

# Causality constraint on bound states and scattering with zero-range force [arXiv:1402.4973 \[nucl-th\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1402.4973).

do perturbative pions deserve  
another chance?

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# Outline

## ⚛ Motivation

Chiral EFT of few-nucleon systems

## ≈ Light-by-light scattering sum rules

general principles: unitarity, causality, etc.

## ♂ Zero-range force:

Bound state, tachyon, K-matrix pole

using the sum rules as consistency (causality) criterion  
 $\phi^4$  theory

## ≥ (Relativistic) Wigner's inequality

positive effective range parameters

## ✂ Conclusions and outlook

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$$M_{+-+-}(s) = M_{++++}(-s), \quad M_{++--}(s) = M_{++--}(-s)$$

**AMPLITUDES WITH DEFINITE PARITY UNDER CROSSING:**

$$f^{(\pm)}(s) = M_{++++}(s) \pm M_{+-+-}(s)$$

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$$\Delta\sigma = \sigma_2 - \sigma_0$$

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# Light-by-light scattering sum rules

4) “LOW-ENERGY THEOREM”:  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{EH}} = c_1(F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu})^2 + c_2(F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu})^2,$

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## LOW-ENERGY EXPANSION

$$f^{(-)}(s) = O(s^5)$$

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$O(s^1)$  :  $0 = \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} [\sigma_2(s) - \sigma_0(s)]$  GERASIMOV & MOULIN, NPB (1976)  
BRODSKY & SCHMIDT, PLB (1995)

$O(s^2)$  :  $c_1 = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s^2} \sigma_{\parallel}(s),$  V. P. & VANDERHAECHEN, PRL (2010)

