

# Green functions of chiral currents and their OPE

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# What is it about?

- What do we do?
  - We study QCD at low energies.
- What do we need?
  - Chiral perturbation theory ( $\chi$ PT) and Resonance chiral theory ( $R\chi$ T).
- What is it?
  - Effective description low-energy QCD.
  - $\chi$ PT for  $E \leq M_\rho$ .
    - Spontaneous breaking of the chiral  $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R$  symmetry down to  $SU(3)_V$  in QCD leads to the presence of Goldstone bosons.
    - We identify them with the octet of pseudoscalar mesons ( $\pi, K, \eta$ ) as the lightest hadronic observable states.
  - $R\chi$ T for  $M_\rho \leq E \leq 2 \text{ GeV}$ .
    - $R\chi$ T increases the number of degrees of freedom of  $\chi$ PT by including massive  $U(3)$  multiplets of vector  $V(1^{--})$ , axial-vector  $A(1^{++})$ , scalar  $S(0^{++})$  and pseudoscalar  $P(0^{-+})$  resonances.
- What is it good for?
  - To study important theoretical and phenomenological aspects of QCD.
- What do we use?
  - Green functions of chiral currents.

# Green functions of chiral currents

- The amplitudes of physical processes can be computed using LSZ reduction formula from the Green functions, the time ordered products of quantum fields.
- Three-point Green function:

$$\int d^4x_1 d^4x_2 e^{i(p_1x_1+p_2x_2)} \langle 0 | T [\mathcal{O}_1(x_1) \mathcal{O}_2(x_2) \mathcal{O}_3(0)] | 0 \rangle .$$

- $\mathcal{O}_i(x_i)$  stand either for
  - vector and axial-vector currents:

$$V_\mu^a = \bar{q}(x) \gamma_\mu T^a q(x), \quad A_\mu^a = \bar{q}(x) \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 T^a q(x),$$

- or scalar and pseudoscalar densities:

$$S^a = \bar{q}(x) T^a q(x), \quad P^a = i \bar{q}(x) \gamma_5 T^a q(x).$$

- Nontrivial three-point Green functions in QCD:
  - Set I:  $\langle SSS \rangle$ ,  $\langle SPP \rangle$ ,  $\langle VVP \rangle$ ,  $\langle AAP \rangle$ ,  $\langle VAS \rangle$ ,  $\langle VVS \rangle$ ,  $\langle AAS \rangle$ ,  $\langle VAP \rangle$ .
  - Set II:  $\langle VVA \rangle$ ,  $\langle AAA \rangle$ ,  $\langle VVV \rangle$ ,  $\langle ASP \rangle$ ,  $\langle AAV \rangle$ ,  $\langle VSS \rangle$ ,  $\langle VPP \rangle$ .

# Green functions of chiral currents: Examples

- $\langle VVP \rangle$  Green function.

- $(\Pi_{VVP}(p, q; r))_{\mu\nu}^{abc} = \Pi_{VVP}(p^2, q^2, r^2) d^{abc} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu(p)(q)}$ .
- Direct connection to many phenomenologically important quantities:
  - Transition formfactor  $\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}^{\text{R}\chi\text{T}}(p^2, q^2, r^2) = \frac{2r^2}{3B_0 F} \Pi_{VVP}^{\text{R}\chi\text{T}}(p^2, q^2, r^2)$ .
  - Decays  $\rho \rightarrow \pi\gamma$ ,  $\pi(1300) \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $\pi(1300) \rightarrow \rho\gamma$ .
  - Hadronic contribution to light-by-light scattering.

- $\langle VVA \rangle$  Green function.

$$(\Pi_{VVA}(p, q; r))_{\mu\nu\rho}^{abc} = d^{abc} [w_L \varepsilon_{\mu\nu(p)(q)} r_\rho + w_T^{(1)} \Pi_{\mu\nu\rho}^{(1)} + w_T^{(2)} \Pi_{\mu\nu\rho}^{(2)} + w_T^{(3)} \Pi_{\mu\nu\rho}^{(3)}].$$

- The tensor part is nontrivial [M. Knecht et al. '04]:

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu\rho}^{(1)} = p_\nu \varepsilon_{\mu\rho(p)(q)} - q_\mu \varepsilon_{\nu\rho(p)(q)} - \frac{p^2 + q^2 - r^2}{r^2} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu(p)(q)} r_\rho + \frac{p^2 + q^2 - r^2}{2} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho(p-q)},$$

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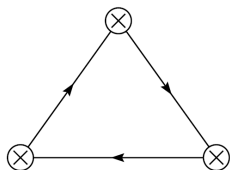
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# OPE: Perturbative contribution

- Leading order; example for  $\langle VVA \rangle$ :

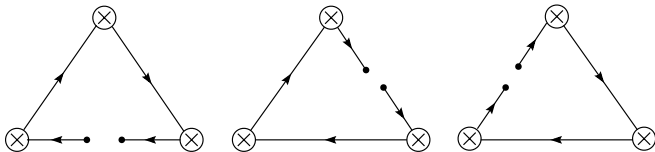


$$= i \int \frac{d^4 \ell}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\text{Tr}[\gamma_\mu \not{\ell} \gamma_\nu (\not{\ell} - \not{q}) \gamma_\rho \gamma_5 (\not{\ell} + \not{p})]}{\ell^2 (\ell - q)^2 (\ell + p)^2} \text{Tr}[T^a T^b T^c].$$

- Anomaly:
  - If vector Ward identities are imposed, the axial Ward identity picks up an extra term.
  - EW for mass fermions:  $r^\rho T_{\mu\nu\rho}^{\text{ren.}}(p, q, r; m) = 2m T_{\mu\nu}(p, q, r; m) + \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu(p)(q)}$ .
- Non-renormalization of the  $\langle VVA \rangle$  correlator:
  - $\langle VVA \rangle$  is not modified by QCD radiative corrections at two loops.
  - Does it persist at higher orders?
  - Three-loop corrections do not vanish and they are proportional to the QCD  $\beta$ -function [J. Mondejar and K. Melnikov '12].

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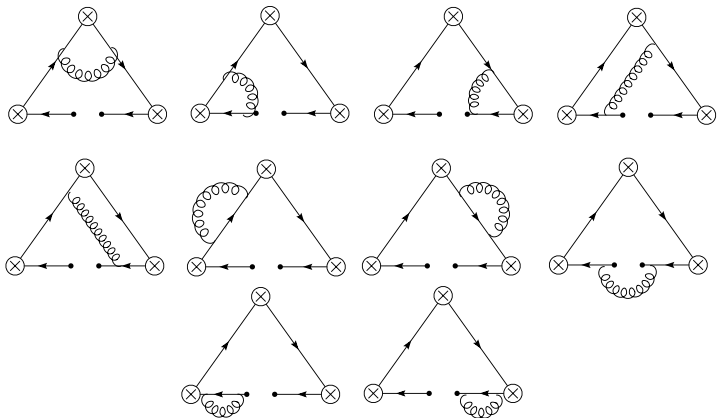


- First nontrivial QCD condensate.
- Responsible for the chiral symmetry breaking.
- Contributes to order parameters of the  $\chi$ SB.
  - Possibility to find out more about it.
- For  $\langle VVP \rangle$ :

$$C_{VVP}^{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle} (p^2, q^2; r^2) = \frac{p^2 + q^2 + r^2}{p^2 q^2 r^2} .$$

# OPE: Quark condensate contribution $\langle 0|\bar{q}q|0\rangle$

- Next-to-leading order: gluonic corrections at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ .
- An opportunity to explore the renormalisation dependence of such condensate in full QCD.



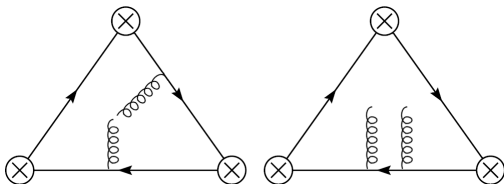
$$C_{\langle\bar{q}q\rangle} = \frac{\alpha_s}{6\pi} \left[ L_p \log \left( -\frac{p^2}{\mu^2} \right) + L_q \log \left( -\frac{q^2}{\mu^2} \right) + L_r \log \left( -\frac{r^2}{\mu^2} \right) + L_d C_0 + L_c \right].$$

# OPE: Gluon condensate contribution $\langle 0|G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}|0\rangle$

- Fock-Schwinger gauge:  $x^\mu A_\mu(x) = 0$ .
- Massless quark propagator in external gluon field:

$$S(x, y) = S_0(x, y) + S_1^{\alpha\beta}(x, y)G_{\alpha\beta}(0) + S_2^{\alpha\beta}(x, y)G_{\alpha\beta}(0) + S_3(x, y)G_{\alpha\beta}(0)G^{\alpha\beta}(0).$$

- Fourier transform needed to convert the result into  $p$ -representation.



