

# Particle Physics - Chapter 2

## Hadron structure



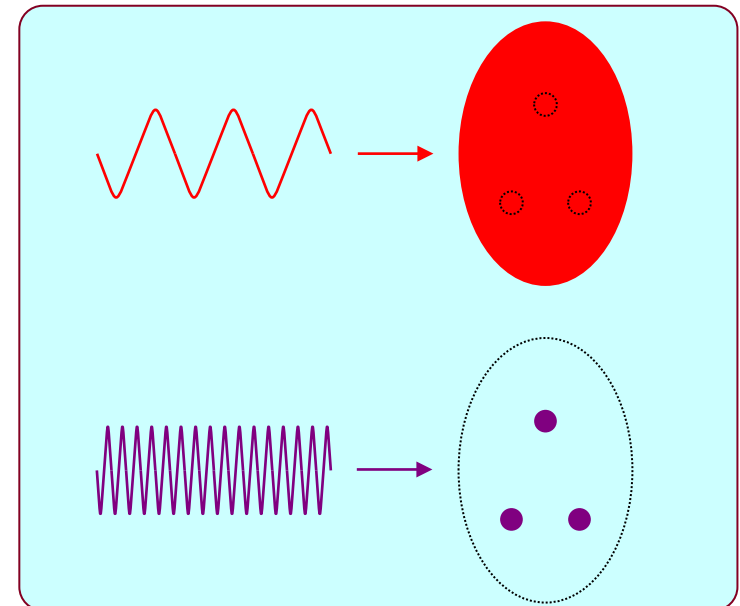
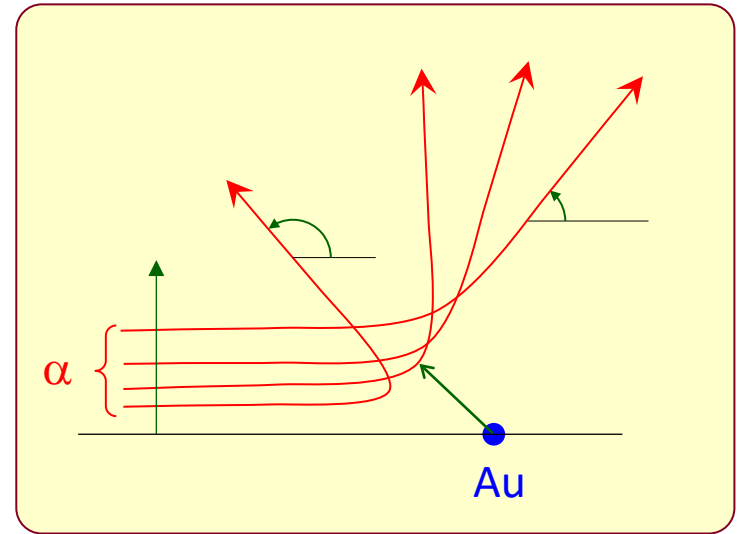
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# brief historical summary



*"Hegel remarks somewhere that all great, world-historical facts and personages occur (...) twice. He has forgotten to add: the first time as tragedy, the second as farce." [Karl Marx, The 18th Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte]*

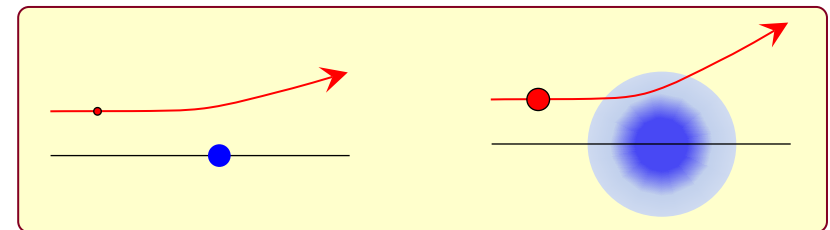
Despite this famous sentence, in this chapter a story is told, neither tragic nor farcical, which happened at least three times in the 20<sup>th</sup> century: *in a scattering experiment, a projectile probes the deep structure of the target; the scale of the observation depends on the energy of the probe:*

- 1911 (Rutherford)  $\alpha$  particles  $\rightarrow$  gold (nucleus) [ $\rightarrow$  FNSN1];
- 1950-60 (Hofstadter)  $e^-$   $\rightarrow$  H/D/He (nuclear structure);
- 1965-80 (SLAC/CERN)  $e/\nu$   $\rightarrow$  hadronic matter (quarks/partons)

The deep meaning of the mechanism resides in Quantum Mechanics, which relates the space scale of a phenomenon with the (transverse) momentum of the scattered particles.

The role of technology is also important: the observation is possible because of powerful accelerators and detectors.

We will follow the history and therefore will study phenomena of ever smaller size [look the contents page].

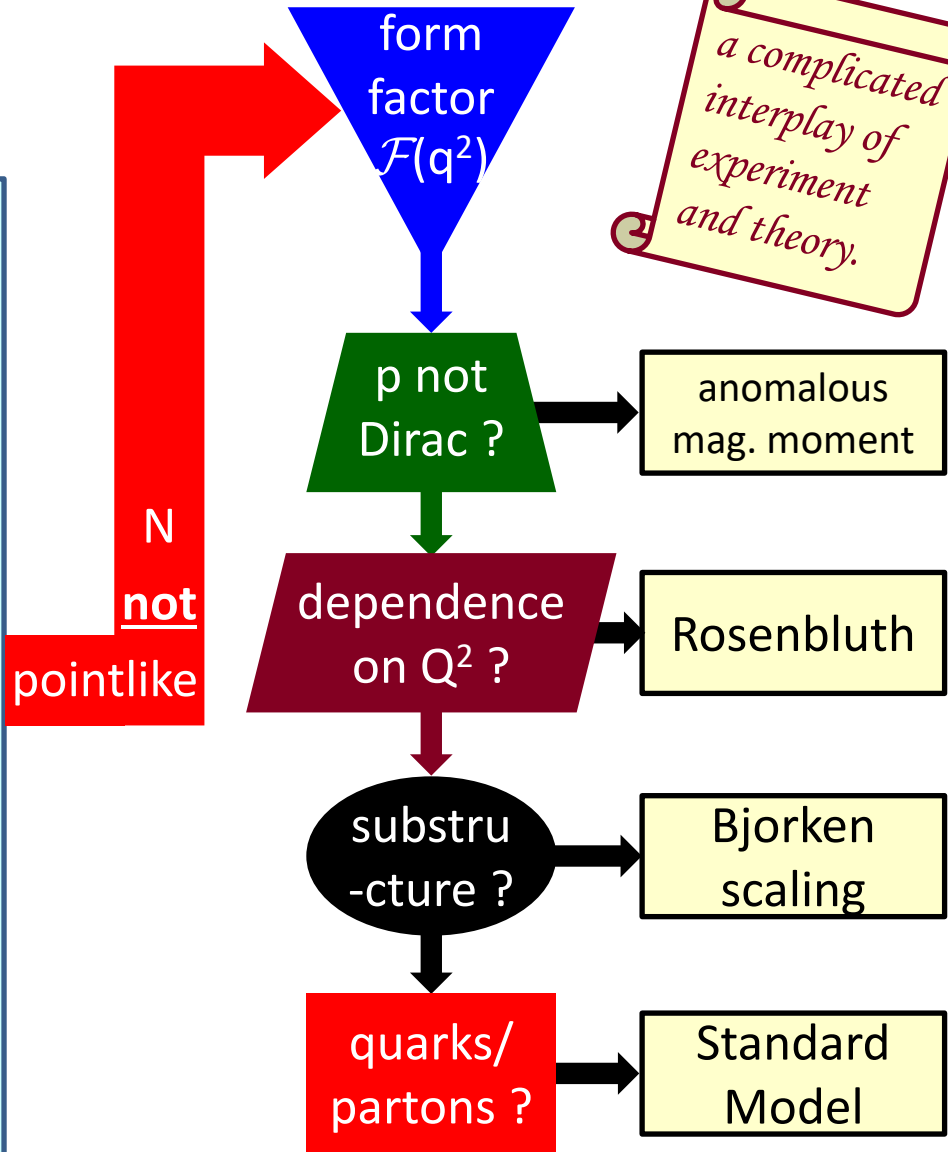
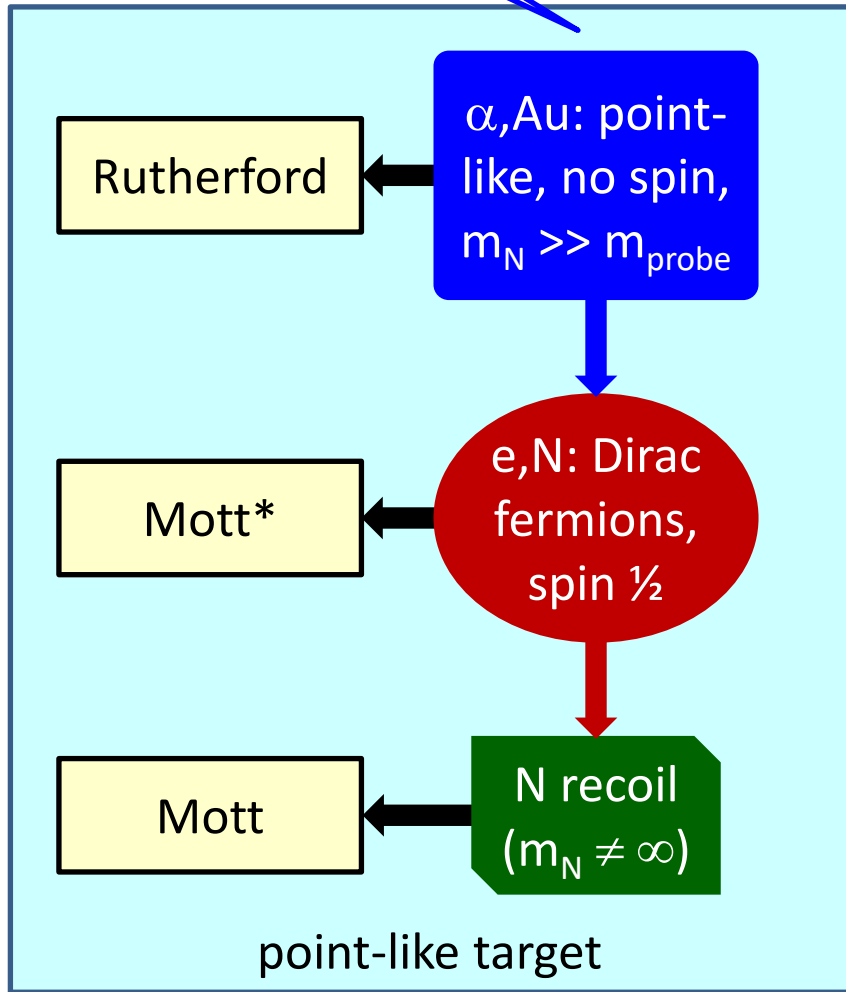


- 20xy (maybe you) new substructure emerging ???

# the treasure map for scattering



Start from here



# the scattering experiment



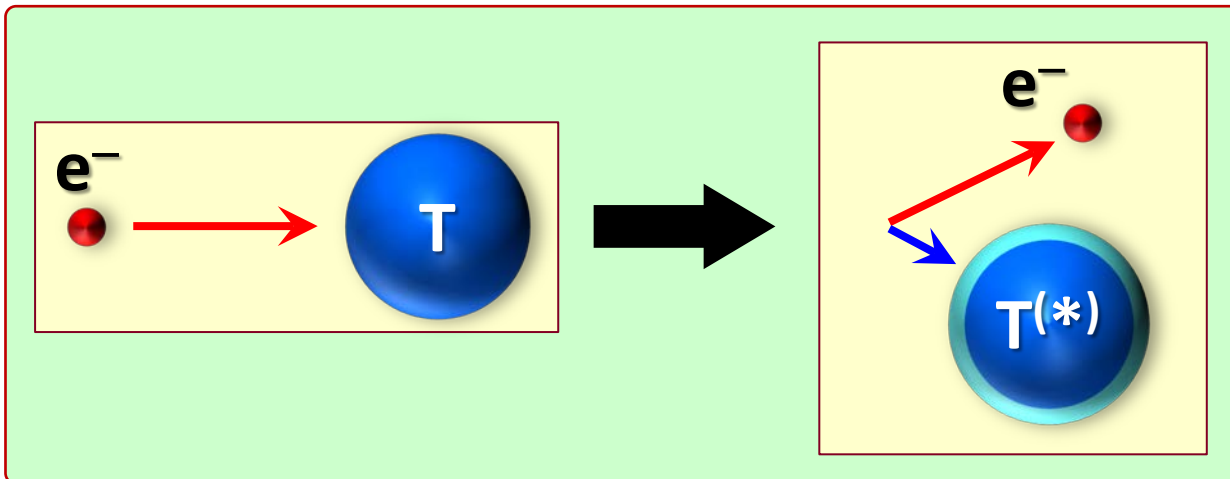
Q: is the target a **pointlike simple object** ? if not, how to probe its shape ?

A: (*à la Rutherford, but (a) he used  $\alpha$  particles, (b) he did NOT see the nucleus size*)

- take a probe: e.g. an electron ( $e^-$ ),
- study the scattering  $e^-T$ , [ $T$ =Nucl-eus/on]
- measure the cross section  $\sigma(e^-T)$ ,
- ... and the angular distribution of the  $e^-$ ;
- ... and detect the excited states or the final state hadronic system ("inelastic interactions").

Path:

1. study the kinematics (\*);
2. compute  $\sigma(e^-T)$  for pointlike nuclei in classical electrodynamics (Rutherford formula);
3. ditto in QM for spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  electrons and pointlike nuclei (Mott formula);
4. detect **deviations** from these models  $\rightarrow$  derive informations on nuclear structure;
5. **new theory**  $\rightarrow$  **smaller distance (i.e. higher  $Q^2$ )**  $\rightarrow$  **deviations**  $\rightarrow$  **newer theory**  $\rightarrow$  ...  $\rightarrow$  ...  $\rightarrow$  (**possibly ad infinitum**)



(\*) We call "kinematics" the equations which follow from space / angular momentum conservation and mass. The game is to study the "dynamics" after imposing the "kinematical" constraints.



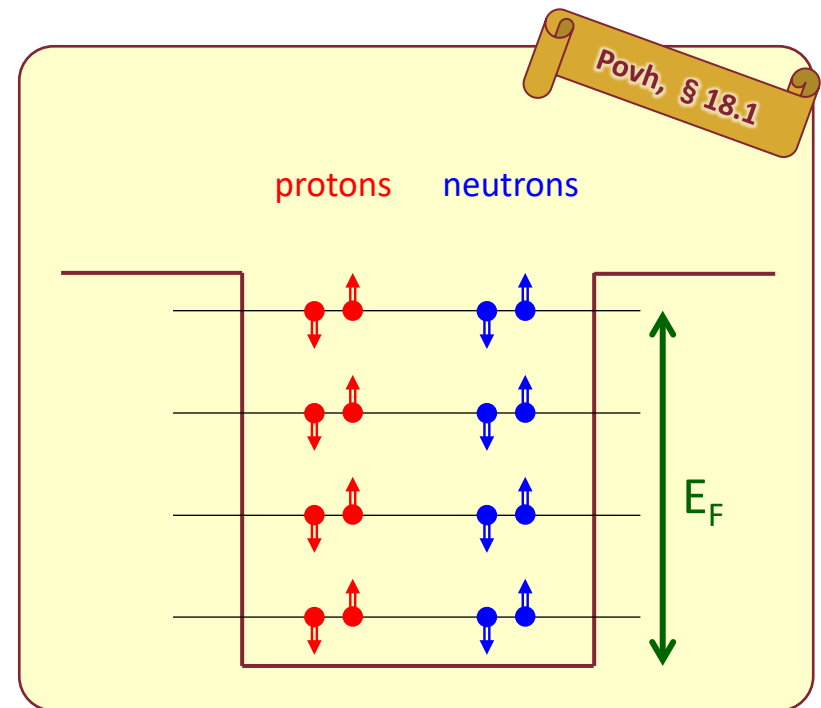
# Fermi gas model

- Nuclei are bound states of protons (p) and neutrons (n).
- A simple model: the Fermi gas:
  - p, n identical, but charge :
    - little spheres  $r = r_0$ , mass =  $m$ ;
    - spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  fermions, pure Dirac-like;
    - bound inside the nucleus, otherwise free to move;
  - define:
    - $n_{\text{neutr.}} (= N)$ ,  $n_{\text{prot.}} (= Z)$ ,  $A = N + Z$ ,
    - $p_{\text{Fermi}} (= p_F)$ ,  $E_{\text{Fermi}} (= E_F)$ ;
    - $V_{\text{Nucl}} [\propto A] = 4\pi r_0^3 A/3$ ;
  - no e.m. interactions, only nuclear  
→  $N = Z = A/2$ ,  $p_F^p = p_F^n$ ,  $E_F^p = E_F^n$  [better approx (not here): different interactions →  $p_F^p \neq p_F^n$ ];
  - uncertainty principle → each p/n fills  $V_{\text{phase space}} = [2\pi\hbar]^3$ .

Therefore:

- well-shaped potential ( $\square$ ), identical for p/n, i.e. only interactions  $p \leftrightarrow p$   $n \leftrightarrow n$ ;
- Fermi statistics → two p/n per energy level (spin  $\uparrow\downarrow$ );

[...next page...]



# Fermi gas model: results

From those approximations, an elementary computation :

$$n^{n,\uparrow} = n^{n,\downarrow} = n^{p,\uparrow} = n^{p,\downarrow} = \frac{N}{2} = \frac{Z}{2} = \frac{A}{4} =$$

$$= \frac{[V_{\text{space}} V_{\text{mom}}]_{\text{TOT}}}{[V_{\text{space}} V_{\text{mom}}]_{\text{each part}}} = \frac{\frac{4}{3}\pi r_0^3 A \times \frac{4}{3}\pi p_F^3}{[2\pi\hbar]^3} =$$

$$= \frac{2Ar_0^3 p_F^3}{9\pi\hbar^3};$$

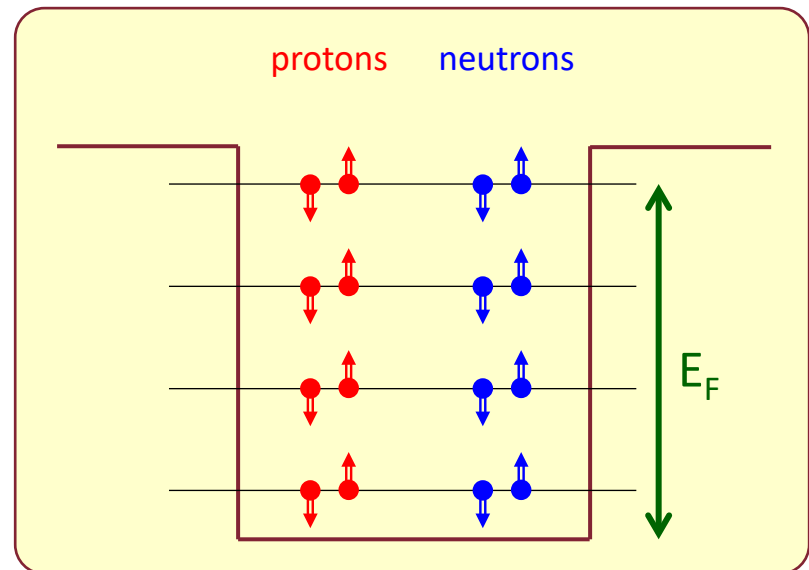
$$N = Z = \frac{A}{2} = \frac{4Ar_0^3 p_F^3}{9\pi\hbar^3}; \quad p_F = \frac{\hbar}{r_0} \sqrt[3]{9\pi/8};$$

$$r_0 \approx 1.2 \text{ fm} \rightarrow \begin{cases} p_F \approx 250 \text{ MeV}; \\ E_F^{\text{kin}} = p_F^2 / 2m \approx 33 \text{ MeV}. \end{cases}$$

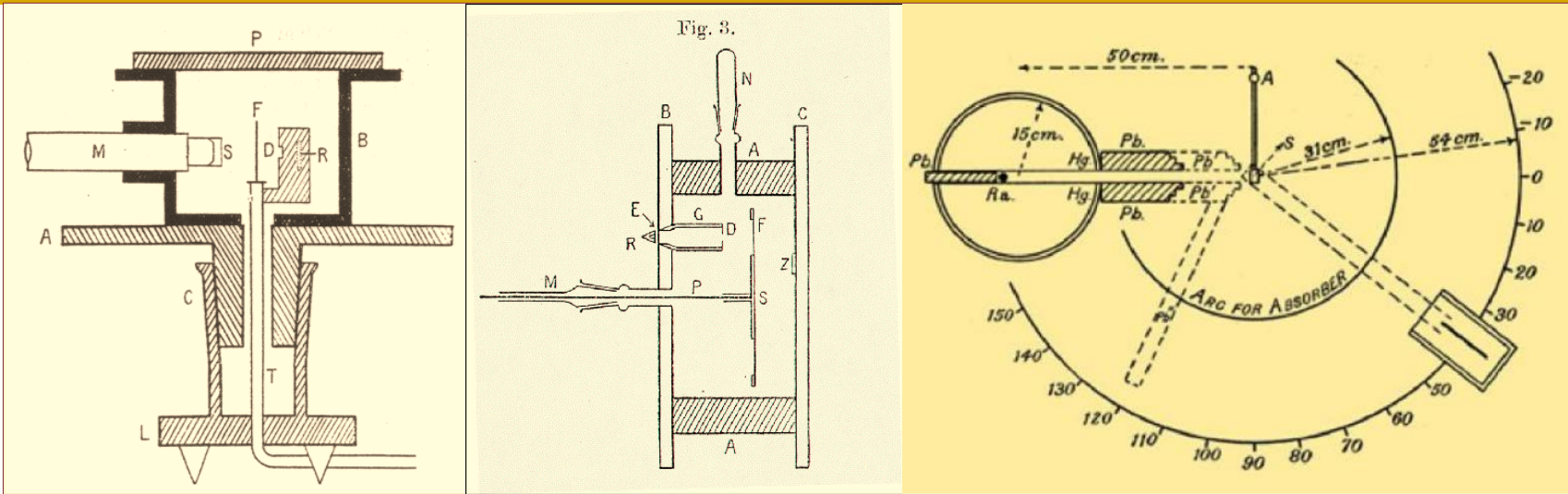
(\* fit from form factors (see later)

Conclusions :

- $V_{\text{space}} \approx \frac{4}{3}\pi r_0^3 A \rightarrow r_{\text{nucl.}} \propto A^{1/3};$
- $p_F, E_F$  not dependent on  $A$  (!!!);
- large  $p_F$ , small kin. energy;
- when  $p/n$  hit by probe ( $e^\pm/\nu$ ), if  $E_{\text{probe}} \gg 30 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow$  ignore Fermi motion.
- [more elaborated model, e.g. add e.m. and spin interactions, etc. – see literature]



# Rutherford scattering



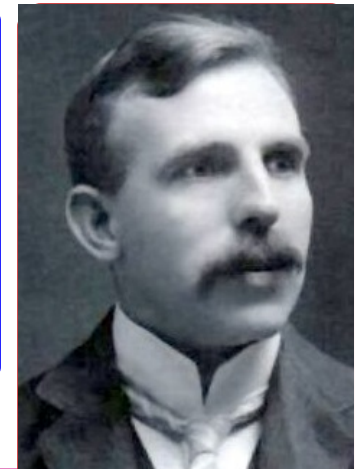
## The birth of nuclear physics

(Manchester, 1908-13):



- actually performed by H.Geiger and E.Marsden [E.M. was 20 y.o. !];
- alternative model by J.J.Thompson, with a diffused mass/charge ("soft matter");
- the first "fixed target" scattering experiment.

- *already discussed in FNSN1 (pag 25);*
- *do NOT repeat the math, simply recall the results;*
- *discussion of the physics;*
- *preparation for further steps.*



Lord Ernest Rutherford

modern simulation (look):

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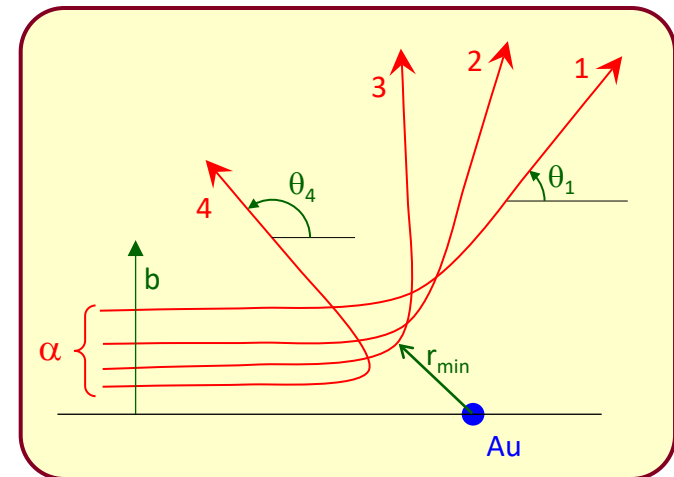


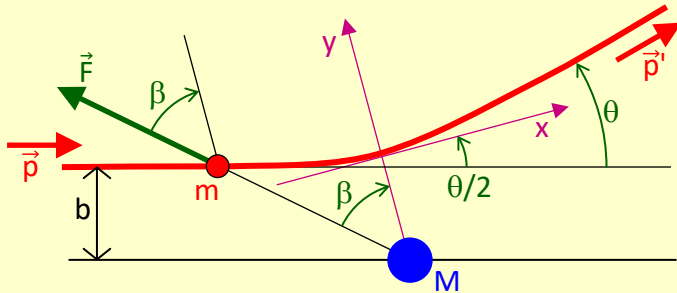
# Rutherford scattering: in a nutshell

[an incredible mix of genius, skill and luck]

- $\alpha$ -particles (i.e. ionized He)  $\rightarrow$  Au foil;
  - $E_{\alpha}^{\text{kin}} \approx \text{few MeV}$ ;
  - sometimes, the  $\alpha$  was scattered by  $\theta > 90^\circ$ ; \*VERY\* rare in reality, but impossible if matter were soft and homogeneous;
  - only explanation: "matter" actually concentrated in small heavy bodies ("nuclei");
- $\rightarrow$  the "matter" is essentially empty;
- how model the scattering ? Rutherford tried with a two-body scattering with Coulomb (electrostatic) force;
  - **success !!!** [within their limited observation capabilities]

- a key point: the nucleus is small enough, that the  $\alpha$  "sees" always its full charge;
- [remember the Gauss' theorem: if impact parameter  $b > r_{\text{Nucleus}}$ , only see an effective point-like charge]
- but the matter is neutral ! yes, but the electrons are so light, that they cannot stop/deflect the  $\alpha$  ( $m_e/m_{\alpha} \approx 1/8,000$ ).





$\alpha$  ( $m, z$ )  $\rightarrow$  nucleus ( $M, Z$ ):

- $\vec{v}_{\alpha, \text{init}} = \vec{v}$ ,  $\vec{v}_{\alpha, \text{final}} = \vec{v}'$ ,  $\vec{v}_{\text{nucleus}} = 0$ ;
- $\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$ ,  $\vec{p}' = m\vec{v}'$ ,  $m \ll M$ ;
- Coulomb force only ( $\vec{F}$ );
- $v \ll c \rightarrow$  non-relativistic;
- elastic  $\rightarrow |\vec{p}'| = |\vec{p}|$ ;
- conserve  $E$ , ang. mom  $\vec{L}$ ;
- $\Delta p_x = 0$  because of symmetry, only  $\Delta p_y$  matters;
- integral over  $\beta$ , the angle wrt  $\hat{y}$ ;
- if attractive force (e.g.  $+ -$ ),  $M \rightarrow$  the other focus of the hyperbola.

$$\Delta p = |\vec{p}' - \vec{p}| = 2p \sin(\theta/2);$$

$$|\vec{L}| = pb = |\vec{r} \times m\vec{v}| = |\vec{r} \times m(\frac{dr}{dt}\hat{r} + r\frac{d\beta}{dt}\hat{\beta})| = mr^2 \frac{d\beta}{dt};$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta p_y &= 2p \sin(\theta/2) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt F_y = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \frac{zZe^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\cos\beta}{r(t)^2} = \\ &= \int_{-(\pi-\theta)/2}^{(\pi-\theta)/2} \frac{zZe^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\cos\beta}{\chi^2} \frac{m\chi^2}{pb} d\beta = \frac{zZe^2}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{m}{pb} \cos(\theta/2); \end{aligned}$$

$$\tan(\theta/2) = \frac{zZe^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{m}{p^2 b} \rightarrow db = -\frac{zZe^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{m}{p^2} \frac{d\theta}{2\sin^2(\theta/2)}.$$

$$d\sigma = 2\pi b db = 2\pi \left( \frac{zZe^2 m}{4\pi\epsilon_0 p^2} \right)^2 \frac{d\theta}{2 \tan(\theta/2) \sin^2(\theta/2)};$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left( \frac{zZe^2 m}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right)^2 \frac{1}{4p^4 \sin^4(\theta/2)} = \left( \frac{zZe^2 m}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \right)^2 \frac{1}{|\vec{p}' - \vec{p}|^4}.$$

$$d\Omega = 2\pi \sin\theta d\theta = 4\pi \sin(\theta/2) \cos(\theta/2) d\theta$$

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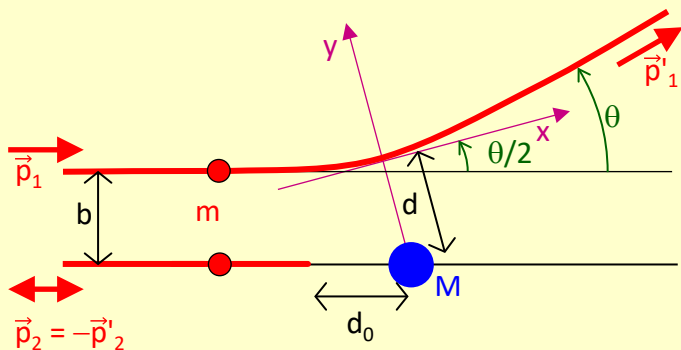
## Useful formulas

$$d_0 = r_{\min}(b=0) = \frac{zZe^2}{2\pi\epsilon_0 m v^2};$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{d_0}{2b};$$

$$d = r_{\min}(b) = \frac{d_0 + \sqrt{d_0^2 + 4b^2}}{2} = \frac{d_0}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sin(\theta/2)} \right);$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{d_0^2}{16\sin^4(\theta/2)} \xrightarrow{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{d_0^2}{\theta^4}.$$



- [if force attractive (e.g.  $+ -$ ),  $\vec{F} \rightarrow -\vec{F}$ , then  $\theta \rightarrow -\theta$ , but everything else equal, e.g. same  $d\sigma/d\Omega$ ];
- consider a particle  $\vec{p}_2$  with  $b=0 \rightarrow \theta_2 = 180^\circ$ ;
- define  $d_0$  = "distance of closest approach" the  $r_{\min}$  for it (when  $r=d_0$ , the particle is at rest);
- $d_0$  is easily computed from energy conservation;
- define  $d_0 = (zZe^2)/(2\pi\epsilon_0 m v^2)$  also for  $b \neq 0$ ;
- write  $\theta$  and  $d\sigma/d\Omega$  as functions of  $d_0$ ;  $1/2$
- define  $d$  as  $r_{\min}$ , when  $b \neq 0$ ;
- $d$  is computed from  $E$  and  $\vec{L}$  conservation [*hint in the box,  $v_0$  is the velocity in  $d$* ]:

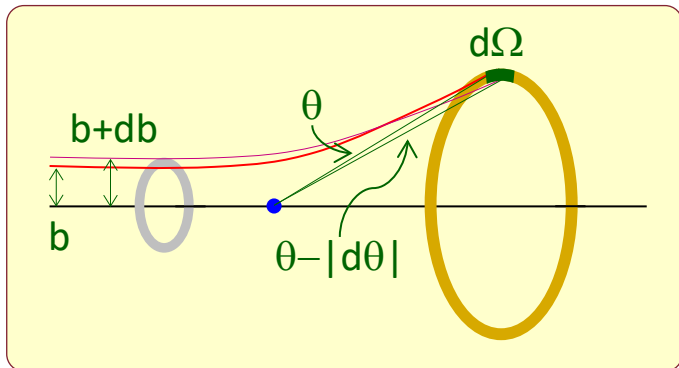
$$\vec{L} \text{ conserv} \rightarrow mbv = mdv_0 \rightarrow v_0/v = b/d$$

$$E \text{ conserv} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 + \frac{zZe^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d} = \frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv^2 d_0/d$$

$$\rightarrow (v_0/v)^2 = (b/d)^2 = 1 - d_0/d \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow d^2 - dd_0 - b^2 = 0 \rightarrow d = \dots$$

# Rutherford scattering: $d\sigma/d\Omega$

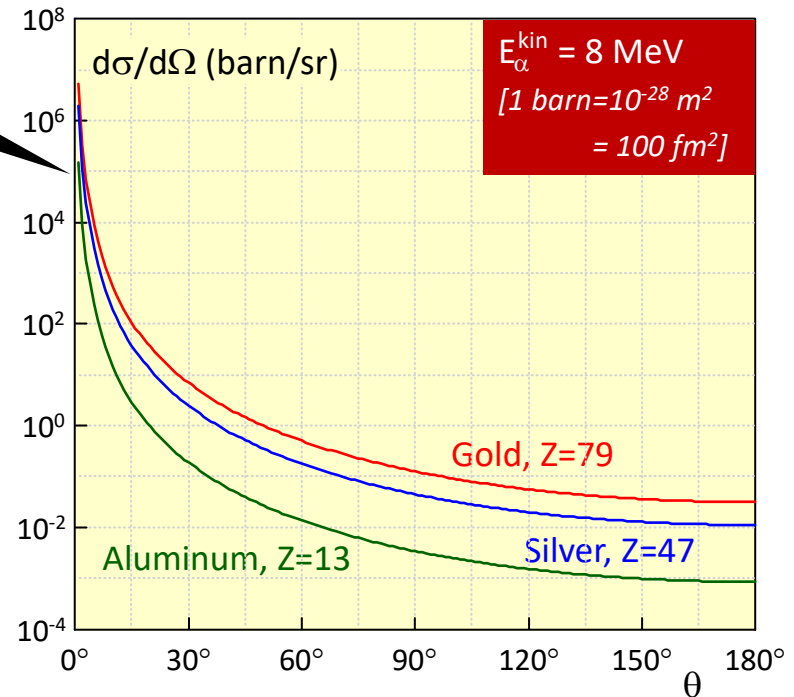


$\rightarrow \infty ?$

- [the calculations above are *\*NOT\** difficult in math: Newton could have done all 200 years earlier, had the correct model been made];
- the real difficulty was to assess whether the matter is soft and continuous or granular and "empty";
- $b$  large  $\rightarrow \theta$  small  $\rightarrow d\sigma/d\Omega \rightarrow \infty$  [cutoff provided by other Au nuclei].

