

The lowest resonance of QCD

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Quark Confinement and the Hadron Spectrum

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$\pi\pi$ interaction

- Plays a crucial role whenever the strong interaction is involved at low energies

Example: Standard model prediction for muon magnetic moment

- Main experiments on $\pi\pi$ scattering were done in the seventies. What's new ?

- Significant theoretical progress, based on χ PT + dispersion theory

- New precision data:

$K \rightarrow \pi\pi\ell\nu$	E865	Brookhaven
pionic atoms	DIRAC	CERN
$K \rightarrow 3\pi$	NA48/2	CERN

- Lattice results on $M_\pi, F_\pi, a_0^2, \langle r^2 \rangle_s$

analyticity and crossing

- $\pi\pi$ scattering is special: crossed channels are identical
- ⇒ $\text{Re } T(s, t)$ can be represented as a twice subtracted dispersion integral over $\text{Im } T(s, t)$ in physical region

S.M. Roy 1971

- The 2 subtraction constants can be identified with the S -wave scattering lengths:

$$a_0^0, a_0^2 \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \text{isospin} \\ \leftarrow \text{angular momentum} \end{array}$$

- Representation leads to dispersion relations for the individual partial waves: *Roy equations*

Roy equations

- Pioneering work on the physics of the Roy equations was done around the time when QCD was discovered

Pennington & Protopopescu 1973, Basdevant, Froggatt & Petersen 1974

- Dispersion integrals converge rapidly (2 subtractions)

⇒ Crude phenomenological information on $\text{Im } T(s, t)$ for energies above 800 MeV suffices

⇒ Given a_0^0, a_0^2 , the scattering amplitude can be calculated quite accurately

Ananthanarayan, Colangelo, Gasser & L. 2001
Descotes, Fuchs, Girlanda & Stern 2002

⇒ a_0^0, a_0^2 are the essential parameters at low energy

- Main problem in early work: a_0^0, a_0^2 poorly known
Experimental information near threshold is meagre

low energy theorems

- Chiral perturbation theory provides the missing piece: theoretical prediction for a_0^0, a_0^2

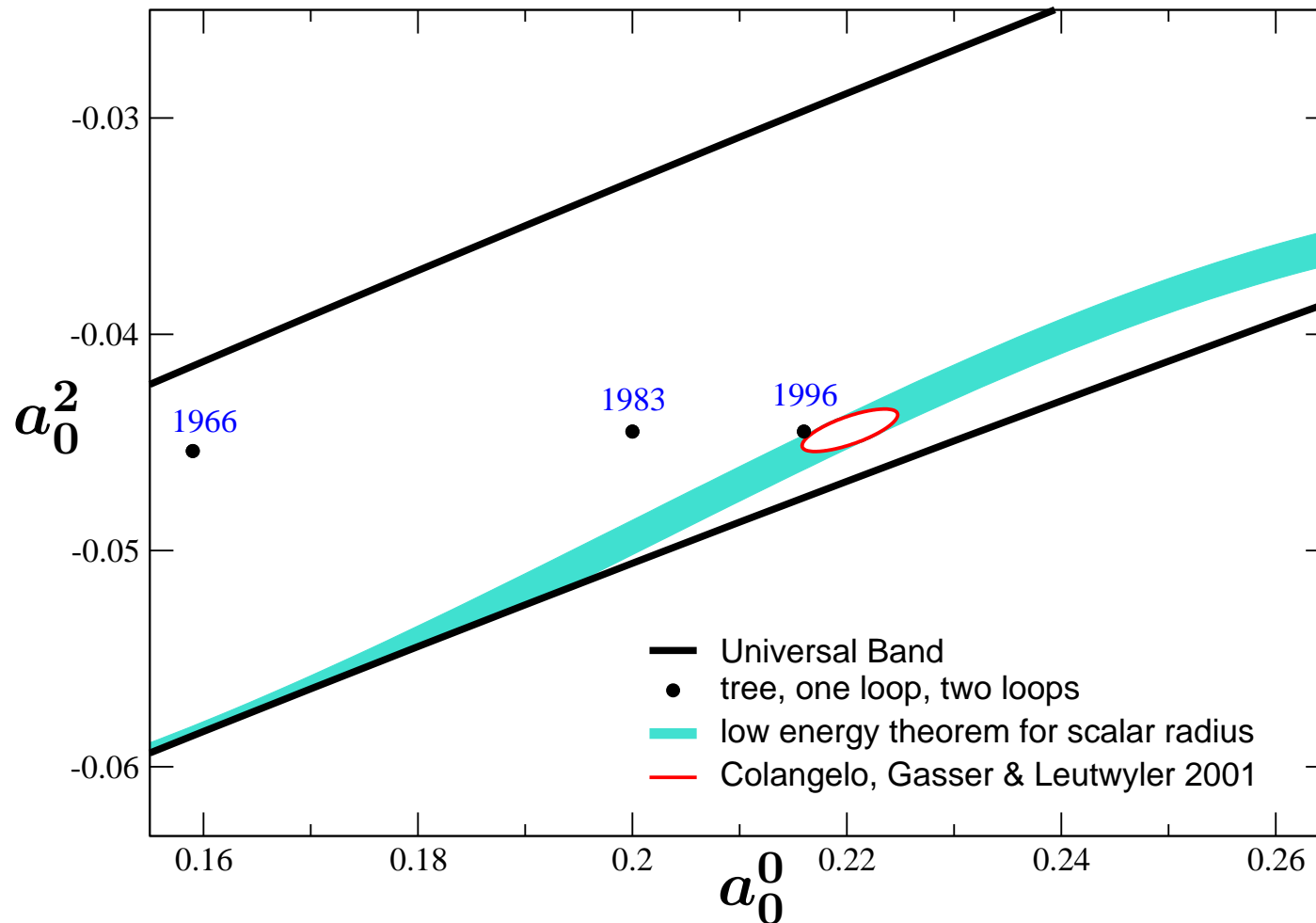
Weinberg 1966, Gasser & L. 1983, Bijmens, Colangelo, Ecker, Gasser & Sainio 1996

- Most accurate results for a_0^0, a_0^2 are obtained by matching the chiral and dispersive representations near the center of the Mandelstam triangle

