





## Nucleon structure: from electromagnetic Form Factors to Generalized Parton Distributions

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Moments of the proton charge density

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#### Moments of the proton charge density: Context







# $e^ e^ e^ p^ p^-$

#### Issues faced when evaluating the radius:

- What is the best  $k^2$  range to fit and extrapolate the Form Factor?
- What function to use? Model assumption of the functional behavior of the form factor
- Sensitivity to variations of the Form Factor at low  $k^2$

Goal: Another method to evaluate the moments of the charge density from experimental data

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• Moments 
$$r^{\lambda}$$
 can be written as:  $(r^{\lambda}, \rho_E) = \frac{2}{\pi} \Gamma(\lambda + 2) \lim_{\epsilon \to 0^+} \int_0^\infty dk \; G_E(k) \frac{k \sin\left[(\lambda + 2) \operatorname{Arctan}\left(\frac{k}{\epsilon}\right)\right]}{(k^2 + \epsilon^2)^{\frac{\lambda}{2} + 1}}$ 

Condition:  $\lambda > -3$ 

• Integer 
$$\lambda$$
:  $(r^m, \rho_E) = \frac{2}{\pi}(m+1)! \lim_{\epsilon \to 0^+} \epsilon^{m+2} \int_0^\infty dk \ \mathbf{G}_E(\mathbf{k}) \frac{k}{(k^2 + \epsilon^2)^{m+2}} \Phi_m\left(\frac{k}{\epsilon}\right)$  with  $\Phi_m\left(\frac{k}{\epsilon}\right) = \sum_{j=0}^{m+2} \sin\left(\frac{j\pi}{2}\right) \frac{(m+2)!}{j!(m+2-j)!} \left(\frac{k}{\epsilon}\right)^j$ 

For even order moments : IM recovers formally the same quantities as the derivative

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- Odd moments can now be accessed directly (Can even access fractional moments!)
- No change in the extracted value for even moments, but:
  - Conceptual change residing in the fact that doing integrals rather than derivatives , implies that all Q2 range should be considered for the determination of the FF, no truncation in the FF data fit.
- Less sensitive to form factor variations
- Emphasis on:
  - Measurements of FFs at low Q<sup>2</sup> (long range effects) as well as high Q<sup>2</sup> (short range effects) are equally
    important for the study of nucleon structure



Experimental measurements of the Form Factor do not extend to infinite  $k^2$ :

- But: Integrals are most likely to saturate at a squared four-momentum transfer value well below infinity.
- Hence: Cut-off Q replaces the infinite integral boundary : truncated moments.





- Select G<sub>E</sub> from elastic electron scattering experiments
  - **Rosenbluth Separation** : Measure  $\sigma_R$  at a fixed  $k^2$

for different values of beam energy and scattering angle

 $\succ$  G<sub>M</sub> contribution is strongly suppressed: at very low  $k^2$ 

→ 21 data sets:

 $[2.15 \times 10^{-4} \text{GeV}^2]$   $5.51 \times 10^{-3} \le k^2 (\text{fm}^{-2}) \le 226 [8.8 \text{ GeV}^2]$ 

• Fit simultaneously the different datasets using the functional form

 $G_E(k) = \eta_i \frac{1 + a_1 k^2}{1 + b_1 k^2 + b_2 k^4 + b_3 k^6}$ 

- > The **same functional behavior** is assumed for each dataset
- > A separate normalization parameter  $\eta_i$  is considered for each dataset number i

