

Electromagnetic transition form factors of the nucleon

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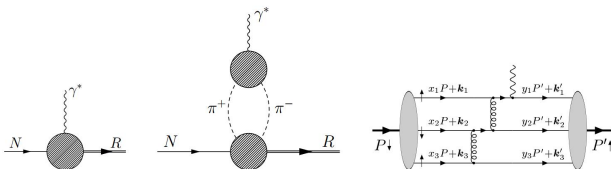
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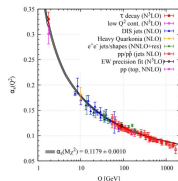
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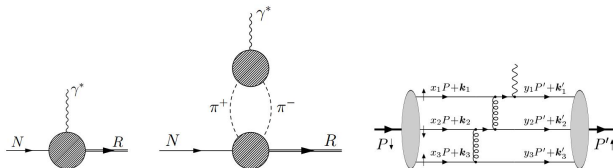
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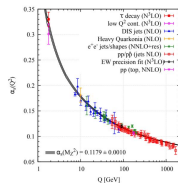
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Need weapons for non-perturbative QCD!

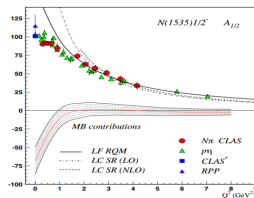
Tool box for non-perturbative QCD

Quark-gluon based methods:

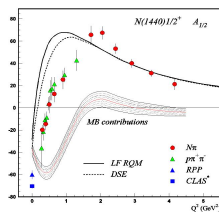
- 1 Dyson-Schwinger Equations
- 2 QCD sum rules
- 3 Lattice QCD

Hadron-based methods:

- 1 Chiral perturbation theory
- 2 Dispersion theory



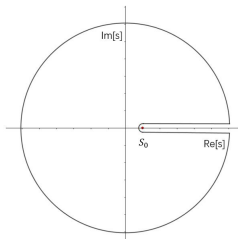
Relativistic quark model and light cone sum rules calculation [3] for TFF of $N \rightarrow N(1535)$.



Dyson-Schwinger Equation prediction [3] for TFF of $N \rightarrow N(1440)$

Dispersion theory in a nutshell

Example: Pion vector form factor



Unitarity cut $[4m_\pi^2, \infty)$

$$S = 1 + iT$$

$$SS^\dagger = 1 + i(T - T^\dagger) + |T|^2 = 1$$

$$\rightarrow 2\text{Im}T = |T|^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Im}T_{A \rightarrow B} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_x T_{A \rightarrow x} T_{x \rightarrow B}^\dagger$$

Simplest example: $A = \gamma^*$, $B = |\pi^-(p_1)\pi^+(p_2)\rangle$.

$$\Rightarrow T_{\gamma^* \rightarrow \pi^-\pi^+} = eA^\mu \underbrace{\langle \pi^-(p_1)\pi^+(p_2) | j^\mu | 0 \rangle}_{(p_1^\mu - p_2^\mu)F_V(s)} \quad (2)$$

$$T_{\gamma^* \rightarrow x} = eA^\mu \langle x | j^\mu | 0 \rangle \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Im}F_V(s)(p_1^\mu - p_2^\mu) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_x \langle \pi^-(p_1)\pi^+(p_2) | x \rangle^* \langle x | j^\mu | 0 \rangle \quad (4)$$

$|x\rangle = 2\text{pions}(s = 4m_\pi^2), 4\text{pions}(s = 16m_\pi^2), 2\text{kaons}(s = 4m_k^2), \dots$

Dispersion relation

Cauchy integral formula:

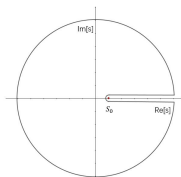
$$F_V(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{s_0=4m_\pi^2}^{\infty} dz \frac{\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} [F_V(z+i\epsilon) - F_V(z-i\epsilon)]}{z-s} \quad (5)$$

Schwarz Reflection Principle: $F_V(z-i\epsilon) = F_V(z+i\epsilon)^*$

$$F_V(s) = \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{s_0=4m_\pi^2}^{\infty} dz \frac{\text{Im}[F_V(z+i\epsilon)]}{z-s} \quad \text{Dispersion relation} \quad (6)$$

Consider only the 2 pion contribution

$$2\text{Im}F_V(q^2)(p_1^\mu - p_2^\mu) \approx \int d\tau'_{2\pi} \underbrace{\langle \pi^-(p_1)\pi^+(p_2) | \pi^-(p'_1)\pi^+(p'_2) \rangle^*}_{\text{Pion rescattering amplitude}} \underbrace{\langle \pi^-(p'_1)\pi^+(p'_2) | j^\mu | 0 \rangle}_{F_V(q^2)(p_1'^\mu - p_2'^\mu)} \quad (7)$$



Only pion p-wave re-scattering amp.

$$f_1(s) = \frac{\sin\delta_1(s)}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_\pi^2}{s}}} \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2} \text{ contributes!}$$

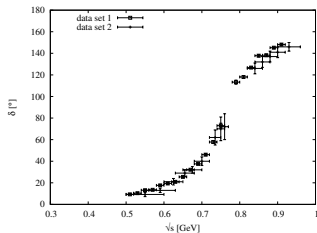
$\Rightarrow f_1(s)$ parametrized by phase-shift δ_1

$\delta_1 \Rightarrow$ well measured by experiments!

