Deeply virtual Compton scattering off deuteron

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- Why we should study nuclei GPDs?
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 - single beam spin asymmetry
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Why we should study nuclei GPDs?

- Resolution of nuclei in terms of partonic degrees of freedom:
 - Holographic 3D distribution of quarks and gluons.
 - Nucleus *spin* in terms of fundamental degrees of freedom.
- A new window to study the nuclear degrees of freedom:



- To study *binding effects* in nuclei from a new perspective.
- Provides new constraints on the nucleus wave function.
- Links *fundamental* and *nuclear* degrees of freedom.

γ leptoproduction on nucleus

$$e^{\pm}(k,\lambda)A(P_1,S_1) \rightarrow e^{\pm}(k',\lambda')A(P_2,S_2)\gamma(q_2,\Lambda)$$

The five-fold cross section reads



NOTE: $0 \le x_{\rm B} \approx A x_A \le A$, $M_N \approx \frac{M_A}{A}$, $-\tau = \frac{-\Delta^2}{4M_A^2} \ll 1$

Analytic results for the amplitude square

[nucleon: A.V. Belitsky, D.M. A. Kirschner (01), deuteron: A.Kirschner, D.M. (03)]

 γ Leptoproduction contains both DVCS and Bethe-Heitler process



The squared amplitude is decomposed in three parts

$$|\mathcal{T}|^{2} = \sum_{\lambda', S_{2}, \Lambda} \left\{ |\mathcal{T}_{DVCS}|^{2} + |\mathcal{T}_{BH}|^{2} \pm \mathcal{I} \right\} \quad \begin{cases} + e^{-} \text{-beam} \\ - e^{+} \text{-beam} \end{cases}$$

with the interference term $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{T}_{DVCS}\mathcal{T}_{BH}^* + \mathcal{T}_{DVCS}^*\mathcal{T}_{BH}$.

Observables in γ leptoproduction

Twist-3 result gives the general azimuthal angular dependence:

$$\begin{split} |\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{CS}}|^{2} &= \frac{e^{6}}{y^{2}\mathcal{Q}^{2}} \left\{ c_{0}^{\mathrm{CS}}(\varphi) + \sum_{n=1}^{2} \left[c_{n}^{\mathrm{CS}}(\varphi) \cos(n\phi) + s_{n}^{\mathrm{CS}}(\varphi) \sin(n\phi) \right] \right\}, \\ |\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{BH}}|^{2} &= \frac{e^{6}}{x_{A}^{2}y^{2}\Delta^{2}\mathcal{P}_{1}(\phi)\mathcal{P}_{2}(\phi)} \left\{ c_{0}^{\mathrm{BH}}(\varphi) + \sum_{n=1}^{2} c_{n}^{\mathrm{BH}}(\varphi) \cos(n\phi) \right\}, \\ \mathcal{I} &= \frac{\pm e^{6}}{x_{A}y^{3}\Delta^{2}\mathcal{P}_{1}(\phi)\mathcal{P}_{2}(\phi)} \left\{ c_{0}^{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) + \sum_{n=1}^{3} \left[c_{n}^{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) \cos(n\phi) + s_{n}^{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) \sin(n\phi) \right] \right\} \end{split}$$

● Fourier coefficients (FCs) ↔ Compton form factors (CFFs):

$$c_0^{\mathcal{I}} \propto \frac{\Delta^2}{\mathcal{Q}^2}$$
tw-2, $\begin{cases} c_1 \\ s_1 \end{cases}^{\mathcal{I}} \propto \frac{\Delta}{\mathcal{Q}}$ tw-2, $\begin{cases} c_2 \\ s_2 \end{cases}^{\mathcal{I}} \propto \frac{\Delta^2}{\mathcal{Q}^2}$ tw-3, $\begin{cases} c_3 \\ s_3 \end{cases}^{\mathcal{I}} \propto \frac{\Delta \alpha_s}{\mathcal{Q}}$ (tw-2)^{GT}

