

Gluonic structure of the nucleon at Jlab20+GeV

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Gluonic structure of hadrons

- Gluons generated from valence quarks are an important part of hadron structure,
 - Mass
 - Momentum
 - Spin
 - Gravitational form factors
 - Gluon PDFs, GPDs, TMDs, etc
- However, their effects are mostly known through high-energy scattering, jets, Q^2 evolution etc.

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Heavy-quarkonium production

- J/ψ etc
- Gluon physics? problems:
 - J/Ψ may be produced through intrinsic heavy quarks.
 - Question of scale?
 - J/Ψ formation and final-state interactions (non-perturbative)
 - Large radiative corrections and higher-twist effects.

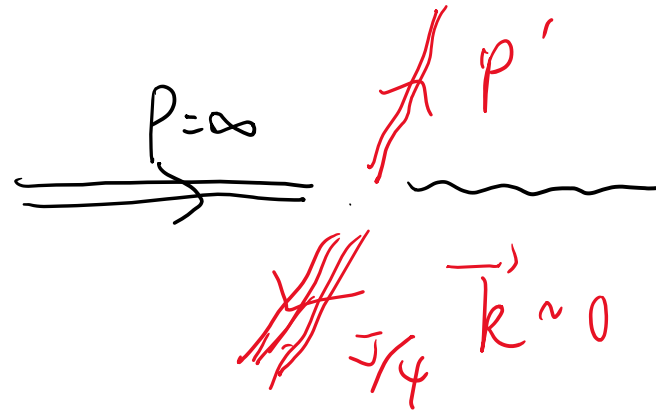
Limit of $m_Q \rightarrow \infty$

- Infinity m_Q limit might be a clean case.
- Conjectures:
 - Intrinsic contribution is suppressed.
 - At a reasonable flying out velocity v , the heavy quarkonium might have negligible FSI
(Color transparency)
 - Heavy-quarkonium formation might be perturbative.
- One can organize an expansion in this limit.

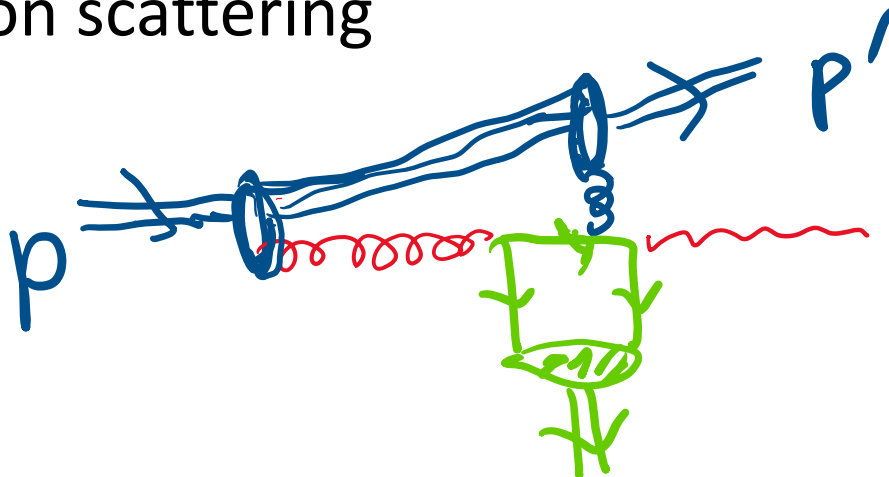
Y. Guo, X. Ji and Y. Liu, *Phys.Rev.D* 103 (2021) 9, 096010

Light-cone dominated process

- In the COM frame, the proton comes in $P_z = \infty$



- Parton scattering



Threshold J/psi production: new QCD factorization formula

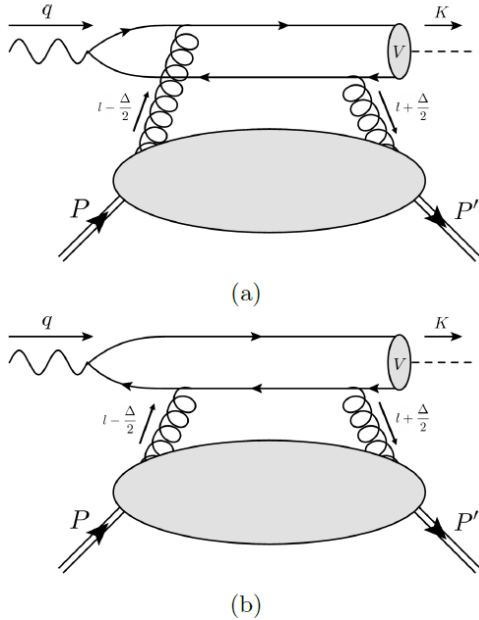


FIG. 4: Examples of leading Feynman diagrams that contribute to heavy vector meson photoproduction.

