

Roy–Steiner equations for $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$

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- Application: determination of the pole position of the **σ -meson**
- $\pi\pi$ Roy equations + Chiral Perturbation Theory (ChPT) Caprini et al. (2006)

$$M_\sigma = 441_{-8}^{+16} \text{ MeV} \quad \Gamma_\sigma = 544_{-25}^{+18} \text{ MeV}$$

- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$ provides alternative access to the $\sigma \Rightarrow$ **two-photon width** $\Gamma_{\sigma\gamma\gamma}$
- Aim: constrain $\Gamma_{\sigma\gamma\gamma}$ at a similar level of rigor as M_σ and Γ_σ

Roy equations for $\pi\pi$ scattering

- Start from twice-subtracted dispersion relation at fixed Mandelstam t

$$T(s, t) = c(t) + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds' \left\{ \frac{s^2}{s'^2(s' - s)} + \frac{u^2}{s'^2(s' - u)} \right\} \text{Im } T(s', t)$$

- Determine subtraction functions $c(t)$ from **crossing symmetry**
- Partial wave projection (angular momentum J and isospin I)
 \Rightarrow **coupled system of integral equations** for partial waves $t_J^I(s)$

$$t_J^I(s) = k_J^I(s) + \sum_{I'=0}^2 \sum_{J'=0}^{\infty} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds' K_{JJ'}^{II'}(s, s') \text{Im } t_{J'}^{I'}(s')$$

- Kernel functions $K_{JJ'}^{II'}$ known analytically

$$K_{JJ'}^{II'}(s, s') = \frac{\delta_{JJ'} \delta_{II'}}{s' - s - i\epsilon} + \bar{K}_{JJ'}^{II'}(s, s')$$

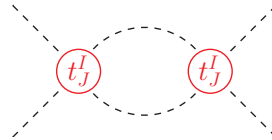
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- Free parameters: $\pi\pi$ scattering lengths in $k_J^I(s)$ (“subtraction constants”)
⇒ Matching to ChPT [Colangelo et al. \(2001\)](#)
- Use **elastic unitarity** to obtain a coupled integral equation for the phase shifts

$$\text{Im } t_J^I(s) = \sigma(s) |t_J^I(s)|^2$$

$$t_J^I(s) = \frac{e^{2i\delta_J^I(s)} - 1}{2i\sigma(s)}$$


$$\sigma(s) = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4M_\pi^2}{s}}$$

Roy–Steiner equations for $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$

- Kinematics: $s = (p_1 + q_1)^2$, $t = (q_1 - q_2)^2$, $u = (q_1 - p_2)^2$
- Amplitude for $\gamma\pi \rightarrow \gamma\pi$:

$$F_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}(s, t) = \varepsilon_\mu(q_1, \lambda_1) \varepsilon_\nu^*(q_2, \lambda_2) W^{\mu\nu}(s, t) \quad \Delta_\mu = p_{1\mu} + p_{2\mu}$$

$$W_{\mu\nu}(s, t) = A(s, t) \left(\frac{t}{2} g_{\mu\nu} + q_{2\mu} q_{1\nu} \right) + B(s, t) \left(2t \Delta_\mu \Delta_\nu - (s-u)^2 g_{\mu\nu} + 2(s-u)(\Delta_\mu q_{1\nu} + \Delta_\nu q_{2\mu}) \right)$$

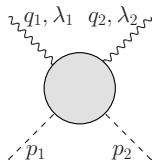
- Use dispersion relations for $A(s, t)$ and $B(s, t)$

⇒ constraints from **gauge invariance** automatically fulfilled

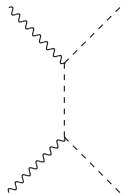
- Crossing symmetry couples $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$ and $\gamma\pi \rightarrow \gamma\pi$

$$(s-a)(u-a) = (s'-a)(u'-a)$$

⇒ use **hyperbolic dispersion relations** Hite, Steiner (1973)



$$A(s, t) = \frac{1}{M_\pi^2 - s} + \frac{1}{M_\pi^2 - u} - \frac{1}{M_\pi^2 - a} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} dt' \frac{\text{Im} A(t', z_t')}{t' - t} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{M_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds' \text{Im} A(s', t') \left(\frac{1}{s' - s} + \frac{1}{s' - u} - \frac{1}{s' - a} \right)$$



