

# Mass and width of the $\sigma$ meson

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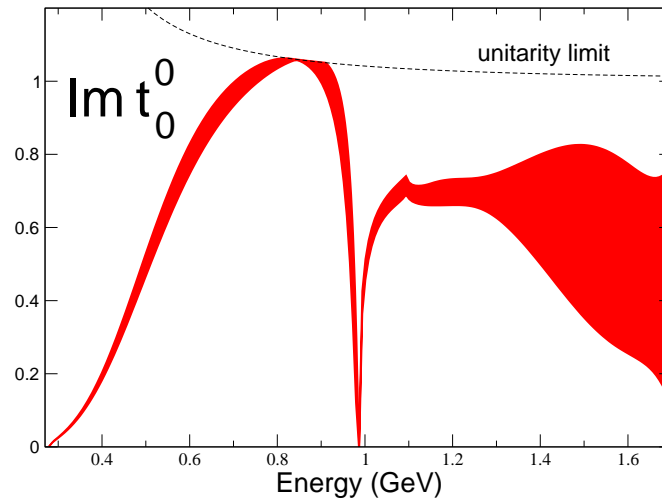
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# where is the lowest resonance of QCD ?

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

- 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:  $\sigma$  ?  $\rho$  ?
- 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 ?

# the red dragon



*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 resonance<sup>2</sup> which we identify as the lightest glueball with quantum numbers  $J^{PC} = 0^{++} \dots$*

<sup>2</sup> we refer to it as **red dragon**

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

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

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

VALUE (MeV)	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
<b>(400–1200)–<math>i</math>(250–500) OUR ESTIMATE</b>			
• • • 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 $\pi$ 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 $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi$

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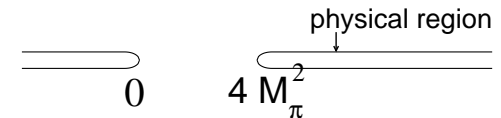
- First wish to discuss the content of these statements
  - 1 follows from **quantum mechanics**
  - 2 relies on **dispersion theory**
  - 3 invokes  **$\chi$ PT**
- ⇒ Remarkable recent progress in low energy pion physics based on  **$\chi$ PT + dispersion theory**
- Review this matter, then apply the method to the  $\sigma$



## 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  $S_0^0(s)^I$

# recent progress in low energy pion physics

- $\pi\pi$  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  $\chi$ 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  $M_\pi, F_\pi, a_0^2, \langle r^2 \rangle_s$

# dispersion relations

- $\pi\pi$  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  $a_0^0, a_0^2$

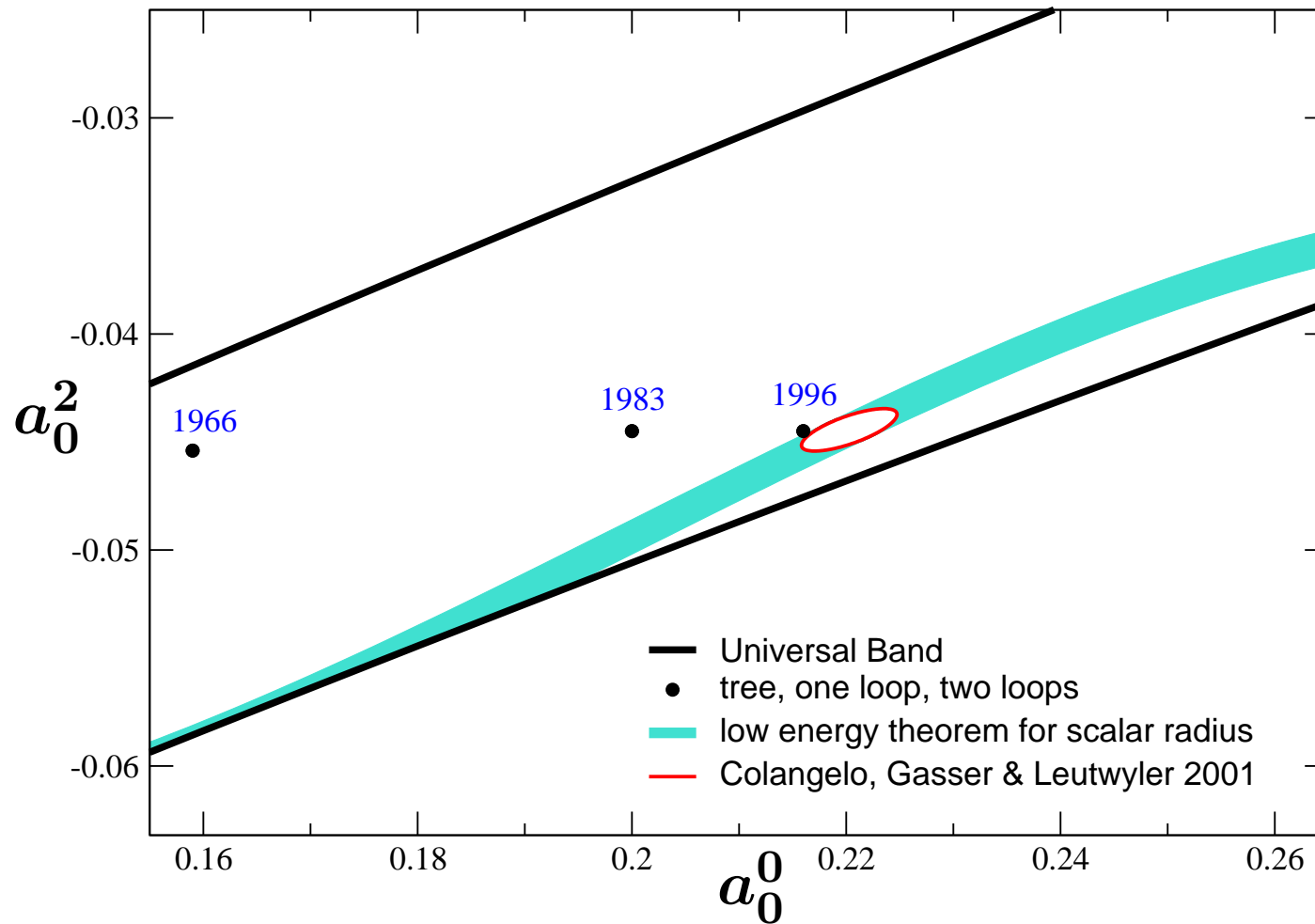
Weinberg 1966, Gasser & L. 1983, Bijmens, Colangelo, Ecker, Gasser & Sainio 1996

