

Understanding the nucleon structure: basic formalism, modern tools and open questions

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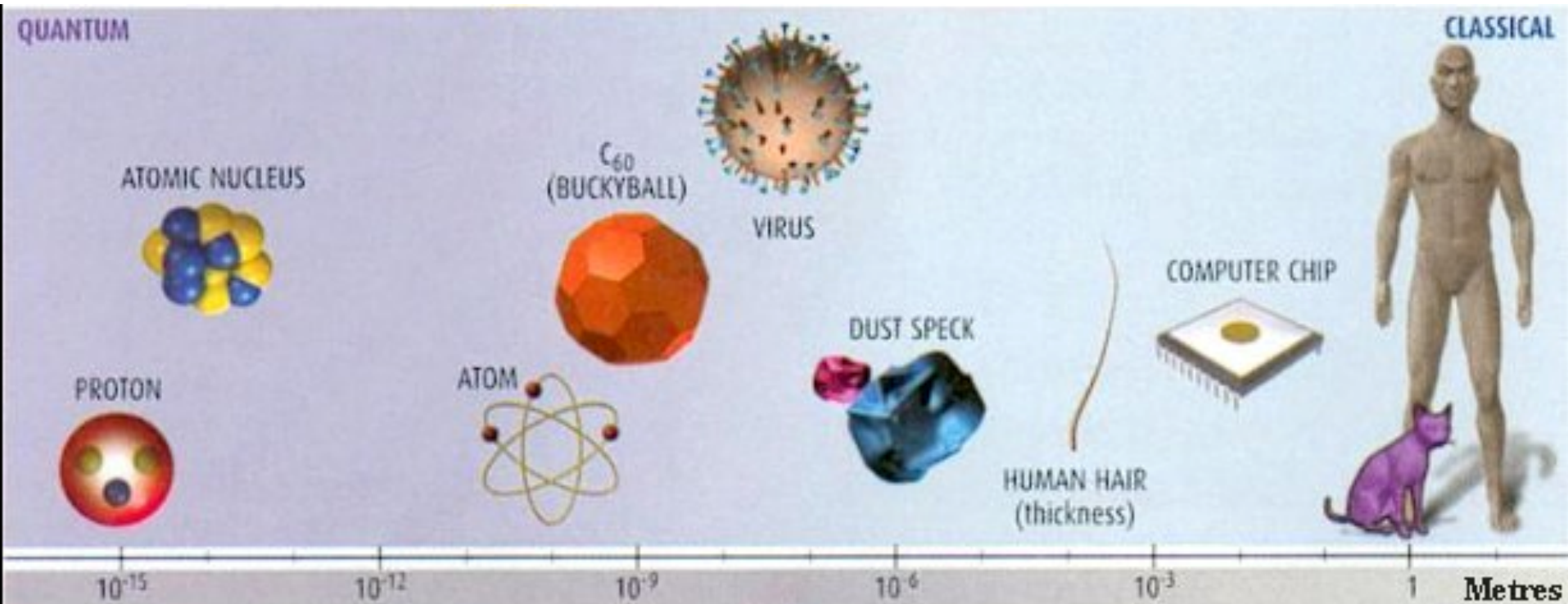
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Scales



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10^{-12} m

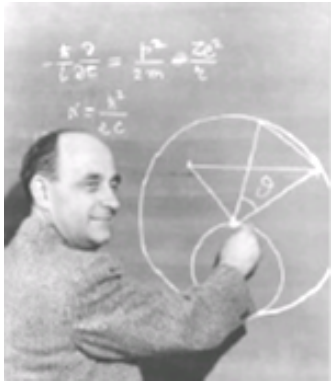
10^{-9} m

10^{-6} m

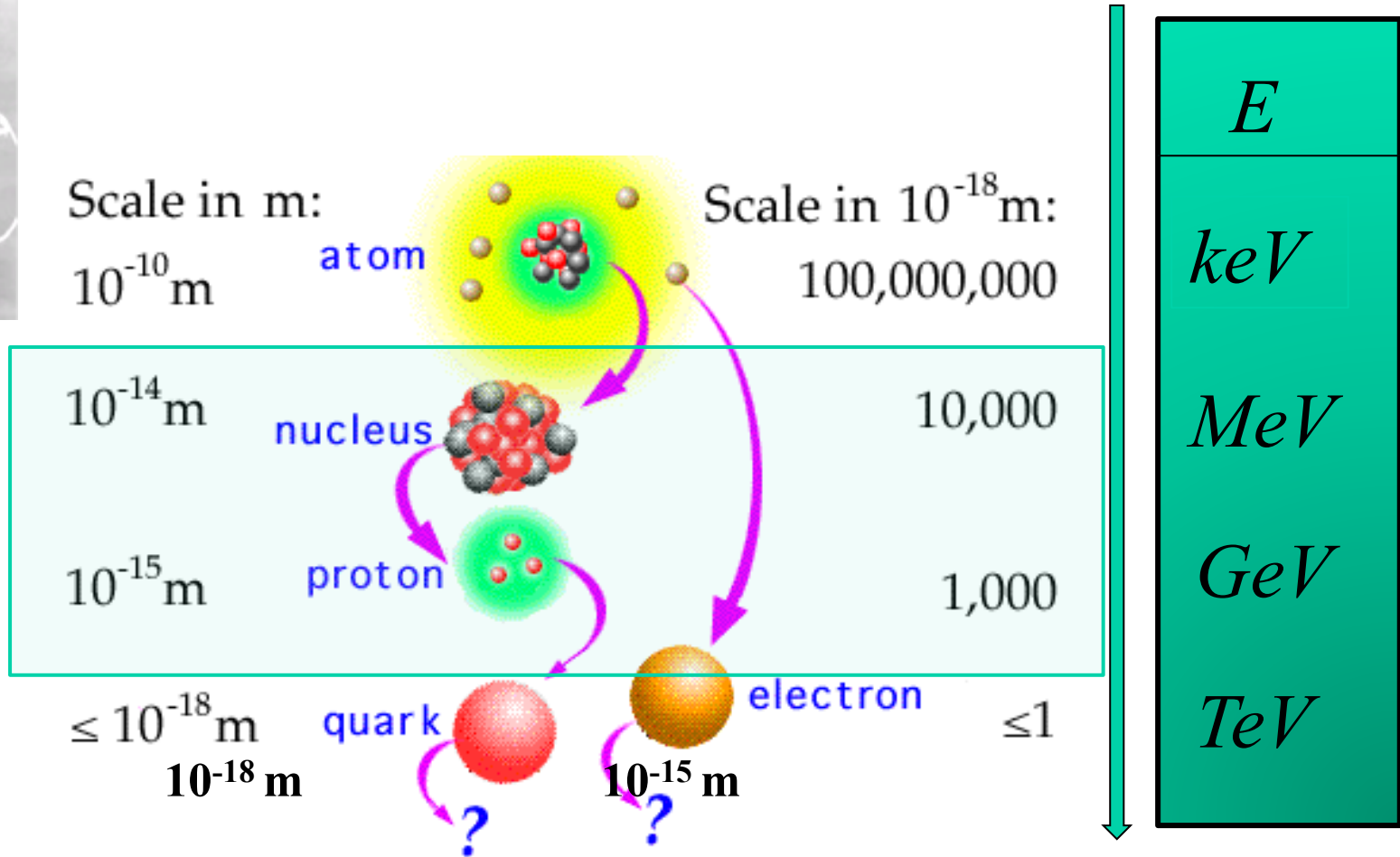
10^{-3} m

1 m

Particle, Nuclear, Hadronic physics



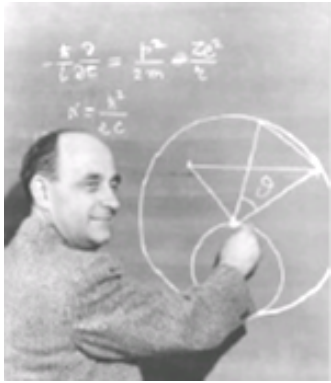
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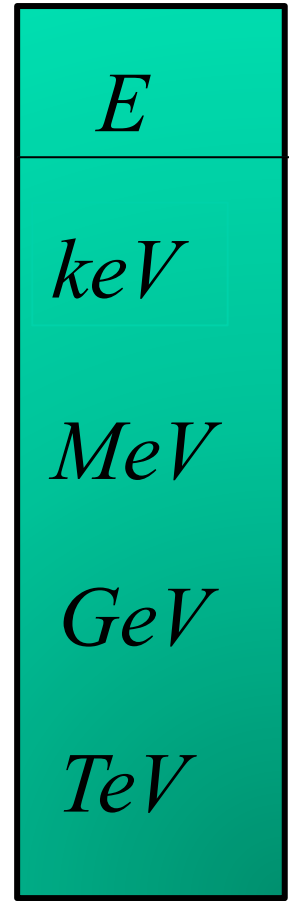
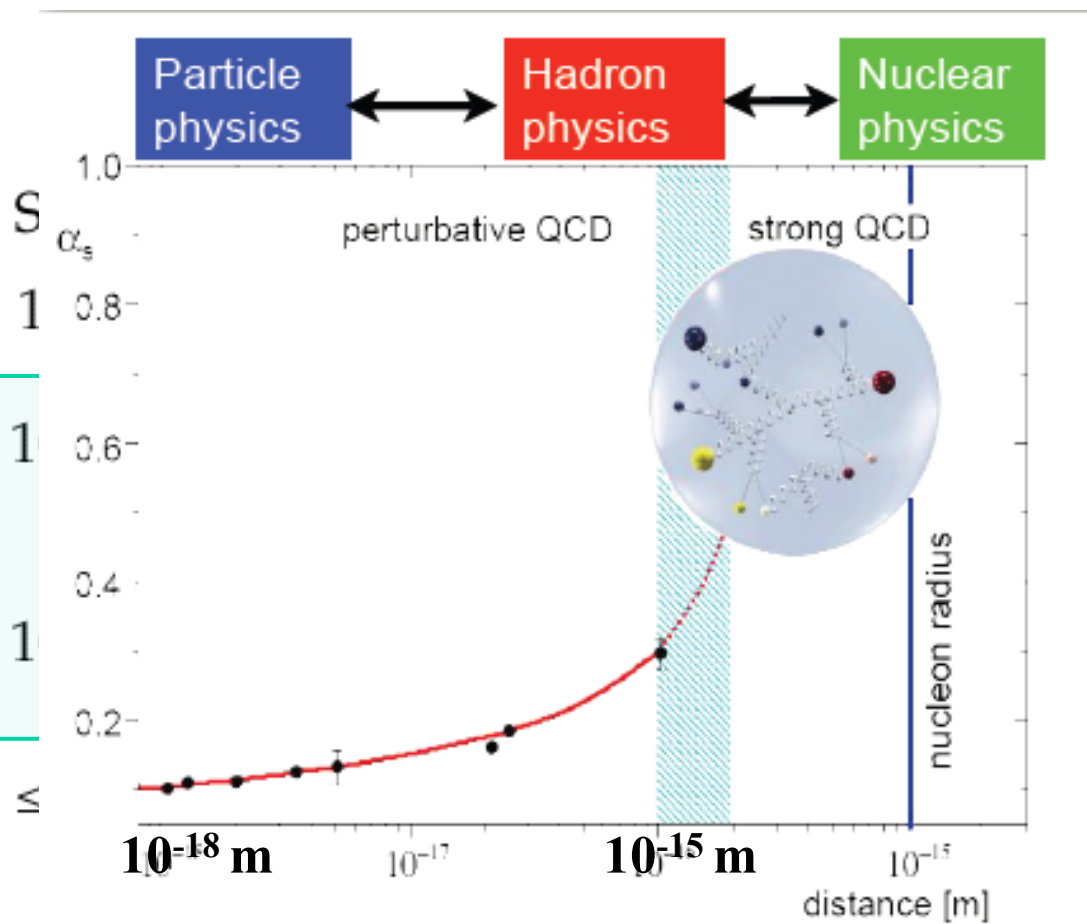
- *What is the microscope?*
- *What to look for?*



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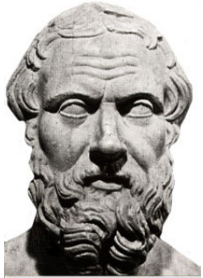


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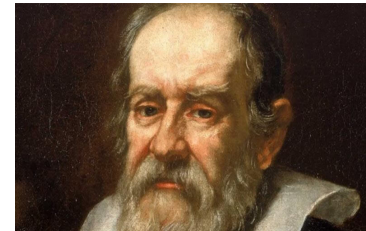
What are the constituents of matter?

From the 4 elements: Air, Water, Earth, Fire.....



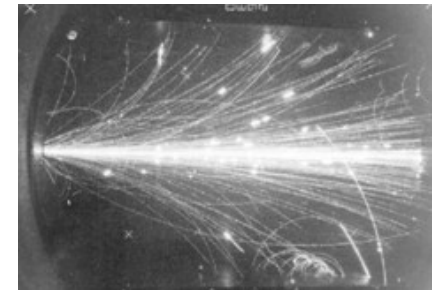
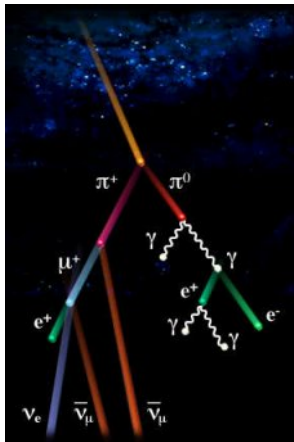
(470-360 BC) Democritus : atoms and vacuum discretization, mechanicism

(1564-1642 AD) Galileo : scientific method observation, hypothesis, experiment and formalize in mathematical form



XX century: Discovery of new particles: electron, proton, neutrino, muon, mesons, baryons...

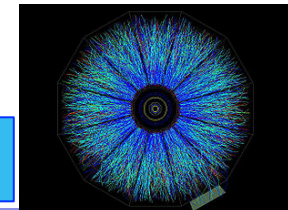
even too many...



