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# The three-pion K-matrix at NLO in chiral perturbation theory

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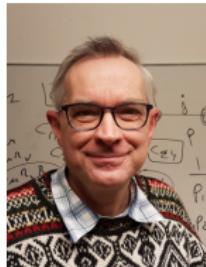
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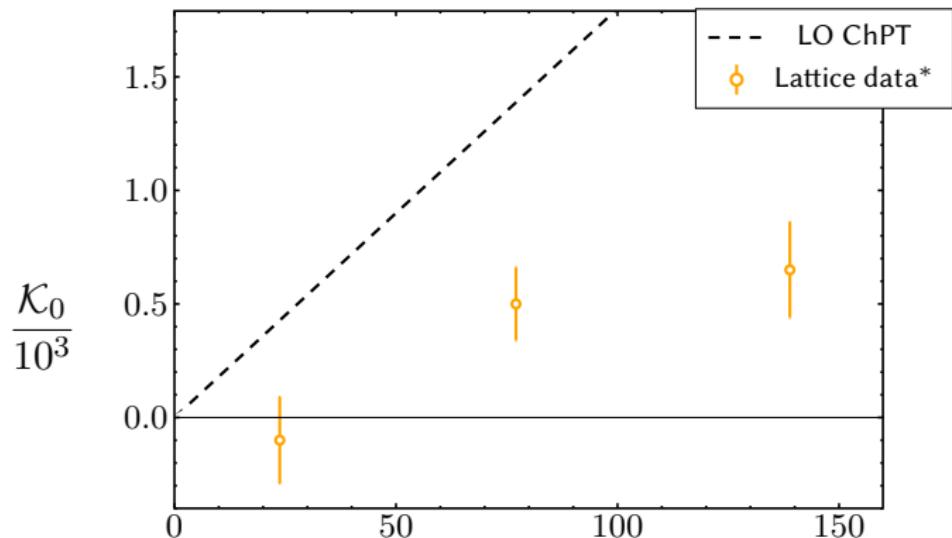
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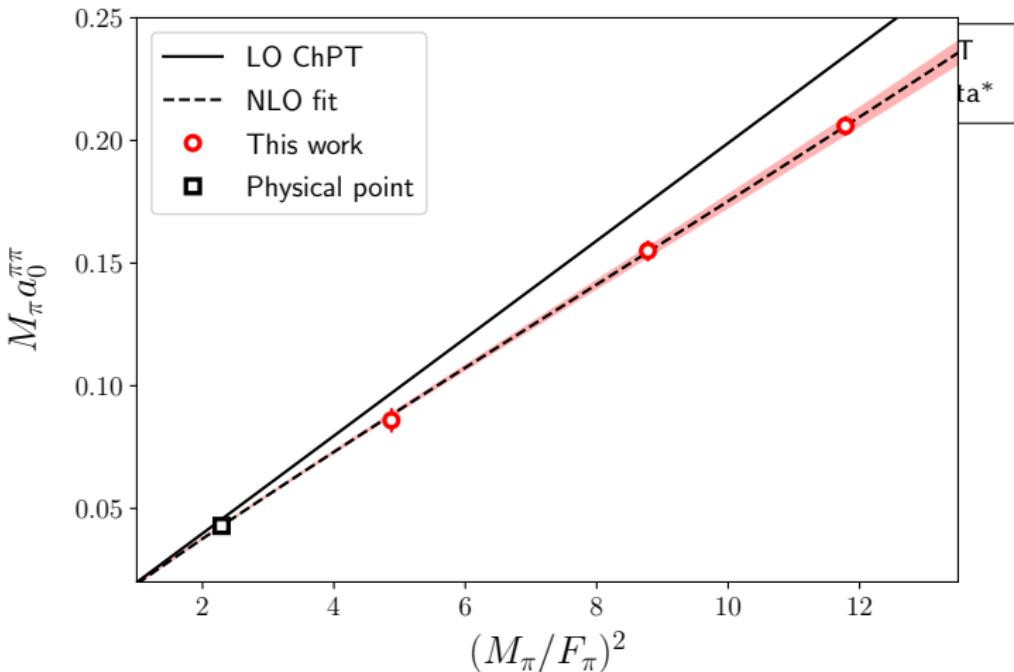
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Bijnens & Husek, “*Six-pion amplitude*”

*Phys.Rev.D*, 2107.06291[hep-ph]

Bijnens, Husek & Sjö, “*Six-meson amplitude in QCD-like theories*”

*Phys.Rev.D*, 2206.14212[hep-ph]

# Dusting off the LO

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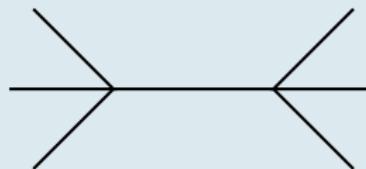
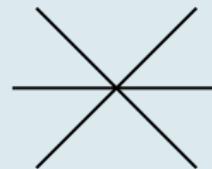
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## Leading order (pre-ChPT)



Osborn (1969)

Susskind & Frye (1970)