- Results for  $\langle VVA \rangle$  (and  $\langle AAA \rangle$ ) are surprisingly simple [TK, K. Kampf and J. Novotný '17]:

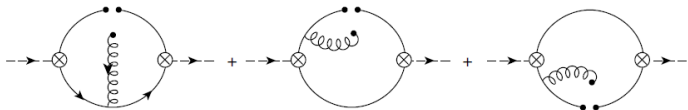
$$w_T^{(1)} = -\frac{g_s^2 \langle G^2 \rangle}{384\pi^2} \frac{p^2(r^2 - 4q^2) + p^4 + q^2(q^2 + r^2)}{p^4 q^4 r^2},$$

$$w_T^{(2)} = -\frac{g_s^2 \langle G^2 \rangle}{384\pi^2} \frac{(p^2 - q^2)(p^2 + q^2 + r^2)}{p^4 q^4 r^2} = -w_T^{(3)}.$$

- Cancellation of logarithmic terms!

# OPE: Quark-gluon condensate contribution $\langle 0 | \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} q | 0 \rangle$

- Fock-Schwinger gauge.



- The last two diagrams are generated by the propagation of the quark condensate in a weak external field:

$$\langle : \bar{q}(x) q(0) : \rangle \ni -\frac{ix^2}{16} \left( \mathbb{1} + \frac{i}{6} m \not{x} \right) \langle : \bar{q} \sigma_{\alpha\beta} G^{\alpha\beta} q : \rangle.$$



# OPE: Four-quark condensate contribution $\langle 0 | \bar{q} \Gamma_1 q \bar{q} \Gamma_2 q | 0 \rangle$

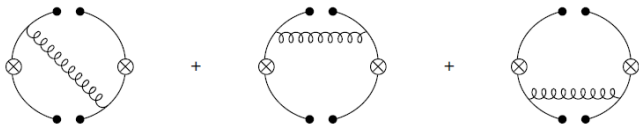
- An *independent* four-quark condensate:  $\langle 0 | \bar{q} \Gamma_1 q \bar{q} \Gamma_2 q | 0 \rangle$ .
  - $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2$  stand for any combination of one of the  $4 \times 4$  matrices  $\{\mathbb{1}, \gamma_5, \gamma_\mu, \gamma_\mu \gamma_5, \sigma_{\mu\nu}\}$  with one of the  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $\{\mathbb{1}, T^a\}$ , that preserves the Lorentz invariance.

Notation	Condensate	Notation	Condensate
$\mathcal{Q}_1$	$\langle 0   \bar{q} q \bar{q} q   0 \rangle$	$\mathcal{Q}_6$	$\langle 0   \bar{q} \gamma_5 T^a q \bar{q} \gamma_5 T^a q   0 \rangle$
$\mathcal{Q}_2$	$\langle 0   \bar{q} \gamma_5 q \bar{q} \gamma_5 q   0 \rangle$	$\mathcal{Q}_7$	$\langle 0   \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 q \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 q   0 \rangle$
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- For  $\langle VVA \rangle$ , only  $\mathcal{Q}_4, \mathcal{Q}_5, \mathcal{Q}_7$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_8$  contribute.

