

# *The pion-nucleon ( $\pi\mathcal{N}$ ) interaction below $100\text{ MeV}$*

*What has been learnt after 30 years of painstaking experimentation and  
analysis of the meson-factory measurements?*

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# What makes $\pi N$ Physics interesting?

- The  $\pi N$  interaction is used as input in the description of more complex systems, e.g., of the NN system
- Determination of the  $\pi N$  coupling constant
  - Tests: Current Algebra, PCAC and Goldberger-Treiman relation, GMO sum rule, etc.
  - Properties of the deuteron, etc.
- Information extracted from the  $\pi N$  system is used in QCD tests ( $\pi N$   $\sigma$  term)
- The  $\pi N$  system is the simplest hadronic system involving one baryon

# Low-energy $\pi N$ reactions and observables

- **Reactions**

- $\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^+ p$  (elastic scattering, ES)
- $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- p$  (ES)
- $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^0 n$  (charge exchange, CX)

- **Observables**

- Differential cross section (DCS)
- Analysing power (AP)
- Partial-total/total cross section (PTCS/TCS)
- Measurements of the strong shift and width of pionic hydrogen/deuterium  $\rightarrow \pi N$  scattering lengths

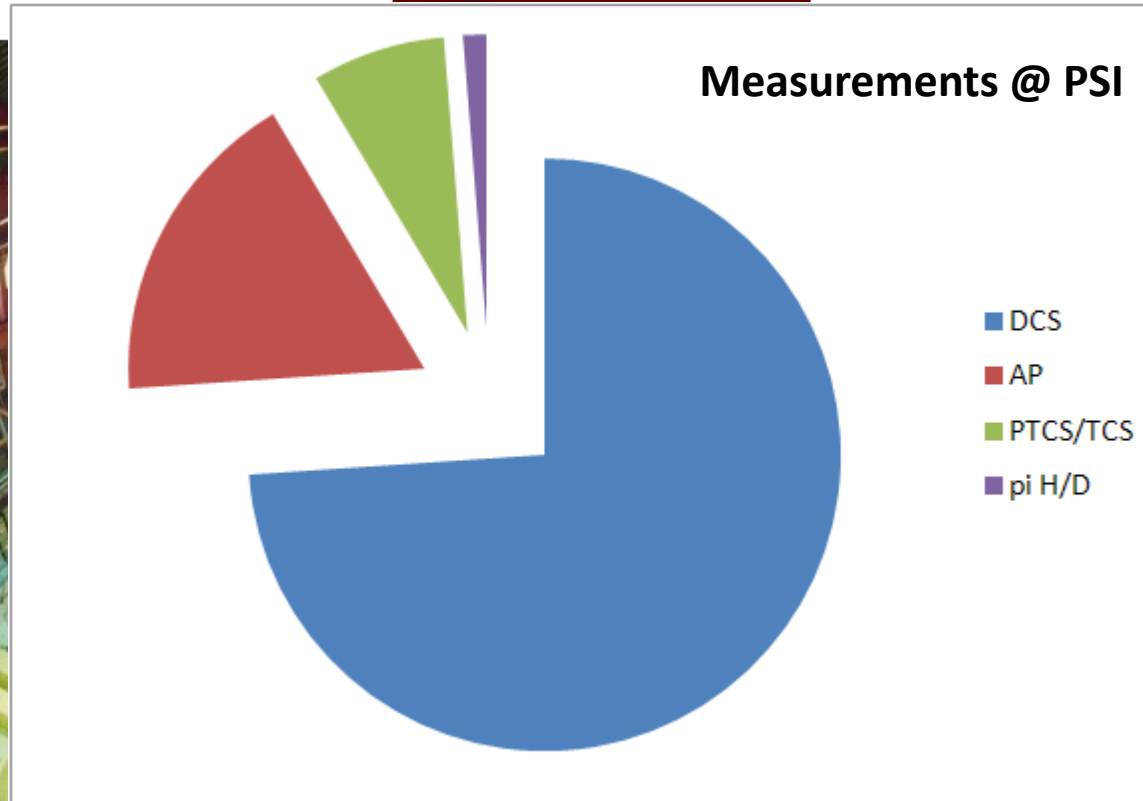
# Meson-factory low-energy $\pi N$ measurements

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# Analyses of the $\pi N$ measurements

Identifier	Input	Output	Method	Energy range
GWU (SAID)	DCSs, APs	$\delta_{ij}, f_{ij}$	DRs	All
Jülich/Bonn	$\delta_{ij}$ (DCSs, APs)	LECs	$\chi$ PT (DRs)	Up to $\approx 100$ MeV
Valencia	$\delta_{ij}$	LECs	CB $\chi$ PT	$\leq 100$ MeV
Zurich	DCSs, APs, PTCSs, TCSs	Model parameters (LECs, $\delta_{ij}, f_{ij}$ )	Phenomenological or hadronic model	$\leq 100$ MeV

Helsinki, KA/KH, London, Nijmegen, NMSU, etc.

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DRs: Dispersion Relations; LECs: Low-Energy Constants;  $\chi$ PT: Chiral Perturbation Theory; CB $\chi$ PT : Covariant Baryon  $\chi$ PT

# The triangle identity

- **Isospin invariance** in the hadronic part of the  $\pi N$  interaction  $\rightarrow$  only **two** (complex) amplitudes enter the physical description of the **three**  $\pi N$  reactions:
  - $I = 3/2$  amplitude ( $f_3$ ) and
  - $I = 1/2$  amplitude ( $f_1$ ).

$$\pi^+p: \mathbf{f}_3, \pi^-p \text{ ES: } \mathbf{(2f_1 + f_3)/3}, \pi^-p \text{ CX: } \mathbf{\sqrt{2}(f_3 - f_1)/3}$$

The **triangle identity** follows:

$$f_{\pi^+p} - f_{\pi^-p} = \sqrt{2}f_{CX}$$

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# The trouble with DR analyses

DR analyses are general, but...

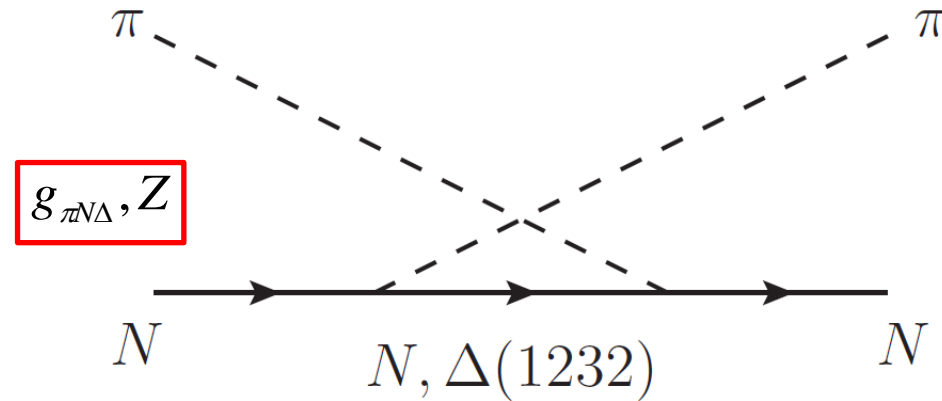
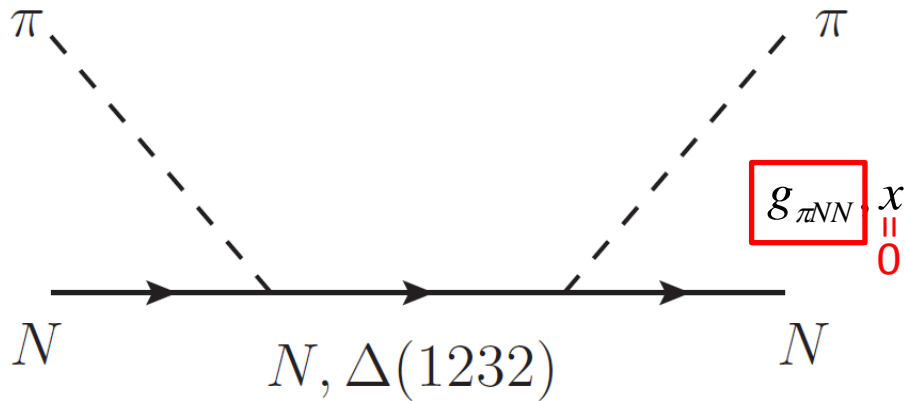
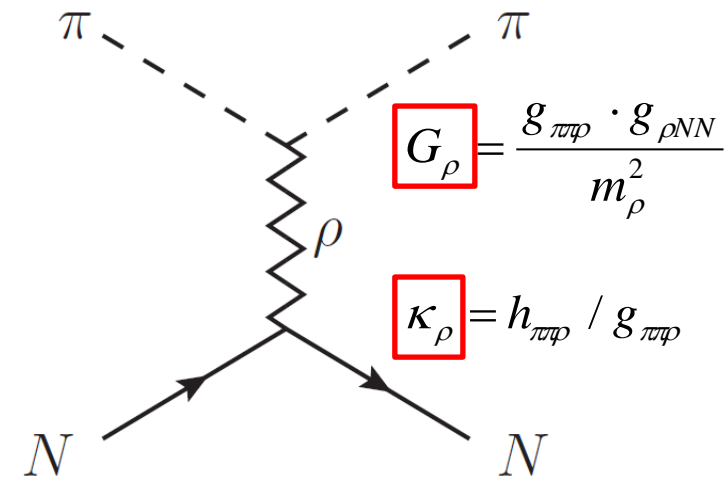
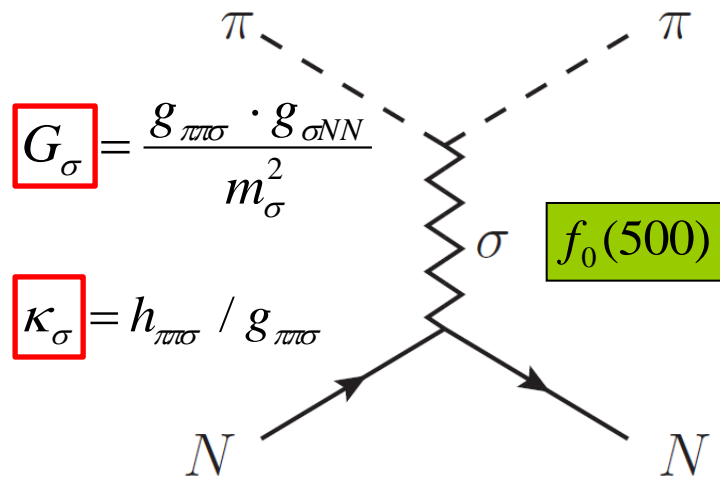
- Not possible to analyse the low-energy data without influence from the measurements acquired at high energies: extensive databases (DBs)
- Not possible to analyse the measurements of the three reactions *separately*
- Not possible to obtain meaningful uncertainties in the output and predictions
- Theoretical constraints are imposed on the analysis *in the entire energy range* of the measurements

# What makes the *low-energy* $\pi N$ measurements interesting?

- The low-energy  $\pi N$  DB is extensive enough to enable exclusive analyses
- Important theoretical constraints, which are valid in the high-energy region (e.g., isospin invariance of the hadronic part of the  $\pi N$  interaction), might not hold at low energy
- The extrapolation of the partial-wave amplitudes into the unphysical region (e.g., to extract estimates of the  $\pi N \Sigma$  term) is expected to be more reliable when exclusively based on ‘close-by’ input
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  - J.M. Alarcón, J. Martin Camalich, J.A. Oller, *Chiral representation of the  $\pi N$  scattering amplitude and the pion-nucleon sigma term*, Phys. Rev. D 85 (2012) 051503
- The modelling of the hadronic part of the  $\pi N$  scattering amplitude is simple(r) at low energy, as
  - hadronic form factors are not needed,
  - up to  $\varepsilon^2$  terms suffice in the K-matrix parameterisations, and
  - the contributions from the partial waves  $l > 3$  are negligible



# The hadronic model (ETH model)



+ all well-established (four-star)  $s$  and  $p$  higher baryon resonances (HBRs) with masses up to 2 GeV

# The hadronic model: history

- P.F.A. Goudsmit, H.J. Leisi, E. Matsinos
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# K-matrix parameterisations

$$q \cot \delta_{0+}^{3/2} = \left( a_{0+}^{3/2} \right)^{-1} + b_3 \epsilon + c_3 \epsilon^2$$

$$\tan \delta_{1-}^{3/2} / q = d_{31} \epsilon + e_{31} \epsilon^2$$

$$\tan \delta_{1+}^{3/2} / q = d_{33} \epsilon + e_{33} \epsilon^2 + \frac{\Gamma_{\Delta} M_{\Delta}}{2q_{\Delta}^3 (p_{0\Delta} + m_p)} \frac{(p_0 + m_p) q^2}{W (M_{\Delta} - W)}$$

Seven parameters for  $s$  and  $p$  waves

## $\pi^- p$ ES and CX

Similar expressions for the  $l=1/2$  amplitudes (no HBR in  $P_{13}$ , HBRs in  $P_{11}$ )

