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**Overview of Resonances, K-Matrix
Formalism, and Coupled-Channel
Analysis in the Context of Hadron
Spectroscopy**

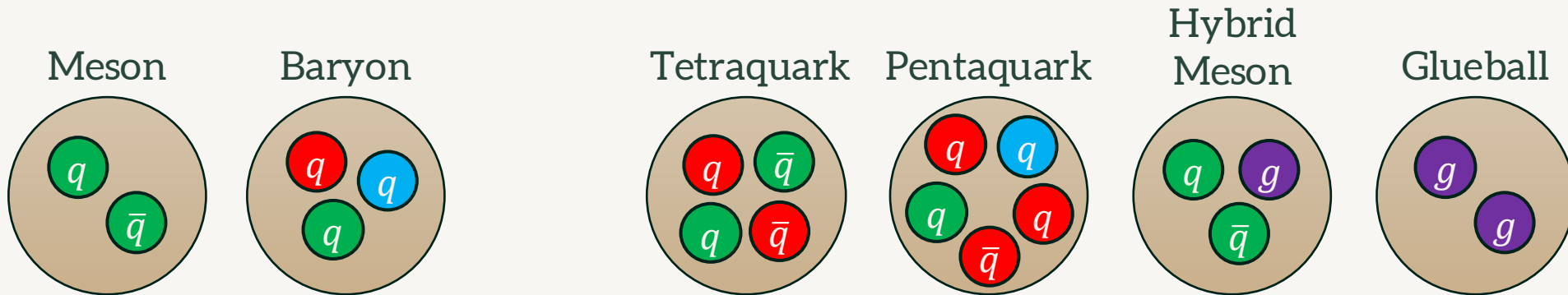
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Outline

- Overview of Resonances
- Breit-Wigner Parameterization and its limitations
- K-Matrix Formalism
- Coupled-Channel Analysis
- GlueX Coupled-Channel Analysis and $K^+ K^-$

Overview of Resonances

- Resonances are short lived bound states
 - Can be mesons or baryons
 - Can also be exotic → Unable to be described by 2 or 3 quarks (tetra/pentaquarks, hybrid mesons, glueballs)



- Usually appear as peaks in mass spectra

Overview of Resonances

- Formally, resonances are complex poles of the scattering matrix $\underline{\mathcal{S}}$:

