

# PHYS 6610: Graduate Nuclear and Particle Physics I

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## I. Tools

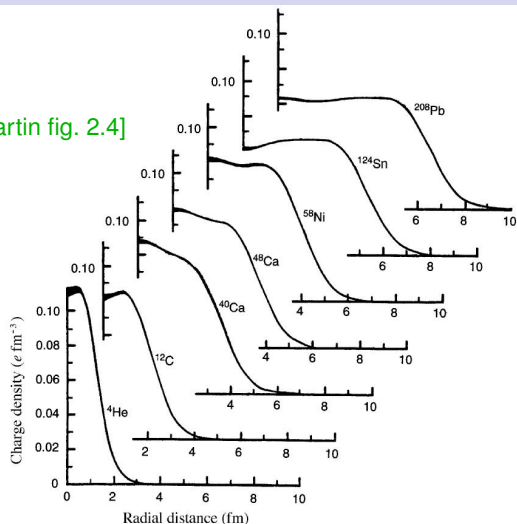
# 8. Theory of Electron Scattering

*Or: Our Analysis Tool*

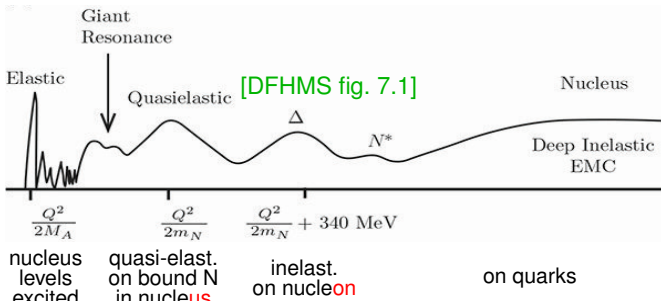
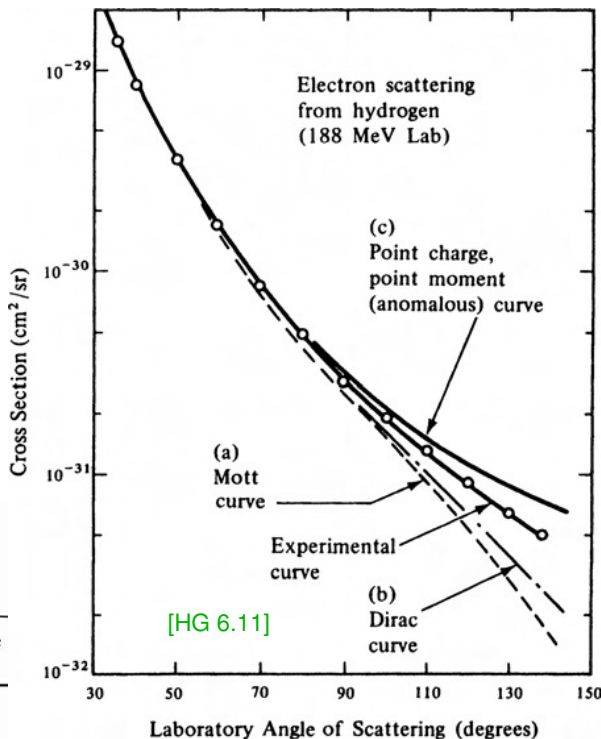
References: [HM 4, 6.1/3-6/9/11/13, 8]



[Martin fig. 2.4]



**Figure 2.4** Radial charge distributions  $\rho_{ch}$  of various nuclei, in units of  $e \text{ fm}^{-3}$ ; the thickness of the curves near  $r = 0$  is a measure of the uncertainty in  $\rho_{ch}$  (adapted from Fr83)

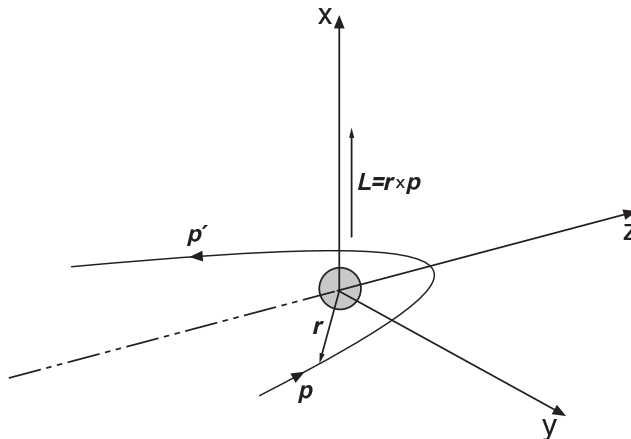


on quarks

# Helicity Conservation: “Massless” Spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ on Spin-0 Target

Coulomb interaction of spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  projectile ( $m_e \ll E$ ) on infinitely-heavy, extended spin-0 target:

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right|_{\text{lab}} = \underbrace{\left( \frac{Z\alpha}{2E \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \right)^2}_{\text{Rutherford}} \times \underbrace{|F(\vec{q}^2)|^2}_{\text{charge form factor}} \times \underbrace{\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}_{\text{helicity conservation}}$$

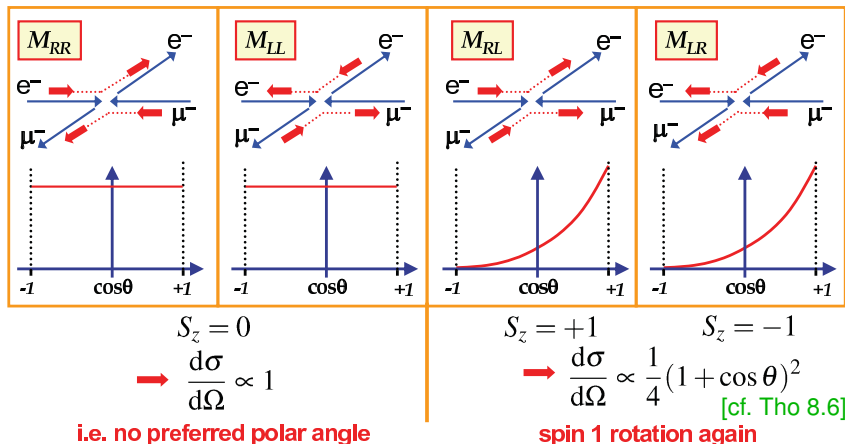


**Fig. 5.3.** Helicity,  $h = \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{p}/(|\mathbf{s}| \cdot |\mathbf{p}|)$ , is conserved in the  $\beta \rightarrow 1$  limit. This means that the spin projection on the  $z$ -axis would have to change its sign in scattering through  $180^\circ$ . This is impossible if the target is spinless, because of conservation of angular momentum.

[PRSZR]

# Helicity Conservation: Massless Spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ on Massive Spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ Target

- Of the 16 possible helicity combinations only 4 are non-zero:



**HW:** Electromagnetic interaction of spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  projectile ( $m_e \ll E$ ) on massive, point-like spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  target:

$$W^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}[\gamma^\mu (\not{p} + M) \gamma^\nu (\not{p}' + M)] = 2[p^\mu p'^\nu + p'^\mu p^\nu - g^{\mu\nu}(p \cdot p' - M^2)]: \text{like } L_{\mu\nu} \text{ but } M \neq 0$$

**Mott cross section**

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right|_{\text{lab}} = \underbrace{\left( \frac{Z\alpha}{2E \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \right)^2}_{\text{Rutherford}} \underbrace{\frac{E'}{E}}_{\text{recoil}} \times \underbrace{\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}_{\text{helicity conservation}} \times \left( 1 - \underbrace{\frac{q^2}{2M^2} \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}_{\text{backscattering on target spin}} \right)$$

# Reminder: Spinor-Vector Interaction in the Chiral Basis

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}} = \bar{\Psi} [i(\not{\partial} + iq\not{A}) - m] \Psi \quad \text{with } \Psi := \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_R \\ \varphi_L \end{pmatrix} :$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}} = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_R^\dagger & \varphi_L^\dagger \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E + qA_0 + \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} - q \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{A} & \mathbf{m} \\ \mathbf{m} & E + qA_0 - \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} - q \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{A} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_R \\ \varphi_L \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \varphi_R \\ \varphi_L \end{pmatrix} \text{ EFunctions to Helicity Operators } h_{\pm} := \frac{1}{2} [1 \pm \gamma^5], \text{ EValues } \begin{matrix} +1 \\ -1 \end{matrix} \text{ for spin } \begin{matrix} \text{parallel} \\ \text{anti-parallel} \end{matrix} \text{ to } \vec{p}.$$

(1) **Any interaction**  $\gamma^\mu A_\mu$  (**spinor-vector/spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ -spin1**) **does not mix**  $\varphi_{LR}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  **Conserves helicity** (esp. QED and any gauge theory!).

