

# Gamma + Meson Photoproduction for Extracting GPDs

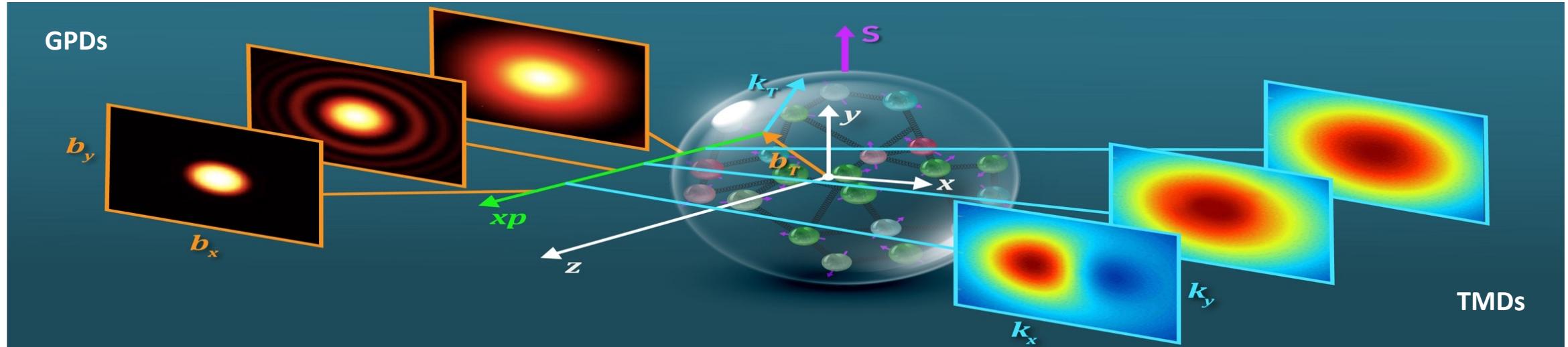
- Explore Hadron's Partonic Structure without Breaking it – GPDs!
- Why GPD's x-dependence is important, but, hard to measure?
- Single Diffractive Hard Exclusive Processes (SDHEP) for Extracting GPDs
- Gamma + Meson Photonproduction for extracting GPDs
- Summary and Outlook

In collaboration with N. Sato, Z. Yu, ...  
See also talk by Z. Yu later tomorrow

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

## □ 3D hadron structure:

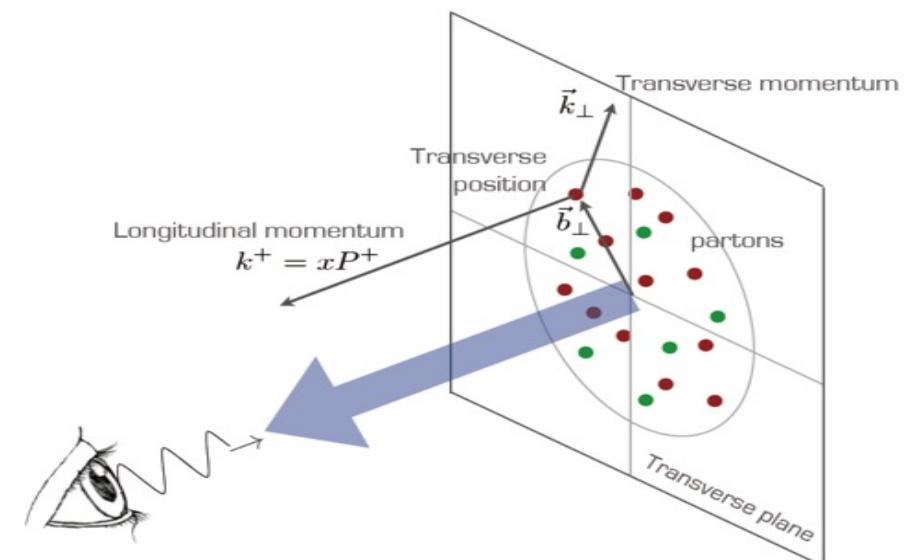
NO quarks and gluons can be seen in isolation!



## □ Need new observables with two distinctive scales:

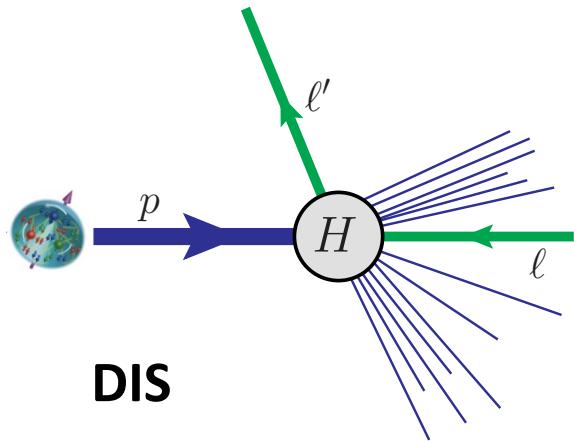
$$Q_1 \gg Q_2 \sim 1/R \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

- **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  $\sim 1/\text{fm}$

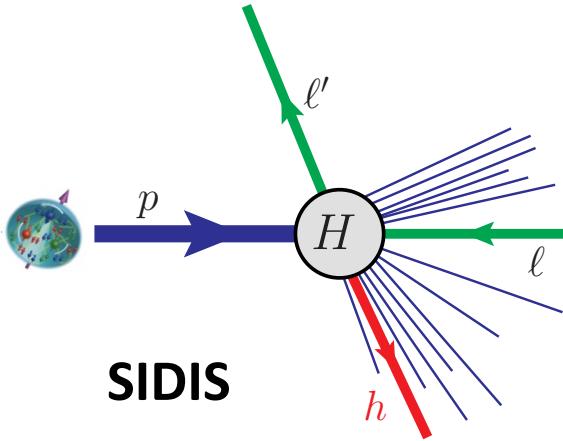


# Partonic Structure with or without Breaking the Hadron

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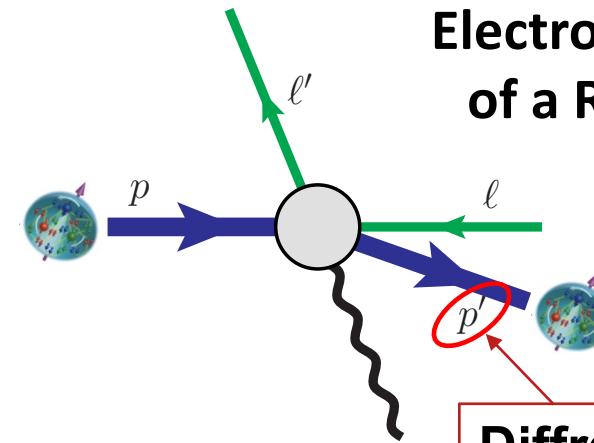


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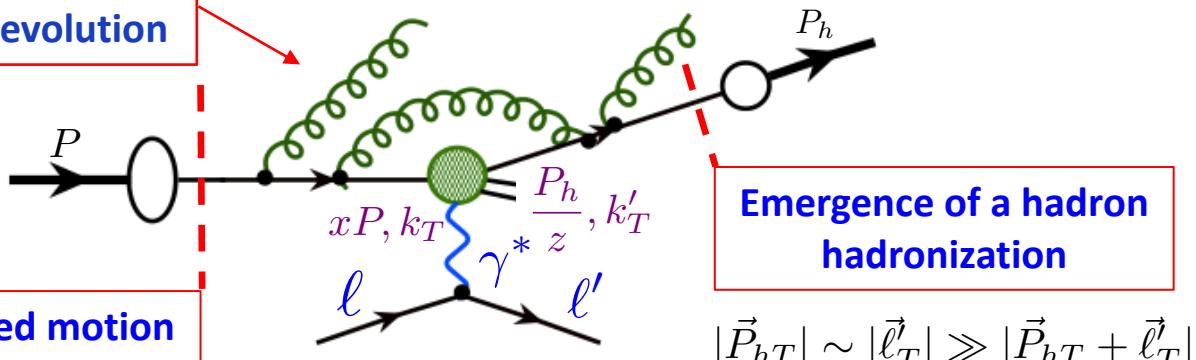


