

Threshold heavy quarkonium production and GPDs at large skewness

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»» Brief review of threshold heavy vector meson production

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L. Pentchev's Talk

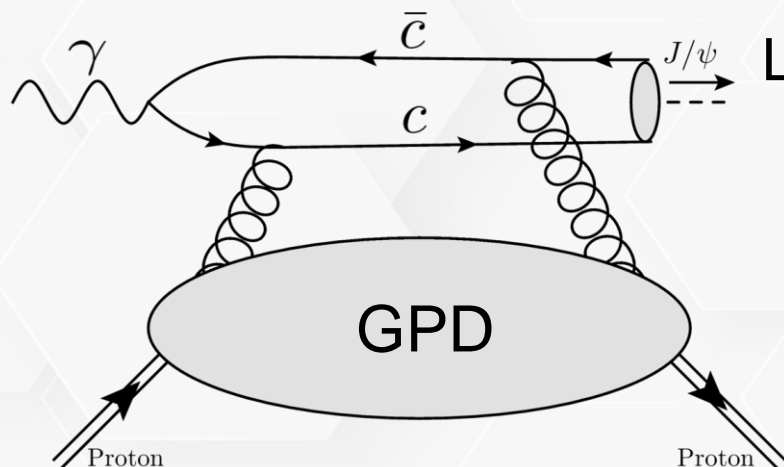
»» More about GPDs at large skewness

»» Some phenomenology with J/psi production

»» Summary and outlook

J/psi photoproduction near the threshold

Exclusive heavy vector meson, e.g., J/psi productions naturally probe the gluon GPD.



Leading order factorization with GPDs near the threshold

- ❑ Same amplitude as the collinear case;
- ❑ Different (threshold) kinematics from the collinear case;
- ❑ Large momentum transfer/skewness in the heavy quark limit;

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$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \propto \left[(1 - \xi^2) |\mathcal{H}_{gC}|^2 - 2\xi^2 \text{Re} [\mathcal{H}_{gC}^* \mathcal{E}_{gC}] - \left(\xi^2 + \frac{t}{4M_p^2} \right) |\mathcal{E}_{gC}|^2 \right],$$


In terms of the gluonic Compton-like amplitudes or gluonic Compton form factors (gCFFs)

Systematical corrections

Higher order corrections:

- Higher order in the strong coupling;
- Factorization at higher (all) order;
- Heavy meson (NRQCD) correction/Higher twist;
- ...

Large skewness expansion:

$$\mathcal{H}_{gC}(\xi, t) = \frac{1}{2\xi} \int_{-1}^1 dx \left(\frac{1}{x + \xi - i\epsilon} - \frac{1}{x - \xi + i\epsilon} \right) H_g(x, \xi, t)$$

$$A^g(t) + (2\xi)^2 C^g(t) = \int_0^1 dx H_g(x, \xi, t)$$

What could be the problem

The original arguments were based on Taylor expansion:

$$\text{Re} \left[\frac{1}{2\xi} \left(\frac{1}{x + \xi - i\epsilon} - \frac{1}{x - \xi + i\epsilon} \right) \right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{\xi^{2+2n}}$$

Take the leading term so that GFFs will be obtained with the x integral:

$$\text{Re}\mathcal{H}_{gC}(\xi, t) \stackrel{?}{\approx} \frac{1}{\xi^2} \int_{-1}^1 dx H_g(x, \xi, t)$$

The Taylor series in principle diverge in the PDF region $x > \xi$

Instead of having higher-moment contamination,
the approximation might not hold!

We live in a (theoretically) divergent world

Don't panic, QFT is a theory about divergence, more or less.

