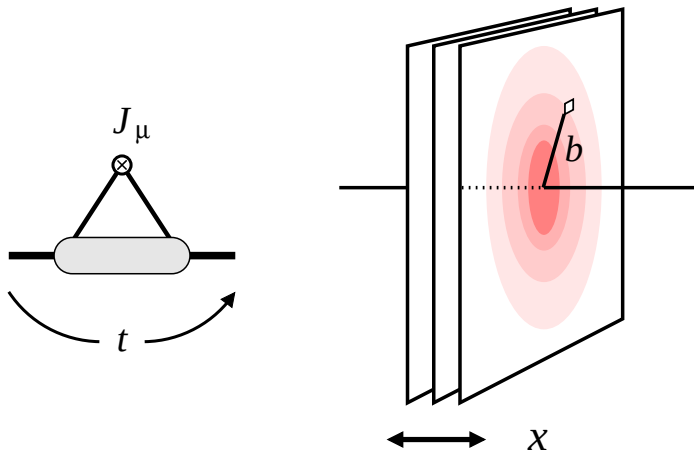


Exploring hadron structure with EFT-based methods

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based on work with J. M. Alarcon, C. Granados, A. Hiller Blin, M. Strikman, D. Higinbotham, Zhihong Ye



- Hadron structure in QCD

Operators and matrix elements

- Nucleon form factors $|t| \lesssim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$

New method – dispersively improved χEFT

Vector FFs and proton radius extraction

Scalar FF and radius

Extensions: Baryon resonances, 3π unitarity

- Transverse densities and GPDs

Peripheral structure $b \sim 1/M_\pi$

Light-front formulation of χEFT

x -dependent distributions

Systematic methods:

Chiral effective field theory

Analytic amplitude methods

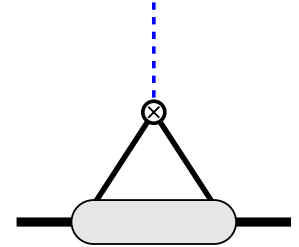
$1/N_c$ expansion of QCD

Hadron structure: Operators

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- Local operators

$\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi$	vector	elastic $eh/\mu h$ scattering, e^+e^- annihilation
$\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\psi$	axial	weak interactions, PV, νh scattering
$\bar{\psi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\psi$	tensor	BSM processes
$m\bar{\psi}\psi, F_{\mu\nu}^2$	scalar	quark mass dep, trace anomaly, τ decays
EM tensor		gravity; mass, momentum, spin, forces

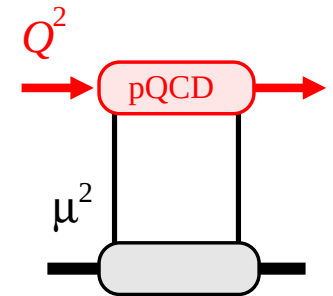


- Non-local operators

$\bar{\psi}(0)\dots\psi(z), z^2 = 0$, light-cone operators twist-2, 3...

Factorization of high-momentum transfer processes:
DIS, inclusive, exclusive, semi-inclusive

Scale μ^2 , dependence $\mu (d/d\mu)$ from RNG equation



- Hadronic matrix elements

$\langle h' | \mathcal{O} | h \rangle$ transition, expectation value

$\langle hh' | \mathcal{O} | 0 \rangle$ creation/annihilation, incl. multihadron states, resonances

Hadron structure: Methods

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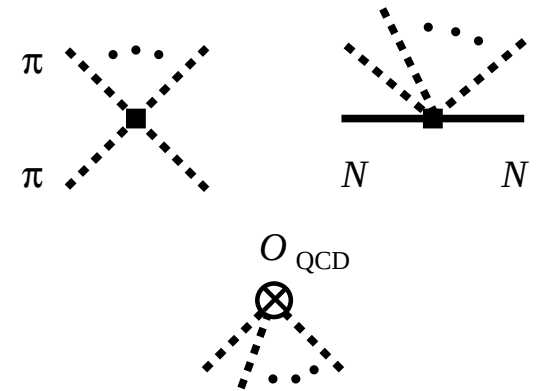
- Chiral effective field theory

Describes dynamics at $k_\pi \sim M_\pi \ll \Lambda_\chi \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$

Constructed/solved in expansion in $\{k_\pi, M_\pi\}/\Lambda_\chi$

Includes baryons N, Δ as dynamical fields

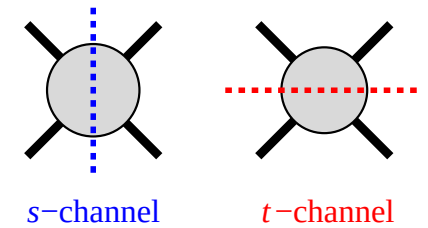
Permits matching with QCD operators



- Analytic amplitude methods

Dispersion relations $\text{Amp} = \int \text{Singularities}$

Unitarity, N/D method



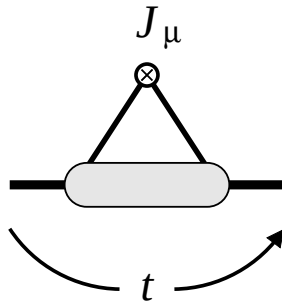
- $1/N_c$ expansion of QCD

Parametric classification of meson/baryon matrix elements, spin-flavor components

Systematic methods: Parametric expansion, defined accuracy, uncertainty estimates

Reduce complexity, relate structures, provide insight

Predictive, but require dynamical input!



- Current matrix element parametrized by invariant form factors

$$\langle N' | J_\mu | N \rangle \rightarrow F_1(t), F_2(t) \quad \text{Dirac/Pauli}$$

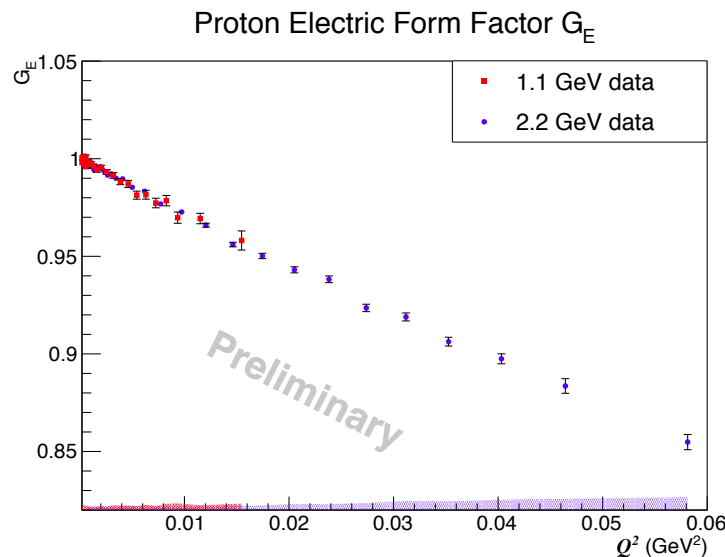
Much interest in low- $|t|$ FFs!

