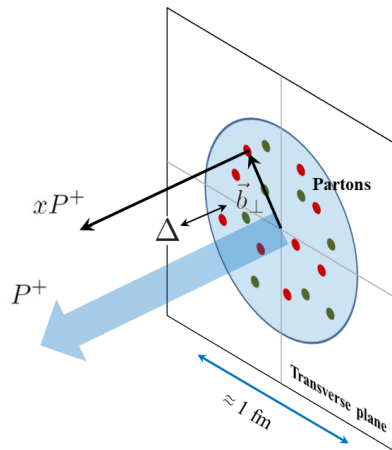




Hadron structure with GPDs (1/5)

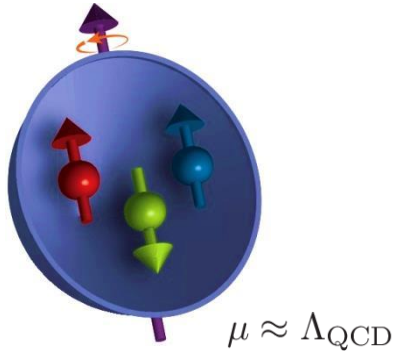
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Nucleon structure

Non-relativistic picture

dominated by **constituents**

Spectroscopy



Mass

$$M_N c^2 \sim \sum_Q M_Q c^2 + E_{\text{binding}}$$

~ 102 % ~ -2 %

Spin

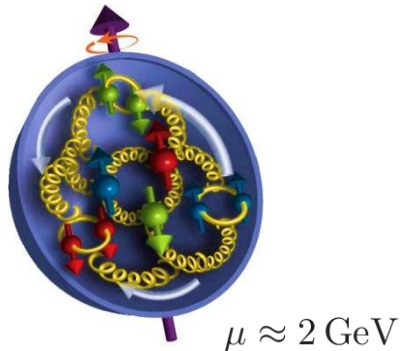
$$J_z^N \sim \sum_Q S_z^Q$$

~ 100 %

Relativistic picture

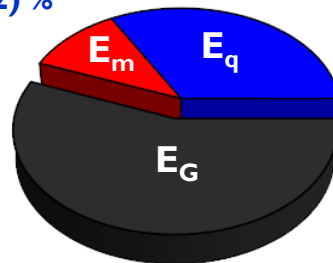
dominated by **dynamics**

High-energy scattering



Quark mass
& QCD condensate
~ 11(2) %

Quark
kinetic+potential
energies
~ 33(2) %

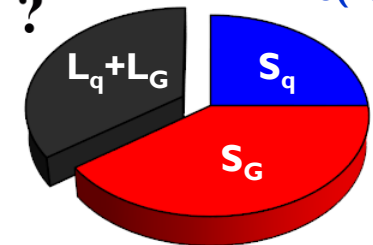


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Gluon
kinetic+potential
energies

Orbital angular
momentum

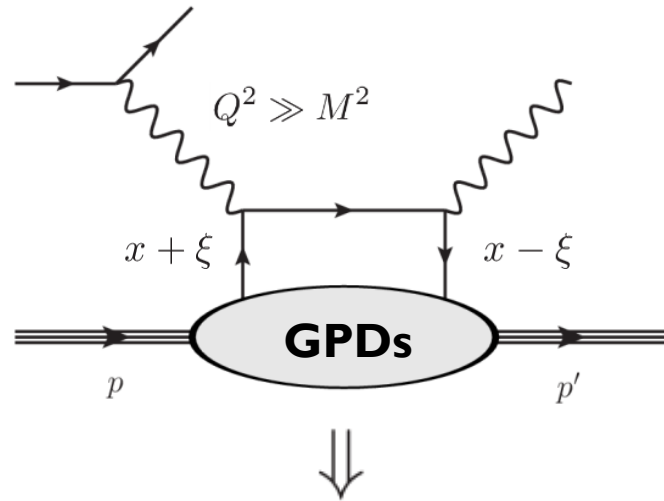
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Quark spin
~ 25(10) %

~ 40(?) %
Gluon spin

Objective of these lectures



Deeply virtual Compton scattering (DVCS)

$$\int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ixP^+z^-} \langle p', s' | \bar{\psi}(-\frac{z}{2}) \Gamma \mathcal{W}(-\frac{z}{2}, \frac{z}{2}) \psi(\frac{z}{2}) | p, s \rangle \Big|_{z^+ = |\vec{z}_\perp| = 0}$$

↑
Non-local operator

↙ ↘
Off-forward matrix element

What is the physical meaning/content of such a correlator ?

Outline

- Mo** • Spatial imaging
- Tu-We** • Light-front & phase-space pictures
- We** • Energy-momentum tensor
- Th-Fr** • Mass & spin decompositions
- Fr** • Mechanical properties

➡ ***Do not hesitate to ask questions !***

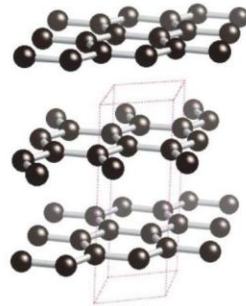
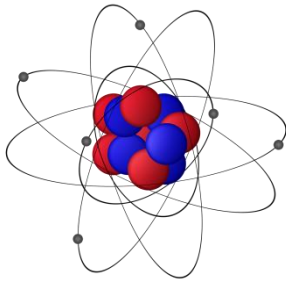


Spatial imaging

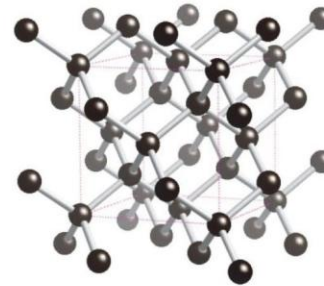
Spatial structure

3D structure is fundamental to understand physical properties

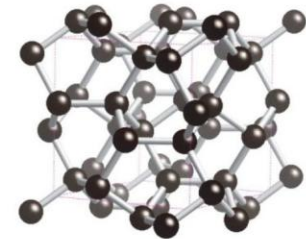
i.e. thermal, electrical, mechanical, ...



