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Single Diffractive Hard Exclusive Scattering (SDHEP) for Extracting GPDs

- Explore Hadron's Partonic Structure without Breaking it – GPDs!
- SDHEPs for Extracting GPDs
- QCD Factorization, Angular Modulations, ...
- Why GPD's x-dependence is hard to measure?
- Summary and Outlook

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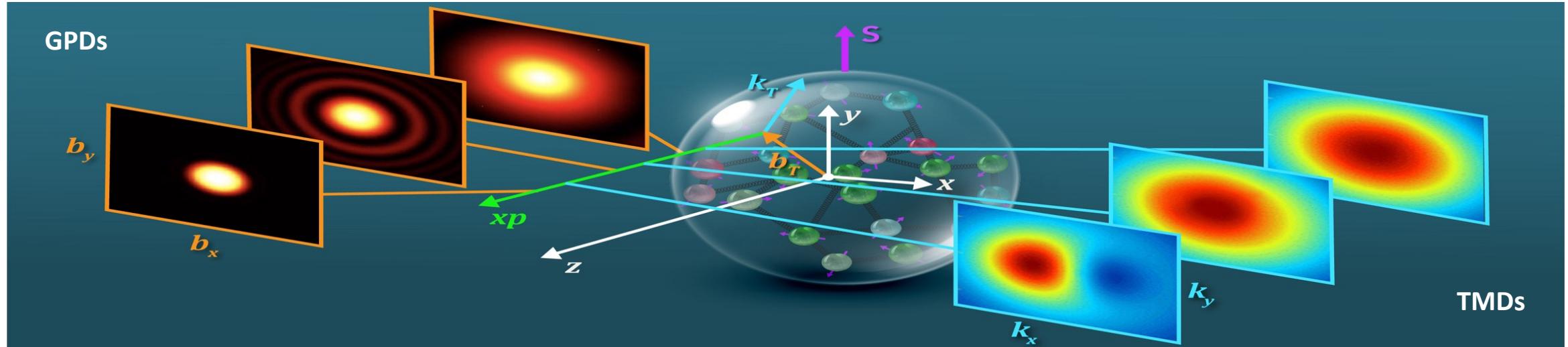
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Explore Hadron's Partonic Structure without seeing quarks/gluons directly

□ 3D hadron structure:

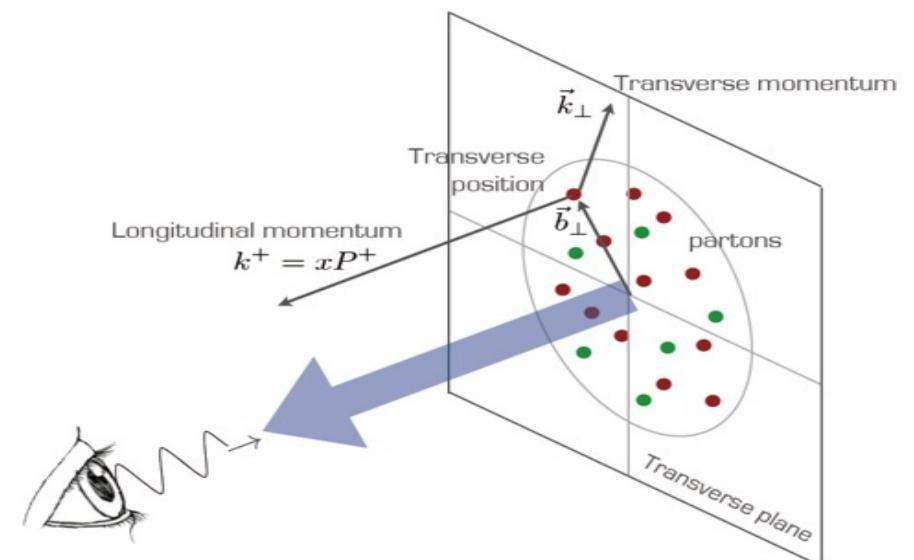
NO quarks and gluons can be seen in isolation!



□ Need new observables with two distinctive scales:

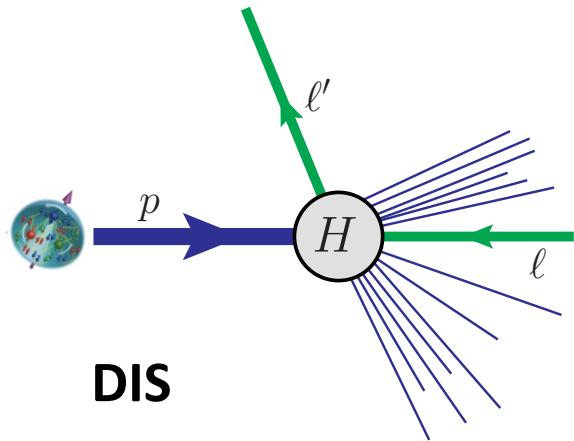
$$Q_1 \gg Q_2 \sim 1/R \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

- **Hard scale:** Q_1 to localize the probe to see the particle nature of quarks/gluons
- **“Soft” scale:** Q_2 to be more sensitive to the emergent regime of hadron structure $\sim 1/\text{fm}$

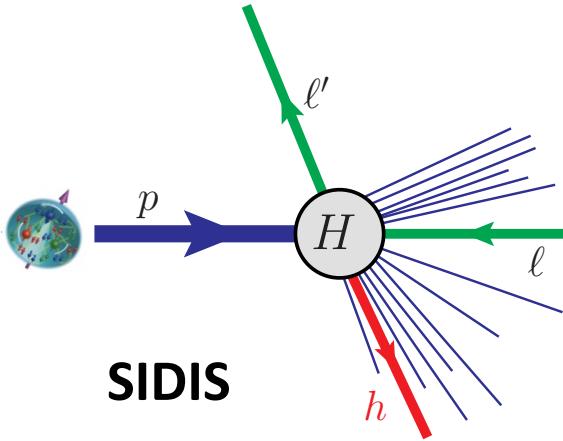


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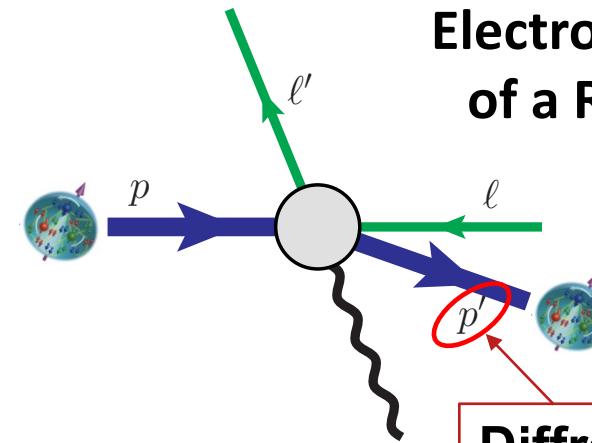


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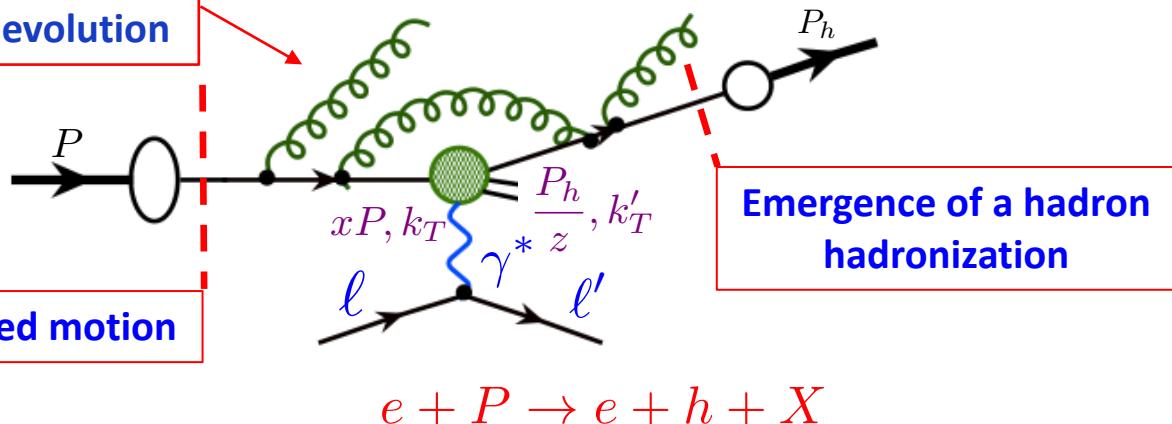


Electroproduction
of a Real Photon

Diffraction

$$Q^2 = -(\ell - \ell')^2 \\ \gg -(p - p')^2 = -t$$

Gluon shower
– QCD evolution

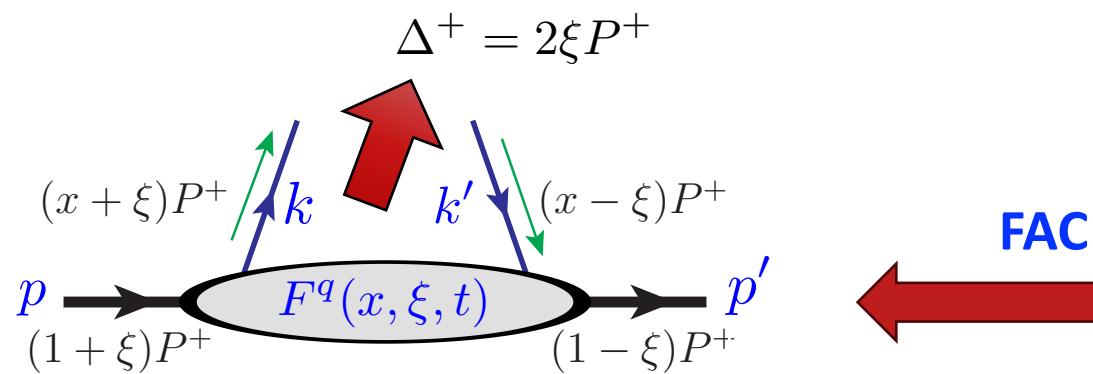
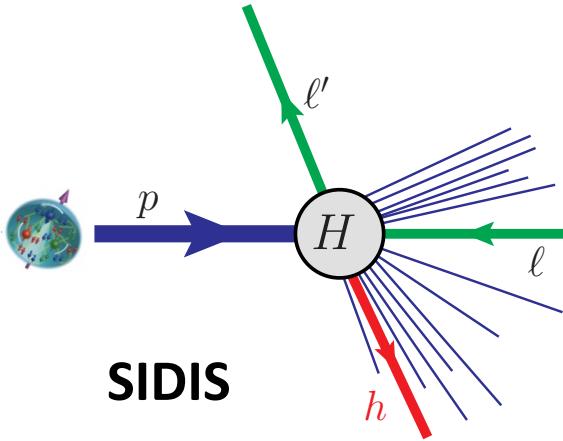
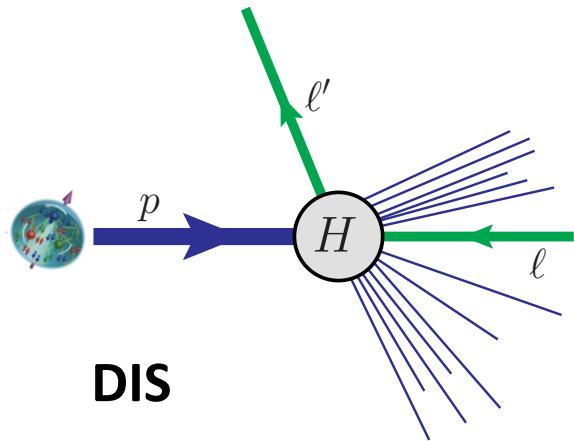


