

# Probing nucleons with photons at the quark level

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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 ↔ “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), ...
- **Nucleon Compton scattering**  
GE, Fischer, PRD 85 (2012) & PRD 87 (2013)
- **Tetraquark** interpretation for  $\sigma$  meson  
Heupel, GE, Fischer, PLB 718 (2012)
- **Three-gluon vertex** from its DSE → **see talk by Milan Vujanovic**  
GE, Williams, Alkofer, Vujanovic, 1402.1365
- **Quark-gluon vertex** from its DSE → **see talk by Markus Hopfer**  
Hopfer, Windisch, GE, Alkofer, in preparation

# Dyson-Schwinger equations

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quarks, gluons (+ 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**

# Dynamical quark mass

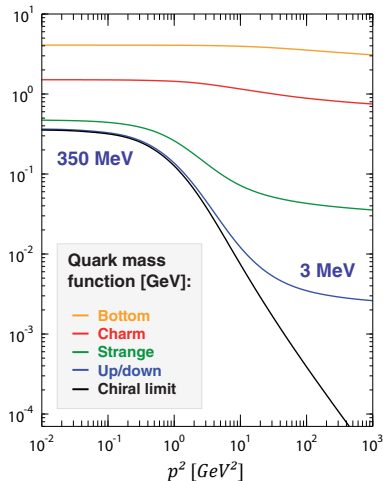
- **Dynamical chiral symmetry breaking:** generates “constituent-quark masses”
- Realized in **quark Dyson-Schwinger eq:**

$$\text{---} \circ^{-1} = \text{---}^{-1} + \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \circ$$

If (gluon propagator  $\times$  quark-gluon vertex) is strong enough ( $\alpha > \alpha_{\text{crit}}$ ):  
momentum-dependent quark mass  $M(p^2)$

- Already visible in simpler models (NJL, Munczek-Nemirovsky)
- Mass generation for **light hadrons**

Fischer, J. Phys. G 32 (2006)



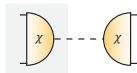
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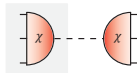
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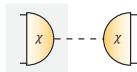
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**Faddeev WF**

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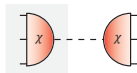
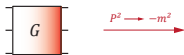
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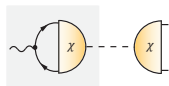
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- Quark-antiquark vertices:** (Currents:  $J^\mu = \bar{\psi} \Gamma^\mu \psi$ )

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



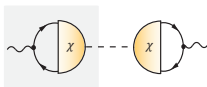
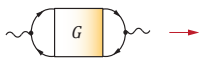
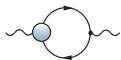
- Decay constant:**

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

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

- Current correlators:**

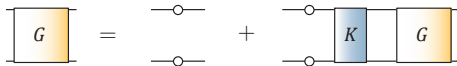
$$\langle 0 | T J^\mu(x) J^\nu(y) | 0 \rangle$$



( $\rightarrow$  Lattice QCD)

# Bethe-Salpeter equations

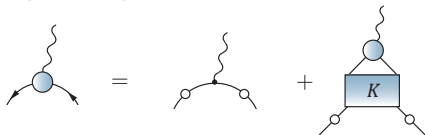
- Inhomogeneous BSE for **quark four-point function**:



- 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?**

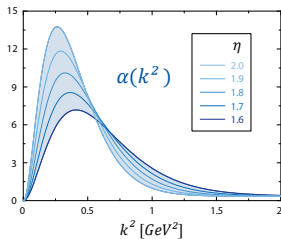
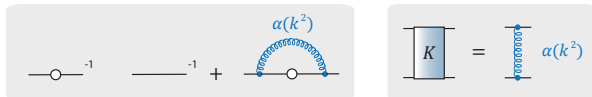
Related to Green functions via **symmetries**: CVC, PCAC  
 $\Rightarrow$  vector, axialvector WTIs

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)

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

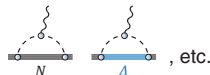
Adjust infrared scale  $\Lambda$  to physical observable,  
keep width  $\eta$  as parameter