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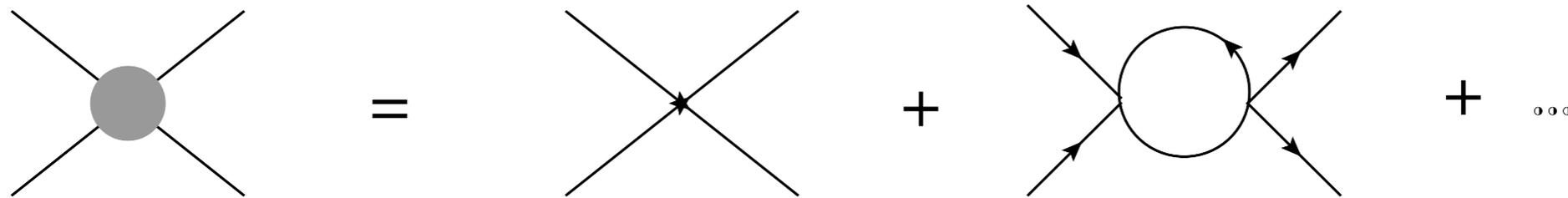
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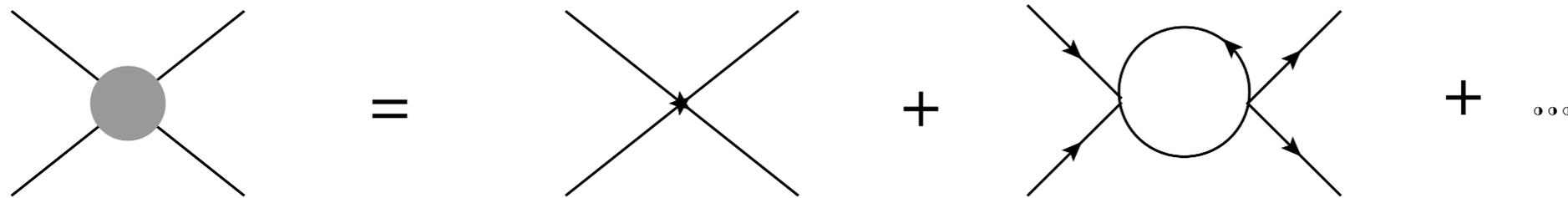
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