

Gravitational form factors on the light-front

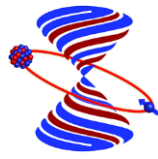
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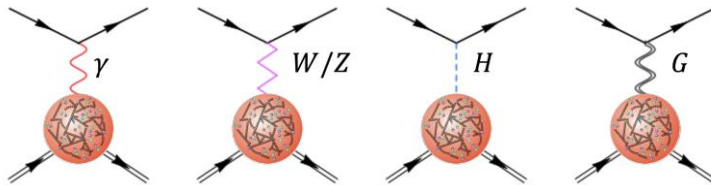
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Energy-momentum tensor



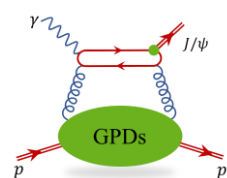
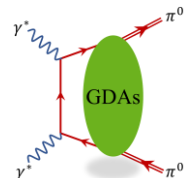
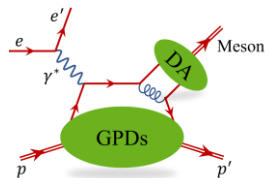
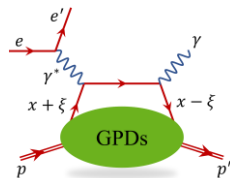
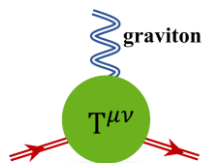
Gravitational form factors (GFFs) of the nucleon:

[Kobzarev:1962wt, Pagels:1966zza]

$$\langle p', s' | \hat{T}_i^{\mu\nu}(0) | p, s \rangle = \frac{1}{2M} \bar{u}_{s'}(p') \left[2P^\mu P^\nu A_i(q^2) + iP^{\{\mu} \sigma^{\nu\}\rho} q_\rho J_i(q^2) + \frac{1}{2} (q^\mu q^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} q^2) D_i(q^2) + 2g^{\mu\nu} \bar{c}_i(q^2) \right] u_s(p)$$

- Energy and momentum distribution
- Angular momentum distribution
- Stress distribution

How to access gravitational form factors



[Kumano:2017lhr, Duran:2022xag, Burkert:2023wzr]

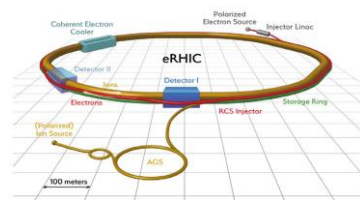
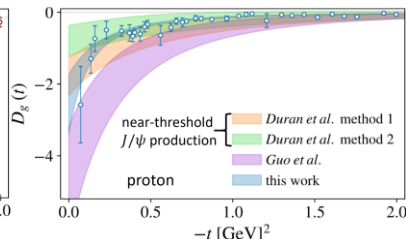
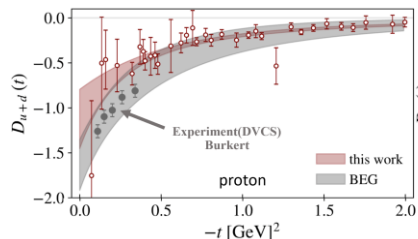
- Deeply virtual Compton scattering
- Deeply virtual meson production
- Two-photon pair production
- J/ψ threshold photoproduction

Ji's sum rule:

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx x H^{q,g}(x, \xi, t) = A^{q,g}(t) + \xi^2 D^{q,g}(t), \quad \int_{-1}^1 dx x E^{q,g}(x, \xi, t) = B^{q,g}(t) - \xi^2 D^{q,g}(t)$$

Here, $H^{q,g}$ and $E^{q,g}$ are generalized parton distributions.

