

# Hadron properties from Dyson-Schwinger equations

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# Hadron physics from QCD

## Hadron spectroscopy:

strangeness & charm, glueballs, exotics,  
multiquark states, nucleon resonances

## Hadron structure:

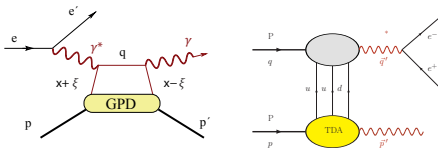
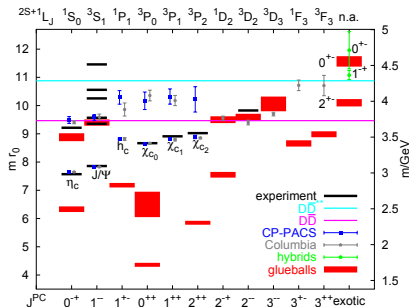
elastic & transition form factors, spin & OAM,  
GPDs, factorization & perturbative QCD

**Goal: computation of hadron properties  
from quark & gluon substructure in QCD.**

## Dyson-Schwinger approach:

From **QCD Green functions** to **hadron  
wave functions, form factors and reactions.**

Ab-initio, nonperturbative, covariant, continuum,  
light and heavy quarks. But: truncations!



(from PANDA Physics Book)

# Dyson-Schwinger equations

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quarks, gluons (+ ghosts)

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• **Gluon propagator:**



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= + Relevant physics in small subset  $\Rightarrow$

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

**Truncation:**  
closed system,  
solvable

**All momentum scales:**

perturbative & non-perturbative  
QCD, factorization not required

**All quark masses:**

also chiral limit

Applications:

- **Hadron properties**
- **QCD phase diagram**
- **Origin of confinement**

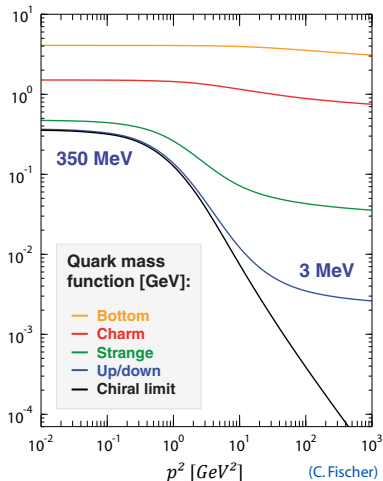


# Dynamical quark mass

- **Dynamical chiral symmetry breaking:** explains dynamical generation of “constituent-quark masses”
- Realized in **quark Dyson-Schwinger eq:** momentum-dependent quark mass  $M(p^2)$

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

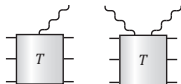
- Mass generation for **light hadrons**



Hadron **wave functions**  
encoded in **quark T-matrices**:

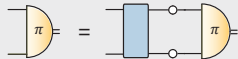


Hadron **form factors**,  
**scattering amplitudes**,  
**structure properties**:



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⇒ **Faddeev equation:**



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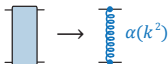
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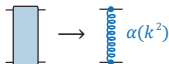


- **GMOR, em. current conservation, Goldberger-Treiman** at hadron level
- no **pion-cloud effects** (“quark core”),  
no **decay channels** ( $\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi$ ,  $\Delta \rightarrow N\pi, \dots$ )

Everything else is determined self-consistently,  
**no further approximations or model ansätze**

- **quark propagator** is DSE solution (rainbow-ladder: complex conjugate poles)
- **quark-antiquark vertices** are BSE solutions, develop meson poles (no widths though)
- full covariant spin-color-flavor structure of **hadron wave functions** implemented

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- **Heavy ground-state mesons** ✓

Blank, Krassnigg: PRD 84 (2011)

- **Heavy-light mesons**

Nguyen, Souchlas, Tandy, AIP Conf. Procs 1361 (2011)

- **Light mesons:**

s waves (RL) ✓

Maris, Roberts, Tandy, PLB420 (1998), ...