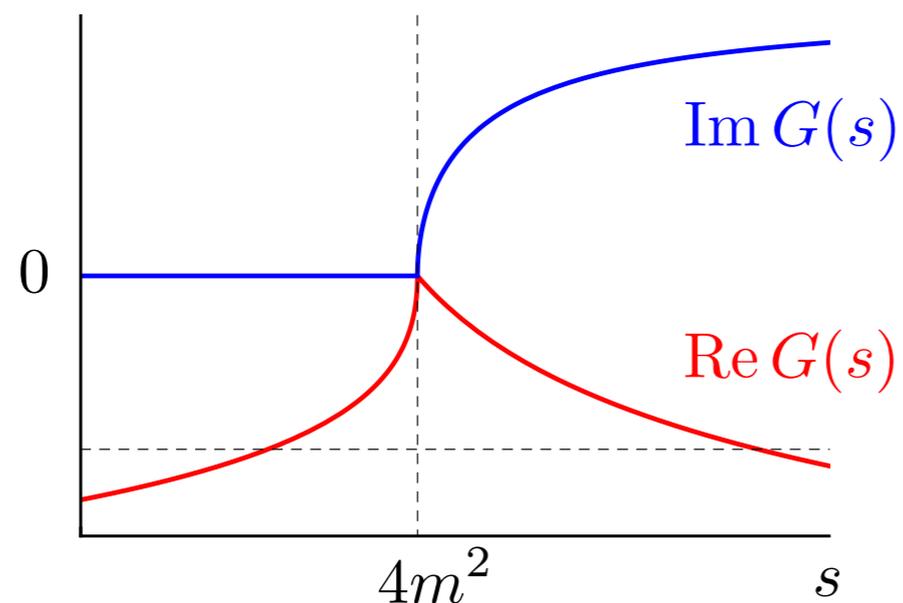
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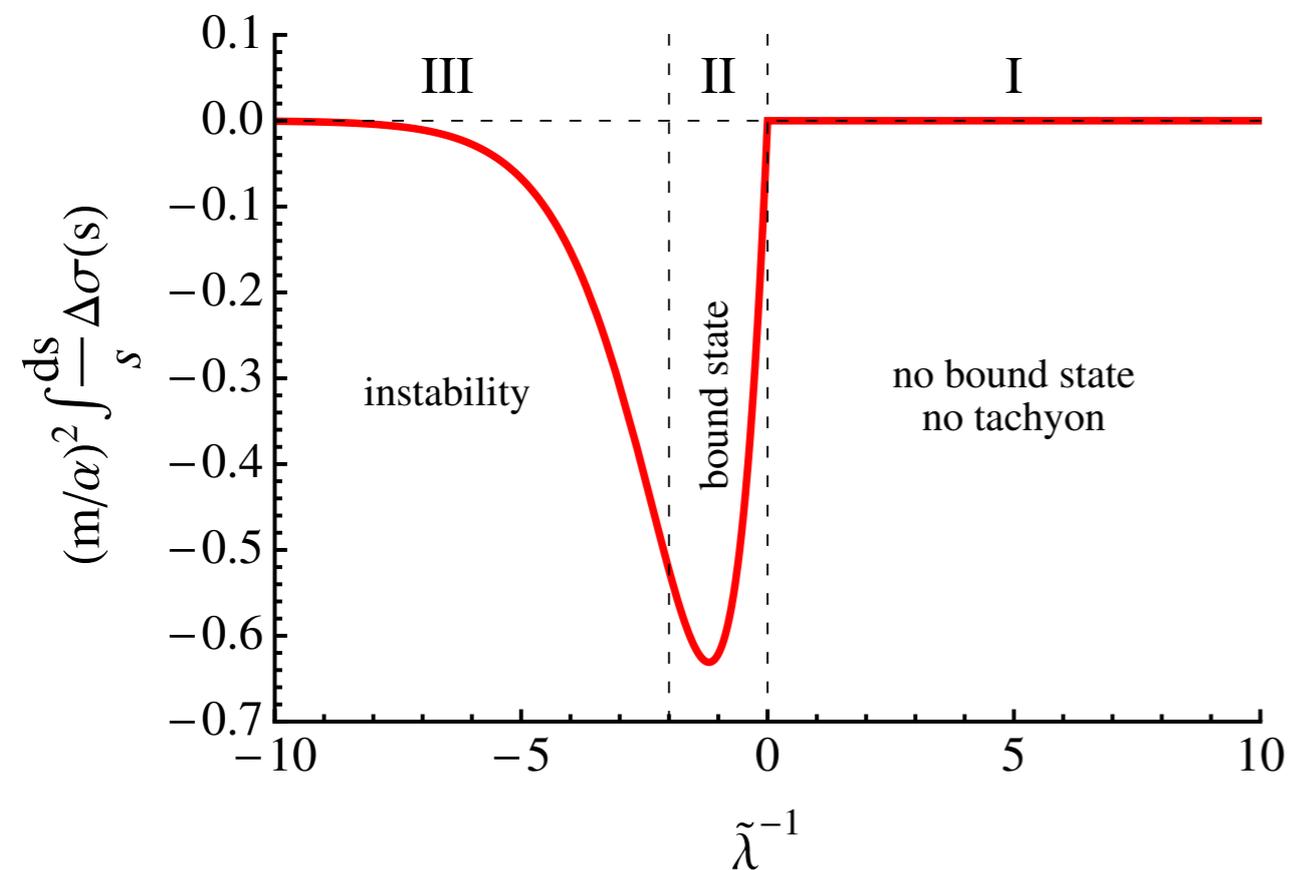
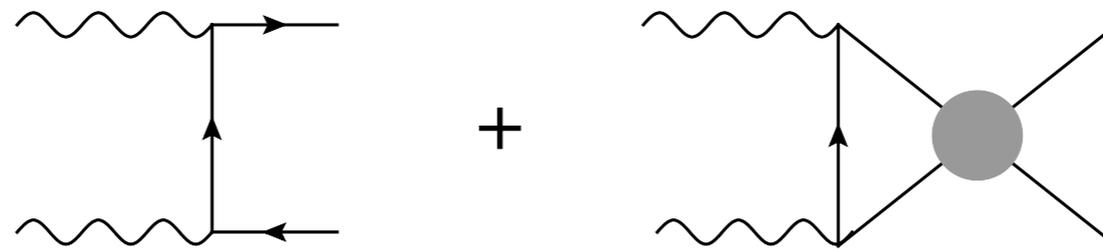
$\lambda < 0$  : one pole and one K-matrix pole