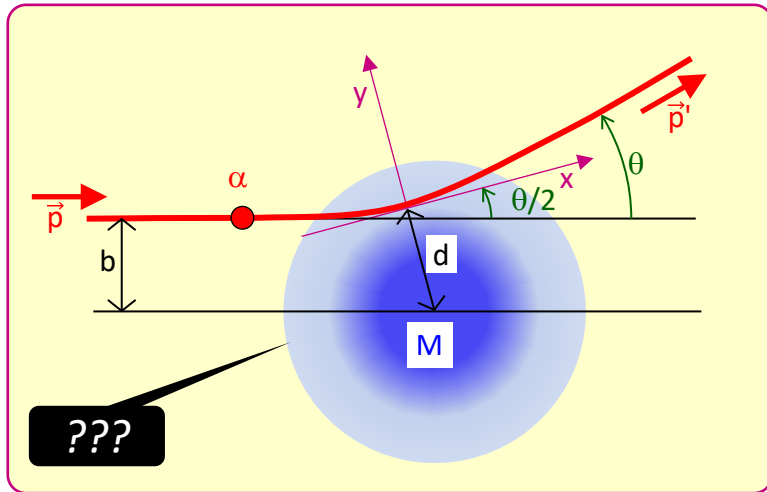
## A long and thorough investigation:

- 1909: found some events  $\theta > 90^\circ$ : big shock;
- 1911: falsification of the Thomson model, correct assumptions, check of  $d\sigma/d\Omega$  in the range  $30^\circ$ – $50^\circ$ ;
- 1913: check of  $d\sigma/d\Omega$  in the range  $5^\circ$ – $150^\circ$ ;



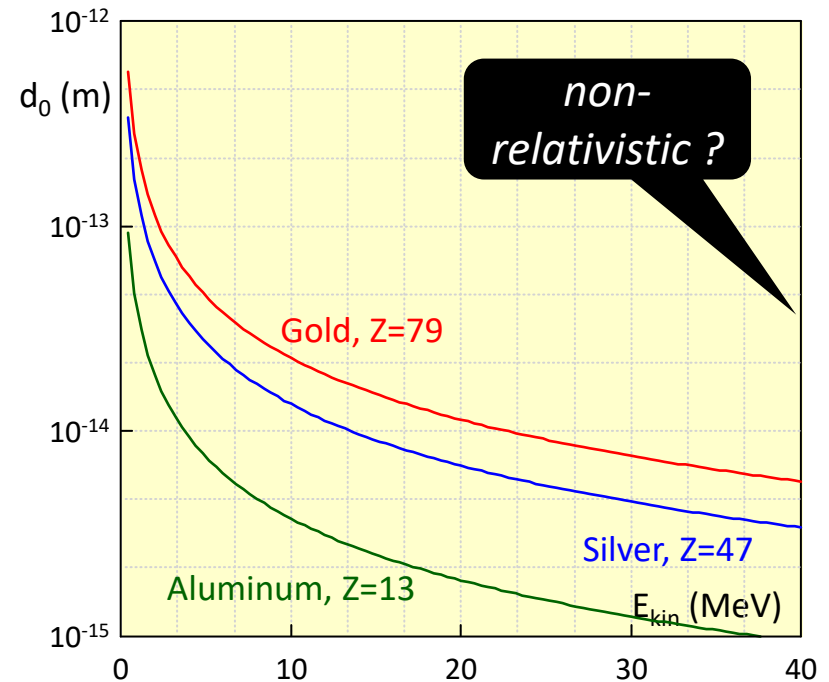
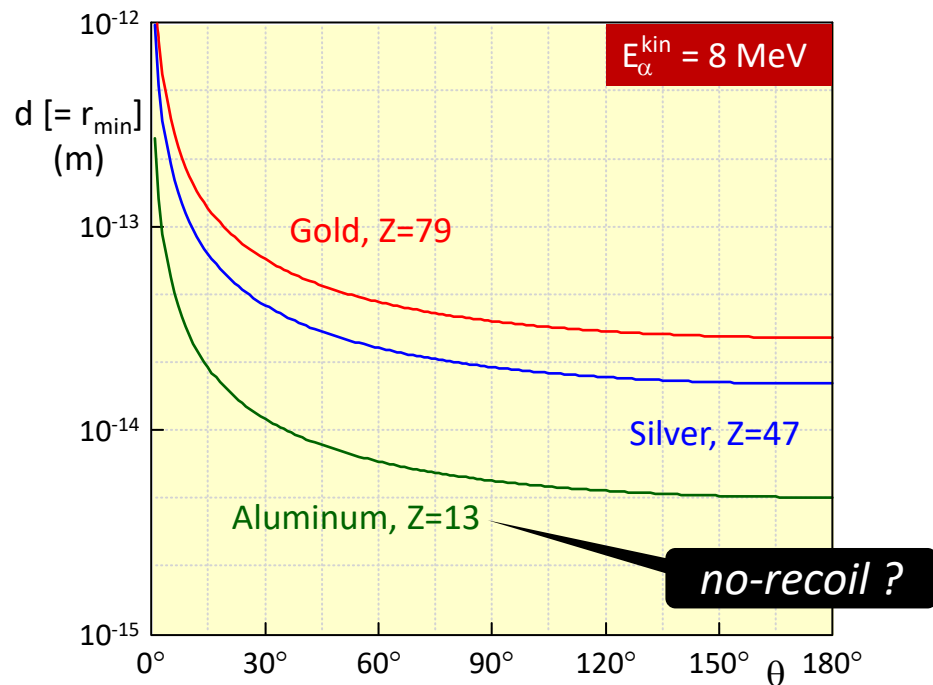
- check that yield  $\propto$  thickness of Au foil;
- other nuclei : check that yield  $\propto Z^2$  [roughly];
- however Rutherford model clearly inconsistent in its "planetary" part: acceleration of charged electrons  $\rightarrow$  radiation  $\rightarrow$  collapse;
- after birth of QM, Rutherford computation redone in Born approx :  $\rightarrow$  same  $d\sigma/d\Omega$  [big luck !] + no more inconsistency [next slides].

# Rutherford scattering: $R_{\text{nucleus}}$



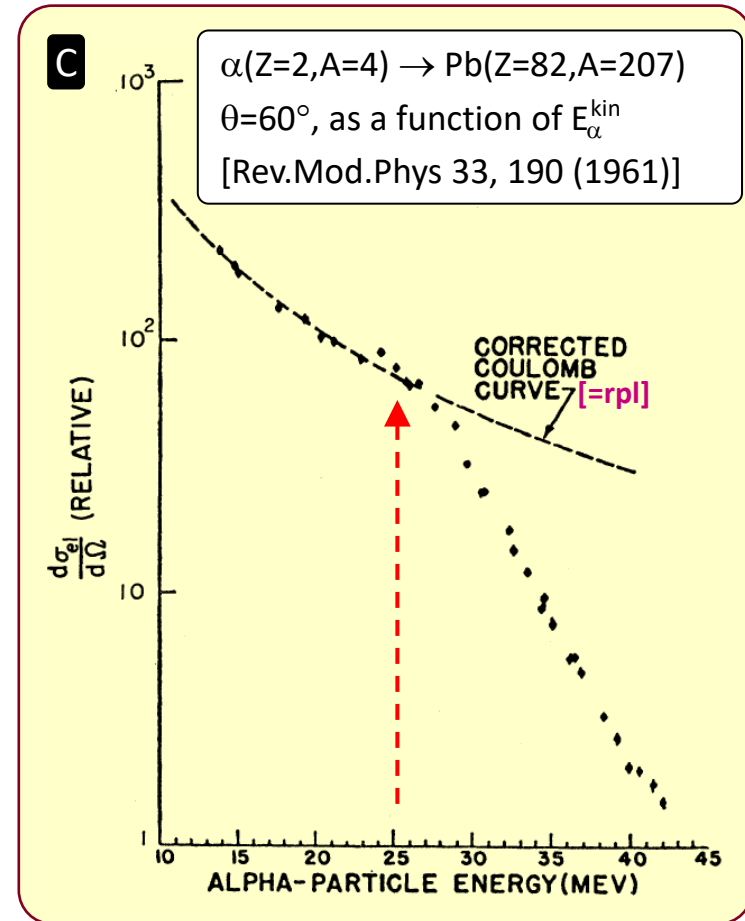
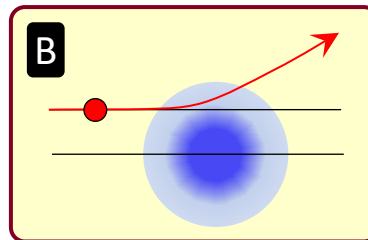
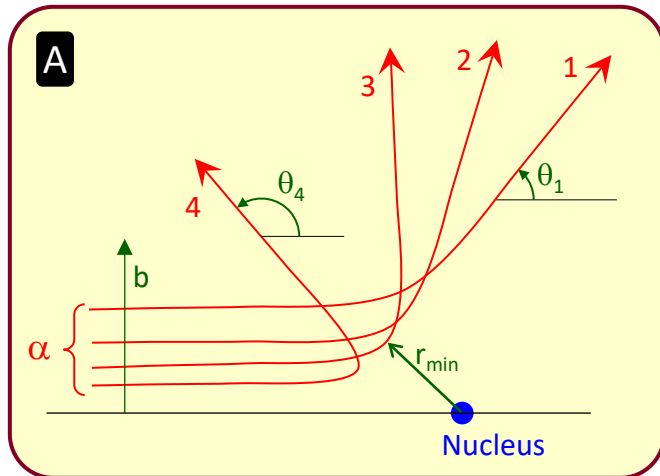
## How large is the nucleus ?

- [remember the Gauss' theorem]
- if the  $\alpha$  trajectory is completely external to the nucleus, it does *\*NOT\** probe its (*possible*) structure;
- the Rutherford experiment could only limit  $R_{\text{nucleus}} < 10^{-14}$  m [*still an important result !*];
- to "see"  $10^{-15}$  m  $\rightarrow$  probes with  $E_{\text{kin}} > 20 \div 30$  MeV.



# Rutherford scattering: measure $R_{\text{nucleus}}$

- plot [A]:  $b$  and  $r_{\text{min}}$  could **\*NOT\*** be measured directly for each event, but Rutherford point-like law ( $rpl$ ) relates  $b \leftrightarrow \theta$ ; in fact  $b_{\text{small}} \leftrightarrow \theta_{\text{large}}$ ;
- plot [B]: the Gauss' theorem predicts a deviation from  $rpl$ , when ( $E_{\alpha}^{\text{kin}}$  large)  $\rightarrow (r_{\text{min}} < R_{\text{nucleus}}) \rightarrow$  shielding  $\rightarrow$  "smaller  $\theta$ ";
- plot [C] (**1961 !!!**): a "Rutherford-like" scattering  $\alpha$ -Pb; at  $\theta=60^\circ$ , deviation for  $E_{\alpha}^{\text{kin}} > 25$  MeV;
- at high  $\theta$ , point-like target  $\rightarrow$  larger  $\sigma$ , soft target  $\rightarrow$  smaller  $\sigma$  (deviations from  $rpl$  related to size of target) [please, remember].



Q. find  $r_{\text{min}}$  for Pb,  $\theta = 60^\circ$ ,  $E_{\alpha}^{\text{kin}} = 25$  MeV

A.  $r_{\text{min}} = [\text{pointing hand icon} \text{ formula}] = 14$  fm.



# interlude: a funny question



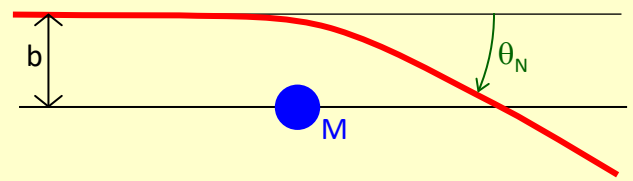
Define a "Newton photon" ( $\gamma_N$ ) as a very light classic corpuscle with speed "c", which carries light [*remember Newton theory of light*].

Q : is  $\gamma_N$  deflected in a gravitational field ?  
how much ?

- [*careful:  $\gamma_N$  is \*NOT\* a classic e.m. wave, which follows Maxwell equations in vacuum*];
- the answer is "yes" (!!!): in a gravitational field, all bodies are accelerated, independent of their mass (Galileo experiment);
- compute the scattering à la Rutherford, then send  $m_\gamma \rightarrow 0$  [see box];
- the question is almost meaningless, but the answer is interesting; in general relativity:

$$\theta_{GR} = 4GM/bc^2 = 2\theta_N (!!!).$$

[see Perkins, Particle Astrophysics, pag. 159].



Rutherford scattering :

$$\tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{zZe^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{m}{p^2 b};$$

$$\left[ \frac{zZe^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right]_{\text{Rutherford /Coulomb}} \rightarrow [GMm]_{\text{Newton}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan \frac{\theta_N}{2} &= GMm \frac{m}{p^2 b} = \frac{GM}{b} \frac{m^2}{m^2 c^2} = \\ &= \frac{GM}{bc^2} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{not dependent} \\ \text{on } m, \text{ if } m \neq 0 \end{array} \right. ; \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta_N \text{ small} \rightarrow \theta_N = \frac{2GM}{bc^2}.$$

*This is a collection of kinematical computations. It is probably useful to have all in the same place. Notice that here we work in the LAB sys (= N at rest), not in the CM.*

This chapter (and many others) deals with scattering. A "probe", usually assumed point-like (e.g.  $e^\pm$ ) hits a hadronic complex system (a nucleus) [see box].

In the final state, the probe emerges unchanged, while the nucleus may or may not survive intact:

- elastic scattering, when the nucleus is unchanged, i.e. *identical initial and final state particles* ( $W=M$ );
- excitation, when the nucleus in the final state is excited, i.e. heavier ( $W = M^* > M$ );
- a new hadronic system, with  $n$  particles ( $i=1\dots n$ ):

$$E_H = \sum_{i=1}^n E_i; \quad \vec{p}_H = \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{p}_i;$$

$$W = \sqrt{(E_H)^2 - (p_H)^2} = M_{\text{had. sys.}} > M.$$

The underlying idea is to study (*understand* ?) the structure of the hadrons by observing the scattering.

$e^-N \rightarrow e^-H$

Nucleus  $(M, \vec{0})$

Electron  $e^-$   $(E, \vec{p})$

$(E', \vec{p}')$

$(E_H, \vec{p}_H)$

electron  $e^\pm$  :  $\begin{cases} (E, \vec{p}; m) & [\text{init.}] \\ (E', \vec{p}'; m) & [\text{fin.}] \end{cases}$

had. sys. :  $\begin{cases} (M, \vec{0}; M) & [\text{init.}] \\ (E_H, \vec{p}_H; W) & [\text{fin.}] \end{cases}$

4-mom cons.  $\rightarrow \begin{cases} \vec{p} + \vec{0} = \vec{p}' + \vec{p}_H; \\ E + M = E' + E_H. \end{cases}$





# kinematics: elastic scattering

- To begin with, assume elastic scattering, i.e. "H" = N;
- Define, in the target nucleus ref.sys. :

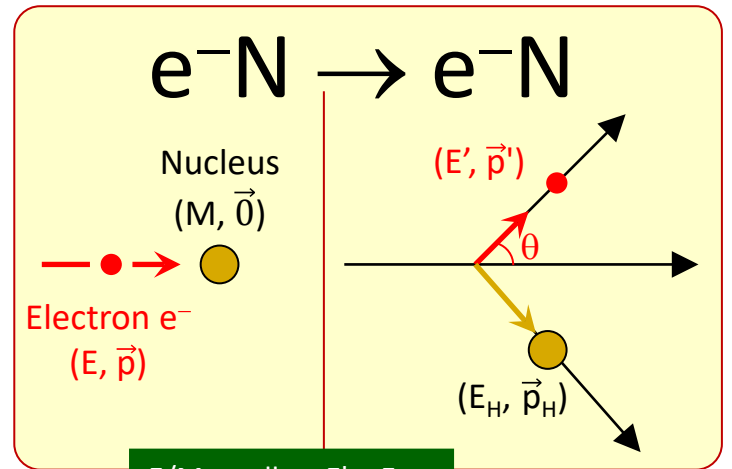
$$\text{electron } e^\pm : \begin{cases} (E, \vec{p}; m) & [\text{init.}] \\ (E', \vec{p}'; m) & [\text{fin.}] \end{cases}$$

$$\text{nucleus} : \begin{cases} (M, \vec{0}; M) & [\text{init.}] \\ (E_H, \vec{p}_H; M) & [\text{fin.}] \end{cases}$$

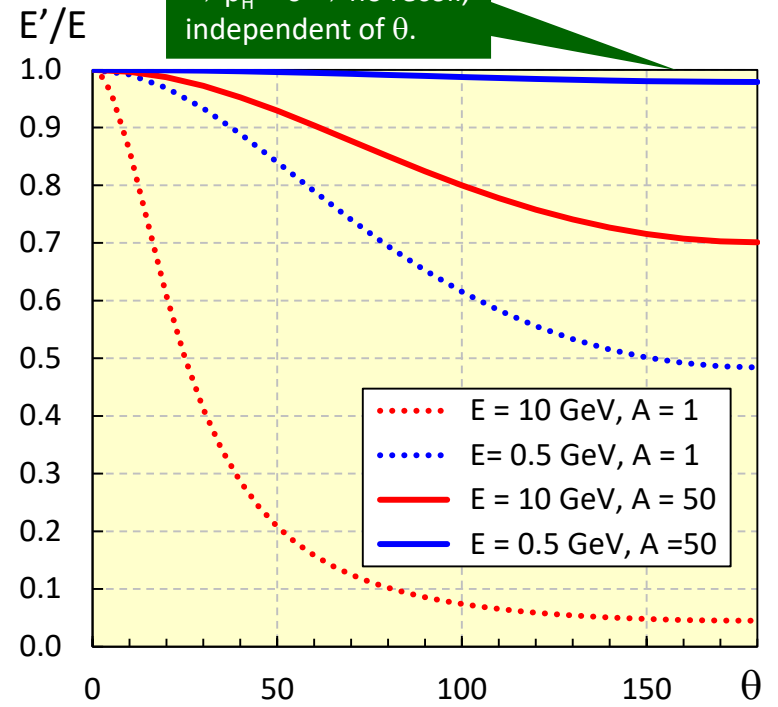
- 4-mom cons.  $\rightarrow \begin{cases} \vec{p} + \vec{0} = \vec{p}' + \vec{p}_H; \\ E + M = E' + E_H. \end{cases}$
- The relation between the observed quantities (E, E',  $\theta$ ) is [next slide] :

$$E' = \frac{E}{1 + \frac{E}{M}(1 - \cos\theta)} = \frac{E}{1 + \frac{2E}{M}\sin^2(\theta/2)} \approx |\vec{p}'|;$$

- Therefore, for known initial energy E and fixed M, the final state is defined by one independent variable (E' or  $\theta$ ).



E/M small  $\rightarrow E' \approx E$   
 $\rightarrow p_H \approx 0 \rightarrow$  no recoil, independent of  $\theta$ .





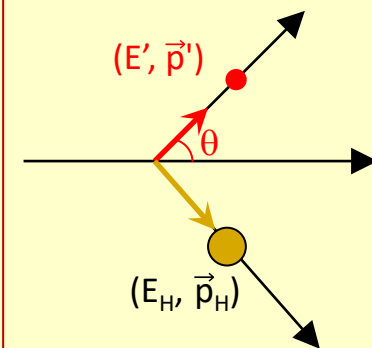
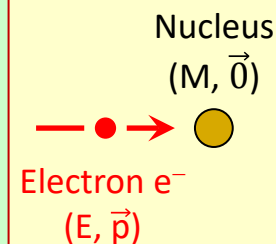
$$\begin{cases} e_{\text{init}}^- & (E, \vec{p}; m); \\ N_{\text{init}} & (M, \vec{0}; M); \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} e_{\text{fin}}^- & (E', \vec{p}'; m); \\ H_{\text{fin}} & (E_H, \vec{p}_H; M); \end{cases}$$

$$\text{4-momentum conservation} \quad \begin{cases} E + M = E' + E_H \rightarrow E_H = E + M - E'; \\ \vec{p} + \vec{0} = \vec{p}' + \vec{p}_H \rightarrow \vec{p}_H = \vec{p} - \vec{p}'; \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Square and subtract} \quad \begin{cases} (E_H)^2 - (\vec{p}_H)^2 = M^2 = (E^2 + M^2 + E'^2 + 2EM - 2EE' - 2ME') - (p^2 + p'^2 - 2pp' \cos \theta); \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Ultra-relativistic approx. } (m_e \ll E, E') \rightarrow (p \approx E, p' \approx E') \quad \begin{cases} M^2 = E^2 + M^2 + E'^2 + 2EM - 2EE' - 2ME' - E'^2 - E'^2 + 2EE' \cos \theta; \\ 0 = EM - EE' - ME' + EE' \cos \theta = EM - E'[E(1 - \cos \theta) + M]; \end{cases}$$

$$E' = \frac{EM}{M + E(1 - \cos \theta)} = \frac{E}{1 + \frac{2E}{M} \sin^2 \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right)} \quad \text{q.e.d.}$$



NB – The reaction is planar (why?). The final state is defined by 6 variables. There are 3  $(E, \vec{p})$  conservations and 2  $(m^2 = E^2 - p^2)$  rules. Therefore:  $6 - 5 = 1$  independent variable.

# kinematics: Q<sup>2</sup> in elastic scattering

- in the following,  $(E, \vec{p}, E', \vec{p}', m, M, \theta)$ ;

$[m = m_e \text{ small} \rightarrow E \approx |\vec{p}|, E' \approx |\vec{p}'|]$

- new (not independent) variable:

$\vec{q} \equiv \vec{p} - \vec{p}'$  "momentum transfer";

$[E/M \text{ small} \rightarrow p' = p \rightarrow |\vec{q}| = 2|\vec{p}|\sin(\theta/2)]$

- relativistic equivalent ( $p$  and  $p'$  are 4-mom):

$q \equiv p - p'$   $[=(E - E', \vec{p} - \vec{p}')]$ ;

$Q^2 \equiv -q^2 = -2m_e^2 + 2EE' - 2|\vec{p}||\vec{p}'|\cos\theta$   
 $\approx 4EE'\sin^2(\theta/2)$  [defined  $\rightarrow Q^2 > 0$ ];

$\cancel{E}' = \frac{EM}{M + 2E\sin^2(\theta/2)} = \frac{EM}{M + Q^2/(2E')} =$   
 $= \frac{2\cancel{E}'EM}{2E'M + Q^2} \rightarrow 2EM = 2E'M + Q^2$

$\rightarrow Q^2 = 2M(E - E')$

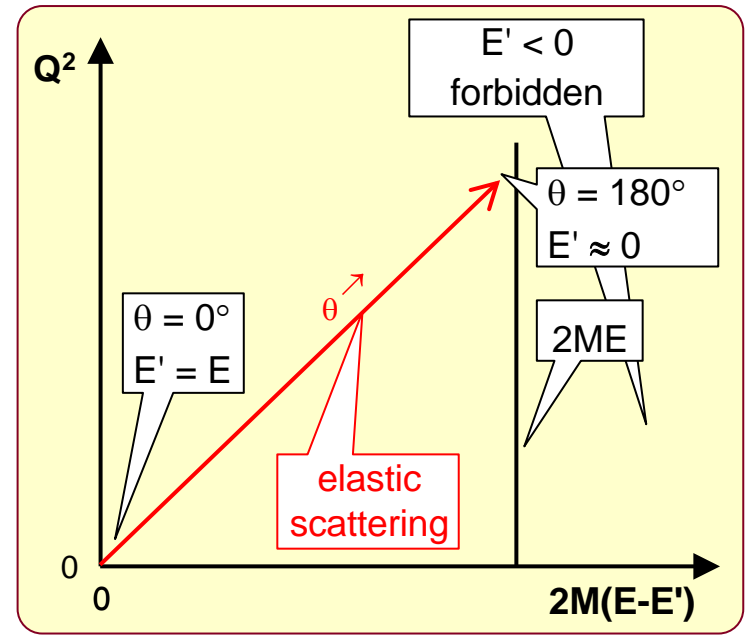
- [for elastic scattering one independent variable  $\rightarrow E' = E'(\theta), Q^2 = Q^2(E')$ ];

Study the kinematical limits:

- $\theta = 0^\circ : E' = E; Q^2 = 0;$
- $\theta = 180^\circ : E - E' = E \frac{M+2E}{M+2E} - \frac{EM}{M+2E} = \frac{2E^2}{M+2E}$   
 $(E \gg M): E - E' = E \rightarrow E' \approx 0;$

- in conclusion  $E > E' > "0"$ .

- Plot  $Q^2$  vs  $2M(E - E')$ : only a segment allowed [useless for elastic scatt., but ...]:



# kinematics: why $|\vec{q}|$ , $Q^2$

an advance of dynamics

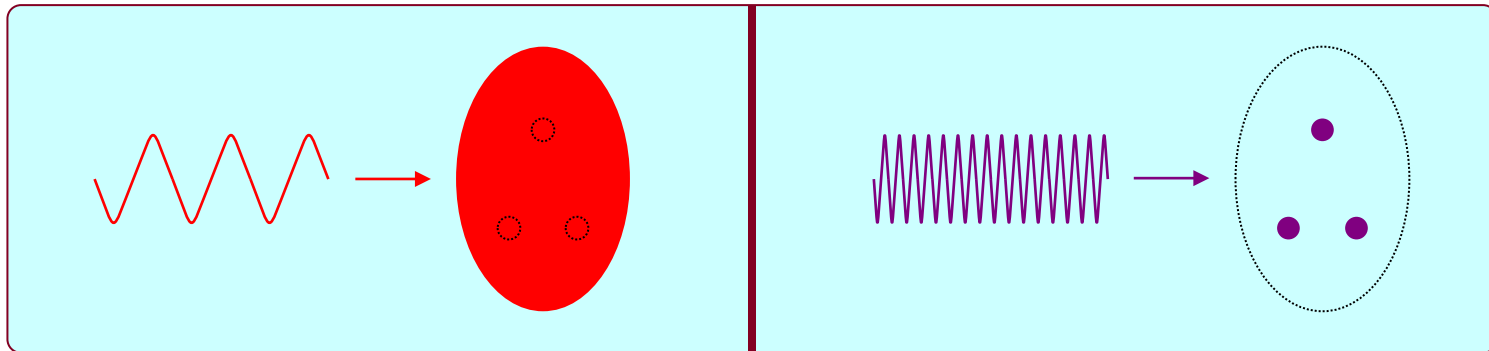
The variable  $\vec{q}$  is *very* important:

- [if relativistic, use  $Q^2$  or its root  $\sqrt{Q^2}$ ];
- it is related to the deBroglie wavelength of the probe:  $\lambda = \hbar/|\vec{q}|$ ;
- it represents the "scale" of the scattering;
- i.e. structures smaller than  $\lambda \sim 1/|\vec{q}|$  are not "visible" to the probe;
- [the uncertainty principle  $\Delta p \Delta x \geq \hbar/2$  leads to the same conclusion – *actually it is exactly the same argument*];

Comments:

- large  $|\vec{q}| \rightarrow$  large  $E$ , but not necessarily the opposite: high-energy & large distance processes do exist;
- the quest for smaller scales leads inevitably to larger  $Q^2$  and therefore to larger  $E$  [ $\rightarrow$  money and resources...]

[as usual] sometimes in the literature the notation is confusing:  $Q^2 = -t$ , see later;



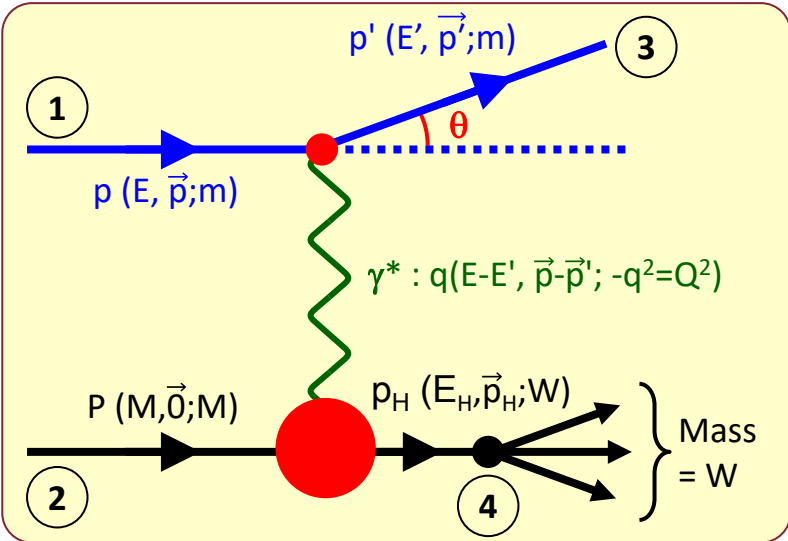
- popular understanding:  
higher  $Q^2 \rightarrow$  smaller distance  $\rightarrow$   
 $\rightarrow$  "better microscope".

- conclusion:  
 $Q^2$  is an important variable, possibly the most important in modern particle physics.

# kinematics: the inelastic case

[in general,  $\ell N \rightarrow \ell' H$  ( $\ell, \ell'$  generic leptons); the kinematics is the same, if  $E_\ell, E_{\ell'} \gg m_\ell, m_{\ell'}$ ]

- Kinematical variables ( $\ell N \rightarrow \ell' H$ ):
- [ $\ell' = \ell, H = N \rightarrow$  elastic];
  - 4-mom. in LAB sys ( $\equiv$  had CM);
  - $p_1 = p, p_2 = P, p_3 = p', p_4 = p_H$ ;
  - $q = p' - p$  [as in previous slides];



Lorentz – invariant variables:

- $\nu = q \cdot P / M = E - E'$  [= energy lost by  $e^-$ ];
- $Q^2 = -q^2 = 2(E E' - p p' \cos \theta) - m^2 - m^2 \approx 4 E E' \sin^2 (\theta/2)$  [= - module of the 4-momentum transfer];
- $x = Q^2 / (2 M \nu)$  [later : x-Bjorken  $x_B$ , the fraction of the hadron 4-momentum carried by the interacting parton];
- $y = (q \cdot P) / (p \cdot P) = \nu / E$  [= the fraction of the energy lost by the lepton in the target frame];
- $W^2 = (p_H)^2 = (P + q)^2 = M^2 - Q^2 + 2 M \nu$  [= (mass)<sup>2</sup> of the hadron system in the final state] :  $W = M$  if elastic;
- [with these variables, the (energy)<sup>2</sup> in the CM is  $s = (p+P)^2 = (p'+p_H)^2$ ]

[next slide]





$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} e_{\text{init}}^- \\ N_{\text{init}} \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p(E, \vec{p}; m_\ell); \\ P(M, \vec{0}; M); \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} e_{\text{fin}}^- \\ N_{\text{fin}} \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p'(E', \vec{p}'; m_\ell); \\ p_H(E_H, \vec{p}_H; W); \end{array} \right.$$

$p, p', P, P_H, q, Q^2, M, v, x, y, W^2$   
Lorentz invariant;

$E, E', \dots$  Lab sys (=  $P$  at rest).

