

# Green's functions and form factors

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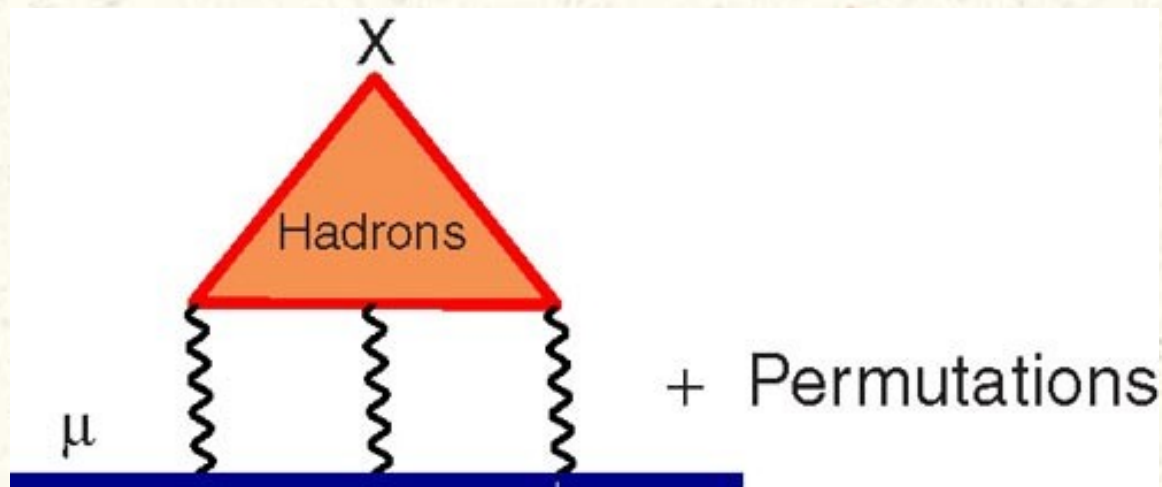
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# Hadronic light-by-light scattering

- What we would like to know is the hadronic light-by-light scattering contribution



$$\Pi_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \sim \langle 0 | T j_\mu(x_1) j_\nu(x_2) j_\alpha(x_3) j_\beta(0) | 0 \rangle$$

# Hadronic light-by-light

- Correlator of four electromagnetic currents is known in two limits
  - short distances – perturbative regime → quark loop
  - long distances – meson poles
- All we can do is to come up with a formula for the correlator of four electromagnetic currents which isn't too dumb to violate any of the above constraints
- The success isn't guaranteed since the interpolation between what we call long-distance and what we call short-distance may be important

# General expression for the amplitude

- The short-distance constraints are complicated, they are described by nineteen invariant form-factors

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{A} = & G_1^{(1,2,3)} \{f f_1\} \{f_2 f_3\} + G_1^{(2,3,1)} \{f f_2\} \{f_3 f_1\} + G_1^{(3,1,2)} \{f f_3\} \{f_1 f_2\} \\
 & + G_2^{(1,2,3)} \{f \tilde{f}_1\} \{f_2 \tilde{f}_3\} + G_2^{(2,3,1)} \{f \tilde{f}_2\} \{f_3 \tilde{f}_1\} + G_2^{(3,1,2)} \{f \tilde{f}_3\} \{f_1 \tilde{f}_2\} \\
 & + G_3^{(1,2,3)} \{\eta_{23} f f_1 \eta_{23}\} \{f_2 f_3\} + G_3^{(2,3,1)} \{\eta_{31} f f_2 \eta_{31}\} \{f_3 f_1\} + G_3^{(3,1,2)} \{\eta_{12} f f_3 \eta_{12}\} \{f_1 f_2\} \\
 & + \tilde{G}_3^{(1,2,3)} \{\eta_{23} f f_1 q_1\} \{f_2 f_3\} + \tilde{G}_3^{(2,3,1)} \{\eta_{31} f f_2 q_2\} \{f_3 f_1\} + \tilde{G}_3^{(3,1,2)} \{\eta_{12} f f_3 q_3\} \{f_1 f_2\} \\
 & + G_4^{(1,2,3)} \{\eta_{23} f f_1 \eta_{23}\} \{q_2 f_2 \eta_{31}\} \{q_3 f_3 \eta_{12}\} + G_4^{(2,3,1)} \{\eta_{31} f f_2 \eta_{31}\} \{q_3 f_3 \eta_{12}\} \{q_1 f_1 \eta_{23}\} \\
 & + G_4^{(3,1,2)} \{\eta_{12} f f_3 \eta_{12}\} \{q_1 f_1 \eta_{23}\} \{q_2 f_2 \eta_{31}\} \\
 & + \tilde{G}_4^{(1,2,3)} \{q_1 f f_1 q_1\} \{q_2 f_2 \eta_{31}\} \{q_3 f_3 \eta_{12}\} + \tilde{G}_4^{(2,3,1)} \{q_2 f f_2 q_2\} \{q_3 f_3 \eta_{12}\} \{q_1 f_1 \eta_{23}\} \\
 & + \tilde{G}_4^{(3,1,2)} \{q_3 f f_3 q_3\} \{q_1 f_1 \eta_{23}\} \{q_2 f_2 \eta_{31}\} + G_5^{(1,2,3)} \{q_1 f q_3\} \{q_1 f_1 \eta_{23}\} \{q_3 f_3 \eta_{12}\} \{q_2 f_2 \eta_{31}\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

