

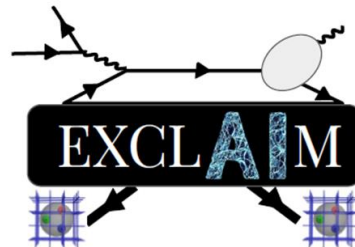
A Unified Software for Factorization-Based and HQCD Models

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Towards Improved Hadron Femtography with Hard Exclusive Reactions

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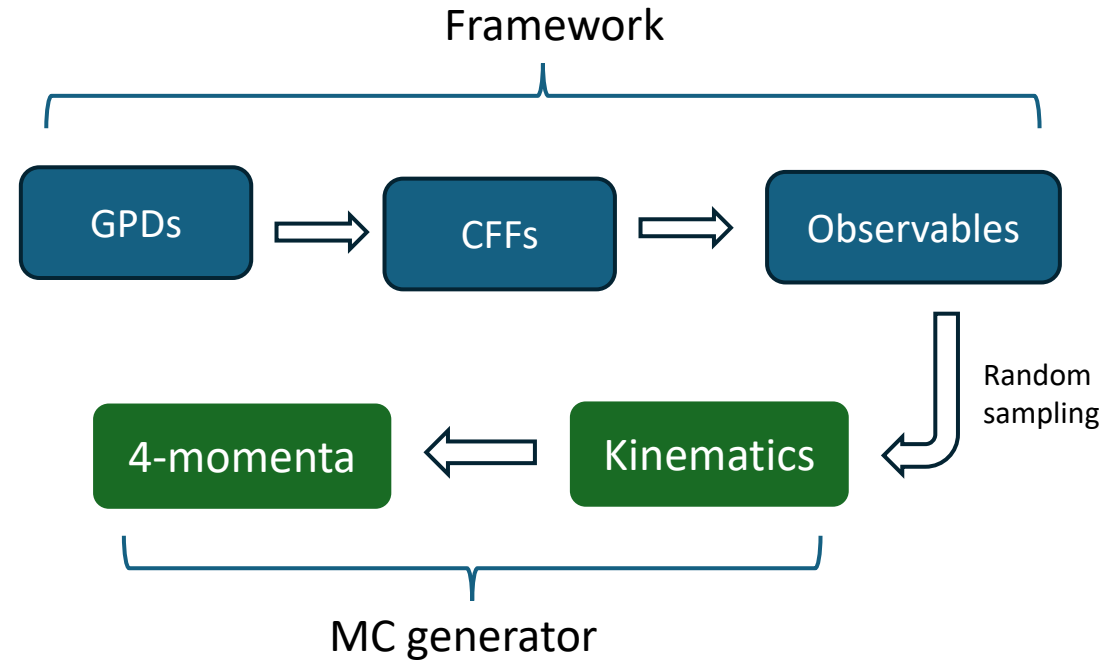
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Outline

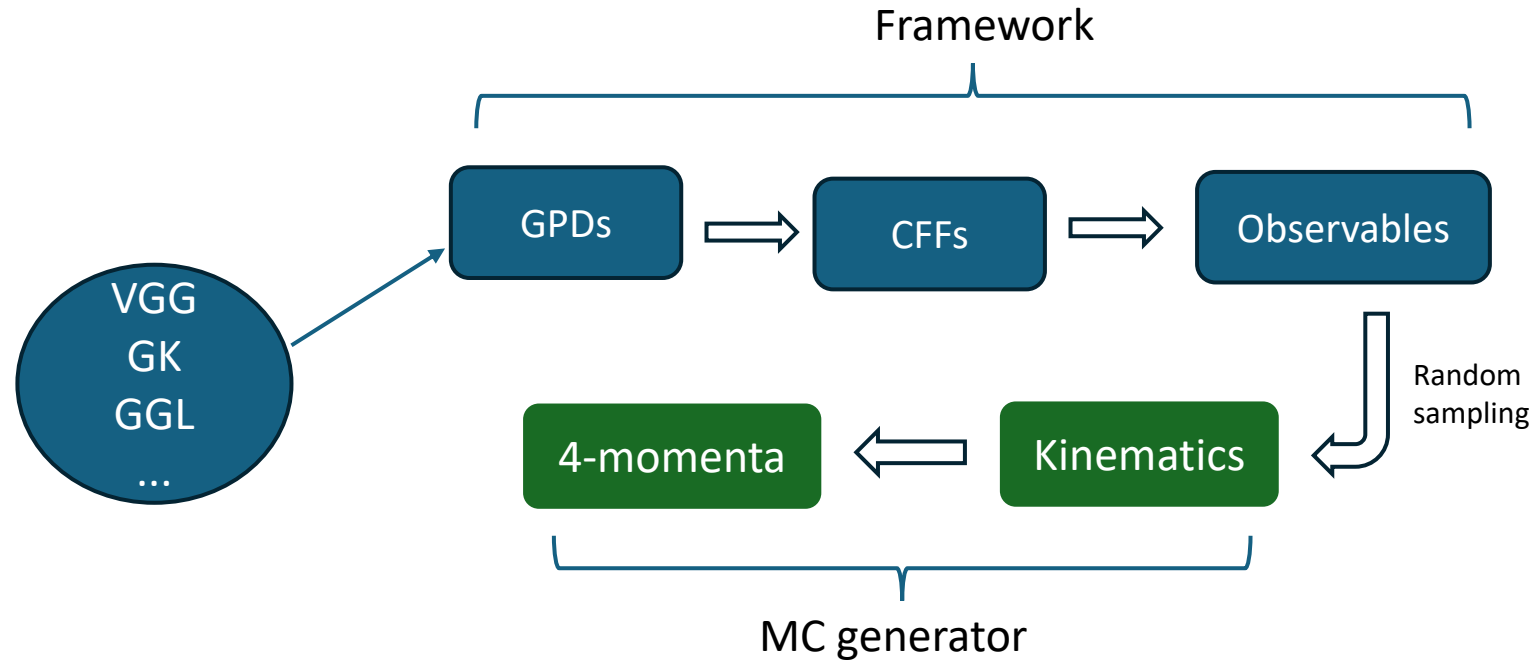
- A C++ program to analyze exclusive processes
- Different phenomenological models: VGG, GK, GGL, HQCD
- Compute various observables for DVCS and DVMP
- Enable multi-channel analysis
- Produce tables of cross-section for the DEEPGen Event Gen

