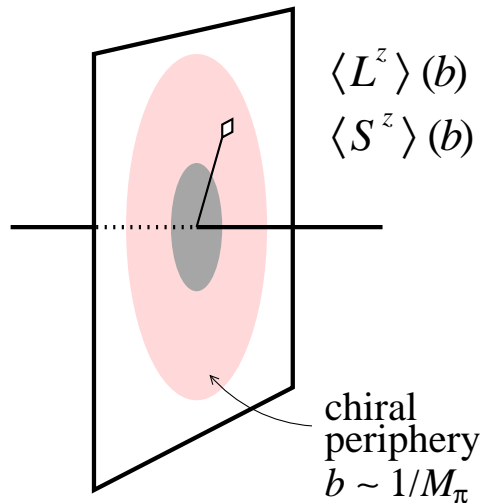


Partonic angular momentum in the nucleon's chiral periphery

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- Angular momentum in QCD

Spin and orbital AM operators

Energy-momentum tensor and form factors

Light-front AM densities

- Angular momentum in chiral periphery

Transverse densities at $b \sim 1/M_\pi$

Dispersive representation and χ EFT calculation

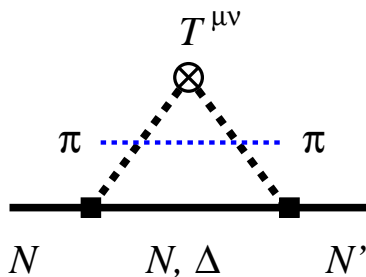
Spin and orbital AM in chiral periphery

Mechanical picture

- Connections and extensions

Electromagnetic densities

$\pi\pi$ rescattering through unitarity with J. M. Alarcon



Composition of nucleon spin from quark and gluon spin and orbital angular momentum

Local densities of angular momenta and mechanical interpretation ←

Measurement of angular momenta in deep-inelastic processes

Calculations using nonperturbative methods: EFT, LQCD ←

Challenges

Gauge invariance: Redundant DOF, equivalence classes, different form of operators

Non-uniqueness of EM tensor: Terms conserved without equations of motion, improvement

Interactions: Partonic operator beyond twist-2

Rotational invariance: Not manifest in light-front quantization \leftrightarrow high-energy processes

Measurement vs. interpretation: May favor/require different choice of operators

No attempt to review history of subject here. For review see Leader, Lorcé Phys. Rept. **541** (2014) 163 2014

Important works: Jaffe, Manohar 1990; Ji 1996; Polyakov 2000; Burkardt; Hatta; Wakamatsu; Goldman et al.; Leader; Lorcé et al.

- Invariance of action \rightarrow conserved local currents \rightarrow global charges

Space-time translations \rightarrow EM tensor $T^{\mu\nu}(x)$ \rightarrow total mom $P^i = \int d^3x T^{0i}(x)$

Rotations \rightarrow AM tensor $J^{\mu\alpha\beta}(x)$ \rightarrow total AM $J^i = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{ijk} \int d^3x J^{0jk}(x)$

- Angular momentum tensor

Lorcé, Mantovani, Pasquini 2017

$$J^{\mu\alpha\beta} = S_q^{\mu\alpha\beta} + L_q^{\mu\alpha\beta} + J_g^{\mu\alpha\beta} \quad \text{total AM, "kinetic" definition}$$

$$S_q^{\mu\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{\mu\alpha\beta\gamma} \sum_f \bar{\psi}_f \gamma_\gamma \gamma^5 \psi_f \quad \text{quark spin, cf. axial current}$$

$$L_q^{\mu\alpha\beta} = x^\alpha T_q^{\mu\beta} - x^\beta T_q^{\mu\alpha} \quad \text{quark orbital AM}$$

$$J_g^{\mu\alpha\beta} = x^\alpha T_g^{\mu\beta} - x^\beta T_g^{\mu\alpha} \quad \text{gluon total AM}$$

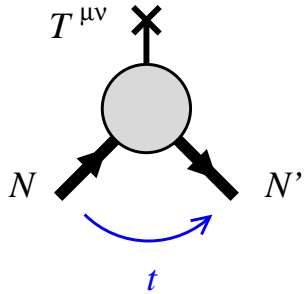
Gauge-invariant local operators

Individual terms scale-dependent, total scale-independent

Gluon AM cannot be split in spin and orbital in gauge-invariant manner

$T_q^{\mu\nu}$ not symmetric in kinetic definition; alt definition with
Bélinfante-improved symmetric $T_q^{\mu\nu}$ and no explicit quark spin

