### New Results from Jefferson Lab on Exclusive, Forward $\pi^{-}/\pi^{+}$ Electroproduction from Deuterium



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# **Confinement in QCD**



- Unlike the photons of QED, the gluons of QCD carry color charge and interact strongly, leading to the confinement of quarks inside hadrons.
- The quantitative understanding of confinement is still an open challenge for physics!

# **QCD's Dual Nature**



#### **Short Distance Interaction:**

- Short distance quark-quark interaction is feeble.
  - Quarks inside protons behave as if they are nearly unbound.
  - Asymptotic Freedom.
- perturbative QCD (pQCD).

#### Long Distance Interaction:

- Quarks strongly bound within hadrons.
  - Color confinement (strong QCD).
- QCD calculations extremely difficult.
- QCD-based models often used, but experimental data needed to validate approaches used.
- Studies are at the interface of particle and nuclear physics since the problems often require a "many body" approach.

### **Soft-Hard Factorization in QCD**

- A basic assumption of the quark-parton model.
- In QCD, it can be shown that the DIS cross section may be written as a convolution of:
  - 1. Perturbatively-calculable hard scattering cross-section
  - 2. Non-perturbative parton density.



- Factorization does not apply everywhere!
- The Factorization Regime is the hard-scattering kinematics where gluon ladder division applies.

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### **Deep Exclusive Scattering**

- In Deep Exclusive Scattering, <u>all final state particles</u> are either detected or inferred via missing mass.
- Experiments are demanding, since exclusive cross sections are <u>small</u>, and multiple particles must be detected in coincidence with <u>sufficient resolution to ensure exclusivity</u>.



Deep Exclusive Scattering allows some simplifications at sufficiently high  $Q^2$ , where the Soft-Hard factorization theorem applies.

[Collins, Frankfurt, Strikman, 1997]

### **Deep Exclusive** $\pi^{\pm}$ **Production**

- Single π<sup>+</sup> produced from proton, or π<sup>-</sup> from neutron at high momentum transfer.
- Can form ratios of separated crosssections for which non-perturbative corrections may partially cancel, yielding insight into Soft-Hard factorization at modest Q<sup>2</sup>.





A. Nachtmann, Nucl. Phys. **B 115** (1976) 61.

Pseudoscalar meson production has been identified as especially sensitive to chiral-odd transverse GPDs.

 $\rightarrow R_T$  is not complicated by the  $\pi$ -pole term.

#### At low -t, Meson-Nucleon Degrees of Freedom

 π<sup>±</sup> t-channel diagram is purely isovector (G-parity conservation).

$$R_{L} = \frac{\sigma_{L}[n(e, e' \pi^{-})p]}{\sigma_{L}[p(e, e' \pi^{+})n]} = \frac{|A_{V} - A_{S}|^{2}}{|A_{V} + A_{S}|^{2}}$$

 A significant deviation of R<sub>L</sub> from unity would indicate the presence of isoscalar backgrounds (such as b<sub>1</sub>(1235) contributions to t-channel).



# Relevant for extraction of pion form factor from $p(e,e^{2}\pi^{+})n$ data, which uses a model including some isoscalar background.

### Only Prior <sup>2</sup>H(e,e'π<sup>±</sup>)NN Data



- Only prior exclusive <sup>2</sup>H(e,e'π<sup>±</sup>)NN data was obtained at DESY in the 1970's.
  - Unseparated cross sections only, due to incomplete azimuthal coverage.
  - Q<sup>2</sup>=0.70, 1.35 GeV<sup>2</sup>.
- $\pi^{-}/\pi^{+}$  ratio intriguingly approaches Nachtmann's quark counting ratio  $\rightarrow 1/4$ at high -t.
- Ratio approaches  $\pi$  pole dominance  $\rightarrow 1$  at low –t.
- Need separated <sup>2</sup>H(e,e'π<sup>±</sup>)NN data over a wide kinematic range to better interpret ratios!

### **'Simple' Longitudinal-Transverse Separation**

- Determine  $\sigma_T^+ \varepsilon \sigma_L$  for high and low  $\varepsilon$  in each t-bin for each  $Q^2$
- Isolate σ<sub>L</sub>, by varying virtual photon polarization, ε
- Requires uniform detector acceptance





## **'More Realistic' L-T-LT-TT Separation**



- 1. At small -t,  $\sigma_L$  has maximum contribution from the  $\pi$  pole.
- 2. Need to investigate *t* dependence at relatively fixed  $Q^2$ , *W*, but only three of  $Q^2$ , *W*, *t*,  $\theta_{\pi}$  are independent.
  - Vary  $\theta_{\pi}$  to measure *t* dependence.
  - Since non-parallel data needed, LT and TT must also be determined.



