

Recent Progress in Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering

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- Introduction to GPDs
- DVCS observables
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(proton target)
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Generalized parton distributions

Formal definition

Generalized parton distributions (GPDs)

$$q(x, \eta, \Delta^2, \mu^2; S_1, S_2)$$

are defined as matrix elements of renormalized *light-ray operators*:

[D. M. (1991), D. M., D. Robaschik, B. Geyer, F.-M. Dittes, J. Hořejši (1988/92);
X. Ji (1996); A.V. Radyushkin (1996)]

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{Bmatrix} Q_q^V \\ Q_q^A \\ Q_q^T \end{Bmatrix} &= \int \frac{d\kappa}{2\pi} e^{i\kappa x P_+} \langle P_2, S_2 | \bar{\psi}_f^r(-\kappa n) \begin{Bmatrix} \gamma_+ \\ \gamma_+ \gamma_5 \\ i\sigma_{+\perp} \end{Bmatrix} \psi_{\bar{f}}^r(\kappa n) | P_1, S_1 \rangle, \\ \begin{Bmatrix} G_q^V \\ G_q^A \\ G_q^T \end{Bmatrix} &= 2 \int \frac{d\kappa}{\pi P_+} e^{i\kappa x P_+} \langle P_2 S_2 | G_{+\mu}^a(-\kappa n) \begin{Bmatrix} g_{\mu\nu} \\ i\epsilon_{\mu\nu-+} \\ \tau_{\mu\nu;\rho\sigma} \end{Bmatrix} G_{\nu+}^a(\kappa n) | P_1 S_1 \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

with $P_+ = n \cdot P$, $V_- = n^* \cdot V$, $n^2 = (n^*)^2 = 0$, $n \cdot n^* = 1$.

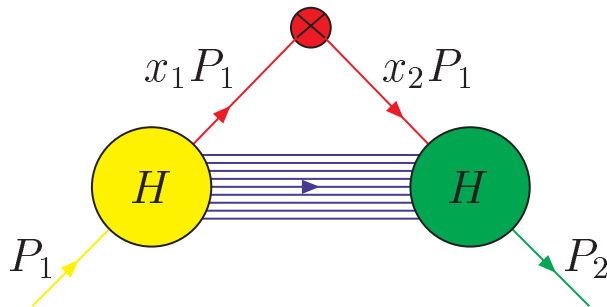
- x - conjugate variable of κ
- $\eta = \frac{n \cdot (P_2 - P_1)}{n \cdot (P_2 + P_1)}$ longitudinal momentum fraction in t-channel
- $t \equiv \Delta^2 = (P_2 - P_1)^2$ - squared momentum transfer
- μ^2 - renormalization scale
- S_1, S_2 - spin variables

Parton interpretation

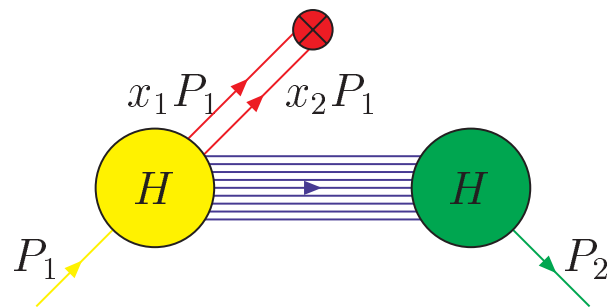
Momentum fraction of partons:

$$x_1 = \frac{x + \eta}{1 + \eta} \text{ (initial parton), } x_2 = \frac{x - \eta}{1 + \eta} \text{ (final parton),}$$

inclusive region



exclusive region



$$\begin{aligned} \eta < x, \text{ i.e. } x_1, x_2 > 0, \\ -\eta > x, \text{ i.e. } x_1, x_2 < 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$-\eta < x < \eta,$$

Decomposition in form factors reads for a spin-1/2 target [X. Ji (1997)]

$$\begin{aligned} i_q^V &= \bar{U}(P_2, S_2) \gamma_+ U(P_1, S_1) & H_i(x, \eta, \Delta^2, Q^2) \\ &+ \bar{U}(P_2, S_2) \frac{i\sigma_{+\nu} \Delta^\nu}{2M} U(P_1, S_1) & E_i(x, \eta, \Delta^2, Q^2), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} i_q^A &= \bar{U}(P_2, S_2) \gamma_+ \gamma_5 U(P_1, S_1) & \tilde{H}_i(x, \eta, \Delta^2, Q^2) \\ &+ \bar{U}(P_2, S_2) \frac{\gamma_5}{2M} U(P_1, S_1) & \tilde{E}_i(x, \eta, \Delta^2, Q^2), \end{aligned}$$

H_i and $\tilde{H}_i$ - target-helicity *conserved* form factors

E_i and $\tilde{E}_i$ - target-helicity *non-conserved* form factors

Basic properties

Reduction of GPDs to parton densities

The limit $P_2 \rightarrow P_1$ provide parton densities:

$$q_i(x, Q^2) = H_i(x, \eta = 0, \Delta^2 = 0, Q^2),$$

$$\Delta q_i(x, Q^2) = \tilde{H}_i(x, \eta = 0, \Delta^2 = 0, Q^2),$$

where $E_i[\tilde{E}_i](x, \eta = 0, \Delta^2 = 0, Q^2) \neq 0$ decouple.

In the exclusive “limit” $\langle P_2 | \rightarrow \langle \Omega |$ and $| P_2 \rangle \rightarrow | \text{Meson}(P) \rangle$ one recovers the definition of meson distribution amplitudes.

Sum rules

The first moment of GPDs are given by form factors:

$$\sum_{i=u,d,\dots} Q_i \int_{-1}^1 dx \begin{Bmatrix} H_i \\ E_i \end{Bmatrix} (x, \eta, \Delta^2, Q^2) = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{Bmatrix} (\Delta^2).$$

Evolution

The renormalization group equation of light-ray operators yield:

$$Q^2 \frac{d}{dQ^2} \begin{pmatrix} H_Q \\ H_G \end{pmatrix} (x, \eta, Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dy}{|\eta|} \begin{pmatrix} V_{QQ} V_{QG} \\ V_{GQ} V_{GG} \end{pmatrix} \left(\frac{x}{\eta}, \frac{y}{\eta} \right) \times \begin{pmatrix} H_Q \\ H_G \end{pmatrix} (y, \eta, Q^2)$$

Ji-Proposal

The spin problem of the proton

Spin of the longitudinally polarized proton is decomposed as

$$J \equiv \frac{1}{2} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma + L_Q}_{J_Q} + \underbrace{\Delta G + L_G}_{J_G}$$

where $\Delta \Sigma \sim 0.3$ and $\Delta G > 0$.

Constituent quark model suggested $\Delta \Sigma = 1$.

How to measure J_Q ?

- Definition of the total angular momentum:

$$J^i = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{ijk} \int d^3x \langle P, S | T^{0k} x^j - T^{0j} x^k | P, S \rangle$$

- and gauge invariant decomposition of $T^{\mu\nu} = T_Q^{\mu\nu} + T_G^{\mu\nu}$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle P_2 | T_{Q,G}^{\mu\nu} | P_1 \rangle &= \bar{U}(P_2, S_2) \left\{ \frac{1}{2} A_{Q,G}(\Delta^2) \gamma^{(\mu} P^{\nu)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + B_{Q,G}(\Delta^2) \frac{P^{(\mu} i \sigma^{\nu)\alpha} \Delta_\alpha}{4M} + \dots \right\} U(P_1, S_1) \end{aligned}$$

yield the sum rule

$$J_Q = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \int_{-1}^1 dx \, x \left[H^{Q-\sin}(x, \eta, \Delta^2) + E^{Q-\sin}(x, \eta, \Delta^2) \right]$$

Spatial distribution of partons

In inclusive processes one measures *translation-invariant* matrix elements of light-ray operators, i.e.,

$$\text{FT}_{(\kappa)} \langle N(P) | \mathcal{O}(-\kappa n, \kappa n) | N(P) \rangle = \text{FT}_{(\kappa)} \langle N(P) | \mathcal{O}(0, 2\kappa n) | N(P) \rangle.$$

Although the nucleon is *resolved*, $r \sim 1/\sqrt{Q^2}$, it is *impossible* to determine the spatial distribution of quarks.

Nucleon holography

$$q_i(x, \eta, \Delta^2, Q^2) = \text{FT}_{(\kappa)} \langle N(P_2) | \mathcal{O}_i(-\kappa n, \kappa n) | N(P_1) \rangle$$

depends on

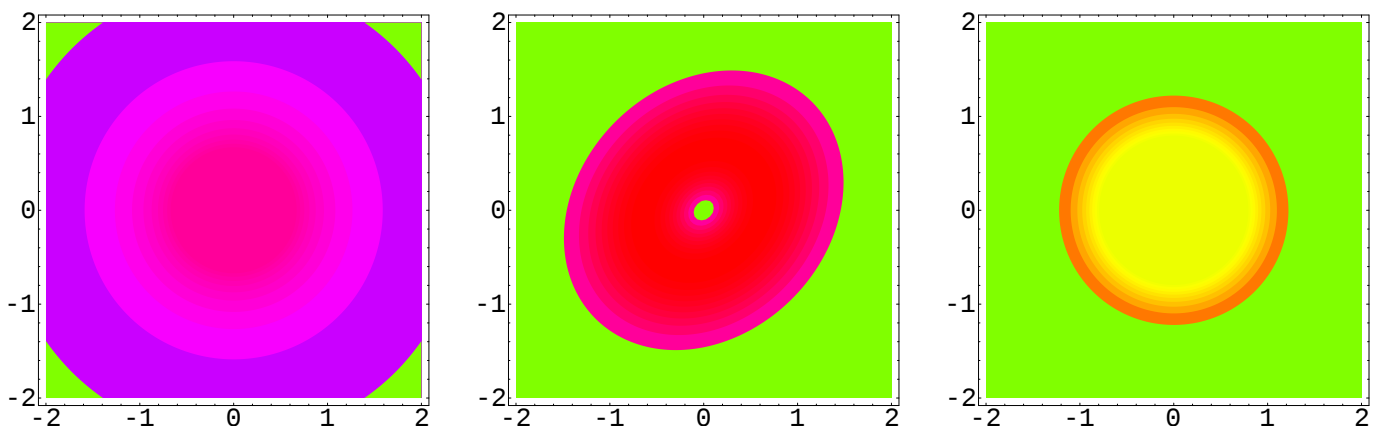
$$\Delta \sim \eta P + \Delta_{\perp}, \quad \Delta_{\perp} = (0, \vec{\Delta}_{\perp}, 0)$$

