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Probing a Charge Distribution with Electrons

• Method: to measure the angular distribution of the scattered e^- and compare it to the known cross section for scattering e^- from a point charge:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{point} \cdot |F(q)^2|$$

 $q = k_i - k_f \equiv$ momentum trasfer between the incident e^- and the target

• Scattering of non polarized e^{-} with energy E from a static, spinless charge distribution $Ze \rho(\vec{x})$: One has:

$$\int \rho(\vec{x}) d^3x = 1$$

The form factor is (for a static target $\equiv M = \infty$):

$$F(\vec{q}) = \int \rho(\vec{x}) e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}} d^3x$$

The cross-section for a static and structureless target is:

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{point} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Mott} = \frac{(Z\alpha)^2 E^2}{4k^4 \sin^4 \theta/2} (1 - v^2 \sin^2 \theta/2)$$

 $k = |\vec{k_i}| = |\vec{k_f}|; \quad v = k/E; \quad \theta = \text{ scattering angle}$

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From the normalization condition:

$$\int \rho(\vec{x}) d^3x = 1$$

and from:

$$F(\vec{q}) = \int \rho(\vec{x}) e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}} d^3x$$

one obtains:

$$F(0) = \int \rho(\vec{x}) d^3x = 1$$

If q is not too large, it is possible to expand the exponential:

$$\begin{split} F(\vec{q}) &= \int \rho(\vec{x}) e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}} d^3 x = \int \rho(\vec{x}) \left[1 + i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x} - \frac{(\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x})^2}{2} + \dots \right] d^3 x \\ &= 1 + \int \rho(\vec{x}) i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x} d^3 x - \frac{1}{2} \int \rho(\vec{x}) |\vec{q}|^2 x^2 d^3 x + \dots \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{6} |\vec{q}|^2 < r^2 > + \dots \end{split}$$

assuming that ρ is spherically symmetric.

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That is for small q it is possible to measure the $\langle r^2 \rangle$ of the charge cloud. It is not sensitive to the detailed structure.

In the limit of small q the photon is soft and with its large wavelength cannot solve the details.

If instead:

$$p(r) \propto e^{-mr}$$

one has that:

$$F(\vec{q}) = \left(1 - \frac{q^2}{m^2}\right)^{-2}$$

If one wants to explore the proton structure function:

> there is also the magnetic moment of the proton, not only its charge

> the proton is not static, but will recoil under the electron's bombardment

• In the case the **proton** was a **point charge**: charge: e^+ , Dirac magnetic moment: e/2M. One can make the identification: $e^-p \rightarrow e^-p \equiv e^-\mu^- \rightarrow e^-\mu^-$:

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{lab} = \left(\frac{\alpha^2}{4E^2\sin^4\theta/2}\right)\frac{E}{E}\left(\cos^2\theta/2 - \frac{q^2}{2M^2}\sin^2\theta/2\right)$$

from the recoil of the target: $\frac{E}{F}$

$$-=\frac{1}{1+\frac{2E}{M}\sin^2\theta/2}$$

• Scattering amplitude: (taken from $e^{-}\mu^{-} \rightarrow e^{-}\mu^{-}$) $T_{fi} = -i \int j_{\mu} \left(\frac{-1}{q^{2}}\right) J^{\mu} d^{4}x$

$$j_{\mu} = -e \,\bar{u}(k') \gamma_{\mu} u(k) e^{i(k'-k)x}$$

$$J_{\mu} = +e \,\bar{u}(p') [...] u(p) e^{i(p'-p)x}$$

$$[...] \neq \gamma^{\mu}$$
$$[...] = \left[F_1(q^2)\gamma^{\mu} + \frac{\xi}{2M} F_2(q^2) i \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_{\nu} \right]$$

 $e-(k) \qquad e-(k')$ $p \qquad p' - p$ $p' \qquad p'$

the proton is not pointlike terms with γ^5 are ruled out by the conservation of parity

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• F_1, F_2 : independent form factors

 ξ = anomalous magnetic moment

• For $q^2 \rightarrow 0$ the proton has no structure, it is only a particle of charge *e* and magnetic moment $(1+\xi)e/2M \cos \xi = 1.79$

therefore:

$$F_1(0) = 1;$$
 $F_2(0) = 1$

for a neutron:

 $F_1(0) = 0;$ $F_2(0) = 1;$ and $\xi = -1.91$

Making the calculation (Rosenbluth formula):

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{lab} = \left(\frac{\alpha^2}{4E^2\sin^4\theta/2}\right) \frac{E}{E} \left[\left(F_1^2 - \frac{\xi^2 q^2}{4M^2}F_2^2\right)\cos^2\theta/2 - \frac{q^2}{2M^2}\left(F_1 + \xi F_2\right)^2\sin^2\theta/2 \right]$$

 F_1, F_2 = parametrize our ignorance of the detailed structure of the proton F_1, F_2 can be determined experimentally by measuring d σ /d Ω as function of θ and q^2

) To eliminate interference terms such as F_1F_2 one can define:

$$G_E \equiv F_1 + \frac{\xi q^2}{4 M^2} F_2$$
$$G_M \equiv F_1 + \xi F_2$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{lab} = \left(\frac{\alpha^2}{4E^2\sin^4\theta/2}\right)\frac{E}{E}\left[\frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau}\cos^2\theta/2 + 2\tau G_M^2\sin^2\theta/2\right]$$

 $\tau \equiv -q^2/4M^2$

 $G_{\rm E}, G_{\rm M}$ generalization of $F(q^2)$.

they are connected to the charge distribution (G_E) and magnetic moment (G_M) in a particular reference frame called the **Breit** (or brick wall) frame defined by $\vec{p}' = -\vec{p}$ But in an arbitrary reference, the

presence of the recoil of the proton destroys the link.

In the Breit frame there is no energy transfer to the proton.



