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SCATTERING AND FEMTOSCOPIC CORRELATION FUNCTIONS OF THE $\Sigma_c\pi$ SYSTEMS

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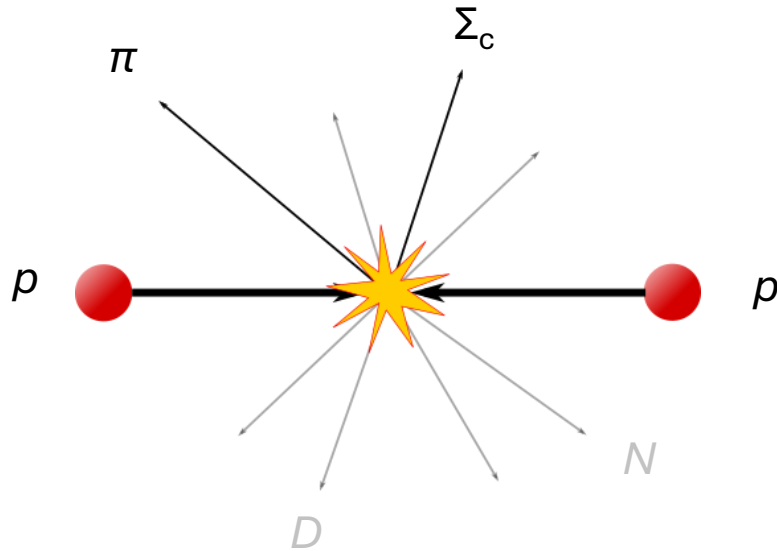


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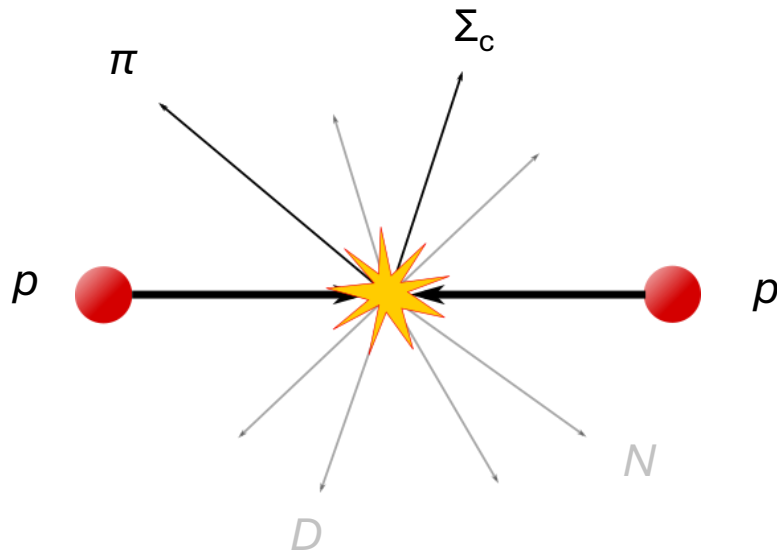
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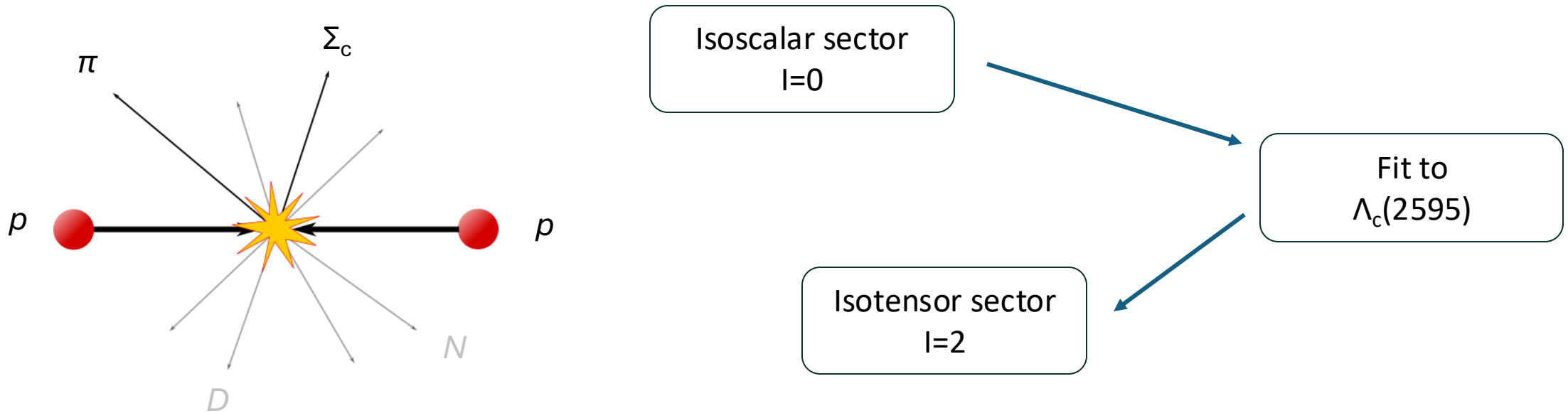
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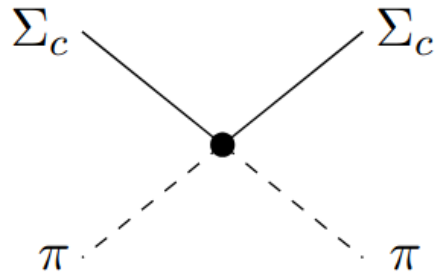
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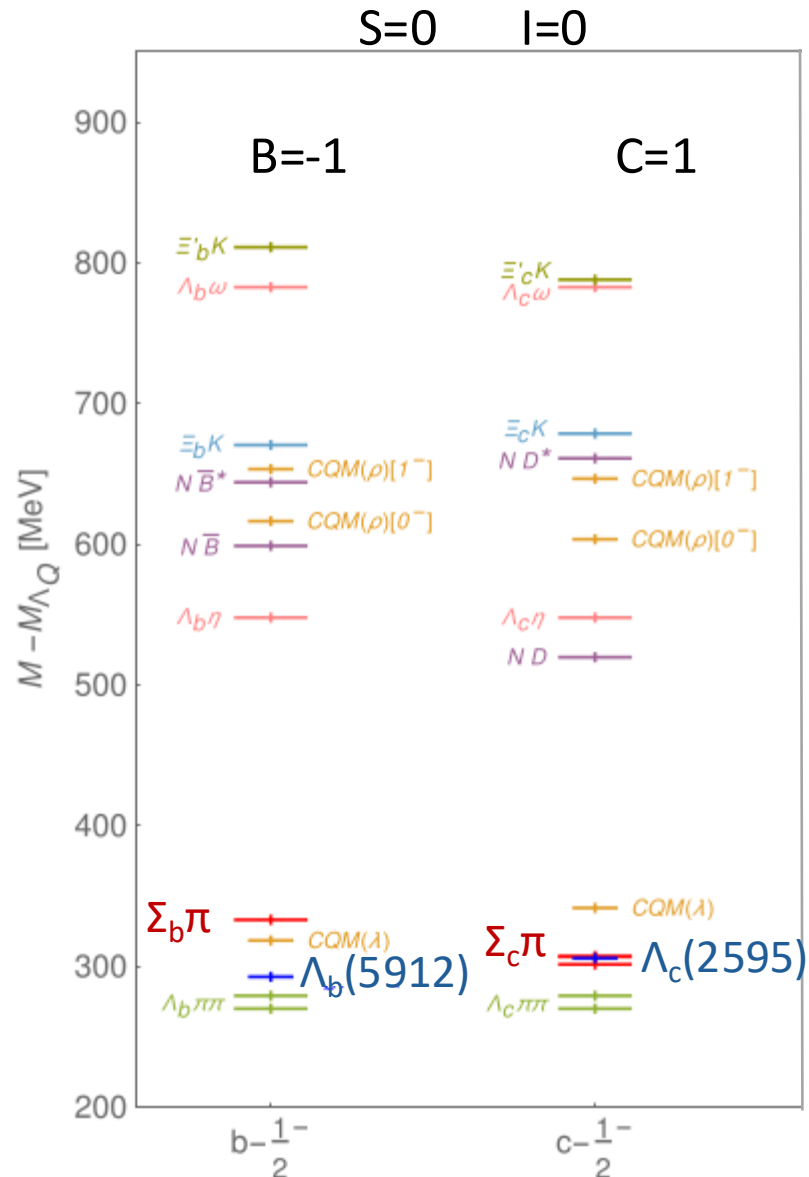