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} = \frac{e^2 e_Q^2}{16\pi (W^2 - M_N^2)^2} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{polarization}} |\mathcal{M}(\varepsilon_V, \varepsilon)|^2 ,$$

$$= \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}} e_Q^2}{4 (W^2 - M_N^2)^2} \frac{(16\pi\alpha_S)^2}{3M_V^3} |\psi_{\text{NR}}(0)|^2 |G(t, \xi)|^2$$

$$G(t, \xi) = \frac{1}{2\xi} \int_{-1}^1 dx \mathcal{A}(x, \xi) F_g(x, \xi, t) . \quad (14)$$

where the hard kernel $\mathcal{A}(x, \xi)$ reads

$$\mathcal{A}(x, \xi) \equiv \frac{1}{x + \xi - i0} - \frac{1}{x - \xi + i0} . \quad (15)$$

The standard gluon GPD F_g is defined as [40]

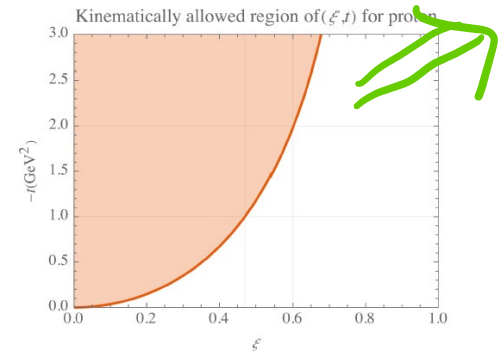
$$F_g(x, \xi, t) \equiv \frac{1}{(\bar{P}^+)^2} \int \frac{d\lambda}{2\pi} e^{i\lambda x} \left\langle P' \left| \text{Tr} \left\{ F^{+i} \left(-\frac{\lambda n}{2} \right) F_i^+ \left(\frac{\lambda n}{2} \right) \right\} \right| P \right\rangle , \quad (16)$$

Compare with other factorization theorems

- Standard factorization in GPDs happens either in
 - Deeply virtual limit
 $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$
independent of meson mass
[J. Collins et al, Radyushkin \(1996\)](#)
 - Real photon diffractive limit for heavy quarkonium,
(FSI negligible due to high-energy final state)
[Ivanov et al, EJPC, 34 \(2004\) 297.](#)

In Guo et al work, the factorization is due to small dipole size in the limit of heavy quark mass.

Large skewness



- Two gluons have very different light-cone momentum fraction

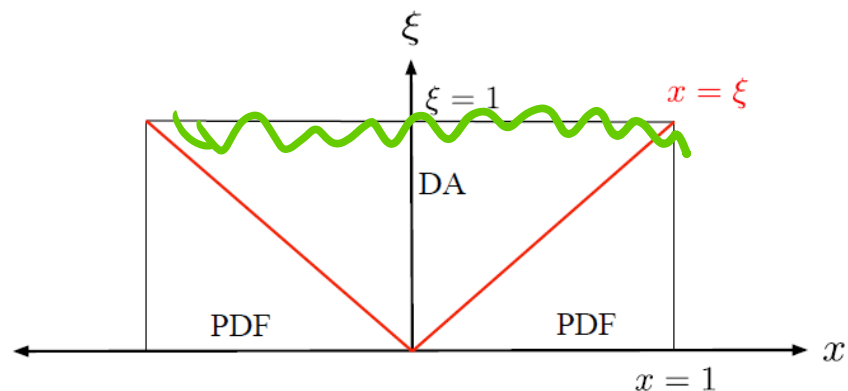
$$m_Q \rightarrow \infty, t \rightarrow \infty, \xi \rightarrow 1$$

(also Hatta & Strikman, 2021 in $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ limit, near threshold)

dominated by Distribution Amplitude (DA limit)

region, a very differ

$\xi \rightarrow 0$ (PDF limit)



Large- ξ expansion

- One might consider expand the gluon propagators in the large ξ limit

$$G(t, \xi) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\xi^{2n+2}} \int_{-1}^1 dx x^{2n} F_g(x, \xi, t) .$$

- Leading contribution: leading-twist gluon energy momentum tensor form factors

$$\begin{aligned} G(t, \xi) &= \frac{1}{\xi^2 (\bar{P}^+)^2} \langle P' | \frac{1}{2} \sum_{a,i} F^{a,+i}(0) F^{a,+}_i(0) | P \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2\xi^2 (\bar{P}^+)^2} \langle P' | T_g^{++} | P \rangle , \end{aligned} \quad (\xi)$$

