

L–T Separations in Deep Exclusive Meson Production at JLab 20+ GeV

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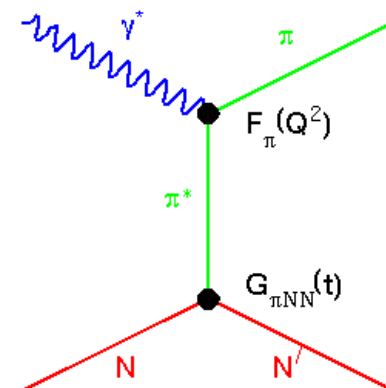
DEMP Opportunities in Hall C

1) Determine the Pion Form Factor to high Q^2 :

- Indirectly measure F_π using the “pion cloud” of the proton via $p(e, e' \pi^+) n$

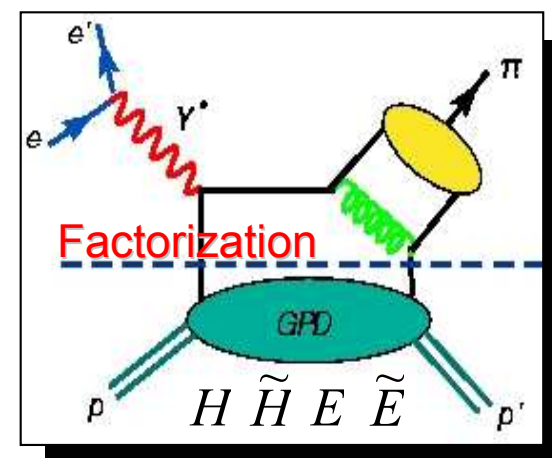
$$|p\rangle = |p\rangle_0 + |n\pi^+\rangle + \dots$$

- The pion form factor is a key QCD observable**
- Extension of studies to Kaon Form Factor expected to reveal insights on hadronic mass generation via DCSB

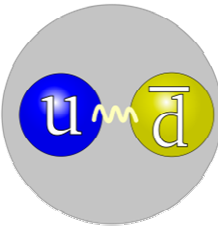


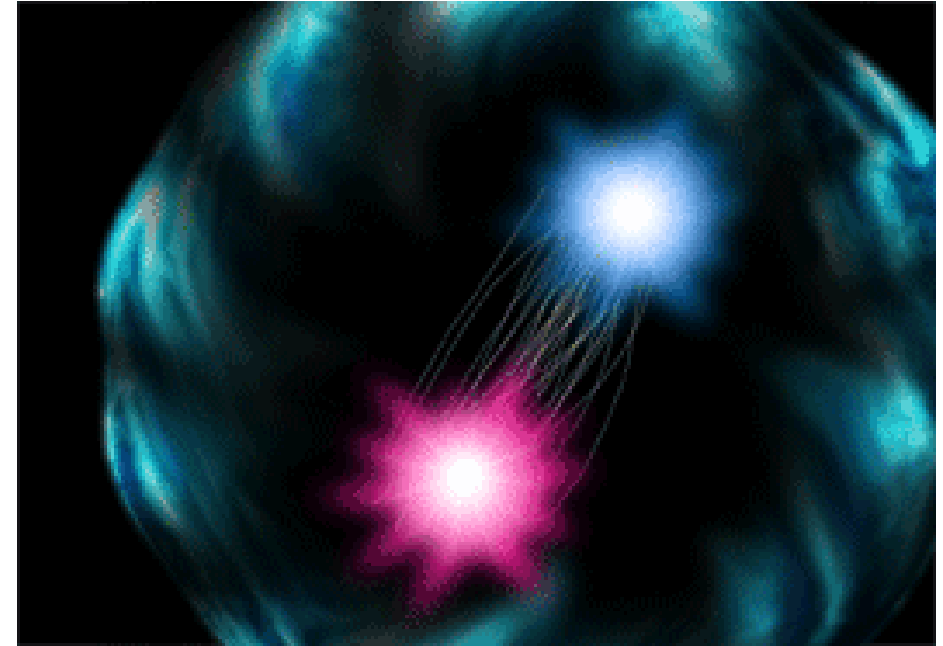
2) Study the Hard-Soft Factorization Regime:

- Need to determine region of validity of hard-exclusive reaction mechanism, as GPDs can only be extracted where factorization applies**
- Separated $p(e, e' \pi^+/K^+)$ cross sections vs. Q^2 at fixed x to investigate reaction mechanism towards 3D imaging studies
- Extension of studies to u-channel $p(e, e' p)\omega$ can reveal hard-soft factorization at backward angle



Charged Pion Form Factor

- The pion is attractive as a QCD laboratory:
 - Simple, 2 quark system 
 - The pion is the “positronium atom” of QCD, its form factor is a test case for most model calculations
 - The important question to answer is: What is the structure of the π^+ at all Q^2 ?
- A program of study unique to Jefferson Lab Hall C (until the completion of the EIC)



Pion's structure is determined by two valence quarks, and the quark-gluon sea.

Measurement of π^+ Form Factor – Larger Q^2

At larger Q^2 , F_π must be measured indirectly using the “pion cloud” of the proton via pion electroproduction $p(e, e'\pi^+)n$

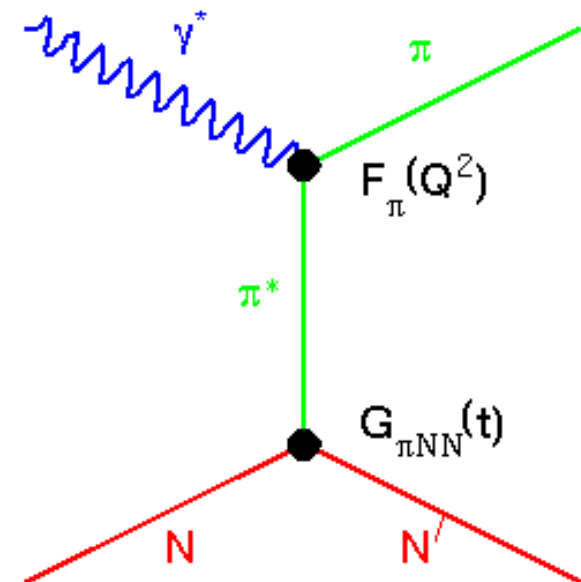
$$|p\rangle = |p\rangle_0 + |n\pi^+\rangle + \dots$$

- At small $-t$, the pion pole process dominates the longitudinal cross section, σ_L
- In Born term model, F_π^2 appears as,

$$\frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} \propto \frac{-tQ^2}{(t - m_\pi^2)} g_{\pi NN}^2(t) F_\pi^2(Q^2, t)$$