✓ **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

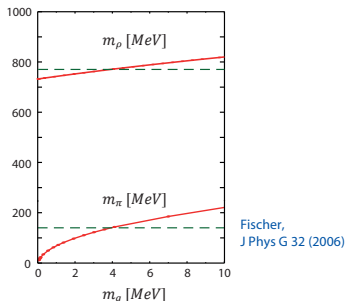
# Mesons

- 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)

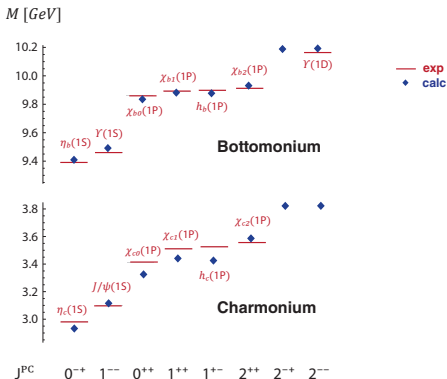
Pion is Goldstone boson, satisfies GMOR:  $m_\pi^2 \sim m_q$



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

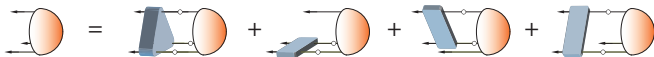
Fischer, Williams & Chang, Roberts, PRL 103 (2009)  
Alkofer et al., EPJ A38 (2008), Bhagwat et al., PRC 76 (2007)

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



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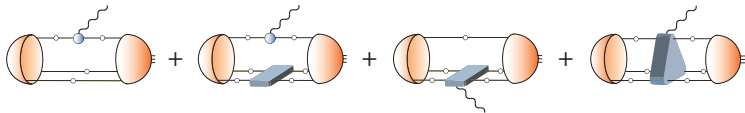
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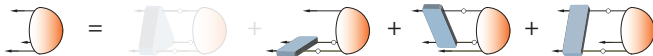
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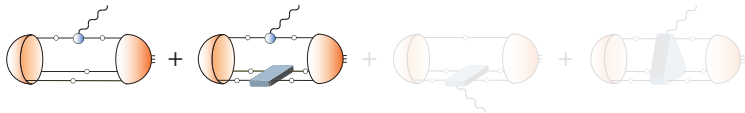
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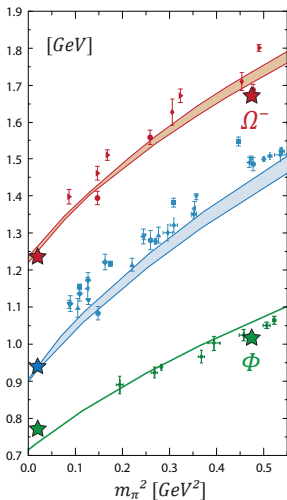
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# Baryon masses

- 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.
- **Diquark clustering in baryons:** similar results in quark-diquark approach  
Oettel, Alkofer, von Smekal, EPJ A8 (2000)  
GE, Cloet, Alkofer, Krassnigg, Roberts, PRC 79 (2009)
- **Excited baryons** (e.g. Roper): also quark-diquark structure?  
Chen, Chang, Roberts, Wan, Wilson, FBS 53 (2012)
- **Role of pion cloud?**  
Sanchis-Alepuz, Fischer, Kubrak, 1401.3183
- **Role of three-gluon vertex?**  
GE, Williams, Alkofer, Vujanovic, 1402.1365



## Delta mass:

Sanchis-Alepuz et al.,  
PRD 84 (2011)

## Nucleon mass:

GE, Alkofer, Krassnigg,  
Nicmorus, PRL 104 (2010);  
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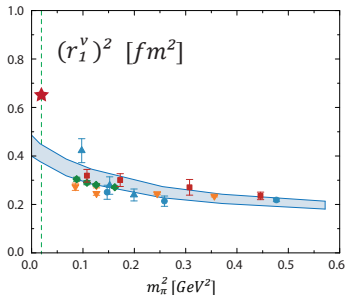
## $\rho$ -meson mass:

Maris & Tandy,  
PRC 60 (1999)