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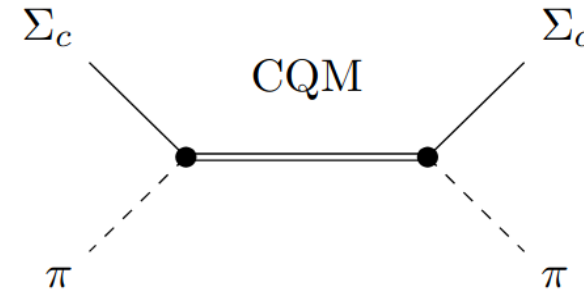
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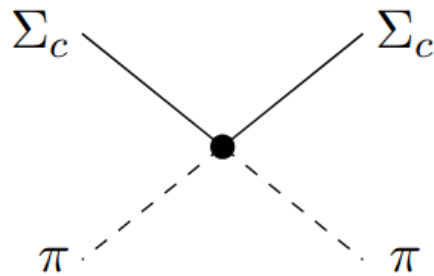
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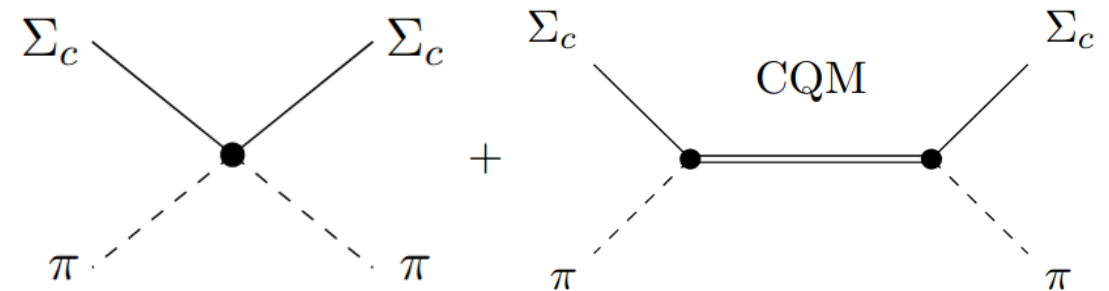
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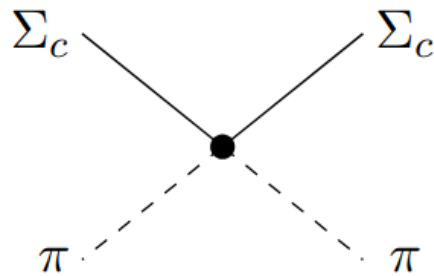
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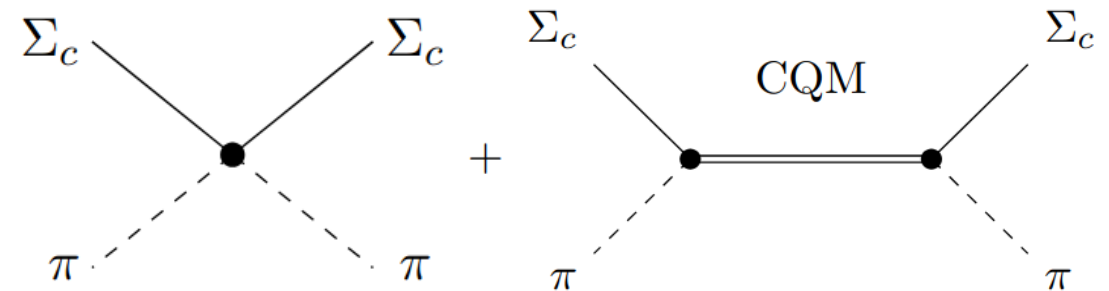
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Key point for the $I=2$ calculation

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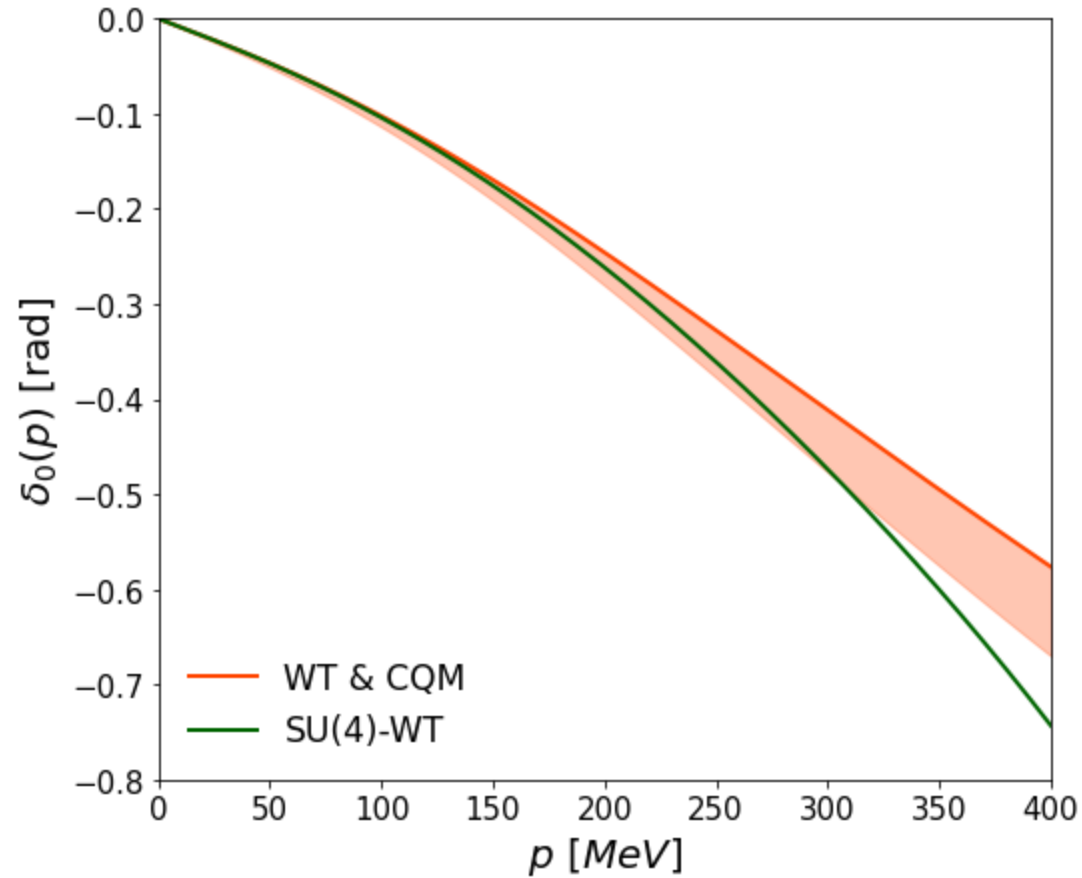


