

# Proton Spin Decomposition From Basis Light-Front Quantization

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# Outline

- **Basis Light-Front Quantization (BLFQ)**
  - Light-front Quantization
  - QCD Light-front Hamiltonian
  - BLFQ Procedure
- Application to Proton
  - Form Factors (FFs)
  - Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs)
  - Generalized Parton Distribution Functions (GPDs)
- Conclusion and Outlook

# Major Questions in Nuclear Physics

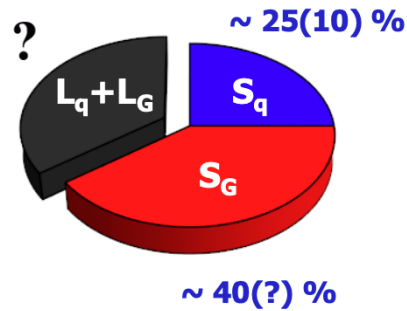
Origin of mass



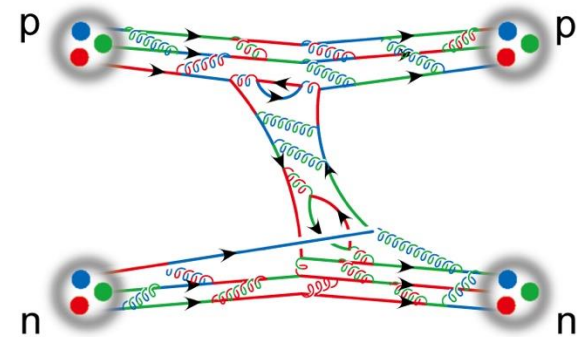
Spin puzzle

Orbital angular momentum

$$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$$

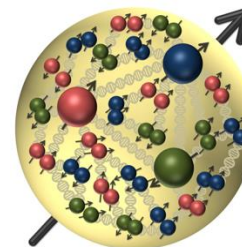


Nuclear force



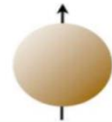
We need to know the structure of nucleon beyond 1D and how does it emerge from QCD ?

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = (\bar{\psi}_q (i\mathcal{D} - m_q)\psi_q) - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^\alpha G_\alpha^{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow ?$$



# Spin Decomposition

- Jaffe-Manohar Decomposition



Proton Spin

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + (L_q + L_g)$$

Jaffe-Manohar, 90  
Ji, 96, ...

Quark helicity  
Best known

$$\frac{1}{2} \int dx (\Delta u + \Delta \bar{u} + \Delta d + \Delta \bar{d} + \Delta s + \Delta \bar{s})$$

~ 30%

Sea quarks?

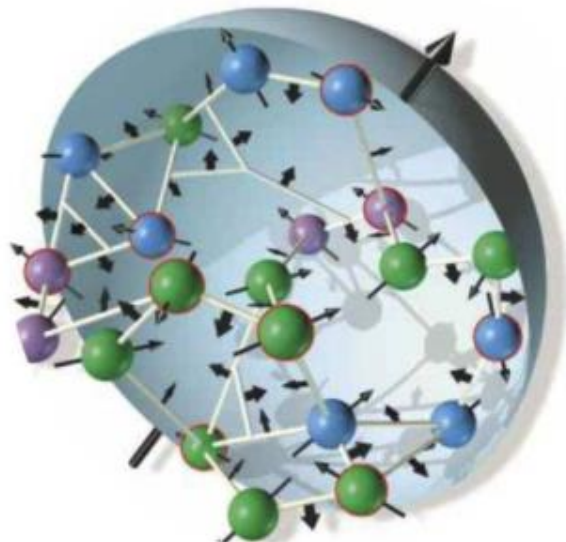
Gluon helicity  
Start to know

$$\Delta G = \int dx \Delta g(x)$$

~ 20% (with RHIC data)

Orbital Angular Momentum  
of quarks and gluons  
Little known

Net effect of partons'  
transverse motion?



- In the quark model  $\Delta\Sigma = 1$
  - The helicity contribution can be measured by polarized DIS
- Ji decomposition:

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta\Sigma + L_{Ji}^q + J_g$$

# Nonperturbative Approach

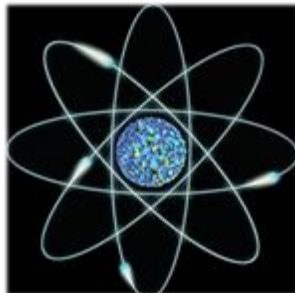
- Stationary Schrödinger equation universally describes bound-state structure

$$H|\psi\rangle = E|\psi\rangle$$



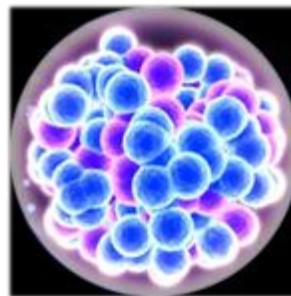
- Eigenstates  $|\psi\rangle$  encode full information of the system

Nonrelativistic



atom

Nonrelativistic



nucleus

Relativistic



nucleon

- Major challenges from **relativity**: frame dependence, particle number not conserving...

# Light-front Quantization

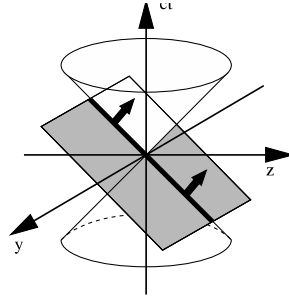
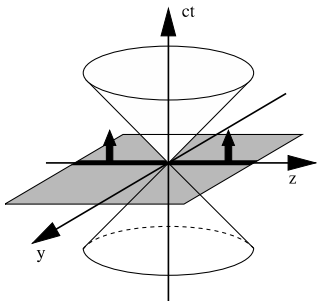
[Dirac, 1949]

Equal time quantization

Light-front quantization

$$t \circ x^0$$

$$t \circ x^+ = x^0 + x^3$$



$$x^1, x^2, x^3$$

$$x^- = x^0 - x^3, \\ x^\perp = x^{1,2}$$

$$P^0, \vec{P}$$

$$P^- = P^0 - P^3, \\ P^+ = P^0 + P^3, P^\perp = P^{1,2}$$

$$i \frac{\delta}{\delta t} |j(t)\rangle = H |j(t)\rangle$$

$$i \frac{\delta}{\delta x^+} |j(x^+)\rangle = \frac{1}{2} P^- |j(x^+)\rangle$$

$$P^0 = \sqrt{m^2 + P^\perp^2}$$

$$P^- = \frac{m^2 + P_\perp^2}{P^+}$$

Main advantage:

- Simple vacuum
- **Frame-independent** light-front wave functions
- Minkowski spacetime
- No square roots in dispersion relation

$$\Phi^{[\gamma^+]}(x, Q^2) \\ = \int \frac{dz^-}{8\pi} e^{\frac{ixP^+z^-}{2}} \langle P, \Lambda | \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^+ \psi(0) | P, \Lambda \rangle \Big|_{x^+ = x^\perp = 0}$$

# Basis Light-Front Quantization

- Hamiltonian eigenvalue equation:

[Vary, et.al, 2010]

$$P^- |\beta\rangle = P_\beta^- |\beta\rangle$$

- $P^-$ : Light-Front Hamiltonian
- $|\beta\rangle$ : Eigenstates
- $P_\beta^-$ : Eigenvalues for eigenstates

- Basis setup:

Fock sector expansion:  $|\beta_{\text{nucleon}}\rangle = |qqq\rangle + |qqqg\rangle + |qqq q\bar{q}\rangle + \dots$

Single particle basis  $|\alpha\rangle = |n_1, m_1, n_2, m_2, n_3, m_3\rangle \otimes |k_1^+, k_2^+, k_3^+\rangle \otimes |\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, C\rangle$   
in  $|qqq\rangle$ :

2-dimension harmonic oscillator

Discretized longitudinal momentum

Helicity and color

$$\sum_i (2n_i + |m_i| + 1) \leq N_{\text{max}}$$

$$\sum_i k_i^+ = K_{\text{max}}$$

$$\Lambda = \sum_i (\lambda_i + m_i)$$

- Advantages:

1. Rotational symmetry in transverse plane
2. Exact factorization between center-of-mass motion and intrinsic motion
3. Harmonic oscillator basis supplies correct infrared behavior for hadrons

# Light-front Hamiltonian

➤ QCD light-front Hamiltonian can be derived from QCD Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \bar{\psi}(i\not{D} - m)\psi - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^\alpha G_\alpha^{\mu\nu} \quad \longrightarrow \quad P_{QCD}^- = H_K + H_I \quad A^+ = 0$$

$$H_K = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x \bar{\psi} \gamma^+ \frac{(i\partial^\perp)^2 + m^2}{i\partial^+} \psi - \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x A_a^i (i\partial^\perp)^2 A_a^i$$

$$H_I = +g \int d^3x \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu A^\mu \psi$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} g^2 \int d^3x \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu A^\mu \frac{\gamma^+}{i\partial^+} \gamma_\nu A^\nu \psi$$

$$- ig^2 \int d^3x f^{abc} \bar{\psi} \gamma^+ T^c \psi \frac{1}{(i\partial^+)^2} (i\partial^+ A_a^\mu A_{\mu b})$$

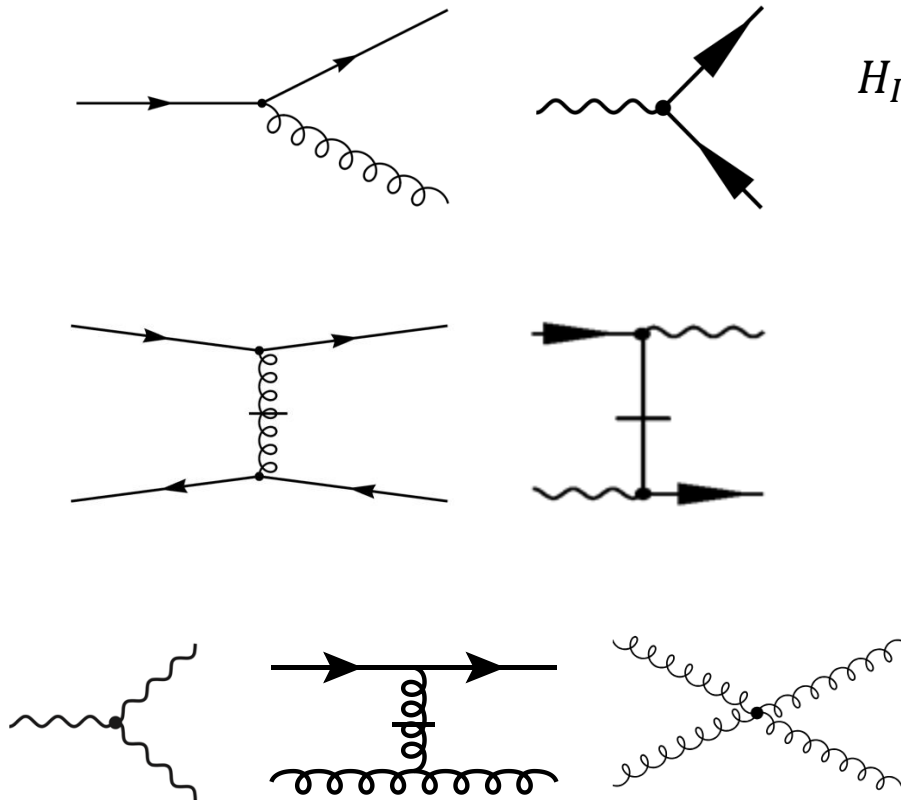
$$+ \frac{1}{2} g^2 \int d^3x \bar{\psi} \gamma^+ T^a \psi \frac{1}{(i\partial^+)^2} \bar{\psi} \gamma^+ T^a \psi$$

$$+ ig \int d^3x f^{abc} i\partial^\mu A^{\nu a} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} g^2 \int d^3x f^{abc} f^{ade} i\partial^+ A_b^\mu A_{\mu c} \frac{1}{(i\partial^+)^2} (i\partial^+ A_d^\nu A_{\nu e})$$

$$+ \frac{1}{4} g^2 \int d^3x f^{abc} f^{ade} A_b^\mu A_c^\nu A_{\mu d} A_{\nu e}.$$