# Six-Meson Diagrams

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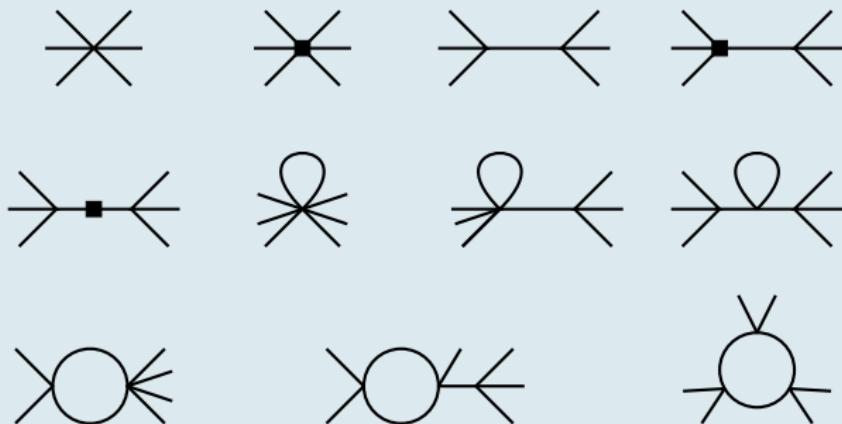
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## Vertices

 = LO vertex

 = NLO vertex

## All the LO and NLO diagrams



# One-Loop Integrals

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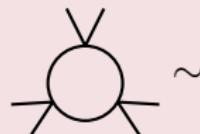
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## Three-propagator integral



$$\int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\{1, k^\mu, k^\mu k^\nu, k^\mu k^\nu k^\rho\}}{(k^2 - M^2) [(k - q_1)^2 - M^2] [(k + q_2)^2 - M^2]}$$

In principle: one master integral  $\bar{J}$  – impractical  
Instead: elegant but redundant basis

$$\{\bar{J}, C, C_{11}, C_{21}, C_3\}(p_1, \dots, p_6)$$

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# The $\pi\pi\pi$ K-matrix

B.-B., Bijnens, Husek, R.-L., Sharpe & Sjö, “*The isospin-3 three-particle K-matrix at NLO in ChPT*” *JHEP*, 2303.13206 [hep-ph]

# Quantization condition

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## Energy spectrum: $n$ particles, box of size $L$

$$\det [F_n^{-1}(E, \mathbf{P}, L) + \mathcal{K}_n(E^*)] = 0$$

### $n = 2$ particles

Lüscher, “*Volume Dependence of the Energy Spectrum in Massive Quantum Field Theories*” *Commun. Math. Phys.* (1986)

### $n = 3$ particles

Hansen & Sharpe, “*Relativistic, model-independent, three-particle quantization condition*” *Phys. Rev. D*, 1408.5933[hep-lat]  
(and several other approaches)

# Properties of $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}^{\text{NLO}}$

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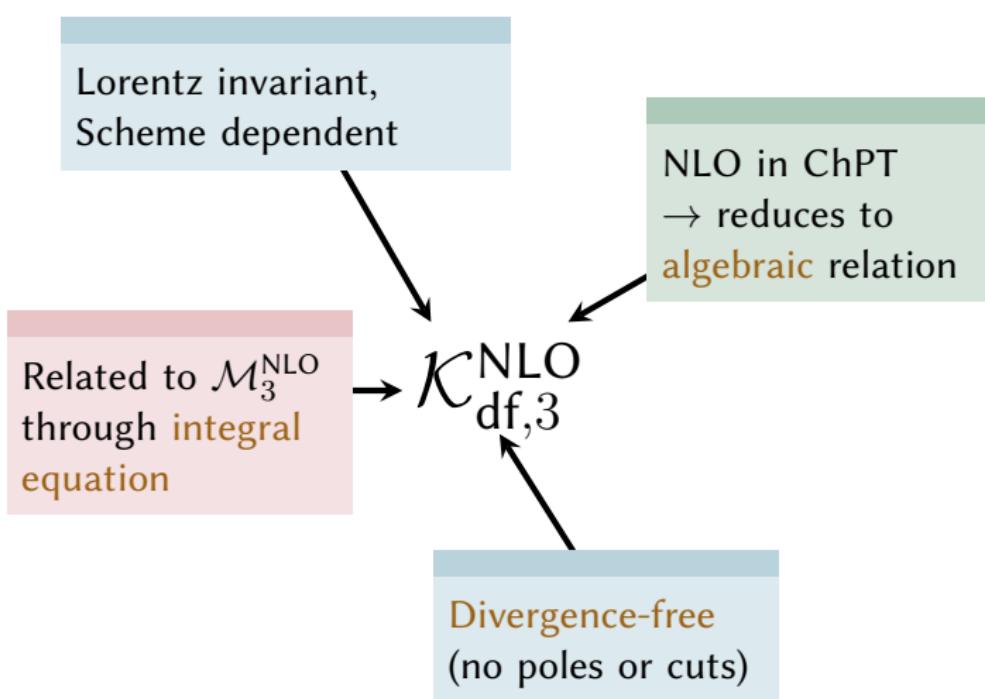
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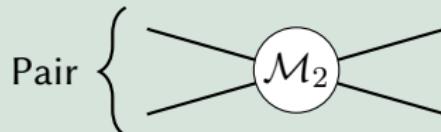
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## 3 particles, 2 scattering