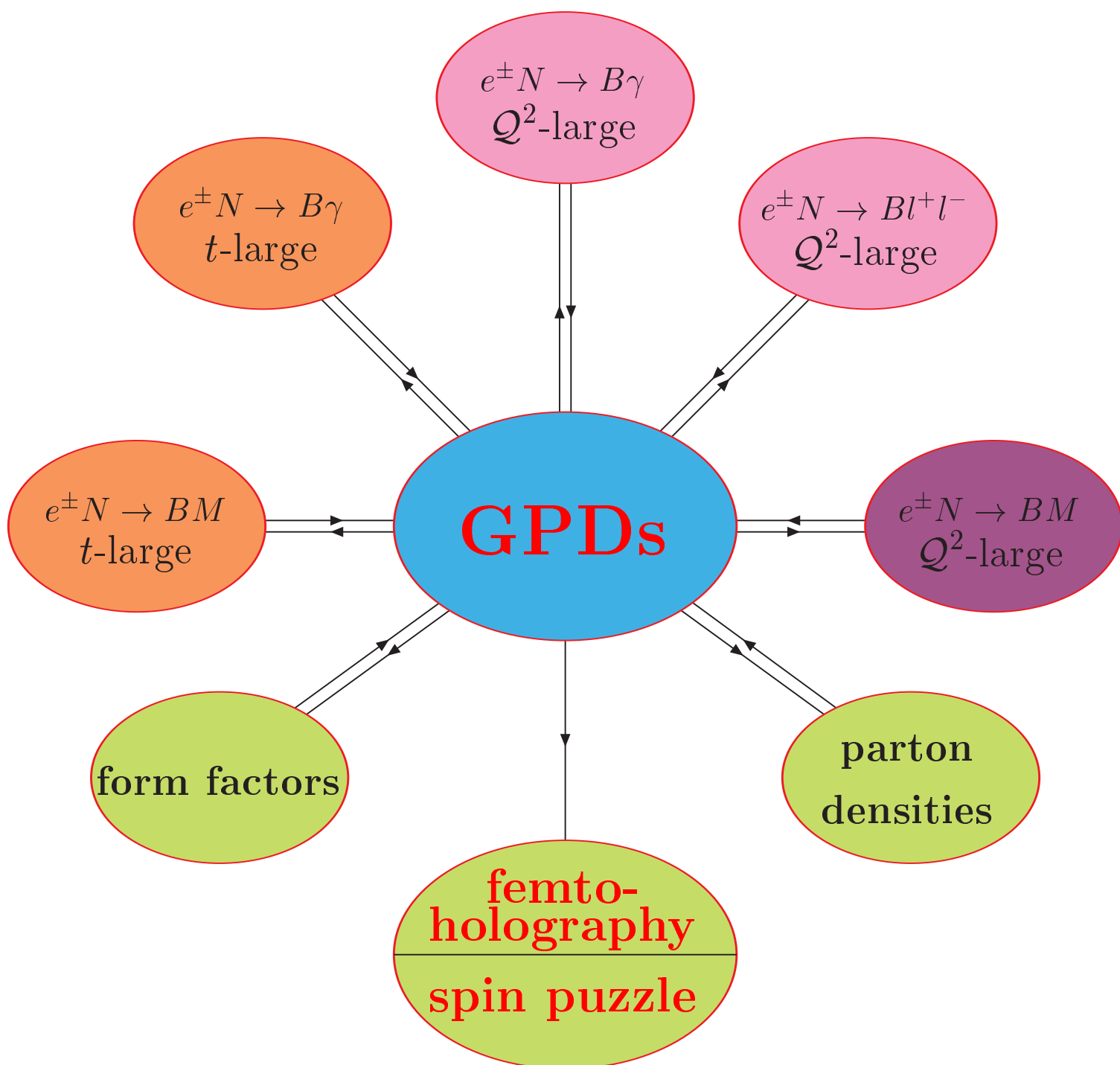
and the squared of the Fourier transform

$$\rho_i(x, \vec{b}_{\perp}, Q^2) = \left[\int d^2 \vec{\Delta}_{\perp} \exp \left\{ i \vec{b}_{\perp} \cdot \vec{\Delta}_{\perp} \right\} q_i(x, \eta = 0, \Delta, Q^2) \right]^2$$

provide a *photo* of the spatial parton distribution

[M.Burkardt (2000); J.P.Ralston & B.Pire (2001)]:





“Two-photon processes” in the generalized Bjorken limit

Processes

In different QCD processes *two photons, real or virtual*, are involved

- on the level of amplitudes:

$$- l^+ l^- \rightarrow l^+ l^- \gamma^{(*)} \gamma^{(*)} \rightarrow l^+ l^- H, \quad H = \{M, M^+ M^-, \dots\}$$

$$- l^\pm N \rightarrow l^\pm \gamma^* N \rightarrow l^\pm \gamma H, \quad H = \{B, BM, \dots\}$$

$$- l^\pm N \rightarrow l^\pm \gamma^* N \rightarrow l^\pm \gamma^* H \rightarrow l^\pm L^+ L^- H,$$

$$- \gamma N \rightarrow \gamma^* H \rightarrow L^+ L^- H,$$

- on the level of cross section:

$$- l^\pm N \rightarrow l^\pm \gamma^* N \rightarrow l^\pm X, \quad l^\pm N \rightarrow l^\pm \gamma^* N \rightarrow l^\pm X H.$$

Hadronic reactions

The hadronic part of all these reactions

$$\gamma^{(*)}(q_1) \mathcal{X}(P_X) \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}(P_Y) \gamma^{(*)}(q_2), \quad \text{and crossed channels}$$

is given by the hadronic tensor

$$T_{\mu\nu}(q, P_1, \dots) = i \int d^4x e^{ix \cdot q} \langle \mathcal{Y}(P_Y) | T j_\mu\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) j_\nu\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) | \mathcal{X}(P_X) \rangle,$$

with $q = \frac{1}{2}(q_1 + q_2)$.

Generalized Bjorken limit (light-cone-dominated region):

large scale: $Q^2 = -q^2 = -\frac{(q_1 + q_2)^2}{4} \rightarrow \infty,$

fixed variables: $\Delta_{ij}^2 = (P_i - P_j)^2, \quad M_i^2 = P_i^2,$

“Bjorken” variable: $\xi = \frac{Q^2}{q \cdot (\sum_y P_y + \sum_x P_x)},$

scaling variable: $\eta = \frac{q \cdot (\sum_y P_y - \sum_x P_x)}{q \cdot (\sum_y P_y + \sum_x P_x)},$

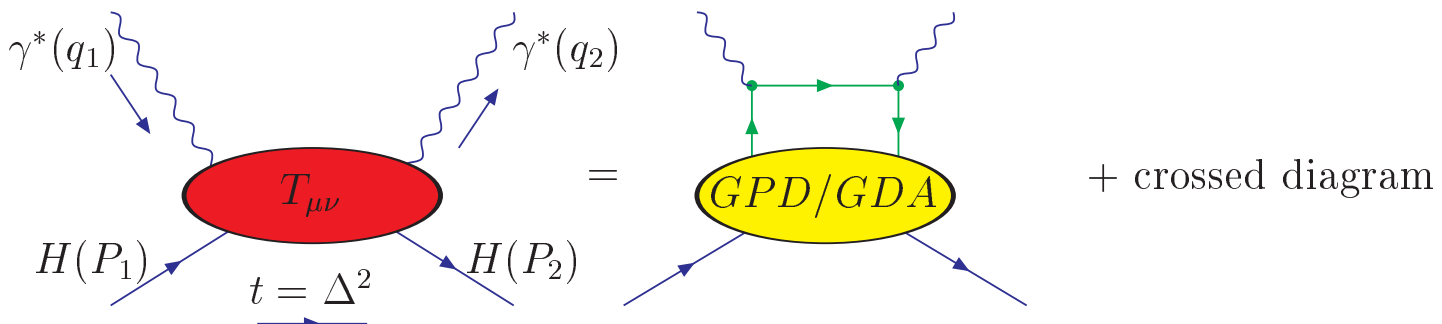
further scaling variables: appearing as dummies

Two-photon processes in the Bjorken limit

Employing the *operator product expansion* for the hadronic tensor provides the factorization of long and short distance dynamics:

DIS	$\Delta = 0$	$\eta = 0$
DVCS	$q_2^2 = 0$	$\eta = -\xi$
$\gamma^* N \rightarrow N l^+ l^-$	$q_2^2 > 0$	$\eta \approx \cos \theta_{\text{Br}}$ (Breit-frame)
$\gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow HH$		$\eta \approx \cos \theta_{\text{cm}}$ (cm-frame)
$\gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow M$	$P_1 = 0$	$\eta = 1$

The long distance dynamics is parametrized by *generalized parton distributions* (GPDs) and *generalized distribution amplitudes* (GDAs):
[D.M., D.Robaschik, B.Geyer, F.M.-Dittes, J.Hořejši (94); X.Ji, A.V.Radyushkin (96)]



Operator product expansion to leading twist-two

To calculate the hadronic tensor of any “two-photon” process,

$$T(q, P_i) = i \int d^4x e^{ix \cdot q} \langle \mathcal{Y} | T j\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) j\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) | \mathcal{X} \rangle,$$

in the generalized Bjorken region one can employ the *non-local OPE*:

$$\begin{aligned} T j\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) j\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) &= \sum_{ij} C_{ij}(x^2) x^{\mu_1} \dots x^{\mu_{i+j}} \partial_{\mu_{j+1}} \dots \partial_{\mu_{i+j}} \mathcal{R}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_j} \\ &= \int d\kappa_1 d\kappa_2 C(x^2, \kappa_1, \kappa_2) \mathcal{R}(\kappa_1 x, \kappa_2 x) + \dots, \end{aligned}$$

where the *non-local operators* are resummed *local ones*:

$$\mathcal{R}(\kappa x, -\kappa x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-i\kappa)^j}{j!} x^{\mu_1} \dots x^{\mu_j} \mathcal{R}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_j},$$

with $\mathcal{R}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_j} = \mathbf{S}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_j} \phi(0) i \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_{\mu_1} \dots i \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_{\mu_j} \phi(0)$ - traces.

