

Towards Unpolarized Generalized Parton Distributions from Pseudo-Distributions

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Generalized parton distributions (GPDs): [Müller et al, 1994], [Ji, 1996], [Radyushkin, 1996]

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ixP^+z^-} \left\langle P_2 \left| \bar{\psi}^q \left(-\frac{z}{2} \right) \gamma^+ \psi^q \left(\frac{z}{2} \right) \right| P_1 \right\rangle \Big|_{z_\perp=0, z^+=0} \\ &= \frac{1}{2P^+} \bar{u}(P_2) \left(H^q(x, \xi, t) \gamma^+ + E^q(x, \xi, t) \frac{i\sigma^{+\mu} \Delta_\mu}{2M} \right) u(P_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta = P_2 - P_1, \quad t = \Delta^2, \quad P = \frac{1}{2}(P_1 + P_2), \quad \xi = \frac{P_1^+ - P_2^+}{P_1^+ + P_2^+} = -\frac{\Delta^+}{2P^+}$$

- 3D (x, ξ, t) vs 1D for PDFs
- more GPDs than PDFs
- \rightarrow need to measure more (exclusive vs inclusive)
- \rightarrow experimentally data-driven approach is so far out of reach

- **Hadron tomography** [Burkardt, 2003]:

$$I(x, \mathbf{b}_\perp) = \int \frac{d^2 \Delta_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{b}_\perp \cdot \Delta_\perp} H^q(x, \xi = 0, t = -\Delta_\perp^2)$$

- **Proton's spin decomposition** [Ji, 1996]:

$$\frac{1}{2} = \sum_q \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 dx x \left[H^q + E^q \right] \Big|_{t=0} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 dx \left[H^g + E^g \right] \Big|_{t=0}$$

- **Gravitational form factors** [Polyakov, 2003], [Lorcé et al, 2017]: radial energy / pressure

$$\langle P_2 | T_a^{\mu\nu} | P_1 \rangle = \bar{u}(P_2) \left\{ \frac{P^\mu P^\nu}{M} A_a(t) + \frac{\Delta^\mu \Delta^\nu - \eta^{\mu\nu} \Delta^2}{M} C_a(t) + M \eta^{\mu\nu} \bar{C}_a(t) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{P^{\{\mu} i \sigma^{\nu\} \rho} \Delta_\rho}{4M} [A_a(t) + B_a(t)] + \frac{P^{[\mu} i \sigma^{\nu] \rho} \Delta_\rho}{4M} D_a^{GFF}(t) \right\} u(P_1)$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx x H^q(x, \xi, t, \mu^2) = A_q(t, \mu^2) + 4\xi^2 C_q(t, \mu^2)$$

DVCS observables parametrized in terms of Compton form factors (CFFs) [Radyushkin, 1997], [Ji, Osborne, 1998], [Collins, Freund, 1998]

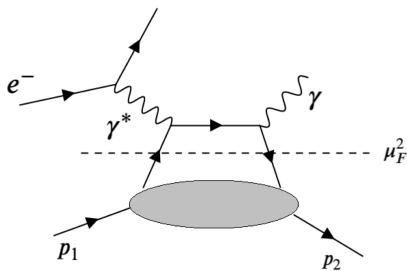
$$\mathcal{H}(\xi, t, Q^2) = \sum_a \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{\xi} T^a \left(\frac{x}{\xi}, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \alpha_s(\mu^2) \right) \frac{H^a(x, \xi, t, \mu^2)}{|x|^{p_a}}$$

- morally “missing” one variable for the x -reconstruction of the GPD from DVCS: **deconvolution problem**
- In a LO analysis,

$$\text{Im } \mathcal{H}(\xi, t, Q^2) \longrightarrow H^{q(+)}(x = \xi, t, Q^2)$$

$$\text{Re } \mathcal{H}(\xi, t, Q^2) \xrightarrow{\text{disp.rel.}} \int_{-1}^1 d\alpha \frac{D^q(\alpha, t, Q^2)}{1 - \alpha}$$

- “fancy” tricks using the entanglement of (x, ξ, μ^2) through evolution equations don't work: [Bertone, HD, Mezrag, Moutarde, Sznajder, 2021]



