

# Constraints on nucleon 3D structure from relativity and quantum mechanics

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Rest vs. infinite  
momentum frame

# 3D structure

- 3D structure is generally a classical concept.
- One studies a system with

$$\vec{R}_{cm} = \vec{P}_{cm} = 0$$

- For a quantum system, however, there is the uncertainty principle

$$\Delta R_{cm}^i \cdot \Delta P_{cm}^j \sim \hbar \delta^{ij}$$

One cannot simultaneously have a system at rest ( $\vec{P}_{cm} = 0$ ) and with a fixed position ( $\vec{R}_{cm} = 0$ )

# Two relevant scales

- For a quantum system, two scales are important
  - Mass,  $M$
  - Radius,  $r$
- One cannot localize a system better than the Compton wavelength  $r_c \sim 1/M$ , thus one in principle cannot make better spatial resolution than  $r_c$ , thus

$$r \gg r_c$$

(not the case for pion)

# Wave packet & scale hierarchy

- On the other hand, to have a static system, one can construct a wave-packet with momentum spread  $\Delta P_{cm}$  with the condition

$$\Delta P_{cm} \ll M \quad \text{such that} \quad v_{cm} \ll 1$$

- However,  $\Delta P_{cm}$  must be large enough so that

$$\Delta R_{cm} \sim \frac{\hbar}{\Delta P_{cm}} \ll r$$

- One arrives at the following hierarchy

$$r_c \ll \Delta R_{cm} \ll r$$

necessary condition to have a classic-ish 3D picture

# Test cases

- For hydrogen atom

$$r = 5000 \text{ fm}, \quad r_C = 0.2 \text{ fm}$$

one can choose  $\Delta R_{cm} = 100 \text{ fm}$ , (3D resolution)

$$\Delta P_{cm} = 2 \text{ MeV} \quad (\text{Wave Packet})$$

to describe the 3D structure

- For the nucleon

$$r = 0.8 \text{ fm}, \quad r_C = 0.2 \text{ fm}$$

the hierarchy cannot be established.

**The problem has no THE solution.**

# The traditional method

- Consider the electric form factor in the Breit frame, where  $\vec{P}_{in} = -\vec{P}_{out}$
- There is no energy transfer to the system, only 3-momentum transfer (analogous to non-relativistic situation),  $\vec{q} = 2\vec{P}$ , and  $Q^2 = \vec{q}^2$
- The transition matrix element of the charge operator (the Sachs electric form factor) DEFINES a 3D charge distribution

$$\langle P_{out} | \hat{\rho} | P_{in} \rangle \sim G_E(q^2) \equiv \text{F.T.} \rho(r)$$

This in turn leads to the famous “charge radius.”

# Infinite momentum frame

- Consider a proton moving at the speed of light. Its effective mass

$$M_{eff} = \gamma M \rightarrow \infty$$

effective Compton wavelength  $r_c^{eff} = 0$

- In the transverse space, one goes back to non-relativistic case:

$$(r_c^{eff} = 0) \ll (\Delta R_{cm\perp}^{eff} \sim 0) \ll r_{\perp}$$

one has an infinite resolution in the transverse space!

However, one gives up 1D!!

# A general Breit frame

- Boost the Breit frame in direction z.

$$\vec{P}_{in} = \left(-\frac{\vec{q}}{2}, P^z\right); \vec{P}_{out} = \left(\frac{\vec{q}}{2}, P^z\right)$$

with  $\vec{q}^2 = Q^2$

with  $\vec{q}$  now only in the transverse direction.

$$G_E(q_{\perp}^2) \equiv \textcolor{red}{F.T.} \rho(r_{\perp})$$

One ends up with a 2D distribution.

There are a lot of attempts to reconstruct 3D from 2D, but it depends on one's opinion.