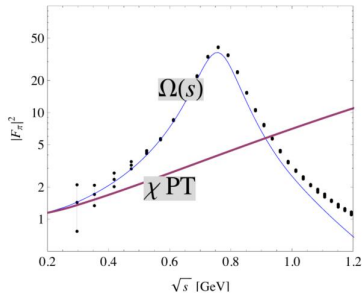
Dispersion relation

δ_1 contains ρ meson information $\xrightarrow{\text{Dispersion relation}}$

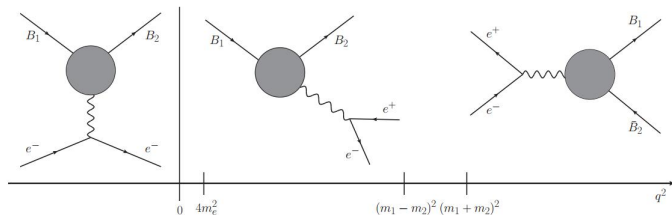
$$F_V(s) \approx \Omega(s) = \exp\left[\frac{s}{\pi} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds' \frac{\delta_1(s')}{s'(s'-s)}\right]$$



Pion p-wave phase shift [1]



Experiments' status



Space-like and time-like form factors [8].

- 1 Space-like form factors accessible from Jlab and MAMI $e^- N \rightarrow e^- R$.
- 2 Time-like form factors will be accessible in the future in the process $R \rightarrow Ne^- e^-$ from PANDA+HADES.
- 3 BES, Belle for scattering region.

Previous studies on TFFs

$\Sigma(J^P = \frac{3}{2}^+) \rightarrow \Lambda(J^P = \frac{1}{2}^+)$ (Granados, Leupold, Perotti) [2]

Nucleon isovector form factors (Leupold) [4]

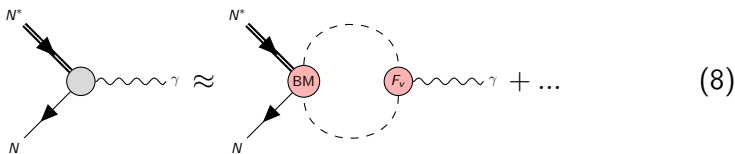
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$\Delta(J^P = \frac{3}{2}^+) \rightarrow N(J^P = \frac{1}{2}^+)$ (Aung, Leupold, Perotti)(In progress)

p	$1/2^+$	****
n	$1/2^+$	****
$N(1440)$	$1/2^+$	****
$N(1520)$	$3/2^-$	****
$N(1535)$	$1/2^-$	****
$N(1650)$	$1/2^-$	****
$N(1675)$	$5/2^-$	****
$N(1680)$	$5/2^+$	****
$N(1685)$		*
$N(1700)$	$3/2^-$	***
$N(1710)$	$1/2^+$	***
$N(1720)$	$3/2^+$	****
$N(1860)$	$5/2^+$	**
$N(1875)$	$3/2^-$	***
$N(1880)$	$1/2^+$	**
$N(1895)$	$1/2^-$	**

$N^*(1520)$ TFFs

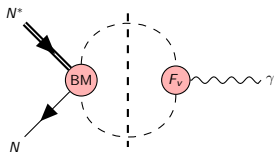
$N^*(1520)$ $I = 1/2$ and $J^P = 3/2^-$.

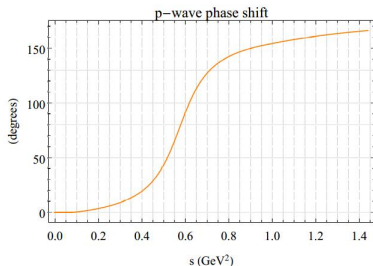
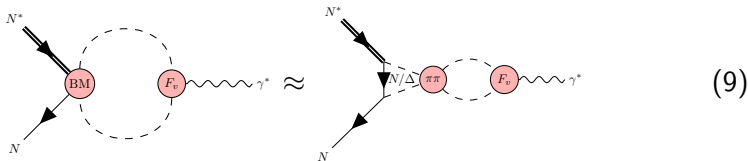


Imaginary part:

- 1 Pion vector form factor: F_V
- 2 Baryon-meson exchanges: BM

Imaginary part $\xrightarrow[\text{relation}]{\text{Dispersion}}$ Full amplitude





Pion p-wave phase-shift δ_1 .

