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# Electromagnetic form factors of hadrons

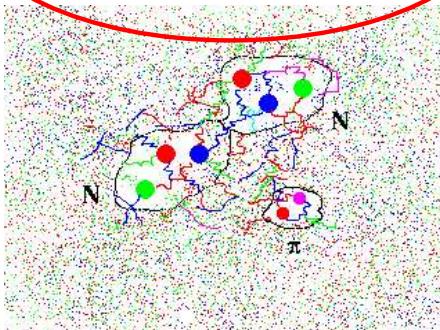
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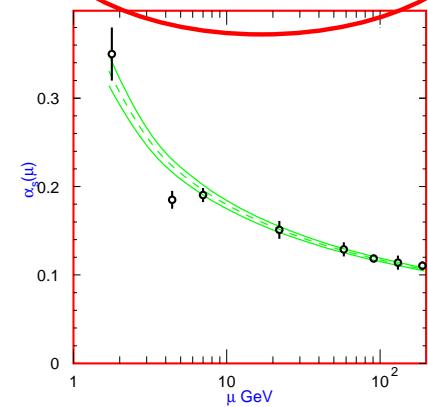
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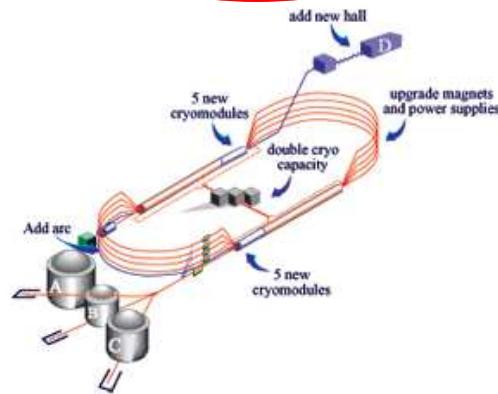
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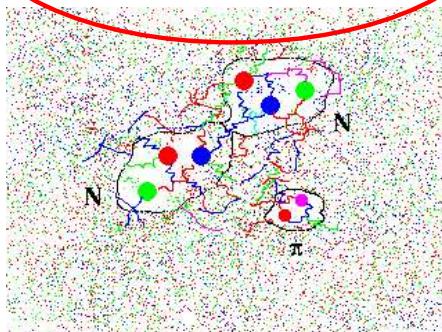


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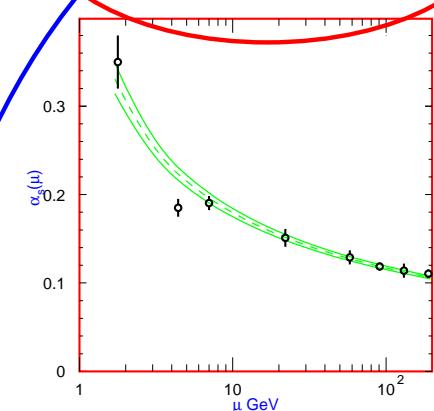


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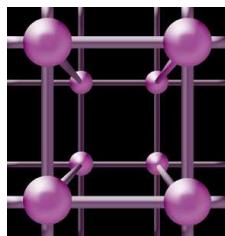
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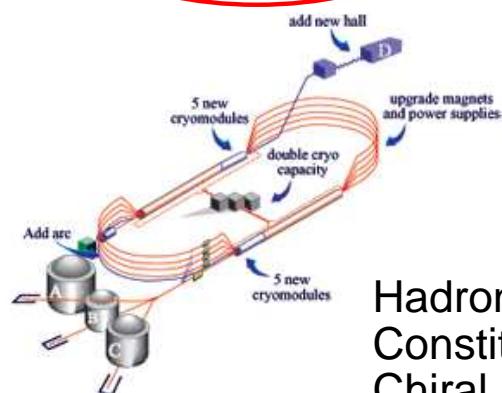
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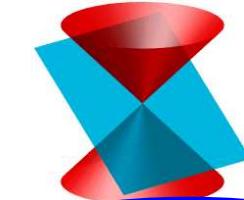
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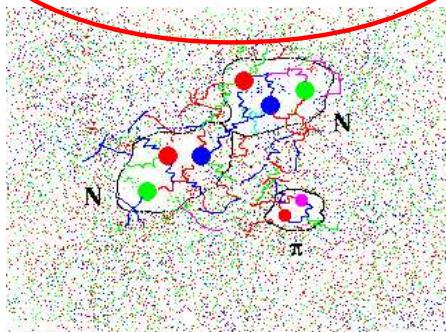
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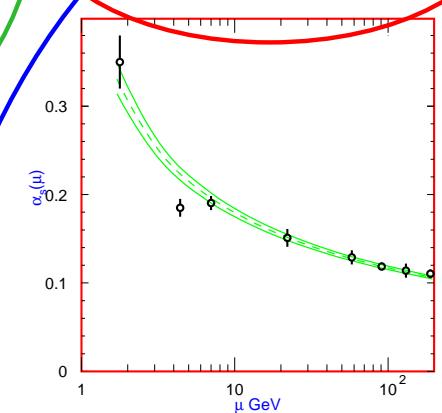
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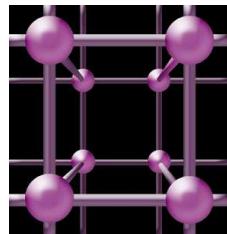


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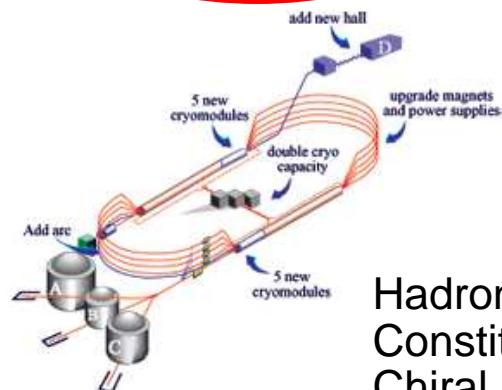
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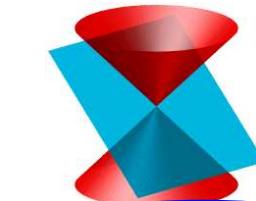
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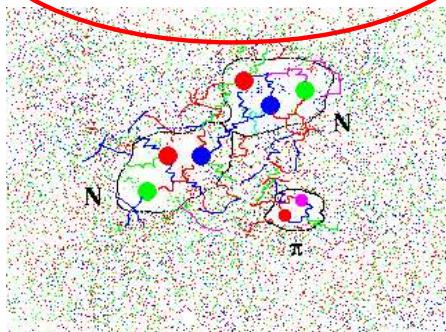
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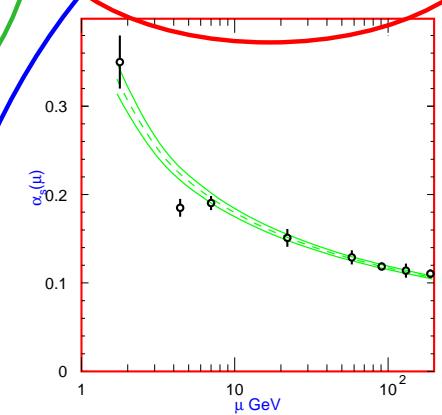
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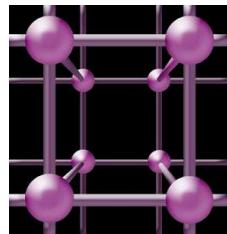


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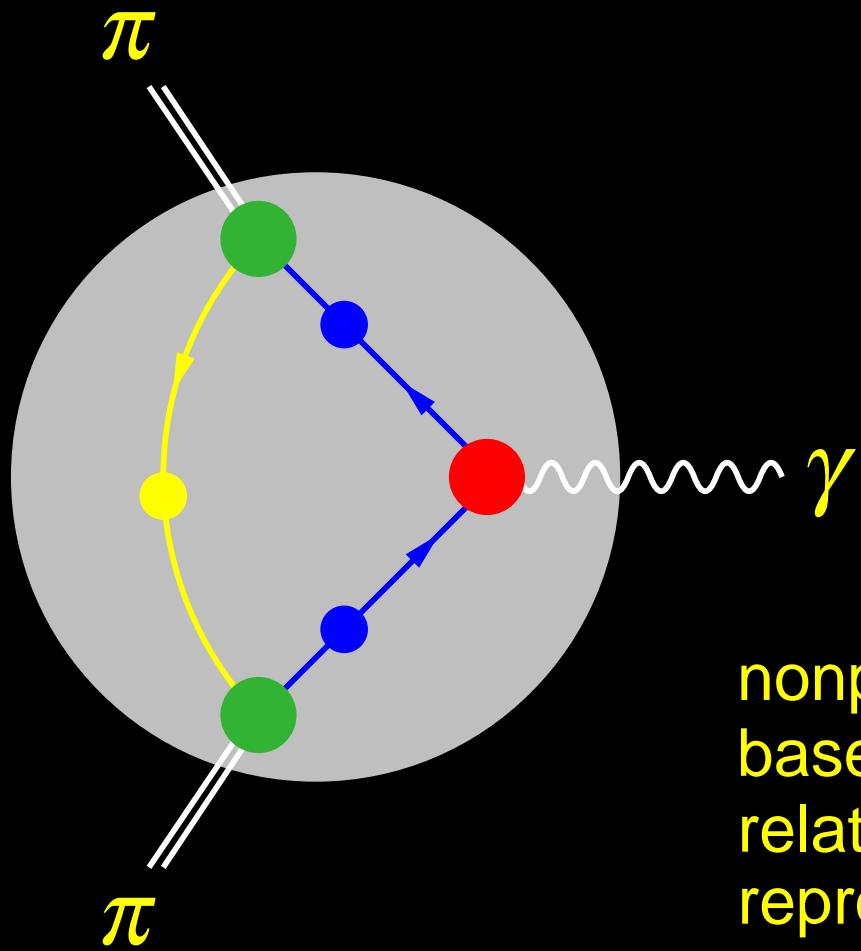
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# Pion electromagnetic form factor

Pion-photon coupling: set of Dyson–Schwinger equations for



quark propagator  
pion wave function  
quark-photon coupling

nonperturbative QFT approach  
based on QCD dynamics  
relativistic, Poincaré invariant  
reproduces pQCD results  
in perturbative regime

# Quark propagator

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Quantum fluctuations modify the quark propagator  $S_0$

$$S_0(p) = \frac{1}{i \not{p} + m_q} \quad \rightarrow \quad S(p) = \frac{Z(p^2)}{i \not{p} + M(p^2)}$$

- Perturbation theory, renormalisation group equation: running quark mass

$$M(p^2) = \frac{\hat{m}_q}{\left(\frac{1}{2} \ln(p^2/\Lambda_{QCD}^2)\right)^{\gamma_m}}$$

with anomalous dimension  $\gamma_m = 12/(33 - 2N_f)$

- To any order in perturbation theory:  $M(p^2) \propto \hat{m}_q$
- Perturbatively,  $M(p^2)$  diverges as  $p^2 \downarrow \Lambda_{QCD}^2$

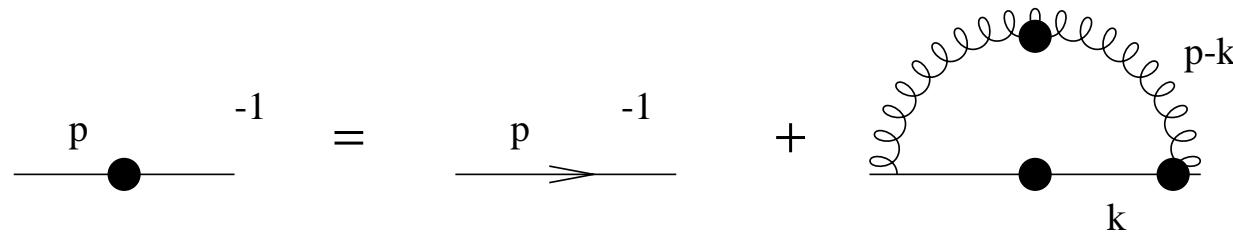
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- Nonperturbatively: QCD gap equation

$$S(p)^{-1} = i \not{p} Z_2 + m_q(\mu) Z_4 + \int^\Lambda \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} g^2 D_{\mu\nu}(q) \gamma_\mu \frac{\lambda^a}{2} S(k) \Gamma_\nu(k, p) \frac{\lambda^a}{2}$$



- Nonlinear integral equation for the quark propagator
- Allows for nontrivial solution  $M(p^2) \neq 0$  even if  $m_q(\mu) = 0$

# Nonperturbative quark propagator

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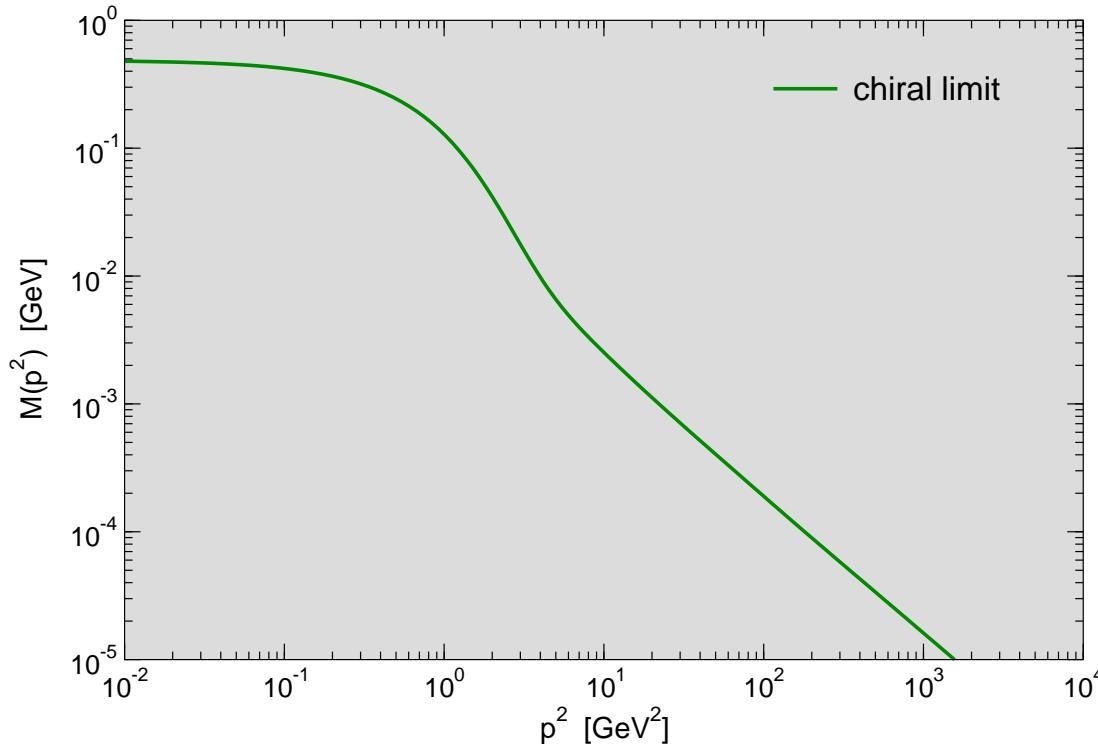


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$$M(p^2) \xrightarrow{\text{large } p^2} \frac{2\pi^2\gamma_m}{3} \frac{-\langle \bar{q}q \rangle^0}{p^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \ln(p^2/\Lambda_{QCD}^2) \right)^{1-\gamma_m}}$$

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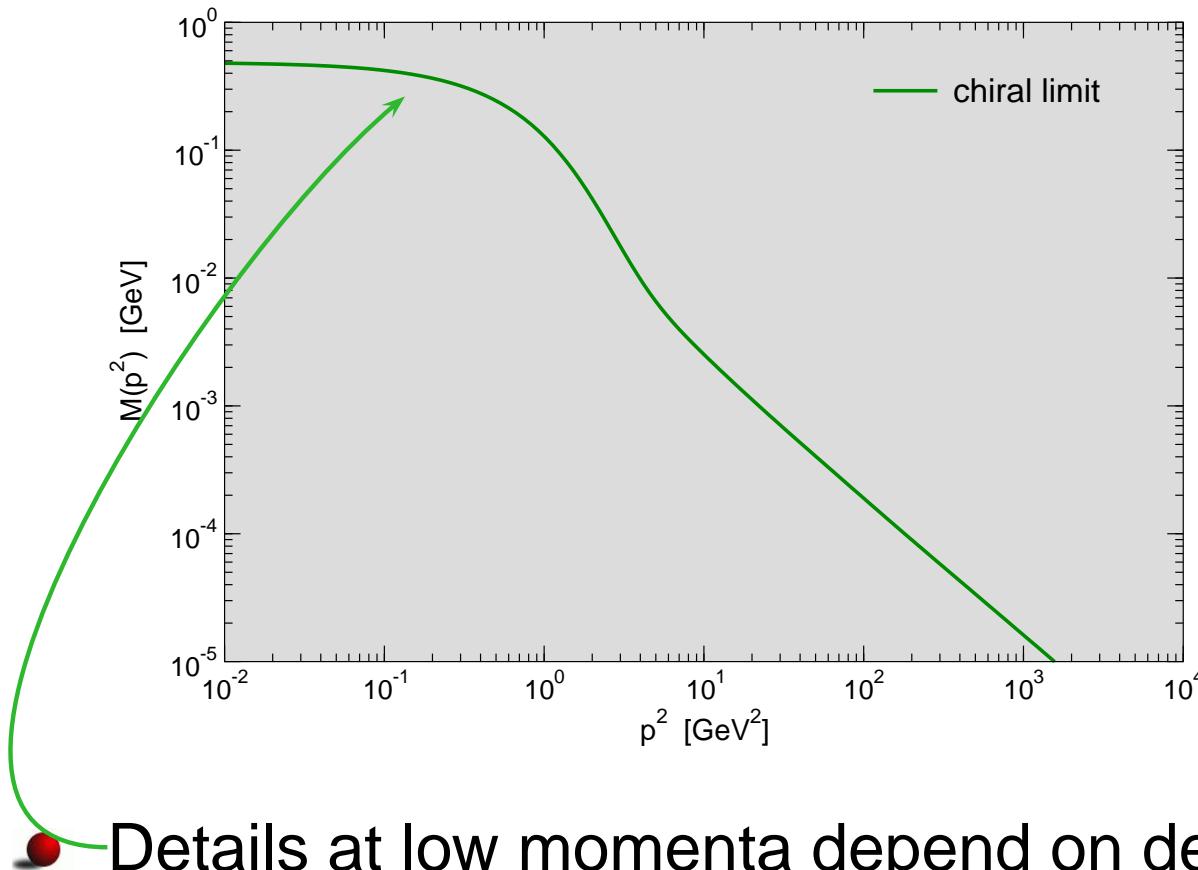


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- Details at low momenta depend on details of the low-momentum behavior of QCD running coupling  $\alpha_s(Q^2)$

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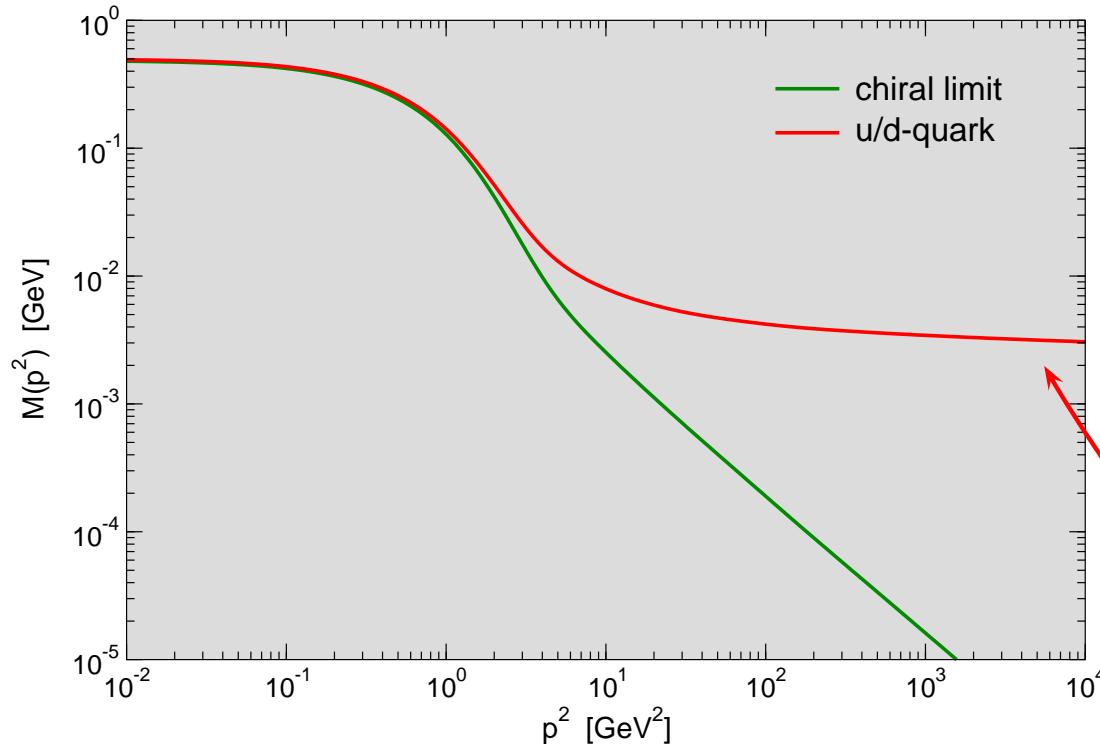