- 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

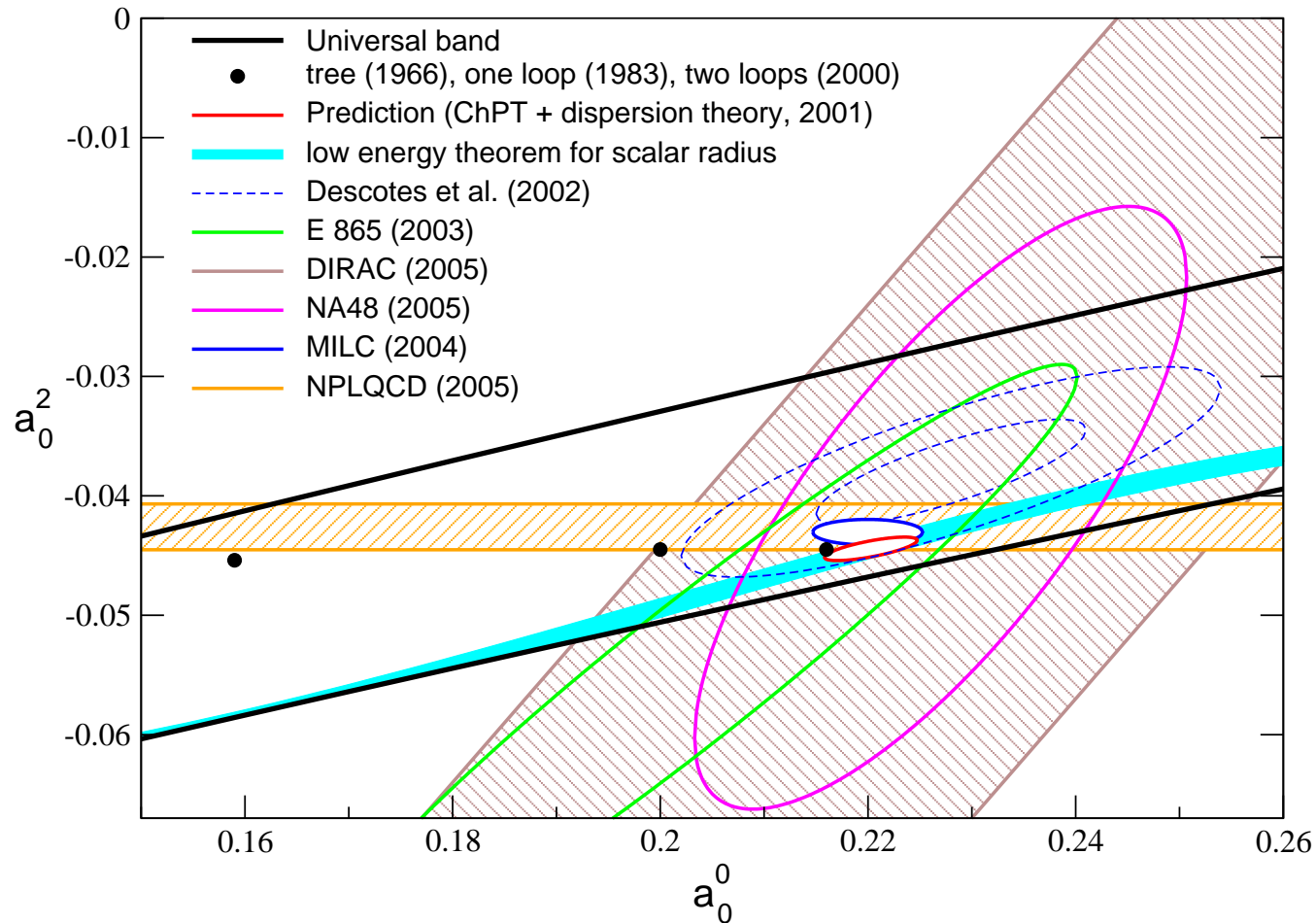
- In combination with the low energy theorems for  $a_0^0, a_0^2$ , the dispersion relations for the partial waves fix the  $\pi\pi$  scattering amplitude to an incredible degree of accuracy

# 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 ...

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- Left hand cut is essential for convergence:

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

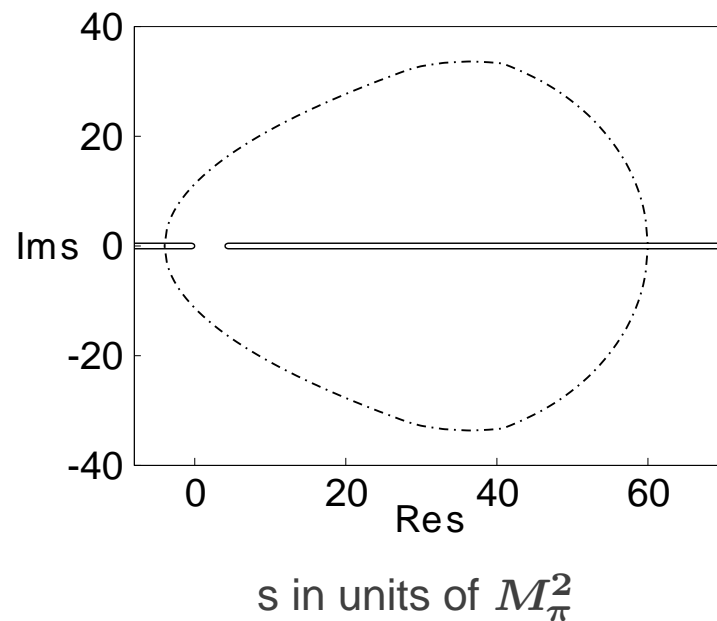
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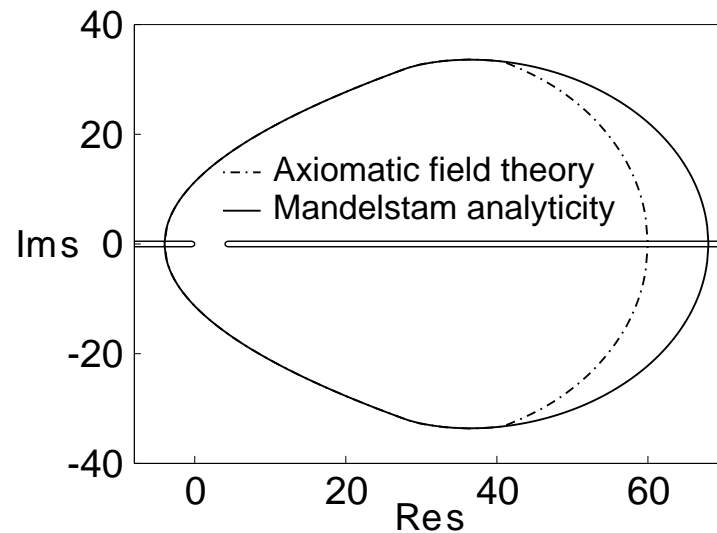
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- Proof is based on first principles, general quantum field theory

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

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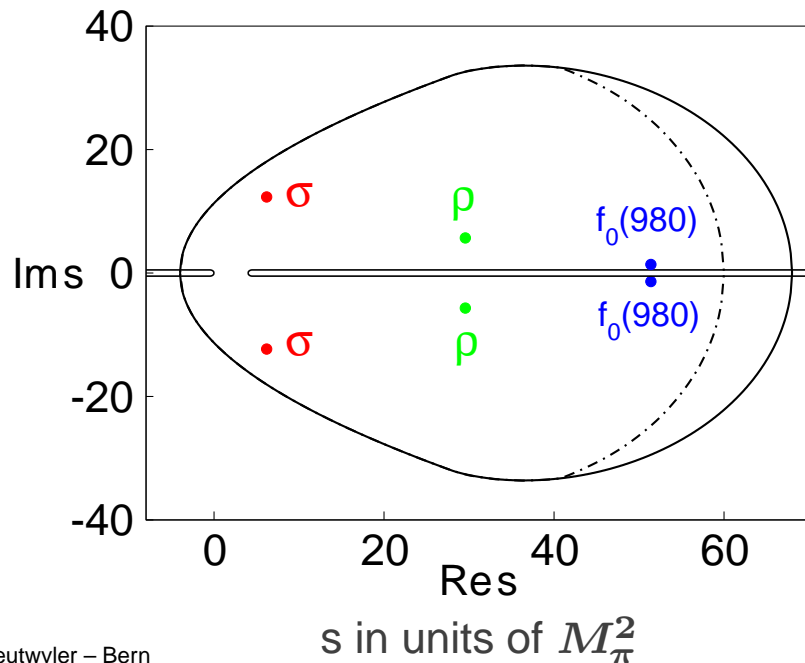


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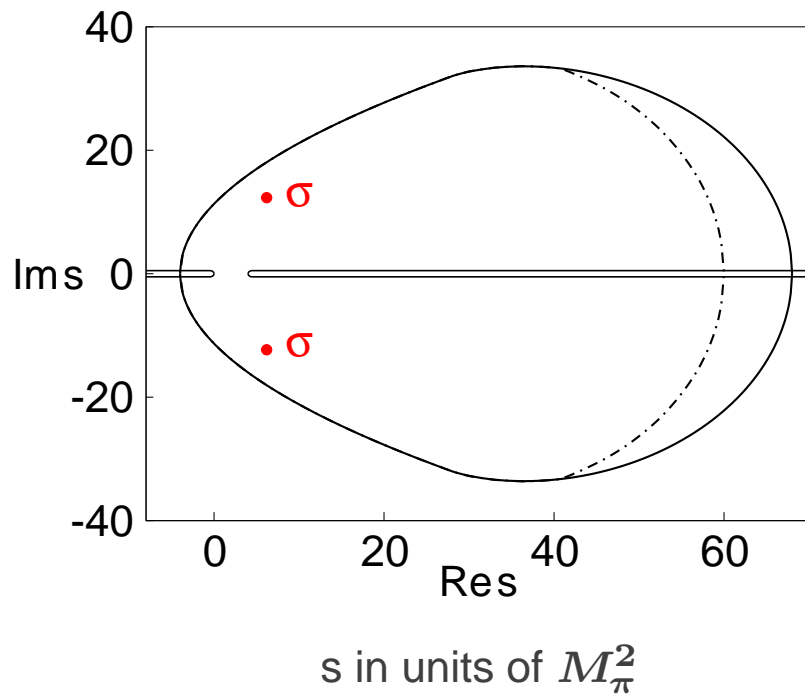
The eyes of the red dragon

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  $\sigma$  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  $\delta_A$
- Use conservative range:  $\delta_A = 82.3^\circ \begin{smallmatrix} +10^\circ \\ -4^\circ \end{smallmatrix}$

