

## Meson exchange currents in the clothed-particle representation.

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## Recollections

We are going on applications of a field theoretical approach based upon method of unitary clothing transformations (UCTs):

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with its description of electromagnetic (e.m.) properties of deuteron. See our contribution to APFB20 (2021), Kanazawa

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## Underlying formalism

Method in question is aimed at expressing total Hamiltonian  $H(\alpha)$  for interacting fields through so-called clothed-particle creation (annihilation) operators  $\alpha_c$ , e.g.,  $a_c^\dagger(a_c)$ ,  $b_c^\dagger(b_c)$  and  $d_c^\dagger(d_c)$  via UCTs  $W(\alpha_c) = W(\alpha) = \exp R$ ,  $R = -R^\dagger$  in similarity transformation

$$\alpha = W(\alpha_c)\alpha_c W^\dagger(\alpha_c)$$

that connects a primary set  $\alpha$  in bare-particle representation (BPR) with new operators in clothed particle representation (CPR).

A key point of clothing procedure is to remove so-called bad terms from Hamiltonian

$$H \equiv H(\alpha) = H_F(\alpha) + H_I(\alpha) = W(\alpha_c)H(\alpha_c)W^\dagger(\alpha_c) \equiv K(\alpha_c),$$

By definition, such terms prevent physical vacuum  $|\Omega\rangle$  ( $H$  lowest energy eigenstate) and one-clothed-particle states  $|n\rangle_c = a_c^\dagger(n)|\Omega\rangle$  to be  $H$  eigenvectors for all quantum numbers  $n$  included. Bad terms occur every time when any normally ordered product

$$a^\dagger(1')a^\dagger(2')\dots a^\dagger(n'_C)a(n_A)\dots a(2)a(1)$$

of class [C.A] embodies, at least, one substructure  $\in [k.0]$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ) or/and  $[k.1]$  ( $k = 2, 3, \dots$ ). In this context all primary Yukawa-type (trilinear) couplings should be eliminated.

It results in form

$$H(\alpha) = W H(\alpha_c) W^\dagger = K(\alpha_c) = K_F(\alpha_c) + K_I(\alpha_c),$$

where free part  $K_F(\alpha_c) = H_F(\alpha_c)$  while operator  $K_I(\alpha_c)$  contains interactions between clothed particles. By construction, latter has property

$$K_I(\alpha_c)|\Omega\rangle = 0.$$

Together with Hamiltonian Poincaré group generators: total linear momenta  $\vec{P}$ , total angular momenta  $\vec{M}$  and Lorentz boosts  $\vec{N}$  meet commutation relations of Poincaré algebra. Within instant form of relativistic dynamics used here generators  $\vec{P}$ ,  $\vec{M}$  do not contain interactions, whereas boosts have structure

$$\vec{N}(\alpha) = W \vec{N}(\alpha_c) W^\dagger = \vec{B}(\alpha_c) = \vec{B}_F(\alpha_c) + \vec{B}_I(\alpha_c).$$

See derivation of boost operators in CPR [{SheFro12}](#).

Along with requirement to remove bad terms clothing transformations in Dirac (D) picture should meet

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} W_D(t) = 1$$

that leads to equivalence between S-matrix in BPR and CPR, which is provided by isomorphism between  $\{\alpha\}$  and  $\{\alpha_c\}$  algebras and gives a constructive way for calculating S-matrix elements in CPR and BPR [{She13}](#).

## Electron-Deuteron Scattering Amplitude: Gauge Invariance and Gauge Independence

Let us remind that in one-photon-exchange approximation (OPEA) elastic  $e$ - $d$  scattering amplitude is proportional to contraction

$$T(ed \rightarrow e'd') = \varepsilon_\mu(e, e') \langle \vec{q} M' | J^\mu(0) | \vec{0} M \rangle$$

with polarization vector of virtual photon  $\varepsilon_\mu(e, e') = \bar{u}_{e'}(k') \gamma_\mu u_e(k)$ , and deuteron projection of total angular momentum on quantization axis  $M$ .

Current density operator  $J^\mu(x) = \exp(iPx) J^\mu(0) \exp(-iPx)$  taken at the space-time point  $x = (t, \vec{x}) = 0$  has the property to be 4-vector

$$U(\Lambda) J^\mu(0) U^\dagger(\Lambda) = J^\nu(0) \Lambda_\nu{}^\mu, \quad \forall \Lambda \in \text{full Lorentz group.}$$

In particular, for moving system with momentum  $\vec{q}$

$$U(\Lambda = L(q)) = \exp(i\vec{\beta}\vec{B}), \quad \vec{\beta} = \beta \frac{\vec{q}}{|\vec{q}|}, \quad \tan(\beta) = \frac{|\vec{q}|}{m_d}.$$

Of course, current density operator should satisfy continuity equation (CE)

$$\partial_\mu J^\mu(x) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad [P_\mu, J^\mu(0)] = 0,$$

this requirement of **gauge invariance principle in the first order in charge  $e$**  (cf. our lecture for Erice school (1999)).

