Exclusive processes, factorization and parton distributions

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- → Preliminaries: SM, PDFs, experiments in DIS
- → DVCS, TCS & DDVCS: GPD function as an extension of a PDF
- Worldwide experiments on hadron structure
- Double deeply virtual Compton scattering (DDVCS)
 - Formulation à la Kleiss & Stirling
 - Tests of our KS-based formulation
- → Summary

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Modern Particle Physics = Standard Model

$$SU(3)_c \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$$

- Gauge group of QCD
- Strongly coupled: quarks & gluons coupled to form hadrons

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 - > Late 1960s: SLAC & MIT prove the composite nature of proton

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Rosenbluth xsec: spin-1/2 and point-like target

$$\frac{1}{90 \text{ IIO I30 I50}} \frac{1}{d\Omega dE'} \Big|_{\text{Ros, point}} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \Big|_{\text{Mott}} \cdot \left[1 + 2\frac{Q^2}{4M^2} \tan^2(\theta/2) \right] \delta\left(\frac{Q^2}{2M} - \nu\right), \quad \nu = E - E'$$
GLE OF SCATTERING (IN DEGREES)

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$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'}\Big|_{\substack{\text{Ros,}\\\text{extended}}} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\Big|_{\text{Mott}} \cdot \left[F_E^2(|\vec{q}|^2) + 2\frac{Q^2}{4M^2}\tan^2(\theta/2)F_M^2(|\vec{q}|^2)\right]\delta\left(\frac{Q^2}{2M} - \nu\right)$$

Proton is an extended object of radius ~10⁻¹³ cm

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Deep inelastic scattering (DIS): inclusive



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Inclusiveness in practice

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Preliminaries: form factors & geometric shape

• DIS xsec in terms of form factors (F₁, F₂):

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'}\Big|_{\text{DIS}} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\Big|_{\text{Mott}} \cdot \left[\frac{1}{\nu}F_2(x,Q^2) + \frac{2}{M}\tan^2(\theta/2)F_1(x,Q^2)\right], \quad x = \frac{Q^2}{2pq} \underbrace{=}_{\substack{\text{proton}\\\text{rest}\\\text{frame}}} \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}$$

• If F_1 , F_2 are independent of Q^2 , then DIS = scattering with point-like particles = proton is not elementary

$$\rho(\vec{r}) \sim \int d^3 \vec{q} \; e^{i\vec{q}\vec{r}} F(|\vec{q}|^2)$$

If $F(|\vec{q}|^2) \sim \text{constant}$, then $\rho(\vec{r}) \sim \delta(\vec{r}) \Rightarrow \text{point-like target}$

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Preliminaries: inelastic scattering

Deep inelastic scattering of electrons off the proton

M. Breidenbach et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 23, 935 (1969). DOI 10.1103/PhysRevLett.23.935

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• W = 3 and 3.5 GeV:

Almost independence with q² suggests scattering off elementary (point-like or very small) particles



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Almost independent of Q²: very small particles inside the proton that are interacting with each other, i.e.

$$\mathsf{F}_2(\mathsf{X},\,\mathsf{Q}^2)\sim\mathsf{F}_2(\mathsf{X})$$

Plot taken from Carolina Riedl's talk at the 61 Cracow summer school of theoretical physics: Electron-Ion Collider physics (2021)

- What does the xsec look like?
 - Factorization in inclusive processes = PDFs in xsec

$$\sigma_{\gamma N \to X} = \sum_{f} \int_{0}^{1} dx \, \sigma_{\gamma \mathfrak{q}_{f} \to X}(x) \text{PDF}_{f}(x), \quad f = \text{flavor}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \text{longitudinal momentum fraction}$$

$$PDF_{f}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dz^{-}}{2\pi} e^{ix\bar{p}^{+}z^{-}} \langle N | \bar{\mathfrak{q}}_{f}(-z/2)\gamma^{+} \mathcal{W}[-z/2, z/2] \mathfrak{q}_{f}(z/2) | N \rangle \Big|_{z_{\perp}=z^{+}=0}$$

1D distribution

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Preliminaries: understanding the PDF

• Wilson line: definition

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$$\mathcal{W}[z_{1}^{-}, z_{2}^{-}] = \mathbb{P} \exp\left[ig \int_{z_{2}^{-}}^{z_{1}^{-}} da^{-}A^{+}(a^{-})\right]$$

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$$\int \gamma^{+} = \frac{\gamma^{0} + \gamma^{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

for a particular choice of the "plus" direction

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Preliminaries: PDFs as basis for experiments



HERA = Hadron-Electron Ring Accelerator DESY, Germany

Relevance of PDFs: pp collisions at LHC (CERN) are parton collisions

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Improving PDF's picture: DVCS

• In the late '90s, Ji, Müller and Radyushkin introduced the Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs) through Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS) process