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GPD matrix element [Bhattacharya et al, 2022]:

$$\langle P_2 | \bar{\psi} \left(-\frac{z}{2} \right) \gamma^\mu \psi \left(\frac{z}{2} \right) | P_1 \rangle = \bar{u}(P_2) \left[\gamma^\mu A_1 + z^\mu A_2 + \sigma^{\mu\nu} z_\nu A_3 + \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} \Delta_\nu}{2m} A_4 + \frac{\Delta^\mu}{2m} A_5 + \frac{i\sigma^{\alpha\beta} z_\alpha \Delta_\beta}{2m} \left(P^\mu A_6 + \Delta^\mu A_7 + z^\mu A_8 \right) \right] u(P_1)$$

Identify the terms that survive in the light-cone limit:

$$H(\nu, \xi, t, z^2) = \lim_{z^2 \rightarrow 0} A_1 - \xi A_5$$

$$E(\nu, \xi, t, z^2) = \lim_{z^2 \rightarrow 0} A_4 + \nu A_6 - 2\xi\nu A_7 + \xi A_5$$

Match to the light-cone limit in the short-distance factorization for GPDs [Radyushkin, 2019]:

$$\begin{pmatrix} H \\ E \end{pmatrix} (\nu, \xi, t, \mu^2) = \int_{-1}^1 d\alpha C(\alpha, \xi\nu, \mu^2 z^2) \begin{pmatrix} H \\ E \end{pmatrix} (\alpha\nu, \xi, t, z^2) + \text{power corrections}$$

Extracting each amplitude A_k requires to measure matrix elements with various combinations of helicity and gamma structure (kinematic matrix inversion)

loffe-time GPDs are great GPDs! [Braun, Gornicki, Mankiewicz, 1995]

x-dependent GPDs
non analytical form

triangular for $x > \xi$ (only needs larger momentum fractions)

needs all x range for $x < \xi$

$$\frac{d}{d \ln(\mu^2)} H^q(x, \xi, \mu^2) = \int_0^1 \frac{dy}{y} C\left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{\xi}{x}, \alpha_s(\mu^2)\right) H^q(y, \xi, \mu^2)$$

$$C\left(\alpha, \frac{\xi}{x}, \alpha_s(\mu^2)\right) = \delta(1-\alpha) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2) C_F}{2\pi} \left\{ \theta(1-\alpha) \left[\left(\frac{1+\alpha^2}{1-\alpha} \right)_+ + \mathcal{O}(\xi^2) \right] + \theta(x \leq \xi) \left[- \left(\frac{1}{1-y} \right)_{++} + \dots \right] \right\}$$

loffe-time GPDs

simple analytical form

triangular (only needs smaller loffe time range)

$$\frac{d}{d \ln(\mu^2)} H^q(\nu, \xi, \mu^2) = \int_0^1 d\alpha K(\alpha, \xi\nu, \alpha_s(\mu^2)) H^q(\alpha\nu, \xi, \mu^2)$$

$$K(\alpha, \xi\nu, \alpha_s(\mu^2)) = \delta(1-\alpha) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2) C_F}{2\pi} \left[\left(\frac{2\alpha}{1-\alpha} \right)_+ \cos(\bar{\alpha}\xi\nu) + \frac{\sin(\bar{\alpha}\xi\nu)}{\xi\nu} - \frac{\delta(1-\alpha)}{2} \right]$$

Conformal moments

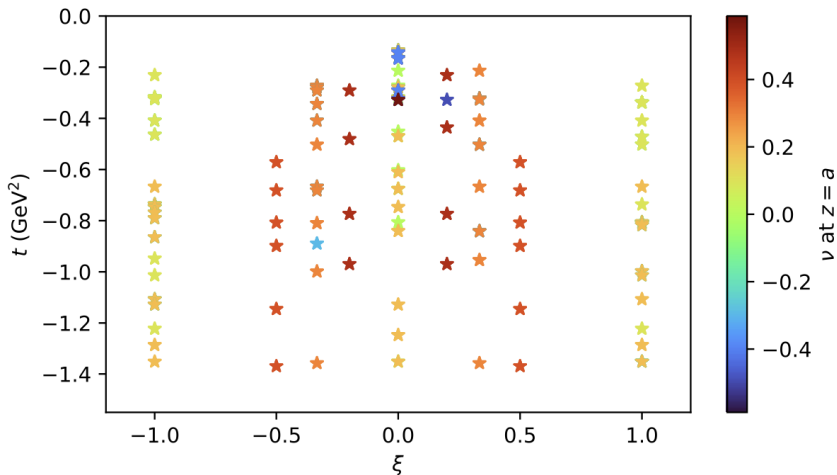
simple analytical form

diagonal (each moment evolves independently)