Drawbacks of this technique

1. Isolating σ_L experimentally challenging
2. Theoretical uncertainty in form factor extraction.

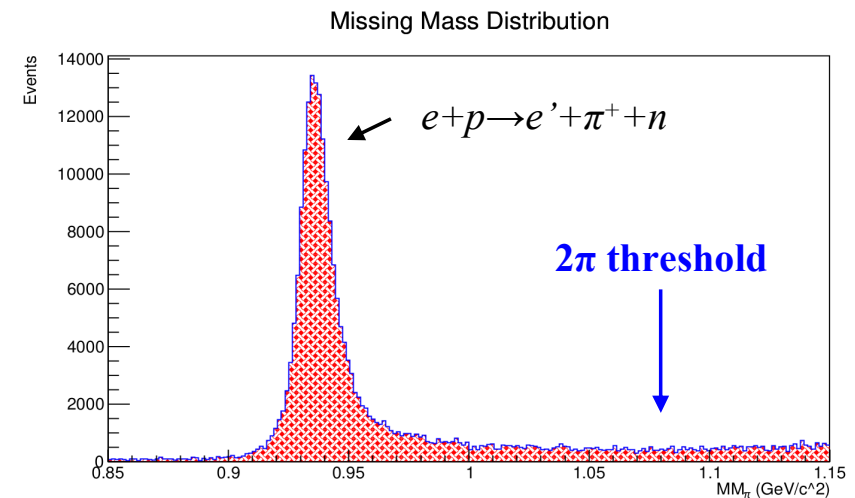
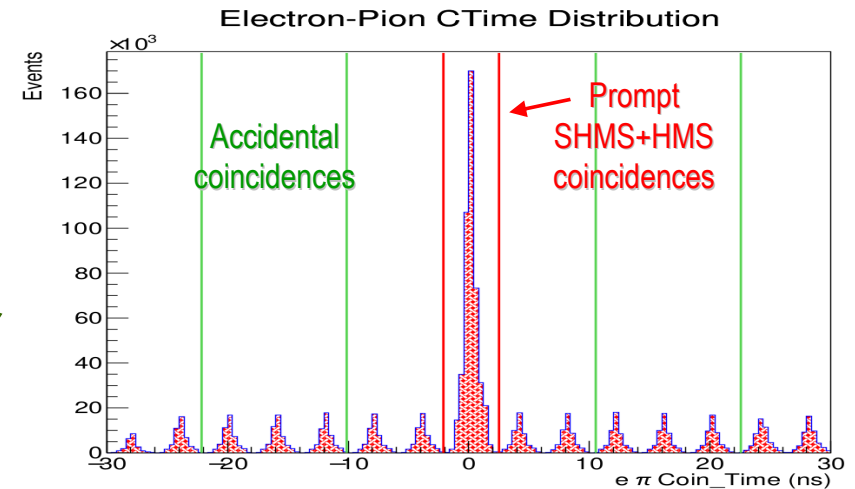
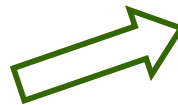


$p(e, e'\pi^+)n$ Event Selection

Coincidence measurement between charged pions in SHMS and electrons in HMS

Easy to isolate
exclusive channel

- Excellent particle identification
- CW beam minimizes “accidental” coincidences
- Missing mass resolution easily excludes 2-pion contributions



PionLT experiment E12-19-006 Data

$Q^2=1.60$, $W=3.08$, $x=0.157$, $\varepsilon=0.685$

$E_{\text{beam}}=9.177$ GeV, $P_{\text{SHMS}}=+5.422$ GeV/c, $\theta_{\text{SHMS}}=10.26^\circ$ (left)

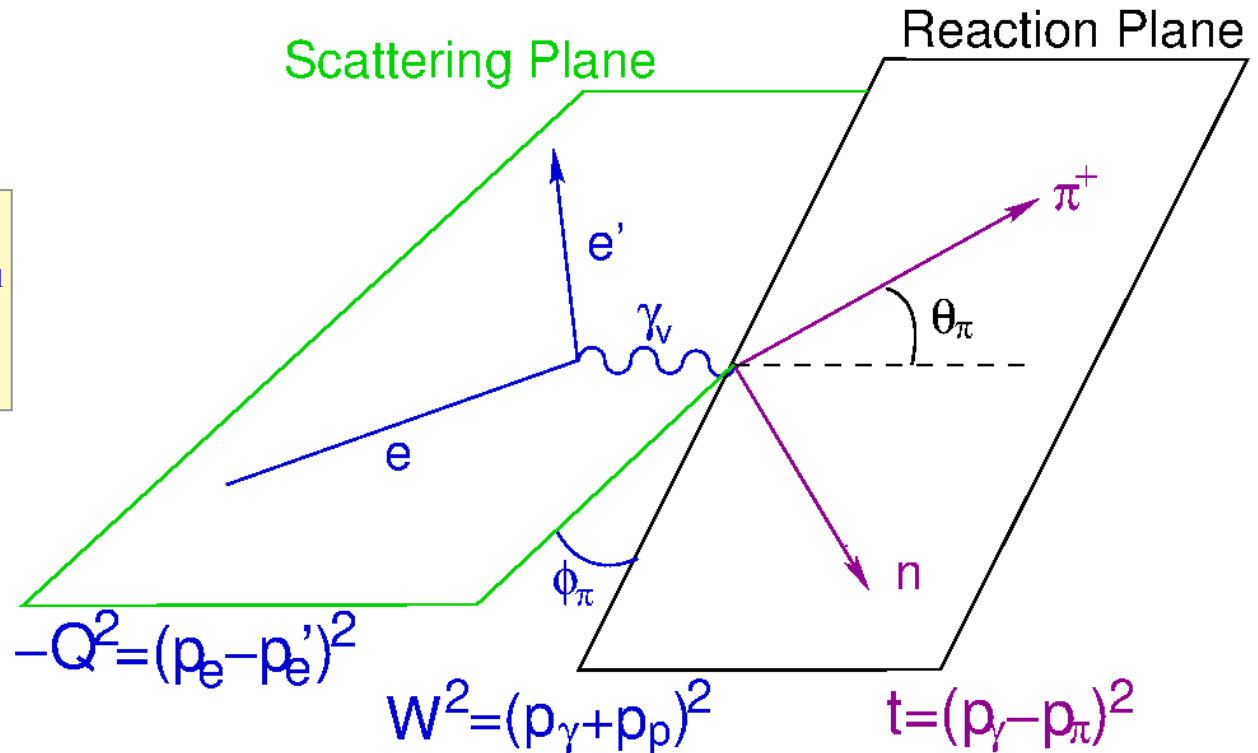
Plots by Muhammad Junaid

$$2\pi \frac{d^2\sigma}{dt d\phi} = \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} + \frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(\varepsilon+1)} \frac{d\sigma_{LT}}{dt} \cos\phi + \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} \cos 2\phi$$



Virtual-photon polarization:

$$\varepsilon = \left(1 + 2 \frac{(E_e - E_{e'})^2 + Q^2}{Q^2} \tan^2 \frac{\theta_{e'}}{2} \right)^{-1}$$



- L-T separation required to separate σ_L from σ_T
- Need to take data at smallest available $-t$, so σ_L has maximum contribution from the π^+ pole
- Need to measure t -dependence of σ_L at fixed Q^2, W

L/T–separation error propagation

Error in $d\sigma_L/dt$ is magnified by $1/\Delta\varepsilon$, where $\Delta\varepsilon=(\varepsilon_{\text{Hi}}-\varepsilon_{\text{Low}})$

→ To keep magnification factor $<5\times$, need $\Delta\varepsilon>0.2$, preferably more!