Electroproduction  
of a Real Photon

**Diffraction**

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

Gluon shower  
– QCD evolution



Confined motion

Emergence of a hadron  
hadronization

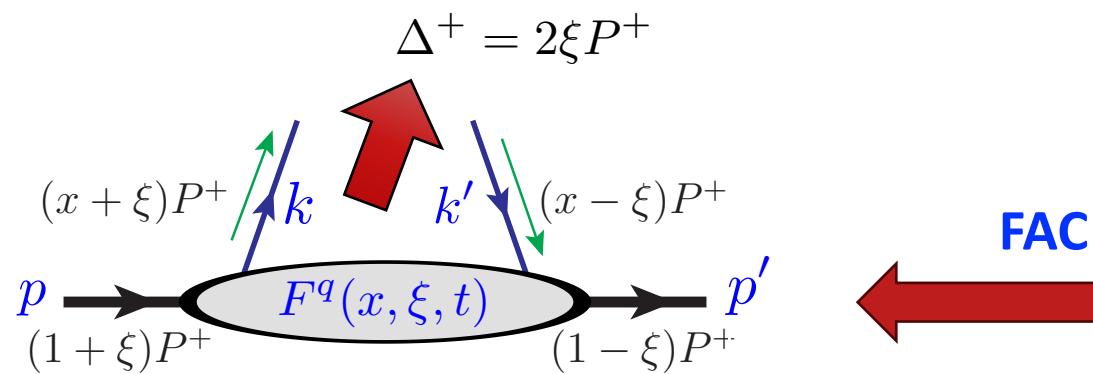
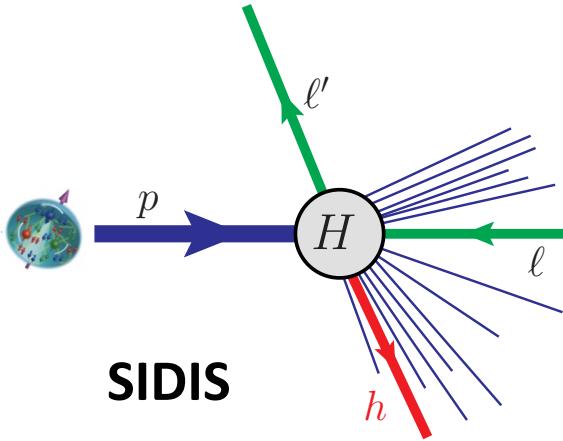
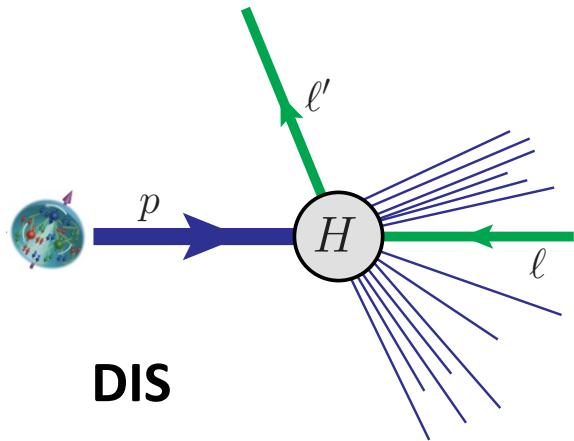


$$|\vec{P}_{hT}| \sim |\vec{\ell}'_T| \gg |\vec{P}_{hT} + \vec{\ell}'_T|$$

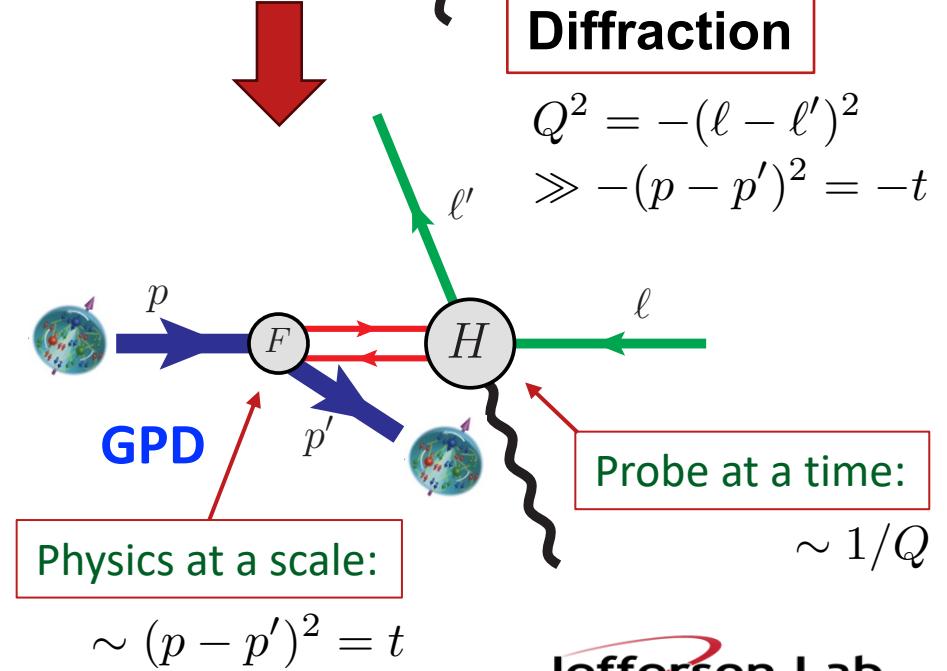
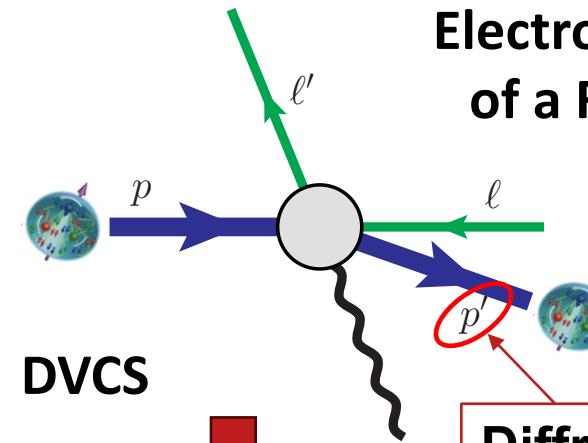
Measured  $k_T$  of TMDs =\= the **confined** motion inside the hadron!

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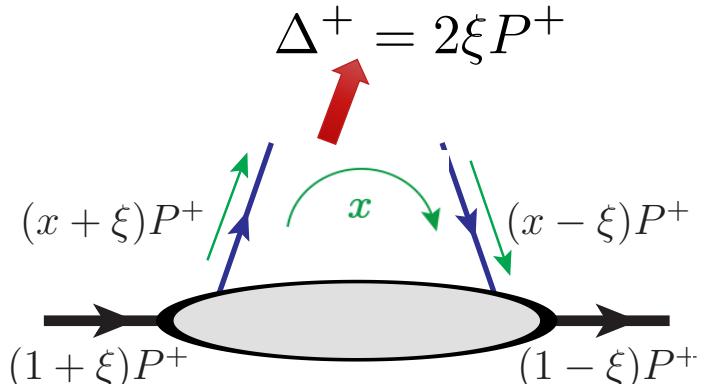
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# Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)

## □ Definition:

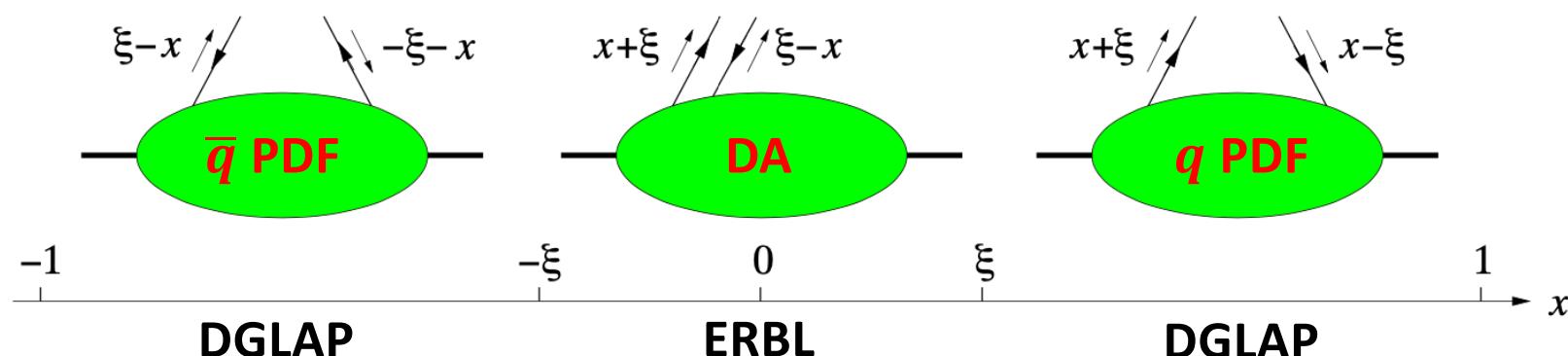
$$\begin{aligned} F^q(x, \xi, t) &= \int \frac{dz^-}{4\pi} e^{-ixP^+z^-} \langle \not{p}' | \bar{q}(z^-/2) \gamma^+ q(-z^-/2) | \not{p} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2P^+} \left[ H^q(x, \xi, t) \bar{u}(p') \gamma^+ u(p) - E^q(x, \xi, t) \bar{u}(p') \frac{i\sigma^{+\alpha} \Delta_\alpha}{2m} u(p) \right], \\ \tilde{F}^q(x, \xi, t) &= \int \frac{dz^-}{4\pi} e^{-ixP^+z^-} \langle \not{p}' | \bar{q}(z^-/2) \gamma^+ \gamma_5 q(-z^-/2) | \not{p} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2P^+} \left[ \tilde{H}^q(x, \xi, t) \bar{u}(p') \gamma^+ \gamma_5 u(p) - \tilde{E}^q(x, \xi, t) \bar{u}(p') \frac{\gamma_5 \Delta^+}{2m} u(p) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

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  $p'$  !

