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Resolving the puzzle of the pion-photon transition form factor

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Making use of dispersive QCD sum rules, we analyze the pseudoscalar meson–photon transition form factors. We show that most of the existing measurements –the BaBar results for eta, eta', and eta_c and the Belle results for pi $^{\circ}0$ –are well compatible with each other and with the saturation predicted by pQCD factorization theorems and give a hint that the saturation is effective already at relatively low momentum transfers. The existing well-measured data for the pion elastic form factor at Q $^{\circ}2^{\circ}2$ -4 GeV $^{\circ}2$ also support this observation. The only exception is the BaBar data for the pi $^{\circ}0$ -gamma transition form factor which lie beyond this nice picture. We point out that the expected results from CLAS12 at JLab on the pion form factor in the region Q $^{\circ}2^{\circ}5$ -8 GeV $^{\circ}2$ will provide an ultimate test of saturation and pQCD factorization and will have strong impact on the general picture of the form factors up to infinitely large momentum transfers.

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