$\psi$ : quark field operator  
 $A_\mu^a$ : gluon field operator





# Progress toward First Principles

$$|N\rangle = |qqq\rangle + |qqqg\rangle + |qqq u\bar{u}\rangle + |qqq d\bar{d}\rangle + |qqq s\bar{s}\rangle + \dots$$

## ➤ Wave Functions:

[PRD,102,016008] (2019) [PRD,108 9, 094002] (2023) [arXiv:2408.11298] (2024)

## ➤ GPDs:

[PRD,104,094036] (2021) [PLB,847,138305] (2023)  
[PRD,105,094018] (2022) [PRD,110.056027] (2024)  
[PRD,109,014015] (2024) [arXiv:2408.09988] (2024)  
[PLB,855,138809] (2024)

## ➤ TMDs:

[PLB,833,137360] (2022) [PLB,855 138831] (2024)  
[PRD,108,036009] (2023)

## ➤ Higher-twist Distribution (GPD,TMD,DPD):

[PRD,109,034031] (2024) [PLB,855 138829] (2024)  
[arXiv:2410.11574] (2024)

## ➤ Gravitational Form Factors:

[PRD,110,056027] (2024)

# Full BLFQ

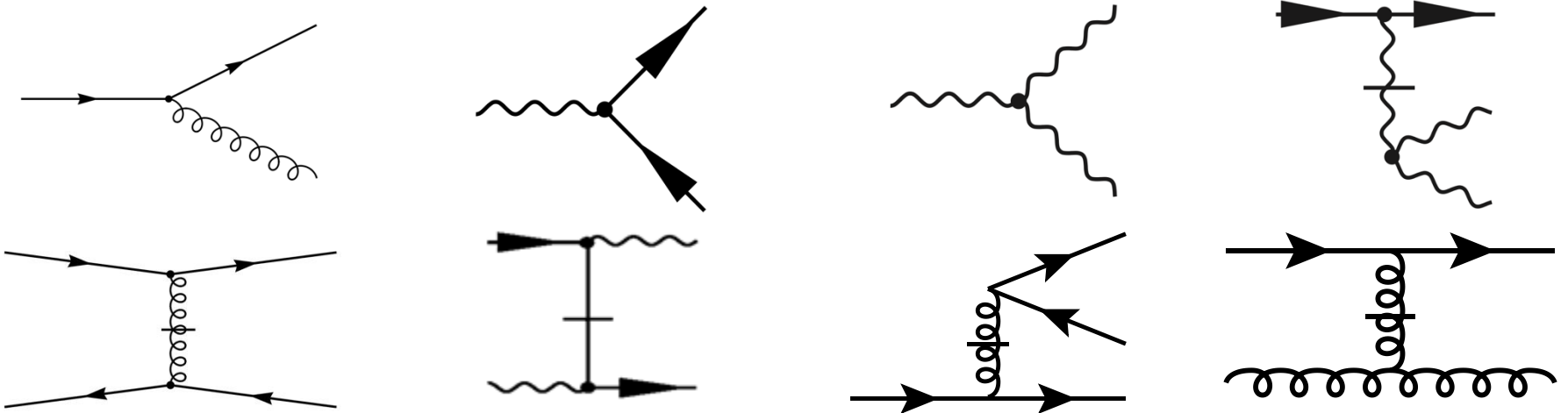
$$|N\rangle \rightarrow |qqq\rangle + |qqqg\rangle + |qqqu\bar{u}\rangle + |qqqd\bar{d}\rangle + |qqqs\bar{s}\rangle + |qqqgg\rangle$$

$$P^- = H_{K.E.} + H_{Interact}$$

$$H_{K.E.} = \sum_i \frac{p_i^2 + m_q^2}{p_i^+}$$

$$H_{Interact} = g\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu T^a\psi A_\mu^a + \frac{g^2 C_F}{2} j^+ \frac{1}{(i\partial^+)^2} j^+ + \frac{g^2 C_F}{2} \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu A_\mu \frac{\gamma^+}{i\partial^+} A_\nu \gamma^\nu \psi$$

$$-g^2 C_F \bar{\psi}\gamma^+\psi \frac{1}{(i\partial^+)^2} i\partial^+ A_\mu^a A_b^\mu + igf^{abc} i\partial^\mu A_a^\nu A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$$



# Fock Sector Decomposition

$$|P_{baryon}\rangle \rightarrow |qqq\rangle + |qqqg\rangle + |qqqu\bar{u}\rangle + |qqqd\bar{d}\rangle + |qqqs\bar{s}\rangle + |qqqgg\rangle$$

$|qqq q\bar{q}\rangle \sim 3$  color singlet state

1 singlet  $\otimes$  singlet

2 octet  $\otimes$  octet

$|qqq gg\rangle \sim 6$  color singlet state

1 singlet  $\otimes$  singlet

4 octet  $\otimes$  octet

1 decuplet  $\otimes$  octet  $\otimes$  octet

Leading Fock sector

$|qqq\rangle \sim 58.489\%$

Next next leading  
Fock sectors

$|qqq u\bar{u}\rangle \sim 0.093\%$

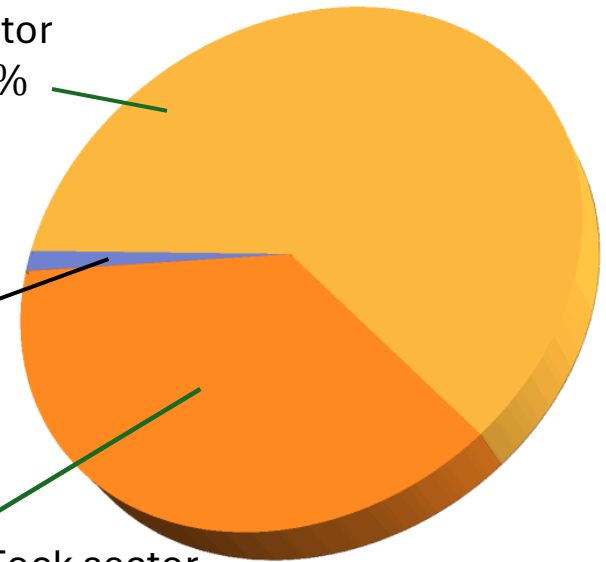
$|qqq d\bar{d}\rangle \sim 0.096\%$

$|qqq s\bar{s}\rangle \sim 0.085\%$

$|qqq gg\rangle \sim 1.083\%$

Next leading Fock sector

$|qqqg\rangle \sim 40.154\%$

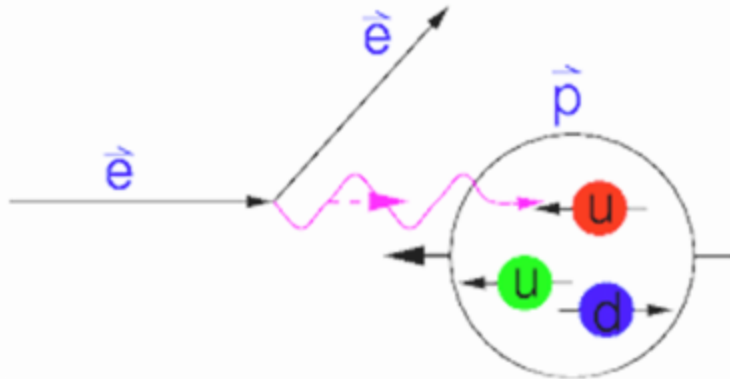


$m_u$	$m_d$	$m_s$	$m_f$	$g$	$b$	$b_{inst}$
0.5 GeV	0.45 GeV	0.6 GeV	3.0 GeV	2.1	0.6 GeV	3.0 GeV

Truncation parameter:  $N_{\max} = 7$  and  $K_{\max} = 10$

# Electromagnetic Form Factors

- **Elastic scattering of proton**



[ R. Hofstadter 1961 ]

$$e(p) + h(P) \rightarrow e(p') + h(P')$$

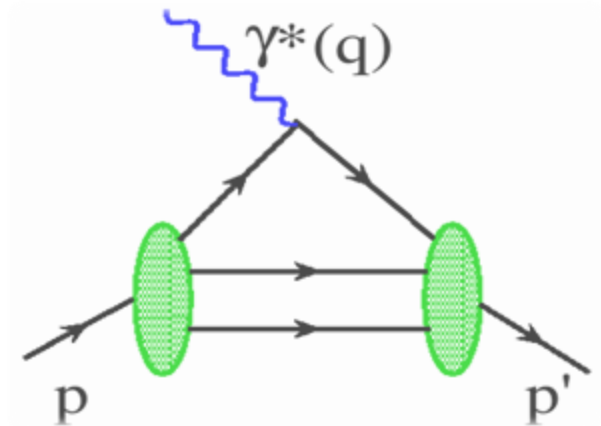
- Elastic electron scattering established the extended nature of the proton (proton radius).

