

# Radiative corrections in $K \rightarrow 3\pi$ decays

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for  $K \rightarrow 3\pi$  decays

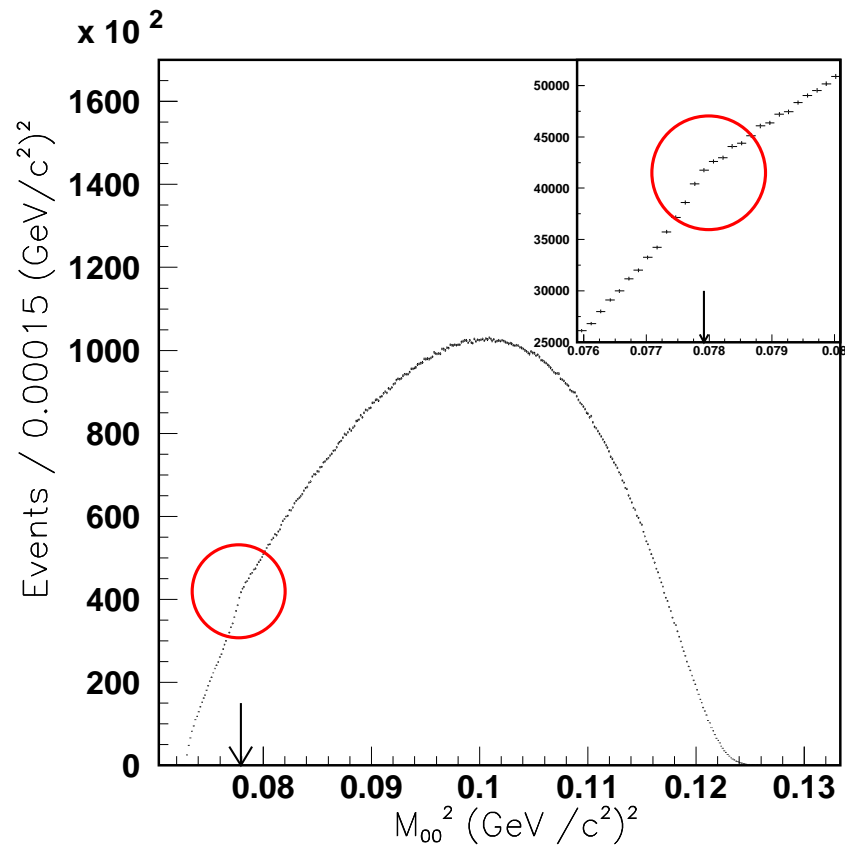
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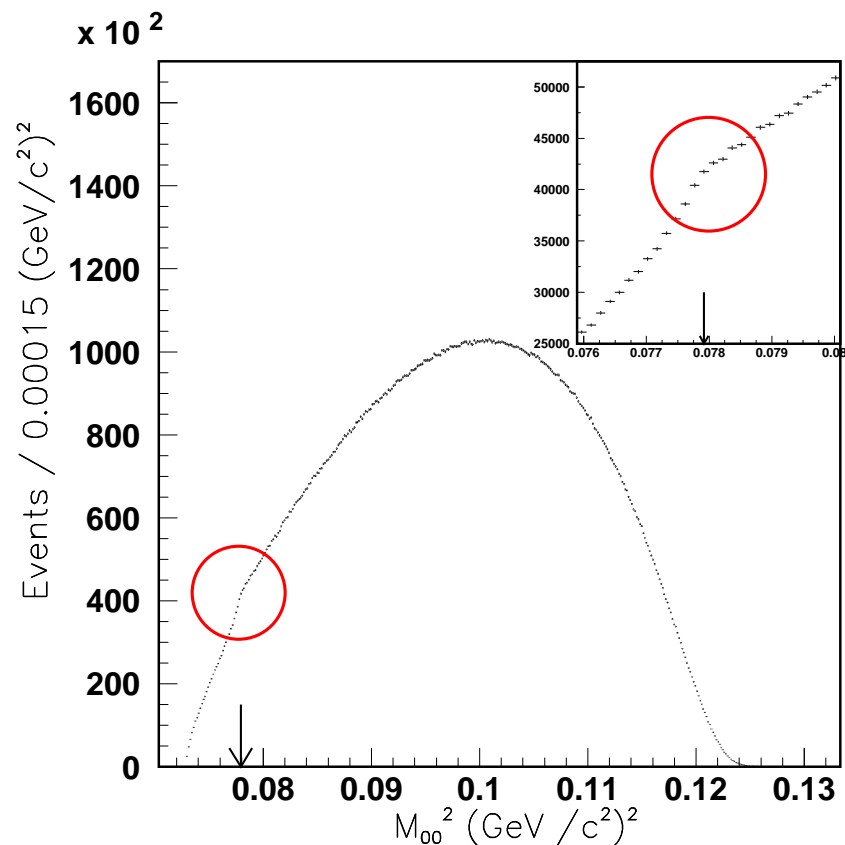


