

## HADRON ELECTROMAGNETIC FORM FACTORS AND QCD\*

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Electromagnetic form factors of hadrons are studied with recourse to the superconvergent dispersion relation, by which the QCD prediction and the VMD are synthesized. We analyzed experimental data of pion, kaon and nucleon form factors and obtained reasonable agreement with experiments. The experiments on the electromagnetic form factors are expected to provide important data in investigating structure of hadrons.

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According to the perturbative QCD, the hadron electromagnetic form factor decreases more rapidly than a power in the squared momentum transfer  $t$  [1]. For the pseudo-scalar boson the form factor becomes

$$F_B(t) \rightarrow -32\pi^2 f_B^2 / \beta_0 t \ln(|t|/\Lambda^2) \quad (t \rightarrow \infty),$$

where  $f_B$  is the decay constant of the boson  $B$  and  $\Lambda$  is the QCD scale parameter. For the nucleon form factors  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , the charge and magnetic moment form factors respectively, become asymptotically

$$F_1 \rightarrow t^{-2} [\ln(|t|/Q_0^2)]^{-\gamma}, \quad F_2(t) \rightarrow t^{-3} [\ln(|t|/Q_0^2)]^{-\gamma} \quad (t \rightarrow \infty), \quad (1)$$

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where  $Q_0$  is a constant and  $\gamma = 2 + 4/3\beta_0$ ,  $\beta_0 = 11 - 2n_f/3$  with  $n_f$  being the number of flavor.

These conditions are realized by utilizing the following asymptotic formula of the dispersion integral for  $t \rightarrow \infty$  [2]:

$$\int_{s_0}^{\infty} dt' \frac{1}{(t' - t) \ln^{\nu}(t'/Q_0^2)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{(\nu - 1) \ln(|t|/Q_0^2)}, \quad (2)$$

where  $\nu$  is a constant with  $\nu > 1$ . Let the function  $F(t)$  be given by the dispersion integral

$$F(t) = \int_{s_0}^{\infty} dt' \frac{\text{Im}F(t')}{t' - t} \quad (3)$$

satisfying the superconvergence condition

$$\int_{s_0}^{\infty} dt' t'^k \text{Im}F(t') = 0, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n \quad (4)$$

and the imaginary part  $\text{Im}F(t')$  be given asymptotically as  $t'^{n+1} \text{Im}F(t') \rightarrow c/\ln^{\nu}(t'/Q_0)$ , ( $t \rightarrow \infty$ ) then for  $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$F(t) \rightarrow c/(\nu - 1)t^n \ln^{\nu-1}(t/Q_0^2).$$

For the boson form factor we assume that the absorptive part is given as summation over the Breit–Wigner and the QCD terms,  $\text{Im}F^{\text{BW}}$  and  $\text{Im}F^{\text{QCD}}$ , respectively. We take into account mixing among resonances.  $F^{\text{QCD}}$  is assumed to be given as a power series in the running coupling constant of QCD,  $\alpha_S$ . That is,

$$F^{\text{QCD}}(t) = \sum_{j \geq 1} c_j^{\text{QCD}} (\alpha_S(t))^j h(t). \quad (5)$$

Here  $h(t)$  is a function introduced to assure the convergence of the superconvergence condition and the threshold behavior.  $\text{Im}F^{\text{QCD}}$  is obtained by taking the imaginary part, where  $\alpha_S$  is extended to the timelike momenta through the replacement  $Q^2 = te^{-i\pi}$  [2]. We take three loop approximation for the running coupling constant.

We analyzed the data on the pion and kaon form factors, for the space-like and timelike momenta, and obtained reasonable agreement with the experimental data [2]. It is necessary to take the masses and the widths as adjustable parameters to fit the data. Besides, mixing among resonances are

necessary, especially, mixing of  $\omega$ - $\phi$  and  $\rho'(1450)$ - $\rho''(1700)$  have large effect. The mass of  $\rho'(1450)$  should be taken smaller and  $\rho''(1700)$  larger than the experimental values. The unconfirmed heavy resonance is assumed with the mass  $m_{\rho'''} = 2.11$  GeV with the width  $\Gamma_{\rho'''} = 0.368$  GeV. Although the data for the timelike momentum are reproduced very well, the fit of the spacelike momentum was not good.

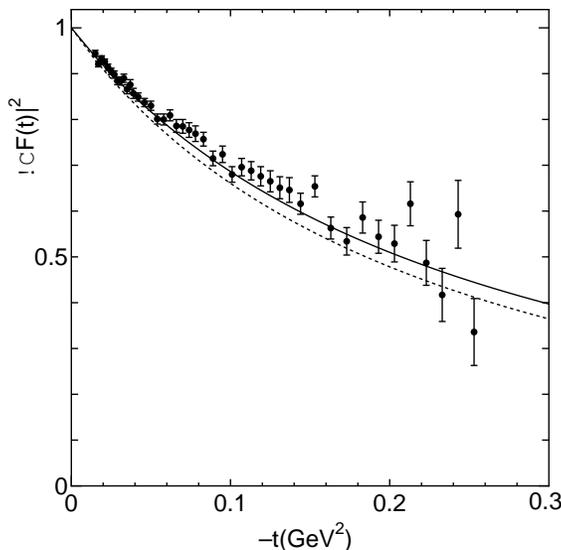


Fig. 1. The pion form factor for the spacelike momentum. The solid curve is the result with the resonance at 1.23 GeV, and the dotted one without the resonance.