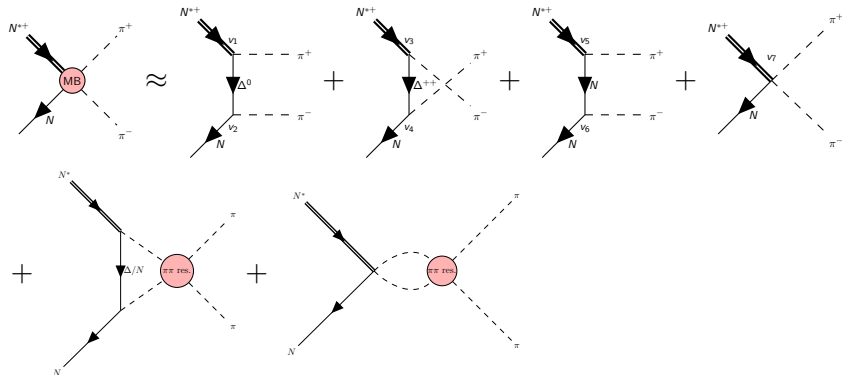
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Theory Input

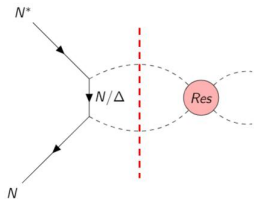
- Fit to hadronic decay data from HADES provides v_1, v_3, v_5 and v_7 .
- ChPT gives v_2, v_4, v_6 .
- Projector Formalism constructed: $\bar{u}_N M_\mu u_{N^*}^\mu = \sum_{i=1}^{i=4} a_i(s, \theta) \bar{u}_N M_\mu^i u_{N^*}^\mu$.



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Cuts, Poles and Singularities

- Analytic continuation $a_i(s, \theta)$



Cutkosky cutting rules

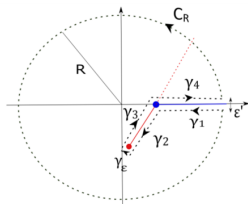
$$T(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{4m_{\pi 2}}^{\infty} \frac{\text{disc}_{\text{UNI}} T(z)}{z - c} dz + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{d\gamma}{dt} \frac{\text{disc}_{\text{ANOM}} T(\gamma(t))}{\gamma(t) - s} dt \quad (11)$$

- $a_i(s, \theta) \xrightarrow[\pi\pi \text{ scattering (M-O Eq)}]{\text{Dispersive machinery}} \text{full } N^* N \rightarrow \pi\pi$

Anomalous threshold condition

$$m_{\text{exc}}^2 < \frac{1}{2}(m_{N^*}^2 + m_N^2 - 2m_{\pi}^2)$$

$$m_{\text{exc}} = \bar{m}_N \quad (\text{see back up slides for rigorous derivation})$$

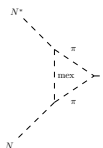


The first Riemann sheet includes a unitarity and an anomalous part.

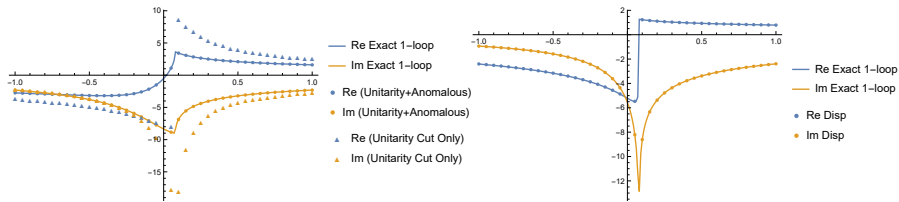
Comparison with 1-loop scalar-triangle

How do we make sure we are right about the analytic structures?

→ use 1-loop scalar triangle ('t Hooft, G. Veltman, M.) as a toy calculation for **double-check!**


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Our dispersive relation for the scalar triangle perfectly matches the analytic results:



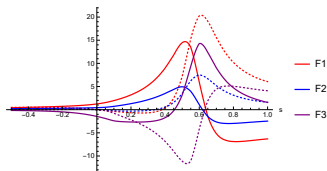
Nucleon exchange

Δ exchange

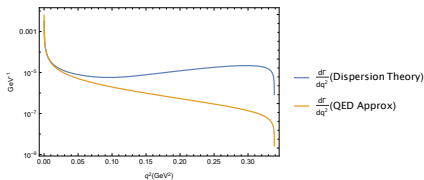
Subtracted dispersion relations for TFFs:

$$F_i(q^2) = F_i(0) + \frac{q^2}{12\pi} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\Lambda^2} \frac{ds}{\pi} \frac{T_i(s) p_{c.m.}^3(s) F_\pi^{V*}(s)}{s^{3/2}(s - q^2 - i\epsilon)} + F_i^{\text{anom}}(q^2) \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3. \quad (13)$$

