

Electromagnetic form factors of hadrons from spectral Dyson-Schwinger equations

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Outline

- Theory for production processes
- Integral representations for QCD(SM) Green's functions
- spectral Dyson-Schwinger equation – quark gap equation in Minkowski space
- First applications- pion TF, pion EFF, hadron vacuum polarizations

Intro

QCD theory of hadrons for $E \text{ GeV}$, albeit it has 1 coupling and five masses relevant for hadron physics, is NP.

PT is out of the game: npt tools : lattice, AdS/CFT, effective models with more phenomenology, (CHPT, CHPT+VM, Regge, nonrelativistic QM with lattice potentials...), SDEs

production processes -timelike scales, resonances. more phenomenology required, attempts of analytical continuations from lattice or SDEs

and only very recently- SDEs for spectral functions (SDEs in Minkowski space)

marriage of Integral representations for Green's functions and Dyson-Schwinger equations in suited scheme can explain resonant structure

- 1] Integral representations
- 2] Calculation framework- coupled set DSEs for QCD/QED vertices

Integral representations in QCD

-selfconsistent NP generalization of Nakanishi's Perturbation Theory Integral representation

N. Nakanishi- Graph Theory and Feynman Integrals, 1971

- NPTIR scalar propagators \rightarrow QCD propagators

$$G(k) = \int_0^{\infty} dx \frac{g(x)}{k^2 - x + i\epsilon} \quad \rightarrow \quad S_f(p) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \frac{\rho_f(x)}{(\not{p} - x)} \quad (1)$$

The inverse propagator (selfenergy, polarization, etc..) DR

$$G^{-1} = k^2 - m^2 + \Sigma(k)$$

$$\Sigma(k) = \int_0^{\infty} dx \frac{g_{\sigma}(x)}{k^2 - x + i\epsilon} \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{easy :)}$$

IR higher vertices are not easy, only Gauge Technique was known before
2020...

$qq\gamma$ non-amputated vertex (known thanks to gauge invariance)

$$G^\mu(q; Q) = \int_{\Gamma} dx \frac{1}{\not{q}_- - x} (\gamma^\mu \rho(x)) \frac{1}{\not{q}_+ - x}$$

NPTIR for 3 legs scalar theory diagram

$$\Gamma(p_1, p_2, p_3) = \int_0^\infty d\alpha \prod_{i=1}^3 \int_0^1 dz_i \delta(1 - \sum_{i=1}^3 z_i) \frac{\rho_3(\alpha, \vec{z})}{\alpha - (z_1 p_1^2 + z_2 p_2^2 + z_3 p_3^2) - i\epsilon},$$

generalizes for gauge theory (proved by DSEs in 2020)

V.S. Phys. Rev. D (106, 3) 2022 for $qq\gamma$

8+4 , 8 transverse components of proper v.

$$\Gamma_{iT}^\mu(q, Q) = \int_{-1}^1 dz \int_0^\infty da \frac{\rho_i(o, z, a) T_i^\mu}{q^2 + zq \cdot Q + aQ^2/4 - o + \epsilon} \quad (2)$$

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are various and different :)

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Papavasiliou/Sauli PRD 2022

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LRA DSE for quarks with gluon obtained via solution of YM DSE [Confinement within the use Minkowski integral representation; Sauli PRD 2022](#)

with complicated Gauge Technique + transverse structure of vertices (by J. Papavasilliou)

very agreement with lattice (in Landau gauge)

extrapolation from Landau gauge was made...

NIR + DSE/BSE formalism: properties

- solving spectral SDEs -put IR to SDEs, integrate analytically in E space, make continuation and solve system for σ 's

For strong coupling QFT the system of spectral DSEs turns out to be underconstrained and infinite numerically stable solutions exist. They are not automatically consistent with all assumptions made, even if forced!

- Choice of the correct solution must be made-

choose the real parts and search the phases (search for absorptive parts at the timelike fixed point) which provides consistent analytical picture. Scanning the imaginary part at given renormalization point (not always) works. Gluodynamics at Landau gauge (for QFT model with small coupling it is not necessary).

The first results for QCD appear at 2017 , published [FBS 2019](#), [PRD 2022](#), [PRD 2022](#),...

Properties of solutions:

To identify individual solutions with a given flavor, we solve also meson BSE in complex momentum space. Those which consistent meson properties show up confinement!: Quark propagator has not on mass shell pole, it has only a single cut. Spectral function starts (almost) smoothly from beginning of complex plane of p^2 .