Along with it, we emphasize its consequence

$$(P_f - P_i)_\mu \langle f | J^\mu(0) | i \rangle = 0 \quad (*)$$

that is valid for current density operator being sandwiched between the exact  $P = (H, \vec{P})$  eigenvectors. Following **{Kaz82}** we distinguish **gauge invariance** and **gauge independence** (GI) conditions. Latter is presented by Eq. (\*).

In this context, we calculate amplitude of interest using an original way of ensuring GI **{LevShe93}**.

$$T(ed \rightarrow e'd') = \varepsilon_\mu(e, e') J_{M'M}^\mu(\vec{q}) - \vec{\varepsilon}(e, e') \vec{J}_{M'M}^G(\vec{q}),$$

$$J_{M'M}^\mu(\vec{q}) = \langle \vec{q} M' | J^\mu(0) | \vec{0} M \rangle,$$

$$\vec{J}_{M'M}^G(\vec{q}) = \int_0^1 \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda} \nabla_{\vec{q}} \left\{ \left[ \sqrt{\lambda^2 \vec{q}^2 + m_d^2} - m_d \right] \rho_{M'M}(\lambda \vec{q}) - \lambda \vec{q} \vec{J}_{M'M}(\lambda \vec{q}) \right\}.$$

(cf., **{FriFal86}**)

Property of current density to be 4-vector and GI leads to relations:

$$G_M(Q^2) = \sqrt{2}(\eta(\eta + 1))^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\vec{J}_{10}(\vec{q}) + \vec{J}_{10}^G(\vec{q}))_x,$$

$$G_C(Q^2) = \frac{1}{3}(\eta + 1)^{-1} \sum_{M=0,\pm 1} \rho_{MM}(\vec{q}),$$

$$G_Q(Q^2) = \frac{1}{2}(\eta(\eta + 1))^{-1} (\rho_{00}(\vec{q}) - \rho_{11}(\vec{q})),$$

where charge monopole ( $G_C$ ), magnetic dipole ( $G_M$ ) and electric quadrupole ( $G_Q$ ) form factors (FFs) of deuteron are determined in lab. system with Z-axis directed along momentum transfer  $\vec{q}$  (cf. [{GarOrd02}](#)). Argument of FFs  $Q^2 \equiv -\omega^2 + \vec{q}^2$ , where  $\omega$  is energy transfer so  $\eta = \frac{Q^2}{4m_d^2} > 0$ . In our case

$$\omega = \sqrt{\vec{q}^2 + m_d^2} - m_d \quad \text{and} \quad Q^2 = 2m_d^2 \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_d^2}} - 1 \right).$$

Charge  $e_d$  of deuteron and its dipole magnetic  $\mu_d$  and electric quadrupole  $Q_d$  moments are given by normalization conditions

$$e_d = eG_C(0), \quad \mu_d = G_M(0) \frac{e}{2m_d}, \quad Q_d = G_Q(0) \frac{e}{m_d^2}$$



## Deuteron eigenvalue problem in motion

Eigenvalue problem for deuteron in rest frame

$$[K_N + K_{NN}] |\vec{0} M\rangle = m_d |\vec{0} M\rangle$$

has been considered in {She13}. The deuteron state has been built in subspace  $\mathcal{H}_{2N}$  spanned onto two-nucleon basis  $b_c^\dagger b_c^\dagger |\Omega\rangle$  with  $K_{NN} \sim b_c^\dagger b_c^\dagger b_c b_c$  and  $K_N \sim b_c^\dagger b_c$

$$|\vec{0} M\rangle = \sqrt{2} \int \frac{d\vec{p}}{E_{\vec{p}}} \psi_M(p\mu_1\mu_2) b_c^\dagger(p\mu_1) b_c^\dagger(p\mu_2) |\Omega\rangle.$$

The deuteron state in moving frame is given by

$$|\vec{q} M\rangle = U(L(q)) |\vec{0} M\rangle,$$

In its turn operator  $U(L) = \exp(i\vec{\beta}(\vec{B}_F(\alpha_c) + \vec{B}_I(\alpha_c)))$  can be presented in form

$$U(L) = X(e^{i\vec{\beta}\vec{B}_F} B_I e^{-i\vec{\beta}\vec{B}_F}) e^{i\vec{\beta}\vec{B}_F},$$

where operator  $X$  is measure of noncommutativity of operators  $B_F$ , and  $B_I$ .