Confined motion

Emergence of a hadron
hadronization

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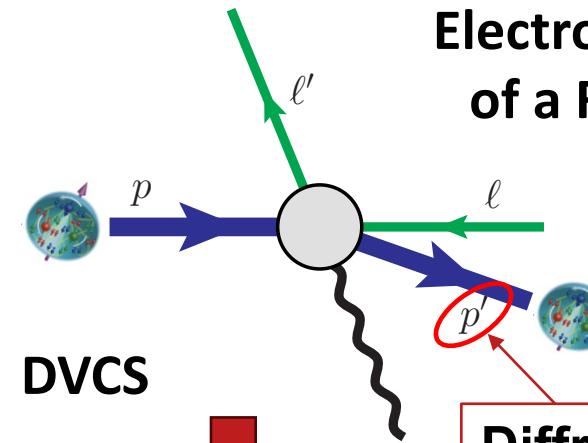
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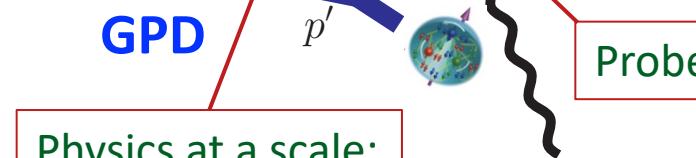
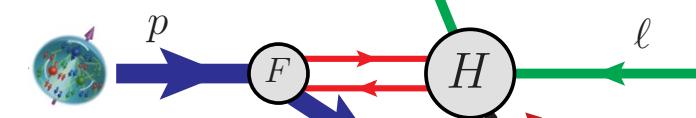
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Probe at a time:

$$\sim 1/Q$$

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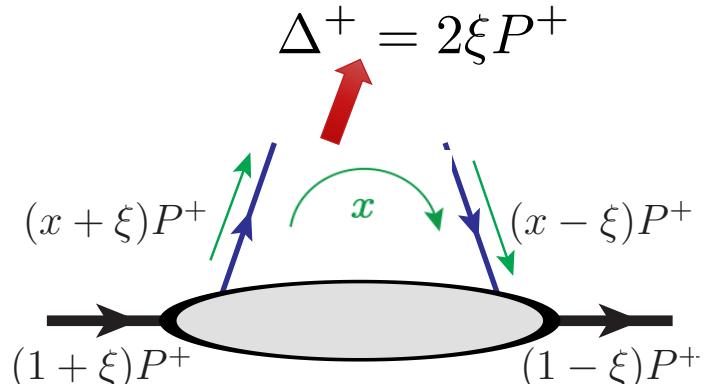
Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)

See X. Ji's talk

□ Definition:

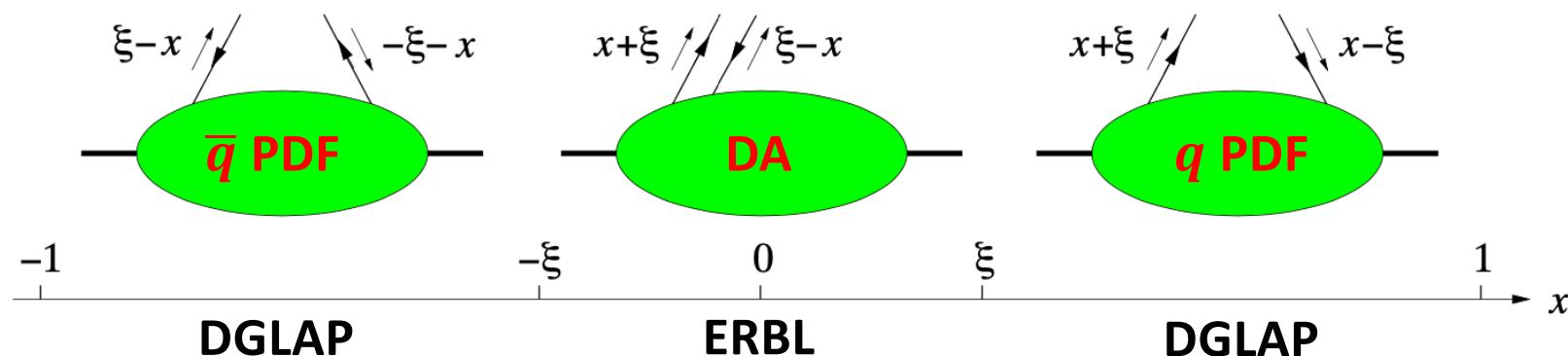
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D. Müller, D. Robaschik, B. Geyer, F.-M. Dittes, J. Hořejši,
Fortsch. Phys. 42 (1994) 101



□ Combine PDF and Distribution Amplitude (DA):

Forward limit $\xi = t = 0$: $H^q(x, 0, 0) = q(x)$, $\tilde{H}^q(x, 0, 0) = \Delta q(x)$



$$P^+ = \frac{p^+ + p'^+}{2}$$

$$\Delta = p - p' \quad t = \Delta^2$$

Similar definition
for gluon GPDs

GPDs depend on
the choice of "+"
component for
given p and p' !

Properties of GPDs – Partonic

□ Impact parameter dependent parton density distribution:

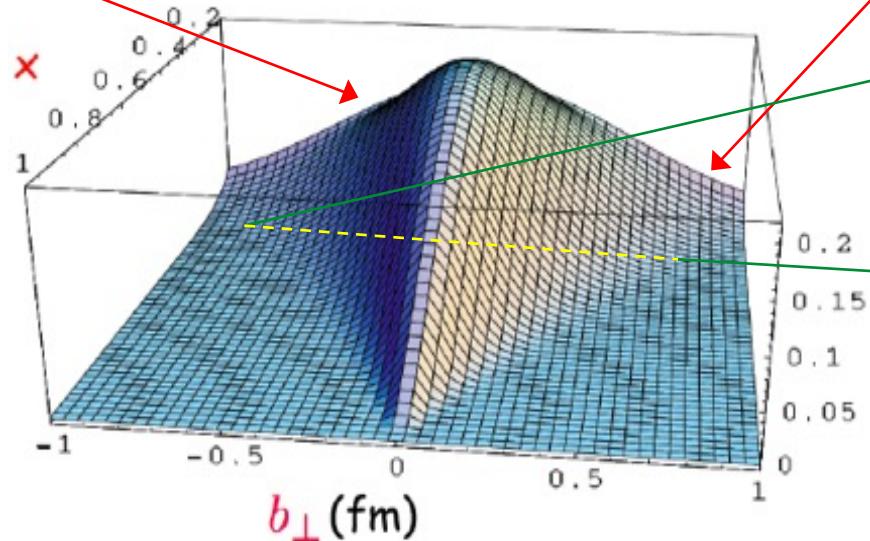
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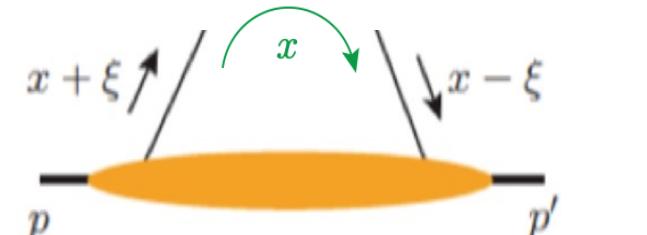
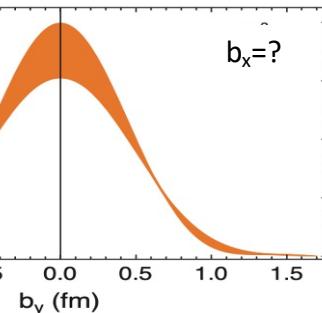
How fast does
glue density fall?

Tomographic image of hadron
in slice of x

How far does glue
density spread?



Modeled by
M. Burkardt,
PRD 2000



Measurement of p' fixes (t, ξ)

x = momentum flow
between the pair

Slice in (x, Q)

$$\langle q_\perp^N \rangle \equiv \int db_\perp b_\perp^N q(x, b_\perp, Q)$$

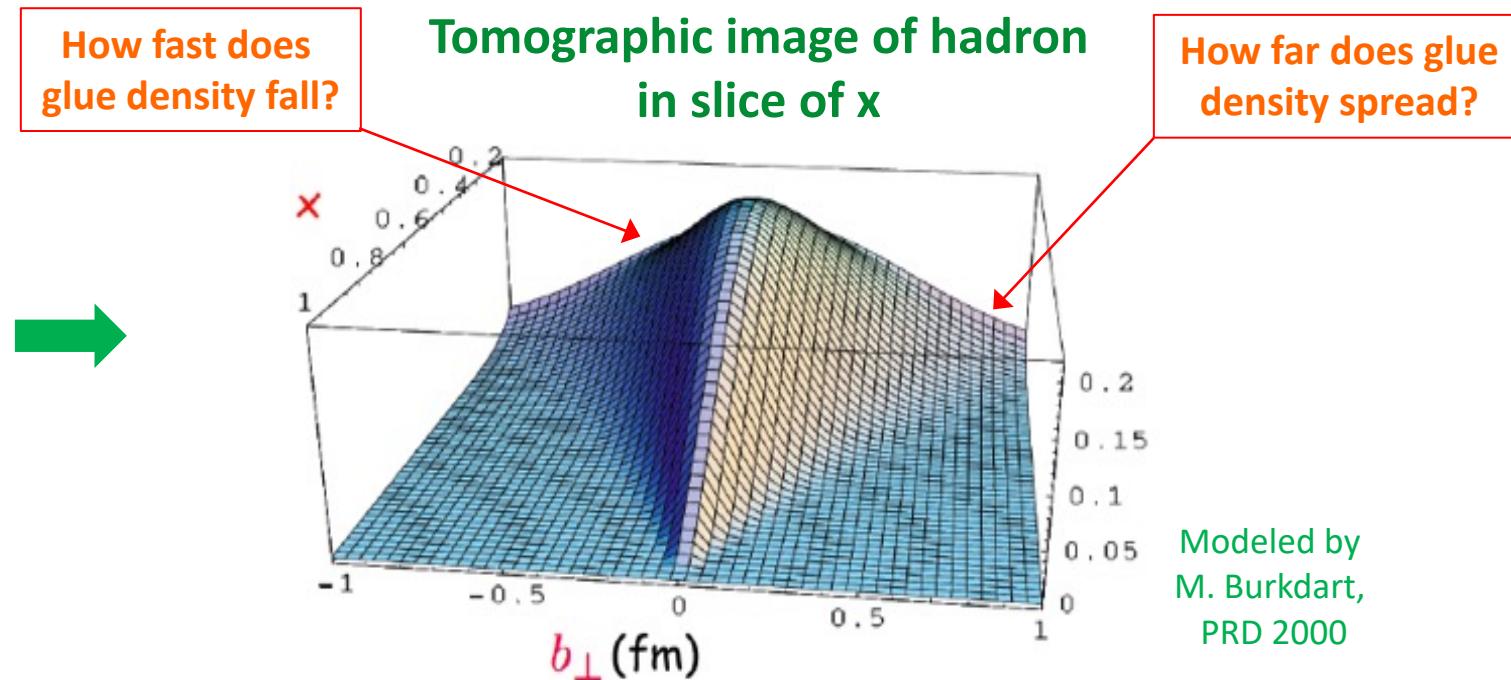
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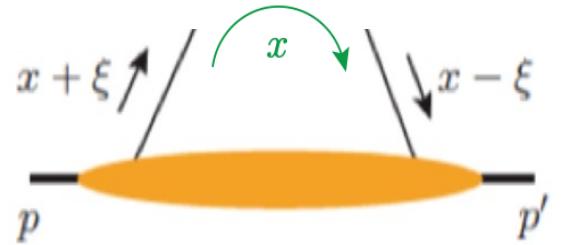
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- Should $r_q(x) > r_g(x)$, or vice versa?
- Could $r_g(x)$ saturates as $x \rightarrow 0$
- How do they compare with known radius (EM charge radius, mass radius, ...), & why?
- How the image correlate to hadron spin, ... ?
- ...