# Electromagnetic form factors

## Nucleon charge radii:

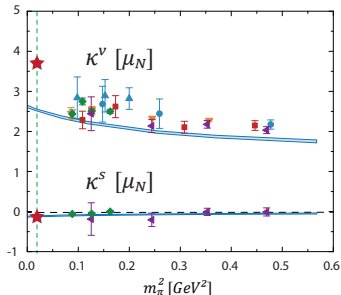
isovector (p-n) Dirac (F1) radius



- **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

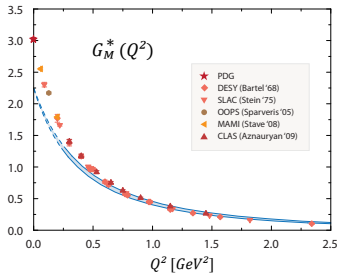
Exp:  $\kappa^s = -0.12$

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



GE, PRD 84 (2011)

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

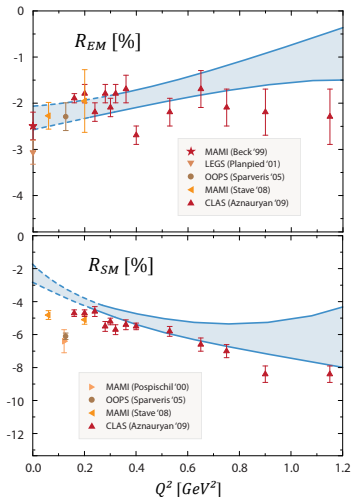


- **Magnetic dipole transition ( $G_M^*$ ) dominant:** quark spin flip (s wave). “Core + 25% pion cloud”
- **Electric & Coulomb quadrupole transitions** small & negative, encode deformation.

Ratios reproduced without pion cloud:

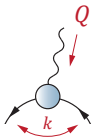
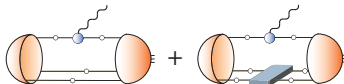
**OAM from relativistic  $\mathbf{p}$  waves** in the quark core!

Eichmann & Nicmorus, PRD 85 (2012)



# 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **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 \(2013\)](#)

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

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 magnetic moment	$\tau_3^\mu = \frac{i}{2} [\gamma^\mu, \cancel{Q}],$	$\tau_7^\mu = t_{Qk}^{\mu\nu} k \cdot Q \gamma^\nu,$
	$\tau_4^\mu = \frac{1}{6} [\gamma^\mu, \cancel{k}, \cancel{Q}],$	$\tau_8^\mu = t_{Qk}^{\mu\nu} \frac{i}{2} [\gamma^\nu, \cancel{k}].$

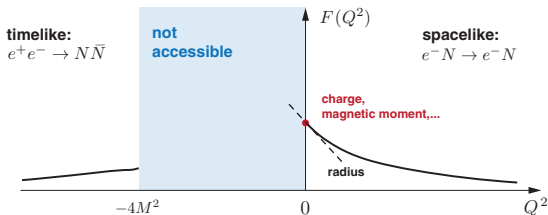
[Curtis, Pennington, PRD 42 \(1990\)](#)



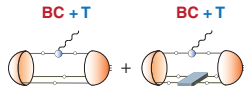
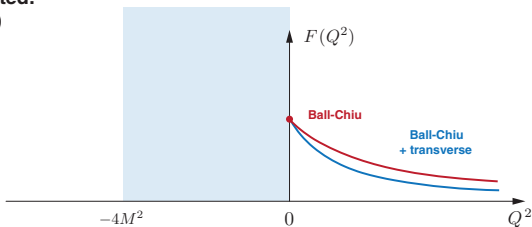
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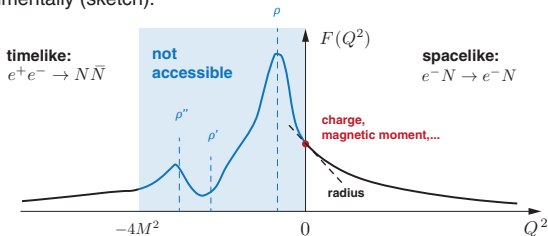


