

Impact parameter analysis in $e + N \rightarrow e + \pi + N$

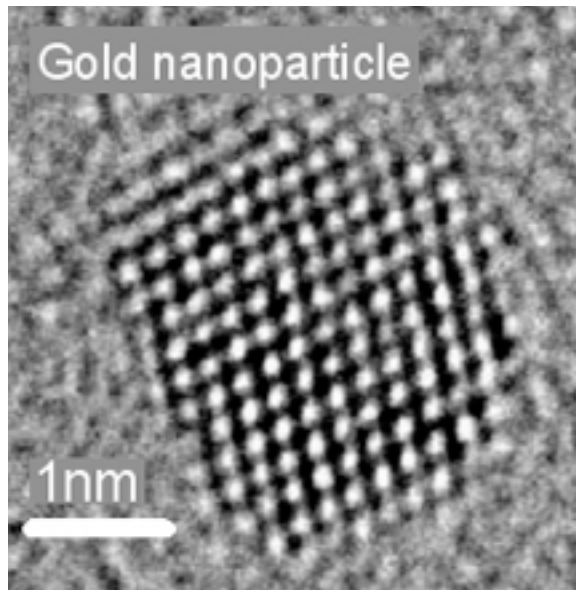
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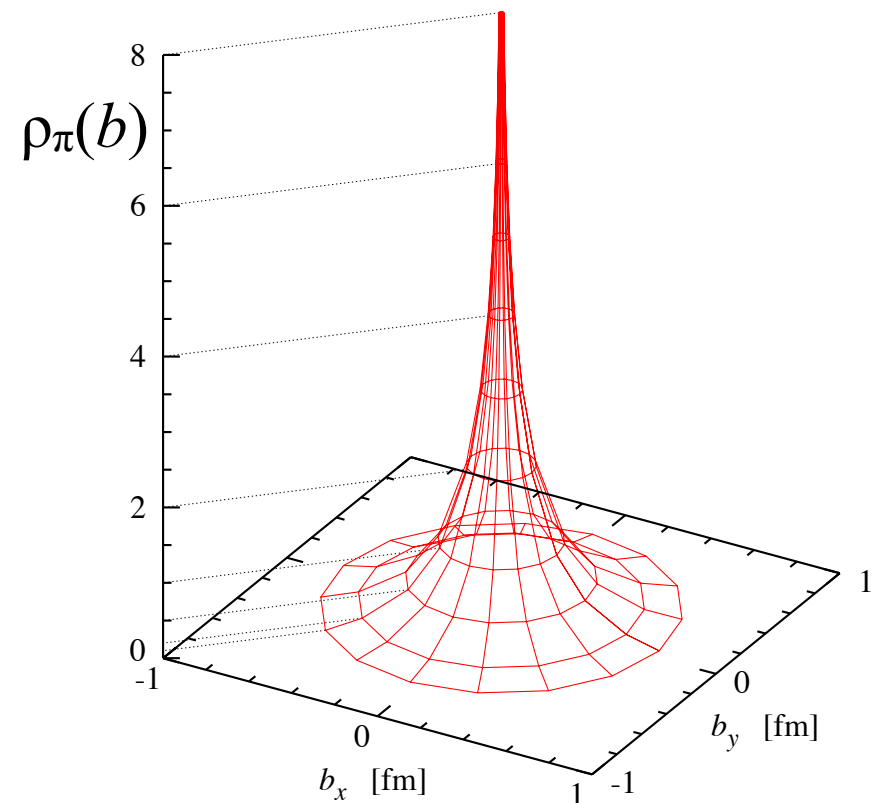
Relativistic electron microscopy of hadron dynamics

Gold atoms: 3D



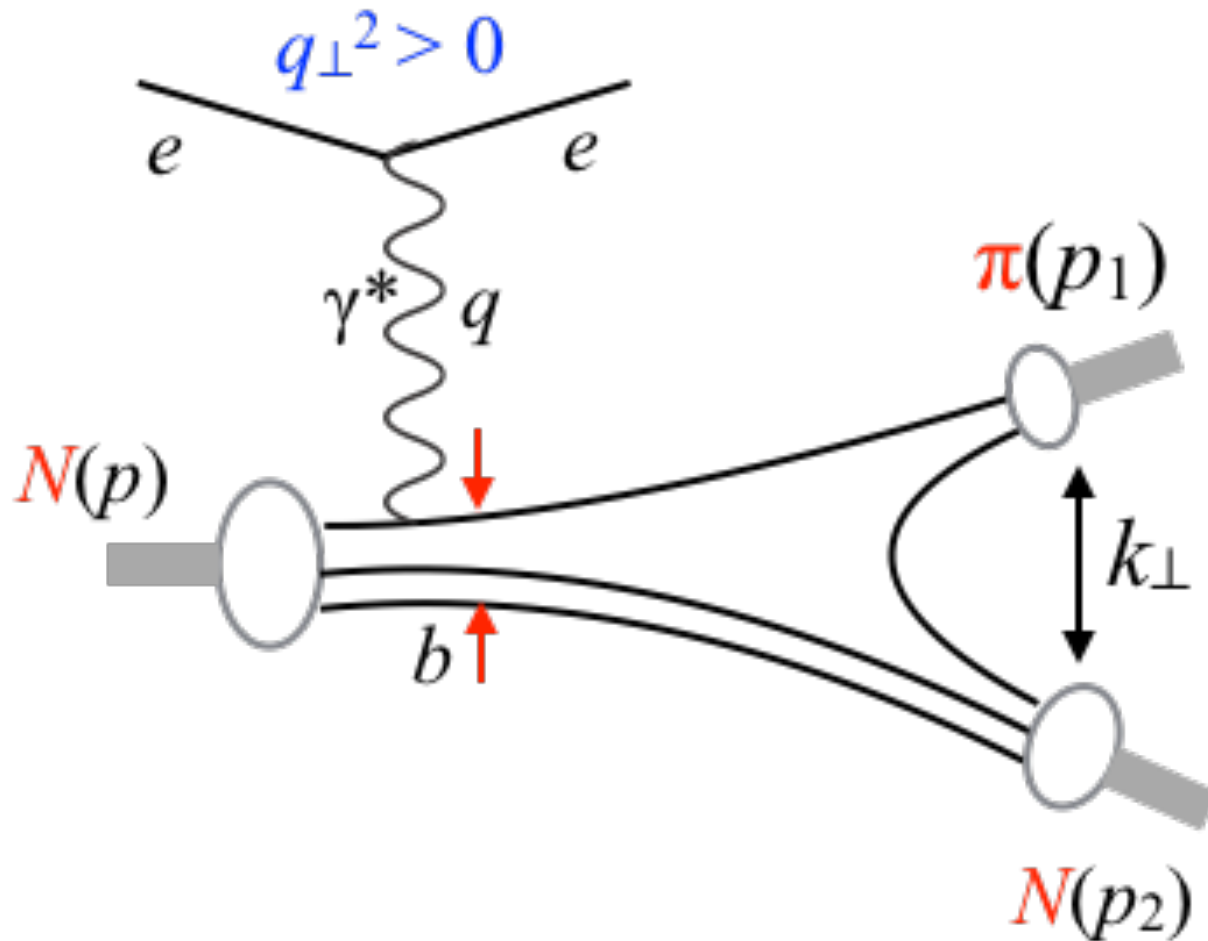
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The pion: 2D



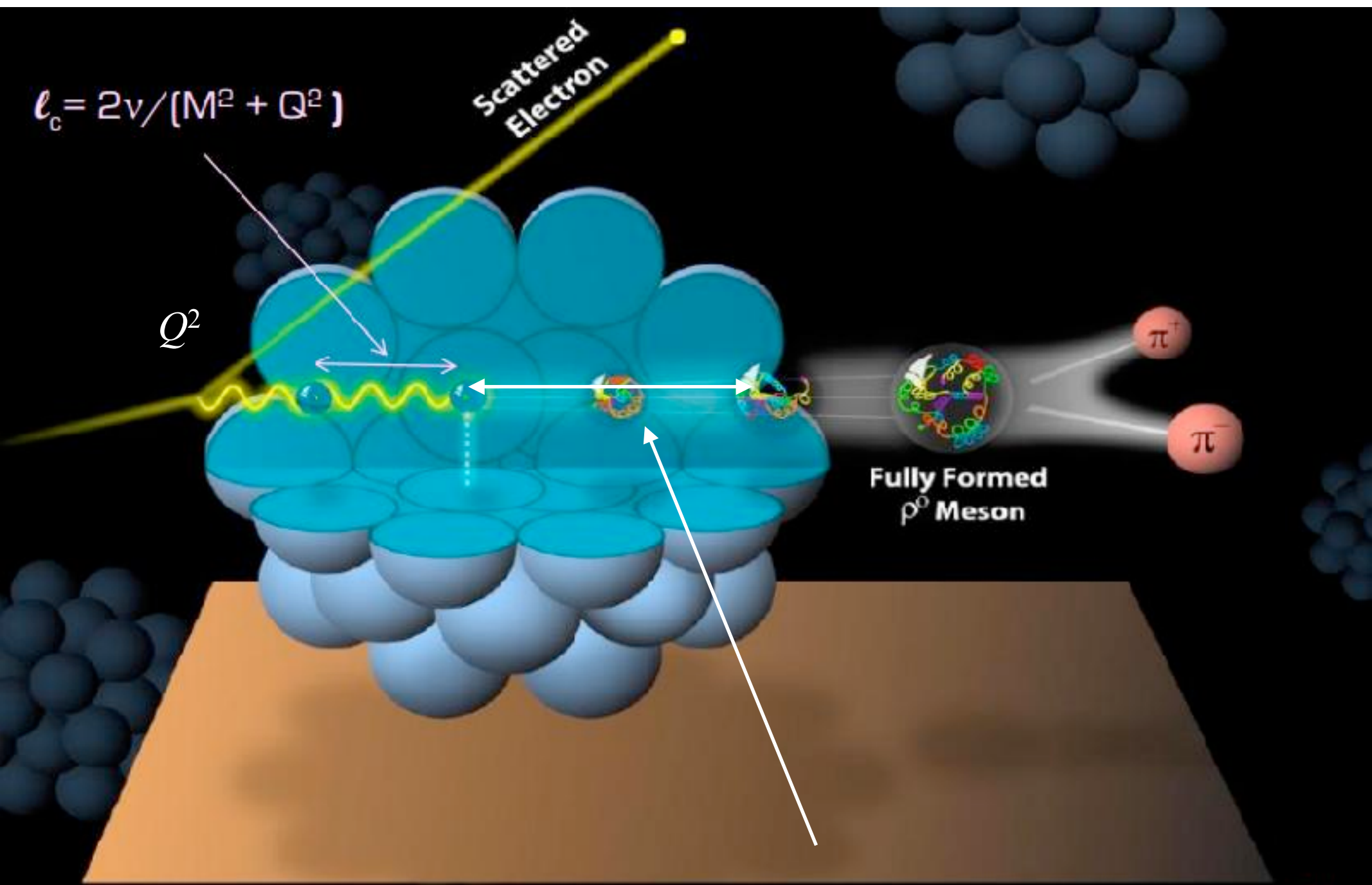
Miller, Strikman, Weiss, arXiv 1011.1472

Process dependence of transverse size



How does the target charge distribution depend on the properties of the final state?

