

Introduction to Generalized Parton Distributions, DVCS and DVMP

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Resolving nucleon structure

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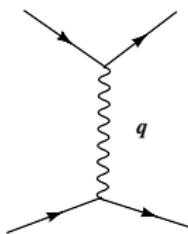
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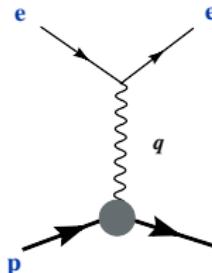
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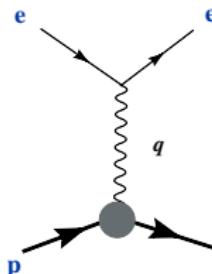
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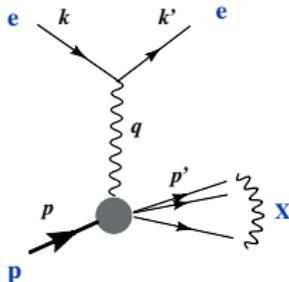
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$$\sim |\mathcal{A}|^2 \quad [\text{Rosenbluth formula}]$$

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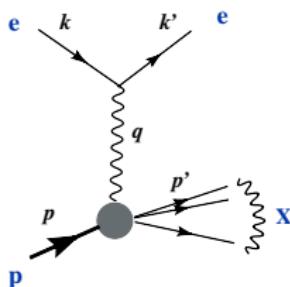
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$$q_\mu W^{\mu\lambda} = q_\lambda W^{\mu\lambda} = 0$$

$$d\sigma \sim L_{\mu\lambda}^e W^{\mu\lambda}$$

$$\sim \{ W_2(q^2, \nu) \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 2 W_1(q^2, \nu) \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \}_{ep \rightarrow eX}$$

$W_1, W_2 \dots$ structure functions

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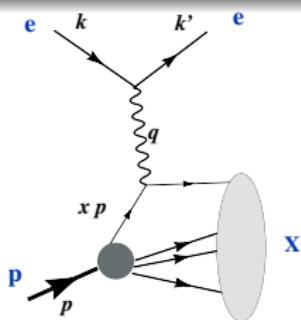
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→ sum of elastic e^- -parton scatterings

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ln Q^2 dependence ($Q^2 = -q^2$)



parton interactions

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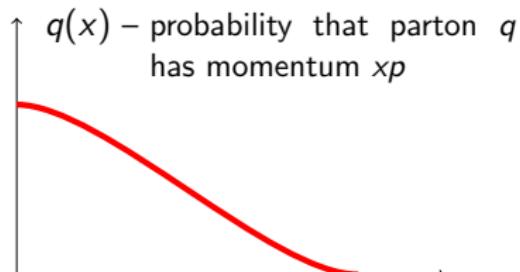
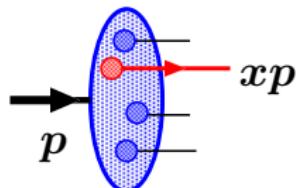
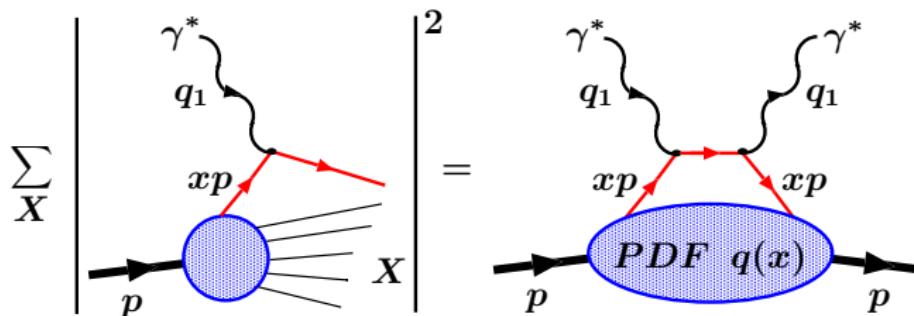
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Parton distribution functions