- For small $q^2 (|\mathbf{q}|^2 \ll M^2)$ the form factors $G_{\rm E}$, $G_{\rm M}$ are the Fourier transform of the charge and magnetic distributions of the proton.
- $G_{\rm E}, G_{\rm M}$ are extracted from the angular distribution of $ep \rightarrow ep$



• Fitting the data one has:

$$G_E(q^2) = \left(1 - \frac{q^2}{0.71}\right)^{-2} \qquad \text{in units of GeV}^2$$

• For small q^2 the $G_{\rm E}$ can be used to calculate for example:

$$< r^{2} > = 6 \left(\frac{dG_{E}(q^{2})}{dq^{2}} \right)_{q^{2}=0} = (0.81 \cdot 10^{-15} \,\mathrm{m})^{2}$$

the same radius is obtained for the magnetic distribution. The charge distribution of the nucleon has the shape: e^{-mr}

• Increasing further $-q^2$ to see better the details of the proton:



For modest $-q^2$, the *p* becomes excited: $ep \rightarrow e\Delta^+ \rightarrow ep\pi^0$, etc. When $-q^2$ is very large \rightarrow the debris of the *p* becomes too messy \rightarrow necessity of a new formalism

Observing (*) the upper part remains unchanged respect to $ep \rightarrow ep$. The lower part has to be changed because in the final state there is not a single fermion but a rather complex structure.

$$d \sigma \sim L^e_{\mu\nu} (L^p)^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow d \sigma \sim L^e_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}$$

• $L^{e}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{spins} \left[\overline{u}(k') \gamma_{\mu} u(k) \right] \left[\overline{u}(k') \gamma_{\nu} u(k) \right]^{*}$ leptonic tensor

• $W^{\mu\nu} = -W_1 g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{W_2}{M^2} p^{\mu} p^{\nu} + \frac{W_4}{M^2} q^{\mu} q^{\nu} + \frac{W_5}{M^2} (p^{\mu} p^{\nu} + q^{\mu} q^{\nu})$ hadronic tensor Experimental Subnuclear Physics (describing our ingnorance)

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W_{µν} is built using g_{µν} and the independent moments p, q (p' = p + q).
 γ^µ is not included because the cross section has already summed and avergared over the spins.
 In W_{µν} there are no antisymmetric terms, they give no contribution after the insertion into the product because the tensor L_{µν} is symmetric.

- $\bigcirc W_3$ is not present, it is reserved for the *P* violation, important in the case of DIS with neutrinos.
- It can be demonstrated that from:

$$q_{\mu}W^{\mu\nu} = q_{\nu}W^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

one obtains:

$$W_{5} = -\frac{p \cdot q}{q^{2}} W_{2}; \qquad W_{4} = -\left(\frac{p \cdot q}{q^{2}}\right)^{2} W_{2} + \frac{M^{2}}{q^{2}} W_{1}$$

Only 2 of the 4 inelastic structure functions are independent:

$$W^{\mu\nu} = W_1 \left(-g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{q^{\mu}q^{\nu}}{q^2} \right) + W_2 \frac{1}{M^2} \left(p^{\mu} - \frac{p \cdot q}{q^2} q^{\mu} \right) \left(p^{\nu} - \frac{p \cdot q}{q^2} q^{\nu} \right)$$

• W_i = functions of the Lorentz scalar variables that can be constructed from the 4-momenta at the hadronic vertex.

Unlike elastic scattering, in DIS there are two independent variables. For example:

$$q^2$$
; $v = \frac{p \cdot q}{M}$

or:

$$x = \frac{-q^2}{2 p \cdot q} = \frac{-q^2}{2 M \nu}; \qquad y = \frac{p \cdot q}{p \cdot k}$$

 $0 \leq x \leq 1;$ $0 \leq y \leq 1$

Putting $Q^2 \equiv -q^2$



Triangle: kinematic region allowed per $ep \rightarrow eX$ Invariant mass *W* of the hadronic final system:

$$W^2 = (p+q)^2 = M^2 + 2M_V + q^2$$

 $v_{\text{max}} = E$ in the laboratory reference frame

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• In the reference system where the proton is at rest:

$$v = E - E', \qquad y = \frac{E - E'}{E}$$

On has:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE'd\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2}{q^4} \frac{E'}{E} (L^e)^{\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}$$

and making the calculations:

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dE'd\Omega}\right)_{lab} = \frac{\alpha^2}{4E^2\sin^4\theta/2} \left(W_2(\nu,q^2)\cos^2\theta/2 + 2W_1(\nu,q^2)\sin^2\theta/2\right)$$

Summarizing and using the kinematics in the laboratory reference frame (fixed target):



Relationship between DIS and $\sigma_{tot}(\gamma^* p)$



• It is possible to show that for a **real photon (with transverse polarization)**:

$$\sigma_{tot}(\gamma p \to X) = \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha}{K} \epsilon^{\mu^*} \epsilon^{\nu} W_{\mu\nu}$$

where ϵ gives the photon polarization while:

$$W^2 = (p+q)^2 = M^2 + 2MK$$

where *K* is the energy of the real photon. The flux factor is 4MK with K = v

Relationship between DIS and $\sigma_{tot}(\gamma * p)$

• For a virtual photon it is possible to demonstrate that:

$$\sigma_T(\gamma_T^* p \to X) = \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha}{K} W_1(\nu, q^2) = \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha}{\left(\nu + \frac{q^2}{2M}\right)} W_1(\nu, q^2)$$

transverse polarization

$$\sigma_{L}(\gamma_{L}^{*}p \to X) = \frac{4\pi^{2}\alpha}{K} \left(\left(1 - \frac{\nu^{2}}{q^{2}}\right) W_{2}(\nu, q^{2}) - W_{1}(\nu, q^{2}) \right)$$
$$= \frac{4\pi^{2}\alpha}{\left(\nu + \frac{q^{2}}{2M}\right)} \left(\left(1 - \frac{\nu^{2}}{q^{2}}\right) W_{2}(\nu, q^{2}) - W_{1}(\nu, q^{2}) \right)$$

longitudinal polarization

Crucial point:

For a virtual photon the cross section is not well defined. For a virtual photon $(q^2 \neq 0)$ the flux is arbitrary. The conventional choice is to require *K* to continue to satisfy:

$$K = \frac{W^2 - M^2}{2M} = v + \frac{q^2}{2M}$$
 Hand convention

in the laboratory frame.

