

K- π scattering from Lattice QCD

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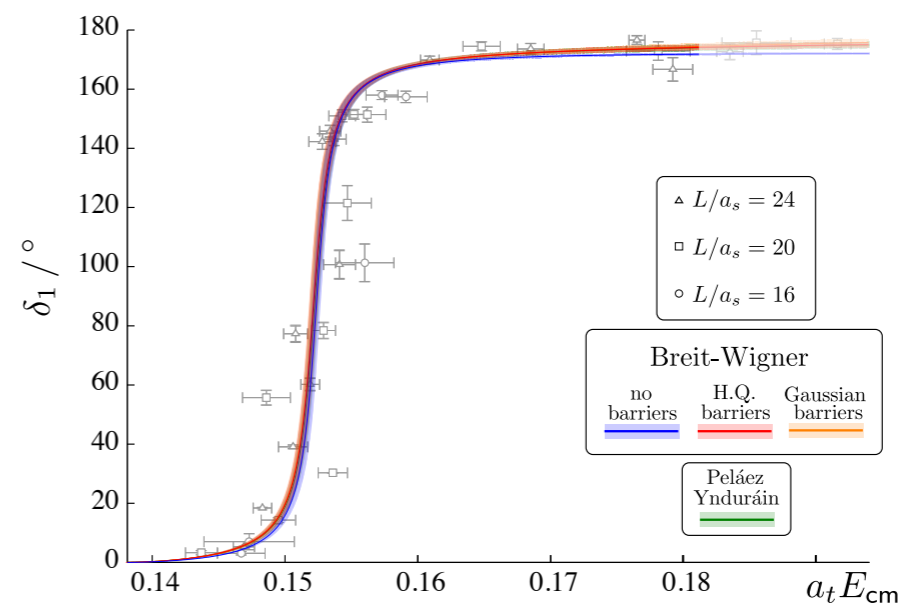
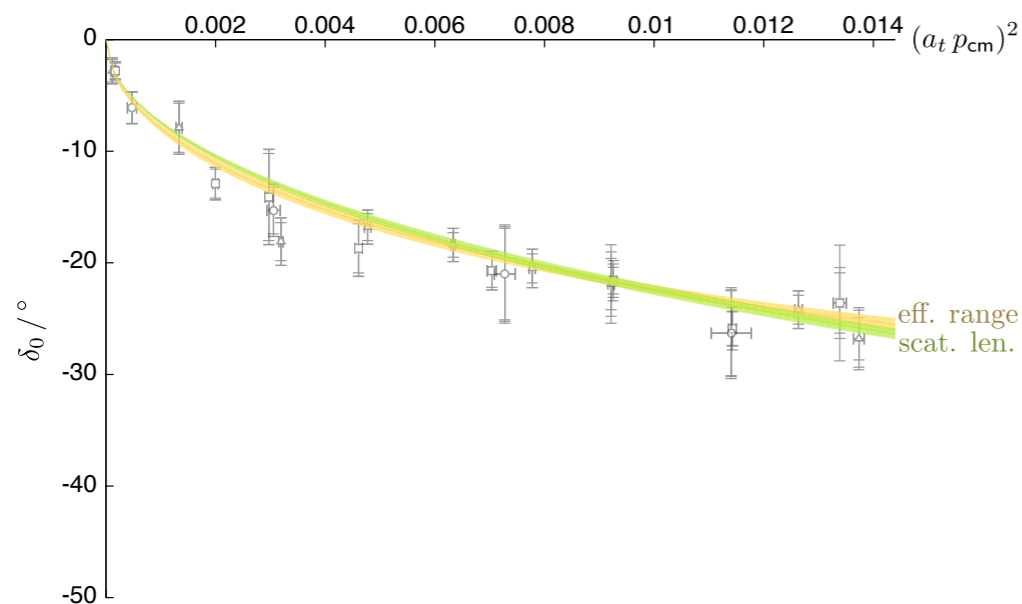
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Motivation

Recent results from the Hadron Spectrum Collaboration:

$I=2$ and $I=1$ $\pi\pi$ scattering:



J. J. Dudek, R. G. Edwards and C. E. Thomas, arxiv:1203.6041, Phys. Rev. D 86, 034031 (2012)
arxiv:1212.0830 Phys. Rev. D 87, 034505 (2013)

Next: $K\pi$ scattering.

Similar problem.

$I=3/2 \sim$ non-resonant, weakly repulsive scattering for low energies.

$I=1/2 \sim$ resonances are expected $K^*(J^P=1^-)$, ($\kappa (J^P=0^+)$)?)

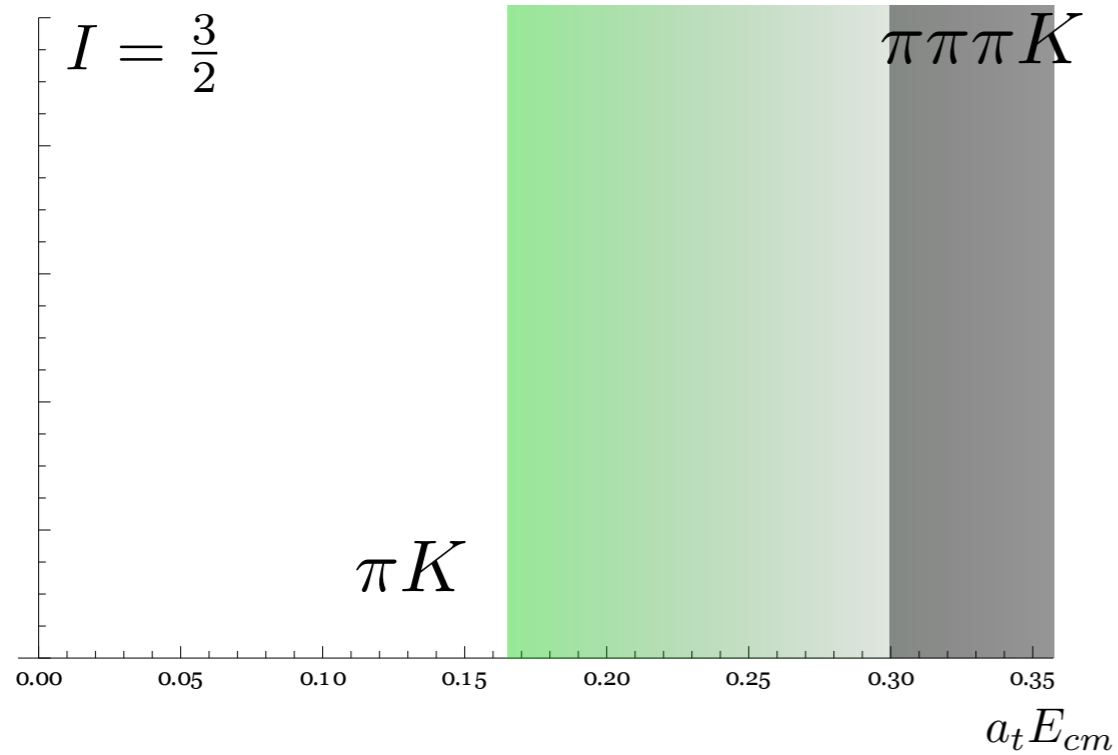
This talk: $I=3/2$ only.

Calculation Details

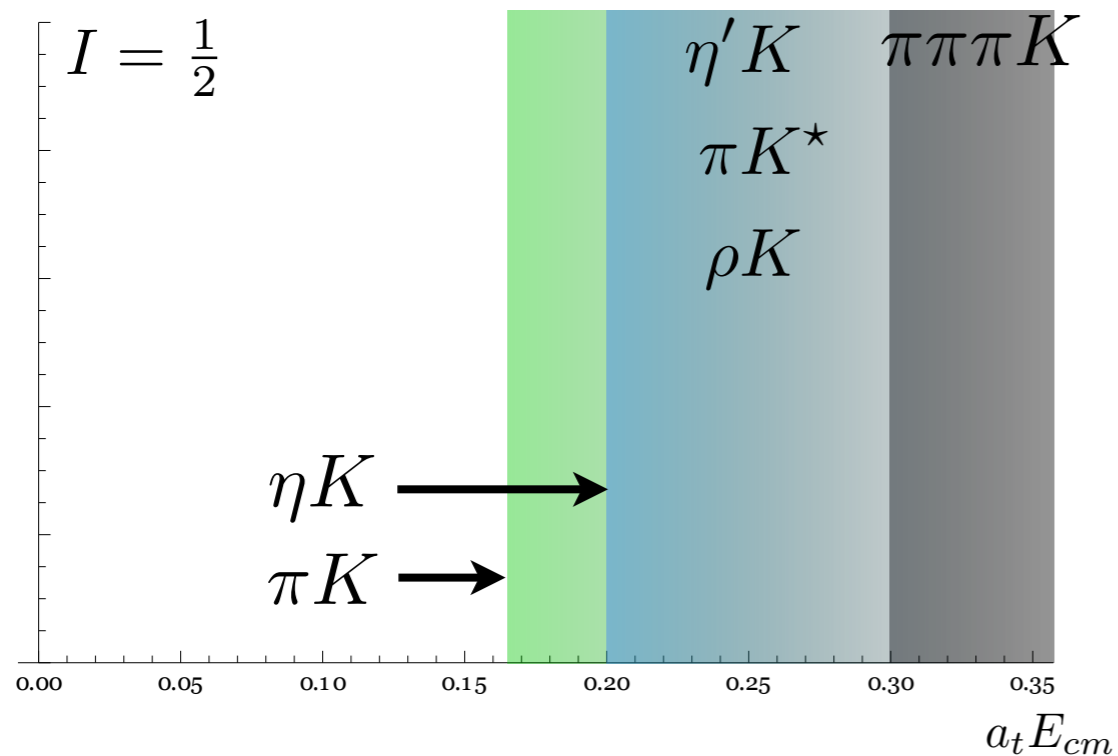
$(L/a_s)^3 \times T/a_t$	L	$m_\pi L$
$16^3 \times 128$	~ 2 fm	~ 3.8
$20^3 \times 128$	~ 2.5 fm	~ 4.8
$24^3 \times 128$	~ 3 fm	~ 5.7

- Anisotropic 2+1 Clover Lattices, with anisotropy $\xi = a_s/a_t = 3.444(6)$.
- ~ 500 configurations per volume.
- $m_K \approx 550$ MeV, $m_\pi \approx 392$ MeV.
- Use a large basis of operators: fermion bilinears plus derivative operators.
- Distillation method of smearing - numerically efficient for a large basis of operators.
- Use Lüscher method and extensions to relate the finite volume interacting energies to phase shifts.

Orientation: Masses and Energies



- No low lying resonances
- Few thresholds
- Large region of elastic two-particle scattering.



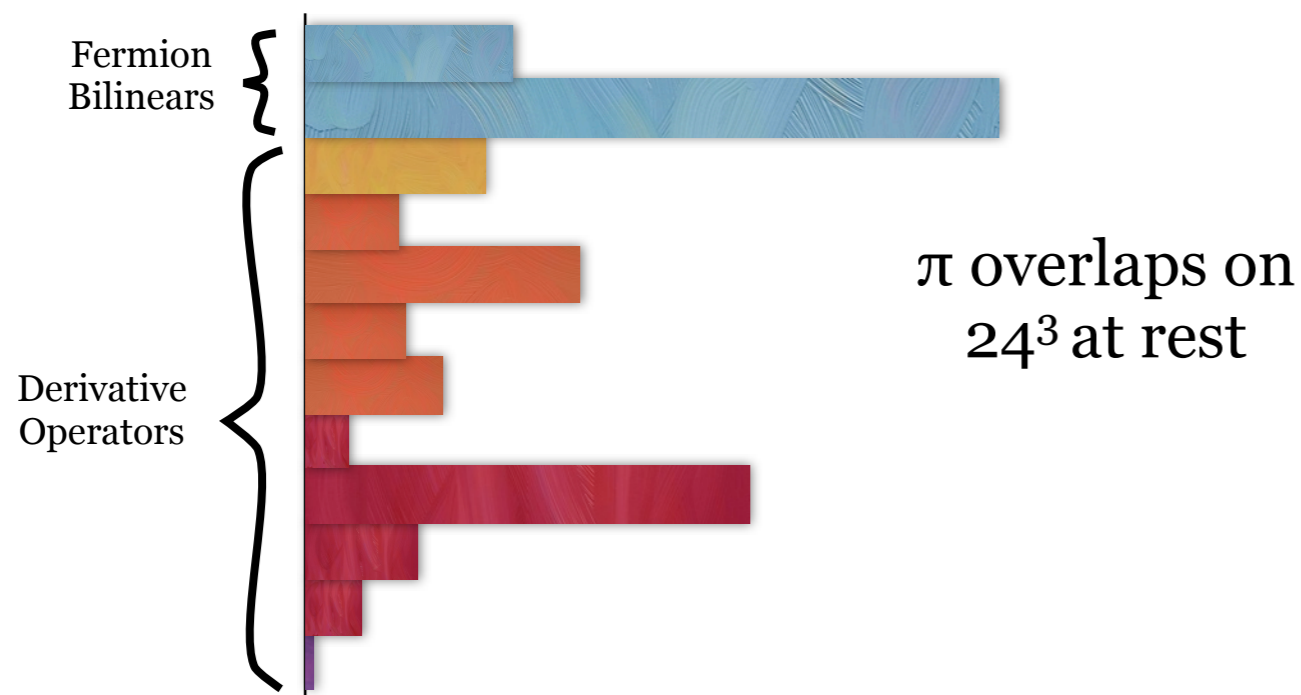
- $K^*(J^P=1^-)$ expected around πK threshold
- Many thresholds around $a_t E_{cm}=0.25$.