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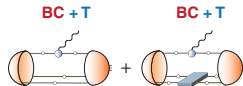
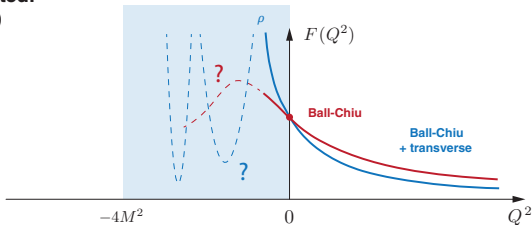
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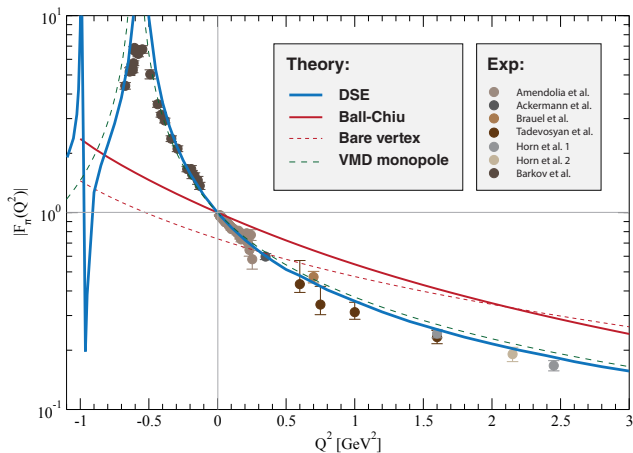


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# Pion form factor



## Spacelike and timelike region:

[A. Krassnigg](#) (Schladming 2010)  
extension of Maris & Tandy,  
Nucl. Phys. Proc. Suppl. 161 (2006)

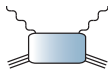
## Include pion cloud:

[Kubrak et al.](#), in preparation

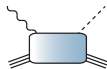
# Hadron scattering

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

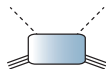
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**Compton scattering,  
DVCS,  $2\gamma$  physics**



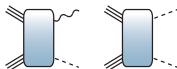
**Meson photo- and  
electroproduction**



**Nucleon-pion  
scattering**



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



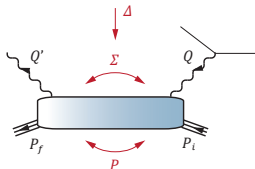
**Meson production**



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

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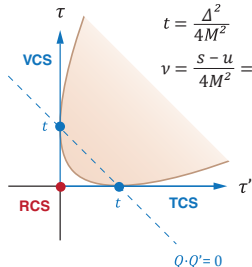


$$\tau = \frac{Q^2}{4M^2}$$

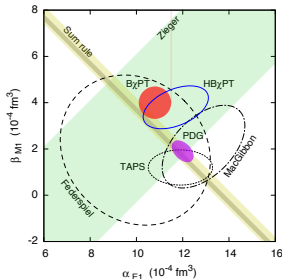
$$\tau' = \frac{Q'^2}{4M^2}$$

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

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



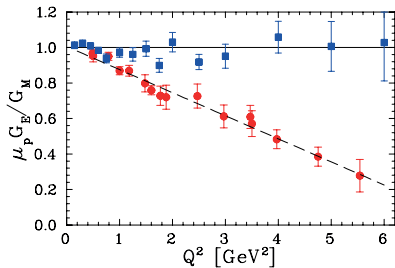
- **RCS, VCS:** nucleon polarizabilities



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?

# Two-photon corrections



Arrington et al., *Prog.Part. Nucl.Phys.* 66 (2011)

- **Proton radius puzzle:**

Proton radius extracted from Lamb shift in  $\mu\text{H}$  4% smaller than that from  $e\text{H}$ , would need additional  $\Delta E \sim 300 \mu\text{eV}$  to agree [Pohl et al., Nature 466,213 \(2010\)](#)

Can two-photon offshell corrections explain discrepancy?

[Miller, Thomas, Carroll, Rafelski](#); [Carlson, Vanderhaeghen](#); [Birse, McGovern](#); ...

