

Quark model calculations of baryon electromagnetic form factors in the large timelike q^2 region

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Plan of the talk – Elastic Form Factors

Baryon timelike electromagnetic form factors at large q^2

Octet Baryon ($J^P = \frac{1}{2}^+$) : $J^\mu = F_1 \gamma^\mu + F_2 \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{2M}$ [Dirac/Pauli FF]

Electric and Magnetic FF (Sachs): $G_E = F_1 - \frac{Q^2}{4M^2} F_2$, $G_M = F_1 + F_2$

q = transfer momentum, $Q^2 = -q^2$

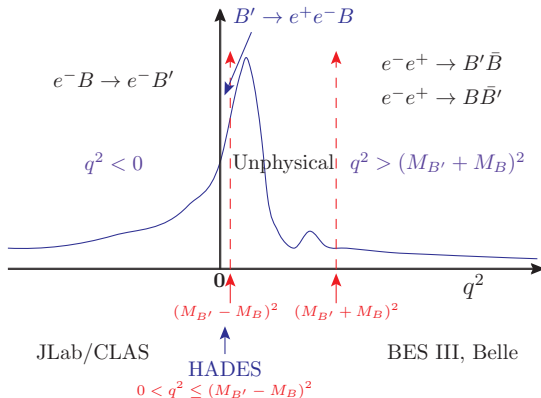
- Background
- Quark model calculations for the spacelike region ($q^2 \leq 0$)
- Extension to the timelike region ($q^2 > 0$) – Effective FF and ratio $|G_E/G_M|$

G. Ramalho, M.P. Peña and K. Tsushima, PRD 101, 014014 (2020)

G. Ramalho, PRD 103, 074018 (2021)

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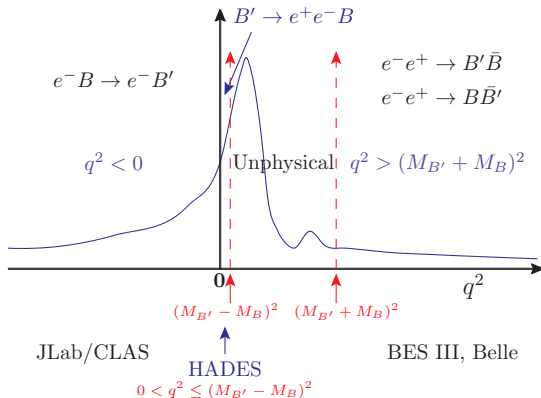


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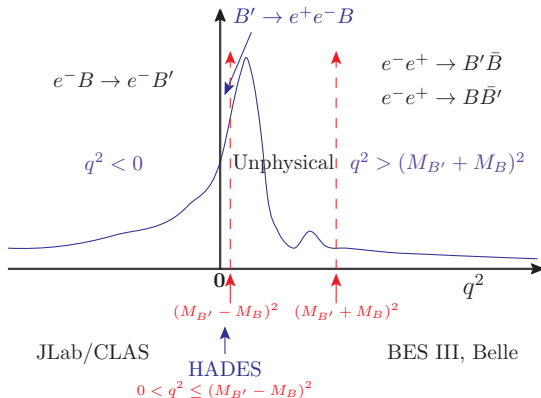
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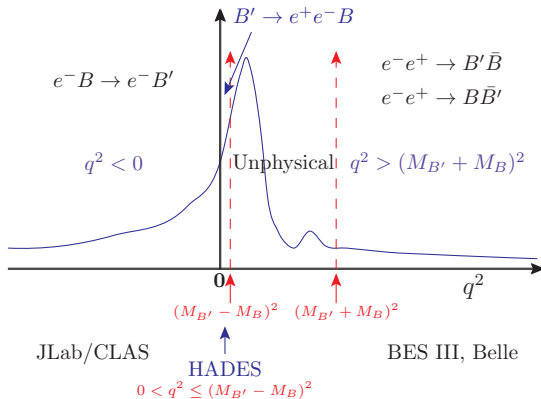
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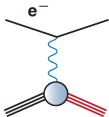
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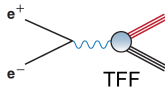
Spacelike ($q^2 \leq 0$)

