

Quark Counting, Drell-Yan West, and the Pion Wave Function

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Understanding the pion is important

Plans to measure elastic form factor at JLAB and EIC

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Review

Pion and kaon structure at the electron-ion collider

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EIC yellow report

The EIC can allow a pion form factor measurement up to $Q^2 = 35 \text{ GeV}^2$

Quark distribution to be measured at COMPASS LOI

Lattice QCD calculations

$$q(x) = x^\alpha(1 - x)^\beta \text{ value of } \beta(x, Q^2)??$$

Relate quark distribution to

elastic form factor

Drell-Yan (PRL 24,181) & West(PRL 24,1206) 1970

- Relate relate $q(x)$ to $F_1(t)$ large x , $t = -\Delta^2$ of proton
- Proof applies to pion as well

$$\bullet \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} q(x) = (1-x)^{n_H} \quad \lim_{\Delta^2 \rightarrow \infty} F_1(\Delta^2) \propto \frac{1}{(\Delta^2)^{(n_H+1)/2}}$$

n_H = number of partons in hadron

From model wave functions

Quark counting rules (N & π)

Farrar & Jackson PRL 35,1416 ('75), 43,246('79)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} q(x, Q^2) \propto (1 - x)^{2n_H - 3 + 2|\Delta_s| + \Delta\gamma}$$

n_H minimum # of constituents of hadron,

Δ_s =diff between z components of spin quarks and hadrons,

$\Delta\gamma$ accounts for evolution from starting scale ζ_H^2

$$\lim_{\Delta^2 \rightarrow \infty} F_H(\Delta^2) \propto \frac{1}{(\Delta^2)^{n_H - 1}}$$

From counting propagators in Feynman diagrams

Summary: Drell-Yan West & quark counting

Two sets of predictions for pion

Drell-Yan West $q(x) \sim (1-x)^2$, $F(\Delta^2) \sim 1/\Delta^3$

Quark counting $q(x) \sim (1-x)^2$, $F(\Delta^2) \sim 1/\Delta^2$

Our goal: study the connection between

$q(x)$ and $F(\Delta^2)$ given current knowledge in 2023

Light-front analysis

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- From Phys. Rev. D 101, 054014 (2020), arXiv:1905.05208 [nucl-th]. “The result of every calculation of pionic properties that respects Poincare covariance, and the Ward- Green-Takahashi identities along with the consequences of dynamical symmetry breaking inherent in the quark gap-equation has these features.”

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From Terent'ev and Strikman & Frankfurt
Change variables to z , neglect $+\dots$

$$q(x) = \int_{\frac{M^2}{x(1-x)}}^{\infty} dz |\Phi(z)|^2,$$

$q(\text{Large } x)$ is related to high-momentum component of wave function

$q(x)$ must be evolved to compare with DIS data

Light-front analysis-III

$$F(\Delta^2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^2 k_\perp}{x(1-x)} \Phi\left(\frac{k_\perp^2 + M^2}{x(1-x)}\right) \Phi\left(\frac{(\mathbf{k}_\perp + (1-x)\mathbf{\Delta})^2 + M^2}{x(1-x)}\right)$$

Start with power law (PL) $|\Phi^{\text{PL}}(z)|^2 \rightarrow \frac{K}{(z)^{n+1}}, q^{\text{PL}} \sim (1-x)^n$

n	$\lim_{\Delta^2 \rightarrow \infty} F(\Delta^2)$	DY & W	Quark counting
1	$6\left(\frac{\ln^2(\Delta^2) - 4\ln(\Delta^2) + 8}{2\Delta^2} - \frac{2(\ln(\Delta^2) + 2)}{\Delta^4}\right)$	$\frac{1}{\Delta^2}$	$\frac{1}{\Delta^3}$
2	$180\sqrt{\pi} \left(\frac{(\Delta^2 - 6) \ln\left(\sqrt{\Delta^2} + \sqrt{\frac{\Delta^2}{4} + 1}\right)}{(\Delta^2)^{5/2}} + \frac{16 - 5\sqrt{\Delta^2 + 4}}{2\Delta^4} \right)$	$\frac{1}{\Delta^3}$	$\frac{1}{\Delta^4}$ No logs
3	$840\left(\frac{3\ln^2(\Delta^2) - 3\ln(\Delta^2) + 7}{\Delta^6} + \frac{3\ln(\Delta^2) - 14}{6\Delta^4}\right)$	$\frac{1}{\Delta^4}$	$\frac{1}{\Delta^5}$

Why?

$$F_n(\Delta^2) \propto \int_0^1 dx \int_0^1 du \frac{(x(1-x))^n (u(1-u))^{(n-1)/2}}{(1 + \Delta^2(1-x)^2 u(1-u))^n}$$

End points!!!

Realistic models-

Model 1 Cui et al EPJA58,10 ('22), EPJC 80,,1064 ('20)