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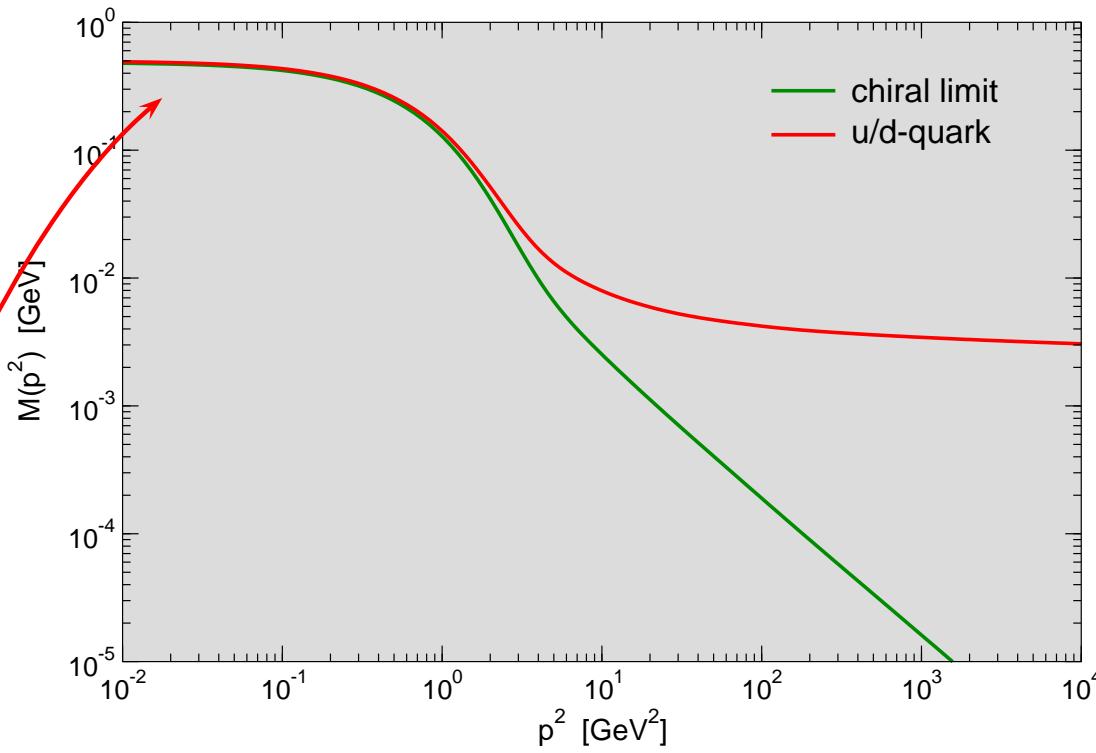


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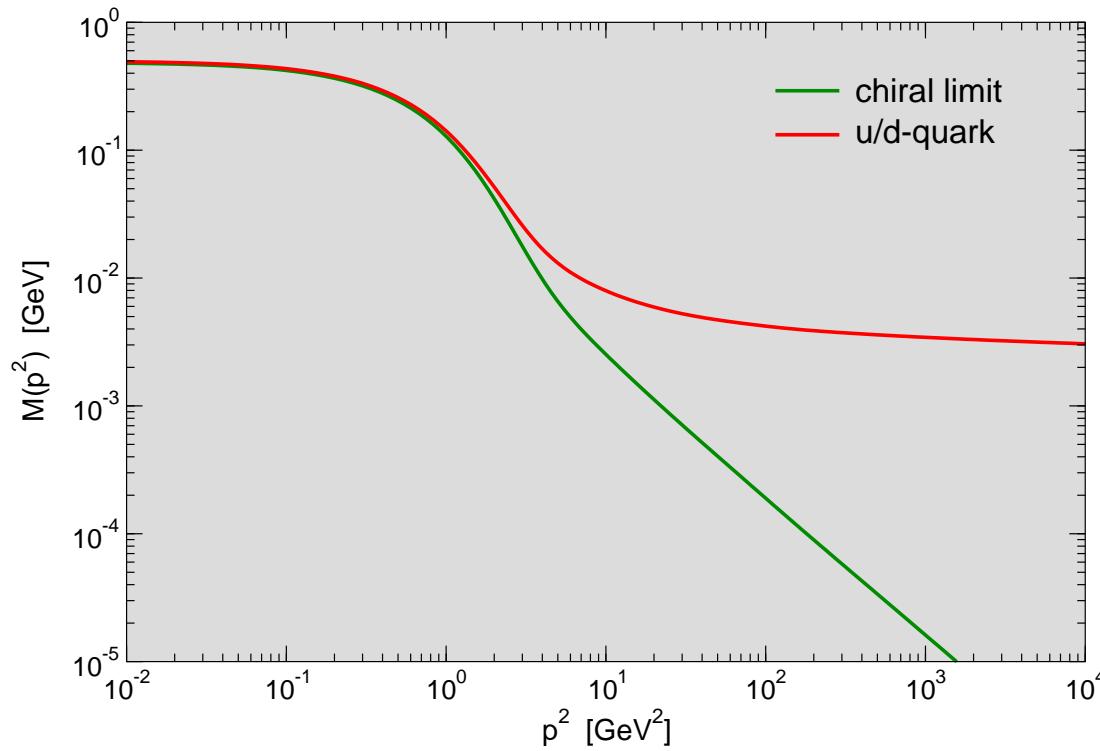
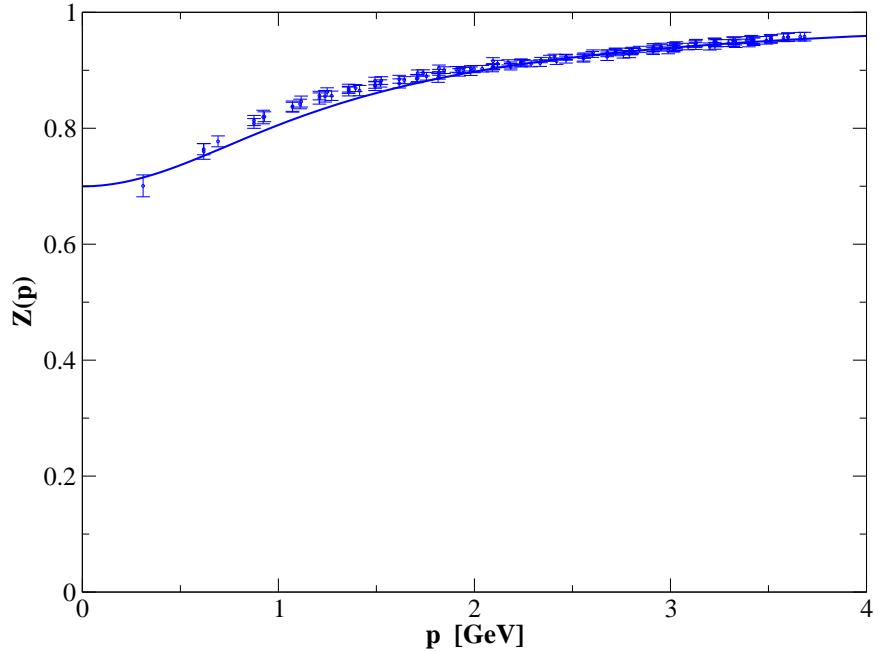
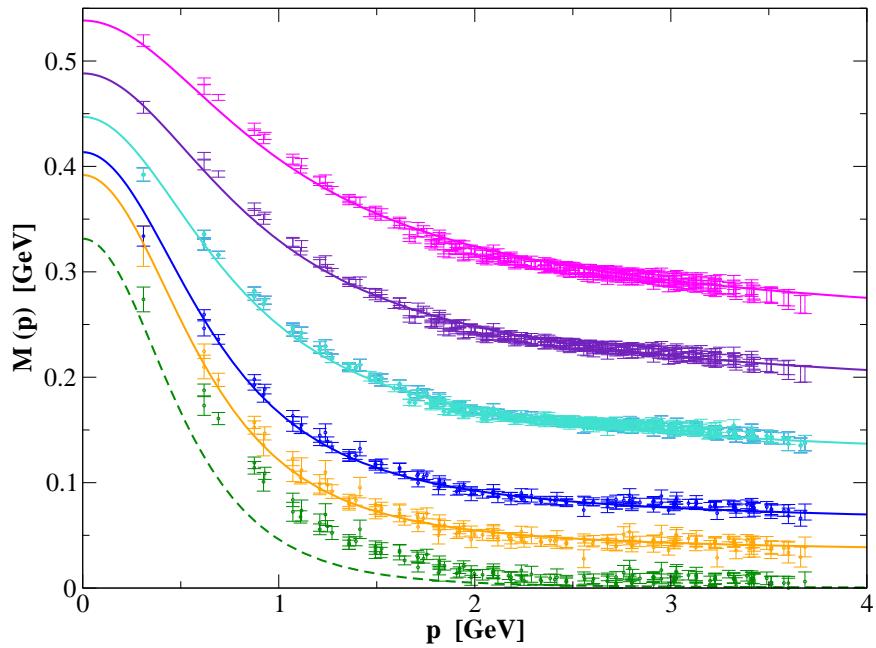


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$M(p^2)$  connects hadronic physics with perturbative QCD

# Nonperturbative quark propagator

Longstanding predictions from solution of the QCD gap eqn  
have been confirmed by lattice simulations of QCD



DSE soln from Bhagwat, Pichowsky, Roberts, Tandy,

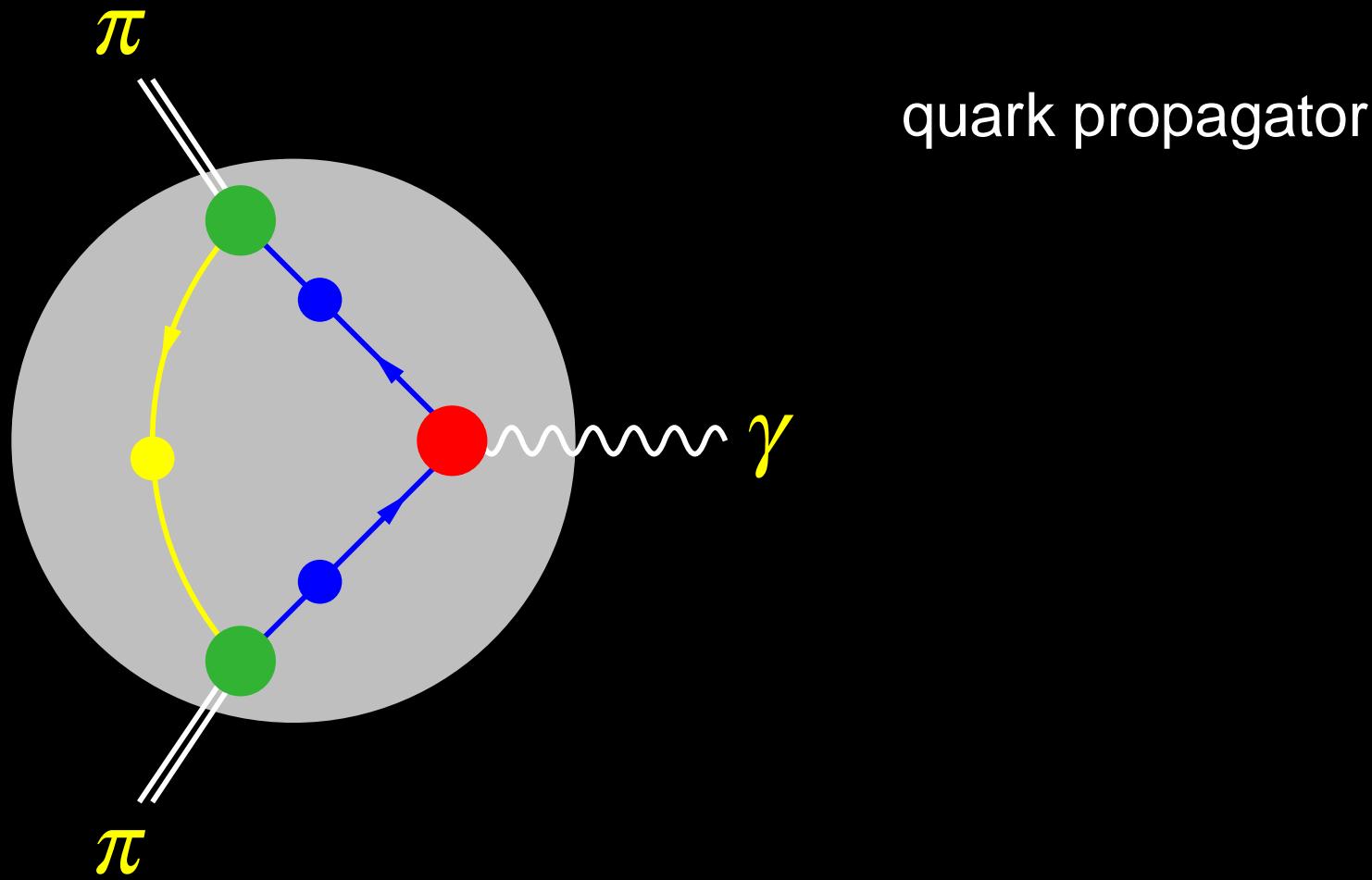
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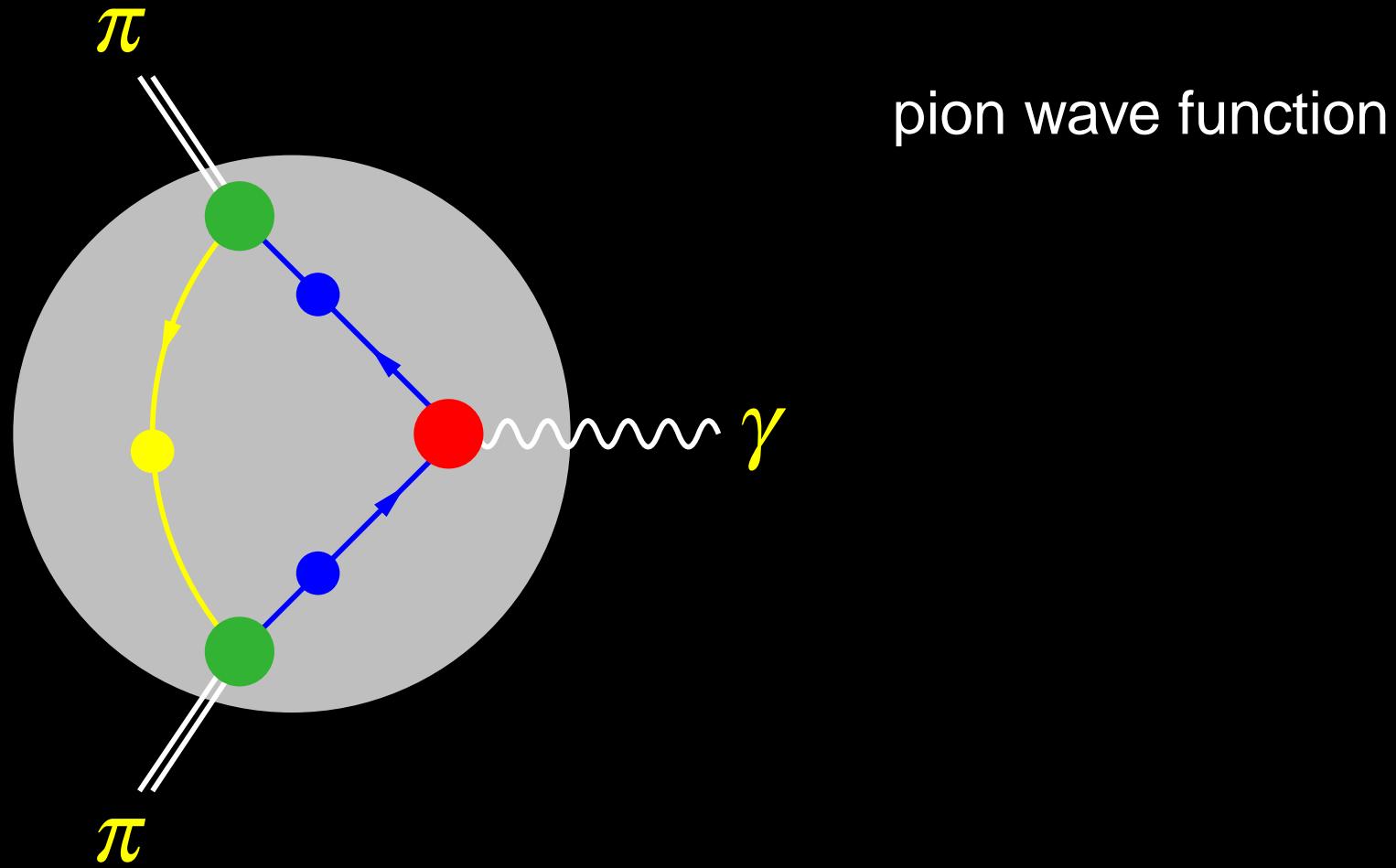
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Pion-photon coupling



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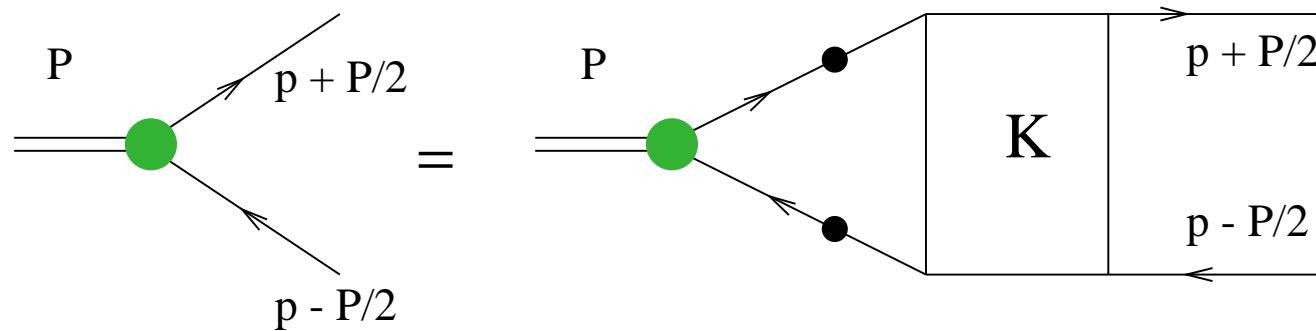


# Mesons

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Quark-antiquark bound states satisfy homogeneous  
**Bethe–Salpeter equation** at mass pole  $P^2 = -m_{\text{meson}}^2$

$$\Gamma_H(p; P) = \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} K(p, k; P) S(k_+) \Gamma_H(k; P) S(k_-)$$



- Kernel  $K(p, k; P)$ : 1PI quark-antiquark scattering kernel
- Quark propagators nonperturbatively dressed
- Euclidean formulation: integration variable Euclidean quark propagator arguments  $k_\pm = k \pm P/2$  complex

# Pion

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- Quark-antiquark bound state
- Goldstone bosons associated with dynamical chiral symmetry breaking
- Axial-vector Ward–Takahashi identity in the chiral limit relates pseudoscalar BSA

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_\pi(k; P) = & \gamma_5 [iE_\pi(k; P) + \not{P}F_\pi(k; P) + \not{k}k \cdot \not{P}G_\pi(k; P) \\ & + \sigma_{\mu\nu} k_\mu P_\nu H_\pi(k; P)]\end{aligned}$$

to inverse quark propagator  $S^{-1}(k) = i \not{k}A(k^2) + B(k^2)$

$$f_\pi E_\pi(k; 0) = B(k^2)$$

⇒ existence of a massless, pseudoscalar bound state

Pions are (pseudo-)Goldstone bosons of QCD

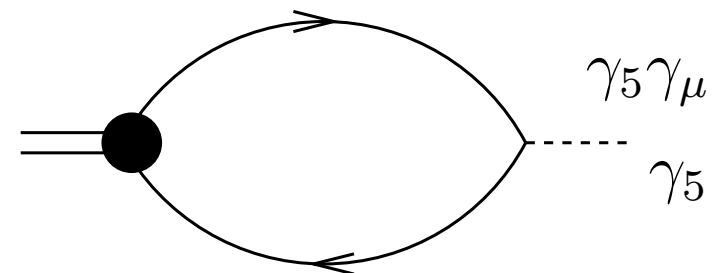
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# Exact pseudoscalar mass relation

- In general, AV-WTI relates different spin projections of the BS wavefunction  $\chi_H(k; P) = S(k_+) \Gamma_H(k; P) S(k_-)$

$$f_{PV} = Z_2 \int_k \text{Tr}[\chi_H(k; P) \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu] \frac{P_\mu}{m_H^2}$$

$$r_{PS}(\mu) = Z_4 \int_k \text{Tr}[\chi_H(k; P) \gamma_5]$$



$$f_{PV} m_H^2 = 2 m_q(\mu) r_{PS}(\mu)$$

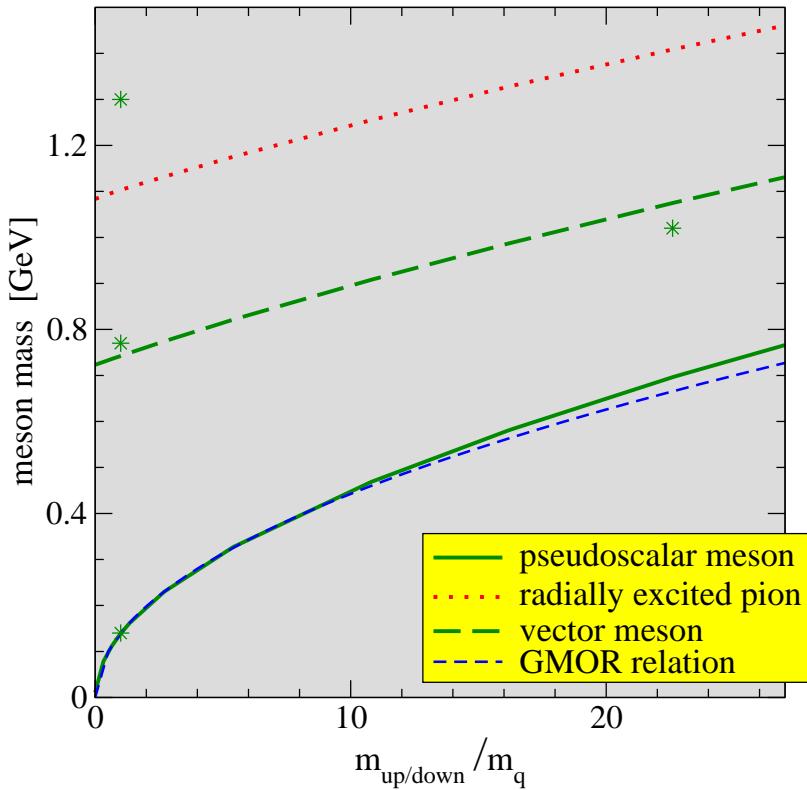
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- Exact statement, with observable consequences for both light mesons and heavy mesons

Ivanov, Kalinovsky, Roberts, PRD60, 034018 (1999) [nucl-th/9812063]