- Next-gen elastic scattering experiments

Mainz MAMI ep

JLab PRad ep down to $Q^2 \sim 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^2$

PSI MUSe $e^+p/e^-p/\mu^+p/\mu^-p$



JLab PRad preliminary Gasparian et al. 2018

- Proton radius puzzle

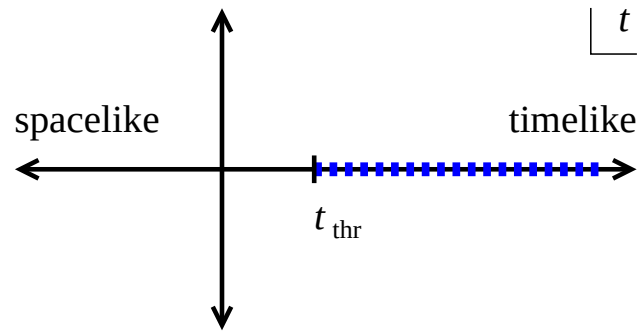
Discrepancies between charge radius from
electronic hydrogen, muonic hydrogen
electron scattering

[Reviews Pohl 2013](#), [Carlson 2015](#), [Miller 2018](#)

- Transverse densities $\leftrightarrow$ GPDs

Nucleon FFs: Dispersive representation

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- Dispersive representation

$$F_i(t) = \int_{t_{\text{thr}}}^{\infty} \frac{dt'}{\pi} \frac{\text{Im } F_i(t')}{t' - t - i0}$$

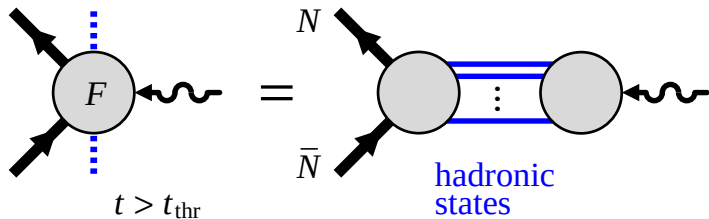
Expresses analytic structure of $F_i(t)$

- Spectral functions $\text{Im } F_i(t)$

Current $\rightarrow$ hadronic states $\rightarrow N\bar{N}$

Processes in unphysical region $t < 4M_N^2$

Spectral functions to be provided by theory
Frazer, Fulco 1960; Höhler et al 1975+...



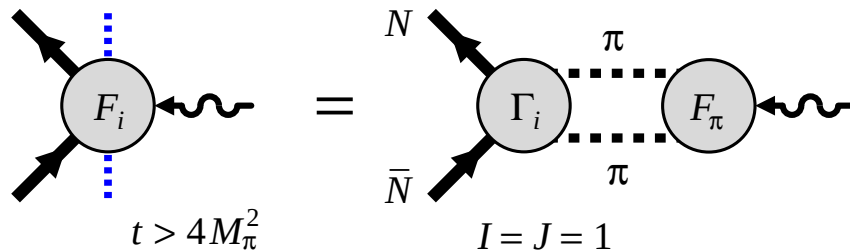
Isovector: $\pi\pi$ (incl. ρ), 4π , $K\bar{K}$, ...
Isoscalar: 3π (incl. ω), $K\bar{K}$ (incl. ϕ), ...

- $\pi\pi$ cut — can we use χ EFT?

Gasser, Sainio, Svarc 1988; Bernard, Kaiser, Meissner 1996;
Becher, Leutwyler 1999; Kubis, Meissner 2003; Kaiser 03...

Nucleon FFs: Spectral functions on $\pi\pi$ cut

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Im} F_i(t) &= \frac{k_{\text{cm}}^3}{\sqrt{t}} \Gamma_i(t) F_\pi^*(t) \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{k_{\text{cm}}^3}{\sqrt{t}} \frac{\Gamma_i(t)}{F_\pi(t)}}_{\chi\text{EFT}} \underbrace{|F_\pi(t)|^2}_{\text{Data}} \end{aligned}$$

- Elastic unitarity relation

$F_\pi(t)$ timelike pion FF, $\Gamma_i(t)$ partial-wave amplitude $\pi\pi \rightarrow N\bar{N}$

Amplitudes have same phase from $\pi\pi$ rescattering — Watson's theorem

- Factorized representation (N/D method)

Γ_i/F_π free of $\pi\pi$ rescattering

→ calculate in χEFT , well convergent

$|F_\pi|^2$ includes $\pi\pi$ rescattering, ρ resonance

→ take from e^+e^- data, LQCD

- New χEFT -based approach

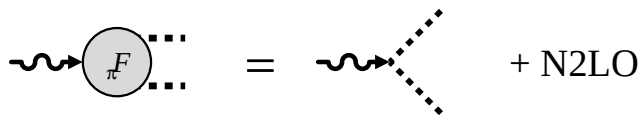
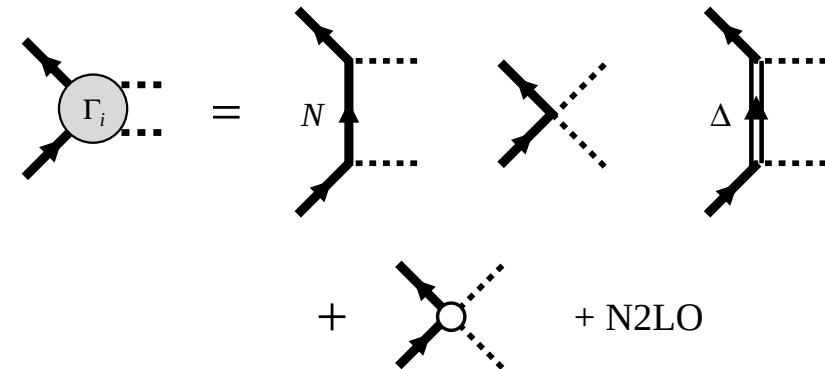
Alarcon, Hiller Blin, Vicente Vacas, Weiss, NPA 964, 18 (2017);