- Real FF
- Probe structure N^*
 $G_{N \rightarrow N^*}(Q^2)$

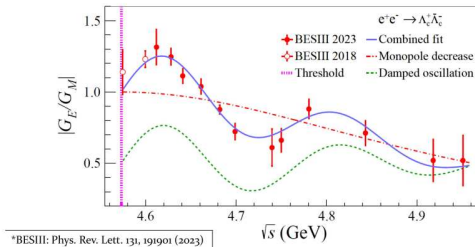
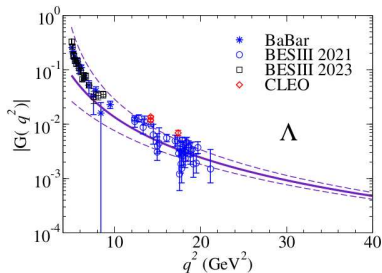


Timelike ($q^2 \geq 4M^2$)

- Complex FF
- Probe structure B (hyp.)
 $G_E(q^2), G_M(q^2)$



Status of measurements in the timelike region



*BESIII: Phys. Rev. Lett. 131, 191901 (2023)

Integrated cross section: BaBar, CLEO, BESIII, $\tau = \frac{q^2}{4M^2}$

Effective FF: $|G|^2 \propto [|G_M|^2 + \frac{1}{2\tau}|G_E|^2]$

Differential cross section: $|G_E|$, $|G_M|$, $|G_E/G_M|$, BESIII

Spin polarization (complete measurements): $\Delta\Phi$ (relative phase), BESIII

Covariant Spectator Quark Model (CSQM)

- **Covariant Spectator Theory: Baryons** $\equiv (qqq)$
(1 off-shell $\oplus$ 2 spectator on-shell) Stadler, Gross and Frank,
PRC 56, 2396 (1998); Gross and Agbakpe, PRC 73, 015203 (2006)

- Reduction of system to **quark-diquark** configuration
diquark on-shell

Wave functions: $SU_{SF}(6) \otimes O(3)$ symmetries

Radial w.f. ψ_B determined phenomenologically

(momentum range parameters: $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \dots$)

Gross, GR and Peña PRC 77, 015202 (2008); PRD 85, 093005 (2012)

- Electromagnetic interaction; relativistic impulse approximation **diquark on-shell**

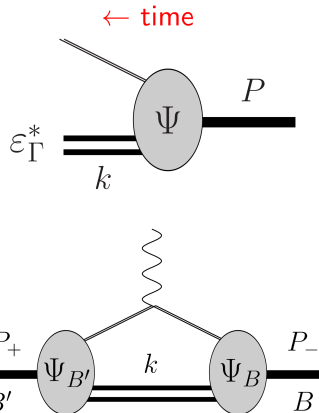
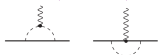
$$J^\mu = 3 \sum_{\Gamma} \int_k \bar{\Psi}_{B'}(P_+, k) j_q^\mu \Psi_B(P_-, k)$$

- **Constituent quark current $j_q^\mu(q)$** ($q = u, d, s$)
Simulate quark dressing (gluons and $q\bar{q}$ effects)

Use Vector Meson Dominance parametrization

GR and MT Peña, PRD 80, 013008 (2009); J. Phys. G 36, 115011 (2009)

- Phenomenological $SU(6)$ meson cloud – **octet baryon**
GR, K Tsushima and AW Thomas, JPG 40, 015102 (2013); GR and K Tsushima, PRD 84, 054014 (2011)



Octet baryon EM form factors: Physical & lattice QCD

GR and K Tsushima, PRD 84, 054014 (2011)

- **Calibrate model** ———

Bare parameters

using **lattice QCD**

Fit radial wave functions

$$\psi_B(M_B \rightarrow \psi_B(M_B^{\text{latt}}))$$

Quark current fixed (VMD)

$$f_{i\ell}(Q^2, m_v, M_N) \rightarrow f_{i\ell}(Q^2, m_v^{\text{latt}}, M_N^{\text{latt}})$$

- **Extrapolate to physical limit**

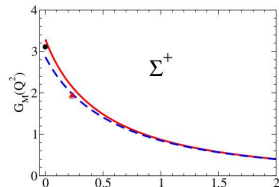
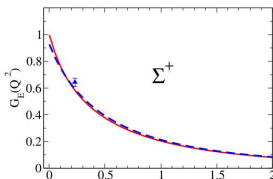
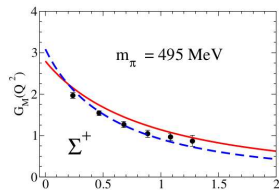
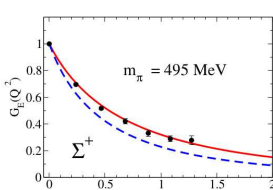
$$m_\pi \rightarrow m_\pi^{\text{phy}} \quad \text{--- --}$$