Properties of GPDs – Hadronic = Various Moments of GPDs

See X. Ji's talk

□ QCD energy-momentum tensor:

Ji, PRL78, 1997

V. D. Burkert, et al. RMP 95 (2023) 041002

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{i=q,g} T_i^{\mu\nu} \quad \text{with} \quad T_q^{\mu\nu} = \bar{\psi}_q i\gamma^{(\mu} \overleftrightarrow{D}^{\nu)} \psi_q - g^{\mu\nu} \bar{\psi}_q \left(i\gamma \cdot \overleftrightarrow{D} - m_q \right) \psi_q \quad \text{and} \quad T_g^{\mu\nu} = F^{a,\mu\eta} F^{a,\eta\nu} + \frac{1}{4} g^{\mu\nu} (F_{\rho\eta}^a)^2$$

□ “Gravitational” form factors:

$$\langle p' | T_i^{\mu\nu} | p \rangle = \bar{u}(p') \left[A_i(t) \frac{P^\mu P^\nu}{m} + J_i(t) \frac{i P^{(\mu} \sigma^{\nu)\Delta}}{2m} + D_i(t) \frac{\Delta^\mu \Delta^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} \Delta^2}{4m} + m \bar{c}_i(t) g^{\mu\nu} \right] u(p)$$

□ Connection to GPD moments:

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx x F_i(x, \xi, t) \propto \langle p' | T_i^{++} | p \rangle \quad \propto \quad \bar{u}(p') \left[\underbrace{(A_i + \xi^2 D_i)}_{\int_{-1}^1 dx x H_i(x, \xi, t)} \gamma^+ + \underbrace{(B_i - \xi^2 D_i)}_{\int_{-1}^1 dx x E_i(x, \xi, t)} \frac{i \sigma^{+\Delta}}{2m} \right] u(p)$$

$$C_i(t) \leftrightarrow D_i(t)/4$$

Related to pressure
& stress force inside h

Polyakov, schweitzer, Inntt.

J. Mod. Phys.

A33, 1830025 (2018)

Burkert, Elouadrhiri , Girod

Nature 557, 396 (2018)

□ Angular momentum sum rule:

$$J_i = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_{-1}^1 dx x [H_i(x, \xi, t) + E_i(x, \xi, t)]$$

$i = q, g$

3D tomography
Relation to GFFs
Angular Momentum



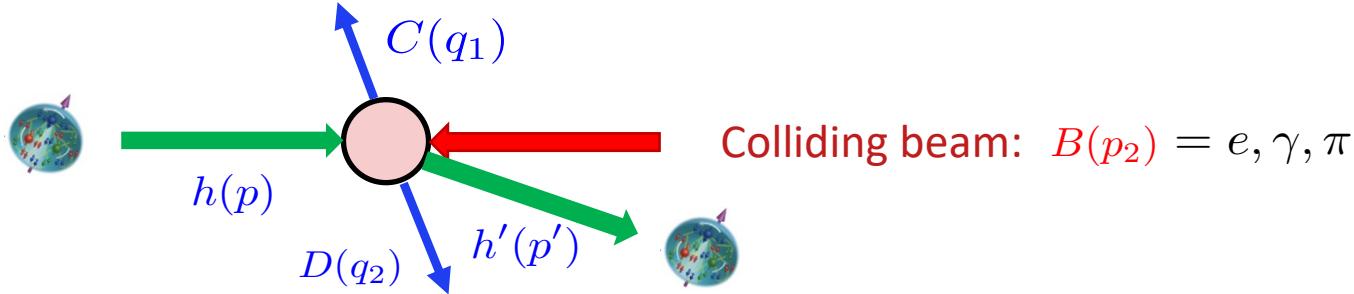
x-dependence
of GPDs!

Need to know the x-dependence of GPDs to construct the proper moments!

How to Find Physical Processes to be Sensitive to GPDs?

□ Two-scale exclusive processes – minimal $2 \rightarrow 3$ configuration:

Process: $h(p) + B(p_2) \rightarrow h'(p') + C(q_1) + D(q_2)$



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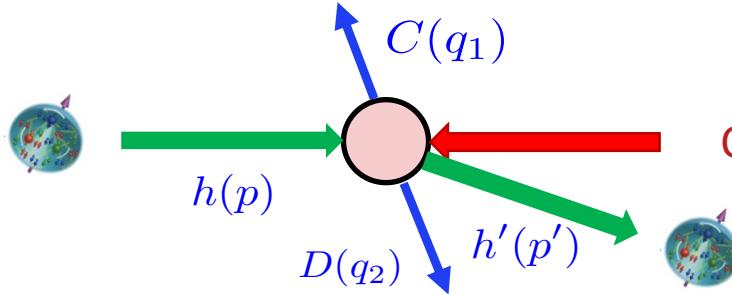
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Single diffractive hard exclusive process (SDHEP)

□ SDHEP – Two-stage paradigm:

Single diffractive: $h(p) \rightarrow h'(p') + A^*(p_1 = p - p')$

Necessary condition:
 $q_T \gg \sqrt{-t} \simeq \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

Factorization

Hard exclusive: $A^*(p_1) + B(p_2) \rightarrow C(p_3) + D(p_4)$



**2-to-2 elastic scattering
= Hard probe at a scale:**

$$\sim (p_2 - q_1)^2 \sim q_T^2$$

Diffractive at a scale:

$$\sim (p - p')^2 = t$$

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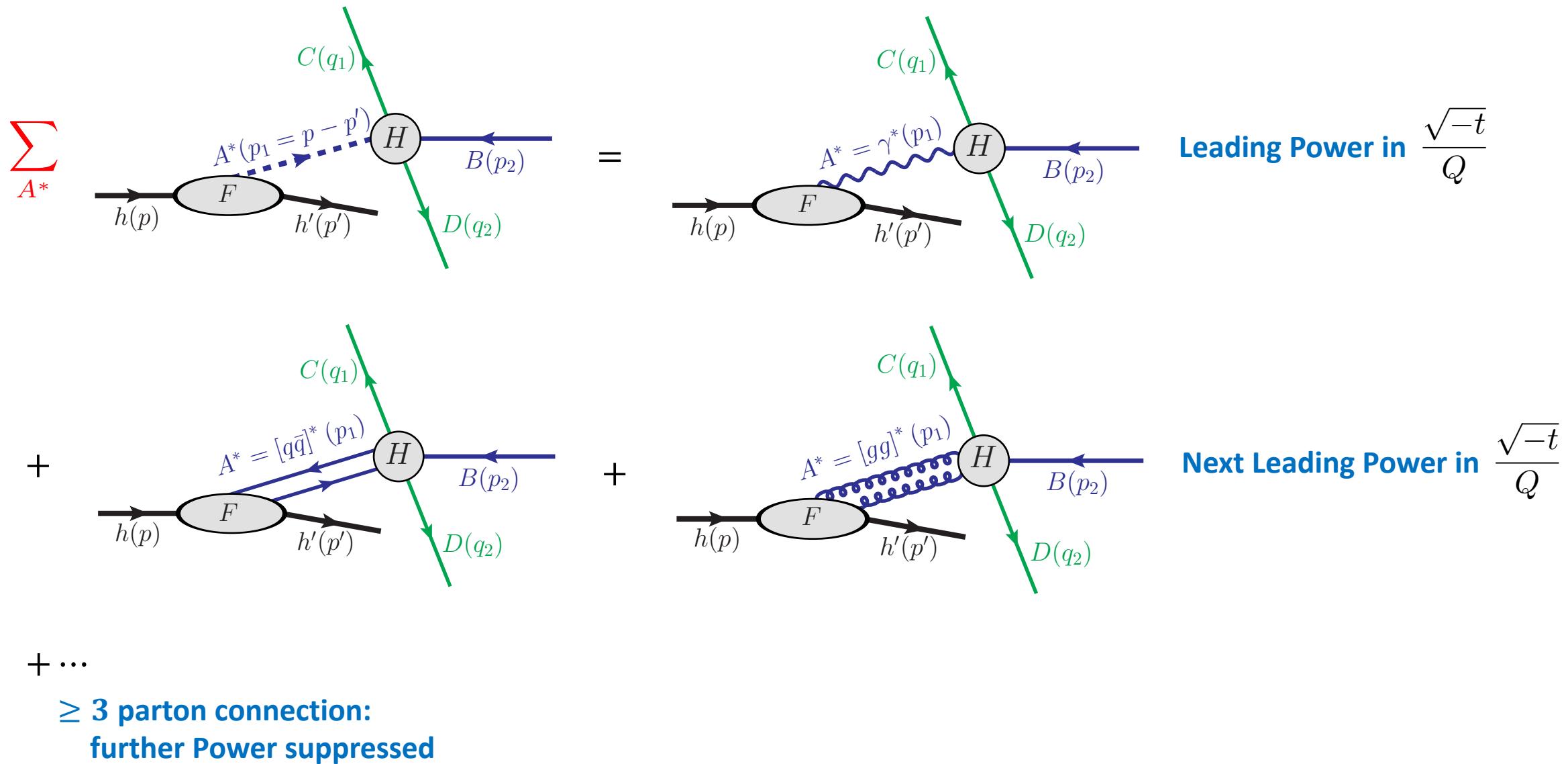
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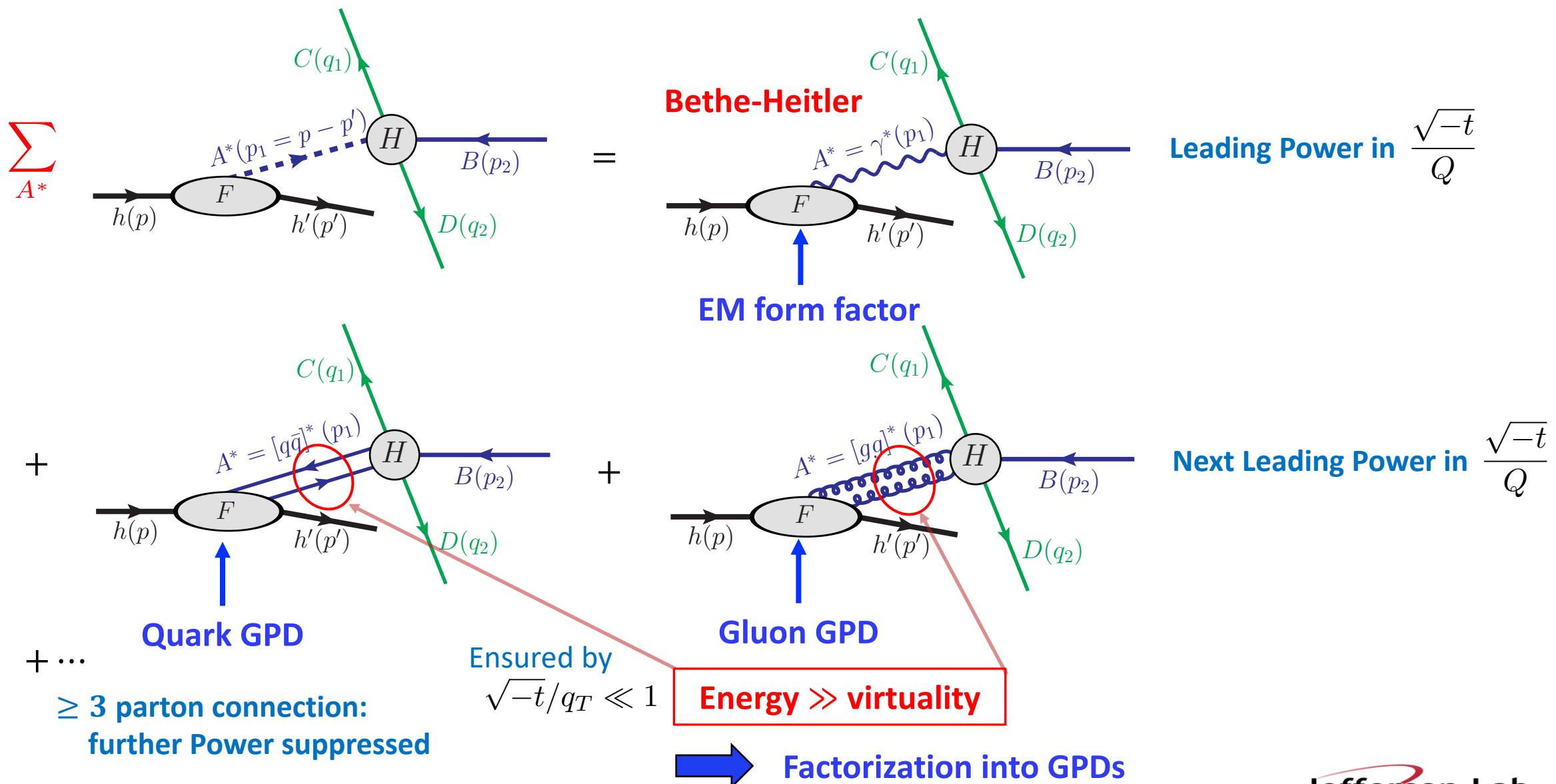
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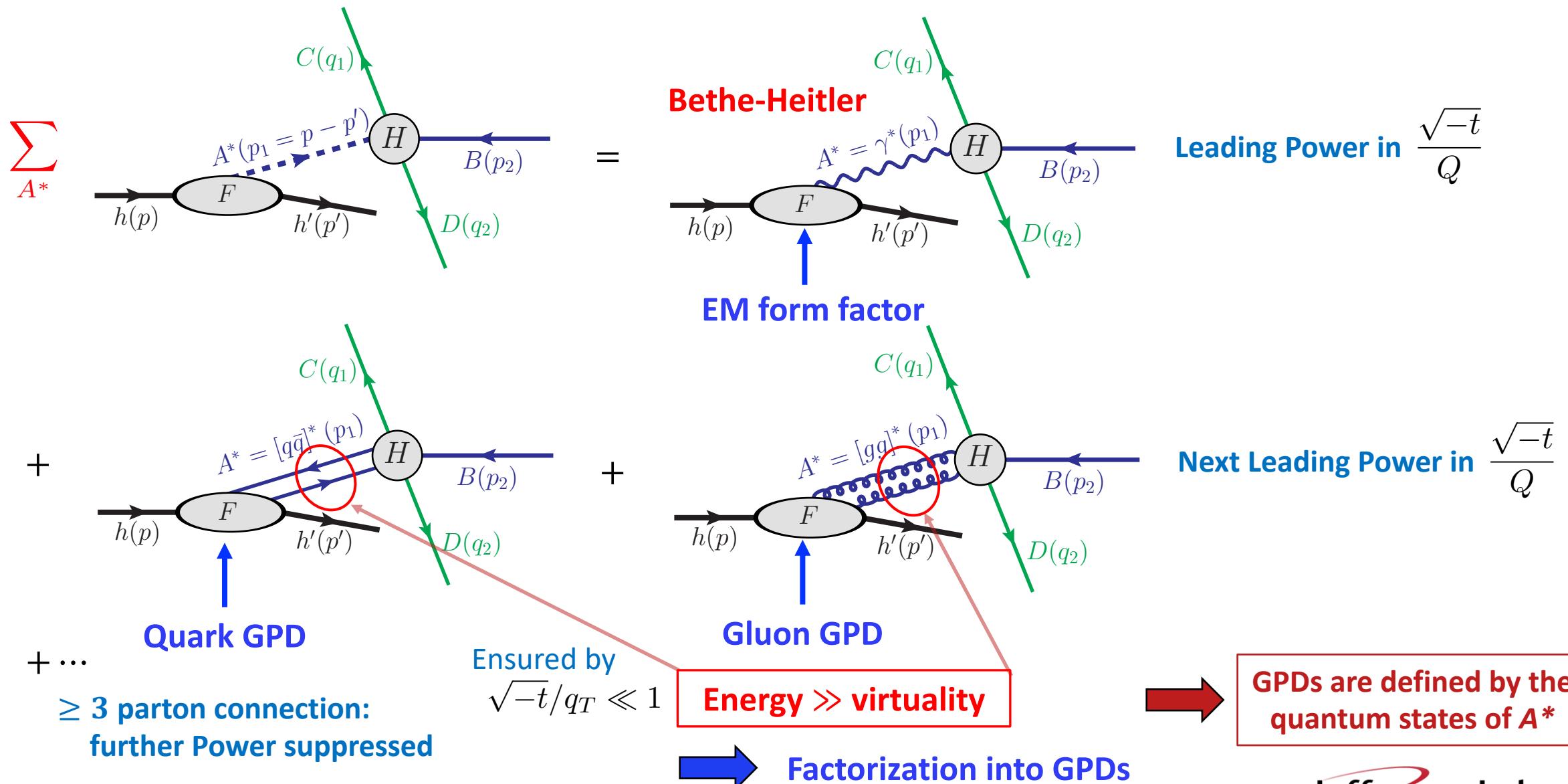
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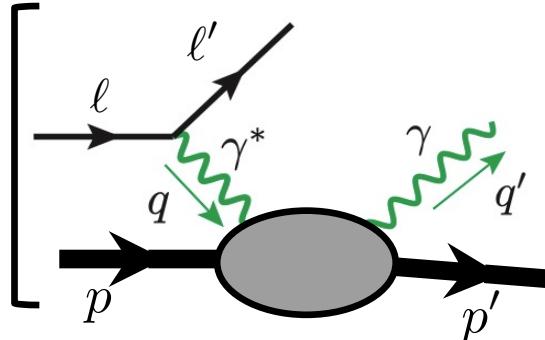
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Exclusive $2 \rightarrow 3$ Electroproduction