Alarcon, Weiss, PRC **96**, 055206 (2017) PRC **97**, 055203 (2018)

Similar method: Granados, Leupold, Perotti 2017

Nucleon FFs: Chiral EFT

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- Relativistic χ EFT

Expansion in $\{M_\pi, k_\pi\}/\Lambda_\chi$

Include Δ isobar

- Calculation of $\Gamma_i(t)/F_\pi(t)$

LO: Born terms + Weinberg-Tomozawa

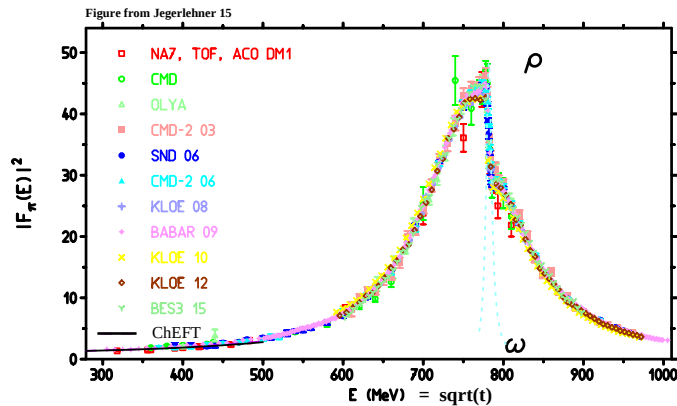
NLO: Contact term in $\Gamma_i(t)$

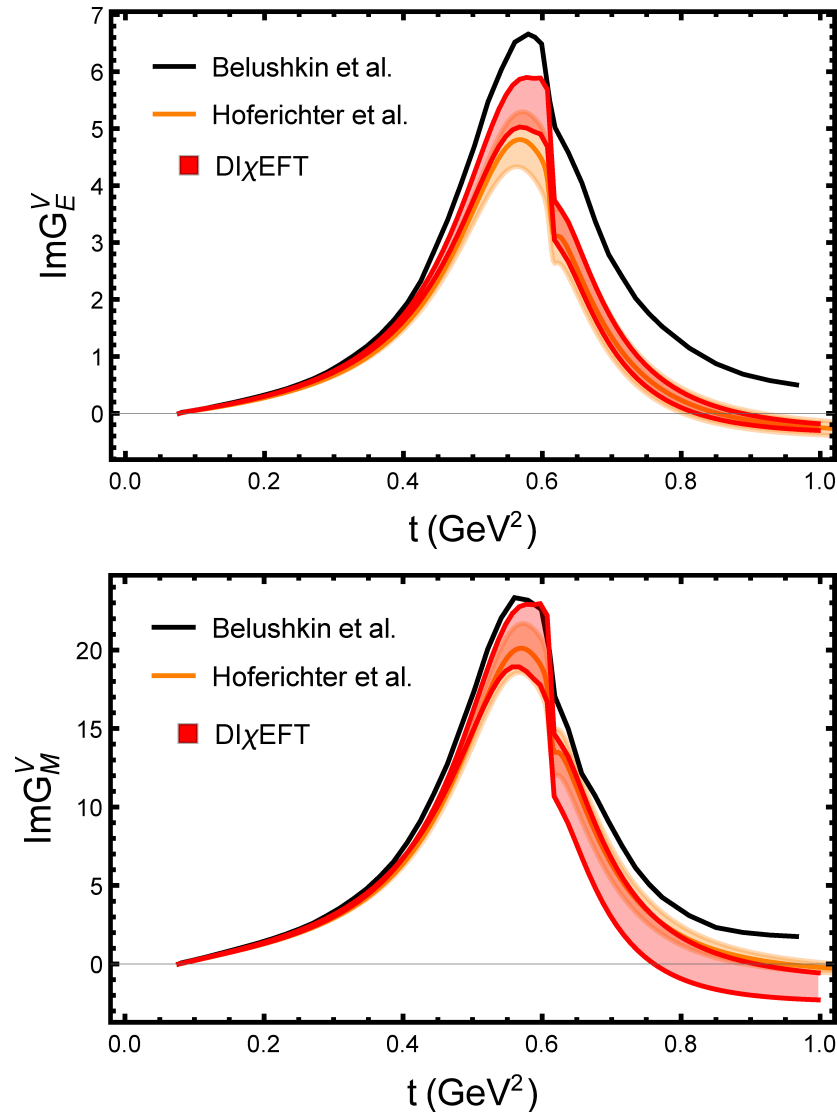
N2LO: Contact term and pion loops

Good convergence

- Pion timelike FF $|F_\pi(t)|^2$

Measured accurately in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$





- Spectral functions on $\pi\pi$ cut

Include ρ resonance through $|F_\pi(t)|^2$

Good agreement with Roy-Steiner analysis

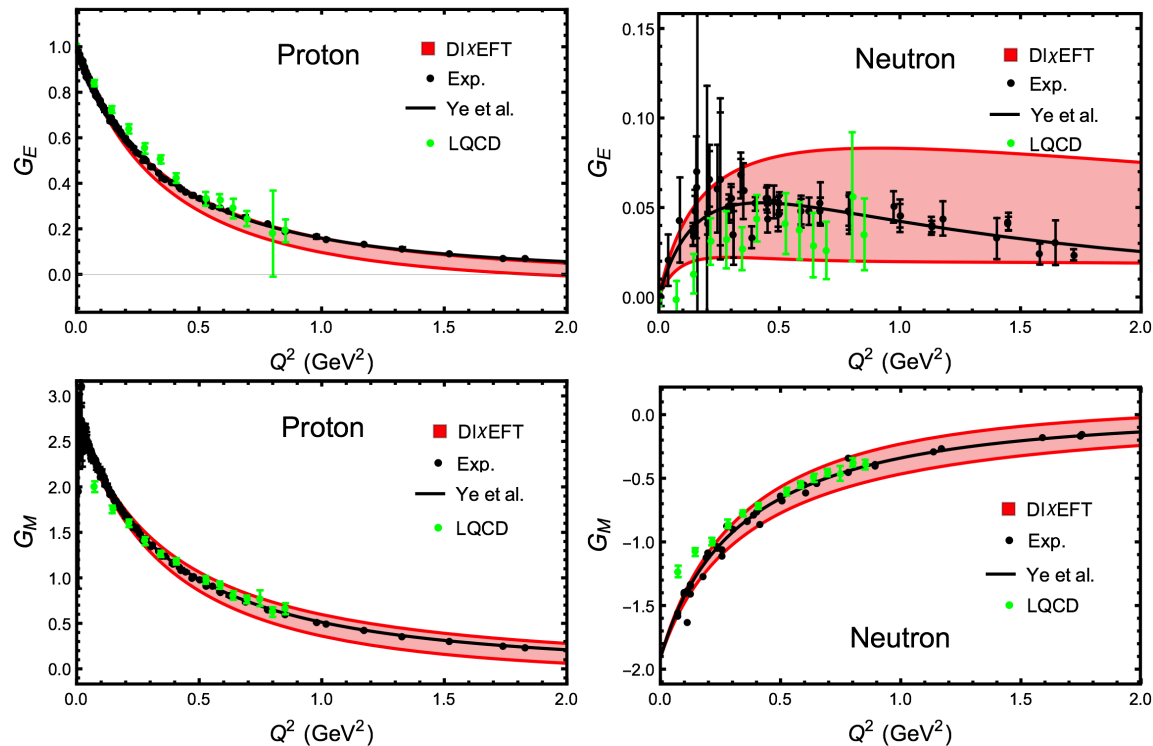
[Hoferichter et al 2017](#)

- Qualitative improvement compared to traditional χ EFT

$\pi\pi$ rescattering effects included

Nucleon FFs: Spacelike FF predictions

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$$G_i(t) = \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{dt'}{\pi} \frac{\text{Im } G_i(t')}{t' - t - i0}$$