- **Proton form factor ratio:**

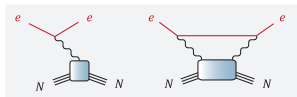
Rosenbluth extraction suggested  $G_E/G_M = \text{const.}$ , in agreement with perturbative scaling

Polarization data from JLAB showed falloff in  $G_E/G_M$  with possible **zero crossing**

Modified pQCD predictions: OAM

Difference likely due to two-photon corrections

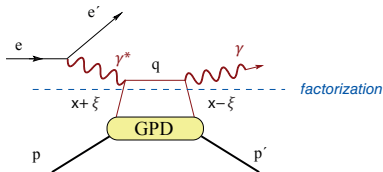
[Blunden, Melnitchouk, Tjon & Guichon, Vanderhaeghen, PRL 91 \(2003\)](#)



# Handbag dominance

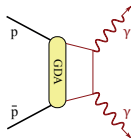
- **Handbag dominance in DVCS**

large  $Q^2$  &  $s$ , small  $t$ : factorization, extract **GPDs** from handbag diagram



- **$p\bar{p}$  annihilation at PANDA@FAIR**

Are the concepts developed for lepton scattering (factorization, handbag dominance, GPDs) applicable?

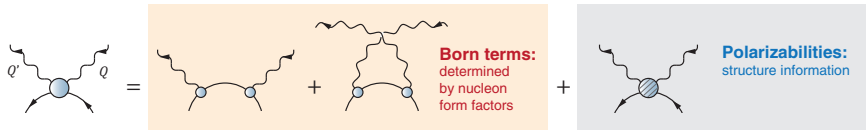


PANDA Physics Book

- **Is it possible to calculate these processes directly within nonperturbative QCD?** Wishlist:

- Em. gauge invariance
- Crossing symmetry
- Poincare invariance
- Recover parton picture (handbag, ...)
- Recover hadronic structure ( $s$ ,  $u$ ,  $t$ -channel resonances)

# Compton scattering



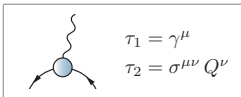
- All direct measurements in kinematic limits (RCS, VCS, forward limit).
- Em. gauge invariance  $\Rightarrow$  Compton amplitude is **fully transverse**. **Analyticity** constrains 1PI part in these limits (low-energy theorem).
- Polarizabilities = coefficients of tensor structures that vanish like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

...



# Tensor basis?



$T_1 = g_{\mu\nu}$	$T_{13} = (P_\nu k_\mu - P_\mu k_\nu) \hat{R}$
$T_2 = k_\mu k_\nu$	$T_{14} = (P_\mu k'_\nu + P_\nu k'_\mu) \hat{R}$
$T_3 = k'_\mu k'_\nu$	$T_{15} = (P'_\mu k'_\nu - P'_\nu k'_\mu) \hat{R}$
$T_4 = k_\mu k_\nu + k'_\mu k'_\nu$	$T_{21} = P_\nu \gamma_\mu + P'_\nu \gamma'_\mu$
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$T_{10} = P_\nu k'_\nu - P'_\nu k_\nu$	$T_{27} = (P_\nu \gamma_\mu + P'_\nu \gamma'_\mu) \hat{R} - \hat{R} (P_\nu \gamma_\mu + P'_\nu \gamma'_\mu)$
$T_{11} = g_{\mu\nu} \hat{R}$	$T_{28} = (P_\nu \gamma'_\mu - P'_\nu \gamma_\mu) \hat{R} - \hat{R} (P_\nu \gamma'_\mu - P'_\nu \gamma_\mu)$
$T_{12} = k_\mu k'_\nu \hat{R}$	$T_{29} = (k_\nu \gamma_\mu + k'_\nu \gamma'_\mu) \hat{R} - \hat{R} (k_\nu \gamma_\mu + k'_\nu \gamma'_\mu)$
$T_{13} = k'_\mu k_\nu \hat{R}$	$T_{30} = (k_\nu \gamma'_\mu - k'_\nu \gamma'_\mu) \hat{R} - \hat{R} (k_\nu \gamma'_\mu - k'_\nu \gamma'_\mu)$
$T_{14} = (k_\mu k_\nu + k'_\mu k'_\nu) \hat{R}$	$T_{31} = (k'_\nu \gamma_\mu + k_\nu \gamma'_\mu) \hat{R} - \hat{R} (k'_\nu \gamma_\mu + k_\nu \gamma'_\mu)$
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$T_{16} = P_\nu P_\nu \hat{R}$	$T_{33} = \gamma_\nu \gamma_\mu - \gamma'_\nu \gamma'_\mu$
$T_{17} = (P_\nu k_\mu + P'_\nu k'_\mu) \hat{R}$	$T_{34} = (\gamma_\nu \gamma'_\mu - \gamma'_\nu \gamma_\mu) \hat{R} + \hat{R} (\gamma_\nu \gamma'_\mu - \gamma'_\nu \gamma_\mu)$