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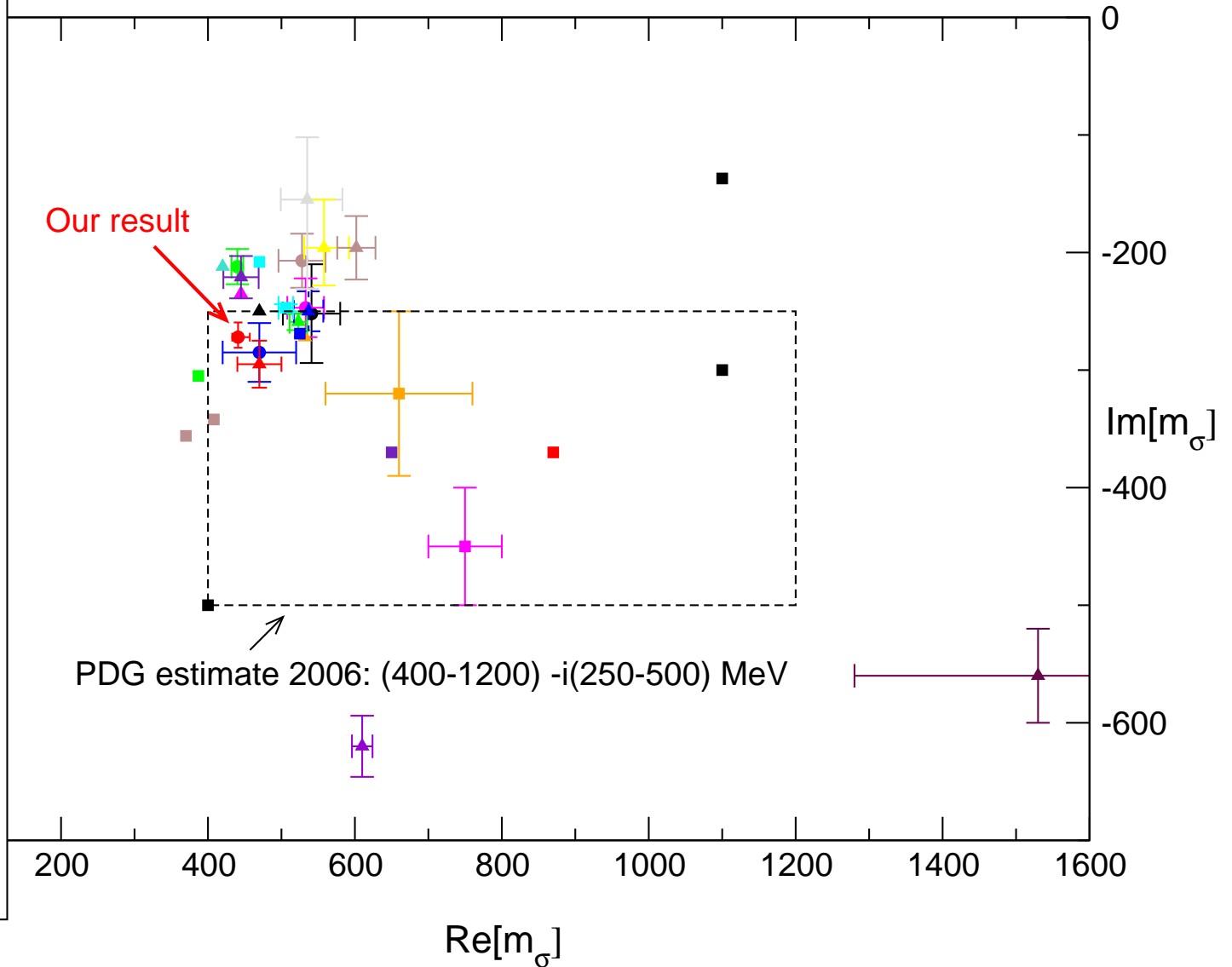
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- Final result: insert the predictions for  $a_0^0$ ,  $a_0^2$ , use the phenomenological range for  $\delta_A$  and add errors up:

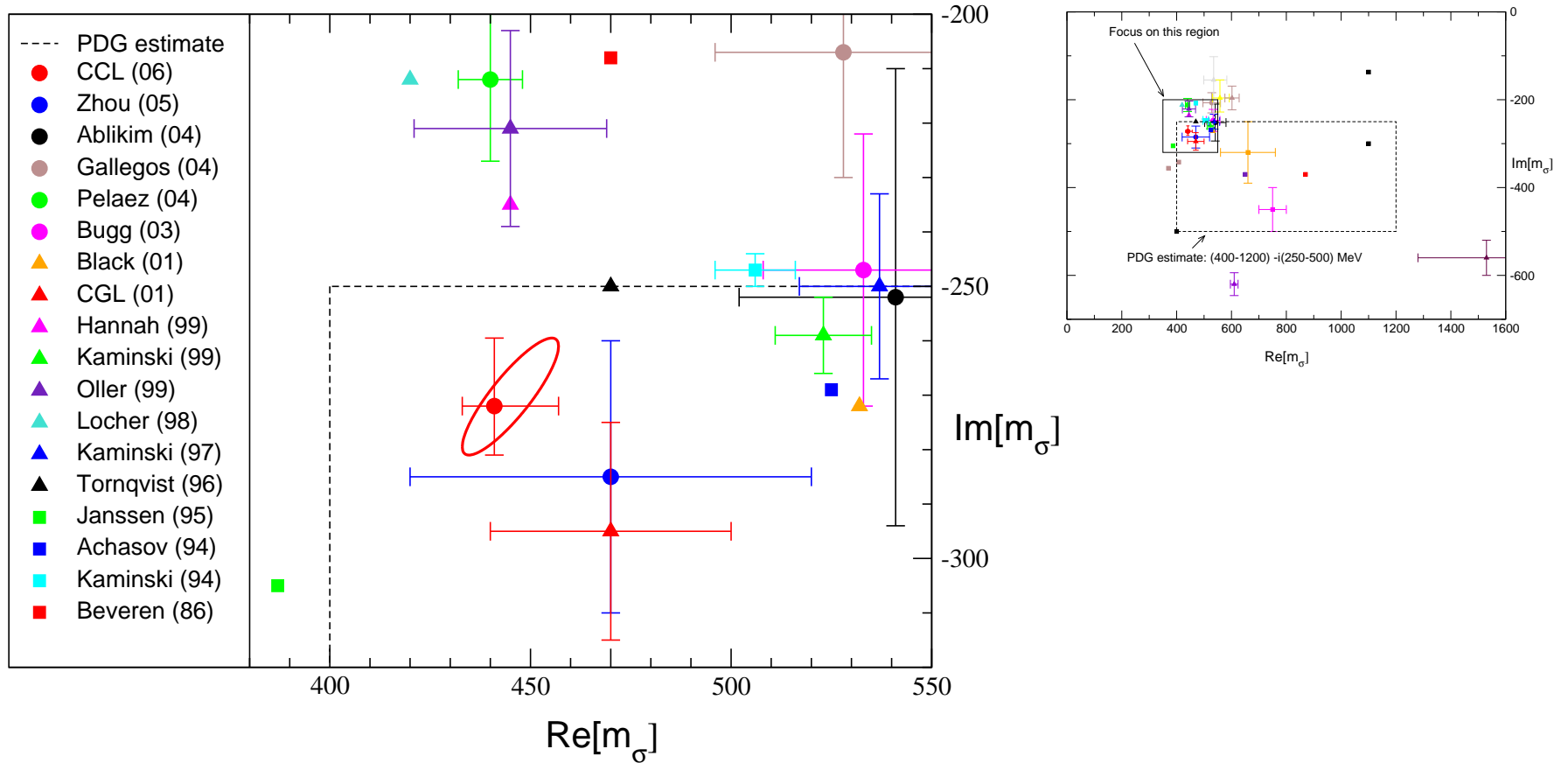
$$m_\sigma = 441 \begin{matrix} +16 \\ -8 \end{matrix} - i 272 \begin{matrix} +9 \\ -12.5 \end{matrix} \text{ MeV}$$

