

Dispersive analysis of the scalar form factor of the nucleon

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The mass of the nucleon

Decomposition of the nucleon mass

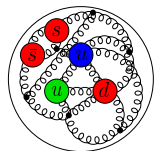
$$m = \frac{1}{\langle N|N\rangle} \langle N | \underbrace{\frac{\beta_{\text{QCD}}}{2g} F_{\mu\nu}^a F_a^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{trace anomaly}} + \underbrace{m_u \bar{u}u + m_d \bar{d}d + m_s \bar{s}s + \dots}_{\text{Higgs}} | N \rangle$$

- Mass largely generated by gluon field energy via the **trace anomaly of the QCD energy-momentum tensor** $\theta_{\mu}^{\mu} \neq 0$
- $m_u, m_d \ll m$, but scheme dependent

$$\sigma_{\pi N} = \frac{1}{\langle N|N\rangle} \langle N | \hat{m}(\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d) | N \rangle \sim 50 \text{ MeV}$$

↪ measures light-quark contribution to the nucleon mass, how large precisely?

m_u	$(2.2 \pm 0.2) \text{ MeV}$	FLAG 2010
m_d	$(4.7 \pm 0.2) \text{ MeV}$	
m	940 MeV	



Roy–Steiner equations and the scalar form factor

- Previous talk: **Roy–Steiner equations** for pion–nucleon scattering

- Solution of t -channel equations

↪ **spectral function of form factors**

↪ vector form factors (P -waves)

↪ scalar form factor (S -wave)

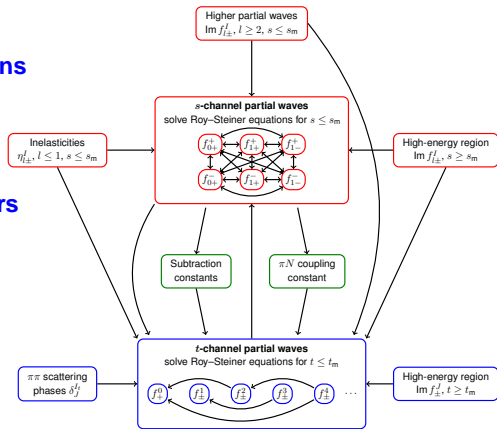
- Unitarity relation for $f_+^0(t)$:

need $\pi\pi$ and $\bar{K}K$ states

↔ $f_0(980)$ resonance

↪ RS framework for a **fully consistent inclusion of $\bar{K}K$ intermediate states**

- Essential for **σ -term extraction**



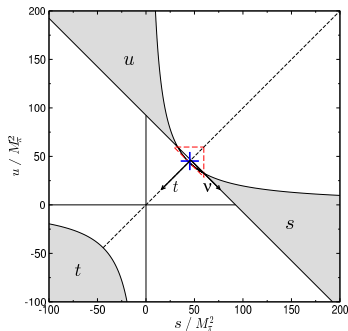
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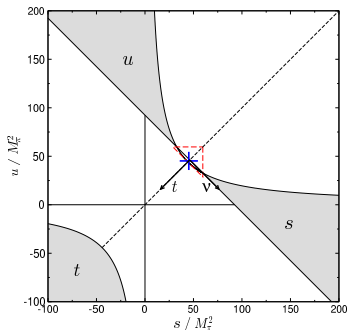
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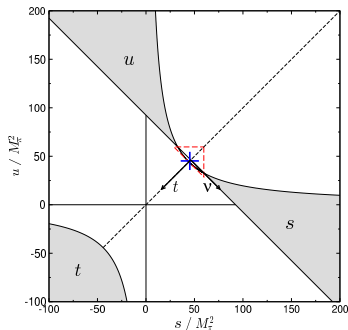
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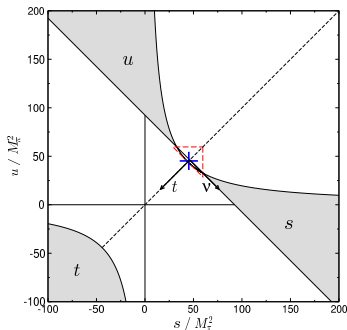
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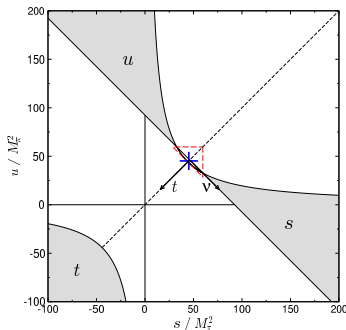
- **Dispersive approach** Gasser, Leutwyler, Sainio 1991

$$\Delta_D - \Delta_{\sigma} = (-3.3 \pm 0.2) \text{ MeV}$$

but error only covers $\pi\pi$ phase shifts

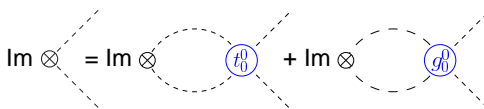
- **This talk:** update determination of Δ_D and Δ_{σ}