Lorcé, Leader 2014; Lorcé 2015



$$\langle N_2 | T^{\mu\nu} | N_1 \rangle = \bar{u}_2 \left[\gamma^{\{\mu} p^{\nu\}} A - \frac{p^{\{\mu} \sigma^{\nu\}\alpha} \Delta_\alpha}{2M_N} B + \frac{\Delta^\mu \Delta^\nu - \Delta^2 g^{\mu\nu}}{M_N} C - \frac{p^{[\mu} \sigma^{\nu]\alpha} \Delta_\alpha}{2M_N} D + M_N g^{\mu\nu} \tilde{C} \right] u_1,$$

- Nucleon matrix element of EM tensor

Bakker, Leader, Trueman 04

$A(t), B(t)$... invariant functions of $t \equiv \Delta^2$, cf. vector/axial form factors

$A = A_q + A_g$, individually scale-dependent, total scale-independent

Sum rules $A(0) = 1, B(0) = 0$

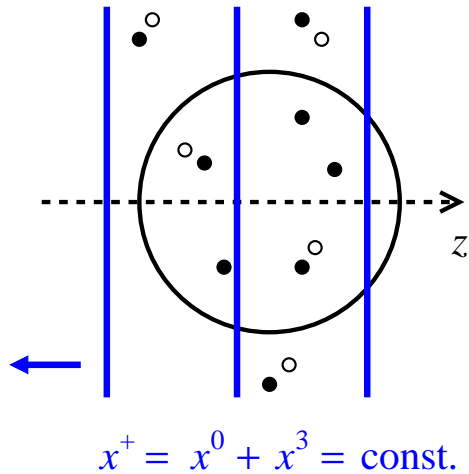
- Relation to GPDs

$[A_q + B_q](t) = \int_{-1}^1 dx x [H_q + E_q](x, \xi, t)$ second moment of GPDs

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$C_q(t) = \int_{-1}^1 d\alpha \alpha D_q(\alpha, t)$ normalization of D-term

Polyakov, CW 99; Polyakov et al. 2000



- Light-front view

Soper 1976, Burkardt 2000, Miller 2007

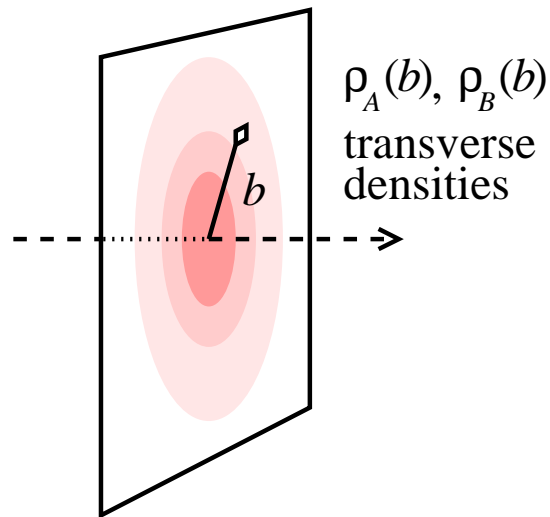
Structure at fixed LF time $x^+ = x^0 + x^3$

Densities boost-invariant, frame-independent

Separate hadron structure \leftrightarrow vacuum fluctuations

Dynamical models: LF quantization, wave function

Connection with parton picture, QCD operators



- Transverse densities

$$A(t = -\Delta_T^2) = \int d^2b e^{i\Delta_T b} \rho_A(b) \quad [\text{same } B, D]$$

Density of momentum etc. at transverse position \mathbf{b}

$$A(0) = \int d^2b \rho_A(b) \quad \text{total momentum}$$

- Transverse density of orbital AM in LF quantization

$$\langle \mathbf{T}^{+T} \rangle(\Delta_T) \equiv \langle p^+, \Delta_T/2, \sigma | T^{+T} | p^+, -\Delta_T/2, \sigma \rangle \quad \text{matrix element, } \sigma \text{ LF helicity}$$

$$\mathbf{T}^{+T}(\mathbf{b}) \equiv \int \frac{d^2 \Delta_T}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\Delta_T \cdot \mathbf{b}} \langle \mathbf{T}^{+T} \rangle(\Delta_T) \quad \mathbf{T}^{+T} \text{ transverse density}$$

$$\langle L^z \rangle(b) \equiv [\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{T}^{+T}(\mathbf{b})]^z / (2p^+) \quad \text{orbital AM density}$$

$$= -\frac{\sigma}{2} \left(b \frac{d}{db} \right) [\rho_A + \rho_B + \rho_D](b) \quad \text{expressed through EM form factors}$$