In addition to these resonances here we take account of the unconfirmed resonance around the mass 1.25 GeV [5] and performed reanalysis of the data. We found that the resonance greatly improves the result for the spacelike momentum. In Fig. 1 we illustrate the result obtained by assuming the resonance with the mass 1.23 GeV (the solid curve) and the experimental data [4] together with the case without the resonance (the dotted curve) [2]. The masses and the widths of resonances, being taken as parameters, are obtained as  $m_{\rho} = 0.76$  GeV,  $\Gamma_{\rho} = 0.134$  GeV;  $m_{\rho'} = 1.40$  GeV,  $\Gamma_{\rho'} = 0.31$  GeV;  $m_{\rho''} = 1.82$  GeV,  $\Gamma_{\rho''} = 0.26$  GeV. The parameters appearing in our formula, definitions of which are given in Ref. [2], are summarized as follows: The residues at the  $\rho$  resonance poles are  $c_{\rho} = 1.483$ ,  $c_{\rho'} = 1.130$ ,  $c_{\rho''} = -0.5524$ ,  $c_{\rho'''} = 0.05$ . The mass of the unconfirmed resonance is determined as 1.23 GeV with the residue  $c_{\rho(1230)} = -0.45$ . For the  $\omega$  and  $\phi$  bosons we have  $c_{\omega} = -0.004$ ,  $c_{\phi} = 0.005$ . The mixing parameters are  $c_{\rho-\omega} = 0.970$ ,  $c_{\rho-\phi} = 4.78$ ,  $c_{\omega-\phi} = 0.486$ ,  $c_{\rho'-\rho''} = -13.00$  and  $c_{\rho'-\rho'''} = -5.07$ . The

QCD parameters are determined as the follows: The QCD coefficients are determined as  $c_2^{\text{QCD}} = -0.963$  and  $c_3^{\text{QCD}} = 0.133$ , where  $c_1^{\text{QCD}}$  is fixed at the value of QCD prediction,  $c_1^{\text{QCD}} = -0.02683$  and the QCD scale parameter is fixed at  $\Lambda = 0.8$  GeV. We take  $n_f = 2$ . The chi squares for the timelike and spacelike momenta become  $\chi_{\text{time}}^2 = 250$ ,  $\chi_{\text{space}}^2 = 250$  for the case without the resonance around 1.2 GeV, while the assumption of  $\rho(1230)$  leads to  $\chi_{\text{time}}^2 = 250$ ,  $\chi_{\text{space}}^2 = 80$ . The result for the spacelike region is thus remarkably improved. The numbers of data are 157 and 45 for the timelike and the spacelike momenta, respectively.

The experiments on the kaon and the nucleon electromagnetic form factors are also reproduced by our superconvergent dispersion relation very well [2,3]. We compare in Fig. 2 the result of Ref. [3] with the recent data of neutron electric form factor [6]. We find that the theoretical result agrees with the recent experiment on  $G_E^n$ .

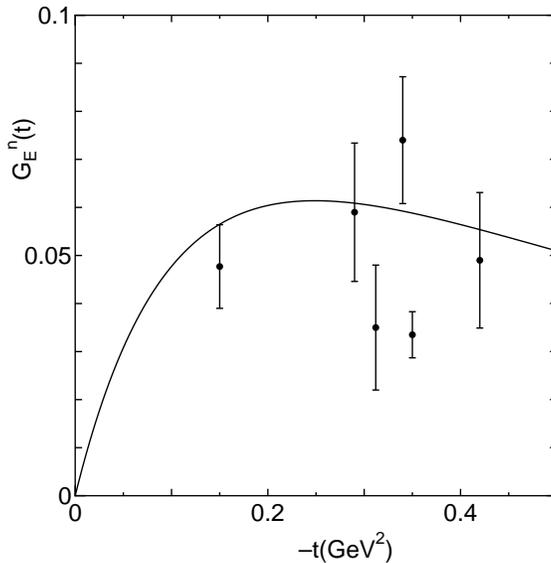


Fig. 2. The neutron electric form factor. The data points are taken from Ref. [6] and the curve stands for the theoretical calculation in Ref. [3].

The experimental data on the hadron electromagnetic form factors can be reproduced very well through the unsubtracted dispersion relation with the superconvergence condition, which works as an interpolation of the low energy hadronic phenomena and the QCD. It is expected that the data on the electromagnetic form factors of hadron provide important data in investigating the subhadronic properties.

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