# Consequences of pseudoscalar mass relation

$$f_{PV} m_H^2 = 2 m_q(\mu) r_{PS}(\mu)$$



In chiral limit

$$r_{PS}(\mu) \rightarrow \frac{Z_4}{f_\pi} \int_k \text{Tr}[S_{m_q=0}(k)]$$

and thus

$$f_\pi^2 m_\pi^2 = 2 m_q(\mu) \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_\mu$$

Gell-Mann–Oakes–Renner relation

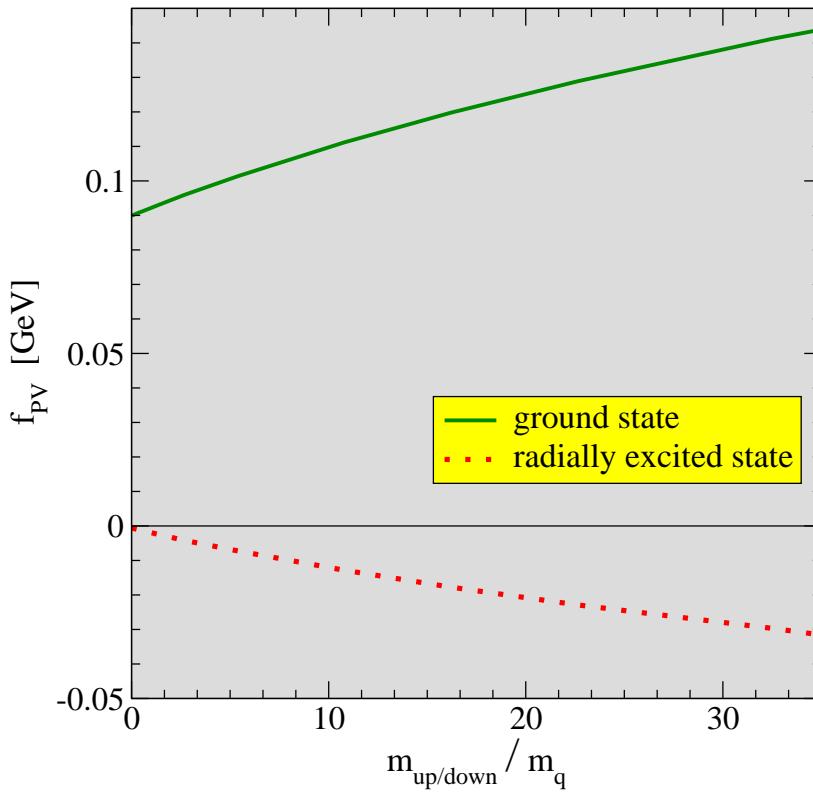
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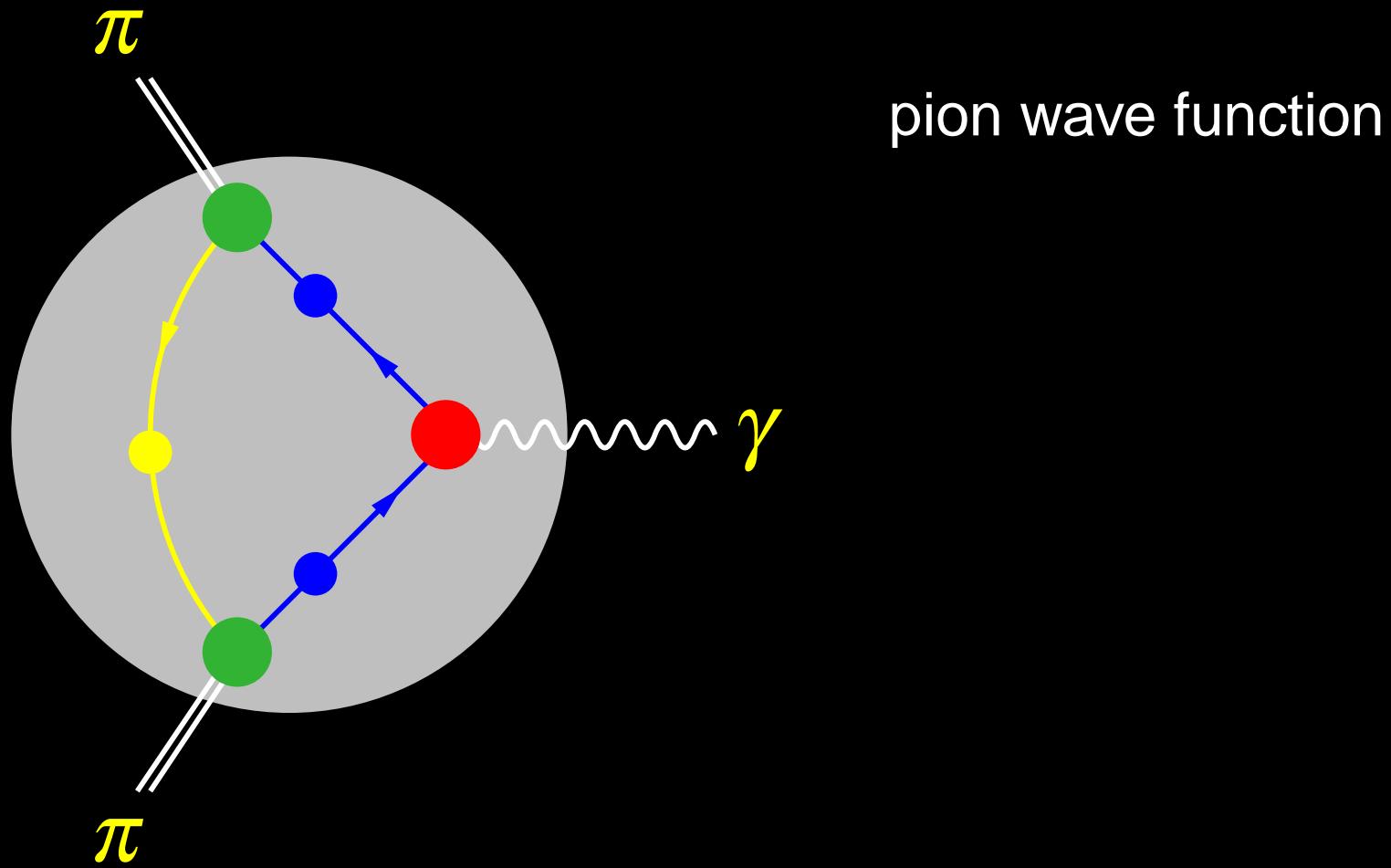
Ground state pion:  
mass vanishes in chiral limit

Excited pion:  
mass nonzero in chiral limit  
but decay constant vanishes



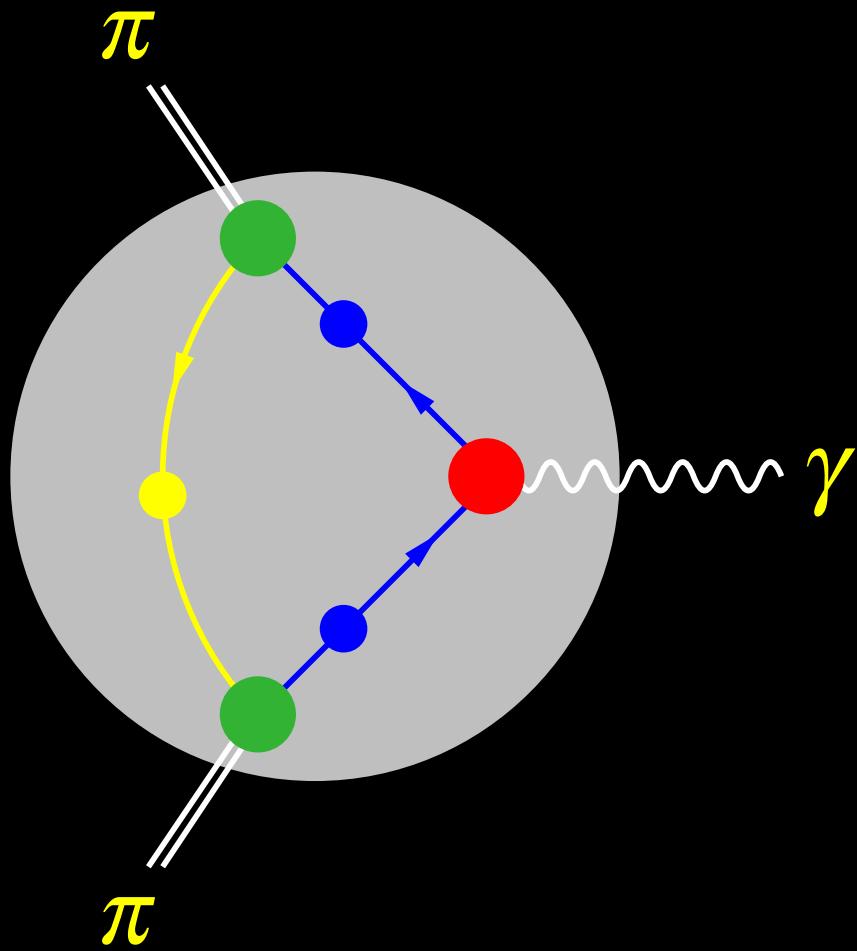
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quark-photon coupling

# Quark-photon coupling

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- Electromagnetic current conservation

$$\partial_\mu J^\mu = 0$$

- Vector Ward–Takahashi identity

$$i P_\mu \Gamma_\mu(q_+, q_-; P) = S^{-1}(q + P/2) - S^{-1}(q - P/2)$$

- Differential Ward–Takahashi identity

$$i \Gamma_\mu(q, q; 0) = \frac{\partial}{\partial q_\mu} S^{-1}(q)$$

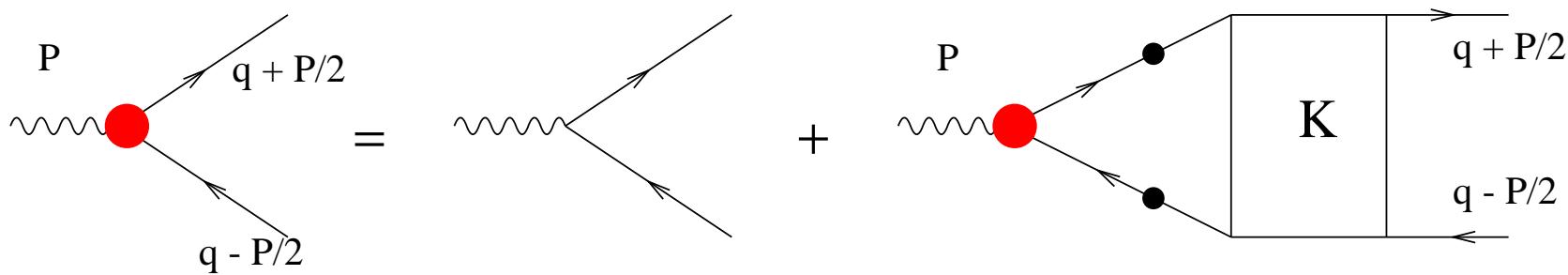
⇒ longitudinal components uniquely determined  
⇒ constraints on transverse components at  $P = 0$  only

# Quark-photon coupling

- Electromagnetic current conservation

$$\partial_\mu J^\mu = 0$$

- Inhomogeneous **Bethe–Salpeter equation** for the quark-photon vertex



guarantees current conservation

- Same kernel  $K$  as meson bound state eqn
- Solve for

$$\Gamma_\mu^T(k_+, k_-; P) = \sum_{i=0}^8 T_\mu^i(k, P) F_i(k^2, k \cdot P; P^2)$$

# Quark-photon coupling

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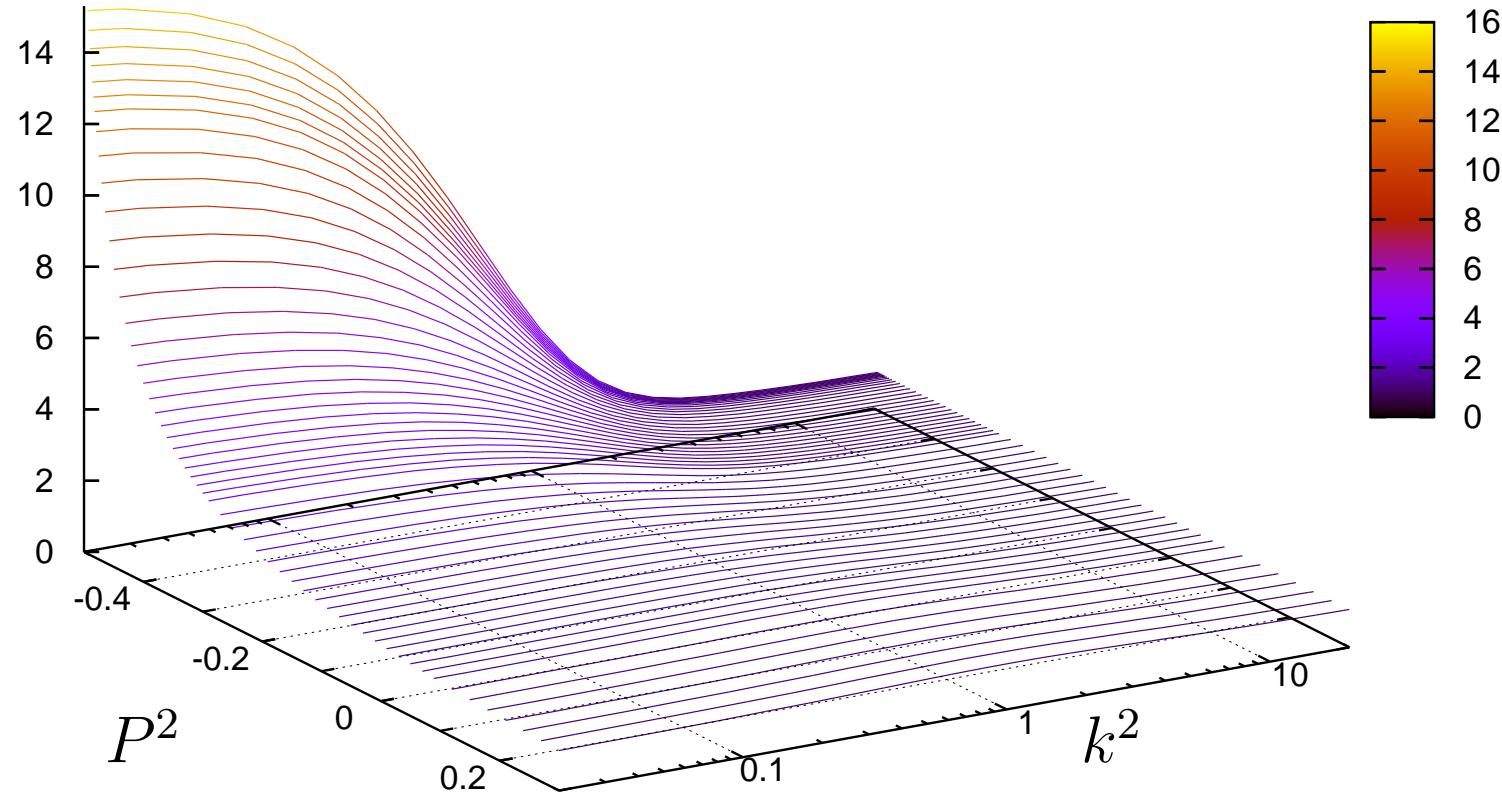
Vector mesons appear as **poles** in quark-photon vertex

- Homogeneous vector BSE has solution at  $P^2 = -m_{\rho,\omega,\phi,\dots}$
- Inhomogeneous quark-photon vertex BSE has poles at corresponding values of  $P^2$

$$\Gamma_\mu(k; P) \simeq \Gamma_\mu^{\text{Reg}}(k; P) + \frac{f_\rho m_\rho}{P^2 + m_\rho^2} \Gamma_\mu^\rho(k; P)$$

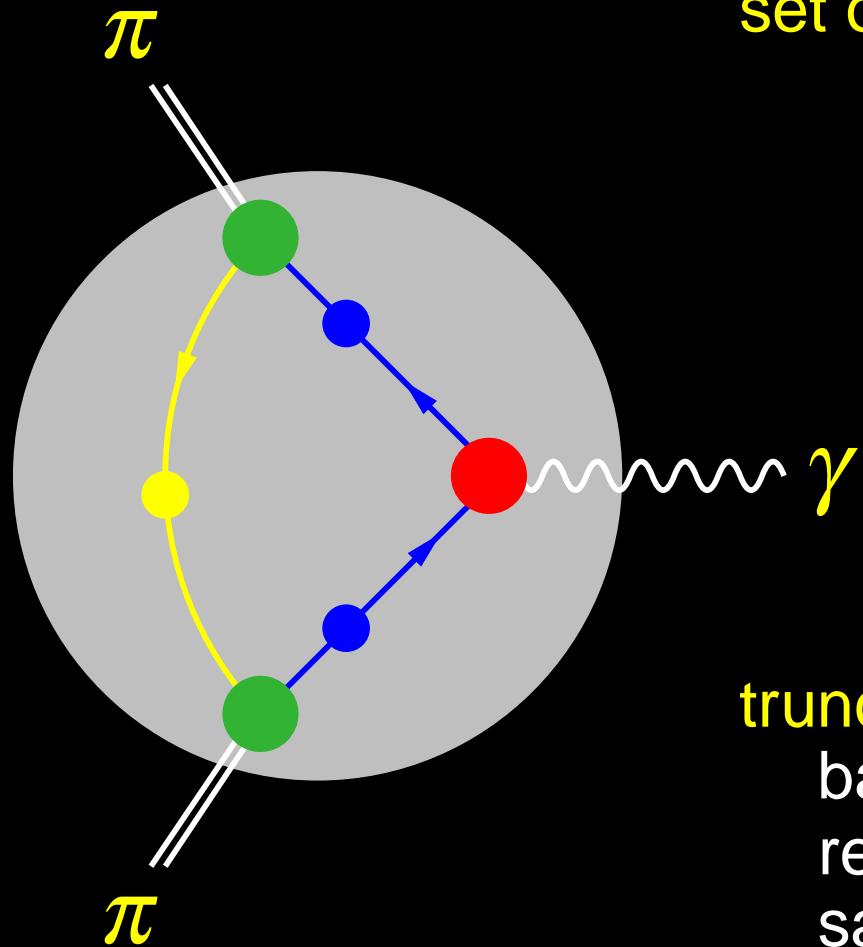
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$F_1^0(k^2; P^2)$  zeroth Cheb. mom. of canonical Dirac structure  $\gamma_\mu^T$

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set of Dyson–Schwinger equations

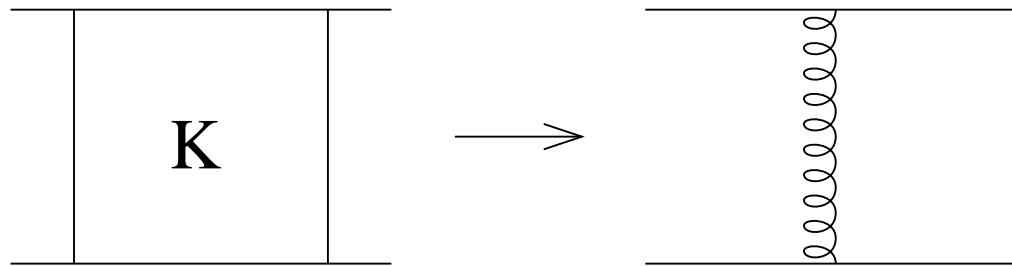
quark propagator  
pion wave function  
quark-photon coupling

truncation of DSEs  
based on QCD dynamics  
relativistic, Poincaré invariant  
satisfies relevant Ward identities  
reduces to pQCD  
in perturbative regime

# Truncation

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- Short-range part of the interaction (i.e. high- $Q^2$  behavior) is fixed by **asymptotic freedom**: one-gluon exchange



- first term in a systematic expansion that respects relevant Ward–Takahashi identities
- corrections are small in the pseudoscalar and vector channels

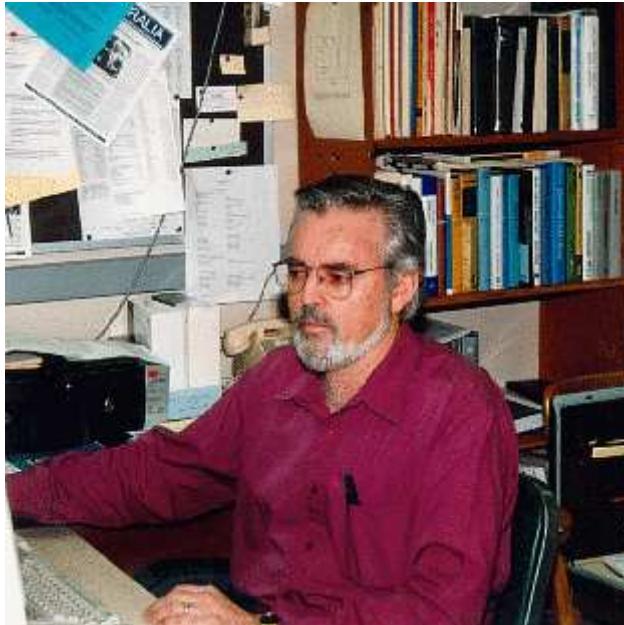
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- Model for the long-range part (low- $Q^2$ ) of the interaction
- **Single model parameter**
  - fixed to give vacuum condensate (energy gap)

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle = -(240\text{MeV})^3$$

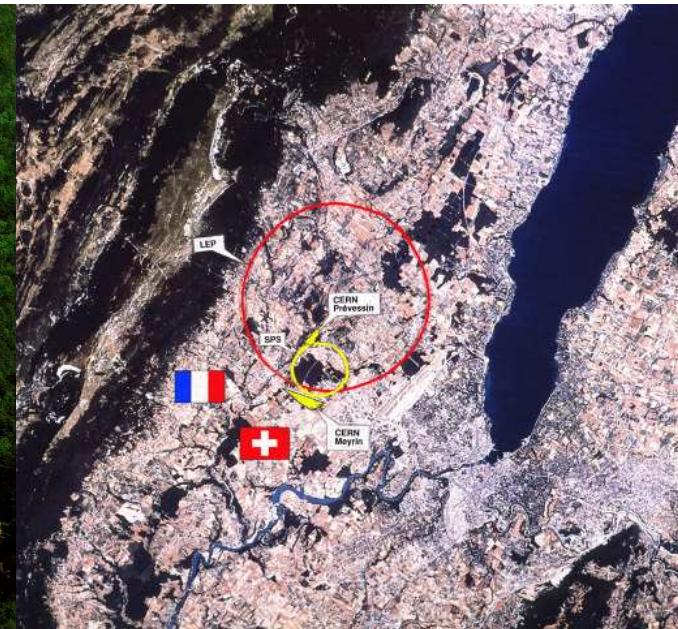
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- IR: regulated  $1/q^4$  behavior related to linearly rising potential between static quarks

