

# Flavor dependence of GPDs in the Large- $N_c$ limit

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- Chiral-even GPDs parametrize the following off-forward matrix elements of quark operators at a light-like separation

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$$\begin{aligned} P^+ \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ixP^+z^-} \langle p', \lambda' | \bar{\psi}(-\frac{z}{2}) \gamma^+ \gamma_5 \psi(\frac{z}{2}) | p, \lambda \rangle \Big|_{z^+=0, \vec{z}_T=0} \\ = \bar{u}(p', \lambda') \left[ \tilde{H}^q \gamma^+ \gamma_5 + \tilde{E}^q \frac{\gamma_5 \Delta^+}{2m} \right] u(p, \lambda) \end{aligned}$$

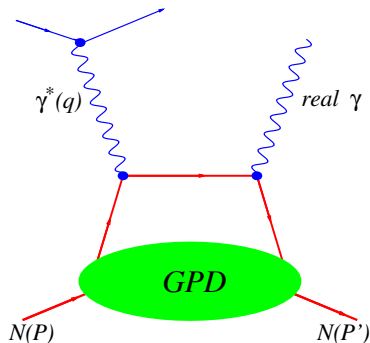
- GPDs depend on three parameters

$$x, \quad \xi = \frac{p^+ - p'^+}{p^+ + p'^+}, \quad t = \Delta^2$$

where  $\Delta = p' - p$  and  $P^+ = (p' + p)/2$ .

# Chiral-even GPDs

- Chiral-even GPDs are accessible through Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering



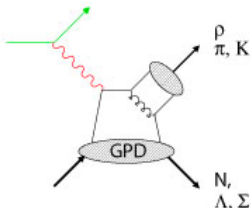
# Chiral-odd GPDs

- There are four chiral-odd GPDs  $H_T, \tilde{H}_T, E_T, \tilde{E}_T$  at leading twist

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ixP^+z^-} \langle p', \lambda' | \bar{\psi}(-\frac{1}{2}z) i\sigma^{+i} \psi(\frac{1}{2}z) | p, \lambda \rangle \Big|_{z^+=0, \mathbf{z}_T=0} \\ &= \frac{1}{2P^+} \bar{u}(p', \lambda') \left[ H_T^q i\sigma^{+i} + \tilde{H}_T^q \frac{P^+ \Delta^i - \Delta^+ P^i}{m^2} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + E_T^q \frac{\gamma^+ \Delta^i - \Delta^+ \gamma^i}{2m} + \tilde{E}_T^q \frac{\gamma^+ P^i - P^+ \gamma^i}{m} \right] u(p, \lambda). \end{aligned}$$

where  $i = 1, 2$  is the transversity index [Diehl '03]

- Accessible through exclusive meson production processes



# Properties of GPDs

- In the forward limit  $\Delta \rightarrow 0$ , certain GPDs are related to PDFs

$$H^q(x, 0, 0) = f_1^q(x)$$

$$\tilde{H}^q(x, 0, 0) = g_1^q(x)$$

$$H_T^q(x, 0, 0) = h_1^q(x).$$

- It follows from the time reversal invariance that under  $\xi \rightarrow -\xi$

$$F^q(x, \xi, t) = F^q(x, -\xi, t) \text{ for } F^q = H^q, E^q, \tilde{H}^q, \tilde{E}^q, H_T^q, \tilde{H}_T^q, E_T^q$$

$$F^q(x, \xi, t) = -F^q(x, -\xi, t) \text{ for } F^q = \tilde{E}_T^q$$

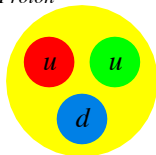
- Related to form factors via

$$\int_{-1}^1 \{H, E, \tilde{H}, \tilde{E}\}(x, \xi, t) dx = F_1(t), F_2(t), G_A(t), G_P(t)$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \{H_T, \tilde{H}_T, E_T\}(x, \xi, t) dx = H_T(t), \tilde{H}_T(t), E_T(t)$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \{\tilde{E}_T\}(x, \xi, t) dx = 0$$

