

3.6 Kinematics of inelastic scattering on proton at rest

$q = k - k'$
 $W^2 = p^2 = (p + q)^2 = p^2 + 2p \cdot q + q^2 = M^2 + 2Mv + q^2$

W – invariant mass of final state (has to contain at least one baryon)
 $W^2 = M^2$ elastic collision
 $W^2 - M^2 = 2Mv - Q^2 > 0$

$Q^2 = 4EE' \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} = -q^2$

$v = \frac{p \cdot q}{M} = E - E'$ **v – energy lost by the incoming electron.**

$x = -\frac{q^2}{2p \cdot q}$

x – ‘Bjorken x’,
 $0 < x < 1$ inelastic collision $\Rightarrow 2p \cdot q > Q^2$
 $x = 1$ elastic collision $\Rightarrow \frac{Q^2}{2p \cdot q} < 1$

$y = \frac{p \cdot q}{k \cdot p}$

y – fractional energy loss of incoming particle
 $y = \frac{p \cdot q}{k \cdot p} = \frac{M(E - E')}{EM} = 1 - \frac{E'}{E}$

Variables are not independent. Kinematics can be described by any 2 of the above (except for v and y).

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3.6 Bjorken’s scaling variable x

$W^2 - M^2 = 2Mv - Q^2$
 $Q^2 = 2Mv - (W^2 - M^2) = 2Mvx \leftarrow \text{“scaling”}$
 $x = 1 - \frac{W^2 - M^2}{2Mv}; \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$

$x \equiv \frac{Q^2}{2Mv} = \frac{Q^2}{2p \cdot q}$

Kinematic relations
 $y \equiv \frac{v}{E} = \frac{p \cdot q}{ME} = \frac{2p \cdot q}{s}$
 $xy s = \frac{Q^2}{2p \cdot q} \frac{2p \cdot q}{s} = Q^2$

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3.6 Inelastic ep – scattering

S.Stein et al., (SLAC E61) PRD 12, 1884 (1975)

2 independent quantities require to independent measurements:

→ **observables:** (E', θ)

For interpretation derive:

- (Q^2, ν)
- (Q^2, W)
- (Q^2, x)
- (x, y)

Characteristic feature:

$W < 2\text{GeV}$ resonance excitation
 $W > 2\text{GeV}$ structureless 'deep inelastic' – scattering (with many particle final states)

(Unexpected) observation:
 Deep inelastic cross section drops off much less than elastic one.

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3.6 Deep inelastic ep – scattering

M. Breidenbach et al., PRL 23 (1969) 935

- **Elastic Q^2 – dependence**

$$\frac{d\sigma / dE' d\Omega}{(d\sigma / d\Omega)_{\text{Mott}}} \cong \left(\frac{1}{(1 + Q^2 / 0.71)^2} \right)^2 \propto Q^{-8}$$

- **in deep – inelastic regime:**

very weak Q^2 – dependence

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Inelastic cross section formula

Differential cross section for elastic electron scattering on spin $\frac{1}{2}$ - particles:

$$\tau \equiv \frac{Q^2}{4M^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{ep} = \frac{\alpha^2}{4E^2} \sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2} \frac{E'}{E} \left(\frac{G_E^2(Q^2) + \tau G_M^2(Q^2)}{f_2(Q^2)} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{2\tau G_M^2(Q^2)}{f_1(Q^2)} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$

Lab frame

↓

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \right)_{ep} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^4} \left(f_2(Q^2) \left(1 - y - \frac{M^2 y^2}{Q^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} y^2 f_1(Q^2) \right)$$

invariant

Double differential cross section for inelastic electron scattering on spin $\frac{1}{2}$ - particles:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dQ^2 dE'} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^4} \frac{E'}{E} \frac{1}{v} \left[F_2(x) \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{2v}{M} F_1(x) \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

Lab frame

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dQ^2 dx} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^4} \left(\frac{1}{x} F_2(x, Q^2) \left(1 - y - \frac{M^2 y^2}{Q^2} \right) + y^2 F_1(x, Q^2) \right)$$

↓ $Q^2 \gg M^2 y^2$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dQ^2 dx} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^4} \left(\frac{F_2(x, Q^2)}{x} (1 - y) + y^2 F_1(x, Q^2) \right)$$

invariant

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Bjorken scaling hypothesis (1967)

If scattering is caused by pointlike constituents (partons)
structure functions must be independent of Q^2 .