Multi-meson operators

Variational Method:

Use a large basis of operators:
Fermion Bilinears + Derivatives.

Make use of orthogonality of state vectors:
Straightforward extraction of nearly-degenerate states.



$$C(t)v_\alpha = \lambda_\alpha(t)C(t_0)v_\alpha$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{ij}(t) &= \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_i(t) \mathcal{O}_j(0) | 0 \rangle \\ &= \sum_\alpha \frac{Z_i^* Z_j}{2m_\alpha} e^{-m_\alpha t} \end{aligned}$$

Projected Meson:

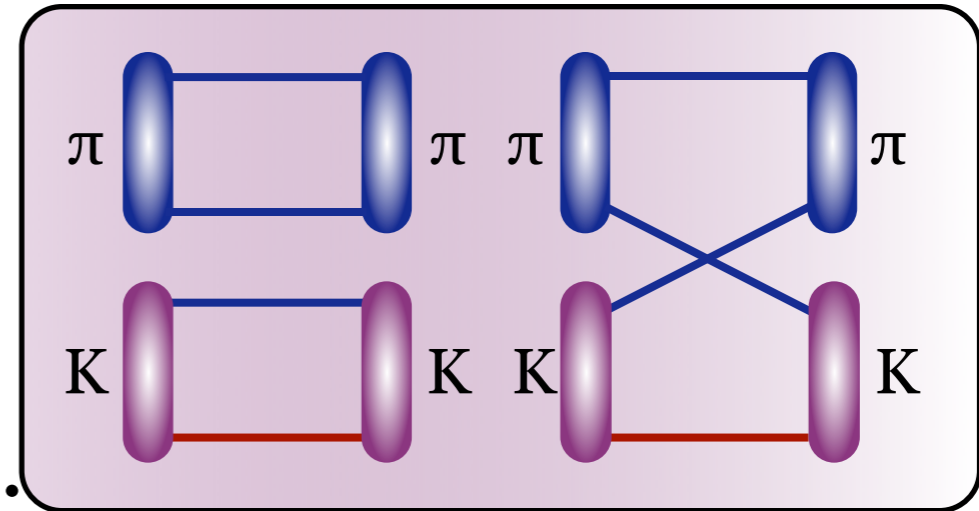
Mimic a single meson by creating a new operator as a sum of these components

$$\pi^\dagger(\vec{k}) = \sum_i v_i \mathcal{O}_i^{(\pi)\dagger}$$

Multi-Meson operator: (subduced) Product of single meson operators.

Wick contractions and operator basis

$$\pi(\vec{k}_1) K(\vec{k}_2)$$



Key feature of $I=3/2$ scattering:
There are no quark-line annihilation graphs.

All operators must project onto meson-meson states.
 Use projected meson operators in the different momentum combinations
 allowed by an irrep.

e.g. $\text{Dic}_2 A_1 \quad \vec{p} = [110]$

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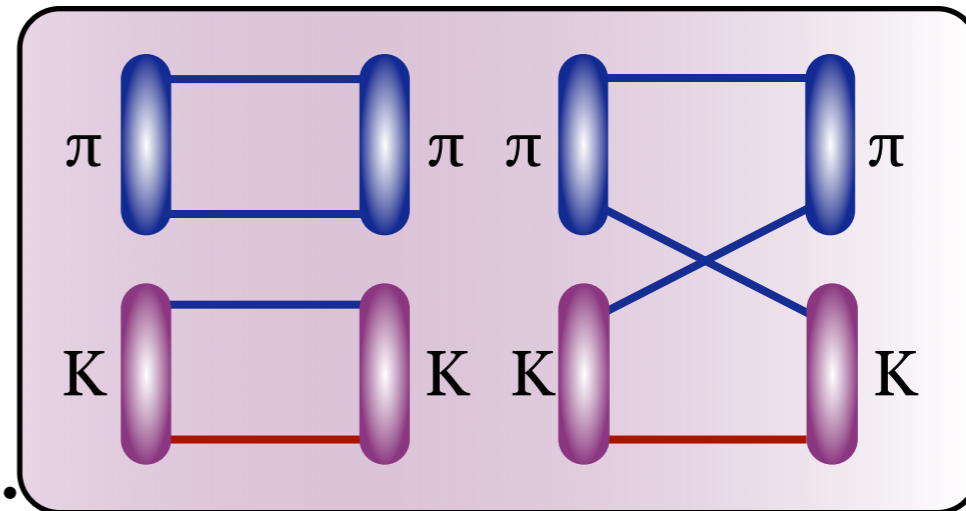
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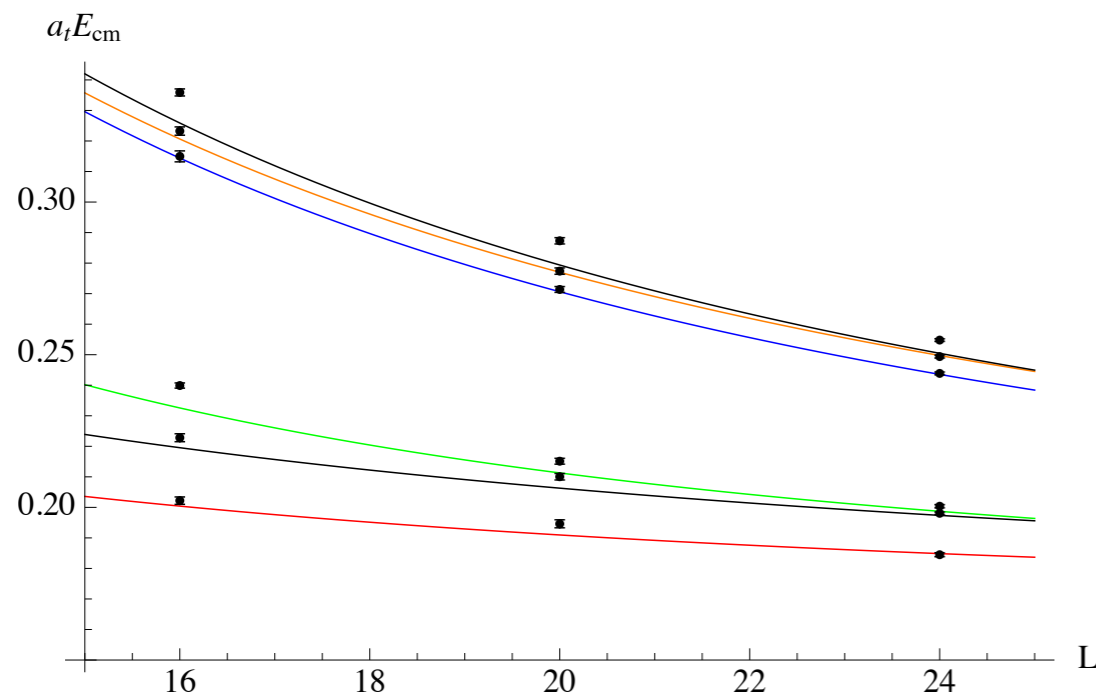
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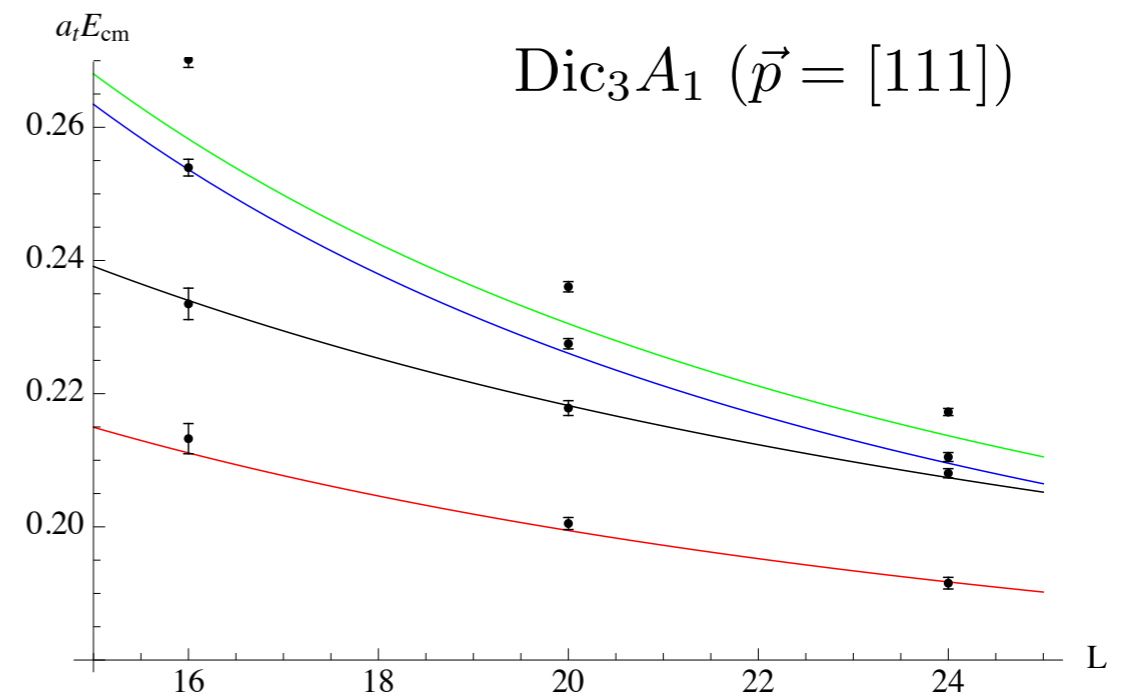
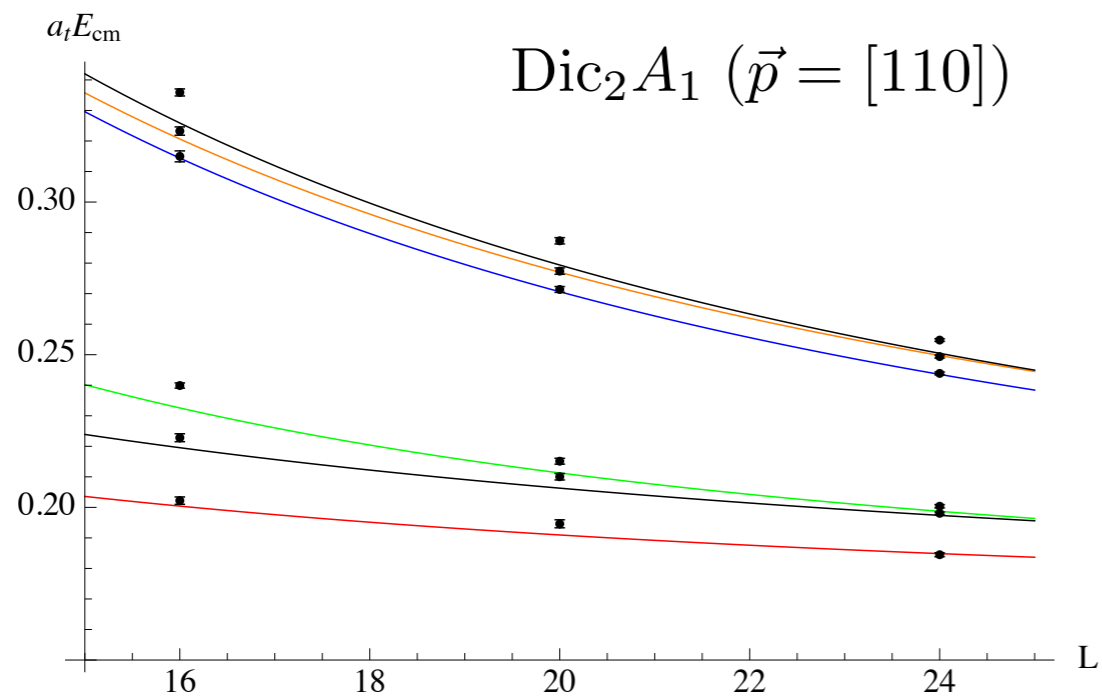
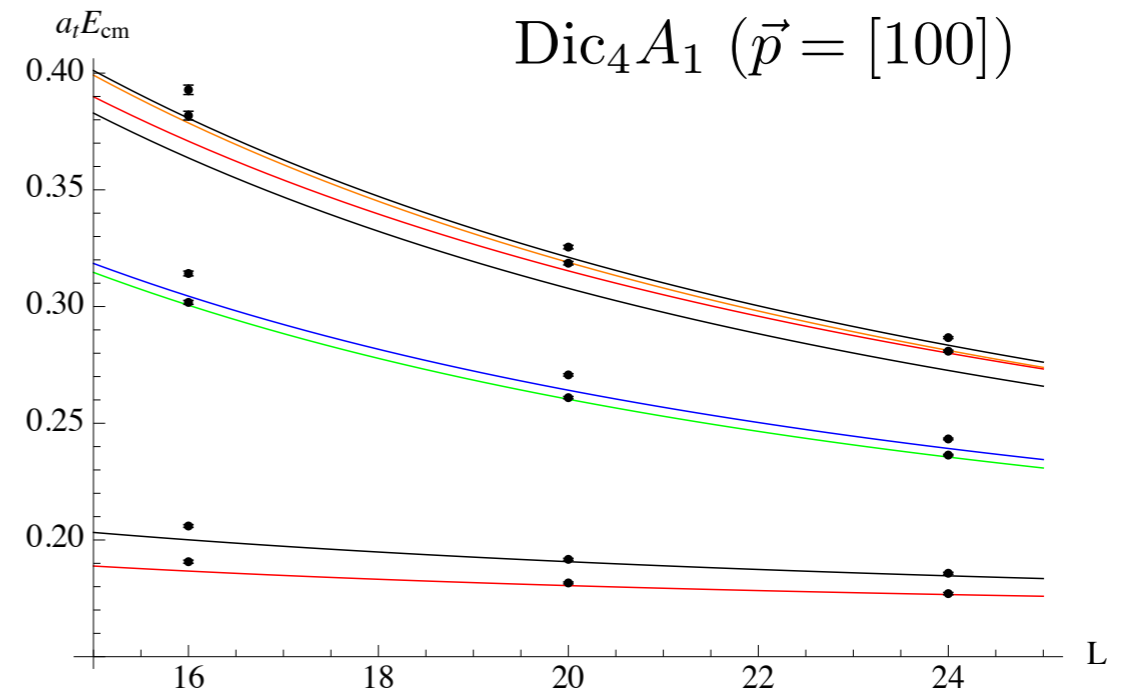
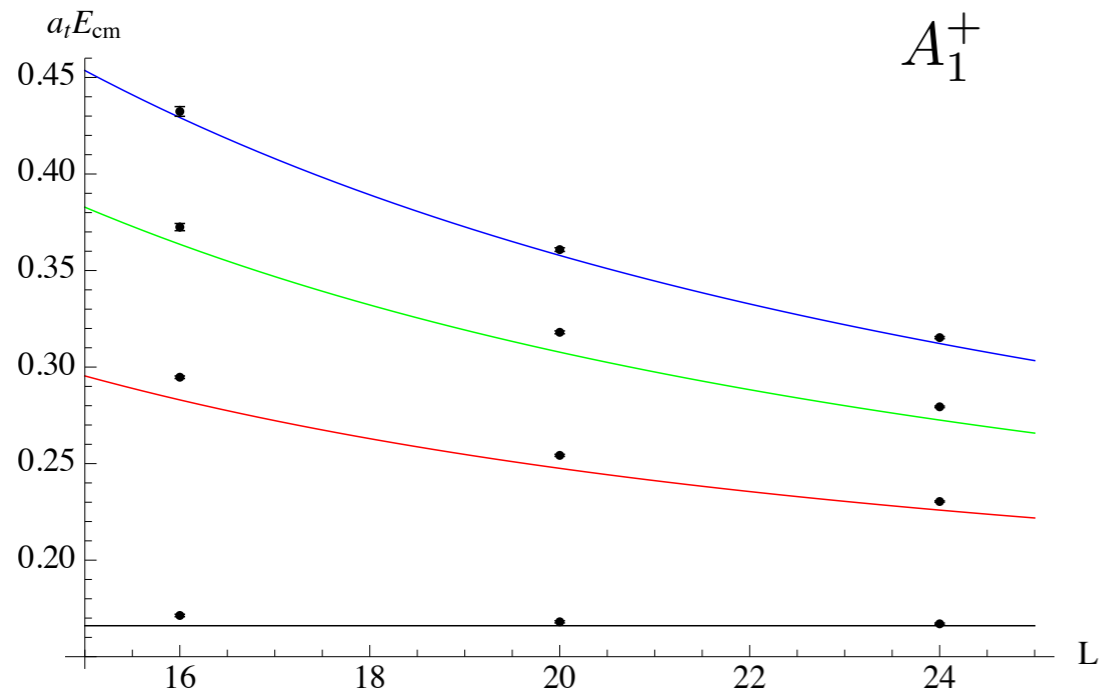
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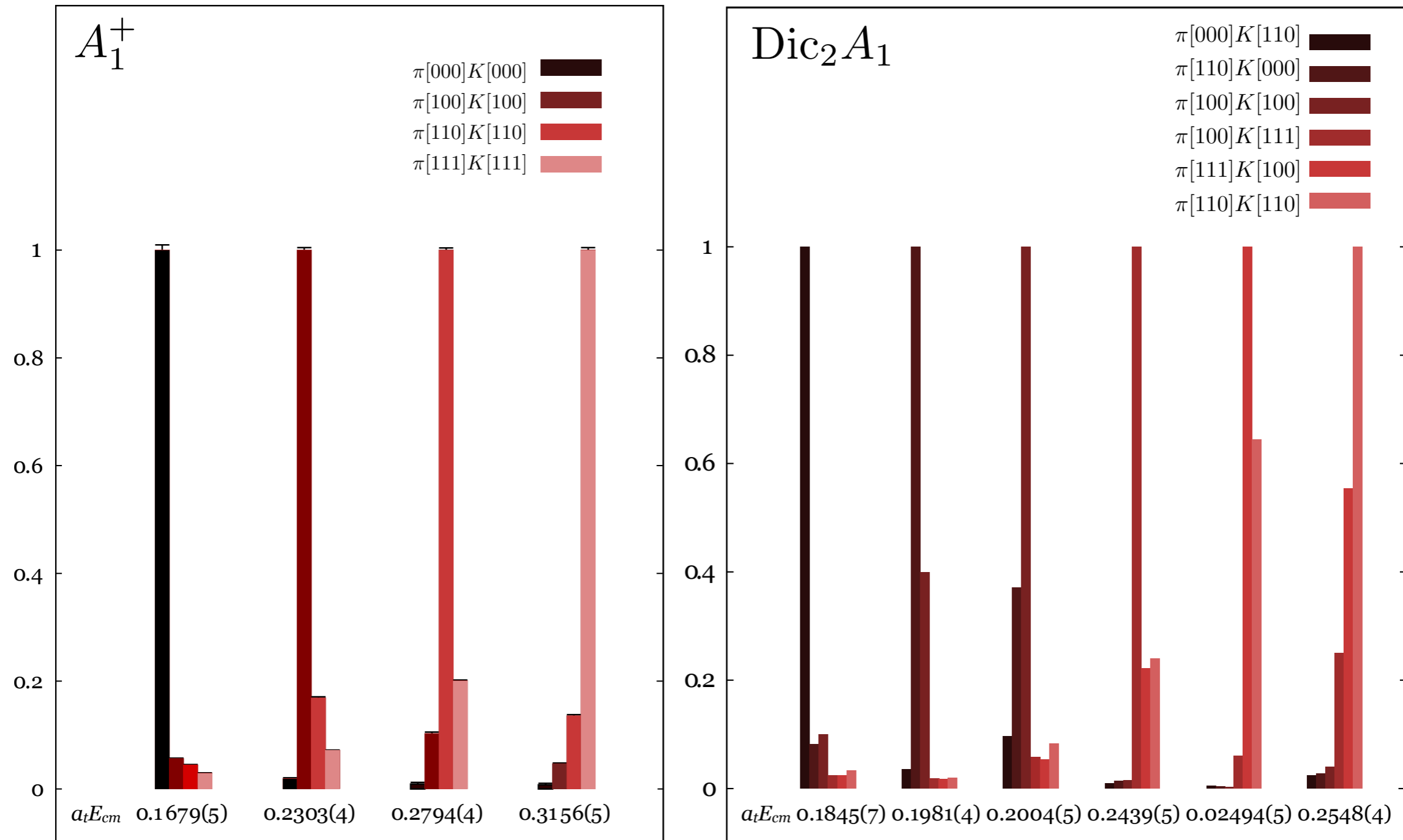
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Volume dependence in different frames



