

# Spatial distributions of energy and stresses in hadrons

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# Introduction

- How are energy and momentum spatially distributed in hadrons?
  - Mass decomposition
  - Spin decomposition
  - Distribution of pressures, stresses, forces
  - **Energy-momentum tensor** (EMT)
- Hadrons are *manifestly relativistic*.
  - Their size is comparable to their Compton wavelength.
  - Their constituents move close to the speed of light.
  - **Light front coordinates** provide appropriate description.
- Based on work in:
  - AF & Gerald Miller, PRD**103**, 094023
  - AF & Gerald Miller, PRD**104**, 014024
  - AF & Gerald Miller, PRD**105**, 014003
  - AF & Wim Cosyn, arxiv:2207.10787
  - AF & Wim Cosyn, arxiv:2207.10788
  - AF & Gerald Miller, arxiv:2210.03807

# Barycenters and relative coordinates

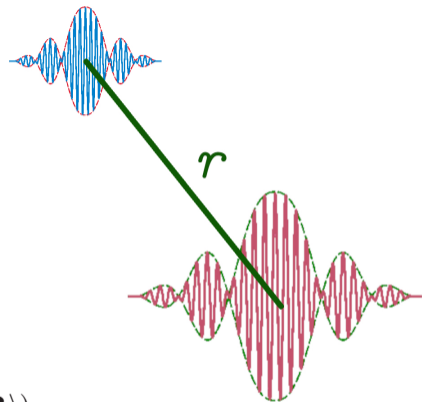
- Say you have two particles bound into one.
  - A hydrogen atom, positronium, ...
- Two kinds of spatial extent:
  - 1 The distance between the bound objects.
  - 2 The spread in the objects' wave functions.
- **Barycentric** and **relative** coordinates:

$$\mathbf{R} = m_1 \mathbf{r}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{r}_2$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1$$

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \Psi_{\text{bar}}(\mathbf{R})\psi_{\text{rel}}(\mathbf{r})$$

- $\mathbf{R}$  says where the joint system is. (Position state:  $|\mathbf{R}\rangle$ ).
- $\mathbf{r}_{\text{rel}}$  describes **intrinsic structure**.
  - Want **only** this.
  - The other piece gives state preparation dependence.



## Density as a convolution: non-relativistic case

- Physical densities given by expectation values:

$$\rho_{\text{phys}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \langle \Psi | \hat{\rho}_{\text{op.}}(\mathbf{x}, t) | \Psi \rangle$$

- Galilean symmetry means **barycentric position** and **impact parameter** dependence can be separated.

$$\rho_{\text{phys}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int d^3\mathbf{R} \left| \Psi_{\text{bar}}(\mathbf{R}, t) \right|^2 \rho_{\text{internal}}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{R})$$

- Internal number density:

$$\rho_{\text{internal}}(\mathbf{b}) = \left| \psi_{\text{rel}} \left( \frac{m_1 + m_2}{m_2} \mathbf{b} \right) \right|^2 + \left| \psi_{\text{rel}} \left( -\frac{m_1 + m_2}{m_1} \mathbf{b} \right) \right|^2$$

# The problem with barycenters in relativity

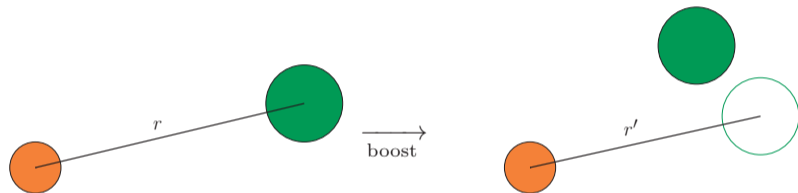
- **Problem:** can't isolate barycentric coordinate in relativistic instant form.
  - $z$ -direction boost at time  $t$ :

$$z'_1 = \gamma z_1 - \beta \gamma t$$

$$t'_1 = \gamma t - \beta \gamma z_1$$

$$z'_2 = \gamma z_2 - \beta \gamma t$$

$$t'_2 = \gamma t - \beta \gamma z_2$$



- Transformed constituent coordinates at **different times**.
- **Simultaneity is relative** : boosts transform bound constituents to different times!
- Cannot break density into barycentric spread  $\otimes$  internal structure at fixed time.
- **Light front coordinates** fix this by defining a **new, boost-invariant time variable!**

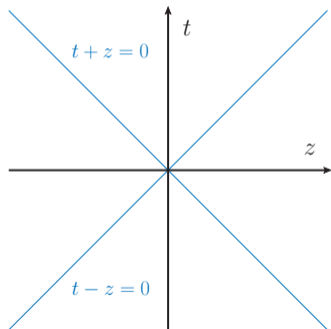
# Light front coordinates

**Light front coordinates** are a different foliation of spacetime.

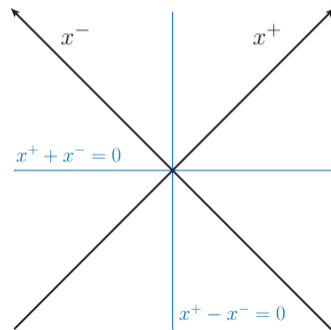
$$x^\pm = \frac{t \pm z}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_\perp = (x, y)$$

$$\tau = x^+ = \text{time}$$



Minkowski coordinates



Light front coordinates

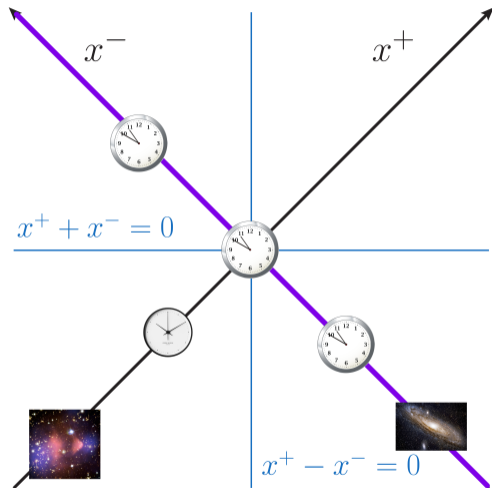
# Light front: Myths and Facts

- **Myth:** Light front coordinates are a reference frame.
- **Fact:** Light front coordinates can be employed in any reference frame.
  