Relationship between DIS and $\sigma_{tot}(\gamma^* p)$

• One can express $ep \rightarrow eX$ as function of $\sigma_{L,T}$:

$$\left(\frac{d\,\sigma}{dE'\,d\,\Omega}\right)_{lab} = \Gamma\left(\sigma_{T} + \epsilon\,\sigma_{L}\right)$$

Flux factor of virtual photons: $\Gamma = \frac{\alpha K}{2\pi^2 |q^2|} \frac{E}{E} \frac{1}{1-\epsilon}$

the ratio of the flux for longitudinal to transverse photons

$$\epsilon = \left(1 - 2\frac{\nu^2 - q^2}{q^2} tg^2 \theta/2\right)^{-1}$$

• If
$$q^2 \rightarrow 0$$
 that is $\gamma^* \rightarrow \gamma$ (real):

$$\sigma_{T} \rightarrow \sigma^{tot}(\gamma p) \sigma_{L} \rightarrow 0$$

and also:

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Naive Quark-Parton Model: Bjorken Scaling

• What happens if point-like, spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ objects reside inside the *p* are hitten with a small-wavelength ($\lambda = 1/\sqrt{-q^2} \ll 1$ fm) virtual photon beam?

• the sign that there are structureless particles inside a complex system such as a *p*

$$\{...\}_{ep \to eX} = W_{2}(v, q^{2})\cos^{2}\theta/2 + 2W_{1}(v, q^{2})\sin^{2}\theta/2$$
 complex system
$$\{...\}_{e\mu \to e\mu} = \left(\cos^{2}\theta/2 - \frac{q^{2}}{2m^{2}}\sin^{2}\theta/2\right)\delta\left(v + \frac{q^{2}}{2m}\right)$$
 Dirac particles
$$2W_{1}^{point}(v, Q^{2}) = \frac{Q^{2}}{2m^{2}}\delta\left(v - \frac{Q^{2}}{2m}\right)$$

$$W_{2}^{point}(v, Q^{2}) = \delta\left(v - \frac{Q^{2}}{2m}\right)$$
 proton
$$W_{2}^{point}(v, Q^{2}) = \delta\left(v - \frac{Q^{2}}{2m}\right)$$

where $Q^2 \equiv -q^2$

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Naive Quark-Parton Model: Bjorken Scaling

• That is for large Q^2 , the *ep* inelastic scattering can be simple viewed as an elastic scattering on a free quark in the proton.

Using: $\delta(x/a) = a\delta(x)$:

$$2 m W_1^{point}(\nu, Q^2) = \frac{Q^2}{2 m \nu} \delta \left(1 - \frac{Q^2}{2 m \nu} \right)$$
$$\nu W_2^{point}(\nu, Q^2) = \delta \left(1 - \frac{Q^2}{2 m \nu} \right)$$

Pointlike functions have the property to depend only on the ratio $Q^2/2m\nu$ but not on Q^2 and ν independently.

• What does it happen in the case $ep \rightarrow ep$. If we put for simplicity $\xi = 0$ $G_E = G_M \equiv G$

$$W_{1}^{elastic} = \frac{Q^{2}}{4M^{2}} G(Q^{2}) \delta\left(\nu - \frac{Q^{2}}{2M}\right)$$
$$W_{2}^{elastic} = G(Q^{2}) \delta\left(\nu - \frac{Q^{2}}{2M}\right)$$

These structure functions contain the factor $G(Q^2)$. It is not possible to rearrange them as function of a single dimensionless variable. A mass scale is explicitly present.

Naive Quark-Parton Model: Bjorken Scaling

Summarizing:

• The presence of free q is signalled by the fact that the inelastic structure functions do not depend on Q^2 at a given value of ω . This is equivalent to the onset of $1/\sin^4 \theta/2$ behaviour for large momentum transfers in the Rutherford experiment.



Are these pointlike particles (called **partons**) the **quarks** of the hadrons spectroscopy?

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• The process $\gamma^* p \rightarrow X$ can be seen as:



The partons can transport a variable fraction x of the 4-momentum of the p. One introduces the parton momentum distribution:



Moreover (*i* sums over all partons, not just the charged ones which interact with the photon):

$$\sum_{i} \int dx \, x \, f_i(x) = 1$$

Kinematics:

	Proton	Parton
Energy	E	xE
Momentum	$p_{_{ m L}}$	$xp_{ m L}$
	$p_{\rm T}=0$	$p_{\rm T}=0$
Mass	M	$m = (x^2 E^2 - x^2 p_{\rm L}^2)^{1/2} = xM$

• For an *e*- hitting a **parton** with momentum *x* and unit charge, the dimensionless structure functions are:

$$F_{1}(\omega) = \frac{Q^{2}}{4m\nu x} \delta\left(1 - \frac{Q^{2}}{2m\nu}\right) = \frac{1}{2x^{2}\omega} \delta\left(1 - \frac{1}{x\omega}\right) = \frac{1}{2x\omega} \delta\left(x - \frac{1}{\omega}\right)$$
$$F_{2}(\omega) = \delta\left(1 - \frac{Q^{2}}{2m\nu}\right) = \delta\left(1 - \frac{Q^{2}}{2xM\nu}\right) = \delta\left(1 - \frac{1}{x\omega}\right) = \delta\left(\frac{1}{x}\left(x - \frac{1}{\omega}\right)\right) = x\delta\left(x - \frac{1}{\omega}\right)$$

for a proton:

$$F_{2}(\omega) = \sum_{i} \int dx \, e_{i}^{2} f_{i}(x) \, x \, \delta\left(x - \frac{1}{\omega}\right) = \sum_{i} e_{i}^{2} f_{i}\left(\frac{1}{\omega}\right) \frac{1}{\omega}$$

$$F_{1}(\omega) = \sum_{i} \int dx \, e_{i}^{2} f_{i}(x) \frac{1}{2x \, \omega} \, \delta\left(x - \frac{1}{\omega}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} e_{i}^{2} f_{i}\left(\frac{1}{\omega}\right) = \frac{\omega}{2} F_{2}(\omega)$$

• It is conventional to redefine $F_{1,2}(\omega)$ as $F_{1,2}(x)$:

$$v W_2(v, Q^2) \rightarrow F_2(x) = \sum_i e_i^2 x f_i(x)$$

$$W_1(v, Q^2) \rightarrow F_1(x) = \frac{1}{2x} F_2(x)$$

$$x = \frac{1}{\omega} = \frac{Q^2}{2Mv}$$

 $F_1 e F_2$ are functions of only one variable, namely, x. They are independent of Q^2 at fixed x. We say they satisfy **Bjorken scaling**.