$$T(s) = \frac{1}{K^{-1}(s) - i}$$

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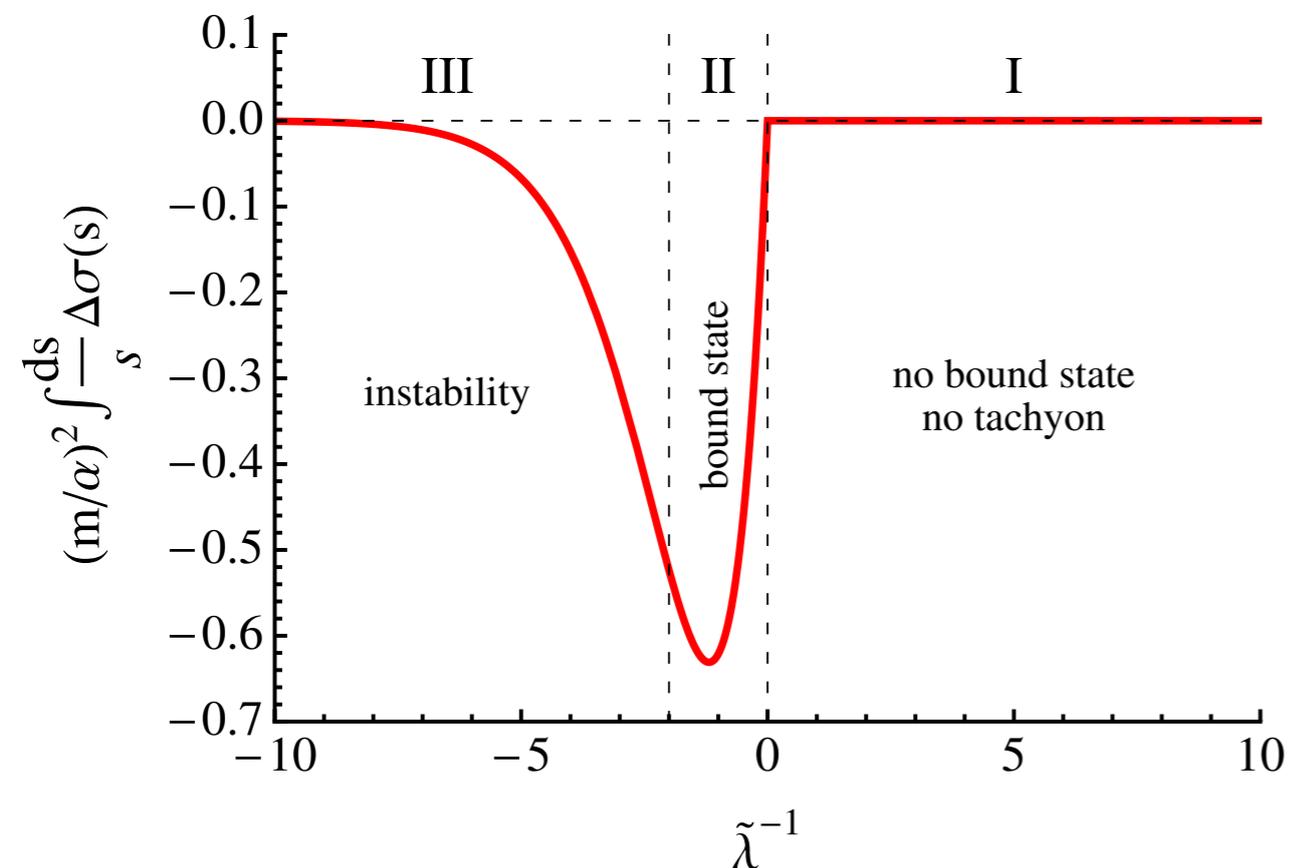
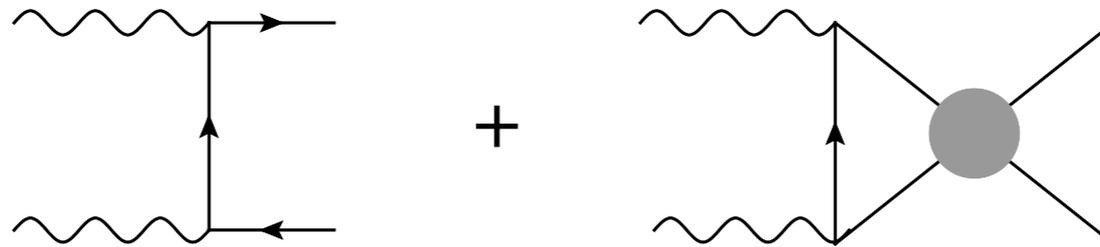
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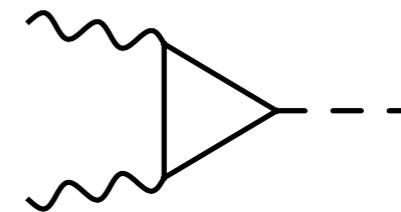