[Ji:1996nm]



[Lattice'23:Hackett:2023nkr]

Gravitational form factor D : the last global unknown

$D = D(0)$ is not constrained by global properties of hadrons

[Polyakov:2018zvc]

em: $\partial_\mu J_{\text{em}}^\mu = 0$	$\langle N' J_{\text{em}}^\mu N \rangle \rightarrow Q = 1.602176487(40) \times 10^{-19} \text{C}$
	$\mu = 2.792847356(23) \mu_N$
weak: PCAC	$\langle N' J_{\text{weak}}^\mu N \rangle \rightarrow g_A = 1.2694(28)$
	$g_p = 8.06(55)$
gravity: $\partial_\mu T_{\text{grav}}^{\mu\nu} = 0$	$\langle N' T_{\text{grav}}^{\mu\nu} N \rangle \rightarrow m = 938.272013(23) \text{ MeV}/c^2$
	$J = \frac{1}{2}$
	$D = ?$

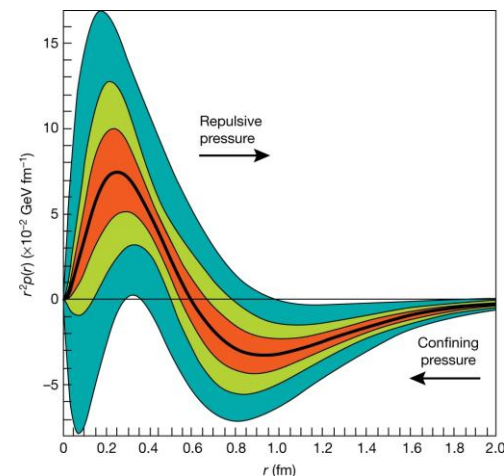
$D(q^2)$ is related to the pressure and shear forces inside hadrons

$$p(r) = \frac{1}{6M} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} r^2 \frac{d}{dr} \tilde{D}(r) \quad s(r) = -\frac{1}{4M} r \frac{d}{dr} \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \tilde{D}(r)$$

Hadron stability conditions:

- Force equilibrium (von Laue condition): $\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} \Rightarrow \int d^3r p(r) = 0$
- Local stability conjecture: $D \propto -\int d^3r r^2 dF_r/dS_r < 0?$

where $dF_r/dS_r = 2s(r)/3 + p(r)$ [Perevalova:2016dln]



[Burkert:2018bqq]

Light-front wave function representation

Diagonal representation for charge form factor and GFF $A(q^2)$

[Drell:1969km, West:1970av, Brodsky:1980zm]

$$F_1(q^2) = \sum_j \int [dx_i d^2\mathbf{r}_{i\perp}]_n \psi_n^* (\{x_i, \mathbf{r}_{i\perp}\}) \psi_n (\{x_i, \mathbf{r}_{i\perp}\}) e_j e^{i\mathbf{r}_{j\perp} \cdot \mathbf{q}_\perp}$$
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[Brodsky:2000ii]

One-body densities:

$$\rho_{\text{ch}}(r_\perp) = \left\langle \sum_j e_j \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_\perp - \mathbf{r}_{j\perp}) \right\rangle$$
$$\mathcal{A}(r_\perp) = \left\langle \sum_j x_j \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_\perp - \mathbf{r}_{j\perp}) \right\rangle$$

where the quantum average is defined as,

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \int [dx_i d^2\mathbf{r}_{i\perp}]_n \psi_n^* (\{x_i, \mathbf{r}_{i\perp}\}) \hat{O} \psi_n (\{x_i, \mathbf{r}_{i\perp}\})$$

Light-front wave function representation for D

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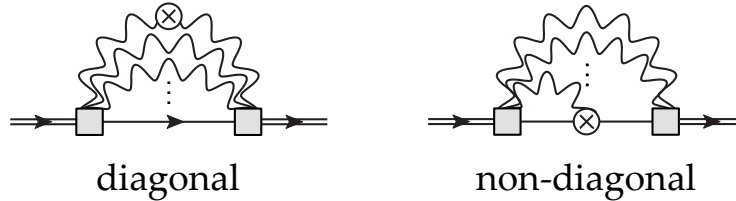
Forces inside hadrons: Pressure, surface tension, mechanical radius, and all that