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• The momentum fraction transported by the parton is found to be identical to the (dimensionless) kinematic variable x of the virtual photon. The virtual photon must have just the right value of the variable x to be absorbed by a parton with momentum fraction x.

It is the function $\delta(x - 1/\omega)$ that equates these two distinct physical variables.

 Kinematics observations (see formulas at pag. 23): The calculations are computed in a Lorentz frame where:

 $|\vec{p}| \gg m$, M

in this frame the proton is moving with infinite momentum: here kinematics + $F_{1,2}(x)$ become exact.

- In this particular reference frame (infinite momentum frame) relativistic time dilation slows down the rate at which partons interact with one another. During the short time of the interaction the quark is essentially a free particle, not interacting with its friends in the proton.
- At the end, the struck colored parton has to recombine with the noninteracting spectator partons to form the colorless hadrons into which the proton breaks up. This happens with probability 1. The asymptotic freedom is used to calculate the cross section, the confinement process does not affect the result.

• This is valid when Q^2 and W are both large.

Another manner to show the cross section in an invariant manner:

$$dE' d\Omega = \frac{\pi}{EE'} dQ^2 dv = \frac{2ME}{E'} \pi y dy dx$$

knowing that:

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2 M \nu}; \quad y = \frac{p \cdot q}{p \cdot k} = \left(\frac{\nu}{E}\right)_{lab}$$

one obtains (where $v_{\text{max}} = E$ in the lab. frame)

$$M v_{max} \frac{d\sigma}{dx dy} = \frac{2\pi \alpha^2}{x^2 y^2} \left\{ x y^2 F_1 + \left[(1-y) - \frac{M x y}{2 v_{max}} \right] F_2 \right\}$$

from this one can wri

rite:

$$\left(\frac{d \sigma}{dx dy}\right)_{ep \to eX} = \frac{2\pi \alpha^2}{Q^4} s \left[1 + (1-y)^2\right] \sum_i e_i^2 x f_i(x)$$

moreover

$$1 - y = \frac{p \cdot k}{p \cdot k} \approx \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos \theta)$$

$$e - \theta$$

$$q$$

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q

Callan-Gross relationship:

 $2x F_1(x) = F_2(x)$ From the fact that q have spin 1/2

Meaning of the Callan-Gross relationship

- real photons have $Q^2 = 0$ and can exist only with transverse helicity ($\lambda = \pm 1$);
- virtual photons have $Q^2 \neq 0$ and can exist also with longitudinal helicity (or scalar)
- $(\lambda = 0)$. Virtual photons behave as spin 1 particles with mass different from zero.

The cross section for virtual photons is:

$$\sigma_T(\gamma_T^* p \rightarrow X) = \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha}{K} W_1(\nu, q^2)$$

$$\sigma_L(\gamma_L^* p \rightarrow X) = \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha}{K} \left(\left(1 - \frac{\nu^2}{q^2} \right) W_2(\nu, q^2) - W_1(\nu, q^2) \right)$$

Due to the fact that the cross sections must be positive or null, one has:

$$W_1 \ge 0$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{v^2}{q^2}\right) W_2 - W_1 \ge 0$$

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• At the limit of the Bjorken scaling $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$, $\nu \rightarrow \infty$ and $x = Q^2/2M\nu$ is fixed:

$$\sigma_T \rightarrow \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{KM}F_1(x)$$

$$\sigma_L \rightarrow \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{KM} \frac{1}{2x} \Big[F_2(x) - 2xF_1(x) \Big]$$





Figure 12.17 Absorption of (a) scalar and (b) transverse photons by helicity conserving partons viewed in the Breit frame of reference.

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- From the analysis of the figures:
 - If the *q* have spin $\frac{1}{2}$ it is not possible to absorb a scalar photon: then $\sigma_L \rightarrow 0$ if the Callan-Gross relationship is true
 - If the *q* have spin $\frac{1}{2}$ they are able to absorb transverse photons: $\sigma_{T} \neq 0$
 - Thus, if the q have spin $\frac{1}{2}$, $\sigma_{\rm L}^{\prime}/\sigma_{\rm T}^{\prime} \rightarrow 0$ and the Callan Gross relationship should be valid
 - If the q have spin 0, they can't absorb transverse photons and $\sigma_T / \sigma_L \rightarrow 0$

Experimental results:



Proton (excluding charm and heavier contributions):

$$\frac{1}{x}F_{2}^{ep}(x) = \sum_{i}e_{i}^{2}f_{i}(x) = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{2}\left[u^{p}(x) + \bar{u}^{p}(x)\right] + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2}\left[d^{p}(x) + \bar{d}^{p}(x)\right] + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2}\left[s^{p}(x) + \bar{s}^{p}(x)\right]$$

• Neutron (from the scattering $ed \rightarrow eX$):

$$\frac{1}{x}F_{2}^{en}(x) = \sum_{i}e_{i}^{2}f_{i}(x) = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{2}\left[u^{n}(x) + \bar{u}^{n}(x)\right] + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2}\left[d^{n}(x) + \bar{d}^{n}(x)\right] + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2}\left[s^{n}(x) + \bar{s}^{n}(x)\right]$$

 $\bigcirc p$ and *n* are members of the same isospin doublet: f_i^n are correlated with f_i^p

$$u^{p}(x) = d^{n}(x) \equiv u(x)$$

$$d^{p}(x) = u^{n}(x) \equiv d(x)$$

$$s^{p}(x) = s^{n}(x) \equiv s(x)$$

• Further constraints come from the fact that $p \equiv u_v u_v d_v$ (valence quarks) and $n \equiv d_v d_v u_v$ (valence quarks) then there are many pairs $u_s \bar{u}_s$, $d_s \bar{d}_s$,.... (see quarks):

$$u_{s} = \overline{u}_{s} = d_{s} = \overline{d}_{s} = s_{s} = \overline{s}_{s} = S(x)$$

$$u = u_{v} + u_{s}$$

$$d = d_{v} + d_{s}$$

Sum rules:

$$\int_{0}^{1} [u - \overline{u}] dx = 2$$
$$\int_{0}^{1} [d - \overline{d}] dx = 1$$
$$\int_{0}^{1} [s - \overline{s}] dx = 0$$

in this manner one recovers the quantum numbers of the proton: charge 1, baryon number 1, strangeness 0.

