

# Excited states in Lattice QCD

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# Background

- Spectrum of resonance states in QCD is poorly understood:
  - 'Missing' Baryon resonances
  - 'Exotic' States in light quark and charmonium sectors.
  - Lots of experimental effort underway (Many talks!)
- Resonances typically appear as a rapid variation in scattering phase shifts.
- We want to calculate resonance parameters from lattice QCD simulations.

- Recent algorithmic advances have improved precision and energy resolution.
- Near future: some low-lying resonance properties can become 'gold-plated'



Golden drawing room,  
State Hermitage Museum,  
St. Petersburg  
(drawing)

# Lattice QCD

Euclidean Path Integral (finite  $a$ ,  $L$ ,  $T$ )  $\leftrightarrow$  Statistical Ensemble:

$$\langle 0 | F[\hat{U}] | 0 \rangle_c = \int DU F[U] \frac{(\det M[U])^{N_f} e^{-S_{YM}[U]}}{Z}$$

Generate  $\{U_i\}$  using a Markov Chain (Metropolis Algorithm):

$$U_0 \rightarrow U_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow U_t \rightarrow U_{t+1}$$



# Scattering Info from Lattice QCD

$$C_{ij}(t) = \sum_n \langle 0 | \hat{O}_i | n \rangle \langle n | \hat{O}_j^\dagger | 0 \rangle e^{-E_n t}$$

- **Maiani-Testa no-go theorem:** L. Maiani and M. Testa, '90
  - Naively, just calculate  $\langle \mathbf{p}_1^f, \mathbf{p}_2^f | \mathbf{p}_1^i, \mathbf{p}_2^i \rangle$
  - In general, contains no info about on shell scattering amplitudes
- **Lüscher's work-around: below inelastic thresholds**

M. Lüscher, '91; M. Lüscher, U. Wolff, '90

$$\det [F^{-1}(q) - i\mathcal{M}(q)] = 0, \quad E_{cm}^2 = 4(m^2 + q^2)$$

# Generalizations of the Lüscher formalism:

- Moving frames:  $\vec{P}_{tot} \neq 0$  Gottlieb and Rummukainen '95;  
Kim, Sharpe, Sachrajda '05 ;  
Leskovec and Prelovsek '12 ; Gockeler et al '12
- Non-QCD two-hadron decays:  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  Lellouch, Lüscher '01  
Briceno, Hansen, Walker-Loud '14
- Coupled two-hadron decay channels:  $K^* \rightarrow K\pi, K\eta$   
He, Feng, Liu '05
- Two-hadron production:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi\pi$  Meyer '11
- Resonance matrix elements:  $\gamma N \rightarrow N\pi$   
Bernard et al '12; Agadjanov et al '14 (talk today 18:00)
- Three-hadron decays:  $\omega \rightarrow 3\pi$   
Polejaeva and Rusetsky '12;  
Sharpe and Hansen '14

# 1-D Quantum Mechanics:

- Recall: solutions to Schroedinger eq. in 'exterior region' with definite parity are

$$\psi_+(x) = A \cos(k|x| + \delta_+(k))$$

$$\psi_-(x) = B \operatorname{sign}(x) \sin(k|x| + \delta_-(k))$$

- On a (large) circle, allowed momenta are shifted from non-interacting values to satisfy periodicity:

$$kL + 2\delta_{\pm}(k) = 0 \pmod{2\pi}$$

- Allowed energies will be distorted differently for each parity.