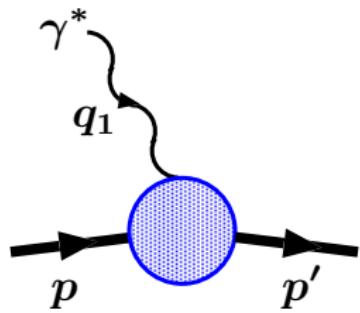
- Deeply inelastic scattering



- no information on spatial distribution of partons

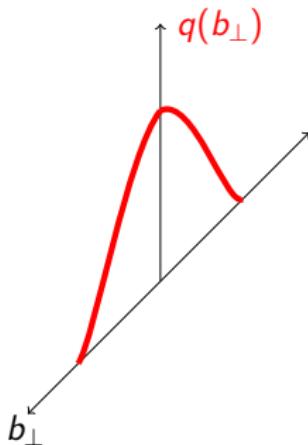
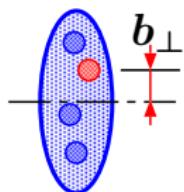
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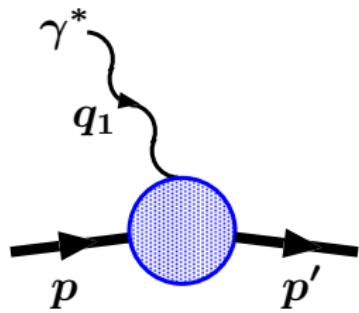
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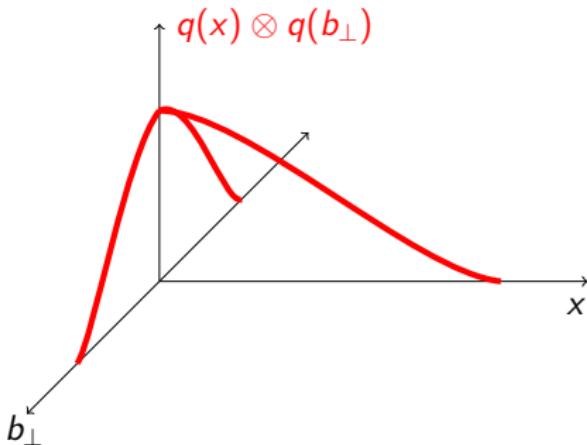
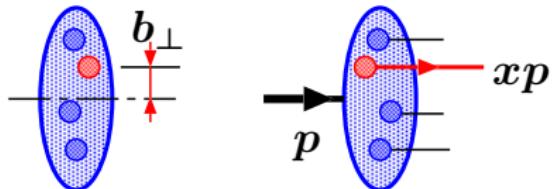
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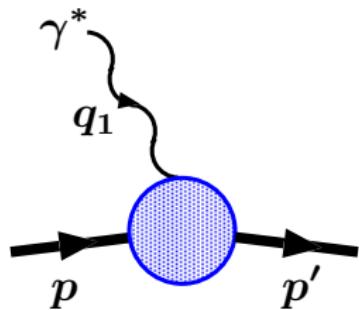
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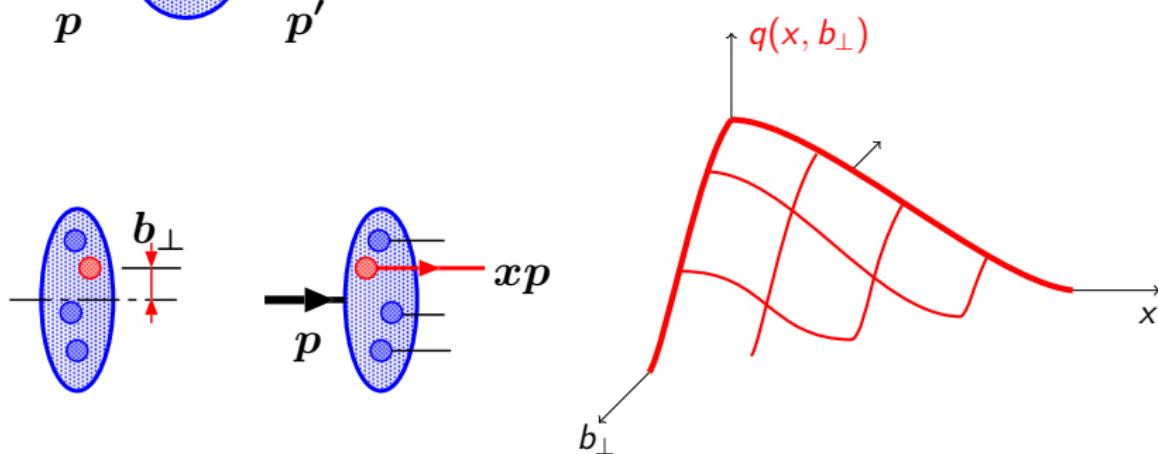
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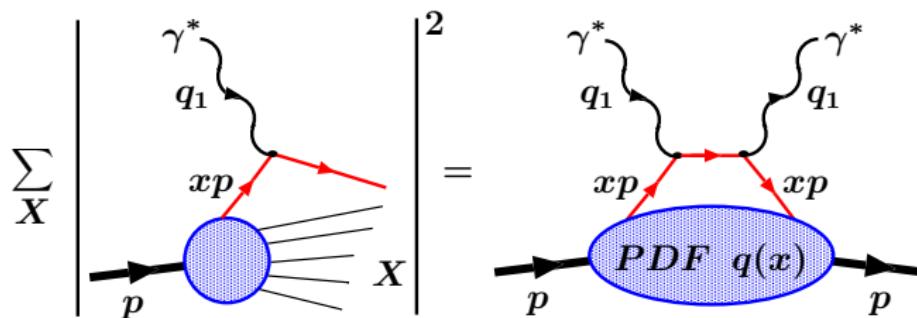
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DIS and Compton scattering

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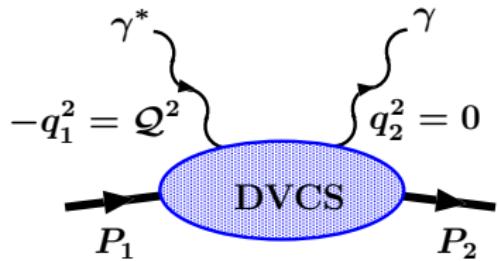


$$\sigma_{tot}(\gamma^* p \rightarrow X) \stackrel{\text{optical theorem}}{\propto} \text{Im } \mathcal{A}(\gamma^* p \rightarrow \gamma^* p)$$

forward Compton scattering

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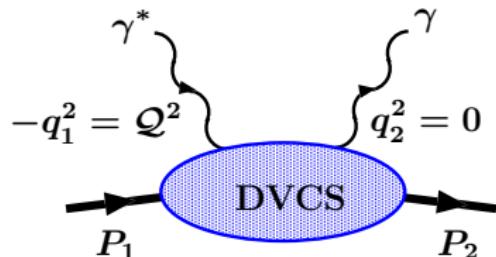
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generalized Bjorken limit:

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$$\vartheta = \frac{q_1^2 - q_2^2}{q_1^2 + q_2^2} \approx \frac{\eta}{\xi} \stackrel{\text{DVCS}}{=} 1$$

