

## Explore Proton's Quark/Gluon Structure without Breaking it

### ❑ Challenges:

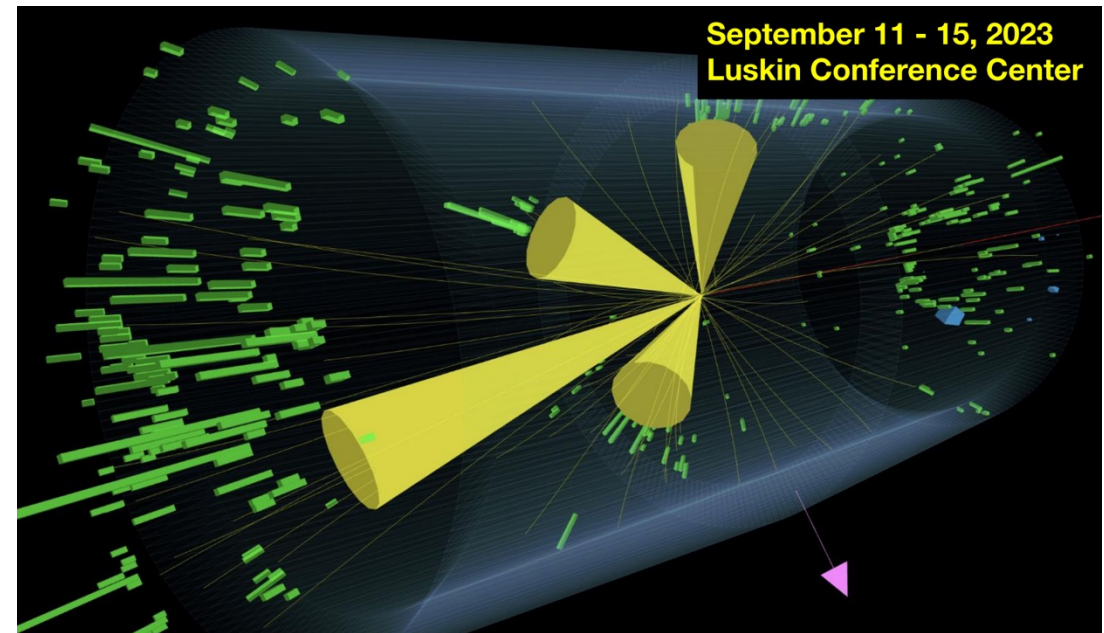
Seeing quarks and gluons without breaking the hadron

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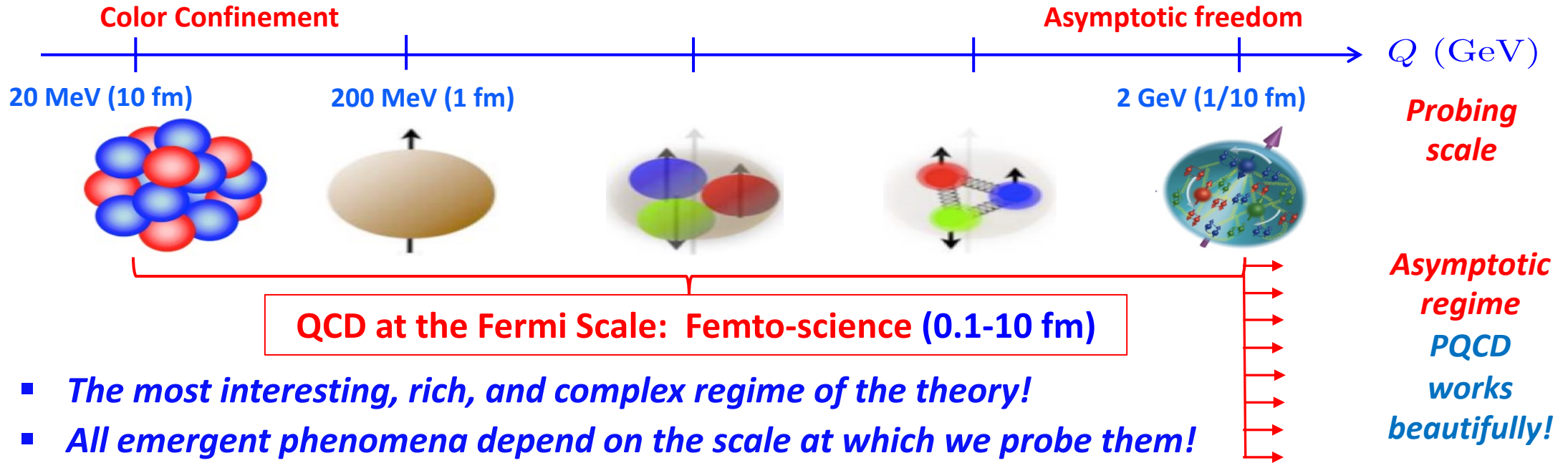
Imaging the spatial distributions of quarks and gluons inside a bound hadron with controllable approximations



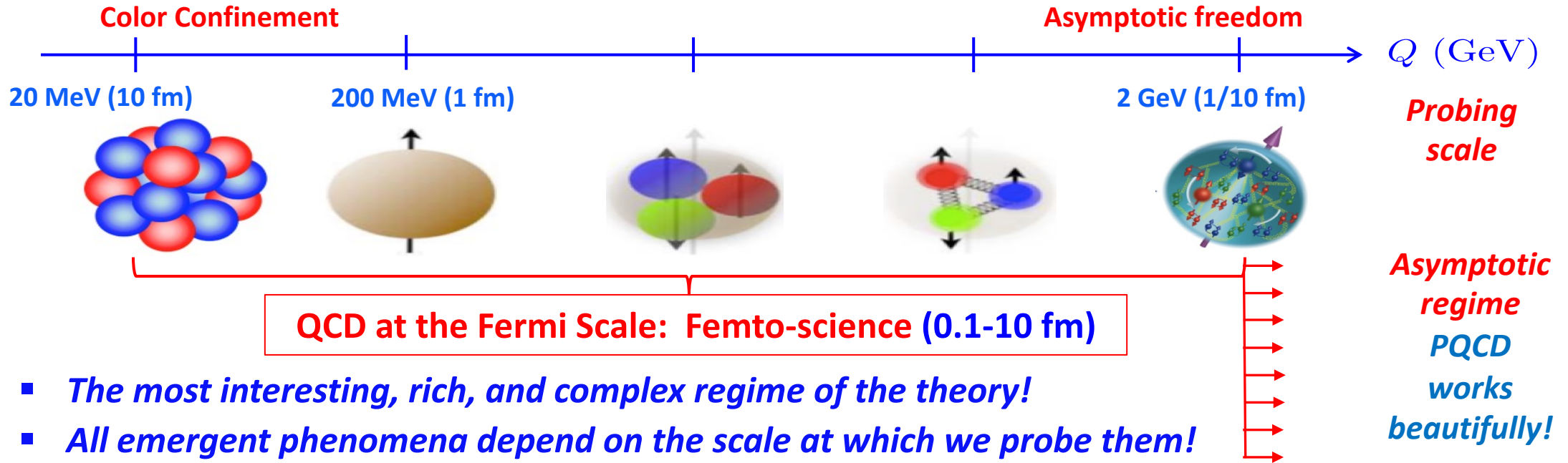
Pixelating the hadron in terms of probabilities to find quarks and gluons in slices of the momentum fraction  $x$



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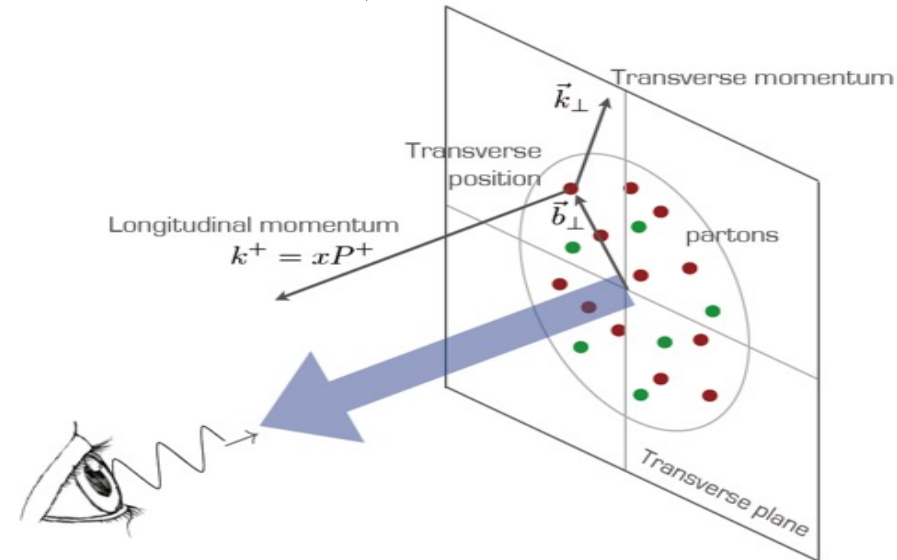
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## □ Need new observables with two distinctive scales:

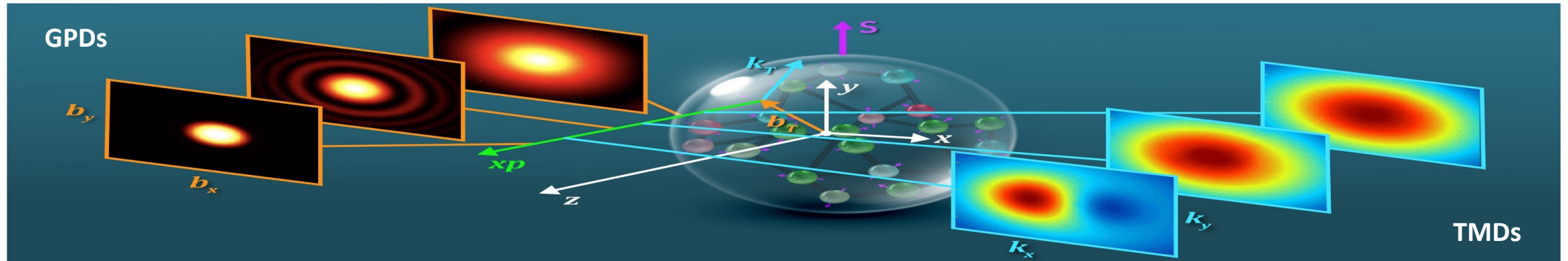
$$Q_1 \gg Q_2 \sim 1/R \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

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



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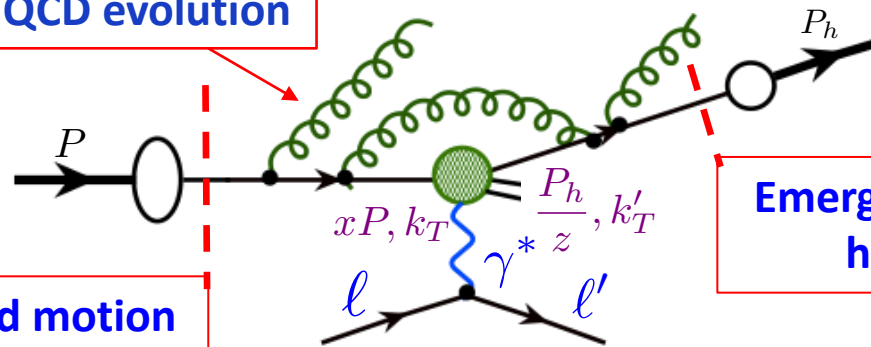


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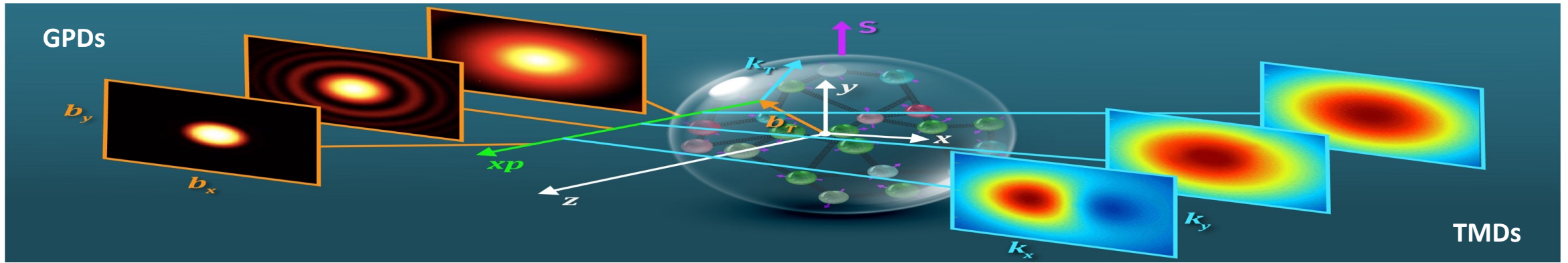


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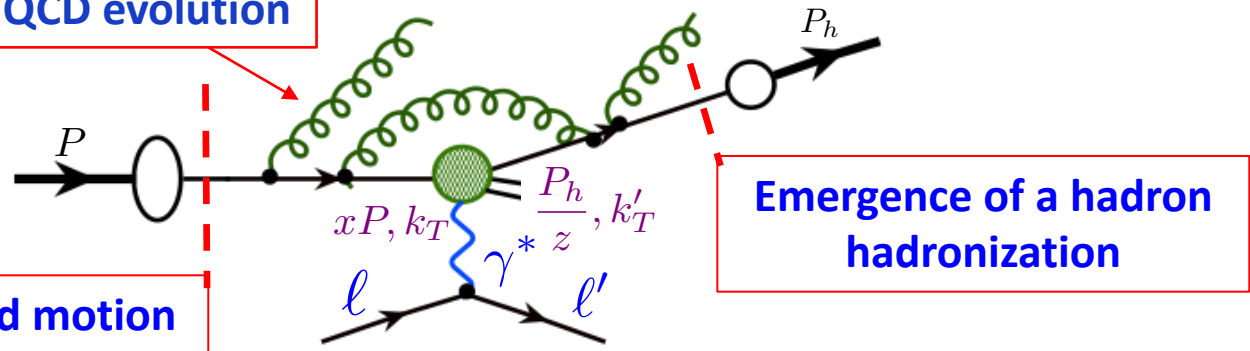


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Transverse momentum  
Broadening from the shower:

$$\Delta k_T^2 \propto \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2 \times \alpha_s(C_F, C_A) \times \log(Q^2/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2) \times \log(s/Q^2) \gtrsim 1$$

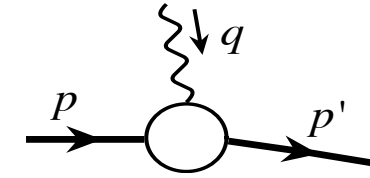
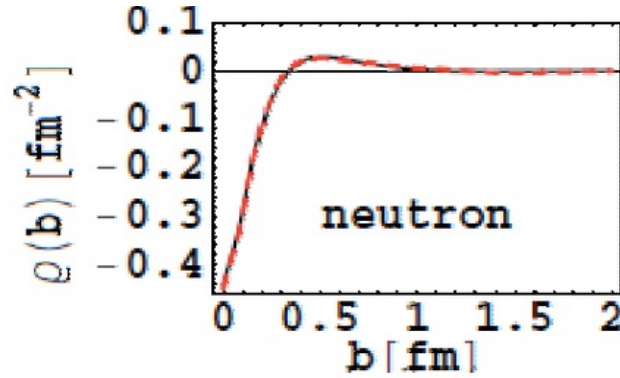
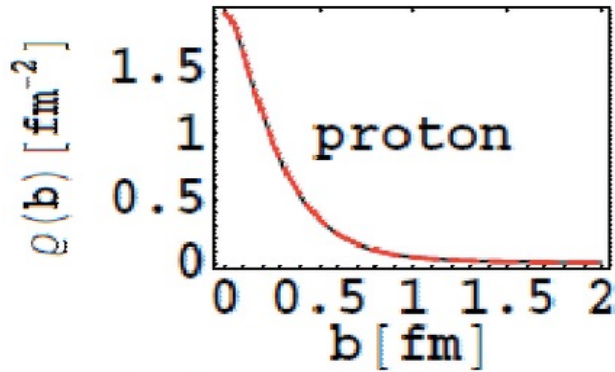
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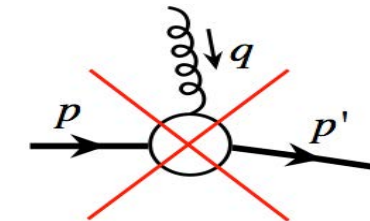


