

# Hadron physics in the Dyson-Schwinger approach

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# Motivation

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**Goal:** compute **hadron properties** (ground state & excitations, form factors, scattering amplitudes, etc.) from **quark-gluon substructure in QCD**.

## QCD's Green functions $\leftrightarrow$ “Dyson-Schwinger approach”:

Nonperturbative, covariant, low and high energies, light and heavy quarks. But: **truncations!**

- **Baryon spectroscopy** from three-body Faddeev equation [GE, Alkofer, Krassnigg, Nicmorus, PRL 104 \(2010\)](#)
- **Elastic & transition form factors** for  $N$  and  $\Delta$  [GE, PRD 84 \(2011\)](#); [GE, Fischer, EPJ A48 \(2012\)](#); [GE, Nicmorus, PRD 85 \(2012\)](#); [Sanchis-Alepuz et al., PRD 87 \(2013\)](#), ...
- **Tetraquark** interpretation for  $\sigma$  meson [Heupel, GE, Fischer, PLB 718 \(2012\)](#)
- **Compton scattering** [GE, Fischer, PRD 85 \(2012\)](#) & [PRD 87 \(2013\)](#)

## Here:

- $N \rightarrow \Delta\gamma$  transition
- Microscopic coupling of quark to  $\gamma$  and  $\rho$ , vector-meson dominance?
- Timelike form factors?
- Compton scattering (also: blueprint for meson electroproduction and  $N\pi$  scattering)

# Dyson-Schwinger equations

**QCD Lagrangian:**  
quarks, gluons (+ ghosts)

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}(x) (i\not{\partial} + g\not{A} - M) \psi(x) - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F_a^{\mu\nu}$$

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• **Gluon self-interactions, ghosts, . . .**

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- **Truncation**  $\Rightarrow$  closed system, solveable.  
• Ansätze for Green functions that are **not** solved (based on pQCD, lattice, FRG, ...)

- **Applications:**  
• Origin of confinement,  
• QCD phase diagram,  
• **Hadron physics**



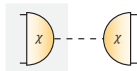
# Hadrons: poles in Green functions

- **Quark four-point function:**

$$\langle 0 | T \psi(x_1) \bar{\psi}(x_2) \psi(x_3) \bar{\psi}(x_4) | 0 \rangle$$



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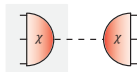
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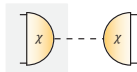
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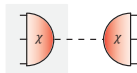
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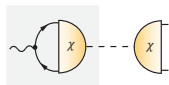
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- Quark-antiquark vertices:** (Currents:  $J^\mu = \bar{\psi} \Gamma^\mu \psi$ )

$$\langle 0 | T J^\mu(x) \psi(x_1) \bar{\psi}(x_2) | 0 \rangle$$



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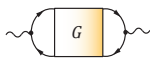
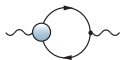
- Decay constant:**

$$\langle 0 | J^\mu | H \rangle$$

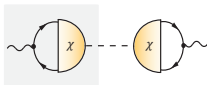
Quark-photon vertex  
has  $\rho$ -meson poles:  
'vector-meson dominance'

- Current correlators:**

$$\langle 0 | T J^\mu(x) J^\nu(y) | 0 \rangle$$



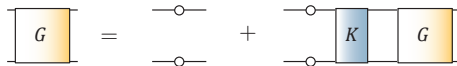
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( $\rightarrow$  Lattice QCD)

# Bethe-Salpeter equations

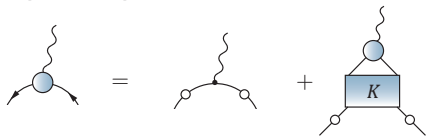
- Inhomogeneous BSE for **quark four-point function**:



- Homogeneous BSE for **bound-state wave function**:



- Inhomogeneous BSE for **quark-antiquark vertices**:



Analogy: geometric series

$$f(x) = 1 + xf(x) \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$|x| < 1 \Rightarrow f(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots$$

## What's the kernel K?

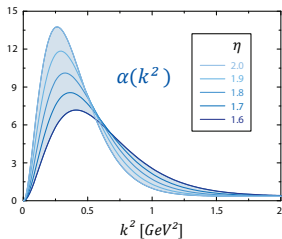
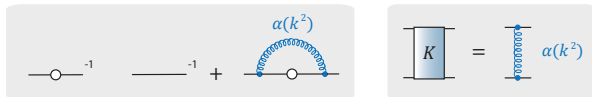
Related to Green functions via **symmetries**: CVC, PCAC  
 $\Rightarrow$  vector, axialvector WTIs

Relate **K** with quark propagator and quark-gluon vertex



# Structure of the kernel

**Rainbow-ladder:** tree-level vertex + effective coupling



Ansatz for effective coupling:

Maris, Roberts, Tandy, PRC 56 (1997), PRC 60 (1999)

$$\alpha(k^2) = \alpha_{\text{IR}}\left(\frac{k^2}{\Lambda^2}, \eta\right) + \alpha_{\text{UV}}(k^2)$$

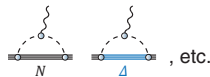
Adjust infrared scale  $\Lambda$  to physical observable,  
keep width  $\eta$  as parameter

✓ **DCSB, CVC, PCAC**

- ⇒ mass generation
- ⇒ Goldstone theorem, massless pion in  $\chi\text{L}$
- ⇒ em. current conservation
- ⇒ Goldberger-Treiman

⚡ **No pion cloud,**

no flavor dependence,  
no  $U_A(1)$  anomaly, no  
dynamical decay widths



**Pion cloud:**

need infinite summation  
of t-channel gluons

# Mesons

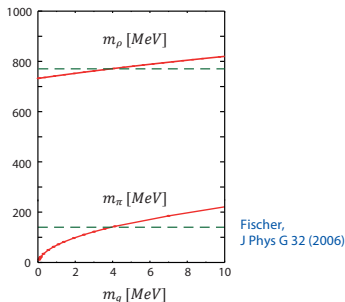
- Pseudoscalar & vector mesons:**

rainbow-ladder is good.