Preliminary!

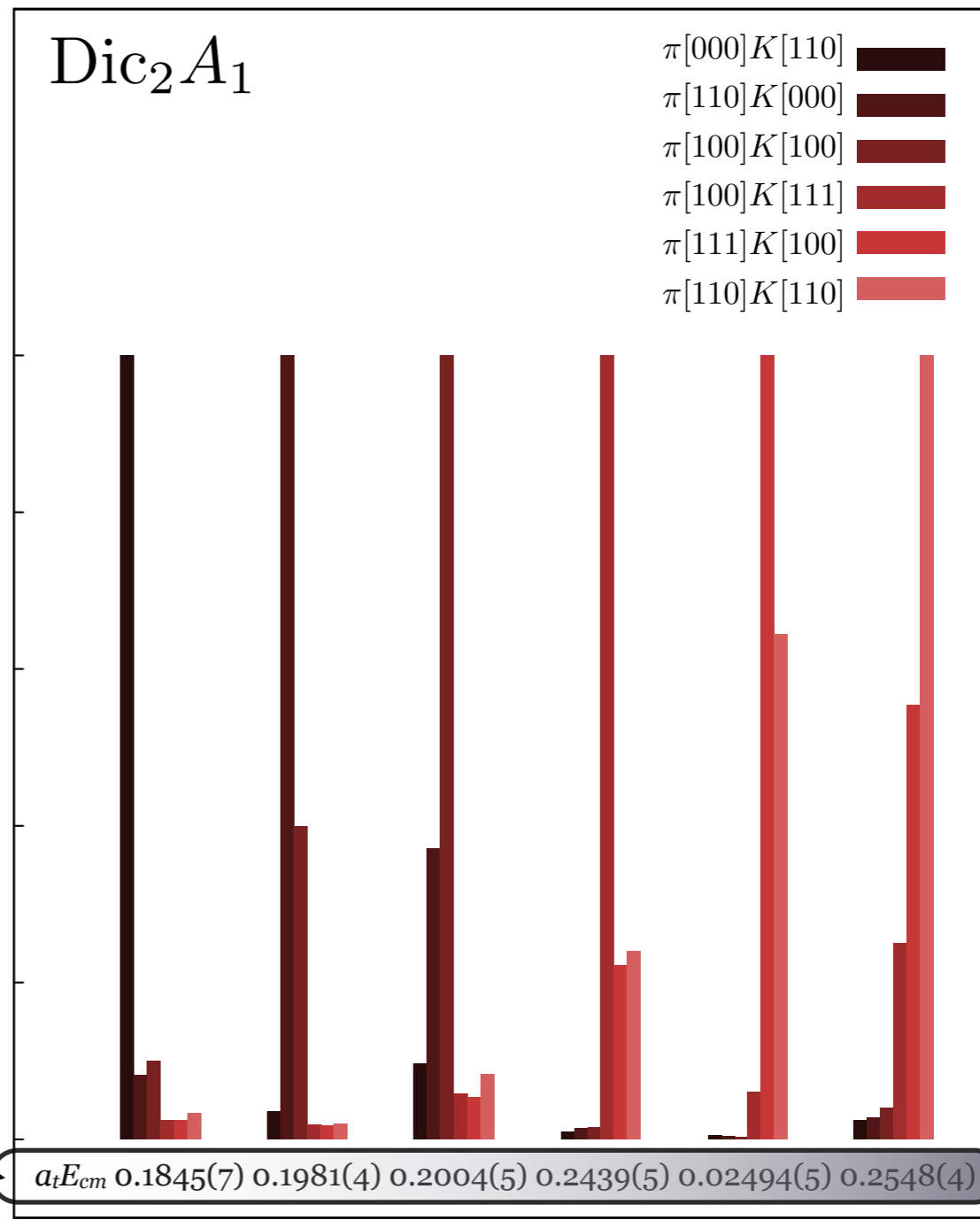
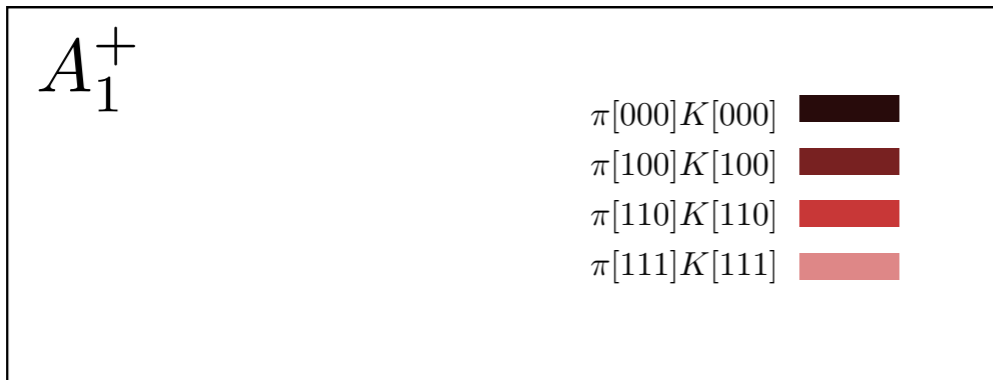
I=3/2 finite volume spectrum



- Multi-meson operators overlap strongly onto their intended states.
- Variational method easily extracts nearly degenerate states.
- Small splitting due to having a relatively small $m_K - m_\pi$.

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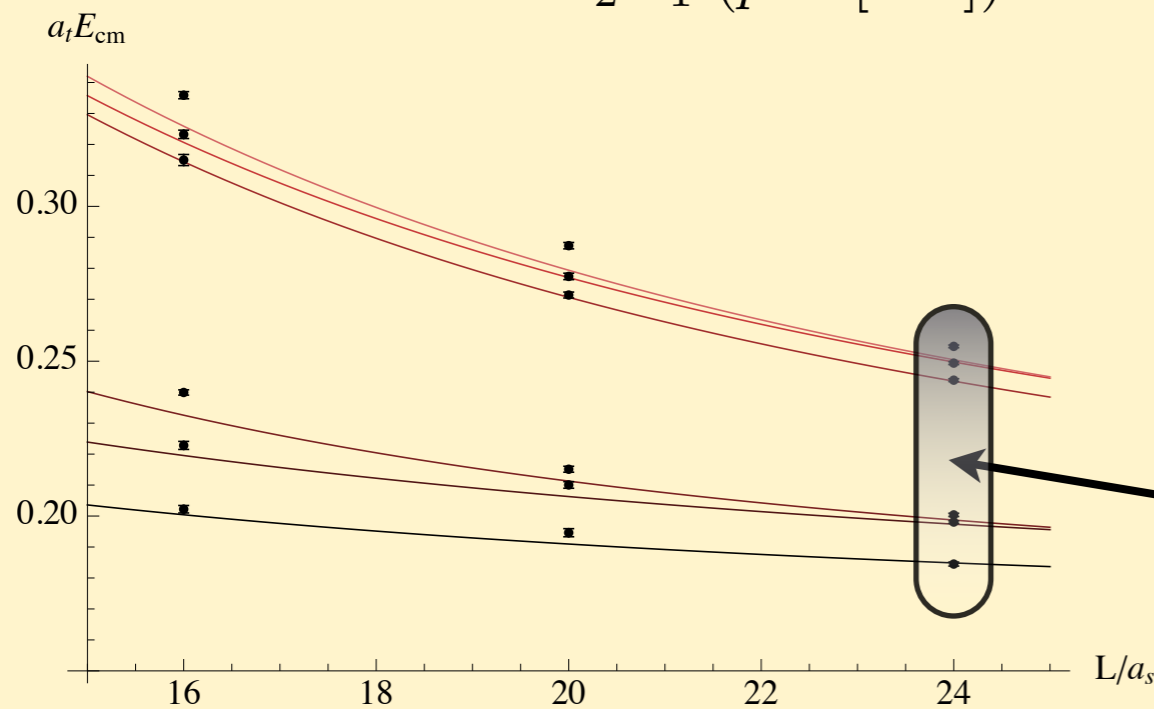
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Operator basis appears to work well:

- Roughly diagonal.
- Some mixing due to interactions (Good!)
- Variational method resolves finely spaced energies.