- Fourier transformation of these form factors provide spatial distributions (charge and magnetization distributions).

$$\langle N(p') | J^\mu(0) | N(p) \rangle = \bar{u}(p') \left[ \gamma^\mu \underbrace{F_1(q^2)}_{\text{Dirac Form Factor}} + \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu}}{2m_N} q_\nu \underbrace{F_2(q^2)}_{\text{Pauli Form Factor}} \right] u(p)$$

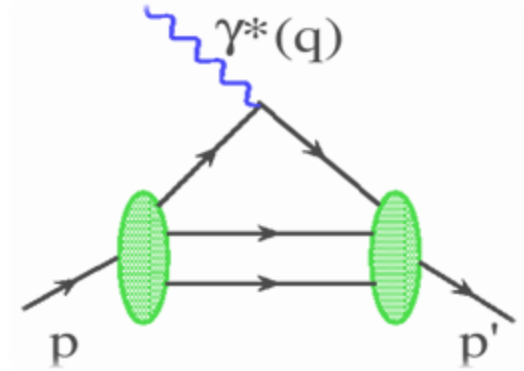
Dirac Form Factor

Pauli Form Factor

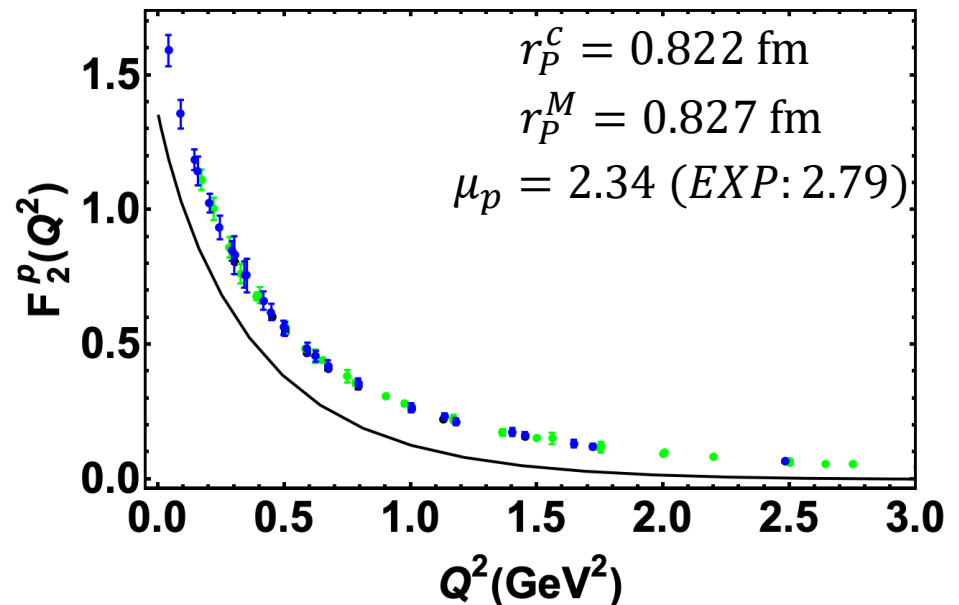
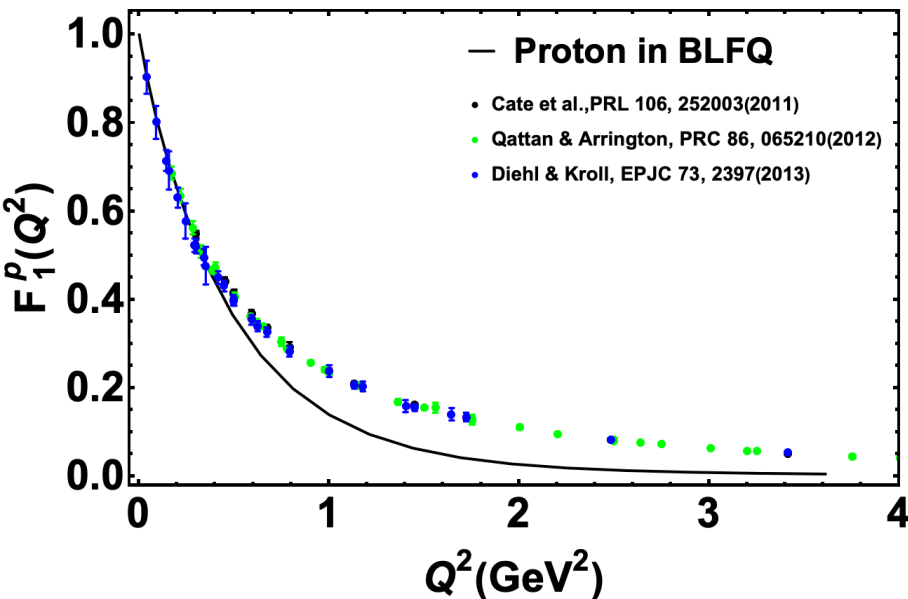


# Nucleon Form Factors

$$\langle N(p') | J^\mu(0) | N(p) \rangle = \bar{u}(p') \left[ \gamma^\mu \underbrace{F_1(q^2)} + \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu}}{2m_N} q_\nu \underbrace{F_2(q^2)} \right] u(p)$$



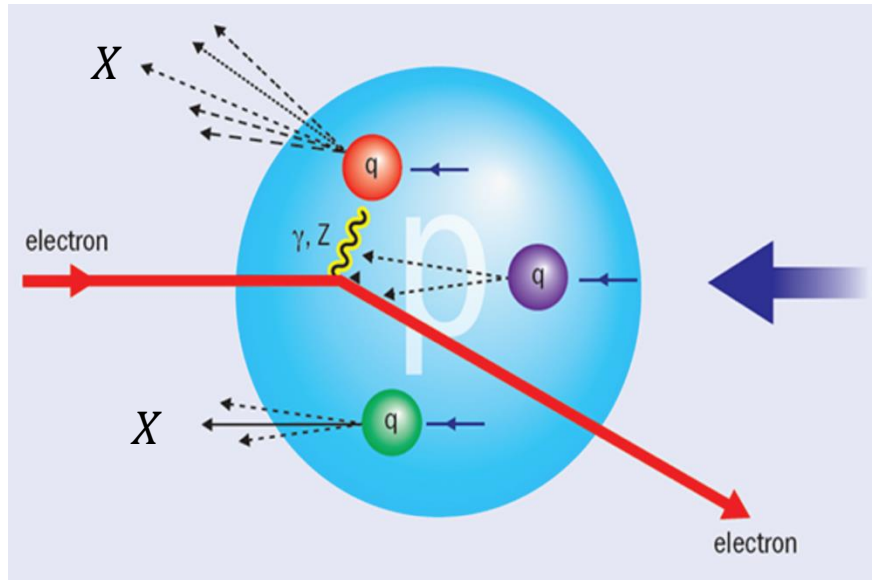
## Preliminary results



- BLFQ results qualitatively agree with the experimental data for Dirac and Pauli FFs

# Parton Distribution Functions (PDF)

## ➤ Deep Inelastic Scattering (SLAC 1968)



$$e(p) + h(P) = e'(p') + X(P')$$

✧ **Localized probe:**

$$Q^2 = -(p - p')^2 \gg 1 \text{ fm}^{-2}$$

$$\frac{1}{Q} \ll 1 \text{ fm}$$

Discovery of spin 1/2 quarks  
and partonic structure

## ➤ **Parton distribution functions (PDFs)** are extracted from **DIS** processes.

$$\Phi^{[\gamma^+]}(x, Q^2) = \int \frac{dz^-}{8\pi} e^{\frac{ixP^+z^-}{2}} \langle P, \Lambda | \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^+ \psi(0) | P, \Lambda \rangle \Big|_{x^+ = x^\perp = 0}$$

## ➤ PDFs encode the **distribution of longitudinal momentum and polarization** carried by the constituents

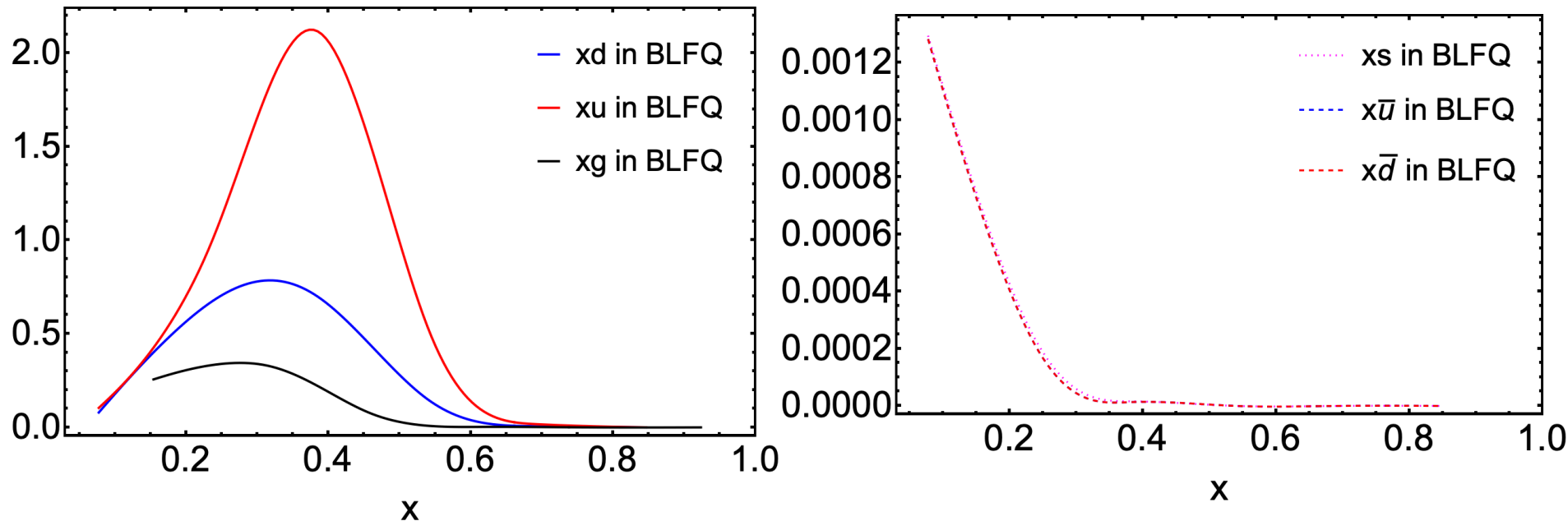
# Unpolarized Parton Distribution Function

## ➤ Parton distribution functions with five Fock sectors

- Qualitative behavior agree with experimental results
- Endpoint behavior improves with  $|qqqgg\rangle$  Fock sector included
- Five-particle sector contributions are small due to Fock sector truncation (no  $|qqq q\bar{q} g\rangle |qqq ggg\rangle$ ),