# Quark loop contribution

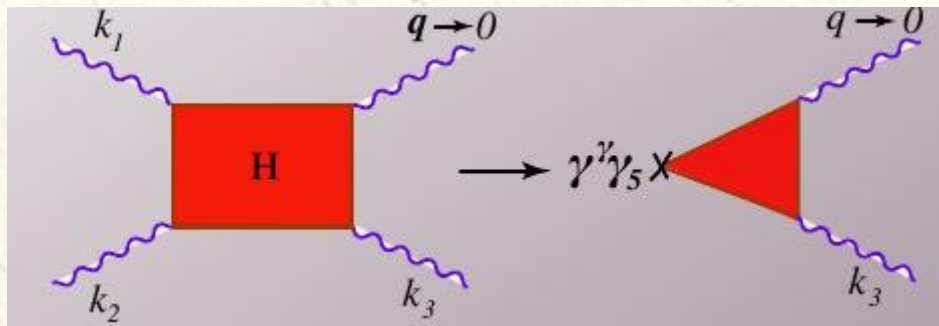
- Each of these invariant form-factors is also complex; for example

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_1(s_1, s_2, s_3) = & - \left( 4s_3s_2^4 - 4s_3^3s_2^2 + 6s_3^2s_1^3 - 4s_3s_1^4 - 22s_1^3s_2^2 + 28s_3s_2^2s_1^2 + 26s_3^2s_2^2s_1 - 11s_2^4s_1 + 32s_1^2s_2^3 \right. \\
 & \left. - 48s_3s_2^3s_1 - 2s_2^5 + s_3^4s_1 + 2s_1^4s_2 - 4s_3s_2s_1^3 - 32s_3^2s_2s_1^2 + 32s_3^3s_2s_1 + 2s_3^4s_2 + s_1^5 - 4s_3^3s_1^2 \right) \frac{\ln(s_3)}{D^2s_1(s_1 - s_3 - s_2)s_2} \\
 & + \left( s_2^5 - 4s_2^4s_1 + 6s_1^2s_2^3 + 6s_3^3s_1^2 + 21s_3s_2^4 - 22s_3^2s_2^3 - 22s_3^3s_2^2 - 26s_3s_2^2s_1^2 + 56s_3^2s_2^2s_1 - 4s_1^3s_2^2 + 21s_3^4s_2 \right. \\
 & \left. + 4s_3s_2s_1^3 - 26s_3^2s_2s_1^2 + s_3^5 + s_1^4s_2 - 4s_3^2s_1^3 - 4s_3^4s_1 + s_3s_1^4 \right) \frac{\ln(s_1)}{D^2s_3(s_1 - s_3 - s_2)s_2} \\
 & - \left( -4s_1^4s_2 - 32s_3s_2^2s_1^2 + 28s_3^2s_2s_1^2 + 32s_3s_2^3s_1 + 26s_3^2s_2^2s_1 - 4s_1^2s_2^3 - 2s_3^5 + 6s_1^3s_2^2 - 4s_3^2s_2^3 + s_2^4s_1 + 2s_3s_2^4 \right. \\
 & \left. + 4s_3^4s_2 - 11s_3^4s_1 + s_1^5 - 4s_3s_2s_1^3 - 48s_3^3s_2s_1 - 22s_3^2s_1^3 + 32s_3^3s_1^2 + 2s_3s_1^4 \right) \frac{\ln(s_2)}{D^2s_1s_3(s_1 - s_3 - s_2)} \\
 & - 2 \left( 18s_3^2s_2^2 + 7s_2^3s_1 - 7s_1^3s_2 + 18s_3s_2s_1^2 - 19s_3s_2^2s_1 - 4s_3^3s_2 + 3s_1^2s_3^2 - 4s_3s_2^3 - 7s_1^3s_3 + 2s_1^4 + 3s_1^2s_2^2 \right. \\
 & \left. + 7s_1s_3^3 - 19s_3^2s_2s_1 - 5s_3^4 - 5s_2^4 \right) \frac{J(s_1, s_2, s_3)}{D^2(s_1 - s_3 - s_2)} - 4 \frac{(-s_2^2 - 3s_1s_3 + s_1^2 - s_3^2 - 3s_2s_1 + 2s_3s_2)}{(s_1 - s_3 - s_2)s_1D},
 \end{aligned}$$