A distinctive feature of CPR is that all generators of Poincaré group simultaneously get one and the same sparse structure.

For this consideration we confine ourselves to approximation  $X \approx 1$ .  
Our derivation of such function depending on similarity transformation is underway.

After this, with the help of transformation property

$$e^{i\vec{\beta}\vec{B}_F} b_c^\dagger(p\mu) e^{-i\vec{\beta}\vec{B}_F} = D_{\bar{\mu}\mu}^{[1/2]}(W(L,p)) b_c^\dagger(Lp\bar{\mu}),$$

the matrix elements of interest  $J_{M'M}^\mu(\vec{q}) = \langle \vec{q} M' | J^\mu(0) | \vec{0} M \rangle$  are reduced to expectation values over the physical vacuum state  $|\Omega\rangle$ .

## Current density operator in the CPR

In CPR we have expansion in  $R$ -commutators {SheShi00} of original Nöther current

$$J(0) = WJ_c(0)W^\dagger = J_c(0) + [R, J_c(0)] + \frac{1}{2!}[R, [R, J_c(0)]] + \dots,$$

Here  $J_c(0)$  is Nöther current in which bare operators  $\{\alpha\}$  are replaced by clothed ones  $\{\alpha_c\}$ . It consists of nucleon and meson currents  $J_c(0) = J_N(0) + J_M(0)$ . This decomposition involves one-body, two-body and more complicated interaction currents. Since deuteron states are spanned onto two-clothed-nucleon states  $|2N\rangle$  then only terms of  $b^\dagger b$ - and  $b^\dagger b^\dagger b b$ -type remain

$$\langle 2N' | J(0) | 2N \rangle = \langle 2N' | J_{\text{one-body}} | 2N \rangle + \langle 2N' | J_{\text{two-body}} | 2N \rangle.$$

One-body current is defined via usual on-mass-shell expression

$$J_{\text{one-body}}^\mu = \int \frac{d\vec{p}'}{E_{\vec{p}'}} \frac{d\vec{p}}{E_{\vec{p}}} F_{\text{one-body}}^\mu(p' \mu', p \mu) b_c^\dagger(p' \mu') b_c(p \mu),$$

in terms of Dirac and Pauli nucleon FFs

$$F_{\text{one-body}}^\mu(p' \mu', p \mu) = e m \bar{u}(p' \mu') \left\{ F_1[(p' - p)^2] \gamma^\mu + \frac{i}{2m} \sigma^{\mu\nu} (p' - p)_\nu F_2[(p' - p)^2] \right\} u(p \mu).$$

This expression with  $p = (m, \vec{0})$  and  $p' = (\omega, \vec{q})$  coincides with that used in Relativistic Impulse Approximation (RIA).

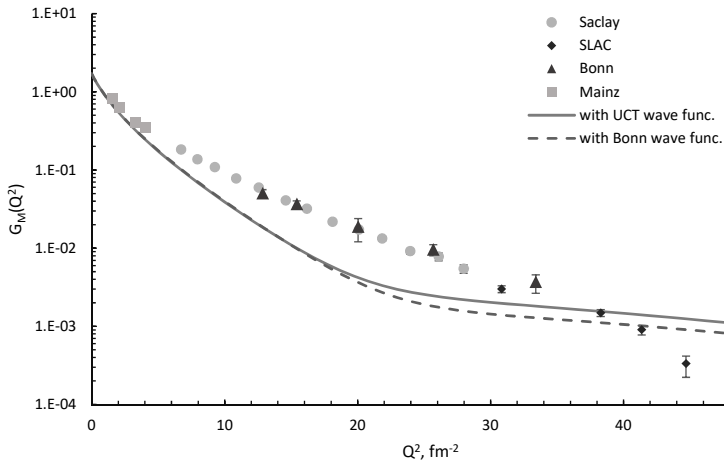


Figure 1: Our first approximation {KosShe21} (without two-body currents) to the deuteron magnetic form factor  $G_M(Q^2)$  compared to the experimental data (see {JLab00} and refs. therein). We have used the Gari-Krümpelmann nucleon FFs {GarKru92} for this calculation.