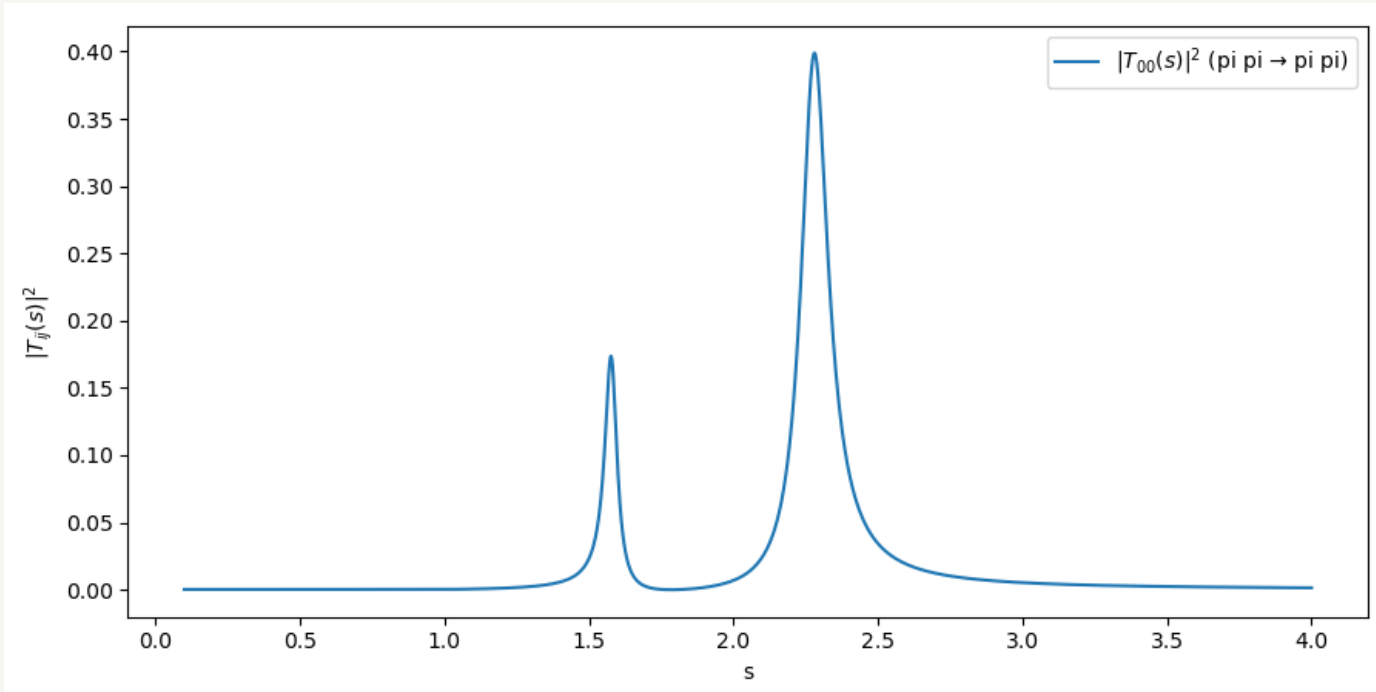
$$i(2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_1 + p_2 - p_1' - p_2') \mathcal{M}(p_1, p_2; p_1', p_2')_{ba} = {}_{out} \langle p_1' p_2', b | S - 1 | p_1 p_2, a \rangle_{in}$$

- Mass and width are directly related to pole position:

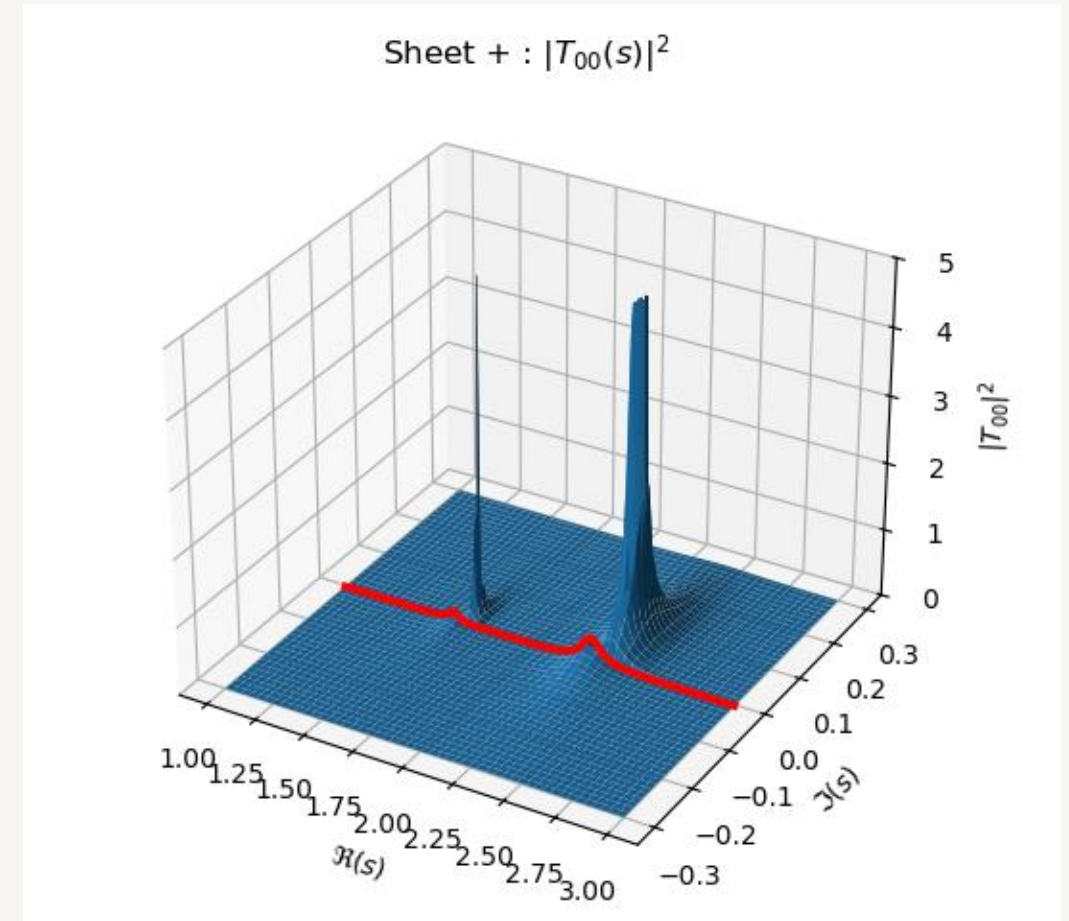
$$\sqrt{s_R} = M_R - i\Gamma_R/2$$

- What we see in mass spectra is the real line \rightarrow resonance pole will affect this

Resonance Visualization



Note: Not actual data!



Breit-Wigner Parameterization

- Often, resonances are described w/ a Breit-Wigner Function:

$$BW(s) = \frac{1}{m_{\text{BW}}^2 - s - im_{\text{BW}}\Gamma(s)}$$

- Can describe scattering amplitude and production amplitude in terms of BW:

$$\mathcal{M}_{ab}(s) = g_a n_a(s) BW(s) g_b n_b(s)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_a(s) = \mathcal{N}_a(s) BW(s)$$

- g_a : bare coupling of bare pole to channel a, related to partial width
- $n_a(s)$: function of breakup momentum for channel a
- $\mathcal{N}_a(s)$: numerator factor, covers kinematics and couplings to production and decay

Limitations of BW Parameterization

1. Only valid in $\Gamma/\Delta \rightarrow 0$ limit
 - BW parameterization is only accurate for small width and isolated resonances.
2. Pole position obtained from BW does not necessarily match the actual pole position
 - Must have small width, and can have significant non-resonant contributions
3. If multiple similar resonances couple to the same channel, using BWs may violate unitarity greatly

K-Matrix Formalism

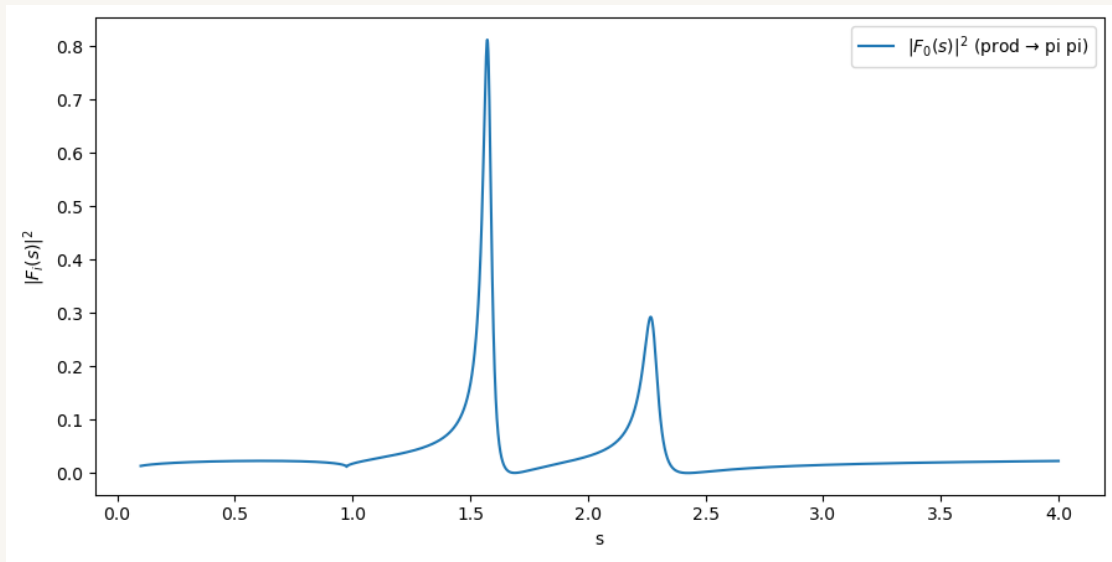
- The defining equation for the K-Matrix is

