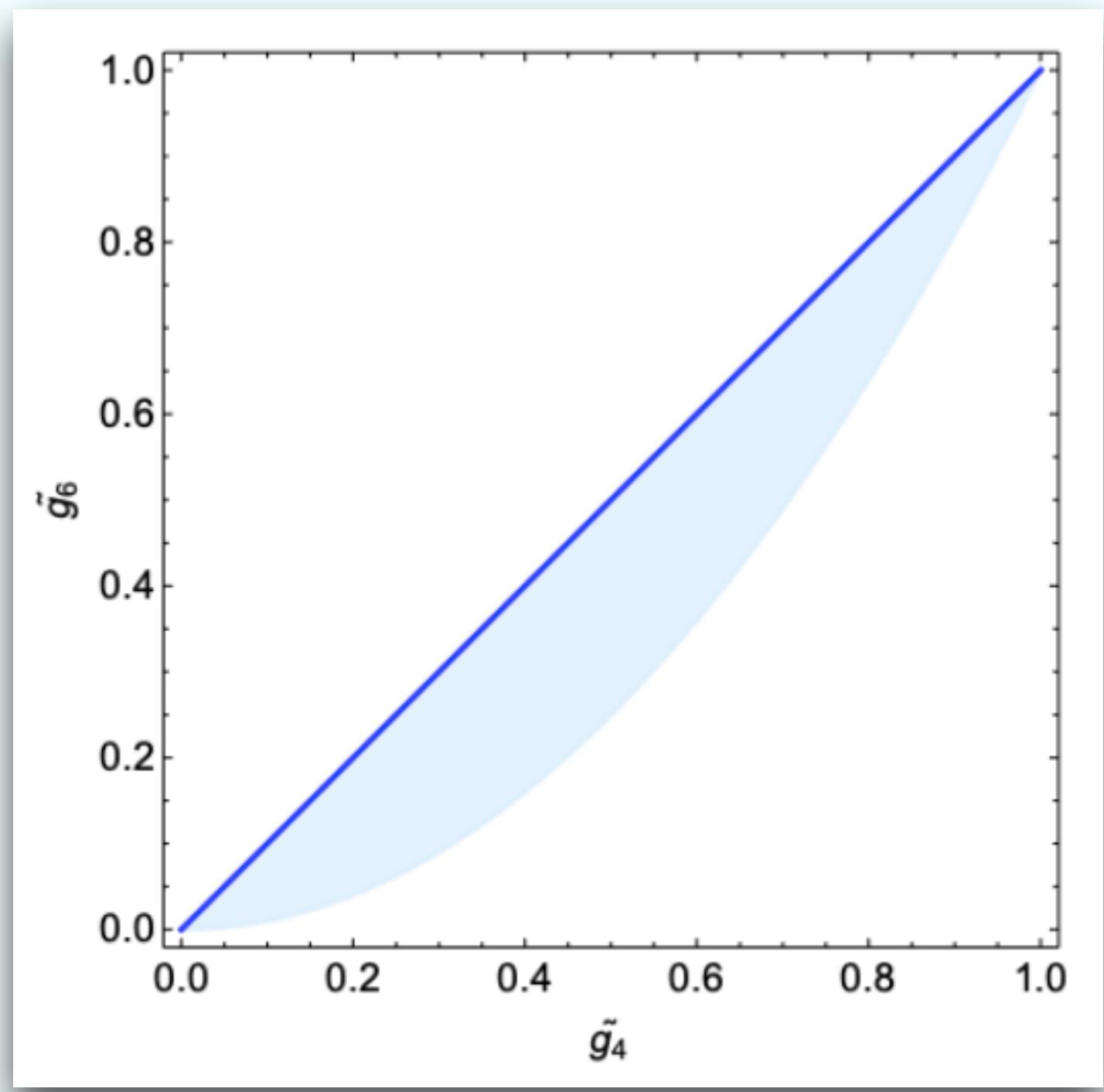
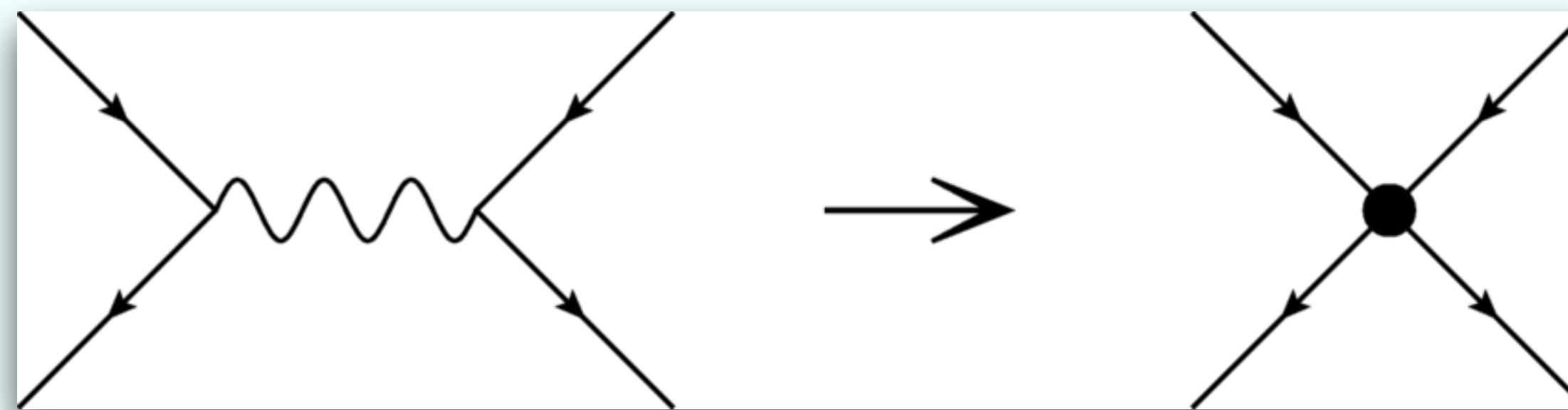