Masses, form factors, decays,  
 $\pi\pi$  scattering lengths, PDFs

Maris, Roberts, Tandy, PRC 56 (1997), PRC 60 (1999);  
 Bashir et al., Commun.Theor. Phys.58 (2012)

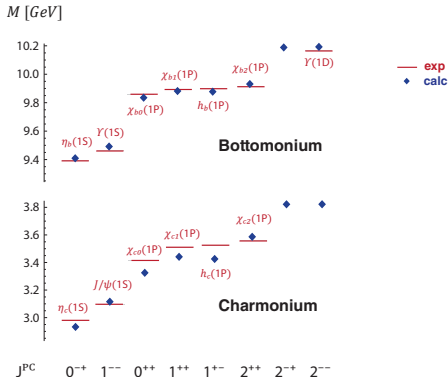
Pion is Goldstone boson,  
 satisfies GMOR:  $m_\pi^2 \sim m_q$



- Need to go **beyond rainbow-ladder** for excited, scalar, axialvector mesons,  $\eta$ - $\eta'$ , etc.

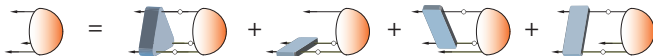
Fischer, Williams & Chang, Roberts, PRL 103 (2009)  
 Alkofer et al., EPJ A38 (2008), Bhagwat et al., PRC 76 (2007)

- Heavy mesons** Blank, Krassnigg, PRD 84 (2011)



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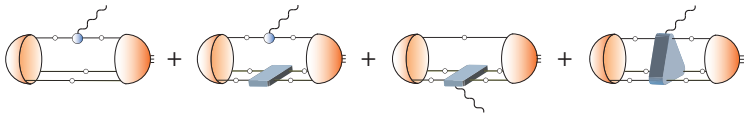
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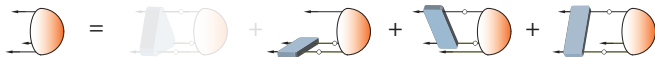
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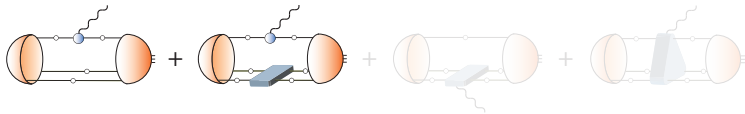
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# Faddeev wave function

$s$	$l$	$T_{ij}$	
1/2	0	$\mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1}$	s waves (8)
1/2	0	$\gamma_T^\mu \otimes \gamma_T^\mu$	
1/2	1	$\mathbb{1} \otimes \frac{1}{2} [\not{p}, \not{q}]$	p waves (36)
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3/2	1	$3(\not{p} \otimes \not{q} - \not{q} \otimes \not{p}) - \gamma_T^\mu \otimes \gamma_T^\mu [\not{p}, \not{q}]$	
3/2	1	$3\not{p} \otimes \mathbb{1} - \gamma_T^\mu \otimes \gamma_T^\mu \not{p}$	
3/2	1	$3\not{q} \otimes \mathbb{1} - \gamma_T^\mu \otimes \gamma_T^\mu \not{q}$	
3/2	2	$3\not{p} \otimes \not{p} - \gamma_T^\mu \otimes \gamma_T^\mu$	d waves (20)
3/2	2	$\not{p} \otimes \not{p} + 2\not{q} \otimes \not{q} - \gamma_T^\mu \otimes \gamma_T^\mu$	
3/2	2	$\not{p} \otimes \not{q} + \not{q} \otimes \not{p}$	
3/2	2	$\not{q} \otimes [\not{q}, \not{p}] - \frac{1}{2} \gamma_T^\mu \otimes [\gamma_T^\mu, \not{p}]$	
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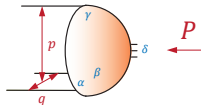
$$\chi(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \langle 0 | T \psi(x_1) \psi(x_2) \psi(x_3) | N \rangle$$

## Momentum space:

Jacobi coordinates  $p, q, P$

$\Rightarrow$  5 Lorentz invariants

$\Rightarrow$  64 Dirac basis elements



$$\chi(p, q, P) = \sum_k \begin{matrix} f_k(p^2, q^2, p \cdot q, p \cdot P, q \cdot P) & \text{Momentum} \\ \tau_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^k(p, q, P) & \text{Dirac} \otimes \text{Flavor} \otimes \text{Color} \end{matrix}$$

## Complete, orthogonal Dirac tensor basis

(partial-wave decomposition in nucleon rest frame):

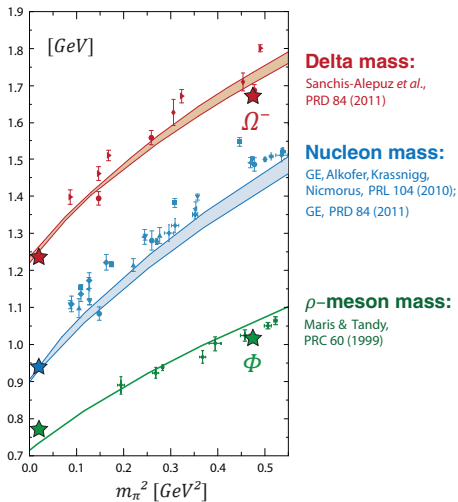
GE, Alkofer, Krassnigg, Nicmorus, PRL 104 (2010)

$$T_{ij}(\Lambda_\pm \gamma_5 C \otimes \Lambda_\pm) \quad (A \otimes B)_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = A_{\alpha\beta} B_{\gamma\delta}$$

$$(\gamma_5 \otimes \gamma_5) T_{ij}(\Lambda_\pm \gamma_5 C \otimes \Lambda_\pm)$$

