

New physical processes for extracting generalized parton distributions with a better sensitivity to partonic structure

- Explore hadron's partonic structure without breaking it!
- Challenges for studying exclusive processes
- Need new processes
- QCD factorization for exclusive processes
- Summary and Outlook



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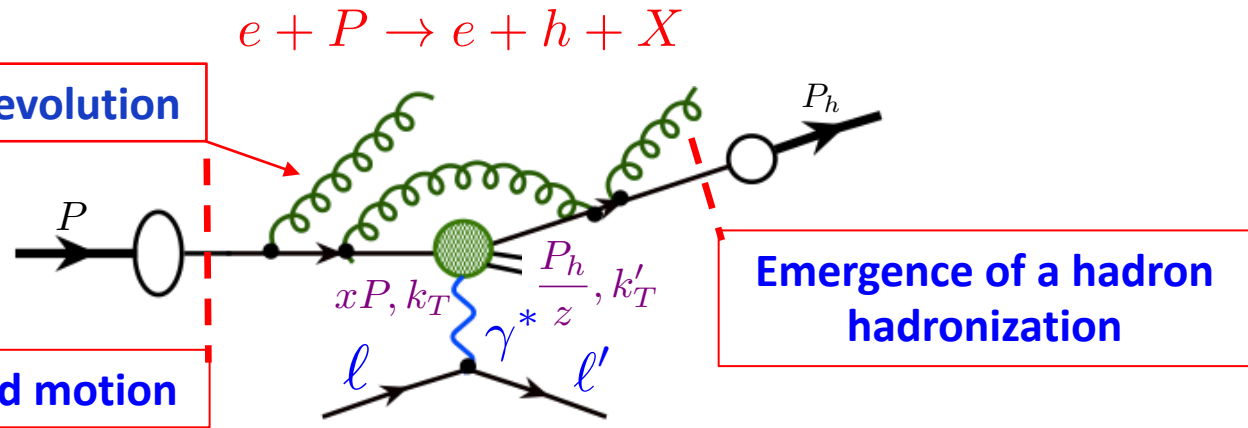
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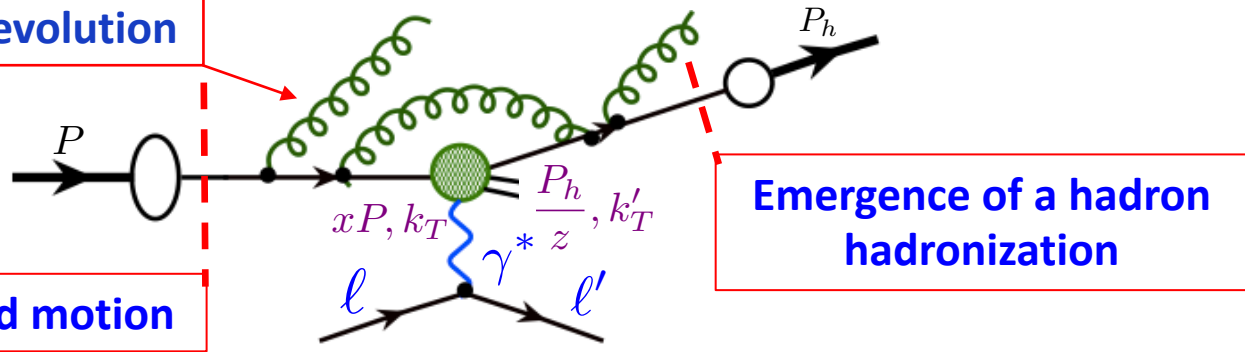
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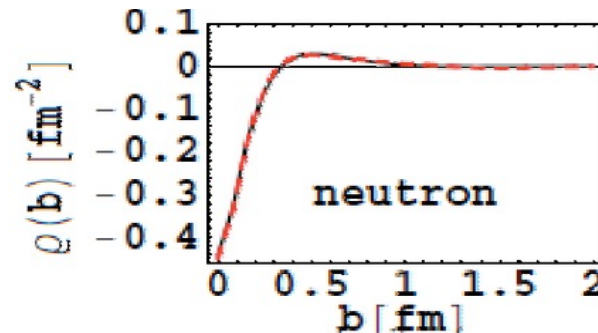
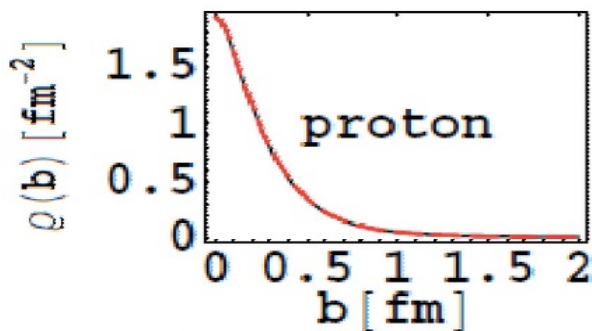
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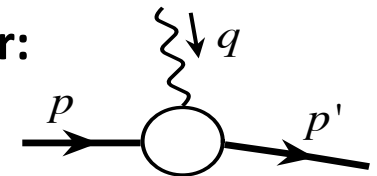
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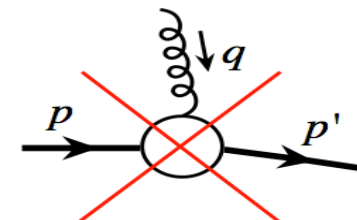


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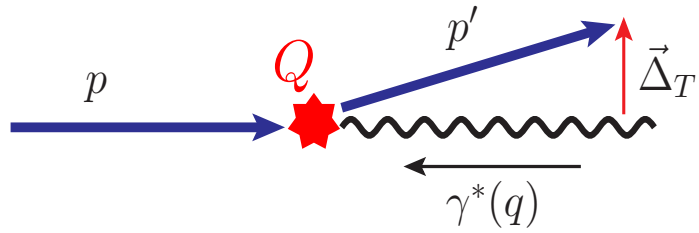
Proton "Radius" in terms of EM charge distribution

But, there is NO elastic "color" form factor!



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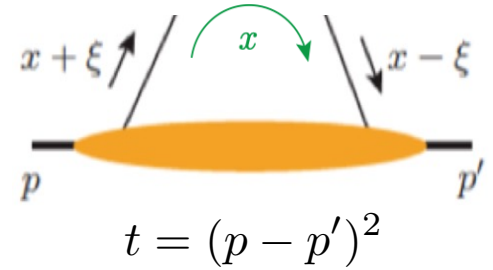


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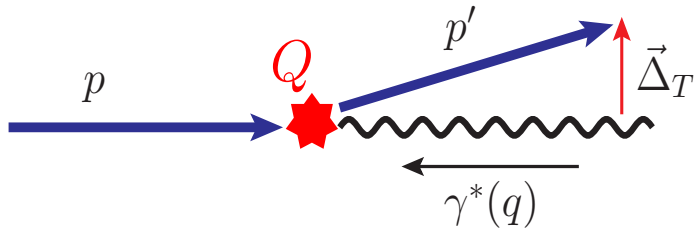
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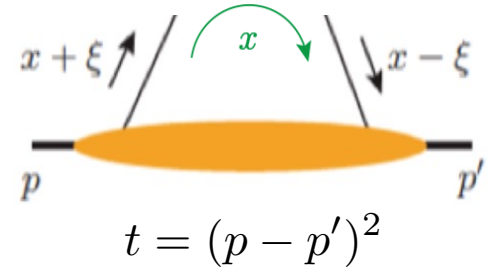


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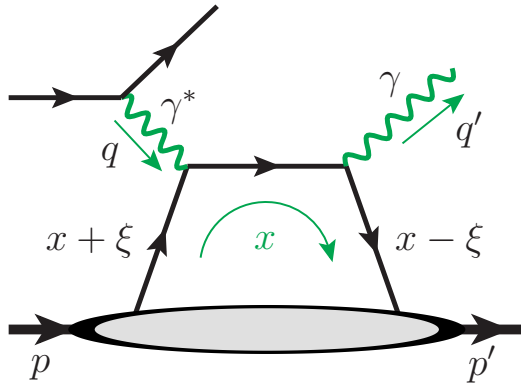
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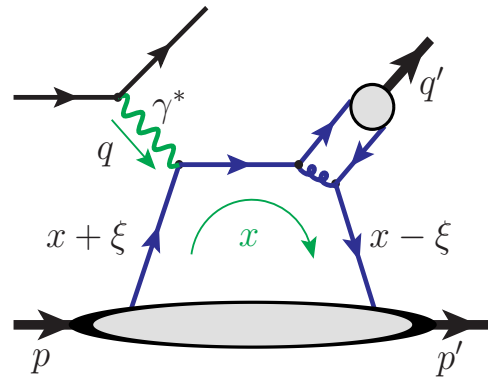
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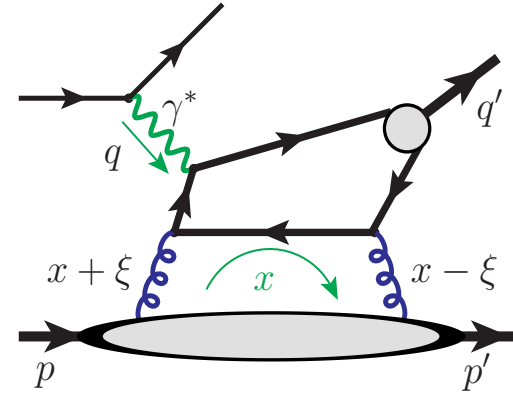
□ Hard exclusive processes for extracting GPDs:



DVCS: $Q^2 \gg |t|$



DVMP



DVQP

+ DDVCS, ...