Exclusive electroproduction of a real photon: $e(\ell) + h(p) \rightarrow e(\ell') + h(p') + \gamma(q')$

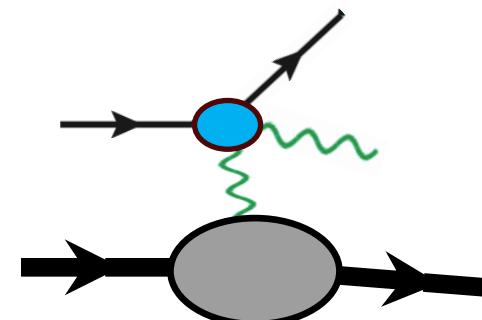
Traditional representation (LO in QED) – Breit frame:



18 scalar functions

DVCS: in terms of Compton Scattering Amplitude

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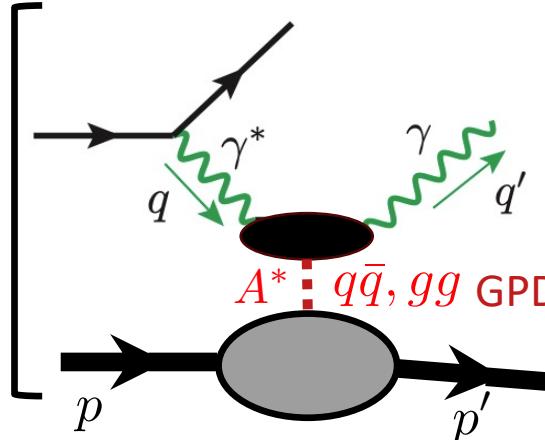


2 EM form factors

Bethe-Heitler subprocess in terms of EM form factors

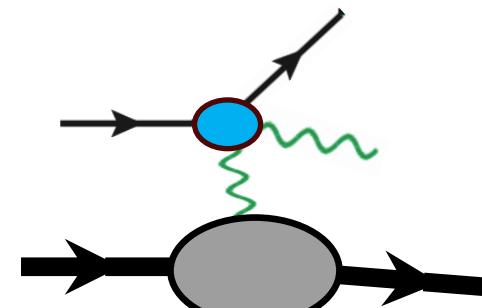
Real photon $\gamma(q')$ is in Hadronic plan

Factorization – Leading power Approximation:



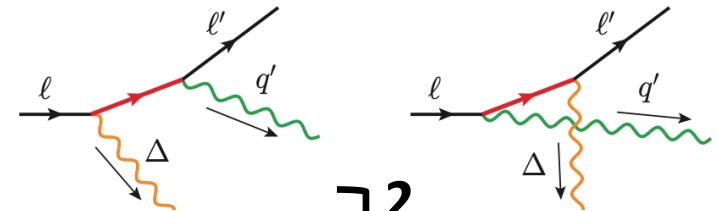
DVCS: in terms of factorized GPDs

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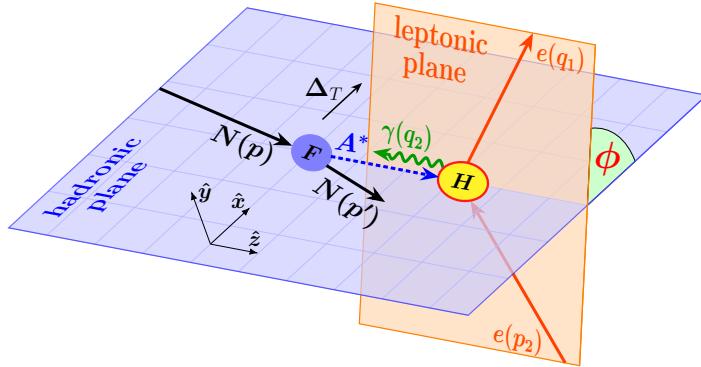
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Separation of GPDs: angle distribution between leptonic ($\ell \rightarrow \ell'$) and hadronic ($p \rightarrow p'$) planes!

Angular Modulations – Separation of Different GPDs & Global Analyses

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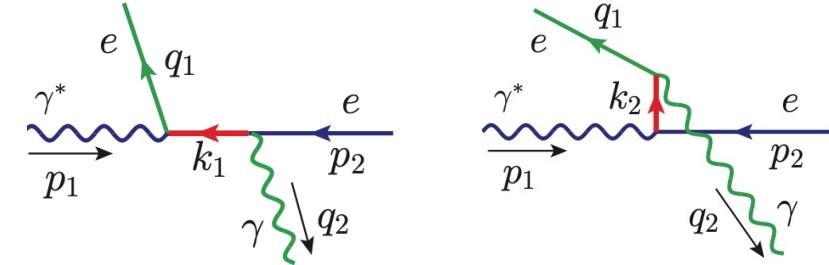
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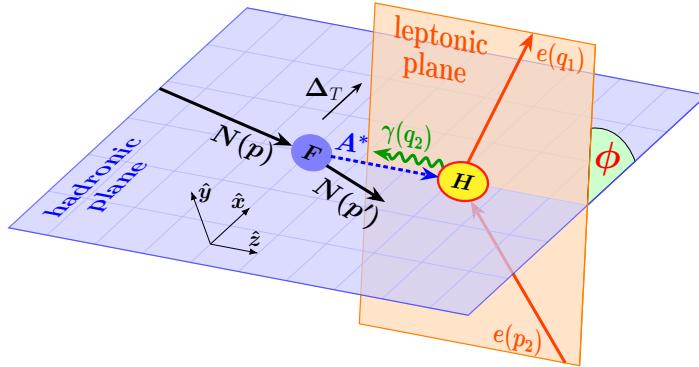
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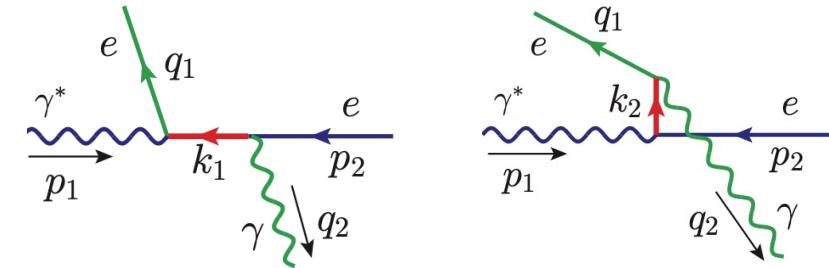
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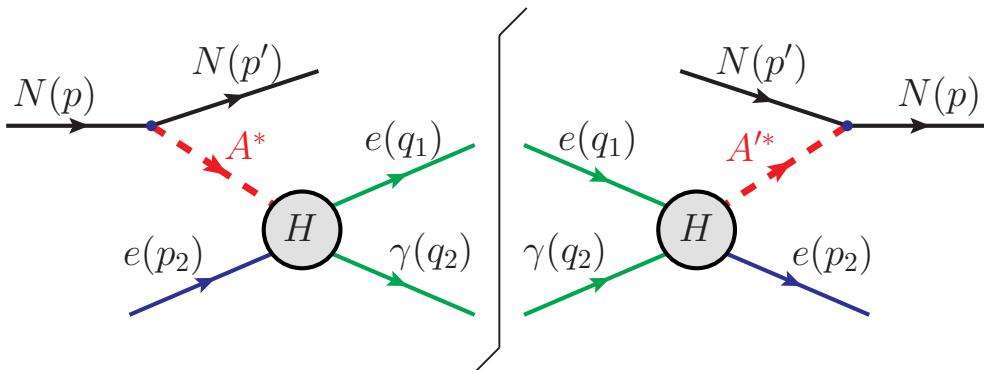
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- ☐ SDHEP frame = A^* - lepton frame (*switch the role of lepton and hadron in the Breit frame*):