Frame dependence of  
the nucleon wave  
function

# Plane-wave nucleon states

- We generally consider plane-wave nucleon states with different momentum  $|P\rangle$
- Different momentum states are connected to each other by Lorentz boost

$$|P'\rangle = U(\Lambda)|P\rangle$$

$U(\Lambda)$  depends on the boost operator  $K$  which, just like Hamiltonian, depends on interactions

# Properties of boost

- Properties of time evolution
  - For a Hamiltonian system, the state evolves according to
$$|\psi(t)\rangle = \exp(-iHt)|\psi(0)\rangle$$
  - Thus  $t=0$ , and other  $t$  states are quantum mechanically totally different
  - But, certain properties are conserved in the evolution.
- Thus the nucleons with different momentum are completely different quantum mechanical states!
- 3D structure in the different Lorentz frame can be very different, which are nontrivially related.

# Transverse structure: rapidity evolution

- In the non-interacting or non-relativistic case, the transverse structure are independent of boost.
- It is generally expected the transverse structure shall be independent nucleon momentum.
- However, this may not be the case.
- At small  $P_z$ , it is completely unknown how to study the evolution of transverse structure.
- However, at large  $P_z$ , one can derive rapidity evolution equation using pQCD.

# Wave function amplitudes

- Euclidean WF amplitudes (Az=0 gauge)

$$\tilde{\psi}_N^{\pm}(x_i, \vec{b}_{i\perp}, \mu, \zeta_z) = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \int d\lambda_i e^{-i\lambda_i x_i - i\lambda_0 x_0} \frac{\langle 0 | \mathcal{P}_N \prod_{i=1}^N \Phi_i^{\pm}(\lambda_i n_z + \vec{b}_{i\perp}; L) \Phi_0^{\pm}(\lambda_0 n_z; L) | P \rangle}{\sqrt{Z_E(2L, \vec{b}_{i\perp}, \mu)}}$$

- Gauge-invariant fields

$$\Phi_i^{\pm}(\xi; L) = \mathcal{P} \exp \left[ ig \int_0^{\mp L \pm \xi^z} d\lambda A^z(\xi + \lambda n_z) \right] \phi(\xi)$$

# Regularizing rapidity divergence (0-mode) through off-light-cone soft function

- Define two off-light-cone vectors

$$p \rightarrow p_Y = p - e^{-2Y} (P^+)^2 \bar{n}, \quad n \rightarrow n_{Y'} = n - e^{-2Y'} \frac{p}{(P^+)^2}$$

- Soft functions

$$S_N^\pm(\vec{b}_{i\perp}, \mu, Y, Y') = \frac{\langle 0 | \mathcal{P}_N \mathcal{T} \prod_{i=0}^N \mathcal{C}^\pm(\vec{b}_{i\perp}, Y, Y') | 0 \rangle}{\sqrt{Z_E(Y)} \sqrt{Z_E(Y')}}}$$

$$\mathcal{C}^\pm(\vec{b}_\perp, Y, Y') = W_{n_{Y'}}^\pm(\vec{b}_\perp) W_{p_Y}^\dagger(\vec{b}_\perp),$$

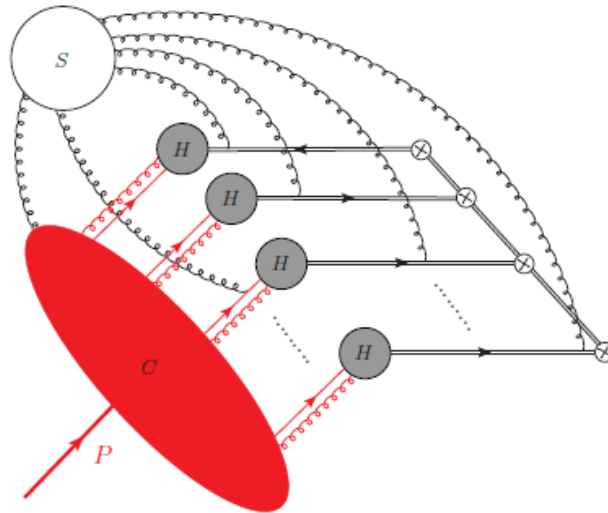
where the off-light-cone gauge-links  $W_{p_Y}$  and  $W_{n_{Y'}}$  defined as