$m \ll M$  (safe approx);

$$q = p - p' = (E - E', \vec{p} - \vec{p}');$$

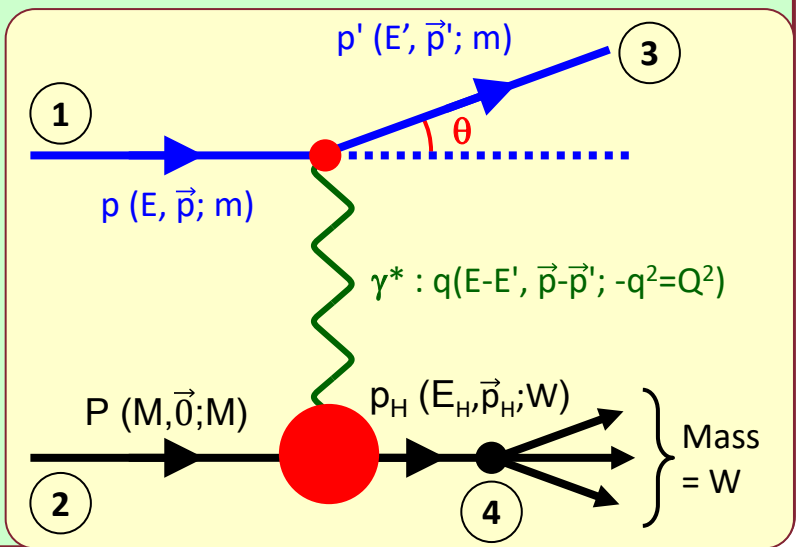
$$q^2 = m^2 + m^2 - 2EE' + 2pp' \cos \theta \approx -2EE'(1 - \cos \theta) = -4EE' \sin^2 \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \equiv -Q^2;$$

$$v \equiv \frac{q \cdot P}{M} = \frac{(E - E')M}{M} = (E - E');$$

warning:  $x_b$  is very interesting, see later

$$x \equiv \frac{Q^2}{2Mv}; \quad y \equiv \frac{q \cdot P}{p \cdot P} = \frac{(E - E')M}{EM} = \frac{E - E'}{E} = \frac{v}{E};$$

$$W^2 = p_H^2 = (P + q)^2 = M^2 - Q^2 + 2Mv.$$

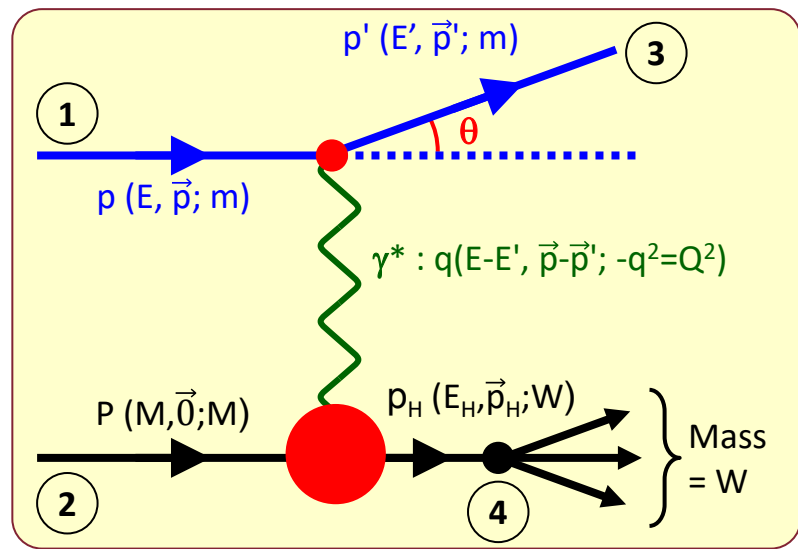


# kinematics: the inelastic case - remarks

Remarks :

- a lot of kinematical relations, e.g.
  - $W^2 = M^2 + 2MEy(1-x);$
  - $Q^2 = 2MExy;$
  - $s = M^2 + m^2 + Q^2/(xy);$
- in the elastic case  $eN \rightarrow eN$  [ $ep \rightarrow ep$ ],  $v$  and  $Q^2$  are NOT independent :
  - $W^2 = M^2 = (P + q)^2 = M^2 - Q^2 + 2 Mv$
  - $\rightarrow Q^2 = 2Mv \rightarrow Q^2 / (2Mv) = x = 1;$
- therefore (obviously) in the elastic case, there is only one independent parameter ( $E'$  or  $\theta$ , choice according to the meas.);
- instead, in the inelastic scattering :
  - $Q^2 = M^2 + 2 Mv - W^2 =$
  - $= 2Mv - (W^2 - M^2) \leq 2Mv \rightarrow x \leq 1;$
 if  $W$  not fixed,  $Q^2$  and  $v$  are independent;

- therefore, in the inelastic case, there are two independent variables;
- in the analysis, choose two among all variables, according to convenience, e.g.:  $(E', \theta), (Q^2, v), (x, y).$



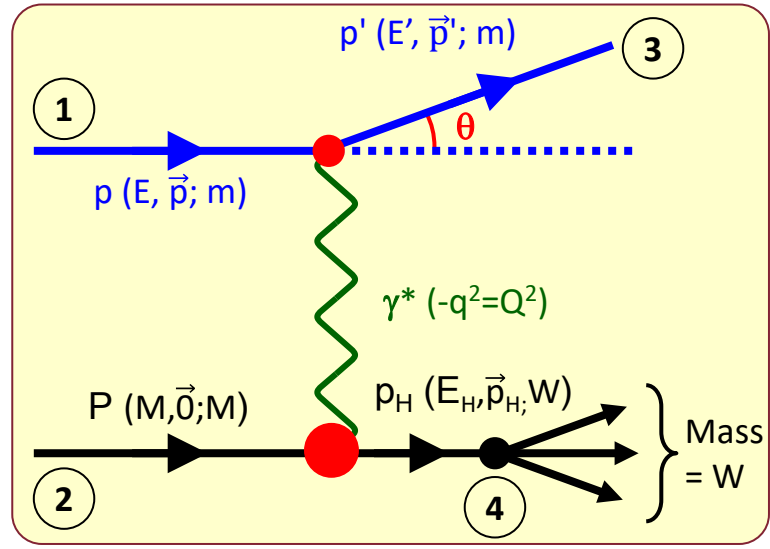
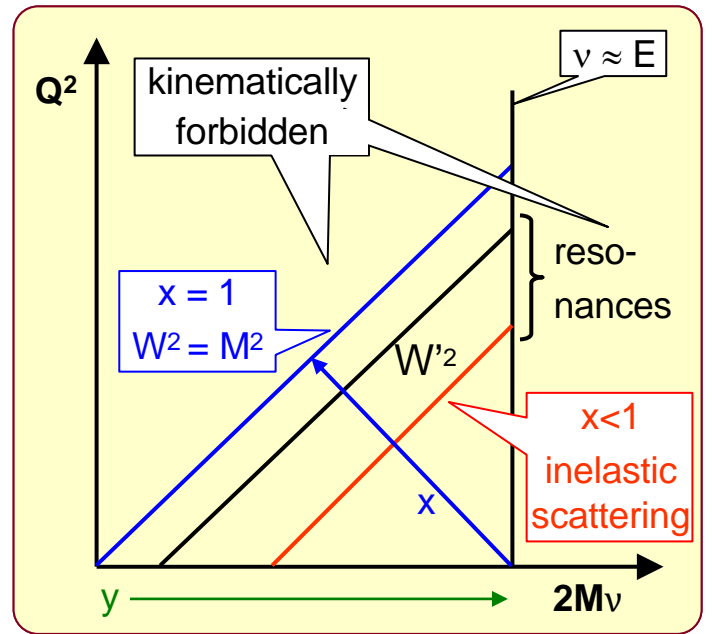
# kinematics: deep inelastic scattering



Redefine the kinematics of the scattering process in the plane ( $Q^2$  vs  $v$ ) [more precisely ( $Q^2$  vs  $2Mv$ )]:

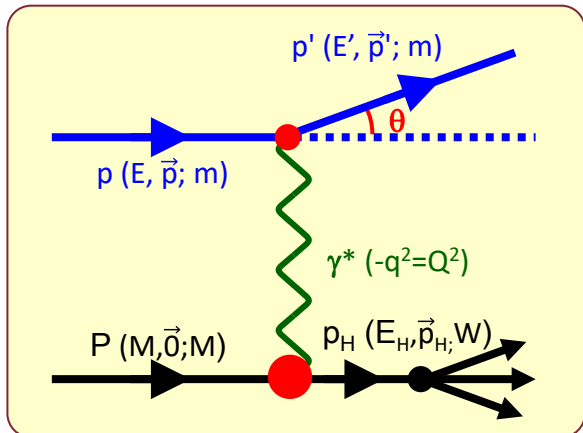
- both are Lorentz-invariant [but usually used in the lab. frame, where the initial state hadron is at rest];
- $v = E - E' \rightarrow 0 \leq v \leq E \rightarrow$  only a band is allowed;
- $Q^2 = 4 EE' \sin^2(\theta/2) \geq 0 \rightarrow$  only the 1<sup>st</sup> quadrant;
- $x = Q^2 / (2Mv) \leq 1 \rightarrow 0 \leq x \leq 1 \rightarrow$  only "lower triangle";
- $y = (q \cdot P) / (p \cdot P) = v / E \rightarrow 0 \leq y \leq 1;$
- $W^2 = M^2 + 2Mv - Q^2 \rightarrow$  the bisector  $x=1$  (" $/$ ") defines the elastic scattering, where  $W^2 = M^2$ ;
- on the bisector, only  $\theta$  varies :  $\theta = 0 \rightarrow Q^2 = v = 0$ ;
- the loci  $W'^2 = \text{constant}$  are lines parallel to the bisector  $\rightarrow$  some of them define the excited states (one shown in fig.);
- at higher distance from the bisector we have the deep inelastic scattering (DIS) and (possibly) new physics.

[see next slide]

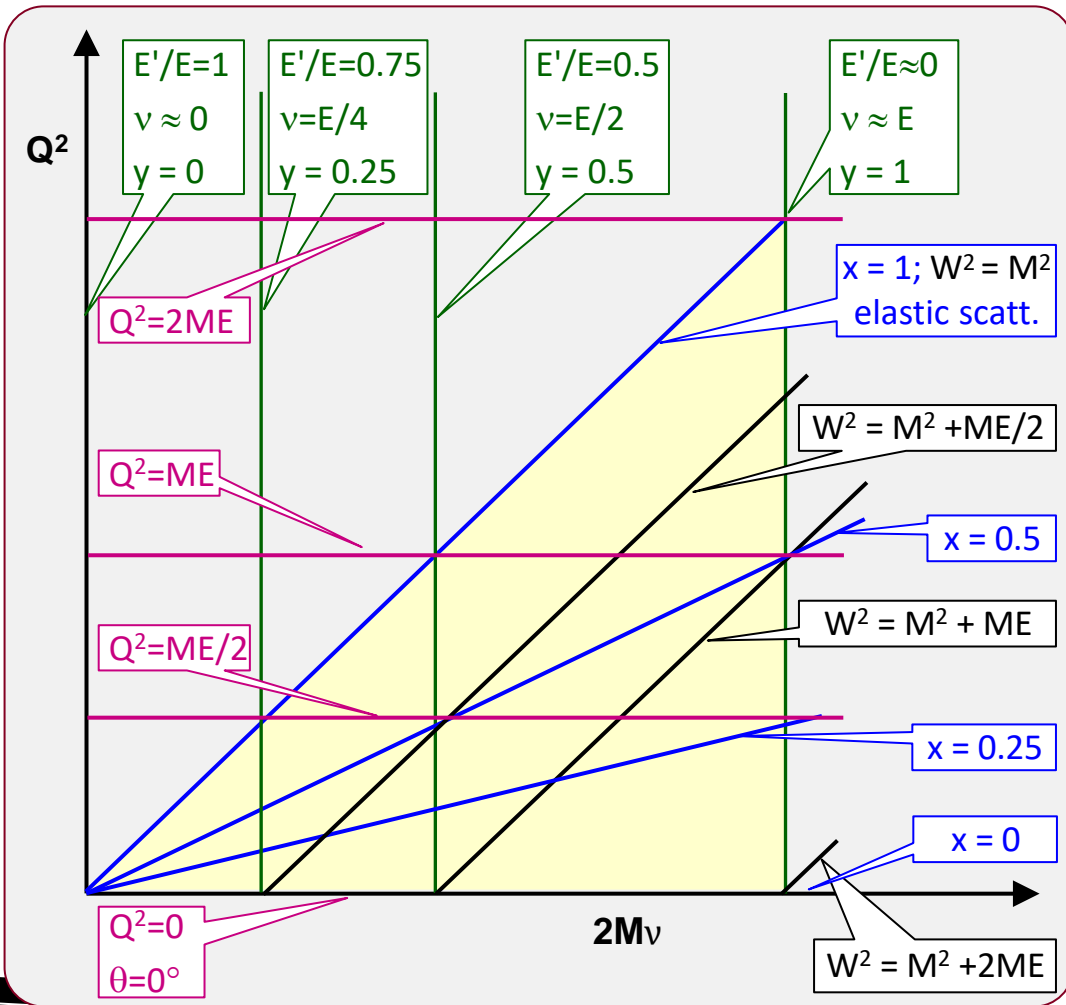




# kinematics: a summary



- $0 < x < 1$
- $0 < y < 1$
- $0 < v < E$
- $M^2 < W^2 < M^2 + 2ME$
- $0 < Q^2 < 2ME$
- $0 < E' < E$
- $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$
- limits (some only if  $E \gg M$ ).



*You are kindly (but strongly) requested to look carefully to this slide and get used to these variables.*

THANKS.

*"higher  $Q^2$ "*

# elastic scattering e-N : $\sigma_{\text{Rutherford + Mott}}$

- The scattering  $\alpha$ -Nucleus actually takes place between two nuclei (e.g.  $\text{He}^{++}$ -Au);
- not suitable for measuring a (possible) nucleus structure  $\rightarrow$  replace the  $\alpha$  with a more (?) point-like probe: electron ( $e^-$ );
- if the process is e.m., the dynamics of the eN scattering can be described by the Rutherford formula (use the momentum transfer  $\vec{q}=\vec{p}-\vec{p}'$ ) [*next slide*]:

$$\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Rutherford}} = \frac{4Z^2\alpha^2 E'^2}{|\vec{q}|^4}; \quad |\vec{q}| = 2|\vec{p}| \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$$

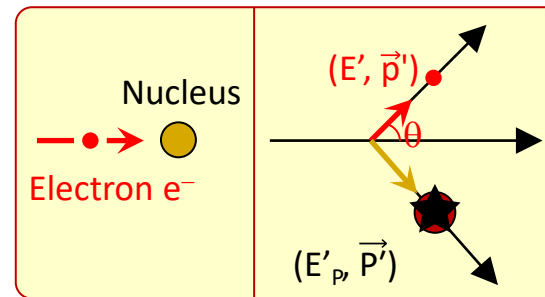
- in relativistic quantum mechanics the elastic scattering cross-section is described by a formula, due to Mott :

$$\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Mott}}^* = \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Rutherford}} \times \left( 1 - \beta^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \rightarrow$$

$$\xrightarrow{\beta=|\vec{p}|/E \rightarrow 1} \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Rutherford}} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{4Z^2\alpha^2 E'^2}{|\vec{q}|^4} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$

- similar to the Rutherford formula, the Mott\* cross-section neglects (a) the nucleus dimension and (b) its recoil\*.
- unlike Rutherford, Mott takes into account the  $e^-$  spin ( $=\frac{1}{2}$ ) [*next slide*].

NB The "\*" in the definition of Mott\* means that the "no-recoil" approximation is used  $\rightarrow$  leave it out when the recoil is considered ("Mott\*"  $\rightarrow$  "Mott").



Sir Nevill Francis Mott

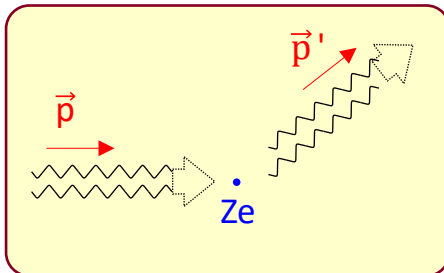




## q.m. calculation

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- already computed in classical approx.
- non-relativistic q.m. + Born approx.;
- Coulomb potential;
- negligible recoil;
- initial (i) and final (f) particle as plane waves [see introduction + box];
- $\vec{q} = \Delta\vec{p}$  (as usual);
- $\hbar$  and  $c$  for the last time;
- $V(r=\infty)$  does NOT contribute, because of other nuclei  $\rightarrow$  in the last integration, do not use the value at  $r=\infty$  [YN1, 135 has a cutoff " $\mu$ ".]



$$V(r) = -\frac{Z\alpha\hbar c}{r}; \quad \vec{q} = \Delta\vec{p} = \vec{p} - \vec{p}'; \quad q = |\vec{q}| = 2p\sin(\theta/2);$$

$$\psi_{i,f} = e^{i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{r}/\hbar} / \sqrt{\mathcal{V}}; \quad \psi_f = e^{i\vec{p}'\cdot\vec{r}/\hbar} / \sqrt{\mathcal{V}}; \quad \frac{dn}{dE'} = \frac{\mathcal{V}4\pi p'^2}{v'(2\pi\hbar)^3};$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{fi} &= \langle \psi_f | V(\vec{r}) | \psi_i \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{V}} \int e^{-i\vec{p}'\cdot\vec{r}/\hbar} V(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{r}/\hbar} d^3\vec{r} = \\ &= -\frac{1}{\mathcal{V}} \iiint \frac{Z\alpha\hbar c}{r} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}/\hbar} r^2 dr \sin\theta d\theta d\phi = -\frac{4\pi Z\alpha\hbar^3 c}{\mathcal{V} q^2}; \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |\mathcal{M}_{fi}|^2 \frac{dn}{dE'} \frac{\mathcal{V}}{v'} \right] \xrightarrow{v'=c, p'=E'/c} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\hbar} \left| \frac{4\pi Z\alpha\hbar^3 c}{\mathcal{V} q^2} \right|^2 \frac{\mathcal{V} E'^2}{2\pi^2 c^3 \hbar^3} \frac{\mathcal{V}}{c} = \frac{4Z^2 \alpha^2 \hbar^2 E'^2}{q^4 c^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^\infty r dr \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta e^{iqr\cos\theta/\hbar} &= 2\pi \int_0^\infty dr \int_{-r}^r e^{iqt/\hbar} dt \quad [t = r\cos\theta] \\ &= \frac{2\pi\hbar}{iq} \int_0^\infty dr (e^{iqr/\hbar} - e^{-iqr/\hbar}) = \frac{2\pi\hbar}{iq} \frac{\hbar}{iq} [e^{iqr/\hbar} + e^{-iqr/\hbar}]_{r=0}^\infty = -\frac{4\pi\hbar^2}{q^2}. \end{aligned}$$



The  $\cos^2(\theta/2)$  factor in  $[d\sigma/d\Omega]_{\text{Mott}}$  comes from Dirac equation; it is understood by considering the extreme case of  $\theta \sim 180^\circ$ .

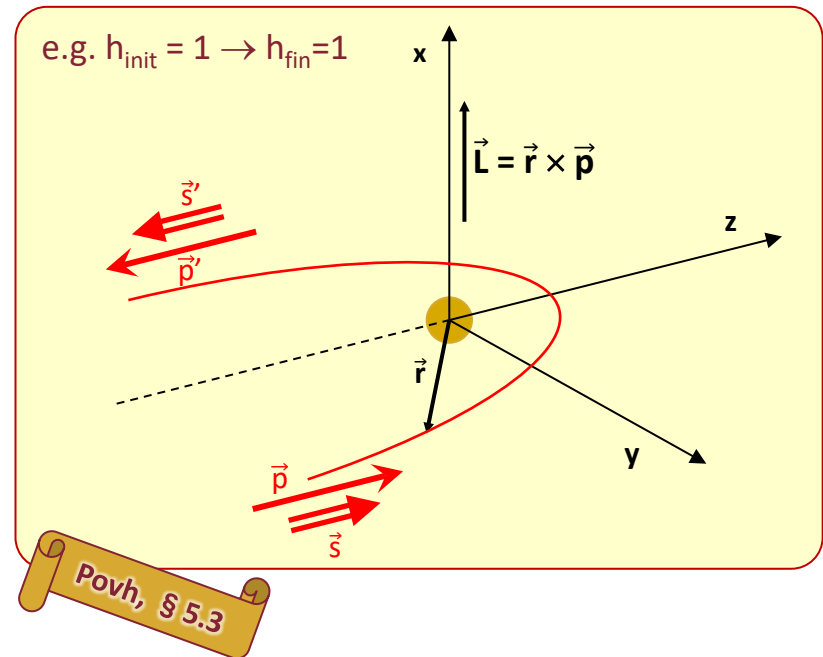
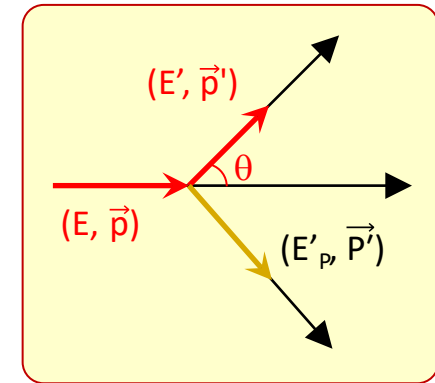
For relativistic particles ( $\beta \rightarrow 1$ ), the helicity  $h$  (the projection of spin along momentum) is conserved :

$$h = \frac{\vec{s} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{s}| \cdot |\vec{p}|}$$

The conservation requires the "spin flip" of the electron between initial and final state, because the momentum also flips at  $\theta = 180^\circ$ .

In this condition, the angular momentum is NOT conserved, if the nucleus does NOT absorb the spin variation (e.g. because it is spinless). Therefore the scattering for  $\theta \approx 180^\circ$  is forbidden.

The factor  $\cos^2(\theta/2)$  in the Mott formula is connected to the spin and describes the magnetic part of the interaction.



# elastic scattering e-N : experiment

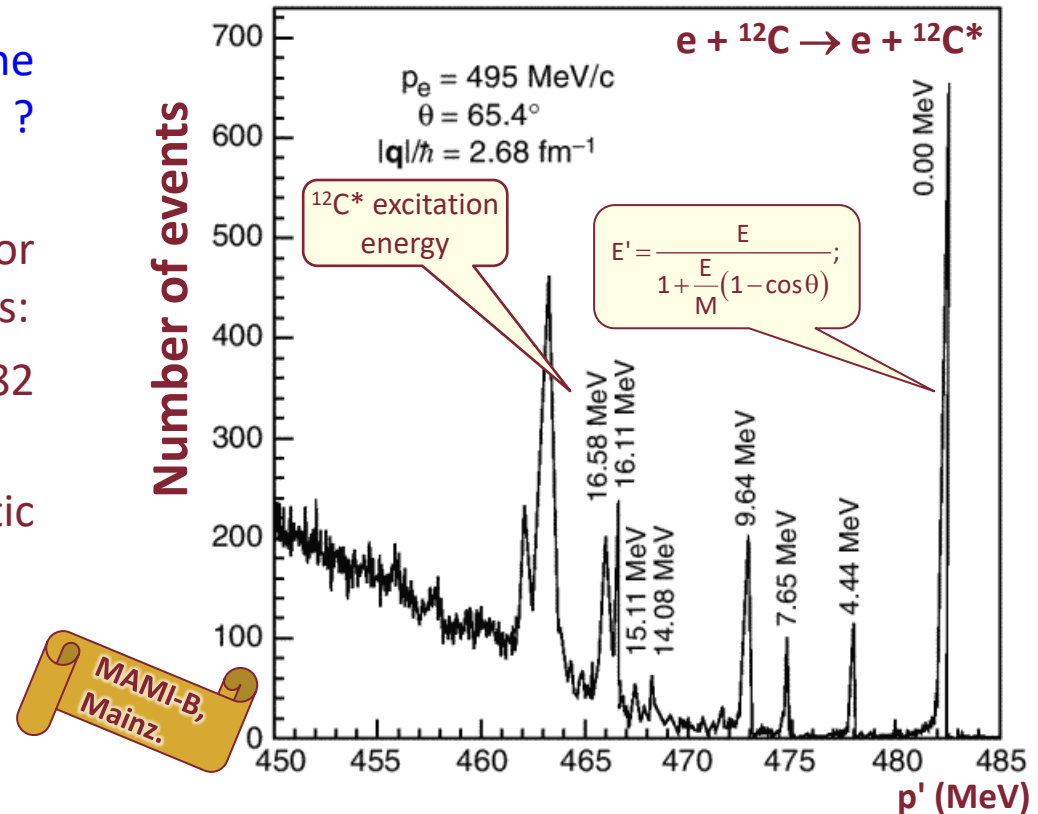
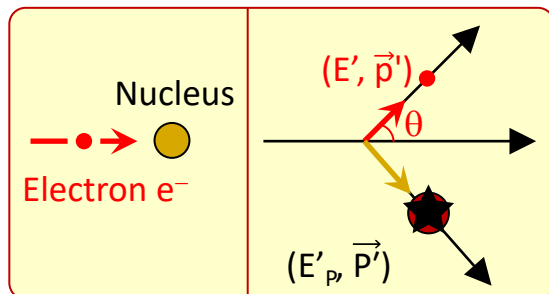
Is the experiment consistent with the kinematics of the elastic scattering ?  
Get  $e + {}^{12}\text{C}$  data.

The plot of the number of events, for fixed  $E_{\text{init}}$  at fixed  $\theta$ , shows many peaks:

- the expected elastic ( $E' \approx p' = 482$  MeV),
- a rich structure, due to inelastic scattering:



[ ${}^{12}\text{C}^*$  = excited carbon, mass  $M^*$ ].



- the expected elastic [ $e + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow e + {}^{12}\text{C}$ ] is there;
- but "*more things in heaven, than in your philosophy*";
- back to elastic scattering !
- kinematics ok, dynamics ?  
→ measure  $d\sigma/d\Omega$  vs  $\theta$  !!!

# form factors: definition

- The experimental  $d\sigma/d\Omega$  agrees with the Mott cross-section only for small  $|\vec{q}|$ ;
- otherwise, the cross section is smaller;
- possibly the reason is the structure of the nucleus, which results in a smaller effective charge, as seen by the projectile (Gauss' theorem);

→ define the **form factor**  $[\mathcal{F}(\vec{q})]$ , as the **Fourier transform of the charge distribution function  $\rho$** :

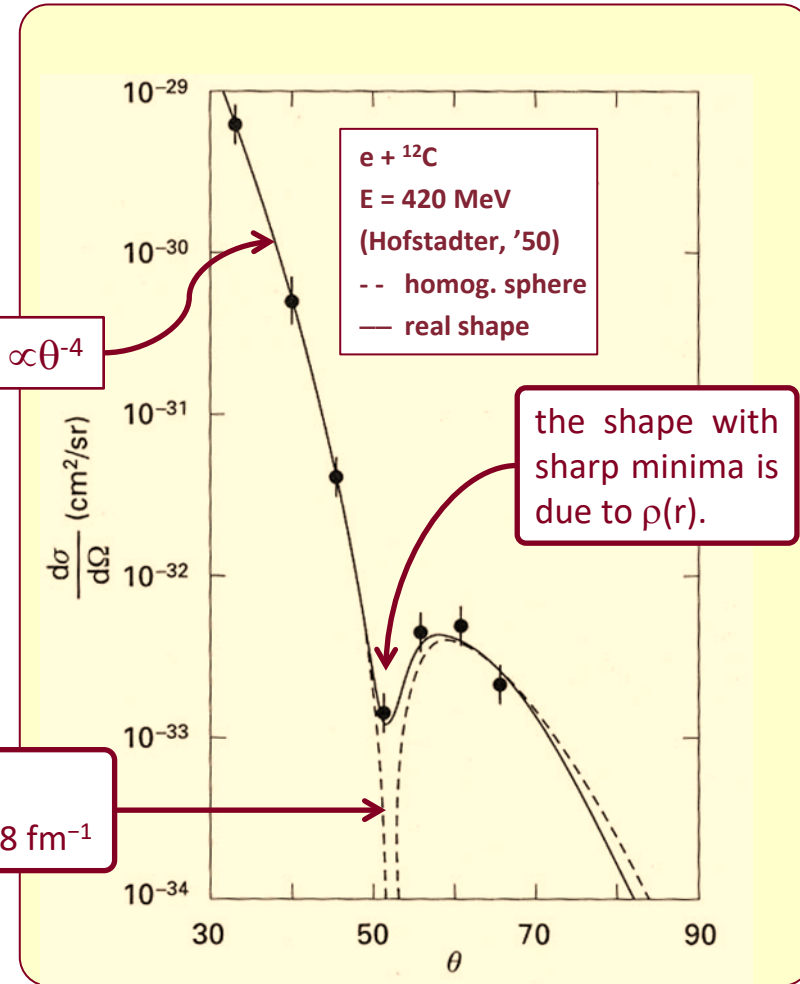
$$\rho(\vec{x}) = Zef(\vec{x}), \quad \int f(\vec{x})d^3x = 1; \quad \vec{q} = \vec{p} - \vec{p}';$$

$$\mathcal{F}(\vec{q}) = \int e^{i\frac{\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}}{\hbar}} f(\vec{x})d^3x;$$

- if  $f(\vec{x}) = \delta(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(\vec{q}) = 1$ .
- if  $\rho(\vec{x})$  depends only on  $|\vec{x}|$  [next slides]:

$$\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{exp}} = \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Mott}}^* \times |\mathcal{F}(q^2)|^2$$

form factors are measurable, at least in principle.



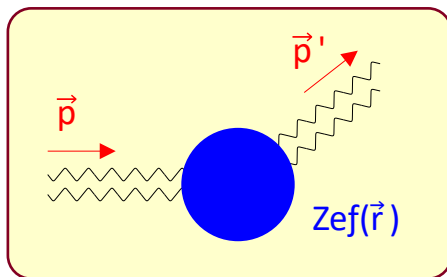
*[in the following, we will discuss only the case with spherical symmetry  $\rho(r)$ , when  $\mathcal{F}(\vec{q})$  depends on  $q = |\vec{q}|$ ].*





### q.m. calculation [Thomson, 166]

- non-relativistic q.m. + Born approx.;
- Coulomb potential;
- negligible recoil;
- initial (i) and final (f) particle as plane waves with  $\lambda \ll$  nucleus size [see little box];
- charge distribution  $f(\vec{r})$ , normalized to 1;
- $\vec{q} = \vec{p} - \vec{p}'$  and  $\mathcal{F}(q^2)$  as defined before.



$$\begin{aligned}
 V(\vec{r}) &= -\int d^3\vec{r}' \frac{Z\alpha f(\vec{r}')}{4\pi|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}; \\
 \psi_i &= e^{i(\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}-Et)} / \sqrt{\mathcal{V}}; & \psi_f &= e^{i(\vec{p}'\cdot\vec{x}-Et)} / \sqrt{\mathcal{V}}; \\
 \mathcal{M}_{fi} &= \langle \psi_f | V(\vec{r}) | \psi_i \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{V}} \int e^{-i\vec{p}'\cdot\vec{r}} V(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{r}} d^3\vec{r} = \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\mathcal{V}} \iint e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}} \frac{Z\alpha f(\vec{r}')}{4\pi|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} d^3\vec{r}' d^3\vec{r} = \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\mathcal{V}} \iint e^{i\vec{q}\cdot(\vec{r}-\vec{r}')} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}'} \frac{Z\alpha f(\vec{r}')}{4\pi|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} d^3\vec{r}' d^3\vec{r} = \\
 &= \left[ -\frac{1}{\mathcal{V}} \int e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}} \frac{Z\alpha}{4\pi|\vec{R}|} d^3|\vec{R}| \right] \times \left[ \int f(\vec{r}') e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}'} d^3\vec{r}' \right] = \\
 &= \mathcal{M}_{fi}^{\text{point}} \times \mathcal{F}(q^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$\vec{R} = \vec{r} - \vec{r}'$

$\mathcal{V} = \text{volume}$

$\rightarrow \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{non-point}} = \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{point}} \times |\mathcal{F}(q^2)|^2.$

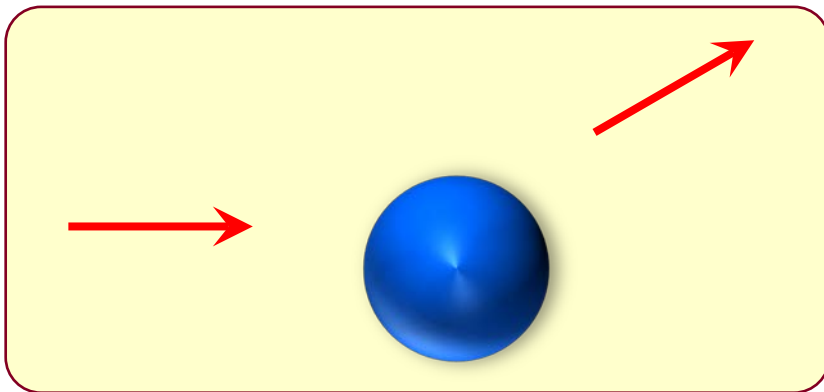
# form factors: radial symmetry

In principle, the function  $\rho(r)$  may be computed by measuring  $\mathcal{F}(q^2)$  and then, e.g. numerically:

$$\rho(r) = \frac{Ze}{(2\pi)^3} \int \mathcal{F}(q^2) e^{-i\frac{qr}{\hbar}} d^3q$$

However, the range of  $q$  accessible to experiments is limited; therefore, the behavior of  $\mathcal{F}(q^2)$  for  $q^2$  large (i.e.  $r$  small, the interesting region) has to be extrapolated with reasonable assumptions.