Colangelo, Gasser & L. 2001

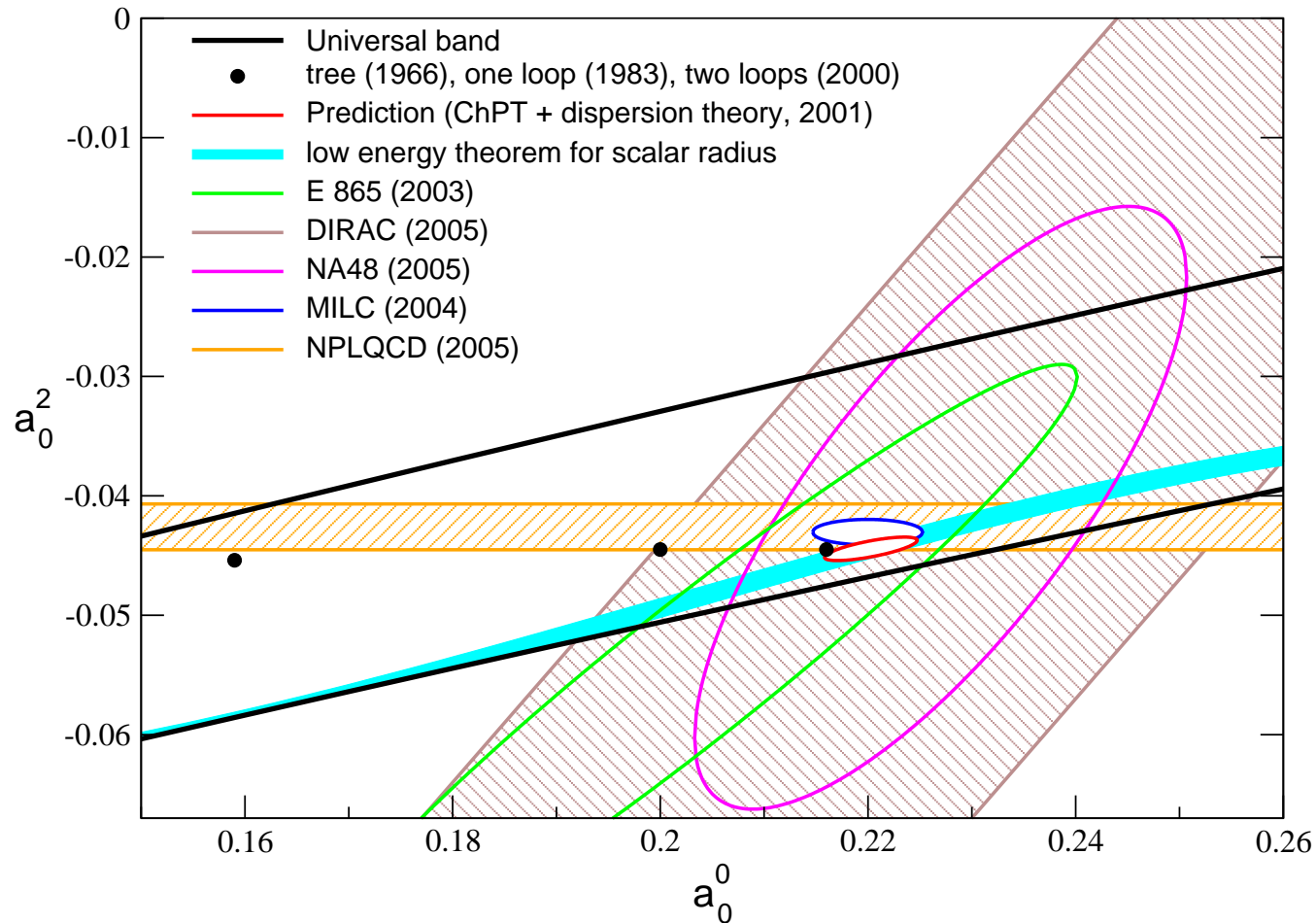
- In combination with the low energy theorems for a_0^0, a_0^2 , the dispersion relations for the partial waves fix the $\pi\pi$ scattering amplitude to an incredible degree of accuracy

predictions for the S-wave $\pi\pi$ scattering lengths

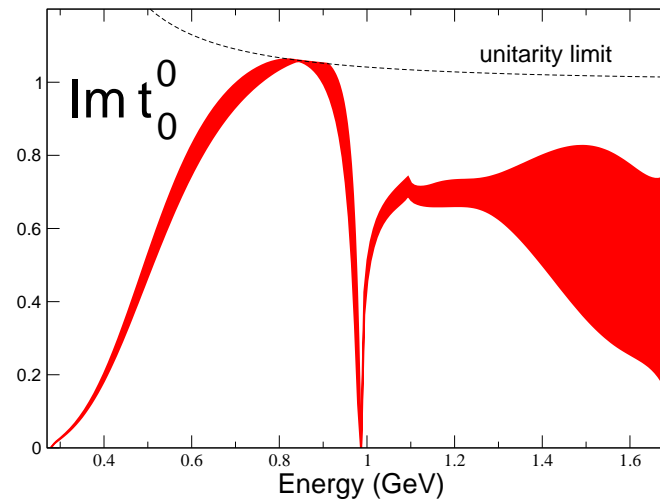


Sizeable corrections in a_0^0 , while a_0^2 nearly stays put

tests of the predictions for a_0^0, a_0^2 : experiment & lattice



Theory is ahead of experiment ...



There is the broad object seen in $\pi\pi$ scattering, often called “background”, which extends from about 400 MeV up to about 1700 MeV. This object we consider as a single broad resonance² which we identify as the lightest glueball with quantum numbers $J^{PC} = 0^{++} \dots$

² we refer to it as **red dragon**

P. Minkowski and W. Ochs, Eur. Phys. J. C9 (1999) 283

the red dragon

I. Caprini, G. Colangelo and H. Leutwyler, Phys. Rev. Lett. 96 (2006) 132001

- Does QCD have a resonance near threshold ?
- Why care ?
 - Concerns the nonperturbative domain of QCD
 - Quark and gluon degrees of freedom useless there
 - ⇒ Understanding very poor, pattern of energy levels ?
 - Lowest resonance: σ ? ρ ?
- Resonance \leftrightarrow pole on second sheet
 - Poles are universal
 - Pole position is unambiguous, even if width is large
 - Where is the pole closest to the origin ?

$f_0(600)$ T-MATRIX POLE \sqrt{s}

Note that $\Gamma \approx 2 \operatorname{Im}(\sqrt{s_{\text{pole}}})$.

VALUE (MeV)	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
(400–1200)–i(250–500) OUR ESTIMATE			
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •			
$(441^{+16}_-8) - i(272^{+9}_{-12.5})$	1 CAPRINI	06	RVUE $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi$
$(470 \pm 50) - i(285 \pm 25)$	2 ZHOU	05	RVUE
$(541 \pm 39) - i(252 \pm 42)$	3 ABLIKIM	04A	BES2 $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega\pi^+\pi^-$
$(528 \pm 32) - i(207 \pm 23)$	4 GALLEGOS	04	RVUE Compilation
$(440 \pm 8) - i(212 \pm 15)$	5 PELAEZ	04A	RVUE $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi$
$(533 \pm 25) - i(247 \pm 25)$	6 BUGG	03	RVUE
$532 - i272$	BLACK	01	RVUE $\pi^0\pi^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$
$(470 \pm 30) - i(295 \pm 20)$	1 COLANGELO	01	RVUE $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi$
$(535^{+48}_{-36}) - i(155^{+76}_{-53})$	7 ISHIDA	01	$\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow \Upsilon\pi\pi$
$610 \pm 14 - i620 \pm 26$	8 SUROVTSEV	01	RVUE $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$
$(558^{+34}_{-27}) - i(196^{+32}_{-41})$	ISHIDA	00B	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$
$445 - i235$	HANNAH	99	RVUE π scalar form factor
$(523 \pm 12) - i(259 \pm 7)$	KAMINSKI	99	RVUE $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}, \sigma\sigma$
$442 - i227$	OLLER	99	RVUE $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$
$469 - i203$	OLLER	99B	RVUE $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$
$445 - i221$	OLLER	99C	RVUE $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}, \eta\eta$
$(1530^{+90}_{-250}) - i(560 \pm 40)$	ANISOVICH	98B	RVUE Compilation
$420 - i212$	LOCHER	98	RVUE $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$
$(602 \pm 26) - i(196 \pm 27)$	9 ISHIDA	97	$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi$
$(537 \pm 20) - i(250 \pm 17)$	10 KAMINSKI	97B	RVUE $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}, 4\pi$
$470 - i250$	11,12 TORNQVIST	96	RVUE $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}, K\pi, \eta\pi$
$\sim (1100 - i300)$	AMSLER	95B	CBAR $\bar{p}p \rightarrow 3\pi^0$
$400 - i500$	12,13 AMSLER	95D	CBAR $\bar{p}p \rightarrow 3\pi^0$
$1100 - i137$	12,14 AMSLER	95D	CBAR $\bar{p}p \rightarrow 3\pi^0$
$387 - i305$	12,15 JANSSEN	95	RVUE $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$
$525 - i269$	16 ACHASOV	94	RVUE $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi$
$(506 \pm 10) - i(247 \pm 3)$	KAMINSKI	94	RVUE $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$
$370 - i356$	17 ZOU	94B	RVUE $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$
$408 - i342$	12,17 ZOU	93	RVUE $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$
$870 - i370$	12,18 AU	87	RVUE $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$
$470 - i208$	19 BEVEREN	86	RVUE $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}, \eta\eta, \dots$
$(750 \pm 50) - i(450 \pm 50)$	20 ESTABROOKS	79	RVUE $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$
$(660 \pm 100) - i(320 \pm 70)$	PROTOPOP...	73	HBC $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$
$650 - i370$	21 BASDEVANT	72	RVUE $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi$

model independent determination of the pole

- All of the results quoted by the PDG are obtained by
 - (a) parametrizing the data for real values of s
 - (b) continuing this parametrization analytically in s