# Baryon masses

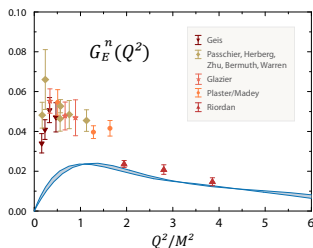
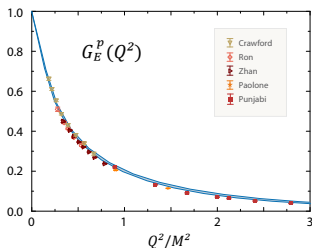
- Good agreement with experiment & lattice. Pion mass is also calculated.
- Same kernel as for mesons, scale set by  $f_\pi$ . Full covariant wave functions, no further parameters or approximations.
- Masses not sensitive to effective interaction.
- **Di-quark clustering in baryons:** similar results in quark-diquark approach  
Oettel, Alkofer, von Smekal, EPJ A8 (2000)  
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- **Excited baryons** (e.g. Roper): also quark-diquark structure?



# Electromagnetic form factors

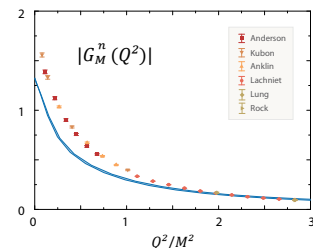
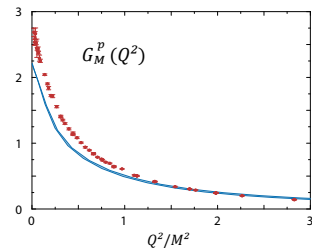
## Nucleon em. FFs vs. momentum transfer GE, PRD 84 (2011)

- Agreement with data at larger  $Q^2$  and lattice at larger quark masses



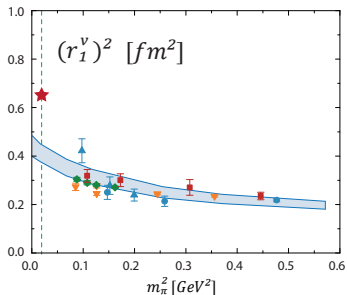
- Missing pion cloud below  $1-2 \text{ GeV}^2$ , in chiral region

~ nucleon quark core without pion effects



## Nucleon charge radii:

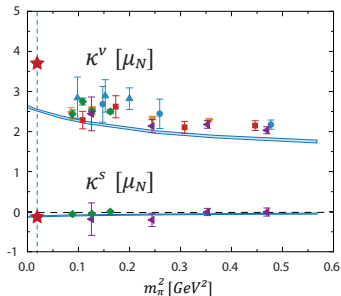
isovector (p-n) Dirac (F1) radius



- **Pion-cloud effects** missing in chiral region ( $\Rightarrow$  divergence!), agreement with lattice at larger quark masses.

## Nucleon magnetic moments:

isovector (p-n), isoscalar (p+n)



- **But:** pion-cloud **cancels** in  $\kappa^s \Leftrightarrow$  quark core

Exp:  $\kappa^s = -0.12$

Calc:  $\kappa^s = -0.12(1)$





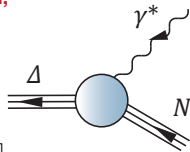
# Nucleon- $\Delta$ - $\gamma$ transition

Electromagnetic transition from **spin-1/2 nucleon** to **spin-3/2  $\Delta$  baryon**,  
e.g. in pion photo- and electroproduction, Compton scattering.

Current matrix element:

$$J^{\mu,\rho}(P, Q) = \mathbb{P}^{\rho\alpha}(P_f) i\gamma_5 \Gamma^{\alpha\mu}(P, Q) \Lambda_+(P_i)$$

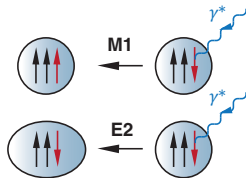
$$\Gamma^{\alpha\mu} = b \left[ \frac{i\omega}{2\lambda_+} (G_M^* - G_E^*) \gamma_5 \varepsilon^{\alpha\mu\gamma\delta} K^\gamma \hat{Q}^\delta - G_E^* T_Q^{\alpha\gamma} T_K^{\gamma\mu} - \frac{i\tau}{\omega} G_C^* \hat{Q}^\alpha K^\mu \right]$$



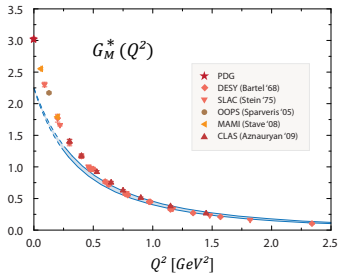
**Jones-Scadron form factors:**

- **Magnetic dipole form factor**  $G_M^*$   
dominant: quark spin flip
- **Electric & Coulomb quadrupole transitions**  $G_E^*, G_C^*$   
small & negative, encode deformation. Ratios:

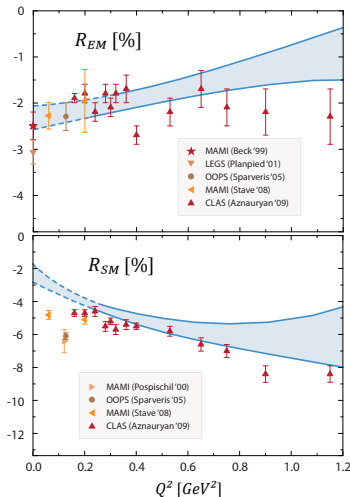
$$R_{EM} = -\frac{G_E^*}{G_M^*}, \quad R_{SM} = -\frac{|Q|}{2M_\Delta} \frac{G_C^*}{G_M^*}$$



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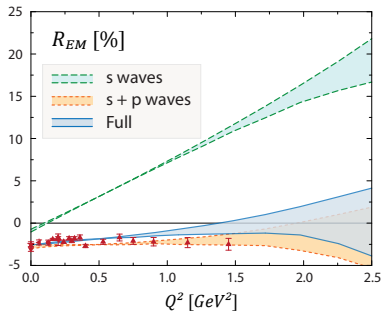


- **Magnetic dipole transition ( $G_M^*$ ) dominant:** quark spin flip (s wave). “Core + 25% pion cloud”
- **Electric & Coulomb quadrupole transitions** small & negative, encode deformation.  
Quark model: need **d waves** or **pion cloud**.  
Perturbative QCD:  $R_{EM} \rightarrow 1$ ,  $R_{SM} \rightarrow \text{const.}$
- Quark-diquark: ratios reproduced w/o pion cloud?!



Eichmann & Nicmorus, PRD 85 (2012)

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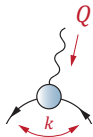
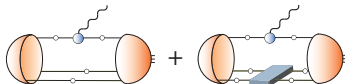


$R_{EM}$  dominated by **p waves!**  
**Quark OAM** in  $N$  and  $\Delta$  wave functions,  
 consequence of Poincaré covariance

$s$	$l$	SC	AV
$1/2$	0	$\mathbb{1}$	s waves (3)
$1/2$	0	$\gamma_T^\mu$	
$1/2$	0	$P^\mu$	
$1/2$	1	$\not{q}$	p waves (4)
$1/2$	1	$\gamma_T^\mu \not{q}$	
$1/2$	1	$P^\mu \not{q}$	
$3/2$	1		$\gamma_T^\mu \not{q} - 3q^\mu$
$3/2$	2		$\gamma_T^\mu - 3q^\mu \not{q}$ d wave

# Quark-photon vertex

Current matrix element:  $\langle H | J^\mu | H \rangle =$



Vector WTI  $Q^\mu \Gamma^\mu(k, Q) = S^{-1}(k_+) - S^{-1}(k_-)$   
determines vertex up to transverse parts:

$$\Gamma^\mu(k, Q) = \Gamma_{\text{BC}}^\mu(k, Q) + \Gamma_{\text{T}}^\mu(k, Q)$$

- **Ball-Chiu vertex**, completely specified by dressed fermion propagator: [Ball, Chiu, PRD 22 \(1980\)](#)

$$\Gamma_{\text{BC}}^\mu(k, Q) = i\gamma^\mu \Sigma_A + 2k^\mu (i\cancel{k} \Delta_A + \Delta_B)$$

- **Transverse part**: free of kinematic singularities, tensor structures  $\sim Q, Q^2, Q^3$ , contains meson poles  
[Kizilersu, Reenders, Pennington, PRD 92 \(1995\); GE, Fischer, PRD 87 \(2013\)](#)

$$\Sigma_A := \frac{A(k_+^2) + A(k_-^2)}{2},$$

$$\Delta_A := \frac{A(k_+^2) - A(k_-^2)}{k_+^2 - k_-^2},$$

$$\Delta_B := \frac{B(k_+^2) - B(k_-^2)}{k_+^2 - k_-^2}$$

$$t_{ab}^{\mu\nu} := a \cdot b \delta^{\mu\nu} - b^\mu a^\nu$$

Dominant

$$\tau_1^\mu = t_{QQ}^{\mu\nu} \gamma^\nu,$$

$$\tau_5^\mu = t_{QQ}^{\mu\nu} i k^\nu,$$

$$\tau_2^\mu = t_{QQ}^{\mu\nu} k \cdot Q \frac{i}{2} [\gamma^\nu, \cancel{k}],$$

$$\tau_6^\mu = t_{QQ}^{\mu\nu} k^\nu \cancel{k},$$

Anomalous

$$\tau_3^\mu = \frac{i}{2} [\gamma^\mu, \cancel{Q}],$$

$$\tau_7^\mu = t_{Qk}^{\mu\nu} k \cdot Q \gamma^\nu, \quad \text{Curtis, Pennington, PRD 42 (1990)}$$

magnetic moment

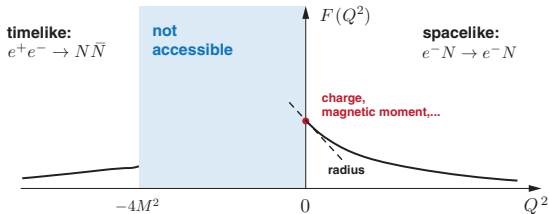
$$\tau_4^\mu = \frac{1}{6} [\gamma^\mu, \cancel{k}, \cancel{Q}],$$

$$\tau_8^\mu = t_{Qk}^{\mu\nu} \frac{i}{2} [\gamma^\nu, \cancel{k}].$$

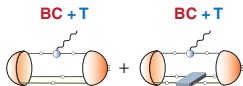
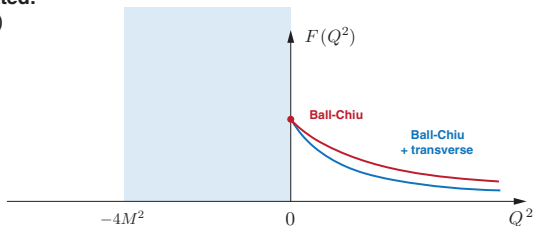
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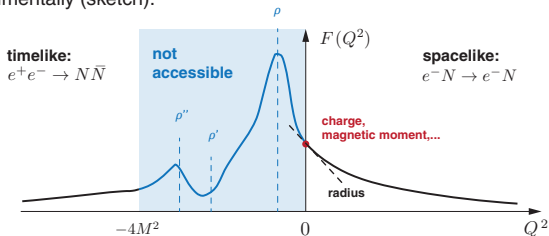