$Dic_2 A_1$ ($\vec{p} = [110]$)



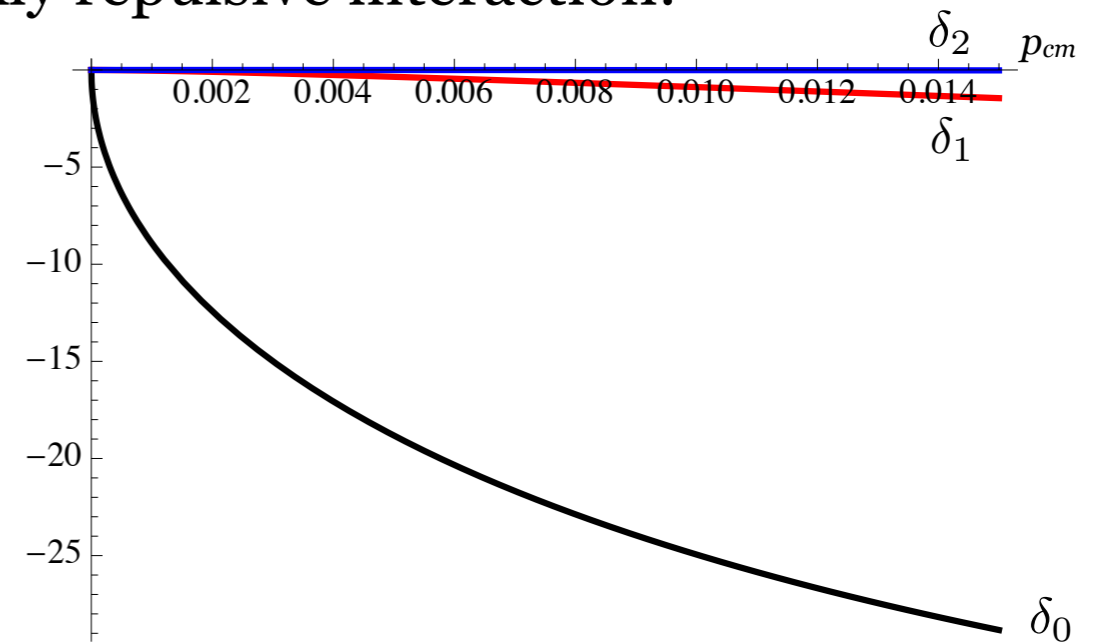
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$I=3/2$ Phase shift analysis

- No resonances: S-wave expected to be largest.
- Effective Range approximation should be a good guide: $p_{\text{cm}}^{2\ell+1} \cot \delta_\ell = \frac{1}{a_\ell} + \frac{1}{2} r_\ell p_{\text{cm}}^2$
- Expect a hierarchy of partial waves: $\delta_{\ell=0} > \delta_{\ell=1} > \delta_{\ell=2} \dots$
- Typical effective range phase shifts for a weakly repulsive interaction:



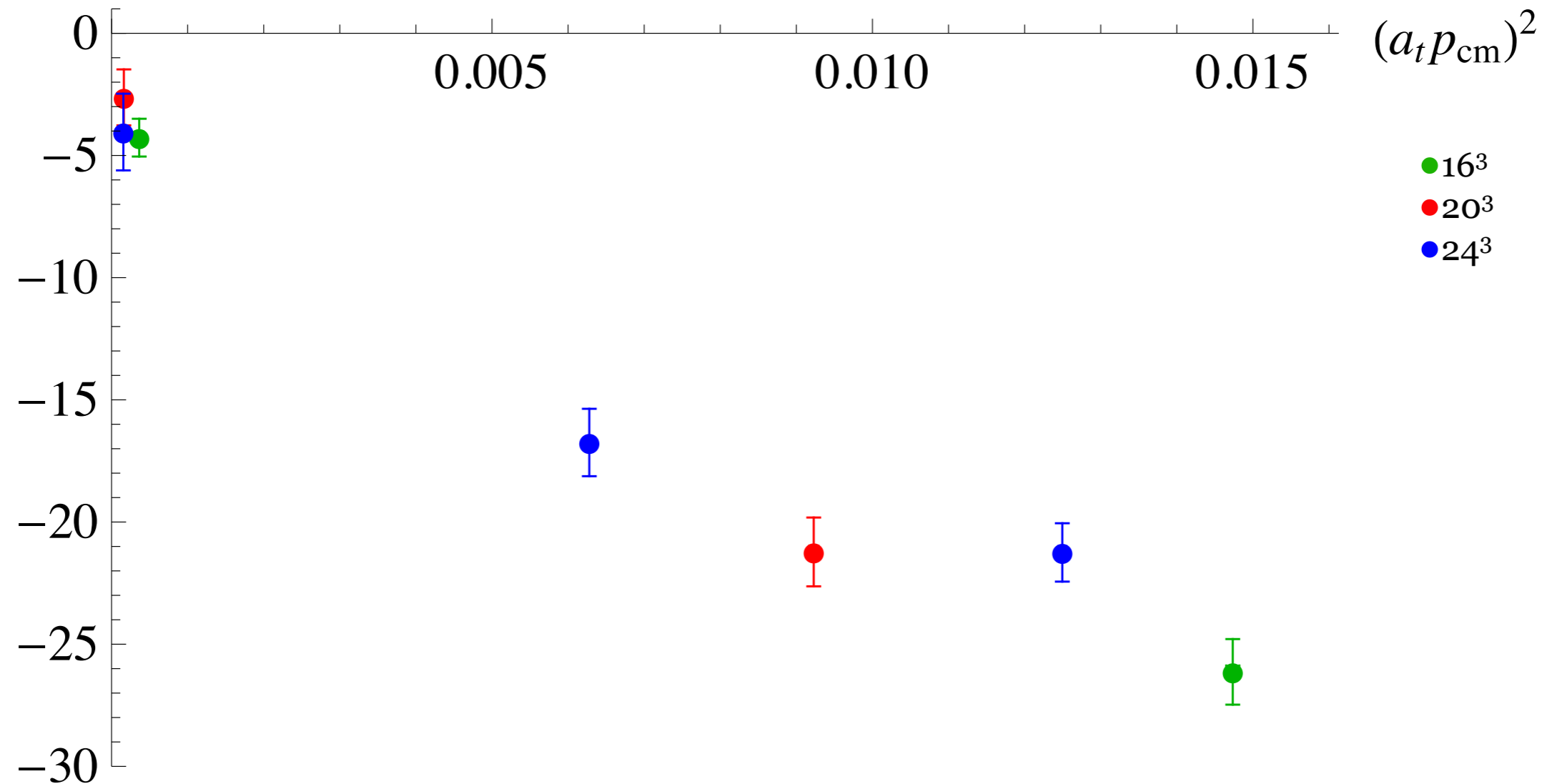
⇒ Begin by neglecting higher waves, start with S-wave.

Use Lüscher method and its extensions to moving frames and unequal mass systems to relate the shifts in the Lattice energies due to interactions to the phases.

$I=3/2$ S -wave phase shift

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At rest points only, A_1^+



Phases from A_1^+ irreps from the 3 volumes.

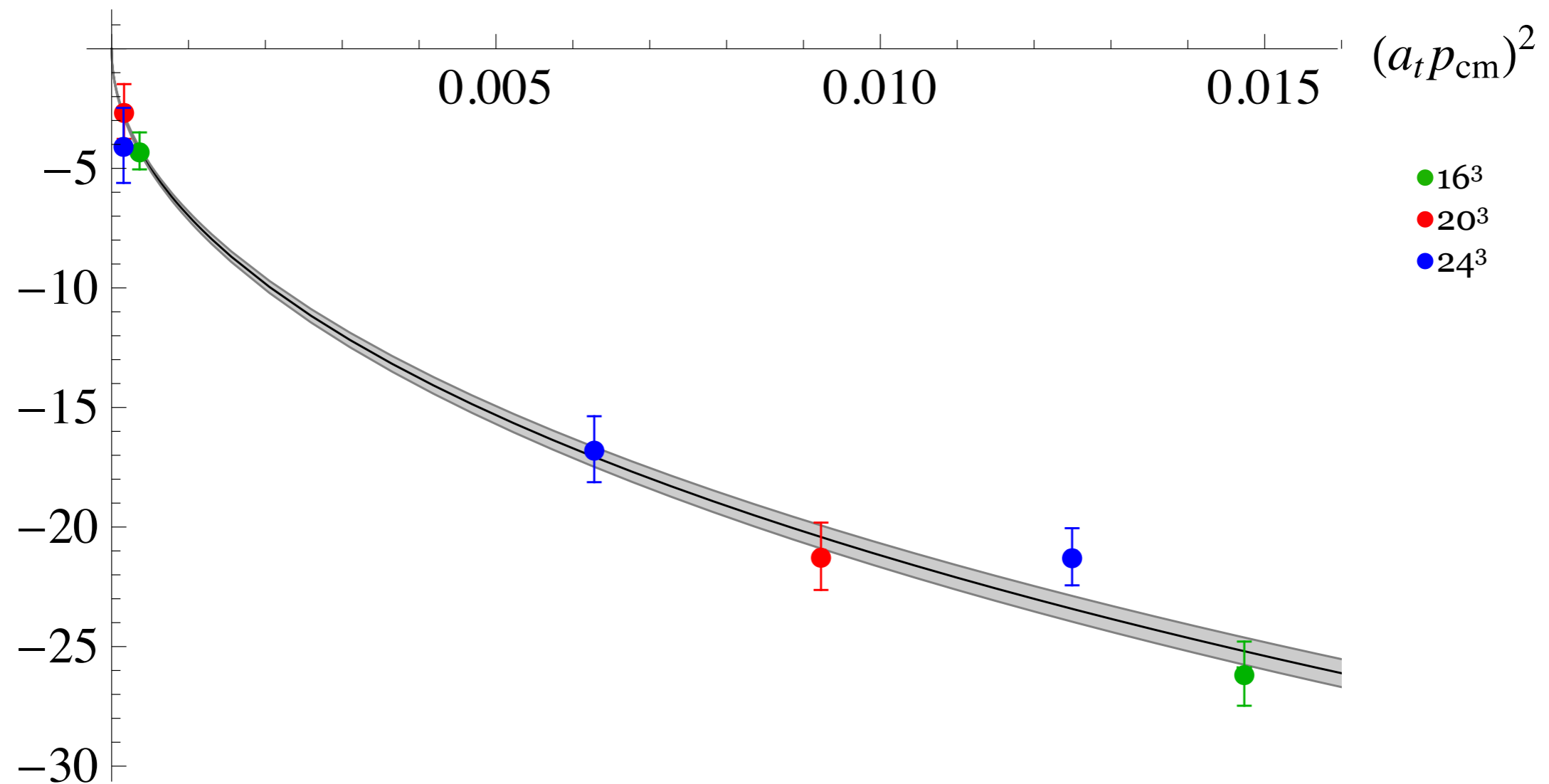
Assuming one channel and only one ($l=0$) partial wave.

