

# The lowest resonance of QCD

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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 ChPT + 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: 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 to within small uncertainties

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  $a_0^0, a_0^2$

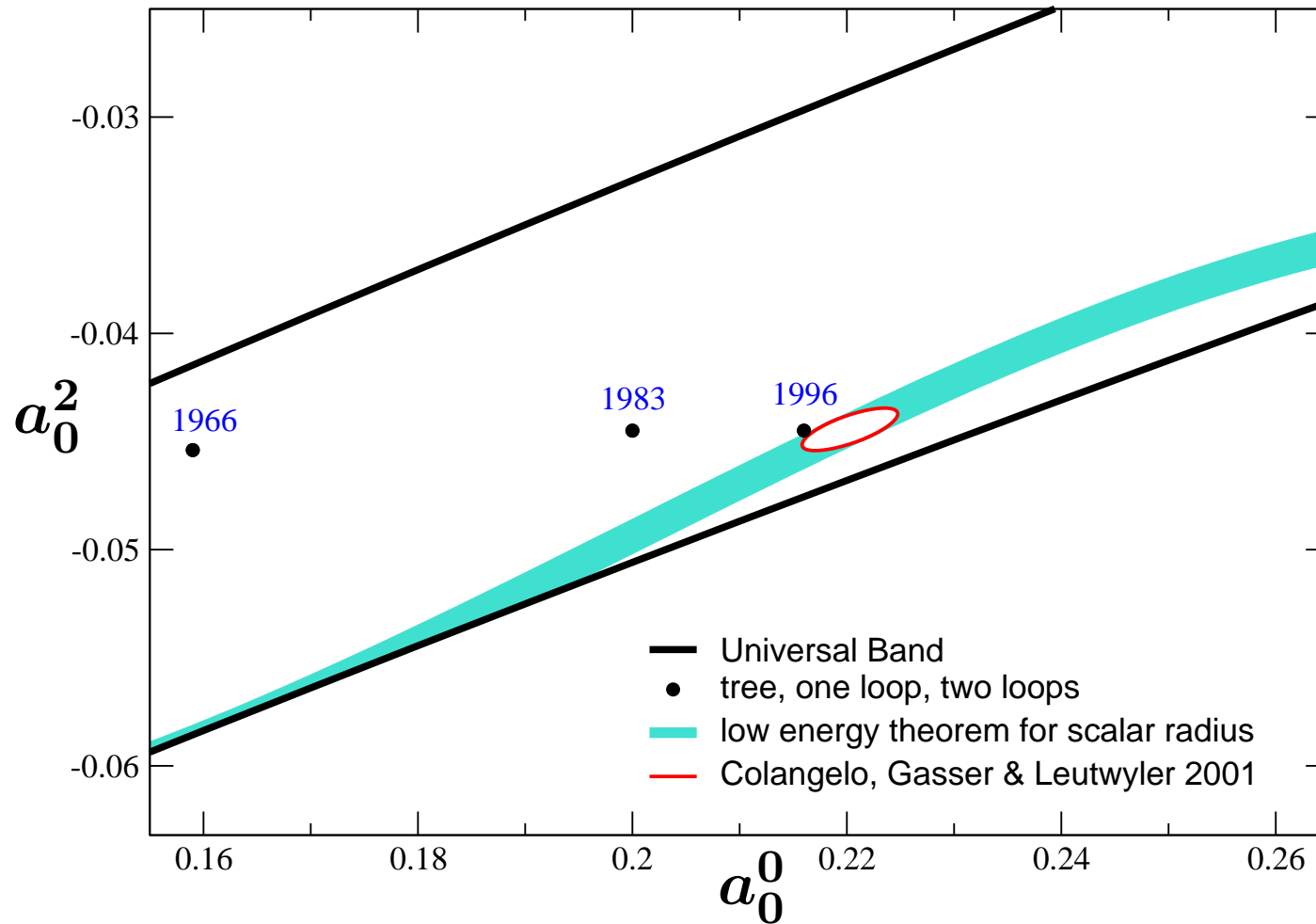
Weinberg 1966, Gasser & L. 1983, Bijmens, Colangelo, Ecker, Gasser & Sainio 1996

