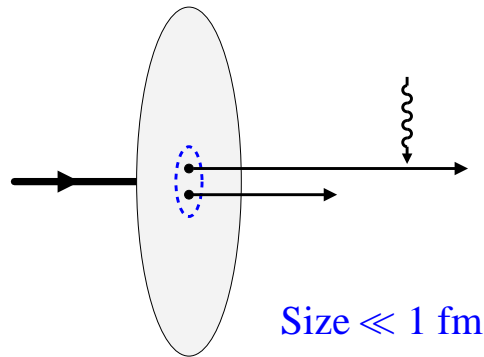


# Small-size configurations: Origin and probes

C. Weiss (JLab), Mini-Workshop “Small-size configurations”, JLab, 25-Mar-11



## High- $t$ photo/electroproduction

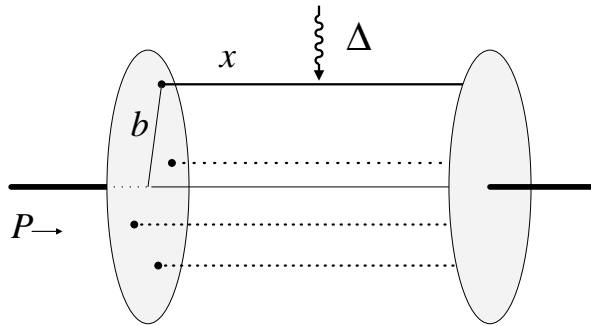
Elastic FF, Compton  
Meson production,  $J/\psi$   
Nuclear transparency  
Deuteron breakup

## Conceptual framework

Sizes  $\leftrightarrow$  dynamics  
More general than pQCD!  
Analogy with SRC in nuclei

- Elastic form factors pion, nucleon
  - Partonic representation
  - Effective sizes
  - Small-size vs.  $x \rightarrow 1$  configurations
- Origin of small-size configurations
  - Perturbative interactions
  - QCD vacuum structure
- Probing small-size configurations with JLab 12 GeV
  - Wide-angle Compton scattering
  - Meson production at high  $Q^2, t$
  - Nuclear transparency
  - $J/\psi$  production near threshold

# Form factor: Parton picture



- Parton picture  $P \rightarrow \infty, \Delta$  transverse

Current cannot produce pairs

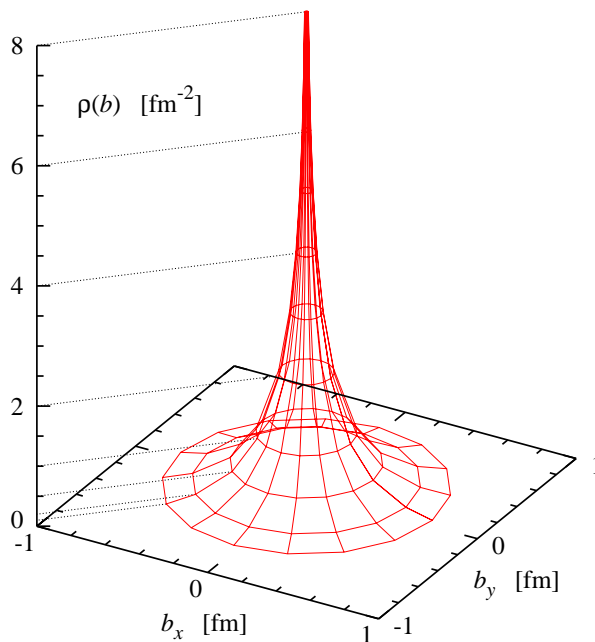
Wave function overlap representation

$$F(t) = \sum_n \int dx d^2k_T \psi_n^*(x, k_{T1}, \dots) \psi_n(x, k_{T2}, \dots)$$

Configurations with different particle number and transverse size

Expect that large  $t$  “select” small sizes

How to quantify it?



