

Roy–Steiner equations for πN scattering

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➤ **Roy–Steiner equations for πN scattering:**

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- Framework allows for systematic improvements (subtractions, higher partial waves, ...)

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- Start from **twice-subtracted fixed- t DRs** of the generic form $\leftrightarrow s + t + u = 4M_\pi^2 = s' + t + u'$

$$T(s, t) = c(t) + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{ds'}{s'^2} \left\{ \frac{s^2}{s' - s} + \frac{u^2}{s' - u} \right\} \text{Im } T(s', t)$$

- Determine **subtraction functions** $c(t)$ via crossing symmetry
- PW** expansion ($I \in \{0, 1, 2\}, J = \ell$): $T^I(s, t) = 32\pi \sum_{J=0}^{\infty} (2J + 1) P_J(\cos \theta(s, t)) t_J^I(s)$
- PW decomposition of these DRs yields the **Roy equations** [Roy (1971)]

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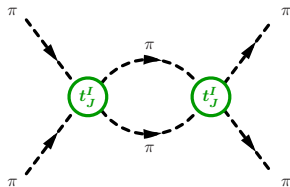
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$$\operatorname{Im} t_J^I(s) = \sigma^\pi(s) \left| t_J^I(s) \right|^2 \theta(s - 4M_\pi^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma^\pi(s) t_J^I(s) = \frac{e^{2i\delta_J^I(s)} - 1}{2i} = \sin \delta_J^I(s) e^{i\delta_J^I(s)}$$

$$\sigma^\pi(s) = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4M_\pi^2}{s}}$$



πN scattering basics

- Generically: $\pi^a(q) + N(p) \rightarrow \pi^b(q') + N(p')$

- Kinematics:

$$s = (p + q)^2, \quad t = (p - p')^2, \quad u = (p - q')^2$$

$$u = 2(m^2 + M_\pi^2) - s - t, \quad \nu = \frac{s-u}{4m}$$

- **Isospin** structure:

$$T^{ba} = \delta^{ba}T^+ + i\epsilon^{bac}\tau^c T^-$$

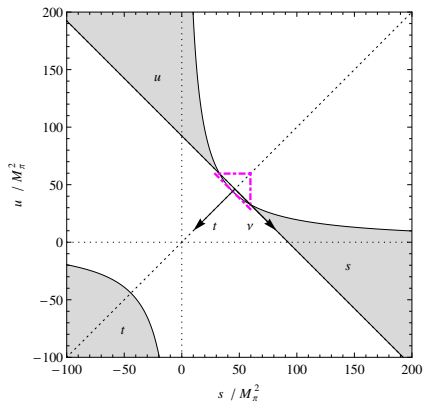
- **Lorentz** structure ($I \in \{+, -\}$):

$$T^I = \bar{u}(p') \left\{ A^I + \frac{q'+q}{2} B^I \right\} u(p)$$

- **Crossing** symmetry relates amplitudes for

s - u -channel ($\pi N \rightarrow \pi N$) and **t -channel** ($\bar{N}N \rightarrow \pi\pi$),

crossing **even** and **odd** amplitudes: $A^\pm(\nu, t) = \pm A^\pm(-\nu, t)$, $B^\pm(\nu, t) = \mp B^\pm(-\nu, t)$



πN scattering basics: Subthreshold expansion

- Subtraction of pseudovector Born terms: $X \mapsto \bar{X}$

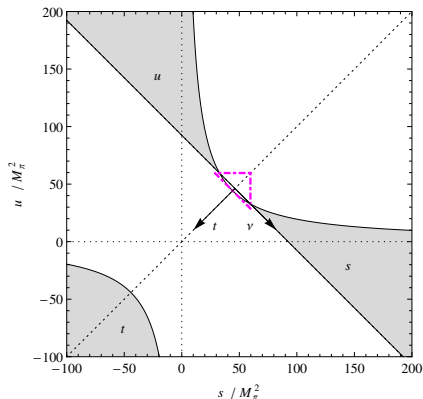
- $D^\pm = A^\pm + \nu B^\pm$

- **Expand** crossing **even** amplitudes

$$X^I(\nu^2, t) \in \left\{ \bar{A}^+, \frac{\bar{A}^-}{\nu}, \frac{\bar{B}^+}{\nu}, \bar{B}^-, \bar{D}^+, \frac{\bar{D}^-}{\nu} \right\}$$

