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Analysis of Virtual Meson Production in a (1+1)-dimensional Scalar Field Model



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- I. Virtual Meson Production (VMP)
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Virtual Meson Production (VMP)

Hadron (meson and baryon) is a composite system made of quarks, anti-quarks, and gluons (parton), held together by non-perturbative QCD interaction.

complicated structure





Elastic scattering density

 $\langle P' | \bar{\psi}(0) \ \hat{\mathcal{O}} \ \psi(0) | P \rangle$

Electromagnetic Form Factors (EM FFs)



Inclusive / Inelastic **momentum**

 $\left< P \left| \bar{\psi}(z) \ \hat{\mathcal{O}} \ \psi(0) \right| P \right>$

Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs)



 $\langle P' | \bar{\psi}(z) \ \hat{\mathcal{O}} \ \psi(0) | P \rangle$

Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)

Generalized Structure Functions for VMP (GVMP)

Generalized structure functions (Compton Form Factors (CFFs))



Through **symmetries**, construct hadronic currents. **DNA method** provides most general hadronic currents,

for the pseudoscalar target $(J^{PC} = 0^{-+})$: $\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}$ for the scalar target (0^{++}) : $d^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} = g^{\mu\nu}g^{\alpha\beta} - g^{\mu\alpha}g^{\nu\beta}$

$$J_{S}^{\mu} = (\mathcal{F}_{1}(Q^{2}, x, t) \ q_{\alpha} + \mathcal{F}_{2}(Q^{2}, x, t) \ \mathcal{P}_{\alpha}) \ d^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}q_{\beta}\Delta_{\nu}$$

$$= \left\{ q^2 \ \Delta^{\mu} - (\Delta \cdot q) \ q^{\mu} \right\} \mathcal{F}_1(Q^2, x, t) + \left\{ (\mathcal{P} \cdot q) \ \Delta^{\mu} - (\Delta \cdot q) \ \mathcal{P}^{\mu} \right\} \mathcal{F}_2(Q^2, x, t)$$

where
$$\Delta = p - p' = q' - q$$
, $\mathcal{P} = p + p'$

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Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)

High energy approach \rightarrow twist expansion



Skewed (off-forward) parton distribution :

hard part (OPE) \otimes soft part (GPD)

In the forward limit ($\zeta \rightarrow 0$), parton distribution :

hard part (OPE) \otimes soft part (PDF)

dx, Electromagnetic form factor :

$$F(t) = \int dx \ \text{GPD}$$

- p^+ : Light-front (LF) longitudinal momentum of incoming target,
- Q^2 : Virtuality \rightarrow factorizable in $Q^2 > |t|, M_t^2, M_s^2, m_{Q_1}^2, m_{Q_2}^2, \cdots$,
- x : Longitudinal momentum fraction,
- ζ : Skewness, $(p^+ p'^+)/p^+$, asymmetry of LF longitudinal momentum of target,
- *t* : Square momentum transfer, $\Delta^2 = (q' q)^2 = (p p')^2$, "kick" transverse momentum depending on scattering angle.

$$t = -\frac{\zeta^2 M_t^2 + \Delta_\perp^2}{1 - \zeta}$$

GVMP with one-loops vs GPD



Spin-0 target	GVMP	GPD (Twist-2)			
Factorizable	Х	0			
Diagrams	S-, U- box, and Cat's ears	Parts of S-, U- box			
Ward Identity	Satisfied	Not satisfied			
Kinematic range	All	Limited			
# of CFFs	2	1			
Exp.	Compton Form Factors, Beam Spin Asymmetry,				

Box, Cat's ears, and Effective tree diagrams

Partons inside hadron can be fermions (quarks and anti-quarks) or spin-1 boson (gluons). In this work, we introduce **scalar currents** ($J(0) = \phi^{\dagger}(z) \phi(0)$) for the theoretical study, and hadron vertex functions are regarded as constants for simplicity.









For the charged target, adding





Operator Product Expansion (OPE)



LF time-ordered amplitudes





Motivation

The numbers of Compton Form Factors (CFFs) are different for the **GVMP** (includes box, cat's ears, and effective tree diagrams) and the **leading twist-GPD** (box diagrams only => handbag dominance).

The equivalence of two approaches can be expected in the specific energy region, but a direct relation is not yet identified.

The purpose of this work is

doing the theoretical simulations using two approches in JLab kinematic range. It provides information on the kinematic range in which the use of leading twist can be ensured.