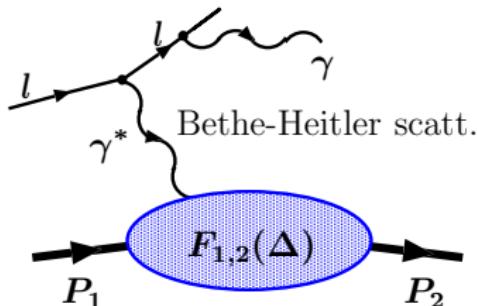
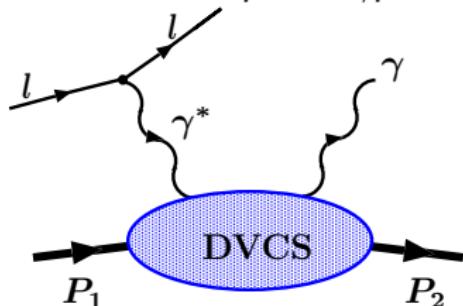
$$\xi = \frac{-q^2}{2P \cdot q} \rightarrow \text{const (as } x_B)$$

$$t = (P_2 - P_1)^2 = \Delta^2$$

$$\sigma \propto |\mathcal{A}(\gamma^* p \rightarrow \gamma p)|^2$$

Deeply virtual Compton scattering

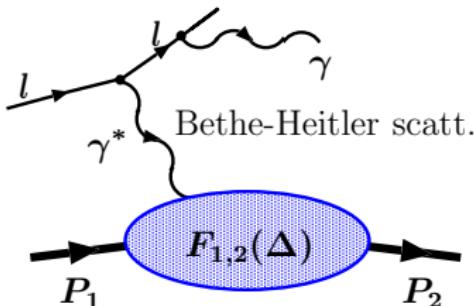
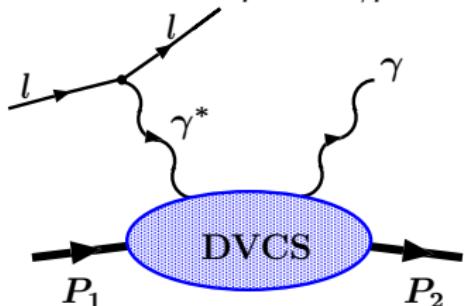
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- There is a background process but it can be used to our advantage:

$$\sigma \propto |\mathcal{A}_{\text{DVCS}}|^2 + |\mathcal{A}_{\text{BH}}|^2 + \mathcal{A}_{\text{DVCS}}^* \mathcal{A}_{\text{BH}} + \mathcal{A}_{\text{DVCS}} \mathcal{A}_{\text{BH}}^*$$

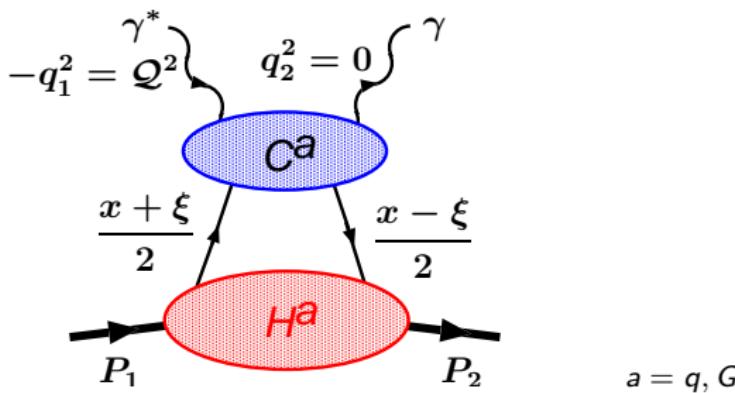
- Using \mathcal{A}_{BH} as a referent “source” enables measurement of the phase of $\mathcal{A}_{\text{DVCS}}$

Factorization of DVCS \rightarrow GPDs

→ cross-section can be expressed in terms of (the squares of)

Compton form factors: $\mathcal{H}(\xi, t, Q^2)$, $\mathcal{E}(\xi, t, Q^2)$, $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}(\xi, t, Q^2)$, $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(\xi, t, Q^2)$, ...

[Collins and Freund '99]



- Compton form factor is a convolution:

$$^a\mathcal{H}(\xi, t, Q^2) = \int dx \ C^a(x, \xi, Q^2/\mu^2) \ H^a(x, \eta = \xi, t, \mu^2)$$

- $H^a(x, \eta, t, \mu^2)$ — Generalized parton distribution (GPD)

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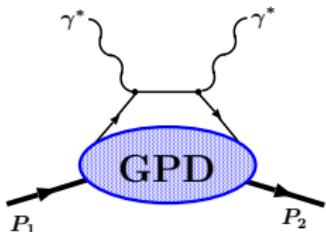
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\rightarrow nonperturbative input

\rightarrow evolution \Leftarrow pQCD (limiting cases DGLAP ($\eta = 0$) and ERBL ($\eta = 1$) evolution equations)

$$\mu^2 \frac{d}{d\mu^2} \mathbf{F}(x, \eta, t, \mu^2) = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dy}{2\eta} \mathbf{V}\left(\frac{\eta+x}{2\eta}, \frac{\eta+y}{2\eta}; \eta \middle| \alpha_s(\mu)\right) \cdot \mathbf{F}(y, \eta, t, \mu^2)$$

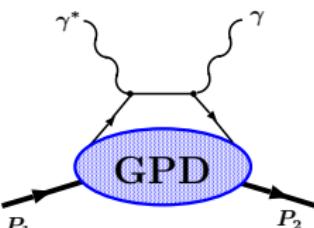
Complementary processes



(double) DVCS

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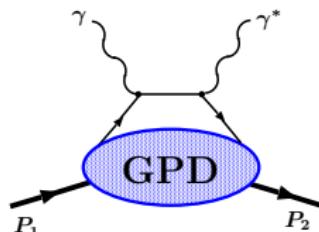
$$(ep \rightarrow ep l^+ l^-)$$



spacelike DVCS

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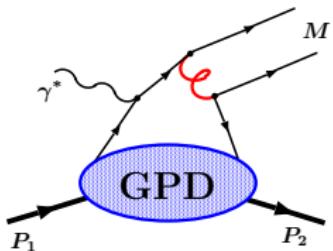
$$(ep \rightarrow ep \gamma)$$