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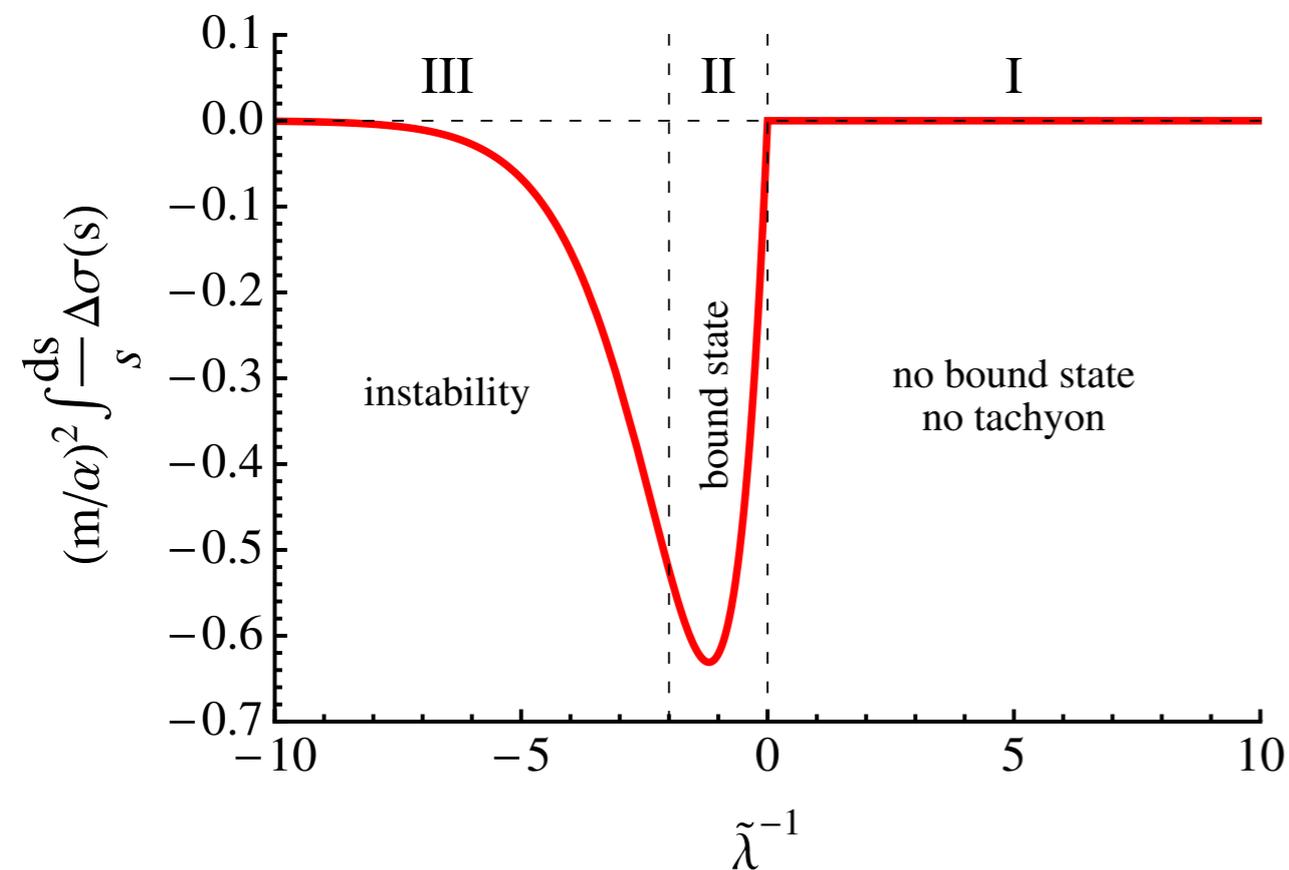
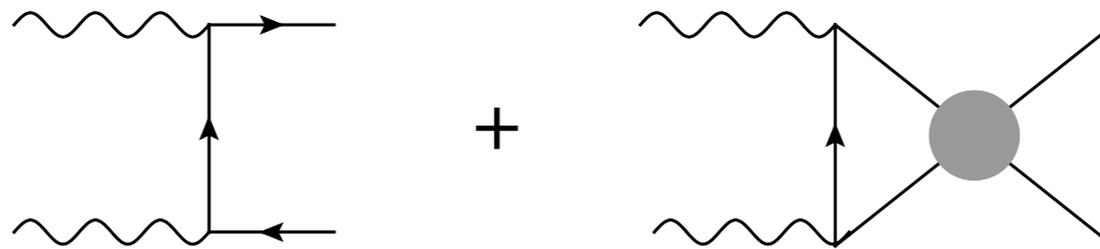
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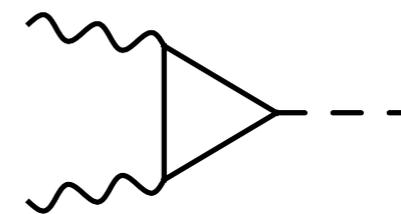
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# Phase shifts

