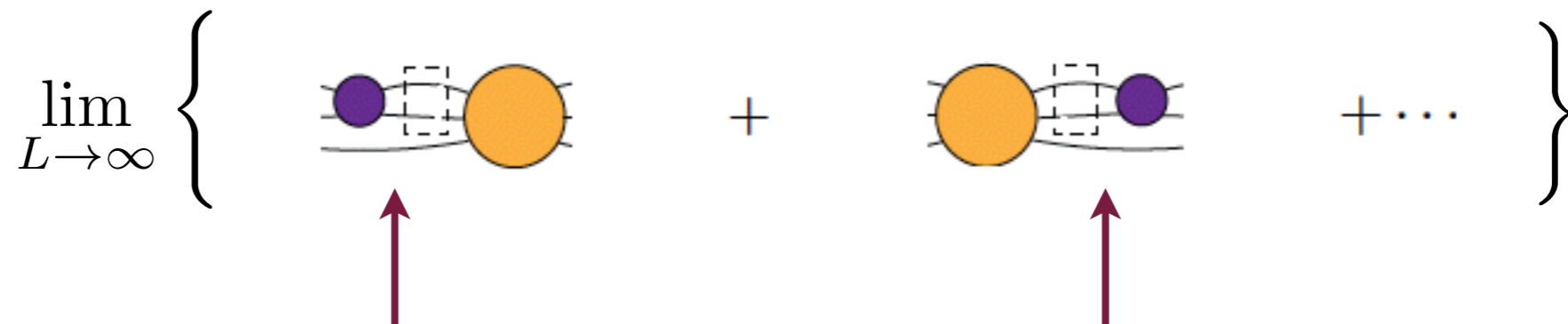
$$i\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3 \rightarrow 3} \frac{1}{1 - iF_3 i\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3 \rightarrow 3}}$$

Final result: nested integral equations

(3) Add in effects of external 2→2 scattering:

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{M}_3(\vec{p}, \vec{k}) - \mathcal{S} \left\{ \mathcal{D}^{(u,u)}(\vec{p}, \vec{k}) \right\}}_{\mathcal{M}_{df,3}} = -\mathcal{S} \left\{ \int_s \int_r \mathcal{L}^{(u,u)}(\vec{p}, \vec{s}) \mathcal{T}(\vec{s}, \vec{r}) \mathcal{R}^{(u,u)}(\vec{r}, \vec{k}) \right\}$$

- Sums geometric series on “outside” of $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$'s



- Can also invert and determine $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$ given \mathcal{M}_3 and \mathcal{M}_2

Conclusions & Outlook

Summary: successes

- Obtained a 3-particle quantization condition
- Confirmed that 3-particle spectrum determined by infinite-volume scattering amplitudes in a general relativistic QFT
- Truncation to obtain a finite problem occurs naturally
- Threshold expansion and other checks give us confidence in the expression

Summary: limitations

- Relation of $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ to \mathcal{M}_3 requires solving integral equations
- \mathcal{K}_2 is needed below (as well as above) 2-particle threshold
- Formalism fails when \mathcal{K}_2 is singular \Rightarrow each two-particle channel must have no resonances within kinematic range
- Applies only to identical, spinless particles, with Z_2 symmetry

Many challenges remain!

- Fully develop 3 body formalism
 - Allow two particle sub-channels to be resonant
 - Extend to non-identical particles, particles with spin
 - Generalize LL factors to $1 \rightarrow 3$ decay amplitudes (e.g. for $K \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$)
 - Include $1 \rightarrow 2, 2 \rightarrow 3, \dots$ vertices
- Develop models of amplitudes so that new results can be implemented in simulations
- Onwards to 4 or more particles?!?

Many challenges remain!



Thank you!
Questions?