- **Include meson cloud**

$\Rightarrow$ Physical FF —————→

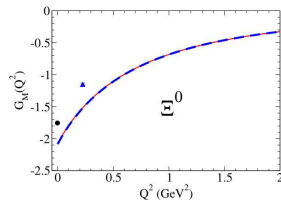
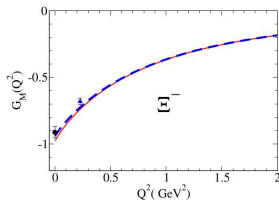
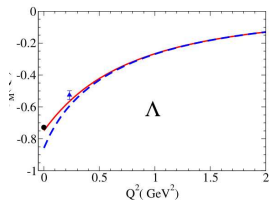
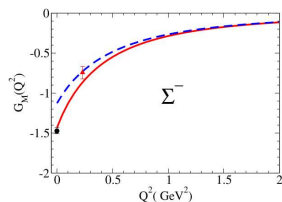
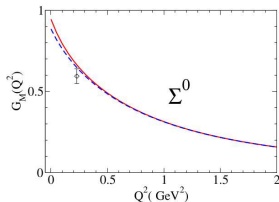
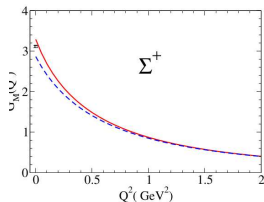
$$G_\ell = Z_B [G_\ell^B + G_\ell^{\text{MC}}]$$

Effective meson cloud



Model can be used to calculate **octet baryon FF** in **different ranges of Q^2**

Hyperons – Magnetic form factors – example



GR and K Tsushima, PRD 84, 054014 (2011)

Hyperon electromagnetic form factors in the timelike region

$$q^2 > 4M_B^2$$

large q^2 regime

Measurements of $|G|$ and $|G_E/G_M|$

PRD 101, 014014 (2020)

PLB 858, 139060 (2024)

Elastic form factors - Timelike vs Spacelike $Q^2 = -q^2$

Asymptotic relations between spacelike (G_ℓ^{SL}) and timelike (G_ℓ^{TL}) regions $\ell = E, M$

$$G_\ell(q^2) \stackrel{q^2 \rightarrow \infty}{=} G_\ell(-q^2)$$

Phragmén—Lindelöf theorem, Pacetti, Ferrolì,
Tomasi-Gustafsson, Phys. Rep. 550, 1 (2015), App. D

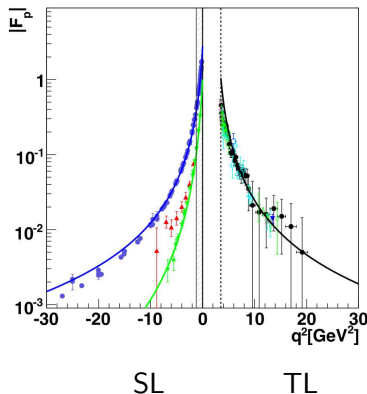
There is a gap between
 $] -\infty, 0]$ and $[4M^2, +\infty[$

Finite corrections (central value):

$$G_\ell^{\text{TL}}(q^2) \simeq G_\ell^{\text{SL}}(q^2 - 2M^2)$$

Kuraev, Dbeyssi, Tomasi-Gustafsson,
PLB 712, 240 (2012)

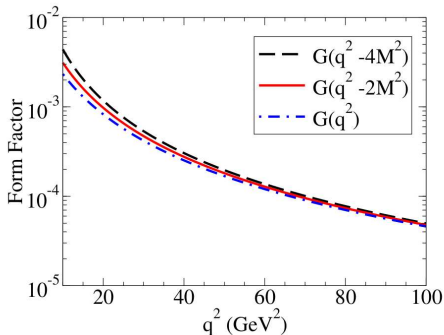
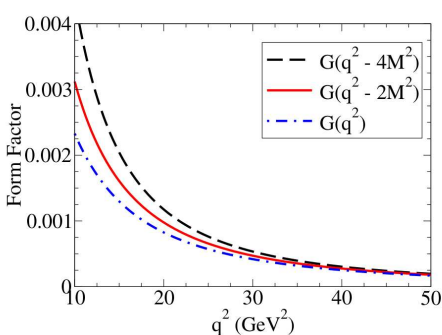
Proton form factors $G_M, |G_M|$