- **Myth:** Light front coordinates describe the perspective of light.
- **Fact:** Light front coordinates describe *our* perspective.
  - ...but only in the  $z$  direction!
  - Light has no perspective.
  
- **Myth:** Light front coordinates come from boosting to infinite momentum.
- **Fact:** Light front coordinates come from redefining:
  - 1 *Simultaneity*
  - 2 What we mean by *boosting*
  - 3 How we break the Poincaré group into generators (*Galilean subgroup*)

# Light front & time synchronization

Light front *redefines simultaneity*

- Fixed  $x^+ = \frac{t+z}{\sqrt{2}}$  means *simultaneous*
- Look in the  $+\hat{z}$  direction...
  - Whatever you **see right now**, is **happening right now**.
  - *Only true for  $+\hat{z}$  direction though.*
- Light front coordinates are what *we see*.
  - ...at least in one fixed direction.
  - (great for small systems—hadrons!)
  - *Not* what light “sees.”





# Terrell rotations

- Lorentz-boosted objects appear *rotated*.
  - **Terrell rotation**
  - Optical effect: contraction + delay
- **Light front transverse boost** *undoes* Terrell rotation:

$$B_x^{(\text{LF})} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (K_x + J_y)$$

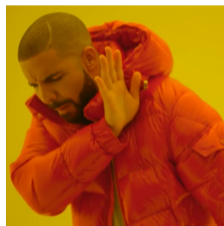
- Combination of ordinary boost + rotation!
- Leaves  $x^+$  (time) invariant!
- Changes  $p_z$ , but leaves  $p^+$  invariant:

$$P^+ = \frac{E + p_z}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{p_z^2 + \mathbf{p}_\perp^2 + M^2} + p_z}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- Dice images by Ute Kraus,  
<https://www.spacetime travel.org/>



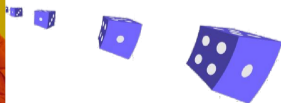
What happens upon boost?



Length contraction?



Terrell rotation



# Galilean subgroup

- Poincaré group has a  $(2 + 1)$ D **Galilean subgroup**.
  - $x^+$  is time and  $\mathbf{x}_\perp$  is space under this subgroup.
  - $x^-$  can be integrated out.
  - $P^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(E_{\mathbf{p}} + p_z)$  is the central charge.
  - $x^+$  and  $P^+$  are invariant under this subgroup!
- Basically, light front coordinates should give a **fully relativistic** 2D picture that looks like *non-relativistic* physics.
  - But with  $P^+$  in place of  $M$ .

$$\frac{d\mathbf{P}_\perp}{dx^+} = P^+ \frac{d^2\mathbf{x}_\perp}{dx^{+2}}$$

$$H = P^- = H_{\text{rest}} + \frac{\mathbf{P}_\perp^2}{2P^+}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_\perp = \frac{\mathbf{P}_\perp}{P^+}$$

**The cost:** lose one spatial dimension (2D densities).



# Galilean group and densities

- Physical densities given by expectation values:

$$\rho_{\text{phys}}(x^+, \mathbf{x}_\perp) = \int dx^- \langle \Psi | \hat{\rho}_{\text{op.}}(x) | \Psi \rangle$$

- Galilean subgroup means **barycentric position** and **impact parameter** dependence can be separated.
  - Allows wave packet dependence to be factored out.
  - Instant form coordinates **do not** have this luxury!
- **Simple densities:**

$$\rho_{\text{phys}}(x^+, \mathbf{x}_\perp) = \int d^2 \mathbf{R}_\perp \left| \Psi(\mathbf{R}_\perp, x^+) \right|^2 \rho_{\text{internal}}(\mathbf{x}_\perp - \mathbf{R}_\perp)$$

- **Compound densities:**

$$\rho_{\text{phys}}(x^+, \mathbf{x}_\perp) = \int d^2 \mathbf{R}_\perp \left\{ \mathcal{S}_\Psi^{(1)}(\mathbf{R}_\perp, x^+) \rho_{\text{int.}}^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}_\perp - \mathbf{R}_\perp) + \mathcal{S}_\Psi^{(2)}(\mathbf{R}_\perp, x^+) \rho_{\text{int.}}^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}_\perp - \mathbf{R}_\perp) \right\}$$

# The energy-momentum tensor

- The **energy-momentum tensor** (EMT) is an operator characterizing the distribution and flow of energy and momentum.
  - Source of gravitation
  - Related to spacetime translation symmetry (Noether's theorems)
- Physical densities given by expectation values:

$$T^{\mu\nu}(x^+, \mathbf{x}_\perp) = \int dx^- \langle \Psi | \hat{T}^{\mu\nu}(x) | \Psi \rangle$$

- 2D density on transverse plane.
- Every component is a simple or compound density.
- Example:  $P^+$  density is a **simple density**:

$$T^{++}(x^+, \mathbf{x}_\perp) = \int d^2\mathbf{R}_\perp \left| \Psi(\mathbf{R}_\perp, x^+) \right|^2 T_{\text{intrinsic}}^{++}(\mathbf{x}_\perp - \mathbf{R}_\perp)$$