$$W_{p_Y}(\vec{b}_\perp) = \mathcal{P} \exp \left[ -ig \int_0^{-\infty} d\lambda' p_Y \cdot A(\lambda' p_Y + \vec{b}_\perp) \right]$$

and

$$W_{n_{Y'}}^\pm(\vec{b}_\perp) = \mathcal{P} \exp \left[ -ig \int_0^{\pm\infty} d\lambda n_{Y'} \cdot A(\lambda n_{Y'} + \vec{b}_\perp) \right]$$

# Factorization the momentum dependence

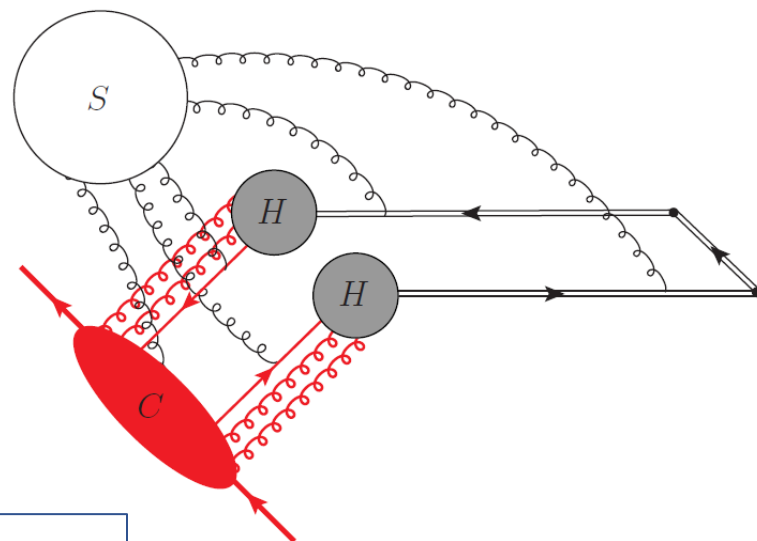
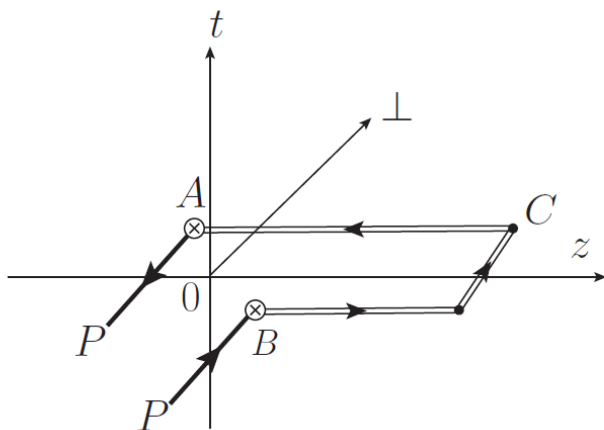


$$\tilde{\psi}_N^{\pm}(x_i, \vec{b}_{i\perp}, \mu, \zeta_z) \sqrt{S_{rN}(\vec{b}_{i\perp}, \mu)} = e^{\ln \frac{\mp \zeta_z - i0}{\zeta}} K_N(\vec{b}_{i\perp}, \mu)$$

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$$\times H_N^{\pm}(\zeta_{z,i}/\mu^2) \psi_N^{\pm}(x_i, \vec{b}_{i\perp}, \mu, \zeta) + \dots ,$$

