

# Results on DVCS



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# Generalized Parton Distributions

- GPDs encode the non perturbative structure of the nucleon**

D. Müller et al. Fortsch.Phys. 42 (1994) 101, X.-D. Ji Phys.Rev.Lett. 78 (1997) 610,  
A. Radyushkin Phys.Lett. B380 (1996) 417

- 4 GPDs are needed to describe the nucleon, they depend on  $x$ ,  $\xi$  and  $t$ 
  - Can be flavored decomposed and extended to gluon
- The GPDs H and E can be directly linked to the angular momentum
- GPDs can be translated into a tomographic image of the proton

M. Burkardt Phys.Rev. D62 (2000) 071503

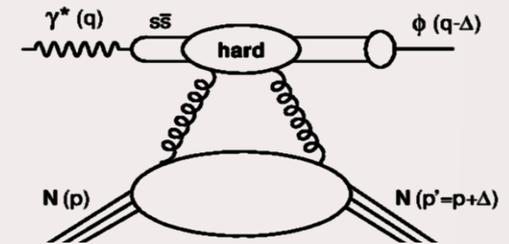
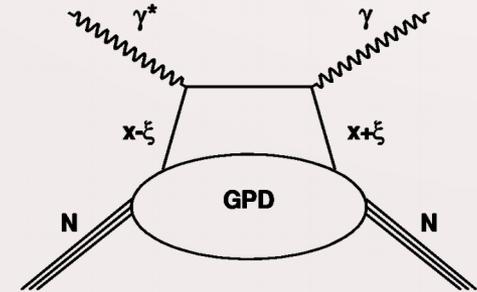
- They can be extracted from exclusive processes**

- Factorization has been demonstrated
- But these processes have small cross sections
- Deep Virtual Meson Production (DVMP)
  - Possible with many final states but with more theoretical issues
- Deep Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS)
  - Simplest process that interfere with Bethe-Heitler to give larger cross sections and spin asymmetries

- Often these exclusive processes only give access to CFFs**

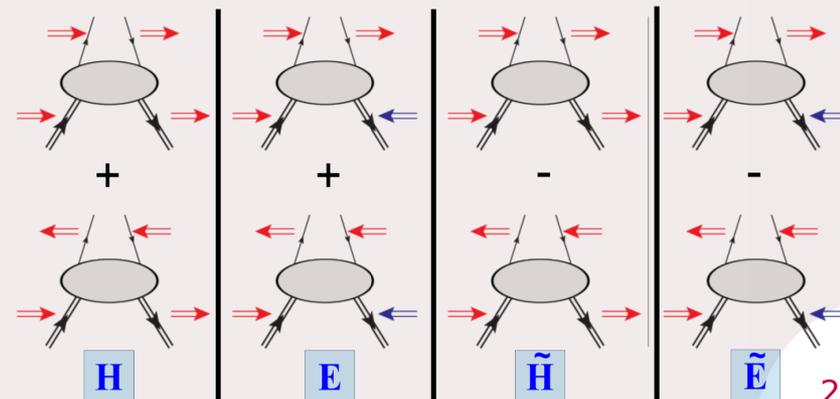
- The 4 complex CFFs intervene as 8 free parameters in the calculation of the various observables

A. Belitsky et al. Nucl.Phys. B629 (2002) 323-392



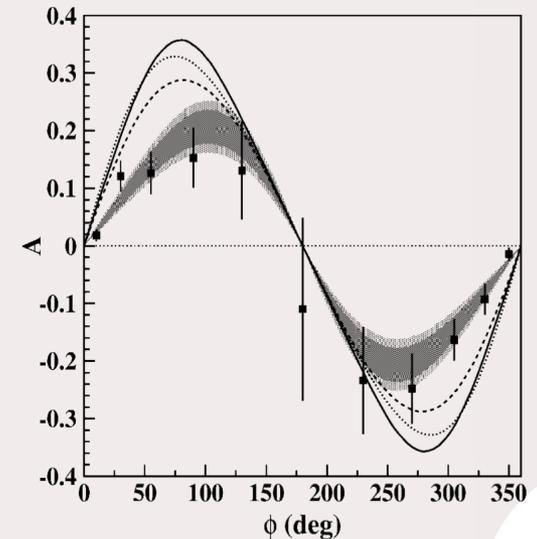
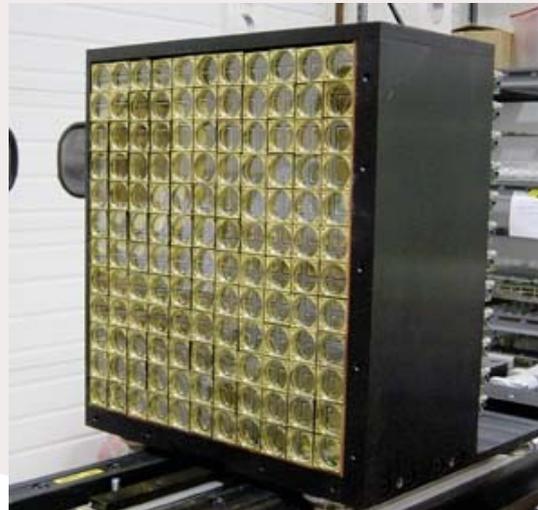
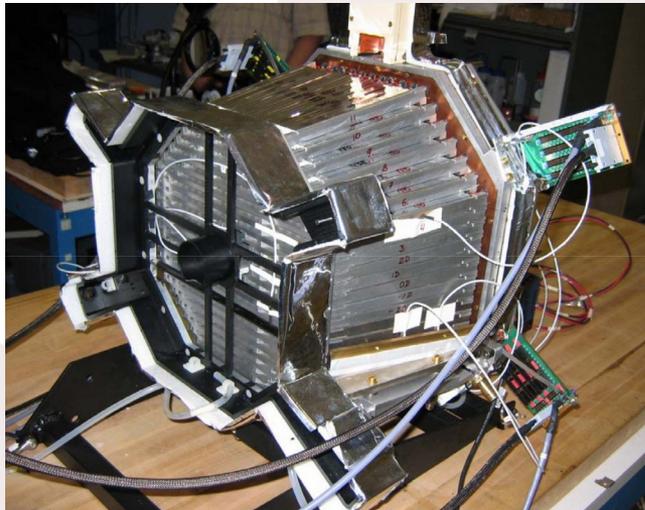
$$F_{Re}(\xi, t) = \mathcal{P} \int_{-1}^1 dx \left[ \frac{1}{x-\xi} \mp \frac{1}{x+\xi} \right] F(x, \xi, t),$$

