Generalized Parton Distributions studies with Timelike Compton Scattering

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Spacelike and Timelike Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering



2 particular cases of Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering:

Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS)

e P → γ* (q) P' → e' P' γ q² < 0 and q'² = 0

Timelike Compton Scattering (TCS) $y P \rightarrow y^* (q') P' \rightarrow e^+e^- P'$ $q^2 = 0$ and $q'^2 > 0$

⇒ complex conjugate at LO, twist 2
⇒ complementary studies, accessing the same Compton Form Factors

This talk:

I. Extraction of CFFs from DVCS and TCS

II. What to expect from TCS experiments at JLab

Compton Form Factors and GPDs from DVCS and TCS

DVCS amplitude decomposition into Compton Form Factors (TCS similar):



Probing GPD x vs ξ dependence with experimental observables:



CFF extraction from DVCS and TCS

Comparison of sensitivities to CFFs from DVCS and TCS Method for what is presented in this talk:

- Fitting DVCS and TCS observables at same $\xi,$ t kinematics
- 8 CFFs following VGG model formalism (Im and Re associated to each chiral-even twist-2 GPD)
- Observables: unpolarized cross section and polarized x-sec differences in 16 bins in ϕ
- Uncertainties: 5% error/bin (unpolarized), 7% error/bin (polarized)
- cf original method from M. Guidal with DVCS
 - Here, the work is done with pseudo-data, having "ideal" constant uncertainties/bin and cross sections are computed at twist 2, LO (VGG model)
 - Kinematics and errors are possible scenarii for JLab

What is expected with experimental measurements:

Depending on size of NLO and higher twist

- small effects: combine DVCS+TCS observables → global fits
- small/moderate effects: independent analysis constraint on GPD universality
- large effects: observation of higher twist in spacelike (DVCS) vs timelike (TCS)

Generated distributions



+ 7 more distributions of polarized cross section differences:

// pol target: $\Delta \sigma_{_{UL}}$ \perp pol target: $\Delta \sigma_{_{UX}} (\phi_s = 0^\circ), \Delta \sigma_{_{UY}} (\phi_s = 90^\circ)$ double pol beam+ target: $\Delta \sigma_{_{LX}}, \Delta \sigma_{_{LY}}, \Delta \sigma_{_{LL}}$ beam charge: $\Delta \sigma_{_{C}}$

At $Q^2 = 2.5 \text{ GeV}^2$, E = 11 GeV



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At $Q^2 = 4.5 \text{ GeV}^2$, $\theta = 90^\circ$

In this talk, in both cases: $\xi = 0.15$, $-t = 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$

Sets of observables

Observables fitted simultenaously from pseudo-data,

corresponding to current and future measurements at JLab at 12 GeV (indicated by letter for the experimental hall in columns 2, 3, 4)

Set of observables	DVCS	TCS	DVCS+TCS	# independent obs.
				(DVCS/TCS/both)
1) σ , $\Delta \sigma_{LU}$	A, B, C	A, B, C	A, B, C	2/2/2
2) σ , $\Delta \sigma_{LU}$, $\Delta \sigma_{UL}$, $\Delta \sigma_{LL}$	В	-	-	4/4/4
3) σ , $\Delta \sigma_{LU}$, $\Delta \sigma_{UT}$ (x2)	-	С	-	4/4/4
4) σ , $\Delta \sigma_{LU}$, $\Delta \sigma_{UT}$ (x2)	-	-	-	6/6/6
$\Delta \sigma_{UL}, \Delta \sigma_{LL}$				
5) σ , $\Delta \sigma_{LU}$, $\Delta \sigma_{UT}$ (x2)	-	-	-	8/8/8
$\Delta \sigma_{UL}, \Delta \sigma_{LL}, \Delta \sigma_{LT}$ (x2)				
6) σ , $\Delta \sigma_{LU}$, $\Delta \sigma_C$	-	x	x	3 (DVCS)
6') σ , $\Delta \sigma_{\odot U}$, $\Delta \sigma_{LU}$	х	D	x	3 (TCS)
6") 2) of DVCS + 3) of TCS	x	x	B+C	6 (DVCS+TCS)

independently

combined

- DVCS experiments: approved or taking data, (not topic of this talk - other measurement possibles in medium to long term, other experiments as well)

- TCS experiments 'A', 'B' are approved, 'C' is conditionnaly approved, 'D' assume future 6 data. 'B' started analysis, however, low statistics