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\hat{T}_{++} of the EMT. Being related to the stress tensor \hat{T}_{ij} the form factor $D(t)$ naturally “mixes” good and bad light-front components and is described in terms of transitions between different Fock state components in overlap representation. As a quantity intrinsically nondiagonal in a Fock space, it is difficult to study the D -term in approaches based on light-front wave functions. This is due to the rela-

[Polyakov:2018zvc]



Renormalization plays a vital role in the cancelation of non-diagonal terms

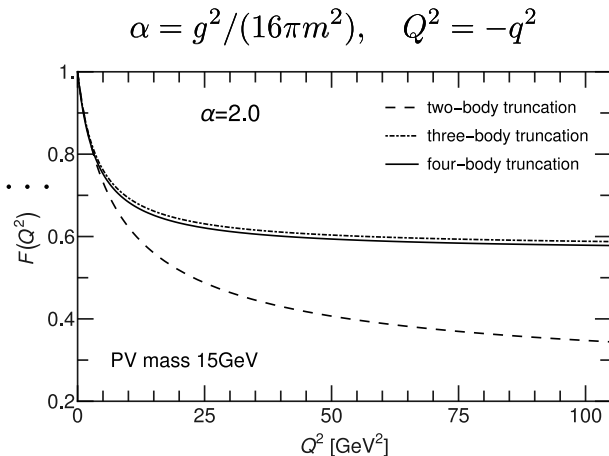
Scalar Yukawa model

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu N^\dagger \partial^\mu N - m^2 N^\dagger N + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \pi \partial^\mu \pi - \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 \pi^2 + g_0 N^\dagger N \pi + \delta m^2 N^\dagger N$$

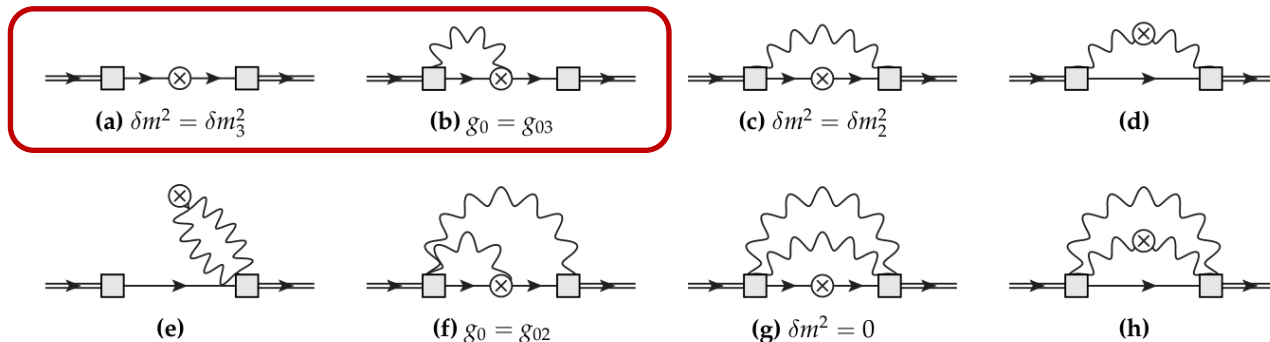
$$\begin{aligned} \Downarrow \\ \hat{T}^{\mu\nu} = \partial^{\{\mu} N^\dagger \partial^{\nu\}} N - g^{\mu\nu} [\partial_\sigma N^\dagger \partial^\sigma N - (m^2 - \delta m^2) N^\dagger N] - g^{\mu\nu} g_0 N^\dagger N \pi \\ + \partial^\mu \pi \partial^\nu \pi - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} (\partial^\rho \pi \partial_\rho \pi - \mu_0^2 \pi^2) \end{aligned}$$

where $m = 0.94\text{GeV}$, $\mu = 0.14\text{GeV}$. g_0 and δm^2 are bare parameters.

