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Reciprocal consistency constraints among photoprocesses

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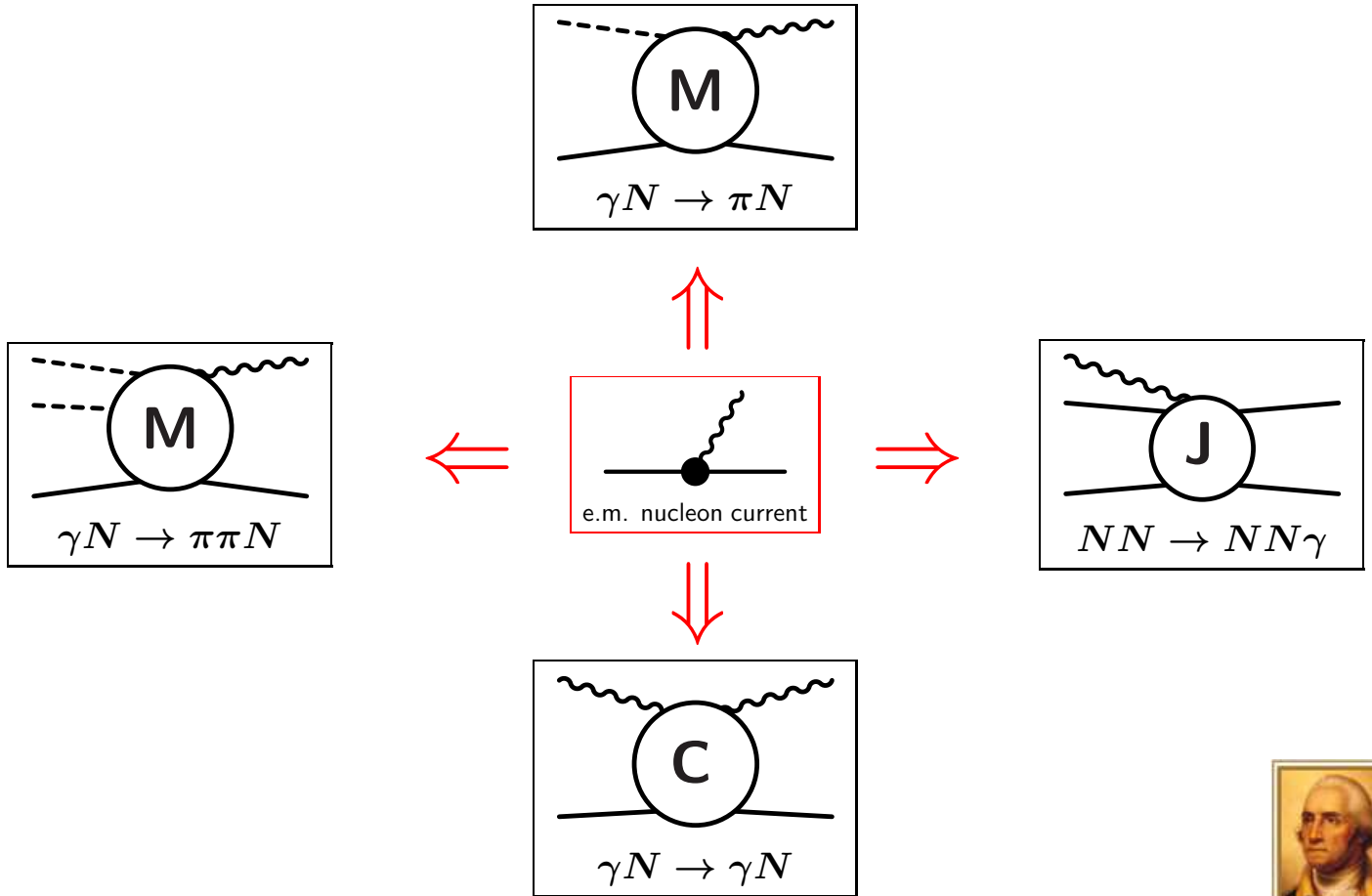


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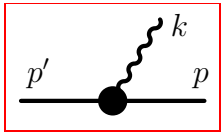
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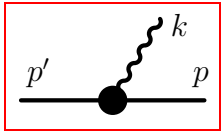
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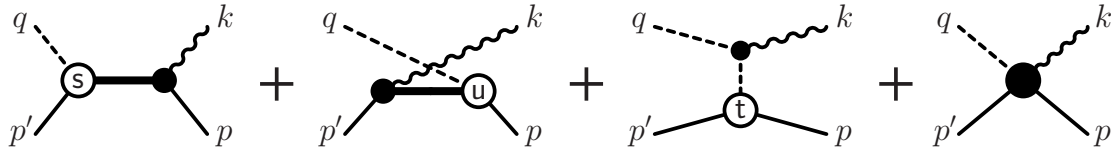
Constraints:

no kinematic singularity: $f_1(k^2) \xrightarrow{k^2=0} 0$ and $g_1(k^2) \xrightarrow{k^2=0} 0$

chiral-symmetry limit : $f_1 \rightarrow \frac{g_A - G_A(k^2)}{g_A}$ and $f_2 \rightarrow 1$



Implications of off-shell structure: Pion photoproduction



s-channel:

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contact terms

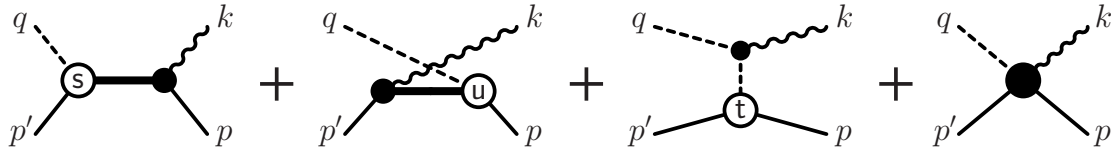
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u-channel:

One cannot make the connection to low-energy χ PT results without such contact terms.

$$J_f^\mu(p', p' - k) S(p' - k) F_u = \left(e \delta_f \gamma^\mu + \frac{i \sigma^{\mu\nu} k_\nu}{2m} e \kappa_f \right) S(p' - k) F_u + \frac{i \sigma^{\mu\nu} k_\nu}{2m} \frac{e \kappa_f}{2m} f_{2f} F_u$$