### Preliminary results

All results at the initial scale



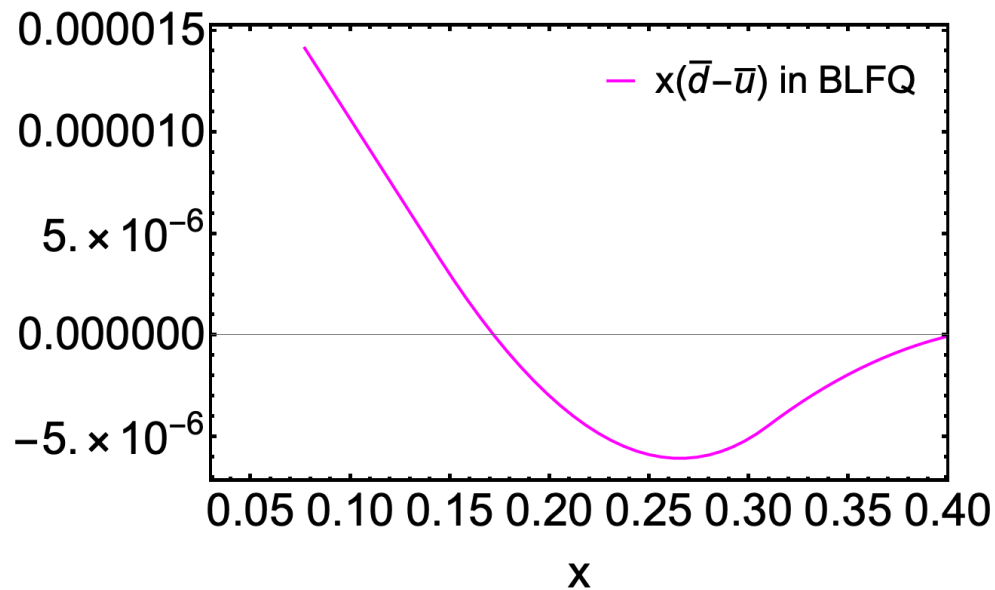
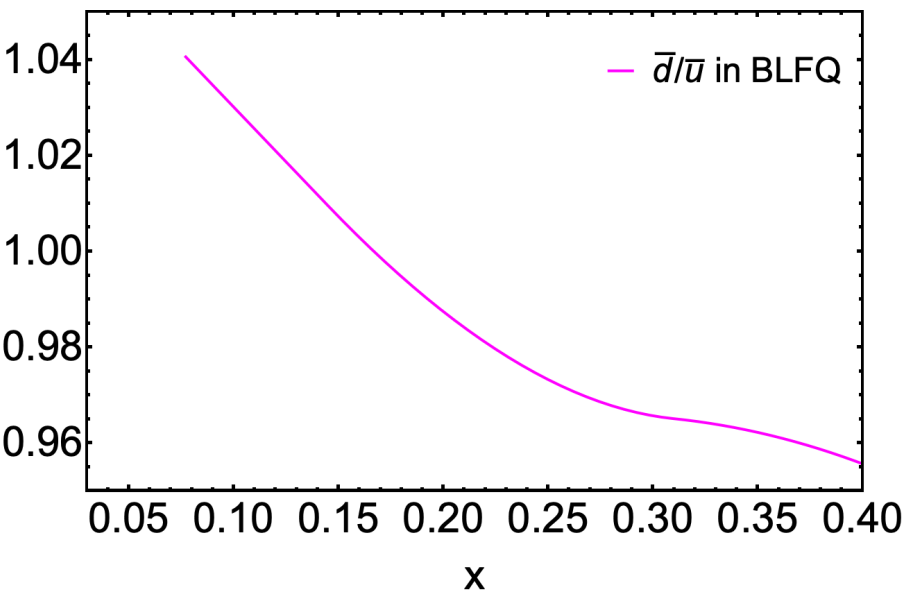
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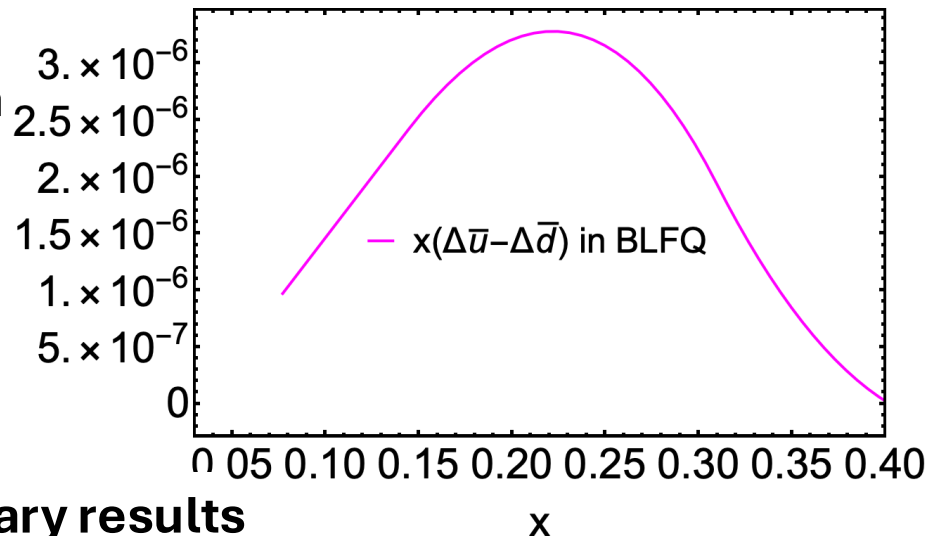
# Helicity PDFs

## ➤ Helicity PDFs with five particle parton distribution

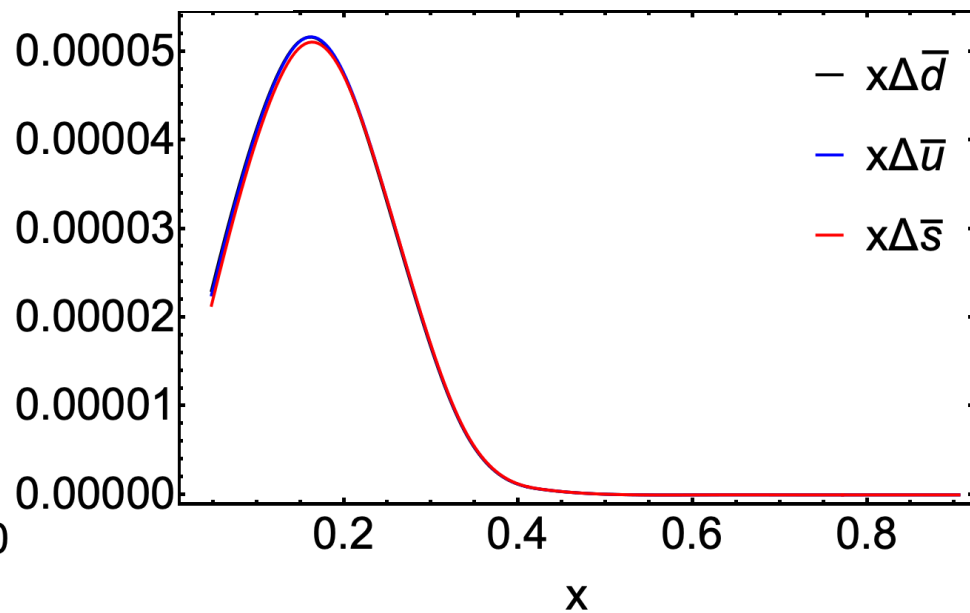
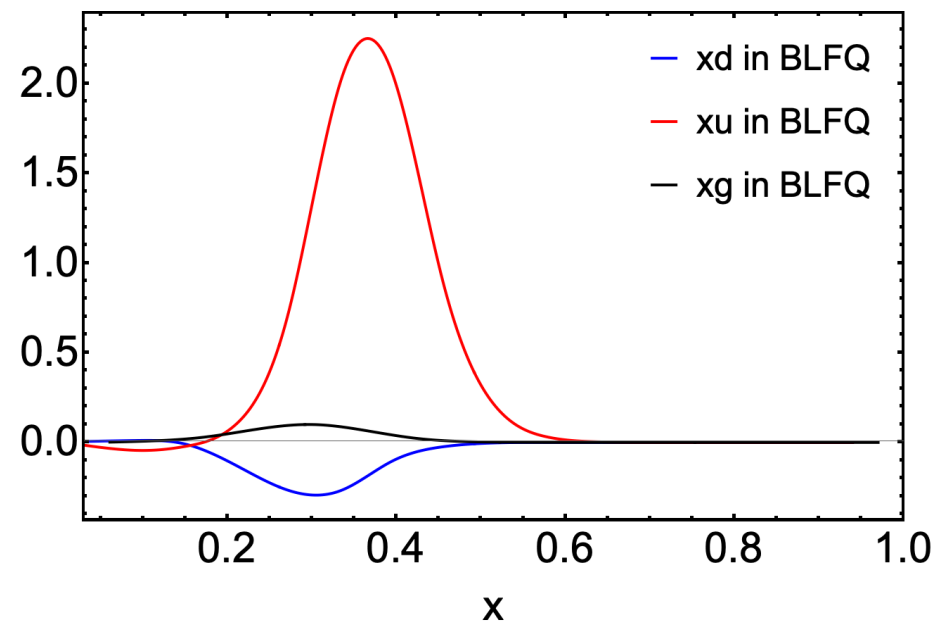
Sea asymmetry qualitatively agrees with JAM results