- N : mock nucleon, π : mock pion
- Quenched approximation: to avoid vacuum instability [Gross:2001ha]
- Fock sector expansion: $|p\rangle = |N\rangle + |N\pi\rangle + |N\pi\pi\rangle + |N\pi\pi\pi\rangle + \dots$
- Solved up to $|N\pi\pi\pi\rangle$ sector at non-perturbative couplings
- Fock sector dependent renormalization [Karmanov:2008br]
- Fock sector expansion converged up to $|N\pi\pi\rangle$ sector



Energy-momentum tensor renormalization



- Light-front wave functions (LFWFs) & sector dependent counterterms from [Li, Karmanov & Vary:2015iaw,2016yzu]
- Light-front graphical rules extended to non-perturbative regime using LFWFs [Carbonell:1998rj]
- All divergences cancel out with sector dependent counterterms, e.g. (a) + (b):

$$t_a^{\alpha\beta} = Z[2P^\alpha P^\beta + (\frac{1}{2}q^2 - \delta m_3^2)g^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2}q^\alpha q^\beta]$$

$$t_b^{\alpha\beta} = -\sqrt{Z}g^{\alpha\beta} \int \frac{dx}{2x(1-x)} \int \frac{d^2 k_\perp}{(2\pi)^3} g_{03} \psi_2(x, k_\perp) = g^{\alpha\beta} Z \delta m_3^2$$

Covariant decomposition of EMT on the light-front

[Carbonell:1998rj, Karmanov:2002qu]

$$\begin{aligned} \langle p' | \hat{T}_i^{\alpha\beta}(0) | p \rangle &= 2P^\alpha P^\beta A_i(q^2) + \frac{1}{2}(q^\alpha q^\beta - q^2 g^{\alpha\beta}) D_i(q^2) + 2M^2 g^{\alpha\beta} \bar{c}_i(q^2) \\ &\quad + \frac{M^4 \omega^\alpha \omega^\beta}{(\omega \cdot P)^2} S_{1i}(q^2) + (V^\alpha V^\beta + q^\alpha q^\beta) S_{2i}(q^2) \end{aligned}$$

where $P = (p + p')/2$, $q = p' - p$, $V^\alpha = \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\rho\sigma} P_\beta q_\rho \omega_\sigma / (\omega \cdot P)$. $\omega^\mu = (\omega^+, \omega^-, \boldsymbol{\omega}_\perp) = (0, 2, 0)$ is a null vector indicating the light-front direction.

- $S_{1,2}(q^2)$ are two spurious GFFs due to the violation of the Lorentz symmetry
- \hat{T}_i^{++} , \hat{T}_i^{12} and \hat{T}_i^{+-} are three “good currents” which are free of spurious form factors

$$t_i^{++} = 2(P^+)^2 A_i(q_\perp^2), \quad t_i^{--} = 2 \left(\frac{M^2 + \frac{1}{4} q_\perp^2}{P^+} \right)^2 A_i(q_\perp^2) + \frac{4M^4}{(P^+)^2} S_{1i}(q_\perp^2)$$

$$t_i^{12} = \frac{1}{2} q_\perp^1 q_\perp^2 D_i(q_\perp^2), \quad t_i^{11} + t_i^{22} = -\frac{1}{2} q_\perp^2 D_i(q_\perp^2) - 4M^2 \bar{c}_i(q_\perp^2) + 2q_\perp^2 S_{2i}(q_\perp^2)$$

$$t_i^{+-} = 2(M^2 + \frac{1}{4} q_\perp^2) A_i(q_\perp^2) + q_\perp^2 D_i(q_\perp^2) + 4M^2 \bar{c}_i(q_\perp^2)$$

[Cao:2024rul]

Light-front wave function representation

[Cao:2023ohj, Cao:2024fto]

