

# $N \rightarrow N^*$ Transition Form Factors in Continuum QCD

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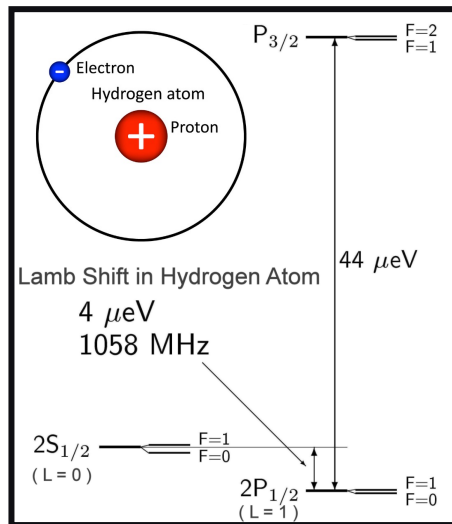
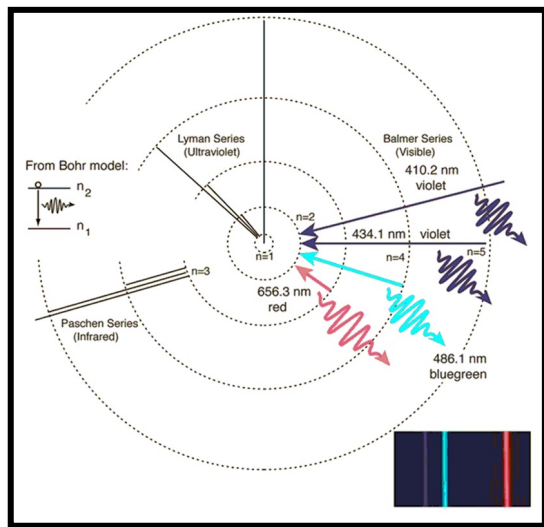
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3D Structure of the Nucleon: GPDs and Form Factors



# N → N\*: Footprints of QCD



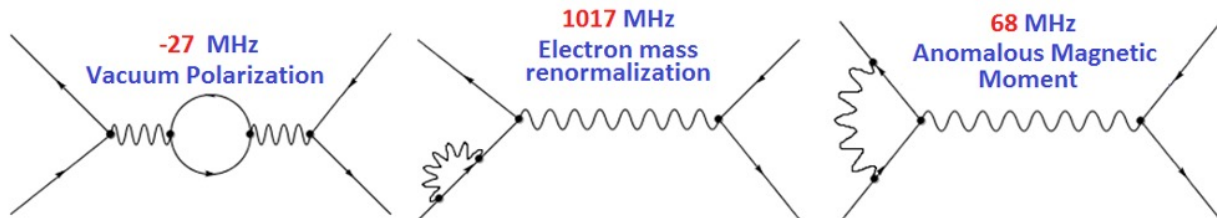
Similarly, **hadronic bound states**, **mesons** and **baryons** and their transition to the **excited states** should provide us insight into the dynamics of **QCD** which is a bigger challenge.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \sum_{j=u,d,s,\dots} \bar{q}_j [\gamma_\mu D_\mu + m_j] q_j + \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a,$$

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ig \frac{1}{2} \lambda^a A_\mu^a,$$

$$G_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a - gf^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c,$$