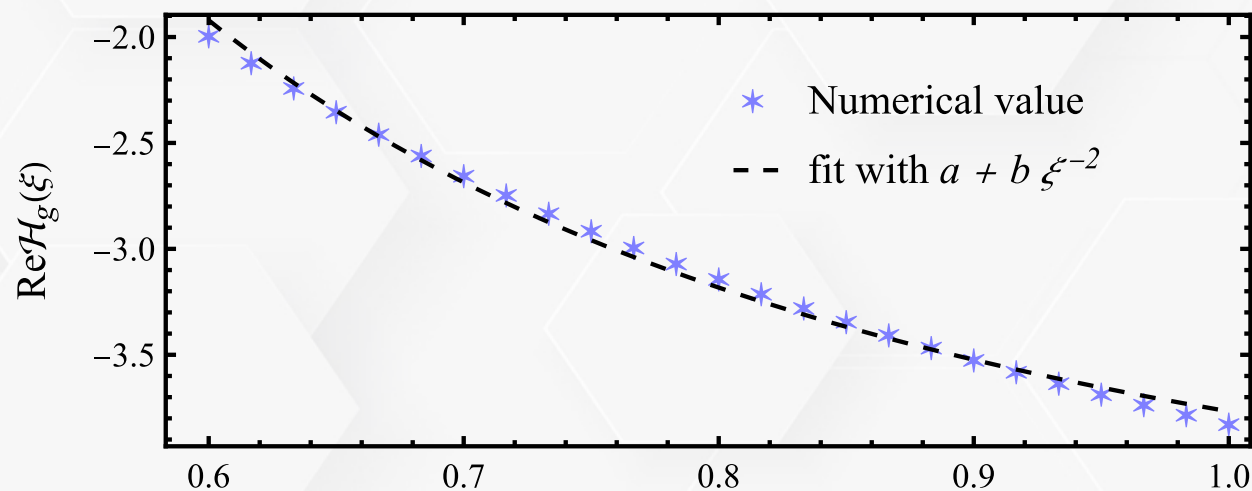
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Plug all (not just the first) of them back, we get

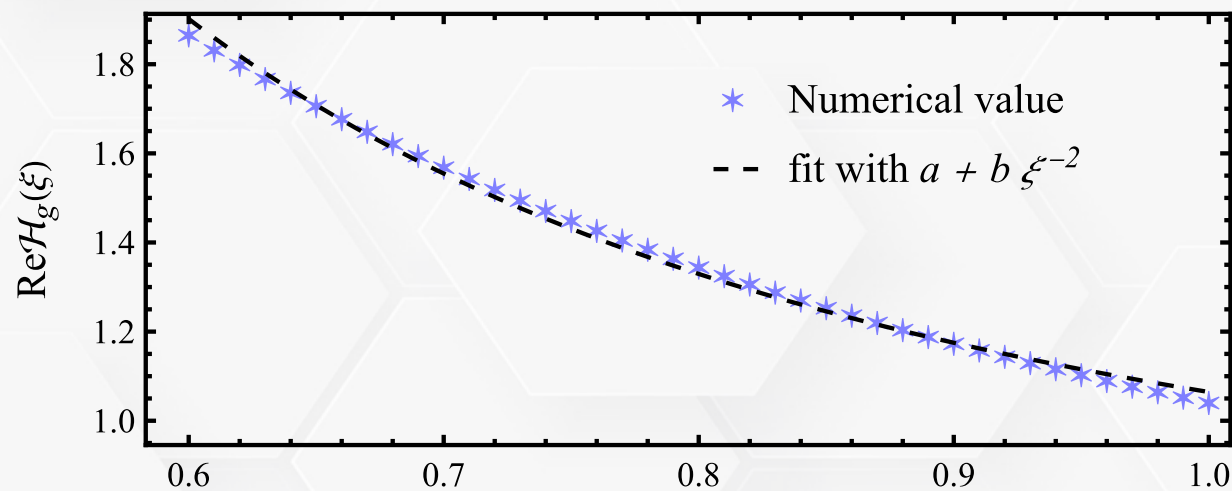
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re}\mathcal{H}_{gC}(\xi, t) &= C_g(t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \xi^{-2n} \mathcal{A}_g^{(2n)}(t) \\ &\stackrel{?}{\approx} C_g(t) + \xi^{-2} \mathcal{A}_g^{(2)}(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_g^{(2n)}(t) \equiv \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{2k+1} A_g^{(2k+2n, 2k)}(t) , \quad C_g(t) \equiv \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{2k+3} C_g^{(2k+2)}(t) ,$$