| Data   |      |                           | Number | k <sup>2</sup> -range |                       |
|--------|------|---------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Set    | Year | Author                    | of     | $k_{min}^2$           | $k_{max}^2$           |
| Number |      |                           | data   | $(fm^{-2})$           | $(fm^{-2})$           |
| 1      | 1961 | Bumiller et al.           | 11     | 4.00                  | 25.0                  |
| 2      | 1961 | Littauer et al.           | 9      | 2.00                  | 24.0                  |
| 3      | 1962 | Lehmann et al.            | 1      | 2.98                  | 2.98                  |
| 4      | 1963 | Dudelzak et al.           | 4      | 0.30                  | 2.00                  |
| 5      | 1963 | Berkelman et al.          | 3      | 25.0                  | 35.0                  |
| 6      | 1966 | Frèrejacque et al.        | 4      | 0.98                  | 1.76                  |
| 7      | 1966 | Chen et al.               | 2      | 30.0                  | 45.0                  |
| 8      | 1966 | Janssens et al.           | 20     | 4.00                  | 22.0                  |
| 9      | 1971 | Berger et al.             | 9      | 1.00                  | 50.0                  |
| 10     | 1973 | Bartel et al.             | 8      | 17.2                  | 77.0                  |
| 11     | 1975 | Borkowski et al.          | 10     | 0.35                  | 3.15                  |
| 12     | 1994 | Walker et al.             | 4      | 25.7                  | 77.0                  |
| 13     | 1994 | Andivahis et al.          | 8      | 44.9                  | 226.                  |
| 14     | 2004 | Christy et al.            | 7      | 16.7                  | 133.                  |
| 15     | 2005 | Qattan et al.             | 3      | 67.8                  | 105.                  |
| 16     | 2014 | Bernauer et al.           | 77     | 0.39                  | 14.2                  |
| 17     | 2019 | Xiong et al 1.1 GeV       | 33     | $5.51 \times 10^{-3}$ | 3.96×10 <sup>-1</sup> |
| 18     | 2019 | Xiong et al 2.1 GeV       | 38     | 1.79×10 <sup>-2</sup> | 1.49                  |
| 19     | 2021 | Mihovilovič et al 195 MeV | 6      | $3.43 \times 10^{-2}$ | 6.99×10 <sup>-2</sup> |
| 20     | 2021 | Mihovilovič et al 330 MeV | 11     | $4.69 \times 10^{-2}$ | $2.00 \times 10^{-1}$ |
| 21     | 2021 | Mihovilovič et al 495 MeV | 8      | $1.57 \times 10^{-1}$ | $4.37 \times 10^{-1}$ |



#### **Fit results**





Normalization parameters  $\eta_i$ 

- Recent experiments (2010-2021): Deviation from unity is smaller than 1%
- Old Experiments: Deviations up to 15%

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#### Extracted moments of the proton charge density

- Novel method for the determination of the moments of the charge density via integral forms of the electric form factor.
- Reanalysis of some GE experimental data (Rosenbluth + low  $k^2$ )
  - Extraction of several moments of the charge density taking all error sources into consideration
- Necessity to have experimental data at low  $k^2$  for a better determination of high order positive moments (large-distance effects)
- Importance to have data at high  $k^2$  necessary in the evaluation of negative order moments (short-distance effects)
- Extend the application to include measurements of  $G_M(k^2) + \frac{\mu G_E(k^2)}{G_M(k^2)}$  and access magnetic moments as well as Zemach moments

|           |                                      |                               | Stat. Error   | Sy                        | vst. Err                  | or                        |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| $\lambda$ | $\langle r^{\lambda} \rangle_{O}$    | $\langle r^{\lambda} \rangle$ | $\delta \left[ \langle r^{\lambda} \rangle_{O} \right]$ | Dat.                      | Fun.                      | Mod.                      |
|           | $\left[\mathrm{fm}^{\lambda}\right]$ | $[\mathrm{fm}^{\lambda}]$     | $\left[\mathrm{fm}^{\lambda}\right]^{2}$                | $[\mathrm{fm}^{\lambda}]$ | $[\mathrm{fm}^{\lambda}]$ | $[\mathrm{fm}^{\lambda}]$ |
| -2        | 6.5826                               | 8.9093                        | 0.0039  | 0.0141                    | 0.0008                    | 0.0183                    |
| -1        | 1.9752                               | 2.1043                        | 0.0005  | 0.0024                    | 0.0002                    | 0.0022                    |
| 1         | 0.7186                               | 0.7158                        | 0.0004  | 0.0025                    | 0.0001                    | 0.0008                    |
| 2         | 0.6824                               | 0.6824                        | 0.0020  | 0.0113                    | 0.0001                    | 0.0053                    |
| 3         | 0.7966                               | 0.7970                        | 0.0096  | 0.0500                    | 0.0005                    | 0.0300                    |
| 4         | 1.0208                               | 1.0208                        | 0.0515  | 0.2498                    | 0.0042                    | 0.1752                    |
| 5         | 0.9219                               | 0.9217                        | 0.3098  | 1.4388                    | 0.0273                    | 1.0995                    |
| 6         | -3.6823                              | -3.6823                       | 2.0835  | 9.5186                    | 0.2372                    | 7.5914                    |
| 7         | -49.6804                             | -49.6802                      | 15.8544   | 71.544                    | 1.7403                    | 58.198                    |