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- **Single model parameter**
- Apply to a range of meson observables and compare with experiments



# Intermezzo: Frame (in)dependence



- In principle,  
all frames are equivalent
- In practice,  
some frames are easier than others . . .
- Form factor

$$\Lambda_\mu(P, Q) = 2 P_\mu F_\pi(Q^2) = N_c \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} [\bar{\Gamma}^\pi S i\Gamma_\mu S \Gamma^\pi S]$$

- Most convenient frame
  - incoming photon  $Q = (0, q, 0, 0)$
  - pions  $P \pm Q/2 = (iE, \pm q/2, 0, 0)$
  - both pions are moving
- No matter what frame is used, at least one pion is moving

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- BSA of moving pion
  - interpolation and extrapolation of rest frame BSA
    - solve BSE only once
    - need for interpolation and extrapolation of solution

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- BSA of moving pion
  - solve BSE in exactly the same frame as used in form factor calculation
    - no need for interpolation nor extrapolation
    - solve BSE for every value of  $Q^2$

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- Meson BSE  
discrete solutions at  $P^2 = -m^2$

$$\Gamma_M(p; P) = \frac{-4}{3} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \alpha((p-k)^2) D_{\mu\nu}(p-k) \gamma_\mu \chi_M(k; P) \gamma_\nu$$

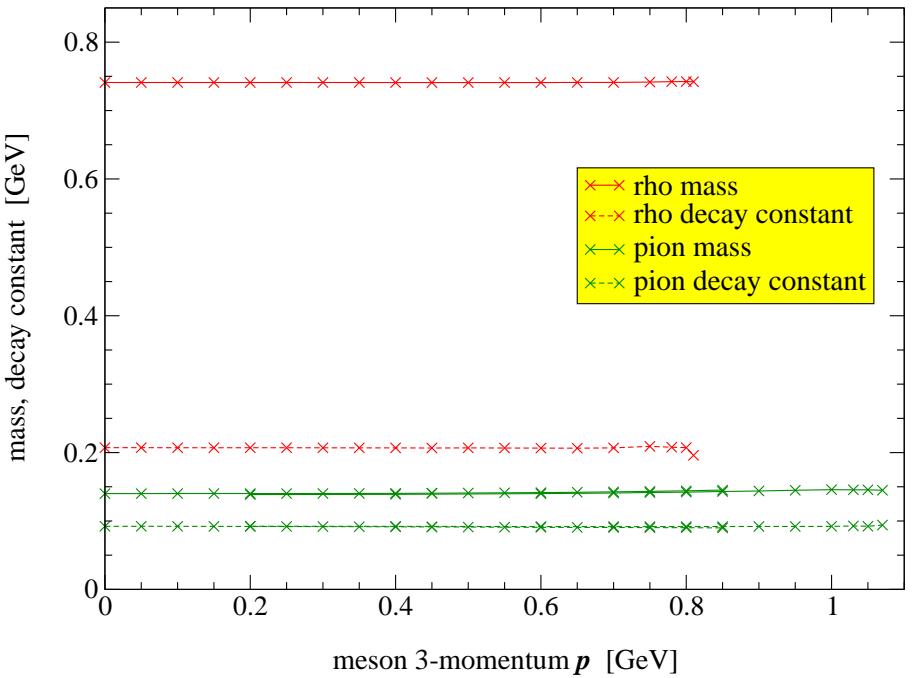
where  $q = p - k$

- rest frame:  $P = (im, 0, 0, 0)$
- moving meson:  $P = (iE, q, 0, 0)$  where  $E^2 = m^2 + q^2$



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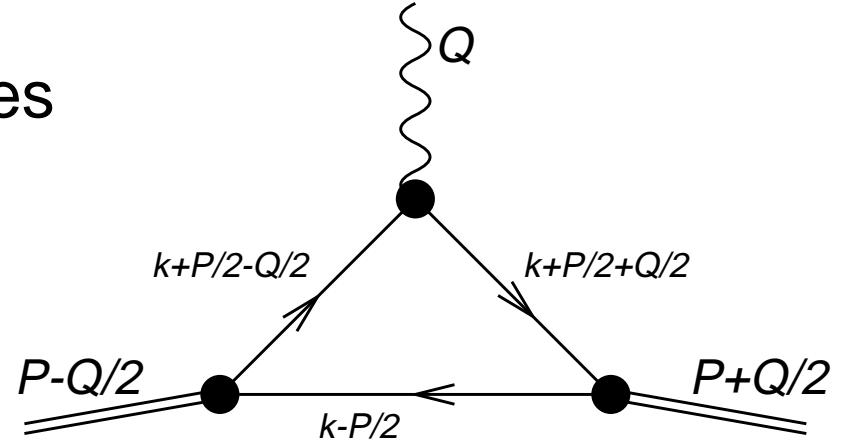


Numerically expensive:  
BSA functions of  
3 independent variables

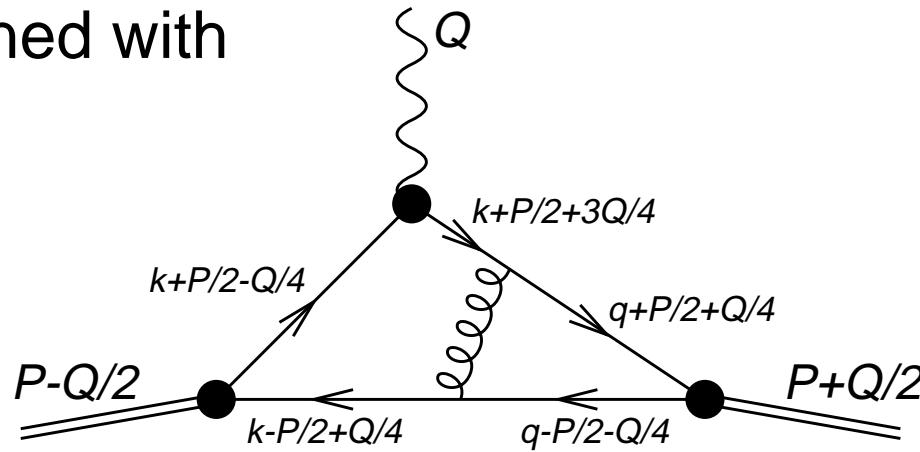
Currently limited  
by singularities  
in quark propagator

# Triangle diagram integration

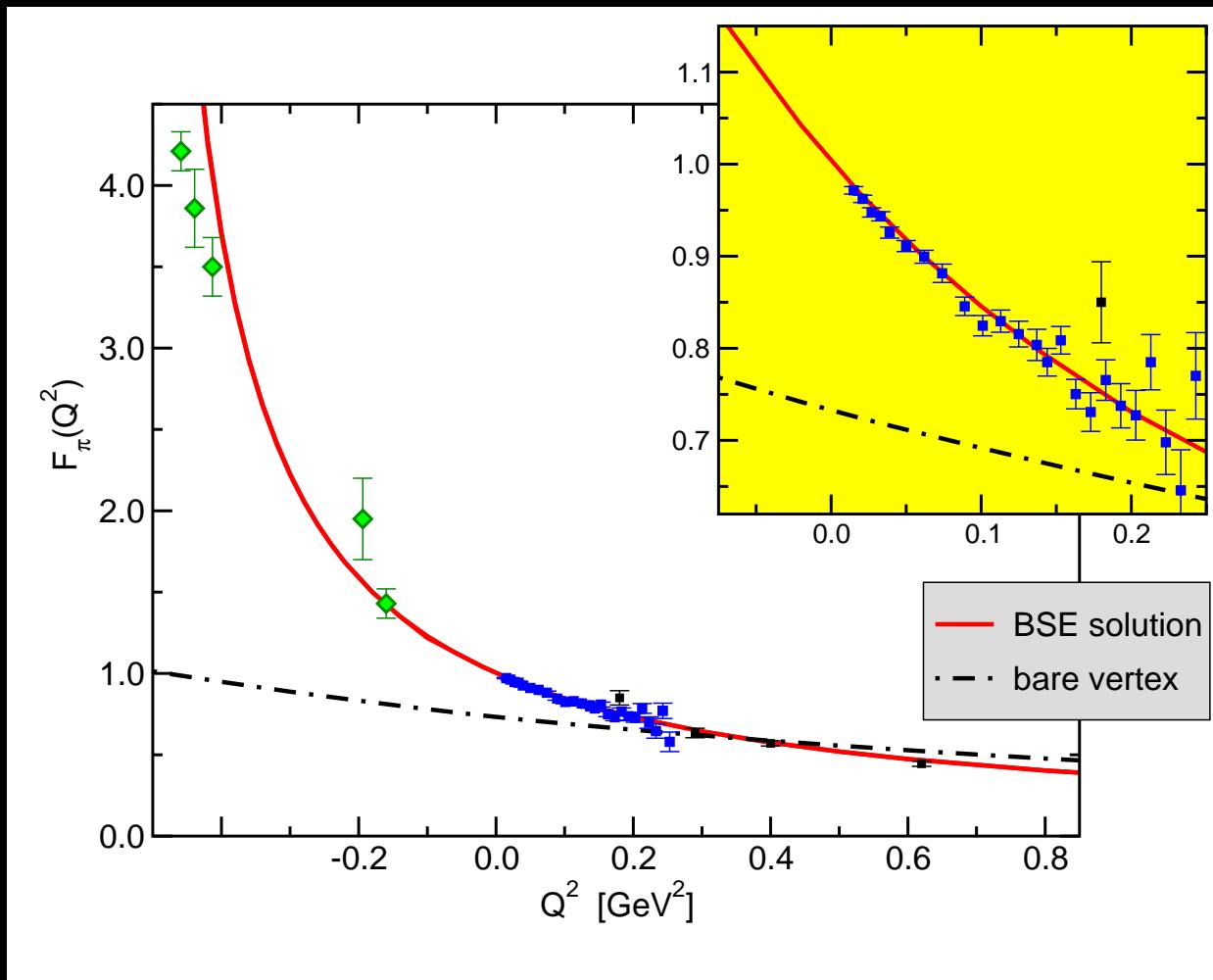
- Within numerical accuracy, results independent of
  - choice integration variables
  - form factor frame



- Best results obtained with

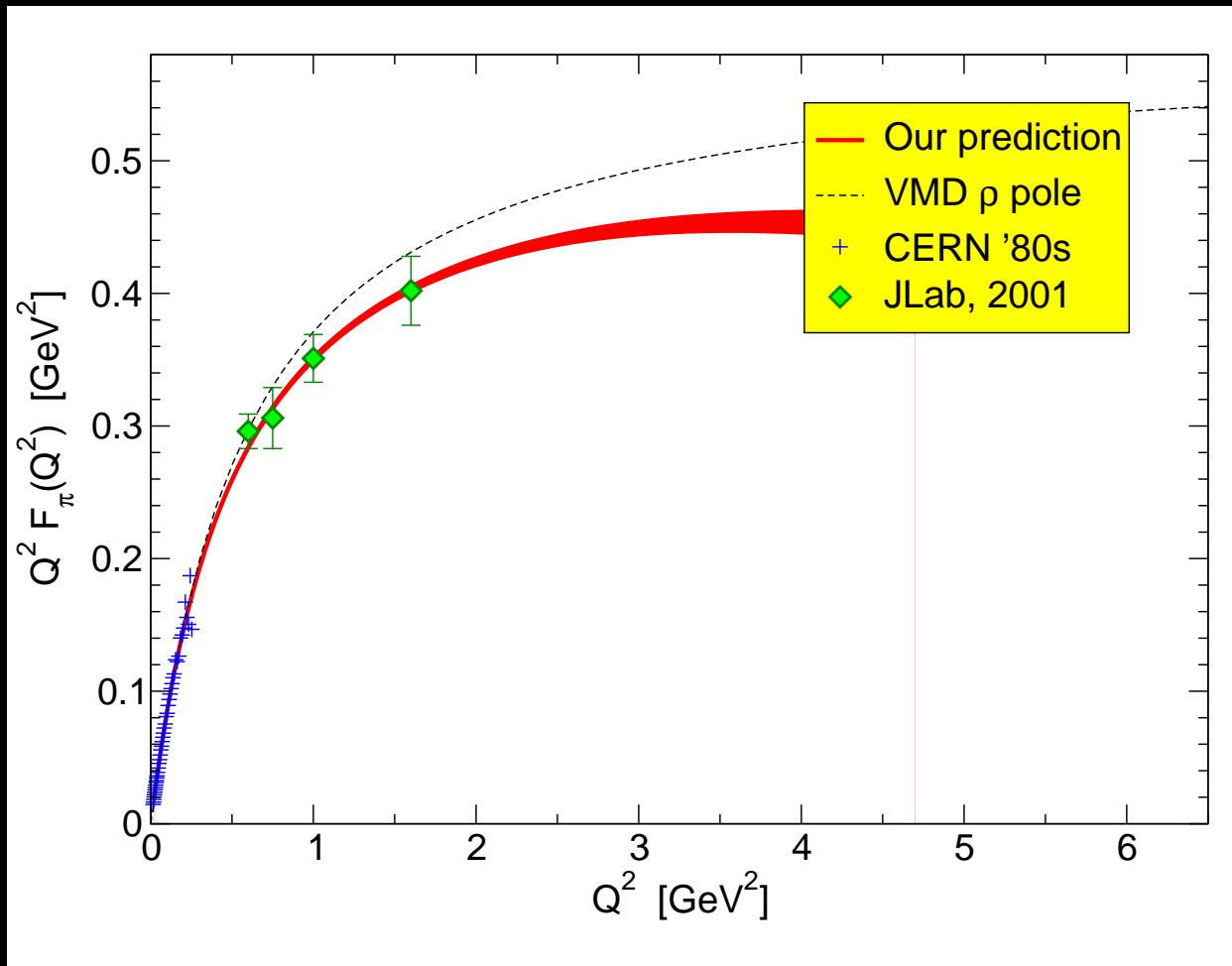


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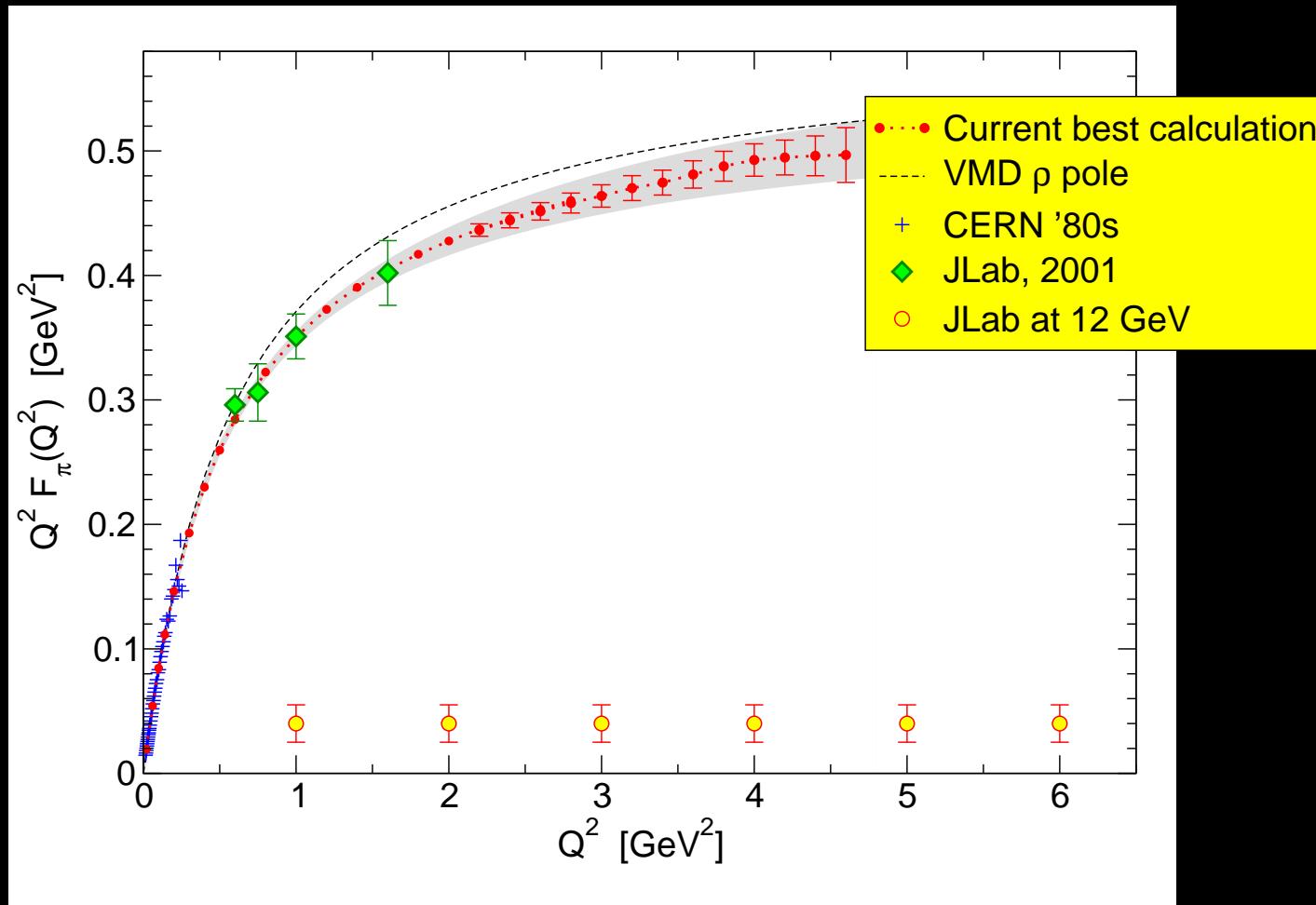
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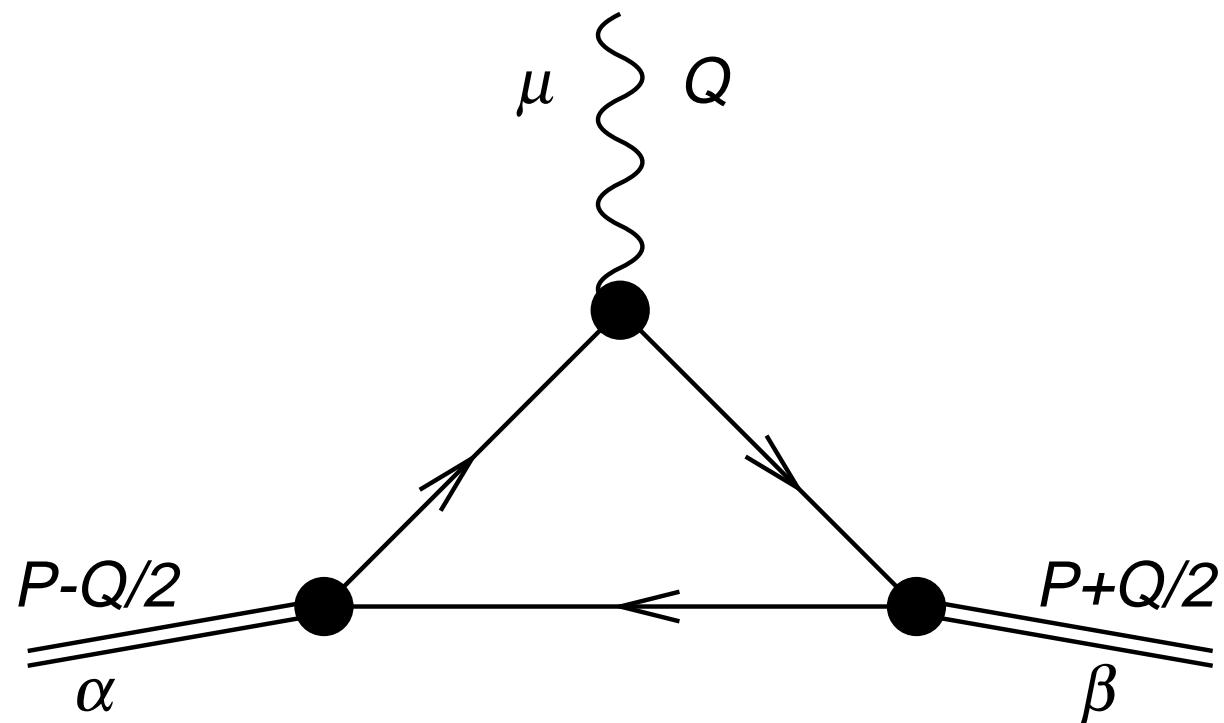


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$$T_{\mu\alpha\beta}^{[2]}(P, Q) = \left( Q_\alpha - P_\alpha^- \frac{Q^2}{2 m^2} \right) \mathcal{P}_{\mu\beta}^T(P^+)$$

$$- \left( Q_\beta + P_\beta^+ \frac{Q^2}{2 m^2} \right) \mathcal{P}_{\mu\alpha}^T(P^-)$$

$$T_{\mu\alpha\beta}^{[3]}(P, Q) = \frac{P_\mu}{m^2} \left( Q_\alpha - P_\alpha^- \frac{Q^2}{2 m^2} \right) \left( Q_\beta + P_\beta^+ \frac{Q^2}{2 m^2} \right)$$

with  $P_\pm = P \pm Q/2$

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- Electric monopole, magnetic dipole and quadrupole form factors

$$G_E(Q^2) = F_1(Q^2) + \frac{2}{3} \frac{Q^2}{4m^2} G_Q(Q^2)$$

$$G_M(Q^2) = -F_2(Q^2)$$

$$G_Q(Q^2) = F_1(Q^2) + F_2(Q^2) + \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{4m^2}\right) F_3(Q^2)$$

- Magnetic dipole moment  $G_M(Q^2 = 0) = \mu$
- Quadrupole moment  $G_Q(Q^2 = 0) = \mathcal{Q}$