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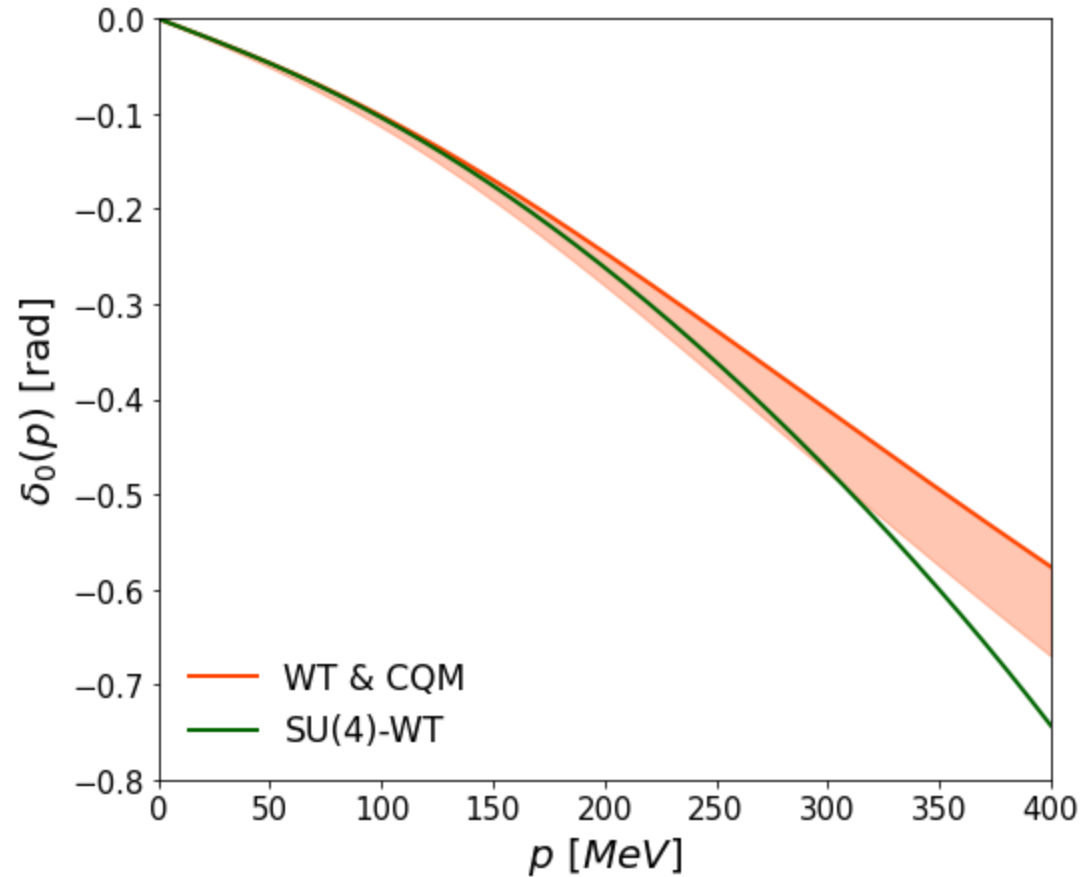


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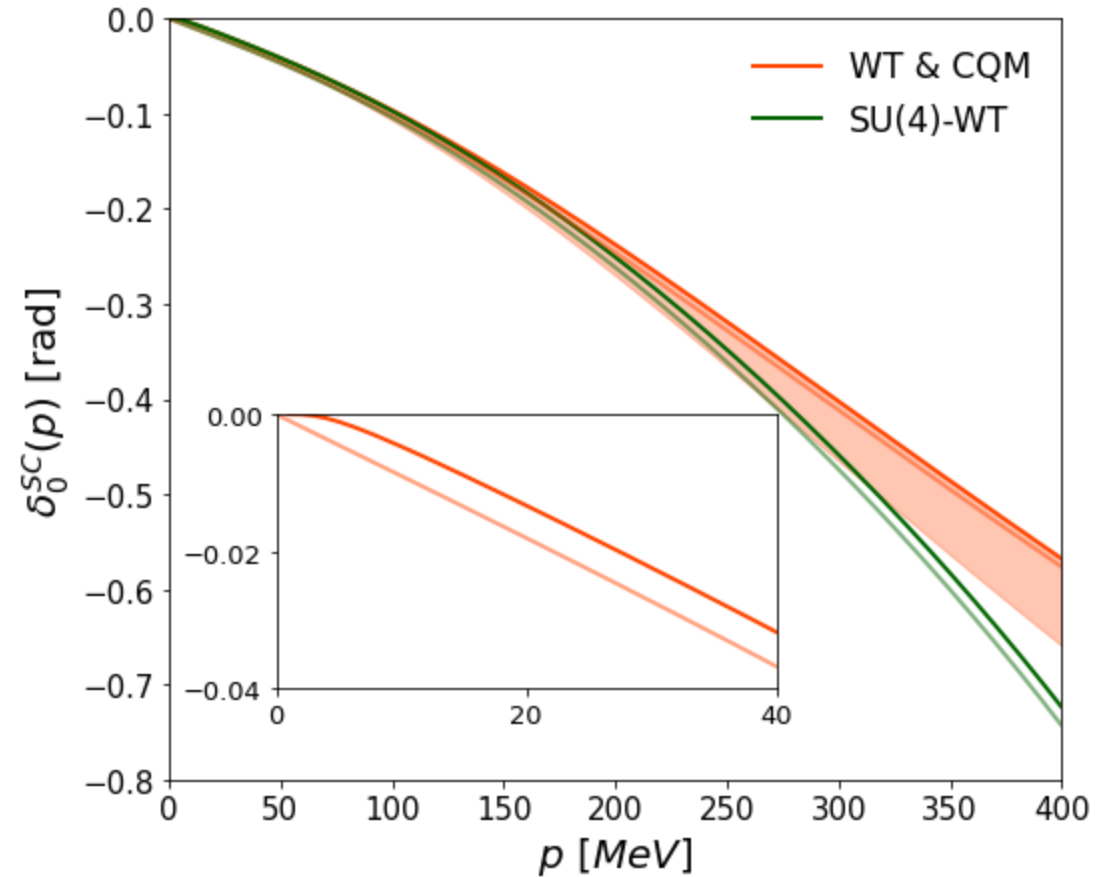
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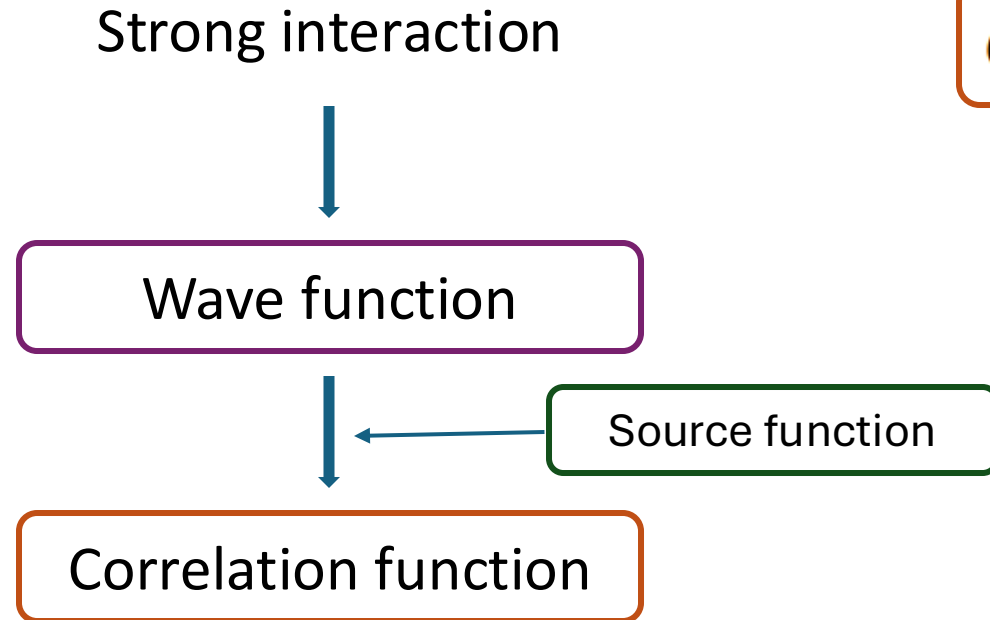