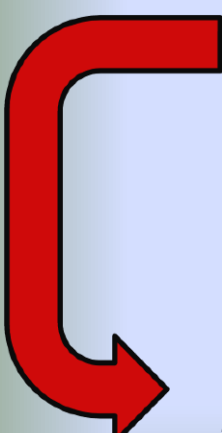
$$\tan \delta_{1-}^{1/2} / q = d_{11} \epsilon + e_{11} \epsilon^2$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{(\Gamma_R)_i (M_R)_i ((p_{0R})_i + m_p)}{2(q_R^3)_i ((M_R)_i + m_p)^2} \frac{(W + m_p)^2 q^2}{W ((M_R)_i - W) (p_0 + m_p)}$$

For each of the two reactions, fourteen parameters for  $s$  and  $p$  waves (seven for the  $l=3/2$ , seven for the  $l=1/2$  amplitudes); the seven  $l=3/2$  parameters are fixed from the  $\pi^+ p$  reaction


# Electromagnetic corrections

- The electromagnetic (EM) interaction induces distortions to the partial-wave amplitudes and phase shifts
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$$a_{\pi^-p \rightarrow \pi^-p} = 0.0883 \pm 0.0008 m_c^{-1}$$


$$a_{\pi^-p \rightarrow \pi^-p} = 0.0858 \pm 0.0007 m_c^{-1}$$

# From amplitudes to observables

No-spin-flip and spin-flip contributions  
Expansion of the  $\pi N$  scattering amplitude in a Legendre series

$$M_{fi} = f + g \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{n}$$

$$\vec{n} = \frac{\vec{q}' \times \vec{q}}{|\vec{q}' \times \vec{q}|}$$

$$f = f_c + \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} ((l+1)f_{l+} + lf_{l-}) P_l(\cos \theta)$$

$$g = g_c + i \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} (f_{l+} - f_{l-}) \sin \theta P'_l(\cos \theta)$$

$$l \leq 3$$

The DCS and the AP are given by the expressions

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{q'}{q} (|f|^2 + |g|^2)$$

$$A = \frac{2\Re[f \bar{g}]}{|f|^2 + |g|^2}$$

Sensitivity to small  
partial waves

# Strategy in the analysis

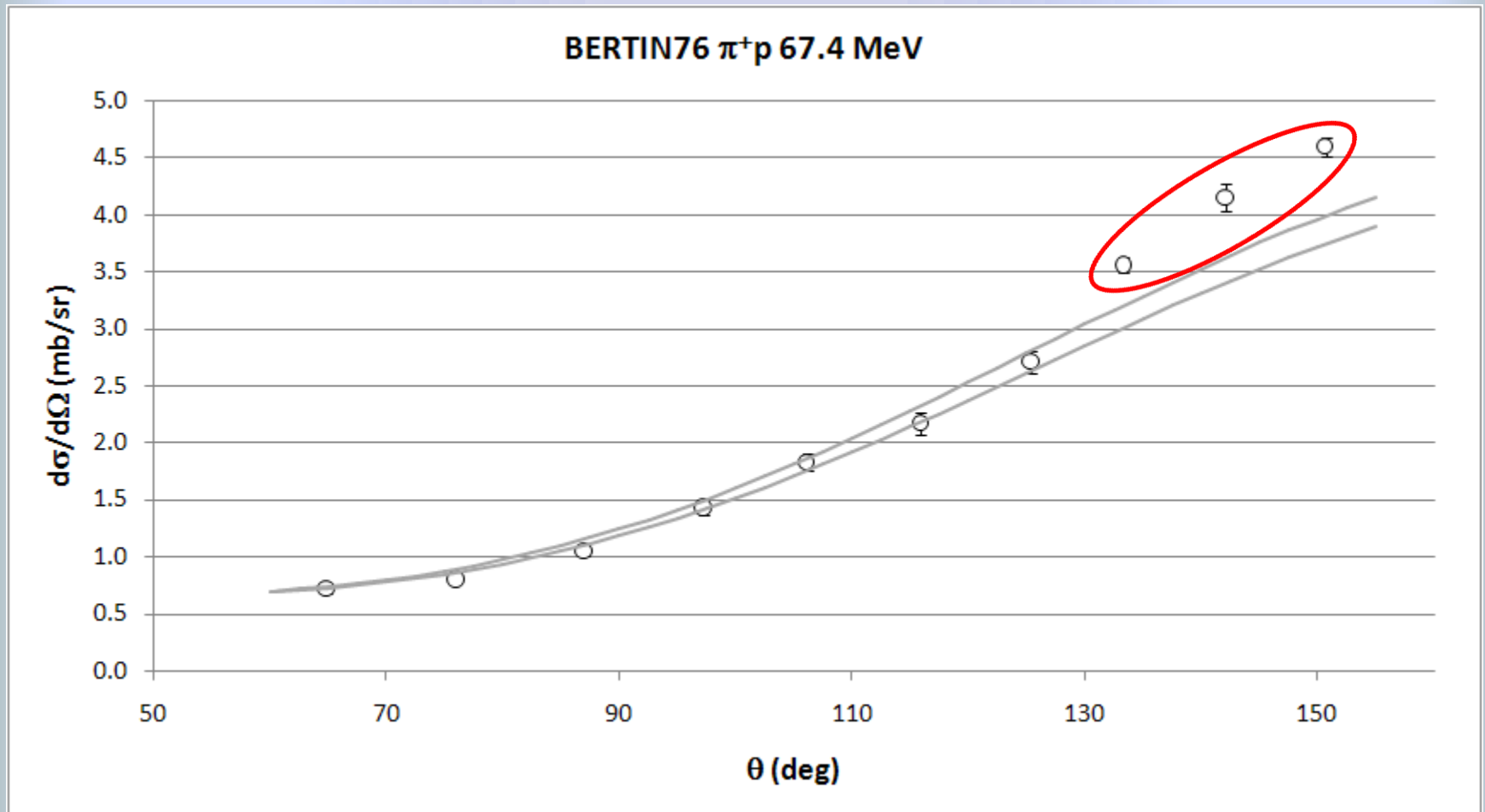
- Treat  $\pi^+p$ , exclude outliers, fix  $l=3/2$  amplitudes (phenomenological model)
- Treat  $\pi^-p$  ES, exclude outliers (phenomenological model)
- Treat  $\pi^-p$  CX, exclude outliers (phenomenological model)

- Treat truncated  $\pi^+p$  and  $\pi^-p$  ES DBs (hadronic model), extract model parameters
- Treat truncated  $\pi^+p$  and  $\pi^-p$  CX DBs (hadronic model), extract model parameters
- Compare the results (model parameters, phase shifts, scattering lengths/volumes, predictions for the amplitudes and the observables) of the two analyses with the hadronic model

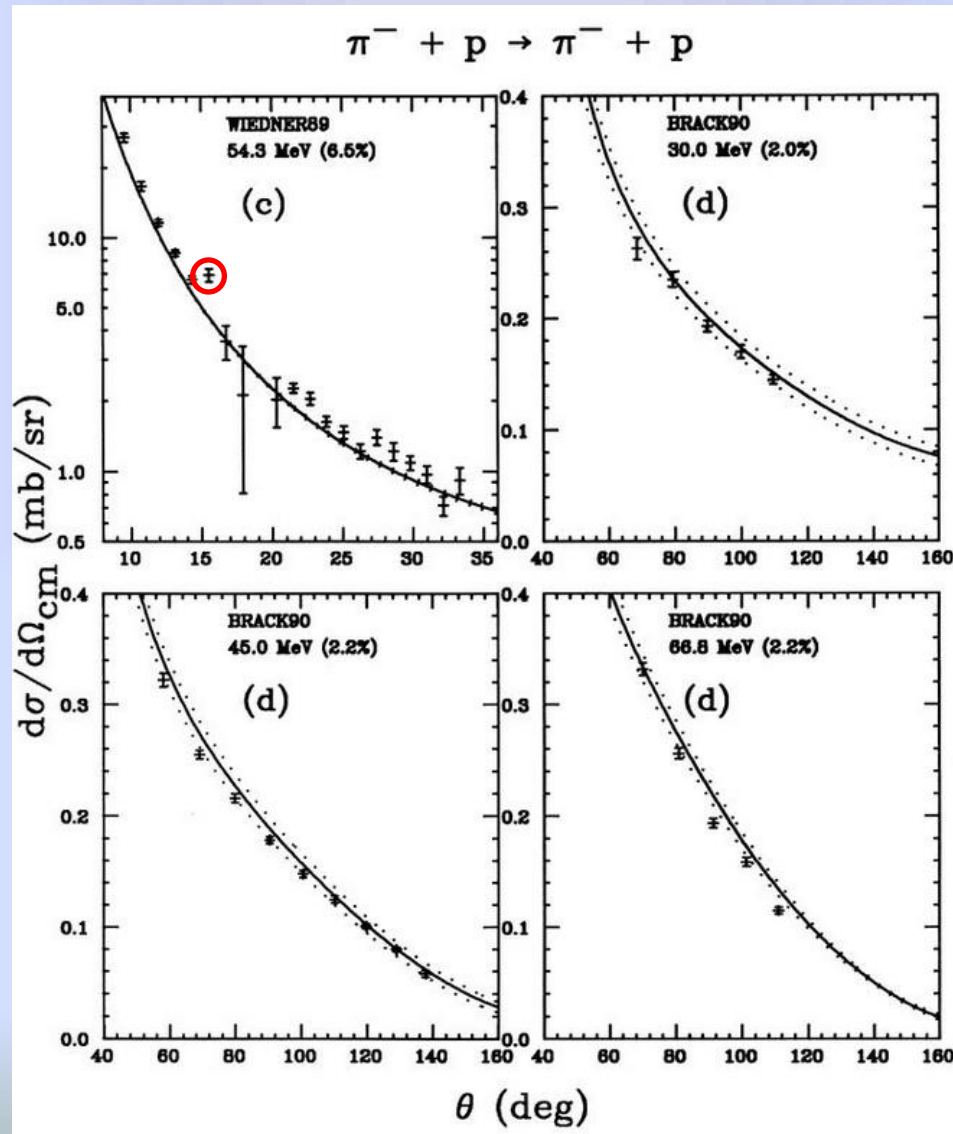
Elimination of  
the outliers

Main analysis

# Example of obvious outliers



# Example of obvious outliers





# Low-energy $\pi N$ measurements not used

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# Minimisation function

$$\chi_j^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{N_j} \left( \frac{y_{ij}^{\text{exp}} - z_j y_{ij}^{\text{th}}}{\delta y_{ij}^{\text{exp}}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{z_j - 1}{\delta z_j} \right)^2$$

Scale factor

$$z_j = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_j} y_{ij}^{\text{exp}} y_{ij}^{\text{th}} / (\delta y_{ij}^{\text{exp}})^2 + (\delta z_j)^{-2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_j} (y_{ij}^{\text{th}} / \delta y_{ij}^{\text{exp}})^2 + (\delta z_j)^{-2}}$$

$$(\chi_j^2)_{\text{min}} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_j} \frac{(y_{ij}^{\text{exp}} - y_{ij}^{\text{th}})^2}{(\delta y_{ij}^{\text{exp}})^2} - \frac{\left( \sum_{i=1}^{N_j} (y_{ij}^{\text{exp}} - y_{ij}^{\text{th}}) y_{ij}^{\text{th}} / (\delta y_{ij}^{\text{exp}})^2 \right)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_j} (y_{ij}^{\text{th}} / \delta y_{ij}^{\text{exp}})^2 + (\delta z_j)^{-2}}$$

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# Analysis

Significance level in statistical tests is set to the equivalent of  $2.5\sigma$  in the normal distribution ( $\approx 1.24 \cdot 10^{-2}$ )  
 Experiment with worst description is treated  
 Worst measurement of that experiment is removed (the absolute normalisation is also subject to the test)  
 Outliers are removed one by one and the optimisation with the phenomenological model is repeated

Elimination of  
the outliers

Reaction	Initial NDF	Initial $\chi^2$	Final NDF	Final $\chi^2$	Excluded DFs	Reduction in $\chi^2$	$\chi^2$ per excluded DF
$\pi^+p$	452	913.3	414	537.4	38	375.9	9.9
$\pi^-p$ ES	332	519.6	324	369.1	8	150.5	18.8
$\pi^-p$ CX	326	390.2	322	318.3	4	71.9	18.0