Compare elastic to inelastic cross section:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^4} \left(f_2(Q^2) \left(1 - y - \frac{M^2 y^2}{Q^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} y^2 f_1(Q^2) \right)$$

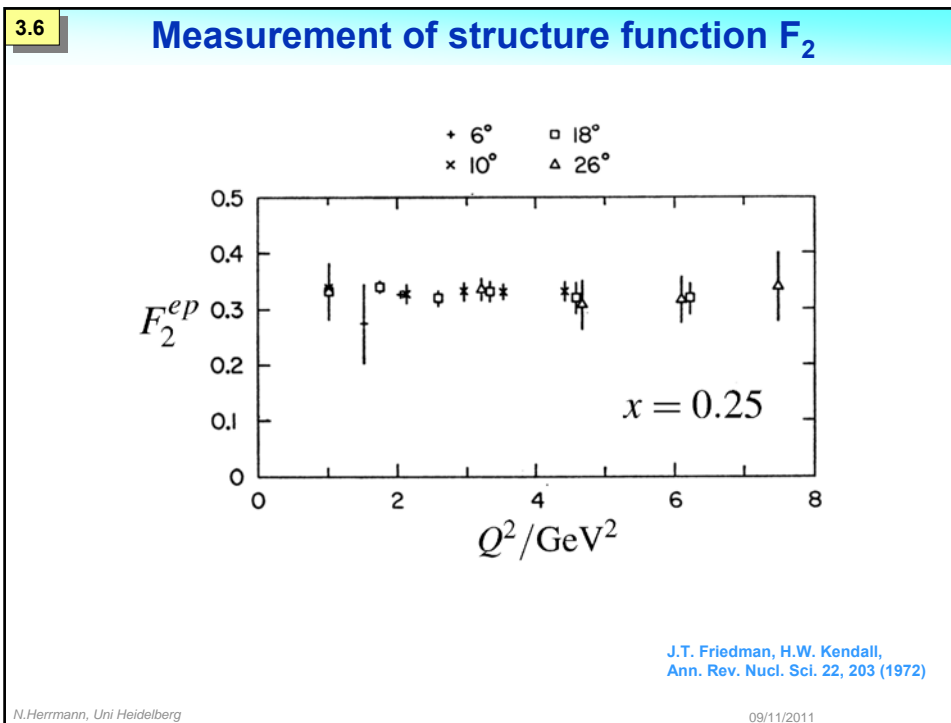
↓ pointlike: $f_i(Q^2) = 1$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^4} \left(\left(1 - y - \frac{M^2 y^2}{Q^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} y^2 \right)$$

=> $F_{1/2}$ should not have any Q^2 dependence.

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3.6 Parton spin

Compare:
Elastic scattering of electrons on spin $\frac{1}{2}$ particle of mass M

$$\frac{\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{eX}}{\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Mott}} = 1 + \frac{Q^2}{2M^2} \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$

Cross section parametrisation with structure functions F_1 and F_2

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \frac{1}{\nu} \left[F_2(x) + \frac{2\nu}{M} F_1(x) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Mott} = \frac{F_2(x)}{\nu} \left[1 + \frac{2\nu}{M} \frac{F_1(x)}{F_2(x)} \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{F_2(x)}{\nu} \left[1 + \frac{2}{M} \frac{Q^2}{2Mx} \frac{x}{x} \frac{F_1(x)}{F_2(x)} \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

$\downarrow \mu \equiv Mx$

$$= \frac{F_2(x)}{\nu} \left[1 + \frac{Q^2}{2\mu^2} \frac{2xF_1(x)}{F_2(x)} \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

Scattering on spin $\frac{1}{2}$ particles: $F_2(x) = 2xF_1(x)$ Callan – Gross – relation

Scattering on spin 0 particles: $F_1(x)=0$

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3.6 Callan – Gross – Relation

Data:

Scattering from spin 1/2 particles:

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

Scattering from spin 0 particles:

$$F_1(x) = 0$$

↓

Partons have spin 1/2.

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3.6 Quark – Parton – Model

IMF:

IMF – “Infinite Momentum Frame”
transvers momenta and masses can be neglected

$$p_{quark} = \xi P$$

$$p_{quark}^2 = p_{quark}^{\prime 2} = (p_{quark} + q)^2$$

$$= p_{quark}^2 + 2p_{quark} \cdot q + q^2$$

$$= p_{quark}^2 + 2\xi P \cdot q - Q^2$$

↓

$$2\xi P \cdot q = Q^2$$

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$$\xi = \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot q} \equiv x$$

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2p \cdot q} = \frac{Q^2}{2Mv}$$

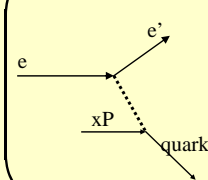
Cross section for electron – quark scattering:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dQ^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^4} \frac{E'}{E} e_i^2 \left[\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{Q^2}{2x^2 M^2} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

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3.6 Cross section in Quark – Parton – Model

Cross section for electron proton = incoherent sum of electron – quark scattering:

$$\sigma_{ep} = \sum_i q_i(x) \sigma_i$$


↑
quark density: probability to find quark i in momentum interval [x,x+dx]

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dQ^2 dx} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^4} \frac{E'}{E} \sum_i \int_0^1 d\xi e_i^2 q_i(\xi) \delta(x-\xi) \left[\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{Q^2}{2x^2 M^2} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

Structure functions:

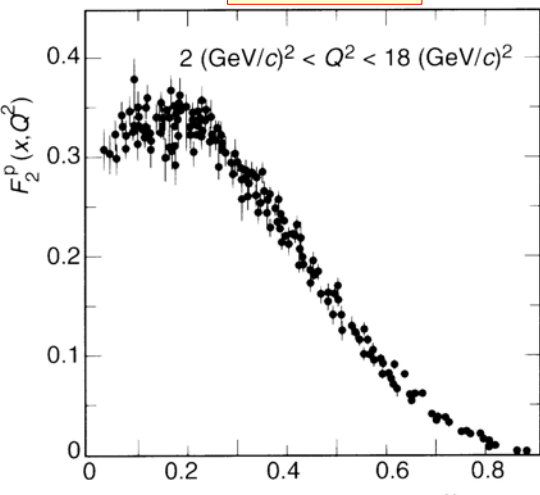
$$F_2(x) = x \sum_i \int_0^1 d\xi e_i^2 q_i(\xi) \delta(x-\xi) = x \sum_i e_i^2 q_i(x)$$

$$F_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i e_i^2 q_i(x)$$

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3.6 Parton distribution function F_2

$$F_2(x) = x \sum_i e_i^2 q_i(x)$$



status 1982

From double differential cross section measurements

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dQ^2 dE'} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^4} \frac{E'}{E} \frac{1}{v} \left[F_2(x) \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{2v}{M} F_1(x) \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

Note:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2 dx} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^4 x} \left((1-y)F_2(x) + xy^2 F_1(x) \right)$$

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3.6 Interpretation of parton distribution function

Halzen - Martin

Three valence quarks → $\delta(x - 1/3)$

Three bound valence quarks → Peak at $x = 1/3$

Three bound valence quarks + some slow debris, e.g. $g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ → Peak at $x = 1/3$ with 'Sea' at small x

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3.6 Quark composition of the proton

u, u, d: valence quarks
q, \bar{q} : sea quarks

Quark composition of proton:

$$u_v + u_v + d_v + (u_s + \bar{u}_s) + (d_s + \bar{d}_s) + (s_s + \bar{s}_s)$$

Heavy quarks in 'sea' strongly suppressed.

Flavour composition of proton:

$$\frac{F_2^{ep}(x)}{x} = \sum_i e_i^2 q_i(x)$$

$$= \frac{4}{9}(u^p(x) + \bar{u}^p(x)) + \frac{1}{9}(d^p(x) + \bar{d}^p(x)) + \frac{1}{9}(s^p(x) + \bar{s}^p(x))$$

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3.6 Quark composition of the nucleon

Flavour composition of neutron:

$$\frac{F_2^{ep}(x)}{x} = \frac{4}{9}(u^n(x) + \bar{u}^n(x)) + \frac{1}{9}(d^n(x) + \bar{d}^n(x)) + \frac{1}{9}(s^n(x) + \bar{s}^n(x))$$

Isospin symmetry:

$$\begin{aligned} u^n(x) &= d^p(x) = d(x) \\ d^n(x) &= u^p(x) = u(x) \\ s^n(x) &= s^p(x) = s(x) \\ \bar{q}^n(x) &= \bar{q}^p(x) = \bar{q}(x) \end{aligned}$$

Neutron:

$$\frac{F_2^{ep}(x)}{x} = \frac{4}{9}(d(x) + \bar{d}(x)) + \frac{1}{9}(u(x) + \bar{u}(x)) + \frac{1}{9}(s(x) + \bar{s}(x))$$

Nucleon:

$$\begin{aligned} F_2^{eN} &= \frac{1}{2}(F_2^{ep} + F_2^{en}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}x\left(\frac{1}{9}(d + \bar{d}) + \frac{4}{9}(u + \bar{u}) + \frac{1}{9}(s + \bar{s})\right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{9}(u + \bar{u}) + \frac{4}{9}(d + \bar{d}) + \frac{1}{9}(s + \bar{s}) \\ &= \frac{5}{18}x \cdot [u + \bar{u} + d + \bar{d}] + \frac{1}{9}x \cdot [s(x) + \bar{s}(x)] \\ &\approx \frac{5}{18}x(u + \bar{u} + d + \bar{d}) \end{aligned}$$

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3.6 Sum rules

$$\int_0^1 dx (u(x) - \bar{u}(x)) = 2$$

$$\int_0^1 dx (d(x) - \bar{d}(x)) = 1$$

$$\int_0^1 dx (q_s(x) - \bar{q}_s(x)) = 0$$

Momentum conservation:

$$\int_0^1 dx x(u(x) + \bar{u}(x) + d(x) + \bar{d}(x)) = \frac{18}{5} \int_0^1 dx F_2^{eN}(x) \stackrel{?}{\approx} 0.5$$

Experimental observation:
electrically charged partons carry 50% of proton momentum.

Remaining momentum is carried by gluons.

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