# General Procedure for elastic scattering phase shifts

Example:  $\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi$

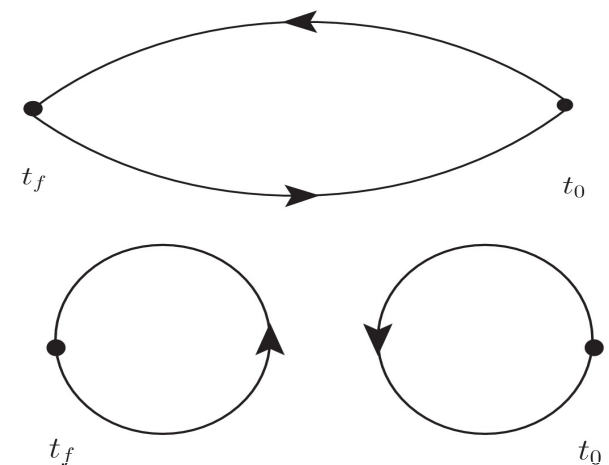
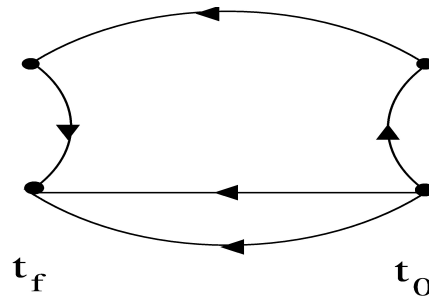
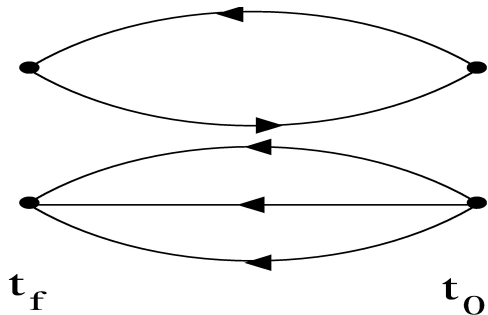
1. Calculate finite-volume single-hadron energy:  $m_\pi$
2. Calculate finite-volume two-hadron energies:  $E_{2\pi}^{I=1}(\vec{P}_{tot})$
3. Obtain the center-of-mass momentum:  $E^2 = 4(m^2 + q^2)$
4. Use the formula

$$\det[F^{-1}(q) - i\mathcal{M}(q)] = 0$$



# Algorithmic advances

- Step 2 is difficult!
- Correlators with quarks (after Wick contractions) contain  $M^{-1}(x, y)$ , inverse of a large ill-conditioned matrix.
- Scattering states require 'disconnected' diagrams

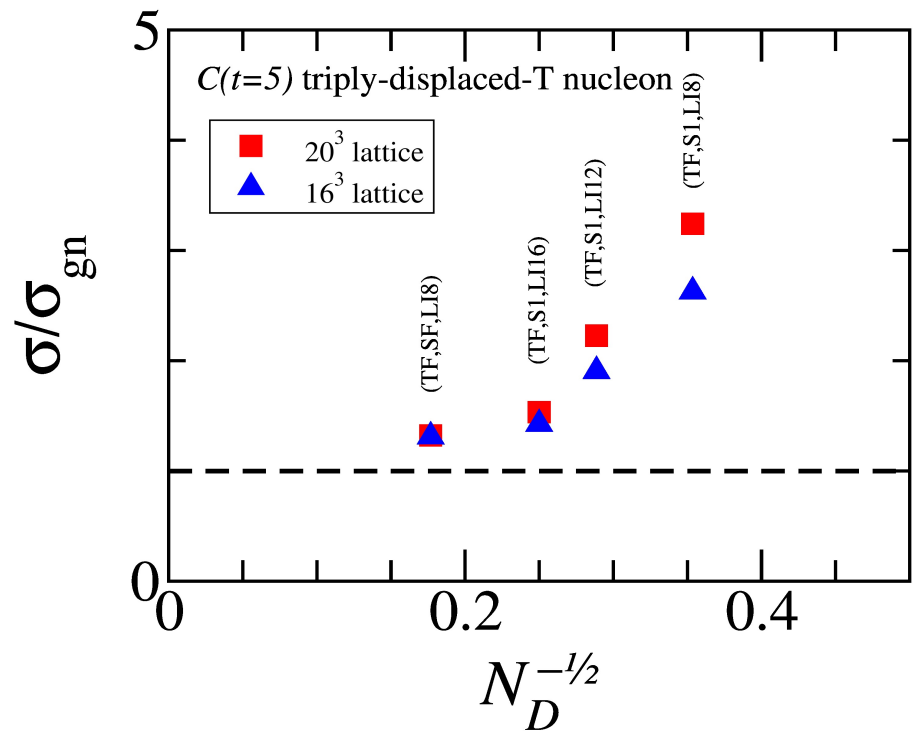
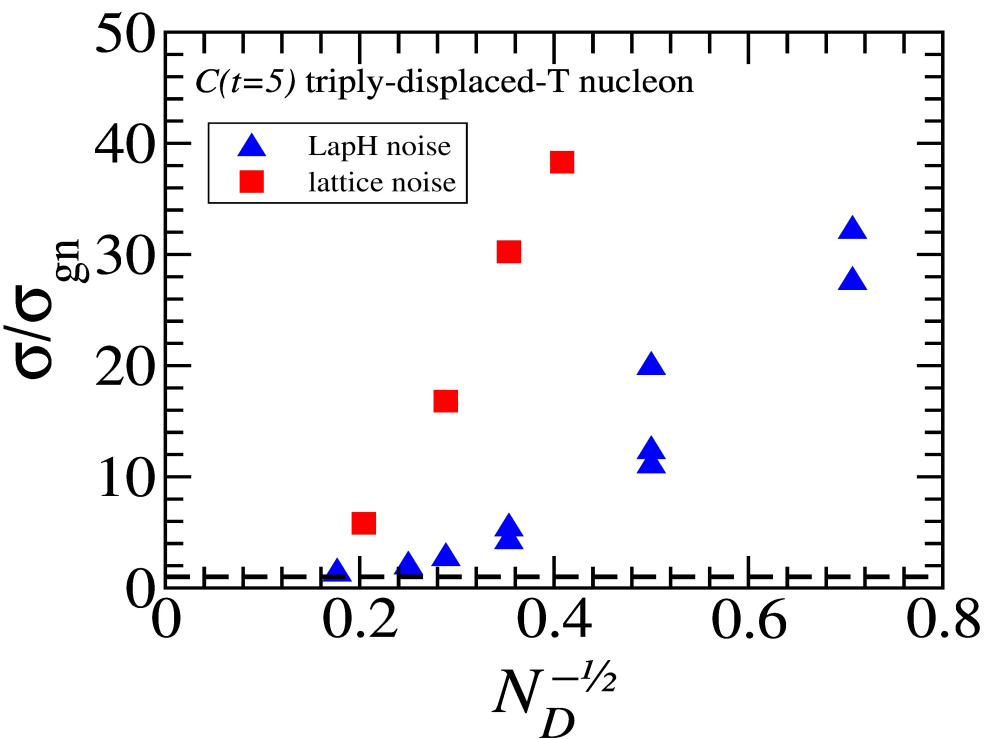