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Same procedure as for pion form factor

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- Solve quark-photon vertex
- Calculate form factor

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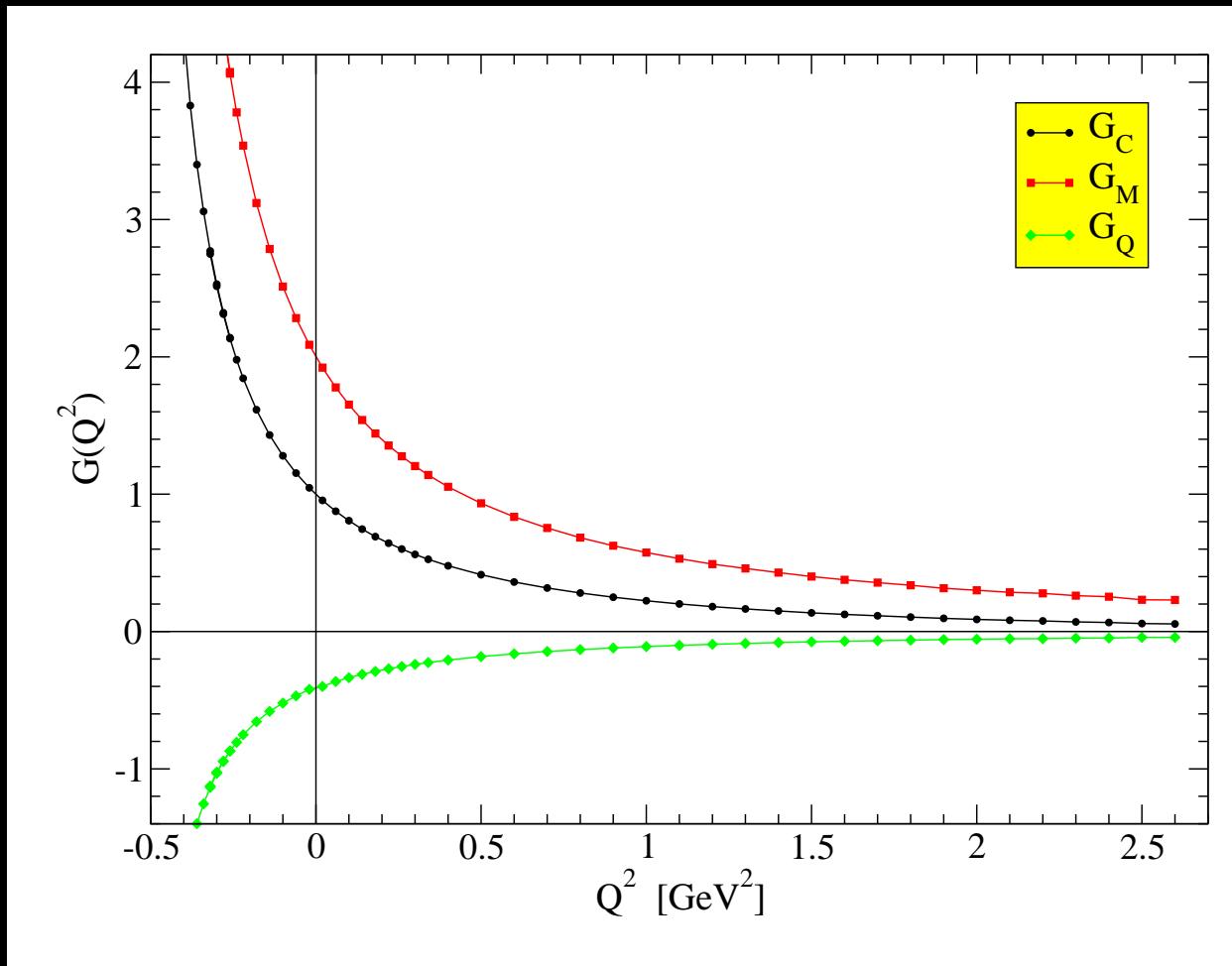
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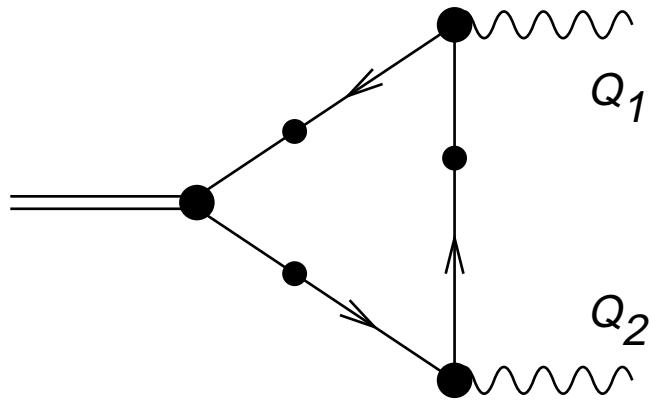
	$\mu$	$Q$
present calculation	2.00	0.41
Choi & Ji, PRD70, 053015 (2004)	1.92	0.43
Jaus, PRD67, 094010 (2003)	1.83	0.33
de Melo & Frederico, PRC55, 2043 (1997)	2.17	0.78
Hawes & Pichowsky, PRC59, 1743 (1999)	2.69	0.84
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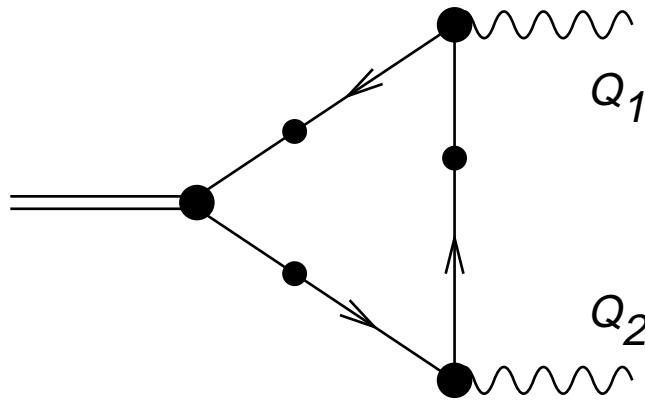


$$\Lambda_{\mu\nu}(Q_1, Q_2) = \frac{2i \alpha g_{\pi\gamma\gamma}}{\pi f_\pi} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} Q_{1,\alpha} Q_{2,\beta} F(Q_1^2, Q_2^2)$$

- Value at  $Q^2 = 0$  governed by axial anomaly related to the divergence of the AVV diagram
- Axial anomaly follows automatically if WTI is satisfied
  - DSE calculation physical pion:  $g_{\pi\gamma\gamma} \approx 0.50$
  - experimental  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  coupling:  $g_{\pi\gamma\gamma} \approx 0.50$

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- Asymptotic behavior related to pion D.A.  $\phi_\pi(x)$

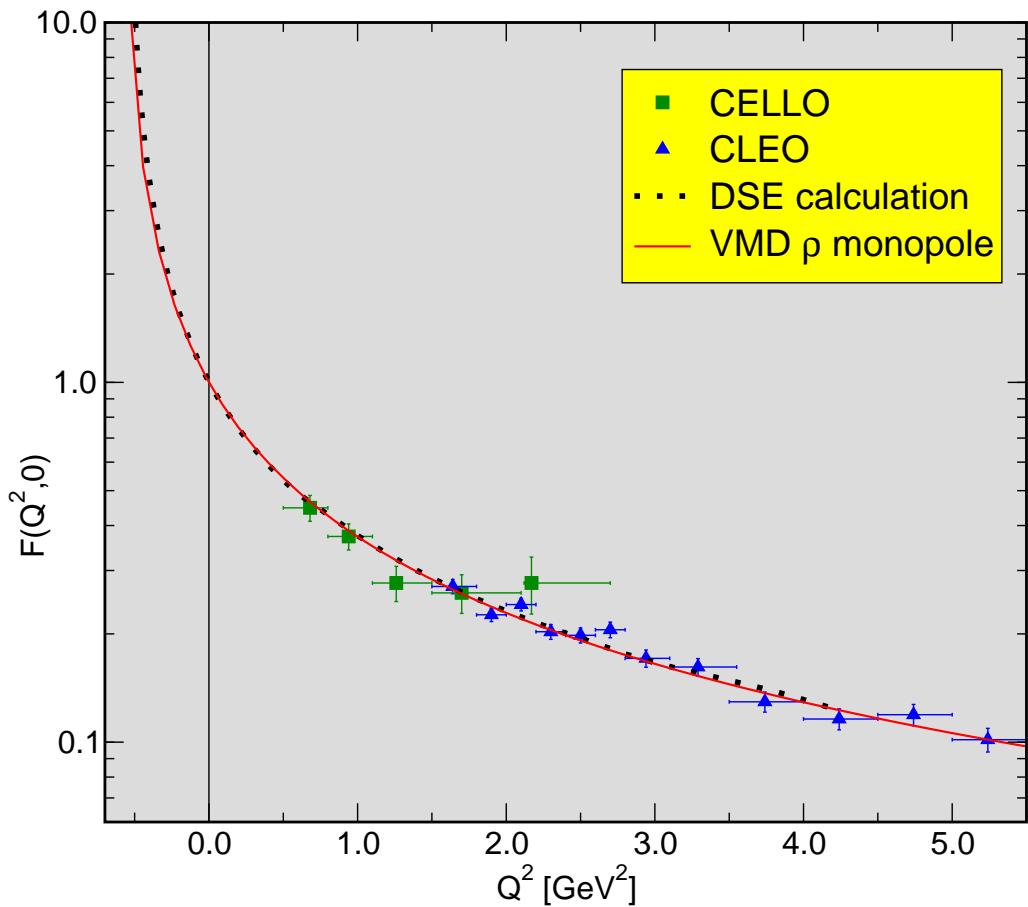
$$F(Q_1^2, Q_2^2) \rightarrow 4\pi^2 f_\pi^2 \left\{ \frac{J(\omega)}{Q_1^2 + Q_2^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}, \frac{1}{(Q_1^2 + Q_2^2)^2}\right) \right\}$$

$$J(\omega) = \frac{4}{3} \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{1 - \omega^2(2x - 1)} \phi_\pi(x)$$

where  $\omega = \frac{Q_1^2 - Q_2^2}{Q_1^2 + Q_2^2}$  characterizes photon asymmetry

# Asymmetric $\pi$ $\gamma^*\gamma$ form factor

One photon on-shell:  $Q_1^2 = Q^2$ ,  $Q_2^2 = 0$ ,  $\omega = 1$

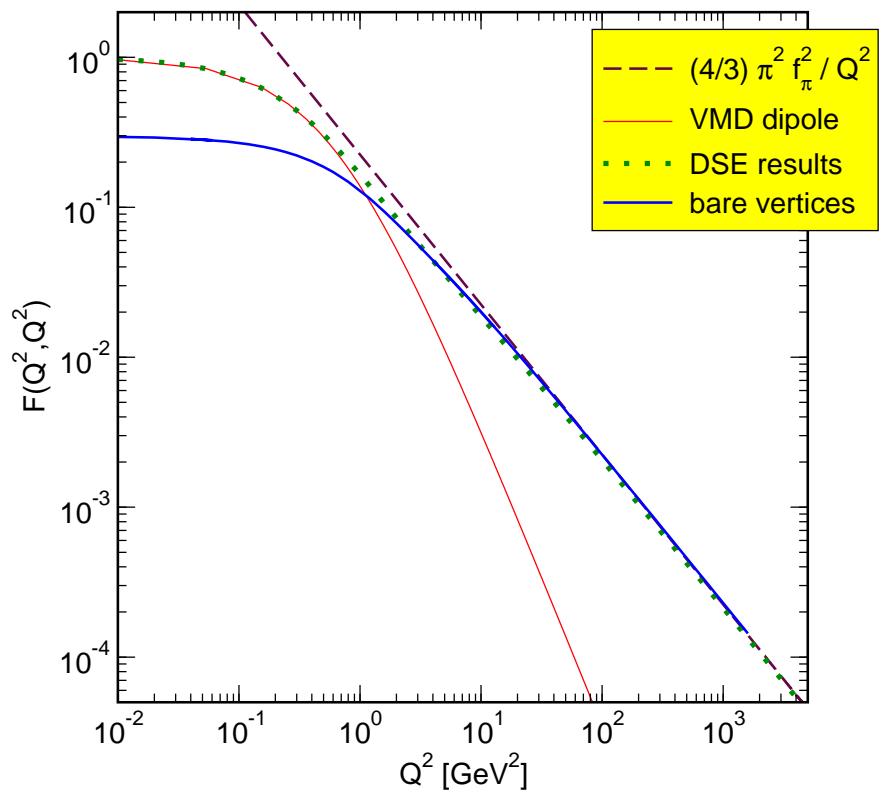
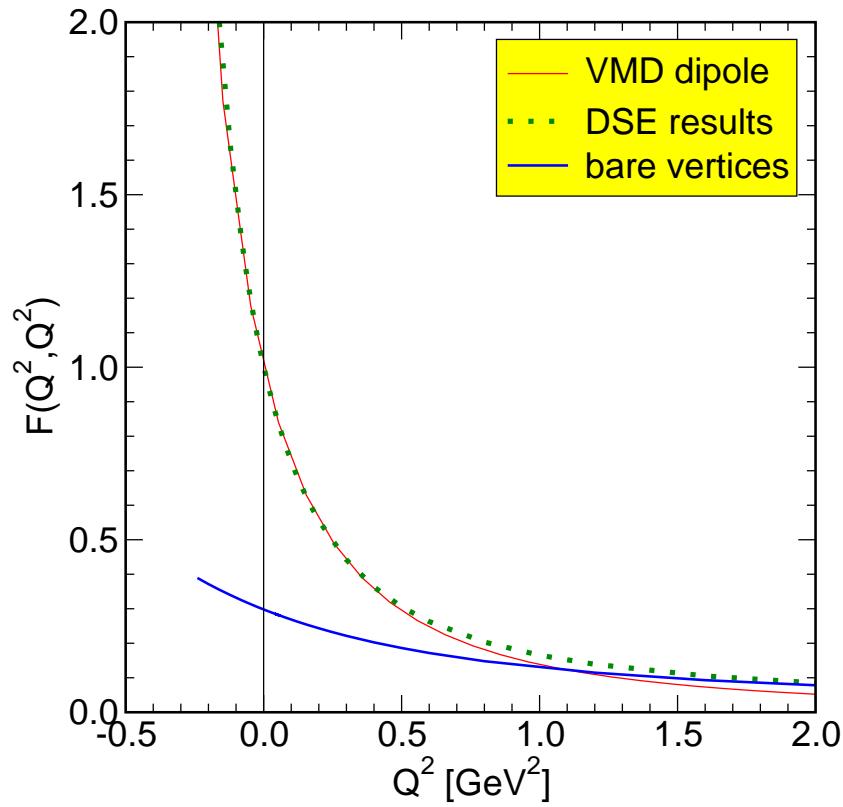


Transition radius:  
DSE calc.:  $r^2 = 0.39 \text{ fm}^2$   
expt.:  $r^2 = 0.42 \pm 0.04 \text{ fm}^2$

Asymptotic behavior appears to be somewhat below pQCD

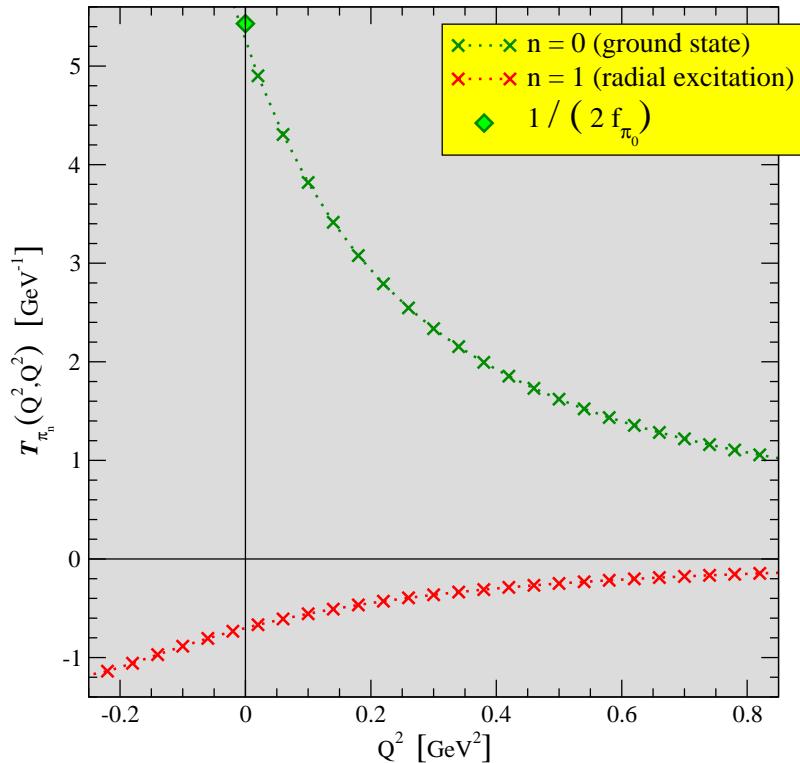
# Symmetric $\pi \gamma^*\gamma^*$ form factor

Both photons equally virtual:  $Q_1^2 = Q_2^2, \omega = 0$



- Dipole in time-like region, in agreement with **VMD**
- Asymptotic behavior in perfect agreement with **pQCD**

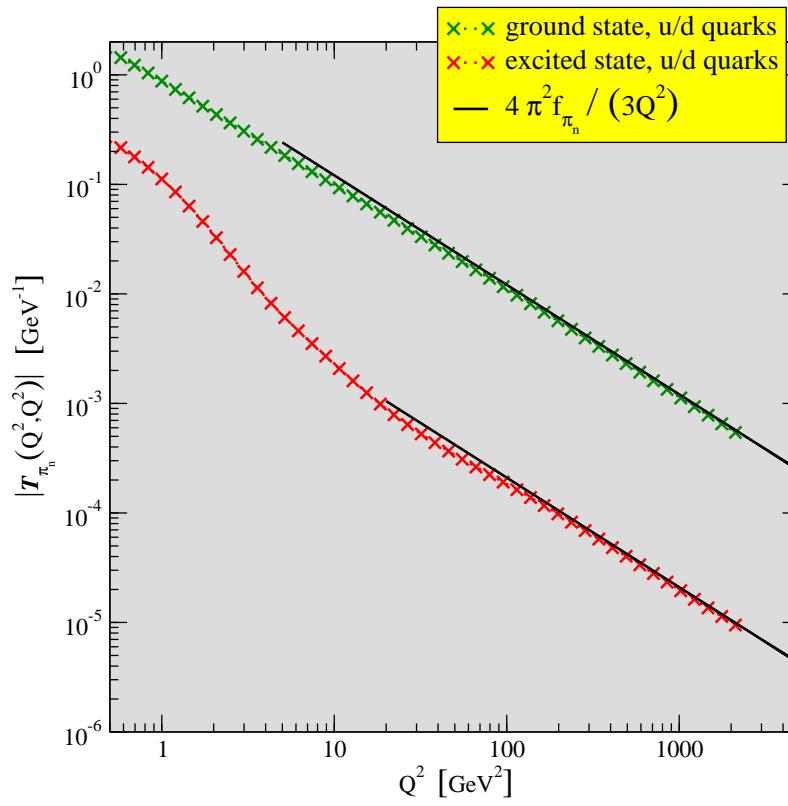
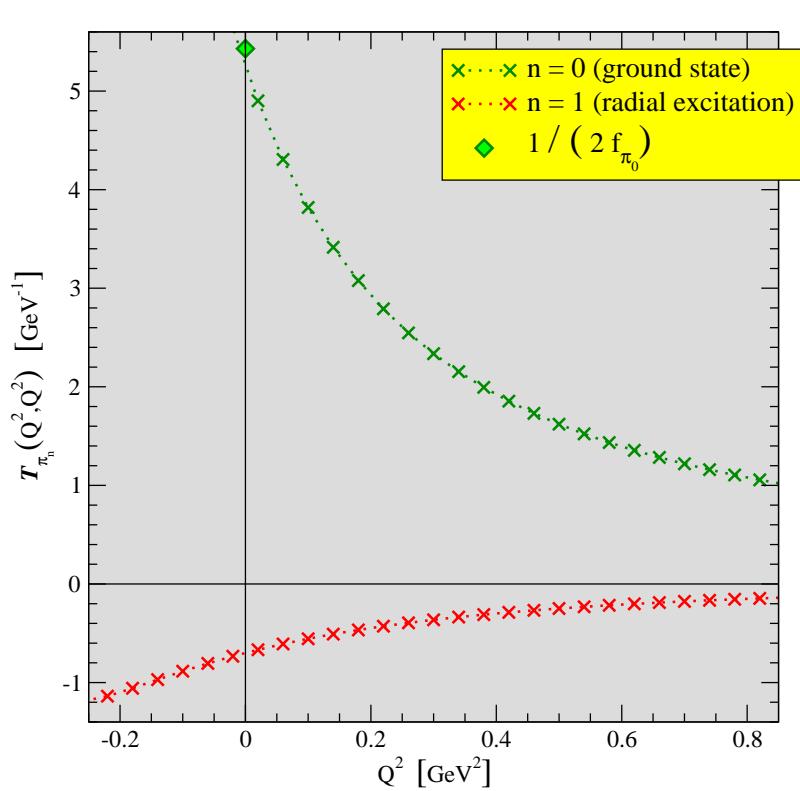
# Excited $\pi$ $\gamma^*\gamma^*$ form factor



- ground state pion  
 $T_{\pi_0}(0, 0) = \frac{1}{2f_{\pi_0}} \approx 5.4$
- radially excited state  
 $T_{\pi_1}(0, 0) \neq \frac{1}{2f_{\pi_1}}$
- excited pseudoscalar meson **decouples**  
from AVV anomaly