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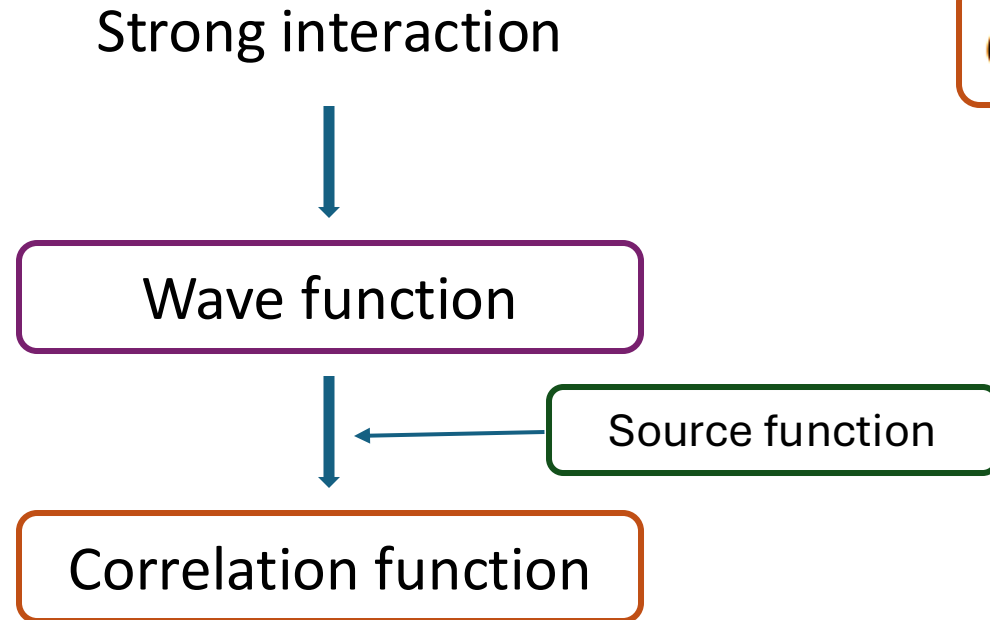
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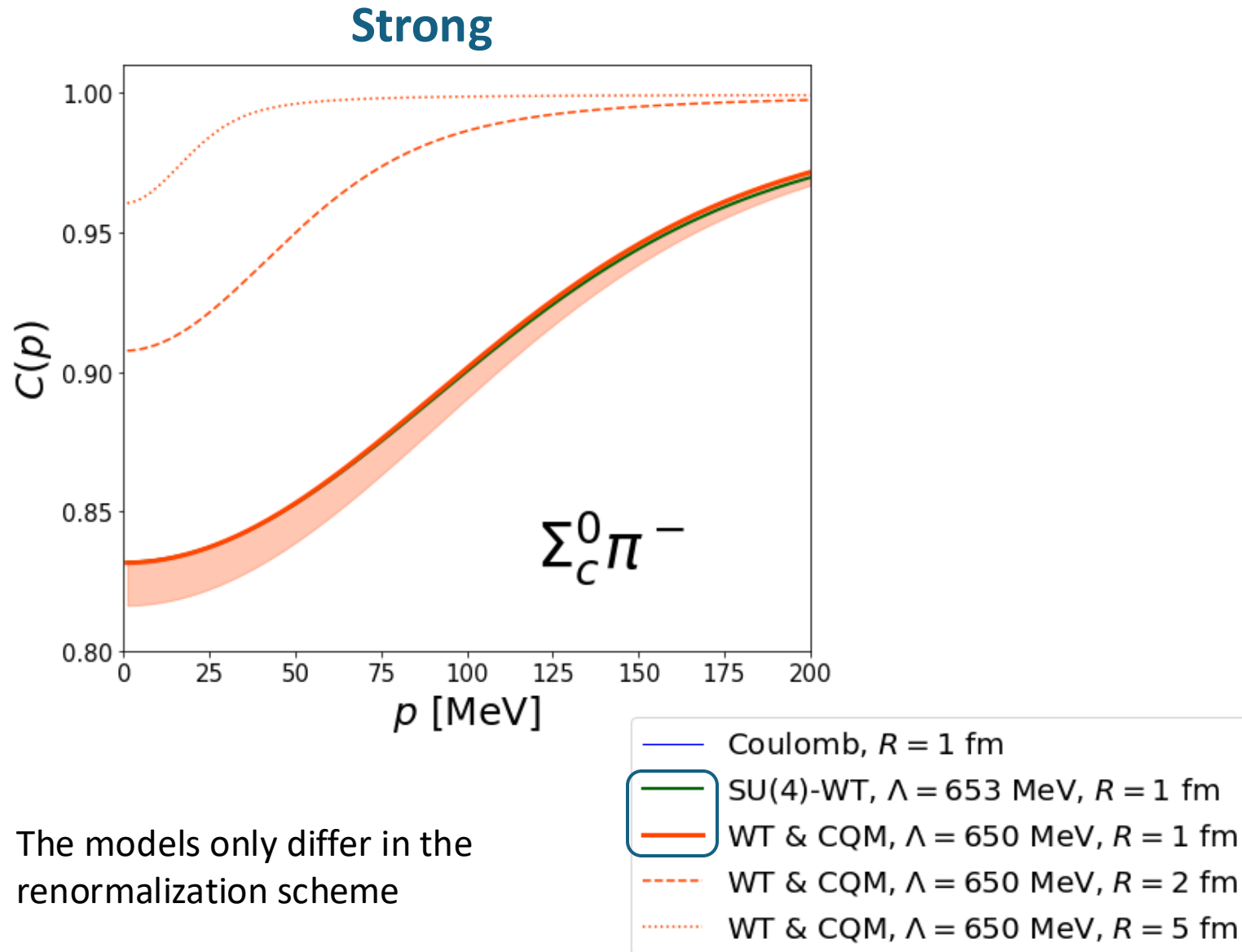
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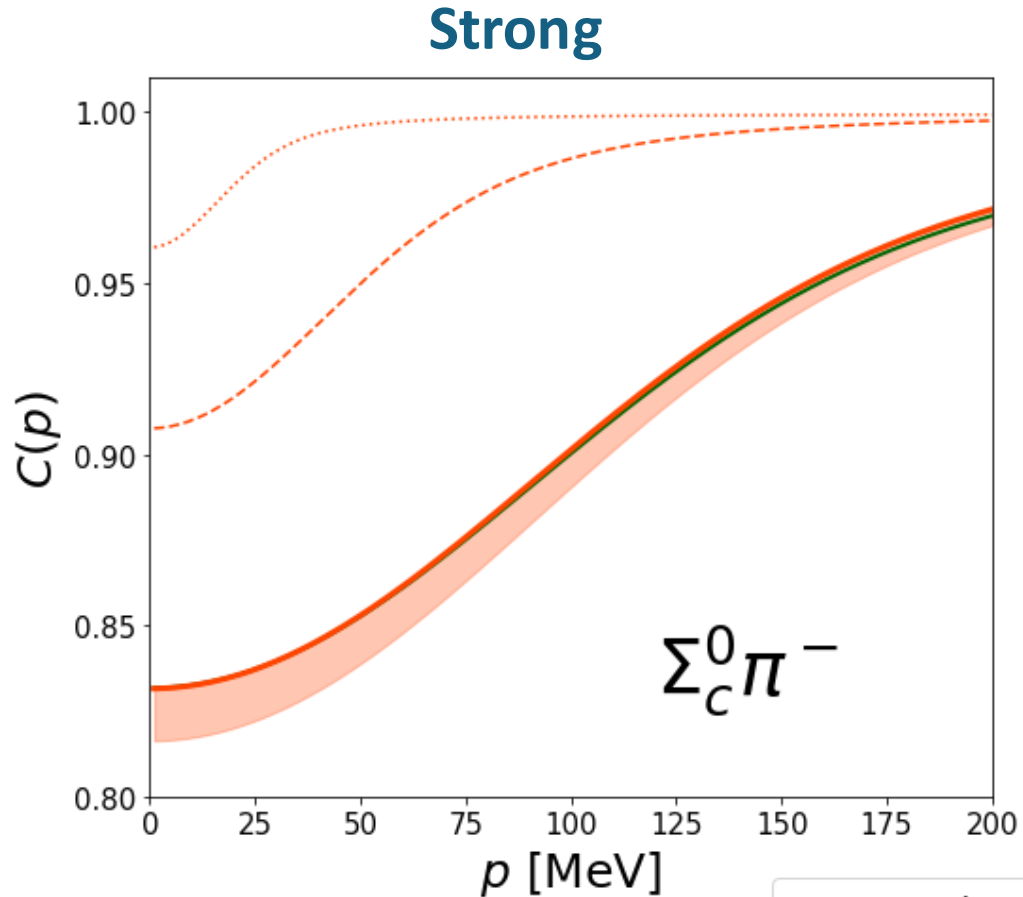
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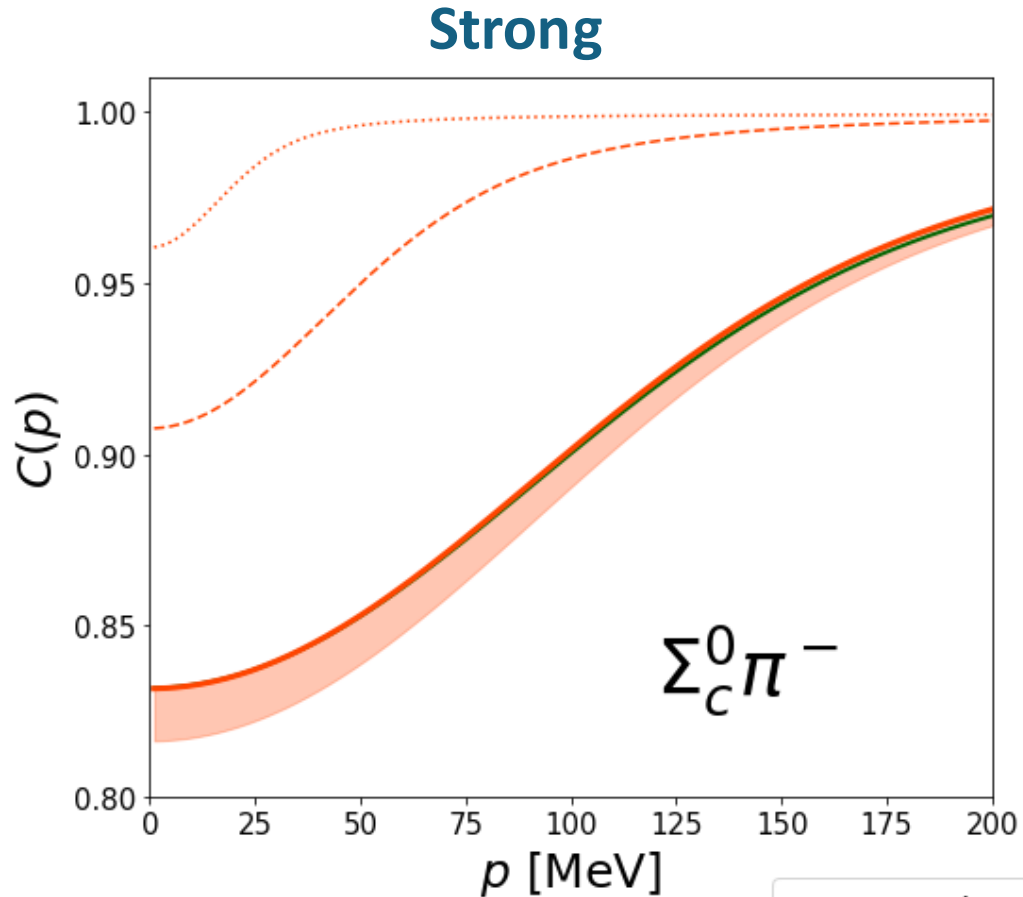
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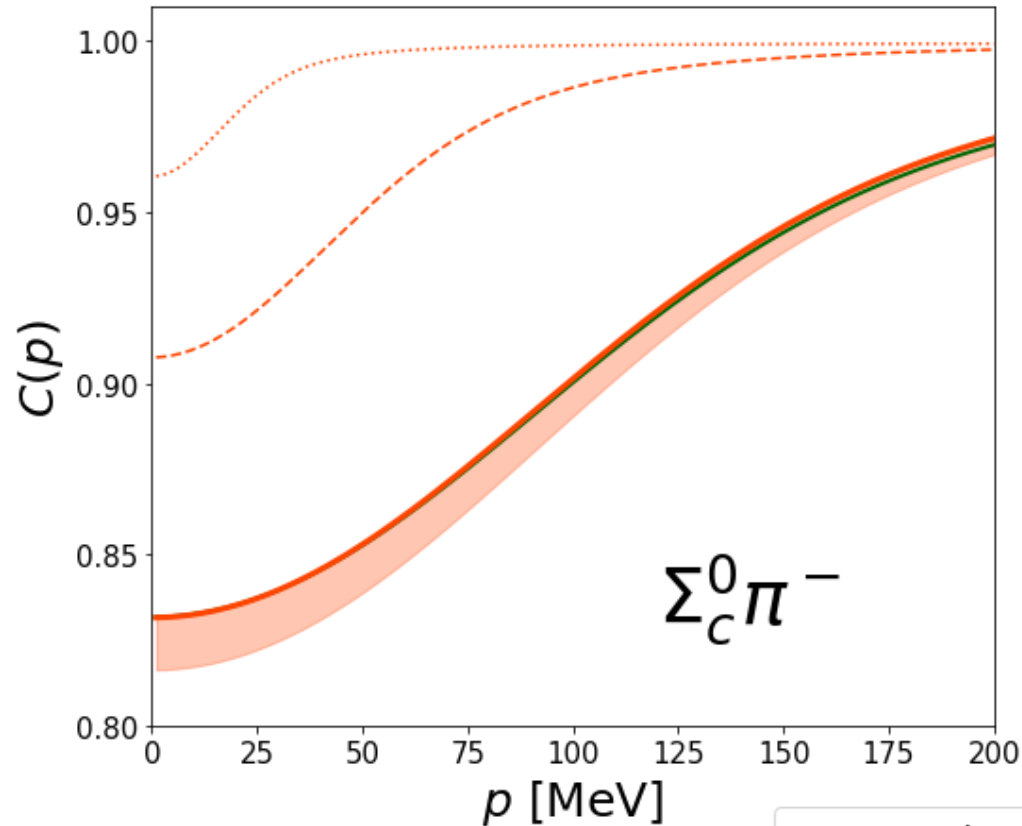
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larger R $\longrightarrow$ sensitivity decreases

