

Accessing Generalized Parton Distributions through $2 \rightarrow 3$ exclusive processes



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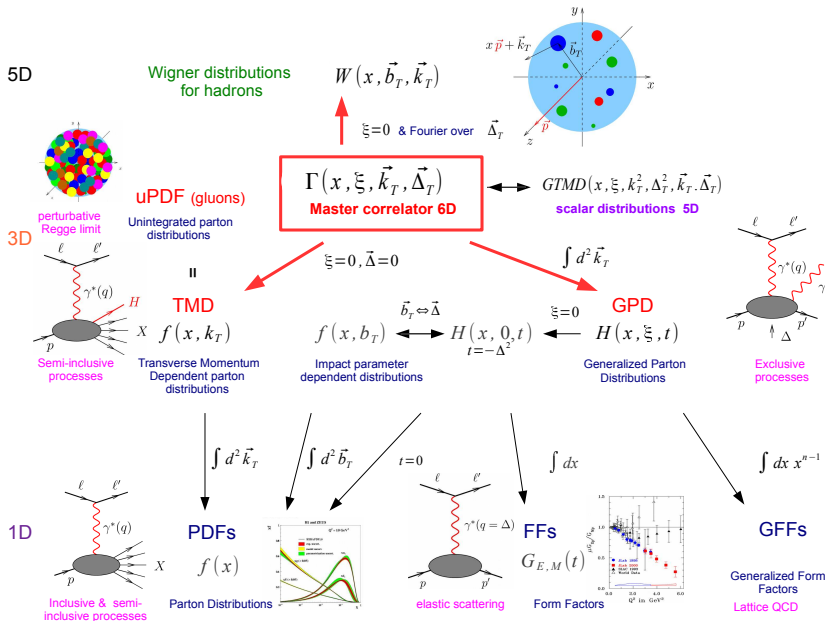
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The big picture



Extensions from DIS

- DIS: inclusive process \rightarrow forward amplitude ($t = 0$) (optical theorem)

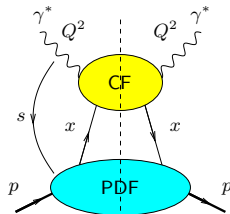
(DIS: Deep Inelastic Scattering)

ex: $e^\pm p \rightarrow e^\pm X$ at HERA

$x \Rightarrow$ 1-dimensional structure

Structure Function

$$= \text{Coefficient Function (hard)} \otimes \text{Parton Distribution Function (soft)}$$



- DVCS: exclusive process \rightarrow non forward amplitude ($-t \ll s = W^2$)

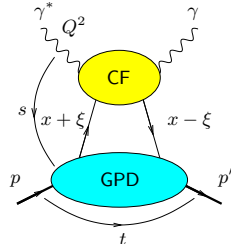
(DVCS: Deep Virtual Compton Scattering)

Fourier transf.: $t \leftrightarrow$ impact parameter

$(x, t) \Rightarrow$ 3-dimensional structure

Amplitude

$$= \text{Coefficient Function (hard)} \otimes \text{Generalized Parton Distribution (soft)}$$

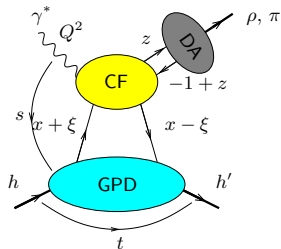


Müller et al. '91 - '94; Radyushkin '96; Ji '97

Extensions from DVCS

- **Meson production:** γ replaced by ρ, π, \dots

$$= \text{Amplitude} \\ = \text{GPD (soft)} \otimes \text{CF (hard)} \otimes \text{Distribution Amplitude (soft)}$$



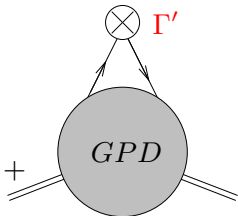
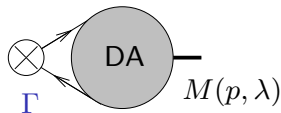
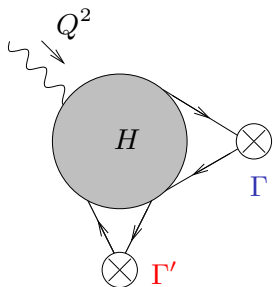
Collins, Frankfurt, Strikman '97; Radyushkin '97

proofs valid only for some restricted cases

Collinear factorization

Meson electroproduction: factorization with a GPD and a DA

The building blocks



Γ, Γ' : Dirac matrices compatible
with quantum numbers: $C, P, T, \text{chirality}$

Similar structure for gluon exchange

Collinear factorization

Twist 2 GPDs

Classification of twist 2 GPDs

- For quarks, one should distinguish the exchanges
 - without helicity flip (chiral-even Γ' matrices): 4 chiral-even GPDs:

$H^q \xrightarrow{\xi=0, t=0}$ PDF q , E^q , $\tilde{H}^q \xrightarrow{\xi=0, t=0}$ polarized PDFs Δq , \tilde{E}^q

$$\begin{aligned} F^q &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dz^+}{2\pi} e^{ixP^+z^-} \langle p' | \bar{q}(-\frac{1}{2}z) \gamma^+ q(\frac{1}{2}z) | p \rangle \Big|_{z^+=0, z_\perp=0} \\ &= \frac{1}{2P^+} \left[H^q(x, \xi, t) \bar{u}(p') \gamma^+ u(p) + E^q(x, \xi, t) \bar{u}(p') \frac{i\sigma^{+\alpha} \Delta_\alpha}{2m} u(p) \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{F}^q &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ixP^+z^-} \langle p' | \bar{q}(-\frac{1}{2}z) \gamma^+ \gamma_5 q(\frac{1}{2}z) | p \rangle \Big|_{z^+=0, z_\perp=0} \\ &= \frac{1}{2P^+} \left[\tilde{H}^q(x, \xi, t) \bar{u}(p') \gamma^+ \gamma_5 u(p) + \tilde{E}^q(x, \xi, t) \bar{u}(p') \frac{\gamma_5 \Delta^+}{2m} u(p) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- with helicity flip (chiral-odd Γ' mat.): 4 chiral-odd GPDs:

$H_T^q \xrightarrow{\xi=0, t=0}$ quark transversity PDFs δq , E_T^q , \tilde{H}_T^q , \tilde{E}_T^q

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ixP^+z^-} \langle p' | \bar{q}(-\frac{1}{2}z) i\sigma^{+i} q(\frac{1}{2}z) | p \rangle \Big|_{z^+=0, z_\perp=0} \\ &= \frac{1}{2P^+} \bar{u}(p') \left[H_T^q i\sigma^{+i} + \tilde{H}_T^q \frac{P^+ \Delta^i - \Delta^+ P^i}{m^2} + E_T^q \frac{\gamma^+ \Delta^i - \Delta^+ \gamma^i}{2m} + \tilde{E}_T^q \frac{\gamma^+ P^i - P^+ \gamma^i}{m} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Collinear factorization

Twist 2 GPDs

Classification of twist 2 GPDs

- analogously, for gluons:

- 4 gluonic GPDs without helicity flip:

$$\begin{array}{l} H^g \\ E^g \end{array} \xrightarrow{\xi=0, t=0} \text{PDF } x g$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \tilde{H}^g \\ \tilde{E}^g \end{array} \xrightarrow{\xi=0, t=0} \text{polarized PDF } x \Delta g$$

- 4 gluonic GPDs with helicity flip:

$$\begin{array}{l} H_T^g \\ E_T^g \\ \tilde{H}_T^g \\ \tilde{E}_T^g \end{array}$$

(no forward limit reducing to gluons PDFs here: a change of 2 units of helicity cannot be compensated by a spin 1/2 target)

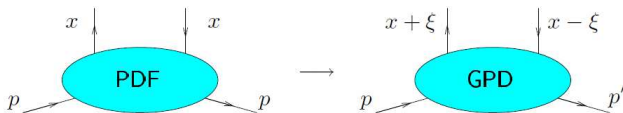
Chiral-odd sector: Transversity of the nucleon using hard processes

What is transversity?

- Transverse spin content of the proton:

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 |\uparrow\rangle(x) & \sim & |\rightarrow\rangle + |\leftarrow\rangle \\
 |\downarrow\rangle(x) & \sim & |\rightarrow\rangle - |\leftarrow\rangle \\
 \text{spin along } x & & \text{helicity states}
 \end{array}$$

- Observables which are sensitive to helicity flip thus give access to transversity $\Delta_T q(x)$. Poorly known.
- Transversity GPDs are completely unknown experimentally.

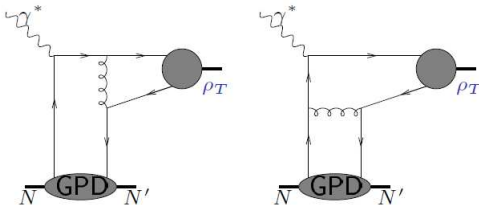


- For massless (anti)particles, chirality = (-)helicity
- **Transversity is thus a chiral-odd quantity**
- Since (in the massless limit) QCD and QED are chiral-even ($\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\mu \gamma^5$), **the chiral-odd quantities ($1, \gamma^5, [\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu]$) which one wants to measure should appear in pairs**

Transversity of the nucleon using hard processes: using a two body final state process?