$$\frac{1}{x}F_{2}^{ep} = \frac{1}{9} \left[4u_{v} + d_{v} \right] + \frac{4}{3}S \qquad (*)$$
$$\frac{1}{x}F_{2}^{en} = \frac{1}{9} \left[u_{v} + 4d_{v} \right] + \frac{4}{3}S$$

• S(x) comes from the splitting in quark-antiquark pairs of the gluons. S(x) has a bremsstrahlung spectrum at low x: the number of the sea quarks grows as $\ln(x)$ for $x \rightarrow 0$:

$$f_i(x) \to \frac{1}{x}$$
$$x \to 0$$

From (*) one has:

$$\frac{F_2^{en}(x)}{F_2^{ep}(x)} \xrightarrow[x \to 0]{} 1 \qquad \qquad \frac{F_2^{en}(x)}{F_2^{ep}(x)} \xrightarrow[x \to 1]{} \frac{u_v + 4d_v}{4u_v + d_v}$$



• The counting rules ^(*) give, in the limit in which a single parton *i* carries all the momentum of the proton, $(n_s \equiv number of spectator valence quarks)$:

$$f_i(x) \to (1-x)^{2n_s-1}$$
$$x \to 1$$

For a valence quark in a nucleon: $q_i = (1-x)^3$ For a sea quark in a nucleon: $q_i = (1-x)^7$ For a gluon in a nucleon: $q_i = (1-x)^5$ For a valence quark in a meson: $q_i = (1-x)$ For a sea quark in a meson: $q_i = (1-x)^5$ For a gluon in a meson: $q_i = (1-x)^5$ For a gluon in a meson: $q_i = (1-x)^5$

(*) **counting rules** \equiv one counts the number of quarks not participating directly in the interation. More spectators subdividing the initial moment, less it is the possibility to produce a parton with a high momentum fraction.



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The quarks within the proton

• By subtracting, we can observe the valence quarks:

$$\frac{1}{x} \left[F_{2}^{ep} - F_{2}^{en} \right] = \frac{1}{3} \left[u_{v}(x) - d_{v}(x) \right]$$

starting from:

$$\frac{1}{x}F_{2}^{ep} = \frac{1}{9} \left[4u_{v} + d_{v} \right] + \frac{4}{3}S$$
$$\frac{1}{x}F_{2}^{en} = \frac{1}{9} \left[u_{v} + 4d_{v} \right] + \frac{4}{3}S$$



D Parameterizing all the data available for $F_2^{ep,en}$ one obtains:



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Gluons

 $\int_{0}^{1} dx (xp) [u + \overline{u} + d + \overline{d} + s + \overline{s}] = p - p_g$ $\int_{0}^{1} dx x [u + \overline{u} + d + \overline{d} + s + \overline{s}] = 1 - \epsilon_g$

 $\epsilon_g = p_g/p$ momentum fraction carried by the gluons. The gluons cannot be detected by the γ (the gluons do not have electric charge).

$$\int dx F_2^{ep}(x) = \frac{4}{9} \epsilon_u + \frac{1}{9} \epsilon_d = 0.18$$
$$\int dx F_2^{en}(x) = \frac{1}{9} \epsilon_u + \frac{4}{9} \epsilon_d = 0.12$$
$$\epsilon_u = \int dx x (u + \overline{u})$$

(after neglecting the strange quarks which carry a small fraction of the nucleon's momentum)

solving:

$$\epsilon_{g} = 1 - \epsilon_{u} - \epsilon_{d}$$

$$\epsilon_{u} = 0.36 \qquad \epsilon_{d} = 0.18 \qquad \epsilon_{g} = 0.46 \qquad \text{The g}$$

The gluon carry ~50% of the proton momentum

Gluons

From the analysis of DIS data:

- Bjorken scaling → presence of point-like Dirac particles inside hadrons. They are called partons
- From the study of their quantum numbers: **partons** \equiv **quarks** of the hadron spectroscopy
- There are **neutral partons** \rightarrow **gluons** of the QCD



D Beyond the graph (a) of α order, there are also:

process: $\gamma^*q \rightarrow qg$, contribution of $O(\alpha \alpha_s)$ QCD Compton scattering



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(b)

process: $\gamma^*g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$, contribution of $O(\alpha \alpha_s)$ Boson Gluon Fusion

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The inclusion of (b) e (c) in the calculation of the DIS process has 2 experimentally observable consequences:

- Scaling violation of the structure functions;
- b the outgoing q (the hadronic jet) will be no more collinear with the γ^* :



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• In the past we have written for $\gamma^* p \rightarrow X$:

$$\sigma_T = \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha}{K} W_1 = \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha}{KM} M W_1 = \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha}{2KM} 2M W_1 = 2\sigma_0 F_1 \longrightarrow 2F_1 = \frac{\sigma_T}{\sigma_0}$$

$$\sigma_{L} = \frac{4\pi^{2}\alpha}{K} \left[\left(1 - \frac{\nu^{2}}{q^{2}} \right) W_{2} - W_{1} \right] = \frac{4\pi^{2}\alpha}{KM} \left[M \left(1 + \frac{\nu^{2}}{Q^{2}} \right) W_{2} - M W_{1} \right]$$
$$= \frac{4\pi^{2}\alpha}{2KM} \left[2M \left(1 + \frac{\nu^{2}}{Q^{2}} \right) W_{2} - 2F_{1} \right] = \sigma_{0} \left[\frac{2M}{\nu} \left(1 + \frac{\nu^{2}}{Q^{2}} \right) \nu W_{2} - 2F_{1} \right]$$
$$= \sigma_{0} \left[\frac{2M}{\nu} F_{2} + \frac{1}{x} F_{2} - 2F_{1} \right] \simeq \sigma_{0} \left[\frac{1}{x} F_{2} - 2F_{1} \right]$$

$$\sigma_0 = \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha}{2KM} \simeq \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha}{s}$$



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• The two formulas are valid for $\gamma^* p$ now we have to translate them for γ^* -parton.