# UV Constraints on IR EFTs



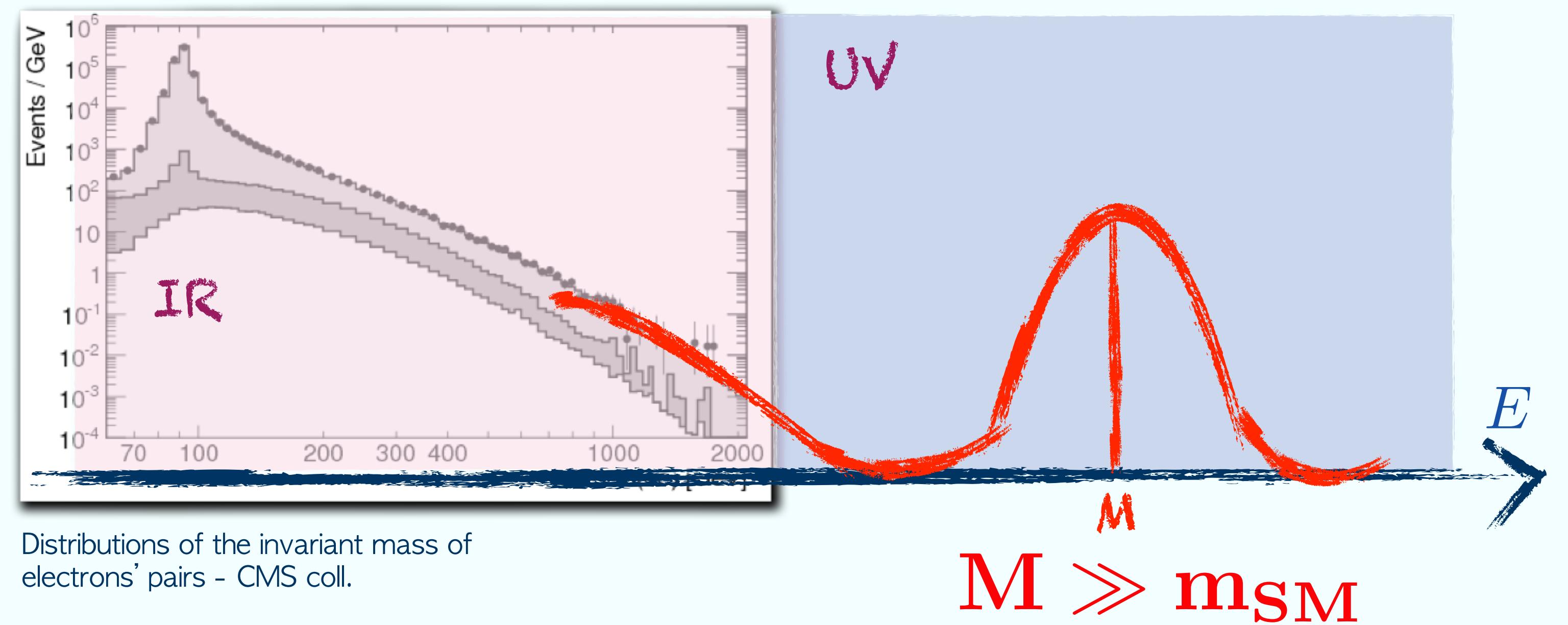
Positivity Bounds for a Scalar Field

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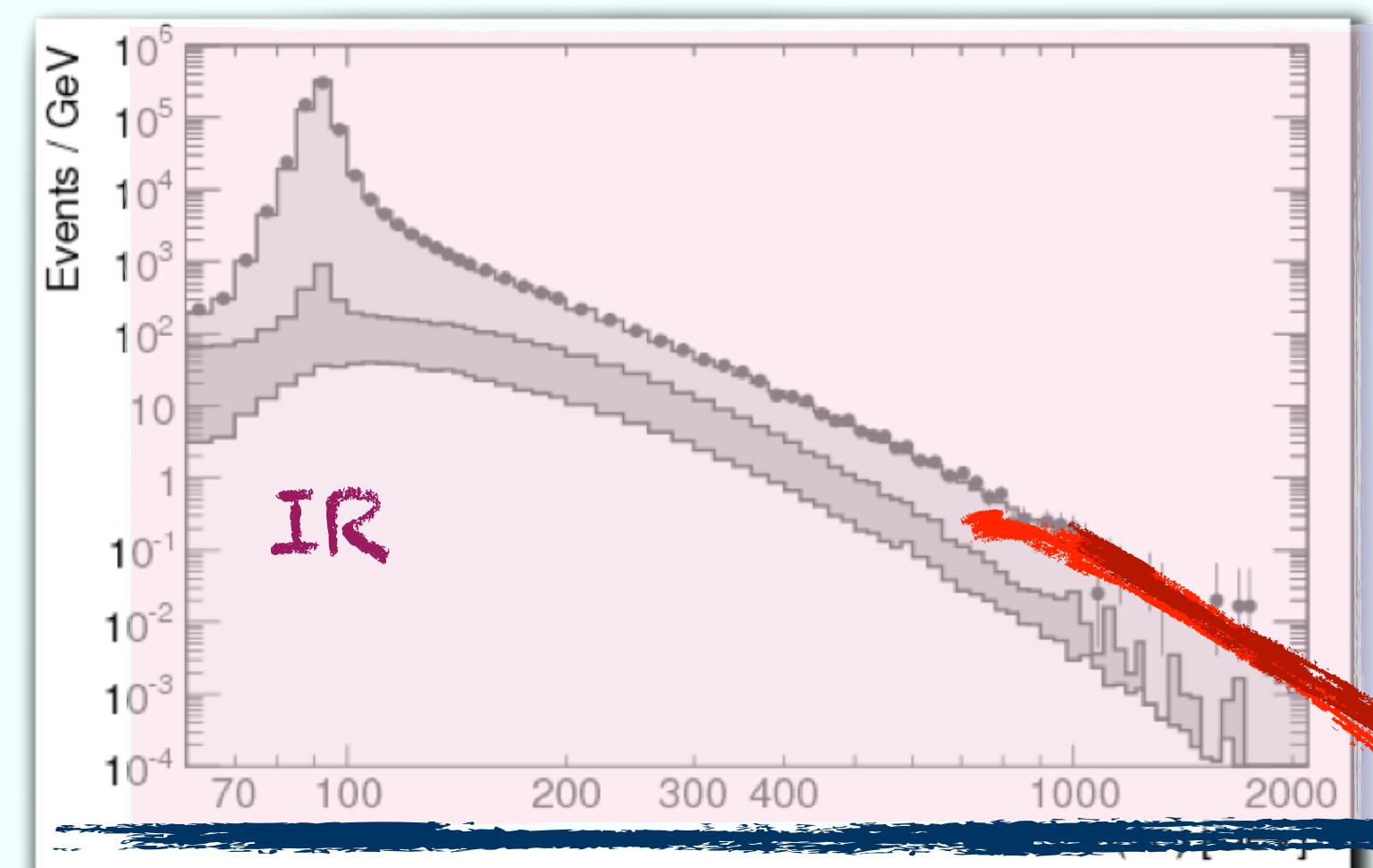
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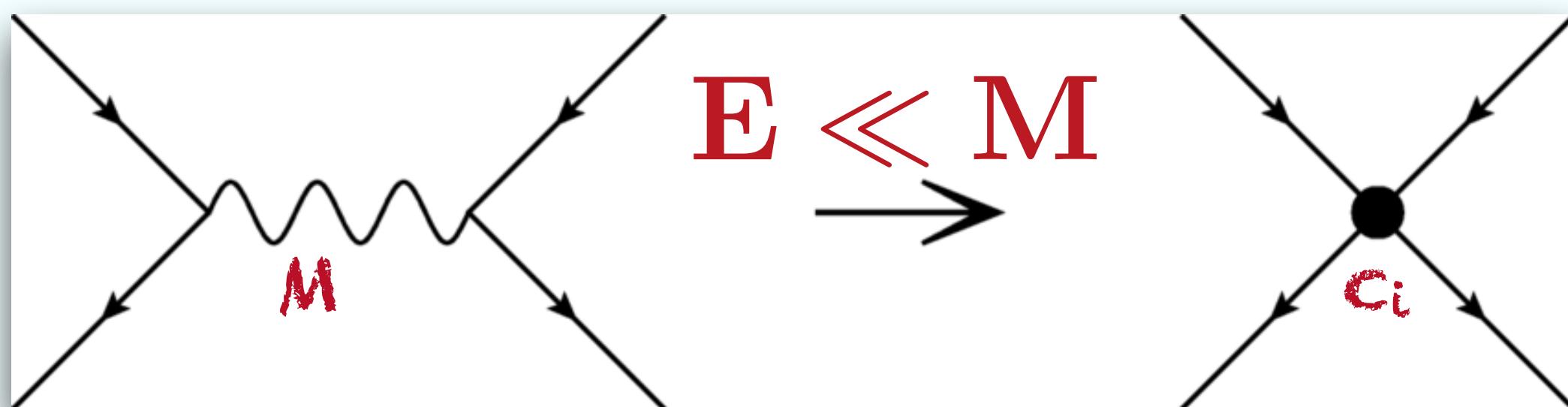
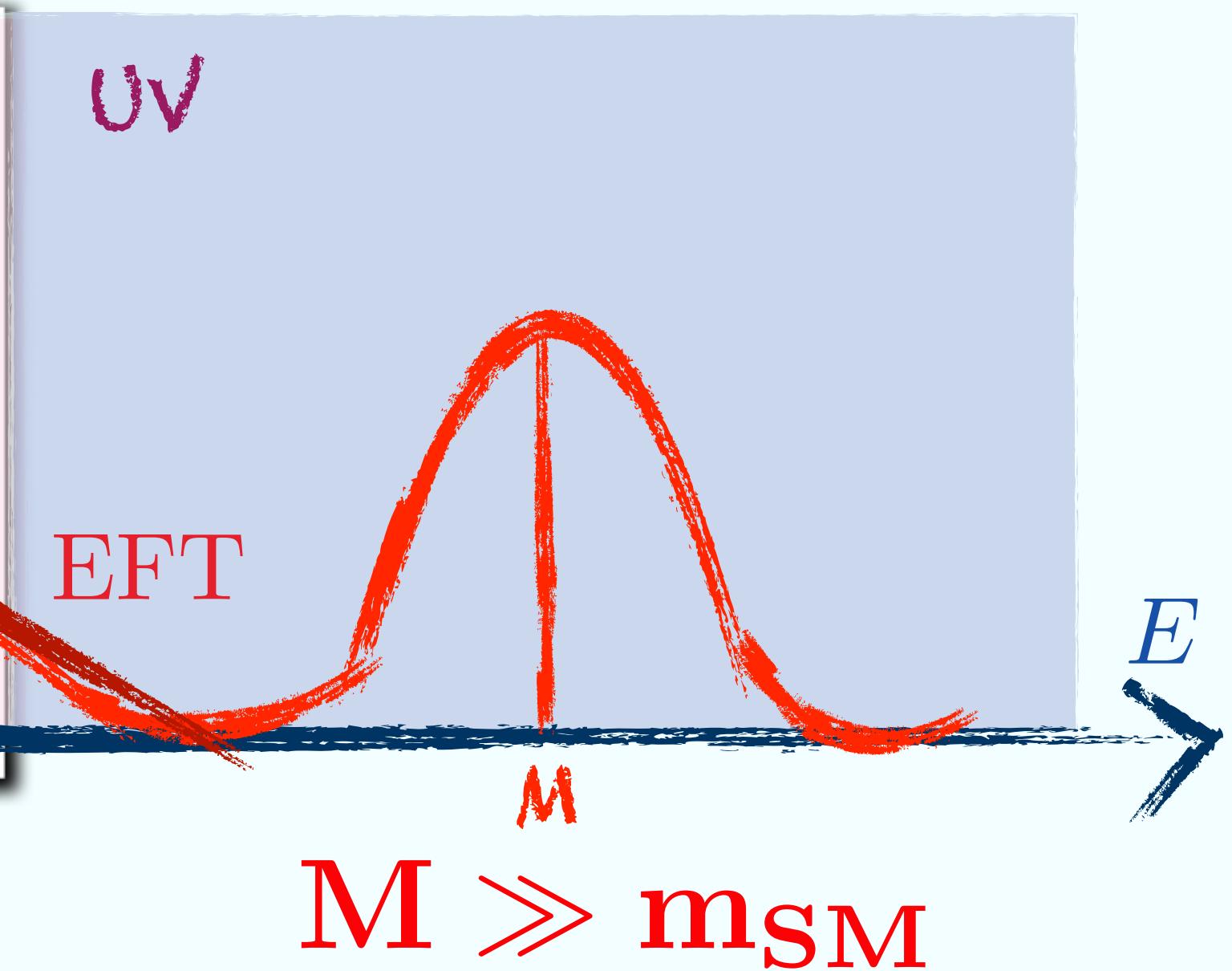