# comparison with compilation of PDG

- CCL (06)
- Zhou (05)
- Ablikim (04)
- Gallegos (04)
- Pelaez (04)
- Bugg (03)
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# vicinity of the pole

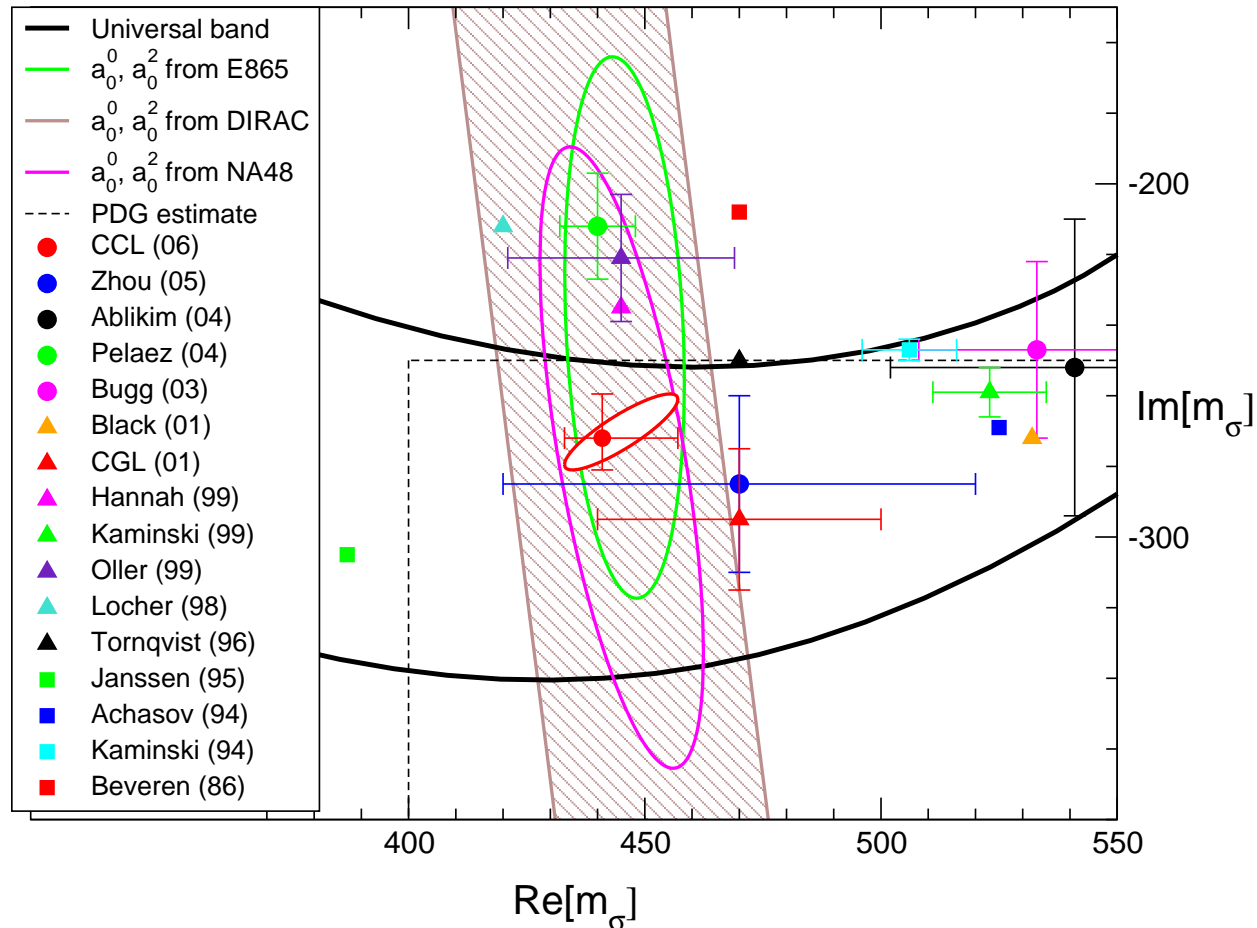


Results for  $\text{Re}[m_\sigma]$  and  $\text{Im}[m_\sigma]$  are strongly correlated