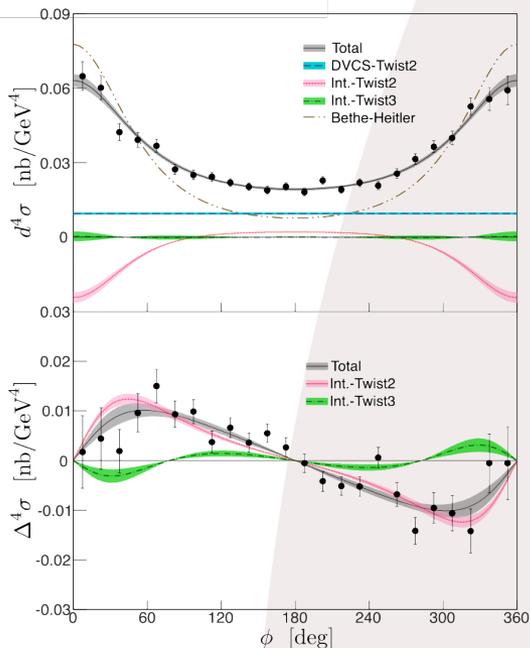
$$F_{Im}(\xi, t) = F(\xi, \xi, t) \mp F(-\xi, \xi, t).$$



- **First JLab DVCS Beam Spin Asymmetries**
  - In Hall B by the CLAS collaboration
  - Using the existing setup only a very small phase space was accessible, but it provided the proof that strong asymmetries are accessible at JLab energies

*S. Stepanyan et al. (CLAS Coll.) PRL 87, 182002 (2001)*
- **Triggered important experimental efforts**
  - Construction of dedicated calorimeters for Hall A and B (CLAS)
  - Start of a large program to measure spin asymmetries and cross sections in both Hall-A and Hall-B (CLAS Coll.)





- **First measurement of absolute cross sections of DVCS**

- Provided very high precision data in few bins

*C. Muñoz Camacho et al., Phys.Rev.Lett. 97 (2006) 262002*

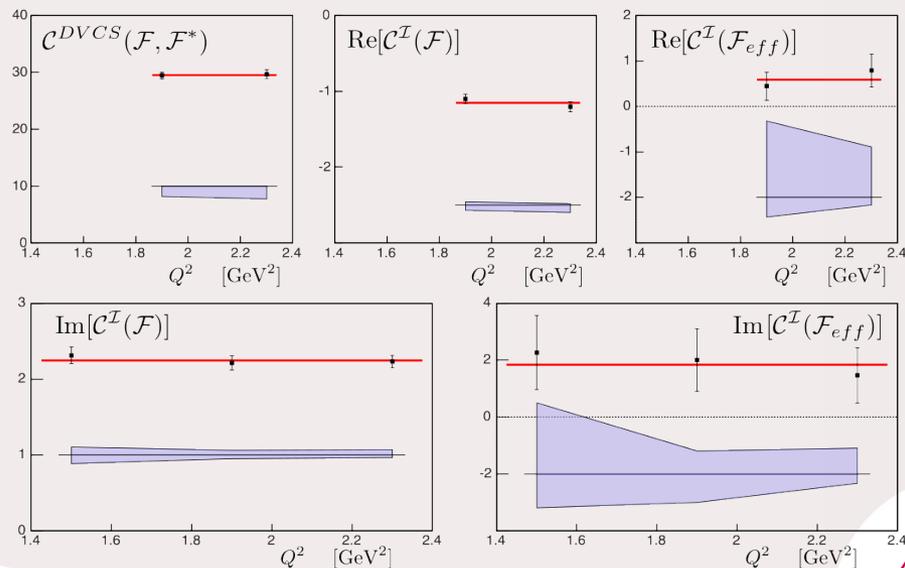
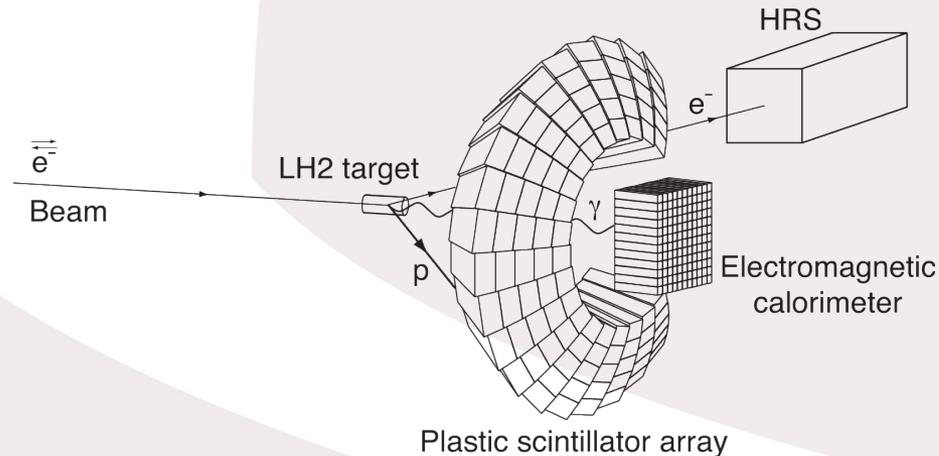
- **Tested the scaling behavior with  $Q^2$**

- Surprisingly enough it works well at JLab energy
- Apparently, higher twist effects are not that strong