Compare: Color Transparency in $eA \rightarrow e \rho X$



$$l_c = 2v / (M^2 + Q^2)$$

Q^2

Scattered Electron

Fully Formed ρ^0 Meson

π^+

π^-

$$l_F = 2v / \Delta m_h^2 \text{ formation length}$$

Electron microscopy of relativistic charges

Light quarks in hadrons move with $v \approx c = 1$: How can we get a sharp picture using probes moving with the same speed?

In a frame where $p_h^z \rightarrow +\infty$ (IMF or LF),
the quark energy $E_q = x E_h \rightarrow \infty$, hence

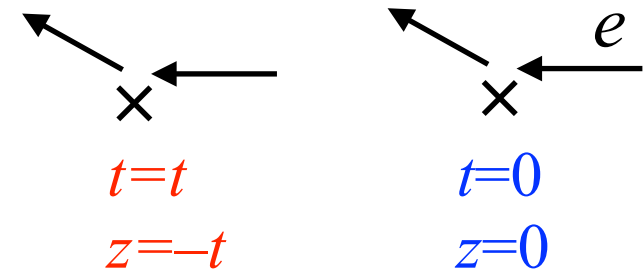
$$v_{q\perp} = \frac{p_{q\perp}}{x E_h} \rightarrow 0$$

The electron can resolve the **transverse positions**
of the quarks with arbitrary accuracy in hard collisions ($Q \rightarrow \infty$)

In $eh \rightarrow eX$ where the electron $p_e^z \rightarrow -\infty$

it scatters from all target quarks at equal

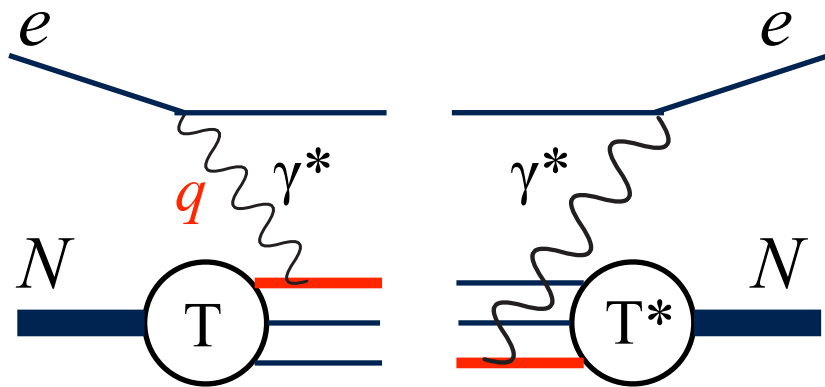
Light-Front (LF) time $x^+ = t+z$



The **transverse** structure of h can be measured at **equal Light-Front time** x^+

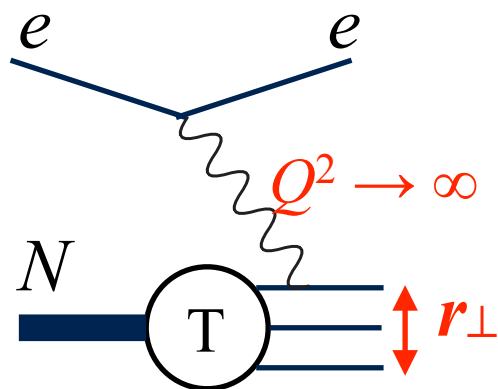
DIS: large Q^2 resolves single quarks

At low Q^2 the γ^* may interact with **different quarks** in T and T^* :



Such contributions do not reflect the properties of a single quark.

Bj limit: $q^0 = \nu \rightarrow \infty$ and $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$, with $x_{Bj} = \frac{Q^2}{2m_h \nu}$ fixed



At large Q^2 the γ^* is coherent on a single quark

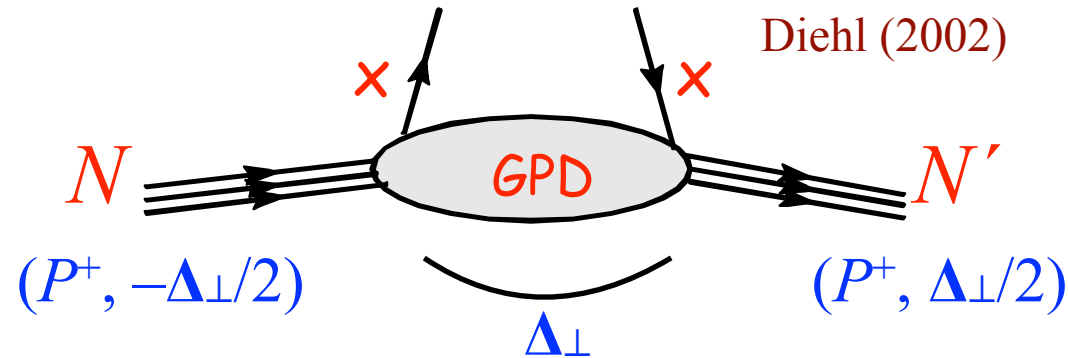
Verified by scaling in Q^2 (up to log's)

The quark can be at any r_\perp in the target.

Impact parameter distributions via the GPD's

$$\int \frac{d^2 \Delta_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{b} \cdot \Delta_{\perp}} \text{GPD}(\Delta_{\perp})$$

Soper (1977)
Burkardt (2000)
Diehl (2002)



determines the **transverse position \mathbf{b}** of the struck quark

$$f_{q/N}(x, \mathbf{b}) = \sum_{n, \lambda_i, k} \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\int dx_i \int 4\pi d^2 \mathbf{b}_i \right] \delta\left(1 - \sum_i x_i\right) \frac{1}{4\pi} \delta^2\left(\sum_i x_i \mathbf{b}_i\right) \\ \times \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_k) \delta(x - x_k) |\psi_n^\lambda(x_i, \mathbf{b}_i, \lambda_i)|^2$$

“Center of momentum” at the origin

↑
LF wave function

- Note:**
- * \mathbf{b} is conjugate to the (finite) nucleon momentum transfer Δ_{\perp} , *not* to the momentum transfer ($Q \rightarrow \infty$) in the hard collision $eq \rightarrow eq$
 - * The 2-dimensional FT must be done in a frame where $\Delta^+ = 0$

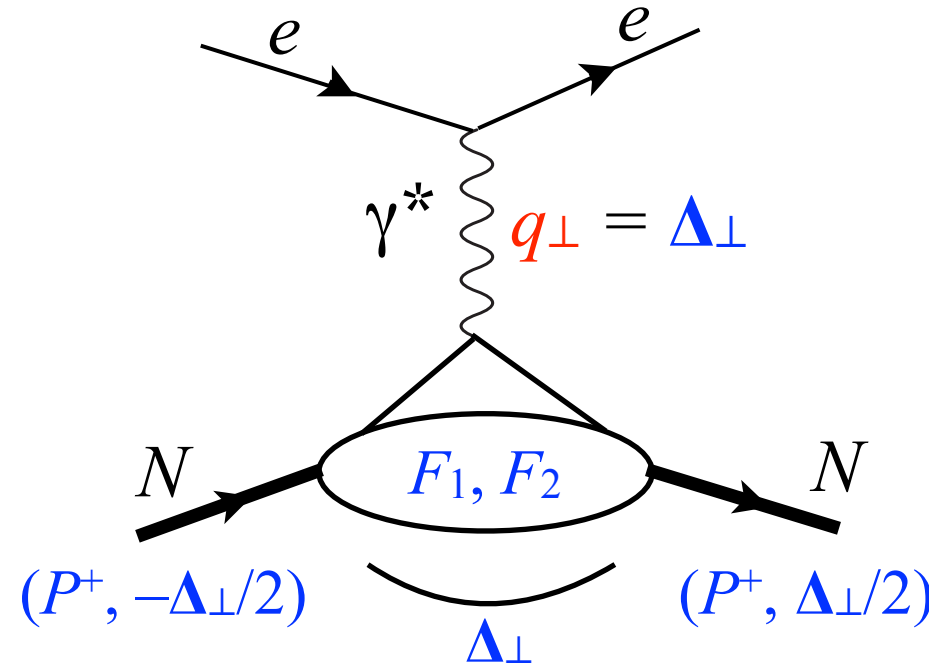
Nucleon Form Factors

In $eN \rightarrow eN$ the electron and nucleon momentum transfers are the same:

$$q_{\perp} = \Delta_{\perp}$$

The γ^* couples to a single quark in the form factor (amplitude, not σ !)

A 2-dim. FT over q_{\perp} will give the distribution of the struck quark in \mathbf{b}



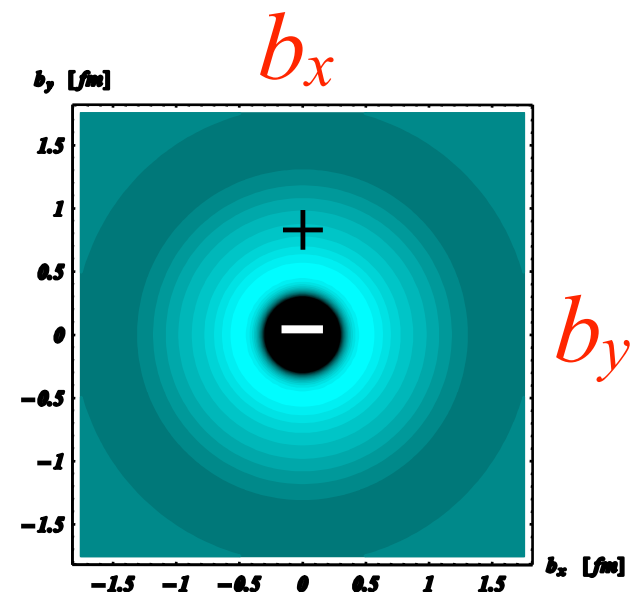
- Note:**
- * The $\gamma^*(q_{\perp})$ scatters coherently over quarks within $\Delta\mathbf{b} \sim 1/q_{\perp}$, and thus measures charge with this resolution.
 - * A FT over $-\infty < q_{\perp} < \infty$ gives the \mathbf{b} -distribution with δ -function accuracy.

