

# Higher order and higher-twist aspects of exclusive meson production

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- 2 Deeply virtual and wide angle meson production (DVMP, WAMP)
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# Introduction

# Prerequisites

$\exists$  large scale(s)

$\Rightarrow \alpha_S$  expansion (and  $1/\text{scale}$  expansion)

$\rightarrow$  factorization:

|                              |   |  |           |   |
|------------------------------|---|--|-----------|---|
| hard scattering<br>amplitude | = | elementary<br>hard-scattering<br>amplitude | $\otimes$ | hadron wave<br>functions<br>(DAs, GPDs) |
|                              |   | (via partons)                              |           | evolution    form                       |
|                              |   | $\uparrow$                                 |           | $\uparrow$ $\uparrow$                   |
|                              |   | pQCD                                       |           | pQCD    input                           |

+ power corrections/higher-twists

(factorization?)

DA ... distribution amplitude (meson, baryon)  
GPD ... generalized parton distributions

# Hard-scattering amplitude in pure quark picture

$$\mathcal{M} = T_H(x_1, \dots; \dots; \mu_{F1}, \dots) \otimes \prod_i \Phi_i(\{x_i\}; \mu_{Fi})$$

$x_i$  ... longitudinal momentum fractions

DA

$$\Phi(\dots; \mu_{Fi}, \mu_0^2) = \Phi^{(0)}(\dots; \mu_{Fi}, \mu_0^2) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_{Fi})}{4\pi} \Phi^{(1)}(\dots; \mu_{Fi}, \mu_0^2) + \dots$$

$\mu_{Fi}$  ... factorization scale,  $\mu_0^2$  input scale

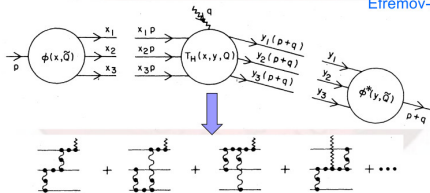
Example: proton form factor

$$T_H(\dots; Q^2, \{\mu_{Fi}\}) = \frac{\alpha_s^2(\mu_R)}{(4\pi)^2} T_H^{(0)}(\dots; Q^2) + \frac{\alpha_s^3(\mu_R)}{(4\pi)^2} T_H^{(1)}(\dots; Q^2, \mu_R, \{\mu_{Fi}\}) + \dots$$

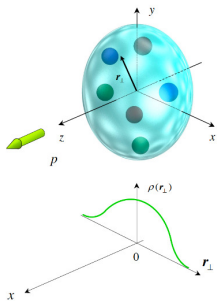
$\mu_R$  ... renormalization scale

Lepage-Brodsky 1980

Efremov-Radyushkin 1980

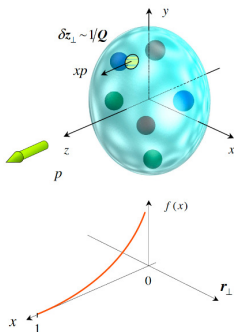


## Elastic scattering



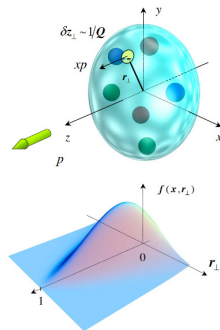
Form factors

## Deep inelastic scattering



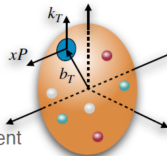
Parton distributions

## Hard exclusive processes

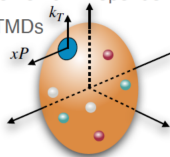


Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)

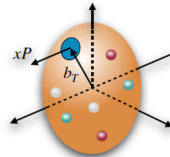
Wigner distributions  
 (Fourier transform of GTMDs =  
 Generalized Transverse  
 Momentum Distributions)



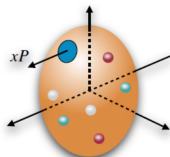
Transverse Momentum Dependent  
 Distributions TMDs



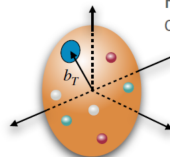
Fourier transform  
 of Generalized Parton Distributions  
 (GPDs)