Levinson's theorem:

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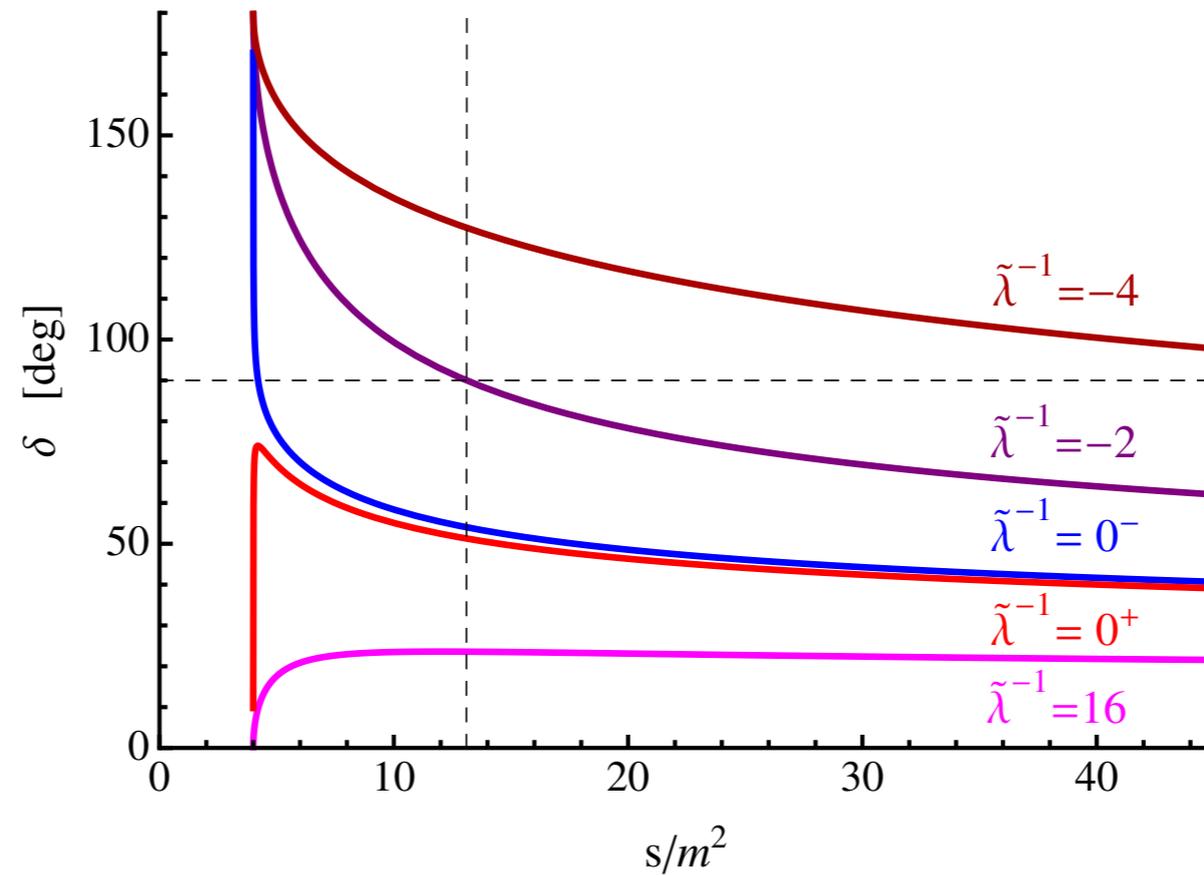


Figure 7: Phase shift for different values of  $\tilde{\lambda}$ .

