

Prospects for GPDs extraction with Double DVCS

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Starting point: GPD

- **GPD** = Generalized Parton Distribution \approx “3D version of a PDF (Parton Distribution Function).” With x the fraction of the hadron’s longitudinal momentum carried by a quark:

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

$$t = \Delta^2 = (p' - p)^2, \quad \xi = -\frac{\bar{q}\Delta}{2\bar{p}\bar{q}}, \quad \rho = \frac{-\bar{q}^2}{2\bar{p}\bar{q}}, \quad \bar{q} = \frac{q + q'}{2}, \quad \bar{p} = \frac{p + p'}{2}$$

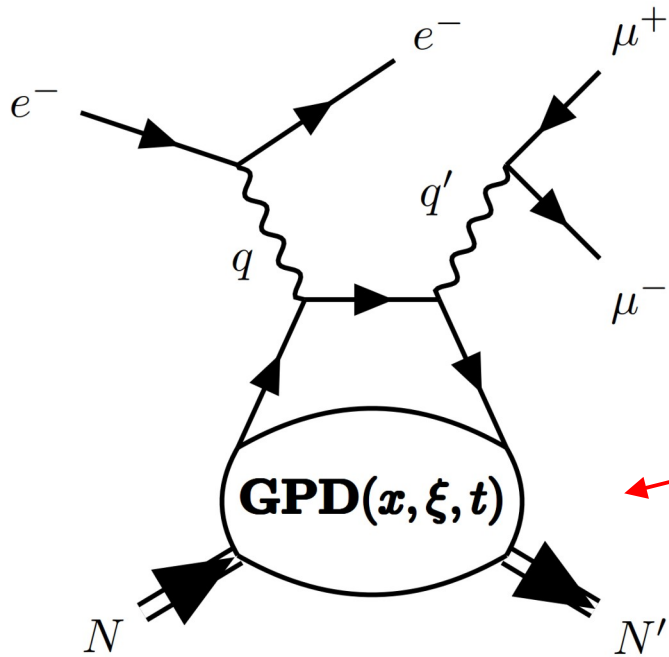
- **Importance:**

- Connected to QCD energy-momentum tensor, and so to spin. GPDs are a way to address the hadron’s **spin puzzle**
- **Tomography:** distribution of longitudinal momentum on the transverse (to hadron’s motion) plane

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

Our goal

- **Goal:** assessment of feasibility of double deeply virtual Compton scattering (DDVCS) at JLab12, EIC and JLab20+. Phenomenology: xsec, asymmetries, etc
- **What is DDVCS?** *Electroproduction of a lepton pair*



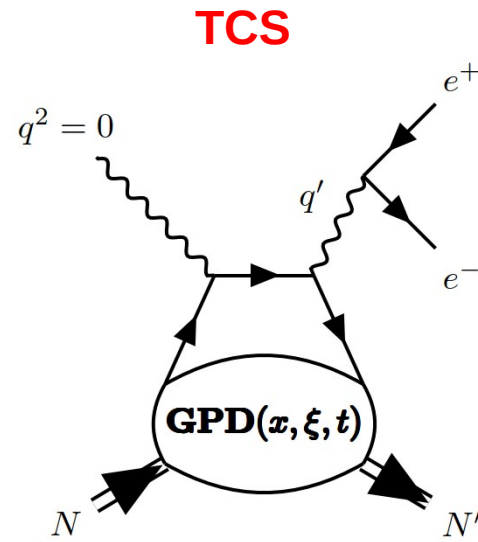
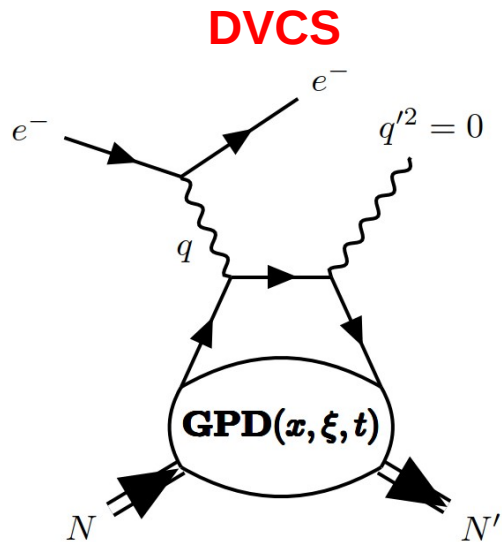
$$-t = -(p' - p)^2 \quad \xi = -\frac{\Delta \bar{q}}{2\bar{p}\bar{q}}$$

$$\Delta = p' - p = q - q', \quad \bar{q} = \frac{q + q'}{2}, \quad \bar{p} = \frac{p + p'}{2}$$

GPD = Generalized Parton Distribution.
Factorized amplitude into GPD and
hard contribution (perturbative term)

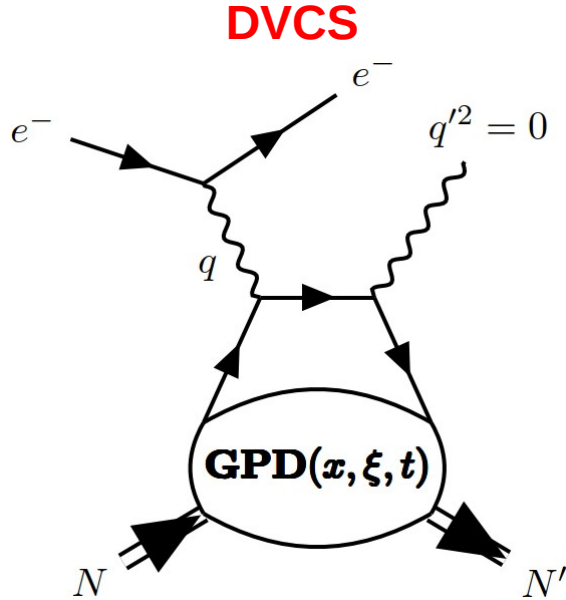
Why DDVCS?