Elastic form factors – Timelike vs Spacelike Example $G > 0$

Finite corrections to asymptotic result: $G^{\text{TL}}(q^2) \simeq G(q^2 - 2M^2)$

Theoretical bands: Lower limit $q^2 \rightarrow q^2$ Upper limit: $q^2 \rightarrow q^2 - 4M^2$



$$G(Q^2) = \left(\frac{\Lambda_D^2}{\Lambda_D^2 + Q^2} \right)^2, \quad \Lambda_D^2 = 0.71 \text{ GeV}^2$$

Theoretical uncertainties became very small at large q^2

Timelike form factors – Effective FF $|G(q^2)|$

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow B\bar{B}$ – **Integrated** cross section

$G_E(q^2)$ and $G_M(q^2)$ **not measured** directly

Cross section: $\tau = \frac{q^2}{4M^2}$, $\beta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\tau}}$, $C \simeq 1$

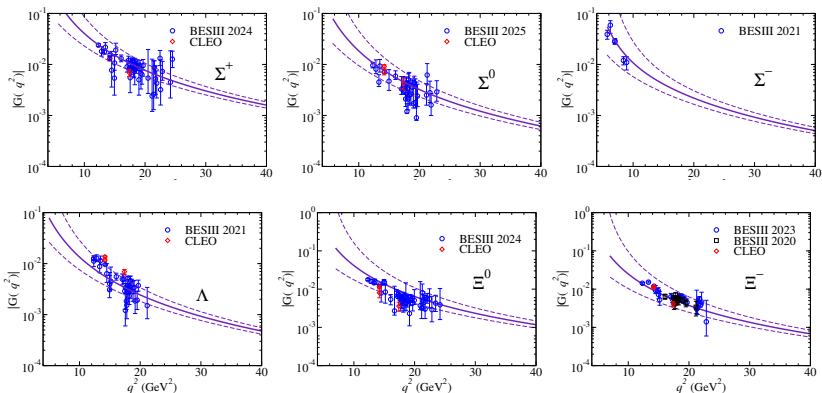
$$\sigma_{\text{Born}} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2\beta C}{3q^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2\tau}\right) |G(q^2)|^2$$
$$|G(q^2)|^2 = \frac{2\tau|G_M(q^2)|^2 + |G_E(q^2)|^2}{2\tau + 1}$$

Calculations: GR, MT Peña and K Tsushima PRD 101, 014014 (2020)

Ignore imaginary components and relative phases (**very large** q^2)

Data: CLEO ($q^2 = 14, 17 \text{ GeV}^2$); New: BES III 2020, 2021, ..., 2025, 2026

Hyperon elastic form factors at large q^2 ($e^+e^- \rightarrow B\bar{B}$)