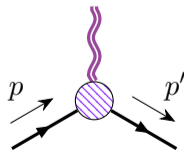
# Form factors of the EMT

- EMT matrix elements give **gravitational form factors** (GFFs).
  - It's just a name.
  - EMT is the source of gravitation:  $G^{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g^{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T^{\mu\nu}$
  - But we don't really use gravitation to measure them.
- Analogy to **electromagnetic form factors**.
- Spin-zero example:

$$\langle p' | \hat{J}^\mu(0) | p \rangle = 2P^\mu F(t)$$

$$\langle p' | \hat{T}^{\mu\nu}(0) | p \rangle = 2P^\mu P^\nu A(t) + \frac{1}{2}(\Delta^\mu \Delta^\nu - \Delta^2 g^{\mu\nu}) D(t)$$

- $A(t)$  encodes momentum density (mass in NR limit)
- $D(t)$  encodes stress distributions (anisotropic pressures)



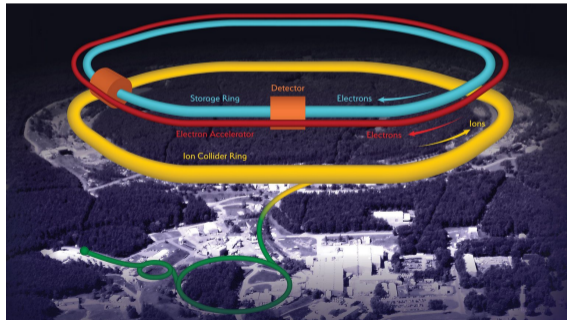
$$P = \frac{1}{2}(p + p')$$

$$\Delta = (p' - p)$$

$$t = \Delta^2$$

# How to get the GFFs

- **Hard exclusive reactions** are used to measure GFFs—not gravity experiments.
  - Deeply virtual Compton scattering (DVCS) to probe quark structure.
  - Deeply virtual meson production (DVMP), e.g.,  $J/\psi$  or  $\Upsilon$  to probe gluon structure.
  - ...and more!
- Measured at **Jefferson Lab** and the upcoming **Electron Ion Collider**.



# Components of the EMT

$$T^{\mu\nu}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} T^{++}(x) & T^{+1}(x) & T^{+2}(x) & T^{+-}(x) \\ T^{1+}(x) & T^{11}(x) & T^{12}(x) & T^{1-}(x) \\ T^{2+}(x) & T^{21}(x) & T^{22}(x) & T^{2-}(x) \\ T^{-+}(x) & T^{-1}(x) & T^{-2}(x) & T^{--}(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

- Momentum densities
- Energy density
- Stress tensor
- ...and some other things

- Angular momentum density ( $z$  component) accessible too:

$$J_z(x) = x^1 T^{+2}(x) - x^2 T^{+1}(x)$$

...basically, from  $\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{p}$

## Light front momentum densities

- **Physical**  $P^+$  density is a simple density:

$$T_{\text{phys}}^{++}(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}) = P^+ \int d^2\mathbf{R}_{\perp} \left| \Psi(\mathbf{R}_{\perp}, x^+) \right|^2 T_{\text{int.}}^{++}(\mathbf{x}_{\perp} - \mathbf{R}_{\perp})$$

- Transverse momentum density involves *same internal density*:

$$\mathbf{T}_{\text{phys}}^{+i}(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}) = \int d^2\mathbf{R}_{\perp} \Psi^*(\mathbf{R}_{\perp}, x^+) \frac{-i \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}_{\perp}^i}{2} \Psi(\mathbf{R}_{\perp}, x^+) T_{\text{int.}}^{++}(\mathbf{x}_{\perp} - \mathbf{R}_{\perp})$$

- But a different smearing function
- Internal density is simple Fourier transform:

$$T_{\text{int.}}^{++}(\mathbf{b}_{\perp}) = \int \frac{d^2\Delta_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{\langle p', \mathbf{s}_{\perp} | \hat{T}^{++}(0) | p, \mathbf{s}_{\perp} \rangle}{2(P^+)^2} e^{-i\Delta_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{b}_{\perp}}$$

- Internal structure has polarization dependence.

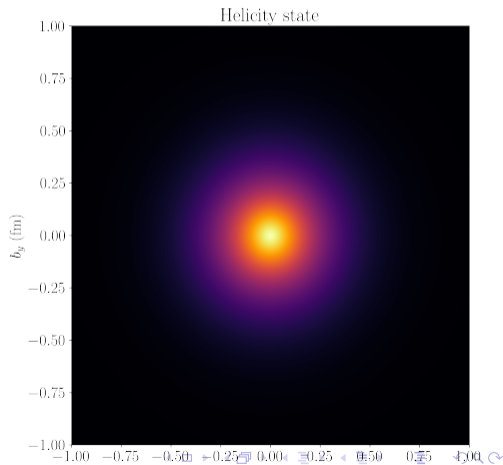


# Light front momentum density

- $P^+$  density is a 2D Fourier transform:

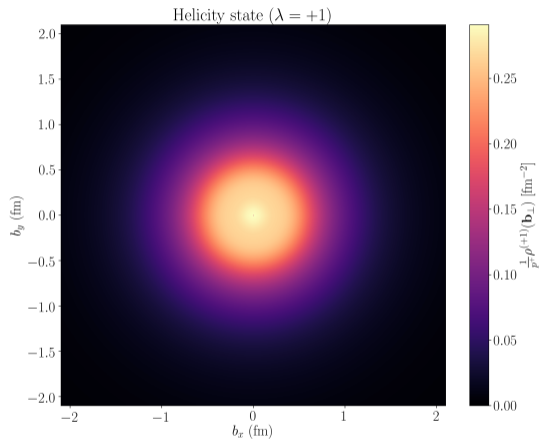
$$\rho_{P^+}^{(\text{LF})}(\mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{s}_\perp) = \int \frac{d^2\Delta_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{\langle p', \mathbf{s}_\perp | T^{++}(0) | p, \mathbf{s}_\perp \rangle}{2(P^+)^2} e^{-i\Delta_\perp \cdot \mathbf{b}_\perp}$$

- Works for any polarization state.
- Structure *relative to* center-of- $P^+$ .
- Boost invariance:  $\mathbf{P}_\perp$  independent!
- Proton dipole model on right.
  - $f_2(1270)$  pole
- Also applicable to massless targets!
  - $P^+$ , not  $M$ , is central charge.