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GPD: 3D distribution

 GPD = Generalized Parton Distribution ≈ "3D version of a PDF (Parton Distribution Function)." With x the fraction of the hadron's longitudinal momentum carried by a quark:

$$GPD_f(x,\xi,t) = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ix\bar{p}^+z^-} \langle N' | \bar{\mathfrak{q}}_f(-z/2) \gamma^+ \mathcal{W}[-z/2,z/2] \mathfrak{q}_f(z/2) | N \rangle \Big|_{z_\perp = z^+ = 0}$$

$$\varepsilon = \Delta^2 = (p'-p)^2, \quad \xi = -\frac{\bar{q}\Delta}{2\bar{p}\bar{q}}, \quad \rho = \frac{-\bar{q}^2}{2\bar{p}\bar{q}}, \quad \bar{q} = \frac{q+q'}{2}, \quad \bar{p} = \frac{p+p'}{2}$$

- Importance:
 - Connected to QCD energy-momentum tensor (Ji's sum rules): hadron's spin puzzle
 - Tomography: distribution of longitudinal momentum on the transverse (to hadron's motion) plane

$$q(x, \mathbf{b}_{\perp}) = \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \mathbf{\Delta}}{4\pi^2} e^{-i\mathbf{b}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{\Delta}} \frac{H^q(x, 0, t = -\mathbf{\Delta}^2)}{\mathbf{A} \operatorname{particular GPD}}$$

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GPDs and spin crisis

- GPDs can be related to the energy-momentum tensor and therefore to total angular momentum
- GPDs allows to compute this amount through Ji's sum rule:

$$A^{q}(0) + B^{q}(0) = \int_{-1}^{1} x \left[H^{q}(x,\xi,0) + E^{q}(x,\xi,0) \right] = 2J^{q}$$

- "An investigation of the spin structure of the proton in deep inelastic scattering of polarized muons on polarized protons," J. Ashman et al., Nucl. Phys. B328, 1 (1989) – The European Muon Collaboration
 - Conclusion of the paper: only a small fraction of the hadron spin comes from the spin of the quarks

Nucleon tomography



Images and formulas from seminar at IJCLab (Dec 18th, 2020) by Paweł Sznajder

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Nucleon tomography

Position vs momentum fraction of up quarks in an unpolarized proton



"Border and skewness functions from a leading order fit to DVCS data," H. Moutarde, P. Sznajder, J. Wagner, *Eur.Phys.J.C* 78 (2018) 11, 890, DOI: 10.1140/epjc/s10052-018-6359-y

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Sketch of DVCS amplitude (LO)

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{DVCS}} \sim \int_{-1}^{1} dx \, \frac{1}{x - \xi + i0} \text{GPD}(x, \xi, t) + \cdots$$
$$= \text{PV}\left(\int_{-1}^{1} dx \frac{1}{x - \xi} \text{GPD}(x, \xi, t)\right) - \int_{-1}^{1} dx \, i\pi \delta(x - \xi) \text{GPD}(x, \xi, t) + \cdots$$

Dispersion relation: real part can be computed in terms of imaginary

$$\Re e\mathcal{A}(\xi,t) = \operatorname{PV}\left(\int_{-1}^{1} d\xi' \; \frac{\Im m\mathcal{A}(\xi',t)}{\xi'-\xi}\right) + D(t)$$

Other channels: TCS

- TCS is experimentally more challenging: xsec smaller than DVCS' (but already measured: "First Measurement of Timelike Compton Scattering," by P. Chatagnon et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 262501 (2021) – CLAS collab.)
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So we can measure GPDs at $x = -\xi$ only, i.e., we can access $\text{GPD}(-\xi, \xi, t)$

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Experiments devoted to hadron structure



The **Electron-Ion Collider (EIC)** to be built within the next decade at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL), USA

"Science Requirements and Detector Concepts for the Electron-Ion Collider: EIC Yellow Report," R. A. Khalek et al.

Figure 1.1: Schematic layout of the planned EIC accelerator based on the existing RHIC complex at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

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Worldwide picture



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Working out DDVCS

- DDVCS for firstly proposed by Belitsky, Mueller, Guidal and Vanderhaeghen in:
 - Exclusive Electroproduction of Lepton Pairs as a Probe of Nucleon Structure, PRL 90, 022001 (2003)
 - > Double Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering off the Nucleon, PRL 90, 012001 (2003)
- Xsec by Belitsky and Mueller in *Probing generalized parton distributions with electroproduction of lepton pairs off the nucleon*, Phys. Rev. D 68, 116005 (2003)
- That work seems to present some typos or mismatches because we cannot reproduce appropriate limits with it: taking a virtuality of DDVCS to be a reality you must recover either DVCS or TCS
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Recap: left to right: DVCS, TCS, DDVCS



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Kleiss & Stirling's techniques (KS): the basics

- The idea of KS: compute amplitudes, not the modulus squared of them
- Transform spinor products into new scalars s and t (prevents the use of traces of Dirac gamma matrices):

$$s(p_1, p_2) := \bar{u}_+(p_1)u_-(p_2) = -s(p_2, p_1)$$
$$t(p_1, p_2) := \bar{u}_-(p_1)u_+(p_2) = [s(p_2, p_1)]^*$$
$$s(p_1, p_2) = (p_1^y + ip_1^z)\sqrt{\frac{p_2^0 - p_2^x}{p_1^0 - p_1^x}} - (p_2 \leftrightarrow p_1)$$

