



# Possible molecular states in the $\pi\bar{K}K^*$ and $KK\bar{K}$ system

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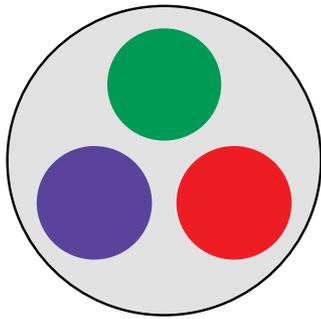
# Outline

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Theoretical Framework**
- 3. Summary**

# Three-body problem using Faddeev equations

Triton is a bound state of one proton and two neutrons.

Whether there exist hadronic molecules from the three-hadron interactions.



⇒ Deal with three-body problem

## □ Faddeev equations

Faddeev, Sov. Phys. JETP 12, 1014(1961)

$$\psi_{\alpha,1}(p, k) = \varphi_{\alpha,1}(p, k) + \int d^3k' d^3p' [A^{12} \psi_{\alpha,2}(p', k') + A^{13} \psi_{\alpha,3}(p', k')]$$

$$\psi_{\alpha,2}(p, k) = \int d^3k' d^3p' [A^{21} \psi_{\alpha,1}(p', k') + A^{23} \psi_{\alpha,3}(p', k')]$$

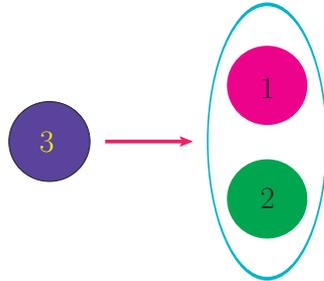
$$\psi_{\alpha,3}(p, k) = \int d^3k' d^3p' [A^{31} \psi_{\alpha,1}(p', k') + A^{32} \psi_{\alpha,2}(p', k')]$$

- Three coupled integral equations
- It is not easy to solve exactly

# Approximations to Faddeev equations

## □ Fixed Center Approximation(FCA)

- Limitations: A heavy cluster formed by the first two particles and a light third particle



R. Chand et al., *Ann. Phys.* 20, 1 (1962).  
R. C. Barrett et al., *Phys. Rev. C* 60, 025201 (1999).

## □ The isobar approach

- two-particle subsystems is assumed to be dominated by a finite number of bound states and resonances.
- It is a set of coupled Lippmann-Schwinger equations

C. Lovelace,  
*Phys.Rev.* 135, B1225 (1964)

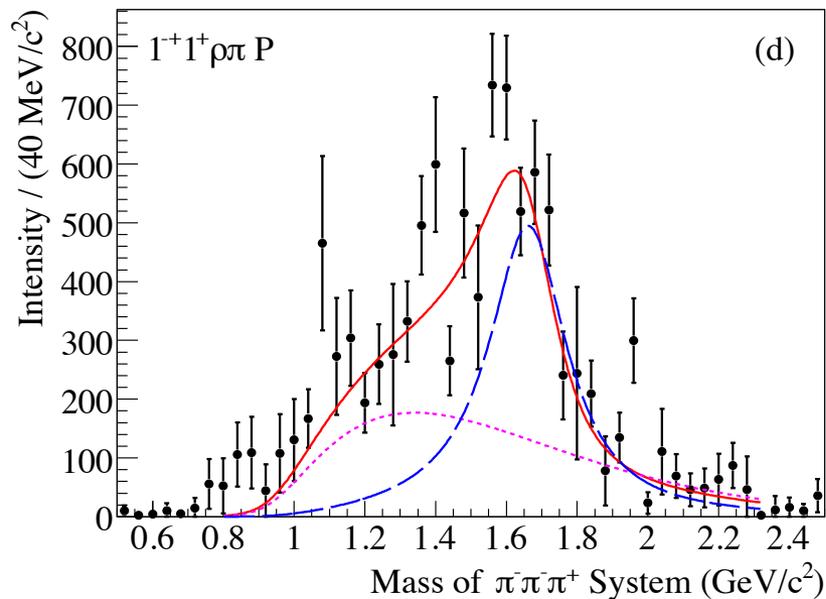
## □ Faddeev equations with chiral unitary approach

- The two-body scattering amplitudes are on shell.

K. P. Khemchandani et al.,  
*Eur. Phys. J. A* 37, 233 (2008).

# The exotic state $\pi_1(1600)$

A state with quantum numbers  $J^{PC} = 1^{-+}$  can not be described as simple quark antiquark pairs.



A lot of investigations interpret  $\pi_1(1600)$  as a hybrid meson. And there are also other interpretations that  $\pi_1(1600)$  as a four quark state.