Cloud chamber

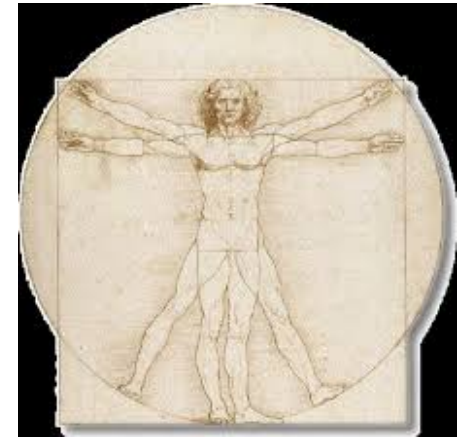
Classification with quarks and leptons
(Standard Model)

STAR at RHIC

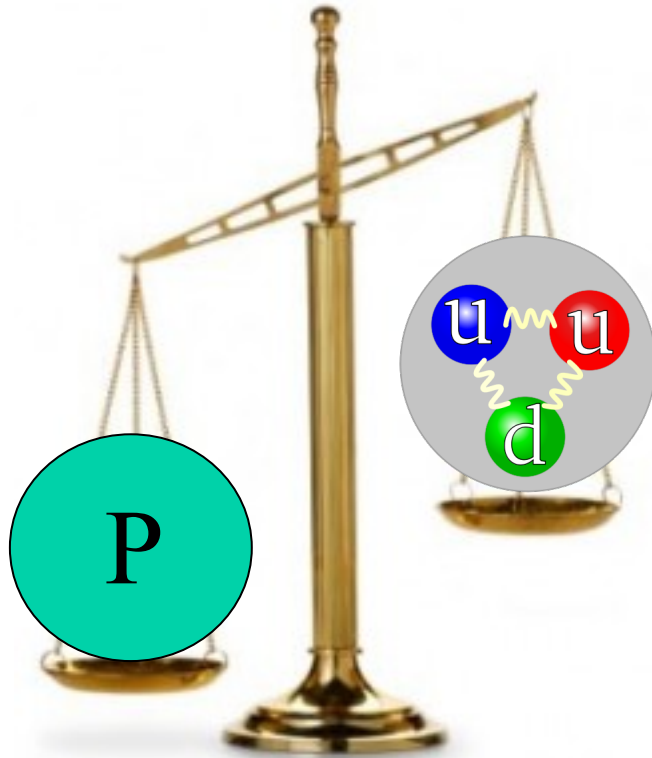


The proton

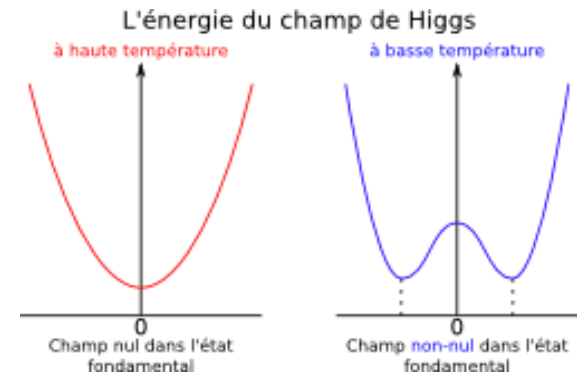
- Hadrons : the most part of visible matter
- Proton is the the most common particle in nature
- Its fundamental properties as
 - Mass
 - Size
 - Spinare still object of controversy



The proton MASS



$$M_p = 938,2720 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$



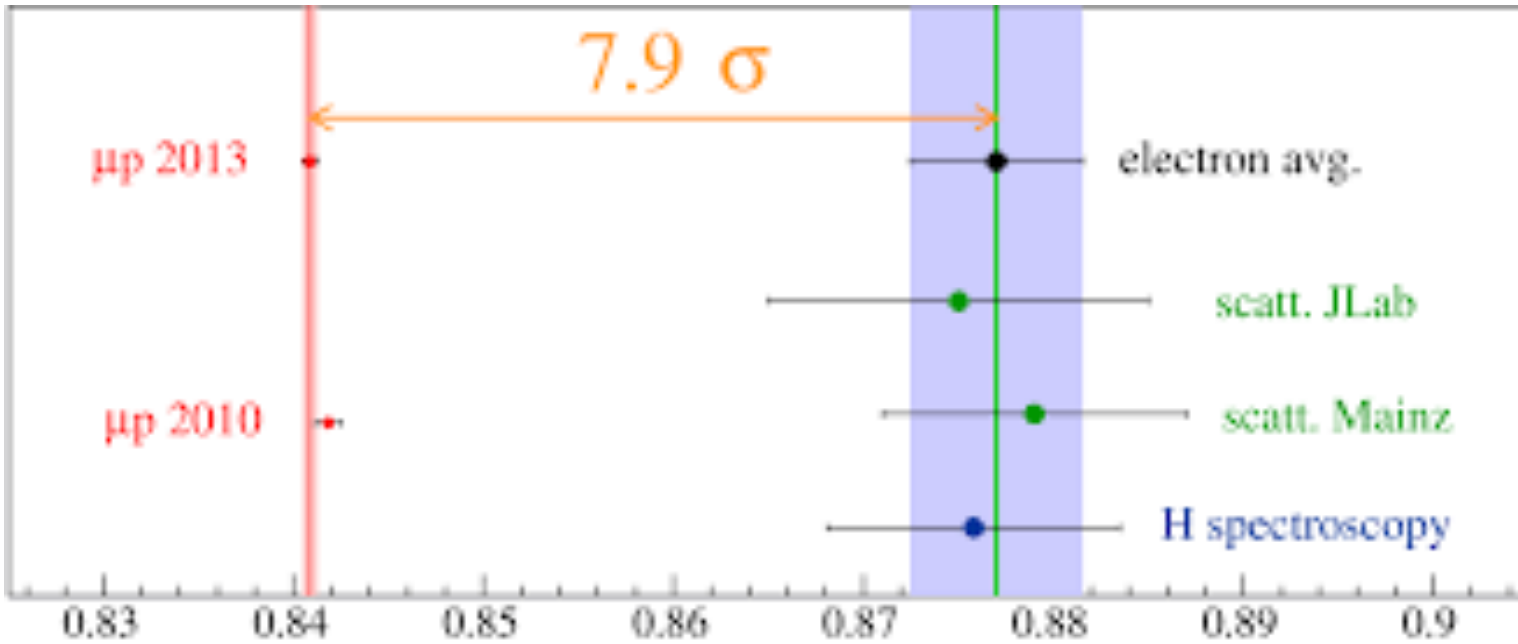
Mass

$$u\text{-quark} = 1.5\text{-}4 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

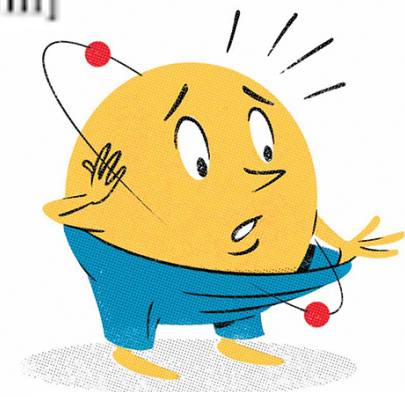
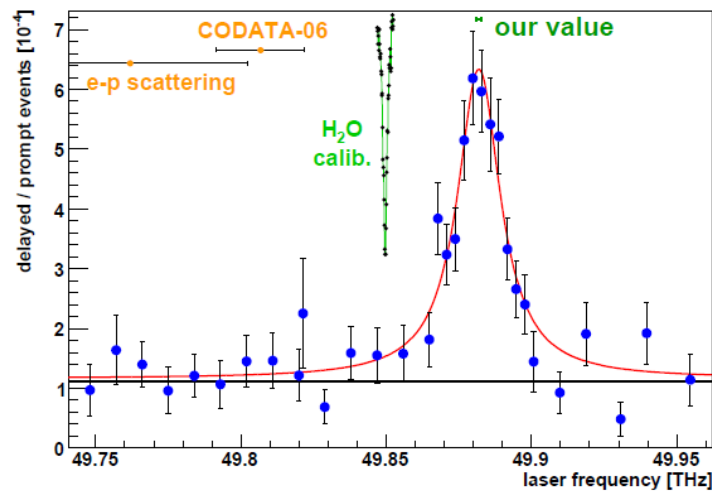
$$d\text{-quark} = 4\text{-}8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$



The Proton Size (Radius)



proton charge radius [fm]

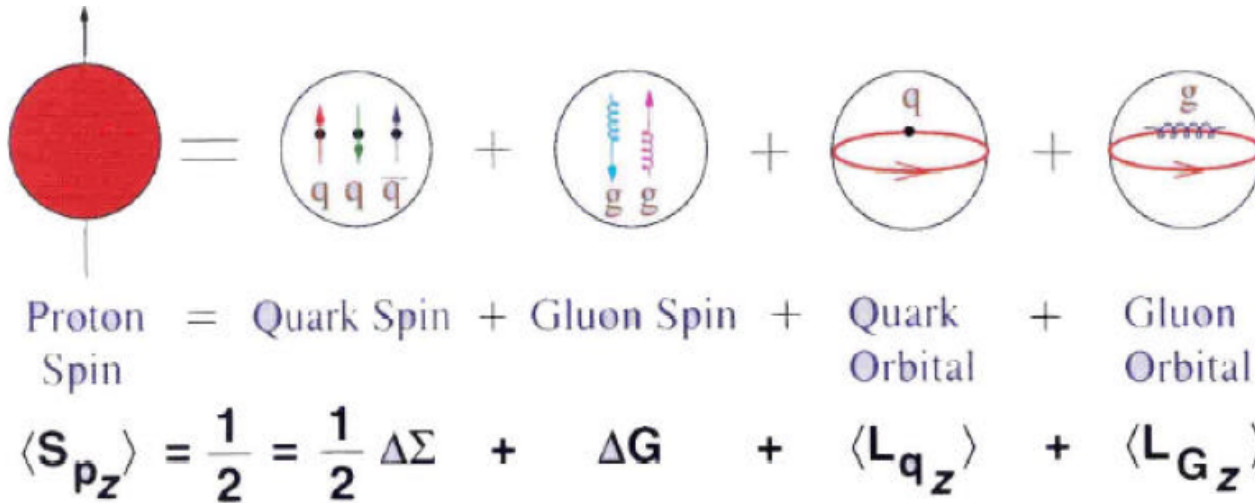


The New York Times

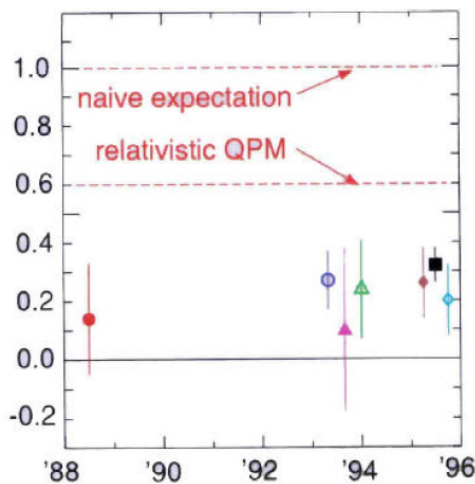


The proton electromagnetic structure (I)

- Who carries the proton spin?



Fraction of Nucleon Spin Carried by Quarks and Antiquarks



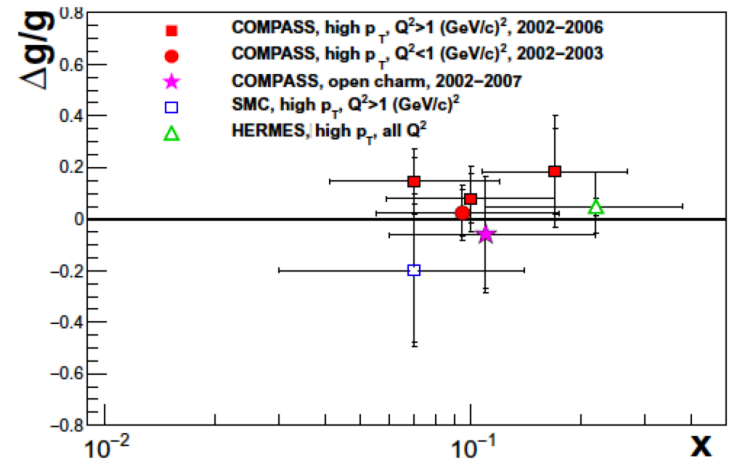
The Proton Spin Puzzle

"Standard" inference of

$$\Delta\Sigma (Q^2 \approx 5 \text{ GeV}^2)$$

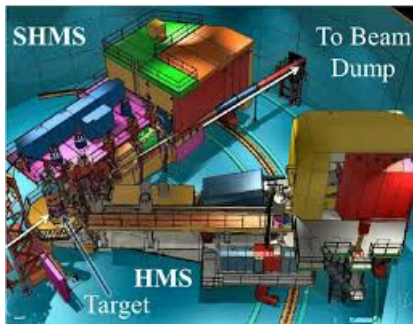
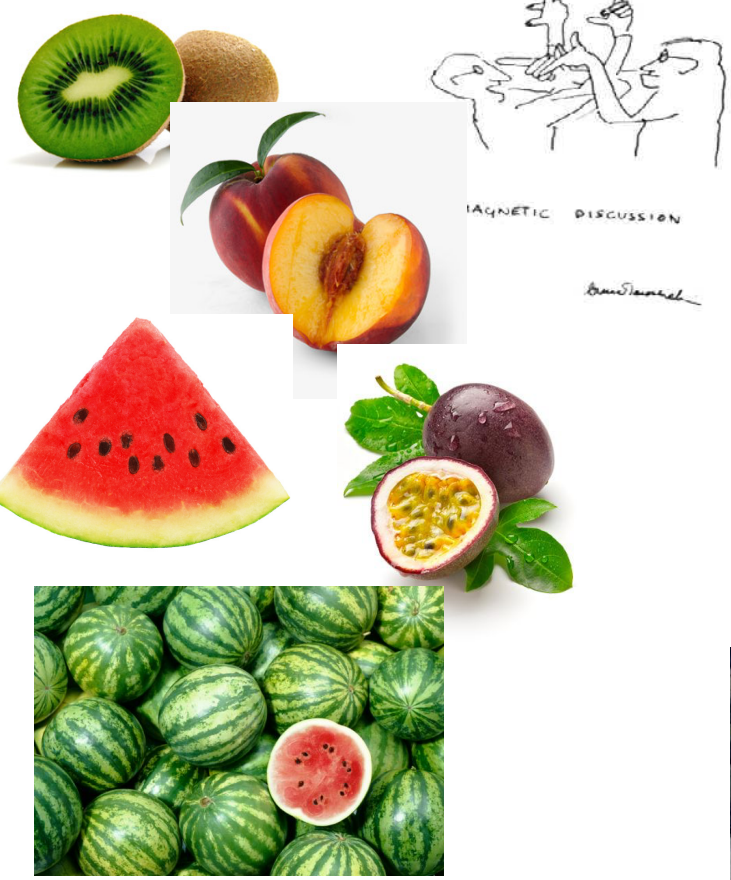
from DIS:

$$\vec{e} (or \vec{\mu}) + \vec{p} \rightarrow e' (or \mu') + X$$

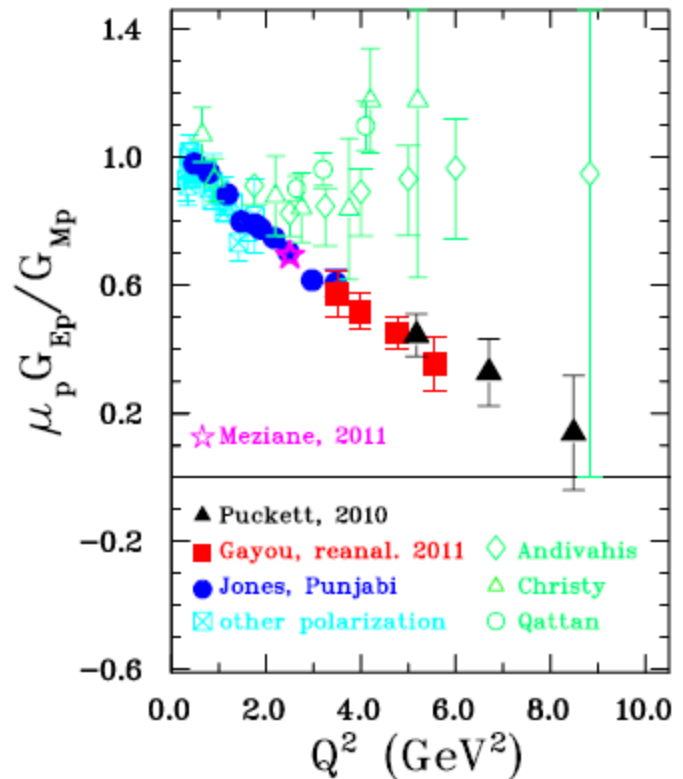


The proton electromagnetic structure (II)

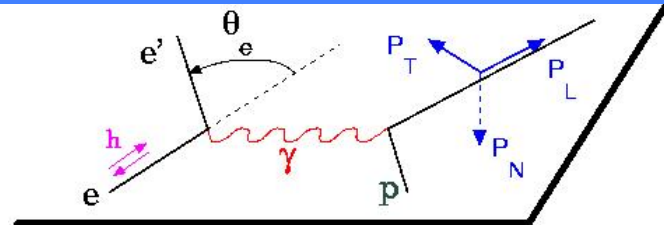
- How is the EM charge distributed?