⇒ Result is sensitive to the parametrization used
- We found a model independent method:
 1. Poles on second sheet are zeros on first sheet
 2. The Roy equations are valid for complex values of s , in a limited region of the first sheet

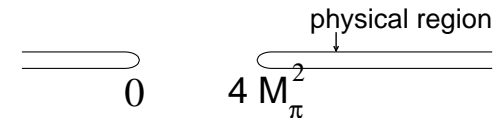
⇒ Exact representation of the partial waves in terms of observable quantities, valid for complex values of s

 3. Can evaluate this representation to good precision and determine the zeros numerically

pole on second sheet \leftrightarrow zero on first sheet

- $S_0^0(s) = \eta_0^0(s) \exp 2i\delta_0^0(s)$

$S_0^0(s)$ is analytic in the cut plane



- For $0 < s < 4M_\pi^2$, $S_0^0(s)$ is real

$\Rightarrow S_0^0(s^*) = S_0^0(s)^*$

x in elastic interval: $S_0^0(x \pm i\epsilon) = \exp \pm 2i\delta_0^0(x)$

- Second sheet is reached by continuation across the elastic interval of the right hand cut

$$S_0^0(x - i\epsilon)^{II} = S_0^0(x + i\epsilon)^I = 1/S_0^0(x - i\epsilon)^I$$

Analyticity \Rightarrow $S_0^0(s)^{II} = 1/S_0^0(s)^I$ valid $\forall s$

Pole in $S_0^0(s)^{II} \iff$ zero in $S_0^0(s)^I$

Roy equation for the isoscalar S -wave

$$S_0^0(s) = 1 + 2i\rho t_0^0(s) \quad \rho = \sqrt{1 - 4M_\pi^2/s}$$

$$t_0^0(s) = a + (s - 4M_\pi^2)b + \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds' \{ K_0(s, s') \text{Im} t_0^0(s') \\ + K_1(s, s') \text{Im} t_1^1(s') + K_2(s, s') \text{Im} t_2^2(s') \} \\ + \text{higher partial waves}$$

- The subtraction constants are determined by a_0^0, a_0^2 :

$$a = a_0^0, \quad b = (2a_0^0 - 5a_0^2)/(12M_\pi^2)$$

- The kernels are elementary functions, e.g.

$$K_0(s, s') = \underbrace{\frac{1}{\pi(s' - s)}}_{r.h.cut} + \underbrace{\frac{2 \ln\{(s + s' - 4M_\pi^2)/s'\}}{3\pi(s - 4M_\pi^2)} - \frac{5s' + 2s - 16M_\pi^2}{3\pi s'(s' - 4M_\pi^2)}}_{l.h.cut}$$

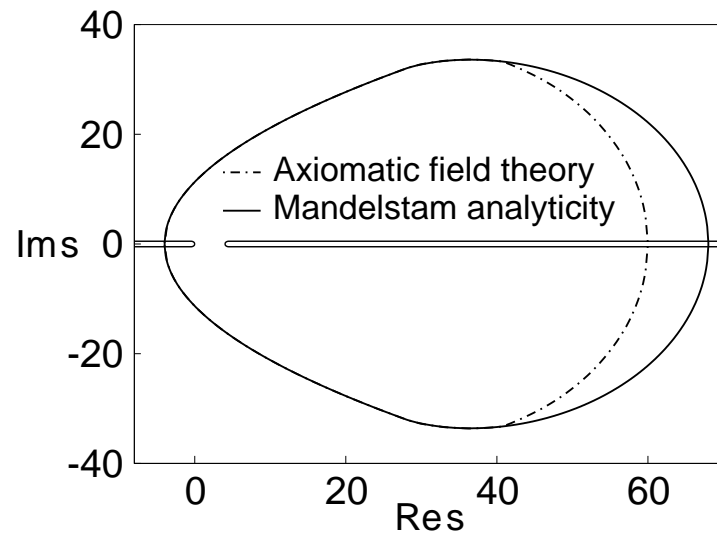
- Left hand cut is essential for convergence:

$$K_0(s, s') \sim 1/s'^3 \text{ for large } s'$$

domain of validity of the Roy equations

- Roy derived his equations for real energies in the interval $-4M_\pi^2 < s < 60M_\pi^2$
- Equations are valid for complex s in a limited region of the first sheet

I. Caprini, G. Colangelo and H. Leutwyler,
Phys. Rev. Lett. 96 (2006) 132001



- Proof is based on first principles, general quantum field theory

A. Martin, *Scattering Theory: Unitarity, Analyticity and Crossing*, Lecture Notes in Physics, vol. 3, 1969.

G. Mahoux, S. M. Roy and G. Wanders,
Nucl. Phys. B70 (1974) 297.

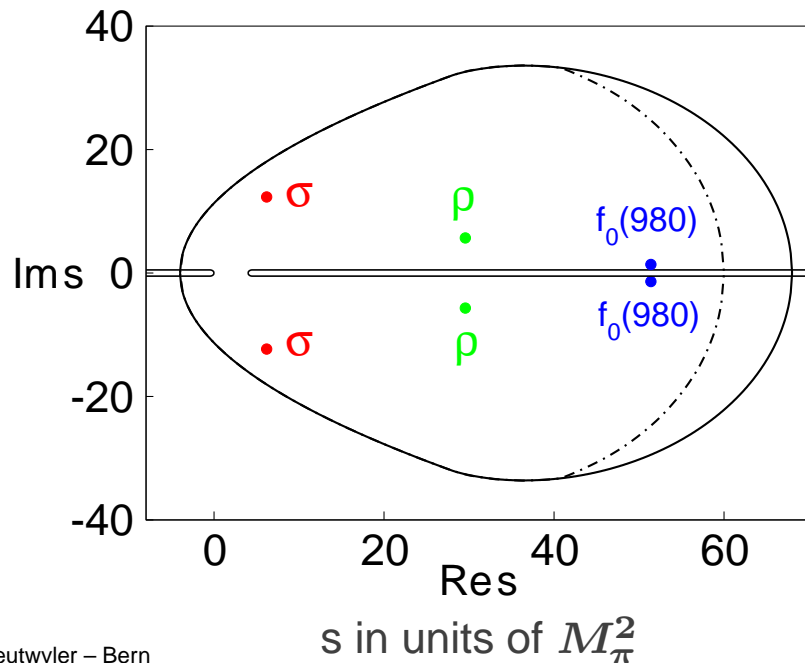
⇒ Exact representation for $S_0^0(s)$ in this region
Do not need to parametrize the amplitude

evaluation of the pole position

- Have an exact formula for the pole position in terms of physical quantities: $S_0^0(s) = 0$
- For the central solution of the Roy equations, $S_0^0(s)$ has two pairs of zeros in the region where the formula holds:

$$s = (6.2 \pm i 12.3) M_\pi^2 \quad \sigma$$

$$s = (51.4 \pm i 1.4) M_\pi^2 \quad f_0(980)$$



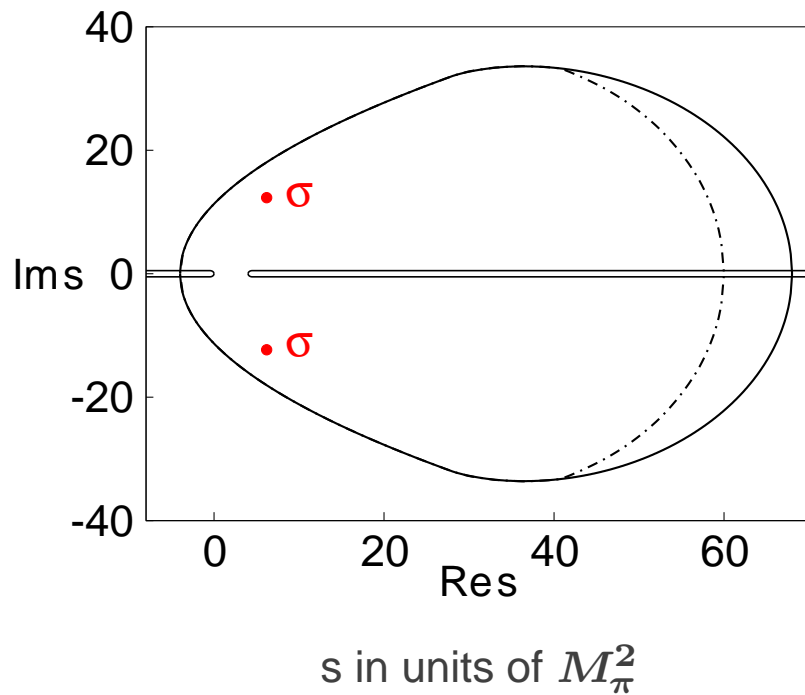
The eyes of the red dragon

Tail at 1.7 GeV: $s \simeq 150 M_\pi^2$

result

- Lowest resonance of QCD has vacuum quantum numbers
- Pole on lower half of sheet II occurs in vicinity of

$$m_\sigma = 441 - i 272 \text{ MeV} = M_\sigma - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_\sigma$$