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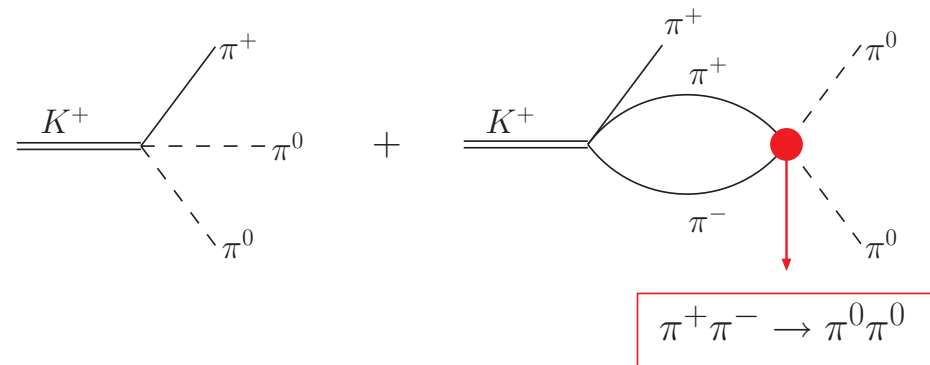
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- interference tree + 1-loop below  $\pi^+ \pi^-$  threshold
- square-root behaviour = **cusp**  
Cabibbo, PRL 93 (2004) 121801

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  - $a \Leftrightarrow$  tree
  - $b \Leftrightarrow$  tree + 2-loop
  - $c \Leftrightarrow$  tree + 2-loop + 4-loop

$a, b, c$  parameters of the theory

$\Rightarrow$  parametrise  $T$  **directly** in terms of scattering lengths

$\Rightarrow$  do not predict these, extract as parameters from data

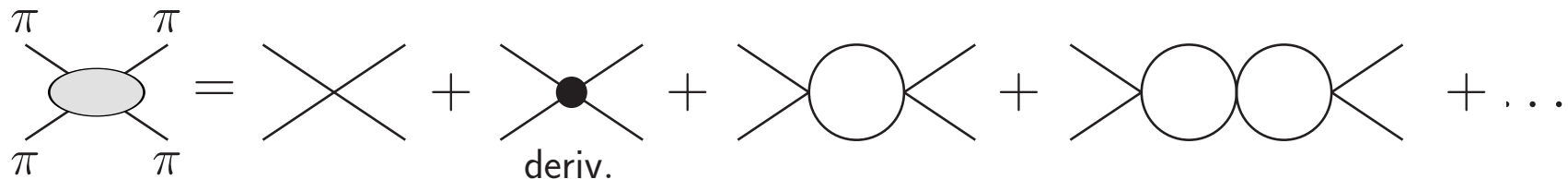


# Non-relativistic EFT (1): basics

momenta	:	$ \mathbf{p} /M_\pi = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$
kinetic energy	:	$T = \omega(\mathbf{p}) - M_\pi = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$
in $K \rightarrow 3\pi$	:	$M_K - \sum_i M_i = \sum_i T_i = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$

where  $\omega(\mathbf{p}) = \sqrt{M_\pi^2 + \mathbf{p}^2}$

- non-relativistic region = whole decay region (and slightly beyond)
- **two-fold** expansion in  $\epsilon$  and  $\pi\pi$  scattering length  $a$
- at given order  $a, \epsilon$ , only finite number of graphs contribute  
 $\Rightarrow$  **power counting**:



- each loop  $\propto i|\mathbf{p}| = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$  suppressed

# Non-relativistic EFT (2): Lagrangian

- propagator: 
$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{M_\pi^2 - p^2}}_{\text{relativistic}} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\omega(\mathbf{p})} \frac{1}{\omega(\mathbf{p}) - p^0}}_{\text{"non-relativistic"}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\omega(\mathbf{p})} \frac{1}{\omega(\mathbf{p}) + p^0}}_{\text{antiparticles}}$$

generated by Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} = \Phi^\dagger (2W)(i\partial_t - W)\Phi, \quad W = \sqrt{M_\pi^2 - \Delta}$$