- 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

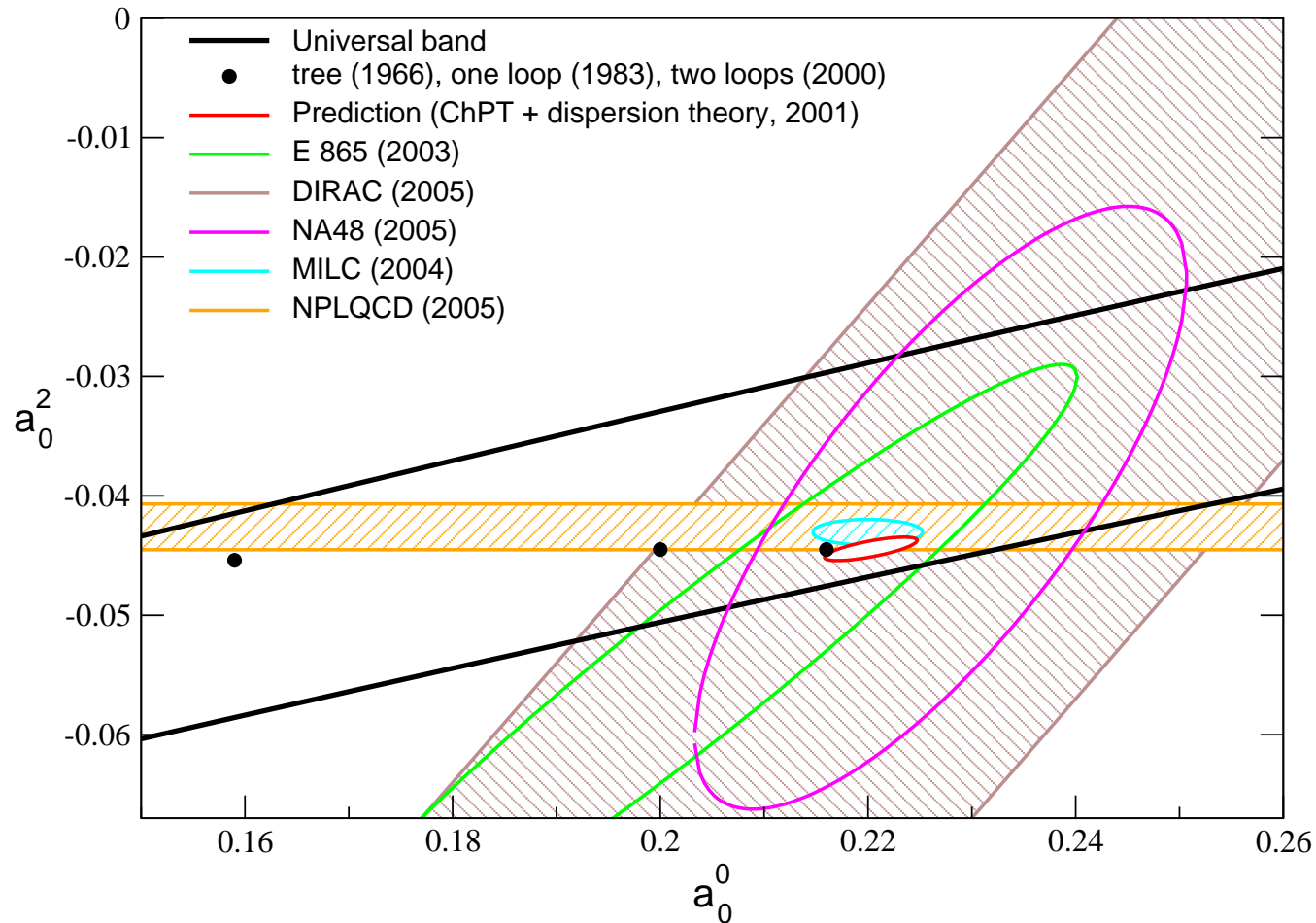
- In combination with the low energy theorems for  $a_0^0, a_0^2$ , the dispersion relations for the partial waves fix the  $\pi\pi$  scattering amplitude to an incredible degree of accuracy