- **Goal:** assessment of feasibility of double deeply virtual Compton scattering (DDVCS) at JLab12, EIC and JLab20+. Phenomenology: xsec, asymmetries, etc
- **Problem:** currently, GPDs are accessible experimentally via deeply virtual Compton scattering (DVCS), timelike Compton scattering (TCS) and deeply virtual meson production (DVMP) only



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Sketch of DVCS amplitude (LO)

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

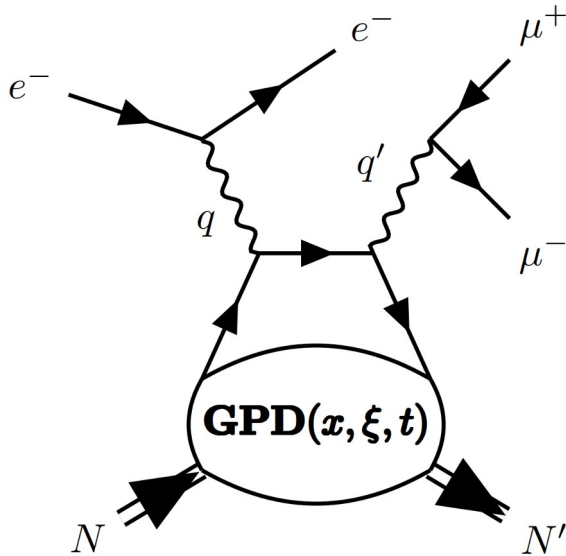
So we can measure GPDs at $x = \xi$ only, i.e., we can access $\text{GPD}(\xi, \xi, t)$

**Real part may be expressed by the imaginary part
by means of dispersion relations**

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- **Solution by DDVCS:** the extra virtuality allows for the introduction of a new (generalized) Bjorken variable ξ so that we can access GPDs for $x = \rho \neq \xi$

DDVCS



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$$\xi = -\frac{\bar{q}\Delta}{2\bar{p}\bar{q}}, \quad \rho = \frac{-\bar{q}^2}{2\bar{p}\bar{q}}$$

A red arrow points from the ρ term in the equation above to the ρ in the denominator of the second term in the DDVCS amplitude equation.

Formulation à la Kleiss & Stirling

- 1st 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 include some typos or mismatches because we cannot reproduce appropriate limits with it: taking a virtuality of DDVCS to be a reality you get either DVCS or TCS
- Consequently, we have performed a **rederivation of DDVCS' formulae** via Kleiss & Stirling's methods

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

- **The idea of KS:** reduce amplitudes to complex numbers before addressing xsec
- Transform spinor products into new scalars s and t (**prevents the use of traces of Dirac gamma matrices**):

$$s(p_1, p_2) := \bar{u}_+(p_1)u_-(p_2) = -s(p_2, p_1)$$

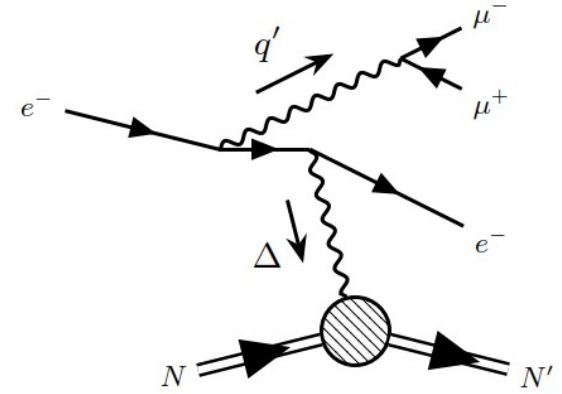
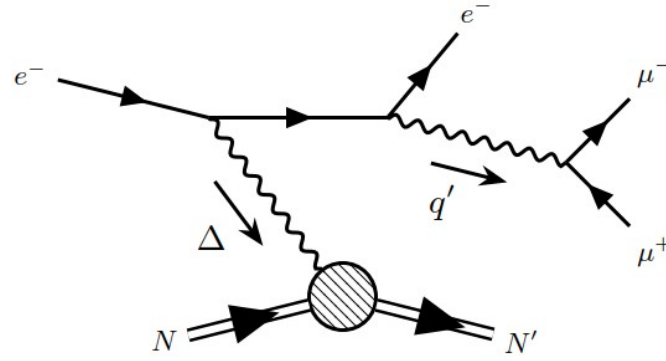
$$t(p_1, p_2) := \bar{u}_-(p_1)u_+(p_2) = [s(p_2, p_1)]^*$$

$$s(p_1, p_2) = (p_1^y + ip_1^z) \sqrt{\frac{p_2^0 - p_2^x}{p_1^0 - p_1^x}} - (p_2 \leftrightarrow p_1)$$

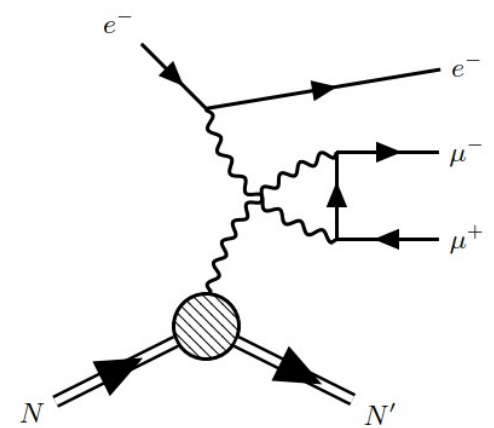
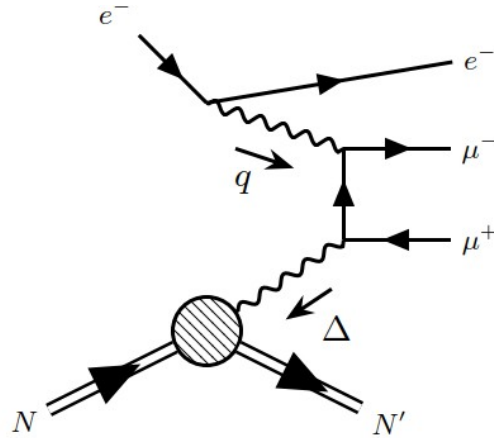
KS' paper: ***Spinor Techniques for Calculating p anti $p \rightarrow W^{+/-}/Z^0 + \text{Jets}$*** . Nuclear Physics B262 (1985) 235-262

Electroproduction of lepton pair = DDVCS + **BH (pure QED)**

BH1 + BH1-crossed =



BH2 + BH2-crossed =



Example: BH1 à la KS

- KS application to BH1 diagram of DDVCS:

$$i\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{BH1}} = \left(\frac{ie^4}{(q_2^2 + i0)(\Delta^2 + i0)((k - \Delta)^2 + i0)} \right)^{-1} i\mathcal{M}_{\text{BH1}}$$

amplitude



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

- For example, f = contraction of 2 currents

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

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

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



PARtonic Tomography Of Nucleon
Software

To download and for tutorials:

<http://partons.cea.fr>

Description of architecture:

[Eur. Phys. J. C78 \(2018\), 478](#)

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



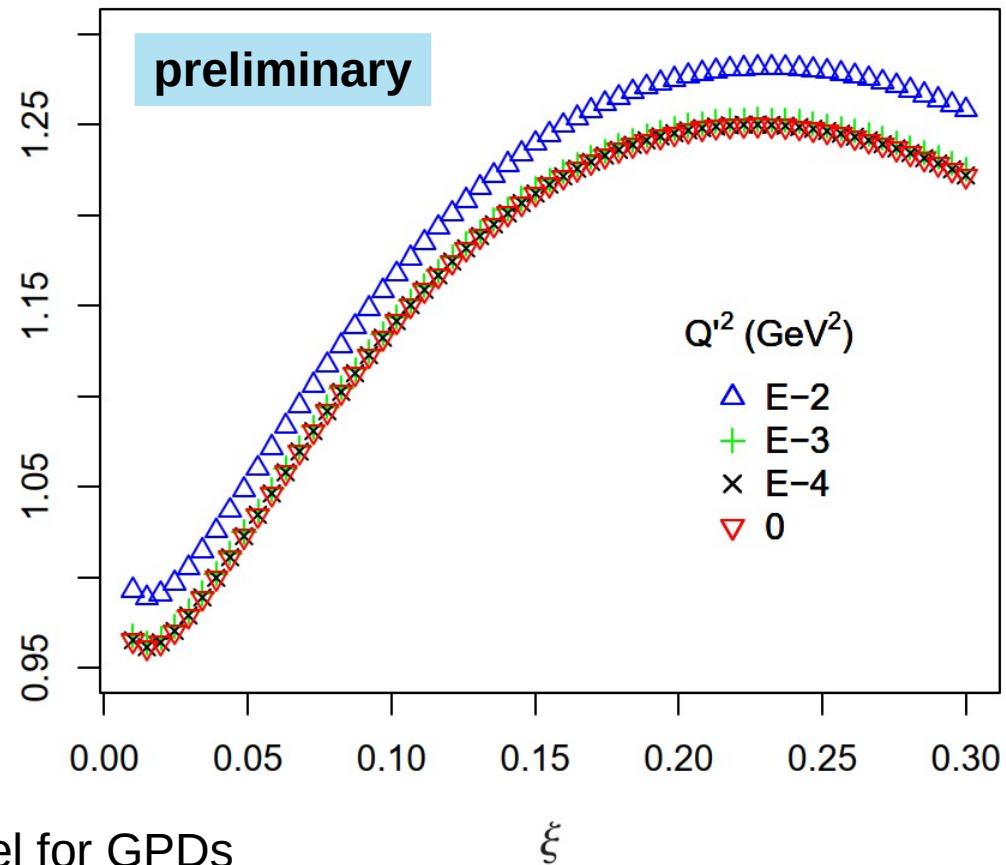
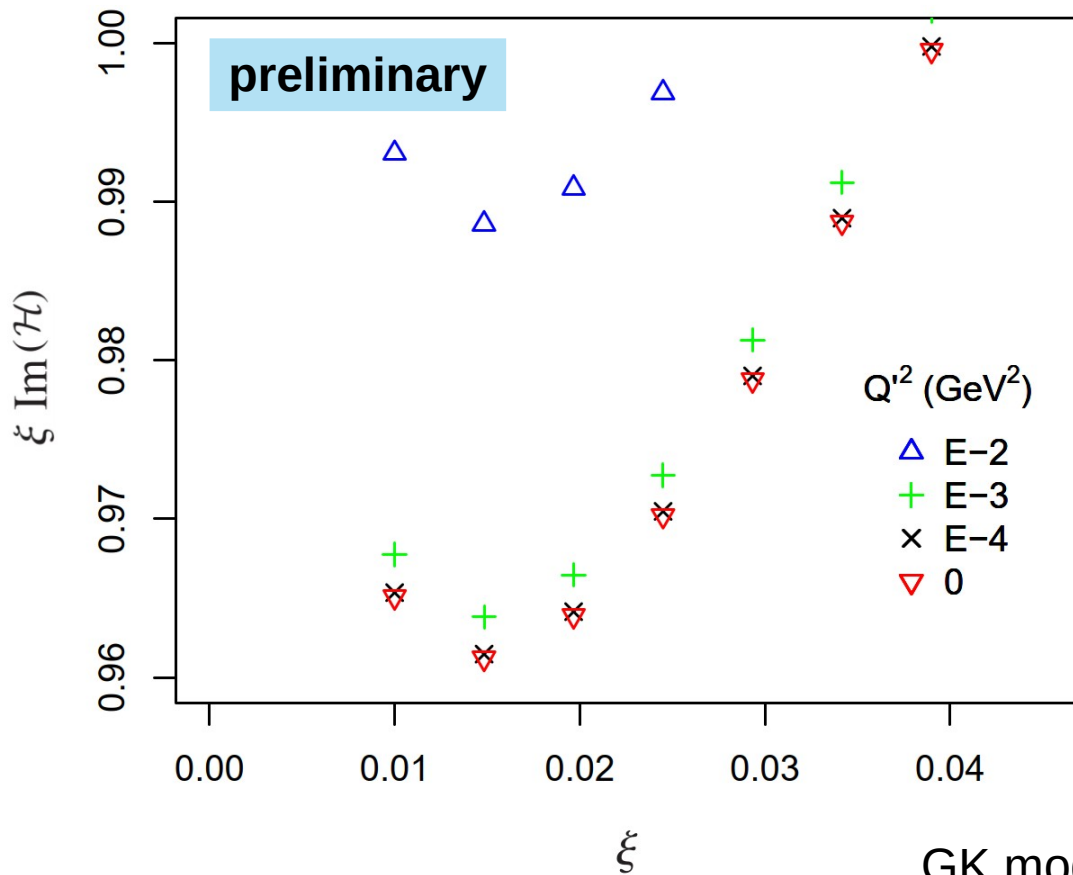
Access EpIC via GitHub:

<https://github.com/pawelsznajder/epic>

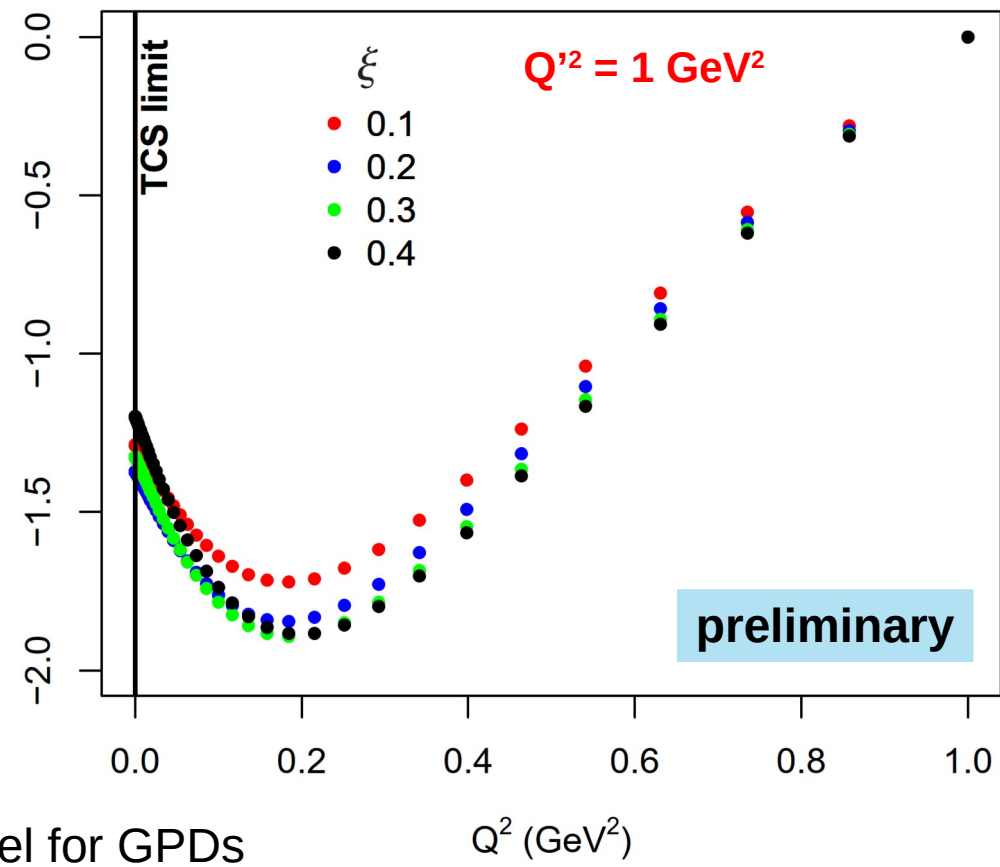
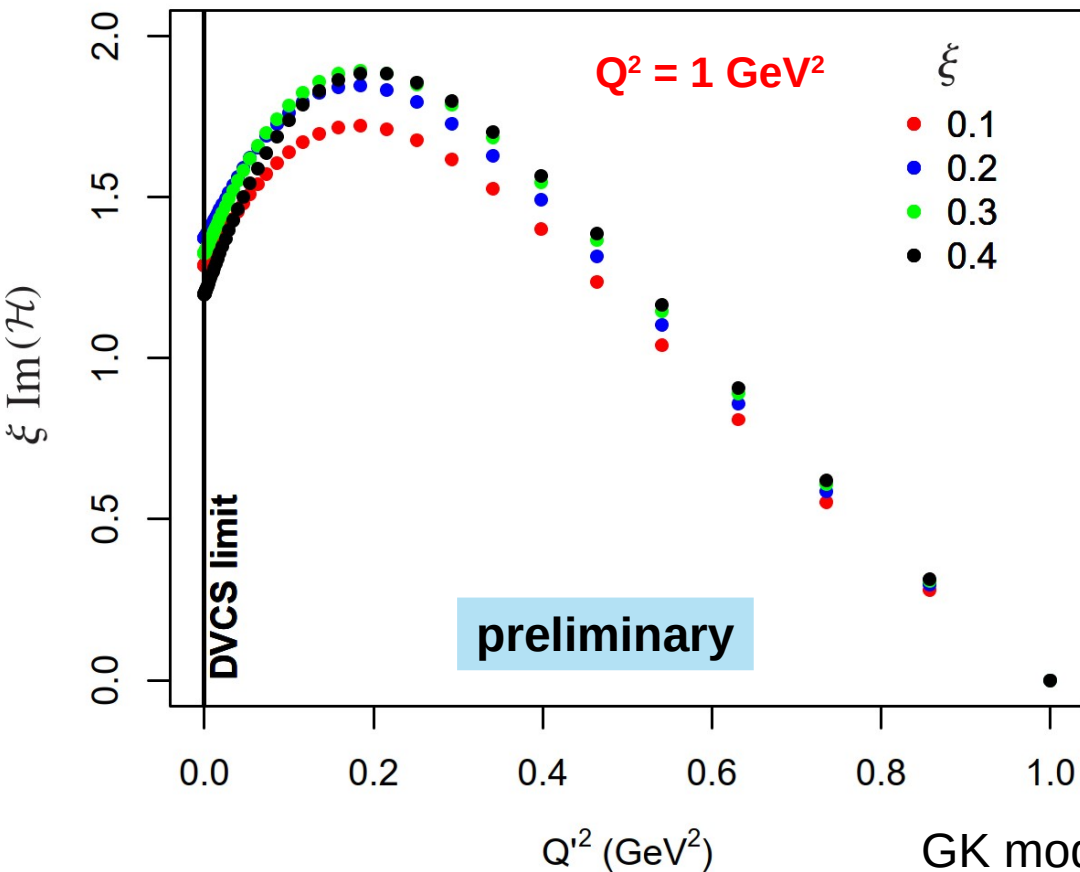
Detail description and architecture:

[arXiv:2205.01762](https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.01762) [hep-ph]

Testing of CFFs: $Q^2 = 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$, $t = -0.15 \text{ GeV}^2$



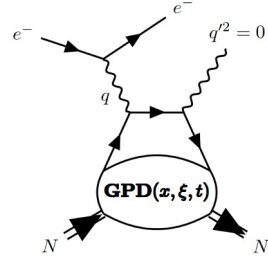
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DVCS & TCS limits of DDVCS