# 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



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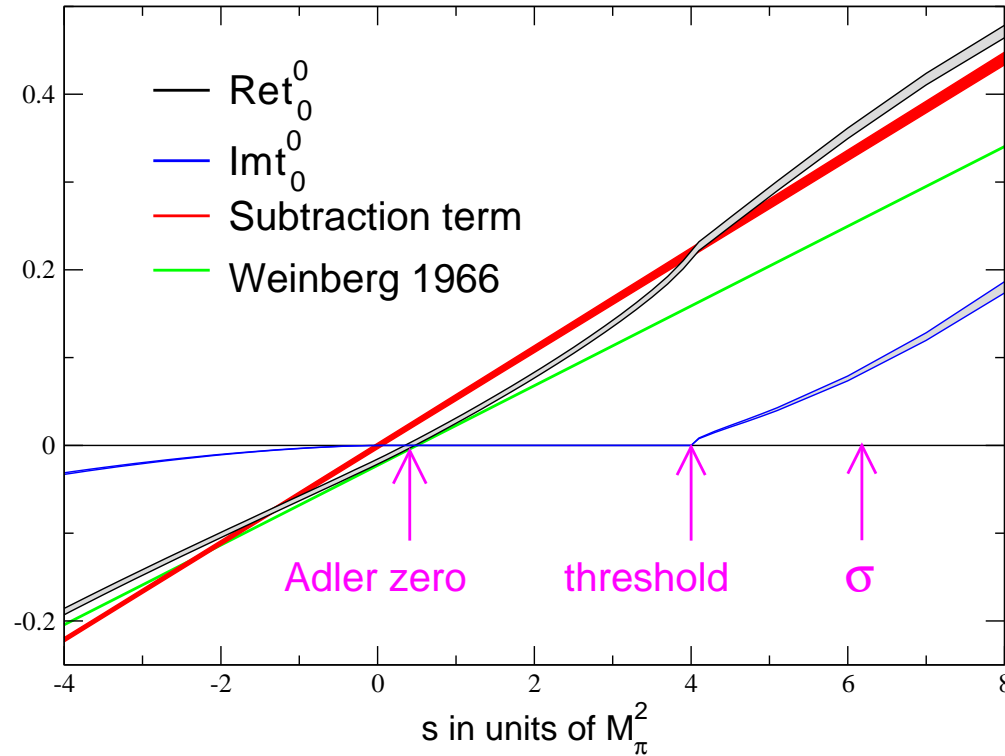
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⇒ Roy equation reduces to Weinberg formula

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

Dispersion integrals only represent a correction

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

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

Goldstone bosons of low energy interact only weakly

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⇒ Cubic equation for  $s$

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## curvature due to the left hand cut

- Left hand cut generates curvature  
Main contribution on the left stems from the  $\rho$
- Most pole determinations neglect the left hand cut  
Pole from  $\sigma$  is too close for this to be justified
- Can estimate contributions from left hand cut with  $\chi$ PT

Zhou, Qin, Zhang, Xiao, Zheng, 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

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

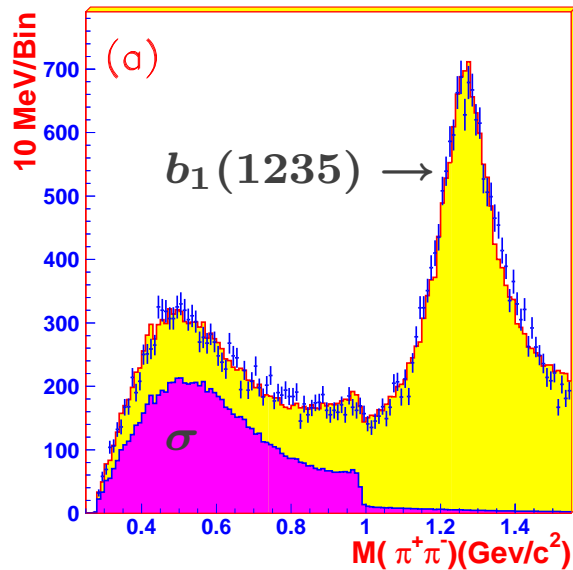
$$m_\sigma = 445 - i 241 \text{ MeV}$$

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

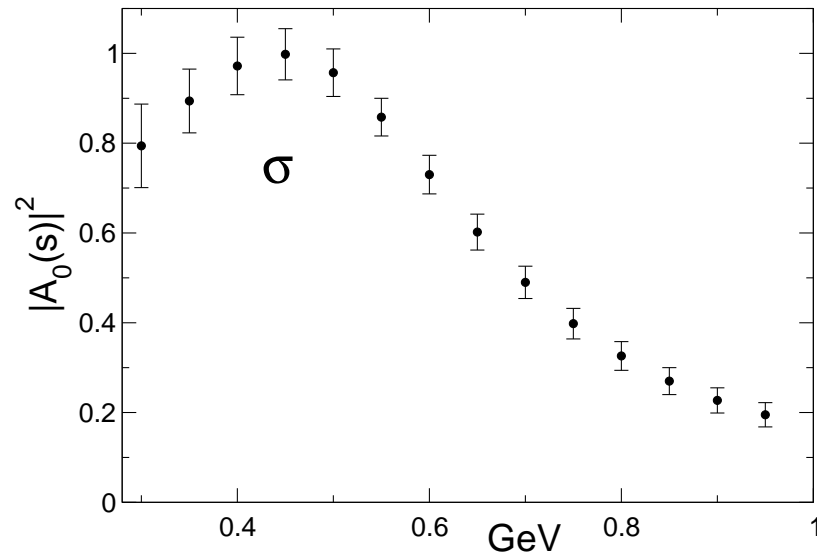
$$m_\sigma = (445 \pm 8) - i(241 \pm 22) \text{ MeV}$$

- ⇒ 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 model that includes  $K\bar{K}$  and  $\eta\eta$  final states)

Revised result differs from ours by less than  $1\sigma$

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

- Neglect rescattering on the  $\omega$  and  $4\pi$  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

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

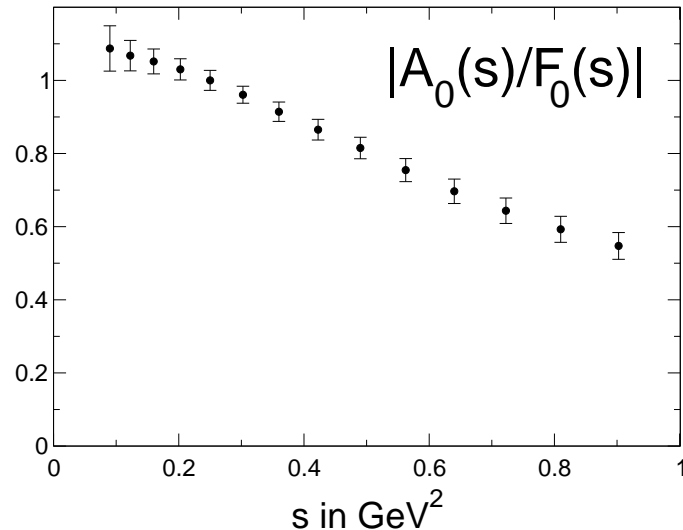
⇒  $A_0(s)/F_0(s)$  is real for  $0 < s < 4M_K^2$