timelike DVCS

$$\gamma p \rightarrow \gamma^* p$$

$$(\gamma p \rightarrow pl^+ l^-)$$



Deeply virtual production of mesons (DVMP)

more difficult, but access to flavours

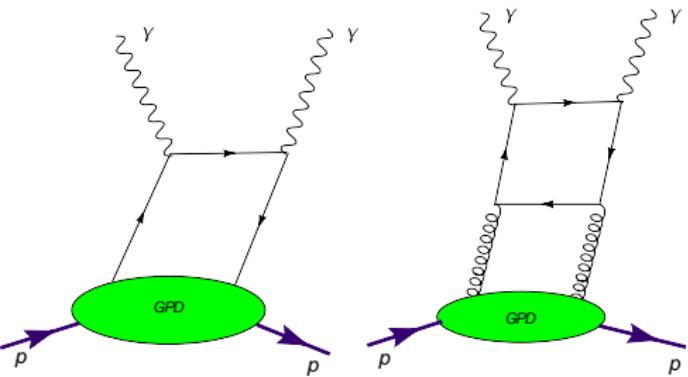
$$\gamma^* p \rightarrow Mp$$

factorization: [Collins, Frankfurt, Strikman '97]

Hard-scattering amplitudes (DV processes vs. meson form factors)

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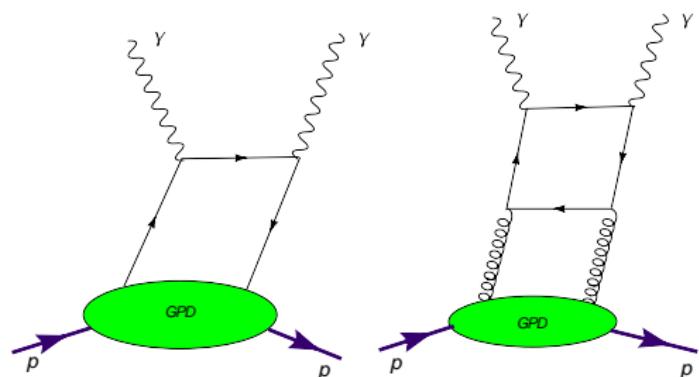
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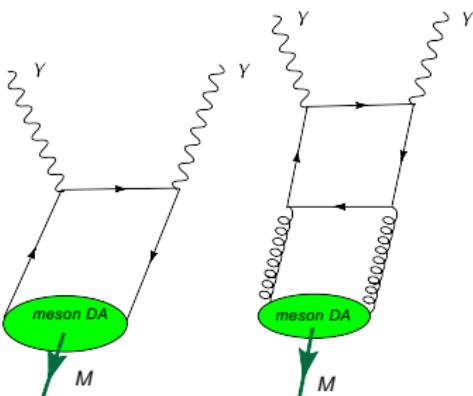
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Meson transition form factor

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

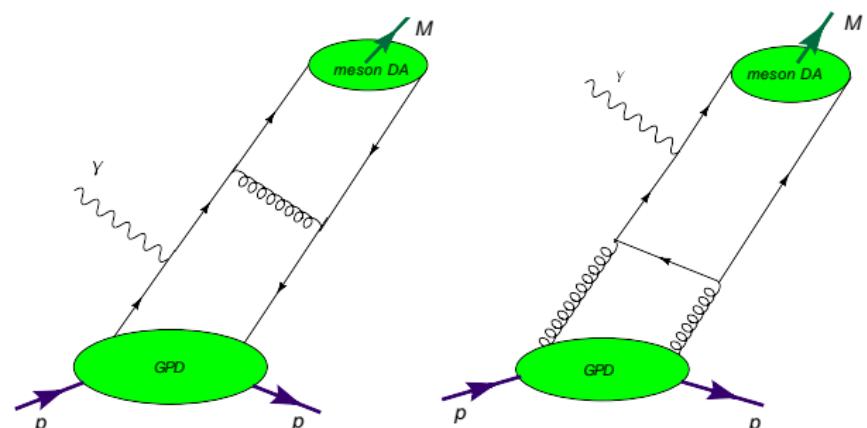


NLO: [Ji et al, Belitsky et al, Mankiewicz et al, '97]

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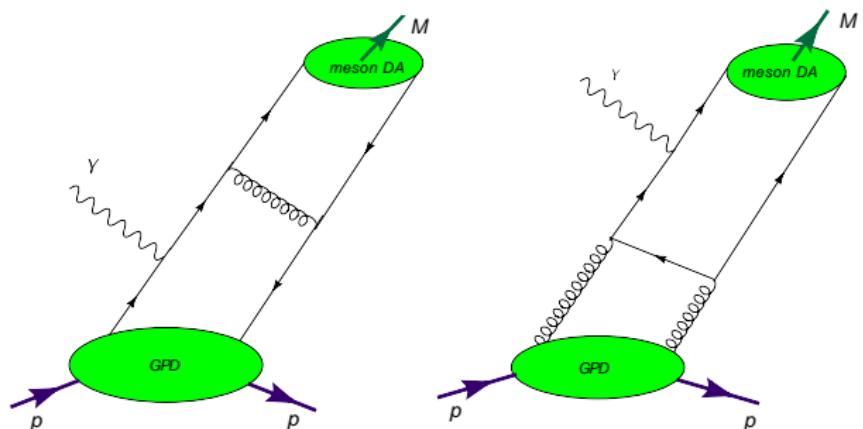


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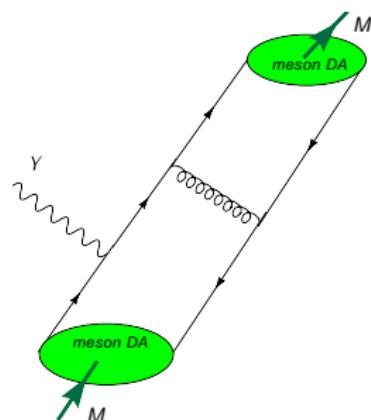
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Meson em form factor