- Hard scale Q : allows pQCD, factorization
- Low scale t : probes non-pert. hadron structure

Factorization \Rightarrow

GPDs: $f_{i/h}(x, \xi, t; \mu)$

Moments of GPDs = Emerged hadronic properties

QCD energy-momentum tensor:

Ji, PRL78, 1997

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

“Gravitational” form factors:

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

Connection to GPD moments:

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

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

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:

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

$i = q, g$

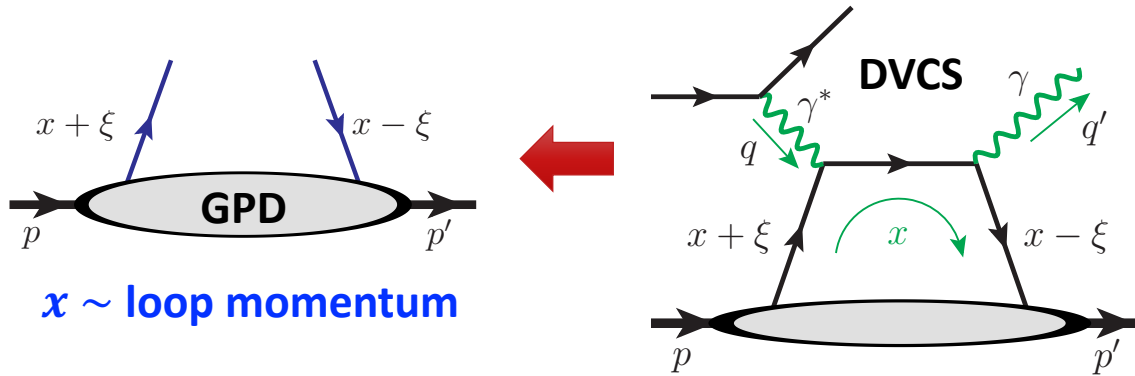
3D tomography
Relation to GFF
Angular Momentum

x-dependence of GPDs!

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

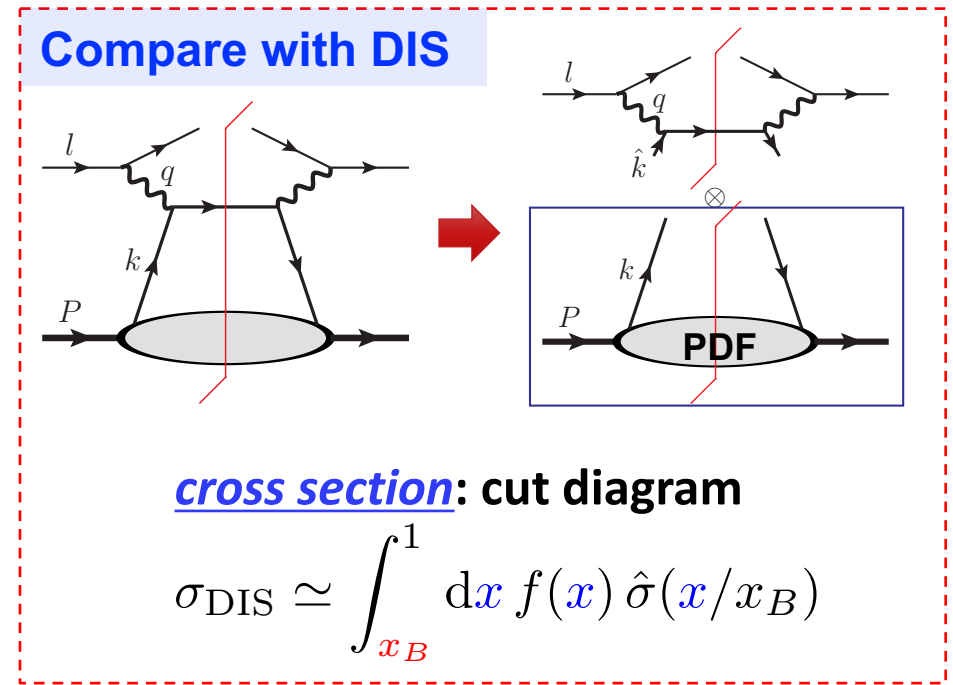
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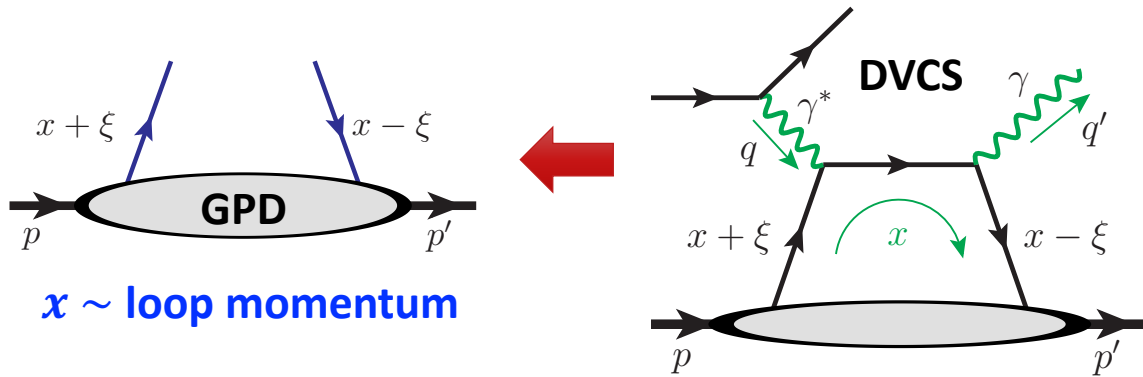
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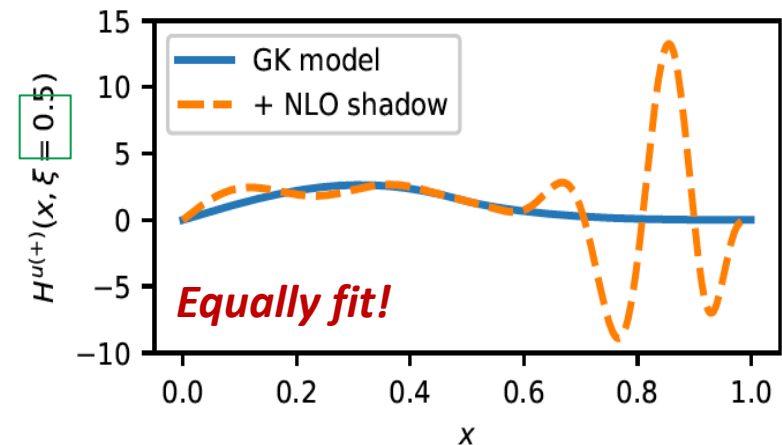
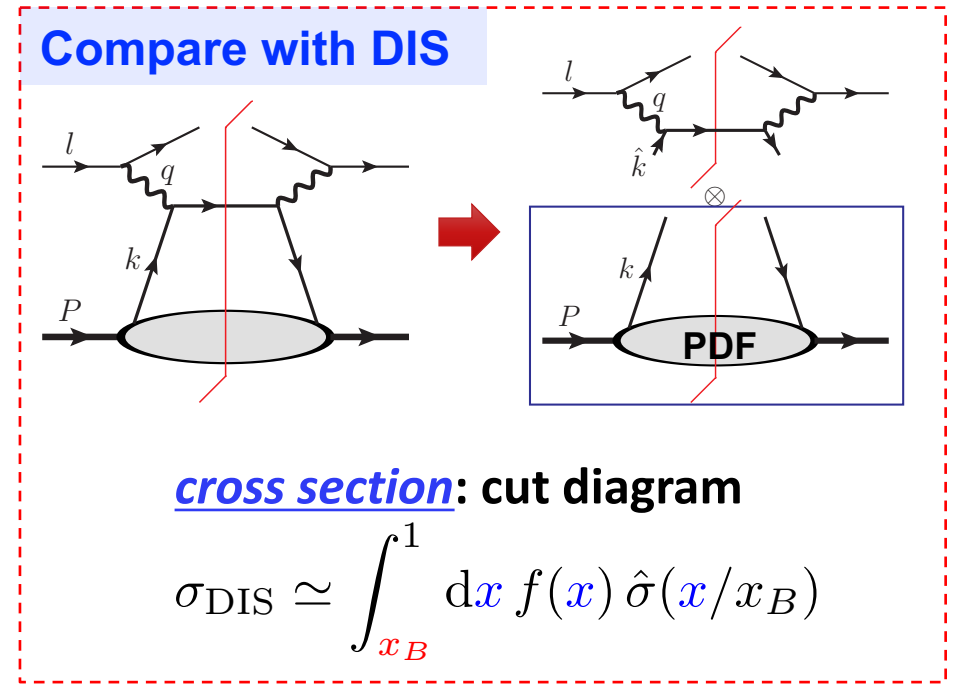
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Sensitivity to x : comes from $C(x, \xi; Q/\mu)$

