

# Three-particle formalism for multiple channels: the $\eta\pi\pi + KK\pi$ system in isosymmetric QCD

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# Status of 3-particle formalism

## [References at end]

- 3 identical spinless particles
  - Applications:  $3\pi^+$ ,  $3K^+$ , as well as  $\phi^4$  theory [see talk by Fernando Romero-López (later this session)]
- Mixing of two- and three-particle channels for identical spinless particles
  - Step on the way to  $N(1440) \rightarrow N\pi$ ,  $N\pi\pi$ , etc.
- 3 degenerate but distinguishable spinless particles, e.g  $3\pi$  with isospin 0, 1, 2, 3
  - Potential applications:  $\omega(782)$ ,  $a_1(1260)$ ,  $h_1(1170)$ ,  $\pi(1300)$ , ...
- 3 nondegenerate spinless particles
  - Potential applications:  $D_s^+ D^0 \pi^-$
- 2 identical + 1 different spinless particles
  - Applications:  $\pi^+ \pi^+ K^+$ ,  $K^+ K^+ \pi^+$  [see talk by Fernando Romero-López (later this session)]
- 3 identical spin-1/2 particles
  - Potential applications:  $3n$ ,  $3p$ ,  $3\Lambda$  [see talk by Wilder Schaaf (Tuesday 11:35am “Structure of Hadrons..”)]
- $DD\pi$  for all isospins (also  $BB\pi$ ,  $KK\pi$ )
  - Potential applications:  $T_{cc} \rightarrow D^* D$  incorporating LH cut [see talk by Sebastian Dawid (later this session)]

# What is missing?

- Non-identical spin- $1/2$  particles, e.g.  $ppn$ ,  $nnp$ 
  - Underway with Zack Draper, Max Hansen, & Fernando Romero-López
- Systems with mixed spins, e.g.  $NN\pi$  with  $I = 0,1,2$ 
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- Systems with mixed spins that mix with 2-particle channels, e.g.  $Roper \rightarrow p\pi\pi + p\pi$ 
  - Underway with Sebastian Dawid, Max Hansen, & Fernando Romero-López
- Multiple nondegenerate 3-particle channels, e.g.  $b_1(1235), \eta(1295) \rightarrow \pi\pi\eta + K\bar{K}\pi$ 
  - This talk!
- Combinations of the above
  - Should be straightforward...

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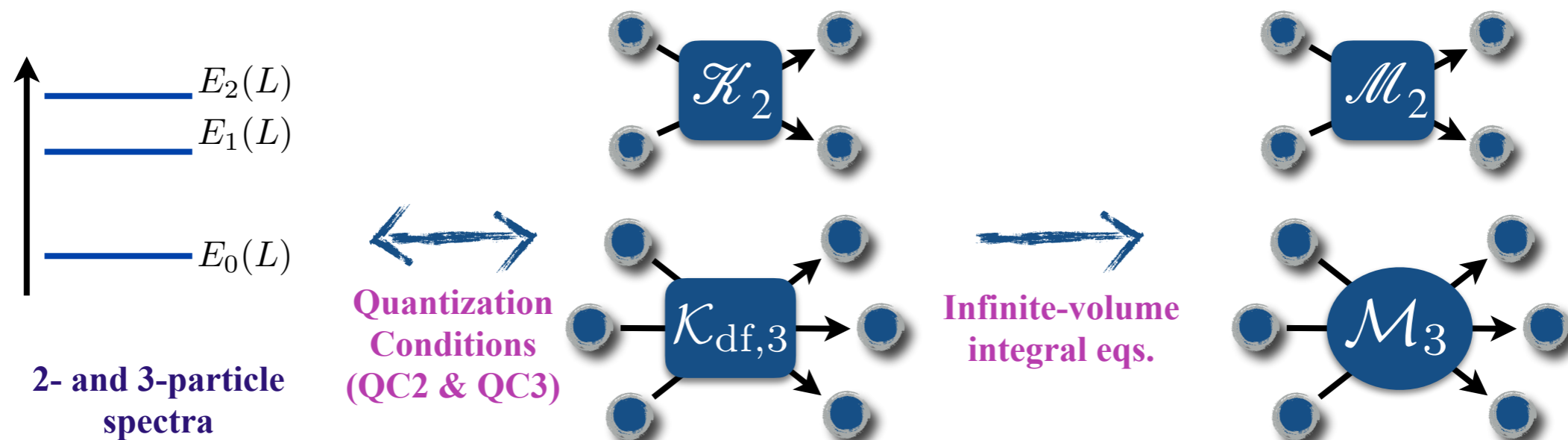
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- Caveat: these resonances also decay to  $4\pi$ , which we do not include, and could decay to (but are not seen in)  $6\pi, 8\pi, 4\pi + \eta, \dots$