#### **Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility**







#### 6 GeV Era: 1994-2012

Two Cold Superconducting Linacs Continuous Polarized Electron Beam  $E \rightarrow 6 \text{ GeV}$ > 100  $\mu$ A up to 80% polarization concurrent to 3 Halls



Operated by Jefferson Science Associates for the U.S. Department of Energy

#### Jefferson Lab 6 GeV Era - Hall C Setup



#### Hall C spectrometers:

- Coincidence measurement.
- SOS detects e<sup>-</sup>.
- HMS detects  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$ .

#### **Targets:**

- Liquid 4-cm H/D cells.
- Al target for empty cell measurement.
- <sup>12</sup>C solid targets for optics calibration.

Exp	<b>Q</b> <sup>2</sup>	W	$ \mathbf{t}_{\min} $	E <sub>e</sub>
	(GeV/c) <sup>2</sup>	(GeV)	(Gev/c) <sup>2</sup>	(GeV)
Fπ-1	0.6-1.6	1.95	0.03-0.150	2.445-4.045
<b>F</b> π-2	2.45	2.22	0.189	4.210-5.246

### $F_{\pi}$ -2 Experimental Setup





#### Exclusivity assured via 0.875<MM<1.03 GeV cut

Missing Mass (GeV)

1

1.05

<sup>0</sup> 0.8

0.85

0.9

0.95

1.15

1.2

1.25

1.1



## **Corrections to** $\pi$ , $\pi$ **Data**

- Negative polarity of HMS field for <sup>2</sup>H(e,e'π<sup>-</sup>)pp means these runs have high electron rates not shared by <sup>2</sup>H(e,e'π<sup>+</sup>)nn runs.
- Understanding rate dependent corrections very important with respect to separated  $\pi^-/\pi^+$  ratios.
  - Improved high rate HMS tracking algorithm.
  - More accurate high rate tracking efficiencies (91-98%).
  - HMS π<sup>-</sup> misidentification correction due to e<sup>-</sup> pileup in Čerenkov (13%/MHz e<sup>-</sup>).
  - High current <sup>2</sup>H target boiling correction (4.7%/100µA) for old `beer can' target cell and square beam raster.



#### **Carbon Luminosity Scans**

- To better understand HMS tracking efficiencies, the normalized yields from carbon target were studied vs. rate and vs. current.
  - Carbon target should not "boil", so normalized yields should be flat vs. current if all efficiencies are calculated correctly.
- Unfortunately, no <sup>12</sup>C luminosity scans were taken at different beam currents in the  $F_{\pi}$ -1 experiment.

 $\rightarrow$  Conclusions from the F<sub> $\pi$ </sub>-2 study will have to be applied.



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### **Carbon Scans After Tracking Correction Applied**

 $htr\_corrected = htr\_old \times (1 - S1Xrate(kHz) * 6.76236 \times 10^{-5})$ 

- Correction is applied to both  $F_{\pi}$ -1 and  $F_{\pi}$ -2 tracking efficiencies.
- Particularly important for  $F_{\pi}$ -1 <sup>2</sup>H(e,e' $\pi$ -) data, with HMS rate up to 1.4 MHz.



## <sup>2</sup>H Cryotarget Boiling Corrections

# After the tracking efficiencies are finalized, the cryotarget boiling corrections can be determined.



# $F_{\pi}$ -2: "tuna can" target cell and uniform circular rastering.

 Consistent with no <sup>1</sup>H cell correction in T. Horn F<sub>π</sub>-2 analysis.



# $F_{\pi}$ -1: "beer can" target cell and non-uniform square rastering.

 Consistent with 6±1% <sup>1</sup>H cell correction in J. Volmer F<sub>π</sub>-1 analysis.

## HMS Čerenkov Blocking Correction ( $\pi^{-}$ )

In both F<sub>π</sub>-1,2, the HMS gas Čerenkov was used as a veto in the trigger for <sup>2</sup>H(e,e'π<sup>-</sup>) runs

 $\rightarrow$  needed to avoid high DAQ deadtime due to large  $e^{-}$  rates in HMS.