Skewness-scaling in the CFFs

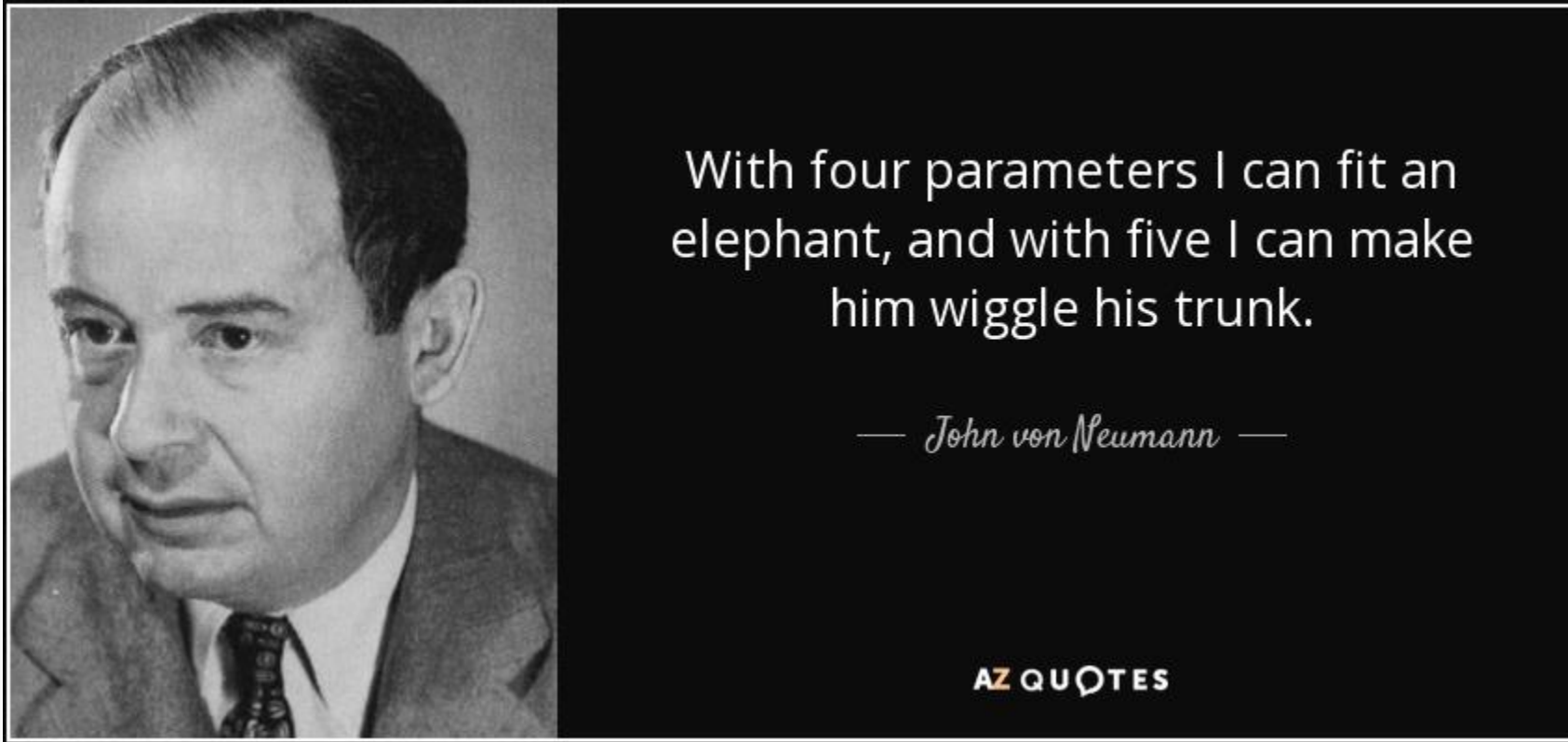


Double distribution model



Conformal moment model

Fit is meaningless if not physical



Extraction of leading moments

Those coefficients should be given by the input gluon GPD

$$\text{Re}\mathcal{H}_{gC}(\xi, t) \approx C_g(t) + \xi^{-2} \mathcal{A}_g^{(2)}(t) \quad \mathcal{A}_g^{(2)}(t) \approx 2A_g(t) , C_g(t) \approx 8C_g(t) ,$$