[Adhikari, Burkardt 2016](#); [Lorcé, Mantovani, Pasquini 2017](#); [Granados, CW 2019](#)

- Transverse density of quark spin

$$\langle S^z \rangle(b) \equiv \sigma \rho_S(b) \quad \rho_S \text{ transverse density of nucleon axial FF } G_A(t)$$

- AM sum rule

$$\int d^2 b [\langle S^z \rangle + \langle L^z \rangle](b) = \sigma = S^z(\text{rest frame}) = \pm 1/2.$$

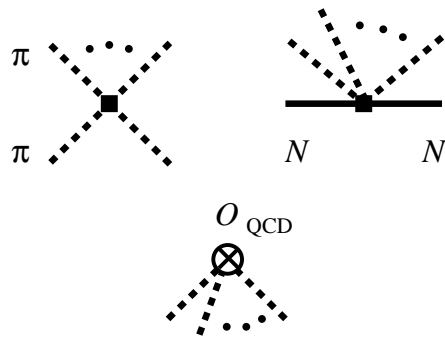
- “Dual role” of AM transverse densities $\langle L^z \rangle(b)$, $\langle S^z \rangle(b)$

Calculated through the invariant form factors A , B , $D(t)$ and $G_A(t)$ without reference to LF quantization, using a variety of methods: Chiral EFT, dispersion theory, Euclidean correlators and LQCD

Interpreted in context of LF quantization: Mechanical picture, partonic interpretation

- “New quantities” for nucleon structure studies!

- Large-distance dynamics emerging from QCD



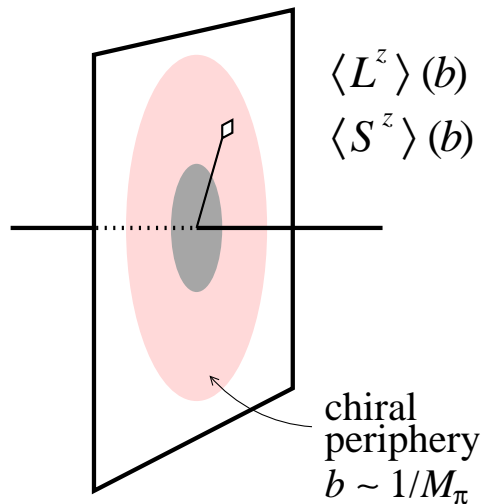
Spontaneous breaking of chiral symmetry

Pion as Goldstone boson, almost massless $M_\pi \ll \Lambda_\chi$, weakly coupled for $p_\pi = \mathcal{O}(M_\pi)$, form of interactions determined by underlying chiral symmetry

Dynamics constructed and solved using EFT methods

[Gasser, Leutwyler 1983](#); [Weinberg 1990](#)

Coupling to QCD operators



- Peripheral transverse densities

Use distance as parameter $b = \mathcal{O}(M_\pi^{-1})$

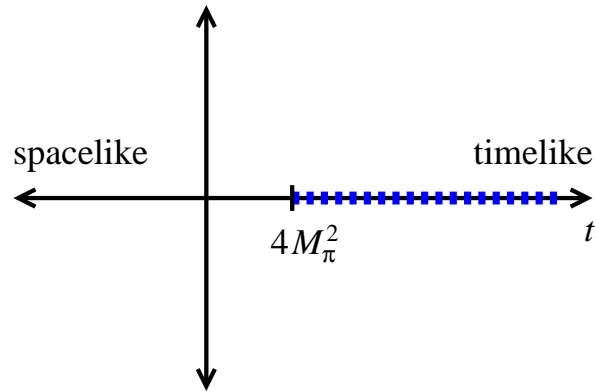
Calculate densities in χ EFT: systematic, model-indep., actual large-distance dynamics of QCD