**Note:** non-local  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}}$  generates all relativistic corrections; manifestly Lorentz-invariant / frame-independent

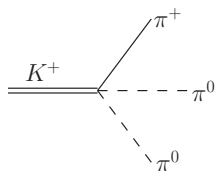
- correctly reproduces singularity structure at small momenta  $|\mathbf{p}| \ll M_\pi$ , subsumes far-away singularities in effective couplings
- interaction terms:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi\pi} = C_x (\pi_-^\dagger \pi_+^\dagger (\pi_0)^2 + h.c.) + \dots, \quad C_x \propto (a_0 - a_2) \{1 + \dots\},$$

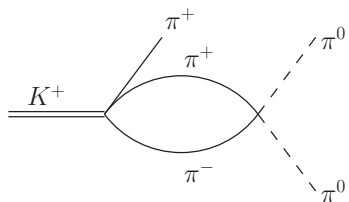
$$\mathcal{L}_{K3\pi} = \frac{G_0}{2} (K_+^\dagger \pi_+ (\pi_0)^2 + h.c.) + \frac{H_0}{2} (K_+^\dagger \pi_- (\pi_+)^2 + h.c.) + \dots$$

- Lagrangian-based QFT, analyticity + unitarity obeyed

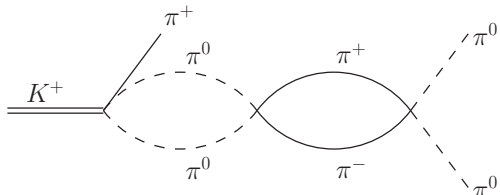
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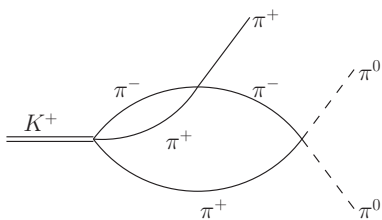
$$\mathcal{M}^{\text{tree}} = G_0 + G_1(p_3^0 - M_\pi) + \dots$$



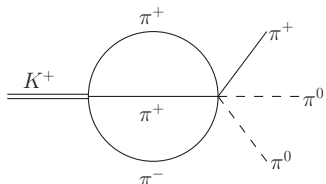
$$\mathcal{M}^{1\text{-loop}} = B_1 J_{+-}(s_3) + B_2 J_{00}(s_3) + [B_3 J_{+0}(s_1) + (s_1 \leftrightarrow s_2)]$$



$$\mathcal{M}^{2\text{-loop}} = 2G_0 C_x^2 \underbrace{J_{+-}(s_3) J_{00}(s_3)}_{\text{double loops}} + \dots$$



$$+ 4H_0 C_x C_{+-} \underbrace{F_+(\dots; s_3)}_{\text{overlapping loops}}$$



$$+ \mathcal{O}(i\epsilon^4) \quad [\not\propto \text{scatt. lengths}]$$

- complete representation up to  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(a\epsilon^5)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(a^2\epsilon^2)$
- compared to ChPT: valid to **all orders in the quark masses**

## Part II:

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Bissegger, Fuhrer, Gasser, BK, Rusetsky, in preparation

compare also Nehme (2004), Bijnens & Borg (2005),  
Gevorkyan et al. (2007), Isidori (2008)

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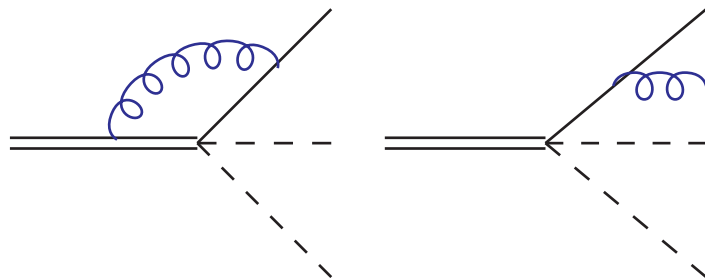
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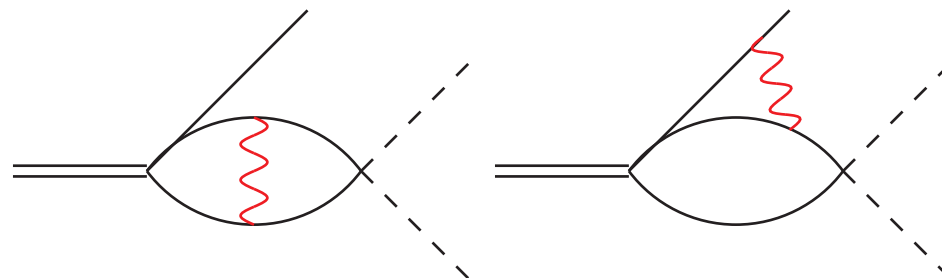
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"external" (universal):