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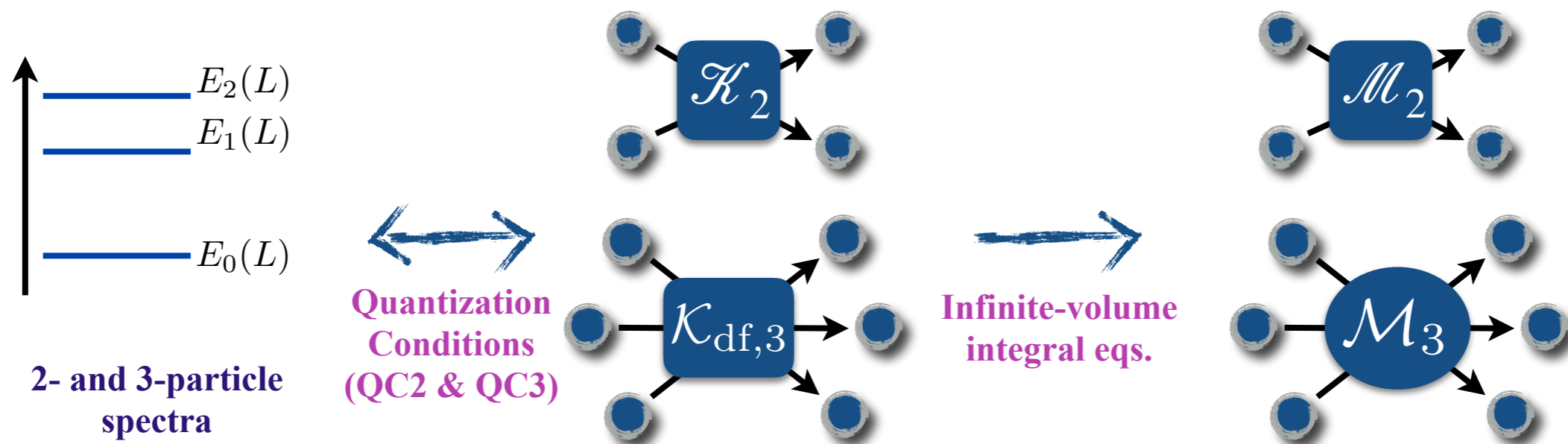
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- Projection onto  $G = +$  reduces channel count to 4, 6, and 4, e.g.

$$\hat{F}_G^{[I=0]} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} P_e \tilde{F}^\pi P_e & -\sqrt{2} P_e \tilde{G}^{\pi K} P_\ell & 0 & 0 \\ -\sqrt{2} P_\ell \tilde{G}^{K\pi} P_e & \tilde{F}^K + \tilde{G}^{KK} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & P_e \tilde{F}'^\eta P_e & \sqrt{2} P_e \tilde{G}'^{\eta\pi} P_\ell \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} P_\ell \tilde{G}'^{\pi\eta} P_e & \tilde{F}'^\pi + \tilde{G}'^{\pi\pi} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{K}}_{2,L}^{[I=0]} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} P_e \bar{\mathcal{K}}_{2,L}^{K\bar{K}, I=1} P_e & 0 & 0 & P_e \bar{\mathcal{K}}_{2,L}^{\pi\eta \leftrightarrow K\bar{K}, I=1} \\ 0 & \bar{\mathcal{K}}_{2,L}^{K\pi, I=1/2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \bar{\mathcal{K}}_{2,L}^{\pi\pi, I=0} & 0 \\ \bar{\mathcal{K}}_{2,L}^{\pi\eta \leftrightarrow K\bar{K}, I=1} P_e & 0 & 0 & \bar{\mathcal{K}}_{2,L}^{\pi\eta, I=1} \end{pmatrix}$$