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



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Definition of GPDs

- In QCD **GPDs** are defined as [Müller '92, et al. '94, Ji, Radyushkin '96]

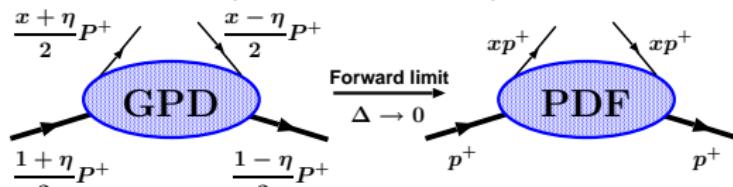
$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{F}^q(x, \eta, t = \Delta^2) &= \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ixP^+z^-} \langle P_2 | \bar{q}(-z) \gamma^+ \gamma_5 q(z) | P_1 \rangle \Big|_{z^+=0, \mathbf{z}_\perp=0} \\ \tilde{F}^g(x, \eta, t = \Delta^2) &= \frac{4}{P^+} \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ixP^+z^-} \langle P_2 | G_a^{+\mu}(-z) \tilde{G}_{a\mu}^+(z) | P_1 \rangle \Big|_{...}\end{aligned}$$

- Decomposing into helicity conserving and non-conserving part:

$$F^a = \frac{\bar{u}(P_2) \gamma^+ u(P_1)}{P^+} H^a + \frac{\bar{u}(P_2) i \sigma^{+\nu} u(P_1) \Delta_\nu}{2MP^+} E^a \quad a = q, g$$

Properties of GPDs

- Forward limit ($\Delta \rightarrow 0, \eta \rightarrow 0$): $\Rightarrow \tilde{H}$ -GPDs \rightarrow PDFs



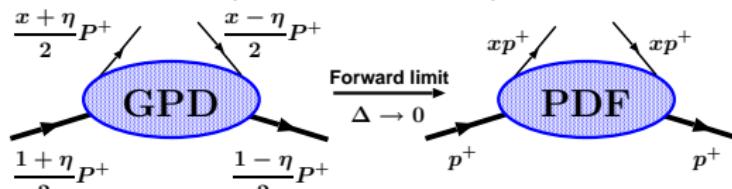
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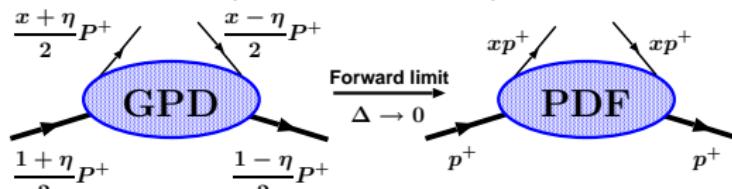
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- Sum rules: \Rightarrow GPD \rightarrow form factors

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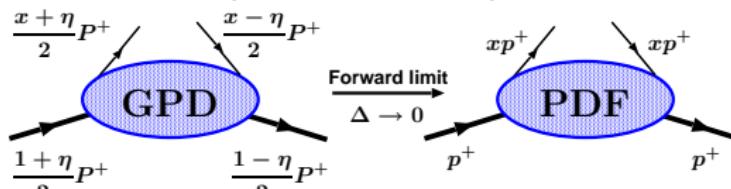
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- Possibility of solution of proton spin problem

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 dx x [H^q(x, \eta, t) + E^q(x, \eta, t)] = \textcolor{red}{J^q(t)} \quad [\text{Ji '96}]$$

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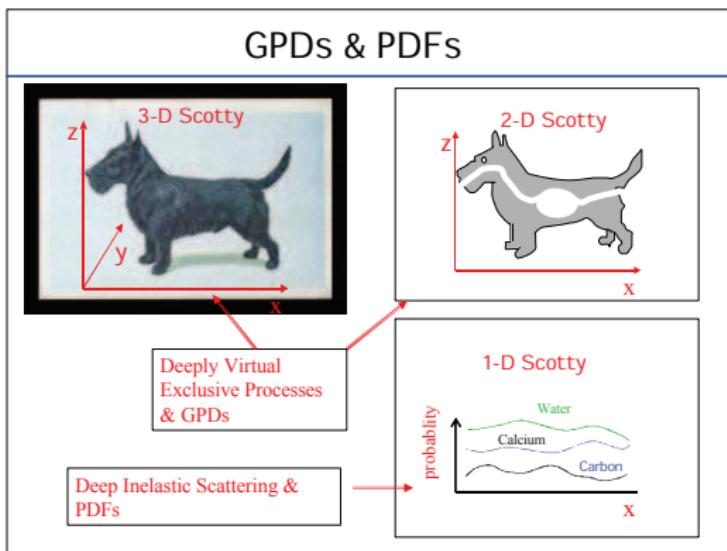
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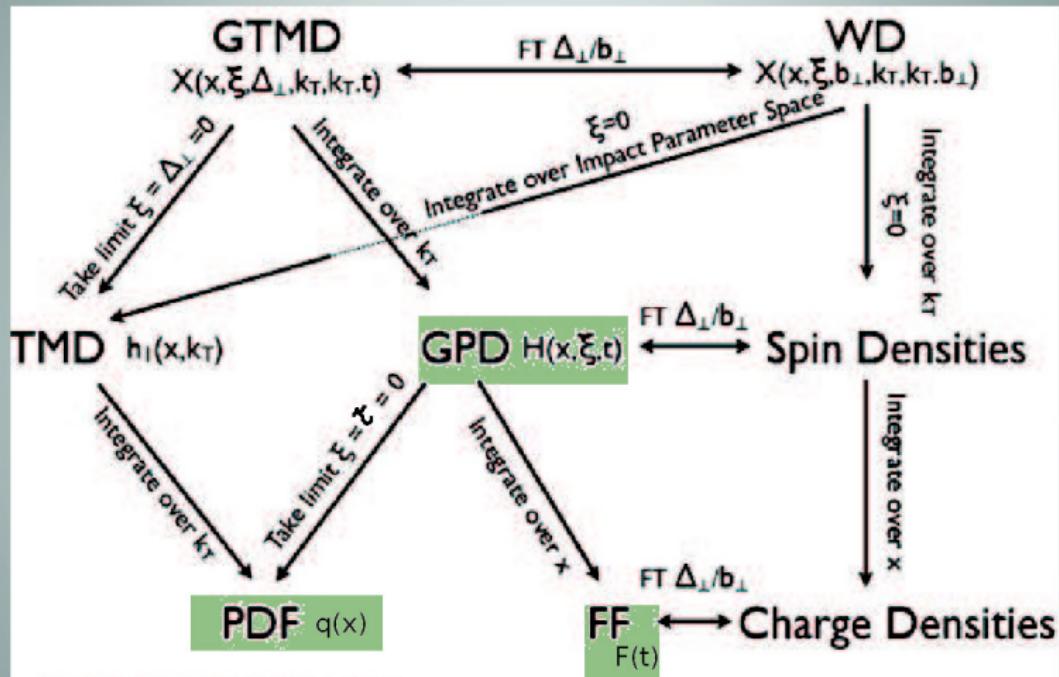
$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 dx x [H^q(x, \eta, t) + E^q(x, \eta, t)] = J^q(t) \quad [\text{Ji '96}]$$