(2) **Mass mixes helicities**  $\propto \frac{m}{E}$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  **Processes**  $\gamma^\mu A_\mu$  **with ultra-relativistic fermions, (approximately) conserve helicity.**

(4) **Only**  $\vec{A}$  **couples to spin**  $\vec{\sigma}$ . One Can Show  $\Rightarrow$  Magnetic field couples to spin:  $\vec{\sigma} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{A}) = \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Can change spin but not helicity!

# (g) $e^-$ on Proton: Spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ Target With Structure

[HM 8.2]

Electromagnetic current of point particle:  $J_{s,s'}^\mu = -iZe \bar{u}_{s'}(k') \gamma^\mu u_s(k)$  from  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -A_\mu J^\mu$  (I.7.4C)

Proton has structure  $\implies$  What is most general form for  $J_{\text{proton}}^\mu$ ?

**Must-Have:** Lorentz-invariant, current conserved  $q_\mu J_{\text{proton}}^\mu \stackrel{!}{=} 0$ , parity invariant (elmag. interaction!)

Build it from combinations of  $p^\mu, q^\mu, g^{\mu\nu}$ , Dirac matrices  $\gamma^\mu$  but not  $\gamma_5$  (parity) [details [HM ex. 8.5/6.1]]

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 S, p
 \end{array}
 : J_{S,S'}^\mu = -ie \underbrace{F_1(q^2) \bar{u}_{S'}(p') \gamma^\mu u_S(p)}_{\text{Dirac: modify point-form}} + \underbrace{\frac{e}{2M} F_2(q^2) q_\nu \bar{u}_{S'}(p') i\sigma^{\mu\nu} u_S(p)}_{\text{Pauli: anomalous mag. term}} \quad (I.7.5C)$$

Bohr magneton

with  $\sigma^{\mu\nu} := \frac{i}{2}[\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu]$  combination of Dirac  $\sigma$  matrices, current conserved since  $q_\mu q_\nu \sigma^{\mu\nu} = 0$

$F_{1,2}$  are dimension-less Form Factors (FFs): functions of  $q^2$  to be determined by experiment/theory.

**Dirac FF  $F_1(q^2)$ :** modifies ordinary “point-structure” of spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  (i.e. mag. moment with  $g = 2$ )

Normalisation to charge:  $F_1^p(q^2 = 0) = Z^p = 1, F_1^n(q^2 = 0) = Z^n = 0$

**Pauli FF  $F_2(q^2)$ :** extended structure produces *anomalous* magnetic moment  $\kappa$

Normalisation  $F_2^p(q^2 = 0) = \kappa_p = +1.79, F_2^n(q^2 = 0) = \kappa_n = -1.91$  (in Bohr magnetons)

**Common theory trick: parametrisation of ignorance by most general structure...**

# Helicity Conservation and Magnetic Effects

$$\overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \Big|_{\text{lab}} = \frac{e^4}{q^4} L_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu} = 16M^2 EE' \left[ \underbrace{\left( F_1^2 - \frac{q^2}{4M^2} F_2^2 \right) \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}_{\text{charge \& spin}} - \underbrace{\frac{q^2}{2M^2} (F_1 + F_2)^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}_{\text{spin flip (helicity): magnetic!}} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \Big|_{\text{lab}} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \Big|_{\text{Mott}} \times \left[ \left( F_1^2 + \tau F_2^2 \right) + \underbrace{2\tau (F_1 + F_2)^2 \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}_{\text{spin flip: magnetic!}} \right] \text{ with } \tau := -\frac{q^2}{4M^2} > 0 \text{ L-inv.}$$

**Sachs FFs** also often used:  $G_E(q^2) := F_1 + \frac{q^2}{4M^2} F_2$  ,  $G_M(q^2) := F_1 + F_2$

$$G_E(q^2 = 0) = 1 \quad , \quad G_M(q^2 = 0) = Z + \kappa \equiv \mu \text{ magnetic moment of target}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \Big|_{\text{lab}} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \Big|_{\text{Mott}} \times \left[ \underbrace{\frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau}}_{\text{el. \& mag.: no spin flip}} + \underbrace{2\tau G_M^2 \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}_{\text{mag.: spin flip}} \right]$$

Experimentalists like Sachs FFs: separate by  $\tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$  (practical).

Can be interpreted as Fourier trafos of charge/current distribution (in Breit frame).

Theorists like Dirac/Pauli FFs: modification of point-like structure (concept).