Possible analyses with the hadronic model



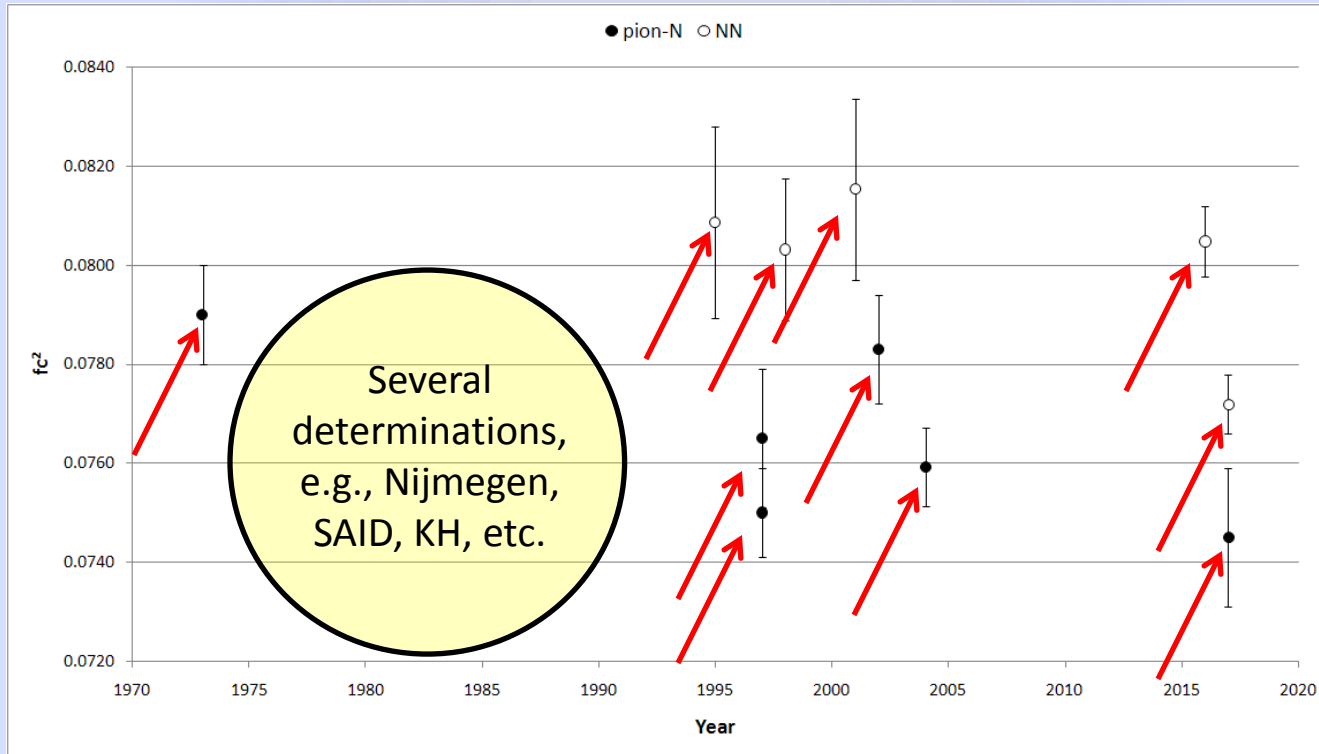
$\pi^+p$  and  $\pi^-p$  ES  
 $\pi^+p$  and  $\pi^-p$  CX  
 $\pi^-p$  ES and CX

~~All eggs in one basket analysis~~

# Results for the model parameters

	tDB <sub>+/-</sub>	tDB <sub>+/0</sub>
$G_\sigma$ (GeV <sup>-2</sup> )	$24.1 \pm 1.3$	$25.5 \pm 2.3$
$\kappa_\sigma$	$-0.095 \pm 0.069$	$0.057 \pm 0.097$
$G_\rho$ (GeV <sup>-2</sup> )	$55.37 \pm 0.61$	$59.66 \pm 0.52$
$\kappa_\rho$	$0.73 \pm 0.37$	$1.47 \pm 0.17$
$g_{\pi NN}$	$13.01 \pm 0.12$	$13.522 \pm 0.095$
$g_{\pi N\Delta}$	$29.55 \pm 0.26$	$28.99 \pm 0.25$
$Z$	$-0.509 \pm 0.060$	$-0.295 \pm 0.098$
$f_{\pi NN}^2$	$(74.5 \pm 1.4) \cdot 10^{-3}$	$(80.5 \pm 1.1) \cdot 10^{-3}$

# The $\pi N$ coupling constant



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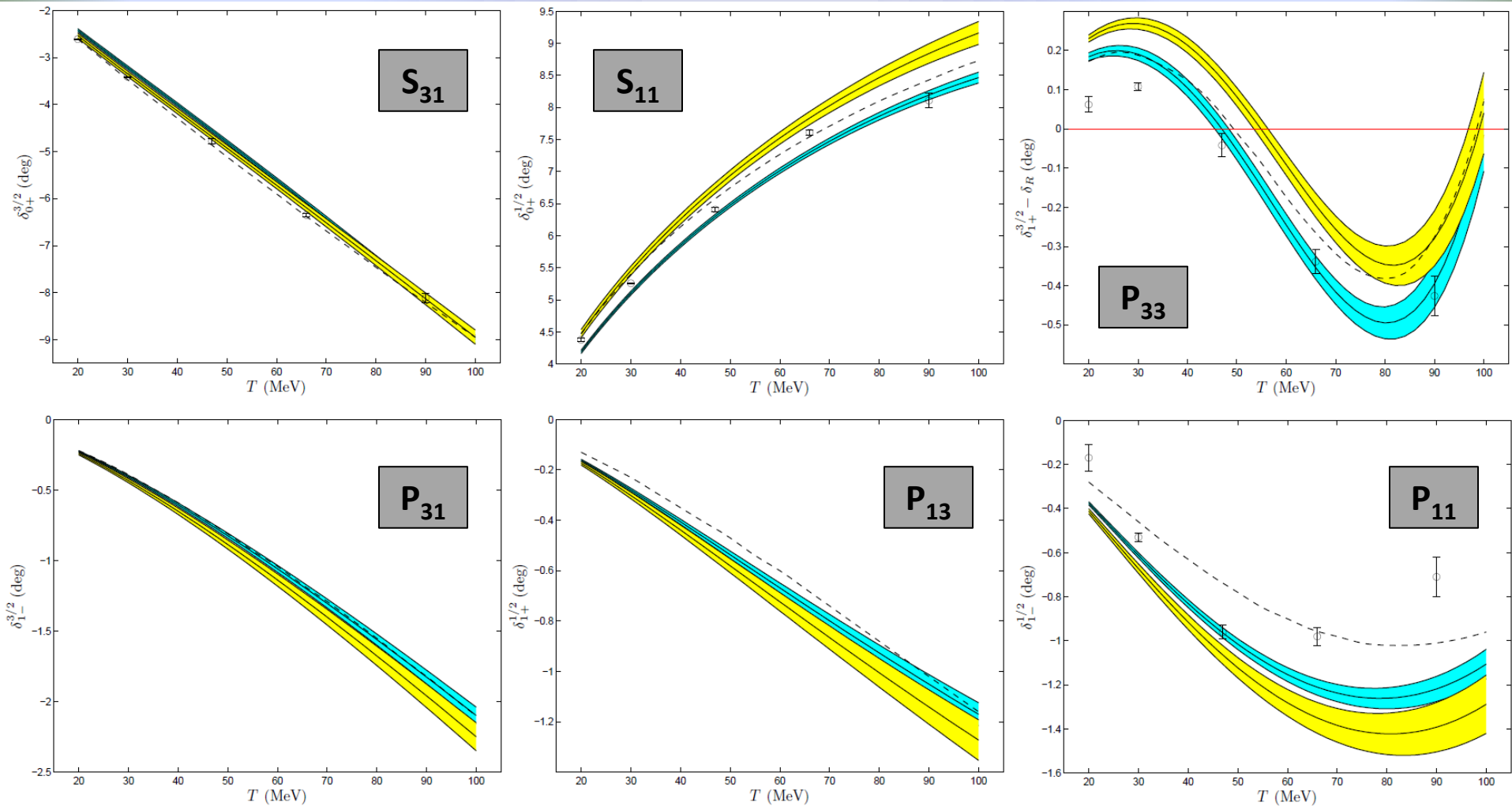
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# $\pi N$ $s$ - and $p$ -wave phase shifts



Blue:  $tDB_{+/-}$ , Yellow:  $tDB_{+/0}$

# Simplification at low energy

$$\mathcal{F}(\vec{q}', \vec{q}) = \underbrace{b_0 + b_1 \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{t}}_{s \text{ wave}} + \underbrace{(c_0 + c_1 \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{t}) \vec{q}' \cdot \vec{q} + i (d_0 + d_1 \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{t}) \vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{q}' \times \vec{q})}_{p \text{ wave}}$$

Isoscalar

Isvector

$$A^+ = \frac{1}{3}(2A^{3/2} + A^{1/2})$$

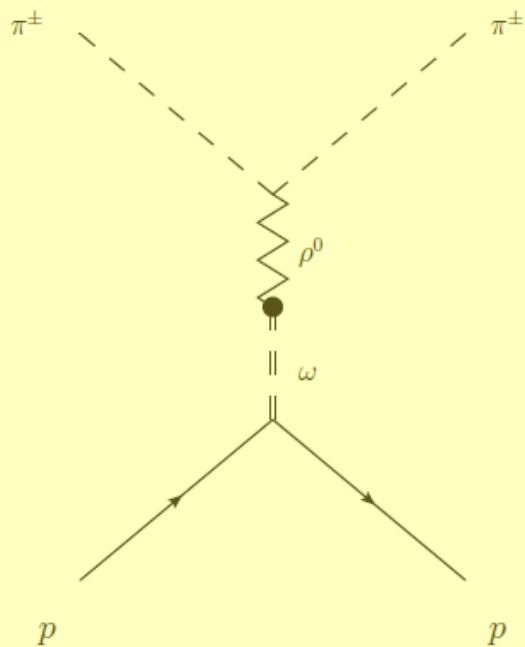
$$A^- = \frac{1}{3}(A^{3/2} - A^{1/2})$$

Analysis shows that the aforementioned effects predominantly originate in differences in the **isovector** part of the  $\pi N$  scattering amplitude

	$b_0 (m_c^{-1})$	$b_1 (m_c^{-1})$	$c_0 (m_c^{-3})$	$c_1 (m_c^{-3})$	$d_0 (m_c^{-3})$	$d_1 (m_c^{-3})$
$\sigma$	0.0710	-	0.0063	-	-0.0004	-
$\rho$	-	-0.07472	-	-0.0114	-	-0.01064
N	-0.0097	-0.00072	0.0016	0.1513	-0.1498	-0.00006
$\Delta(1232)$	-0.0594	-0.00195	0.1904	0.0378	-0.0377	-0.05014
HBRs	0.0003	-0.00032	0.0082	-0.0022	0.0023	-0.00702
Sum	0.0021(12)	-0.07771(60)	0.2064(24)	0.1755(18)	-0.1856(19)	-0.06786(81)

