

An improved chiral expansion using a pion-mass dispersion relation



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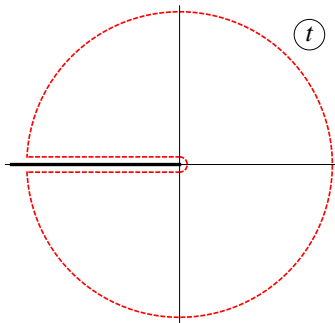


Figure: The complex $t = m_\pi^2$ plane, with the **branch-cut** along the negative real axis, and the **contour** indicating the analyticity domain.

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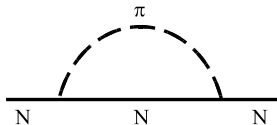
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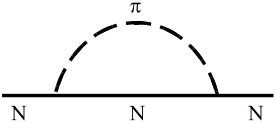
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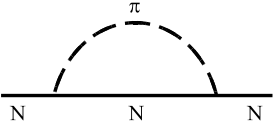
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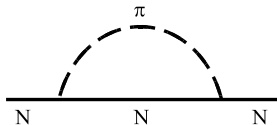
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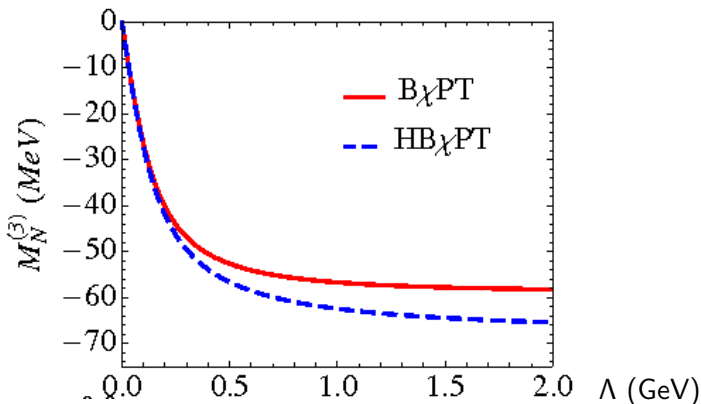


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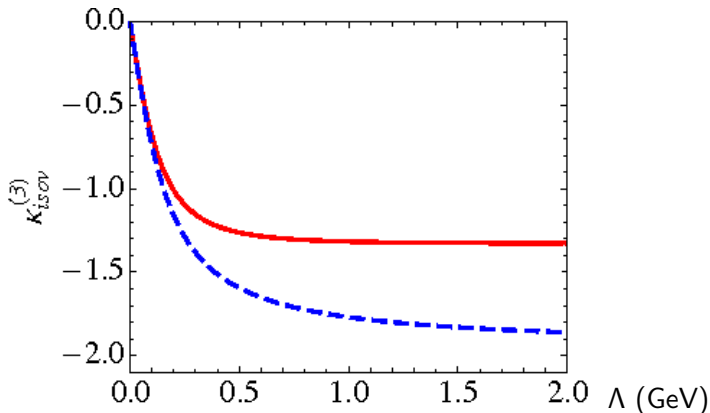


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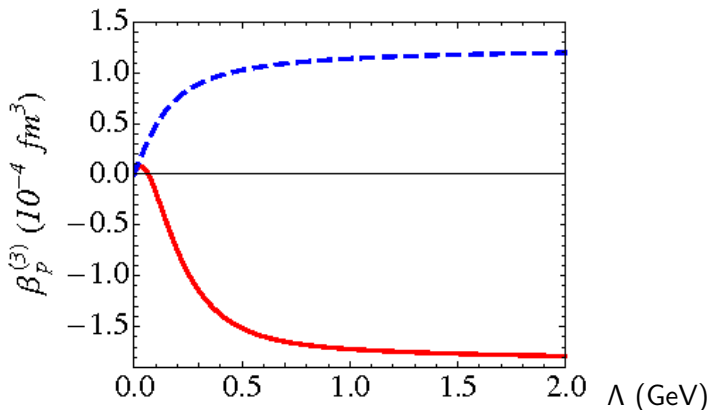