$$O_n(\xi, \mu^2) \propto \int_{-1}^1 dx C_n^{(3/2)}\left(\frac{x}{\xi}\right) H^q(x, \xi, \mu^2)$$

$$O_n(\xi, \mu^2) = O_n(\xi, \mu_0^2) \left(\frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{\alpha_s(\mu_0^2)} \right)^{\gamma_n/(2\pi\beta_0)}$$

ID	a (fm)	m_π (MeV)	β	$m_\pi L$	$L^3 \times N_T$	N_{cfg}	N_{srCS}	$\text{rk}(\mathcal{D})$
a094m358	0.094(1)	358(3)	6.3	5.4	$32^3 \times 64$	348	4	64



polynomiality of moments of GPDs:

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx x^{n-1} H(x, \xi, t) = \sum_{k=0 \text{ even}}^{n-1} A_{n,k}(t) \xi^k + \text{mod}(n+1, 2) C_n(t) \xi^n$$

$$A_{1,0}(t) = F_1(t) \quad (\text{elastic form factor})$$

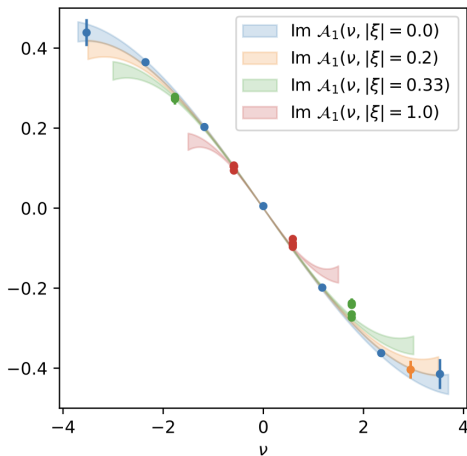
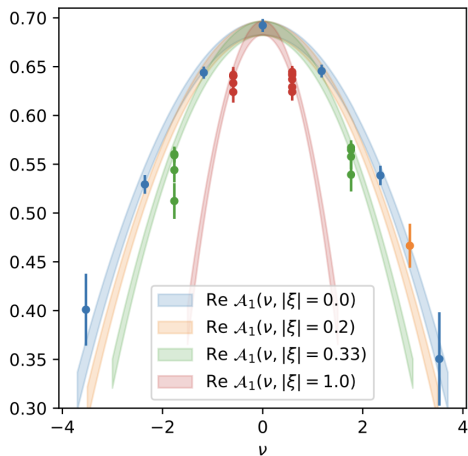
Analysis of D -term can be separated from the rest of the GPD. Hence small t -behavior without D -term:

$$\begin{aligned} H(\nu, \xi, t) &= \int dx e^{-ix\nu} H(x, \xi, t) \\ &= F_1(t) - i\nu A_{2,0}(t) - \frac{\nu^2}{2} [A_{3,0}(t) + \xi^2 A_{3,2}(t)] + \dots + \text{power corrections} \end{aligned}$$

With momenta up to 1.4 GeV used in this study, we have signal up to $A_{4,0}$ and $A_{4,2}$.

$$\text{Dipole fit: } A_{n,k}(t) = A_{n,k}(t=0) \left(1 - \frac{t}{\Lambda_{n,k}^2} \right)^{-2}$$

Fixed t and $z = 0.56$ fm, varying $P_{1,2}$ (therefore ν and ξ)



$$H(\nu, \xi, t) = F_1(t) - i\nu A_{2,0}(t) - \frac{\nu^2}{2} [A_{3,0}(t) + \xi^2 A_{3,2}(t)] + \dots + \text{power corrections}$$