$$c_0^{\mathrm{CS}} \propto (\mathsf{tw-2})^2, \left\{ \begin{array}{c} c_1 \\ s_1 \end{array} \right\}^{\mathrm{CS}} \propto \frac{\Delta}{Q} (\mathsf{tw-2}) (\mathsf{tw-3}), \left\{ \begin{array}{c} c_2 \\ s_2 \end{array} \right\}^{\mathrm{CS}} \propto \alpha_s (\mathsf{tw-2}) (\mathsf{tw-2})^{\mathrm{GT}}$$

• The FCs are given by 'universal' functions C of CFFs, e.g.,

$$\begin{cases} c_1^{\mathcal{I}} \\ s_1^{\mathcal{I}} \end{cases} (y,\xi,\Delta^2,\mathcal{Q}^2) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_1^{\mathcal{I}c} \\ \mathcal{L}_1^{\mathcal{I}s} \end{cases} (y) \begin{cases} \Re e \\ \Im m \end{cases} \mathcal{C}^{\mathcal{I}}(\mathcal{F}(\xi,\Delta^2,\mathcal{Q}^2))$$

and $c/s_1^{\mathcal{I}} \to c/s_2^{\mathcal{I}}$, $\mathcal{L}_1 \to \mathcal{L}_2$, $\mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{F}^{\text{eff}}$.

Adjusting beam helicity ⇒ separation of even/odd harmonics
 target polarization ⇒ new combinations of CFFs

Compton form factor (CFF) decomposition Spin-1/2 target: $3 \times (2 \times 2)$ CFFs

$$\begin{split} V_{\rho} &= \bar{U}\gamma_{\rho}U\mathcal{H} + \bar{U}i\sigma_{\rho\sigma}\frac{\Delta_{\sigma}}{2M}U\mathcal{E} + \text{twist-three contributions,} \\ A_{\rho} &= \bar{U}\gamma_{\rho}\gamma_{5}U\widetilde{\mathcal{H}} + \frac{\Delta_{\rho}}{2M}\bar{U}\gamma_{5}U\widetilde{\mathcal{E}} + \text{twist-three contributions,} \\ \mathsf{CFFs} \ \mathcal{F} &= \left\{\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{E}, \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}, \widetilde{\mathcal{E}}\right\} \text{ are given by GPDs } F = \left\{H, E, \widetilde{H}, \widetilde{E}\right\} \\ \mathcal{F} &= \sum_{i=u,d,s,G} \int_{-1}^{1} dx \, C_{i}^{\mp}\left(x,\xi,\alpha_{s}(\mathcal{Q})\right) F_{i}(x,\xi,\Delta^{2},\mathcal{Q}^{2}) \end{split}$$

At twist-three level four further ones appear

$$egin{aligned} \mathcal{F}^3(F,F^{qGq}) &= \left\{ \mathcal{H}^3,\mathcal{E}^3,\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}^3,\widetilde{\mathcal{E}}^3
ight\} \ &= \mathcal{F}^{\mathrm{WW}}(F) + \mathcal{F}^{qGq}(F^{qGq}). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, there are four CFFs arising from gluon transversity $\mathcal{F}^T = \left\{ \mathcal{H}^T, \mathcal{E}^T, \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}^T, \widetilde{\mathcal{E}}^T \right\}.$