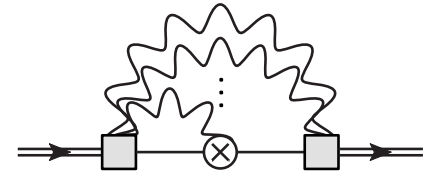
$$t^{12} = \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \sum_j e^{-i\mathbf{q}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{r}_{j\perp}} \frac{i \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}_{j1} \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}_{j2} - q_1 q_2}{x_j} \right\rangle$$

$$t^{+-} = 2 \left\langle \underbrace{\sum_j e^{i\mathbf{q}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{r}_{j\perp}} \frac{-\frac{1}{4} \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}_{j\perp}^2 + m_j^2 - \frac{1}{4} q_\perp^2}{x_j}}_{\text{kinetic part}} + \underbrace{V e^{i\mathbf{r}_{N\perp} \cdot \mathbf{q}_\perp}}_{\text{potential part}} \right\rangle$$

where $V = M^2 - \sum_j (-\nabla_{j\perp}^2 + m_j^2)/x_j$ in the scalar Yukawa model. The quantum average is defined as

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \int [dx_i d^2 \mathbf{r}_{i\perp}]_n \psi_n^* (\{x_i, \mathbf{r}_{i\perp}\}) \hat{O} \psi_n (\{x_i, \mathbf{r}_{i\perp}\})$$

- Modify V in phenomenological models
- $e^{i\mathbf{r}_{N\perp} \cdot \mathbf{q}_\perp} \xrightarrow{\text{F.T.}} \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_\perp - \mathbf{r}_{N\perp})$ indicates the location of interaction



Macroscopic interpretation

[Li:2024vqv]

$$\langle \psi | \hat{T}_i^{\alpha\beta}(x) | \psi \rangle = e_i u^\alpha u^\beta - p_i \Delta^{\alpha\beta} + \pi_i^{\alpha\beta} + g^{\alpha\beta} \Lambda_i$$

where u^α is the media four velocity with $u^\alpha u_\alpha = 1$, $\Delta^{\alpha\beta} = g^{\alpha\beta} - u^\alpha u^\beta$.

■ Physical densities:

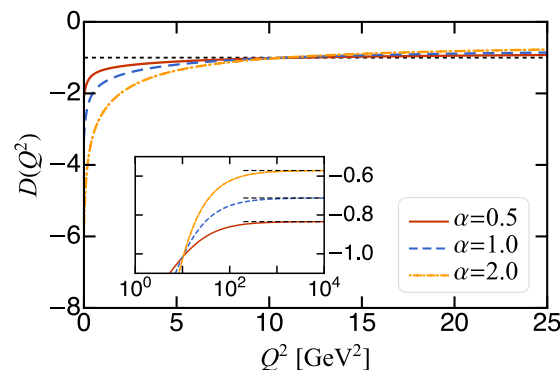
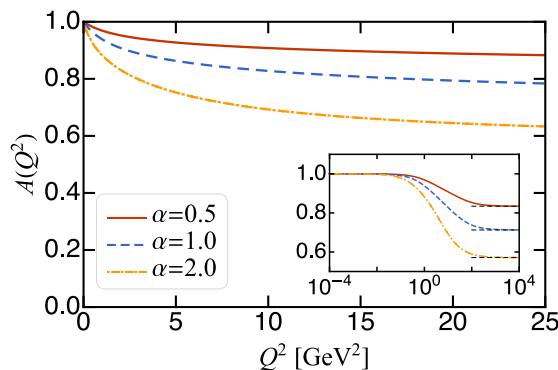
$$\text{Energy density: } \mathcal{E}_i(x) = M \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} e^{iq \cdot x} \left\{ A_i(q^2) - \frac{q^2}{4M^2} [A_i(q^2) + D_i(q^2)] \right\}$$

$$\text{Cosmological constant: } \Lambda_i = M \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} e^{iq \cdot x} \bar{c}(q^2)$$

$$\text{Pressure: } \mathcal{P}_i(x) = \frac{1}{6M} \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} e^{iq \cdot x} q^2 D(q^2)$$

$$\text{Shear tensor: } \Pi_i^{\alpha\beta}(x) = \frac{1}{4M} \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} e^{iq \cdot x} (q^\alpha q^\beta - \frac{q^2}{3} \Delta^{\alpha\beta}) D(q^2)$$