At rest there is the least contamination from higher partial waves: Only $l=0, 4, \dots$ in A_1^+

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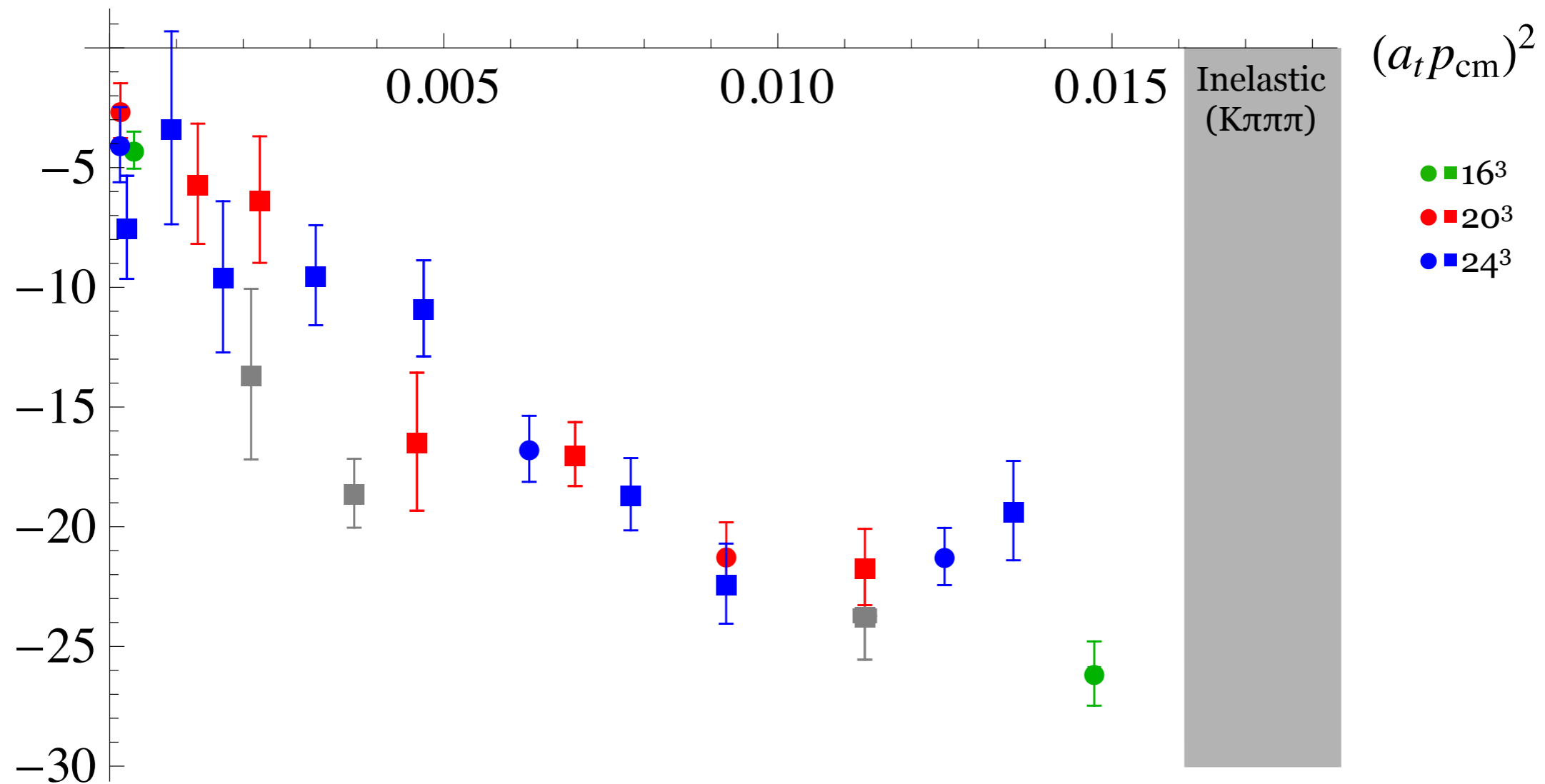


One parameter fit: $a_{l=0} = -3.88 \pm 0.10 a_t$
 $\chi^2/N_{\text{dof}} = 12.1/6$

$I=3/2$ S -wave phase shift

Preliminary!

Add moving frame states:

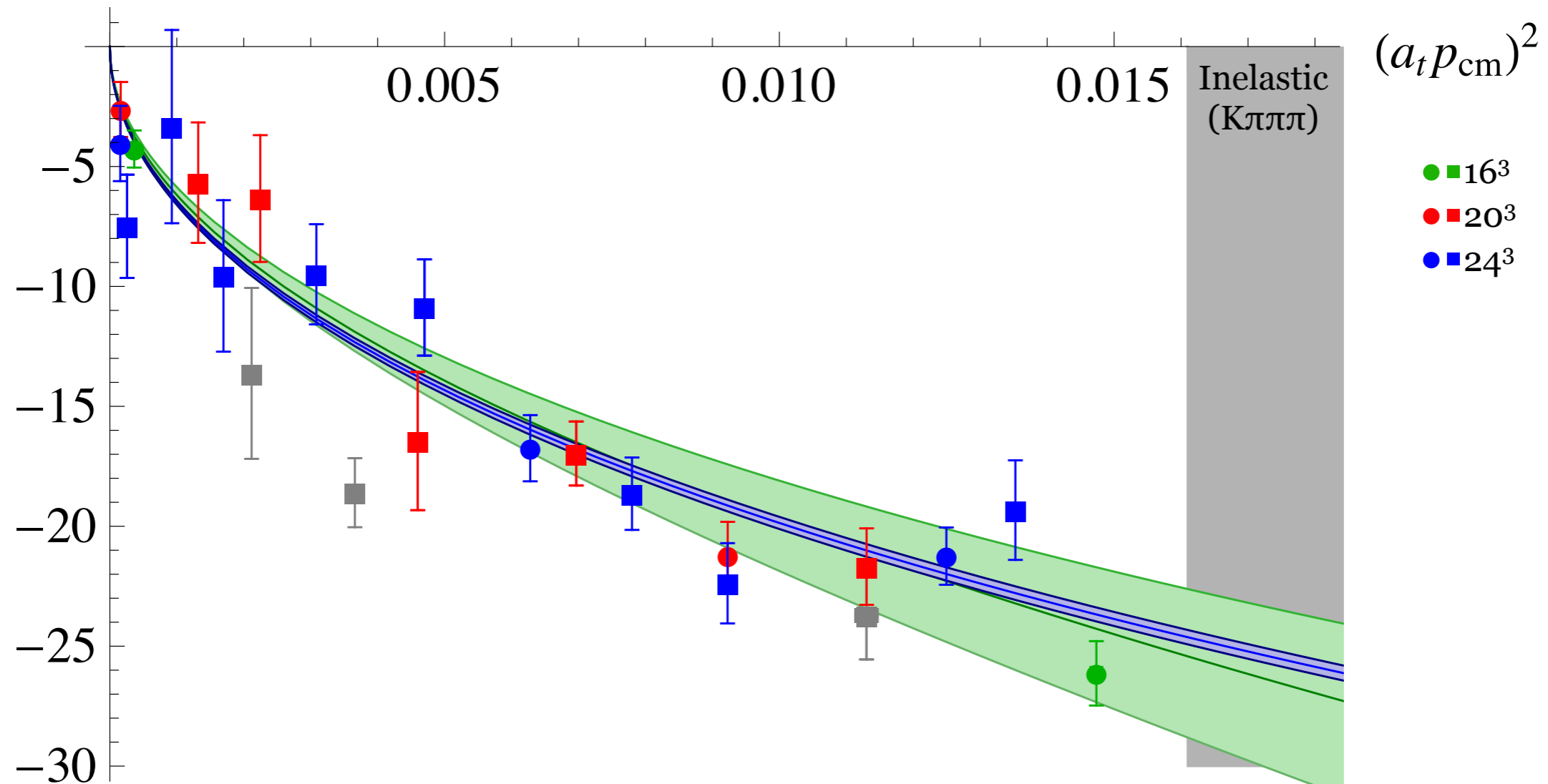


All A_1 irreps: lowest partial wave is $l=0$, but all others are present in flight.

$I=3/2$ S -wave phase shift

Preliminary!

Effective range and scattering length fits:



Scattering length fit (blue): $a_{l=0} = (-3.62 \pm 0.05) a_t$ with $\chi^2/N_{\text{dof}} = 33.2/20$

Effective range fit (green): $a_{l=0} = (-3.41 \pm 0.17) a_t$

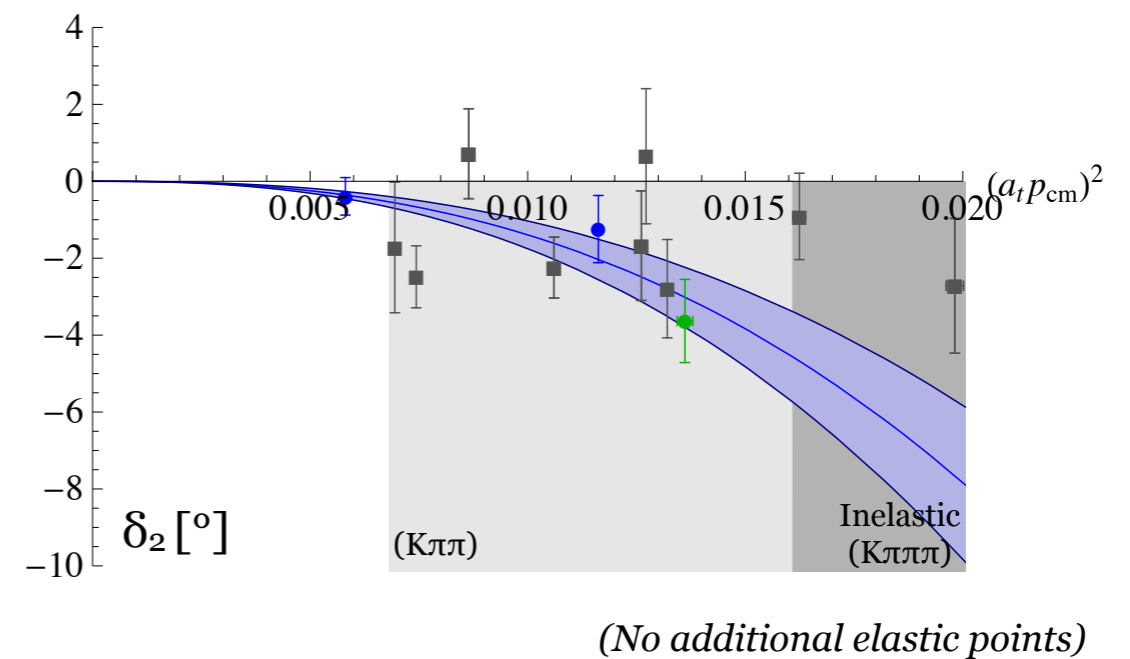
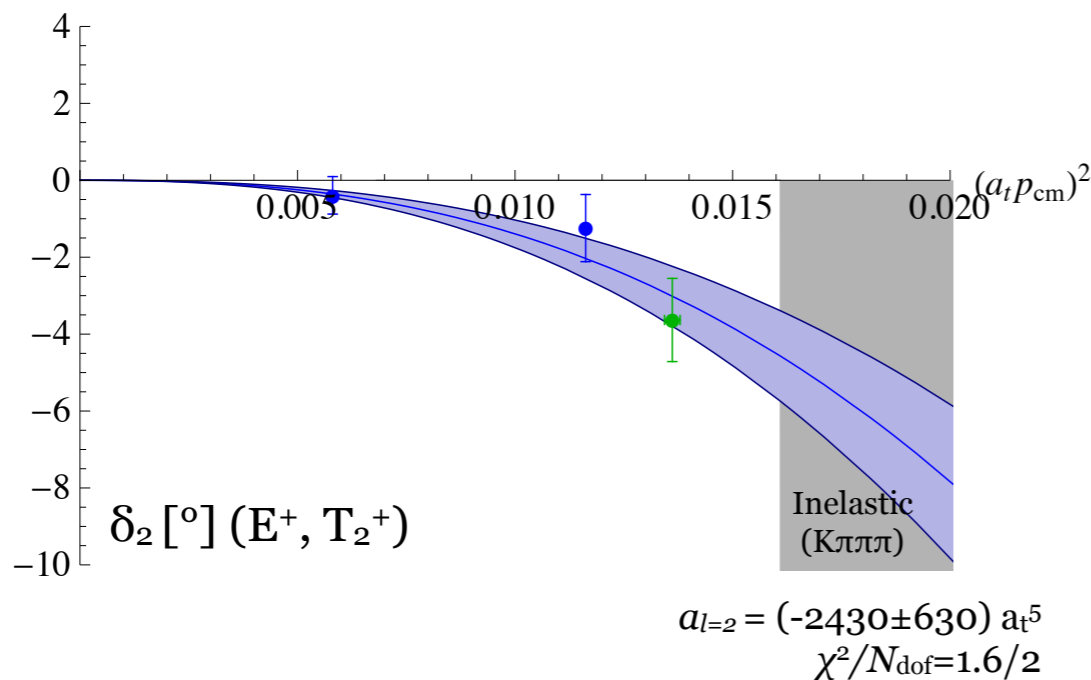
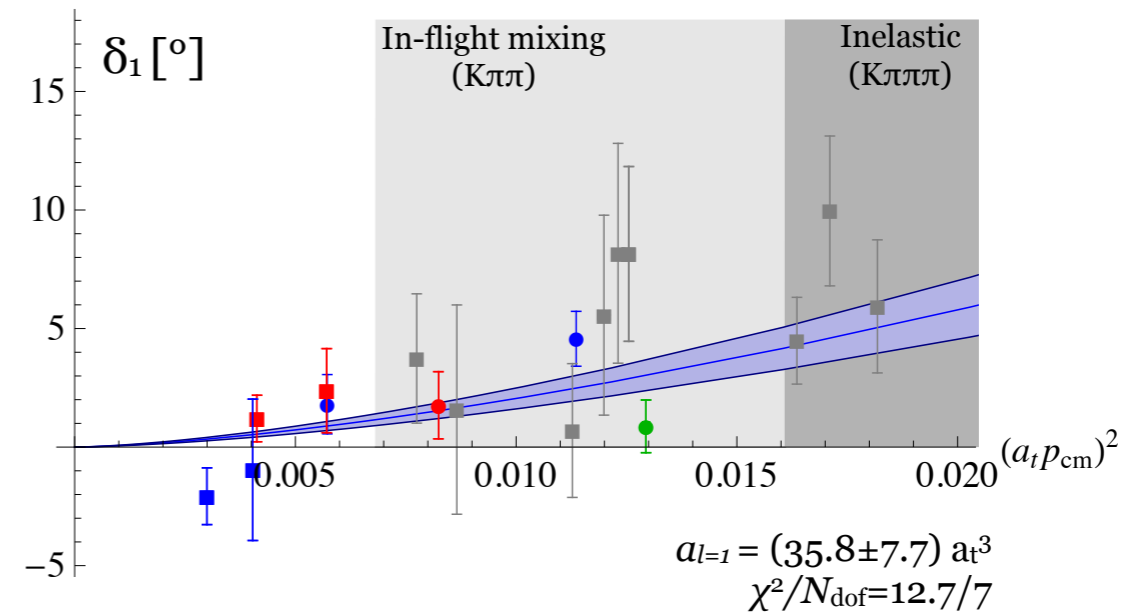
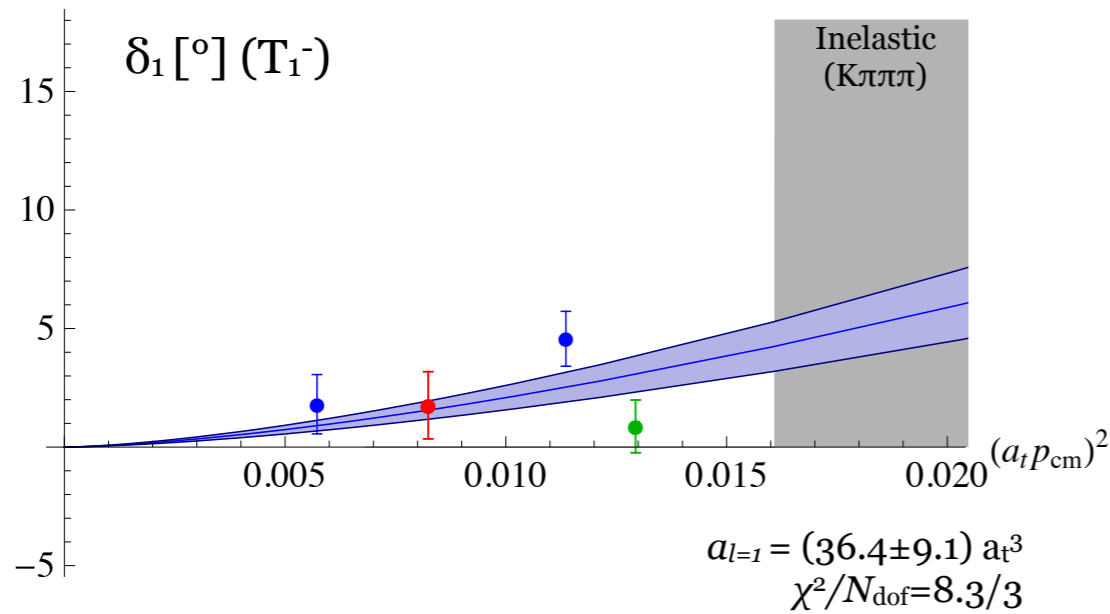
$r_{l=0} = (-3.26 \pm 2.71) a_t$ with $\chi^2/N_{\text{dof}} = 31.8/19$ and correlation matrix: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.97 \\ 0.97 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