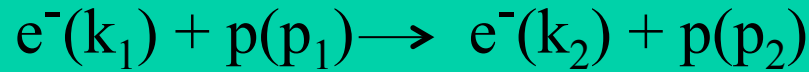
Jefferson Lab



A.I. Akhiezer and M.P. Rekalo, Kharkov (1967)



Elementary Reactions



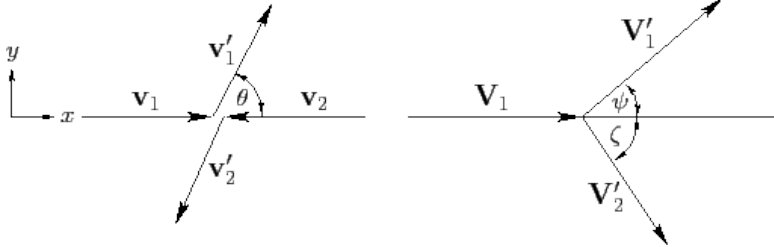
4-vector

$$k_1 = (\epsilon_1, \vec{k}_1)$$

$$k_1^2 = \epsilon_1^2 - \vec{k}_1^2 = m^2$$

center of mass frame

laboratory frame



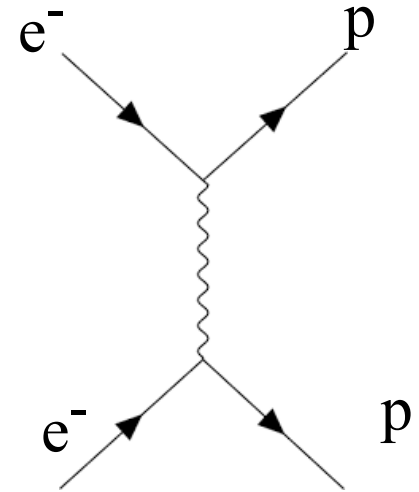
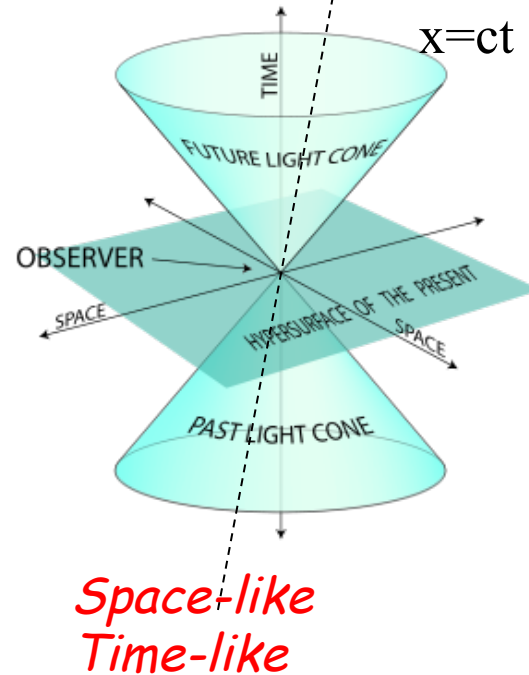
4-momentum conservation

$$k_1 + p_1 = k_2 + p_2$$

$$q^2 = (k_1 - k_2)^2 = -4E_1 E_2 \sin^2 \theta / 2 < 0 \quad \text{SL}$$

$$q^2 = (p_2 - p_1)^2 = 2mT = 2M(E_2 - M)$$

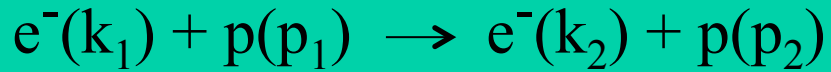
$$P = (t \text{ or } E, \vec{x} \text{ or } \vec{p})$$



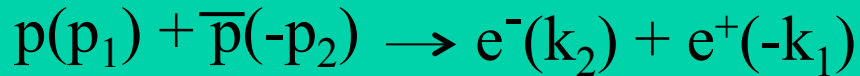
R. Feynman
(1918-1988)



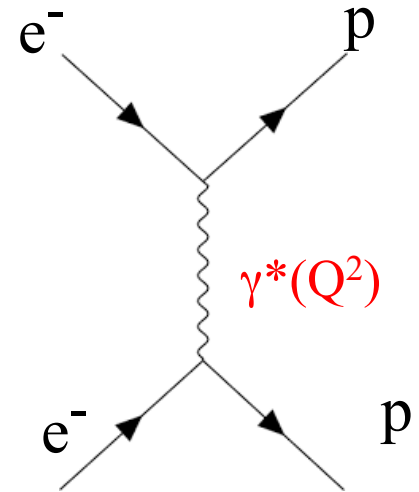
Elementary reactions



Scattering



Annihilation



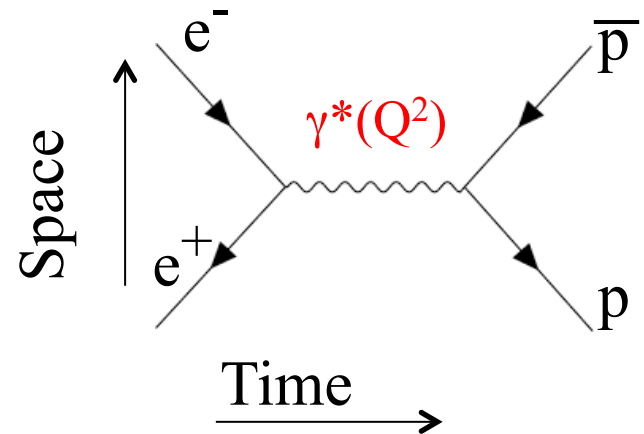
The interaction occurs through the exchange of a virtual photon of 'mass' Q^2

$$Q^2 = t = (k_1 - k_2)^2 : t\text{-channel}$$

$$Q^2 = s = (k_1 + p_1)^2 : s\text{-channel}$$

Crossed channels:

- described by the same amplitude $f(s, t)$
- a particle becomes antiparticle
- 4-momenta change sign
- scan different kinematical regions



Mandelstam Variables

$$e^-(k_1) + p(p_1) \rightarrow e^-(k_2) + p(p_2)$$

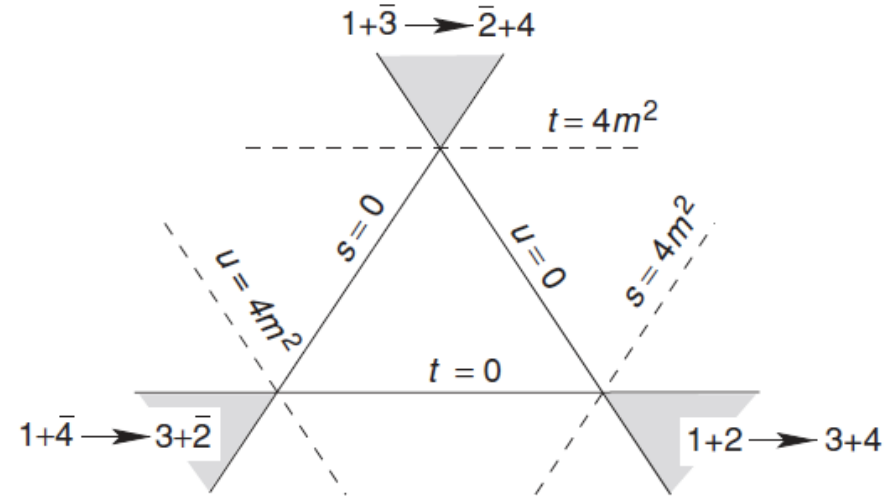
Mandelstam variables: Lorentz invariants!

Total energy: $s = (k_1 + p_1)^2$

Transferred momentum (1-3): $t = (k_1 - k_2)^2$

Transferred momentum (1-4): $u = (k_1 - p_2)^2$

$$s + t + u = \sum m_i^2$$



S. Mandelstam
(1928-2016)

Exercise

$\tilde{\theta}$: emission angle of the proton produced in annihilation
(CMS system)

θ : scattered electron angle in ep elastic scattering (LAB system)

- Express as function of invariants

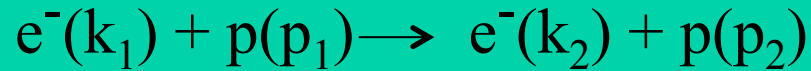
- Prove that:

$$\cos^2 \tilde{\theta} = 1 + \frac{st + (s - M^2)^2}{t(\frac{t}{4} - M^2)} \rightarrow 1 + \frac{ctg^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{1 + \tau}$$

$$\tau = Q^2 / (4M^2)$$



Cross section (Exp)



$$\text{transition rate : } N_F = \sigma N_b N_T$$

- The cross section can be understood as ‘an effective area’ over which the incident particle reacts

Dimensions $[L^2]$: cm^2 , or barn 1 barn = 10^{-28} m^2

- Luminosity \mathcal{L} : operative definition, useful for counting rate estimates

$$\mathcal{L} = N_b [s^{-1}] N_T [\text{cm}^{-2}], \quad dN_f / dt [s^{-1}] = \sigma \mathcal{L}$$



Cross section (σ)

A relativistic definition of σ must

- imply relativistic kinematics ;
- have relativistic invariant form ;
- $M = f(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{u})$ be expressed as a function of relativistic invariants

$$d\sigma = (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_3 - \mathbf{p}_4) |\overline{M}|^2 d\mathcal{P} / \mathcal{I}$$

4 terms :

- The matrix element M , contains the dynamics of the reaction, calculated following a model ;
- The flux of colliding particles \mathcal{I} ;
- The phase space for the final particles, $d\mathcal{P}$;
- Contains the conservation of four-momentum :
 $\delta^4(\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_3 - \mathbf{p}_4)$ (product of four δ functions)



The incident flux

Two equivalent expressions

LAB system: $p_1 = (E_1, \vec{p}_1)$, $p_2 = (M_2, 0)$,

$$\mathcal{I} = n_B n_T v_{rel},$$

Density \rightarrow energy

$$n_B = 2E_1, \quad n_T = 2M_2.$$

$$|\vec{v}_{rel}| = |\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2| = \frac{|\vec{p}_1|}{E_1}$$

$$\mathcal{I} = 2E_1 2M_2 \frac{|\vec{p}_1|}{E_1} = 4M_2 |\vec{p}_1|$$

$$\mathcal{I} = 4\sqrt{(p_1 \cdot p_2)^2 - M_1^2 M_2^2},$$

$$\begin{aligned} (p_1 \cdot p_2)^2 - M_1^2 M_2^2 &= M_2^2 E_1^2 - M_1^2 M_2^2 \\ &= M_2^2 (E_1^2 - M_1^2) = M_2^2 |\mathbf{p}_1|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{I} = 4M_2 |\vec{p}_1|$$



The phase space

$$d\mathcal{P} = \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^3} \delta(p^2 - M^2) \Theta(E),$$

QM definition of number of states in the unit volume (3dim)

Extracting the term that depends on energy:

$$d^4p \delta(p^2 - M^2) = \delta^3\vec{p} dE \delta(E^2 - \vec{p}^2 - M^2), \quad f(E) = E^2 - \vec{p}^2 - M^2,$$

Properties of δ function, x_i are the root of $f(x)$:

$$\int \delta[f(x)] dx = \sum \frac{1}{|f'(x_i)|},$$

$$\int dE \delta(E^2 - \vec{p}^2 - M^2) \Theta(E) = \frac{1}{2E}.$$

Phase space for 1+2 \rightarrow 3+4:

$$d\mathcal{P} = \frac{d^3\vec{p}_3}{(2\pi)^3 2E_3} \frac{d^3\vec{p}_4}{(2\pi)^3 2E_4}.$$



The cross section

$$\sigma = \frac{(2\pi)^4}{\mathcal{I}} \int |\mathcal{M}|^2 \delta^{(4)}(p_1 + p_2 - p_3 - p_4) \frac{d^3\vec{p}_3}{(2\pi)^3 2E_3} \frac{d^3\vec{p}_4}{(2\pi)^3 2E_4}$$

$$\int \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 - \vec{p}_3 - \vec{p}_4) d^3\vec{p}_4 = 1 \quad \text{Properties of } \delta \text{ function}$$

$$\mathcal{J} = \delta(E_1 + E_2 - E_3 - E_4) \frac{d^3\vec{p}_3}{4E_3 E_4} = \delta(W - E_3 - E_4) \frac{|\vec{p}|^2 d\Omega dp}{4E_3 E_4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} W &= E_1 + E_2 \\ &= E_3 + E_4 \end{aligned}$$

In CMS:

$$E_3^2 = M_3^2 + |\vec{p}|^2, \quad E_4^2 = M_4^2 + |\vec{p}|^2 \rightarrow E_3 dE_3 = E_4 dE_4 = |\vec{p}| dp$$

$$\frac{d}{dE_3}(W - E_3 - E_4) = -1 - \frac{dE_4}{dE_3} = -1 - \frac{E_3}{E_4} = -\frac{W}{E_4}$$

$$\mathcal{J} = \int \delta(W - E_3 - E_4) \frac{dE_3 |\vec{p}| d\Omega}{4E_4} = \frac{|\vec{p}| d\Omega}{4E_4} \frac{1}{\left| \frac{d}{dE_3}(W - E_3 - E_4) \right|} = \frac{|\vec{p}| d\Omega}{4W}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{|\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2 |\vec{p}|}{64\pi^2 W^2 |\vec{k}|}$$

CMS

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_e} = \frac{|\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2}{64\pi^2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \right)^2 \frac{1}{M^2}$$

LAB



Proton radius & charge form factor

The amplitude of the scattered wave in the point defined by \vec{r} is :

$$A_i = f e_i e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\rho}_i} e^{i\vec{k}' \cdot (\vec{r} - \vec{\rho}_i)} = f e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} e_i e^{iq \cdot \vec{\rho}_i}$$

The total scattered amplitude on the nucleus is the sum of the amplitudes on the individual charges :

$$A = \sum_i A_i = f e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} \sum_i e_i e^{iq \cdot \vec{\rho}_i}, \quad f \simeq Z_a e.$$

$\vec{\rho}_i$ Position operator of the internal motion in the target
 → Mean value in the ground state of the target

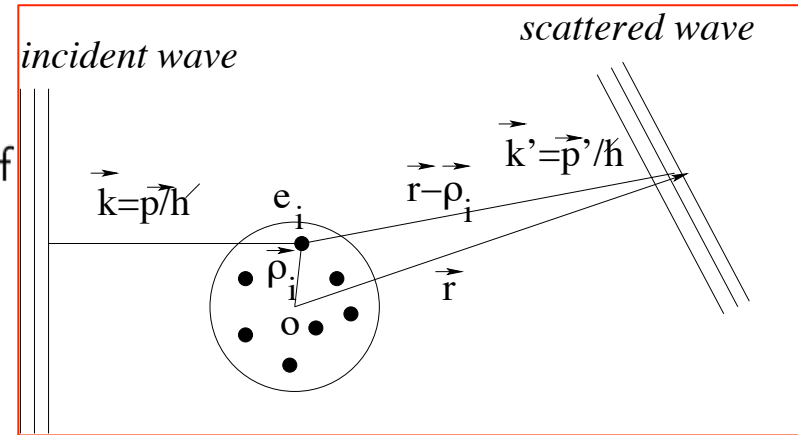
Definition of form factor

$$F(\vec{q}) = \frac{1}{Z_b e} \langle i | \sum_i e_i e^{i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{\rho}_i} | i \rangle$$