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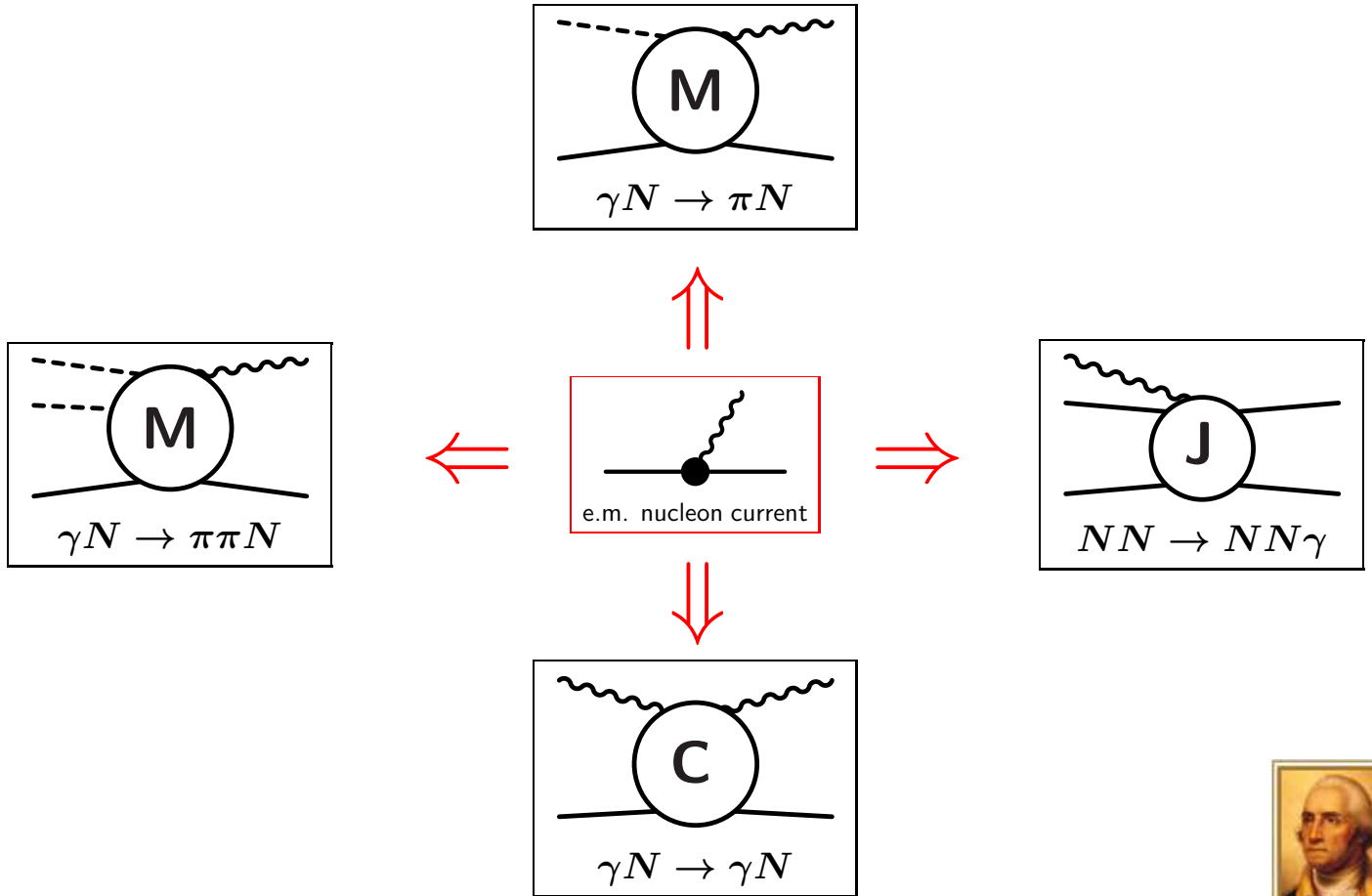
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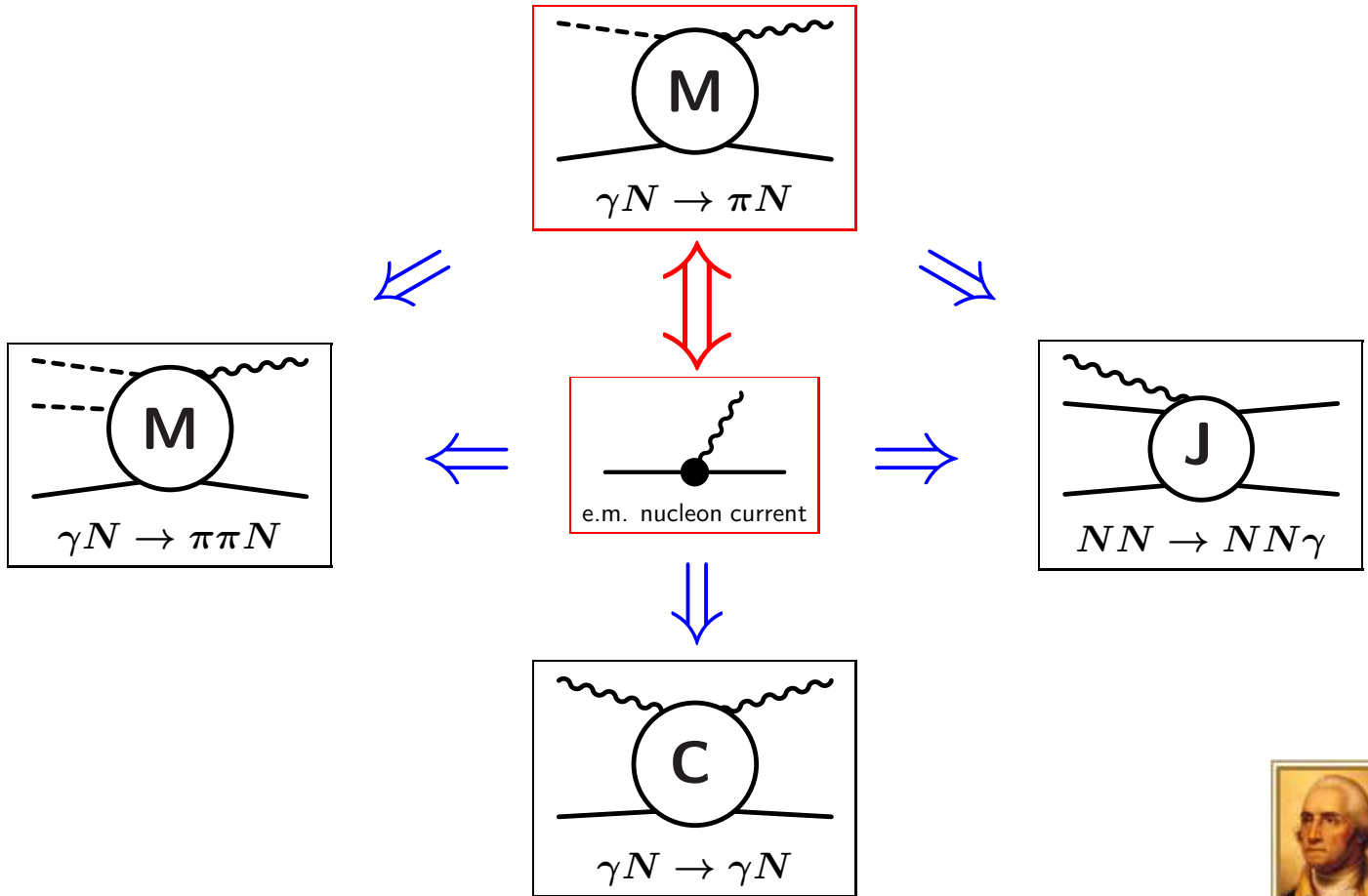
- Require reciprocal consistency among the various photoprocesses to determine the dynamical structures of the current J^μ .



