

## Investigations on the Property of $f_0(600)$ and $f_0(980)$ Resonances in $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$ Process

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Using dispersion relation technique and experimental data, a coupled channel analysis on  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$  process is made. Di-photon coupling of  $f_0(600)$  and  $f_0(980)$  resonances are extracted and their dynamical properties are discussed. Especially we study the physical meaning of the coupling constant  $g_{\sigma\pi\pi}^2$ , which maintains a negative real part as determined through dispersive analyses.

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## 1. A dispersive analysis on $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-, \pi^0\pi^0$ processes

In recent few years there have been renewed interests on the study of the  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$  process, partly due to the new experimental data provided by Belle Collaboration. [1] The investigation on such a process enables us to extract the di-photon coupling of resonances appearing in this reaction, which, as emphasized by Pennington, [2] affords a unique opportunity in exploring the underlying structure of these states. Along with previous work found in the literature, [3, 4, 5] we performed a dispersive analysis on  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-, \pi^0\pi^0$  processes. [6] The major differences between Ref. [6] and much of previous work is that in the former we try to perform a coupled channel analysis in the strongly interacting  $I=0$   $s$ -wave – hence information from  $\bar{K}K$  channel is also taken into account, at least in principle. We also fit Belle data up to 1.4GeV, which is certainly useful in fixing the  $d$ -waves. A better determination to the  $d$ -waves turns out to be very important in studying the low energy  $s$ -waves as well, where  $d$ -waves serve as a background contribution.

The dispersion representation of  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi, \bar{K}K$  amplitudes,  $F(s)$ , takes the following form: [7]

$$F(s) = F_B + D(s) \left[ P s - \frac{s^2}{\pi} \int_{4m_\pi^2} \frac{\text{Im}D^{-1}(s') F_B(s')}{s'^2 (s' - s - i\varepsilon)} ds' \right], \quad (1.1)$$

where  $F_B$  denotes the Born term,  $P$  is a two dimensional (subtraction) constant array. The  $2 \times 2$  matrix function  $D(s)$  obeys the following equation:

$$D(s) = D(0) + \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{4m_\pi^2} \frac{D(s') \rho(s') T^*(s')}{s' (s' - s - i\varepsilon)} ds', \quad (1.2)$$

where  $\rho = \text{diag}(\rho_1, \rho_2)$  and  $\rho_1 = \sqrt{1 - 4m_\pi^2/s}$ ,  $\rho_2 = \sqrt{1 - 4m_K^2/s}$ , respectively;  $T(s)$  denotes the  $2 \times 2$  partial wave  $\pi\pi, \bar{K}K$  scattering amplitudes. Numerical solution of Eq. (1.2) can be searched for. In the degenerate case of single channel problem, function  $D$  in Eq. (1.2) has a well-known analytic representation – the Omnés solution:

$$D(s) = \exp \left( \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{\delta(s') ds'}{(s' - s) s'} \right). \quad (1.3)$$

The  $s$ -wave  $T$  matrix in Eq. (1.2) is obtained by fitting a coupled channel  $K$  matrix [8] to data. [9, 10] The relevant poles are listed in table 1. We notice from table 1 that the  $f_0(980)$

pole	sheet-II	sheet-III
$\sigma$	$0.549 - 0.230i$	-
$f_0(980)$	$0.999 - 0.021i$	$0.977 - 0.060i$

**Table 1:** The pole locations on the  $\sqrt{s}$ -plane, in units of GeV.

resonance may consist of two poles – one locates on sheet II, while the other on sheet III, though the latter is found not quite stable in the numerical fit. Though the twin-pole phenomenon with respect to  $f_0(980)$  was mentioned long time ago, [11] in  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$  process one discovers further evidence in support of the idea that the  $f_0(980)$  resonance could be a coupled channel Breit–Wigner resonance. [6] Similar phenomenon may occur in the situation of  $X(3872)$  particle. [13]

The two  $I=0$   $d$ -wave and the  $I=2$   $s$ -wave amplitudes are attained through single channel approximation and the corresponding  $\pi\pi$  scattering  $T$  matrices are borrowed from Refs. [12, 14]. With these  $T$  matrices the Omne's solution is used to determine the corresponding  $D$  functions. Other partial waves are tiny and have been approximated by their Born terms. Then the  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-, \pi^0\pi^0$  cross-sections can be fitted and the di-photon coupling of  $f_0(600)$ ,  $f_0(980)$ ,  $f_2(1270)$  resonances can be extracted. We refer to Ref. [6] for the numerical results and related discussions.