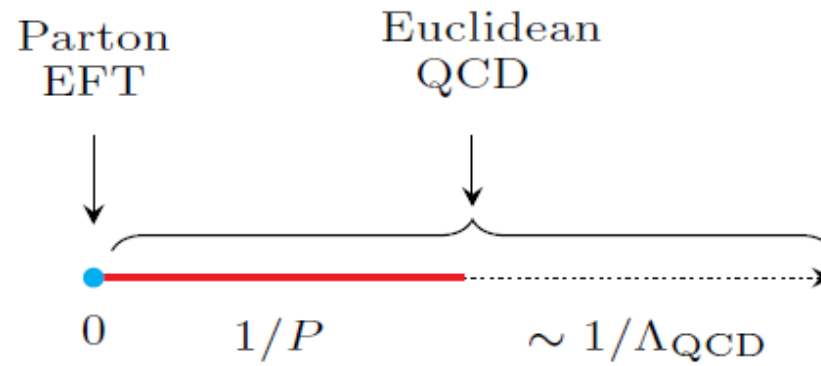
# Similar things happen for TMD distribution (Ji, Liu, Liu, 2020, Ebert et al 2022)



$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{f}(x, b_{\perp}, \mu, \zeta_z) \sqrt{S_r(b_{\perp}, \mu)} \\ &= H \left( \frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2} \right) e^{K(b_{\perp}, \mu) \ln(\frac{\zeta_z}{\mu})} f^{\text{TMD}}(x, b_{\perp}, \mu, \zeta) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \ln H \left( \frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2} \right) = \Gamma_{\text{cusp}} \ln \frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2} + \gamma_C$$

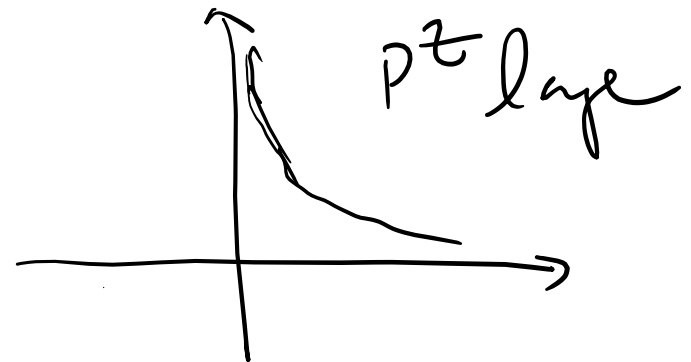
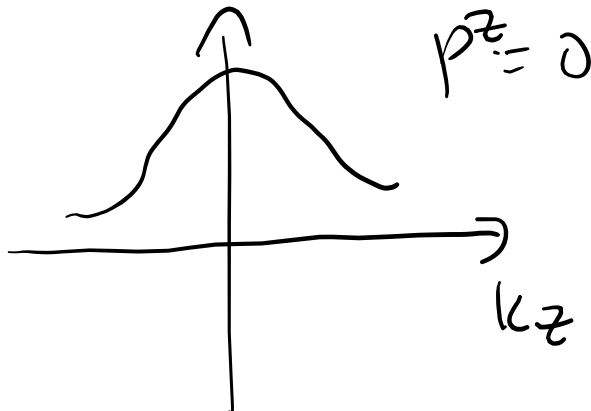
# Frame dependence of the nucleon structure



- Only the connection among the nucleon structure at large momenta can be established.
- The nucleon structure in the rest frame can be very different, **or maybe not that different?**
- High-energy scattering only study the structure of a fast-traveling nucleon. However, lattice can do the calculation well at low momentum.

# Longitudinal structure

- Longitudinal structure, or  $k_z$  dependence is similar.
- However, it can be said definitely that the longitudinal structure at large momentum is TOTALLY different because of the boost mixing.
- Thus longitudinal PDF (momentum dis. in infinite momentum frame) is totally different from the rest frame momentum density.



- Therefore, 3D structure at large momentum shall really be considered as 2D+1D structure, as the z direction is mixed with boost.
- Unless one studies the structure of  $\vec{P} = 0$  state on lattice, which is unfortunately out of experimental reach.