around **subthreshold point** $\nu = t = 0$:

$$X^I(\nu^2, t) = \sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty} x_{mn}^I(\nu^2) t^m$$



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- How to derive **closed Roy–Steiner system** of **PWHDRs**:

- 1 **Expand** s -/ t -channel imaginary parts of **HDRs** in s -/ t -channel **PWs**, respectively
- 2 **Project** nucleon pole terms and all imaginary parts onto both s - and t -channel **PWs**
- 3 **Combine** resulting **RS equations** with the s - & t -channel (extended) **PW unitarity relations**

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 &= -f_{(\ell+1)-}^I(-W) \quad \forall \ell \geq 0 \quad [\text{Hite/Steiner (1973)}]
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- Kernels: analytically known, e.g. $K_{\ell\ell'}^I(W, W') = \frac{\delta_{\ell\ell'}}{W'-W} + \dots$
- **Validity**: \leftrightarrow above threshold, assuming Mandelstam analyticity $a = -23.19 M_\pi^2 \Rightarrow$
 $s \in [(m + M_\pi)^2 = 59.64 M_\pi^2, 97.30 M_\pi^2] \Leftrightarrow W \in [m + M_\pi = 1.08 \text{ GeV}, 1.38 \text{ GeV}]$

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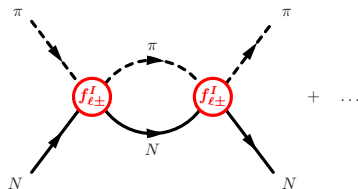
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$$t \in [4M_\pi^2, 205.45 M_\pi^2] \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{t} \in [2M_\pi = 0.28 \text{ GeV}, 2.00 \text{ GeV}]$$

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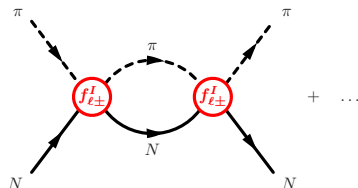
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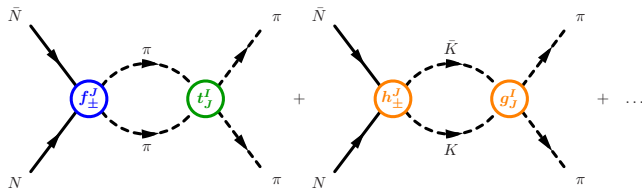
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- t-channel (extended) unitarity relations:** \leftrightarrow (2-body intermediate states: $\pi\pi$ & $\bar{K}K + \dots$)

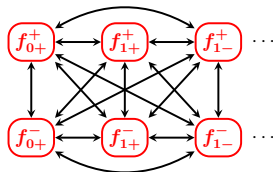
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- Only **linear** in $f_{\pm}^J(t) \Rightarrow$ less restrictive
- Watson's theorem:** $\arg f_{\pm}^J(t) = \delta_J^J(t)$ [Watson (1954)] \leftrightarrow for $t < 16 M_\pi^2 \lesssim 40 M_\pi^2 \approx (0.88 \text{ GeV})^2$

- **s -channel subproblem:**

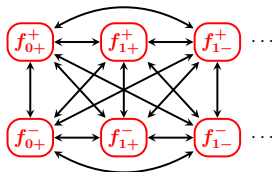
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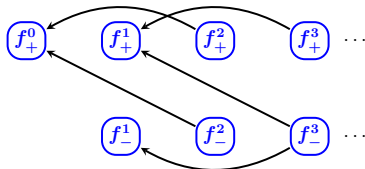
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- **t -channel subproblem:**