Proton



- Quarks are constrained inside of a finite size "bag"
- Quarks are free inside the bag (mimics asymptotic freedom), however are subject to sharp boundary conditions on the surface (mimics confinement).
- The Lagrangian density of the system for massless quarks is given by

$$\mathcal{L} = (i\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu\psi - B)\Theta_V - \frac{1}{2}\bar{\psi}\psi\delta_S$$

where  $\Theta_V$  is the volume inside the bag and  $\delta_S$  is a  $\delta$ -function at the bag surface. The constant  $B$  is the energy needed to create the perturbative vacuum inside the bag.

- Quarks inside the bag satisfy the Dirac equation
- Equations of motion of the system further asserts that

$$\eta_{\mu} j^{\mu} = \eta_{\mu} \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \psi = 0 \quad (\text{conservation of current})$$
$$\partial_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad (\text{conservation of EMT})$$

- Bag model has been used to obtain the first estimations for chiral-even GPDs [Ji, Melnitchouk, Song '97]
- We use the Bag model to evaluate the off-forward matrix elements in the Breit frame

$$p^{\mu} = (\bar{m}, -\vec{\Delta}/2) \quad \text{and} \quad p'^{\mu} = (\bar{m}, \vec{\Delta}/2)$$

where  $\bar{m}^2 = P^2$ .



# Chiral-odd GPDs in Bag Model

- The momentum space wave function in the bag is given by

$$\varphi(\vec{k}) = \sqrt{4\pi}NR^3 \begin{pmatrix} t_0(k)\chi_m \\ \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{k} \quad t_1(k)\chi_m \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $N$  is the normalization constant,  $R$  is the bag radius and

$$t_0(k) = \frac{j_0(w_0)\cos(kR) - j_0(kR)\cos(w_0)}{w_0^2 - \vec{k}^2R^2}$$

$$t_1(k) = \frac{j_0(kR)j_1(w_0)kR - j_0(w_0)j_1(kR)w_0}{w_0^2 - \vec{k}^2R^2}$$

- Use this wave function to evaluate the correlators on the left hand side;

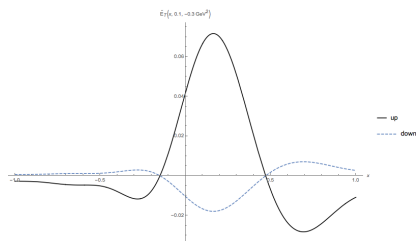
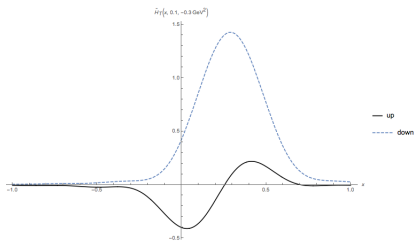
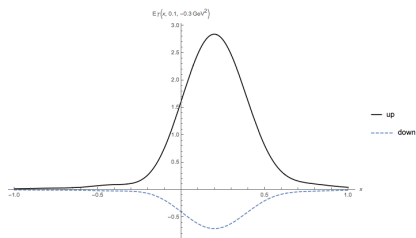
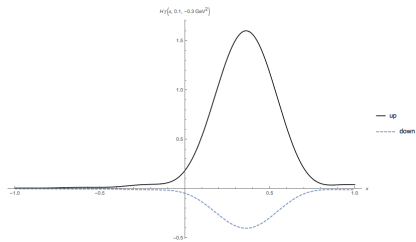
$$\varphi^\dagger(k')S(\Lambda_{-\vec{v}})\gamma^0\Gamma S(\Lambda_{\vec{v}})\varphi(k)$$

where  $\Gamma = i\sigma^{+i}$  and  $S(\Lambda_{\vec{v}})$  is the Lorentz boost transformation

- We have 2 equation (for  $i = 1, 2$ ) and 4 unknowns; project on different spin components to obtain 4 equations with 4 unknowns