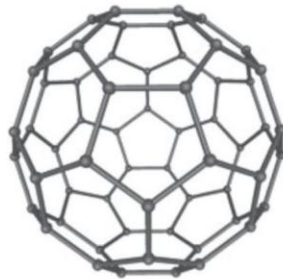
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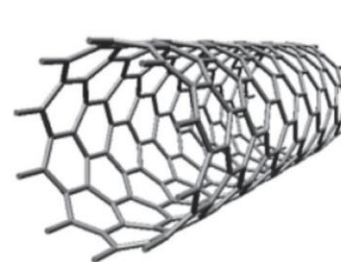
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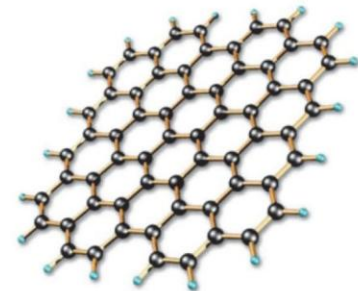
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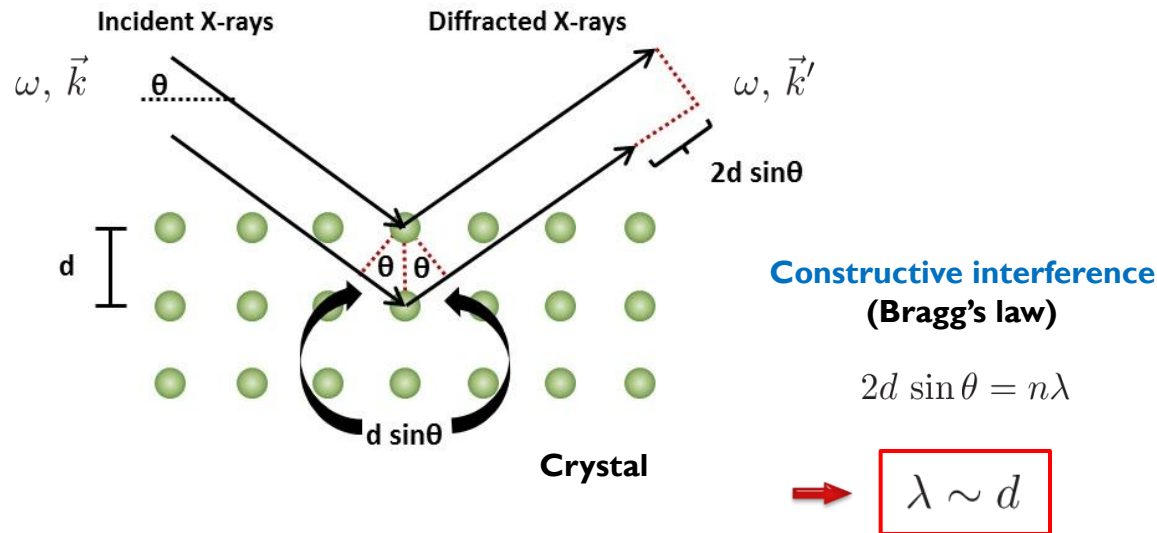
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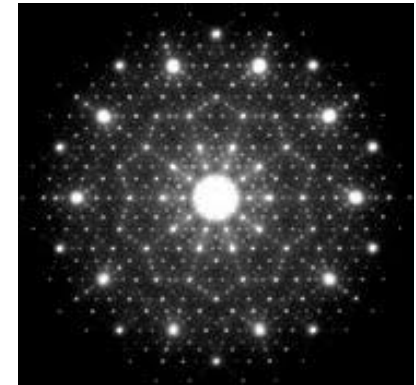
graphene

Spatial structure through elastic scattering

Example: X-ray diffraction



Diffraction pattern



$$\propto |A_{\text{scatt}}|^2$$

Scattered amplitude

$$A_{\text{scatt}} \propto F(\vec{q}) = \int d^3r e^{i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}} \rho(\vec{r}) \quad \vec{q} = \vec{k} - \vec{k}'$$

Form factor Scatterer distribution

Nuclear elastic scattering

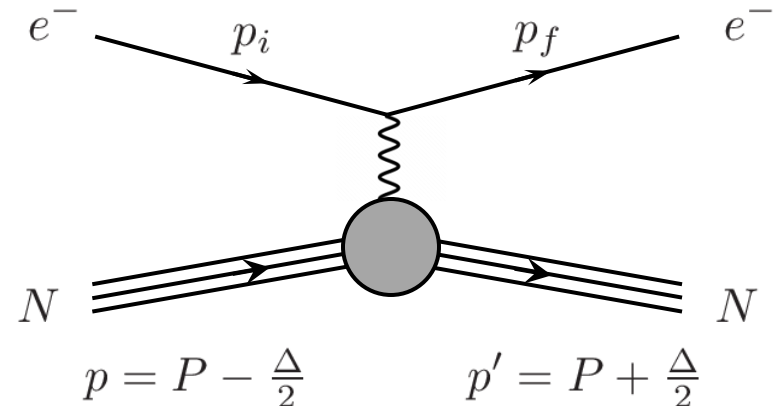
Crystals & atoms	$d \approx 10^{-10} \text{ m}$	$\Rightarrow \hbar\omega \approx 10^4 \text{ eV}$	$\Rightarrow$	X-rays
Nuclei & nucleons	$d \approx 10^{-15} \text{ m}$	$\Rightarrow \hbar\omega \approx 10^9 \text{ eV}$	$\Rightarrow$	High-energy electron beams