**Dyson:** If you don't understand the **Hydrogen atom** (in **QED**) you don't understand anything.



1940s: Renormalized QED

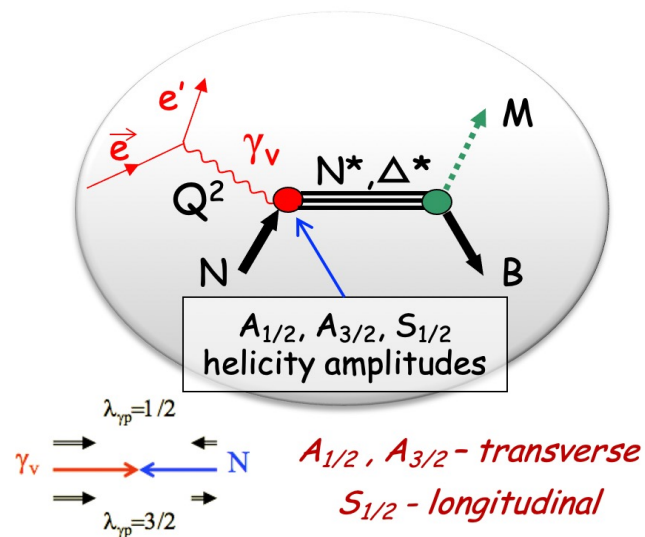
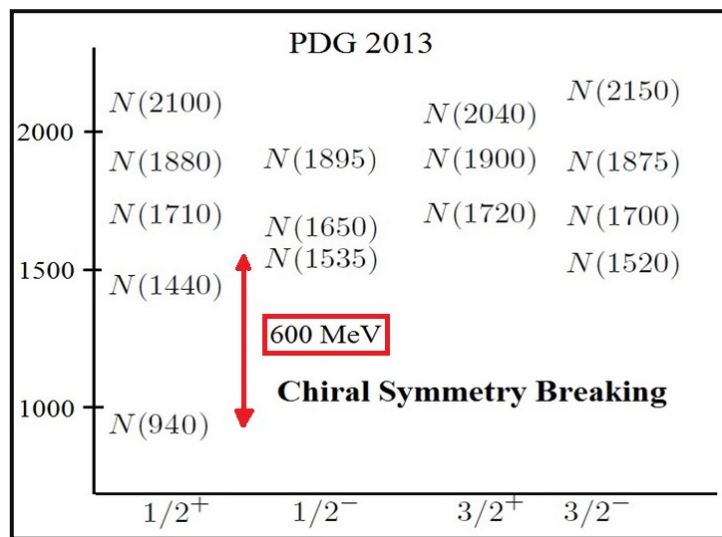
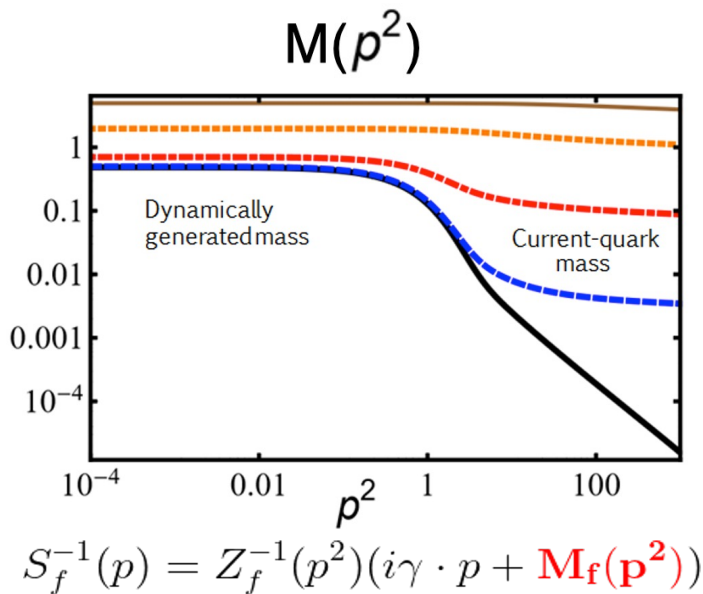
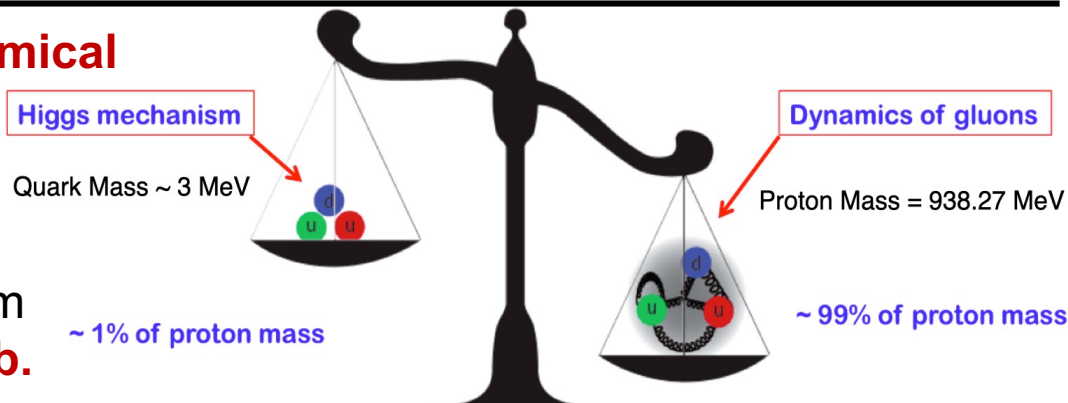
**QCD** is characterized by two novel **infrared** phenomena:  
**confinement**  
**emergent hadron mass (EHM).**

# QCD: Quarks → Nucleon Transition Form Factors

Infrared **QCD** entails **confinement** and **dynamical chiral symmetry breaking (DCSB)**.

The strength of the **DCSB** is reflected in the mass **spectrum** of hadrons.

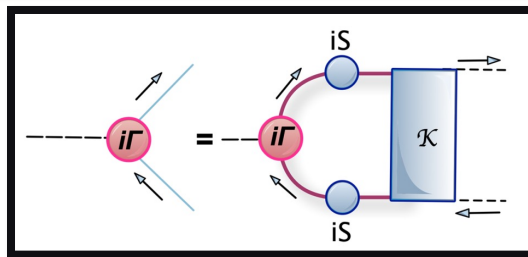
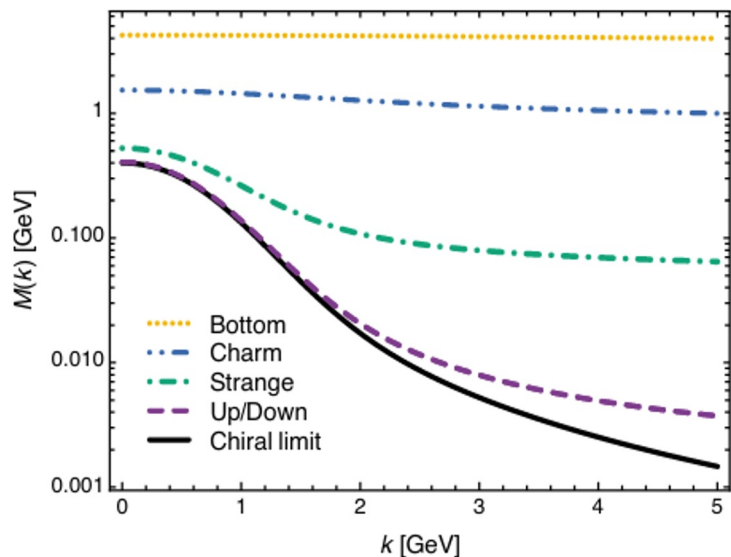
The pattern of **DCSB** is traceable in momentum dependent **observables** measured at the **JLab**.