- Transverse density Soper 76, Miller 07

$$F(t) = \int d^2b e^{i\Delta b} \rho(b) \quad \text{2D Fourier}$$

Cumulative charge/current of constituents at transverse position  $b$

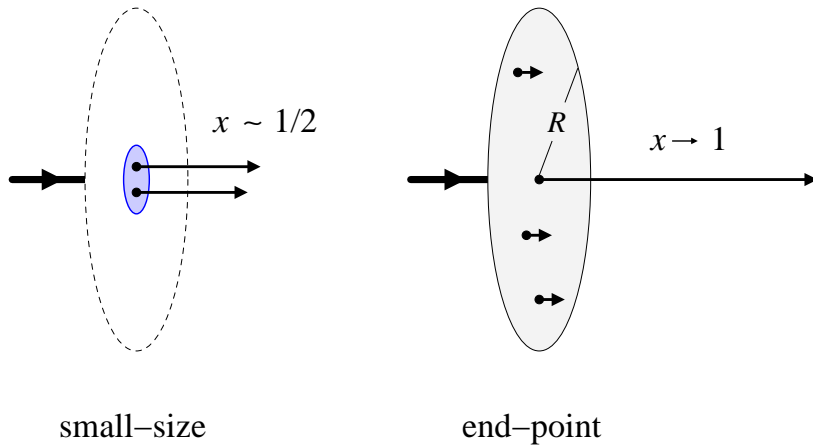
$$\text{Reduction of GPD } \rho(b) = \int dx f_{q-\bar{q}}(x, \mathbf{b})$$

- Empirical charge density in pion

Dispersion integral over timelike FF  $e^+e^-$  data

High density at  $b \rightarrow 0$ : Small-size configurations?

# Form factor: Small-size configurations



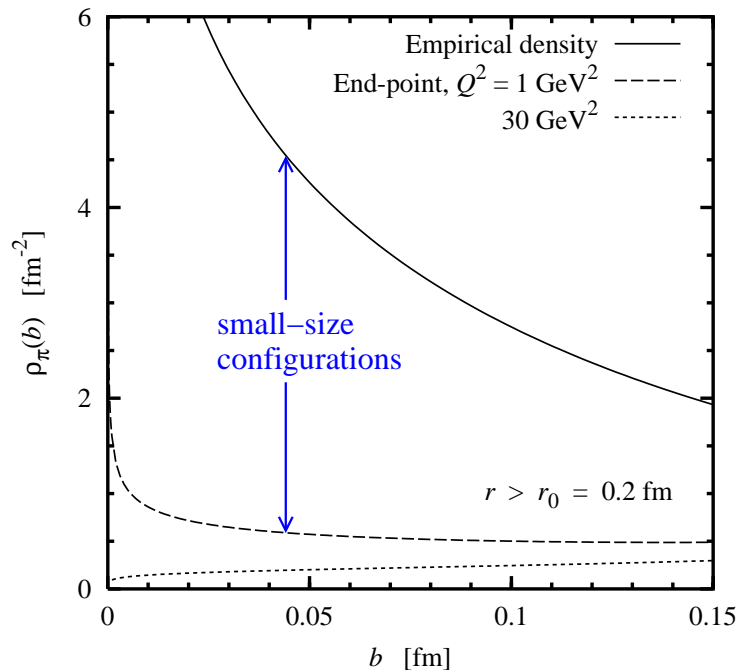
- Two sources of small- $b$  density

$x \sim 1/2$	size $\ll R$	small-size	mostly $q\bar{q}$
$x \rightarrow 1$	size $\sim R$	end-point	multiparticle, soft gluons

Dynamical question!

- Density in center of pion mostly from small-size configurations

End-point contribution constrained by quark density in pion at  $x \rightarrow 1$   
 Miller, Strikman, CW 10.  $\pi A$  Drell-Yan data

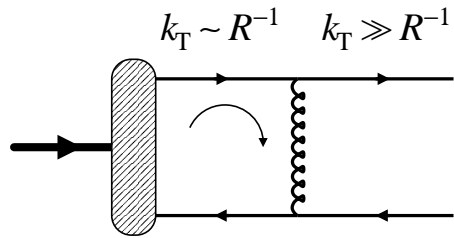


- Alt. picture: Breit frame

Photon reverses quark with  $x \rightarrow 1$   
 Feynman mechanism

Model-independent statement on small-size configurations!

