

Near threshold heavy quarkonium photoproduction at large momentum transfer

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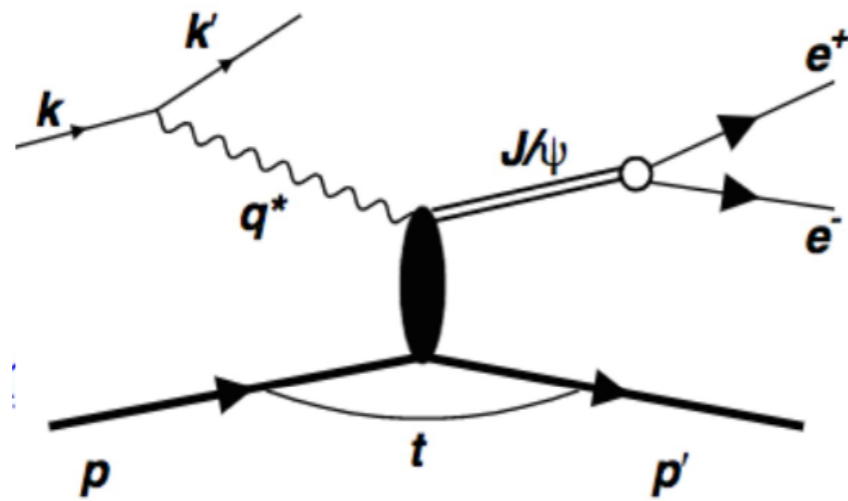
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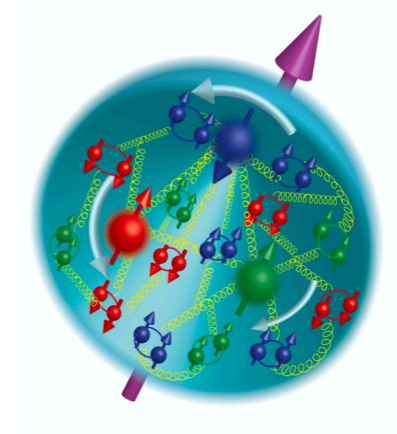
● Introduction

Heavy quarkonium production:

$$\gamma^* + N \rightarrow V + N'$$



$$W_{\gamma p}^2, Q^2 \gg |t|$$



nucleon spin partition

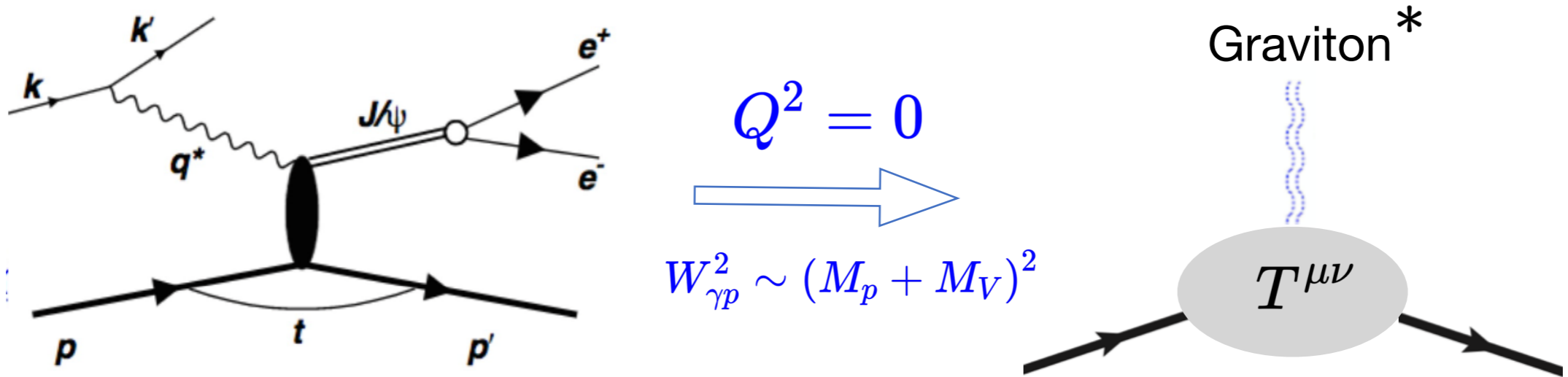
In the high energy scattering, the process is well-understood theoretically:

- dominated by the two gluon exchange
- described by the **Generalized Parton Distribution(GPD)** formalism.
- Moments of GPD E,H at $|t|=0$ to test Ji's spin sum-rule

Introduction

Heavy quarkonium production:

$$\gamma + N \rightarrow V + N'$$



It is suggested that **Photoproductions near the threshold** have direct probes to

- Gluon gravitational form factors(GFFs)
- Proton trace anomaly/mass distribution/mass radius (Scalar, Mass form factors)

Introduction

What can we learn from GFFs?

Transition matrix of QCD energy momentum tensor

- A,B-form factors

Spin-sum rule e.g. Ji (1997):

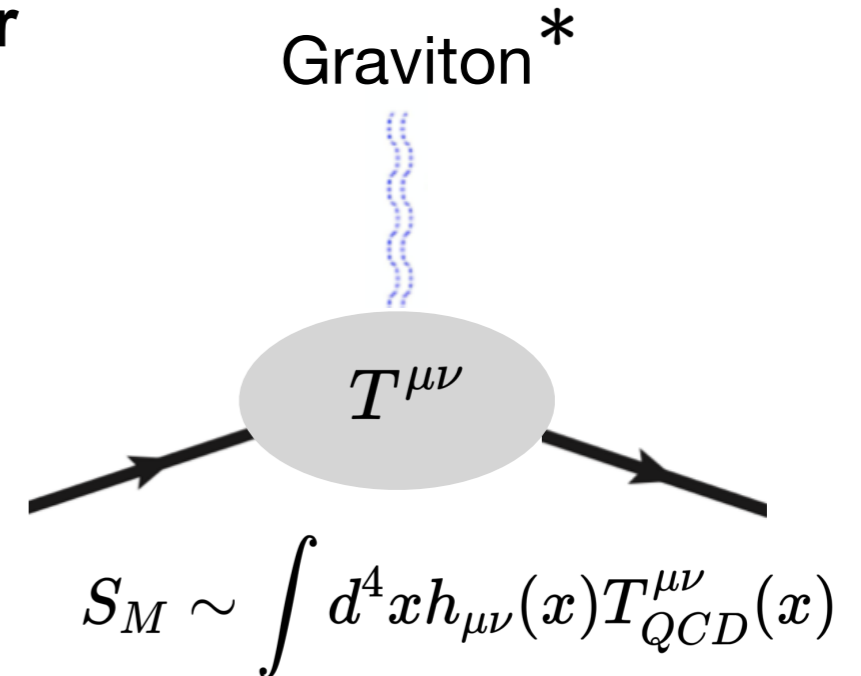
- C-form factors

Pressure, shear force: Rev: Polyakov-Schweitzer 2018

Momentum-current gravitational multipoles: Ji-Liu 2021

- Reconstruct the proton mass (mostly \bar{C}, A)