"internal":



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## How-to:

- Lagrangian framework  $\Rightarrow$  inclusion of **photons** straightforward via **minimal substitution**

$$\partial_\mu \Phi_\pm \rightarrow (\partial_\mu \mp ieA_\mu) \Phi_\pm, \quad \partial_\mu K_+ \rightarrow (\partial_\mu - ieA_\mu) K_+$$

- add all possible non-minimal gauge-invariant terms
- work in the **Coulomb gauge**  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0$

$A_0$ : **Coulomb** photons



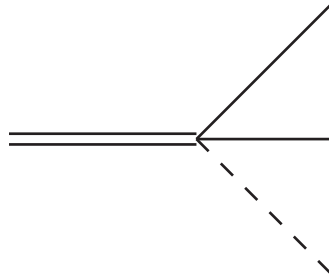
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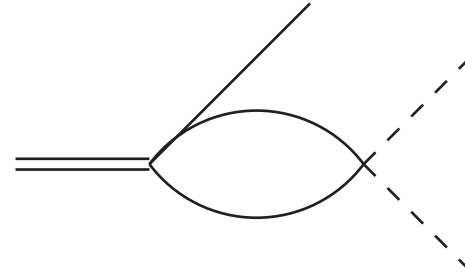
- eliminate  $A_0$  via equation of motion  $\longrightarrow$  non-local vertex

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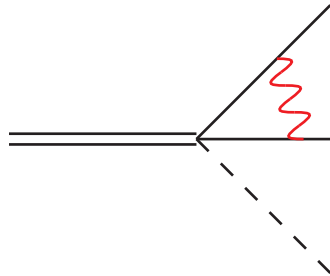


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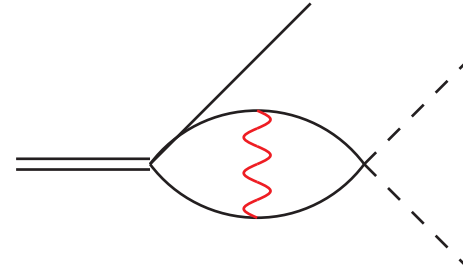


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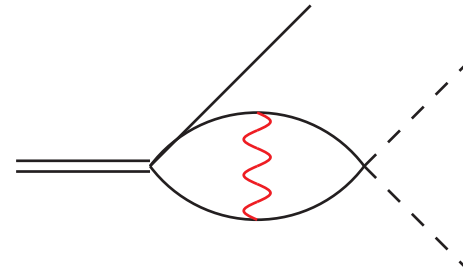
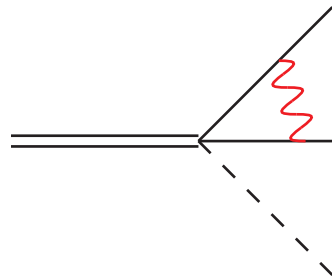
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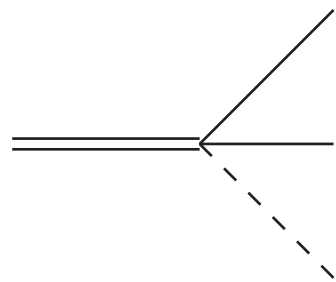
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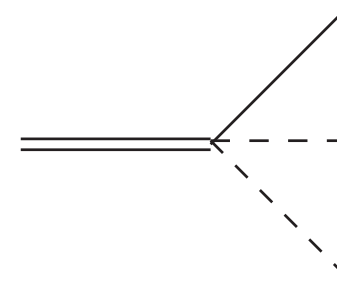
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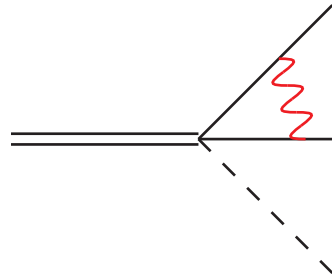
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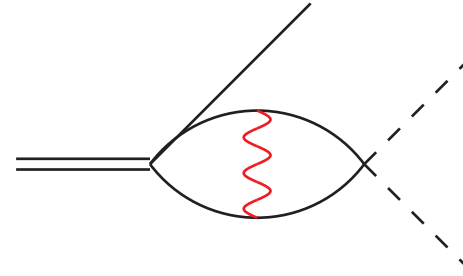
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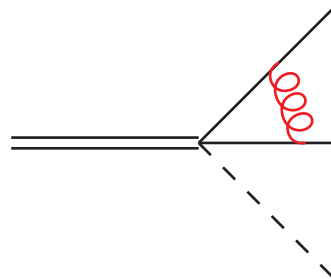