By re-analyzing the whole process, the above estimates can be advanced, especially at *lower energies*. An improved  $I=0$   $s$ -wave single channel  $\pi\pi$  scattering  $T$  matrix [14] provides a better analyticity property than that of a usual  $K$  matrix formalism, and gives a  $\sigma$  pole location in nice agreement with the Roy equation analysis. [15] The extracted di-photon width  $\Gamma(\sigma \rightarrow 2\gamma) \simeq 2.1\text{keV}$  – a number significantly smaller than the value one expects for a naive  $\bar{q}q$  meson. Therefore the result indicates the non- $\bar{q}q$  nature of the  $f_0(600)$  resonance.

In the calculation as described by the last paragraph, as a byproduct when extracting the di-photon coupling one also gets the  $\sigma\pi\pi$  coupling:

$$g_{\sigma\pi\pi}^2 = (-0.20 - 0.13i)\text{GeV}^2. \quad (1.4)$$

It could be surprising to notice that the real part of the coupling strength,  $\text{Re}[g_{\sigma\pi\pi}^2]$ , is negative. A narrow resonance with such a property is not allowed, since it would be a ghost rather than a particle. <sup>1</sup> In the next section we devote to the discussion on physics behind this (once again) odd property of the  $f_0(600)$  or  $\sigma$  meson.

## 2. What does a negative $\text{Re}[g_{\sigma\pi\pi}^2]$ tell us?

The negative value of  $\text{Re}[g_{\sigma\pi\pi}^2]$  is related to the large width of  $f_0(600)$  meson. To initiate the investigation let us recall the PKU dispersive representation for a partial wave elastic scattering  $S$  matrix element: [14, 16]

$$S^{phy.} = \prod_i S^{R_i} \cdot S^{cut}, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $S^{R_i}$  denotes the  $i$ -th resonances on sheet II and  $S^{cut}$  stands for the cut contribution. In each  $S^{R_i}$  pole residue is a function of the pole location, and hence if we neglect every pole and cut contribution other than the  $f_0(600)$  pole, we can obtain its coupling strength to two pions,  $g_{\sigma\pi\pi}^2 = (-0.18 - 0.20i)\text{GeV}^2$ , which is found not much different from the value given by Eq. (1.4). This implies that the  $\sigma\pi\pi$  coupling is mainly of a kinematical effect, *i. e.*, largely affected by the  $\sigma$  pole location. In Fig. 1 we draw the region where the residue contains a negative real part based on the above approximation, *i. e.*, considering only single pole contribution. In the following, however, by studying the solvable  $O(N)$   $\sigma$  model, we will be able to learn more lessons on physics of negative coupling strength.

The bare  $IJ=00$  channel  $\pi\pi$  scattering amplitude takes the following form: [17]

$$T^{00}(s) = \frac{1}{32\pi} \frac{s - m_\pi^2}{f_\pi^2 - (s - m_\pi^2) \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_0} + \tilde{B}_0(s) \right)}$$

<sup>1</sup>The value, and especially the sign given in Eq. (1.4) is in qualitative agreement with that of Ref. [5] and especially Ref. [4]. Notice that in Ref. [4] there is a sign difference in the definition of coupling strength.

where

$$\tilde{B}_0(p^2) = \frac{-i}{2} \int \frac{d^4q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{q^2 - m_\pi^2} \frac{1}{(p+q)^2 - m_\pi^2}$$

is a divergent integral and can be made finite by redefining the renormalized coupling constant as, [18]

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\lambda(M)} &= \frac{1}{\lambda_0} - \frac{i}{2} \int \frac{d^4q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(q^2 + i\varepsilon)(q^2 - M^2 + i\varepsilon)}, \\ \frac{1}{\lambda(M)} + \tilde{B}(p^2; M) &= \frac{1}{\lambda_0} + \tilde{B}_0(p^2), \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$\tilde{B}(s; M) = \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \left[ 1 + \rho(s) \log \frac{\rho(s) - 1}{\rho(s) + 1} - \log \frac{m_\pi^2}{M^2} \right].$$

To define the theory one can set

$$\frac{1}{\lambda(M)} = 0,$$

where  $M$  denotes the scale when perturbation expansion fails, though above the scale  $M$  the theory can still be fine. The RGE of coupling constant  $\lambda$  becomes exact,

$$\mu^2 \frac{d\lambda}{d\mu^2} = \frac{\lambda^2(\mu^2)}{32\pi^2}. \quad (2.3)$$