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

$$\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_5, \\ \tau_3 &= (P \cdot K) T_1 + k \cdot k' T_4 - P \cdot K T_3, \\ \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_4 - \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_{12} + \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_{11} - 4 P \cdot K T_{13} + P \cdot K T_3, \\ \tau_8 &= T_{13} + \frac{k^\mu - k'^\mu}{2} T_{22} - P \cdot K T_{10} + \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{8} T_{14}, \\ \tau_9 &= T_{10} - \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{2} T_{22} + 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_{13} - 2 k \cdot k' P \cdot K T_{23} + M k \cdot k' T_{14}, \\ \tau_{11} &= T_{14} - k \cdot k' T_{13} + P \cdot K T_{10}, \\ \tau_{12} &= P \cdot K T_4 - \frac{k^\mu - k'^\mu}{2} T_1 - k \cdot k' T_4 - M T_{11} + M k \cdot k' T_{10} - \\ &\quad - M \frac{k^\mu - k'^\mu}{2} T_{14} - \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_{14} - \frac{k^\mu - k'^\mu}{4} T_{22} - k \cdot k' \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{4} T_{12}, \\ \tau_{14} &= 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_{14} - \frac{k^\mu - k'^\mu}{4} T_{22} - k \cdot k' \frac{k^\mu + k'^\mu}{4} T_{12}, \end{aligned}$$

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# 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 \(2012\)](#)

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

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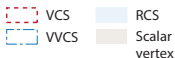
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$$F_+(Q, Q) \quad (++) \quad \tilde{F}_+(Q, Q) \quad (--)$$

- 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



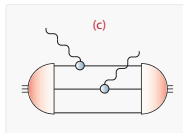
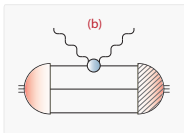
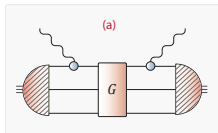
# Compton amplitude at quark level

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

GE, Fischer, PRD 85 (2012)

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

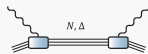
In rainbow-ladder (+ crossing & permutation):



- ✓ 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:**



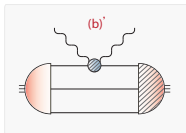
**1PI quark**  
**2-photon vertex:**  
all t-channel  
**meson poles**



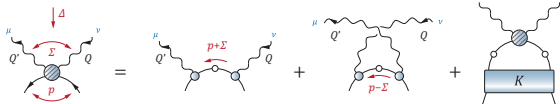
**cat's ears**  
**diagrams**

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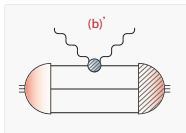


- **not electromagnetically gauge invariant**, but comparable to 1PI ‘structure part’ at nucleon level?
- reduces to **perturbative handbag** at large photon momenta, but also all **t-channel poles** included! (scalar, pion, ...)
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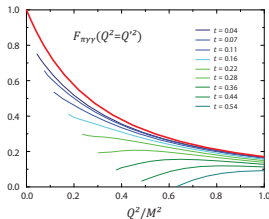
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Residues at pion pole recover  $\pi\gamma\gamma$  transition form factor ✓

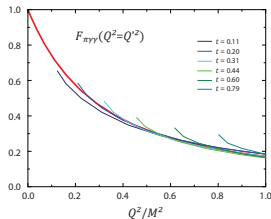
GE & Fischer, PRD 87 (2013)



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



(extracted from  
quark Compton vertex)



(extracted from  
nucleon Compton amplitude)

# Compton amplitude at quark level

- Quark Compton vertex has **extremely** rich structure:

$$\Gamma^{\mu\nu}(p, Q, Q') = \sum_{i=1}^{72} f_i(p^2, Q^2, Q'^2, Q \cdot Q', p \cdot Q, p \cdot Q') \tau_i^{\mu\nu}(p, Q, Q')$$