$$\Delta\Sigma_u = 0.84 \quad \Delta\Sigma = 0.653$$

$$\Delta\Sigma_d = -0.19 \quad \Delta G = 0.094$$



### Preliminary results

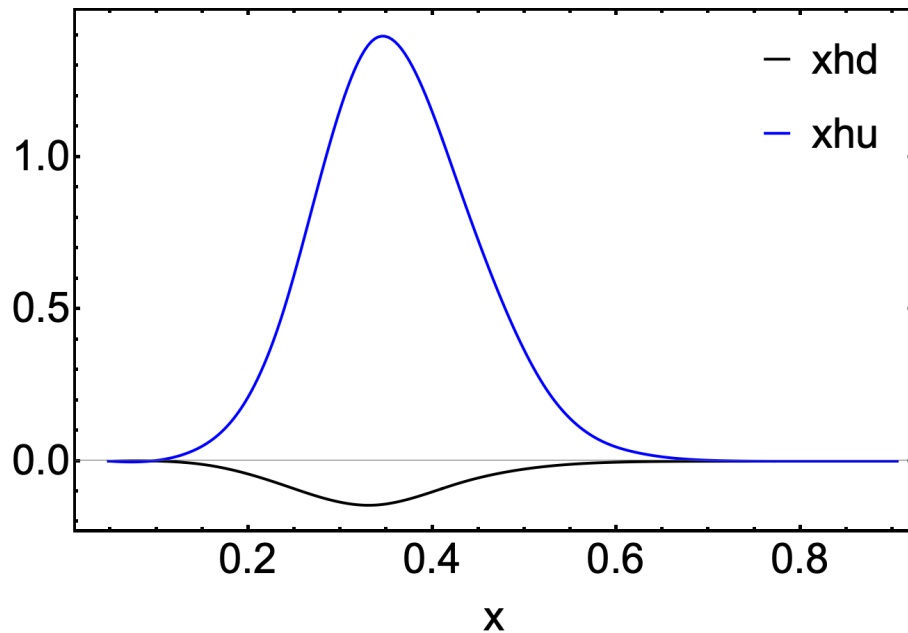


# Transversity PDFs

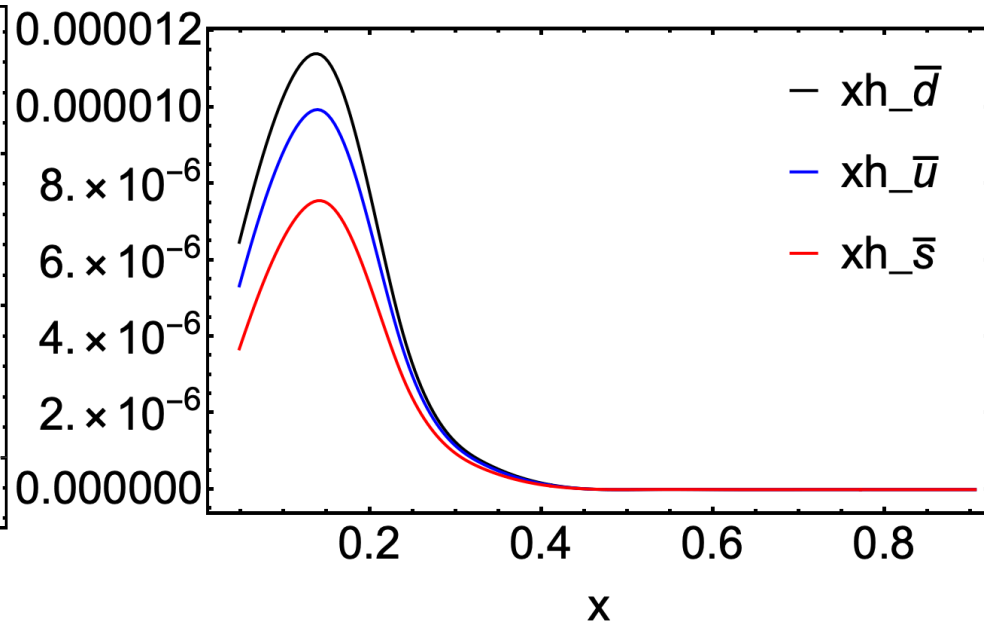
- $u$  has opposite sign of  $d$
- Qualitatively consistent with the experimental data
- Asymmetry between  $\bar{u}$ ,  $\bar{d}$ , and  $\bar{s}$

Tensor Charge:  $\delta u = 0.91$ ,  $\delta d = -0.10$  At initial scale

Preliminary results

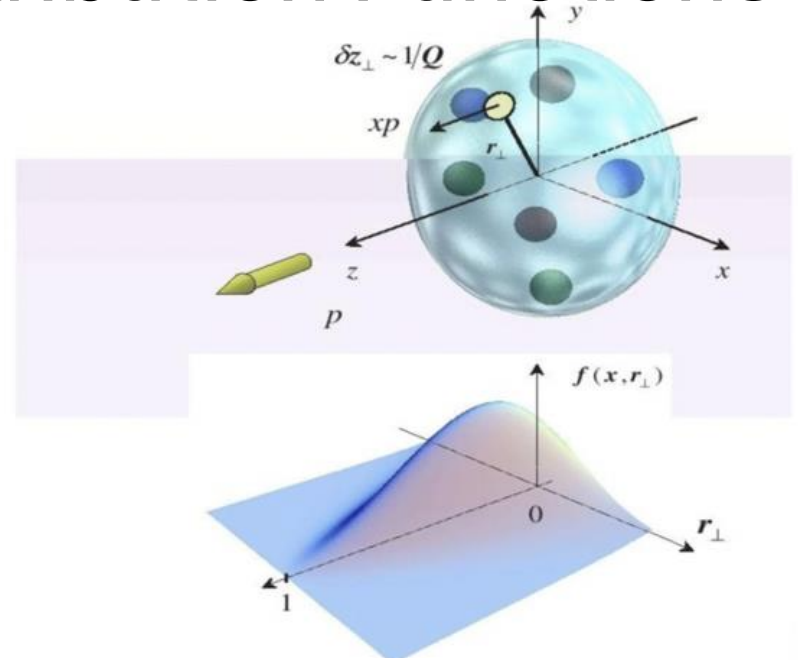
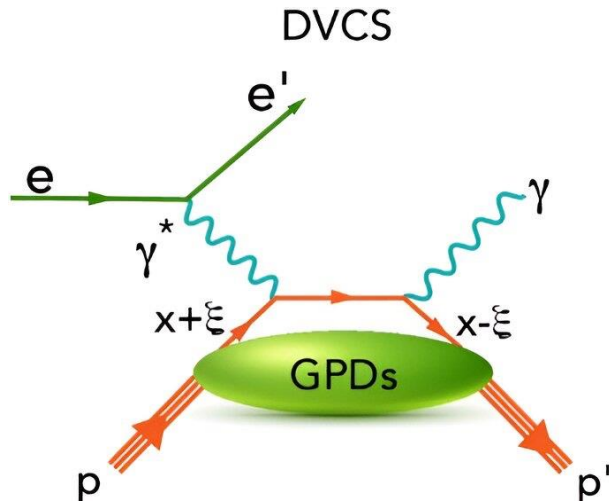


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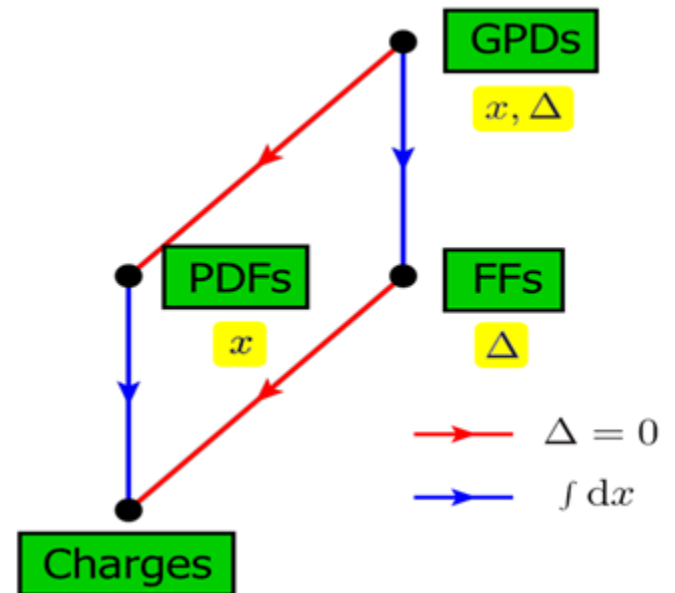
# Generalized Parton Distribution Functions

➤ Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS)