### Form of $\mathcal{M}_2$

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{p})_{lm, l'm'}$$

$\mathbf{p}$  — spectator momentum

$Y_m^l(\theta, \phi)$  — pair angular momentum

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## 3 particles, 3 scattering



## Form of $\mathcal{M}_3$

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{M}_3(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}')_{lm, l' m'}$$

Particle exchange     $\Leftrightarrow$     Spectator choice

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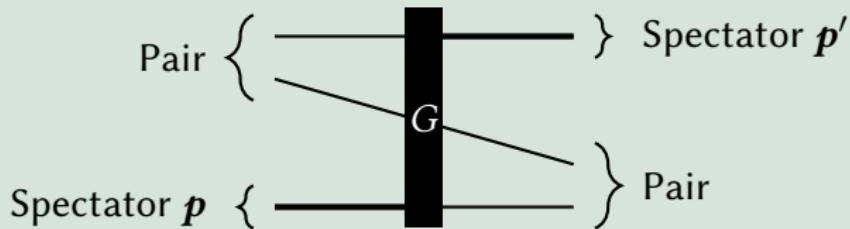
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## On-shell propagator substitute



## Properties of $G$

On-shell only – propagator-like near pole:

$$G(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}')_{lm, l'm'} \sim \frac{1}{(P - p - p')^2 - M_\pi^2 + i\epsilon}$$

Smooth cutoff far from pole – non-analytic

# $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ at leading order

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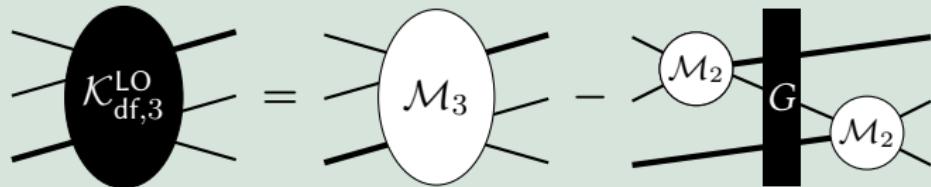


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## One-particle exchange pole



## One-particle exchange subtraction



# $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ at next-to-leading order

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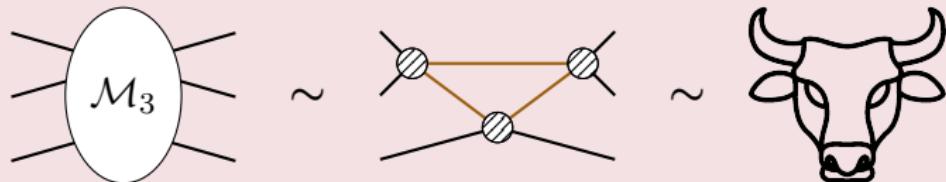
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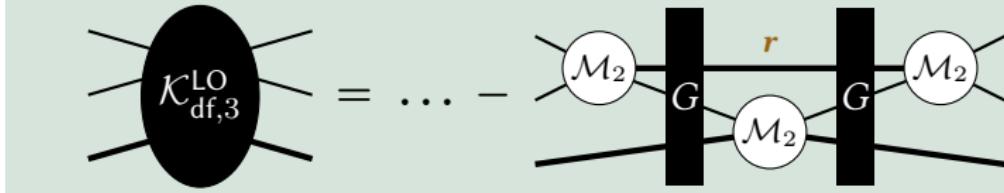


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## Bull's head cut



## Bull's head subtraction



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## Expansion parameters

$$\Delta \propto P^2 - (3M_\pi)^2$$

(**system** above-thr'ness)

$$\Delta_i^{(\prime)} \propto (P - p_i^{(\prime)})^2 - (2M_\pi)^2$$

(**pair** above-thr'ness)

$$\tilde{t}_{ij} \propto (p_i - p_j')^2$$

(**spectator** above-thr'ness)

## Compound parameters

$$\Delta_A = \sum_i (\Delta_i^2 + \Delta_i'^2) - \Delta^2$$

$$\Delta_B = \sum_{ij} \tilde{t}_{ij}^2 - \Delta^2$$

## Threshold expansion

$$\mathcal{K}_{df,3} = \mathcal{K}_0 + \mathcal{K}_1 \Delta + \mathcal{K}_2 \Delta^2 + \mathcal{K}_A \Delta_A + \mathcal{K}_B \Delta_B + \mathcal{O}(\Delta^3)$$