Spin-1 target: $3 \times (3 \times 3)$ CFFs

Only twist-two LO sector is known [E.R.Berger, F.Cano, M.Diehl, B.Pire] $V_{\mu} = -\epsilon_2^* \cdot \epsilon_1 P_{\mu} \mathcal{H}_1 + (\epsilon_2^* \cdot P \epsilon_{1\mu} + \epsilon_1 \cdot P \epsilon_{2\mu}^*) \mathcal{H}_2$ $-\epsilon_2^* \cdot P \epsilon_1 \cdot P \frac{P_{\mu}}{2M_{\star}^2} \mathcal{H}_3 + \left(\epsilon_2^* \cdot P \epsilon_{1\mu} - \epsilon_1 \cdot P \epsilon_{2\mu}^*\right) \mathcal{H}_4$ $+\left(\frac{2M_A^2\left\{\epsilon_2^*\cdot q\epsilon_{1\mu}+\epsilon_1\cdot q\epsilon_{2\mu}^*\right\}}{P\cdot q}+\frac{\epsilon_2^*\cdot\epsilon_1}{3}P_{\mu}\right)\mathcal{H}_5,$ $A_{\mu} = i\epsilon_{\mu\epsilon_{2}^{*}\epsilon_{1}P}\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_{1} - \frac{i\epsilon_{\mu\Delta P\epsilon_{1}}\epsilon_{2}^{*}\cdot P + i\epsilon_{\mu\Delta P\epsilon_{2}^{*}}\epsilon_{1}\cdot P}{M_{1}^{2}}\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_{2}$ $-\frac{i\epsilon_{\mu\Delta P\epsilon_{1}} \epsilon_{2}^{*} \cdot P - \{\epsilon_{1} \leftrightarrow \epsilon_{2}^{*}\}}{M^{2}} \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_{3} - \frac{i\epsilon_{\mu\Delta P\epsilon_{1}} \epsilon_{2}^{*} \cdot q + \{\epsilon_{1} \leftrightarrow \epsilon_{2}^{*}\}}{q \cdot P} \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_{4},$

The Compton form factors are given as convolution of nine GPDs:

$$\mathcal{H}_{k} = \sum_{i=u,\dots} \int_{-1}^{1} dx \, C_{i}^{(-)}(\xi, x, \mathcal{Q}^{2}) H_{k}^{i}(x, \xi, \Delta^{2}, \mathcal{Q}^{2}), \quad k = \{1, \dots, 5\},$$

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_{k} = \sum_{i=u,\dots} \int_{-1}^{1} dx \, C_{i}^{(+)}(\xi, x, \mathcal{Q}^{2}) \widetilde{H}_{k}^{i}(x, \xi, \Delta^{2}, \mathcal{Q}^{2}), \quad k = \{1, \dots, 4\},$$

What can be measured in fixed target experiments?

• Assuming $H(\xi,\xi,\Delta^2) \sim \xi^{-1}F(\Delta^2) \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{|\mathcal{T}^{\text{DVCS}}|}{|\mathcal{T}^{\text{BH}}|} \sim \frac{A}{Z} \sqrt{\frac{1-y}{y^2}} \sqrt{\frac{-\Delta^2}{\mathcal{Q}^2}}$$

• For larger value of y, i.e., $|\mathcal{T}^{\rm BH}| \gg |\mathcal{T}^{\rm DVCS}|$:

beam spin and single target spin asymmetries :

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\uparrow} - d\sigma^{\downarrow}}{d\sigma^{\uparrow} + d\sigma^{\downarrow}} \propto \Im \mathcal{I} + \cdots \propto H(\xi, \xi, \Delta^2, \mathcal{Q}^2) + \cdots$$

charge asymmetries

$$\frac{d\sigma^+ - d\sigma^-}{d\sigma^+ + d\sigma^-} \propto \Re e\mathcal{I} \propto \Pr \int_{-1}^1 dx \frac{H(x, \xi, \Delta^2, \mathcal{Q}^2) - \{x \to -x\}}{x - \xi}$$

- tensor polarization for spin-1 target
- double spin asymmetries

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\uparrow\uparrow} - d\sigma^{\downarrow\Downarrow} - d\sigma^{\downarrow\uparrow} + d\sigma^{\downarrow\downarrow}}{d\sigma^{\uparrow\uparrow} + d\sigma^{\downarrow\downarrow} + d\sigma^{\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow}} \propto \Re e \left\{ \text{contribution of } \left| \mathcal{T}^{\text{BH}} \right|^2 + \mathcal{I} + \cdots \right\}.$$