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dt d\phi} = \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} + \frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(\varepsilon+1)} \frac{d\sigma_{LT}}{dt} \cos\phi_\pi + \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} \cos 2\phi_\pi$$

$$\frac{\Delta\sigma_L}{\sigma_L} = \frac{1}{(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)} \left(\frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} \right) \sqrt{(R + \varepsilon_1)^2 + (R + \varepsilon_2)^2} \quad \text{where } R = \frac{\sigma_T}{\sigma_L}$$

$$\frac{\Delta\sigma_T}{\sigma_T} = \frac{1}{(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)} \left(\frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} \right) \sqrt{\varepsilon_1^2 \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon_2}{R} \right)^2 + \varepsilon_2^2 \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon_1}{R} \right)^2}$$

The relevant quantities for F_π extraction are R and $\Delta\varepsilon$

$$\frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} \propto \frac{-tQ^2}{(t - m_\pi^2)} g_{\pi NN}^2(t) F_\pi^2(Q^2, t)$$

Extract $F_\pi(Q^2)$ from JLab σ_L data

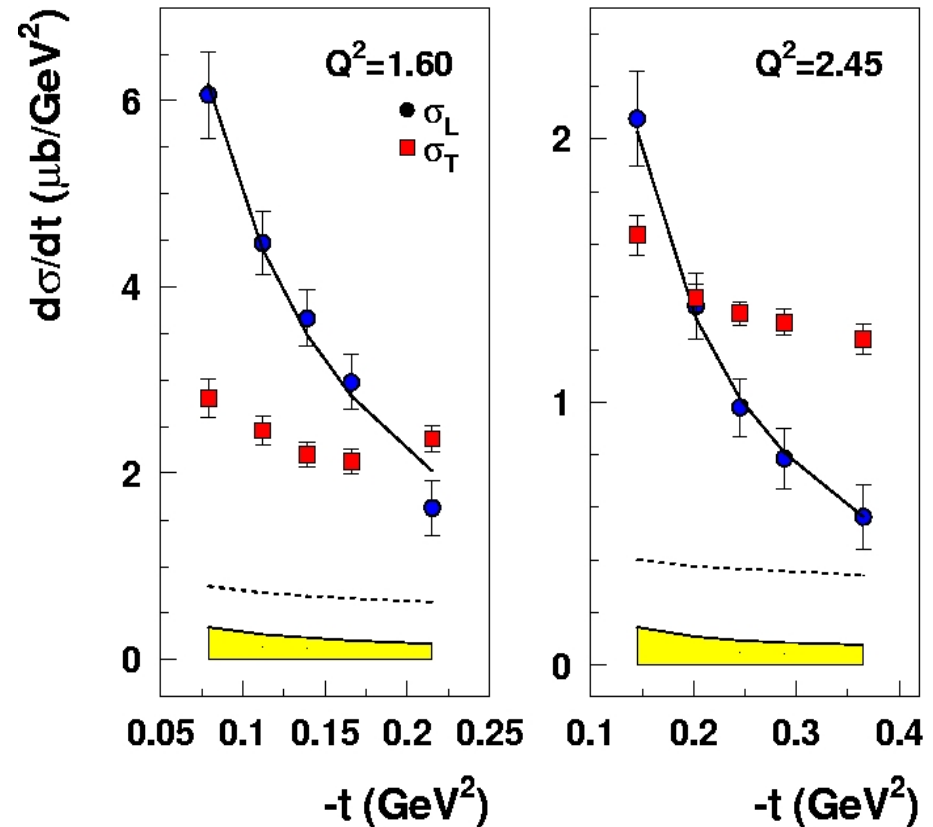
Model incorporates π^+ production mechanism and spectator neutron effects:

VGL Regge Model:

- Feynman propagator $\left(\frac{1}{t - m_\pi^2} \right)$
replaced by π and ρ Regge propagators.
 - Represents the exchange of a series of particles, compared to a single particle.
- Free parameters: $\Lambda_\pi, \Lambda_\rho$ (trajectory cutoff)
[Vanderhaeghen, Guidal, Laget, PRC 57(1998)1454]
- At small $-t$, σ_L only sensitive to F_π

$$F_\pi = \frac{1}{1 + Q^2 / \Lambda_\pi^2}$$

Fit to σ_L to model
gives F_π at each Q^2



Error bars indicate statistical and random (pt-pt) systematic uncertainties in quadrature.

Yellow band indicates the correlated (scale) and partly correlated (t-corr) systematic uncertainties.

$$\Lambda_\pi^2 = 0.513, 0.491 \text{ GeV}^2, \Lambda_\rho^2 = 1.7 \text{ GeV}^2.$$

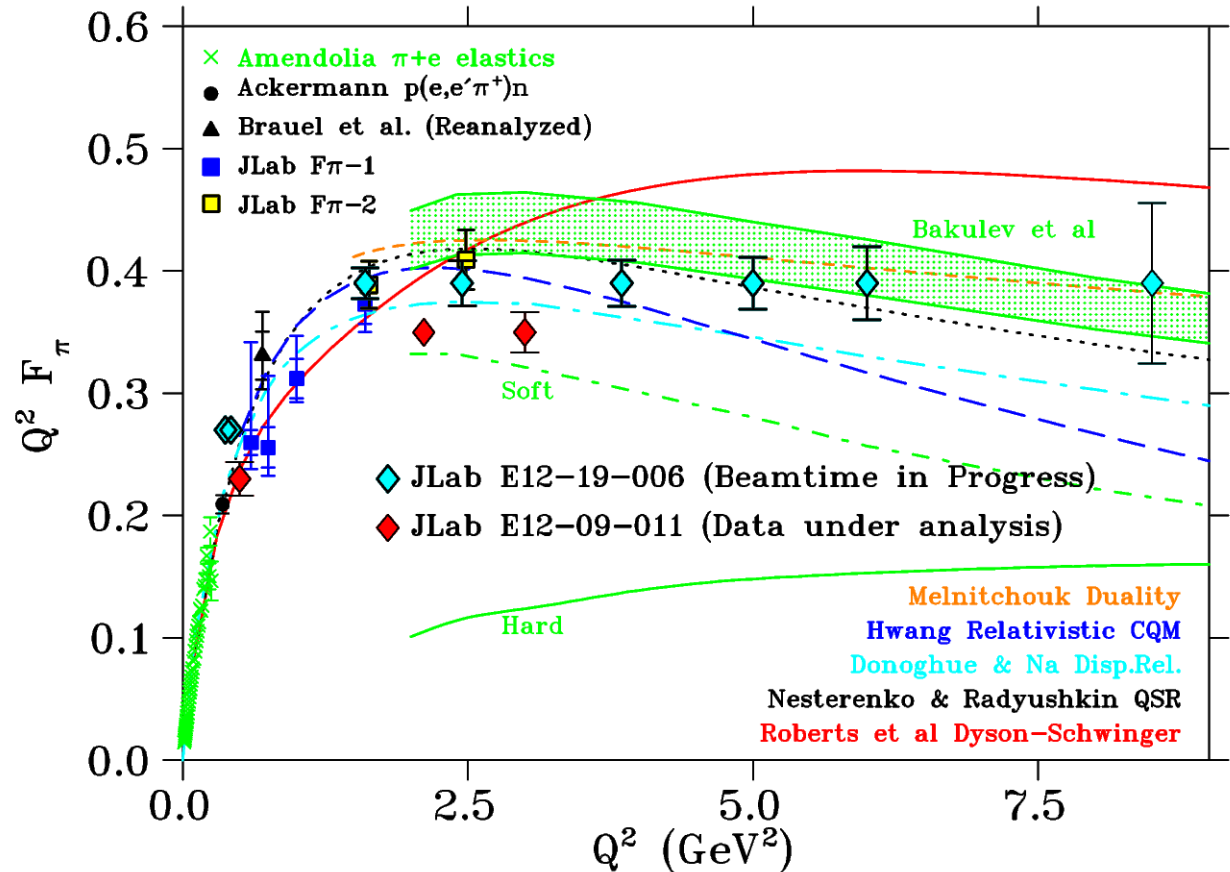
F π -2 data: T. Horn et al., PRL 97(2006)192001.

Current and Projected F_π Data

SHMS+HMS will allow measurement of F_π to much higher Q^2 .

No other facility worldwide can perform this measurement.

The pion form factor is the clearest test case for studies of QCD's transition from non-perturbative to perturbative regions.