# Form of $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$ : example of $I = 0$

- Two underlying channels: a)  $[[K\bar{K}]_1\pi]_0$ , b)  $[[\pi\pi]_0\eta]_0$
- Assuming PT symmetry, there are 3 independent amplitudes:  $aa, ab = ba, bb$
- Convert to 4-d matrix form using projection operators:

$$\hat{\mathcal{K}}_{\text{df},3}^{[I=0]} = \sum_{x,y \in \{a,b\}} \mathbf{y}^{[I=0],x} \circ \mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}^{[I=0],xy}(\{\mathbf{p}\}, \{\mathbf{k}\}) \circ \mathbf{y}^{[I=0],y\dagger}$$

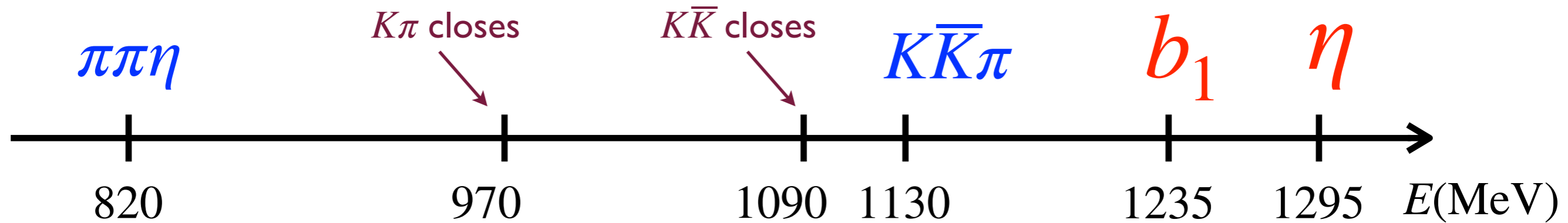
$$\mathbf{y}^{[I=0],a\dagger} \rightarrow \left( \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y}_{(312)}^{[kab]\dagger} + \mathbf{y}_{(321)}^{[kab]\dagger}), -\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbf{y}_{(213)}^{[kab]\dagger} + \mathbf{y}_{(123)}^{[kab]\dagger}), 0, 0 \right),$$

$$\mathbf{y}^{[I=0],b\dagger} \rightarrow \left( 0, 0, \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{y}_{(312)}^{[kab]\dagger}, \mathbf{y}_{(213)}^{[kab]\dagger} \right),$$

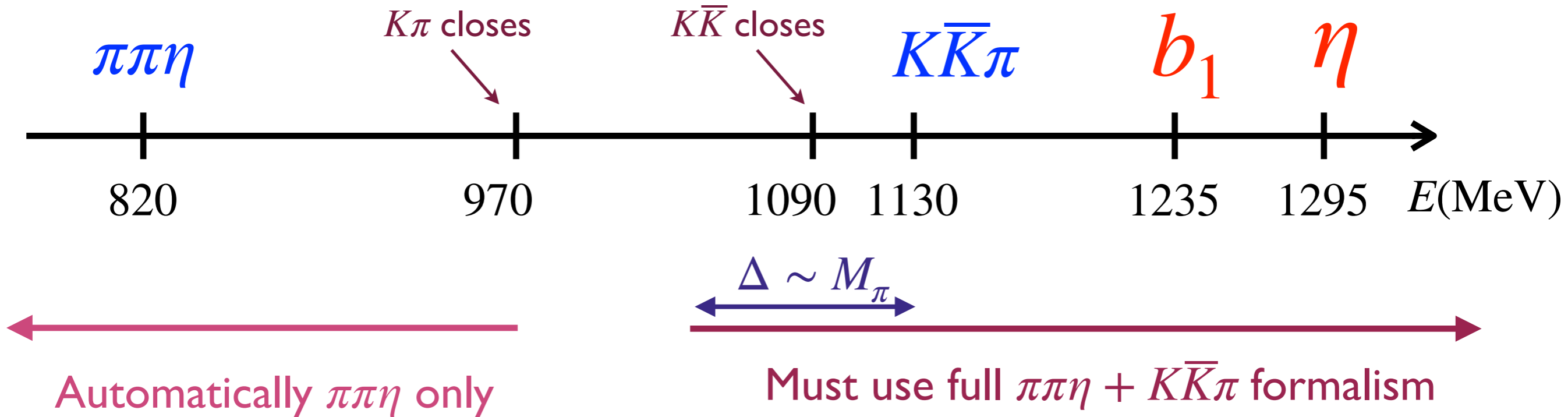
$$\left[ \mathbf{y}_{\sigma}^{[kab]} \circ g \right]_{klm} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d\Omega_{a^*} Y_{\ell m}(\hat{a}^*) g(\{p_i\}) \Big|_{p_{\sigma(1)} \rightarrow k, p_{\sigma(2)} \rightarrow a, p_{\sigma(3)} \rightarrow b}$$