Architecture



- **Modular structure:** each component has an isolated role and can easily be extended
- **Processes:** DVCS, π^+ and π^0 (handbag-based), J/ψ , Υ , and ϕ (HQCD)
- **Concept:** use building blocks of the hadrons, such as GPDs and/or CFFs, to describe observables

GPDs



Common Software Tools

- Available GPD models: VGG, GK; In progress: GGL
- PDFs used: MRST1998, LSS1998 (for the VGG model)
- EM Form Factors used: Kelly's parametrization (for the VGG model)

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GPDs

Chiral-even GPDs parametrize the off-forward nucleon bilinear matrix elements at a light-like separation:

$$P^+ \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ixP^+z^-} \langle p', \lambda' | \bar{\psi}_q(-\frac{z}{2}) \mathcal{W}(-\frac{z}{2}, \frac{z}{2}) \gamma^+ \psi_q(\frac{z}{2}) | p, \lambda \rangle \Big|_{z^+=0, \vec{z}_T=0} = \bar{u}(p', \lambda') \left[H^q \gamma^+ + E^q \frac{i\sigma^{+\alpha} \Delta_\alpha}{2m} \right] u(p, \lambda),$$

Müller, Robaschik, Geyer, Dittes, Hořejši (1994)
Radyushkin (1996)
Ji (1997)

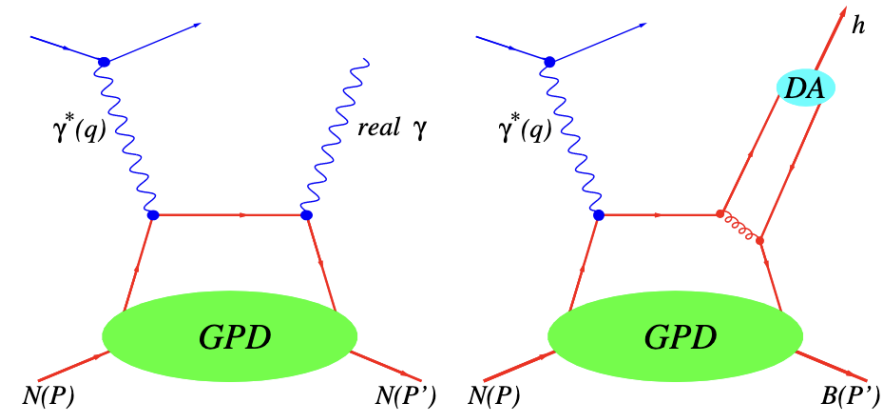
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parameters: $x, \quad \xi = \frac{p^+ - p'^+}{p^+ + p'^+}, \quad t = \Delta^2, \quad \mu^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \Delta^\alpha = p'^\alpha - p^\alpha$

GPDs

Chiral-odd GPDs: [Diehl \(2001\)](#)

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



- Chiral-even GPDs: accessible through DVCS and DVMP with longitudinally polarized photons (leading twist)
- Chiral-odd GPDs: accessible through DVMP, if one assumes an effective handbag mechanism for transversely polarized photons [Goloskokov, Kroll \(2010\)](#)

GPD Models

The VGG model is based on double distributions

$$H^q(x, \xi, t) = \frac{1}{1 + \xi} \{f^q(X, \zeta, t)\} \quad \text{for } \xi \leq x \leq 1,$$

$$H^q(x, \xi, t) = \frac{1}{1 + \xi} \{f^q(X, \zeta, t) - \bar{f}^q(\zeta - X, \zeta, t)\}$$

for $-\xi \leq x \leq \xi$,

$$H^q(x, \xi, t) = \frac{1}{1 + \xi} \{-\bar{f}^q(\zeta - X, \zeta, t)\}, \quad \text{for } -1 \leq x \leq -\xi$$

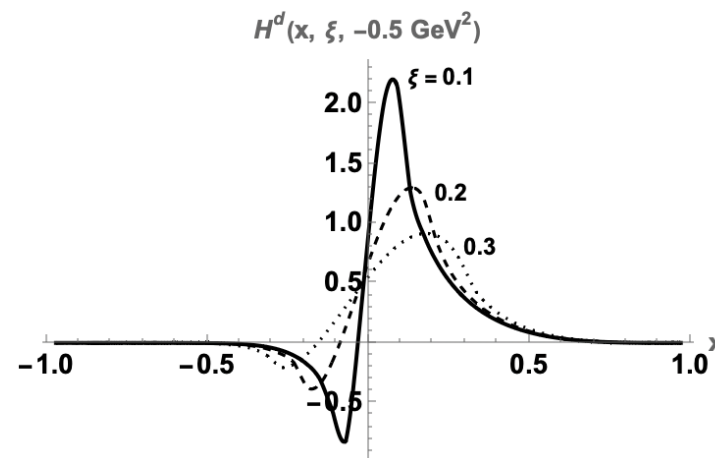
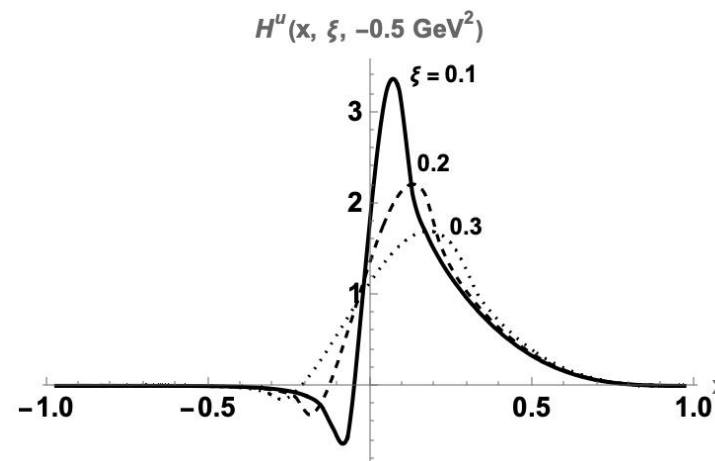
polynomiality
forward limit

$$f^q(X, \zeta, t) = \int_0^{\bar{X}/\bar{\zeta}} dy F^q(X - \zeta y, y, t), \quad \text{for } X \geq \zeta:$$

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$$F^q(\tilde{x}, y, t) = F_1^q(t) / F_1^q(0) q(\tilde{x}) 6 \frac{y(1 - \tilde{x} - y)}{(1 - \tilde{x})^3}$$

Vanderhaeghen, Guichon, Guidal (1999)



GPD Models

The GK model is also based on double distributions

Goloskokov, Kroll (2008)