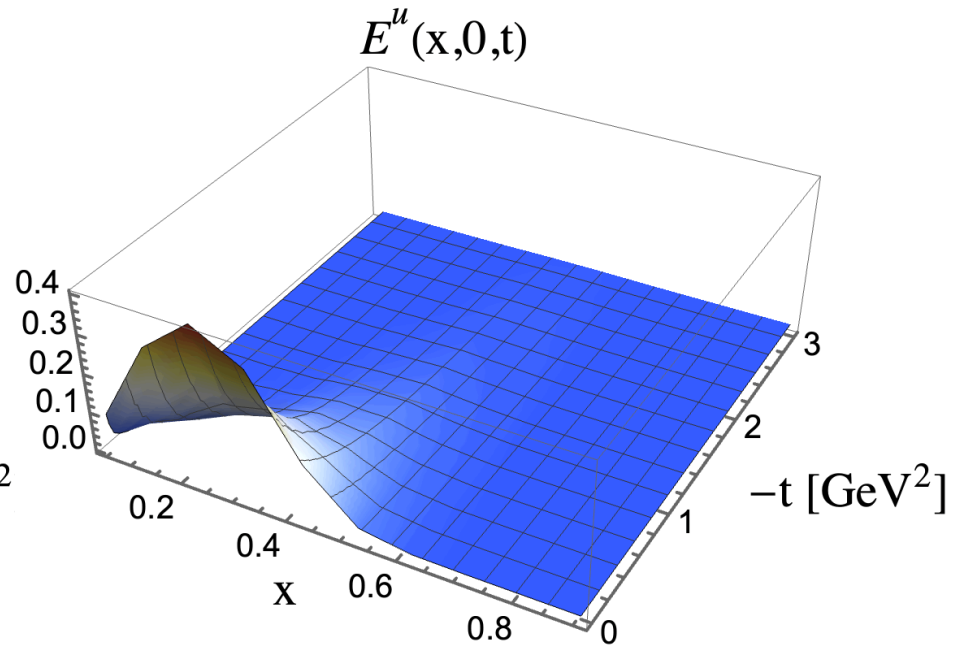
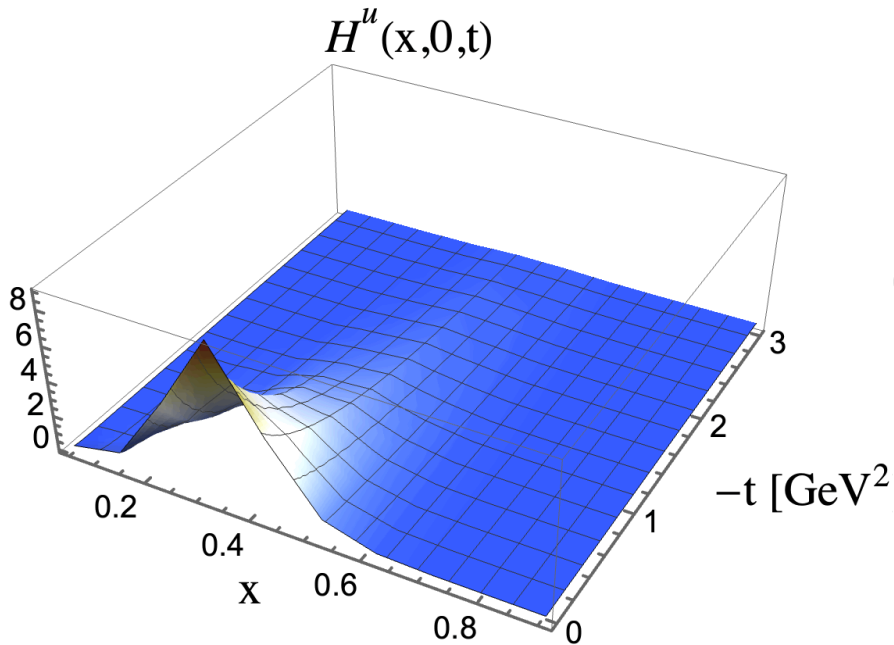
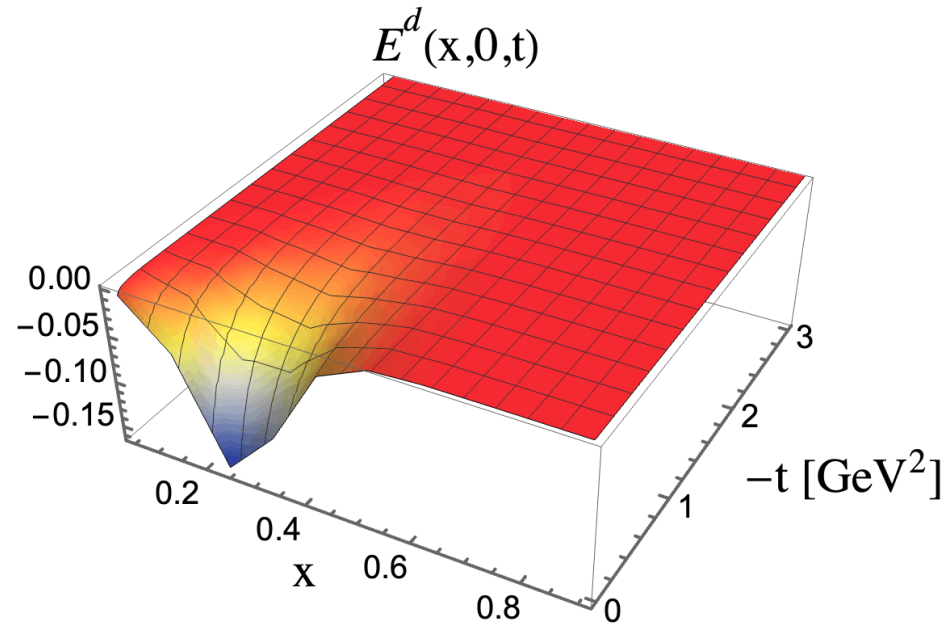
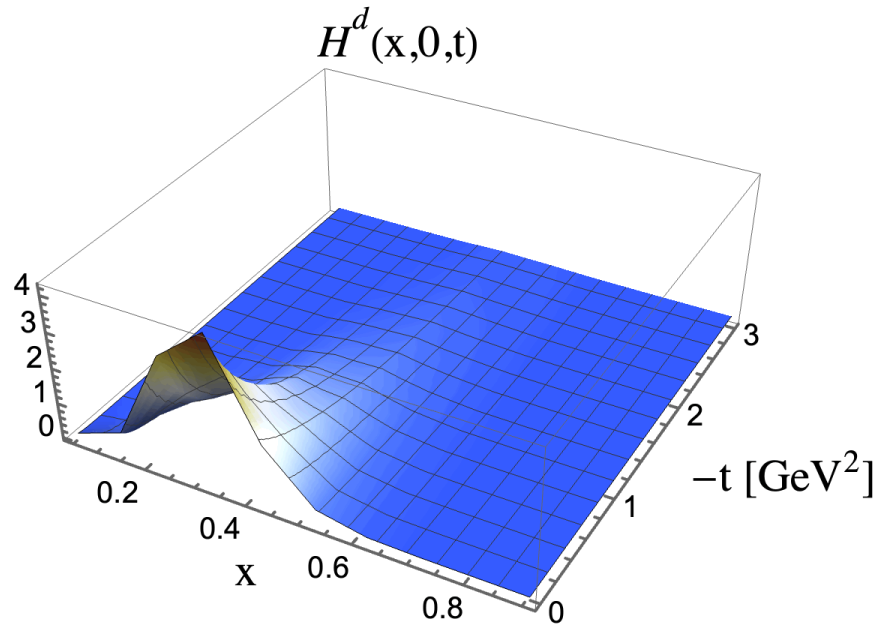


- Encode the information about three-dimensional spatial structure the spin and orbital angular momentum
- With increasing momentum transfer ( $t$ ), peaks of distributions shift to larger  $x$

$$t = \Delta^2, x = \frac{k^+}{p^+}, \zeta = \frac{\Delta^+}{p^+} = 0 \quad b \xrightarrow{FT} \Delta_{\perp}$$

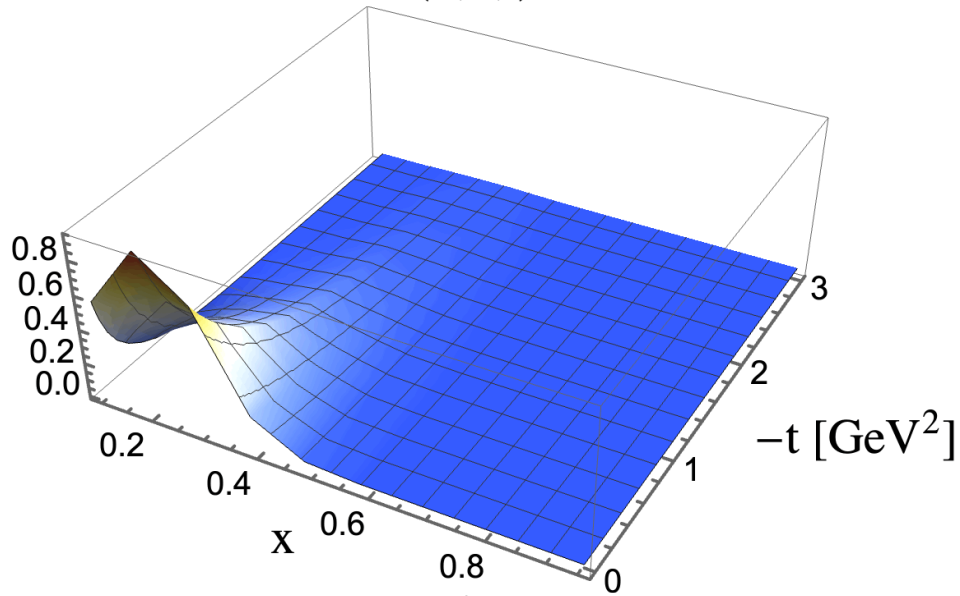


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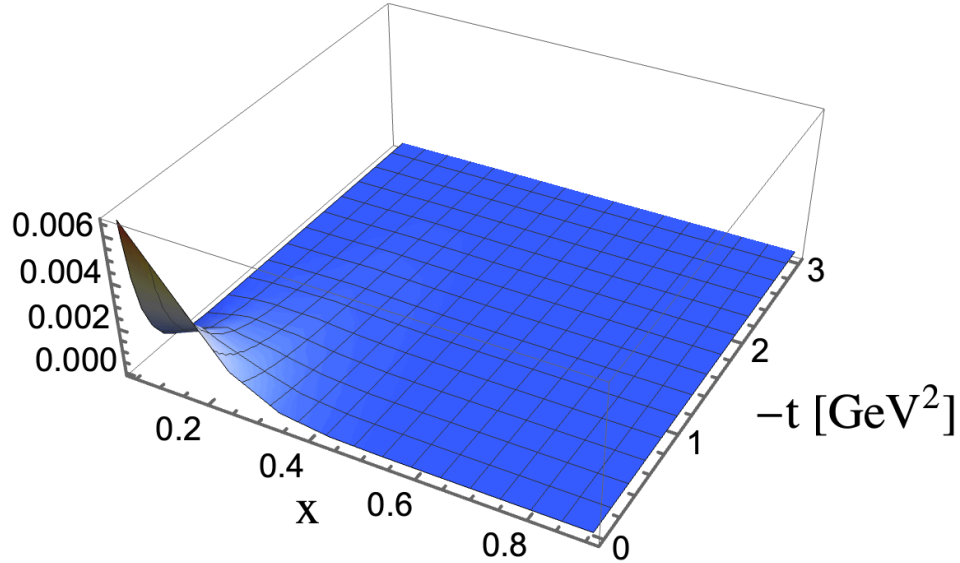


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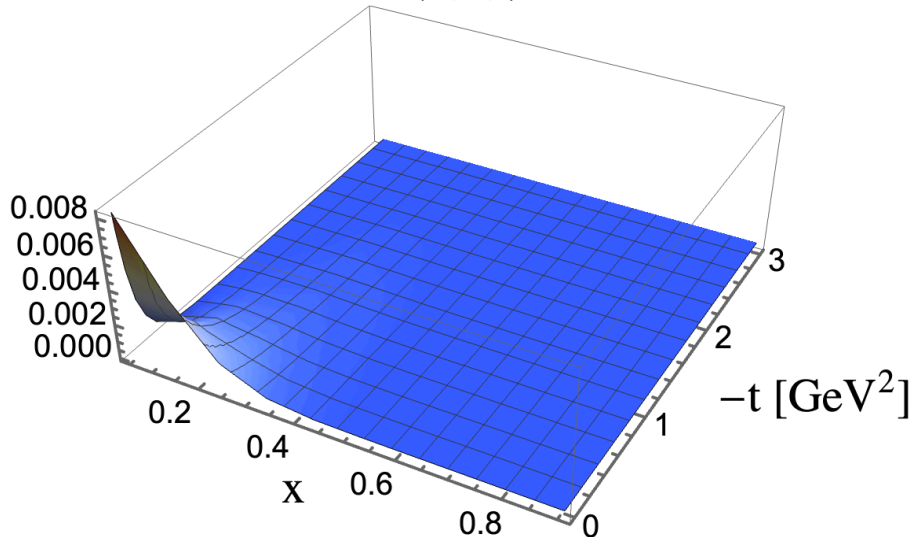
$$H^g(x,0,t)$$