Nucleon Charge Distribution from $eN \rightarrow eN$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho_0(\mathbf{b}) &= \frac{1}{2p^+} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{b}} \langle p^+, \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{q}, \lambda | J^+(0) | p^+, -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{q}, \lambda \rangle \\
 &= \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ}{2\pi} Q J_0(bQ) F_1(Q^2) \\
 &= \sum_{n, \lambda_i, k} e_k \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \int dx_i \int 4\pi d^2\mathbf{b}_i \right] \delta(1 - \sum_i x_i) \frac{1}{4\pi} \delta^{(2)}\left(\sum_i x_i \mathbf{b}_i\right) \\
 &\quad \times \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_k) |\psi_n^\lambda(x_i, \mathbf{b}_i, \lambda_i)|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Complementary to pdf's,
but no factorization,
hence no universality.

Neutron charge
distribution vs. \mathbf{b}



Miller (2007)
Carlson and Vanderhaeghen (2008)

Beyond elastic form factors

The expression of $\rho_0(\mathbf{b})$ in terms of LC wave functions,

$$\rho_0(\mathbf{b}) = \frac{1}{2p^+} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{b}} \langle p^+, \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{q}, \lambda | J^+(0) | p^+, -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{q}, \lambda \rangle$$

is based on the Fock expansion of the initial and final states:

$$\begin{aligned} |P^+, \mathbf{P}_\perp, \lambda\rangle_{x^+=0} &= \sum_{n, \lambda_i} \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\int_0^1 \frac{dx_i}{\sqrt{x_i}} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}_i}{16\pi^3} \right] 16\pi^3 \delta(1 - \sum_i x_i) \delta^{(2)}(\sum_i \mathbf{k}_i) \\ &\quad \times \psi_n(x_i, \mathbf{k}_i, \lambda_i) |n; x_i P^+, x_i \mathbf{P}_\perp + \mathbf{k}_i, \lambda_i\rangle_{x^+=0} \end{aligned}$$

Any state f is defined by its LF wave functions $\psi_n^f(x_i, \mathbf{k}_i, \lambda_i)$

The \mathbf{b} -space analysis applies similarly for **any final state f** : $\langle f | J^+(0) | N \rangle$

By comparing the \mathbf{b} -distributions for various states f one learns about the **reaction dynamics**.

Beyond elastic form factors

The \mathbf{b} -distribution of the struck quark in $eN \rightarrow ef$ is given by:

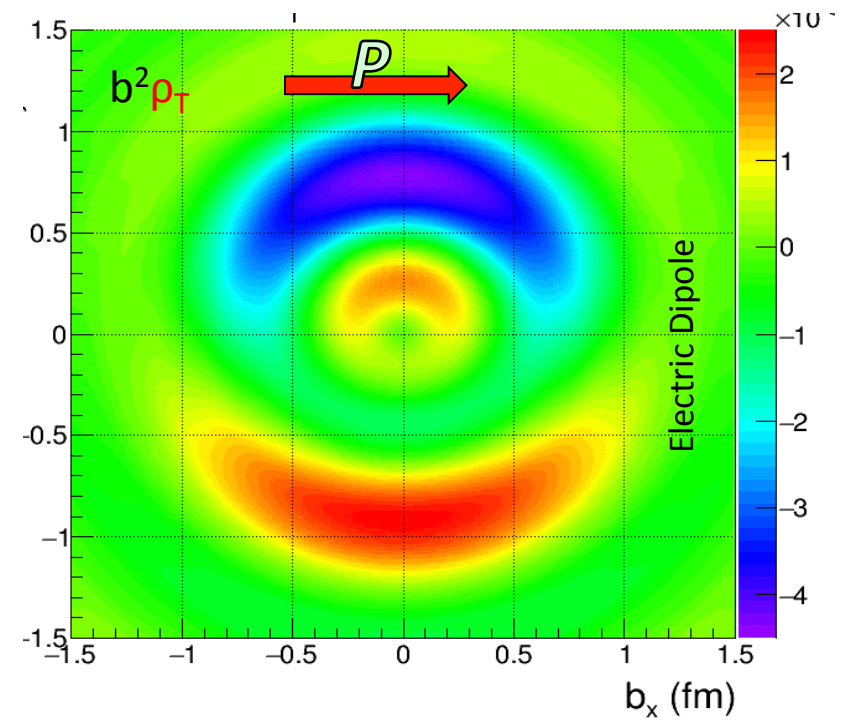
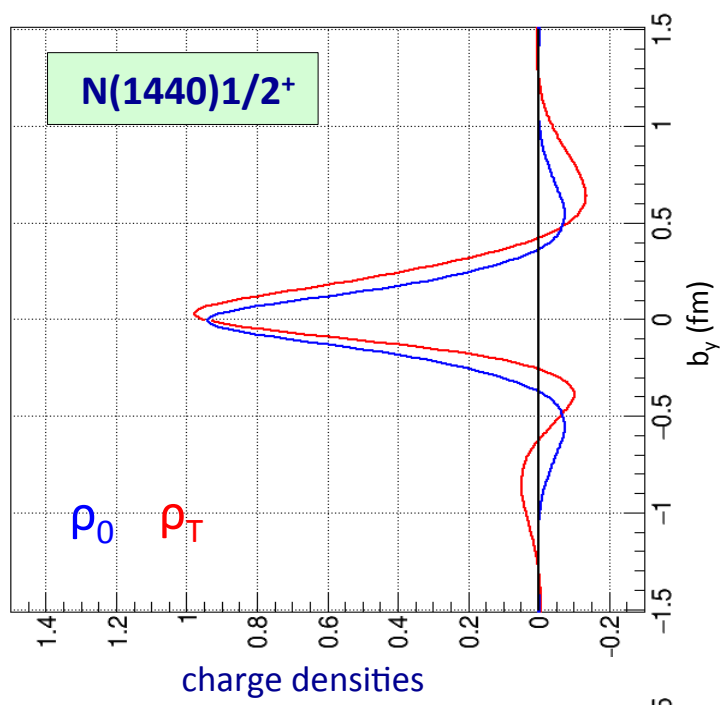
$$\mathcal{A}_{fN}(\mathbf{b}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_n \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \int_0^1 dx_i \int 4\pi d^2 \mathbf{b}_i \right] \delta\left(1 - \sum_i x_i\right) \delta^2\left(\sum_i x_i \mathbf{b}_i\right) \\ \times \psi_n^{f*}(x_i, \mathbf{b}_i) \psi_n^N(x_i, \mathbf{b}_i) \sum_k e_k \delta^2(\mathbf{b}_k - \mathbf{b})$$

The expression is diagonal in the Fock states n , and $\propto \psi_n^{f*} \psi_n^N$

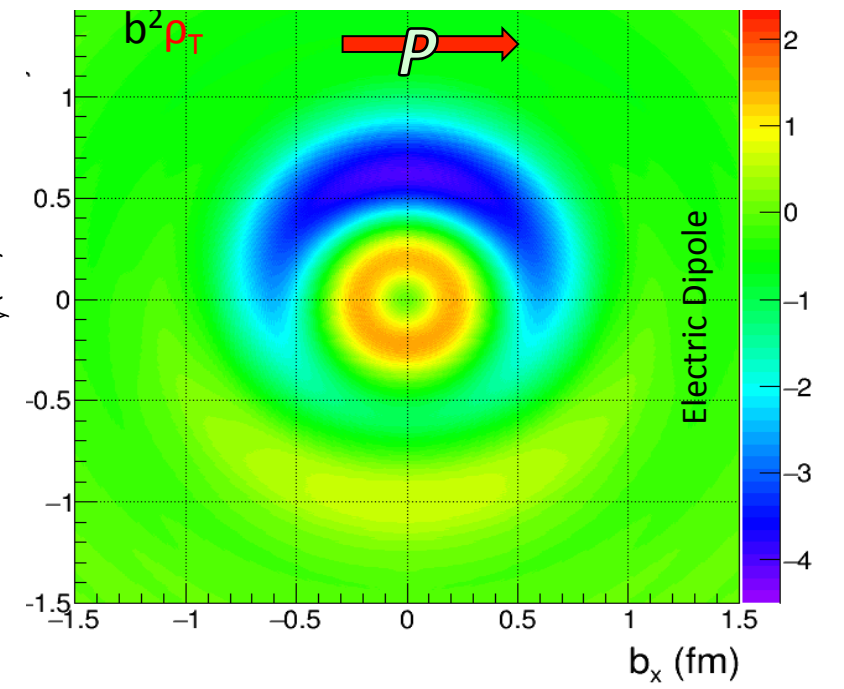
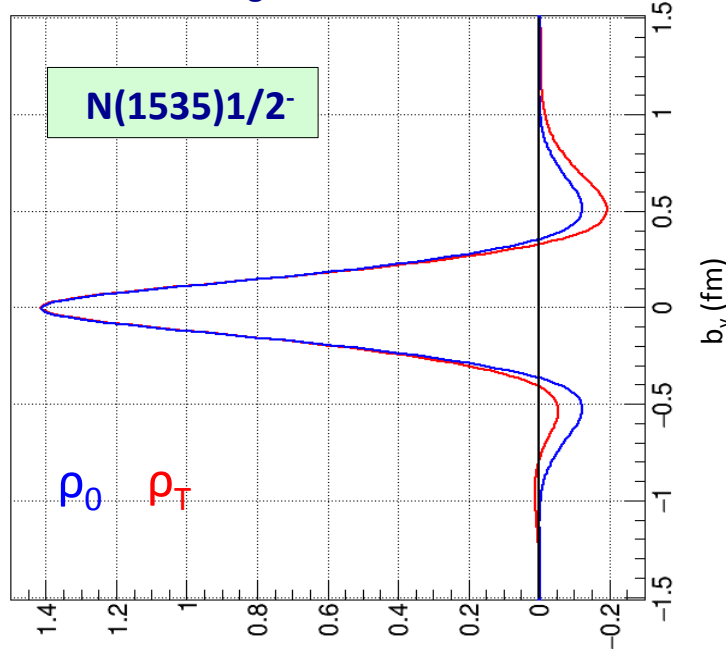
The γ^* both causes the transition $N \rightarrow f$
and measures the contributing Fock states