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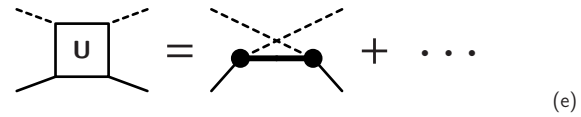
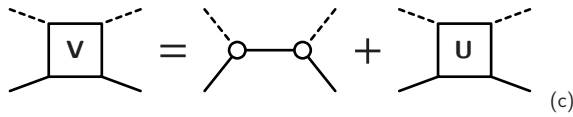
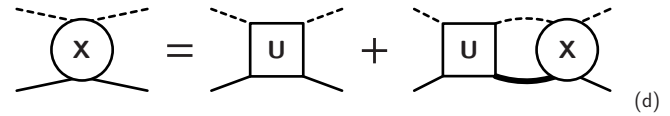
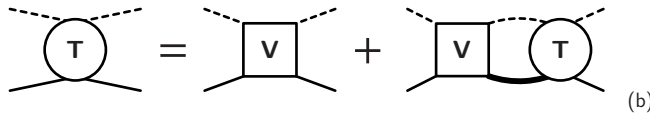
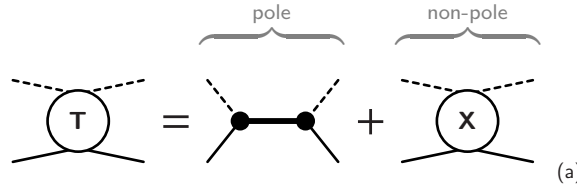


Dynamical Links between Photoprocesses



Pions, Nucleons, and Photons

$\pi N T$ matrix

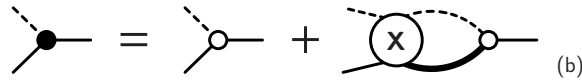


dressed nucleon propagator



propagator determines current

dressed πNN vertex



■ Tower of *nonlinear* Dyson-Schwinger-type equations



$$\text{---} = \text{---} + \text{---} \circlearrowleft \text{---} \quad (a)$$

propagator
determines current

$$\text{---} \bullet = \text{---} \circ + \text{---} \circlearrowleft \text{---} \circlearrowright \text{---} \circlearrowleft \text{---} \bullet \quad (b)$$

■ Couple photon to dressed propagator:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} &= \text{---} \circ \text{---} + \text{---} \circlearrowleft \text{---} \bullet + \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \circlearrowright \text{---} \\ &+ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \circlearrowleft \text{---} \bullet + \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \circlearrowright \text{---} \bullet + \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \text{U} \text{---} \bullet \end{aligned} \quad (a)$$

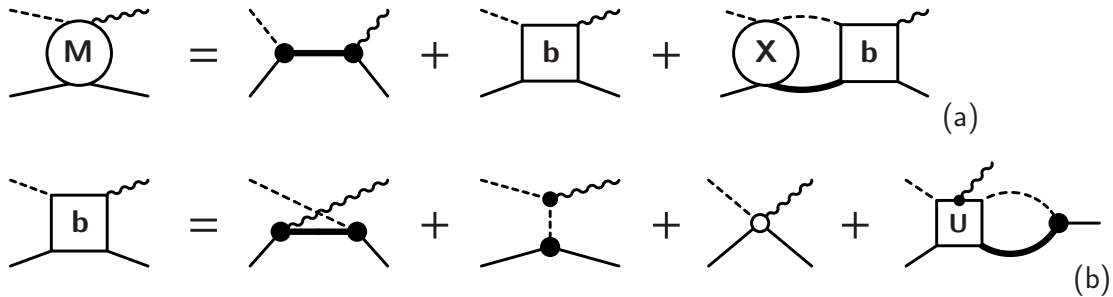
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Pion Photoproduction

■ Pion-production current M^μ :



■ Nucleon current J^μ :



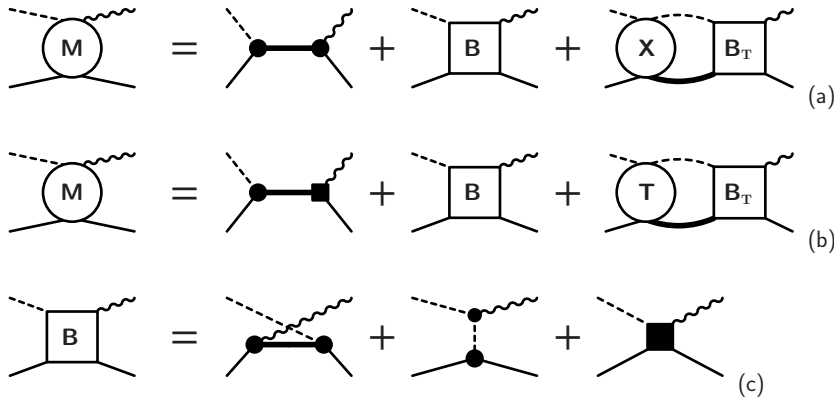
⇒ The internal structures of the dressed nucleon current can be understood by the dynamics of the pion production current.

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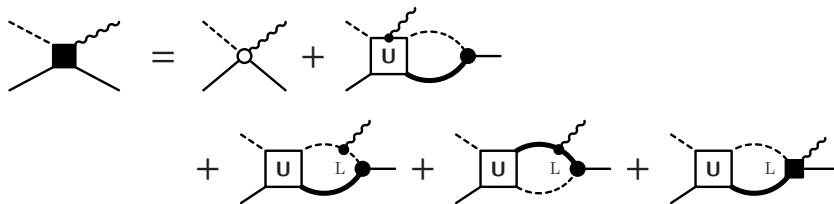
Rewriting the Production Current

■ Pion-production current M^μ :



X
equivalent
 T

■ Contact-type current M_c^μ :

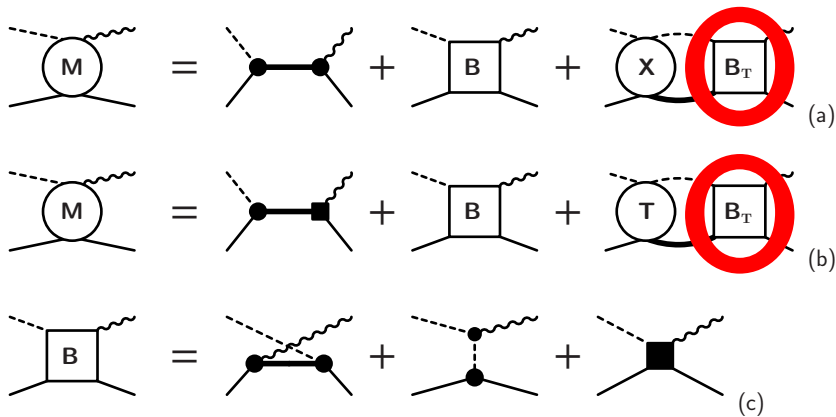


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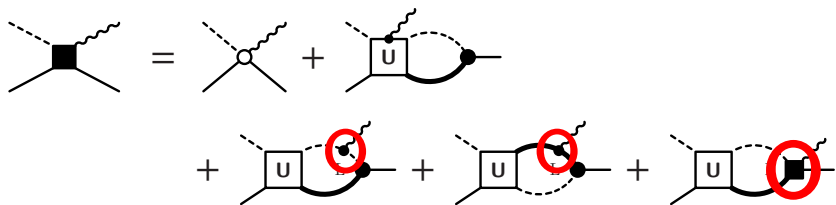
Rewriting the Production Current