I=3/2 Higher waves

Preliminary!

Use the same method:
Neglect higher waves.
Use only irreps where the partial wave of interest is the lowest.

● 16³
● 20³
● 24³



(Circles from irreps at rest; Squares in flight)

I=3/2 Global fit

Preliminary!

Fit all states simultaneously

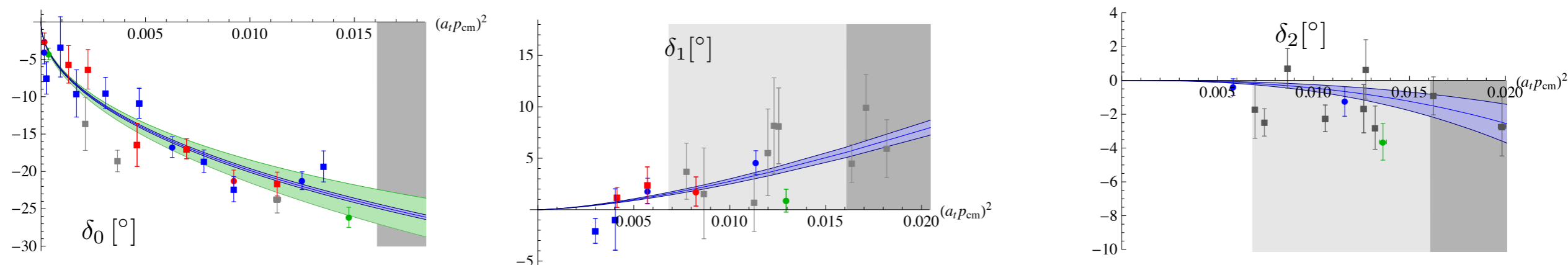
In $\text{Dic}_4 A_1$ $p=[100]$ the helicity 0 parts of the $l=1, 2$ waves have a component.

In $\text{Dic}_4 E_2$ $p=[100]$ helicities 1, 3 appear and the helicity 1 part of the $l=2$ wave may appear.

In $\text{Dic}_2 A_1$ $p=[110]$ there are helicities 0, 2, 4 and the helicity 0 parts of the $l=1, 2$ waves appear.

In this system, these extra components appear to be small: very little correlation between fit parameters.

(only lattice states corresponding to coloured points are included in the fit)



$$a_{l=0} = (-3.62 \pm 0.04) a_t$$

$$a_{l=1} = (47.9 \pm 3.2) a_t^3$$

$$a_{l=2} = (-783 \pm 386) a_t^5$$

$$1 \quad 0.06 \quad 0.05$$

$$0.06 \quad 1 \quad -0.05$$

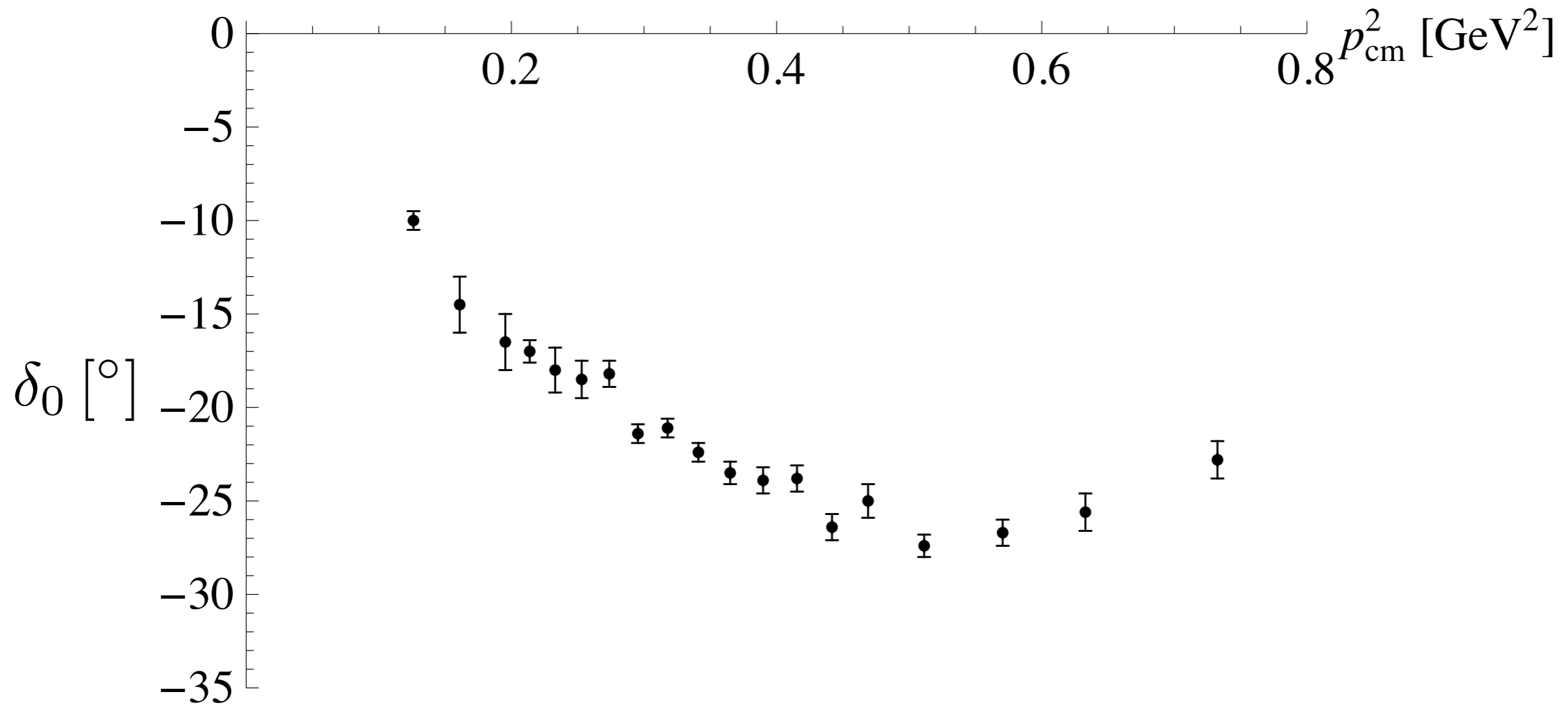
$$0.05 \quad -0.05 \quad 1$$

$$\chi^2/N_{\text{dof}} = 41.6/28$$

(Expected near-threshold behaviour: $\delta_3 < \delta_2 < 4^\circ$ in region of interest.)