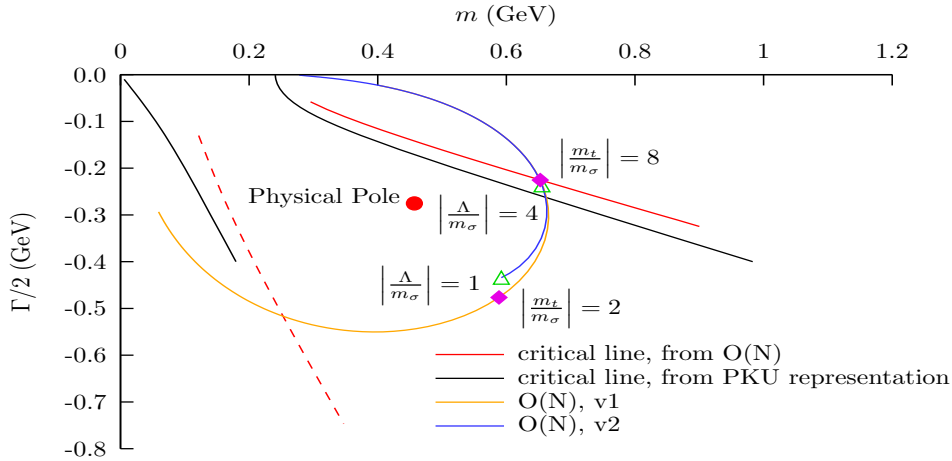
The true problem of such a theory (herewith called as  $O(N)$  v1) is that a tachyon appears at  $m_t^2$ , and hence the theory only works when  $|s| \ll |m_t^2|$ . [18]

If one does not like the tachyon a sharp momentum cutoff at  $\Lambda$  can be used to make the theory finite. In this way one avoids the tachyon, but a spurious cut (at  $4\Lambda^2$ ) and a spurious physical sheet pole near the spurious cut occur, instead. By this mean we define a cutoff version of the effective theory. Setting for example

$$\frac{1}{\lambda(\Lambda)} = 0,$$

defines another version of  $O(N)$  model (called as  $O(N)$  v2 hereafter).

The region where  $\text{Re}[g_{\sigma\pi\pi}^2] < 0$  is plotted in Fig. 1 both for  $O(N)$  model v1 and v2, which are, however, almost identical. The  $\sigma$  pole trajectories with respect to varying the defining scale of two models are also plotted. Clearly, seen from Fig. 1, it is actually very difficult for  $O(N)$  models to reach the ‘realistic’  $\sigma$  pole location. In model v1, one has to decrease the scale  $M$  to face a situation that the tachyon pole mass and the  $\sigma$  pole mass are comparable in magnitude, and hence breaks down the validity of the effective theory. In model v2 similar things happen; in order to get the  $\sigma$  pole deep inside the region where  $\text{Re}[g_{\sigma\pi\pi}^2] < 0$ , one has to decrease the cutoff parameter  $\Lambda$  facing the situation that the  $\sigma$  mass is comparable in magnitude with  $\Lambda$ , and thus also results in breaking the validity of the effective theory. The conclusion is that QCD interaction in the scalar sector becomes so strong that, the  $O(N)$  toy model even fails to handel the situation when the  $\sigma$  pole gets as light and broad as it is determined from reality. A more ‘realistic’ calculation also leads to a similar conclusion. [19]



**Figure 1:** Region on the  $\sqrt{s}$ -plane with  $\text{Re}[g_{\sigma\pi\pi}^2] < 0$ .

Another way to look at the non-perturbative nature of the  $\sigma$  meson is through examining the renormalization group equation, Eq. (2.3). To get the ‘realistic’  $\sigma$  pole location, one finds  $\lambda(\mu)$  blows up at  $\mu \simeq 0.55\text{MeV}$ .

It is certainly an extremely hard and non-perturbative task to predict a pole from an effective lagrangian inside which the pole does not have a corresponding field. Such kind of poles are sometimes called as ‘dynamically generated’ resonances. Once the existence of the  $\sigma$  pole was firmly established, it is wondered whether one should add the  $\sigma$  field explicitly into the low energy effective lagrangian. However the blow up of the the coupling constant  $\lambda$  at very low energy indicates that, even if the explicit  $\sigma$  degrees of freedom is added into the effective lagrangian, one still face a strongly non-perturbative problem.

To summarize, the  $\sigma$  pole manifests the maximal ‘non-perturbativity’ that QCD could offer.

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