# 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 ...

# The $\sigma$

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



**$f_0(600)$**   
or  $\sigma$

$$I^G(J^{PC}) = 0^+(0^{++})$$

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

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

VALUE (MeV)	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
<b>(400–1200)–i(300–500) OUR ESTIMATE</b>			
● ● ● We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. ● ● ●			
(541 ± 39)–i(252 ± 42)	1 ABLIKIM	04A BES2	$J/\psi \rightarrow \omega\pi^+\pi^-$
(528 ± 32)–i(207 ± 23)	2 GALLEGOS	04 RVUE	Compilation
(440 ± 8)–i(212 ± 15)	3 PELAEZ	04A RVUE	$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi$
(533 ± 25)–i(247 ± 25)	4 BUGG	03 RVUE	
532 – i272	BLACK	01 RVUE	$\pi^0\pi^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$
(470 ± 30)–i(295 ± 20)	5 COLANGELO	01 RVUE	$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi$
(535 <sup>+48</sup> <sub>-36</sub> )–i(155 <sup>+76</sup> <sub>-53</sub> )	6 ISHIDA	01	$\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow \Upsilon\pi\pi$
610 ± 14 – i620 ± 26	7 SUROVTSEV	01 RVUE	$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$
(558 <sup>+34</sup> <sub>-27</sub> )–i(196 <sup>+32</sup> <sub>-41</sub> )	ISHIDA	00B	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$
445 – i235	HANNAH	99 RVUE	$\pi$ scalar form factor
(523 ± 12)–i(259 ± 7)	KAMINSKI	99 RVUE	$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}, \sigma\sigma$
442 – i 227	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 <sup>+90</sup> <sub>-250</sub> )–i(560 ± 40)	ANISOVICH	98B RVUE	Compilation
420 – i 212	LOCHER	98 RVUE	$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$
(602 ± 26)–i(196 ± 27)	8 ISHIDA	97	$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi$
(537 ± 20)–i(250 ± 17)	9 KAMINSKI	97B RVUE	$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}, 4\pi$
470 – i250	10,11 TORNQVIST	96 RVUE	$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}, K\pi, \eta\pi$
~ (1100 – i300)	AMSLER	95B CBAR	$\bar{p}p \rightarrow 3\pi^0$
400 – i500	11,12 AMSLER	95D CBAR	$\bar{p}p \rightarrow 3\pi^0$
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525 – i269	15 ACHASOV	94 RVUE	$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi$
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370 – i356	16 ZOU	94B RVUE	$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$
408 – i342	11,16 ZOU	93 RVUE	$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$
870 – i370	11,17 AU	87 RVUE	$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$
470 – i208	18 BEVEREN	86 RVUE	$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}, \eta\eta, \dots$
(750 ± 50)–i(450 ± 50)	19 ESTABROOKS	79 RVUE	$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$
(660 ± 100)–i(320 ± 70)	PROTOPOP...	73 HBC	$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$
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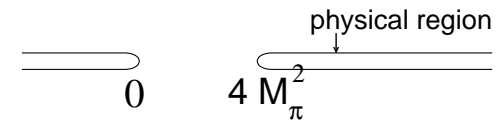
  3. Can evaluate this representation to good precision and determine the zeros numerically

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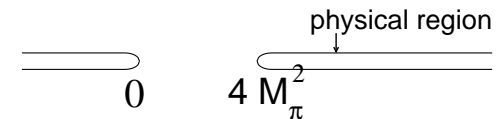
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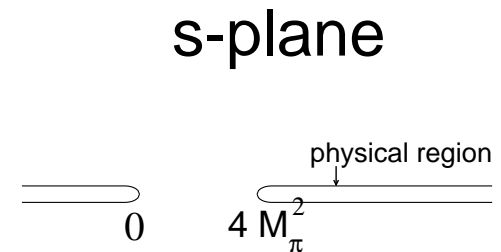
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$$S_0^0(x - i\epsilon)^{II} = S_0^0(x + i\epsilon)^I = 1/S_0^0(x - i\epsilon)^I$$

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  $S_0^0(s)^I$

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- Left hand cut is essential for convergence:

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

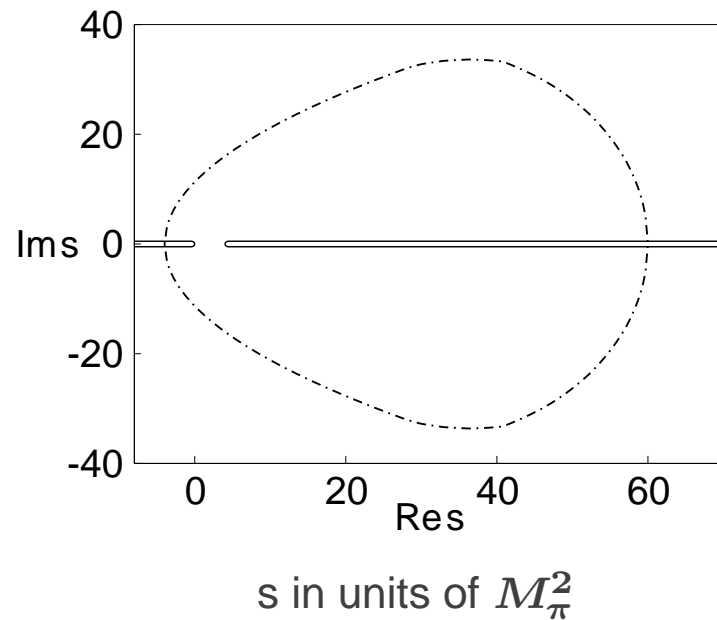
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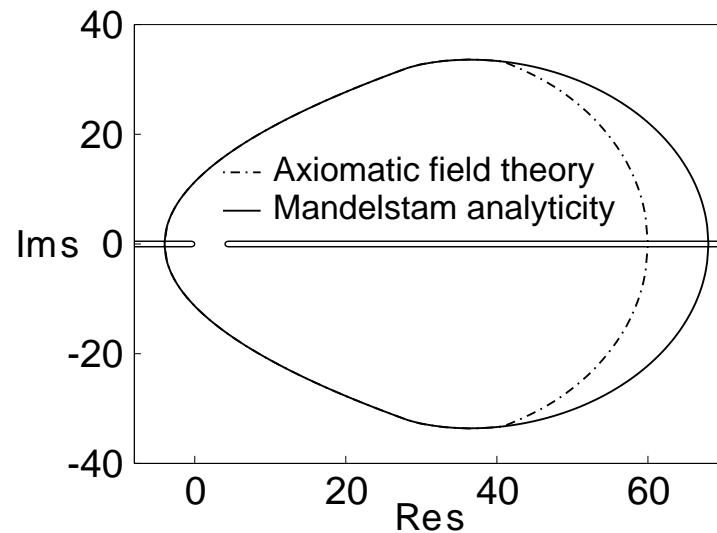
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- Proof is based on first principles, general quantum field theory

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

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

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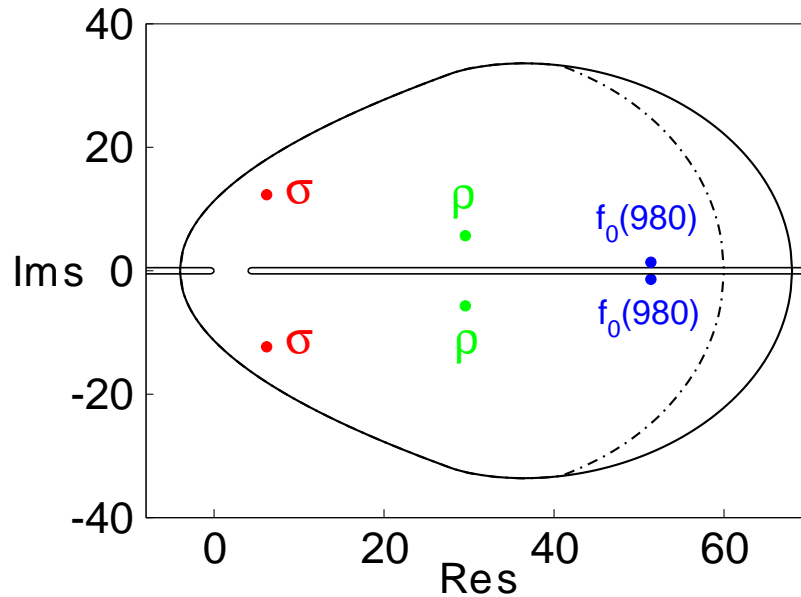