 **Large recoil for light nuclei!**

Relativistic treatment in Born approximation

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right/ \left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right|_{\text{pointlike}} = [F(Q^2)]^2$$

*Spin-0
target*



$$= \left\{ [G_E(Q^2)]^2 + \frac{\tau}{\epsilon} [G_M(Q^2)]^2 \right\} \frac{1}{1 + \tau}$$

Electric
form factor
Magnetic
form factor

$$Q^2 = -\Delta^2$$

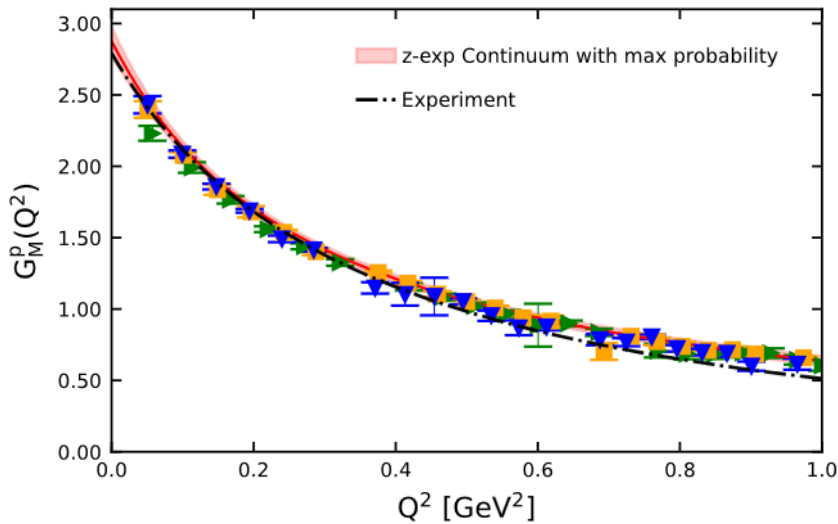
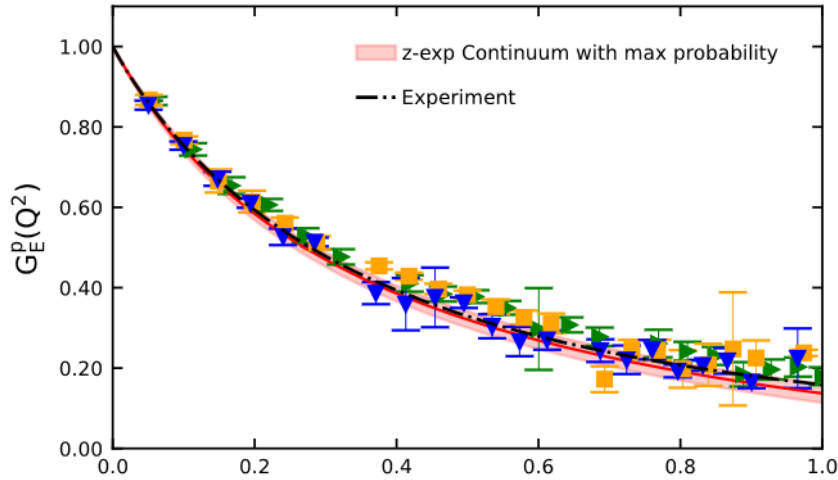
$$\tau = Q^2 / 4M_N^2$$

$$\epsilon = (1 + 2(1 + \tau) \tan^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2})^{-1}$$

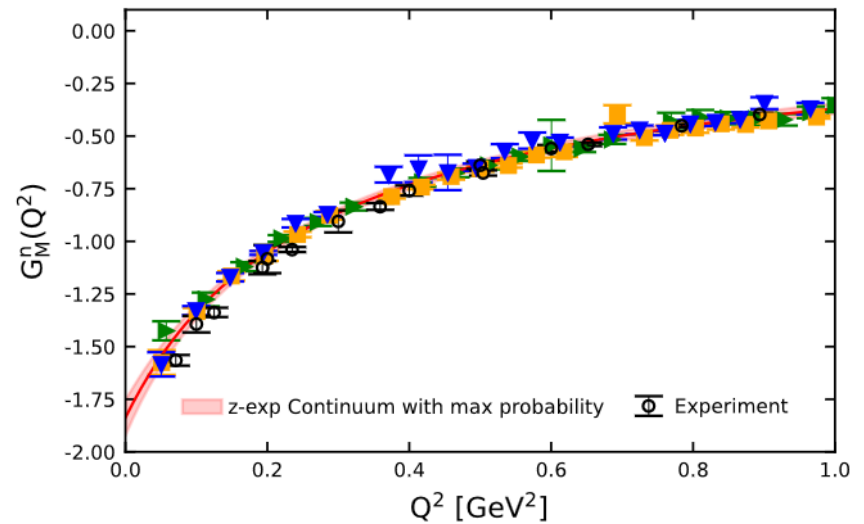
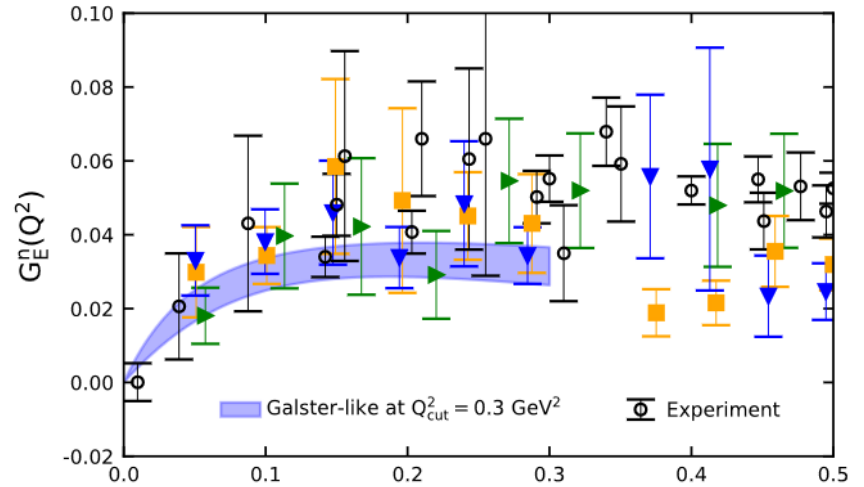
[Rosenbluth, PR79 (1950) 615]
 [Hofstadter, RMP28 (1956) 214]
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Nucleon form factors (low Q^2)