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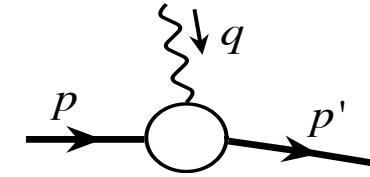
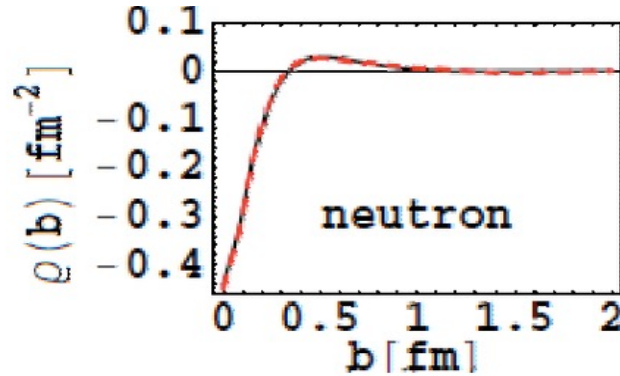
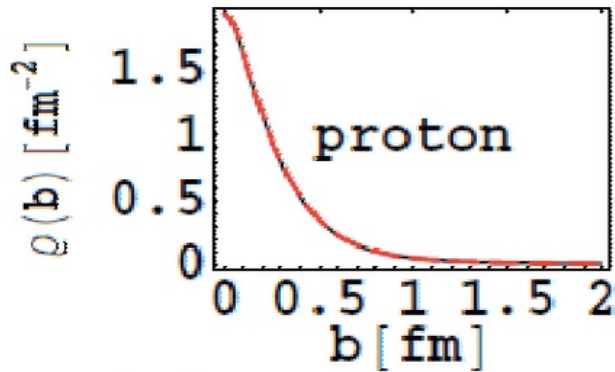


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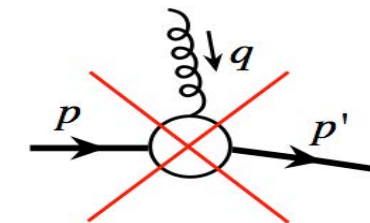
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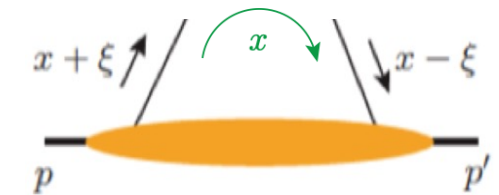
□ **3D hadron tomography:**

Generalized "form factor" for quark and gluon "density" distribution

Generalized PDFs (GPDs) – without breaking the proton

$$F_{q/h}(x, \xi, t) \quad \text{skewness} \quad \xi = \frac{(p - p')^+}{(p + p')^+} \quad t = (p - p')^2$$

*F.T. to get spatial distribution of quark/gluon density, quark/gluon correlations, ...*



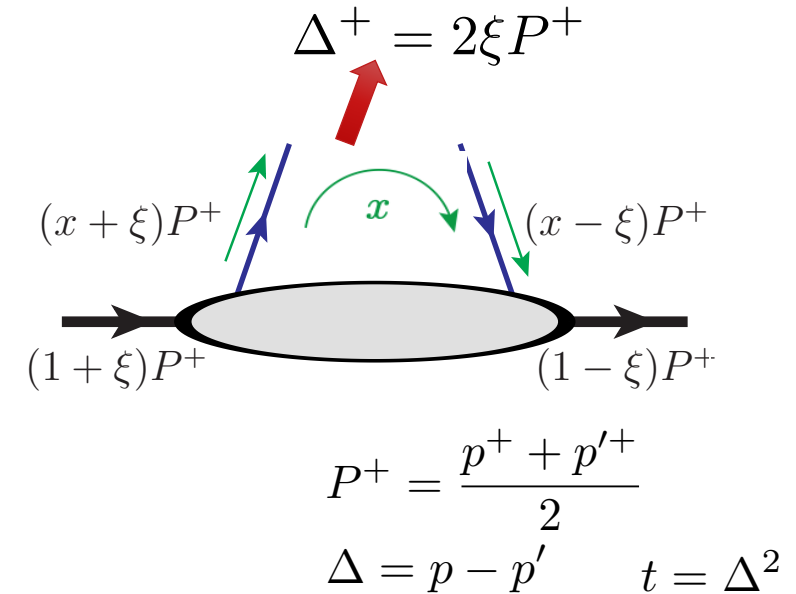
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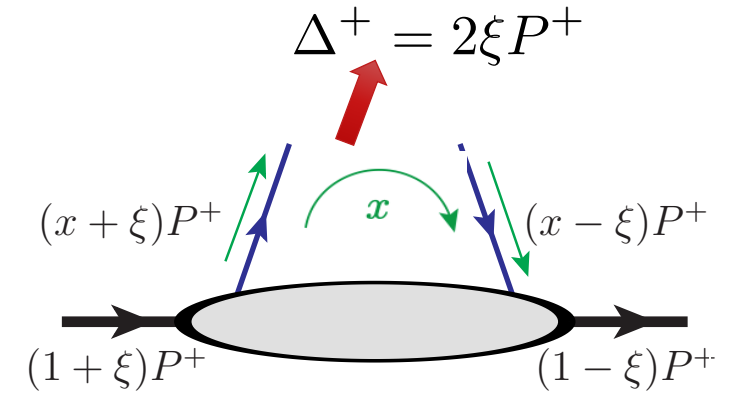


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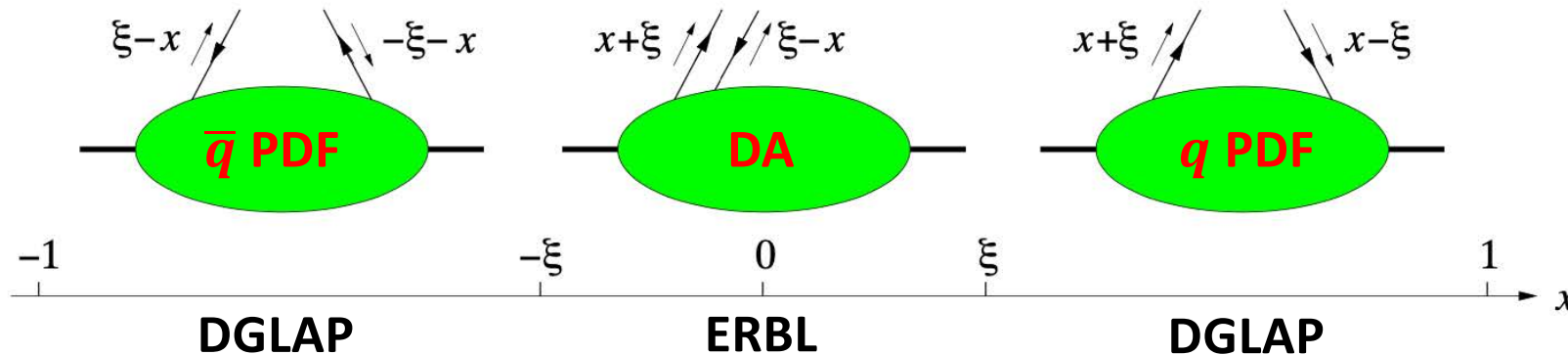


## □ Combine PDF and Distribution Amplitude (DA):

Forward limit  $\xi = t = 0$ :  $H^q(x, 0, 0) = q(x)$ ,  $\tilde{H}^q(x, 0, 0) = \Delta q(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P^+ &= \frac{p^+ + p'^+}{2} \\
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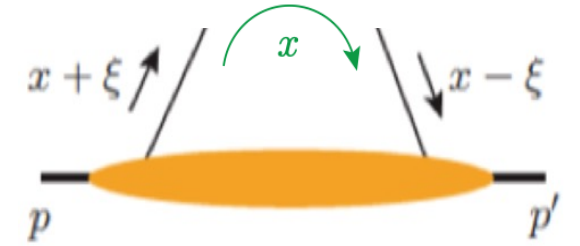


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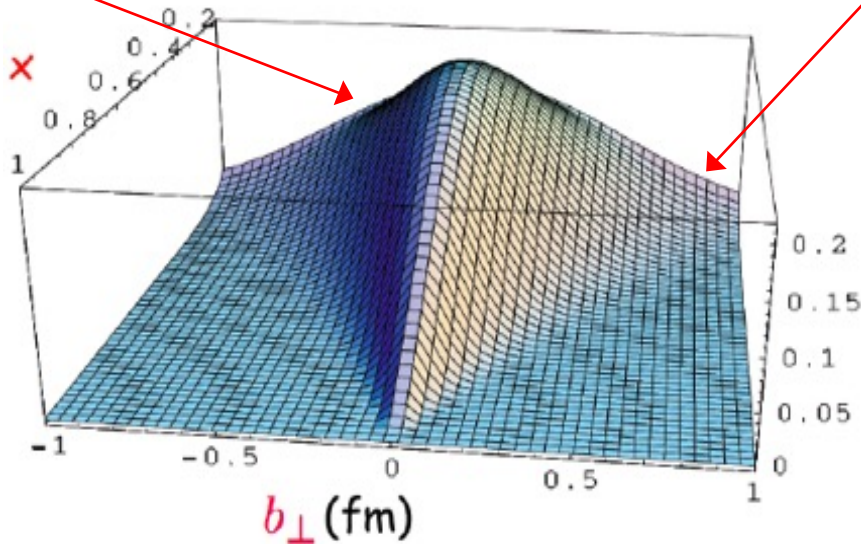
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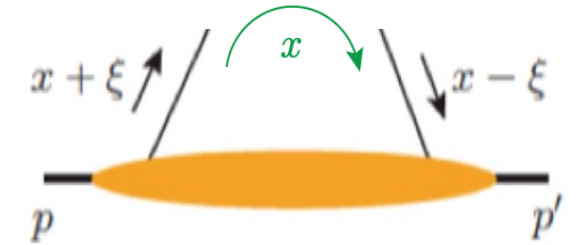
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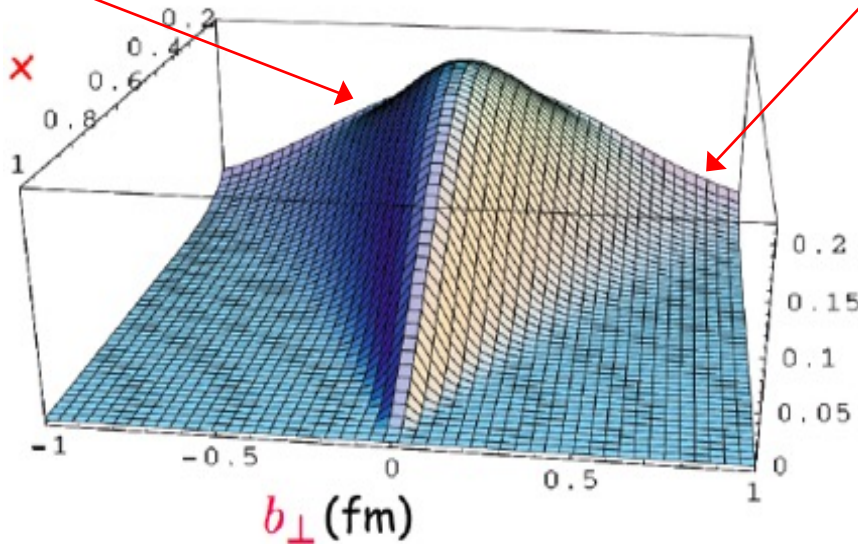
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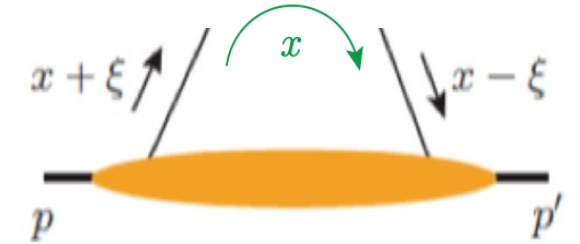
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- Should  $r_q(x) > r_g(x)$ , or vice versa?
- Could  $r_g(x)$  saturates as  $x \rightarrow 0$
- How do they compare with known radius (EM charge radius, mass radius, ... ), & why?
- How the image correlate to hadron spin, ... ?
- ...

# Properties of GPDs - II

## QCD energy-momentum tensor:

Ji, PRL78, 1997

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

## “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**

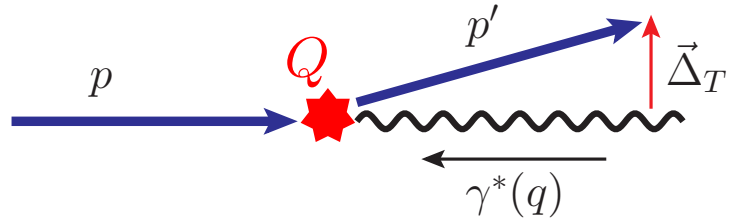
**x-dependence of GPDs!**

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



# Exclusive Diffractive Processes for Extracting GPDs

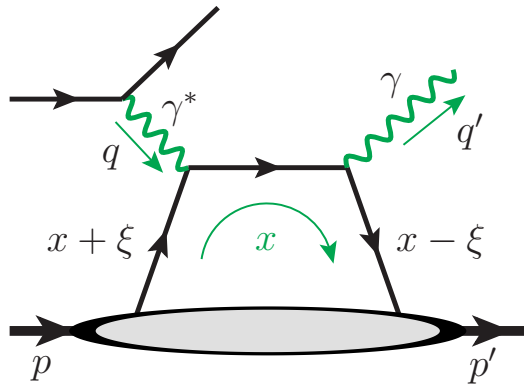
- Hit the proton hard without breaking it  $\Rightarrow$  Diffractive scattering to keep proton intact



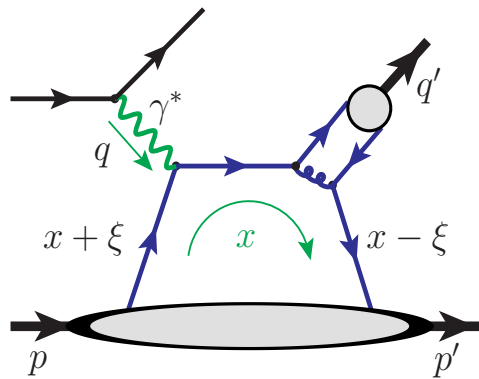
HERA discovery:

$\sim$  10-15% of HERA events with the Proton stayed intact

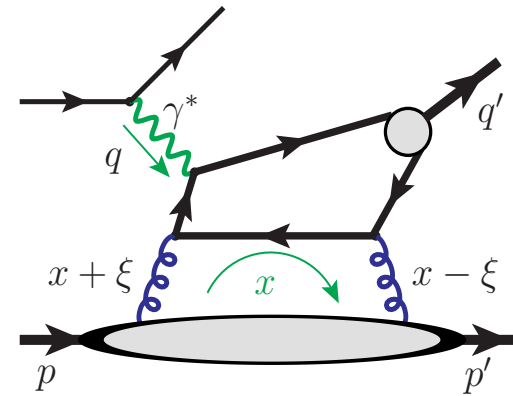
- Known exclusive processes for extracting GPDs:



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



DVMP



DVQP

+ DDVCS, ...

