

A Physics Case for the K-Long Facility



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Resources - Experiment

KLF Wiki page: [\[https://wiki.jlab.org/klproject/index.php/Main_Page\]](https://wiki.jlab.org/klproject/index.php/Main_Page)

- Overview of current experimental status: [\[Sean Dobbs 2022\]](#)
 - This talk is not about experimental status of approved KL experiment but provides some physics motivation for it.
 - See Wiki page for talks on experimental status.
- Whitepaper [\[2020\]](#) ; secondary meson beam whitepaper [\[Briscoe 2015\]](#)
- Collaboration meetings [6th Coll. Meeting Nov. 3, 2022]
- Extensive theoretical support:
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Other experiments dedicated to strangeness

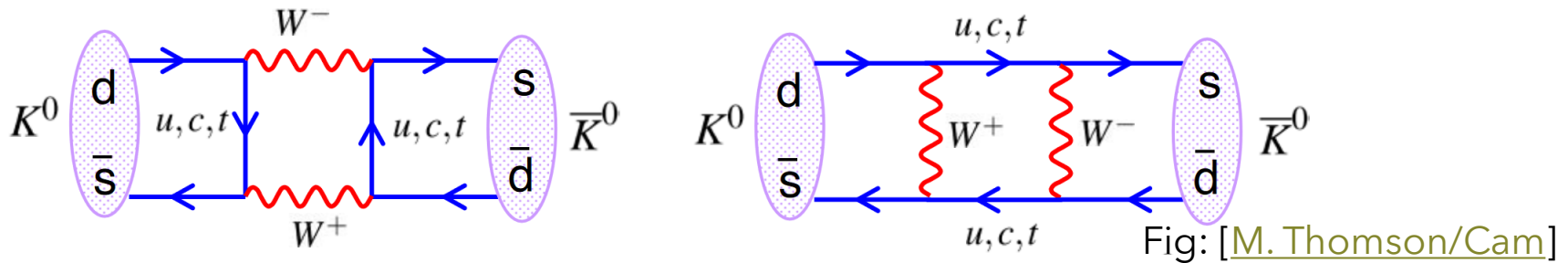
- J-PARC (see session on Nuclear Strangeness on Fr. 9/9, 8am)
 - E57, E62 [[T. Hashimoto \(2019\)](#)]
 - E15 [[Y. Sada et al. \(2016\)](#), [T. Yamaga \(2020\)](#)]
 - Many experiments dedicated to the \bar{K} -nucleus potential
 - Related to possibility of $\bar{K}NN$ formation [[Akaishi 2002](#)];
 - Ongoing debate, e.g., [[Magas \(2006\)](#)]
- Low energies/scattering length: DAΦNE/KLOE/AMADEUS:
 - Siddharta-2/Kaonic deuterium [[Miliucci \(2021\)](#)]
 - Amadeus (new data point of $K^-n \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^-$) [[K.Piscicchia \(2018\)](#)]
- CLAS-12: $\gamma p \rightarrow K^+(Y^* \rightarrow \pi\Sigma, \dots)$
- Panda (mostly $\Lambda N, \dots$) [[Lutz \(2009\)](#)]
- Belle, Babar, Compass, LHCb, ... [[Whitepaper 2020](#)]

Klong - the basics

- Klong is a CP eigenstate and superposition of strong eigenstates according to

$$K_L^0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(K^0 - \bar{K}^0) \quad K_S^0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(K^0 + \bar{K}^0)$$

- Weak interaction allows for mixing of strong eigenstates:



- K_L produces in general combinations of different isospin and strangeness channels, e.g.:

$$T(K_{LP}^0 \rightarrow K_{LP}^0) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} T^1(KN \rightarrow KN) + \frac{1}{2} T^0(KN \rightarrow KN) \right) + \frac{1}{2} T^1(\bar{K}N \rightarrow \bar{K}N)$$

$$T(K_{LP}^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \Lambda) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} T^1(\bar{K}N \rightarrow \pi \Lambda)$$

[Manley 2016]



Hyperons at low energies: The $\Lambda(1405)$

Review by [[M. Mai \(2020\)](#)]

The two-pole nature of the $\Lambda(1405)$

- Consequence of coupled-channel $\pi\Sigma, \bar{K}N$ attractive dynamics

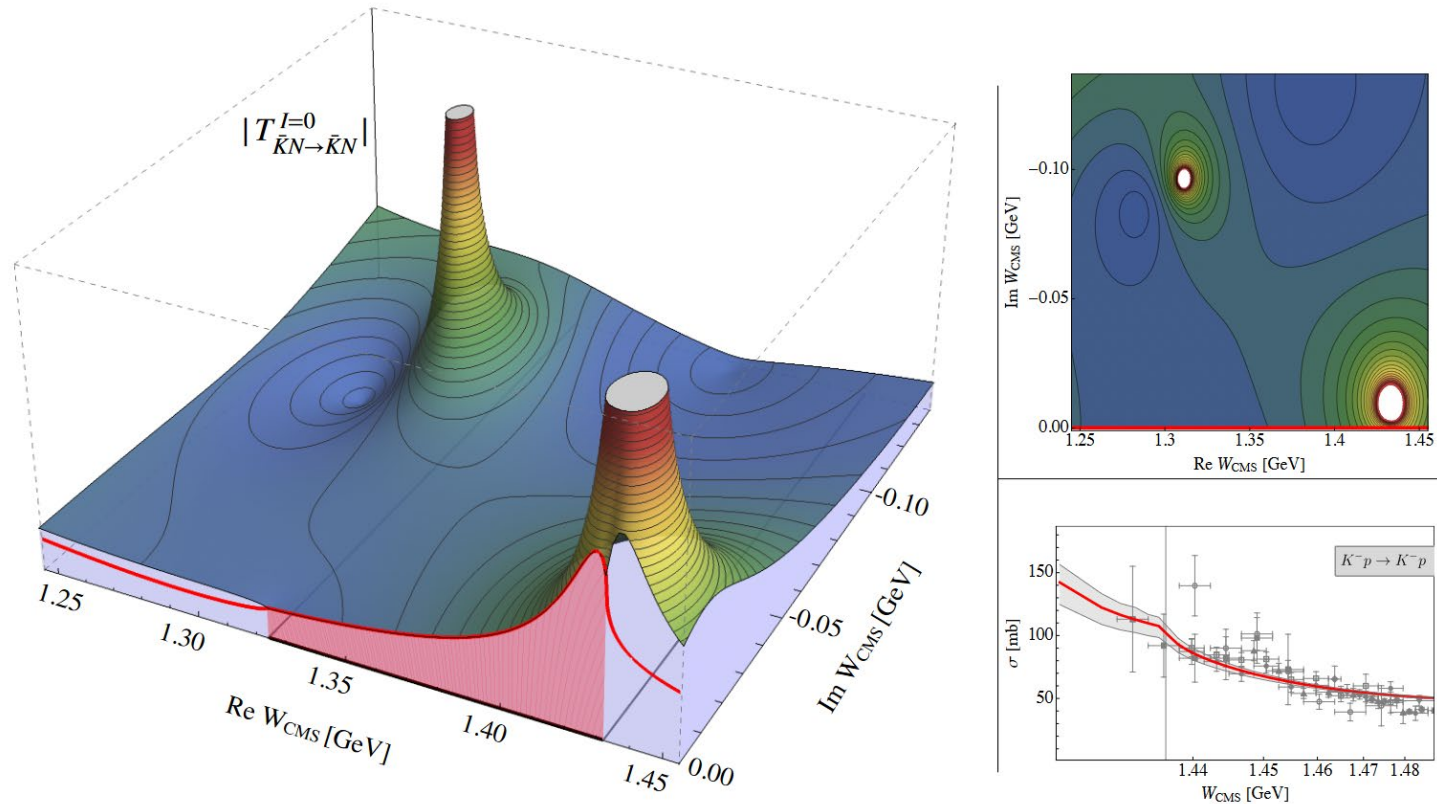


Figure from [\[M. Mai \(2020\)\]](#)

Decades-long interest in $S=-1$ low energy

- From Dalitz [[PRL 1959](#)] to NNLO treatment connecting all strangeness sectors [[J.-Xu Lu \(2022\)](#)]
- Main question: How does chiral dynamics dictate the low-energy, coupled-channel $\bar{K}N$ interaction?
 - Inherently non-perturbative
 - Expansion of chiral kernels to different chiral orders with subsequent unitarization

- Ten channels in isospin-0 and $I=1$, usually with mass differences

$$\pi^0\Lambda, \pi^-\Sigma^+, \pi^0\Sigma^0, \pi^+\Sigma^-, K^-p, \bar{K}^0n, \eta\Lambda, \eta\Sigma^0, K^0\Xi^0, K^+\Xi^-$$

- Their interaction to
 - LO [[Kaiser \(1995\)](#), [Oset \(1998\)](#), [Oller \(2001\)](#), [Jido \(2003\)](#); ~700 citations each],
 - NLO [[Mai \(2014\)](#), [Z. H. Guo \(2012\)](#)],
 - NNLO [[J.-Xu Lu \(2022\)](#)]

- Full Bethe-Salpeter equation in [[Mai \(2014\)](#)]

$$T(\not{q}_2, \not{q}_1; p) = V(\not{q}_2, \not{q}_1; p) + i \int \frac{d^d\ell}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{V(\not{q}_2, \not{\ell}; p)}{\ell^2 - M^2 + i\epsilon} \frac{1}{\not{p} - \not{\ell} - m + i\epsilon} T(\not{\ell}, \not{q}_1; p), \quad (1)$$

Interconnecting meson-baryon strangeness sectors at NNLO

[[J.-Xu Lu, L.S. Geng, MD, Mai 2022](#)]