# Accuracy of threshold expansion

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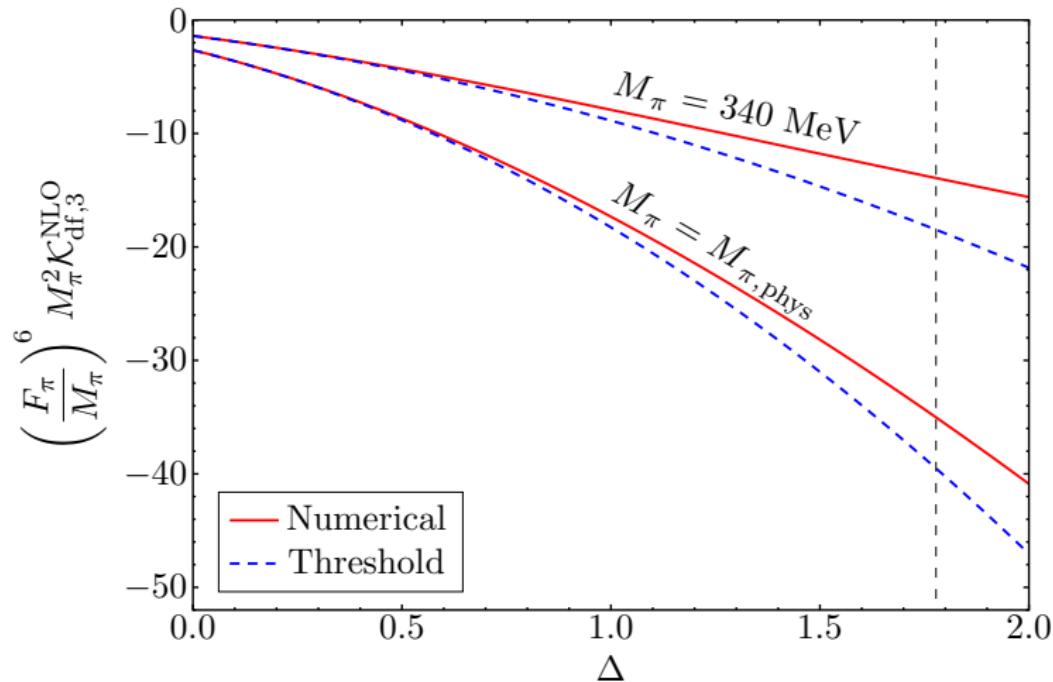
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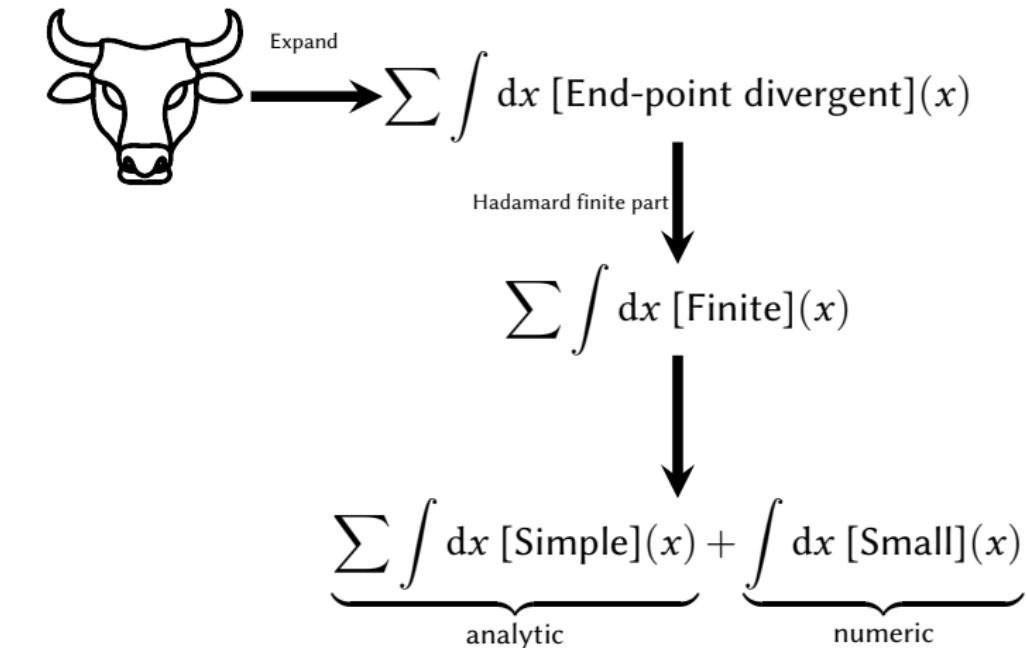
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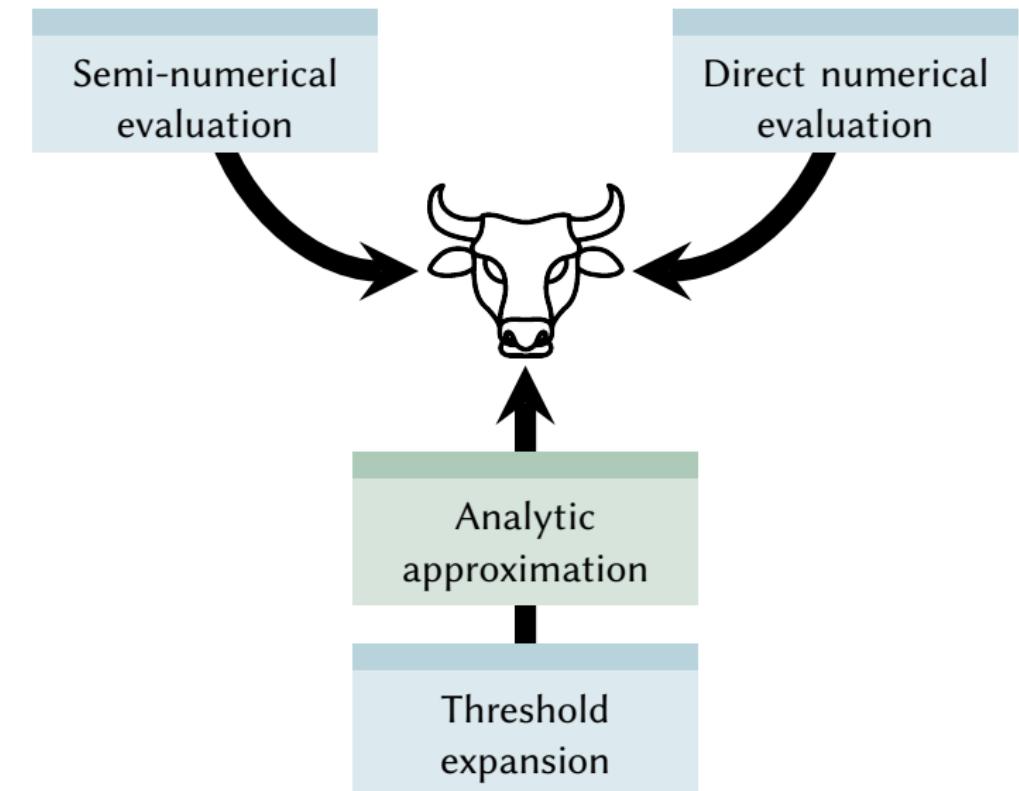
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$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{K}_0 &= \left(\frac{M_\pi}{F_\pi}\right)^4 18 + \left(\frac{M_\pi}{F_\pi}\right)^6 \left[ -3\kappa(35 + 12\log 3) - \mathcal{D}_0 + 111L + \ell_{(0)}^r \right], \\ \mathcal{K}_1 &= \left(\frac{M_\pi}{F_\pi}\right)^4 27 + \left(\frac{M_\pi}{F_\pi}\right)^6 \left[ -\frac{\kappa}{20}(1999 + 1920\log 3) - \mathcal{D}_1 + 384L + \ell_{(1)}^r \right], \\ \mathcal{K}_2 &= \left(\frac{M_\pi}{F_\pi}\right)^6 \left[ \frac{207\kappa}{1400}(2923 - 420\log 3) - \mathcal{D}_2 + 360L + \ell_{(2)}^r \right], \\ \mathcal{K}_A &= \left(\frac{M_\pi}{F_\pi}\right)^6 \left[ \frac{9\kappa}{560}(21809 - 1050\log 3) - \mathcal{D}_A - 9L + \ell_{(A)}^r \right], \\ \mathcal{K}_B &= \left(\frac{M_\pi}{F_\pi}\right)^6 \left[ \frac{27\kappa}{1400}(6698 - 245\log 3) - \mathcal{D}_B + 54L + \ell_{(B)}^r \right].\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{D}_0 &\approx -0.0563476589, & \mathcal{D}_1 &\approx 0.129589681, & \mathcal{D}_2 &\approx 0.432202370, \\ \mathcal{D}_A &\approx 9.07273890 \cdot 10^{-4}, & \mathcal{D}_B &\approx 1.62394747 \cdot 10^{-4},\end{aligned}$$