Feature: Two-scale observables

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

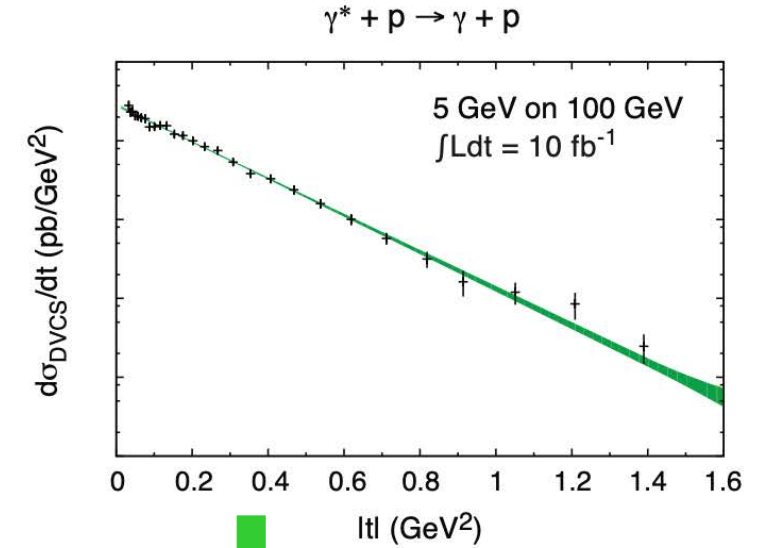
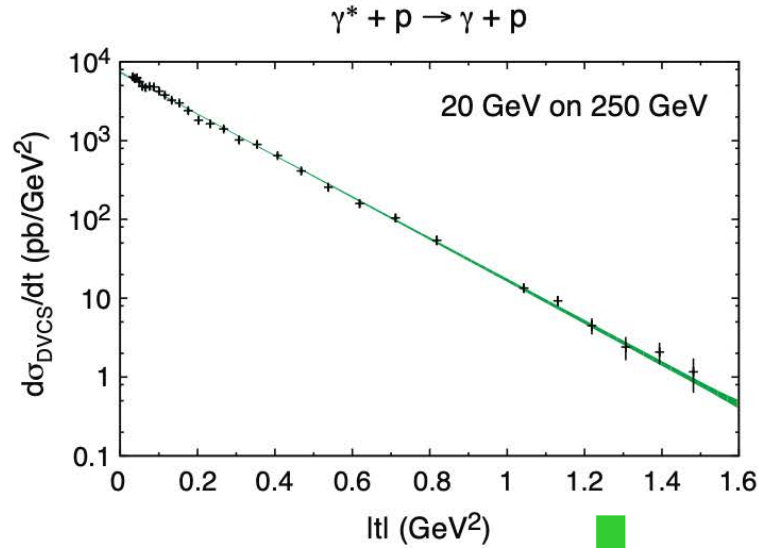
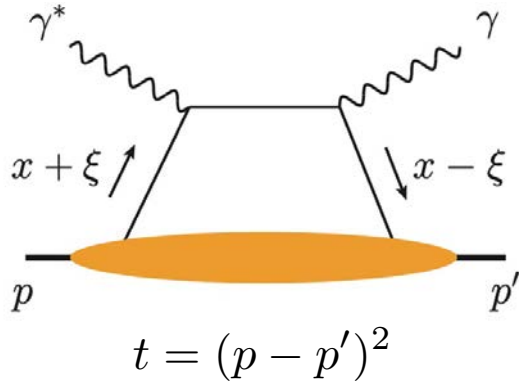
- Hard scale  $Q$ : allows pQCD, factorization
- Low scale  $t$ : probes non-pert. hadron structure

$\rightarrow$   
Factorization

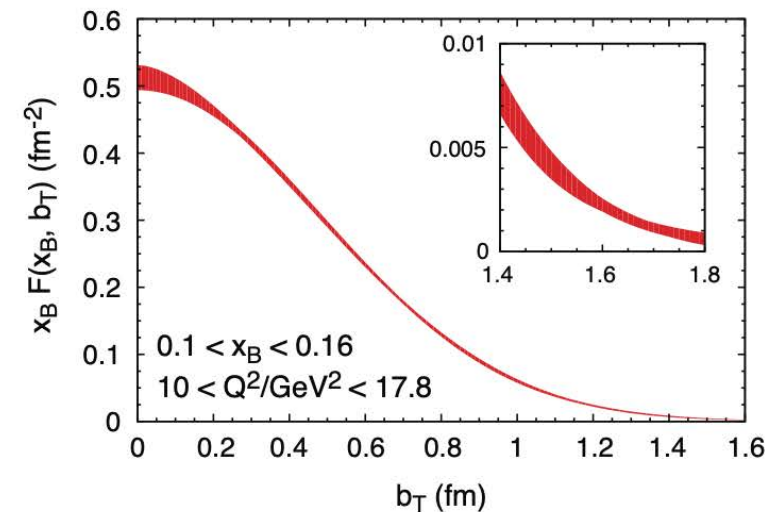
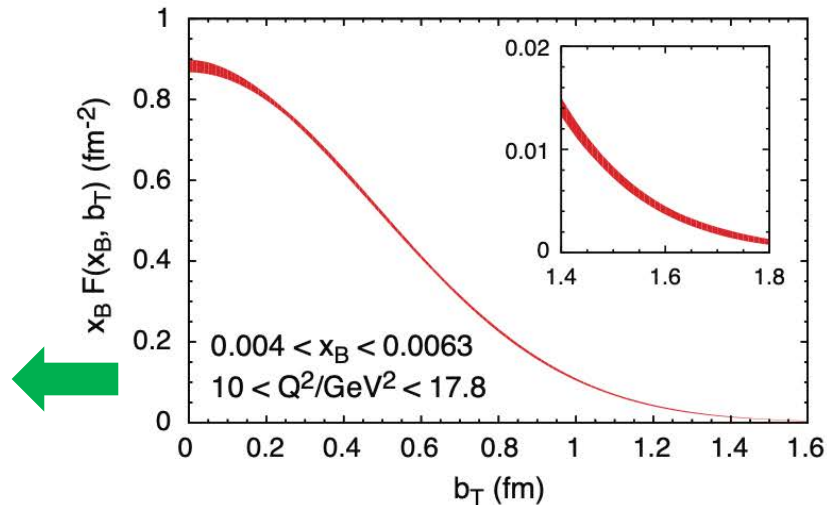
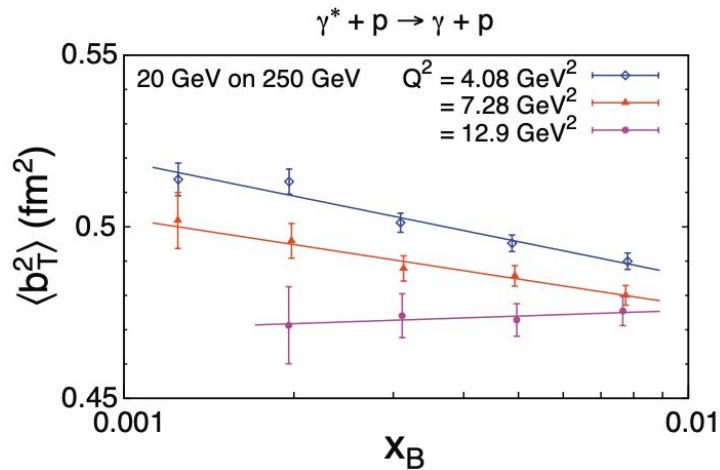
GPDs:  $f_{i/h}(x, \xi, t; \mu)$

# Imaging the quarks at a Future EIC (White Paper)

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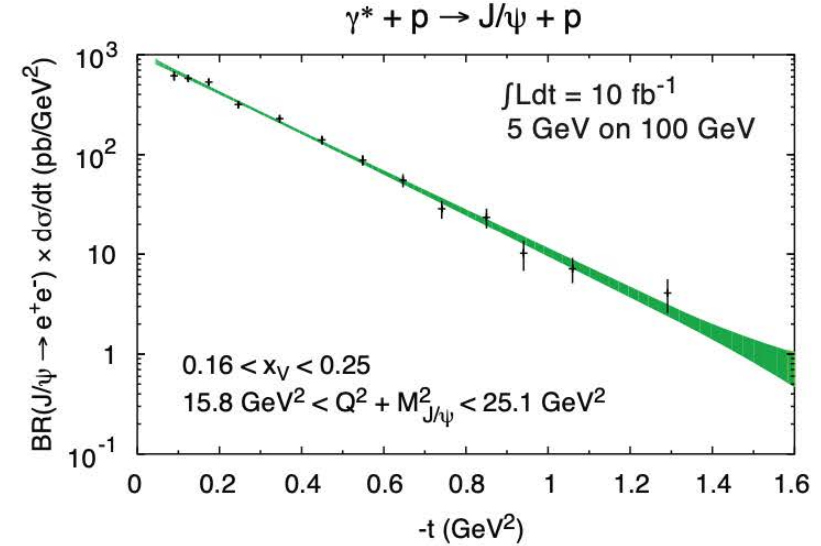
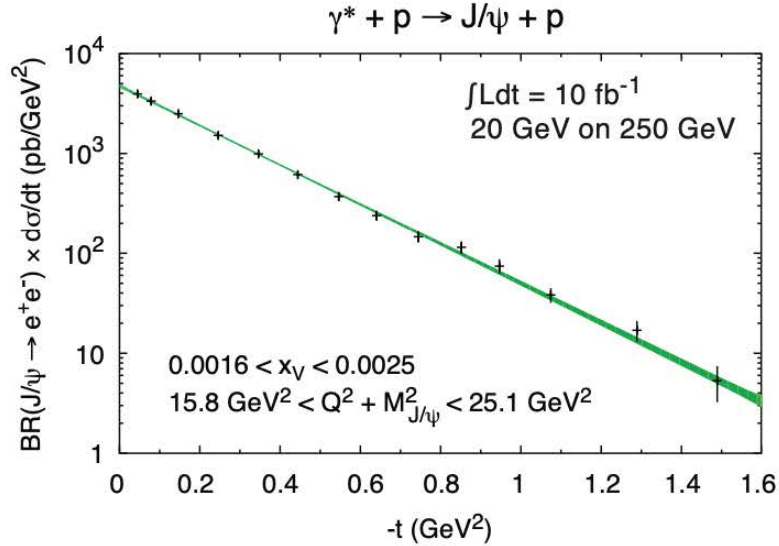
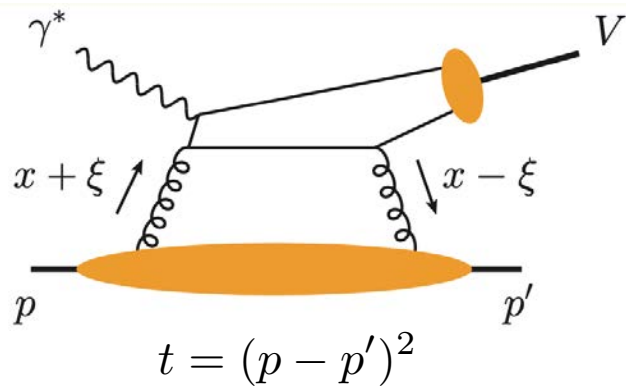
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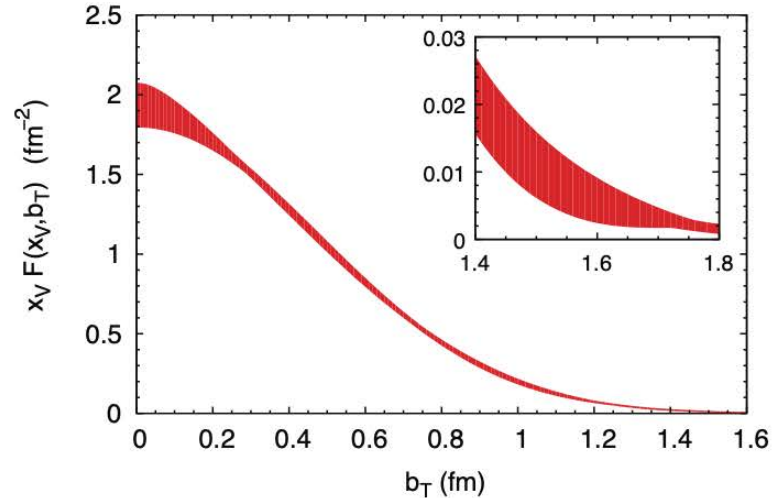
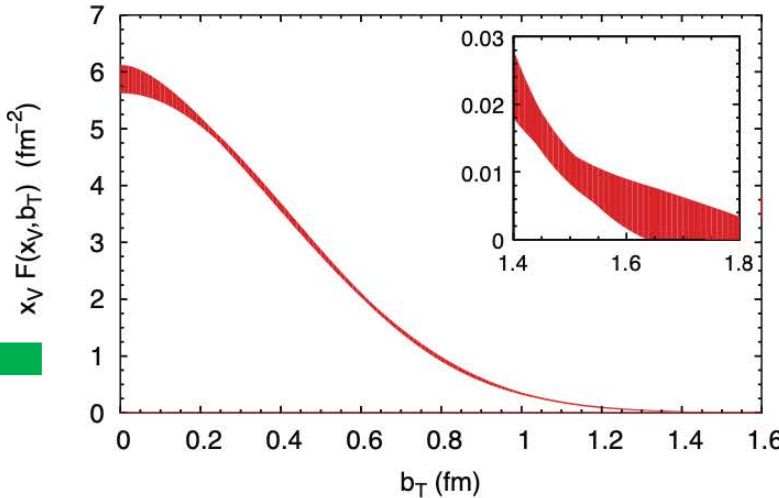
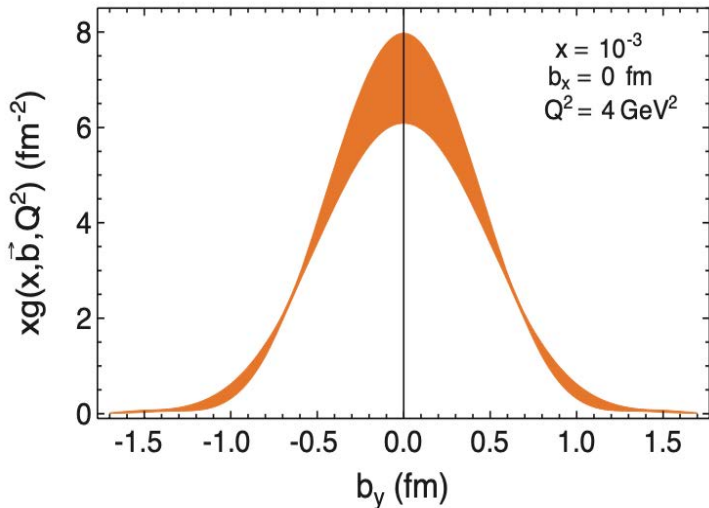
Effective “proton radius” in terms of quark distributions as a function of  $x_B$