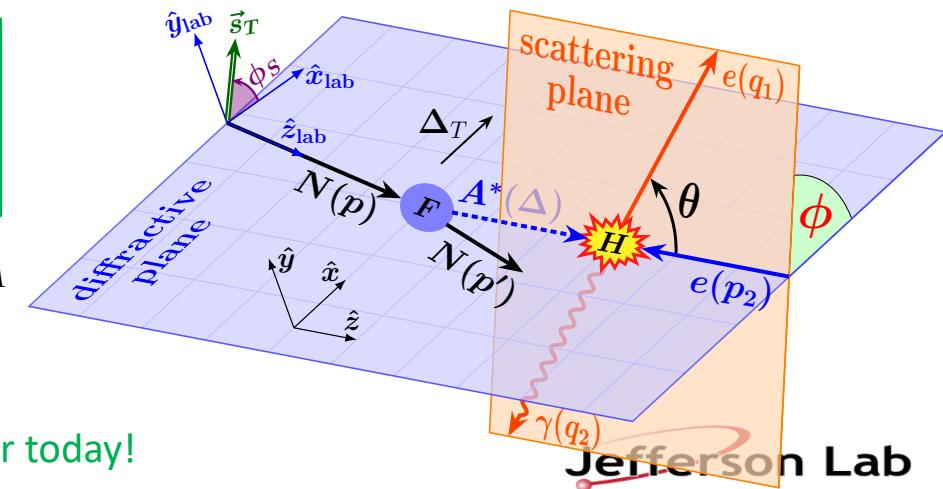
$$\cos[(\Delta\lambda_A)\phi]$$

$$\sin[(\Delta\lambda_A)\phi]$$

$$\Delta\lambda_A = \lambda_A - \lambda'_A$$

Angular modulation between "diffractive" and "scattering" planes
to select the spin-state of A^* - different GPDs

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Simple Numerical Examples for Angular Distribution/Modulation

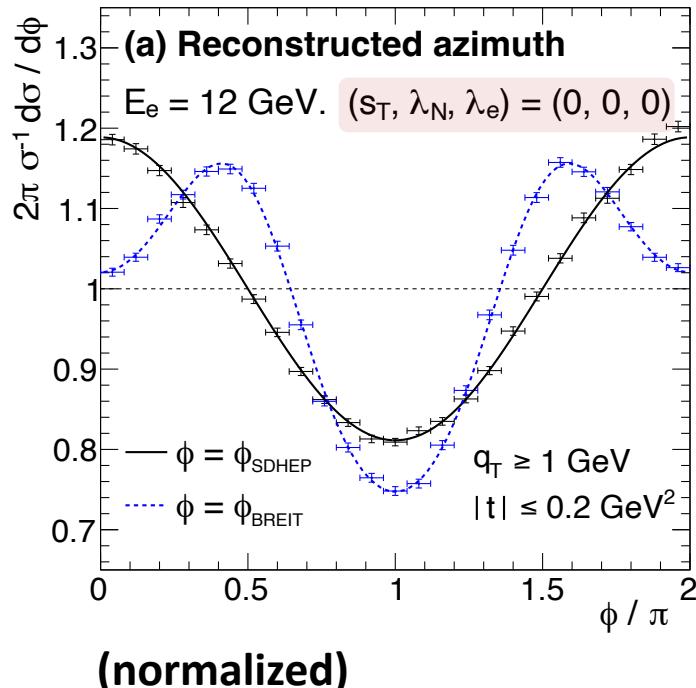
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt d\xi d\phi_S d \cos \theta d\phi} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{d\sigma^{\text{unpol}}}{dt d\xi d \cos \theta} \cdot \left[1 + \lambda_e \lambda_N A_{LL}^{\text{LP}} + \lambda_e s_T A_{TL}^{\text{LP}} \cos \phi_S \right.$$

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Generate 10^6 events and reconstruct

$$\begin{aligned} &+ (A_{UU}^{\text{NLP}} + \lambda_e \lambda_N A_{LL}^{\text{NLP}}) \cos \phi + (\lambda_e A_{UL}^{\text{NLP}} + \lambda_N A_{LU}^{\text{NLP}}) \sin \phi \\ &+ s_T (A_{TU,1}^{\text{NLP}} \cos \phi_S \sin \phi + A_{TU,2}^{\text{NLP}} \sin \phi_S \cos \phi) \\ &\left. + \lambda_e s_T (A_{TL,1}^{\text{NLP}} \cos \phi_S \cos \phi + A_{TL,2}^{\text{NLP}} \sin \phi_S \sin \phi) \right] \end{aligned}$$

unpolarized



→ SDHEP fit to $1.00 + 0.190 \cos \phi$ → $\langle A_{UU}^{\text{NLP}} \rangle = 0.190$

→ Breit fit to $1.00 + 0.15 \cos \phi - 0.12 \cos 2\phi - 0.01 \cos 3\phi + 0.01 \cos 4\phi$

- No straightforward interpretation of the coefficients.
- Need to introduce more gears in GPD extraction.

[A.V. Belitsky et al., 2002]

[B. Kriesten et al., 2020, 2022]

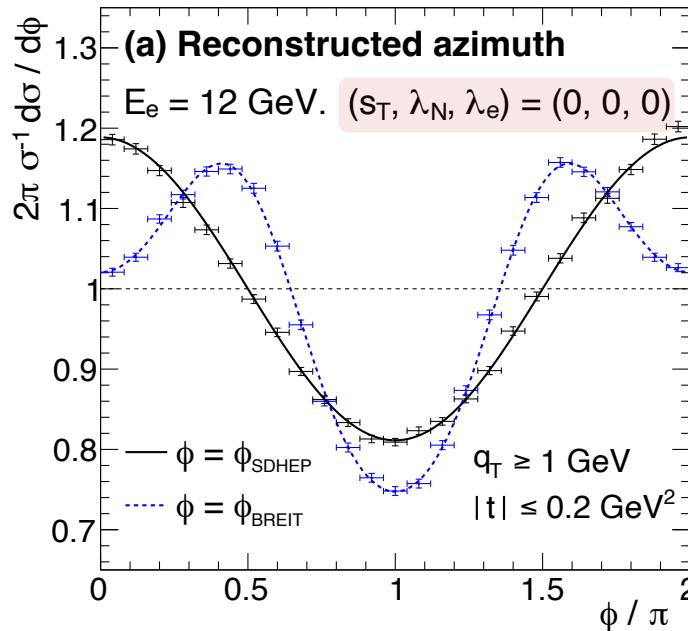
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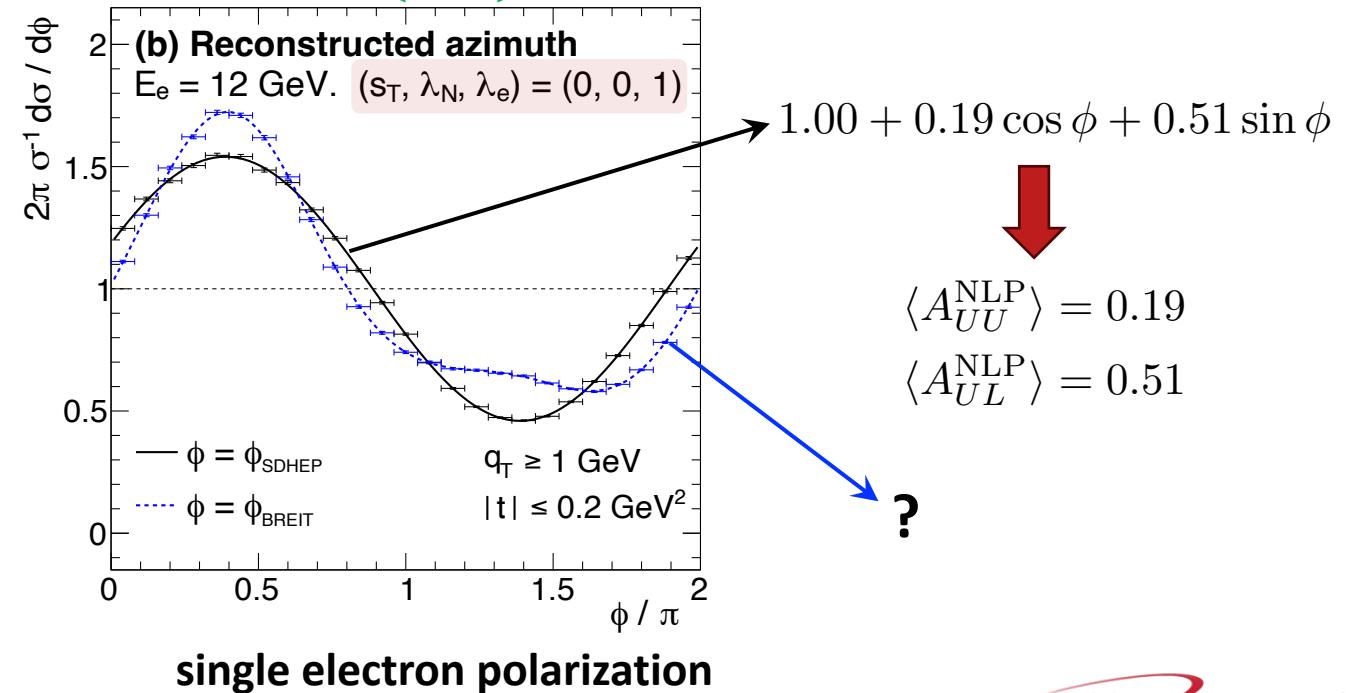
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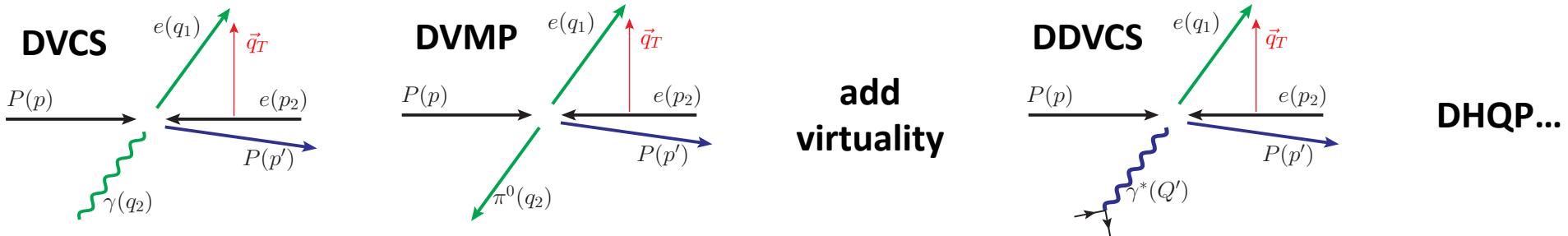
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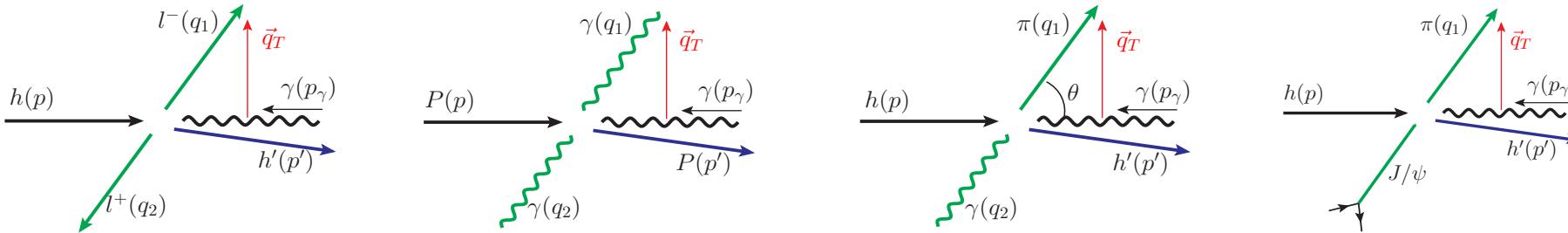