Projection onto the light cone $x \rightarrow n + O(x^2)$ with $n^2 = 0$:

$$\mathcal{O}(\kappa n, -\kappa n) \equiv \mathcal{R}(\kappa n, -\kappa n) = \phi(-\kappa n) \phi(\kappa n).$$

The *renormalization group equation* reads

$$\begin{aligned} \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \mathcal{O}(\kappa_1, \kappa_2; \mu^2) &= \int_{-1}^1 dy \int_{-1+|y|}^{1-|y|} dz K(y, z | \alpha_s(\mu)) \\ &\quad \times \mathcal{O}(\kappa_1[1-y] + \kappa_2 y, \kappa_2[1-z] + \kappa_1 z; \mu^2). \end{aligned}$$

Results of the OPE

- The hadronic tensor to twist-two accuracy reads:

$$T = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{|\eta|} \underbrace{C \left(\frac{x}{\eta}, \frac{\xi}{\eta} \middle| \frac{\mu^2}{Q^2}, \alpha_s(\mu^2) \right)}_{\text{short distance}} \underbrace{q(x, \eta, \Delta_{ij}^2, \mu^2)}_{\text{long distance}} + O \left(\frac{1}{Q^2} \right)$$

in terms of *GPDs* or *GDA*s:

$$q(x, \eta, \Delta_{ij}^2, \mu^2) = \int \frac{d\kappa}{2\pi} e^{i\kappa x(n \cdot \sum_i P_i)} \langle \mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{O}(\kappa n, -\kappa n) |_{\mu} | \mathcal{X} \rangle.$$

- The OPE results to leading twist are equivalent to the collinear factorization approach ones [J.Collins, A.Freund (1999)].
- The *Wilson coefficients* are ‘universal’ for any of these processes:

$$C(x, \xi, \alpha_s) = \frac{1}{\xi - x - i0} \pm \frac{1}{\xi + x - i0} + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C^{(1)}(x, \xi) + \dots$$

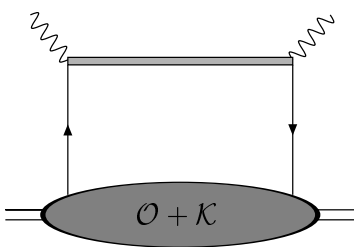
- The process dependence enters in the *GPDs* and *GDA*s and their parametrizations.
- The *evolution* arise from the renormalization of the operators and is, thus, ‘universal’:

$$Q^2 \frac{d}{dQ^2} q(x, \eta, \Delta^2, Q^2) = \int_0^1 \frac{dy}{|\eta|} V \left(\frac{x}{\eta}, \frac{y}{\eta}; \alpha_s(Q^2) \right) q(y, \eta, \Delta^2, Q^2).$$

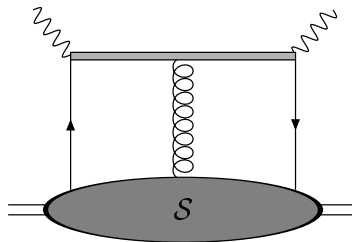
Twist expansion

- The *lack of a factorization theorem* beyond leading twist requires a *pragmatic point of view*.
- *GPDs* and *GDA*s must have certain analytical properties to not induce *new singularities* at Born level that *can not be factorized*.

Twist-three effects for two-photon processes and DVCS has been calculated by different groups at the Born level:



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The following steps are necessary:

1. Working off the light-cone and decompose the operators

$$\mathcal{R}_{\rho; \mu_1 \dots \mu_j} = \bar{\psi} \Gamma_{\rho} i \overleftrightarrow{\mathcal{D}}_{\mu_1} \dots i \overleftrightarrow{\mathcal{D}}_{\mu_j} \psi, \quad \overleftrightarrow{\mathcal{D}}_{\mu} = \overrightarrow{\mathcal{D}}_{\mu} - \overleftarrow{\mathcal{D}}_{\mu},$$

with respect to their geometrical twist:

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline \rho & \mu_1 & \mu_2 & \dots & \mu_n \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline \mu_1 & \mu_2 & \dots & \mu_n \\ \hline \rho \\ \hline \end{array}.$$

2. Employing equation of motion $\not{D}\psi = 0$ to represent the result in terms of a complete basis of antiquark-gluon-quark operators:

$$\mathcal{S}_{\rho; j, k}^{\pm} = i g i^{j-2} \bar{\psi} \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_+^{k-1} \left[\Gamma_+ G_{+\rho} \pm i \Gamma_+ \gamma_5 \tilde{G}_{+\rho} \right] \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_+^{j-k-1} \psi.$$

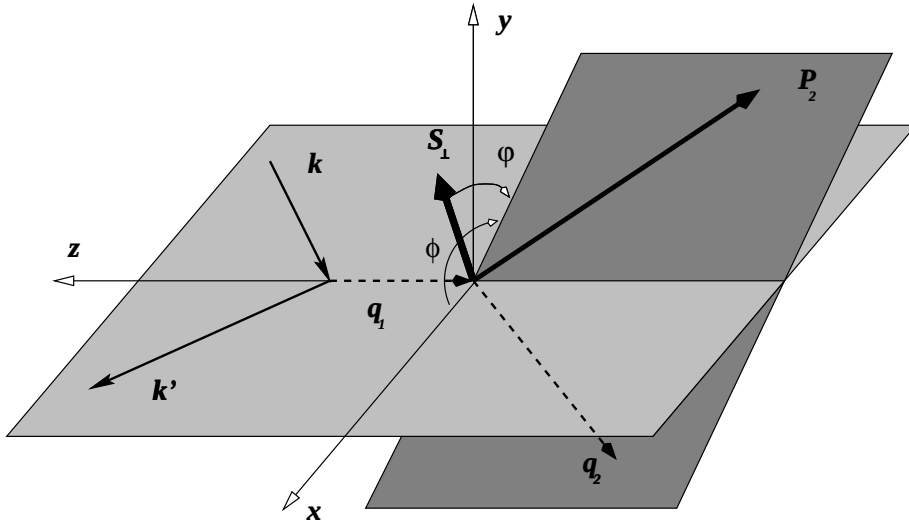
3. Build matrix elements and introduce an appropriate basis of form factors to parametrize them.

Leptoproduction of γ

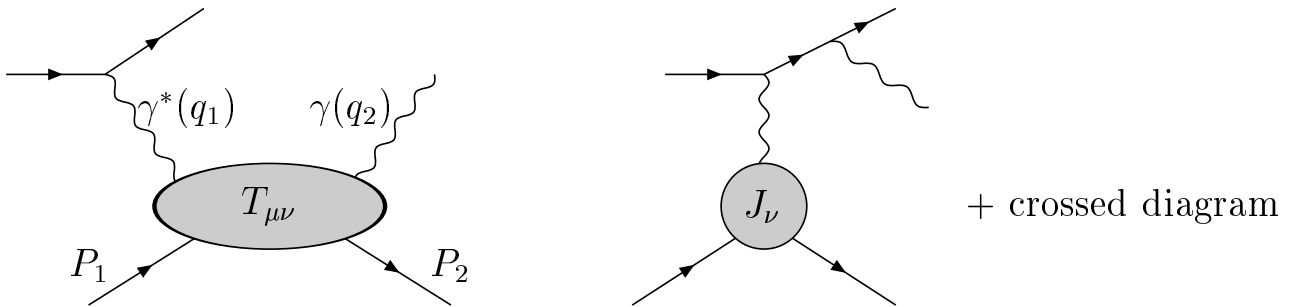
Cross section for $e(k, \lambda) N(P_1, S_1) \rightarrow e(k', \lambda') N(P_2, S_2) \gamma(q_2, \Lambda)$:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_B dy d|\Delta^2| d\phi_e d\phi_N} = \frac{\alpha^3 x_B y}{16 \pi^2 Q^2} \left(1 + \frac{4M^2 x_B^2}{Q^2} \right)^{-1/2} \left| \frac{\mathcal{T}}{e^3} \right|^2,$$

where $x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2P_1 \cdot q_1} \approx \frac{2\xi}{1+\xi}$, $Q^2 = -q_1^2$, $y = \frac{P_1 \cdot q_1}{P_1 \cdot k}$, $\Delta^2 = t$, and:



leptoproduction of γ contains both *DVCS* and *Bethe-Heitler process*



The squared amplitude is decomposed in three parts

$$|\mathcal{T}|^2 = \sum_{\lambda', S_2, \Lambda} \left\{ |\mathcal{T}_{DVCS}|^2 + |\mathcal{T}_{BH}|^2 \pm \mathcal{I} \right\} \begin{cases} + e^- \text{-beam} \\ - e^+ \text{-beam} \end{cases}$$

with the interference term $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{T}_{DVCS} \mathcal{T}_{BH}^* + \mathcal{T}_{DVCS}^* \mathcal{T}_{BH}$.

Analytical results for DVCS on proton

The hadronic tensor to twist-3 level is parametrized by

vector, axial-vector and (gluon) tensor amplitudes [A.Belitsky, D.M. (01)]:

$$T_{\mu\nu} = -\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} \frac{q \cdot V_1}{P \cdot q} + \frac{\tilde{P}_\mu \tilde{V}_{2\nu} + \tilde{P}_\nu \tilde{V}_{2\mu}}{P \cdot q} - i\tilde{\epsilon}_{\mu\nu q\rho} \frac{A_1^\rho}{P \cdot q} + \text{gluon transv.}$$

Decomposition of the amplitudes in *Compton form factors (CFF)*

$$V_{1\rho} = \bar{U} \gamma_\rho U \mathcal{H} + \bar{U} i \sigma_{\rho\sigma} \frac{\Delta_\sigma}{2M} U \mathcal{E} + \text{twist-three contributions,}$$

$$A_{1\rho} = \bar{U} \gamma_\rho \gamma_5 U \tilde{\mathcal{H}} + \frac{\Delta_\rho}{2M} \bar{U} \gamma_5 U \tilde{\mathcal{E}} + \text{twist-three contributions,}$$

and the hadronic current in *form factors*

$$J_\rho = \bar{U} \gamma_\rho U F_1 + \bar{U} i \sigma_{\rho\sigma} \frac{\Delta_\sigma}{2M} U F_2.$$

allows the application of the spin projector technique.