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

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



[Bertone et al. PRD '21]

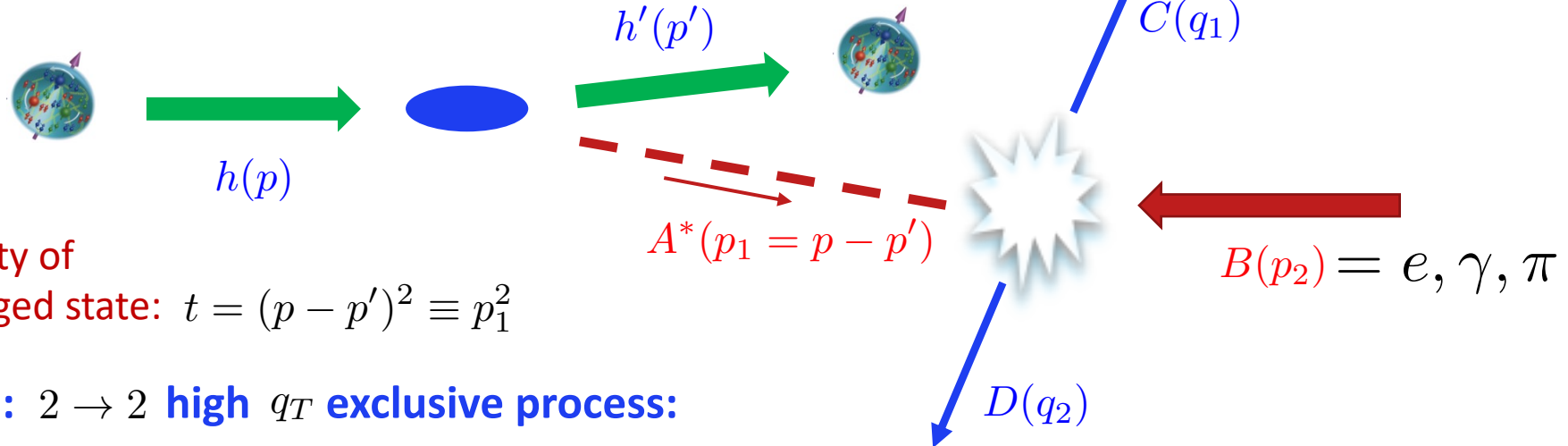
Single-diffractive hard exclusive processes (SDHEP)

Qiu & Yu, JHEP 08 (2022) 103
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□ Two-stage diffractive $2 \rightarrow 3$ hard exclusive processes:

- **Single diffractive – keep the hadron intact:**

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



Virtuality of exchanged state: $t = (p - p')^2 \equiv p_1^2$

- **Hard probe: $2 \rightarrow 2$ high q_T exclusive process:**

$$A^*(p_1) + B(p_2) \rightarrow C(q_1) + D(q_2)$$

Probing time: $\sim 1/|q_{1T}| \approx 1/|q_{2T}|$

➔ **The single diffractive $2 \rightarrow 3$ exclusive hard processes (SDHEP):**

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

A 2-scale observable!

- **Necessary condition for QCD factorization:**

Lifetime of $A^*(p_1)$ is much longer than collision time of the probe!

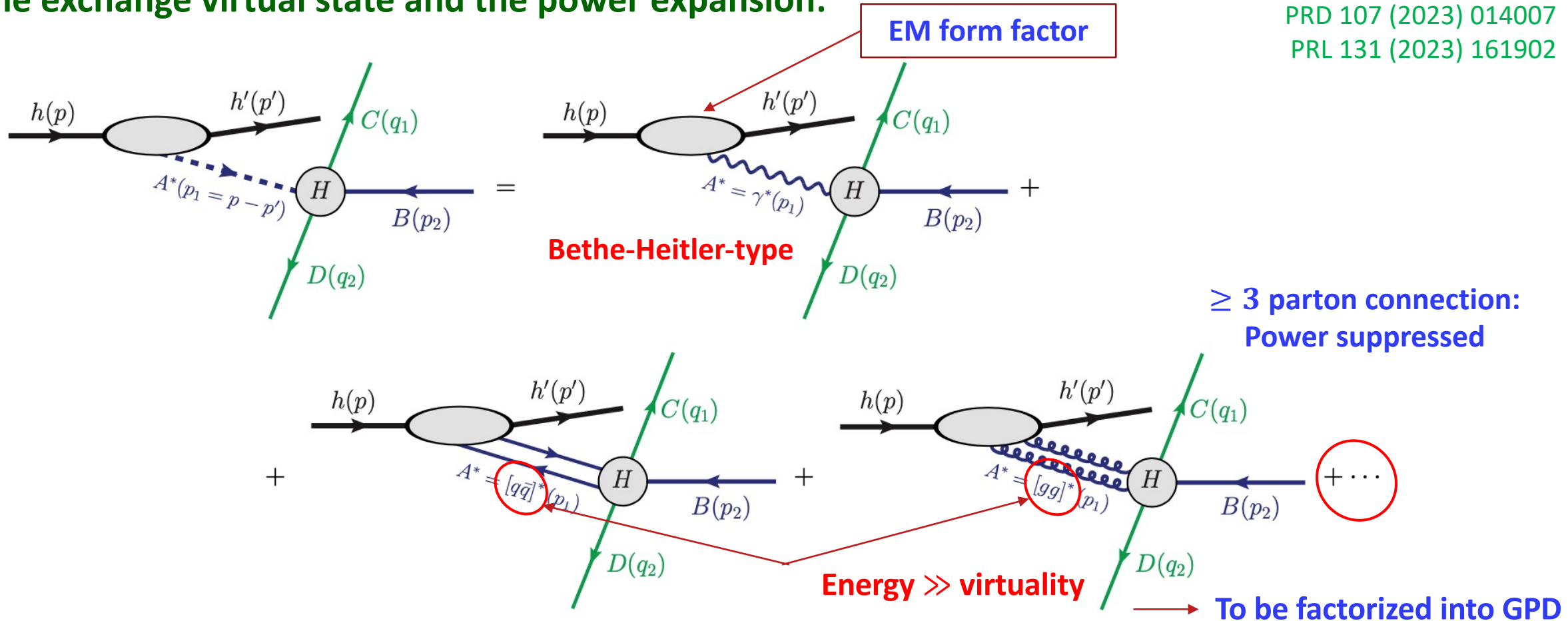
➔ $|q_{1T}| = |q_{2T}| \gg \sqrt{-t}$

Not necessarily sufficient!

Single-Diffractive Hard Exclusive Processes (SDHEP)

□ The exchange virtual state and the power expansion:

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The exchanged state $A^*(p-p')$ is a sum of all possible partonic states, $n=1,2, \dots$, allowed by

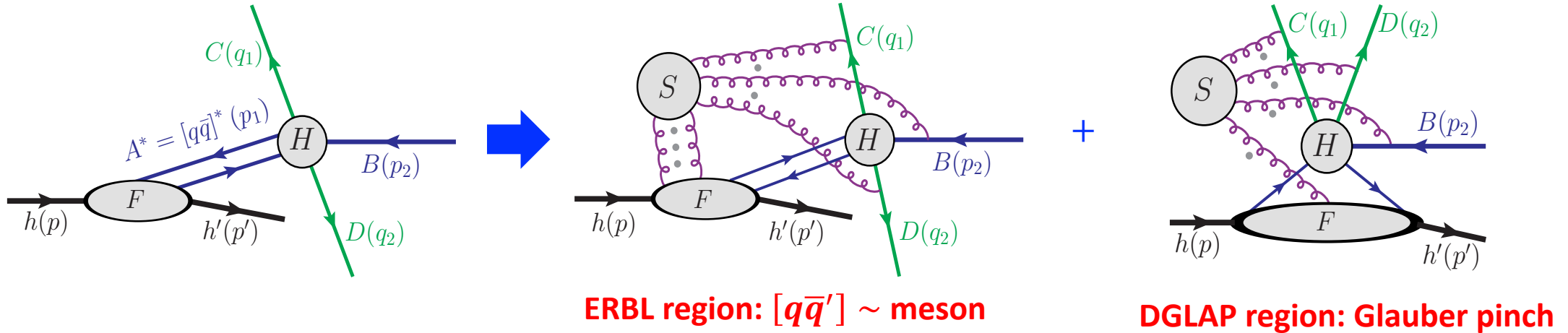
- Quantum numbers of $h(p) - h'(p')$
- Symmetry of producing non-vanishing H

Need entanglement between q_T and loop momentum fraction x for the sensitivity on the x -dependence of GPDs!