We will explore them more next week...

# (h) Preview of Inclusive Inelastic Scattering $p(e, e')X$

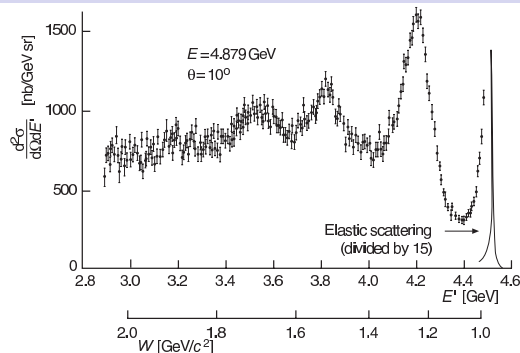
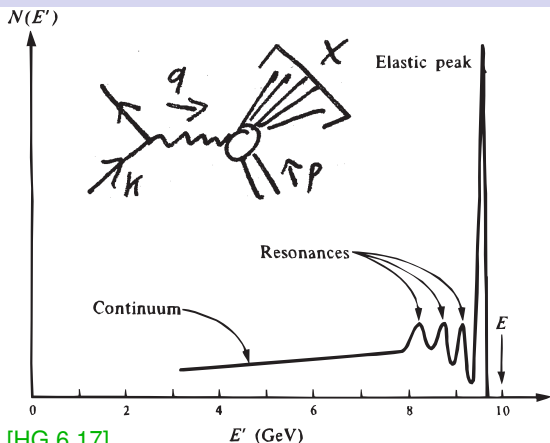


Fig. 7.1. Spectrum of scattered electrons from electron-proton scattering at an electron energy of  $E = 4.9 \text{ GeV}$  and a scattering angle of  $\theta = 10^\circ$  (from [Ba68]).

[HG 6.17]

[PRSZR 7.1]

scattered electron loses energy to target excitation/breakup

$$\Rightarrow \text{In lab frame: } \frac{E'}{E} < \frac{1}{1 + \frac{E}{M}(1 - \cos \theta_{\text{lab}})}$$

$\Rightarrow$  New independent kinematic variable  $E'_{\text{lab}}$  or **Invariant mass-squared of all fragments:**

$$W^2 := p'^2 = (p + q)^2 = M^2 + 2p \cdot q + q^2 = M^2 + 2p \cdot q \left(1 - \underbrace{\frac{-q^2}{2p \cdot q}}_{\text{Bjorken-}x}\right) \geq M^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [0; 1], \text{ elastic: } x = 1$$



# Preview of Inelastic Scattering: Most General Structure

Common theory trick: parametrisation of ignorance by most general structure...

Most general structure for hadron tensor  $W^{\mu\nu}$ :  $W^{\mu\nu} = W^{\nu\mu}$  symmetric (since  $L_{\mu\nu}$  is)

**Must-Have:** Lorentz-invariant, current conserved  $q_\mu W^{\mu\nu} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$ , parity invariant (elmag. interaction!)

Build it from combinations of  $p^\mu, q^\mu, g^{\mu\nu}$  – but *not*  $\gamma^\mu$ 's since we do (here) not prepare/detect spin.

$$W^{\mu\nu} = \frac{F_1(q^2, x)}{M} \left[ \frac{q^\mu q^\nu}{q^2} - g^{\mu\nu} \right] + \frac{F_2(q^2, x)}{p \cdot q M} \left[ p^\mu - \frac{p \cdot q}{q^2} q^\mu \right] \left[ p^\nu - \frac{p \cdot q}{q^2} q^\nu \right]$$

Structure functions  $F_{1,2}(Q^2, x)$  have nothing to do with Pauli/Dirac FFs

New variables: momentum-transfer  $Q^2 := -q^2 > 0$ , **Bjorken- $x$**  :=  $-\frac{q^2}{2p \cdot q}$

$\implies$  inelastic cross section with independent variable  $E'$ :

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right|_{\text{lab}} = \underbrace{\left( \frac{2\alpha}{q^2} \right)^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} E'^2}_{\text{like Mott, but no recoil}} \left[ \frac{MF_2(Q^2, x)}{p \cdot q} + \underbrace{\frac{2F_1(Q^2, x)}{M} \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}_{\text{spin-flip: magnetic}} \right]$$

Recover elastic result for  $x := \frac{-q^2}{2p \cdot q} \rightarrow 1 \implies$  set  $\delta\left(\frac{p \cdot q}{M} + \frac{q^2}{2M}\right)$  and  $\int dE'$  of cross section.