Gravitations form factors

- Form factors of EMT for quarks and gluons (Ji, 1996)

$$\langle P' | T_{q,g}^{\mu\nu} | P \rangle = \bar{U}(P') [A_{q,g}(\Delta^2) \gamma^{(\mu} \bar{P}^{\nu)} + B_{q,g}(\Delta^2) \bar{P}^{(\mu} i \sigma^{\nu)\alpha} \Delta_\alpha / 2M + C_{q,g}(\Delta^2) (\Delta^\mu \Delta^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} \Delta^2) / M + \bar{C}_{q,g}(\Delta^2) g^{\mu\nu} M] U(P),$$

Twist-2, A, B, C, twist-4, C-bar

- Form factors for the total EMT (Pagels, 1966)

$$\langle P' | T^{\mu\nu} | P \rangle = \bar{u}(P') \left[A(Q^2) \gamma^{(\mu} \bar{P}^{\nu)} + B(Q^2) \bar{P}^{(\mu} i \sigma^{\nu)\alpha} q_\alpha / 2M + C(Q^2) (q^\mu q^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} q^2) / M \right] u(P),$$

$$A = A_q + A_g, \quad B \ \& \ C \ \text{etc.}, \quad \bar{C}_q + \bar{C}_g = 0$$

Why the physics is important?

Physics of EMT form factors

- Mass radius
- Momentum current form factor C & Tensor monopole moment
- Scalar fields and radius
- Anomalous contribution to proton mass

Mass form factor/radius

$$\langle P' | T^{00} | P \rangle = \bar{u}(P') u(P) G_m(Q^2) .$$

where

$$G_m(Q^2) = \left[MA(Q^2) - B(Q^2) \frac{Q^2}{4M} + C(Q^2) \frac{Q^2}{M} \right]$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle_{s,m} = -6 \frac{dG_{s,m}(Q^2)}{dQ^2} ,$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle_m = -6 \frac{dA(Q^2)}{dQ^2} - 6 \frac{C(0)}{M^2} ,$$

- Is Mass radius bigger or smaller than the charge radius?
- How much comes from the gluons?

$C(q)$: momentum current FF

- The physics of this form factor is best seen in the Breit frame in which it is the form factor for momentum current.

$$\langle T^{ij} \rangle \sim (q^i q^j - \delta^{ij} q^2) C(q)$$

which generates gravitational field according to Einstein's equation.

- Tensor-monopole moment,

$$\tau \sim \int d^3r (Y_2 \times T)^0 \sim C(0)/M$$

which generates a particular type of gravitational potential (Ji & Liu, e-Print: [2110.14781](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.14781))

Tensor monopole moment of hydrogen atom

- Zero-th order

$$\tau_0 = \hbar^2 / 4m_e$$

positive!