| Systematic     |              |               |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| errors related | Bias that    |               |
| to             | could be     | Errors        |
| experimental   | generated    | attached to   |
| data of FF     | from the fit | the choice of |
|                | function     | the fitting   |
|                |              | model         |

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• Work in collaboration with Silvia Niccolai for the CLAS collaboration



### GPDs

- QCD at low energies: non perturbative regime
  - Need structure functions to describe nucleon structure

#### GPDs

Correlation of transverse position and longitudinal momentum of partons in the nucleon & the spin structure - through Ji's sum rule x. Ji, Phy.Rev.Lett.78,610(1997)

- GPDs can be accessed through exclusive leptoproduction reactions
- At leading order QCD, chiral-even (quark helicity is conserved), quark sector: 4 GPDs for each quark flavor  $H, \tilde{H}, E$  and  $\tilde{E}$
- GPDs depend on x,  $\xi$  and t = (p' p) 2





Belitsky, Radyushkin, Physics Reports, 2005



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• GPDs: Fourier transforms of non-local, non-diagonal QCD operators





R. Dupré, M. Guidal, M.Vanderhaeghen, PRD95, 011501 (2017)

Quark angular momentum X. Ji, Phy.Rev.Lett.78,610(1997)  $\frac{1}{2}\int_{-1}^{1} x dx (H(x,\xi,t=0) + E(x,\xi,t=0)) = J = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + \Delta L$ Nucleon spin:  $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + \Delta L + \Delta G$ 

- The intrinsic spin of the quarks can not explain the origin of the spin of the nucleon (nucleon Spin Crisis)
- Intrinsic spin of the gluons
- GPDs: quantify the contribution of orbital angular momentum of quarks to the nucleon spin

#### Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering of leptons off nucleons



- DVCS allows access to 4 complex GPDs-related quantities:
  - Compton Form Factors (x, ξ,t) (CFFs)

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{q} e_{q}^{2} \left\{ i \, \pi \left[ H^{q}(\xi,\xi,t) - H^{q}(-\xi,\xi,t) \right] + \mathcal{P} \int_{-1}^{1} dx H^{q}(x,\xi,t) \left[ \frac{1}{\xi-x} - \frac{1}{\xi+x} \right] \right\}$$

 x can not be accessed experimentally by DVCS: Models needed to map the x dependence



BH is purely electromagnetic and parametrised by FFs

- Experimentally measured observables:
  - Sensitive to the DVCS-BH interference part (linear in CFFs)
    - Should have: Beam polarized and/or target polarized
  - Access to a combinations of CFFs
    - The separation of CFFs requires the measurement of several observables
  - Depending on the target (proton or neutron): different sensitivity to the CFFs (GPDs)
    - The flavor separation of GPDs requires measurements on both nucleons

 $(H,E)_{u}(\xi,\xi,t) = \frac{9}{15} \Big[ 4 \big(H,E\big)_{p}(\xi,\xi,t) - \big(H,E\big)_{n}(\xi,\xi,t) \Big]$  $(H,E)_{d}(\xi,\xi,t) = \frac{9}{15} \Big[ 4 \big(H,E\big)_{n}(\xi,\xi,t) - \big(H,E\big)_{p}(\xi,\xi,t) \Big]$  Polarized beam, unpolarized taget  $\Delta \sigma_{LU} \sim \sin(\phi) \Im \{F_1 H + \xi (F_1 + F_2) \widetilde{H} - k F_2 E + \dots \}$ 