How to get access to transversity GPDs?

- the dominant DA of ρ_T is of twist 2 and chiral-odd ($[\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu]$ coupling)
- unfortunately $\gamma^* N^\uparrow \rightarrow \rho_T N' = 0$
 - This cancellation is true at any order : such a process would require a helicity transfer of 2 from a photon.
 - lowest order diagrammatic argument:



$$\gamma^\alpha [\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu] \gamma_\alpha \rightarrow 0$$

[Diehl, Gousset, Pire], [Collins, Diehl]

Transversity of the nucleon using hard processes: using a two body final state process?

Go to higher twist?

Can one circumvent this vanishing?

- This vanishing only occurs at [twist 2](#)
- At twist 3 this process does not vanish [[Ahmad, Goldstein, Liuti](#)], [[Goloskokov, Kroll](#)]
- However processes involving [twist 3 DAs](#) may face problems with factorization (end-point singularities)

can be made safe in the high-energy k_T -factorization approach [[Anikin, Ivanov, Pire, Szymanowski, S.W.](#)]

Transversity of the nucleon using hard processes: using a 3-body final state

3-body final state process

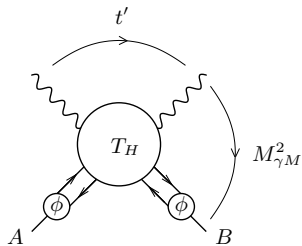
- $\gamma N \rightarrow MMN'$:
 - at small- x :
 - D. Ivanov, B. Pire, L. Szymanowski, O. Teryaev [hep-ph/0209300]
 - R. Enberg, B. Pire, L. Szymanowski [hep-ph/0601138]
 - at medium energies (GPDs):
 - M. El Beiyad, B. Pire, M. Segond, L. Szymanowski, SW [1001.4491]
- $\gamma N \rightarrow \gamma MN'$:
 - R. Boussarie, B. Pire, L. Szymanowski, SW [1609.03830]
 - G. Duplančić, K. Passek-Kumerički, B. Pire, L. Szymanowski, SW [1809.08104]
 - G. Duplančić, S. Nabeebaccus, K. Passek-Kumerički, B. Pire, L. Szymanowski, SW [2212.00655, 2302.12026]

Moreover, the richer kinematics of the process allows the sensitivity of GPDs wrt x to be probed (beyond moment-type dependence, e.g. in DVCS):

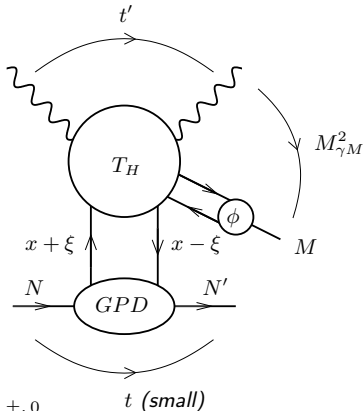
J. Qiu, Z. Yu [2305.15397]

Probing GPDs using ρ or π meson + photon production

- We consider the process $\gamma N \rightarrow \gamma M N'$ $M = \text{meson}$
- Collinear factorization of the amplitude for $\gamma + N \rightarrow \gamma + M + N'$ at large $M_{\gamma M}^2$, t' , u' and small t



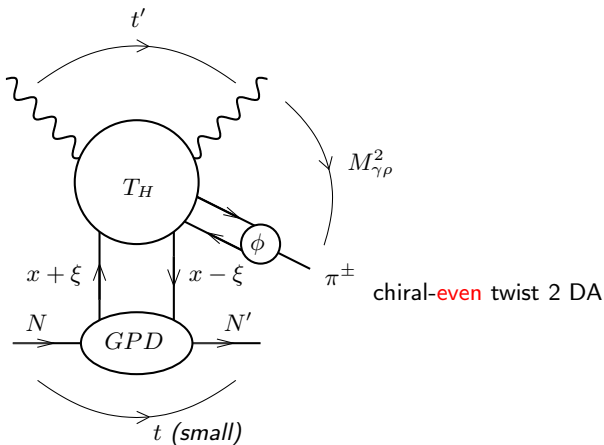
large angle factorization
à la Brodsky Lepage



- Mesons considered in the final state: π^{\pm} , $\rho_{L,T}^{\pm,0}$
- Leading order and leading twist