Spin-1 target: deuteron (A=d)

For unpolarized or longitudinally polarized target one can access

$$-\tau = \frac{-\Delta^2}{4M_A^2} \ll 1: \quad \{H_1^d, \cdots, H_5^d, \widetilde{H}_1^d \cdots \widetilde{H}_4^d\} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \{H_1^d, \ H_3^d, \ H_5^d, \widetilde{H}_1^d\}$$

related to

$$H_1^d \to q^d, \quad \widetilde{H}_1^d \to \Delta q^d, \quad H_5^d \to \delta q^d = q^0 - \frac{1}{2} \left(q^{+1} + q^{-1} \right),$$
$$\int_{-1}^1 dx \, H_1^d = G_1, \quad \int_{-1}^1 dx \, H_3^d = G_3, \qquad \int_{-1}^1 dx \, \widetilde{H}_1^d = \widetilde{G}_1.$$

Are bound state effects small? (S- and D-wave overlap):

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$$G_1(\Delta^2 = 0) = 1, G_2(\Delta^2 = 0) = 1.714, G_3(\Delta^2 = 0) = 25.989$$

• Measurement of the tensor polarization (HERMES coll.):

$$A_{zz} = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{b_1}{F_1} \propto \sum_{i=u,d,s} Q_i^2 \,\delta q_i^d$$

suggests a rather small valuefor $x_{\rm B} \sim 0.1$, however, alarge onefor small or large values of $x_{\rm B}$.

Estimates for several observables

- For the kinematics of present fixed target experiments, i.e., $y \ge 0.5$, $|\Delta_{\min}^2| \ll |\Delta^2| \ll Q^2$ (BH dominates DVCS) the predictions for observables can be drastically simplified.
- Taking leading order approximations in α_s and 1/Q.
- The 'model' $H_i(x, \xi, \Delta^2) = F_i(\Delta^2)q_i(x, Q_0^2)$ allows a simple quantitative estimate on the level of $\leq 100\%$.
- Sea quarks are somehow suppressed (H1& ZEUS).



Beam spin asymmetry

$$A_{\rm LU}(\phi) = \frac{d\sigma^{\uparrow}(\phi) - d\sigma^{\downarrow}(\phi)}{d\sigma^{\uparrow}(\phi) + d\sigma^{\downarrow}(\phi)}$$

contains both *twist-two* and *twist-three* contributions.

Proton target

$$A_{\rm LU} \sim \pm \frac{x_{\rm B}}{y} \frac{s_{1,\rm unp}^2}{c_{0,\rm unp}^{\rm BH}} \sin(\phi) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\mathcal{Q}}\right)$$
$$\sim \pm x_{\rm B} \sqrt{\frac{-\Delta^2(1-y)}{\mathcal{Q}^2}} \Im \left\{\frac{\mathcal{H}}{F_1} + \frac{x_{\rm B}(F_1+F_2)\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}}{(2-x_{\rm B})F_1^2} - \frac{\Delta^2}{4M^2} \frac{F_2 \mathcal{E}}{F_1^2}\right\} \sin(\phi)$$

experiment	$x_{ m B}$	$\mathcal{Q}^2[GeV^2]$	$-\Delta^2 [{ m GeV}^2]$
HERMES 96/97	$\langle 0.11 \rangle$	$\langle 2.6 \rangle$	$\langle 0.27 \rangle$
CLAS	$0.13\cdots 0.35$	$1 \cdots 1.75$	$0.1\cdots 0.3$



CLAS



model	b^{val}	$b^{ m sea}$	$B_{\rm sea} [{\rm GeV}^{-2}]$	approximation
A: solid	1	∞	9	WW + D-term
B: dashdotted	∞	∞	9	toy qGq + D-term
C: dashed	1	1	5	WW + D-term