Classification of SDHEPs – Known processes for extracting GPDs

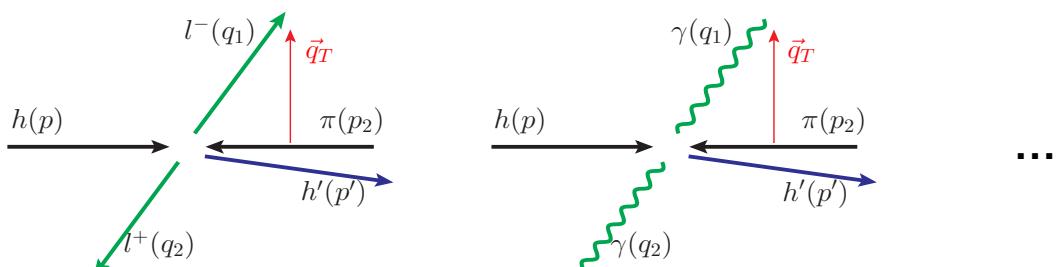
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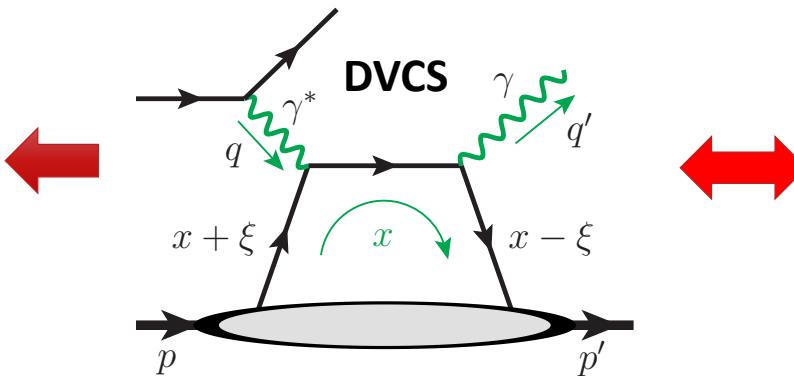
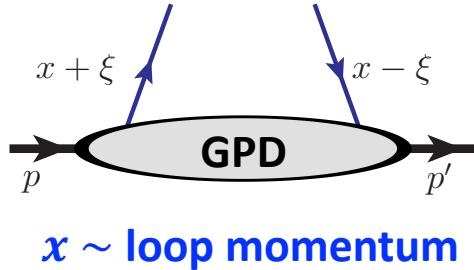
□ Meso-production (AMBER, J-PARC, ...)



In the SDHEP frame, all GPDs are defined with the same choice of "+" component – defined by the colliding beam of momentum p_2 – good for Global analyses, ...

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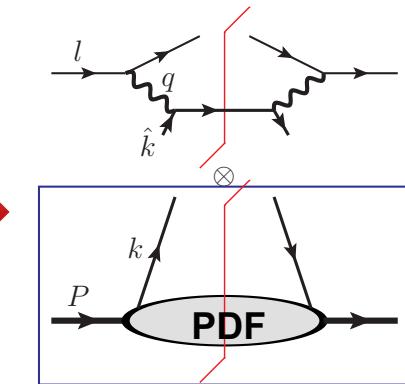
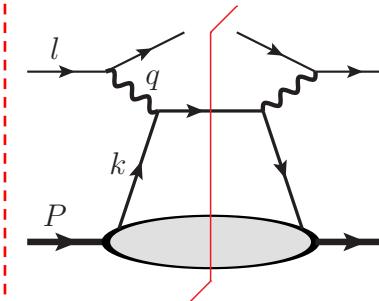
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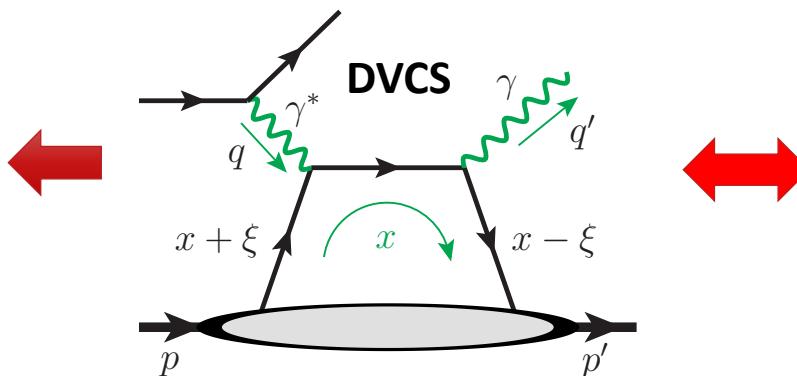
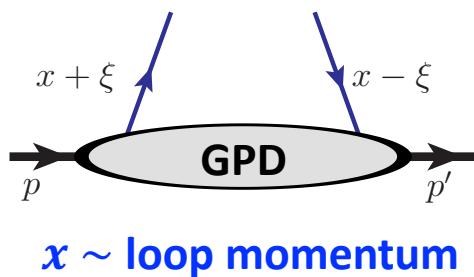


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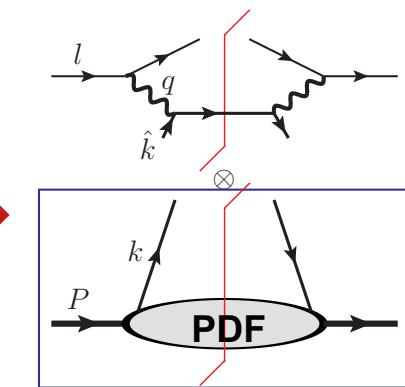
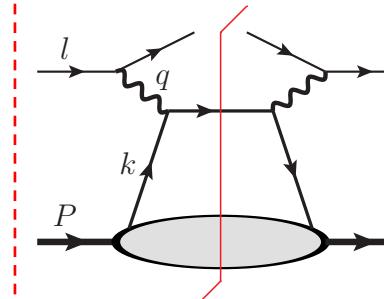
□ Sensitivity to x : comes from $C(x, \xi; Q/\mu)$

$$C(x, \xi; Q/\mu) = T(Q/\mu) \cdot G(x, \xi) \propto \frac{1}{x - \xi + i\epsilon} \dots$$

$$\rightarrow i\mathcal{M} \propto \int_{-1}^1 dx \frac{F(x, \xi, t)}{x - \xi + i\epsilon} \equiv "F_0(\xi, t)" \quad \text{"moment"}$$

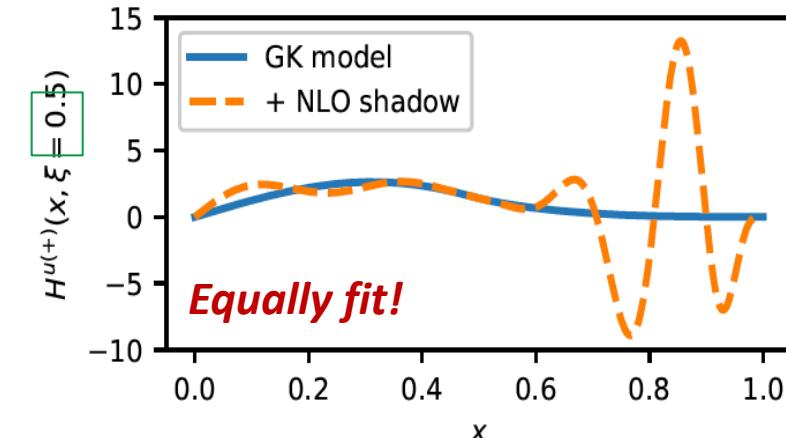
DVCS is an example

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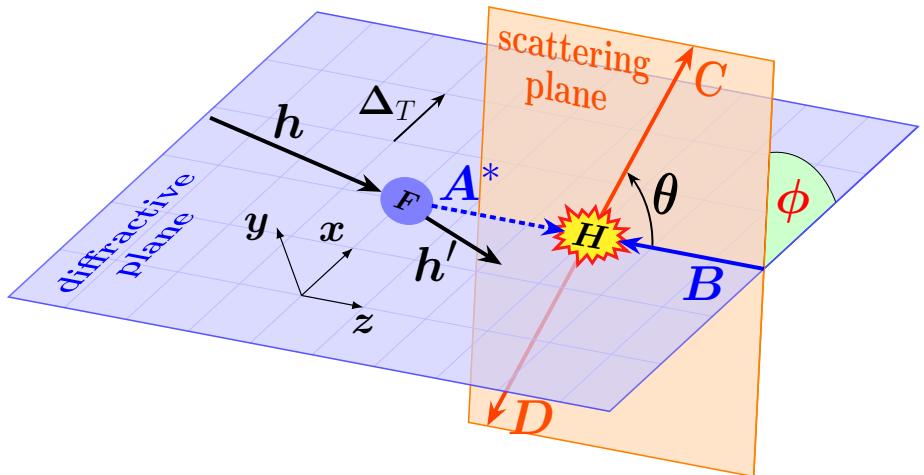
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[Bertone et al. PRD '21]

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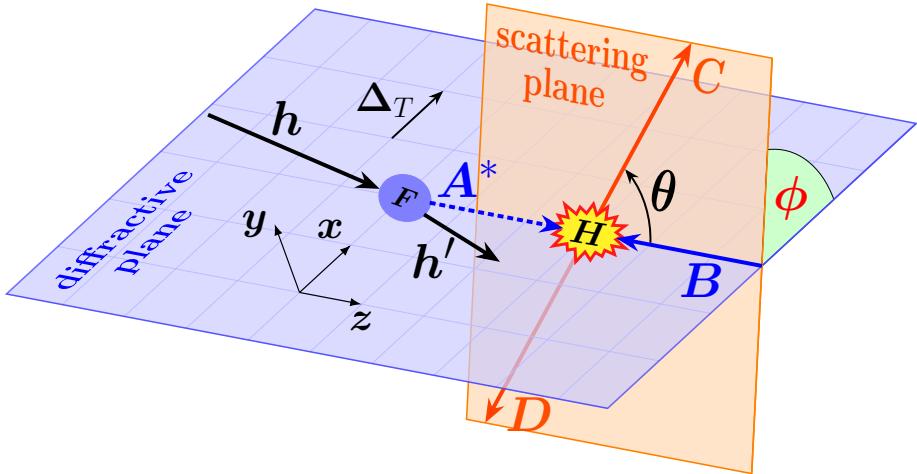
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- **Moment-type sensitivity:** $C(\mathbf{x}; Q) = G(\mathbf{x}) \cdot T(Q) \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad F_G = \int_{-1}^1 d\mathbf{x} G(\mathbf{x}) F(\mathbf{x}, \xi, t)$ **Independent of Q**
Scaling for F_G
- **Inversion problem:** shadow GPD $S_G = \int_{-1}^1 d\mathbf{x} G(\mathbf{x}) S(\mathbf{x}, \xi) = 0 \quad [\text{Bertone et al. PRD '21}]$
- **Enhanced sensitivity:** $C(\mathbf{x}; Q) \neq G(\mathbf{x}) \cdot T(Q) \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad d\sigma/dQ \sim |C(\mathbf{x}; Q) \otimes_{\mathbf{x}} F(\mathbf{x}, \xi, t)|^2$

What Kind of Process Could be Sensitive to the x -Dependence?

- Create an entanglement between the internal x and an externally measured variable?

$$i\mathcal{M} \propto \int_{-1}^1 dx \frac{F(x, \xi, t)}{x - x_p(\xi, q) + i\varepsilon}$$

Change external q to sample different part of x .