Factorization for SDHEP in the two-stage paradigm

Factorization for 2-parton channels (CO gluons are easy to factorize):

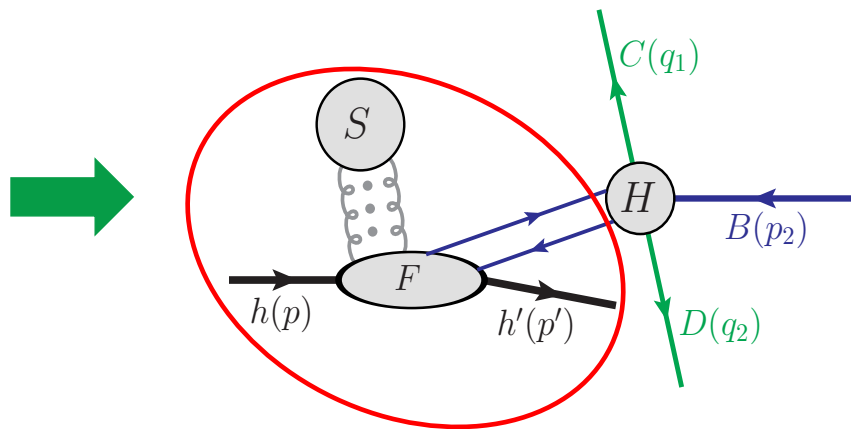
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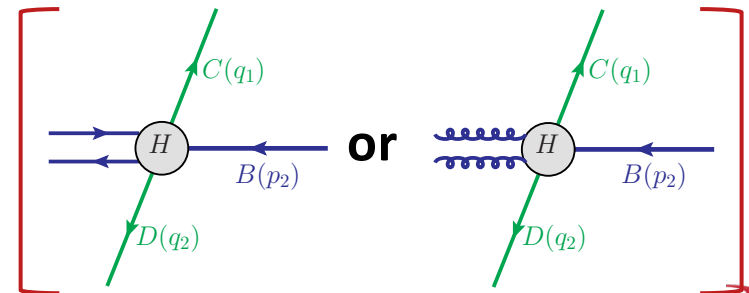
Soft gluons cancel when coupling to color neutral hadrons:

Glauber gluons of SDHEP (only k_s^- is pinched in Glauber region):

$$k_s^+ \mapsto k_s^+ \pm i\mathcal{O}(Q) \longrightarrow k_s = (\lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda) \rightarrow (1, \lambda^2, \lambda)$$

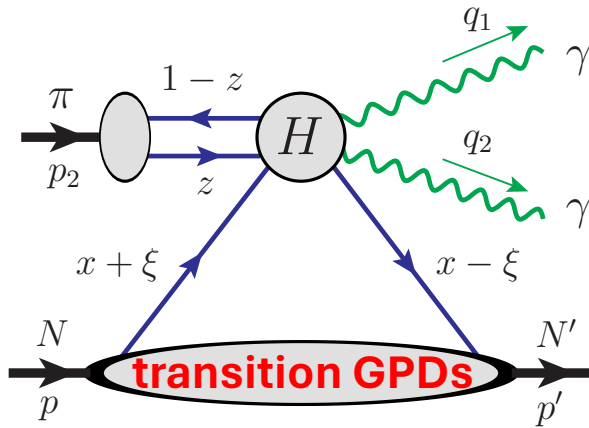


GPD \otimes



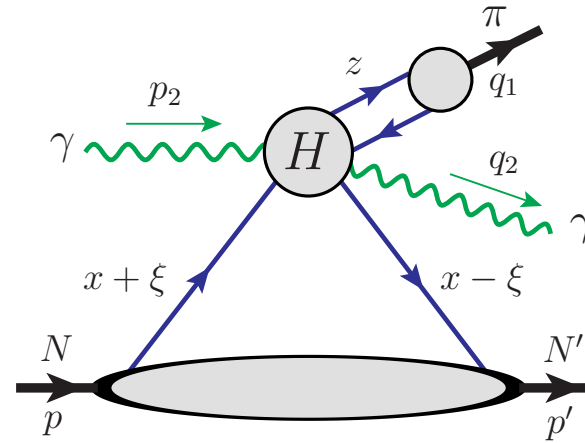
CO gluons

Two new example processes with enhanced x -sensitivity



J-PARC, AMBER

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G. Duplancic et al., JHEP 11 (2018) 179
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Enhanced x -sensitivity: (1) diphoton production

[Qiu & Yu, 2401.13207 (PRD in press)]

□ **Diphoton process:** $N\pi \rightarrow N'\gamma\gamma$: (1) $p\pi^- \rightarrow n\gamma\gamma$; (2) $n\pi^+ \rightarrow p\gamma\gamma$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d|t|d\xi d\cos\theta} = 2\pi \left(\alpha_e \alpha_s \frac{C_F}{N_c} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\xi^2 s^3} \cdot \left[(1 - \xi^2) \sum_{\alpha=\pm} \left(|\mathcal{M}_\alpha^{[\tilde{H}]}|^2 + |\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_\alpha^{[H]}|^2 \right) - \left(\xi^2 + \frac{t}{4m^2} \right) \sum_{\alpha=\pm} |\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_\alpha^{[E]}|^2 - \frac{\xi^2 t}{4m^2} \sum_{\alpha=\pm} |\mathcal{M}_\alpha^{[\tilde{E}]}|^2 - 2\xi^2 \sum_{\alpha=\pm} \text{Re} \left(\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_\alpha^{[H]} \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_\alpha^{[E]*} + \mathcal{M}_\alpha^{[\tilde{H}]} \mathcal{M}_\alpha^{[\tilde{E}]*} \right) \right]$$

Nucleon transition GPDs

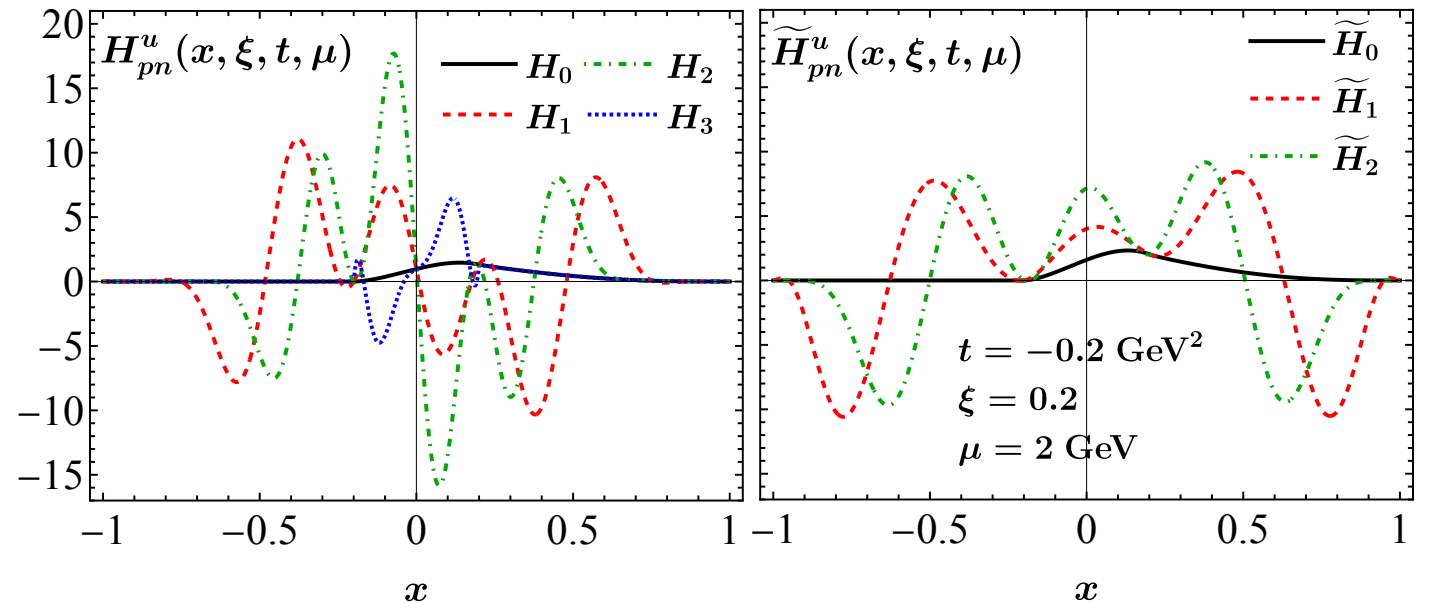
$$H_{pn}^u = H_p^u - H_p^d, \text{ etc.}$$

