

Meson production at NLO and higher-twist revisited

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Outline

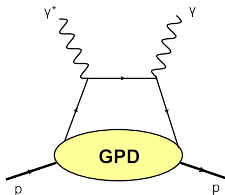
- 1 DVMP at NLO: NLO global DIS+DVCS+DV ρ^0 P fits
- 2 DVMP at twist-3: DV π^0 P

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GPDs from deeply virtual exclusive processes

DVCS



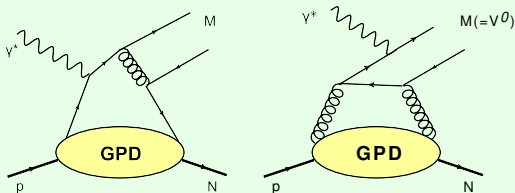
$$\gamma_T^* N \rightarrow \gamma N$$

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

NLO:

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

DVMP



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

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

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

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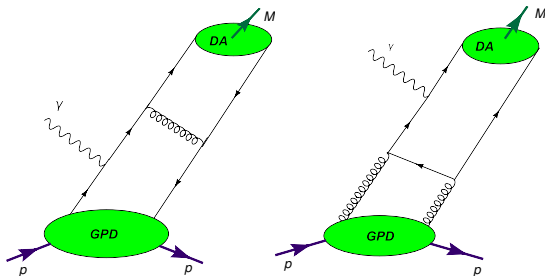
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 - similar behaviour for wide-angle pion electroproduction ($t \gg \Lambda^2$) but necessary 3-body tw3 contributions ($\pi = q\bar{q}g$) determined; info on tw3 pion DA from photoproduction fits [Kroll, P-K. '18', '21]
⇒ full (2- and 3-body) twist-3 contributions confronted with data
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DVMP at twist-2 NLO

DVMP to NLO

$$\gamma^* q \rightarrow (q\bar{q})q, \gamma^* g \rightarrow (q\bar{q})g$$

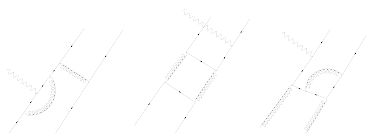


NLO DV PS^+ prod.: [Belitsky and Müller '01]

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

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

[Duplančić, Müller, P-K. '17]



DVMP to NLO

- NLO corrections important \Leftarrow reduction of dependence on the scales and schemes
- only few DVMP phenomenological analysis to NLO:
[Belitsky and Müller '01], [Diehl, Kugler '07]
and [Müller, Lautenschläger, P-K., Schäfer '14, Duplančić, Müller, P-K., '17],
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- large NLO corrections and model dependence
- GPD evolution important
- NLO global DIS+DVCS+DVMP fits needed

From momentum fraction to CPaW formalism

DVCS: Compton form factors

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- series summed using Mellin-Barnes integral over complex j

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

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

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

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

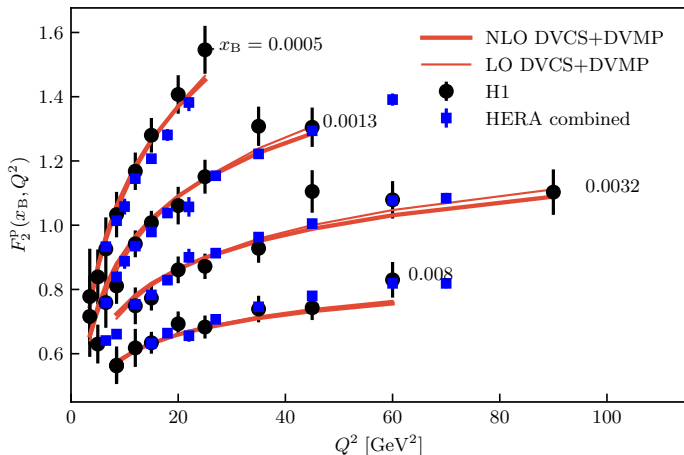
$$q_j^a = N_a \frac{B(1 - \alpha_0^a + j, \beta^a + 1)}{B(2 - \alpha_0^a, \beta^a + 1)}$$

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

Fit parameters:

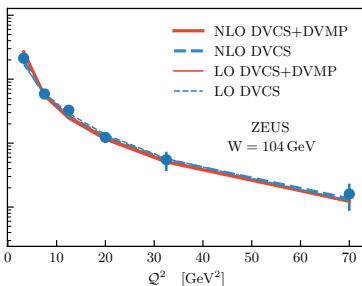
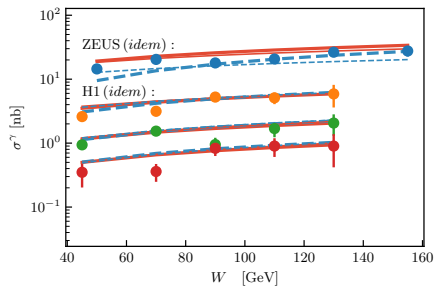
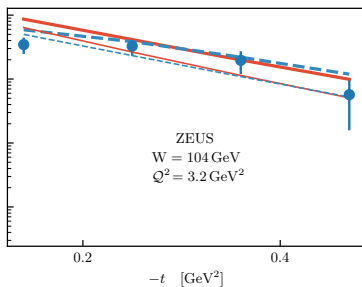
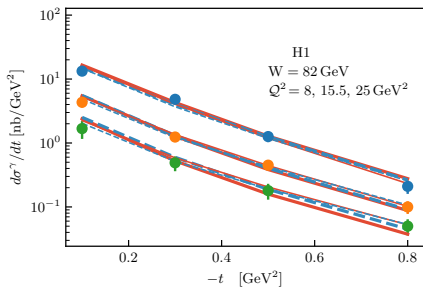
- DIS: $\{N_{\text{sea}}, \alpha_0^{\text{sea}}, \alpha_0^{\text{G}}\}$
- DVCS+DVMP: $\{\alpha'^{\text{sea}}, \alpha'^{\text{G}}, m_{\text{sea}}^2, m_{\text{G}}^2, s_2^{\text{sea}}, s_2^{\text{G}}, s_4^{\text{sea}}, s_4^{\text{G}}\}$

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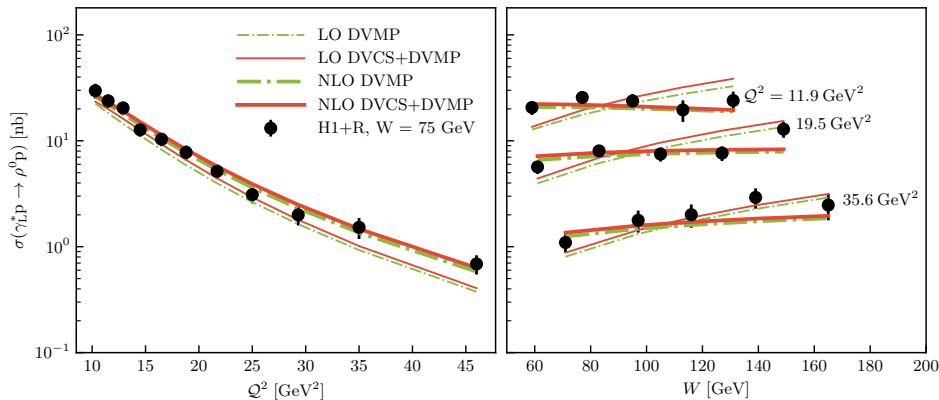


- may seem trivial, but not all popular models describe DIS

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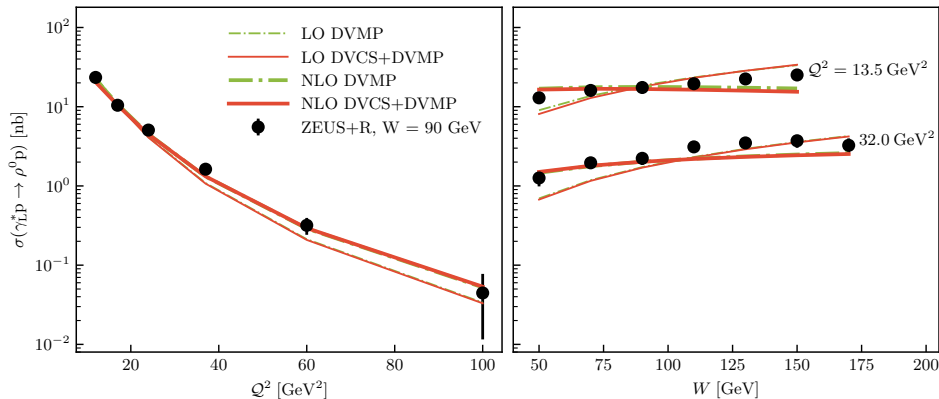