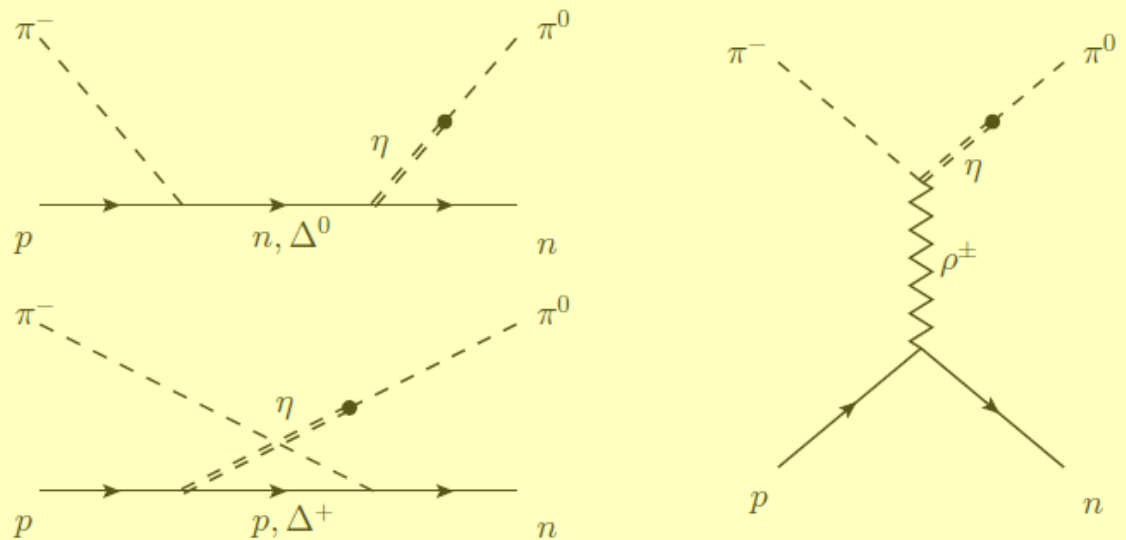
# Isospin-violating Feynman graphs

$\rho^0$ - $\omega$  mixing



Affects  $\pi^\pm p$  ES reactions

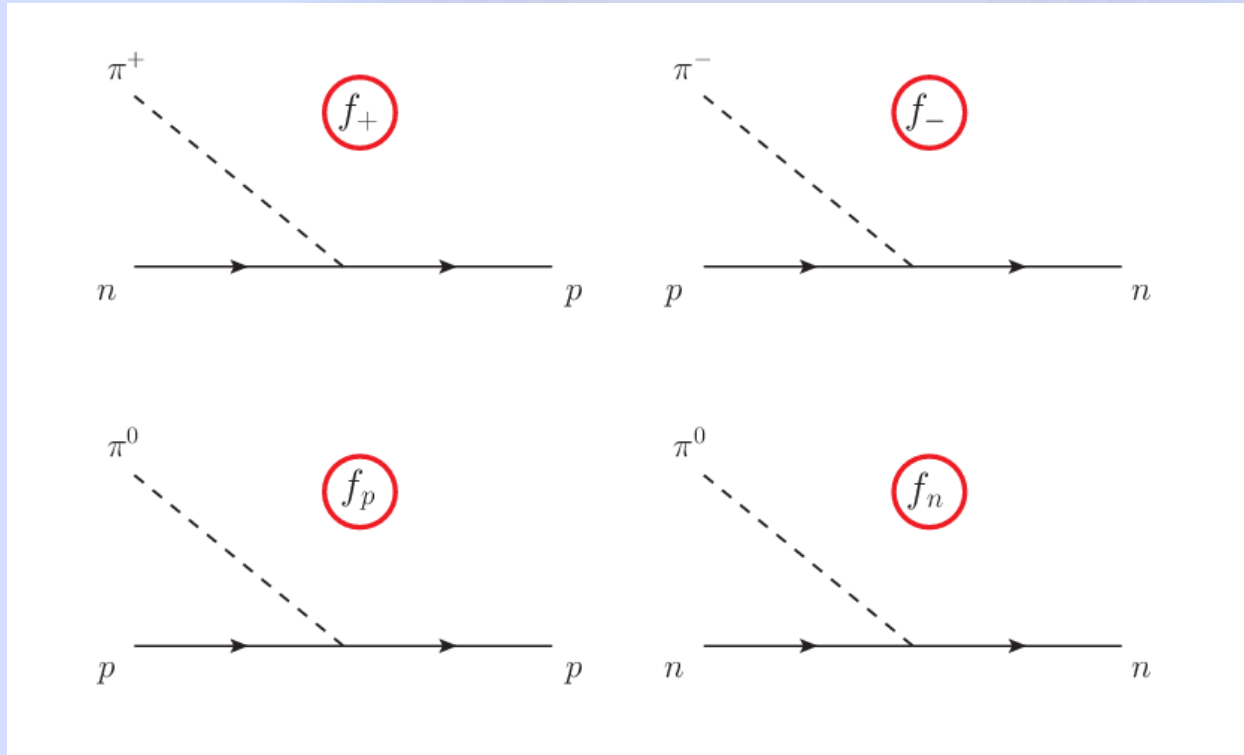
$\eta$ - $\pi^0$  mixing



Affects  $\pi^- p$  CX reaction



# Splitting of the coupling constants



$$f_c^2 = f_+ f_-$$

$$f_0^2 = f_p f_n$$

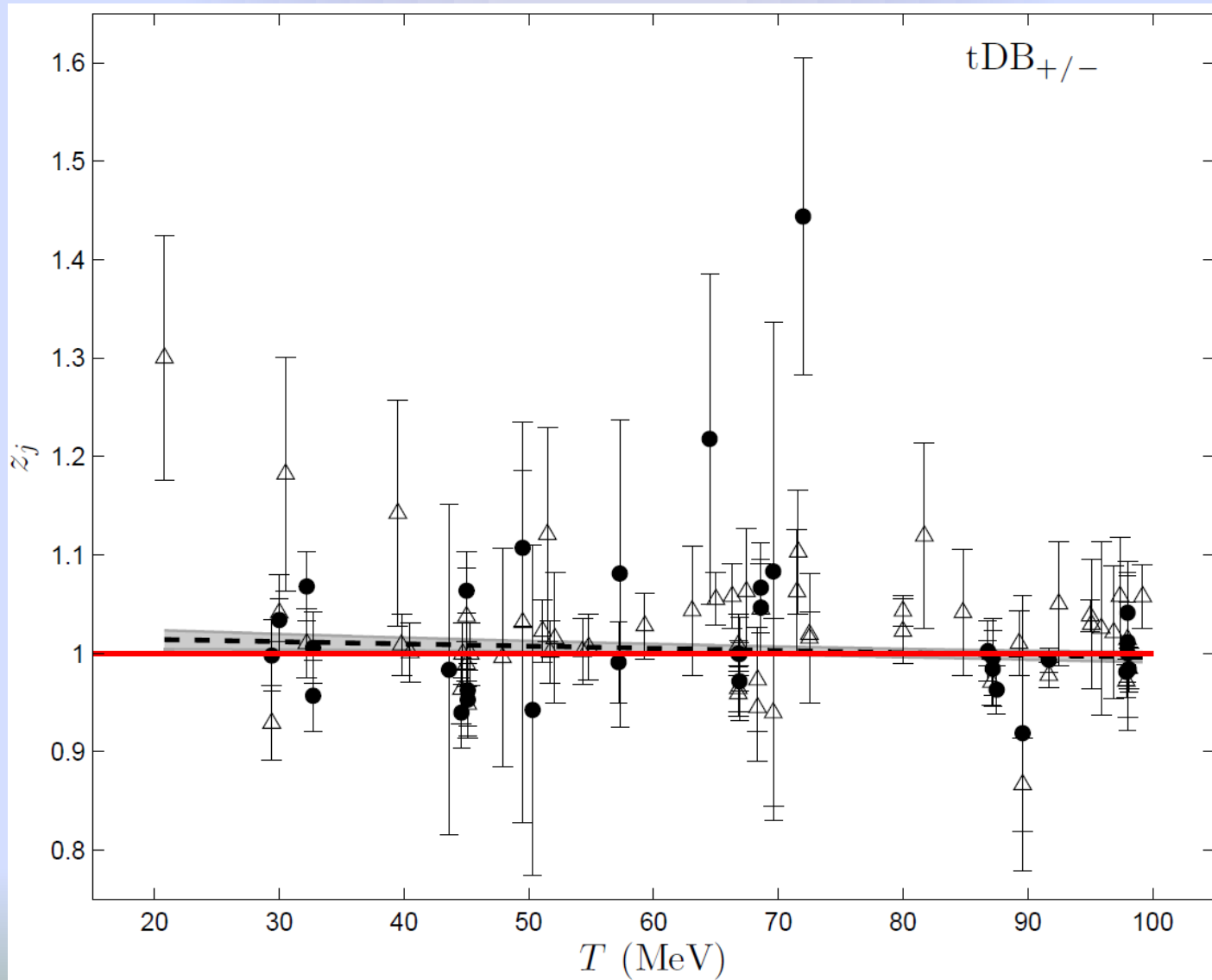
The splitting in  $g_{\pi NN}$  has been predicted/extracted in a variety of studies, which generally agree that  $f_c^2 \neq f_0^2$

**No splitting: J.J. de Swart, M.C.M. Rentmeester, R.G.E. Timmermans, *The status of the pion-nucleon coupling constant*,  $\pi N$  Newslett. 13 (1997) 96-107; arxiv:nucl-th/9802084**

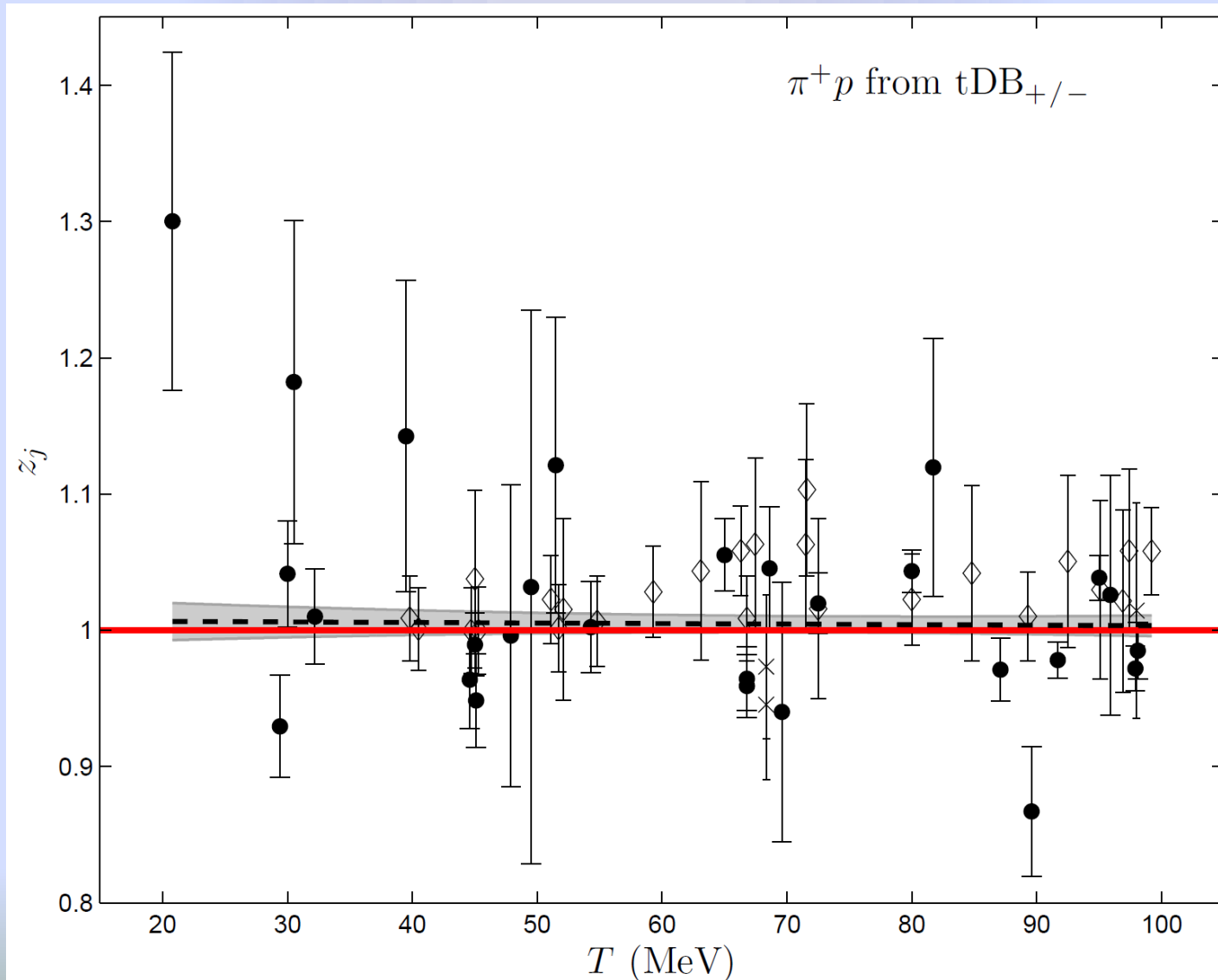
# Analysis of the scale factors

- When analysed in terms of dependences on quantities relating to the data acquisition, the distribution of the scale factors must not exhibit systematic effects, e.g.,
  - No significant energy dependence
  - No significant dependence on the time, place, detector, technique, experimental group, etc., involved in the data acquisition