Additional comments

# TMD& GPD: similarities

- Both TMD and GPD are single particle Green's function.
- For quarks in the nucleon, there are 16 amplitudes

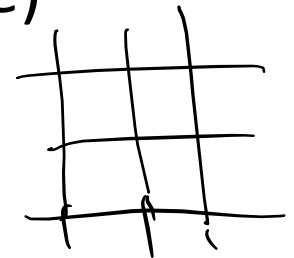
$$A(\Lambda'\lambda'; \Lambda\lambda) \quad 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 16$$

- Parity symmetry constraint yields 8 independent amplitudes, thus there are 8 independent leading twist GPDs & TMDs (1 to 1 correspondence)

2 for unpolarized nucleon

2 for longitudinally polarized nucleon

4 for transversely polarized nucleon



- If not forbidden, they exist! (all effects are there)

# TMD& GPD: Differences

- GPD give  $(x, k_{\perp})$  distribution.

Since experiments measure momentum of particles, they easily appear in various processes (nice tool for HEP)

however, their connection with bound state physical properties is not straightforward.

- TMD give  $(x, r_{\perp})$  distribution.

Since they involve coordinates, only diffractive scattering (DVEP) can measure them.

however, their connection with bound state physics is simpler.

# Relation in simple systems

- They are related for simple systems, such as for the ground state of hydrogen atom.
- In general, there is no connection other than they are parts of the Wigner distribution.

# TMD lattice calculations

- TMD Moments: Busch, Hagler, Engelhardt, Schaefer, Negele et al.
- TMD Distribution from LaMET
  - X. Ji, F. Yuan, Y. Zhao, J. Zhang, Y. S. Liu, Y. Z. Liu ...  
2013, 2015, 2019-2022
  - MIT group, Y. Zhao, Ebert, I. Stewart, P. Shanahan, M. Wagman et al. 2018-2022
- Talk by Y. Zhao

# LPC collaboration ( $\mu = \sqrt{\zeta} = 2 \text{ GeV}$ )

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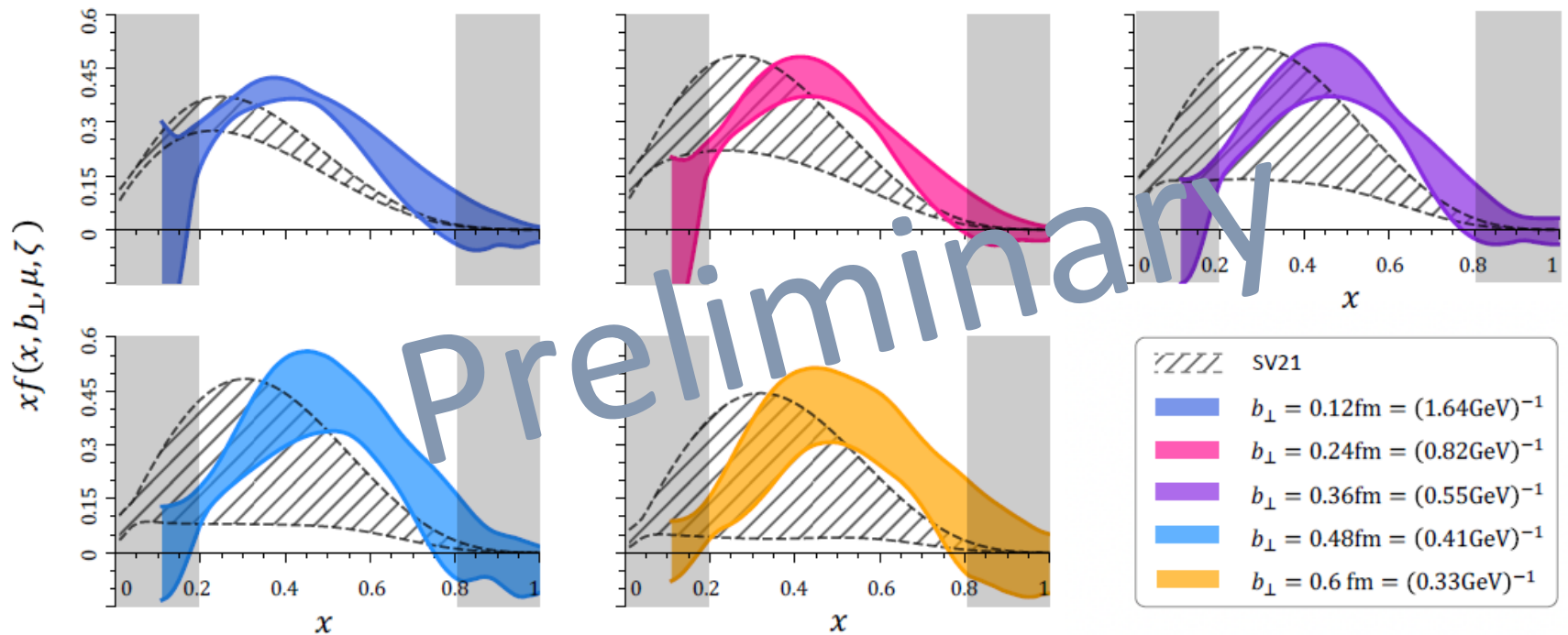