Loci Oculorum Draconis Rutili

T. Barnes, Theory summary, MESON 2006

error analysis

- Result depends on phenomenological input used when solving the Roy equations, subject to uncertainties
Can follow error propagation explicitly
- Pole position of $f_0(980)$ sensitive to input used for $\eta_0^0(s)$
- Pole position of σ mainly depends on 3 input variables:
$$a_0^0, a_0^2, \delta_A \equiv \delta_0^0(800 \text{ MeV})$$
 - Information about a_0^0, a_0^2 is in good shape
 - Substantial uncertainties in phenomenology of δ_A
 - Use conservative range: $\delta_A = 82.3^\circ \begin{smallmatrix} +10^\circ \\ -4^\circ \end{smallmatrix}$

error analysis

- Noise from remaining input variables is very small:

$$m_\sigma = (441 \pm 4) - i(272 \pm 6) \text{ MeV}$$

but the values of a_0^0 , a_0^2 , δ_A are crucial:

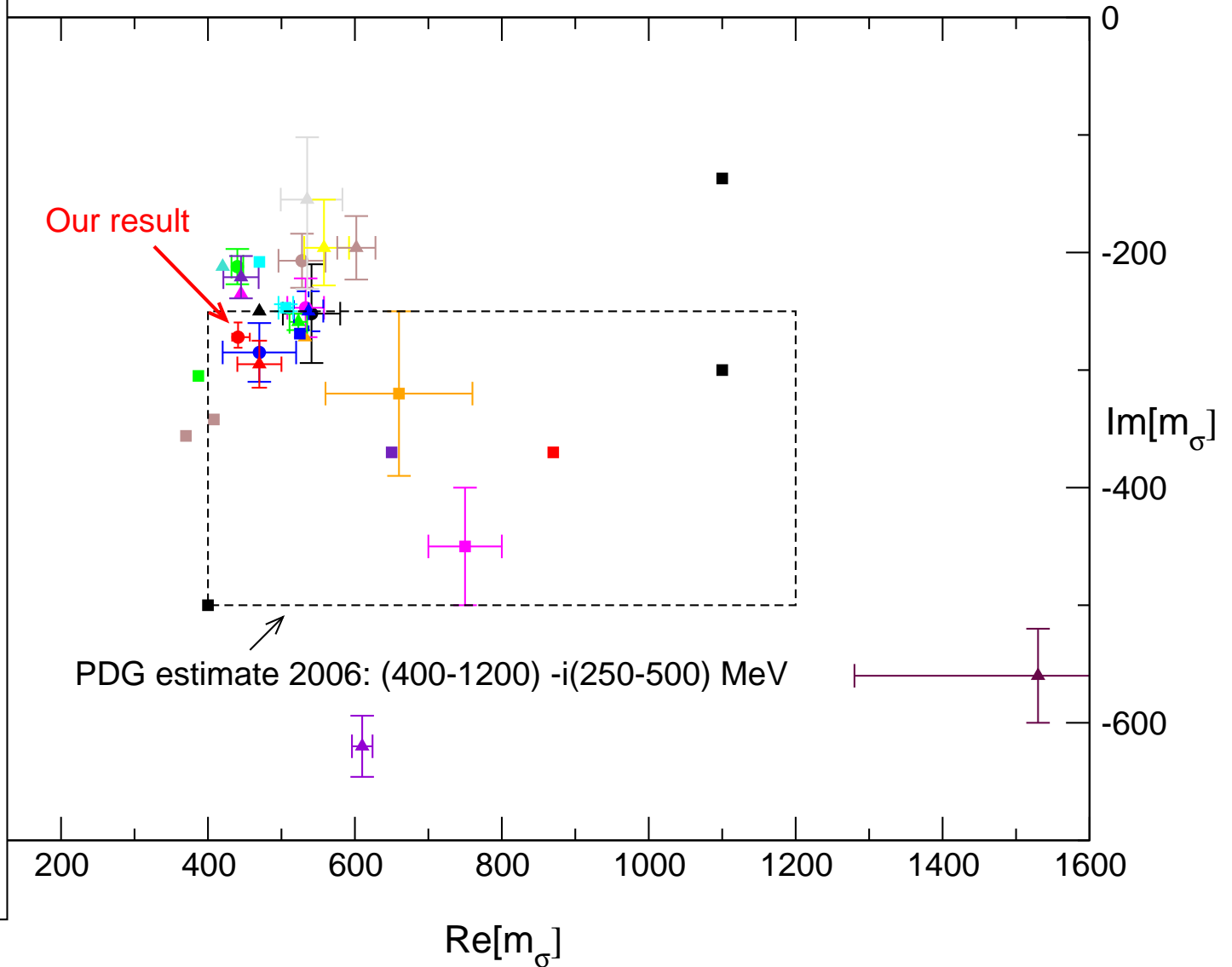
$$\begin{aligned} m_\sigma &= (441 \pm 4) - i(272 \pm 6) \\ &+ (-2.4 + i 3.8) \frac{a_0^0 - 0.22}{0.005} \\ &+ (0.8 - i 4.0) \frac{a_0^2 + 0.0444}{0.001} \\ &+ (5.3 + i 3.3) \frac{\delta_A - 82.3}{3.4} \end{aligned} \quad \text{numbers in MeV}$$

- Final result: insert the predictions for a_0^0 , a_0^2 , use the phenomenological range for δ_A and add errors up:

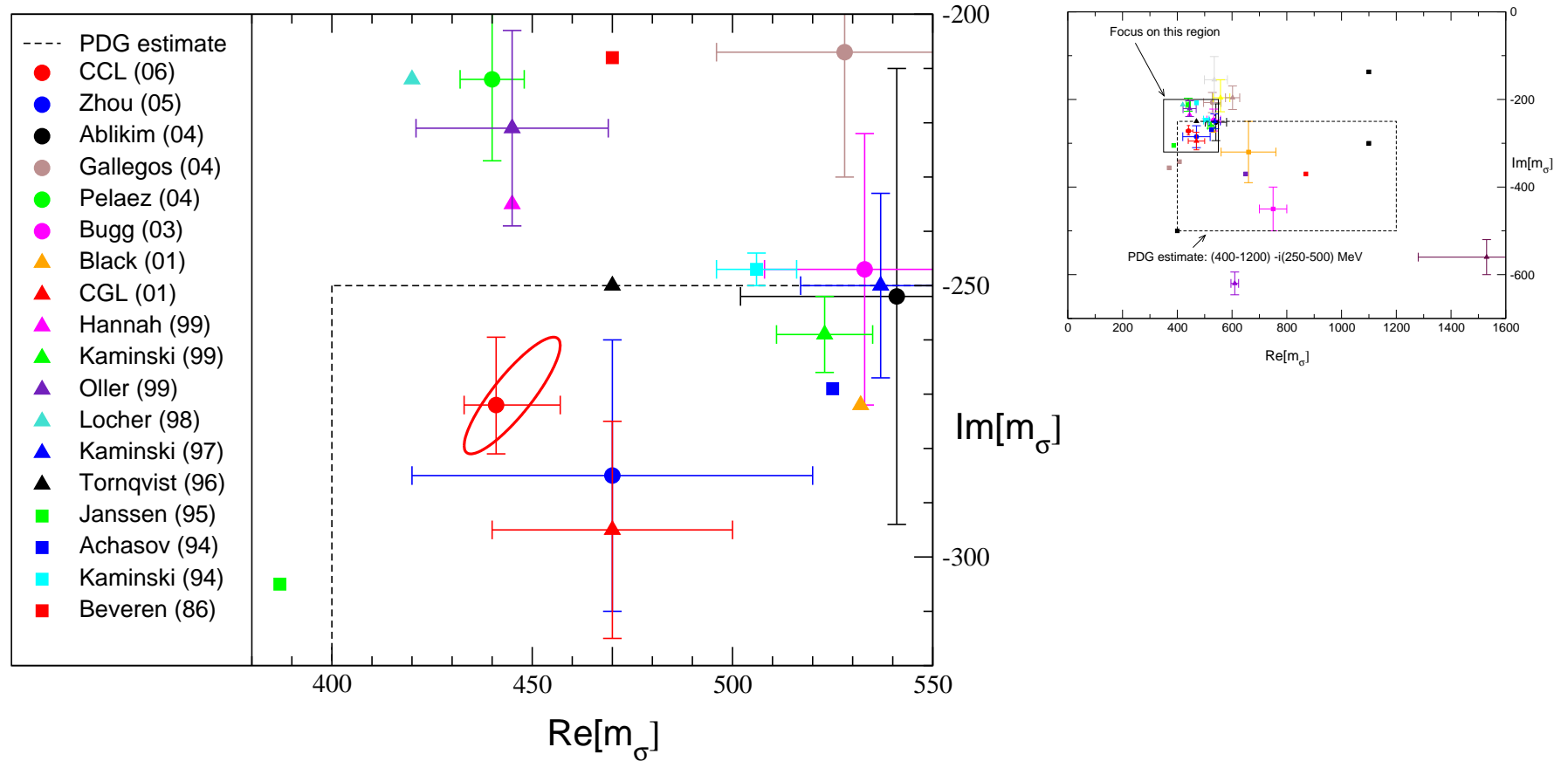
$$m_\sigma = 441 \begin{matrix} +16 \\ -8 \end{matrix} - i 272 \begin{matrix} +9 \\ -13 \end{matrix} \text{ MeV}$$

comparison with compilation of PDG

- CCL (06)
- Zhou (05)
- Ablikim (04)
- Gallegos (04)
- Pelaez (04)
- Bugg (03)
- Black (01)
- CGL (01)
- Ishida (01)
- Surotsev (01)
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- Protopopescu (73)
- BFP (72)



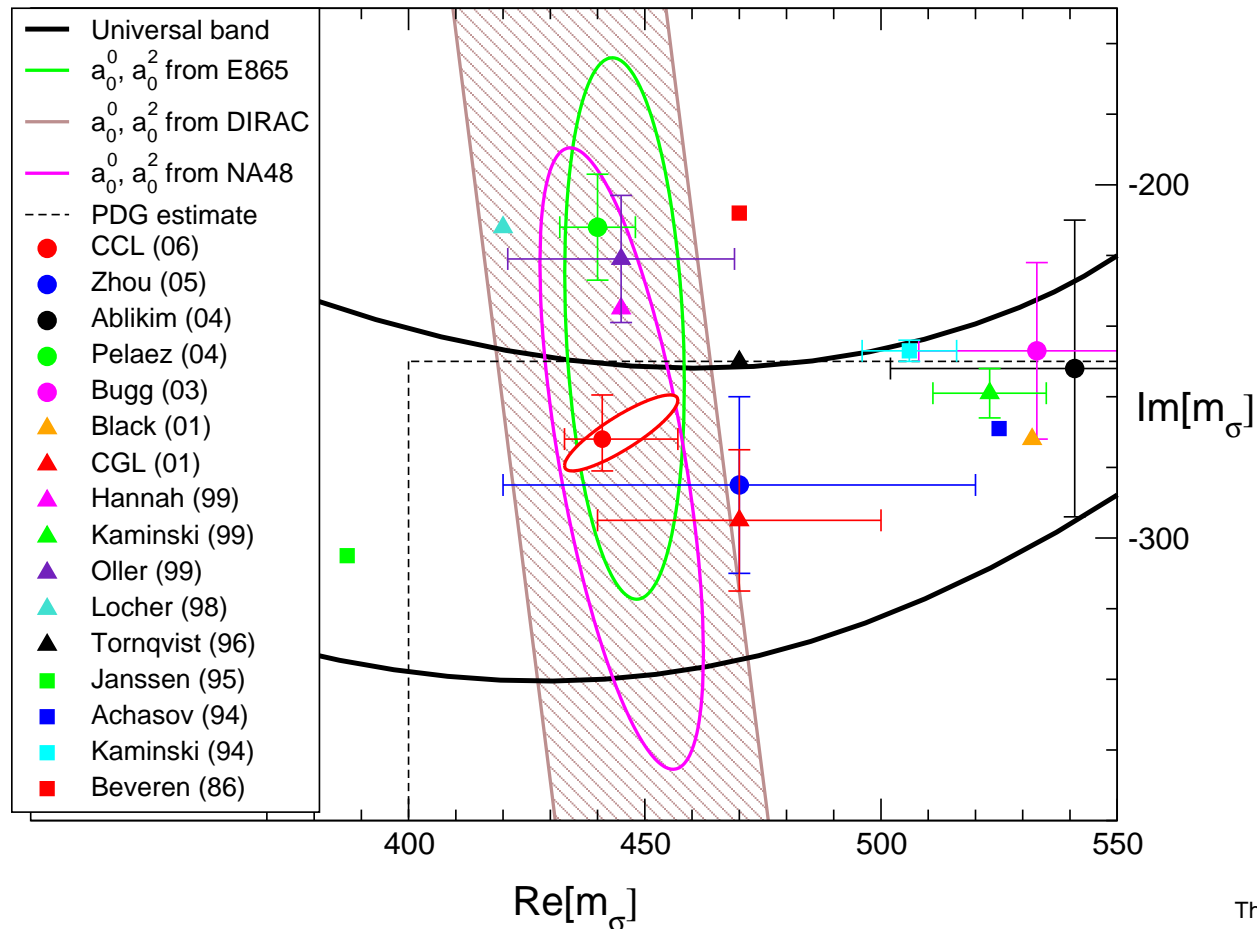
vicinity of the pole



Results for $\text{Re}[m_\sigma]$ and $\text{Im}[m_\sigma]$ are strongly correlated

ignore the theoretical predictions for a_0^0, a_0^2

- Replace the low energy theorems for a_0^0, a_0^2 by the experimental results from E865, DIRAC and NA48
- $a_0^0, a_0^2 \in$ universal band



why are our errors so incredibly small ?