Alarcon, Weiss, PLB 784, 373 (2018)
Uncertainty bands: PDG range of nucleon radii

- Form factors evaluated using DR

$\pi\pi$ isovector spectral function calculated in D χ EFT

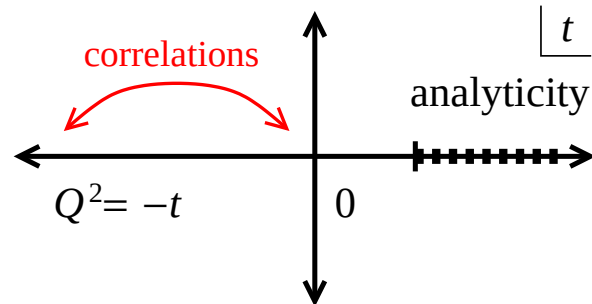
High-mass states described by effective pole, strength fixed by sum rules (charges, radii)

- Excellent description of data up to $|t| \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$

Not fit, but dynamical prediction. Theoretical uncertainty estimates

Nucleon FFs: Proton radius extraction

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- Proton radius from electron scattering

Data at $Q^2 > 0 \leftrightarrow$ Slope at $Q^2 = 0$

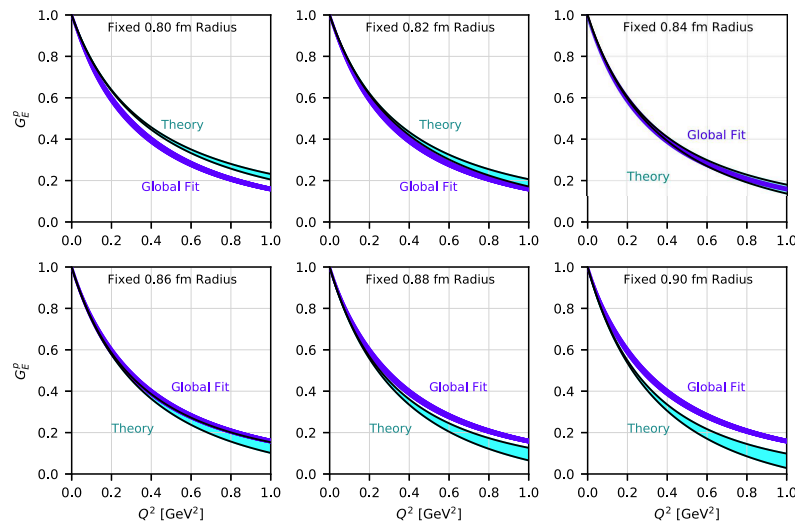
Several methods, extensive literature

Bernauer et al 10+, Lee et al 15, Griffioen et al 16, Higinbotham et al 16, Horbatsch et al 17. Review Yan et al 18

- Analyticity implies correlations

Use data at “larger” $Q^2 \sim \text{few } 0.1 \text{ GeV}^2$ to constrain slope at $Q^2 = 0$