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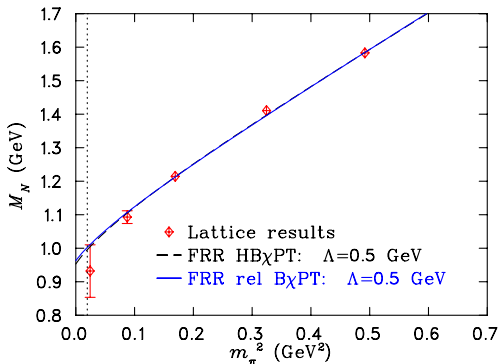
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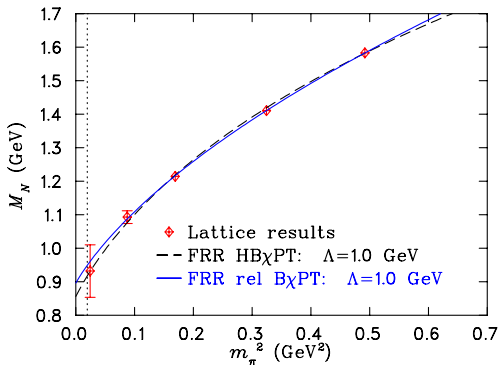
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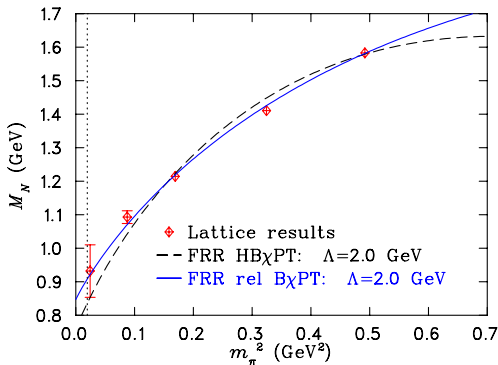
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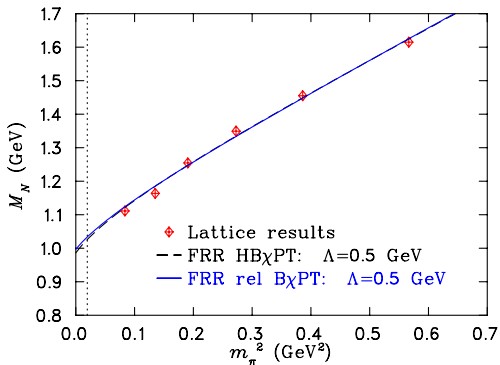


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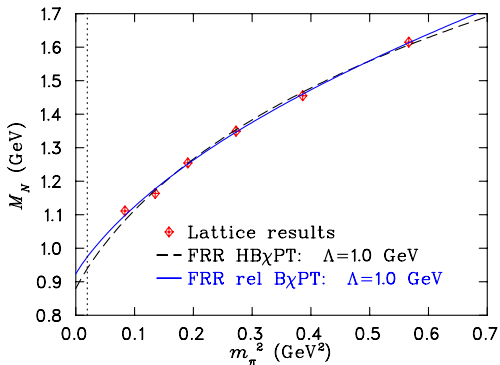
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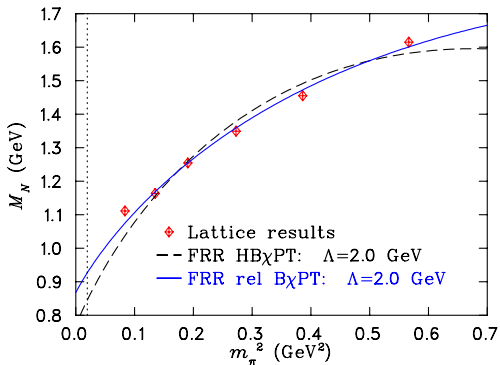
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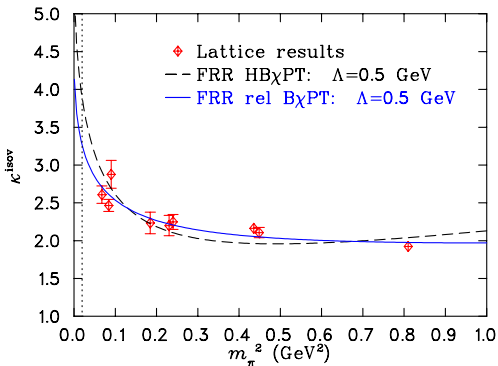


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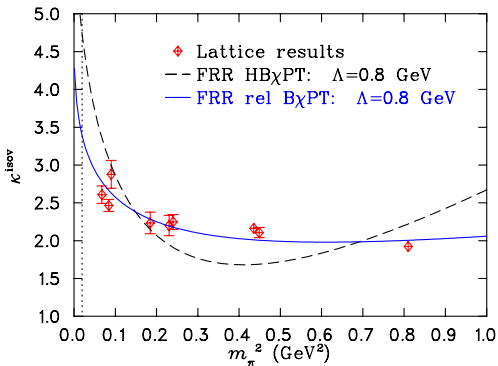


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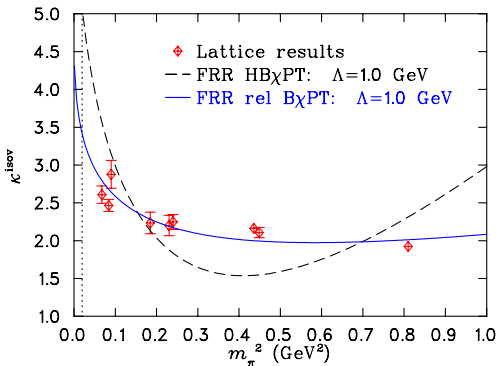


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Appendix

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$$\begin{aligned}
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