The twist-three result gives the general azimuthal angular dependence

$$|\mathcal{T}_{\text{DVCS}}|^2 = \frac{e^6}{y^2 Q^2} \left\{ c_0^{\text{DVCS}} + \sum_{n=1}^2 \left[c_n^{\text{DVCS}} \cos(n\phi) + s_n^{\text{DVCS}} \sin(n\phi) \right] \right\},$$

$$|\mathcal{T}_{\text{BH}}|^2 = \frac{e^6 (1 + \epsilon^2)^{-2}}{x_B^2 y^2 \Delta^2 \mathcal{P}_1(\phi) \mathcal{P}_2(\phi)} \left\{ c_0^{\text{BH}} + \sum_{n=1}^2 c_n^{\text{BH}} \cos(n\phi) \right\},$$

$$\mathcal{I} = \frac{\pm e^6}{x_B y^3 \Delta^2 \mathcal{P}_1(\phi) \mathcal{P}_2(\phi)} \left\{ c_0^{\mathcal{I}} + \sum_{n=1}^3 \left[c_n^{\mathcal{I}} \cos(n\phi) + s_n^{\mathcal{I}} \sin(n\phi) \right] \right\}.$$

- In LO the hadronic tensor is parametrized by four twist-two CFF's:

$$\mathcal{F}(F) = \{\mathcal{H}(H), \mathcal{E}(E), \tilde{\mathcal{H}}(\tilde{H}), \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(\tilde{E})\}(\xi, \Delta^2, Q^2).$$

- At twist-three level four further ones appear

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}^3(F, F^{qGq}) &= \{\mathcal{H}^3, \mathcal{E}^3, \tilde{\mathcal{H}}^3, \tilde{\mathcal{E}}^3\} \\ &= \mathcal{F}^{\text{WW}}(F) + \mathcal{F}^{qGq}(F^{qGq}).\end{aligned}$$

- Finally, there are four CFFs arising from gluon transversity

$$\mathcal{F}^T = \{\mathcal{H}^T, \mathcal{E}^T, \tilde{\mathcal{H}}^T, \tilde{\mathcal{E}}^T\}.$$

- CFFs $\leftrightarrow$ azimuthal angular dependence:

$$c_0^{\mathcal{I}} \propto \frac{\Delta^2}{Q^2} \text{tw-2}, \left\{ \begin{matrix} c_1 \\ s_1 \end{matrix} \right\}^{\mathcal{I}} \propto \frac{\Delta}{Q} \text{tw-2}, \left\{ \begin{matrix} c_2 \\ s_2 \end{matrix} \right\}^{\mathcal{I}} \propto \frac{\Delta^2}{Q^2} \text{tw-3}, \left\{ \begin{matrix} c_3 \\ s_3 \end{matrix} \right\}^{\mathcal{I}} \propto \frac{\Delta \alpha_s}{Q} (\text{tw-2})^{\text{GT}}$$

$$c_0^{\text{CS}} \propto (\text{tw-2})^2, \left\{ \begin{matrix} c_1 \\ s_1 \end{matrix} \right\}^{\text{CS}} \propto \frac{\Delta}{Q} (\text{tw-2})(\text{tw-3}), \left\{ \begin{matrix} c_2 \\ s_2 \end{matrix} \right\}^{\text{CS}} \propto \alpha_s (\text{tw-2})(\text{tw-2})^{\text{GT}}$$

- $S^\mu = (0, \cos(\varphi + \phi_N) \sin \Theta, \sin(\varphi + \phi_N) \sin \Theta, \cos \Theta)$

$$c_n^T = c_{n,\text{unp}}^T + c_{n,\text{LP}}^T \cos(\Theta) + c_{n,\text{TP}}^T(\varphi) \sin(\Theta)$$

$$c_{n,\text{TP}}^T = c_{n,\text{TP}+}^T \cos(\varphi) + s_{n,\text{TP}-}^T \sin(\varphi)$$

- The FCs are given by ‘*universal*’ functions of CFFs, e.g.,

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} c_{1,i}^{\mathcal{I}} \\ s_{1,i}^{\mathcal{I}} \end{matrix} \right\} (y, \xi, \Delta^2, Q^2) = \left\{ \begin{matrix} \mathcal{L}_{1,i}^{\mathcal{I}c} \\ \mathcal{L}_{1,i}^{\mathcal{I}s} \end{matrix} \right\} (y) \left\{ \begin{matrix} \Re \\ \Im \end{matrix} \right\} c_i^{\mathcal{I}}(\mathcal{F}(\xi, \Delta^2, Q^2))$$

$$\text{and } c/s_{1,i}^{\mathcal{I}} \rightarrow c/s_{1,i}^{\mathcal{I}}, \mathcal{L}_{1,i} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{2,i}, \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^{\text{eff}}.$$

Unrevealing GPDs

- Charge asymmetry allows the separation of

$$d\sigma^{\mathcal{I}} = \frac{d\sigma^+ - d\sigma^-}{2}$$

$$d\sigma^{\text{DVCS}} = \frac{d\sigma^+ + d\sigma^-}{2} - d\sigma^{\text{BH}}$$

- Fourier analysis provides the coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{Bmatrix} c_n \\ s_n \end{Bmatrix}^{\mathcal{I}} &\propto \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \begin{Bmatrix} \cos(n\phi) \\ \sin(n\phi) \end{Bmatrix} \mathcal{P}_1(\phi) \mathcal{P}_2(\phi) d\sigma^{\mathcal{I}} \\ \begin{Bmatrix} c_n \\ s_n \end{Bmatrix}^{\text{DVCS}} &\propto \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \begin{Bmatrix} \cos(n\phi) \\ \sin(n\phi) \end{Bmatrix} d\sigma^{\text{DVCS}} \end{aligned}$$

- From the charge odd part one can extract

$$\begin{Bmatrix} c_1 \\ s_1 \end{Bmatrix}^{\mathcal{I}} \Rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} \Re \\ \Im \end{Bmatrix} \mathcal{F}, \quad \begin{Bmatrix} c_2 \\ s_2 \end{Bmatrix}^{\mathcal{I}} \Rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} \Re \\ \Im \end{Bmatrix} \mathcal{F}^3,$$

and $(1 \times \Re + 3 \times \Im)$ of $\mathcal{F}^T$ CFFs.

- Consequently, *constraints* for DVCS observables exist:

[A.V.Belitsky, A.Kirchner, D.M., A.Schäfer (01)]

$$c_0^{\mathcal{I}}(c_1^{\mathcal{I}}), \quad c_0^{\text{CS}}(c_1^{\mathcal{I}}, s_1^{\mathcal{I}}), \quad c_1^{\text{CS}}(c_2^{\mathcal{I}}, s_2^{\mathcal{I}}).$$

- Knowing the CFFs we have access to the GPDs (here in LO)

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \Im \\ \Re \end{Bmatrix} \mathcal{F} = \sum_i Q_i^2 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \pi [F^i(\xi, \xi, \Delta^2, Q^2) \mp F^i(-\xi, \xi, \Delta^2, Q^2)] \\ \text{PV} \int_{-1}^1 dx \left[\frac{1}{\xi-x} \mp \frac{1}{\xi+x} \right] F^i(x, \xi, \Delta^2, Q^2) \end{array} \right\}.$$

GPD models versus experimental data

An oversimplified GPD model ansatz is based on factorization

$$F = \{H, E, \tilde{H}, \tilde{E}\} \implies \mathcal{F} = \{\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{E}, \tilde{\mathcal{H}}, \tilde{\mathcal{E}}\}$$

in the squared momentum transfer

$$F^i(x, \xi, \Delta^2, Q^2) = F_1^i(\Delta^2) q^i(x, \xi, Q^2), \quad i = \{u_{\text{val}}, d_{\text{val}}, u_{\text{sea}}, \dots, G\},$$

where the partonic form factors F_1^i are partly fixed by sum rules

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx H^i(x, \xi, \Delta^2, Q^2) = F_1^i(\Delta^2) \quad \text{and so on.}$$

The polynomiality conditions can be correctly satisfied in *two ways*:

[M.V.Polyakov, C.Weiss (99), A.V.Belitsky, A.Kirchner, D.M., A.Schäfer (01)]

$$H^i = \int dy \int dz \left\{ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ x \end{matrix} \right\} \delta(y + \xi z - x) \left\{ \begin{matrix} f^i \\ g^i \end{matrix} \right\} (y, z, Q^2) + \left\{ \begin{matrix} D^i(x/\xi, Q^2) \\ 0 \end{matrix} \right\}$$

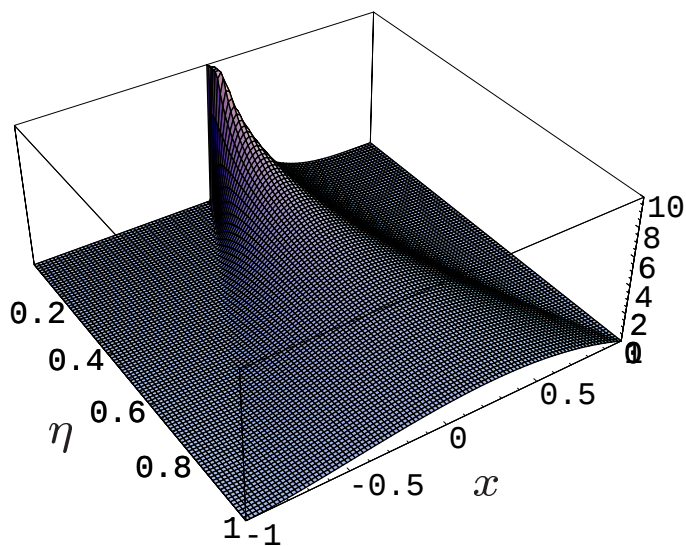
Ansatz for $f^i(y, z)$ at a given scale Q_0 [A.V. Radyushkin (99)]:

$$f^i(y, z) = q^i(y) \pi(|y|, z|b^i), \quad q^i(y) - \text{parton densities}$$
$$\pi(y, z|b) = \frac{\Gamma[b + 3/2]}{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma[b + 1]} \frac{[(1 - y)^2 - z^2]^b}{(1 - y)^{2b+1}},$$

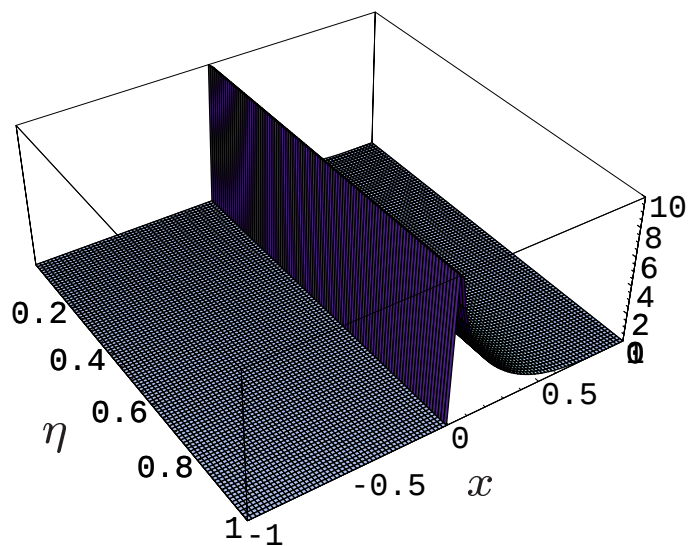
where b is associated with the skewedness effect:

$b = 1$ - *enhancement* of $H^i(x = \xi, \xi)$, i.e. $H^i(x = \xi, \xi)/q^i(\xi) > 1$
 $b \rightarrow \infty$ - *reduction* to forward parton distributions $H^i(x, \xi) \rightarrow q^i(x)$