First model-independent predictions on $N^*(1520)$ TFFs:



(a) $N(1520) \rightarrow N$ TFFs (preliminary)



(b) $\frac{d\Gamma}{dq^2} N^* \rightarrow N e^+ e^-$ (preliminary)

Based on our preliminary results:

A good description in the space-like region TFFs and we make predictions for the time-like TFFs!

Some preliminary results

Model-independent predictions on the Dalitz decay: $N^* \rightarrow N e^+ e^-$

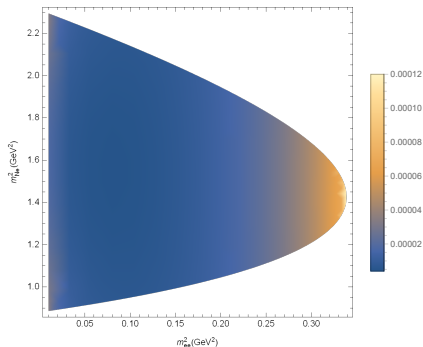


Figure: $\frac{d\Gamma}{dm_{ee}^2 dm_{Ne}^2} \text{ GeV}^{-3}$

Our prediction :

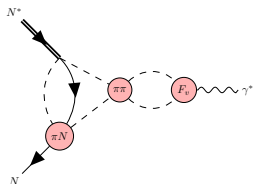
$$\Gamma_{N^* \rightarrow N e e} \approx 4.8 \text{ keV}, \quad (14)$$

$$\Gamma_{N^* \rightarrow N \gamma} \approx 0.41 \text{ MeV}$$

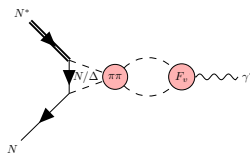
PDG : $[0.341, 0.572] \text{ MeV}$.

Outlook

1. In progress: Use our results to test quality of existing isobar models.
(Back up slides)
2. Fully coupled-channel dispersive analysis
→ **3-loop calculation + anomalous cut.**

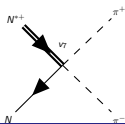


(a) πN cross channel re-scattering for future



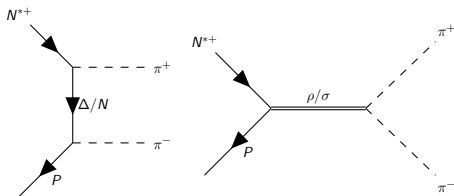
(b) πN cross channel "re-scattering" 2 loop calculation (current method)

3. Determination of v_7 from QCD based functional methods
(Dyson-Schwinger Eqs)?

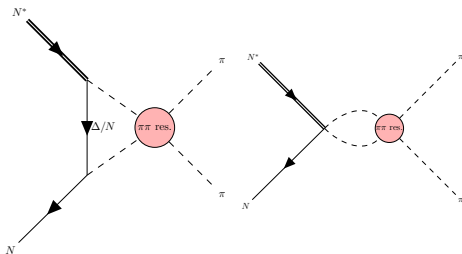


Test quality of existing isobar models. (Back up slides)

- Calculate the Dalitz Decay $N^* \rightarrow N\pi\pi$.



Selected diagrams from the isobar model



Anomalous singularities

On the second Riemann sheet the amplitudes have a term $\log\left(\frac{Y(s)+K(s)}{Y(s)-K(s)}\right)$

$$s_{\pm} = -\frac{1}{2} m_{\text{exch}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} (m_{N^*}^2 + m_N^2 + 2m_{\pi}^2) - \frac{m_{N^*}^2 m_N^2 - m_{\pi}^2 (m_{N^*}^2 + m_N^2) + m_{\pi}^4}{2m_{\text{exch}}^2} \mp \frac{\lambda^{1/2}(m_{N^*}^2, m_{\text{exch}}^2, m_{\pi}^2) \lambda^{1/2}(m_{\text{exch}}^2, m_N^2, m_{\pi}^2)}{2m_{\text{exch}}^2}. \quad (15)$$

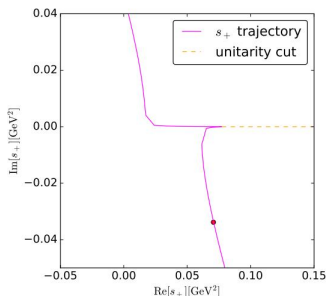


Figure: Trajectory of a singularity in the second Riemann sheet [6]

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