# (i) Summary: Electron Scattering Cross Section

Link to handout on website here (p. 3 of “Essentials”).

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## Summary Electron Scattering Cross Sections

cf. [HM 8]

**Lowest-order Feynman graph**  $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE} = \frac{1}{64\pi^2 s} |\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2$  **elastic, unpolarised, cm-frame**

**Mandelstam:**  $s = (k + p)^2$ ;  $t = (k' - k)^2$ ;  $u = (p' - k)^2$   $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE} = \frac{1}{64\pi^2 M^2} \left(\frac{E'}{E}\right)^2 |\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2$  **elastic, unpolarised, lab-frame**

$|\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2 = \langle \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} L_{\mu\nu} \rangle U^{\alpha\beta}$  **matrix element: avg. initial, sum final spins**

$e^2 L^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2s + 1} \sum_{\text{spins}} J_{\mu\nu}^e(k, k') J_{\mu\nu}^e(k, k')$  **lepton tensor: scatter off virtual  $\gamma$**

$J_{\mu\nu}^e(k, k') = \langle k', s' | j_{\mu\nu} | k, s \rangle$  **lepton current (electromagnetic)**

$J_{\mu\nu}^e(k, k') = -ie \overline{u}(k') \gamma_{\mu} u(k)$  **for electron**

$L^{\mu\nu} = 2[k^{\mu} k'^{\nu} + k^{\nu} k'^{\mu} - g^{\mu\nu} k \cdot k']$  **for electron ( $m = 0, s = \frac{1}{2}$ ): cf. (I.7.4W)**

$e^2 W^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2S + 1} \sum_{\text{spins}} J_{\mu\nu}^h(p, p') J_{\mu\nu}^h(p, p')$  **hadron tensor: scatter off virt.  $\gamma$**

$J_{\mu\nu}^h(p, p') = \langle p', S' | j_{\mu\nu} | p, S \rangle$  **hadron current (electromagnetic)**

$q_{\mu} J^{\mu} = 0 = q_{\nu} J^{\nu} \Rightarrow q_{\mu} L^{\mu\nu} = 0 = q_{\nu} W^{\mu\nu}$  **emag. current conservation**

**Relativistic Rutherford:** Coulomb of massless, spin-0 on infinitely heavy, spin-0 point-target ( $s = 0; M = \infty, S = 0$ )

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE} = \left( \frac{Z\alpha}{2E \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \right)^2 \quad J^{\mu} = -iZe\delta^{\mu 0}, \text{ i.e. point charge at rest} \quad (I.7.1)$$

$$e^2 \text{ Coulomb scattering on infinitely heavy, composite spin-0 target: } \quad (s = \frac{1}{2}; M = \infty, S = 0)$$

helicity forbids back-scattering; isotropic charge density  $\rho(r)$

$$\left( \frac{Z\alpha}{2E \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \right)^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \times |F(q^2)|^2 \quad \text{Fourier form factor } F(q^2) := \frac{4\pi}{2e} \int d^3r \frac{\sin(qr)\rho(r)}{q} \quad (I.7.2)$$

$$\text{normalisation: } F(0) = 1; \text{ charge radius: } \langle r^2 \rangle = -6 \frac{dF(q^2)}{dq^2} \Big|_{q^2=0}$$

$e^2$  full electromagnetic scattering on massive composite spin-0 target:  $(s = \frac{1}{2}; M \text{ finite}, S = 0)$

adds target recoil:  $q^2 \rightarrow q'^2$ ; 4-momentum transfer

$$\left( \frac{Z\alpha}{2E \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \right)^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \frac{E'}{E} \times |F(q'^2)|^2 \quad J^{\mu} = -iZe F(q^2) (p^{\mu} + p'^{\mu}) \text{ (most general for } S = 0) \quad (I.7.3C)$$

$$\text{Mott: no structure} \Rightarrow W^{\mu\nu} = 2^2 (p^{\mu} p'^{\nu} + p'^{\mu} p^{\nu} - g^{\mu\nu} (p \cdot p' - M^2)) \quad (I.7.3W)$$