# GPDs and Hadron Structure

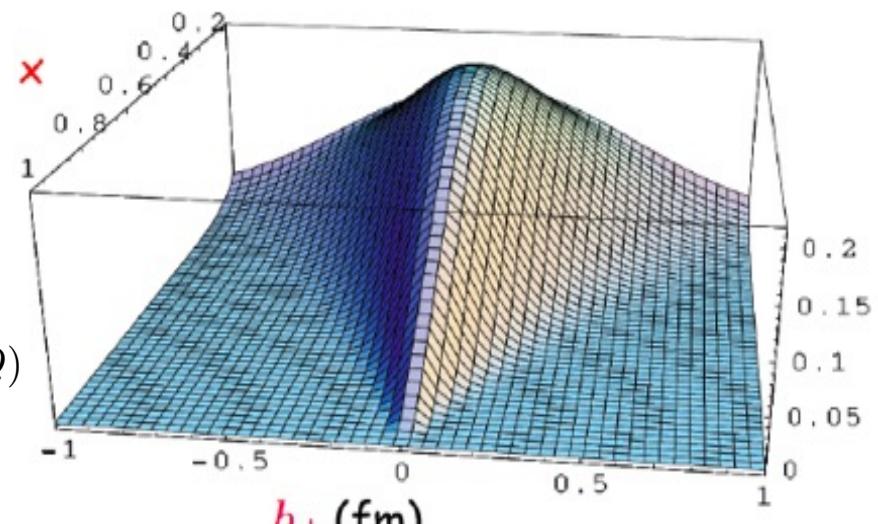
## □ Partonic Properties – 3D Femtography (F.T. of GPDs):

$$q(x, b_\perp, Q) = \int d^2\Delta_\perp e^{-i\Delta_\perp \cdot b_\perp} H_q(x, \xi = 0, t = -\Delta_\perp^2, Q)$$

→ Quark density in  $dx d^2 b_T$

→ Proton radii from quark and gluon spatial density distribution,  $r_q(x)$  &  $r_g(x)$      $\langle q_\perp^N \rangle \equiv \int db_\perp b_\perp^N q(x, b_\perp, Q)$     In slice in  $(x, Q)$

Tomographic image of hadron in slice of  $x$



Modeled by  
M. Burkardt,  
2000, 2003

## □ Emergent Hadronic Properties – Moments of GPDs:

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

QCD energy-momentum tensor

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx x E_i(x, \xi, t)$$

In terms of “gravitational” FFs

→ Angular momentum sum rule:

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

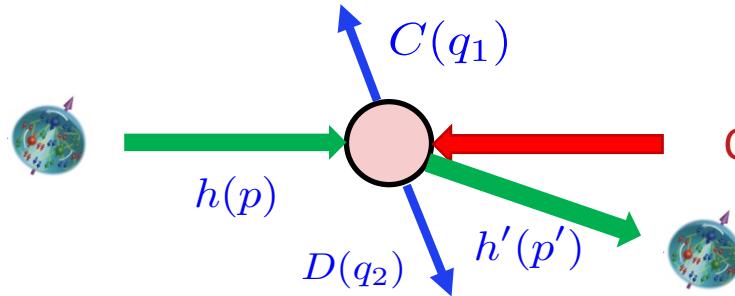
$$i = q, g$$

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

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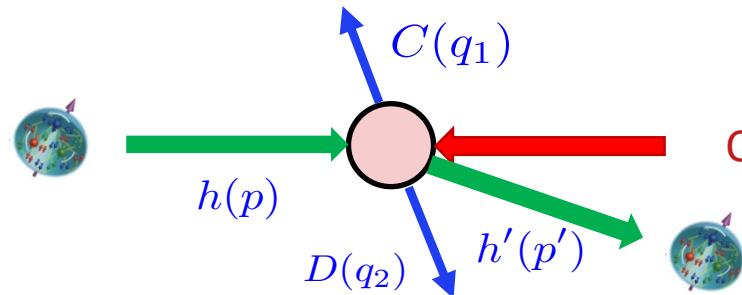


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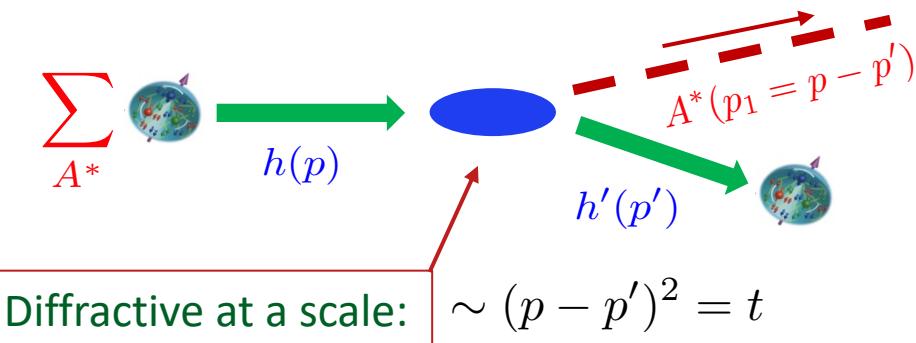
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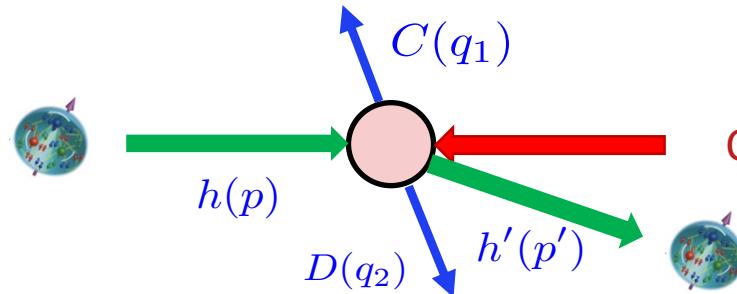
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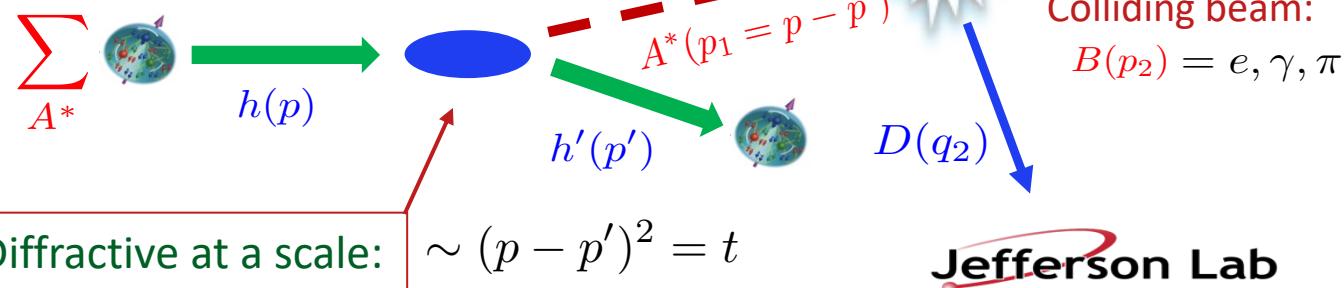
Necessary condition for factorization:

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

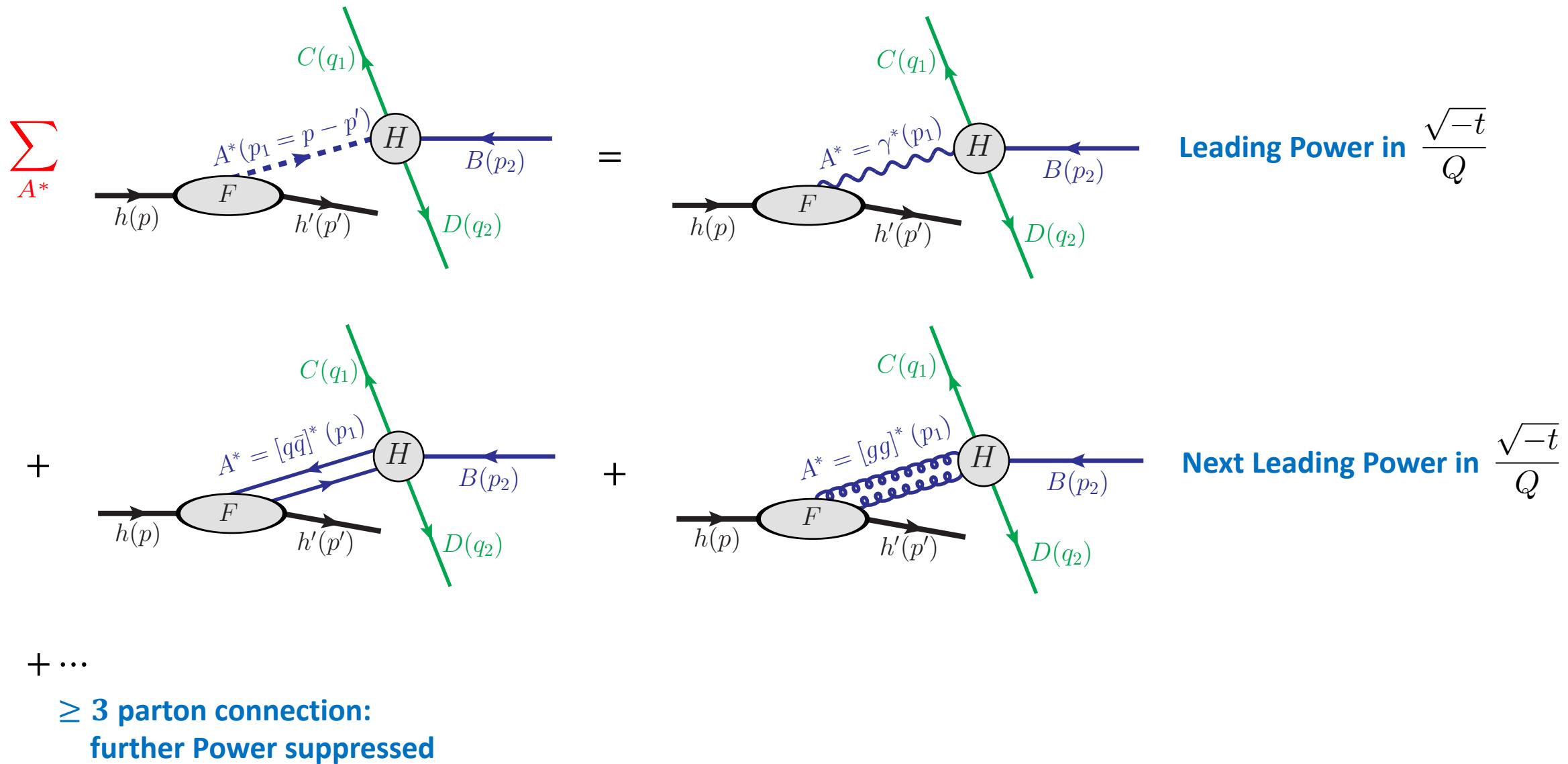
**Hard exclusive:**  $A^*(p_1) + B(p_2) \rightarrow C(p_3) + D(p_4)$

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

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

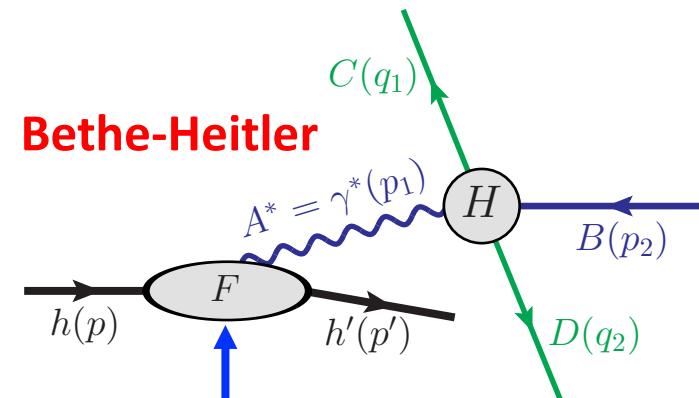
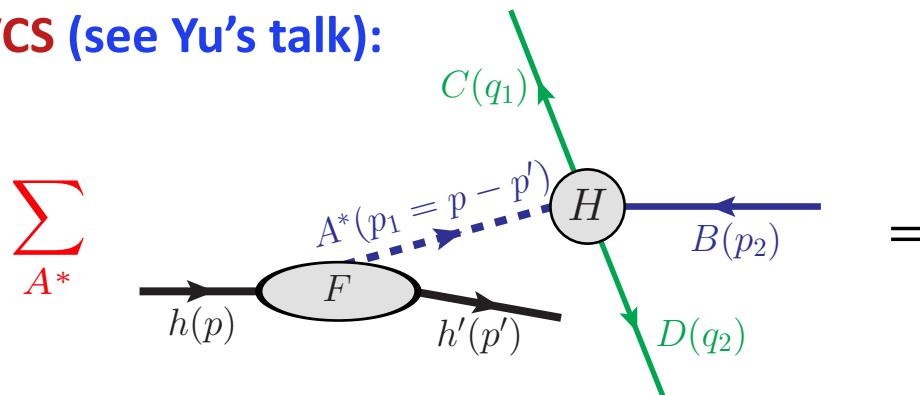


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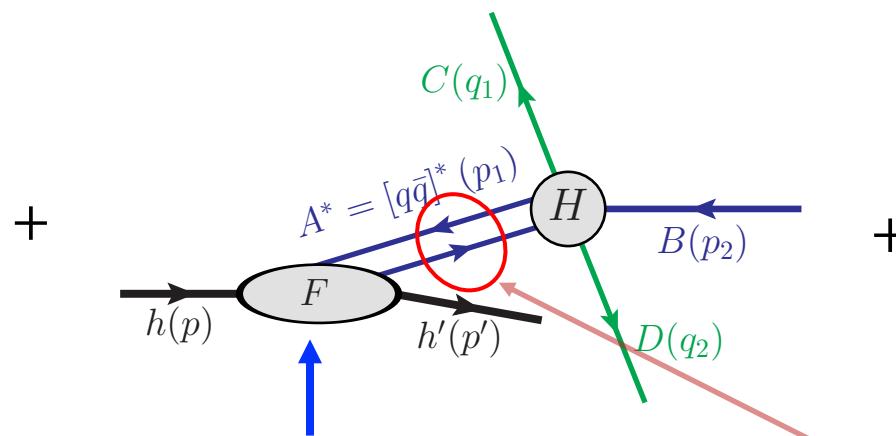


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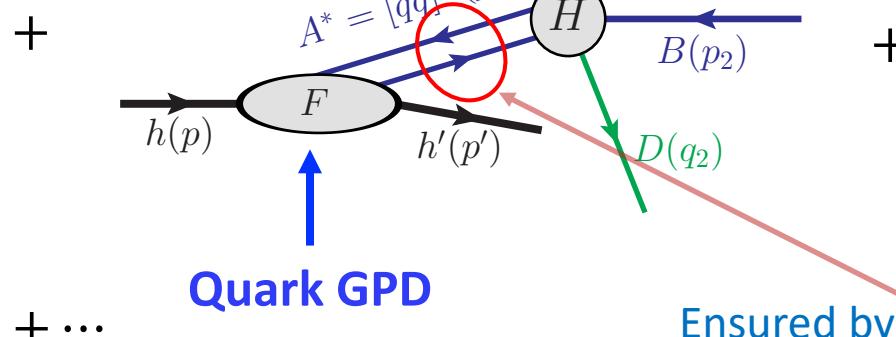
DVCS (see Yu's talk):