■ Pion-production current M^μ :



transverse
(irrelevant for gauge invariance)

■ Contact-type current M_c^μ :



longitudinal

■ Tower of *nonlinear* Dyson-Schwinger-type equations



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Diagram (a) shows the pion production current M^μ as a sum of three terms: a contact term (circle with 'M'), a meson exchange term (square with 'B'), and a transition meson exchange term (circle with 'X' and square with 'B_T').

$$\text{Diagram (b)} = \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3}$$

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$$\text{Diagram (c)} = \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3}$$

Diagram (c) shows the meson exchange term (square with 'B') as a sum of three terms: a meson exchange term (square with 'B'), a meson exchange term (square with 'B'), and a meson exchange term (square with 'B').

J_S^μ

not the full
nucleon current

■ Contact-type current M_c^μ :

$$\text{Diagram (c)} = \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} + \text{Diagram 4} + \text{Diagram 5}$$

Diagram (c) shows the contact-type current M_c^μ as a sum of five terms: a contact term (square with 'M_c'), a meson exchange term (square with 'U'), a meson exchange term (square with 'U'), a meson exchange term (square with 'U'), and a meson exchange term (square with 'U').

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Nucleon Current J^μ

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(a)

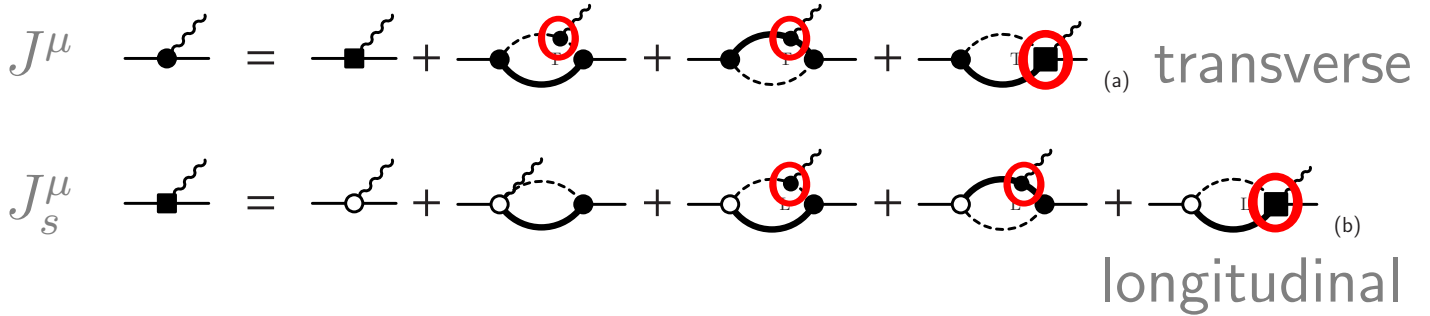
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Problems?

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- Everything is hideously complicated!



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But...



Let's cut the Gordian knot!

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(Note: A grey diagonal line is drawn over this equation, indicating it is to be discarded.)

$$\text{M} = \text{---} + \text{---} + \text{---} \quad (\text{b})$$

$$\text{B} = \text{---} + \text{---} + \text{---} \quad (\text{c})$$

Do not use X .
Work with full T .

$$\text{---} = \text{---} + \text{---} + \text{---} + \text{---} + \text{---}$$

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Cutting the Gordian Knot

(a)

(b)

(c)

M_c^μ

determine approximation of M_c^μ by generalized WTI for the photoproduction current M^μ

(a)

(b)



Reminder: Generalized Ward–Takahashi Identity

$$M^\mu = M_s^\mu + M_u^\mu + M_t^\mu + M_{\text{int}}^\mu$$

■ Generalized WTI for the full current M^μ :

$$k_\mu M^\mu = -F_s S(p+k) Q_i S^{-1}(p) + S^{-1}(p') Q_f S(p'-k) F_u + \Delta_\pi^{-1}(q) Q_\pi \Delta_\pi(q-k) F_t$$

■ Equivalent Generalized WTI for the interaction current M_{int}^μ :

$$k_\mu M_{\text{int}}^\mu = -F_s Q_i + Q_f F_u + Q_\pi F_t$$



Reminder: Generalized Ward–Takahashi Identity

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The diagram shows the decomposition of the full current M^μ into four terms:

- M_s^μ : A vertex labeled 'S' with an incoming dashed line (momentum q), an incoming solid line (momentum p'), and an outgoing solid line (momentum p). A wavy line (momentum k) is attached to the vertex.
- M_u^μ : A vertex labeled 'u' with an incoming dashed line (momentum q), an incoming solid line (momentum p'), and an outgoing solid line (momentum p). A wavy line (momentum k) is attached to the vertex.
- M_t^μ : A vertex labeled 't' with an incoming dashed line (momentum q), an incoming solid line (momentum p'), and an outgoing solid line (momentum p). A wavy line (momentum k) is attached to the vertex.
- M_{int}^μ : A vertex labeled 'int' with an incoming dashed line (momentum q), an incoming solid line (momentum p'), and an outgoing solid line (momentum p). A wavy line (momentum k) is attached to the vertex.

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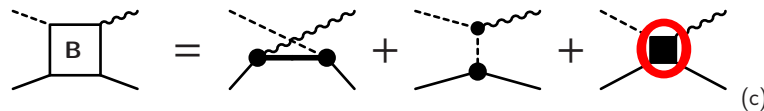
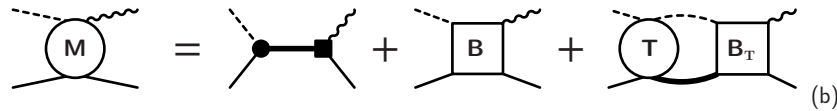
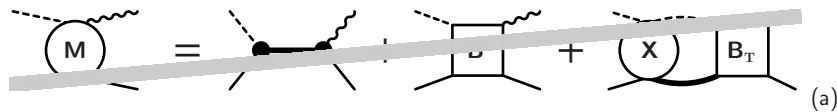
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Here: $k_\mu M_{\text{int}}^\mu = k_\mu M_c^\mu$

Off-shell constraints!