FIG. 13. Comparison with SV21.

# GPD from lattice QCD

- Lattice calculations
  - ETMC, [Matha's talk](#)
  - MSU group
  - Other groups
- Experimental program
  - DVCS, DVMP
  - Only 2D information, except DDVCS
- Global fitting
  - GUMP, lattice & exp data, [Y. Guo's talk](#)

# GPD & Gravitations form factors

- Form factors of EMT for quarks and gluons

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

- Form factors for the total EMT

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

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

# Physics of EMT form factors

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

# $C(q)$ : 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](#)

# Trace anomaly, mass scale, and scalar form factor

- Form factor of the scalar density

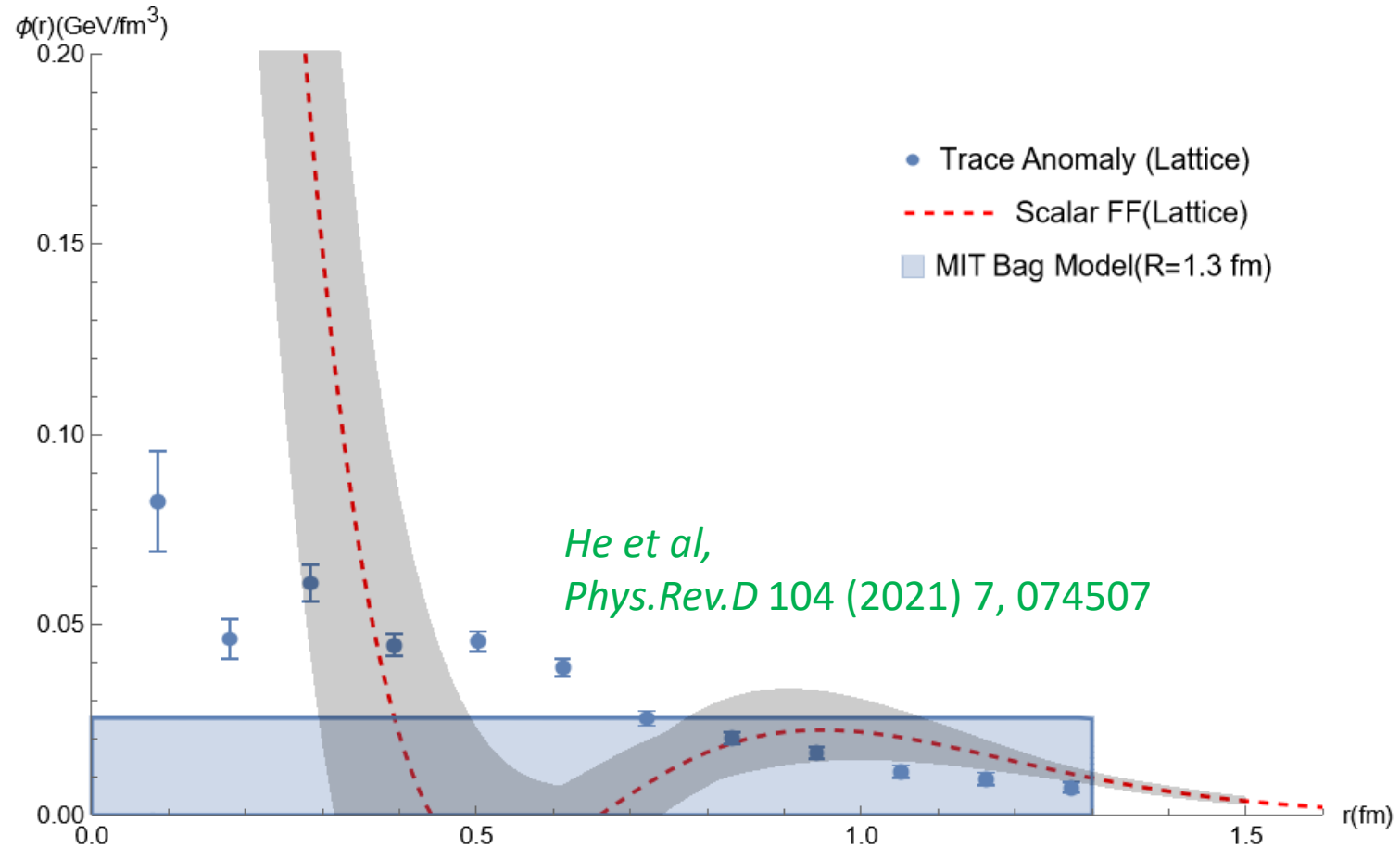
$$\langle P' | T_\mu^\mu | P \rangle = \bar{u}(P') u(P) G_s(Q^2) ,$$

where,

$$G_s(Q^2) = \left[ MA(Q^2) - B(Q^2) \frac{Q^2}{4M} + C(Q^2) \frac{3Q^2}{M} \right]$$

- 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 (confinement) and mass radii

- Scalar radius

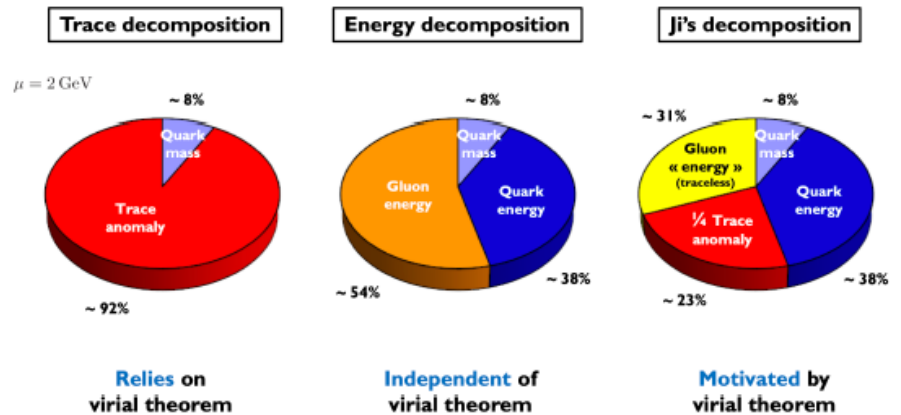
$$\langle r^2 \rangle_s = -6 \frac{dA(Q^2)}{dQ^2} - 18 \frac{C(0)}{M^2}$$

- 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 sum rule



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

- 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)