- DDVCS to DVCS**

$$\int d\Omega_\ell \underbrace{\frac{d^7\sigma}{dx_B dQ^2 dQ'^2 d|t| d\phi d\Omega_\ell}}_{\text{DDVCS}} \xrightarrow{Q'^2 \rightarrow 0} \underbrace{\left(\frac{d^4\sigma}{dx_B dQ^2 d|t| d\phi} \right)}_{\text{DVCS}} \frac{N}{Q'^2}, \quad N = \frac{\alpha_{em}}{3\pi}$$



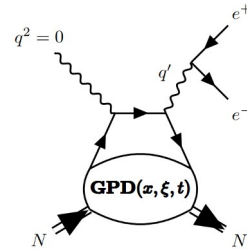
- DDVCS to TCS**

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

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

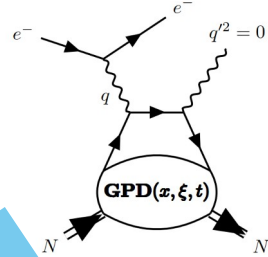
$$\Gamma = \frac{\alpha_{em}}{2\pi Q^2} \left(1 + \frac{(1-y)^2}{y} - \frac{2(1-y)Q_{\min}^2}{yQ^2} \right) \frac{\nu}{Ex_B}, \quad Q_{\min}^2 = \frac{(ym_e)^2}{1-y}$$



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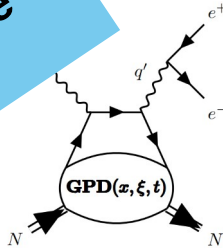
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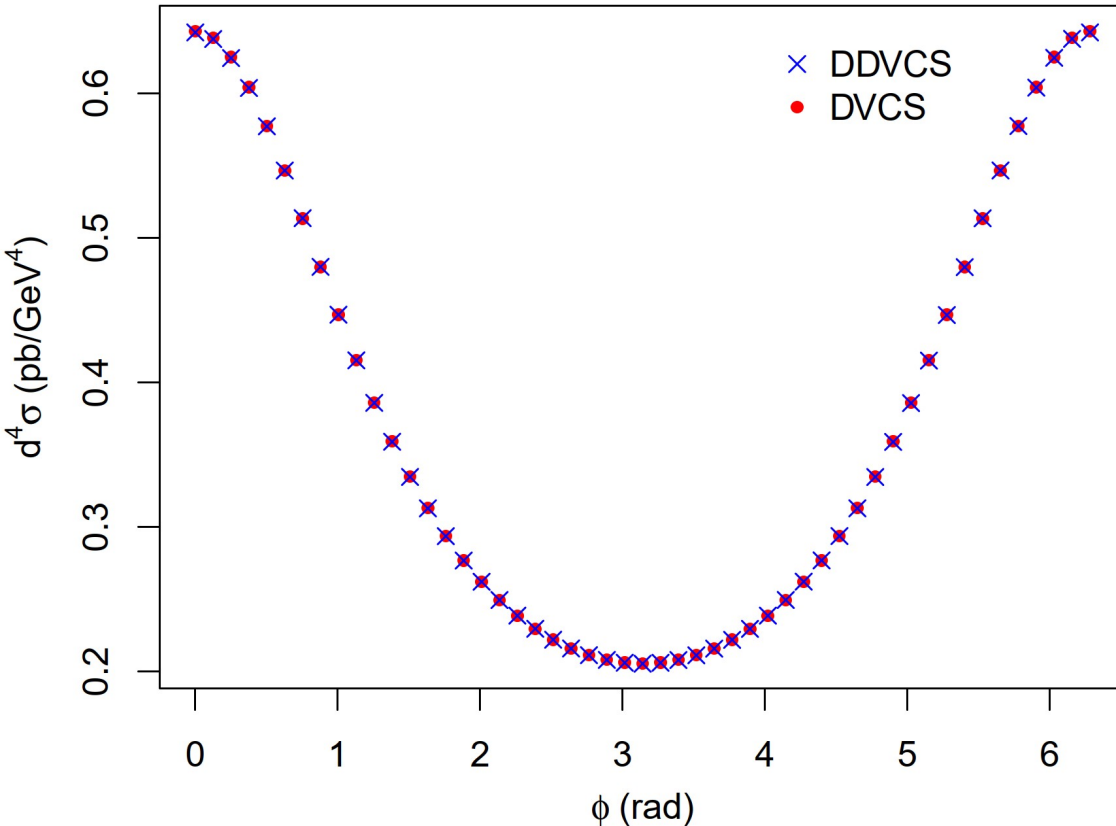
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In what follows, preliminary results are shown



DVCS & TCS limits of DDVCS

DVCS limit (BH1 + crossed)



$x_B = 0.04$, $t = -0.1$ GeV², $Q^2 = 10$ GeV²,
 $Q'^2 \approx 0.001$ GeV², $E_{\text{beam}} = 160$ GeV

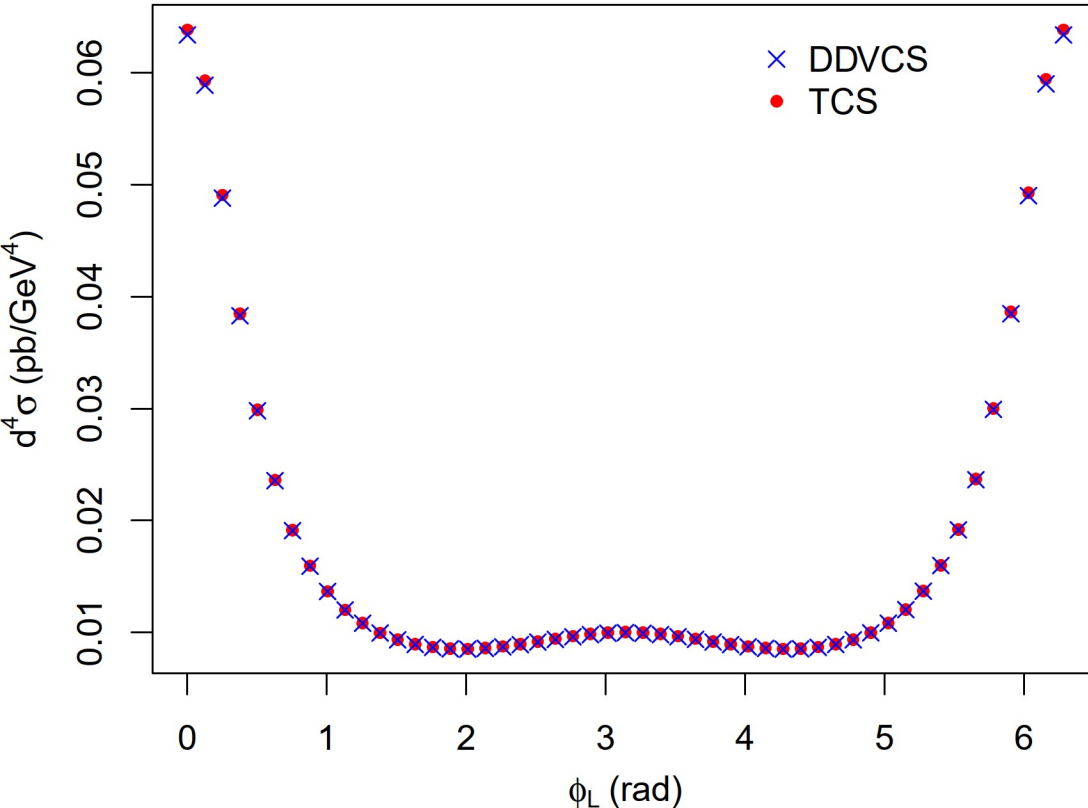
DVCS formulae:

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)

DVCS & TCS limits of DDVCS

TCS limit (BH2 + crossed)



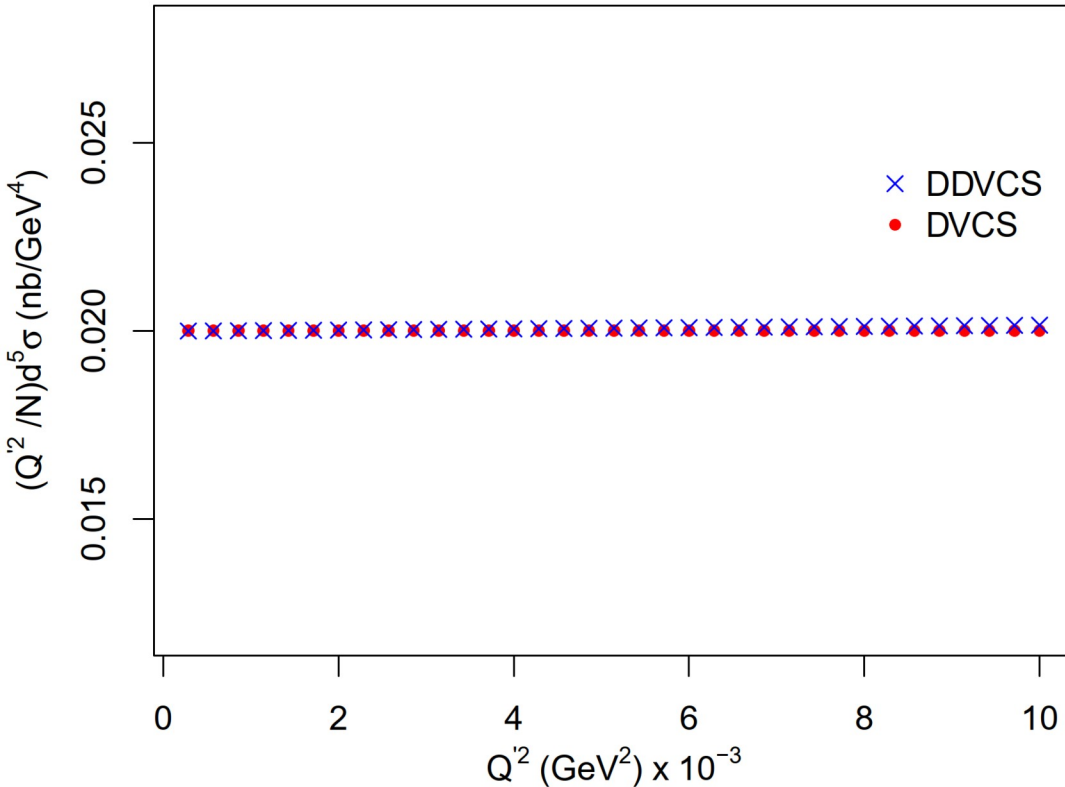
$$x_B = 2 \cdot 10^{-4}, t = -0.5 \text{ GeV}^2, Q^2 = 2 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ GeV}^2, \\ Q'^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2, E_{\text{beam}} = 12 \text{ GeV}$$

TCS formulae:

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

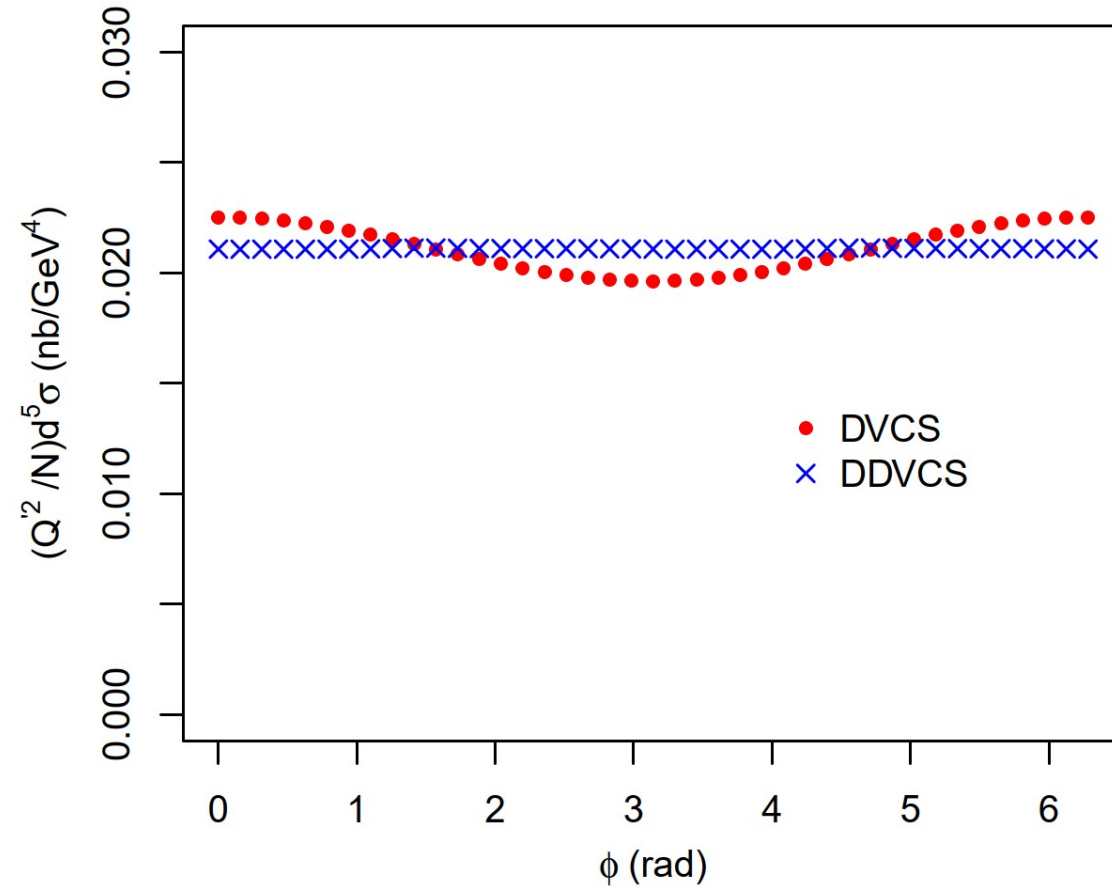
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DVCS limit (VCS)