The $\sim 17\%$ measurement of F_π at $Q^2=8.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ is at higher $-t_{min}=0.45 \text{ GeV}^2$

E12-19-006: D. Gaskell, T. Horn and G. Huber, spokespersons

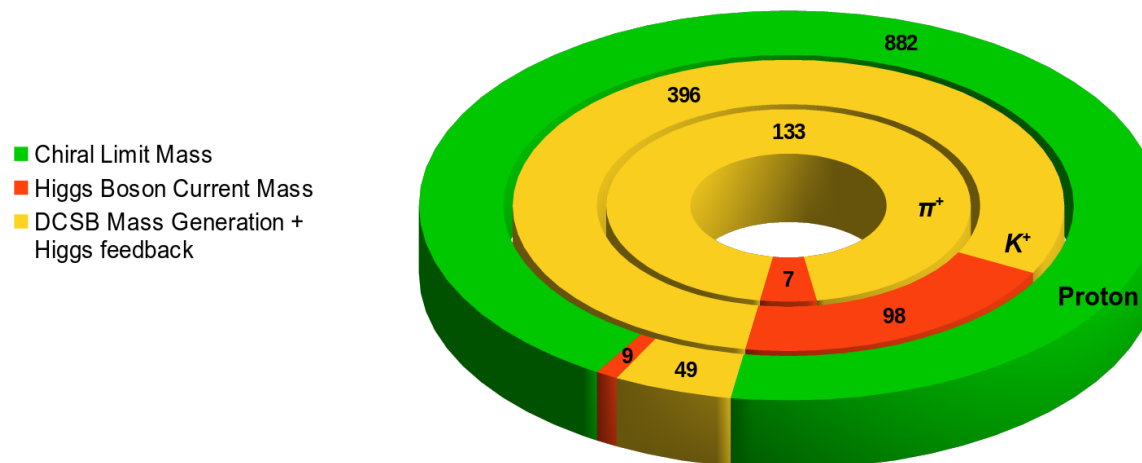
The Charged Kaon – 2nd QCD test case

- In hard scattering limit, pQCD predicts π^+ , K^+ form factors will behave similarly

$$\frac{F_K(Q^2)}{F_\pi(Q^2)} \xrightarrow{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f_K^2}{f_\pi^2}$$

- Important to compare magnitudes and Q^2 -dependences of both form factors

Hadron Mass Budget

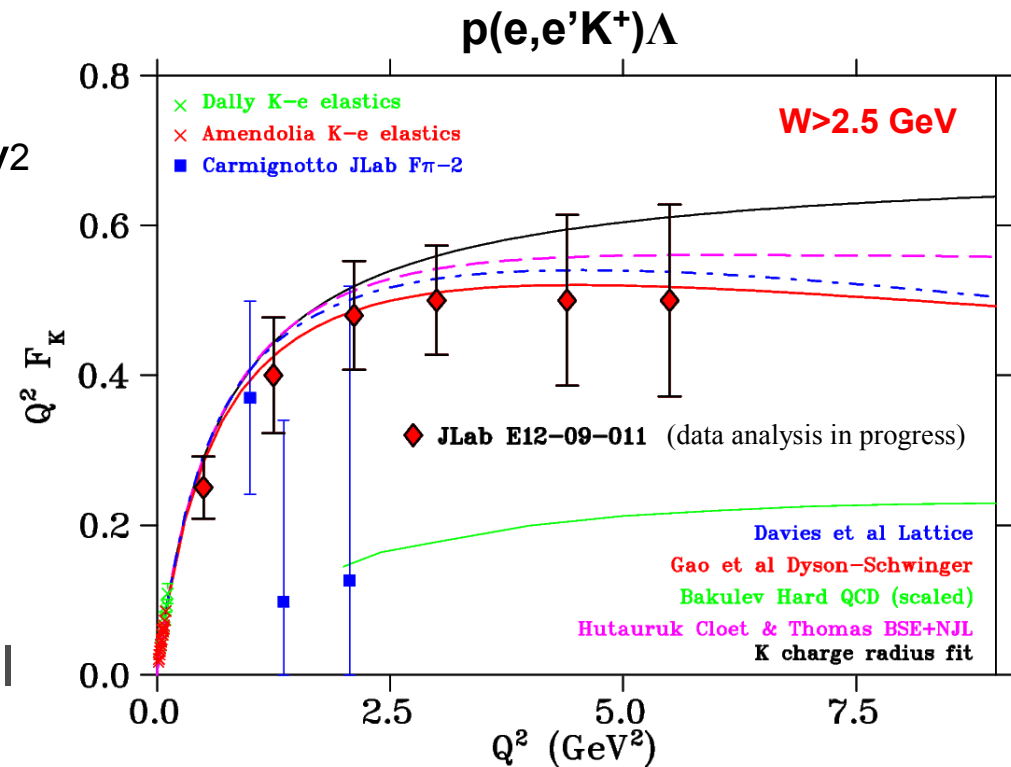


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- Proton mass large in absence of quark couplings to Higgs boson (chiral limit). Conversely, K and π are massless in chiral limit (i.e. they are Goldstone bosons).
- The mass budgets of these crucially important particles demand interpretation.
- Equations of QCD stress that any explanation of the proton's mass is incomplete, unless it simultaneously explains the light masses of QCD's Goldstone bosons, the π and K .
- Understanding π^+ and K^+ form factors over broad Q^2 range is central to this puzzle.

Projected Uncertainties for K^+ Form Factor

- First measurement of F_K well above the resonance region.
- Measure form factor to $Q^2=3 \text{ GeV}^2$ with good overlap with elastic scattering data.
 - Limited by $-t < 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$ requirement to minimize non-pole contributions.
- Data will provide an important second $q\bar{q}$ system for theoretical models, this time involving a strange quark.



E12-09-011: T. Horn, G. Huber and P. Markowitz, spokespersons

Upgrade Scenarios Considered

Phase 1: higher energy beam, keep HMS+SHMS as is

Various Phase 2 Scenarios:

- 1. Large upgrade to HMS momentum**
 - 7 GeV/c \rightarrow 14 GeV/c
 - Keep $\theta_{\min}=10.50^\circ$ (HMS)
- 2. Upgrade both HMS momentum and forward angle**
 - 7 GeV/c \rightarrow 11 GeV/c
 - $\theta_{\min}=10.50^\circ \rightarrow 7.5^\circ$ (HMS)
 - $\theta_{\text{open}}=18.00^\circ \rightarrow 15.00^\circ$
- 3. Keep HMS unchanged and upgrade SHMS momentum**
 - 11 GeV/c \rightarrow 15 GeV/c (SHMS)
 - Keep $\theta_{\min}=5.50^\circ$ (SHMS), $\theta_{\text{open}}=18.00^\circ$

Phase 1 Scenario: π^+ Form Factor

- 7.2 GeV/c HMS & 11.0 GeV/c SHMS allow a lot of kinematic flexibility, **with no upgrades**
 - Experiment could be done as soon as beam energy is available!
 - Maximum beam energy and higher Q^2 reach constrained by sum of HMS+SHMS maximum momenta

	10.6 GeV	18.0 GeV	Improvement in $\delta F_\pi / F_\pi$
$Q^2=8.5$	$\Delta\varepsilon=0.22$	$\Delta\varepsilon=0.40$	16.8% → 8.0%
$Q^2=10.0$	New high quality F_π data		
$Q^2=11.5$	Larger F_π extraction uncertainty due to higher $-t_{min}$		

