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**Effective Mass of a Single  $\pi^0$  Interacting With Itself** J.M. ELDRIDGE, Union University, College of William and Mary, K. ORGINOS, College of William and Mary — The effective mass of a single  $\pi^0$  pion when interacting with itself has been calculated. The calculation was done using C++ and It++, a C++ library extension which attempts to emulate MATLAB. This calculation was done by generating a matrix  $G$  from a database, and two meson state matrices  $M_0$ , and  $M_1$ .  $G$ ,  $M_0$ , and  $M_1$  are each  $1584 \times 1584$ , however, careful algebra, knowing the properties of these matrices, enables only the top left  $792 \times 792$  block of each to be created, saving computation time and reducing numerical error. The  $\pi^0$  self-interacting-effective-mass has been calculated to be  $0.0755(190)$ .

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