Light-Meson Spectroscopy with COMPASS

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Light-Meson Spectrum from Lattice QCD

State-of-the-art calculation with $m_{\pi} = 391 \,\mathrm{MeV}/c^2$

Dudek et al., PRD 88 (2013) 094505



- High towers of excited states
- Essentially recovers quark-model pattern
- Additional hybrid-meson super-multiplet

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- Soft scattering of beam particle off target
 - Production of *n* forward-going hadrons
 - Target particle stays intact
- 190 GeV/*c* beam momentum ⇒ interaction dominated by space-like Pomeron exchange
- All final-state particles are measured



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Fit model

- Included isobar resonances:
 - $[\pi\pi]_S \qquad J^{PC} = 0^{++}$
 - $\rho(770)$ 1⁻⁻ • $f_0(980)$ 0⁺⁺
 - $f_2(1270)$ 2^{++}
 - $f_0(1500)$ 0⁺⁺

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- $\rho_3(1690)$
- Requires precise knowledge of isobar $\rightarrow \pi^{-}\pi^{+}$ amplitudes

- Notation: $J^{PC} M^{\epsilon} \xi \pi L$
- *J* and *L* up to 6
- 87 partial waves
- Additional incoherent isotropic background wave

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[arXiv:1802.05913]

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Reanalysis with improved resonance model

A. Jackura et al., PLB 779 (2018) 464

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$a_2(1700)$ parameters

From $\pi^- \pi^- \pi^+$ analysis: $m_0 = (1681^{+22}_{-35}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $\Gamma_0 = (436^{+20}_{-16}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$

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From $\eta\pi$ analysis:

- $$\begin{split} m_0 &= (1720 \pm 10_{\text{ stat.}} \pm 60_{\text{ sys.}}) \,\text{MeV}/c^2 \\ \Gamma_0 &= (280 \pm 10_{\text{ stat.}} \pm 70_{\text{ sys.}}) \,\text{MeV}/c^2 \\ \text{A. Jackura$$
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 - *a*₂(1700) masses in agreement
 - Breit-Wigner width from $\pi^-\pi^-\pi^+$ analysis 156 MeV/ c^2 larger



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 Data at high t' cannot be described without π₁(1600) component (dashed curves)



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- *Dashed curves:* partial-wave projection of Deck model used as non-resonant component
 - Good description of data
 - Higher $\pi_1(1600)$ yield at low t'



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$1^{++} 0^{+} f_0(980) \pi P$ Wave: A New $a_1(1420)$ Meson?

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- Unexpected peak around 1.4 GeV/c²
- Small intensity: only 0.3 % relative contribution
- Peak and phase motion well described by Breit-Wigner amplitude

Resonance parameters

- $a_1(1420)$ $m_0 = (1411 {}^{+4}_{-5}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $\Gamma_0 = (161 {}^{+11}_{-14}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$
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