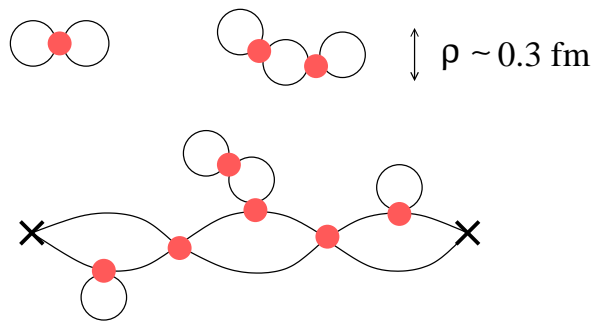
# Small-size configurations: Dynamical origin



- Perturbative interactions

High-momentum component of wave function  $k_T \sim R^{-1}$  wave function as source,  $\int d^2 k_T$

Responsible for leading  $|t| \rightarrow \infty$  asymptotics of pion FF [Efremov, Radyushkin 77+](#); [Brodsky Lepage 80](#)



- QCD vacuum structure

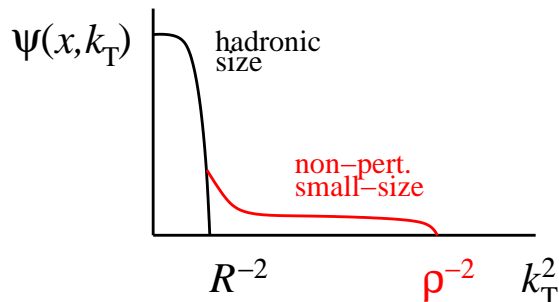
Strong non-perturbative gluon fields of size  $\rho \sim 0.2-0.3 \text{ fm}$

Objective measure: Average quark virtuality  $\langle \bar{\psi} \nabla^2 \psi \rangle / \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle > (0.7 \text{ GeV})^2$

Lattice: [Teper 87](#), [Doi 02](#), [Chiu 03](#)

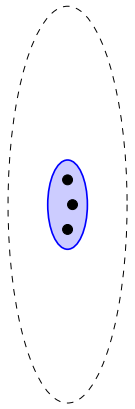
Non-perturbative semi-hard component of WF [Cf. short-range correlations in nuclei](#)

Chiral anomaly?  $\gamma^* \gamma \rightarrow \pi^0$  puzzle

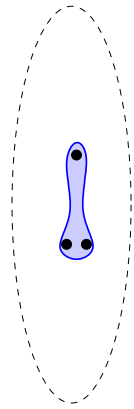


Evidence for non-perturbative small-size configurations!

# Small-size configurations: Nucleon



uniform



diquark-like

- Nucleon more complex, more possibilities

Uniform squeezing or diquark-like configurations?

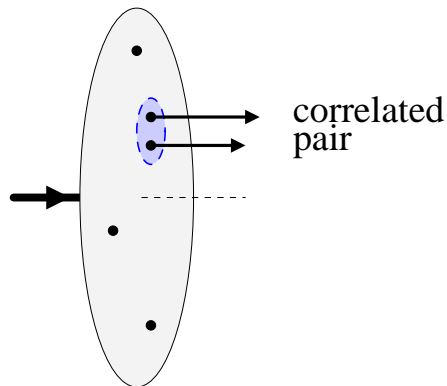
End-point configurations  $x \rightarrow 1$ ?

Related to large- $x$  parton densities JLab 12 GeV

Mean-field picture generally successful:

Quark model, chiral soliton  $N_c \rightarrow \infty$

Nature of dynamical correlations?



- Correlated  $q\bar{q}$  pairs

Size  $\rho \ll R$ , induced by QCD vacuum structure

Cf. Short-range correlations in nuclei

Important in meson production processes!