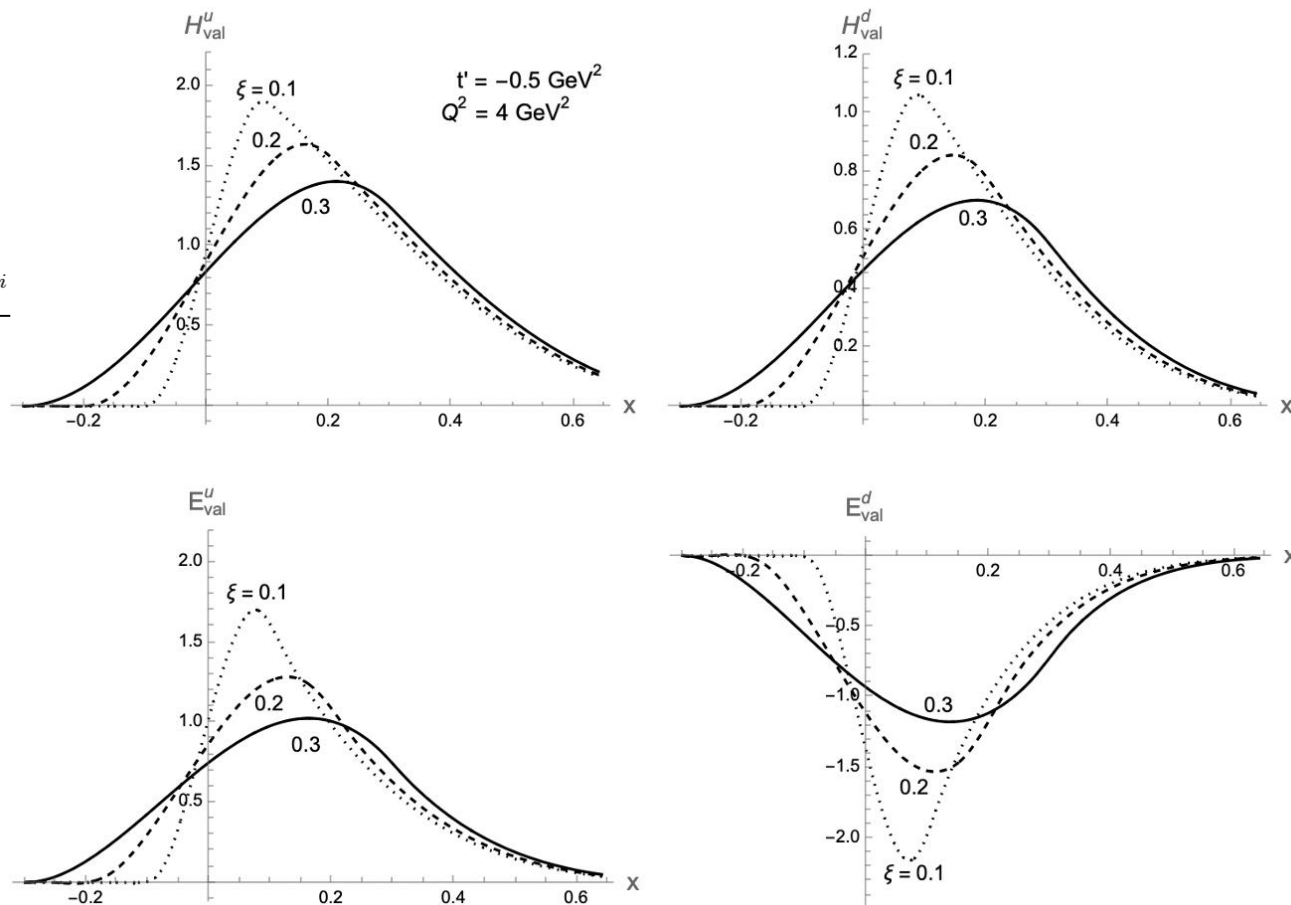
$$H_i(\bar{x}, \xi, t) = \int_{-1}^1 d\beta \int_{-1+|\beta|}^{1-|\beta|} d\alpha \delta(\beta + \xi\alpha - \bar{x}) f_i(\beta, \alpha, t)$$

$$f_i(\beta, \alpha, t) = e^{b_i t} |\beta|^{-\alpha'_i t} h_i(\beta) \frac{\Gamma(2n_i + 2)}{2^{2n_i+1} \Gamma^2(n_i + 1)} \frac{[(1 - |\beta|)^2 - \alpha^2]^{n_i}}{(1 - |\beta|)^{2n_i+1}}$$

$$h_g(\beta) = |\beta|g(|\beta|) \quad n_g = 2,$$

$$h_{\text{sea}}^q(\beta) = q_{\text{sea}}(|\beta|) \text{sign}(\beta) \quad n_{\text{sea}} = 2,$$

$$h_{\text{val}}^q(\beta) = q_{\text{val}}(\beta) \Theta(\beta) \quad n_{\text{val}} = 1.$$



CFFs at LO

CFFs at LO can be computed as:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H}^q &= \int_{-1}^1 dx C_0 H^q(x, \xi, t) \\ &= \left[-P.V \int_{-1}^1 dx \left(\frac{1}{x + \xi} + \frac{1}{x - \xi} \right) H^q(x, \xi, t) \right] + i\pi(H^q(\xi, \xi, t) - H^q(-\xi, \xi, t))\end{aligned}$$

Imaginary part can easily be computed analytically:

$$\begin{aligned}Im\mathcal{H} &= \pi(H(\xi, \xi, t) - H(-\xi, \xi, t)) \\ &= \pi \left(\frac{H^+(\xi, \xi, t) + H^-(\xi, \xi, t)}{2} - \frac{H^+(-\xi, \xi, t) + H^-(-\xi, \xi, t)}{2} \right) \\ &= \pi H^+(\xi, \xi, t)\end{aligned}$$

$$Re\mathcal{H} = - \left(\int_0^1 dx \frac{H^+(x, \xi, t)}{x + \xi} + \int_0^1 dx \frac{H^+(x, \xi, t) - H^+(\xi, \xi, t)}{x - \xi} + H^+(\xi, \xi, t) \log \left(\frac{1 - \xi}{\xi} \right) \right)$$

