Hard Exclusive Diphoton Photoproduction



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Describing the Nucleon Structure

Generalized Transverse Momentum Distribution

Transverse Momentum Distributions + Generalized Parton Distributions* = Generalized Transverse Momentum Distributions

Combining these two distinct distributions allows for a "unified framework" that simultaneously models multiple aspects of the final distributions¹

*This will be covered later in the presentation

Photo: *Multi-Dimensional Imaging of Nucleons, Nuclei, and Mesons at the EIC,* A. Vossen





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Form Factors and Elastic Scattering

What Are Form Factors?

Form factors "[take] into account the shape of the scattering particle in the observed cross-section"² to give an approximation for spatial charge density.³ It is dependent on the momentum transfer.

Note: A cross-section (σ) is the probability of an interaction occurring.

 $\sigma_{pointlike}$ depends on E_{e} , θ

If $\sigma_{proton} = pointlike$, then charge = +1. If $\sigma_{proton} = non-pointlike$, then $\sigma_{pointlike} *$ (Form Factor)



Fourier Transform of Form Factor

 $F(Q^2) = F(t)$ where Q is the virtual mass and t is the momentum transfer.

 $Q^2 = t = (P_{proton final} - P_{proton inital})^2$

This gives the transverse position, which goes to zero as $F(\Delta^2) + F(\Delta_1) -> 0.$

Performing a Fourier Transform on the form factor yields the position distribution of intransverse (2D charge/quark distribution) space:

$$F(\Delta^2_{\perp}) \longrightarrow f(b_{\perp})$$

Fourier Transform

PDF & Deep Inelastic Scattering

03.

- "Inelastic" refers to the target's absorption of energy
 At high energies, the target "shatters", releasing new particles due to the intake of energy
- "Deep*" refers to the high energy required to affect the quarks within the target

*Deep is also referred to as hard

Deep Inelastic Scattering

Parton Distribution Function

Partons = Quarks and Gluons

PDFs "give the probability to find partons [...] in a hadron as a function of the fraction $[\Psi]$ of the proton's momentum carried by the parton."⁴

PDFs are "determined from experimental results of short distance scattering of the partons."⁴

GPD & Timelike

Compton Scattering

Relating Form Factors and PDFs

Recall that Generalized Parton Distribution (GPD) combines the concepts of parton distributions and Form Factors.

The elastic scattering in Form Factors and the inelastic scattering in PDFs relate to correlate parallel momentum with perpendicular momentum.

To do this, our experiments must create at least one new particle to get x, detect the final state to get t, and have $Q^2 > 1$ GeV² to get a "deep" regime so that we can see quarks as pointlike $(t = [p - p']^2)$

(a) Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (b) Timelike Compton Scattering

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The Whys, Hows, & Whats

Why is Hard Exclusive Diphoton Photoproduction important? "...this reaction may help us to progress in the understanding of hard exclusive scattering in the framework of the QCD collinear factorization of hard amplitudes in terms of [...] GPDs and hard perturbatively calculable coefficient functions"⁵

How will we study this phenomenon?

Currently running simulations comparing the use of 11 GeV and 8.5 GeV electron beams, as well as real versus quasi real photon beams. Future research would possibly involve real iterations of the projections.

What outcomes do we expect? Graphs to follow!

Top: The diphoton mass dependence of the unpolarized cross section on a proton. 20 GeV^2 (full curves), 100 GeV^2 (dashed curve), 10^6 GeV^2 (dot-dashed curve).

Bottom: The azimuthal dependence of the differential cross section. (3, -2) GeV^2 (solid line), (4, -1) GeV^2 (dotted line), (4, -2) GeV^2 (dotted line).

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Previous Theoretical Work with Hard Exclusive Diphotons ("Paris/Warsaw team")

FIG. 1: Feynman diagrams contributing to the coefficient functions of the process $\gamma N \rightarrow \gamma \gamma N'$

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=> Marie implementing this framework into her code for our analysis / now using unweighted data
=> impact studies for potential measurements in Hall C or Hall D

- Cancellation of NLO contributions / higher twist
- GPD universality (versus DVCS and TCS)
- Different structure: using invariant mass of the pair rather than virtuality
- Studies and understanding of NLO and higher twist effects in DVCS or TCS in a comparative or a multichannel CFF fits approach

Recent JLab LDRD on this project (theory group) to study the x-dependence of GPDs from $\gamma\gamma$ and $\gamma\pi$ photoproduction

1) GlueX (Hall D)

Pros:

- large acceptance
- tagged photon beam
- linearly polarized photon beam => access real part of CFFs

Cons:

- lower intensity

Goal: beam asymmetry, maybe cross section

(we requested to join the collaboration, Gyang may work on it)

2) Hall C dedicated, based on proposed TCS

Pros:

- dedicated setup, lower background
- higher resolution
- Cons:
- untagged photon (energy from "missing" technique)
- limited acceptance
- Goal: Unpolarized cross section (no asymmetry)

- Compact Photon Source: high intensity real photon

Summary

- 1. Form Factors and PDFs to GPDs
- 2. Showed the GPD process
- 3. Our work with diphotons
- 4. Research potential for JLabs (theoretical and experimental approaches)

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TCS **Timelike Compton Scattering**