- Can expand underlying amplitudes in a threshold expansion, or assume a pole form in the presence of a resonance—both are constrained by symmetries

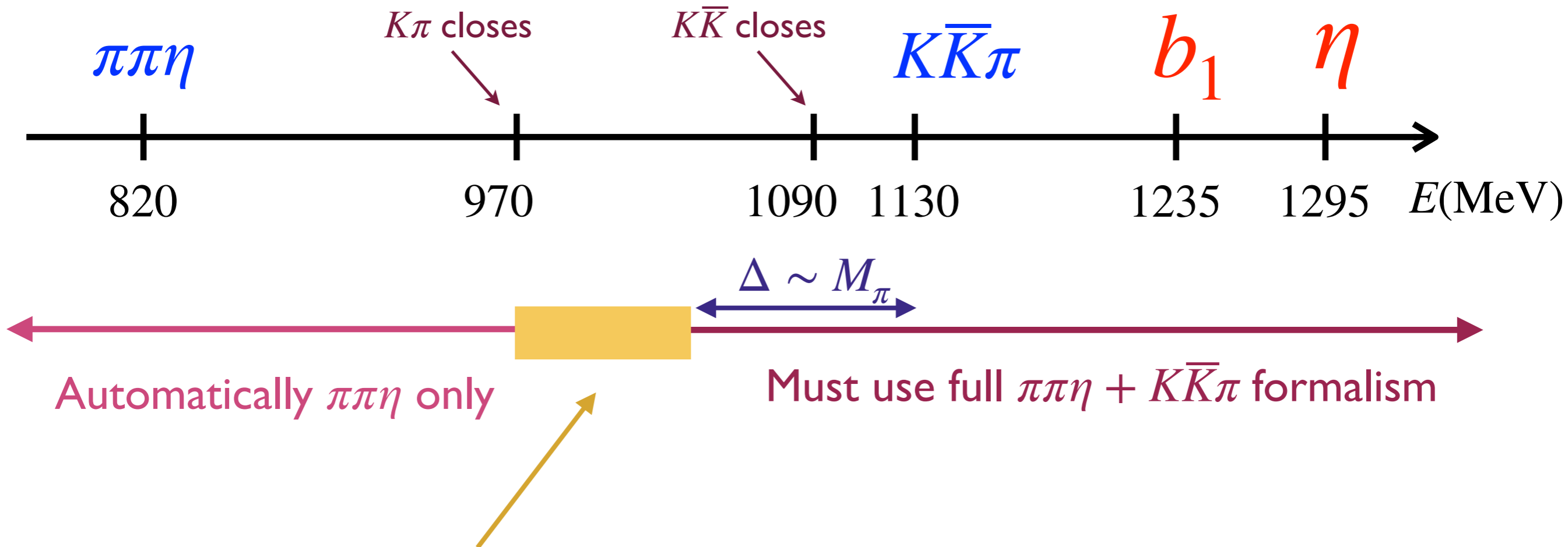
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- Intermediate region where can use either  $\pi\pi\eta$  only or  $\pi\pi\eta + K\bar{K}\pi$  formalism
- Two 3-particle channel formalism must reduce to that for single channel if integrate out off-shell  $K\bar{K}\pi$  intermediate states
- We have shown explicitly how this works—provides a cross-check on formalism

# Summary & Outlook

- Generalization of QC3 to two 3-particle channels is relatively straightforward
  - New feature of G-parity projection not directly related to multiple channels
  - Decoupling of channel as drop below threshold is understood
- Extending formalism to include additional 3-particle channels will be simple
- Application to LQCD lies some way in the future
  - Working with heavier-than-physical pion masses will reduce issue of neglected four-pion channels
- Main present motivation was to understand/extend formalism

Thanks  
Any questions?