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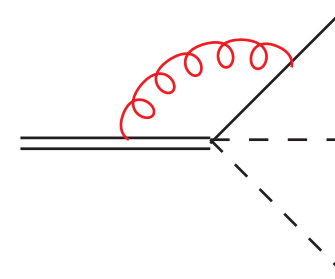
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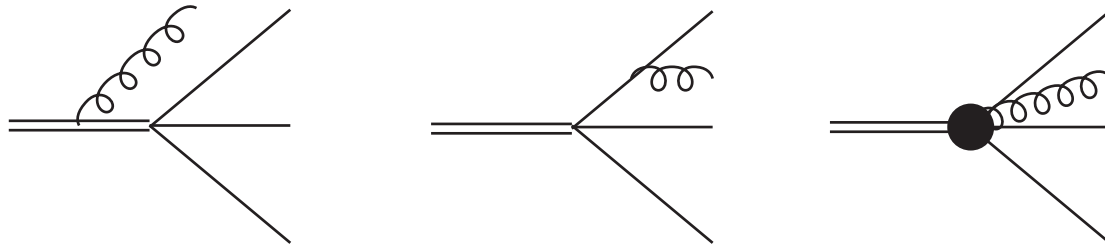


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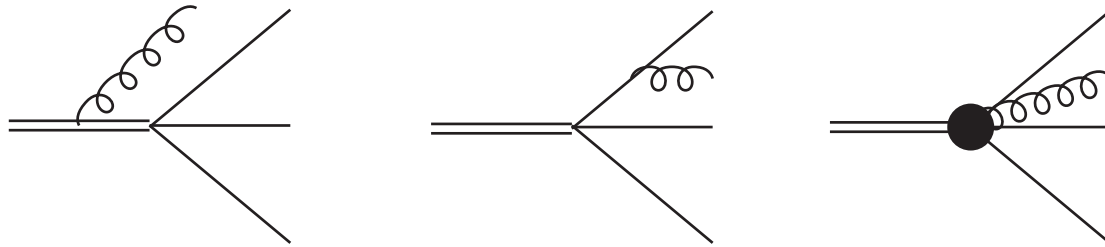
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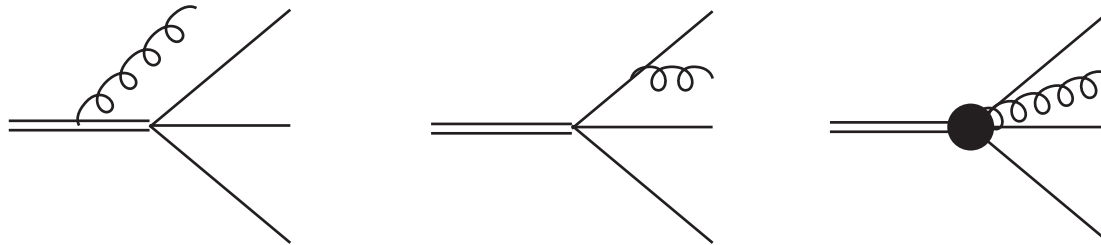