Roy–Steiner equations for $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$

- Coupled system for $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$ partial waves $h_{J,\pm}^l(t)$ and $\gamma\pi \rightarrow \gamma\pi$ partial waves $f_{J,\pm}^l(s)$ (photon helicities \pm), e.g.

$$h_{J,-}^l(t) = \tilde{N}_J^-(t) + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{M_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds' \sum_{J'=1}^{\infty} \tilde{G}_{JJ'}^+(t,s') \text{Im} f_{J',+}^l(s') + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} dt' \sum_{J'} \tilde{K}_{JJ'}^-(t,t') \text{Im} h_{J',-}^l(t')$$

- Subtraction constants \Leftrightarrow **pion polarizabilities**

$$\pm \frac{2\alpha}{M_\pi t} \hat{F}_{+\pm}(s = M_\pi^2, t) = \alpha_1 \pm \beta_1 + \frac{t}{12} (\alpha_2 \pm \beta_2) + \mathcal{O}(t^2)$$

- Transition between isospin and particle basis

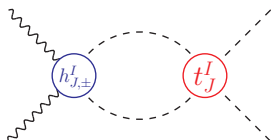
$$\begin{pmatrix} h_{J,\pm}^{\pi^\pm} \\ h_{J,\pm}^{\pi^0} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h_{J,\pm}^0 \\ h_{J,\pm}^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{etc.}$$

Roy–Steiner equations for $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$

$$h_{J,-}^I(t) = \tilde{N}_J^-(t) + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{M_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds' \sum_{J'=1}^{\infty} \tilde{G}_{JJ'}^{-+}(t, s') \text{Im} f_{J',+}^I(s') + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} dt' \sum_{J'} \tilde{K}_{JJ'}^{-+}(t, t') \text{Im} h_{J',-}^I(t')$$

- Unitarity relation is linear in $h_{J,\pm}^I(t)$

$$\text{Im} h_{J,\pm}^I(t) = \sigma(t) h_{J,\pm}^I(t) t_J^I(t)^*$$

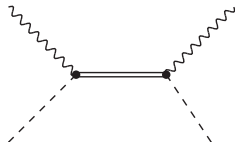


⇒ less restrictive than for $\pi\pi$ scattering

- “**Watson’s theorem**”: phase of $h_{J,\pm}^I(t)$ equals $\delta_J^I(t)$ Watson (1954)
- ⇒ Muskhelishvili–Omnès problem for $h_{J,\pm}^I(t)$ Muskhelishvili (1953), Omnès (1958)
- Equations are valid up to $t_{\max} = (1 \text{ GeV})^2$ (assuming Mandelstam analyticity)

Muskhelishvili–Omnès solution for $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$

- Truncate the system at $J = 2$
- Input for $\text{Im} f'_{J,\pm}(s)$: approximate multi-pion states by sum of resonances [García-Martín, Moussallam \(2010\)](#)
- Assume $h'_{J,\pm}(t)$ to be known above $t_m = (0.98 \text{ GeV})^2$
 \Rightarrow **Muskhelishvili–Omnès problem with finite matching point** [Büttiker et al. \(2004\)](#)
- Solution in terms of Omnès functions, e.g. for $h'_{0,+}(t)$ (one subtraction)



$$h'_{0,+}(t) = \Delta'_{0,+}(t) + \frac{M_\pi}{2\alpha} (\alpha_1 - \beta_1)' t \Omega'_0(t) + \frac{t^2 \Omega'_0(t)}{\pi} \left\{ \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{t_m} dt' \frac{\sin \delta'_0(t') \Delta'_{0,+}(t')}{t'^2 (t' - t) |\Omega'_0(t')|} + \int_{t_m}^{\infty} dt' \frac{\text{Im} h'_{0,+}(t')}{t'^2 (t' - t) |\Omega'_0(t')|} \right\}$$

with the Omnès function

$$\Omega'_J(t) = \exp \left\{ \frac{t}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{t_m} dt' \frac{\delta'_J(t')}{t'(t' - t)} \right\}$$

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- $\Delta'_{0,+}(t)$ describes left-hand cut