Definition of cross section

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right) = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{pl} |F(\vec{q})|^2,$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{pl} = (Z_b e)^2 |f|^2 \propto (Z_a Z_b e^2)^2$$



Inverting the definition:
 Mean value of the charge density

$$\rho(\vec{x}) = \langle \Psi_i | \hat{\rho}(\vec{x}) | \Psi_i \rangle = \frac{Z_2 e}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3 q F(\vec{q}) e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{x}}.$$

In practice one assumes a charge density,
 Fourier transform, fits the function on
 experimental data



Root mean square radius $\langle r^2 \rangle$

Taylor expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} F(\vec{q}) &= \frac{1}{Z_{be}} \int d^3 \vec{x} e^{i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{x}} \rho(\vec{x}) \\ &= \frac{1}{Z_{be}} \int d^3 \vec{x} \left[1 + i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{x} - \frac{1}{2}(\vec{q} \cdot \vec{x})^2 + \dots \right] \rho(\vec{x}) = \\ &= \frac{1}{Z_{be}} \int_0^\infty x^2 dx \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \\ &\quad \int_{-1}^1 d \cos \theta \left[1 + iqx \cos \theta - \frac{1}{2}q^2 x^2 \cos^2 \theta \right] \rho(\vec{x}) \end{aligned}$$

Assuming spherical symmetry

$$F(q) \sim 1 - \frac{1}{6}q^2 \langle r_c^2 \rangle + O(q^2),$$

$$\langle r_{E/M}^2 \rangle = - \frac{6\hbar^2}{G_{E/M}(0)} \left. \frac{dG_{E/M}(Q^2)}{dQ^2} \right|_{Q^2=0}.$$

$$1. \int_{\Omega} d^3 \vec{x} \rho(\vec{x}) = Z_{be}.$$

$$2. \int_{-1}^1 \cos \theta d \cos \theta = 0$$

wave function is even
with respect to space parity

$$\langle r_c^2 \rangle = \frac{\int_0^\infty x^4 \rho(x) dx}{\int_0^\infty x^2 \rho(x) dx}.$$

RMS is the limit of the form factor derivative for $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$



Root mean square radius

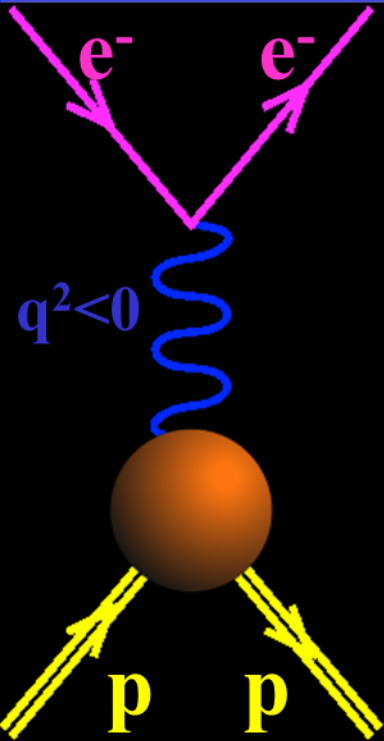
$$F(q) = \frac{\int_{\Omega} d^3 \vec{x} e^{i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{x}} \rho(\vec{x})}{\int_{\Omega} d^3 \vec{x} \rho(\vec{x})}$$

In non-relativistic approach
(and also in relativistic but in *Breit frame*)
FFs are Fourier transform of the density

density $\rho(r)$	Form factor $F(q^2)$	r.m.s. $\langle r_c^2 \rangle$	comments
δ	1	0	pointlike
e^{-ar}	$\frac{a^4}{(q^2 + a^2)^2}$	$\frac{12}{a^2}$	dipole
$\frac{e^{-ar}}{r}$	$\frac{a^2}{q^2 + a^2}$	$\frac{6}{a^2}$	monopole
$\frac{e^{-ar^2}}{r^2}$	$e^{-q^2/(4a^2)}$	$\frac{1}{2a}$	gaussian
ρ_0 for $x \leq R$ 0 for $r \geq R$	$\frac{3(\sin X - X \cos X)}{X^3}$ $X = qR$	$\frac{3}{5}R^2$	square well



Elementary reactions



- Disentangle reaction mechanism and internal structure
 - The electron vertex is known
 - The virtual photon propagator $1/q^2$
 - The proton structure is contained in the vertex γ^*pp
Pauli and Dirac form factors

- The EM Lepton current $\ell_\mu = \bar{u}(k_2)\gamma_\mu u(k_1)$

- The EM Hadron current

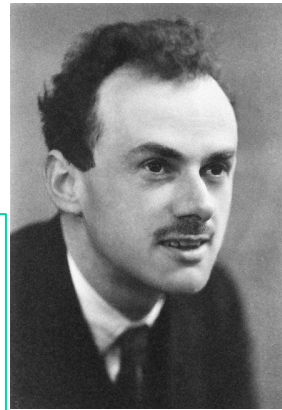
$$\mathcal{J}_\mu = \bar{u}(p_2) \left[F_1(q^2)\gamma_\mu - \frac{\sigma_{\mu\nu}q_\nu}{2m} F_2(q^2) \right] u(p_1),$$

$$\sigma_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\gamma_\mu\gamma_\nu - \gamma_\nu\gamma_\mu}{2}.$$

- A simpler form:

$$\mathcal{J}_\mu = \bar{u}(p_2) \left[(F_1 + F_2)\gamma_\mu - \frac{(p_1 + p_2)_\mu}{2m} F_2 \right] u(p_1).$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{e^2}{q^2} \ell_\mu \mathcal{J}_\mu = \frac{e^2}{q^2} \ell \cdot \mathcal{J} \quad \text{Matrix element}$$



P.A.M. Dirac
(1902-1984)



W. Pauli
(1902-1984)



The Matrix Element Squared

- ▶ The matrix element squared

$$\overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} = \left(\frac{e^2}{q^2}\right)^2 \overline{|\ell \cdot \mathcal{J}|^2} = \left(\frac{e^2}{q^2}\right)^2 L_{\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu},$$

- ▶ The leptonic tensor $L_{\mu\nu} = \overline{\ell_\mu \ell_\nu^*}$
- ▶ The hadronic tensor $W_{\mu\nu} = \overline{\mathcal{J}_\mu \mathcal{J}_\nu^*}$

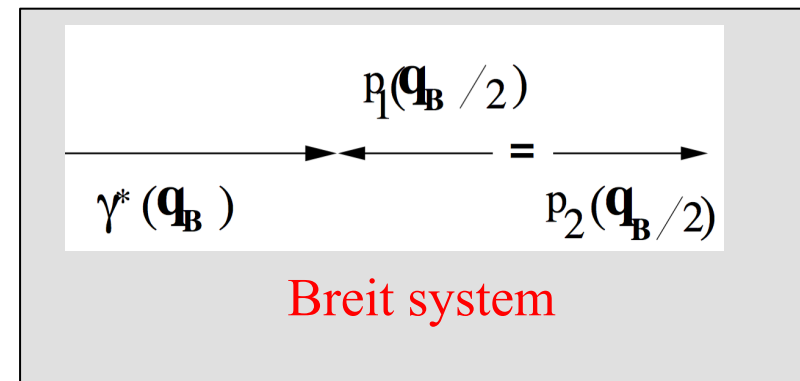


G. Breit
(1899-1981)

Relativistic invariants: can be calculated in any system:

- The experiment is in Lab system
- The theorie: any system

	Lab	CMS	Breit
q	(ω, \mathbf{q})	$(\tilde{\omega}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}})$	$(\omega_B = 0, \mathbf{q}_B)$
k_1	$(\epsilon_1, \mathbf{k}_1)$	$(\tilde{\epsilon}_1, \tilde{\mathbf{k}}_1)$	$(\epsilon_{1B}, \mathbf{k}_{1B})$
p_1	$(M_p, 0)$	$(\tilde{E}_1, -\tilde{\mathbf{k}}_1)$	$(E_{1B}, \mathbf{p}_{1B})$
k_2	$(\epsilon_2, \mathbf{k}_2)$	$(\tilde{\epsilon}_2, \tilde{\mathbf{k}}_2)$	$(\epsilon_{2B}, \mathbf{k}_{2B})$
p_2	(E_2, \mathbf{p}_2)	$(\tilde{E}_2, -\tilde{\mathbf{k}}_2)$	$(E_{2B}, -\mathbf{p}_{1B})$



(unpolarized) Lepton tensor

$$\bar{u} = u^\dagger \gamma_0, \quad \bar{u}^\dagger = (u^\dagger \gamma_0)^\dagger = \gamma_0^\dagger u = \gamma_0 u, \quad \gamma_0 \gamma_0 = 1, \quad \gamma_0^\dagger = \gamma_0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_{\mu\nu} &= \overline{\ell_\mu \ell_\nu^*} = \overline{\bar{u}(k_2) \gamma_\mu u(k_1) [\bar{u}(k_2) \gamma_\nu u(k_1)]^*} \\ &= \overline{\bar{u}(k_2) \gamma_\mu u(k_1) u^\dagger(k_1) \gamma_\nu^\dagger \bar{u}(k_2)} \\ &= \overline{\bar{u}(k_2) \gamma_\mu u(k_1) u^\dagger(k_1) \gamma_0 \gamma_0 \gamma_\nu^\dagger \gamma_0 u(k_2)} \\ &= \overline{\bar{u}(k_2) \gamma_\mu u(k_1) u^\dagger(k_1) \gamma_\nu^\dagger \gamma_0 u(k_2)} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \gamma_\mu \rho_1 \gamma_\nu \rho_2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\rho = \overline{u(k) u^\dagger(k)} = \hat{k} + m_e,$$

$$\text{Tr} \gamma_a \gamma_b = 4 g_{ab} \quad (g_{ab} = 1, \text{ for } a, b = 0 \quad g_{ab} = -1, \text{ for } a, b = x, y, z;$$

$$\text{Tr} \gamma_a \gamma_b \gamma_c \gamma_d = 4(g_{ab} g_{cd} + g_{bc} g_{da} - g_{ac} g_{bd})$$

$$L_{\mu\nu} = 2k_{1\mu} k_{2\nu} + 2k_{1\nu} k_{2\mu} + 2g_{\mu\nu} (m^2 - k_1 \cdot k_2)$$

Using that $k_1 = q + k_2$; $q^2 = 2(m^2 - k_1 \cdot k_2)$ we find :

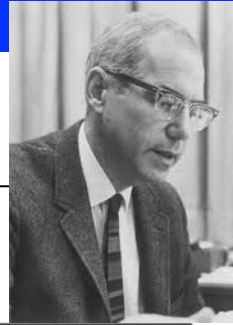
$$L_{\mu\nu} = 2k_{1\mu} k_{2\nu} + 2k_{1\nu} k_{2\mu} + g_{\mu\nu} q^2.$$

symmetric tensor



The (unpolarized) Hadronic Tensor

In the Breit system, the hadronic tensor has a simple physical meaning in terms of the Sachs FFs, linear combinations of Dirac and Pauli FFs.



R.G. Sachs
(1916-1999)

Let us write $\mathcal{J}_\mu = \chi_2^\dagger F_\mu \chi_1$

$$F_\mu = 2mG_E, \quad \mu = 0$$

$$F_\mu = i\vec{\sigma} \times \mathbf{q}_B G_M, \quad \mu = x, y, z.$$

$$F_\mu = \begin{cases} 2mG_E & , \mu = 0 \\ i\sqrt{-q^2} G_M \sigma_y & , \mu = x \\ -i\sqrt{-q^2} G_M \sigma_x & , \mu = y \\ 0 & , \mu = z \end{cases}$$

The hadronic tensor $W_{\mu\nu}$:

$$W_{\mu\nu} = \overline{(\chi_2^\dagger F_\mu \chi_1)(\chi_1^\dagger F_\nu \chi_2)} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} F_\mu \rho_1 F_\nu^\dagger \rho_2;$$

In case of unpolarized particles $\rho = \mathcal{I}$, and

$$W_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} F_\mu F_\nu^\dagger.$$

$$G_M = F_1 + F_2$$

$$F_1 = \frac{G_E + \tau G_M}{1 + \tau}$$

$$G_E = F_1 - \tau F_2$$

$$F_2 = \frac{G_M - G_E}{1 + \tau}$$

Overline:

average over the spins
of the *initial* state

sum over the spins

of the *final* state

From the *Fermi Golden Rule*
that gives the transition
probability between two
states



The Rosenbluth Formula

- The terms containing the product $G_E G_M$ vanish $\text{Tr} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0$, the unpolarized cross section does not contain interference terms

In the Lab system :

$$|\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2 = \left(\frac{e^2}{q^2} \right)^2 4m^2(-q^2) \left[2\tau G_M^2 + \frac{\cot^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2}}{1 + \tau} (G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2) \right].$$

The differential cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_e} = \frac{\alpha^2}{-q^2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \right)^2 \left[2\tau G_M^2 + \frac{\cot^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2}}{1 + \tau} (G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2) \right],$$

where $\alpha = e^2/4\pi \simeq 1/137$ is the fine structure constant.



M. Rosenbluth
(1927-2003)

Exercise

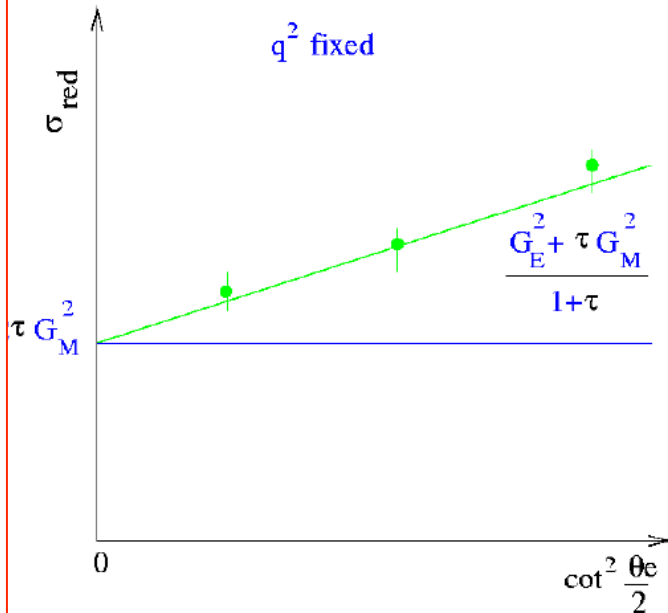
Derive the relation between the electron scattering angle in the Breit and Laboratory system

$$\cot^2 \frac{\theta_B}{2} = \frac{\cot^2 \theta_e / 2}{1 + \tau}.$$



The Rosenbluth separation

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_e} = \frac{\alpha^2}{-q^2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \right)^2 \left[2\tau G_M^2 + \frac{\cot^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2}}{1 + \tau} (G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2) \right],$$



Linearity of the *reduced* cross section as a function of $\cot^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2}$ → individual determination of G_E and G_M :

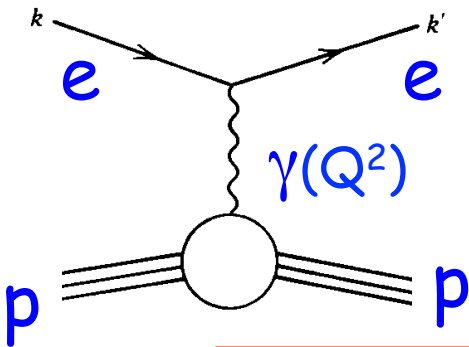
$$\sigma_{red} = \frac{\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_e}}{\frac{\alpha^2}{-q^2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \right)^2}$$