$f = N^*$: Transition form factors: $eN \rightarrow eN^*$

Comparison of N^* transition form factors



$N^*(1440)$



$N^*(1535)$

CLAS data
V. D. Burkert
arXiv:1610.00400

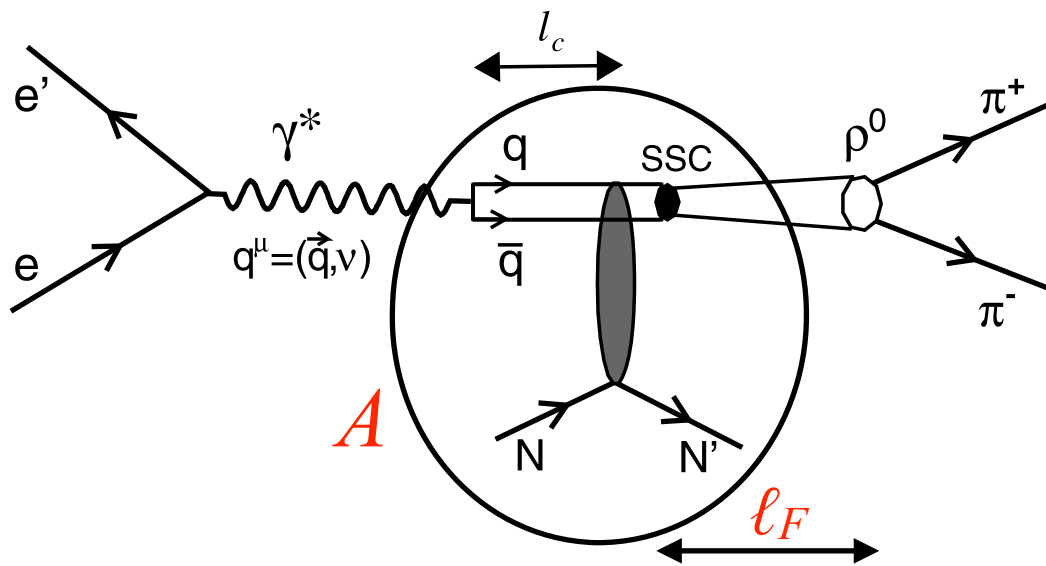
Connection to Color Transparency

Brodsky, and Mueller (1988)

Hard processes are expected to involve transversally compact Fock states
 Measure their size via rescattering in nuclei

Example: $e A \rightarrow e \rho X \rightarrow e \pi \pi X$

CLAS Collaboration
 arXiv:1201.2735



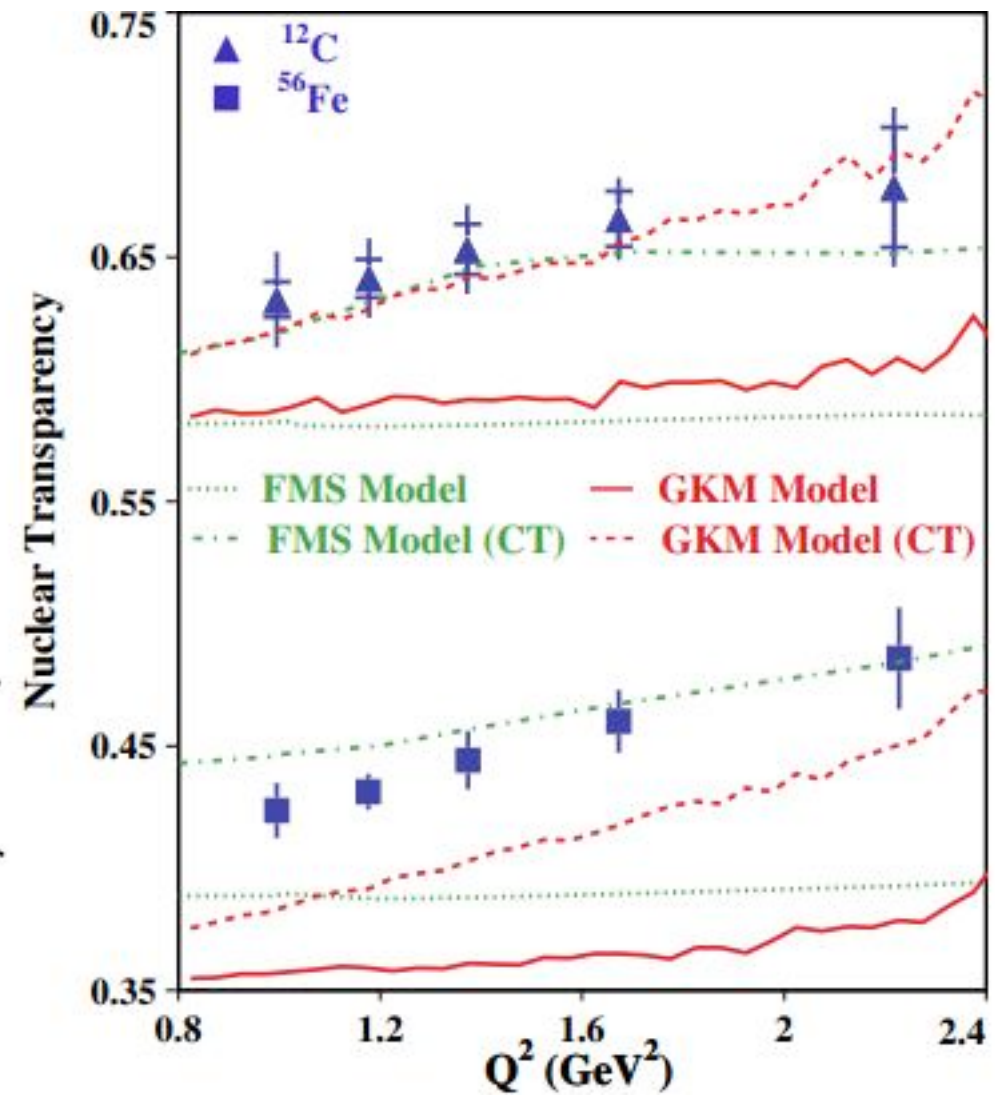
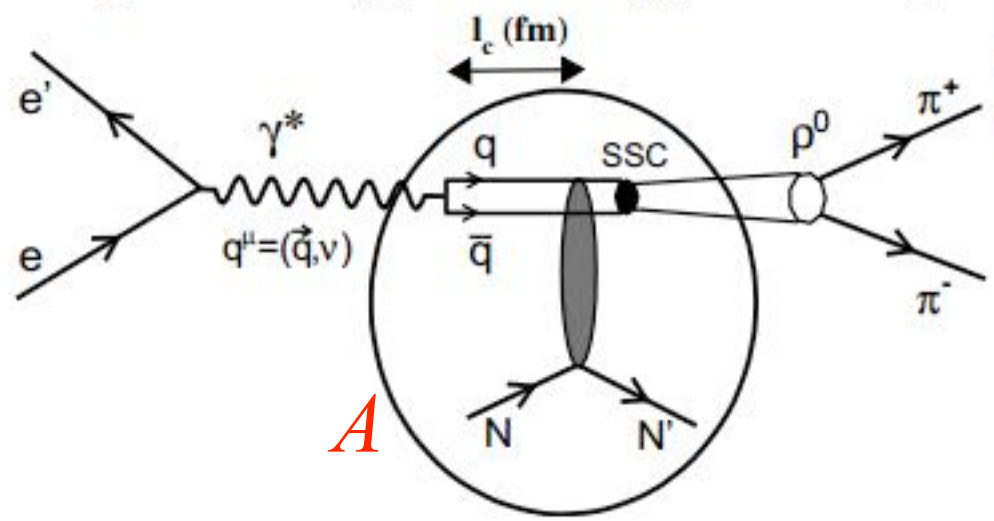
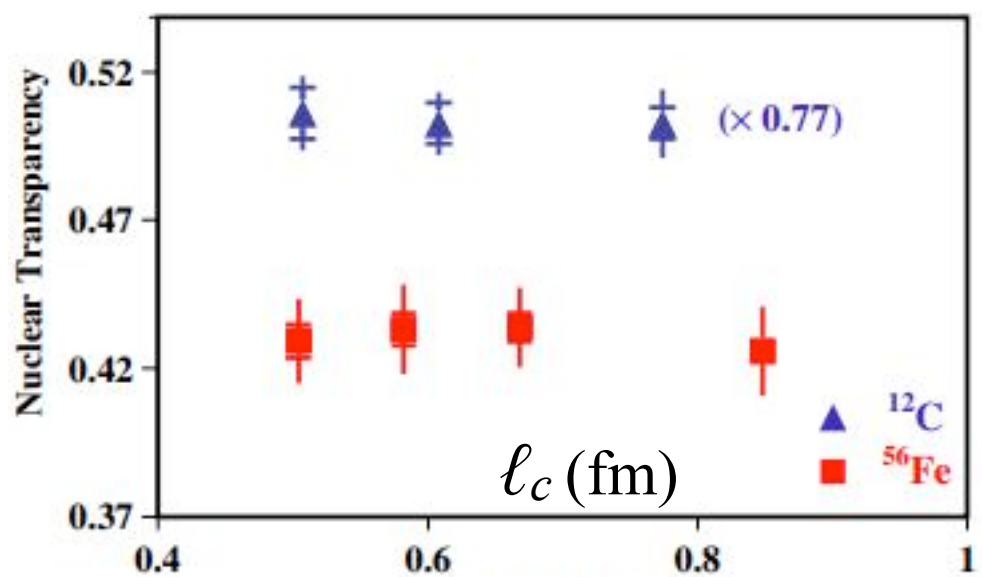
Expect the transverse size of the $q\bar{q}$ created by the $\gamma^*(Q^2)$ to decrease as Q^2 grows.

Test by measuring the absorption of the the $q\bar{q}$ in the target nucleus A.