- $\bar{K}K$ intermediate states
- Dependence on πN parameters



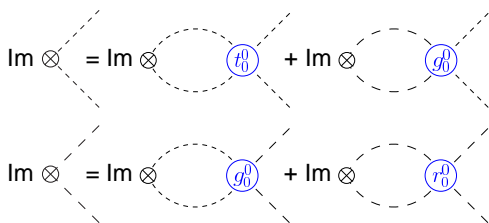
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- Unitarity in the $\pi\pi/\bar{K}K$ system

$$T(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\eta_0^0(t) e^{2i\delta_0^0(t)} - 1}{2i\sigma_t^\pi} & |g(t)| e^{i\psi_0^0(t)} \\ |g(t)| e^{i\psi_0^0(t)} & \frac{\eta_0^0(t) e^{2i(\psi_0^0(t) - \delta_0^0(t))} - 1}{2i\sigma_t^K} \end{pmatrix} \quad \Sigma(t) = \text{diag}(\sigma_t^\pi, \sigma_t^K)$$

\leftrightarrow Two **phase shifts** δ_0^0, ψ_0^0 , one **inelasticity parameter** $\eta_0^0 = \sqrt{1 - 4\sigma_t^\pi \sigma_t^K |g(t)|^2}$

Two-channel Muskhelishvili–Omnès problem

$$\text{Im } \Omega(t) = (T(t))^* \Sigma(t) \Omega(t)$$

- Two linearly independent solutions Ω_1 , Ω_2 Muskhelishvili 1953
- In general **no analytical solution** for the Omnès matrix

$$\Omega(t) = \{ \Omega_1(t), \Omega_2(t) \}$$

but for its determinant Moussallam 2000

$$\det \Omega(t) = \exp \left\{ \frac{t}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} dt' \frac{\psi_0^0(t')}{t'(t'-t)} \right\}$$

- Discretization \Rightarrow matrix equation for $\Omega(t)$ Moussallam 2000
- Choose normalization $\Omega(0) = \mathbb{1}$

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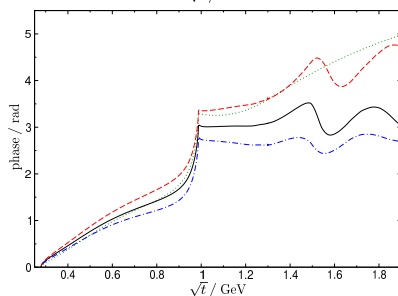
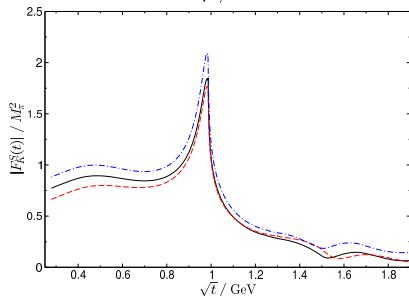
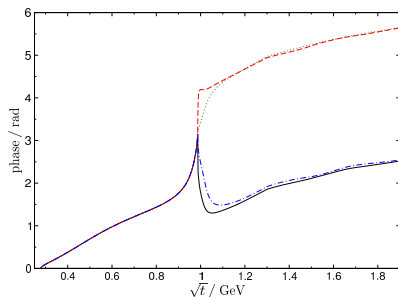
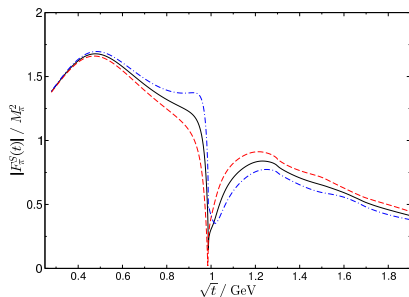
- ChPT at $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$ with LECs from FLAG 2010

$$F_\pi^S(0) = (0.984 \pm 0.006) M_\pi^2 \qquad F_K^S(0) = (0.4 \dots 0.6) M_\pi^2$$