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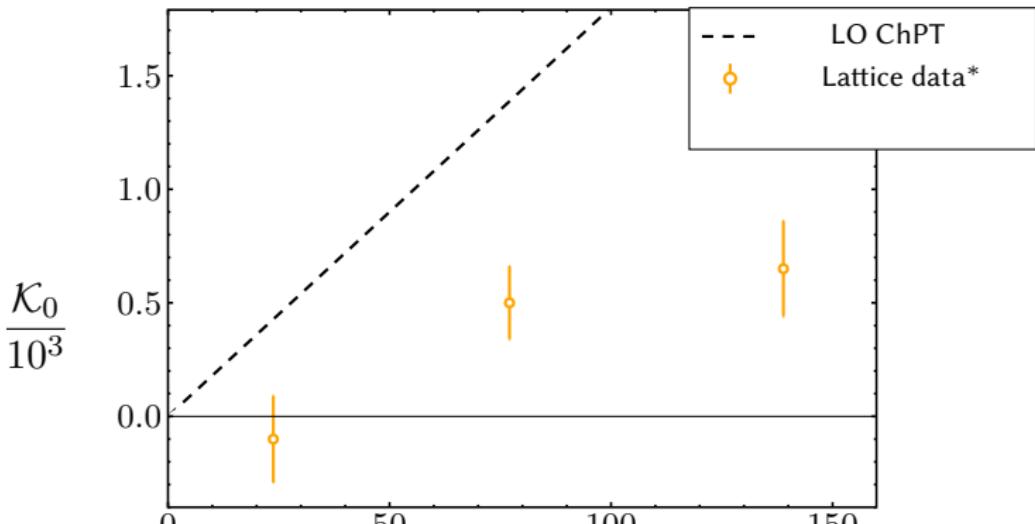
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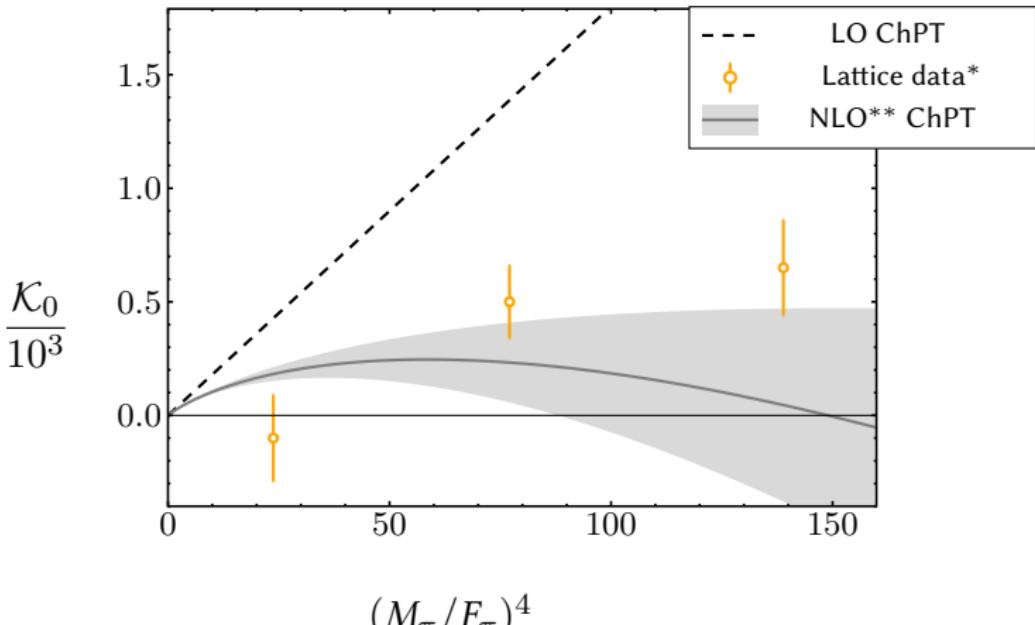
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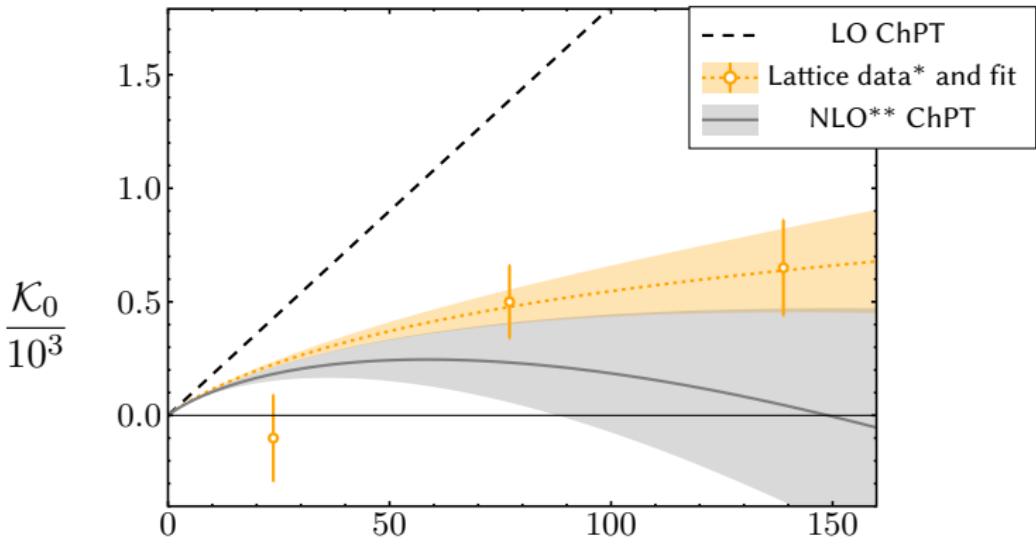