Complement “extrapolation” methods

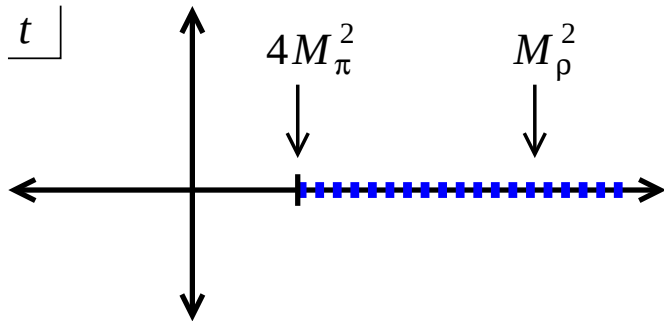


- DI χ EFT-based extraction

Used parametrization w. LECs $\leftrightarrow$ radii

Obtained $r_p = 0.844(7) \text{ fm}$

Quantified thy and exp uncertainties



- Form factor derivatives from DR

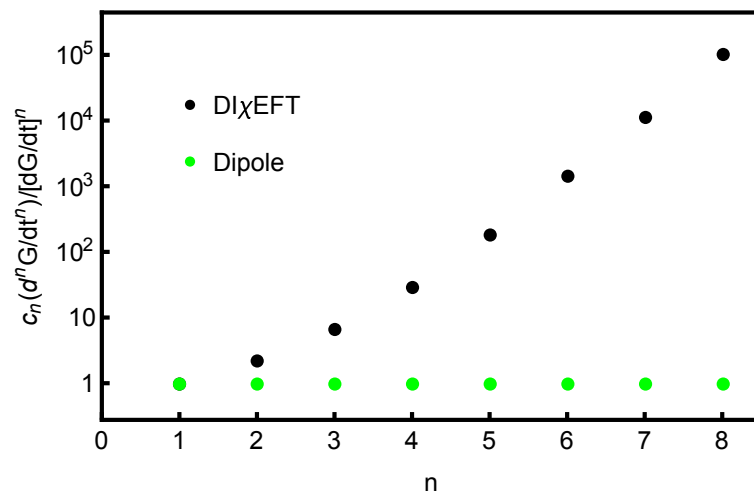
$$\left. \frac{d^n G_i^V(t)}{dt^n} \right|_{t=0} = \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{dt'}{\pi} \frac{\text{Im } G_i^V(t')}{t'^{n+1}}$$

- Two dynamical scales

$4M_\pi^2$ two-pion threshold

M_ρ^2 maximum of spectral function

Relative weight depends on n

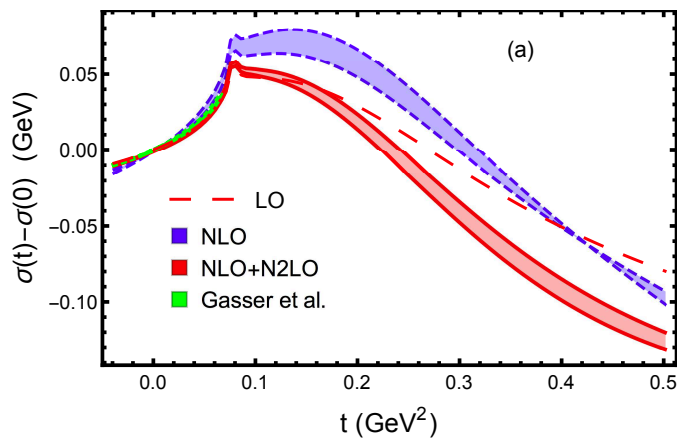
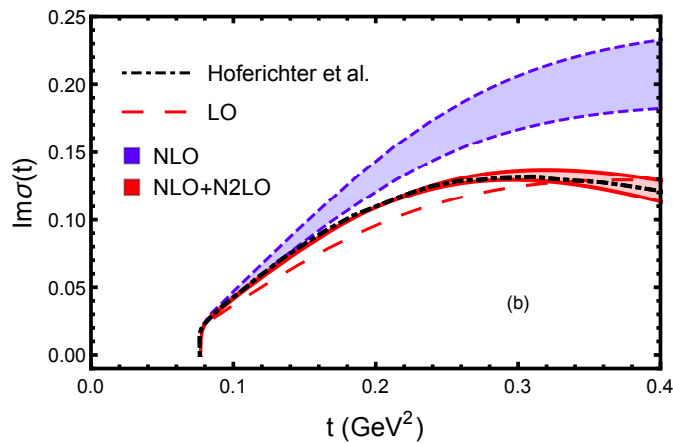
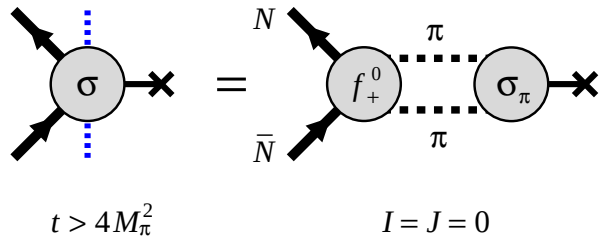


- Unnatural size of higher derivatives

Model-independent prediction

Could be tested in polynomial fits

JLab PRad first study: [Yan et al 18](#)



- Scalar QCD operator

$$O_\sigma = \hat{m} \bar{\psi} \psi \quad \text{scale-independent}$$

$$\langle N' | O_\sigma | N \rangle \rightarrow \sigma(t) \quad \text{scalar nucleon FF}$$

- Scalar nucleon FF from $\text{D}\chi\text{EFT}$

$$\text{Im } \sigma(t) \quad \text{from unitarity} + \text{ChEFT} + |\sigma_\pi(t)|^2$$

$$\sigma_\pi(t) \quad \text{from empirical dispersion analysis} \\ \text{Colangelo et al 04; Celis, Cirigliano, Passemar 14}$$

$$\sigma(t) = \sigma(0) + \frac{t}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} dt' \frac{\text{Im } \sigma(t')}{t'(t' - t)}$$

- Scalar nucleon radius predicted

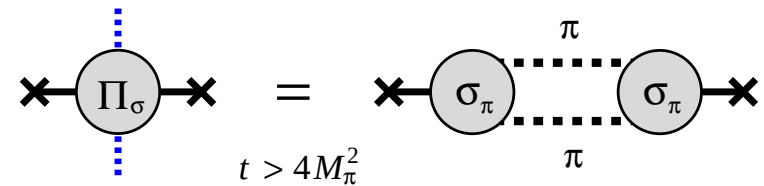
$$\langle r^2 \rangle_\sigma = 1.03\text{--}1.13 \text{ fm}^2 \quad [\text{with } \sigma(0) = 59 \text{ MeV}]$$

$$\gg \langle r^2 \rangle_1 \quad \text{vector radius}$$

- DI χ EFT requires only modulus $|\sigma_\pi(t)|^2$, not complex $\sigma_\pi(t)$
- Modulus can be extracted from vacuum correlator

$$\Pi_\sigma(t) \equiv i \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle 0 | T O_\sigma(x) O_\sigma(0) | 0 \rangle, \quad t \equiv q^2$$

$$\text{Im } \Pi_\sigma(t) = \frac{k_{\text{cm}}}{8\pi\sqrt{t}} |\sigma_\pi(t)|^2 + \dots$$



$$\langle 0 | T O_\sigma(x) O_\sigma(0) | 0 \rangle \sim \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} dt \frac{\sqrt{t} K_1(\sqrt{t}|x|)}{4\pi^2|x|} \text{Im } \Pi_\sigma(t), \quad |x| \equiv \sqrt{-x^2} \rightarrow \infty$$

