

The electromagnetic $\Sigma^0 - \Lambda$ Transition Form Factor at low energies

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To further [investigate the structure of matter](#) one can try the phenomenal combo:

Electromagnetism

Form Factors (FF)

+

Strangeness

Hyperons (Y)

Hyperons are not stable!

Experimental information about hyperon form factors is rather limited

- Hyperon FFs are more easily accessible in the time-like region ($q^2 > 0$) for high and low energies via:
 - $e^+e^- \rightarrow Y_1 \bar{Y}_2$ reactions (BESIII)
 - $Y_1 \rightarrow Y_2 e^+e^-$ Dalitz decays (PANDA, HADES)

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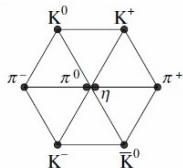
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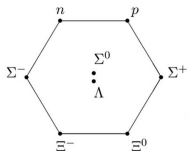


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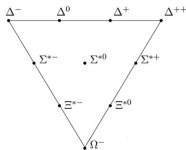
→ systematically improvable, reliable uncertainty estimate

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Q: What about other hadronic states, e.g. vector mesons?

A: It's unclear how to treat them in a systematic, model-independent way.

- ρ meson experimentally shows up in pion form factor and p-wave pion phase shift (well-known quantities)

Dispersion theory allows to combine these ingredients:



EFT + data

i.e. ChPT and extension thereof + F_{π}^V

A few words about dispersion relations

Consider the S-matrix $S = \mathbb{1} + iT$

Unitarity requires

$$SS^\dagger = \mathbb{1} + i(T - T^\dagger) + |T|^2 = \mathbb{1}$$

which implies that

$$2 \operatorname{Im} T = |T|^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \boxed{\operatorname{Im} T_{A \rightarrow B} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_X T_{A \rightarrow X} T_{X \rightarrow B}^\dagger} \quad \text{Optical theorem}$$

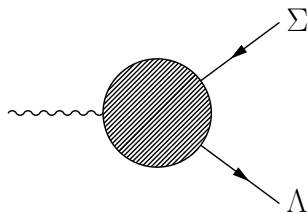
→ consider only most relevant intermediate states X

Analyticity requires

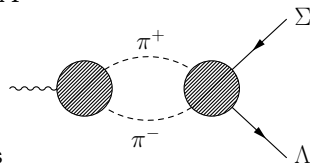
$$\boxed{T(q^2) = T(0) + \frac{q^2}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} ds \frac{\operatorname{Im} T(s)}{s(s - q^2 - i\epsilon)}}$$

→ get the whole amplitude T from its imaginary part

Our paper in figures...



$\Sigma - \Lambda$ transition form factor



Two-pion exchange: dominant contribution at low energies

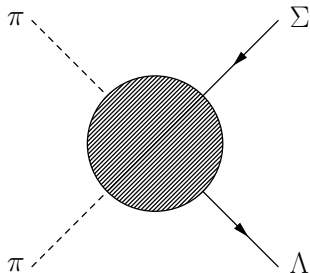
Need:

- pion vector form factor F_π^V ✓
- $\Sigma\Lambda\pi\pi$ scattering amplitude $A_{\Sigma\Lambda\pi\pi}$

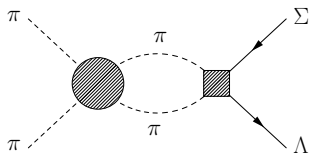
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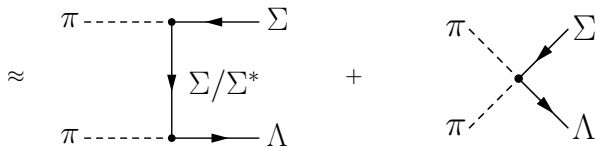
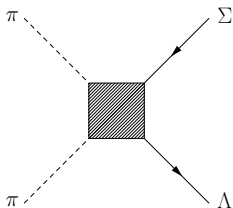
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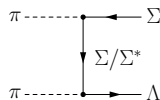
pion rescattering (circle) + a part containing left-hand cuts and polynomials (box)



- no data available for pion-hyperon :(
 - use three-flavor baryon ChPT at LO and NLO
 - include decuplet states

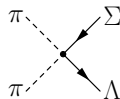
Baryon exchange diagrams from LO BChPT:

- octet baryon \rightarrow Born diagrams
vertices: $\Sigma\Lambda\pi$ and $\Sigma\Sigma\pi$ (F and D parameters)
- decuplet baryon
vertices: $\Sigma^*\Lambda\pi$ and $\Sigma^*\Sigma\pi$ (h_A parameter, $2.2 < h_A < 2.4$)



Four-point diagram from NLO BChPT:

- vertex $\Sigma\Lambda\pi\pi$ (b_{10} parameter, $0.85 < b_{10} < 1.35 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$)
 $\rightarrow b_{10}$ is not very well known!
 $\rightarrow b_{10}$ is directly related to magnetic transition radius of $\Sigma - \Lambda$



Results: TFF at photon point

Electric charge, magnetic moment and electric(magnetic) radius of $\Sigma - \Lambda$ transition

Λ [GeV]	quantity	Born	NLO	NLO+res	χ PT
1	$G_M(0)$	-0.438	5.55	2.58	1.98 (exp.)
2		-0.65	5.98	2.66	
1	$\langle r_M^2 \rangle$ [GeV $^{-2}$]	0.453	33.7	17.9	18.6
2		0.613	35.2	18.8	
1	$G_E(0)$	-0.432	-	0.0026	0
2		-0.562	-	-0.031	
1	$\langle r_E^2 \rangle$ [GeV $^{-2}$]	-3.13	-	0.866	0.773
2		-2.91	-	1.044	

Comparison to χ PT (Kubis, Meißner 2001), using $h_A = 2.3$, $b_{10} = 1.1 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$

- Born terms alone are insufficient to produce reasonable results
→ need NLO and decuplet-resonance exchange
- varying the cut off Λ has rather small impact (10% at most)

However...