Hua-Xing Chen et al., *Phys. Rev. D* 83, 014006 (2011).

C. A. Meyer et al., *Phys. Rev. C* 82, 025208(2010).

Bin Zhou et al., *Chin. Phys. C* 41, 043101(2017).

The COMPASS Collaboration showed evidence for  $\pi_1(1600)$ .

*Phys. Rev. Lett.* 104, 241803(2010)

# The $\pi\bar{K}K^*$ interaction under FCA

$$\bar{K}K^* \Rightarrow J^{PC} = 1^{++} \quad f_1(1285)$$

$$\pi f_1(1285) \Rightarrow J^{PC} = 1^{-+} \quad ?$$

We study the  $\pi\bar{K}K^*$  system by solving the Faddeev equation under fixed center approximation.

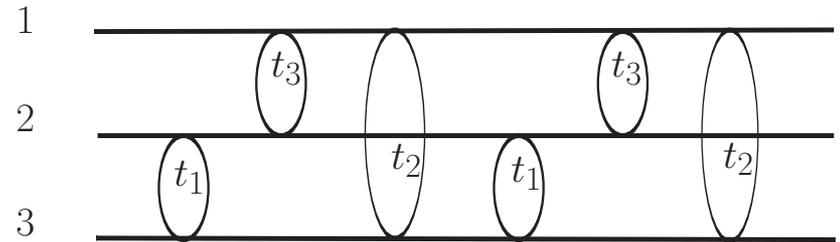
- The deep bound state  $\bar{K}K^*$  forming a stable cluster  $f_1(1285)$ .  
Pei-Liang Lü and Jun He, *Eur. Phys. J. A* 52, 359 (2016).  
L. Roca, E. Oset, and J. Singh, *Phys. Rev. D* 72, 014002 (2005).
- The light particle  $\pi$  scatters off the cluster.

# Fixed Center Approximation

## □ Faddeev equations

The T matrix of particles 1, 2, 3 scattering can be decomposed into three parts

$$T = \sum_{i=1,2,3} T_i, \quad T_i = t_i + t_i G_0 T_j + t_i G_0 T_k.$$



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## □ Fixed Center Approximation(FCA)

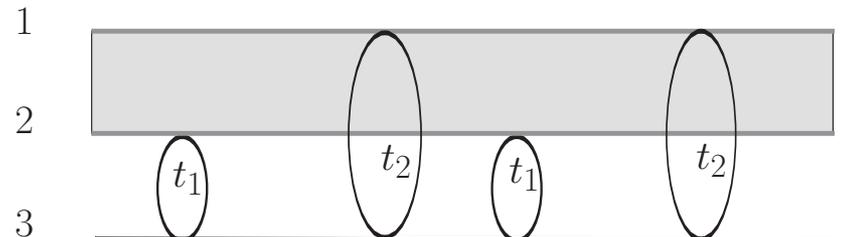


Three coupled equations are reduced into two coupled equations.

$$T = T_1 + T_2.$$

$$T_1 = t_1 + t_1 G_0 T_2,$$

$$T_2 = t_2 + t_2 G_0 T_1,$$



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Particle 1 and 2 form a stable cluster (1, 2).  
And  $m_3 \ll m_{12}$ .

# The $\pi \bar{K} K^*$ interaction under FCA

## □ Single scattering: $t_i$

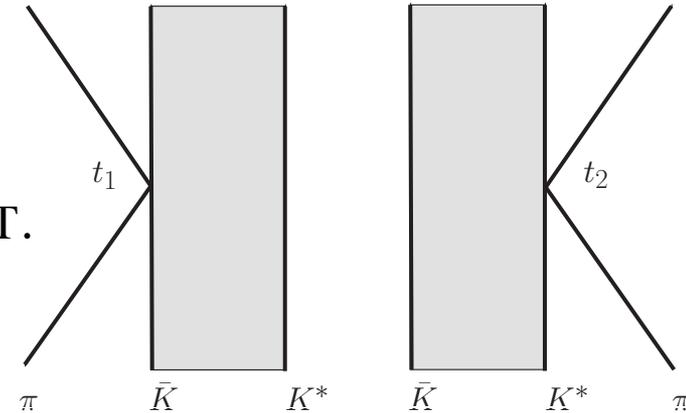
$$\langle \pi f_1(1285) | \hat{t}_1 | \pi f_1(1285) \rangle = t_1 = \frac{2}{3} t_{\pi K}^{I=3/2} + \frac{1}{3} t_{\pi K}^{I=1/2},$$

$$\langle \pi f_1(1285) | \hat{t}_2 | \pi f_1(1285) \rangle = t_2 = \frac{2}{3} t_{\pi K^*}^{I=3/2} + \frac{1}{3} t_{\pi K^*}^{I=1/2}.$$

The two-body scattering amplitudes are obtained from UChPT.