- Both  $A_0(s)$  and  $F_0(s)$  have a pole from the  $\sigma$  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  $J/\psi$  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:  $A_0(s)/F_0(s) \simeq \text{constant}$

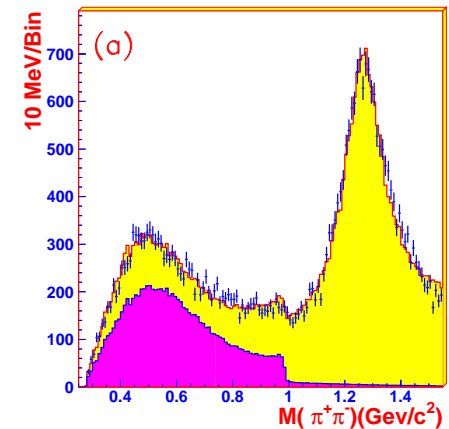
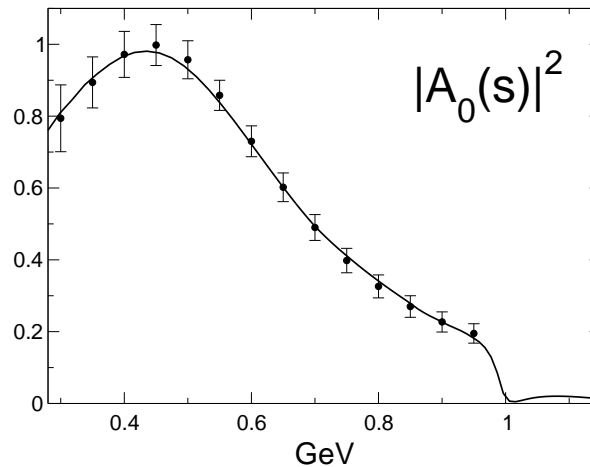
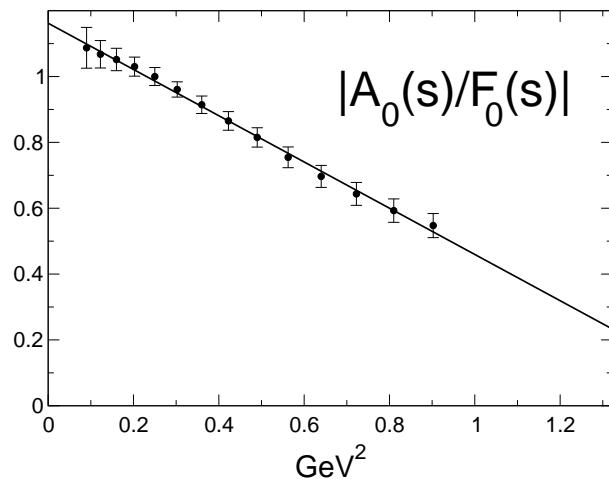
- Dispersion relation for  $R(s) \equiv A_0(s)/F_0(s)$ :

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

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

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

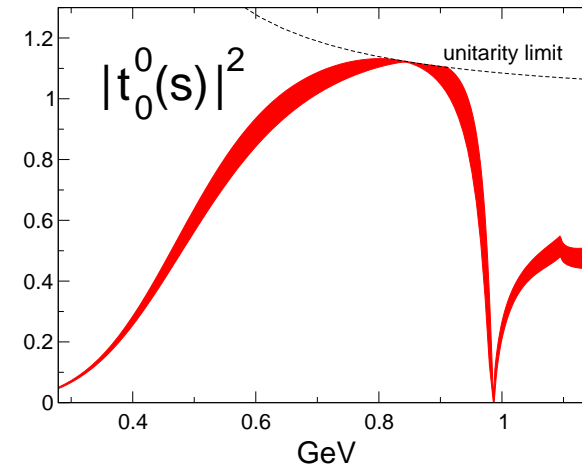
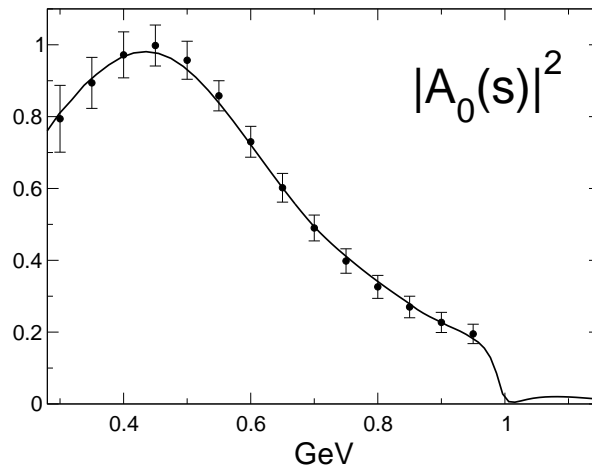
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- Full line corresponds to the approximation  $A_0(s) \simeq R_0 (1 - s/s_0) F_0(s)$ , with  $s_0 = 1.65 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Observed energy dependence is consistent with the assumption that rescattering on the  $\omega$  can be neglected
- Values of 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



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- 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

Lattice work appears to confirm this property

Mathur et al., hep-ph/0607110

## linear $\sigma$ -model ?

- Leading term in  $\chi$ PT is the nonlinear  $\sigma$ -model  
Perturbation series does not contain a  $\sigma$ -pole
- Since there is such a pole:  
Nonlinear  $\sigma$ -model  $\Rightarrow$  linear  $\sigma$ -model ?
- Can the low energy structure of QCD  
be understood in terms of  $\pi + \sigma$  ?
- Pole is too far from the real axis  
for scalar meson dominance to work
- $\rho$  not less important
- Linear  $\sigma$ -model at best accounts for a small fraction of  
the non-leading terms in the chiral lagrangian