PDFs



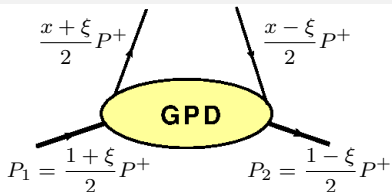
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see, e.g., C. Lorcé, B. Pasquini, M. Vanderhaeghen, JHEP 1105 (11)

Taken from A. Prokudin, STAR Collaboration Meeting 2021.9

# Generalized Parton Distributions



$$P = P_1 + P_2$$

$$\Delta = P_2 - P_1$$

$x$  parton's "average" longitudinal momentum fraction

$\xi = -\frac{\Delta^+}{P^+}$  longitudinal momentum transfer (skewness)

$\Delta^2 = t$  momentum transfer

GPDs:  $F^a(x, \xi, t; \mu)$ ,  $a \in \{q, G\}$

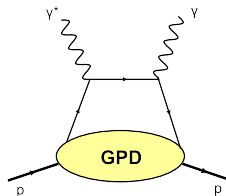
$\mu \dots$  factorization scale

- vector ( $H^a$ ,  $E^a$ ) and axial-vector GPDs ( $\tilde{H}^a$ ,  $\tilde{E}^a$ )
- transversity GPDs ( $H_T^a$ ,  $E_T^a$ ,  $\tilde{H}_T^a$ ,  $\tilde{E}_T^a$ )



# Selected exclusive processes

## DVCS



$$\gamma^* N \rightarrow \gamma N$$

factorization:

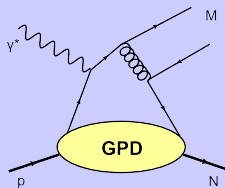
[Collins, Freund '99]

$$H^q, E^q, \tilde{H}^q, \tilde{E}^q$$

$$H^G, E^G, \tilde{H}^G, \tilde{E}^G$$

(NLO)

## DVMP



$$\gamma^* N \rightarrow MN'$$

factorization:

[Collins, Frankfurt, Strikman '97]

$$H^{q_i}, E^{q_i}; H^G, E^G$$

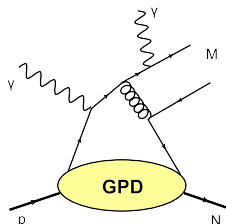
$$\tilde{H}^{q_i}, \tilde{E}^{q_i}$$

[Collins, Diehl '99]

$$(\gamma^* N \rightarrow V_T N') \Rightarrow (F_T^q)$$

$$M_{\text{twist-3}} \Rightarrow F_T^q$$

## $(\gamma M)P$



$$\gamma N \rightarrow \gamma MN'$$

factorization:

[Qiu, Yu '22]

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# DVMP and WAMP

# Meson Production: handbag factorization

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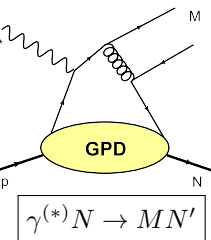
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DVMP

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[Collins, Frankfurt, Strikman '97]

[Huang, Kroll '00]



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 $\mathcal{H}^a(1/x \otimes GPD(\xi = 0))$
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$\mathcal{H}^a$  ... parton subprocess helicity amplitudes

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  ... hadron helicity amplitudes

$\Rightarrow$  observables (cross sections, asymmetries)

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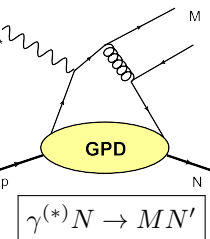
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- tw2:  $\gamma_L^*$ , tw3:  $\gamma_T^*$

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large scale  $Q^2$  ( $Q^2, s$  or ...)