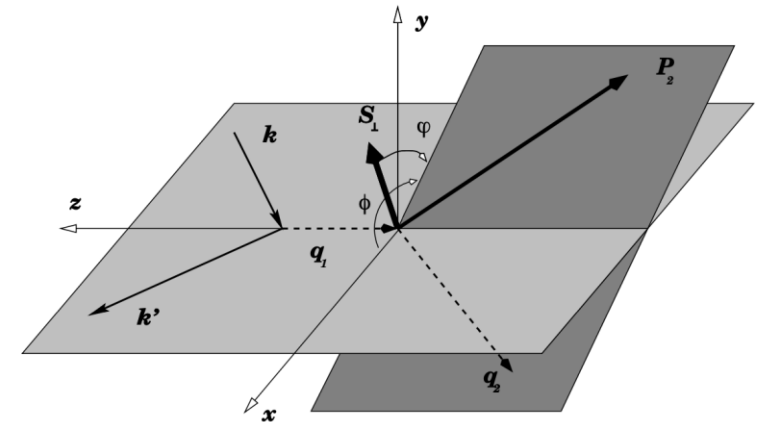
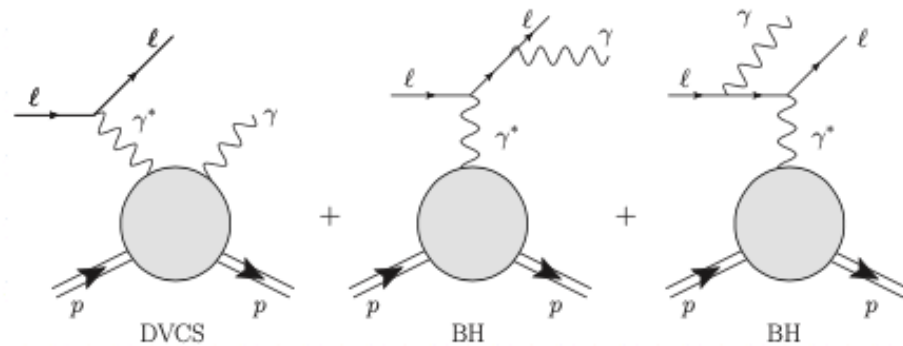
Cross section of the electroproduction process

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_B dy d|\Delta^2| d\phi d\varphi} = \frac{\alpha^3 x_B y}{16 \pi^2 Q^2 \sqrt{1 + \epsilon^2}} \left| \frac{\mathcal{T}}{e^3} \right|^2 \cdot \begin{array}{l} \text{Belitsky, Müller, Kirchner (2002)} \\ \text{Kriesten, Liuti, Calero-Diaz, Keller, Meyer, Goldstein, Gonzalez-Hernandez (2020)} \end{array}$$

$$|\mathcal{T}_{\text{BH}}|^2 = \frac{e^6}{x_B^2 y^2 (1 + \epsilon^2)^2 \Delta^2 \mathcal{P}_1(\phi) \mathcal{P}_2(\phi)} \left\{ c_0^{\text{BH}} + \sum_{n=1}^2 c_n^{\text{BH}} \cos(n\phi) + s_1^{\text{BH}} \sin(\phi) \right\},$$

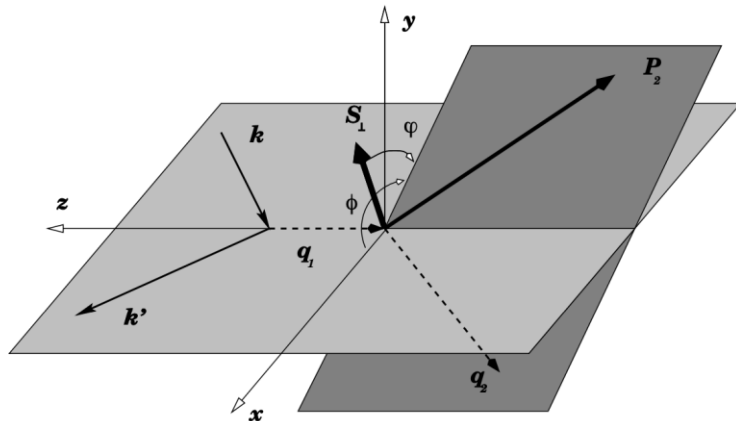
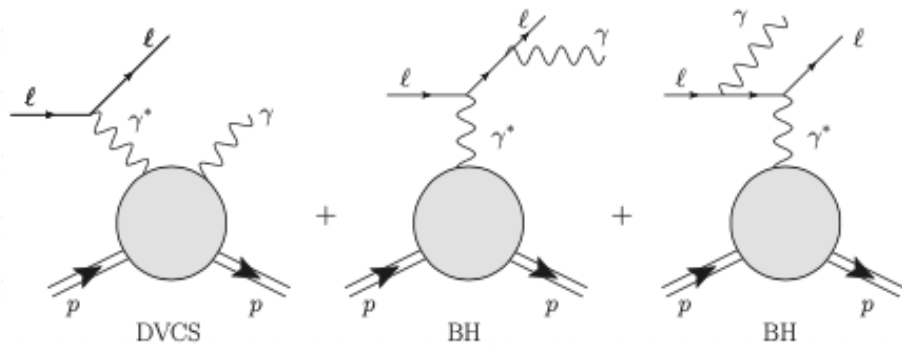
$$|\mathcal{T}_{\text{DVCS}}|^2 = \frac{e^6}{y^2 Q^2} \left\{ c_0^{\text{DVCS}} + \sum_{n=1}^2 \left[c_n^{\text{DVCS}} \cos(n\phi) + s_n^{\text{DVCS}} \sin(n\phi) \right] \right\},$$

$$\mathcal{I} = \frac{\pm e^6}{x_B y^3 \Delta^2 \mathcal{P}_1(\phi) \mathcal{P}_2(\phi)} \left\{ c_0^{\mathcal{I}} + \sum_{n=1}^3 \left[c_n^{\mathcal{I}} \cos(n\phi) + s_n^{\mathcal{I}} \sin(n\phi) \right] \right\},$$