# DCSB: From Quarks to Mesons

Pattern of **dynamical chiral symmetry breaking** is observed again in the **Bethe-Salpeter amplitudes** computed by solving the **Bethe-Salpeter equations**.

$$\Gamma_\pi(k, P) = \gamma_5 \left[ iE_\pi(k; P) + \gamma \cdot P F_\pi(k; P) + \gamma \cdot k k \cdot P G_\pi(k; P) + \sigma_{\mu\nu} k_\mu P_\nu H_\pi(k; P) \right]$$



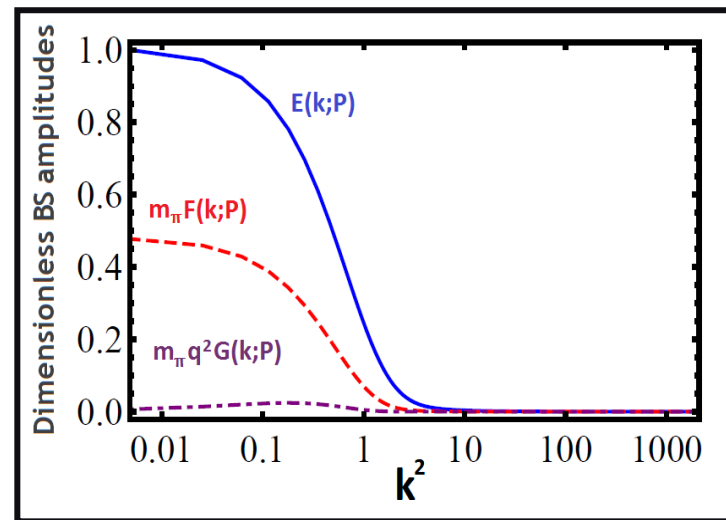
$$S(p) = \frac{1}{i\gamma \cdot p A(p^2) + B(p^2)}$$

$$f_\pi E_\pi(k; P=0) = B(p^2)$$

$$F_R(k; 0) + 2f_\pi F_\pi(k; 0) = A(k^2)$$

$$G_R(k; 0) + 2f_\pi G_\pi(k; 0) = 2A'(k^2)$$

$$H_R(k; 0) + 2f_\pi H_\pi(k; 0) = 0$$

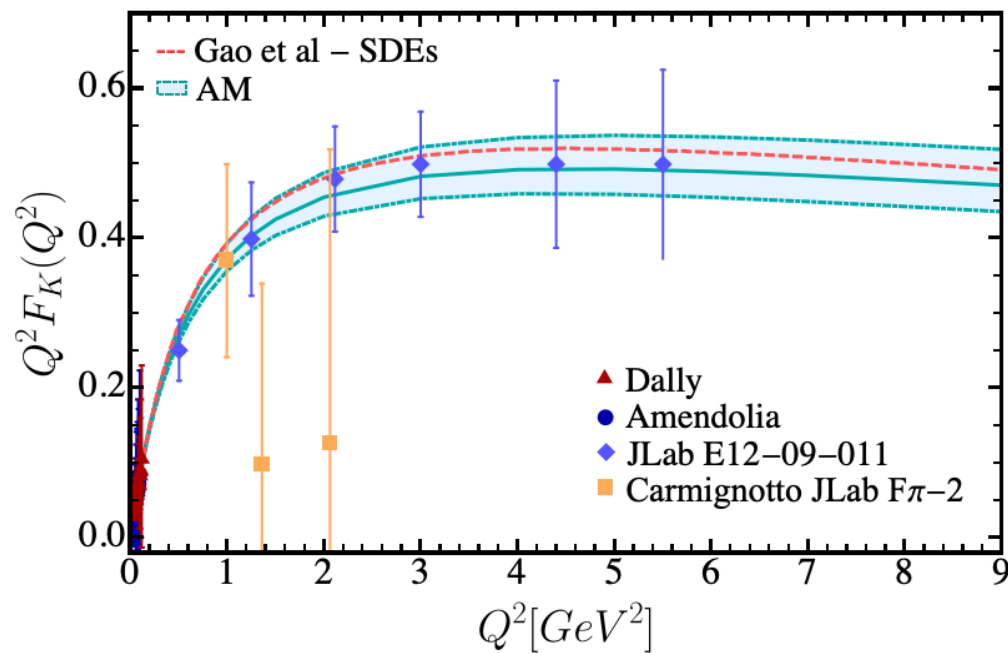
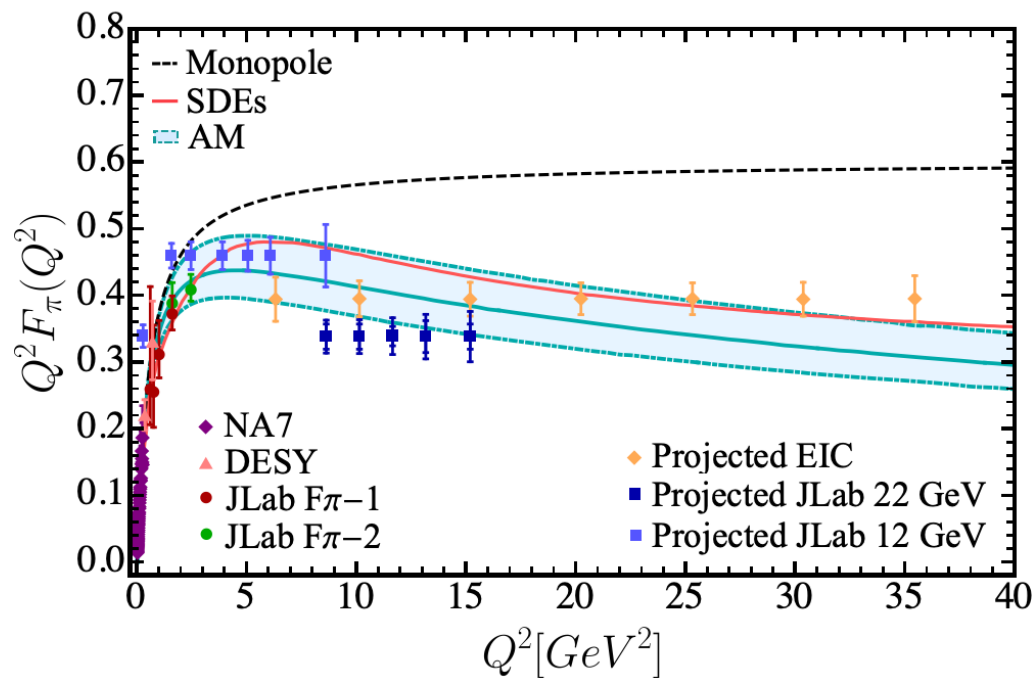