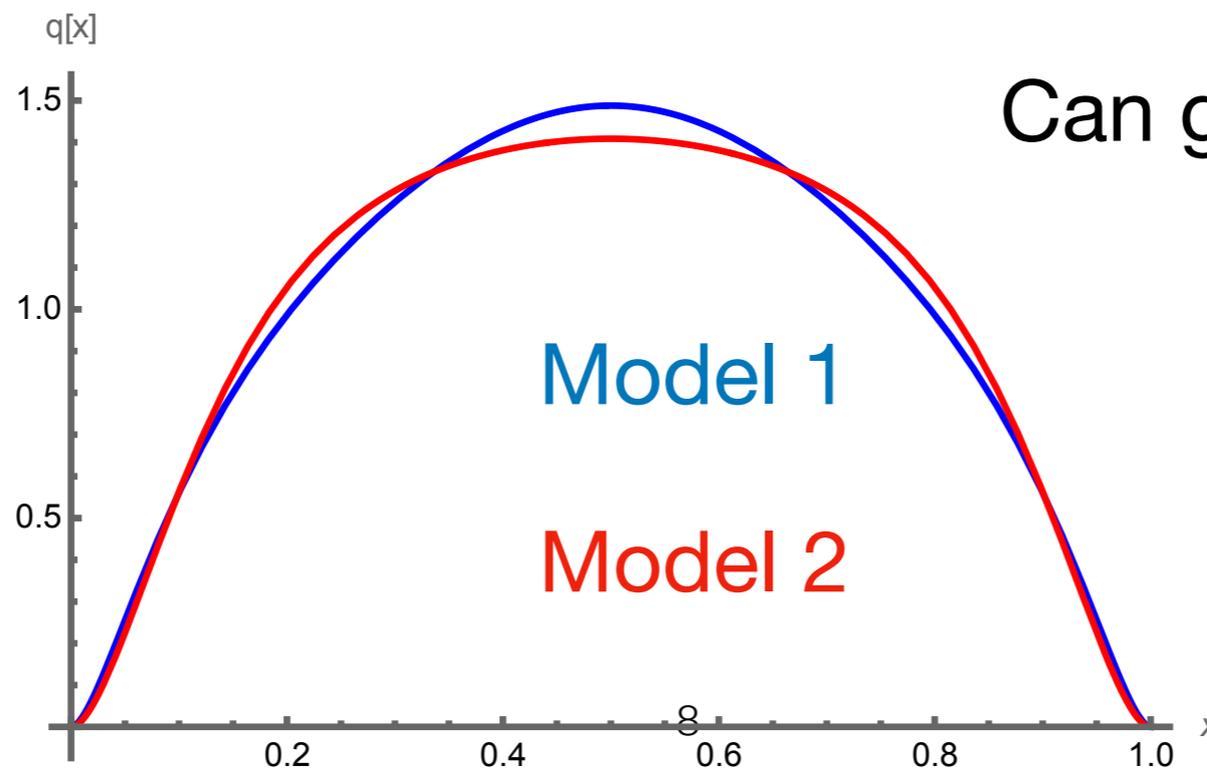
“parameter-free prediction valence-quark distribution”

$$q(x) = \sum_{N=4}^8 C_N (x(1-x))^{N/2}, \quad \Phi(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{n=3}^5 \frac{A_n}{z^{n/2}}. \quad z = \frac{k_{\perp}^2 + M^2}{x(1-x)}$$

A_n determined from C_N

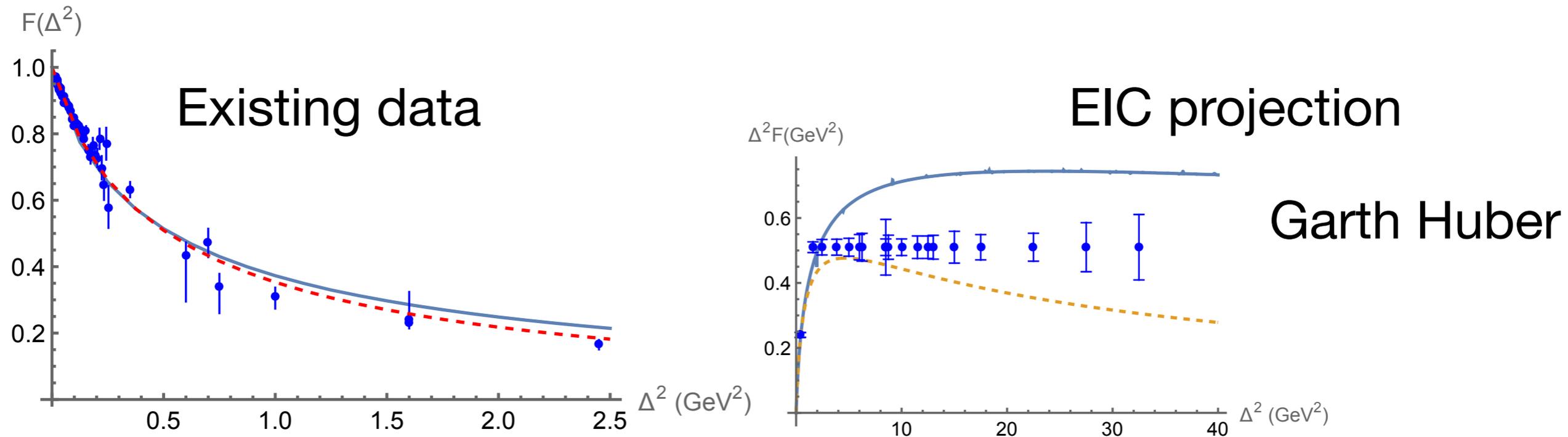
Model 2 Ding et al PRD101,054014 ('20) Both Craig Roberts group

Similar form, different coefficients $q(x) \sim (1-x)^{3.27}$



Can get $\Phi(z)$ from $q(x)$

Results



Garth Huber

Two models agree with existing data for low Δ^2 , disagree strongly at higher Δ^2 to be measured in future experiments

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} q(x) = (1 - x)^n \rightarrow F(\Delta^2) \sim \frac{\log(\Delta^2)}{(\Delta^2)^{(n+1)/2}}$$

Summary

- $q(x)$ and $F(\Delta^2)$ are connected- increases interest in both
- New version of DY W - logs in numerator
- Pion electromagnetic form factor is not yet determined