In the next slides, examples of  $\rho(r)$  and  $\mathcal{F}(q^2)$  are computed (e.g. the case of a homogeneous sphere of radius  $R$ ).



Compute the symmetrical case<sup>(1)</sup>; neglect the nuclear recoil :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(q^2) &= \frac{1}{S} \int e^{i\frac{\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}}{\hbar}} f(\vec{x}) d^3x = [f(\vec{x}) = f(r) \rightarrow] \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{S} \int_0^\infty f(r) r^2 dr \int_{-1}^1 e^{i\frac{qr\cos\theta}{\hbar}} d\cos\theta = \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{S} \int_0^\infty f(r) r^2 \frac{2}{2iqr} \left[ e^{i\frac{qr}{\hbar}} - e^{-i\frac{qr}{\hbar}} \right] dr = \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{S} \int_0^\infty f(r) r^2 \frac{\sin(qr/\hbar)}{qr/\hbar} dr; \end{aligned}$$

$$S = 4\pi \int_0^\infty f(r) r^2 dr \quad [=1 \text{ if normalized}];$$

<sup>(1)</sup>  $d\sigma/d\Omega$ , both Rutherford and Mott, is scale-independent. However, if  $\rho(r)$  depends on a scale (e.g. by a sphere radius), form factors break the scale invariance of the dynamics.



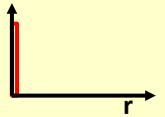
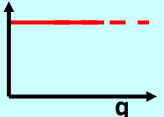
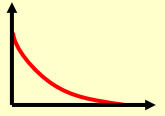
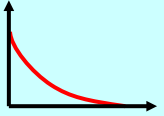
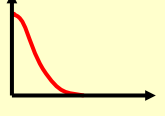
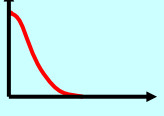
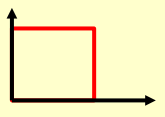
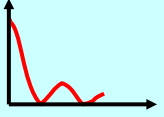
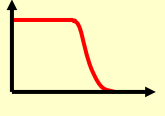
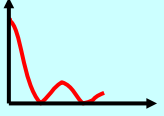


# form factors: examples

$f(\vec{r}) = f(|\vec{r}|)$

$$f(r) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int \mathcal{F}(q^2) e^{-i\vec{q}\vec{r}} d^3q$$

$$\mathcal{F}(q^2) = 4\pi \int_0^\infty f(r) r^2 \frac{\sin(qr/\hbar)}{qr/\hbar} dr$$

Charge distribution	$f(r)$	form factor	$\mathcal{F}(q^2)$	~ example
point-like	$\delta(r)/(4\pi)$ 	constant	1 	$e^\pm$
exponential	$(a^3/8\pi) \exp(-ar)$ 	dipolar	$(1+q^2/a^2 \hbar^2)^{-2}$ 	p
gaussian	$[a^2/(2\pi)^{3/2}] \exp(-a^2r^2/2)$ 	gaussian	$\exp[-q^2/(2a^2 \hbar^2)]$ 	${}^6\text{Li}$
homog. sphere	$3/(4\pi R^3) \quad r \leq R$ $0 \quad r > R$ 	oscill.	$3\alpha^{-3}(\sin\alpha - \alpha\cos\alpha)$ $\alpha =  q R/\hbar$ 	– (see)
sphere with soft surface	$\rho_0 / [1 + e^{(r-c)/a}]$ 	oscill. 		${}^{40}\text{Ca}$

Fermi (Woods-Saxon) function

# form factors: homogeneous sphere

Homogeneous sphere with unit charge :

$$\rho(r) = f(r) = \begin{cases} \rho_0 = \frac{3}{4\pi R^3} & r \leq R \\ 0 & r > R \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{F}(q^2) = 4\pi \int_0^\infty f(r) r^2 \frac{\sin(qr/\hbar)}{qr/\hbar} dr =$$

$$= \frac{4\pi\hbar\rho_0}{q} \int_0^R r \sin\left(\frac{qr}{\hbar}\right) dr = \left[ w = \frac{qr}{\hbar}; \bar{w} = \frac{qR}{\hbar} \right]$$

$$= \frac{4\pi\hbar^3\rho_0}{q^3} \int_0^{\bar{w}} w \sin w dw = \frac{4\pi\hbar^3\rho_0}{q^3} [\sin w - w \cos w]_0^{\bar{w}} =$$

$$= \frac{4\pi\hbar^3\rho_0}{q^3} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{qR}{\hbar}\right) - \frac{qR}{\hbar} \cos\left(\frac{qR}{\hbar}\right) \right] =$$

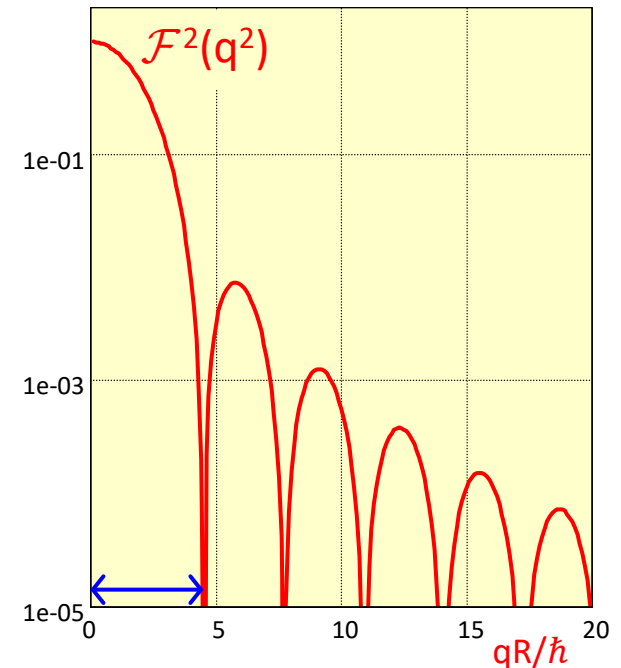
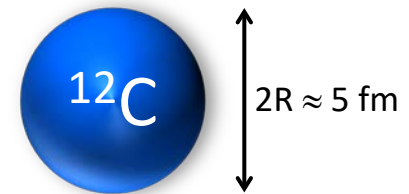
$$= \frac{3\hbar^3}{q^3 R^3} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{qR}{\hbar}\right) - \frac{qR}{\hbar} \cos\left(\frac{qR}{\hbar}\right) \right]$$

if  $qR/\hbar [= t] \rightarrow 0$  first minimum :  
 $\mathcal{F} \approx 3/t^3 [(t - t^3/6) - qR/\hbar = \tan(qR/\hbar)$   
 $- t(1-t^2/2)] = 1. \rightarrow qR/\hbar \approx 4.5$

By comparing the first minimum with the experiment of  $^{12}\text{C}$  ( $q/\hbar \approx 1.8 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ ), we get :

$$R \approx 4.5 r_{\min} = 4.5/1.8 \approx 2.5 \text{ fm}$$

i.e.  $^{12}\text{C}$  is approximately a hard sphere with radius of 2.5 fm.



# form factors: $\langle r^2 \rangle$

Study the behavior for  $q \rightarrow 0$  :

$$\mathcal{F}(q^2) = \iiint e^{i\frac{qr\cos\theta}{\hbar}} f(r)r^2 dr d\cos\theta d\varphi =$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^\infty f(r)r^2 dr \int_{-1}^1 \left[ 1 + i\frac{qr}{\hbar}\cos\theta - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{qr}{\hbar}\right)^2 \cos^2\theta + \dots \right] d\cos\theta =$$

$$= 4\pi \int_0^\infty f(r)r^2 dr + 0 - \frac{4\pi q^2}{6\hbar^2} \int_0^\infty f(r)r^4 dr + \dots =$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{6} \frac{q^2 \langle r^2 \rangle}{\hbar^2} + \dots$$

with  $\langle r^2 \rangle \equiv \iiint r^2 f(\vec{x}) d^3x = 4\pi \int_0^\infty r^2 f(r)r^2 dr.$

i.e.  $\langle r^2 \rangle = -6\hbar^2 \left. \frac{d\mathcal{F}(q^2)}{dq^2} \right|_{q^2=0}.$

The parameter  $\langle r^2 \rangle$  contains the information of the charge distribution.



Simple problem : check that for the homogeneous sphere, both directly and from the definition :

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = 3R^2/5.$$

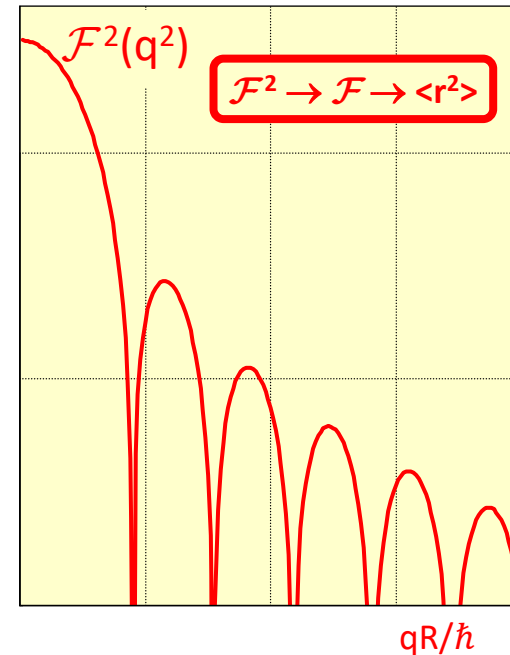


Simple problem : check that for the homogeneous sphere, both directly and from the definition :

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = 3R^2/5.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle r^n \rangle &= \frac{1}{V} \iiint r^n d^3x = \frac{4\pi}{V} \int_0^R r^n r^2 dr = \\ &= \frac{4\pi R^{n+3}}{V n+3} = \frac{4\pi R^{n+3}}{n+3} \frac{3}{4\pi R^3} = \\ &= \frac{3}{n+3} R^n \\ &\xrightarrow{n=2} \langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{3}{5} R^2 \end{aligned}$$

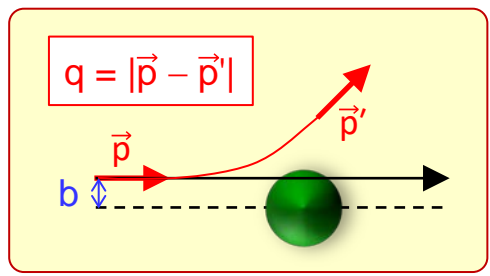
[qed, too easy to enjoy]



# form factors: $q \rightarrow 0$ vs $q \rightarrow \infty$

The limits  $q \rightarrow 0, \rightarrow \infty$  have a deep meaning:

- $q$  is (approximately) the conjugate variable of  $b$ , the impact parameter of the projectile wrt the target center:
  - for  $q$  very small (i.e.  $b$  very large), the target behave as a point-like object;
  - for  $q$  quite small (i.e.  $b$  quite large) it behaves as a coherent homogeneous charged sphere with radius  $\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$ ;
  - large  $q$  probes the nucleus at small  $b$ ;
- "new physics" (a substructure emerging at very small distance) requires very large  $q$ , which in turn is only possible if a large projectile energy is available.



The same story has repeated many times, from Rutherford to the LHC, but at smaller  $b$  (i.e. larger  $q$ ). This fact is the main justification for higher energy accelerators ...

... and (unfortunately) larger experiments, larger groups, more expensive detectors, politics, troubles, ... [*the usual "laudatio temporis acti", forgive me*]



# form factors: shape of nuclei

Summary of systematic study of the form factors for nuclei [just results, no details]:

- heavy nuclei :
  - NOT "homogeneous spheres" with a sharp edge;
  - similar to spheres with a soft edge;
  - charge distribution is well reproduced by a standard Fermi function :

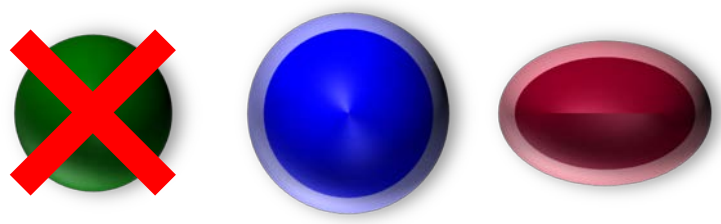
$$\rho_{\text{charge}}(r) = \rho_0 / [1 + e^{(r-c)/a}];$$

➢ for large A (see figure) :

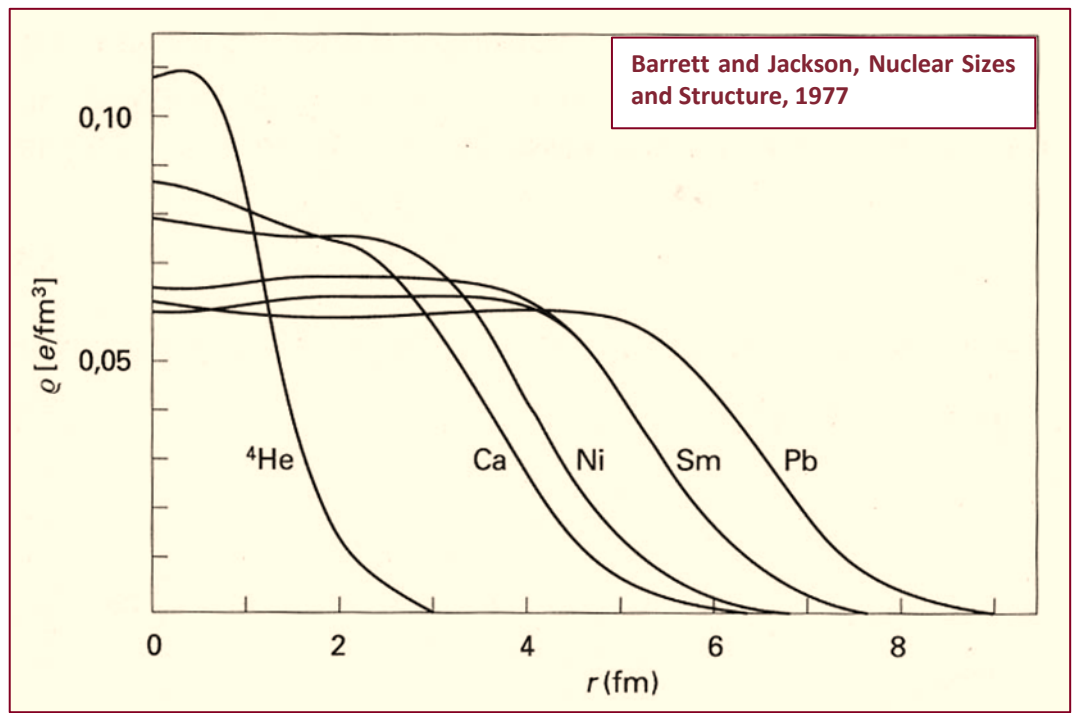
$$c \approx 1.07 \text{ fm} \times A^{1/3} \text{ ["radius"]}$$

$$a \approx 0.54 \text{ fm} \text{ ["skin"];}$$

$$V_{\text{nucleus}} \propto A \rightarrow c \approx r_{\text{nucleus}} \propto A^{1/3}$$



- light nuclei (<sup>4</sup>He, <sup>6,7</sup>Li, <sup>9</sup>Be) more Gaussian-like;
- all these nuclei have spherical symmetry;
- lanthanides (rare earths) are more like ellipsoids [*think to an experiment to show it*].



# form factors: nuclear density

Compute the nuclear densities of p and n  
 $[q_p \rho_Q = dq/dV, m_p \rho_p = dm_p/dV]$  :

- assume in the nucleus homogeneous and equal distribution of p and n;

• then:

- $\rho_Q = \rho_p =$  proton density;
- $\rho_n =$  neutron density =  $\rho_p$ ;
- $\rho_T =$  nuclear density =  $\rho_p + \rho_n$ ;

• compute :

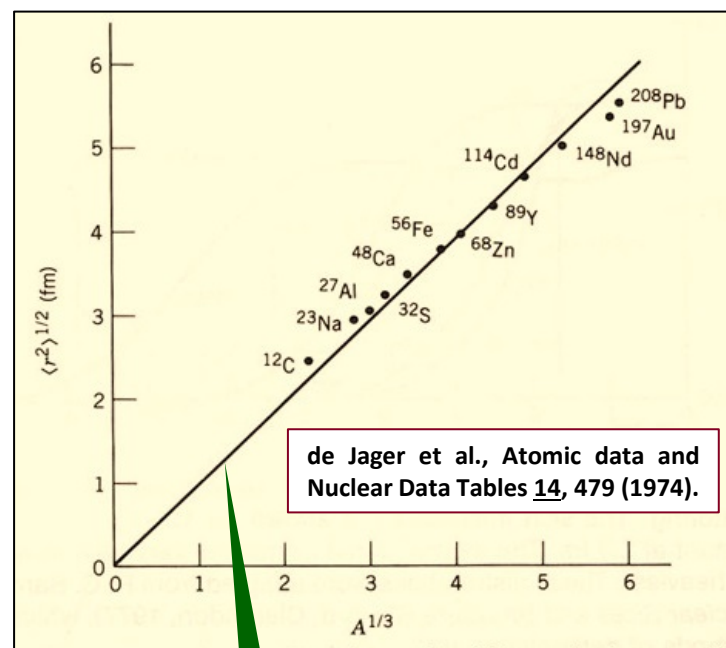
- $\rho_T = \rho_p + \rho_n = \rho_p + N \rho_p / Z = A \rho_Q / Z$ ;
- $A = V \rho_T = 4\pi/3 R^3 \rho_T$ ;
- $\rho_T = 0.17$  nucleons /  $\text{fm}^3$   
(from  $\rho_0$  of previous slide);

$$\bullet \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3 = \frac{4\pi}{3} R_0^3 A \rightarrow$$

$$R_0 = \frac{R}{\sqrt[3]{A}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{3}{4\pi\rho_T}} \approx 1.12 \text{ fm.}$$

- in fair agreement with "c" [previous slide] and with the slope of the fig.:

$$R_0^{\text{exp}} = 1.23 \text{ fm.}$$



for light nuclei, the model is NOT valid: do NOT plot them.





Probing smaller space scales requires larger energies, both in the initial and final state [today experiments work at the TeV scale  $\rightarrow \sim 10^{-18} \text{ m} = 10^{-3} \text{ fm}$ ].

High-energy + q.m. corrections to the Rutherford formula [1<sup>st</sup> already discussed]:

- consider the electron spin [Rutherford had only bosons !!!];
- include the target recoil in the Mott cross section [Perkins-1971, 197];

- use 4-vectors  $p$  and  $p'$  to describe the scattering [instead of  $\vec{p}$  and  $\vec{p}'$ ]:

$$q^2 = (p - p')^2 = 2m^2 - 2(EE' - |\vec{p}||\vec{p}'|\cos\theta)$$

$$\approx -4EE'\sin^2(\theta/2);$$

$$Q^2 \equiv -q^2 \approx 4EE'\sin^2(\theta/2).$$

- for scattering eN, consider the magnetic moment of the nucleons, by introducing the parameter  $\tau = Q^2/(4M^2)$  [next slide].

### Description of the scattering

↓ no electron spin, no recoil, no magn. moment

$$\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Rutherford}} = \frac{4Z^2\alpha^2 E'^2}{|\vec{q}|^4};$$

$$\approx \cos^2(\theta/2)$$

↓ + electron spin

$$\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Mott}}^* = \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Rutherford}} \times \left[ 1 - \beta^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right];$$

↓ + recoil

$$\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Mott}} = \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Mott}}^* \times \frac{E'}{E};$$

" $\tau$ "

↓ + magn. moment

$$\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{point, spin}\frac{1}{2}} = \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Mott}} \times \left( 1 + 2 \frac{Q^2}{4M^2} \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right).$$





# e-N scattering: magnetic moments

For particles of mass  $m$ , charge  $e$ :

- point-like,
- spin  $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

the Dirac equation assigns an intrinsic magnetic dipole moment

$$\mu_C = g e \hbar / (4 m);$$

$$g = \text{"gyromagnetic ratio"} = 2;$$

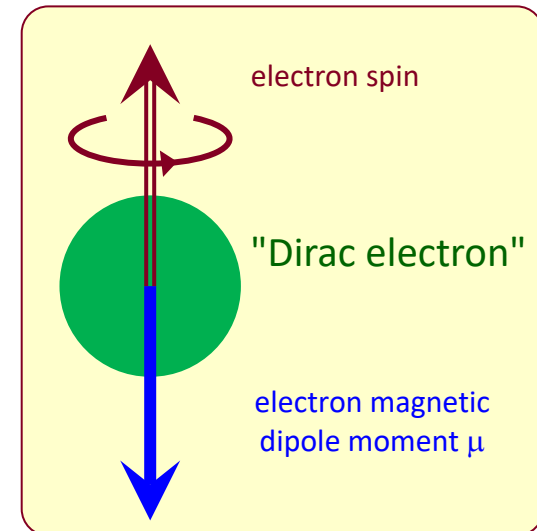
- an ideal "Dirac-electron" has a magnetic dipole moment

$$\mu_e = e\hbar/(2m_e) \approx 5.79 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/T};$$

- the first measurements roughly confirmed this value.
- for neutral particles (neutron ?)  $\mu_N = 0$ ;
- this effect adds to the cross-section a term, corresponding to the "spin flip" probability, proportional to [Povh § 6.1]:

- $\sin^2(\theta/2)$  [cfr. the "Mott\* factor"];
  - $1/\cos^2(\theta/2)$  (to remove the non-flip dependence);
  - $\mu_N^2 (\propto 1/M^2)$ ;
  - $Q^2$  (mag field induced by the  $e$ )<sup>2</sup>;
- $\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{point, spin}\frac{1}{2}} = \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Mott}} \times \left( 1 + 2 \frac{Q^2}{4M^2} \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$ .

- Therefore the spin-flip is particularly relevant for large  $Q^2$  and large  $\theta$ .



# e-N scattering: anomalous magnetic moments

In the nuclei and nucleons sector the experiments measured the following quantities :

☺ nuclear magnetism is a combination of the intrinsic magnetic moments of the nucleons and their relative orbital motions;

☺ all nuclei with  $Z=\text{even}$  and  $N=\text{even}$  have  $\mu_{\text{nuclei}} = 0$ ;

➤ define for the nucleons (proton and neutron) the Dirac value

$$\mu_N = e\hbar/(4m_N) \approx 3.1525 \times 10^{-14} \text{ MeV/T};$$

➤ if p and n were ideal Dirac particles, they should have

$$\mu_p = 2\mu_N, \quad \mu_n = 0,$$

i.e. in conventional notation

$$g_p/2 = \mu_p/\mu_N = 1, \quad g_n/2 = 0;$$

☹ instead, experiments found *anomalies*

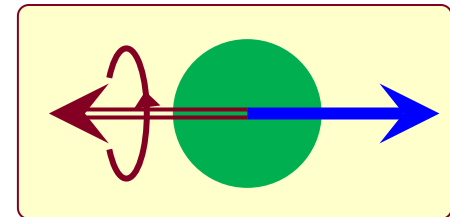
$$g_p/2 = +(2.7928473508 \pm 0.0000000085),$$

$$g_n/2 = -(1.91304273 \pm 0.000000045);$$

☺ therefore, there are other effects which contribute to the magnetic moments, i.e. p and n are NOT ideal spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  point-like Dirac particles;

☺ [maybe] they are NOT point-like;

☺ in this case, their "g" is due to their (possibly complicated) internal structure, in analogy with the nuclear case.



# e-N scattering: Rosenbluth cross-section

In the eN scattering, the main contribution is from single photon exchange [see fig.].

The **ee $\gamma^*$**  vertex is well under control, with three point-like, well-understood particles.

Instead, the **NN' $\gamma^*$**  vertex is the unknown, due to the internal structure of the proton.

Strategy : assume a simpler process (N = Dirac fermion), compare it with exp., then modify the theory, inserting parameters which model the nucleon structure.

Take also into account the spin and magnetic moment, both of the electron

and the nucleon.

"Generalize" the cross section by defining the **Rosenbluth cross-section**, function of TWO form factors, both dependent on  $Q^2$ :

- $G_E(Q^2)$  for the electric part (no spin-flip);
- $G_M(Q^2)$  for the magnetic one (spin-flip).

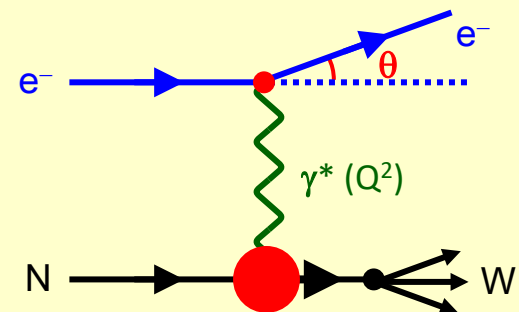
[formerly :  $G_E(Q^2) = \mathcal{F}(Q^2)$ , no  $G_M$ ].

For a charged Dirac fermion  $f_D$ , proton, neutron :

- $f_D$  :  $G_E^f(\text{any } Q^2) = 1$ ,  $G_M^f(\text{any } Q^2) = 1$ ;
- p :  $G_E^p(Q^2 = 0) = 1$ ,  $G_M^p(Q^2=0) \approx 2.79$ ;
- n :  $G_E^n(Q^2 = 0) = 0$ ,  $G_M^n(Q^2=0) \approx -1.91$ .

$$\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Rosenbluth}} = \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Mott}} \times \left( \frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau} + 2\tau G_M^2 \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right);$$

$$\tau = \frac{Q^2}{4M^2}; \quad G_E = G_E(Q^2); \quad G_M = G_M(Q^2).$$



# e-N scattering: remarks on $\sigma_{\text{Rosenbluth}}$



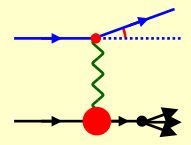
A non-exhaustive personal classification<sup>(\*)</sup> of "physics formulae":

1. "principles" [ $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$ ] – They require the a-priori knowledge of all entities involved; not direct empirical laws;
2. "natural laws" [the gravitational/Hooke law] – (semi-)empirical descriptions of the behavior of the Nature;
3. "positions" [ $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ ] – They define a new entity, using other well-known entities;
4. "theorems" [the Gauss law] – Relations among well-known entities, math derived from other laws;
5. ... other types (???) ...

The "Rosenbluth formula" is another type of math-logical relation:

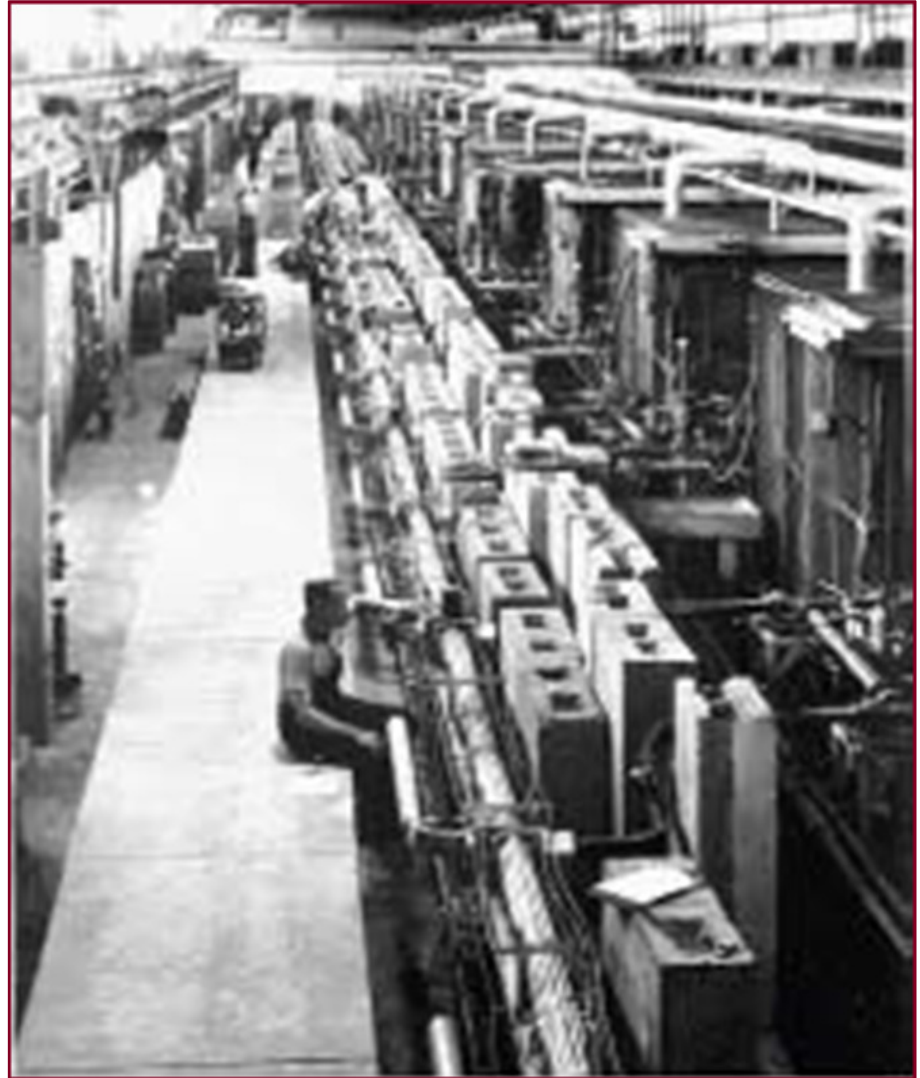
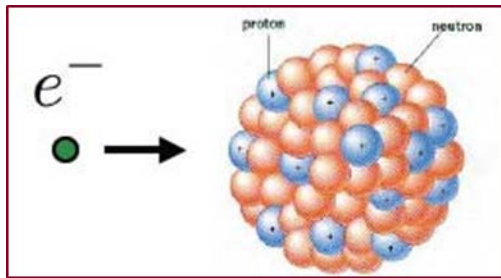
- it is a model, which includes some constraints (e.g. the  $\theta$  dependence cannot be modified);
- but it is "open" (e.g.  $G_E$  and  $G_M$  depends on the unknown Nucleon structure);
- it contains in-se no full predictive power;
- but it is a powerful working tool to study the phenomena and incorporate new knowledge in a (quasi-)formal theory.

A "frontier" approach, quite common in modern research, which requires some care by the users/students.

$$\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Rosenbluth}} = \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Mott}} \times \left( \frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau} + 2\tau G_M^2 \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$


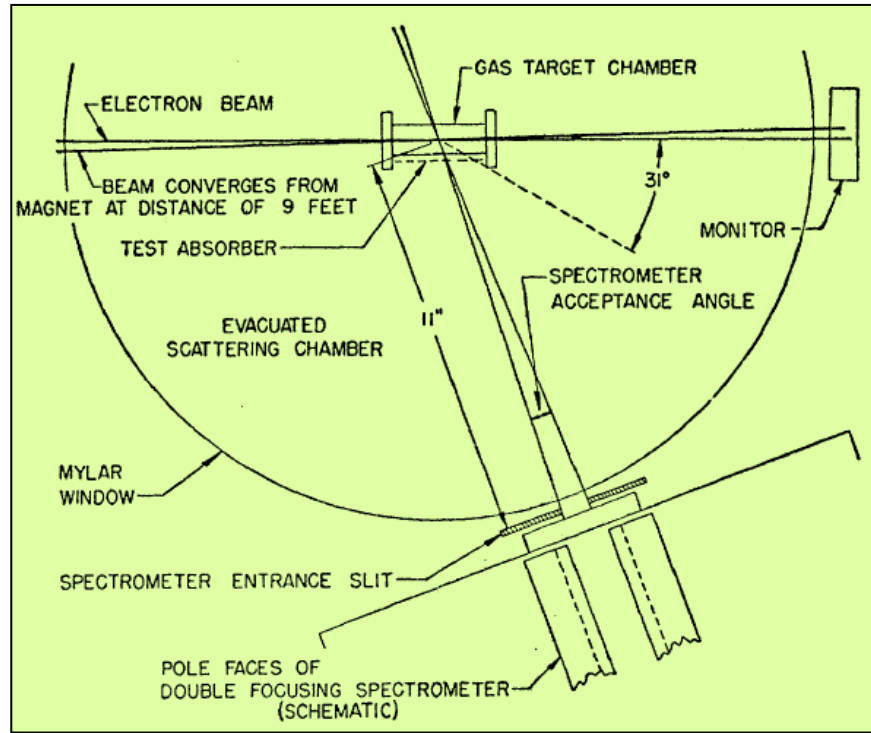
<sup>(\*)</sup> This is too simplistic [I know], e.g. one of the Gauss and Coulomb law may be chosen as a law and the other as a derived theorem; the same for the positions; but in a given approach, the above classification is approximately correct.