p waves (beyond RL) ✓

Fischer, Williams, PRL 103 (2009)

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- **Light isoscalars:**

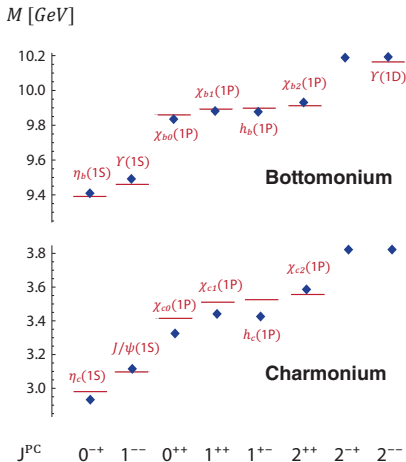
$\eta, \eta'$  (beyond RL) ✓

Alkofer, Fischer, Williams, EPJ A38 (2008)

- **Light scalars** ( $\sigma$  meson)

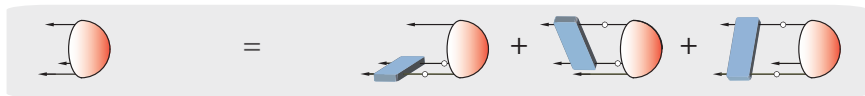
Tetraquarks?

Heupel, Eichmann, Fischer, in preparation



Blank, Krassnigg: PRD 84 (2011)

# Covariant Faddeev equation



## Quark-quark correlations

as dominant structure in baryons

Solved for full Poincaré-covariant  
wave function:

### Nucleon:

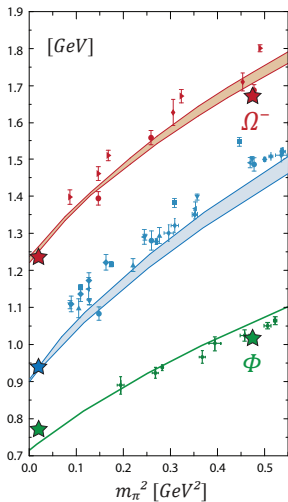
Eichmann, Alkofer, Krassnigg, Nicmorus:  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.* 104 (2010)

### Delta:

Sanchis-Alepuz, Eichmann, Villalba-Chavez, Alkofer:  
*PRD* 84 (2011)

Description of **mesons and baryons from a single interaction kernel**, only “active” input parameter is a scale

- **Dynamical chiral symmetry breaking:** mass generation for quarks & hadrons
- **Poincaré covariance:** quark orbital angular momentum in wave functions (**p waves!**)
- **Di-quark clustering in baryons:** similar results in quark-diquark model  
Oettel, Alkofer, von Smekal, EPJ A8 (2000)  
Eichmann *et al.*: PRC 79 (2009)



**Delta mass:**

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

**Nucleon mass:**

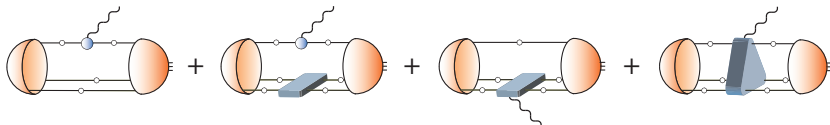
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**$\rho$ -meson mass:**

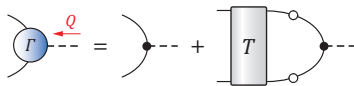
Maris, Tandy, PRC 60 (1999)

Microscopic expression for a baryon's **non-perturbative current**:

Eichmann, PRD 84 (2011)



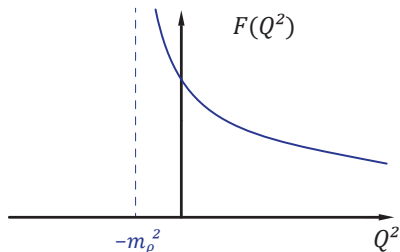
Baryon form factors inherit properties of (pseudoscalar, vector, axial-vector) **quark-antiquark vertices**:



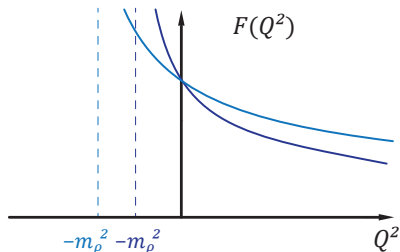
- **Meson bound-state poles:** origin of “vector-meson dominance”
- **Em. current conservation, Goldberger-Treiman relation** automatically satisfied

**Meson poles at timelike  $Q^2$**  in T-matrix must also appear in vertex, timelike  $Q^2$  structure in form factors

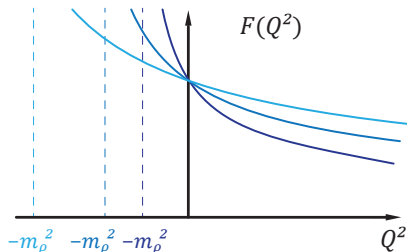




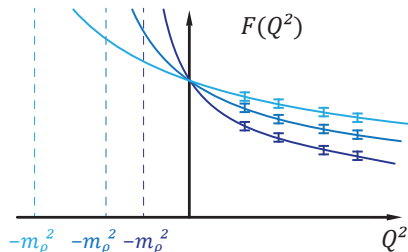
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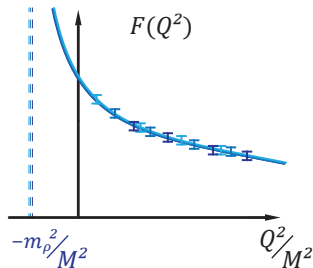
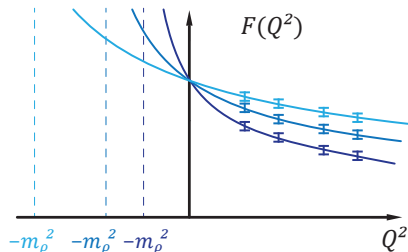
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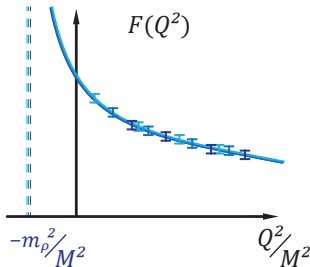
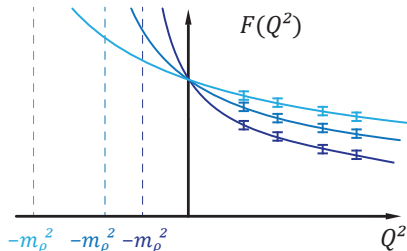
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- **FFs( $Q^2/M^2$ ) roughly current-mass independent**  
same physics: mostly s wave, p waves fall off slowly,  
no chiral singularities, no pion cloud: **“quark core”**

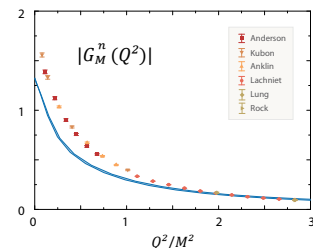
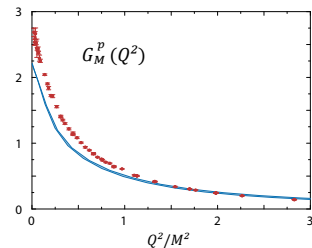
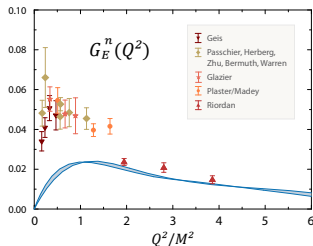
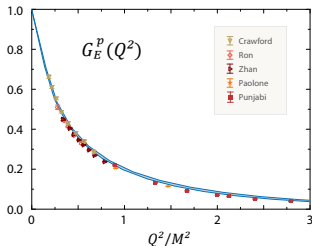
$m_\pi$ [GeV]	0.14	0.34	0.75
s-wave	0.66	0.67	0.69
p-wave	0.33	0.32	0.30
d-wave	0.01	0.01	0.01

TABLE I:  $s$ -,  $p$ - and  $d$ -wave contributions to the nucleon’s canonical normalization at three pion masses, expressed as fractions of 1. The first column corresponds to the physical  $u/d$ -quark mass.