Strikman, CW, in progress

# Small-size configurations: Other processes

- Get more information:  $x$ -dependence, quantum numbers, . . .

- Test universality!

- Details depend on channel

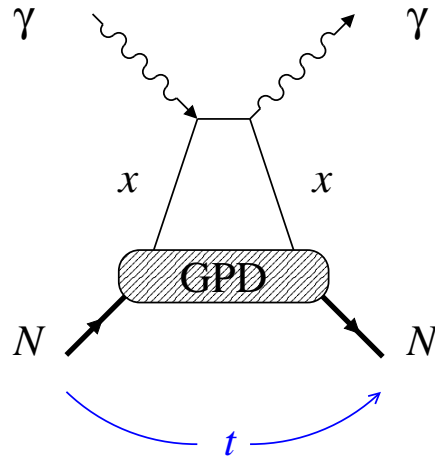
Meson production:  $\phi \leftrightarrow \rho^0$ ,  $\rho^+$ ,  $K^* \leftrightarrow \pi, K$ ,  $\pi^+ \leftrightarrow \pi^0$ , etc.

- Space-time picture needs to be developed

Transverse frame  $\longleftrightarrow$  Center-of-mass frame

This presentation: Comments, suggestions, no definitive answers!

# Processes: Wide-angle Compton scattering



- Compton process at  $s, |t|, |u| \gg R^{-2}$

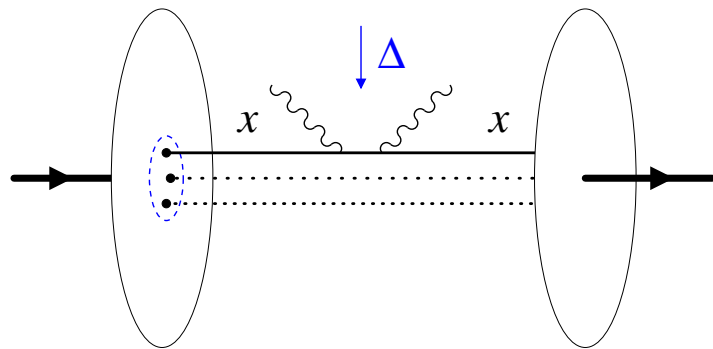
Scattering from single quark:  
“Handbag” diagram

Closely related to elastic FF at high  $|t|$

$$R(t) \sim \int \frac{dx}{x} \text{GPD}(x_1 = x_2 = x, t)$$

→ Talk Radyushkin

Constituent quark model: Wave functions,  
quark helicity flip → Talk Miller



- Test reaction mechanism

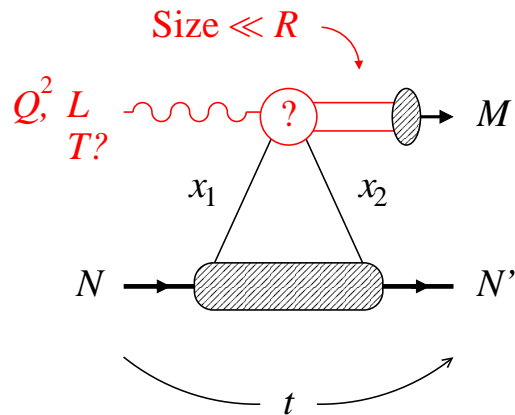
Polarization observables  $A_{LL}, K_{LL}$

→ Talk Wojtsekhowski

Finite virtuality  $Q^2 \neq 0$  → Talk Hyde

$x$ -distribution of small-size configs,  
nucleon helicity structure

# Processes: Exclusive meson production



- $Q^2 \gg R^{-2}$ : Meson produced in small-size configuration

Exp. test:  $t$ -slope becomes independent of  $Q^2$   
 Seen in HERA VM data; some signs at CLAS 6 GeV