# Proton structure: Mark 3 Linac



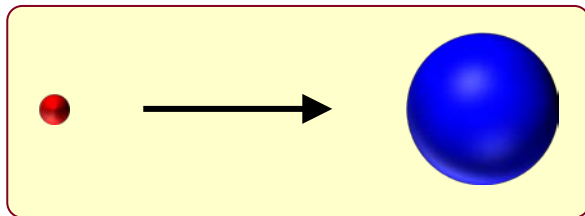
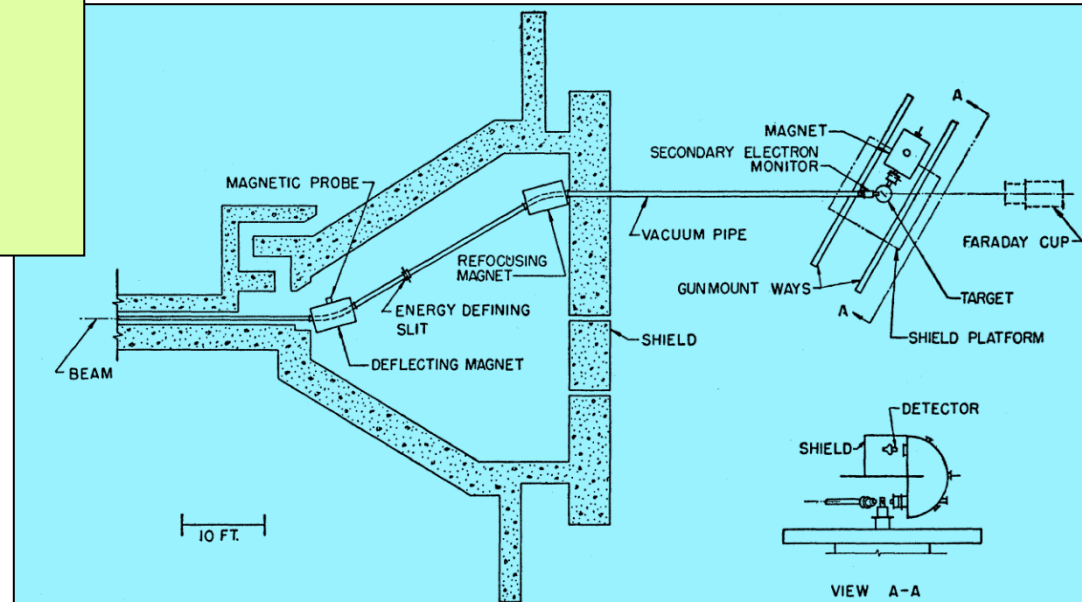
Mark 3 electron Linac – Stanford University – 1953

# Proton structure: setup

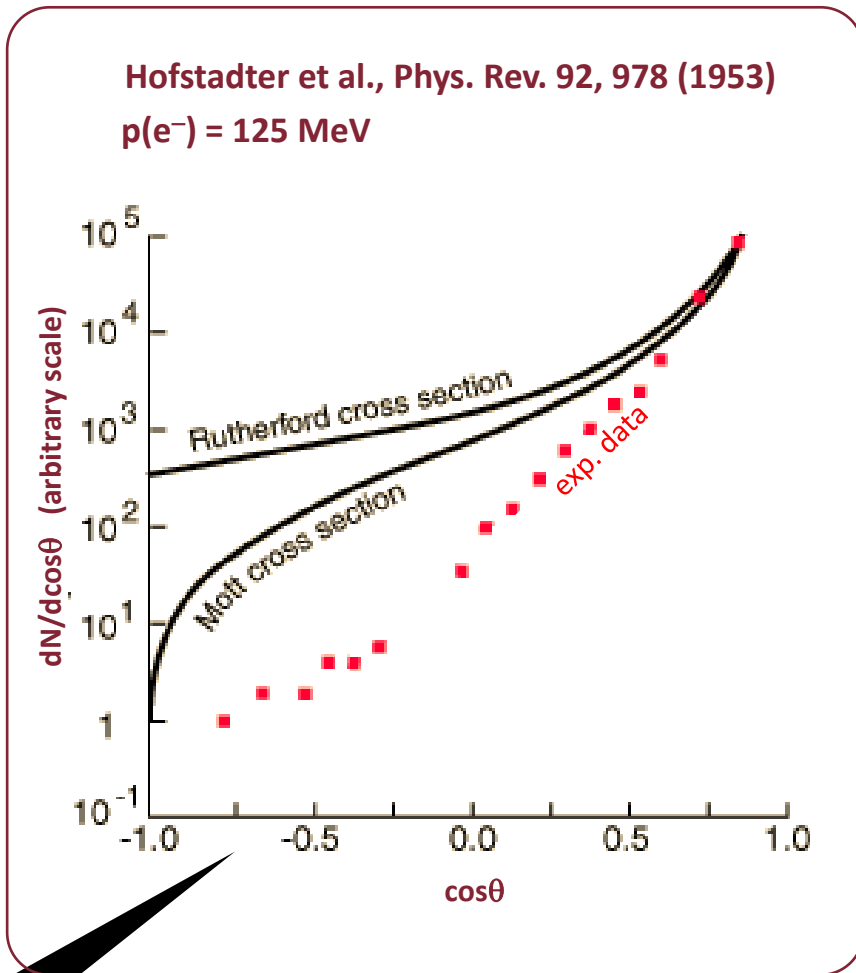
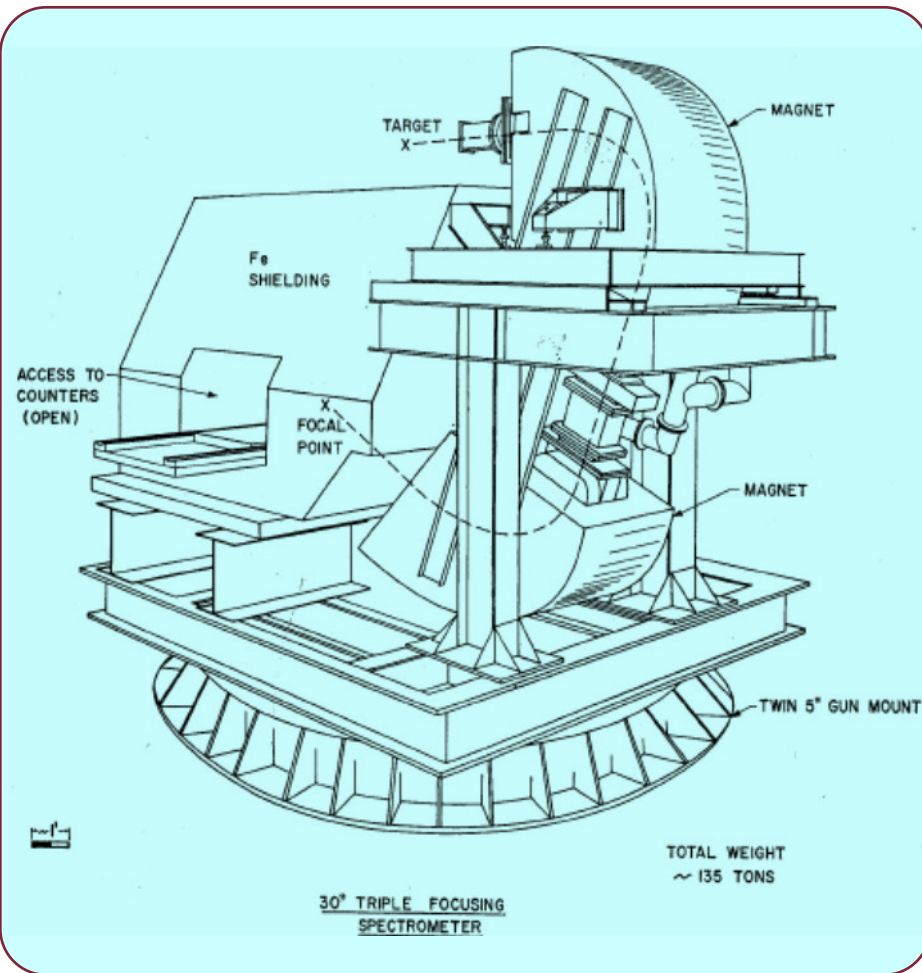


Robert Hofstadter

Stanford - 1956

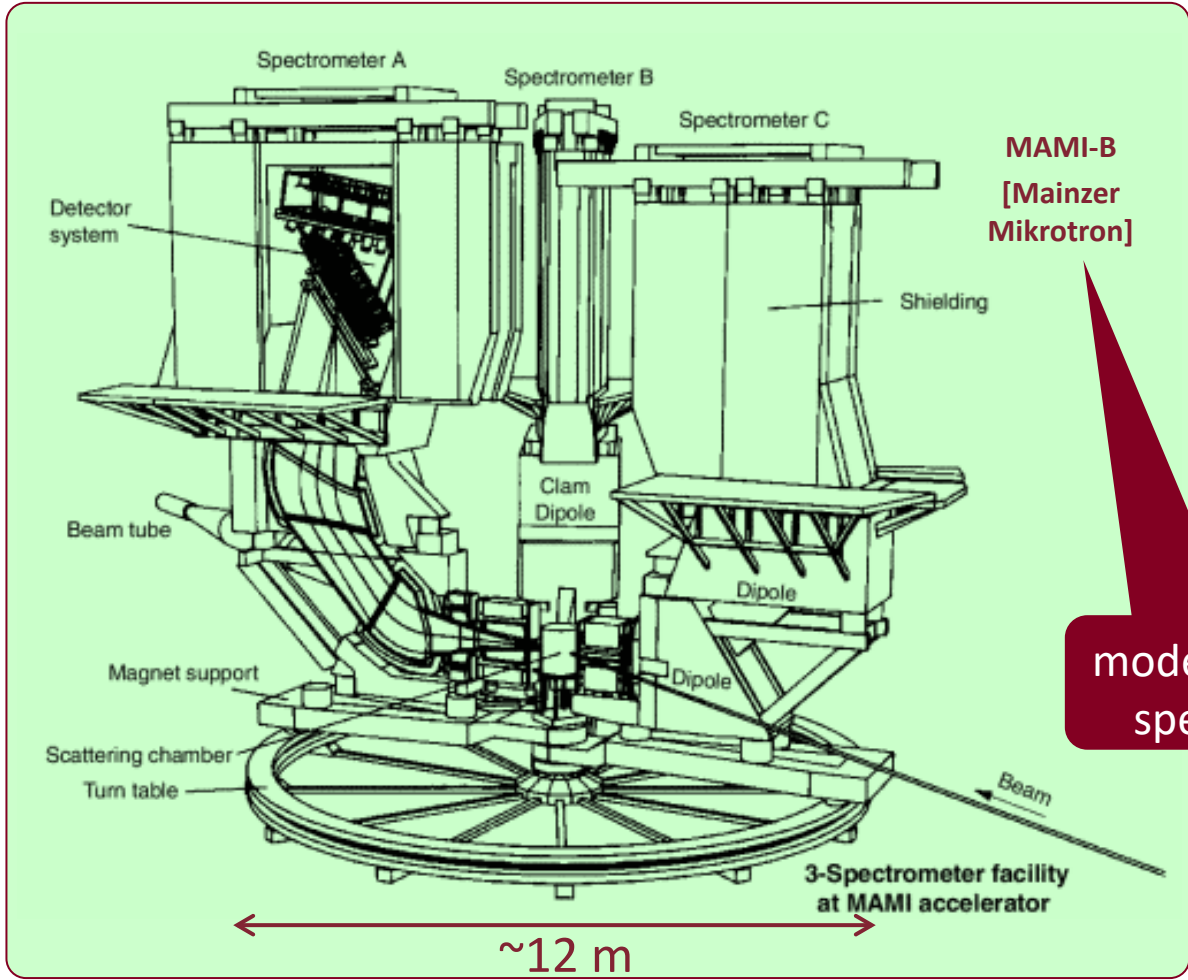


# Proton structure: Mark 3 detector



A summary of Hofstadter experiments, see later

# Proton structure: MAMI-B



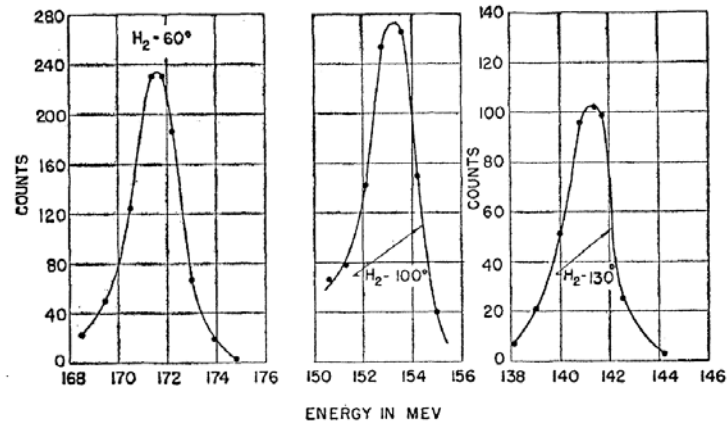


# Proton structure: quality check

In 1956 the Hofstadter spectrometer measured the elastic  $ep \rightarrow ep$ . It measured  $\theta$  in the range  $35^\circ$ - $138^\circ$ , and therefore  $Q^2$ , using the relations :

$$E' = \frac{E}{1 + E(1 - \cos\theta)/M};$$

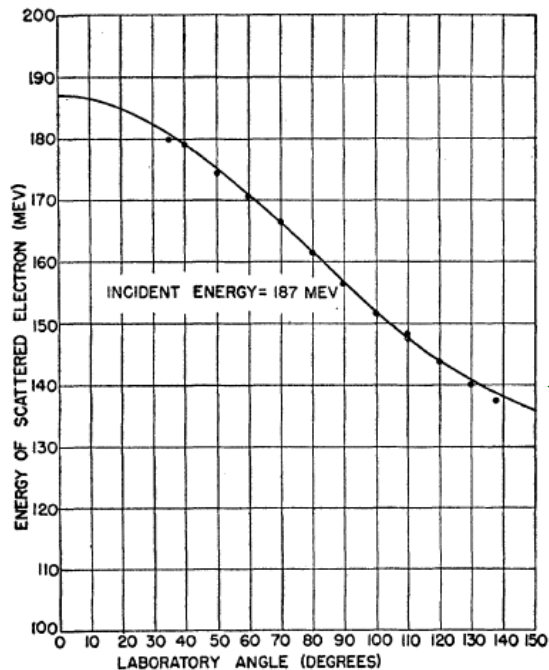
$$Q^2 = 2EE'(1 - \cos\theta).$$



Plot  $E'$  for  $E = 185$  MeV at fixed  $\theta$  ( $60^\circ$ ,  $100^\circ$ ,  $130^\circ$ ) [in a perfect experiment, expect  $\delta_{\text{Dirac}}$ ].

Show the plot  $\theta = \theta(E')$ .

Result:  
Kinematics ok. Experiment under control. Study the dynamics.



# Proton structure: results

Show the measured cross section:

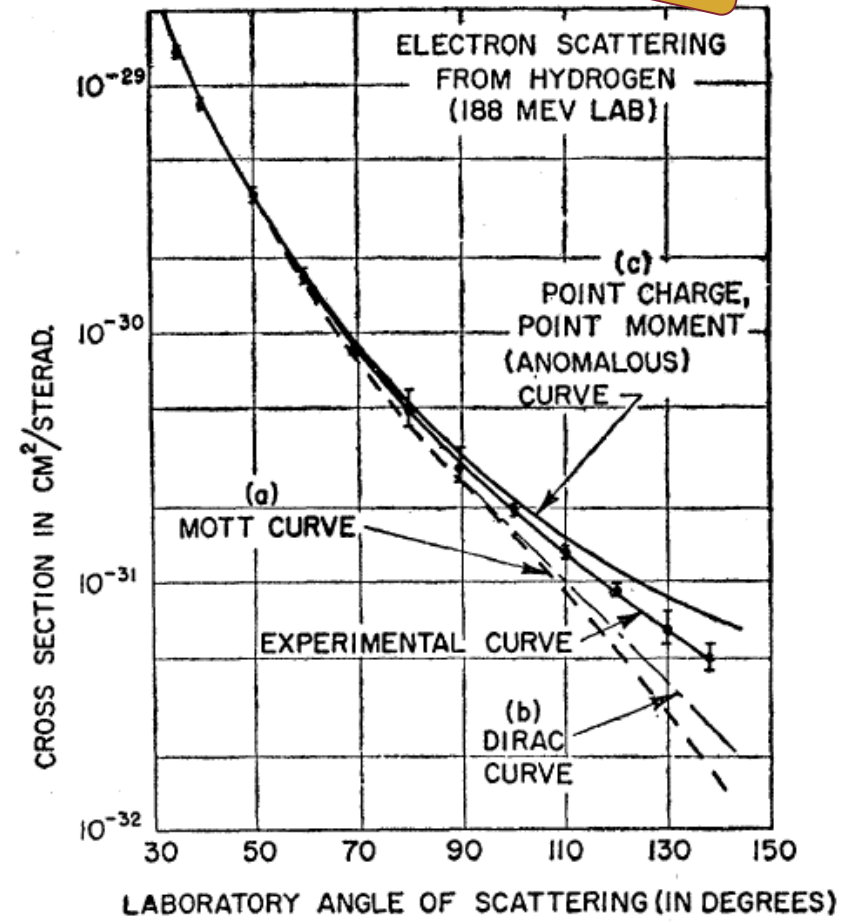
- at small  $\theta$ , Mott (a), Dirac (b), Rosenbluth with fixed  $G_E, G_M$  (c) and data ("exp. curve") all agree;
- however, for large  $\theta$  (i.e. large  $Q^2$ , small distance), the data do NOT agree with ANY theoretical prediction : they are larger than (a) and (b), but smaller than (c);
- the disagreement with (a) and (b) was foreseen (proton  $g_p \neq 2$  );
- the one with (c) is more interesting : it shows a dependence on  $Q^2$  (i.e. on scale)  $\rightarrow$  the proton is NOT point-like;
- Hofstadter measured ( $r_{rms} \equiv \sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$ , [see](#)) :

$$r_{rms}^p = (0.77 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-15} \text{ m};$$

$$r_{rms}^\alpha = (1.61 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}.$$

*... and received the 1961 Nobel Prize in Physics.*

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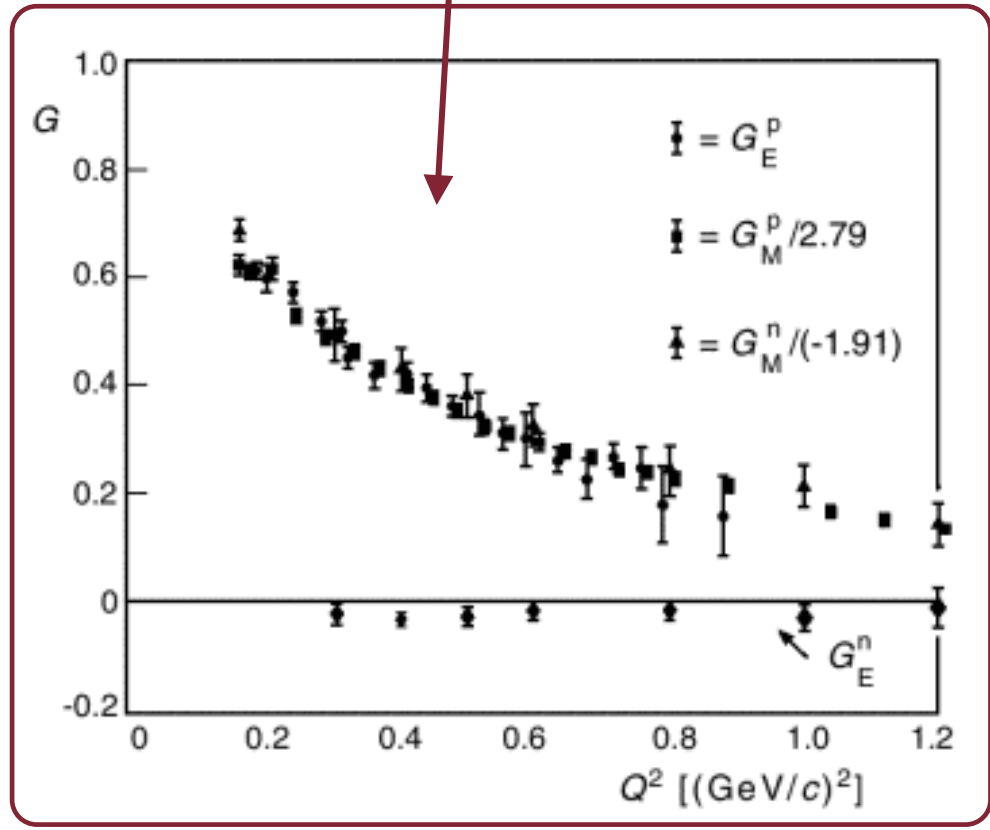
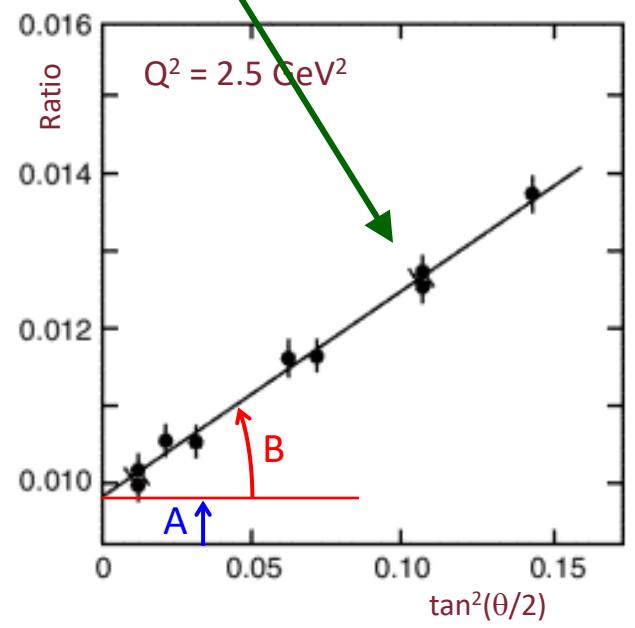
# Proton structure: $G_{E,M}^{p,n}$ vs $Q^2$

Write the Rosenbluth formula, at fixed  $Q^2$  :

$$\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Rosenbluth}} / \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Mott}} = \left( \frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau} + 2\tau G_M^2 \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right).$$

- Ratio( $E, \theta, \text{fixed } Q^2$ ) =  $A + B \tan^2(\theta/2)$ ;
- measure ( $A, B$  at fixed  $Q^2$ ) vs  $\tan^2(\theta/2)$ ;
- get  $G_E^p, G_M^p, (G_E^n, G_M^n)$  at fixed  $Q^2$  (example shown)

By repeating it at many  $Q^2$ , the full dependence can be measured (SLAC, '60s).



# Proton structure: $G_{E,M}^{p,n}$ - remarks

- The fig. shows that the electric and magnetic form factors tend to a "universal" function of  $Q^2$ , with a **dipolar** shape :

$$G_E^p(Q^2) \approx \frac{G_M^p(Q^2)}{2.79} \approx \frac{G_M^n(Q^2)}{-1.91} \approx G(Q^2) = \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{A^2}\right)^{-2}; \quad A^2 = 0.71 \text{ GeV}^2$$

- From the curve, it is possible to derive the function  $\rho(r)$ , at least where the 3- and 4-momentum coincide, i.e. at small  $Q^2$ . It turns out :

$$\rho(r) \approx \rho_0 e^{-ar}, \quad a \approx 4.27 \text{ fm}^{-1}.$$

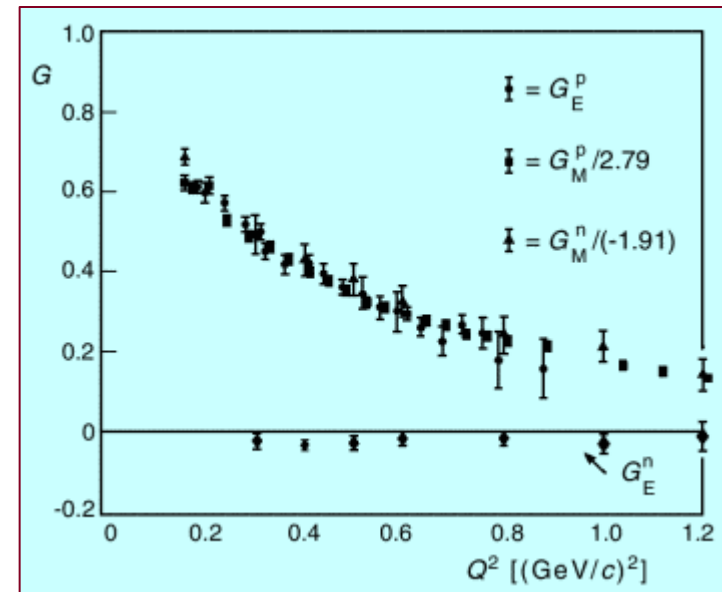
- The nucleons do NOT look like ~~point-like particles~~, nor ~~homogeneous spheres~~, but like diffused non-homogeneous systems.

- From the values at  $Q^2=0$  :

$$\langle r^2 \rangle_{\text{dipole}} = -6\hbar^2 \left. \frac{dG(q^2)}{dq^2} \right|_{q^2=0} =$$

$$= \frac{12}{a^2} \approx 0.66 \text{ fm}^2;$$

$$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle_{\text{dipole}}} \approx 0.81 \text{ fm}.$$



# Proton structure: comments

$$\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Rosen bluth}} / \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Mott}} = \left( \frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau} + 2\tau G_M^2 \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right); \quad \left[ \tau = \frac{Q^2}{4M^2} \right].$$

therefore  $\lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{Rosen bluth}} = \left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{Mott}}$ .

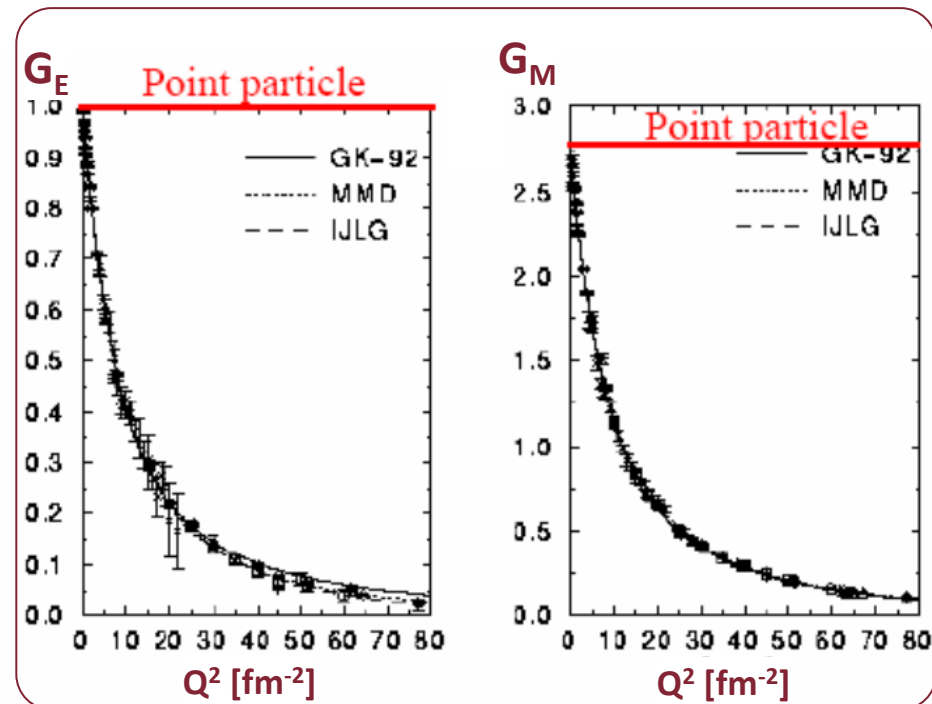
The form factors of the nucleons show three different ranges :

1.  $Q^2 \ll m_p^2$  :  $\tau$  small,  $G_E$  dominates the cross section; in this range we measure the average radius of the electric charge :  $\langle r_E \rangle = 0.85 \pm 0.02$  fm;
2.  $0.02 \leq Q^2 \leq 3 \text{ GeV}^2$  :  $G_E$  and  $G_M$  are equally important;
3.  $Q^2 > 3 \text{ GeV}^2$  :  $G_M$  dominates.

Notice also that, if the proton were point-like, one would find :

$$G_E^p(Q^2) = G_M^p(Q^2) = 1, \text{ independent of } Q^2$$

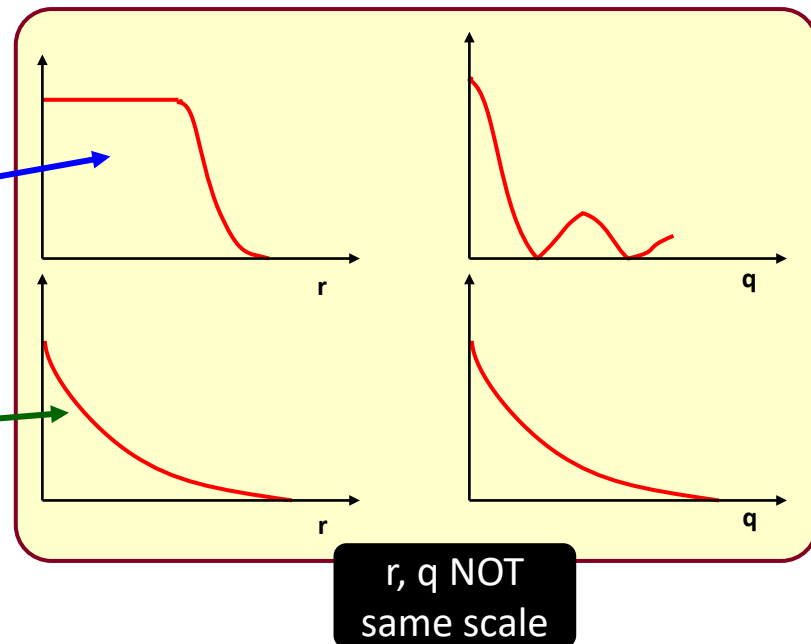
[and in addition would not understand why "2.79"].





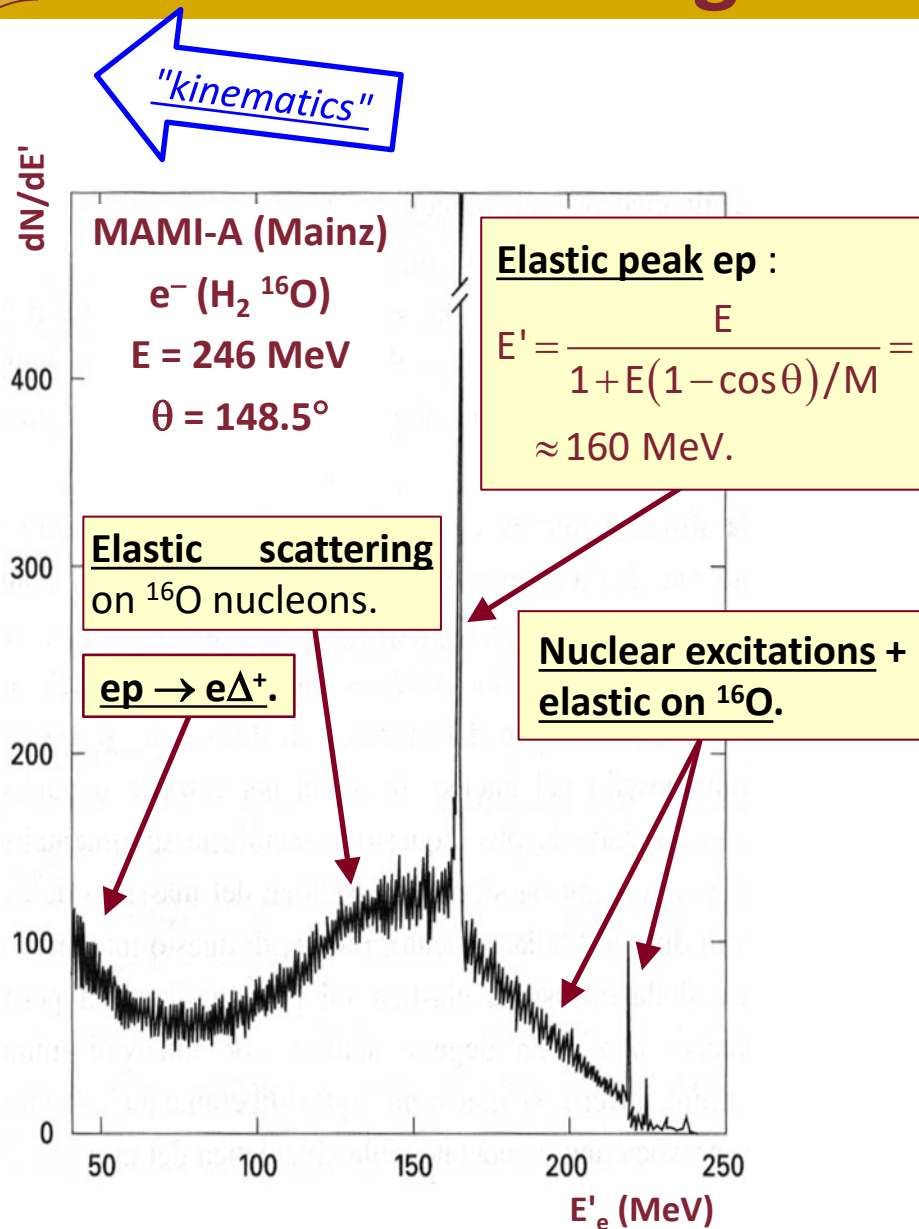
Differences between nuclei and nucleons :

1. nuclei exhibit diffraction maxima/minima; this fact corresponds to charge distributions similar to homogeneous spheres with thin skin;
2. nucleons have diffused, dipolarly distributed form factors  $\rightarrow$  exp. charge;
3. at this level, it is unclear whether the nucleons have substructure(s)  $\rightarrow$  need experiments at smaller value of distances (i.e. larger values of  $Q^2$ );
4. [*hope that*] the structure of the nucleons in the elastic scattering, described by the Rosenbluth formula, is an average with insufficient resolution;
5. at higher  $Q^2$ , one can expect a wider variety of phenomena :



- a. elastic scattering :  $ep \rightarrow ep$ ;
- b. excitation :  $ep \rightarrow e "p^*"$   
(e.g.  $ep \rightarrow e\Delta^+$ ,  $\Delta^+ \rightarrow p\pi^0$ );
- c. new states :  $ep \rightarrow eX^+$   
( $X^+$  = system of many particles).