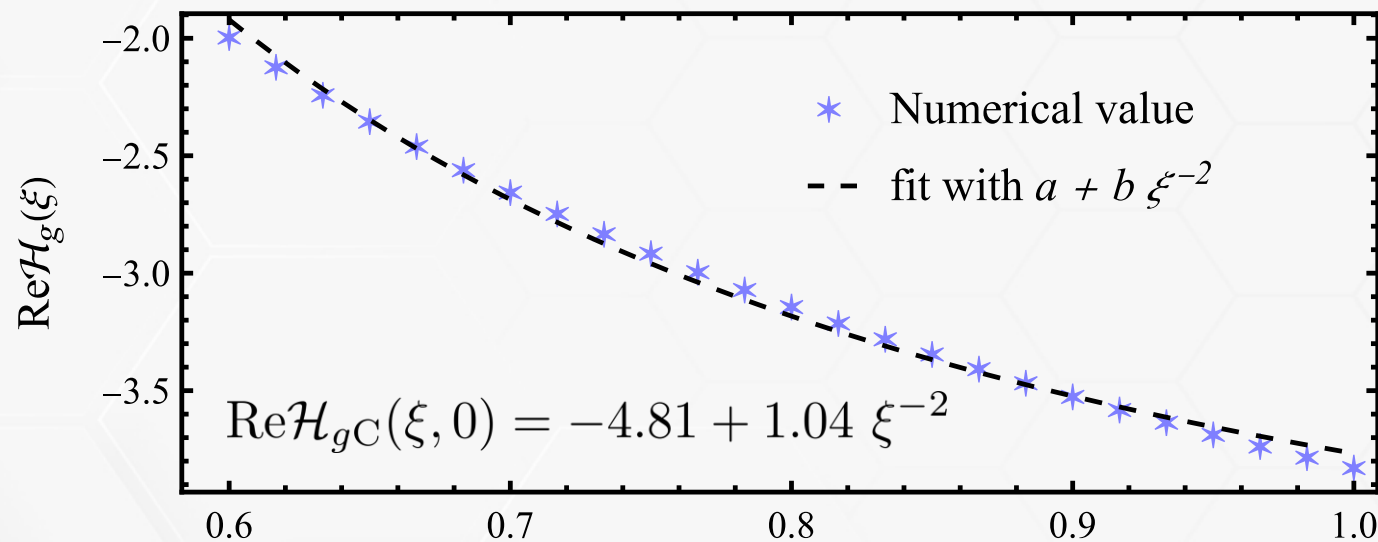
The input gluon GPD has

$$A_g(0) \approx 0.385 , C_g(0) \approx -0.48$$

The extracted moments are about 25% larger than input:

$$\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{A}_g^{(2)}(0) \approx 0.52 , \frac{1}{8} C_g(0) \approx -0.60$$

The 25% excess in the extraction is from higher-moment contamination.



