

# Relativistic three-particle states in a box

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multi-particle in- and outstates



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Requires real, physical energies and infinite volume















### Large body of formal developments spanning many decades

Transition amplitudes

#### Scattering







# **Basic set-up**



**cubic**, spatial volume (extent L)

periodic boundary conditions  $\vec{p} \in (2\pi/L)\mathbb{Z}^3$ 

time direction **infinite** 

L large enough to ignore  $e^{-mL}$ 

# Generic relativistic QFT

1. Include all interactions



2. no power-counting scheme

Not possible to directly calculate scattering observables to all orders

But it is possible to derive general, all-orders relations to finite-volume quantities

Assume lattice effects are small and accommodated elsewhere Work in continuum field theory throughout

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# Potential applications...

Studying three-particle resonances

$$\omega(782) \to \pi\pi\pi$$

$$N(1440) \to N\pi, N\pi\pi$$



# Calculating weak decay amplitudes and form factors $K \to \pi \pi \pi$

#### **Determining three-body interactions**

NNN three-body forces needed as EFT input for studying larger nuclei and nuclear matter



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see also... Hammer, Pang, Rusetsky (2017)

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# Relating E and $K_{df,3}$



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## To do list...



**Remove the restriction on two-particle sub-resonances** 

First derivation is complete, checking and writing-up

Extend the mapping to multiple species and channels

Develop code to explore the relations (especially beyond isotropic)

 $\Box$  Understand unphysical artifacts that arise for extreme values of  $K_{df,3}$ 

Derive the formalism for three-particle transition amplitudes
Perform the first three-particle LQCD calculation

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# **Backup Slides**

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# How can we extract a singular, eight-coordinate function using finite-volume energies?

Spectrum depends on a modified quantity with singularities removed

$$\mathcal{K}_{df,3} \not\supset \cdots$$

df stands for "divergence free" Same degrees of freedom as  $\mathcal{M}_3$   $\int$  Smooth, real function (easier to extract) Relation to  $\mathcal{M}_3$  is known (depends only on on-shell  $\mathcal{M}_2$ )

Degrees of freedom encoded in an extended matrix space



# Quantization condition

At fixed  $(L, \vec{P})$ , finite-volume energies are solutions to  $\det_{k,\ell,m} \left[ \mathcal{K}_{\mathrm{df},3}^{-1} + F_3 \right] = 0$ 

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# Relating $\mathcal{K}_{df,3}$ to $\mathcal{M}_3$ First we modify $C_L(E, \vec{P})$ to define $i\mathcal{M}_{L,3}$



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- 2. Drop disconnected diagrams
- 3. Symmetrize

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Leads to an integral equation for the scattering amplitude  $\mathcal{M}_3(E^*) = \mathcal{I}[\mathcal{K}_{df,3}(E^*), \mathcal{M}_2]$ 

Fixed total energy, manifestly convergent, on-shell only, no reference to EFT, takes care of unitarity and singularities, useful independent of finite-volume physics?

#### MTH and Sharpe (2015)

Provides a useful benchmark: Deviations measure three-particle physics

$$i\mathcal{M}_3 = \mathcal{S}\left[\underbrace{i\mathcal{M}_2}_{i\mathcal{M}_2} + \underbrace{i\mathcal{M}_2}_{i\mathcal{M}_2} + \cdots\right]$$

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Meaning for three-to-three scattering is clear





$$E_n^{\text{non-int}}(L) = \omega_1 + \omega_2 + \omega_3$$
$$\omega_i = \sqrt{m^2 + 4\pi^2 \mathbf{n}_i^2/L^2}$$

Why are these states clustered? Accidental NR degeneracy!

$$E_n^{\rm NR}(L) = 3m + \frac{2\pi^2}{L^2}(\mathbf{n}_1^2 + \mathbf{n}_2^2 + \mathbf{n}_3^2)$$

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# $\mathcal{K}_{\mathrm{df},3}^{\mathrm{iso}}(E) = 0$ solutions

Straightforward to vary a and to study large volumes



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But, to avoid poles in  $\mathcal{K}_2$  , we must require  $\ a < 1/m$