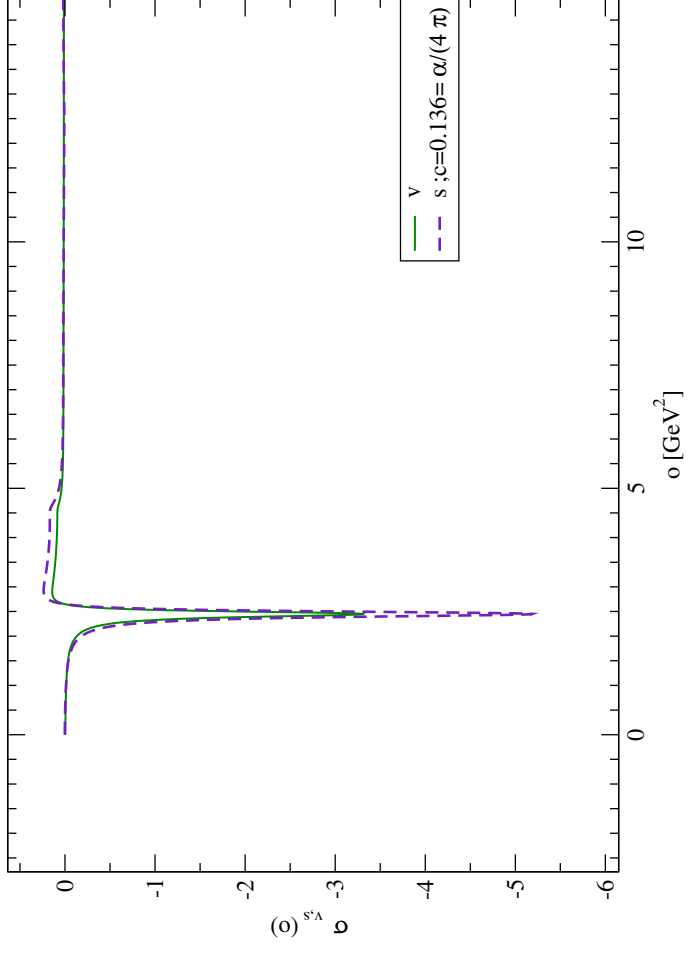


Figure 1: charm quark

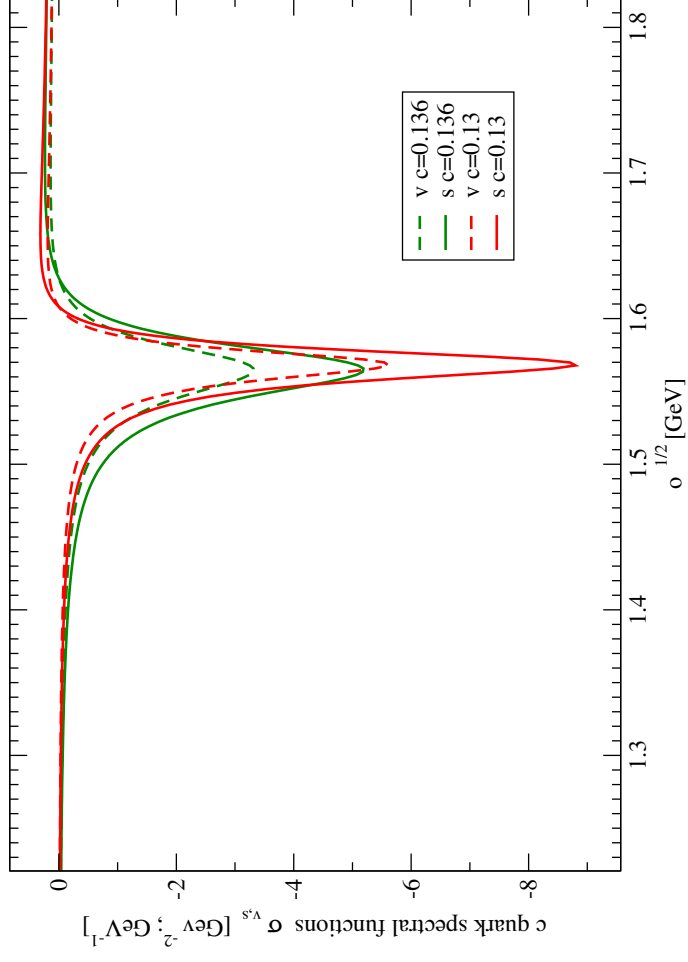


Figure 2: charm quark

(no sign for deviations, complex conjugated poles are not seen, almost unlimited accuracy)

light flavour are similar - no pole but bump. positioned now at $M \simeq 265 MeV$ for u,d, quarks.