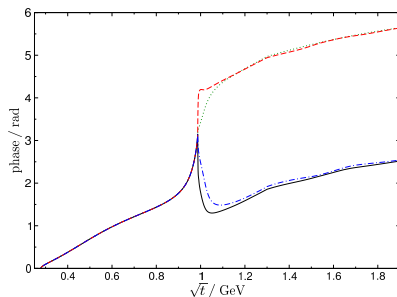
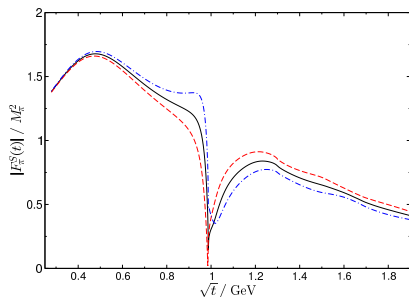
- Further input

- $\pi\pi$ phase shift δ_0^0 and inelasticity η_0^0 Caprini, Colangelo, Leutwyler (in preparation)
- $|g(t)|$ from RS analysis of πK scattering Büttiker, Descotes-Genon, Moussallam 2004
- $\pi\pi \rightarrow \bar{K}K$ phase shift ψ_0^0 from PWA Cohen et al. 1980, Etkin et al. 1982

Scalar pion and kaon form factors: results

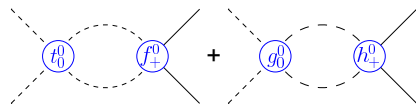


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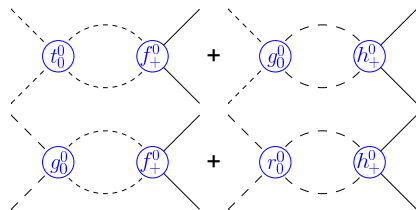
- $F_\pi^S(t)$ around 2-kaon threshold very sensitive to $F_K^S(0)$
 - ↪ two-channel nature of the problem
- Effective single-channel description in terms of the phase of $F_\pi^S(t)$ only possible for sufficiently large $F_K^S(0)$

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- Same unitarity relation as before, but now **left-hand cut**
 \hookrightarrow t -channel RS equations
- Closed system would require RS equations for KN scattering, but
 - **Bose symmetry** in $\pi\pi \Rightarrow$ only states with even/odd l and even/odd J
 - Nucleon pole \rightarrow hyperon pole
 - Replace $M_\pi \rightarrow M_K$ in kernel functions

Integral equation for the S-wave

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- Formal solution as in the single-channel case (now with Omnès matrix $\Omega(t)$)

$$f(t) = \Delta(t) + (t - 4m^2)\Omega(t)(1 - t\dot{\Omega}(0))a + t(t - 4m^2)\Omega(t)b$$

$$- \frac{t^2(t - 4m^2)}{\pi} \Omega(t) \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{t_m} dt' \frac{\text{Im} \Omega^{-1}(t') \Delta(t')}{t'^2(t' - 4m^2)(t' - t)} + \frac{t^2(t - 4m^2)}{\pi} \Omega(t) \int_{t_m}^{\infty} dt' \frac{\Omega^{-1}(t') \text{Im} f(t')}{t'^2(t' - 4m^2)(t' - t)}$$

- Main difficulty: need $\Omega(t)$ with finite matching point

Defining property

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Im}\Omega(t) = (T(t))^* \Sigma(t) \Omega(t) \\ \text{Im}\Omega(t) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{for} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 4M_\pi^2 \leq t \leq t_m \\ \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right\}$$

- Again no analytical solution, only

$$\det\Omega(t) = \exp \left\{ \frac{t}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{t_m} dt' \frac{\psi_0^0(t')}{t'(t'-t)} \right\}$$

- Cusps** at the matching point

$$\Omega_{ij}(t) \sim |t_m - t|^{x_{ij}} \quad \det\Omega(t) \sim |t_m - t|^x \quad x = \frac{\psi_0^0(t_m)}{\pi}$$