# Imaging the gluons at the EIC (White Paper)

## Exclusive vector meson production:

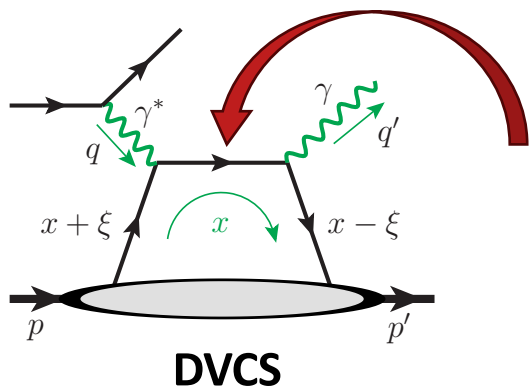


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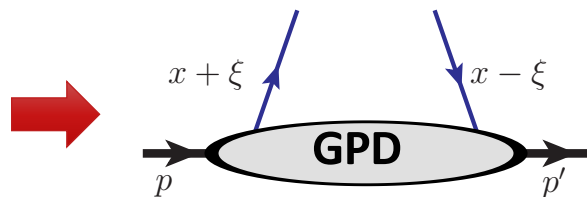
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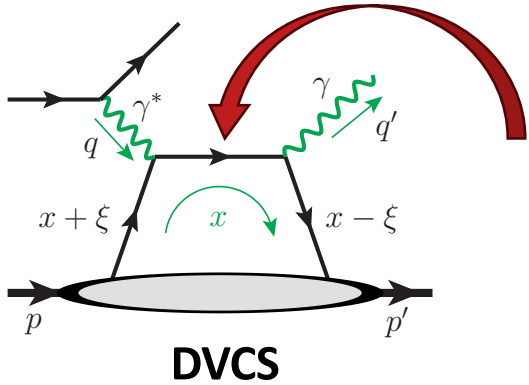
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□ “Shadow GPDs”

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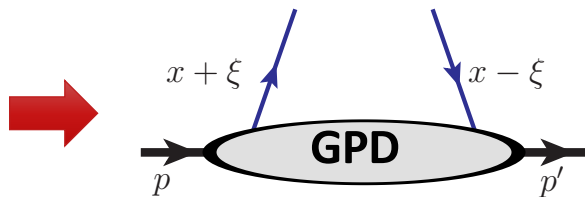
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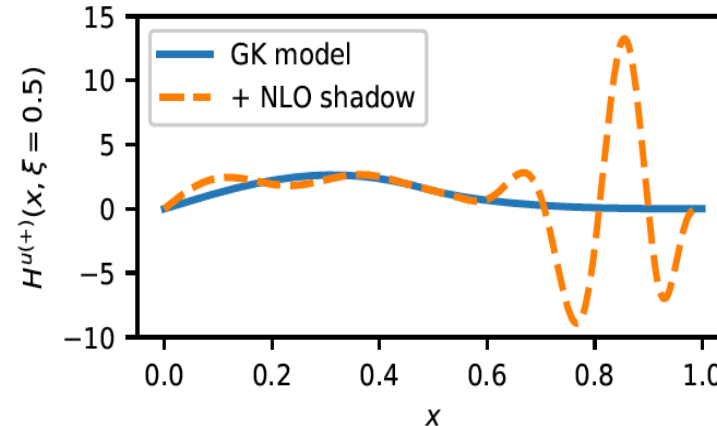
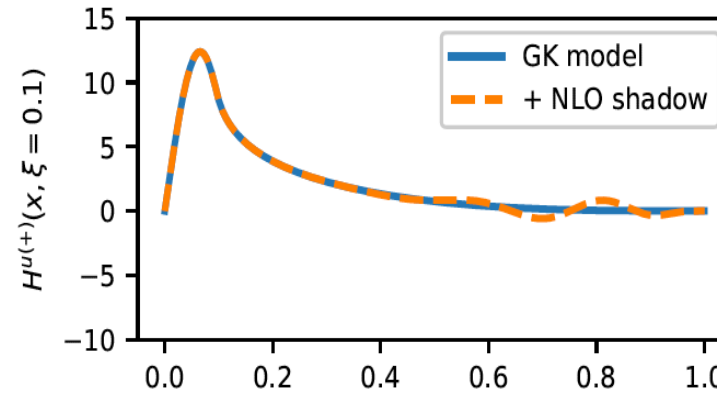
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$$F(x, \xi, t) \rightarrow F(x, \xi, t) + S(x, \xi, t)$$

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



**Blue and dashed  
Fit the same CFFs !**



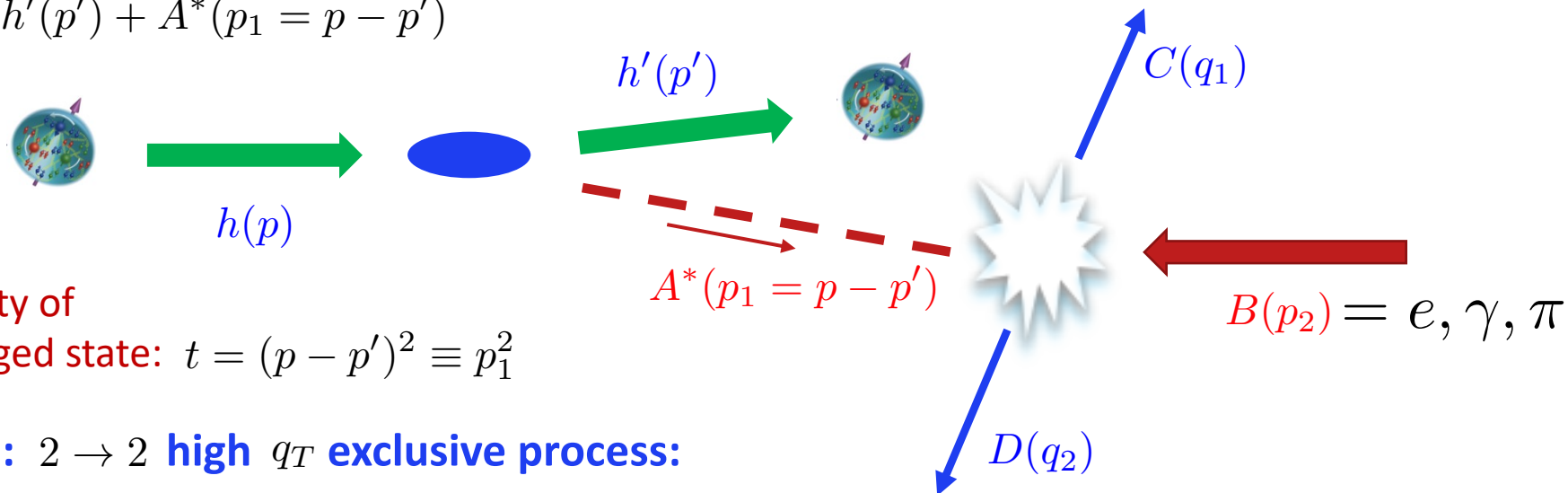
# Single-Diffractive Hard Exclusive Processes (SDHEP)

Qiu & Yu, JHEP 08 (2022) 103,  
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2305.15397 (PRL in press)

## □ 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:

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

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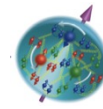
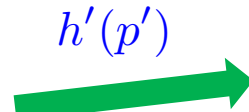
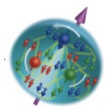
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## □ Diffractive $2 \rightarrow 3$ hard exclusive processes:

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

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



$h(p)$

$A^*(p_1 = p - p')$

$C(q_1)$

$B(p_2) = e, \gamma, \pi$

$D(q_2)$

Virtuality of  
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**A 2-scale observable!**

- **Necessary condition for QCD factorization:**

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



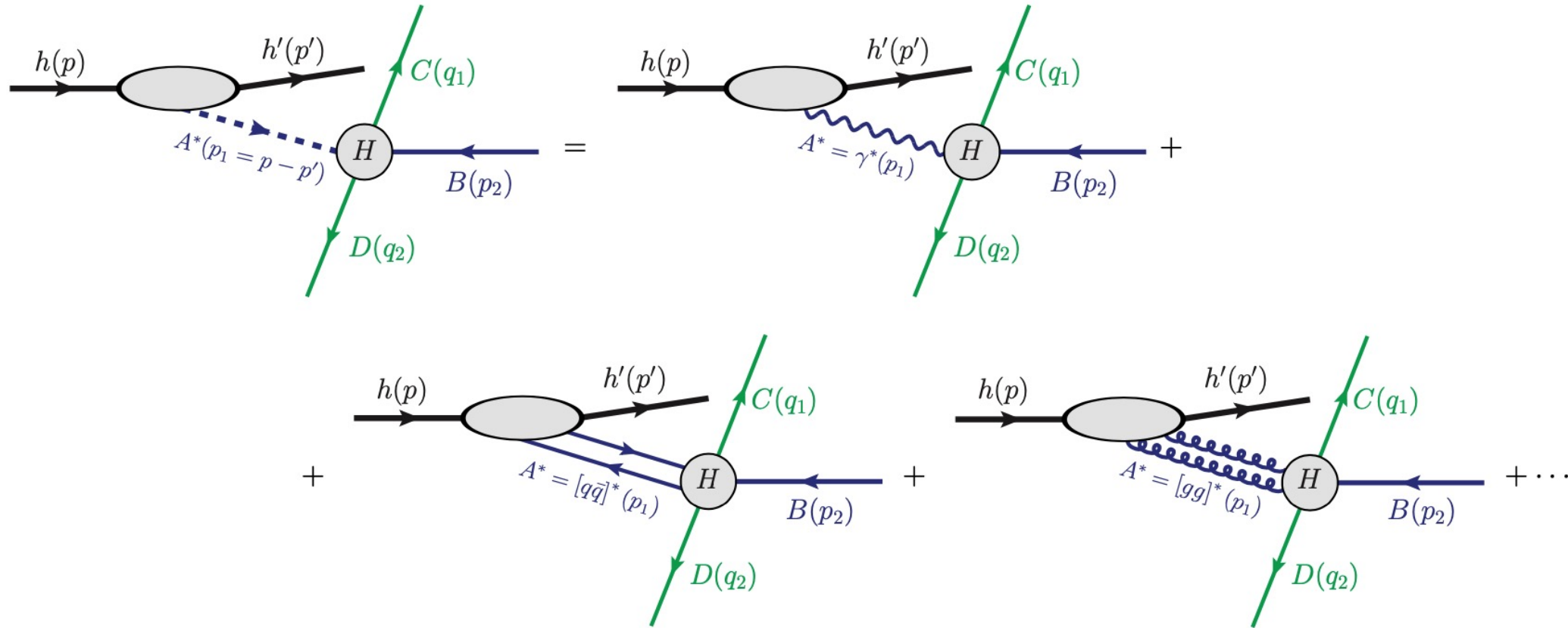
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**Not necessarily sufficient!**

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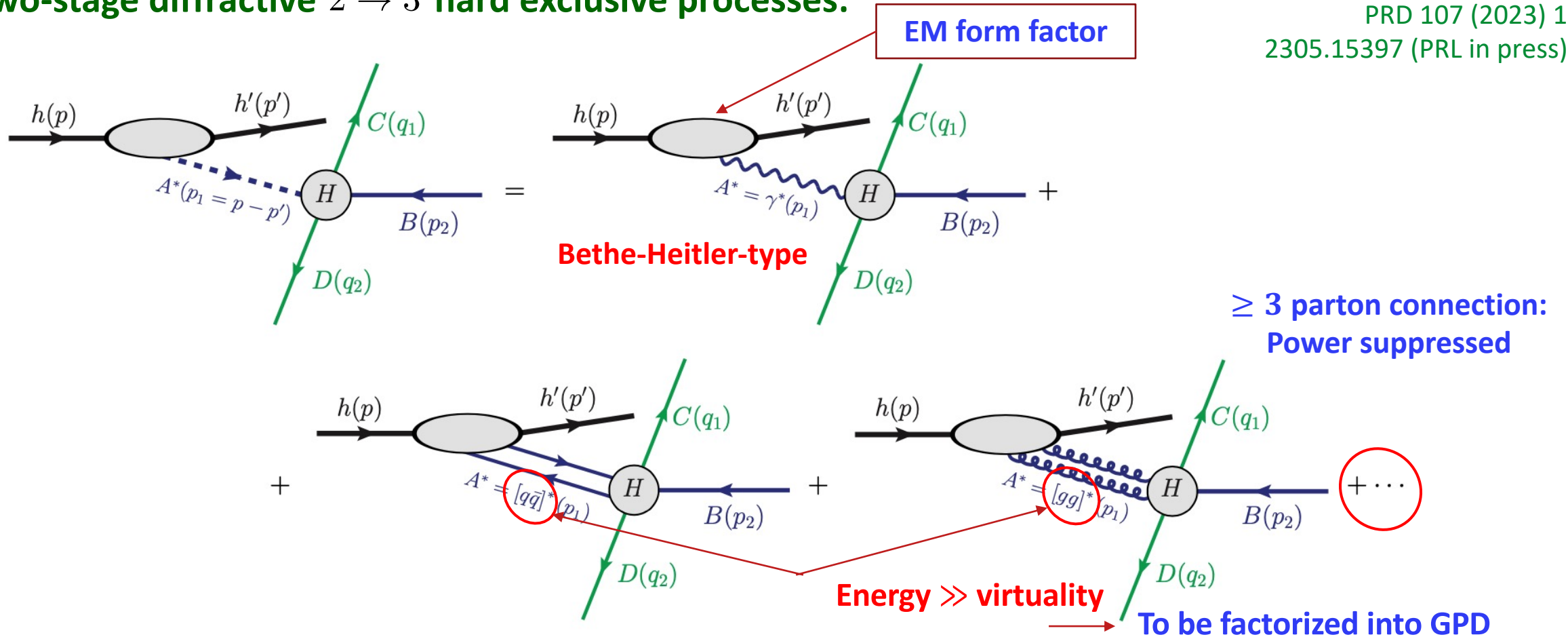
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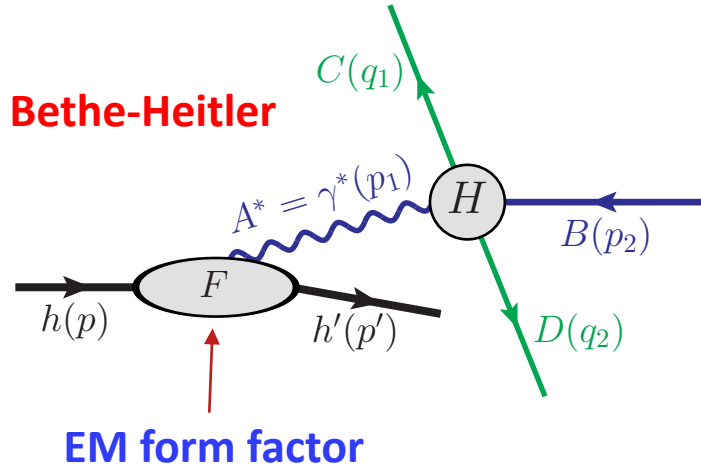
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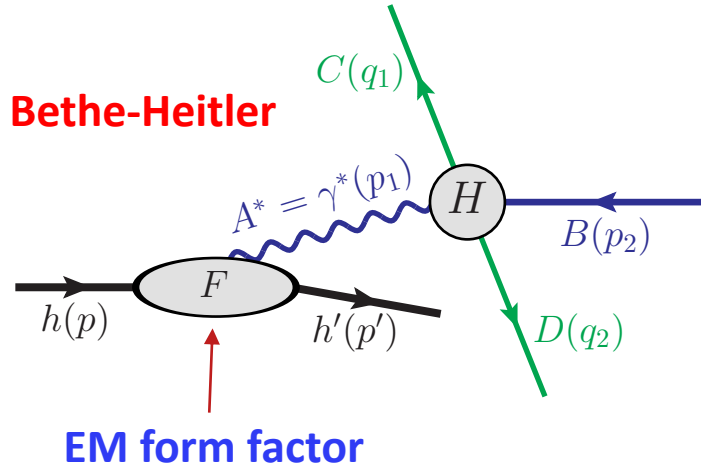
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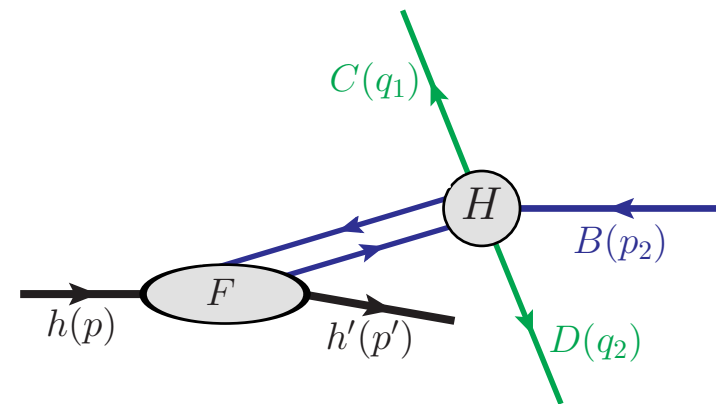


$$\mathcal{M}^{(1)}/\mathcal{M}^{(2)} \sim \mathcal{O}(Q/\sqrt{|t|})$$

$\gamma^*$  channel is of a **more leading power** than GPD contribution, but higher power in  $\alpha_{EM}$