Unpolarized beam, polarized target

 $\Delta \sigma_{UL} \sim \sin(\phi) \Im \left\{ F_1 \,\widetilde{H} + \xi (F_1 + F_2) \left( H + \frac{x_b}{2} E \right) - \xi k \, F_2 \widetilde{E} \right\}$ 

polarized beam, longitudinal polarized target  $\Delta \sigma_{LL} \sim (A + B \cos(\phi)) \Re \{F_1 \, \widetilde{H} + \xi (F_1 + F_2) \left( H + \frac{x_b}{2} E \right) + \dots \}$ 

unpolarized beam, transverse polarized target  $\Delta \sigma_{UT} \sim \cos(\phi) \sin(\phi_s - \phi) \Im\{k(F_2 H - F_1 E) + ...\}$ 

| Observable           | Proton  | Neutron  |
|----------------------|---|--|
| $\Delta \sigma_{LU}$ | $\Im \{ \boldsymbol{H}_{\boldsymbol{p}}, \widetilde{H}_{p}, E_{p} \}$ | $\Im \{H_n, \widetilde{H}_n, \boldsymbol{E_n}\}$ |
| $\Delta \sigma_{UL}$ | $\Im\{H_p, \widetilde{H}_p\}$   | $\Im\{\boldsymbol{H_n}, \boldsymbol{E_n}\}$      |
| $\Delta\sigma_{LL}$  | $\Re\{H_p, \widetilde{H}_p\}$   | $\Re\{\boldsymbol{H_n}, E_n\}$                   |
| $\Delta \sigma_{UT}$ | $\Im\{H_p, E_p\}$   | ℑ{ <b>H</b> <sub>n</sub> }                       |

Different contributions from  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  for the different nucleons



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**DVCS with an unpolarized deuterium target :** 

- Scattering off neutron (nDVCS): GPD E
  - Determination of Ji sum rule
    - Contribution of orbital angular momentum of quarks to the nucleon spin

$$\frac{1}{2}\int_{-1}^{1} x dx (H(x,\xi,t=0) + E(x,\xi,t=0)) = J = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + \Delta L$$

- Scattering off proton (pDVCS): GPD H
  - Quantify medium effects
    - Essential for the extraction of BSA of a "free" neutron (deconvoluting medium effect via comparison with DVCS on hydrogen target)
- The BSA for nDVCS:
  - is complementary to the TSA for pDVCS on transverse target, aiming at E
  - depends strongly on the kinematics  $\rightarrow$  wide coverage needed
  - is smaller than for pDVCS → more beam time needed to achieve reasonable statistics

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|----------------------|--|--|
| $\Delta \sigma_{LU}$ | $\Im \{ \boldsymbol{H_p}, \widetilde{H}_p, E_p \}$ | $\Im \{H_n, \widetilde{H}_n, \boldsymbol{E_n}\}$ |
| $\Delta\sigma_{UL}$  | $\Im\{H_p, \widetilde{H}_p\}$                      | $\Im\{\boldsymbol{H_n}, \boldsymbol{E_n}\}$      |
| $\Delta\sigma_{LL}$  | $\Re\{H_p, \widetilde{H}_p\}$                      | $\Re\{H_n, E_n\}$                                |
| $\Delta\sigma_{UT}$  | $\Im\{H_p, E_p\}$                                  | ℑ{ <i>H</i> <sub>n</sub> }                       |

Model predictions (VGG) for different values of quarks' angular momentum



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- Previous pioneering measurement of nDVCS (Jlab Hall A @ 6 GeV)
  - Beam-energy « Rosenbluth » separation of nDVCS CS using an LD2 target and two different beam energies
  - First observation of non-zero nDVCS CS
- No neutron detection  $D(e, e'\gamma)X H(e, e'\gamma)X = n(e, e'\gamma)n + d(e, e'\gamma)d + \dots$