BUT WHAT HAPPENS ONCE COULOMB IS INCLUDED?

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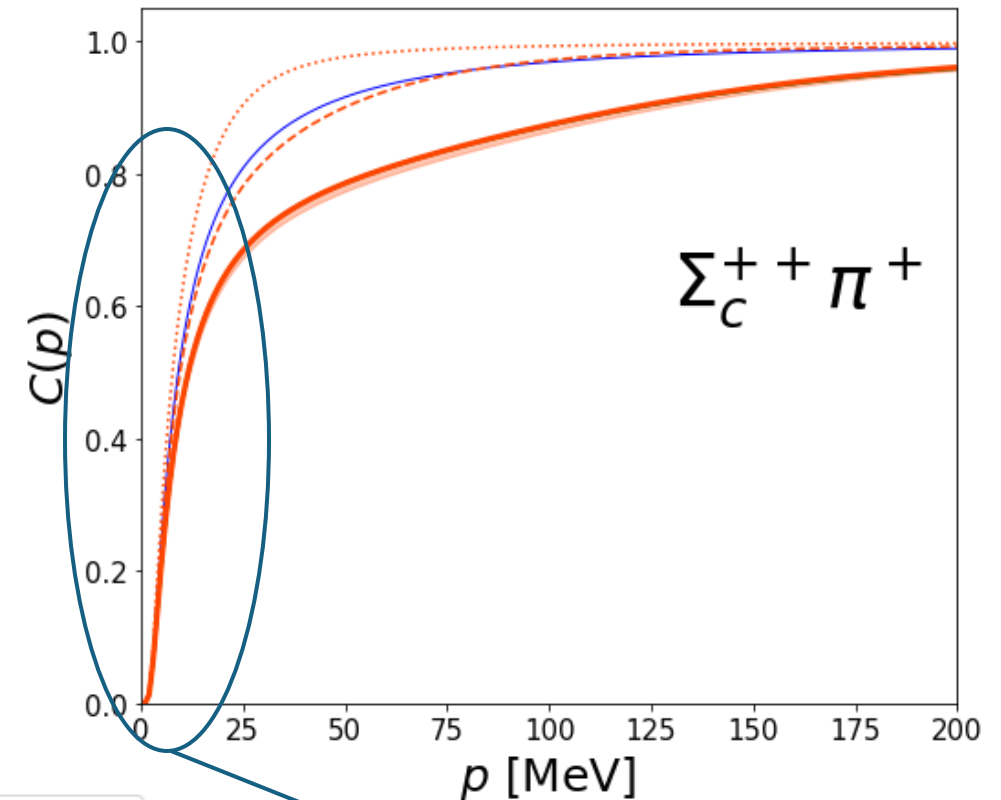
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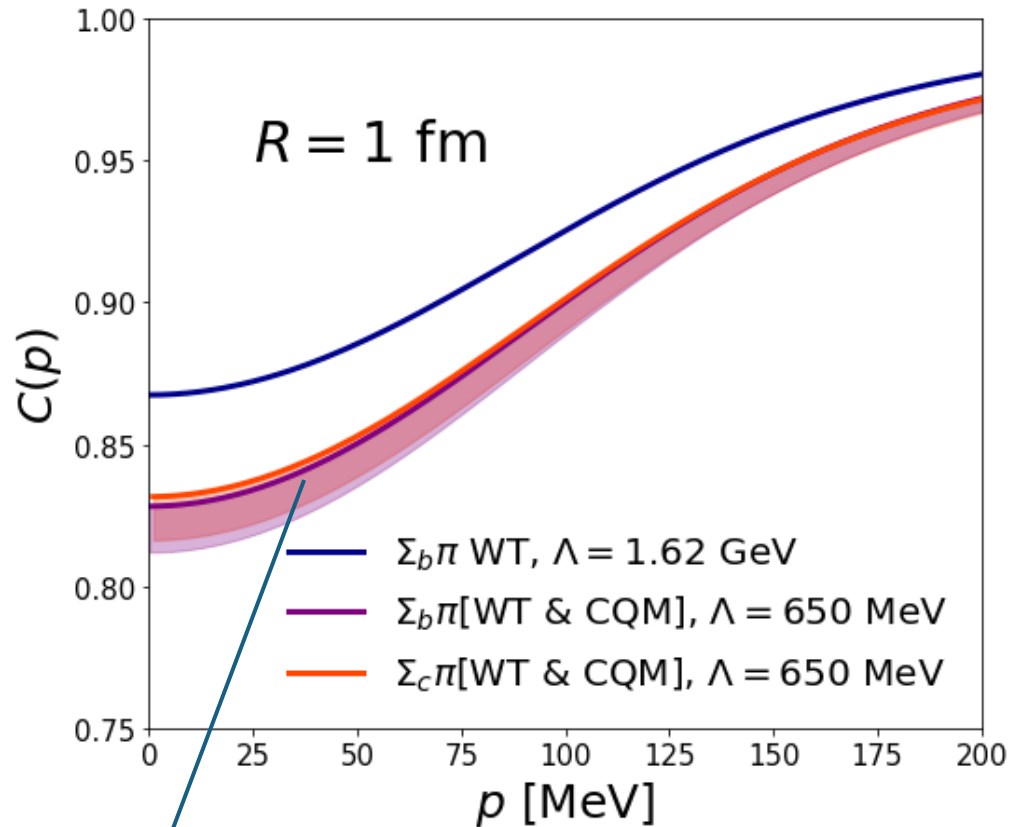