- **Final full results recently made available**

- Solved some of the discrepancies between data sets

*M. Defurne et al., Phys.Rev.C 92 (2015) 055202*



- **CLAS Published first Beam Spin Asymmetries**

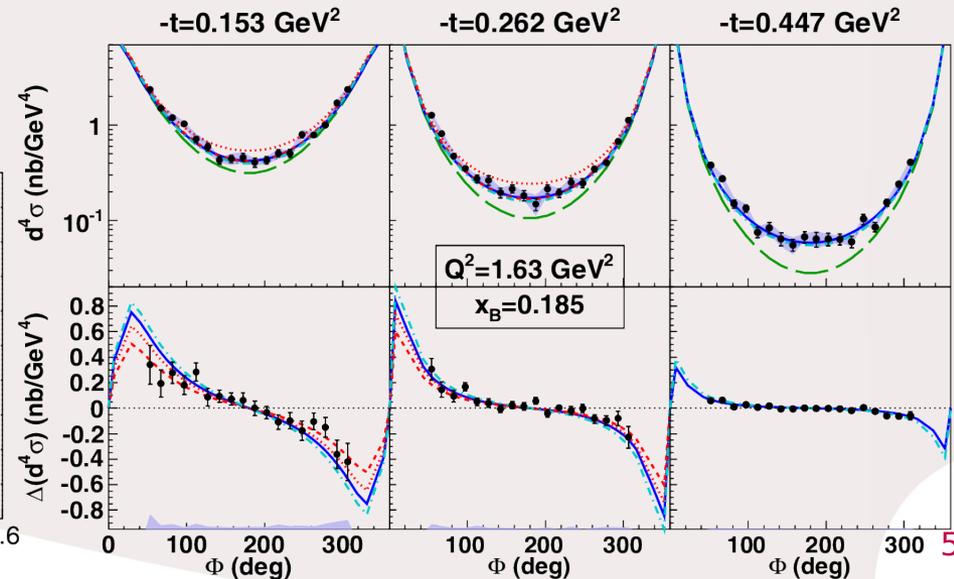
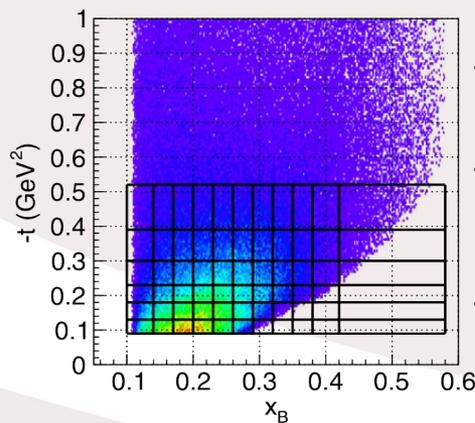
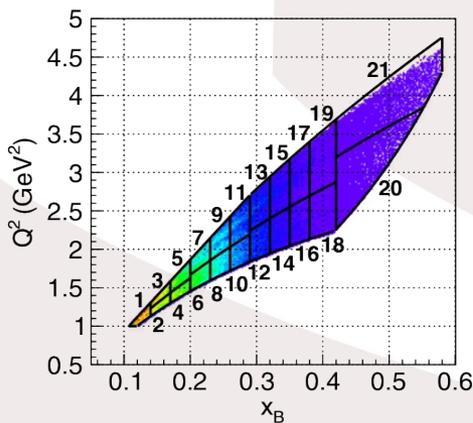
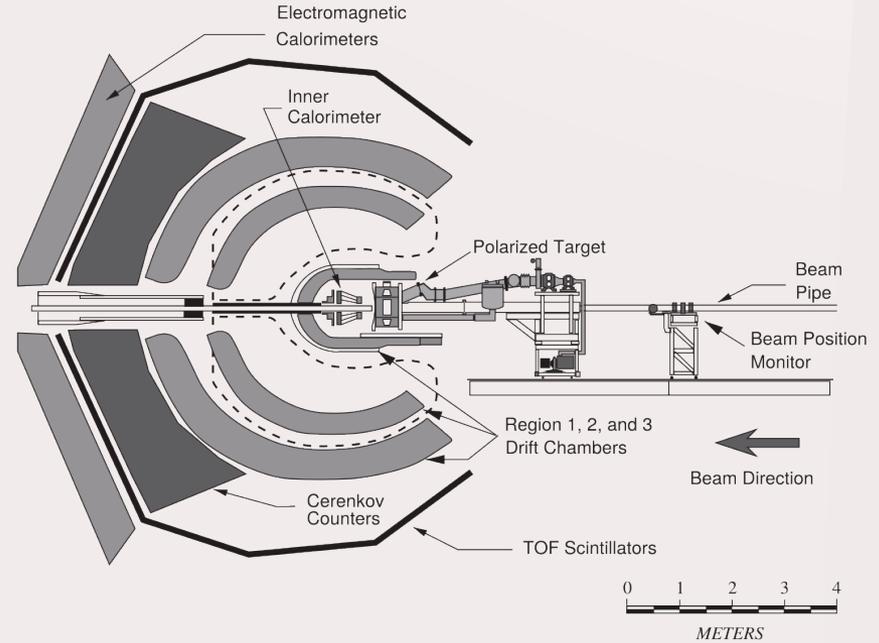
- Covers a much larger phase space

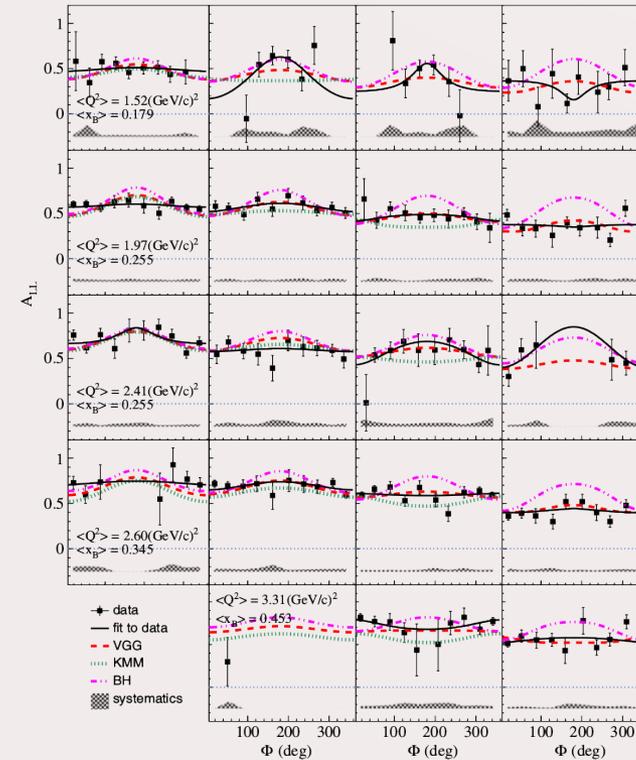
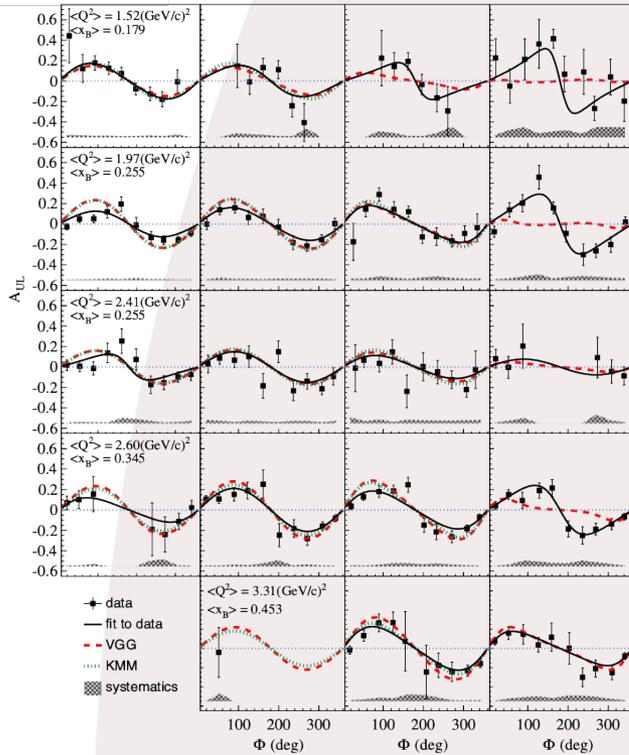
*F.X. Girod et al (CLAS Coll.) Phys.Rev.Lett. 100 (2008) 162002*

