

On hard exclusive processes, meson production, and hadron tomography

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- Introduction:

from DIS and PDFs to hard exclusive processes
and generalized parton distributions (GPDs)

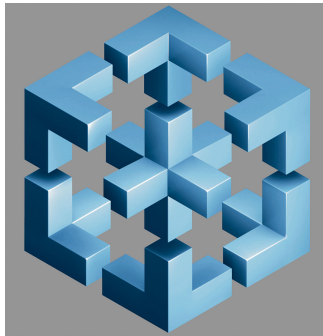
- Deeply virtual hard exclusive processes:

Compton scattering (DVCS), meson production (DVMP)

- DVMP at higher order in α_S : NLO global DIS+DVCS+DV ρ^0 P fits
[Čuić, Duplančić, Kumerički, P-K. '23]
- DVMP at higher-twist: DV π^0 P at twist-3
[Duplančić, Kroll, P-K., Szymanowski '24]

- Summary and outlook

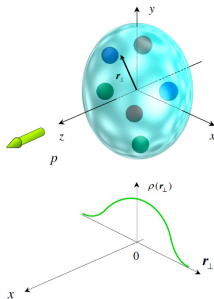
Hadron structure ?



(Escher 3D, AI Borge)

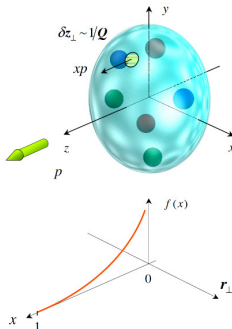
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Elastic scattering



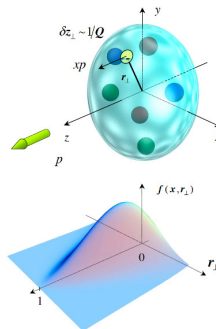
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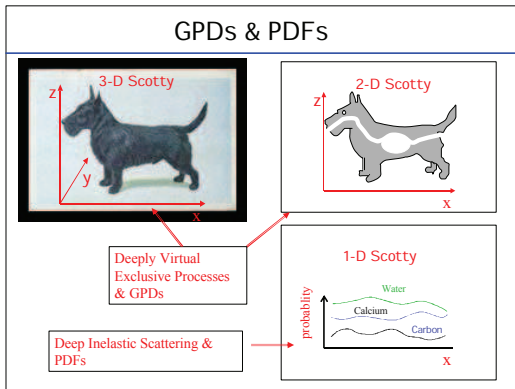
Parton distributions

Hard exclusive processes



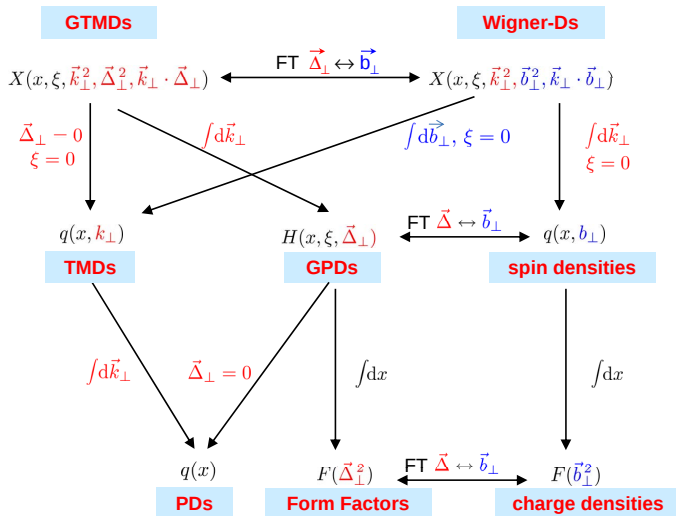
Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)

Introduction



[V. D. Burkert, 2006]

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[B. Pasquini, 2010]

(→ see also [Y. Hagiwara talk](#))

Hard exclusive processes

Prerequisites

$\exists$ large scale(s)

$\Rightarrow$ $1/\text{scale}$ (twist) expansion and α_S expansion

$\rightarrow$ factorization:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{hard scattering} & & \text{elementary} & & \text{hadron wave} \\ \text{amplitude} & = & \text{hard-scattering} & \otimes & \text{functions} \\ (\mathcal{M}) & & \text{amplitude} & & (\text{DAs, GPDs}) \\ & & (\mathcal{H}) & & \\ & & \text{(via partons)} & & \text{evolution} \quad \text{form} \\ & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ & & \text{pQCD} & & \text{pQCD} \quad \text{input} \end{array}$$

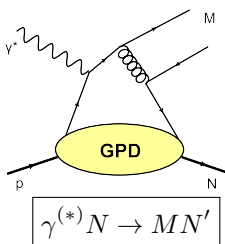
+ power corrections/higher-twists

(factorization?)

DA ... distribution amplitude (meson, baryon)
GPD ... generalized parton distributions

Handbag factorization: meson production

$$2 \rightarrow 2$$



DEEPLY VIRTUAL
 $Q^2 \gg, -t \ll$

DVMP

[Collins, Frankfurt, Strikman '97]

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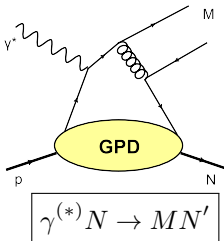
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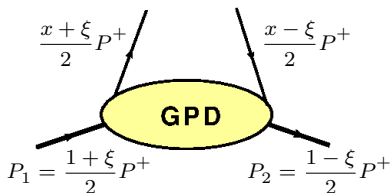
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large scale Q^2 (Q^2, s or ...)

- twist expansion: $\langle \mathcal{H} \rangle^{tw2} + \frac{\langle \mathcal{H} \rangle^{tw3}}{Q} + \dots$
- α_S expansion for each twist: $\alpha_S(Q) \langle \mathcal{H} \rangle^{LO} + \alpha_S^2(Q) \langle \mathcal{H} \rangle^{NLO}$

Generalized Parton Distributions



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$$\Delta = P_2 - P_1$$

GPDs: $F^a(x, \xi, t; \mu), a \in \{q, G\}$

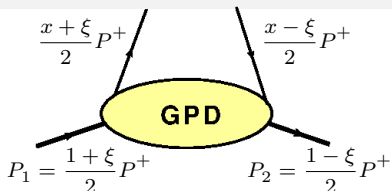
$\mu \dots$ factorization scale

x parton's "average" longitudinal momentum fraction

$\xi = -\frac{\Delta^+}{P^+}$ longitudinal momentum transfer (skewness)

$\Delta^2 = t$ momentum transfer

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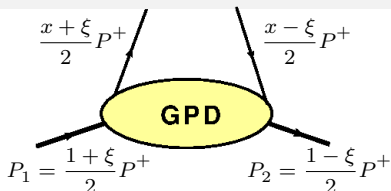
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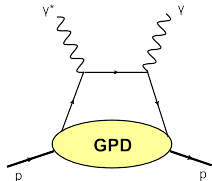
▷ forward limit: H^a , $\tilde{H}^a$, $H_T^q \xrightarrow{\xi=0, t=0}$ PDFs