One measured kinematical point:  $Q^2=1.9~GeV^2$  and  $x_B=0.36$ 





Benali, M., Desnault, C., Mazouz, M. et al. Nat. Phys. 16, 191–198 (2020)

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#### The CEBAF and CLAS at Jefferson Laboratory

Continuos Electron Beam Accelerator Facility

- Up to 12 GeV electrons
- Two anti-parallel linacs, with recirculating arcs on both ends
- 4 experimental halls







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- A 10.6/10.4/10.2 GeV electron beam
  - With an average polarization of 86%
  - Scattering off an unpolarized Liquid Deuterium target of 5 cm length
- The exclusivity of the event is insured by:
  - Electron detection: Cerenkov detector, drift chambers and electromagnetic calorimeter
  - Photon detection: sampling calorimeter or a small PbWO4-calorimeter close to the beamline
  - Proton detection: Silicon and Micromegas detector OR Neutron detection: Central Neutron Detector
- For Neutron Detection:
  - Machine Learning techniques are applied to improve the Identification and reduce charged particle contamination





- The tracking of the CVT is neither 100% efficient nor uniform
- In the dead regions of the CVT protons have no associated track and thus can be misidentified as neutrons
- Protons roughly account for more than >40% contamination in the "nDVCS" signal sample Current approach, based on Machine Learning & Multi-Variate Algorithms:
  - We reconstruct nDVCS from DVCS experiment on proton requiring neutron PID : selected neutron are misidentified protons
  - We use this sample to determine the characteristics of fake neutrons in low- and high-level reconstructed variables
  - Based on those characteristics we subtract the fake neutrons contamination from nDVCS
  - As a « signal » sample in the training of the ML we use  $ep \rightarrow en\pi^+$  events from DVCS experiment on proton





#### Improving the neutron selection with ML techniques

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## CLAS12: DVCS with an unpolarized deuterium target

- The nDVCS (pDVCS) final state is selected with the following exclusivity criteria: (N:nucleon)
  - Missing mass
    - ed  $\rightarrow$  eN  $\gamma$  X
    - $e N \rightarrow e N \gamma X$
    - $e N \rightarrow e N X$
  - Missing momentum
    - $e d \rightarrow e N \gamma X$
  - ΔΦ, Δt, θ(γ,X)
    - Difference between two ways of calculating  $\Phi$  and t
    - Cone angle between measured and reconstructed photon
- Exclusivity selection is optimized with a 4-D  $\chi^2$ -like distribution including  $\Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Delta t$ ,  $\theta(\gamma, X)$  and missing mass e N  $\rightarrow$  e N X





 $\pi^0$  background contamination is estimated using simulations



- Subtraction using simulations of the background channel
  - Monte Carlo simulations:
    - GPD-based event generator for DVCS/pi0 on deuterium
    - DVCS amplitude calculated according to the BKM formalism
    - Fermi-motion distribution evaluated according to Paris potential
- 1. Estimate the ratio of partially reconstructed eN  $\pi^0(1 \text{ photon})$  decay to fully reconstructed eN  $\pi^0$  decays in MC
- 2. This is done for each kinematic bin to minimize MC model dependence
- 3. Multiply this ratio by the number of reconstructed eN  $\pi^0$  in data to get the number of eN  $\pi^0(1 \text{ photon})$  in data
- 4. Subtract this number from DVCS reconstructed decays in data per each kinematical bin

Simulations:  $R = \frac{N(eN\pi_{1\gamma}^{0})}{N(eN\pi^{0})}$ Data:  $N(eN\pi_{1\gamma}^{0}) = R * N(eN\pi^{0})$  $N(DVCS) = N(DVCS_{recon}) - N(eN\pi_{1\gamma}^{0})$   $\pi^0$  background subtraction is also performed by statistical unfolding of contribution to the missing mass spectrum M. Pivk and F.R. Le Diberder, NIMA 555 1 2005



The difference between the estimations of background from both methods is considered as a systematic

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#### First-time measurement of nDVCS with detection of the active neutron