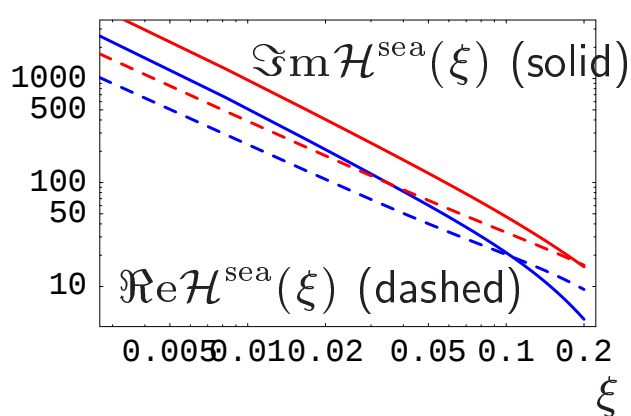
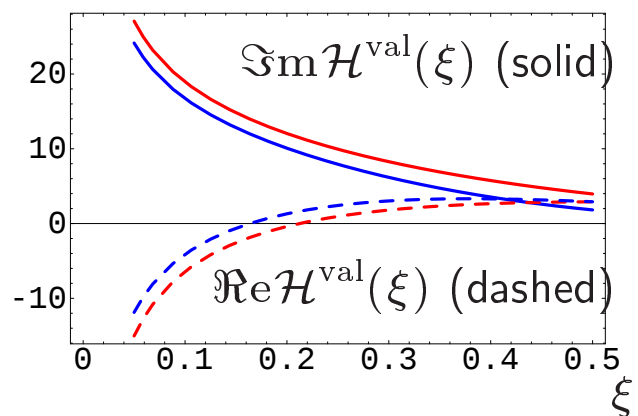
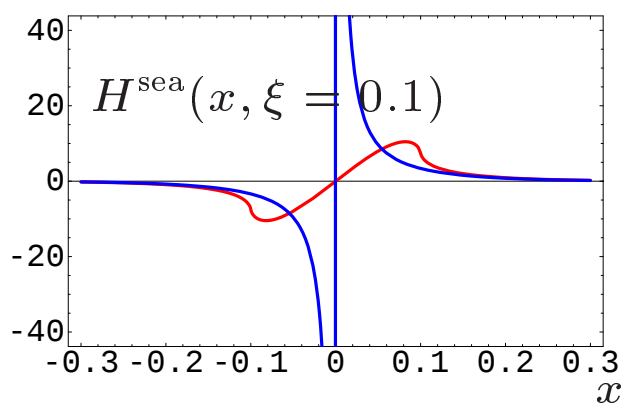
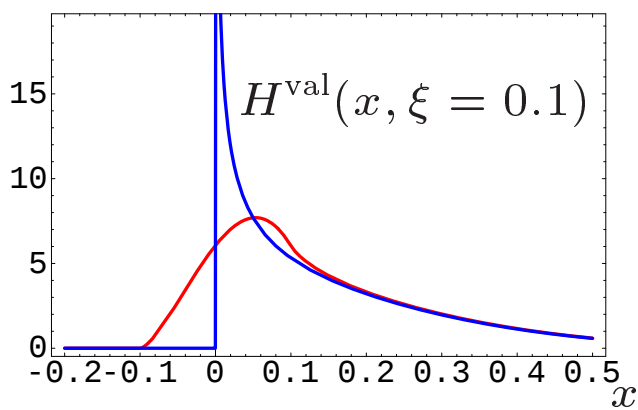
x, ξ -dependence of $H(x, \xi, \Delta^2 = 0)$



DD-model (u -valence quark)



FPD-model (u -valence quark)

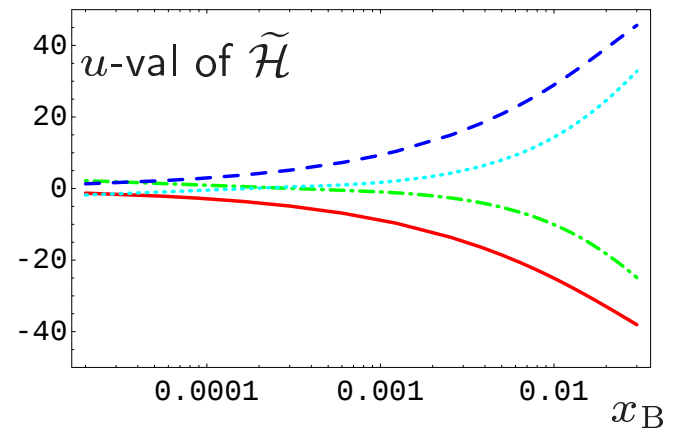
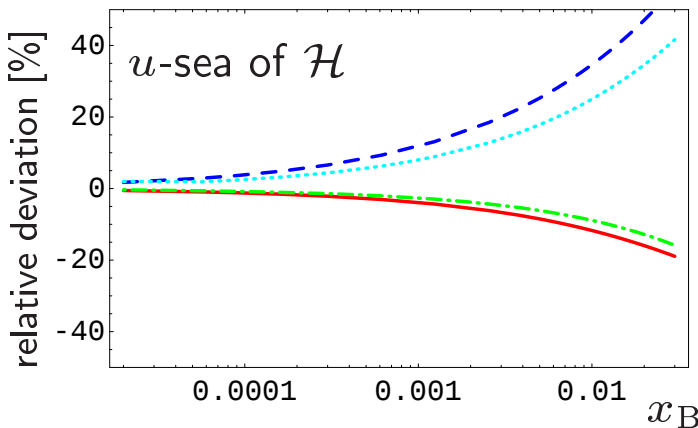


Features of the model and CFFs

- small evolution effects for non-singlet quarks
- large evolution effects in the singlet sector driven by gluons
- quark D-term mixes with gluonic D-term (extraction of the D-term from a non-perturbative model is not to consider as a prediction)
- in the small x_{Bj} -region CFFs are parametrized in a model independent manner

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{Bmatrix} \Re \\ \Im \end{Bmatrix} \mathcal{H}^Q(\xi, \Delta^2, Q^2) &= \begin{Bmatrix} -\cot \frac{\alpha\pi}{2} \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} \xi^{-\alpha(\Delta^2, Q^2)} N_{\mathcal{H}}(\Delta^2, Q^2) \\ &+ \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} \xi^{-2p} M_{\mathcal{H}}(\Delta^2, Q^2). \end{aligned}$$

- $\alpha(\Delta^2 = 0, Q^2)$ is *known* from the forward parton distributions, the evolution is driven by the DGLAP equation
- the imaginary part is *dominant* for $0.5 \ll \alpha \ll 1.5$
- $N_{\mathcal{H}}(\Delta^2, Q^2)$ - contains two unknowns: the *skewedness effect* and the Δ^2 *dependence*
- $M_{\mathcal{H}}(\Delta^2, Q^2)$ is caused by *isolated mesonic like states*, like the D-term ($p=0$), providing $\delta^{(2p-1)}(x_{\text{Bj}})$ in DIS



$\Im \mathcal{H} [\mathcal{H}^{WW}]$ - solid [dash-dotted];

$\frac{\Re \mathcal{H} [\mathcal{H}^{WW}]}{\Im \mathcal{H} [\mathcal{H}^{WW}]}$ - dashed [dotted]

First experimental results

Small x_B region

For small x_B the (unpolarized) sea-quark like GPDs are dominant:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Re} \\ \text{Im} \end{array} \right\} \mathcal{H}_{\text{sea}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} -\cot(\alpha(\Delta^2, Q^2)\pi/2) \\ 1 \end{array} \right\} \mathcal{N}_{\text{sea}}(\Delta^2, Q^2) \xi^{-\alpha(\Delta^2, Q^2)}$$

$$\mathcal{N}_{\text{sea}}(\Delta^2, Q^2) = \mathcal{N}_{\text{sea}}^{\text{DIS}}(Q^2) \times F_1^{\text{sea}}(\Delta^2) \times S(Q^2)$$

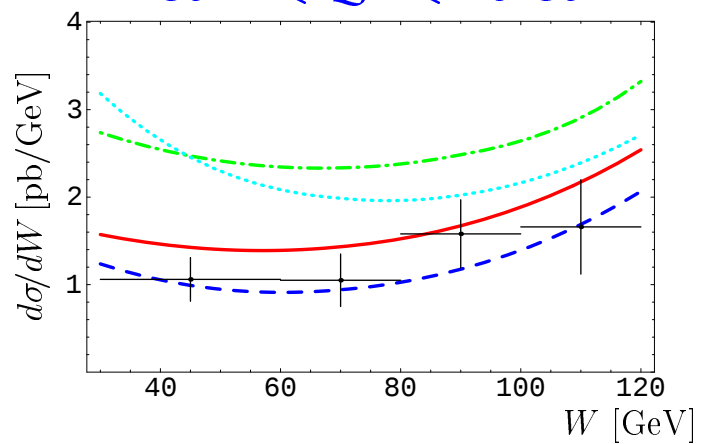
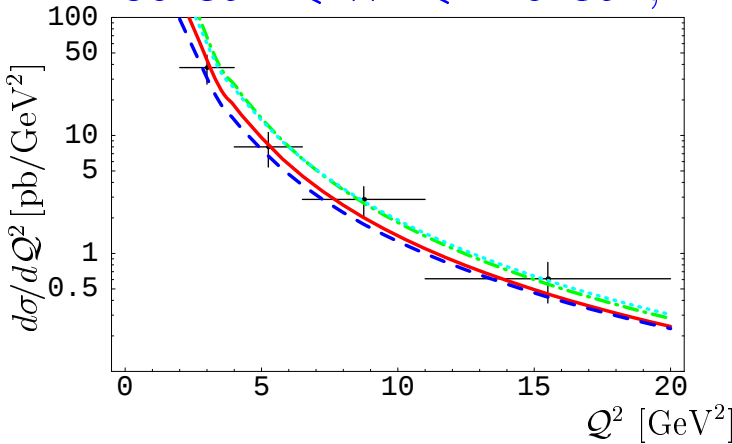
F_1^{sea} - partonic form factor, $S(Q^2)$ - skewedness effect

Constraints for models coming from H1:

$$-\Delta_{\text{min}}^2 < -\Delta^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2,$$

$$30 \text{ GeV} < W < 120 \text{ GeV},$$

$$2 \text{ GeV}^2 < Q^2 < 20 \text{ GeV}^2$$



Leading order analysis with parameters taken at $Q_0^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$

model	α	S^2	$B_{\text{sea}} [\text{GeV}^{-2}]$
dashed	1.067 (MRS G)	1	9
solid	1.17 (MRS A')	1	9
dashdotted	1.17 (MRS A')	1	5
dotted	1.17 (MRS A')	2.5	9

Beam spin asymmetries in fixed target experiments

Beam spin asymmetry

$$A_{\text{LU}}(\phi) = \frac{d\sigma^{\uparrow}(\phi) - d\sigma^{\downarrow}(\phi)}{d\sigma^{\uparrow}(\phi) + d\sigma^{\downarrow}(\phi)}$$

contains both *twist-two* and *twist-three* contributions.