# Chiral-odd GPDs in Bag Model

- Chiral-odd GPDs in Bag Model at  $\xi = 0.1, t = -0.3\text{GeV}^2$



# Large- $N_c$ expansion

- Usually once we can not solve a problem analytically, we tend to use perturbation theory; anharmonic oscillator in QM,  $\phi^4$  theory in QFT, ect.
- In QCD, however, the coupling constant  $g$  is high at low energies. Hence is not a good expansion parameter.
- The only known expansion parameter valid in all regions in QCD is  $1/N_c$  obtained by generalizing the color gauge group  $SU(3) \rightarrow SU(N_c)$  [t'Hooft '74]
- As  $N_c \rightarrow \infty$ , QCD simplifies significantly and can be approached nonperturbatively; with an expansion parameter  $1/N_c$

# Large- $N_c$ expansion

- In this picture, baryons appear as infinitely massive ( $\sim N_c$ ) in the background of weakly interacting mesons [[Witten '79](#)]
- Large- $N_c$  results can be checked in various ways: Diagrammatic techniques, chiral soliton model, Large- $N_c$  quark model
- We use Bag Model as a tool to investigate model independent ( $N_c$ -scaling) results of GPDs in the Large- $N_c$  framework

# Large- $N_c$ expansion in Bag Model

- In Large- $N_c$  limit, the nucleon mass scales with  $N_c$  while retaining a stable size

$$M_N \sim N_c$$

$$R \sim N_c^0$$

Hence the nucleon becomes denser and denser.

- On the other hand

$$\Delta^0 \sim N_c^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{\Delta} \sim N_c^0$$

$$x \sim N_c^{-1}$$

$$\xi \sim N_c^{-1}$$

$$t \sim N_c^0$$

# Large- $N_c$ expansion in Bag Model

- In the Large- $N_c$  framework, a GPD  $G$  can be expressed in the form

$$G(x, \xi, t) \sim N_c^k \times F(N_c x, N_c \xi, t)$$

where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and  $F$  is a model dependent function.

- Here  $k$  depends on the GPD in question and the function  $F$  depends on the dynamical model used
- The leading flavor combinations of chiral-even GPDs in  $1/N_c$  expansion is found to be [\[Goeke, Polyakov, Vanderhaeghen '01\]](#)

$$\begin{aligned} H^{u+d} &\sim N_c^2, & E^{u-d} &\sim N_c^3 \\ \tilde{H}^{u-d} &\sim N_c^2, & \tilde{E}^{u-d} &\sim N_c^4. \end{aligned}$$

# Large- $N_c$ expansion in Bag Model

- By using Bag Model, we obtain the following scaling properties of chiral-odd GPDs

$$\begin{aligned}H_T^q &\sim N_c^2 \\E_T^q &\sim N_c^4 \\ \tilde{H}_T^q &\sim N_c^4 \\ \tilde{E}_T^q &\sim N_c^3.\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

- Here we note that among chiral-odd GPDs there is a special linear combination,  $\bar{E}_T^q = E_T^q + 2\tilde{H}_T^q$ , which shows a cancellation of leading order scalings in the Large- $N_c$  expansion

$$\bar{E}_T^q \sim N_c^3.$$

# Large- $N_c$ expansion in Bag Model

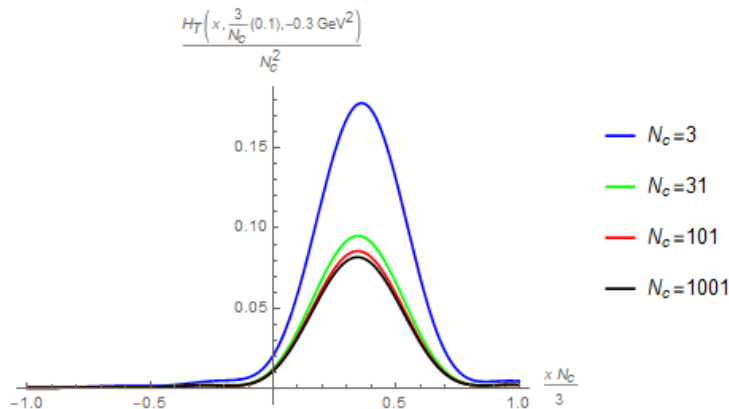


Figure:  $N_c$ -scaling of the chiral-odd GPD  $H_T^u$  as a function of  $\frac{x N_c}{3}$  fixed at  $\xi = 0.1 \times \frac{3}{N_c}$  and  $t = -0.3 \text{ GeV}^2$ .