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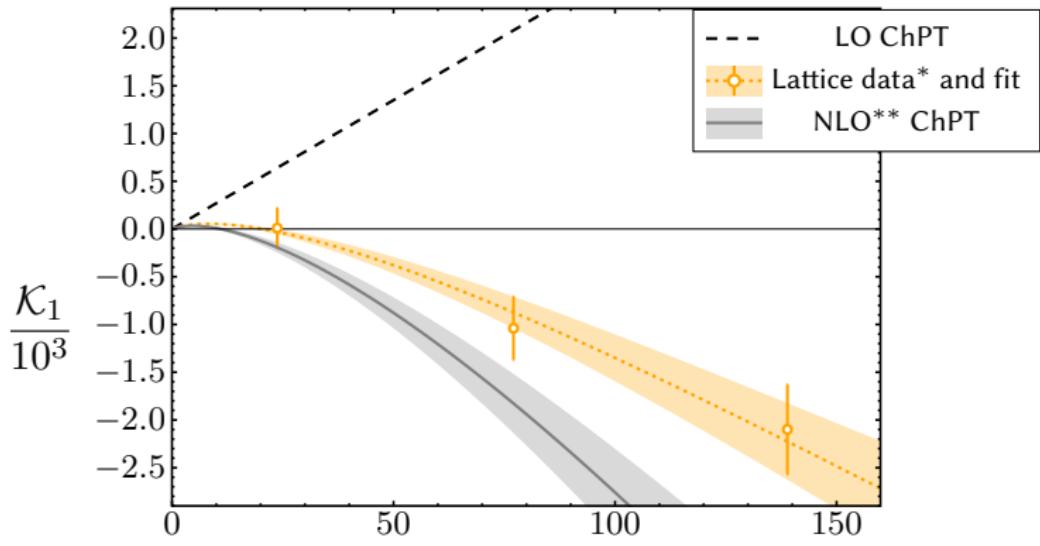
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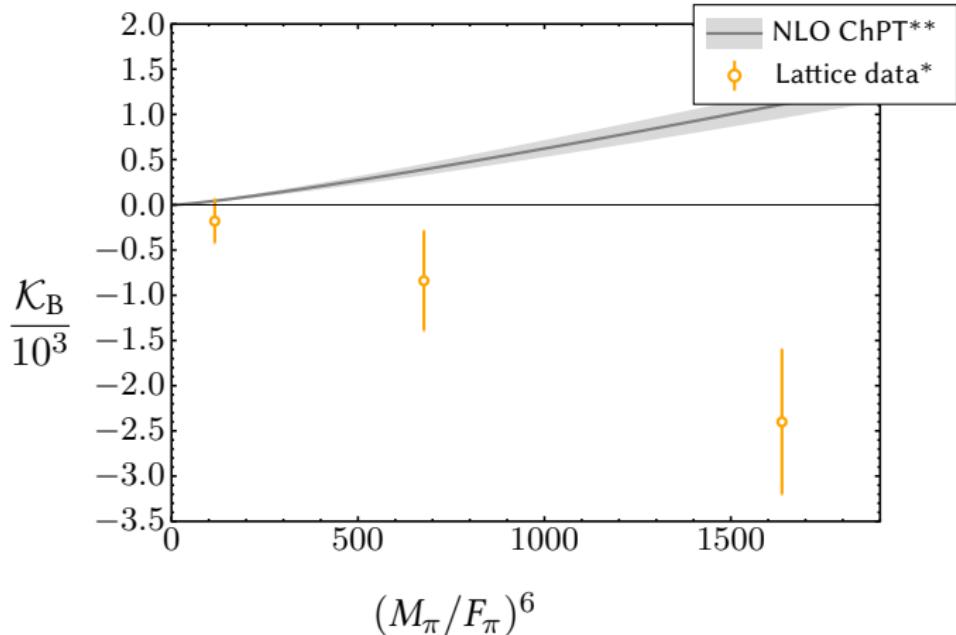
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# Next steps: All isospin channels