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$$R \equiv \frac{\sigma_L^{\rho^0}}{\sigma_T^{\rho^0}} \rightarrow R(W, Q^2) = \frac{Q^2}{m_{\rho^0}^2} \left(1 + a \frac{Q^2}{m_{\rho^0}^2} \right)^{-p} \left(1 + b \frac{Q^2}{W} \right) \text{ fit}$$

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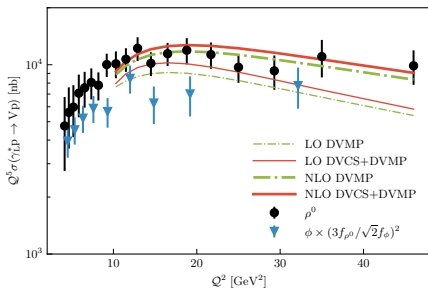
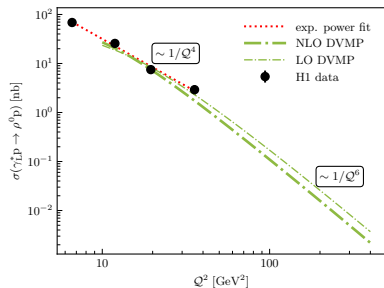
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Dataset	Refs.	n_{pts}	LO-			NLO-		
			DVCS	DVMP	DVCS-DVMP	DVCS	DVMP	DVCS-DVMP
DIS	[90]	85	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8
DVCS	[92–95]	27	0.4	$\gg 1$	0.6	0.6	$\gg 1$	0.8
DVMP	[88, 89]	45	$\gg 1$	3.1	3.3	$\gg 1$	1.5	1.8
Total		157	$\gg 1$	$\gg 1$	1.4	3.7	$\gg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

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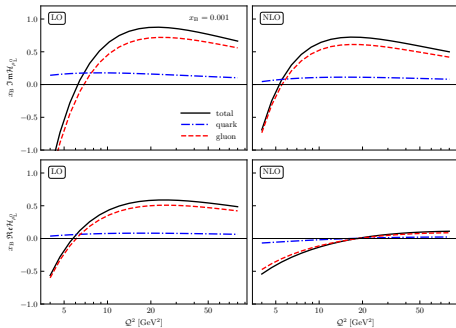
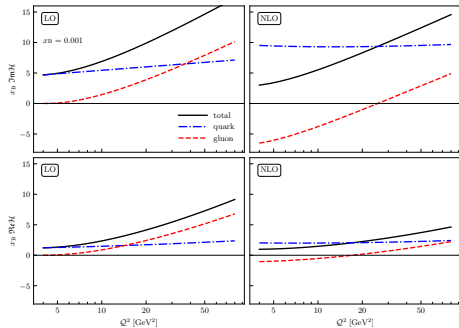
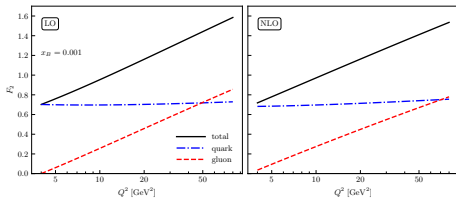
σ_L asymptotically: $\frac{1}{Q^6}$

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

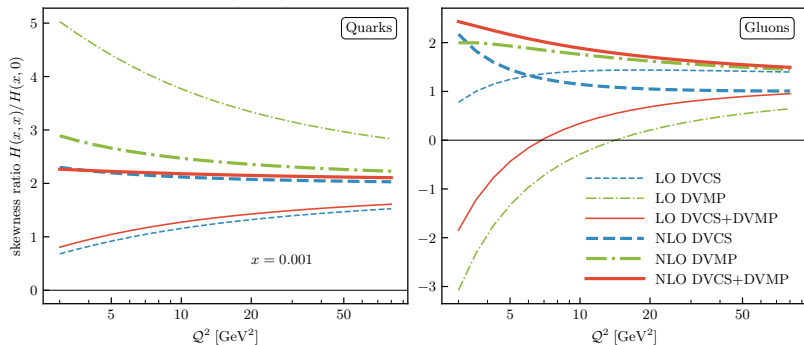
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quark-gluon structure?