# Large- $N_c$ expansion in Bag Model

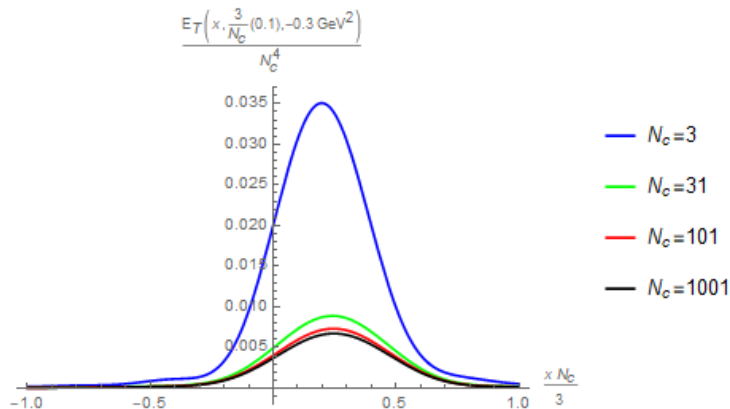


Figure:  $N_c$ -scaling of the chiral-odd GPD  $E_T^u$  as a function of  $\frac{x N_c}{3}$  fixed at  $\xi = 0.1 \times \frac{3}{N_c}$  and  $t = -0.3 \text{ GeV}^2$ .

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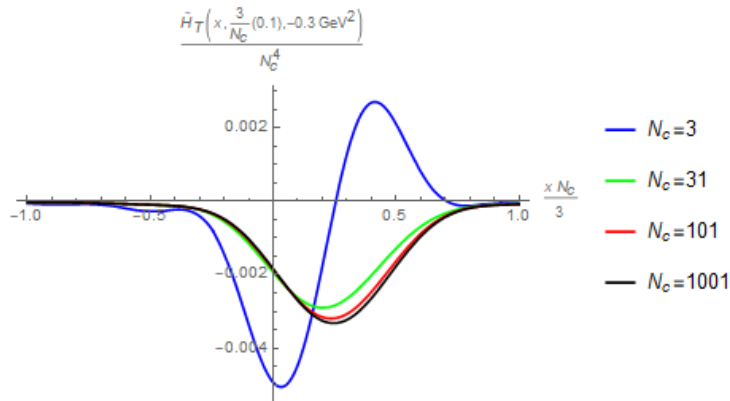


Figure:  $N_c$ -scaling of the chiral-odd GPD  $\tilde{H}_T^u$  as a function of  $\frac{x N_c}{3}$  fixed at  $\xi = 0.1 \times \frac{3}{N_c}$  and  $t = -0.3 \text{ GeV}^2$ .

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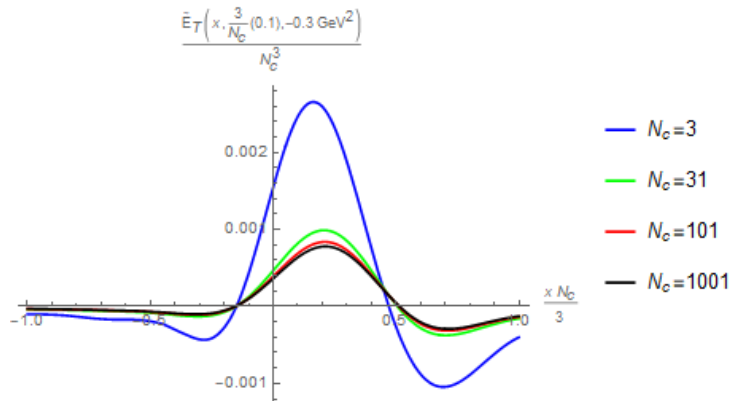