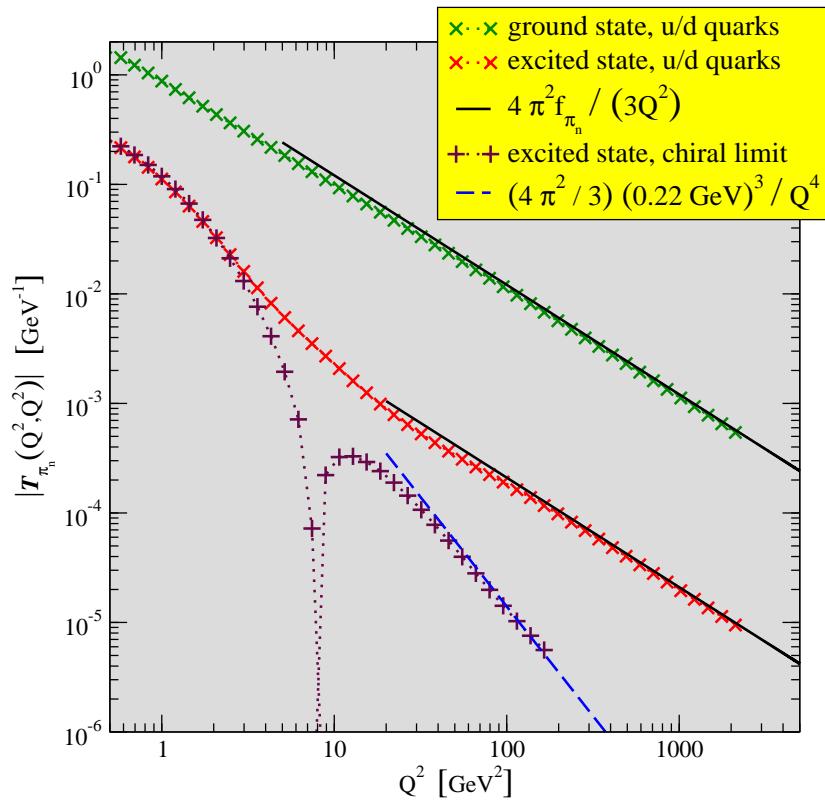
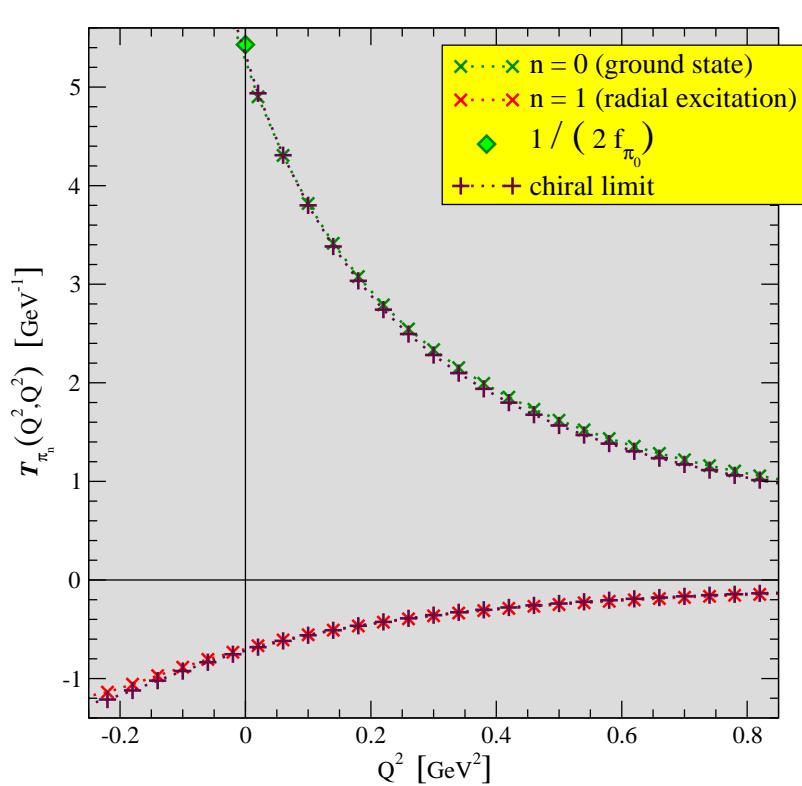
$$\Lambda_{\mu\nu}(Q_1, Q_2) = \frac{2i\alpha}{\pi} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} Q_{1,\alpha} Q_{2,\beta} T_{\pi_n}(Q_1^2, Q_2^2)$$

# Excited $\pi$ $\gamma^*\gamma^*$ form factor



Asymptotically,  $T_{\pi_n}(Q^2, Q^2) \rightarrow \frac{4\pi^2 f_{\pi_n}}{3Q^2}$   
both for ground state and for excited state

# Excited $\pi$ $\gamma^*\gamma^*$ form factor



Chiral limit excited state

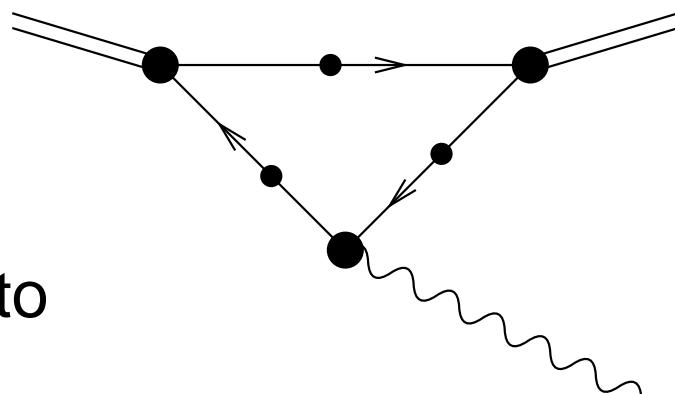
$f_{\pi_1} \rightarrow 0$ , but  $T_{\pi_1}$  does not diverge, nor does it vanish

Asymptotically,  $T_{\pi_n}(Q^2, Q^2) \propto \frac{1}{Q^4}$

# Other meson form factors

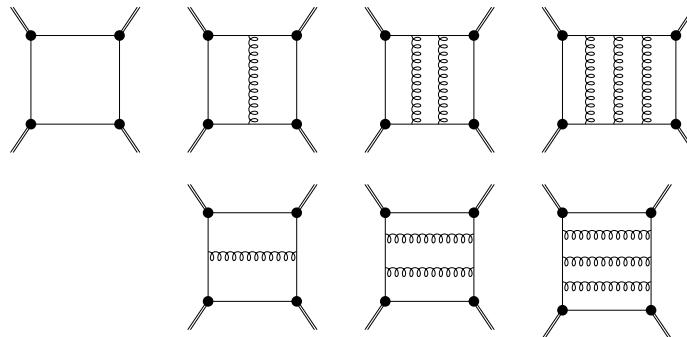
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- $K^\pm, K^0$  electromagnetic form factors
- $\rho \pi \gamma$  transition form factor
- $K^* K \gamma$  transition form factors
- weak  $K_{l3}$  decay
- ...



Same method can also be applied to

- Strong decays
  - Scattering processes
- iff the kernel is also iterated inside the box



## Summary of light meson results

$m_{u=d} = 5.5 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $m_s = 125 \text{ MeV}$  at  $\mu = 1 \text{ GeV}$

Pseudoscalar (PM, Roberts, PRC56, 3369)

	expt.	calc.
$-\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_\mu^0$	$(0.236 \text{ GeV})^3$	$(0.241^\dagger)^3$
$m_\pi$	$0.1385 \text{ GeV}$	$0.138^\dagger$
$f_\pi$	$0.0924 \text{ GeV}$	$0.093^\dagger$
$m_K$	$0.496 \text{ GeV}$	$0.497^\dagger$
$f_K$	$0.113 \text{ GeV}$	$0.109$

Charge radii (PM, Tandy, PRC62, 055204)

$r_\pi^2$	$0.44 \text{ fm}^2$	$0.45$
$r_{K^+}^2$	$0.34 \text{ fm}^2$	$0.38$
$r_{K^0}^2$	$-0.054 \text{ fm}^2$	$-0.086$

$\gamma\pi\gamma$  transition (PM, Tandy, PRC65, 045211)

$g_{\pi\gamma\gamma}$	$0.50$	$0.50$
$r_{\pi\gamma\gamma}^2$	$0.42 \text{ fm}^2$	$0.41$

Weak  $K_{l3}$  decay (PM, Ji, PRD64, 014032)

$\lambda_+(e3)$	$0.028$	$0.027$
$\Gamma(K_{e3})$	$7.6 \cdot 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$	$7.38$
$\Gamma(K_{\mu 3})$	$5.2 \cdot 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$	$4.90$

## Vector mesons

(PM, Tandy, PRC60, 055214)

$m_{\rho/\omega}$	$0.770 \text{ GeV}$	$0.742$
$f_{\rho/\omega}$	$0.216 \text{ GeV}$	$0.207$
$m_{K^*}$	$0.892 \text{ GeV}$	$0.936$
$f_{K^*}$	$0.225 \text{ GeV}$	$0.241$
$m_\phi$	$1.020 \text{ GeV}$	$1.072$
$f_\phi$	$0.236 \text{ GeV}$	$0.259$

Strong decay (Jarecke, PM, Tandy, PRC67, 035202)

$g_{\rho\pi\pi}$	$6.02$	$5.4$
$g_{\phi KK}$	$4.64$	$4.3$
$g_{K^*K\pi}$	$4.60$	$4.1$

## Radiative decay

(PM, nucl-th/0112022)

$g_{\rho\pi\gamma}/m_\rho$	$0.74$	$0.69$
$g_{\omega\pi\gamma}/m_\omega$	$2.31$	$2.07$
$(g_{K^*K\gamma}/m_K)^+$	$0.83$	$0.99$
$(g_{K^*K\gamma}/m_K)^0$	$1.28$	$1.19$

## Scattering length

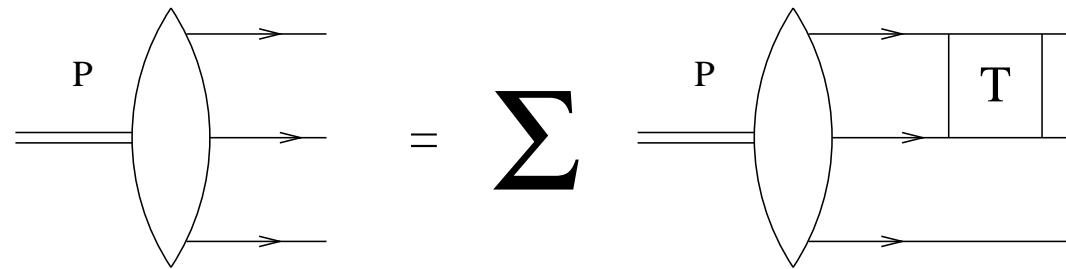
(PM, Cotanch, PRD66, 116010)

$a_0^0$	$0.220$	$0.170$
$a_0^2$	$0.044$	$0.045$
$a_1^1$	$0.038$	$0.036$

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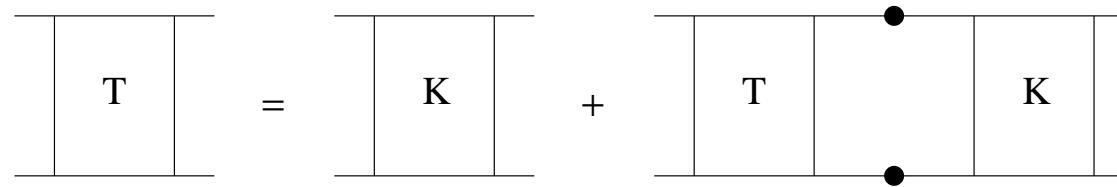
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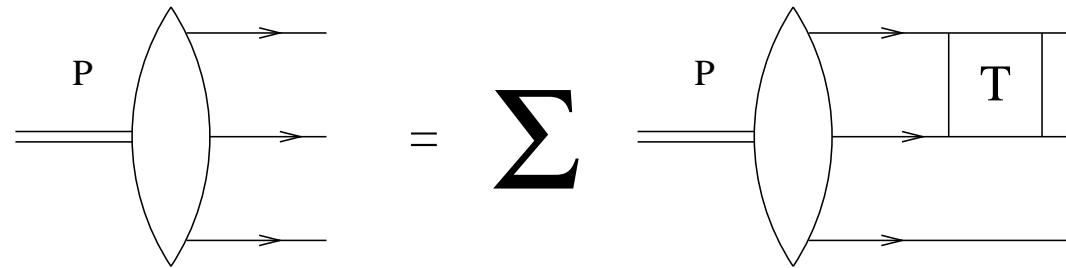
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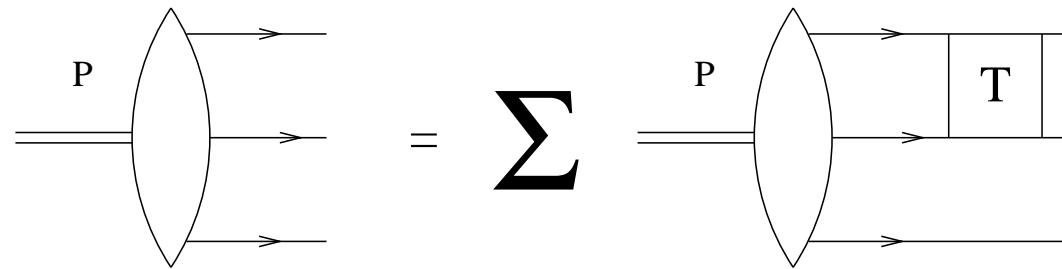
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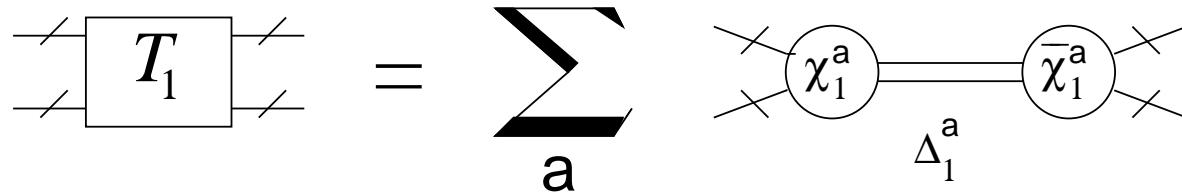
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$$T_{ij}(k_i, k_j; p_i, p_j) \approx \sum \bar{\chi}_{ij}^{J^P}(k_i, k_j; K) \Delta^{J^P}(K) \chi_{ij}^{J^P}(p_i, p_j; K)$$

where  $K = k_1 + k_2 = p_1 + p_2$  is the diquark momentum

- Bethe–Salpeter equation for diquarks

- Typical mass scales lightest diquarks
  - scalar ( $0^+$ ) diquark  $m \approx 0.7 \sim 0.8$  GeV
  - axialvector ( $1^+$ ) diquark  $m \approx 0.9 \sim 1.0$  GeV

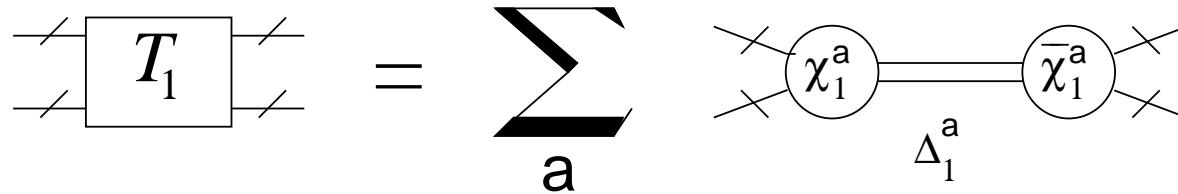
PM, FBS32, 41 (2002) [nucl-th/0204020]

- radii about 10% larger than corresponding mesons

PM, FBS35, 117 (2004) [nucl-th/0409008]

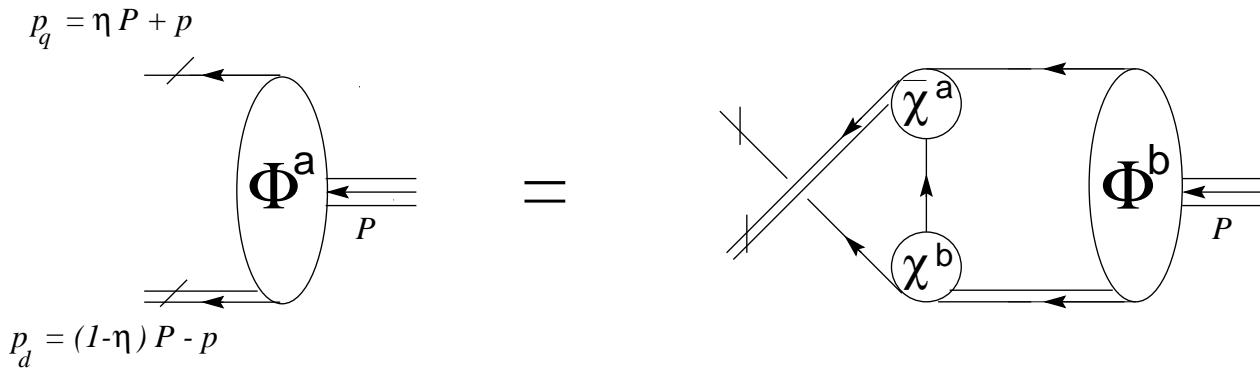
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Cahilll, Roberts, Praschifka, Austr. J. Phys. 42, 129 (1989)



see e.g. Oettel, Von Smekal and Alkofer, CPC144, 63 (2002) [hep-ph/0109285];  
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e.g. Oettel, Hellstern, Alkofer and Reinhardt, PRC58, 2459 (1998) [nucl-th/9805054]

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calc.	0.939	1.232	1.123	1.134	1.307	1.373	1.545	1.692
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Hecht, Oettel, Roberts, Schmidt, Tandy, Thomas,  
PRC65, 055204 (2002) [nucl-th/0201084]

Ishii, PLB 431, 1 (1998)

Pearce, Afnan, PRC34, 9991 (1986)



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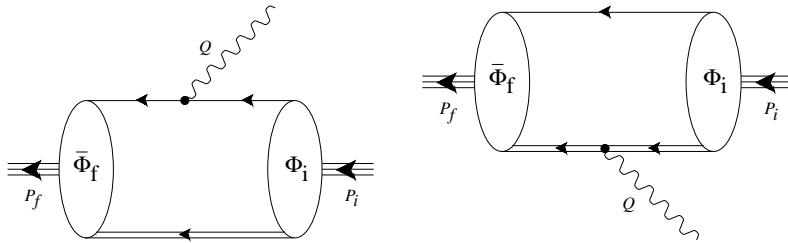
- Decomposition of Faddeev amplitudes in partial waves shows presence of  $p$ -waves, in addition to  $s$ - and  $d$ -waves

See e.g. PhD thesis of Martin Oettel, arXiv:nucl-th/0012067

⇒ intrinsic quark orbital angular momentum

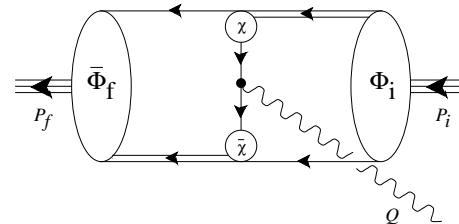
# Nucleon electromagnetic form factors

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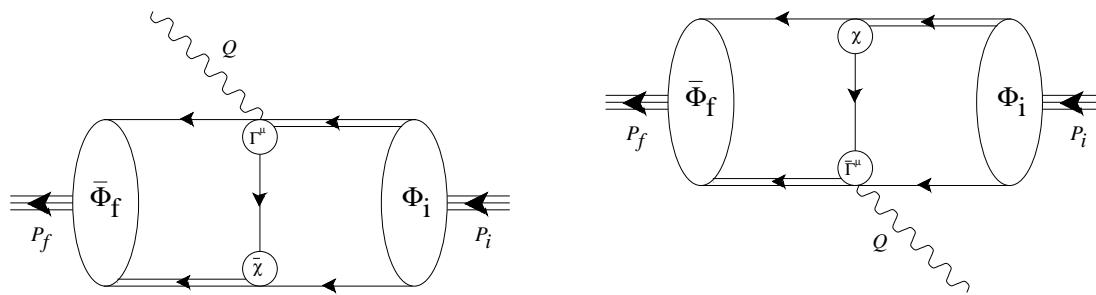


- quark-photon vertex
- scalar diquark-photon vertex
- a.v. diquark-photon vertex
- scalar-a.v.diquark transition

- Exchange current



- Seagull terms



Oettel, Pichowksy, von Smekal, Eur.Phys.J.A8, 251 (2000)

# Model calculations

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Höll, Alkofer, Kloker, Krassnigg, Roberts, Wright, nucl-th/0501033

- Quark propagators nonperturbatively dressed  
Use **confined** parametrisation of DSE solution  
Parameters fixed in light meson sector

Burden, Roberts and Thomson, PLB371, 163 (1996) [nucl-th/9511012]

- Diquarks also **confined**  
Use confined parametrisation of diquark propagator
- Fit diquark masses to “core” masses,  
leaving room for pion cloud