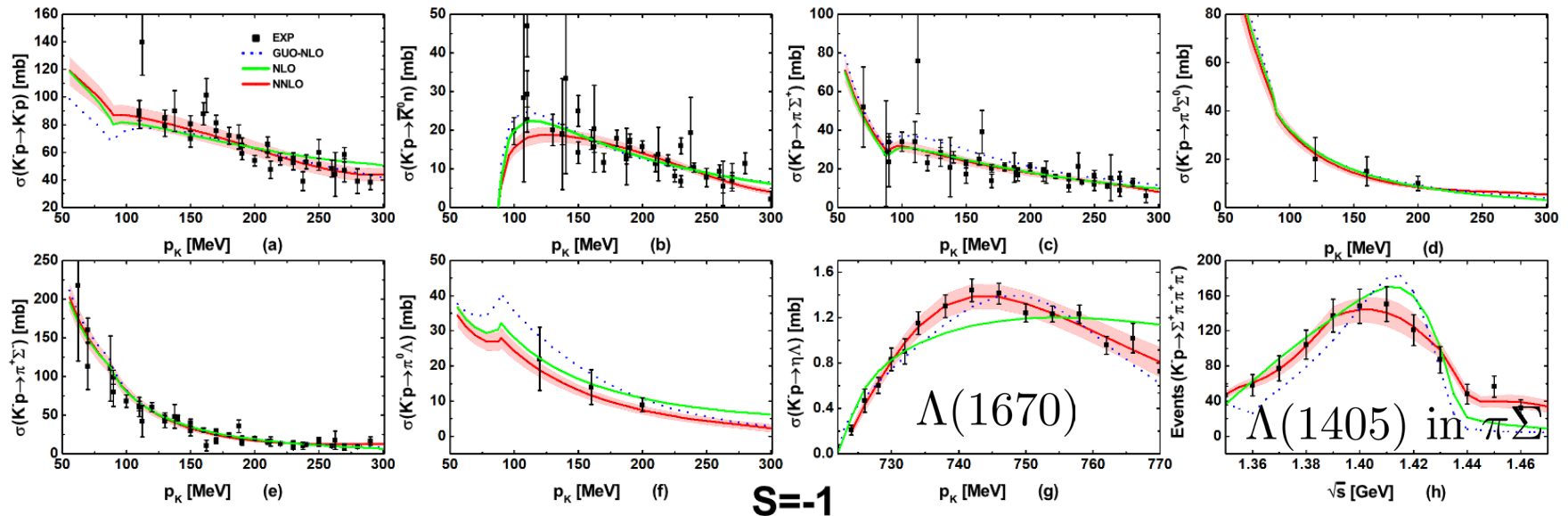
- First simultaneous study of meson-baryon interaction of

• Strangeness $S=0$:	(πN)	Perturbative	[SAID WI08 phases]
• $S=+1$	(KN)	Perturbative	[SAID SP92]
• $S=-1$:	$(\bar{K}N$ in 10 chann.)	Unitarized	exp. data
- Chiral convergence poor for $S=0$:
 - One really needs NNLO for a global analysis
 - extended-on-mass-shell (EOMS) formulation of BCHPT improves convergence in $SU(3)_f$
- NNLO has more parameters (33) than NLO (20),
 - but interconnection of data sectors (for 1st time) leads to **smaller** uncertainties than NLO due to much larger, “orthogonal” data base.
- Smaller uncertainties than NLO analyses of individual sectors
- Estimation of truncation error of chiral expansion (for 1st time in meson baryon)
 - largest source of uncertainties [see talk by L.S. Geng on Monday, 9/5 on this topic]

Results - Data description in $S=-1$

[J.-Xu Lu 2022]

- Strangeness sector:
 - $\chi^2/dof = 1.56$ at NNLO with constraints from strangeness $S=0$ and $S=+1$
 - compare: $\chi^2/dof = 2$ at NLO [Z. H. Guo (2012)] without add. constraints



(and threshold quantities/not shown)

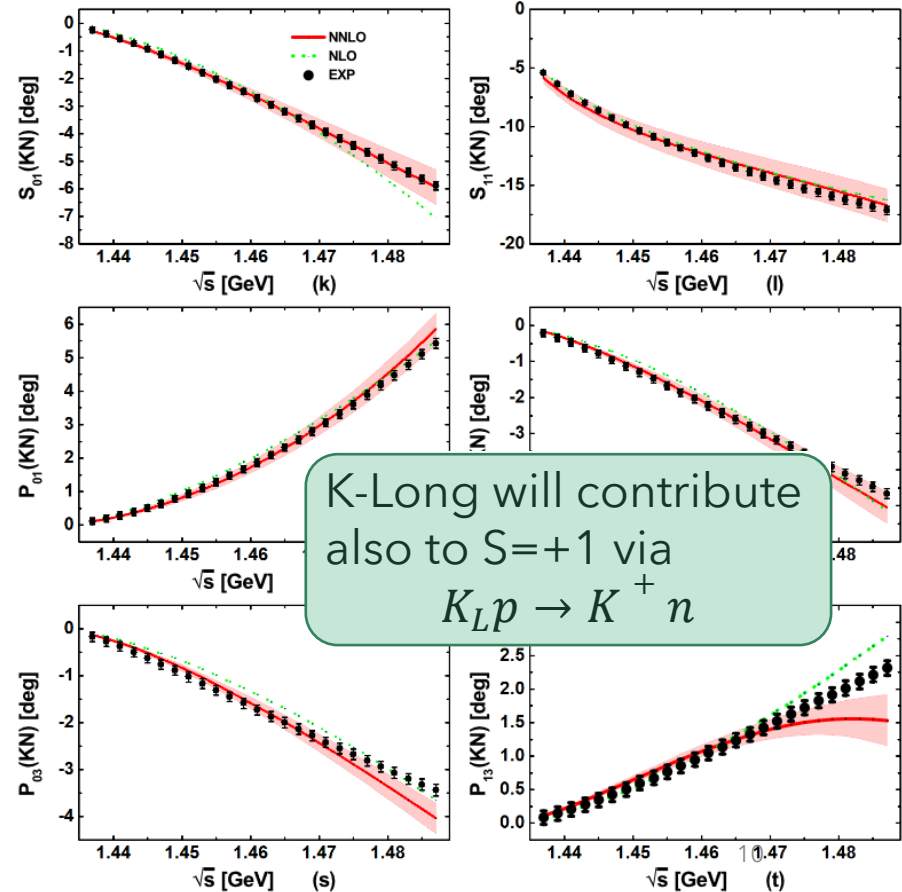
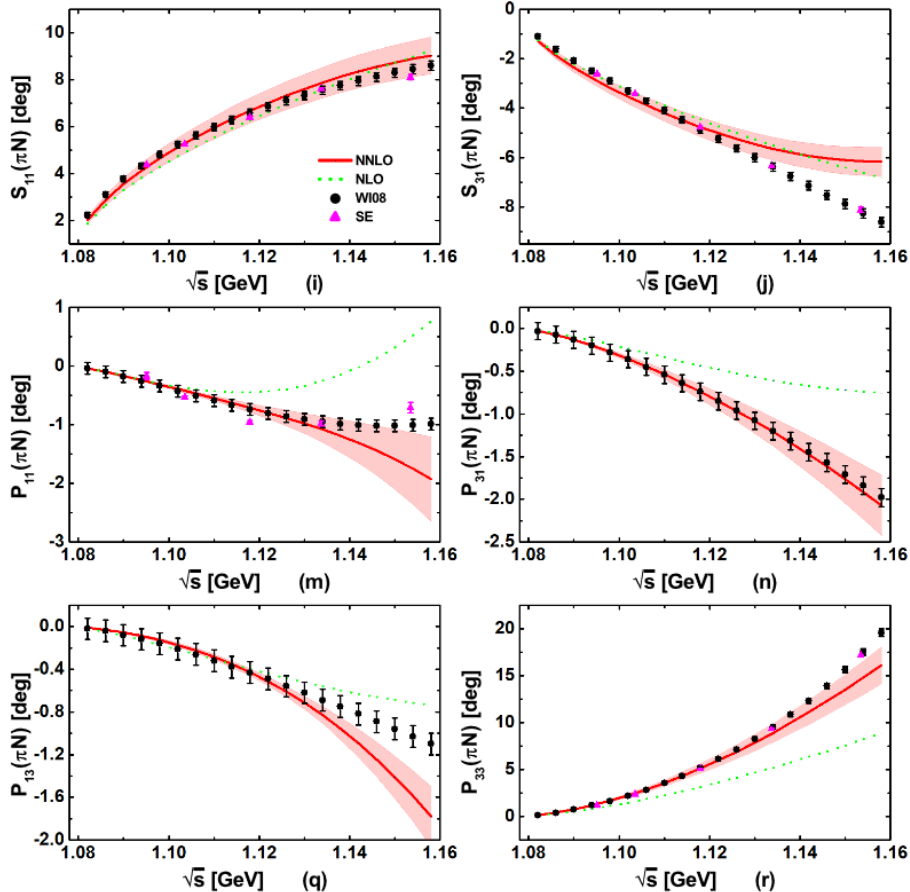
Results - PW description in $S=0, +1$

[J.-Xu Lu 2022]

- Compare NLO and NNLO
- NNLO needed!