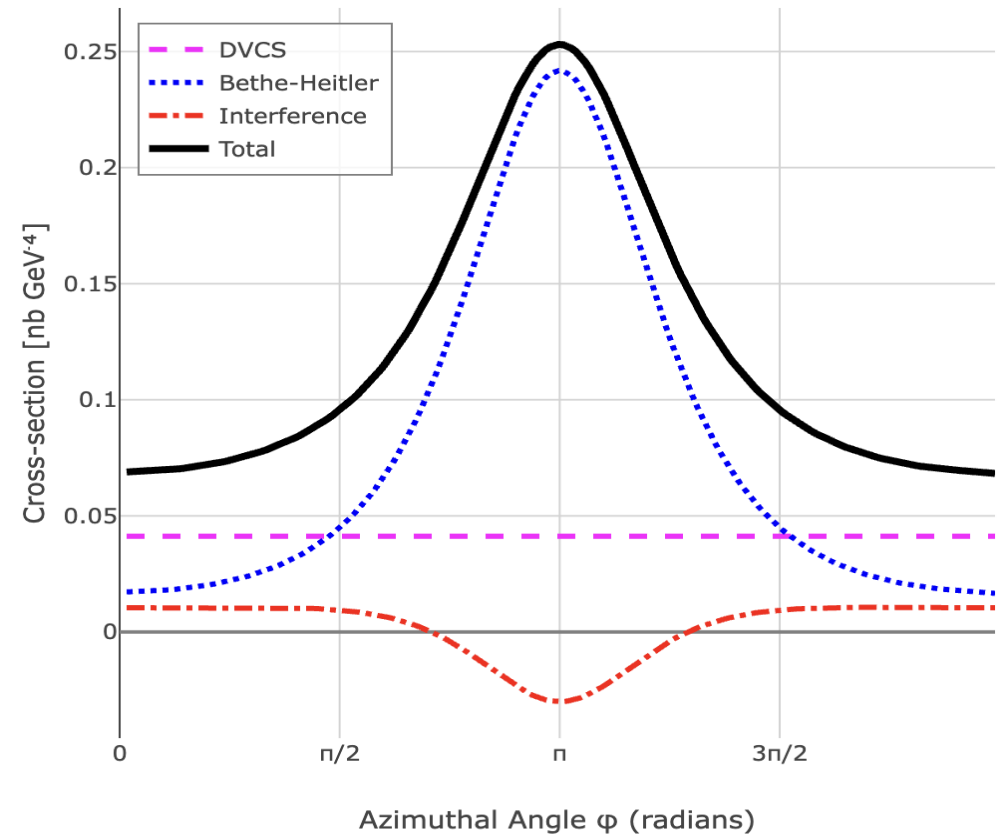


BMK cross section

- Unpolarized cross section of the electroproduction process with the VGG GPDs
- Leading twist and leading order

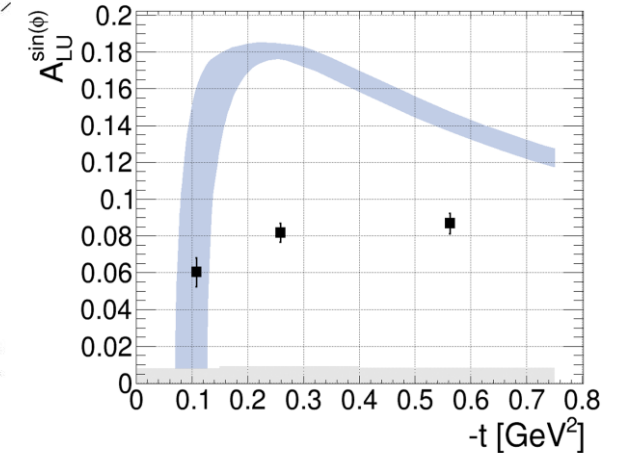
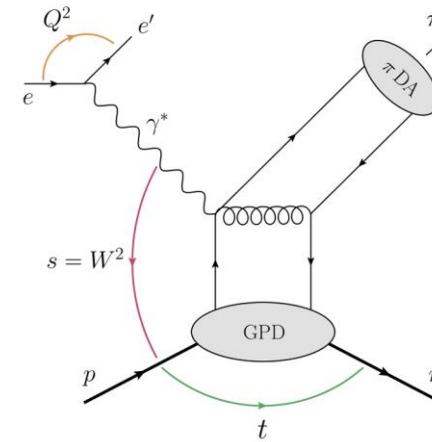


$x_B=0.1, y=0.3, Q^2=2 \text{ GeV}^2, t=-0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$

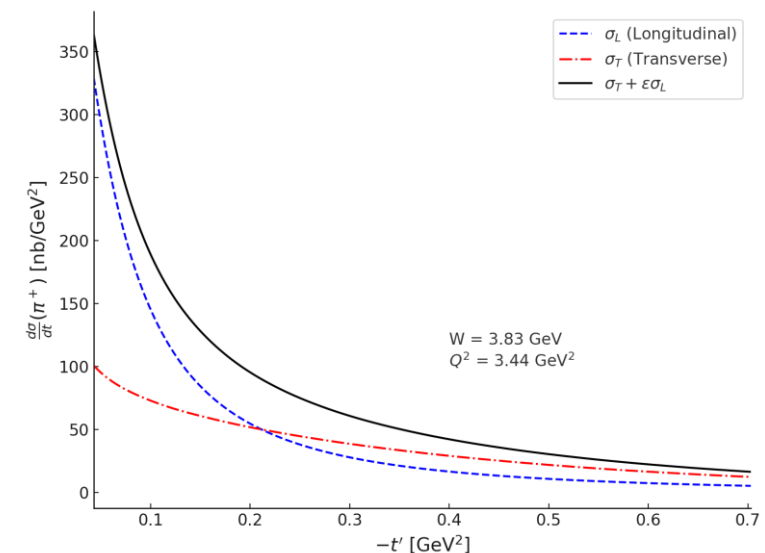


DVMP (π^+)

- Based on effective handbag approach in the GK model: factorizes the process into GPDs and subprocesses [Goloskokov, Kroll \(2010\)](#)
- Allow extraction and constrain of the chiral-even GPDs (\tilde{H} , \tilde{E}) & the chiral-odd GPD H_T
- Higher twist effects: Helicity-flip GPD H_T coupled with twist-3 pion wave function
- Dominance of the pion-pole contribution at low momentum transfer
- $\sigma_L > \sigma_T$ at low $|t|$, $\sigma_T > \sigma_L$ at high $|t|$