Probing **chiral-even** GPDs using π meson + photon production

Processes with **3 body final states** can give access to **chiral-even GPDs**

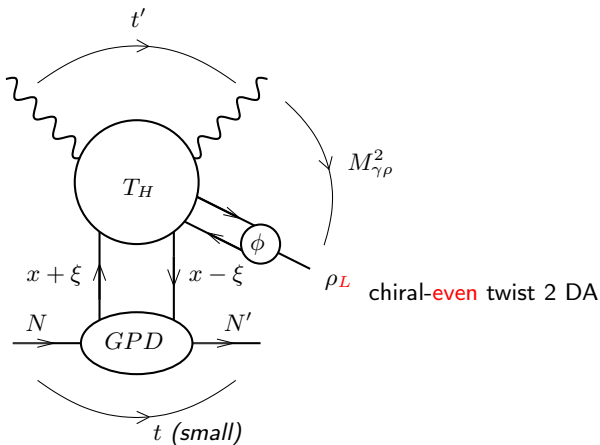


chiral-even twist 2 DA

chiral-even twist 2 GPD

Probing **chiral-even** GPDs using ρ_L meson + photon production

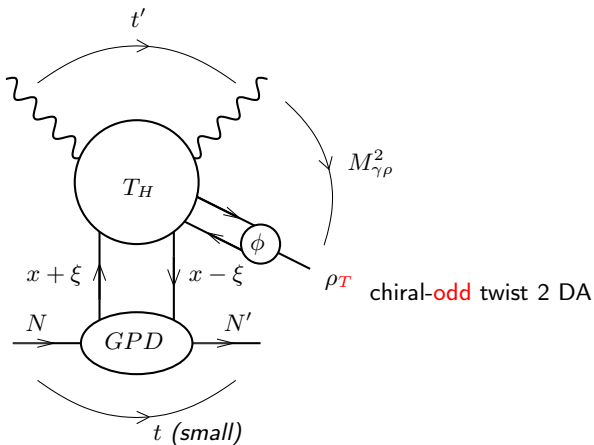
Processes with **3 body final states** can give access to **chiral-even GPDs**



chiral-even twist 2 GPD

Probing **chiral-odd** GPDs using ρ_T meson + photon production

Processes with **3 body final states** can give access to **chiral-odd GPDs**



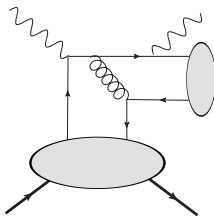
ρ_T chiral-odd twist 2 DA

chiral-odd twist 2 GPD

Probing **chiral-odd** GPDs using ρ_T γ production

Processes with **3 body final states** can give access to **chiral-odd GPDs**

How did we manage to circumvent the no-go theorem for $2 \rightarrow 2$ processes?



Typical LO non-zero diagram for a **transverse** ρ meson

the σ matrices (from DA and GPD sides) do not kill it anymore!

Computation

Kinematics

Kinematics to handle GPD in a 3-body final state process

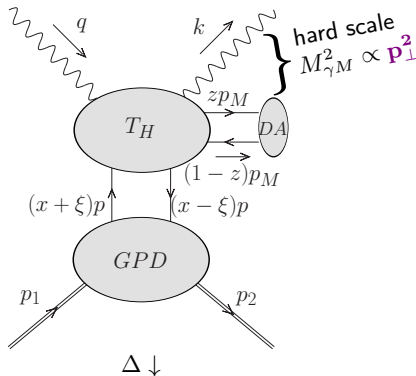
- use a **Sudakov** basis :
light-cone vectors p , n with $2p \cdot n = s$
- assume the following kinematics:
 - $\Delta_{\perp} \ll \mathbf{p}_{\perp}$
 - $M^2, m_M^2 \ll M_{\gamma M}^2$

- initial state particle momenta:
 $q^{\mu} = n^{\mu}$, $p_1^{\mu} = (1 + \xi)p^{\mu} + \frac{M^2}{s(1+\xi)}n^{\mu}$
- final state particle momenta:

$$p_2^{\mu} = (1 - \xi)p^{\mu} + \frac{M^2 + \vec{p}_t^2}{s(1 - \xi)}n^{\mu} + \Delta_{\perp}^{\mu}$$

$$k^{\mu} = \alpha n^{\mu} + \frac{(\vec{p}_t - \vec{\Delta}_t/2)^2}{\alpha s} p^{\mu} + \mathbf{p}_{\perp}^{\mu} - \frac{\Delta_{\perp}^{\mu}}{2},$$

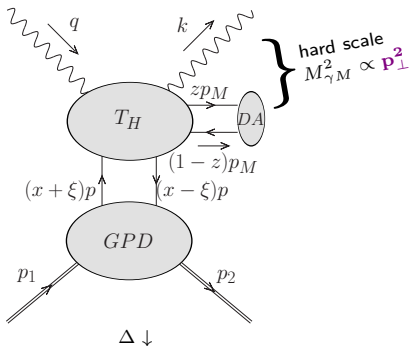
$$p_M^{\mu} = \alpha_M n^{\mu} + \frac{(\vec{p}_t + \vec{\Delta}_t/2)^2 + m_M^2}{\alpha_M s} p^{\mu} - \mathbf{p}_{\perp}^{\mu} - \frac{\Delta_{\perp}^{\mu}}{2},$$