$e^2 \mu^{\pm} \rightarrow e^2 \mu^{\pm}$  scattering on massive spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  target without structure:  $(s = \frac{1}{2}; M, S = \frac{1}{2})$

back-scattering by helicity transfer (spin-spin/mag. moment interaction)

$$\left( \frac{Z\alpha}{2E \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \right)^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \frac{E'}{E} \times \left[ 1 - \frac{q^2}{2M^2} \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right] \quad (I.7.4)$$

$$\text{Massive } S = \frac{1}{2} \text{ hadr. tensor, no structure: } \quad W^{\mu\nu} = 2Z^2 [p^{\mu} p'^{\nu} + p'^{\mu} p^{\nu} - g^{\mu\nu} (p \cdot p' - M^2)] \quad (I.7.4W)$$

$e^2$  on composite, massive spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  target: form factors  $F_1(q^2)$ : Dirac;  $F_2(q^2)$ : Pauli  $(s = \frac{1}{2}; M, S = \frac{1}{2})$

$$\left( \frac{\alpha}{2E \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \right)^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \frac{E'}{E} \times \left[ F_1^2(q^2) + \tau F_2^2(q^2) + 2\tau F_1(q^2) + F_3(q^2) \right]^2 \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \quad \tau := -\frac{q^2}{4M^2} \quad (I.7.5)$$

Variant: Rosenbluth/Sachs formula uses Sachs form factors  $G_E = F_1 - \tau F_2$ ,  $G_M = F_1 + F_2$

$$= [\dots] \times \left[ \frac{G_E^2(q^2) + \tau G_M^2(q^2)}{1 + \tau} + 2\tau G_M^2(q^2) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right] \quad (I.7.5)$$

$$J^{\mu} = -ie F_1(q^2) \bar{u}(p') \gamma^{\mu} u(p) + \frac{e}{2M} F_2(q^2) \bar{u}(p') i\sigma^{\mu\nu} u(p) \text{ (most general for } S = \frac{1}{2}) \quad (I.7.5C)$$

modify point form  $F_1(0) = Z = G_E(0)$  anomalous mag. moment,  $\mu = Z + a$ , mag. moment

$e^2$  inelastic, inclusive scattering:  $E'$  independent variable,  $p'$  not detected  $(s = \frac{1}{2}; M, S = \text{any } |\text{half}|)$

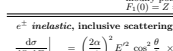
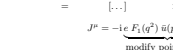
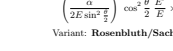
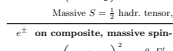
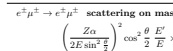
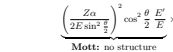
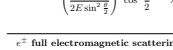
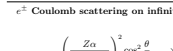
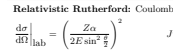
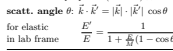
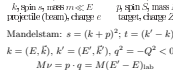
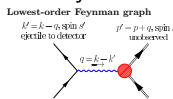
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \left( \frac{2\pi}{E} \right)^2 E' \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \times \left[ \frac{F_2(q^2; x)}{q^2} + \frac{2F_1(q^2; x)}{M^2} \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right] \quad (I.7.6)$$

inelasticity measure: Bjorken- $x := -\frac{q^2}{2p \cdot q} = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu} \in [0, 1]$ ; elastic:  $x = 1$ , i.e.  $F_{1,2}(q^2, x) \propto \delta(\nu + \frac{Q^2}{2M})$

Most general emag. hadronic ME (symmetric  $\mu \leftrightarrow \nu$ , charge conservation; any spin [half]):

$$W^{\mu\nu} = \frac{F_1(q^2; x)}{M} \left[ p^{\mu} p^{\nu} - g^{\mu\nu} \right] + \frac{F_2(q^2; x)}{M\nu} \left[ p^{\mu} - \frac{p \cdot q}{q^2} q^{\mu} \right] \left[ p^{\nu} - \frac{p \cdot q}{q^2} q^{\nu} \right] \quad (I.7.6W)$$

Structure functions  $F_1, F_2$  are not the Dirac, Pauli FFs of Eq. (I.7.5)!