- Ji 1996; Ji 2021; Ji-Liu 2021
- Hatta-Rajan-Tanaka 2018;
- Metz-Pasquini-Rodini 2020

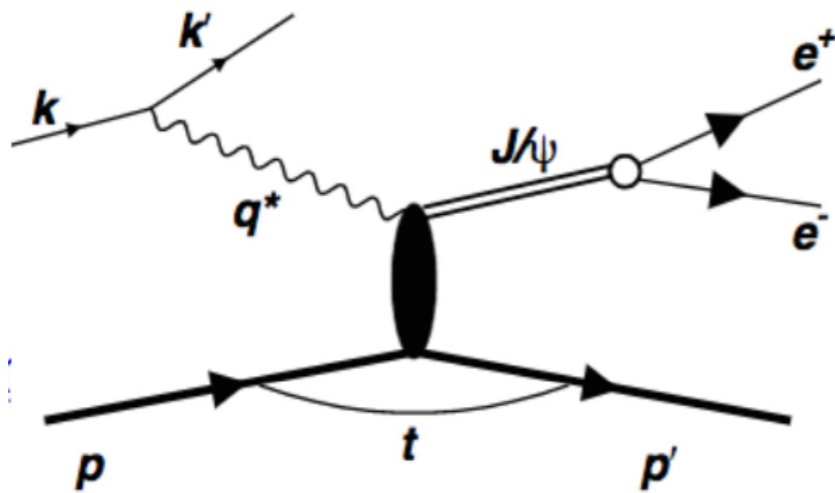


$$\begin{aligned} \langle P', s' | T_a^{\mu\nu}(0) | P, s \rangle = & \bar{u}_s(P') \left[A_a(t) \gamma^{(\mu} \bar{P}^{\nu)} \right. \\ & + B_a(t) \frac{i \bar{P}^{(\mu} \sigma^{\nu)\rho} \Delta_\rho}{2\Lambda} + C_a(t) \frac{\Delta^\mu \Delta^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} \Delta^2}{\Lambda} \\ & \left. + \bar{C}_a(t) \Lambda g^{\mu\nu} \right] u_s(P), \end{aligned}$$

Introduction

Confusing claims in the literature

$$\gamma + N \rightarrow V + N'$$

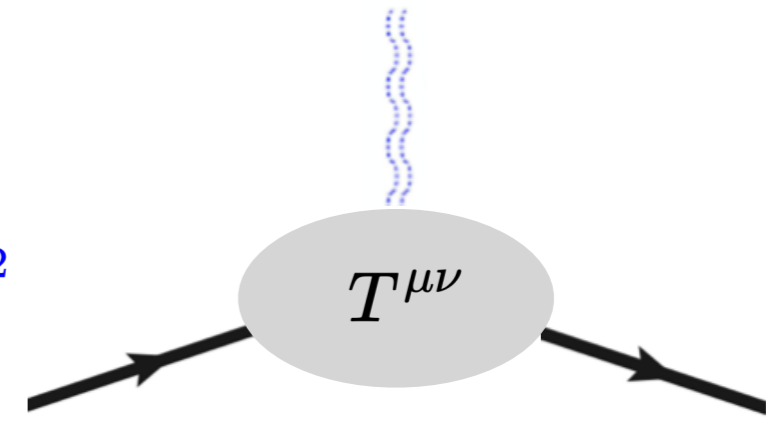


$$Q^2 = 0$$



$$W_{\gamma p}^2 \sim (M_p + M_V)^2$$

Graviton*



$$T_g^{\mu\nu} = F^{a,\mu\lambda} F_{\lambda}^{a,\nu} + \frac{1}{4} g^{\mu\nu} F^{a,\sigma\rho} F_{\sigma\rho}^a$$

Which gluon GFFs should contribute?

• Vector-meson dominance: Kharzeev Phys.Rev.D 104 (2021) 5, 054015
 Kharzeev-Satz-Syamtomov -Zinovjev, Eur. Phys. J. C 9, 459 (1999) → Scalar GFF

• Holographical approach: Hatta-Yang, Phys.Rev.D 98 (2018) 7, 074003
 Hatta-Rajan-Yang, Phys.Rev.D 100 (2019) 1, 014032
 Mamo-Zahed, Phys.Rev.D 101 (2020) 8, 086003
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 arXiv:2204.08857

• pQCD analysis: Boussarie-Hatta Phys.Rev.D 101 (2020) 11
 Hatta-Strikman Phys.Lett.B 817 (2021) 136295

→ All gluon GFFs can contribute. May be dominated by A,C GFF

Guo-Ji-Liu Phys.Rev.D 103 (2021) 9, 096010 → H_g, E_g GPDs at $\xi \approx 1$

● Introduction

Clarify this issue in the kinematics: large momentum transfer

- Near threshold, the momentum transfer can be relatively large, e.g.

$$|t|_{\text{th}} = m_p M_V + \dots$$

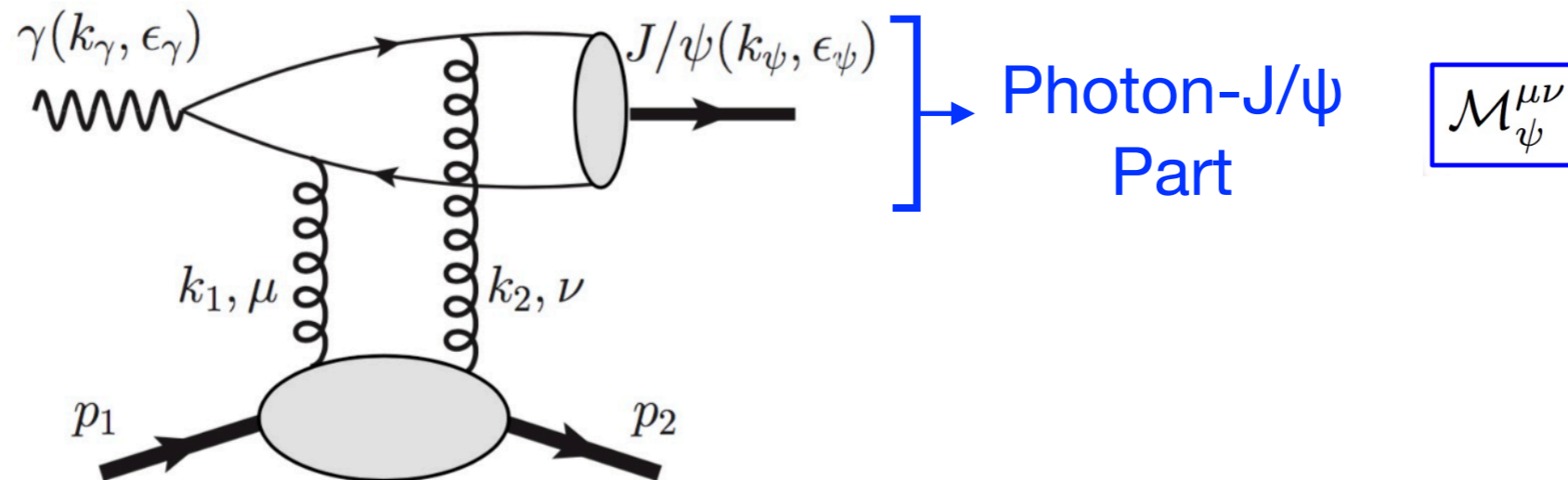
$$|t_{J/\psi}| \sim 2 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$|t_\Upsilon| \sim 10 \text{ GeV}^2$$

- We can compute both the cross section and the form factors separately in **perturbative QCD**
- We can check that if there is a direct connection between the near threshold production and the gluonic gravitational form factors (and how)
- Derive the power behavior of t .