# higher $Q^2$ : $H_2O$



Send 246 MeV electrons  $\rightarrow$  water vapor.  
 The scattering shows a complex distribution, with different phenomena in the same plot. At fixed  $\theta$  of the electron in the final state, with increasing  $E'$  :

- $e p \rightarrow e \Delta^+$  (excitation of p from H);
- $e p/n \rightarrow e p/n$  (elastic on  $^{16}\text{O}$  nucleons);
- $e p \rightarrow e p$  (elastic on H,  $E' \approx 160 \text{ MeV}$ );
- $e p \rightarrow e X^+$  (nuclear excitations);
- $e \text{ } ^{16}\text{O} \rightarrow e \text{ } ^{16}\text{O}$  (nucl. exc. / elastic)

The distribution depends also on the electron energy  $E$  and the final state angle  $\theta$ .

[Problem: the  $\Delta^+$  has  $m \approx 1230 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $\Gamma \approx 120 \text{ MeV}$ . In the plot only the tail of  $ep \rightarrow e\Delta^+$  is shown. "Compute" the effect of the Breit-Wigner in mass in the  $E'$  variable. Is it sufficient to predict the  $E'$  plot ?]

# higher $Q^2$ : $\text{He}^4$ , $\theta = 45^\circ$

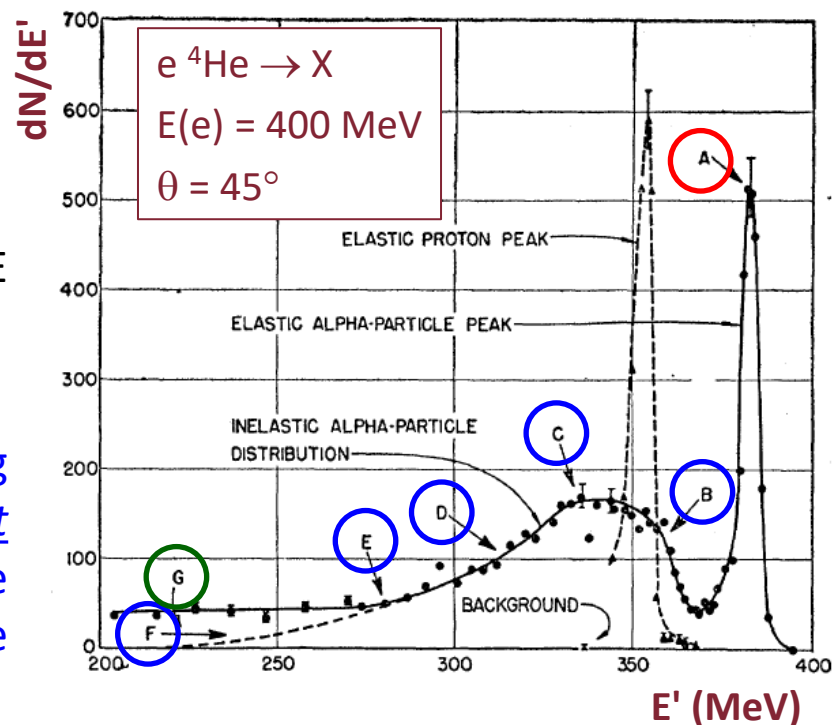
Another of these experiments (Hofstadter 1956, see fig.). Observe :

A. the elastic scattering  $e^4\text{He}$  [expected];

-- the elastic peak for  $ep \rightarrow ep$  at the same  $E$  and  $\theta$ , shown for comparison [*no problem*];

BCDEF. the elastic scattering  $ep$  /  $en$  (p/n acting like free particles) [maybe unexpected, but understandable]; notice the peak width, due to the Fermi motion of nucleons inside the nucleus;

G. the production of  $\pi^-$  (i.e. of  $\Delta$ 's), which enhances the cross section (otherwise F.); notice : smaller  $E'$   $\rightarrow$  larger energy transfer [*the new entry in the game*].

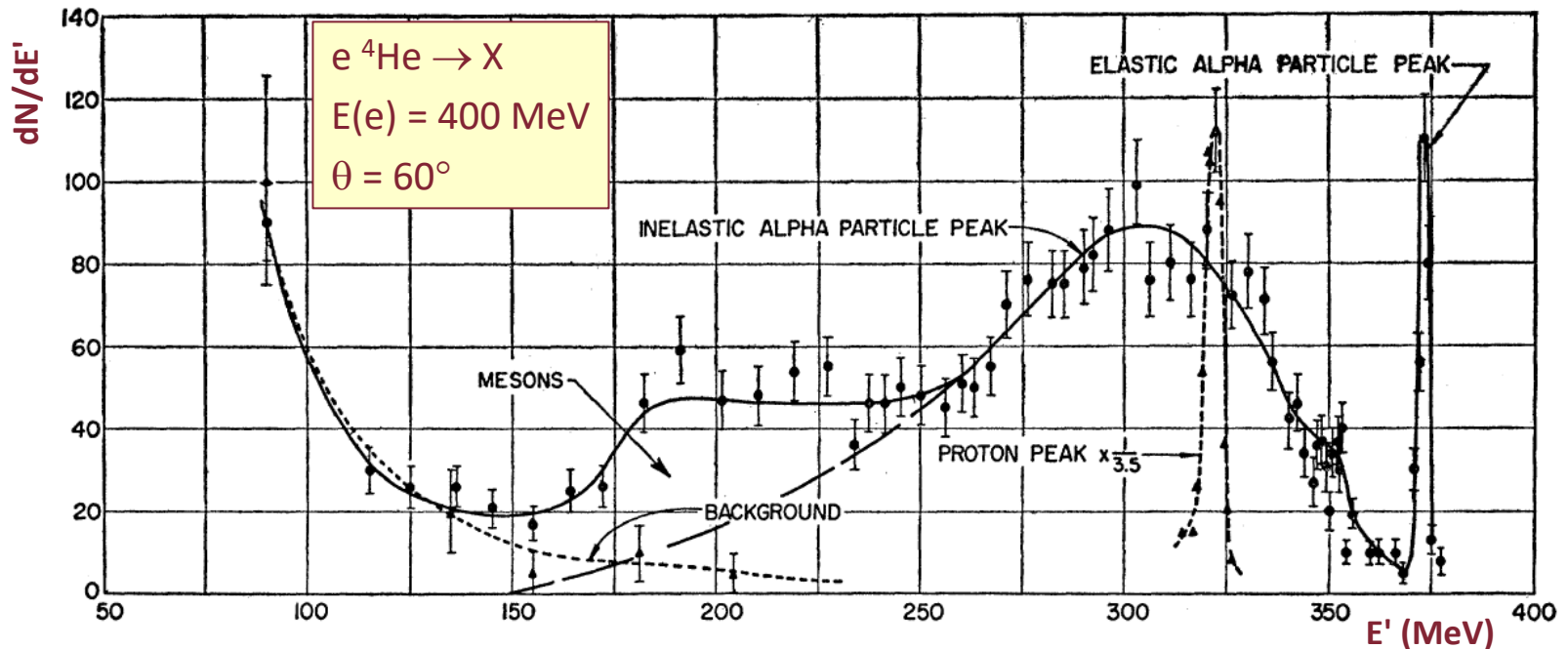


$$E' = \frac{E}{1 + E(1 - \cos\theta)/M}$$

$$M \uparrow \Rightarrow E/M \downarrow \Rightarrow E' \uparrow$$



# higher $Q^2$ : $\text{He}^4$ , $\theta = 60^\circ$



Same as before, but  $\theta = 60^\circ$ , i.e. larger  $Q^2$  [ $Q^2 \approx 4EE' \sin^2(\theta/2)$ ]. Notice :

- smaller elastic peak, both for ( $e^{-4}\text{He}$ ) and ( $e^{-p}$ );
- wider  $ep/en$  ( $p/n$  inside  $^4\text{He}$ ) peak;
- (roughly) constant  $\pi$  production (seems independent from  $Q^2$ , as expected for point-like (?) particles;

Possible conclusions [*possibly wrong*] :

- everything under control for elastic and quasi-elastic data;
  - the high- $Q^2$  part shows no evidence for sub-structures;
  - maybe  $Q^2$  is still too small (or maybe there are no substructures ... !?);
- go to even higher  $Q^2$  !!!

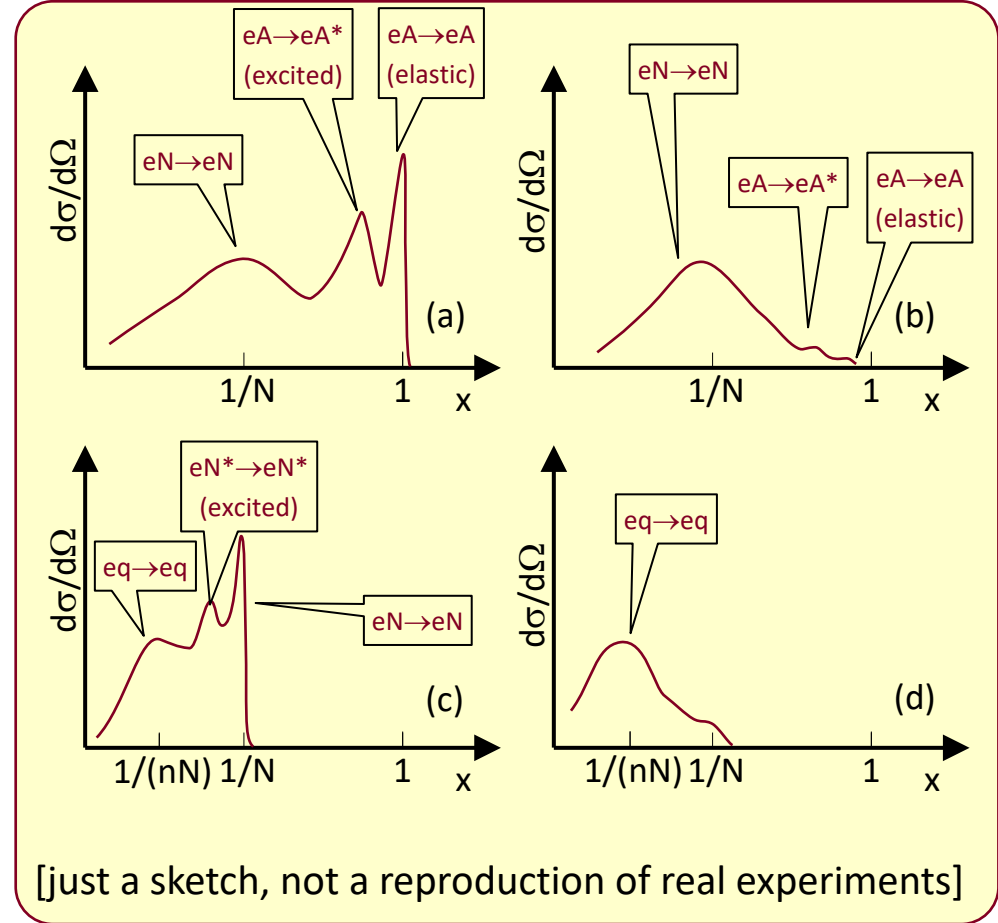
# higher $Q^2$ : summary



Follow [BJ 444] to understand the dependence of  $d\sigma/d\Omega$  on  $Q^2$  for electron on a nucleus A:

- choose the adimensional variable  $x=Q^2/(2Mv)$ ;
- from (a) to (d),  $Q^2$  increases;
- "N" includes p(roton) and n(eutron);
- "q" = *hypothetical component* of the nucleons (maybe quarks, but we are far from conclusive argument).

- At small  $Q^2$ , there are both scatterings with A and N (see);
- increasing  $Q^2$ , the eA scattering disappears, while the eN scattering stays constant;
- increasing  $Q^2$ , the constituents (if any) appears as eq  $\rightarrow$  eq;



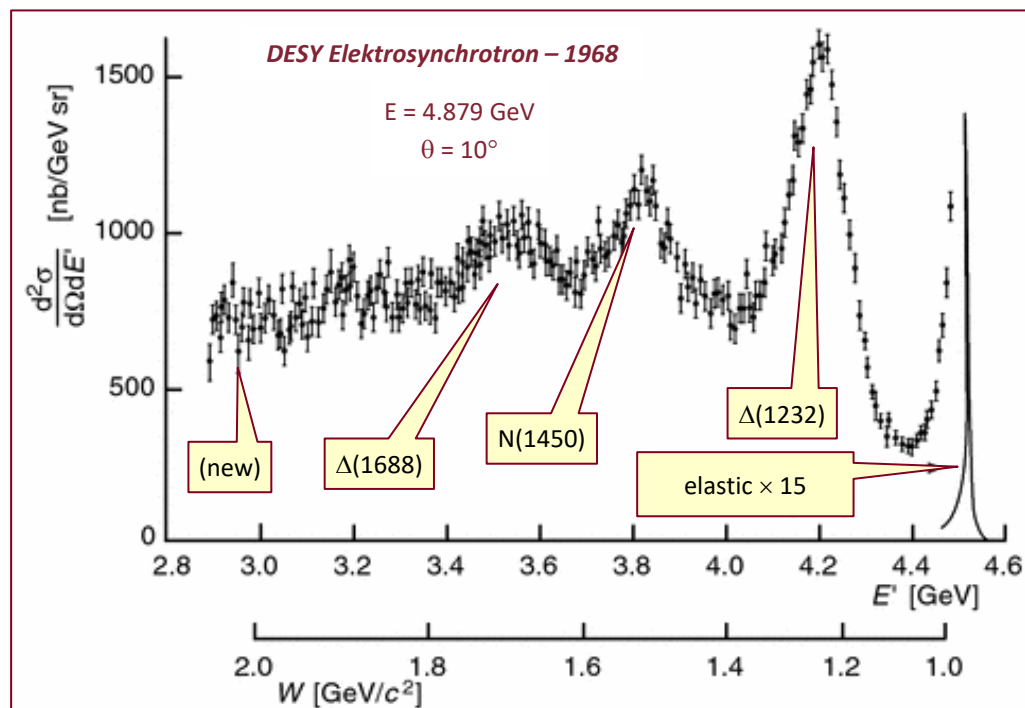
- finally, at very large  $Q^2$ , the most important process is  $eq \rightarrow eq$  (with all the possible inelastic companions).



# higher $Q^2$ : constituents show up

Scattering  $ep \rightarrow eX$  (DESY 1968) :

- Electron energy  $\approx 5$  GeV (higher than SLAC);
- resonances (R) production  $ep \rightarrow eR$  clearly visible;
- new region at small  $E'$  (= high  $W$ );
- in this "new" region :
  - continuum (NO peaks);
  - rich production of hadrons;
  - NO new particles, only (p n  $\pi$ 's); i.e. the proton breaks, but (different from the nucleus) NO constituent appears;
  - the constituents, if any, do not show up as free particles;



→ **Do quarks exist ???**  
**are they confined ??? why ???**

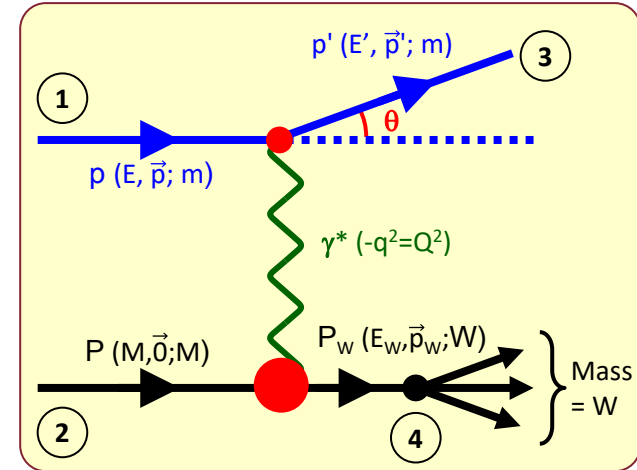
[NB in 1968 color was proposed but not really understood, QCD did not exist]



# Deep inelastic scattering : functions $W_{1,2}$

The usual parameterization of the cross section in the DIS region is the formula ( $Z=1$  for a proton) :

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right]_{\text{DIS}} &= \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Mott}}^* \left[ W_2(Q^2, \nu) + 2W_1(Q^2, \nu) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right] = \\ &= \frac{4Z^2 \alpha^2 (\hbar c)^2 E'^2}{|qc|^4} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \times \left[ W_2(Q^2, \nu) + 2W_1(Q^2, \nu) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right] = \\ &= \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} \times \left[ W_2(Q^2, \nu) \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 2W_1(Q^2, \nu) \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]. \end{aligned}$$



Remarks :

- the inelastic cross section requires 2 final-state variables, e.g.  $\theta$  and  $E'$ ; other choices are equivalent;  $Q^2$  and  $\nu$  are L-invariant, so more convenient;
- $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are the equivalent of  $G_E$  and  $G_M$  for DIS (with dimension  $1/E$ , see next slide) : they are called structure functions [later they will be a sum of "PDF"];
- $W_1$  and  $W_2$  reflect the structure of the particles; the formula is general, but contains little information until  $W_{1,2}$  are explicitly measured (and/or computed from a deeper theory);
- the dynamics of the scattering depends on the structure of the target;  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are the real "containers" of this information.



# Deep inelastic scattering : $G_{E,M}$ vs $W_{1,2}$



Some algebra, quite boring, to show for the ep ( $Z=1, M_p$ ):

- the explicit values of Mott and Rosenbluth cross-sections;
- the relation  $G_{E,M}$  vs  $W_{1,2}$ .

Enjoy !!!

$$\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Mott}} = \left[ \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} \right]_{\text{Rutherford}} \left[ \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]_{\rightarrow \text{Mott}^*} \left[ \frac{E'}{E} \right]_{\rightarrow \text{Mott}} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^3}{EQ^4} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2};$$

$$\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Rosenbluth}} = \left[ \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^3}{EQ^4} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]_{\text{Mott}} \left[ \frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau} + 2\tau G_M^2 \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]_{\rightarrow \text{Rosenbluth}};$$

$$\left[ \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right]_{\text{Rosenbluth}} = \frac{12\alpha^2 E'^2}{EQ^4} \left( \frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 2\tau G_M^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right);$$

$$\left[ \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right]_{\text{DIS}} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} \times \left[ W_2(Q^2, \nu) \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 2W_1(Q^2, \nu) \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right];$$

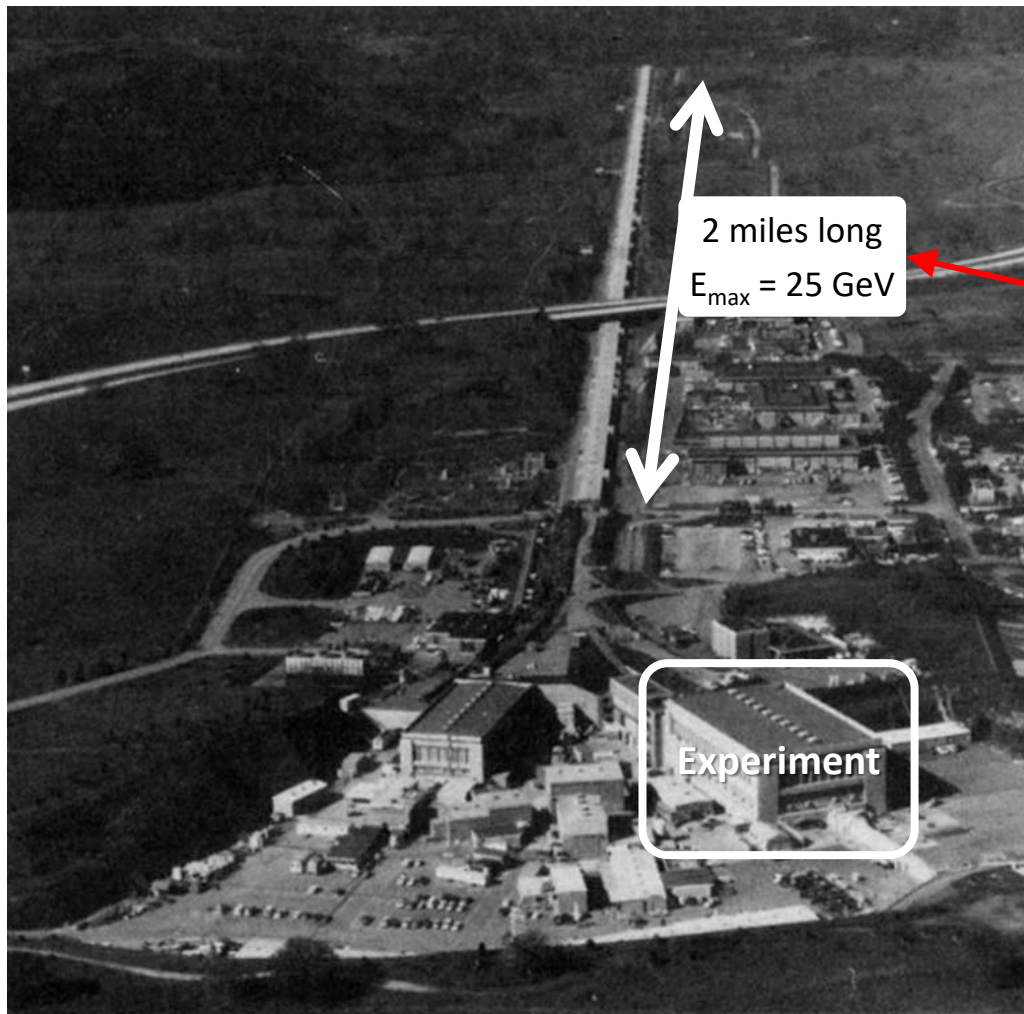
$$W_1(Q^2, \nu) = \frac{3}{E} \tau G_M^2 = \frac{3Q^2}{4EM_p^2} G_M^2;$$

$$W_2(Q^2, \nu) = \frac{3}{E} \left( \frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau} \right) = \frac{3}{E} \left( \frac{4M_p^2 G_E^2 + Q^2 G_M^2}{4M_p^2 + Q^2} \right).$$

An interesting question.  
Do you understand why ?

Rutherford, Mott\* and Mott  $d\sigma/d\Omega$ 's do NOT depend on the proton mass.  
Rosenbluth  $d\sigma/d\Omega$  depends on  $\tau$  ( $Q^2/4M^2$ ) + any hidden dependence in  $G_{E,M}$ .  
 $W_{1,2}$  have \*NO\* dependence: wait'n see.

# Deep inelastic scattering : SLAC



## SLAC

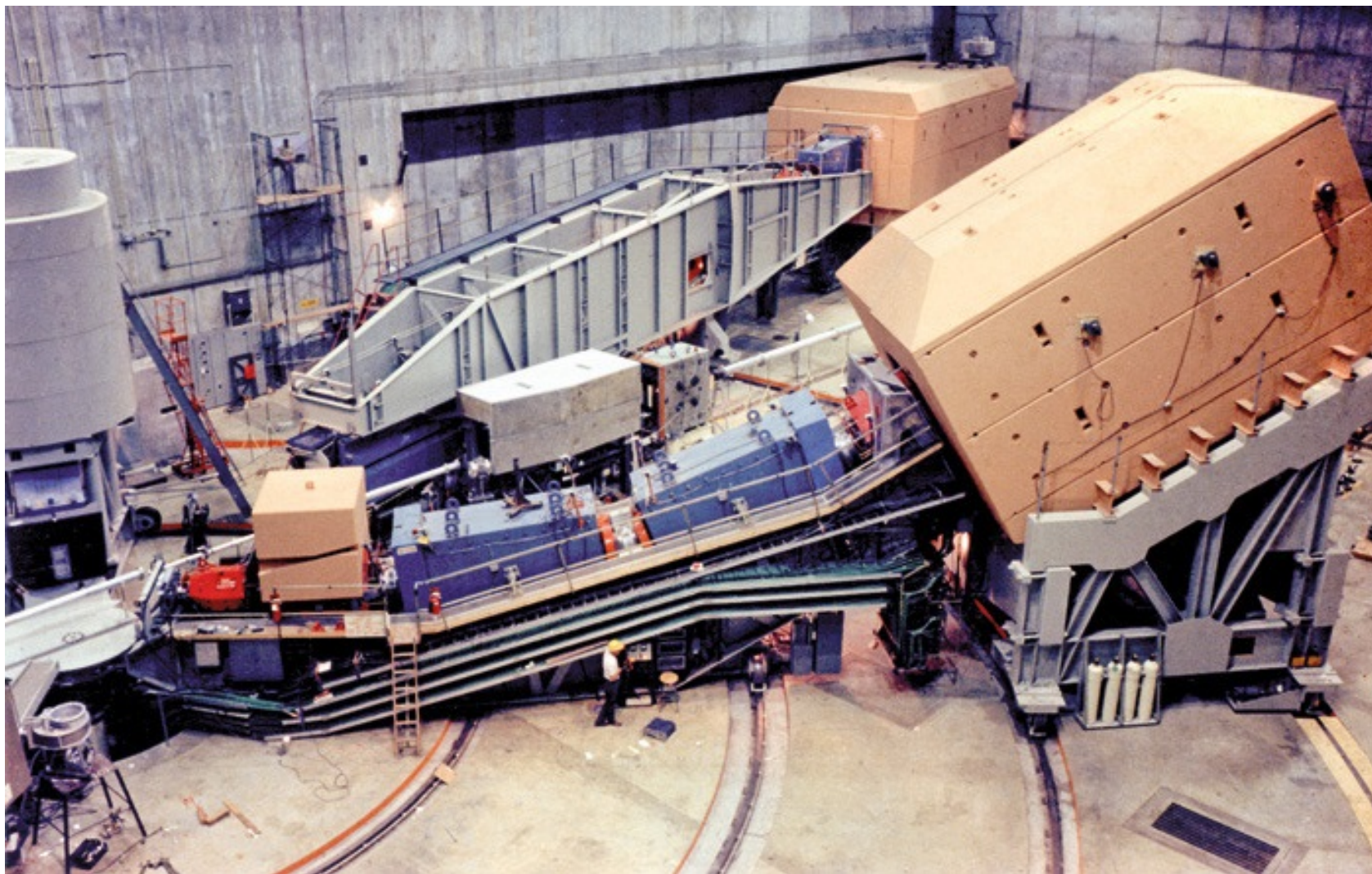
Stanford Linear  
Accelerator Center

the beginning of the story (1960)

... and this is NOT the end (1990)



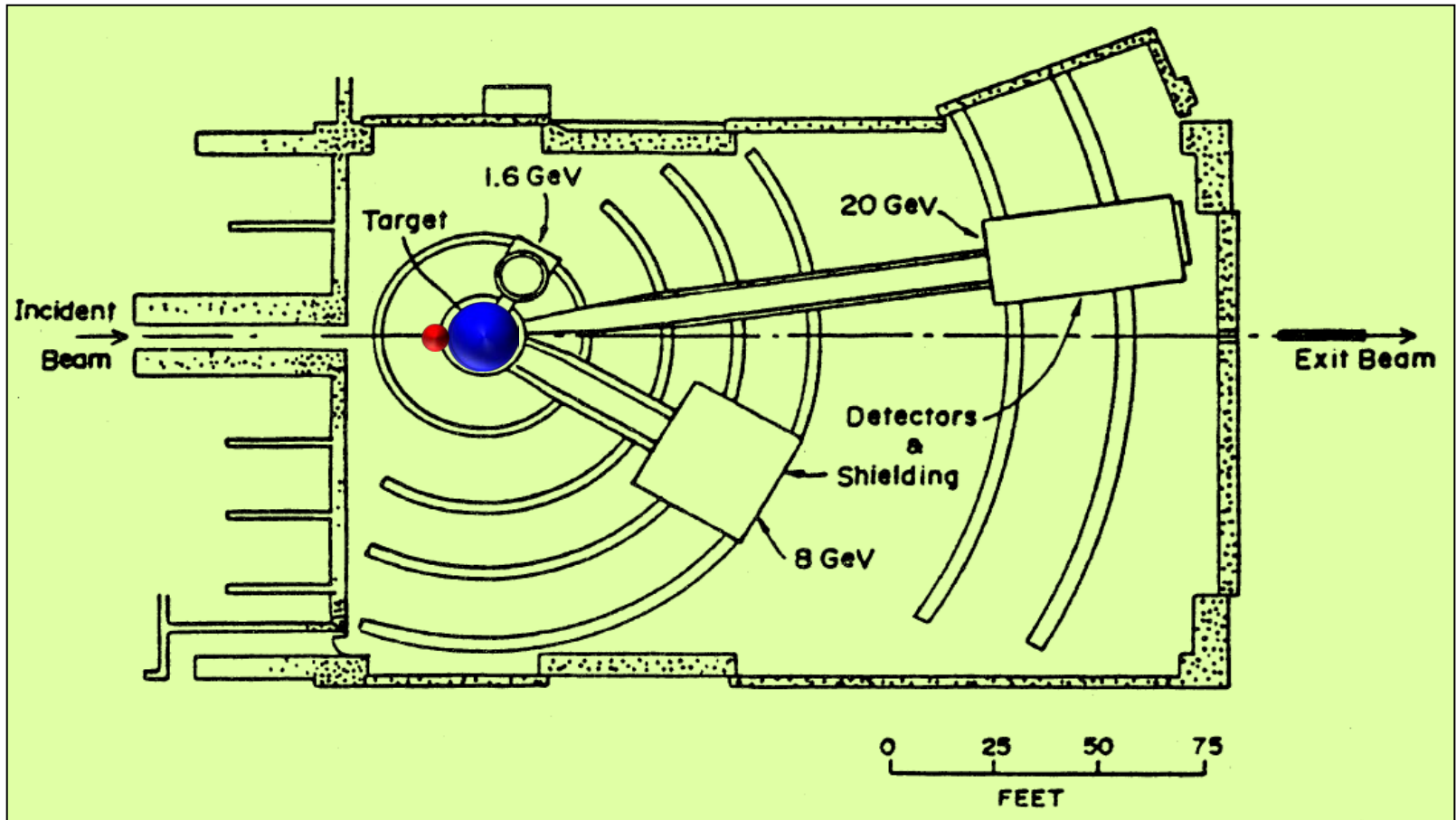
# Deep inelastic scattering : SLAC experiment



The 8 GeV spectrometer – 1968

(notice the men at the bottom)

# Deep inelastic scattering : layout

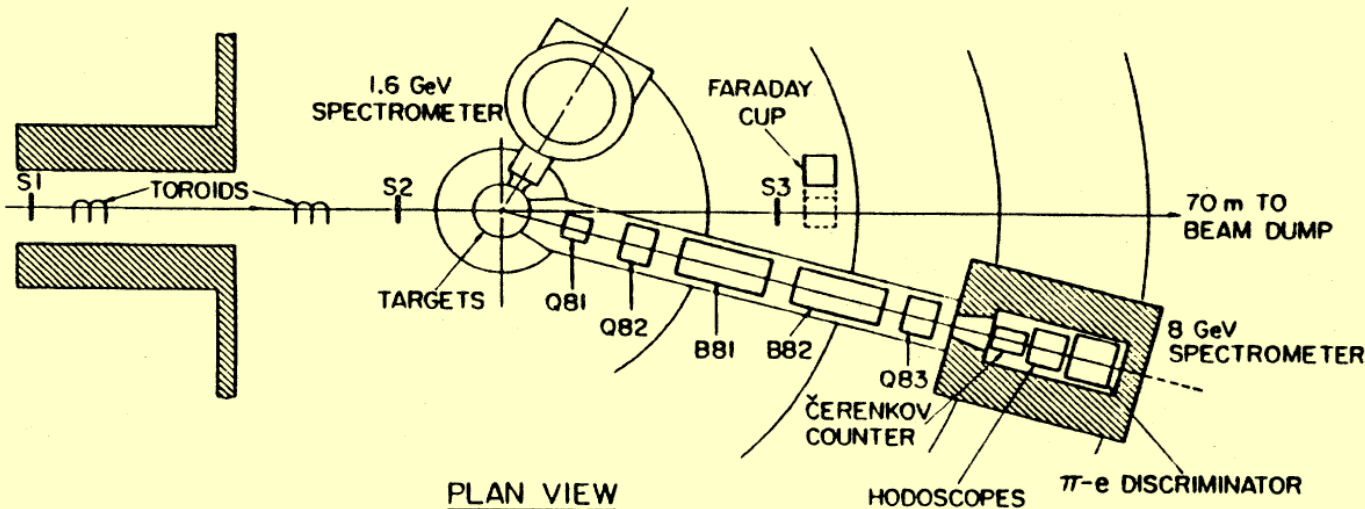
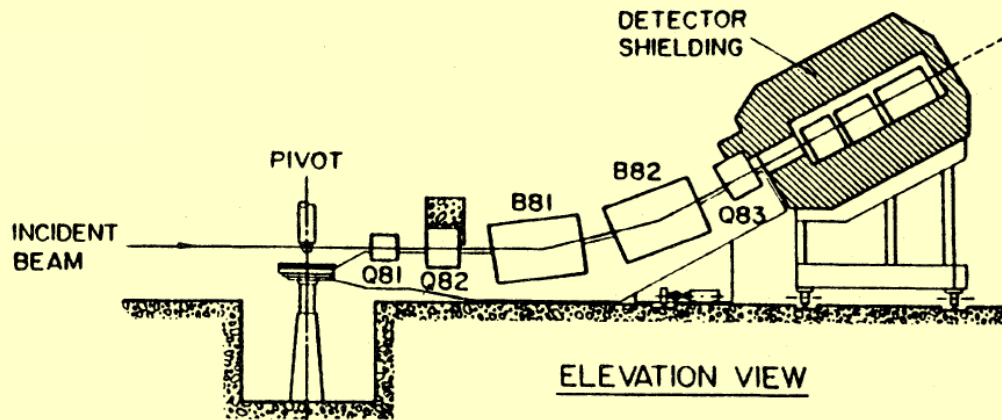


Layout of the three spectrometers : they can be rotated about their pivot, as shown in the figure. [75 ft  $\approx$  23 m]





# Deep inelastic scattering : layout details



Draw of the 8 GeV spectrometer [the 20 GeV is NOT shown]:

B : bending magnets (dipoles);

Q : quadrupoles;

Čerenkov counters;

scintillation hodoscopes,

shower counters for  $e$ - $\pi$  discrimination;

dE/dx counters.