• Here the problem for the case $\gamma^*q \rightarrow qg$:



We have relied extensively on the fact that both collinear frames move with infinite momentum.

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• We can now write the decomposition of F_1 and F_2 respect to the γ^* -parton cross sections:

$$2F_{1} = \left(\frac{\sigma_{T}(x,Q^{2})}{\sigma_{0}}\right)_{y^{*}p} = \sum_{i} \int_{0}^{1} dz \int_{0}^{1} dy f_{i}(y) \,\delta(x-zy) \left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}_{T}(z,Q^{2})}{\hat{\sigma}_{0}}\right)_{y^{*}i}$$
$$= \sum_{i} \int_{x}^{1} \frac{dy}{y} f_{i}(y) \left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}_{T}(x/y,Q^{2})}{\hat{\sigma}_{0}}\right)_{y^{*}i}$$

$$\frac{F_2}{x} = \left(\frac{\sigma_T(x, Q^2) + \sigma_L(x, Q^2)}{\sigma_0} \right)_{\gamma^* p} = \sum_i \int_0^1 dz \int_0^1 dy f_i(y) \delta(x - zy) \left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}_T(z, Q^2) + \hat{\sigma}_L(z, Q^2)}{\hat{\sigma}_0} \right)_{\gamma^* i} \\
= \sum_i \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} f_i(y) \left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}_T(x/y, Q^2) + \hat{\sigma}_L(x/y, Q^2)}{\hat{\sigma}_0} \right)_{\gamma^* i}$$

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• If there are no gluons, there is only the process $\gamma^* q \rightarrow q$. Neglecting the mass of the outgoing quark one has $(q + p_i)^2 = 0$, and then:

$$z = \frac{Q^2}{2 p_i q} = 1$$

$$\frac{\hat{\sigma}_T(z, Q^2)}{\hat{\sigma}_0} = e_i^2 \delta(1-z)$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_L(z, Q^2) = 0$$

$$\frac{\hat{\sigma}_L(z, Q^2) + \hat{\sigma}_L(z, Q^2)}{\hat{\sigma}_0} = e_i^2 \delta(1-z)$$



Putting together the previous results, one obtains:

$$\frac{F_2}{x} = \sum_i e_i^2 \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} f_i(y) \delta\left(1 - \frac{x}{y}\right) = \sum_i e_i^2 f_i(x)$$
$$F_1 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i e_i^2 f_i(x)$$

Main result of the parton model The adopted formalism is consistent

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• We include $\gamma^* q \rightarrow qg$ $\gamma^* q \rightarrow qg$ similar to the Compton: $\gamma^* e \rightarrow \gamma e$:







Counting of the color lines:



Most simple QCD diagrams ~ QED diagrams with the substitution in the cross section of:

$$\alpha^n \rightarrow C_F \alpha^n_s$$

 $n \equiv$ number of qg or gg vertices

 $C_{\rm F}$ = color factor (summing and averaging the colors, in much the same way we do the spin)

Solution Kinematics of : $\gamma^* q_1 \rightarrow q_2 g$



$$\begin{split} q &= (q_{0,}0,0,k); \qquad q_{1} = (k,0,0,-k) \\ q_{2} &= (k',k'\sin\theta,0,k'\cos\theta); \quad g = (k',-k'\sin\theta,0,-k'\cos\theta) \\ \hat{s} &= (q+q_{1})^{2} = (q_{2}+g)^{2} = 2k^{2}+2kq_{0}-Q^{2} = 4k'^{2} \\ \hat{t} &= (q-q_{2})^{2} = (g-q_{1})^{2} = -Q^{2}-2k'q_{0}+2kk'\cos\theta \\ &= -2kk'(1-\cos\theta) \\ \hat{u} &= (q_{1}-q_{2})^{2} = -2kk'(1+\cos\theta) \end{split}$$

for a virtual photon:
$$q_0^2 = k^2 - Q^2$$

a useful result:
$$4 k k' = -\hat{t} - \hat{u} = \hat{s} + Q^2$$

The important quantity is the trasverse momentum of the outgoing quark:

$$p_T^2 = (k'\sin\theta)^2 = \frac{\hat{s}\hat{t}\hat{u}}{(\hat{s}+Q^2)^2} \rightarrow \frac{\hat{s}(-\hat{t})}{\hat{s}+Q^2} \quad \text{in the case of scattering at small angle:} \\ -\hat{t} \ll \hat{s}$$

• For small scattering angle (cos $\theta \simeq 1$):

$$d\Omega = \frac{4\pi}{\hat{s}} dp_T^2$$

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• For large \hat{s} (high energy), $\sigma(\gamma^* q \rightarrow qg)$ has a peak when $-\hat{t} \rightarrow 0$: in this case the q exchange in the t channel

• One can approximate the cross section with its forward peak:

$$\frac{d\,\sigma}{d\,\Omega_{cm}} = \frac{1}{64\,\pi^2\,\hat{s}} \frac{p_f}{p_i} \overline{|M|^2} = \frac{1}{64\,\pi^2\,\hat{s}} \overline{|M|^2} \to \frac{d\,\hat{\sigma}}{d\,p_T^2} \simeq \frac{1}{16\,\pi\,\hat{s}^2} \overline{|M|^2}$$

• substituting the matrix element in the preceding formula:

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dp_T^2} \simeq \frac{1}{16\pi\hat{s}^2} 32\pi^2 (e_i^2 \alpha \alpha_s) \frac{4}{3} \left(-\frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{s}} - \frac{\hat{s}}{\hat{t}} + \frac{2\hat{u}Q^2}{\hat{s}\hat{t}} \right)$$
$$= \frac{8\pi e_i^2 \alpha \alpha_s}{3\hat{s}^2} \left(\frac{1}{-\hat{t}} \right) \left[\hat{s} + \frac{2(\hat{s}+Q^2)Q^2}{\hat{s}} \right] \qquad 4kk' = -\hat{t} - \hat{u} = \hat{s} + Q^2$$

having always made the approximation good for the regime: $-\hat{t} \ll \hat{s}$

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then from:



• $d\sigma/dp_T^2$ is also singular as $p_T^2 \rightarrow 0$

In the region $-\hat{t} \ll \hat{s}$, $d\sigma/dp_T^2$ represents the full p_T^2 distribution of the final-state parton jets.