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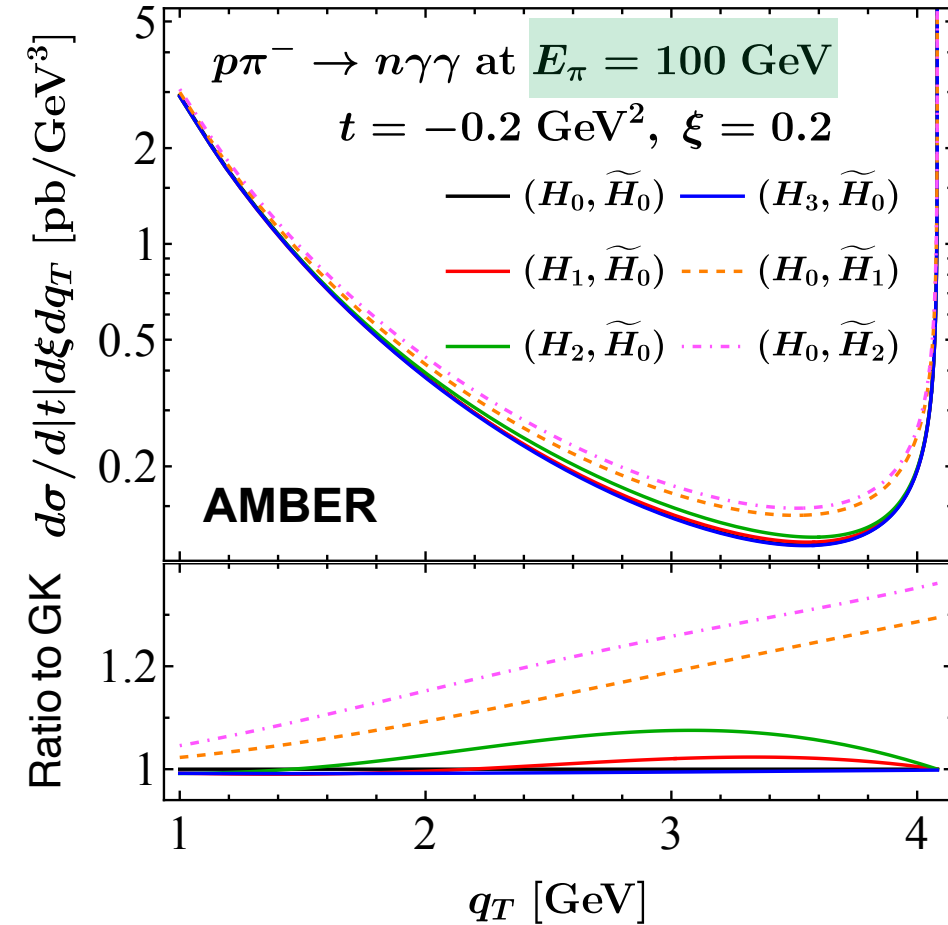
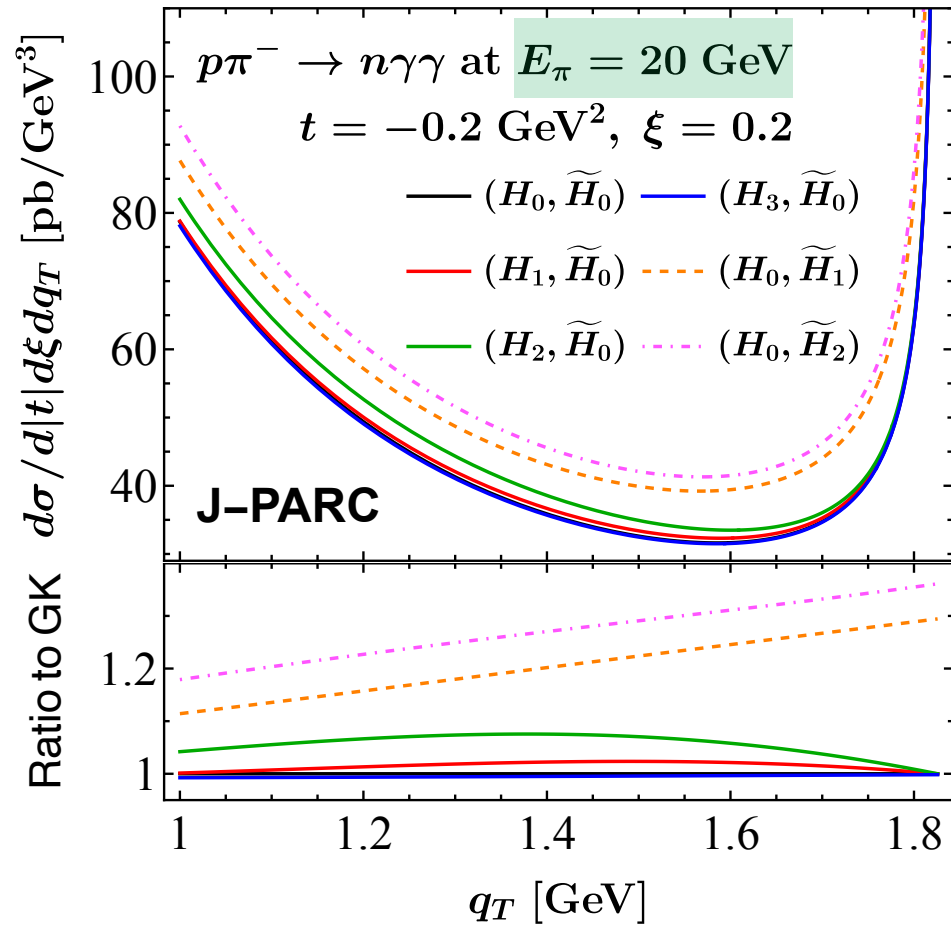
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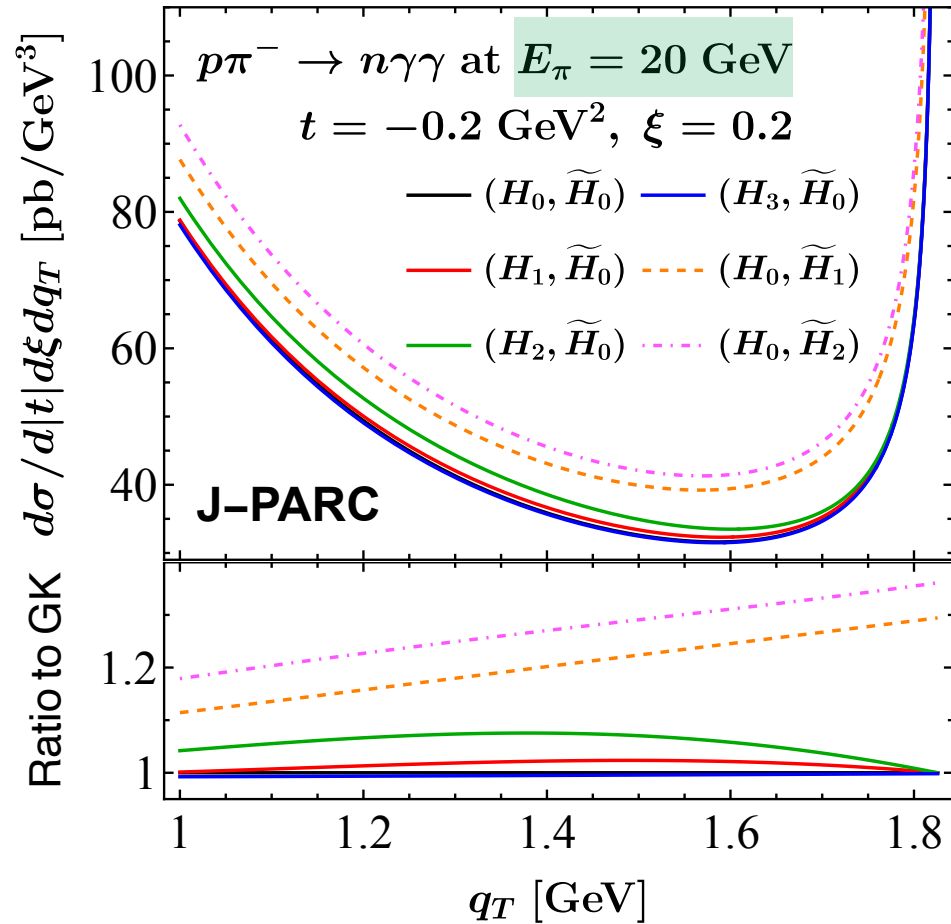
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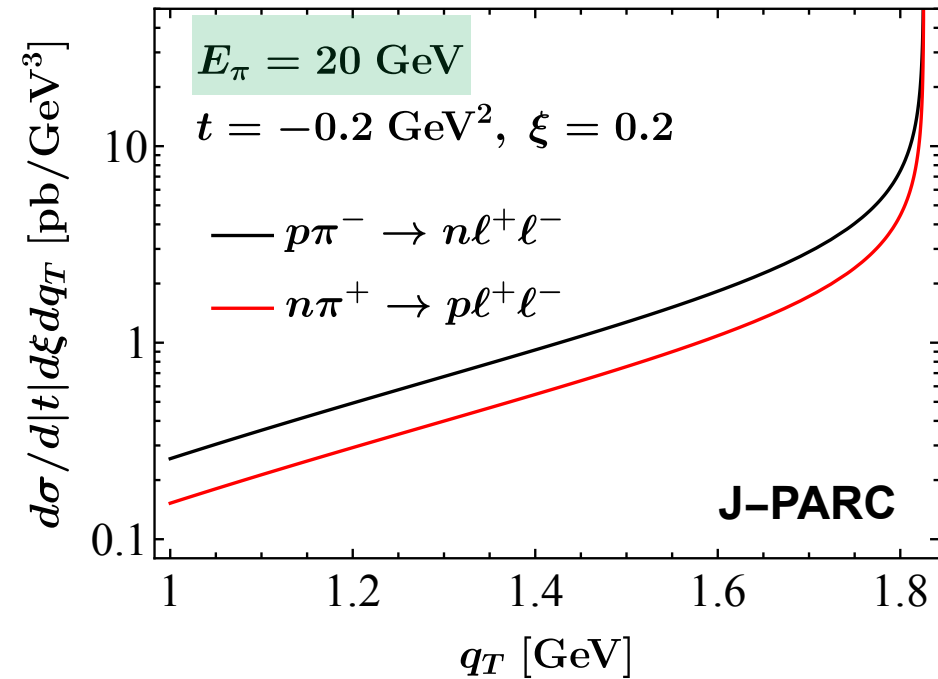
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Exclusive Drell-Yan dilepton production