The 90 degree crossing, i.e. the K-matrix pole does not correspond to any S-matrix pole in this case

# Wigner's causality bound

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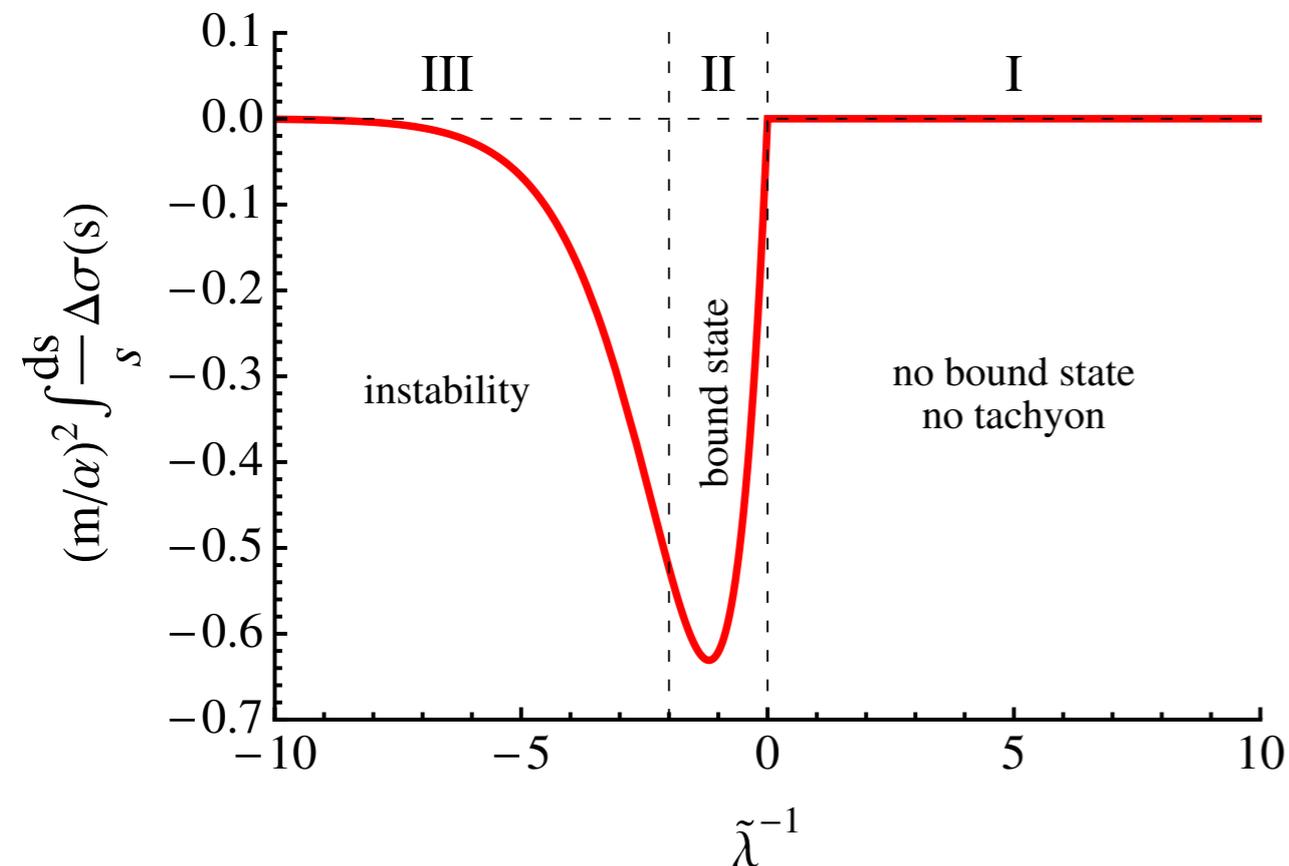
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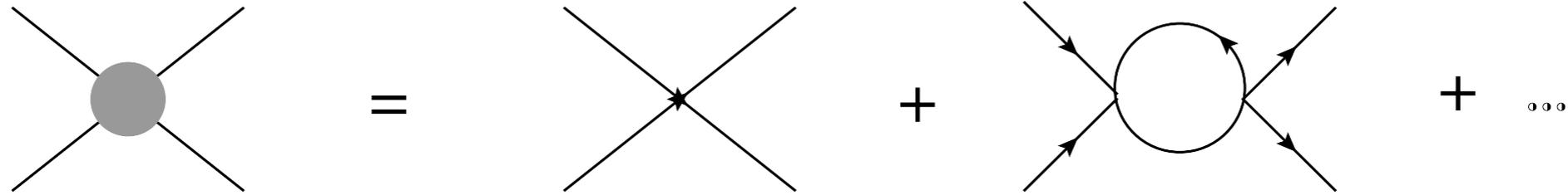