▷ sum rules: $\int_{-1}^1 dx H^q, E^q \rightarrow$ form factors

▷ higher moments: $\int_{-1}^1 dx x H, E \rightarrow$ angular momentum, EMT
 $\rightarrow$ proton spin problem, pressure inside the proton

GPDs from hard exclusive processes

DVCS



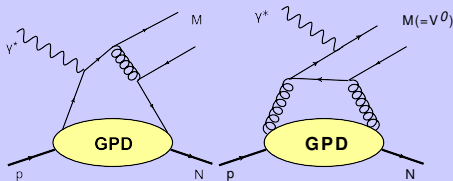
$$\gamma^* N \rightarrow \gamma N$$

$$H^q, E^q, \tilde{H}^q, \tilde{E}^q$$

NLO:

$$H^G, E^G, \tilde{H}^G, \tilde{E}^G, F_T^G$$

DVMP



$$\gamma_L^* N \rightarrow M N'$$

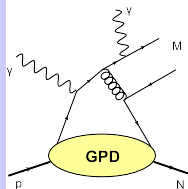
$$M = V_L: H^{q_i}, E^{q_i}; H^G, E^G$$

$$M = PS: \tilde{H}^{q_i}, \tilde{E}^{q_i}$$

$$\gamma_T^* N \rightarrow M N'$$

$$M_{\text{twist-3}} \Rightarrow F_T^q$$

$(\gamma M) P$



$$\gamma N \rightarrow (\gamma M) N'$$

$$F^a, F_T^a$$

→ see

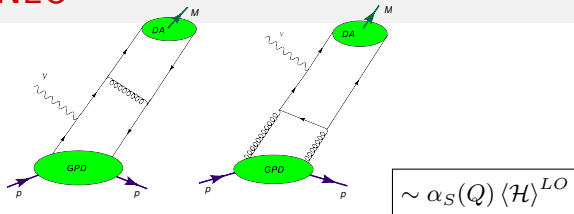
[N. Crnković talk](#)

Meson production status

- experimental data from HERA, JLab and COMPASS (CERN), expected from EIC (Brookhaven, 2030)
- $DV\rho^0P$:
 - data show importance of γ_L^* contributions ($Q^2 < 100 \text{ GeV}^2$)
→ twist-2 predictions describe σ_L
 - global DIS+DVCS+DVV_LP fits at NLO [Čuić, Duplančić, Kumerički, P-K. '23]
- $DV\pi P$:
 - data show suppression of γ_L^* contributions ($Q^2 < 10 \text{ GeV}^2$)
→ twist-3 predictions describing γ_T^* contributions needed
 - twist-3 contributions analyzed [Duplančić, Kroll, P-K., Szymanowski '24]

DVMP at twist-2 NLO

DVMP to NLO

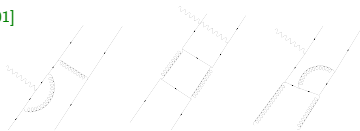


NLO DV PS^+ prod.: [Belitsky and Müller '01]

NLO DV V_L prod.: [Ivanov et al '04.]

NLO DV V_L (corr.), PS , (S, PV_L) prod.:

[Duplanić, Müller, P-K. '17]



$\sim \alpha_S^2(Q) \langle \mathcal{H} \rangle^{NLO}$

- only few DVMP phenomenological analysis to NLO
- NLO corrections important: large NLO corrections,
reduction of dependence on the scales and schemes
- GPDs universal $\Rightarrow$ NLO global DIS+DVCS+DVMP fits needed

From x space to conformal momentum space

$${}^a\mathcal{M}(\xi, t, Q^2) = \int_{-1}^1 dx \int_0^1 d\tau T^a(x, \xi, \tau, \mu^2) F^a(x, \xi, t, \mu^2) \phi_M(\tau, \mu^2)$$

$a=q, G$

T^a ...subprocess hard-scattering amplitude

F ...GPDs, ϕ_M ...meson DA

conformal moments (analogous to Mellin moments in DIS $x^n \rightarrow C_n^{3/2}(x), C_n^{5/2}(x)$)

[Müller, Lautenschläger, P-K., Schäfer 2014] [Duplaničič, Müller, P-K. 2017]

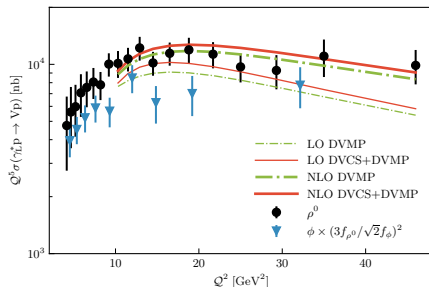
$$\begin{aligned} {}^a\mathcal{M}(\xi, t, Q^2) &= \frac{1}{2i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} dj \left[i \pm \left\{ \begin{matrix} \tan \\ \cot \end{matrix} \right\} \left(\frac{\pi j}{2} \right) \right] \xi^{-j-1} \\ &\quad \times \left[T_{jk}(Q^2/\mu^2) \otimes^k \phi_{M,k}(\mu^2) \right] F_j^a(\xi, t, \mu^2) \end{aligned}$$

→ advantages: easy evolution, interesting GPD modeling, moments accessible on lattice, stable numerics and efficient fitting

Global NLO fits (DIS+DVCS+DVV_LP)

- small- x global fits to HERA collider data (DIS, DVCS, DV ρ_L^0 P)

[Čuić, Duplančić, Kumerički, P-K. '23]



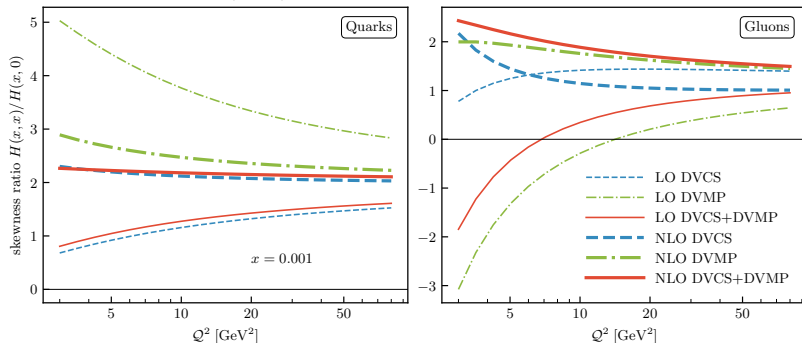
σ_L asymptotically: $\frac{1}{Q^6}$

experimental data for fixed x_B : $\approx \frac{1}{Q^4}$, for fixed W : $\approx \frac{1}{Q^5}$

→ successful description of Q^2 dependence

Global NLO fits (DIS+DVCS+DVV_LP)

$$\text{Skewness ratio } r = \frac{H(x, x)}{H(x, 0)}$$



- r measures goodness of GPD extraction $\Rightarrow$ NLO fit successful

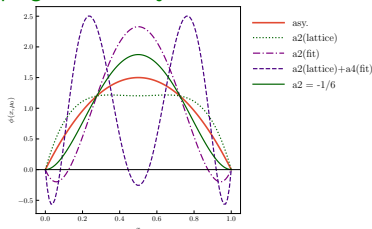
Concluding remarks: $DV\rho_L^0P$ at twist-2 NLO

- Global DIS+DVCS+DVMP fits show importance of NLO
 $\Rightarrow$ universal GPDs

- $DV\rho_L^0P$ can only be described at NLO

- Meson DA additional nontrivial nonperturbative input
 $\Rightarrow$ end-point suppressed ρ_L^0 DA favoured?