Choose kinematics:

- The γ^* coherence length l_c is short (< 1 fm)
- The ρ formation length l_F is long (> 1 fm)

Evidence for color Transparency



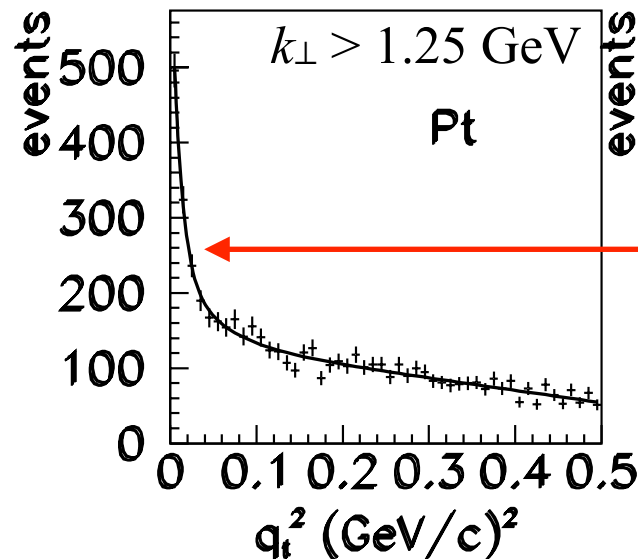
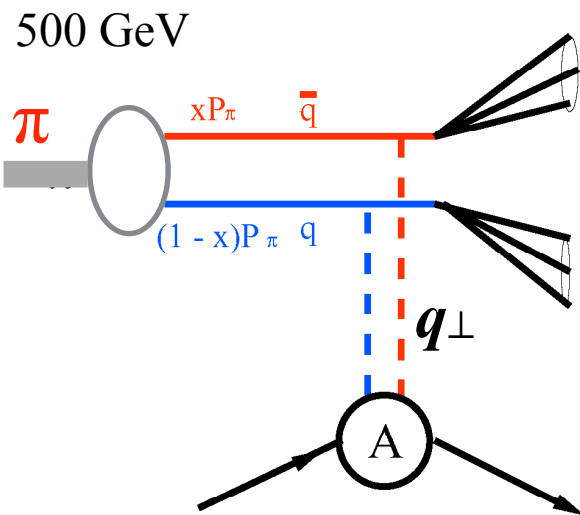
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Hard scale from the final state

In the CLAS experiment, the virtuality Q^2 of the γ^* gave the hard scale, and $\sigma(A)$ reflected the size of the $q\bar{q}$ which (later) formed into the ρ .

We may also consider $e A \rightarrow e \pi \pi X$ at low Q^2 , where the relative k_{\perp} of the pions provides the hard scale.

This is analogous to the E791 measurement of “exclusive” dijet production $\pi A \rightarrow \text{jet jet } A$: The relative k_{\perp} of the jets provides the hard scale.



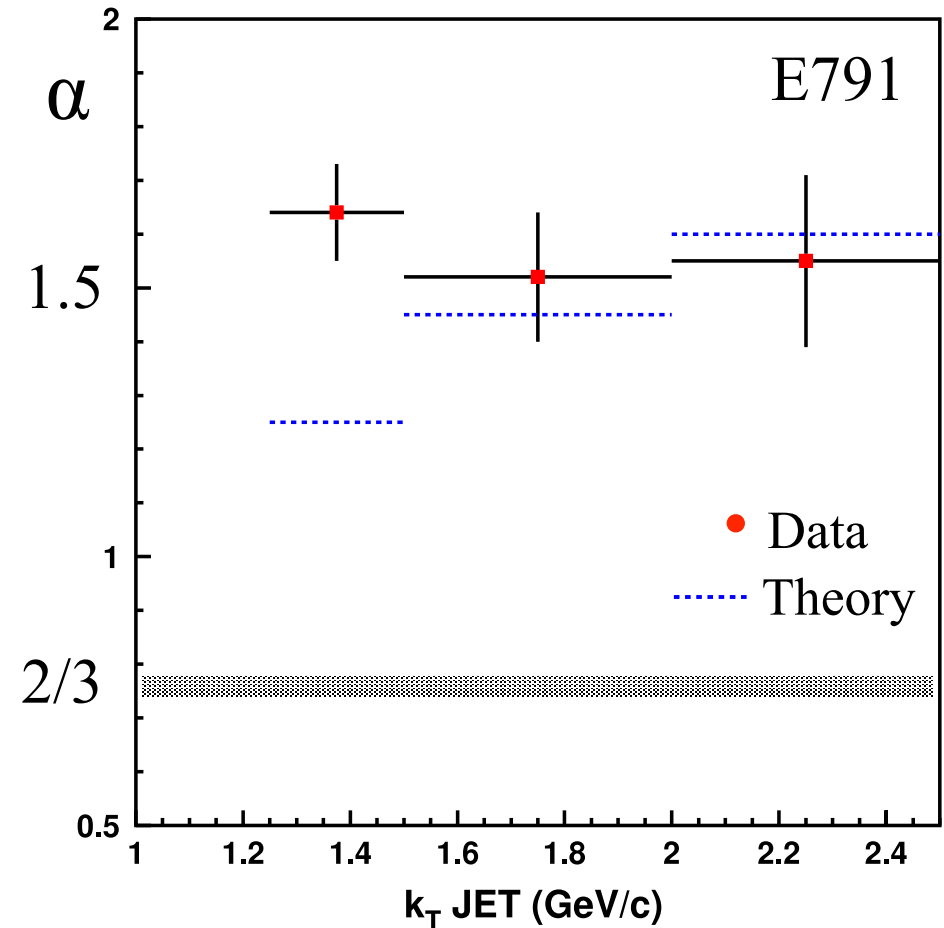
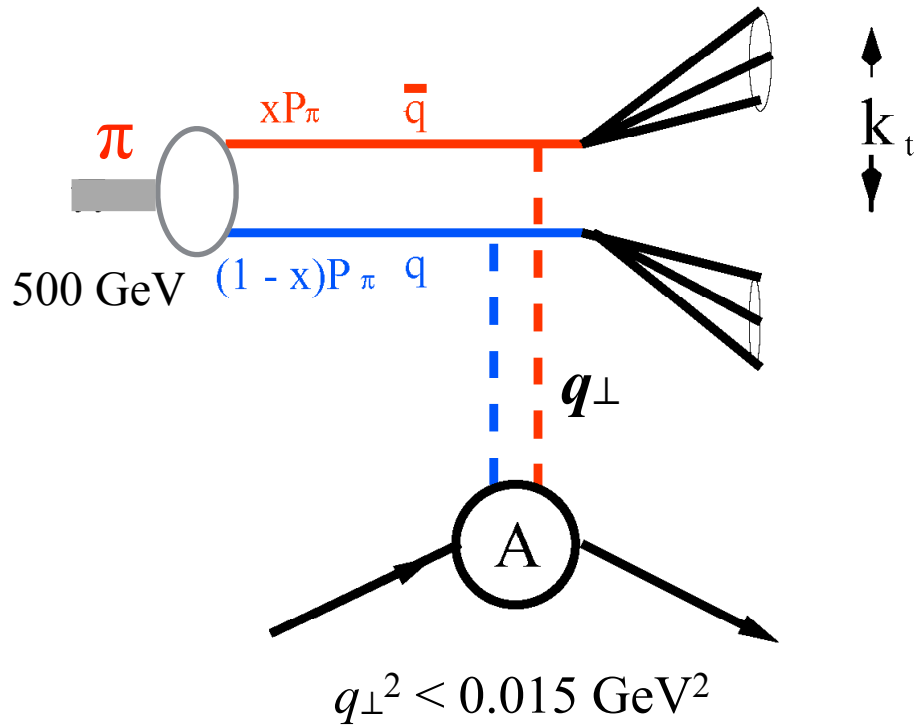
At low q_{\perp} the scattering is coherent on the nuclear target $A = Pt$.

E791 Collaboration
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Use $\sigma(A)$ to measure the size of the $q\bar{q}$ which creates the jets.

$$\sigma(\pi A \rightarrow \text{jet jet } A) \propto A^\alpha$$

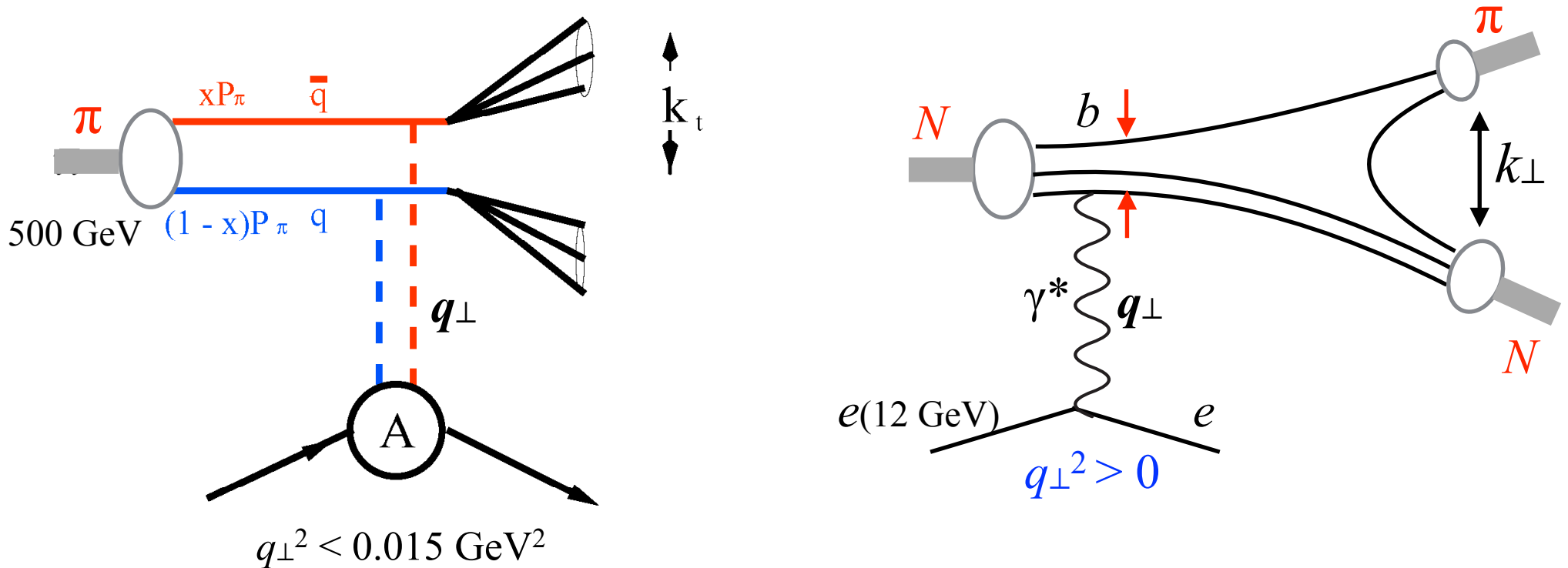
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$\alpha \approx 1.5$ indicates that the nucleus is transparent to the compact $q\bar{q}$ Fock states of the pion, selected by $k_\perp > 1.25 \text{ GeV}$.