for proton, it might be negative, $\tau_p = D(0)\hbar^2 / 4M_p$

- Radiative correction

$$\tau = \tau_0 \left(1 + \frac{4\alpha}{3\pi} \ln\alpha \right)$$

X. Ji & Y. Liu, [hep-ph/2208.05029](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/2208.05029)

Trace anomaly, mass scale, and scalar form factor

- Form factor of the scalar density

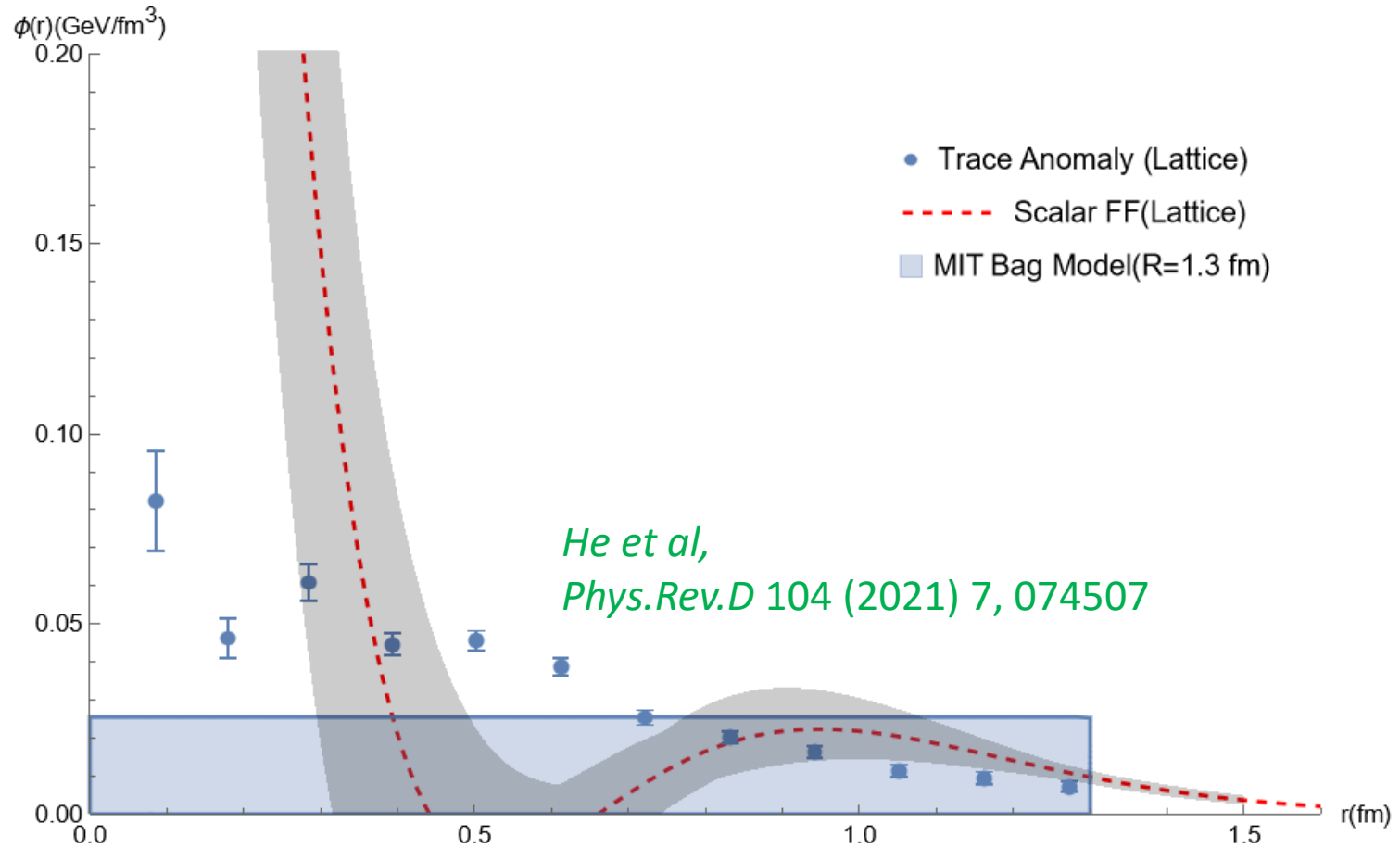
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where,

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- Fourier transformation of G_s gives us **the scalar field distribution** inside the Nucleon
- Dynamical MIT “bag constant”.
- One can determine the mass scale without directly measuring F^2 matrix element! (EMT conservation)

Scalar field (QAE) distribution inside the proton



Scalar and mass radii

- Scalar radius

$$\langle r^2 \rangle_s = -6 \frac{dA(Q^2)}{dQ^2} - 18 \frac{C(0)}{M^2}$$

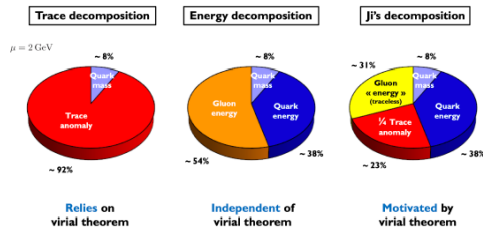
- The difference

$$\langle r^2 \rangle_s - \langle r^2 \rangle_m = -12 \frac{C(0)}{M^2}$$

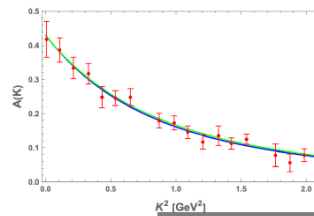
- **Conjecture** $\langle r^2 \rangle_s > \langle r^2 \rangle_m$ or $C(0) < 0$

Mass decomposition

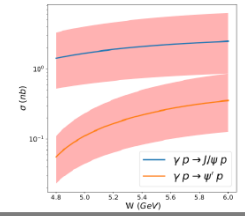
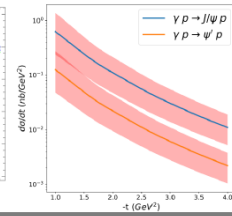
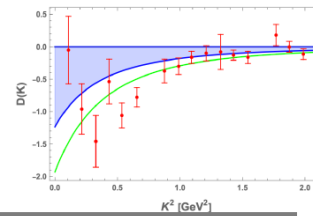
Science case rapidly evolving PROMINENT NEW DEVELOPMENTS