S=0

S=1

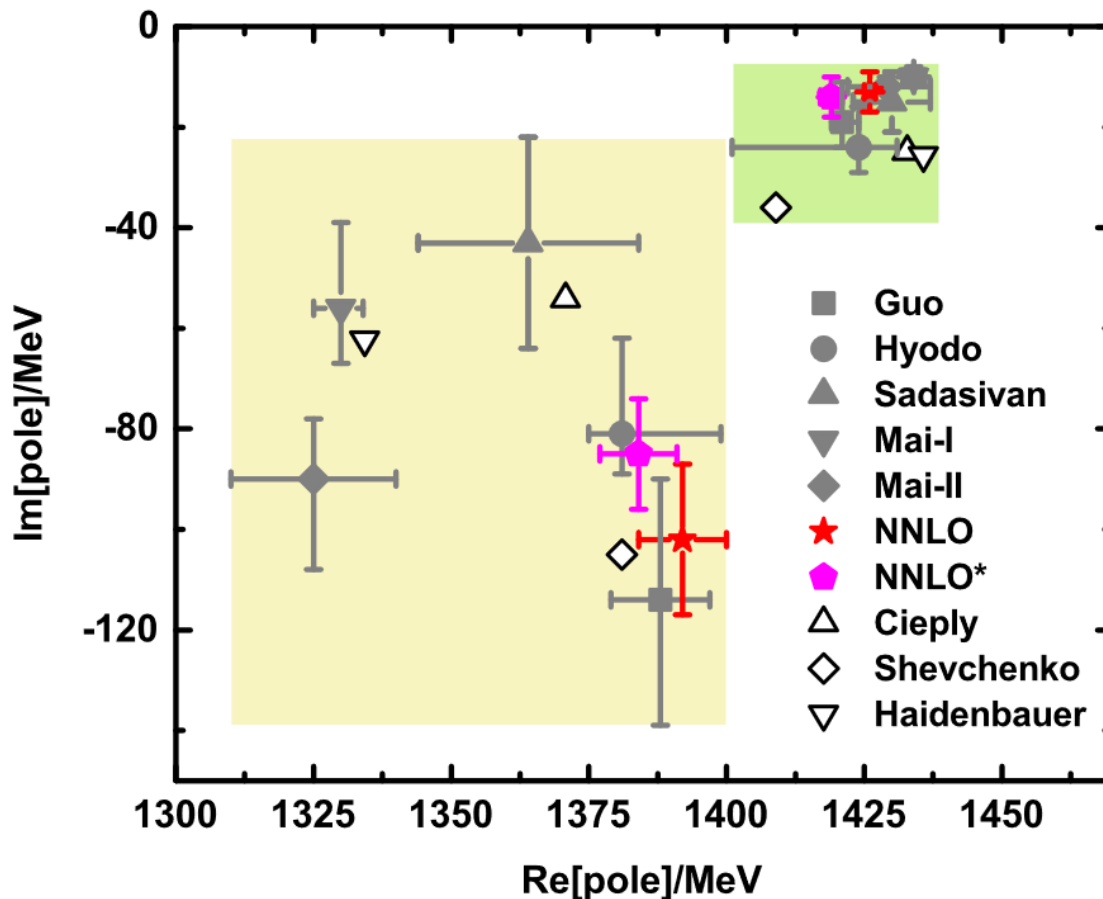


K-Long will contribute also to $S=+1$ via $K_L p \rightarrow K^+ n$

Two-pole structure of $\Lambda(1405)$ confirmed

[J.-Xu Lu 2022]

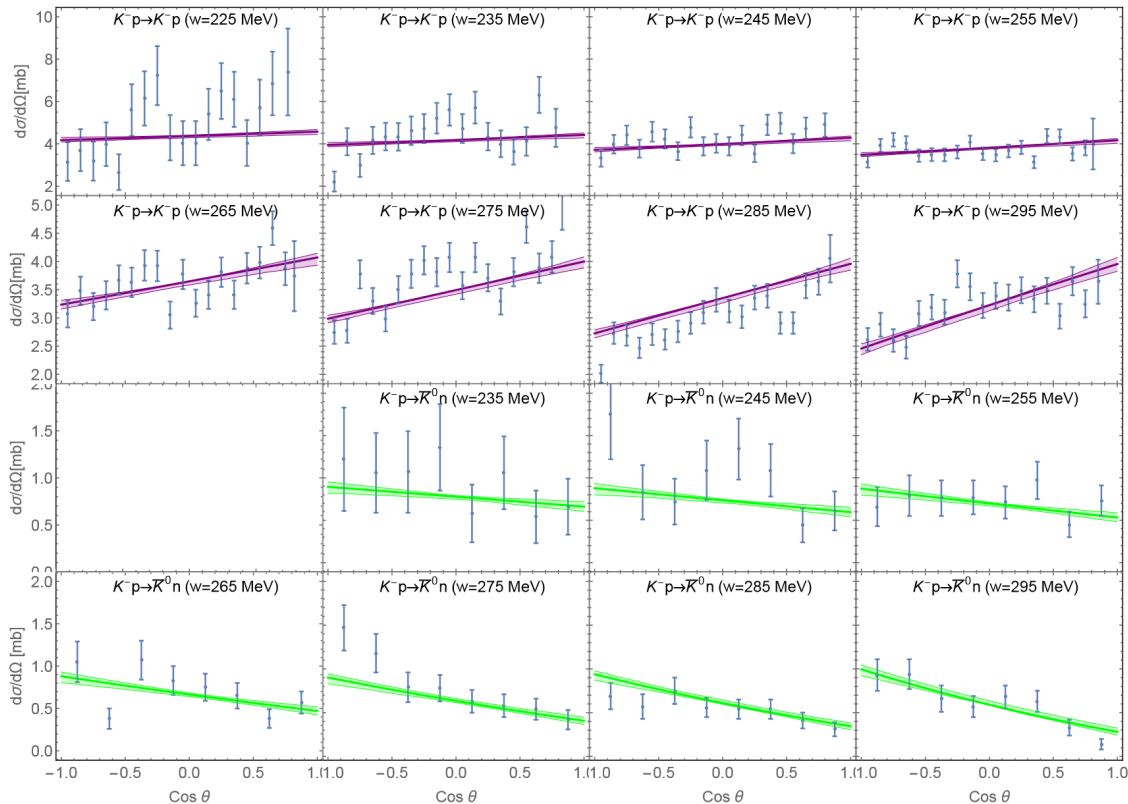
- with smaller uncertainties than at NLO, due to global data analysis.



- **NNLO**: Main result
- **NNLO***: Fit without constraints from baryon masses

Klong will improve low-energy data situation

- The **only** low-energy differential cross section available:



Data: [\[Mast 1976\]](#)
 NLO: [\[Sadasivan 2018\]](#)

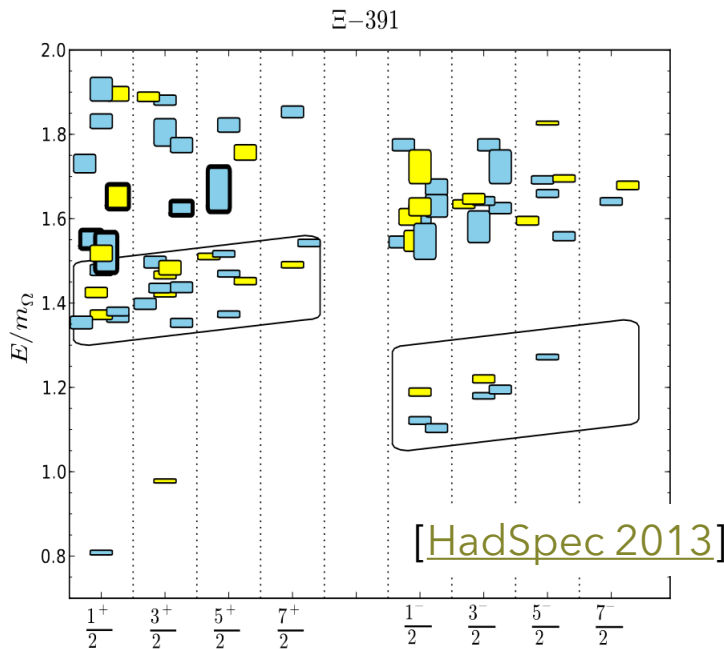
- P-wave important for NLO and NNLO chiral approaches
 → Not everything is S-wave... !

Hyperon spectroscopy

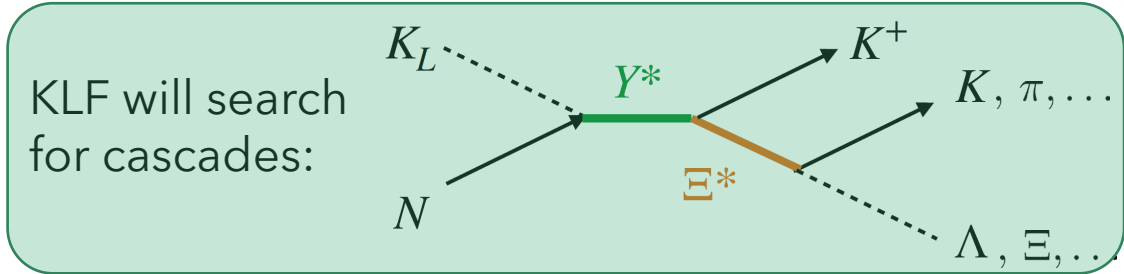
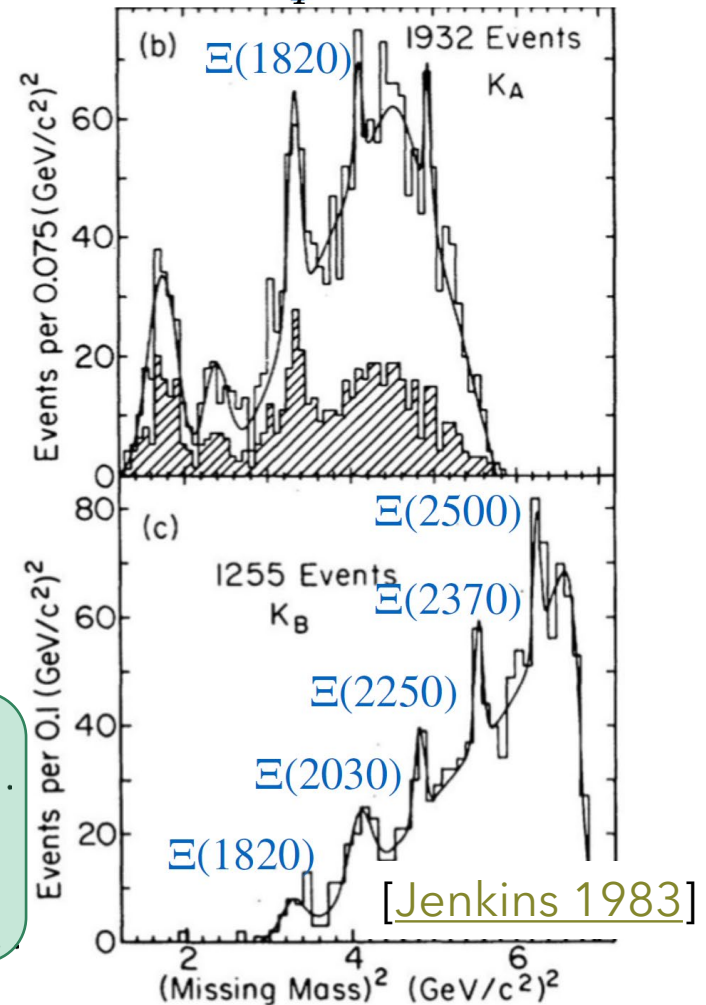
Why Klong will not “just” add more data

Klong for cascade baryons

- Most of our knowledge of cascade comes from beam experiments in the 60s–80s, with little new until recently.