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Distributions of the invariant mass of electrons' pairs - CMS coll.

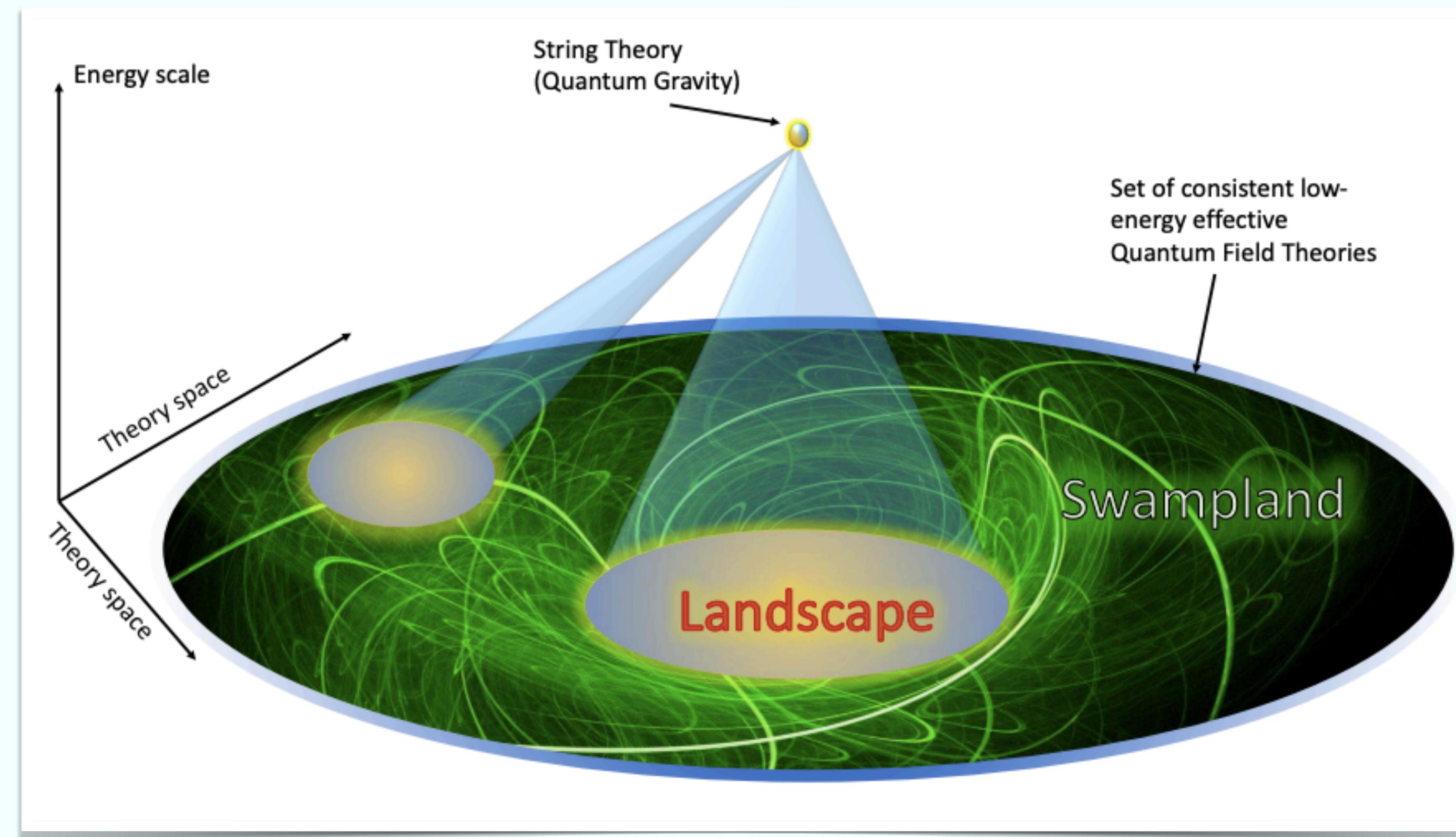


- Low-Energy Expansion to Parametrise NP-Effects
- EFT-Coefficients Encode UV-Physics

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{d \leq 4} + \sum_{d>4,i} c_i^d \frac{\mathcal{O}_i^d}{M^{d-4}}$$

# Identifying Viable Low-Energy EFTs

- Causality and Unitarity in the UV
- Constraints on the EFT Coefficients from these UV-Assumptions
- Ruling out some IR-descriptions
- Dispersion Relations on the Scattering Amplitudes
- Investigating Strong-Coupling Corrections