Simplification of Compton form factors

Neglecting skewness effects and sea quarks provides:

 $H_A \sim F_A(\Delta^2) q_A^{\text{val}}(x) \qquad \Rightarrow$ $\Im \mathcal{H} \propto F_A(\Delta^2) \left[\left(ZQ_u^2 + NQ_d^2 \right) q^{u_{\text{val}}} + \left(NQ_u^2 + ZQ_d^2 \right) q^{d_{\text{val}}} \right] (\xi_N)$

Isoscalar spin-0 or spin-1/2 nucleus target

$$\frac{A_{\rm LU}^{\rm A}(\phi)}{A_{\rm LU}(\phi)} \sim \frac{(Q_u^2 + Q_d^2) \left\{ q^{u_{\rm val}}(\xi_N) + q^{d_{\rm val}}(\xi_N) \right\}}{Q_u^2 q^{u_{\rm val}}(\xi_N) + Q_d^2 q^{d_{\rm val}}(\xi_N)} \bigg|_{\xi_N \simeq \frac{x_{\rm B}}{2}}$$

For $q_u \sim 2q_d$ the ratio is roughly estimated

$$\frac{A_{\rm LU}^{\rm A}(\phi)}{A_{\rm LU}(\phi)} \sim \frac{5}{3} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

Spin-1 target (deuteron)

$$A_{\rm LU}^d \propto \Im m rac{2G_1 \mathcal{H}_1 + (G_1 - 2\tau G_3)(\mathcal{H}_1 - 2\tau \mathcal{H}_3) + rac{2}{3}\tau G_3 \mathcal{H}_5}{2G_1^2 + (G_1 - 2\tau G_3)^2},$$

$$A_{\rm L\pm}^d \propto \Im m \frac{2G_1 \left(\mathcal{H}_1 - \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{H}_5 \right) + 2(G_1 - 2\tau G_3) (\mathcal{H}_1 - 2\tau \mathcal{H}_3 - \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{H}_5)}{2G_1^2 + 2(G_1 - 2\tau G_3)^2},$$

where $-\tau = -\Delta^2/4M_d^2 \ll 1$.

Assuming that H_3 and H_5 are *small* for $x_B \sim 0.1$, i.e,

$$\frac{A_{\rm LU}^d}{A_{\rm LU}} \sim \frac{3 - 2\tau G_3/G_1}{2 + (1 - 2\tau G_3/G_1)^2} \frac{(Q_u^2 + Q_d^2) \left\{ q^{u_{\rm val}}(\xi_N) + q^{d_{\rm val}}(\xi_N) \right\}}{Q_u^2 q^{u_{\rm val}}(\xi_N) + Q_d^2 q^{d_{\rm val}}(\xi_N)}$$
$$\frac{A_{L\pm}^d}{A_{\rm LU}} \sim \frac{3 - 3\tau G_3/G_1}{2 + 2(1 - 2\tau G_3/G_1)^2} \frac{(Q_u^2 + Q_d^2) \left\{ q^{u_{\rm val}}(\xi_N) + q^{d_{\rm val}}(\xi_N) \right\}}{Q_u^2 q^{u_{\rm val}}(\xi_N) + Q_d^2 q^{d_{\rm val}}(\xi_N)}$$

Comparison with 2000 run data from HERMES

$$\begin{split} A_{\rm LU} &= -0.18 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.03, \langle x_{\rm B} \rangle = 0.12, \langle -\Delta^2 \rangle = 0.18 \ \text{GeV}^2, \langle \mathcal{Q}^2 \rangle = 2.5 \ \text{GeV}^2, \\ A_{\rm LU}^{Ne} &= -0.22 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.03, \langle x_{\rm B} \rangle = 0.09, \langle -\Delta^2 \rangle = 0.13 \ \text{GeV}^2, \langle \mathcal{Q}^2 \rangle = 2.2 \ \text{GeV}^2, \\ A_{\rm L\pm}^d &= -0.15 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.03, \langle x_{\rm B} \rangle = 0.1, \langle -\Delta^2 \rangle = 0.2 \ \text{GeV}^2, \langle \mathcal{Q}^2 \rangle = 2.5 \ \text{GeV}^2, \end{split}$$