Mismatch:
Severe
“missing
resonance”
problem

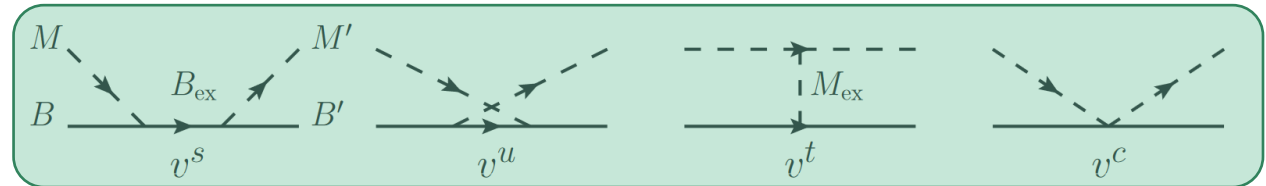


Phenomenological interest in kaon-induced reactions: hyperon spectrum

Almost all major analysis groups have turned to perform partial-wave analyses of the strangeness -1 sector

- Kent state group/Manley [[Zhang 2013](#)]

- ANL/Osaka
[[Kamano 2014](#)]



- Joint Physics Analysis Center (JPAC) [[Fernandez 2016](#)]
- Bonn-Gatchina (BnGa) group [[Matveev 2019](#)]
 - Notably, includes analysis of $Kp \rightarrow$ quasi-two-body states [[Matveev 2019](#)]
 - $Kp \rightarrow \pi\Lambda(1520)$, $\bar{K}\Delta(1232)$, $\pi\Sigma(1385)$, \bar{K}^*N , and $\omega\Lambda$.
- Juelich-Bonn group [Roennen, in preparation] building on
 - Previous Juelich model [[Haidenbauer 2010](#)]

Changes of hyperon spectrum by BnGa

[Matveev 2019]

	[43]	[17]		[43]	[17]
$\Lambda(1405)1/2^-$	****	****	$\Sigma(1580)3/2^-$	*	-
$\Lambda(1520)3/2^-$	****	****	$\Sigma(1620)1/2^-$	*	(*)
$\Lambda(1600)1/2^+$	***	****	$\Sigma(1660)1/2^+$	***	***
$\Lambda(1670)1/2^-$	****	****	$\Sigma(1670)3/2^-$	****	****
$\Lambda(1690)3/2^-$	****	****	$\Sigma(1730)3/2^+$	*	-
$\Lambda(1710)1/2^+$	*	-	$\Sigma(1750)1/2^-$	***	****
$\Lambda(1800)1/2^-$	***	***	$\Sigma(1770)1/2^+$	*	-
$\Lambda(1810)1/2^+$	***	(*)	$\Sigma(1775)5/2^-$	****	****
$\Lambda(1820)5/2^+$	****	****	$\Sigma(1840)3/2^+$	*	-
$\Lambda(1830)5/2^-$	****	***	$\Sigma(1880)1/2^+$	**	-
$\Lambda(1890)3/2^+$	****	****	$\Sigma(1900)1/2^-$	*	**
$\Lambda(2000)$	*	-	$\Sigma(1915)5/2^+$	****	****
$\Lambda(2020)7/2^+$	*	-	$\Sigma(1940)3/2^+$	*	-
$\Lambda(2050)3/2^-$	*	-	$\Sigma(1940)3/2^-$	***	***
$\Lambda(2070)3/2^+$	-	*	$\Sigma(2000)1/2^-$	*	-
$\Lambda(2080)5/2^-$	-	*	$\Sigma(2000)3/2^-$	-	*
$\Lambda(2100)7/2^-$	****	****	$\Sigma(2030)7/2^+$	****	****
$\Lambda(2110)5/2^+$	***	**	$\Sigma(2070)5/2^+$	*	-
			$\Sigma(2080)3/2^+$	**	-
			$\Sigma(2100)7/2^-$	*	*
			$\Sigma(2160)1/2^-$	-	*

[43]: RPP 2018
[17]: BnGa 2019

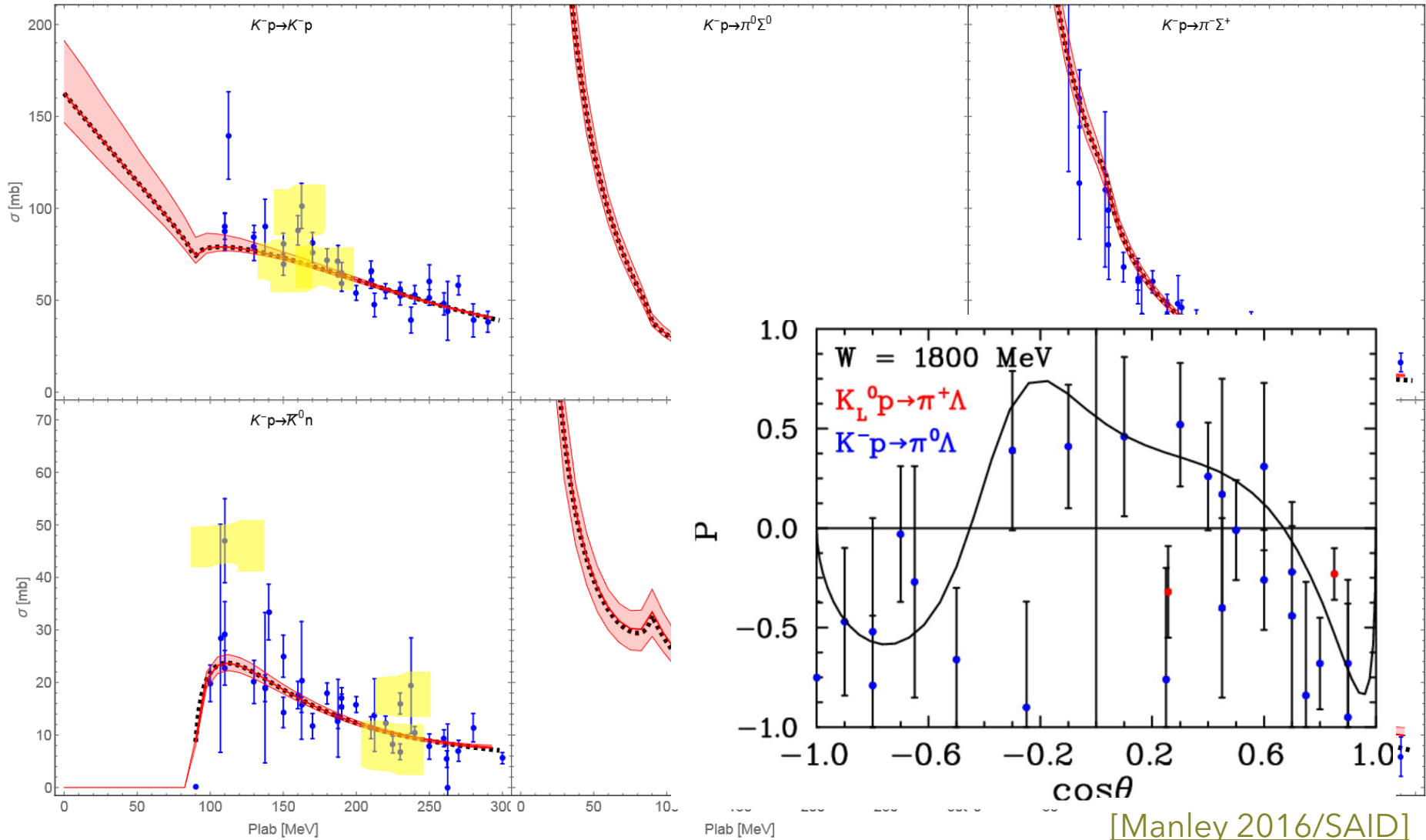
The Σ “bumps” at 1480 (*), 1560 (**), 1690 (**) MeV and the claims at 1620 and 1670 MeV from production experiments are also not seen.