$x_B = 0.04$, $t = -0.01 \text{ GeV}^2$, $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$,
 $E_{\text{beam}} = 160 \text{ GeV}$, $\phi = 0$

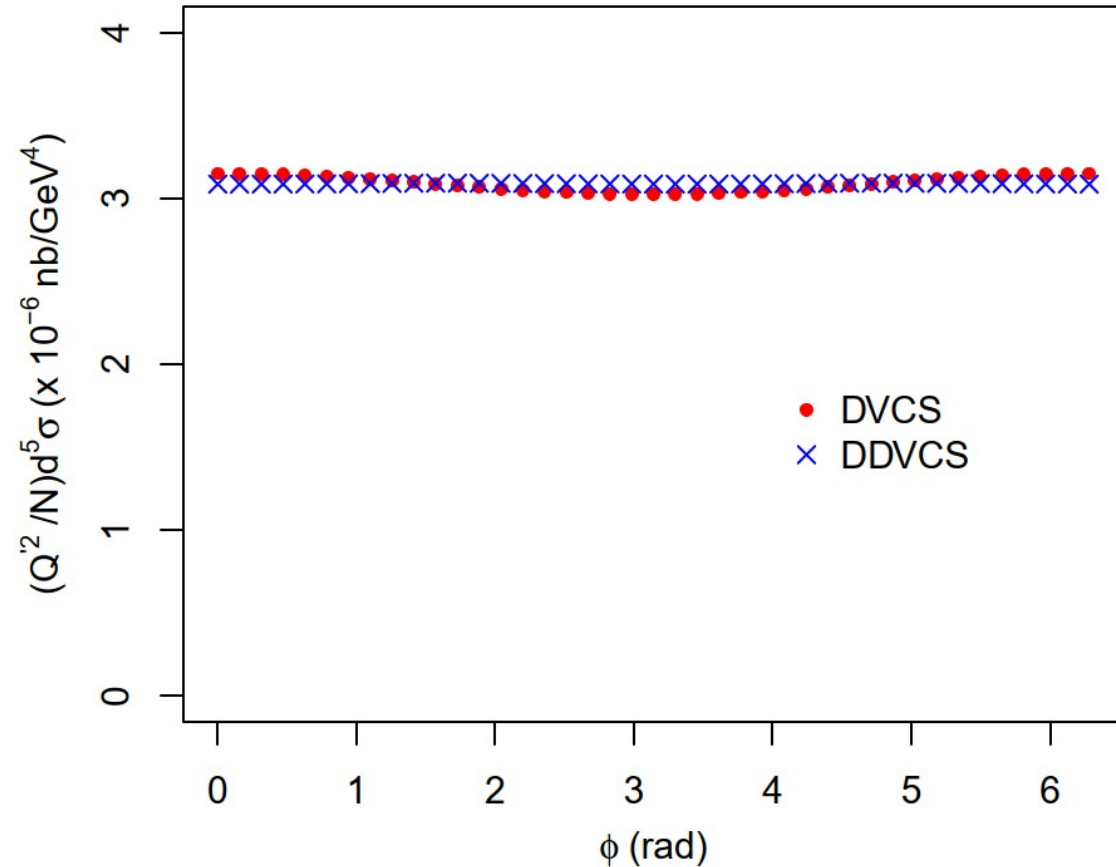
DVCS & TCS limits of DDVCS



$x_B = 0.2, t = -0.1 \text{ GeV}^2, Q^2 = 3 \text{ GeV}^2,$
 $Q'^2 = E-3 \text{ GeV}^2, E_{\text{beam}} = 160 \text{ GeV}$