# OPE: Four-quark condensate contribution $\langle 0 | \bar{q} \Gamma_1 q \bar{q} \Gamma_2 q | 0 \rangle$

- Diagrams with hard momentum gluon propagator:



- Diagrams with zero momentum gluon propagator:



- The first two diagrams are generated by the propagation of the quark condensate in a weak external field:

$$\langle : \bar{q}(x)q(0) : \rangle \ni \frac{ig_s^2 x^2}{288} \not{x} \langle : \bar{q} \gamma_\rho T^a q \sum_f \bar{q}_f \gamma^\rho T^a q_f : \rangle.$$

- The third diagram is generated by the mixed quark-gluon condensate in a weak external field:

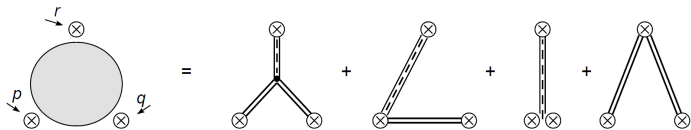
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# Matching $R_{\chi T}$ to OPE

- We assume the saturation of dynamics with the lightest resonances.
- At the NLO, relevant Lagrangian in the odd-intrinsic parity sector, was formulated for the first time in [K. Kampf and J. Novotný '11]:

$$\mathcal{L}_R^{(6)} = \sum_X \sum_i \kappa_i^X \widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{i\mu\nu\alpha\beta}^X \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}.$$

- $\mathcal{L}_{R_{\chi T}}^{(6)}$ : 67 operators and 67 corresponding unknown couplings  $\kappa_i^X$  in total.
- $X$  stands for the single-resonance fields  $V, A, S, P$ , double-resonance fields  $VV, AA, SA, SV, VA, PA, PV$  and triple-resonance fields  $VVP, VAS, AAP$ .
- Topology of the Feynman diagrams (the crossing is implicitly assumed):



- Extracted formfactors [TK, K. Kampf and J. Novotný '16]:

$$w_L = \frac{N_c}{8\pi^2 r^2},$$
$$w_T^{(1)} = -\frac{2\sqrt{2}F_V [\kappa_{17}^V(p^2 + q^2 - 2M_V^2) - \sqrt{2}F_V \kappa_3^{VV}]}{(p^2 - M_V^2)(q^2 - M_V^2)},$$
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- Impossible to match to the OPE contribution!
  - OPE does not reproduce the perturbative term.
- Generally: the matching R $\chi$ T to OPE is still unclear.
  - Unclear how to deal with logarithmic terms.
  - Infinite tower of resonances is needed.

# VVA Green function: AdS/QCD

- Phenomenologically important formfactor  $w_T(Q^2)$ :

$$w_T(Q^2) = -16\pi^2 [w_T^{(1)}(-Q^2, 0, -Q^2) + w_T^{(3)}(-Q^2, 0, -Q^2)].$$

- Expand  $w_T(Q^2)$  in terms of  $Q^2$  up to  $\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{Q^8})$ .
- Why? Soft-wall AdS/QCD and OPE [P. Colangelo *et al.* '12]:

$$w_T(Q^2) = \frac{N_c}{Q^2} + \frac{128\pi^3\alpha_s\chi\langle\bar{q}q\rangle^2}{9Q^6} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{Q^8}\right).$$

- Comparison leads to a system of equations:

$$\frac{N_c}{64\pi^2 F_V} + \sqrt{2}(\kappa_{11}^V + \kappa_{12}^V) = 0,$$

$$\frac{F_V\kappa_3^{VV} - F_A\kappa_5^{VA}}{M_V^2} + \sqrt{2}(\kappa_{11}^V + \kappa_{12}^V) = -\frac{N_c}{64\pi^2 F_V},$$

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$$w_T(Q^2) = \frac{N_c}{Q^2} + \frac{128\pi^3\alpha_s\chi\langle\bar{q}q\rangle^2}{9Q^6} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{Q^8}\right).$$

- Comparison leads to a system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{N_c}{64\pi^2 F_V} + \sqrt{2}(\kappa_{11}^V + \kappa_{12}^V) &= 0, \\ \frac{F_V\kappa_3^{VV} - F_A\kappa_5^{VA}}{M_V^2} + \sqrt{2}(\kappa_{11}^V + \kappa_{12}^V) &= -\frac{N_c}{64\pi^2 F_V}, \\ \frac{F_V\kappa_3^{VV} - F_A\kappa_5^{VA}}{M_V^2} + \sqrt{2}(\kappa_{11}^V + \kappa_{12}^V) - F_A\kappa_5^{VA} \frac{M_A^2}{M_V^4} &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{F_V\kappa_3^{VV} - F_A\kappa_5^{VA}}{M_V^2} + \sqrt{2}(\kappa_{11}^V + \kappa_{12}^V) - F_A\kappa_5^{VA} \frac{M_A^2}{M_V^4} \left(1 + \frac{M_A^2}{M_V^2}\right) = -\frac{2\pi\alpha_s\chi\langle\bar{q}q\rangle^2}{9F_V M_V^4}.$$

