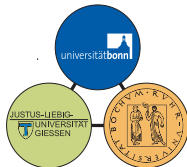


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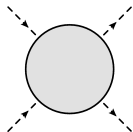
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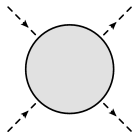
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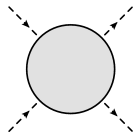
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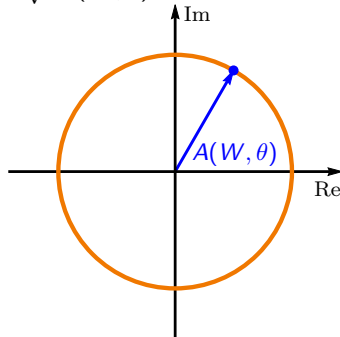
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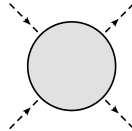
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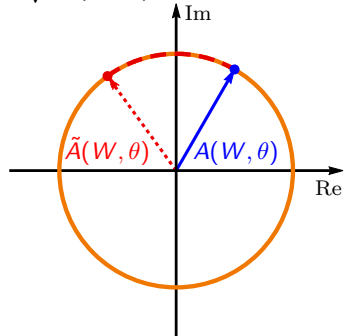


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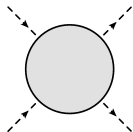
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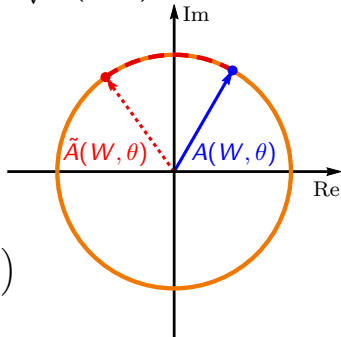
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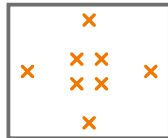
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Grey box: space of partial wave amplitudes  $\{A_0, \dots, A_\infty\}$ , or  $\{A_0, \dots, A_L\}$ .

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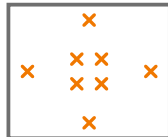
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Illustration using a toy model:

[arXiv:1706.03211v1]

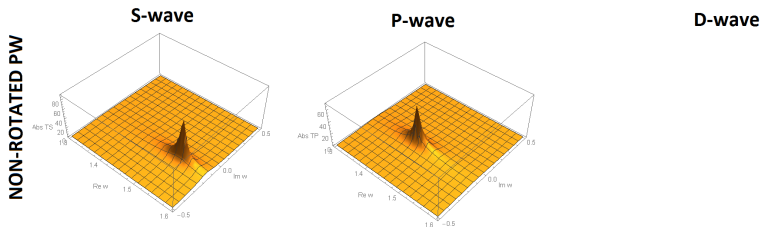
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where

$$a_S = 0.5 + 0.4i; M_S = 1.535; \Gamma_S = 0.15,$$

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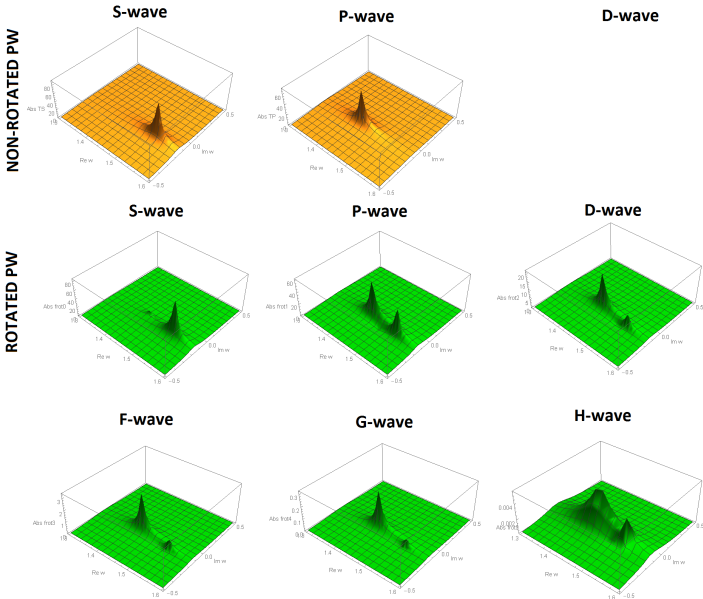
↪ Multiply this amplitude by a *simple* phase, e.g.  $\exp[2. + 0.5 \cos \theta]$ .