F.-K. Guo et al., Nucl. Phys. A773, 78(2006)

L. S. Geng et al., Phys. Rev. D 75, 014017(2007).



## □ Double scattering: $t_i G_0 t_j$

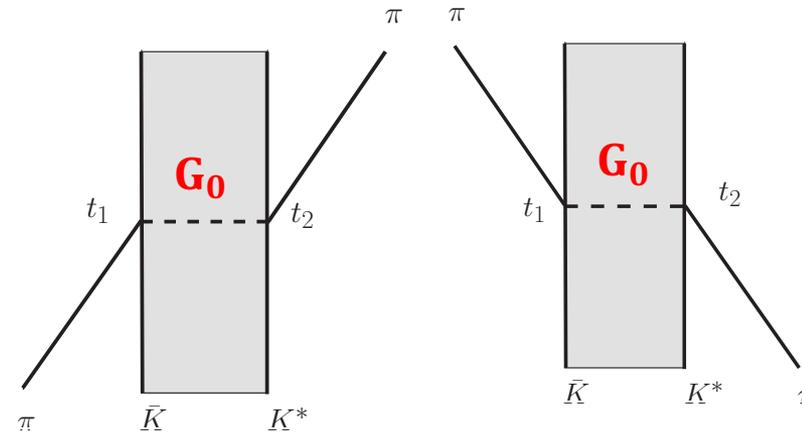
$G_0$ : The  $\pi$  propagator inside the cluster  $f_1(1285)$

$$G_0 = \frac{1}{m_{\text{cls}}} \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} F_{\text{cls}}(q) \frac{1}{q^0{}^2 - |\vec{q}|^2 - m_3^2 + i\epsilon}$$

The form factor  $F_{\text{cls}}(q)$  of  $f_1(1285)$

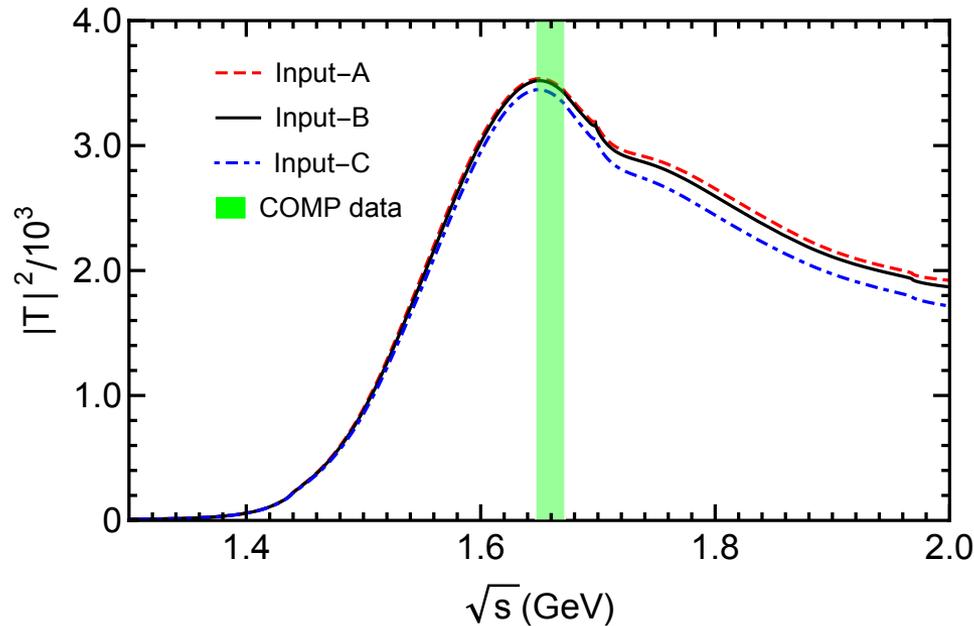
$$F_{\text{cls}}(q) = \frac{1}{N} \int_{|p|, |p-q| < \Lambda} d^3 q f(p) f(p-q)$$

$$N = F_{\text{cls}}(0), f(p) = \frac{1}{\omega_K(p) \omega_{K^*}} \frac{1}{m_{\text{cls}} - \omega_K(p) - \omega_{K^*}(p)}$$



The cut-off is fixed with the demand that  $f_1(1285)$  is produced from the  $\bar{K} K^*$  interaction.