Experimental Comparison

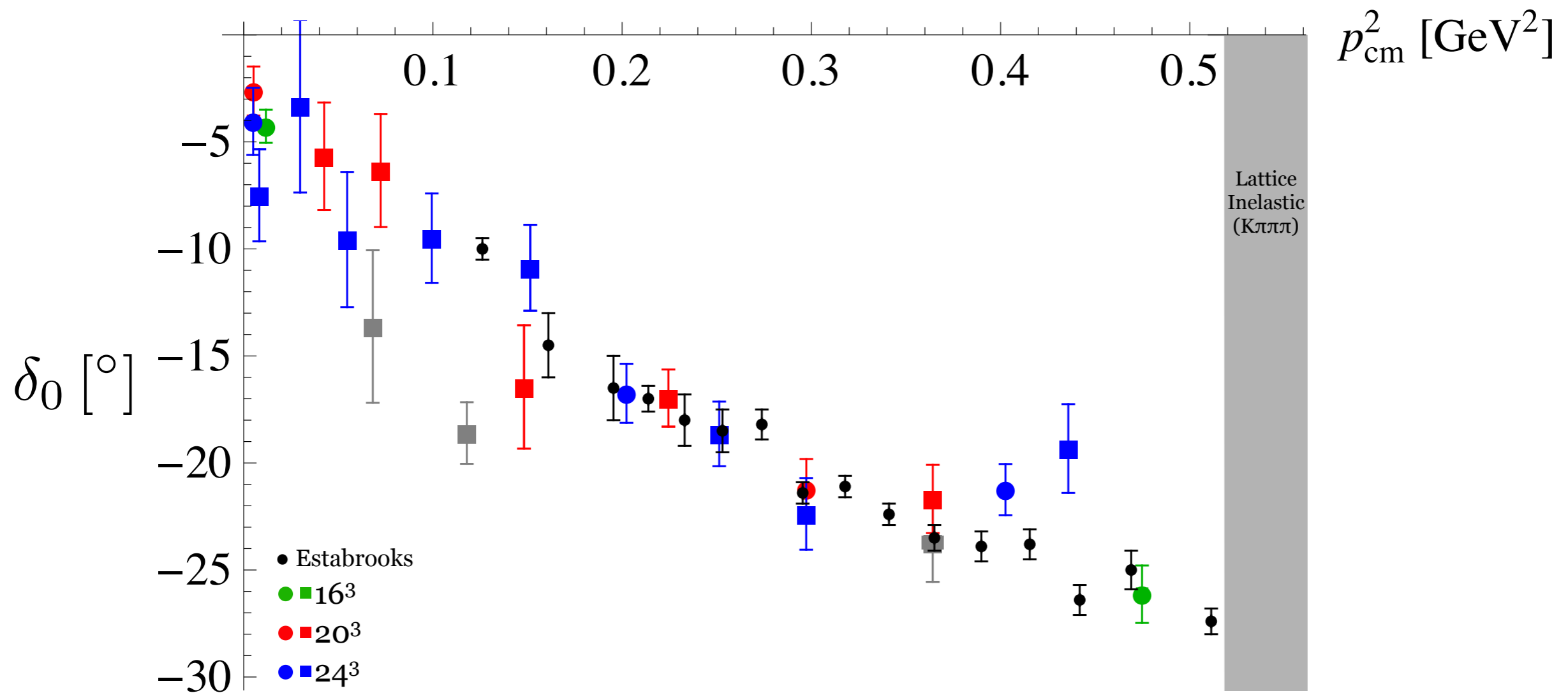
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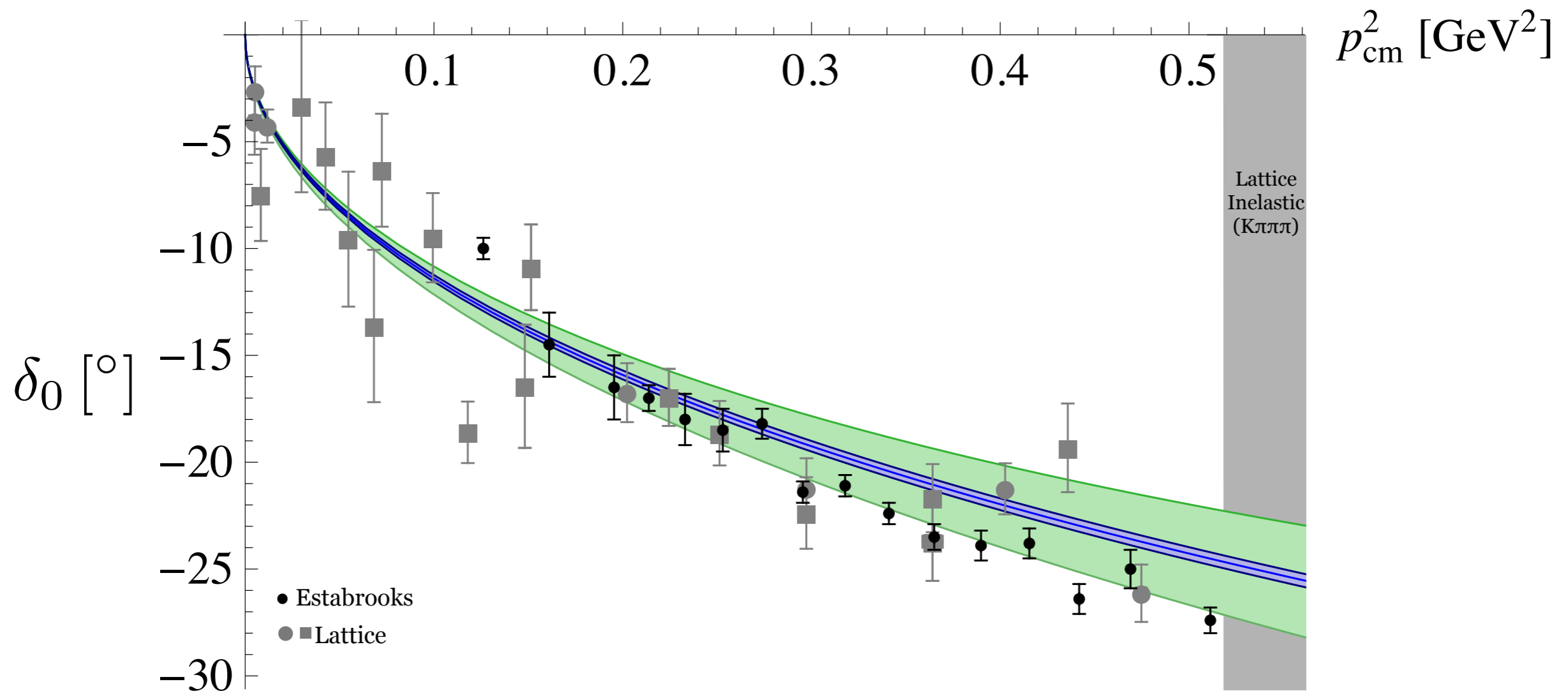
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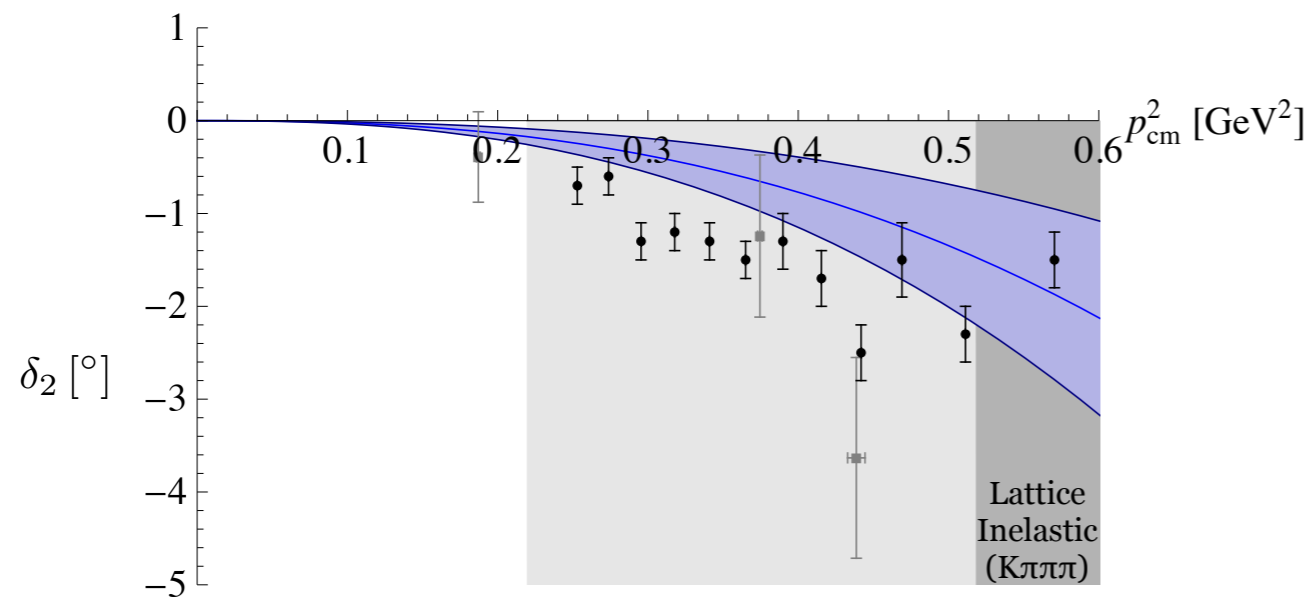
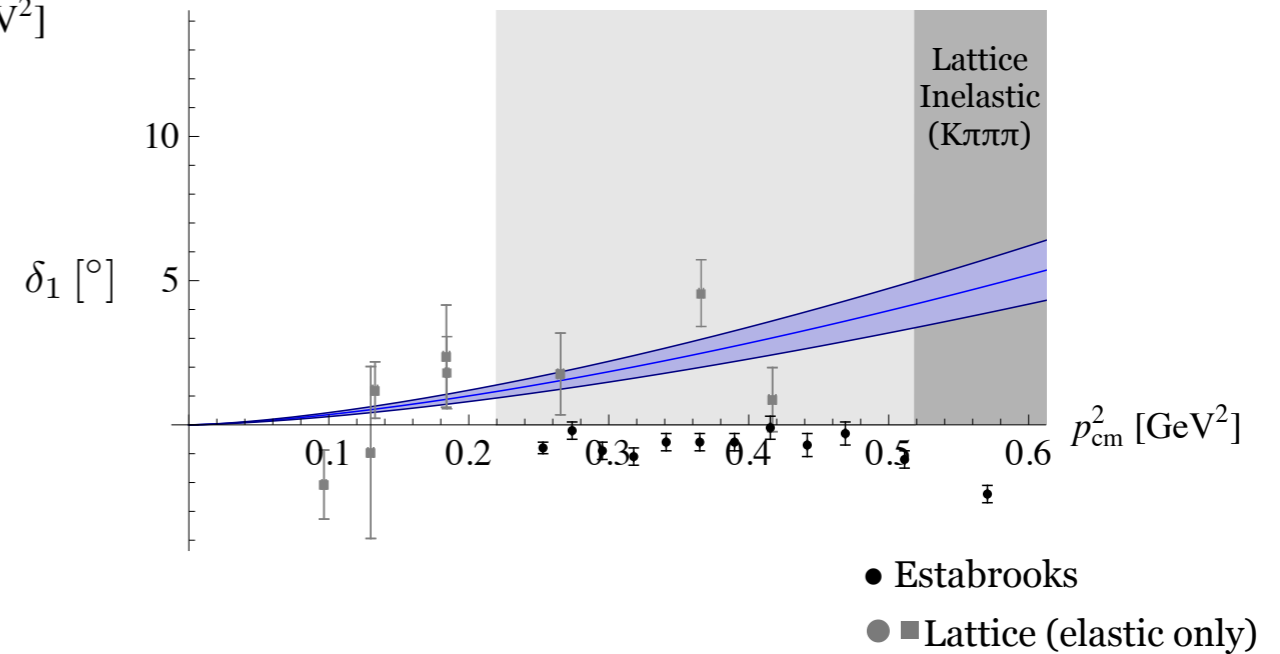
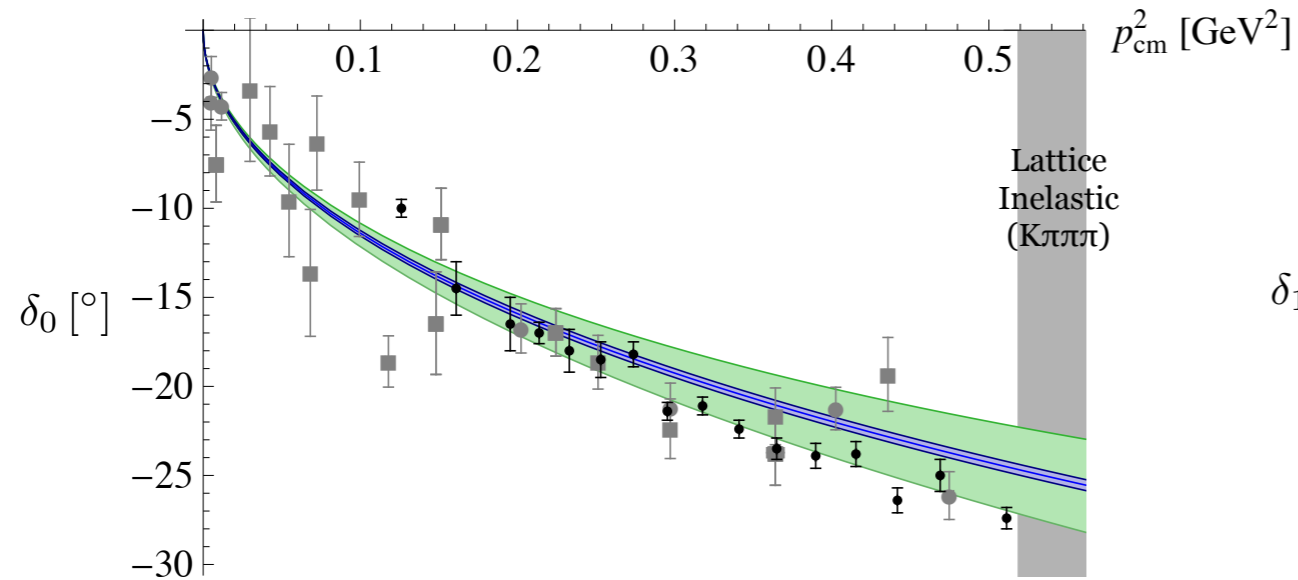
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- Experimental from Estabrooks *et al* 1978.
- Fits performed to extracted Lattice energies.
- 3 partial wave effective range parameterisation with finite volume energies calculated from the Lüscher method.



Important differences:

Scattering particles have different masses:

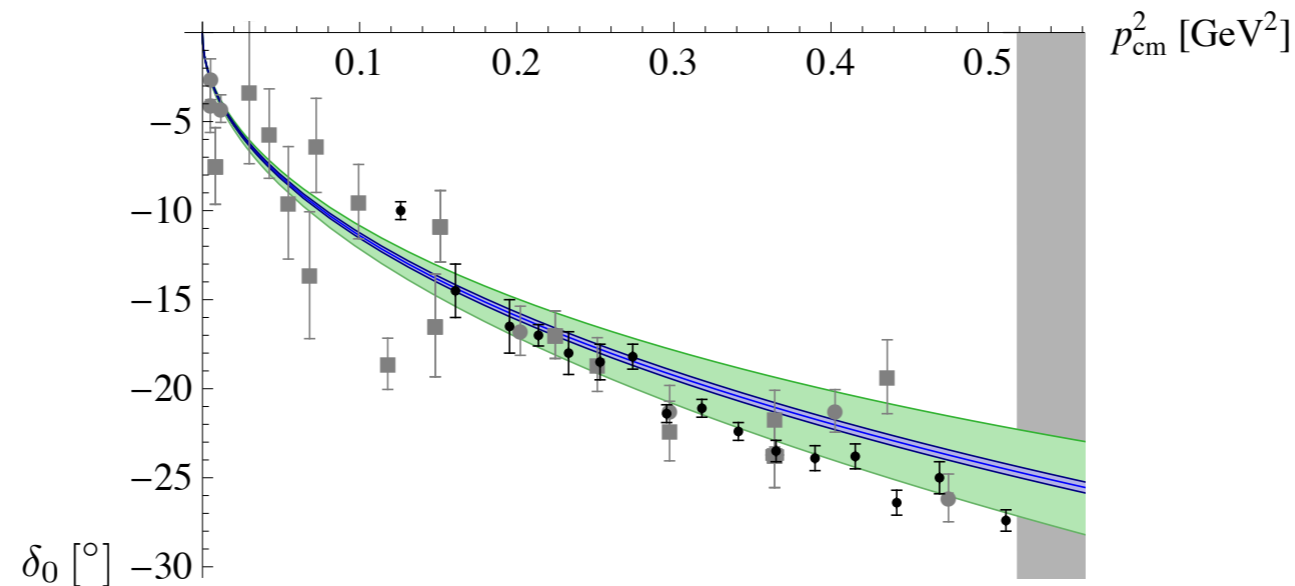
~392 vs. 139 MeV

Inelastic thresholds are very different:

$3m_\pi + m_K$ threshold:

Physical: $p_{\text{cm}}^2 = 0.09 \text{ GeV}^2$.