- Only higher PWs couple to lower ones
- Only PWs with even or odd J are coupled
- No contribution from $f_+^{J'}$ to f_-^J
- \Rightarrow Leads to **Muskhelishvili–Omnès problem**



Roy–Steiner equations for πN scattering: t -channel subproblem (1)

- Linear combinations $\Gamma^J(t) = m\sqrt{\frac{J}{J+1}} f_-^J(t) - f_+^J(t) \quad \forall J \geq 1$
- (unsubtracted) t -channel **subproblem** can be written as

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with $\text{Im} f_\pm^J(t) = \sigma_t^\pi (t_J^J(t))^* f_\pm^J(t) \theta(t-4M_\pi^2) + \dots$

- Inhomogeneities $\Delta(t)$: Born terms, s -channel integrals, and higher t -channel PWs; e.g.

$$\Delta_-^J(t) = \tilde{N}_-^J(t) + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{m+M_\pi}^{\infty} dW' \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \tilde{H}_{J\ell}(t, W') \text{Im} f_{\ell+}^J(W') + \tilde{H}_{J\ell}(t, -W') \text{Im} f_{(\ell+1)-}^J(W') \right\} \\ + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} dt' \sum_{J' \geq J+2} \tilde{K}_{JJ'}^3(t, t') \text{Im} f_-^{J'}(t')$$

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[Muskhelishvili (1953), Omnès (1958), Büttiker et al. (2004)]

$$f(t) = \Delta(t) + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{t_m} dt' \frac{\sin \delta(t') e^{-i\delta(t')} f(t')}{t' - t} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{t_m}^{\infty} dt' \frac{\text{Im} f(t')}{t' - t} \equiv |f(t)| e^{i\delta(t)} \quad \text{for } t \leq t_m < t_{\text{inel}}$$

- Solving for $|f(t)|$ in $4M_\pi^2 \leq t \leq t_m$ requires: $\delta(t)$ for $4M_\pi^2 \leq t \leq t_m$ & $\text{Im} f(t)$ for $t \geq t_m$
- Solution via **once-subtracted Omnès function** with $t_m < \infty \hookrightarrow \Omega(0) = 1$

$$\Omega(t) = \exp \left\{ \frac{t}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{t_m} \frac{dt'}{t'} \frac{\delta(t')}{t' - t} \right\} = \exp \left\{ \frac{t}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{t_m} \frac{dt'}{t'} \frac{\delta(t')}{t' - t} \right\} e^{i\delta(t)} \theta(t - 4M_\pi^2) \theta(t_m - t)$$

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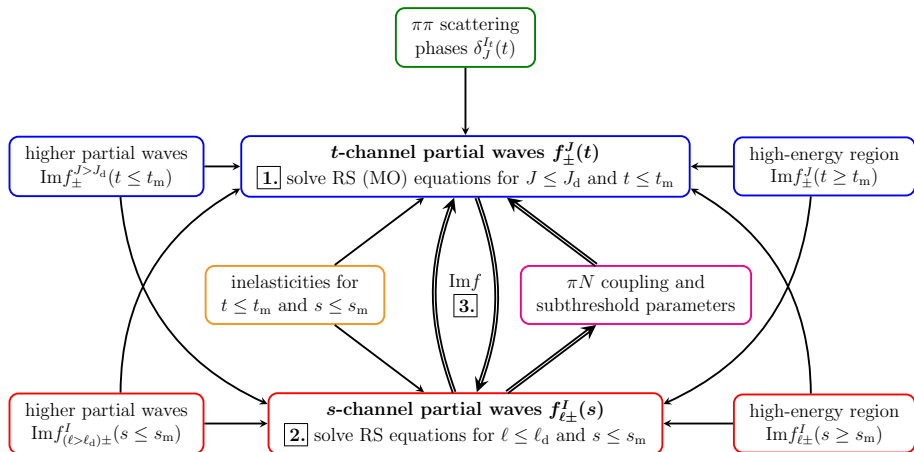
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- Favorable choice for **t -channel MO problem**: **subthreshold expansion** around $\nu = t = 0$
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 - Done up to full second order; added (partial) third subtraction for A^\pm
 - \Rightarrow Obtain **sum rules** for **subthreshold parameters** x_{mn}^J
 - \Rightarrow General structure of RS/MO problem remains unchanged
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Roy–Steiner equations for πN scattering: Solution strategy