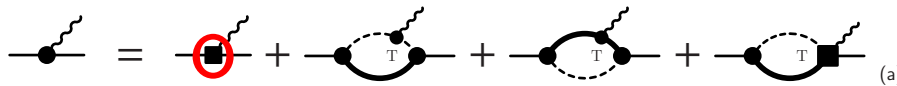

 M_c^μ

■ Lowest-order approximation in terms of phenomenological form factors:

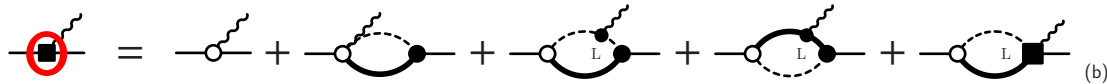
$$\begin{aligned}
 M_c^\mu = & ge\gamma_5 \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu}k_\nu}{4m^2} \tilde{\kappa}_N - (1-\lambda)g \frac{\gamma_5 \gamma^\mu}{2m} \tilde{F}_t e_\pi - G_\lambda \left[e_i \frac{(2p+k)^\mu}{s-p^2} (\tilde{F}_s - \hat{F}) \right. \\
 & + e_f \frac{(2p'-k)^\mu}{u-p'^2} (\tilde{F}_u - \hat{F}) \\
 & \left. + e_\pi \frac{(2q-k)^\mu}{t-q^2} (\tilde{F}_t - \hat{F}) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Don't try to read the details. What is important is that this is a simple expression, easy to evaluate, and that it helps preserve gauge invariance of the entire production current.





J_s^μ



determine approximation by WTI for the nucleon current J^μ

- Approximate J_s^μ by the minimal current that reproduces the WTI: $S^{-1}(p) = \not{p}A(p^2) - mB(p^2)$

$$J_s^\mu(p', p) = (p' + p)^\mu \frac{S^{-1}(p')Q_N - Q_N S^{-1}(p)}{p'^2 - p^2} + \left[\gamma^\mu - \frac{(p' + p)^\mu}{p'^2 - p^2} \not{k} \right] Q_N \frac{A(p'^2) + A(p^2)}{2}$$

Ball-Chiu:
Satisfies WTI
Nonsingular
Minimal
Unique!

- Half on-shell:

$$S J_s^\mu u = \left(\frac{1}{\not{p} + \not{k} - m} j_1^\mu + \frac{2m}{s - m^2} j_2^\mu \right) Q_N u(p), \quad \text{with} \quad s = (p + k)^2$$

Exact!

- Auxiliary currents:

$$j_1^\mu = \gamma^\mu (1 - \kappa_1) + \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} k_\nu}{2m} \kappa_1 \quad j_2^\mu = \frac{(2p + k)^\mu}{2m} \kappa_1 + \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} k_\nu}{2m} \kappa_2$$

Two parameters!



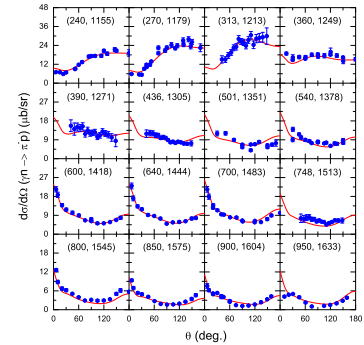
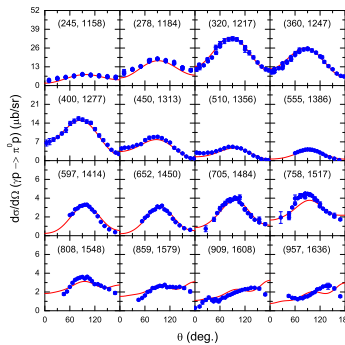
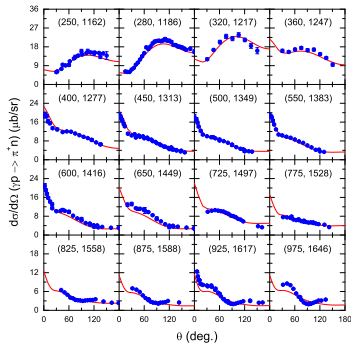
Does it work? — Yes!



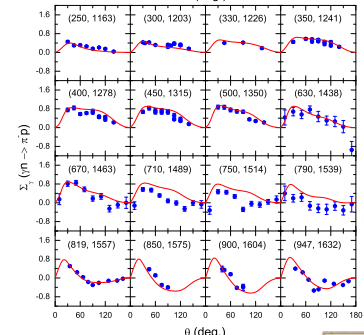
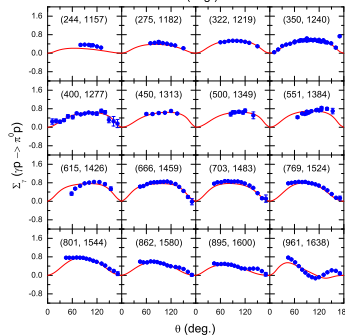
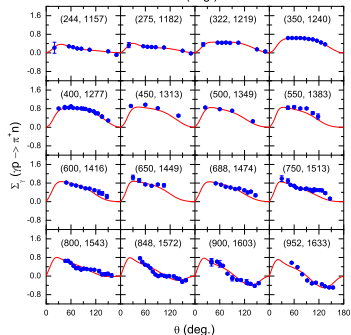
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Fei Huang, this afternoon

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$$



$$\Sigma$$



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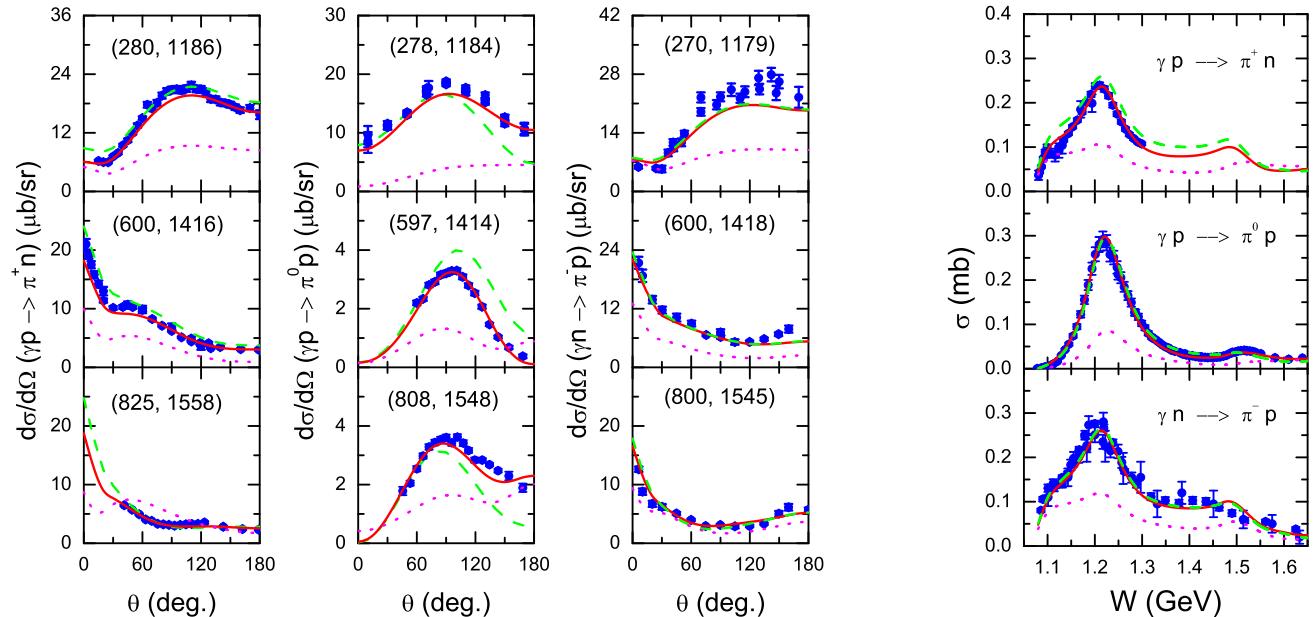
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On the importance of maintaining gauge invariance