- ▶ The backward eN -scattering ($\theta_e = \pi$, $\cot^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2} = 0$) is determined by the magnetic FF only,
- ▶ The slope of σ_{red} is sensitive to G_E^2



Summary: ep-elastic scattering

1950

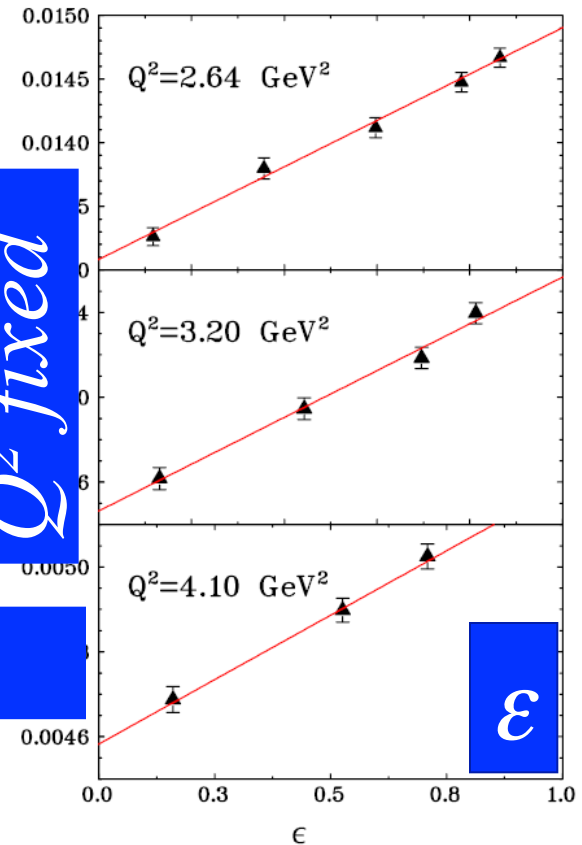


$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{Mott}} \frac{1}{(1+\tau)} \left(G_E^2(Q^2) + \frac{\tau}{\epsilon} G_M^2(Q^2) \right)$$

$$\epsilon = \left(1 + 2(1+\tau) \tan^2 \left(\frac{\theta_e}{2} \right) \right)^{-1}, \quad \tau = \frac{Q^2}{4M^2}$$

$$\sigma_R = \epsilon G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2$$

Q^2 fixed



Linearity of the reduced cross section

→ $\tan^2 \theta_e$ dependence

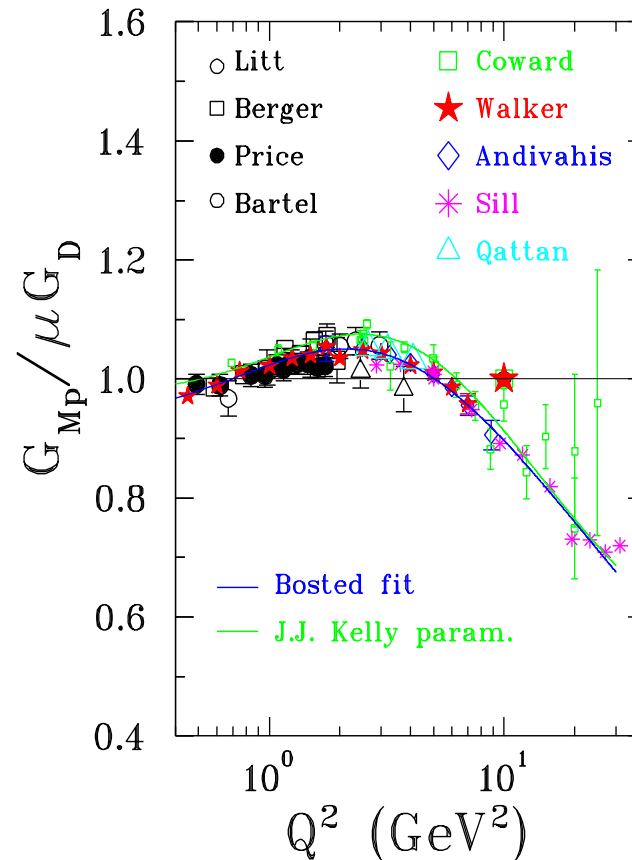
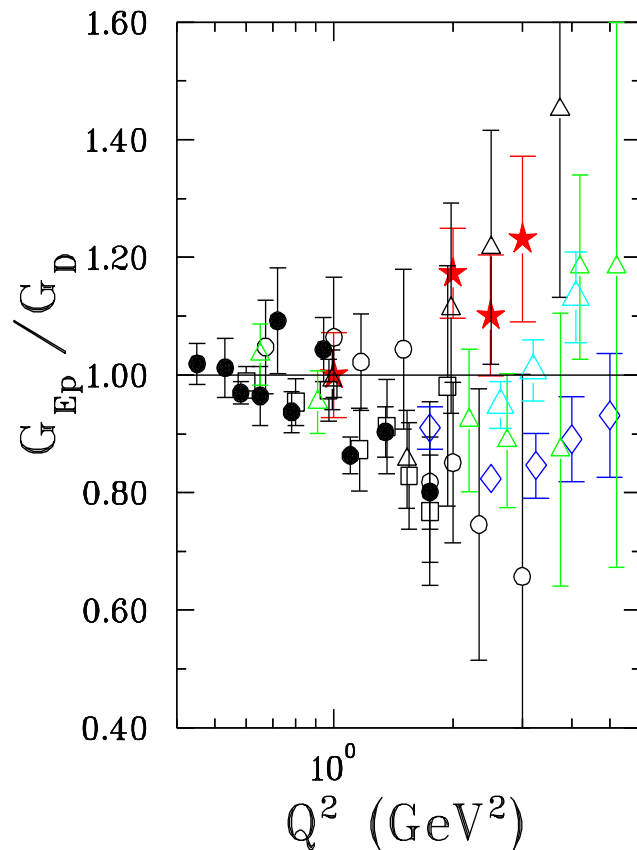
→ Holds for 1γ exchange only

PRL 94, 142301 (2005)



Proton Form Factors...in last century

$$G_M/\mu = G_E = G_D = (1 + Q^2/0.71 \text{ GeV}^2)^{-2} \quad \text{dipole approximation}$$



Rosenbluth separation/ Polarization observables

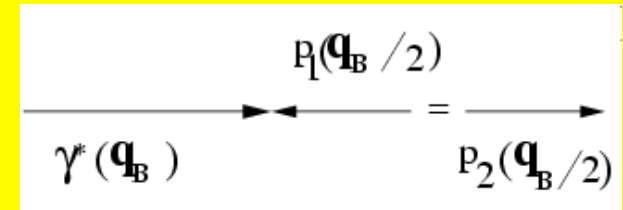


Dipole Approximation

$$G_D = (1 + Q^2 / 0.71 \text{ GeV}^2)^{-2}$$

• Classical approach

- Nucleon FF (in non relativistic approximation or in the Breit system) are Fourier transform of the charge or magnetic distribution.



Breit system

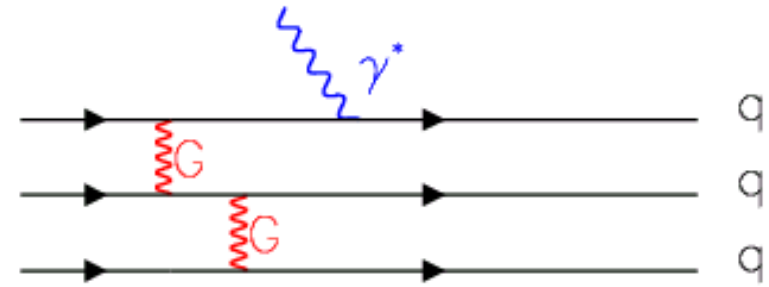
• The dipole approximation corresponds to exponential density distribution.

- $\rho = \rho_0 \exp(-r/r_0)$,
- $r_0^2 = (0.24 \text{ fm})^2$, $\langle r^2 \rangle \sim (0.81 \text{ fm})^2 \Leftrightarrow m_D^2 = 0.71 \text{ GeV}^2$



Dipole Approximation and pQCD

Dimensional scaling



- $F_n(Q^2) = C_n [1/(1+Q^2/m_n)^{n-1}]$,
 - $m_n = n\beta^2$, <quark momentum squared>
 - n is the number of constituent quarks
- Setting $\beta^2 = (0.471 \pm 0.010) \text{ GeV}^2$ (fitting pion data)
 - **pion**: $F_\pi(Q^2) = C_\pi [1/(1+Q^2/0.471 \text{ GeV}^2)^1]$,
 - **nucleon**: $F_N(Q^2) = C_N [1/(1+Q^2/0.71 \text{ GeV}^2)^2]$,
 - **deuteron**: $F_d(Q^2) = C_d [1/(1+Q^2/1.41 \text{ GeV}^2)^5]$

V. A. Matveev, R. M. Muradian, and A. N. Tavkhelidze (1973), Brodsky and Farrar (1973), Politzer (1974), Chernyak & Zhitnisky (1984), Efremov & Radyuskin (1980)...

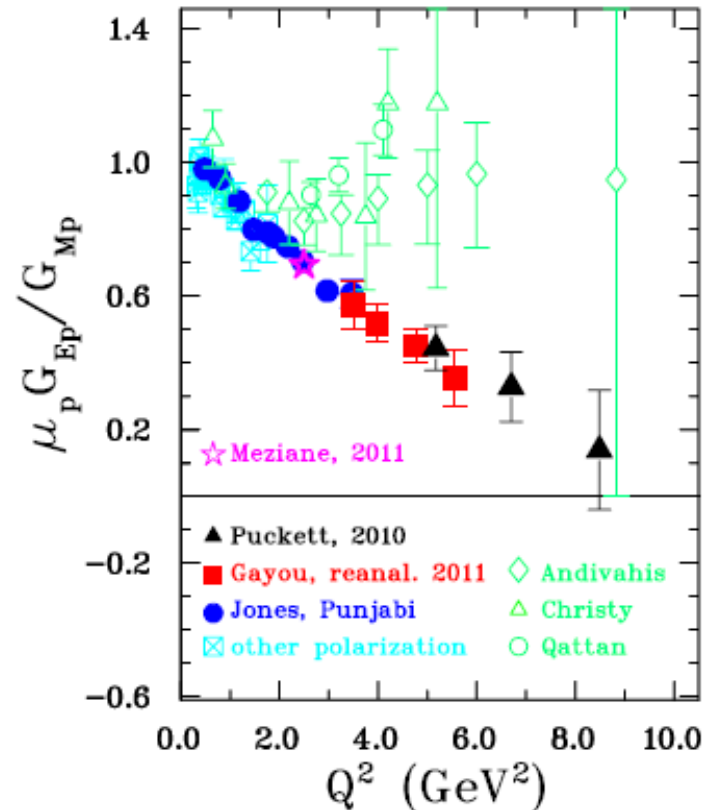


Dipole Approximation

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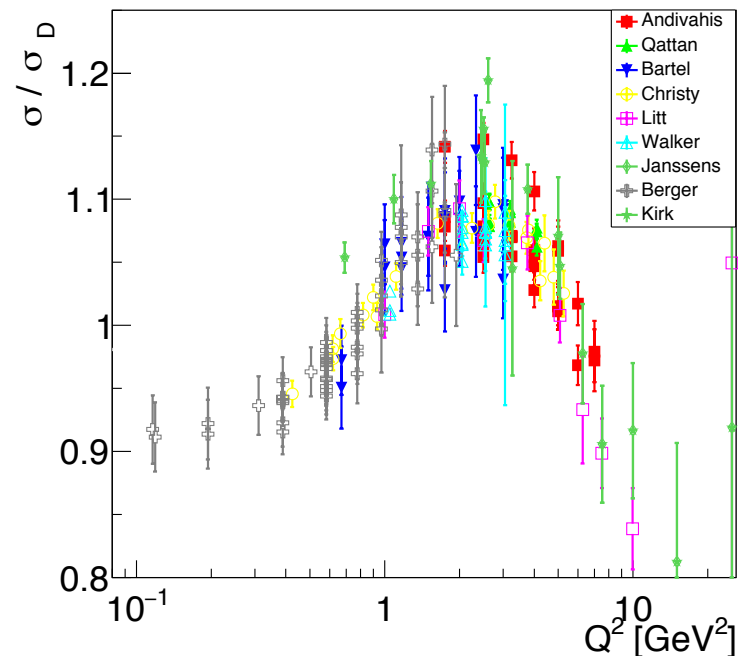
neither for GE

...nor for GM



The GEP collaboration,
A.J.R. Puckett et al, PRC96(2017)055203

R. Taylor, SLAC, 1967
S. Pacetti, E.T-G, PRC94, 055202 (2016)



...and in TL ?



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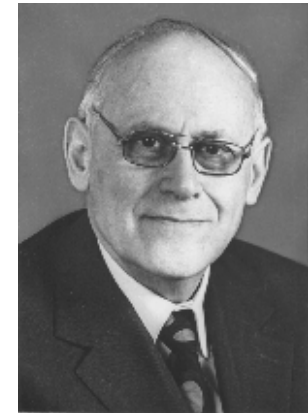
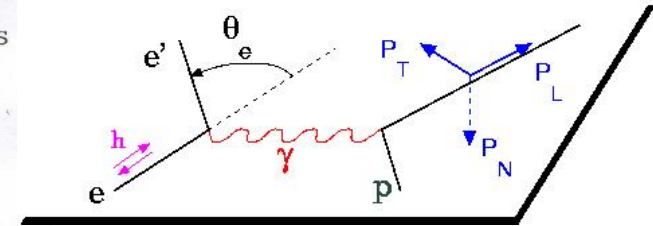
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The polarization induces a term in the cross section proportional to $G_E G_M$
Polarized beam and target or polarized beam and recoil proton polarization

Polarized Hadron tensor

In general the hadronic tensor $W_{\mu\nu}$, for ep elastic scattering, contains four terms, related to the 4 possibilities of polarizing the initial and final protons :

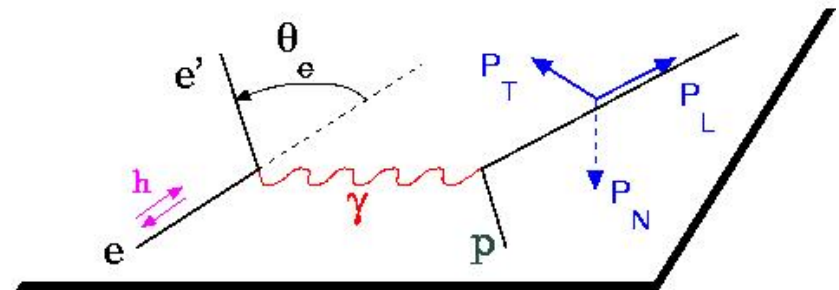
$$W_{\mu\nu} = W_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + W_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{P}_1) + W_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{P}_2) + W_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2),$$

\mathbf{P}_1 (\mathbf{P}_2) is the polarization vector of the initial (final) proton.
The 2×2 density matrix for a nucleon with polarization \mathbf{P} :

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \vec{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{P})$$

Polarized final proton ($\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}_2$) :

$$W_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{P}) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} F_\mu F_\nu^\dagger \vec{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{P}$$



For longitudinally polarized electrons on unpolarized target, only $\mathbf{P}_x \neq 0$ and $\mathbf{P}_z \neq 0$.