Evaluation of continuous hadronic form factors at the timelike domain of momentum is possible!

(calculation scheme exists in DSE formalim- skeleton expansions)

Hadron Vacuum Polarization

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_h^{\mu\nu}(s) &= -ie^2 N_c \sum_q e_q T r \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \Gamma_q^\mu(k-q, k) S_q(k) \gamma^\nu S_q(k-q) \\ &= T^{\mu\nu} \Pi_h(q^2)\end{aligned}$$

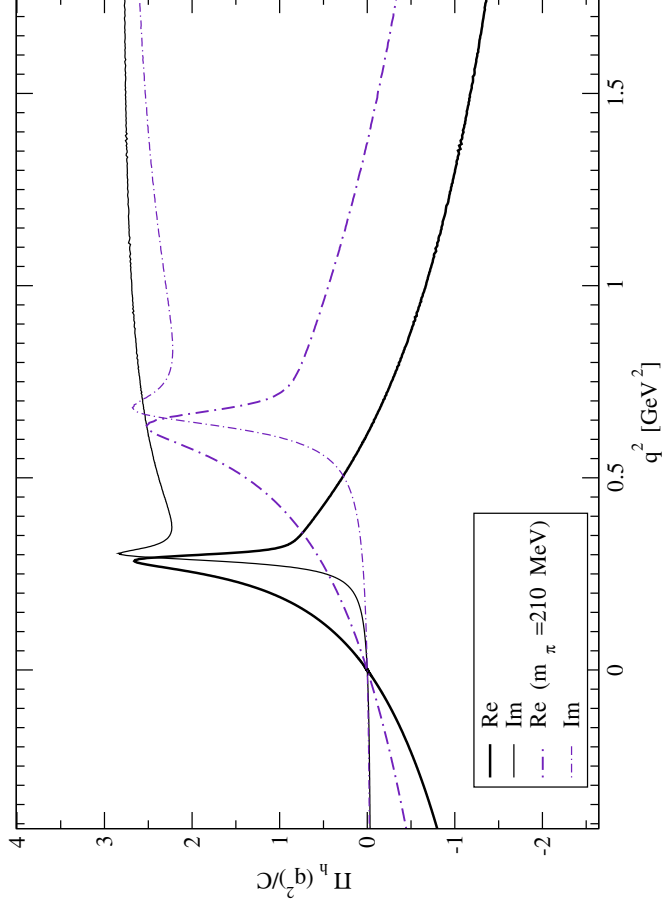


Figure 3: Π_{h_i}/C obtained via Gauge Technique with the constant C defined as $C = -40\alpha/(9\pi)$ (FBS 2020)

spectral DSE in QCD- Pion Transition Form Factor

$$\gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow \pi^0$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}(k, l) = \frac{e^2}{4\pi^2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} k^\alpha l^\beta G(k^2, l^2), \quad (3)$$

$$M_{\mu\nu}(k, l) = i \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \Gamma_\pi(q_1, q_2) G_{\mu\nu}(q_1, q_2; k, l), \quad (4)$$

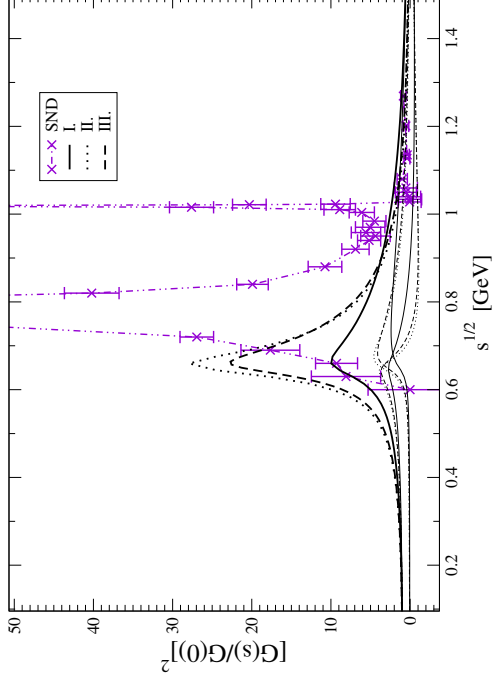


Figure 4: Pion transition form factor $G(q^2) = G(q^2, 0)$ for the timelike argument $s = q^2$: the quantity $(q^2 G(q^2)/G(0))$ is shown. Each line labeled by I II and III use a different interpolator for the pion vertex function (V.S. PRD2020)