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Near threshold quarkonium production: kinematics



- Two limits

- Threshold: $W_{\gamma p}^2 \sim (M_p + M_V)^2$

$$\chi = \frac{M_V^2 + 2M_p M_V}{W_{\gamma p}^2 - M_p^2} \rightarrow 1, \quad (1-\chi) \text{ is a small parameter}$$

Brodsky et al PLB 498(2001)

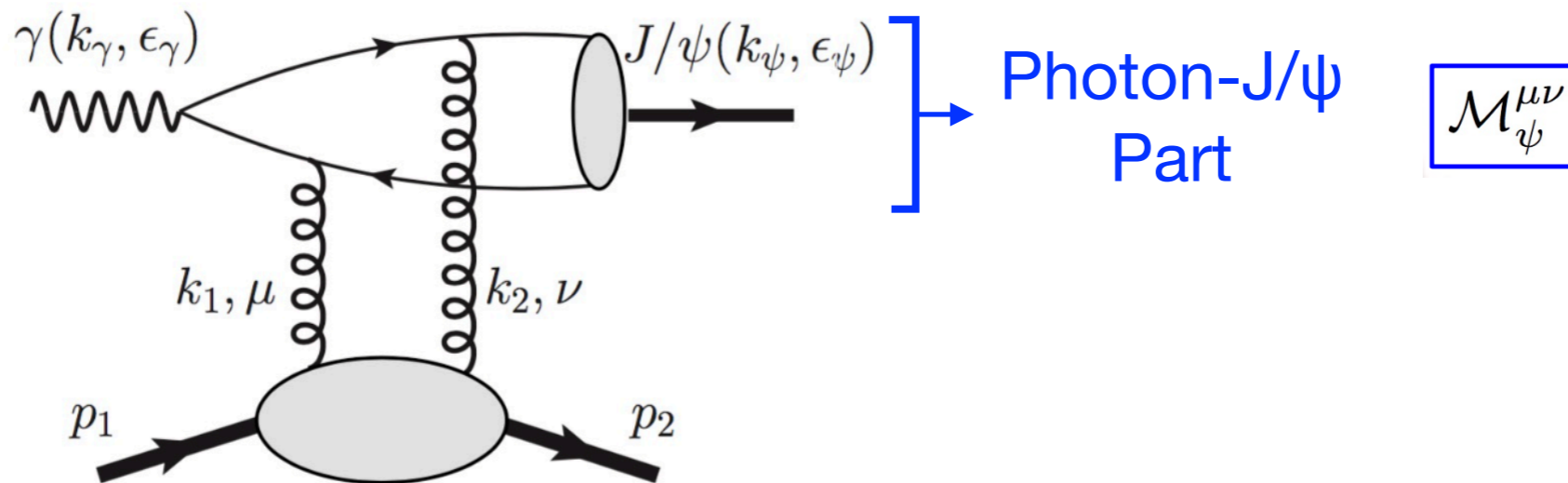
- Heavy quark limits:

$$W_{\gamma p}^2 \sim M_V^2 \gg (-t) \gg \Lambda_{QCD}^2$$

$$p_1 \cdot k_\gamma \sim p_1 \cdot k_\psi \sim M_V^2$$

$$p_2 \cdot k_\gamma \sim p_2 \cdot k_\psi \ll M_V^2$$

Photon-J/ψ part



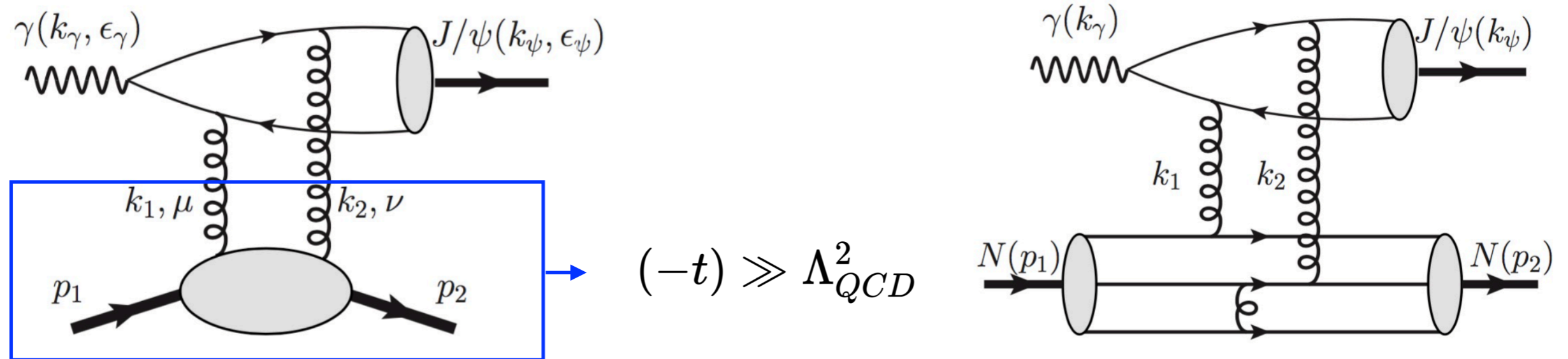
- NRQCD for heavy quarkonium production
- Propagators are of the heavy quark mass. $\sim 1/M_V$
- Take the transverse polarization for the incoming photon.

$$\mathcal{M}_{\psi,ab}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\delta^{ab} N_\psi \left[\epsilon_\psi^* \cdot \epsilon_\gamma \mathcal{W}_T^{\mu\nu} + \epsilon_\psi^* \cdot k \mathcal{W}_L^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{W}_S^{\mu\nu} \right]}{k_1 \cdot k_\gamma k_2 \cdot k_\gamma}$$

$$\mathcal{W}_T^{\mu\nu} = -k_1 \cdot k_\gamma k_2 \cdot k_\gamma g^{\mu\nu} - k_1 \cdot k_2 k_\gamma^\mu k_\gamma^\nu + k_1 \cdot k_\gamma k_2^\mu k_\gamma^\nu + k_2 \cdot k_\gamma k_1^\nu k_\gamma^\mu$$

→ Leading terms

Nucleon part



- Perturbation theory can apply at the large momentum transfer,

Similar to the nucleon EM form factors:

Lepage-Brodsky 1980

Efremov-Radyushkin 1980

Belitsky-Ji-Yuan 2002

- Nucleon wave function

$$|P\rangle = \sum_{n, \lambda_i} \int \prod_i \frac{dx_i d^2 k_{\perp i}}{\sqrt{x_i} 16\pi^3} \phi_n(x_i, k_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) |n : x_i, k_{\perp i}, \lambda_i\rangle$$

Power-counting rule \rightarrow **three-valence quark contribution** dominates.