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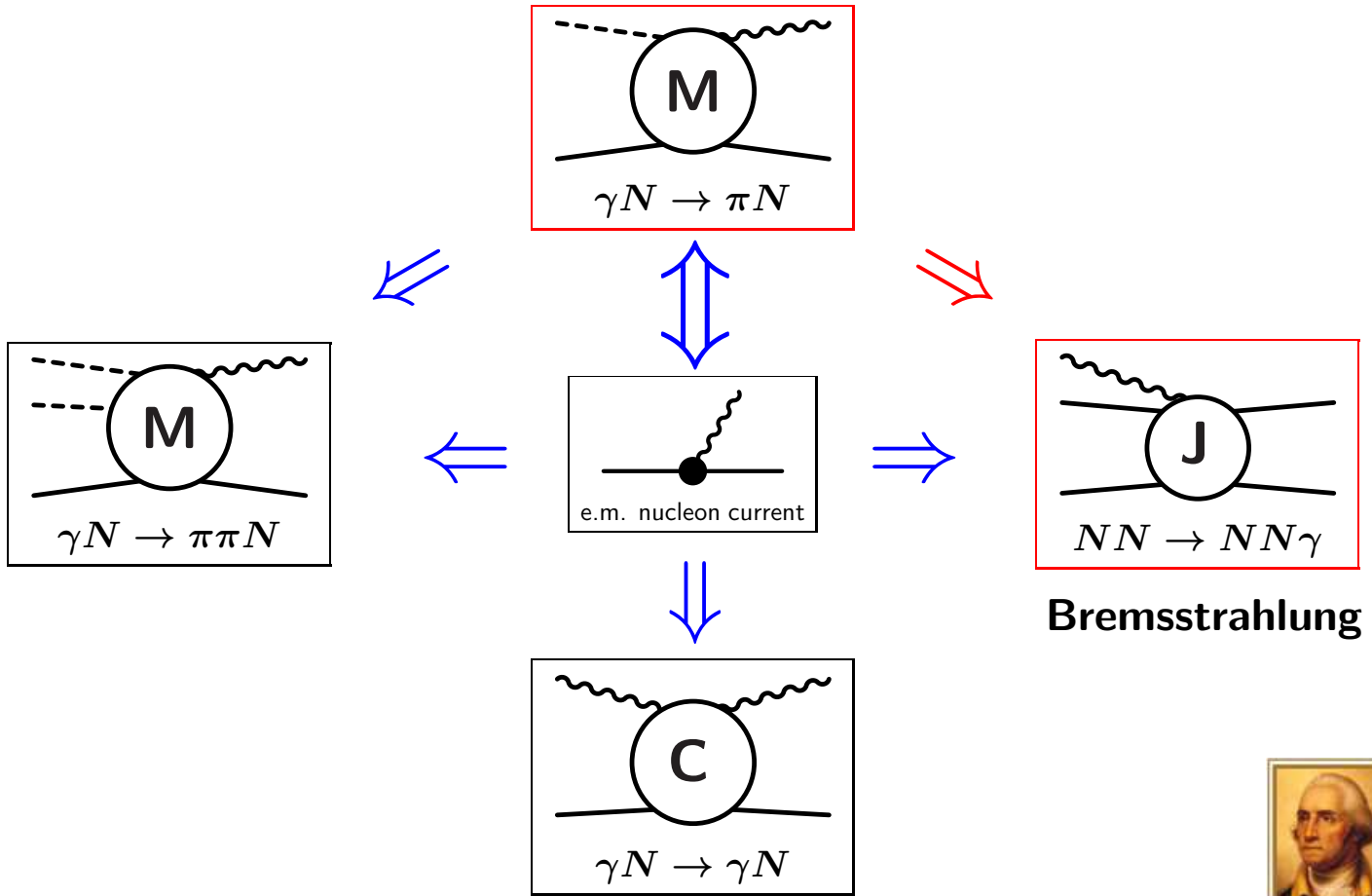


Dashed green curves: w/o M_c^μ

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Dynamical Links between Photoprocesses — Bremsstrahlung

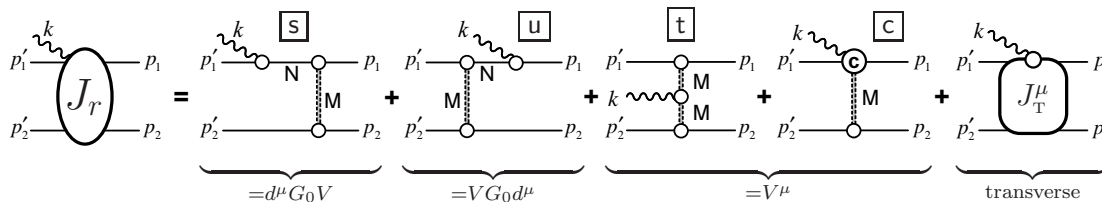


Bremsstrahlung $NN \rightarrow NN\gamma$

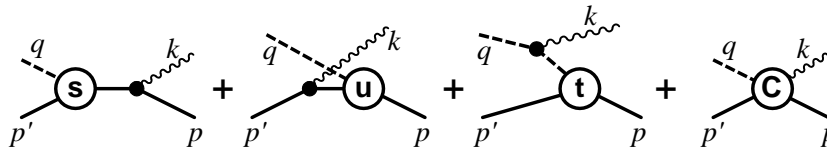
■ Bremsstrahlung Current:

$$J_B^\mu = (TG_0 + 1)J_r^\mu(1 + G_0T)$$

T : NN T -matrix



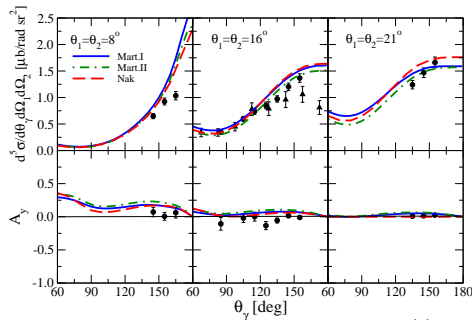
■ Compare the photon processes along the top nucleon line above to the meson production diagrams below.