Data consistency - the problem

- All these analysis would greatly benefit from new data
 - Better constraints on baryon masses, widths and branching ratios
 - Better constraints on the existence of new states
- Typical $\chi^2/dof \sim 1.5$ in best case: This is a bad value!
 - It indicates that the fit is highly improbable given the data
 - ...Under the assumption the data are *consistent*. Which they are not.
- High values of χ^2 make quantitative statements of likelihood of existence of resonances impossible
- Data base dominated by systematic uncertainties
 - Many different experiments, from different decades, using different techniques.
 - Data from those experiments are sometimes not overlapping in kinematics - no way to uniquely rule out data
 - Gross mismatch of size of data sets from different observables

A closer look at the problem

[Sadasivan 2018]



[Manley 2016/SAID]

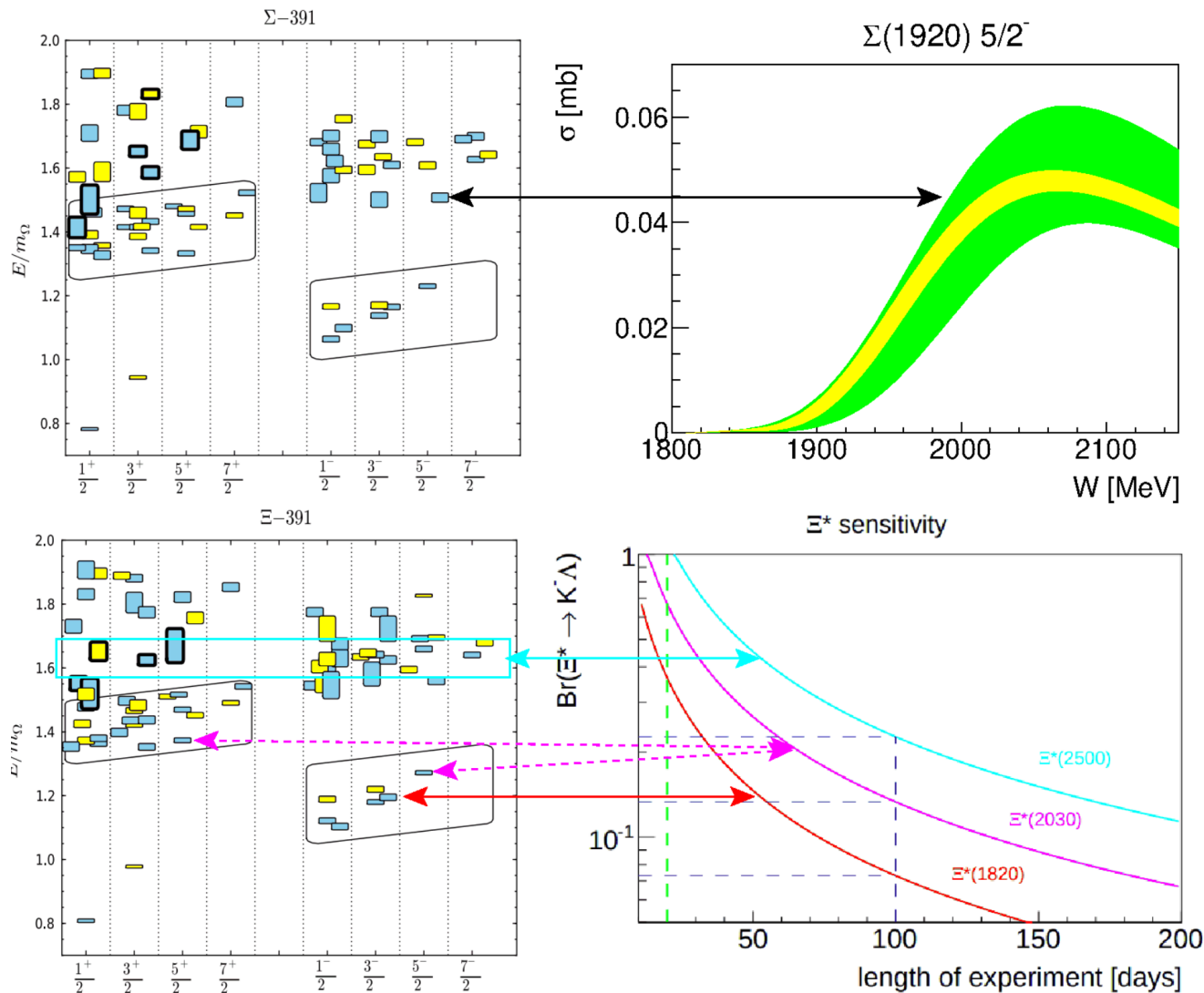
Contributions from K-Long

- K-Long will not only increase the data base
- It will provide a large **consistent** data base
- Will provide realistic chance to control systematic error by standard methods (data “floating” not performed by any analysis, so far → See SAID and Juelich-Bonn-Washington/JBW analysis)
- Will provide a chance to realistically model the systematic error:
 - Additive?
 - Multiplicative?
 - How distributed?
 - What prior is best (model distribution of uncertainty)
- Quantitative statements on resonance properties & existence might become possible
- Similar situation challenge in πN sector [[Briscoe 2015](#)]

Klong: two-body reactions

- Proton target: only Σ^*
 - $K_L p \rightarrow K_S p$
 - $K_L p \rightarrow \pi^+ \Lambda$
 - $K_L p \rightarrow K^+ \Xi^0$
 - $K_L p \rightarrow \pi^0 \Sigma^+$
 - $K_L p \rightarrow \eta \Sigma^+$
 - $K_L p \rightarrow \omega \Sigma^+$
- Neutron target: Λ^* and Σ^*
- Observables:
 - Differential cross section
 - Self-polarization from hyperon decay
 - ... depends on α_- which has changed [[BESIII \(2019\), Ireland 2019](#)]

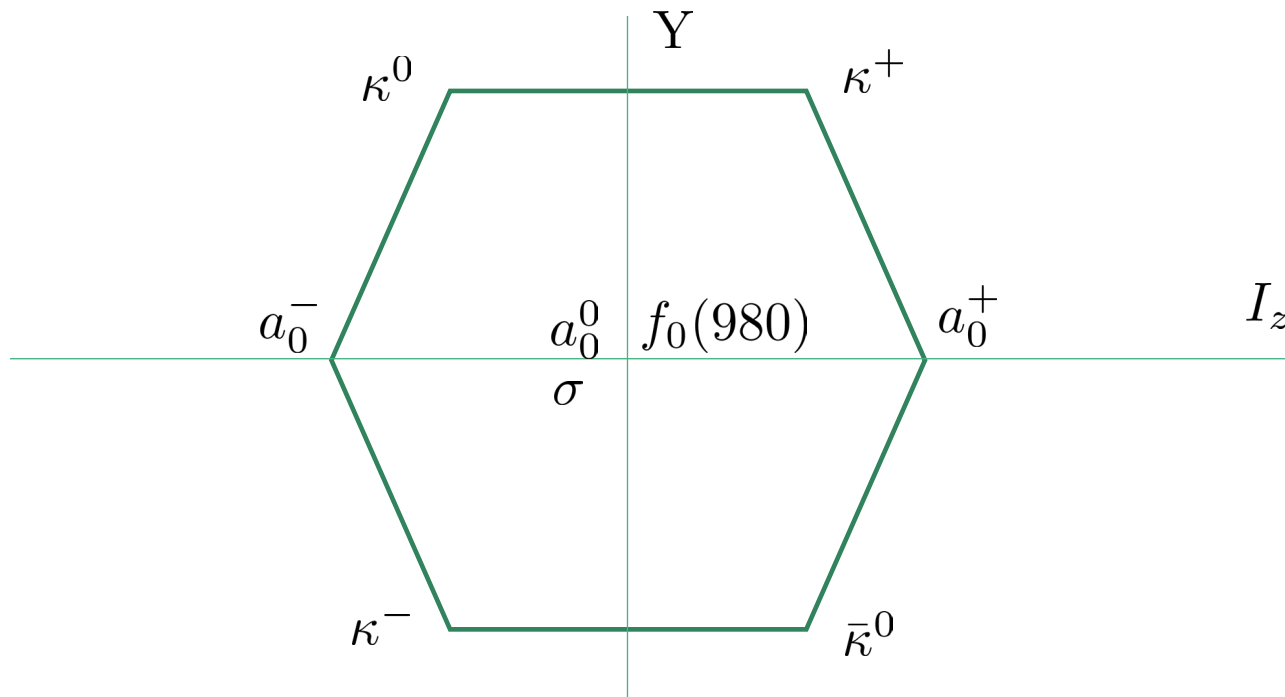
Discovery potential & projected sensitivity



- **Left:** Lattice prediction [[HadSpec 2013](#)]
- **Upper right:** Simulated cross section for resonance assuming 20 and 100 days of run time (using BnGa)
- **Lower right:** Estimate of minimal measurable branching ratios of some resonances
- With 100 days of run time, resonances with $BR > 4\%$ seem to be accessible
- Irregular shapes require potentially more.