Brodsky et al, PRL 31, 1153(1973)

Matveev et al Lett. Nuovo Cim. 7, 719 (1973).

Ji-Ma-Yuan PRL 90,241601(2003)

Ji-Ma-Yuan, NPB 652, 383 (2003)

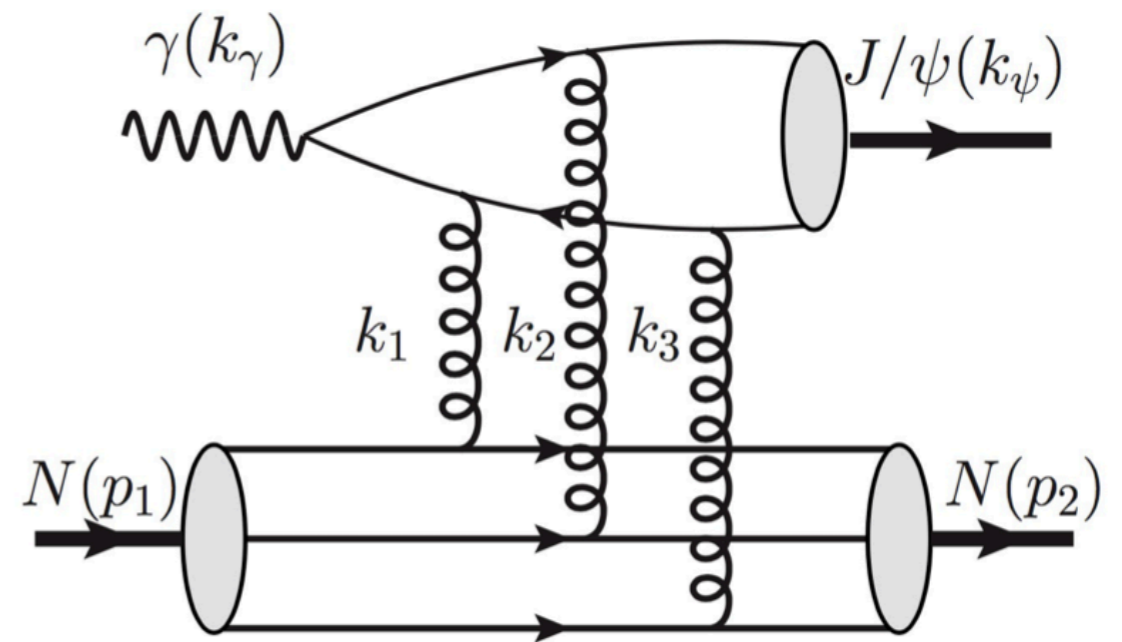
- Partonic scattering

Additional gluon exchange to generate large $(-t)$

Three-gluon exchange?

- Suggested by Brodsky et al PLB 498(2001) and claimed that

- Two-gluon exchange suppressed by a threshold factor $(1 - \chi)^2$;
- Three-gluon exchange dominates at threshold though with additional $1/M_V^2$



Photon- J/ψ part: $\propto f^{abc}$

Nucleon part: $\epsilon^{ijk} \epsilon^{lmn} T_{il}^a T_{jm}^b T_{kn}^c \propto d^{abc}$

- Due to C-parity conservation, there is no contribution from three-gluon exchange

Nucleon helicity configuration

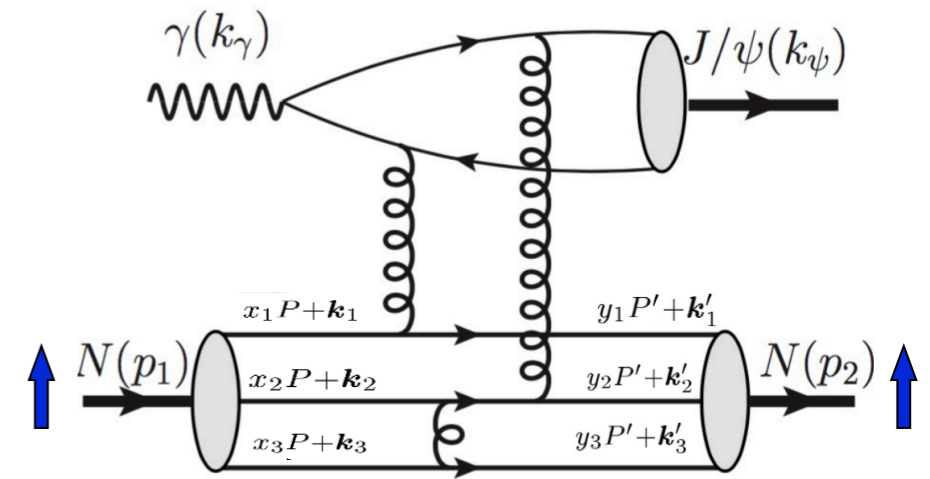
- Nucleon helicity conserved → Leading twist

$$|P \uparrow\rangle_{1/2} = \int d[1]d[2]d[3] \left(\tilde{\psi}^{(1)}(1, 2, 3) \right) \\ \times \frac{\epsilon^{abc}}{\sqrt{6}} u_{a\uparrow}^\dagger(1) \left(u_{b\downarrow}^\dagger(2) d_{c\uparrow}^\dagger(3) - d_{b\downarrow}^\dagger(2) u_{c\uparrow}^\dagger(3) \right) |0\rangle$$

→ Twist-3 distribution amplitude:

$$\Phi_3(y_i) = -2\sqrt{6} \int \frac{d^2\vec{k}'_{1\perp} d^2\vec{k}'_{2\perp} d^2\vec{k}'_{3\perp}}{(2\pi)^6} \delta^{(2)}(\vec{k}'_{1\perp} + \vec{k}'_{2\perp} + \vec{k}'_{3\perp}) \tilde{\psi}^{(1)}(1, 2, 3)$$

Braun-Derkachov-Korchemsky-Manashov NPB 553, 355 (1999)



- Nucleon helicity flip → Sub-leading twist

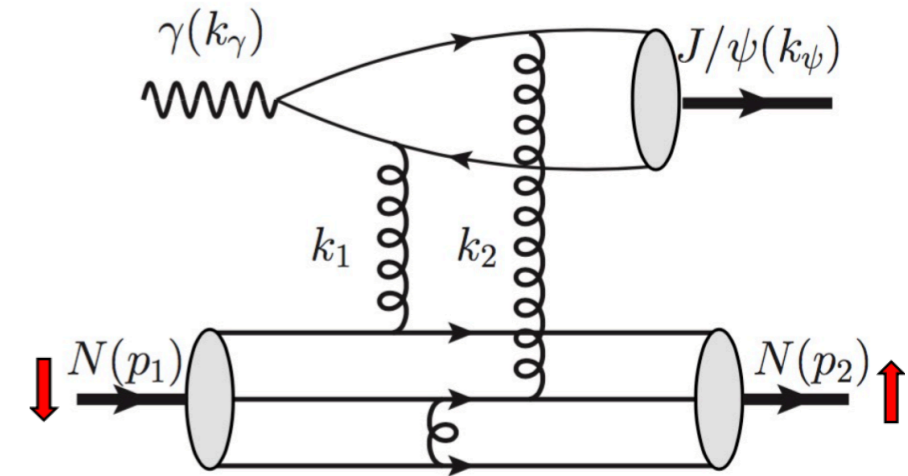
The helicities of the quarks are conserved in the high energy scattering