# The $\pi\bar{K}K^*$ scattering amplitude



Input-A:  $m_{f_1(1285)} = 1231$  MeV  
Input-B:  $m_{f_1(1285)} = 1281$  MeV  
Input-C:  $m_{f_1(1285)} = 1331$  MeV

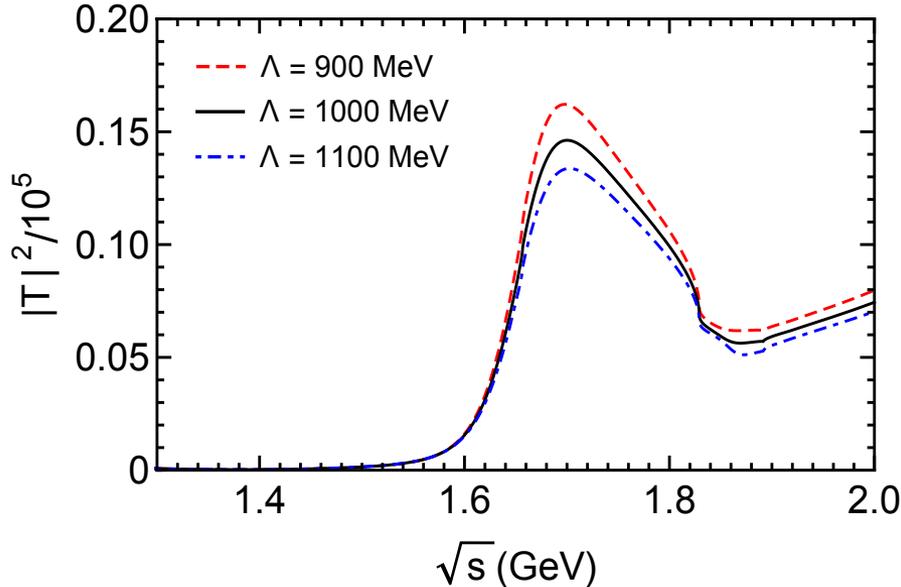
The resonant structure around 1650 MeV shows up in the modulus squared.  
We suggest that this is the origin of the present  $\pi_1(1600)$ .

# The $\eta \bar{K} K^*$ scattering amplitude

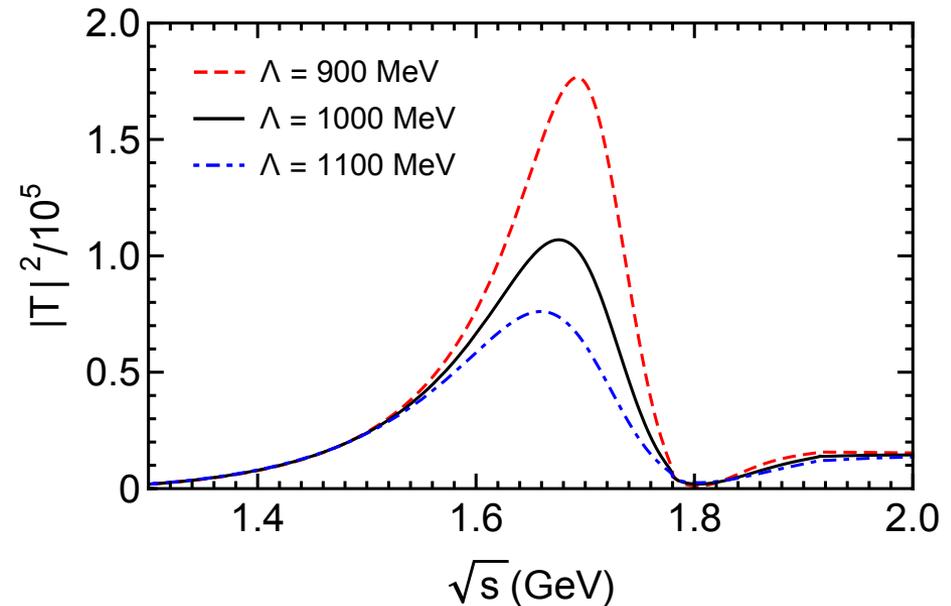
We also investigated the  $\eta \bar{K} K^*$  system to look for possible isospin scalar  $J^{PC} = 1^{-+}$  exotic state.

For the  $\eta \bar{K} K^*$  system,  $\bar{K} K^*$  can form a cluster  $f_1(1285)$  and  $\eta K^*$  can form a cluster  $K_1(1270)$ .