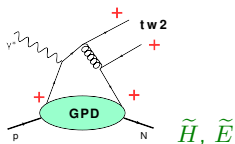
$\rightarrow$ work in progress with Raj Kishore, K. Kumerički



$DV_{\pi P}$ at twist-3

π production to twist-3

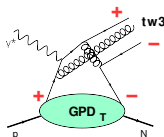
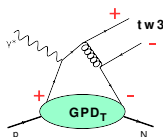
$\mathcal{H}_{0\lambda,\mu\lambda}^\pi \dots$ non-flip subprocess amplitudes (twist-2)



$\mathcal{H}_{0-\lambda,\mu\lambda}^\pi \dots$ flip subprocess amplitudes (twist-3)

$$\boxed{\sim \mu_\pi/Q} \quad (\mu_\pi = 2 \text{ GeV})$$

just meson DA tw-3 contributions



$$H_T, \bar{E}_T = 2\tilde{H}_T + E_T, \dots$$

distribution amplitudes (DAs):

twist-2 ($q\bar{q}$) : ϕ_π

2-body ($q\bar{q}$) twist-3 $\phi_{\pi p}, \phi_{\pi\sigma}$ 3-body ($q\bar{q}g$) twist-3 $\phi_{3\pi}$

$\rightarrow$ connected by equations of motion (EOMs)

Subprocess amplitudes: twist-3

[Duplanić, Kroll, P-K., Szymanowski '24]

- 2- ($q\bar{q}$) and 3-body ($q\bar{q}g$) contributions necessary for gauge invariance
- end-point singularities:

$$\int_0^1 \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \phi_{\pi p}(\tau) \frac{1}{(x + \xi + i\epsilon)^2} \otimes^x H_T(\bar{E}_T)$$

$$\phi_{\pi p}(\tau) = 1 + \omega_{\pi p} C_2^{1/2} (2\tau - 1) + \dots$$

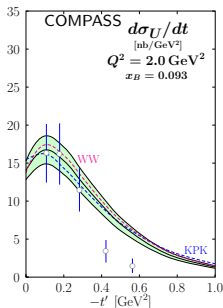
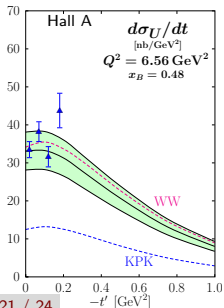
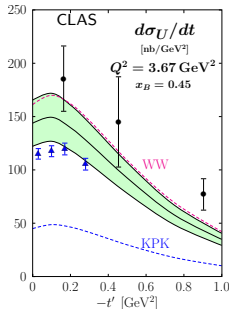
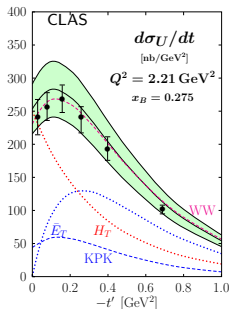
τ ... quark long. momentum fraction

→ factorization broken $\Rightarrow$ regularization:

- ▷ modified perturbative approach (MPA)
(with $k_\perp$ quark transverse momenta) as in [Goloskov, Kroll, '10])
- ▷ pure collinear picture with effective m_g^2

$$\int_0^1 d\tau \phi_{\pi p}(\tau) \frac{1}{((x - \xi)\bar{\tau} - m_g^2(2\xi)/Q^2 + i\epsilon)} \frac{1}{(x - \xi + i\epsilon)} \otimes^x H_T(\bar{E}_T)$$

Modified perturbative approach (MPA): $d\sigma_U$



solid curves: set mod

dashed curves: set KPK, WW

exp data:

full circles [CLAS '14]

triangles [Hall A '20]

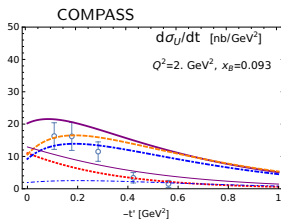
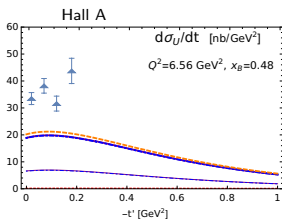
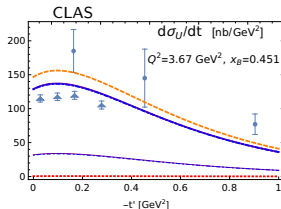
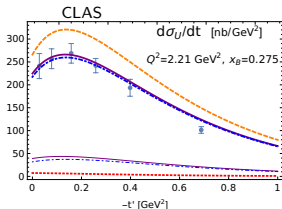
open circles [COMPASS '19]

$$\frac{d\sigma_U}{dt} = \frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} + \epsilon \frac{d\sigma_L}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} : H_T, \bar{E}_T \quad \frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} : \tilde{H}, \tilde{E}$$

- σ_L negligible except for COMPASS kin. (40%)

Collinear approach with m_g^2 : $d\sigma_U$



set mod: purple thick

set KPK: purple thin

WW: orange dashed

red curves: tw2

blue curves: tw3

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- tw2 (σ_L) significant for COMPASS kinematics (small x_B)
- Q^2 dependence challenging

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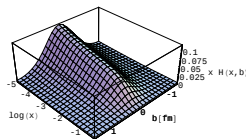
- Improved twist-3 analysis includes 2- and 3-body contributions:
→ twist-3 dominates at accessible energies, except for COMPASS kinematics.
- NLO corrections to twist-2 may be important for COMPASS kinematics.
→ new data available
(2412.19923)
- Next steps: GPD fits (MPA and collinear), DA fits or both

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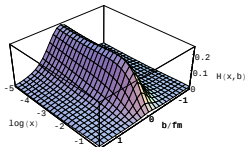
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quarks:



gluons:

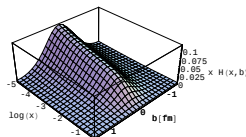


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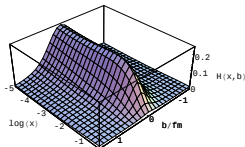
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Appendix

Generic questions

- is factorization proven/assumed? broken?
- pQCD calculation:
 - are accessible energies high enough for perturbative treatment?
 - which are theoretical uncertainties of finite order predictions?
 - are higher-orders included?
 - are power corrections/higher-twist effects important/to be included at experimentally accessible energies?
- nonperturbative input:
 - form/modeling of DAs/GPDs