- These diagrams require the entire matrix  $M^{-1}(x, y)$
- 'Distillation': matrix projected onto a subspace is tractable, but dimension grows with spatial volume.

$$\nabla^2 v_n = \lambda_n v_n \quad \text{Peardon, et al. '09}$$

- Projection + stochastic estimation allow for efficient correlator construction. (Stochastic LapH)

Morningstar, et al. '11 ; JB '09



# Finite Volume Spectra

(2013-2014)

- Investigation of the  $Z(4430)^-$  Prelovsek, et al. '14; talk today 17:10

- Lattice details:  $N_f = 2$ ,  $a \approx 0.12\text{fm}$ ,  
 $m_\pi \approx 266\text{MeV}$ ,  $L \approx 2\text{fm}$

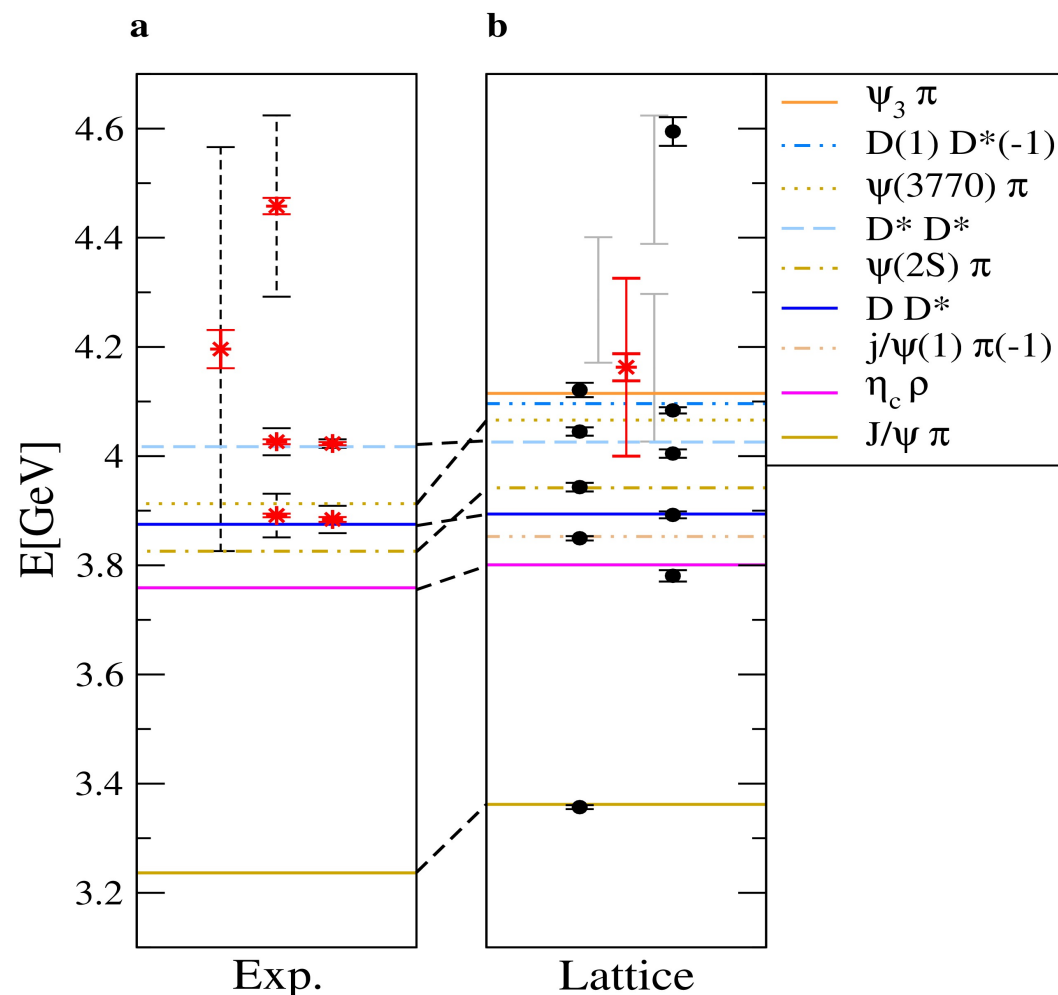
- Tetraquark and multi-hadron ops included.

- No annihilation diagrams.

- See also:

Y. Ikeda, talk today 17:10

T. Kawanai, talk Thursday 16:55



- Excited Nucleon states

S. Mahbub, et al. '13

- Lattice Details:

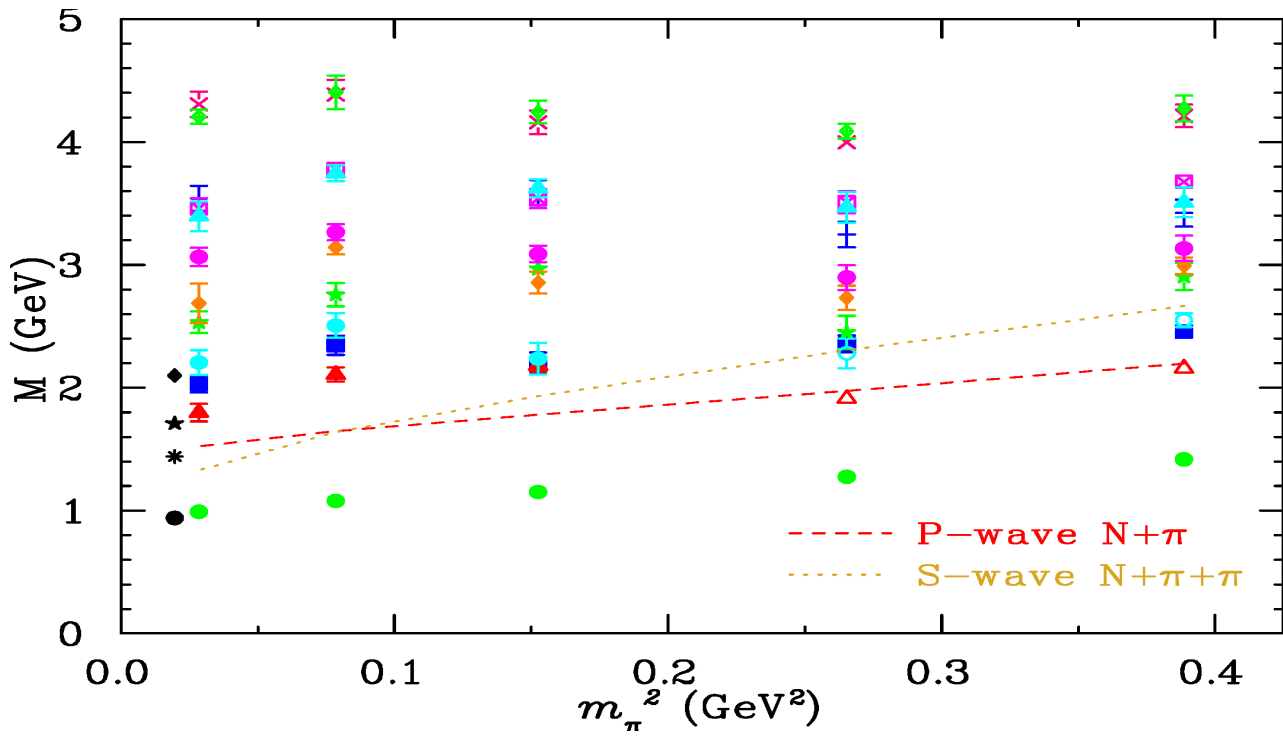
$$N_f = 2 + 1, \quad a \approx 0.09\text{fm},$$
$$m_\pi = 160 - 700\text{MeV}, \quad L \approx 2.9\text{fm}$$