Of course, RIA results should be corrected including more complex mechanisms of e-d scattering, that can be provided by including two-body or meson exchange currents (MECs)

$$J_{two-body}^{\mu} = \int \frac{d\vec{p}'_1}{E_{\vec{p}'_1}} \frac{d\vec{p}'_2}{E_{\vec{p}'_2}} \frac{d\vec{p}_1}{E_{\vec{p}_1}} \frac{d\vec{p}_2}{E_{\vec{p}_2}} F_{MEC}^{\mu}(p'_1, p'_2, p_1, p_2) b_c^{\dagger}(p'_1) b_c^{\dagger}(p'_2) b_c(p_1) b_c(p_2).$$

To determine it we have found  $b^{\dagger} b^{\dagger} b b$ -type terms that stem from commutator  $\frac{1}{2i} [R, [R, J_c(0)]]$ . The current density  $J_c$  composed of the meson  $J_M$  and nucleon  $J_N$  currents, so MEC also composed of two parts

$$F_{MEC}^{\mu} = F_{mesonic}^{\mu} + F_{seagull}^{\mu}.$$

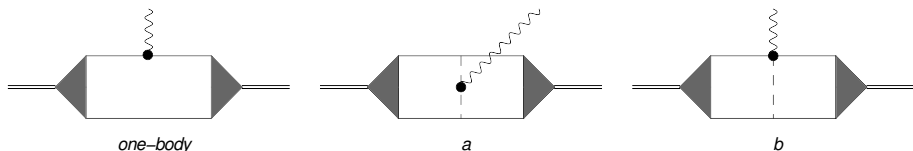


Figure 2: Various contributions to the deuteron e.m. current: (a) mesonic current, (b) seagull current.

## Mesonic currents

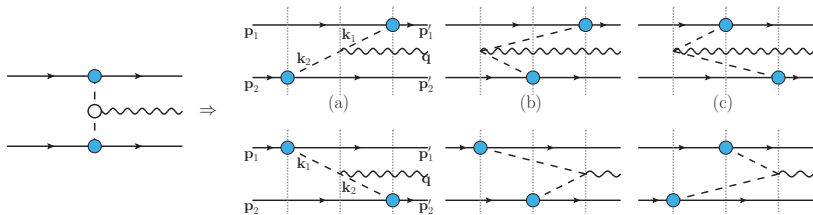


Figure 3: Illustration of the mechanisms that contribute to the mesonic current in the  $g^2$ -order. Blue dot corresponds to the  $g_{11}^M$  cutoff.

$$F_{\text{pionic}}^\mu(p'_1, p'_2, p_1, p_2) = i \frac{e g_\pi^2 m^2}{2(2\pi)^6} [\vec{\tau}_{\eta'_1 \eta_1} \times \vec{\tau}_{\eta'_2 \eta_2}]_z g_{11}^\pi(p'_1 p_1) g_{11}^\pi(p'_2 p_2) \\ \times \frac{\bar{u}(p'_1) \gamma_5 u(p_1)}{(p'_1 - p_1)^2 - m_\pi^2} \frac{\bar{u}(p'_2) \gamma_5 u(p_2)}{(p'_2 - p_2)^2 - m_\pi^2} (p'_2 - p'_1 + p_1 - p_2)^\mu.$$

# Seagull currents

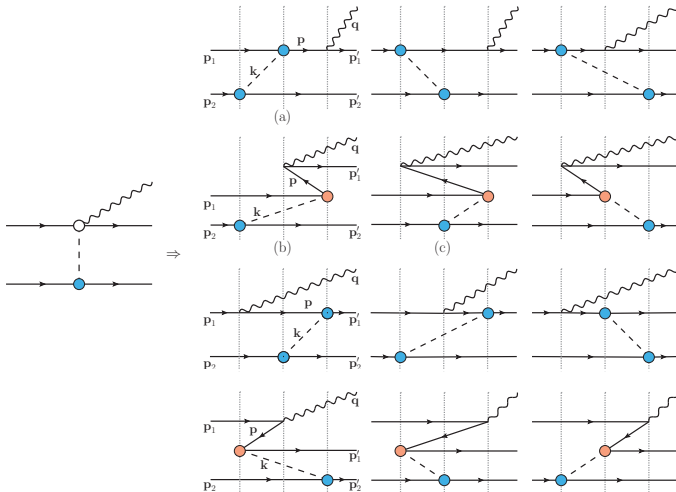


Figure 4: Illustration of the mechanisms that contribute to the seagull current in the  $g^2$ -order. Blue and orange dots correspond to the  $g_{11}^M$  and  $g_{12}^M$  cutoffs respectively.