From momentum fraction to CPaW formalism

DVCS: Compton form factors

$$\mathcal{F}^a(\xi, t, Q^2) = \int dx \, T^a(x, \xi, Q, \mu_F; \mu_R) F^a(x, \xi, t, \mu_F) \quad a = q, G \text{ or NS,S}$$

DVMP: Transition form factors

$$\mathcal{F}_M^a(\xi, t, Q^2) = \int dx \int du \, T^{M,a}(x, \xi, u, \dots) F^a(x, \xi, t, \mu_F) \phi_M(u, \mu_\varphi)$$

$F^a \dots$ GPD, $\phi_M \dots$ DA, $T^a \dots$ hard-scattering amplitude

- conformal partial wave expansion: $C_n^{3/2}(x)$ (quarks), $C_n^{5/2}(x)$ (gluons)

$$F_j^q(\xi, \dots) = \frac{\Gamma(3/2)\Gamma(j+1)}{2^{j+1}\Gamma(j+3/2)} \int_{-1}^1 dx \, \xi^{j-1} C_j^{3/2}(x/\xi) F^q(x, \xi, \dots), \dots, T_j^a, T_{j,k}^{M,a}$$

- series summed using Mellin-Barnes integral over complex j

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{2\xi} \rightarrow 2 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \xi^{-j-1} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} dj \, \xi^{-j-1} \left[i \pm \left\{ \begin{matrix} \tan \\ \cot \end{matrix} \right\} \left(\frac{\pi j}{2} \right) \right] \equiv \bigotimes^j$$

Global NLO fits (DIS+DVCS+DVV_LP)

small- x global fits to HERA collider data (ρ_0)

- only NLO predecessor: [Lautenschlager, Müller, Schäfer '13 unpublished]
- hard scattering amplitude corrected [Duplanić, Müller, P-K. '17]
- new NLO fit [Čuić, Duplanić, Kumerički, P-K. '23]:
improved treatment of experimental data

GPD model: [Kumerički, Müller, P-K., Schäfer '07, Kumerički, Müller '10]

$$\bullet H_j^a(\xi, t) = q_j^a \frac{1 + j - \alpha_0^a}{1 + j - \alpha_0^a - \alpha'^a t} \left(1 - \frac{t}{m_a^2}\right)^{-2} (1 + s_2^a \xi^2 + s_4^a \xi^4)$$

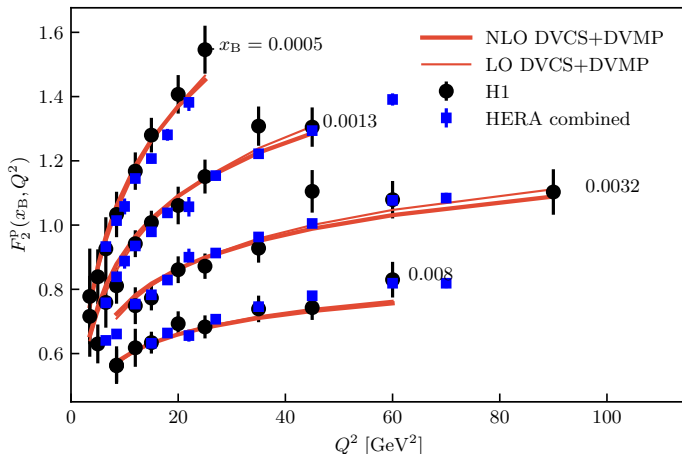
$$q_j^a = N_a \frac{B(1 - \alpha_0^a + j, \beta^a + 1)}{B(2 - \alpha_0^a, \beta^a + 1)}$$

- small- x kinematics $\Rightarrow a \in \{\text{sea}, G\}$, only dominant H GPD

Fit parameters:

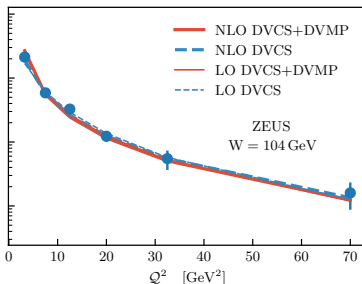
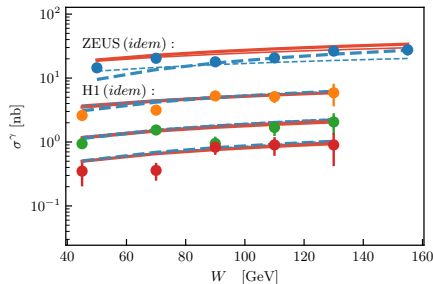
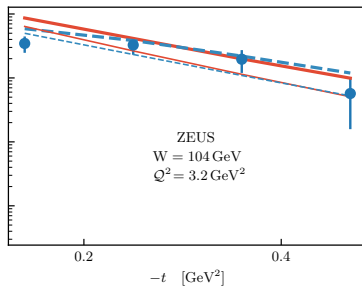
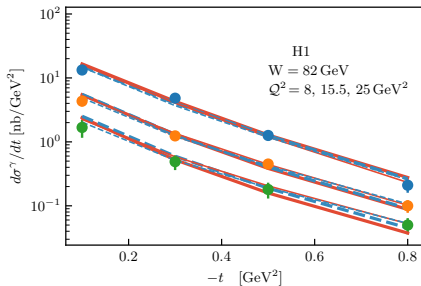
- DIS: $\{N_{\text{sea}}, \alpha_0^{\text{sea}}, \alpha_0^G\}$
- DVCS+DVMP: $\{\alpha'^{\text{sea}}, \alpha'^G, m_{\text{sea}}^2, m_G^2, s_2^{\text{sea}}, s_2^G, s_4^{\text{sea}}, s_4^G\}$

Global NLO fits (DIS+DVCS+DVV_LP)



● may seem trivial, but not all popular models describe DIS

Global NLO fits (DIS+DVCS+DVV_LP)



Global NLO fits (DIS+DVCS+DVV_LP)

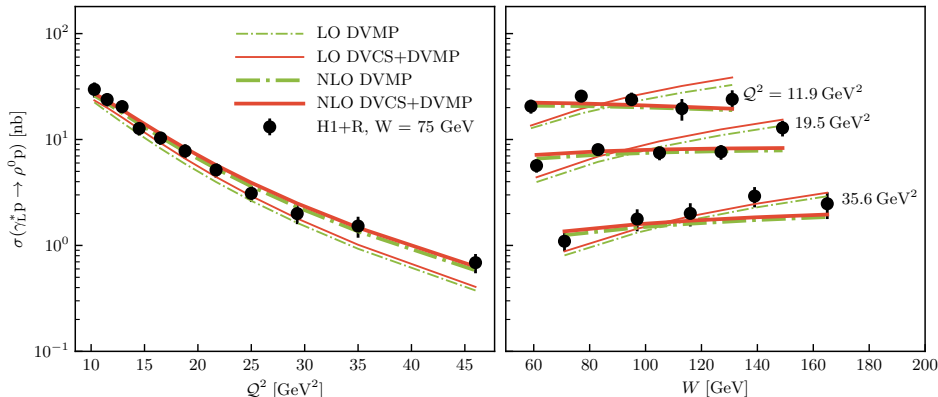
Dataset	Refs.	n_{pts}	LO-			NLO-		
			DVCS	DVMP	DVCS-DVMP	DVCS	DVMP	DVCS-DVMP
DIS	[90]	85	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8
DVCS	[92–95]	27	0.4	$\gg 1$	0.6	0.6	$\gg 1$	0.8
DVMP	[88, 89]	45	$\gg 1$	3.1	3.3	$\gg 1$	1.5	1.8
Total		157	$\gg 1$	$\gg 1$	1.4	3.7	$\gg 1$	1.1

Table 3. Values of χ^2/n_{pts} for each LO or NLO model (columns) for the total DIS + DVCS + DVMP dataset and for subsets corresponding to different processes (rows). (The values denoted by $\gg 1$ are greater than 10.).