Proton mass budget decompositions, C. Lorce (from 2022 INT workshop)

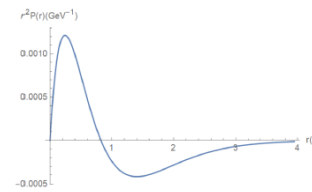


Proton gravitational form factors holographic QCD compared with Lattice, K. Mamo & I. Zahed (2022)

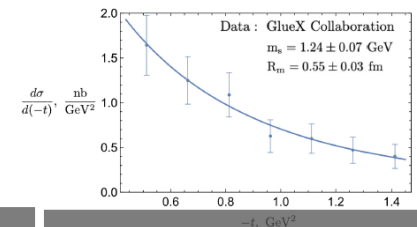


Near-threshold heavy quarkonium production at large momentum transfer, P. Sun, X-B. Tong, F. Yuan (PRD 2022)

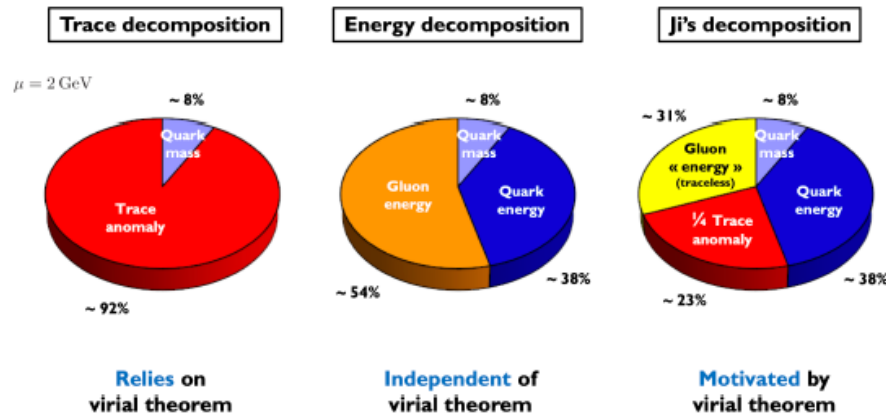
- A hot topic: many theoretical developments, and pace of publications only speeding up!
- Many extractions depend on extrapolating to the forward limit ($t=0$), which introduces theoretical systematic uncertainties. Best way to mitigate is high-precision data at high- t .



Gluon contribution to pressure in GPD formalism, Y. Guo, X. Ji, Y. Liu, (PRD 2021)



Gluonic radius of the proton based on 1D GlueX results, D. Kharzeev (PRD 2021)



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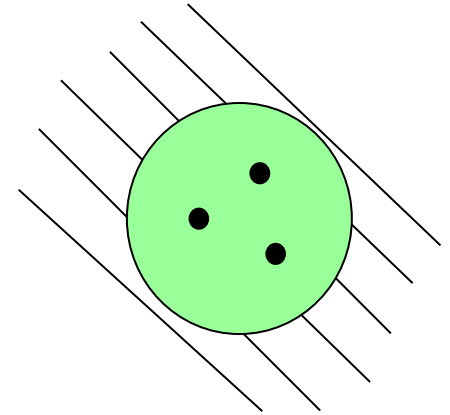
- Trace decomposition is not a proper mass sum rule.
- The so-called “energy decomposition” fails to recognize there are two types of the gluon energy contributions (although it is obtained by explicit sum)
 - Gluon energy as seen in Higgs production at LHC
 - Gluon scalar field response to the valence quarks (quantum anomalous energy!)

Quantum anomalous energy (QAE) contribution to the proton mass:

- The scalar field has a VEV: $\langle 0|F^2|0\rangle$
- QAE comes from the scalar response to the presence of the quarks.

$$\phi = F^2 - \langle 0|F^2|0\rangle$$

- QCD Higgs mechanism, with gluon scalar as a dynamical Higgs field.
- This contribution is like bag constant in MIT bag model.
- Instanton susceptibility (I. Zahed, *Phys.Rev.D* 104 (2021) 5, 054031)



Final comments

- It might be possible to learn something interesting about gluon content of the nucleon at Jlab
- 20+ GeV opens up a lot of more phase space
 - to test reaction mechanism (near & away from threshold)
 - to make precision measurements.
- A lot of theory work to do