## Nucleon em. FFs vs. momentum transfer

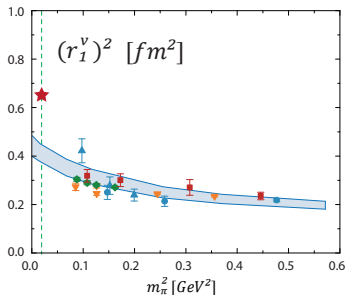
Eichmann, PRD 84 (2011)

- Good agreement with recent **data** at large  $Q^2$
  - Good agreement with **lattice** at large quark masses
  - **Missing pion cloud** below  $\sim 2 \text{ GeV}^2$ , in chiral region
- ⇒ **nucleon quark core** without pion effects!



## Nucleon charge radii:

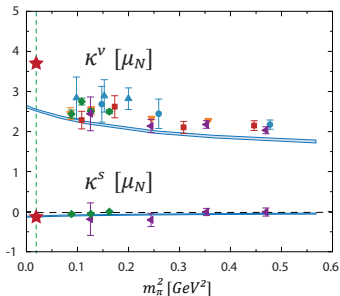
isovector (p-n) Dirac (F1) radius



- **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)



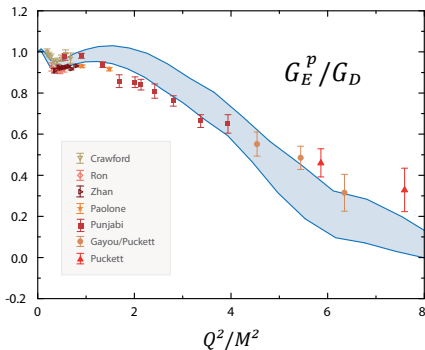
- **But:** pion-cloud **cancels** in  $\kappa^s \Leftrightarrow$  quark core

Exp:  $\kappa^s = -0.12$

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







- Faddeev result consistent with data:  
**OAM in nucleon amplitude!**
- Soon: investigate **two-photon effects**

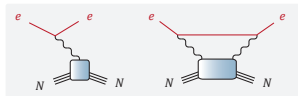
## Electric proton form factor

at large momenta [Eichmann, PRD 84 \(2011\)](#)

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

**Polarization experiments** at JLAB showed **falloff** in  $G_E/G_M$ , with possible **zero crossing**

- Difference likely due to **two-photon corrections**  
[Guichon, Vanderhaeghen, PRL 91 \(2003\)](#)

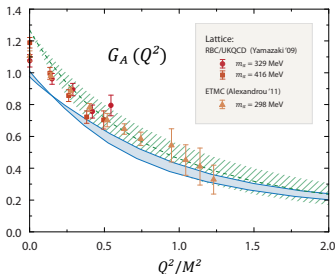
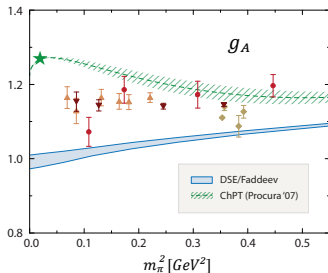


## Nucleon axial and pseudoscalar form factors

Eichmann & Fischer, 1111.2614 [hep-ph]

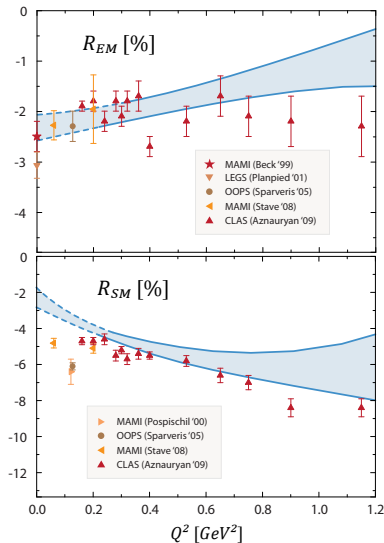
- **Pion-cloud corrections?**  
also missed on the lattice  
if volumes too small
- **Timelike meson poles**  
from quark-antiquark vertices:  
 $\alpha_1$  (1260) in  $G_A$ ,  
 $\pi(138)$ ,  $\pi(1300)$  in  $G_P$ ,  $G_{\pi NN}$
- **Goldberger-Treiman relation**  
reproduced for **all** quark masses:

$$G_A(0) = \frac{f_\pi}{M_N} G_{\pi NN}(0)$$

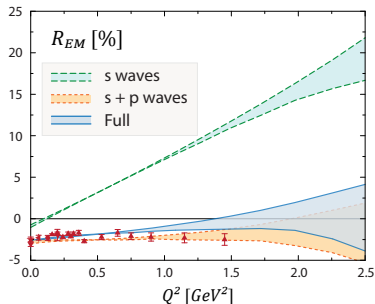
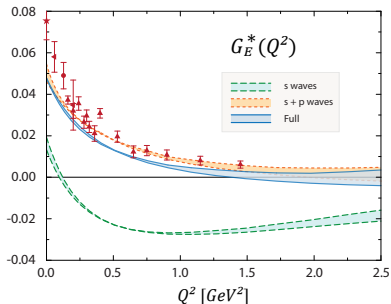


# Nucleon- $\Delta$ - $\gamma$ transition

- **Magnetic dipole transition ( $G_M^*$ )** dominant: quark spin flip (s wave).
- **Electric & Coulomb quadrupole transitions** small & negative, encode deformation.  
Quark model: need **d waves** or **pion cloud**.  
Perturbative QCD:  $R_{EM} \rightarrow 1$ ,  $R_{SM} \rightarrow \text{const}$ .
- **Faddeev calculation** (here: quark-diquark)  
[Eichmann & Nicmorus, 1112.2232 \[hep-ph\]](#)  
Ratios reproduced even without pion cloud?!



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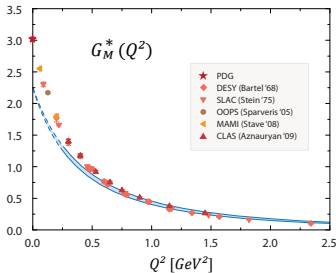
$R_{EM}$  dominated by **p waves!**

**Poincaré covariance** essential:

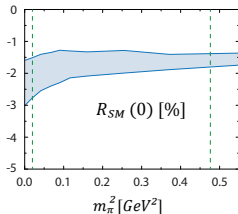
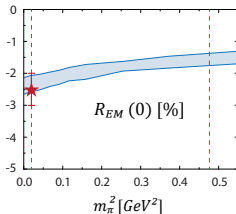
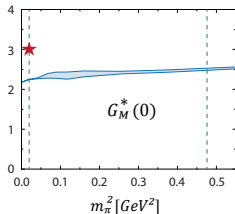
**Quark OAM** in  $N$  and  $\Delta$  wave functions, p waves much more important than d waves.

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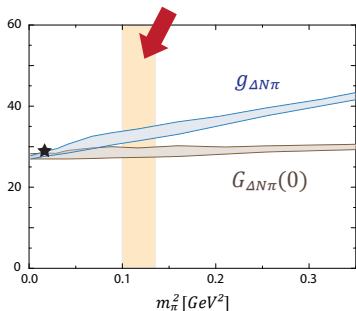
**Magnetic dipole form factor:**  
similar to quark model,  
“core + 25% pion cloud”



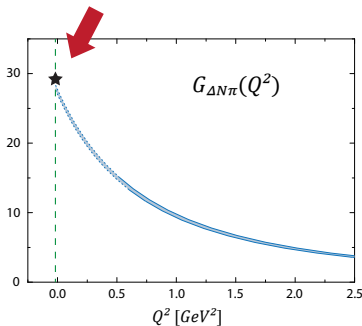
**Flat current-mass dependence (in contrast to ChPT!):**



decay channel closes:  
 $m_\pi > M_\Delta - M_N$

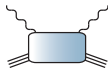


$$g_{\Delta N \pi} = G_{\Delta N \pi}(Q^2 = -m_\pi^2)$$

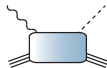


- **Delta decay width** =  $g_{\Delta N \pi} \times$  phase space (=118 MeV at u/d mass); current-mass dependence governed by phase space.
- $G_{\Delta N \pi}$  determined by pseudoscalar vertex  $\Rightarrow$  **pseudoscalar meson poles:**  $\pi(1300)$ , ...