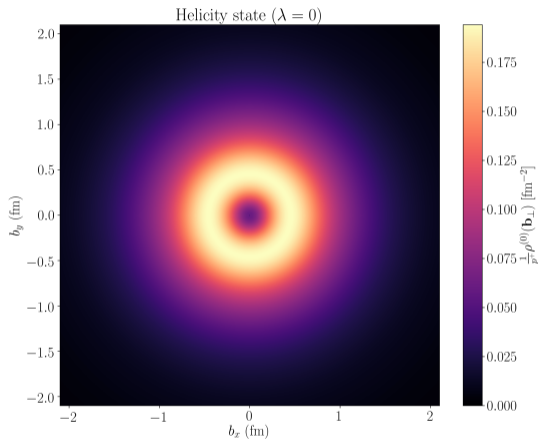


# Spin-one targets

## Helicity +1



## Helicity 0

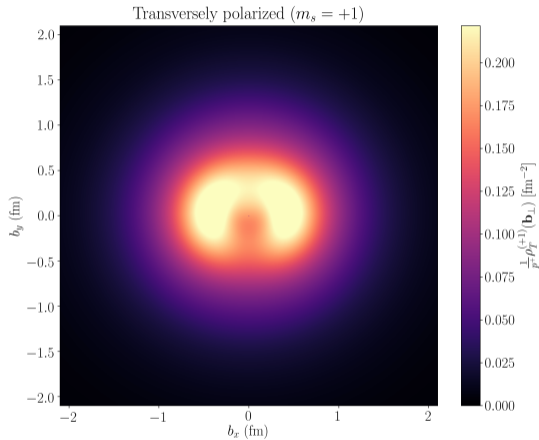


$P^+$  density depends on helicity for spin-one targets.

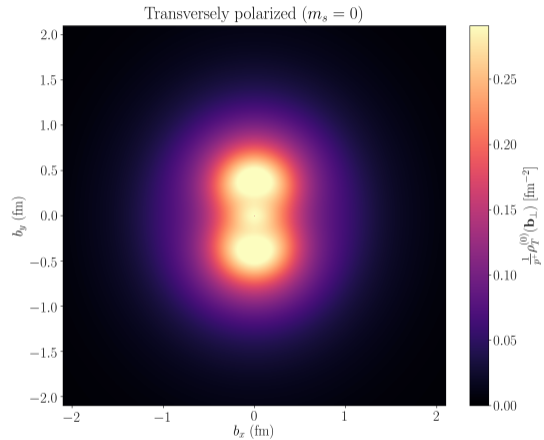
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# Transverse polarization

Transverse,  $m_s = +1$



Transverse,  $m_s = 0$



Transverse polarization contains helicity-flip contributions.

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# Energy density

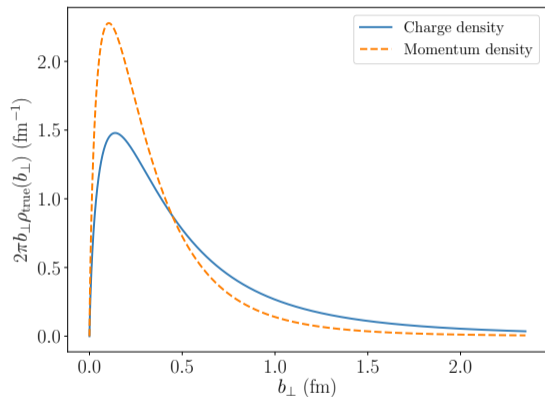
- **Light front energy density** is a *compound density*:

$$T_{\text{phys}}^{+-}(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}) = \frac{1}{2P^+} \int d^2\mathbf{R}_{\perp} \left\{ \left| \Psi(\mathbf{R}_{\perp}, x^+) \right|^2 T_{\text{int.}}^{+-}(\mathbf{x}_{\perp} - \mathbf{R}_{\perp}) \right. \\ \left. - \Psi^*(\mathbf{R}_{\perp}, x^+) \frac{\overleftrightarrow{\nabla}_{\perp}^2}{4} \Psi(\mathbf{R}_{\perp}, x^+) T_{\text{int.}}^{++}(\mathbf{x}_{\perp} - \mathbf{R}_{\perp}) \right\}$$

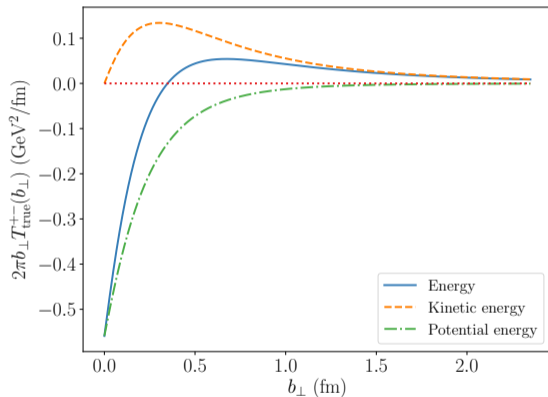
- First piece is **true intrinsic energy density**
  - Quark mass energy
  - Quark kinetic energy (relative to barycenter)
  - Potential energy & internal stresses
  - Literally the density of the  $2P^+P^- - \mathbf{P}_{\perp}^2$  operator used by light front folks!
- Second piece is **barycentric kinetic energy**
  - It's literally just the  $\mathbf{P}_{\perp}^2/(2P^+)$  density
  - Tells us nothing about internal dynamics
  - Galilean subgroup allows us to isolate it