Our naive estimates are

$$A_{\rm LU} = -0.27$$
, $A_{\rm LU}^{Ne} = -0.34$, $A_{\rm L\pm}^{d} = -0.25$.

Numerical estimates

$$A_{\rm LU} = \begin{cases} [-0.29, -0.25, -0.41] \\ [-0.29, -0.20, -0.37] \end{cases} \quad \text{for } \begin{cases} \text{twist-two} \\ \text{twist-three} \end{cases} \quad \& \quad [\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}] \end{cases}$$

$$A_{\rm LU}^{\rm Ne} = \begin{cases} [-0.30, -0.28, -0.54] \\ [-0.34, -0.24, -0.49] \end{cases} \quad \text{for} \quad \begin{cases} \text{twist-two} \\ \text{twist-three} \end{cases} \quad \& \quad [\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}] \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} A_{\rm LU}^d \\ A_{\rm L\pm}^d \end{cases} = \begin{cases} [-0.37, -0.26, -0.23, -0.34] \\ [-0.34, -0.24, -0.16, -0.34] \end{cases} \text{ for } [A, B, \hat{B}, B']$$

Unpolarized charge asymmetry

$$A_{\rm C}(\phi) = \frac{d\sigma^+(\phi) - d\sigma^-(\phi)}{d\sigma^+(\phi) + d\sigma^-(\phi)}$$

contains a *twist-two* and *a measurable twist-three* contribution:

$$A_{\rm C} = A_{\rm C}^{(0)} + A_{\rm C}^{(1)} \cos(\phi) + \dots$$

• The ratio is [nearly] GPD independent for spin-0 [1/2]:

$$\frac{A_{\rm C}^{(0)}}{A_{\rm C}^{(1)}} \simeq \frac{2-y}{\sqrt{1-y}} \sqrt{\frac{-\Delta^2}{\mathcal{Q}^2}}$$

• The size of the twist-two harmonic depends on the ratio of

$$\mathbf{R}^{i} = \frac{\Re e \ \mathcal{H}^{i}}{\Im m \ \mathcal{H}^{i}} = \begin{cases} < 0 \\ > 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{for} \quad \begin{cases} \text{valence quarks} \\ \text{sea quarks} \end{cases}$$

? D-term "significance" for sign & magnitude is questionable



• Neglecting *sea quarks* and *D*-*term* contribution implies:

proton target (consistent with HERMES measurement)

$$\frac{A_{\rm C}^{(1)}}{A_{\rm LU}} \sim \frac{2 - 2y + y^2}{(2 - y)y} \frac{Q_u^2 R^{u_{\rm val}} q^{u_{\rm val}} + Q_d^2 R^{d_{\rm val}} q^{d_{\rm val}}}{Q_u^2 q^{u_{\rm val}} + Q_d^2 q^{d_{\rm val}}} \sim -0.8 \,,$$

isoscalar nucleus target

$$\frac{A_{\rm C}^{A(1)}}{A_{\rm LU}^A} \sim \frac{2 - 2y + y^2}{(2 - y)y} \frac{R^{u_{\rm val}} q^{u_{\rm val}} + R^{d_{\rm val}} q^{d_{\rm val}}}{q^{u_{\rm val}} + q^{d_{\rm val}}} \sim -0.7 \,.$$

Longitudinally single target spin asymmetry

$$\frac{A_{\rm UL}^{A}(\phi)}{d\sigma^{\Lambda=+1} + d\sigma^{\Lambda=-1}} \left| \left(\text{for } \theta = 0 \right). \right|$$

