# What is a Resonance?

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Or: Why parents love their children best, and other thoughts...

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## Outline

- Resonance Basics
- Scattering-Theory Basics for Narrow Structures
- Approximations
- Elementary vs. Dynamical Resonances
- Can one define an interface between quark and hadronic models at the level of bare masses and bare vertices? [A: Not without a lot of work.]
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- Will ignore last item because it cannot be treated generically. Caveat: Its experimental manifestation may lead to erroneous phenomenological pole-type description.



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### **Resonance Basics** — Narrow Resonance

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#### However:

IF T varies rapidly across the width of  $\phi(\mathbf{p})$ , then

$$\Psi_{\rm sc}(\mathbf{r},t) \neq \frac{T}{r} \int d^3 p \, \phi(\mathbf{p}) \, \mathrm{e}^{i(pr-E_p t)} \qquad \text{and} \qquad \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \neq |T|^2$$

Usual scattering-theoretical relations do not apply.

**Needed:** Correct theoretical description of narrow structures.









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Same mechanisms as in hadronic reaction.

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- It is relatively easy and straightforward to fix the gauge-invariance problem in any approximation. HH, Nakayama, Krewald, PRC 74, 045202 (2006)

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If things go wrong, oftentimes model builders are too quick to look for alternative physical mechanisms instead of blaming the deficiencies of their models.

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Quark dynamics  $\implies$  Bare hadronic vertex  $\implies$  Elementary resonance

### **Elementary Resonances and Hadron-Dynamical Models**



Hadron-Dynamical Model

### **Elementary Resonances and Constituent Quark Models**



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Optical potential

Schematic connection between guark-model calculations (top two boxes on the left) and field-theory-inspired hadrondynamical models (top two boxes on the right). Both guarkmodels with explicit hadron degrees of freedom and hadrondynamical models can be used to directly extract resonancepole parameters (masses and widths). The experimental data are linked to these parameters via partial-wave analyses. The lines labeled 1-4, taken by themselves, describe an approach where there is no feedback between the hadronic dynamics that link to the data and the quark model. The feedback mechanism enters via lines 6 and 8: Line 6 supplies the optical potential into the quark model which may then be used to calculate the physical resonance-pole parameters directly. Comparison of the corresponding values obtained via the hadronic or guark routes 3 or 7, respectively, provide a feedback that, via line 8, can be used to improve, along line 1, the bare input for the hadronic approach.

### **Elementary Resonances — Self-Consistency**







- Self-consistency scheme very elaborate
- Presumably not very practical
- Serves only to show that idea of *defining* an interface between CQM and hadronic models without any correction mechanism is ill-advised

### Summary

- There are many structures dynamical or otherwise that produce signatures usually attributed to resonant behavior.
- For a truly resonant state one should establish that there is a (positive) time delay, i.e., that the reacting particles spend an enhanced period of time in the interaction region.
- For narrow structures with  $\Delta E \gtrsim \Gamma$ , the basics of scattering theory need to be revisited.
- Model builders need to be more critical of their own models when assessing the physical consequences of their findings.
- Whether poles of *T* or *S*-matrices are elementary or dynamic in origin cannot be unambiguously decided at the phenomenological level.
- Bare input for hadron-dynamical models cannot be directly related to quark constituent models. (At least not without a *lot* of work.)

# Thank You!