# Example densities from holographic model

## Charge and momentum



## Energy



Using soft wall holographic model of Brodsky & de Teramond, PRD77 (2008) 056007

# Stress

- **Stress tensor** is also a *compound density*:

$$T_{\text{phys}}^{ij}(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}) = \frac{1}{P^+} \int d^2\mathbf{R}_{\perp} \left\{ \left| \Psi(\mathbf{R}_{\perp}, x^+) \right|^2 T_{\text{int.}}^{ij}(\mathbf{x}_{\perp} - \mathbf{R}_{\perp}) \right. \\ \left. - \Psi^*(\mathbf{R}_{\perp}, x^+) \frac{\overleftarrow{\nabla}_{\perp i} \overleftarrow{\nabla}_{\perp j}}{4} \Psi(\mathbf{R}_{\perp}, x^+) T_{\text{int.}}^{++}(\mathbf{x}_{\perp} - \mathbf{R}_{\perp}) \right\}$$

- First piece is **true intrinsic stress tensor**
  - Stresses seen by comoving observer
  - Static pressures
- Second piece is **stresses from hadron flow**
  - Includes motion of hadron
  - Includes wave function dispersion
- Sum of both gives dynamic pressures

# Stress tensor and hadron flow

- Compound form of stress tensor mimics classical continuum mechanics
- In Galilean theory (eg **light front**):

$$T^{ij}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, \nabla \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}^i \mathbf{v}^j \rho(\mathbf{x}) + T_{\text{pure}}^{ij}(\mathbf{x}, \nabla \mathbf{v})$$

- $\mathbf{v}^i \mathbf{v}^j \rho(\mathbf{x})$  depends on wave packet.
- **Comoving stress tensor:**

$$S^{ij}(\mathbf{x}, \nabla \mathbf{v}) = T^{ij}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v} = 0, \nabla \mathbf{v})$$

- Stresses seen by comoving observer
- True internal structure of hadron



## Example: spin-zero with form factors

- Full stress tensor:

$$\frac{1}{2P^+} \langle p' | \hat{T}^{ij}(0) | p \rangle = P^+ \frac{\mathbf{P}_\perp^i \mathbf{P}_\perp^j}{P^+ P^+} A(t) + \frac{1}{4P^+} \left( \Delta_\perp^i \Delta_\perp^j - \Delta_\perp^2 \delta^{ij} \right) D(t)$$

- **Hadron flow:**

$$V_{\text{LF}}^{ij}(\mathbf{b}_\perp) = \left\langle \frac{\mathbf{P}_\perp^i \mathbf{P}_\perp^j}{P^+ P^+} \right\rangle P^+ \int \frac{d^2 \Delta_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} A(t) e^{-i\Delta_\perp \cdot \mathbf{b}_\perp}$$

- **Pure stress tensor:**

$$S_{\text{LF}}^{ij}(\mathbf{b}_\perp) = \frac{1}{4P^+} \int \frac{d^2 \Delta_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} \left( \Delta_\perp^i \Delta_\perp^j - \delta^{ij} \Delta_\perp^2 \right) D(t) e^{-i\Delta_\perp \cdot \mathbf{b}_\perp}$$

- Only **D-term** appears in internal stresses.

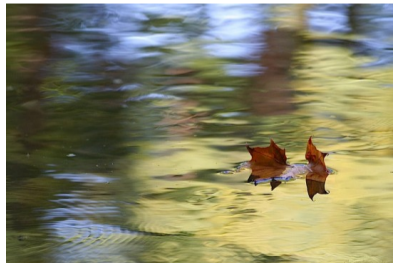


# Comoving stress tensor, D-term, & intrinsic stresses

- General spins: comoving stress tensor *defines* effective **D-term**.

$$S_{\text{LF}}^{ij}(\mathbf{b}_{\perp}, \mathbf{s}_{\perp}) = \frac{1}{4P^+} \int \frac{d^2 \Delta_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} \left( \Delta_{\perp}^i \Delta_{\perp}^j - \delta^{ij} \Delta_{\perp}^2 \right) D_{\text{eff}}(\Delta_{\perp}, \mathbf{s}_{\perp}) e^{-i \Delta_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{b}_{\perp}}$$

- D-term encodes **intrinsic stresses**, or **comoving stresses**.
  - Stresses *as seen by observer moving with flow* (like a leaf on a river)



# Pressures and eigenpressures

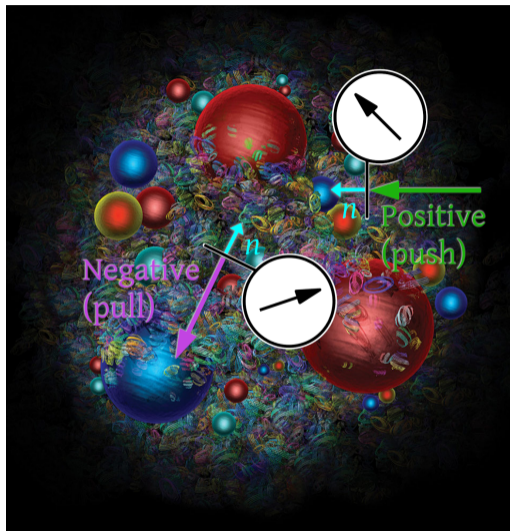
- Pressures from **matrix elements**:

$$p_{\hat{n}}(b_{\perp}) = \hat{n}_i \hat{n}_j S_{\text{LF}}^{ij}(\mathbf{b}_{\perp})$$

- $\hat{n}$ : normal to pressure gauge
- Two **eigenpressures**:

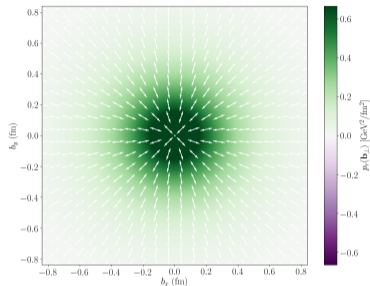
$$S_{\text{LF}}^{ij}(\mathbf{b}_{\perp}) \hat{n}_j = \lambda_n(b_{\perp}) \hat{n}_i$$

- Pressure is isotropic *if and only if* eigenpressures are degenerate!
- **Anisotropic** pressures in general.
- Meaning of sign?
  - **Positive**: gauge is pushed from both sides.
  - **Negative**: gauge is pulled from both sides.

