

# Proton Form Factors: Theoretical Aspects

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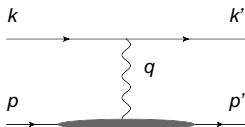
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# Electromagnetic Form Factors

- one photon exchange

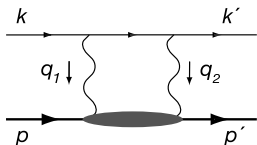


- two form factors

$$F_1(Q^2), F_2(Q^2) \quad \text{or} \quad G_E(Q^2), G_M(Q^2)$$

this talk

- two photon exchange



- three complex function

$$\tilde{G}_M(Q^2, t), \tilde{F}_2(Q^2, t), \tilde{F}_3(Q^2, t)$$

Kivel,

Kuraev,

Tomasi-Gustavson

# Some Definitions and Properties I

- Dirac- and Pauli-form factor

$$\langle N(P - q) | j_\mu^{em} | N(P) \rangle = \bar{N}(P - q) \left[ \gamma_\mu F_1(Q^2) - i \frac{\sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu}{2 m_N} F_2(Q^2) \right] N(P)$$

- Electric- and Magnetic form factor

$$G_M(Q^2) = F_1(Q^2) + F_2(Q^2), \quad G_E(Q^2) = F_1(Q^2) + \frac{q^2}{4m_N^2} F_2(Q^2)$$

- for zero momentum transfer squared

$$\begin{aligned} G_M^p(0) &= \mu_p, & G_E^p(0) &= 1, & G_M^n(0) &= \mu_n, & G_E^n(0) &= 0 \\ F_1^p(0) &= 1, & F_2^p(0) &= \kappa_p = \mu_p - 1, & F_1^n(0) &= 0, & F_2^n(0) &= \mu_n \end{aligned}$$

# Some Definitions and Properties II

- cross section

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} &= \left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{Mott}} \frac{E_e}{E_{\text{beam}}} \left\{ F_1^2(Q^2) + \tau \left[ F_2^2(Q^2) + 2 \left( F_1(Q^2) + F_2(Q^2) \right)^2 \tan^2 \frac{\Theta_e}{2} \right] \right\} \\ &= \left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{Mott}} \left( \frac{G_E^2(Q^2) + G_M^2(Q^2)}{1 + \tau} + 2\tau G_M^2(Q^2) \tan^2 \frac{\Theta_e}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- experimentally  $G_E$ ,  $G_M$  preferred

- ▶ separable in Rosenbluth cross section
- ▶ approximated by dipole form factor

clear interpretation only in Breit-frame

$$G_D = \frac{1}{\left( 1 + \frac{Q^2}{0.71 \text{ GeV}^2} \right)^2}, \quad \text{with} \quad G_E^p = G_D, \quad G_M^p = \mu_p G_D \quad \text{and} \quad G_M^n = \mu_n G_D$$

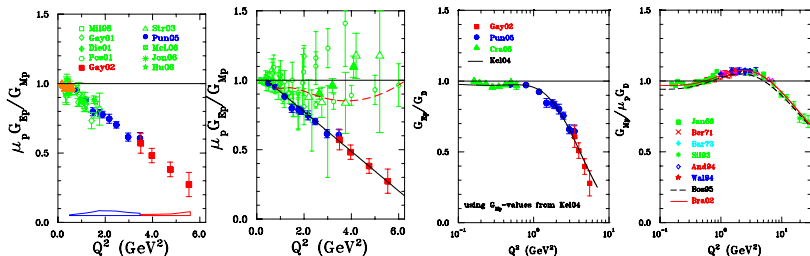
- theoretically  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$

- ▶ helicity conserving and helicity flip form factor

- scaling for large  $Q^2$

$$F_1(Q^2) \sim \frac{1}{Q^4}, \quad F_2(Q^2) \sim \frac{1}{Q^6}$$

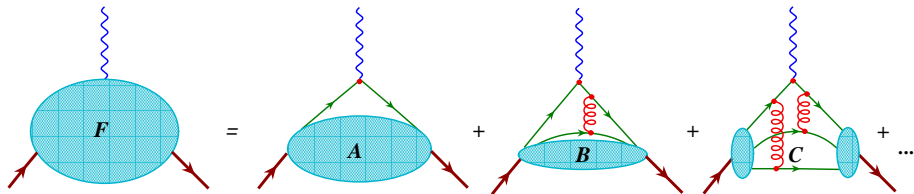
# Deviation from Expectation



Perdrisat, Punjabi, Vanderhaeghen

- scaling violation clearly visible in polarisation experiments
- deviation from dipole form factor for  $Q^2 \geq 1 \text{ GeV}^2$