The Swampland Program

Palti - 2019

# Defining a Sensible Low-Energy Scattering

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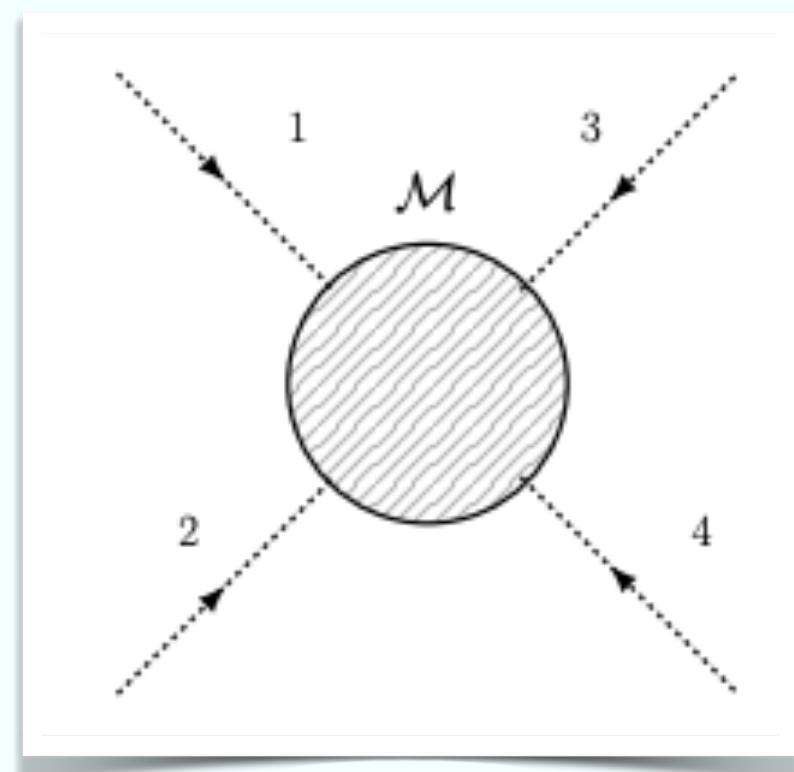
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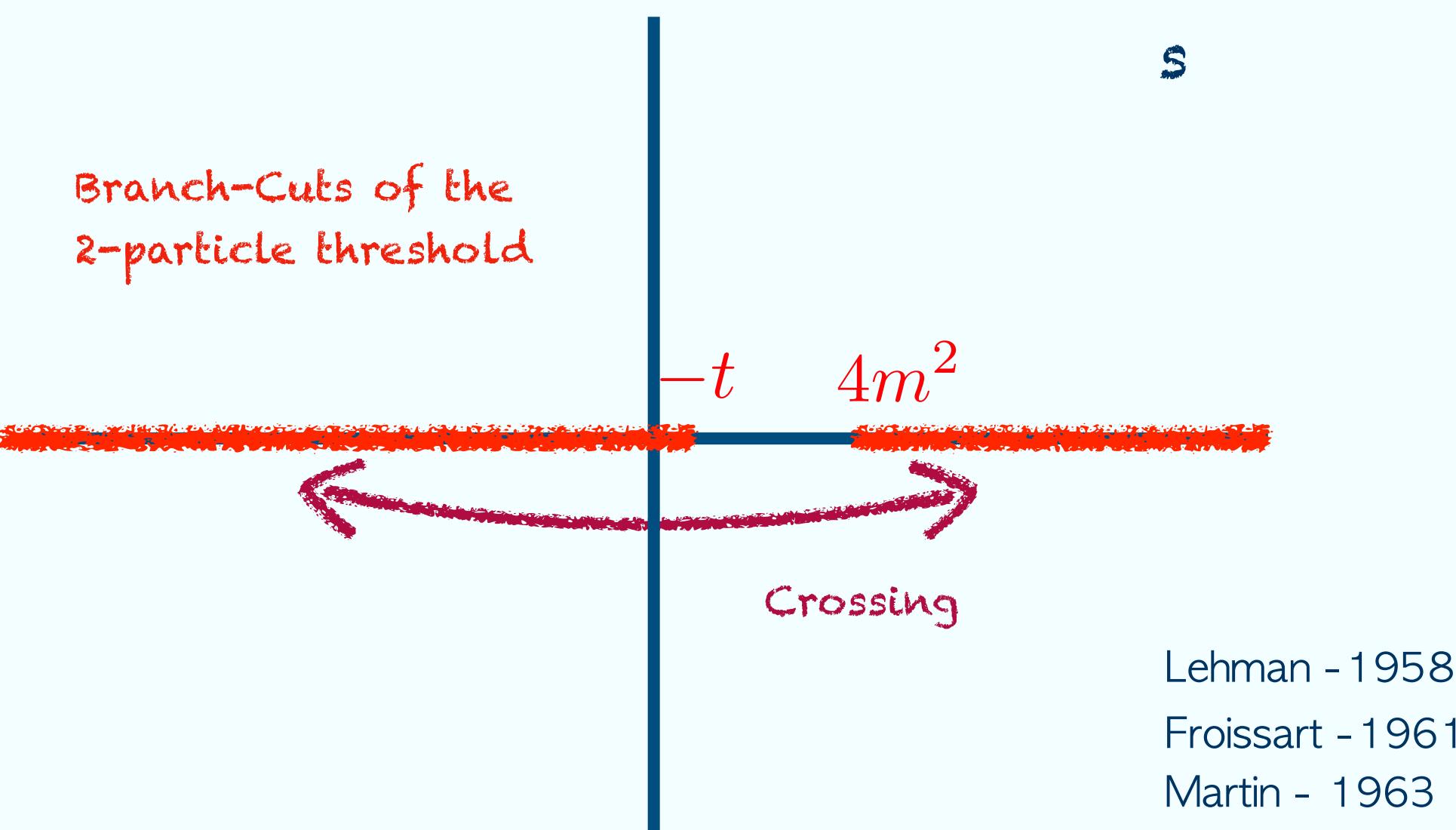
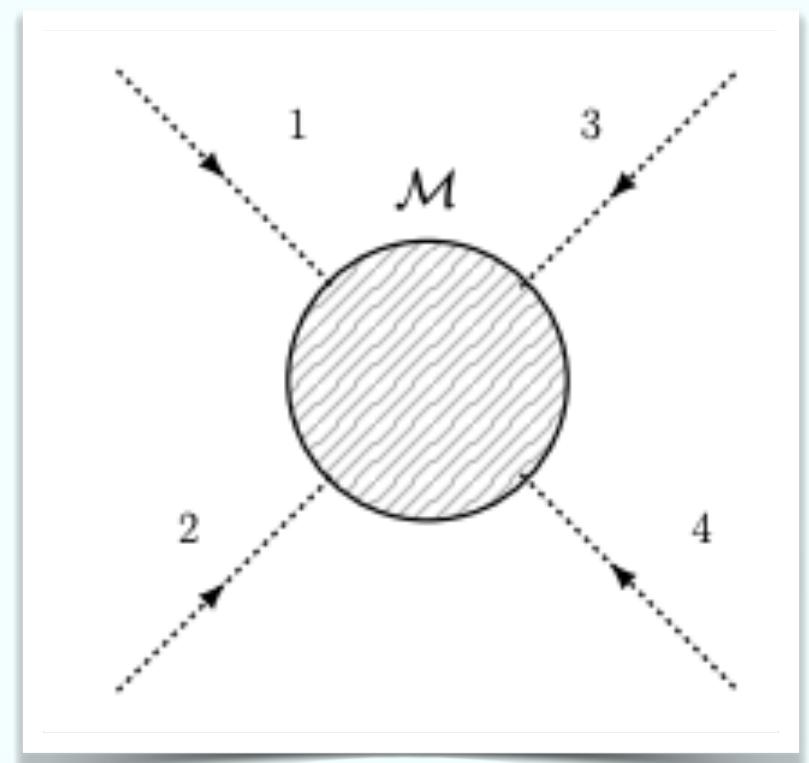
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## Assumptions in the Complex-s Plane

- Optical Theorem:  $\text{Im}(\mathcal{M}(s, t=0)) > 0$

$$2 \text{Im} [ \text{Diagram with two external lines } a \text{ and } b ] = \sum_f \int d\Pi_f \text{Diagram with two external lines } a \text{ and } f \text{ and two internal lines } f \text{ and } b$$

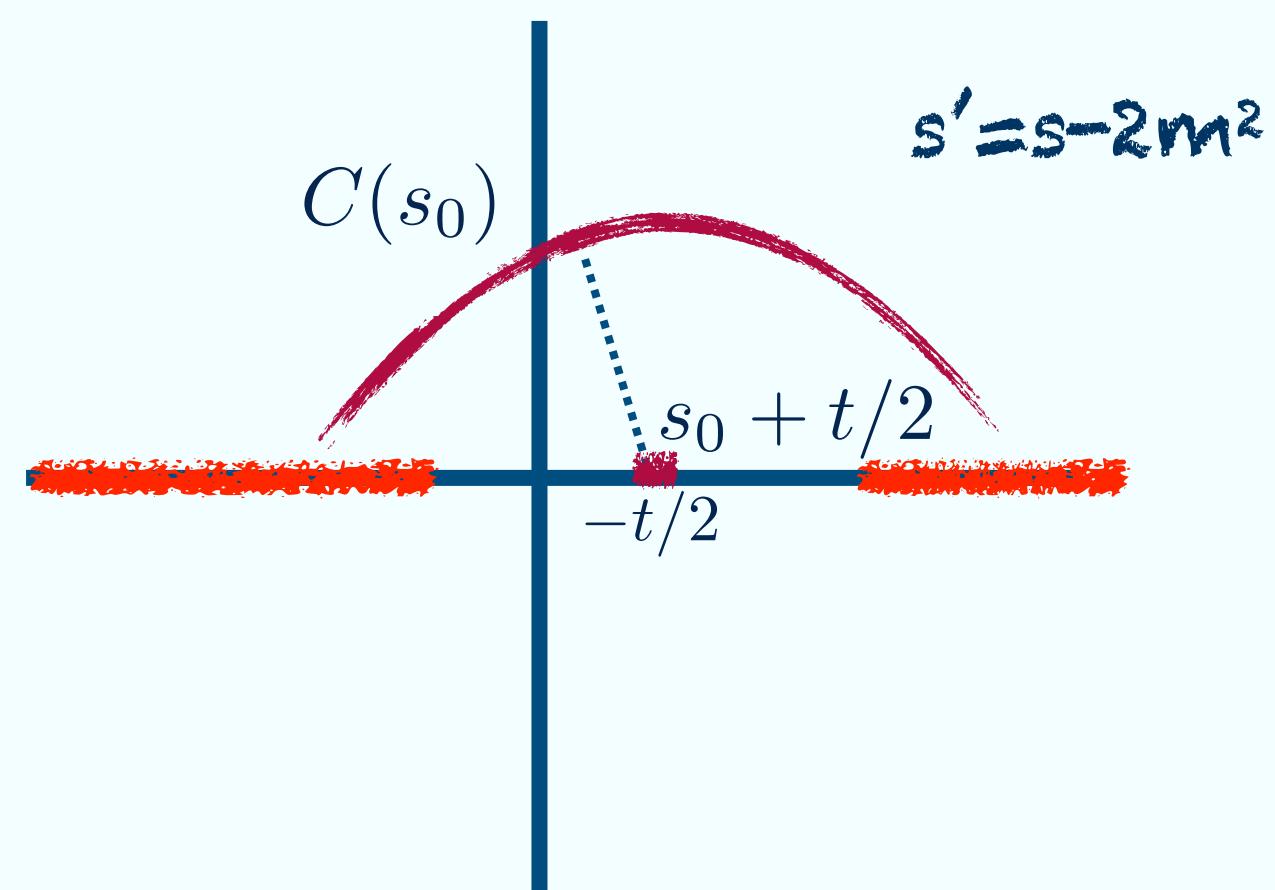
- Analyticity and Singularities Structure in  $s$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 4m^2$
- Crossing:  $\mathcal{M}(s, t) = \mathcal{M}^*(4m^2 - s^* - t, t)$
- Asymptotic Boundedness for  $0 \leq t \leq 4m^2$ :  
$$\mathcal{M}(s, t)/s^2 \xrightarrow{|s| \rightarrow \infty} 0$$