Computation

Kinematics

$$\gamma(q) + N(p_1) \rightarrow \gamma(k) + M(p_M, \varepsilon_M) + N'(p_2)$$



Useful Mandelstam variables:

$$t = (p_2 - p_1)^2,$$

$$u' = (p_M - q)^2,$$

$$t' = (k - q)^2,$$

$$S_{\gamma N} = (q + p_1)^2.$$

- Factorisation requires:

$$-u' > 1 \text{ GeV}^2, \quad -t' > 1 \text{ GeV}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad (-t)_{\min} \leq -t \leq .5 \text{ GeV}^2$$

\implies sufficient to ensure **large p_T**

- Cross-section differential in $(-u')$ and $M_{\gamma M}^2$, and evaluated at $(-t) = (-t)_{\min}$, covering $S_{\gamma N}$ from $\sim 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ to 20000 GeV^2

Computation

Non perturbative **chiral-even** building blocks

- Helicity conserving GPDs at twist 2 :

$$\int \frac{dz^-}{4\pi} e^{ixP^+z^-} \langle p_2, \lambda_2 | \bar{\psi}_q \left(-\frac{1}{2}z^- \right) \gamma^+ \psi \left(\frac{1}{2}z^- \right) | p_1, \lambda_1 \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{2P^+} \bar{u}(p_2, \lambda_2) \left[H^q(x, \xi, t) \gamma^+ + E^q(x, \xi, t) \frac{i\sigma^{\alpha+} \Delta_\alpha}{2m} \right]$$

$$\int \frac{dz^-}{4\pi} e^{ixP^+z^-} \langle p_2, \lambda_2 | \bar{\psi}_q \left(-\frac{1}{2}z^- \right) \gamma^+ \gamma^5 \psi \left(\frac{1}{2}z^- \right) | p_1, \lambda_1 \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{2P^+} \bar{u}(p_2, \lambda_2) \left[\tilde{H}^q(x, \xi, t) \gamma^+ \gamma^5 + \tilde{E}^q(x, \xi, t) \frac{\gamma^5 \Delta^+}{2m} \right]$$

- We will consider the simplest case when $\Delta_\perp = 0$.
- In that case and in the forward limit $\xi \rightarrow 0$ only the H^q and \tilde{H}^q terms survive.
- Helicity conserving (vector) DA at twist 2 :

$$\langle 0 | \bar{u}(0) \gamma^\mu u(x) | \rho^0(p, s) \rangle = \frac{p^\mu}{\sqrt{2}} f_\rho \int_0^1 du e^{-iup \cdot x} \phi_{\parallel}(u)$$

Computation

Non perturbative **chiral-odd** building blocks

- Helicity flip GPD at twist 2 :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int \frac{dz^-}{4\pi} e^{ixP^+z^-} \langle p_2, \lambda_2 | \bar{\psi}_q \left(-\frac{1}{2}z^- \right) i\sigma^{+i} \psi \left(\frac{1}{2}z^- \right) | p_1, \lambda_1 \rangle \\
 = & \frac{1}{2P^+} \bar{u}(p_2, \lambda_2) \left[H_T^q(x, \xi, t) i\sigma^{+i} + \tilde{H}_T^q(x, \xi, t) \frac{P^+ \Delta^i - \Delta^+ P^i}{M_N^2} \right. \\
 + & \left. E_T^q(x, \xi, t) \frac{\gamma^+ \Delta^i - \Delta^+ \gamma^i}{2M_N} + \tilde{E}_T^q(x, \xi, t) \frac{\gamma^+ P^i - P^+ \gamma^i}{M_N} \right] u(p_1, \lambda_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

- We will consider the simplest case when $\Delta_\perp = 0$.
- In that case and in the forward limit $\xi \rightarrow 0$ only the H_T^q term survives.
- Transverse ρ DA at twist 2 :

$$\langle 0 | \bar{u}(0) \sigma^{\mu\nu} u(x) | \rho^0(p, s) \rangle = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} (\epsilon_\rho^\mu p^\nu - \epsilon_\rho^\nu p^\mu) f_\rho^\perp \int_0^1 du e^{-iup \cdot x} \phi_\perp(u)$$

Computation

Parametrising the GPDs: 2 scenarios for polarised and transversity PDFs

Quark GPDs are parametrised in terms of **Double Distributions**

[A. Radyushkin: [hep-ph/9805342](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/9805342)]

For **polarised** PDFs Δq (and hence **transversity** PDFs δq), two scenarios are proposed for the parameterization:

- “**standard**” scenario, with flavor-symmetric light sea quark and antiquark distributions
- “**valence**” scenario with a completely flavor-asymmetric light sea quark densities.