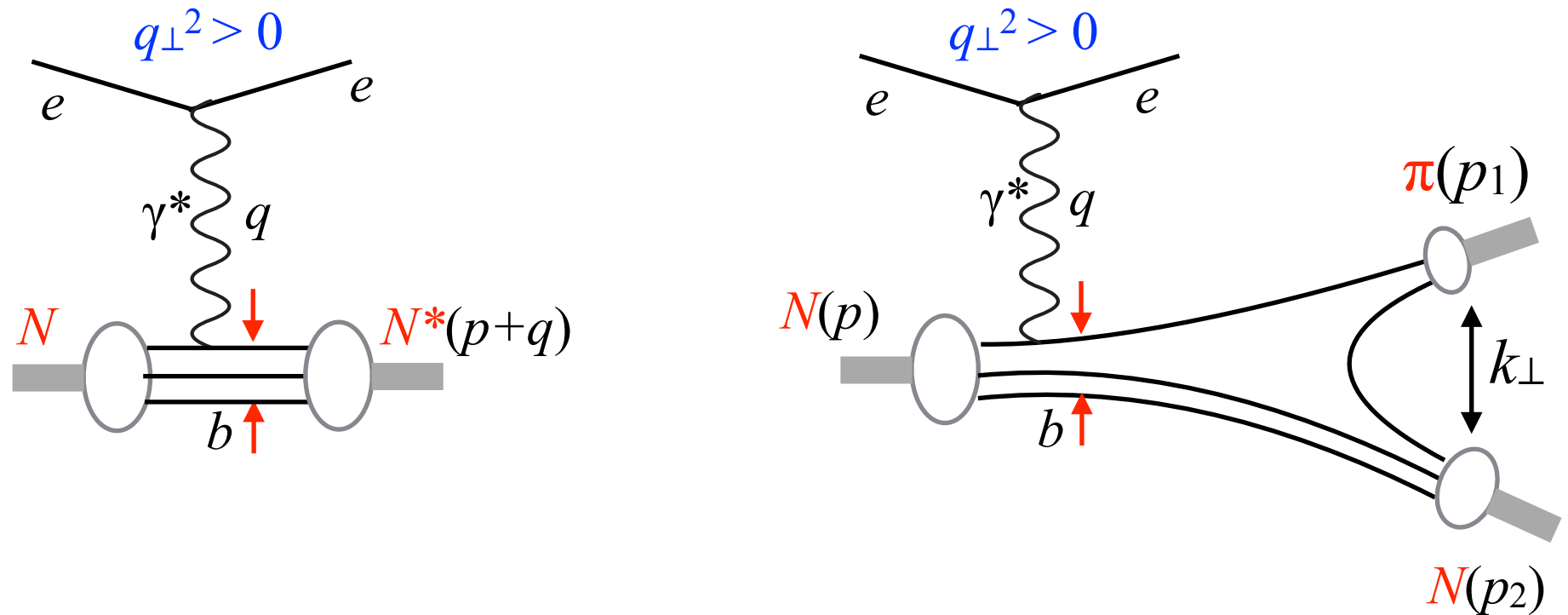
$$\sigma(e N \rightarrow e \pi N)$$

Replace $A \rightarrow e$: Let the photon measure the transverse size, $b(k_{\perp})$



- Note:**
- * The photon measures the size of the nucleon Fock states at $x^+ = 0$
The asymptotic πN state emerges from these Fock states as $x^+ \rightarrow \infty$
 - * There is no issue of coherence or formation lengths.

Comparison with the transition form factor



- $p_1 + p_2 = p + q$ is not sufficient to fix $p_1(q)$ and $p_2(q)$ separately
- The N and N^* wave functions are independent of LF time x^+
The πN state develops from the Fock states measured at $x^+ = 0$
- The $eN \rightarrow eN^*$ amplitude is real, whereas $eN \rightarrow e \pi N$ has dynamical phases due to the πN interactions in the final state.

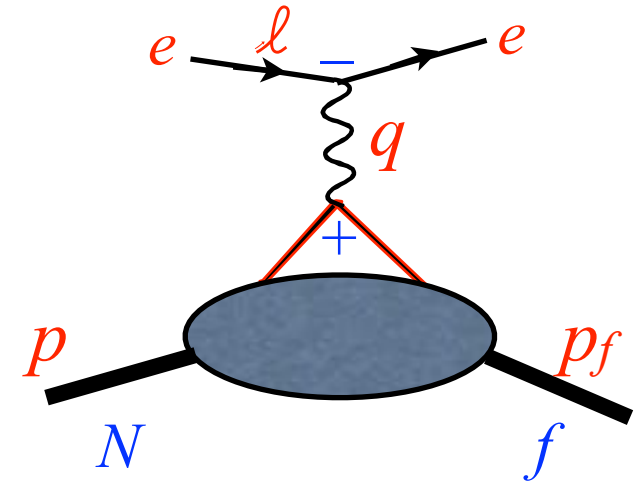
FT of γ^* matrix element in momentum space

In the frame:

$$p = (p^+, p^-, -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{q})$$

$$q = (0^+, q^-, \mathbf{q})$$

$$p_f = (p^+, p^- + q^-, \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{q})$$



we have

$$\int \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{b}} \frac{1}{2p^+} \langle f(p_f) | J^+(0) | N(p) \rangle = \mathcal{A}_{fN}(\mathbf{b})$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{fN}(\mathbf{b}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_n \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \int_0^1 dx_i \int 4\pi d^2\mathbf{b}_i \right] \delta(1 - \sum_i x_i) \delta^2(\sum_i x_i \mathbf{b}_i)$$

$$\psi_n^{f*}(x_i, \mathbf{b}_i) \psi_n^N(x_i, \mathbf{b}_i) \sum_k e_k \delta^2(\mathbf{b}_k - \mathbf{b})$$

Example: $f = \pi(p_1) N(p_2)$

In order to conform with the Lorentz covariance of LF states, at any p_f :

$$|\pi N(p_f^+, \mathbf{p}_f; \Psi^f)\rangle \equiv \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x(1-x)}} \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}}{16\pi^3} \Psi^f(x, \mathbf{k}) |\pi(p_1) N(p_2)\rangle$$

where $\Psi^f(x, \mathbf{k})$ defines the final state in terms of the relative variables x, \mathbf{k} :

$$\begin{aligned} p_1^+ &= x p_f^+ & \mathbf{p}_1 &= x \mathbf{p}_f + \mathbf{k} \\ p_2^+ &= (1-x) p_f^+ & \mathbf{p}_2 &= (1-x) \mathbf{p}_f - \mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

With x, \mathbf{k} being independent of p_f , our choice of $\Psi^f(x, \mathbf{k})$ defines the pion and nucleon momenta p_1, p_2 at all photon momenta q .

QED illustration: $e + \gamma^* \rightarrow e + \mu^+ \mu^-$

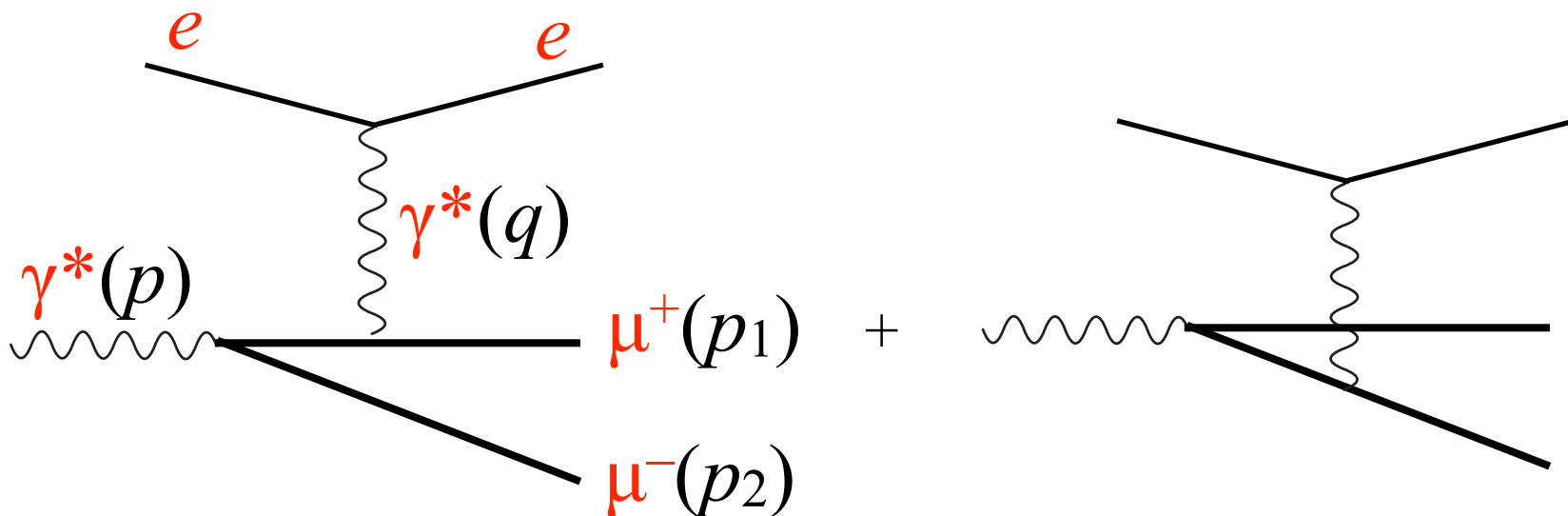
The “target” is a virtual photon $\gamma^*(p)$. The Fourier transform of

$$\mathcal{A}_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2}^{\mu\mu, \lambda} = \frac{1}{2p^+} \langle \mu^-(p_1, \lambda_1) \mu^+(p_2, \lambda_2) | J^+(0) | \gamma^*(p, \lambda) \rangle$$