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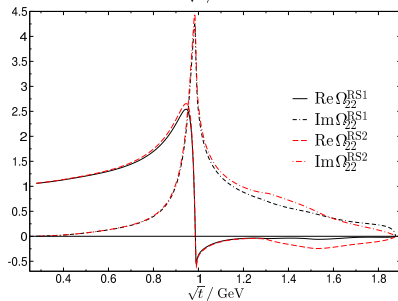
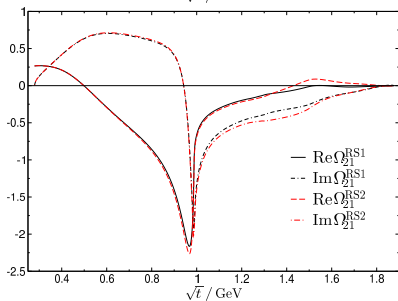
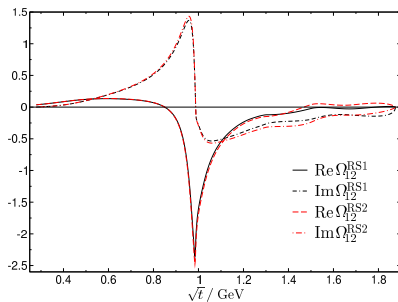
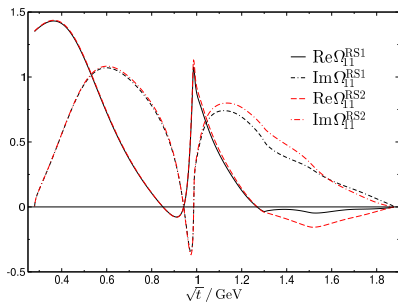
- Construct $\Omega(t)$ using infinite-matching-point solution and the known cusps

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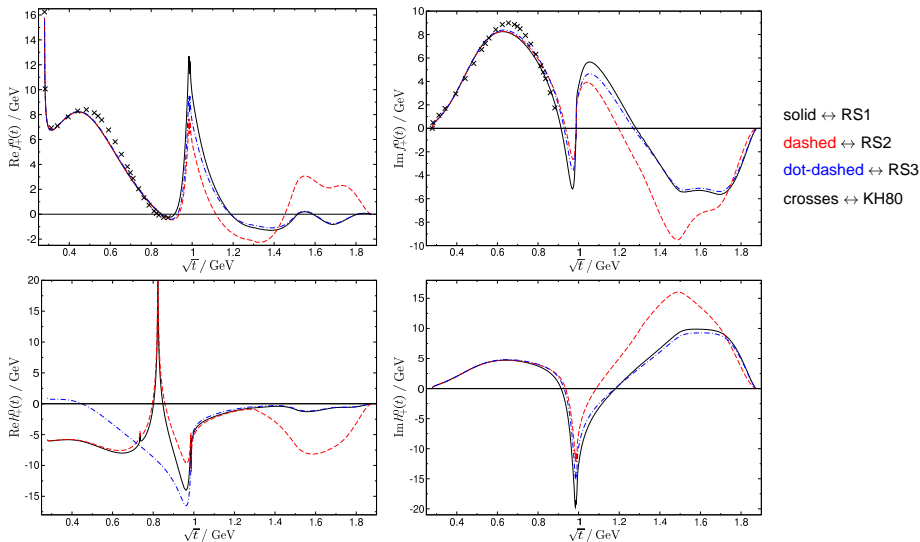
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- KH80 πN coupling and subthreshold parameters as reference point Höhler 1983
- Hyperon couplings from Jülich model 1989, KN subthreshold parameters neglected
 - “**RS3**”: as **RS1**, but with $\Delta_2(t) = 0$
 \hookrightarrow assess uncertainty in KN input

Results: Omnès matrix



Results: $f_+^0(t)$ and $h_+^0(t)$



\hookrightarrow Main uncertainty due to **phase shifts** at higher energies

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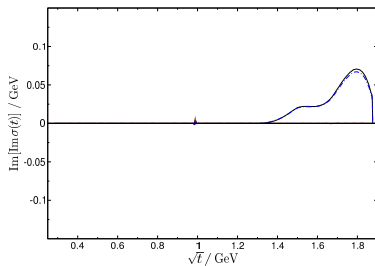
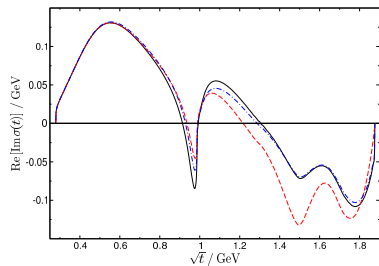
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- Dispersion relation