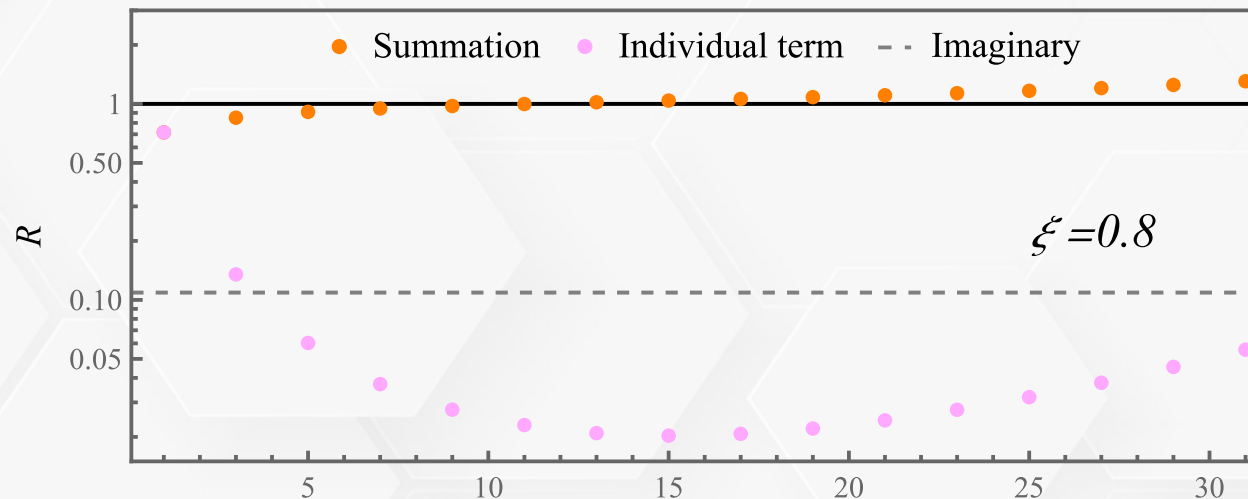
Two more comments

The same 25% excess is observed with the other GPD model

➤ Some magic of conformal moment ?

$$\mathcal{A}_j^{\text{conf}} = \frac{2^{j+2} \Gamma(5/2 + j)}{\Gamma(3/2) \Gamma(4 + j)} \quad \mathcal{A}_1^{\text{conf}} = \frac{5}{4}$$

The series expansion corresponds to an asymptotic expansion.