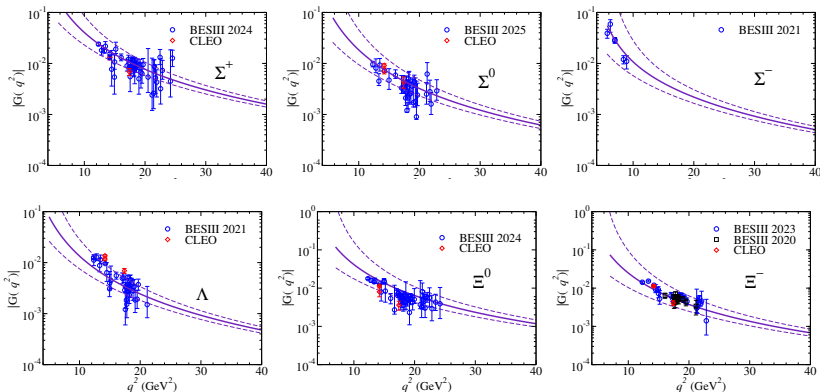
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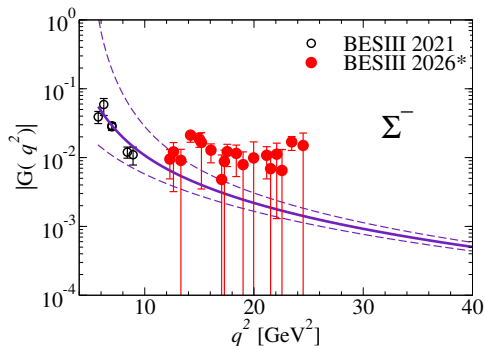
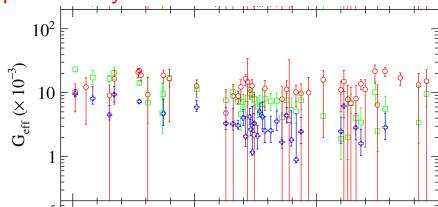
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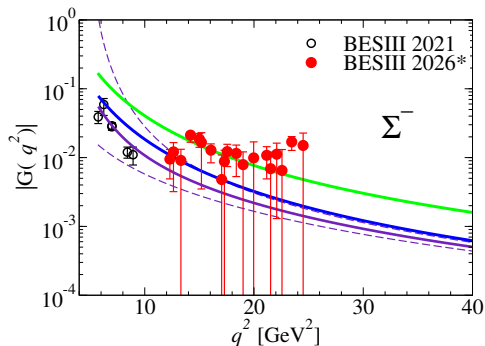
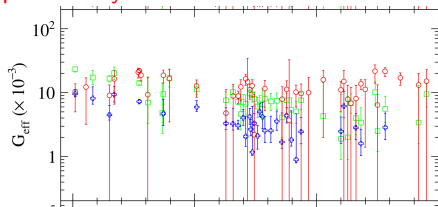
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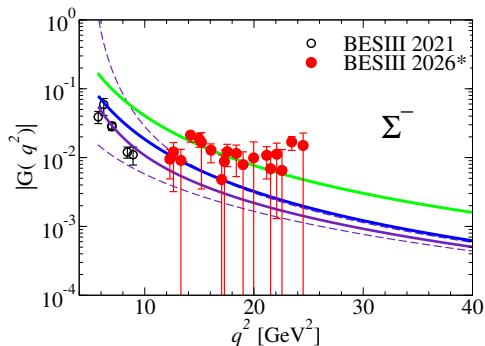
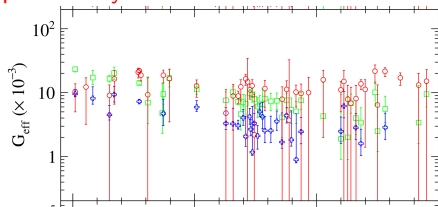
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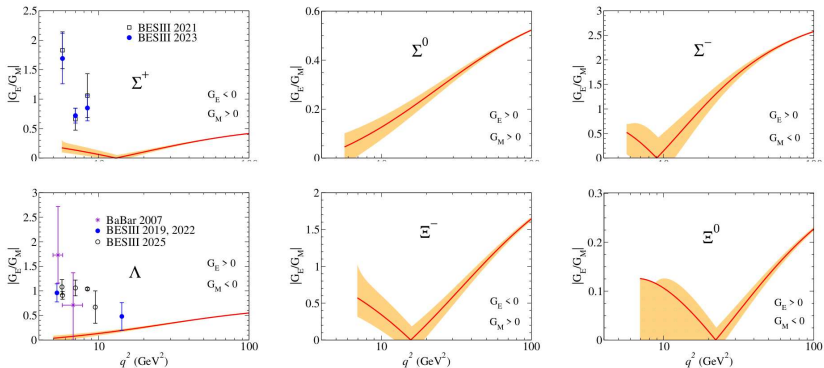
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Lower limit compatible with **Model**

More precise data is needed for definitive conclusions

Hyperon ratios $|G_E/G_M|$



Model calculations for $|G_E|/|G_M|$ (real functions): much smaller than data

Σ^+ , Λ : Data from BESIII 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025 & BaBar

PLB 814, 136110 (2021) PRD 105, L011101 (2022); PRL 132, 081904 (2024); PRL 135, 191902 (2025)