• Stability of results: multiple iterations with random + smearing (1σ) , then average mean and errors. Note: uncertainty limits are stable and more relevant than the "mean" value of the fit



data set (2) = 4 independent observables. red = average (gaus)

 If system is underconstrained, less than 8 independent observables: asymmetric uncertainties, need to evaluate uncertainty dependence with correlation to other CFFs (varying phase space limits, generated distributions...) in this talk: comparison of results using always same input parameters

Results: 8 parameters, 8 independent observables



• All CFFs extracted from DVCS and TCS, errors of same order ⇒ comparison, universality

• Lower errors with DVCS vs TCS: TCS/BH < DVCS/BH. "real": higher statistics with DVCS

• DVCS+TCS: "real" scenario expect shift to direction of DVCS solution if shift to opposite 8 directions from higher twists \Rightarrow combining fits assume GPDs universality + low higher twist/order

Results: 8 parameters, 6 independent observables



More realistic scenario: hard to measure $\Delta \sigma_{IT}$, large errors expected

- Problem is underconstained \rightarrow asymmetric errors for Re(CFFs)
- Still possible to extract all CFFs (errors larger than scale for TCS real parts)

Combining independent observables from DVCS and TCS



Realistic scenario: longitudinal target single+double asym with DVCS, transverse target with TCS

• Similar result combined fits with 4+4 observables than 6+6 observables \rightarrow all CFFs extracted, thanks to independent information brought by the 2 processes 10 Caveat: assume low higher twist effects, and GPD universality

Discussion: interpretation of extracted results and open questions

• Stability of results: multiple iterations with random + smearing (1 σ), then average mean and errors. Note: uncertainty limits are stable and more relevant than the "mean" value of the fit \Rightarrow only 1 configuration in an experiment, unlike pseudo-data that allow for iterations: **CFF result can be anywhere between the limits**

→ limits more relevant than the "mean" value extracted?

 Model dependence: Approximations with any method and models. Here assume twist 2 and LO, in principle free of other bias if solution not too far to model parametrization.
Model dependence bias could come from correlations otherwise
how and could all results be affected if one CFF is wrongly parametrized, but still kept as a free parameter of the problem?

 \rightarrow depend method: shift of the results, large uncertainties...

 Avoiding wrong solutions if several options to minimize the problem: taking advantage of correlation between CFF. Method: extracting all 8 at same time, and iterations varying other parameters such as size of parameter space → wrong solutions are unstable, good are stable ideal exercise with simulations, valid with real data. Could correlations with higher twist GPDs bias these results?

• Combining DVCS+TCS (and any other reaction): need real data to evaluate effect!

These remarks and questions are based on results of this work, but same questions will come with other fitting methods!

II. Upcoming TCS measurements at JLab



CLAS 12 TCS experiment: unpolarized cross section E12-12-001

- data on tape, analysis ongoing: cross section → Im and Re (H)

first measurement of TCS after
exploratory work with CLAS in 2012 at
6 GeV

- from electron beam
 - Fig: R. Paremuzyan PhD thesis





left: exploratory measurement at 6 GeV + models for R (R' = "experimental" R, with sum over bins)

- theory curve for different GPD / D-term models

- could discriminate between "dual" and "double distristribution" type models



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TCS with SoLID: cross section and BSA with high luminosity



Hall C experiment with a transversely polarized target



$A_{u\tau}$ vs ϕ_s in Hall C experiment: strong sensitivity to model & angular momentum



projection of 1 kinematic bin vs angles from 2018 proposal

Compton Form Factors from DVCS and TCS: access at JLab



SUMMARY

- Studies of GPD universality from timelike vs spacelike similar processes
- Evaluation of higher twist and NLO contributions by comparison TCS vs DVCS
- Fits: access same GPDs, combination DVCS+TCS in a multi-observables approach
- Important in this approach: having many independent DVCS and TCS observables
- Several short term DVCS + medium term TCS measurements at JLab, complementary in different halls. Possible TCS measurements:
 - TCS at "low" energy: JLab. ongoing projects, possibility for new dedicated exp.
 - TCS at "high" energy: LHC with UPC in pA, EIC from bremsstrahlung in eP and eA

 \rightarrow more important NLO contribution in DVCS and TCS than fix target kinematics, different structure in the 2 reactions

→ depending luminosity, but likely measurable, with various polarizations

Open questions for the discussion:

- Improving extraction of CFFs: different methods, evaluation of systematics...
- Future TCS experiments: relevant observables, experimental challenge



* the question was slide #12! Find the GPDs hidden in this picture!