- No scattering states.

Preliminary effort:  
W. Kamleh, talk Lattice2014

- Also see

N. Mathur, talk: today 14:30



# Excited isovector mesons (preliminary)

B. Fahy, C. Morningstar

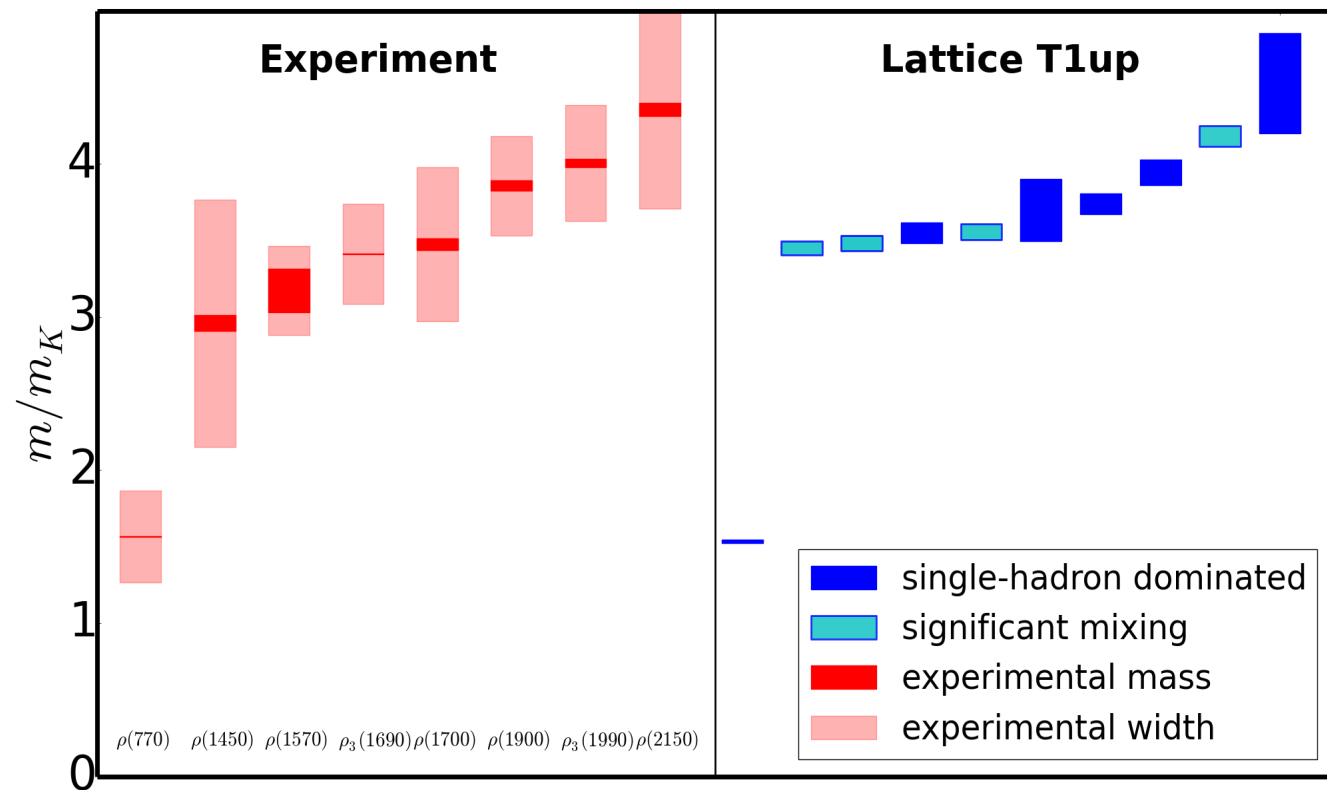
## Lattice Details:

$$N_f = 2 + 1, \quad a_s = 3.5a_t \approx 0.12\text{fm},$$

$$m_\pi \approx 240\text{MeV}, \quad L \approx 3.8\text{fm}$$

## Many multi-hadron ops! $\sim 30$ levels extracted

## Identify levels which overlap single-hadron operators

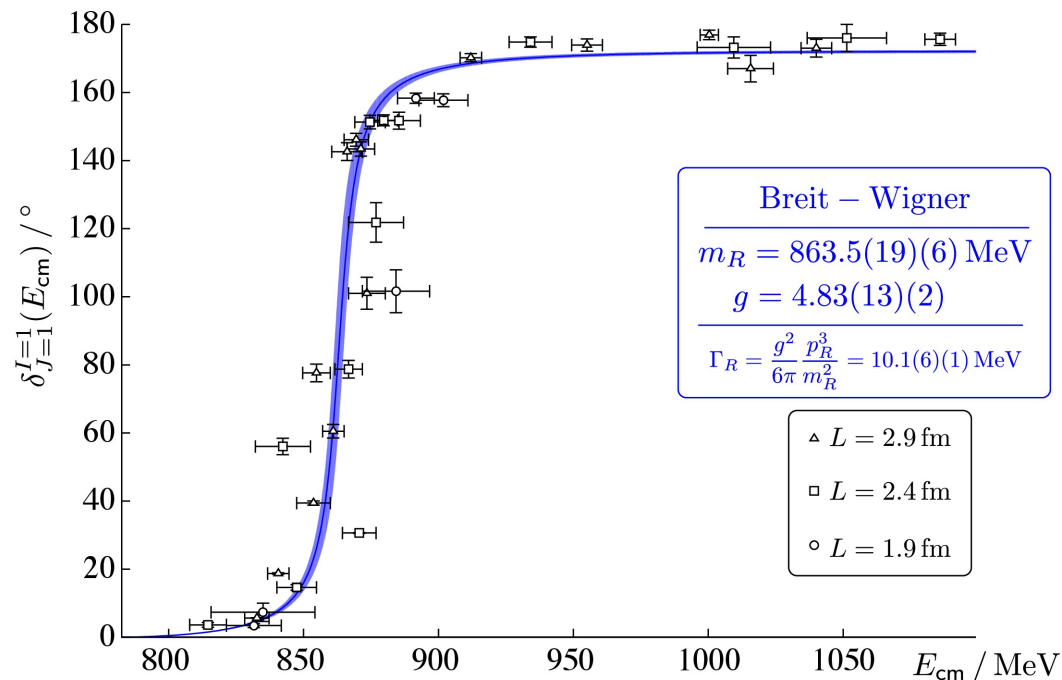


# What about Step 3?

- $I = 1$   $\pi - \pi$  scattering: 3 volumes and several frames

J. Dudek, R. Edwards, C. Thomas '13

- Lattice Details:  $N_f = 2 + 1$ ,  $a_s \approx 0.12\text{fm} = 3.5a_t$ ,  
 $m_\pi \approx 400\text{MeV}$ ,  $L < 3\text{fm}$
- Distillation very costly. Impossible to go larger and lighter.