Generally allowed, except

- (1) flavor changing ( $p \rightarrow n, n \rightarrow p$ , etc.)
- (2) forbidden by symmetry in the hard part



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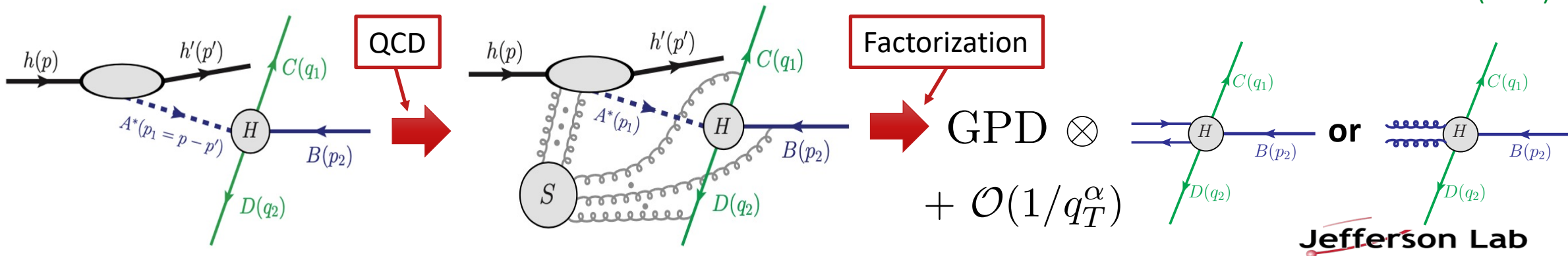
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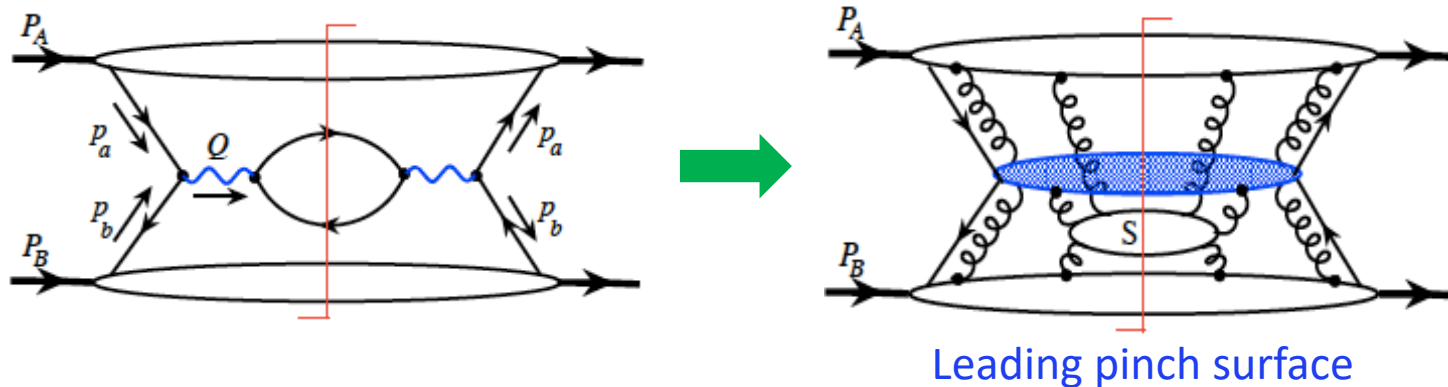
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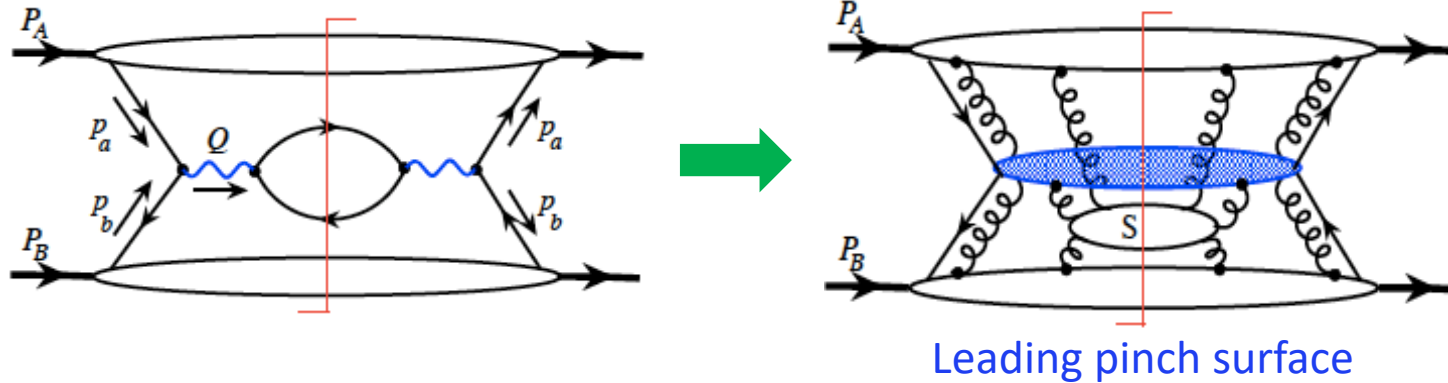
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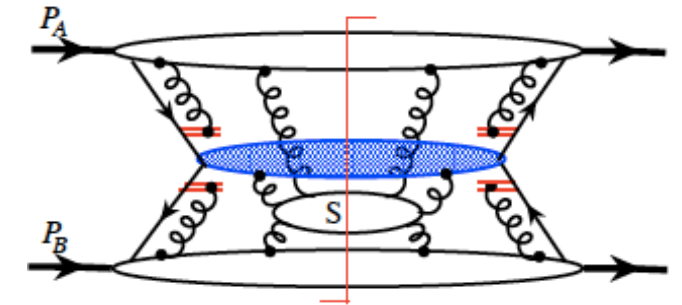
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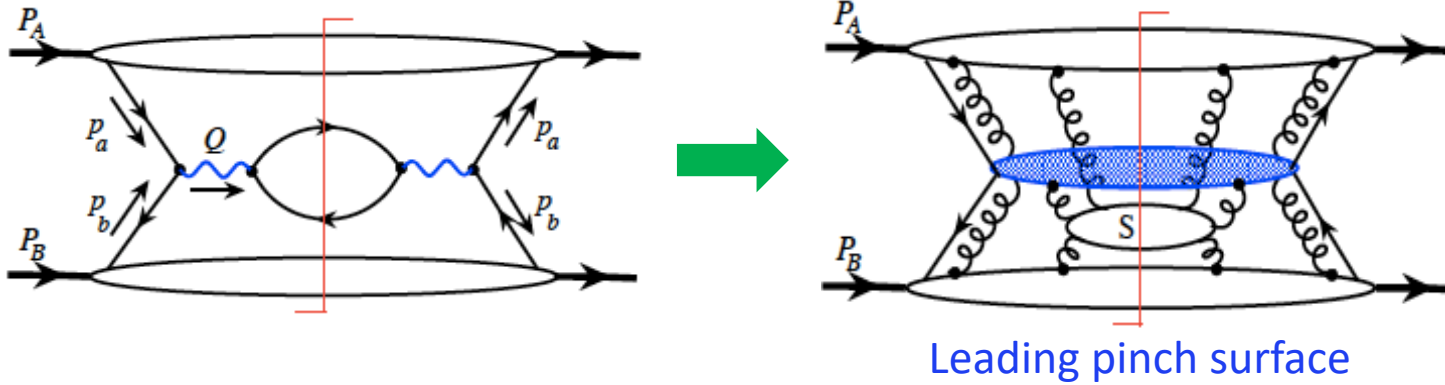
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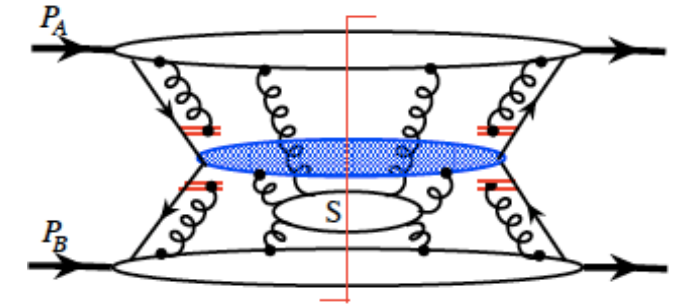
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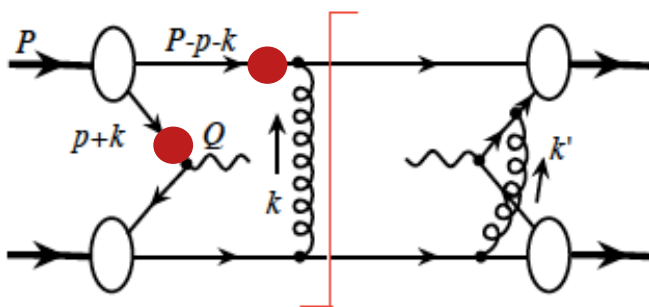
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## Trouble with the soft gluons:



$$(xp + k)^2 + i\epsilon \propto k^- + i\epsilon$$

$$((1-x)p - k)^2 + i\epsilon \propto k^- - i\epsilon$$

$$k \rightarrow (\lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda) \quad \lambda \sim \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{Q}$$

Pinched in Glauber regime

**Solution:**

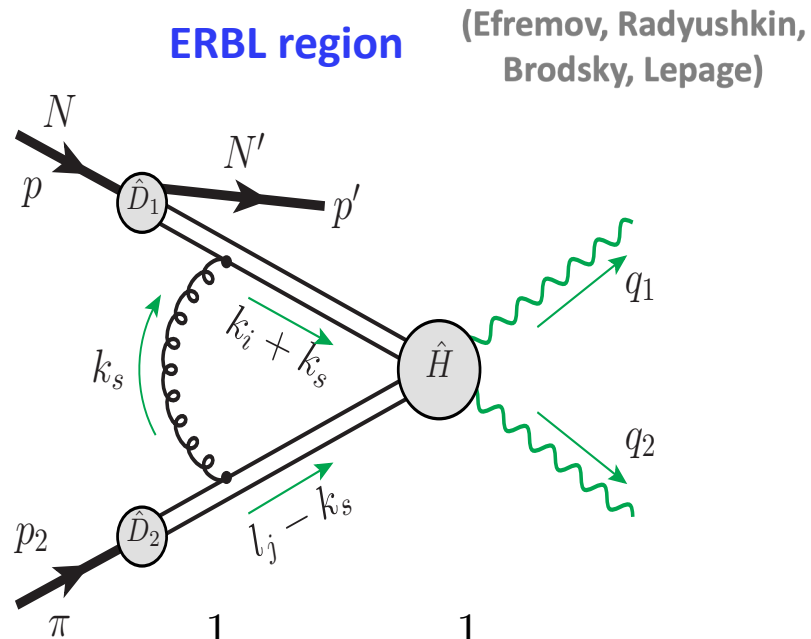
- Sum over all final states,
- Cancellation of all poles in one-half plane (remove pinches)

**Difficulty for exclusive processes:**

**No final-states to sum!**

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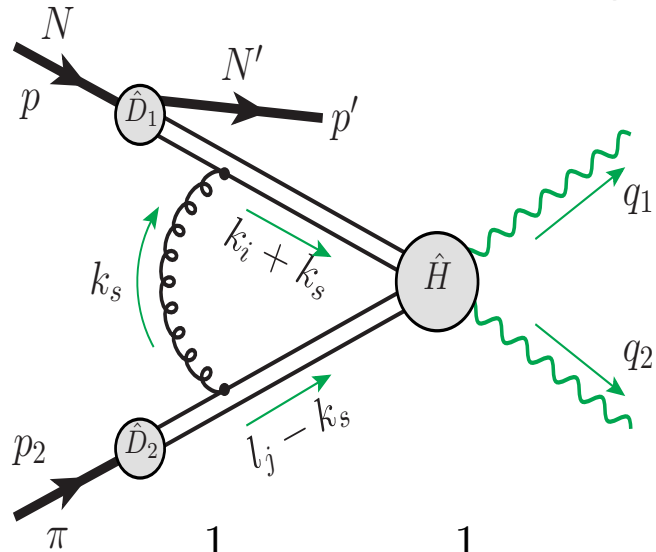
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(Efremov, Radyushkin, Brodsky, Lepage)



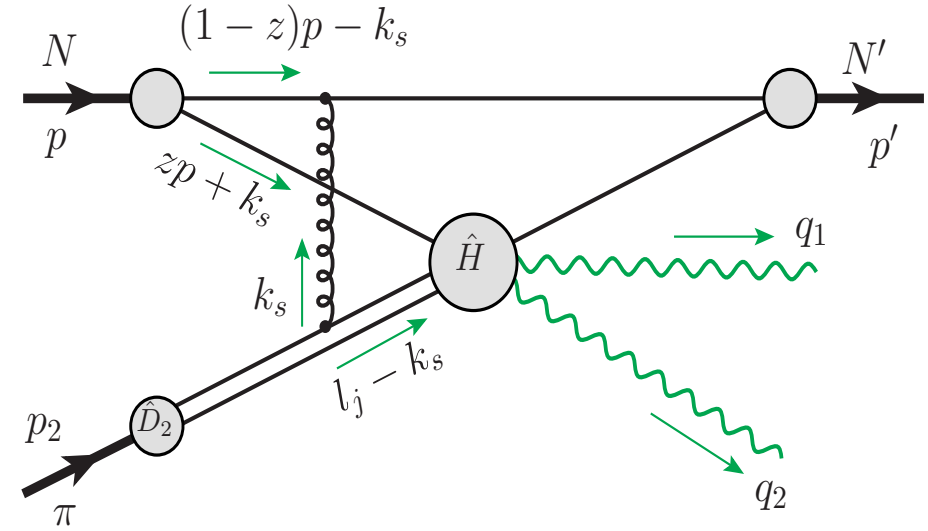
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**DGLAP region**



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$$\frac{1}{(zp + k_s)^2 + i\epsilon} \rightarrow \frac{1}{k_s^- + i\epsilon}$$

**Pinched!**

**Same conclusion if  $k_s$  flows through  $N'$ !**

➡ **Gluons pinched in the Glauber region:  $k_s = (\lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda) Q$**