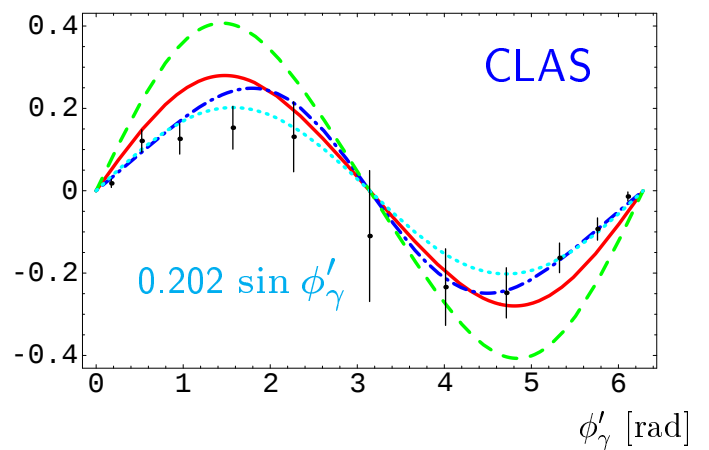
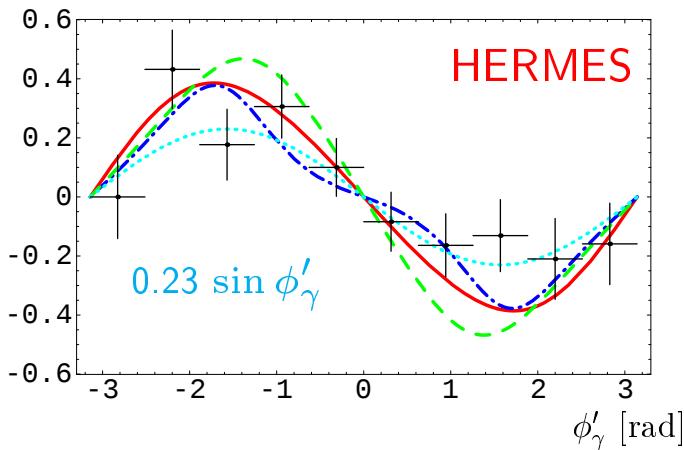
However, for $(1 - y)\Delta^2/y^2Q^2 \ll 1$, i.e.

$$A_{\text{LU}}(\phi) \sim \pm \frac{x_{\text{B}} s_{1,\text{unp}}^{\mathcal{I}}}{y c_{0,\text{unp}}^{\text{BH}}} \sin(\phi)$$

$$\propto \Im \left\{ F_1 \mathcal{H} + \frac{x_{\text{B}}}{2 - x_{\text{B}}} (F_1 + F_2) \tilde{\mathcal{H}} - \frac{\Delta^2}{4M^2} F_2 \mathcal{E} \right\} \sin(\phi),$$

one gets further constraints for the valence-like GPDs from

experiment	x_{B}	$Q^2 [\text{GeV}^2]$	$-\Delta^2 [\text{GeV}^2]$
HERMES	$\langle 0.11 \rangle$	$\langle 2.6 \rangle$	$\langle 0.27 \rangle$
CLAS	$0.13 \dots 0.35$	$1 \dots 1.75$	$0.1 \dots 0.3$



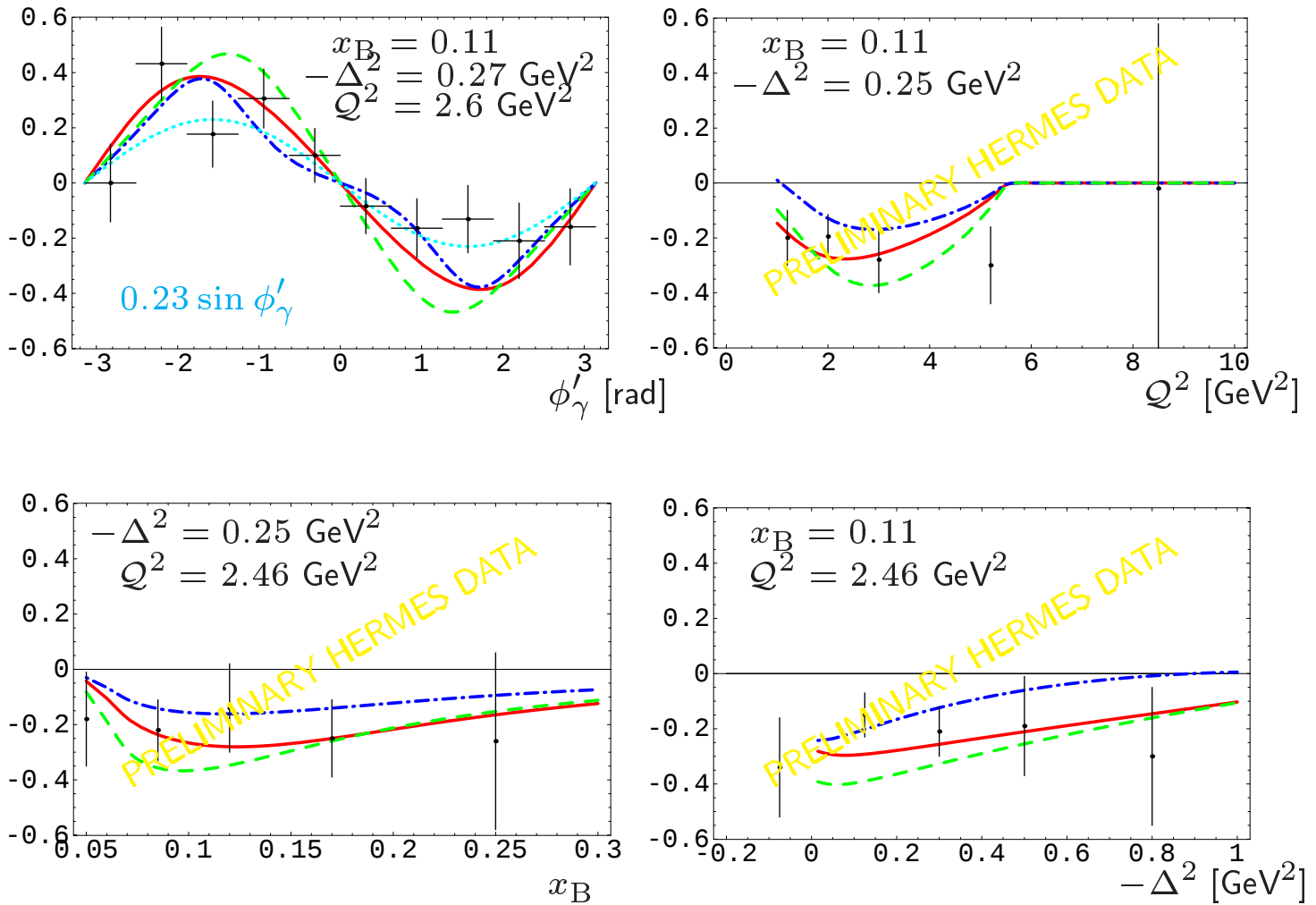
model	b^{val}	b^{sea}	$B_{\text{sea}} [\text{GeV}^{-2}]$	approximation
A: solid	1	∞	9	WW + D-term
B: dashdotted	∞	∞	9	toy qGq + D-term
C: dashed	1	1	5	WW + D-term

Further preliminary results from HERMES

The weighted asymmetry

$$A_{\text{LU}}^{\sin\phi} = 2 \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \sin(\phi) \frac{d\sigma^\uparrow(\phi) - d\sigma^\downarrow(\phi)}{d\phi} / \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \frac{d\sigma^\uparrow(\phi) - d\sigma^\downarrow(\phi)}{d\phi}$$

is *sensitive* to twist-three effects:



A *clear separation* of twist-two and twist-three effects *requires* to employ *charge asymmetry*.

Unpolarized charge asymmetry at HERMES

$$A_C(\phi) = \frac{d\sigma^+(\phi) - d\sigma^-(\phi)}{d\sigma^+(\phi) + d\sigma^-(\phi)}$$

contains both *twist-two* and *twist-three* contributions.

However, for $(1 - y)\Delta^2/y^2 Q^2 \ll 1$ one finds

$$A_C(\phi) \sim \frac{x_B}{y} \frac{c_{1,\text{unp}}^{\mathcal{I}}}{c_{0,\text{unp}}^{\text{BH}}} \left\{ \cos(\phi) + \frac{c_{0,\text{unp}}^{\mathcal{I}}}{c_{1,\text{unp}}^{\mathcal{I}}} + \frac{c_{2,\text{unp}}^{\mathcal{I}}}{c_{1,\text{unp}}^{\mathcal{I}}} \cos(2\phi) + \frac{c_{3,\text{unp}}^{\mathcal{I}}}{c_{1,\text{unp}}^{\mathcal{I}}} \cos(3\phi) \right\}$$

Note that the ratio:

$$\frac{c_{0,\text{unp}}^{\mathcal{I}}}{c_{1,\text{unp}}^{\mathcal{I}}} \simeq \frac{2 - y}{\sqrt{1 - y}} \sqrt{\frac{-\Delta^2}{Q^2}} \left[1 + \sqrt{1 - y} x_B \delta(\mathcal{F}) + O\left(\frac{\Delta_{\text{min}}^2}{\Delta^2}, x_B\right) \right]$$

is nearly GPD independent, while

$$\frac{c_{2,\text{unp}}^{\mathcal{I}}}{c_{1,\text{unp}}^{\mathcal{I}}} = \frac{(2 - y)}{2 - 2y + y^2} \sqrt{(1 - y) \frac{-\Delta^2}{Q^2}} \frac{\Re C^{\mathcal{I}}(\mathcal{F}^{\text{eff}})}{\Re C^{\mathcal{I}}(\mathcal{F})}$$

is kinematically suppressed, however, depends on

quark-gluon-quark GPDs

and *gluon transversity* (helicity flip by two units) induces

$$\frac{c_{3,\text{unp}}^{\mathcal{I}}}{c_{1,\text{unp}}^{\mathcal{I}}} \sim \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_{\text{unp}}^T(\mathcal{F}^T) + \frac{M^2}{Q^2} C^{\text{twist}-4}(\mathcal{F})$$

Closer look to the model dependence

$$\frac{c_{1,\text{unp}}^{\mathcal{I}}}{c_{0,\text{unp}}^{\text{BH}}} \sim \mathcal{C}_{\text{unp}}^{\mathcal{I}}(\mathcal{F}) = \Re \left\{ F_1 \mathcal{H} + \frac{x_B}{2 - x_B} (F_1 + F_2) \tilde{\mathcal{H}} - \frac{\Delta^2}{4M^2} F_2 \mathcal{E} \right\}$$

$$\sim F_1 \left\{ \text{PV} \int_0^1 dx \frac{x}{\xi^2 - x^2} \left(\frac{4F_1^{u\text{val}}}{9} q^{u\text{val}}(x) + \frac{4F_1^{\text{sea}}}{3} \bar{q}^u(x) \right) + \frac{4F_1^{\text{D}}}{9} D \right\}$$

There is a competition in sign:

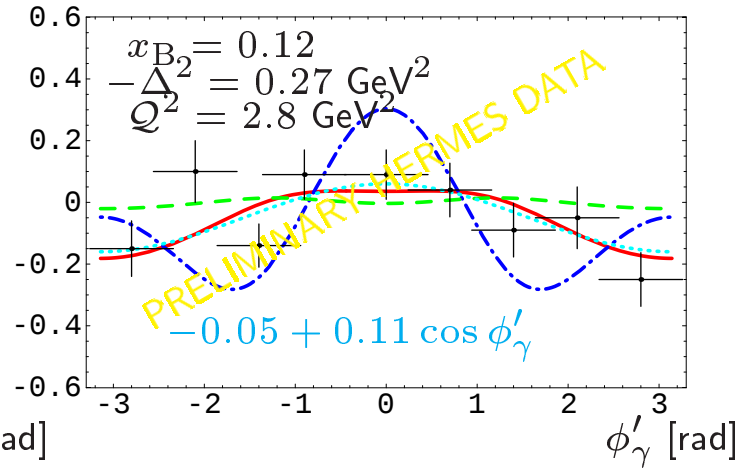
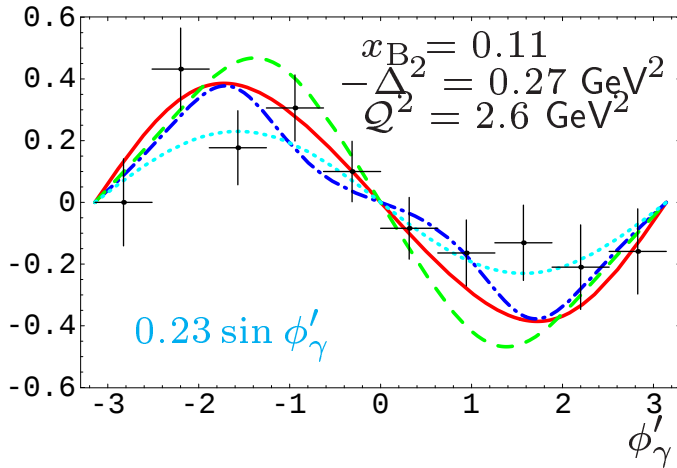
$$\text{PV} \int_0^1 dx \frac{x}{\xi^2 - x^2} q^{u\text{val}}(x) \sim \text{PV} \int_0^1 dx \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\xi^2 - x^2} < 0$$

$$\text{PV} \int_0^1 dx \frac{x}{\xi^2 - x^2} \bar{q}^u(x) \sim \text{PV} \int_0^1 dx \frac{x^{1-\alpha}}{\xi^2 - x^2} > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha > 1$$

$D < 0$ – extracted from the chiral soliton model [M.V.Petrov et al. (98)]

sign and magnitude of A_C crucially depend on:

$\{\alpha^{\text{val}}, b^{\text{val}}\}$, $\{F_1^{\text{sea}}, \alpha^{\text{sea}}, b^{\text{sea}}\}$, $\{F_1^{\text{D}}, D\}$, {gluonic GPD in NLO}



model	b^{val}	b^{sea}	$B_{\text{sea}} [\text{GeV}^{-2}]$	approximation
A: solid	1	∞	9	WW, no D-term
B: dashdotted	∞	∞	9	toy qGq + D-term
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DVCS on nuclei targets

Predictions in terms of GPDs

Leptonproduction cross sections of

$$l^\pm(k) A(P_1) \rightarrow l^\pm(k') \gamma^*(q_1) A(P_1) \rightarrow l^\pm(k') A(P_2) \gamma(q_2)$$

are known for nuclei targets of

spin-zero [A.V.Belitsky, A.Kirchner, D.M., A.Schäfer (01), I.V.Anikin et al. (01)]

$$d\sigma^{\text{tw}-3} \left(\mathcal{H}(\xi, \Delta^2, Q^2), \mathcal{H}^{qGq}(\xi, \Delta^2, Q^2), |F(\Delta^2) \right)$$

spin-1/2 [A.V.Belitsky, A.Kirchner, D.M. (01)]

$$d\sigma^{\text{tw}-3} \left(\left\{ \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{E}, \tilde{\mathcal{H}}, \tilde{\mathcal{E}} \right\}, \left\{ \mathcal{H}^{qGq}, \mathcal{E}^{qGq}, \tilde{\mathcal{H}}^{qGq}, \tilde{\mathcal{E}}^{qGq} \right\}, \left| \{F_1, F_2\} \right. \right)$$

spin-one (twist-two approximation, e.g., deuteron) [A.Kirchner, D.M. 02]

$$d\sigma^{\text{tw}-2} \left(\left\{ \mathcal{H}_1, \dots, \mathcal{H}_5, \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_4 \right\} \left| \{G_1, G_2, G_3\} \right. \right)$$

The CFFs are given by convolution with the corresponding nuclei GPDs

$$\mathcal{H}(\xi, \Delta^2, Q^2) = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{\xi} C \left(\frac{x}{\xi} \right) H(x, \xi, \Delta^2, Q^2)$$

For spin-0 [1/2, 1] targets one has 1 [4, 9] GPD(s)/CFF(s) at twist-two level

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 [8, 18] \times (\text{first harmonics of interference term}) \\ & + 1 [4, 9] \times (\text{zero harmonics of squared DVCS term}) \\ & + 1 [4, 9] \times (\text{zero harmonics of interference term [twist-three]}) \end{aligned}$$

Observables for spin-1 target

All CFFs can be *measured* (in principle) by means of

charge asymmetry, Fourier analysis, and
adjusting the quantization direction and magnetic quantum number

$$S^\mu = (0, \cos \Phi \sin \Theta, \sin \Phi \sin \Theta, \cos \Theta), \quad \Lambda = \{-1, 0, 1\}.$$

Each Fourier coefficient is decomposed in *nine* independent terms:

$$c_n^T = \frac{3}{2} \Lambda^2 c_{n,\text{unp}}^T + \Lambda \left\{ c_{n,\text{LP}}^T \cos(\Theta) + c_{n,\text{TP}}^T(\varphi) \sin(\Theta) \right\} + \left(1 - \frac{3}{2} \Lambda^2 \right) \\ \times \left\{ c_{n,\text{LTP}}^T(\varphi) \sin(2\Theta) + c_{n,\text{LLP}}^T \cos^2(\Theta) + c_{n,\text{TTP}}^T(\varphi) \sin^2(\Theta) \right\},$$

$$c_{n,\text{TP}} = c_{n,\text{TP}+}^T \cos(\varphi) + s_{n,\text{TP}-}^T \sin(\varphi),$$

$$c_{n,\text{TTP}}^T(\varphi) = \frac{3}{2} c_{0,\text{unp}}^T - \frac{1}{2} c_{0,\text{LLP}}^T + c_{n,\text{TTP}\Delta}^T \cos(2\varphi) + s_{n,\text{TTP}\pm}^T \sin(2\varphi),$$

$$c_{n,\text{LTP}}^T(\varphi) = c_{n,\text{LTP}+}^T \cos(\varphi) + s_{n,\text{LTP}-}^T \sin(\varphi),$$

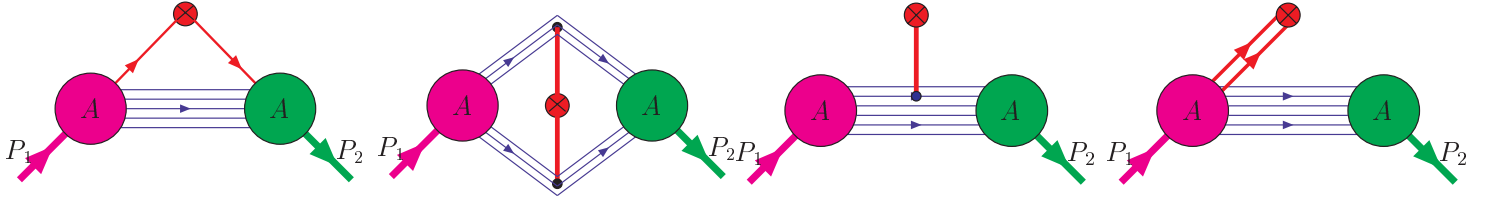
FCs are given in terms of '*universal*' functions of CFFs, e.g.,

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_{1,i}^{\mathcal{I}} \\ s_{1,i}^{\mathcal{I}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{L}_{1,i}^{\mathcal{I}c} \\ \mathcal{L}_{1,i}^{\mathcal{I}s} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Re \\ \Im \end{pmatrix} (\mathcal{H}_1 \cdots \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_4) \mathcal{M}_i^{\mathcal{I}} \begin{pmatrix} G_1 \\ G_2 \\ G_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

for $i = \{\text{unp}, \text{LP}, \text{LLP}, \text{TP}+, \text{TP}-, \text{TTP}\Delta, \text{TTP}\pm, \text{LTP}+, \text{LTP}-\}$.

A drastically simplification of $\mathcal{M}_i^T$ appears for $|\Delta^2| \ll M^2$.

Models for nucleus GPDs



Scalar target

Considering the nucleus as a state of almost free nucleons:

$$H^{u_{\text{val}}/A} = F^{u_{\text{val}}/A}(\Delta^2) \left| \frac{dx^N}{dx} \right| \left[Z H^{u_{\text{val}}} + N H^{d_{\text{val}}} \right] (x^N, \eta^N),$$

$$H^{d_{\text{val}}/A} = F^{d_{\text{val}}/A}(\Delta^2) \left| \frac{dx^N}{dx} \right| \left[Z H^{d_{\text{val}}} + N H^{u_{\text{val}}} \right] (x^N, \eta^N),$$

$$H^{i_{\text{sea}}/A} = F^{i_{\text{sea}}/A}(\Delta^2) \left| \frac{dx^N}{dx} \right| A H^{i_{\text{sea}}} (x^N, \eta^N),$$

where the momentum fraction and skewedness parameter are rescaled

$$x^N = \frac{1 - \eta^N}{1 - \eta} A x \quad \text{and} \quad \eta^N \equiv \frac{\Delta_+}{P_+^N} = \frac{1 - \eta^N}{1 - \eta} A \eta.$$

The sum rules are *satisfied* for the *lowest moment*, e.g.,

$$F^A(\Delta^2) = \sum_{i=u,d,s} Q_i \int_{-1}^1 dx H^{i/A}(x, \Delta^2, \eta).$$

!! polynomiality of higher moments and η symmetry is broken !!

Scaling behaviour (corrections due to the Δ^2 -dependence and isospin)

$$H^{i/A} \sim A^2 H^i \Rightarrow \mathcal{T}^A \sim A \mathcal{T}^{\text{proton}}$$

Spin-1/2 target

For unpolarized or longitudinally polarized target

$$H^A \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{H}^A$$

are needed, while $\mathcal{E}^A$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}^A$ are kinematically suppressed.