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta'_{0,+}(t) = & N'_{0,+}(t) + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} dt' \left(\tilde{K}_{02}^{++}(t, t') \text{Im } h'_{2,+}(t') + \tilde{K}_{02}^{+-}(t, t') \text{Im } h'_{2,-}(t') \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{M_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds' \sum_{J'=1,2} \left(\tilde{G}_{0J'}^{++}(t, s') \text{Im } f'_{J',+}(s') + \tilde{G}_{0J'}^{+-}(t, s') \text{Im } f'_{J',-}(s') \right) \end{aligned}$$

Input

- Above t_m use Breit–Wigner description of $f_2(1270)$
- $\pi\pi$ phases: Caprini et al. (in preparation), García-Martín et al. (2011)

- If $\delta_J'(t_m) < 0$, can derive sum rules for pion polarizabilities, e.g.

$$0 = \frac{M_\pi}{2\alpha} (\alpha_1 - \beta_1)^{l=2} t_m (1 - t_m \dot{\Omega}_0^2(0)) + \frac{M_\pi}{24\alpha} (\alpha_2 - \beta_2)^{l=2} t_m^2 + \frac{t_m^3}{\pi} \left\{ \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{t_m} dt' \frac{\sin \delta_0^2(t') \Delta_{0,+}^2(t')}{t'^3 (t' - t_m) |\Omega_0^2(t')|} + \int_{t_m}^{\infty} dt' \frac{\text{Im } h_{0,+}^2(t')}{t'^3 (t' - t_m) |\Omega_0^2(t')|} \right\}$$

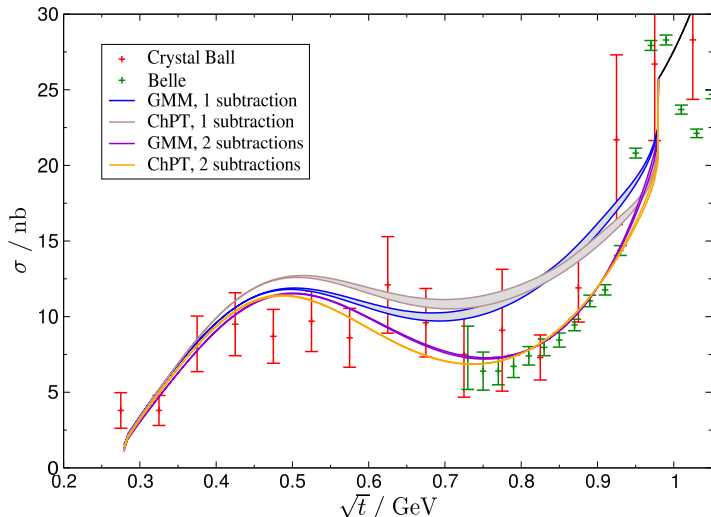
- Gasser et al. (2006): $(\alpha_2 - \beta_2)^{\pi^\pm}$ strongly dependent on poorly known low-energy constants $\Rightarrow (\alpha_2 - \beta_2)^{\pi^\pm} = 16.2[21.6] \cdot 10^{-4} \text{fm}^5$ for two sets of LECs
- Sum rule + ChPT prediction for $(\alpha_1 - \beta_1)^{\pi^\pm, \pi^0}$ and $(\alpha_2 - \beta_2)^{\pi^0}$ Gasser et al. (2005, 2006) yields

$$(\alpha_2 - \beta_2)^{\pi^\pm} = (15.3 \pm 3.7) \cdot 10^{-4} \text{fm}^5$$

Muskhelishvili–Omnès solution for $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$: cross section for $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$