- The σ occurs at low energies
- At low energies, the subtraction term dominates

$$t_0^0(s) \simeq a_0^0 + (2a_0^0 - 5a_0^2) \frac{(s - 4M_\pi^2)}{12M_\pi^2}$$

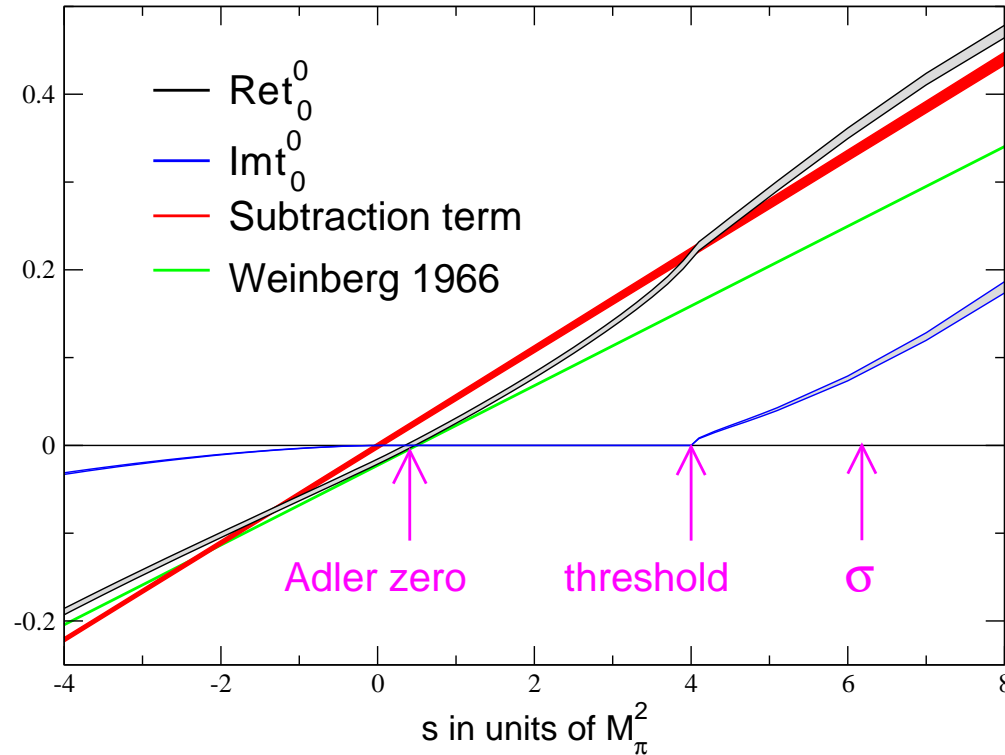
Insert low energy theorem for a_0^0, a_0^2

⇒ Roy equation reduces to Weinberg formula

$$t_0^0(s) \simeq \frac{(2s - M_\pi^2)}{32\pi F_\pi^2}$$

Dispersion integrals only represent a correction

at low energies, the subtraction term dominates



$$s = (0.41 \pm 0.06) M_\pi^2 \quad \text{Adler zero}$$

$$s = (6.2 - i 12.3) M_\pi^2 \quad \text{pole from } \sigma$$

Goldstone bosons of low energy interact only weakly

estimate pole position on back of an envelope

- Approximate $t_0^0(s)$ with the Weinberg formula

$$t_0^0(s) = \frac{(2s - M_\pi^2)}{32\pi F_\pi^2}$$

Where are the zeros of $S_0^0(s)$ in this approximation ?

$$1 + 2i \sqrt{1 - 4M_\pi^2/s} t_0^0(s) = 0$$

⇒ Cubic equation for s

- Pair of complex zeros, $m_\sigma = 365 - i 291$ MeV
- Correction from higher orders amounts to

$$\Delta m_\sigma = 76 \begin{matrix} +16 \\ -8 \end{matrix} + i 19 \begin{matrix} +9 \\ -13 \end{matrix} \text{ MeV}$$

For the quantity that counts, the accuracy is modest

- Real zero on sheet II, near $s = 0$ (full amplitude has kinematic singularity: vanishes on sheet II at $s = 0$)

curvature due to the left hand cut

- Left hand cut generates curvature
Main contribution on the left stems from the ρ
- Most pole determinations neglect the left hand cut
Pole from σ is too close for this to be justified
- Can estimate contributions from left hand cut with χ PT

Z.Y. Zhou, G.Y. Qin, P. Zhang, Z.G. Xiao, H.Q. Zheng, N. Wu, JHEP 0502 (2005) 043

Estimate is crude \Rightarrow sizeable uncertainties

Outcome for pole position agrees with our result

calculate pole position from phenomenology

- Ignore the representation of the scattering amplitude obtained from the Roy equations

- Instead use a phenomenological one

J. R. Peláez and F. J. Ynduráin Phys. Rev. D71 (2005) 074016 ← PY
(improved representation for energies above 1 GeV:

R. Kaminski, J. R. Peláez and F. J. Ynduráin, hep-ph/0603170)

- Insert it in formula for $S_0^0(s)$ and calculate the zeros
With the central values of PY, this gives

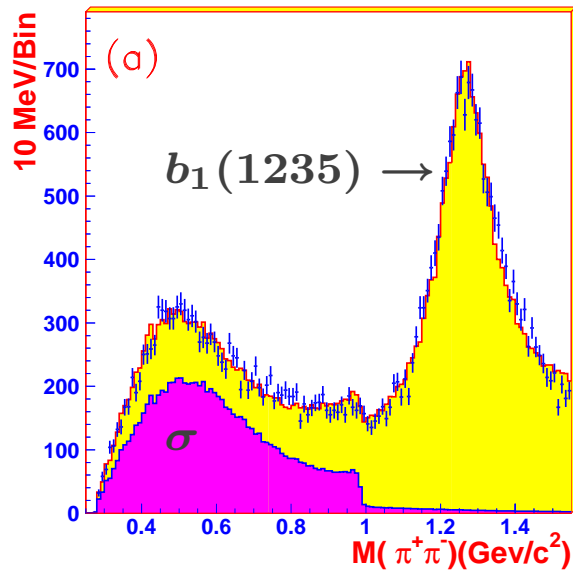
$$m_\sigma = 445 - i 241 \text{ MeV}$$

- Uncertainties in phenomenology are large
Those in a_0^0 , a_0^2 alone give

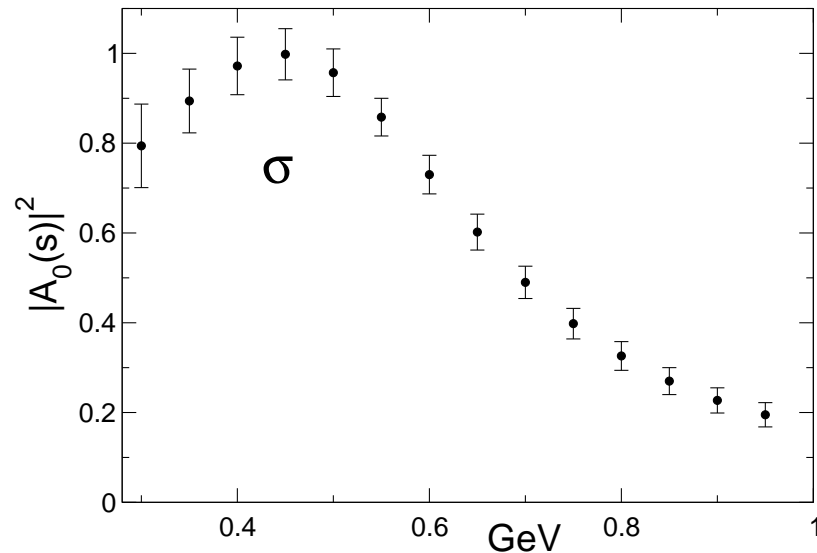
$$m_\sigma = (445 \pm 8) - i(241 \pm 22) \text{ MeV}$$

- ⇒ Calculation confirms our result, but errors are larger

BES data on $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega\pi\pi$



BES, Phys. Lett. B598 (2004) 149



S-wave projection (D. Bugg, priv. comm.)