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



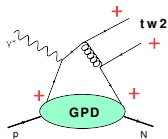
- conformal (Shuvaev) values (PDFs completely specified by GPDs):
 $r^q \approx 1.65$, $r^G \approx 1$,
- r measures goodness of GPD extraction \Rightarrow NLO fit successful

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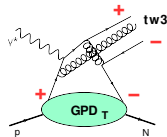
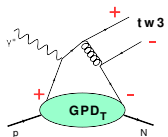
DVMP to twist-3

μ photon helicity, $\lambda \dots$ quark helicities

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



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



Note: just meson DA tw-3 contributions ($\mu_\pi = 2$ GeV)

distribution amplitudes (DAs):

→ see [J. Zhou talk](#)

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 $\phi_{3\pi}$

→ connected by equations of motion (EOMs)

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⇒ modified perturbative approach (MPA)

(with k_{\perp} quark transverse momenta) as in [Goloskov, Kroll, '10]

⇒ pure collinear picture with effective m_g^2

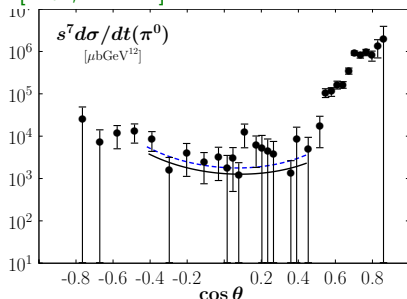
$$\int_0^1 d\tau \phi_{\pi p}(\tau) \frac{1}{((x - \xi)\bar{\tau} - m_g^2(2\xi)/Q^2 + i\epsilon)} \frac{1}{(x - \xi + i\epsilon)} \otimes^x H_T(\bar{E}_T)$$

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 2)

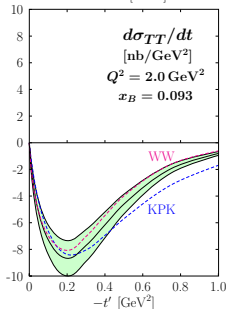
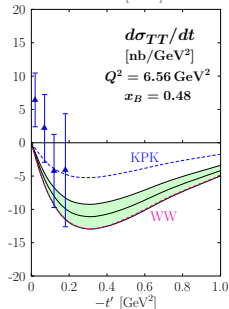
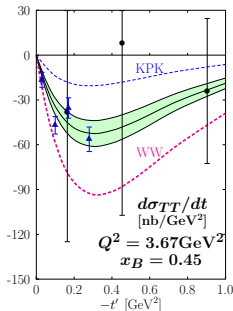
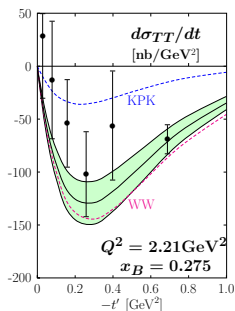
[Kroll, P-K '21]



solid curve: tw2+(tw3 $\phi_{3\pi}$ set1)
dashed curve: tw2+(tw3 $\phi_{3\pi}$ set2)

exp data:
full circles [SLAC '76]

MPA $d\sigma_{TT}$



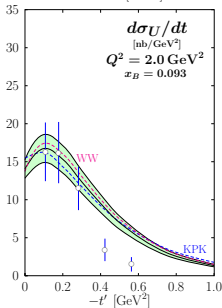
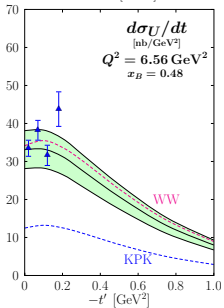
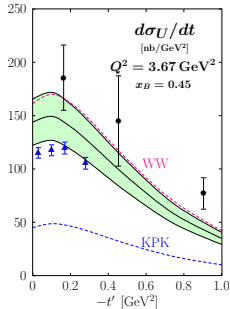
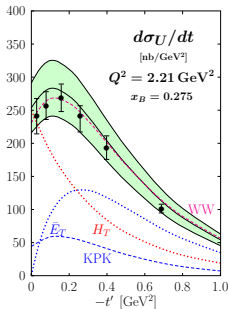
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MPA $d\sigma_U$

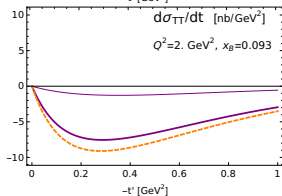
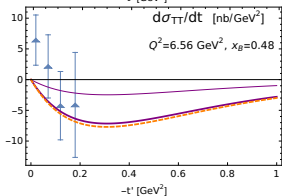
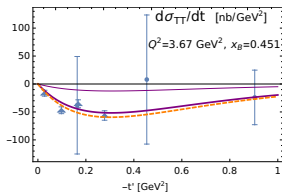
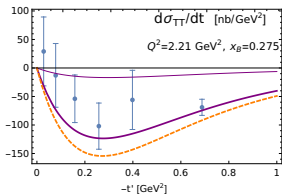


solid curves:
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dashed curves:
tw3 set 2 ("KPK")