Proton



Neutron

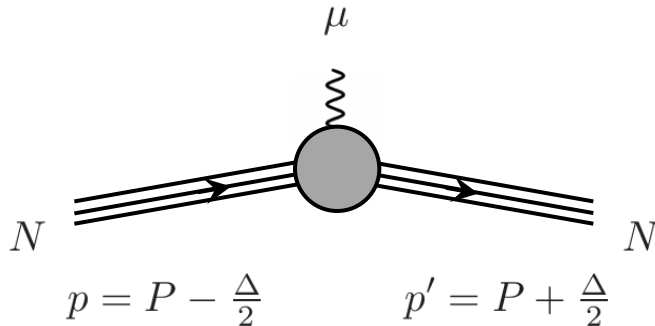


$a = 0.080$ fm
 $a = 0.068$ fm
 $a = 0.057$ fm

[Alexandrou *et al.*, PRD113 (2026) 11, 114524]

Electromagnetic current matrix elements

Normalization $\langle p' | p \rangle = (2\pi)^3 2p^0 \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p}' - \vec{p})$



$$\langle p', s' | J^\mu(0) | p, s \rangle = \bar{u}(p', s') \Gamma^\mu(P, \Delta) u(p, s)$$

$$\Gamma^\mu(P, \Delta) = \underbrace{\gamma^\mu F_1(Q^2)}_{\text{Dirac form factor}} + \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} \Delta_\nu}{2M_N} \underbrace{F_2(Q^2)}_{\text{Pauli form factor}}$$

$$F_1(0) = q_N,$$

Electric
charge

$$F_2(0) = \kappa_N$$

Anomalous
magnetic moment

Sachs form factors $Q^2 = -\Delta^2$
 $\tau = Q^2/4M_N^2$

$$G_E(Q^2) = F_1(Q^2) - \tau F_2(Q^2)$$

$$G_M(Q^2) = F_1(Q^2) + F_2(Q^2)$$

Mass shell constraints

$$(P \pm \frac{\Delta}{2})^2 = M_N^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$P \cdot \Delta = 0$$

$$P^2 = M_N^2(1 + \tau)$$

Non-relativistic interpretation

Localized states

$$|\vec{r}\rangle = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{r}} |\vec{p}\rangle$$

Normalization $\langle \vec{p}' | \vec{p} \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p}' - \vec{p})$

$$\langle \vec{r}' | \rho(\vec{x}) | \vec{r} \rangle = \int \frac{d^3P}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3\Delta}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{P}\cdot(\vec{r}' - \vec{r})} e^{-i\vec{\Delta}\cdot(\vec{x} - \frac{\vec{r}' + \vec{r}}{2})} \langle \vec{P} + \frac{\vec{\Delta}}{2} | \rho(\vec{0}) | \vec{P} - \frac{\vec{\Delta}}{2} \rangle$$

Charge density

Galilean symmetry

$$\langle \vec{P} + \frac{\vec{\Delta}}{2} | \rho(\vec{0}) | \vec{P} - \frac{\vec{\Delta}}{2} \rangle = \langle \frac{\vec{\Delta}}{2} | \rho(\vec{0}) | -\frac{\vec{\Delta}}{2} \rangle$$

Non-relativistic boost

$$\vec{p} \mapsto \vec{p} + M_N \vec{v}$$

$$\langle \vec{r}' | \rho(\vec{x}) | \vec{r} \rangle = \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r}' - \vec{r}) \underbrace{\int \frac{d^3\Delta}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-i\vec{\Delta}\cdot(\vec{x} - \vec{r})} \langle \frac{\vec{\Delta}}{2} | \rho(\vec{0}) | -\frac{\vec{\Delta}}{2} \rangle}_{\equiv \rho(\vec{x} - \vec{r})} \quad \text{Internal distribution}$$

Generic state $\langle \psi | \psi \rangle = 1$

Wave packet $\psi(\vec{r}) = \langle \vec{r} | \psi \rangle$

$$\rightarrow \langle \rho \rangle_\psi(\vec{x}) = \langle \psi | \rho(\vec{x}) | \psi \rangle = \int d^3r |\psi(\vec{r})|^2 \rho(\vec{x} - \vec{r})$$