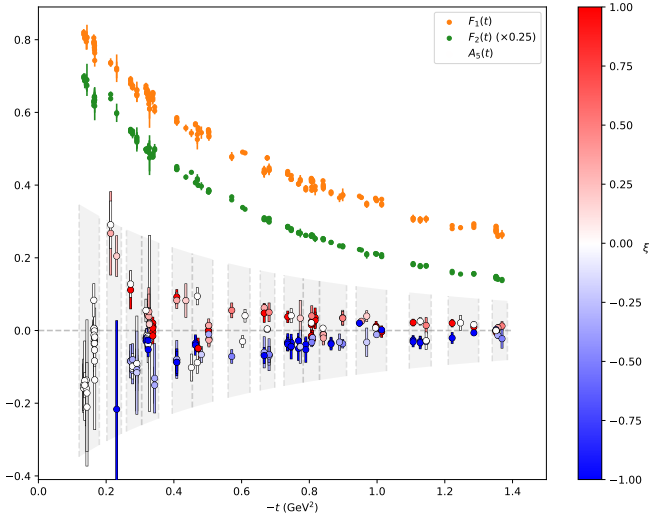
Pion mass = 0.36 GeV - Proton mass = 1.12 GeV
No continuum limit - signs of discretization errors / light-cone uncertainty
Matching at 2 GeV with leading logarithmic accuracy

Value at $t = 0$

Dipole mass (GeV)

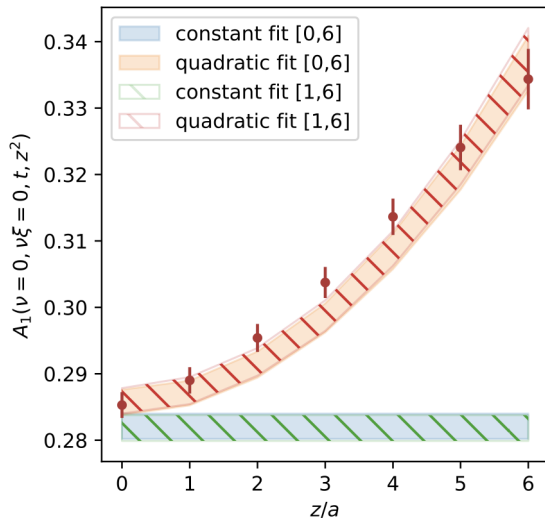
GPD H ^{u-d}		GPD E ^{u-d}		GPD H ^{u-d}		GPD E ^{u-d}	
A_{1,0} 0.974 ⁺¹² ₋₅		B_{1,0} 3.40 ⁺⁷ ₋₁		A_{1,0} 1.255 ⁺³ ₋₂₉		B_{1,0} 0.987 ⁺² ₋₆	
A_{2,0} 0.206 ⁺² ₋₆		B_{2,0} 0.370 ⁺⁹ ₋₂₄		A_{2,0} 1.83 ⁺⁹ ₋₃		B_{2,0} 1.39 ⁺¹¹ ₋₅	
A_{3,0} 0.064 ⁺² ₋₆	A_{3,2} 0.39 ⁺¹¹ ₋₃	B_{3,0} 0.063 ⁺²⁴ ₋₈	B_{3,2} 1.1 ⁺⁴ ₋₈	A_{3,0} 2.3 ⁺² ₋₅	A_{3,2} 1.10 ⁺⁷ ₋₁₁	B_{3,0} 2.2 ⁺³⁶ ₋₅	B_{3,2} 0.78 ⁺⁷⁷ ₋₉
A_{4,0} 0.065 ⁺⁵ ₋₁₉	A_{4,2} 0.5 ⁺³ ₋₃	B_{4,0} 0.06 ⁺¹⁶ ₋₂	B_{4,2} > 1.1	A_{4,0} > 3.5	A_{4,2} > 0.9	B_{4,0} > 0.6	B_{4,2} 0.5 ⁺⁵ ₋₂
D-term ^{u-d}		C₂ 0.025 ⁺⁸ ₋₈	C₂ > 2.2				