- Double DVCS (two scales):

$$x_p(\xi, q) = \xi \left(\frac{1 - q^2/Q^2}{1 + q^2/Q^2} \right) \rightarrow \xi \text{ same as DVCS if } q \rightarrow 0$$

- Production of two back-to-back high pT particles (say, two photons):

$$\pi^-(p_\pi) + P(p) \rightarrow \gamma(q_1) + \gamma(q_2) + N(p')$$

Hard scale: $q_T \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ Soft scale: $t \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$

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- Factorization:

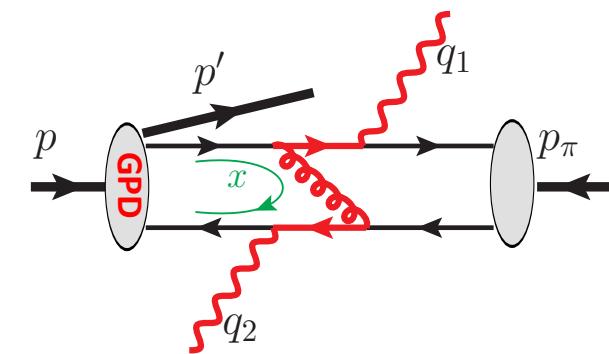
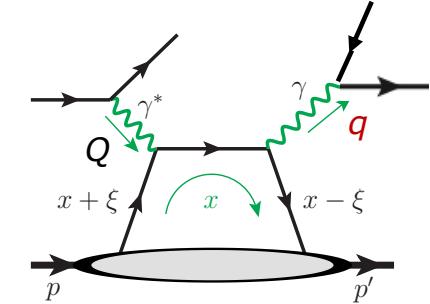
$$\mathcal{M}(t, \xi, q_T) = \int_{-1}^1 dx F(x, \xi, t; \mu) \cdot C(x, \xi; q_T/\mu) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/q_T)$$

[suppressing pion DA factor]

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt d\xi dq_T} \sim |\mathcal{M}(t, \xi, q_T)|^2$$

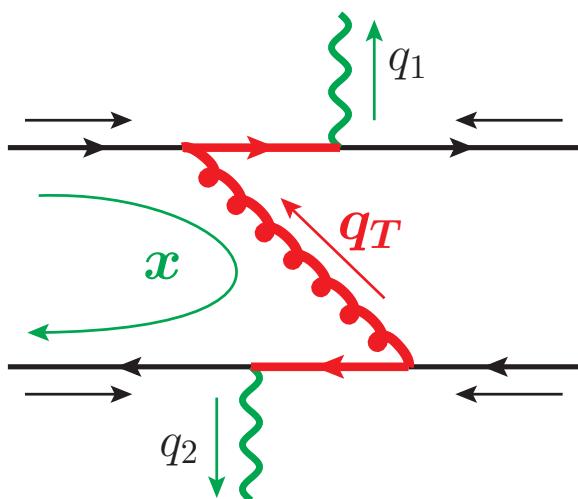
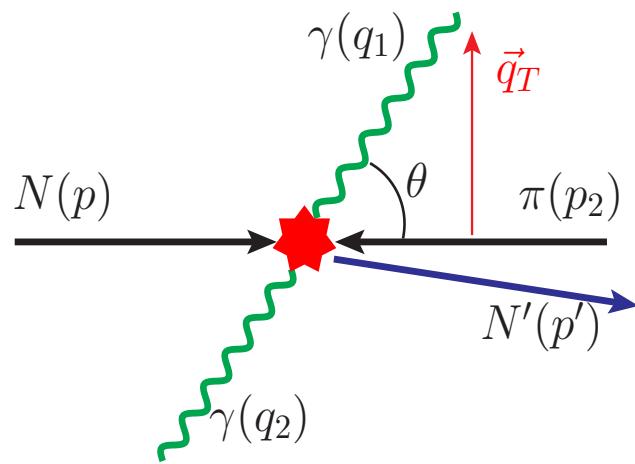
q_T distribution is “conjugate” to x distribution

$$x \leftrightarrow q_T$$



Enhanced x -Sensitivity: (1) Diphoton Meso-production

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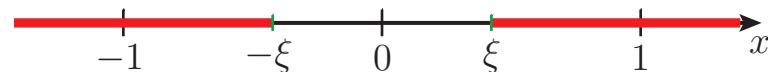
$$F_0(\xi, t) = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx F(x, \xi, t)}{x - \xi + i\epsilon}$$

When two photons are radiated from the same charged line

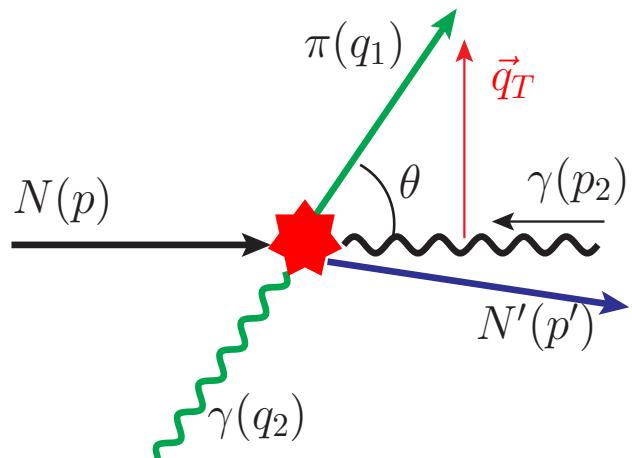
$i\mathcal{M}$ also contains

$$I(t, \xi; z, \theta) = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx F(x, \xi, t)}{x - \rho(z; \theta) + i\epsilon \operatorname{sgn} [\cos^2(\theta/2) - z]}$$

$$\rho(z; \theta) = \xi \cdot \left[\frac{1 - z + \tan^2(\theta/2) z}{1 - z - \tan^2(\theta/2) z} \right] \in (-\infty, -\xi] \cup [\xi, \infty)$$



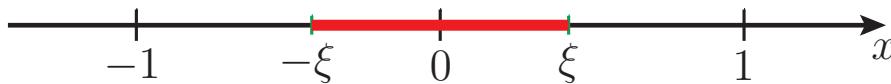
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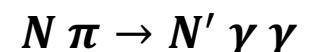
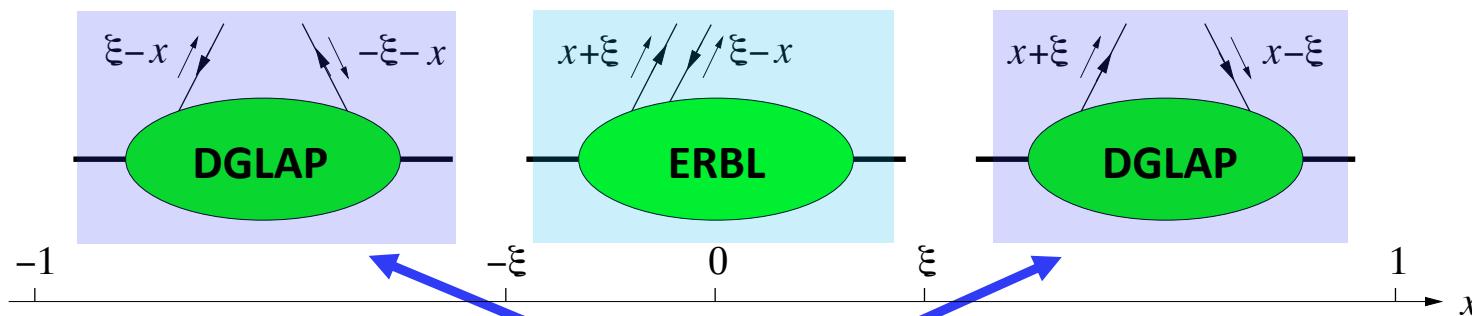
$i\mathcal{M}$ also contains the special integral:

$$I'(t, \xi; z, \theta) = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx F(x, \xi, t)}{x - \rho'(z; \theta) + i\epsilon}$$

$$\rho'(z; \theta) = \xi \cdot \left[\frac{\cos^2(\theta/2)(1-z) - z}{\cos^2(\theta/2)(1-z) + z} \right] \in [-\xi, \xi]$$



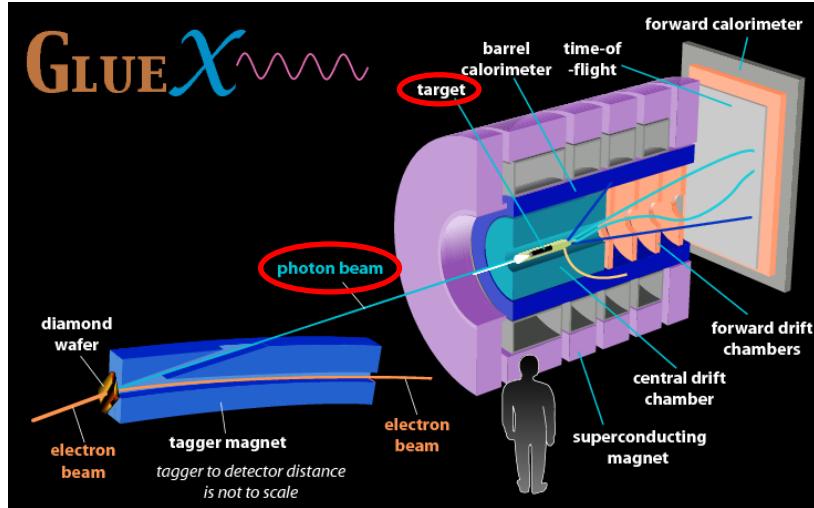
→ Complementary sensitivity:



G. Duplancic et al., JHEP 11 (2018) 179
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Enhanced x -Sensitivity: γ - π Pair Photoproduction (at JLab Hall D)

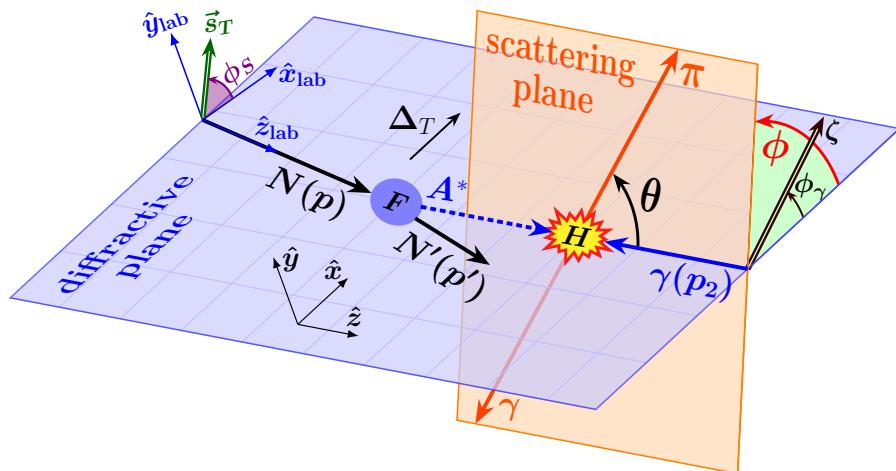
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□ Polarization asymmetries:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d|t| d\xi d \cos \theta d\phi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d\sigma}{d|t| d\xi d \cos \theta} \cdot [1 + \lambda_N \lambda_\gamma A_{LL} \\ + \zeta A_{UT} \cos 2(\phi - \phi_\gamma) + \lambda_N \zeta A_{LT} \sin 2(\phi - \phi_\gamma)]$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d|t| d\xi d \cos \theta} = \pi (\alpha_e \alpha_s)^2 \left(\frac{C_F}{N_c} \right)^2 \frac{1 - \xi^2}{\xi^2 s^3} \Sigma_{UU}$$



$$\Sigma_{UU} = |\mathcal{M}_+^{[\tilde{H}]}|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_-^{[\tilde{H}]}|^2 + |\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_+^{[H]}|^2 + |\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_-^{[H]}|^2,$$

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$$A_{LT} = 2 \Sigma_{UU}^{-1} \operatorname{Im} [\mathcal{M}_+^{[\tilde{H}]} \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_-^{[H]*} + \mathcal{M}_-^{[\tilde{H}]} \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_+^{[H]*}].$$