- **Now cross sections are also available**

- Should allow the extraction of  $\text{Im}(H)$
  - Amount of data reached the critical limit for extraction of proton tomography

*H.S. Jo et al. (CLAS Coll.) Phys.Rev.Lett. 115 (2015) 21200*



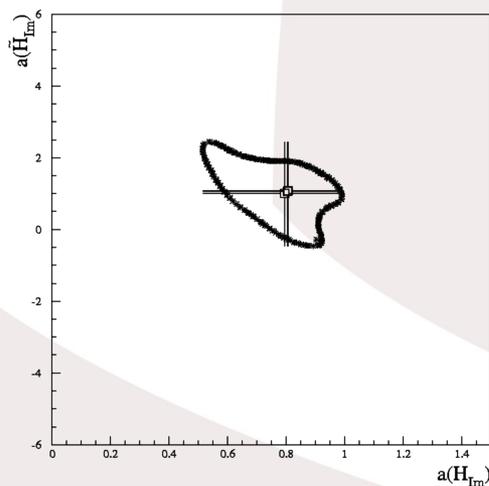
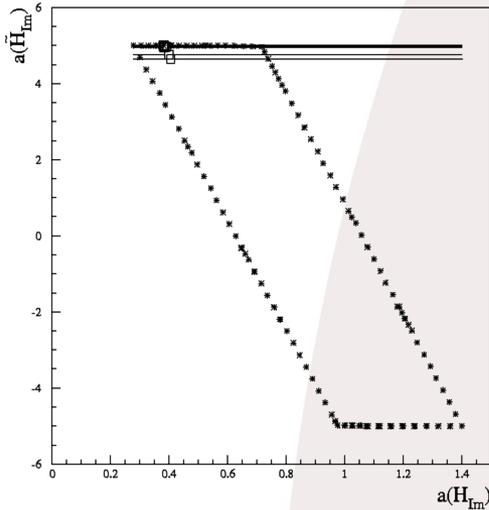


- **CLAS also measured DVCS on a longitudinally polarized target**
  - Measurement of the longitudinal Target Spin asymmetries (ITSA) and Double Spin Asymmetries (DSA)
  - Should give an insight into other CFFs  $\rightarrow \text{Im}(\hat{H})$
  - Reduce the number of unconstrained CFFs

S. Pisano et al. (CLAS Coll.) Phys.Rev.D 91 (2015) 052014

E. Seder et al. (CLAS Coll.) Phys.Rev.Lett. 114 (2015) 032001

# Extracting the 3D Map

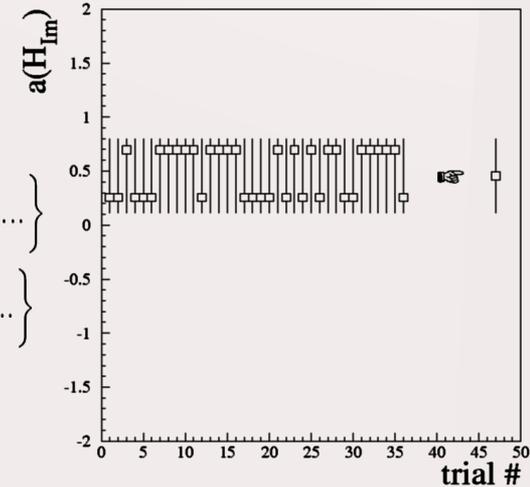


$$\Delta\sigma_{LU} \propto \sin\phi \operatorname{Im}\{F_1\mathcal{H} + \xi(F_1 + F_2)\tilde{\mathcal{H}} - kF_2\mathcal{E} + \dots\}$$

$$\Delta\sigma_{UL} \propto \sin\phi \operatorname{Im}\left\{F_1\tilde{\mathcal{H}} + \xi(F_1 + F_2)\left(\tilde{\mathcal{H}} + \frac{x_B}{2}\mathcal{E}\right) - \xi kF_2\tilde{\mathcal{E}} + \dots\right\}$$

$$\Delta\sigma_{LL} \propto (A + B\cos\phi) \operatorname{Re}\left\{F_1\tilde{\mathcal{H}} + \xi(F_1 + F_2)\left(\mathcal{H} + \frac{x_B}{2}\mathcal{E}\right) + \dots\right\}$$

$$\Delta\sigma_{Ux} \propto \sin\phi \operatorname{Im}\{k(F_2\mathcal{H} - F_1\mathcal{E}) + \dots\}$$



- **We performed a fit of all available data**
  - HERMES and JLab
- **With all the experimental effort the problem remains under-constrained**
  - We need some form of model input
  - Very loose bounds on the sub-leading CFF is enough
    - We use  $\pm 5x$  the VGG model predictions
- **As expected adding target asymmetries constrains the  $\operatorname{Im}(\hat{H})$** 
  - And incidentally it also constrains  $\operatorname{Im}(H)$  !
- **However these data are not available for all kinematics**
  - More observables would be needed to constrain E and  $\tilde{E}$
  - Transversely polarized target for example and charge asymmetries for the real parts

# Extraction of $\text{Im}(H)$

- Applying the local fit method to all the JLab data

- Jlab Hall A ( $\sigma$ ,  $\Delta\sigma$ )
- CLAS ( $\sigma$ ,  $\Delta\sigma$ , ITSA, DSA)