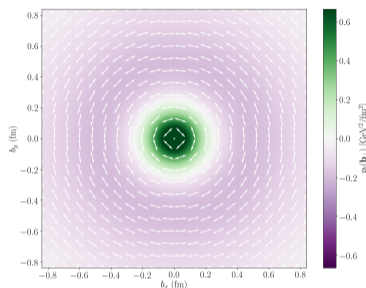


# Proton's eigenpressures

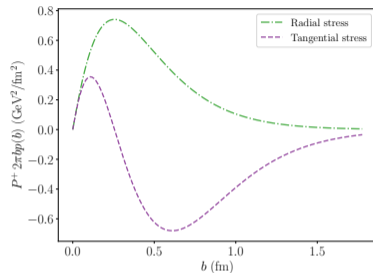
## Radial



## Tangential



## 1D reductions



- Helicity proton (spin in  $\hat{z}$  direction)
- Tripole model with  $f_2$  and  $\sigma$  poles
- Stresses that are eigenvalues of stress tensor
- **Positive radial pressure** related to  $D(t) < 0$ .
- **Polyakov's conjecture:**  $D(0) < 0$  is necessary for stability.

# Momentum conservation and force balance

- Conservation law from Noether's theorem:

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu}(x) = 0$$

- Additional **force balance** equation:

$$\mathbf{F}_\perp^j(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla_\perp S^{ij}(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$



- **Force density acting on a hadron is everywhere zero.**
  - The hadron is in equilibrium.
  - The hadron is not being acted on by outside forces.
  - Pressure plots **are not net force plots!**

# Pion pressures and energy density

- Stress tensor and energy density are compound densities.
- Internal (pure) densities given by 2D Fourier transforms:

$$T_{\text{pure}}^{ij}(\mathbf{b}_{\perp}) = \int \frac{d^2\Delta_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{\Delta_{\perp}^i \Delta_{\perp}^j - \delta^{ij} \Delta_{\perp}^2}{2} D(-\Delta_{\perp}^2) e^{-i\Delta_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{b}_{\perp}}$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{b}_{\perp}) = \int \frac{d^2\Delta_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} \left( m_{\pi}^2 - \frac{\Delta_{\perp}^2}{4} \right) A(-\Delta_{\perp}^2) e^{-i\Delta_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{b}_{\perp}} - \delta_{ij} T_{\text{pure}}^{ij}(\mathbf{b}_{\perp})$$

- Phenomenological form factors:

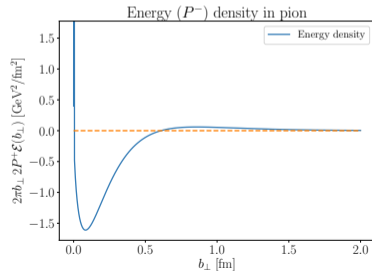
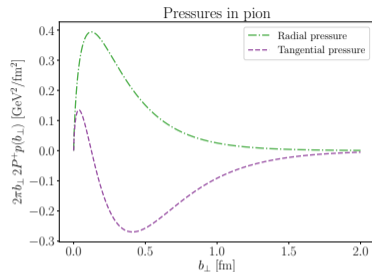
$$A(t) = \frac{1}{1 - t/m_{f_2}^2}$$

$$m_{f_2} = 1270 \text{ MeV}$$

$$D(t) = \frac{-1}{(1 - t/m_{f_2}^2)(1 - t/m_{\sigma}^2)}$$

$$m_{\sigma} = 630 \text{ MeV}$$

- Forms inspired by Masjuan *et al* [PRD87 (2013) 014005]
- Poles chosen to match Kumano's radii [PRD97 (2018) 014020]
- AF & Gerald Miller arxiv:2210.03807 for more info!



# Simple densities and wave packet localization

- Simple densities:

$$\rho_{\text{phys}}(x^+, \mathbf{x}_\perp) = \int d^2\mathbf{R}_\perp \left| \Psi(\mathbf{R}_\perp, x^+) \right|^2 \rho_{\text{internal}}(\mathbf{x}_\perp - \mathbf{R}_\perp)$$

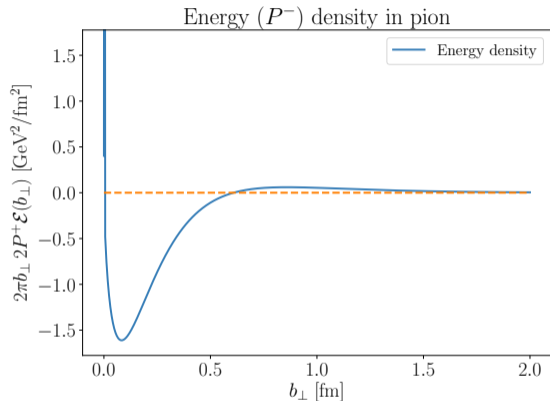
- Localization at  $x^+ = 0$  means:

$$\left| \Psi(\mathbf{R}_\perp, 0) \right|^2 \rightarrow \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{R}_\perp), \quad \rho_{\text{phys}}(0, \mathbf{x}_\perp) \rightarrow \rho_{\text{internal}}(\mathbf{x}_\perp)$$

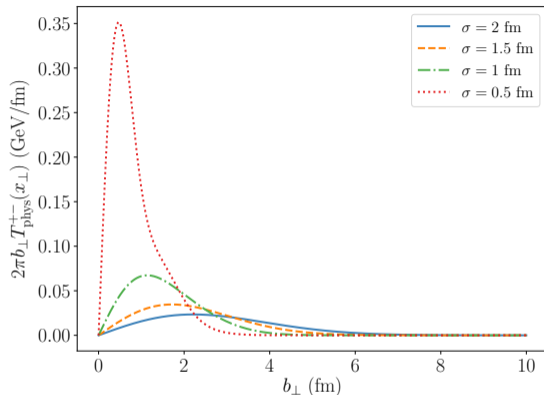
- Common practice has thus been to localize to isolate internal densities.
  - Burkardt & Diehl pioneered this idea for light front densities  
Int. J. Mod. Phys. A18 (2003) 173, Eur.Phys.J.C 25 (2002) 223-232
  - Works in the cases they considered ...
  - ...but fails for compound densities.