S. Diehl et al., PRL 125 (2020)

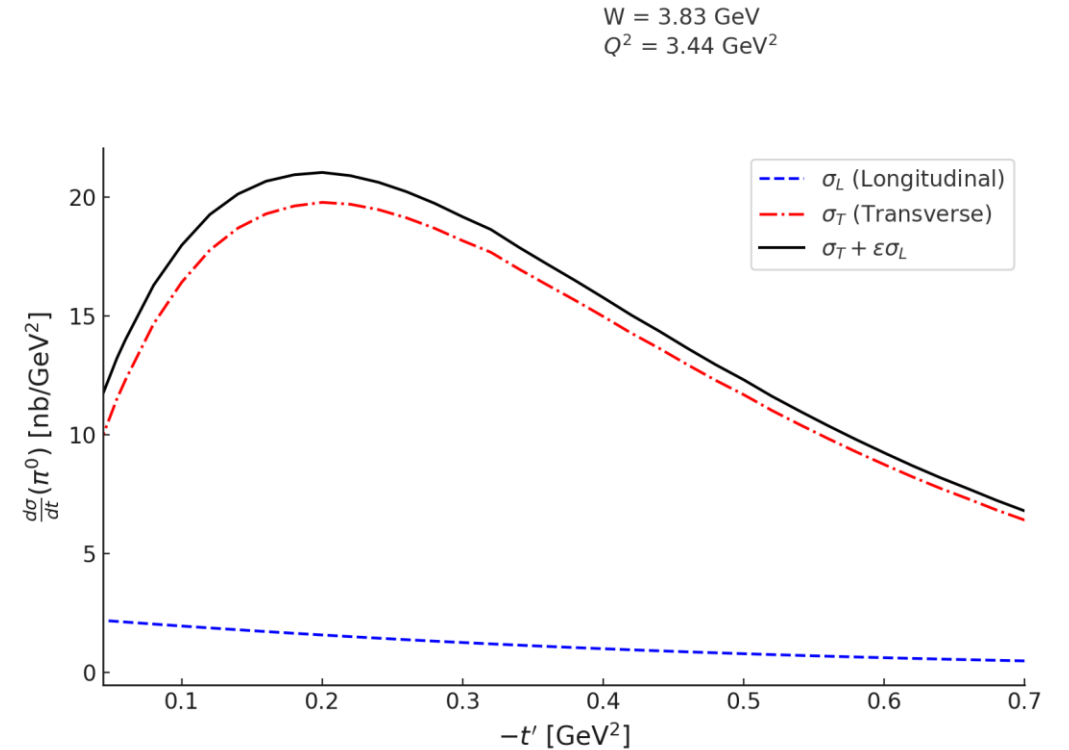


DVMP (π^0)

- Based on effective handbag approach in the GK model: factorizes the process into GPDs and subprocesses

Goloskokov, Kroll (2011)

- Particularly sensitive to the transversity GPDs H_T , \tilde{H}_T and E_T
- No pion-pole contribution
- Dominance of transversity GPDs
- Highlights the higher-twist effects



Pion production talks by [Andrey](#), [Avnish](#), [Harut](#), [Jihee](#), [Karolina](#), [Valery](#)

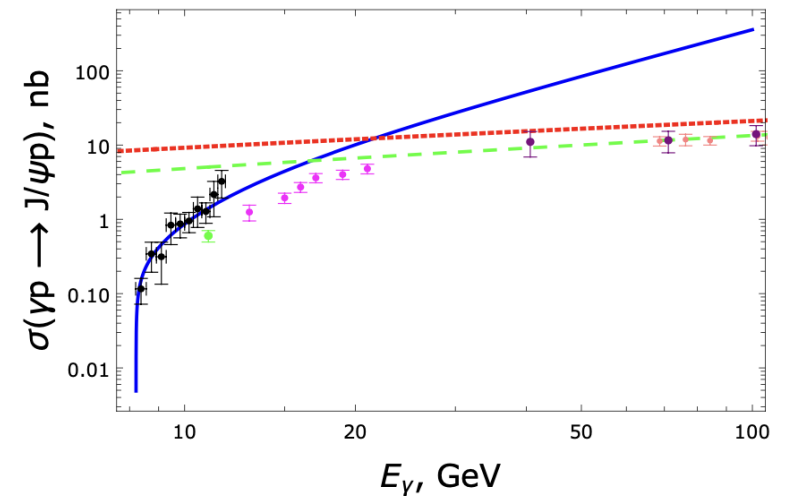
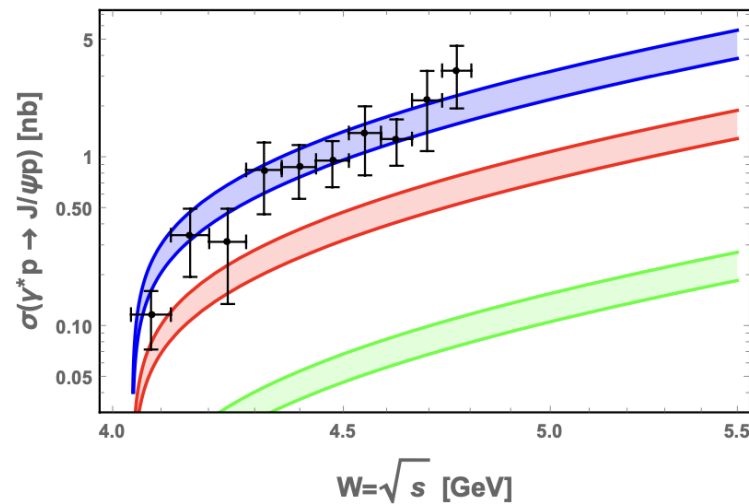
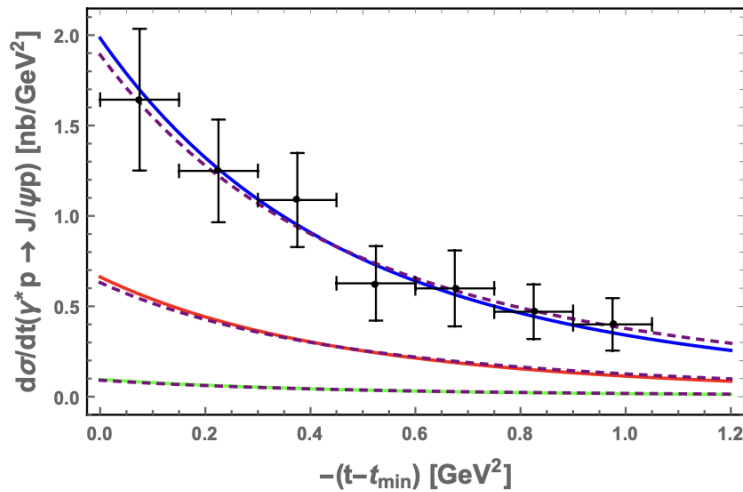
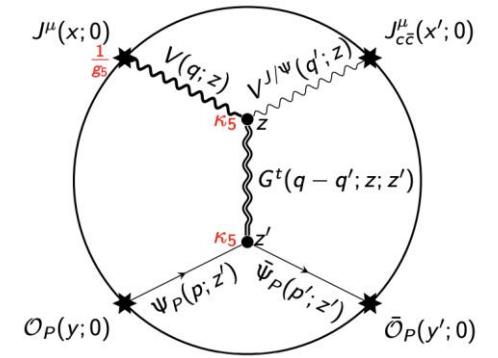
Transversity GPDs talk by [Jun-Young](#)