Max. relative errors in y-axis:
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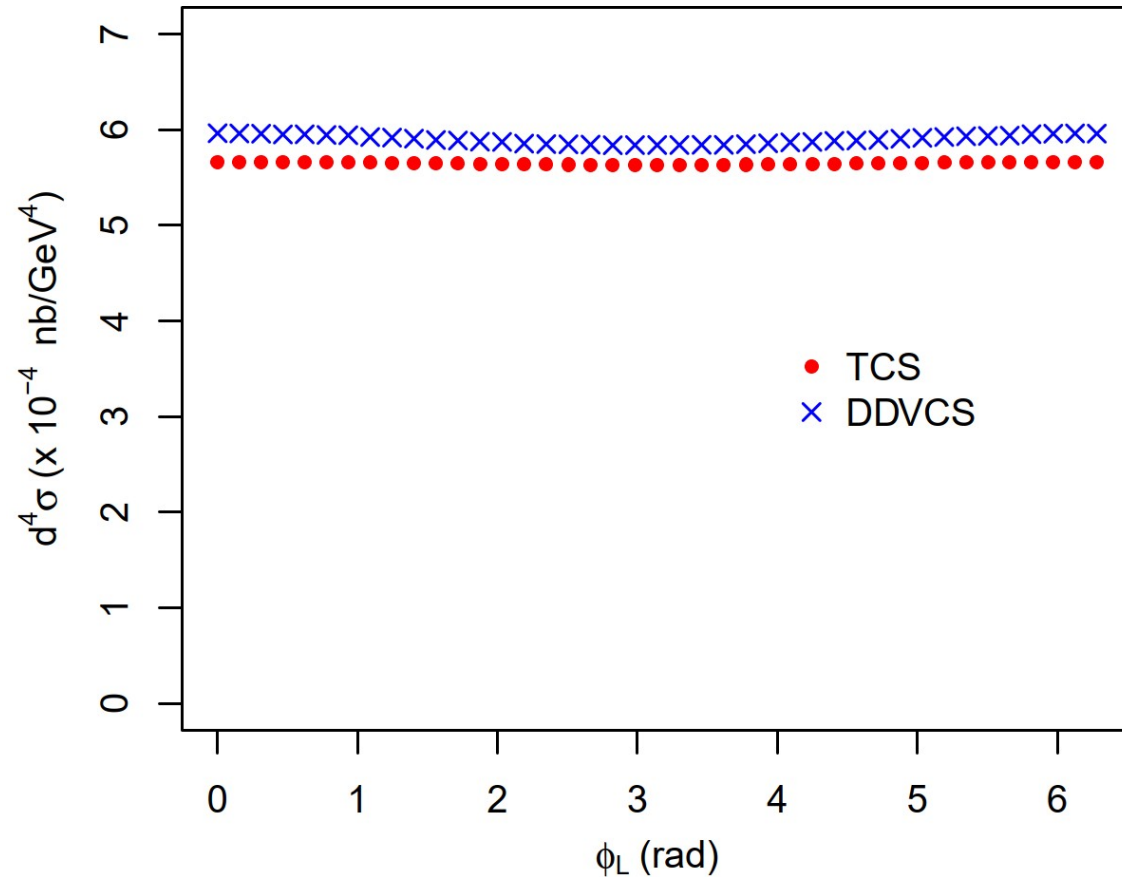
$x_B = 0.2$, $t = -0.25$ GeV², $Q^2 = 40$ GeV²,
 $Q'^2 = E-3$ GeV², $E_{\text{beam}} = 160$ GeV

Max. relative errors in y-axis:

$\max(\text{DDVCS}-\text{DVCS})/\text{DVCS} \sim 2\%$

Relative error goes down as $|t|/Q^2$
decreases:
difference due to kinematical HT effects
(presumably)

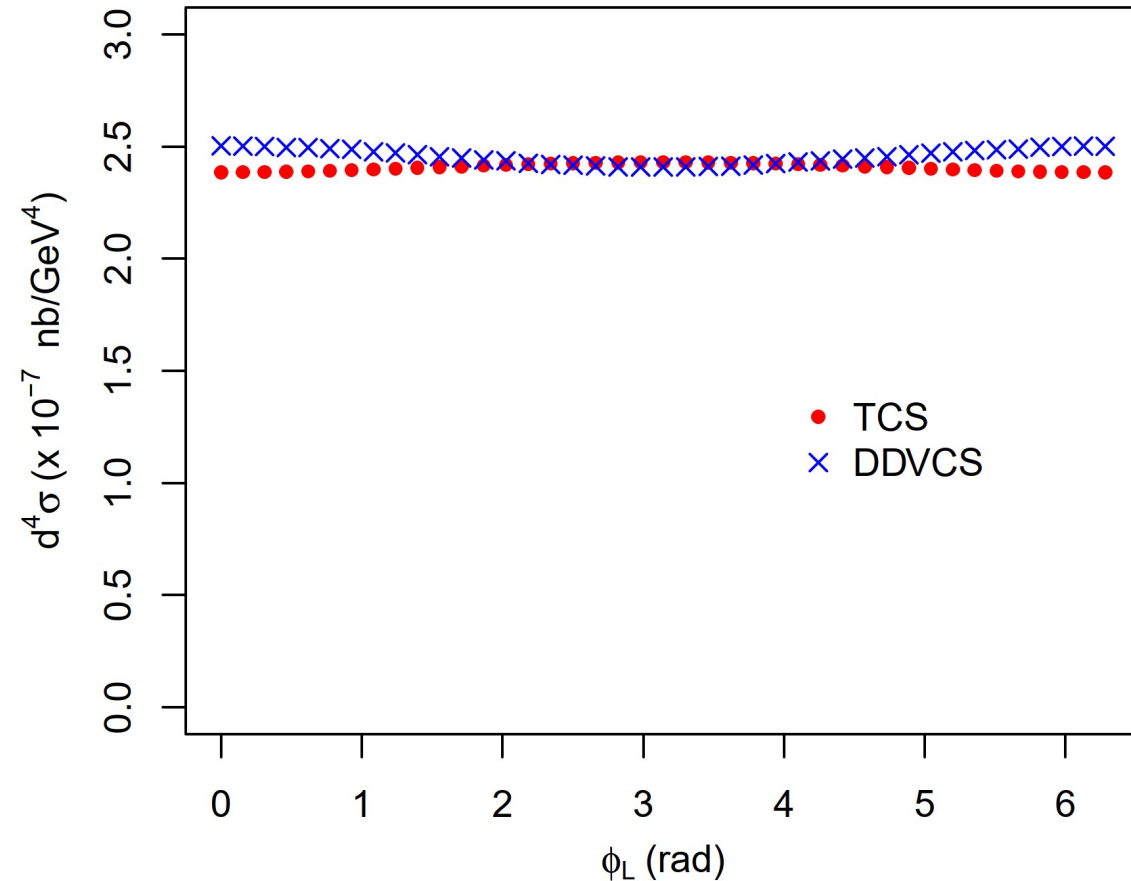
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$x_B = E-4$, $t = -0.1$ GeV², $Q^2 = E-2$ GeV²,
 $Q'^2 = 3$ GeV², $E_{\text{beam}} = 160$ GeV, $\theta_L = 1.04\pi/4$ rad

Relative error range in y-axis:
(DDVCS-TCS)/TCS ~ 5-3.7%



DVCS & TCS limits of DDVCS



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 $Q'^2 = 33$ GeV 2 , $E_{\text{beam}} = 160$ GeV, $\theta_L = 1.04\pi/4$ rad

Relative error range in y-axis:
(DDVCS-TCS)/TCS \sim 5-0.1%

Summary

- New analytical formulae have been derived **including polarized target**
- DDVCS is already implemented in  (LO and LT)
- We are interested in observables such as the beam spin asymmetry proportional to **$\text{Im}(\mathbf{BH} \times \mathbf{VCS}^*)$**
- Code will be included in  MC generator to study feasibility of DDVCS
- We are in contact with experimentalists that will use these codes and we invite everybody to contribute!