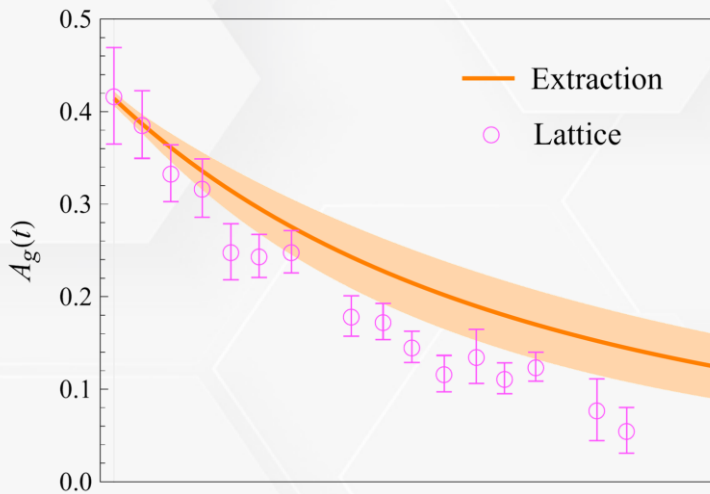


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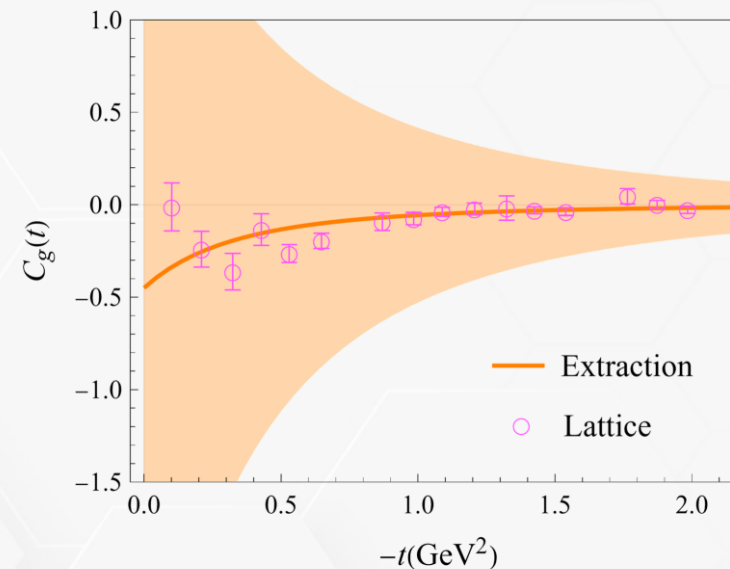
In the large-skewness approximation we have

$$\mathcal{H}_{gC}(\xi, t) \approx C_g(t) + \xi^{-2} \mathcal{A}_g^{(2)}(t) \quad \mathcal{E}_{gC}(\xi, t) \approx -C_g(t) + \xi^{-2} \mathcal{B}_g^{(2)}(t)$$

This implies the requirement of both large skewness AND higher-moment suppression.



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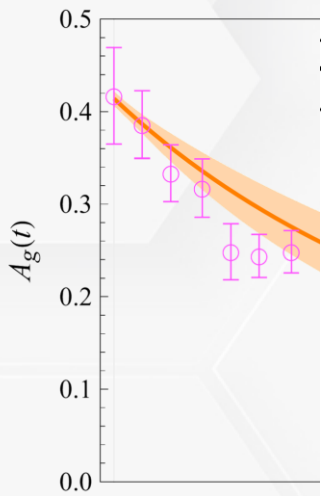
Could consider adding extra normalization factor, accounting for the conformal ratio of 5/4 or other higher-order effects.