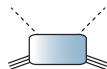
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Compton scattering,  
DVCS,  $2\gamma$  physics



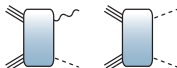
Meson photo- and  
electroproduction



Nucleon-pion  
scattering



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



Meson production

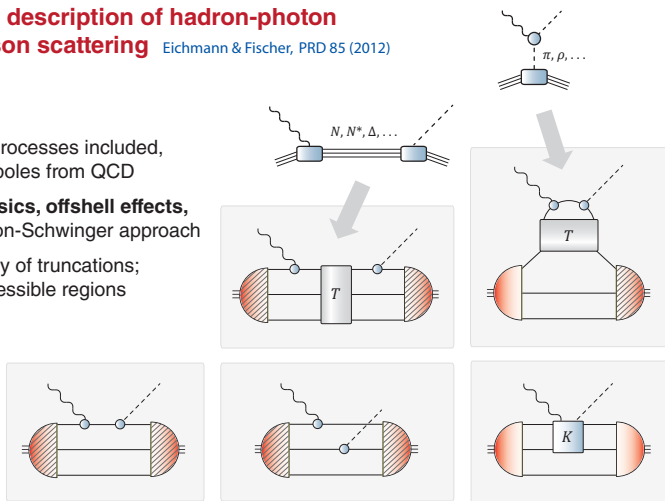


Pion Compton  
scattering

Fully non-perturbative, no factorization into soft and hard physics required!

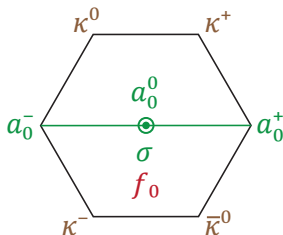
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- Perturbative subprocesses included, s- and t-channel poles from QCD
- **Two-photon physics, offshell effects, GPDs** in the Dyson-Schwinger approach
- **Obstacles:** quality of truncations; kinematically accessible regions





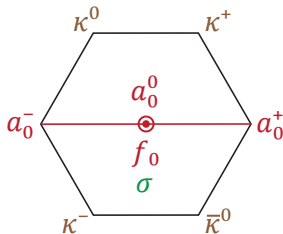
Light scalar mesons ( $0^{++}$ ) don't fit into the conventional meson spectrum:



$$\begin{array}{l}
 a_0 (980 \text{ MeV}) \\
 \sigma (440 \text{ MeV})
 \end{array}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} a_0 \\ \sigma \end{array}} \right\} u\bar{u}, d\bar{d}, u\bar{d} \\
 \kappa (660 \text{ MeV}) \quad u\bar{s}, d\bar{s} \\
 f_0 (980 \text{ MeV}) \quad s\bar{s}
 \end{array}$$

- Why are  $\sigma$ ,  $\kappa$  so **light** compared to  $a_0$ ,  $f_0$ ?  
Why are the masses of  $a_0$ ,  $f_0$  degenerate?
- Why do they have so different **decay widths**?  
 $\Gamma(\sigma, \kappa) \approx 550 \text{ MeV}$   
 $\Gamma(a_0, f_0) \approx 50\text{--}100 \text{ MeV}$
- Why do both  $f_0$  and  $a_0$  couple to  $K\bar{K}$ ?  
(hidden strange-quark content of  $a_0$ ?)
- Scalar mesons should be predominantly **p-waves** with masses similar to axial-vectors:  
 $a_1, f_1 \sim 1.3 \text{ GeV}$
- **Lattice:** lightest scalars  $\sim 1.2\text{--}1.4 \text{ GeV}$   
[Mathur et al. \(2007\)](#), [Dudek et al. \(2010\)](#)  
 Consistent with 1st radial excitation?  
 $a_0, f_0 \sim 1.2\text{--}1.5 \text{ GeV}$