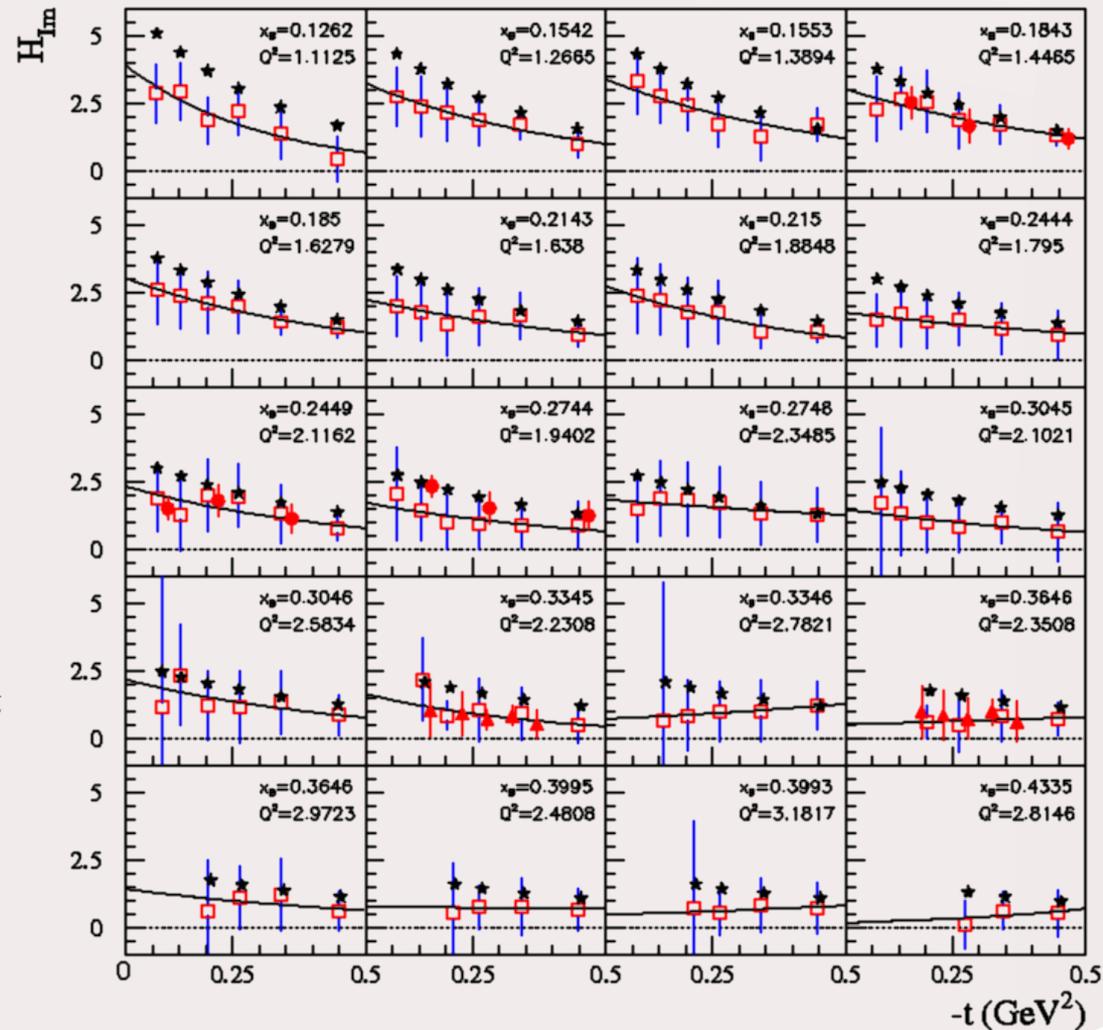
- Gives enough coverage to explore the  $t$  and  $x_B$  ( $\rightarrow \xi$ ) dependence of  $\text{Im}(H)$

- Can be fitted with an exponential form to extract the nucleon tomography

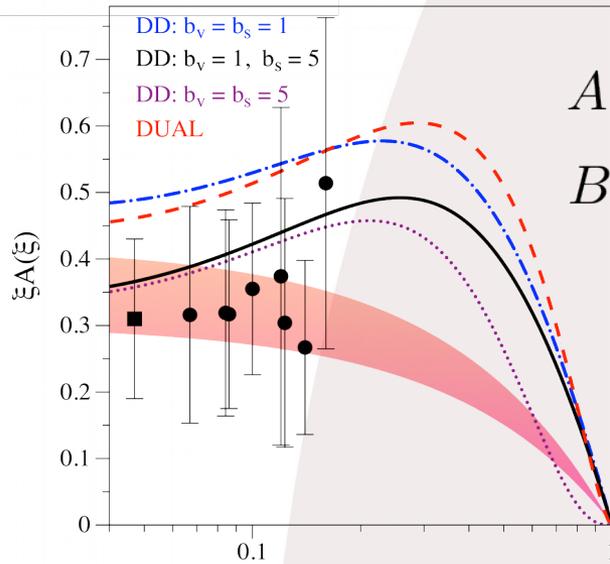
$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{Im}}(\xi, t) = A(\xi)e^{B(\xi)t}$$