$\eta f_1(1285)$  scattering amplitude



$\bar{K} K_1(1270)$  scattering amplitude



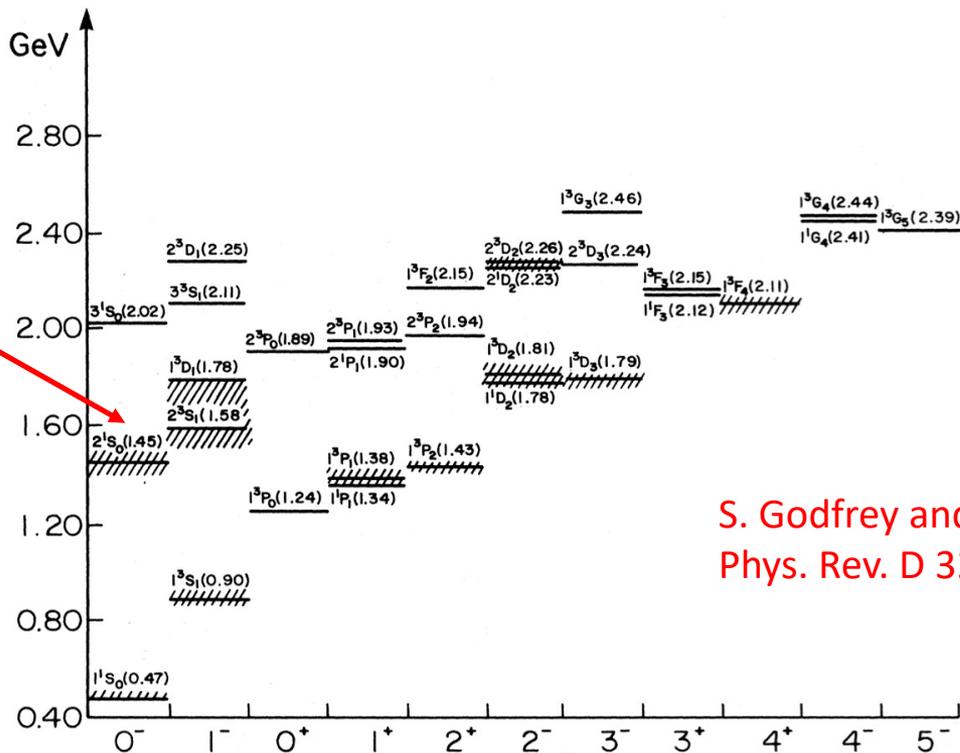
We find that there is a resonance with  $I(J^{PC}) = 0(1^{-+})$  from  $\eta \bar{K} K^*$  interaction, and  $\bar{K} K_1(1270)$  component is dominant.

# Experimental and theoretical status of $K(1460)$

In experiment, its mass and width has not been determined

$1482.4 \pm 3.48$ MeV	$335.6 \pm 6.2$ MeV	LHCb	EPJ	C78	443
$\sim 1460$ MeV	$\sim 260$ MeV	CNTR	NP	B187	1
$\sim 1400$ MeV	$\sim 250$ MeV	SLAC	PRL	36	1239

In quark model, it can be interpreted as  $2^1S_0$  excitation of the kaon.



S. Godfrey and N. Isgur,  
Phys. Rev. D 32, 189 (1985).

FIG. 4. The strange mesons ( $-u\bar{s}, -d\bar{s}$ ). The legend is as for Fig. 3. Significant spectroscopic mixing in this sector:

(a) With  $\begin{bmatrix} Q_{low} \\ Q_{high} \end{bmatrix} \simeq \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta_{nL} & \sin\theta_{nL} \\ -\sin\theta_{nL} & \cos\theta_{nL} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n^1L_L \\ n^3L_L \end{bmatrix}$  we find  $\theta_{1P} \simeq 34^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{1D} \simeq 33^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{2P} \simeq 15^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{1F} \simeq 32^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{2D} \simeq 25^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{1G} \simeq 33^\circ$ ;

(b)  $1^{--}(1.58) \simeq 1.00(2^3S_1) + 0.04(1^3D_1)$ .