$p(e, e' \pi^+)n$ Kinematics					
E_{beam}	$\theta_{HMS} (e')$	$P_{HMS} (e')$	$\theta_{q(SHMS)} (\pi^+)$	$P_{SHMS} (\pi^+)$	Time FOM
$Q^2=8.5$ $W=3.64$ $-t_{min}=0.24$ $\Delta\varepsilon=0.40$					
13.0	34.30	1.88	5.29	10.99	64.7
18.0	15.05	6.88	8.94	10.99	2.2
$Q^2=10.0$ $W=3.44$ $-t_{min}=0.37$ $\Delta\varepsilon=0.40$					
13.0	37.78	1.83	5.56	10.97	122.7
18.0	16.39	6.83	9.57	10.97	4.5
$Q^2=11.5$ $W=3.24$ $-t_{min}=0.54$ $\Delta\varepsilon=0.29$					
14.0	31.73	2.75	7.06	10.96	82.4
18.0	17.70	6.75	10.05	10.96	8.8

- **Since quality L–T separations are impossible at EIC (can't access $\varepsilon < 0.95$) this extension of L–T separated data considerably increases F_π data set overlap between JLab and EIC**

Phase 1 Scenario: K^+ Form Factor

- 7.2 GeV/c HMS & 11.0 GeV/c SHMS allow a lot of kinematic flexibility
- Maximum beam energy and higher Q^2 reach constrained by sum of HMS+SHMS maximum momenta
- Success depends on good K^+/π^+ separation in SHMS at high momenta, likely requires a modest aerogel detector upgrade
- Counting rates are roughly 10x lower than pion form factor measurement

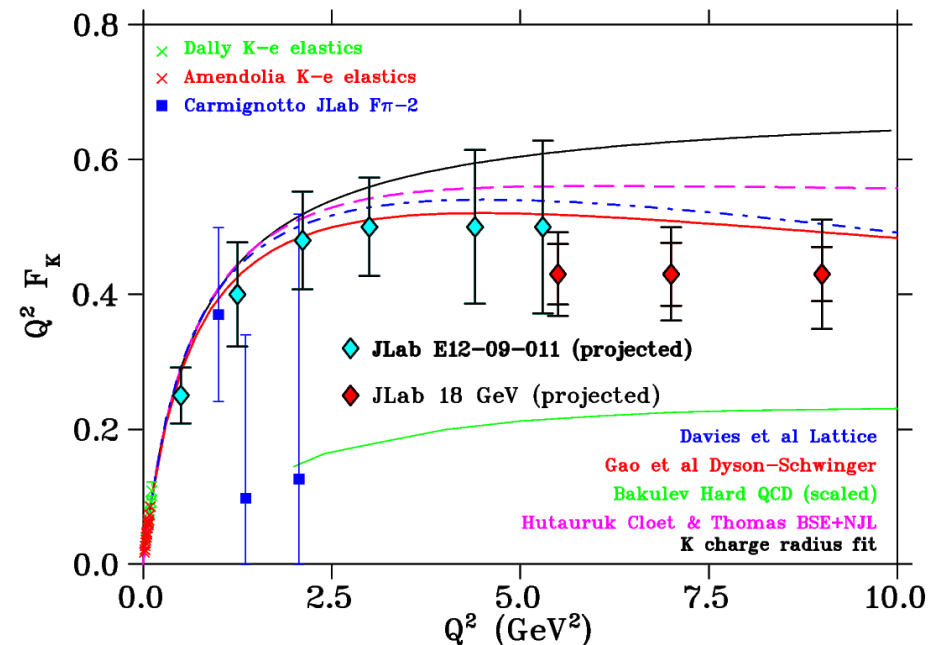
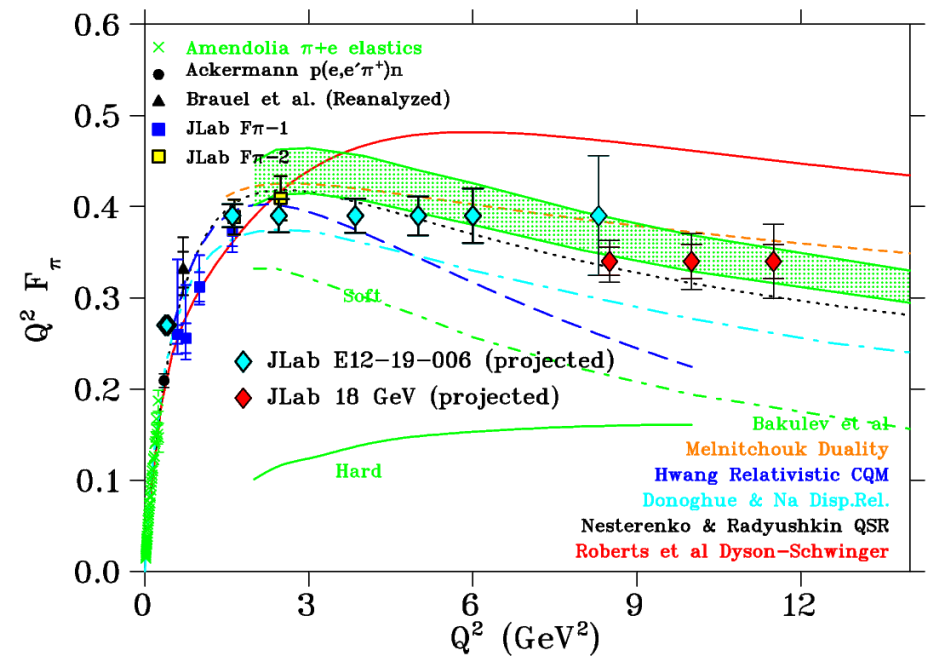
	10.6 GeV	16.0 GeV	Improvement in $\delta F_K/F_K$
$Q^2=5.5$	$\Delta\varepsilon=0.33$	$\Delta\varepsilon=0.40$	17.9% → 10.7%
$Q^2=7.0$	New high quality F_K data		
$Q^2=9.0$	Larger F_K extraction uncertainty due to higher $-t_{min}$		

$p(e,e'K^+)\Lambda$ Kinematics					
E_{beam}	$\theta_{HMS} (e')$	$P_{HMS} (e')$	$\theta_{q(SHMS)} (\pi^+)$	$P_{SHMS} (\pi^+)$	Time FOM
$Q^2=5.5 \quad W=3.56 \quad -t_{min}=0.32 \quad \Delta\varepsilon=0.40$					
11.0	30.69	1.79	5.50	8.84	746
16.0	12.92	6.79	9.18	8.84	150
$Q^2=7.0 \quad W=3.90 \quad -t_{min}=0.33 \quad \Delta\varepsilon=0.29$					
14.0	25.16	2.64	5.51	10.98	620
18.0	13.91	6.64	7.85	10.98	192
$Q^2=9.0 \quad W=3.66 \quad -t_{min}=0.54 \quad \Delta\varepsilon=0.30$					
14.0	29.17	2.54	5.98	10.97	964
18.0	15.90	6.54	8.69	10.97	350

- F_K feasibility studies at EIC are ongoing, but we already know that such measurements there are exceptionally complex.
- JLab measurements likely a complement to those at EicC.

Phase 1: Form Factor Projections

- Y -axis values of projected data are arbitrary
- The errors are projected, based on $\Delta\varepsilon$ from beam energies on earlier slides, and T/L ratio calculated with Vrancx Ryckebusch model
- Inner error bar is projected statistical and systematic error
- Outer error bar also includes a model uncertainty in the form factor extraction, added in quadrature
- F_π errors based on $F_{\pi-2}$ and E12-19-006 experience
- F_K errors more uncertain, as E12-09-011 analysis not yet completed



■ Replace HMS with a higher momentum spectrometer

- For high z reactions, such as DEMP, usable beam energy constrained by sum of HMS+SHMS maximum momenta

- i.e. 22 GeV beam energy is a larger constraint than the maximum HMS momentum

■ New HMS would not extend the Q^2 reach beyond Scenario 1.