- NLO DVCS-DVMP fit describes the data well

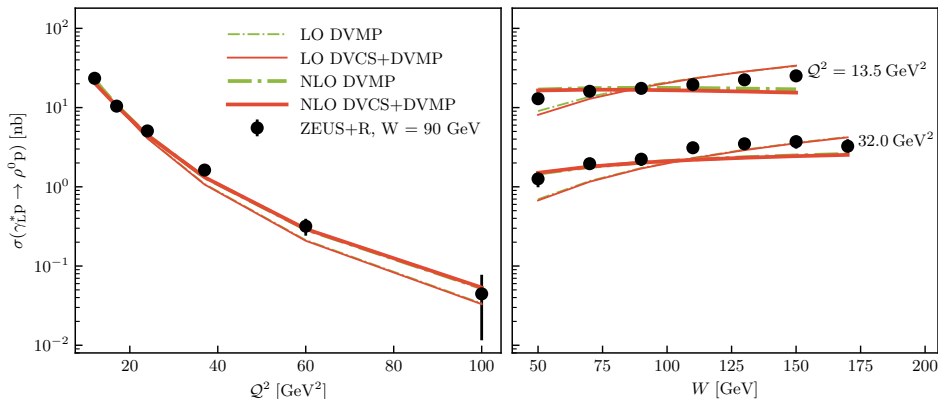
Global NLO fits (DIS+DVCS+DVV_LP)

[Čuić, Duplančić, Kumerički, P-K. '23]

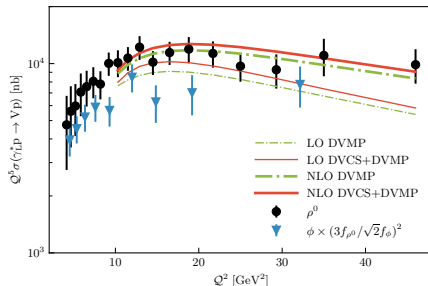
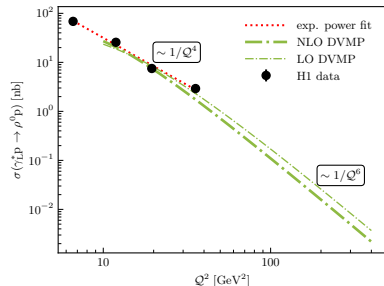


$$R \equiv \frac{\sigma_L^{\rho^0}}{\sigma_T^{\rho^0}} \rightarrow R(W, Q^2) = \frac{Q^2}{m_{\rho^0}^2} \left(1 + a \frac{Q^2}{m_{\rho^0}^2} \right)^{-p} \left(1 + b \frac{Q^2}{W} \right) \text{ fit}$$

Global NLO fits (DIS+DVCS+DVV_LP)



Global NLO fits (DIS+DVCS+DVV_LP)



σ_L asymptotically: $\frac{1}{Q^6}$

experimental data for fixed x_B : $\approx \frac{1}{Q^4}$, for fixed W : $\approx \frac{1}{Q^5}$

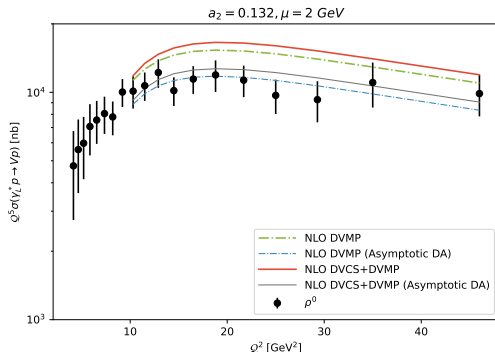
- successful description of Q^2 dependence

Improving DA description

→ work in progress with Raj Kishore, K. Kumerički

$$\phi^p(u, \mu_F) = 6u(1-u) \left[1 + a_2(\mu_F) C_2^{3/2}(2u-1) + \dots \right]$$

$$a_2(\mu_0) = 0.132, \mu_0 = 2 \text{ GeV} \text{ [Braun et al. '16]}$$



⇒ significant impact of the DA form

Improving DA description

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- new GPD fit:

Dataset	Refs.	n_{pts}	LO	NLO			
			asy.	asy.	a_2 (lat.)	a_2 (fit)	a_2 (lat.) + a_4 (fit)
DIS	[5]	85	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
DVCS	[6, 7, 8, 9]	27	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
DVMP	[1, 10]	45	3.3	1.8	2.1	0.9	0.7
Total		157	1.4	1.1	1.2	0.9	0.8

- $a_2(\text{fit}) = -0.369$

- $a_2[\text{lattice: Braun et al. '16}] = 0.132, a_4(\text{fit}) = -0.519$

⇒ dominant influence of LO $\sim \sum a_n$

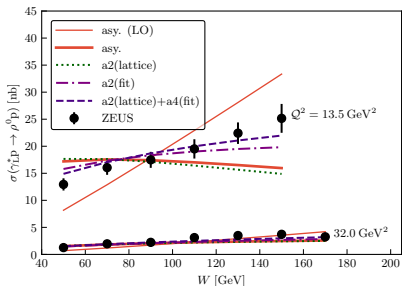
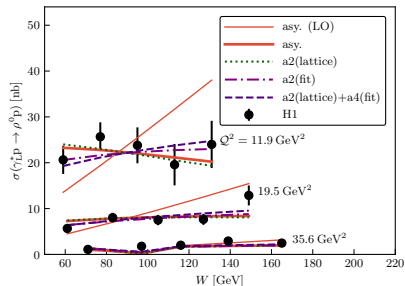
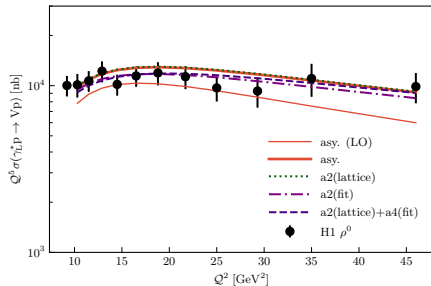
⇒ indication of end-point suppressed ρ_L DA [Liu, Shuryak, Zahed '24]

⇒ GPDs not changed much

(similar skewness ratio, W dependence improved)