Čerenkov Blocking:

 $\pi^-$  are lost when e<sup>-</sup> pass through the gas Čerenkov within ~100ns after  $\pi^-$  has traversed the detector.  $\rightarrow$  results in mis-identification of  $\pi^-$  as e<sup>-</sup>

- Actual veto thresholds vary according to PMT gain variations at high rates.
  - slightly more restrictive software thresholds are applied in the analysis:
  - $F_{\pi}$ -1: accept < 1.5 hcer\_npe
  - $F_{\pi}$ -2: accept < 2 hcer\_npe

# HMS Čerenkov Blocking Correction ( $\pi^{-}$ )



- Region due to early e- passing through detector before e- associated with trigger.
- Already addressed in coincidence time blocking correction.

- Čerenkov Blocking Correction is obtained from Trigger TDC information, since that is independent of tracking efficiency and cryotarget corrections.
- Result is consistent with τ from other studies (not shown here) within statistical errors.

$$\delta_{CCblock} = e^{-ELLOrate \cdot \tau}$$

 $F_{\pi}$ -2: τ = 115±6 ns  $F_{\pi}$ -1: τ = 138±6 ns

#### **Extract Response Functions through Iterative Procedure**



### <sup>2</sup>H(e,e'π<sup>±</sup>)NN Separated dσ/dt



- Data points have slightly different  $\overline{W}, \overline{Q}^2$
- All data scaled to W=2.0 GeV assuming 1/(W<sup>2</sup>-M<sup>2</sup>) dependence, M=free nucleon mass.
- No scaling applied in  $Q^2$ .
- Longitudinal crosssection shows steep rise due to π pole at small -t.
- Transverse cross-section much flatter.
- Both follow nearly universal curves vs -t, with weak Q<sup>2</sup>-dependence.

Error bars indicate statistical and pt-pt systematic uncertainties in quadrature. Bands indicate L,LT,TT MC model dependence systematic uncertainty.

#### $\pi^{-}/\pi^{+}$ Separated Response Function Ratios



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### $\sigma_L / \sigma_T$ and $\sigma_{TT} / \sigma_T$ Ratios for $\pi^+, \pi^-$



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 L/T ratio becomes more favorable for π<sup>-</sup>
 production as Q<sup>2</sup>
 increases.

- Another prediction of quark-parton mechanism is the suppression of  $\sigma_{TT}/\sigma_T$  due to *s*-channel helicity conservation.
- Data qualitatively consistent with this, since σ<sub>TT</sub> decreases more rapidly than σ<sub>T</sub> with increasing Q<sup>2</sup>.

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### **Comparison of Data with Regge-based Models**

#### Feynman propagator



replaced by  $\pi$  and  $\rho$  Regge propagators.

- Represents the exchange of a series of particles, compared to a single particle.
- Model parameters fixed from pion photoproduction.
- Free parameters:  $\Lambda_{\pi}$ ,  $\Lambda_{\rho}$  (trajectory cutoffs).
- ρ exchange does not significantly influence σ<sub>L</sub> at small -t.
- Pion form factor is a free parameter in the model, parameterized as:





Model is for nucleon target, no corrections made for <sup>2</sup>H effects, such as FSI.



### **Relevance to Pion Form Factor Extraction**



- Vrancx-Ryckebusch **Regge+DIS Model:**
- VGL Regge Model underpredicts  $\sigma_T$  by large factor.
- VR extend Regge model with hard DIS process of virtual photons off nucleons.
- W=1.95 GeV, higher –t data described poorly. [PRC 89(2014)025203]

#### • Qualitatively in agreement with our $F\pi$ -1 analysis:

- We found evidence for small additional contribution to  $\sigma_1$  at W=1.95 GeV not taken into account by the  $V\overline{GL}$  model.
- We found little evidence for this contribution in  $F\pi$ -2 analysis at W=2.2 GeV.

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with  $|A_s/A_v| < 6\%$ .