# DCSB: From Quarks to Mesons

The  $Q^2$ -dependence of the **pion** and **kaon electromagnetic form factors** to larger  $Q^2$  range of photon virtualities accessible to the **JLab12**, **JLab22** and the **EIC programs**:

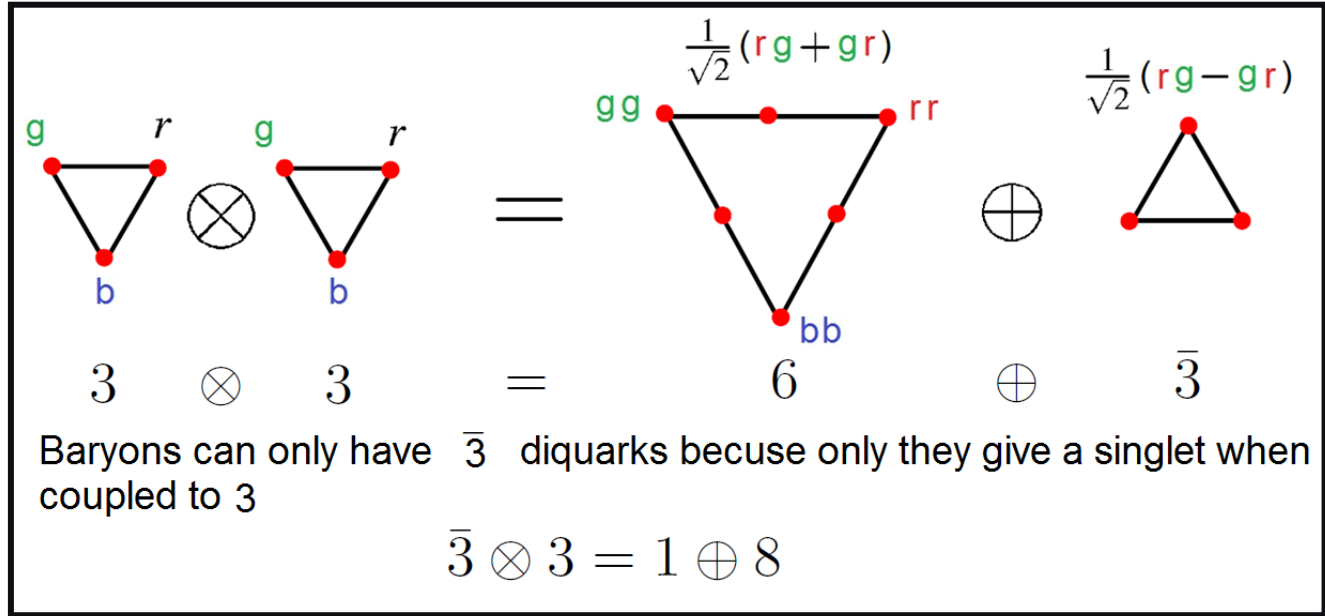
L. Albino, M. Higuera, K. Raya, AB Phys. Rev. D 106 (2022) 3, 034003

M. Higuera, AB, R. Hernández, K. Raya, in progress.



# From Mesons to Diquarks

Any interaction capable of creating **pseudo-NG** modes as **bound-states** such as  $\pi$ ,  $K$  reproducing the measured value of their **leptonic decay constants**, will necessarily also generate strong color-antitriplet correlations between any two **dressed quarks** contained within a **hadron**.



M. Yu, Barbanov et. al., Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 116 (2021) 103835

A **scalar**,  $[ud]_0^+$  **diquark** is generated in the presence of **DCSB**, in correspondence with the **pion** and **axial vector**  $\{ud\}_1^+$  **diquark** would result from the **Bethe-Salpeter equation** along with the theory's **p-meson**.

# From Mesons to Diquarks

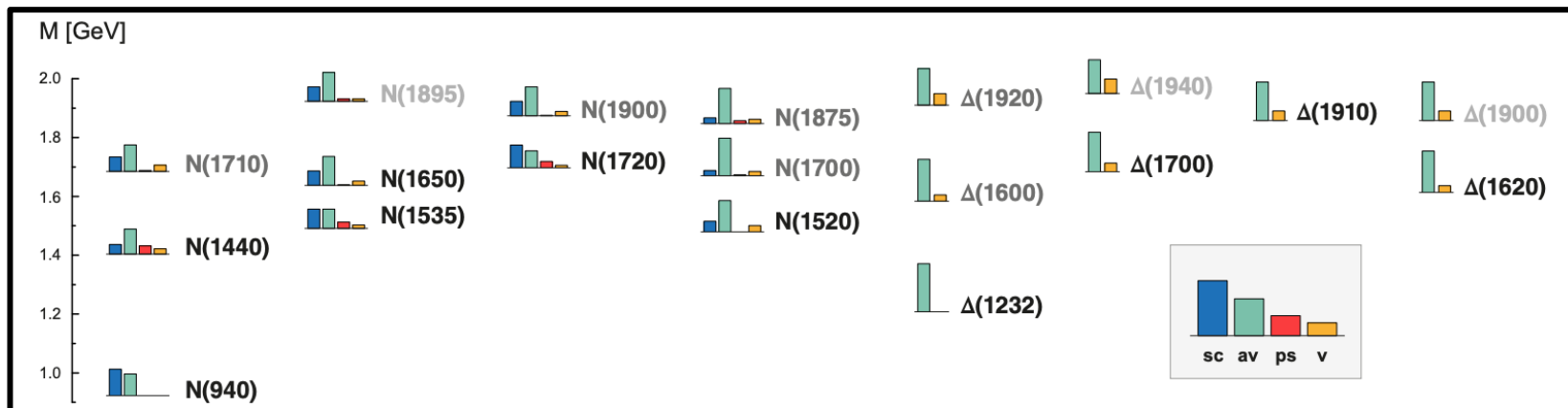
In a nucleon **scalar** and **axial-vector diquark** correlations are the strongest.