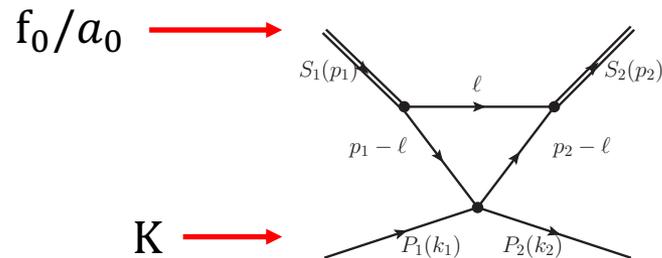
# K(1460) can be interpreted as a molecule state from the $KK\bar{K}$ interaction

1. On shell Faddeev equation ( **all particles are on shell** )

$$T^{ij} = t^i g^{ij} t^j + t^j [G^{iji} T^{ji} + G^{ijk} T^{jk}]$$

Phys. Rev. D 82, 094019 (2010)  
Phys. Rev. C 83, 065205 (2011)  
Phys. Rev. D 102, 094027 (2020)

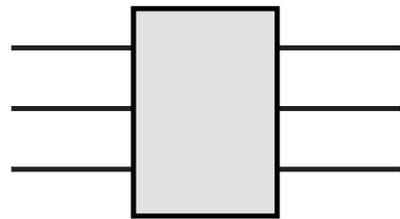
2. The triangle loop method



3. Solving the Faddeev equation in coordinate space

# Isobar model

Under isobar model, the three-body interaction is reduced to the interaction of one particle and the isobar



3 → 3 interaction



2 → 2 interaction

$$\begin{aligned} \pi\pi &\rightarrow \rho \\ K\bar{K} &\rightarrow f_0/a_0 \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

This method has been used to study

The  $a_1(1260)$  in  $\pi^+\pi^+\pi^-$  scattering

Phys. Rev. D 101, 094018 (2020)

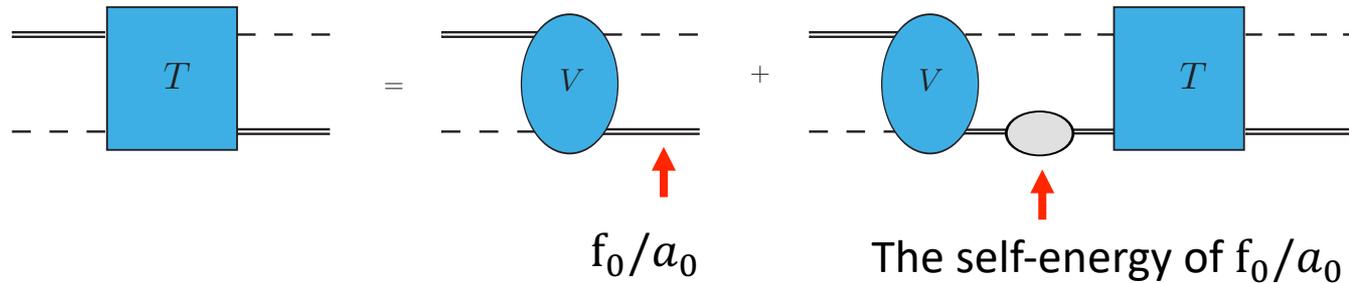
Phys. Rev. D 49, 2763 (1994)

Three-body  $D\bar{D}\pi$  dynamics for the  $X(3872)$

Phys. Rev. D 84, 074029 (2011)

# The $KK\bar{K}$ interaction under isobar model

Under isobar model, the  $KK\bar{K}$  interaction is reduced to  $Kf_0(980) - Ka_0(980)$  interaction



The Lippmann-Schwinger Equation

$$T(E, p', p) = V(E, p', p) + \int_0^\Lambda \frac{4\pi k^2 dk}{(2\pi)^3} V(E, p', k) G(E, k) T(E, k, p)$$

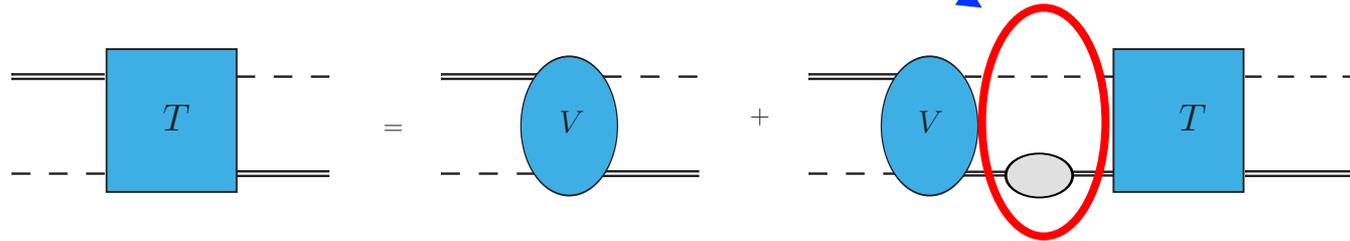
The scattering potential  $V = \begin{bmatrix} V^{11} & V^{12} \\ V^{21} & V^{22} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $V^{\lambda'\lambda}$  can be obtained from time

ordered perturbation theory (TOPT).