**Bethe-Heitler**  
Leading Power in  $\frac{\sqrt{-t}}{Q}$



**EM form factor**



**Next Leading Power in**  $\frac{\sqrt{-t}}{Q}$

+ ...  
 $\geq 3$  parton connection:  
 further Power suppressed

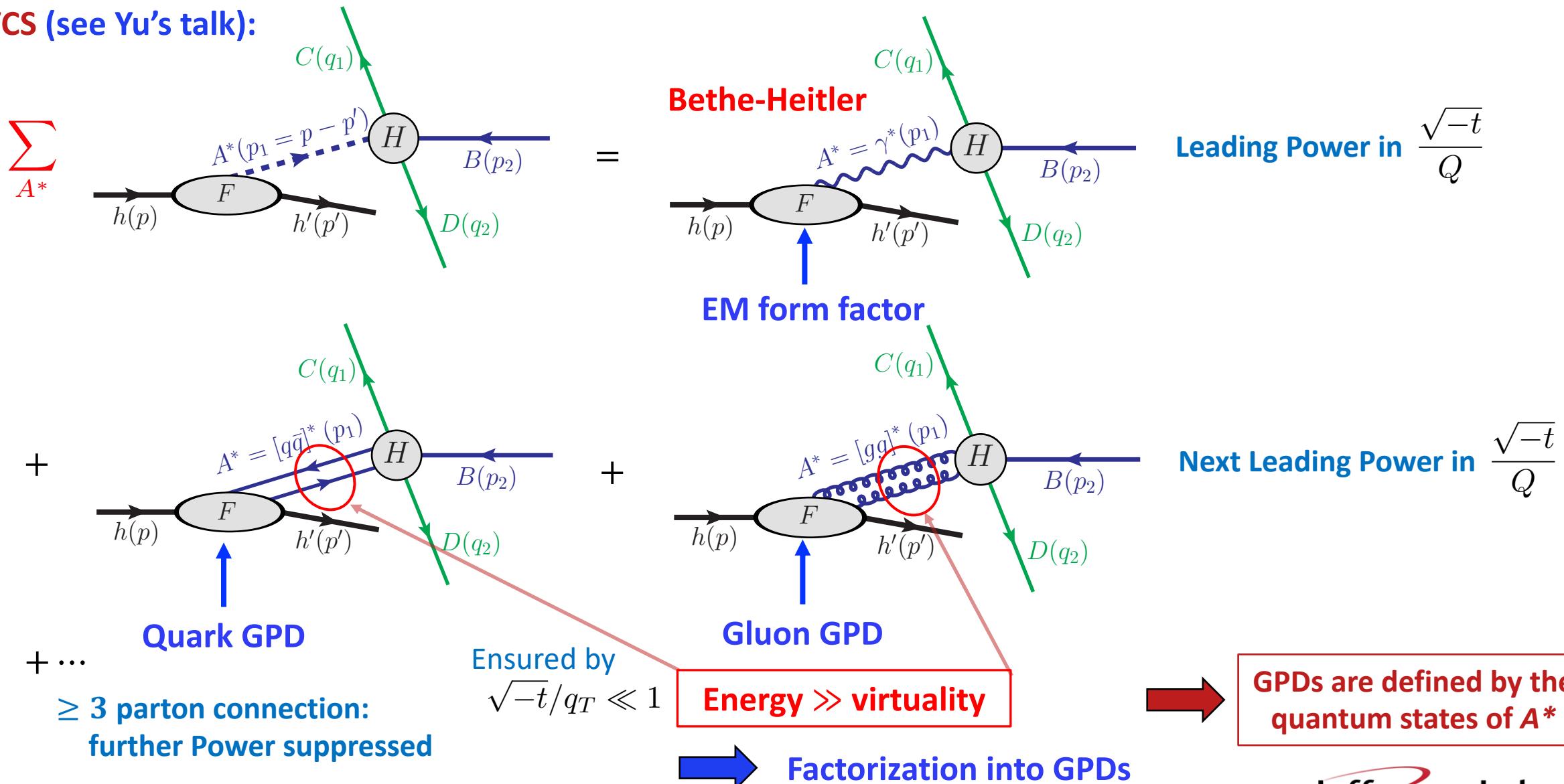
Ensured by  
 $\sqrt{-t}/q_T \ll 1$

**Energy  $\gg$  virtuality**

**Factorization into GPDs**

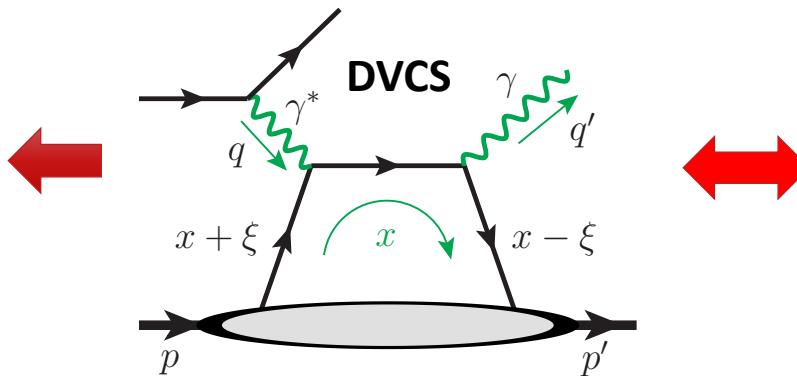
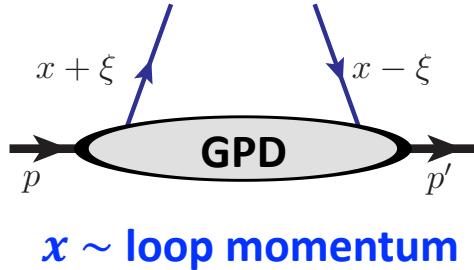
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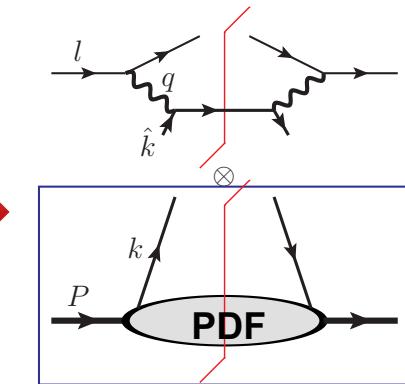
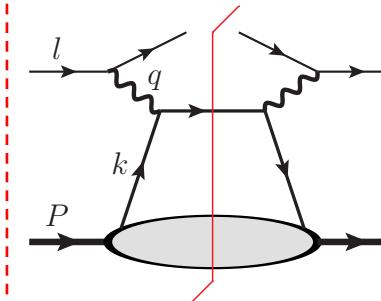
## □ Amplitude nature of the exclusive processes:



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Full range of  $x$ , including  $x = 0$ ;  $x = \pm \xi$

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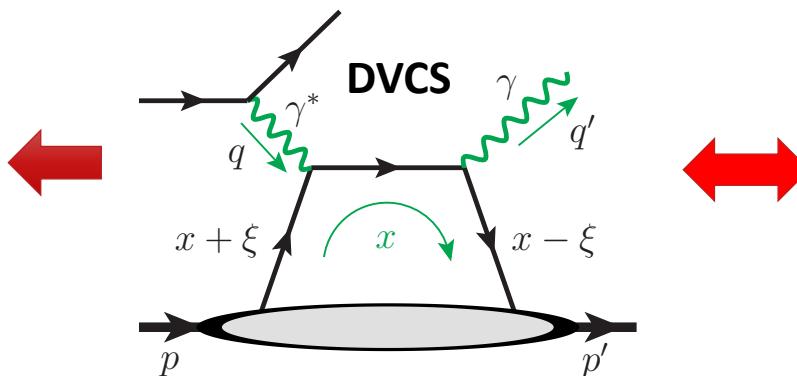
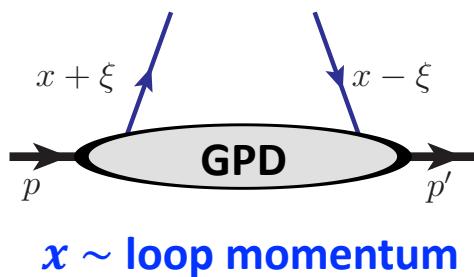


cross section: cut diagram

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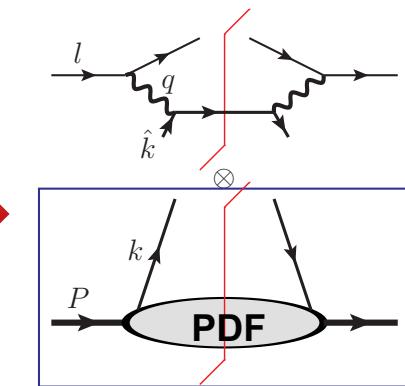
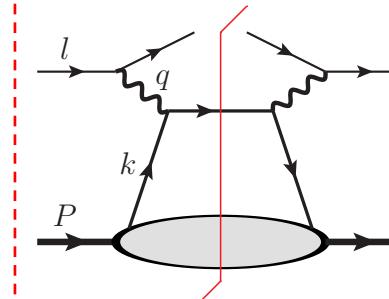
## □ Sensitivity to $x$ : comes from $C(x, \xi; Q/\mu)$

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

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

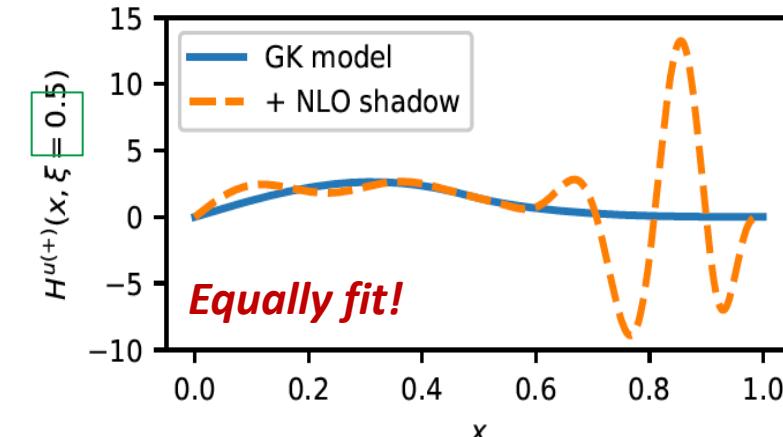
DVCS is an example

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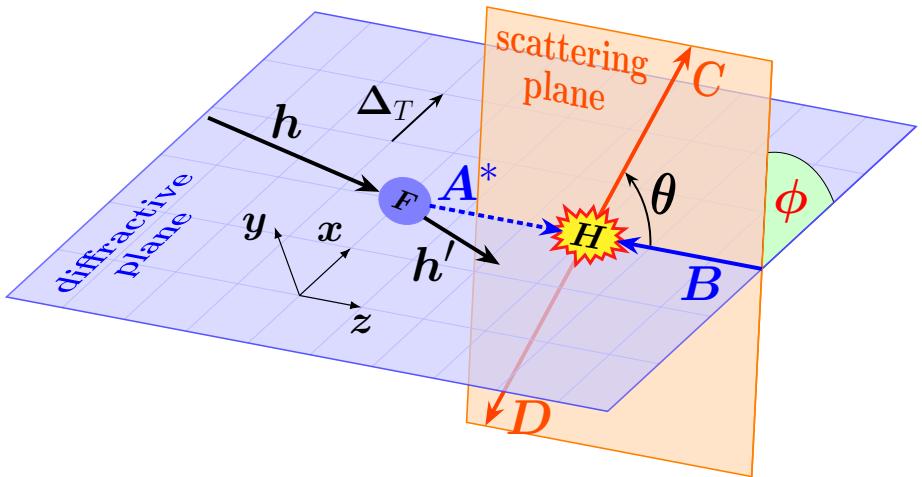
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[Bertone et al. PRD '21]