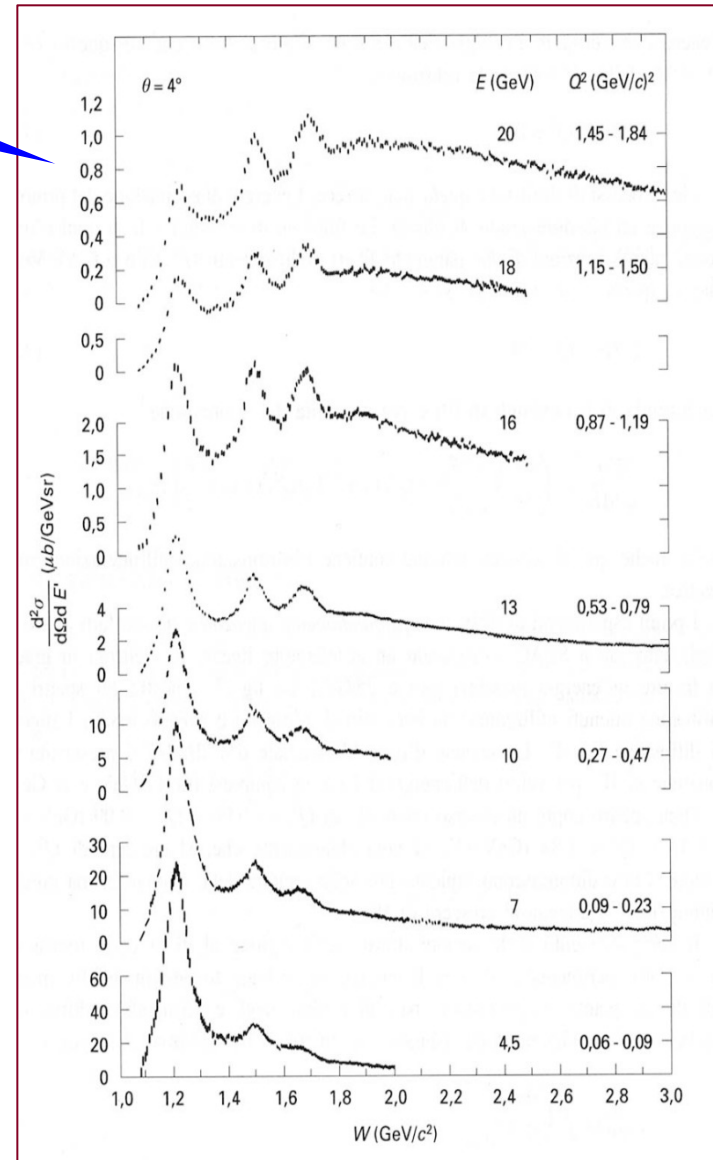
a big effort for physics and engineering of 50 years ago !!!  
not to be compared with modern experiments ...

# Deep inelastic scattering : $d^2\sigma/d\Omega dE'$

$ep \rightarrow eX$ ,  $\theta = 4^\circ$ ,  $d^2\sigma/d\Omega dE'$  vs  $W$  (= hadr. mass)

Notice :

- the intervals in  $W$  and  $Q^2$ , due to fixed  $E$  and  $\theta$ ;
- the elastic scattering ( $W = M_p$ ) is out of scale;
- the decrease in cross section (the vertical scale) when  $E$  increases;
- the presence of excited states of the nucleon (resonances  $\rightarrow$  peaks), e.g.  $\Delta^+(1232)$ ;
- the "fading out" of resonances, when  $W$  increases at fixed  $E$  and  $\theta$ ;
- the continuum at high  $W$ , with  $\sim \text{const } \sigma$  (1-2  $\mu\text{b} / \text{GeV sr}$ , independent from  $E$  and  $Q^2$ ).



# Deep inelastic scattering : $d\sigma/d\theta$ vs $d\sigma/d\theta_{\text{Mott}}$

Ratio  $R = \text{exp.}/\text{Mott} = W_2 + 2 W_1 \tan^2 \theta/2 = R(Q^2)$ .

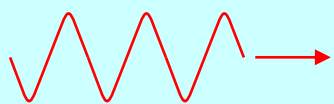
Notice that the structure functions appear to be nearly **independent** of  $Q^2$ . Instead, the elastic scattering for a non-pointlike target has a strong  $Q^2$  dependence !!!

I.e., for DIS, the target (whatever it be), behaves like a **point-like particle** [ $\mathcal{F}(Q^2)=\text{const}$ ], cfr the Rutherford formula] !!! [NB constant, but  $\ll 1 \rightarrow$  charge  $< 1$ ]

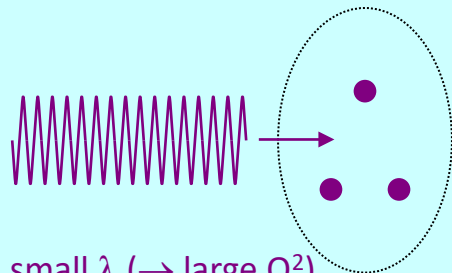
This  $Q^2$  independence is another confirmation that the DIS "breaks" the proton : the scattering happens with one of its constituents. The constituents looks "quasi-free" and "quasi-pointlike", at least at this scale of  $Q^2$ .

$$\lambda \approx 2\pi/|q|$$

$$\approx 4\pi Mx/Q^2$$



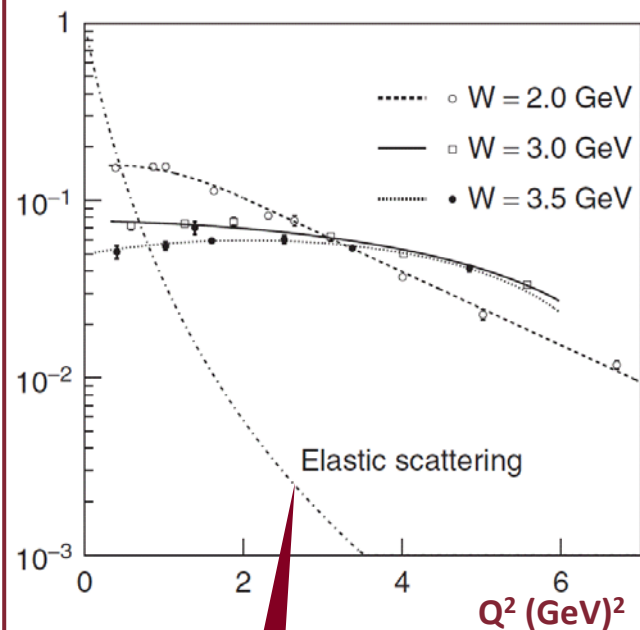
large  $\lambda$  ( $\rightarrow$  small  $Q^2$ )  
coherent scattering ep



small  $\lambda$  ( $\rightarrow$  large  $Q^2$ )  
scattering eq

M. Breidenbach et al., PRL 23, 935

$$R = (d\sigma_{\text{exp}}/d\theta) / (d\sigma_{\text{Mott}^*}/d\theta) |_{\theta=10^\circ}$$



dipole form factor:

- $R(Q^2=0) = 1$ ;
- $R(Q^2) \propto Q^{-8}$



# Bjorken scaling: structure functions $F_1, F_2$

Define two dimensionless functions  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , instead of  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  [for  $d^2\sigma/dx dy$  see later]:

$$F_1(x, Q^2) = MW_1(Q^2, \nu);$$

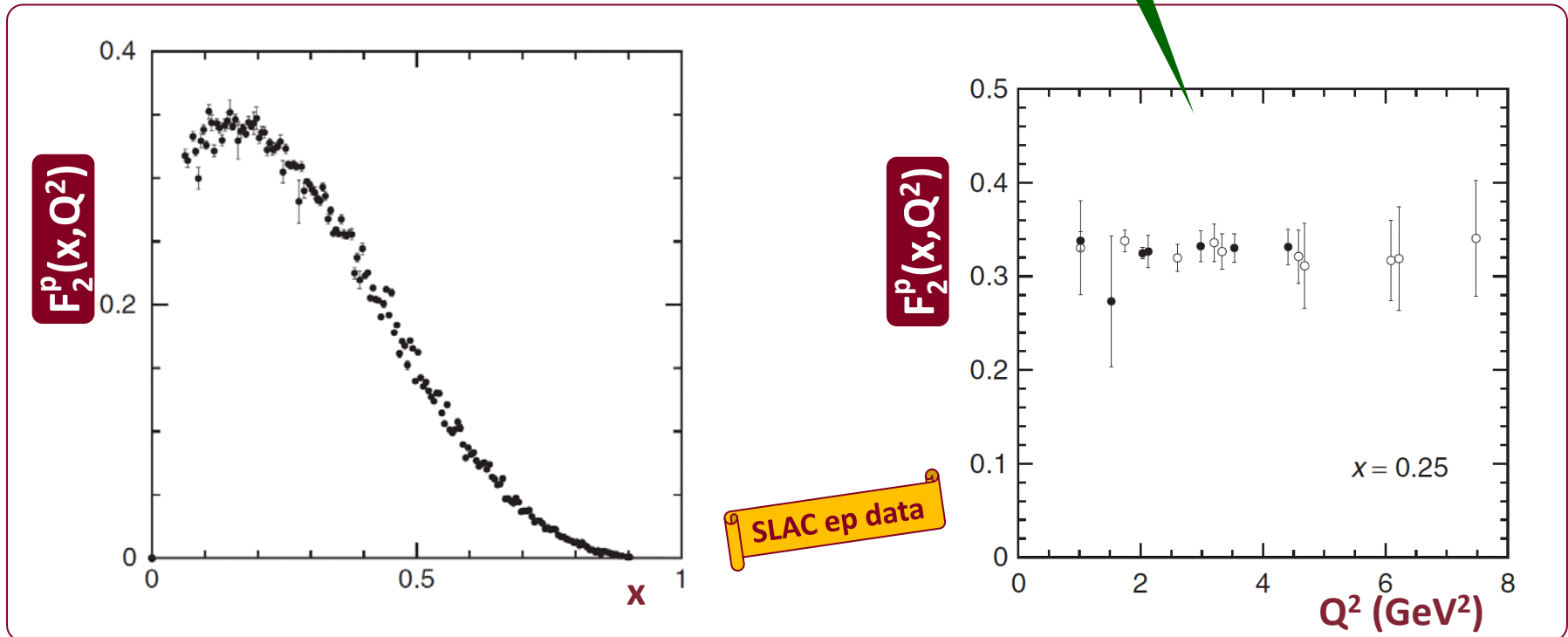
$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \nu W_2(Q^2, \nu).$$

$F_1(x, Q^2)$  and  $F_2(x, Q^2)$  are called *structure functions*.

If the nucleons are made by point-like, spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  objects, from the DIS formula the Callan-Gross relation can be derived [next slide] :

$$2xF_1(x) = F_2(x)$$

Seen as functions of  $x$  and  $Q^2$ ,  $F_{1,2}$  appear NOT to depend on  $Q^2$  for a large range of it.





a) the cross sections of pointlike **spin 1/2** particle of mass **m** (à la Rosenbluth with  $G_E = G_M = 1$ ) :

$$\left[ \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right]_{\text{point-like, spin 1/2}} = \frac{12\alpha^2 E'^2}{EQ^4} \left[ \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 2\tau \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right];$$

$$\left[ \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right]_{\text{DIS}} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} \left[ W_2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 2W_1 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right];$$

$$W_2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 2W_1 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{3}{E} \left[ \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 2\tau \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right];$$

$$W_1 = \frac{3\tau}{E}; \quad W_2 = \frac{3}{E}; \quad \frac{W_1}{W_2} = \frac{F_1(x) v}{F_2(x) M} = \tau = \frac{Q^2}{4m^2};$$

b) from the kinematics of elastic scattering of point-like constituents of mass **m** :

$$Q^2 = 2m\nu = 2M\nu x \rightarrow m = xM;$$

$$\frac{F_1(x)}{F_2(x)} = \frac{Q^2 M}{4m^2 \nu} = \frac{2m\nu M}{4m^2 \nu} = \frac{M}{2m} = \frac{1}{2x}; \quad \rightarrow$$

$$2xF_1(x) = F_2(x).$$

Warnings :

- don't confuse  $M$  (the nucleon) with  $m$  (the constituent);
- don't confuse the inelastic scattering ep with the elastic scattering eq;
- $x$  refers to the inelastic case;
- an hypothetical [*nobody uses it*] variable  $\xi$ , analogous to  $x$  but for the constituent scattering; in this case,  $Q^2 = 2m\nu\xi$ ,  $\xi = 1$ ;
- we learn that  $x = m/M$  [REMEMBER].

# Bjorken scaling : parton model

Assume that the nucleon be made of **partons** (point-like, spin 1/2, mass  $m_i$ ), which scatter elastically in the ep process.

Then the DIS cross section

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} \left[ W_2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 2W_1 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right];$$

reduces to an incoherent sum of constituent cross sections,  $q_{\text{electron}} e_i$  being the charge of each of them :

$$\left. \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right|_{m_i} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} \sum_i \left[ \begin{array}{l} e_i^2 \left( \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{Q^2}{2m_i^2} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \\ \delta \left( v - \frac{Q^2}{2m_i} \right) \end{array} \right];$$

where the  $\delta()$  means that, at the constituent level, the scattering is elastic, i.e.  $Q^2 = 2m_i v$ .

For such partons [*next 2 slides*]:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} F_1 \left[ x = \frac{Q^2}{2mv} \right] = MW_1(Q^2, v) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_j e_j^2 f_j(x) \\ F_2 \left[ x = \frac{Q^2}{2mv} \right] = vW_2(Q^2, v) = x \sum_j e_j^2 f_j(x) \end{array} \right.$$

i.e.  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  do NOT depend on  $Q^2$  and  $v$  separately, but only on their ratio.  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are also related by the Callan-Gross equation.

This mechanism (the **Bjorken scaling**) was interpreted by Feynman in 1969 as the dominance of partons in the nucleon dynamics (the **parton model**).



Richard Feynman

James Bjorken





[BJ, 446-460]

if  $B(x=x_0) = 0 \rightarrow$  2

$$\int A(x) \delta[B(x)] dx = A(x_0) / |B'(x_0)|,$$

$$B(x) = v - \frac{Q^2}{2Mx} \rightarrow x_0 = \frac{Q^2}{2Mv};$$

$$\rightarrow B'(x_0) = \frac{Q^2}{2Mx^2} \Big|_{x=x_0} = \frac{2Mv^2}{Q^2}.$$

DIS formula for ep, p NOT pointlike, mass=M: 3

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

Elastic scattering e"q", pointlike, spin 1/2, charge e, mass m=Mx:

$$\left[ \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right]_{e"q"} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} \left[ e^2 \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + e^2 \frac{Q^2}{2m^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right] \delta\left(\nu - \frac{Q^2}{2m}\right)$$

$$W_1|_x = \frac{e^2 Q^2}{4m^2} \delta\left(\nu - \frac{Q^2}{2m}\right) = \frac{e^2 Q^2}{4M^2 x^2} \delta\left(\nu - \frac{Q^2}{2Mx}\right); \quad \text{[at fixed x]}$$

f(x) : x-distribution of (a single) substructure;

$$W_1 = \int \frac{e^2 Q^2}{4M^2 x^2} \delta\left(\nu - \frac{Q^2}{2Mx}\right) f(x) dx = \frac{e^2 Q^2}{4M^2} \int \frac{f(x) dx}{x^2} \delta\left(\nu - \frac{Q^2}{2Mx}\right) =$$

$$= \frac{e^2 Q^2}{4M^2} f(x) \Big|_{x=\frac{Q^2}{2Mv}} \left(\frac{Q^2}{2Mv}\right)^{-2} \frac{Q^2}{2Mv^2} =$$

$$= e^2 f(x) (2^{-2+2-1}) (M^{-2+2-1}) (Q^{2-4+2}) (v^{2-2}) = \frac{e^2 f(x)}{2M}. \quad \text{4}$$

here ONLY ONE parton 1  
"q", with m, e, x=m/M.[similarly:] 5

$$W_2|_x = e^2 \delta\left(\nu - \frac{Q^2}{2Mx}\right);$$

$$W_2 = \int e^2 \delta\left(\nu - \frac{Q^2}{2Mx}\right) f(x) dx =$$

$$= e^2 f(x) \Big|_{x=\frac{Q^2}{2Mv}} \frac{Q^2}{2Mv^2} = \frac{e^2 x f(x)}{v}.$$





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$$\left[ \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right]_{\text{DIS}} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} \left[ W_2(Q^2, \nu) \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + 2W_1(Q^2, \nu) \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right];$$

$$\left[ \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right]_{e^+q} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} \left[ e^2 \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + e^2 \frac{Q^2}{2m^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right] \delta\left(\nu - \frac{Q^2}{2m}\right);$$

a single substructure  $\{e, m=Mx\} \rightarrow W_1 = \frac{e^2 f(x)}{2M}; \quad W_2 = \frac{e^2 x f(x)}{\nu}.$



Many sub-structures: for each  $\{e, x, f(x)\} \rightarrow \{e_j, x_j, f_j(x)\}$ :

$$W_1 = \frac{e^2 f(x)}{2M} \rightarrow W_1 = \sum_j \frac{e_j^2 f_j(x)}{2M} \rightarrow MW_1 = F_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_j e_j^2 f_j(x);$$

$$W_2 = \frac{e^2 x f(x)}{\nu} \rightarrow W_2 = \sum_j \frac{e_j^2 x f_j(x)}{\nu} \rightarrow \nu W_2 = F_2(x) = x \sum_j e_j^2 f_j(x);$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Callan - Gross : } 2xF_1(x) = F_2(x).$$

this form ("Σ...") is actually  
very important (why ?)



# The parton model

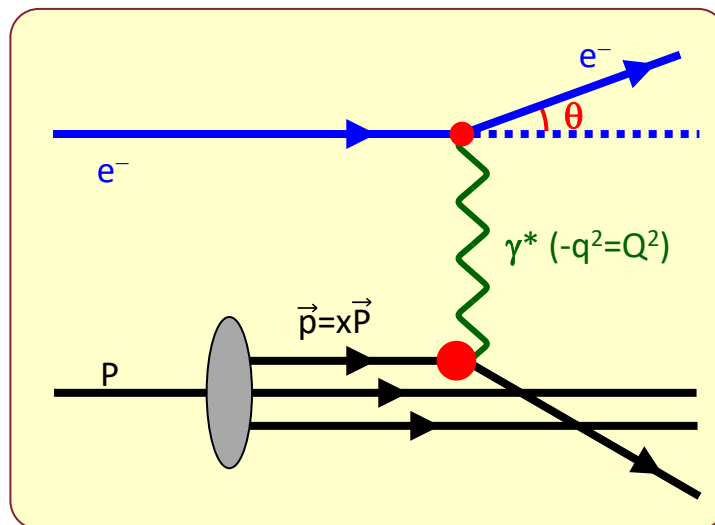
**Summary:** the nucleons are made by partons (later identified with quarks, but at the time there was no reason) :

- point-like (at least at the scale of  $Q^2$  accessible to the experiments, *both then and now*);
- spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  fermions;
- define the ratio  $|\vec{p}(\text{parton})| / |\vec{p}(\text{nucleon})|$  :

$$x_{\text{Feynman}} = x_F = |\vec{p}_{\text{parton}}| / |\vec{p}_{\text{nucleon}}|$$

(cfr.  $x_{\text{Bjorken}} = x_B = m/M$ );

- the interaction e-parton is so fast, that they behave like free particles (similar, *mutatis mutandis*, to the collision approximation in classical mechanics);
- the other partons [at least in 1<sup>st</sup> approx.] do NOT take part in the interaction ("spectators");
- it follows  $x_F = x_B$  [next slide];
- the DIS is an incoherent sum of the processes on the partons; at high  $Q^2$  the nucleons as such are mere containers, with no role [ $F_{1,2} = \Sigma \dots$ ].



Despite the formal identity between  $x_F$  and  $x_B$ , they have a different dynamical origin :

- $x_F$  is defined in the hadronic system (= fraction of the proton momentum);
- $x_B$  comes from the lepton part (momentum transfer and lepton energies).





Show :  $x_{\text{Feynman}} \equiv x_F = x_{\text{Bjorken}} \equiv x_B$

In the "infinite momentum frame" (IMF), where all the masses are negligible :

$$p_{\text{proton}}^{\text{init}} \Big|_{\text{IMF}} = (p, \vec{p});$$

$$p_{\text{parton}}^{\text{init}} \Big|_{\text{IMF}} = x_F p_{\text{proton}}^{\text{init}} = (x_F p, x_F \vec{p});$$

$$p_{\text{parton}}^{\text{fin}} \Big|_{\text{IMF}} = p_{\text{parton}}^{\text{init}} + q_{\text{transf}};$$

$$\begin{aligned} (p_{\text{parton}}^{\text{fin}})^2 &= 0 = (p_{\text{parton}}^{\text{init}} + q_{\text{transf}})^2 = \\ &= 0 + q_{\text{transf}}^2 + 2(p_{\text{parton}}^{\text{init}} \cdot q_{\text{transf}}); \end{aligned}$$

$(p_{\text{parton}}^{\text{init}} \cdot q_{\text{transf}})$  is Lorentz-invariant; let's compute it in the lab frame:

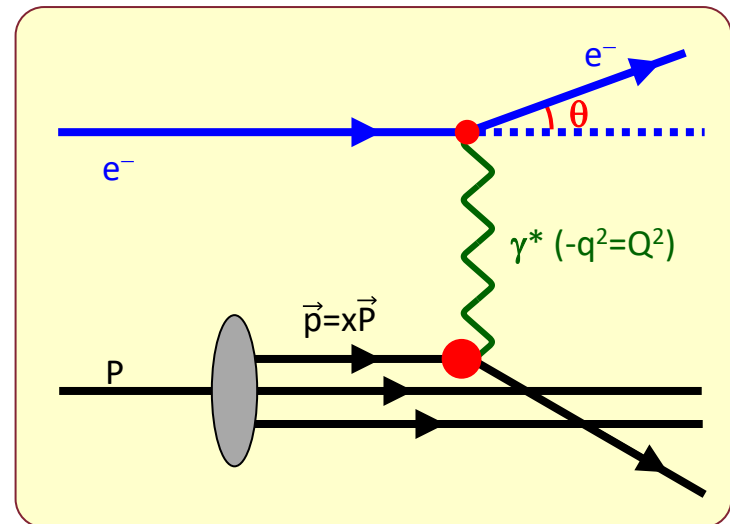
$$p_{\text{proton}}^{\text{init}} \Big|_{\text{LAB}} = (M, \vec{0}); \quad p_{\text{parton}}^{\text{init}} \Big|_{\text{LAB}} = (Mx_F, \vec{0});$$

$$q_{\text{transf}} \Big|_{\text{LAB}} = (E - E' = \nu, q_x, q_y, q_z);$$

$$2Mx_F \nu = -q_{\text{transf}}^2 = Q^2 \rightarrow$$

$$x_F = Q^2 / (2M\nu) \equiv x_B.$$

Warning : the equality holds only in the IMF. It is also a reasonable approx. in the "ultra-relativistic" case, when the masses are negligible wrt momenta.



# The parton model : sum rules

Remarks and comments (discuss the proton, the neutron is similar):

- experimentally, it is enough to control the initial state ( $E_e, M_p$ ) + measure the leptonic final state ( $E', \theta$ );

- the model seems to imply that

$$\sum_i x_i = 1,$$

when the sum runs over ALL the partons;

- at the time there was no clue about the nature of the partons, nor if they are charged or neutral (i.e. not interacting with the electrons); therefore:

$$\sum'_i x_i \leq 1$$

(the sum is only over those partons, which interact with the electron);

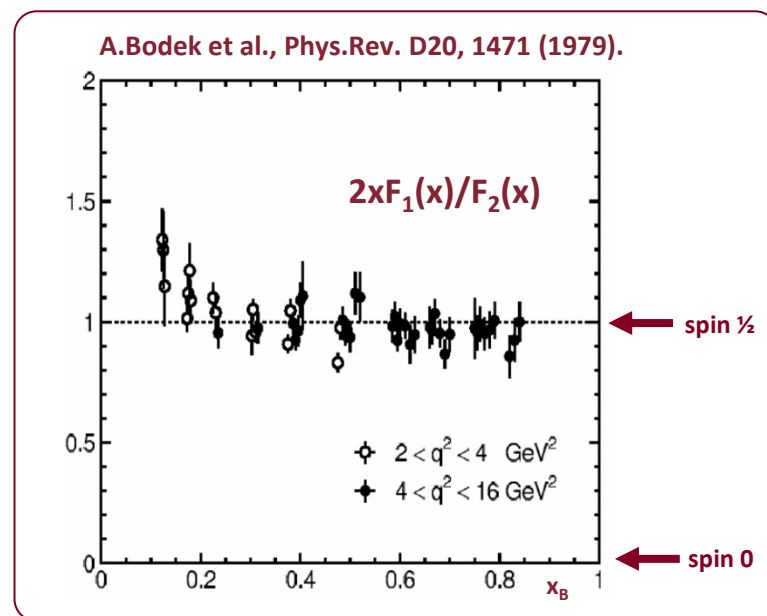
- given the intrinsic q.m. structure of the nucleon, the values  $x_i$  are not fixed, but described by a distribution  $f_j^p(x)$  for

partons of type "j" in the proton:

$$f_j^p(x) = dP / dx; \quad \sum_j \int dx [x f_j^p(x)] \leq 1,$$

with the same caveats over the sum.

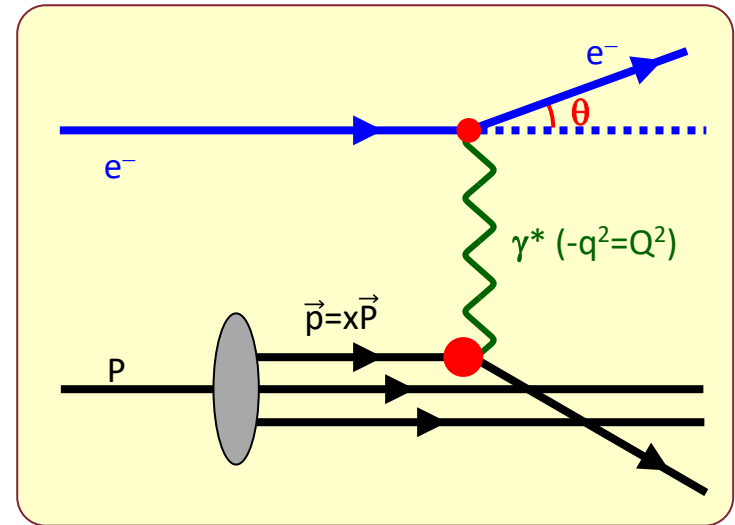
- if partons are spin  $\frac{1}{2}$ , then the Callan-Gross relation  $2xF_1(x) = F_2(x)$  holds;
- instead, spin = 0  $\rightarrow \tau = 0 \rightarrow F_1(x) = 0$ ;
- but ... can we measure it ? YES, it's OK !!!





A summary of the model, with final formulæ (shown below and in the next slide):

- at high  $Q^2$ , a hadron (p/n) behaves as a mixture of small components, the partons.
- partons are pointlike, spin  $\frac{1}{2}$ ;
- each parton in each interaction is described by its fraction  $x_i$  of the 4-momentum of the hadron;
- the  $x_i$  are qm variables, described by their distribution functions  $f_i^p(x)$  [called "**PDF**"];
- in principle the PDF are different for each parton and each hadron;
- $\sum_j \int dx x f_j^p(x) \leq 1$ ;
- parton spin  $\rightarrow$  Callan-Gross  
 $2xF_1(x) = F_2(x)$ .



$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} \left[ W_2(Q^2, \nu) \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 2W_1(Q^2, \nu) \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right];$$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dy} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2 s}{Q^4} \left[ xy^2 F_1(x, Q^2) + (1-y) F_2(x, Q^2) \right];$$

$$F_1(x, Q^2) = MW_1(Q^2, \nu) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_j e_j^2 f_j(x);$$

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \nu W_2(Q^2, \nu) = x \sum_j e_j^2 f_j(x).$$



# The parton model : $d^2\sigma/dx dy$



$$s = 2EM; \quad v = E - E'; \quad y = \frac{v}{E} = 1 - \frac{E'}{E}; \quad E' = E(1-y) = \frac{s}{M} \frac{1-y}{2}; \quad Q^2 = 4EE' \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} = \left(\frac{s}{M}\right)^2 (1-y) \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}.$$

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2Mv} = \left(\frac{s}{M}\right)^2 (1-y) \sin^2 \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \frac{1}{2ME} \frac{1}{E-E'} = \frac{s}{M^2} \frac{1-y}{y} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right);$$

$$\sin^2 \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{M^2 xy}{s(1-y)}; \quad \cos^2 \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = 1 - \sin^2 \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \approx 1. \quad \text{Kinematics}$$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} \left( W_2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 2W_1 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right).$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial \cos \theta} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial \sin^2(\theta/2)} \frac{\partial \sin^2(\theta/2)}{\partial \cos \theta} = \frac{s}{M^2} \frac{1-y}{y} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) = -\frac{E}{M} \frac{1-y}{y}; \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial E'} = -\frac{1}{E};$$

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \cos \theta} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial E'} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial \cos \theta} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial E'} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1-y}{My}.$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \cos \theta} \left( \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \cos \theta} \left( \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2} \right) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Jacobian  
 $\cos \theta, E'$   
 $\rightarrow x, y$

[YN1], probl. 17.7 :  
 page 697, 698, 911.

L-inv :  $s, M, v, x, y, Q^2$ .  
 Labo :  $E, E', \theta, \Omega$ .

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dy} = \frac{2\pi}{|J|} \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\cos \theta dE'} = \frac{2\pi My}{1-y} \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2 (1-y)^2}{Q^4} \times \left[ \frac{F_2(x, y)}{v} \cos^2 \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + \frac{2F_1(x, y)}{M} \frac{M^2 xy}{s(1-y)} \right] = \text{result}$$

$$= \frac{s\pi y 4\alpha^2 E (1-y)}{Q^4} \left[ \frac{F_2(x, y)}{Ey} + 2F_1(x, y) \frac{Mxy}{s(1-y)} \frac{E}{E} \right] = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^4} s \left[ (1-y)F_2(x, y) + xy^2 F_1(x, y) \right].$$

# The quark-parton model

## partons = quarks ???

Which is the dynamical meaning of  $F_{1,2}$  ?  
Can we measure them ? [yes, of course]

- in principle the proton and the neutron have different structure functions;
- also a given process could result in a different structure [e.g. the electron scattering could "see" different  $F_{1,2}$  from neutrino- or hadron-hadron interactions];
- in this picture, e.g. we will refer to " $F_1^{\text{ep}}(x)$ ", meaning  $F_1(x)$  for the proton, when probed in DIS by an electron;
- similarly " $F_2^{\text{ep}}(x)$ ", " $F_2^{\text{en}}(x)$ ", " $F_2^{\text{vp}}(x)$ ", ...
- however, these functions are NOT really independent : if they reflect the true dynamics, they must be correlated.