The bound state :  $\det [ 1 - VG ] = 0$ .

# The $KK\bar{K}$ interaction under isobar model

The  $Kf_0/Ka_0$  propagator



The  $Kf_0/Ka_0$  propagator is

$$G(E, k) = [Z \left( E - \omega^{(\lambda)}(k) - \omega_K(k) \right) - \Sigma_R(E, k)]^{-1}$$

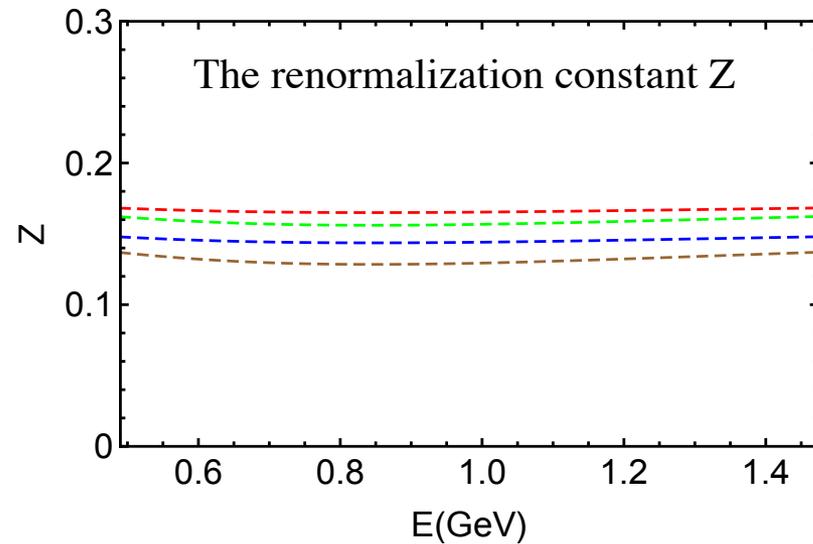
The self-energy has a strong effect on the propagator

To have  $Kf_0/Ka_0$  cut, we use the subtraction

$$\Sigma_R(E, k) = \Sigma(E, k) - \Sigma(E, k_{on})$$

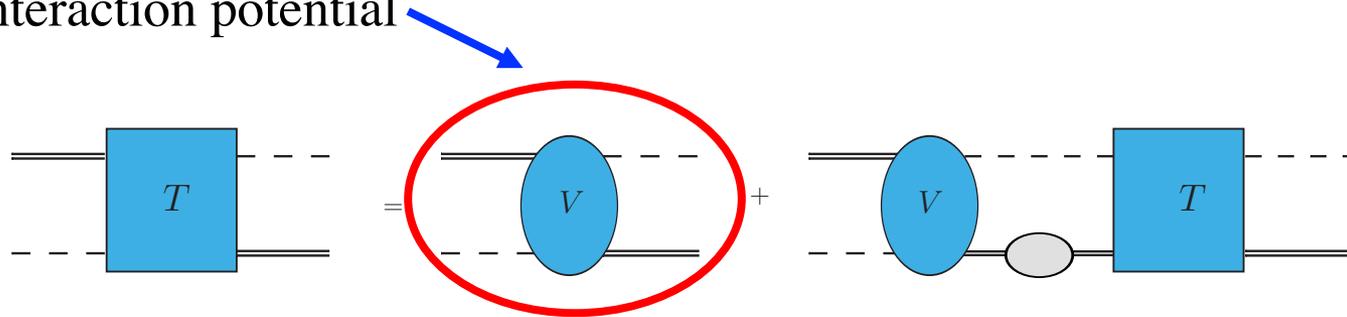
By definition the residue to be one at the pole position

$$Z = 1 + \frac{d}{dE} \Sigma_R(E, k)$$

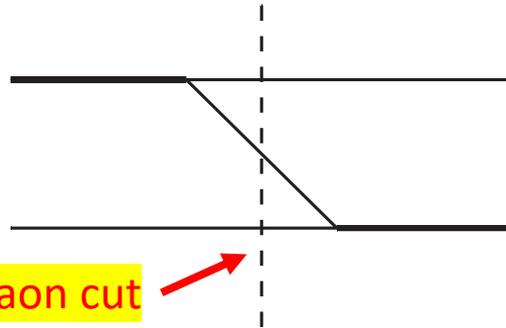


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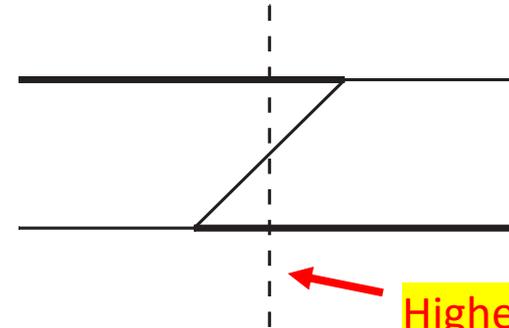
The interaction potential