# The General Picture

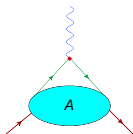


$$F_1(Q^2) \sim A(Q^2) + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \frac{B(Q^2)}{Q^2} + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^2 \frac{C}{Q^4}$$

- $A(Q^2)$  soft overlap functions  $\leq \frac{1}{Q^6}$  ?
- $B(Q^2)$  soft overlap functions  $\leq \frac{1}{Q^4}$  ?
- $C$  hard (soft) scattering part determined by nucleon distribution amplitudes
- $F_2$  scales like  $\sim \frac{1}{Q^6}$

higher twist effect  
no factorisation for hard scattering part  
overlap of B and C

# Soft Overlap Region



- form factors can be written as integrals over generalized parton distributions (GPDs)

$$F_1 \sim \int_0^1 dx (2H_V^u(x, t, \mu^2) - H_V^d(x, t, \mu^2))$$

- GPDs defined as matrix element of Fourier-transformed em-current

$$H_V^q \sim \int dx^- e^{ix^- p x} \langle P' | \bar{q}(-x^-) \gamma_\mu q(x^-) | P \rangle$$

- can be interpreted as overlap of light cone wave functions (LCWFs)

$$H_V \sim \int d^2 k_\perp \Psi(x_i, k_\perp) \Psi^\dagger(x_f, k_\perp + \bar{x} r_\perp)$$

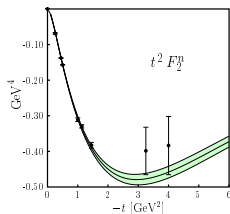
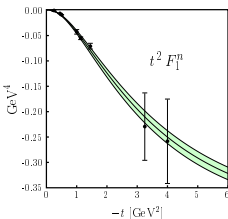
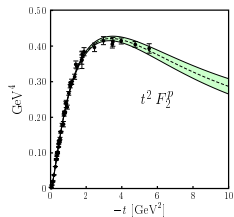
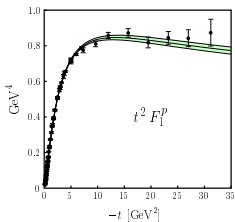
- LCWFs defined as probability to find nucleon in certain Fock-state
- Power counting and GPD models imply

- ▶ scaling for ultrasoft region  $\sim \frac{1}{Q^8}$
- ▶ Feynman-mechanism scales like  $\sim \frac{1}{Q^4}$

more later



# Some Fits

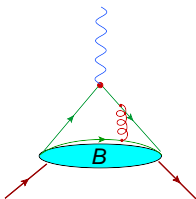


Diehl, Feldmann, Jakob, Kroll

● fits to data no prediction!

calculations depend strongly on model assumptions for GPDs

# $B$ -function



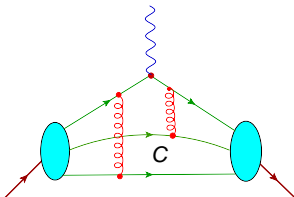
- not much to say...
- for  $F_2$  overlap of  $C$  and  $B$ 
  - ▶ end-point divergence in convolution of hard scattering kernel and distribution amplitudes
- results from NLO light cone sum rules for  $F_2$  give large  $B \sim \frac{1}{Q^4}$  contribution
- for  $F_1$  still work in progress

both scale as  $\frac{1}{Q^6}$

Kumericki, Peters

Anikin, Braun, Offen

## C-Region I



- for  $F_1$  leading in  $\frac{1}{Q^2}$
- factorisation for hard part

$$F_1^{(h)} = \psi \otimes H \otimes \psi$$

Brodsky, Lepage

 $H$ : hard scattering kernel,  $\psi$  distribution amplitude,  $\otimes$ : convolution

- distribution amplitude ( $x_1, x_2, x_3$  coordinates on the light cone)

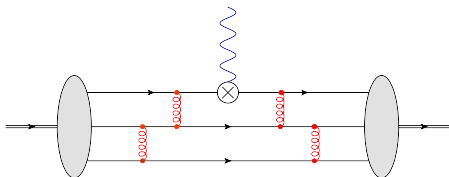
$$\langle 0 | q_\alpha(x_1) q_\beta(x_2) q_\gamma(x_3) | P \rangle \sim (\not{p}C)_{\alpha\beta\gamma 5} N_\gamma^+ V_1 + \dots$$

23 more structures up to twist 6

renormalisation: Efremov, Radyushkin; Brodsky, Lepage; Bukhstovov, Frolov, Lipatov, Kuraev; Braun, Manashov, Rohrwild

- but...