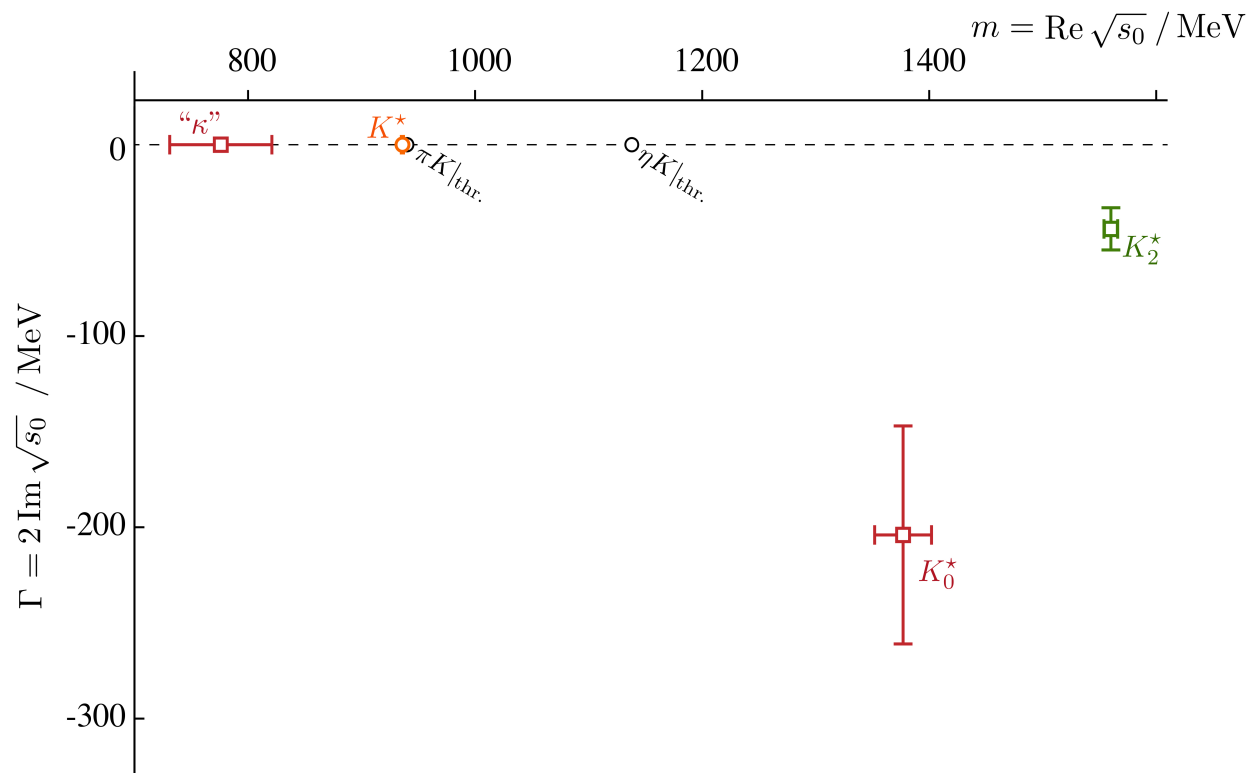


- Coupled channel analysis of  $K\pi, K\eta$

D. Wilson et al. '14

- Coupled channel scattering amplitude parametrized using a K-matrix model with Breit-Wigner resonances.