Associated **diquark mass-scales** are bounded below by the partnered **meson's mass**: see Table (GeV).

**Electromagnetic size** of diquarks is bounded below by that of analogous mesonic system.

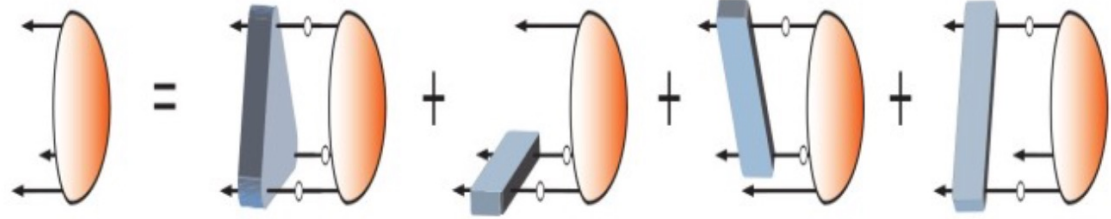
$I(J^P)$	$0(0^+)$	$1(1^+)$	$0(0^-)$	$0(1^-)$	$1(1^-)$
	$0^+$	$1^+$	$0^-$	$1^-$	
Mass GeV	0.80(7)	0.99(5)	1.22(9)	1.30(6)	

It is important to appreciate that these fully **dynamical diquark correlations** are different from the static, pointlike diquarks which featured in early attempts to understand the baryon spectrum.



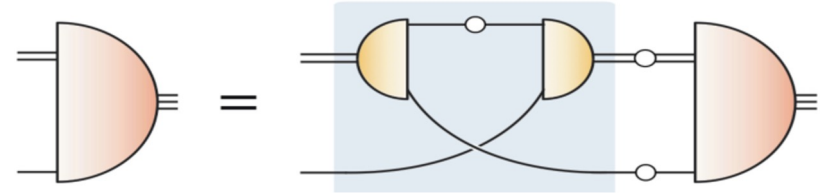
# From Diquarks to Baryons

**Faddeev equation** for a baryon:



G. Eichmann, Phys. Rev. D 84 (2011) 014014; G. Eichmann et. Al. Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 91 (2016) 1-100

The quark-diquark picture of baryon reproduces results within 5% of the 3-body problem:



**Dynamical** quark-diquark picture

Less tightly bound:

$$\Gamma_{q\bar{q}}(p; P) = - \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} g^2 D_{\mu\nu}(p - q) \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \gamma_\mu S(q + P) \Gamma_{q\bar{q}}(q; P) S(q) \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \gamma_\nu$$

$$\Gamma_{qq}(p; P) C^\dagger = - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} g^2 D_{\mu\nu}(p - q) \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \gamma_\mu S(q + P) \Gamma_{qq}(q; P) C^\dagger S(q) \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \gamma_\nu$$

# $N \rightarrow \Delta(1232), \Delta(1600)$ Transition Form Factors

The **SDE** results reported for  $N \rightarrow \Delta(1232)$  and  $N \rightarrow \Delta(1600)$  are compatible with experiment where **meson cloud effect** does not contaminate the  **$Q^2$  evolution**.  $N \rightarrow \Delta(1232)$ :

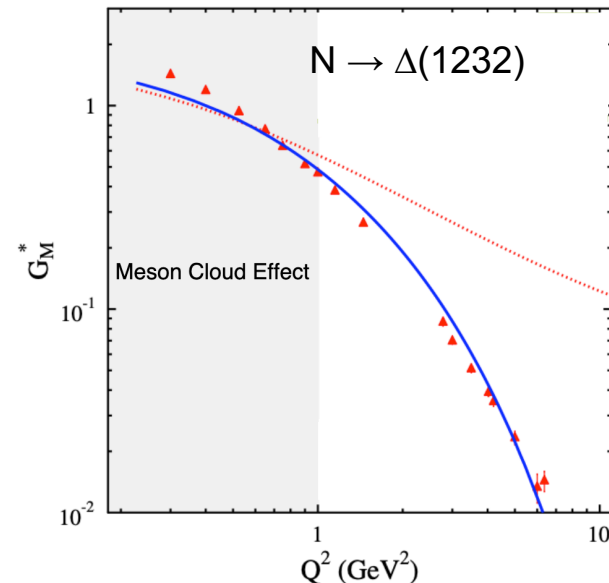
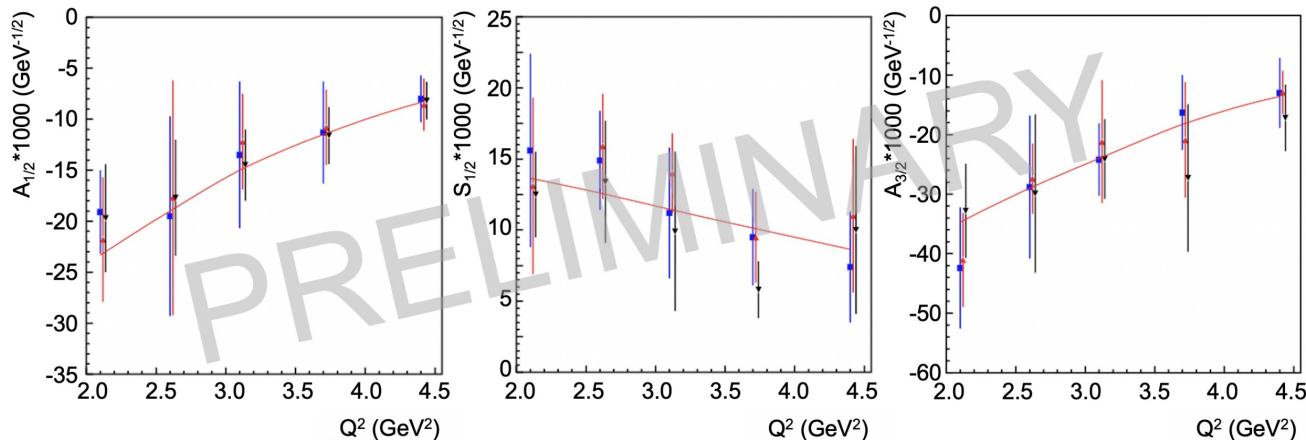
J. Segovia, C. Chen, C.D. Roberts, S. Wan Phys. Rev. C88 (2013) 032201(R)