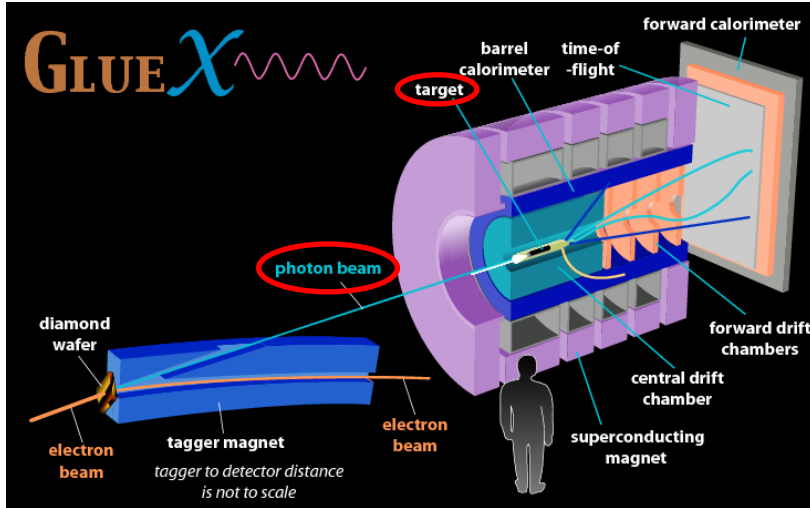
$$N + \pi \rightarrow N' + \gamma^* [\rightarrow \ell^+ + \ell^-]$$



- Lower rate
- Blind to shadow GPDs

Enhanced x -sensitivity: (2) γ - π pair photoproduction (at JLab Hall D)

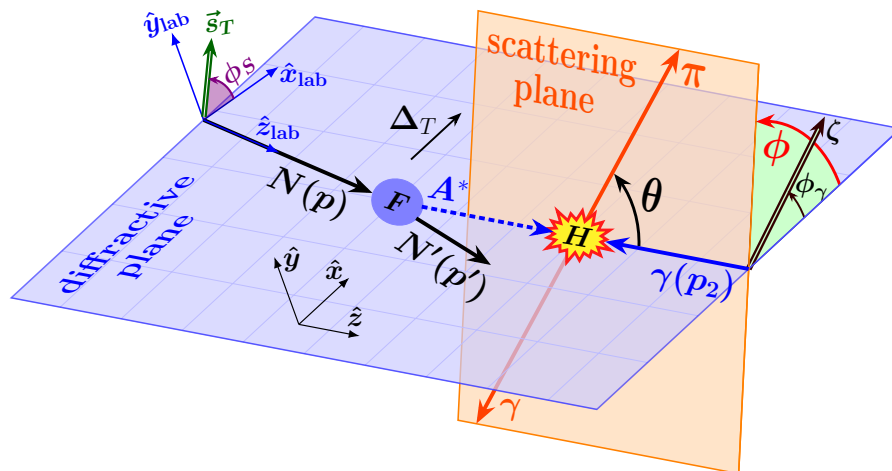
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□ Polarization asymmetries:

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

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



$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{UU} &= |\mathcal{M}_+^{[\tilde{H}]}|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_-^{[\tilde{H}]}|^2 + |\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_+^{[H]}|^2 + |\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_-^{[H]}|^2, \\ A_{LL} &= 2 \Sigma_{UU}^{-1} \text{Re} \left[\mathcal{M}_+^{[\tilde{H}]} \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_+^{[H]*} + \mathcal{M}_-^{[\tilde{H}]} \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_-^{[H]*} \right], \\ A_{UT} &= 2 \Sigma_{UU}^{-1} \text{Re} \left[\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_+^{[H]} \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_-^{[H]*} - \mathcal{M}_+^{[\tilde{H}]} \mathcal{M}_-^{[\tilde{H}]*} \right], \\ A_{LT} &= 2 \Sigma_{UU}^{-1} \text{Im} \left[\mathcal{M}_+^{[\tilde{H}]} \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_-^{[H]*} + \mathcal{M}_-^{[\tilde{H}]} \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_+^{[H]*} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

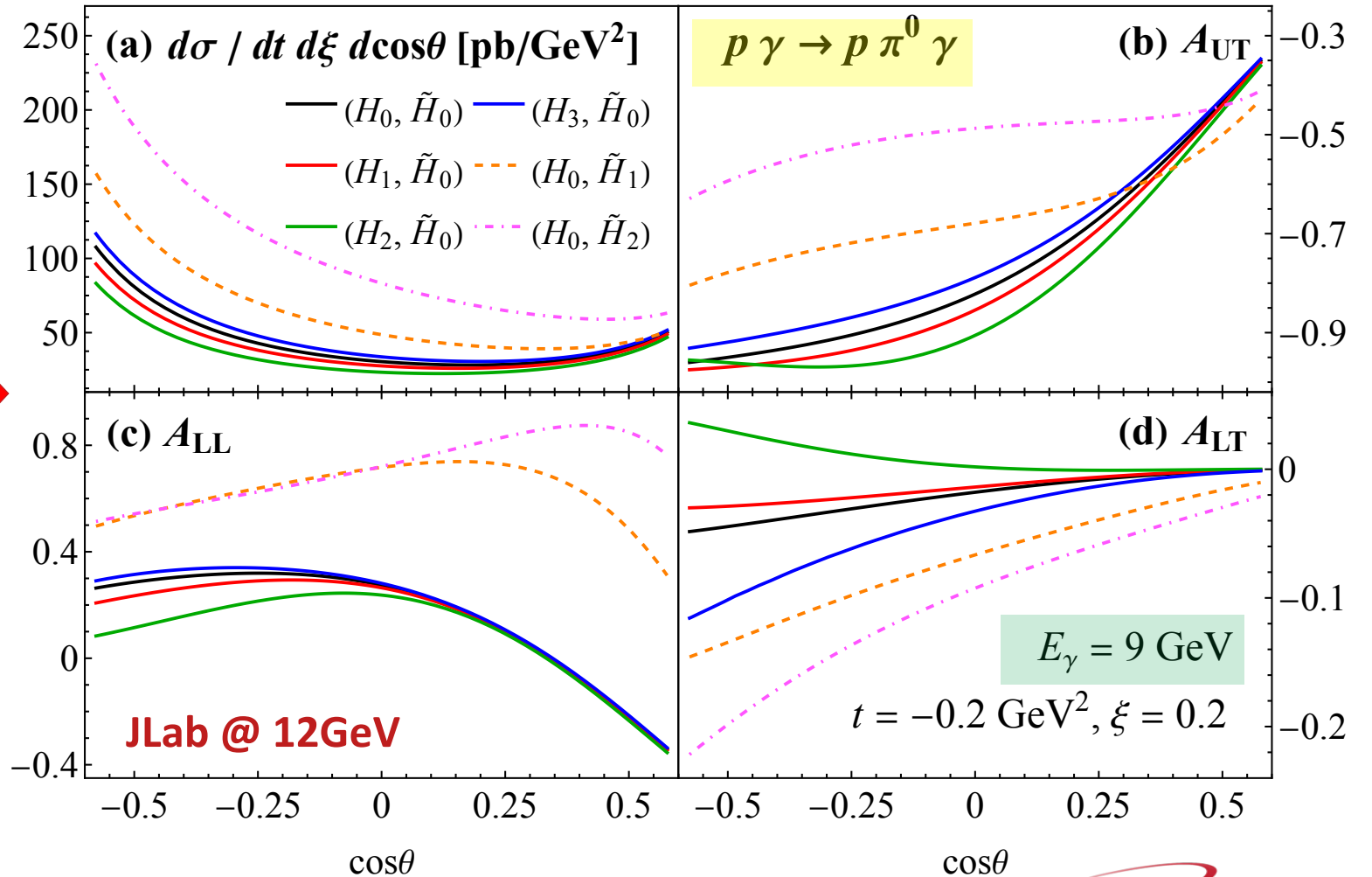
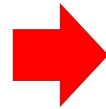
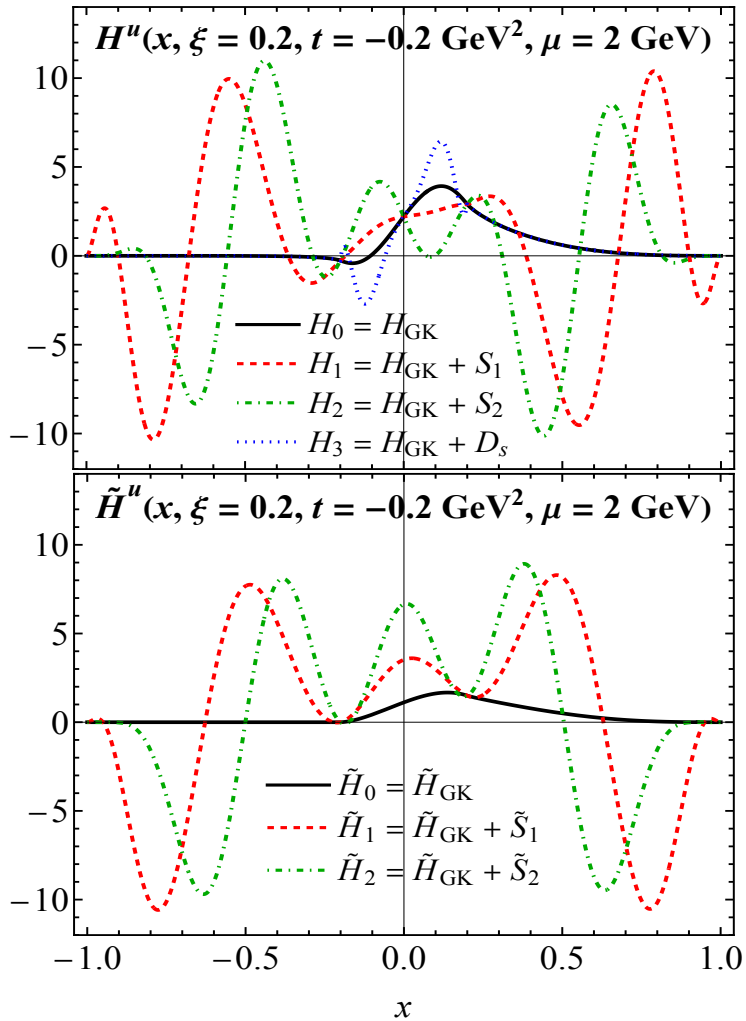
Neglecting: (1) E and \tilde{E} ; (2) gluon channel