Proton target

$$A_{\mathrm{UL}}(\phi) \propto \left\{ F_1 \widetilde{\mathcal{H}} + \xi \left(F_1 + F_2 \right) \mathcal{H} + \cdots
ight\} \sin \phi$$



sign is *fixed* in popular models 2 contributions $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}$ and \mathcal{H} sensitive to the details of GPDs Ratio of longitudinally polarized target to beam spin asymmetry is free from BH squared contributions and is sensitive to \tilde{H}, \tilde{H}_1 :

• proton target

$$\frac{A_{\rm UL}(\phi)}{A_{\rm LU}(\phi)} \sim \frac{2 - 2y + y^2}{(2 - y)y} \left[\frac{Q_u^2 \Delta q^{u_{\rm val}} + Q_d^2 \Delta q^{d_{\rm val}}}{Q_u^2 q^{u_{\rm val}} + Q_d^2 q^{d_{\rm val}}} + \frac{x_{\rm B}}{2} \frac{F_1 + F_2}{F_1} \right] \,,$$

• isoscalar spin-1/2 nuclei target

$$\frac{A_{\rm UL}^{A}(\phi)}{A_{\rm LU}^{A}(\phi)} \sim \frac{2 - 2y + y^2}{(2 - y)y} \left[\frac{\Delta q^{u_{\rm val}} + \Delta q^{d_{\rm val}}}{q^{u_{\rm val}} + q^{d_{\rm val}}} + \frac{x_{\rm B}}{2A} \frac{F_1^A + F_2^A}{F_1^A} \right] \ ,$$

• deuteron

$$\frac{A_{\rm UL}^d(\phi)}{A_{\rm LU}^d(\phi)} \propto \left[\frac{\Delta q^{u_{\rm val}} + \Delta q^{d_{\rm val}}}{q^{u_{\rm val}} + q^{d_{\rm val}}} + \frac{x_{\rm B}}{4} \frac{G_2}{G_1 - \tau G_3}\right]$$

 $\Rightarrow {\sf few}\% \ \ldots \sim 20\%$

Transversely single target spin asymmetry

$$\frac{A_{\rm UT}(\phi,\varphi)}{d\sigma^{\Lambda=+1} + d\sigma^{\Lambda=-1} \ (+d\sigma^{\Lambda=0})} \left| \quad ({\rm for} \ \theta = \pi/2) \, . \right.$$

- Allows to *access* two further combinations of GPDs.
- Unfortunately, it is kinematically suppressed:

$$\frac{A_{\rm UT}^A(\phi,\varphi)}{A_{\rm LU}^A(\phi)} \sim \frac{M_N}{A\sqrt{-\Delta^2}} \left\{ \cos(\varphi) \mathcal{C}_+ \left(x_{\rm B}^2 \frac{F(\xi_N,\xi_N)}{H(\xi_N,\xi_N)}, \frac{\Delta^2}{M_N^2} \frac{F(\xi_N,\xi_N)}{H(\xi_N,\xi_N)} \right) + \sin(\varphi) \, \mathcal{C}_- \left(x_{\rm B}^2 \frac{F(\xi_N,\xi_N)}{H(\xi_N,\xi_N)}, \frac{\Delta^2}{M_N^2} \frac{F(\xi_N,\xi_N)}{H(\xi_N,\xi_N)} \right) \right\}$$

- It vanishes for large A.
- Helicity non-conserved GPDs, e.g., *E*, enter on the same kinematical level as *H*.

Tensor polarization for spin-1 target

$$A_{\mathbf{z}\mathbf{z}}^{d}(\phi) = \frac{2d\sigma^{\Lambda=0} - d\sigma^{\Lambda=+1} - d\sigma^{\Lambda=-1}}{d\sigma^{\Lambda=0} + d\sigma^{\Lambda=+1} + d\sigma^{\Lambda=-1}}$$

has a constant piece arising from the squared Bethe-Heitler term.