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[V. D. Burkert, 2006]

Contemporary hierarchy of parton distributions

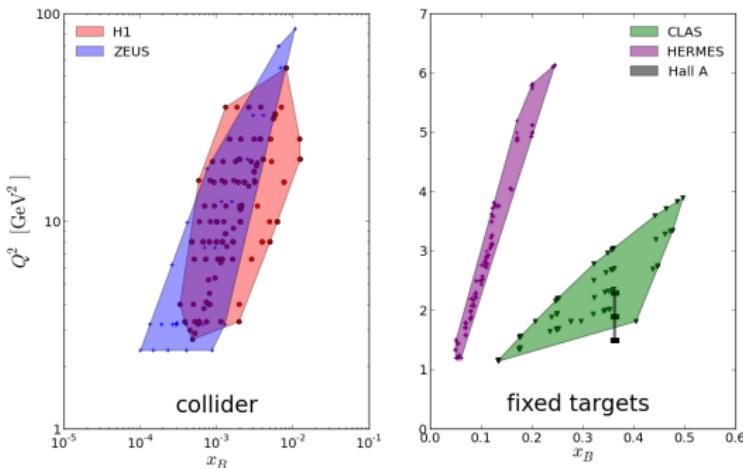


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Experimental status

DVCS



[from Kumericki et al. 2015]

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→ new results from COMPASS, JLab12 (EIC)

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DVCS using Mellin-Barnes representation, going to higher-orders and fitting GPDs

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Towards a fitting procedure for deeply virtual Compton scattering at next-to-leading order and beyond, [[hep-ph/0703179](#)]

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$$\mathbf{H}_j(\eta, t) = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} N'_\Sigma F_\Sigma(t) B(1+j-\alpha_\Sigma(0), 8) \\ N'_G F_G(t) B(1+j-\alpha_G(0), 6) \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Leading partial wave}} + \begin{pmatrix} s_\Sigma \\ s_G \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{subleading partial waves, } \eta\text{-dependence!} \\ \text{partial waves, } \eta\text{-dependence!} \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Leading wave** – simplest case:
(at NLO data can be fitted with leading wave only)
 - Regge-inspired ansatz

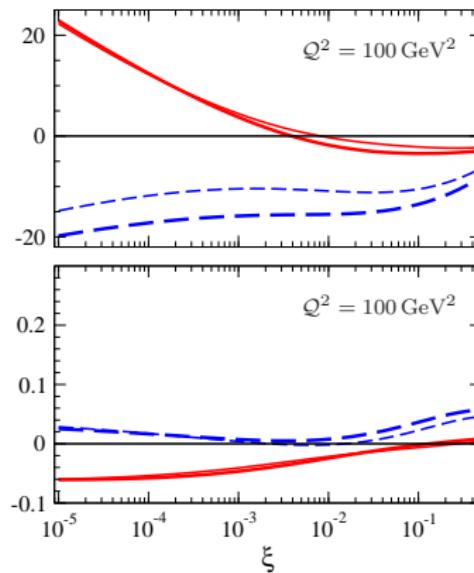
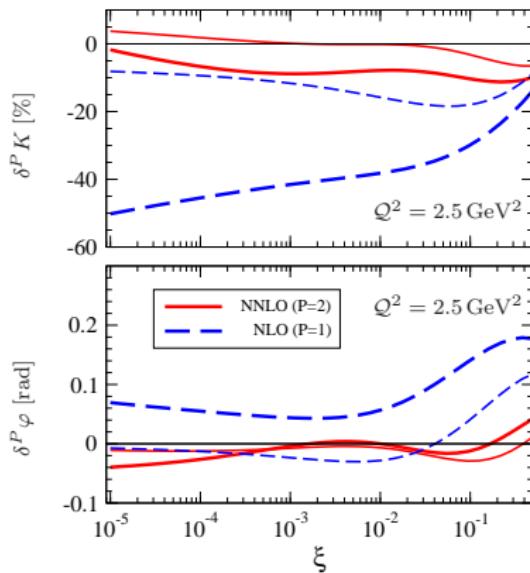
$$\alpha_a(t) = \alpha_a(0) + 0.15t \quad F_a(t) = \frac{j+1-\alpha(0)}{j+1-\alpha(t)} \left(1 - \frac{t}{M_0^{a2}}\right)^{-p_a}$$