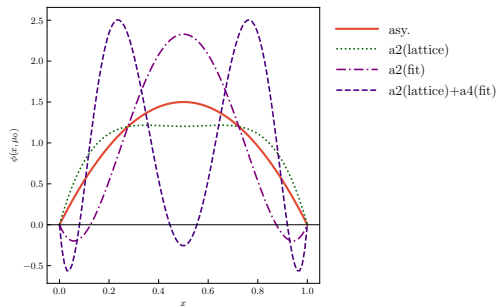
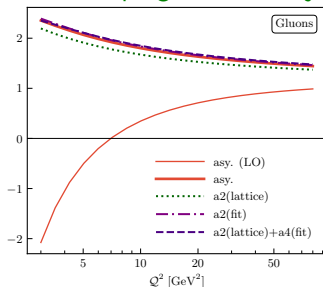
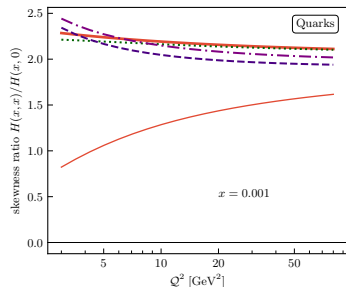
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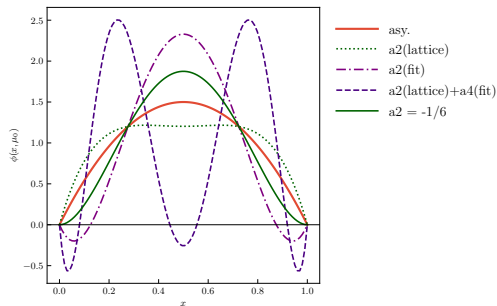
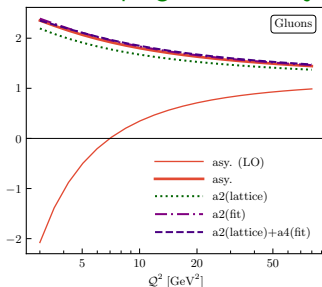
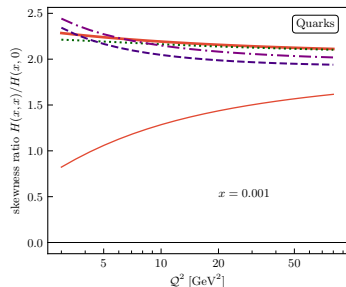
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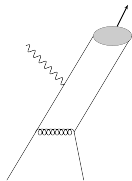


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Subprocess amplitudes $\mathcal{H}$: projectors

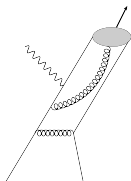


$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \pi$ projector

[Beneke, Feldmann '00]

$$(\tau q' + k_{\perp}) + (\bar{\tau} q' - k_{\perp}) = q'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_2^{\pi} \sim & f_{\pi} \left\{ \gamma_5 q' \phi_{\pi}(\tau, \mu_F) \right. \\ & + \mu_{\pi}(\mu_F) \left[\gamma_5 \phi_{\pi p}(\tau, \mu_F) \right. \\ & - \frac{i}{6} \gamma_5 \sigma_{\mu\nu} \frac{q'^{\mu} n^{\nu}}{q' \cdot n} \phi'_{\pi\sigma}(\tau, \mu_F) \\ & \left. \left. + \frac{i}{6} \gamma_5 \sigma_{\mu\nu} q'^{\mu} \phi_{\pi\sigma}(\tau, \mu_F) \frac{\partial}{\partial k_{\perp\nu}} \right] \right\}_{k_{\perp} \rightarrow 0} \end{aligned}$$



$q\bar{q}g \rightarrow \pi$ projector

[Kroll, P-K '18]

$$\tau_a q' + \tau_b q' + \tau_g q' = q'$$

$$\mathcal{P}_3^{\pi} \sim f_{3\pi}(\mu_F) \frac{i}{g} \gamma_5 \sigma_{\mu\nu} q'^{\mu} g_{\perp}^{\nu\rho} \frac{\phi_{3\pi}(\tau_a, \tau_b, \tau_g, \mu_F)}{\tau_g}, \quad f_{3\pi} \sim \mu_{\pi}$$

$$\mu_{\pi} = m_{\pi}^2 / (m_u + m_d) \cong 2 \text{ GeV}$$

DAs and EOMs

$$\tau \phi_{\pi p}(\tau) + \frac{\tau}{6} \phi'_{\pi\sigma}(\tau) - \frac{1}{3} \phi_{\pi\sigma}(\tau) = \phi_{\pi}^{EOM}(\bar{\tau})$$

$$\bar{\tau} \phi_{\pi p}(\tau) - \frac{\bar{\tau}}{6} \phi'_{\pi\sigma}(\tau) - \frac{1}{3} \phi_{\pi\sigma}(\tau) = \phi_{\pi}^{EOM}(\tau)$$

$$\phi_{\pi}^{EOM}(\tau) = 2 \frac{f_{3\pi}}{f_{\pi} \mu_{\pi}} \int_0^{\bar{\tau}} \frac{d\tau_g}{\tau_g} \phi_{3\pi}(\tau, \bar{\tau} - \tau_g, \tau_g)$$

- EOMs and symmetry properties
⇒ the subprocess amplitudes in terms of two twist-3 DAs
and 2- and 3-body contributions combined
- combined EOMs → first order differential equation ⇒ from known form of $\phi_{3\pi}$ [Braun, Filyanov '90] one determines $\phi_{\pi p}$ (and $\phi_{\pi\sigma}$)

Note: $q\bar{q}g$ projector and EOMs were derived using light-cone gauge for constituent gluon

Subprocess amplitudes: twist-3

General structure:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H}^{\pi,tw3} &= \mathcal{H}^{\pi,tw3,q\bar{q}} + \mathcal{H}^{\pi,tw3,q\bar{q}g} \\ &= \left(\mathcal{H}^{\pi,\phi_{\pi p}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{H}^{\pi,\phi_{\pi}^{EOM}}}_{\mathcal{H}^{\pi,q\bar{q}g,C_F} + \mathcal{H}^{\pi,q\bar{q}g,C_G}} \right) \\ &= \mathcal{H}^{\pi,\phi_{\pi p}} + \mathcal{H}^{\pi,\phi_{3\pi},C_F} + \mathcal{H}^{\pi,\phi_{3\pi},C_G}\end{aligned}$$

- 2- and 3-body contributions necessary for gauge invariance
- WAMP
 - photoproduction ($Q \rightarrow 0$): $\mathcal{H}^{\pi,\phi_{\pi p}} = 0$
 - no end-point singularities for $\hat{t} \neq 0$!