- Results are generally close slightly below VGG model

- Confirms that our limits based on VGG are very conservative



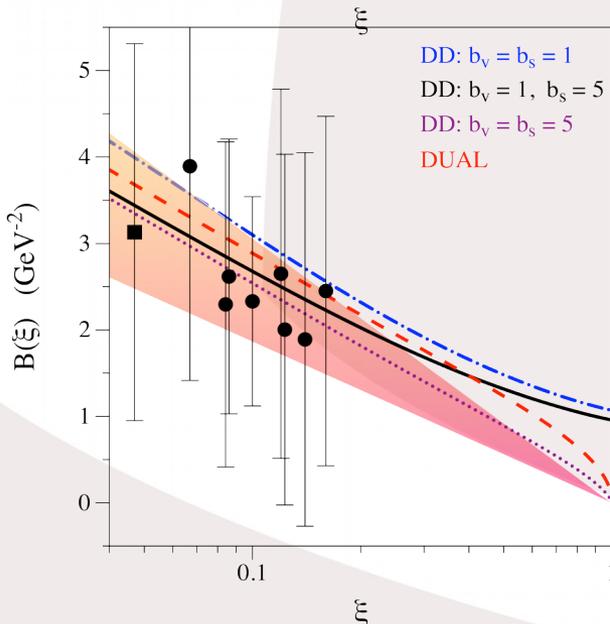
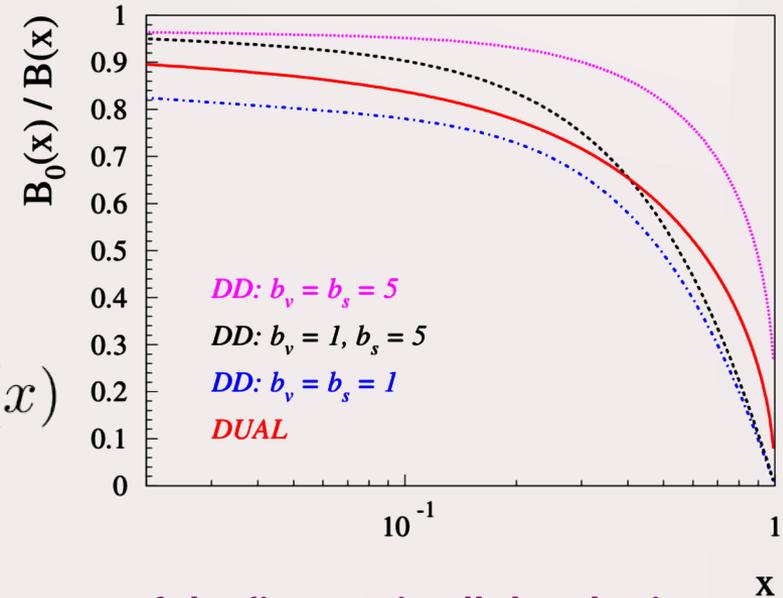
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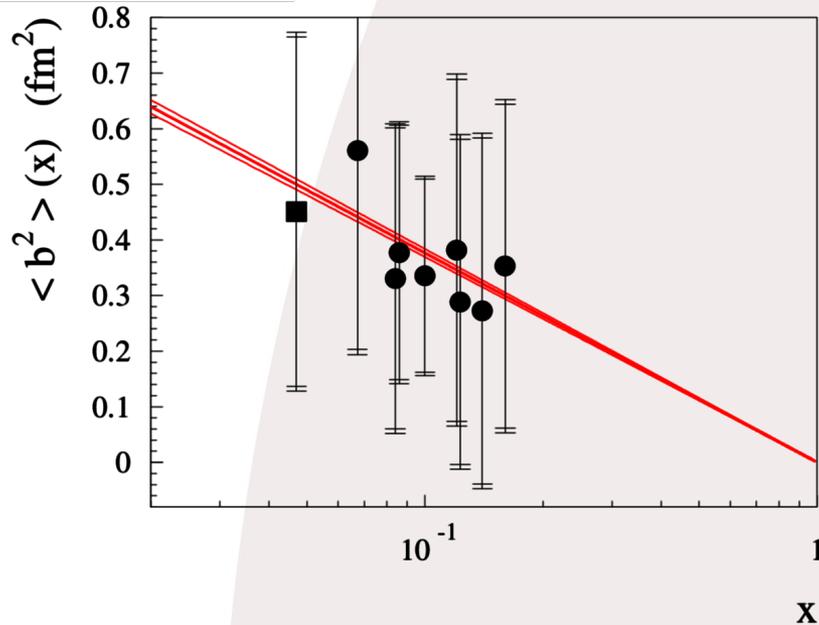
$$A(\xi) = a_A(1 - \xi)/\xi$$