gives, denoting $m = m_\mu$ and $M^2 = m^2 - x(1-x)p^2$,

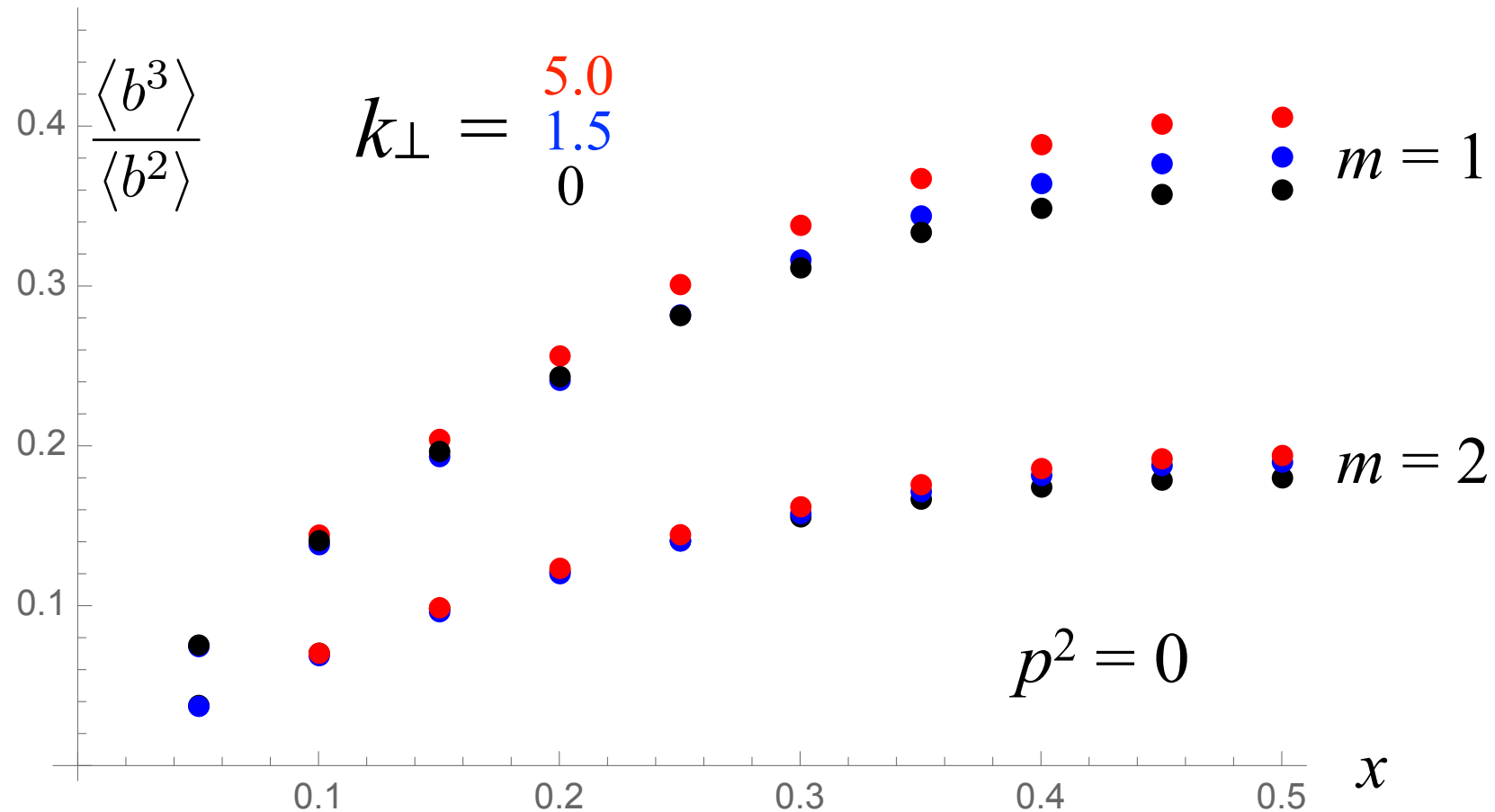
$$\mathcal{A}_{+\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}}^{\mu\mu, +1}(\mathbf{b}; x, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{em}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sqrt{x(1-x)} \left[\frac{K_0\left(\frac{M b}{1-x}\right)}{(1-x)^2} \exp\left(-i \frac{\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{1-x}\right) - \frac{K_0\left(\frac{M b}{x}\right)}{x^2} \exp\left(+i \frac{\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{x}\right) \right]$$

This agrees with the general expression in terms of the LF wave functions.



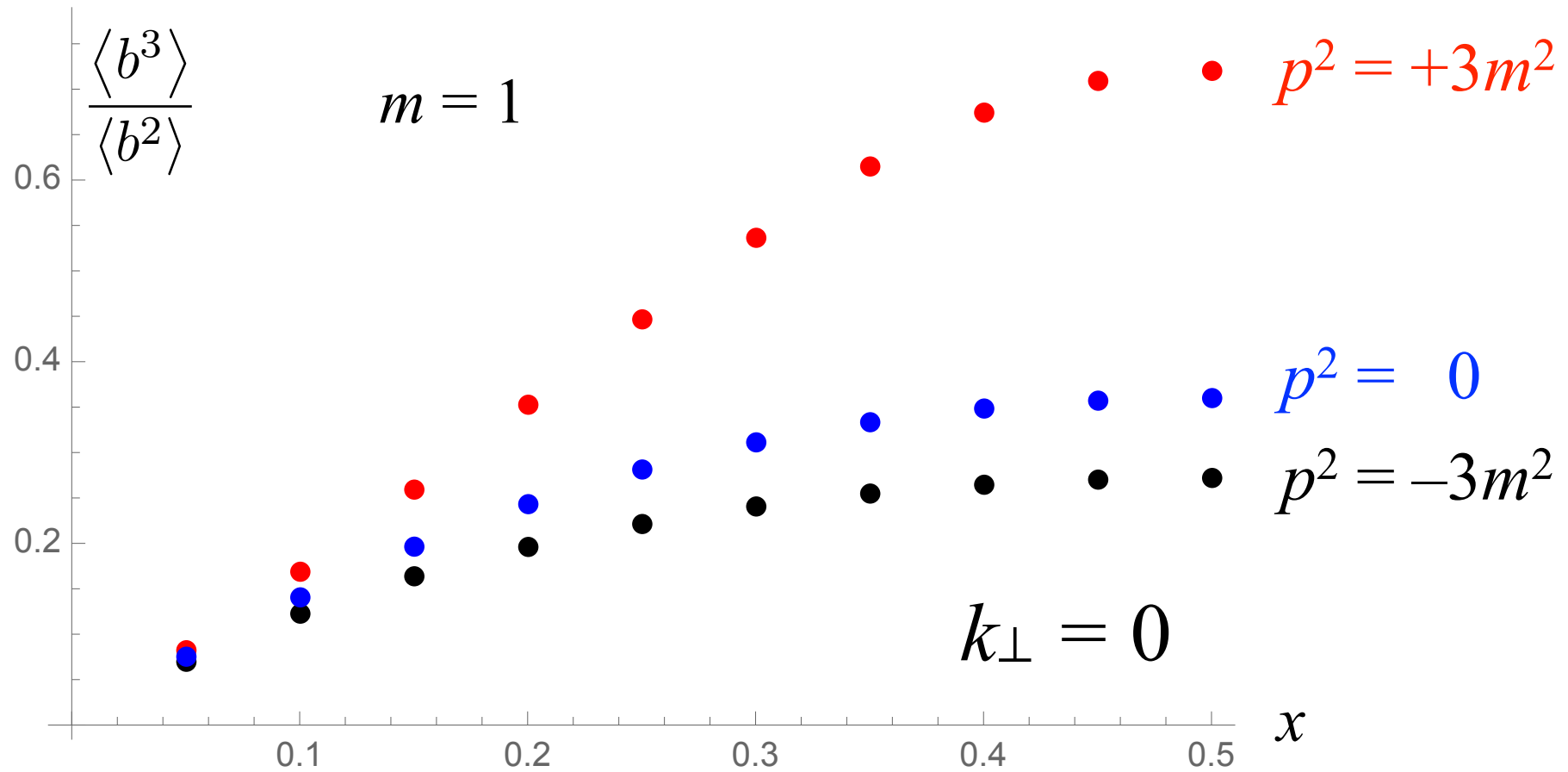
$e + \gamma^* \rightarrow e + \mu^+ \mu^-$ example (1)

Average Impact parameter vs. x : m and k_{\perp} dependence



$e + \gamma^* \rightarrow e + \mu^+ \mu^-$ example (2)

Average Impact parameter vs. x : p^2 dependence



Fourier transform of the cross section

The $\gamma^* + N \rightarrow f$ amplitudes have dynamical phases (resonances,...).

\Rightarrow Calculating their Fourier transforms requires an amplitude analysis.

One can also Fourier transform the measured cross section itself.

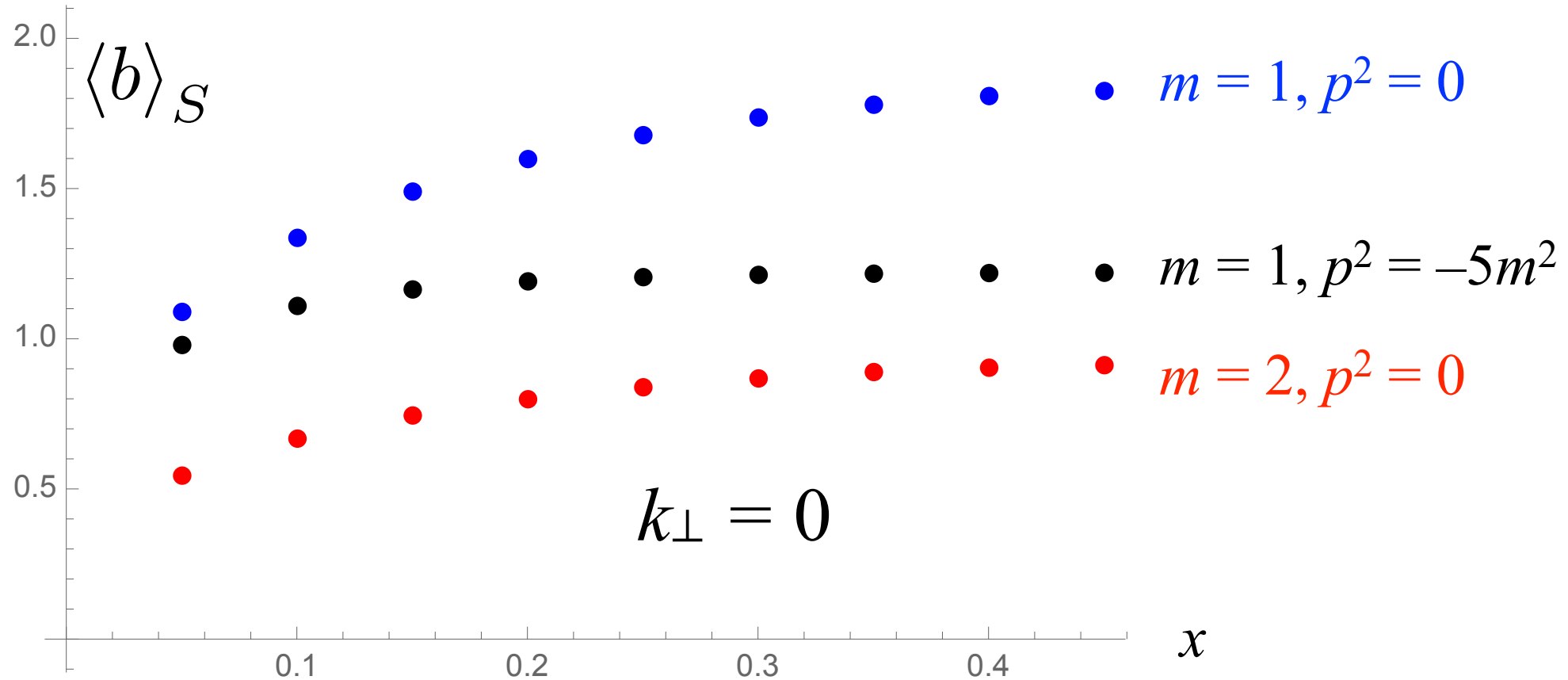
Then the \mathbf{b} -distribution reflects the **difference between the impact parameters of the photon vertex in the amplitude and its complex conjugate**:

$$\int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{b}} \left| \frac{1}{2p^+} \langle f(p_f) | J^+(0) | N(p) \rangle \right|^2 = \int d^2 \mathbf{b}_q \mathcal{A}_{fN}(\mathbf{b}_q) \mathcal{A}_{fN}^*(\mathbf{b}_q - \mathbf{b})$$