- twist expansion:  $\langle \mathcal{H} \rangle^{tw2} + \frac{\langle \mathcal{H} \rangle^{tw2}}{Q} + \dots$
- $\alpha_S$  expansion for each twist:  $\alpha_S(Q) \langle \mathcal{H} \rangle^{LO} + \alpha_S^2(Q) \langle \mathcal{H} \rangle^{NLO}$

## Meson Production status

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  - ⇒ tw-3 (2- and 3-body) prediction for photoproduction [Kroll, P-K. 18', '22]
  - ⇒ tw-3 prediction for electroproduction ( $Q^2 < -t$ ) [Kroll, P-K. '21]
  - ⇒ extension to DV $\pi$ P

## pQCD prediction

$$\mathcal{M}(Q^2) = \mathcal{M}^{(0)}(Q^2) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{4\pi} \mathcal{M}^{(1)}(Q^2) + \frac{\alpha_s^2(\mu_R)}{(4\pi)^2} \mathcal{M}^{(2)}(Q^2, \mu_R) + \dots$$

$Q^2$  ... characteristic large scale of the process

$\mu_R$  ... renormalization scale

- finite order prediction!, renormalization scale and scheme dependence  
⇒ theoretical uncertainty
- higher-order corrections ( $\mathcal{M}^{(2)}(Q^2, \mu_R), \dots$ ) are important:  
stabilizing effect reducing the dependence of the predictions on the scales and schemes



**DVMP at NLO**

# DVMP

## Transition form factors

$${}^a\mathcal{T}(\xi, t, Q^2) = \int dx \int du T^a(x, \xi, u, \mu_\varphi, \mu_F) F^a(x, \xi, t, \mu_\varphi) \phi(u, \mu_F)$$

$$a = q, g \text{ or NS, S}(\Sigma, g)$$

hard-scattering amplitude (known up to NLO)

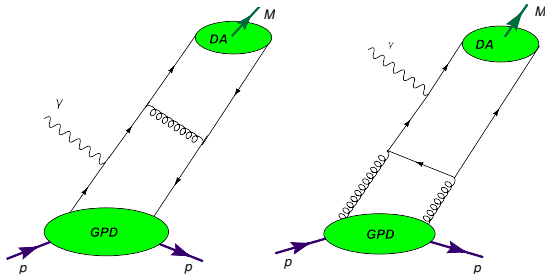
$$\begin{aligned} T^a(x, \xi, u, \mu_\varphi, \mu_F) &= \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{4\pi} T^{a(1)}(x, \xi, u) \\ &+ \frac{\alpha_s^2(\mu_R)}{(4\pi)^2} T^{a(2)}(x, \xi, u, \mu_R, \mu_\varphi, \mu_F) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

distribution amplitude (DA) evolution, similarly GPD ( $F^a$ ) evolution (known up to NNLO)

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x; \mu_F, \mu_0) &= \phi^{(0)}(u, \mu_F, \mu_0) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_F)}{4\pi} \phi^{(1)}(u, \mu_F, \mu_0) \\ &+ \frac{\alpha_s^2(\mu_F)}{(4\pi)^2} \phi^{(2)}(u, \mu_F, \mu_0) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

# DVMP to NLO

$$\gamma^* q \rightarrow (q\bar{q})q, \quad \gamma^* g \rightarrow (q\bar{q})g$$

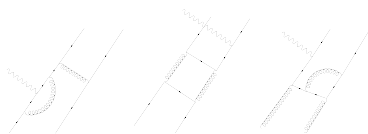


NLO DV  $PS^+$  prod.: [Belitsky and Müller '01]

NLO DV  $V_L$  prod.: [Ivanov et al '04,]

NLO DV  $V_L$  (corr.),  $PS$ ,  $(S, PV_L)$  prod.:

[Duplančić, Müller, Passek-K. '17]



DVMP: transition form factors (known up to NLO)

$${}^a\mathcal{T}(\xi, t, Q^2) = \int dx \int dy T^a(x, \xi, y, Q^2/\mu^2) F^a(x, \xi, t, \mu^2) \phi(y, \mu^2)$$

- "Curse of the dimensionality"

When the dimensionality increases, the volume of the space increases so fast that the available data become sparse.