Strongly-coupled scalar nucleon



[Cao:2023ohj]

$$\alpha = g^2/(16\pi m^2)$$

$$Q^2 = -q^2$$

- For small coupling, $D(Q^2)$ is close to -1 , the free scalar particle's result
- In the forward limit ($Q^2 = 0$),

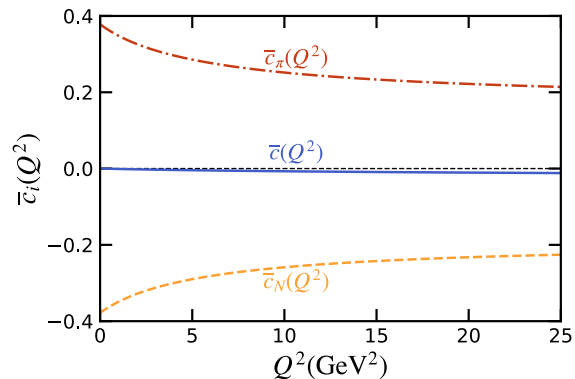
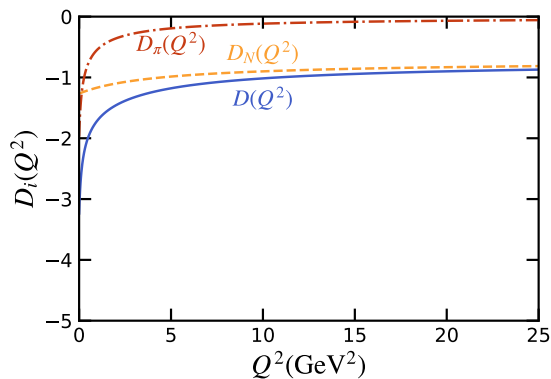
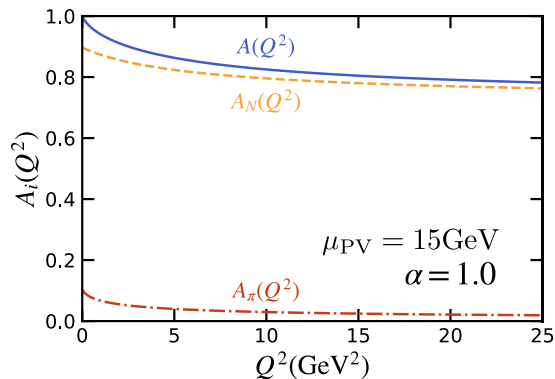
$$\lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow 0} A(Q^2) = 1, \quad \underbrace{\lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow 0} Q^2 D(Q^2) = 0}_{\text{von Laue condition}}$$

- For large Q^2 ,

$$\lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} A(Q^2) = Z, \quad \lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} D(Q^2) = -Z$$

revealing a pointlike core, consistent with the physical picture of the model

Dissecting the strongly-coupled scalar nucleon



- A nonvanishing but small $\bar{c}(q^2)$ because of Fock space truncation

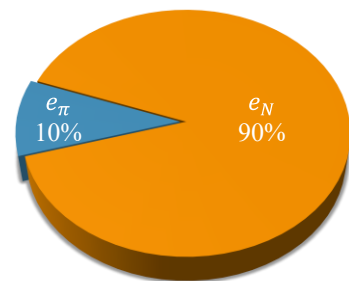
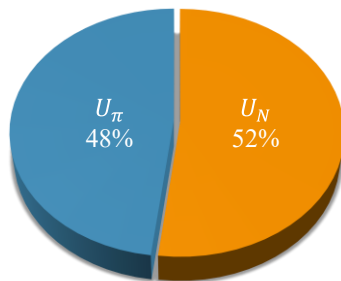
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- Mass decomposition: [Lorce:2017xzd]