# Pion energy and wave packet localization

## Internal energy

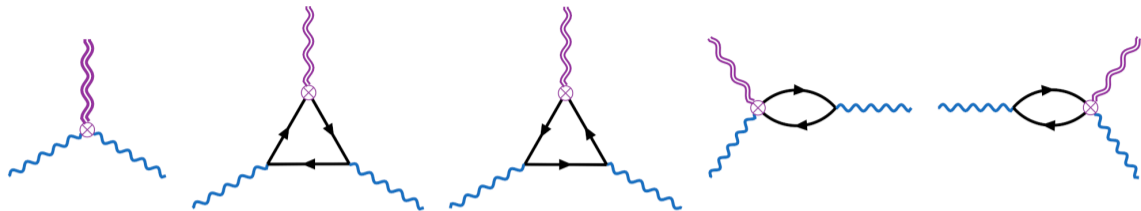


## Physical energy (packet dependent)



- Energy density is a compound density.
- Localized packets do not give internal density in this case.
- Packet localization only works for simple densities.

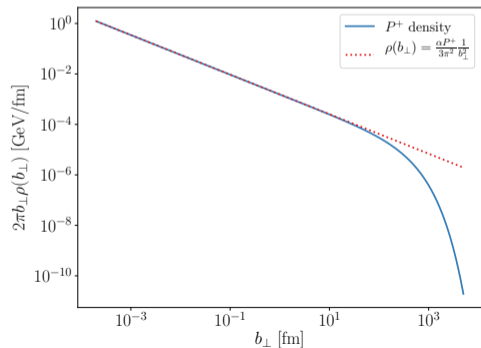
# Photon target in QED



- Sum of five diagrams.
  - Purple lines are gravitons
- Triangle diagrams give spatial extent.
- **Gauge invariance** imposes:

$$A(t) = D(t) = 1 + \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} A_{\text{LO}}(t) + \dots$$

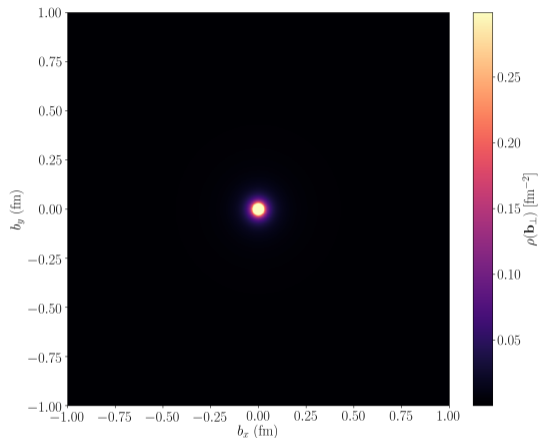
- Singular density at photon center!
  - Density goes as  $b_{\perp}^{-2}$  near  $b_{\perp} \sim 0$ .



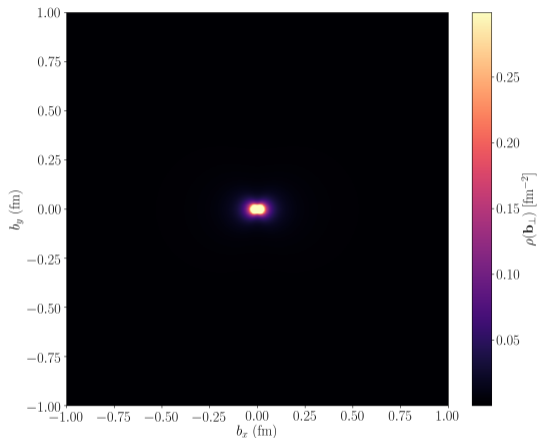


# Photon target: $P^+$ density

## Circularly polarized



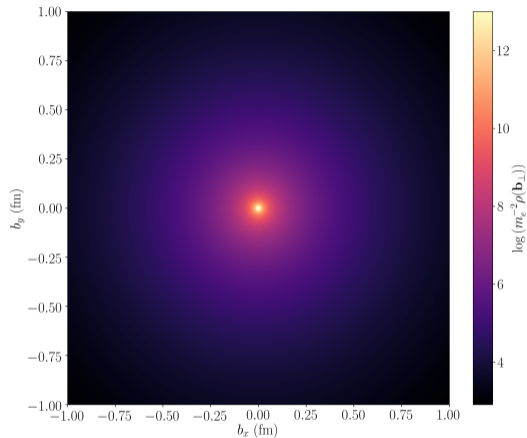
## Horizontally polarized



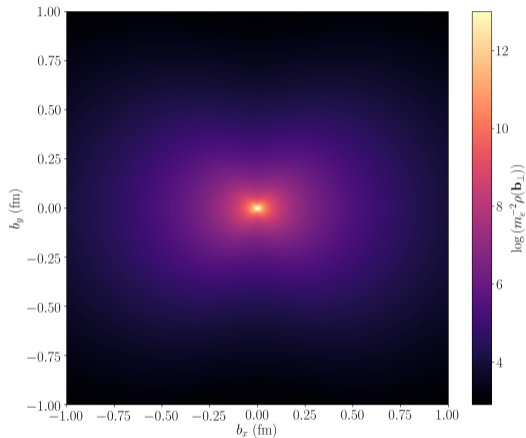
- $P^+$  density in a QED photon (can become virtual  $e^-e^+$ )
- Light front densities can describe massless targets!