$$\begin{aligned}
F_{\text{seagull}}^\mu(p'_1, p'_2, p_1, p_2) &= \frac{eg_\pi^2 m^2}{2(2\pi)^6} g_{11}^\pi(p'_2 p_2) \frac{\bar{u}(p'_2) \gamma_5 u(p_2)}{(p'_2 - p_2)^2 - m_\pi^2} \\
&\times \left[ (\tau_{\eta'_1 \eta_1}^z \tau_{\eta'_2 \eta_2}^z + I_{\eta'_1 \eta_1} \tau_{\eta'_2 \eta_2}^z + \tau_{\eta'_1 \eta_1}^+ \tau_{\eta'_2 \eta_2}^-) g_{11}^\pi(p_1 s) \bar{u}(p'_1) \gamma^\mu G(p'_1, p'_2, p_1, p_2) \gamma_5 u(p_1) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (\tau_{\eta'_1 \eta_1}^z \tau_{\eta'_2 \eta_2}^z + I_{\eta'_1 \eta_1} \tau_{\eta'_2 \eta_2}^z + \tau_{\eta'_1 \eta_1}^- \tau_{\eta'_2 \eta_2}^+) g_{11}^\pi(p'_1 s') \bar{u}(p'_1) \gamma_5 G(p_1, p_2, p'_1, p'_2) \gamma^\mu u(p_1) \right],
\end{aligned}$$

with  $s = (E_{\vec{s}}, \vec{s})$ ,  $s' = (E_{\vec{s}'}, \vec{s}')$  and  $\vec{s} = \vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 - \vec{p}'_2$ ,  $\vec{s}' = \vec{p}'_1 + \vec{p}'_2 - \vec{p}_2$ . We have introduced the function  $G$  that can be divided into the Feynman-like part and rest

$$G = G_{\text{Feynman-like}} + G_{\text{rest}}$$

$$G_{\text{Feynman-like}}(p'_1, p'_2, p_1, p_2) = \frac{1}{\not{p}'_1 + \not{p}'_2 - \not{p}'_2 - m},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
G_{\text{rest}}(p'_1, p'_2, p_1, p_2) &= \frac{1}{2E_{\vec{s}}} \left[ \frac{\not{s} + m}{E_{\vec{p}'_2} - E_{\vec{p}_1} - E_{\vec{p}_2} + E_{\vec{s}}} \frac{1}{(p_1 - s)^2 - m_\pi^2} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{\not{s}' - m}{E_{\vec{p}'_2} - E_{\vec{p}_1} - E_{\vec{p}_2} - E_{\vec{s}'}} \frac{1}{(p_1 + s_-)^2 - m_\pi^2} \right] [(p'_2 - p_2)^2 - m_\pi^2].
\end{aligned}$$



Under assumptions mentioned above our calculations are reduced to matrix elements

$$J_{M'M}(\vec{q}) = J_{M'M}^{[1]}(\vec{q}) + J_{M'M}^{[2]}(\vec{q}),$$

$$J_{M'M}^{[1]}(\vec{q}) = 2 \int \frac{d\vec{p}}{E_{\vec{p}}} \psi_{M'}^*(p \bar{\mu}_1 \bar{\mu}_2) \psi_M(L^{-1} p \mu'_1 \mu_2) D_{\bar{\mu}_1 \mu'_1}^{[1/2]*}(W(L(q), p)) D_{\bar{\mu}_2 \mu_2}^{[1/2]*}(W(L(q), p_-)) \\ \times F_{\text{one-body}}(L p \mu_1, L^{-1} p \mu'_1),$$

$$J_{M'M}^{[2]}(\vec{q}) = 2 \int \frac{d\vec{p}' d\vec{p}}{E_{\vec{p}'} E_{\vec{p}}} \psi_{M'}^*(p' \bar{\mu}_1 \bar{\mu}_2) \psi_M(p \mu_1 \mu_2) D_{\bar{\mu}_1 \mu'_1}^{[1/2]*}(W(L(q), p')) D_{\bar{\mu}_2 \mu'_2}^{[1/2]*}(W(L(q), p'_-)) \\ \times \tau_{\eta'_1 \eta'_2}^y \tau_{\eta_1 \eta_2}^y F_{MEC}(L p' \mu'_1 \eta'_1, L p'_- \mu'_2 \eta'_2, p \mu_1 \eta_1, p_- \mu_2 \eta_2).$$

## Summary

- For this exposition, we have shown a constructive way of describing the deuteron e.m. properties beyond the contemporary non-relativistic approach.
- We propose an original way of ensuring **GI** relayed upon generalization of Siegert's theorem.
- UCT method allows us to build **a new family of MECs**.
- Our consideration will be corrected taking into account the interaction part of the boost operator.
- In the course of our current work we are trying to understand to what extent deuteron form factors and structure functions that determine deuteron e.m. properties are sensitive to **off-shell effects** included in the new family of interactions and currents for the clothed particles.

*Thank you very much for your attention!*

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