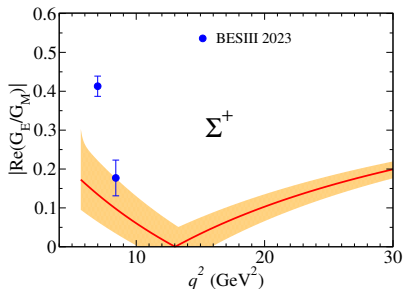
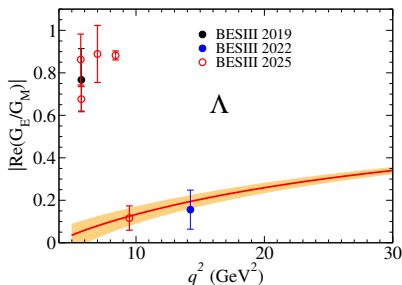
Model not comparable with data **OR Data not at the range of the calculations (large q^2)**

Hyperon ratios $|G_E/G_M|$ — Model vs Data BES III

Model calculations valid for the limit $\text{Im}(G_E) = 0, \text{Im}(G_M) = 0$

Data (real and imaginary parts): $\frac{G_E}{G_M} = \left| \frac{G_E}{G_M} \right| e^{i\Delta\Phi}$

PRD 105, L011101 (2022), PRL 135, 191902 (2025) PRL 132, 081904 (2024)



Compare model with **real part**: $\left| \text{Re} \left(\frac{G_E}{G_M} \right) \right| = \left| \frac{G_E}{G_M} \right| |\cos(\Delta\Phi)|$

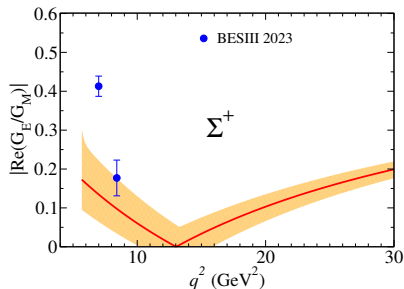
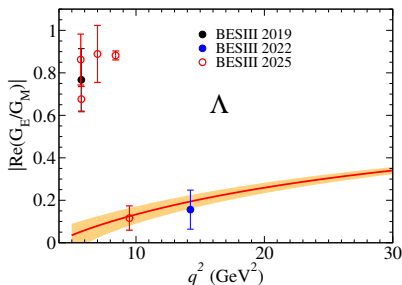
Model predictions for $\left| \text{Re} \left(\frac{G_E}{G_M} \right) \right|$ — **Uncertainties $\Delta\Phi$ not included**

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Model predictions for $\left| \text{Re} \left(\frac{G_E}{G_M} \right) \right|$ — large q^2 data needed to test model

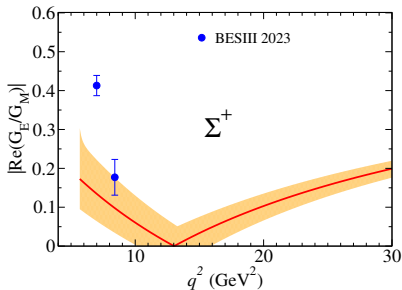
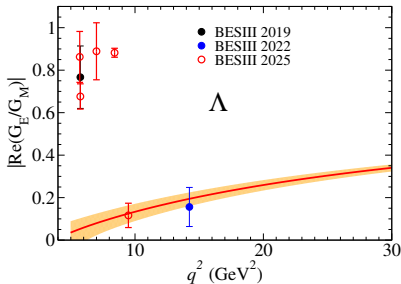
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q^2 too low for conclusions; Test calculations w/ $q^2 \gtrsim 20 \text{ GeV}^2$

Hyperon ratios $|G_E/G_M|$ – Model vs Data – Remarks

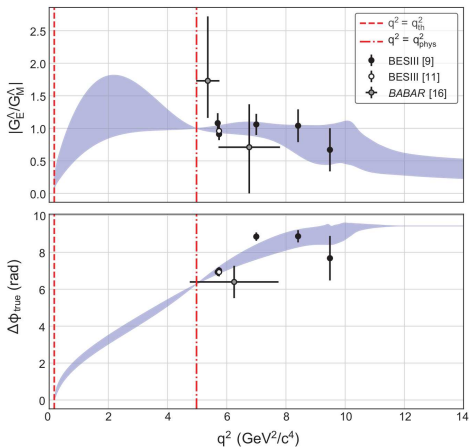
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Recent result: Λ – phase

- Λ form factors BES III
- Model: A. Mangoni, et al, PRD 104, 116016 (2021)
 $q^2 > 10 \text{ GeV}^2$
 $\Delta\Phi = 3\pi$ ($e^{i\Delta\Phi} = -1$)

Model:

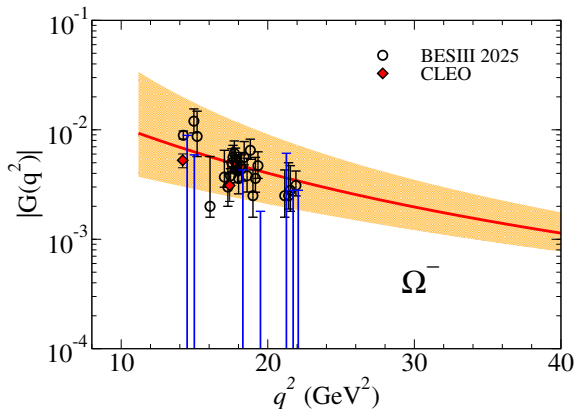
- Λ Form Factors:
 $q^2 \gtrsim 10 \text{ GeV}^2$
 $\left| \text{Re} \left(\frac{G_E}{G_M} \right) \right| \approx \left| \frac{G_E}{G_M} \right|$
- Global model for the octet baryon hyperons
 Λ, Σ, Ξ



Ω^- form factors: Model and data

Predictions of Ω^- effective FF: [GR, PRD 103, 074018 \(2021\)](#)

Global fit to Ω^- data (SL data: weight 96.3%)



New BES III data: [JHEP 2026, 212 \(2026\)](#) upper limit of $|G| = 0$ – blue lines

Outlook and conclusions

- **Covariant Quark Model** developed for spacelike region ($q^2 = -Q^2 < 0$)
Describes **Lattice QCD** (bare) & **Physical data** (MC dressing)
- Model extended to **elastic timelike region** $q^2 > 4M_B^2$

Opportunity to study dynamical structure of hyperons ($q^2 \neq 0$)
Large q^2 (asymptotic relations)

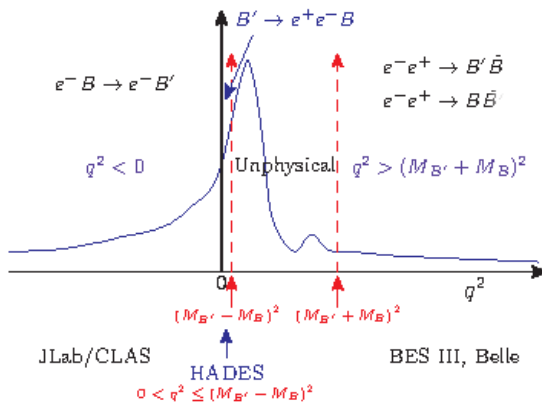
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New calculations – Timelike/large- q^2 region



Elastic: nucleon $|G_E/G_M|$, phase; Heavy baryons Λ_c^+ ...

Inelastic: $\Lambda \bar{\Sigma}^0$, $N \bar{N}^*$, $\Xi \bar{\Xi}(1530)$ (octet-decuplet), $\Lambda_c^+ \bar{\Lambda}_c(2625)^-$... transition FF

Outlook and conclusions

- **Covariant Quark Model** developed for spacelike region ($q^2 = -Q^2 < 0$)
Describes **Lattice QCD** (bare) & **Physical data** (MC dressing)
- Model extended to **elastic timelike region** $q^2 > 4M_B^2$

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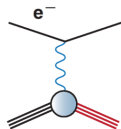
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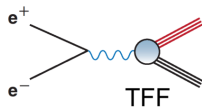
Spacelike and timelike reactions – elastic case



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JLab/CLAS:

most world data



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BES III, BELLE II

Spacelike reactions:

$$e^- N \rightarrow e^- N \quad (e^- B \rightarrow e^- B)$$

G_E, G_M **real functions** (2 numbers)

- Rosenbluth separation method

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto (\tau G_M^2 + \epsilon G_E^2), \quad (\tau = \frac{Q^2}{4M^2}, \epsilon^{-1} \propto \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + \dots)$$

- Transfer polarization method: $\frac{G_E}{G_M}$

Timelike reactions: $e^- e^+ \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow B \bar{B}$

G_E, G_M **complex functions** ($|G_E|, |G_M|, \Delta\Phi = \text{rel. phase}$)

- Differential cross-section (one- γ -exchange)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2 \beta C}{4q^2} [|G_M|^2 (1 + \cos^2 \theta) + \frac{1}{\tau} |G_E|^2 \sin^2 \theta]$$