Mechanical picture, new insight

Method developed for electromagnetic densities

[Granados, Weiss JHEP 1401, 092 \(2014\)](#), [JHEP 1507, 170 \(2015\)](#), [JHEP 1606 \(2016\) 075](#)

Chiral periphery: Dispersive representation



- Dispersive representation of form factors

$$A(t) = \int_{t_{\text{thr}}}^{\infty} \frac{dt'}{\pi} \frac{\text{Im } A(t')}{t' - t - i0} \quad [\text{same } B, D]$$

Process operator \rightarrow hadronic states $\rightarrow N\bar{N}$
 in unphysical region $t < 4M_N^2$

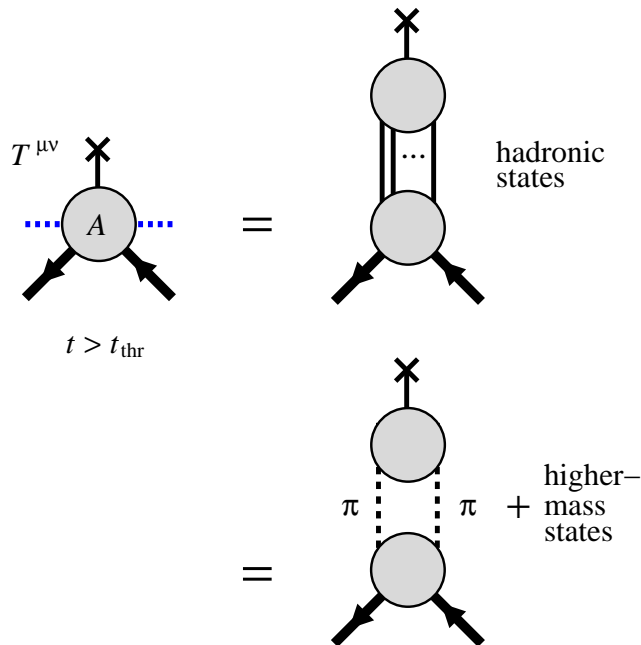
- Dispersive representation of densities

[Strikman, CW 2010](#); [Miller, Strikman, CW, 2011](#)

$$\rho_A(b) = \int_{t_{\text{thr}}}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{2\pi^2} K_0(\sqrt{t}b) \text{Im } A(t)$$

$K_0 \sim e^{-b\sqrt{t}}$ exponential suppression of large t

Large $b \leftrightarrow$ small t'

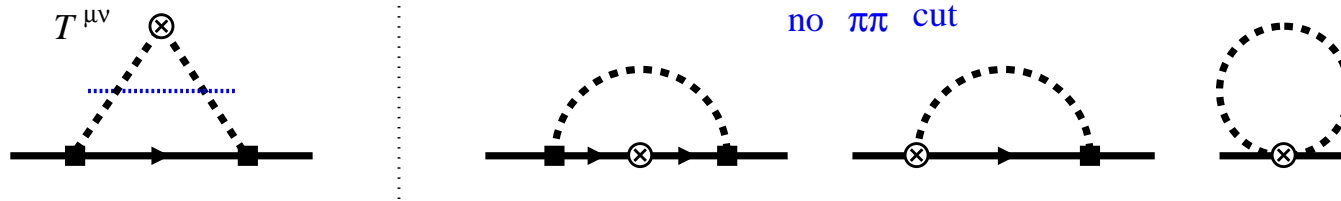


- Densities at $b = \mathcal{O}(M_\pi^{-1})$ from $\pi\pi$ cut

$\text{Im } A(t)$ calculable in χEFT

Chiral periphery: EM tensor $\pi\pi$ cut

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- EM tensor in χ EFT from Noether theorem

Current made from π and N fields, πN interactions in Lagrangian

Need only $\pi\pi$ cut of form factors, generated by pionic current

$$T^{\mu\nu}[\pi] = \sum_a \left(\partial^\mu \pi^a \partial^\nu \pi^a - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial^\rho \pi^a \partial_\rho \pi^a + \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} M_\pi^2 \pi^a \pi^a \right) + \text{terms } \pi^4, \dots$$

Symmetric tensor, uniquely determined by chiral symmetry, cannot be “improved”

- Nucleon form factors and densities

$$A(t), B(t) \quad \pi\pi \text{ cut} \quad \rho_A(b), \rho_B(b) \text{ leading at } b = \mathcal{O}(M_\pi^{-1})$$