# Arcs to Parametrise Low-Energy Scattering

$$a_k(s_0, t) \equiv (i\pi)^{-1} \oint_{C(s_0)} \frac{\mathcal{M}(s', t)}{(s' + t/2)^{k+1}} ds'$$

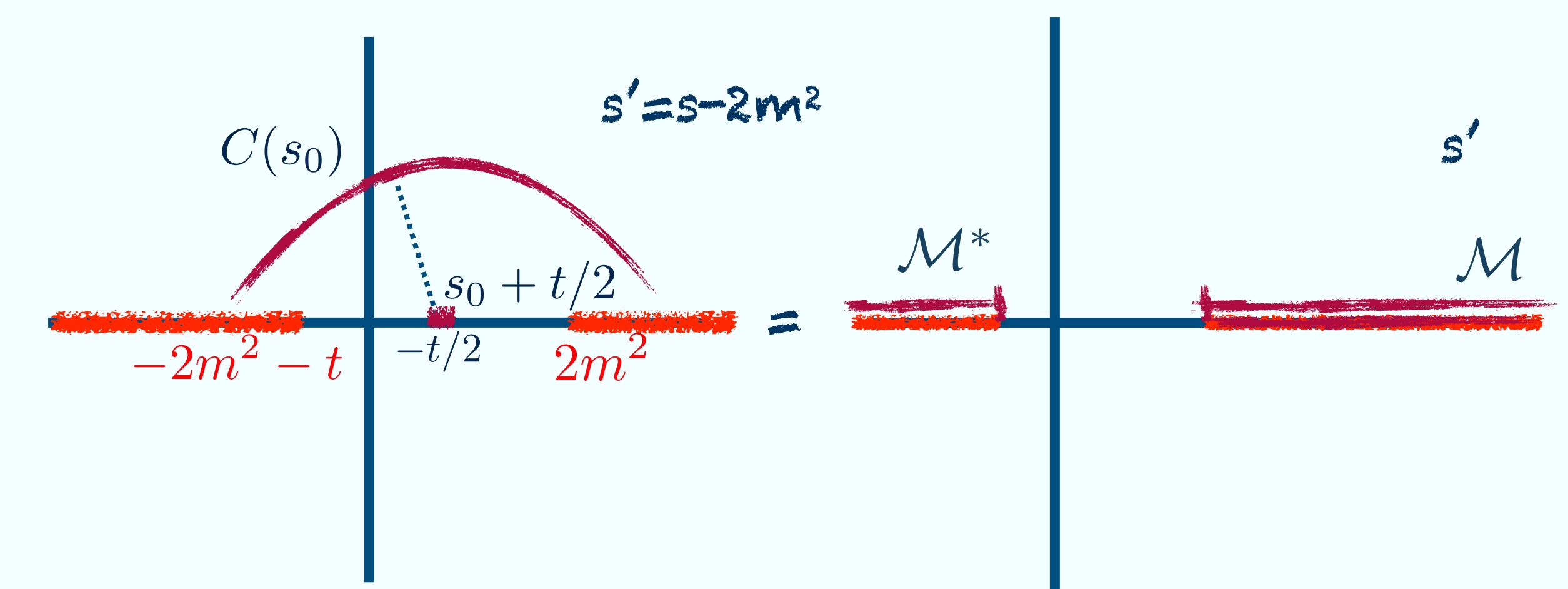
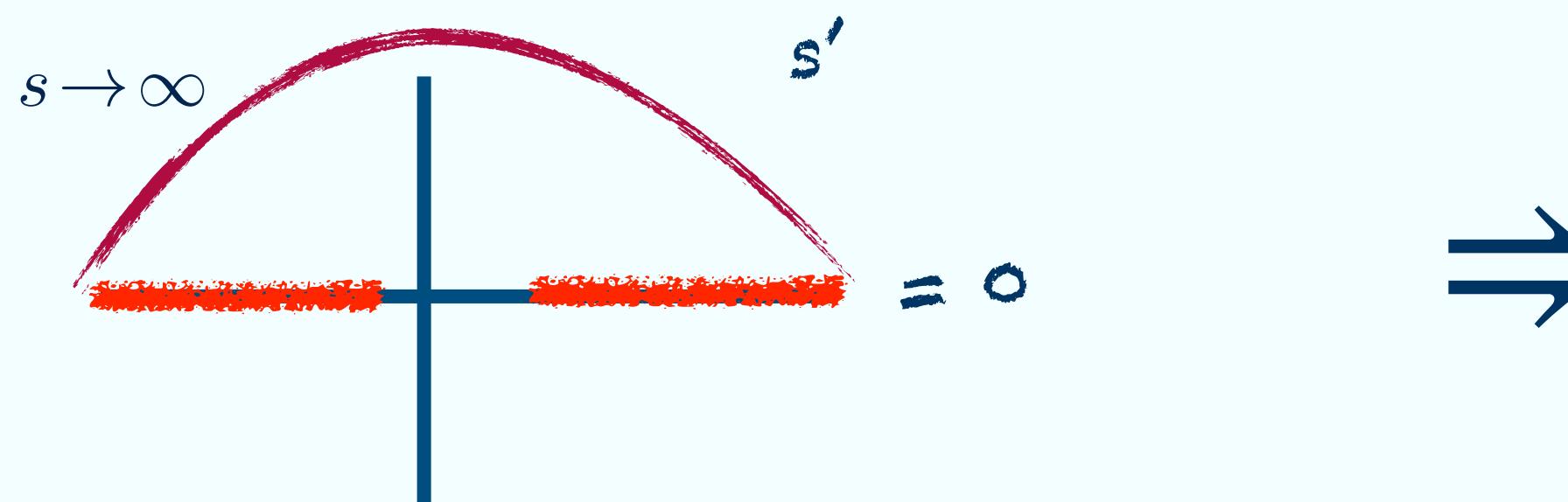
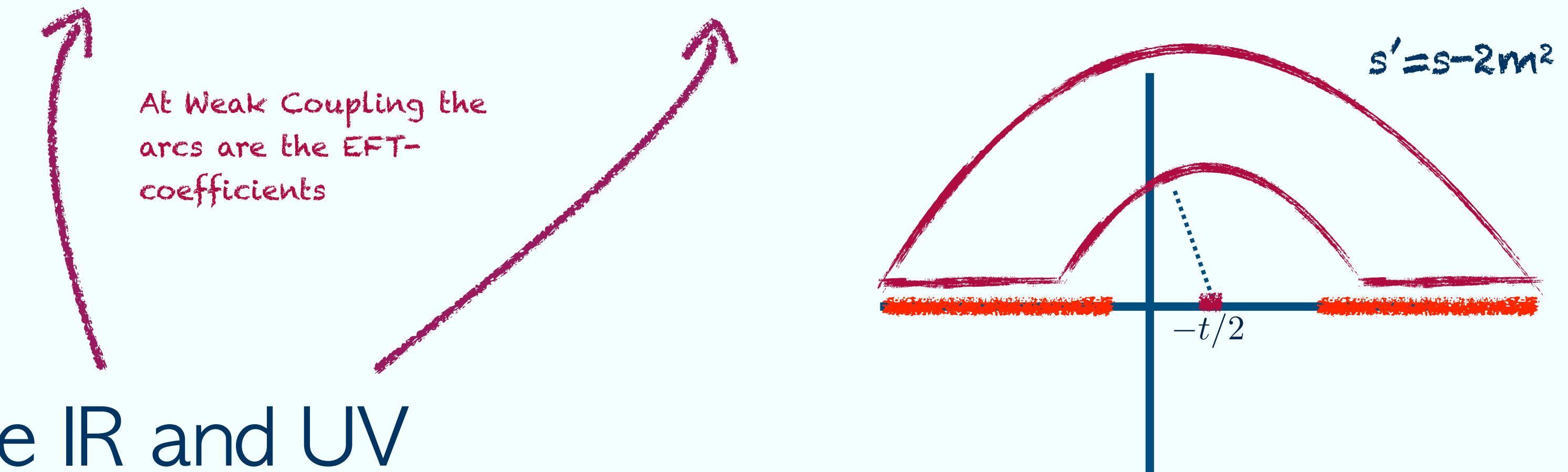
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- Complete Parametrisation
- Non-Perturbative
- Dispersive Integrals to Relate IR and UV