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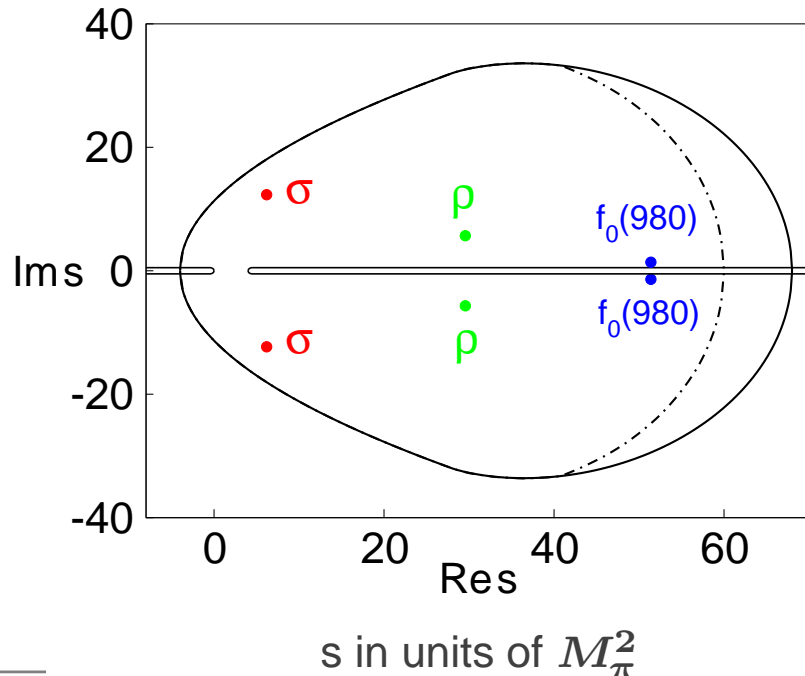


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- ⇒ 1. Lowest resonance of QCD has vacuum quantum numbers
2. Pole on lower half of sheet II occurs in vicinity of

$$m_\sigma = 441 - i 272 \text{ MeV}$$

$$= M_\sigma - \frac{i}{2} \Gamma_\sigma$$

## Error analysis

- Results depend on phenomenological input used when solving the Roy equations, subject to uncertainties  
Can follow error propagation explicitly

- Pole position of  $\sigma$  mainly depends on 3 input variables:

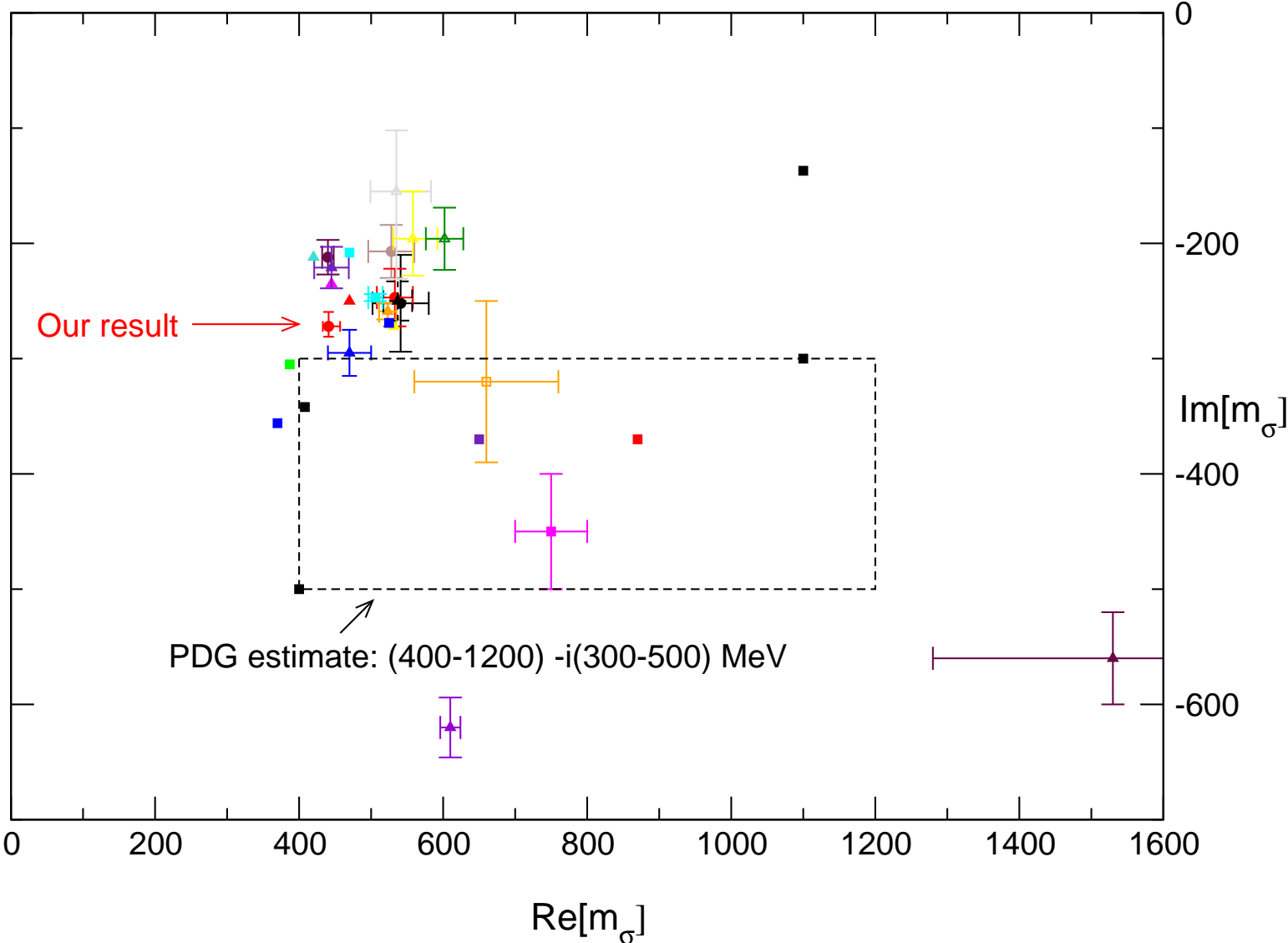
$$a_0^0, a_0^2, \delta_A \equiv \delta_0^0(800 \text{ MeV})$$

- Substantial uncertainties in phenomenology of  $\delta_A$
- Use the range:  $\delta_A = 82.3^\circ \begin{smallmatrix} +10^\circ \\ -4^\circ \end{smallmatrix}$