spectral DSE in QCD- Pion EMG form factor

$$\gamma^* \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}^\mu(p, Q) &= eF_\pi(Q^2)p^\mu \\ &= \frac{2N_c ie}{3} \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \text{tr} \left[G_{EM,u}^\mu(k + Q/2, k - Q/2) \Gamma_\pi(k_{r\pi-}, p + Q/2) S_d(k + p) \tilde{\Gamma}_\pi(k_{r\pi+}, Q) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

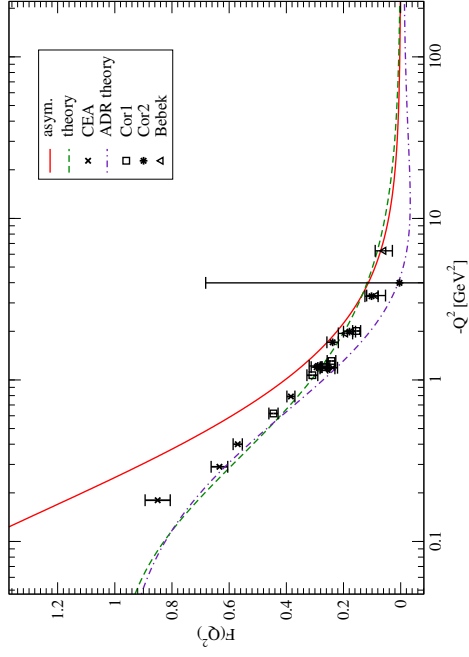


Figure 5: F for $Q^2 < 0$ and comparison with experiment and asymptotic prediction.

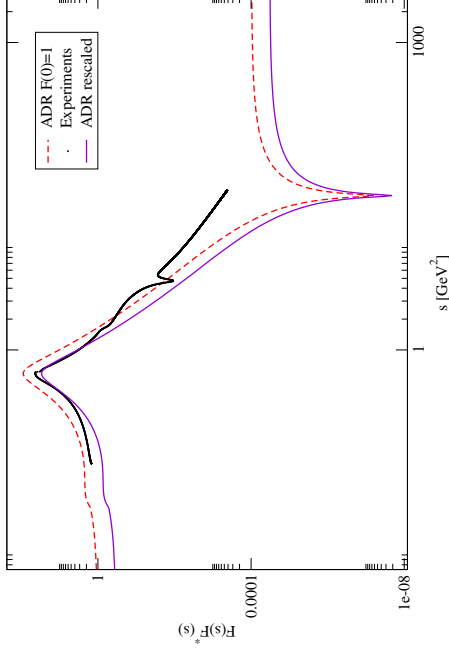


Figure 6: Calculated magnitude of the pion electromagnetic form factor for $Q^2 > 0$ and comparison with experiments. The error bars are not shown, they are within the visible size of the line and are much smaller than the deviation of presented calculations. The solid line is rescaled by a constant as described in the text.

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main disadvantage: To get F's one need to integrate over many calculated spectral and weight functions.

Open questions: Thresholds, Unitarity relations of S-matrix, comparison with complex structure known from effective theories,

supplementary material

quark interaction kernels of BSE/DSE

$$\begin{aligned} V(l) &= \gamma_\mu \times \gamma_\nu \left(g^{\mu\nu} V_V(l) - \frac{4g^2}{3} \xi \frac{L^{\mu\nu}(l)}{l^2} \right) , \\ V_V(l) &= \frac{c_{V1}}{(l^2 - m_g^2 + i\varepsilon)} - \frac{c_{V2}}{(l^2 - \Lambda_g^2 + i\varepsilon)} , \\ L^{\mu\nu}(l) &= l^\mu l^\nu / l^2 , \end{aligned}$$

V is the fit of the gluon propagator solution in PT-BFM. Overall prefactor is adjusted in order to get correct meson properties in given gauge.