# Summary: Electron Scattering Cross Section $\left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right|_{\text{lab}}$

[HM 8.4]

**rel. Rutherford: Coulomb**  
 $(s = 0; M = \infty, S = 0)$   $\left( \frac{Z\alpha}{2E \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \right)^2$  (I.8.1)

$e^\pm$  **Coulomb on composite**  
 $(s = \frac{1}{2}; M = \infty, S = 0)$   $\left( \frac{Z\alpha}{2E \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \right)^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \left| F(\vec{q}^2) \right|^2$  (I.8.2)

$e^\pm$  **full elmag on composite**  
 $(s = \frac{1}{2}; M \text{ finite}, S = 0)$   $\left( \frac{Z\alpha}{2E \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \right)^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \frac{E'}{E} \left| F(\vec{q}^2) \right|^2 \Rightarrow \text{recoil}$  (I.8.3)  
 called **Mott** for  $F(q^2) = 1$

$e\mu \rightarrow e\mu$ : **no structure**  
 $(s = \frac{1}{2}; M, S = \frac{1}{2})$   $[\dots] \times \left[ 1 - \frac{q^2}{2M^2} \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$  (I.8.4)

$e^\pm$  **on composite spin- $\frac{1}{2}$**   
 $(s = \frac{1}{2}; M, S = \frac{1}{2})$   $[\dots] \times \left[ (F_1^2 + \tau F_2^2) + 2\tau (F_1 + F_2)^2 \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$  (I.8.5)

$F_1$ : Dirac FF;  $F_2$ : Pauli FF

(moved  $Z$  from prefactor to  $F_1(0) = Z = G_E(0)$ ,  $F_2(0) = \kappa = G_M(0) - Z$  anom. mag. mom.)

$\tau = -\frac{q^2}{4M^2}$ ;  $G_{E,M}$ : Sachs FFs  $[\dots] \times \left[ \frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau} + 2\tau G_M^2 \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$

$e^\pm$  **inelastic inclusive**  
 $x \in [0; 1[$   $\left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right|_{\text{lab}} = \left( \frac{2\alpha}{q^2} \right)^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} E'^2 \left[ \frac{F_2(Q^2, x)}{\nu} + \frac{2 F_1(Q^2, x)}{M} \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$  (I.8.6)

Structure functions  $F_{1,2}(Q^2, x)$  have nothing to do with Pauli/Dirac FFs

# Summary: Electron Scattering, Hadron Currents & Tensors [HM 8.4]

**hadr. tensor, current**

scatter off virtual  $\gamma$

$$e^2 W^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2S+1} \sum_{S,S'} J_{S,S'}^\mu(p,p') J_{S,S'}^{\nu\dagger}(p,p') \text{ with } J_{S,S'}^\mu(p,p') = \langle p', S' | J^\mu | p, S \rangle$$

**electromagnetic current conservation**

$$q_\mu J^\mu = 0 \implies q_\mu W^{\mu\nu} = 0 = q_\nu W^{\mu\nu}$$

**rel. Rutherford: Coulomb**

$$(s = 0; M = \infty, S = 0)$$

$$J^\mu = -iZe \delta^{\mu 0}$$

i.e. point charge at rest

$$(1.7.1C)$$

**$e^\pm$  Coulomb on composite**

$$(s = \frac{1}{2}; M = \infty, S = 0)$$

$$J^\mu = -iZe \delta^{\mu 0} F(|\vec{q}|) \text{ with charge form factor: Fourier of } \rho(\vec{r})$$

$$F(|\vec{q}|) := \frac{4\pi}{Ze} \int_0^\infty dr \frac{r}{q} \sin(qr) \rho(r)$$

**$e^\pm$  full elmag on composite**

$$(s = \frac{1}{2}; M \text{ finite}, S = 0)$$

$$J^\mu = -iZe F(q^2) (p^\mu + p'^\mu)$$

$$(1.7.3C)$$

$$\implies W^{\mu\nu} = Z^2 (p+p')^\mu (p+p')^\nu \left| F(q^2) \right|^2$$

$$(1.7.3W)$$

(most general for  $S = 0$ )

**$e\mu \rightarrow e\mu$ : no structure**

$$(s = \frac{1}{2}; M, S = \frac{1}{2})$$

$$J_{S,S'}^\mu = -iZe \bar{u}_{S'}(p') \gamma^\mu u_S(p)$$

$$(1.7.4C)$$

$$\implies W^{\mu\nu} = 2Z^2 [p^\mu p'^\nu + p'^\mu p^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} (p \cdot p' - M^2)] \quad (1.7.4W)$$