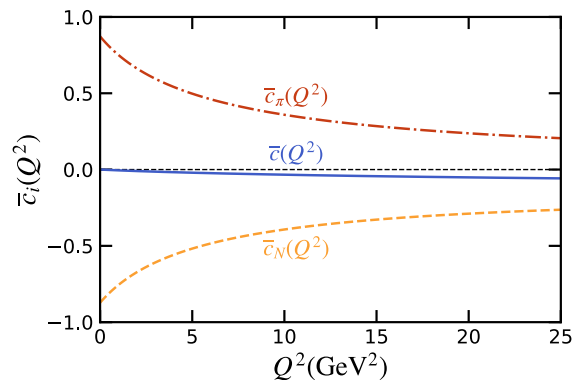
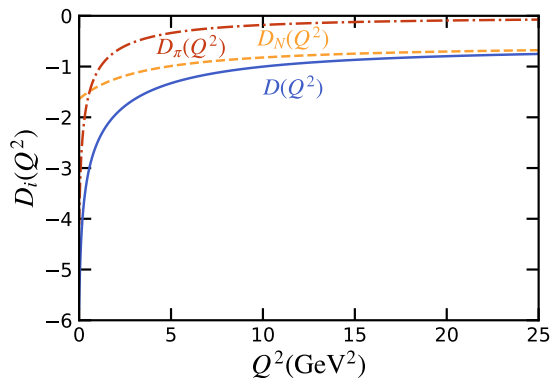
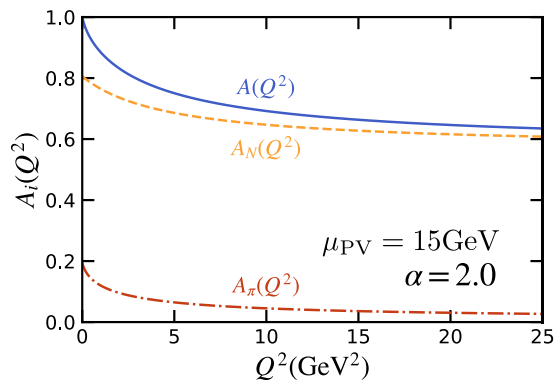
$$e_i = \int d^2 r_\perp \mathcal{E}(r_\perp) = A_i(0)$$