To get rid of it Tensor polarization might be combined with

• beam polarization

$$A^{d}_{\mathrm{Lzz}}(\phi) = \frac{2d\sigma^{\uparrow\Lambda=0} - d\sigma^{\uparrow\Lambda=+1} - d\sigma^{\uparrow\Lambda=-1} - \{\uparrow \rightarrow -\downarrow\}}{d\sigma^{\uparrow\Lambda=0} + d\sigma^{\uparrow\Lambda=+1} + d\sigma^{\uparrow\Lambda=-1} + \{\uparrow \rightarrow -\downarrow\}}$$

$$\frac{A_{\text{Lzz}}^d}{A_{\text{LU}}^d} = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{\Im \mathcal{H}_3 + \Im \mathcal{H}_5 + \frac{\tau G3}{G1}}{\Im \mathcal{H}_1 - \frac{2}{3}} \Im \mathcal{H}_5 + \frac{2\tau G3}{G1}} \Im \mathcal{H}_1 - \frac{2}{3} \Im \mathcal{H}_3 - \frac{2\tau G3}{3G1}} \Im \mathcal{H}_1 - 2\mathcal{H}_3 - \frac{1}{3}\mathcal{H}_5$$

charge asymmetry

$$A^{d}_{Czz}(\phi) = \frac{2d\sigma^{+\Lambda=0} - d\sigma^{+\Lambda=+1} - d\sigma^{+\Lambda=-1} - \{e^{+} \to -e^{-}\}}{d\sigma^{+\Lambda=0} + d\sigma^{+\Lambda=+1} + d\sigma^{+\Lambda=-1} + \{e^{+} \to -e^{-}\}}$$

$$\frac{A_{\text{Czz}}^d}{A_{\text{C}}^d} = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{\Re \mathcal{H}_3 + \Re \mathcal{H}_5 + \frac{\tau G_3}{G_1} \Re \mathcal{E} \left(\mathcal{H}_1 - 2\mathcal{H}_3 - \frac{1}{3}\mathcal{H}_5\right)}{\Re \mathcal{H}_1 - \frac{2}{3} \Re \mathcal{H}_3 - \frac{2\tau G_3}{3G_1} \Re \mathcal{E} \left(\mathcal{H}_1 - 2\mathcal{H}_3 - \frac{1}{3}\mathcal{H}_5\right)}$$

Tensor polarization is promising to access bound state effects

Prediction for $\mathcal{H}_3 = \mathcal{H}_5 = 0$:

$$\frac{A_{\rm Lzz}^d}{A_{\rm LU}^d} = \frac{A_{\rm Czz}^{d(1)}}{A_{\rm C}^{d(1)}} \simeq -\frac{2}{3} \frac{\tau G_3(\Delta^2)}{G_1(\Delta^2) - \frac{2\tau}{3}G_3(\Delta^2)}$$



NOTE: $\{A_{LU}^d, A_{L\pm}^d, A_{Lzz}^d\}$; $\{A_{C}^d, A_{C\pm}^d, A_{Czz}^d\}$ are not independent.

Summary

- DVCS off deuteron is worked out at twist-two level to NLO.
- Cross section, depending on nine twist-two GPDs, has a complex angular dependence.
- Only a limited set of the twist-two CFFs can be accessed.
- Even more non-perturbative functions appear at: qGq, and gluon transversity GPDs.
- *Take care* one the *appropriate definition* of observables!
- An oversimplified and unrealistic GPD ansatz with suppressed sea quarks describes existing DVCS data on proton at LO
- Based on this qualitative understanding we *estimated* beam spin, single target spin, and charge asymmetries.
- DVCS allows to study the *deuteron* from a *new perspective*:
 - fundamental degrees of freedom
 - nuclear degrees of freedom.