- for $t = 0$ corresponds to x-space **PDFs** of the form
- $$\Sigma(x) = N'_\Sigma x^{-\alpha_\Sigma(0)} (1-x)^7; \quad G(x) = N'_G x^{-\alpha_G(0)} (1-x)^5$$
- fit parameters: N_Σ , $\alpha_\Sigma(0)$, $\alpha_G(0)$ (DIS) and M_0^Σ (DVCS)

$(M_0^G = \sqrt{0.7} \text{ GeV from } J/\Psi \text{ prod.})$

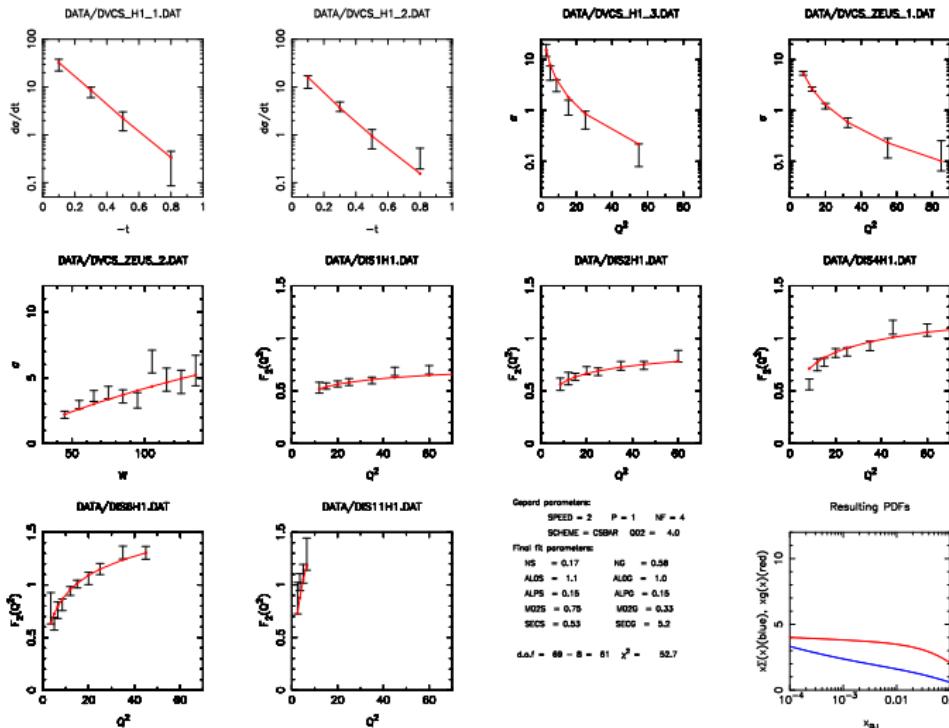
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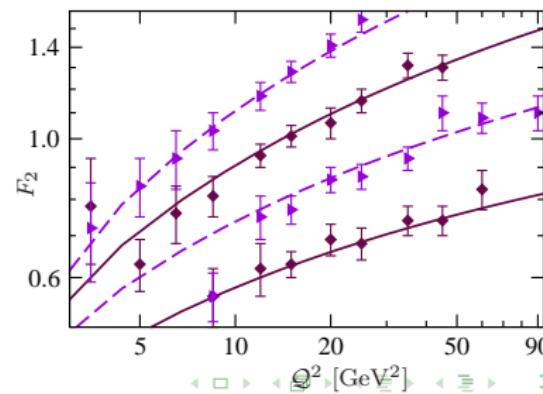
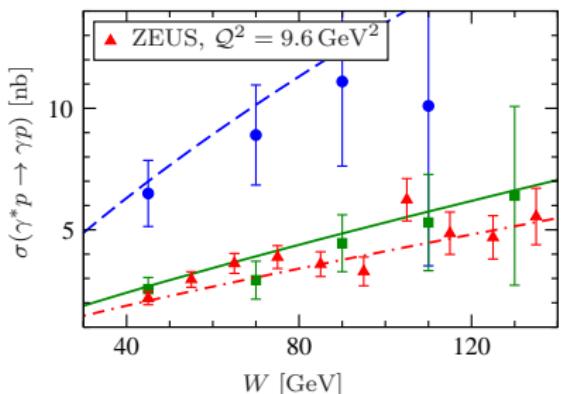
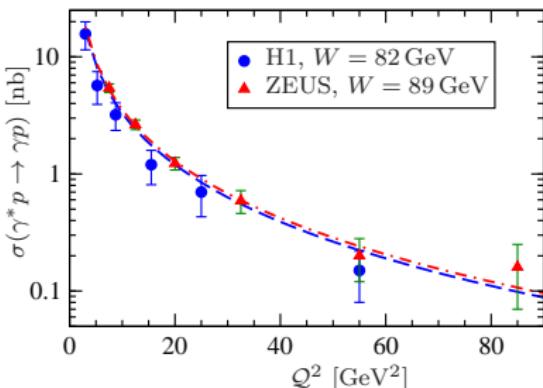
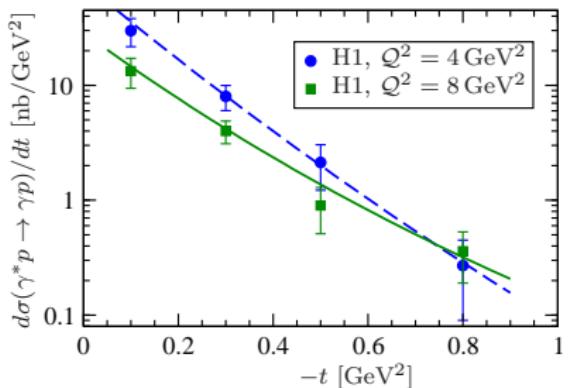


$$\delta^P K = \frac{|\mathcal{H}^{NP}_{LO}|}{|\mathcal{H}^{N\bar{P}-1}_{LO}|} - 1 , \quad \quad \delta^P \varphi = \arg \left(\frac{\mathcal{H}^{NP}_{LO}}{\mathcal{H}^{N\bar{P}-1}_{LO}} \right)$$