Beam Spin Asymmetry



Beam Spin Asymmetry (BSA) of the scalar meson electroproduction off the scalar target :

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\lambda=+1}^{S} - d\sigma_{\lambda=-1}^{S}}{d\sigma_{\lambda=+1}^{S} + d\sigma_{\lambda=-1}^{S}} = \frac{d\sigma_{BSA}^{S}}{d\sigma_{T}^{S} \left(1 + \epsilon \cos(2\phi)\right) + d\sigma_{L}^{S} \epsilon_{L} + d\sigma_{LT}^{S} \cos\phi \sqrt{\epsilon_{L}(1 + \epsilon)/2}}$$
$$\sim \mathcal{F}_{1} \mathcal{F}_{2}^{*} - \mathcal{F}_{2} \mathcal{F}_{1}^{*}$$

Leading twist GPD does not provide BSA, because it has only one GPD for the spin-0 target.

Compton Form Factors

Each Lorentz vector is satisfied with Ward identity : $q \cdot \mathcal{M} = 0$

Two Lorentz vectors are not independent in (1+1)-dimensions.

$$\begin{split} \mathscr{M}^{\mu}_{tot} &= \left\{ \left(\Delta \cdot q \right) \, q^{\mu} - q^2 \, \Delta^{\mu} \right\} \, \mathscr{F}_1 + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left(\Delta \cdot q \right) \, \mathscr{P}^{\mu} - \left(\mathscr{P} \cdot q \right) \, \Delta^{\mu} \right\} \, \mathscr{F}_2 \\ &= A^{\mu} \, \, \mathscr{F}_1 + B^{\mu} \, \, \mathscr{F}_2 \quad \text{ in (3+1)-dimensions} \end{split}$$

 $= A^{\mu} \left(\mathscr{F}_1 + c \mathscr{F}_2 \right) = A^{\mu} \mathscr{F}_A \quad \text{ in (1+1)-dimensions}$

where $\mathscr{P} = p + p'$, $\Delta = p - p' = q' - q$, $c = B^+/A^+ = B^-/A^-$.

In the large Q^2 ,

$$\mathcal{M}^{\mu}_{tot} \sim \frac{1}{2} \zeta Q^2 \mathcal{F}_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{F}_1 \sim \mathcal{F}_A$$

Kinematics & GPD limit



CR Ji, BLG Bakker, Int. J. Mod. Phys. E 22, 1330002 (2013)

GPD limit ($Q^2 > t , M_s^2,$)
$k = [xp^+, k^-],$
$p = \left[p^+, \frac{M_t^2}{p^+} \right],$
$q = \left[-\zeta p^+, \frac{Q^2}{\zeta' p^+}\right] \simeq \left[-\zeta p^+, \frac{Q^2}{\zeta p^+}\right],$
$\Delta = \left[\zeta p^+, \frac{t}{\zeta p^+} \right],$
$p' = \left[(1 - \zeta) p^+, \left(M_t^2 - \frac{t}{\zeta} \right) \frac{1}{p^+} \right],$
$q' = \left[0, \frac{Q^2}{\zeta' p^+} \right] \simeq \left[0, \frac{Q^2}{\zeta p^+} \right],$
where there is no M_s dependence, and $\zeta \simeq \zeta'$.
GPD does not distinguish between DVMP & DVCS.

GPD Formulation

In GPD limit ($Q^2 > > |t|, M_s^2, \cdots$), q^- and q'^- are dominant, it leads to the reduced scattering amplitudes with GPD functions. s-ch : $\frac{1}{(k+q)^2 - m^2} \sim \frac{1}{q^-(k^+ + q^+)} \sim \frac{1}{q^-(x-\zeta)}p^+$, u-ch : $\frac{1}{(k-q)^2 - m^2} \sim -\frac{1}{q'^-(k^+ - q'^+)} \sim -\frac{1}{q^-x}p^+$





Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs) : angular

$$\mathcal{M} \sim \int_{\zeta}^{1} dx \left(\frac{1}{x - \zeta} - \frac{1}{x} \right) H_{DGLAP}(x, t)$$
$$+ \int_{0}^{\zeta} dx \left(\frac{1}{x - \zeta} - \frac{1}{x} \right) H_{ERBL}(x, t)$$

momentum





 $\mathsf{ERBL}\left(0 \le x \le \zeta\right)$

Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs) : momentum

$$f(x) \sim \lim_{\zeta \to 0} H(x, \zeta, t) = H_{DGLAP}(x, t = 0)$$

Electromagnetic Form Factors (EM FFs) : density $F(t) \sim \frac{1}{2-\zeta} \left[\int_{0}^{\zeta} dx \ H_{ERBL}(x, t) + \int_{\zeta}^{1} dx \ H_{DGLAP}(x, t) \right]$

Numerical Result - Ward Identity



Numerical Result - Compton Form Factors (GVMP)



Numerical Result - GPDs, PDFs, and FFs



Kinematic settings

In Jefferson laboratory experiments, for $e + {}^{4}He \rightarrow e' + \gamma + {}^{4}He$ (DVCS) : $1.9 < Q^{2} < 9.0 \ GeV^{2}$, $-4.5 < t < -1.0 \ GeV^{2}$, $-t/Q^{2} \sim 0.5$

$Q^2(\text{GeV}^2)$	X	k (GeV)	k' (GeV)	θ_e (°)	θ_q (°)	q'(0°) (GeV)	W^2 (GeV ²)	M (GeV)	t (GeV ²)	t_min (GeV ²)	$-t/Q^2$
1.9	0.36	5.75	2.94	19.3	18.1	2.73	4.2	3.72738	-1.06554	-0.955137	0.560813
3.	0.36	6.6	2.15	26.5	11.7	4.35	6.2	3.72738	-1.32826	-1.22078	0.442755
4.	0.36	8.8	2.88	22.9	10.3	5.83	8.	3.72738	-1.54314	-1.40201	0.385786
4.55	0.36	11.	4.26	17.9	10.8	6.65	9.	3.72738	-1.68065	-1.48463	0.369374
3.1	0.5	6.6	3.2	22.5	18.5	3.11	4.1	3.72738	-1.9983	-1.83768	0.644611
4.8	0.5	8.8	3.68	22.2	14.5	4.91	5.7	3.72738	-2.64071	-2.41298	0.550148
6.3	0.5	11	4.29	21.1	12.4	6.5	7.2	3.72738	-3.09918	-2.81838	0.491934
7.2	0.5	11.	3.32	25.6	10.2	7.46	8.1	3.72738	-3.27475	-3.02728	0.454826
5.1	0.6	8.8	4.27	21.1	17.8	4.18	4.3	3.72738	-3.41689	-3.15331	0.669978
6	0.6	8.8	3.47	25.6	14.1	4.97	4.9	3.72738	-3.74772	-3.51599	0.624621
7.7	0.6	11	4.16	23.6	13.1	6.47	6	3.72738	-4.45326	-4.12602	0.578346
9.	0.6	11	3	30.2	10.2	7.62	6.9	3.72738	-4.81139	-4.53706	0.534599

Experimentally, |t| increases as Q^2 increases,

it is difficult to measure experiments for enough small $-t/Q^2$.

J. Roche *et al.*, Measurements of the electron-helicity dependent cross sec- tions of deeply virtual Compton scattering with CEBAF at 12 GeV, arXiv/nucl- ex/0609015, JLab proposal.



Extension to more realistic models



For the vertex functions,

$$M\rangle = \psi_{q\bar{q}} \mid q\bar{q}\rangle \ + \ \psi_{q\bar{q}g} \mid q\bar{q}g\rangle \ + \ \cdots$$

 $\approx \psi_{Q\bar{Q}} |Q\bar{Q}\rangle$: mock-hadron approx.

where $\psi_{Q\bar{Q}} = \phi(x, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}) \ \chi(x, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}, \lambda)$

Fermion loops (quarks and anti-quarks) :

 $J^{\mu} = \bar{\psi}(z) \ \hat{\mathcal{O}} \ \psi(0)$

where $\hat{\mathcal{O}}$ can be γ^{μ} , $\gamma^{\mu}\gamma_5$,

Conclusion

We investigate the virtual meson production by using the ϕ^3 -scalar field model in (1+1) light-front dynamics.

The virtual meson production is theoretically accessed by the generalized hadronic current and generalized parton distribution.

The Compton form factors from the GVMP and twist-2 GPD formulation are quite different in JLab kinematic setting.

We expect that $-t/Q^2$ should be at least less than 0.2 for twist-2 GPD. But, we have to check the same tendency in the more realistic model.