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

Collinear approach with m_g^2 : $d\sigma_{TT}$

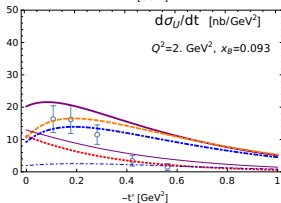
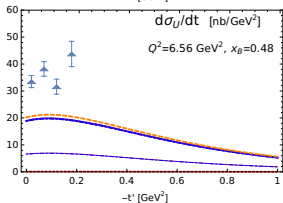
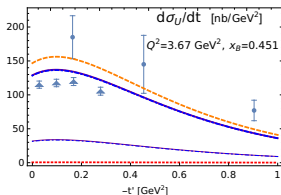
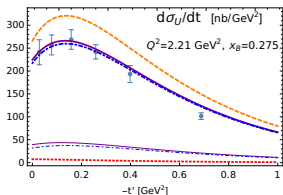


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tw3 set 2 ("KPK")
orange dashed curves:
tw3 WW

exp data:
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$$m_g^2(Q^2) = \frac{m_0^2}{1 + (Q^2/M^2)^{1+p}}$$

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



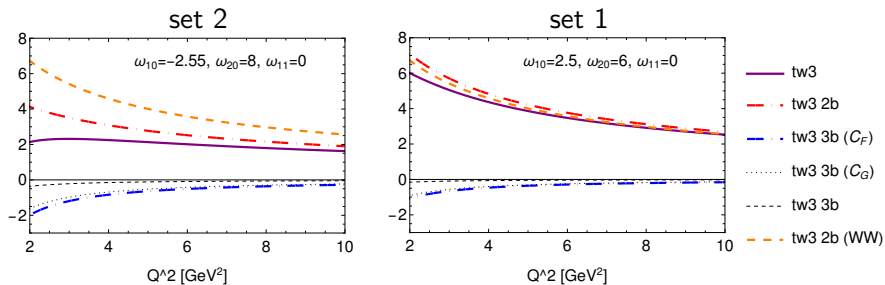
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tw2 + tw3 set 1
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tw2 + tw3 set 2
orange dashed curves:
tw2 + tw3 WW

red curves: tw2
blue curves: tw3

exp data:
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Collinear approach with m_g^2



- 3-body contributions smaller but may influence the Q^2 behaviour

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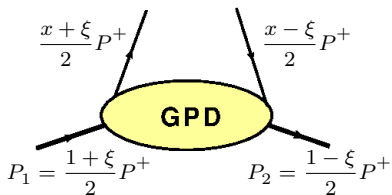
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Thank you.

Generalized Parton Distributions



$$P = P_1 + P_2$$

$$\Delta = P_2 - P_1$$

x parton's "average" longitudinal momentum fraction

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

$\Delta^2 = t$ momentum transfer

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

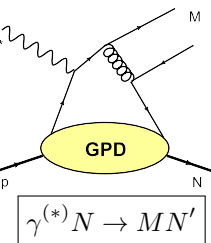
$\mu \dots$ factorization scale

- vector (H^a , E^a) and axial-vector GPDs (\tilde{H}^a , \tilde{E}^a)
- transversity GPDs (H_T^a , E_T^a , \tilde{H}_T^a , \tilde{E}_T^a)

Meson Production: handbag factorization

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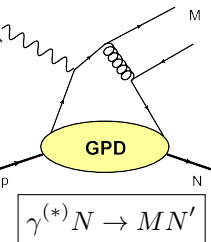
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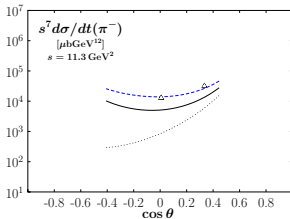
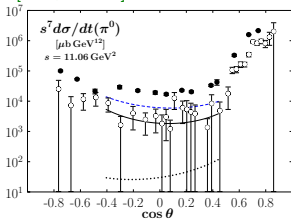
large scale Q^2 (Q^2, s or ...)