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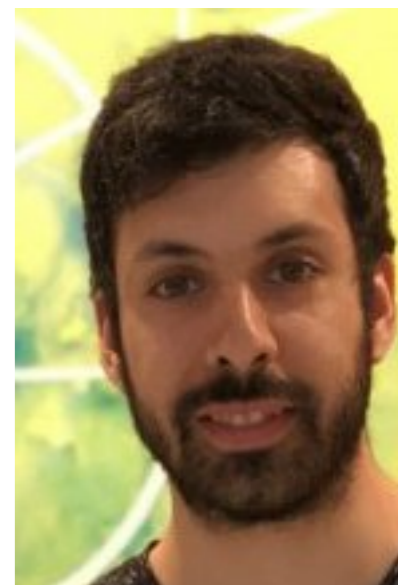
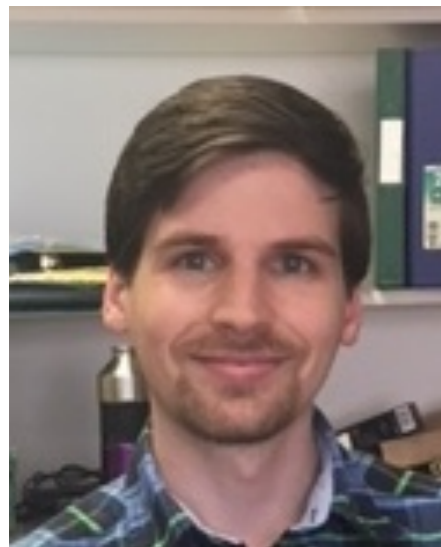
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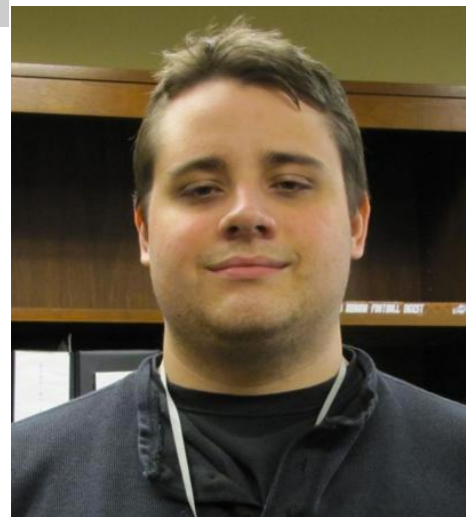
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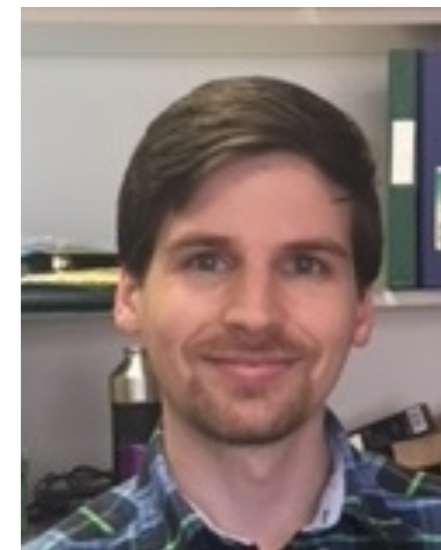
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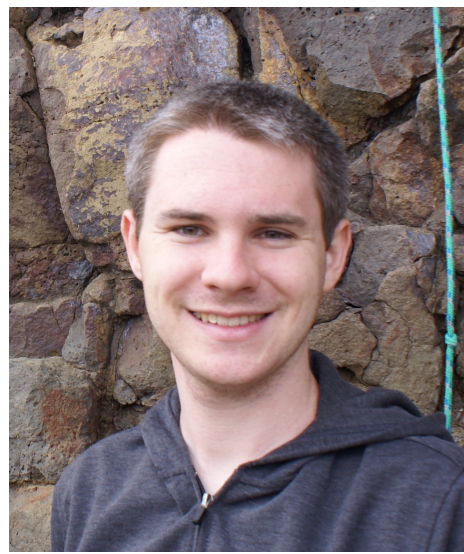
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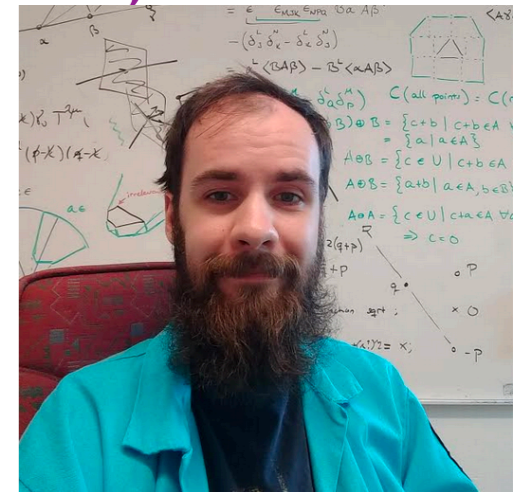
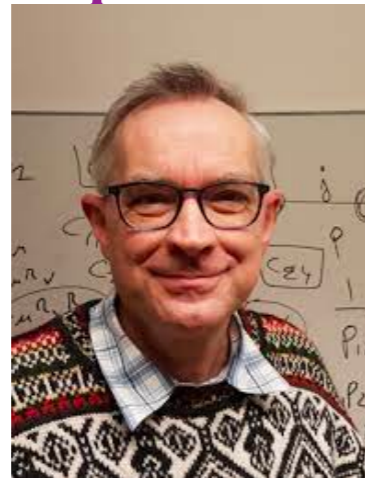
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# Backup slides