Need one unit orbital angular momentum!

$$|P \downarrow\rangle_{1/2} = \int d[1]d[2]d[3] \left((k_1^x - ik_1^y) \tilde{\psi}^{(3)}(1, 2, 3) + (k_2^x - ik_2^y) \tilde{\psi}^{(4)}(1, 2, 3) \right) \\ \times \frac{\epsilon^{abc}}{\sqrt{6}} \left(u_{a\downarrow}^\dagger(1) u_{b\uparrow}^\dagger(2) d_{c\uparrow}^\dagger(3) - d_{a\downarrow}^\dagger(1) u_{b\uparrow}^\dagger(2) u_{c\uparrow}^\dagger(3) \right) |0\rangle,$$

→ Twist-4 distribution amplitude: Braun-Fries-Mahnke-Stein NPB 589, 381 (2000)

$$\Psi_4(x_1, x_2, x_3) = -\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{x_2 M} \int \frac{d^2\vec{k}_{1\perp} d^2\vec{k}_{2\perp} d^2\vec{k}_{3\perp}}{(2\pi)^6} \delta^{(2)}(\vec{k}_{1\perp} + \vec{k}_{2\perp} + \vec{k}_{3\perp}) \\ \times \vec{k}_{2\perp} \cdot \left[\vec{k}_{1\perp} \tilde{\psi}^{(3)}(1, 2, 3) + \vec{k}_{2\perp} \tilde{\psi}^{(4)}(1, 2, 3) \right].$$

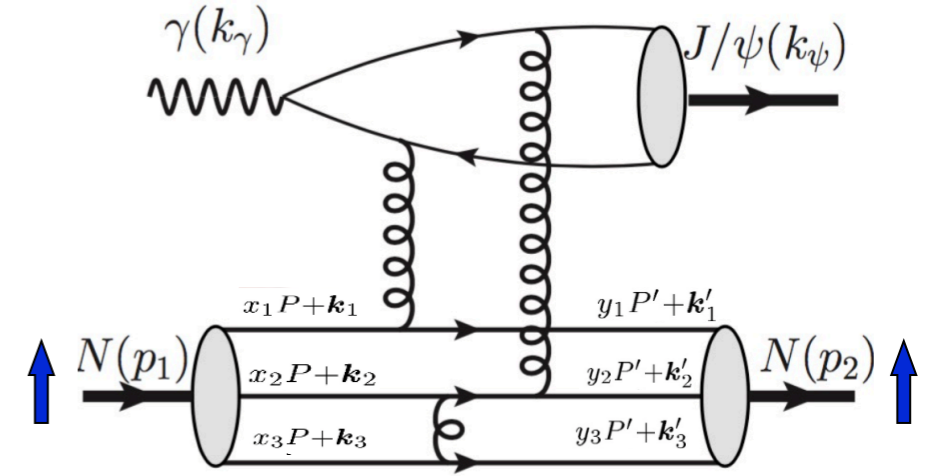


That induces an additional 1/t suppression.

Twist-3 contribution

Final amplitude

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_3 &= \langle J/\psi(\epsilon_\psi), N'_\uparrow | \gamma(\epsilon_\gamma), N_\uparrow \rangle \\ &= \int [dx][dy] \Phi(x_1, x_2, x_3) \Phi^*(y_1, y_2, y_3) \frac{1}{(-t)^2} \\ &\quad \times \bar{U}_\uparrow(p_2) \not{k}_\gamma U_\uparrow(p_1) \mathcal{M}_\psi^{(3)}(\epsilon_\gamma, \epsilon_\psi, \{x_i\}, \{y_i\}), \\ \mathcal{M}^{(3)} &= \epsilon_\psi^* \cdot \epsilon_\gamma \frac{8e_c e g_s^6}{27\sqrt{3}M_\psi^7} \psi_J(0) (2\mathcal{H}_3 + \mathcal{H}'_3) \\ \mathcal{H}_3 &= I_{13} + I_{31} + I_{12} + I_{32}, \quad I_{ij} = \frac{1}{x_i x_j y_i y_j \bar{x}_i^2 \bar{y}_i} \end{aligned}$$



Amplitude square

$$\begin{aligned} |\overline{\mathcal{A}}_3|^2 &= \underline{(1 - \chi)} G_\psi G_{p3}(t) G_{p3}^*(t) \quad G_\psi = |N_\psi|^2 = \frac{384\pi^2 e_c^2 \alpha (4\pi\alpha_s)^2}{N_c^2 M_\psi^3} \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}^\psi(^3S_1^{(1)}) | 0 \rangle \\ G_{p3}(t) &= \frac{8\pi^2 \alpha_s^2 C_B^2}{3t^2} \int [dx][dy] \Phi_3(\{x\}) \Phi_3^*(\{y\}) [2\mathcal{H}_3 + \mathcal{H}'_3] \end{aligned}$$

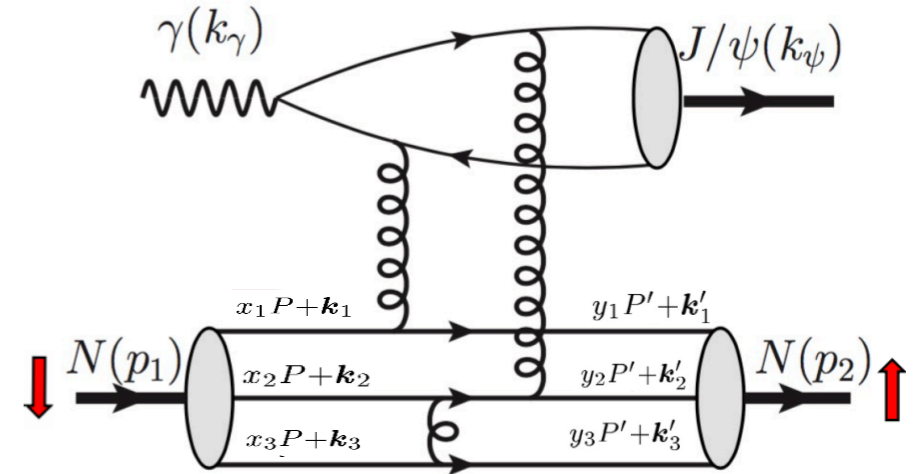
- Suppressed at the threshold, $\chi \rightarrow 1$
 - This behavior is similar to H_g contribution to J/ψ production in GPD formalism with $(1 - \xi)$ suppression