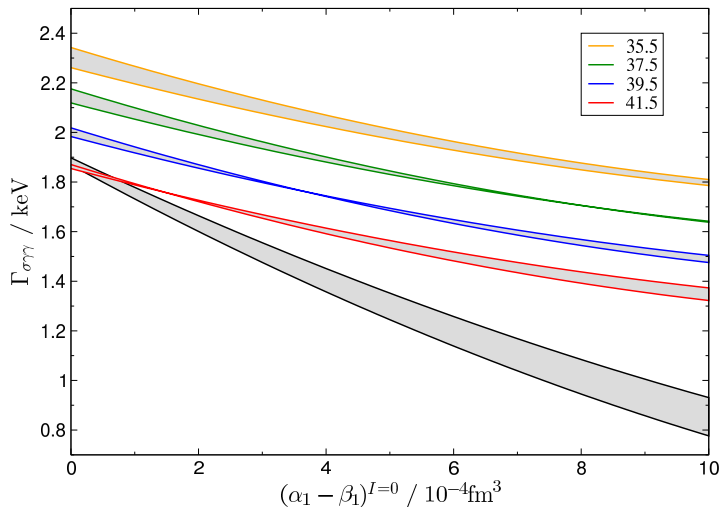
• Pion polarizabilities

- ChPT: Gasser et al. (2005, 2006) + sum rule
- GMM: two-channel Omnès fit to $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$ data García-Martín, Moussallam (2010)



Results for $\Gamma_{\sigma\gamma\gamma}$: correlation plot

- Obtain $\Gamma_{\sigma\gamma\gamma}$ by analytic continuation to the σ pole

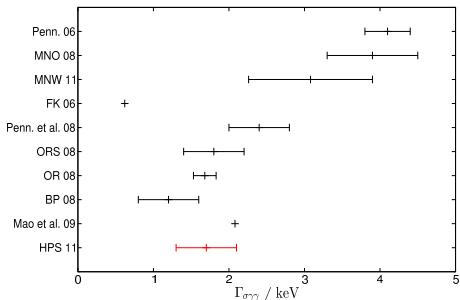
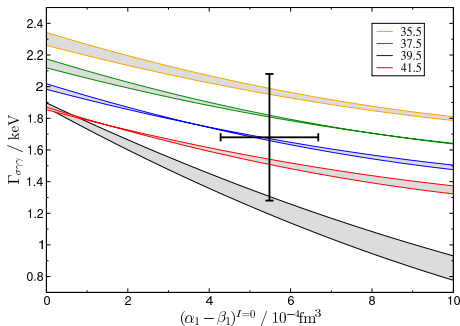


black: 1 subtraction
colored: 2 subtractions
with $(\alpha_2 - \beta_2)^{I=0}$ as
indicated

⇒ Correlation between $\Gamma_{\sigma\gamma\gamma}$ and pion polarizabilities

Results for $\Gamma_{\sigma\gamma\gamma}$: Roy–Steiner equations + ChPT

- Combine correlation plot with ChPT predictions for pion polarizabilities



Roy–Steiner equations + ChPT

$$\Gamma_{\sigma\gamma\gamma} = (1.7 \pm 0.4) \text{ keV}$$

- Construction of Roy–Steiner equations for $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$
- Coupling between S - and D -waves
- Solution of Muskhelishvili–Omnès problem
- Sum rule to provide error estimate for chiral prediction of $(\alpha_2 - \beta_2)\pi^\pm$
- Correlation between $\Gamma_{\sigma\gamma\gamma}$ and pion polarizabilities \Rightarrow COMPASS

- Omnès function behaves as $|\Omega_J^I(t)| \sim |t_m - t|^{-\frac{\delta_J^I(t_m)}{\pi}} \Rightarrow$ If $\delta_J^I(t_m) < 0$, $\Omega_J^I(t_m)^{-1} = 0$
- Multiply

$$h_{0,+}^2(t) = \Delta_{0,+}^2(t) + \frac{M_\pi}{2\alpha} (\alpha_1 - \beta_1)^{l=2} t \Omega_0^2(t) + \frac{t^2 \Omega_0^2(t)}{\pi} \left\{ \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{t_m} dt' \frac{\sin \delta_0^2(t') \Delta_{0,+}^2(t')}{t'^2 (t' - t) |\Omega_0^2(t')|} + \int_{t_m}^{\infty} dt' \frac{\text{Im} h_{0,+}^2(t')}{t'^2 (t' - t) |\Omega_0^2(t')|} \right\}$$

with $\Omega_0^2(t)^{-1}$ and then put $t = t_m$

$$0 = \frac{M_\pi}{2\alpha} (\alpha_1 - \beta_1)^{l=2} t_m + \frac{t_m^2}{\pi} \left\{ \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{t_m} dt' \frac{\sin \delta_0^2(t') \Delta_{0,+}^2(t')}{t'^2 (t' - t_m) |\Omega_0^2(t')|} + \int_{t_m}^{\infty} dt' \frac{\text{Im} h_{0,+}^2(t')}{t'^2 (t' - t_m) |\Omega_0^2(t')|} \right\}$$