- Compared to the previous experiment, CLAS12 provides :
  - The possibility to scan the BSA of nDVCS on a wide phase space
  - The possibility to reach the high  $Q^2$  high  $x_b$  region of the phase space
  - Exclusive measurement with the detection of the active neutron
- Hall A @ JLAB: one measured kinematical point at  $Q^2=1.9$  GeV<sup>2</sup> and  $x_B=0.36$

| 0 0.1      | 0.2 0.3 0.4          | 0.5 0.6               | 0.7 0.8<br>x <sub>B</sub> |
|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| bin number | $< Q^2 > { m GeV^2}$ | $\langle x_b \rangle$ | $< -t > { m GeV^2}$       |
| 1          | 1.60973              | 0.132015              | 0.388061                  |
| 2          | 2.33568              | 0.199322              | 0.467386                  |
| 3          | 3.92472              | 0.314797              | 0.667296                  |
| 4          | 1.70901              | 0.111932              | 0.324567                  |
| 5          | 2.35954              | 0.167174              | 0.384192                  |
| 6          | 3.29066              | 0.312552              | 0.70405                   |
| 7          | 2.91918              | 0.277885              | 0.832902                  |
| 8          | 2.44265              | 0.185242              | 0.355265                  |
| 9          | 2.16854              | 0.149355              | 0.22063                   |

#### CLAS12: nDVCS with an unpolarized deuterium target















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• Previous attempt at flavor separation by Marija Čuić and Krešimir Kumerički arxiv 2007.00029



• up and down contributions to CFF H cleanly separated



• CFF E cannot be separated



- Testing previously trained NN fits on new data was not appropriate
  - Reweighting procedure where only subset of neural nets that describes the new data well is kept in the model did not succeed
  - New data falls outside of the kinematics region of the trained models
- Solution: train new models with old CLAS6 and new CLAS12 data included in the training





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• Extraction of 6 out of 8 CFFs



Unlike before, CFF E is now cleanly extracted, with no sign ambiguity in ReE



#### • Flavor separation of CFFs H and E



Flavor separation of ImH is slightly better than before, while ReH is worse

we can now perform flavor separation of CFF E, especially ReE



#### Summary

- GPDs are powerful tool to explore the structure of the nucleons and nuclei
  - Nucleon tomography, quark angular momentum, distribution of forces in the nucleon
- Exclusive reactions can provide important information on nucleon structure
  - DVCS via the extraction of GPDs
- CLAS12 offers a wide kinematical reach over which the GPDs dependence on different kinematical variables can be scanned
  - Data to add constraints on GPDs in unexplored regions of the phase space
  - Possibilities to measure new observables using different experimental configurations
    - Flavor separation of GPDs
- Promising results from incoherent DVCS on deuteron (n and p channels) from CLAS12 data
  - First BSA measurement from neutron-DVCS with tagged neutron
  - First measurement of BSA for proton-DVCS with deuterium target
    - To be compared to free-proton DVCS BSA measured by CLAS12

G. Christiaens, M. Defurne, D. Sokhan V.Ziegler et al., arXiv (2022) 221111274.



**Decomposition** and **abstraction** renders the understanding of a complex system much easier, however, the true nature of the composite system might still be unresolved

In the process of **decomposition** and **abstraction** one usually arrives to the conclusion that most constructing statements of a given theory are **irrational** 

| Observable (target) | CFF sensitivity  | Status                        |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| ITSA(p), IDSA(p)    | $\Im\{H_p, \widetilde{H}_p\}, \Re\{H_p, \widetilde{H}_p\}$ | Data taking ended             |
| ITSA(n), IDSA(n)    | $\Im\{H_n\}, \Re\{H_n\}$                                   | Data taking ended             |
| tTSA(p)             | $\Im\{H_p\}, \Im\{E_p\},$                                  | Experiment foreseen for ~2025 |

- JLab future energy and luminosity upgrades
  - Increase the phase space in which the GPDs are to be scanned
  - And more important: scan x dependence of GPDs: Double-DVCS
    - Full kinematics mapping of GPDs: unique direct access to GPDs at  $x \neq \pm \xi$
    - Improved detection of muons
- And with a positron beam
  - Study beam charge asymmetries