Outcome for pole position:

$$m_\sigma = (541 \pm 39) - i(252 \pm 42) \text{ MeV} \quad \text{BES 2004}$$

(simple parametrization à la Breit-Wigner, $K\bar{K}$ and $\eta\eta$ final states neglected)

$$m_\sigma = (472 \pm 30) - i(271 \pm 30) \text{ MeV} \quad \text{Bugg hep-ph/0608081}$$

(reanalysis based on a more complicated model)

Revised result differs from ours by less than 1σ

model independent discussion of $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega\pi\pi$

- Neglect rescattering on the ω and 4π final states

⇒ Watson theorem fixes phase of decay amplitude:

$$A_0(s) = |A_0(s)| e^{i\delta_0^0(s)} \quad \text{for } 4M_\pi^2 < s < 4M_K^2$$

↑

I. Caprini, Phys. Lett. B638 (2006) 468

S -wave projection of decay amplitude

- Situation is the same as for the scalar form factor

$$F_0(s) = \langle \pi\pi \text{ out} | \bar{u}u | 0 \rangle = |F_0(s)| e^{i\delta_0^0(s)}$$

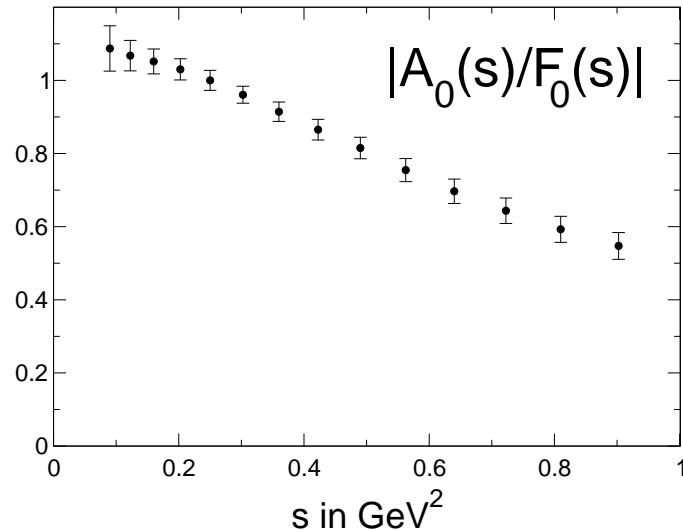
⇒ $A_0(s)/F_0(s)$ is real for $0 < s < 4M_K^2$

- Both $A_0(s)$ and $F_0(s)$ have a pole from the σ on the second sheet, drops out in $A_0(s)/F_0(s)$

- r.h. cut in $A_0(s)/F_0(s)$ only starts at $4M_K^2$

⇒ $A_0(s)/F_0(s)$ can vary only slowly with s

comparison with scalar form factor



- $F_0(s)$ taken from Ananthanarayan et al. (2004), based on central solution of the Roy equations

- Model of Lähde and Meißner, hep-ph/0606133 describes J/ψ decays into $\omega\pi\pi$, $\omega K\bar{K}$, $\phi\pi\pi$, $\phi K\bar{K}$ in terms of scalar form factors, uses crude approximation: $A_0(s)/F_0(s) \simeq \text{constant}$

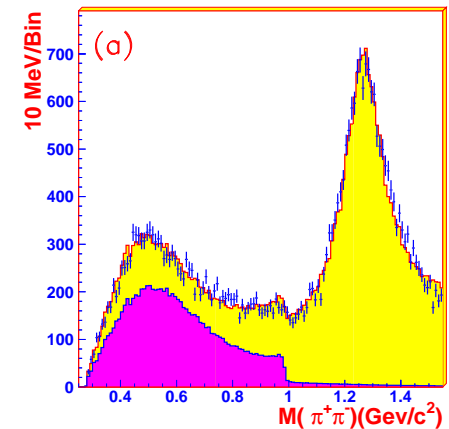
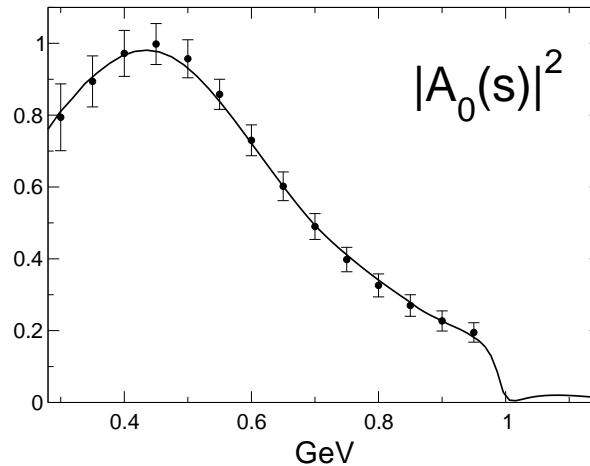
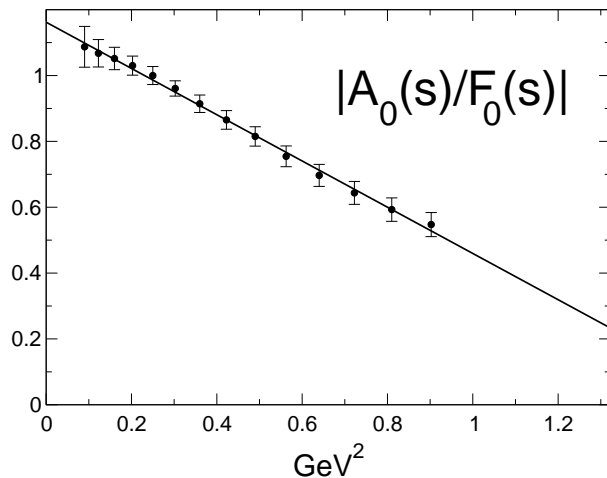
- Dispersion relation for $R(s) \equiv A_0(s)/F_0(s)$:

$$R(s) = R_0 + R_1 s + \frac{(s - 2M_K^2)^2}{\pi} \int \frac{dx \operatorname{Im}R(x)}{(x - 2M_K^2)^2 (x - s)}$$

- Plot does not show any curvature \Rightarrow integral is small

$$R(s) \simeq R_0 + R_1 s$$

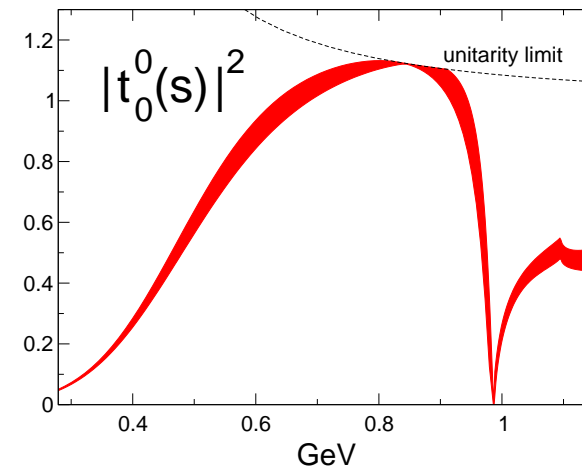
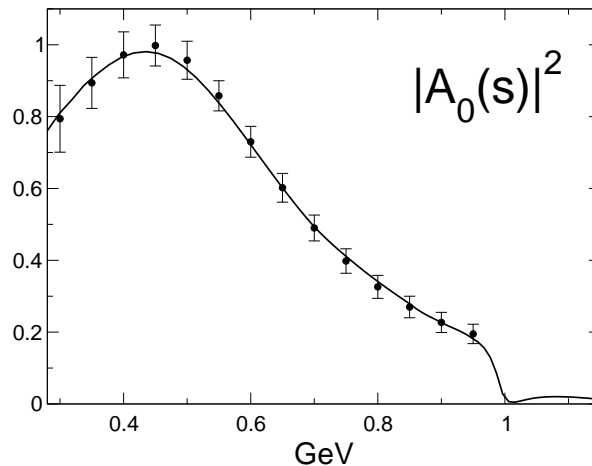
comparison of $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega\pi\pi$ and scalar form factor



- Full line corresponds to the approximation $A_0(s) \simeq R_0 (1 - s/s_0) F_0(s)$, with $s_0 = 1.65 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Observed energy dependence is consistent with the assumption that rescattering on the ω can be neglected
- Values of the two subtraction constants not understood

comparison of $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega\pi\pi$ and $\pi\pi$ scattering

- $A_0(s)$ and $t_0^0(s)$ have approximately the same phase but profile is not the same: Adler zero in $t_0^0(s)$



- Need two subtractions – these make the difference
 - Data on $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega\pi\pi$ are better
Theory is weaker (unitarity, subtractions, rescattering)
- ⇒ Uncertainty in pole position from $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega\pi\pi$ larger