Spin-1 target: deuteron (A=d)

For unpolarized or longitudinally polarized target one can access

$$H_1^A, \quad H_3^A, \quad H_5^A, \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{H}_1^A,$$

which are related to known quantities

$$H_1^A \rightarrow q^A, \quad \tilde{H}_1^A \rightarrow \Delta q^A \quad \text{*nucleon parton distributions*}$$

$$\int dx H_3^A = G_3, \quad H_5^A \rightarrow b_1^A \quad \text{*bound state effects*}$$

Bound state effects are not always small (overlap of S- and D-wave)

$$G_1(\Delta^2 = 0) = 1, \quad G_2(\Delta^2 = 0) = 1.714, \quad G_3(\Delta^2 = 0) = 25.989$$

A recent measurement of the tensor polarization from HERMES coll.:

$$A_{zz} = -\frac{2 b_1}{3 F_1}$$

suggests a rather *small value* for $x_B \sim 0.1$, however, a
large one for small or large values of x_B .

A rough estimate for different observables

For the kinematics of present fixed target experiments

$$y \geq 0.5, \quad |\Delta_{min}^2| \ll |\Delta^2| \ll Q^2 \quad (\text{BH dominates DVCS})$$

Beam spin asymmetry

$$A_{\text{LU}}(\phi) \sim \pm x_A \sqrt{\frac{-\Delta^2(1-y)}{Q^2}} \Im \times \frac{2G_1 \mathcal{H}_1 + (G_1 - 2\tau G_3)(\mathcal{H}_1 - 2\tau \mathcal{H}_3) + \frac{2}{3}\tau G_3 \mathcal{H}_5}{2G_1^2 + (G_1 - 2\tau G_3)^2} \sin(\phi) .$$

We assume that H_3 and H_5 are *small* for $x_B \sim 0.1$, suggested by sum rules and neglecting skewness effects and sea quarks, we might write:

$$H_1(x, \xi, \Delta^2) \sim G_1(\Delta^2) q^{\text{val}}(\xi) \Rightarrow \Im \mathcal{H}_1(\xi, \Delta^2) \sim G_1(\Delta^2) 2F_1^A(\xi)$$

For $x_B = Q^2/M_N \nu \sim 0.1 \dots 0.5$ ($M_N = 0.94$ GeV) we have for deuteron:

$$\frac{A_{\text{LU}}^A(\phi)}{A_{\text{LU}}(\phi)} \sim \frac{3 - 2\tau G_3/G_1}{2 + (1 - 2\tau G_3/G_1)^2} \frac{(Q_u^2 + Q_d^2) \{q^{u\text{val}}(\xi) + q^{d\text{val}}(\xi)\}}{Q_u^2 q^{u\text{val}}(\xi) + Q_d^2 q^{d\text{val}}(\xi)}$$

isoscalar spin-0 and spin-1/2 target:

$$\frac{A_{\text{LU}}^A(\phi)}{A_{\text{LU}}(\phi)} \sim \frac{(Q_u^2 + Q_d^2) \{q^{u\text{val}}(\xi) + q^{d\text{val}}(\xi)\}}{Q_u^2 q^{u\text{val}}(\xi) + Q_d^2 q^{d\text{val}}(\xi)}$$

Comparison with preliminary 2000 run data from HERMES

$$A_{\text{LU}} = -0.18 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.03, \langle x_{\text{B}} \rangle = 0.12, \langle -\Delta^2 \rangle = 0.18 \text{ GeV}^2, \langle Q^2 \rangle = 2.5 \text{ GeV}^2,$$

$$A_{\text{LU}}^{\text{Ne}} = -0.22 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.03, \langle x_{\text{B}} \rangle = 0.09, \langle -\Delta^2 \rangle = 0.13 \text{ GeV}^2, \langle Q^2 \rangle = 2.2 \text{ GeV}^2,$$

$$A_{\text{LU}}^d = -0.15 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.03, \langle x_{\text{B}} \rangle = 0.1, \langle -\Delta^2 \rangle = 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2, \langle Q^2 \rangle = 2.5 \text{ GeV}^2,$$

Our naive estimates are

$$A_{\text{LU}} = -0.27, \quad A_{\text{LU}}^{\text{Ne}} = -0.34, \quad A_{\text{LU}}^d = -0.25.$$

Numerical estimates

all targets			proton	neon	deuteron
model	b_{val}	b_{sea}	$B_{\text{sea}} [\text{GeV}^{-2}]$	$B_{\text{sea}} [\text{GeV}^{-2}]$	$B_{\text{sea}} [\text{GeV}^{-2}]$
A	1	∞	9	9	20
B	∞	∞	9	12	30
C	1	1	5	6	15

$$A_{\text{LU}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [-0.29, -0.25, -0.41] \\ [-0.29, -0.20, -0.37] \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{for} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{twist-two} \\ \text{twist-three} \end{array} \right\} \quad \& \quad [\text{A}, \text{B}, \text{C}]$$

$$A_{\text{LU}}^{\text{Ne}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [-0.30, -0.28, -0.54] \\ [-0.34, -0.24, -0.49] \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{for} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{twist-two} \\ \text{twist-three} \end{array} \right\} \quad \& \quad [\text{A}, \text{B}, \text{C}]$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_{\text{LU}}^d \\ A_{\text{LU}}^{\pm} \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [-0.37, -0.26, -0.23, -0.34] \\ [-0.34, -0.24, -0.16, -0.34] \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{for} \quad [\text{A}, \text{B}, \hat{\text{B}}, \text{B}']$$

$\hat{\text{B}}$ and B' - includes H_5 and H_3 , respectively

Charge asymmetry

For HERMES kinematics we have a measurable twist-three contribution

$$A_C = A_C^{(0)} + A_C^{(1)} \cos(\phi) + \dots$$

The ratio of the harmonics is [nearly] GPD independent for spin-0 [1/2]:

$$\boxed{\frac{A_C^{(0)}}{A_C^{(1)}} \simeq \frac{2-y}{\sqrt{1-y}} \sqrt{\frac{-\Delta^2}{Q^2}}}.$$

For $\langle x_B \rangle = 0.12$, $\langle -\Delta^2 \rangle = 0.27 \text{ GeV}^2$, $\langle Q^2 \rangle = 2.7 \text{ GeV}^2$:

$$\frac{A_C^{(0)}}{A_C^{(1)}} \sim 0.65.$$

For a proton target we expect

$$\frac{A_C^{(1)}}{A_{LU}} \sim \frac{2-2y+y^2}{(2-y)y} \frac{Q_u^2 R^{u_{\text{val}}} q^{u_{\text{val}}} + Q_d^2 R^{d_{\text{val}}} q^{d_{\text{val}}}}{Q_u^2 q^{u_{\text{val}}} + Q_d^2 q^{d_{\text{val}}}} \sim -0.8,$$

and a slightly smaller value for isoscalar nucleus target

$$\frac{A_C^{A(1)}}{A_{LU}^A} \sim \frac{2-2y+y^2}{(2-y)y} \frac{R^{u_{\text{val}}} q^{u_{\text{val}}} + R^{d_{\text{val}}} q^{d_{\text{val}}}}{q^{u_{\text{val}}} + q^{d_{\text{val}}}} \sim -0.7,$$

where R is the ratio of real to imaginary part of CFFs:

$$R^i = \frac{\Re \mathcal{H}^i}{\Im \mathcal{H}^i} = \begin{cases} < 0 \\ > 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{for} \quad \begin{cases} \text{valence quarks} \\ \text{sea quarks} \end{cases}.$$

Longitudinally Target spin asymmetries

The ratio of longitudinally polarized target to beam spin asymmetry is free from BH squared contributions and reads for proton target:

$$\frac{A_{UL}(\phi)}{A_{LU}(\phi)} \sim \frac{2 - 2y + y^2}{(2 - y)y} \left[\frac{Q_u^2 \Delta q^{u_{\text{val}}} + Q_d^2 \Delta q^{d_{\text{val}}}}{Q_u^2 q^{u_{\text{val}}} + Q_d^2 q^{d_{\text{val}}}} + \frac{x_B F_2}{2 F_1} \right].$$

It contains to small contributions $\Delta q/q$ and $x_B F_2/F_1$ and is sensitive to the details of GPDs.

Analogous situation we find for deuterium

$$\frac{A_{UL}^d(\phi)}{A_{LU}^d(\phi)} \propto \left[\frac{\Delta q^{u_{\text{val}}} + \Delta q^{d_{\text{val}}}}{q^{u_{\text{val}}} + q^{d_{\text{val}}}} + \frac{x_B}{4} \frac{G_2}{G_1 - \tau G_3} \right].$$

Note that for large A the prediction is simplified.

Tensor polarization for deuterium target with polarized beam

$$A_{Lzz}(\phi) = \frac{2d\sigma^{\Lambda=0} - d\sigma^{\Lambda=+1} - d\sigma^{\Lambda=-1}}{3d\sigma_{\text{unp}}} - (\lambda \rightarrow -\lambda)$$

is promising to access *bound state* effects

$$\frac{A_{Lzz}}{A_{LU}} = \frac{2 \Im \mathcal{H}_3 + \Im \mathcal{H}_5 + \frac{\tau G_3}{G_1} \Im (\mathcal{H}_1 - 2\mathcal{H}_3 - \frac{1}{3}\mathcal{H}_5)}{3 \Im \mathcal{H}_1 - \frac{2}{3} \Im \mathcal{H}_3 - \frac{2\tau G_3}{3G_1} \Im (\mathcal{H}_1 - 2\mathcal{H}_3 - \frac{1}{3}\mathcal{H}_5)}$$

Prediction for $\mathcal{H}_3 = \mathcal{H}_5 = 0$:

$$\frac{A_{Lzz}}{A_{LU}} = \frac{A_{Czz}^{(1)}}{A_C^{(1)}} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\tau G_3(\Delta^2)}{G_1(\Delta^2) - \frac{2\tau}{3} G_3(\Delta^2)}.$$

Conclusions

pQCD approach to DVCS

- DVCS predictions, *worked out* at *twist-three level*, have a *complex* structure that allows to *explore* new non-perturbative aspects.
- *Take care* on the *appropriate definition* of observables!
- The *onset* of the Bjorken limit can be *tested* by *constraints*.
- DVCS allows to access *twist-two*, *qGq*, and gluon transversity GPDs.

Numerical estimates for present facilities:

- An *oversimplified model*, with suppressed sea quark contributions, is able *to describe all DVCS data* on proton target at LO.
- Based on this qualitative understanding we *estimated* the size for beam spin and charge asymmetries on nuclei targets.
- Nuclei targets allow to study *binding effects* from a *new perspective*.

Perturbative corrections:

- NLO corrections are *completely known* for *all* two-photon processes.
- The perturbation theory seems to work *well*, however, large NLO contributions can *accidentally appear* and gluon contributions *are important*.
- Conformal symmetry approach allows also to calculate NNLO corrections *[in progress]*.

Mesurements of GPDs:

- GPDs are (partly) *measurable* in $\gamma^* H \rightarrow H \gamma^*$, $\gamma^* \rightarrow L^+ L^-$.