# Forms of F and G

- Symmetric form of QC3 takes the by-now familiar form

$$\prod_{I \in \{0,1,2\}} \det_{i,\mathbf{k},\ell,m} \left[ 1 + \widehat{\mathcal{K}}_{\text{df},3}^{[I]} \widehat{F}_3^{[I]} \right] = 0$$

$$\widehat{F}_3^{[I]} \equiv \frac{\widehat{F}^{[I]}}{3} - \widehat{F}^{[I]} \frac{1}{1 + \widehat{\mathcal{M}}_{2,L}^{[I]} \widehat{G}^{[I]}} \widehat{\mathcal{M}}_{2,L}^{[I]} \widehat{F}^{[I]}, \quad \widehat{\mathcal{M}}_{2,L}^{[I]} \equiv \frac{1}{\widehat{\mathcal{K}}_{2,L}^{[I]-1} + \widehat{F}^{[I]}}$$

$$\widehat{F}^{[I=0]} = \text{diag} \left( \widetilde{F}^D, \widetilde{F}^\pi \right) \quad ; \quad \widehat{G}^{[I=0]} = \begin{pmatrix} G^{DD} & \sqrt{2} P_\ell G^{D\pi} \\ \sqrt{2} G^{\pi D} P_\ell & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \widetilde{F}^{(i)} \right]_{p'\ell'm';p\ell m} = \delta_{\mathbf{p}'\mathbf{p}} \frac{H^{(i)}(\mathbf{p})}{2\omega_p^{(i)} L^3} \left[ \frac{1}{L^3} \sum_{\mathbf{a}}^{\text{UV}} -\text{PV} \int^{\text{UV}} \frac{d^3 a}{(2\pi)^3} \right] \left[ \frac{\mathcal{Y}_{\ell'm'}(\mathbf{a}^{*(i,j,p)})}{(q_{2,p'}^{*(i)})^{\ell'}} \frac{1}{4\omega_a^{(j)} \omega_b^{(k)} (E - \omega_p^{(i)} - \omega_a^{(j)} - \omega_b^{(k)})} \frac{\mathcal{Y}_{\ell m}(\mathbf{a}^{*(i,j,p)})}{(q_{2,p}^{*(i)})^\ell} \right]$$

$$\left[ \widetilde{G}^{(ij)} \right]_{p\ell'm';r\ell m} = \frac{1}{2\omega_p^{(i)} L^3} \frac{\mathcal{Y}_{\ell'm'}(\mathbf{r}^{*(i,j,p)})}{(q_{2,p}^{*(i)})^{\ell'}} \frac{H^{(i)}(\mathbf{p}) H^{(j)}(\mathbf{r})}{b_{ij}^2 - m_k^2} \frac{\mathcal{Y}_{\ell m}(\mathbf{p}^{*(j,i,r)})}{(q_{2,r}^{*(j)})^\ell} \frac{1}{2\omega_r^{(j)} L^3},$$

where  $b_{ij} = (E - \omega_p^{(i)} - \omega_r^{(j)}, \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{r})$ .