- complete deconvolution is impossible

- different modelling venues (momentum fractions space, conformal momentum space)

## From $x$ space to conformal momentum space

$${}^a\mathcal{T}(\xi, t, Q^2) = \int dx \int du T^a(x, \xi, y, \mu^2) F^a(x, \xi, t, \mu^2) \phi(u, \mu^2)$$

$F \dots$  GPDs,  $a=q, G$

conformal moments (analogous to Mellin moments in DIS  $x^n \rightarrow C_n^{3/2}(x), C_n^{5/2}(x)$ )

[Müller, Lautenschläger, P-K., Schäfer 2014] [Duplančić, Müller, P-K. 2017]

$$\begin{aligned} {}^a\mathcal{T}(\xi, t, Q^2) &= \frac{1}{2i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} dj \left[ i \pm \left\{ \begin{matrix} \tan \\ \cot \end{matrix} \right\} \left( \frac{\pi j}{2} \right) \right] \xi^{-j-1} \\ &\quad \times \left[ T_{jk}(Q^2/\mu^2) \otimes^k \phi_{M,k}(\mu^2) \right] F_j^a(\xi, t, \mu^2) \end{aligned}$$

# NLO predictions

[Müller, Lautenschlager, P-K., Schäfer '14], [Duplanić, Müller, P-K., '17]

- large NLO corrections and model dependence
- LO evolution important
- NLO calculations should include NLO evolution (conformal momentum representation favorable)
- results sensitive to the choice of DA
- NLO global DIS+DVCS+DVMP fits needed

# NLO for DV $V_L$ production

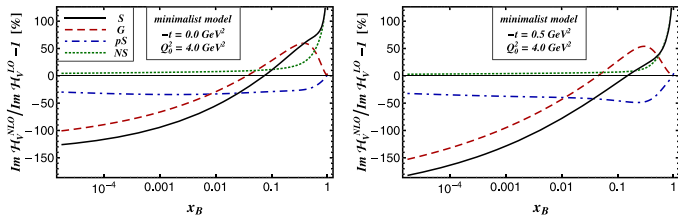


Fig. 6. Relative NLO corrections to the imaginary part of the flavor singlet TFF  $\mathcal{F}_V^S$  (solid) broken down to the gluon (dashed), pure singlet quark (dash-dotted) and 'non-singlet' quark (dotted) at  $t = 0 \text{ GeV}^2$  (left panel) and  $t = -0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$  (right panel) at the initial scale  $Q_0^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ .

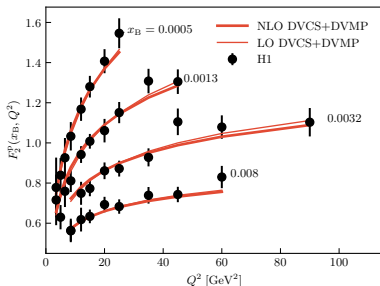
[Müller, Lautenschlager, P-K., Schäfer '14]

- large NLO corrections for small  $x_B$ , i.e.,  $\xi$

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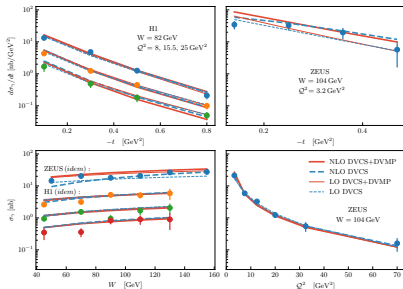
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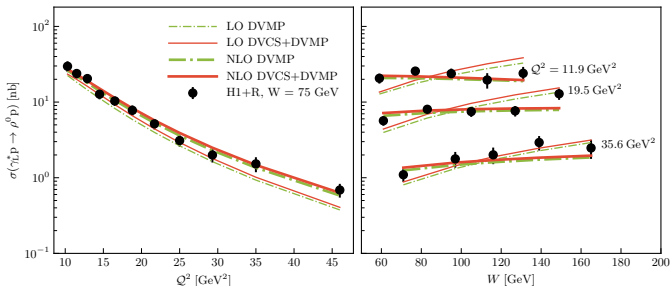


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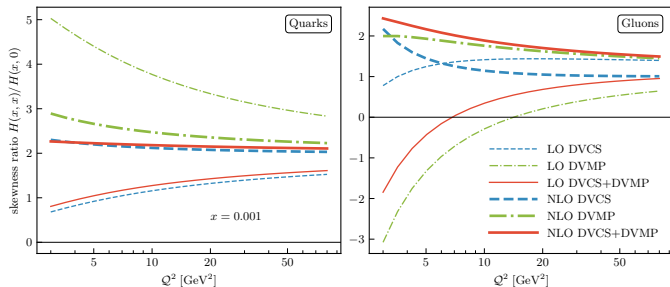