- uncertainty related to h_A moderate

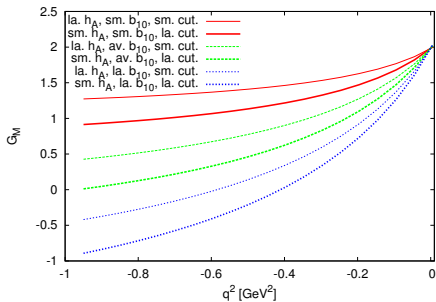
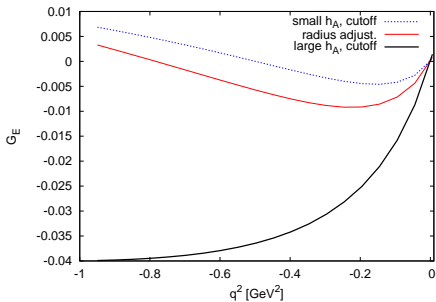
quantity	$h_A = 2.2$	$h_A = 2.4$	χ PT
$G_M(0)$	2.94	2.36	1.98 (exp.)
$\langle r_M^2 \rangle [\text{GeV}^{-2}]$	20.2	17.3	18.6
$G_E(0)$	-0.076	0.016	0
$\langle r_E^2 \rangle [\text{GeV}^{-2}]$	0.708	1.40	0.773

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b_{10}	quantity	NLO	NLO+res	χ PT
0.85	$G_M(0)$	4.47	1.15	1.98 (exp.)
1.35		7.49	4.17	
0.85	$\langle r_M^2 \rangle [\text{GeV}^{-2}]$	27.4	10.9	18.6
1.35		43.1	26.7	

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- G_E close to zero at low energies
- G_M is very sensitive to variations of b_{10}
→ need input from experiment



Summary and Outlook

So...What have we learned so far?

- Dispersion theory relates the low-energy electromagnetic $\Sigma\Lambda$ TFF with F_π^V
- Relativistic NLO BChPT determines $A_{\Sigma\Lambda\pi\pi}$
 - Inclusion of decuplet baryons essential to obtain reasonable results!
- Electric TFF very small in the whole low-energy region
- Magnetic TFF depends strongly on a poorly known LEC of the NLO Lagrangian (b_{10})
 - can be determined from measurement of the magnetic transition radius (@FAIR)
 - obtain predictive power

And...What are we going to do next?

- NNLO corrections
- decuplet – octet TFF: $\Sigma(J^P = \frac{3}{2}^+)$ to Λ , Δ to nucleon



Thank you for the attention!

Relevant interaction part of the LO chiral Lagrangian:

- including only octet baryons

$$\mathcal{L}_8^{(1)} = i\langle \bar{B}\gamma_\mu D^\mu B \rangle + \frac{D}{2} \langle \bar{B}\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \{u_\mu, B\} \rangle + \frac{F}{2} \langle \bar{B}\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 [u_\mu, B] \rangle$$

- including also decuplet resonances

$$\mathcal{L}_{8+10}^{(1)} = \mathcal{L}_8^{(1)} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} h_A \epsilon_{ade} g_{\mu\nu} (\bar{T}_{abc}^\mu u_{bd}^\nu B_{ce} + \bar{B}_{ec} u_{db}^\nu T_{abc}^\mu)$$

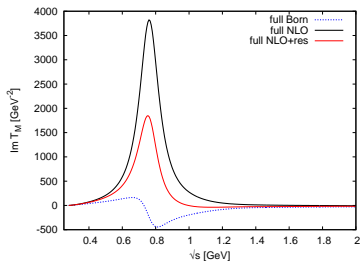
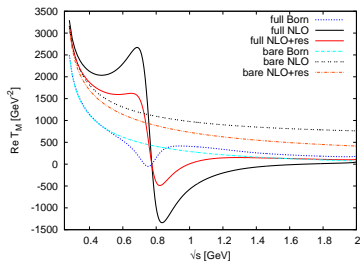
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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_8^{(2)} = & b_D \langle \bar{B}\{\chi_+, B\} \rangle + b_3 \langle \bar{B}\{u^\mu, [u_\mu, B]\} \rangle + ib_6 \langle \langle \bar{B}[u^\mu, \{u^\nu, \gamma_\mu D_\nu B\}] \rangle \rangle \\ & - \langle \bar{B}\overleftarrow{D}_\nu \{u^\nu, [u^\mu, \gamma_\mu B]\} \rangle + \frac{i}{2} b_{10} \langle \bar{B}\{[u^\mu, u^\nu], \sigma_{\mu\nu} B\} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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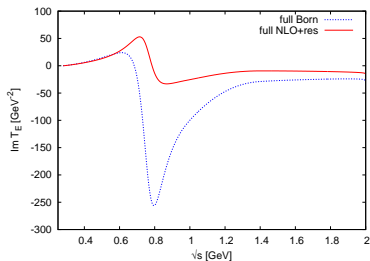
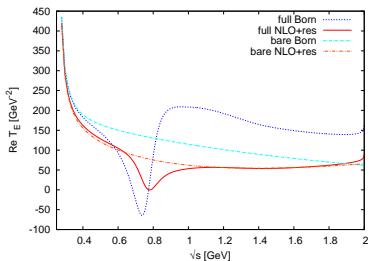
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