Pion timelike FF governs asymptotic behavior of correlator at large Euclidean distances

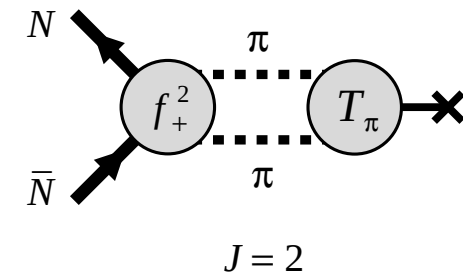
- Possible combination DI χ EFT $\leftrightarrow$ Euclidean methods, LQCD

Alt approach: Timelike pion FF from Lüscher method. H. Meyer 2011

- Nucleon FFs of other QCD operators

Spin-1 tensor operator

Spin-2 energy-momentum tensor:
Mass, momentum, spin, forces (D-term)

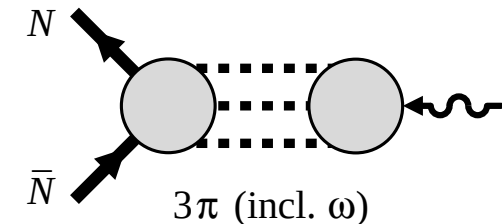


- Nucleon FFs with 3π cut

Isoscalar-vector FF, isovector-axial FF

Use methods of 3-body unitarity, presently being developed for amplitude analysis and LQCD

[Szczepaniak et al](#), [Jackura](#), [Pilloni](#), [Döring et al](#)



- Resonance transition FFs, e.g. $N \rightarrow \Delta$

S-matrix theory: Stable particle transition ME $\langle \pi N | \mathcal{O} | N \rangle$,
pole at $s_{\pi N} = M_{\Delta}^2$ complex, residue factorizes

Can be implemented in χ EFT

[Ledwig et al 10](#)

LQCD results for Δ FFs

[Alexandrou et al 08](#); [Aubin](#), [Orginos](#), [Pascalutsa](#), [Vanderhaeghe](#) 08

- Study scaling behavior of non-perturbative QCD quantities with N_c :
Meson and baryon masses, current matrix elements, hadronic couplings, ...
'tHooft 73, Witten 79

N_c scaling can be established on general grounds

Parametric classification, hierarchy of structures, qualitative insight

Very successful phenomenology

$N_c \rightarrow \infty$ corresponds to semiclassical limit of QCD

- Relations between N and Δ

$$M_N, M_\Delta = \mathcal{O}(N_c), \quad M_\Delta - M_N = \mathcal{O}(N_c^{-1})$$

N, Δ almost degenerate

$$g_{\pi N \Delta} = \frac{3}{2} g_{\pi N N}$$

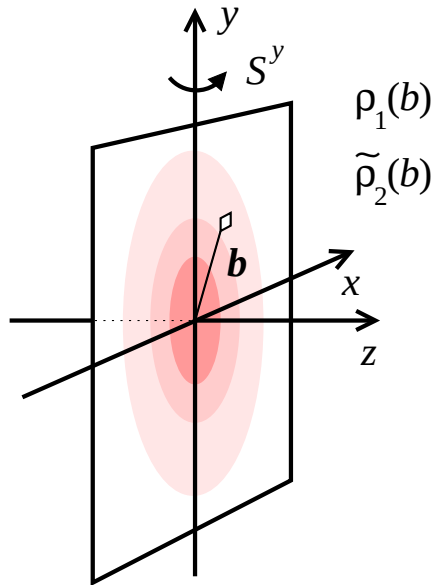
Pion couplings simply related

$$\langle B' | J^\mu | B \rangle = \text{common function}$$

N and Δ current MEs related

- χ EFT results have correct N_c -scaling if Δ isobar included as dynamical DoF

Cohen, Broniowski 90's. Alarcon, Weiss 2018; Strikman CW 2004/2010; Granados, CW 2013+
EFT with combined chiral and $1/N_c$ expansion: Goity, Calle Cordon, Fernando



- Transverse densities

Soper 76, Burkardt 00, Miller 07

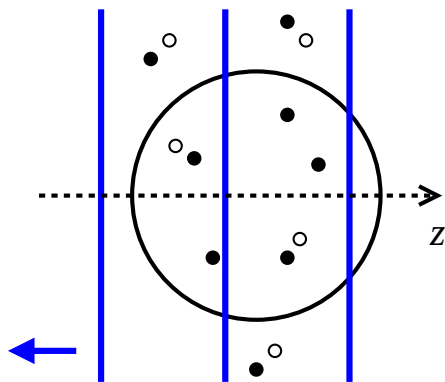
$$F_{1,2}(t = -\Delta_T^2) = \int d^2b e^{i\Delta_T \cdot b} \rho_{1,2}(b)$$