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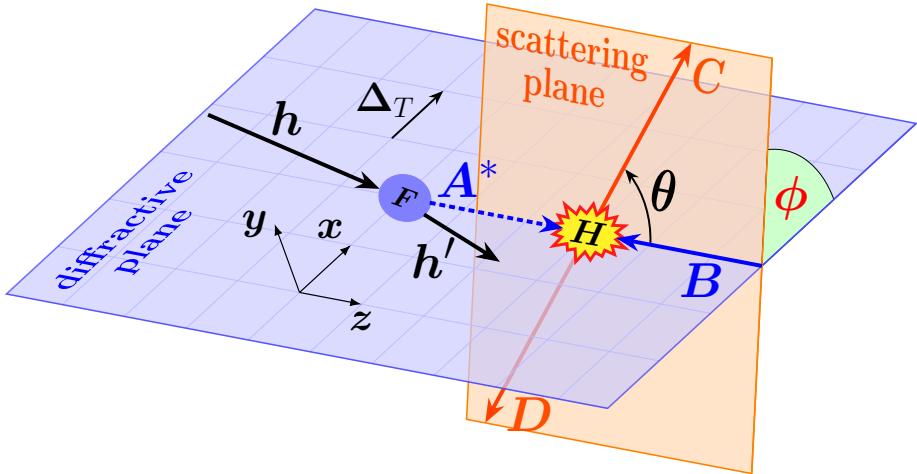
2.  $\theta$  or  $q_T = (\sqrt{\hat{s}}/2) \sin\theta$   $\xleftrightarrow{\quad} x$

3.  $\phi$   $\xleftarrow{\quad} (A^* B)$  spin states

$$\mathcal{M}(Q, \phi) \simeq \sum_A e^{i(\lambda_A - \lambda_B)\phi} \cdot \int_{-1}^1 dx F_A(x) C_A(x; Q) \quad (Q = \theta \text{ or } q_T)$$

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- **Moment-type sensitivity:**  $C(\mathbf{x}; Q) = G(\mathbf{x}) \cdot T(Q) \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}}$   $F_G = \int_{-1}^1 d\mathbf{x} G(\mathbf{x}) F(\mathbf{x}, \xi, t)$  **Independent of  $Q$**

→ **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:**  $C(\mathbf{x}; Q) \neq G(\mathbf{x}) \cdot T(Q) \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} d\sigma/dQ \sim |C(\mathbf{x}; Q) \otimes_{\mathbf{x}} F(\mathbf{x}, \xi, t)|^2$

# 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):

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

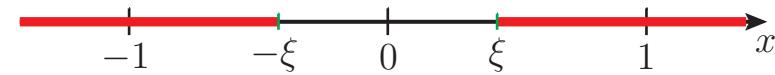
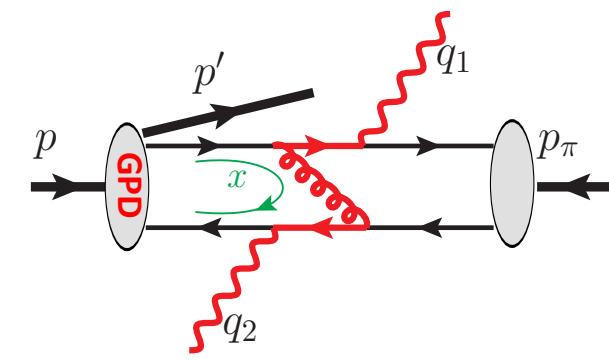
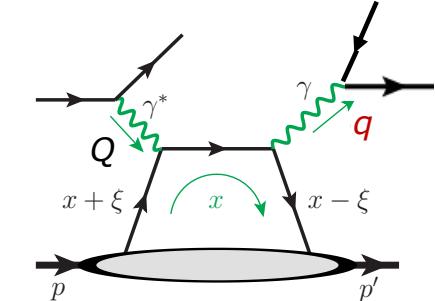
Hard scale:  $q_T \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$    Soft scale:  $t \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$

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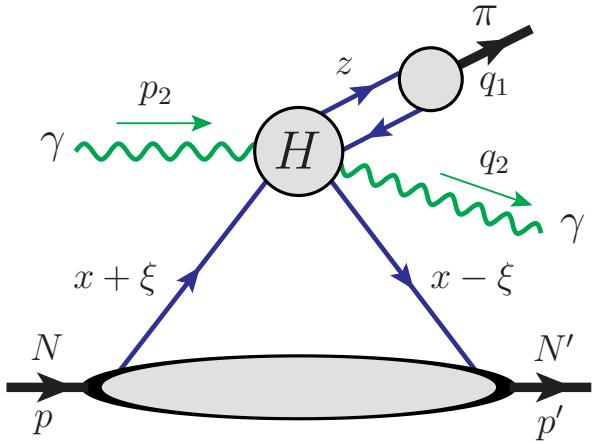
$i\mathcal{M}$  also contains

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

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



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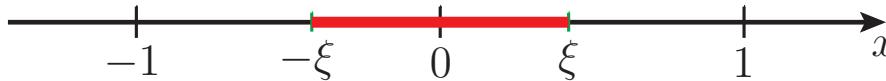


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$i\mathcal{M}$  also contains the special integral:

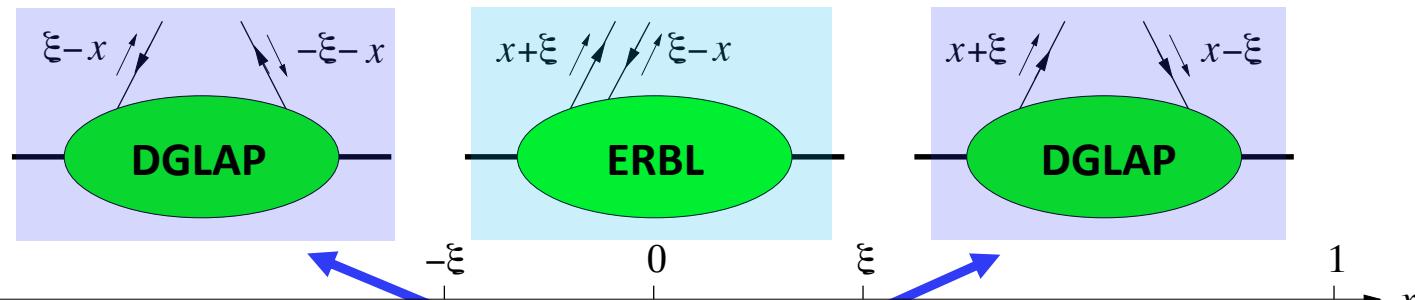
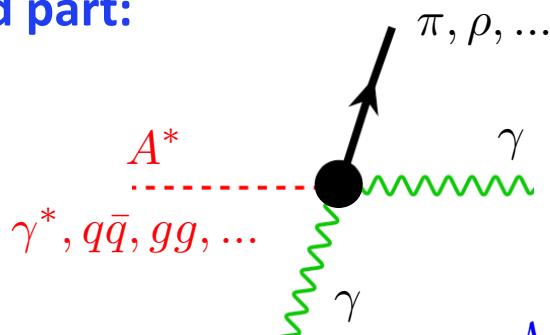
$$I'(t, \xi; z, \theta) = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{x - \rho'(z; \theta) + i\epsilon} F(x, \xi, t)$$

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



→ Sensitive to the ERBL region:

Hard part:



$N \pi \rightarrow N' \gamma \gamma$

$$\mathcal{M}(q_T, \phi) \propto \sum_{A^*} e^{i(\lambda_{A^*} - \lambda_\gamma)\phi}$$