Could these be light **tetraquark** (diquark-antidiquark) states? Jaffe '77

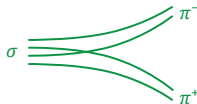


$$\begin{array}{l}
 a_0 (980 \text{ MeV}) \\
 f_0 (980 \text{ MeV})
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 \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} a_0 \\ f_0 \end{array}} \right\} us\bar{u}\bar{s}, \dots$$

$$\kappa (660 \text{ MeV}) \quad us\bar{u}\bar{d}, \dots$$

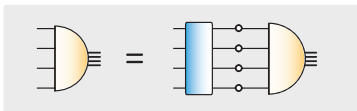
$$\sigma (440 \text{ MeV}) \quad ud\bar{u}\bar{d}$$

- Explains **mass ordering**:  
 $f_0$  and  $a_0$  have same strangeness content
- Explains **decay widths**:  
 $f_0$  and  $a_0$  decay into  $K\bar{K}$  ;  
“OZI-superallowed” mechanism  
leads to large widths for  $\sigma$ ,  $\kappa$  :



- Lightest scalar  $q\bar{q}$  states would be  
 $a_0, f_0 \sim 1.2\text{--}1.5 \text{ GeV}$ , consistent with lattice

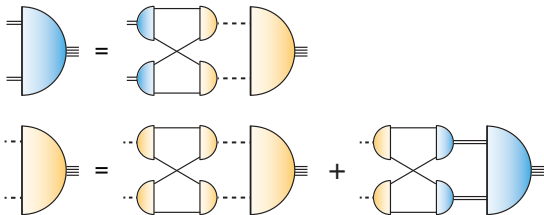
Start from **four-quark bound-state equation**:



Keep only  $qq, q\bar{q}$  interactions with separable T-matrix.

Obtain coupled **diquark-antidiquark / meson-meson** equations:

Heupel, Eichmann, Fischer, in preparation



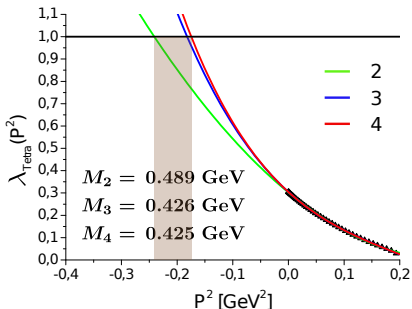
**Two-body simplification induces complications...**

- pion poles in integrand;
- how do pion and diquark behave offshell?

**Strategy:** solve for  $P^2 > 0$ , extrapolate BSE eigenvalue to timelike  $P^2 = -M^2$ .

Coupled **diquark-antidiquark / meson-meson** system  
yields a light scalar tetraquark  $\sim 400$  MeV

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Setup	Mass [GeV]
E	$0.43 \pm 0.043$
E + F	$0.44 \pm 0.041$
E + F*	$0.46 \pm 0.039$
Meson only	$0.30 \pm 0.042$
Prefactors Fit1	$0.32 \pm 0.038$
Prefactors Fit2	$0.39 \pm 0.038$

Next: study four-quark equation directly!

## Systematic description of QCD phenomenology from quark & gluon substructure:

- **Nonperturbative:** factorization property not necessary
- **Dynamical chiral symmetry breaking:** mass generation for quarks and light hadrons
- **Poincaré covariance:** quark orbital angular momentum via p waves
- **Quark-quark interaction** dominant in ground-state baryons
- **Pion cloud** essential for chiral and low-momentum structure
- **Tetraquark** identification for light scalar mesons likely correct

Need to improve **truncations** (pion cloud, decay channels, 3- and 4-quark interactions) and **kinematical coverage**

## Interplay between experiment and theory:

- Hadron **masses, wave functions, form factors and scattering amplitudes from QCD**
- Refined tools for understanding fundamental **properties of QCD from experiment**