Probabilistic interpretation

Semi-relativistic interpretation (Sachs approach)

Generic state $\langle \psi | \psi \rangle = 1$

Normalization $\langle \vec{p}' | \vec{p} \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p}' - \vec{p})$

Wave packet $\tilde{\psi}(\vec{p}) = \langle \vec{p} | \psi \rangle$

$$\langle \psi | O(x) | \psi \rangle = \int \frac{d^3 P}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 \Delta}{(2\pi)^3} \tilde{\psi}^*(\vec{P} + \frac{\vec{\Delta}}{2}) \tilde{\psi}(\vec{P} - \frac{\vec{\Delta}}{2}) \langle \vec{P} + \frac{\vec{\Delta}}{2} | O(x) | \vec{P} - \frac{\vec{\Delta}}{2} \rangle$$

Crucial assumption $\tilde{\psi}(\vec{P} \pm \frac{\vec{\Delta}}{2}) \approx \tilde{\psi}(\vec{P})$

$$\langle \psi | O(x) | \psi \rangle \stackrel{x^0=0}{\approx} \int \frac{d^3 P}{(2\pi)^3} |\tilde{\psi}(\vec{P})|^2 \underbrace{\int \frac{d^3 \Delta}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-i\vec{\Delta} \cdot \vec{x}} \langle \vec{P} + \frac{\vec{\Delta}}{2} | O(0) | \vec{P} - \frac{\vec{\Delta}}{2} \rangle}_{\text{Internal distribution}}$$

Internal distribution

Probabilistic interpretation

Validity domain $1/D \ll |\vec{\Delta}| \ll |\delta \vec{p}| \ll P^0$

(System size)⁻¹

Resolution

Width of
wave packet

(Boosted Compton
wavelength)⁻¹

Breit frame $|\vec{P}| = 0 \Rightarrow P^0 \approx M_N$

$|\tilde{\psi}(\vec{P})|^2 \rightarrow (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\vec{P})$  **Clash with** $\tilde{\psi}(\vec{P} \pm \frac{\vec{\Delta}}{2}) \approx \tilde{\psi}(\vec{P})$!

Hydrogen $M_H D_H \approx 10^5$ 

Nucleon $M_N D_N \approx 4$ 

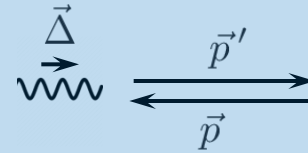
[Sachs, PR126 (1962) 2256]

[Burkardt, PRD62 (2000) 071503]

[Belitsky, Ji, Yuan, PRD69 (2004) 074014]

Semi-relativistic interpretation (Sachs approach)

Breit (aka brick-wall) frame



$$\vec{P} = \vec{0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta^0 = \frac{\vec{P} \cdot \vec{\Delta}}{P^0} = 0$$

$$\langle p', s' | J^0(0) | p, s \rangle \Big|_{\text{BF}} = 2M_N \delta_{s's} G_E(Q^2)$$

$$\langle p', s' | \vec{J}(0) | p, s \rangle \Big|_{\text{BF}} = i(\vec{\sigma}_{s's} \times \vec{\Delta}) G_M(Q^2)$$

Same structure as in non-relativistic case !

$$Q^2 \Big|_{\text{BF}} = \vec{\Delta}^2$$

3D charge distribution

$$\rho_E^{\text{BF}}(\vec{r}) = \int \frac{d^3\Delta}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-i\vec{\Delta} \cdot \vec{r}} \frac{G_E(Q^2)}{\sqrt{1+\tau}}$$

Relativistic recoil corrections ?

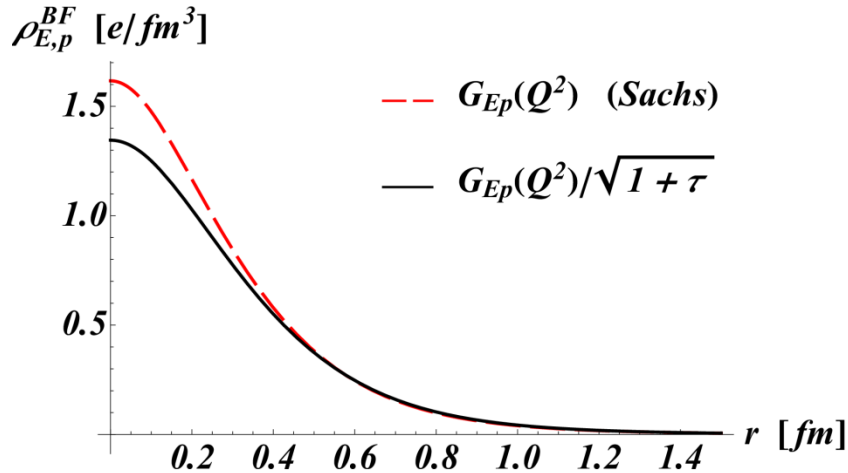
$$P^0 \Big|_{\text{BF}} = M_N \sqrt{1+\tau}$$