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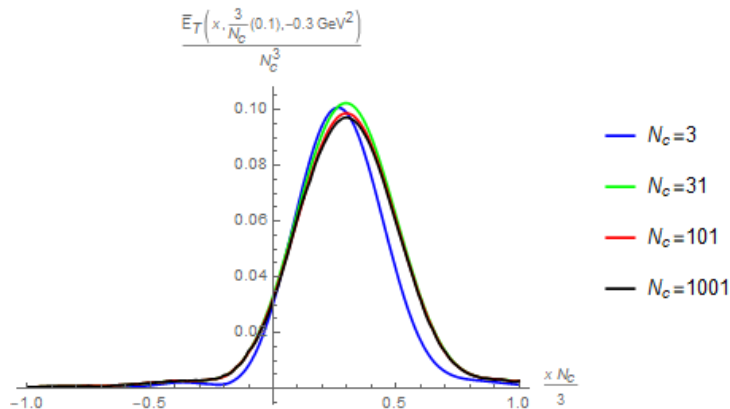


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# Large- $N_c$ expansion in Bag Model

- On the other hand, dominant isospin combinations of chiral-odd GPDs in the Large- $N_c$  limit appear as

$$\begin{aligned}H_T^{u-d}(x, \xi, t) &\sim N_c^2 \\E_T^{u+d}(x, \xi, t) &\sim N_c^4 \\ \tilde{H}_T^{u+d}(x, \xi, t) &\sim N_c^4 \\ \tilde{E}_T^{u-d}(x, \xi, t) &\sim N_c^3 \\ \bar{E}_T^{u+d}(x, \xi, t) &\sim N_c^3.\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

- Whereas, opposite isospin combinations are suppressed by order one
- The  $N_c$  scaling behaviors of the isospin combinations of chiral-odd GPDs:  $\bar{E}_T$ ,  $H_T$  and  $\tilde{E}_T$  were discussed by [\[Schweitzer, Weiss '16\]](#) using a solitonic field with known symmetry properties. The results are confirmed in the bag model

# Phenomenological implications

- What are the phenomenological implications of our findings?
- Since we have Large- $N_c$  relations among flavor-singlet and flavor-nonsinglet components of GPDs, this order among them predicts the relative sign of flavor decomposed GPDs
- For instance, dominance of flavor-nonsinglet ( $u - d$ ) component of the GPD  $H_T$  in the Large- $N_c$  limit implies a sign difference in the flavor decomposition of  $H_T$
- Similarly for  $\bar{E}_T$ , flavor-singlet ( $u + d$ ) component is dominant in the Large- $N_c$  limit. This implies that the flavor decomposition is expected to have the same sign

# Phenomenological implications

- Preliminary  $\pi^0, \eta$  electroproduction data at JLab confirms our predictions for  $H_T$  and  $\bar{E}_T$

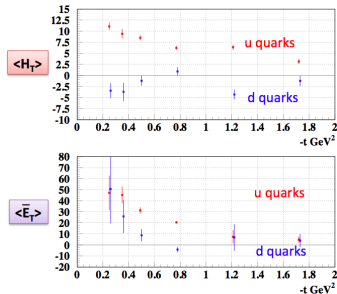


Figure: Preliminary [Kubarovsky '15], talk given at EMP and Short Range Hadron Structure.  $Q^2 = 1.8 \text{ GeV}^2$

where  $\langle \dots \rangle$  denotes a convolution of the associated GPDs with a subprocess as introduced in *Goloskokov – Kroll* model.

- Chiral-odd GPDs at leading twist are evaluated in the MIT Bag Model
- In the Large- $N_c$  limit, scaling properties of GPDs and their isospin combinations were analyzed
- Phenomenological results supports the Large- $N_c$  expectations.