- Exploit **em. gauge invariance**: general **offshell quark Compton vertex** can be written as

$$\Gamma^{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{\Gamma_B^{\mu\nu} + \Gamma_{BC}^{\mu\nu} + \Gamma_T^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{Born WTI WTI-T}} + \underbrace{\Gamma_{TT}^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{Transverse}}$$

- 2-photon equivalent of **Ball-Chiu vertex**, fixed by quark propagator & quark-photon vertex
- **no kinematic singularities**

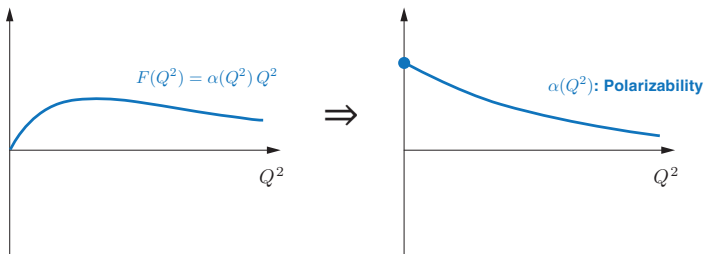
- not constrained by WTI, calculated from BSE
- **no kinematic singularities**
- contains **t-channel poles**
- 72 elements offshell (**18 elements onshell**)

- All these will contribute to Compton form factors ( $\Rightarrow$  polarizabilities, structure functions, GPDs, etc.)  
Dominant contributions?

- $\Rightarrow$  Born (**pure handbag**)?
- $\Rightarrow$  WTI, WTI-T (**em. gauge invariance**) ?
- $\Rightarrow$  Fully transverse part (**t-channel poles**) ?

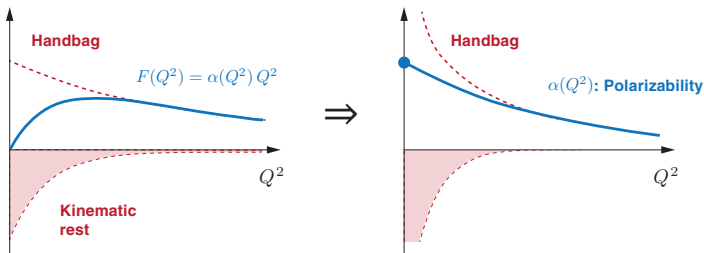
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when inserted in nucleon Compton amplitude,  
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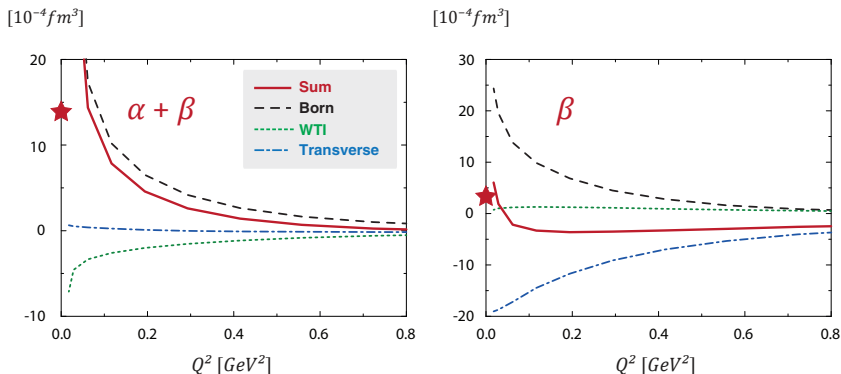
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# Polarizabilities: a first look



- $\alpha + \beta$ : dominated by **quark Born terms (pure handbag)**  
(here:  $1/Q \cdot Q'$  singularity not yet removed)
- $\beta$ : cancellation between **Born** and **t-channel poles?**  
no singularity in  $\beta$

# Summary

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## So far:

- Structure analysis of **Compton scattering**
- Nonperturbative calculation of **handbag part** (Born + t-channel)

## Next:

- Extract **polarizabilities**
- **Two-photon exchange** contribution to form factors
- **GPDs & nucleon PDFs**
- **Pion electroproduction** at quark level
- **Nucleon resonances**
- **Timelike form factors & processes**

## Need to improve:

- **Go beyond rainbow-ladder!** (Pion cloud, decay channels, higher n-point functions, ...)
- Deal with quark singularities  $\Rightarrow$  access high  $Q^2$ , timelike region etc. )

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