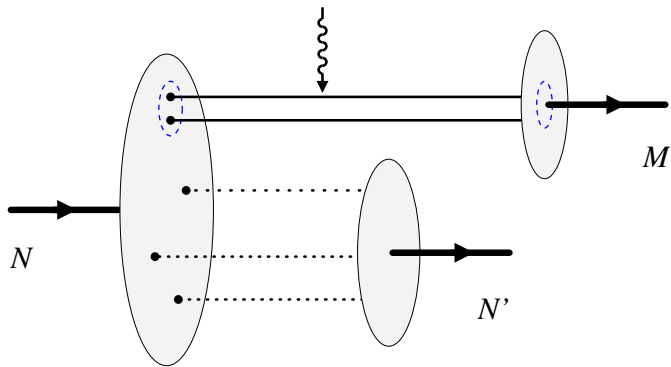
$Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ : QCD factorization theorem with pQCD interaction and GPDs  
 Collins, Frankfurt, Strikman 96

Small-size regime  $\neq$  pQCD dominance

- Quantitative description based on non-perturbative interactions?

Knockout of small-size  $q\bar{q}$  pair, may explain CLAS  $\rho^0, \rho^+$  data  
 Cf. ERBL region of GPD

Also scattering from uncorrelated quarks  
 Cf. DGLAP region of GPD. Related by crossing, dispersion relations



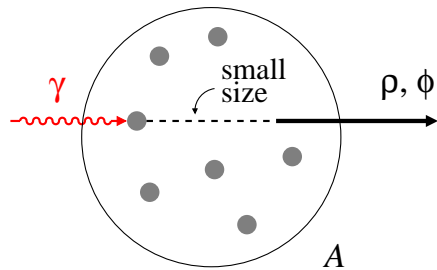
- What about high- $t$  photoproduction?

→ Talks Ilieva, Strikman, discussion

Timelike Compton: Talk Stepanyan



# Processes: Small-size configurations with 12 GeV



- Nuclear transparency → Talks Cosyn, Horn, Gao, Gilman

Small-size configurations experience reduced interaction with nuclear medium: Color transparency

$\phi, \rho$  photoproduction on nuclei

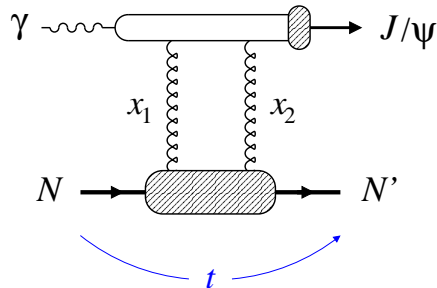
- $J/\psi$  photo/electroproduction → Talks Strikman, Fuchey, Chudakov

“Naturally” small size even in photoproduction

Clean probe of gluon field even at JLab energies

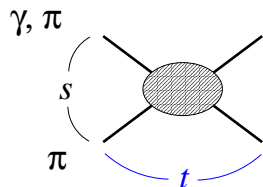
Near-threshold  $|t_{\min}| \sim 1 \text{ GeV} \leftrightarrow$  high- $t$  form factors

Reaction mechanism poorly understood near threshold:  
GPD for large longitudinal momentum transfer  $x_1 \neq x_2$ ?  
Re/Im ratio?



- High-energy deuteron breakup → Talk Sargsian

Small-size configurations in  $NN$  system



- Hadronic  $2 \rightarrow 2$  processes at high  $t$  → Talk Strikman

# Summary

- Small-size configurations key concept of hadron structure

More primary than specific interaction models

Contains, but is not limited to, pQCD interactions

Small-size configurations from non-perturbative interactions:  
Chiral symmetry-breaking forces in QCD vacuum

- Learn to discuss/describe high-momentum-transfer processes in terms of small-size configurations

Detailed modeling required: Space-time picture, effective interactions

Experiments should answer quantitative questions:  
Effective size distribution, shrinkage, . . .

- Many interesting options to probe small-size configurations with 12 GeV

Collider energies: Small-size configurations in photon's  $q\bar{q}$  wave function, diffractive scattering, nuclear shadowing [EIC](#)