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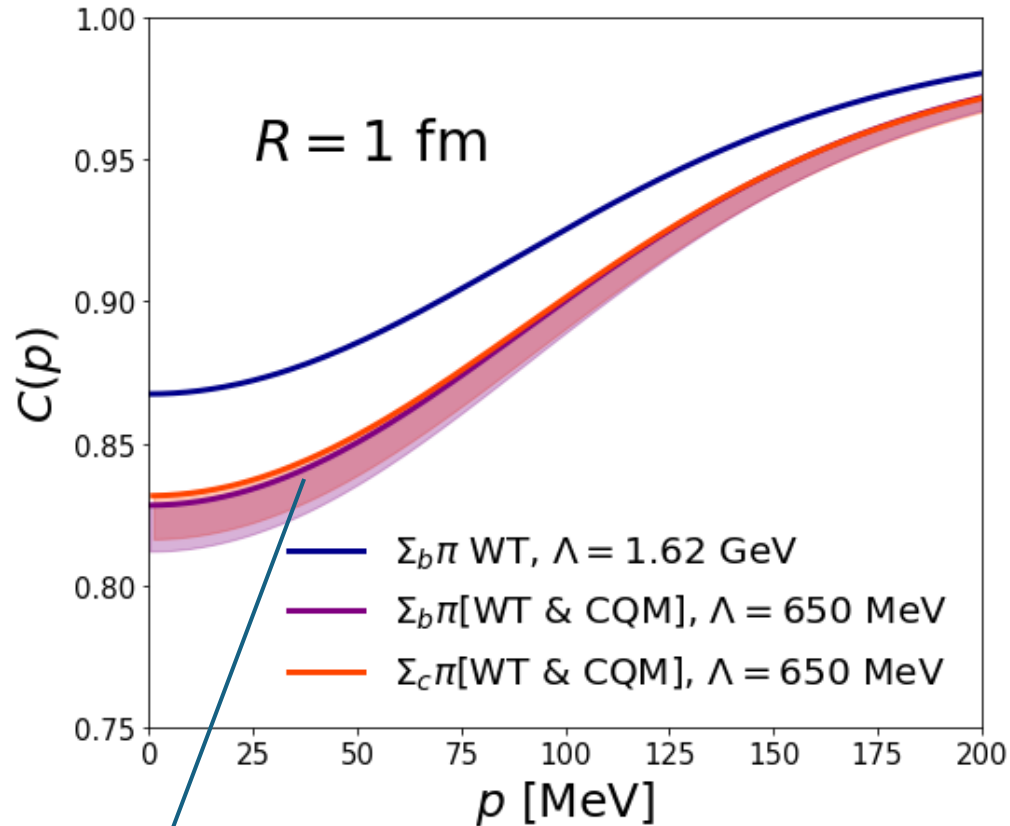
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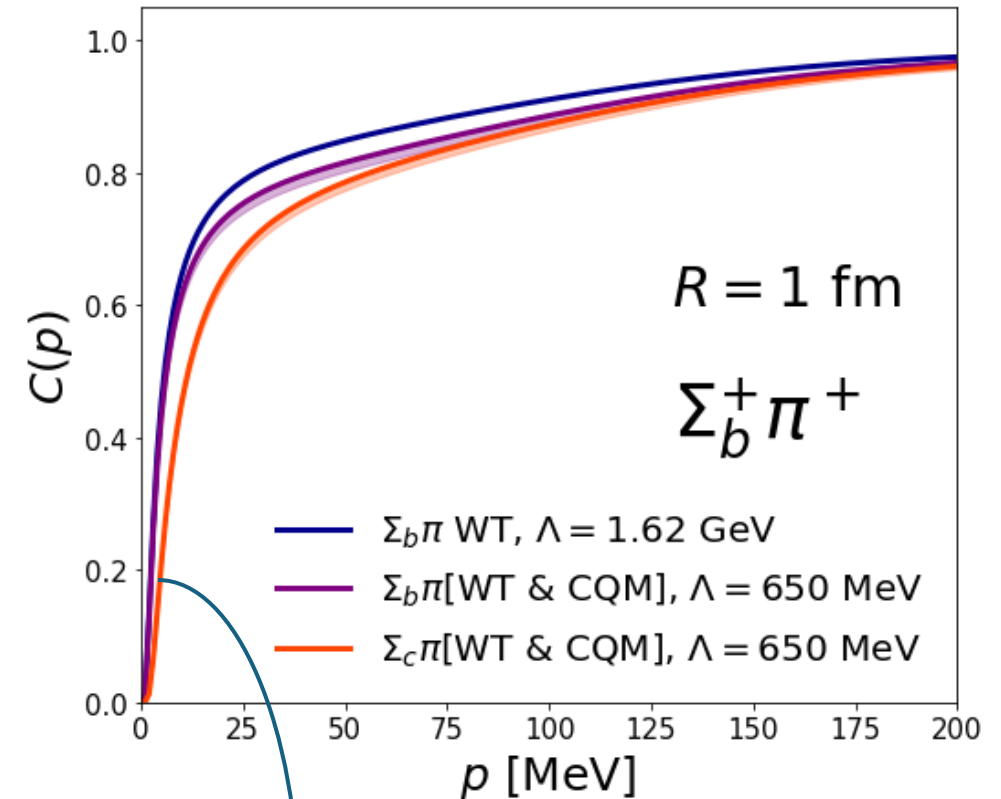
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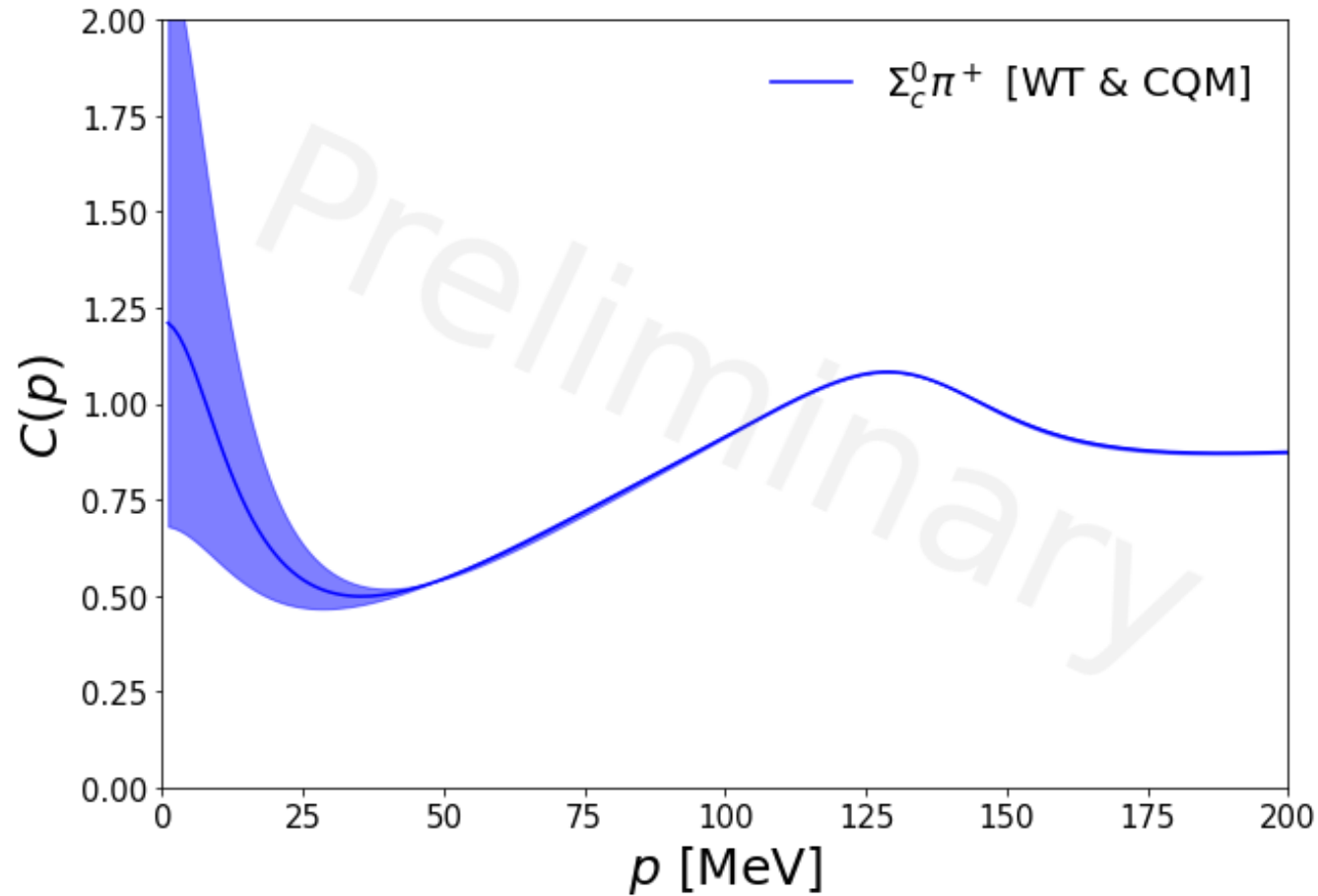
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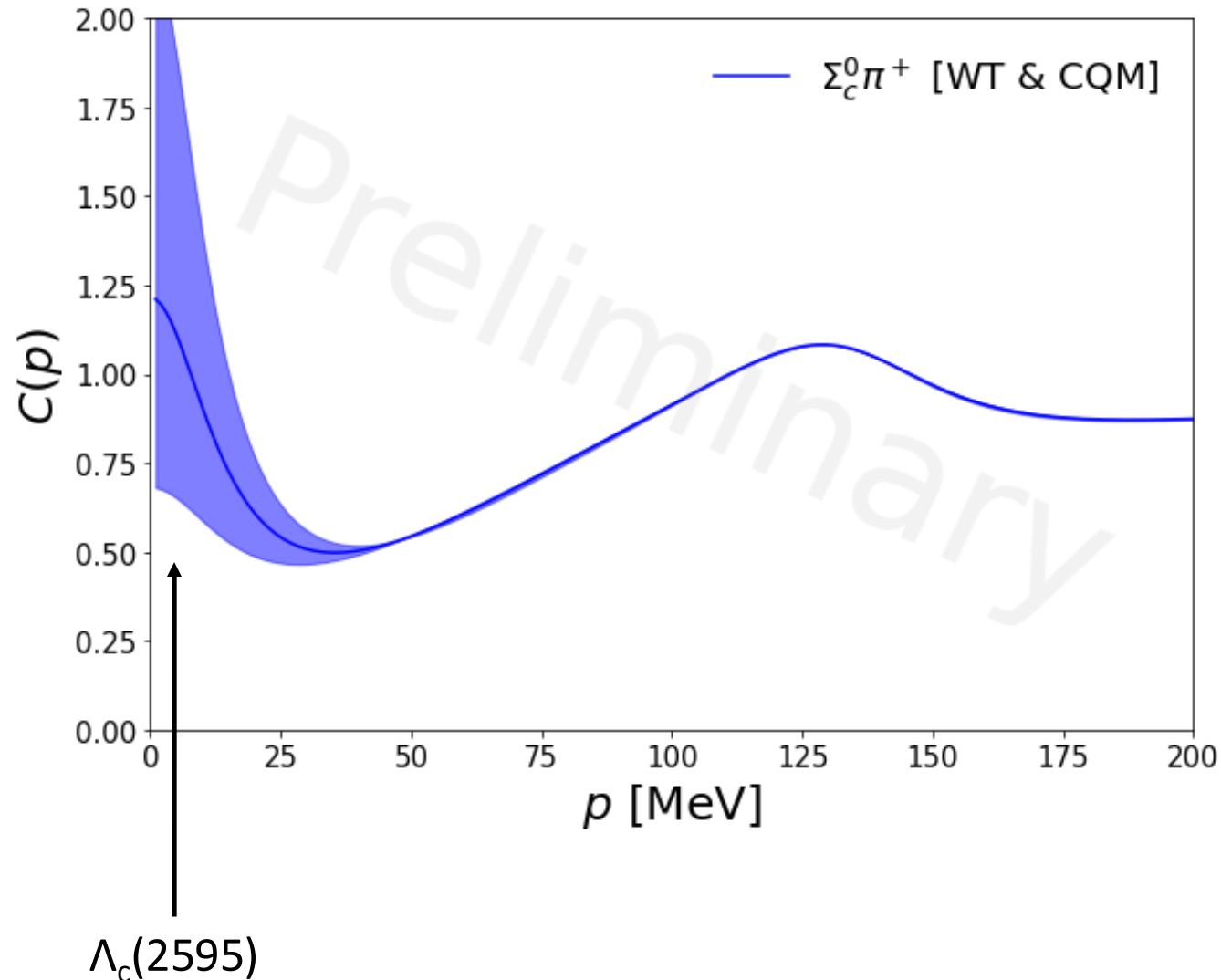
Less repulsive correlation function