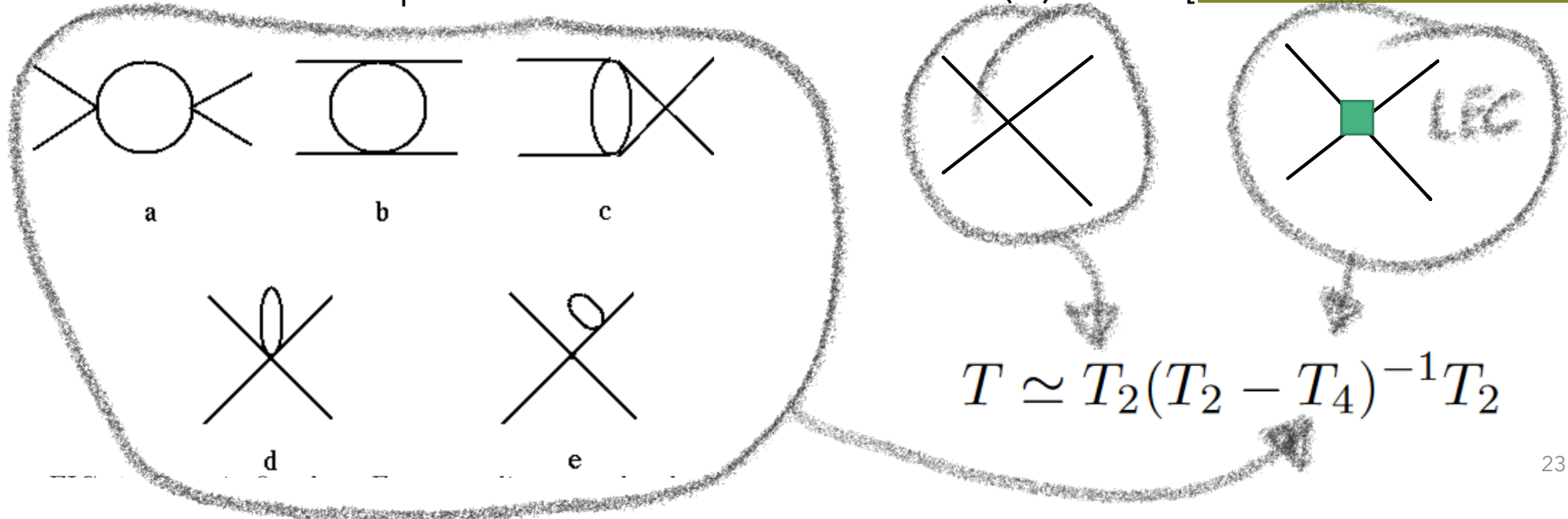
Meson spectroscopy

The κ resonance and other enigmatic states



Kaon-pion scattering

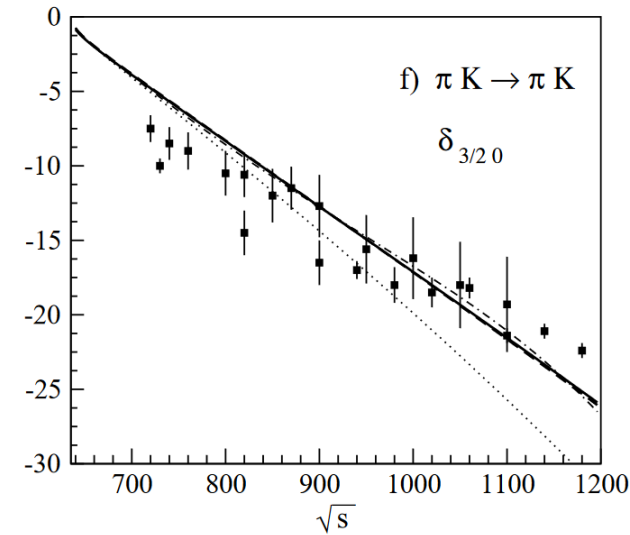
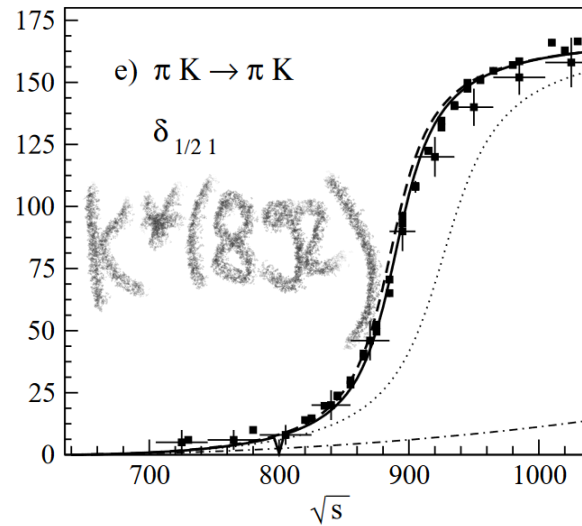
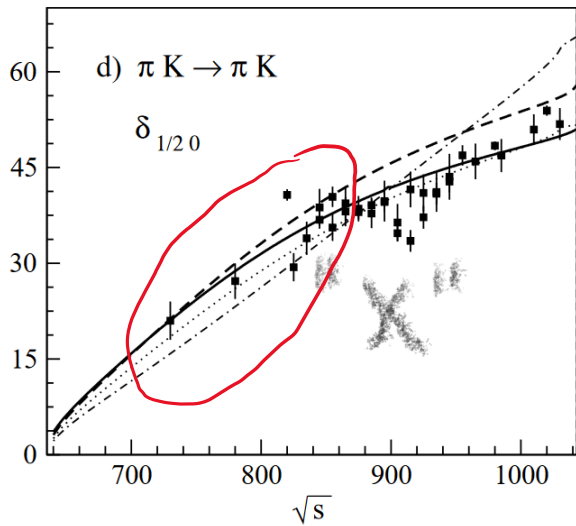
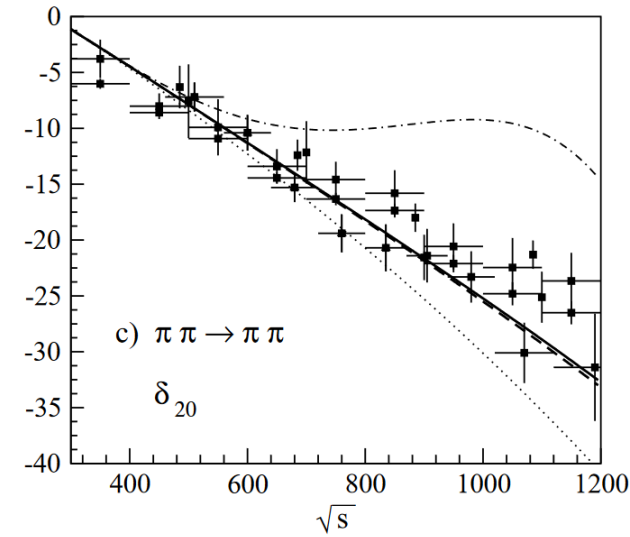
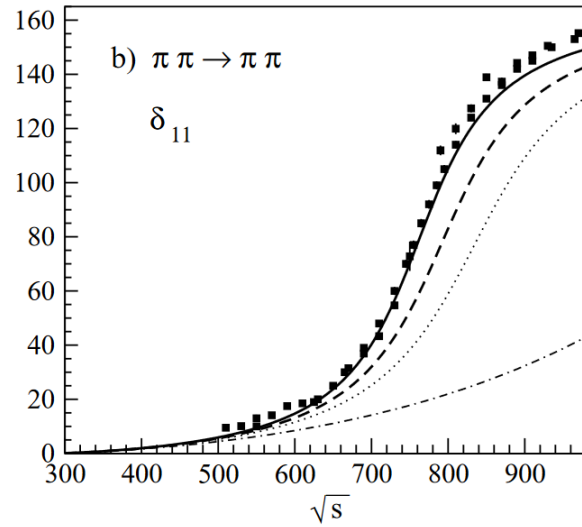
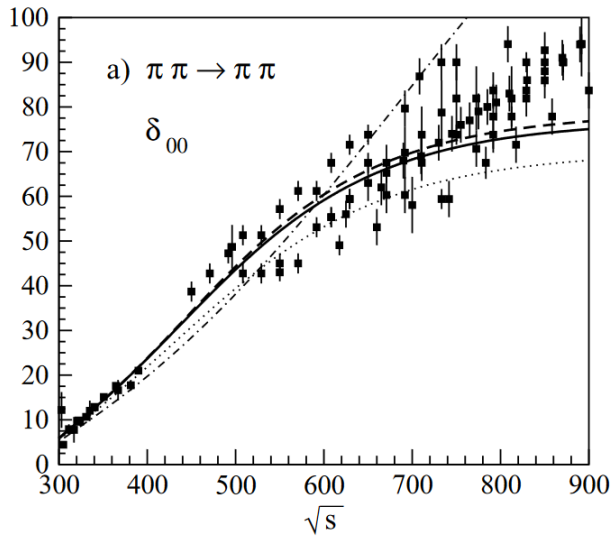
- One of the prime subjects of CHPT
- How does CHPT converge for $SU(3)_f$ compared to $\pi\pi$?
 - Worse convergence
- CHPT calculations to one [[Bernard 1991](#)] and two loops [[Bijnens 2004](#)]
- Not necessarily low energies only:
 - Inverse Amplitude Method to unitarize $SU(3)$ CHPT [[Gomez Nicola 2004](#)]



IAM and data

[Nebreda 2010]

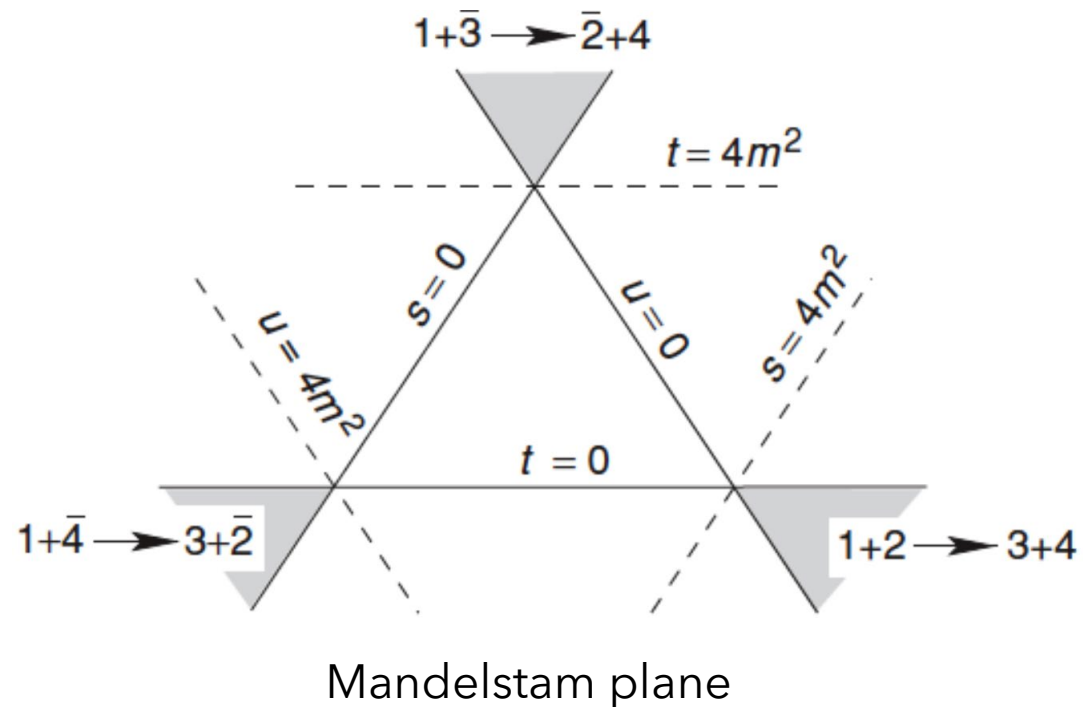
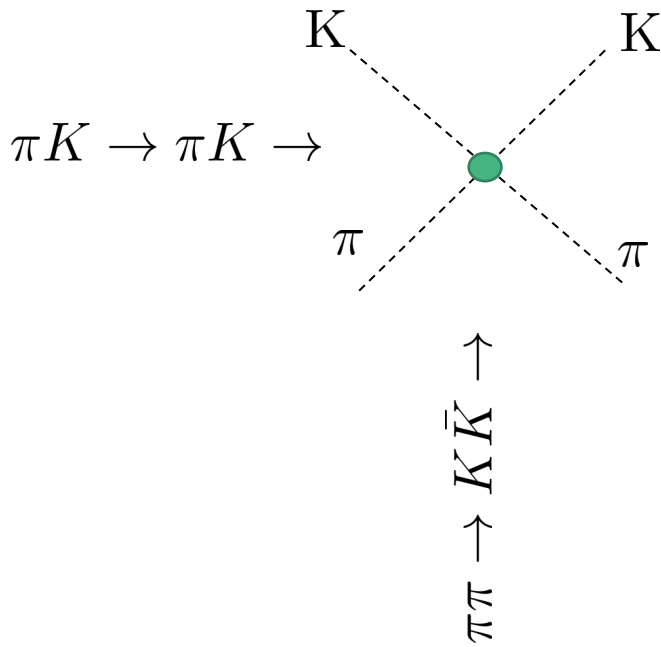
Large body of theory references!