J. Segovia et al., Few-Body Syst. 55 (2014) 1-33

I. Aznauryan et al., Phys. Rev. C 80, 055203 (2009)

**$N \rightarrow \Delta(1600)$ :**

Ya Lu et al., Phys. Rev. D 100, 034001 (2019)



**CLAS** results on  $\Delta(1600)3/2^+$  electrocouplings confirmed the **SDE prediction** based on QCD kindred calculation.

# N → N(1440) Transition Form Factors

**SDE** computation of **Dirac** and **Pauli transition form factors**:

$$\bar{u}_f(P_f) \left[ \gamma_\mu^T F_1^{fi}(Q^2) + \frac{1}{m_{fi}} \sigma_{\mu\nu} Q_\nu F_2^{fi}(Q^2) \right] u_i(P_i)$$

It agrees quantitatively in magnitude and qualitatively in trend with data above  $x \gtrsim 2$ .

The mismatch between the **SDE prediction** and the data on the domain  $x \lesssim 2$  is attributed to the **meson cloud** contribution.

The dashed-green band is the inferred form of the **meson cloud** contribution from the fit to the data.

I. Aznauryan et al., Phys. Rev. C 80, 055203 (2009)

V. I. Mokeev et al., Phys. Rev. C 86, 035203 (2012)

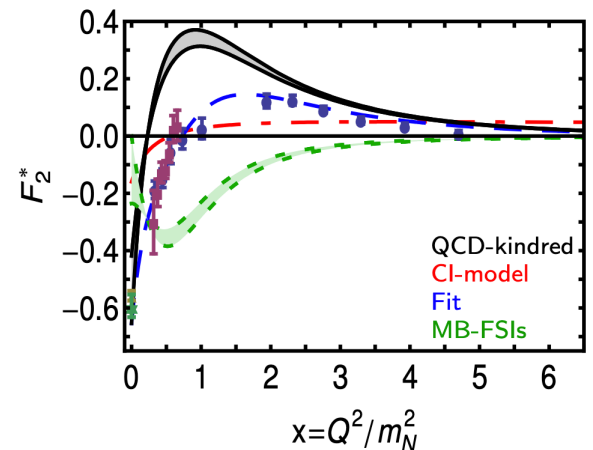
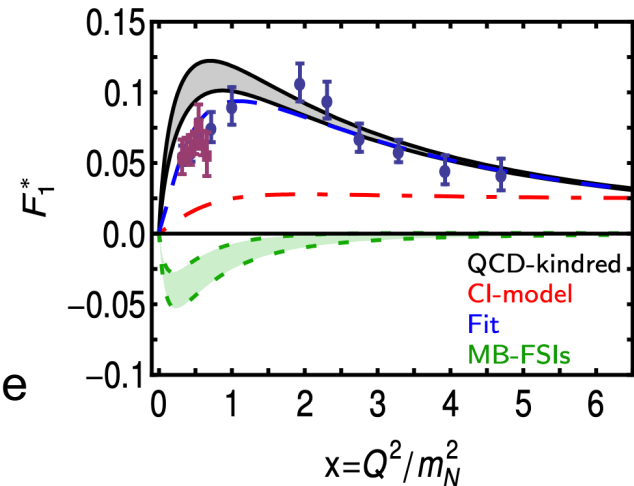
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C. Chen et. al. Phys. Rev. D 99 (2019) 3, 034013

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J. Segovia, C.D. Roberts, Phys. Rev. C 94 (2016) 4, 042201