$$n_b \mathcal{M}_{ba}^{-1} n_a = \mathcal{K}_{ba}^{-1} - i \delta_{ba} \rho_a n_a^2$$

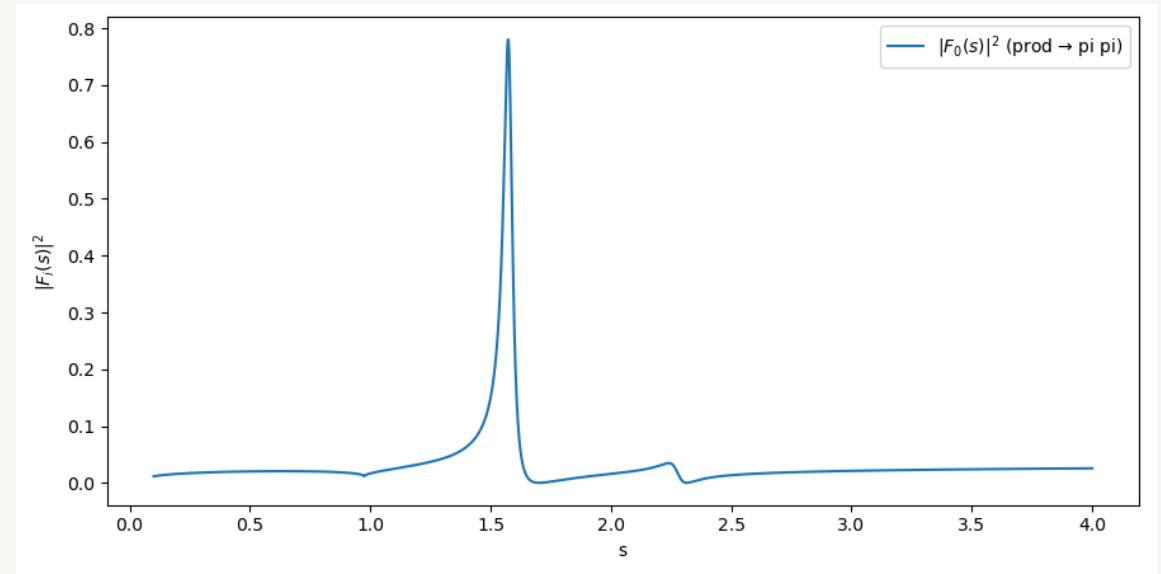
- ρ_a : phase space factor
- The most common parameterization is
$$\mathcal{K}_{ba}(s) = \sum_r \frac{g_b^r g_a^r}{m_r^2 - s} + \sum_n c_{ba}^{(n)} s^n$$
- $c_{ba}^{(n)}$: non-pole contributions
- K-Matrix formalism can handle multiple resonances as well as multiple channels without issue*

K-Matrix Formalism: Rescattering

- K-Matrix can account for rescattering: no direct production from a channel, but indirect production from secondary interactions