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- 2- and 3-body contributions necessary for gauge invariance
- DVMP ($\hat{t} \rightarrow 0$):
 - end-point singularities in $\mathcal{H}^{\pi,\phi_{\pi p}}$
 - $\mathcal{H}^{\pi,\phi_{\pi}^{EOM}} = 0$

Subprocess amplitudes: twist-3

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{H}^{\pi, tw3} &= \mathcal{H}^{\pi, tw3, q\bar{q}} + \mathcal{H}^{\pi, tw3, q\bar{q}g} \\
 &= \left(\mathcal{H}^{\pi, \phi_{\pi p}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{H}^{\pi, \phi_{\pi}^{EOM}}}_{\text{}} \right) + \left(\mathcal{H}^{\pi, q\bar{q}g, C_F} + \mathcal{H}^{\pi, q\bar{q}g, C_G} \right) \\
 &= \mathcal{H}^{\pi, \phi_{\pi p}} + \mathcal{H}^{\pi, \phi_{3\pi}, C_F} + \mathcal{H}^{\pi, \phi_{3\pi}, C_G}
 \end{aligned}$$

- **DVMP** ($\hat{t} \rightarrow 0$): $\hat{s} = -\frac{\xi-x}{2\xi} Q^2$, $\hat{u} = -\frac{\xi+x}{2\xi} Q^2$

$$\mathcal{H}_{0-\lambda, \mu\lambda}^{\pi, \phi_{\pi p}} \sim (2\lambda + \mu) f_{\pi} \mu_{\pi} C_F \alpha_S(\mu_R) \left(\frac{e_a}{\hat{s}^2} + \frac{e_b}{\hat{u}^2} \right) \boxed{\int_0^1 \frac{d\tau}{\bar{\tau}} \phi_{\pi p}(\tau)}$$

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 \mathcal{H}_{0-\lambda, \mu\lambda}^{\pi, \phi_{3\pi}, C_F} &\sim -(2\lambda + \mu) f_{3\pi} C_F \alpha_S(\mu_R) \left(\frac{e_a}{\hat{s}^2} + \frac{e_b}{\hat{u}^2} \right) \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

Pion distribution amplitudes

Twist-2 DA:

$$\phi_{\pi}(\tau, \mu_F) = 6\tau\bar{\tau} \left[1 + a_2(\mu_F) C_2^{3/2} (2\tau - 1) \right]$$

Twist-3 DAs:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{3\pi}(\tau_a, \tau_b, \tau_g, \mu_F) = & 360\tau_a\tau_b\tau_g^2 \left[1 + \omega_{1,0}(\mu_F) \frac{1}{2}(7\tau_g - 3) \right. \\ & + \omega_{2,0}(\mu_F) (2 - 4\tau_a\tau_b - 8\tau_g + 8\tau_g^2) \\ & \left. + \omega_{1,1}(\mu_F) (3\tau_a\tau_b - 2\tau_g + 3\tau_g^2) \right] \text{ [Braun, Filyanov '90]} \end{aligned}$$

using EOMs [Kroll, P-K '18]:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{\pi p}(\tau, \mu_F) = & 1 + \frac{1}{7} \frac{f_{3\pi}(\mu_F)}{f_{\pi}\mu_{\pi}(\mu_F)} \left(7\omega_{1,0}(\mu_F) - 2\omega_{2,0}(\mu_F) - \omega_{1,1}(\mu_F) \right) \\ & \times \left(10 C_2^{1/2} (2\tau - 1) - 3 C_4^{1/2} (2\tau - 1) \right), \quad \phi_{\pi\sigma}(\tau) = \dots \end{aligned}$$

Parameters:

- $a_2(\mu_0) = 0.1364 \pm 0.0213$ at $\mu_0 = 2$ GeV [Braun et al '15] (lattice)
- $\omega_{10}(\mu_0) = -2.55, \omega_{10}(\mu_0) = 0.0$ and $f_{3\pi}(\mu_0) = 0.004$ GeV². [Ball '99]
- $\omega_{20}(\mu_0) = 8.0$ [Kroll, P-K '18] fit to π^0 photoproduction data [CLAS '17]

Evolution of the decay constants and DA parameters taken into account.

Form factors and GPDs at large t

$R_i \dots 1/x$ moment of $\xi = 0$ GPD (K_i)

- $R_V(\leftarrow H), R_T(\leftarrow E)$ from nucleon form factor analysis [Diehl, Kroll '13]
- $R_A(\leftarrow \tilde{H})$ form factor analysis and WACS KLL asymmetry [Kroll '17]
- $S_T(\leftarrow H_T), \bar{S}_T(\leftarrow \bar{E}_T)$ low $-t$ from DVMP analysis [Goloskokov, Kroll '11]
- $S_S(\leftarrow \tilde{H}_T) \cong \bar{S}_T/2$ ($\bar{E}_T = 2\tilde{H}_T + E_T$)

GPD parameterization [Diehl, Feldmann, Jakob, Kroll '04, Diehl, Kroll '13]

$$K_j^a(x, \xi = 0, t) = k_j^a(x) \exp[t f_j^a(x)]$$

$$f_j^a(x) = (B_j^a - \alpha_i'^a \ln x)(1-x)^3 + A_j^a x(1-x)^2$$

- strong $x - t$ correlation
- power behaviour for large $(-t)$
- choice for transversity GPDs $A = 0.5 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$

Parameterization of GPDs at small t

double distribution representation [Müller '94, Radyushkin '99]

$$K_j^a(x, \xi, t) = \int_{-1}^1 d\rho \int_{-1+|\rho|}^{1-|\rho|} d\eta \delta(\rho + \xi\eta - x) K_j^a(\rho, \xi = 0, t) w_j^a(\rho, \eta)$$

- weight function $w_j^a \rightarrow$ generates ξ dependence
- zero-skewness GPD:

$$K_j^a(x, \xi = 0, t) = k_j^a(x) \exp[(b_j^a - \alpha_j^a \ln x) t]$$

- H - GPDs: $k_j^a(x)$ from PDFs ($q, \Delta q, \delta q$)
- E - GPDs: $k_j^a(x) = N_j^a x^{-\alpha_j^a(0)} (1-x)^{\beta_j^a}$
- double-distribution integral analytically evaluated [Goloskokov, Kroll '08]

Parameters:

- $\{ N_j^a, b_j^a, \alpha_j^a, \alpha_j^a(0), \beta_j^a \}$ [Goloskokov, Kroll '11, '14]
[Duplančić, Kroll, P-K., Szymanowski '24]
- moments of H_T and $\bar{E}_T$ compared to lattice results

Soft physics input

GPDs

- double distribution representation [Müller '94, Radyushkin '99],
double-distribution integral analytically evaluated [Goloskokov, Kroll '08]

DAs

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{3\pi}(\tau_a, \tau_b, \tau_g, \mu_F) = & 360\tau_a\tau_b\tau_g^2 \left[1 + \omega_{1,0}(\mu_F) \frac{1}{2}(7\tau_g - 3) \right. \\ & + \omega_{2,0}(\mu_F) (2 - 4\tau_a\tau_b - 8\tau_g + 8\tau_g^2) \\ & \left. + \omega_{1,1}(\mu_F) (3\tau_a\tau_b - 2\tau_g + 3\tau_g^2) \right] \text{ [Braun, Filyanov '90]}\end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow \phi_{\pi p}$ using EOMs [Kroll, P-K '18]
evolution taken into account