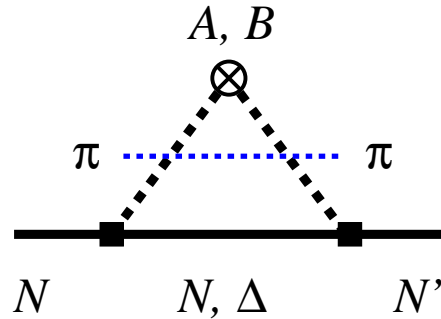
$$D(t) \quad \text{no } \pi\pi \text{ cut} \quad \rho_D(b) \text{ suppressed}$$

$$G_A(t) \quad \text{no } \pi\pi \text{ cut} \quad \rho_S(b) \text{ suppressed}$$

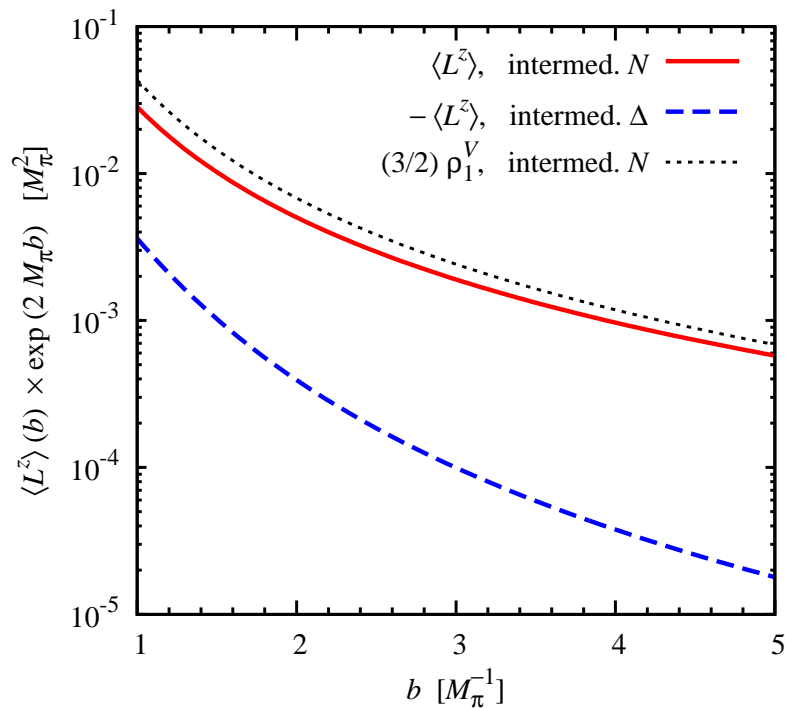
- The EM tensor from Noether's theorem in χ EFT corresponds to the total quark + gluon EM tensor in QCD
- The χ EFT results imply that at $b = \mathcal{O}(M_\pi^{-1})$ the orbital + gluon AM density is leading, the quark spin density is suppressed
- These properties follow from (i) the specific form of the pion EM tensor dictated by chiral invariance; (ii) the dominance of the $\pi\pi$ cut at peripheral distances. Qualitative conclusions, robust.
- The conclusions do not depend on the choice of QCD EM tensor

$$T^{\{\mu\nu\}}[\text{Belinfante}] = T^{\{\mu\nu\}}[\text{kinetic}] \quad \text{leading,}$$

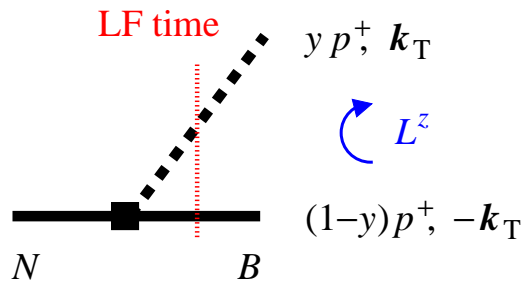
$$T^{[\mu\nu]}[\text{Belinfante}] \neq T^{[\mu\nu]}[\text{kinetic}] \quad \text{suppressed}$$



- Calculated $\text{Im}A, B(t)$ in χEFT , $\rho_{A,B}(b)$ and $\langle L^z \rangle$ from dispersion relation