Computation

DAs used

- We take the simplistic **asymptotic** form of the DAs

$$\phi_{\text{as}}(z) = 6z(1-z).$$

- We also investigate the effect of using a **holographic** DA:

$$\phi_{\text{hol}}(z) = \frac{8}{\pi} \sqrt{z(1-z)}.$$

Suggested by

- AdS/QCD correspondence [S. Brodsky, G. de Teramond: hep-ph/0602252],
- dynamical chiral symmetry breaking on the light-front [C. Shi, C. Chen, L. Chang, C. Roberts, S. Schmidt, H. Zong: 1504.00689],
- recent lattice results. [X. Gao, A. Hanlon, N. Karthik, S. Mukherjee, P. Petreczky, P. Scior, S. Syritsyn, Y. Zhao: 2206.04084]

Computation

Method

$$A = \int_{-1}^1 dx \int_0^1 dz T_H(x, \xi, z) \text{GPD}(x, \xi, t) \Phi_M(z)$$

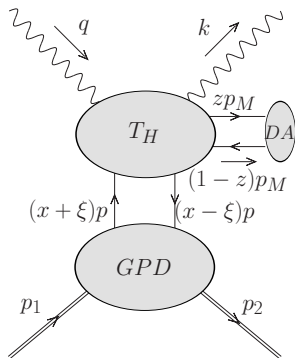
- Differential cross section:

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dt du' dM_{\gamma M}^2} \right|_{-t=(-t)_{min}} = \frac{|\bar{A}|^2}{32 S_{\gamma N}^2 M_{\gamma M}^2 (2\pi)^3}.$$

- Kinematic parameters: $S_{\gamma N}$, $M_{\gamma M}^2$, $-t$, $-u'$
- Useful dimensionless variables (hard part):

$$\alpha = \frac{-u'}{M_{\gamma M}^2},$$

$$\xi = \frac{M_{\gamma M}^2}{2(S_{\gamma N} - m_N^2) - M_{\gamma M}^2}.$$



Computation

Is QCD collinear factorisation really justified?

- Recently, factorisation has been proved for the process $\pi N \rightarrow \gamma\gamma N'$ by [J. Qiu, Z. Yu \[2205.07846\]](#).
- This was extended to a wide range of $2 \rightarrow 3$ exclusive processes by [J. Qiu, Z. Yu \[2210.07995\]](#)
- The proof relies on having **large p_T** , rather than large invariant mass (e.g. photon-meson pair).
- In fact, NLO computation has been performed for $\gamma N \rightarrow \gamma\gamma N'$ by [O. Grocholski, B. Pire, P. Sznajder, L. Szymanowski, J. Wagner \[2110.00048, 2204.00396\]](#)
- Also, NLO computation for $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ by crossing symmetry [G. Duplancic, B. Nizic: \[hep-ph/0607069\]](#).

Issues with exclusive $\pi^0\gamma$ photoproduction which allows for **gluonic exchange in t -channel**:

violation of collinear factorization at twist 2 due to Glauber gluons!

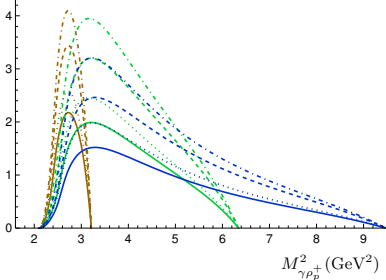
see [Saad Nabeebaccus's](#) talk on Wednesday

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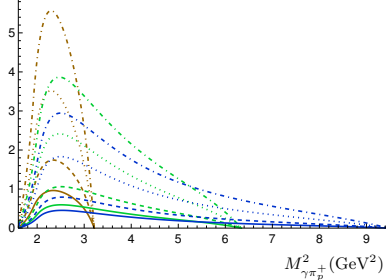
Single differential cross-section

 $\gamma\rho_p^+ L$ versus $\gamma\pi_p^+$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\gamma\rho_p^+}^{\text{even}}}{dM_{\gamma\rho_p^+}^2} \text{ (pb} \cdot \text{GeV}^{-2}\text{)}$$



$$\frac{d\sigma_{\gamma\pi_p^+}^{\text{even}}}{dM_{\gamma\pi_p^+}^2} \text{ (pb} \cdot \text{GeV}^{-2}\text{)}$$



$$S_{\gamma N} = 8, 14, 20 \text{ GeV}^2$$

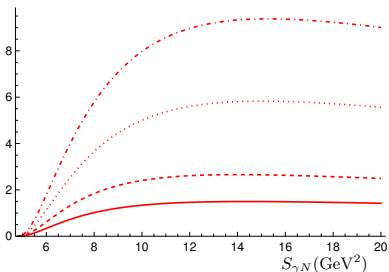
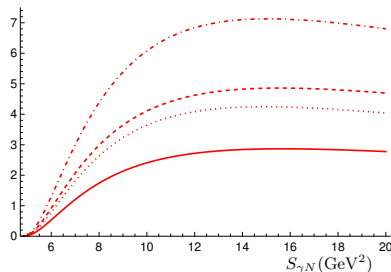
Dashed: Holographic DA non-dashed: Asymptotical DA