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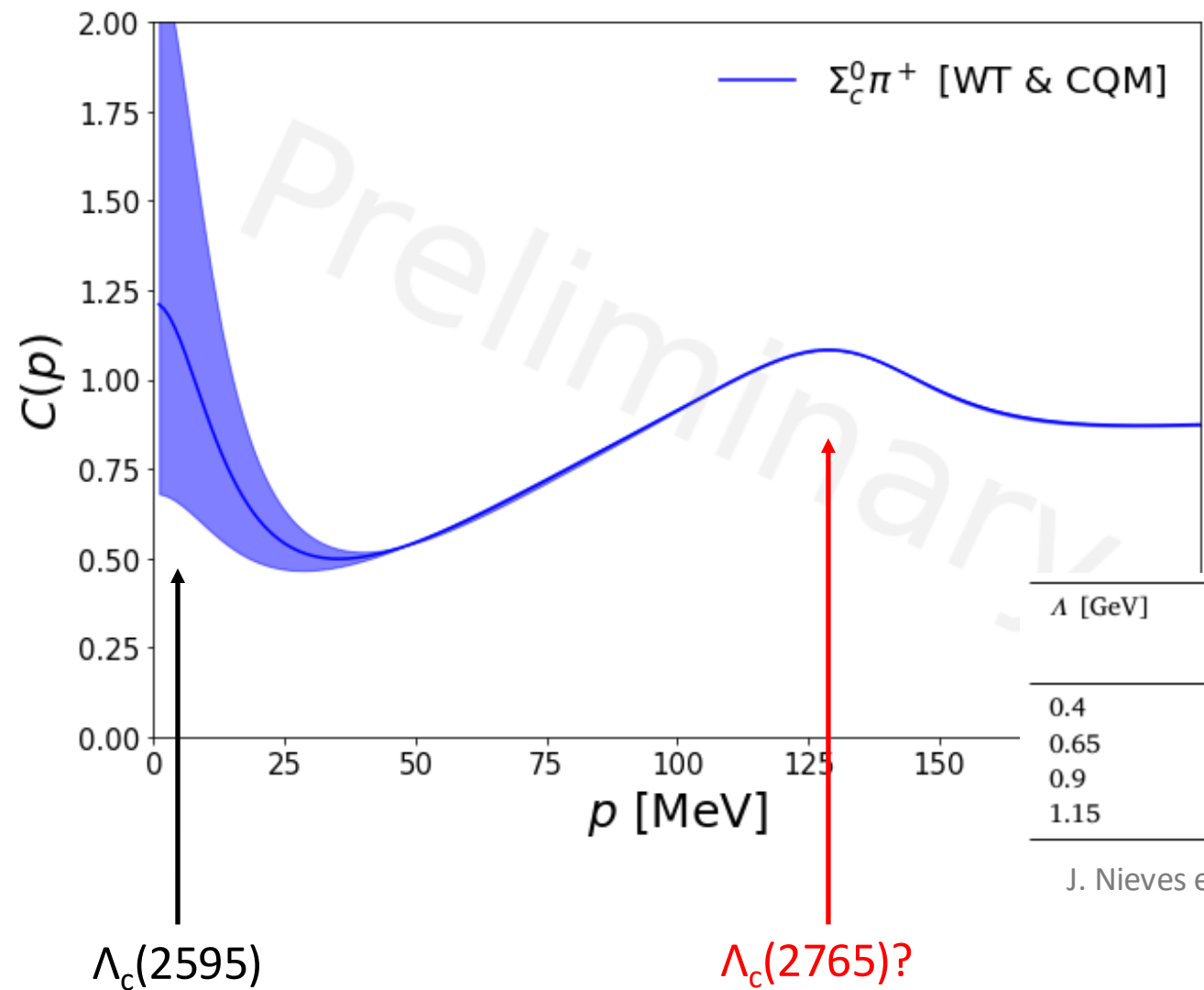
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Λ [GeV]	$ d_Q $	$\Sigma_c \pi$ [$J^P = 1/2^-$]			
		M [MeV]	Γ [MeV]	$ g_{\Sigma_c \pi} $	$\phi_{\Sigma_c \pi}$
0.4	1.79 ± 0.11	2714 ± 6	85.7 ± 0.6	1.60 ± 0.02	-0.92 ± 0.01
0.65	1.06 ± 0.06	2674 ± 4	45.2 ± 1.1	1.33 ± 0.01	-0.75 ± 0.01
0.9	0.75 ± 0.04	2655 ± 2	20.5 ± 0.9	0.98 ± 0.02	-0.61 ± 0.01
1.15	0.55 ± 0.04	2643 ± 2	8.3 ± 0.8	0.67 ± 0.03	-0.49 ± 0.01