However, it would result in smaller errors due to larger $\Delta\varepsilon$ and faster high ε data rates

$p(e,e'\pi^+)n$ Kinematics					
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$Q^2=10.0 \quad W=3.44 \quad -t_{\text{min}}=0.37 \quad \Delta\varepsilon=0.54$					
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$Q^2=11.5 \quad W=3.24 \quad -t_{\text{min}}=0.54 \quad \Delta\varepsilon=0.29$					
14.0	31.73	2.75	7.06	10.96	82.4
22.0	12.66	10.75	11.56	10.96	2.5

- **This scenario is judged to not be worth it, at least for this reaction channel**

Upgrade HMS Momentum and Angle: F_π

- Upgrade both HMS momentum and forward angle capabilities
 - 7 GeV/c \rightarrow 11 GeV/c
 - $\theta_{\min} = 10.50^\circ \rightarrow 7.5^\circ$
 - $\theta_{\text{open}} = 18.00^\circ \rightarrow 15.00^\circ$
- This upgrade also does not extend the Q^2 reach beyond Scenario 1.
- However, it would result in smaller errors due to larger $\Delta\varepsilon$ and faster high ε data rates

p(e,e' π^+)n Kinematics					
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22.0	11.76	10.83	10.97	10.97	1.3
$Q^2=11.5$ $W=3.24$ $-t_{\min}=0.54$ $\Delta\varepsilon=0.29$					
14.0	31.73	2.75	7.06	10.96	82.4
22.0	12.66	10.75	11.56	10.96	2.5

- Basically the same as Scenario 2. Not worth it, at least for this channel

- **Replace SHMS with higher momentum spectrometer, but keep HMS as is**
- Dramatic increase in upper Q^2 11.5 \rightarrow 15.0 GeV^2
- Error bars for $Q^2=8.5\text{--}11.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ would substantially decrease due to smaller $-t_{\min}$ (better $R=\sigma_T/\sigma_L$) and shorter running times
- The $Q^2=15.0 \text{ GeV}^2$ point would be “expensive” in terms of running time, but its high scientific priority would make it worthwhile
- **This seems a compelling scenario for a Phase 2 Upgrade**

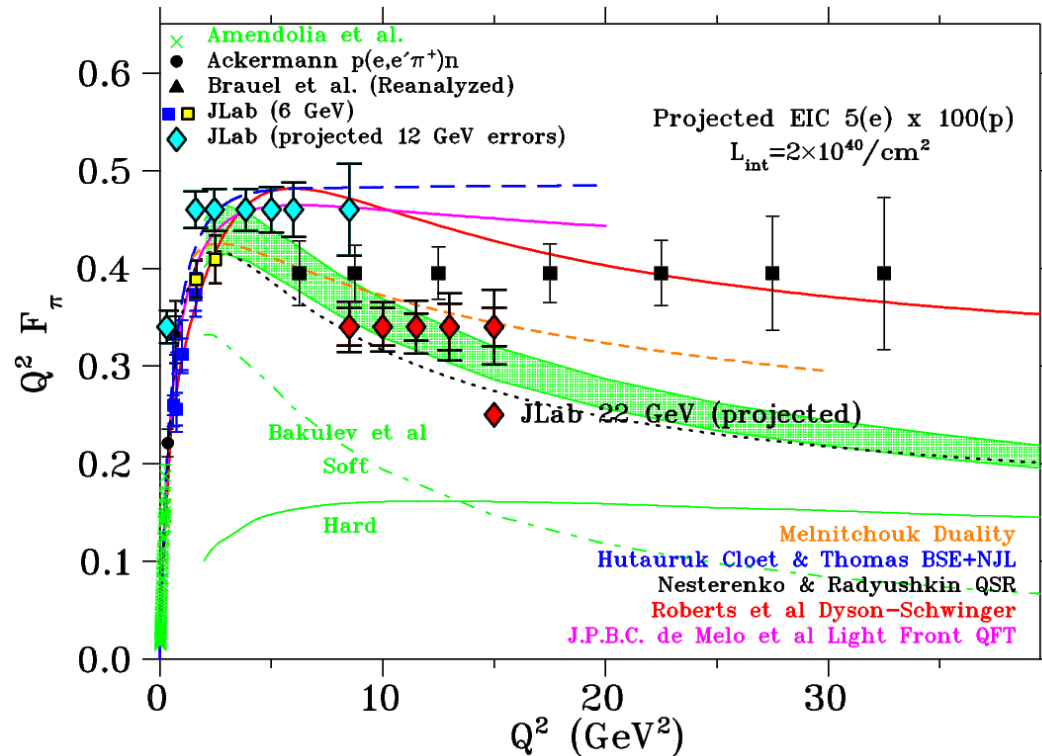
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$Q^2=8.5 \quad W=4.06 \quad -t_{\min}=0.17 \quad \Delta\varepsilon=0.26$					
16.0	23.68	3.15	5.52	12.75	17.7
20.0	14.00	7.15	7.55	12.75	1.9
$Q^2=10.0 \quad W=3.96 \quad -t_{\min}=0.23 \quad \Delta\varepsilon=0.28$					
16.0	27.41	2.78	5.41	13.09	47.7
20.0	15.60	6.78	7.72	13.09	4.5
$Q^2=11.5 \quad W=3.96 \quad -t_{\min}=0.29 \quad \Delta\varepsilon=0.27$					
17.0	27.54	2.98	5.49	13.86	76.3
21.0	16.10	6.98	7.72	13.86	8.1
$Q^2=13.0 \quad W=3.96 \quad -t_{\min}=0.35 \quad \Delta\varepsilon=0.25$					
18.0	27.55	3.18	5.54	14.63	123.6
22.0	16.49	7.18	7.69	14.63	14.4
$Q^2=15.0 \quad W=3.78 \quad -t_{\min}=0.50 \quad \Delta\varepsilon=0.27$					
18.0	31.30	2.86	5.46	14.87	391
22.0	18.14	6.86	7.86	14.87	41.4

20 GeV/c HMS Scenario: π^+ Form Factor

- **ADDENDUM: Dave Mack suggests 20 GeV/c HMS' for π^+ , and SHMS for e'**
 - Assume $\theta_{\min}=5.5^\circ$, $\theta_{\text{open}}=15.0^\circ$
 - HMS': $\Delta\Omega$, $\Delta P/P$ similar SHMS
- Q^2 reach remains 15.0 GeV^2 , with similar errors, although running times are increased due to $\Delta\Omega_{\text{HMS}'}$ assumed smaller than $\Delta\Omega_{\text{HMS}}$
- $\theta_{\text{HMS}'} < 5.5^\circ$ allows improved $\Delta\epsilon$, but does not affect maximum Q^2 reach
- $P_{\text{HMS}'} = 15.0$ GeV/c is sufficient, constrained by max beam energy
- $\theta_{\text{SHMS}} < 12.0^\circ$, $P_{\text{SHMS}} > 9.0$ not used
- **A more feasible scenario for Phase 2 Upgrade**

p(e,e' π^+)n Kinematics					
E_{beam}	$\theta_{\text{SHMS}} (e')$	$P_{\text{SHMS}} (e')$	$\theta_{q(\text{HMS}')} (\pi^+)$	$P_{\text{HMS}'} (\pi^+)$	Time FOM
$Q^2=8.5$ $W=4.18$ $-t_{\min}=0.15$ $\Delta\epsilon=0.28$					
17.0	21.39	3.63	5.55	13.29	20.5
22.0	12.15	8.63	7.62	13.29	1.8
$Q^2=10.0$ $W=4.08$ $-t_{\min}=0.21$ $\Delta\epsilon=0.30$					
17.0	24.49	3.27	5.52	13.62	53.3
22.0	13.46	8.27	7.85	13.62	4.3
$Q^2=11.5$ $W=3.95$ $-t_{\min}=0.29$ $\Delta\epsilon=0.31$					
17.0	27.34	3.03	5.55	13.82	124.8
22.0	14.66	8.03	8.12	13.82	9.3
$Q^2=13.0$ $W=3.96$ $-t_{\min}=0.35$ $\Delta\epsilon=0.25$					
18.0	27.55	3.18	5.54	14.63	209.5
22.0	16.49	7.18	7.69	14.63	24.4
$Q^2=15.0$ $W=3.73$ $-t_{\min}=0.52$ $\Delta\epsilon=0.26$					
18.0	30.24	3.06	5.73	14.66	560
22.0	17.88	7.06	8.07	14.66	65.7