Dotted: standard scenario non-dotted: valence scenario

⇒ Effect of GPD model more important on π_p^+ than on ρ_p^+

Results

Integrated cross-section

 $\gamma\pi_p^+$ versus $\gamma\pi_n^-$ $\sigma_{\gamma\pi_p^+}^{even}$ (pb) $\sigma_{\gamma\pi_n^-}^{even}$ (pb)

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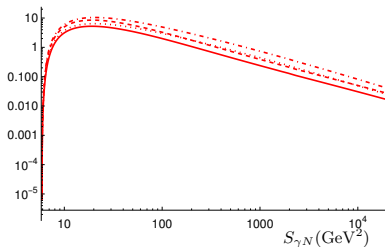
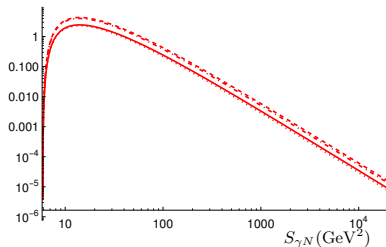
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 \Rightarrow Huge effect from GPD model in π_p^+ case.

Results

Integrated cross-section

 $\gamma\rho_{P^+}^L$ versus $\gamma\rho_{P^+}^T$
 $\sigma_{\gamma\rho_{P^+}^L}^{\text{even}}$ (pb)

 $\sigma_{\gamma\rho_{P^+}^T}^{\text{odd}}$ (pb)


Dashed: Holographic DA

non-dashed: Asymptotical DA

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$\implies \xi^2$ suppression in the chiral-odd case causes the cross-section to drop rapidly with $S_{\gamma N}$ ($\xi \approx \frac{M_{\gamma\rho}^2}{2S_{\gamma N}}$).

Results

Polarisation Asymmetries wrt incoming photon

We consider an **unpolarised target**, and determine polarisation asymmetries wrt the incoming photon.

- Circular polarisation asymmetry = 0 (QCD/QED invariance under parity)
- Linear polarisation asymmetry:

$$\text{LPA} = \frac{d\sigma_x - d\sigma_y}{d\sigma_x + d\sigma_y}$$

x = direction defined by p_\perp (direction of outgoing photon in the \perp plane)

- In fact,

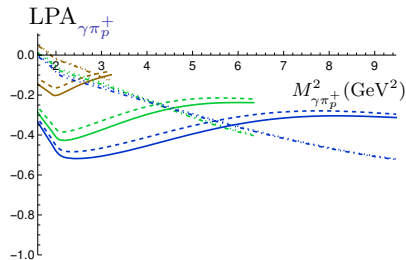
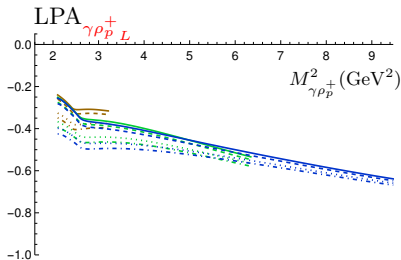
$$\text{LPA}_{\text{Lab}} = \text{LPA} \cos(2\theta) ,$$

where θ is the angle between the lab frame x -direction and p_\perp .

- **Kleiss-Stirling** spinor techniques used to obtain expressions.
- **Both asymmetries are zero in chiral-odd case!**

Results

LPA wrt incoming photon: Single-differential level

 $\gamma\rho_p^+$ versus $\gamma\pi_p^+$ 

$$S_{\gamma N} = 8, 14, 20 \text{ GeV}^2$$

Dashed: Holographic DA

non-dashed: Asymptotical DA

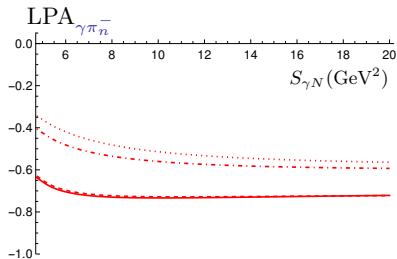
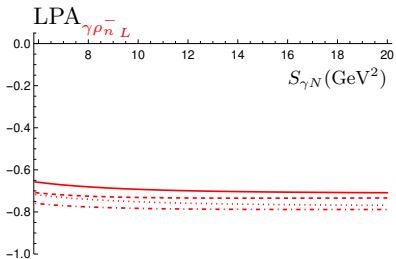
Dotted: standard scenario

non-dotted: valence scenario

⇒ GPD model changes the behaviour of the LPA completely in the π_p^+ case!