Fits (GeParD output)

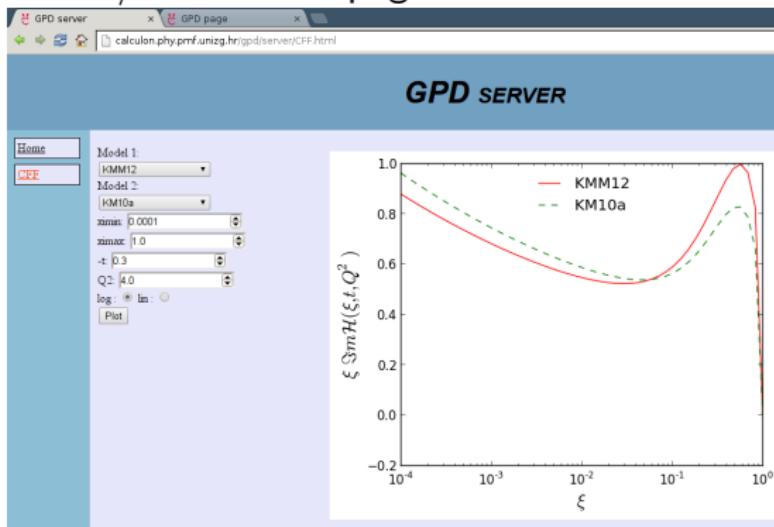


NNLO fit to HERA DVCS+DIS data



GPD page and server

- Durham-like CFF/GPD server page



- binary code for cross sections and KM models available at <http://calculon.phy.hr/gpd/>

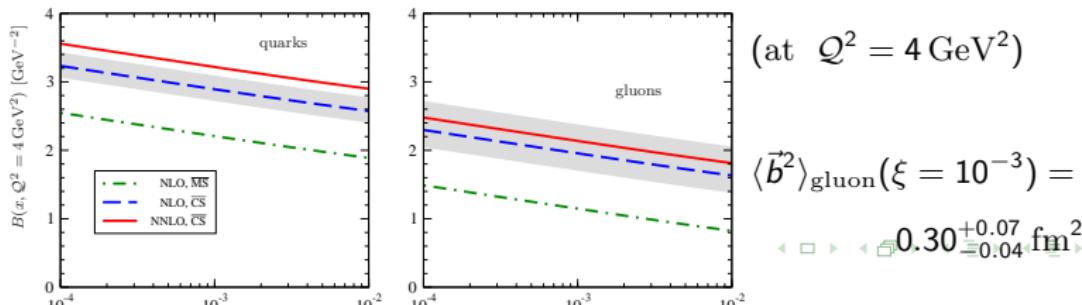
Parton probability density

- Fourier transform of GPD for $\eta = 0$ can be interpreted as probability density depending on x and transversal distance b
[Burkardt '00, '02]

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

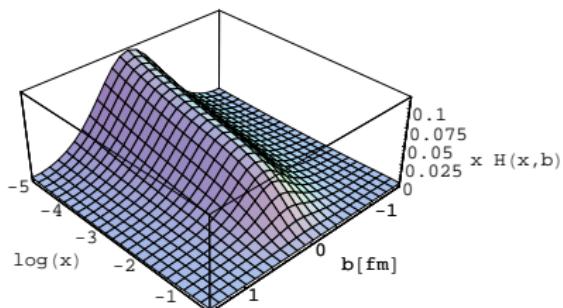
- Average transversal distance :

$$\langle \vec{b}^2 \rangle(x, Q^2) = \frac{\int d\vec{b} \vec{b}^2 H(x, \vec{b}, Q^2)}{\int d\vec{b} H(x, \vec{b}, Q^2)} = 4B(x, Q^2),$$

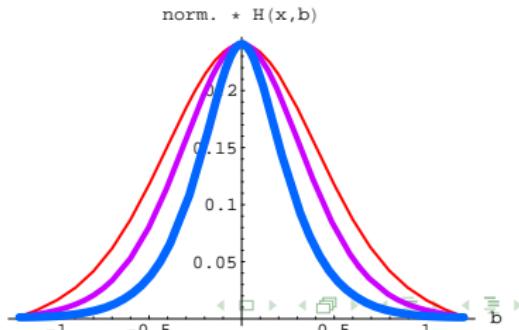
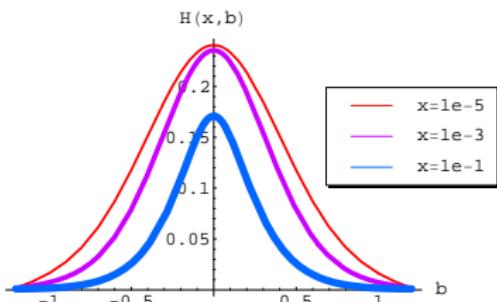
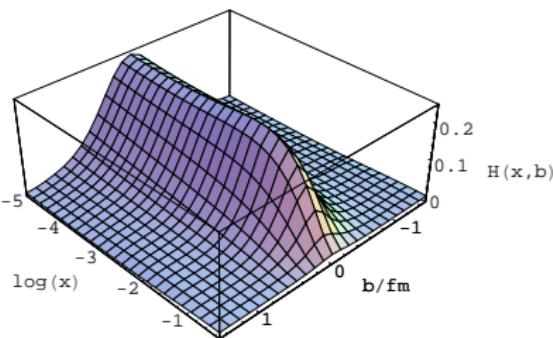


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