Holographic QCD

- Holographic QCD is based on the AdS/CFT correspondence: certain strongly coupled gauge theories in the large- N_c limit are dual to weakly coupled gravitational theories in a higher dimensional AdS-space
[Maldacena \(1998\)](#)
- QCD is neither supersymmetric nor conformal, but HQCD is a phenomenological extension that uses a 5D gravity dual to mimic QCD behavior
- Proton is treated as a bulk Dirac fermion, and vector mesons are normalizable modes (wave-like excitations) of a 5D gauge field
- Vector meson production probes the nucleon's gravitational structure via Witten diagrams in AdS, dominated by graviton (spin-2) exchange near threshold and higher-spin Reggeized exchanges far from threshold

Vector Mesons in HQCD (Near Threshold)

- Near threshold the leading contribution comes from spin-2 graviton exchange
- Sensitive to the Gravitational Form Factors

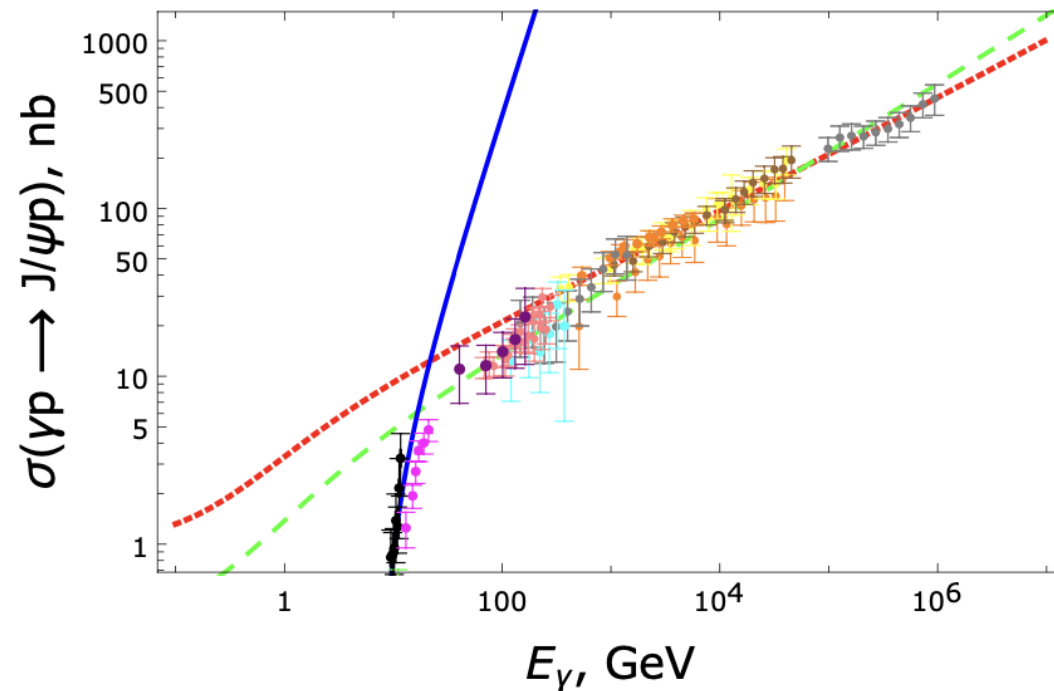


Blue $Q^2=0$
 Red $Q^2=1.2 \text{ GeV}^2$
 Green $Q^2=2.2 \text{ GeV}^2$

Mamo, Zahed, Phys. Rev. D 104 (2021)
 Mamo, Zahed, Phys. Rev. D 101 (2020)

Vector Mesons in HQCD (Far from Threshold)

- Far from threshold the leading contribution comes from the Reggeized graviton, representing a tower of higher spin gluonic excitations



Mamo, Zahed, Phys. Rev. D 104 (2021)

Mamo, Zahed, Phys. Rev. D 101 (2020)

Vector Mesons in HQCD (Complete Picture)

- Summing over all spin exchanges

$$\frac{d\sigma(s, t, Q, \epsilon_T, \epsilon'_T)}{dt} = \frac{\mathcal{N}_T^2}{16\pi(s - (-Q^2 + m_N^2))^2} \times \left| \mathcal{A}_{\gamma^*p \rightarrow Vp}^{TT}(s, t, Q, \epsilon_T, \epsilon'_T) \right|^2,$$