Treatment of end-point singularities: MPA

⇒ Modified perturbative approach (MPA) [Goloskov, Kroll, '10]

- $k_{\perp}$ quark transverse momenta in pion

$$\frac{1}{((x + \xi)\tau - k_T^2/Q^2(2\xi) + i\epsilon)} \frac{1}{(x + \xi + i\epsilon)}$$

- $\phi_{\pi} \rightarrow$ light-cone wave function $\Psi_{\pi} \sim \phi_{\pi} \exp[-a_{\pi}^2 k_{\perp}^2]$
- $\int_0^1 d\tau \rightarrow \int d^2\mathbf{k}_T \int_0^1 d\tau \xrightarrow{\text{FT}} \int d^2\mathbf{b} \int_0^1 d\tau$
- Sudakov form factor $\exp[-S(\tau, \mathbf{b}, Q^2)]$

- ▶ consistently treated 2- and 3-body tw3 contributions, as well as tw2
- ▶ involved multidimensional integrations
- ▶ calculation of NLO corrections would be complicated

Treatment of end-point singularities: m_g^2

⇒ pure collinear picture with effective gluon mass m_g^2

[Schwinger '62, Cornwall '82, . . . , Shuryak, Zahed '21]

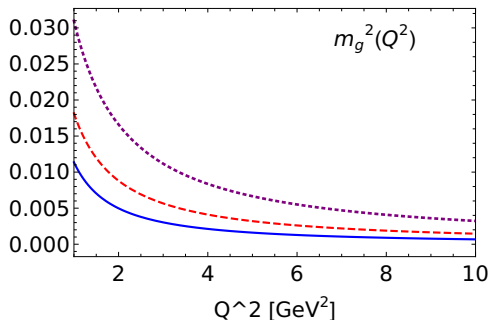
$$\int_0^1 d\tau \phi_{\pi p}(\tau) \frac{1}{((x + \xi)\tau - m_g^2/Q^2(2\xi) + i\epsilon)} \frac{1}{(x - \xi + i\epsilon)} \otimes H_T(\bar{E}_T)$$

$$m_g^2(Q^2) = \frac{m_0^2}{1 + (Q^2/M^2)^{1+p}} \quad [\text{Aguilar, Binosi, Papavassiliou '14}]$$

$$m_g^2(0) = 0.01 \text{ GeV}^2$$

- ▶ proof of concept
- ▶ suitable for faster fitting
- ▶ easier determination of NLO corrections (already available for tw2)

Parameterization of effective gluon mass



$$m_g^2(Q^2) = \frac{m_0^2}{1 + (Q^2/M^2)^{1+p}} \quad [\text{Aguilar, Binosi, Papavassiliou '14}]$$

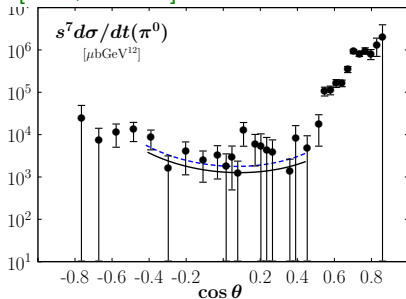
solid, dashed, dotted $\rightarrow (M, p) \in \{(381\text{MeV}, 0.26), (436\text{MeV}, 0.15), (557\text{MeV}, 0.08)\}$

Results from photoproduction (π)

- complete tw-3 prediction for π_0 photoproduction fitted to CLAS data

$\Rightarrow \phi_{3\pi}$ coefficients $\omega_{1,0}$, $\omega_{2,0}$, $\omega_{1,1}$ (set KPK)

[Kroll, P-K '21]



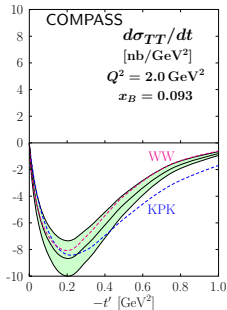
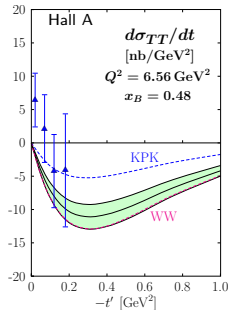
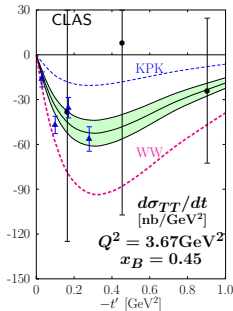
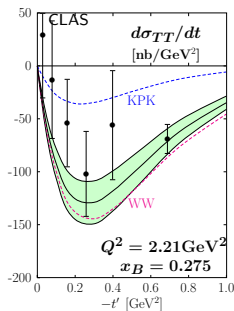
solid curve: set mod ($DV\pi^0P$)

dashed curve: set KPK

exp data:

full circles [CLAS '18]

Modified perturbative approach (MPA): $d\sigma_{TT}$



solid curves: set mod

dashed curves: set KPK, WW

exp data:

full circles [CLAS '14]

triangles [Hall A '20]

$$\frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} : \bar{E}_T, \quad \left| \frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} \right| \leq \frac{d\sigma_T}{dt}$$

- $d\sigma_{TT}$ large
- good description with set mod
- strong dependence on DA

DVMP differential cross-sections

$$\frac{d^4\sigma}{dW^2 dQ^2 dt d\varphi} = \frac{\alpha_{em}(W^2 - m_N^2)}{16\pi^2 E_L^2 m_N^2 Q^2 (1 - \varepsilon)} \left(\frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} + \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} + \varepsilon \cos(2\varphi) \frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1 + \varepsilon)} \cos\varphi \frac{d\sigma_{LT}}{dt} \right)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_U}{dt} = \frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} + \epsilon \frac{d\sigma_L}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} : \tilde{H}, \tilde{E} \qquad \frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} : H_T, \bar{E}_T \qquad \frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} : \bar{E}_T \qquad \frac{d\sigma_{LT}}{dt} : \tilde{E}, H_T$$

$$\left| \frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} \right| \leq \frac{d\sigma_T}{dt}$$

To conclude...

- hard-exclusive processes offer challenging but promising tool for resolving hadron structure
- a vast amount of experimental data has been published in the last decades and more is yet to come (JLab, COMPASS), new dedicated machines are approved (EIC) or proposed (LHeC)
- a lot of data to explain and great opportunities for the proposals for the new measurements
- from the theoretical side there are questions to be resolved and phenomenological tools to be developed

Summary

- $DV\rho_L^0P$
 - Twist-2 NLO contributions can describe the data.
 - Global DIS+DVCS+DVMP fits show importance of NLO.
 - DVMP can only be described at NLO.
- $DV\pi^0P$
 - The improved twist-3 analysis (2- and 3-body meson Fock states included) shows that twist-3 dominates except for COMPASS kinematics (small x_B).
- Meson production promising in accessing information about GPDs.
- Meson DA additional nontrivial nonperturbative input.