# Modeling Meson Structure: Form Factors to GPDs

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# **Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)**



## **GPDs: Footprints of QCD**

3D Structure of Hadrons: **Global analysis** of **experimental data**, discrete **lattice studies**, **effective field theories** and continuum **Schwinger-Dyson equations**.

**QCD** is characterized by two **emergent** phenomena: **confinement** and **emergent hadron mass** (EHM).

Formation of color-singlet bound states: "Hadrons"



Emergence of hadron masses (EHM) from QCD dynamics





#### **From QCD to the Form Factors and GPDs**

Origins of **confinement** and **dynamical chiral symmetry breaking (DCSB)** can be traced back to the Green functions of **quarks** and **gluons**.

These emergent phenomena of **QCD**, non-existent in perturbation theory are naturally linked to its **non-abelian nature** and infrared enhancement of the **strong running coupling**.

The effects of of the pattern of DCSB are traceable in the  $Q^2$  evolution of the  $\pi$  and K Bethe-Salpeter Amplitudes (BSAs) and form factors explored and planned in the JLab and the EIC.



## **Mesons: Probing Quarks with Photons**

In studying the **elastic** or **transition form factors**, it is the **photon** which probes the **dressed quarks** inside the **bound states**, highlighting the importance of the **quark-photon vertex**.



$$\begin{split} \Gamma^{L}_{\mu}(p,k,q) &= \sum_{i=1}^{4} \lambda_{i} L^{i}_{\mu}(p,k) \\ L^{1}_{\mu} &= \gamma_{\mu} \\ L^{2}_{\mu}(p,k) &= (\not \!\!\! p \!\!\! + \not \!\! k)(p+k)_{\mu} \\ L^{3}_{\mu}(p,k) &= -(p+k)_{\mu} \\ L^{4}_{\mu}(p,k) &= -\sigma_{\mu\nu} (p+k)^{\nu} \end{split}$$

Gauge covariance (WTI,TTI, LKFT), kinematic singularities, perturbation theory, multiplicative renormalizability

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$$\begin{split} \Gamma^{T}_{\mu}(p,k,q) &= \sum_{i=1}^{8} \tau_{i}(p^{2},k^{2},q^{2})T^{i}_{\mu}(p,k) \\ T^{1}_{\mu} &= p_{\mu}(k \cdot q) - k_{\mu}(p \cdot q) , \\ T^{2}_{\mu} &= \left[ p_{\mu}(k \cdot q) - k_{\mu}(p \cdot q) \right] (\not \!\!\! p \!\!\!\! + \not \!\! k) , \\ T^{3}_{\mu} &= q^{2} \gamma_{\mu} - q_{\mu} \not \!\! q , \\ T^{4}_{\mu} &= q^{2} \left[ \gamma^{\mu} (\not \!\! k \!\!\! + \not \!\! p) - (k + p)^{\mu} \right] \\ &\quad + 2(k - p)^{\mu} \sigma_{\nu\lambda} p^{\nu} k^{\lambda} , \\ T^{5}_{\mu} &= -\sigma_{\mu\nu} q^{\nu} , \\ T^{6}_{\mu} &= \gamma_{\mu}(p^{2} - k^{2}) + (p + k)_{\mu} \not \!\! q , \\ T^{7}_{\mu} &= \frac{1}{2}(p^{2} - k^{2}) \left[ \gamma_{\mu}(\not \!\! p \!\!\! + \not \!\! k) - (p + k)_{\mu} \right] \\ &\quad - (p + k)_{\mu} \sigma_{\nu\lambda} p^{\nu} k^{\lambda} , \\ T^{8}_{\mu} &= \gamma_{\mu} \sigma_{\nu\lambda} p^{\nu} k^{\lambda} - p_{\mu} \not \!\! k \!\!\! + k_{\mu} \not \!\! p . \end{split}$$