- Power behavior: $\frac{1}{t^4}$

Twist-4 contribution

▸ Final amplitude

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{A}_4 &= \langle J/\psi(\epsilon_\psi), N'_\uparrow | \gamma(\epsilon_\gamma), N_\downarrow \rangle \\
 &= \int [dx][dy] \Psi_4(\{x\}) \Phi_3^*(\{y\}) \mathcal{M}_\psi^{(4)}(\{x\}, \{y\}) \\
 &\quad \times \bar{U}_\uparrow(p_2) U_\downarrow(p_1) \frac{M_p}{(-t)^3},
 \end{aligned}$$



▸ Amplitude square

$$|\overline{\mathcal{A}}_4|^2 = \tilde{m}_t^2 G_\psi G_{p4}(t) G_{p4}^*(t) \quad \tilde{m}_t^2 = M_p^2 / (-t)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_{p4}(t) &= \frac{C_B^2 (4\pi\alpha_s)^2}{12t^2} \int [dx][dy] \Phi_3(y_1, y_2, y_3) \\
 &\quad \times \{x_3 \Phi_4(x_1, x_2, x_3) T_{4\Phi}(\{x\}, \{y\}) \\
 &\quad + x_1 \Psi_4(x_2, x_1, x_3) T_{4\Psi}(\{x\}, \{y\})\},
 \end{aligned}$$

- No $(1 - \chi)$ suppression

- Power behavior: $\frac{1}{t^5}$

Connection to the gluon GFFs?

▸ Scattering amplitude

$$G_{p3}(t) = \int [dx][dy] \Phi_3(x_1, x_2, x_3) \Phi_3^*(y_1, y_2, y_3) \\ \times [2\mathcal{H}_3 + \mathcal{H}'_3] ,$$

$$\mathcal{H}_3 = I_{13} + I_{31} + I_{12} + I_{32},$$

$$I_{ij} = \frac{1}{x_i x_j y_i y_j \bar{x}_i^2 \bar{y}_i}$$

▸ Gluonic Form factors

Tong-Ma-Yuan arXiv: 2203.13493

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$$A_g(t) = \int [dx][dy] \Phi_3(x_1, x_2, x_3) \Phi_3^*(y_1, y_2, y_3) \\ \times [2\mathcal{A}_3 + \mathcal{A}'_3] ,$$

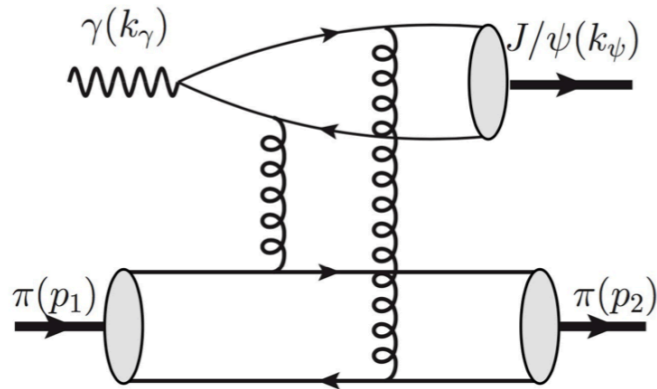
$$\mathcal{A} = \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha_s^2 C_B^2}{3t^2} (I_{13} + I_{12} + I_{31} + I_{32}),$$

$$I_{ij} = \frac{x_i + y_i}{\bar{x}_i \bar{y}_i x_i x_j y_i y_j}$$

There is no direct connection to the gluonic gravitation form factors.

Connection to the gluon GFFs? Pion case

▸ Scattering amplitude

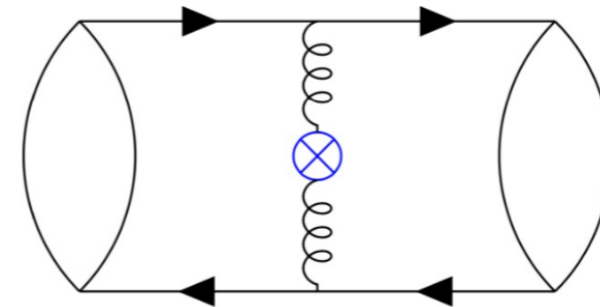


$$|\overline{\mathcal{A}}^\pi|^2 = G_\psi G_\pi(t) G_\pi^*(t)$$

$$G_\psi = |N_\psi|^2 = \frac{384\pi^2 e_c^2 \alpha (4\pi\alpha_s)^2}{N_c^2 M_\psi^3} \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}^\psi(^3S_1^{(1)}) | 0 \rangle$$

$$G_\pi(t) = \frac{8\pi\alpha_s C_F}{t} \int dx_1 dy_1 \phi^*(y_1) \phi(x_1) \frac{1}{x_1 \bar{x}_1 y_1 \bar{y}_1}$$

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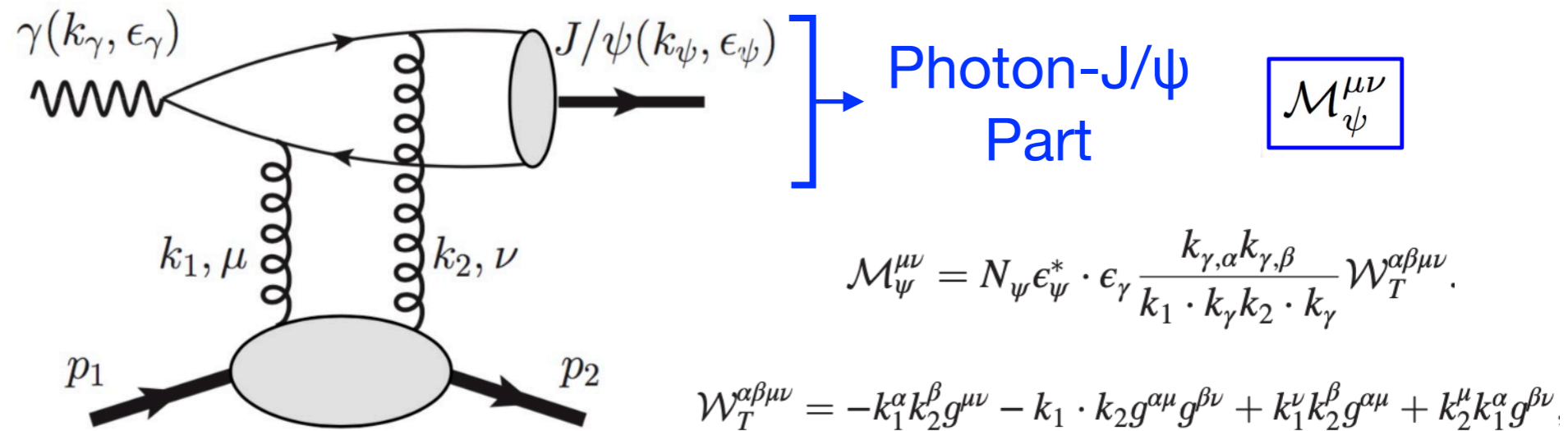
$$\begin{aligned} \langle P' | T_g^{\mu\nu} | P \rangle &= 2\bar{P}^\mu \bar{P}^\nu A_g^\pi(t) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} (\Delta^\mu \Delta^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} \Delta^2) C_g^\pi(t) + 2m^2 g^{\mu\nu} \bar{C}_g^\pi(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_g^\pi(t) &= C_g^\pi(t) = \frac{4m^2}{t} \bar{C}_g^\pi(t) \\ &= \frac{4\pi\alpha_s C_F}{-t} \int dx_1 dy_1 \phi^*(y_1) \phi(x_1) \left(\frac{1}{x_1 \bar{x}_1} + \frac{1}{y_1 \bar{y}_1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

There is no direct connection to the gluonic gravitational form factors.