Polarized Hadron tensor P_x

$$W_{\mu\nu}(P_x) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} F_\mu F_\nu^\dagger \sigma_x$$

F_μ	F_ν^\dagger	$F_\nu^\dagger \sigma_x$	ν
$2mG_E$	$2mG_E$	$2mG_E \sigma_x$	0
$i\sqrt{-q^2} G_M \sigma_y$	$-i\sqrt{-q^2} G_M \sigma_y$	$-\sqrt{-q^2} G_M \sigma_z$	x
$-i\sqrt{-q^2} G_M \sigma_x$	$i\sqrt{-q^2} G_M \sigma_x$	$i\sqrt{-q^2} G_M$	y
0	0	0	z

($\sigma_i \sigma_j = i\sigma_k, \sigma_y \sigma_x = -i\sigma_z$) The nonzero components of $W_{\mu\nu}(P_x)$ are :

$$W_{0y}(P_x) = iq^2 2mG_E G_M,$$

$$W_{y0}(P_x) = -iq^2 G_E G_M,$$



Polarized Hadron tensor P_z

The polarized tensor

$$W_{\mu\nu}(P_z) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} F_\mu F_\nu^\dagger \sigma_z.$$

F_μ	F_ν^\dagger	$F_\nu^\dagger \sigma_z$	ν
$2mG_E$	$2mG_E$	$2mG_E \sigma_z$	0
$i\sqrt{-q^2} G_M \sigma_y$	$-i\sqrt{-q^2} G_M \sigma_y$	$-\sqrt{-q^2} G_M \sigma_x$	x
$-i\sqrt{-q^2} G_M \sigma_x$	$i\sqrt{-q^2} G_M \sigma_x$	$\sqrt{-q^2} G_M \sigma_y$	y
0	0	0	z

- ▶ $W_{0\nu}(P_z) = W_{\nu 0}(P_z) = 0$, for any ν ,
- ▶ No interference term $G_E G_M$.
- ▶ The nonzero components of $W_{\mu\nu}(P_z)$ are :

$$W_{xy}(P_z) = -iq^2 G_M^2,$$

$$W_{yx}(P_z) = iq^2 G_M^2,$$



Polarized Lepton tensor

- for longitudinally polarized electrons, one defines the helicity $\lambda = \pm 1$ (\rightarrow spin parallel or antiparallel to the electron three-momentum).

The general expression for the leptonic tensor is :

$$L_{\mu\nu} = L_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + L_{\mu\nu}(\lambda_1) + L_{\mu\nu}(\lambda_2) + L_{\mu\nu}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2).$$

Initial electron polarized : $\lambda_1 = \lambda$:

$$L_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \gamma_\mu \hat{k}_1 \gamma_\nu \hat{k}_2 \gamma_5 = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu \hat{k}_1 \hat{k}_2 \gamma_5 = 2i \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} k_{1\rho} k_{2\sigma} \quad (2)$$

We use the property of γ_5 : $\text{Tr} \gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu \gamma_\rho \gamma_\sigma \gamma_5 = -4i \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$.

$$L_{\mu\nu}(\lambda) = 2i\lambda \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} k_{1\alpha} k_{2\beta}.$$

Polarized electron: antisymmetric tensor

If the initial proton is unpolarized (symmetric tensor): no single spin polarization (as long as FFs are real) *Only double spin observables in ep scattering*



Recoil Proton Polarization (P_x, P_z)

$$\begin{aligned} L_{\mu\nu}(\lambda)W_{\mu\nu}(P_x) &= L_{0y}(\lambda)W_{0y}(P_x) + L_{y0}(\lambda)W_{y0}(P_x) \\ &= L_{0y}(\lambda)[W_{0y}(P_x) - W_{y0}(P_x)] \\ &= 2L_{0y}(\lambda)W_{0y}(P_x). \end{aligned}$$

$L_{0y} = 2i\lambda\epsilon_{0y\alpha\beta}k_{1\alpha}k_{2\beta} \rightarrow$ only non-zero terms for $\alpha = x$ and $\beta = z$ or $\alpha = z$ and $\beta = x$.

$$\begin{aligned} L_{0y}(\lambda) &= 2i\lambda(\epsilon_{0yxz}k_{1x}k_{2z} + \epsilon_{0yzx}k_{1z}k_{2x}) \\ &= 2i\lambda\epsilon_{0yxz}(k_{1x}k_{2z} - k_{1z}k_{2x}) = i\lambda q^2 \cot \frac{\theta_B}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

with $\epsilon_{0yxz} = 1$.

$$L_{\mu\nu}(\lambda)W_{\mu\nu}(P_x) = -4\lambda m q^2 \sqrt{-q^2} \cot \frac{\theta_B}{2} G_E G_M.$$

P_x

$$\begin{aligned} L_{\mu\nu}(\lambda)W_{\mu\nu}(P_z) &= 2i\lambda\epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}k_{1\alpha}k_{2\beta}W_{\mu\nu}(P_z) = \\ &= 4\epsilon_{xy0z}W_{xy}(P_z)(\epsilon_{1B}k_{2B}^z - \epsilon_{2B}k_{1B}^z) = \\ &= 4\lambda q^2 \frac{G_M^2}{\sin \theta_B/2}. \end{aligned}$$

P_z



Final formulas

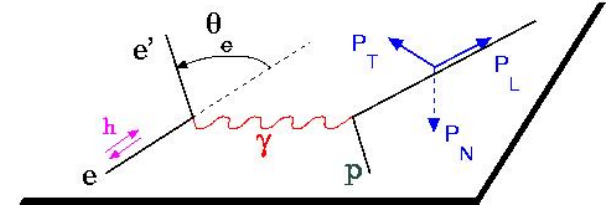
The polarization \mathbf{P} of the scattered proton can be written as :

$$\mathbf{P} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_e} = \frac{\alpha^2}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \right)^2 \frac{L_{\mu\nu}}{m^2} \vec{P}_{\mu\nu}.$$

with $\vec{P}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} (\text{Tr} \mathcal{F}_\mu \mathcal{F}_\nu^\dagger \vec{\sigma})$, so that $P_{\mu\nu}^{(z)} = W_{\mu\nu}(P_z)$ and

$$P_{\mu\nu}^{(x)} = W_{\mu\nu}(P_x)$$

The components P_x and P_z of the proton polarization vector (in the scattering plane) are



$$DP_x = -2\lambda \cot \frac{\theta_e}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{1+\tau}} G_E G_M,$$

$$DP_z = \lambda \frac{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2}{m} \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{1+\tau}} G_M^2, \quad D = 2\tau G_M^2 + \cot^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2} \frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1+\tau}.$$

$$\frac{P_x}{P_z} = \frac{P_t}{P_\ell} = -2 \cot \frac{\theta_e}{2} \frac{m}{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2} \frac{G_E(q^2)}{G_M(q^2)}$$

Recoil proton polarization
in ep elastic scattering
with *longitudinally polarized*
electron beam



Polarized target

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_e}(\mathcal{P}) = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_e} \right)_0 (1 + \lambda \mathcal{P}_x A_x + \lambda \mathcal{P}_z A_z),$$

\mathcal{P} : polarization vector of the target

Analyzing power: same value as the recoil proton polarization P but opposite sign

$$\begin{aligned} A_x &= P_x, \\ A_z &= -P_z. \end{aligned}$$

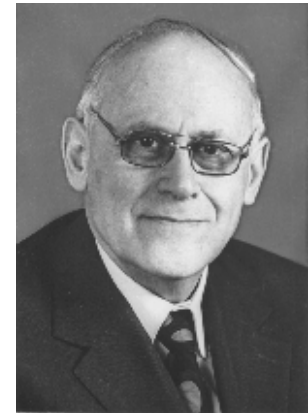
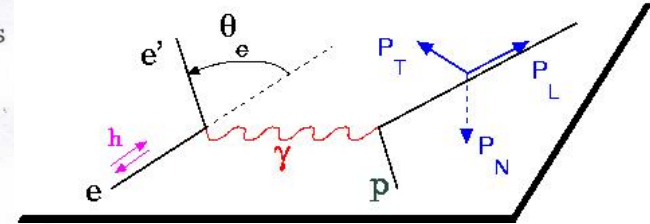


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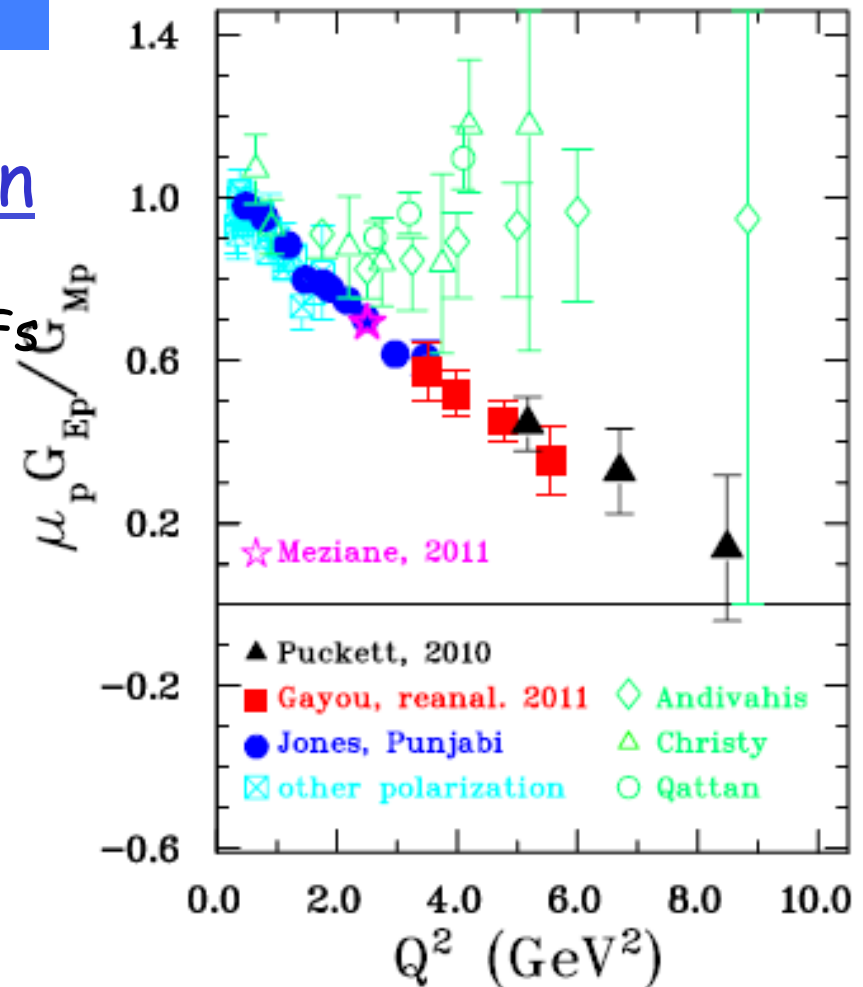


Polarization experiments

A.I. Akhiezer and M.P. Rekalo, 1967

Jlab-GEp collaboration

- 1) "standard" dipole function for the nucleon magnetic FFs G_{Mp} and G_{Mn}
- 2) linear deviation from the dipole function for the electric proton FF G_{Ep}
- 3) QCD scaling not reached
- 3) Zero crossing of G_{Ep} ?
- 4) contradiction between polarized and unpolarized measurements



A.J.R. Puckett et al, PRL (2010), PRC (2012)

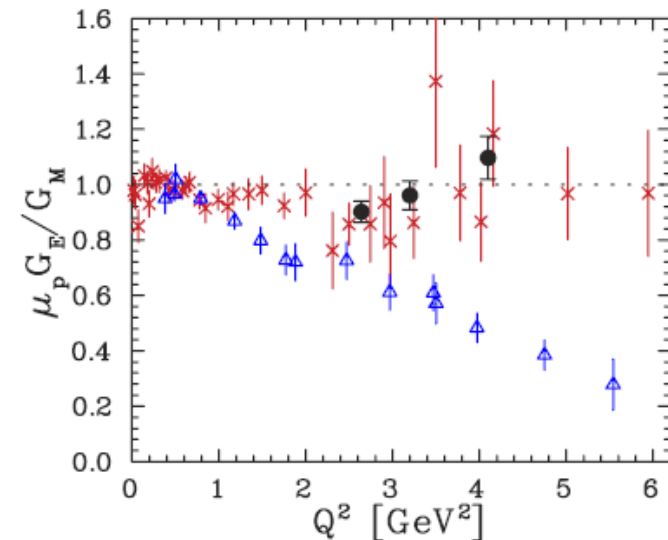
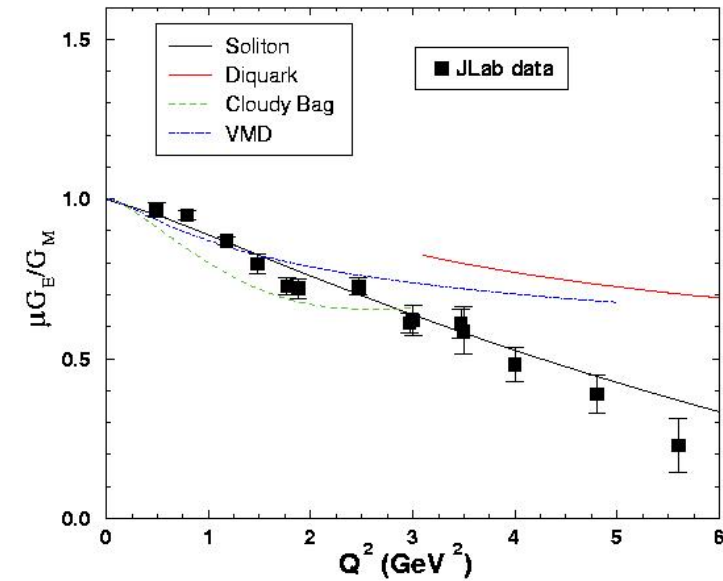


Issues

- Some models (IJL 73, Di-quark, soliton..) predicted such behavior before the data appeared

BUT

- Simultaneous description of the four nucleon form factors...
- ...in the space-like and in the time-like regions
- Consequences for the light ions description
- When pQCD starts to apply?
- Source of the discrepancy



The experimental tools



W. Pauli, N. Bohr



MAGNETIC DISCUSSION

Sam Tinsley

- Accelerators or colliders
- Large acceptance spectrometers and 4π Detectors

Polarization

- Polarized beams
- Polarized targets
- Polarimeters
 - **Beam polarimeters**
 - **Polarized proton polarimeters**

At each energy (experiment) its own polarimeter
- Polarization experiments are difficult and time consuming.
- The same physical information with polarized target or polarimeter ..but polarimeters are in general superior