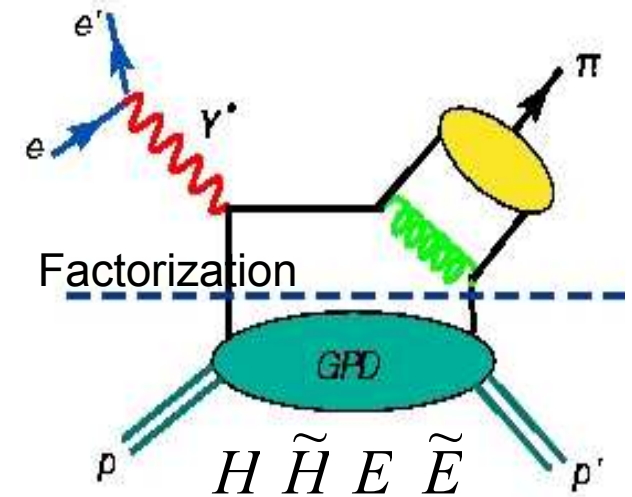
Importance of JLab F_π in EIC Era



- Quality L/T-separations impossible at EIC (can't access $\epsilon < 0.95$)
- JLab will remain ONLY source of quality L–T separated data!
- **Phase 2: 22 GeV beam with upgraded HMS'**
 - Extends region of high quality F_π values to $Q^2 = 13 \text{ GeV}^2$
 - Somewhat larger errors to $Q^2 = 15 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Provides MUCH improved overlap of F_π data set between JLab and EIC!

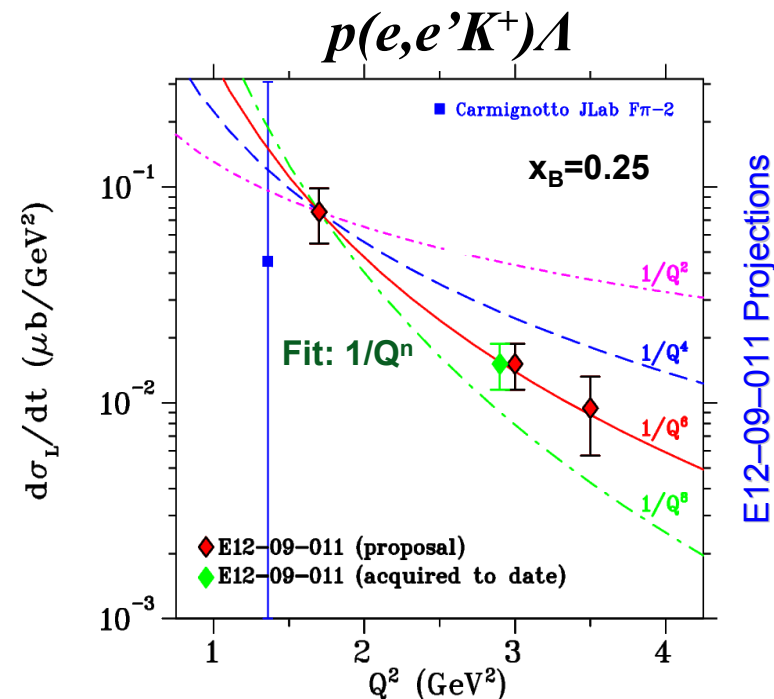
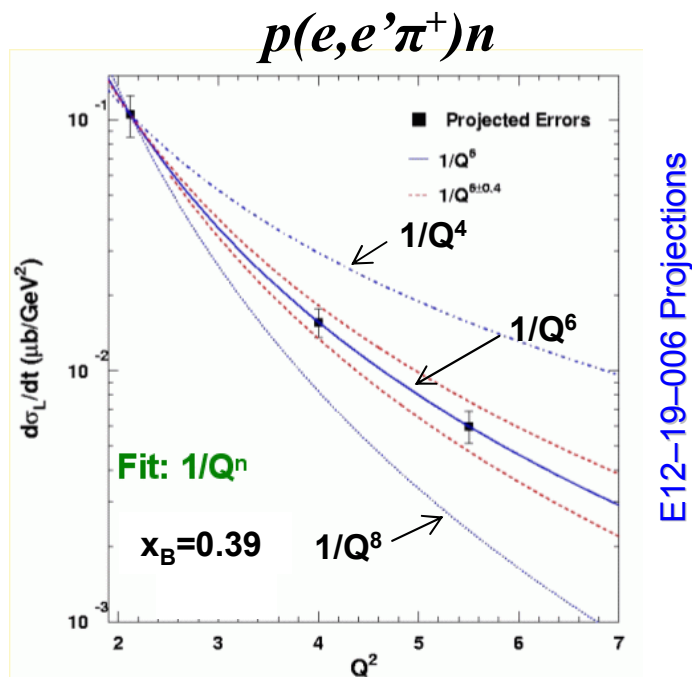
Hard–Soft Factorization in DEMP

- To access physics contained in GPDs, one is limited to the kinematic regime where hard-soft factorization applies
 - No single criterion for the applicability, but tests of necessary conditions can provide evidence that the Q^2 scaling regime has been reached
- One of the most stringent tests of factorization is the Q^2 dependence of the π/K electroproduction cross sections
 - σ_L scales to leading order as Q^{-6}
 - σ_T does not, expectation of Q^{-8}
 - As Q^2 becomes large: $\sigma_L \gg \sigma_T$



- **Experimental validation of onset of hard scattering regime is essential for reliable interpretation of JLab GPD program results**
 - Is onset of scaling different for kaons than pions?
 - K^+ and π^+ together provide quasi model-independent study

DEMP Q^{-n} Hard-Soft Factorization Tests



x	Q^2 (GeV ²)	W (GeV)	$-t_{min}$ (GeV ²)
0.31	1.45–3.65	2.02–3.07	0.12
	1.45–6.5	2.02–3.89	
0.39	2.12–6.0	2.05–3.19	0.21
	2.12–8.2	2.05–3.67	
0.55	3.85–8.5	2.02–2.79	0.55
	3.85–11.5	2.02–3.23	