• In fact: in the diagram of the partonic model the $p_{\rm T}$ of the outgoing relative to the virtual photon always vanishes,



• while all the other diagrams are negligible in comparison with $\gamma^*q \rightarrow qg$ in the limit: $-\hat{t} \ll \hat{s}$



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Experimental signature?

The presence of gluon emission is signalled by a quark-jet and a gluon-jet in the final state, neither of which is moving along the direction of the γ^* :

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p_{\mathrm{T}}(\text{quark-jet}) \neq 0; p_{\mathrm{T}}(\text{gluon-jet}) \neq 0
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In a parton model without g: all final-state jets would be collinear with the γ^* , with a spread of $p_{\rm T}$ of ~ 300 MeV (as required from the Uncertainty Principle for confined quarks)

Further proofs in: $e+e- \rightarrow hadrons;$ $pp \rightarrow large- p_T hadrons$

Reminder: the large Q^2 of the $\gamma^* \to \alpha_s$ is small

 $p_{T}^{2}(\text{GeV}^{2})$

Scaling violation. Dokhishitzer-Gribov-Lipatov-Altarelli-Parisi (DGLAP) Equation

How to include the gluon-strahlung diagram in the structure functions:

$$\hat{\sigma}(\gamma^* q \to qg) = \int_{\mu^2}^{\hat{s}/4} dp_T^2 \frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dp_T^2} \simeq e_i^2 \hat{\sigma}_0 \int_{\mu^2}^{\hat{s}/4} \frac{dp_T^2}{p_T^2} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{qq}(z)$$

$$\simeq e_i^2 \hat{\sigma}_0 \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{qq}(z) \ln(\frac{\hat{s}/4}{\mu^2}) \right) \simeq e_i^2 \hat{\sigma}_0 \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{qq}(z) \ln(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}) \right)$$

• where $(p_T^2)_{max} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}}{4} = Q^2 \frac{1-z}{4z}$; and $\ln(\frac{\hat{s}}{4}) \simeq \ln(Q^2)$ in the large Q^2 limit • $\mu \equiv \text{cutoff to regularize the divergence when } p_T^2 \to 0$ • p_T^2 limit of the gluon

Adding everything one has:



• The formula can be written also in this manner:

$$\frac{F_2(x,Q^2)}{x} = \sum_q e_q^2 \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} \left(q(y) + \Delta q(y,Q^2) \right) \delta \left(1 - \frac{x}{y} \right)$$
$$= \sum_q e_q^2 \left(q(x) + \Delta q(x,Q^2) \right)$$

with
$$\Delta q(x, Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \ln(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}) \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} q(y) P_{qq}(\frac{x}{y})$$

The quark density depends on Q^2 : A γ^* with larger Q^2 has a higher resolution and see more partons within the proton. More probability of finding a quark at small x and less probability of finding a quark at high x due

the gluon emission.





improved resolution

 $\gamma^*(Q^2)$ sees softer quarks inside q(x)*Experimental Subnuclear Physics*

The Q^2 evolution of the $q(x,Q^2)$ is determined by QCD through:

$$\Delta q(x,Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}\right) \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} q(y) P_{qq}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$$

which can be written:

$$\frac{dq(x,Q^2)}{d\ln(Q^2)} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} q(y,Q^2) P_{qq}(\frac{x}{y})$$

DGLAP evolution equation

• A q with momentum fraction x (on the left-hand side) could have come from a parent q with a larger momentum fraction y > x (on the right-hand side) which has radiated a gluon. The probability that this happens is proportional to $\alpha_s P_{qq}(x/y)$. The integral is the sum over all possible momentum fractions y (> x) of the parent q.



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- We have assumed α_s constant. The result is valid also when $\alpha_s(p_T^2)$.
- We are working in a kinematic region with two large quantities: p_T^2 , Q^2 and the dominant region is $p_T^2 \ll Q^2$.

In this limit, the study of the higher orders introduces p_{T}^{2} as the argument of α_{s}

Gluon Pair Production



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Gluon Pair Production

• $P_{qg}(z) = \frac{1}{2} (z^2 + (1-z)^2)$ probability that a gluon annihilates $g \to q \overline{q}$ such that the q has a fraction z of its momentum

Complete Evolution Equations for the Parton Densities



Quark evolution equation



 $\Sigma \equiv$ the sum runs over quarks and antiquarks of all flavours P_{gq} does not depend on the index *i* if the quark masses can be neglected

Complete Evolution Equations for the Parton Densities

$$P_{gq}(z) = \frac{4}{3} \frac{1 + (1 - z)^2}{z} \qquad P_{gg}(z) = 6 \left(\frac{1 - z}{z} + \frac{z}{1 - z} + z(1 - z) \right)$$

The parton densities are universal, are indipendent from the specific process (DIS in this case) used for their measurement.
 Their evolution as function of Q² is predicted by QCD through the use of the splitting function: P_{qq}, P_{gg}, P_{gq}, P_{qg}
 One can write:

$$q(x,Q^{2}) + \Delta q(x,Q^{2}) = \int_{0}^{1} dy \int_{0}^{1} dz q(y,Q^{2}) \wp_{qq}(z,Q^{2}) \delta(x-zy)$$

where:



probability density of finding a quark inside a quark with fraction *z* of the parent quark momentum to first order in α_s



The new graphs give contributions of $O(\alpha \alpha_s)$ coming from the interference with the partonic diagram.

These interference contributions are singular at z = 1.

Such singolarity cancel exactly the singularity at z = 1 present in:

$$P_{qq}(z) = \frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{1+z^2}{1-z} \right)$$

• Giving a look in a different manner, it has to be:

$$1 = \int_{0}^{1} \wp_{qq}(z, Q^{2})$$

that is the probability of finding a quark in a quark integrated over all *z* must add up to 1. But from:

$$\wp_{qq}(z,Q^2) \equiv \delta(1-z) + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{qq}(z) \ln(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2})$$

to have an integral equal to 1, it must be that:

$$\int_{0}^{1} P_{qq}(z) dz = 0$$

The virtual diagrams regularize the divergences present in the integrals.