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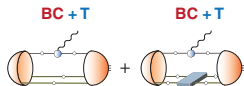
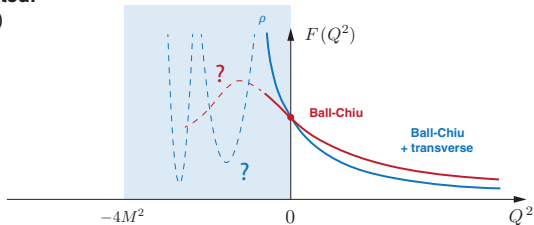
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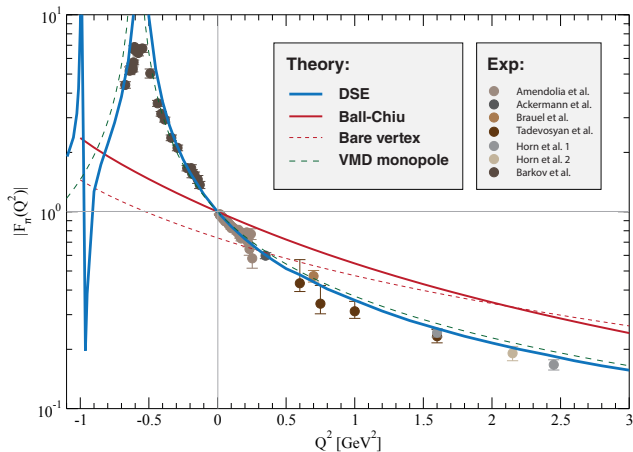


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# Pion form factor



**Spacelike and timelike region:**

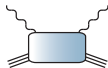
**A. Krassnigg**

(Schladming 2010)

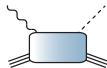
extension of Maris & Tandy,  
Nucl.Phys.Proc.Suppl. 161 (2006)

Can we extend this to **four-body scattering** processes?

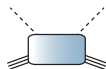
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**Compton scattering,  
DVCS,  $2\gamma$  physics**



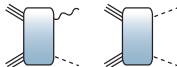
**Meson photo- and  
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**Nucleon-pion  
scattering**



**$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \gamma\gamma^*$   
annihilation**



**Meson production**

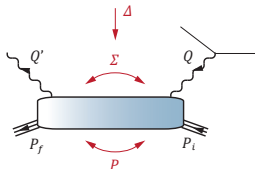


**Pion Compton  
scattering**

⇒ Nonperturbative description of hadron-photon and hadron-meson scattering



# Nucleon Compton scattering

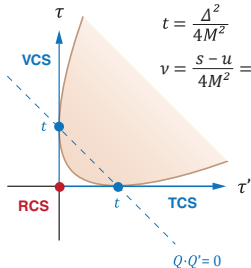


$$\tau = \frac{Q^2}{4M^2}$$

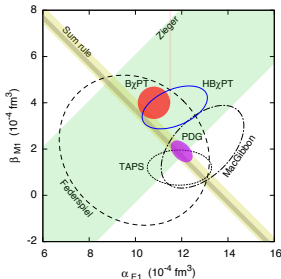
$$\tau' = \frac{Q'^2}{4M^2}$$

$$t = \frac{\Delta^2}{4M^2}$$

$$v = \frac{s-u}{4M^2} = -\frac{\Sigma \cdot P}{M^2}$$



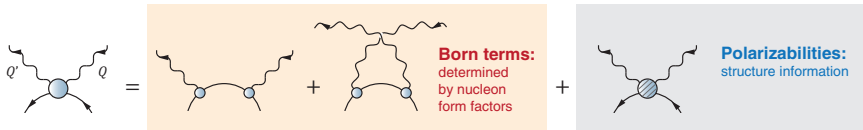
- **RCS, VCS:** nucleon polarizabilities



Krupina & Pascalutsa,  
PRL 110 (2013)

- **DVCS:** handbag dominance, GPDs
- **Forward limit:** structure functions in DIS
- **Timelike region:**  $p\bar{p}$  annihilation at PANDA
- **Spacelike region:** two-photon corrections to nucleon form factors, proton radius puzzle?

# Compton scattering

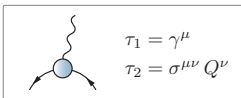


- All direct measurements in kinematic limits (RCS, VCS, forward limit).
- Em. gauge invariance  $\Rightarrow$  Compton amplitude is **fully transverse**. **Analyticity** constrains 1PI part in these limits (low-energy theorem).
- Polarizabilities = coefficients of tensor structures that vanish like  $\sim Q^\mu Q'^\nu, Q^\mu Q^\nu, Q'^\mu Q'^\nu, \dots$
- Need tensor basis free of kinematic singularities (18 elements). Complicated...