H. L., hep-ph/0608218

physical interpretation of the σ

- The head of the dragon is not made of glue
- The dragon likes flavoured food, pions in particular
Markushin & Locher 1999
- ⇒ Physics of the $\sigma \in$ Goldstone boson dynamics
- ⇒ Wave function has large tetra-quark component
Jaffe 1977
- χ PT does not converge well above threshold
Range of validity of χ PT can be extended by hand
Padé formula: unitarity ✓ Adler zero ✓ pole from σ ✓
Include scalar field in \mathcal{L}_{eff} , à la linear σ model
⇒ Talks by Törnqvist and Zheng
- Physics of the $f_0(980) \in$ Goldstone boson dynamics
Interaction among two kaons is relevant

the κ

- $K\pi$ scattering amplitude obeys an analog of the Roy equations: *Roy-Steiner equations*

Steiner 1971, Büttiker, Descotes-Genon & Moussallam 2004

- Second sheet poles can be calculated on this basis

⇒ The lowest resonance has $I = \frac{1}{2}$, $\ell = 0$ and sits at

$$m_{\kappa} = (658 \pm 13) - i(278.5 \pm 12) \text{ MeV}$$

Descotes-Genon & Moussallam, hep-ph/0607133

- Confirms an earlier calculation, where the l.h. cut was estimated with χ PT

Zhou and Zheng, hep-ph/0603062

- Back-of-the-envelope calculation for $K\pi$ gives

$$m_{\kappa} = 671 - i 262 \text{ MeV}$$

⇒ Physics of σ and κ is very similar

remark on $K\pi$ scattering

- 2 subtraction constants, dominate at low energies:
 $a_0^{\frac{1}{2}}$ (positive), $a_0^{\frac{3}{2}}$ (negative, small) $\leftrightarrow a_0^0, a_0^2$
predictions less accurate: rely on expansion in m_s
- $SU(2) \times SU(2)$ theorem for $a_0^- = \frac{1}{3}(a_0^{\frac{1}{2}} - a_0^{\frac{3}{2}})$:

$$a_0^- = \frac{M_\pi^2}{8\pi F_\pi^2 (1 + M_\pi/M_K)} \{1 + O(M_\pi^2)\}$$

compare $\pi\pi$: $a_0^0 = \frac{7M_\pi^2}{32\pi F_\pi^2} \{1 + O(M_\pi^2)\}$

- Final state interaction in $K\pi$ weaker than in $\pi\pi$
 \Rightarrow Corrections for a_0^- should be even smaller than for a_0^0
- Indeed, one loop correction in a_0^- is 12% [a_0^0 : 25%]

Roessl 1999, Kubis & Meissner 2002

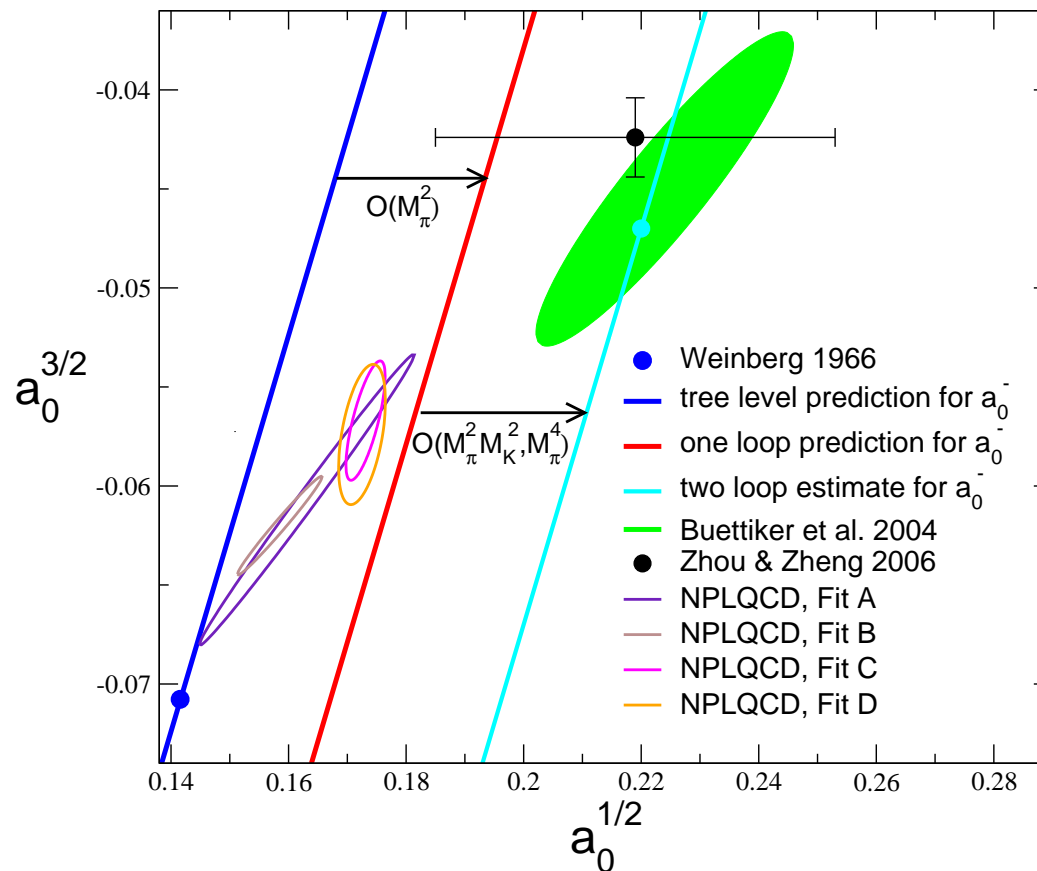
puzzle

- Phenomenological analysis based on Roy-Steiner does not agree well with the one loop prediction for a_0^-

Büttiker, Descotes-Genon & Moussallam 2004

- Estimate for the $O(p^6)$ couplings gives large correction

Bijnens, Dhonte & Talavera 2004, Schweizer 2005, Kaiser & Schweizer 2006



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need to solve the puzzle

- Does the expansion in powers of momenta fail already at threshold, because $M_K + M_\pi > 2M_\pi$?
⇒ If so, fix the subtractions at $s = u$, $t = 2M_\pi^2$
Cheng-Dashen point, compare Roy analysis of $\pi\pi$, Colangelo, Gasser & L. 2001
- Resonance model of Bijnens et al. implies that terms of $O(M_\pi^2 M_K^2, M_\pi^4)$ are larger than terms of $O(M_\pi^2)$
⇒ Looks supernatural – physics behind the phenomenon ?
- First lattice result for a_0^- is between tree and one loop results of χ PT, but needs confirmation

NPLQCD, hep-lat/0607036

a_0^- can be measured by means of $K\pi$ atoms
Is there a reliable prediction and if so, what is it ?

conclusion

- Low energy pion physics: theory ahead of experiment
 - Precision experiments carried out and under way
 - Lattice makes slow, but steady progress
 - So far, all tests confirm the theory
- Limitations of our approach:
 - Calculations cannot be done on back of an envelope
 - Method only covers low energies
 - Only a few applications have been worked out:
 $\pi\pi$ scattering, pion form factors, hadronic vacuum polarization in SM prediction for muon $g - 2$
 $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$ M. Pennington, hep-ph/0604212
- Much is yet to be done: $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega\pi\pi$, $D \rightarrow 3\pi$, ...
 πK , πN , ...

conclusion

- Model independent method for analytic continuation
 - The lowest resonance of QCD occurs at
$$M_\sigma = 441 \begin{matrix} +16 \\ -8 \end{matrix} \text{ MeV} \quad \Gamma_\sigma = 544 \begin{matrix} +18 \\ -25 \end{matrix} \text{ MeV}$$
and carries vacuum quantum numbers
 - Crossing symmetry plays an essential role:
Fixes contributions from left hand cut
Ensures fast convergence, low energy dominance
 - Pole occurs at low value of s , closer to left hand cut than to singularities from $K\bar{K}$, $f_0(980)$
 - Result for Γ_σ relies on theory for a_0^2
Experiments concerning a_0^2 would be most welcome



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GENTLE ANIMAL

LOOK IN HIS EYES FROM CLOSE

SMELL HIS GOOD BREATH

BRING YOUR PIONS ALONG AND

FEED HIM YOURSELF

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