- Densities decay exponentially
 $\langle L^z \rangle \sim \exp(-2M_\pi b) P(M_\pi, M_N, b)$
- $\langle L^z \rangle$ similar to isovector charge density
- N and Δ intermediate states produce opposite sign, cancel in large- N_c limit



- χ EFT in LF formulation

Chiral processes as sequence in LF time

Chiral LF wave function $N \rightarrow \pi B$ ($B = N, \Delta$)

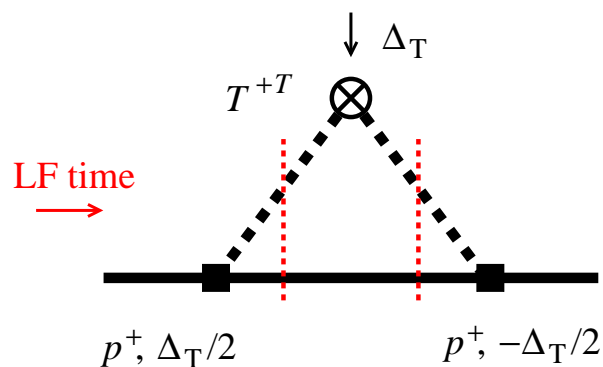
LF helicity states, πB configurations with $L^z \neq 0$

$$\Psi_{N \rightarrow \pi B}(y, \mathbf{k}_T, \sigma_B | \sigma) = \frac{\langle \pi B | \mathcal{L}_\chi | N \rangle}{M_{\pi B}^2 - M_N^2}$$

- AM density in LF formulation

$$\langle L^z \rangle(b) = \sum_{B=N, \Delta} \frac{C_B}{4\pi} \int \frac{dy}{y\bar{y}^3} \sum_{\sigma_B} \Phi_{N \rightarrow \pi B}^*(y, \mathbf{r}_T, \sigma_B | \sigma) \times \left[\bar{y} \mathbf{r}_T \times (-i) \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}_T} \right] \Phi_{N \rightarrow \pi B}(y, \mathbf{r}_T, \sigma_B | \sigma)$$

$$[\mathbf{r}_T = \mathbf{b}/\bar{y}, \sigma = +\frac{1}{2}].$$



First-quantized representation, WF overlap

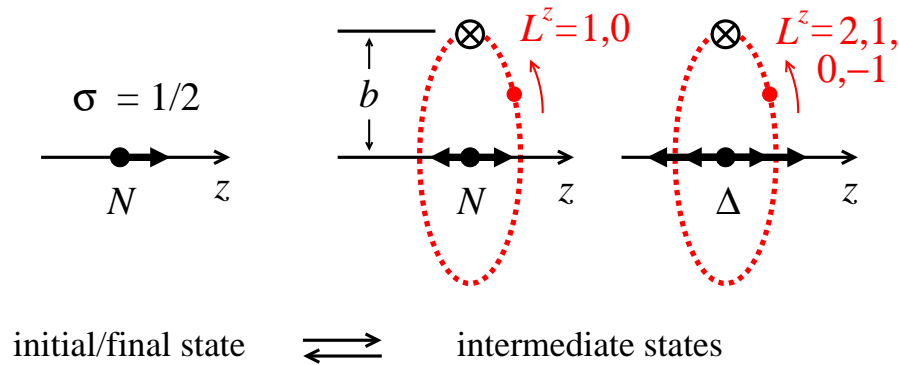
Operator is quantum-mechanical L^z

Equivalent to invariant formulation

Granados, CW, arXiv:1905.02742

Chiral periphery: Mechanical picture

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Original nucleon with $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$

Transition to πB state with $L^z \leftrightarrow \sigma_B$

Operator measures density of $L^z \neq 0$

- Useful representation

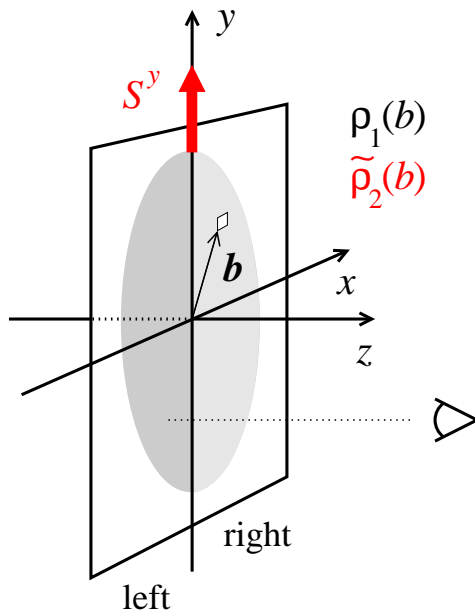
- Intuitive understanding

- Relation of peripheral AM density to other densities

- Weights of N and Δ intermediate states, $N_c \rightarrow \infty$ limit

- Positivity conditions from quadratic form

- Based on “true” large-distance dynamics of QCD encoded in χ EFT



- Transverse charge/magnetization densities
[Soper 1976](#), [Burkardt 2000](#), [Miller 2007](#)