Bardeen, Tung, *Phys. Rev.* 173 (1968)  
Perrottet, *Lett. Nuovo Cim.* 7 (1973)  
**Tarrach, *Nuovo Cim.* 28 A (1975)**  
Drechsel et al., *PRC* 57 (1998)  
L'vov et al., *PRC* 64 (2001)  
Gorchtein, *PRC* 81 (2010)  
Belitsky, Mueller, Ji, 1212.6674 [hep-ph]

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# Tensor basis?



Transversality, analyticity and Bose symmetry makes the construction extremely difficult...



$T_1 = g_{\mu\nu}$	$T_{13} = (P_\mu k_\nu - P_\nu k_\mu) \hat{R}$
$T_2 = k_\mu k'_\nu$	$T_{14} = (P_\mu k'_\nu + P_\nu k_\mu) \hat{R}$
$T_3 = k'_\mu k_\nu$	$T_{15} = (P_\mu k'_\nu - P_\nu k_\mu) \hat{R}$
$T_4 = k_\mu k_\nu + k'_\mu k'_\nu$	$T_{21} = P_\mu \gamma_\nu + P_\nu \gamma_\mu$
$T_5 = k_\mu k_\nu - k'_\mu k'_\nu$	$T_{22} = P_\mu \gamma_\nu - P_\nu \gamma_\mu$
$T_6 = P_\mu P_\nu$	$T_{23} = k_\mu \gamma_\nu + k'_\mu \gamma'_\nu$
$T_7 = P_\mu k_\nu + P_\nu k'_\mu$	$T_{24} = k_\mu \gamma_\nu - k'_\mu \gamma'_\nu$
$T_8 = P_\nu k_\mu - P_\mu k'_\nu$	$T_{25} = k'_\mu \gamma_\nu + k_\nu \gamma'_\mu$
$T_9 = P_\mu k'_\nu + P_\nu k_\mu$	$T_{26} = k'_\mu \gamma_\nu - k_\nu \gamma'_\mu$
$T_{10} = P_\nu k'_\mu - P_\mu k_\nu$	$T_{27} = (P_\mu \gamma_\nu + P_\nu \gamma_\mu) \hat{R} - \hat{R} (P_\mu \gamma_\nu + P_\nu \gamma_\mu)$
$T_{11} = g_{\mu\nu} \hat{R}$	$T_{28} = (P_\mu \gamma_\nu - P_\nu \gamma_\mu) \hat{R} - \hat{R} (P_\mu \gamma_\nu - P_\nu \gamma_\mu)$
$T_{12} = k_\mu k'_\nu \hat{R}$	$T_{29} = (k_\mu \gamma_\nu + k'_\mu \gamma'_\nu) \hat{R} - \hat{R} (k_\mu \gamma_\nu + k'_\mu \gamma'_\nu)$
$T_{13} = k'_\mu k_\nu \hat{R}$	$T_{30} = (k_\mu \gamma_\nu - k'_\mu \gamma'_\nu) \hat{R} - \hat{R} (k_\mu \gamma_\nu - k'_\mu \gamma'_\nu)$
$T_{14} = (k_\mu k_\nu + k'_\mu k'_\nu) \hat{R}$	$T_{31} = (k'_\mu \gamma_\nu + k_\nu \gamma'_\mu) \hat{R} - \hat{R} (k'_\mu \gamma_\nu + k_\nu \gamma'_\mu)$
$T_{15} = (k_\mu k_\nu - k'_\mu k'_\nu) \hat{R}$	$T_{32} = (k'_\mu \gamma_\nu - k_\nu \gamma'_\mu) \hat{R} - \hat{R} (k'_\mu \gamma_\nu - k_\nu \gamma'_\mu)$
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$$\begin{aligned} \tau_1 &= k \cdot k' T_1 - T_9, \\ \tau_2 &= k^\mu k^\nu T_1 + k \cdot k' T_3 - \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{2} T_4 + \frac{k^\nu - k'^\nu}{2} T_1, \\ \tau_3 &= (P \cdot K) T_1 + k \cdot k' T_4 - P \cdot K T_1, \\ \tau_4 &= P \cdot K (k^\mu + k'^\mu) T_1 - P \cdot K T_4 - \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{2} T_7 + \frac{k^\nu - k'^\nu}{2} T_8 + k \cdot k' T_9, \\ \tau_5 &= -P \cdot K (k^\mu - k'^\mu) T_1 + P \cdot K T_4 + \frac{k^\mu - k'^\mu}{2} T_7 - \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{2} T_8 + k \cdot k' T_9, \\ \tau_6 &= P \cdot K T_1 - \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{4} T_7 - \frac{k^\mu - k'^\mu}{4} T_8 - M T_{13} + M \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{4} T_{10} - \\ &\quad - M \frac{k^\mu - k'^\mu}{4} T_{11} + \frac{k^\nu - k'^\nu}{8} T_{19} - \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{8} T_{20} - \frac{k^\mu k'^\nu}{4} T_{22}, \\ \tau_7 &= 8 T_{13} - 4 P \cdot K T_{13} + P \cdot K T_{14}, \\ \tau_8 &= T_{13} + \frac{k^\mu - k'^\mu}{2} T_{22} - P \cdot K T_{23} + \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{8} T_{14}, \\ \tau_9 &= T_{20} - \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{2} T_{23} + P \cdot K T_{14} - \frac{k^\mu - k'^\mu}{8} T_{14}, \\ \tau_{10} &= -8 k \cdot k' T_4 + 4 P \cdot K T_1 + 4 M k \cdot k' T_{11} - 4 M P \cdot K T_{10} - \\ &\quad - 2 P \cdot K T_{11} - 2 k \cdot k' P \cdot K T_{23} + M k \cdot k' T_{14}, \\ \tau_{11} &= T_{14} - k \cdot k' T_{11} + P \cdot K T_{14}, \\ \tau_{12} &= P \cdot K T_4 - \frac{k^\mu - k'^\mu}{2} T_1 - k \cdot k' T_4 - M T_{13} + M k \cdot k' T_{10} - \\ &\quad - M \frac{k^\mu - k'^\mu}{2} T_{11} - \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{4} T_{22} - k \cdot k' \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{4} T_{12}, \\ \tau_{13} &= P \cdot K T_3 - \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{2} T_1 + k \cdot k' T_{10} - M T_{13} + M k \cdot k' T_{14} - \\ &\quad - M \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{2} T_{11} - \frac{k^\mu - k'^\mu}{4} T_{22} - k \cdot k' \frac{k^\mu - k'^\mu}{4} T_{12}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{14} &= 2 P \cdot K T_4 - 2 M k \cdot k' T_{13} + 2 M P \cdot K T_{14} - k \cdot k' T_{10} + P \cdot K T_{11}, \\ \tau_{15} &= -(k^\mu - k'^\mu) T_1 + (k^\mu + k'^\mu) T_4 - 2 k \cdot k' T_{13} - 2 M k \cdot k' T_{14} + \\ &\quad + M (k^\mu - k'^\mu) T_{10} + M (k^\mu + k'^\mu) T_{11} - k \cdot k' T_{10} + \\ &\quad + \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{2} T_{13} + \frac{k^\mu - k'^\mu}{2} T_{12}, \\ \tau_{16} &= -(k^\mu + k'^\mu) T_1 + (k^\mu - k'^\mu) T_4 + 2 k \cdot k' T_9 - 2 M k \cdot k' T_{10} + \\ &\quad + M (k^\mu + k'^\mu) T_{13} + M (k^\mu - k'^\mu) T_{10} - k \cdot k' T_{10} + \\ &\quad + \frac{k^\mu - k'^\mu}{2} T_{13} + \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{2} T_{12}, \\ \tau_{17} &= -4 P \cdot K T_1 + 2 T_1 + 4 M T_{11} - 2 M T_{13} + T_{10} + k \cdot k' T_{10}, \\ \tau_{18} &= 4 T_{17} - 4 P \cdot K T_{13} + k \cdot k' T_{14}, \\ \tau_{19} &= \frac{1}{k \cdot k'} [2(P \cdot K)^2 \tau_2 + 2k^{\mu 2} \tau_1 - P \cdot K (k^\mu + k'^\mu) \tau_4 - P \cdot K (k^\mu - k'^\mu) \tau_{11}] = \\ &\quad = 2(P \cdot K)^2 T_1 + 2k^{\mu 2} T_4 - P \cdot K (k^\mu + k'^\mu) T_1 - P \cdot K (k^\mu - k'^\mu) T_{11}, \\ \tau_{20} &= -\frac{1}{4k \cdot k'} [(k^\mu - k'^\mu) \tau_{10} - 2(k^\mu + k'^\mu) \tau_{11} + 4 P \cdot K \tau_{11}] = \\ &\quad = -2(k^\mu - k'^\mu) T_4 - 2 P \cdot K T_{14} + M (k^\mu - k'^\mu) T_{13} + M (k^\mu + k'^\mu) T_{10} - \\ &\quad - 2 M P \cdot K T_{13} + \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{2} T_{17} - P \cdot K T_{10} - \\ &\quad - P \cdot K \frac{k^\mu - k'^\mu}{2} T_{10} + M \frac{k^\mu - k'^\mu}{4} T_{14}, \\ \tau_{21} &= \frac{1}{4k \cdot k'} [(k^\mu + k'^\mu) \tau_{10} - 2(k^\mu - k'^\mu) \tau_{11} + 4 P \cdot K \tau_{11}] = \\ &\quad = -2(k^\mu + k'^\mu) T_4 + 2 P \cdot K T_{14} + M (k^\mu + k'^\mu) T_{13} + M (k^\mu - k'^\mu) T_{10} - \\ &\quad - 2 M P \cdot K T_{13} + \frac{k^\mu - k'^\mu}{2} T_{17} - P \cdot K T_{10} - \\ &\quad - P \cdot K \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{2} T_{10} + M \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{4} T_{14}. \end{aligned}$$