G. Duplancic et al., JHEP 11 (2018) 179

G. Duplancic et al., JHEP 03 (2023) 241

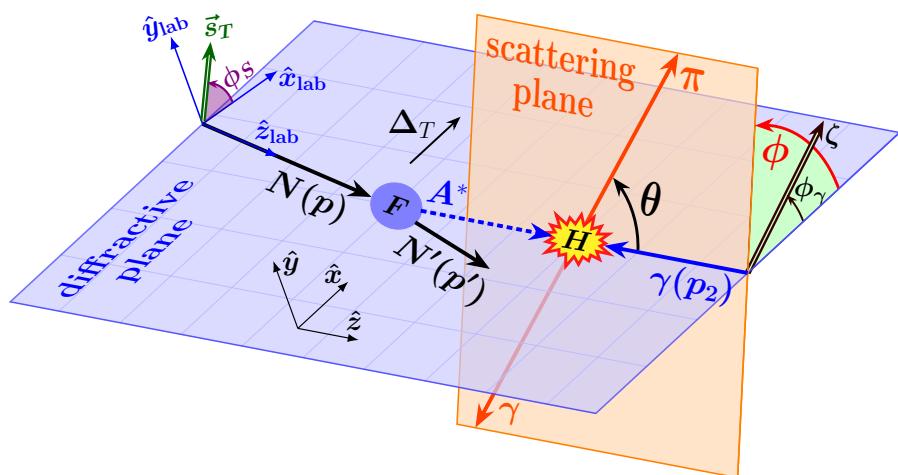
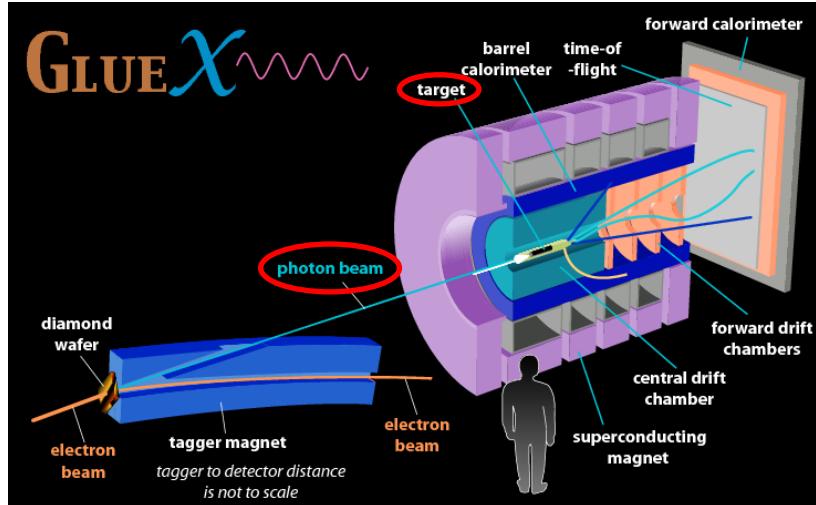
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Qiu & Yu, PRL 131 (2023), 161902

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## □ Polarization asymmetries:

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

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

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

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

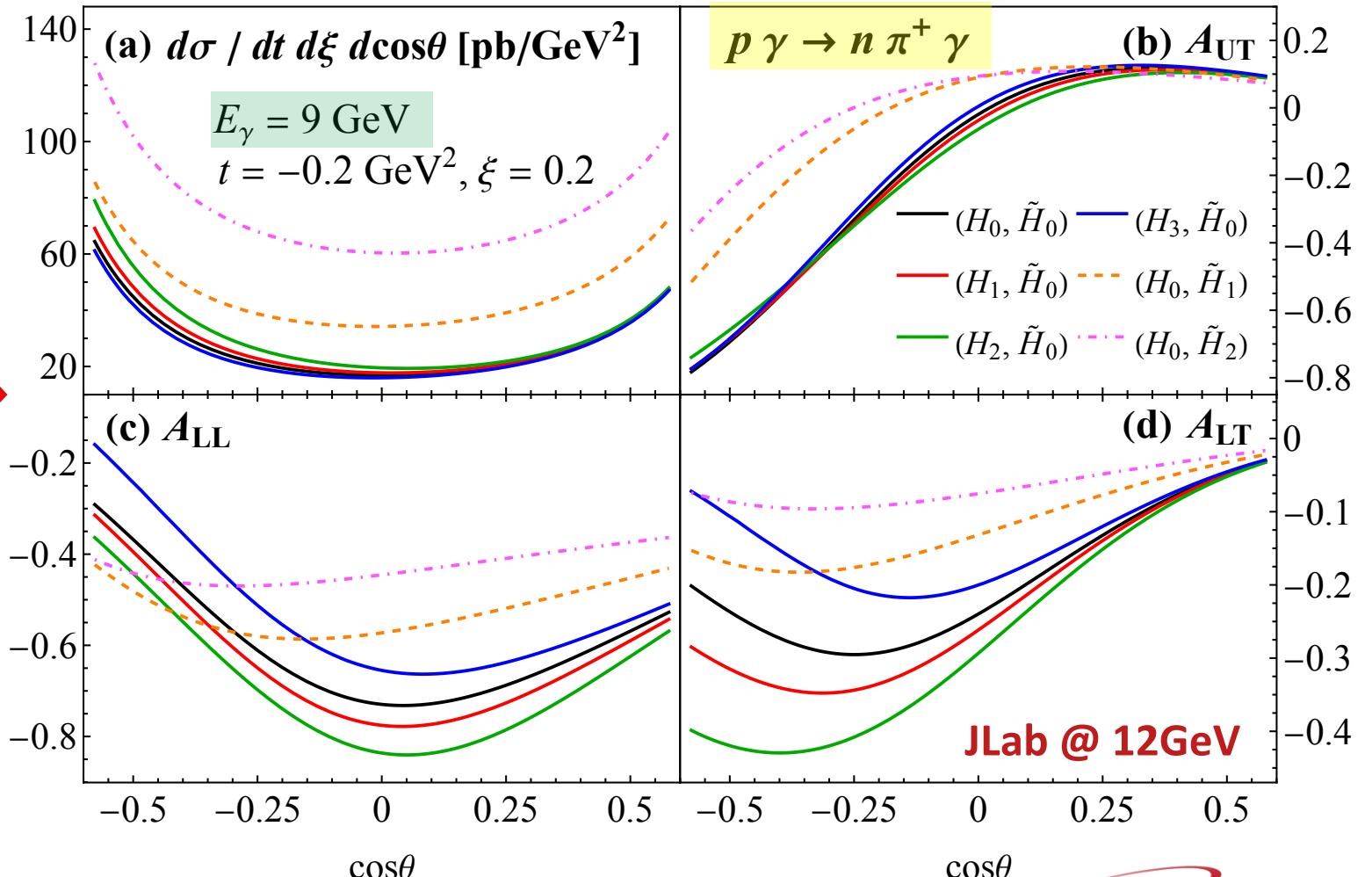
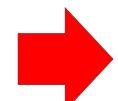
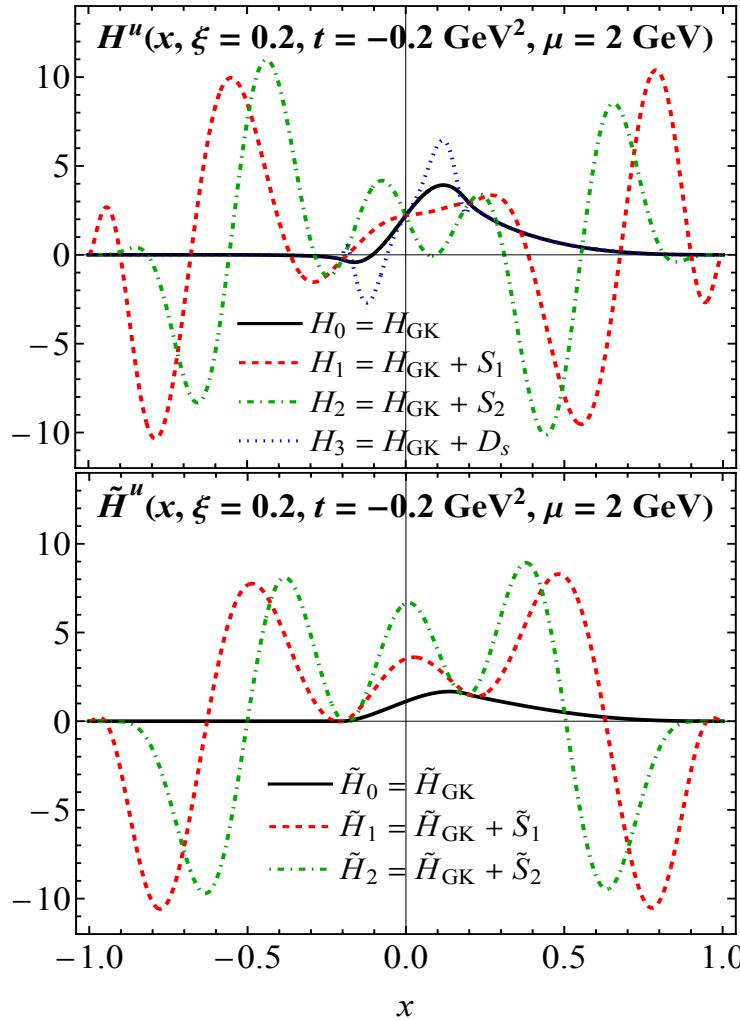
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GPD models = GK model + shadow GPDs



$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx S(x, \xi)}{x - \xi \pm i\epsilon} = 0$$