Direct Production of $m=1.525$ resonance



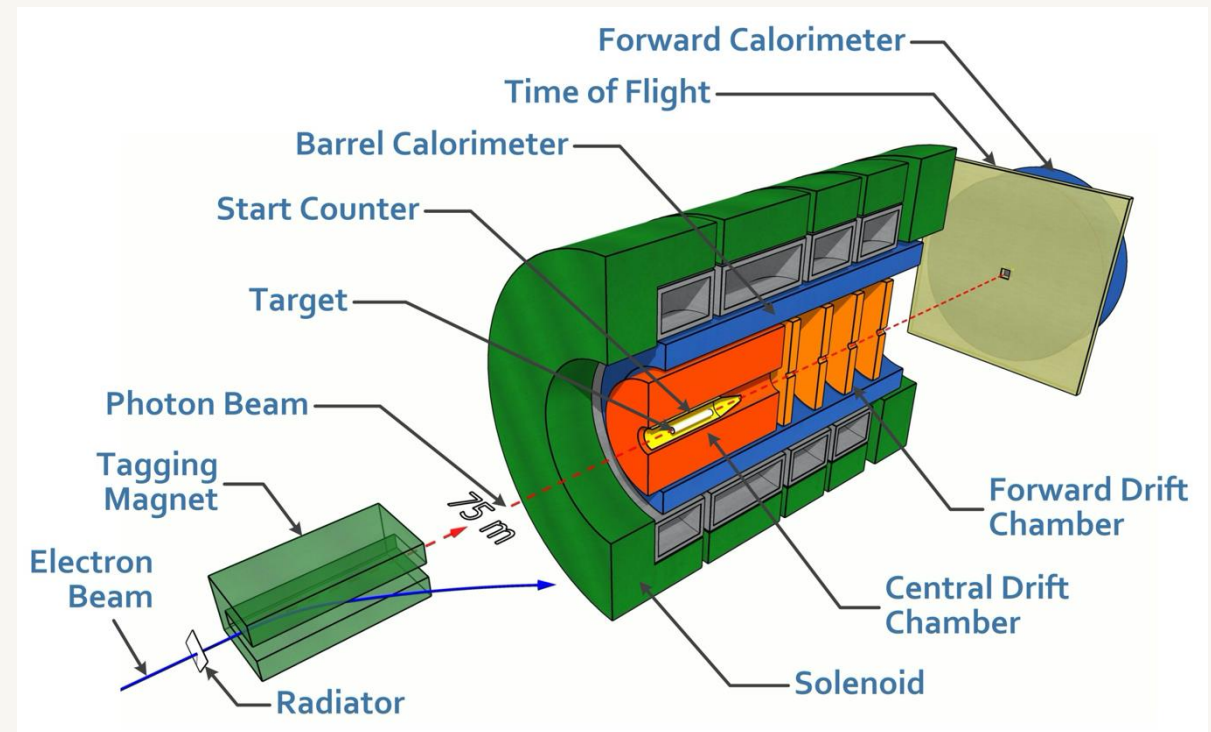
Indirect Production of $m=1.525$ resonance!

Coupled-Channel Analysis

- K-matrix allows for a coupled-channel analysis, where multiple different production mechanisms and decays are considered simultaneously
 - Can even use channels from different production mechanisms
- Can use well-known channels to constrain less confident ones, resulting in better fitting overall