In TOPT, the t-channel acquires two contributions



The three kaon cut



Higher energy cut

The t-channel one kaon exchange is

$$V^{\lambda'\lambda}(E, p', p) = f_S^2 \cdot IF \cdot N \frac{1}{2\omega_K} \left[ \frac{1}{E - \omega_1' - \omega_K - \omega_1} + \frac{1}{E - \omega_2' - \omega_K - \omega_2} \right]$$

We have also considered s-channel contribution

# The $KK\bar{K}$ interaction under isobar model

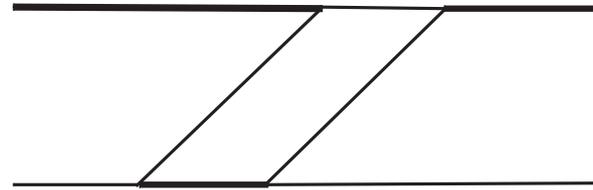
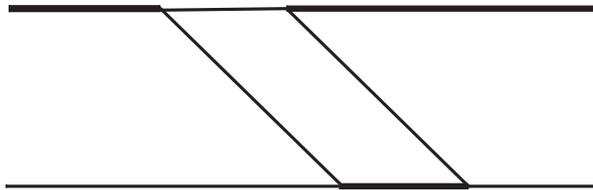
In TOPT, the two terms corresponding to t-channel can be combined to

$$V^{\lambda'\lambda}(E, p', p) = f_S^2 \cdot IF \cdot N \frac{1}{\omega_K} \left[ \frac{\omega_K - E^{\text{off}}}{(\Delta E)^2 - (\omega_K - E^{\text{off}})^2} \right]$$

It is different from a covariant form

$$\frac{1}{t^2 - m_K^2}$$

To recover the covariance, we have also considered the stretched boxes

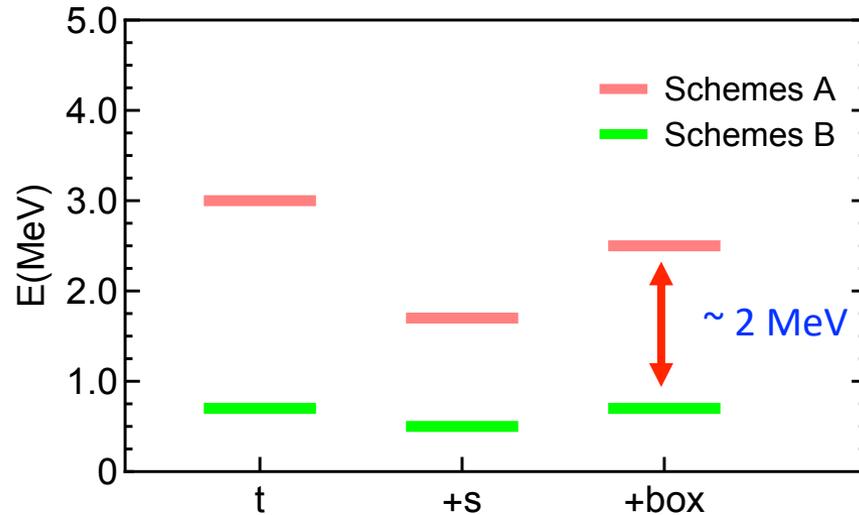


And at one loop order, there are also crossed boxes contribution. Here I have not shown all the diagrams explicitly.

# Numerical results

Schemes A represents the self-energy of  $f_0/a_0$  has been considered

Schemes B represents the self-energy of  $f_0/a_0$  has not been considered



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The self-energy of  $f_0/a_0$  plays an important role.  
The boxes contribution is not large.

# Summary

- 1、 The  $\pi_1(1600)$  can be interpreted as a molecular state from  $\pi\bar{K}K^*$  interaction within FCA approach. And also we predict an isospin scalar  $J^{PC} = 1^{-+}$  exotic state in the  $\eta\bar{K}K^*$  system.
- 2、 Using isobar approach, we find that  $K(1460)$  can be interpreted as a molecular state from  $KK\bar{K}$  interaction.

**Thank you very much!**