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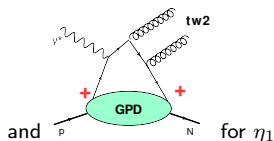
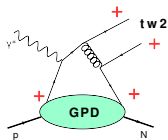
skewness ratio  $r = \frac{H(x,x)}{H(x,0)}$  measures goodness of GPD extraction  
 $\Rightarrow$  NLO fit successful

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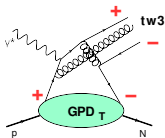
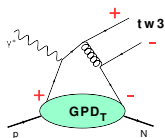
**WAMP and DVMP at higher-twist**

# PS meson production to twist-3

$\mathcal{H}_{0\lambda,\mu\lambda}^P$  ... non-flip subprocess amplitudes (twist-2)



$\mathcal{H}_{0-\lambda,\mu\lambda}^P$  ... flip subprocess amplitudes (twist-3)



Note: just meson DA tw-3 contributions ( $\mu_\pi = 2$  GeV)

distribution amplitudes (DAs):

twist-2 ( $q\bar{q}$ ) :  $\phi_P$

2-body ( $q\bar{q}$ ) twist-3  $\phi_{Pp}, \phi_{P\sigma}$  3-body ( $q\bar{q}g$ ) twist-3  $\phi_{3P}$

→ connected by equations of motion (EOMs)

# Subprocess amplitudes: twist-3

## General structure:

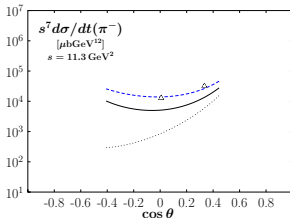
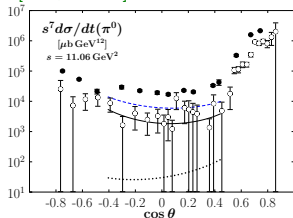
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H}^{P,tw3} &= \mathcal{H}^{P,tw3,q\bar{q}} + \mathcal{H}^{P,tw3,q\bar{q}g} \\ &= \left( \mathcal{H}^{P,\phi_{Pp}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{H}^{P,\phi_{P2}^{EOM}}}_{\mathcal{H}^{P,\phi_{3P},C_F}} \right) + \left( \mathcal{H}^{P,q\bar{q}g,C_F} + \mathcal{H}^{P,q\bar{q}g,C_G} \right) \\ &= \mathcal{H}^{P,\phi_{Pp}} + \mathcal{H}^{P,\phi_{3P},C_F} + \mathcal{H}^{P,\phi_{3P},C_G}\end{aligned}$$

- 2- and 3-body contributions necessary for gauge invariance
- WAMP
  - photoproduction ( $Q \rightarrow 0$ ):  $\mathcal{H}^{P,\phi_{Pp}} = 0$  [Kroll, P-K '18]
  - no end-point singularities for  $\hat{t} \neq 0$  !

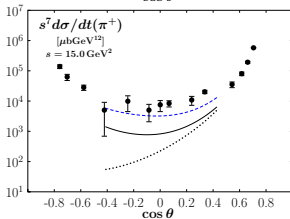
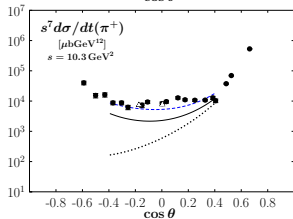
# Photoproduction ( $\pi$ )

- complete twist-3 prediction for  $\pi_0$  photoproduction fitted to CLAS data and obtained predictions for  $\pi^\pm$

[Kroll, P-K '21]



solid curves:  
complete twist-3  
dotted curves: twist-2

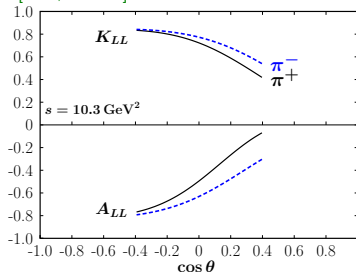


exp data:  
full circles [SLAC '76]  
open circles [CLAS '17]  
triangles [JLab, Hall A '05]