responsible for the Darwin term in the non-relativistic expansion

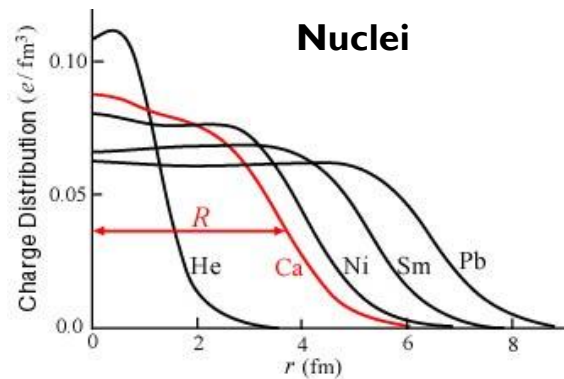
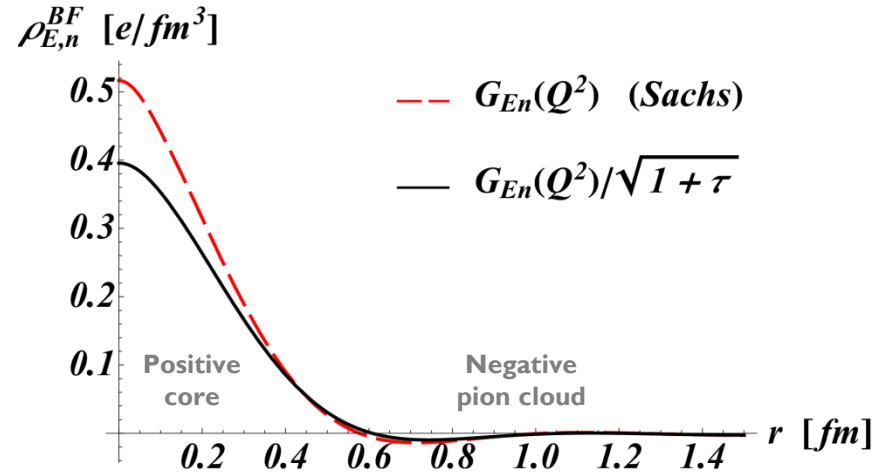
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \Big/ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \Big|_{\text{pointlike}} = \left\{ [G_E(Q^2)]^2 + \frac{\tau}{\epsilon} [G_M(Q^2)]^2 \right\} \frac{1}{1+\tau}$$

Breit frame distributions

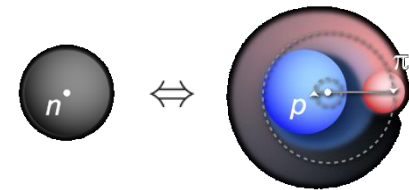
Proton



Neutron



Proton-pion fluctuation

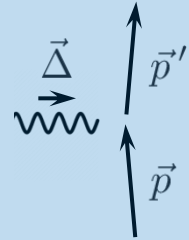


Relativistic interpretation (IMF approach)

Probabilistic interpretation

Validity domain $1/D \ll |\vec{\Delta}| \ll |\delta\vec{p}| \ll P^0$

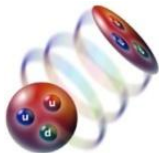
Infinite-momentum frame



$$P_z \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \Delta^0 \approx \Delta_z \ll P^0$$

$$\langle p', \lambda' | J^0(0) | p, \lambda \rangle \Big|_{\text{IMF}} = 2P^0 \left[\delta_{\lambda'\lambda} F_1(Q^2) + \frac{i(\vec{\sigma}_{\lambda'\lambda} \times \vec{\Delta})_z}{2M_N} F_2(Q^2) \right] \quad Q^2 \Big|_{\text{IMF}} = \vec{\Delta}_\perp^2$$

2D charge distribution



$$\rho_E^{\text{IMF}}(\vec{b}_\perp) = \int \frac{d^2\Delta_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\vec{\Delta}_\perp \cdot \vec{b}_\perp} F_1(Q^2) - \frac{(\vec{S} \times \vec{\nabla})_z}{M_N} \int \frac{d^2\Delta_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\vec{\Delta}_\perp \cdot \vec{b}_\perp} F_2(Q^2)$$

Galilean symmetry under finite boosts



No recoil correction !

[Bouchiat, Fayet, Meyer, NPB34 (1971) 157]

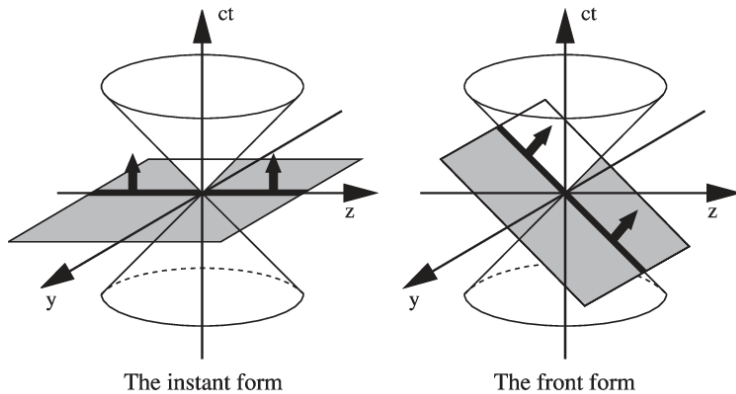
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Other approaches with similar results