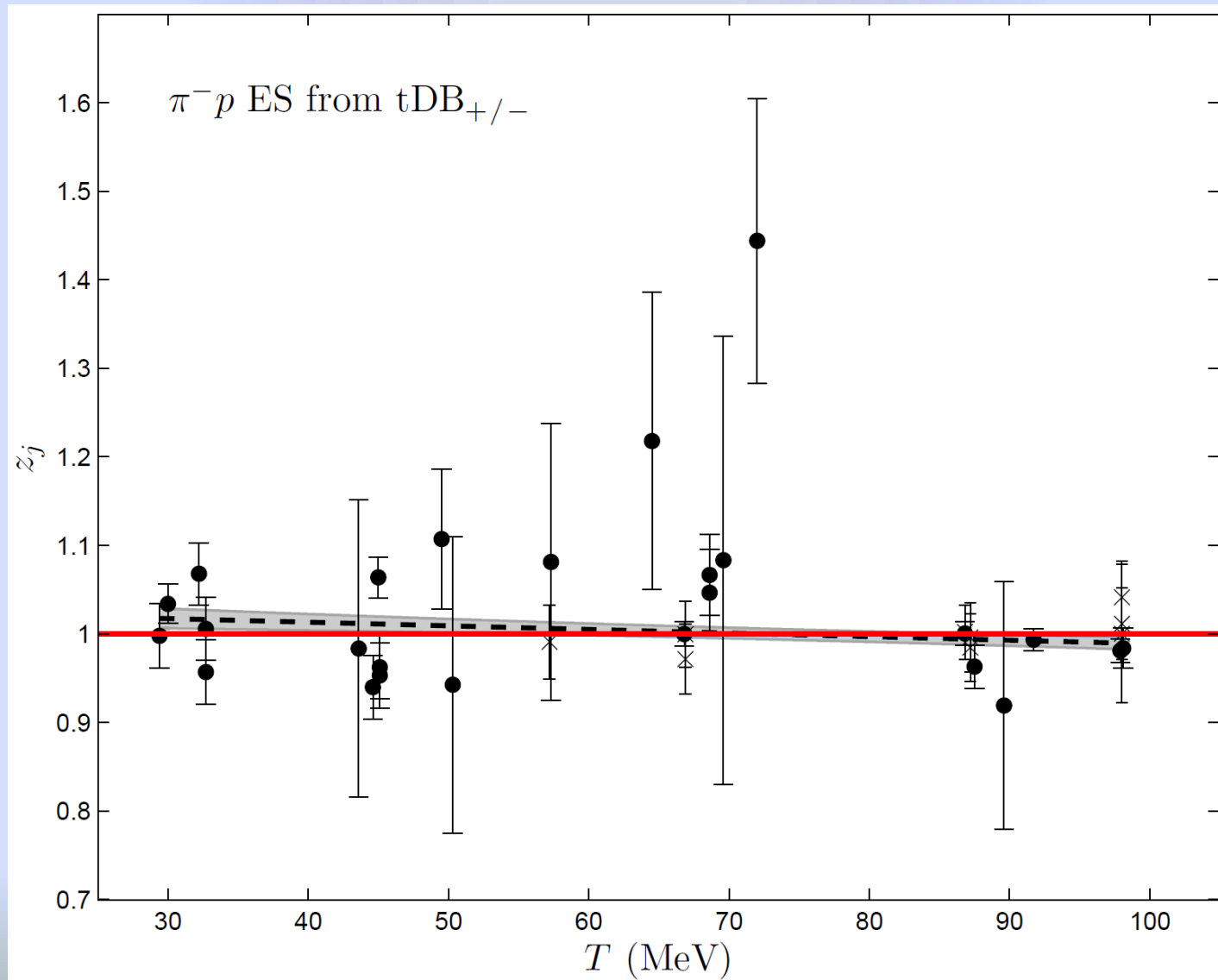
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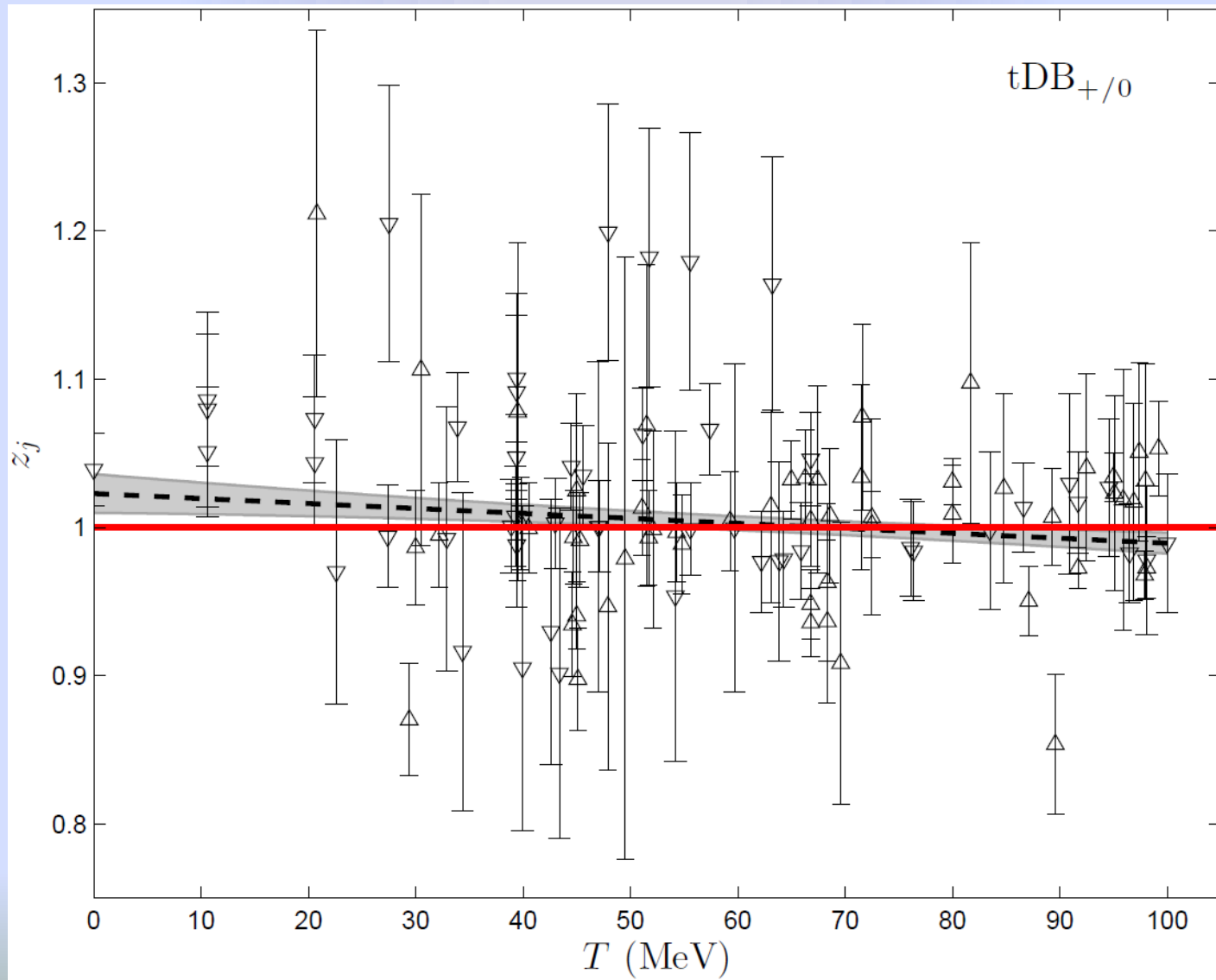
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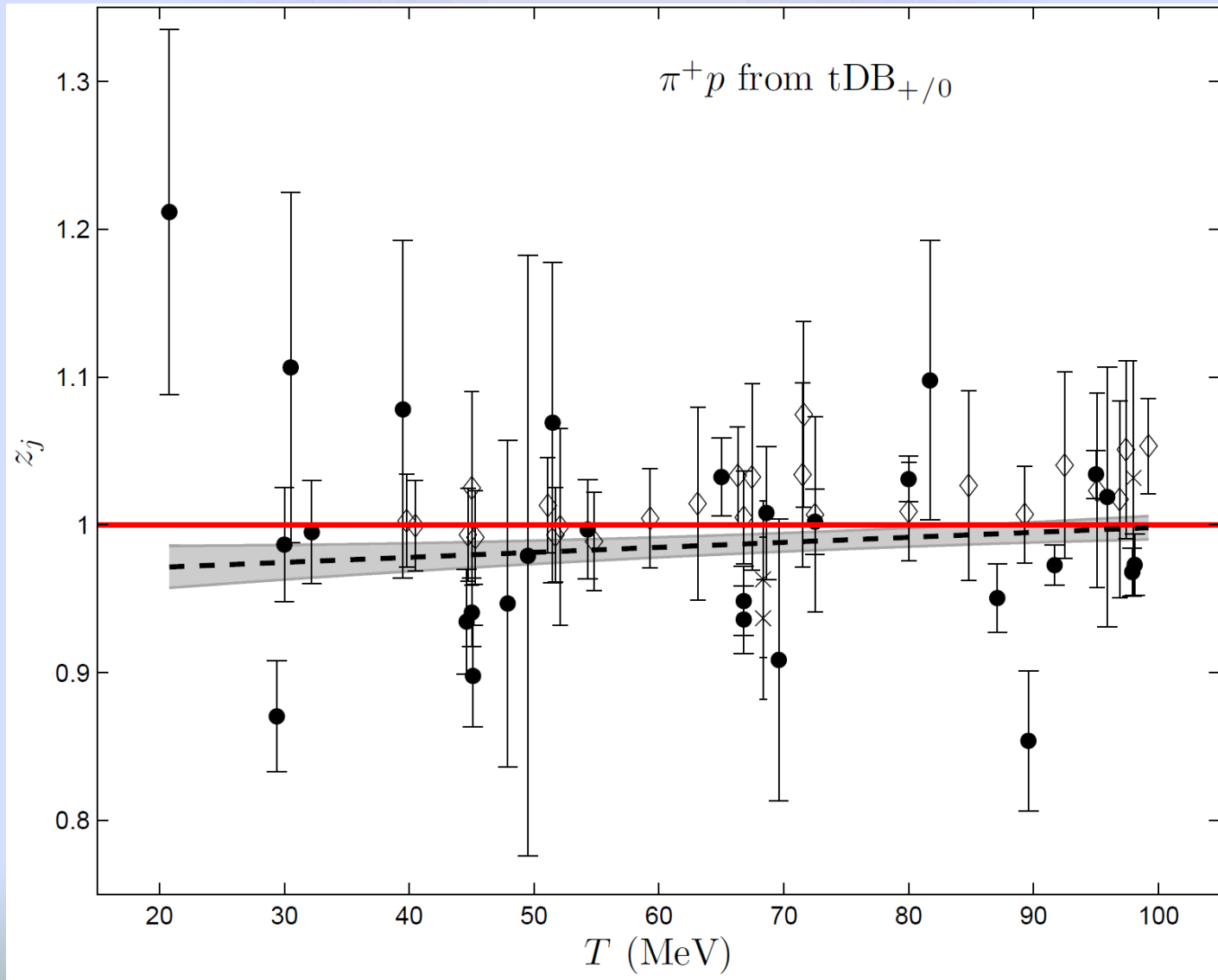
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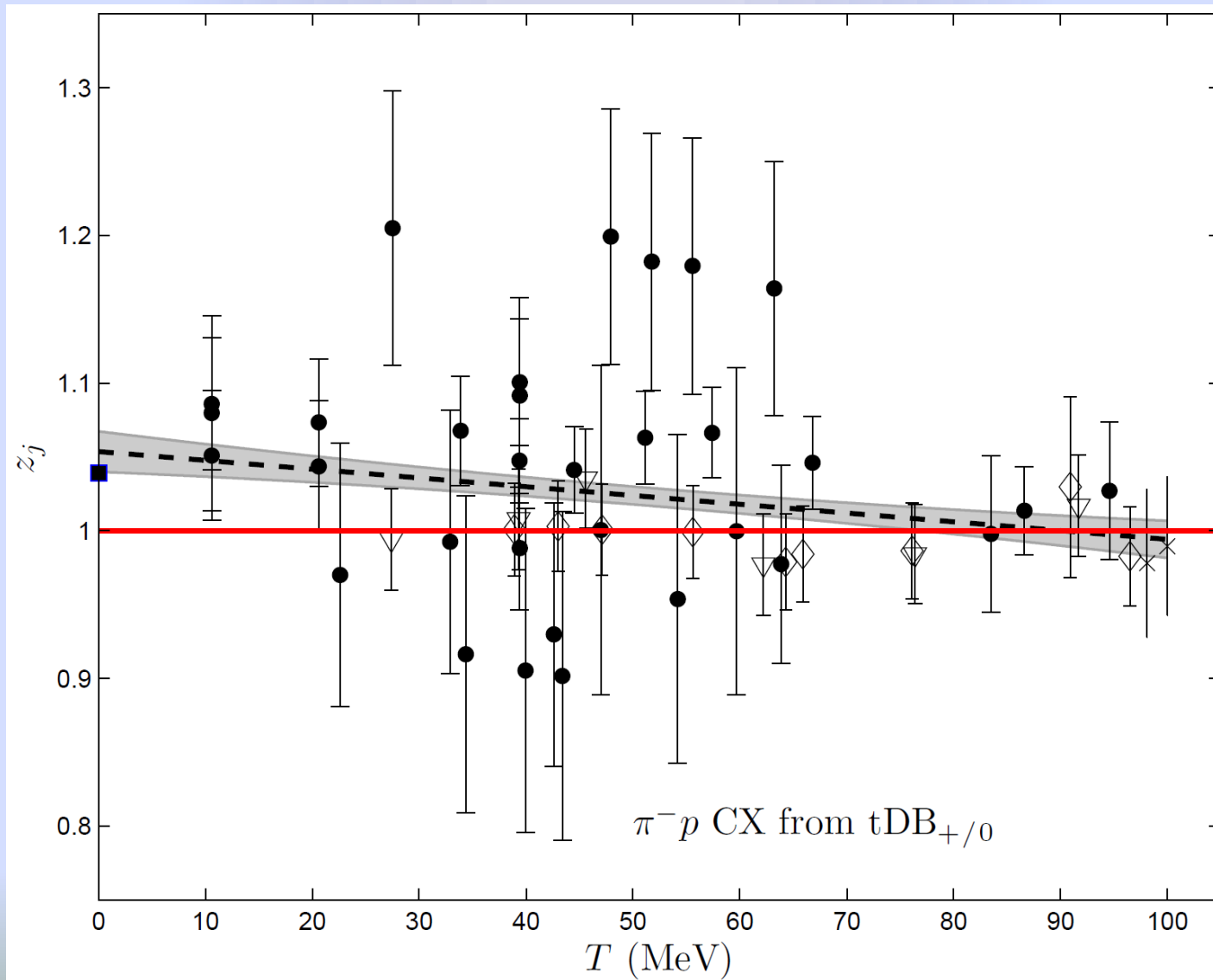
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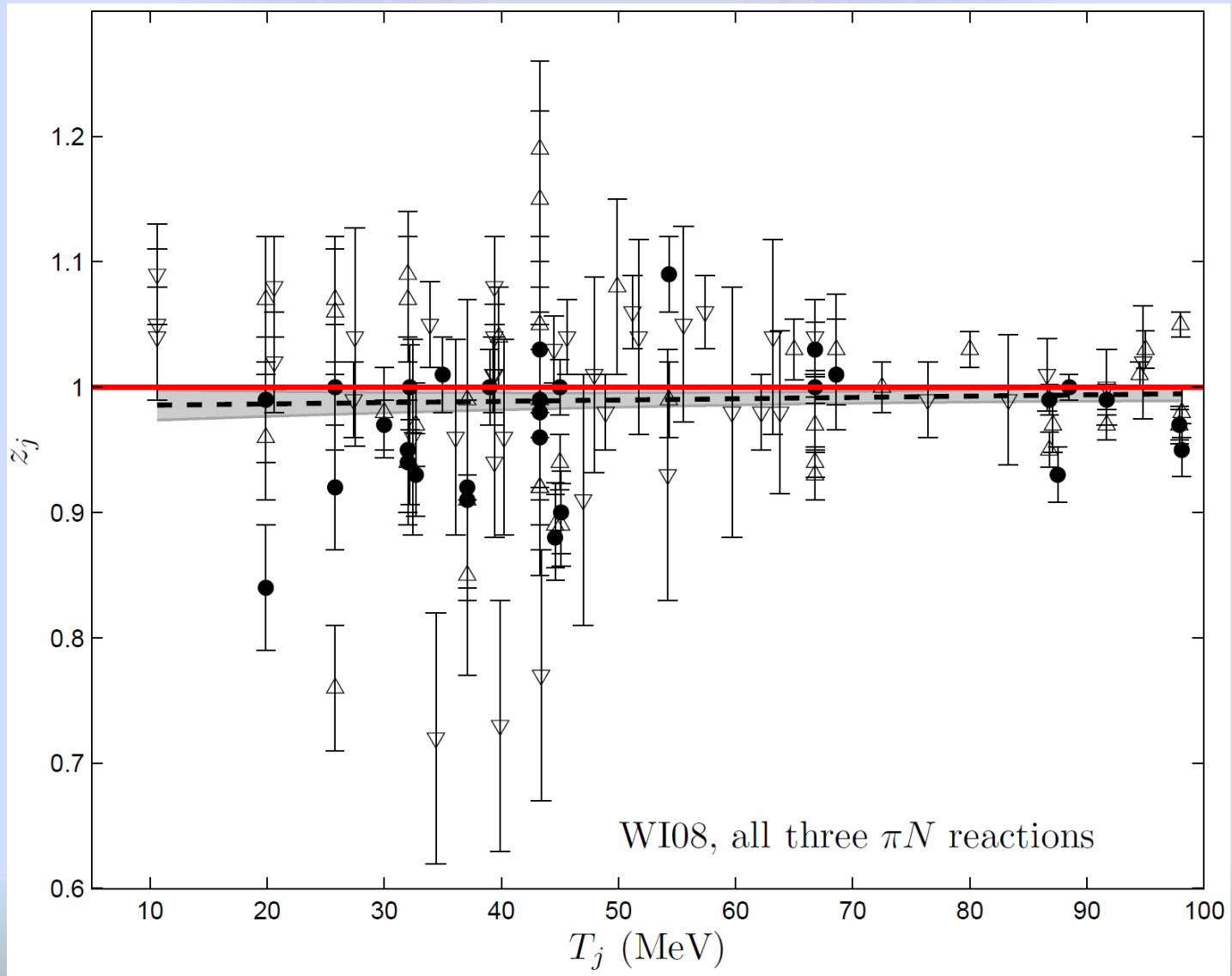