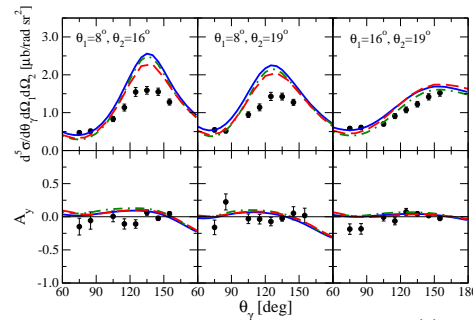
⇒ Essential parts of the process can be described as a meson capture process — i.e., as an inverse photoproduction process — in the presence of a spectator nucleon.



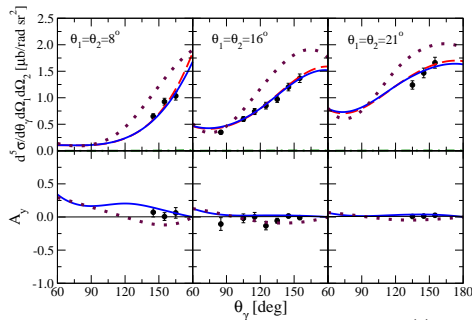
■ Application to KVI data. — Or: Resolving a longstanding problem:



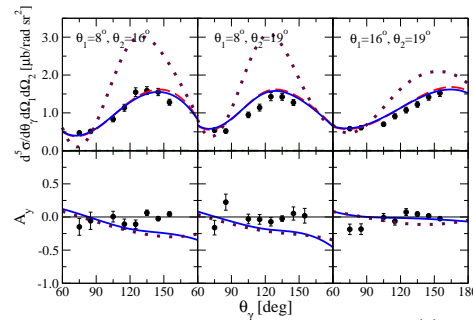
(a)



(b)



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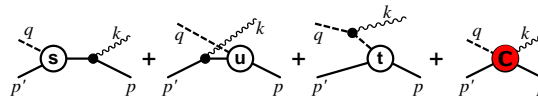


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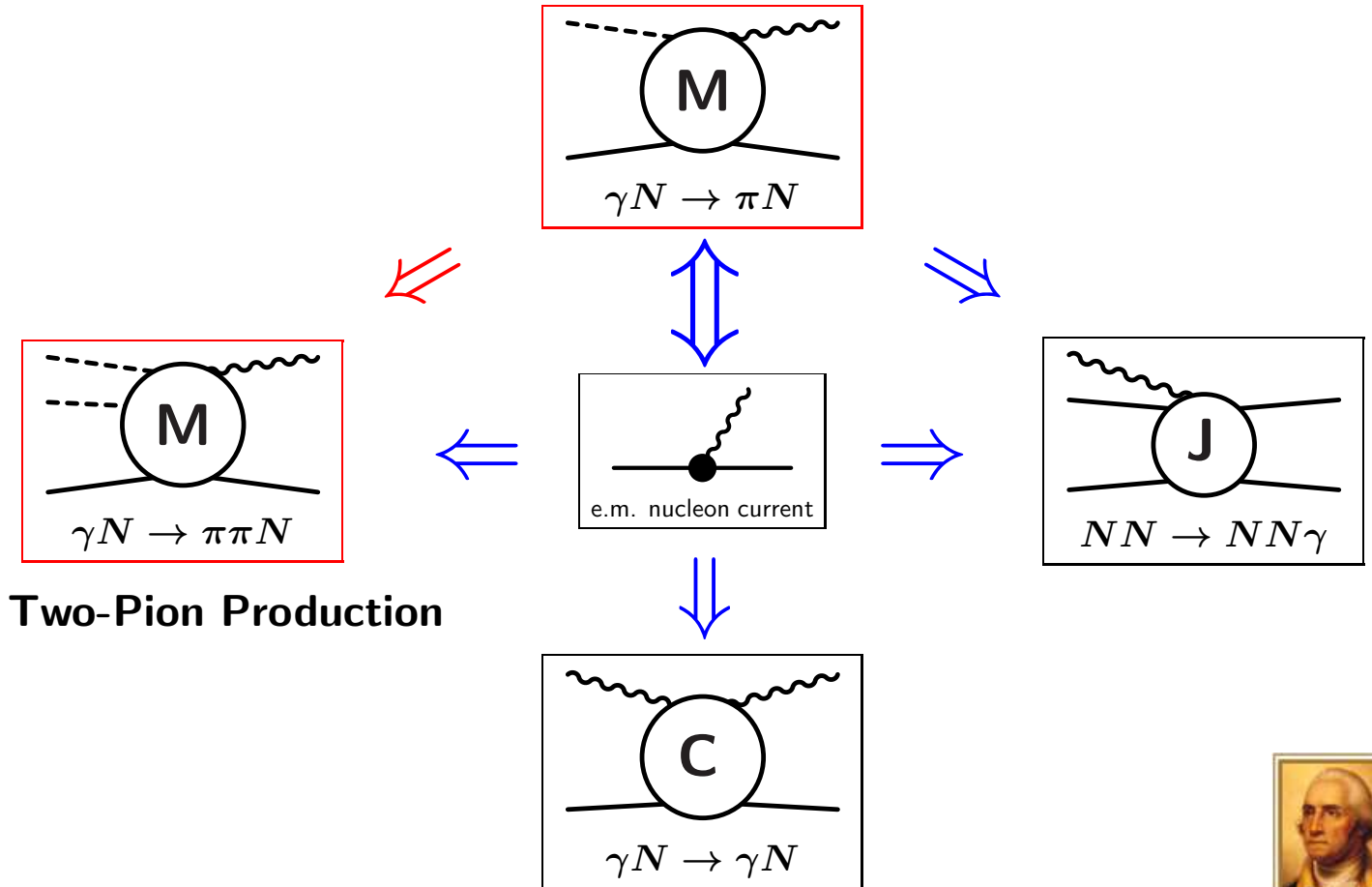
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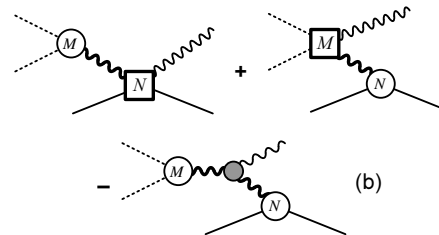
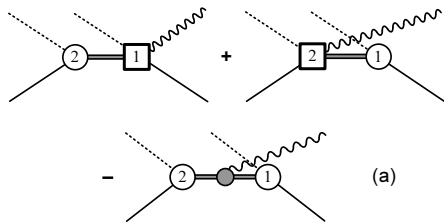
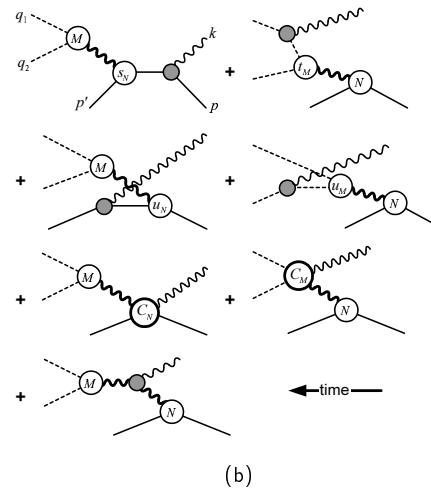
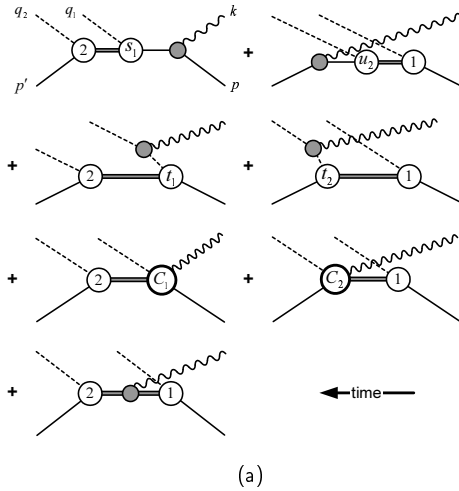
- Inclusion of the **four-point interaction current** from meson photoproduction brings about a dramatic improvement.