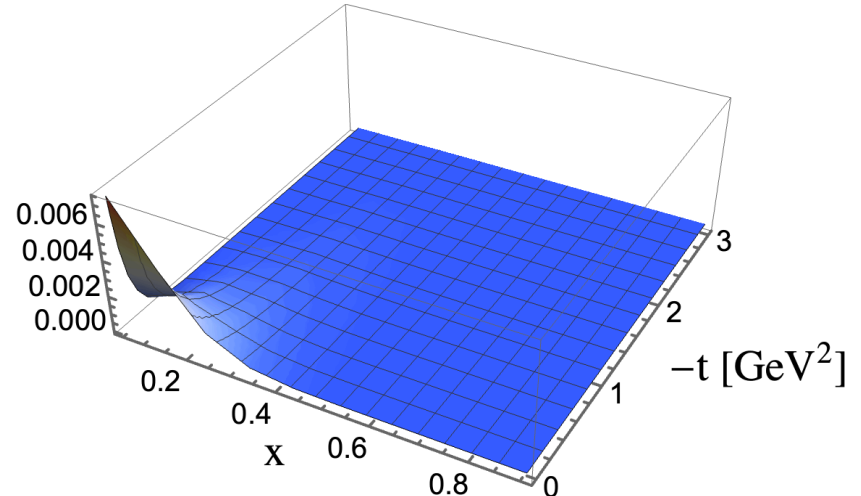
$$H^{s,\bar{s}}(x,0,t)$$



$$H^d(x,0,t)$$



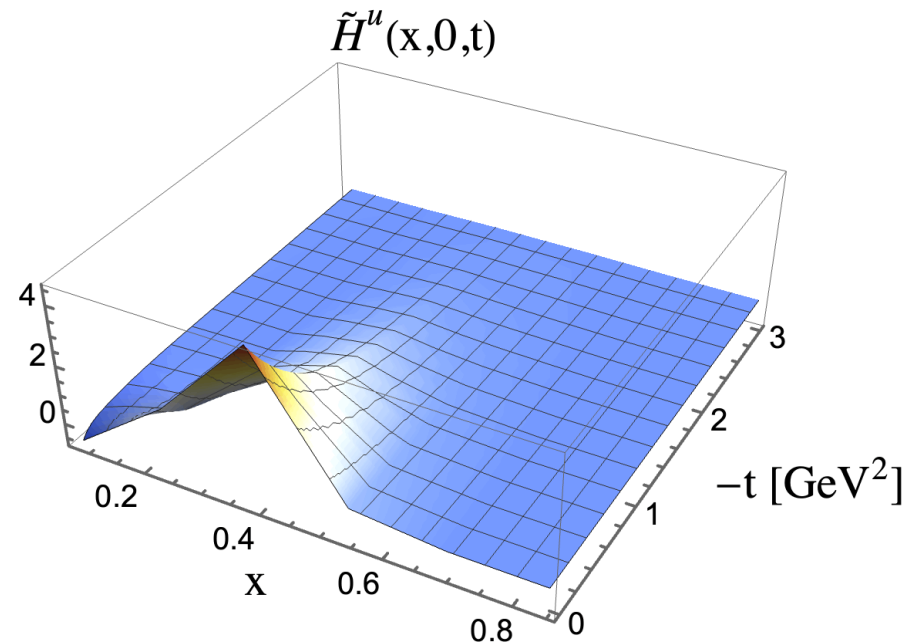
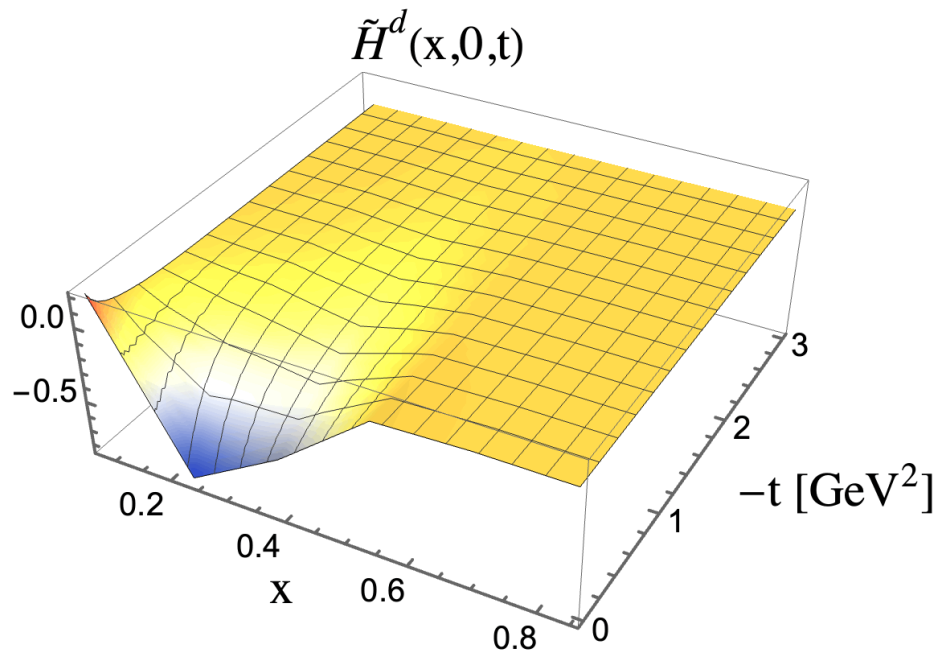
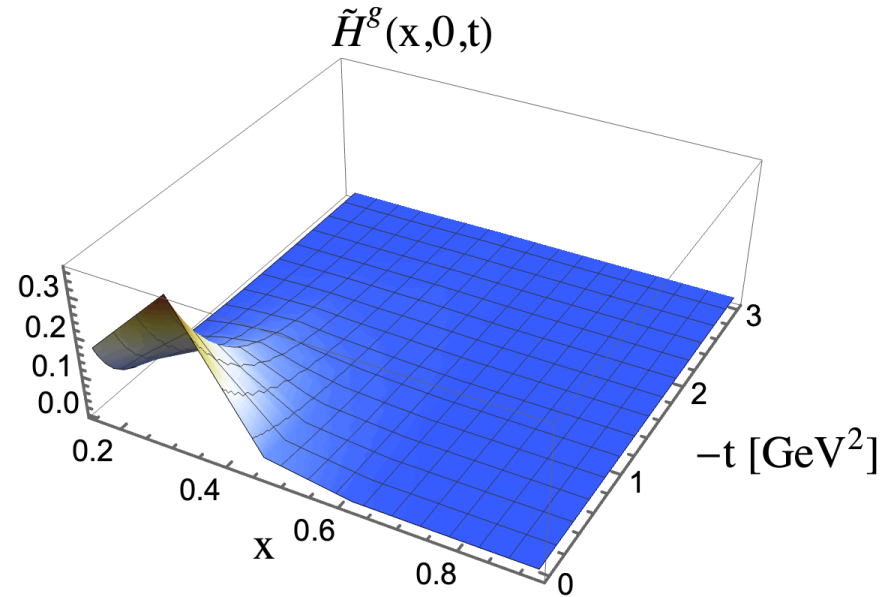
$$H^u(x,0,t)$$



# Generalized Parton Distribution Functions

- Polarized GPDs for valence quark and gluon at zero skewness

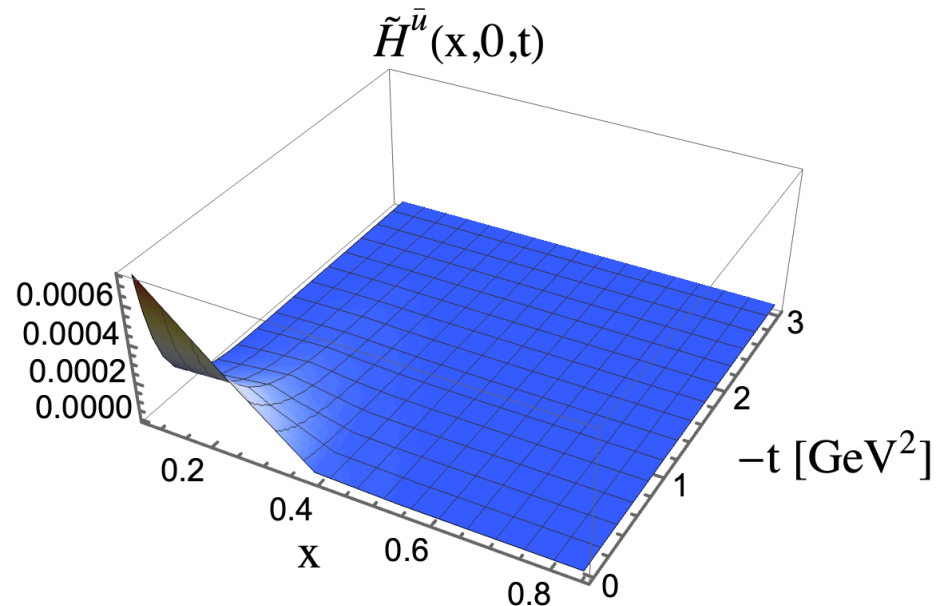
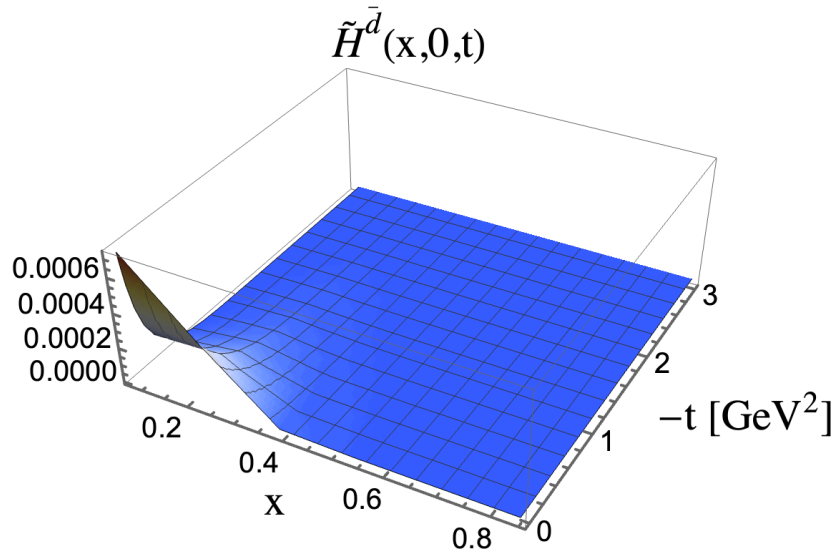
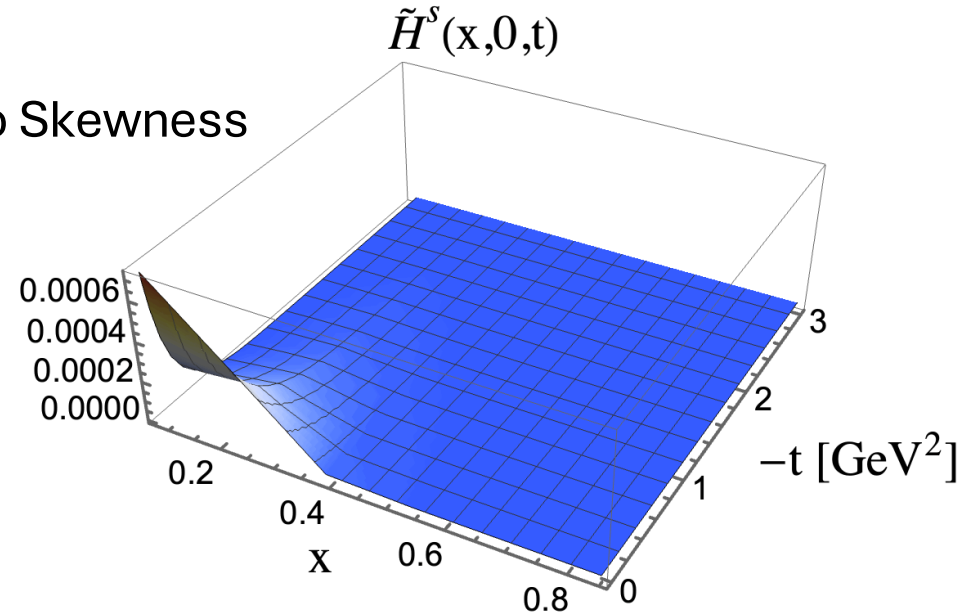
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# Generalized Parton Distribution Functions