# Analysis of the scale factors

- The analysis of the scale factors of the joint fits of the hadronic model to the  $\pi^+p$  and  $\pi^-p$  CX measurements reveals that the overall tendency of the modelling is to generate **overestimated** fitted DCSs for the  $\pi^+p$  reaction and **underestimated** ones for the  $\pi^-p$  CX reaction at low energy
- There is a difficulty to account for the  $\pi^-p$  CX DB in an isospin-invariant framework

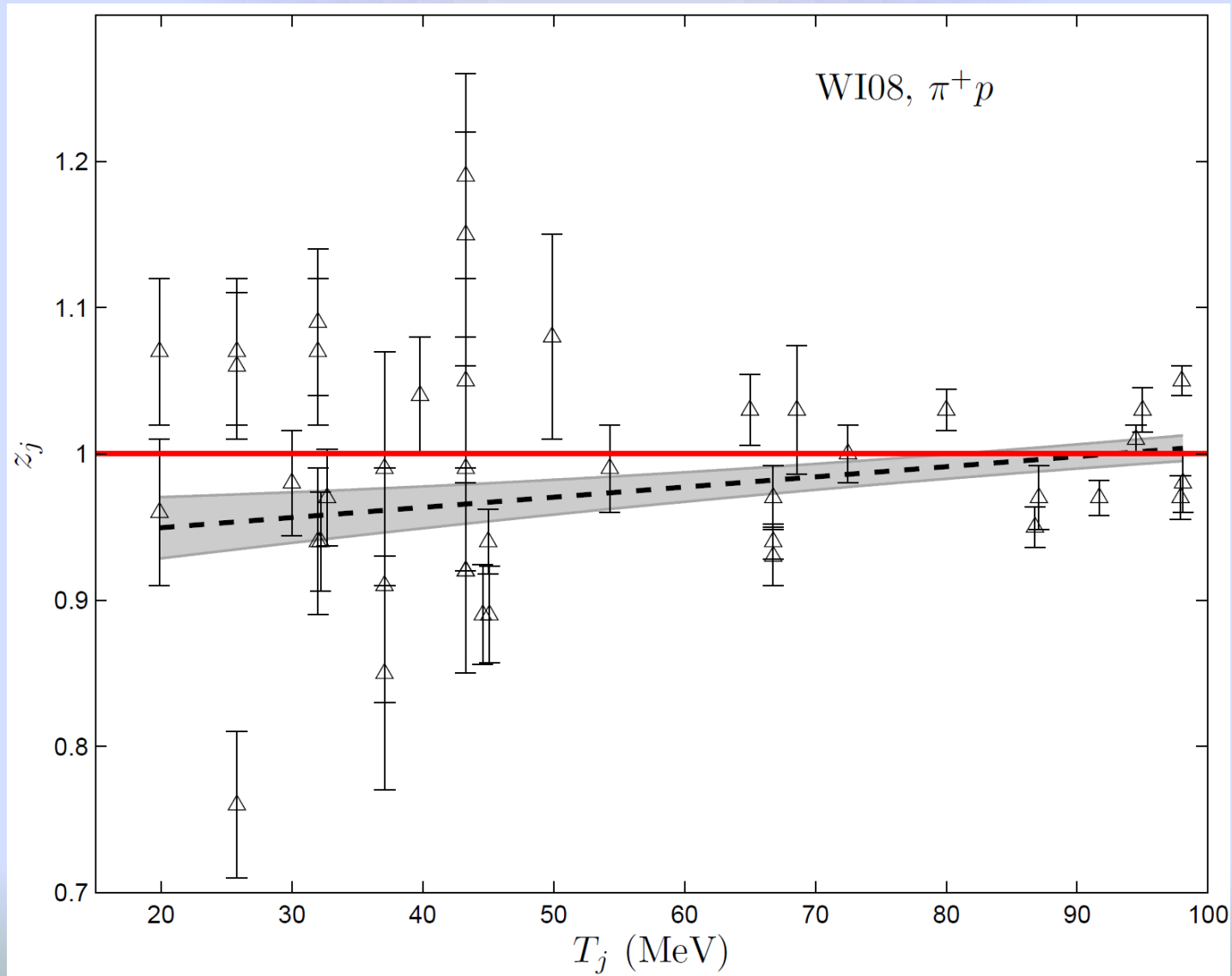


# Analysis of the scale factors of WI08

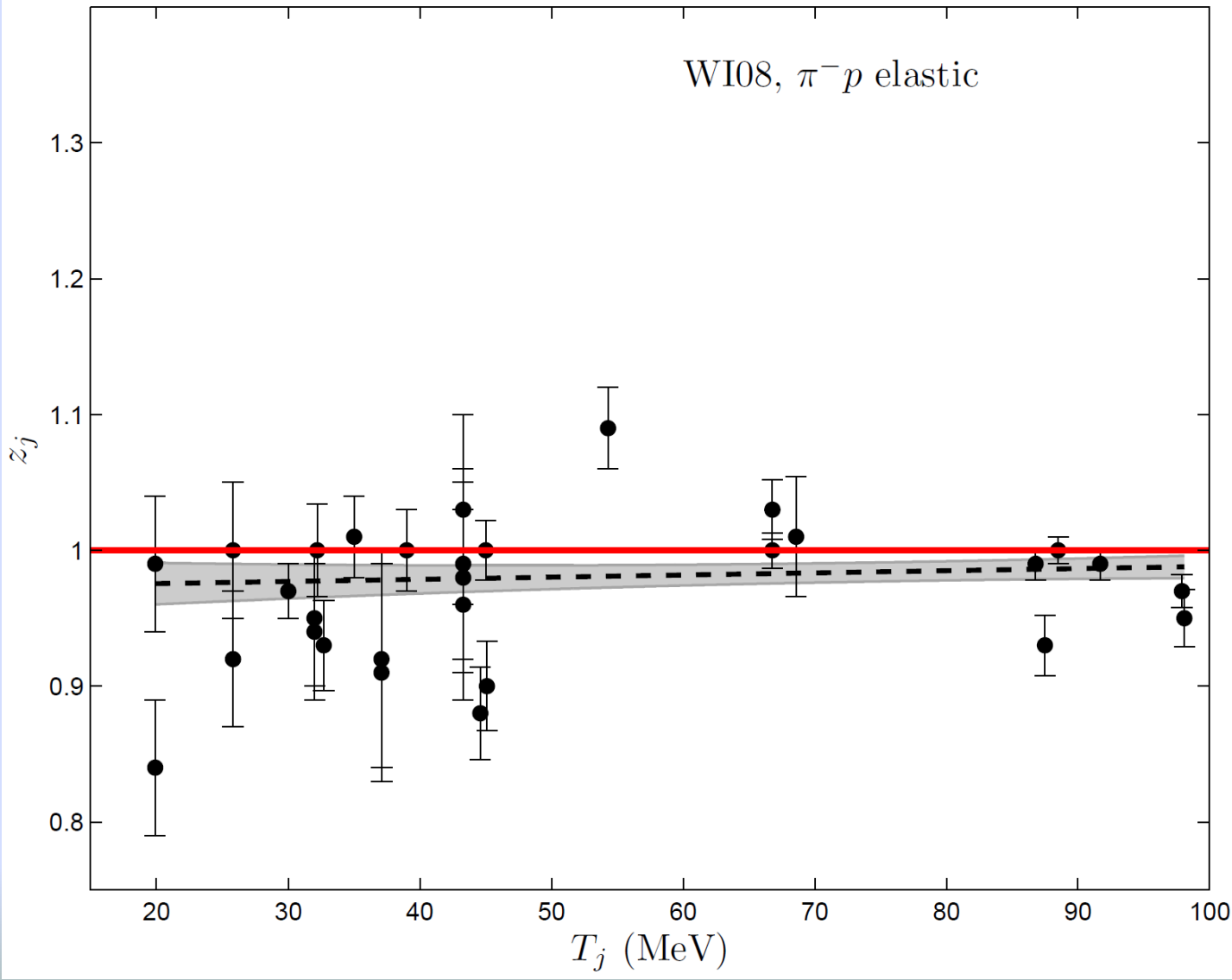


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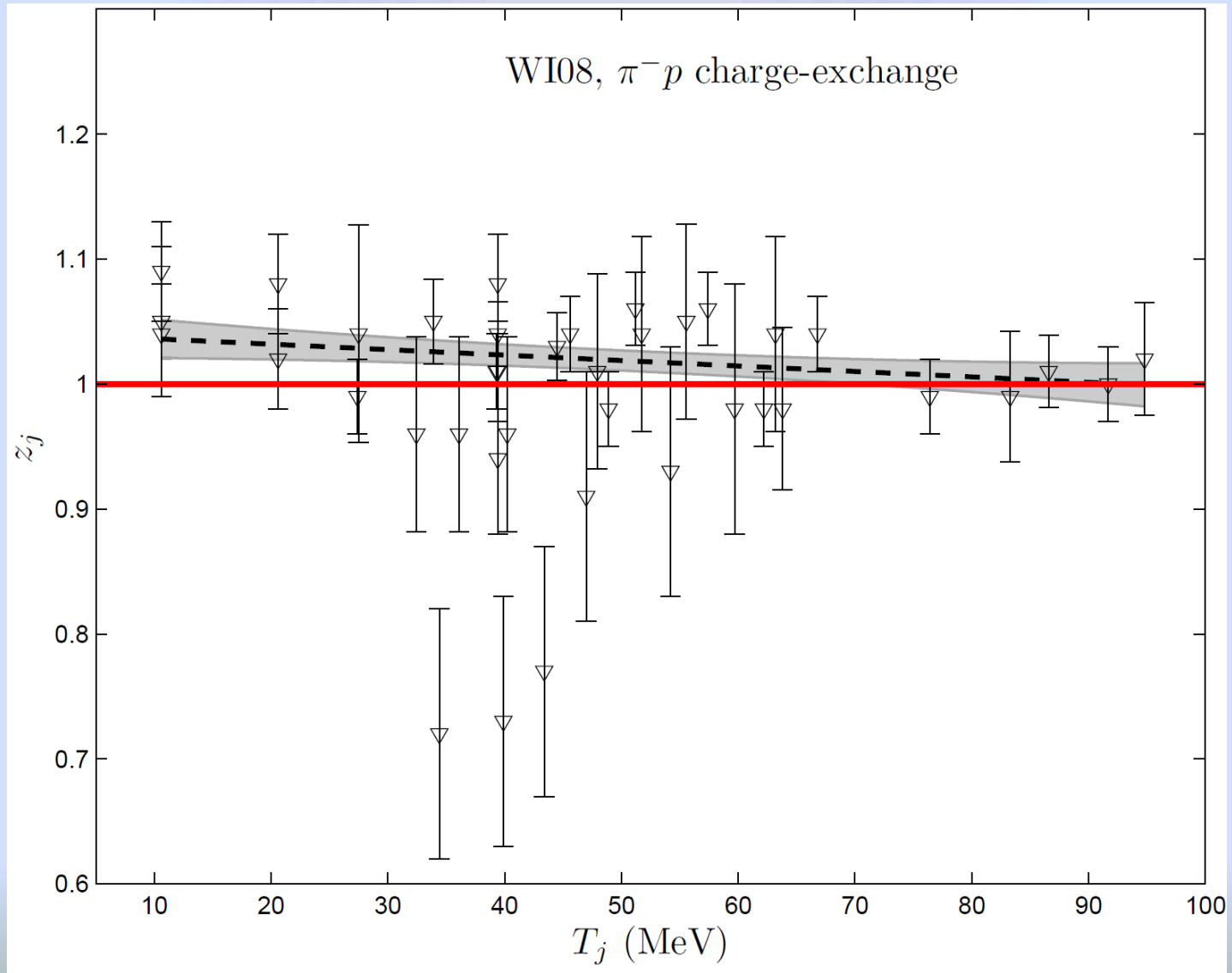


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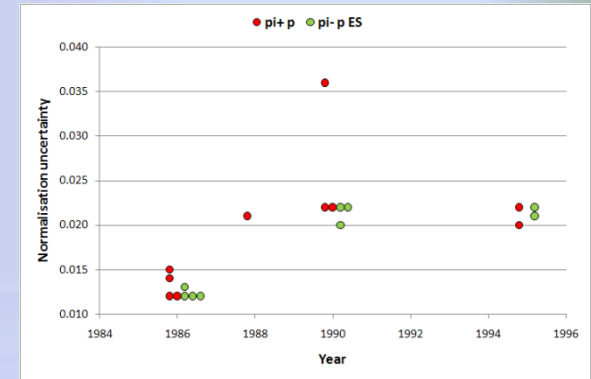
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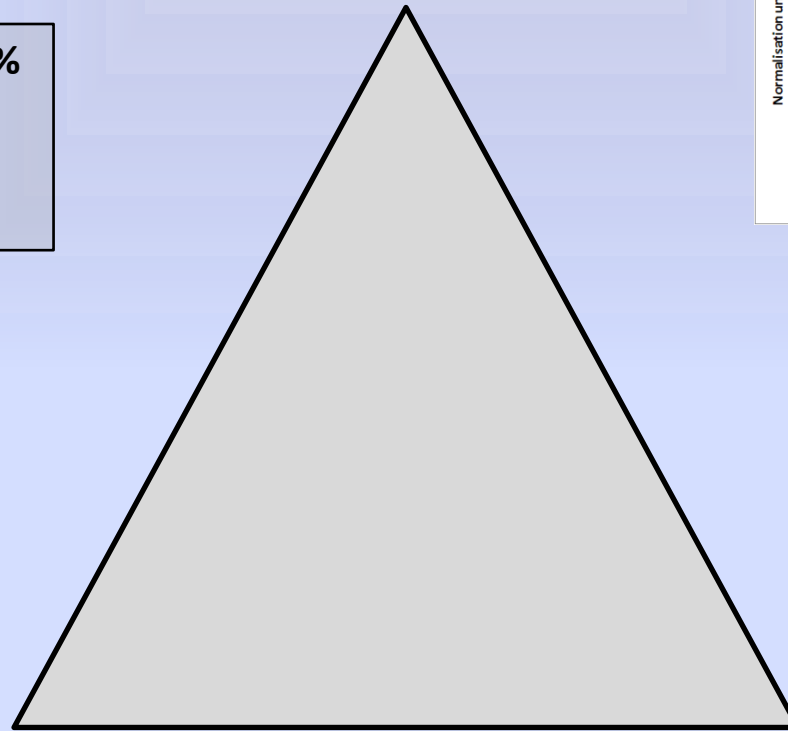
# How may the discrepancies be explained?

Do scattered pions evade detection?  
 Erroneous absolute normalisation?  
 Underestimated normalisation  
 uncertainties?

The absolute normalisation  
 of the bulk of the low-energy  
 data is reliable



DCS/AP data sets with  $\Delta z_j < 3\%$   
 $\pi^+ p$ : 15/45 (33.3%)  
 $\pi^- p$  ES: 10/51 (19.6%)  
 $\pi^- p$  CX: 5/38 (13.2%)



The residual EM effects  
 are small  
 Cheap

Isospin invariance is fulfilled  
 Fast

New assessment of EM effects

Physics-wise, the most  
 interesting possibility!

# At the end of the day, what has been learnt?

- The analyses
  - of the  $\pi^+p$  and  $\pi^-p$  ES measurements, and
  - of the  $\pi^+p$  and  $\pi^-p$  CX measurementsyield **different results** for the model parameters and for the phase shifts
- Differences in the **isovector** part of the  $\pi N$  scattering amplitude
- The reproduction of the absolute normalisation of the  $\pi^-p$  CX data sets on the basis of the results obtained from the  $\pi^\pm p$  ES measurements (via the use of the triangle identity) is poor
- There is a general difficulty to accommodate the  $\pi^-p$  CX measurements into a joint analysis
- When forcing the  $\pi^-p$  CX measurements into a joint analysis, effects are observed in the overall quality of the fits, as well as in the resulting scale factors of the experiments; similar effects have been observed in the output of the current SAID solution (WI08)