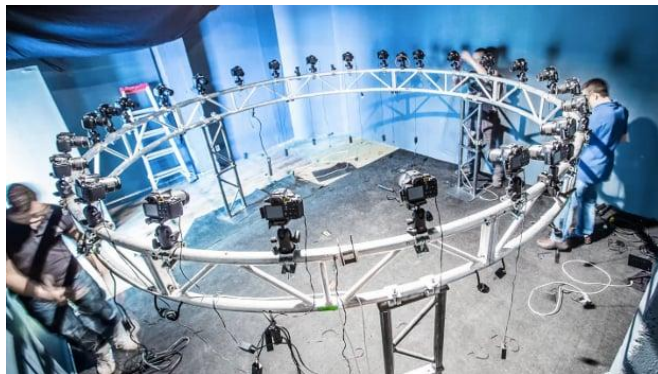
Light-front quantization and Drell-Yan frame $\Delta^+ = 0$ (no need to consider IMF)

$$a = [a^+, a^1, a^2, a^-], \quad a^\pm = \frac{a^0 \pm a^3}{\sqrt{2}}$$



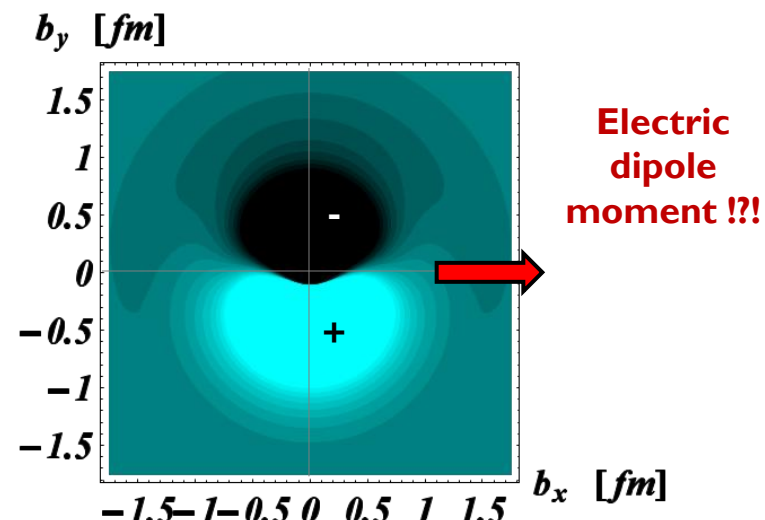
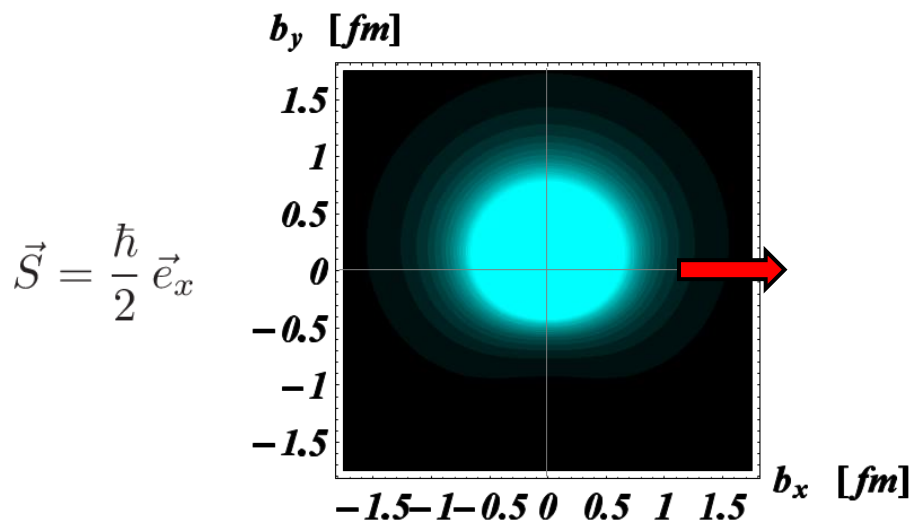
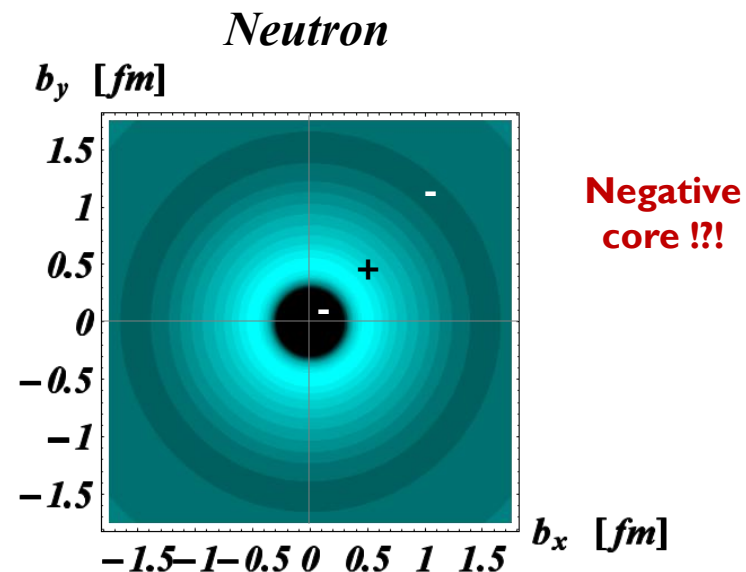
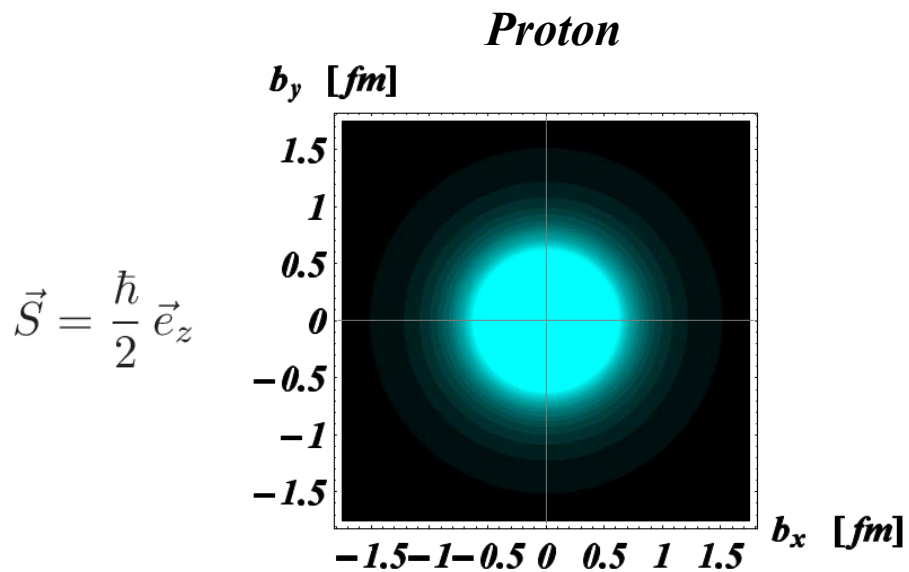
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[Miller, PRL99 (2007) 11200]
[Carlson, Vanderhaeghen, PRL100 (2008) 032004]
[Freese, Miller, PRD105 (2022) 1, 014003]