$$\langle N' | J^\mu | N \rangle \rightarrow F_1, F_2(t) \rightarrow \rho_1, \rho_2(b)$$

- Interpretation in transverse polarized state

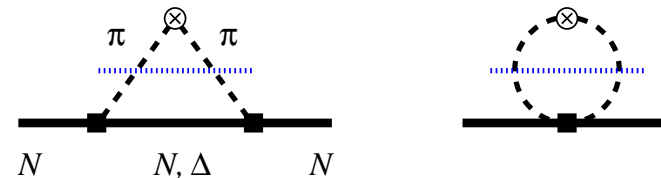
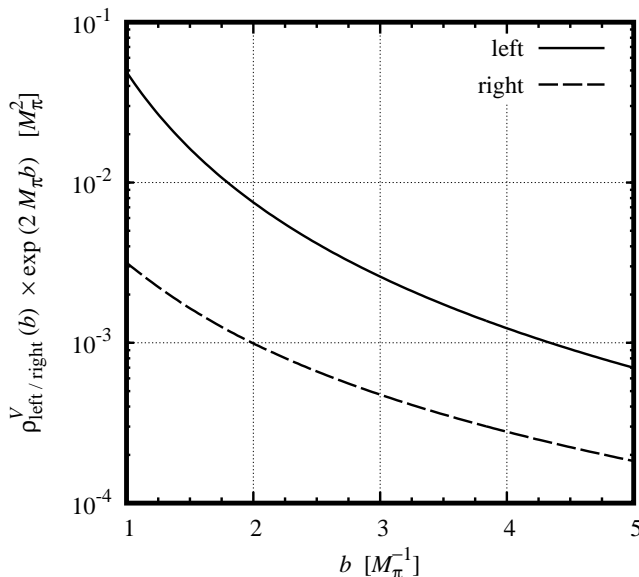
$$\langle J^+(\mathbf{b}) \rangle_{y\text{-pol}} = \rho_1(b) + (2S^y) \cos \phi \tilde{\rho}_2(b)$$

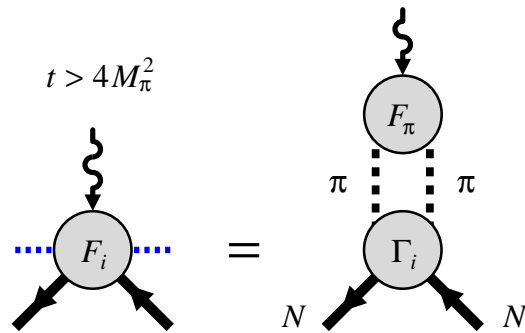
$$\rho_1, \tilde{\rho}_2 = \langle J^+ \rangle_{\text{right}} \pm \langle J^+ \rangle_{\text{left}} \quad \text{left-right asymmetry}$$