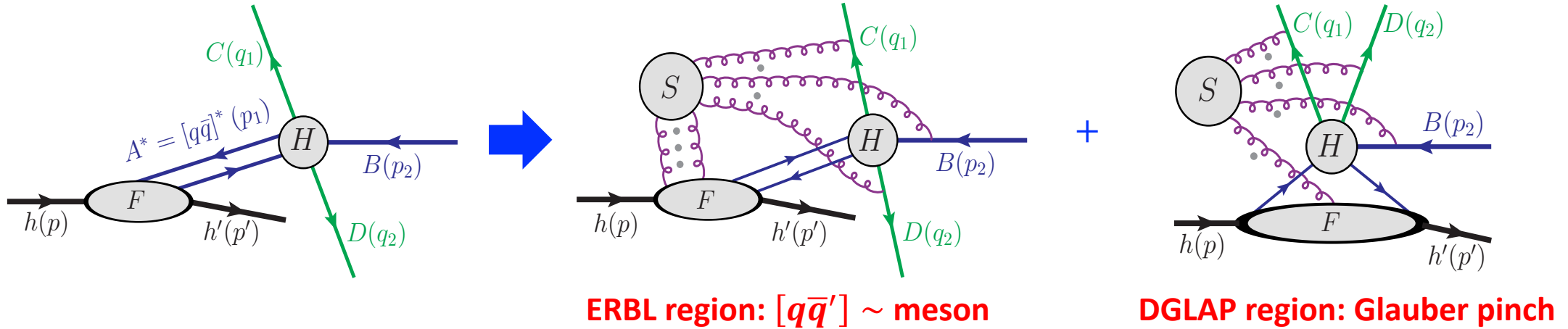


**Transverse component contribute to the leading region!**

# Factorization for SDHEP in the Two-stage Paradigm

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

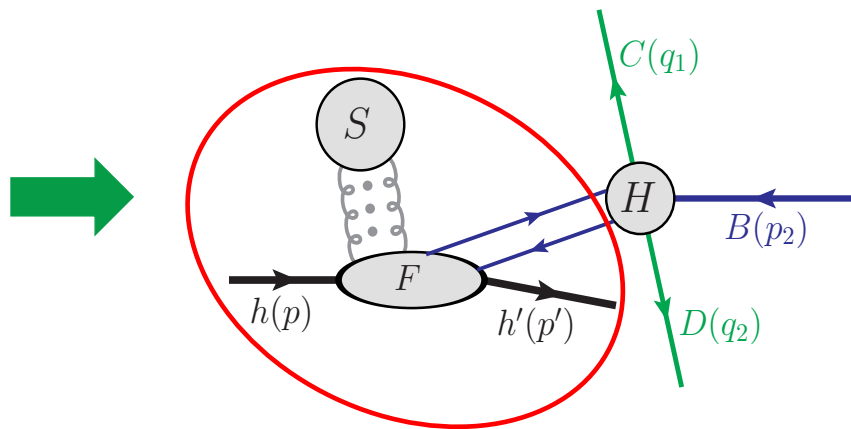
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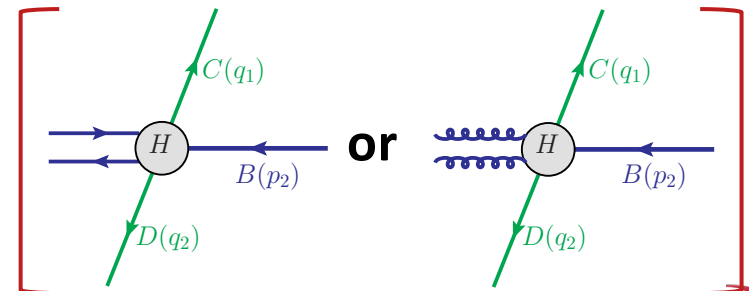
Soft gluons cancel when coupling to color neutral hadrons:

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  $\otimes$



Hard probes

Jefferson Lab

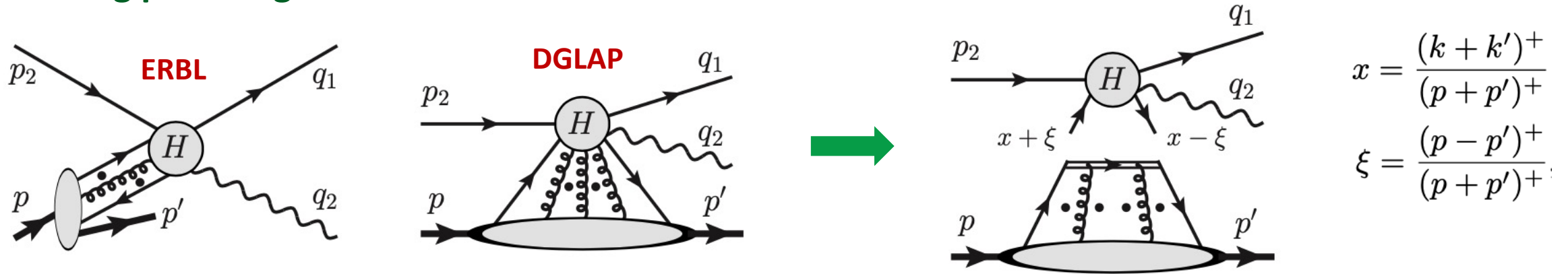
# SDHEP with a Lepton Beam – JLab, EIC

PRD56 (1997) 5524; PRD58 (1998) 094018; PRD59 (1999) 074009

## □ DVCS:

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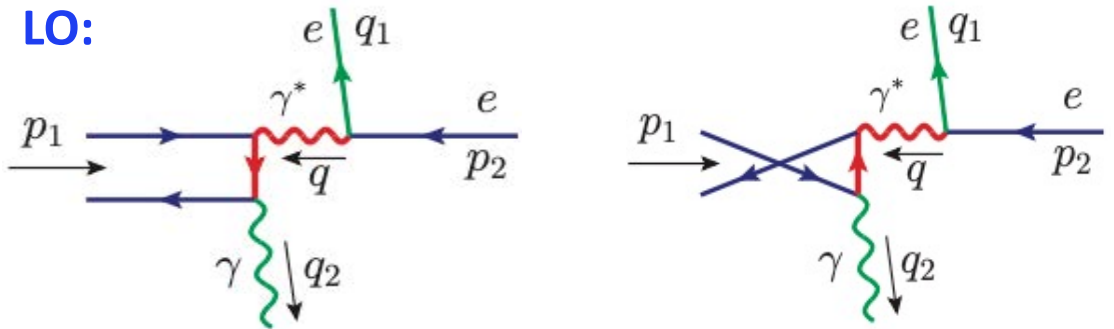
## □ Leading pinch region:



## □ Factorization formula:

$$\mathcal{M}_{he \rightarrow h'e\gamma}^{(2)} = \sum_i \int_{-1}^1 dx F_i^h(x, \xi, t) C_{ie \rightarrow e\gamma}(x, \xi, q_T),$$

$$C^{(0)} \propto \frac{1}{x - \xi + i\epsilon} - \frac{1}{x + \xi - i\epsilon}$$



*The x-integration is NOT sensitive to externally measured hard scale,  $q_T$  or  $Q^2$ !*



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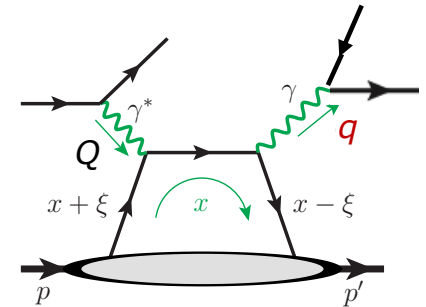
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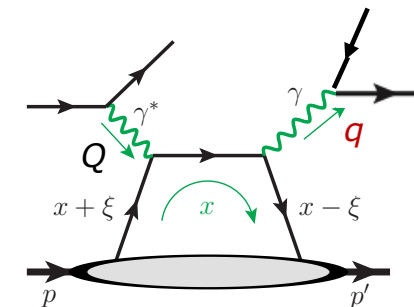


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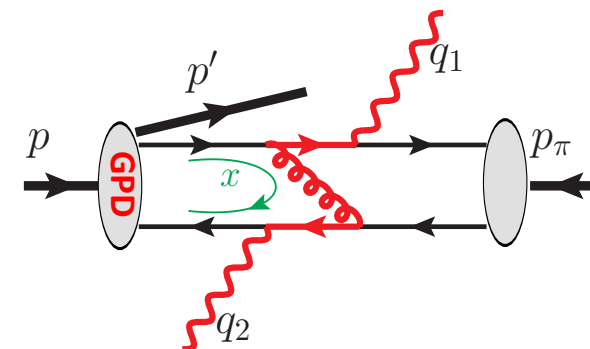
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Hard scale:  $q_T \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$     Soft scale:  $t \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$



- Factorization:

$$\mathcal{M}(t, \xi, q_T) = \int_{-1}^1 dx F(x, \xi, t; \mu) \cdot C(x, \xi; q_T/\mu) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/q_T)$$

[suppressing pion DA factor]



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt d\xi dq_T} \sim |\mathcal{M}(t, \xi, q_T)|^2$$

$q_T$  distribution is "conjugate" to  $x$  distribution

$$x \leftrightarrow q_T$$

# GPD Models for Testing the $x$ -dependence

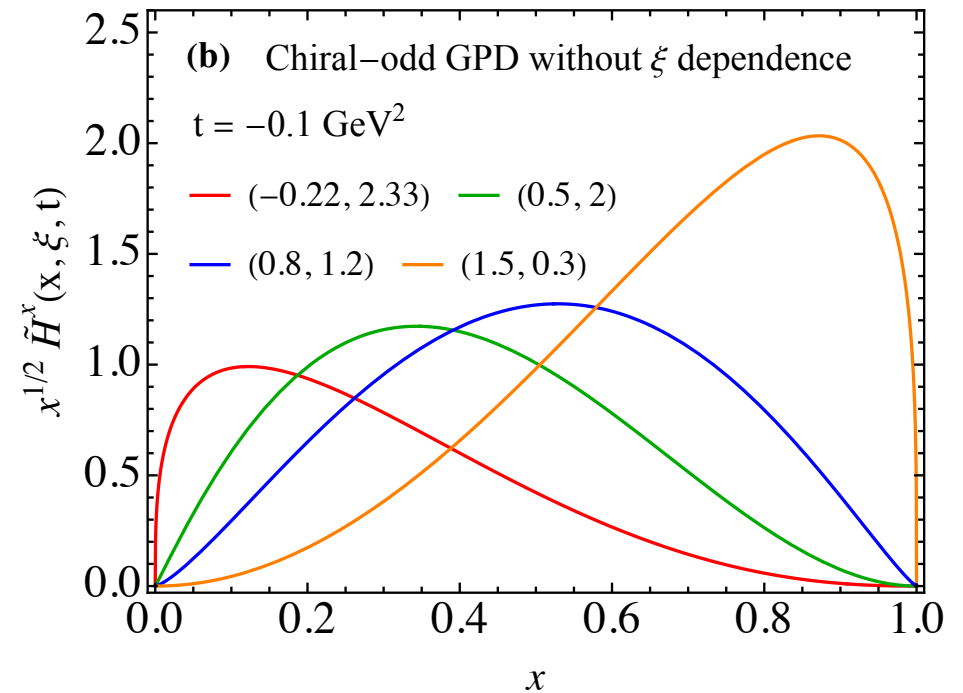
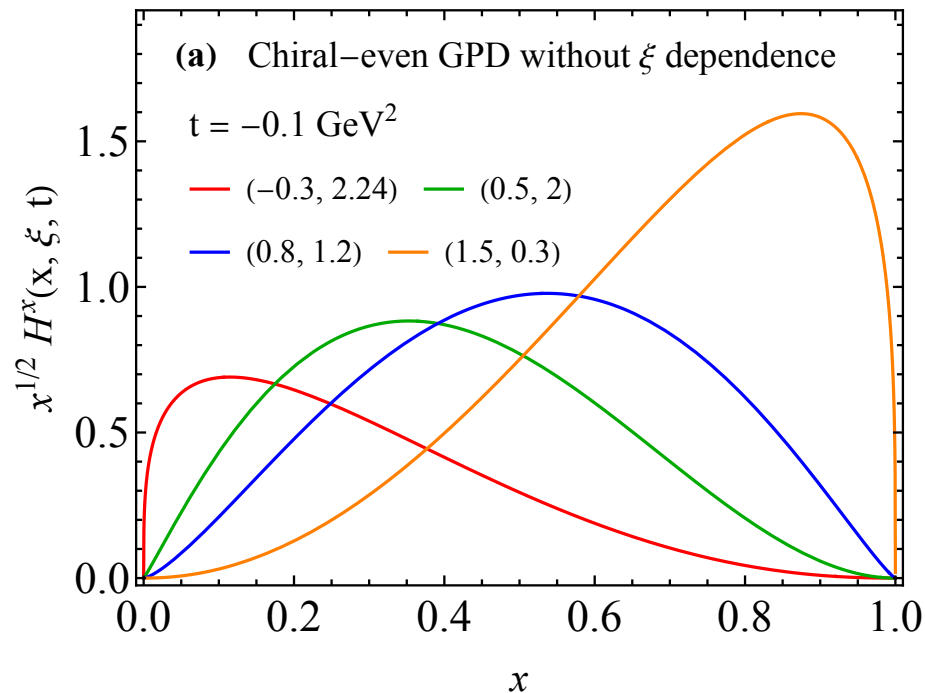
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$$H_{pn}(x, \xi, t) = \theta(x) x^{-0.9 (t/\text{GeV}^2)} \frac{x^\rho (1-x)^\tau}{B(1+\rho, 1+\tau)}$$

$$\tilde{H}_{pn}(x, \xi, t) = \theta(x) x^{-0.45 (t/\text{GeV}^2)} \frac{1.267 x^\rho (1-x)^\tau}{B(1+\rho, 1+\tau)}$$