- The departure from the triangle identity at low energy may be due to
  - experimental discrepancies (e.g., incorrectness of the absolute normalisation of the bulk of the meson-factory low-energy  $\pi N$  measurements),
  - sizeable residual EM effects (e.g., use of the hadronic masses), or
  - violation of isospin invariance

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Thank  
you





On the  $\pi N$   
 $\sigma/\Sigma$  terms

# Kinematics

Mandelstam variables

$$s = (p + q)^2$$

$$u = (p - q')^2$$

$$t = (q - q')^2$$

$$s + u + t = 2m_p^2 + 2m_c^2 \equiv \Lambda$$

The amplitudes depend on two variables which may be chosen at will; one of the standard choices is to use  $v$  and  $t$

$$v = \frac{s - u}{4m_p}$$

First condition for scattering

$$\vec{q}^2 = \frac{(s - (m_p + m_c)^2)(s - (m_p - m_c)^2)}{4s} \geq 0$$

Second condition for scattering

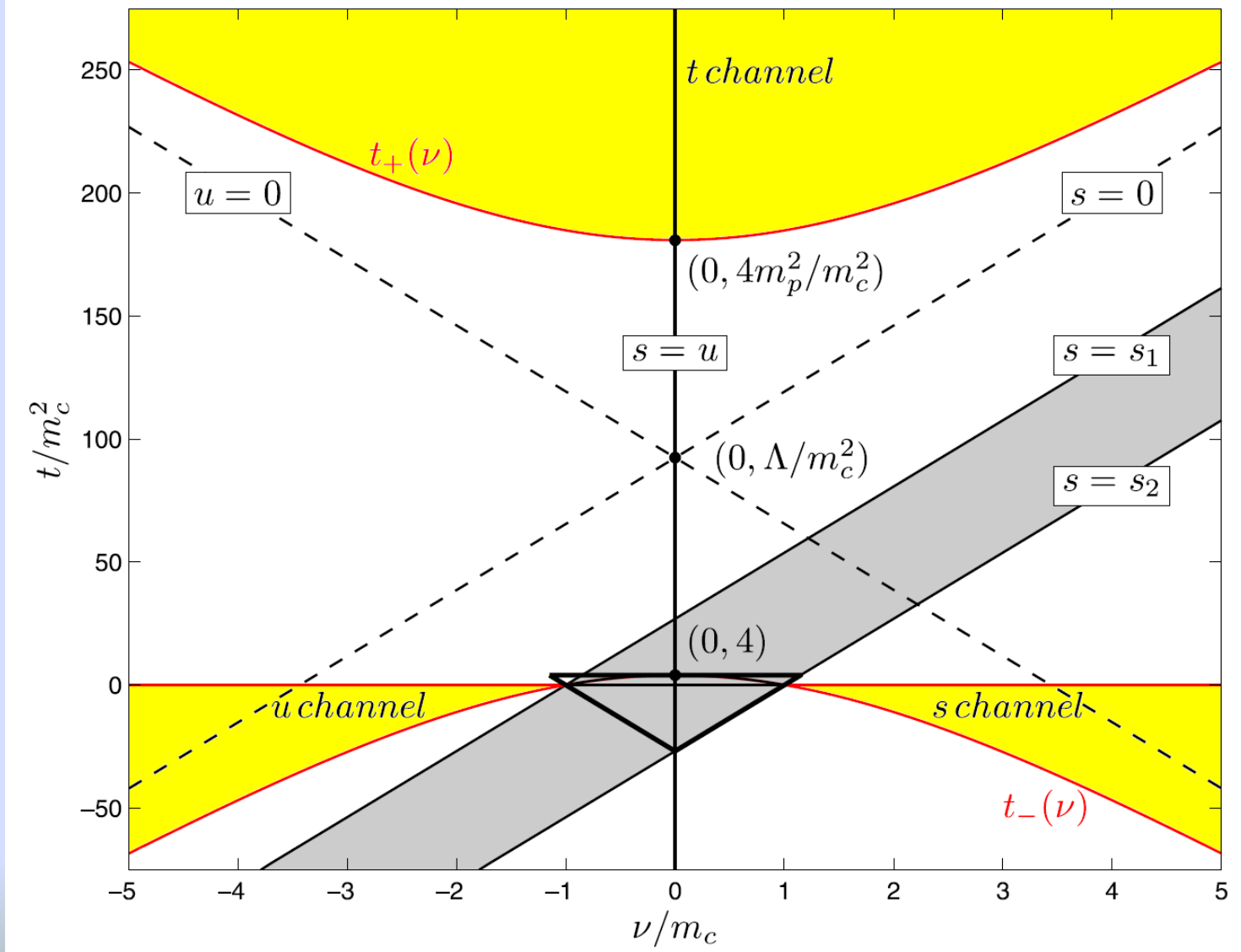
$$\begin{vmatrix} m_p^2 & \frac{s - m_p^2 - m_c^2}{2} & \frac{t - 2m_p^2}{2} \\ \frac{s - m_p^2 - m_c^2}{2} & m_c^2 & \frac{u - m_p^2 - m_c^2}{2} \\ \frac{t - 2m_p^2}{2} & \frac{u - m_p^2 - m_c^2}{2} & m_p^2 \end{vmatrix} \geq 0$$

'Kibble function'

or

$$(su - (m_p^2 - m_c^2)^2)t \geq 0$$

# Kinematics



E. Matsinos, G. Rasche, Aspects of the ETH model of the pion-nucleon interaction, Nucl. Phys. A 927 (2014) 147-194

# The $\pi N$ $\sigma/\Sigma$ terms

$\sigma$ (MeV)	$\Sigma$ (MeV)	Reference
$59 \pm 7$		1
$59.1 \pm 1.9(\text{stat.}) \pm 3.0(\text{syst.})$		2
$58 \pm 5$		3
	$79 \pm 7$	4
	$70.3 \pm 3.0$	This programme (hadronic model/ $\pi^\pm p$ ES)
	$68.0 \pm 2.4(\text{stat.}) \pm 1.7(\text{syst.})$	This programme (Olsson's method/ $\pi^\pm p$ ES)

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# The $\pi N \Sigma$ term

$$\tilde{D}^+(\nu, t) = \tilde{A}^+(\nu, t) + \nu \tilde{B}^+(\nu, t)$$

$$\Sigma = F_\pi^2 \Re[\tilde{D}^+(\nu = 0, t = 2m_c^2)]$$

The  $(\nu=0, t=m_c^2)$  point is known as **Cheng-Dashen point** and lies in the **unphysical** region. To obtain the value of the D amplitude at the Cheng-Dashen point, one first needs to extrapolate the D amplitude from the physical region (where it is determined) into the unphysical one (analyticity constraint).