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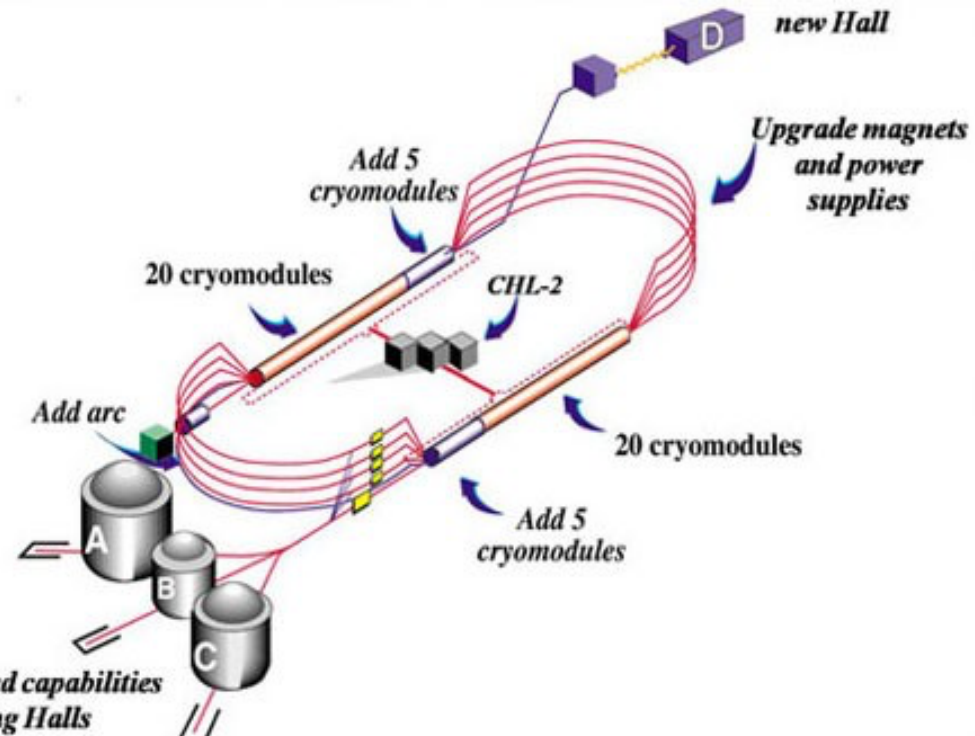
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4, 6 GeV *electron beam*

Highly polarized

0.1 mm e^- beam size

Upgraded to 11 GeV



Hall A Jlab Spectrometer HMS

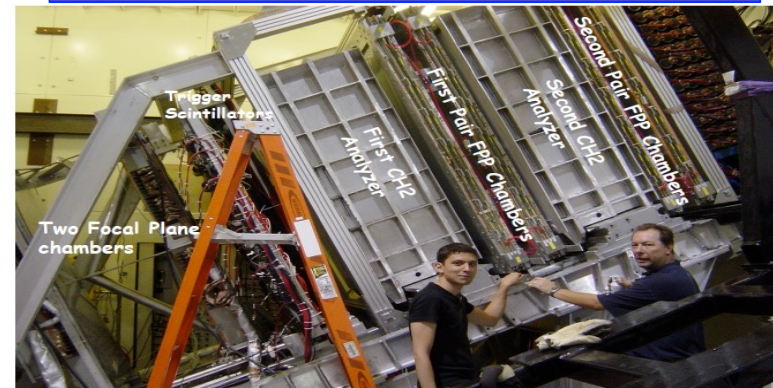
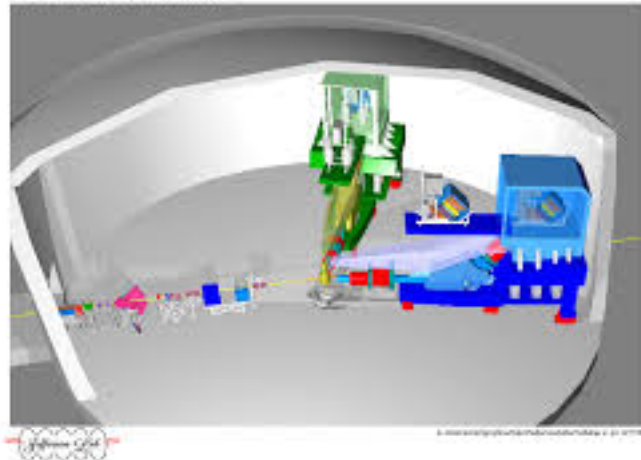
Characteristics

- Momentum [GeV/c] 4
- Acceptance [%] 10
- Resolution $\Delta p/p$ 10^{-4}
- Angular range [deg] 12.5-165
- Solid angle [msr] 7.8

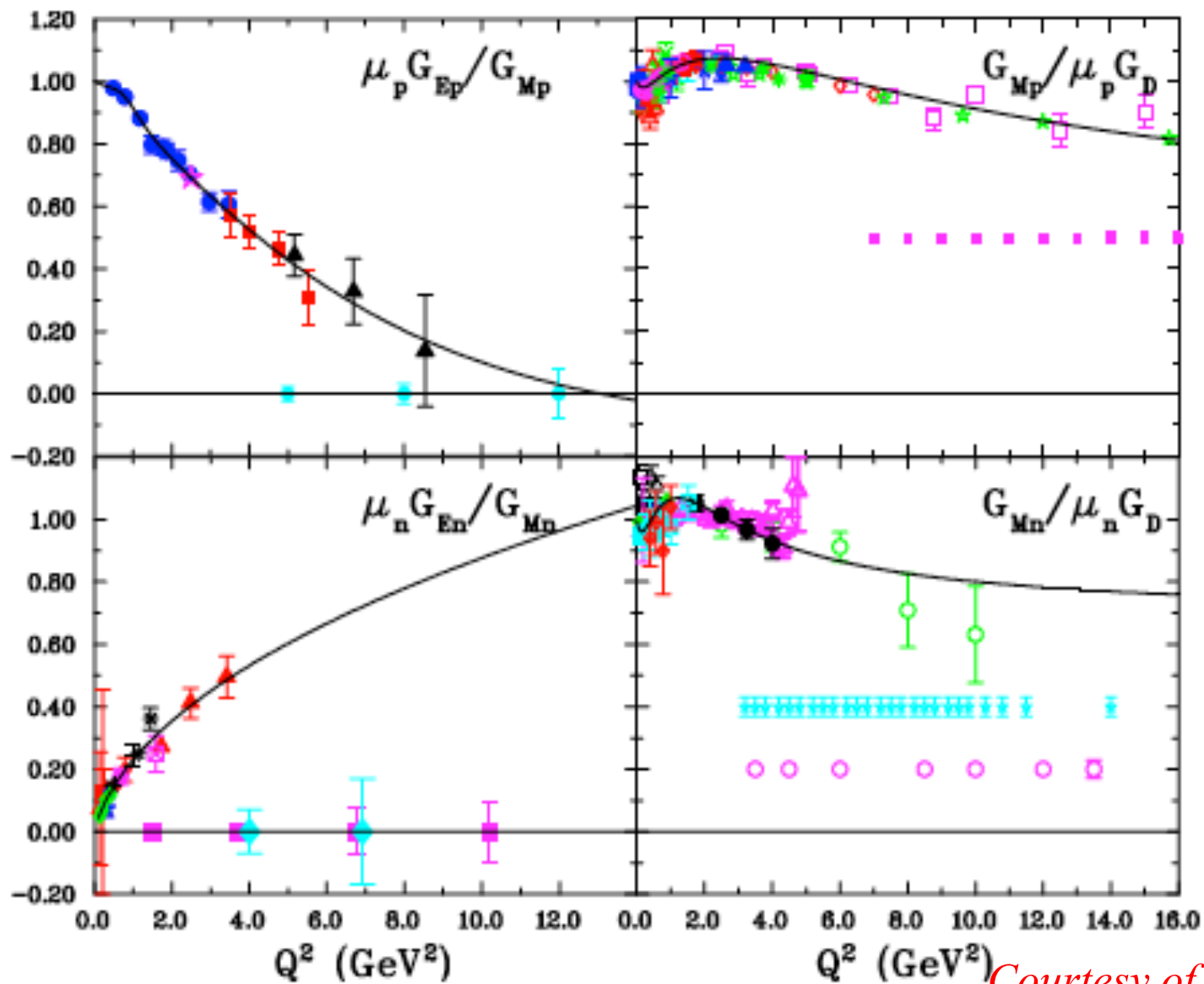


Hall A Jlab Focal plane polarimeter

View of Hall A Machines

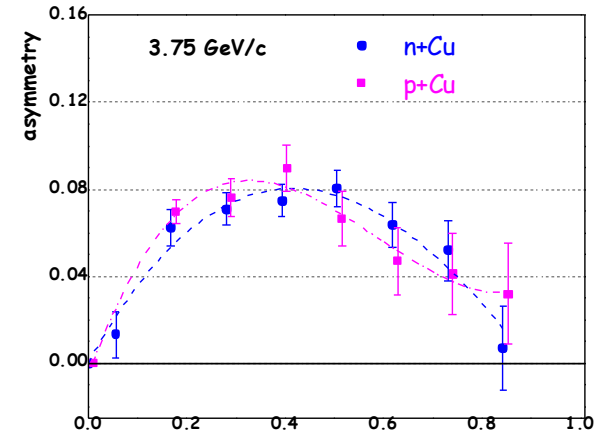
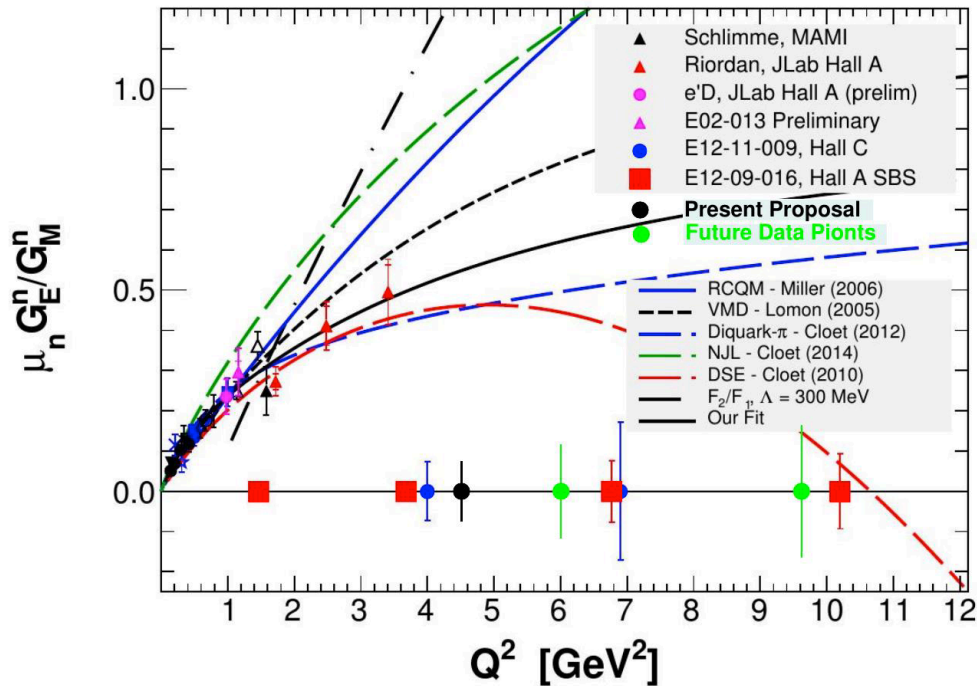


Outlook - Experiments in Halls A, B, and C at 12 GeV

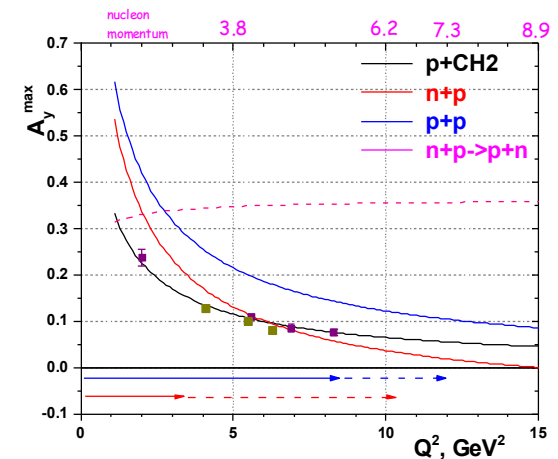


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Spin & Polarization (I)

- Spin is a fundamental property that characterizes a particles (like mass, charge..)
- A particle of spin S has $2S+1$ quantified values of the spin projection:
a proton: $S=1/2$, two spin states: $\pm 1/2$ up (\uparrow) and down (\downarrow)
- A proton beam is not polarized when the two spin directions are equally probable
- The vector polarization is defined as *the difference of population of states up and down* – normalized to the sum

$$P_y = \frac{N(+1/2) - N(-1/2)}{N(+1/2) + N(-1/2)}$$

Deuteron ($S=1$) has three quantified values of the spin $+1, 0, -1$

Vector polarization:

$$P_V = \frac{N(+1) - N(-1)}{N(+1) + N(-1) + N(0)}$$

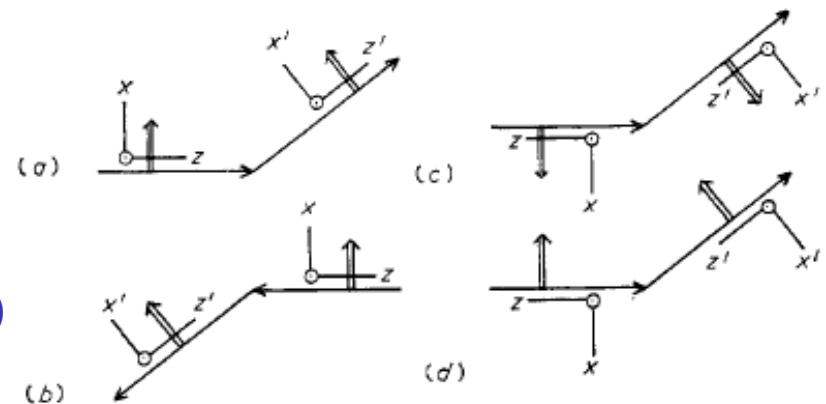
Tensor polarization

$$P_T = \frac{N(+1) - 2N(0) + N(-1)}{N(+1) + N(-1) + N(0)}$$



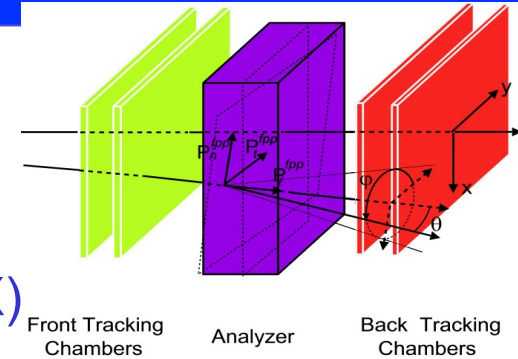
Spin & Polarization (II)

- The wave function of a particle with **0 spin**, as α , π , is described by a *(pseudo)scalar*.
- The wave function of a particle with **spin 1/2**, as a proton, is described by a *two-component spinor*.
- The wave function of a particle with **spin 1**, as a deuteron, is described by a *three-component vector*.
- The **density matrix** is an average on an ensemble of particles, quadratic in the wave functions.
 - If a beam is *unpolarized* it is a **diagonal, unit, matrix**: *all projections are equiprobable*.
- Symmetries apply!
- Parity and time invariance
 - **Polar vectors change sign**
 - **Spin operators DO NOT (pseudovector)**



Hadron Polarimetry

Working principle: measurement of the azimuthal asymmetry in a **secondary scattering**



Choice of the secondary reaction (1 charged particle+X)

large cross section (statistical errors)

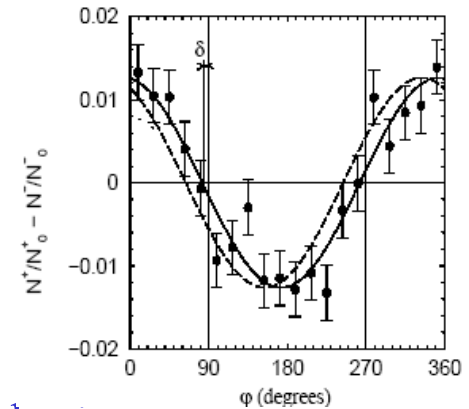
large analyzing power (systematic errors)

Precision on the track reconstruction

Detector alignment:

1 mm by laser

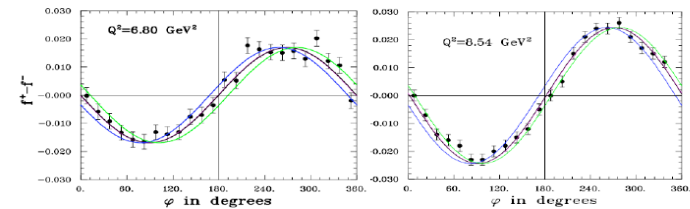
1/10 mm under beam, with particles that do not interact



1) Calibration : Analyzing powers

2) Measurement : Polarization

Physical Asymmetries at Q^2
of 6.8 and 8.5 GeV²



$$N^\pm(\theta, \phi) = N_0(\theta)(1 \pm P_y A_y(\theta) \cos \phi),$$

$$R(\theta, \phi) = \frac{N^+(\theta, \phi) - N^-(\theta, \phi)}{N^+(\theta, \phi) + N^-(\theta, \phi)} = a_1(\theta) \cos \phi$$

$$A_y(\theta) = \frac{a_1(\theta)}{P_y}, \quad \Delta A_y \simeq \frac{1}{P_y} \sqrt{\frac{1}{N_{Incident}}}$$



Hadron Polarimeter

- The efficiency

$$\epsilon(\theta) = \frac{N_{useful}(\theta)}{N_{incident}(\theta)}$$

- The figure of merit:

$$\mathcal{F}^2 = \sum_{\theta} \epsilon(\theta) \mathcal{A}^2(\theta)$$

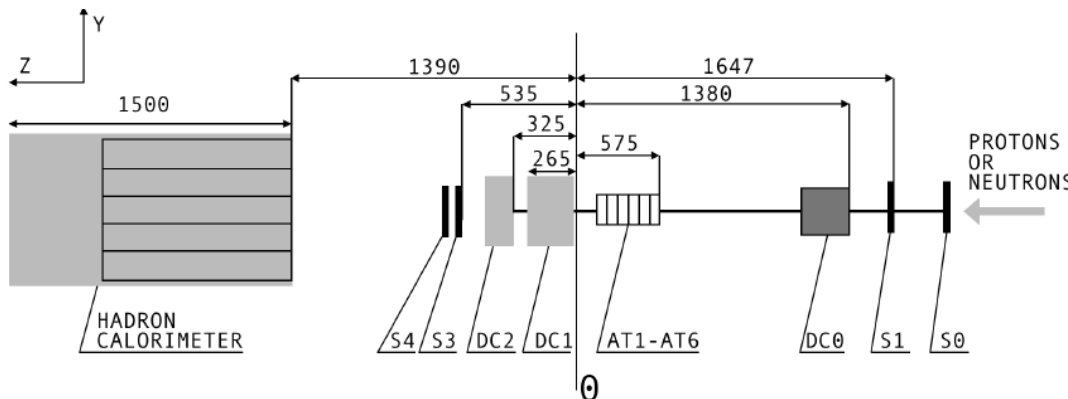
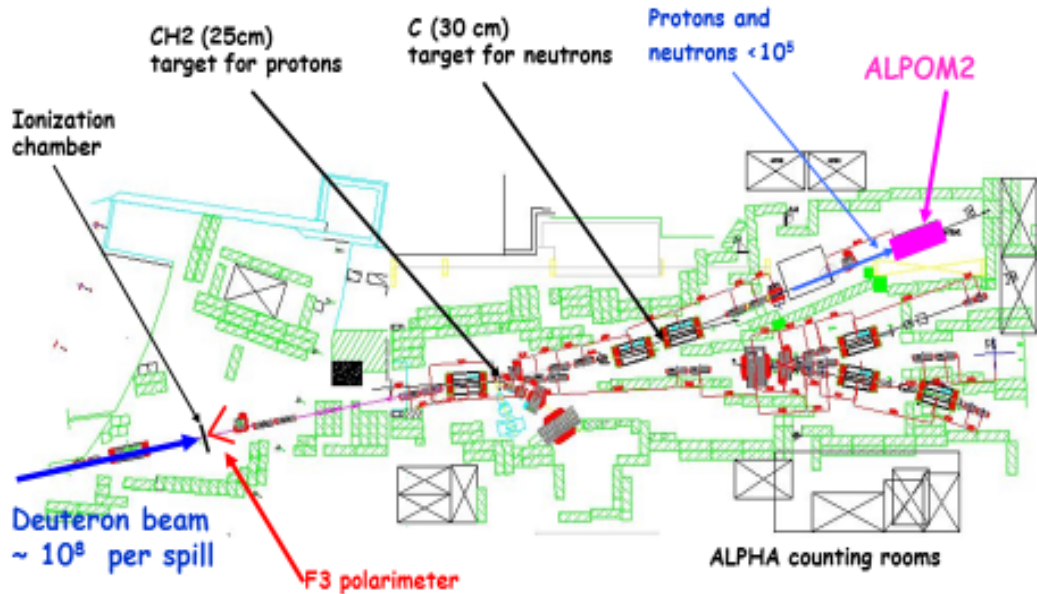
- The error on the polarization measurement

$$\Delta P = \sqrt{\frac{2}{N_{incident}(\theta) \mathcal{F}^2}}$$



The ALPOM2 Experiment

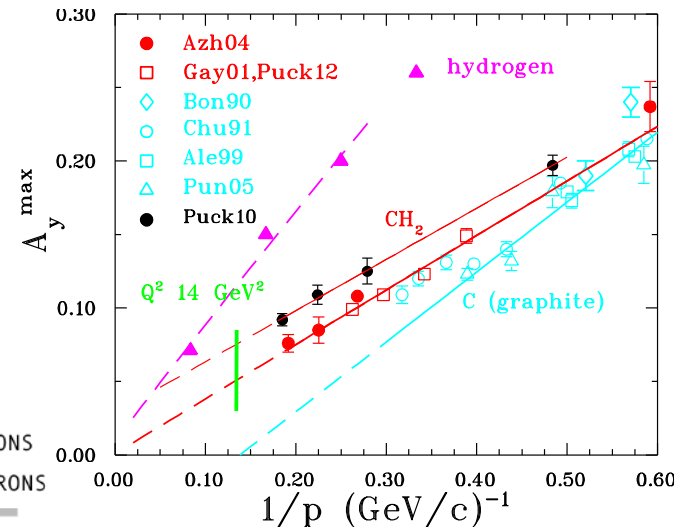
Polarized proton and neutron beams



Only in Dubna Nuclotron
13 GeV/c (pol)d !!

(pol)n and (pol) p by break-up
Two major advances:

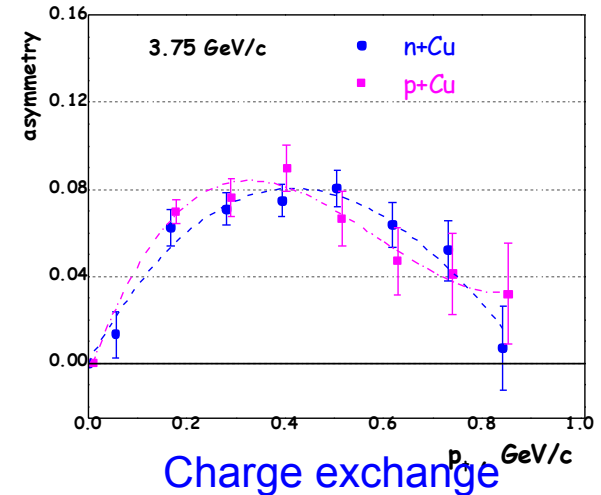
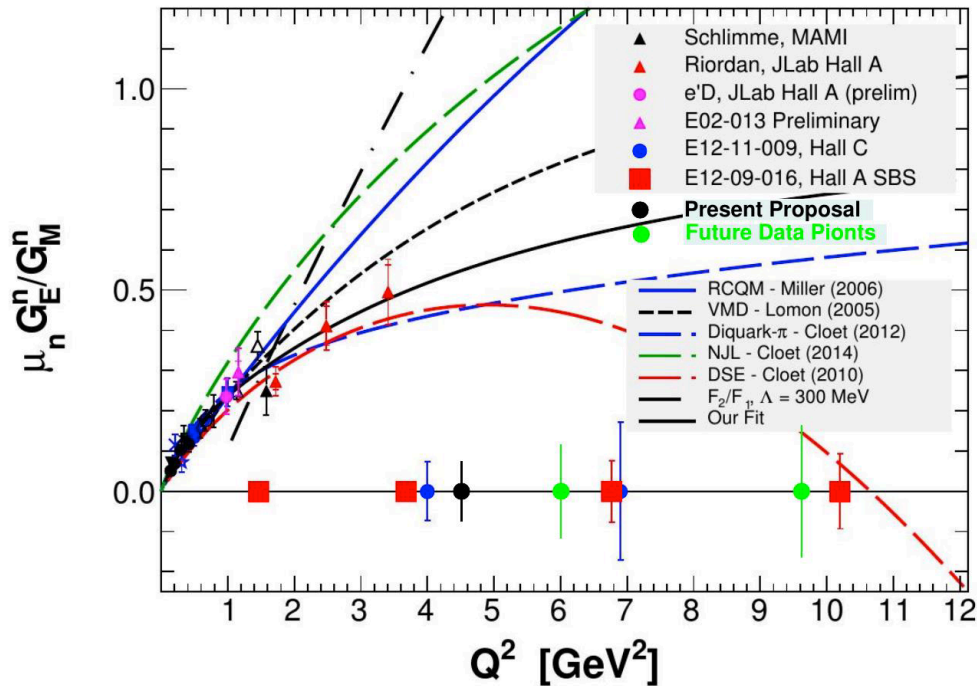
- Charge exchange reaction
- Calorimetry



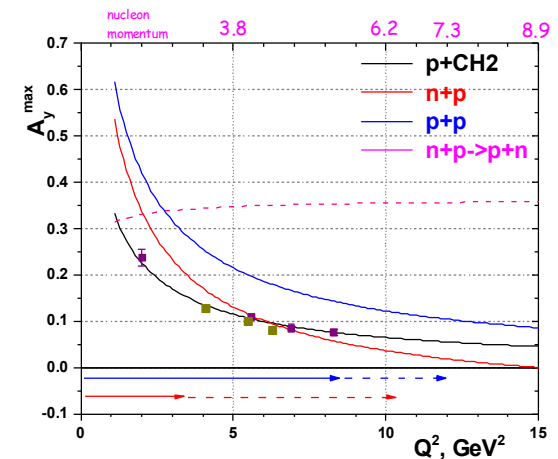
Feasibility studies
For JLab



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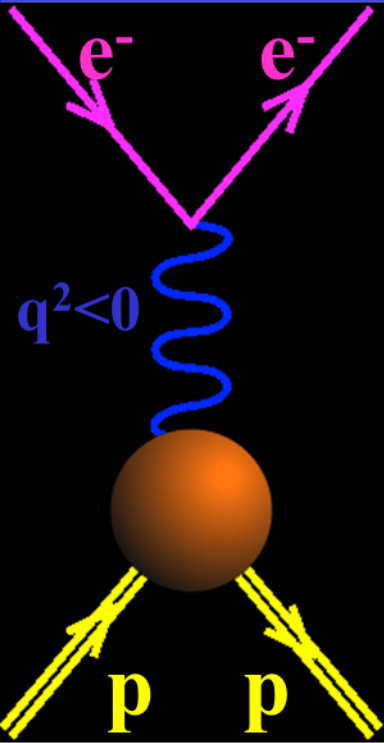
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Current conservation



- The EM hadron current

$$\mathcal{J}_\mu = \bar{u}(p_2) \left[F_1(q^2) \gamma_\mu - \frac{\sigma_{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{2m} F_2(q^2) \right] u(p_1),$$

$$\sigma_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu - \gamma_\nu \gamma_\mu}{2}.$$

Gauge invariance : $\mathcal{J} \cdot q = 0$, for any values of F_1 and F_2 , i.e. the current \mathcal{J}_μ is conserved.

- ▶ the term $\sigma_{\mu\nu} q_\mu q_\nu$ vanishes, because it is the product of a symmetrical and antisymmetrical tensors,
- ▶ From the Dirac equation : $\bar{u}(p_2) \hat{q} u(p_1) = \bar{u}(p_2) (\hat{p}_2 - \hat{p}_1) u(p_1) = \bar{u}(p_2) (m - m) u(p_1) = 0$.

Holds when nucleons (in initial and final states) are real, F_1 violates the current conservation if one nucleon is virtual.

$$(\hat{k} - m)u(k) = 0, \quad \hat{k} = k\gamma_\mu = E\gamma_0 - \mathbf{k} \cdot \vec{\gamma},$$



The Dirac Equation

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The relativistic description of the spin properties of the particles is based on the Dirac equation.

particle

$$(\hat{k} - m)u(k) = 0$$

antiparticle

$$(\hat{k} + m)v(k) = 0$$

$$u(k) = \sqrt{E + m} \begin{pmatrix} \chi \\ \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m} \chi \end{pmatrix} \quad v(k) = \sqrt{E + m} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m} \chi \\ \chi \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ $k = (E, \mathbf{k})$ is the particle four momentum
- ▶ $u(k)$ is a four-component Dirac spinor
- ▶ χ is a two-component spinor
- ▶ Relativistic invariant normalization : $u^\dagger u = 2E$.

Changing only $E \rightarrow -E$ and $k \rightarrow -k$ only would be a bad representation as it would create a pole for on mass shell particles.

$$\gamma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\vec{\gamma} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \vec{\sigma} \\ -\vec{\sigma} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Dirac matrices

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\sigma_2 = \sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\sigma_3 = \sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Pauli matrices



The density matrix

The density matrixes for polarized and unpolarized particles and antiparticles : $\rho_{\alpha\beta} = u_{\alpha}(p)u_{\beta}^{\dagger}(p)$:

	particle	antiparticle
unpolarized	$\hat{p} + m$	$\hat{p} - m$
polarized	$(\hat{p} + m)\frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma_5\hat{s})$	$(\hat{p} - m)\frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma_5\hat{s})$

where s_{α} is the four vector of the electron spin.

$$s_{\alpha} = \left(\mathbf{s} + \frac{(\mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{p})\mathbf{p}}{m_e(\epsilon + m_e)}, \frac{\mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{p}}{m_e} \right) \quad s \cdot p = 0, \quad s^2 = -1$$

For relativistic electrons, $\epsilon \gg m_e$ $p_{\alpha} = \epsilon(\mathbf{1}, 1)$,

$$s_{\alpha} = \frac{\epsilon}{m} s_{\ell}(\mathbf{1}, 1)$$

$-\mathbf{1}$: unit vector along \mathbf{p}

$-s_{\ell} = \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{p}/|\mathbf{p}| \equiv \lambda$.

$$s_{\alpha} = \frac{p_{1\alpha}}{m} \lambda \quad \leftarrow \square$$



The density matrix

The density matrices $\rho = u(p)\bar{u}(p)$ for relativistic electrons

$$\begin{aligned}\rho &= \frac{1}{2}(\hat{p} + m_e) \left(1 - \gamma_5 \frac{\hat{p}}{m_e} \lambda \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\hat{p} + m_e) + \frac{\lambda}{2}(\hat{p} + m_e) \frac{\hat{p}}{m_e} \gamma_5 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\hat{p} + m_e) + \frac{\lambda}{2} (p^2 + m_e \hat{p}) \frac{1}{m_e} \gamma_5 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\hat{p} + m_e)(1 + \lambda \gamma_5) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \hat{p}(1 + \lambda \gamma_5),\end{aligned}$$

where we used the following property of the γ_5 -matrix :
 $\hat{p}\gamma_5 + \gamma_5\hat{p} = 0$, for any four-vector p_α .