# VVA Green function: Coupling constants constraints

- It is possible to extract the following coupling constants constraints:

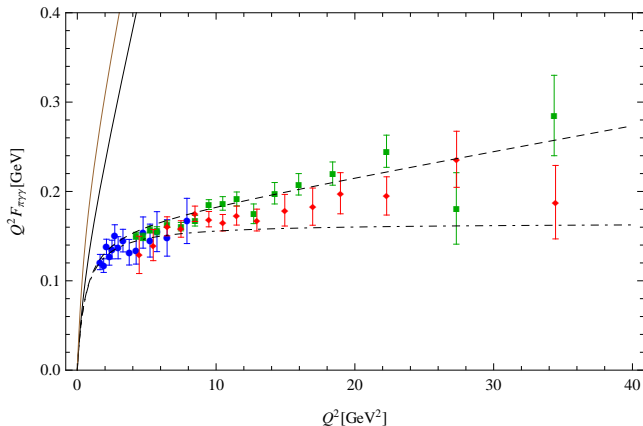
$$\kappa_{11}^V + \kappa_{12}^V = -\frac{N_c}{64\sqrt{2}\pi^2 F_V}, \quad \kappa_3^{VV} = -\frac{N_c M_V^4}{64\pi^2 M_A^2 F_V^2}, \quad \kappa_5^{VA} = \kappa_3^{VV} \frac{F_V}{F_A}.$$

- Since it is not possible to solve the system of equations completely, the relevance of the constraints should be taken with caution!
- Determination of  $\kappa_5^{VA}$ :
  - Numerically:  $\kappa_5^{VA} = -0.086$ .
  - From the decay  $f_1(1285) \rightarrow \rho\gamma$ :  $\kappa_5^{VA} = -0.062 \pm 0.030$ .
- Using the constraints for  $VVP$  we can also determine:

$$\kappa_2^{VV} = \frac{1}{64F_V^2} \left( F^2 - \frac{N_c M_V^4}{8\pi^2 M_A^2} \right), \quad \kappa_3^{PV} = -\frac{F^2}{32\sqrt{2}d_m F_V} \left[ 1 + \frac{N_c M_V^2}{8\pi^2 F^2} \left( \frac{M_V^2}{M_A^2} - 1 \right) \right].$$

- However: BABAR dictates  $\kappa_3^{PV} = -\frac{F^2}{32\sqrt{2}d_m F_V} (1 + \delta_{BL})$  with the value  $\delta_{BL} = -0,055 \pm 0.025$  from  $VVP$ .
- However, our prediction from  $VVA$  gives  $\delta_{BL} = -1.342$ .

# VVA Green function: $\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}^{\text{R}\chi\text{T}}$ formfactor revisited



**Figure:** A plot of BABAR (green), BELLE (red) and CLEO (blue) data fitted with the formfactor  $\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}^{\text{R}\chi\text{T}}(0, -Q^2; 0)$  using the modified Brodsky-Lepage condition. The full black line represents our fit with  $\delta_{\text{BL}} = -1.342$ , and the full brown line is a fit using the LMD formfactor. The dashed line stands for  $\delta_{\text{BL}} = -0.055$  and the dot-dashed line for  $\delta_{\text{BL}} = 0$ .



# Conclusion

- Some properties of low-energy QCD and Green functions were summarized.
- We calculated OPE for all nonvanishing three-point Green functions.
- We also study Green functions in the odd-intrinsic parity sector, calculated in the NLO, i.e. up to  $\mathcal{O}(p^6)$ .
- Examples on two specific correlators were shown:
  - $VVP$
  - $VVA$ 
    - Newest results were presented.
    - OPE with two large momenta is obviously inconsistent with reality, OPE with all three large momenta is needed (and in finishing stages).
- Matching  $R\chi T$  with OPE is still unclear.

Thank you for your attention.