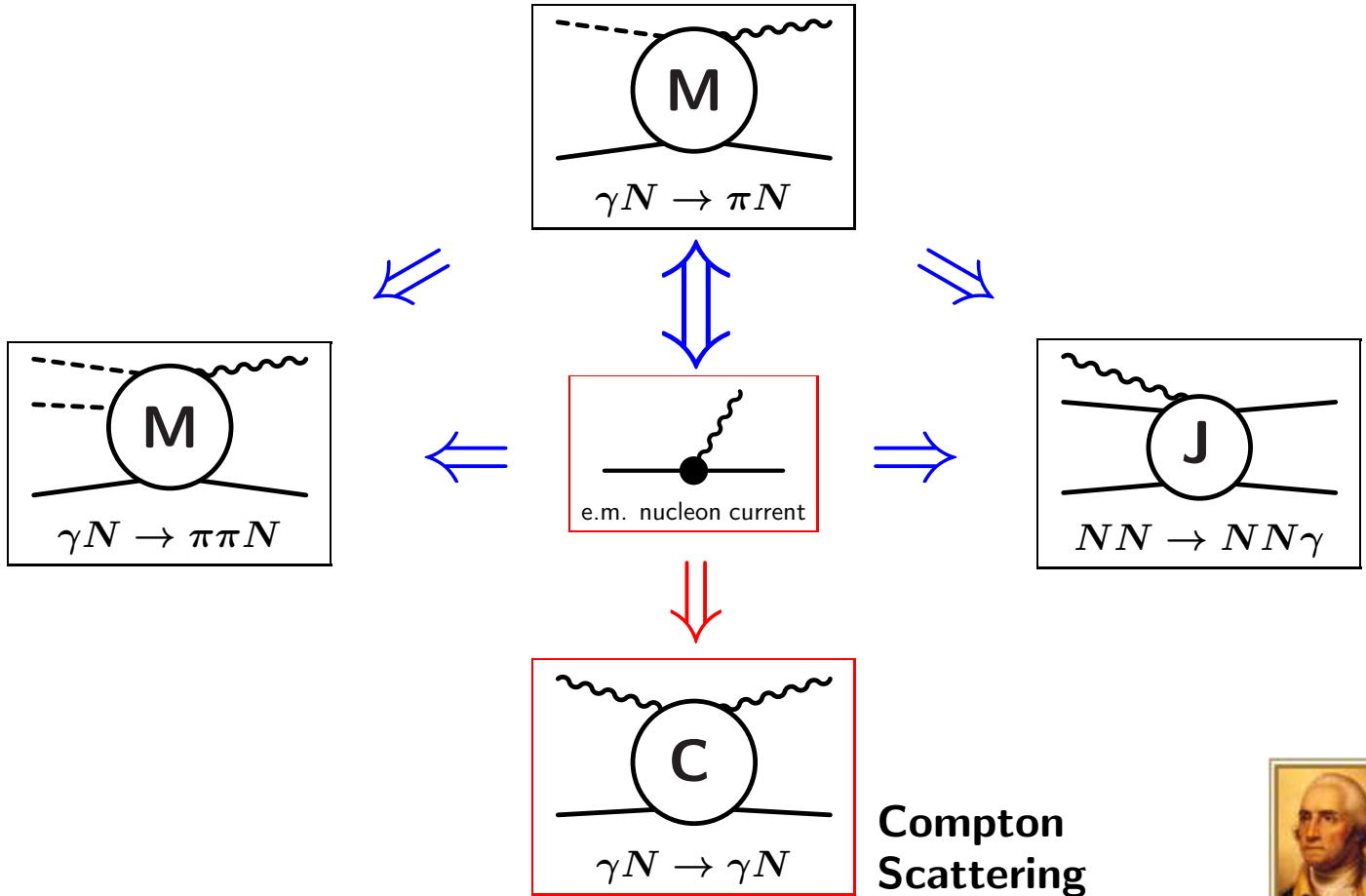
Dynamical Links between Photoprocesses — Two-Pion Production



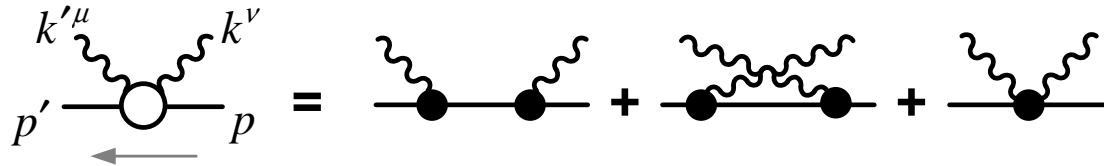
Basic Two-pion Production Mechanisms



Dynamical Links between Photoprocesses — Compton Scattering



Compton Scattering $\gamma N \rightarrow \gamma N$



- s - and u -channel terms employ dressed current just described.
- Contact term constrained by gauge invariance.



Conclusions

- There exists a very close relationship between the dressed nucleon current and the pion photoproduction current.
- Exploiting this relationship suggests physically meaningful approximations that work, despite the enormous complexity of the exact formalism.
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- Requiring gauge invariance in the form of *off-shell* (generalized) Ward-Takahashi identities for each subprocess provides a powerful tool for constraining the contributing mechanisms *and* ensuring overall gauge invariance as a matter of course.
- **Note:** Gauge invariance (as an off-shell condition) cannot be maintained in a non-covariant phenomenological Lagrange-type formalism. At best, one can have non-unique non-relativistic types of current conservation.



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Thank you!



*) In the spirit of HH, Nakayama, Krewald, PRC 74, 045202 (2006), but decisively different in detail.