**$e^\pm$  on composite spin- $\frac{1}{2}$**

(most general elast.  $S = \frac{1}{2}$ )

$$F_1(0) = Z, F_2(0) = \kappa$$

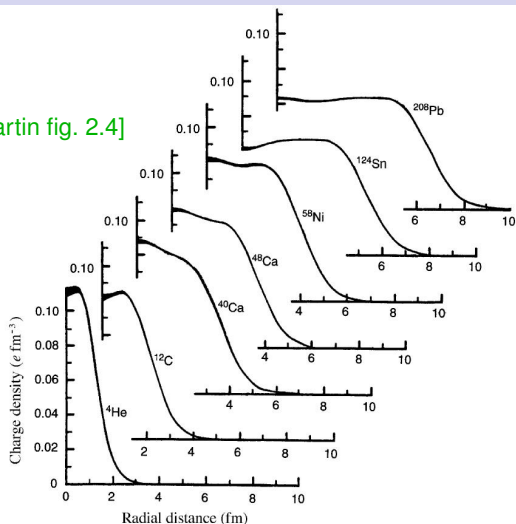
$$J_{S,S'}^\mu = -ie \underbrace{F_1(q^2) \bar{u}_{S'}(p') \gamma^\mu u_S(p)}_{\text{Dirac: modify point-form}} + \underbrace{\frac{eF_2(q^2)}{2M} q_\nu \bar{u}_{S'}(p') i\sigma^{\mu\nu} u_S(p)}_{\text{Pauli: anomalous mag. term}} \quad (1.7.5C)$$

**$e^\pm$  inelastic inclusive**

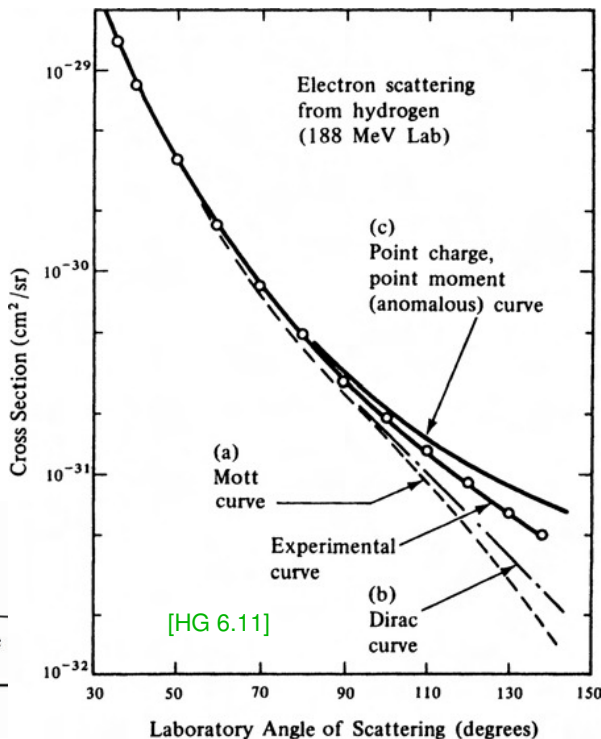
(most general inel. hadronic)

$$W^{\mu\nu} = \frac{F_1(q^2, x)}{M} \left[ \frac{q^\mu q^\nu}{q^2} - g^{\mu\nu} \right] + \frac{F_2(q^2, x)}{M^2 \mathbf{v}} \left[ p^\mu - \frac{p \cdot q}{q^2} q^\mu \right] \left[ p^\nu - \frac{p \cdot q}{q^2} q^\nu \right]$$

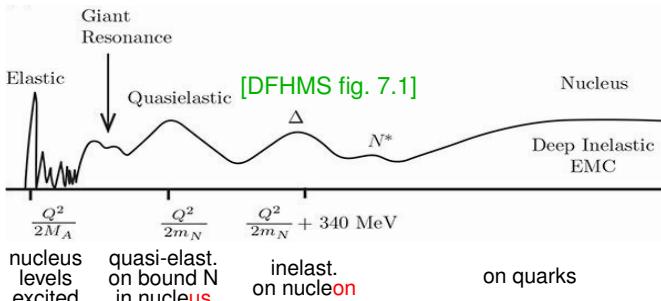
[Martin fig. 2.4]



**Figure 2.4** Radial charge distributions  $\rho_{ch}$  of various nuclei, in units of  $e \text{ fm}^{-3}$ ; the thickness of the curves near  $r = 0$  is a measure of the uncertainty in  $\rho_{ch}$  (adapted from Fr83)



[HG 6.11]



nucleus levels excited      quasi-elast. on bound N in nucleus      inelast. on nucleon

on quarks

# Next: **II. Phenomena**

## 1. Shapes and Masses of Nuclei

*Familiarise yourself with: [PRSZR 5.4, 2.3, 3.1/3; HG 6.3/4, (14.5), 16.1; cursorily PRSZR 18, 19]*