$$B(\xi) = a_B \ln(1/\xi)$$

$$\langle b_{\perp}^2 \rangle^q(x) = 4B_0(x)$$

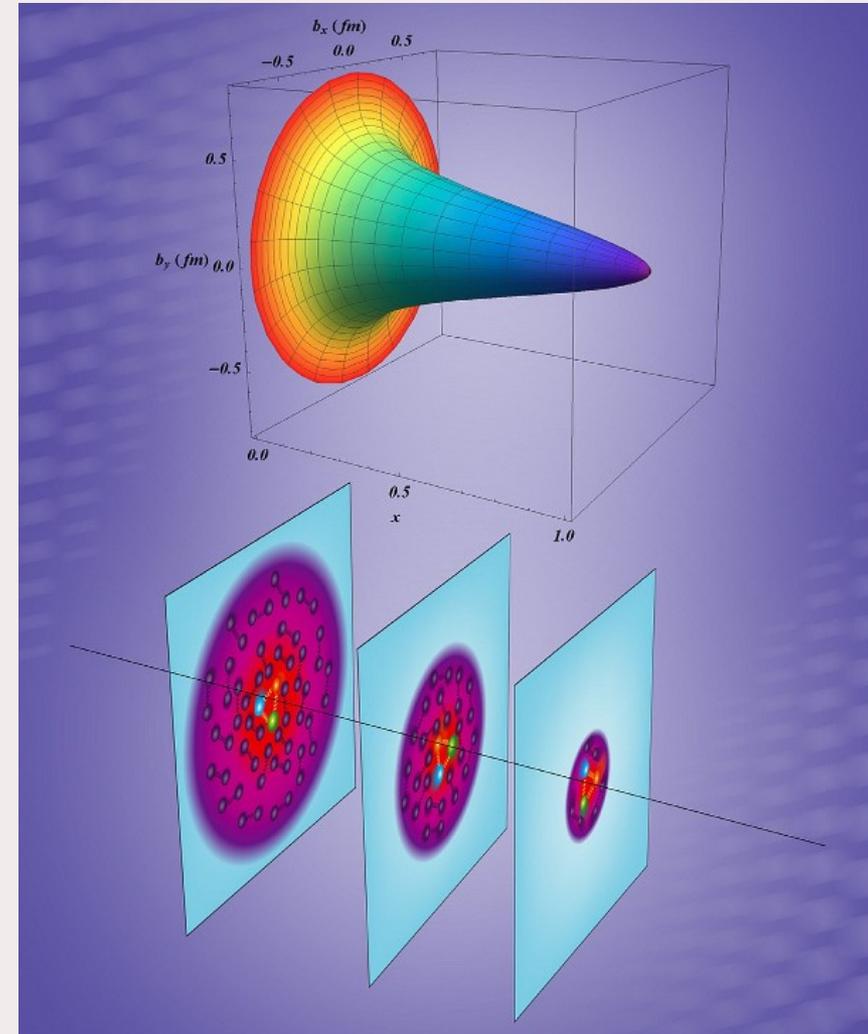


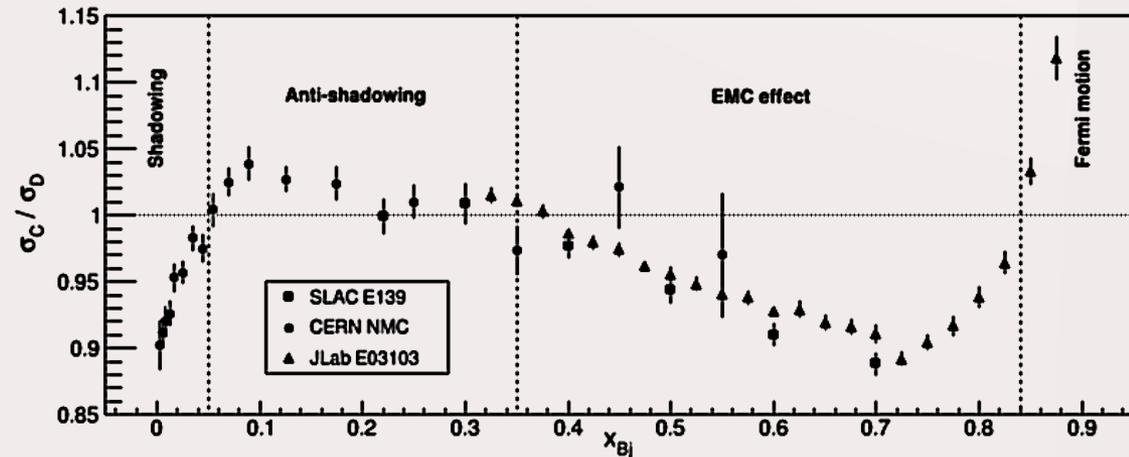
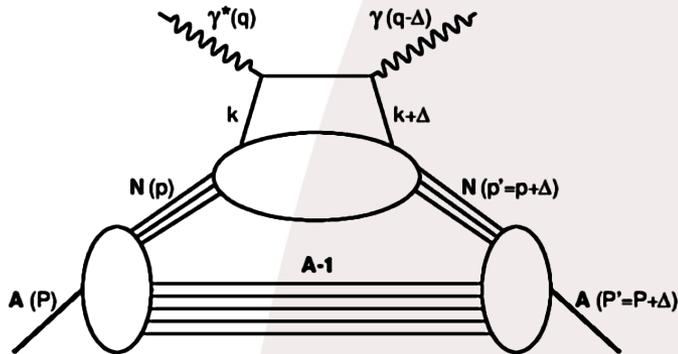
- **The A and B parameters of the fit contain all the physics**
  - They are linked to density and transverse size of the nucleon
- **Fitted using educated guess**
  - Asymptotic behavior expectations are similar to PDFs
  - In the future with larger amount of data, models can be directly tested at this level or used to perform global fits
- **The tomography of the nucleon**
  - We are not there yet! We need a  $\xi$  dependent correction to go from the singlet to the non-singlet distribution
  - We note that at low  $x$  the correction is small and similarly described by several models



- **We then obtain the tomography of the proton**
  - Represented is the mean square charge radius of the proton for slices of  $x$
  - Error bars reflect the unknown CFFs
    - To flatten this distribution, one would need a non constrained CFF with very strong opposite behavior
- **We observe the nucleon size shrinking with  $x$**

RD, M. Guidal and M. Vanderhaeghen arXiv:1606.07821





- **New view on nuclear effects**

- GPDs offer a completely new point of view to understand the partonic structure of nuclei

- **Experimental access to completely new nuclear physics**

- Non nucleonic degrees of freedom of the nuclei
  - Measurement of the pressure and forces in the nuclei
  - The EMC effect remain today a mystery, hadron tomography can help localize it in the nuclei

*R.D. & S. Scopetta Eur.Phys.J. A52 (2016) no.6, 159*

- **Nuclei allow to play with the spin**

- The use of helium 4 greatly simplifies the problem with only 1 GPD
    - The measurement of Beam Spin Asymmetry is enough to describe this nuclei
  - Use of helium 3 and deuterium can help to understand the neutron and explore more complex spin dynamics in hadrons