Transverse charge/magnetization density

- Structure at fixed light-front time $x^+ = x^0 + x^3$

Frame-independent densities

Spatial representation appropriate for relativistic systems

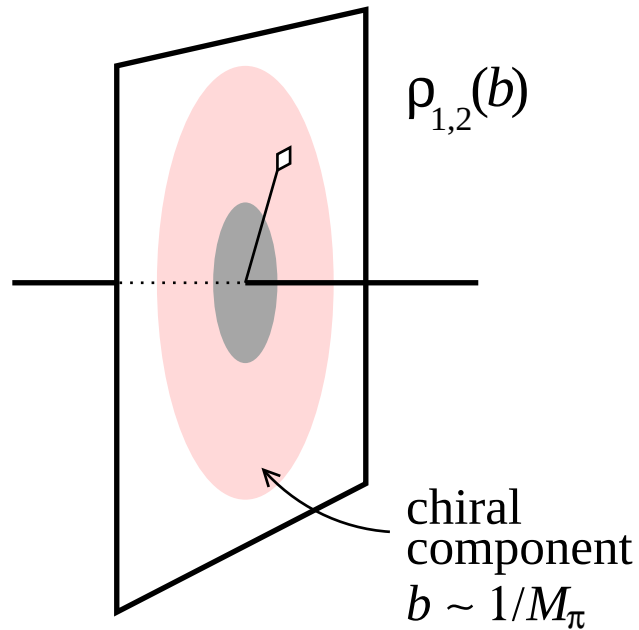


$$x^+ = x^0 + x^3 = \text{const.}$$

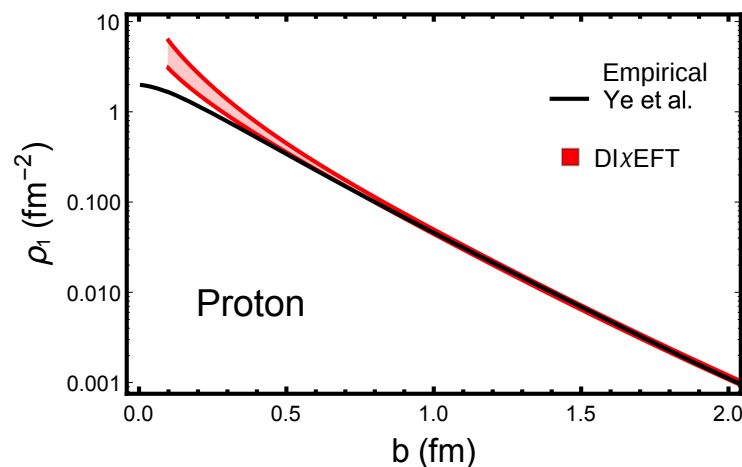
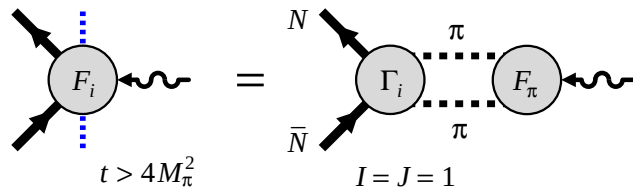
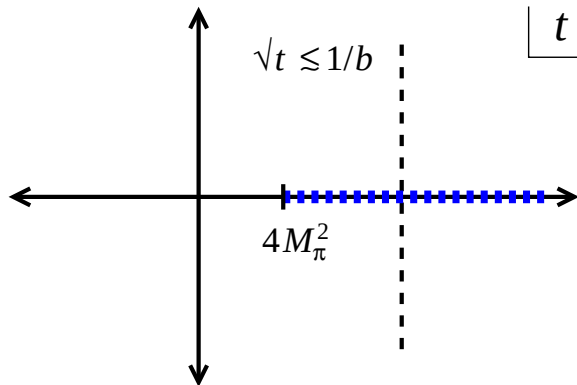
- Connection with GPDs/QCD

$$\rho_1(b) = \sum_q e_q \int_0^1 dx [q - \bar{q}](x, b)$$

$\tilde{\rho}_2(b)$ spin-dep distortion



- Peripheral densities $b = \mathcal{O}(M_\pi^{-1})$
 - Governed by chiral dynamics, model-independent
 - Calculable using χ EFT + dispersion theory
- Interest for low-energy structure
 - Transverse distance as parameter
 - Proper definition of mesonic component
 - Space-time picture of chiral dynamics
- Interest for high-energy processes
 - Peripheral quark/gluon structure, GPDs
 - Peripheral hard processes JLab12, EIC, RHIC/LHC



- Dispersive representation

$$\rho(b) = \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{2\pi} K_0(\sqrt{t}b) \frac{\text{Im } F(t)}{\pi}$$

$K_0 \sim e^{-b\sqrt{t}}$ exponential suppression of large t

Distance b selects masses $\sqrt{t} \sim 1/b$: Filter

- Peripheral densities from $\pi\pi$ cut

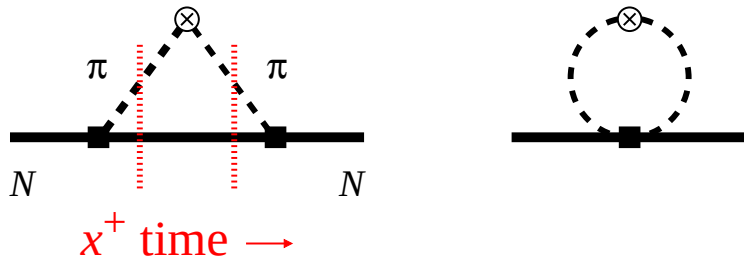
Calculated with D1 χ EFT spectral functions

Describe empirical densities at $b \gtrsim 1$ fm

- Asymptotic behavior

$$\rho_1^V, \tilde{\rho}_2^V(b) = e^{-2M_\pi b} \times \mathcal{F}(M_N, M_\pi; b)$$

Rich structure, relation $\rho_1^V \leftrightarrow \tilde{\rho}_2^V$
[Granados, Weiss JHEP 1401, 092 \(2014\)](#)



- Evolution in LF time $x^+ = x^0 + x^3$
- Wave function of chiral πN system

Describes transition $N \rightarrow N\pi$ in χ EFT.
Universal, frame-independent [also in \$\bar{u} - \bar{d}\$ etc.](#)

Pion momentum fraction $y \sim M_\pi/M_N$,
transverse distance $r_T \sim M_\pi^{-1}$

Orbital angular momentum $L_z = 0, 1$

- Densities as wave function overlap

Inequality $|\rho_2^V| < \rho_1^V$

Contact terms $\delta(y)$ represent high-mass
intermed states; coefficient $(1 - g_A^2)$

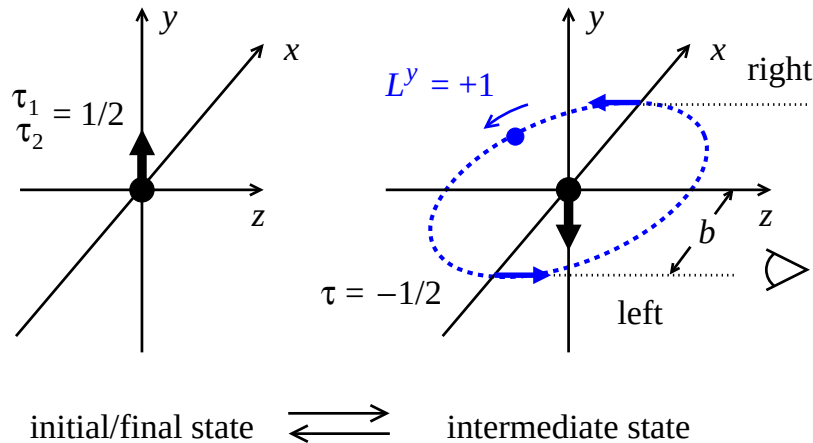
Equivalent to invariant formulation

[Granados, CW 13. See also Ji, Melnitchouk et al. 09+](#)