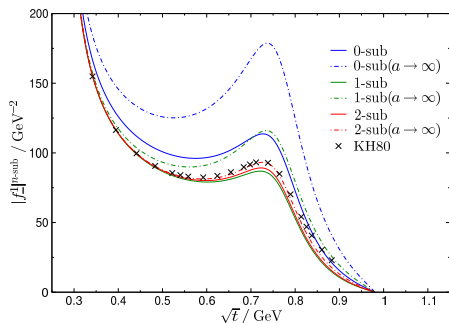
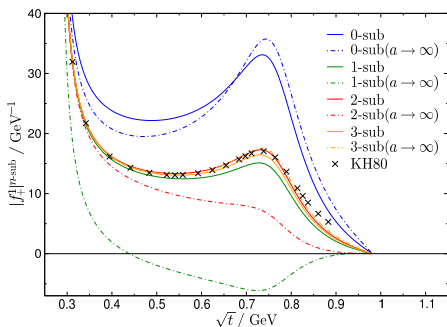


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 - **s -channel**: SAID PWs [Arndt et al. (2008)] for $W \leq 2.5$ GeV, above: Regge model [Huang et al. (2010)]
 - KH80 [Höhler (1983)] **subthreshold parameters** & **coupling** $g^2/(4\pi) = 14.28$
↔ modern value: $g^2/(4\pi) = 13.7 \pm 0.2$ [Baru et al. (2011)]
 - **t -channel**: **All** contributions above $t_m = 0.98$ GeV set to **zero** ⇒ solutions fixed $f_j^I(t_m) = 0$

t -channel Muskhelishvili–Omnès problem: P -waves

- f_+^J less well determined in MO framework than f_-^J , since
 - Effectively one subtraction less \Rightarrow introduced partial third subtraction
 - Enhanced sensitivity to subtraction constants $\hookrightarrow \tilde{N}_+^0(4M_\pi^2) = \tilde{N}_\Gamma^J(4M_\pi^2) = 0$
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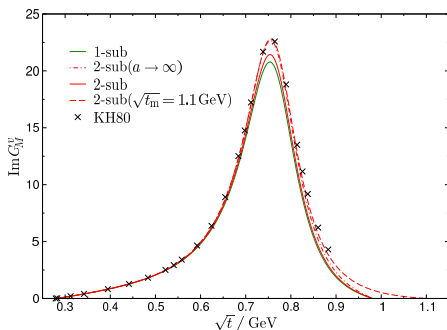
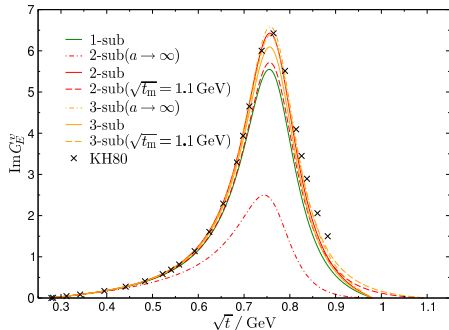


- Estimate systematic **uncertainties** (2): Variation of the matching point $t_m \Rightarrow$ similar...
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- P -waves feature in dispersive analyses of the **Sachs form factors** of the nucleon:

$$\text{Im } G_E^V(t) = \frac{q_t^3}{m\sqrt{t}} (F_\pi^V(t))^* f_+^1(t) \theta(t - 4M_\pi^2)$$

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- What needs to be done:
 - Two-channel MO analysis for the S -wave, effect on scalar form factor \Rightarrow **following talk**
 - Numerical solution of the s -channel **subproblem** using the t -channel results as input
 - Self-consistent, iterative solution of the **full RS system** \Rightarrow lowest PWs & low-energy parameters
 - Possible improvements: Higher subtractions, higher PWs, more inelastic input, ...