The wave over the amplitudes indicates that the pseudovector pole term (contribution of the N graphs) is removed prior to the extrapolation.



# On the $\pi N \sigma/\Sigma$ terms

Scalar form factor  $\sigma(t)$ : the matrix element of the u- and d-quark QCD Hamiltonian mass term between two proton states with 4-momenta  $p$  and  $p'$

$$\bar{u}(p')\sigma(t)u(p) = \frac{m_a}{2m_p} \langle p' | \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d | p \rangle$$

$$m_a = \frac{m_u + m_d}{2}$$

The  $\pi N \sigma$  term:  $\sigma \equiv \sigma(0)$

The strange-quark content of the proton:  $y = \frac{2\langle p | \bar{s}s | p \rangle}{\langle p | \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d | p \rangle}$

$$\sigma = \frac{m_a}{2m_p} \frac{\langle p | \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d - 2\bar{s}s | p \rangle}{1-y} \equiv \frac{\hat{\sigma}}{1-y}$$

An estimate of  $y$  may be obtained from  $\sigma$  and  $\hat{\sigma}$

Via the  $\pi N$  data and the  $\Sigma$  term

Mass breaking in the QCD Hamiltonian

$$\sigma = \Sigma - \Delta_\sigma - \Delta_R$$

J. Gasser, H. Leutwyler, M.E. Sainio, *Form factor of the  $\sigma$ -term*, Phys. Lett. B253 (1991) 260-264

$$\Delta_\sigma = 15.2 \pm 0.4 \text{ MeV}$$

V. Bernard, N. Kaiser, Ulf-G. Meißner, *Critical analysis of baryon masses and sigma-terms in heavy baryon chiral perturbation theory*, Z. Phys. C 60 (1993) 111-119

$$\Delta_\sigma \approx 15 \text{ MeV}$$

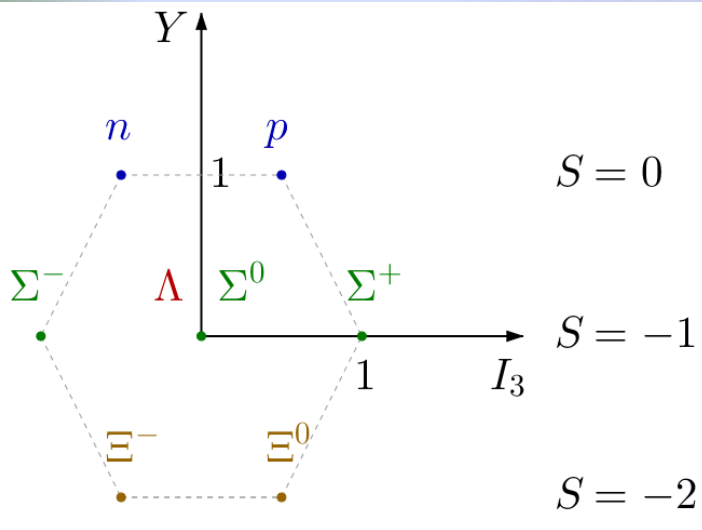
This programme (hadronic model/ $\pi^\pm p$  ES)

$$\Delta_R = 0.627 \pm 0.011 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\sigma = \Sigma - (15.8 \pm 0.4) \text{ MeV}$$



# Strange-quark content of the nucleon



M. Gell-Mann, R. Oakes, B. Renner, *Behavior of current divergences under  $SU_3 \times SU_3$* , Phys. Rev. 175 (1968) 2195-2199

$$\hat{\sigma} \approx \frac{(m_{\Xi} + m_{\Sigma} - 2m_N)m_c^2}{2(m_K^2 - m_c^2)} \approx 27.7 \text{ MeV}$$

J. Gasser, *Hadron masses and the sigma commutator in light of chiral perturbation theory*, Ann. Phys. 136 (1981) 62-112

J. Gasser, H. Leutwyler, *Quark masses*, Phys. Rep. 87 (1982) 77-169

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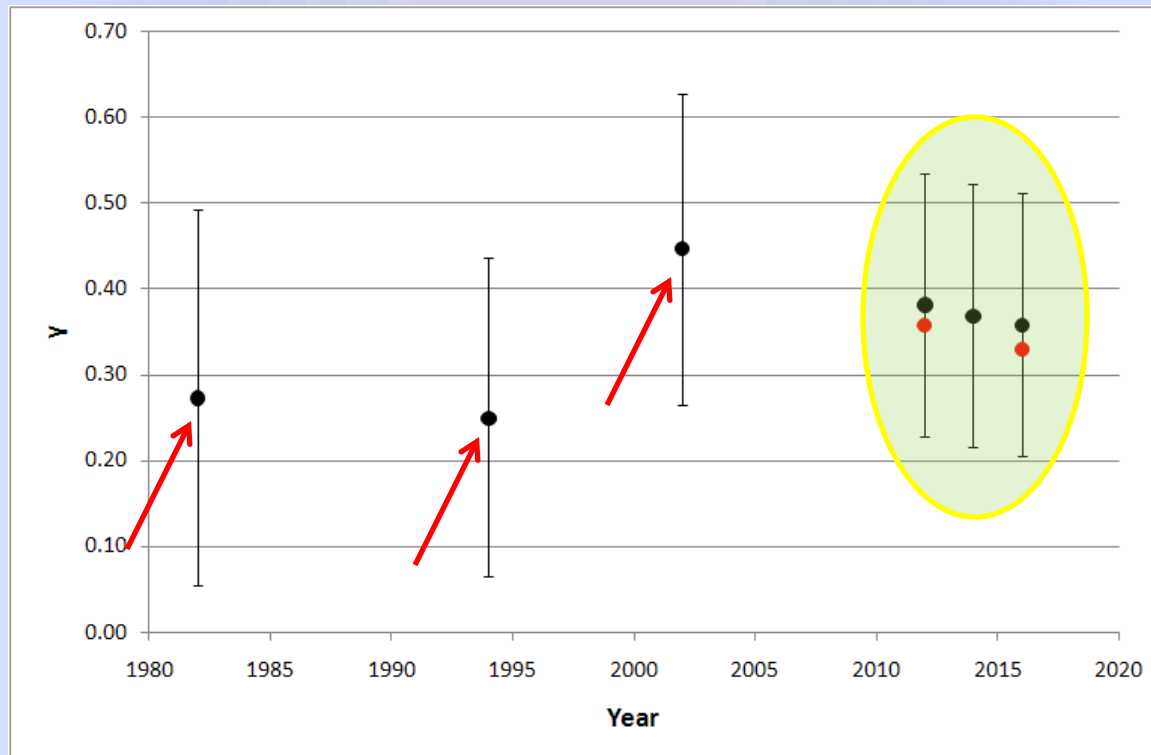
$$\hat{\sigma} = 35 \pm 5 \text{ MeV}$$

R. Koch, *A new determination of the  $\pi N$  sigma term using hyperbolic dispersion relations in the  $(\nu^2, t)$  plane*, Z. Phys. C 15 (1982) 161-168

$$\Sigma = 64 \pm 8 \text{ MeV} \Rightarrow \sigma = 48 \pm 8 \text{ MeV}$$

The meson-factory measurements require an enhanced isoscalar component in the  $\pi N$  scattering amplitude, thus suggesting that a sizeable fraction of the nucleon mass might be due to the strange quark!

# The 'strange' strange-quark content of the nucleon



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# The voice of one crying in the wilderness

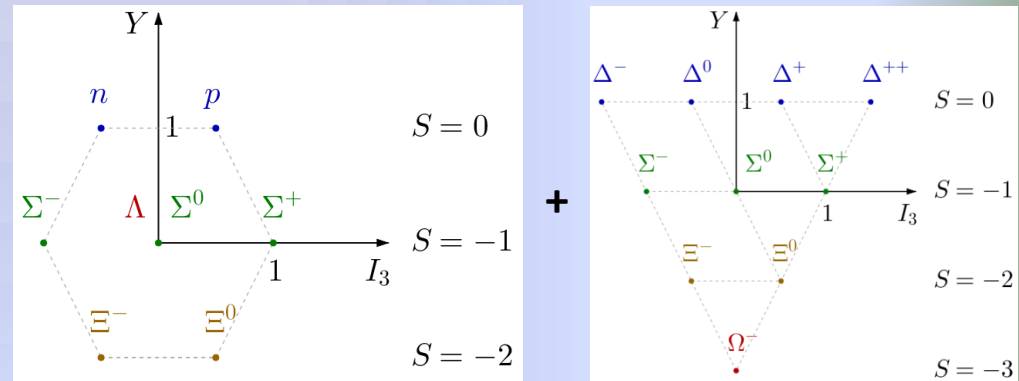
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- M.D. Scadron, *On the strange quark content of nucleons*, Z. Phys. C 54 (1992) 595-597
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$$\bar{\sigma}^{IMF} \approx \frac{(m_{\Xi}^2 + m_{\Sigma}^2 - 2m_N^2)m_c^2}{2m_N(m_K^2 - m_c^2)} \approx 65.1 \text{ MeV}$$

**Problems with the GL value?**

# Redetermination of $\hat{\sigma}$

J.M. Alarcón, L.S. Geng, J. Martin Camalich, J.A. Oller,  
*The strangeness content of the nucleon from effective field theory and phenomenology*, Phys. Lett. B 730 (2014) 342-346



**Table 3**

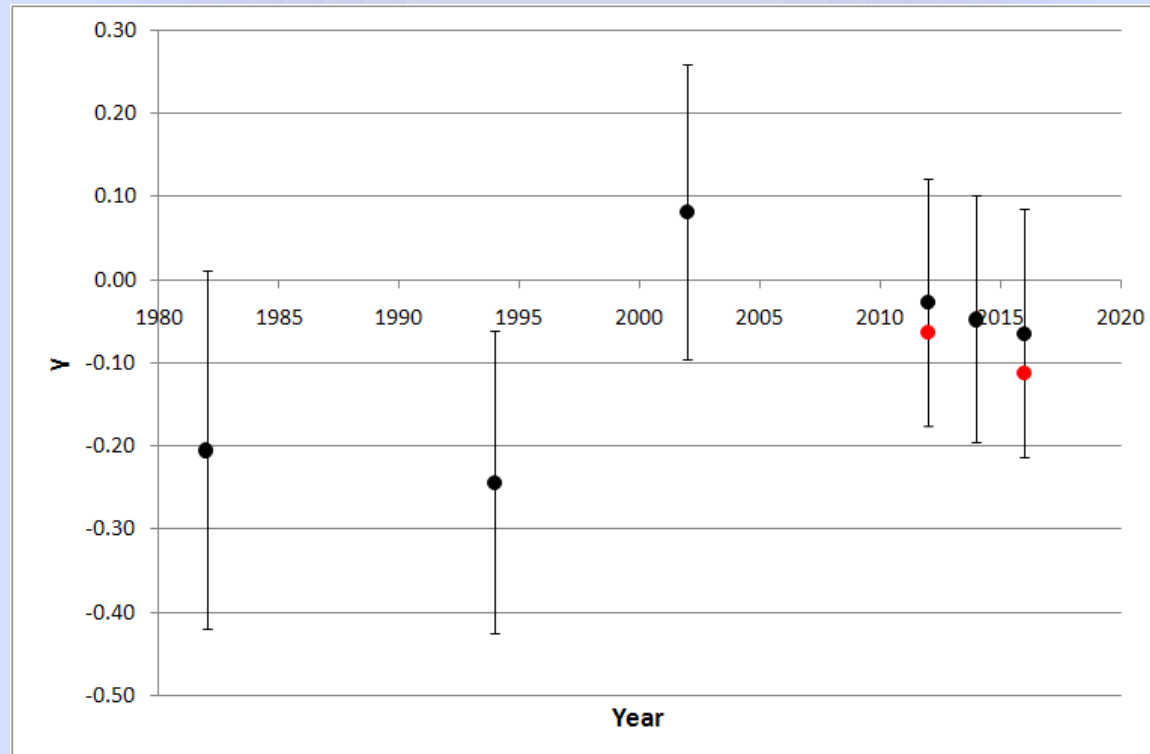
Values of  $\sigma_0$  and the  $\mathcal{O}(p^2)$  LEC  $b_0$  given by the exact fulfillment of the OZI rule for the different  $B\chi$ PT approaches considered in this Letter.

	Tree level $\mathcal{O}(p^2)$	Octet $\mathcal{O}(p^3)$		Octet + Decuplet $\mathcal{O}(p^3)$	
		HB	Covariant	HB-SSE	Covariant
$\sigma_0$ [MeV]	27	58(23)	46(8)	89(23)	58(8)
$b_0^{OZI}$ [ $\text{GeV}^{-1}$ ]	-0.274	-0.90(15)	-0.70(5)	-1.52(15)	-0.95(5)

$\hat{\sigma}$



# The 'not-so-strange' strange-quark content of the nucleon



As a result, the larger values of the  $\Sigma$  term are not in conflict with our picture of the nucleon and our expectations for its small strange-quark content!

Personal opinion: the careful re-evaluation of both  $\Delta_\sigma$  and  $\hat{\sigma}$  is called for!