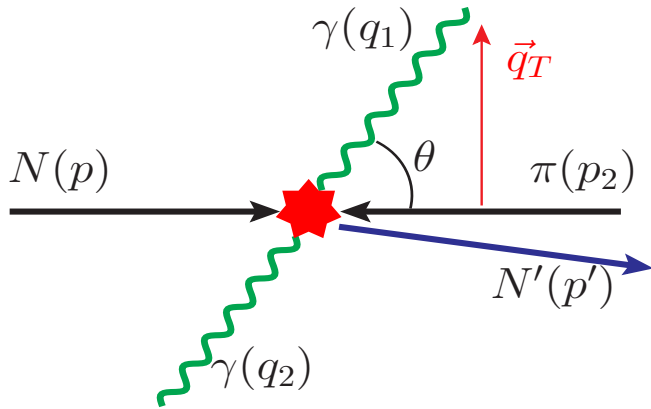
- Neglect  $E, \tilde{E}$ . Neglect evolution effect.
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Goloskokov, Kroll  
 hep-ph/0501242  
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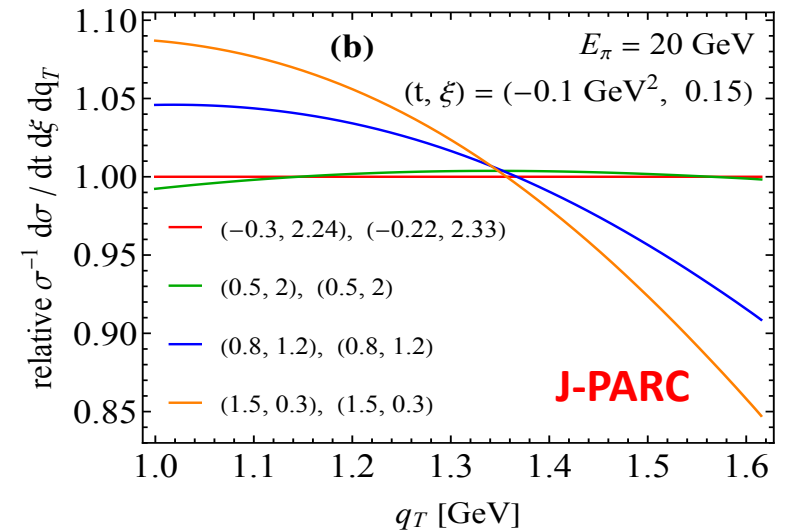
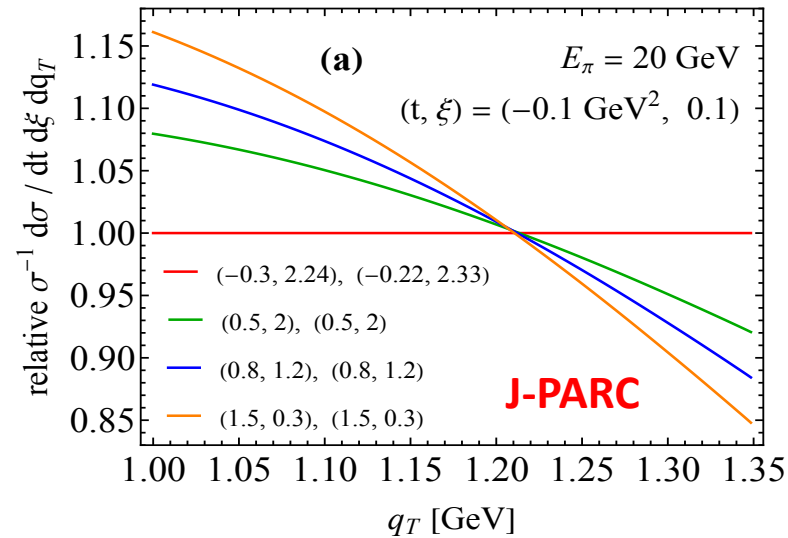
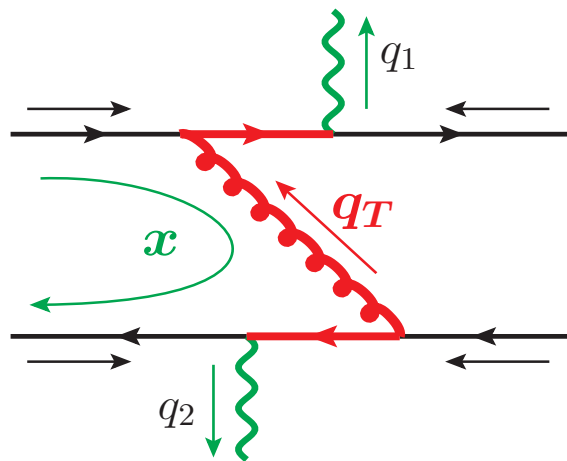
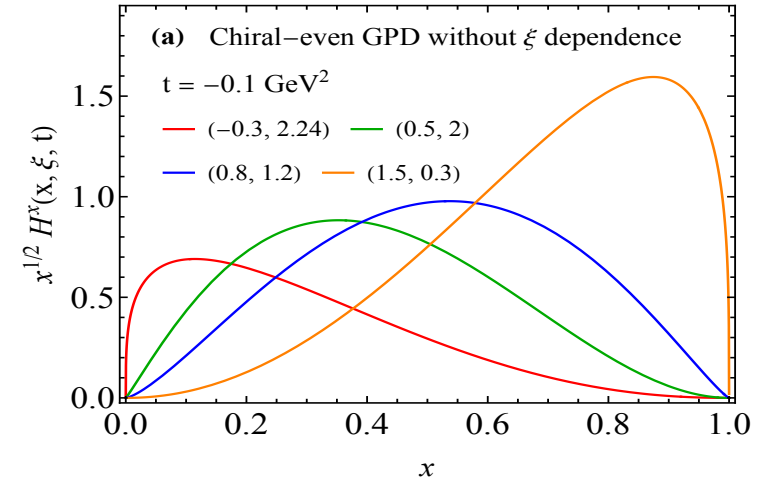
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Vary GPD  $x$  shapes



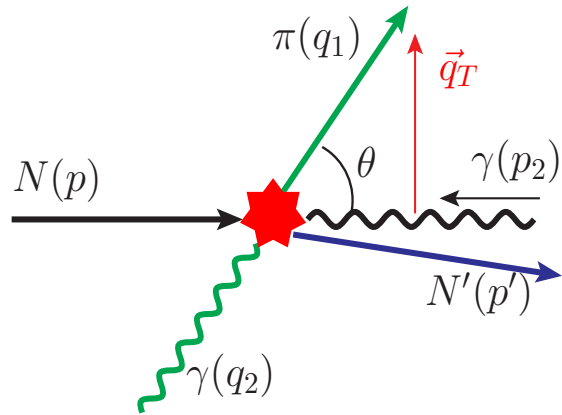
Different  $q_T$  shapes



# Enhanced Sensitivity on x-dependence of GPDs

□ **Pion-photon production:**  $\gamma(p_\gamma) + h(p) \rightarrow \pi^\pm(q_1) + \gamma(q_2) + h'(p')$

JLab-Hall D, other Halls & EIC  
with a quasi-photon beam



$i\mathcal{M}$  contains the entanglement between  $x$  and  $q_T$

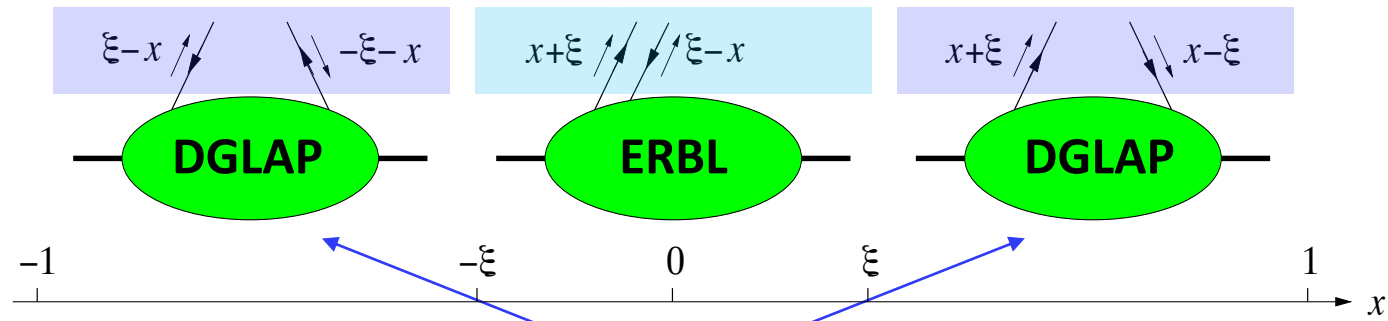
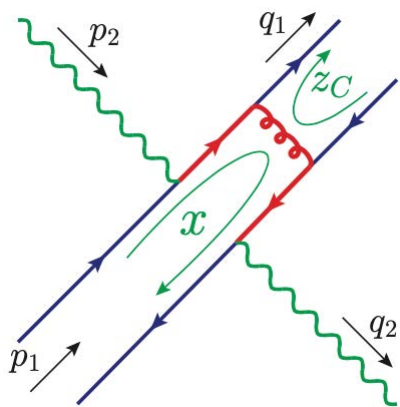
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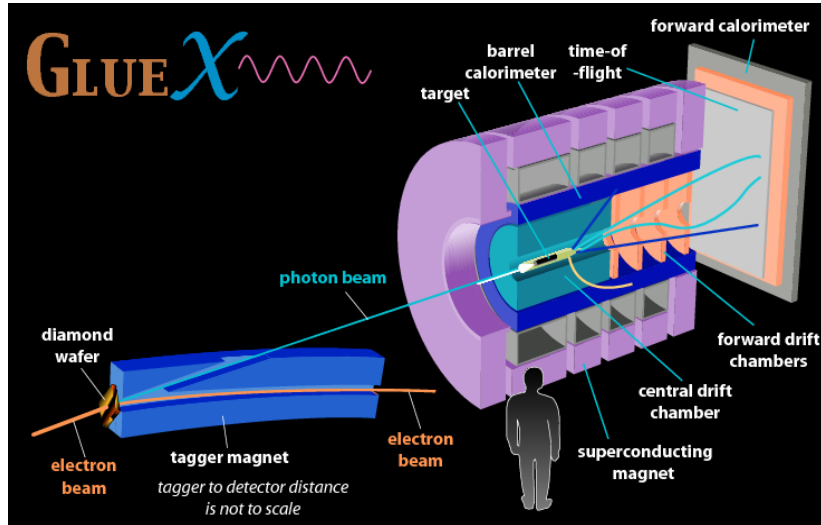
**Complementary sensitivity:**



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

# Exclusive Photo-Production of a $\pi\gamma$ Pair – Hall D at JLab

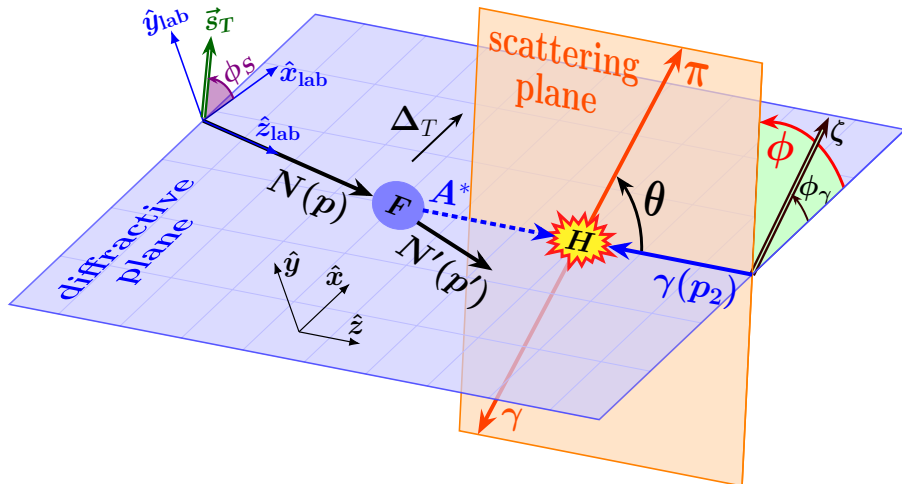
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## □ Polarization asymmetries