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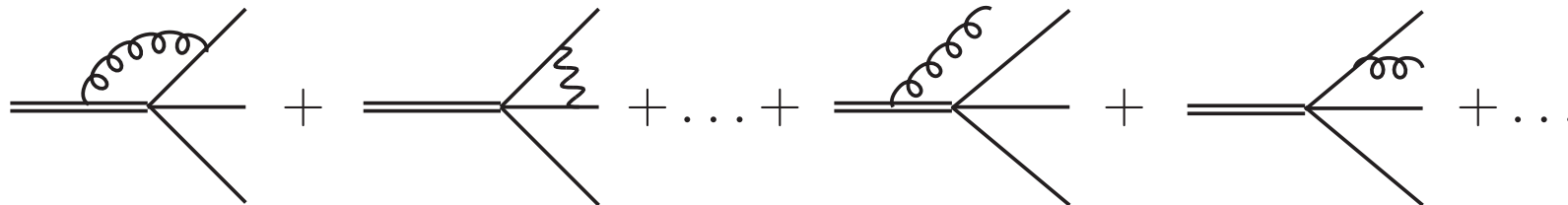
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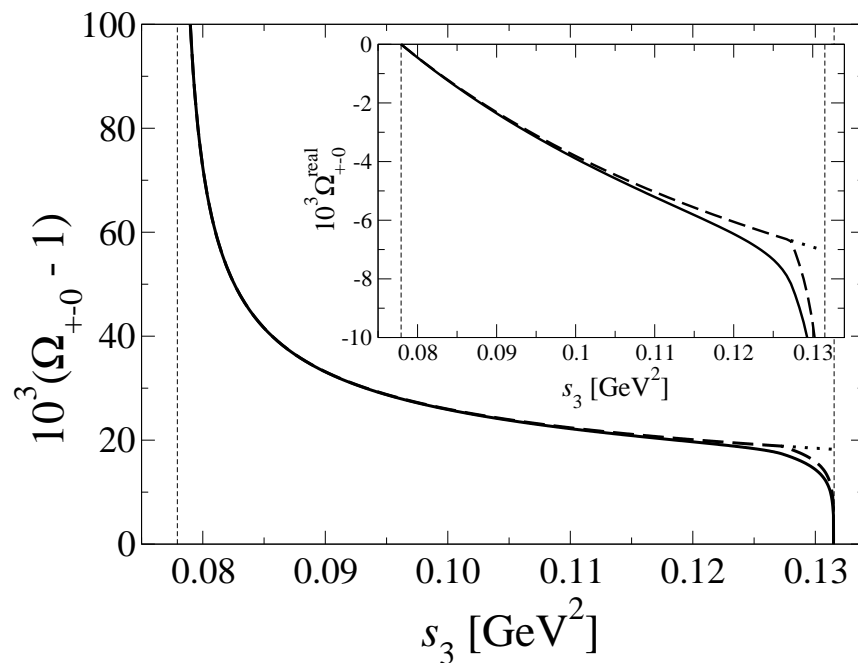
⇒ non-relativistic power counting shows why

- ▷ **Coulomb photons** are **important**
- ▷ (finite) **Bremsstrahlung** effects are **very small**

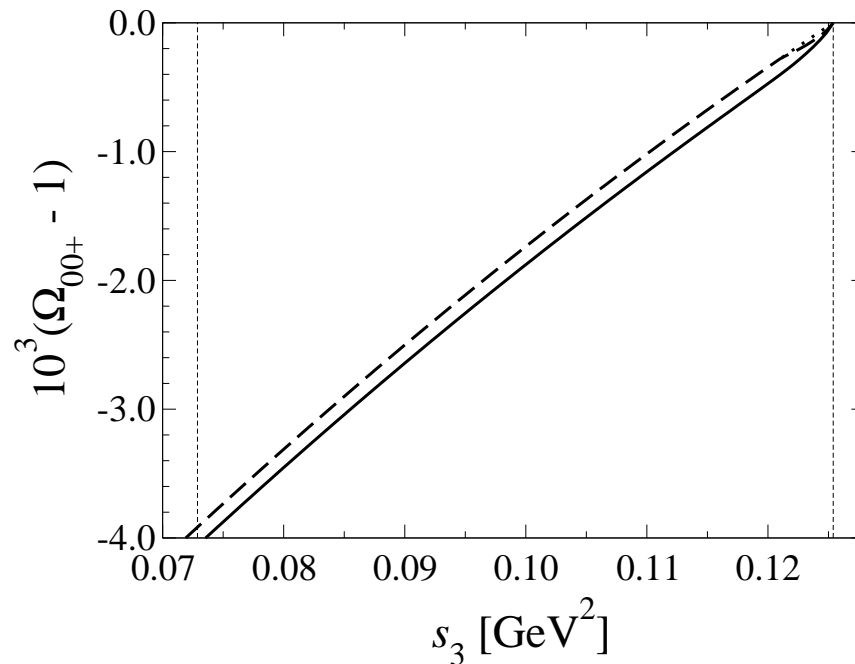
# External/universal corrections: $\Omega_{+-0}, \Omega_{00+}$