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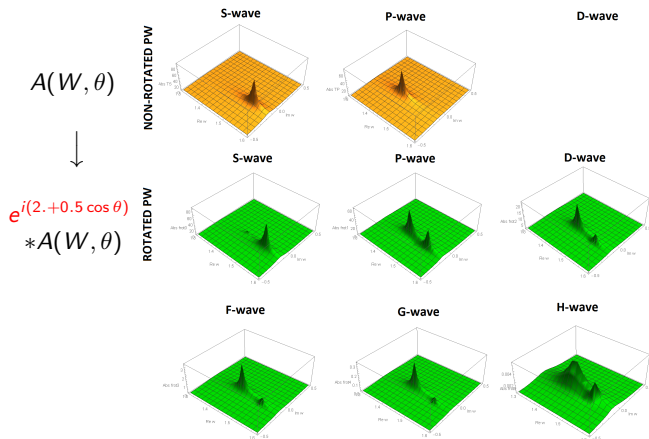
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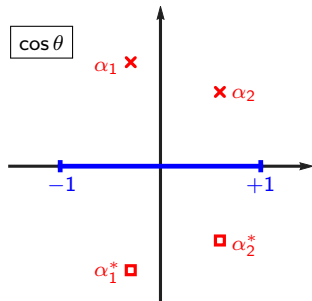
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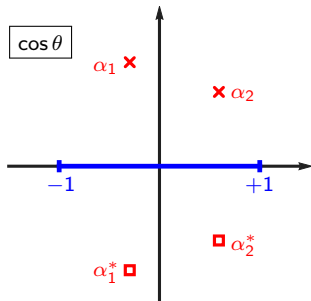
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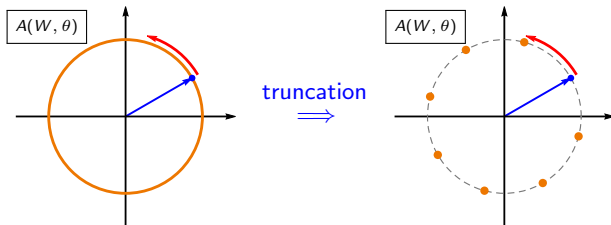
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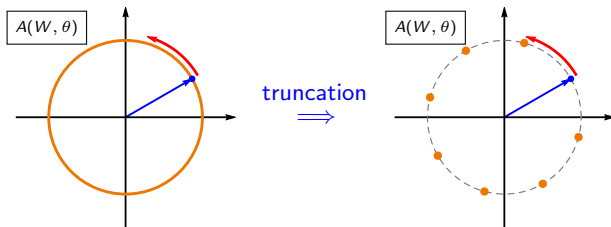
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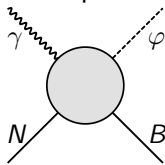
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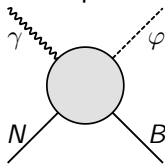

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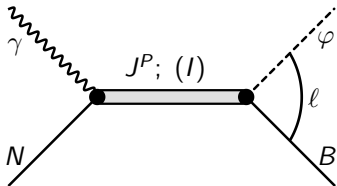
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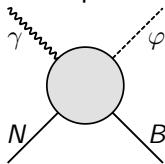
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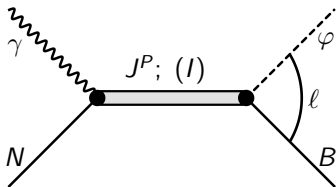
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In practice:

Truncate at some finite  $L$

→ Try to extract the  $4L$  complex multipoles in a fit to the data.

# Polarization observables

## Generic definition of an observable

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\*) In total, 16 non-redundant observables

$$\Omega^\alpha (W, \theta) = \frac{1}{2\sigma_0} \sum_{i,j} F_i^* \hat{A}_{ij}^\alpha F_j, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, 16$$

can be defined, involving Beam-, Target- and Recoil Polarization.

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$$t_i(t_f) = \pm \frac{1}{2}:$$

spin-projection of initial (final) baryon on the normal of the reaction plane.