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

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



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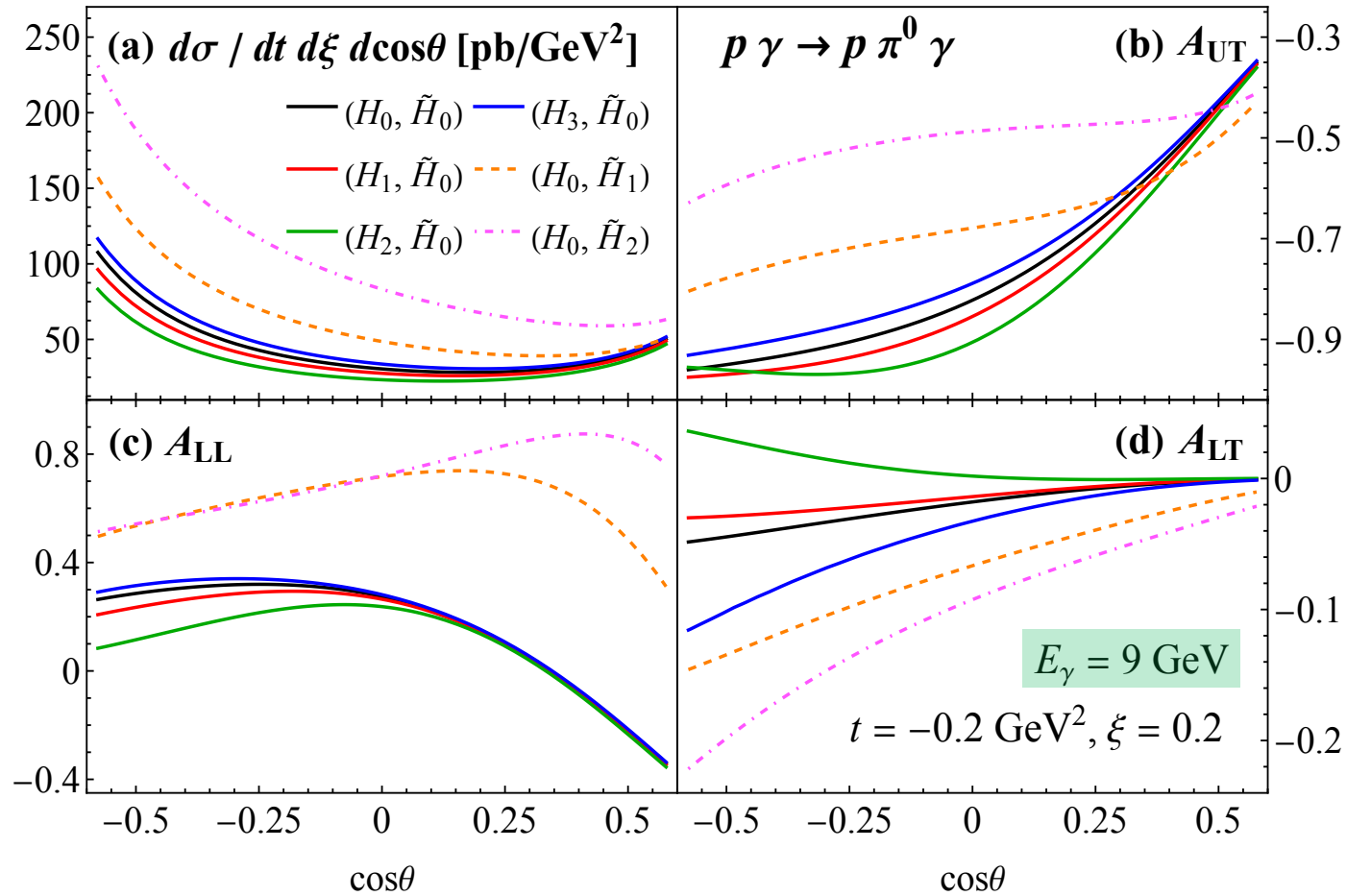
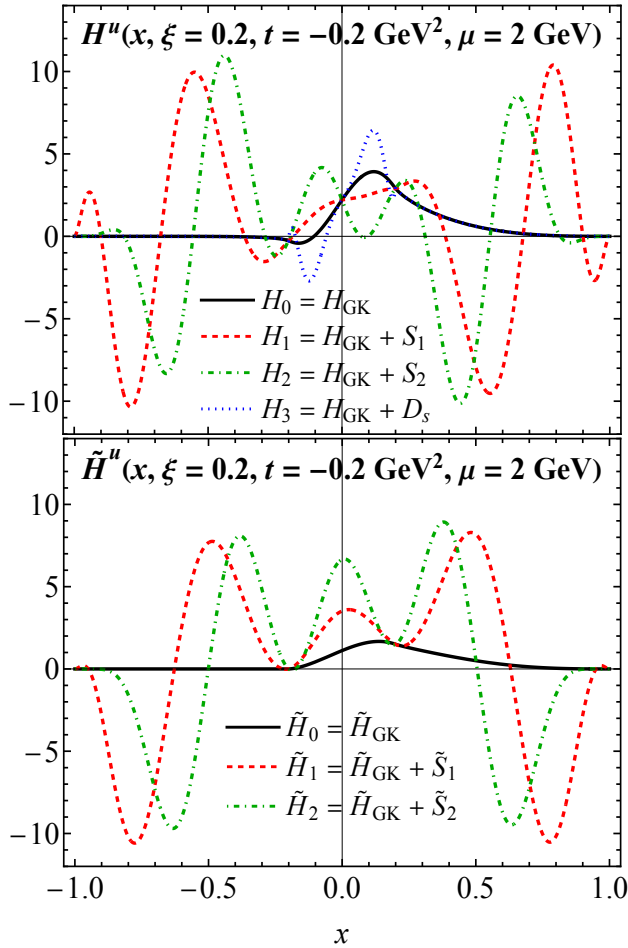
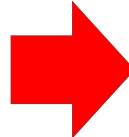
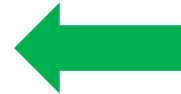
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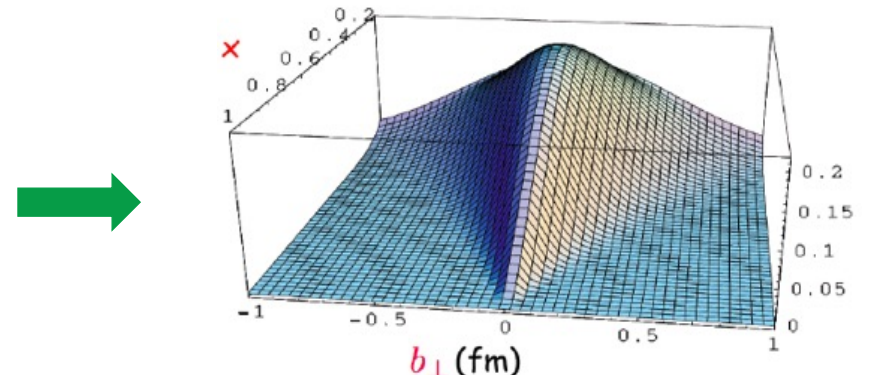
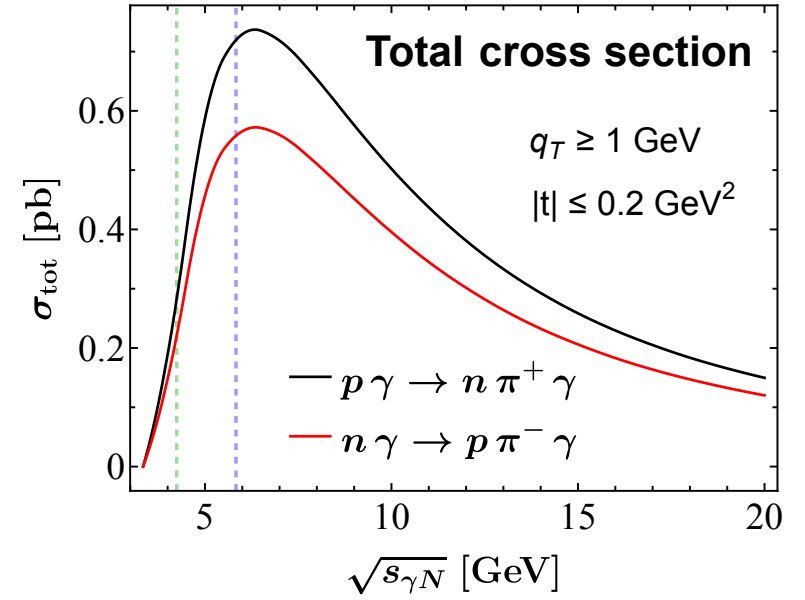
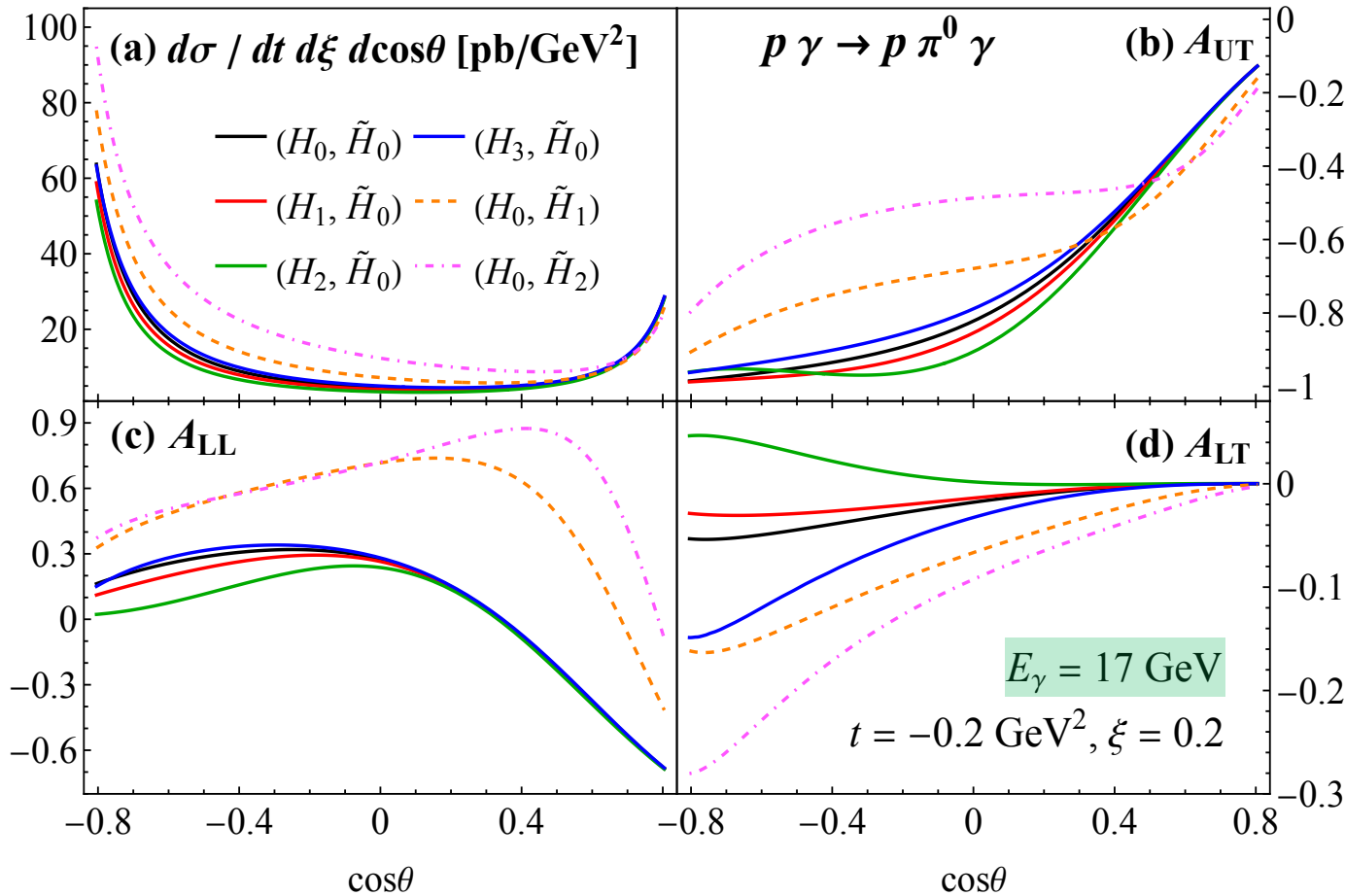
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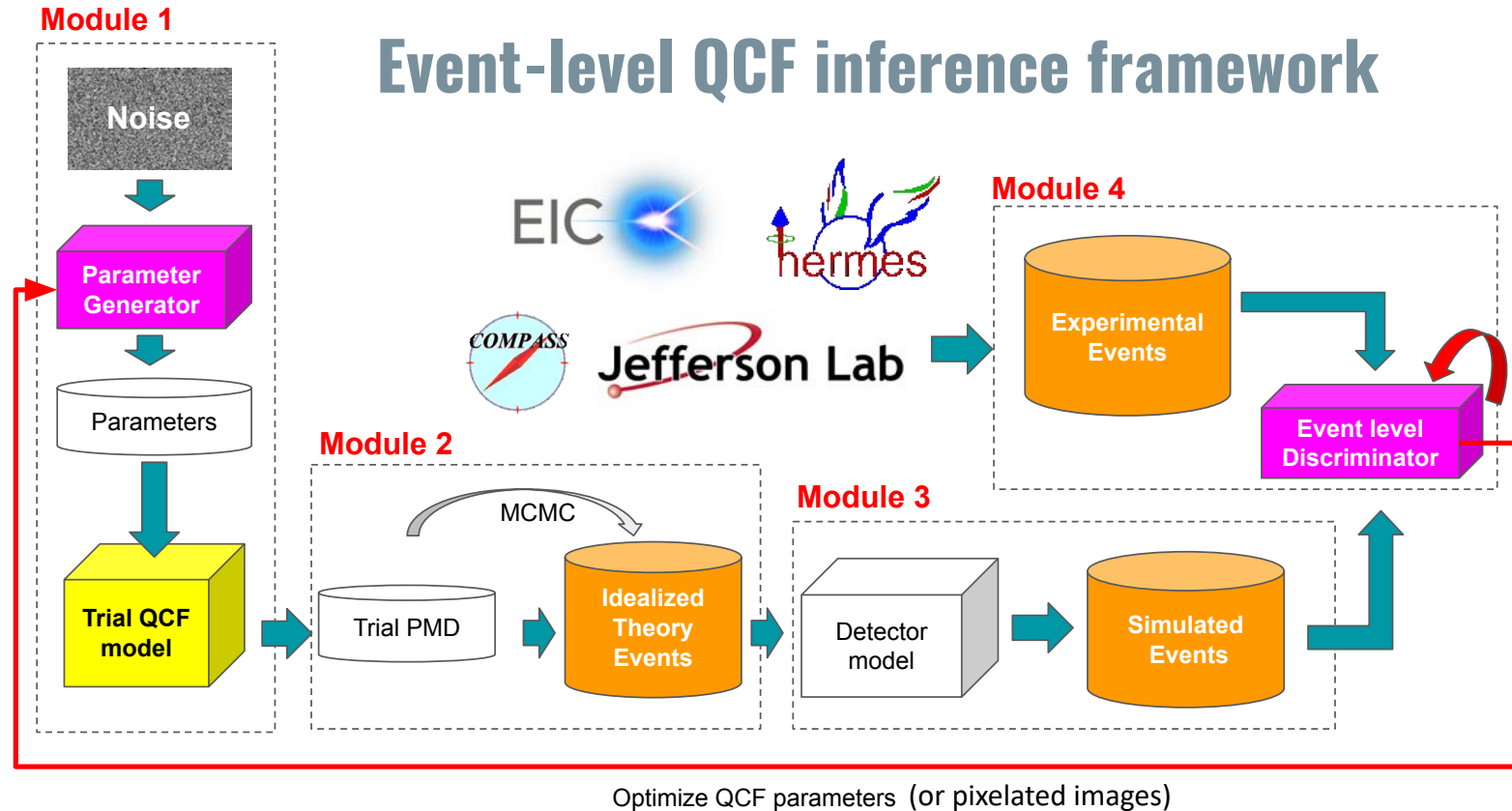


Extracting GPDs is a challenging inverse problem!  $\sigma \propto [\mathcal{F} \otimes C]^2$

# QuantOm Collaboration – a 5-year SciDAC project

## ❑ Femtoscale Imaging of Nuclei using Exascale Platforms:

Pixelating hadron in terms of probabilities to find quarks and gluons in slices of the momentum fraction  $x$



PMD: Particle Momentum Distribution - Observables

QCF: Quantum Correlation Functions: PDFs, TMDs, GPDs, ...



NP: ANL(Lead), JLab, VT  
ASCR: FASTMath, RAPIDs

### Exp Events (PMD):

- **DIS:**  
1 particle inclusive
- **SIDIS:**  
2 particle inclusive
- **SDHEP:**  
3 particle exclusive

### Generated Events:

Many templates from trial QCFs & trusted theory

### Inference:

Optimized QCFs or pixelated images in trusted phase space

### New regimes:

Go beyond the trusted phase space



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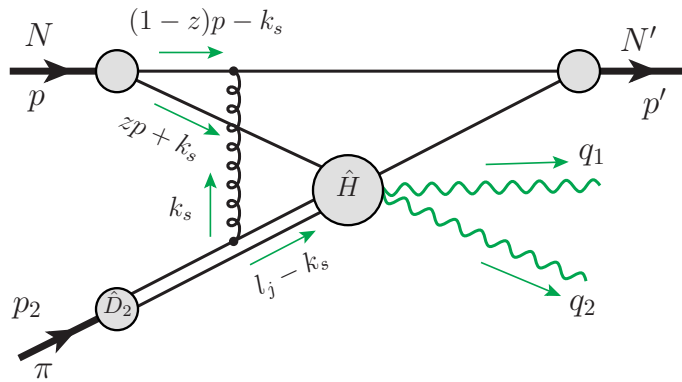
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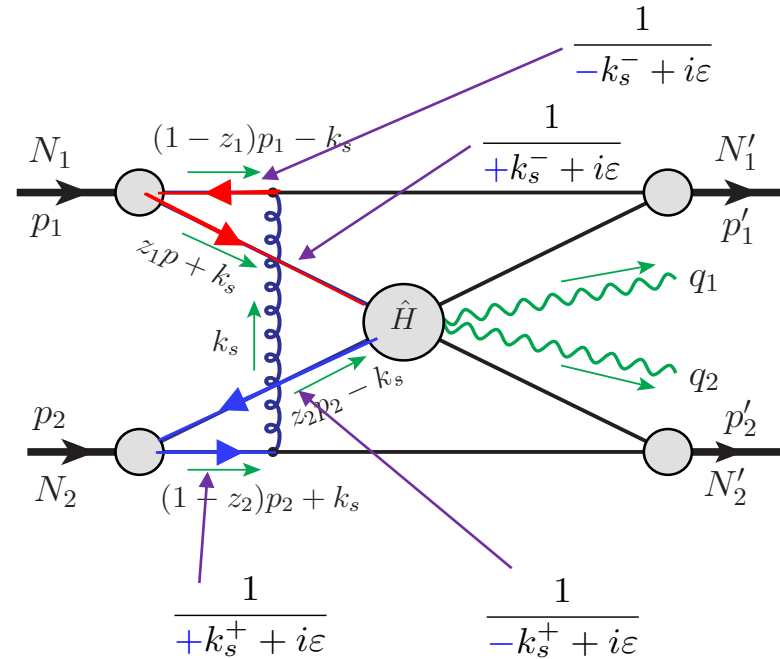
# Why single diffractive?

## Double diffractive process

Glauber pinch for diffractive scattering



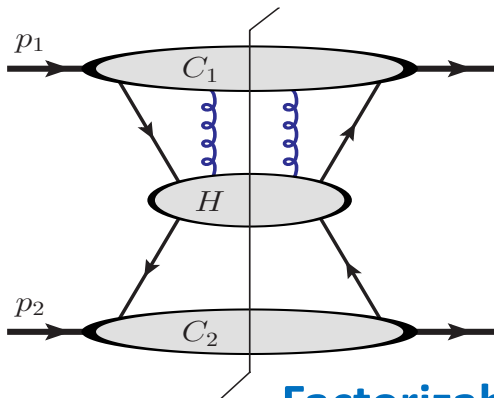
Factorizable if all pion momentum flows into hard part



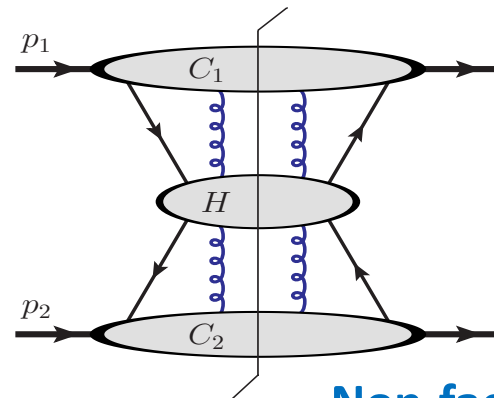
Both  $k_s^+$  and  $k_s^-$  are pinched in Glauber region!

Break of factorization

## Compare: Drell-Yan process at high twist:



Factorizable



Non-factorizable

Only the 1<sup>st</sup> sub-leading twist is factorizable!

Qiu & Sterman, NPB, 1991