$K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  :



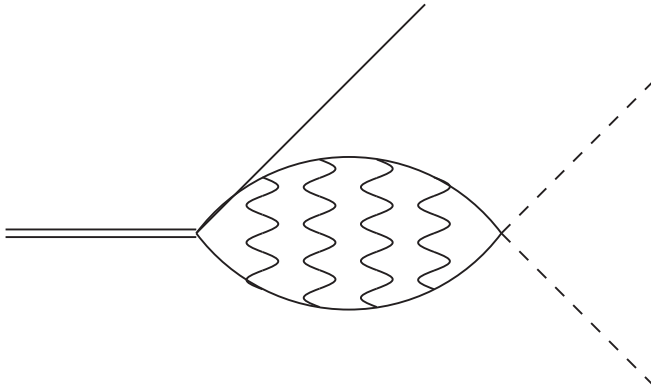
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^+$  :



- soft-photon approximation (dashed): small effect
- all except Coulomb pole **small and smooth**

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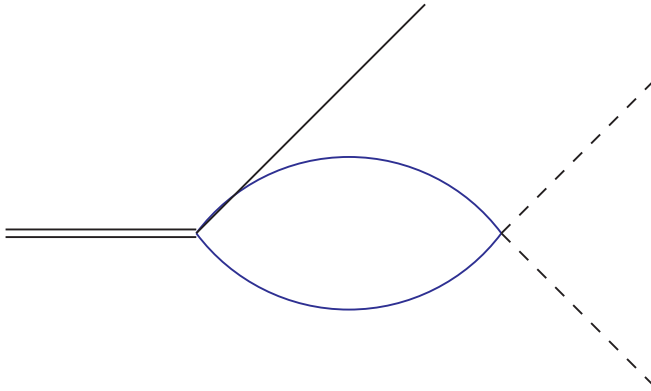
ionisation energy:  $\sim 1.86$  keV  
ground state width:  $\sim 0.2$  eV

- changes analytical structure at threshold  $\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{v_{\pm}}$  not small



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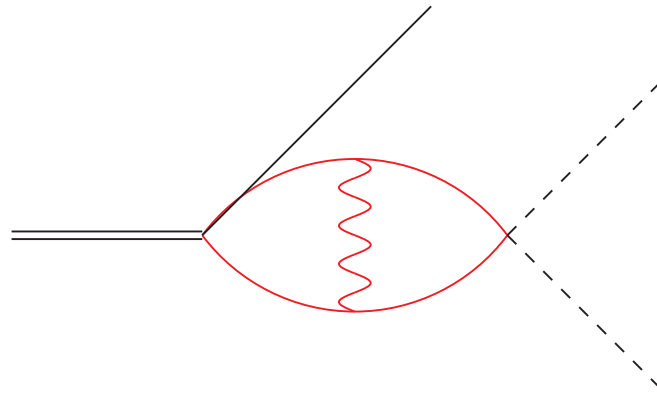
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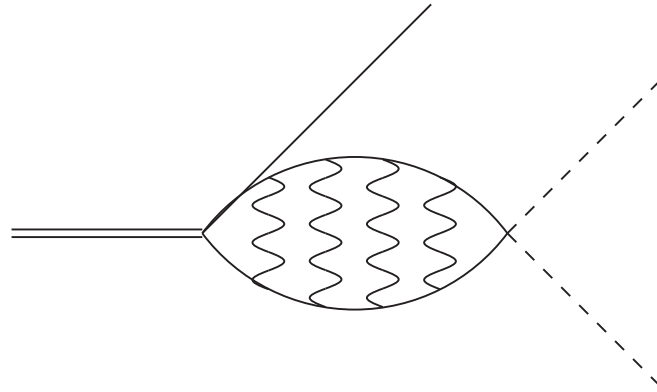
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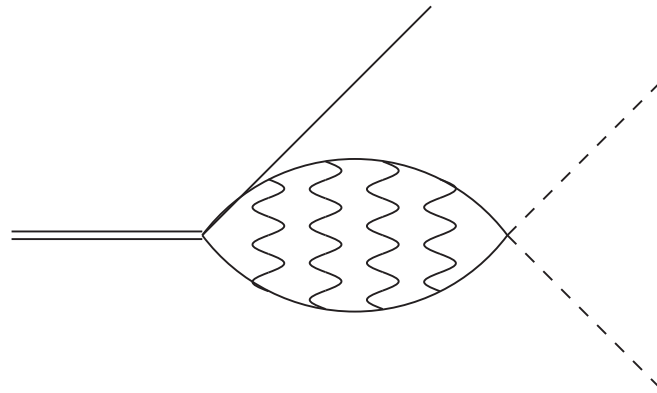