Results

LPA wrt incoming photon: Integrated level

 $\gamma\rho_n^-$ versus $\gamma\pi_n^-$ 

Dashed: Holographic DA

non-dashed: Asymptotical DA

Dotted: standard scenario

non-dotted: valence scenario

 \Rightarrow LPAs are sizeable!

Prospects at experiments

Counting rates: JLab

Good statistics: For example, at **JLab Hall B**:

- untagged incoming $\gamma \Rightarrow$ **Weizsäcker-Williams** distribution
- with an expected luminosity of $\mathcal{L} = 100 \text{ nb}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$, for 100 days of run:
 - ρ_L^0 (on p) : $\approx 2.4 \times 10^5$
 - ρ_T^0 (on p) : $\approx 4.2 \times 10^4$ (Chiral-odd)
 - ρ_L^+ : $\approx 1.4 \times 10^5$
 - ρ_T^+ : $\approx 6.7 \times 10^4$ (Chiral-odd)
 - π^+ : $\approx 1.8 \times 10^5$
- No problem in detecting outgoing photon at JLab.

Prospects at experiments

Counting rates: EIC

- At the future **EIC**, with an expected integrated luminosity of 10 fb^{-1} (about 100 times smaller than JLab):

- ρ_L^0 (on p) : $\approx 2.4 \times 10^4$

- ρ_T^0 (on p) : $\approx 2.4 \times 10^3$ (Chiral-odd)

- ρ_L^+ : $\approx 1.5 \times 10^4$

- ρ_T^+ : $\approx 4.2 \times 10^3$ (Chiral-odd)

- π^+ : $\approx 1.3 \times 10^4$

- **Small ξ study:**

$$300 < S_{\gamma N} / \text{GeV}^2 < 20000 \quad (5 \cdot 10^{-5} < \xi < 5 \cdot 10^{-3}):$$

- ρ_L^0 (on p) : $\approx 1.2 \times 10^3$

- ρ_T^0 (on p) : ≈ 6.5 (Chiral-odd) (tiny)

- ρ_L^+ : $\approx 9.3 \times 10^2$

- π^+ : $\approx 5.0 \times 10^2$

Prospects at experiments

LHC at UPC

For p-Pb UPCs at LHC (integrated luminosity of 1200 nb^{-1}):

- With future data from runs 3 and 4,
 - $\rho_L^0 : \approx 1.6 \times 10^4$
 - $\rho_T^0 : \approx 1.7 \times 10^3$ (Chiral-odd)
 - $\rho_L^+ : \approx 1.1 \times 10^4$
 - $\rho_T^+ : \approx 2.9 \times 10^3$ (Chiral-odd)
 - $\pi^+ : \approx 9.3 \times 10^3$
- $300 < S_{\gamma N}/\text{GeV}^2 < 20000$ ($5 \cdot 10^{-5} < \xi < 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$):
 - $\rho_L^0 : \approx 8.1 \times 10^2$
 - $\rho_L^+ : \approx 6.4 \times 10^2$
 - $\pi^+ : \approx 3.4 \times 10^2$

Conclusions

- Exclusive photoproduction of photon-meson pair provides additional channel for **extracting GPDs**: Interesting effects from choice of different mesons, access to **chiral-odd GPDs** at the **leading twist**
- Especially interesting since it can probe **chiral-odd GPDs** at the leading twist, and provides **better sensitivity to x -dependence of GPDs**
- **Proof of factorisation** for this family of processes now available, but $\pi^0\gamma$ **photoproduction** suffers from **collinear factorisation breaking effects** at the **leading twist**: see **Saad Nabeebaccus's** talk
- **Good statistics** in various experiments, particularly at JLab
- **Small ξ limit** of GPDs can be investigated by exploiting high energies available in collider mode such as EIC and UPCs at LHC.

Outlook

- Compute $\gamma N \rightarrow \gamma \pi^0 N$ in high-energy (k_T) factorisation [ongoing]
- Compute **NLO** corrections (422 NLO diagrams, vs 20 LO diagrams!). Careful treatment of **$i\epsilon$ factors** in denominators [ongoing]
- Generalise to **electroproduction** ($Q^2 \neq 0$)
- Add **Bethe-Heitler** component (photon emitted from incoming lepton)
 - zero in chiral-odd case
 - suppressed in chiral-even case