Method of dimensional counting (IMF averaged over all directions)

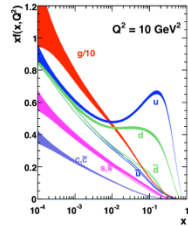


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[Panteleeva, Epelbaum, Gegelia, Meissner, PRD106 (2022) 5, 056019]

IMF distributions



Generalized parton distributions



$\langle p | O(x) | p \rangle$
Non-local operator

PDFs
 x

GPDs

x, Δ

$\langle p' | O(x) | p \rangle$

FFs
 Δ

$\langle p' | O | p \rangle$

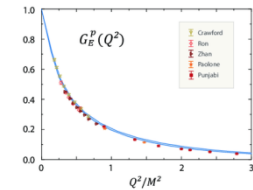
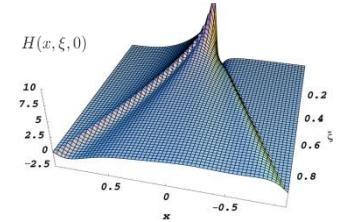
Off-forward
matrix element

$\langle p | O | p \rangle$

Charges

$\rightarrow \Delta = 0$

$\rightarrow \int dx$

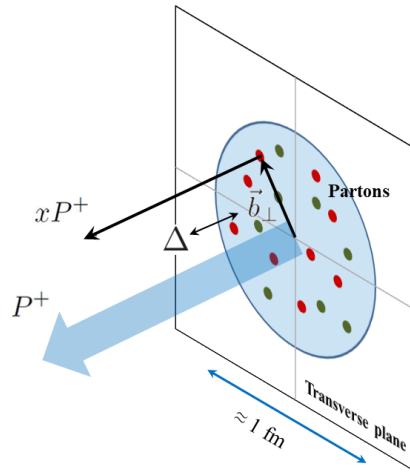


$$O(x) \sim \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ixP^+z^-} \bar{\psi}\left(-\frac{z}{2}\right) \cdots \psi\left(\frac{z}{2}\right) \Big|_{z^+=|\vec{z}_\perp|=0}$$

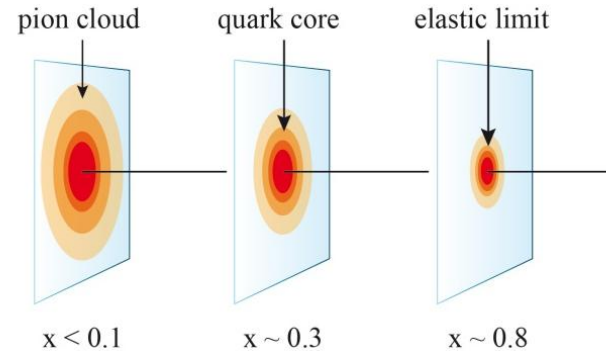
$\Rightarrow \int dx \quad O \sim \bar{\psi}(0) \cdots \psi(0)$

Hadron tomography

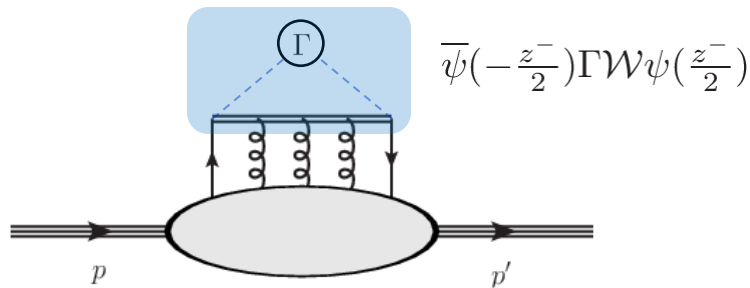
(2+1)D picture $\Delta^+ = 0$



tomos = « cut/section »
graphie = « to draw/write »



Gauge invariance and spin



$$\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{P} \left[\exp \left(ig \int_{\frac{z_-}{2}}^{-\frac{z_-}{2}} dy^- A^+(y) \right) \right] \xrightarrow{A^+ = 0} 1$$

Leading-twist Γ

$\gamma^+ \sim \delta_{\lambda'_q \lambda_q}$	Unpolarized quark
$\gamma^+ \gamma_5 \sim (\sigma_3)_{\lambda'_q \lambda_q}$	Longitudinally polarized quark
$i\sigma^{j+} \gamma_5 \sim (\sigma_j)_{\lambda'_q \lambda_q}$	Transversely polarized quark

[Soper, PRD15 (1977) 1141]
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