$$\lambda_i = \int d^2 r_\perp \Lambda_i(r_\perp) = \bar{c}_i(0)$$

$$U_i = e_i + \lambda_i$$



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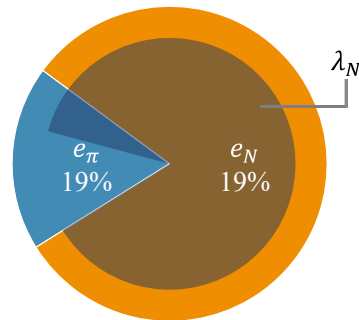
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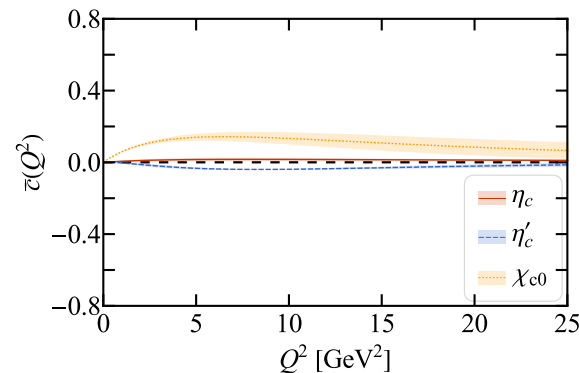
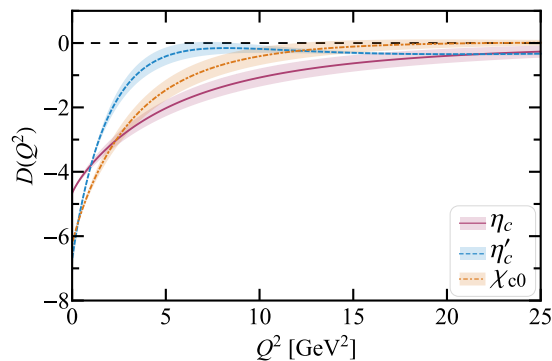
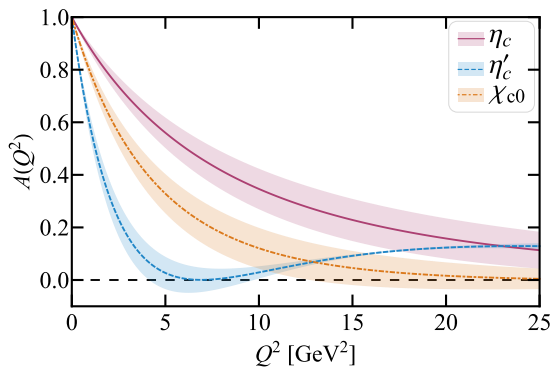
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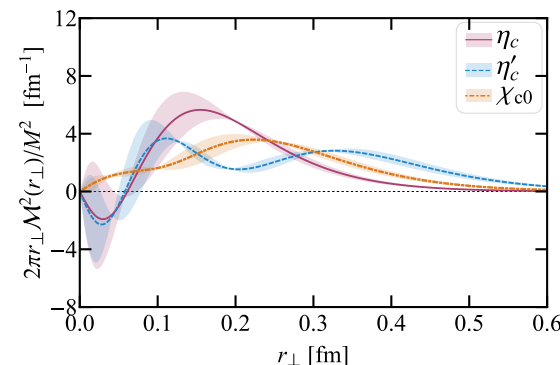
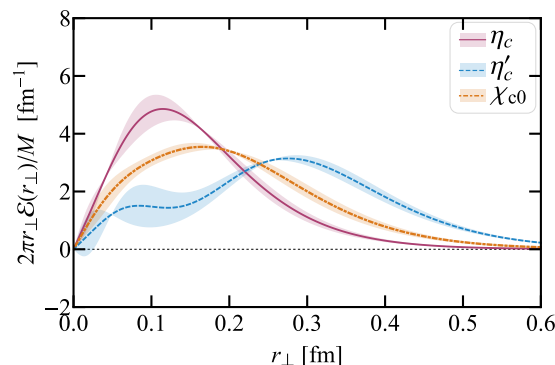
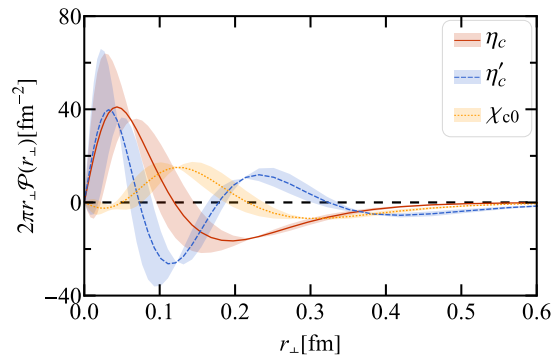


- Adopt charmonium wave functions from basis light-front quantization

[Li:2017mlw]
[Xu:2024hfx, Hu:2024edc]



- Extracted pressure, energy density and invariant mass squared density



Summary

- We obtain a non-perturbative light-front wave function representation of the gravitational form factor $D(q^2)$
- We calculate the gravitational form factors of a strongly-coupled scalar nucleon using these light-front wave function representations and obtain contributions of individual components
- We also apply these representations to a phenomenological model of charmonium and extract related hadronic densities

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Thank you