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# Isospin channels

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Done

$\pi^\pm\pi^\pm\pi^\pm$ : Purely  $I = 3$

Not done (for example)

$\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$ : Mixture of  $I = 0, 1, 2, 3$

Principles already mapped out:

Hansen, R.-L. & Sharpe, “Generalizing the relativistic quantization condition to include all three-pion isospin channels” JHEP, 2003.10974[hep-lat]

# Nontrivial structures

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## Representations of particle exchange

$I = 3$

Singlet

$I = 2$

Doublet

$I = 1$

Singlet

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$I = 0$

Antisymmetric singlet

Much more complicated threshold expansion!

# Teaser: LO results

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$\pi\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$

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$\pi\pi\pi$  K-matrix,  $I = 3$

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Complete

$\pi\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$

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$\pi\pi\pi$  K-matrix,  $I = 3$

Ongoing

$\pi\pi\pi$  K-matrix,  $I = 0, 1, 2$

Future endeavor?

$\pi\pi K, KK\pi$  K-matrix



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# Backup slides

# Simplification & shortening by $\mathcal{O}(6!)$

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## Flavour structures

$$\mathcal{F}_{\{6\}}(a_1, \dots, a_6) = \langle t^{a_1} \cdots t^{a_6} \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\{2,4\}}(a_1, \dots, a_6) = \langle t^{a_1} t^{a_2} \rangle \langle t^{a_3} \cdots t^{a_6} \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\{3,3\}}(a_1, \dots, a_6) = \langle t^{a_1} t^{a_2} t^{a_3} \rangle \langle t^{a_4} t^{a_5} t^{a_6} \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\{2,2,2\}}(a_1, \dots, a_6) = \langle t^{a_1} t^{a_2} \rangle \langle t^{a_3} t^{a_4} \rangle \langle t^{a_5} t^{a_6} \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{M}(p_1, a_1; p_2, a_2; \dots; p_6, a_6)$$

$$= \sum_R \sum_{\sigma} \mathcal{M}_R(\sigma[p_1, \dots, p_6]) \mathcal{F}_R(\sigma[a_1, \dots, a_6])$$

## Stripping

$\sigma \notin$  symmetries of  $\mathcal{F}_R$   
 $\rightarrow$  well-known, unique

## Deorbiting

$\sigma \in$  symmetries of  $\mathcal{F}_R$   
 $\rightarrow$  novel, non-unique!