# Causality and Unitarity Mandate Bounds on the Arcs

Caron-Huot, Van Duong — 2020

- Our Method to Read the Bounds: Expansion Around  $t=0$

- Partial Waves Decomposition

- Average on the UV-States

$$a_k(s_0, t) = \sum_l 2 \left\langle \frac{2\mathcal{P}_J^{(l)}(1)}{s^{(k+l)}} \right\rangle t^l \equiv \sum_l \langle A_{k,l}(s, J) \rangle t^l$$

$$\sum_l (a_{k,l} - \langle A_{k,l} \rangle) t^l = 0$$

at  $t=0$  the standard  
Positivity Bounds follow

$$\text{Im}[\mathcal{M}(s, t)] = \sum_J (2J + 1) \rho_J(s) \mathcal{P}_J \left( 1 + \frac{2t}{s} \right)$$

$$\langle (\cdots) \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_J (2J + 1) \int_{s_0}^{\infty} \frac{ds}{s} \rho_J(s) (\cdots)$$

Positive For Unitarity

- Arcs are UV-Averaged Coefficients

- UV-Assumptions constrain IR-Scattering

# Pions Scattering at Large-N

- Interesting for Phenomenology
- Bootstrap Approach to QCD
- Large-N QCD:
  - At LO Pions Interact at Tree-Level
  - No Exotic Mesons: Arcs with Odd-Subtractions
  - Boundedness is Relaxed to:  $\mathcal{M}(s, t)/s \xrightarrow{|s| \rightarrow \infty} 0$

$$\mathcal{M}(s, t) = g_{1,0}s + g_{2,1}st + g_{3,1}st^2 + g_{3,1}s^2t + \dots = \sum_{n,l} g_{n,l} s^{n-l} t^l$$

$g \sim \text{LECs} \sim c_i/M^{d_i}$   
 Low-Energy Coefficients

# Weak Coupling Analysis

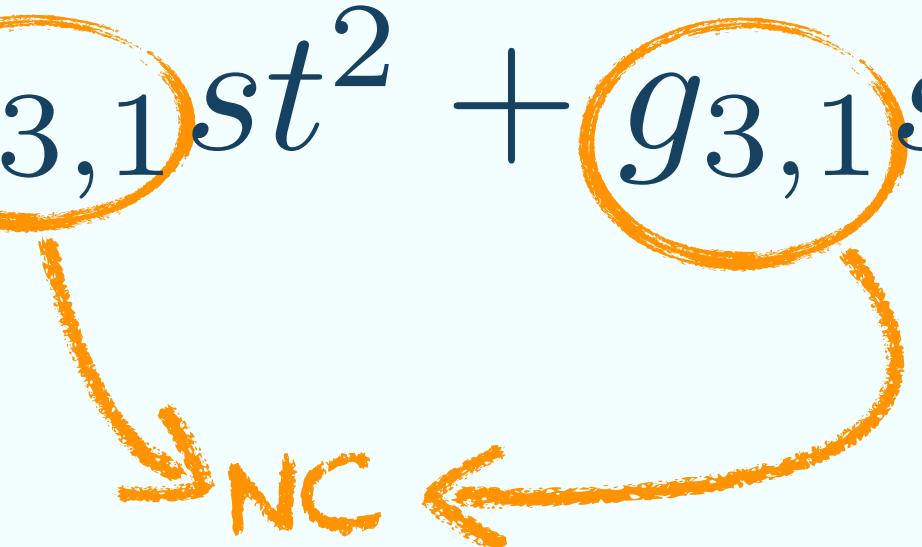
- Tree-Level: Arcs=EFT-Coefficients

$$a_{n,l} = g_{n,l}$$

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Low-Energy Coefficients



- Crossing implies Null Constraints (NC)

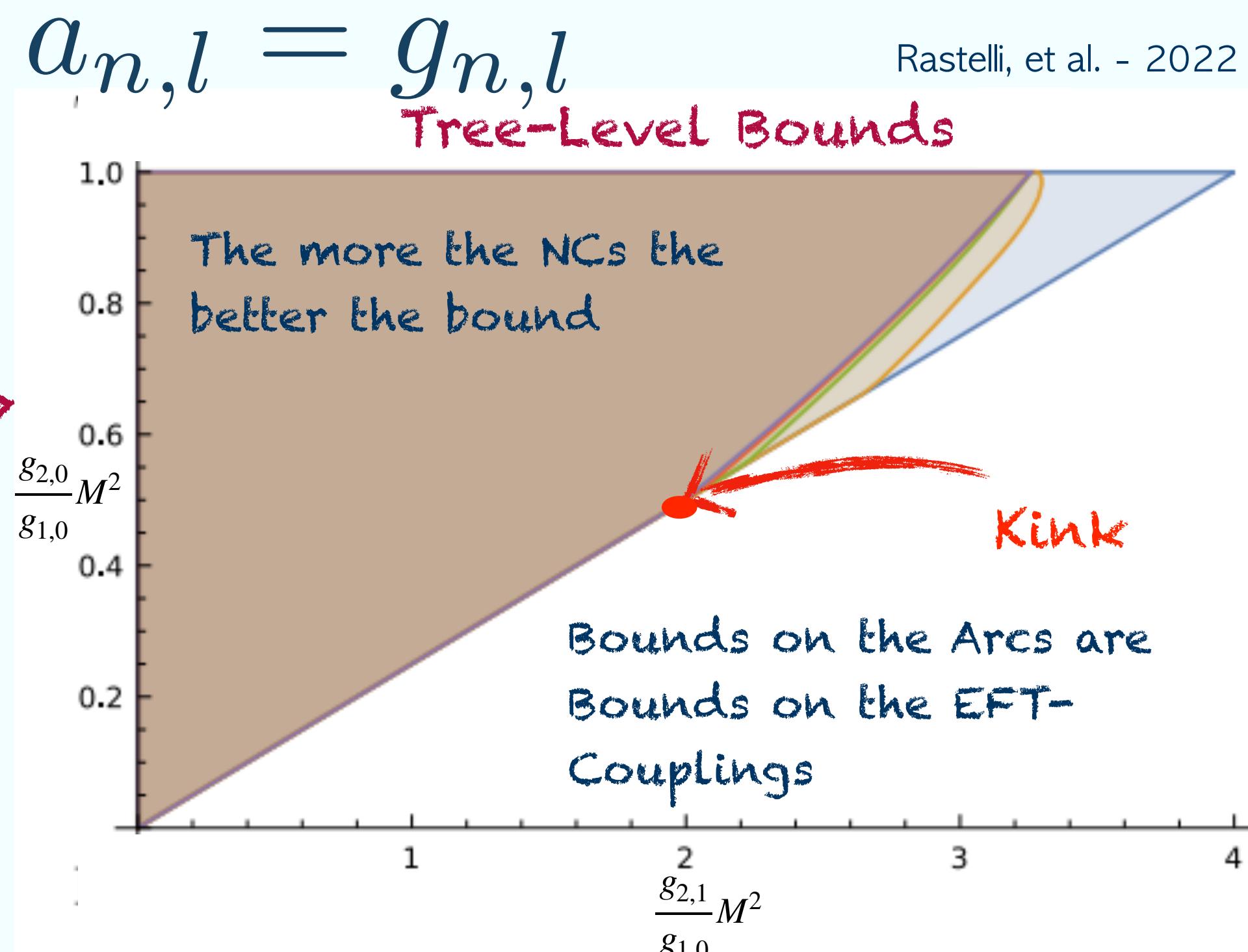
on the Arcs    E.G. :  $a_{n,l} = a_{n-l,l}$