- twist-2 prediction well below the data

# Spin effects - photoproduction

[Kroll, P-K '21]:  $\pi^\pm$



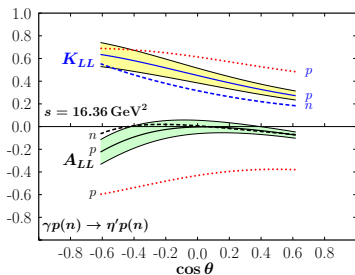
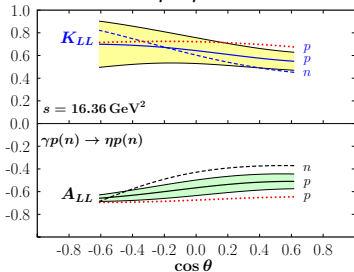
$A_{LL}(K_{LL})$  ... correlation of the helicities of the photon and incoming (outgoing) nucleon

$$A_{LL}^{P,tw2} = K_{LL}^{P,tw2}$$

$$A_{LL}^{P,tw3} = -K_{LL}^{P,tw3}$$

→ characteristic signature for dominance of twist-3 (like  $\sigma_T \gg \sigma_L$  in DVMP)

[Kroll, P-K '22]:  $\eta, \eta'$



→ in contrast to  $\pi$  and  $\eta$ , for  $\eta'$  dominance of twist-2 and sensitivity to gluons



## Subprocess amplitudes: twist-3

General structure:

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- DVMP ( $\hat{t} \rightarrow 0$ ):

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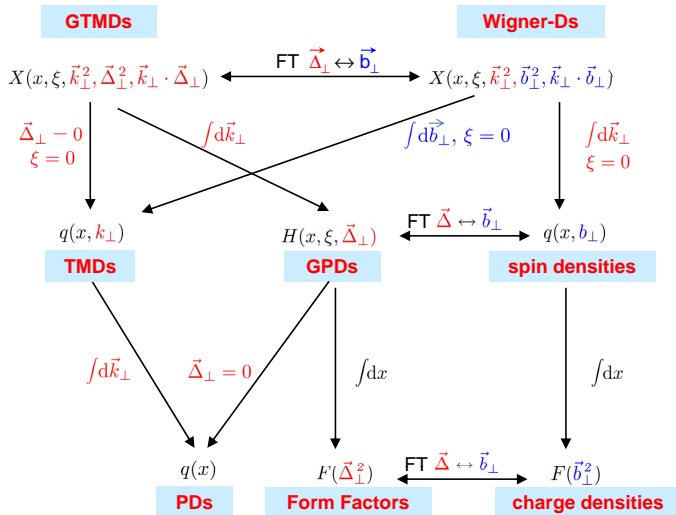
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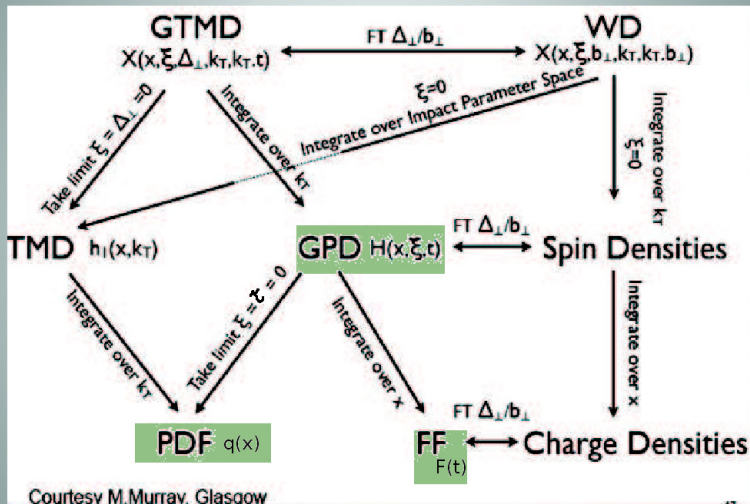
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## Contemporary hierarchy of parton distributions



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and/or pure-quark picture?
  
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  - which are technical difficulties in calculating higher-orders?
  - which are theoretical uncertainties of finite order predictions?
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