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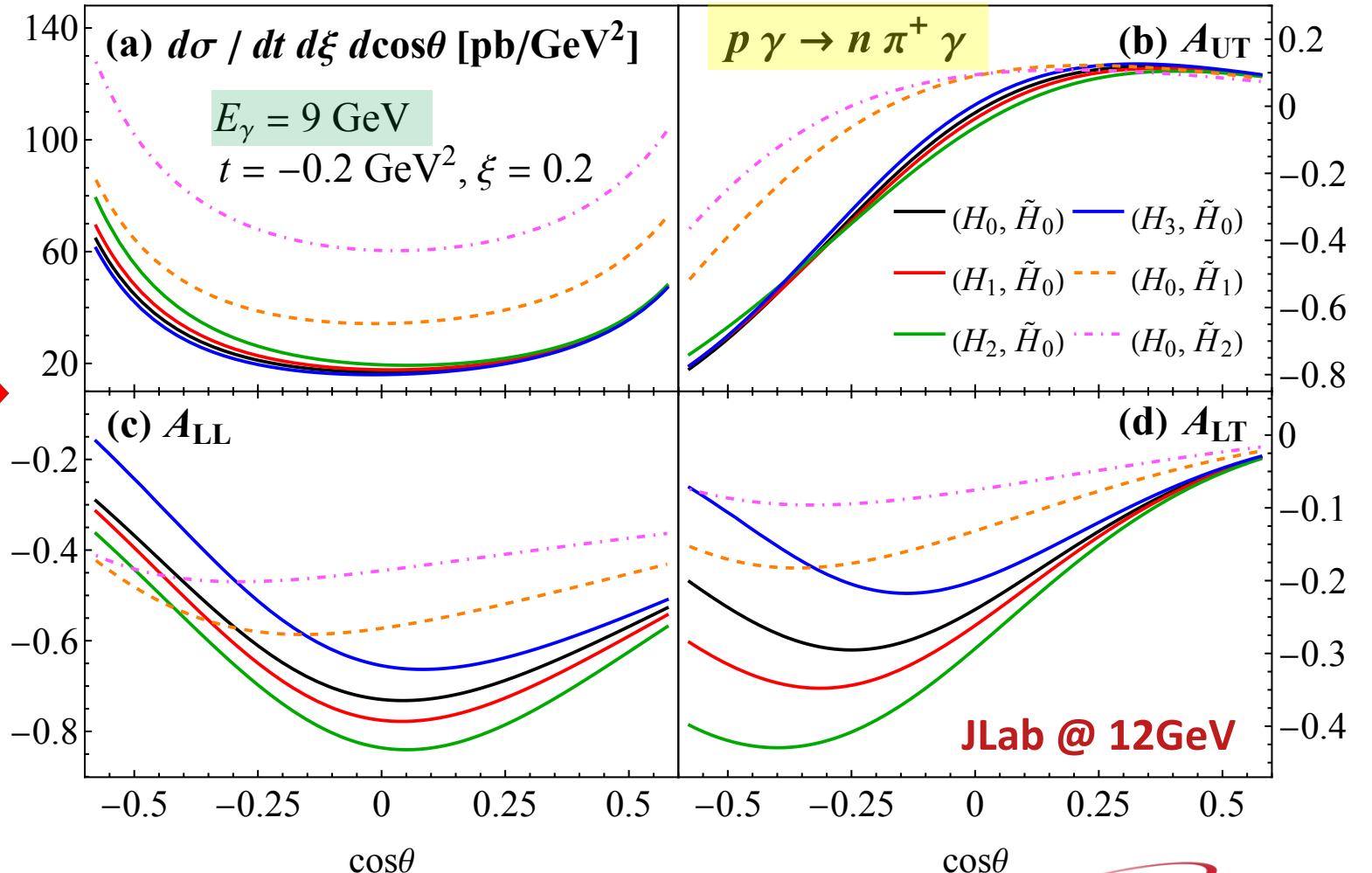
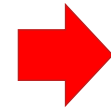
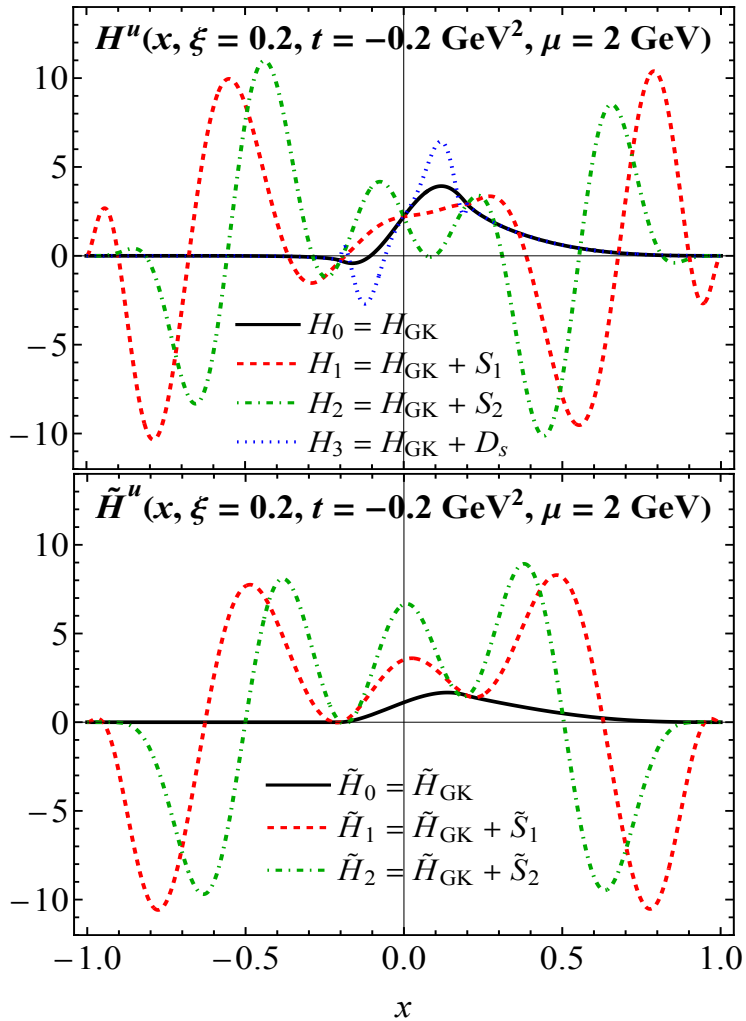