$M_N$	$M_\Delta$	$M_{0^+}$	$M_{1^+}$
1.18	1.33	0.79	0.89

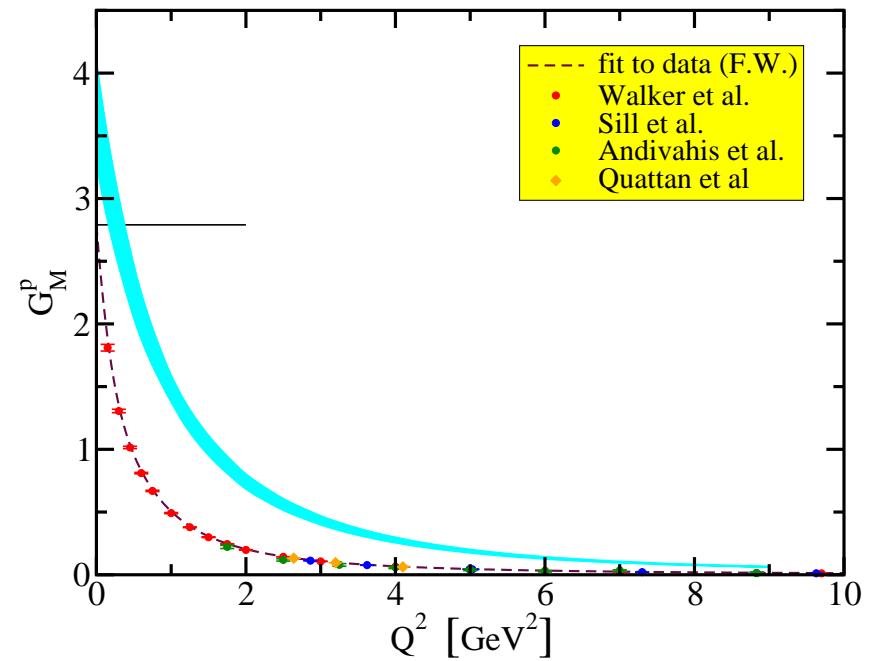
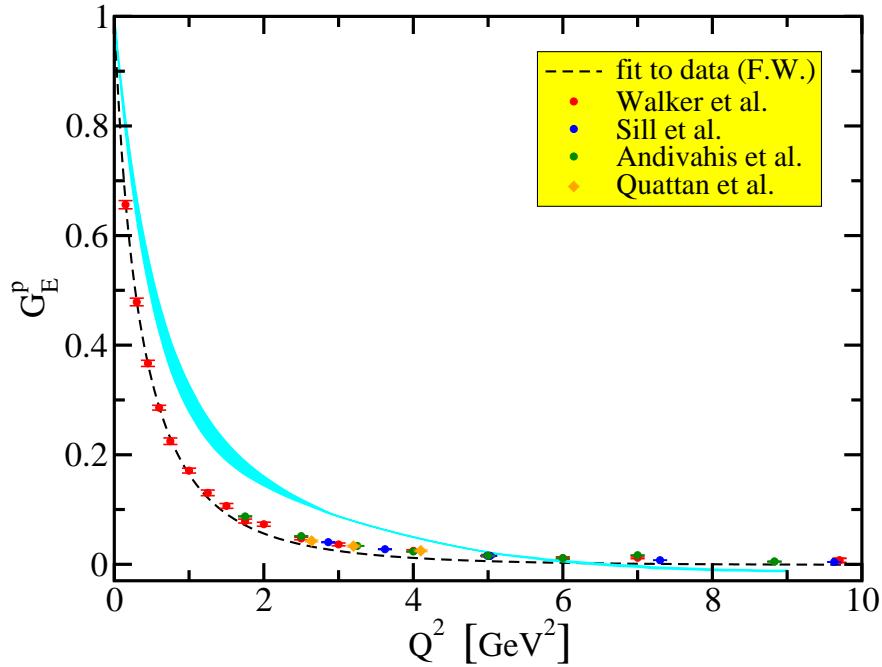


- Photon vertices constrained by current conservation

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Alkofer, Höll, Kloker, Krassnigg, Roberts, nucl-th/0412046,nucl-th/0501033

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Most recent: Qattan *et al.*, PRL94, 142301 (2005) [nucl-ex/0410010]

Fit to data: Friedrich, Walcher, Eur.Phys.J.A17, 607 (2003) [hep-ph/0303054]

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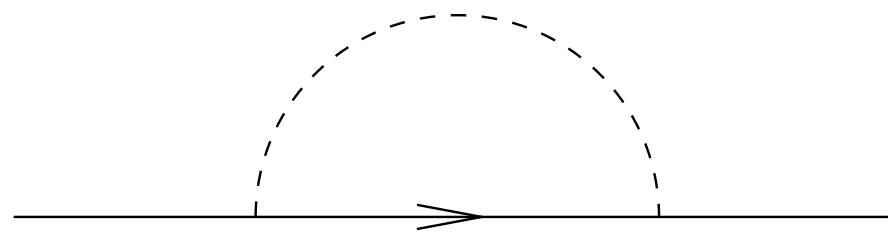
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- Qualitative agreement with experimental data
- Significant underestimation of the charge radii  
Expect increase of proton radius due to pion loops

Ashley, Leinweber, Thomas, Young, Eur.Phys.J.A19, 9 (2004)

	$r_p$	$\mu_p$	$r_p^\mu$
$q$ -( $qq$ ) core	0.595	3.63	0.449
+ $\pi$ -loop corr.	0.762	3.05	0.761
expt.	0.847	2.79	0.836



- WTIs constrain photon-quark and photon-diquark coupling, but do not uniquely determine photon vertices
- Role of transverse VMD-like contributions to photon vertices, which would increase the proton charge radius

# Latest results for $\mu G_E^P(Q^2)/G_M^P(Q^2)$

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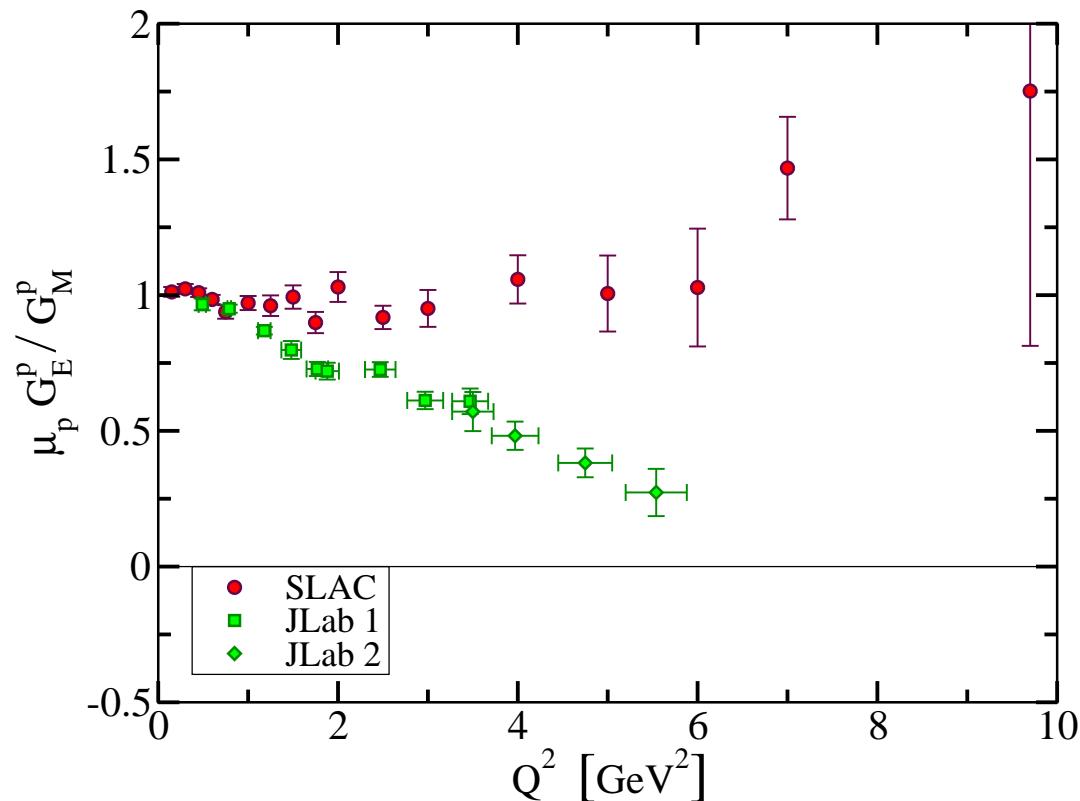
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SLAC: R.C. Walker *et al.*, PRD 49, 5671 (1994)

Jlab 2: M.K. Jones *et al.*, PRL 84, 1398 (2000)

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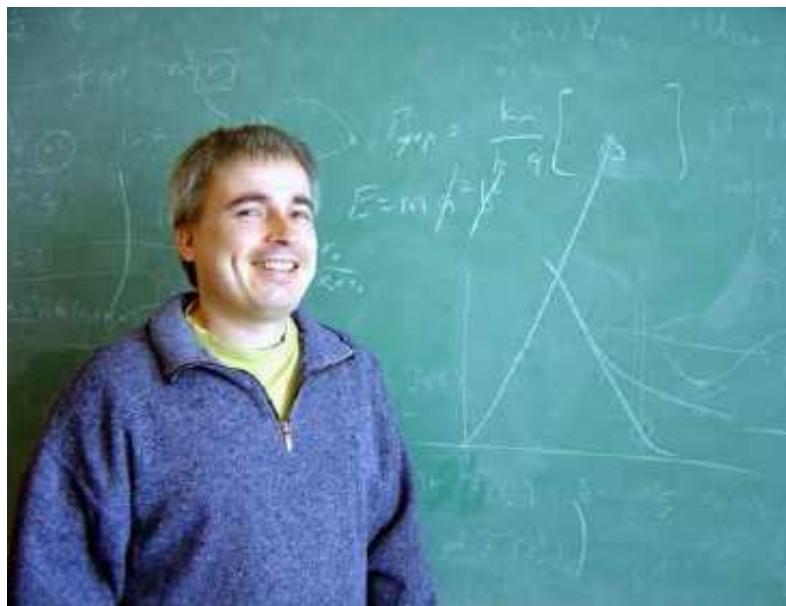
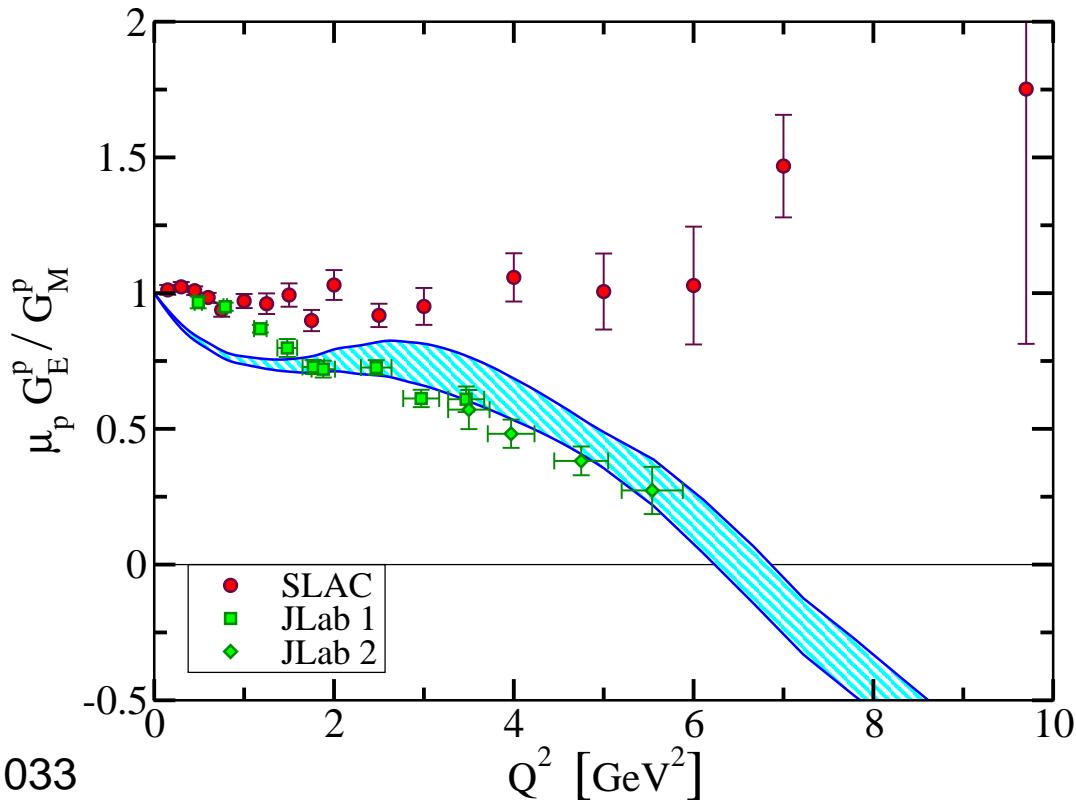


Fig. adapted from Höll, Alkofer, Kloker,  
Krassnigg, Roberts, Wright, nucl-th/0501033



- Calculations support polarization transfer data
- Pion cloud effects important at small  $Q^2$

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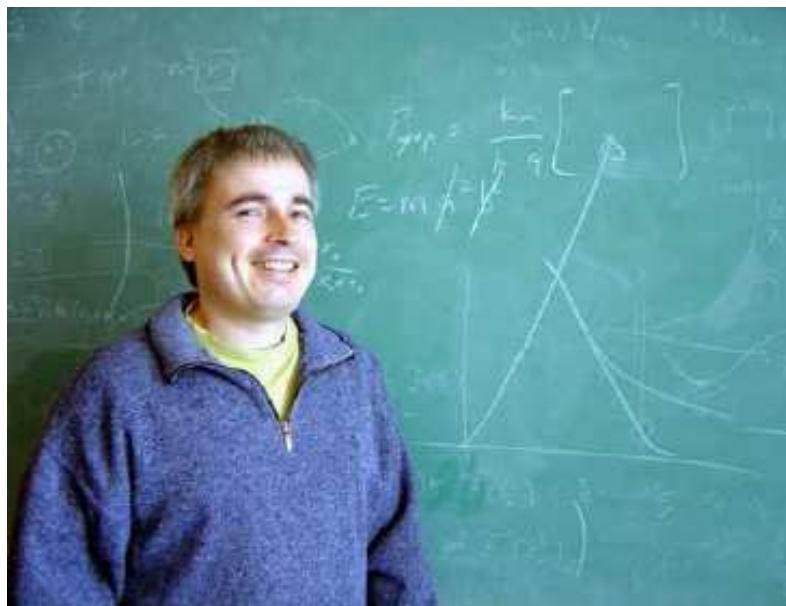
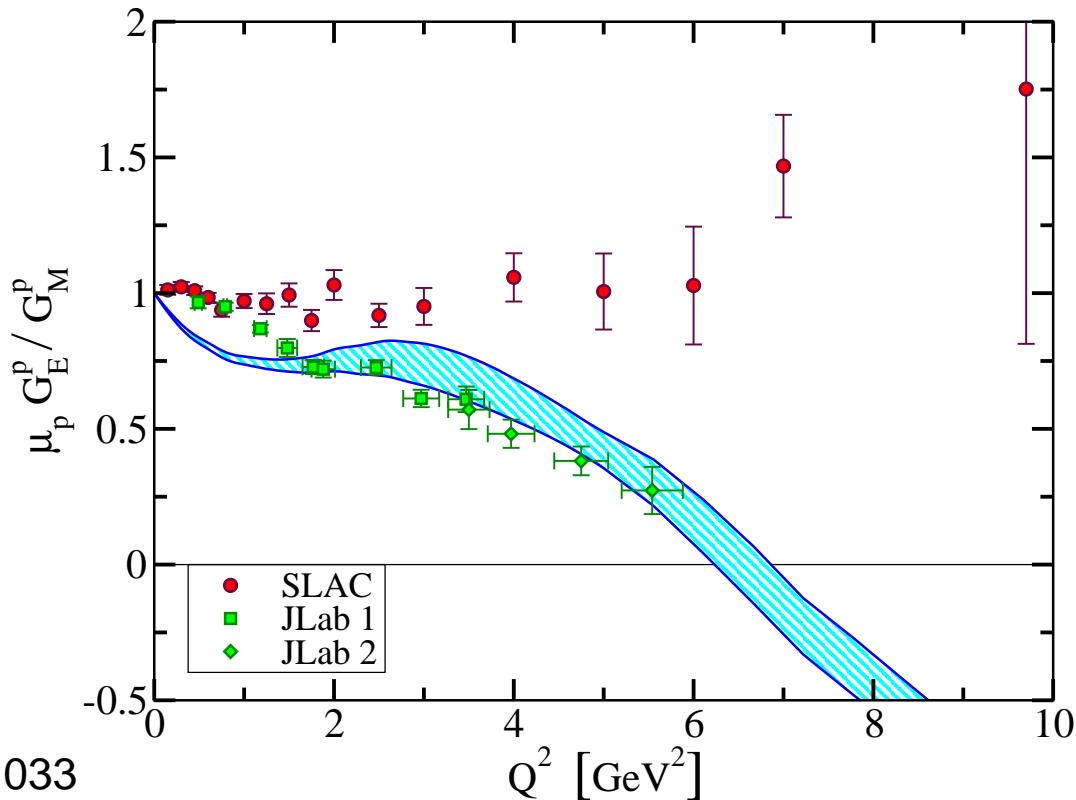


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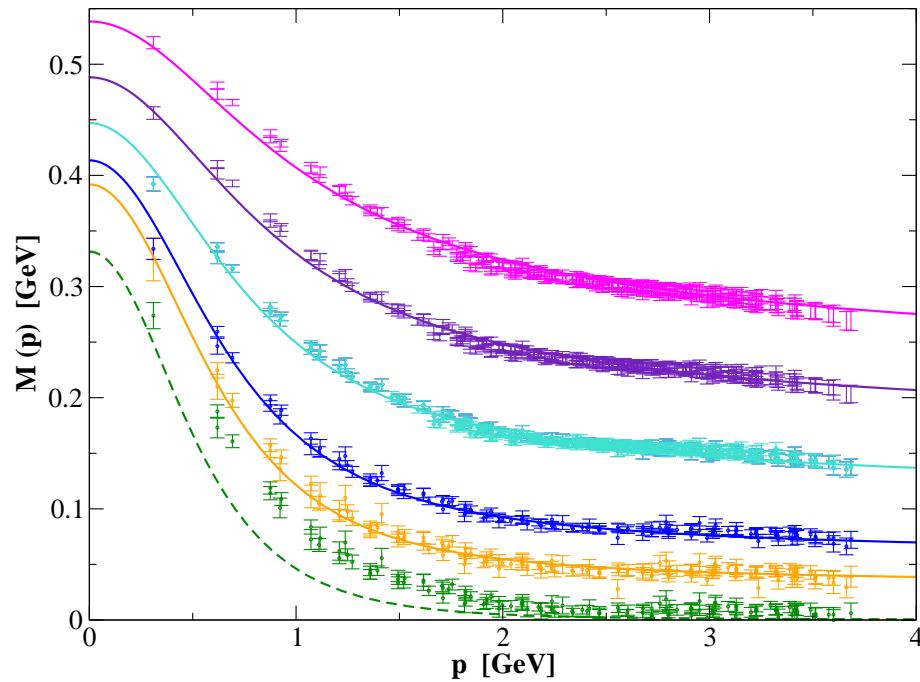


- Expect zero crossing around  $Q^2 \approx 6.5 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Compare quenched lattice:  $Q_{(0)}^2 \approx 5.8 \dots 6.5 \text{ GeV}^2$   
Matevosyan, Miller, Thomas, nucl-th/0501044

# Conclusions

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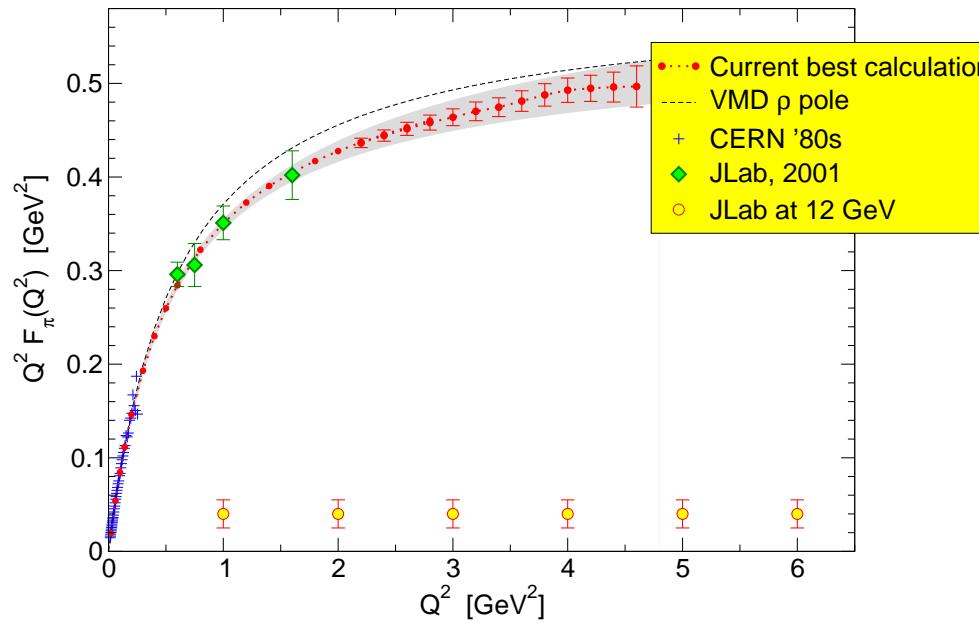
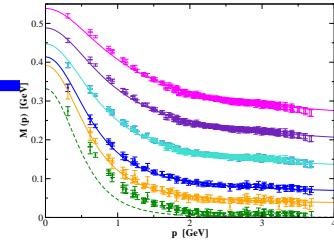
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- connects perturbative QCD with hadronic physics

# Conclusions

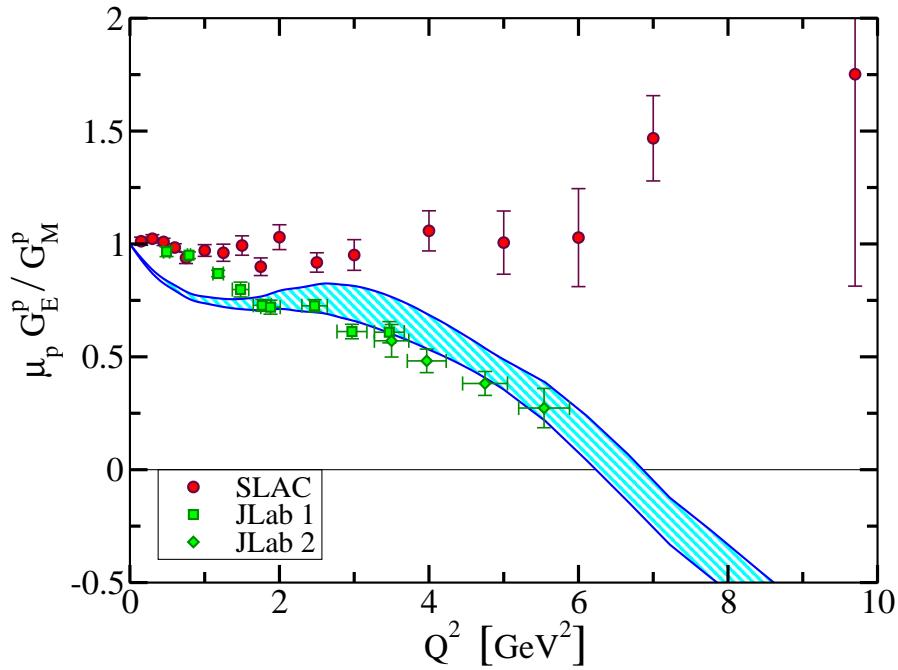
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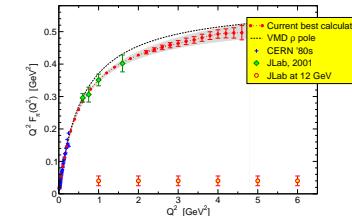
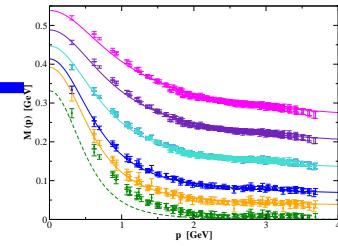
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# Conclusions