$$\psi_{L=0,1}^{\pi N}(y, \mathbf{r}_T) = \frac{\langle \pi N | \mathcal{L}_\chi | N \rangle}{\underbrace{\mathcal{M}_{\pi N}^2 - \mathcal{M}_N^2}_{\text{invariant mass denominator}}}$$

$$\rho_1^V(b) = \int_0^1 dy \left[|\psi_0|^2 + |\psi_1|^2 \right]_{r_T=b/\bar{y}} + \text{contact term}$$

$$\tilde{\rho}_2^V(b) = \dots \quad \psi_0^* \psi_1 + \psi_1^* \psi_0$$



- χ EFT process as time sequence

Rest frame, nucleon polarized in y -direction

Bare N fluctuates into πN system via χ EFT interaction

Peripheral densities result from J^+ current carried by orbiting pion

- Explains peripheral densities

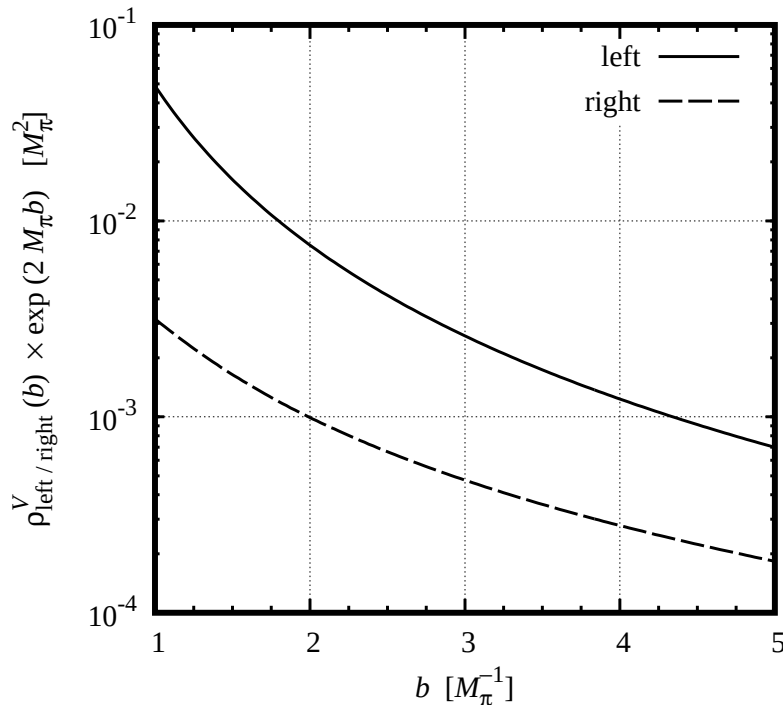
$$\rho_1, \tilde{\rho}_2 = \langle J^+ \rangle_{\text{right}} \pm \langle J^+ \rangle_{\text{left}}$$

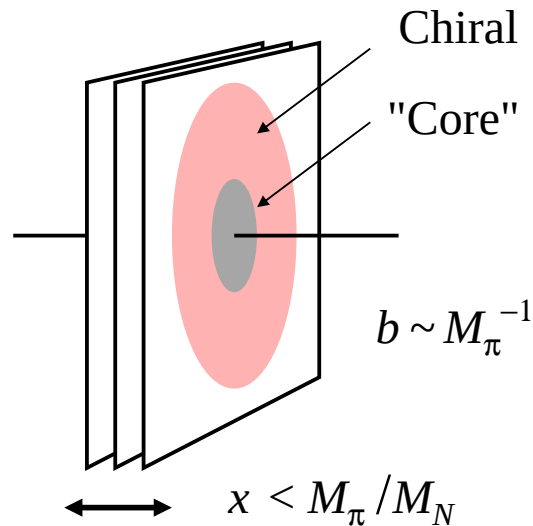
$$\langle J^+ \rangle_{\text{left}} \gg \langle J^+ \rangle_{\text{right}} \quad \text{large asymmetry}$$

Pion motion relativistic $k_\pi \sim M_\pi$

- Quantitative picture based on χ EFT

Granados, Weiss JHEP 1401, 092 (2014); JHEP 1507, 170 (2015)
Extended to Δ , EM tensor FFs





- Transverse spatial distribution (GPD)

$f(x, b)$ longitudinal momentum
transverse position

- Chiral component

$b \sim M_\pi^{-1}$ transverse distance

$x \sim M_\pi/M_N$ mom fraction of soft pion

- Calculable model-independently

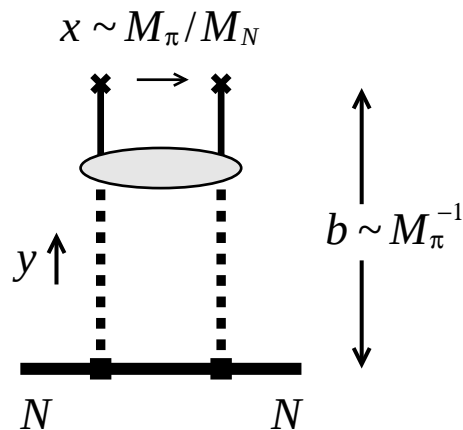
Pion distribution in nucleon from χ EFT

Quark/gluon distn in pion from measurements

- Observables and measurements

t -slope of hard exclusive processes $x \ll 0.1$

Pion knockout in peripheral processes at EIC



- Systematic methods for hadron structure in QCD:
Chiral EFT, analytic amplitude methods, $1/N_c$ expansion
- DI χ EFT new method for calculating $\pi\pi$ spectral functions of nucleon FFs
Includes $\pi\pi$ rescattering in t -channel through unitarity + N/D + timelike pion FF
Overcomes main limitation of traditional χ EFT
- Numerous applications and extensions
Electromagnetic FFs, peripheral transverse densities,
Low- Q^2 ep scattering analysis, proton radius extraction
Scalar FF and radius
Energy-momentum tensor, other QCD operators, 3π cut, resonance FFs
- Chiral dynamics in peripheral partonic structure
Transverse densities — mechanical picture, theoretical insight
 x -dependent distributions — experimental probes