### **Mesons & Baryons**



#### **Mainz Unitary Isobar Model**

- Phenomenological fit to pion electroproduction data.
- All 13 \*\*\*\* resonances below 2 GeV included.
- Optimized for W<2 GeV.</li>

Drechsel, Kamalov, Tiator, EPJA 34(2007)69

### **Hard-Soft Factorization**



#### **G&K GPD-Based Model**

- $\sigma_L$  based on full  $F_{\pi}(Q^2)$  from <sup>1</sup>H data.
- $\sigma_T$  substantial contributions from twist-3  $H_T$ .
- Parameters optimized for small skewness (ξ<0.1) and W>4 GeV.
   Goloskokov & Kroll, EPJA 47(2011)112



### **Comparison with MAID and GPD models**



#### **GK GPD-Based Model:**

- Application to our kinematics requires substantial extrapolation in W, ξ.
  → Please be cautious in the comparison.
- Although model does reasonable job at predicting ratios, agreement of model with our dσ<sub>T</sub>/dt is not good.
- Model optimized for JLab kinematics should be sensitive to transverse GPD,  $H_T$



### Jefferson Lab 12 GeV Era – Hall C Configuration



Hall C will provide 2 moderate acceptance, magnetic focusing spectrometers:

**High Momentum Spectrometer:**  $d\Omega \sim 6 \text{ msr}, P_{max} = 7 \text{ GeV/c}$  $\Theta = 10.5 \text{ to } 80 \text{ degrees}$ 

**Super-HMS :**  $d\Omega \sim 4 \text{ msr}, P_{max} = 11 \text{ GeV/c}$  $\Theta = 5.5 \text{ to } 40 \text{ degrees}$ 

- Both spectrometers provide excellent control of systematic uncertainties
- Kinematic reproducibility, well-understood acceptance

#### Ideal for:

- precision cross section measurements and response function separations,
  - in single arm or coincidence,
  - at high luminosity (~10<sup>38</sup>/cm<sup>2</sup>sec).





# **Super HMS Overview**







### **Engineering for SHMS Small Angle Operation**







#### Top View of SHMS-HMS Minimum Angle Separation for Coincidence Studies







# **Dismantling the SOS in Early 2013**







## **SHMS Support Structure Installation**

#### Platform and Shield House

Magnet power supplies are on the platform.

AC Power Feed is in. Branch circuits, lights, etc., going in now.

Signal/HV Cable pulls done.

Cryogen distribution cans are installed.



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# **Superconducting Coil Fabrication**





JLab Director (Hugh Montgomery), December 5, 2014: "We expect the first Hall C magnet, Q1, to leave England by ship on December 18. The second magnet, coming from NSCL at Michigan State University, has had its vessel closed in the past week and should be here by spring 2015. The large dipole coils being fabricated in France have completed winding and by the time you read this article, the Q2 quadrupole coil winding will also be complete. Potting of the dipole coils is in progress."





#### **SHMS Detector Construction is Complete**











# **Detector Installation on SHMS**



Lead Glass Calorimeter Pre-Shower Counter (November 5, 2014)





#### **Projected Data from F** $\pi$ **-12 Experiment**



- E12-06-101 approved for 52 PAC-days of beam with SHMS+HMS, A rating, selected by PAC41 as "High Impact".
- <sup>2</sup>H data to determine  $R_L \pi^-/\pi^+$ ratio to constrain modeling of non-pole backgrounds in  $\sigma_L$ , relevant for extraction of pion form factor

 If R<sub>T</sub> is ~1/4 at higher Q<sup>2</sup> and similar x<sub>B</sub>, the hypothesis of a quark knockout mechanism will be strengthened.

Predictions of Vrancx-Ryckebusch Regge+DIS Model [PRC 89(2014)025203]

 <sup>44</sup> hrs (π<sup>+</sup>), 174 hrs (π<sup>-</sup>).

## **Summary**

- Separated σ<sub>L</sub>, σ<sub>T</sub>, σ<sub>T</sub>, σ<sub>TT</sub> cross sections for the <sup>2</sup>H(e,e'π<sup>±</sup>)NN reactions were extracted using the Rosenbluth L/T separation technique.
  - F $\pi$ -1: W=1.95 GeV: Q<sup>2</sup>=0.6, 1.0, 1.6 GeV<sup>2</sup>.
  - F $\pi$ -2: W=2.2 GeV: Q<sup>2</sup>=2.45 GeV<sup>2</sup>.

#### • $\pi^{-}/\pi^{+}$ ratios for $\sigma_{L}$ , $\sigma_{T}$ extracted as a function of -t.

- $R_L \approx 0.8$ , trending towards unity at low –t.
  - Indicates the dominance of isovector processes at low –t in the longitudinal response function.
- The evolution of  $R_{T}$  with -t shows rapid fall, approaching  $\frac{1}{4}$ , the square of the ratio of the quark charges involved.
  - Caution needed: MAID model suggests important soft effects.
  - Quark knockout hypothesis would be strengthened if future JLab results at higher Q<sup>2</sup> and similar x<sub>Bi</sub> also approach ¼.

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