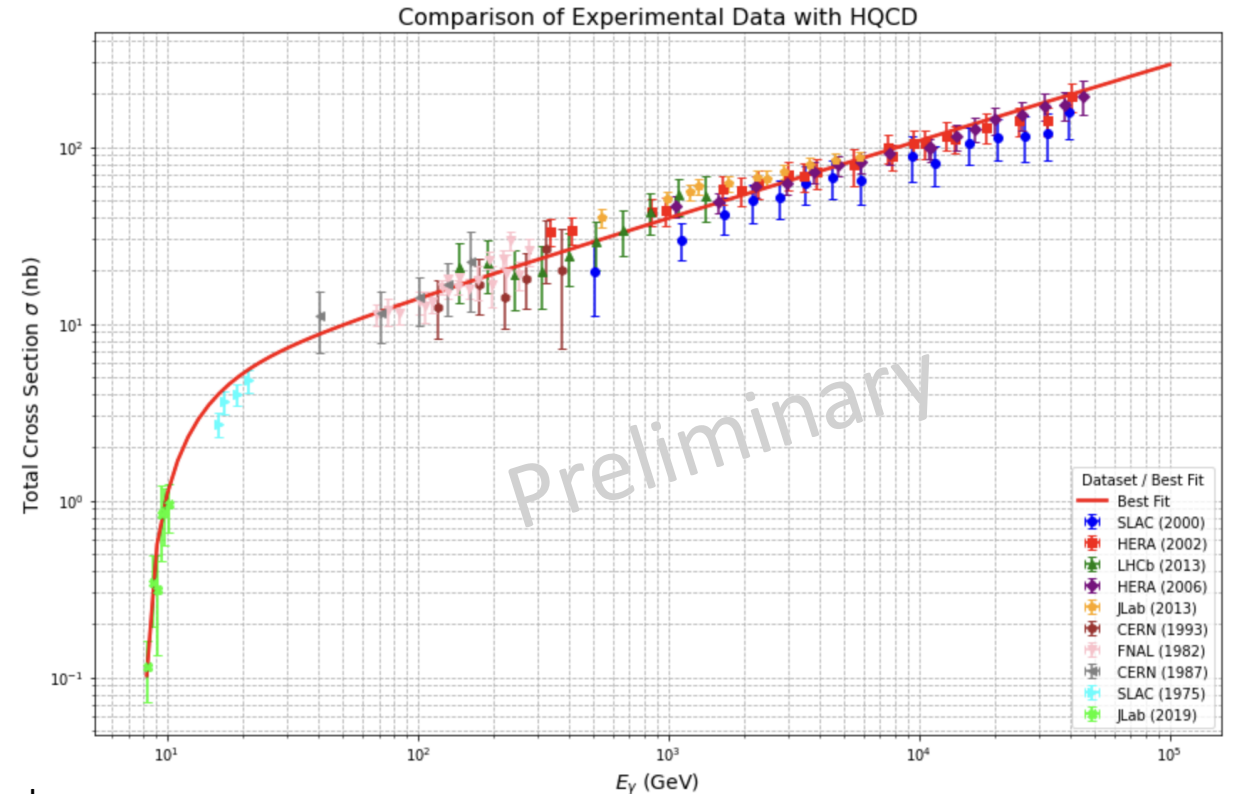
$$\frac{d\sigma(s, t, Q, \epsilon_L, \epsilon'_L)}{dt} = \frac{\mathcal{N}_T^2}{16\pi(s - (-Q^2 + m_N^2))^2} \times \frac{Q^2}{M_V^2} \times \left| \mathcal{A}_{\gamma^*p \rightarrow Vp}^{LL}(s, t, Q, \epsilon_L, \epsilon'_L) \right|^2,$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\gamma^*p \rightarrow Vp}^{TT}(s, t, Q, \epsilon_T, \epsilon'_T) = - \int_{\mathbb{C}} \frac{dj}{2\pi i} \frac{\left(\frac{s}{\kappa_N^2}\right)^j + \left(-\frac{s}{\kappa_N^2}\right)^j}{\sin \pi j} \times \mathcal{I}(Q, j) \times A(t, j),$$

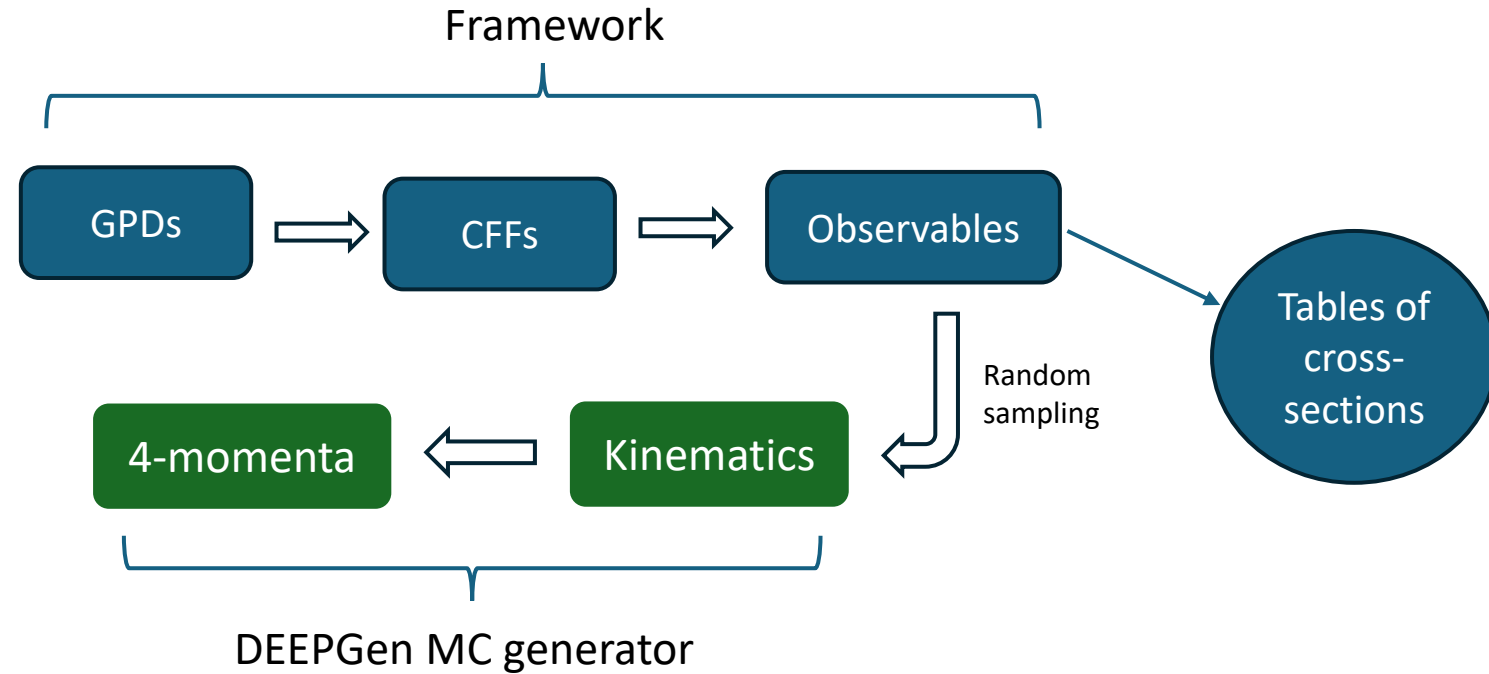
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encodes the bulk overlap between the photon and meson

describes how the spin-j exchange couples to the nucleon



Next Steps



- Integration with the DEEPGen MC generator (by [Marie Boër](#))
- Perform simulations and multi-channel analysis
- Compare factorization-based and HQCD-based approaches

Summary

- A new computer framework to accommodate factorization-based and HQCD-based approaches
- Multiple GPD models, processes (DVCS and DVMP), BMK formalism, and soon the UVA formalism
- Generation of pseudodata with the help of DEEPGen generator
- For the growing number of meson data, a tool for multi-channel analysis (DVCS + DVMP)

Thank you!