- Numerical Procedure to Bound the Arcs

Caron-Huot, Van Duong - 2020



Bounds on the Lowest LECs=Arcs



- Special Kink at LO

Pomarol, Riva et al. - 2022

# Including Loop Corrections

- Including the First Loop Corrections:  $O(f_\pi^{-4})$

$$\delta\mathcal{M}(s, t) = L \left( -s^2 \log \left( \frac{-s}{M^2} \right) - (s+2t) \left[ t \log \left( \frac{-t}{M^2} \right) + (s+t) \log \left( \frac{s+t}{M^2} \right) \right] \right)$$

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- At NLO: Arcs  $\neq$  EFT-Coefficients

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- IR-Singularities:  
Pion Mass to  
Cut-off

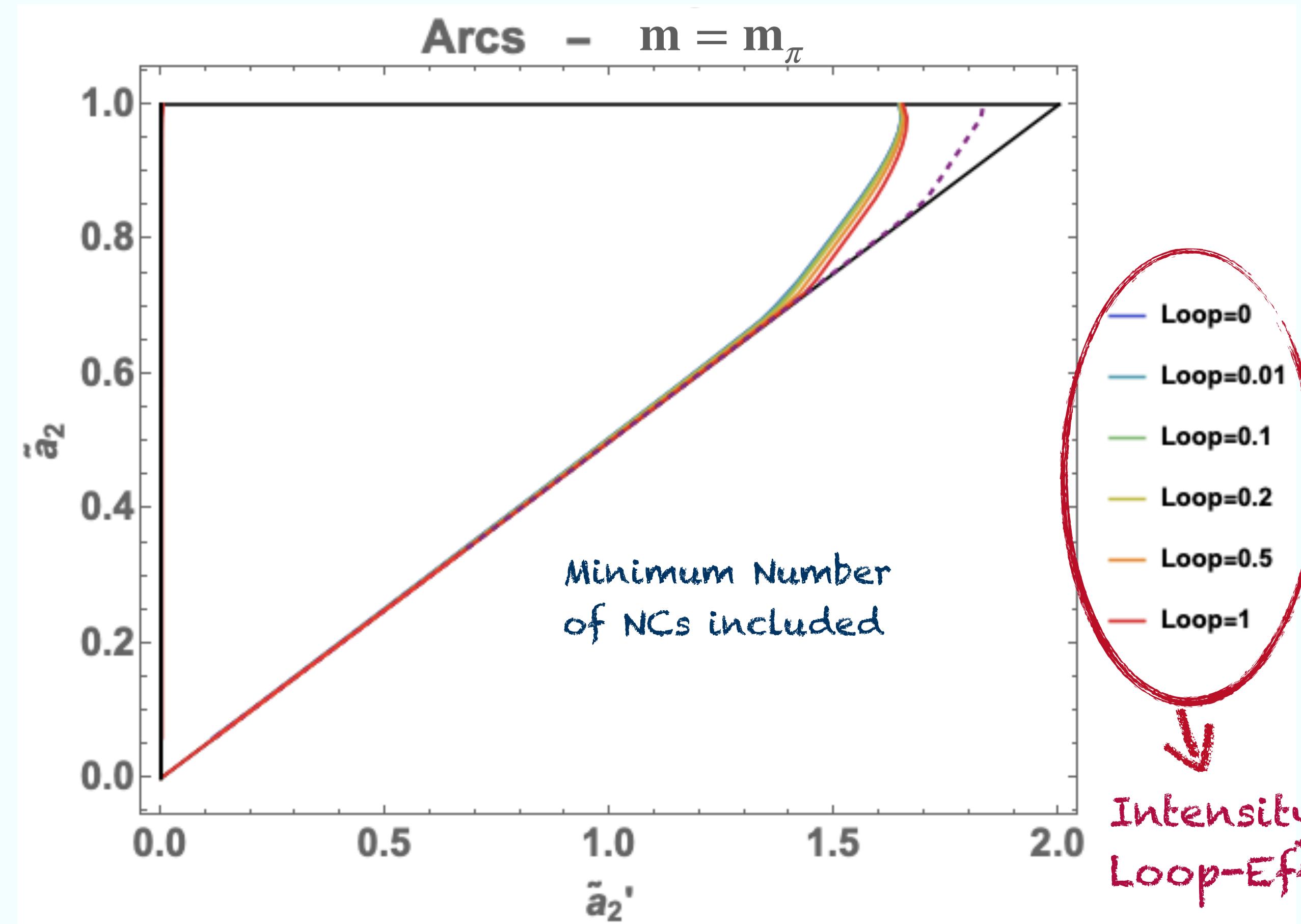
$$\delta a_1(s_0, t) = \frac{L}{24} \left( 2t \log \left( -\frac{s_0}{4m^2 + t} \right) - \frac{t^3}{4s_0^2} + \frac{t^2}{s_0} - 4s_0 \right)$$

- Finite Corrections  
Relax the NCs

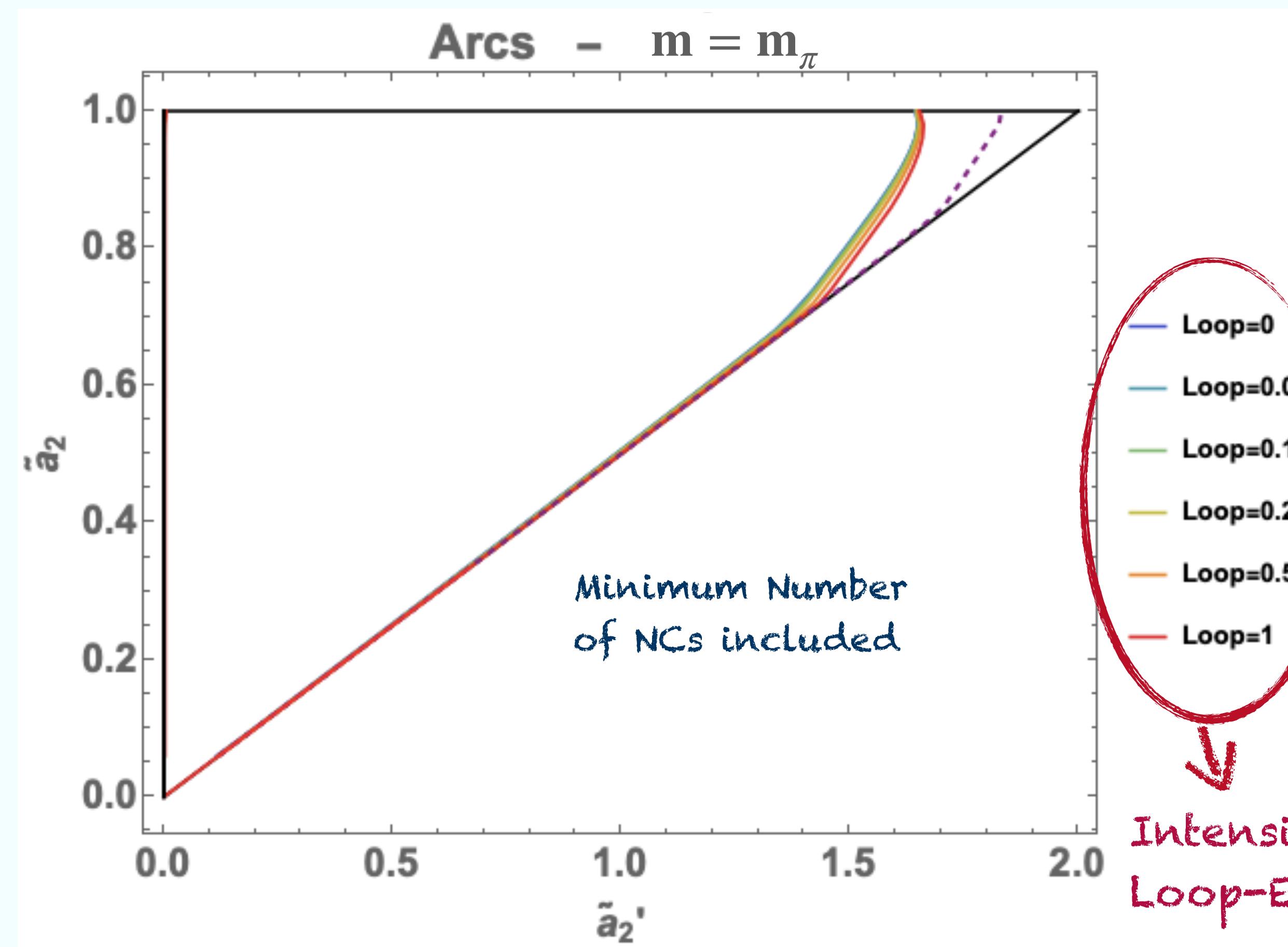
- Improvement of the  
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- Bounds on the EFT-  
Coefficients at NLO