J. Segovia, et. al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 115 (2015) 17, 171801

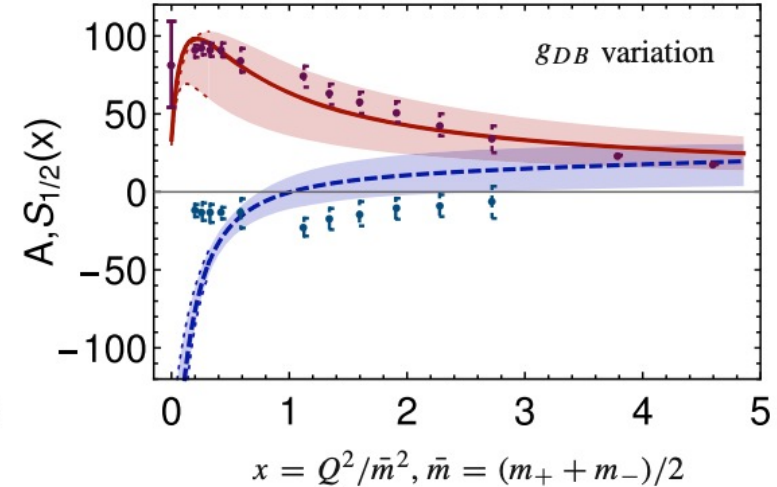
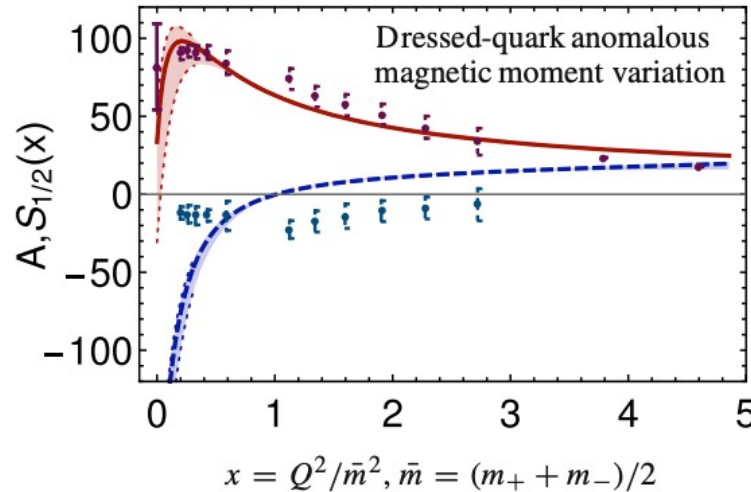
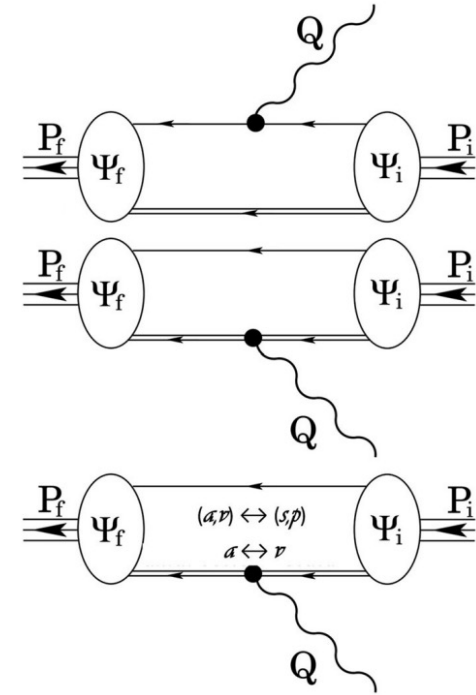


# SCI: $N \rightarrow N^*(1535)$ Transition Form Factors

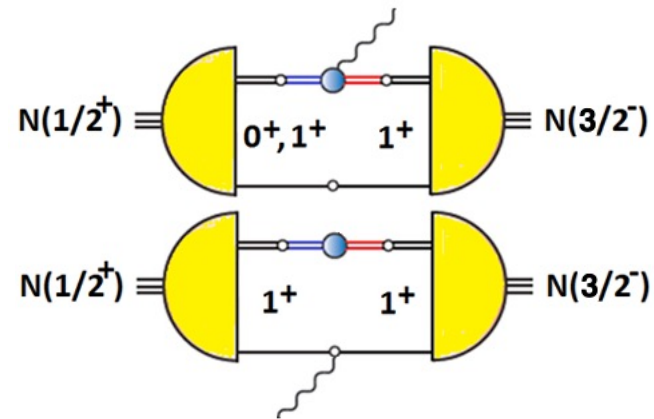
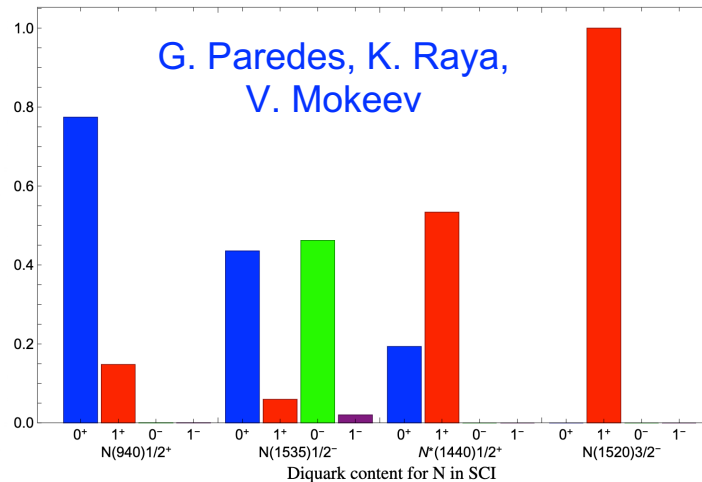
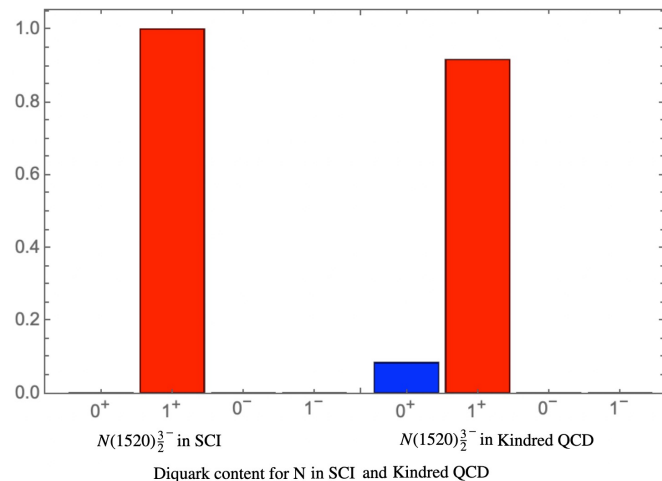
$$\Gamma_\mu^*(P_f, P_i) = ie \Lambda_+^-(P_f) \left[ \gamma_\mu^T F_1^*(Q^2) + \frac{1}{m_+ + m_-} \sigma_{\mu\nu} Q_\nu F_2^*(Q^2) \right] \Lambda_+^+(P_i)$$

Spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  initial and final states but with opposite parity.