What is the difference?

- ▶ Construct the gluonic operator



$$\mathcal{A} = N_{\psi} \epsilon_{\psi}^* \cdot \epsilon_{\gamma} \int d^4 k_1 d^4 k_2 \frac{k_{\gamma, \alpha} k_{\gamma, \beta}}{(k_1 \cdot k_{\gamma} - i\epsilon)(k_2 \cdot k_{\gamma} - i\epsilon)}$$

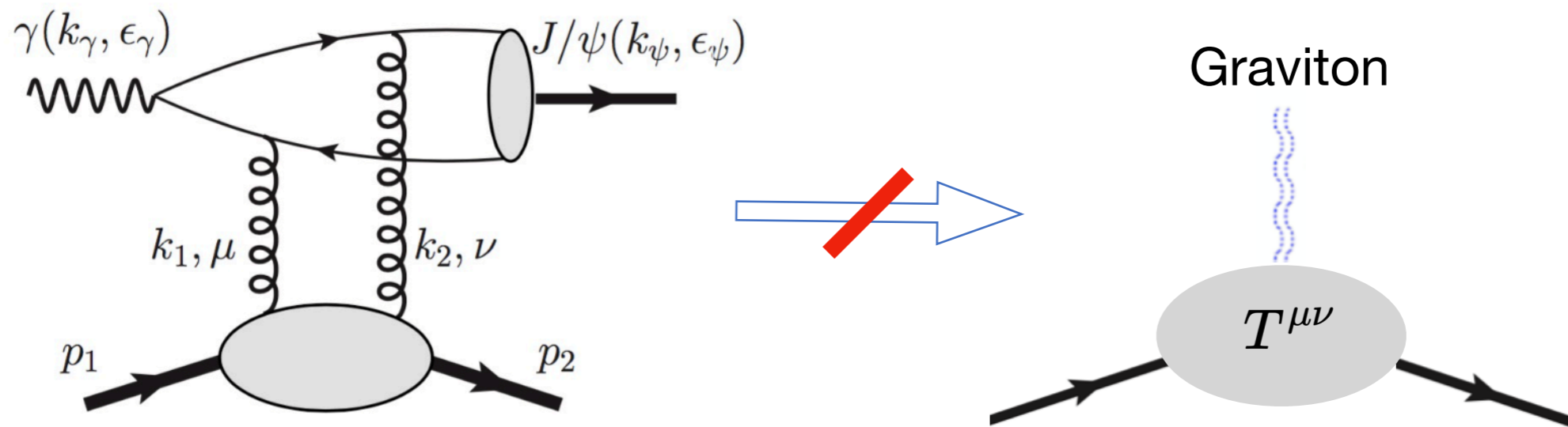
$$\times \int d^4 \eta_1 d^4 \eta_2 e^{ik_1 \cdot \eta_1 + ik_2 \cdot \eta_2} \langle N' | F^{a, \alpha}_{\rho}(\eta_1) F^{a, \beta \rho}(\eta_2) | N \rangle$$

Gluon EMT:
$$T_g^{\mu\nu} = F^{a, \mu\lambda} F_{\lambda}^{a, \nu} + \frac{1}{4} g^{\mu\nu} F^{a, \sigma\rho} F_{\sigma\rho}^a$$

The prefactors that come from the quark propagator prevent the gluonic operator to be local

What is the difference?

- It is a long stretch to make this connection.



The QCD dynamics involved in the **on-shell** photon (massless) transition to a **massive** heavy quarkonium does not allow a simple interpretation.

Connection to GPD formalism

- Guo-Ji-Liu argue that the GPD formalism can also apply in the threshold with $\xi \rightarrow 1$ [Guo-Ji-Liu Phys.Rev.D 103 \(2021\) 9, 096010](#)

$$\mathcal{M}(\varepsilon_V, \varepsilon) = \frac{8\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha_S(M_V)}{M_V^2} \phi^*(0) G(t, \xi) (\varepsilon_V^* \cdot \varepsilon).$$

$$G(t, \xi) = \frac{1}{2\xi} \int_{-1}^1 dx \mathcal{A}(x, \xi) \underbrace{F_g(x, \xi, t)}_{\text{GPD}} \quad \mathcal{A}(x, \xi) \equiv \frac{1}{x + \xi - i0} - \frac{1}{x - \xi + i0}$$

- Large t gluon GPD can also be calculated in perturbative QCD
 - Ji-Hoodbhoy-Yuan, 2004, quark GPD
 - gluon GPD-> consistent check!
- Expansions around $x=0$?
 - Leads to A, B, C GFFs, however may have singularity; Higher-moments ~20%
 - See discussion in [Hatta-Strikman Phys.Lett.B 817 \(2021\) 136295](#)
[Guo-Ji-Liu Phys.Rev.D 103 \(2021\) 9, 096010](#)

Summary&Outlook

- ▶ We study the near threshold quarkonium production at large momentum, trying to understand its connection to the gluonic graviton form factors
- ▶ Find no direct connection to the gluon GFFs.
- ▶ Power behavior at large $(-t)$ is derived, leading contributions come from the helicity-flip contributions, $1/(-t)^5$, different from the conventional power counting.

See applications in GlueX data

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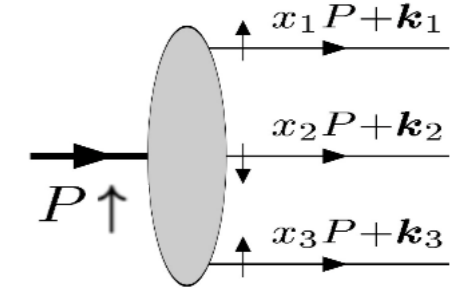
- ▶ Our study is consistent with the GPD formalism
- ▶ Further studies for NLO-corrections/ NRQCD corrections
- ▶ Looking forward to Gluon GPD phenomenology.