In the the tachyon (acausal) regime at least one of the effective range parameters is negative.

Therefore our causality criterion yields:

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# Non-relativistic limit



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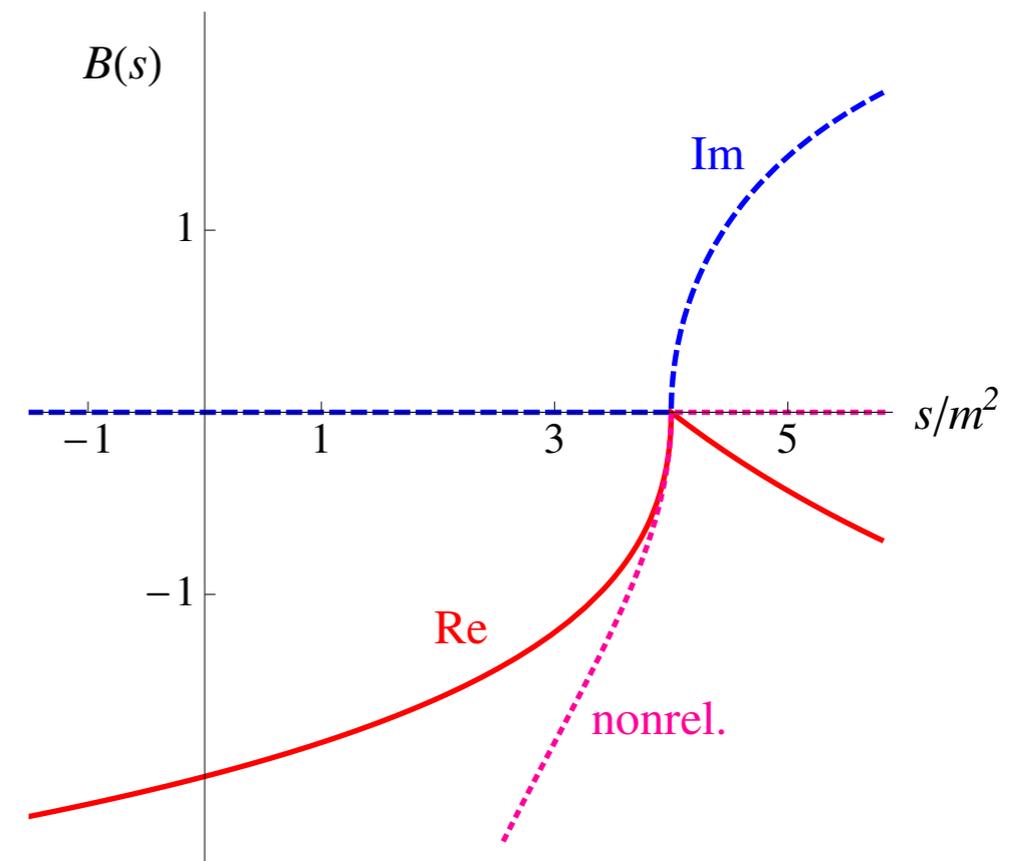
In non-rel. limi, K-matrix pole disappears and

$$r = 0$$

in agreement with Wigner's bound

Zero eff. range of 2-body force eventually leads to the problems with the 3-body force

[BEDAQUE, HAMMER, VAN KOLCK (1999)]



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