#### **Meson Form Factors: Probing the Standard Model**



#### **Towards Algebraic Models**



#### The Algebraic Model (AM)

The quark propagator  $S_{q(\bar{h})}(k) = [-i\gamma \cdot k + M_{q(\bar{h})}]\Delta(k^2, M^2_{a(\bar{h})})$  $\Delta(s,t) = (s+t)^{-1}$ Bethe-Salpeter Amplitude  $n_{\rm M}\Gamma_{\rm M}(k,P) = i\gamma_5 \int_{-1}^{1} dw \,\rho_{\rm M}(w) [\hat{\Delta}(k_w^2,\Lambda_w^2)]^{\nu}$  $\hat{\Delta}(s,t) = t\Delta(s,t), \quad k_w = k + (w/2)P$  $\Lambda^{2}(w) = M_{q}^{2} - \frac{1}{4}(1 - w^{2})m_{M}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}(1 - w)(M_{\bar{h}}^{2} - M_{q}^{2})$ The Algebraic Model L. Albino, M. Higuera, K. Raya, AB, Phys. Rev. D 106 (2022) 3, 034003  $\psi_{\rm M}^{q}(x,k_{\perp}^{2}) = 16\pi^{2}f_{\rm M}\frac{\nu\Lambda_{1-2x}^{2\nu}}{(k_{\perp}^{2}+\Lambda_{1-2}^{2})^{\nu+1}}\phi_{\rm M}^{q}(x)$ 

For a quark in pseudo-scalar meson M, the leading twist (2-particle) light front wave function,  $\psi_M$ , can be obtained via the light front projection of the meson's **BSWF**.



#### From the PDAs to the GPDs



#### From the GPDs to the PDFs



#### **Completing the Cycle – Back to Form Factors**

The **electromagnetic form factors** using our **algebraic model** can be obtained either through the knowledge of the **GPDs** or the direct evaluation of the **triangle diagram**.

Such an exercise provides stringent constraints on the efficacy of the **algebraic model** we have constructed by direct comparison with the refined calculation of these **form factors**.



#### **Completing the Cycle – Back to Form Factors**

We can extend this analysis of the Algebraic Model to compute the pion electromagnetic form factors to larger Q<sup>2</sup> range: 0-40 GeV<sup>2</sup> which would likely cover the photon virtualities accessible to the JLab12, JLab22 and EIC programs:



#### **Completing the Cycle – Back to Form Factors**

There is an analysis underway of the **kaon electromagnetic form factor** till **5.5 GeV**<sup>2</sup> of the data obtained in **JLab E12-09-011** experiment.

**Courtesy Garth Huber** 

**Algebraic Model results** 



## **Summary and Outlook**

- The interplay of QCD akin truncations of Schwinger-Dyson equations and algebraic model based upon these studies shed important light on the internal structure of pion and kaon.
- QCD akin refined computation of pion and kaon electromagnetic form factors at low and intermediate virtualities of the probing photon in electroproduction processes:

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Results for the pion electromagnetic form factor at large photon virtualities accessible to the potential 22GeV upgrade of the JLab and EIC are also available:

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More recently, pion and kaon form factors have been computed in the the time-like region

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Carefully constructed Algebraic Models can enable computation of the GPDs, PDFs and EFF with relative ease while mimicking the reliability of QCD akin refined truncations of Schwinger-Dyson equations.

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- Despite these encouraging results and synergy with experimental endeavors at JLab and EIC, further improvements and extensions in the continuum QCD approach are desirable.
- More work into the theoretical foundations of the truncations involved at the level of the Green functions of the fundamental degrees of freedom, i.e., quarks, gluons, as well as quarkgluon and gluon-gluon interactions continues vigorously.
- Schwinger-Dyson equations have also been of substantial success in the studies of baryons such as the transition form factors of nucleon to its excited states which is a hallmark of CLAS, CLAS12 and CLAS22 programs at JLab and hold the promise to offer a reliable tool for the future JLab and EIC era research into the heart of hadronic matter.

"Strong Interaction Physics at the Luminosity Frontier with 22 GeV Electrons at Jefferson Lab", A. Accardi, et. al., e-Print: 2306.09360 [nucl-ex]

#### Thank you for your attention