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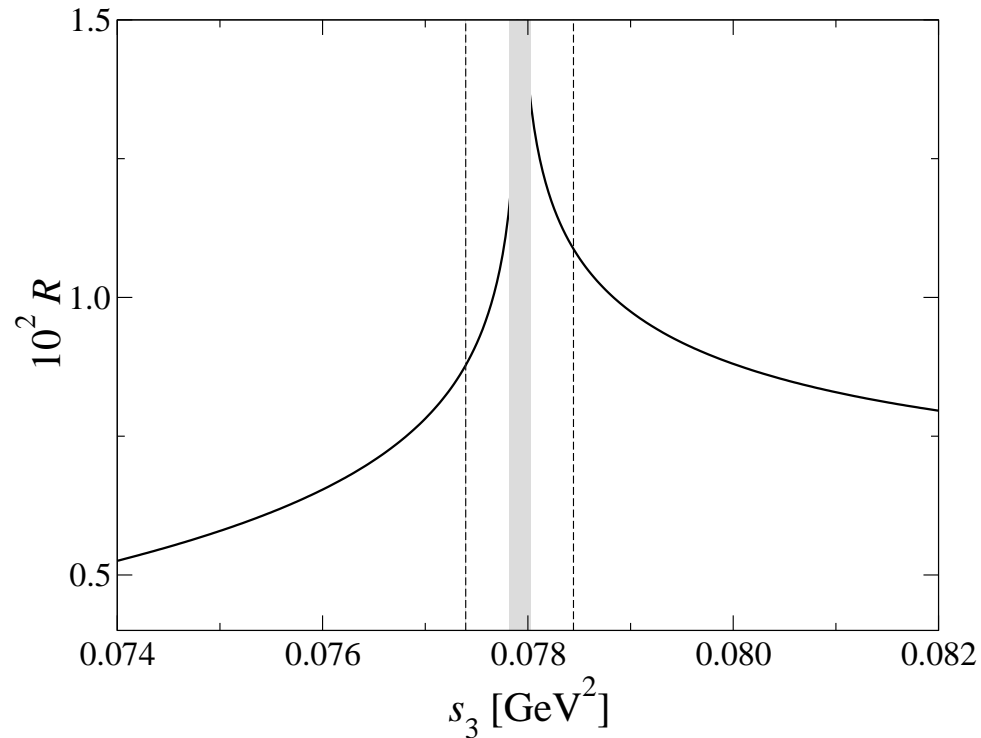
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- strategy:
  - ▷ exclude region around the cusp
  - ▷ choose such that **one-photon exchange**  $\mathcal{O}(a e^2)$  is sufficient

# Internal corrections

- relative size of **one-photon exchange**:

$$R = \frac{\frac{d\Gamma}{ds_3} \Big|_C - \frac{d\Gamma}{ds_3} \Big|_0}{\frac{d\Gamma}{ds_3} \Big|_0} = \frac{\text{[red diagram]} - \text{[blue diagram]}}{\text{[blue diagram]}}$$



- "dashed" region: excluded in the NA48/2 analysis

# Conclusions

- NRQFT provides systematic effective field theory framework for an analysis of cusp phenomena and  $\pi\pi$  scattering lengths in  $K \rightarrow 3\pi$  decays
- combined expansion in non-relativistic parameter  $\epsilon$  and scattering lengths  $a$  currently performed up to  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(a\epsilon^5)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(a^2\epsilon^2)$
- inclusion of **radiative corrections**: additional expansion parameter  $e^2 = 4\pi\alpha$
- calculated decay spectra to  $\mathcal{O}(e^2 a^0 \epsilon^4)$  for all  $K \rightarrow 3\pi$  channels, plus  $\mathcal{O}(e^2 a^1 \epsilon^2)$  for "main" channels  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^+$ ,  $K_L \rightarrow 3\pi^0$
- formulae ready to be used in refined experimental analyses