A narrowing of $\mathcal{A}_{fN}(\mathbf{b}_q)$ as a function of the final state f will be reflected in the convolution.

$e + \gamma^* \rightarrow e + \mu^+ \mu^-$ example (3)

Average Impact parameter from cross section



Example: $\gamma^{(*)} + D \rightarrow p + n$ at 90°

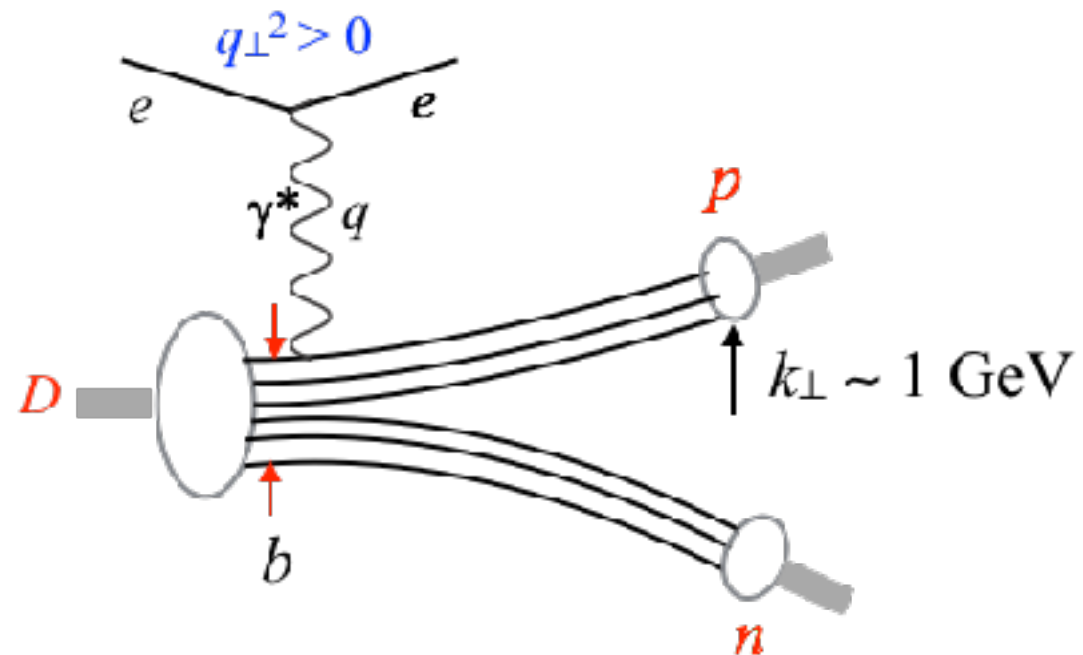
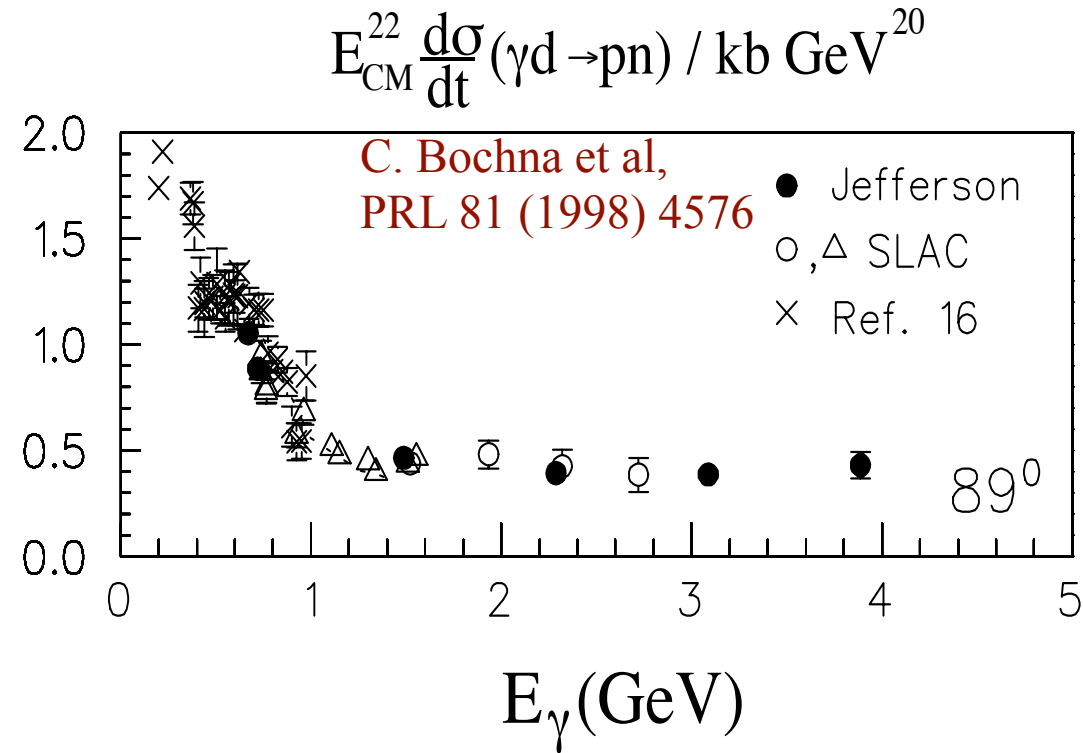
The 90° break-up cross section at $q^2=0$ agrees with dimensional scaling for $E_\gamma > 1$ GeV.

$$\sigma(\gamma D \rightarrow pn) \propto E^{-22}$$

Does this mean that only compact configurations of the deuteron, with $R < 0.2$ fm, contribute to this process?

If so, expect no q^2 -dependence for $q^2 < 1$ GeV².

With electroproduction data R could be measured:



Many other processes within reach

Multiparticle final states

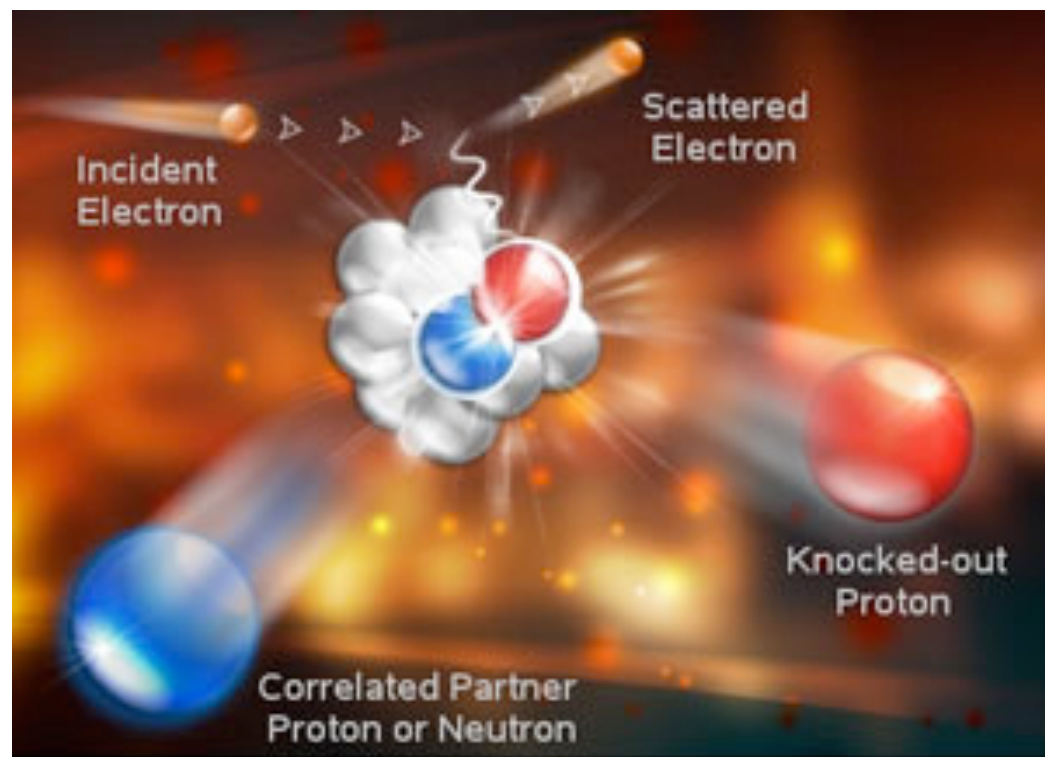
$$\gamma^*N \rightarrow \pi\pi N, \dots$$

$$\gamma^*N \rightarrow K\Lambda, K^*\Lambda \dots$$

Heavier flavors

$$\gamma^*N \rightarrow D\Lambda_c, \dots$$

Nuclear targets



Summary

The q_{\perp} -dependence of the virtual photon measures the charge distribution in transverse space.

The charge density is measured at an instant of **Light-Front time** $x^+ = t + z$

Unlike pdf's, **no “leading twist” limit is implied**: All Q^2 are useful

The density can be determined for any initial and final state: $\gamma^* A \rightarrow f$

Comparisons of b -distributions in different processes give **insights into the scattering dynamics in transverse space**.

Model independent analysis
Ready to be tried out with Jlab data!