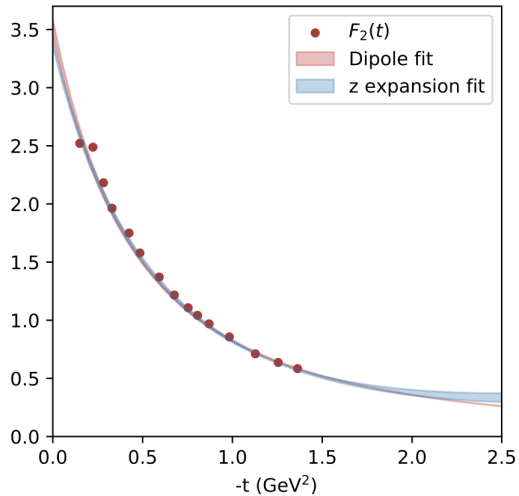
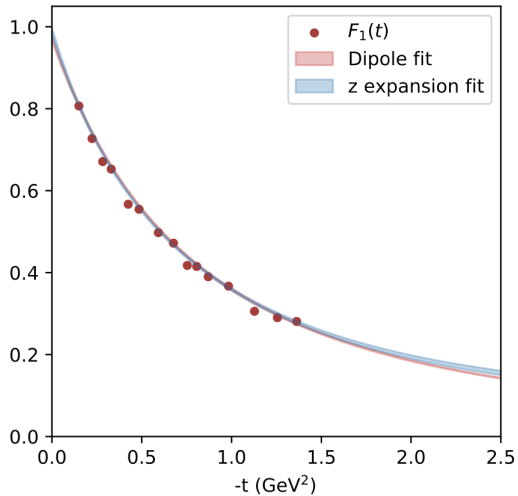
$$\langle p' | \bar{\psi}^q \gamma^\mu \psi^q | p \rangle \Big|_{z=0} = \bar{u}(p') \left[F_1^q(t) \gamma^\mu + F_2^q(t) \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} \Delta_\nu}{2m} + A_5^q(t) \frac{\Delta^\mu}{2m} \right] u(p)$$



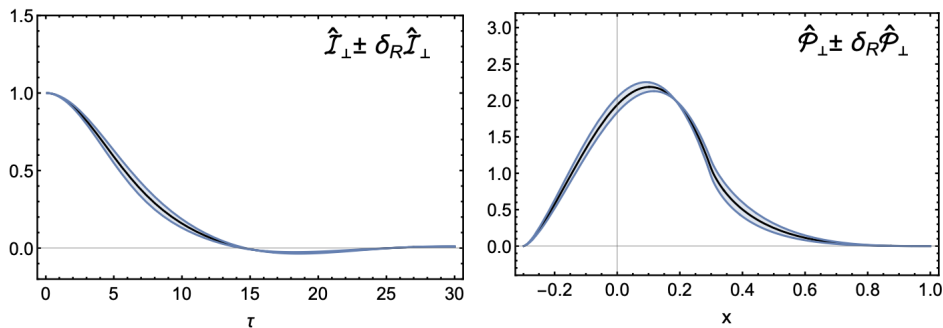
probable sign of lattice discretization
in A_5 + enhanced sensitivity to
excited state contamination

If $p_{f,z} = p_{i,z} = 0$, then $\nu = 0$ and $\nu\xi = 0$, so we have non-local data with signal only of the EFF + whatever parasitic contribution. But are these **power corrections (higher twists)** or **lattice discretization errors**? $A_5(z = 0)$ has quite certainly discretization errors.



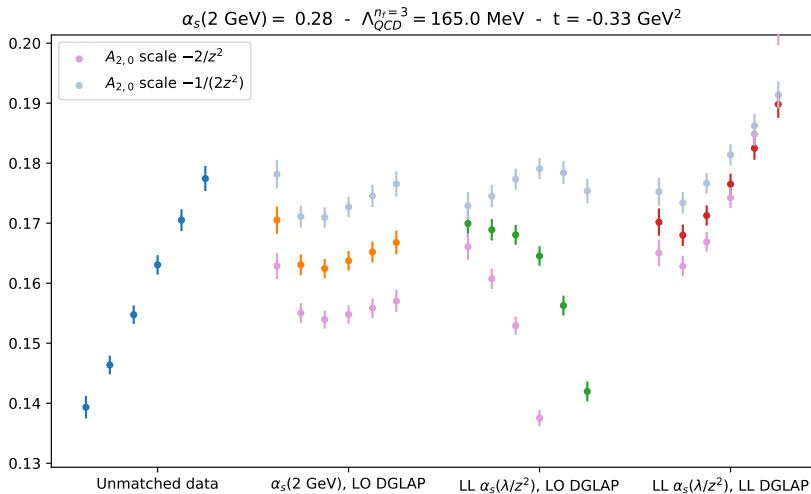


Even with a space-like separation of 1 fm, the power-corrections at $\xi = 0.3$ might be very small (model-dependent estimate of non-perturbative higher-twist contributions through renormalon ambiguity) [Braun, Koller, Schoenleber, 2024]:

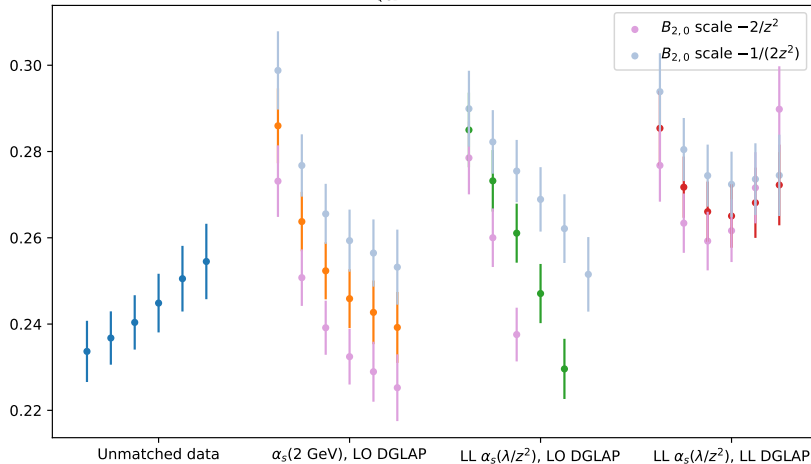


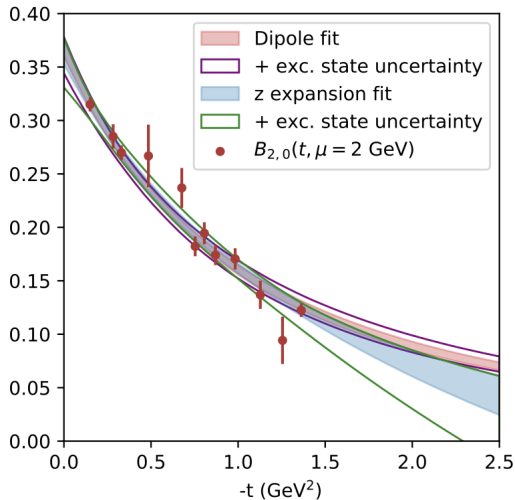
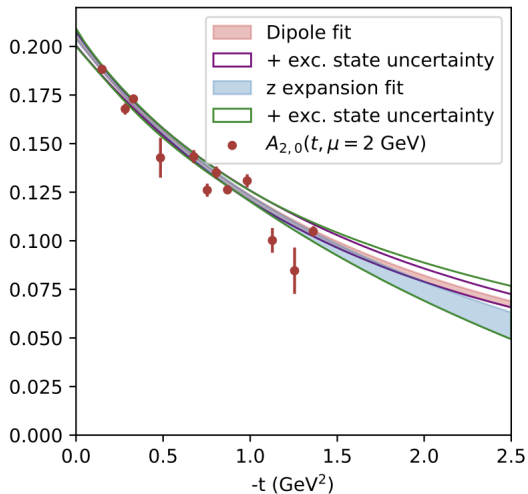
Possible interpretation: higher-twist contribution largely independent on the external momentum, and suppressed by the ratio method