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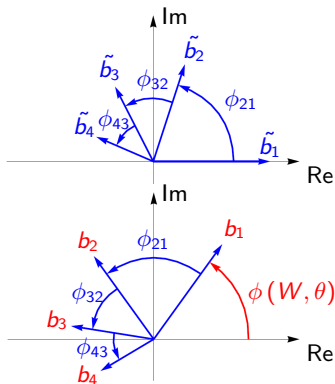
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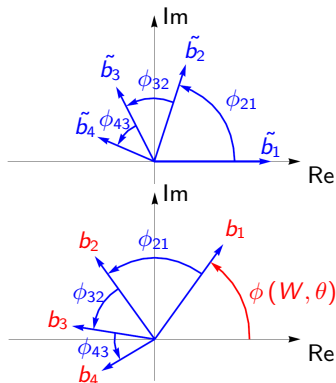
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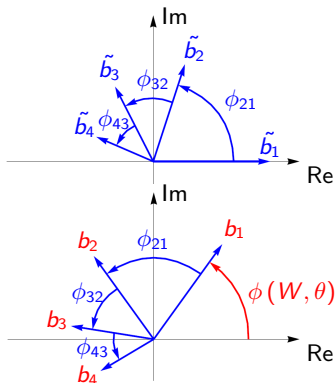
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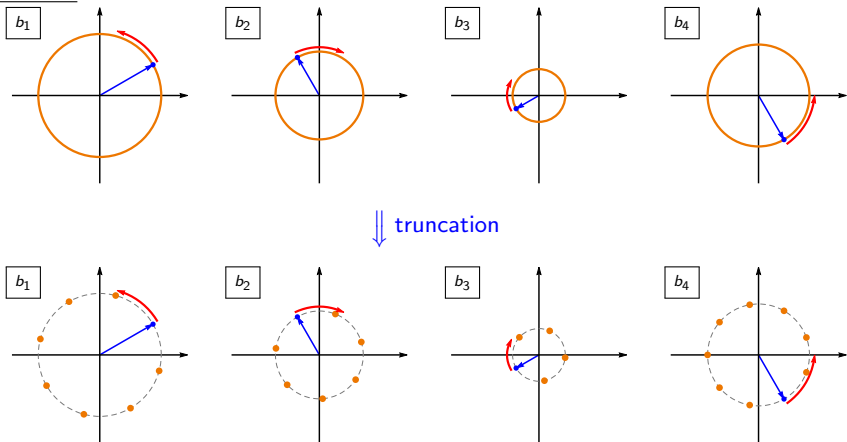
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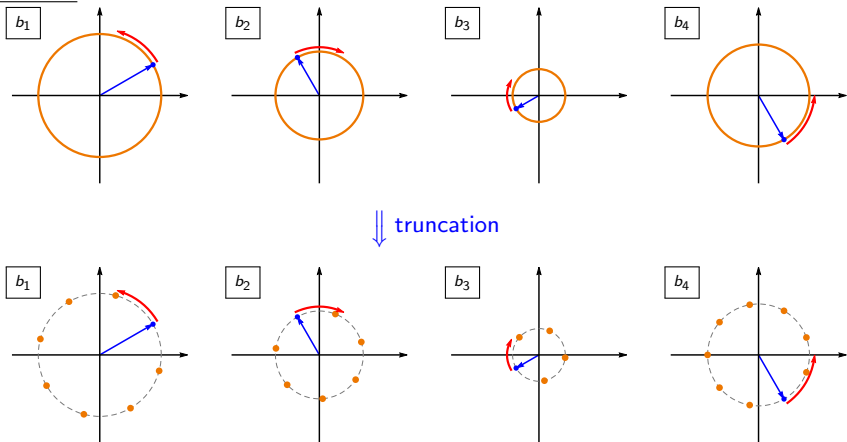
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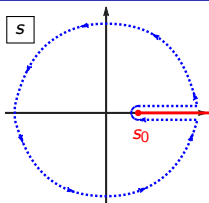
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- (i) 'Complete sets of 5': understood algebraically and checked numerically.
- (ii) 'Complete sets of 4': found numerically, 'by accident' and not understood algebraically. [R. Workman, L. Tiator, Y.W., M. Döring, H. Haberzettl (2017)]

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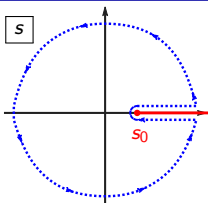
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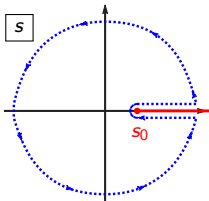


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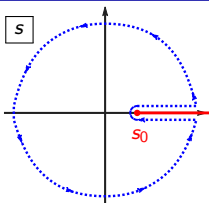
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[I. Sabba Stefanescu, J. Math. Phys. **25** (6), 2052 (1984).] (tough paper!!!)