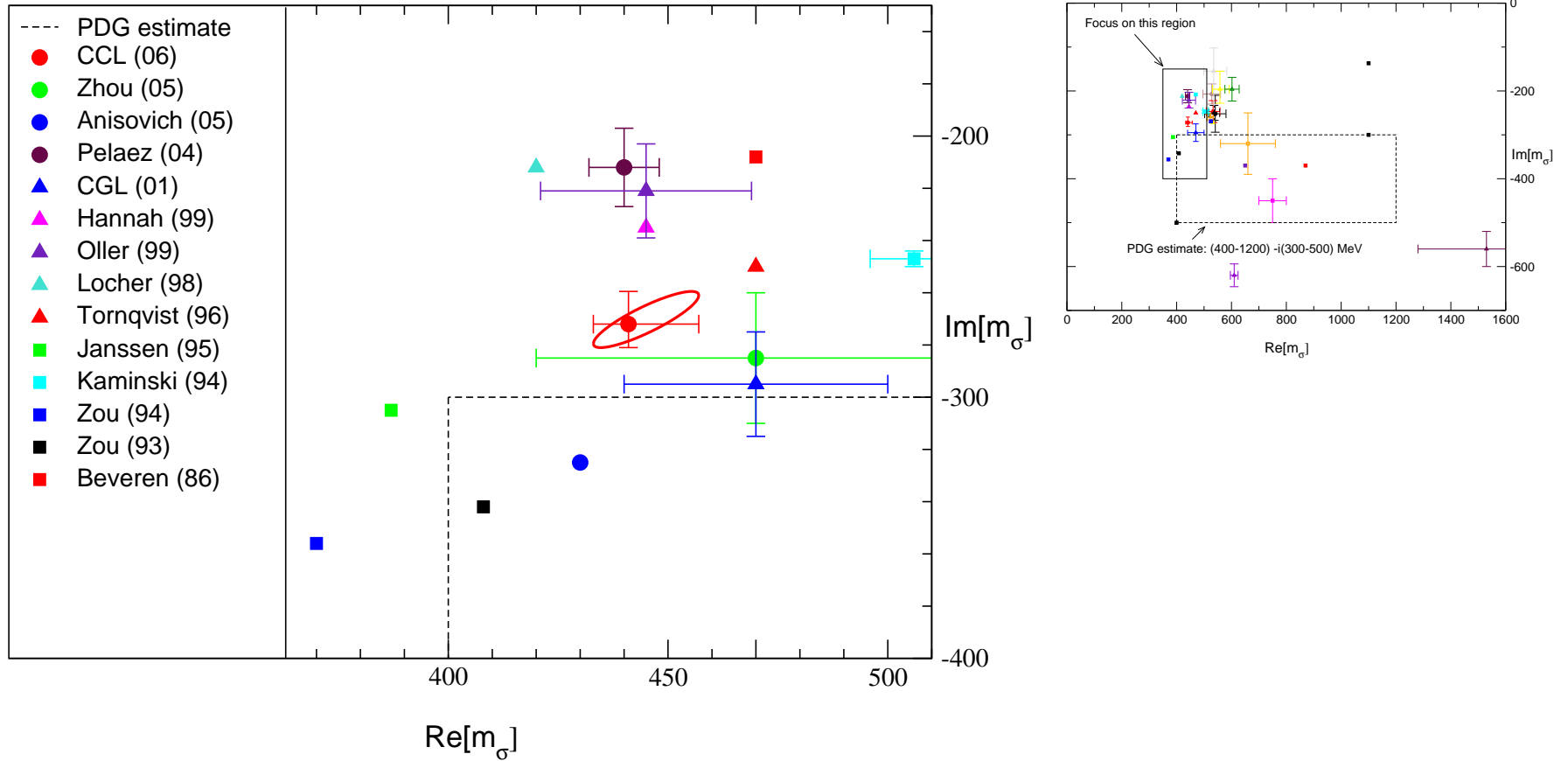
- Final result, all uncertainties added up in square

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# Comparison with compilation of PDG