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Any question?

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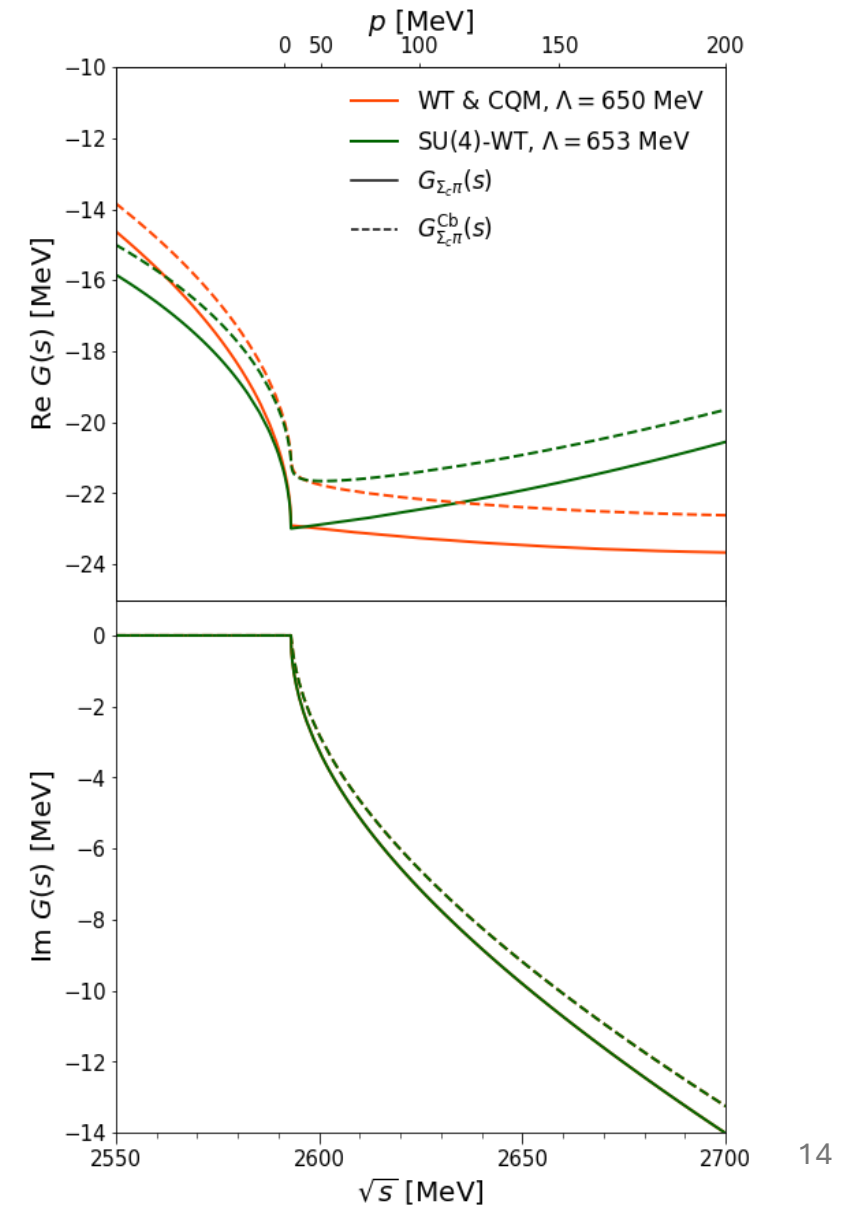
- Coulomb-dressed loop function

$$G_{\Sigma_c \pi}^{\text{Cb}}(s) = \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{E(q) + \omega(q)}{2E(q)\omega(q)} \frac{2M_{\Sigma_c} |\psi(\vec{q}, \vec{0})|^2}{s - (E(q) + \omega(q))^2 + i\varepsilon}$$

$$C_\eta^2 = \frac{2\pi\eta_p}{e^{2\pi\eta_p} - 1}, \quad \eta_p = \alpha e_{\text{eff}} \frac{\sqrt{\mu^2 + p^2}}{p}, \quad e^{2i\sigma_0} = \frac{\Gamma(1 + i\eta_p)}{\Gamma(1 - i\eta_p)}$$

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$$T_{SC}(s) = \frac{C_\eta^2 e^{2i\sigma_0}}{V^{-1}(s) - G_{\Sigma_c \pi}^{\text{Cb}}(s)}$$



BACKUP: LOW-ENERGY PARAMETERS

Model	$\Lambda[\text{MeV}]$	$a_0^{(SC)}$	$r_0^{(SC)}$ (fit)	$r_0^{(SC)}$ (der)
WT	400	0.194	7.77	7.86
WT+Coul.	400	0.198	7.96	8.03
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SU(4)	653	0.177	8.26	8.34
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Coulomb produces only a small increase in the scattering length/effective range for the weak, non-resonant $l = 2$ interaction