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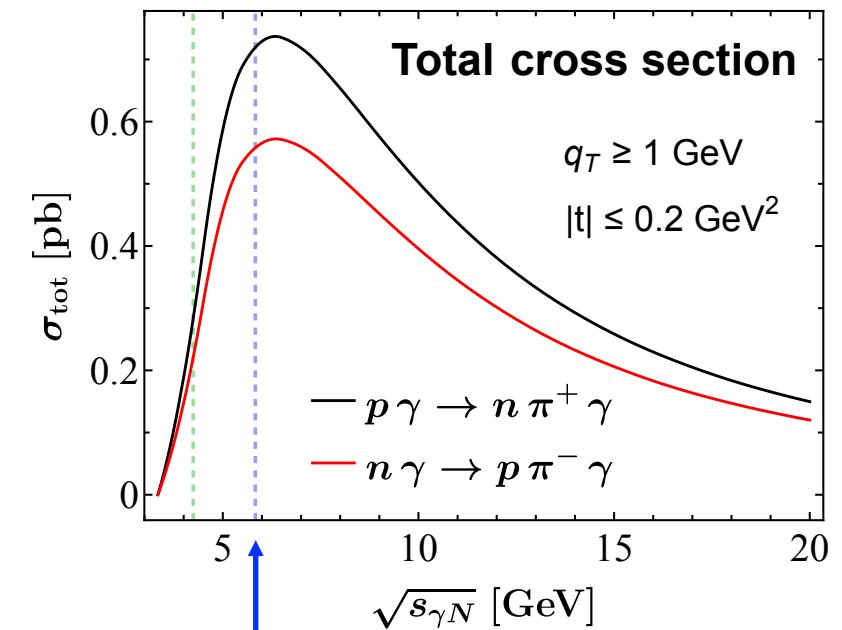
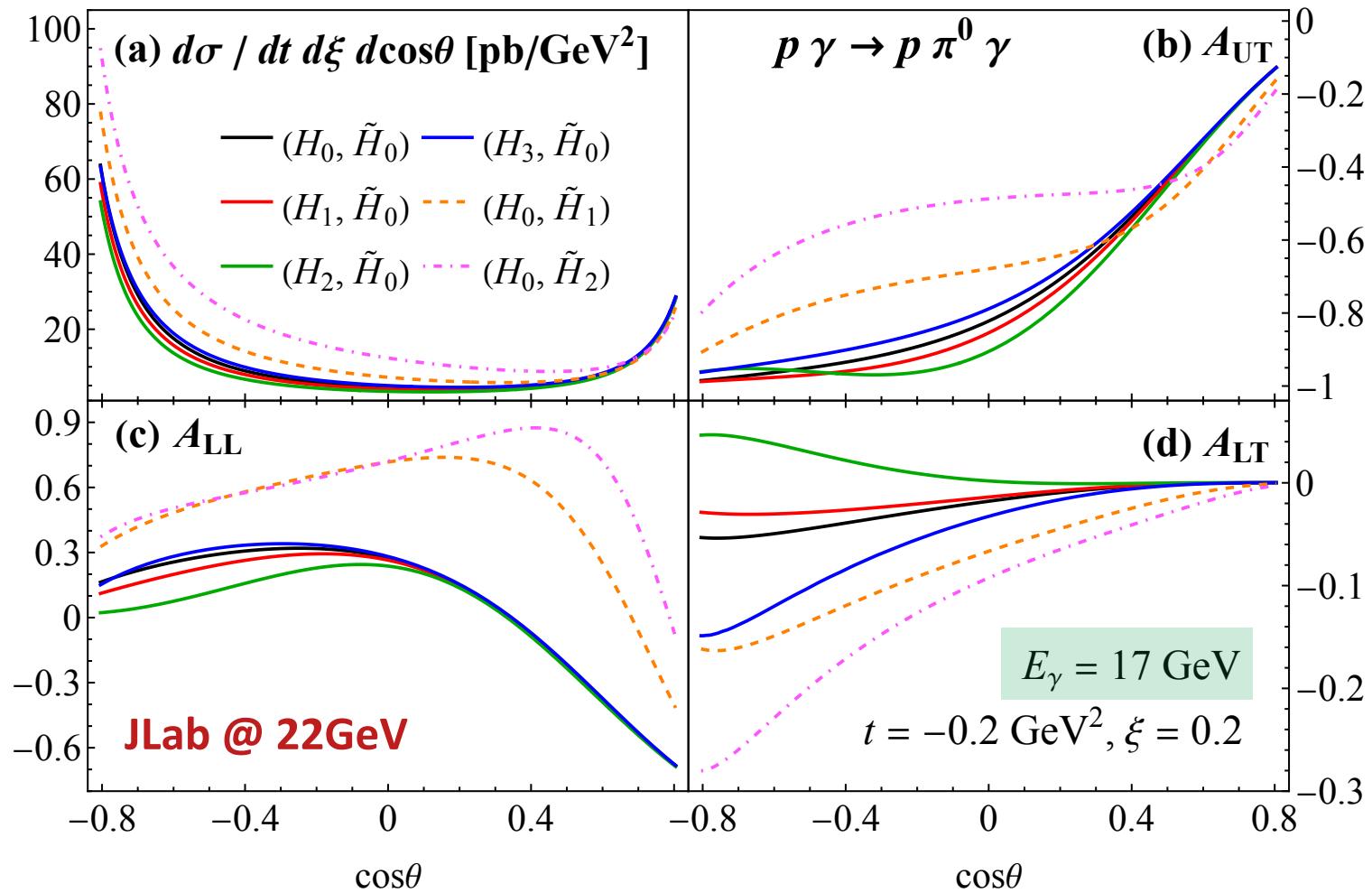
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GPD models = GK model + shadow GPDs



$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx S(x, \xi)}{x - \xi \pm i\epsilon} = 0$$

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# Summary and Outlook

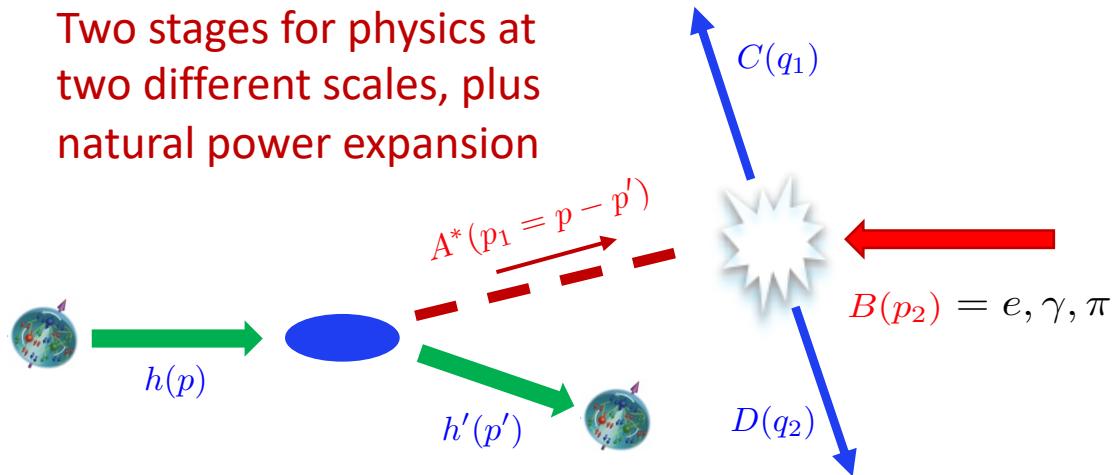
## □ GPDs are fundamental, carrying rich information on:

- 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

### SDHEPs:

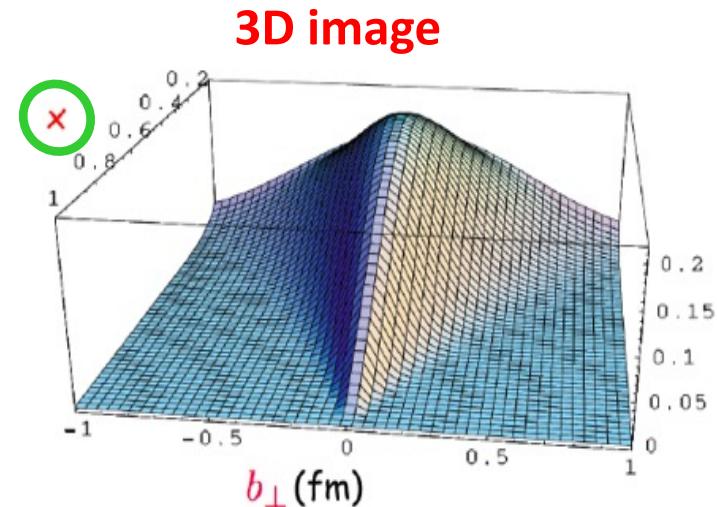
Two stages for physics at two different scales, plus natural power expansion



- 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

## □ Gamma + Meson exclusive photoproduction at Hall D

is a valuable process with good sensitivity to GPDs' x-dependence



Thanks!