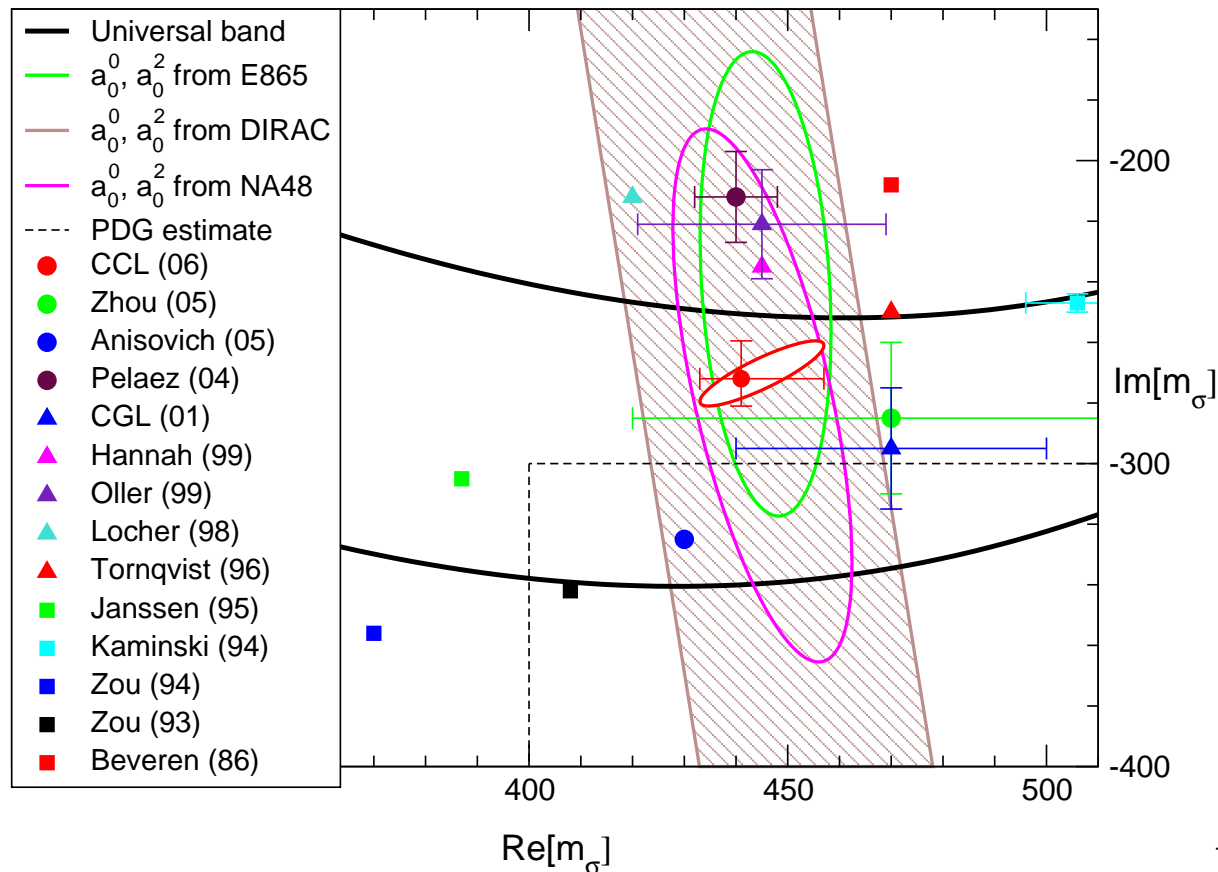
# Vicinity of the pole



Results for  $Re[m_\sigma]$  and  $Im[m_\sigma]$  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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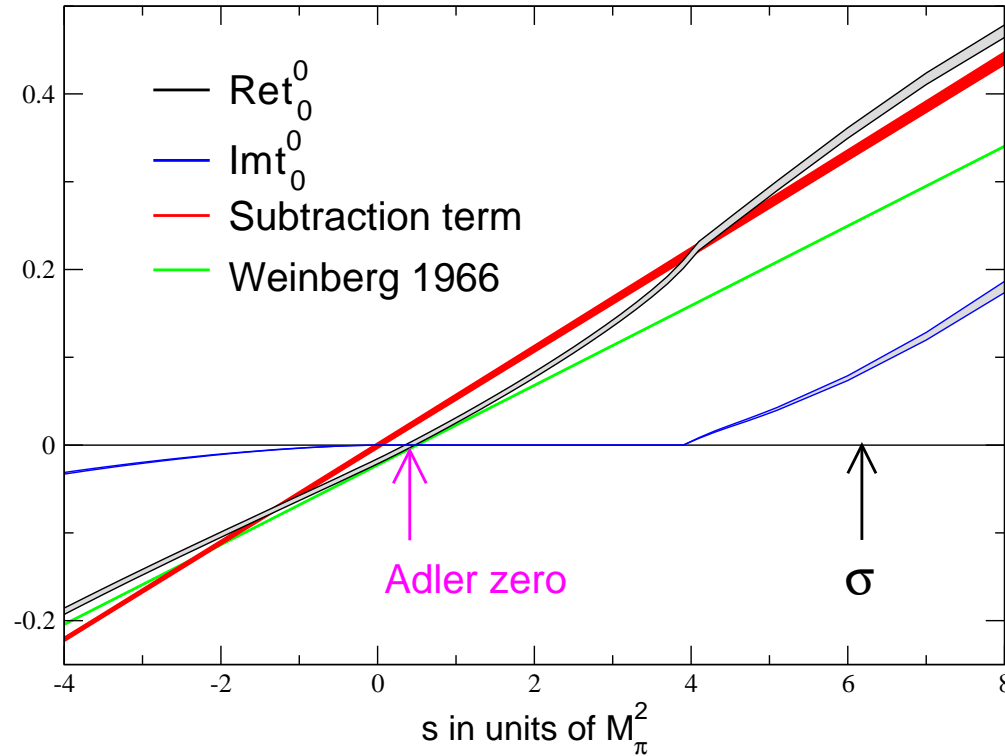
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Dispersion integrals only represent a correction



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

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  - 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:  $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega\pi\pi$ ,  $D \rightarrow 3\pi$ , ...  
 $\pi K$ ,  $\kappa$ , ...



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- 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  $\Gamma_\sigma$  relies on theory for  $a_0^2$   
Experiments concerning  $a_0^2$  would be most welcome