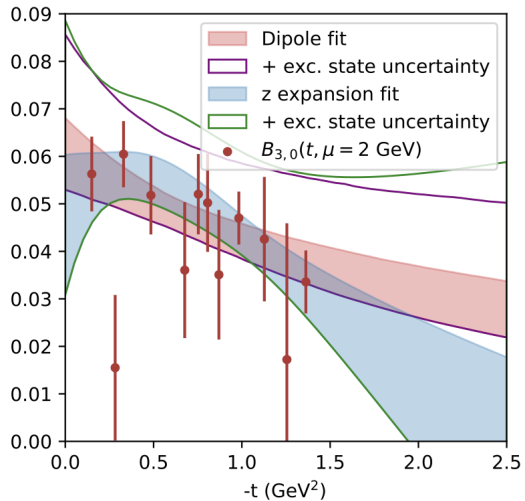
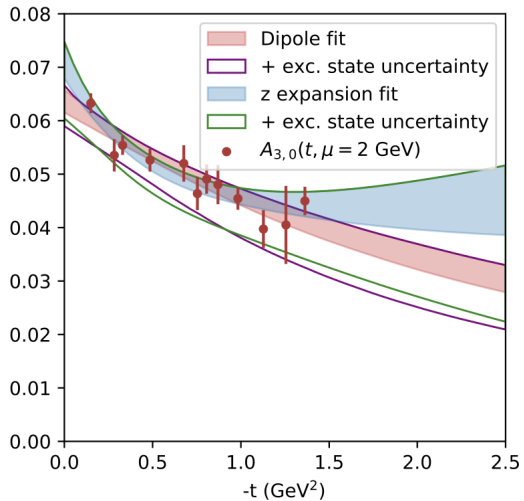
Perturbative matching uncertainty: if there is a strong leading-twist dominance up to separations of 1 fm, what is the perturbative matching kernel worth in this region? But only truly relevant for a few bins of the GFF

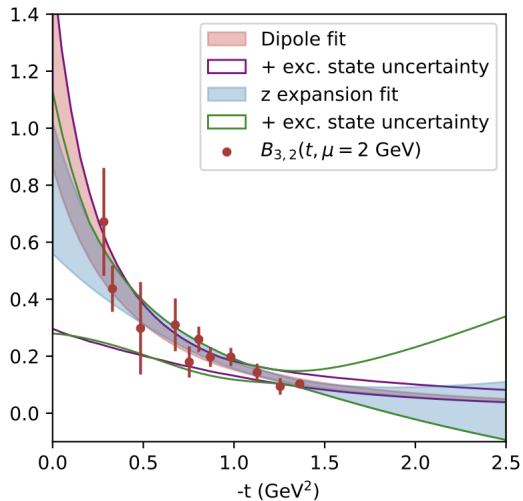
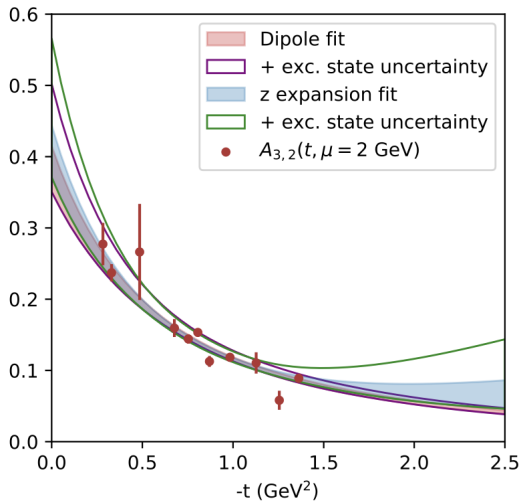


$$\alpha_s(2 \text{ GeV}) = 0.28 - \Lambda_{QCD}^{n_f=3} = 165.0 \text{ MeV} - t = -0.33 \text{ GeV}^2$$



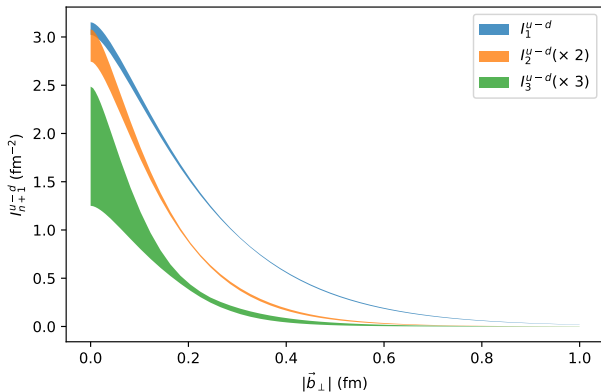






Impact parameter distribution: number density of unpolarized quarks in an unpolarized proton with mom. fraction x and radial distance to the center of longitudinal momentum \vec{b}_\perp : **model dependence!**

$$I(x, \vec{b}_\perp) = \int \frac{d^2 \vec{\Delta}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\vec{b}_\perp \cdot \vec{\Delta}_\perp} H(x, \xi = 0, t = -\vec{\Delta}_\perp^2)$$