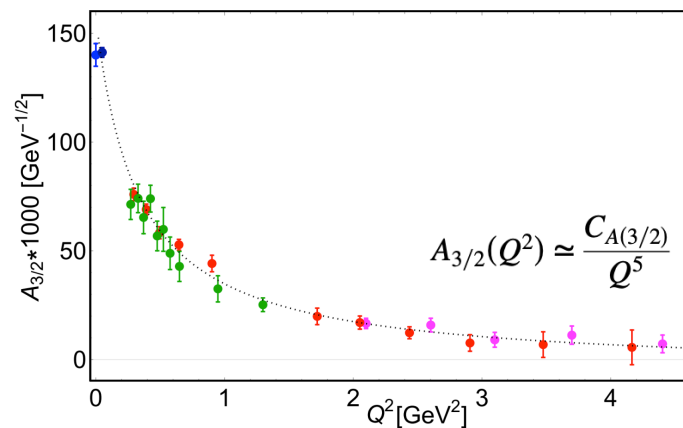
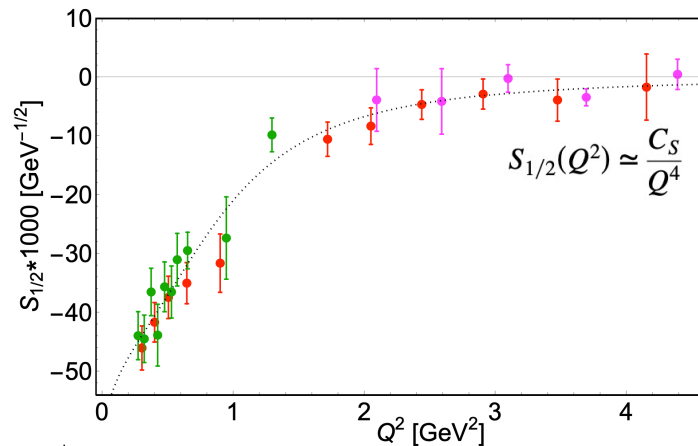
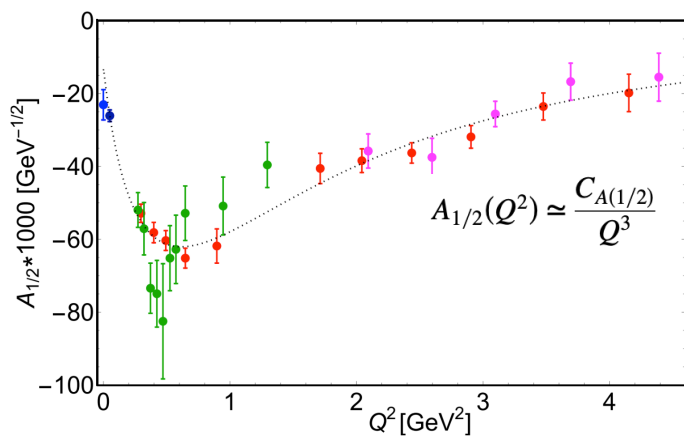
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# SCI: Towards $N^*(1520)$



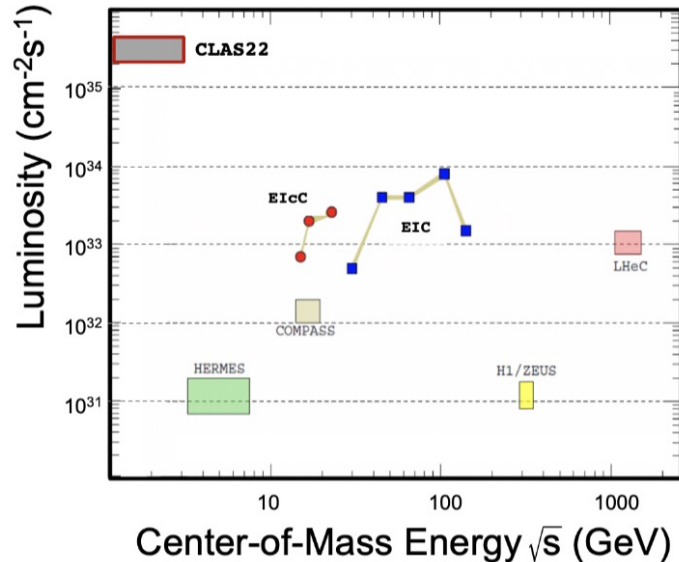
C. Carlson, Phys. Rev. D 34, 2704 (1986).



# JLAB CLAS22: Promise and Opportunities

Simulations of  $\pi N$ ,  $KY$ , and  $\pi^+\pi^-p$  electroproduction with CEBAF@22 GeV show that  $\gamma_{\nu}pN^*$  electrocouplings can be determined up to  $Q^2 \sim 30 \text{ GeV}^2$  for  $\mathcal{L} \sim 2 - 5 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

Talk by V. Mokeev, Hadron 2023, Genoa, Italy.



The **high luminosity frontier** provides **JLab** a special advantage in comparison with EIC or ElcC.

It offers a unique opportunity to study Nature's simplest 3-body bound state and its electrocouplings with its resonances in a **large domain of momentum transfer**.

**CLAS22** will map out the working of QCD from its **non-perturbative** behavior at low  $Q^2$  to its asymptotic regime where **perturbative QCD** can provide predictions, charting out the pattern of **dynamical chiral symmetry breaking**.

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