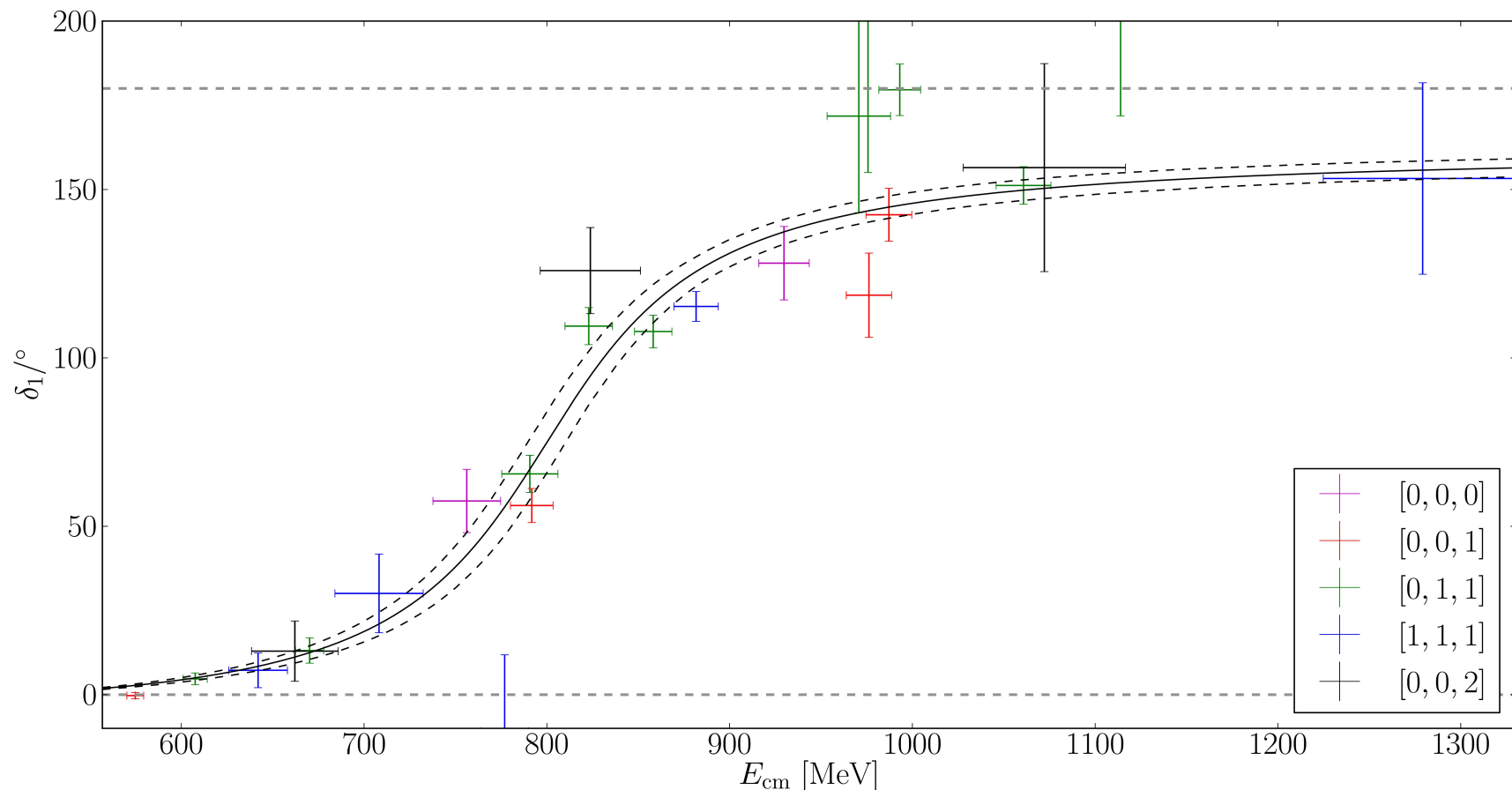
- Unfortunately,  $K^*$  is stable



# Scattering phase shift (Preliminary)

B. Fahy, B. Hörz, C. Morningstar, JB

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- Single lattice, 5 moving frames, 2-3 levels each
- Width is larger!  $g = 7.1(5)$ ,  $m_R = 833(10)\text{MeV}$





# Conclusions

- Past few years have seen significant improvement in Lattice QCD calculations of resonances.
- Thanks to algorithmic advances, these calculations can proceed to larger volumes and lighter pion masses.
- While there has been theoretical advancement in inelastic scattering, 3 or more hadron thresholds remain a challenge.

# Future Prospects

- Systematic errors will be improved:

$$a \rightarrow 0, \quad m_\pi \rightarrow m_\pi^{phys}, \quad m_\pi L \rightarrow \infty$$

- Additional low-hanging fruit:  $D^*$ ,  $a_0(980)$ ,  $f_0(600)$
- Baryon-meson scattering?  $\Delta$ ,  $N(1440)$ ,  $\Lambda(1405), \dots$
- More coupled two-hadron channels.
- Resonance structure calculations.  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi\pi$ ,  $F_\pi(q^2)$