• Integrals and individual contributions

	full	$a \rightarrow \infty$	no resonances		$(\alpha_1 - \beta_1)^{l=2}$	$(\alpha_2 - \beta_2)^{l=2}$	total
$J^{(2)}$, CCL	3.45	3.58	2.08	ChPT	1.03 ± 0.14	-4.29 ± 0.78	0.18 ± 0.85
$J^{(2)}$, GKPRY	3.40	3.53	2.03	GMM	0.80 ± 0.14	-3.49 ± 0.60	0.76 ± 0.68

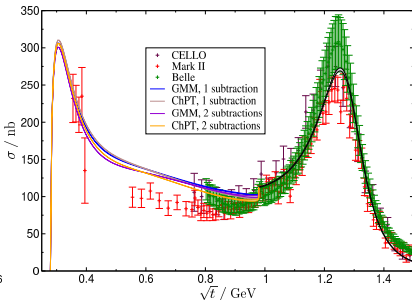
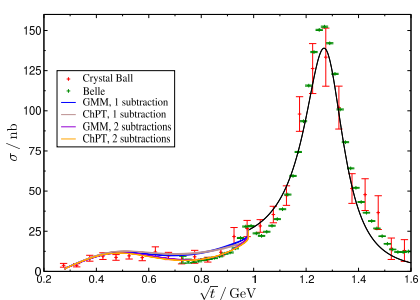
- Cross section above t_m dominated by $f_2(1270) \Rightarrow$ Breit–Wigner description

$$\mathcal{L}_{f_2\pi\pi} = C_{f_2}^\pi f_2^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \pi \partial_\nu \pi \quad \mathcal{L}_{f_2\gamma\gamma} = e^2 C_{f_2}^\gamma f_2^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\alpha} F_\nu^\alpha$$

- Amounts to putting all partial waves to zero except for $h_{2,-}^0(t)$

$$h_{2,-}^0(t) = \frac{C_{f_2}^\pi C_{f_2}^\gamma}{5\sqrt{6}} \frac{t^2 \sigma(t)}{t - m_{f_2}^2 + im_{f_2} \Gamma_{f_2}} = \frac{C_{f_2}^\pi C_{f_2}^\gamma}{5\sqrt{6}} \frac{m_{f_2}^4 \sigma(m_{f_2}^2)}{t - m_{f_2}^2 + im_{f_2} \Gamma_{f_2}} + \text{background}$$

- Need background for charged channel \Rightarrow taking Born terms + background from f_2 works satisfactorily [Drechsel et al. \(1999\)](#)



- On the second Riemann sheet near the σ -pole t_σ we may write

$$h_{0,+,\text{II}}^0(t) = \frac{g_{\sigma\pi\pi}g_{\sigma\gamma\gamma}}{t_\sigma - t} \quad 32\pi t_{0,\text{II}}^0(t) = \frac{g_{\sigma\pi\pi}^2}{t_\sigma - t} \quad t_\sigma = \left(M_\sigma - i\frac{\Gamma_\sigma}{2} \right)^2$$

- Continuity at the cut relates amplitudes on the first and second Riemann sheet

$$h_{0,+,\text{II}}^0(t) = (1 - 2i\sigma(t)t_{0,\text{II}}^0(t))h_{0,+,\text{I}}^0(t)$$

- Two-photon width $\Gamma_{\sigma\gamma\gamma}$ thus follows from

$$\frac{g_{\sigma\gamma\gamma}^2}{g_{\sigma\pi\pi}^2} = - \left(\frac{\sigma(t_\sigma)}{16\pi} \right)^2 (h_{0,+,\text{I}}^0(t_\sigma))^2 \quad \Gamma_{\sigma\gamma\gamma} = \frac{\pi\alpha^2 |g_{\sigma\gamma\gamma}|^2}{M_\sigma}$$

S- and D-wave coupling