- Integrated cross-section ($\tau = \frac{q^2}{4M^2}$)

$$\sigma(q^2) = \frac{4\pi \alpha^2 \beta C}{3q^2} [|G_M|^2 + \frac{1}{2\tau} |G_E|^2]$$

[...] define **effective form factor**

Formalism

CSQM: Octet wave function (1)

S-state approximation (quark-diquark) P : Baryon; k : diquark

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$$\Psi_B(P, k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[|M_S\rangle \Phi_S^0 + |M_A\rangle \Phi_S^1 \right] \psi_B(P, k)$$

$|M_S\rangle, |M_A\rangle$: flavor states; $\Phi_S^{0,1}$: spin states

B	$ M_S\rangle$	$ M_A\rangle$
p	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [(ud + du)u - 2uud]$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (ud - du)u$
n	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [(ud + du)d - 2ddu]$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (ud - du)d$
Λ^0	$\frac{1}{2} [(dsu - usd) + s(du - ud)]$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} [s(du - ud) - (dsu - usd) - 2(du - ud)s]$
Σ^+	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [(us + su)u - 2uus]$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (us - su)u$
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Σ^-	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [(sd + ds)d - 2dds]$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (ds - sd)d$
Ξ^0	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [(ud + du)s - 2ssu]$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (us - su)s$
Ξ^-	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [(ds + sd)s - 2ssd]$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (ds - sd)s$

CSQM: Octet wave function (2) SU(3) breaking

Radial wave functions: $\psi_B[(P - k)^2]$

Defined in terms of

$$\chi_B = \frac{(M_B - m_D)^2 - (P - k)^2}{M_B m_D}$$

$$\psi_N(P, k) = \frac{N_N}{m_D(\beta_1 + \chi_N)(\beta_2 + \chi_N)}$$

$$\psi_\Lambda(P, k) = \frac{N_\Lambda}{m_D(\beta_1 + \chi_\Lambda)(\beta_3 + \chi_\Lambda)}$$

$$\psi_\Sigma(P, k) = \frac{N_\Sigma}{m_D(\beta_1 + \chi_\Sigma)(\beta_3 + \chi_\Sigma)}$$

$$\psi_\Xi(P, k) = \frac{N_\Xi}{m_D(\beta_1 + \chi_\Xi)(\beta_4 + \chi_\Xi)}$$

β_i : momentum range parameters (m_D units); $\beta_4 > \beta_3 > \beta_2 > \beta_1$

long range: β_1 (all systems)

short range: β_2 (*lll* systems); β_3 (*sll* systems); β_4 (*ssl* systems)

CSQM: Photon-Quark coupling [Extra]

- $j_q^\mu = \hat{j}_1 \gamma^\mu + \hat{j}_2 \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{2M_N}$, Quark form factors: $\hat{j}_i = \frac{1}{2} f_{i+} \lambda_0 + \frac{1}{6} f_{i-} \lambda_3 + \frac{1}{2} f_{i0} \lambda_8$
[parametrize gluon and $q\bar{q}$ dressing of quarks] λ_l : Gell-Mann matrices

Vector meson dominance parameterization: PRD 80, 033004 (2009)



$$f_{1\pm} = \lambda_q + (1 - \lambda_q) \frac{m_v^2}{m_v^2 + Q^2} + c_\pm \frac{M_h^2 Q^2}{(M_h^2 + Q^2)^2}$$

$$f_{10} = \lambda_q + (1 - \lambda_q) \frac{m_\phi^2}{m_\phi^2 + Q^2} + c_0 \frac{M_h^2 Q^2}{(M_h^2 + Q^2)^2}$$

$$f_{2\pm} = \kappa_\pm \left\{ d_\pm \frac{m_v^2}{m_v^2 + Q^2} + (1 - d_\pm) \frac{M_h^2}{M_h^2 + Q^2} \right\}$$

$$f_{20} = \kappa_0 \left\{ d_0 \frac{m_\phi^2}{m_\phi^2 + Q^2} + (1 - d_0) \frac{M_h^2}{M_h^2 + Q^2} \right\}$$

Light mesons ($m_v = m_\rho$), m_ϕ and **effective** heavy meson: $M_h = 2M_N$

Fix coefficients ($c_0, c_\pm, d_0, d_+ = d_-$) and a. m. m. $\kappa_\pm, \kappa_0$, – universal parameters

Use: Nucleon EM form factors; lattice QCD data (decuplet baryon)