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- Poincaré covariant quark-diquark model can describe octet and decouplet baryons

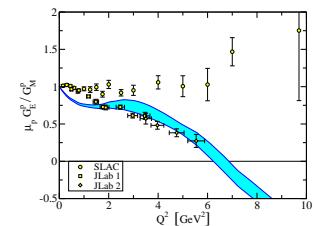
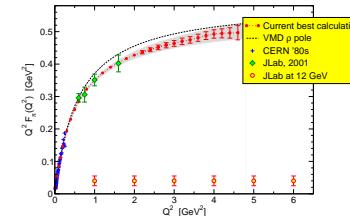
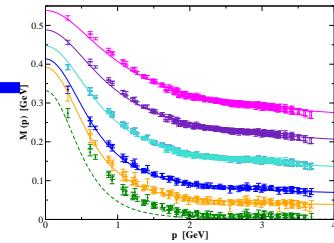


- both  $0^+$  and  $1^+$  diquarks
- support pol. transfer data for  $G_E/G_M$
- pion loops important at low  $Q^2$



# Conclusions

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# Chiral limit axial-vector Ward–Takahashi identity

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$$-iP_\mu \Gamma_{5\mu}(k; P) = S^{-1}(k_+) \gamma_5 + \gamma_5 S^{-1}(k_-)$$

Axial-vector vertex

$$\Gamma_{5\mu}(k; P) = \Gamma_{5\mu}^{\text{Reg}}(k; P) + \frac{P_\mu}{P^2 + m_\pi^2} f_\pi \Gamma_\pi(k; P) + \mathcal{O}(P)$$

$$\Gamma_{5\mu}^{\text{Reg}}(k; P) = \gamma_\mu F_R(k; P) + \gamma \cdot k k_\mu G_R(k; P) - \sigma_{\mu\nu} k_\nu H_R(k; P)$$

Limit  $P \rightarrow 0$  gives

$$f_\pi E_\pi(k; P=0) = B(k^2)$$

$$F_R(k; 0) + 2 f_\pi F_\pi(k; 0) = A(k^2)$$

$$G_R(k; 0) + 2 f_\pi G_\pi(k; 0) = 2A'(k^2)$$

$$H_R(k; 0) + 2 f_\pi H_\pi(k; 0) = 0$$

# Axial-vector Ward–Takahashi identity

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$$-iP_\mu \Gamma_{5\mu}(k; P) = S^{-1}(k_+) \gamma_5 + \gamma_5 S^{-1}(k_-) - 2 m_q(\mu) \Gamma_5(k; P)$$

- Pseudoscalar mesons show up as poles in the axial-vector and pseudoscalar vertices,  $\Gamma_{5\mu}(k; P)$  and  $\Gamma_5(k; P)$
- Residues of these poles

$$f_{PV} P_\mu = Z_2 \int_q \text{Tr} [S(q_+) \Gamma_H(q; P) S(q_-) \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu]$$

$$r_{PS}(\mu) = Z_4 \int_q \text{Tr} [S(q_+) \Gamma_H(q; P) S(q_-) \gamma_5]$$

are related via AV-WTI:  $f_{PV} m_H^2 = 2 r_{PS}(\mu) m_q(\mu)$

- Combination  $r_{PS}(\mu) m_q(\mu)$  is renormalisation-point independent and gauge independent

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PM, Roberts, Tandy, PLB420, 267 (1998) [nucl-th/9707003]

# Current Conservation

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- Impulse approximation

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda_\nu(P, Q) &= 2 P_\nu F_\pi(Q^2) \\ &= N_c \int \text{Tr} \left[ S(q) \Gamma_\pi(k_+; P_-) S(q_+) i \Gamma_\nu(q; Q) S(q_-) \bar{\Gamma}_\pi(k_-; P_+) \right]\end{aligned}$$

- Insertion of vector Ward–Takahashi identity

$$i Q_\mu \Gamma_\mu(q_+, q_-; Q) = S^{-1}(q + Q/2) - S^{-1}(q - Q/2)$$

gives  $Q_\mu \Lambda_\nu(P, Q) = 0$

provided that a translationally-invariant regularisation of divergent integrals is used

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- Canonical normalisation condition for mesons

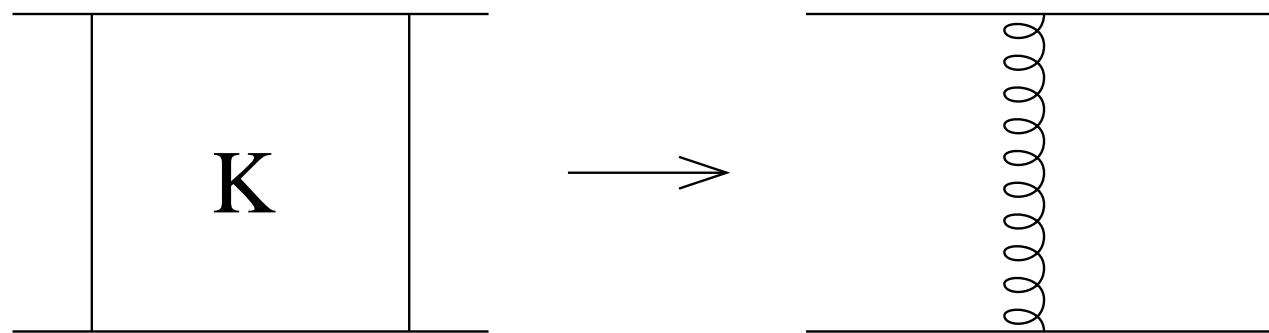
$$\begin{aligned}2 P_\mu = N_c \frac{\partial}{\partial P_\mu} \int^\Lambda \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \left\{ \text{Tr} \left[ \bar{\Gamma}_H(q; Q) S(q + \frac{1}{2}P) \Gamma_H(q; Q) S(q - \frac{1}{2}P) \right] \right. \\ \left. + \int^\Lambda \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} \left[ \bar{\chi}_H(k; Q) K(k, q; P) \chi_H(q; Q) \right] \right\}\end{aligned}$$

- Insertion of differential WTI identity gives  $F_\pi(0) = 1$  provided that  $K(q, p; P)$  is independent of  $P$

# Current Conservation – continued

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- If  $K(q, p; P)$  is independent of  $P$  and quark-photon vertex  $\Gamma_\mu$  satisfies WTI then e.m. current conserved in impulse approximation
- Kernel  $K(q, p; P)$  is independent of  $P$  in rainbow/ladder approximation

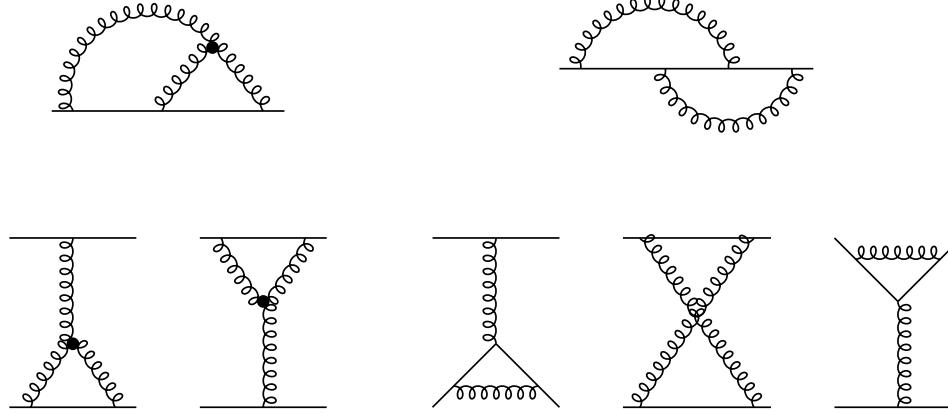


$$K(p, k; P) \rightarrow -\alpha((p - k)^2) D_{\mu\nu}^{\text{free}}(p - k) \gamma_\mu \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \otimes \gamma_\nu \frac{\lambda^a}{2}$$

# Current Conservation – continued

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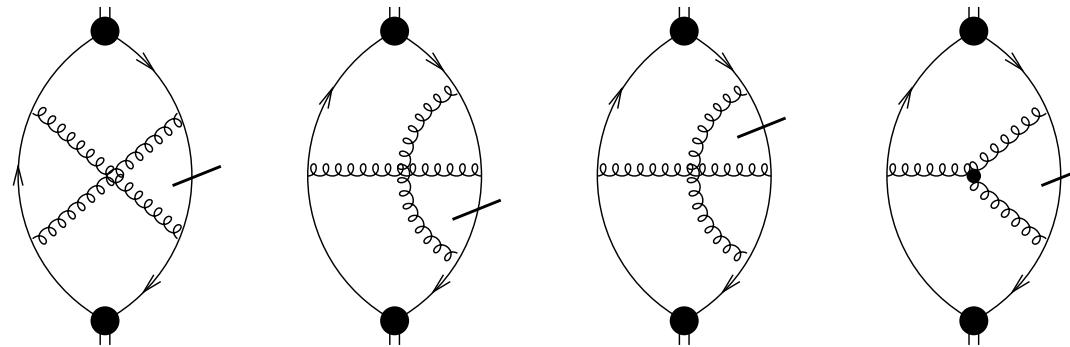
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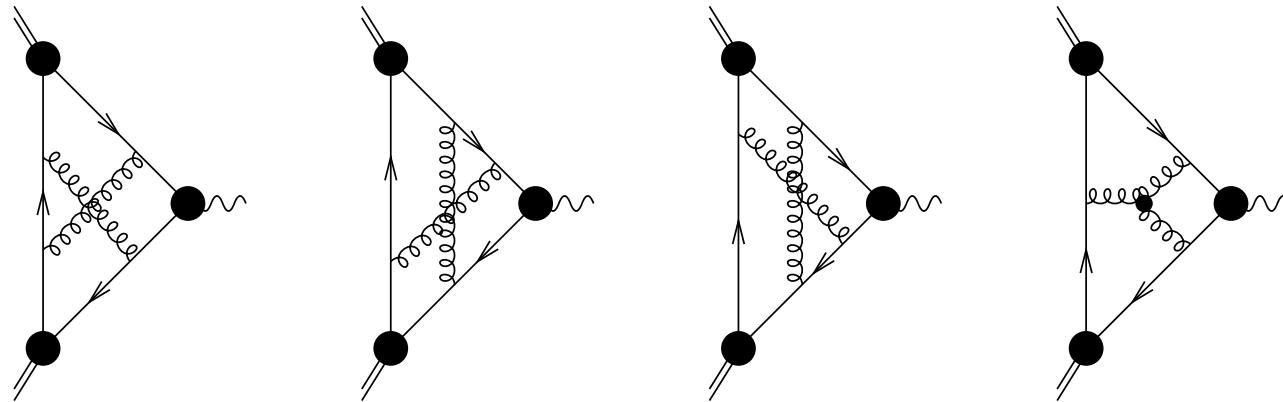
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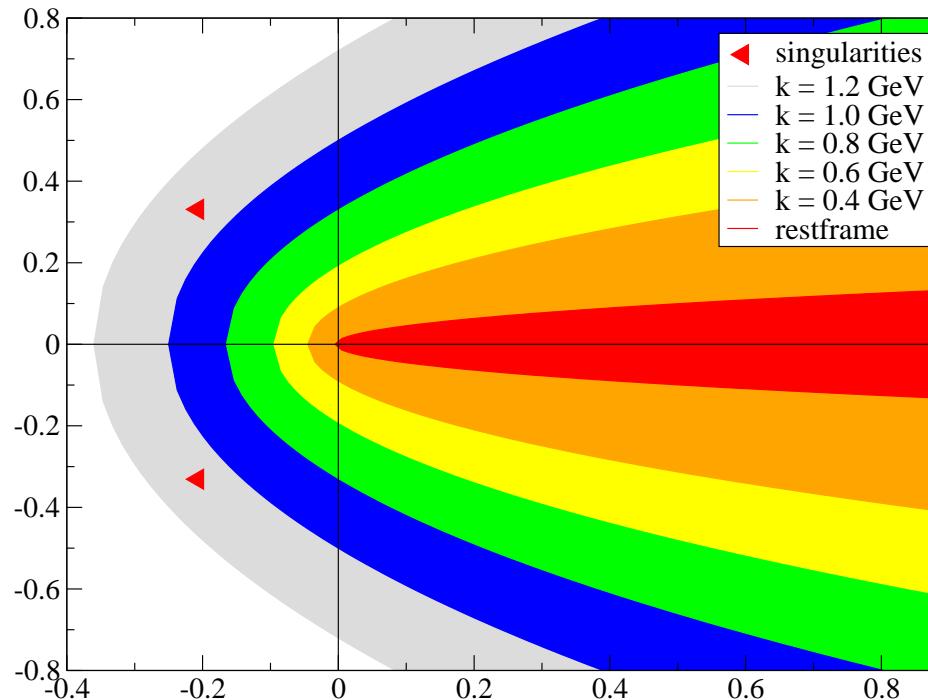


# Quark propagator in complex plane

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Range covered by argument of quark propagator in the BSE increases with increasing 3-momentum of the meson

$$k_{\pm} = k \pm P/2 = k^2 + iEk \cos \alpha + kp \sin \alpha \cos \beta - m^2$$



Limited by pair of c.c. singularities at  $k^2 = -0.207 \pm 0.331 \text{ GeV}^2$

# Analytic structure of QCD propagators

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## Gluon propagator: singularity at origin

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Gluon propagator: singularity at origin

Quark propagator:

- Real mass singularity on time-like axis
  - simple pole
  - start of branch-cut
- Pair of c.c. mass-like singularities
  - simple pole
  - start of branch-cut
- Entire function  
essential singularity at infinity,  
serious problems for Wick rotation
- Non-analytic function, then we're in trouble . . .

# **Asymptotic behavior $\pi\gamma\gamma$ form factor**

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Asymmetric:  $Q_1^2 = Q^2, Q_2^2 = 0, \omega = 1$

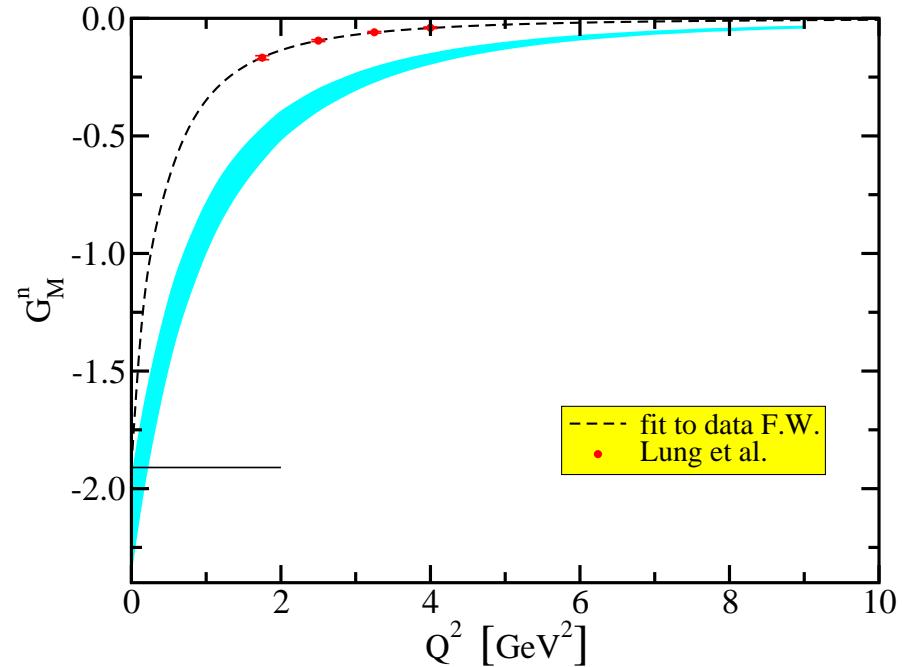
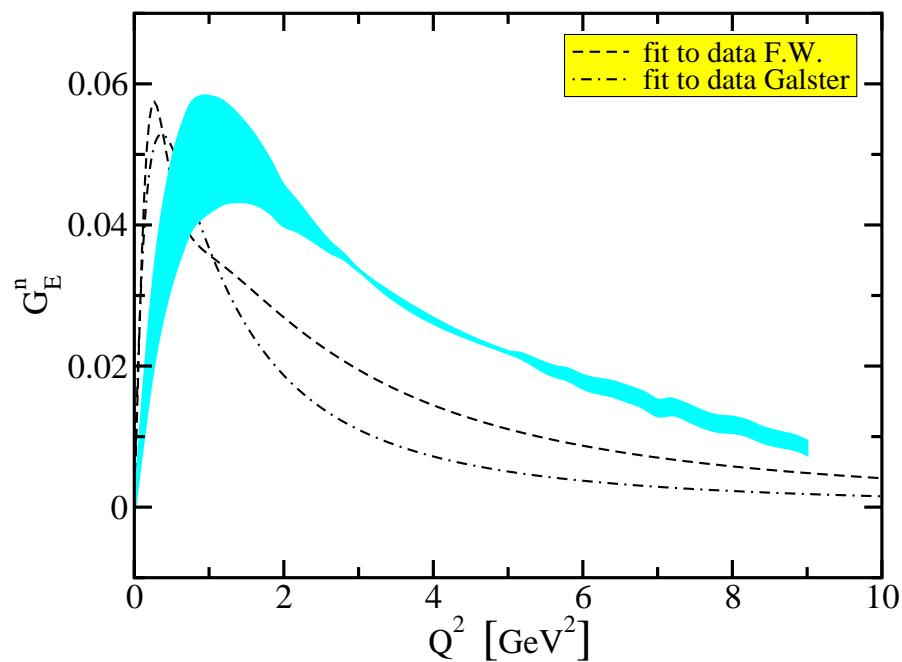
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lightcone pQCD (BL, 1980)	2
Anikin <i>et al.</i>	1.8
current DSE model numerical estimate	1.7
experimental estimate	1.6

Symmetric:  $Q_1^2 = Q_2^2, \omega = 0$

	$J(1)$
Anikin <i>et al.</i> , PLB475, 361 (2000)	4/3
DSE analysis (model independent)	4/3
current DSE model numerical result	1.3

# Model calculations – Neutron form factors

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Fit to data: Friedrich, Walcher, Eur.Phys.J.A17, 607 (2003) [hep-ph/0303054]

Fit to data: Galster *et al*, NPB32, 221 (1971) ; Lung *et al*, PRL70, 718 (1993)

# Chiral loop corrections

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Corrections estimated using

$$\begin{aligned}\langle r_N^2 \rangle^{\text{1-loop}} &= \mp \frac{1 + 5g_A^2}{32\pi^2 f_\pi^2} \ln \left( \frac{m_\pi^2}{m_\pi^2 + \lambda^2} \right) \\ \langle (r_N \mu)^2 \rangle^{\text{1-loop}} &= - \frac{1 + 5g_A^2}{32\pi^2 f_\pi^2} \ln \left( \frac{m_\pi^2}{m_\pi^2 + \lambda^2} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{g_A^2 m_N}{16\pi^2 f_\pi^2 \mu_N} \frac{2}{m_\pi} \arctan \left( \frac{\lambda}{m_\pi} \right) \\ (\mu_N^2)^{\text{1-loop}} &= \mp \frac{g_A^2 m_N}{4\pi^2 f_\pi^2} \frac{2m_\pi}{\pi} \arctan \left( \frac{\lambda^3}{m_\pi^3} \right)\end{aligned}$$

for regularisation-dependent pion loops

Ashley, Leinweber, Thomas, Young, Eur.Phys.J.A19, 9 (2004)

effective range:  $\lambda \approx 0.3 \text{ GeV}$  so  $R \approx 0.7 \text{ fm}$

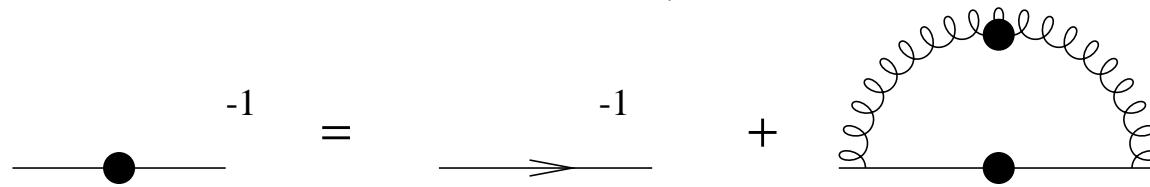
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# Rainbow–Ladder truncation

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- Rainbow approximation for quark DSE

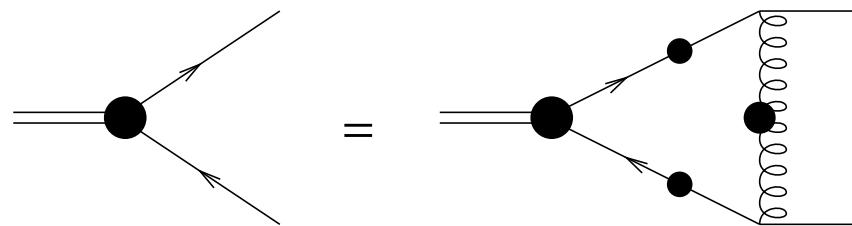
$$Z_1^g g^2 D_{\mu\nu}(q) \Gamma_\nu(k, p) \rightarrow Z_2^2 \mathcal{G}(q^2) D_{\mu\nu}^{\text{free}}(q) \gamma_\nu$$



- Ladder approximation for meson and vertex

$$K(p, k; P) \rightarrow -Z_2^2 \mathcal{G}(q^2) D_{\mu\nu}^{\text{free}}(q) \gamma_\mu \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \otimes \gamma_\nu \frac{\lambda^a}{2}$$

with  $q = p - k$



- Respects vector and axialvector Ward identities