In the SM the answer is **YES** :

the **quark-parton model**;

- assume that the nucleons are made by three quarks [*Nature is much more complicated, but wait ...*];
- call them "**valence quarks**" [*why ???*];
- each of them is described by a  $x$  distribution, identified with " $f_j^p(x)$ " [e.g. " $u^p(x)$ " = the  $x$  distribution for u-quarks in the proton];
- e.g.  $u^p(x)dx$  = number of u quarks in the proton, with  $x$  in the interval  $(x, x+dx)$ ;
- then  $d^p(x)$ ,  $\bar{u}^p(x)$ ,  $\bar{u}^{\bar{p}}(x)$ ,  $u^n(x)$ ,  $\bar{u}^{\bar{n}}(x)$ , ...;
- (already defined) the functions  $q^N(x)$  [ $q=u,d,\bar{u},\dots$ ;  $N=p,n$ ] are called parton distribution functions (PDF);

(continue ...)



# The q-p model: $u^p, u^n, d^p, d^n, \dots$

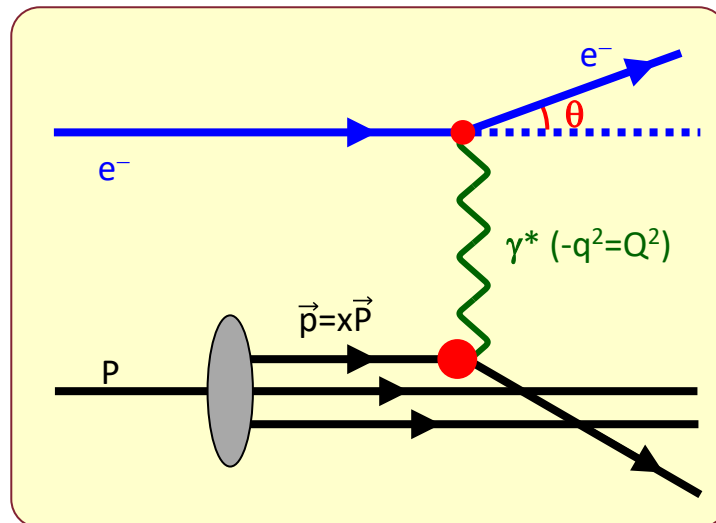
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Some obvious relations hold [*the green ones with a (\*) are provisional, we'll modify them*] :

- from charge conjugation :  $u^p(x) = \bar{u}^{\bar{p}}(x)$ ;
- from quark model and isospin invariance :  $u^p(x) \approx d^n(x)$ ;
- from quark model + isospin  $u^p(x) \approx 2 u^n(x)$ ;
- from quark model + isospin  $d^n(x) \approx 2 d^p(x)$ ;
- (\*) for valence quarks only,  $\bar{u}^p(x) = 0$ ;
- (\*) for valence quarks only,  $s^p(x) = 0$ ;
- (\*) therefore, e.g.

$$F_2^{\text{ep}}(x) = x \sum_j e_j^2 f_j(x) = x \left( \frac{4u^p(x) + d^p(x)}{9} \right);$$

... many more formulæ, all quite intuitive.



A leitmotiv of these lectures. An incomplete list :

§2 : The parton model in Hadron structure;

§7 : Structure functions in  $\nu$  DIS;

§8 : The quark parton model in Hadron Colliders.



# The q-p model : valence and sea

- According to the uncertainty principle, for short intervals q.m. allows quark-antiquark pairs to exist in the nucleons;
- in the hadrons some neutral particles exist, called gluons [??? ... wait].

Therefore, let us modify the scheme:

- in the nucleons, 3 types of particles :
  - **valence quarks** [already seen] with distribution  $q_V(x)$  [e.g.  $u_V^p(x)$  [already defined with the simpler notation  $u^p(x)$ ];
  - **sea quarks**, i.e. the quark-antiquark pairs, described by distributions  $q_S(x)$  [e.g.  $u_S^p(x), s_S^p(x), \bar{u}_S^p(x), \bar{s}_S^p(x)$ ];
  - **gluons**, described by the distributions  $g^p(x)$  and  $g^n(x)$ .

Obviously only sums can be measured:

$$u^p(x) \equiv u_V^p(x) + u_S^p(x);$$

$$d^p(x) \equiv d_V^p(x) + d_S^p(x);$$

$$\bar{u}^p(x) \equiv \bar{u}_V^p(x) + \bar{u}_S^p(x) = \bar{u}_S^p(x);$$

$$s^p(x) \equiv s_V^p(x) + s_S^p(x) = s_S^p(x);$$

Relations (*final, no further refinement*) :

- charge conjugation constraint :

$$u^p(x) = \bar{u}^{\bar{p}}(x);$$

- from quark model + isospin invariance :

$$u_V^p(x) \approx d_V^n(x) \equiv u_V(x);$$

$$d_V^p(x) \approx u_V^n(x) \equiv d_V(x);$$

- from quark model :  $u_V^p(x) \approx 2 u_V^n(x)$ ;
- from quark model :  $d_V^n(x) \approx 2 d_V^p(x)$ ;
- from quantum mechanics and isospin invariance [*but neglecting quark masses*] :

$$u_S^p(x) = \bar{u}_S^p(x) \approx d_S^p(x) = \bar{d}_S^p(x) \approx \\ \approx s_S^p(x) = \bar{s}_S^p(x) \equiv q_S^p(x) \approx q_S^n(x);$$

- ... many more, all quite intuitive.

*the "valence-ness" is not an observable, i.e. a u-quark "does not know" whether (s)he is v or s.*





# The q-p model : $F_2^{\text{proton}}(x)$ vs $F_2^{\text{neutron}}(x)$

Putting everything together, we have [neglecting heavier quarks] :

$$F_2^{\text{ep}}(x) = x \left\{ \frac{4}{9} [u^p(x) + \bar{u}^p(x)] + \frac{1}{9} [d^p(x) + \bar{d}^p(x)] + \frac{1}{9} [s^p(x) + \bar{s}^p(x)] \right\} =$$

$$= x \left\{ \frac{4}{9} [u_v(x) + 2q_s(x)] + \frac{1}{9} [d_v(x) + 2q_s(x)] + \frac{1}{9} [2q_s(x)] \right\} =$$

$$= x \left\{ \frac{4}{9} u_v(x) + \frac{1}{9} d_v(x) + \frac{4}{3} q_s(x) \right\};$$

$$F_2^{\text{en}}(x) = x \left\{ \frac{1}{9} u_v(x) + \frac{4}{9} d_v(x) + \frac{4}{3} q_s(x) \right\};$$

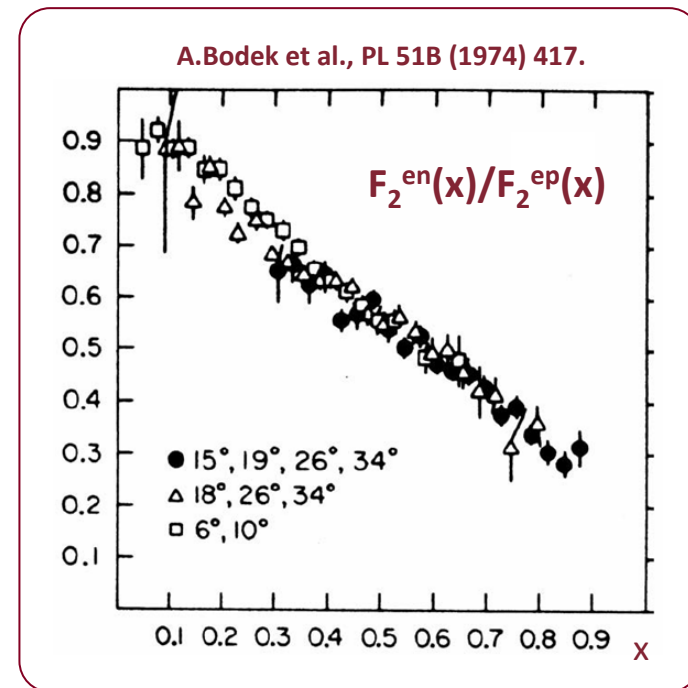
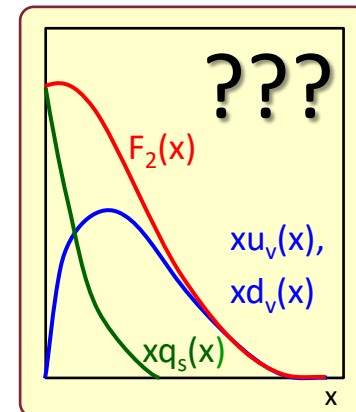
$$F_2^{\text{en}} / F_2^{\text{ep}} = R_{np} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{(a);} \\ [4d_v(x) + u_v(x)] / [4u_v(x) + d_v(x)] & \text{(b).} \end{cases}$$

(a) if sea dominates (see little sketch);

(b) if valence dominates [if  $(u_v \gg d_v) \rightarrow R_{np} \approx 1/4$ ].

The measurement shows that case (a) happens at low  $x$ , while (b) dominates at high  $x$ .

In other words, there are plenty of  $q\bar{q}$  pairs at small momentum, while valence is important at high  $x$ ....



# The q-p model : toy models for $F_2(x)$

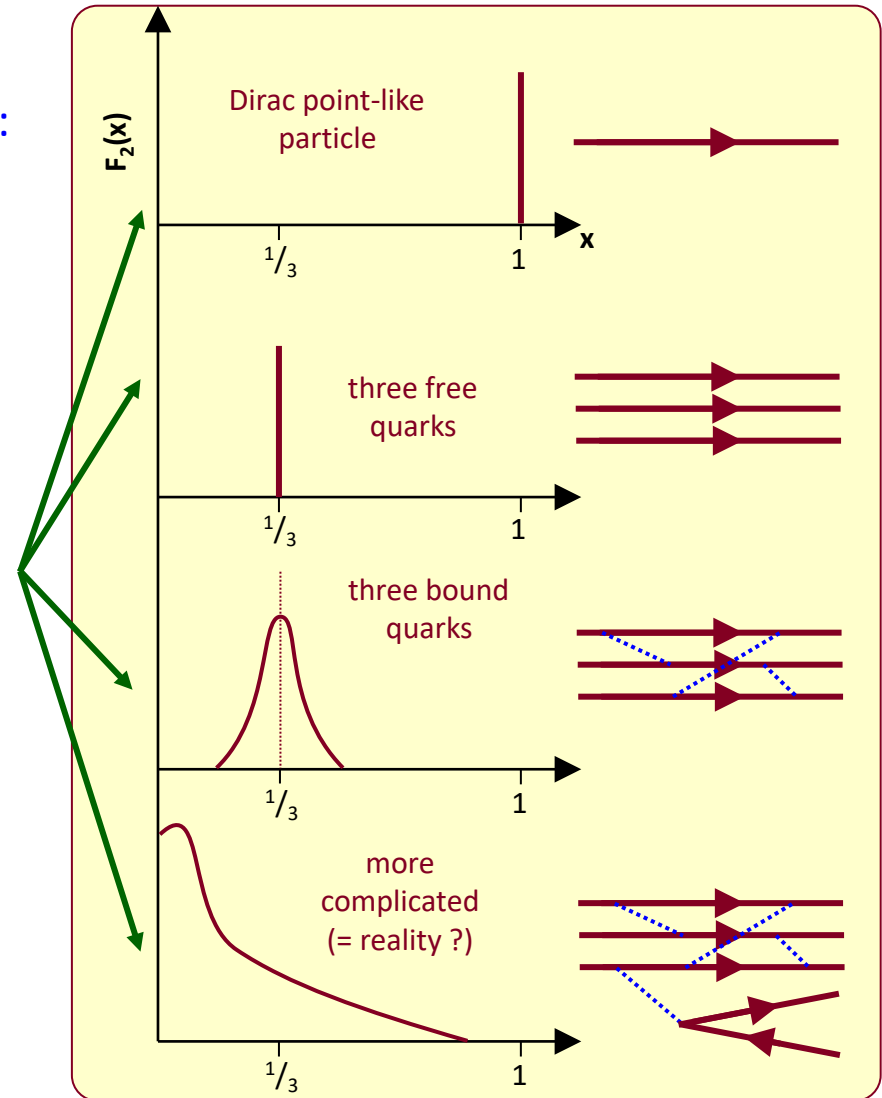
Sum rules (from momentum conservation) :

$$\int_0^1 dx [u^p(x) - \bar{u}^p(x)] = \int_0^1 dx u_V^p(x) = 2;$$

$$\int_0^1 dx [d^p(x) - \bar{d}^p(x)] = \int_0^1 dx d_V^p(x) = 1;$$

$$\int_0^1 dx [s^p(x) - \bar{s}^p(x)] = 0.$$

Hypothetical (**NOT CORRECT**) shapes of  $F_2(x)$  from naïve dynamical models :



# The q-p model : $F_2^{\text{ep}}(x) - F_2^{\text{en}}(x)$

From :

$$F_2^{\text{ep}}(x) = x [4u_V(x) + d_V(x) + 12 q_S(x)] / 9;$$

$$F_2^{\text{en}}(x) = x [u_V(x) + 4d_V(x) + 12 q_S(x)] / 9;$$

we get

$$F_2^{\text{ep}}(x) - F_2^{\text{en}}(x) = x [u_V(x) - d_V(x)] / 3;$$

If, moreover, from the naïve quark model

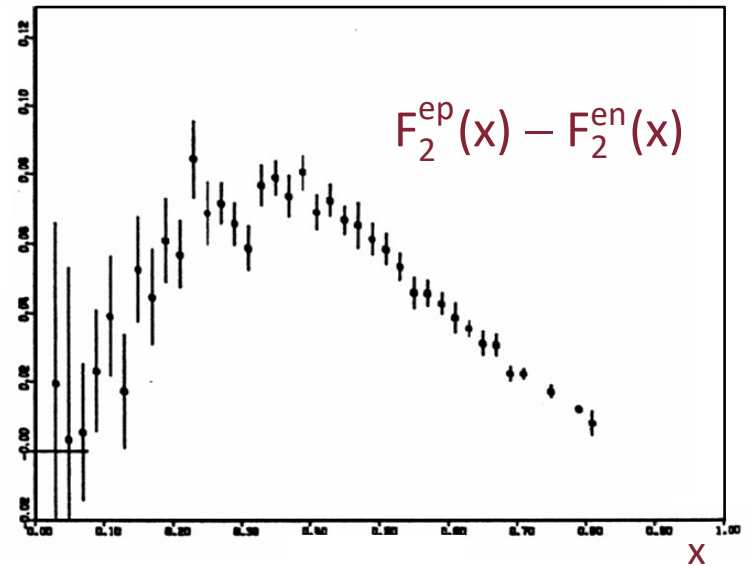
$$u_V(x) \approx 2 d_V(x)$$

we get

$$F_2^{\text{ep}}(x) - F_2^{\text{en}}(x) = x d_V(x) / 3;$$

i.e. this difference, which is an observable, roughly corresponds to the x-distribution of the "lone" valence quark ( $d_V^p$  or  $u_V^n$ ).

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# The q-p model : the gluon

The integrals of  $F_2(x)$  are both calculable and measurable. By neglecting the small contribution of  $s\bar{s}$  :

$$\int_0^1 dx F_2^{\text{ep}}(x) = \frac{4}{9} \int_0^1 x [u^p(x) + \bar{u}^p(x)] dx + \frac{1}{9} \int_0^1 x [d^p(x) + \bar{d}^p(x)] dx = \frac{4}{9} f_u + \frac{1}{9} f_d;$$

$$\int_0^1 dx F_2^{\text{en}}(x) = \frac{4}{9} \int_0^1 x [d^p(x) + \bar{d}^p(x)] dx + \frac{1}{9} \int_0^1 x [u^p(x) + \bar{u}^p(x)] dx = \frac{4}{9} f_d + \frac{1}{9} f_u;$$

where  $f_{u,d}$  are the fractions of the proton momentum carried by the quark  $u,d$  (and the respective  $\bar{q}$ ).

From direct measurement, we get :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \int_0^1 dx F_2^{\text{ep}}(x) &= \frac{4}{9} f_u + \frac{1}{9} f_d \approx 0.18; \\ \int_0^1 dx F_2^{\text{en}}(x) &= \frac{4}{9} f_d + \frac{1}{9} f_u \approx 0.12; \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{cases} f_u \approx 0.36; \\ f_d \approx 0.18; \\ f_u + f_d \approx 0.54. \end{cases}$$

meas.

Result (important) :

$$f_u + f_d \approx 50 \%$$

Only  $\approx 1/2$  of the nucleon momentum is carried by quarks and antiquarks.

The rest is "invisible" in the DIS by a charged lepton.

This was one of the first (and VERY convincing) evidences for the existence of the **gluons**, the carriers of the hadronic force.

The gluons are neutral and do not "see" the e.m. interactions.



# The q-p model : e<sup>-</sup>p vs νp DIS

Compute  $F_2^{eN}(x)$  for an *isoscalar target N*, i.e. a target with  $n_{\text{protons}} = n_{\text{neutrons}}$ , both *quasi-free (Fermi-gas approx)* :

$$F_2^{ep}(x) = x \left\{ \frac{4}{9} [u^p(x) + \bar{u}^p(x)] + \frac{1}{9} [d^p(x) + \bar{d}^p(x)] + \frac{1}{9} [s^p(x) + \bar{s}^p(x)] \right\};$$

$$F_2^{en}(x) = x \left\{ \frac{4}{9} [d^p(x) + \bar{d}^p(x)] + \frac{1}{9} [u^p(x) + \bar{u}^p(x)] + \frac{1}{9} [s^p(x) + \bar{s}^p(x)] \right\};$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_2^{eN}(x) &\equiv \frac{F_2^{ep}(x) + F_2^{en}(x)}{2} = \\ &= x \left\{ \frac{5}{18} [u^p(x) + \bar{u}^p(x) + d^p(x) + \bar{d}^p(x)] + \frac{1}{9} [s^p(x) + \bar{s}^p(x)] \right\} \xrightarrow{\text{neglect } s} \\ &\rightarrow \frac{5x}{18} [u^p(x) + \bar{u}^p(x) + d^p(x) + \bar{d}^p(x)]. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that in neutrino DIS (see) the dynamics is different, but the effective structure function for an isoscalar target **turns out to be very similar**, up to a factor, as in the purely e.m. case :

$$F_2^{\nu N}(x) = x [u^p(x) + \bar{u}^p(x) + d^p(x) + \bar{d}^p(x)] = F_2^{eN}(x) / \frac{5}{18}.$$

The experimental value (see) is  $F_2^{eN} / F_2^{\nu N} = 0.29 \pm 0.02$ , very compatible with this prediction ( $5/18 = 0.278$ ).

why "isoscalar" ?

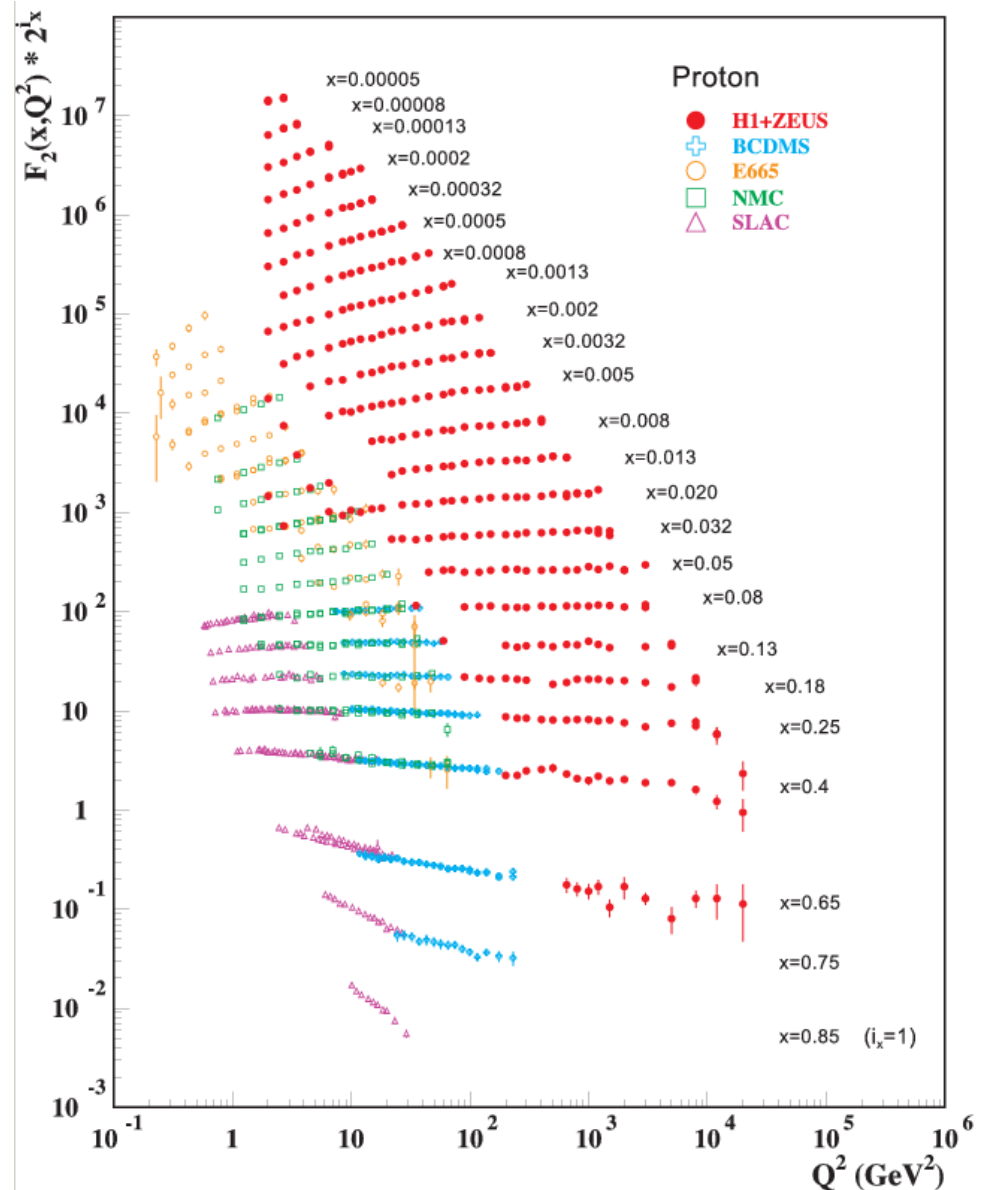
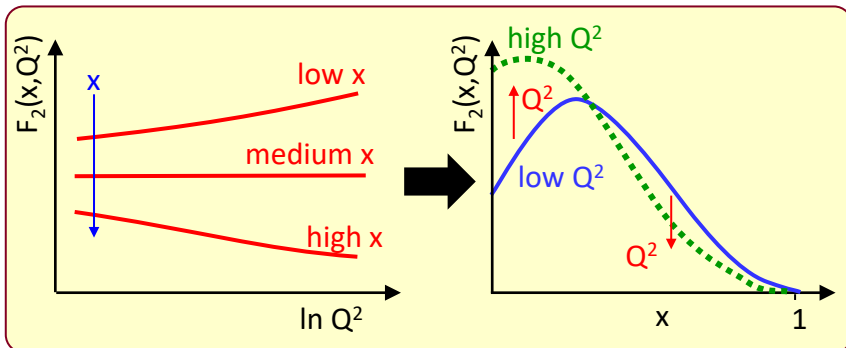
because (especially in ν scattering) the target has to be heavy, i.e. made of heavy nuclei, well reproduced by this approximation.

i.e. the structure functions depend on real properties of the nucleon structure, and are not dependent on the interaction.

# $F_2(x, Q^2)$ : Scaling violations

Modern experiments have probed the nucleon to very high values of  $Q^2$ . Now electrons are often replaced with muons, which have the advantage of intense beams of higher momenta. Or, even better, the experiments are carried out at  $e^-p$  Colliders (HERA).

There are data up to  $Q^2 \approx 10^5 \text{ GeV}^2$ : when plotting  $F_2$  as function of  $Q^2$  at fixed  $x$ , some  $Q^2$ -dependence appears, incompatible with Bjorken scaling [see plot and sketch, and the next slides].

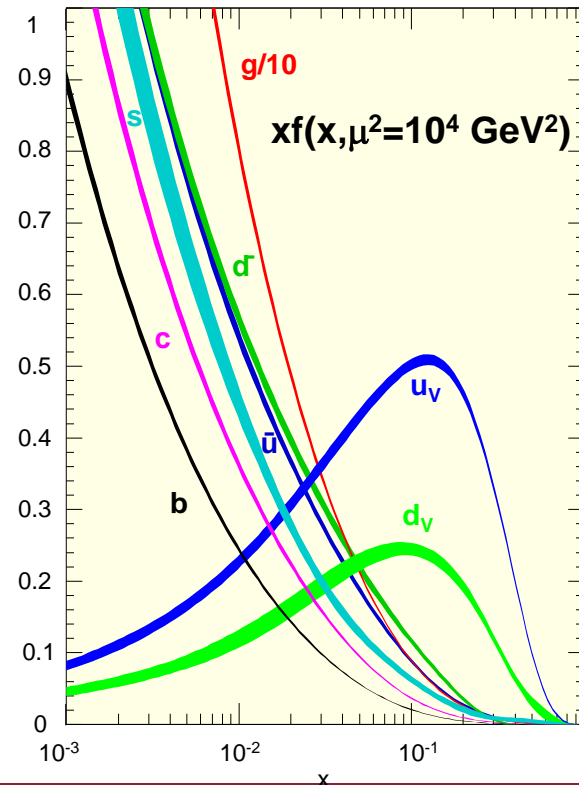
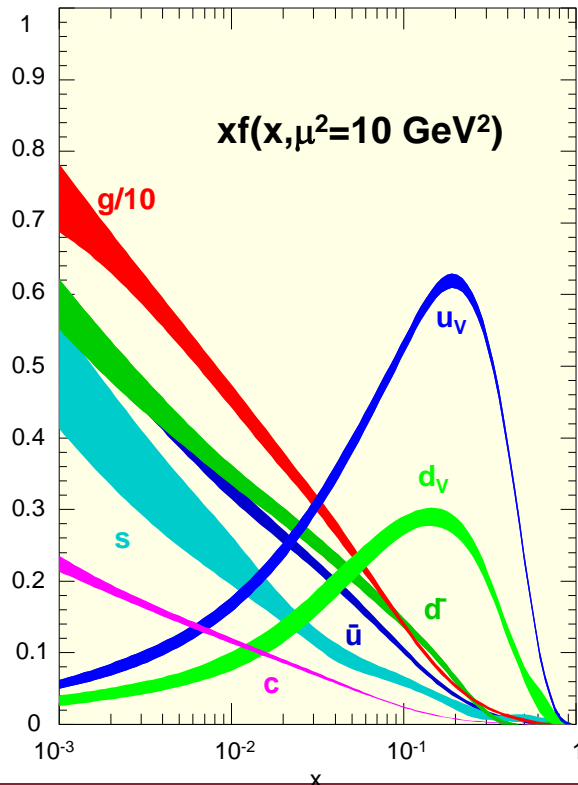
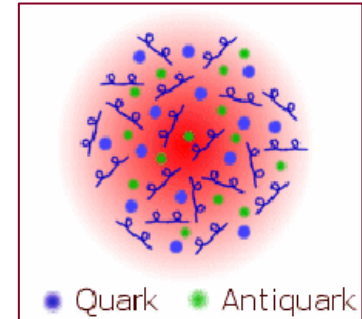


# $F_2(x, Q^2) : Q^2$ evolution

However, such an effect, known as *scaling violations*, is NOT due to sub-structures or other novel effects, but to a dynamical change in  $F_2$ , well understood in QCD.

In QCD :

- higher  $Q^2$
- smaller size probed
- more  $q\bar{q}$  and gluons
- less valence quarks.



a modern parameterization of the PDF [NNPDF3.0-(NNLO)] shows clearly the difference in the PDF when  $Q^2 = 10 \div 10^4 \text{ GeV}^2$ :

- $u_v, d_v \rightarrow$  down;
- $\bar{u}, \bar{d}, [ = u_s, d_s, ] g \rightarrow$  up;
- $s, c, b \rightarrow$  up (more phase space)



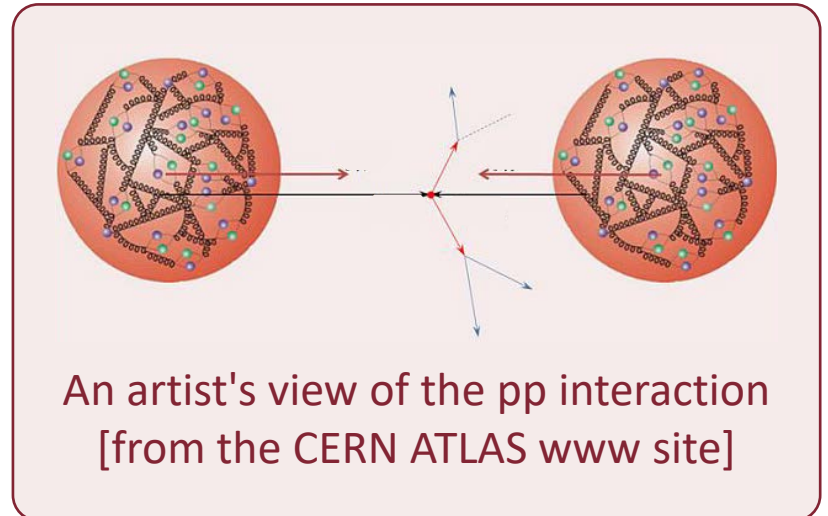
# $F_2(x, Q^2)$ : parton distribution functions

For modern experiments with hadrons the knowledge of  $F_2^{p,n}(x)$  is a necessary ingredient of the data analysis.

- The structure functions are an effect of the hadronic forces. However, being a complicated result of an ill-defined number of bodies in non-perturbative regime, they cannot be reliably computed with today's technology (lattice QCD is still a hope).
- *Similar to the chemistry of complicated molecules, which is a difficult subject, although the fundamental interactions are [supposed to be] well understood.*
- When studying hadron interactions at large  $Q^2$ , the initial state is parameterized by its structure function, as an incoherent sum of all the PDF's, including the gluon.

• In practice, all the computations (e.g. the Higgs production) must use a numerical parameterization of the PDF's, and take into account their uncertainties.

- the PDF's are probabilistic, i.e. the value of  $x$  is different for each event !!!
- *consequence: the 4-mom conservation at parton level is a difficult constraint in the computation !!! (see later)*





# Summary of cross-sections



$$\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Rutherford}} = \frac{4Z^2\alpha^2 E'^2}{|q|^4};$$

$$\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Mott}}^* = \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Rutherford}} \times \left( 1 - \beta^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \rightarrow \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Rutherford}} \times \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2};$$

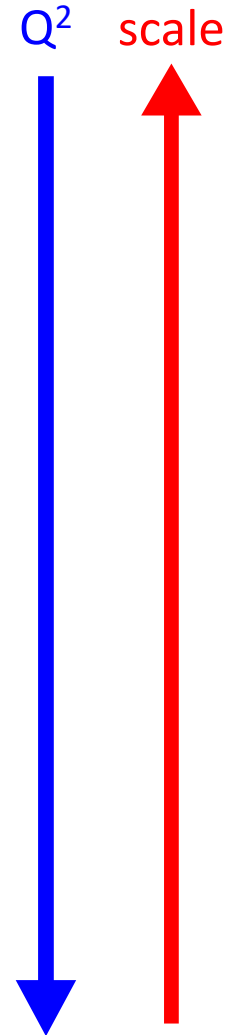
$$\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Mott}} = \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Mott}}^* \times \frac{E'}{E}; \quad \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{non-point.}} = \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Mott}}^{(*)} \times |F(q^2)|^2.$$

$$\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{point-like spin 1/2}} = \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Mott}} \times \left( 1 + 2\tau \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right); \quad \left[ \tau = \frac{Q^2}{4M^2 c^2} \right];$$

$$\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Rosenbluth}} = \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{Mott}} \times \left( \frac{G_E^2(Q^2) + \tau G_M^2(Q^2)}{1 + \tau} + 2\tau G_M^2(Q^2) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right);$$

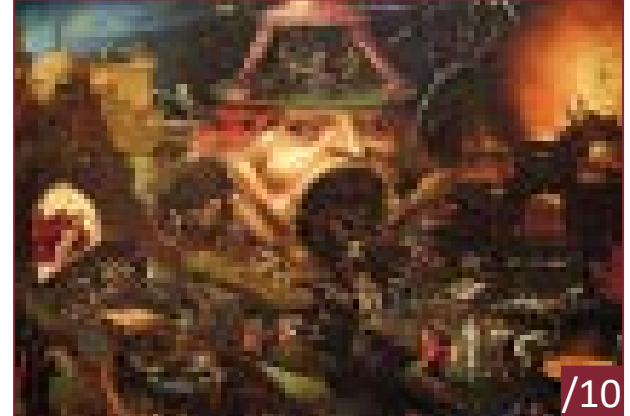
$$\left[ \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right]_{\text{DIS}} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} \times \left[ W_2(Q^2, \nu) \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 2W_1(Q^2, \nu) \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right];$$

$$\left[ \frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dy} \right]_{\text{DIS}} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2 s}{Q^4} \times \left[ xy^2 F_1(x, Q^2) + (1-y) F_2(x, Q^2) \right].$$



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