# Transverse tensor basis for $\Gamma^{\mu\nu}(p, Q, Q')$

- Generalize transverse projectors:  $t_{ab}^{\mu\nu} := a \cdot b \delta^{\mu\nu} - b^\mu a^\nu$   $a, b \in \{p, Q, Q'\}$   
 $\varepsilon_{ab}^{\mu\nu} := \gamma_5 \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} a^\alpha b^\beta$  (exhausts all possibilities)

- Apply Bose-(anti-)symmetric combinations

$$E_{\pm}^{\mu\alpha, \beta\nu}(a, b) := \frac{1}{2} \left( \varepsilon_{Q'a'}^{\mu\alpha} \varepsilon_{bQ}^{\beta\nu} \pm \varepsilon_{Q'b'}^{\mu\alpha} \varepsilon_{aQ}^{\beta\nu} \right)$$

$$F_{\pm}^{\mu\alpha, \beta\nu}(a, b) := \frac{1}{2} \left( t_{Q'a'}^{\mu\alpha} t_{bQ}^{\beta\nu} \pm t_{Q'b'}^{\mu\alpha} t_{aQ}^{\beta\nu} \right)$$

$$G_{\pm}^{\mu\alpha, \beta\nu}(a, b) := \frac{1}{2} \left( \varepsilon_{Q'a'}^{\mu\alpha} t_{bQ}^{\beta\nu} \pm t_{Q'b'}^{\mu\alpha} \varepsilon_{aQ}^{\beta\nu} \right)$$