Matching any non-perturbative model to pQCD prediction is guaranteed to be highly non-trivial

# The model that fits the box

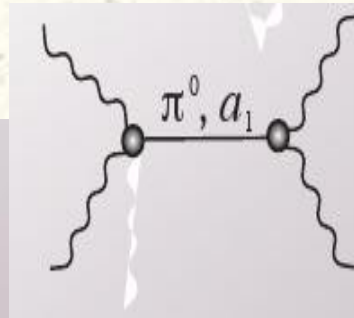
- We simplify the problem by picking up a particular part in the phase-space  $q_1^2 \gg q_2^2 \gg q_3^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$ . However, we require that in that part of the phase-space the amplitude is reproduced "exactly"



$$\mathcal{M} = \alpha^2 N_c \text{Tr}[\hat{Q}^4] \mathcal{A}$$

$$\mathcal{A} = \frac{4}{q_3^2 \hat{q}^2} \{f_2 \tilde{f}_1\} \{\tilde{f} f_3\}$$

$$-\frac{4}{q_3^2 \hat{q}^4} \left( \{q_2 f_2 \tilde{f}_1 \tilde{f} f_3 q_3\} + \{q_1 f_1 \tilde{f}_2 \tilde{f} f_3 q_3\} + \frac{q_1^2 + q_2^2}{4} \{f_2 \tilde{f}_1\} \{\tilde{f} f_3\} \right) + \dots$$



$$\mathcal{A}_{\pi^0} = -\frac{N_c W^{(3)}}{2\pi^2 F_\pi^2} \frac{F_{\pi\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2)}{q_3^2 + m_\pi^2} \{f_2 \tilde{f}_1\} \{\tilde{f} f_3\}$$

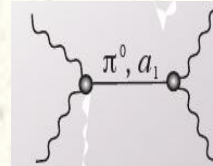
# Phase-space dominance

- The key point here is that we **fit full correlator of four currents**
- The pion (pole and off-pole) naturally appears in this construction
- We are not advocating pion pole dominance – if anything, **we are saying that an asymmetric part of the phase-space gives large(r) contribution than everything else**
- This point can be discussed/criticized but this isn't the pion pole dominance story

# Off-shell form-factors

- Off-shell form factors is a way to account for additional pieces in the correlator of four electromagnetic currents

$$F_{\pi^* \gamma \gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2, m_\pi^2) \rightarrow F_{\pi^* \gamma \gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2, q_3^2)$$



$$A_{\pi^0} = -\frac{N_c W^{(3)}}{2\pi^2 F_\pi^2} \frac{F_{\pi^* \gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2)}{q_3^2 + m_\pi^2} \{f_2 \tilde{f}_1\} \{\tilde{f} f_3\}$$

$$\mathcal{A} \sim \frac{F(q_1^2, q_2^2, q_3^2)}{q_3^2 + m_\pi^2} \{f_2 \tilde{f}_1\} \{\tilde{f} f_3\} = \left( \frac{F(q_1^2, q_2^2)}{q_3^2 + m_\pi^2} + C \right) \{f_2 \tilde{f}_1\} \{\tilde{f} f_3\}$$

As long as the off-shell form-factors are treated and interpreted as additional pieces in the photon scattering amplitudes, everything is fine and the issue is merely linguistics



# Off-shell form factors

- However, I think it is somewhat dangerous because when we say "off-shell form-factors", we make it sound as if we can extract useful pieces of the four-photon amplitude without measuring it
- For example – off-shell (for pion) Primakoff. We require effects that are suppressed by the ratio  $\Gamma_{\pi^0\gamma\gamma}/M_\rho \sim 10^{-8}$   
My guess is that this is simply not feasible.