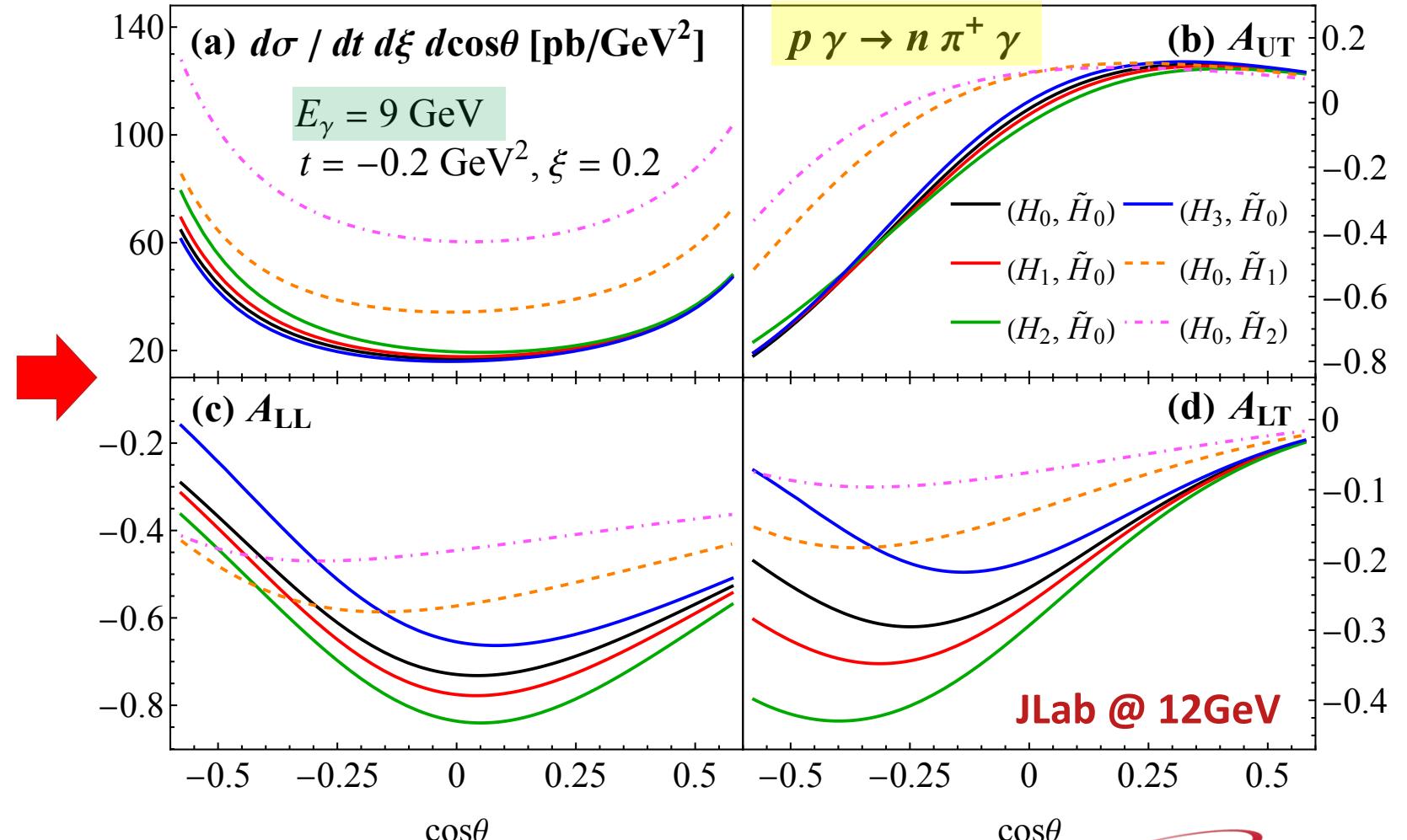
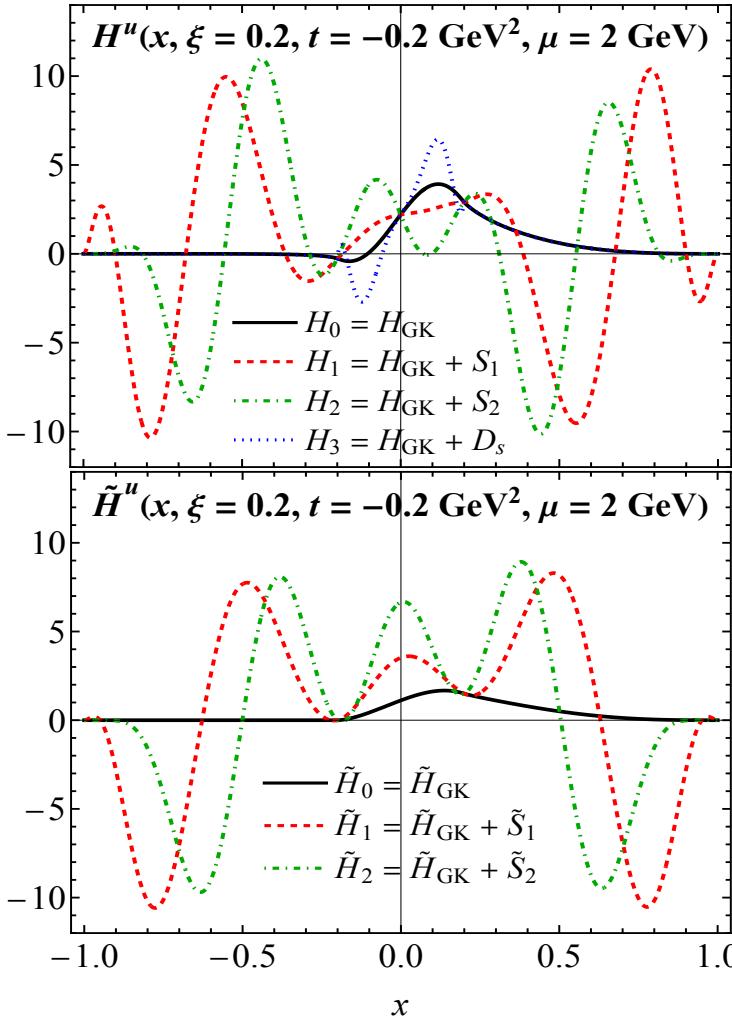
Neglecting: (1) E and \tilde{E} ; (2) gluon channel

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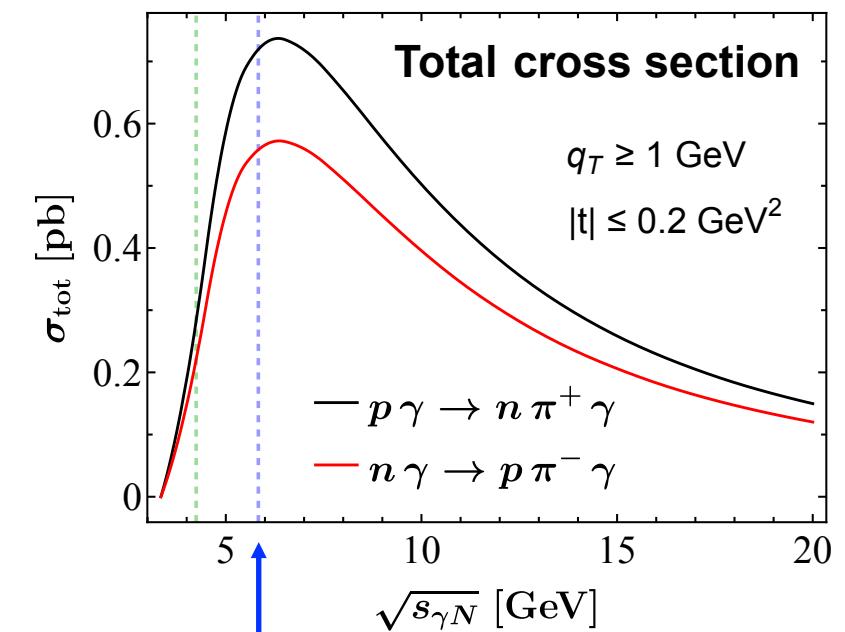
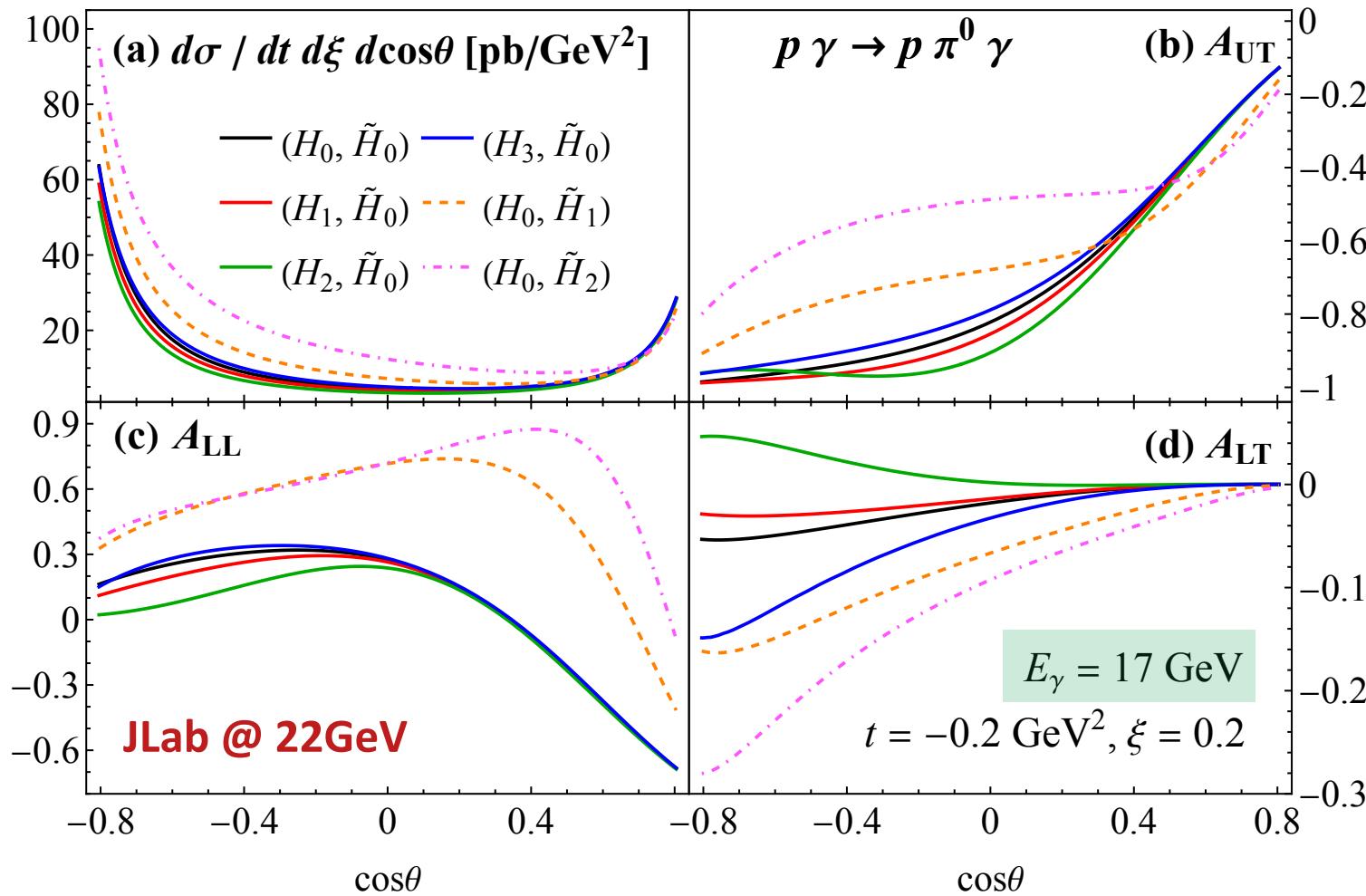
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Summary and Outlook

□ GPDs are fundamental, carrying rich information on:

- Tomographic images of confined quarks and gluons
- Underline dynamics of hadronic properties

□ The $2 \rightarrow 3$ SDHEPs are necessary physical processes for extracting of GPDs

- SDHEP frame is the right one for evaluating angular modulations
- Need SDHEPs with x of GPDs entangled with measured hard scales!

□ QCD Global analyses to extract GPDs:

- With $p \neq p'$, the choice of “+” component is not unique
- SDHEP frame for all known SDHEPs provides a unique way to define the GPDs, necessary for Global analyses
- Need to identify more factorizable SDHEPs for extracting GPDs through Global analyses
- ...

A long but challenging & exciting way to go!

Thanks!