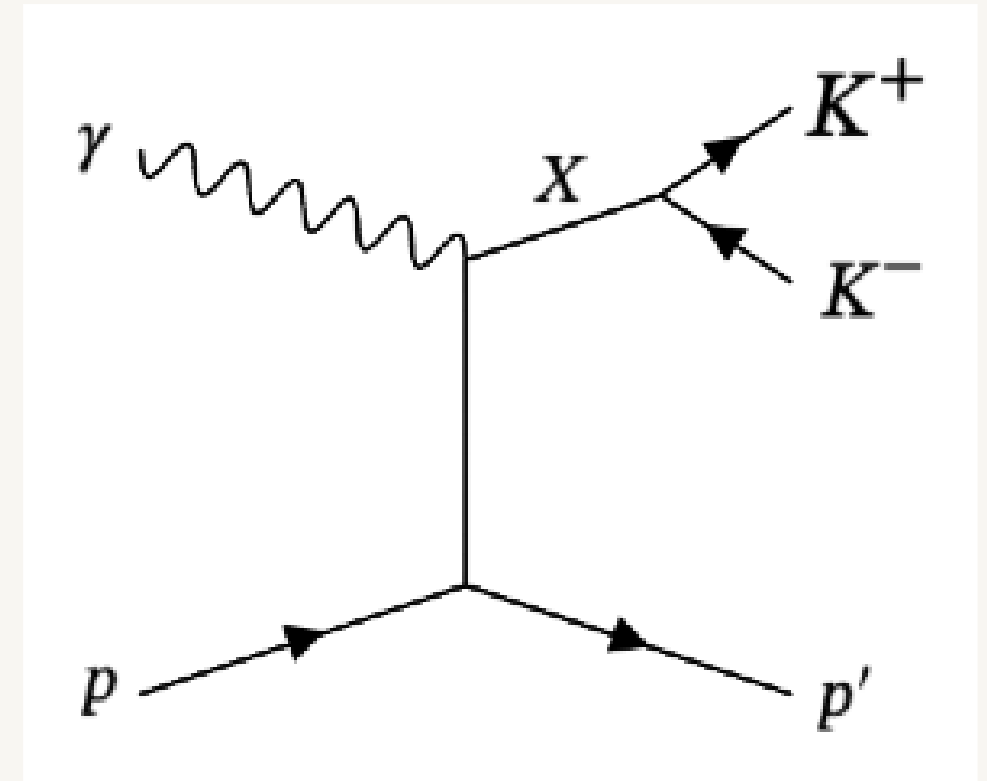
GlueX Coupled-Channel Analysis

- GlueX is an experiment going on in Hall D focused on studying exotic mesons
 - Linearly polarized photon beam aimed at liquid hydrogen target
- Channels we plan to include in analysis:
 - $\pi\pi, K\bar{K}, \eta\eta, \eta\eta', \pi\eta, \pi\eta'$
 - (all also have recoil proton in final state)



$K^+ K^-$

- Possible quantum numbers of X align with some exotics:
 - Scalar glueball (0^{++})
 - Light tetraquark ($0^{++}, 1^{++}, 1^{+-}, 2^{++}$)
- $K^+ K^-$ serves as a well-known channel to constrain others
 - Two charged particles \rightarrow easier to measure at GlueX
 - Better reconstruction from DIRC



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Questions?



Various Equations

$$\Gamma(s) = \sum_b \Gamma_b(s) \text{ with } \Gamma_b(s) = \frac{1}{m_{\text{BW}}} g_b^2 \rho_b(s) n_b^2(s).$$

$$\rho_c(s) = \frac{(2\pi)^4}{2} \int d\Phi_2 = \frac{1}{16\pi} \frac{2|\vec{q}_c|}{\sqrt{s}},$$

$$n_a = (q_a/q_0)^{l_a} F_{l_a}(q_a/q_0),$$

$$F_0^2(z) = 1,$$

$$F_1^2(z) = 1/(1 + z^2),$$

$$F_2^2(z) = 1/(9 + 3z^2 + z^4),$$

Blatt-Weisskopf form factors

F-Vector

$$F_a(s) = \left[P(s) \cdot (I + iK(s)C(s))^{-1} \right]_a ,$$

$$P_a(s) = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{g_{\alpha a} \beta_{\alpha}}{m_{\alpha}^2 - s} B_{\alpha a}(s) + \sum_j d_a^{(j)} s^j ,$$

$$B_{\alpha a}(s) = \frac{F_{\ell_{\alpha}}(qR)}{F_{\ell_{\alpha}}(q_0 R)} ,$$

Blatt-Weisskopf barrier factors

$C(s)$: Chew-Mandelstam phase space matrix