to structures independent of  $Q, Q'$ :

$$\delta^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\delta^{\alpha\beta} \not{p}$$

$$[\gamma^\alpha, \gamma^\beta]$$

$$[\gamma^\alpha, \gamma^\beta, \not{p}]$$

$$p^\alpha \gamma^\beta + \gamma^\alpha p^\beta$$

$$p^\alpha \gamma^\beta - \gamma^\alpha p^\beta$$

$$[p^\alpha \gamma^\beta + \gamma^\alpha p^\beta, \not{p}]$$

$$[p^\alpha \gamma^\beta - \gamma^\alpha p^\beta, \not{p}]$$

$$p^\alpha p^\beta$$

$$p^\alpha p^\beta \not{p}$$

- obtain  
16 quadratic,  
40 cubic  
16 quartic terms  
 $\Rightarrow$  **72 in total** ✓
- no kinematic singularities ✓

- Transverse onshell basis:** [GE, Fischer, PRD 87 \(2013\) & PoS Conf. X \(2012\)](#)

$$E_+(P, P) \quad (++) \quad \tilde{E}_+(P, P) \quad (--)$$

$$F_+(P, P) \quad (++) \quad \tilde{F}_+(P, P) \quad (--)$$

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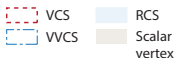
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$$F_+(Q, Q) \quad (++) \quad \tilde{F}_+(Q, Q) \quad (--)$$

- Simple
- analytic in all limits
- manifest crossing and charge-conjugation symmetry
- scalar & pion pole only in a few Compton form factors
- Tarrach's basis can be cast in a similar form



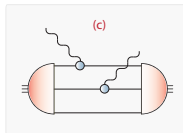
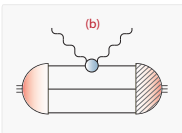
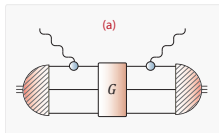
# Compton amplitude at quark level

Baryon's **Compton scattering amplitude**, consistent with Faddeev equation:

GE, Fischer, PRD 85 (2012)

$$\langle H | J^\mu J^\nu | H \rangle = \bar{\chi} (G^{-1\mu} G G^{-1\nu} + G^{-1\nu} G G^{-1\mu} - (G^{-1})^{\mu\nu}) \chi$$

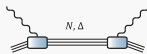
In rainbow-ladder (+ crossing & permutation):



- ✓ crossing symmetry
- ✓ em. gauge invariance
- ✓ perturbative processes included
- ✓ s, t, u channel poles generated in QCD

• **Born (handbag) diagrams:**  $G = \mathbf{1} + T$

• all s- and u-channel **nucleon resonances:**



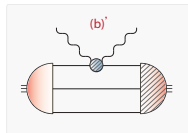
**1PI quark**  
**2-photon vertex:**  
all t-channel  
**meson poles**



**cat's ears**  
**diagrams**

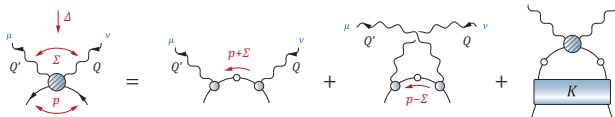
# Compton amplitude at quark level

Collect all (nonperturbative!) '**handbag**' diagrams, where photon couples to same quark:  
no nucleon resonances, no cat's ears



- **not electromagnetically gauge invariant**, but comparable to 1PI 'structure part' at nucleon level?
- reduces to **perturbative handbag** at large photon momenta
- but also all **t-channel poles** included!

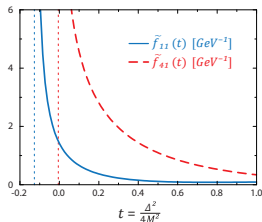
Represented by full **quark Compton vertex**, including Born terms.  
Satisfies inhomogeneous BSE:



Solved in rainbow-ladder: 128 tensor structures (72 transverse).  
Simplifies dramatically by choice of convenient basis!

# t-channel poles

**Quark Compton vertex:**  
recovers t-channel poles,  
e. g. **scalar** and **pion** ✓

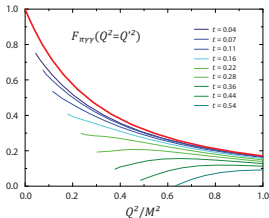


GE & Fischer, PRD 87 (2013)

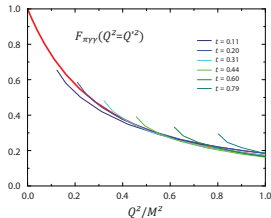
**Quark Compton vertex and nucleon Compton amplitude:**  
residues at pion pole recover  
 **$\pi\gamma\gamma$  transition form factor** ✓



Rainbow-ladder result:  
Maris & Tandy, PRC 65 (2002)



(extracted from  
quark Compton vertex)



(extracted from  
nucleon Compton amplitude)

## Systematic description of QCD phenomenology from quark & gluon substructure:

- **Nonperturbative:** factorization property not necessary
- **Dynamical chiral symmetry breaking:** mass generation for quarks and light hadrons
- **Poincaré covariance:** quark orbital angular momentum via p waves
- **Quark-quark interaction** dominant in ground-state baryons
- **Pion cloud** essential for chiral and low-momentum structure
- **Tetraquark** identification for light scalar mesons plausible

Need to improve **truncations** (pion cloud, decay channels, 3- and 4-quark interactions) and **kinematical coverage**

## Interplay between experiment and theory:

- Hadron **masses, wave functions, form factors and scattering amplitudes from QCD**
- Refined tools for understanding fundamental **properties of QCD from experiment**



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