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Perspectives on the lattice

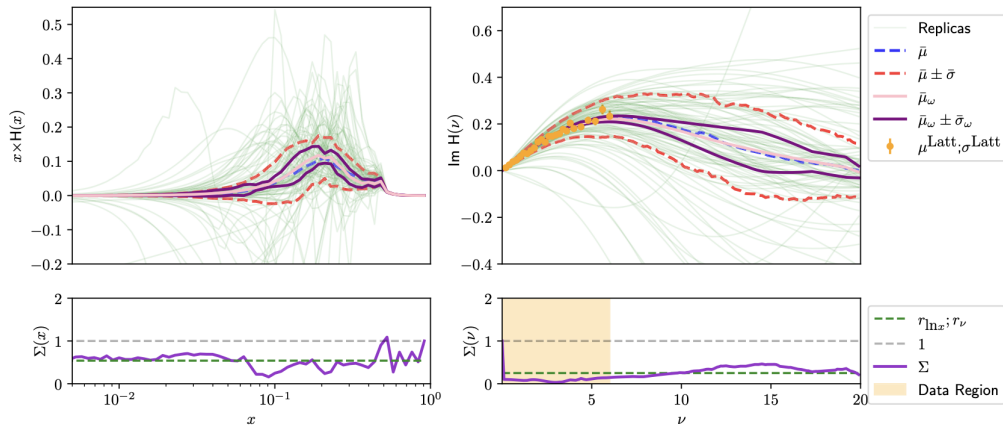
Uncertainties in lattice QCD:

- **Lattice discretization / power corrections:** evidence of issues in the EFFs, needs a continuum limit
- **Excited state / range in loffe time:** need a better assurance (GEVP) in order to produce reliable x -reconstruction / high-order moments using large momentum boost
- **Matching uncertainty / power corrections:** proposal to identify a regime of validity of factorization without the use of perturbation theory [HD, Karpie, Monahan, Orginos, Zafeiropoulos, 2023] Cf. Joe Karpie's talk earlier today
- **Pion mass / finite volume effects**

A joint lattice - experimental phenomenology

Modest example: using a model whose uncertainty is purely theoretical deconvolution uncertainty (not experimental) and pseudo-lattice data [Riberdy, HD, Mezrag, Sznajder, 2023]

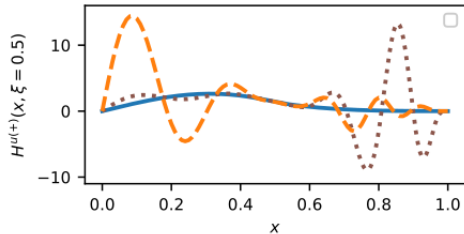
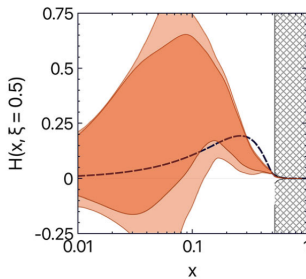
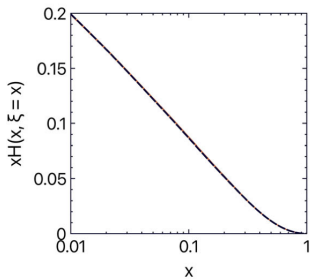
$$\xi = 0.5$$



- We have a framework with excellent signal and very large kinematic coverage for GPDs
- There is still a lot of work on purely lattice systematics (but that's ok), power corrections and matching uncertainty is a bigger concern that we start to address
- We have quite a few innovative ideas to explore beyond the dumb powering through the various limits, stay tuned!

Thank you for your attention!

(caricatural) case of uncertainty propagation at NLO: needs to measure DVCS over a range from 1 to 100 GeV² with 10⁻⁵ relative accuracy to discriminate those GPDs.



Positivity [Pire, Soffer, Teryaev, 1998] for $|x| > |\xi|$ with use of NN [HD, Grocholki, Moutarde, Sznajder, 2021]:

- NN model of DD (Lorentz sym)
- Fit DVCS observables produced by a model (no experimental uncertainty)
- Vary the architecture of the NN to probe the functional space

Excited state contamination