➤ Polarized GPDs for sea quark at zero Skewness

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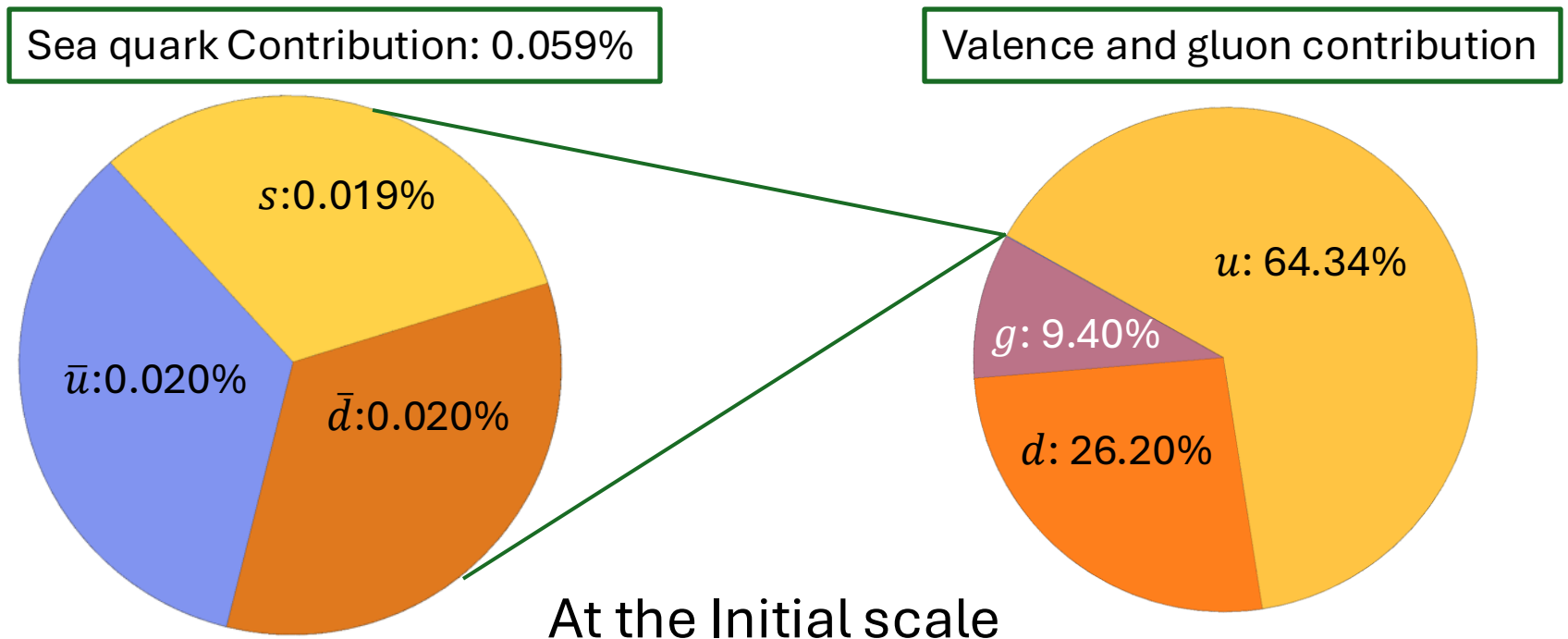
# Spin Decomposition

- Using generalized parton distributions to calculate the angular momentum

$$J_{q,g} = \int dx \frac{x}{2} [H_{q,g}(x, 0, 0) + E_{q,g}(x, 0, 0)]$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = J_u + J_d + J_g + J_{sea}$$

- Small sea quark contributions at initial scale compared to valence and gluon





# Spin Decomposition

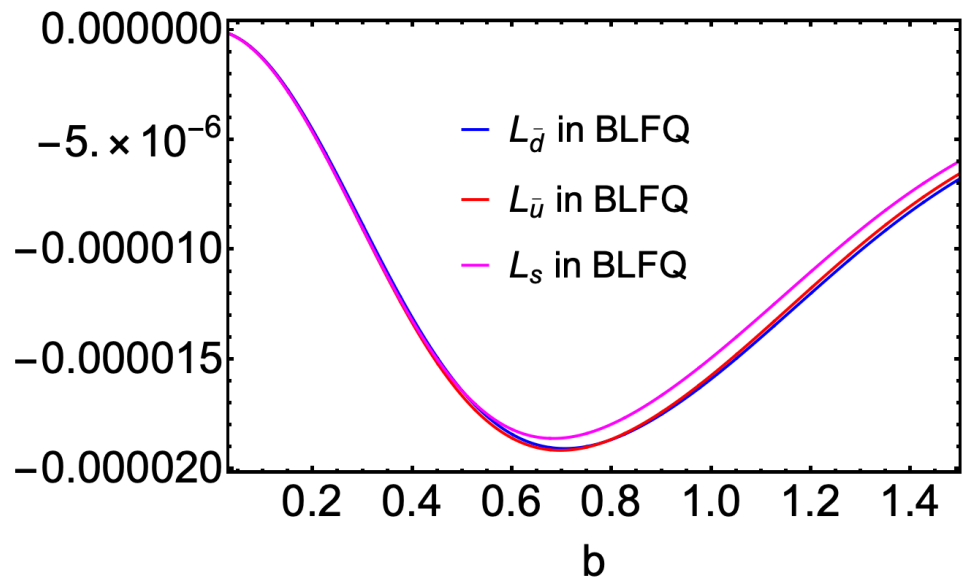
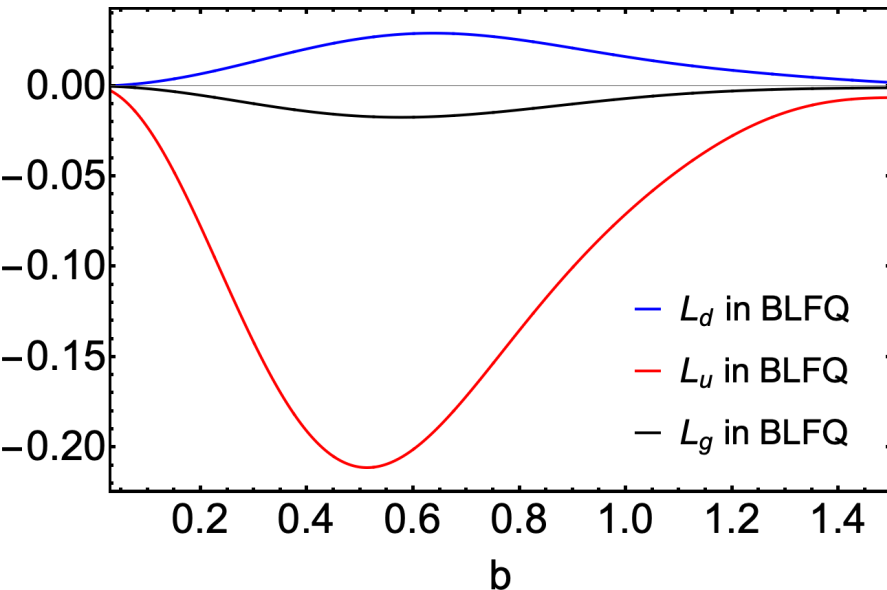
- Orbital angular momentum distribution at light-cone gauge ( $A^+ = 0$ )

$$\langle J^Z \rangle(b_\perp) = \langle L^Z \rangle(b_\perp) + \langle S^Z \rangle(b_\perp)$$

$$\langle L_{q,g}^Z \rangle(b) = -\frac{s^Z}{2} b \frac{d\tilde{L}(b)}{db}$$

$$\tilde{L}(b) = \frac{1}{2} \int dx x (H(x, b) + E(x, b)) - \tilde{H}(x, b)$$

- In the light-cone gauge, the orbital angular momentum can be extracted



# Conclusions

- BLFQ: a non-perturbative Hamiltonian approach based on QCD
- $|qqq\rangle + |qqqg\rangle + |qqq q\bar{q}\rangle + |qqq gg\rangle$  Fock sectors included
- Incorporates all QCD interactions other than four-gluon interactions
- Results qualitatively agree with global fitting
- Utilizes 3D structures to analyze spin decomposition
- Progressing towards a First-Principles Approach

# Outlook

Current status

Full QCD interaction

Deuteron calculation  
 $|qqq\ qqq\rangle + |qqq\ qqq\ g\rangle$

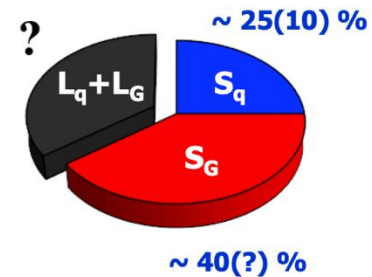
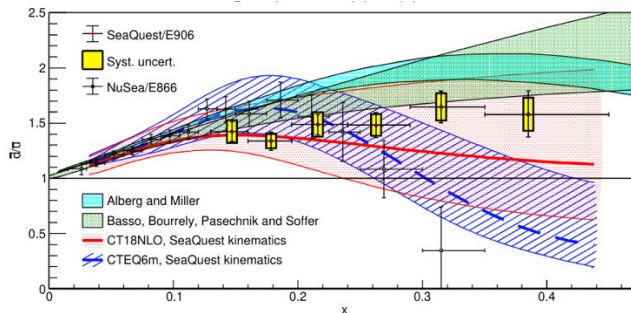
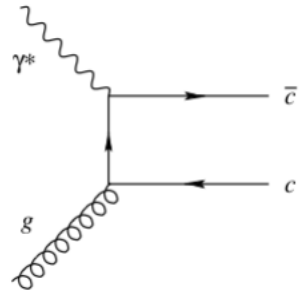
Fock sector expansion  
 $|qqq\ q\bar{q}\ g\rangle$  and  $|qqq\ ggg\rangle$ .....

EMC effect

Intrinsic charm

Sea asymmetry

Origin of spin and mass





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