πN scattering basics

- Generically: $\pi^a(q) + N(p) \rightarrow \pi^b(q') + N(p')$

- Kinematics:

$$s = (p + q)^2, \quad t = (p - p')^2, \quad u = (p - q')^2$$

$$u = 2(m^2 + M_\pi^2) - s - t, \quad \nu = \frac{s-u}{4m}$$

- **Isospin** structure:

$$T^{ba} = \delta^{ba} T^+ + i\epsilon^{bac} \tau^c T^-$$

- **Lorentz** structure ($I \in \{+, -\}$):

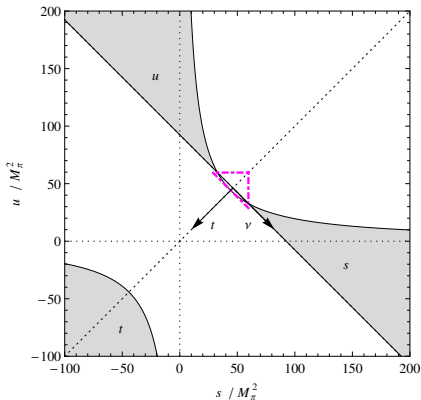
$$T^I = \bar{u}(p') \left\{ A^I + \frac{q' + q}{2} B^I \right\} u(p)$$

- **Crossing** symmetry relates amplitudes for

s - u -channel ($\pi N \rightarrow \pi N$) and **t -channel** ($\bar{N} N \rightarrow \pi \pi$),

crossing **even** and **odd** amplitudes: $A^\pm(\nu, t) = \pm A^\pm(-\nu, t)$, $B^\pm(\nu, t) = \mp B^\pm(-\nu, t)$

- **Isospin & crossing** $\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}^{I=+} \\ \mathcal{A}^{I=-} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}^{I_s=1/2} \\ \mathcal{A}^{I_s=3/2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}^{I_t=0} \\ \mathcal{A}^{I_t=1} \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathcal{A} \in \{A, B\}$



πN scattering basics: Subthreshold expansion

- Subtraction of pseudovector Born terms: $X \mapsto \bar{X}$

- $D^\pm = A^\pm + \nu B^\pm$

- Expand crossing even amplitudes

$$X^I(\nu^2, t) \in \left\{ \bar{A}^+, \frac{\bar{A}^-}{\nu}, \frac{\bar{B}^+}{\nu}, \bar{B}^-, \bar{D}^+, \frac{\bar{D}^-}{\nu} \right\}$$

around **subthreshold point** $\nu = t = 0$:

$$X^I(\nu^2, t) = \sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty} x_{mn}^I(\nu^2)^m t^n$$

- Relations between **subthreshold parameters** x_{mn}^I :

$$d_{mn}^+ = a_{mn}^+ + b_{m-1,n}^+ \Rightarrow d_{0n}^+ = a_{0n}^+$$

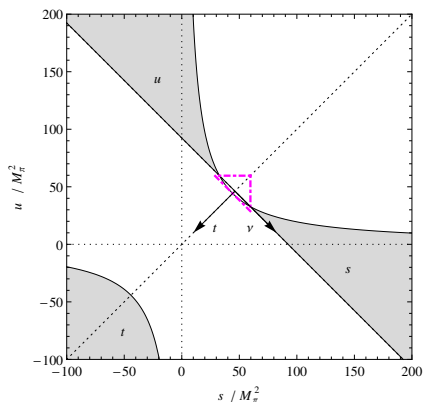
$$d_{mn}^- = a_{mn}^- + b_{m-1,n}^-$$

- **Subthreshold expansion** of A^\pm and B^\pm :