KS' paper: Spinor Techniques for Calculating p anti $p \rightarrow W+-/Z0 + Jets$. Nuclear Physics B262 (1985) 235-262

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DDVCS' set-up

KS methods are convenient for processes with many particles as DDVCS: 2 to 4 scattering
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Electroproduction of lepton pair = DDVCS + **BH (pure QED)**



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Example: BH1 à la KS

KS application to BH1 diagram of DDVCS:

$$i\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{BH1} = \left(\frac{ie^4}{(q'^2 + i0)(\Delta^2 + i0)((k - \Delta)^2 + i0)}\right)^{-1} i\mathcal{M}_{BH1}$$

$$i\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{BH1} = (F_1 + F_2) \sum_L \left(Y_{s_2s_1} f(s_\ell, \ell_-, \ell_+; s, k', L) f(s, L, k; +, r'_{s_2}, r_{s_1}) + Z_{s_2s_1} f(s_\ell, \ell_-, \ell_+; s, k', L) f(s, L, k; -, r'_{-s_2}, r_{-s_1})\right) - \frac{F_2}{2M} J_{s_2s_1}^{(2)} \sum_{L,R} f(s_\ell, \ell_-, \ell_+; s, k', L) g(s, L, R, k)$$

• For example, *f* function is defined as

$$f(s, k_0, k_1; s', k_2, k_3) = \bar{u}_s(k_0)\gamma^{\mu}u_s(k_1)\bar{u}_{s'}(k_2)\gamma_{\mu}u_{s'}(k_3)$$

that can be expressed by means of *s* and *t* KS scalars

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Dedicated softwares

→ PARTONS platform: open-source C++ program

- Contains several GPD models
- Leading twist... but higher twist corrections will be included in near future
- Useful for theorists and experimentalists
- Provides xsecs, Compton Form Factors, etc
- DVCS, TCS and DVMP are already included

To download and for tutorials: http://partons.cea.fr

Description of architecture: Eur. Phys. J. C78 (2018), 478

Software



Dedicated softwares

→ EpIC Monte Carlo event generator in C++

- Uses PARTONS framework
- Includes radiative corrections
- Generates the kinematic configurations following the probability distributions given by PARTONS
- DVCS, TCS and DVMP are already included



Access EpIC via GitHub:

https://github.com/pawelsznajder/epic

Detail description and architecture: arXiv:2205.01762 [hep-ph]

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DDVCS to DVCS



DDVCS to TCS

Evaluate energy of incoming virtual photon to be used as energy of TCS photon beam

$$\nu = \frac{Q^2}{2Mx_B}$$

Divide by flux Γ and get rid of x_B and Q^2 differentiation

$$\Gamma = \frac{\alpha_{em}}{2\pi Q^2} \left(1 + \frac{(1-y)^2}{y} - \frac{2(1-y)Q_{\min}^2}{yQ^2} \right) \frac{\nu}{Ex_B}, \qquad Q_{\min}^2 = \frac{(ym_e)^2}{1-y}$$

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these shown are shown

DVCS limit (BH1 + crossed)



 $x_B = 0.04$, t = -0.1 GeV², -q² = 10 GeV², q² \approx 0.001 GeV², E_{beam} = 160 GeV

DVCS formulae:

Belitsky et al., *Theory of deeply virtual Compton scattering on the nucleon*, Nuclear Physics B629 (2002)

Belitsky et al., *Compton scattering: from deeply virtual to quasi-real*, Nuclear Physics B878 (2014)

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TCS limit (BH2 + crossed)



 $x_B = 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$, t = -0.5 GeV², -q² = 2 \cdot 10^{-3} GeV², q'² = 1 GeV², E_{beam} = 12 GeV

TCS formulae:

Berger et al., *Timelike Compton scattering: exclusive photoproduction of lepton pairs*, The European Physics Journal C 23 (2002)

DVCS limit (VCS)



 $x_B = 0.04$, t = -0.01 GeV², -q² = 10 GeV², E_{beam} = 160 GeV, $\phi = 0$

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- Xsec goes as 1/Q² meaning that there is a delicate cancellation of such a dependence on the amplitude
- As shown, these limits are not trivial and require a careful analysis

Summary

- Differences between inclusive (unknown pieces in the final state) & exclusive QCD processes (full control of all particles)
- Experimental evidence of parton structure: constant form factor with the resolution power of the probe (photon)
- Differences between 1D PDFs and 3D GPDs: tomography and total angular momentum only accessible via GPDs
- Knowledge of PDFs is fundamental to make computations in the SM wherever hadrons play a role (LHC experiments, for instance)

Summary

- New analytical formulae has been derived for the electroproduction of a lepton pair
- DDVCS is already implemented in
- We are interested in observables such as the beam spin asymmetry proportional to Im(BH x DDVCS*)
- Code will be included in
 OPPIC MC generator to study feasibility of DDVCS