# DVCS on Nuclei

- **Already measured at JLab (CLAS)**

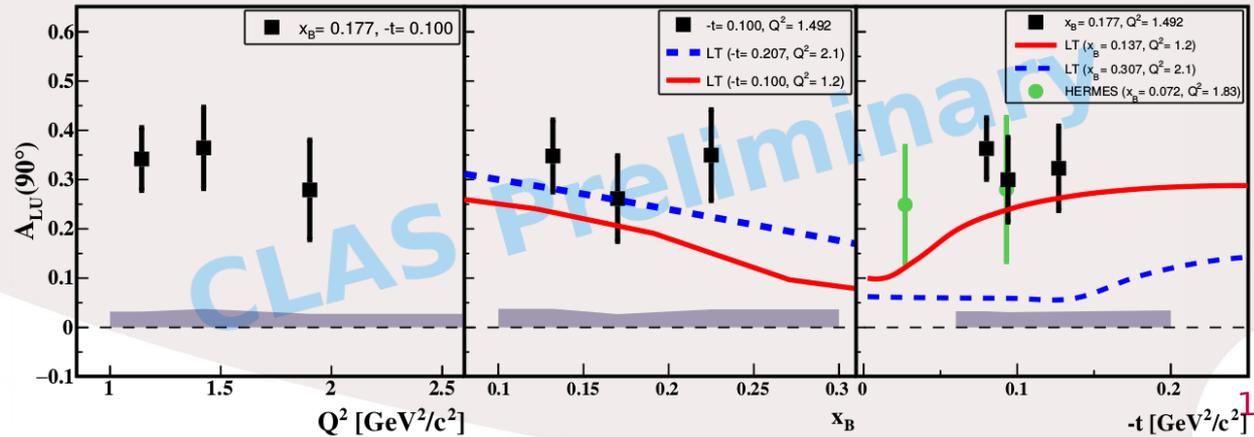
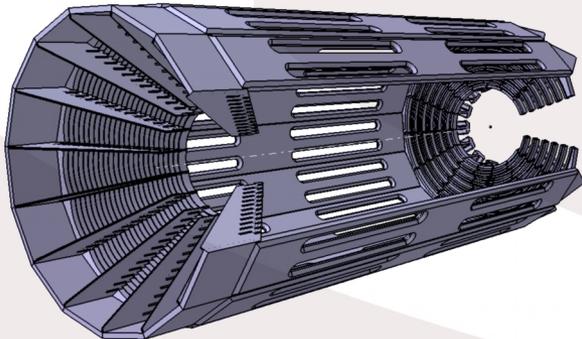
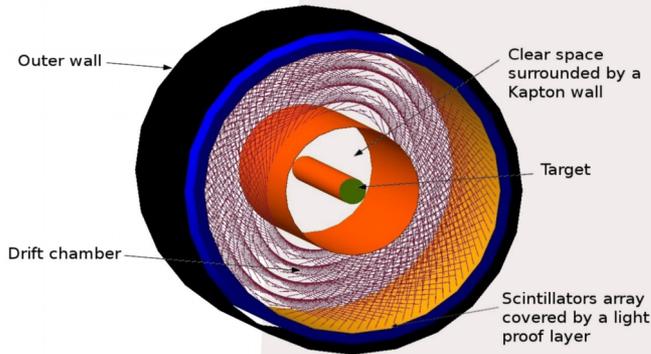
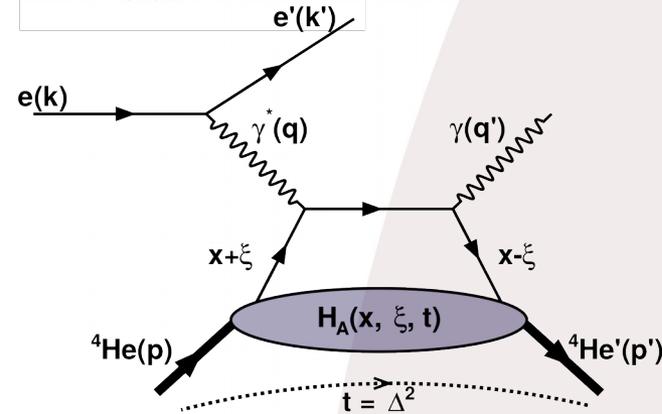
- Coherent DVCS is cleanly measurable
  - Thanks to a low energy recoil detector (TPC)
- Asymmetries are much larger than for the proton
  - Beam spin asymmetries of ~35%
- Easy extraction of the H CFF directly from data
  - No model assumptions needed

- **The start of a new domain for GPD studies**

- Already several studies on the theory side
  - In both valence and low x regions

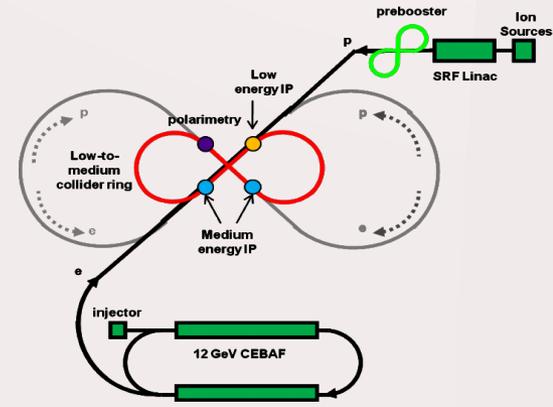
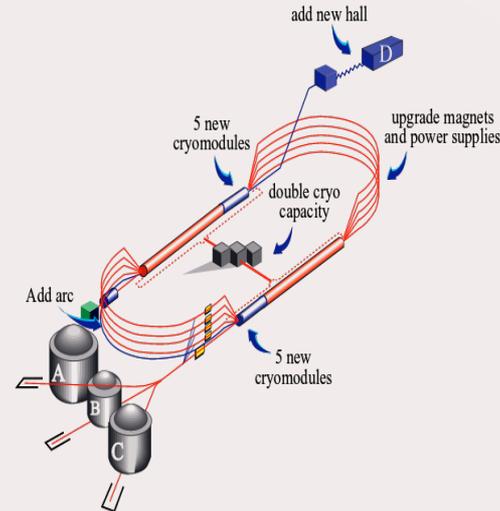
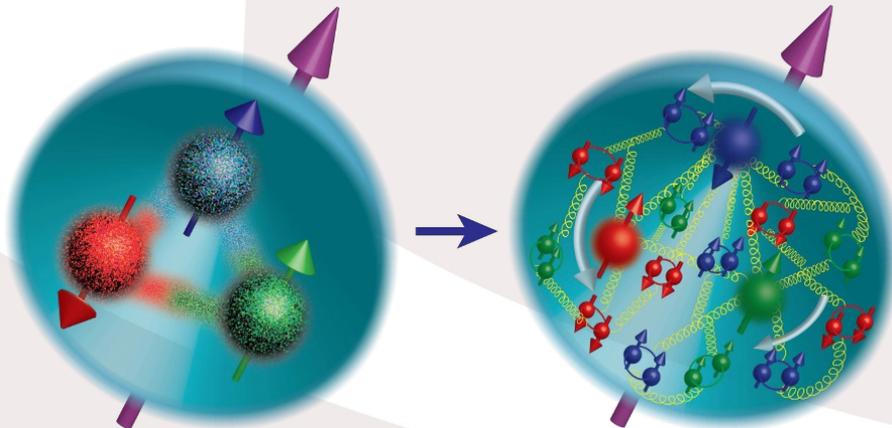
- **Perspectives**

- At 12 GeV, the higher  $Q^2$  will make the situation much better on the theoretical side
- More data can be taken in CLAS12 using the ALERT recoil detector
- Approved by the JLab PAC in 2017



# Summary

- **In fifteen years of experiments at JLab, we have accumulated a wide array of data**
  - DVCS in particular can be interpreted in term of GPDs directly
  - DVMP appears more complicated but opens perspectives on transverse GPDs and gluon GPDs
- **We can now extract the tomography of the nucleon from these data**
  - Errors can be reduced by including more observables
    - Cross-sections, beam spin asymmetries, target asymmetries..
    - Transverse target, positron beam
  - Already the x dependence of the charge radius is visible



- **This will be completed in the near future**
  - In the sea region by COMPASS
  - In the valence region by JLab 12
  - We can go beyond in the sea region at an EIC
    - How wide the proton will get at low x?
- **What can we do to improve our picture?**
  - Measure many processes and observables
    - Double DVCS, Time-like CS...
    - Neutron DVCS, charge asymmetries, transverse polarized target...
- **This framework can be used to understand more complex hadron**
  - GPDs have also a word to say about the long standing questions of the partonic structure of the nuclei