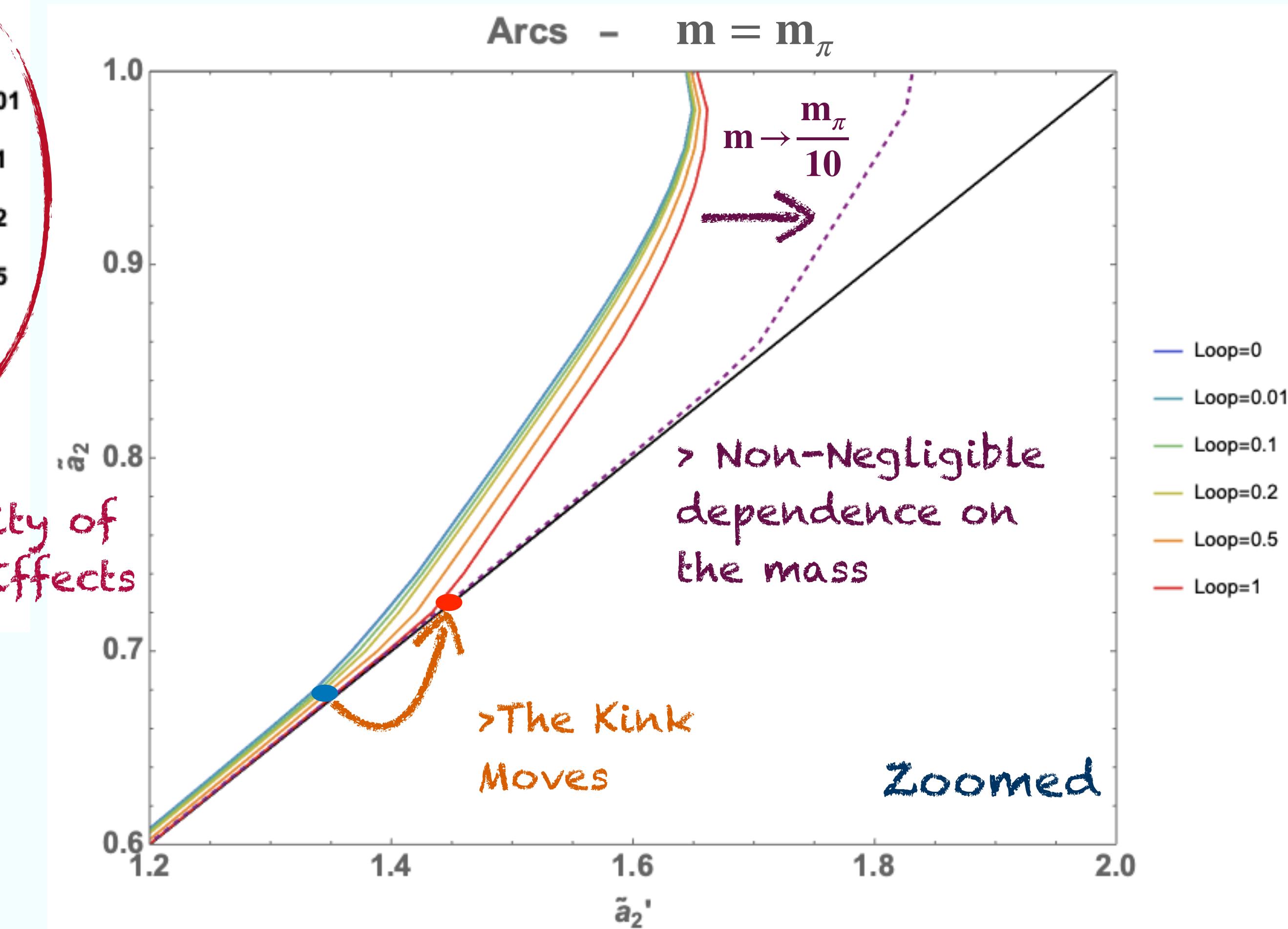
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- Loops Weaken the Bounds

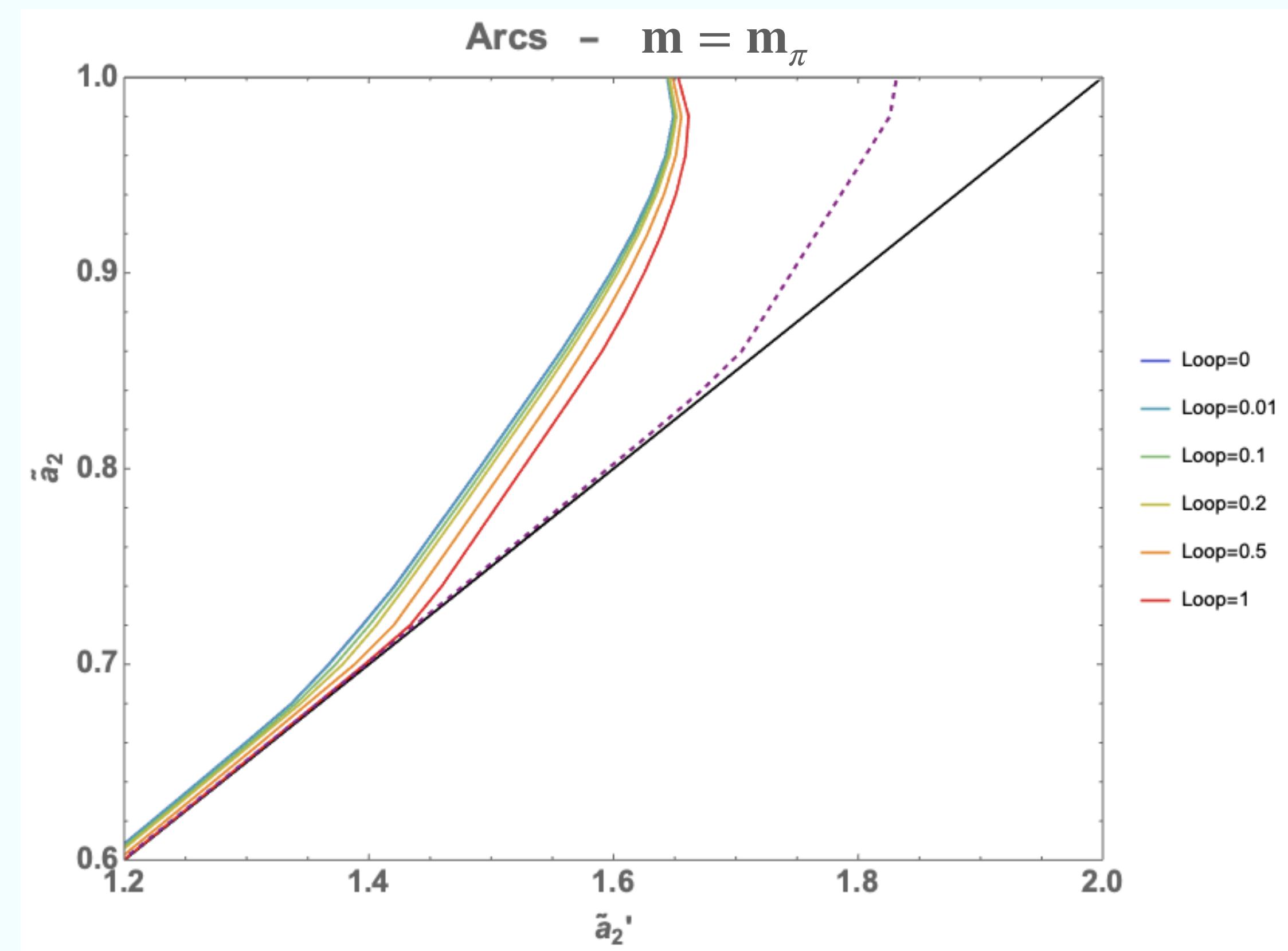


- The Kink is not Special at NLO
- IR-Singularities Spoil the Method in the massless case

# Conclusions

- UV-Theory Bounds IR-EFTs
- Dispersion Relations for the Scattering Amplitudes
- Causality&Unitarity-Bounds on Pion Scattering
- Arcs' Approach to Study Loop Effects
  - Strong Coupling Corrections to the Bounds
- Current Improvements:
  - New method for  $t \neq 0$
  - Arcs' computation for  $m > 0$

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# Thank You!