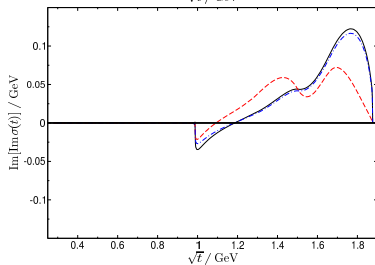
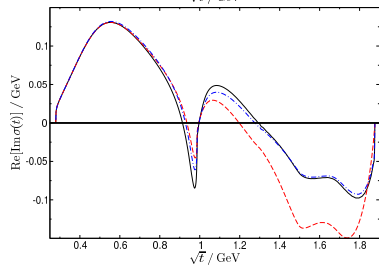
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- **Unsubtracted:** $\sigma_{\pi N} = \sigma(0)$
- **Once-subtracted:** $\Delta_\sigma = \sigma(2M_\pi^2) - \sigma_{\pi N}$

Spectral function



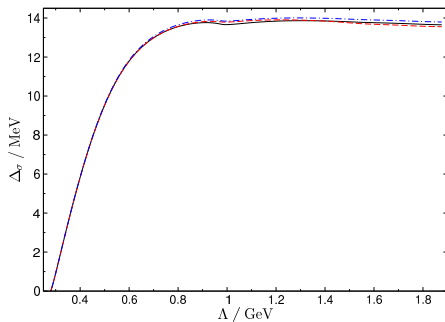
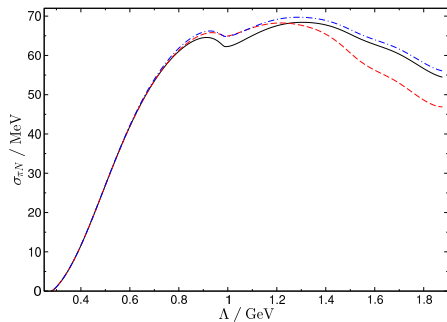
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$h_+^0(t) = 0$

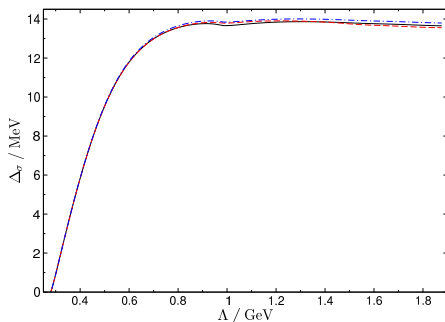
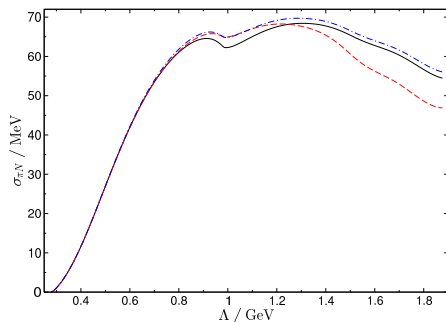
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Convergence of the dispersive integral



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Next correction: Δ_D

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- $\Delta_D = F_\pi^2 (\bar{D}^+(v=0, t=2M_\pi^2) - d_{00}^+ - 2M_\pi^2 d_{01}^+)$ from evaluation at $t = 2M_\pi^2$

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Summary: σ -term corrections

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\hookrightarrow most of the dependence on the πN parameters cancels in the difference!

Full correction

$$\Delta_D - \Delta_\sigma - \Delta_R = (-1.8 \pm 2.0) \text{ MeV}$$

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- This explains

- Δ_σ and Δ_D of similar size
- Strong curvature generated by $\pi\pi$ rescattering
 - \hookrightarrow sensitivity to $\pi\pi$ phase shift reduced in the difference [Gasser, Leutwyler, Sainio 1991](#)
- Spectral functions depend similarly on $f_+^0(t) \hookrightarrow$ sensitivity to πN parameters reduced

- **Two-channel Muskhelishvili–Omnès problem with finite matching point**
↪ $\bar{N}N \rightarrow \pi\pi$ and $\bar{N}N \rightarrow \bar{K}K$ *S*-waves
- Dispersive analysis of the scalar form factor of the nucleon including $\bar{K}K$ effects in
 - Unitarity relation
 - Input for meson–baryon partial waves
 - Input for meson form factors
- Update $\Delta_D - \Delta_\sigma$ using modern phase shifts, **full two-channel treatment**
↪ shift by 1.5 MeV compared to [Gasser, Leutwyler, Sainio 1991](#)
- Sensitivity to πN parameters negligible ↪ cancels between Δ_D and Δ_σ