# C-Region II



- gives subleading large  $\log \frac{Q^2}{m^2}$  at leading order in  $\frac{1}{Q^2}$  not reproduced by factorisation

non-renorm group log  
no such contribution for meson form factors

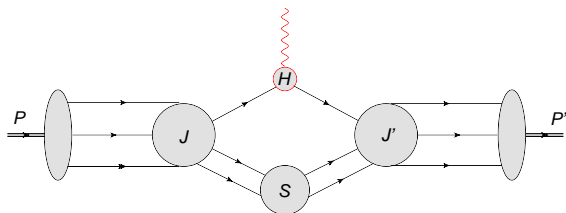
Duncan, Mueller; Fadin, Milshtein; Kivel

- at three loop order ( $\alpha_s^5$ ) appears Sudakov like double log in front of this term

Fadin, Milshtein

- Sudakov suppression would imply leading hard term

## Factorisation of Hard and Soft Contributions I



Kivel, Vanderhaeghen

- tentative factorisation for hard and soft rescattering proposed using SCET-framework

$$F_1 = F_1^{(h)} + F_1^{(s)}$$

$$F_1^{(h)} = \psi \otimes H \otimes \psi$$

$$F_1^{(s)} \sim \int Dy_i \psi(y_i) \int d\omega_1 d\omega_2 J'(y_i, \omega_i Q) \int Dx_i \psi(x_i) \int d\nu_1 d\nu_2 J(x_i, \nu_i Q) S(\omega_i, \nu_i)$$

- but soft and hard contributions overlap...

Kivel

# Factorisation of Hard and Soft Contributions II

- ... and soft convolution integrals over  $S$  diverge
- giving rise to aforementioned large  $\log \frac{Q^2}{m^2}$  shown for perturbative  $S$ ,  $J$  and  $\psi$
- divergence in soft convolution integral implies end point divergence in hard part as well
- but convolutions with DA that vanishes at end point finite
- does DA not vanish at end points at low renormalisation scale?
- regularisation to separate hard- and soft part for non perturbative  $S$ ,  $J$  and  $\psi$  not settled

# First Summary

- very contrived picture
- $A$ - and  $B$ -function for  $F_1$  not accessible via perturbative QCD
  - ▶ only model calculations available
  - ▶ dominant contribution at available experimental energies
- factorisation of formally leading  $C$  not completely solved
  - ▶ separation of hard and soft contributions not settled
  - ▶ end-point behaviour of nucleon DA ?
  - ▶ Sudakov suppression of non-renormalisation group logarithm sufficient to justify leading hard part?
- $F_2$  even worse
  - ▶ end point divergence in leading hard part, overlap of  $C$  and  $B$
  - ▶ only model estimates available

except for lattice

Systematic calculation of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  possible?