# Cutoff dependence

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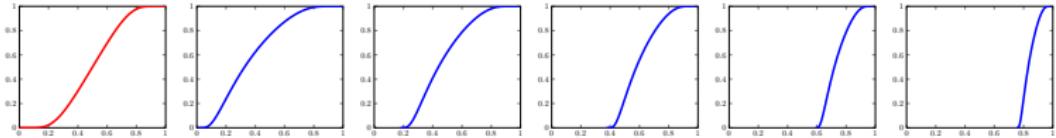
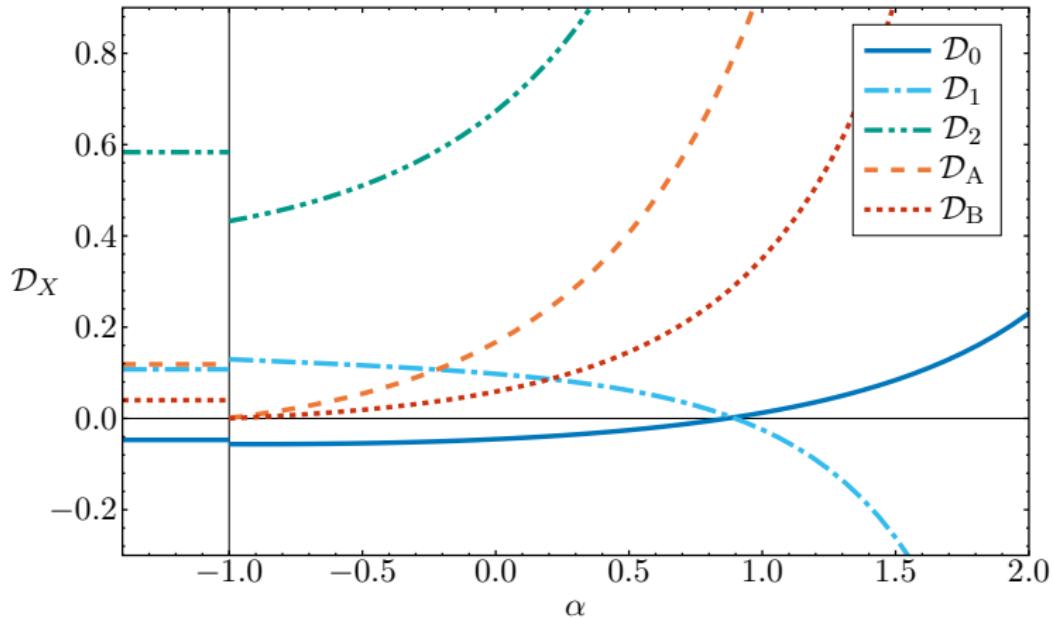
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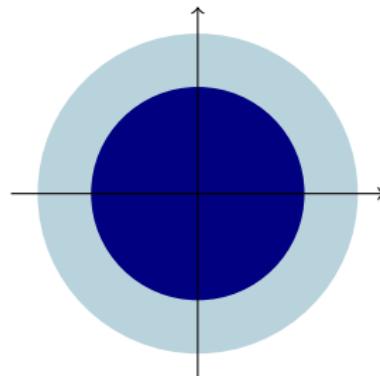
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## How to integrate?

$$\int \frac{d^3 r}{2\omega_r} \frac{[\text{Non-analytic}]}{[\text{Complicated}]}$$



analytic, has poles  
 non-analytic, smooth



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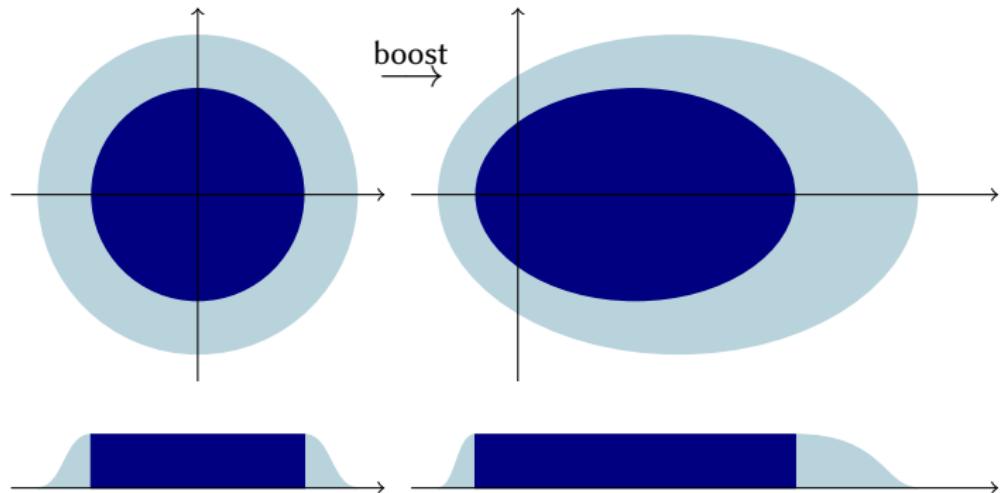
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## How to integrate?

$$\int \frac{d^3 r}{2\omega_r} \frac{[\text{Complicated angular dependence}]}{[\text{Much simpler}]}$$



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$$\int \frac{d^3 r}{2\omega_r} \frac{[\text{Simple}] - [\text{Smooth}]}{[\text{Much simpler function}]}$$