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In the large-skew limit

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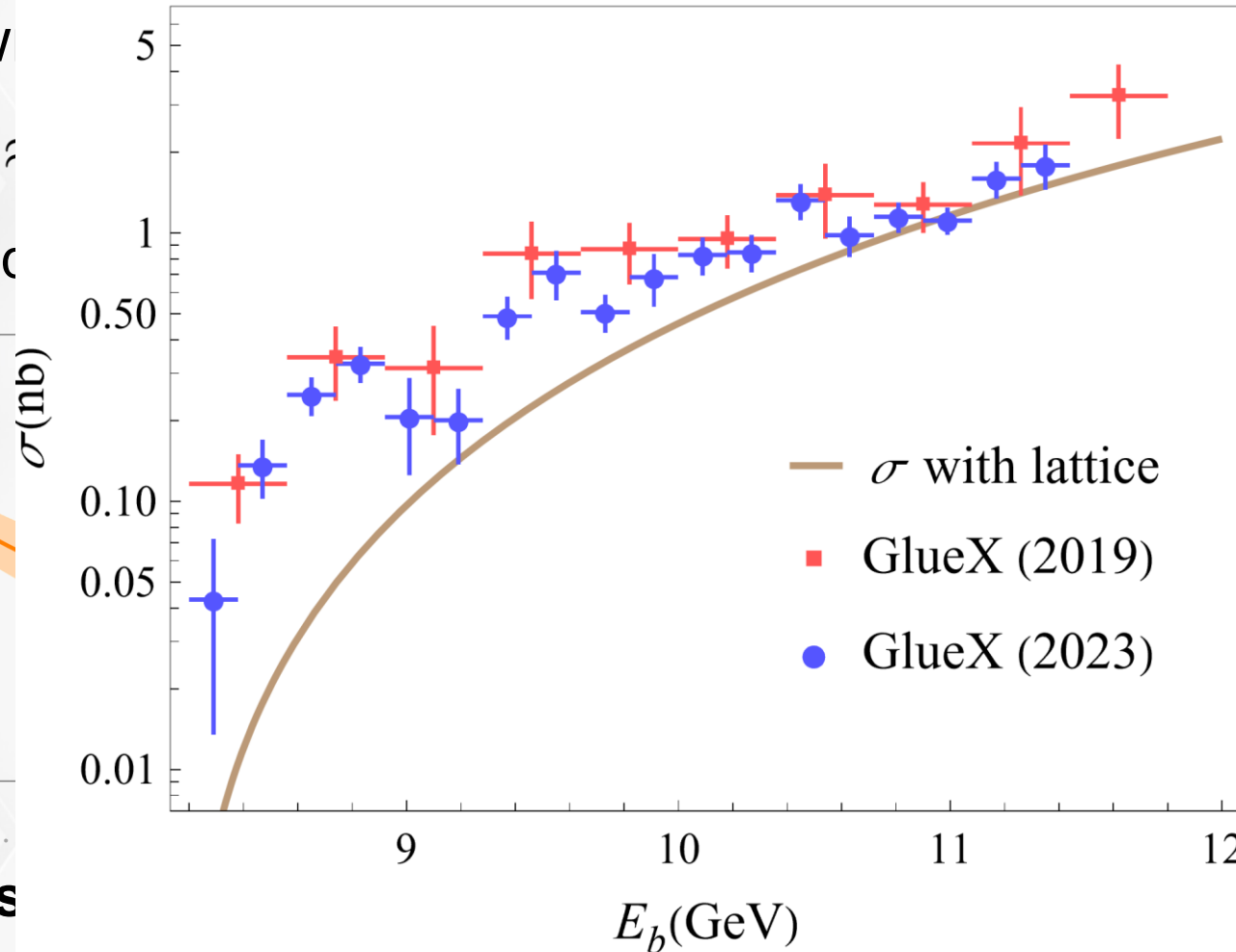
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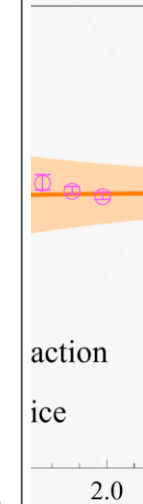
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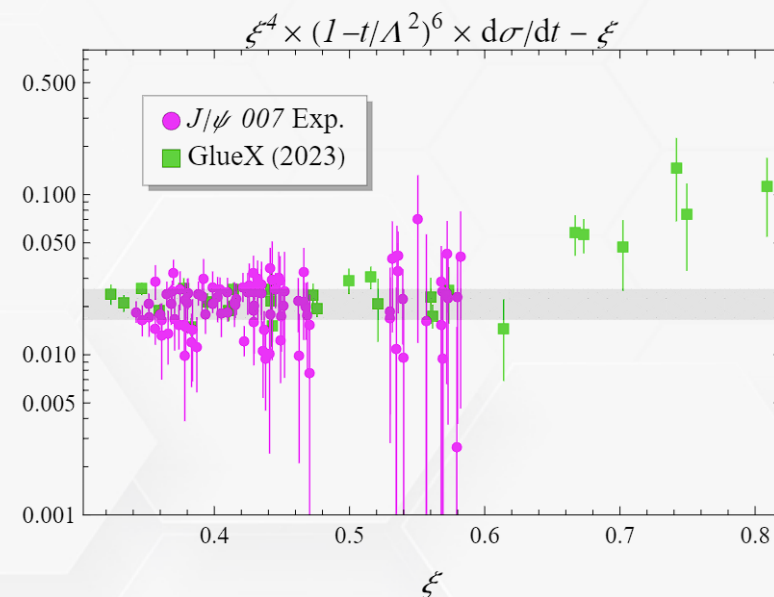
Utilizing the skewness dependence