$$A^+(\nu, t) = \frac{g^2}{m} + d_{00}^+ + d_{01}^+ t + a_{10}^+ \nu^2 + \mathcal{O}(\nu^4, \nu^2 t, t^2)$$

$$A^-(\nu, t) = a_{00}^- \nu + a_{01}^- \nu t + \mathcal{O}(\nu^3, \nu t^2) \quad B^+(\nu, t) = \frac{g^2}{M_\pi^2} \frac{4m\nu}{M_\pi^2} + b_{00}^+ \nu + \mathcal{O}(\nu^3, \nu t)$$

$$B^-(\nu, t) = -\frac{g^2}{2m^2} - \frac{g^2}{M_\pi^2} \left[2 + \frac{t}{M_\pi^2} \right] + b_{00}^- + b_{01}^- t + \mathcal{O}(\nu^2, \nu^2 t, t^2)$$



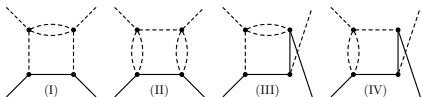
Roy–Steiner equations for πN scattering: Range of convergence

- Assumption: **Mandelstam analyticity** [Mandelstam (1958,1959)]

$$T(s, t) = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \iint ds' du' \frac{\rho_{su}(s', u')}{(s' - s)(u' - u)} + \frac{1}{\pi^2} \iint dt' du' \frac{\rho_{tu}(t', u')}{(t' - t)(u' - u)} + \frac{1}{\pi^2} \iint ds' dt' \frac{\rho_{st}(s', t')}{(s' - s)(t' - t)}$$

with integration ranges defined by the support of the **double spectral regions** ρ

- Boundaries of ρ are given by the lowest graphs



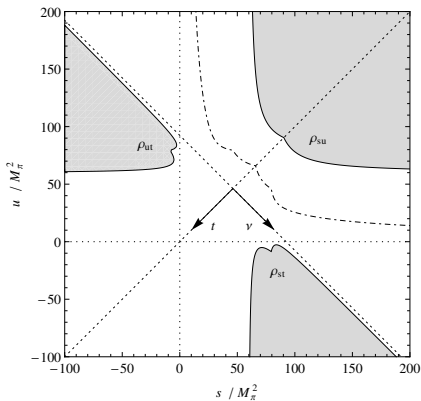
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\Rightarrow **Lehman ellipses** for $z = \cos \theta$ [Lehmann (1958)]

- Convergence of PW projs. of full equations

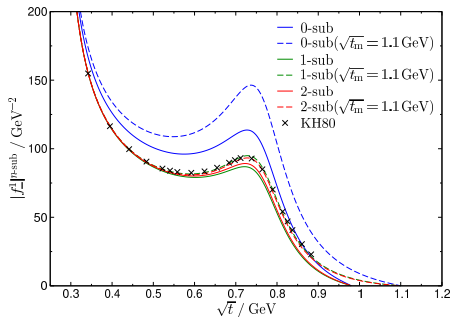
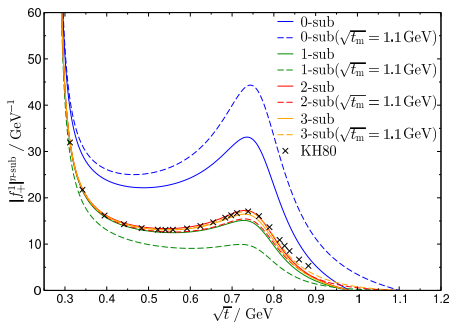
\Rightarrow for given a , hyperbolas must not enter any ρ for all needed values of b

\triangleright Constraints on b yield ranges in s & t



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- Convergence pattern & internal consistency ✓
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