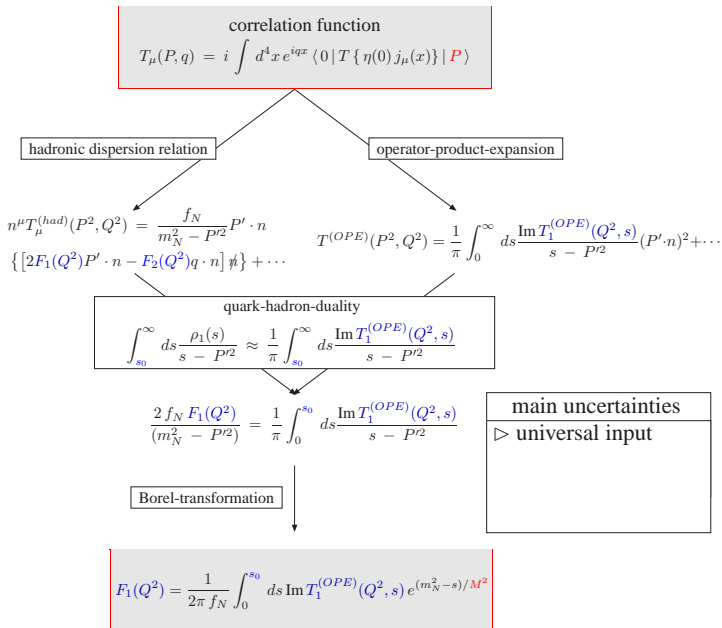
lattice calculations → see next talk

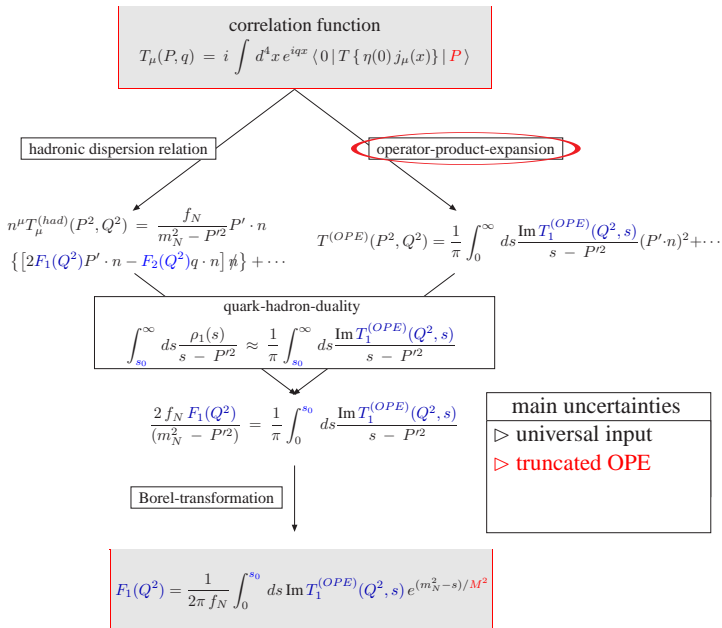
# Light Cone Sum Rules (LCSRs)

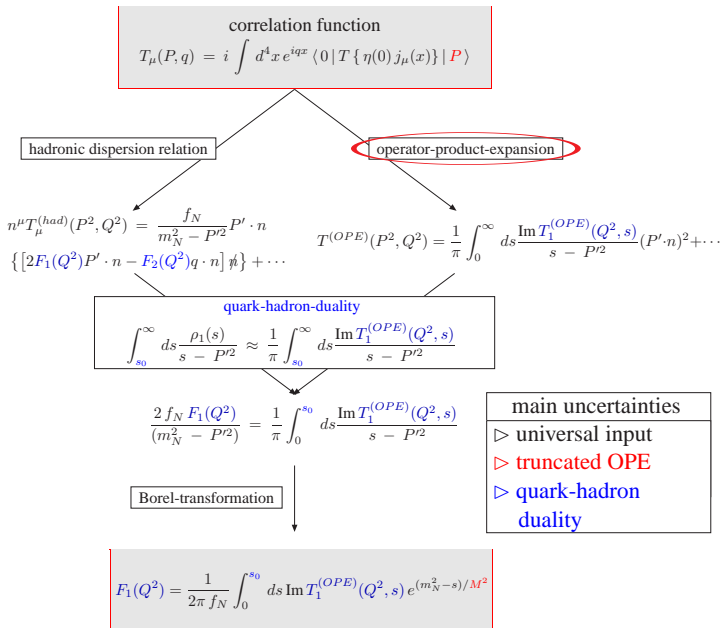
- ▷ use analyticity, operator product expansion and quark-hadron duality
- ▷ calculate soft  $A$ -,  $B$ - and hard  $C$  functions in terms of same nucleon DAs
- ▷ no double counting
- ▷ systematic improvement possible

though limited accuracy  $\sim 10\text{-}20\%$

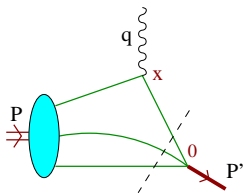








# Leading Order Example I



- starting point: correlation function

$$T_\mu(P, q) = i \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle 0 | T \{ \eta(0) j_\mu(x) \} | P \rangle$$

$\eta$  nucleon interpolating current

- hadronic sum (only nucleon intermediate state)

$$n^\mu T_\mu = \frac{f_N}{m_N^2 - P'^2} P' \cdot n \left[ F_1(Q^2) (P' \cdot n) - F_2(Q^2) (q \cdot n) \right] \not{n} N(P) + \dots$$

- OPE at leading order and leading twist:

$$n^\mu T_\mu = -2 \left[ e_d \int Dx \frac{x_3 V_1(x_i)}{(q - x_3 P)^2} + 2e_u \int Dx \frac{x_2 V_1(x_i)}{(q - x_2 P)^2} \right] (P \cdot n)^2 \not{n} N(P)$$

$V_1(x_i)$ : distribution amplitude

# Leading Order Example II

- written as dispersion integral

$$n^\mu T_\mu = \int_0^{s_0} ds \frac{\rho(s, Q^2)}{s - P'^2} 2(P \cdot n)^2 \not{n} N(P) + \dots$$

$$s = \frac{\bar{x}_i}{x_i} Q^2, \quad Q^2 = -q^2, \quad s_0: \text{duality threshold}$$