- Peripheral densities calculated in χ EFT

Large left-right asymmetry

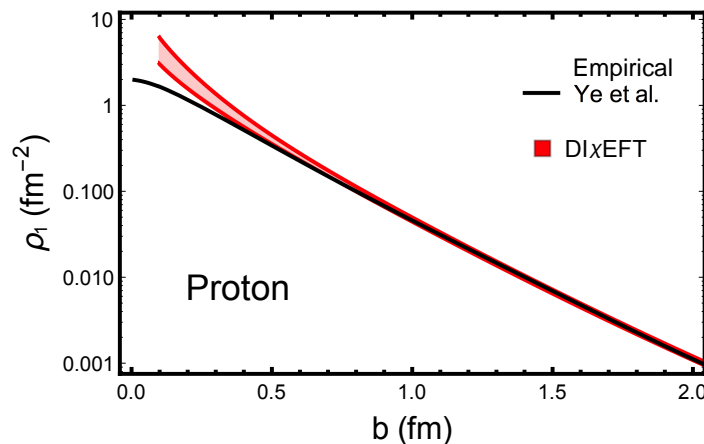
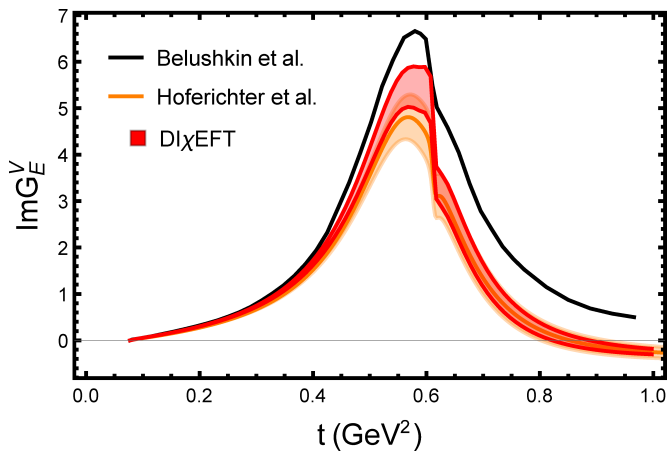
Mechanical picture with transversely orbiting pion





- $\text{Im } F_{1,2}(t)$ on $\pi\pi$ cut strongly affected by $\pi\pi$ rescattering, ρ resonance

Traditional χ EFT calculations poorly convergent



- Method for including $\pi\pi$ rescattering

Elastic unitarity relation, N/D representation

$\pi\pi \rightarrow N\bar{N}$ coupling from χ EFT

$\pi\pi$ rescattering from timelike pion FF $|F_\pi(t)|$ measured in e^+e^- annihilation

Realistic spectral functions up to $t \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$

Alarcon, Hiller Blin, Vicente Vacas, Weiss, NPA 964, 18 (2017);
Alarcon, Weiss, PRC 96, 055206 (2017) PRC 97, 055203 (2018)
Similar method: Granados, Leupold, Perotti 2017

- Realistic densities down to $b \sim 0.5 \text{ fm}$

Other application: Proton radius extraction

Alarcon, Higinbotham, Weiss, Ye 2019

- EM tensor and AM densities with $\pi\pi$ rescattering

Requires pion form factors as input

D-term: Pasquini, Polyakov, Vanderhaeghen 2017

- Form factors and densities with 3π cut

Isoscalar electromagnetic densities, isovector EM tensor densities, isoscalar spin density

Use methods of 3-body unitarity, presently being developed for amplitude analysis and LQCD

Szczepaniak et al, Jackura, Pilloni, Döring et al

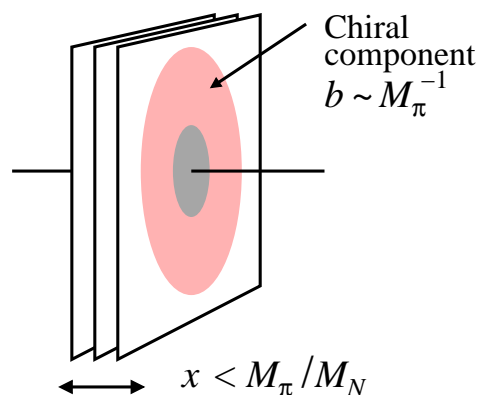
- Peripheral x -dependent GPDs

Calculated in χ EFT

Strikman, CW 2009; Granados, CW 2015

Can be probed in peripheral high-energy processes at EIC

Strikman, CW 2004



- Definition of AM operators in QCD well understood, incl. local densities.
Can be used for nucleon structure studies!
- Transverse AM densities at $b = \mathcal{O}(M_\pi^{-1})$ calculated in χ EFT
 - Two-pion cut of invariant form factors + dispersion relation
 - Light-front time-ordered formulation
- In periphery the symmetric EM tensor dominates, antisymmetric suppressed.
In terms of QCD DOF, orbital + gluon AM dominates, quark spin suppressed
- In periphery the field-theoretical AM density coincides with the quantum-mechanical AM density of the soft pions in the chiral processes
- Peripheral nucleon structure as new field of study
 - “Deconstruct” nucleon in systematic approximation
 - Manifestation of chiral symmetry breaking in QCD
 - Peripheral high-energy processes at EIC