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

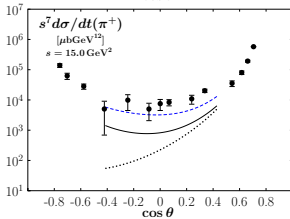
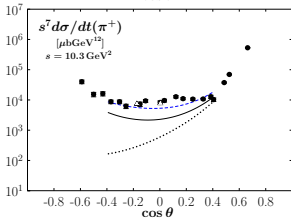
Photoproduction (π)

- complete twist-3 prediction for π_0 photoproduction fitted to CLAS data and obtained predictions for π^\pm

[Kroll, P-K '21]



solid curves:
complete twist-3
dotted curves: twist-2



exp data:
full circles [SLAC '76]
open circles [CLAS '17]
triangles [JLab, Hall A '05]

- twist-2 prediction well below the data

Subprocess amplitudes: twist-3

General structure:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H}^{P,tw3} &= \mathcal{H}^{P,tw3,q\bar{q}} + \mathcal{H}^{P,tw3,q\bar{q}g} \\ &= \left(\mathcal{H}^{P,\phi_{Pp}} + \mathcal{H}^{P,\phi_{P2}^{EOM}} \right) + \left(\mathcal{H}^{P,q\bar{q}g,C_F} + \mathcal{H}^{P,q\bar{q}g,C_G} \right) \\ &= \mathcal{H}^{P,\phi_{Pp}} + \mathcal{H}^{P,\phi_{3P},C_F} + \mathcal{H}^{P,\phi_{3P},C_G}\end{aligned}$$

- 2- and 3-body contributions necessary for gauge invariance
- WAMP
 - photoproduction ($Q \rightarrow 0$): $\mathcal{H}^{P,\phi_{Pp}} = 0$ [Kroll, P-K '18]
 - no end-point singularities for $\hat{t} \neq 0$!

Meson Production status

- DV (V_L) P:

- tw-2 predictions ($\underline{\gamma_L^* N \rightarrow V_L N'}$) can describe the data
- tw-3 calculations ($\underline{\gamma_T^* N \rightarrow V_{L,T} N'}$) [Anikin, Teryaev '02], [Golosk., Kroll '13]

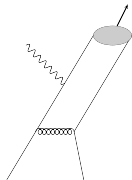
- DV (PS) P:

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- \Rightarrow **tw-3 calculations** ($\underline{\gamma_T^* N \rightarrow \pi N'}$) with transversity (chiral-odd) GPDs ($H_T^q \dots$) [Goloskokov, Kroll '10] (2-body, i.e., WW approximation), [Ahmad, Goldstein Liuti '09, Goldstein, Hernandez, Liuti '13]

- WA (PS) P:

- **tw-2 results** [Huang, Kroll '00] **bellow the data** [SLAC '76], [JLab '05, '18] for photoproduction ($Q^2 = 0$)
- tw-3 2-body π photoproduction vanishes [Huang, Jakob, Kroll, P-K '03]
- \Rightarrow **tw-3 (2- and 3-body) prediction** to π_0 photoproduction [Kroll, P-K '18] fitted to CLAS data [CLAS '18]; photoproduction of η, η' mesons [Kroll, P-K. '22] [preliminary GlueX '20]
- \Rightarrow tw-3 prediction for π^\pm, π^0 **photo- and electroproduction** ($Q^2 < -t$) [Kroll, P-K. '21]; **extension to DV (PS) P**

Subprocess amplitudes \mathcal{H} : projectors

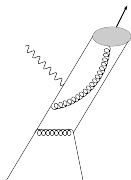


$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \pi$ projector

[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]

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

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

$$\mu_{\pi} = m_{\pi}^2 / (m_u + m_d) \cong 2 \text{ GeV}, f_{3\pi} \sim \mu_{\pi}$$

NLO for DV V_L production

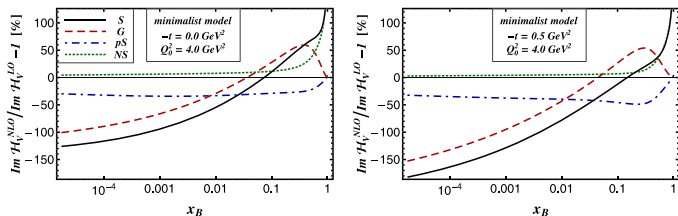


Fig. 6. Relative NLO corrections to the imaginary part of the flavor singlet TFF \mathcal{F}_V^S (solid) broken down to the gluon (dashed), pure singlet quark (dash-dotted) and 'non-singlet' quark (dotted) at $t = 0 \text{ GeV}^2$ (left panel) and $t = -0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ (right panel) at the initial scale $Q_0^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$.

[Müller, Lautenschlager, P-K., Schäfer '14]

- large NLO corrections for small x_B , i.e., ξ