How to test the large-skewness framework and quality of the extraction?

$$\begin{aligned} |G(\xi, t)|^2 &= \left[(1 - \xi^2) |\mathcal{H}_{gC}|^2 - 2\xi^2 \text{Re} [\mathcal{H}_{gC}^* \mathcal{E}_{gC}] - \left(\xi^2 + \frac{t}{4M_p^2} \right) |\mathcal{E}_{gC}|^2 \right] \\ &= \xi^{-4} \left[G_0(t) + \xi^2 G_2(t) + \xi^4 G_4(t) \right] + \dots \end{aligned}$$

The xi-scaling of the cross-section has non-trivial behaviors at large xi.

- ❑ The overall xi-scaling are consistent with ξ^{-4}
- ❑ Extra xi-scaling crucial for the separation of A and C form factors



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- Real part

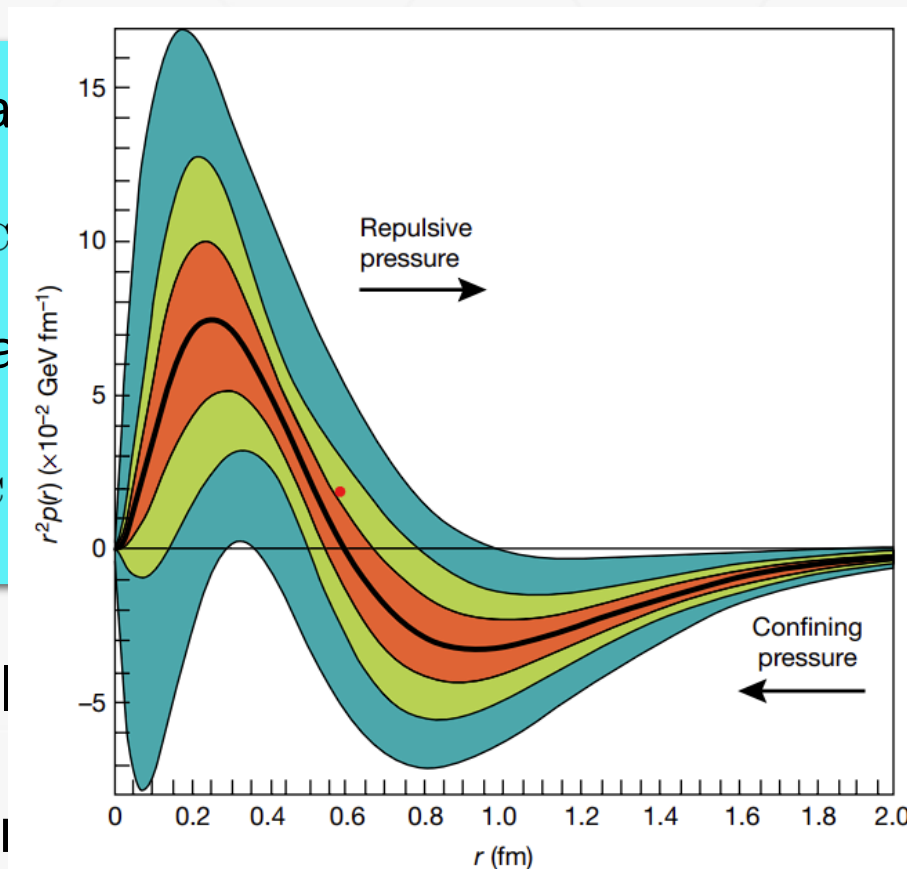
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- Large skewness behavior of gluonic GPD/Compton-like amplitude
- Application to heavy vector meson production
- Potential extraction of gluonic GFFs

Outlook

- ▽ Next-to-leading order effects
- ▽ Relations to the other frameworks
- ▽ Extension to quark GPDs

Thank you!