- Borel-Transformation

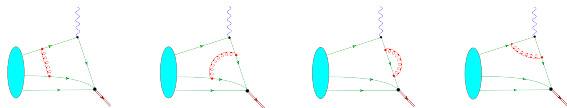
$$\frac{1}{s - P'^2} \longrightarrow \exp \left\{ -\frac{s}{M_B^2} \right\}$$

$M_B^2$ : Borel-Parameter

- sum rule at leading twist

$$F_1^{tw-3}(Q^2) = \frac{1}{f_N} \left[ e_d \int Dx V_1(x_i) \exp \left( -\frac{\bar{x}_3 Q^2 - x_3^2 m_N^2}{x_3 M_B^2} \right) \Theta \left( x_3 - \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + s_0} \right) \right. \\ \left. + 2e_u \int Dx V_1(x_i) \exp \left( -\frac{\bar{x}_2 Q^2 - x_2^2 m_N^2}{x_2 M_B^2} \right) \Theta \left( x_2 - \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + s_0} \right) \right]$$

# NLO LCSRs



- First NLO calculation with  $m_N = 0$  gives  $\sim 60\%$  of leading term corrections
- due to structure of correlation function only corrections to  $F_2$
- result for  $A$  scales as  $\frac{1}{Q^6}$
- result for  $B$  scales as  $\frac{1}{Q^4}$
- going beyond  $m_N = 0$ :

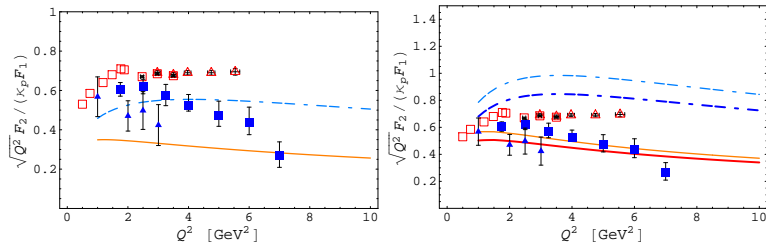
Kumericki, Peters

- ▶ matrix element with non light-like coordinates needed

$$\langle 0 | q_\alpha(x_1) q_\beta(x_2) q_\gamma(x_3) | P \rangle \longrightarrow (\not{P}C)_{\alpha\beta\gamma 5} N_\gamma V_1 + m_N (\not{P}C)_{\alpha\beta} \sum_i \not{x}_i \gamma_5 N_\gamma V_2^{(i)}$$

- ▶ required new relations for distribution amplitudes

# Some Results

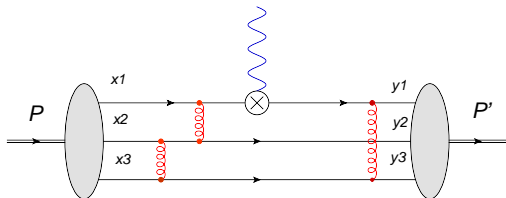


LO(left) and NLO(right) results for asymptotic (solid line) and Braun-Lenz-Wittmann (BLW, dashed line). NLO results for variation of twist 4 normalisation  
 $\lambda_1 = ((-3.4) - (-2.7)) \times 10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^2$

Kumericki, Peters

- NLO corrections to  $F_1$  will lower results again
- moments of DAs from lattice QCD needed to improve accuracy

# Hard Scattering at $\alpha_s^3$



$$\int \frac{d^D k}{(2\pi)^D} \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma_\alpha \not{k} \gamma_\mu (y_1 \not{P}' + \not{k} - \not{q}) \gamma_\beta \not{P} \gamma_\delta (\not{k} - y_3 \not{P}') \gamma_\gamma \not{P}' \right\} \bar{N}(P) \gamma^\alpha \not{k} \gamma^\delta N(P')$$

- non-renorm group logs not seen at this level
- challenging calculation
  - ▶ large number of diagrams  $\sim 4000$
  - ▶ up to 7-point integrals
  - ▶ up to tensor rank 4
- logarithmic corrections to  $C \sim \frac{1}{Q^4}$

though most of them redundant...

Knoedlseder, Offen, work in progress



- not much changed since summary one
- despite recent advances in understanding factorisation of  $F_1$  using SCET, problem not completely solved
  - ▶ numerical importance of soft rescattering part?  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$
- most GPD calculations of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  depend strongly on model assumptions
- light cone sum rules give possibility to approach both  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  but input from lattice QCD on moments of distribution amplitudes is dearly needed
- first NLO-calculations in LCSRs with  $m_N \neq 0$  on the way
- calculation of perturbative part of  $F_1$  at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$  in progress
- new experiments will surely give us an interesting time...