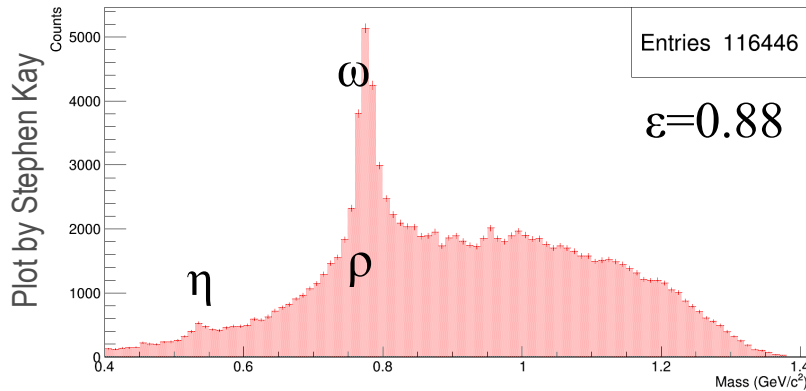
x	Q^2 (GeV ²)	W (GeV)	$-t_{min}$ (GeV ²)
0.25	1.7–3.5	2.45–3.37	0.20
	1.7–5.5	2.45–4.05	
0.40	3.0–5.5	2.32–3.02	0.50
	3.0–8.7	2.32–3.70	

PHASE 1 SCENARIO

Q^{-n} scaling test range nearly doubles with 18 GeV beam and HMS+SHMS

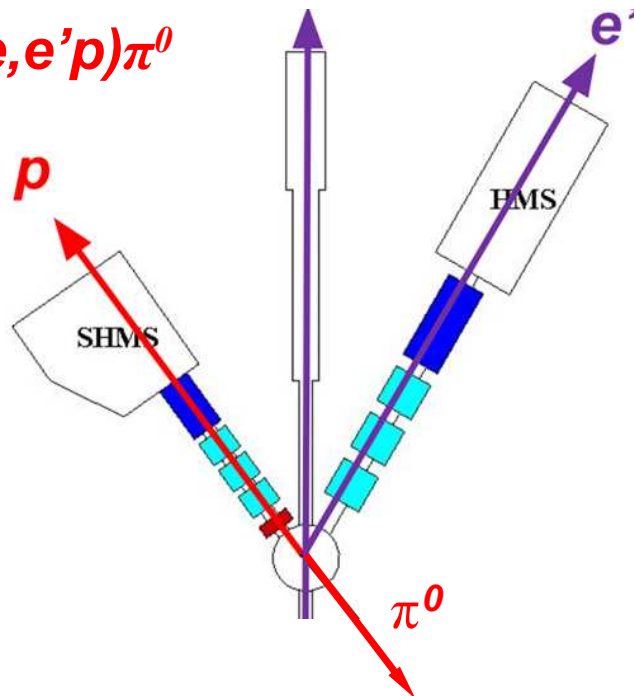
$p(e, e'p)X$ KaonLT Data Analysis

$Q^2=3.00$ $W=2.32$ $\theta_{pq}=+3.0^\circ$ $-u=0.15$ $\xi_{su}=0.15$

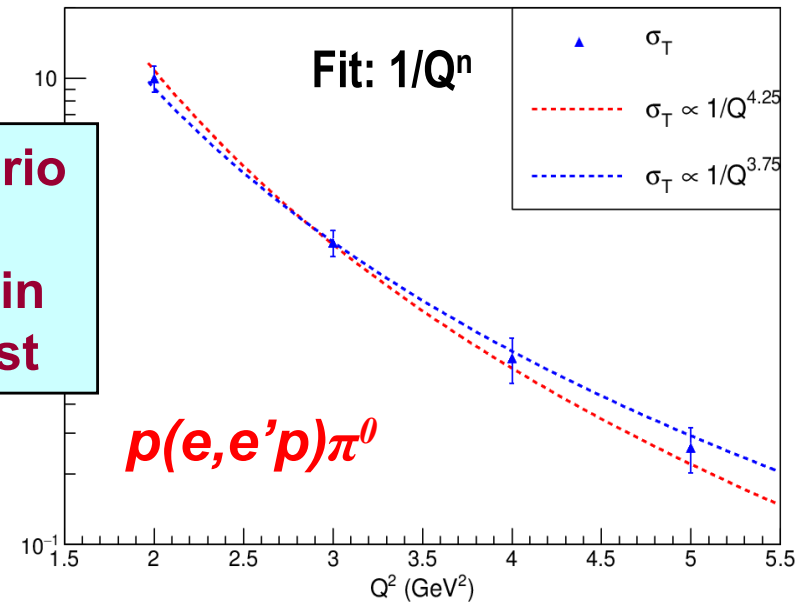


- Fortuitous discovery of substantial backward angle meson production during meson form factor experiments
- Can be described by extension of collinear factorization to backward angle (u-channel)
- Backward angle factorization first suggested by Frankfurt, Polykaov, Strikman, Zhalov, Zhalov [arXiv:hep-ph/0211263]

$p(e, e'p)\pi^0$



Phase 1 Scenario
will enable
improvement in
 Q^{-n} scaling test



E12-20-007: First dedicated u-channel experiment

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Purpose: test applicability of TDA formalism for π^0 production

Staged Upgrade Seems Logical

- **Phase 1:** Upgrade Beam to 18 GeV, minor upgrades of SHMS, HMS PID, tracking and DAQ
 - Example Measurements:
 - Pion form factor to $Q^2=10 \text{ GeV}^2$ with small errors, and to 11.5 with larger uncertainties
 - Kaon form factor to $Q^2=7.0 \text{ GeV}^2$ with small errors, and to 9.0 with larger uncertainties
 - Hard–Soft Q^{-n} factorization tests with $p(e,e'\pi^+)n$ and $p(e,e'K^+)\Lambda$
 - Studies of backward angle Q^{-n} factorization via u–channel $p(e,e'p)\pi^0$ and $p(e,e'p)\omega$
- **Phase 2:** Upgrade Beam to 22 GeV, upgrade HMS' to 15 GeV/c
 - This would enable a significant increase in Q^2 reach of quality L–T separations for Deep Exclusive Meson Production
 - e.g. Pion Form factor up to $Q^2=15 \text{ GeV}^2$

The importance of L–T Separations

- Hall C is the world's only facility that can do L–T separations over a wide kinematic range
- The error magnification in L–T separations depends crucially on the achievable difference in the virtual photon polarization parameter, ε .
 - Errors magnify as $1/\Delta\varepsilon$, where $\Delta\varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\text{High}} - \varepsilon_{\text{Low}}$
 - To keep the magnification <500%, one desires $\Delta\varepsilon > 0.2$
 - This is not feasible at the EIC, as the high ion ring energy constrains $\varepsilon > 0.98$
 - Thus, Hall C will remain the world's main source of L–T separated data well into the EIC era
- As the interpretation of some EIC data (e.g. GPD extraction) will depend on extrapolation of Hall C L–T separated data, maximizing the overlap between the Hall C and EIC data sets should be a high priority

New Collaborators Welcome!

- **We are looking to identify interested groups of collaborators for Hall C Future Studies**
- **If you are interested, please contact any of the KaonLT / PionLT / u-Channel Leaders:**
 - Dave Gaskell, JLab
 - Tanja Horn, CUA
 - Stephen Kay, Regina
 - Wenliang (Bill) Li, Stony Brook
 - Pete Markowitz, FIU
 - GH, Regina

PDF position available

- **Contribute to this program and more!**
- Excellent opportunity for those who are looking forward to a permanent academic position in the future, to strengthen their research and teaching resumes and gain valuable experience in the classroom.
- High priority experiments in Deep Exclusive Meson Production at Jefferson Lab Hall C
- Feasibility studies to extend these measurements to higher energy at the EIC
- Cherenkov detector development for the Solenoidal Large Intensity Device (SoLID) in Jefferson Lab Hall A.
- Position is for a 3-year term. Upon mutual agreement, there is possibility of a further 2-year extension. Comprehensive benefits package is included.
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