## inverse amplitude “method”

- Different attempt at improving  $\chi$ PT by hand:  
Padé  $\Rightarrow$  Inverse amplitude “method”
- Unitarity  $\checkmark$  Poles from  $\rho, \sigma$   $\checkmark$
- Simple, useful approximation, also for form factors  
Improves chiral representation in physical region  
Truong, Dobado, Herrero, Peláez, Hannah, Oller, Guerrero, Ramos, Oset, Zheng  
Xiao, He, Qin, Deng, Nieves, Pavón Valderrama, Ruiz-Arriola, Gómez-Nicola  
Llanes-Estrada, Lähde, Meissner, ...
- Cannot solve unitarity & crossing symmetry by hand  
IAM enforces unitarity at the expense of crossing  
Left hand cut is distorted, fake poles ( $I = 2$  !), ...  
Dobado & Peláez 1993, Qin, Deng, Xiao & Zheng 2002
- Main problem: model  $\Rightarrow$  uncertainties not under control

# the $f_0(980)$

- Physics of the  $f_0(980) \in$  Goldstone boson dynamics  
Interaction among two kaons is relevant

Hanhart hep-ph/0609136

- These states are very sensitive to SU(3) breaking

- Multiplet pattern ?  $a_0(980)$  ?      Xiao, Zheng, Zhou hep-ph/0609009

## the $\kappa$

- $K\pi$  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  $\chi$ PT

Zhou and Zheng, hep-ph/0603062

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

$$m_{\kappa} = 671 - i262 \text{ MeV}$$

⇒ Physics of  $\sigma$  and  $\kappa$  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  $a_0^- = \frac{1}{3}(a_0^{\frac{1}{2}} - a_0^{\frac{3}{2}})$ :

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

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

- 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

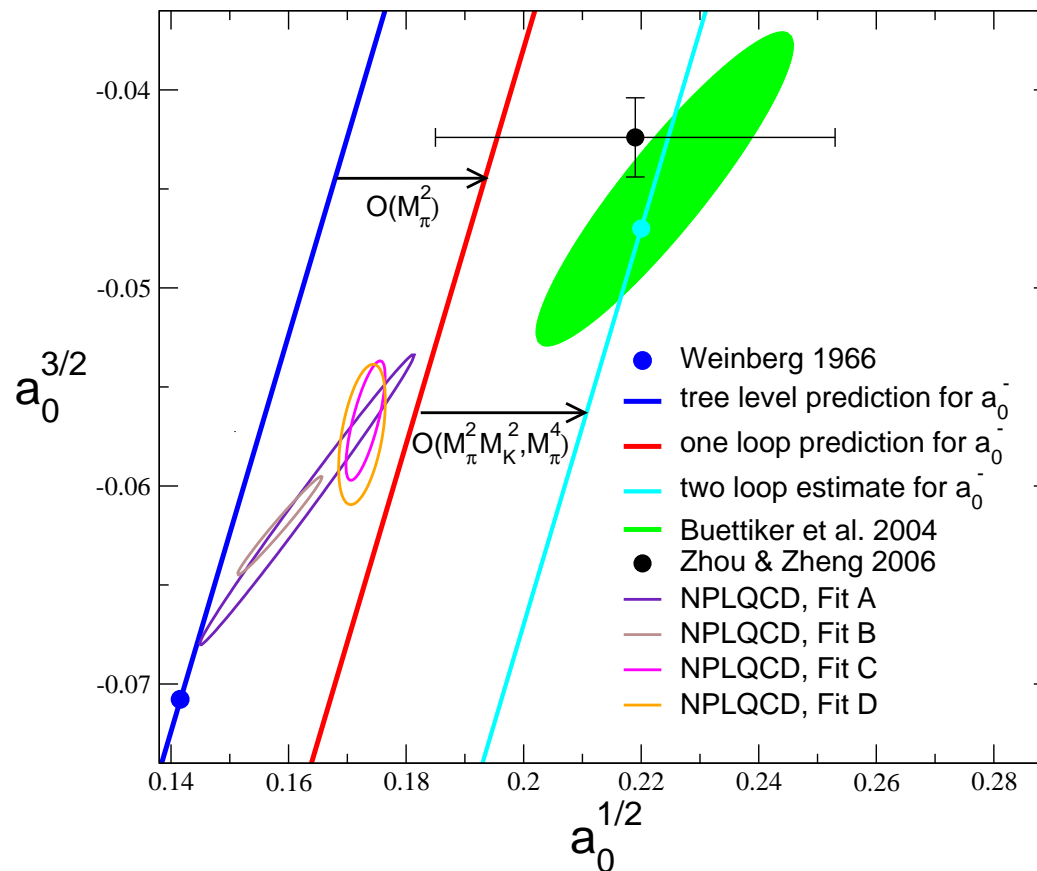
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- Phenomenological analysis based on Roy-Steiner does not agree well with the one loop prediction for  $a_0^-$

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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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 ?

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- Limitations of our approach:
  - Calculations cannot be done on back of an envelope
  - Analysis only covers low energies
  - Only a few applications have been worked out:  
 $\pi\pi$  scattering, pion form factors, hadronic vacuum polarization in muon  $g - 2$

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$$

Pennington, hep-ph/0604212

## conclusion

- Much is yet to be done:  $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega\pi\pi$ ,  $D \rightarrow 3\pi, \dots$   
 $\pi K, \pi N, \dots$
- Model independent method for analytic continuation
  - The lowest resonance of QCD occurs at
$$M_\sigma = 441^{+16}_{-8} \text{ MeV} \quad \Gamma_\sigma = 544^{+18}_{-25} \text{ MeV}$$
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  $\Gamma_\sigma$  relies on theory for  $a_0^2$   
Experiments concerning  $a_0^2$  would be most welcome



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