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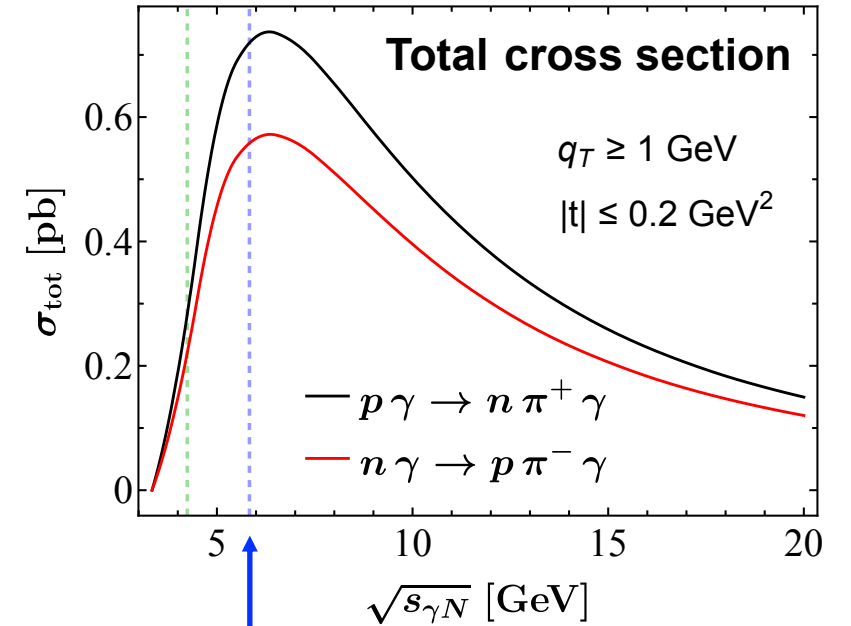
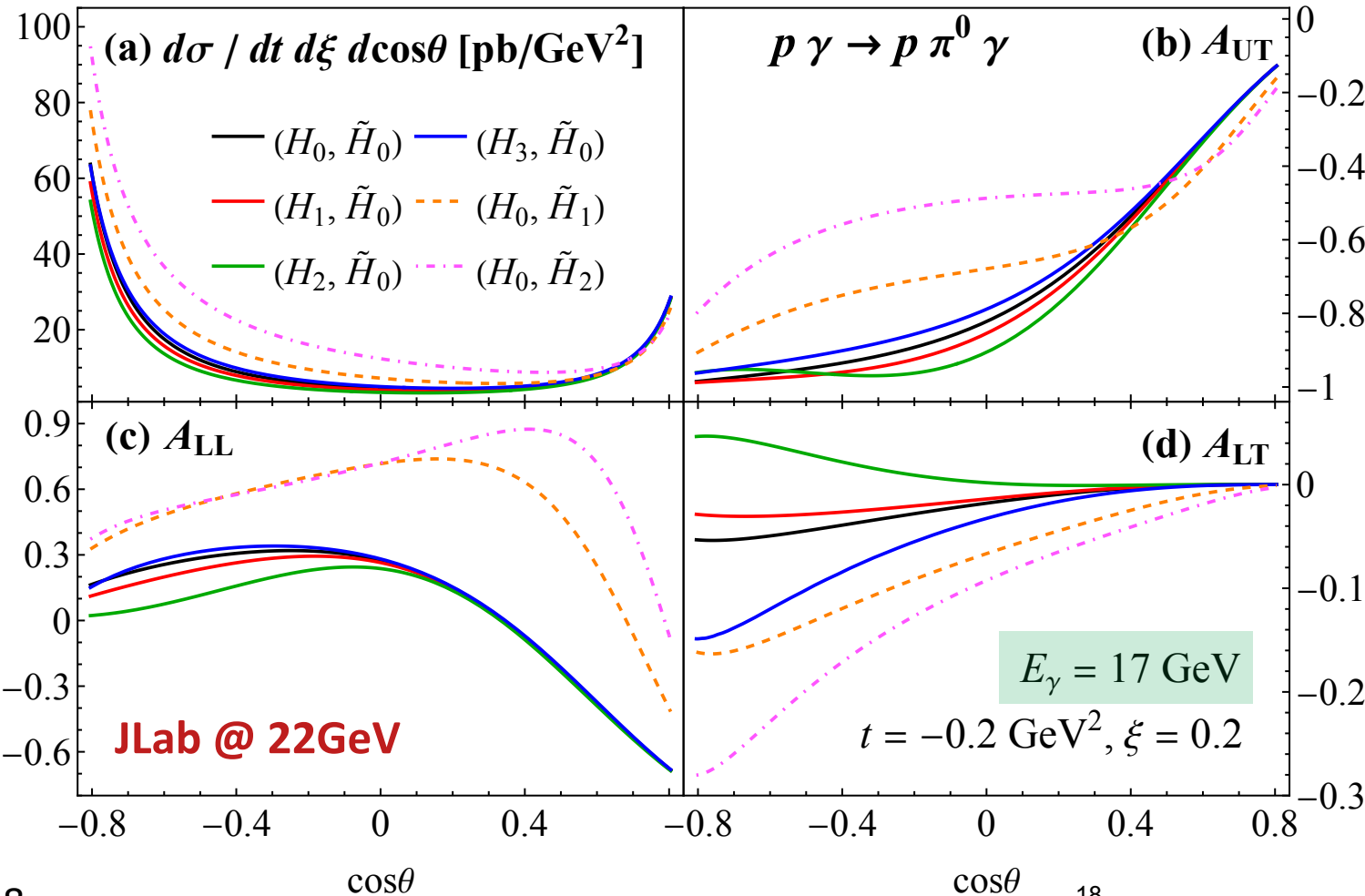
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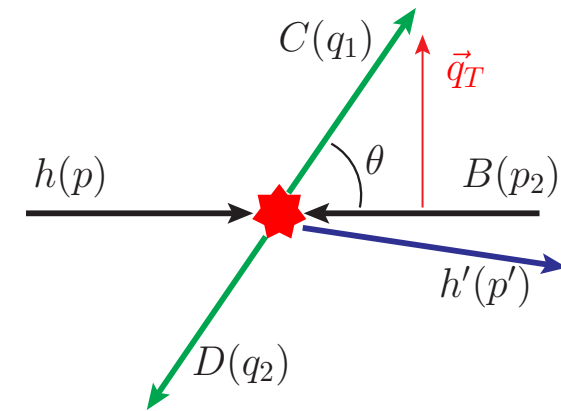


JLab @ 22GeV [arXiv:2306.09360]

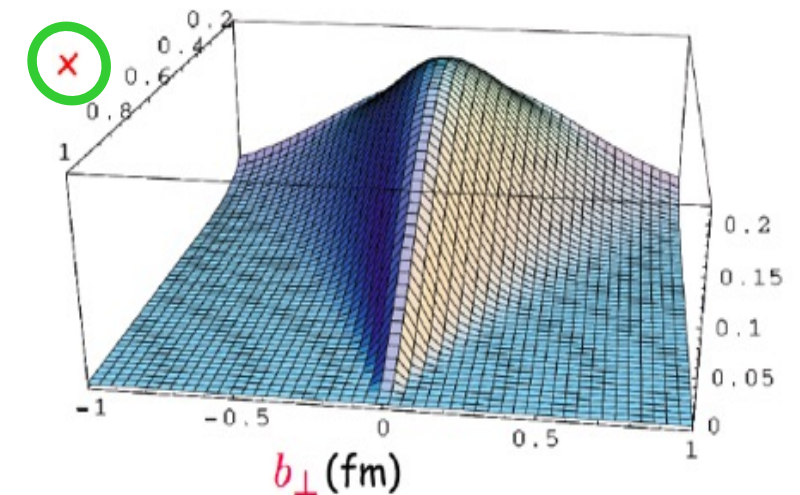
Summary

- ❑ QCD **Factorization** allows to probe **proton structure**
- ❑ Single Diffractive **Hard Exclusive Processes** \longrightarrow **GPDs**
- ❑ GPDs provide **tomographic images**
- ❑ But suffer from the challenging **x -dependence problem**
- ❑ Two new processes to give **enhanced x -sensitivity**
- ❑ Still not there yet:
 - Need more processes, more observables
 - Need input from lattice QCD
 - Need global fit
 - Need to solve the end point issues of exclusive processes (momentum of active parton goes to zero)

A long but challenging & exciting way to go!



3D image



Thanks!