Notes:



In our interpretation (using the splitting function P) we discussed only the first diagram. The gluon can be considered as part of the proton structure. But:

1) both diagrams are required to ensure gauge invariance of the amplitude;

2) the second only plays the role of canceling the contributions from the unphysical polarization states of the gluon. Adopting a physical gauge, in which we sum only over transverse gluons, only the first diagram remains.

The Weizsäcker - Williams formula

 $> \gamma^*g \rightarrow qg$



$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dzdp_T^2} = (e_i^2\hat{\sigma}_0) \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{1}{p_T^2} P_{qq}(z)\right) = (e_i^2\hat{\sigma}_0) \gamma_{qq}(z, p_T^2)$$

The $O(\alpha \alpha_s) \sigma(\gamma^* g \rightarrow qg)$ factors into the $O(\alpha)$ parton model cross section ($e_i^2 \hat{\sigma}_0$) and the probability ($\gamma_{qq}(z, p_T^2)$) that the quark radiates a gluon with fraction (1-z) of its momentum and with transverse momentum p_T

The Weizsäcker - Williams formula

Such factorization is not special to quarks and gluons (QCD), but it was known since the work of Weiszäcker and Williams, 1934, that it applies equally well to leptons and photons (QED). Example: *ep* → *eX*



$$\frac{d \sigma}{d p_T^2} = \gamma_{ee} (z, p_T^2) [\sigma(\gamma p \to X)]_{E_{\gamma} = (1-z)E}$$
$$\gamma_{ee} (z, p_T^2) = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \frac{1}{p_T^2} P_{ee} (z)$$

 z, p_{T} are, respectively, the momentum fraction and transverse momentum of the outgoing electron.

 $P_{ee}(z) = \frac{1+z^2}{1-z}$ $\gamma_{ee} \equiv \text{equivalent } \gamma \text{ distribution}$

 $P_{qg} \rightarrow P_{e\gamma} = z^2 + (1-z)^2$

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Fragmentation functions and their scaling properties

• We start , from the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow X$ The formula:

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow hadrons) = \sum_q \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow q \bar{q})$$

is valid under the hypothesis that the quarks have to fragment into hadrons with probability equal to 1.

• To describe the fragmentation of $q \rightarrow$ hadrons, it is possible to use a formalism analogous to that of the q inside the hadrons:



Observation of a hadron h whose energy is measured to be E_{h}

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dz}(e^+e^- \to hX) = \sum_q \sigma \left(e^+e^- \to q\,\overline{q}\right) \left[D^h_q(z) + D^h_{\overline{q}}(z)\right]$$

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Fragmentation functions and their scaling properties

- The process happens as two sequential events:
 - 1) production of a $q \bar{q}$ pair
 - 2) hadrons fragmentation

• The fragmentation function D represents the probability that the hadron h is found in the quark or antiquark remnants, carrying a fraction z of its energy:

$$z \equiv \frac{E_h}{E_q} = \frac{E_h}{E_{beam}} = \frac{2E_h}{Q}$$

- D(z) describes parton → hadron $f(\mathbf{x})$ describes hadron → parton
- As for the *f*:

$$\sum_{h} \int_{0}^{1} z D_{q}^{h}(z) dz = 1 \checkmark$$
$$\sum_{q} \int_{z_{min}}^{1} \left[D_{q}^{h}(z) + D_{\bar{q}}^{h}(z) \right] dz = n_{h}$$

Momentum (or energy) conservation clearly the same relation holds for: $D_{\bar{q}}^{h}(z)$

 $z_{\rm min} = 2m_{\rm h}/Q$ threshold energy to produce a hadron of mass $m_{\rm h}$

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Fragmentation functions and their scaling properties

$$\sum_{q} \int_{z_{min}}^{1} \left[D_{q}^{h}(z) + D_{\bar{q}}^{h}(z) \right] dz = n_{h}$$

The equation says that the number n_h of hadrons of type *h* is given by the sum of probabilities of obtaining *h* from all possible parents, namely, from quarks or antiquarks of any flavor.

• Usually the $D_{a}^{h}(z)$ are often parametrized in such manner:

$$D_q^h(z) = N \frac{(1-z)^n}{z} = (n+1) < z > \frac{(1-z)^n}{z}$$

n, *N* are costants Moreover for two-jet events: $n_h \sim \ln\left(\frac{Q/2}{m_h}\right)$
Fragmentation functions and their scaling properties

One has:

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{dz} (e^+ e^- \to hX) = \frac{\sum e_q^2 \left[D_q^h(z) + D_{\bar{q}}^h(z) \right]}{\sum_q e_q^2} = \mathscr{F}(z)$$

 σ and $d\sigma/dz$ depend on the annihilation energy Q, their ratio is independent on Q and dependent only on z.

Such scaling result is not a complete surprise, because we have relied on the scaling parton model.

Fragmentation functions and their scaling properties

Scaling of the fragmentation functions

But there are scaling violation: $\mathscr{F}(z) \rightarrow \mathscr{F}(z, Q^2)$ with dependence of Q^2 of the type $\ln Q^2$ in the low z region (z < 0.2)

The scaling violation at small z is not only due to gluon emission but also to the **production of heavy quarks** such as c and b.



Figure 19.2: The e^+e^- fragmentation function for all charged particles is shown [8, 26-42] (a) for different CM energies \sqrt{s} versus x and (b) for various ranges of x versus \sqrt{s} . For the purpose of plotting (a), the distributions were scaled by $c(\sqrt{s}) = 10^i$ with i ranging from i = 0 ($\sqrt{s} = 12$ GeV) to i = 13 ($\sqrt{s} = 202$ GeV).

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Fragmentation functions and their scaling properties

• D(z) describes general properties of the partons (independent of how the partons have been produced). For example:

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{dz} (ep \to hX) = \frac{\sum e_q^2 f_q(x) D_q^h(z)}{\sum_q e_q^2 f_q(x)}$$