# Photon target: $P^+$ density (log-scaled)

## Circularly polarized



## Horizontally polarized



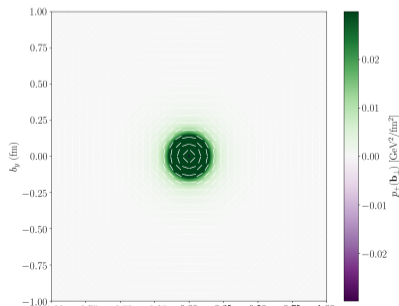
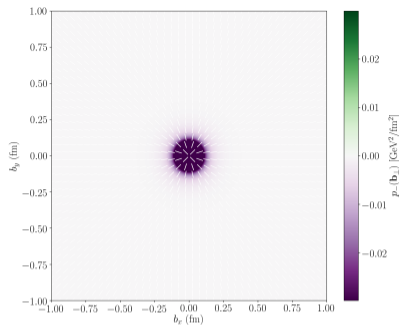
- $P^+$  density in a QED photon (can become virtual  $e^-e^+$ )
- Radius 6.5 fm, quadrupole moment 7.7 fm<sup>2</sup>.

# Photon target: normal stresses

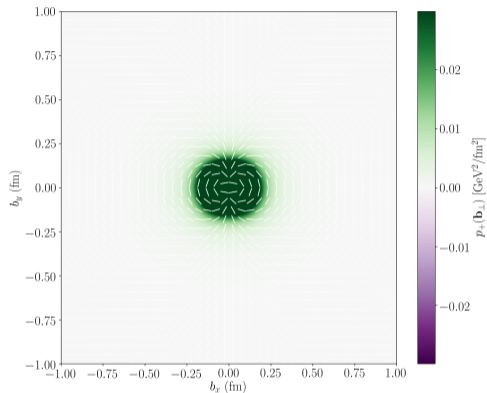
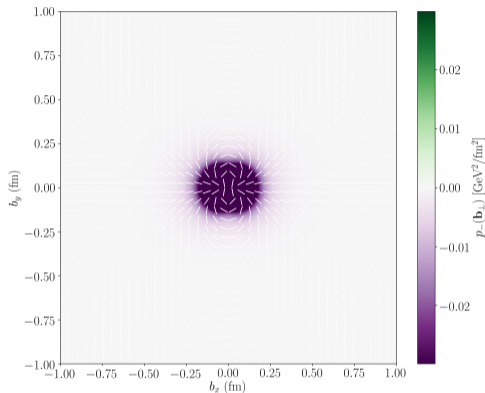
- QED photon (made of electron & positron)
- Gauge invariance requires that:

$$A(t) = D(t)$$

- $A(0) = 1$  (**momentum sum rule**)
- This means  $D(0) = 1 > 0$ .
- Violates  $D(0) < 0$  condition!
- But photon is stable...
- **Radial eigenpressure is negative**
  - Consequence of  $D(t) > 0$ .
  - Intrinsic pressure, **not** radiation pressure
  - Not a net force plot—**net force is zero**
  - $e^-e^+$  pulled towards & away from center
- **Tangential eigenpressure is (mostly) positive**



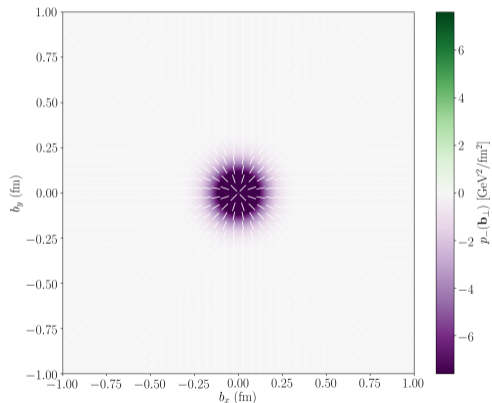
# Horizontally polarized photon



- Eigenpressures & eigenvectors plotted above.
- Formalism has no trouble with anisotropic systems!

**Intrinsic pressure:** felt *within* photon.

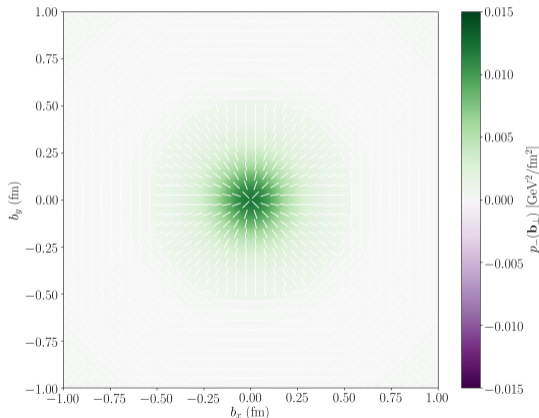
- Eigenvalues of  $S^{ij}$
- $D$  term only!
- Finite for localized wave packet.
- **Can be negative**



(packet width: 0.1 fm)

**Radiation pressure:** exerted *by* photon.

- Eigenvalues of  $T^{ij}$
- *Combines*  $A$  and  $D$  terms!
- Diverges for localized wave packet.
- **Always positive**



(packet width: 0.1 fm)

# Summary

- Relativistic densities can be given in **light front coordinates**
- The **energy momentum tensor** encodes momentum, energy & stress distributions.
- Several of these are **compound densities**.
- Energy density decomposes into **barycentric kinetic energy** and **internal energy**.
- Stress tensor decomposes into **flow** and **intrinsic stresses**.
  - **Flow piece** is part of radiation pressure.
- **Galilean invariance** is needed to allow these decompositions.

Thank you for your time!