Nucleon amplitude

- Nucleon's 3-quarks WF Ji-Ma-Yuan, NPB 652, 383 (2003)

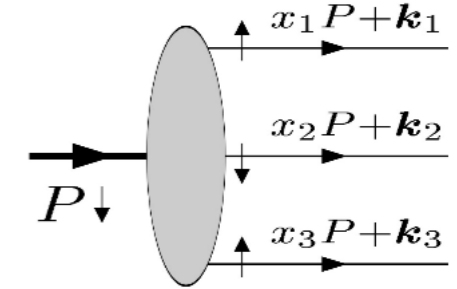
$$|P \uparrow\rangle_{1/2} = \int d[1]d[2]d[3] \left(\tilde{\psi}^{(1)}(1, 2, 3) \right) \quad L_z = 0$$

$$\times \frac{\epsilon^{abc}}{\sqrt{6}} u_{a\uparrow}^\dagger(1) \left(u_{b\downarrow}^\dagger(2) d_{c\uparrow}^\dagger(3) - d_{b\downarrow}^\dagger(2) u_{c\uparrow}^\dagger(3) \right) |0\rangle$$



$$|P \downarrow\rangle_{1/2} = \int d[1]d[2]d[3] \left((k_1^x - i k_1^y) \tilde{\psi}^{(3)}(1, 2, 3) + (k_2^x - i k_2^y) \tilde{\psi}^{(4)}(1, 2, 3) \right)$$

$$\times \frac{\epsilon^{abc}}{\sqrt{6}} \left(u_{a\downarrow}^\dagger(1) u_{b\uparrow}^\dagger(2) d_{c\uparrow}^\dagger(3) - d_{a\downarrow}^\dagger(1) u_{b\uparrow}^\dagger(2) u_{c\uparrow}^\dagger(3) \right) |0\rangle, \quad L_z = -1$$



- Distribution amplitude: Integrate out the transverse momentum

Twist-3 (leading twist):

Braun-Derkachov-Korchinsky-Manashov NPB 553, 355 (1999)
Braun-Fries-Mahnke-Stein NPB 589, 381 (2000)

$$\Phi_3(y_i) = -2\sqrt{6} \int \frac{d^2 \vec{k}'_{1\perp} d^2 \vec{k}'_{2\perp} d^2 \vec{k}'_{3\perp}}{(2\pi)^6} \delta^{(2)}(\vec{k}'_{1\perp} + \vec{k}'_{2\perp} + \vec{k}'_{3\perp}) \tilde{\psi}^{(1)}(1, 2, 3)$$

Twist-4:

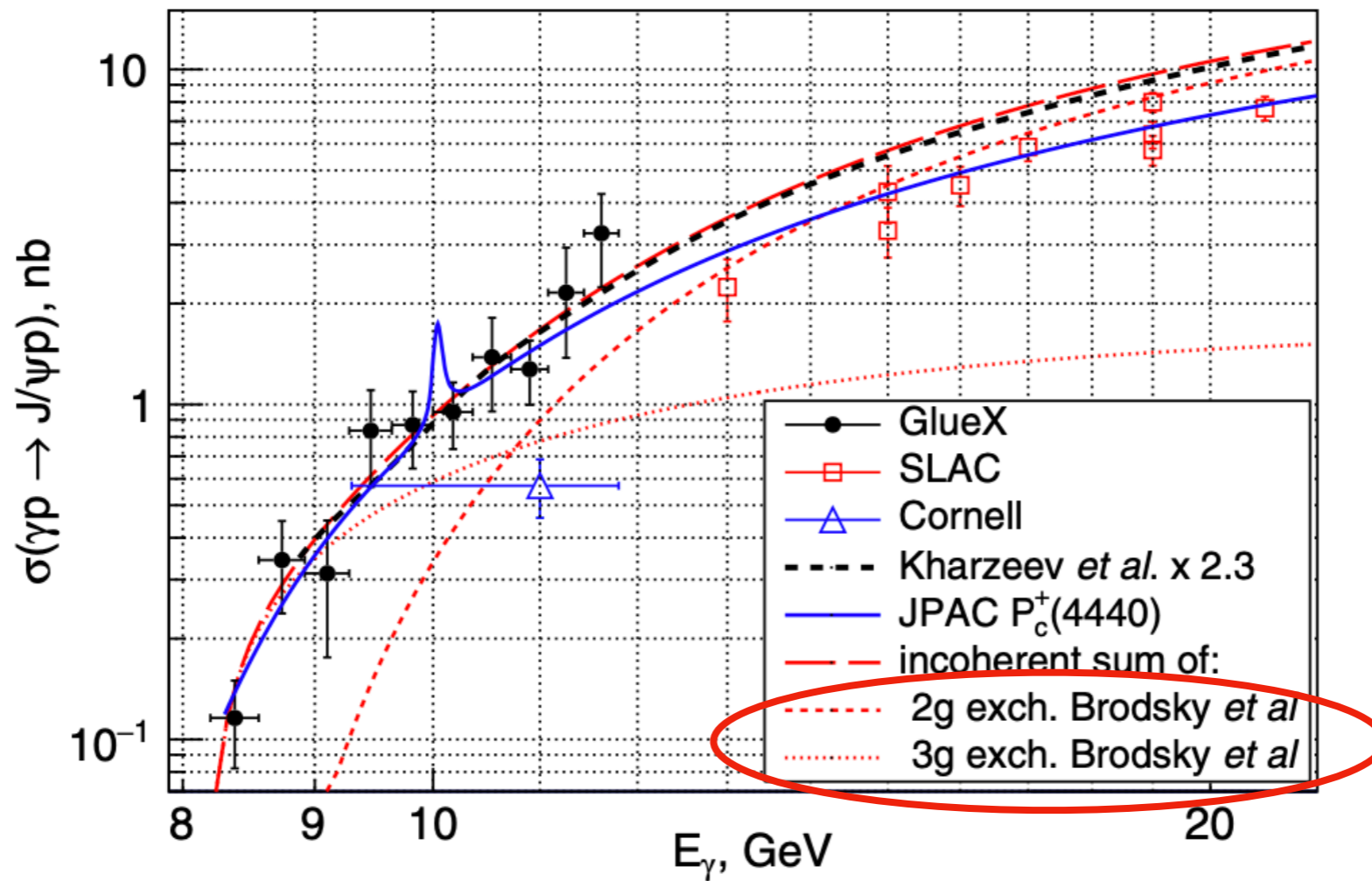
$$\Psi_4(x_1, x_2, x_3) = -\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{x_2 M} \int \frac{d^2 \vec{k}_{1\perp} d^2 \vec{k}_{2\perp} d^2 \vec{k}_{3\perp}}{(2\pi)^6} \delta^{(2)}(\vec{k}_{1\perp} + \vec{k}_{2\perp} + \vec{k}_{3\perp})$$

$$\times \underline{\vec{k}_{2\perp}} \cdot \left[\vec{k}_{1\perp} \tilde{\psi}^{(3)}(1, 2, 3) + \vec{k}_{2\perp} \tilde{\psi}^{(4)}(1, 2, 3) \right].$$

$$\Phi_4(x_2, x_1, x_3) = -\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{x_3 M} \int \frac{d^2 \vec{k}_{1\perp} d^2 \vec{k}_{2\perp} d^2 \vec{k}_{3\perp}}{(2\pi)^6} \delta^{(2)}(\vec{k}_{1\perp} + \vec{k}_{2\perp} + \vec{k}_{3\perp})$$

$$\times \vec{k}_{3\perp} \cdot \left[\vec{k}_{1\perp} \tilde{\psi}^{(3)}(1, 2, 3) + \vec{k}_{2\perp} \tilde{\psi}^{(4)}(1, 2, 3) \right].$$

Confusing claims in the literature



Two gluon or three gluon exchange?