Dispersive approaches

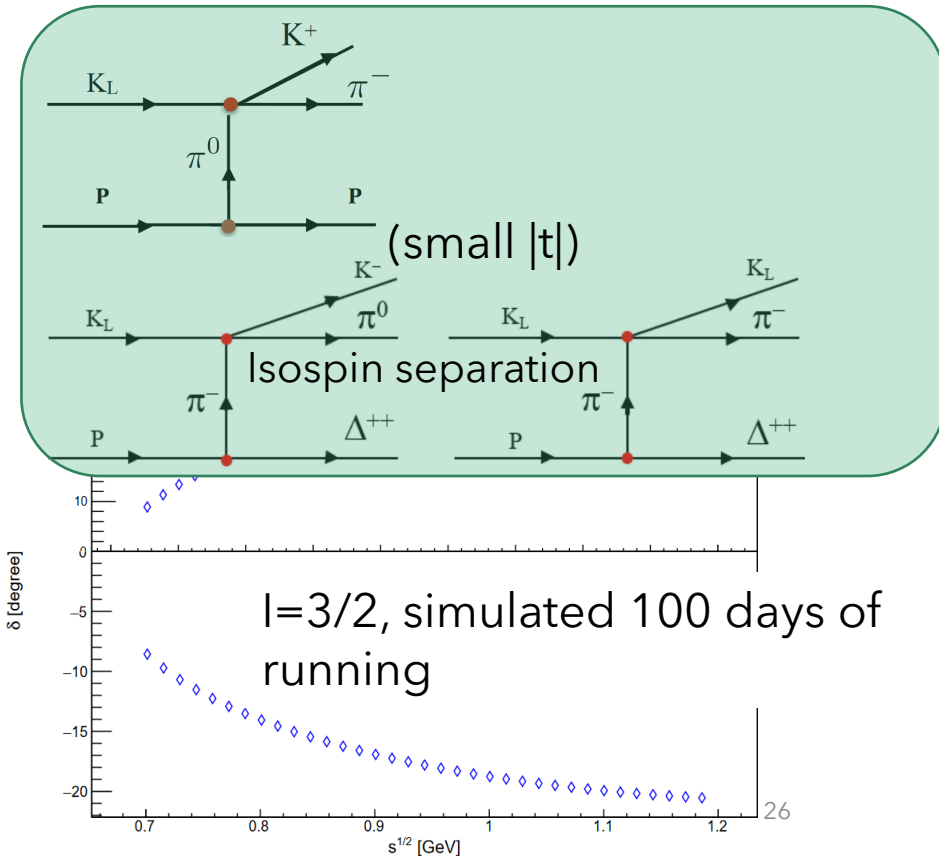
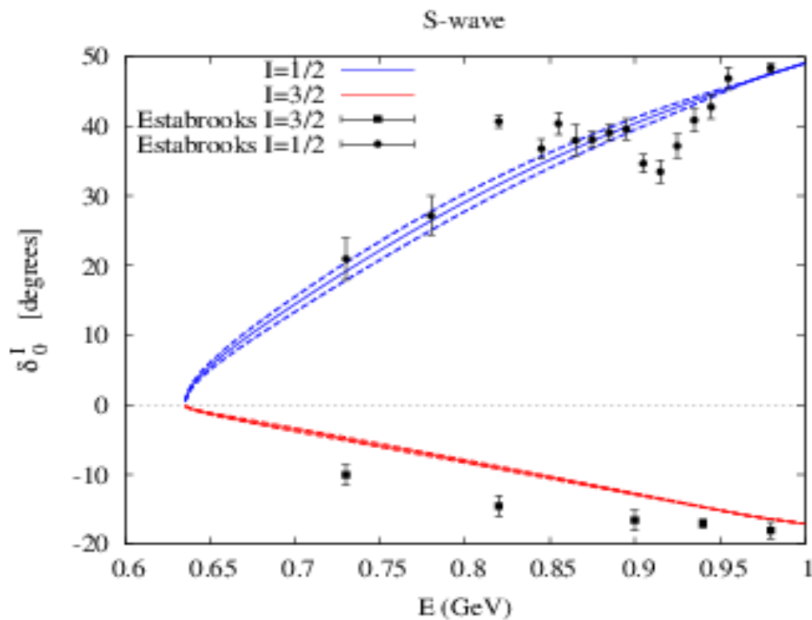
E.g.: [[Buettiker 2004](#)]/dispersive etc.

- Relating s-channel and t-channel processes at constant $b=us$ to a tower of coupled equations of partial waves:

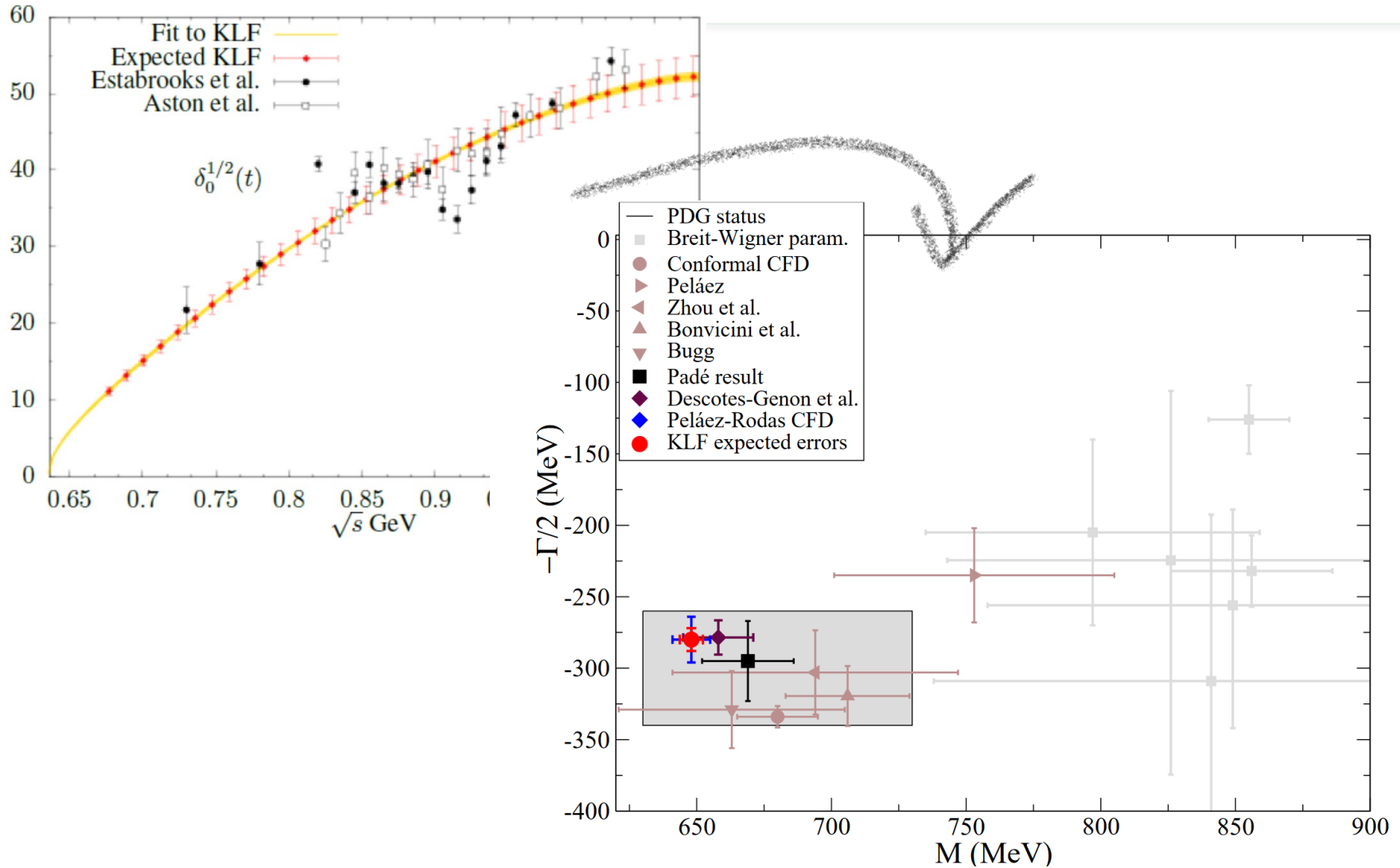


How K-Long can improve data situation

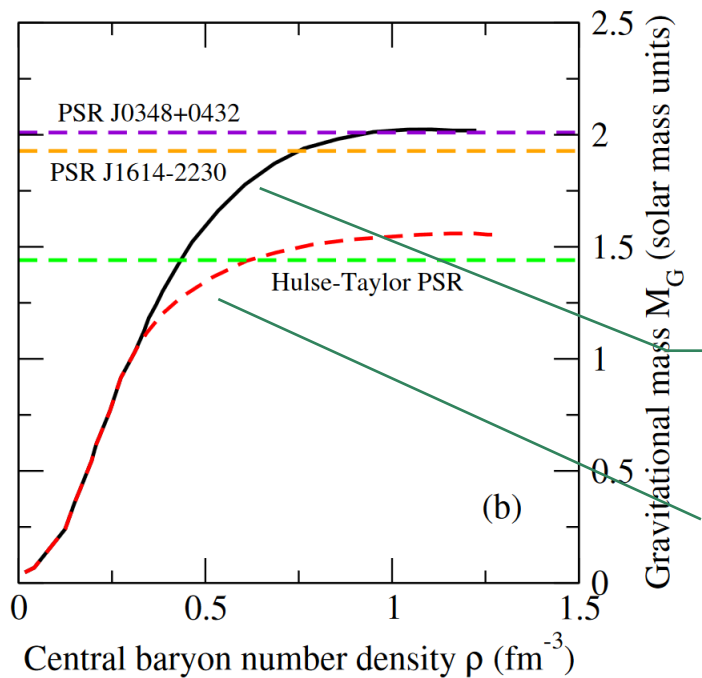
- Very inferior $\pi K \rightarrow \pi K$ low-energy scattering data to date
- Sizable tension between scattering lengths from dispersive analyses and lattice QCD data
- K-Long will specifically improve the low-energy situation



How the κ pole position will improve



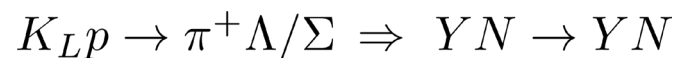
More aspects of strangeness physics



- K-induced production of a_0, f_0
- Neutron-induced reactions: Elastic np scattering
- The YN interaction for neutron stars and hypernuclei
- (Semileptonic decays of Λ)

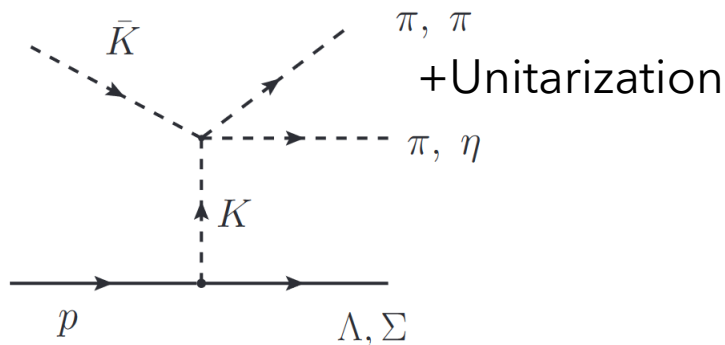
Without hyperons

With hyperons: softer
EOS/ smaller max. mass



Kaon-induced two-meson production

- $a_0(980)$ and $f_0(980)$ are enigmatic S-wave resonances
 - Dynamically generated [[Oller 1999](#)]
 - Hadronic molecules [[Baru 2004](#)] [[Guo 2018](#)]
 - Both couple strongly to $\bar{K}K$
 - a_0 - f_0 mixing through isospin breaking [[BesIII](#)] [[Tarasov 2013](#)]
- K-Long “specific” reactions $K^-p \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^+\pi^-, \Sigma^0\pi^+\pi^-, \Lambda\pi^0\eta, \Sigma^0\pi^0\eta, \Sigma^+\pi^-\eta$
 - Similarly: $\bar{K}^0p \rightarrow [\dots]$ [[J.-J. Xie 2016](#)]



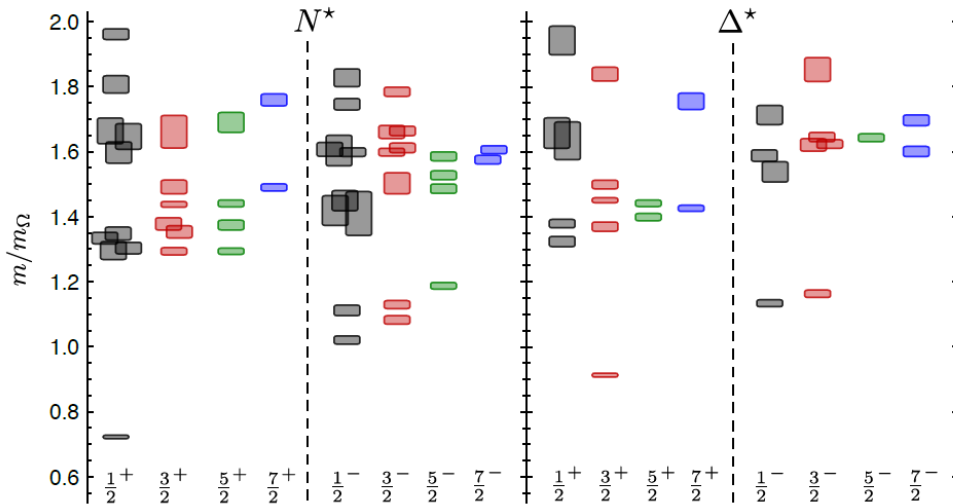
- Opportunity to study couplings of these resonances to $\pi\pi, K\bar{K}, \pi\eta$
- E.g.: $f_0(500)$ weak coupling to $K\bar{K}$, but $f_0(980)$ strong coupling

Summary

- Hyperons and Cascades: Significant theoretical interest in spectrum of excited states through
 - Lattice QCD predictions - *missing resonance problem* clearly revealed for $S=-1$, but even more strikingly for $S=-2$ baryons.
 - (Unitarized) CHPT - continuous activity to understand low-energy QCD dynamics
 - Phenomenological analysis groups - almost all groups analyzed strangeness sector in recent years. Analysis pipeline established.
- Meson spectroscopy
 - Symmetries and scalar multiplets require a light scalar with strangeness: the κ .
 - Continuous theory interest by lattice, (unitarized) CHPT, dispersive methods/Roy-Steiner equations
- Klong will make crucial contributions to these questions and help resolve decades-old problems related to inconsistent, sparse data bases theory relies on.

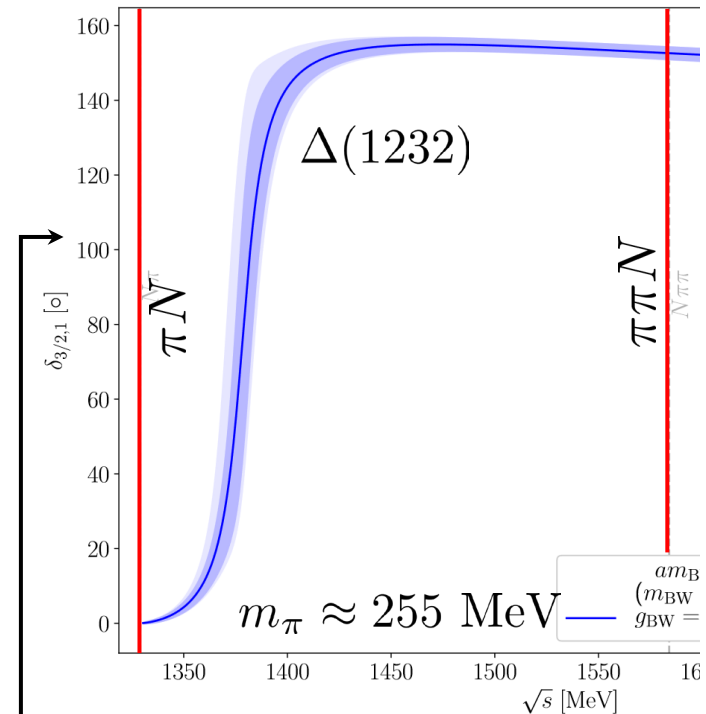
(spare slides)

Lattice QCD for excited baryons: $S=0$



$m_\pi = 396 \text{ MeV}$ [Edwards et al., Phys.Rev. D84 (2011)]

- Pioneering spectroscopic calculations, but
- Information on existence, width & properties of resonances requires
 - Meson-baryon interpolating operators
 - Detailed finite-volume analysis



[G. Silvi et. al., [arXiv: 2101.00689](https://arxiv.org/abs/2101.00689)]

See also: Bulava et al.,
[[2208.03867](https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.03867)]

Determination of α_- from CLAS data

[D.G. Ireland/ JBW, PRL (2019)]

- Fierz identities for polarization observables

$$O_x^2 + O_z^2 + C_x^2 + C_z^2 + \Sigma^2 - T^2 + P^2 = 1$$

$$\Sigma P - C_x O_z + C_z O_x - T = 0 .$$



$$\mathcal{F}_i^{(1)} = a^2 l^2 (O_{x,i}^2 + O_{z,i}^2 - T_i^2) + a^2 c^2 (C_{x,i}^2 + C_{z,i}^2) + l^2 \Sigma_i^2 + a^2 P_i^2 ,$$

$$\mathcal{F}_i^{(2)} = a l [\Sigma_i P_i - T_i - a c (C_{x,i} O_{z,i} - C_{z,i} O_{x,i})]$$

$a (= \alpha_-^{\text{old}} / \alpha_-)$

- Leads to a new value for asymmetry α_-
- Implications for CP violation
- change of data base for most measured pol. observables