## On the construction of amplitudes with Mandelstam analyticity from observable quantities

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It is shown that the problem of the construction of scattering amplitudes with Mandelstam analyticity from knowledge of their modulus in the three physical channels can be reduced, within a rather large class of functions, to the second Cousin problem of the theory of functions of two complex variables. As a consequence, it can be solved completely and explicitly. We derive conditions on the modulus function, under which at least one solution exists, as well as criteria for the correct resolution of the discrete ambiguity at fixed energy.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

The problem of the determination of the phase of the scattering amplitude from observable quantities (i.e.,  $d\sigma/d\Omega$  for scattering of spinless particles,  $d\sigma/d\Omega$  and polarization for spin-0-spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  scattering, etc.) has an obvious physical interest and has led, in the course of time, to a set of very elegant studies in mathematical physics.<sup>1-8</sup> These studies (see Ref. 9 for a review) have succeeded in establishing with precision the extent of the ambiguity that is left in the phase if one takes into account, at a fixed energy, data over the whole angular region and uses the unitarity property of the amplitude.<sup>1-6,8</sup>

It is profitable to recall right now in more detail the problem of phase shift analysis at fixed energy, for the case of a reaction between spinless particles. The modulus (squared) of the amplitude  $A(z = \cos \theta)$  ( $\theta =$  c.m. scattering angle) is supposed to be known on the physical region

—  $1 < \cos \theta < 1$ , from measurements of the differential cross section

$$d\sigma/d\Omega(z) = A(z)A^*(z), \quad -1 < z < 1, \quad (1.1)$$

amplitude  $A(z)$  will vanish at one of these points, but we cannot *a priori* decide at which. There exists thus a twofold ambiguity concerning the location of the zeros of  $A(z)$ , corresponding to each pair  $(z_i, z_i^*)$ . It is easy to show that if  $N$  pairs of zeros are present, we can choose at will any one of the zeros in each pair and construct an amplitude with the correct modulus along  $(z_-, z_+)$ , analytic in the cut  $z$  plane and vanishing precisely at those zeros. If we define

$$\mathcal{M}_1(z) = \frac{\mathcal{M}(z)}{\prod_{i=1}^N (z - z_i)(z - z_i^*)}, \quad (1.3)$$

then a possible  $A(z)$  is given by

$$A(z) = \prod_{j=1}^N (z - z_j) \sqrt{\mathcal{M}_1(z)}, \quad (1.4)$$

where the product extends over the given choice of  $N$  zeros. There exists thus at least a  $2^N$  ambiguity in the reconstruction of the amplitude, for  $N$  distinct pairs of simple zeros. This is the discrete ambiguity "of the zeros."

If the amplitude were a polynomial of degree  $N$ , this

# Resolving phase-ambiguities: unitarity

- \* ) Assume a scalar reaction in the energy region of elastic unitarity. For the full amplitude  $A(s, t)$ , unitarity is an integral-constraint:

$$\overline{\textcircled{+}} - \overline{\textcircled{-}} = i \overline{\textcircled{+} \textcircled{-}}$$

$$\text{Im} [A(s, t)] = \frac{|\vec{k}|}{8\pi\sqrt{s}} \int \frac{d\Omega_k}{4\pi} A(s, \cos\theta_1) A^*(s, \cos\theta_2),$$

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People have studied the effect of this p.w.-constraint, on the discrete ambiguities in a TPWA, in the past.

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- \* ) Further directions to investigate:

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# Summary

- \* ) Continuum ambiguities ( $L \rightarrow \infty$ ) and discrete ambiguities (TPWA at finite  $L$ ) are in the end manifestations of the same thing: phase-rotations.
  - ↪ Although: Structure is richer (i.e. more complicated) for spin-reactions.
  
- \* ) Spinless case: Only one observable, i.e.  $\sigma_0$ , cannot resolve all discrete ambiguities in a TPWA.      With spin: Polarization observables are capable of resolving discrete ambiguities in a TPWA!
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- \* ) It may be worthwhile to do general mathematical studies concerning the restrictions on phase-rotations imposed by:
  - (i) analyticity: First attempts on analyticity-constraints in one variable were quite pedestrian. Formal mathematical study on application of analyticity in two variables exists: [Stefanescu-paper].
  - (ii) unitarity: Elastic unitarity in the partial wave basis already studied in quite some detail. Could such results be generalized to more complicated unitarity-relations?

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