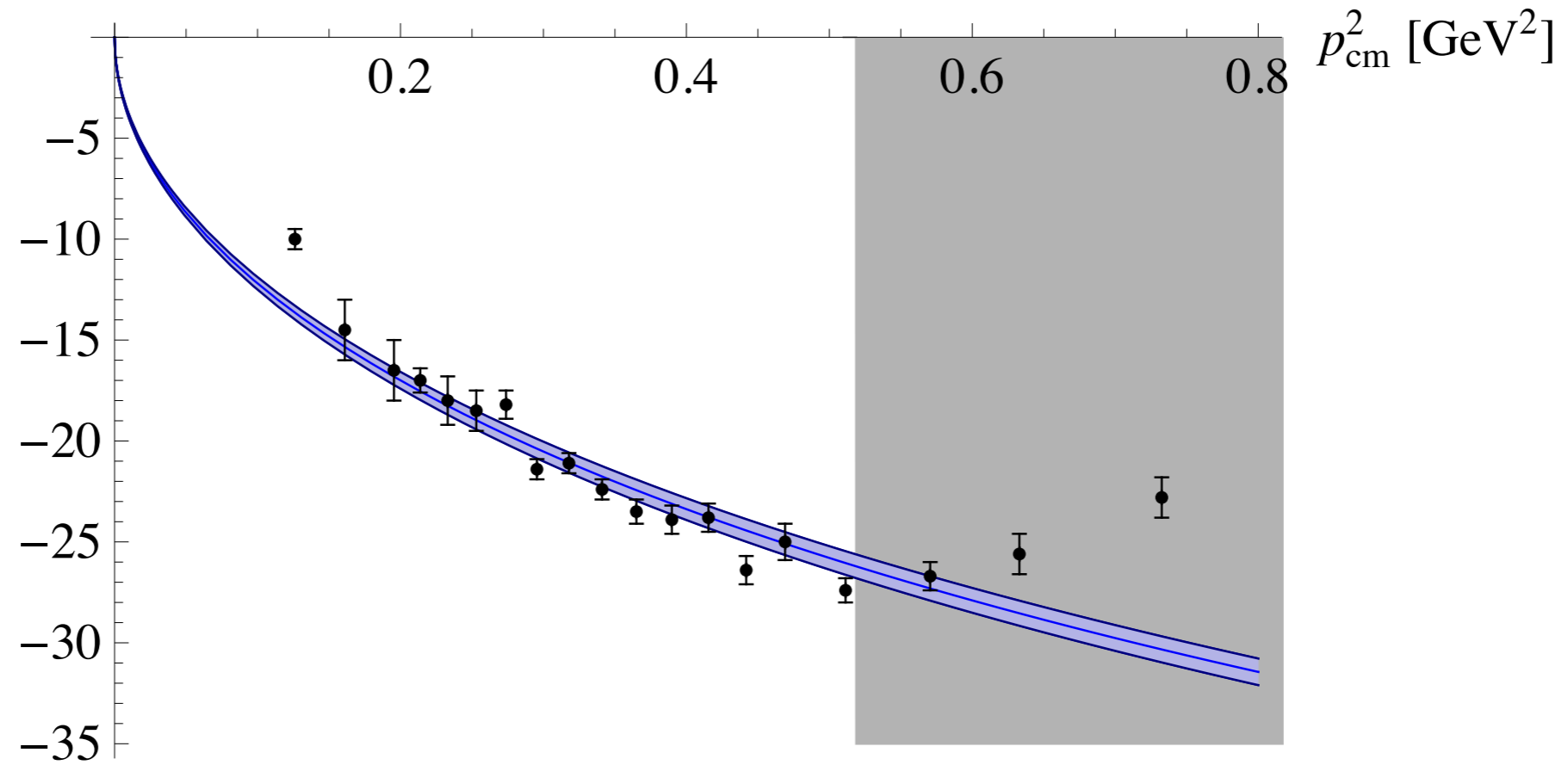
Lattice: $p_{\text{cm}}^2 = 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$.



- We extracted lattice energies and corresponding phase shifts for $I=3/2$ $K\pi$ scattering at $m_K \approx 550$ MeV and $m_\pi \approx 392$ MeV in three different volumes around 2.5fm.
- We used a variational basis of products of projected meson operators which allows fine energy resolution.
- The S-wave phase is close to the experimental data, despite quark mass differences.
- Analysis of the associated and potentially more interesting $I=1/2$ data is underway.

Extra slides

At rest effective range and Estabrooks data

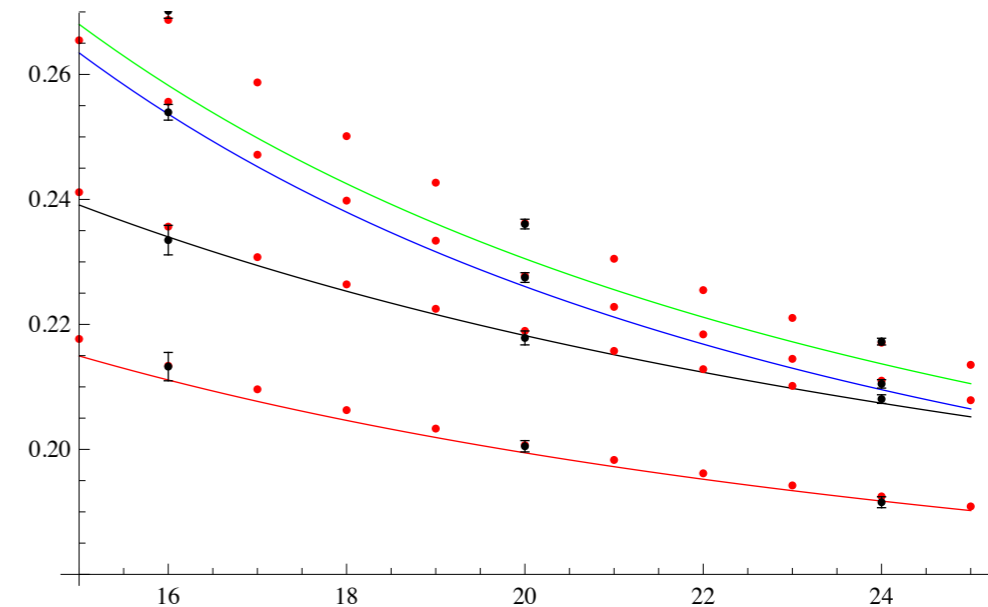
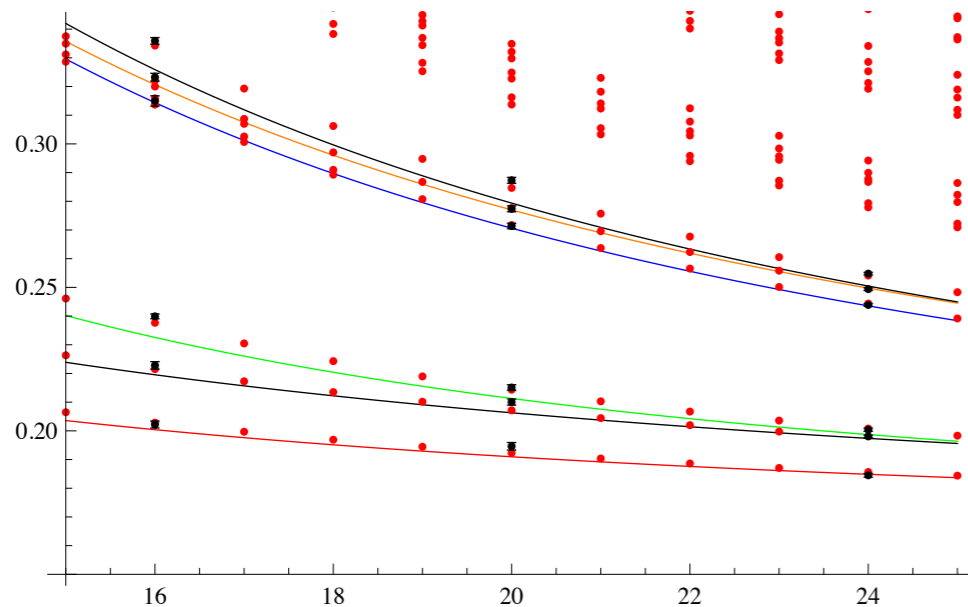
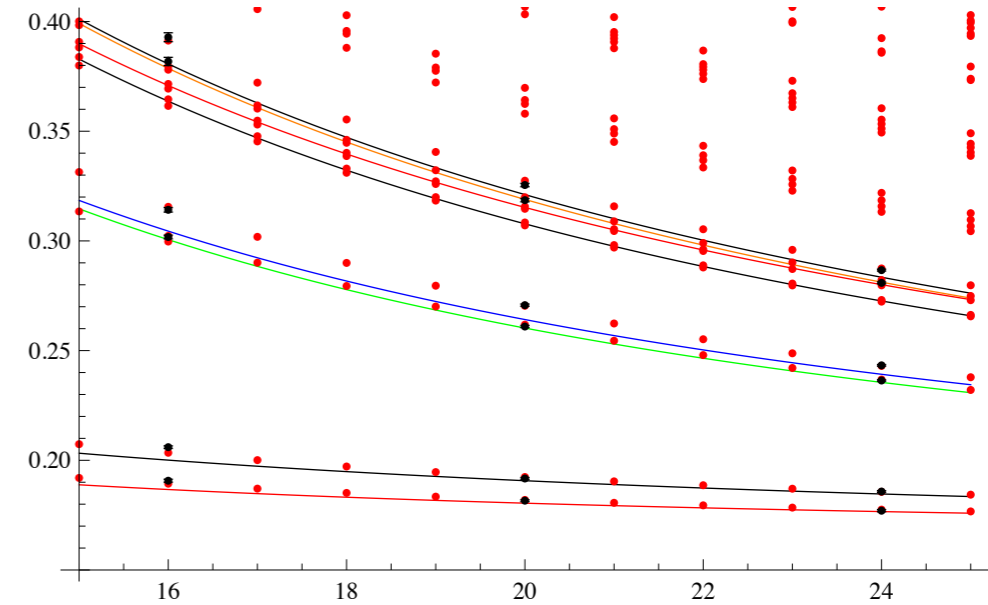
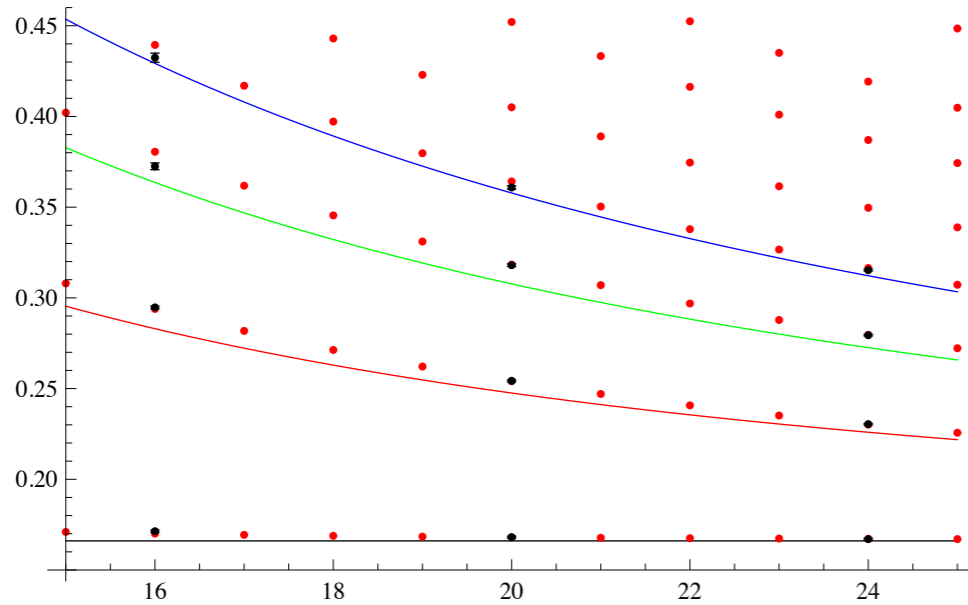


Working backwards

Multiple partial wave fit: Define interaction model of individual waves.

Interaction Model \Rightarrow Lüscher's Method \Rightarrow Model Finite Volume Energy Spectrum

Fit model parameters by minimising difference between extracted energies and model energies.



Partial wave contributions in each irrep

\vec{P}	$\text{LG}(\vec{P})$	Λ	$J^P(\vec{P}=0)$ $ \lambda ^{(\tilde{\eta})}(\vec{P}\neq 0)$	$(K\pi) \ell^N$
[0, 0, 0]	O_h^D	A_1^+	$0^+, 4^+$	$0^1, 4^1$
		T_1^-	$1^-, 3^-, (4^-)$	$1^1, 3^1$
		T_1^+	$(1^+), (3^+), 4^+$	4^1
		T_2^-	$(2^-), 3^-, (4^-)$	3^1
		T_2^+	$2^+, (3^+), 4^+$	$2^1, 4^1$
		E^+	$2^+, 4^+$	$2^1, 4^1$
		A_2^-	3^-	3^1
[0, 0, n]	Dic_4	A_1	$0^+, 4$	$0^1, 1^1, 2^1, 3^1, 4^2$
		A_2	$(0^-), 4$	4^1
		E_2	$1, 3$	$1^1, 2^1, 3^2, 4^2$
		B_1	2	$2^1, 3^1, 4^1$
		B_2	2	$2^1, 3^1, 4^1$
[0, n, n]	Dic_2	A_1	$0^+, 2, 4$	$0^1, 1^1, 2^2, 3^2, 4^3$
		A_2	$(0^-), 2, 4$	$2^1, 3^1, 4^2$
		B_1	$1, 3$	$1^1, 2^1, 3^2, 4^2$
		B_2	$1, 3$	$1^1, 2^1, 3^2, 4^2$
[n, n, n]	Dic_3	A_1	$0^+, 3$	$0^1, 1^1, 2^1, 3^2, 4^2$
		A_2	$(0^-), 3$	$3^1, 4^1$
		E_2	$1, 2, 4$	$1^1, 2^2, 3^2, 4^3$

Table 2: The separation of $K\pi$ spins, helicities and partial waves in each lattice irrep, with $J \leq 4$. The first three columns are taken from Refs. [13, 8, 7]. The final column is derived by considering how the helicity components are projected on each ℓ . The brackets around (J^P) denote a J^P at rest that does not contribute to elastic $K\pi$ scattering (e.g. $0^-, 1^+, 2^-, \dots$) and also $|\lambda|^{\tilde{\eta}} = 0^-$.