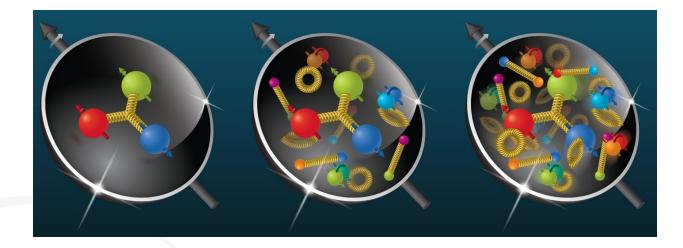
Deeply Virtual Exclusive Processes



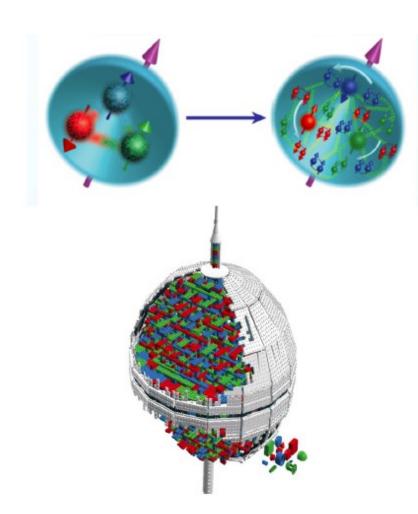
Workshop on parton distribution functions in the EIC era

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QCD Science Questions



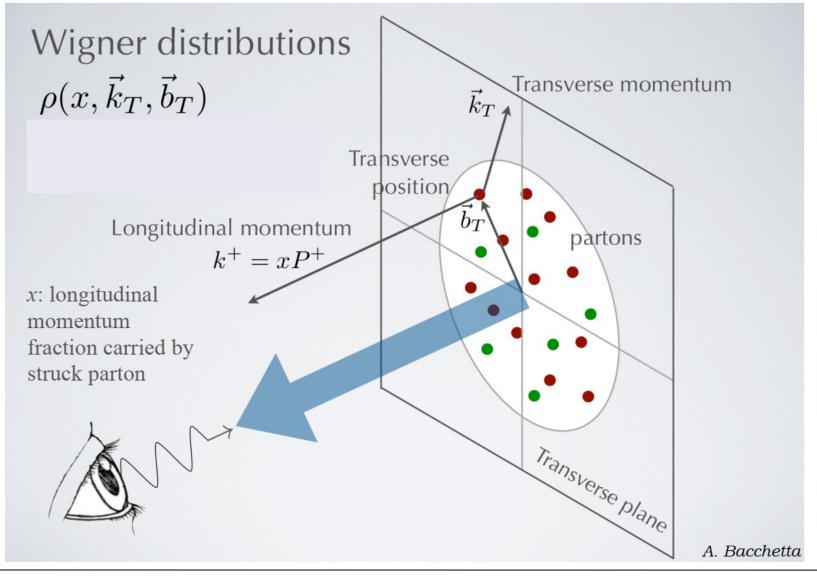
How can we recover the wellknown characterics of the nucleon from the properties of its **colored building blocks**?

> Mass? Spin? Charge?

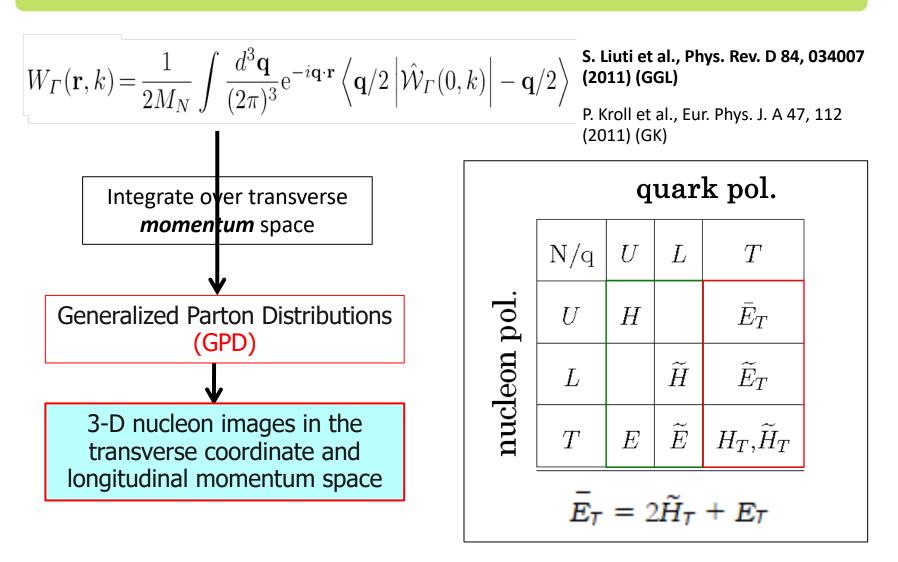
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What are the relevant **effective degrees of freedom** and **effective interaction** at large distance?

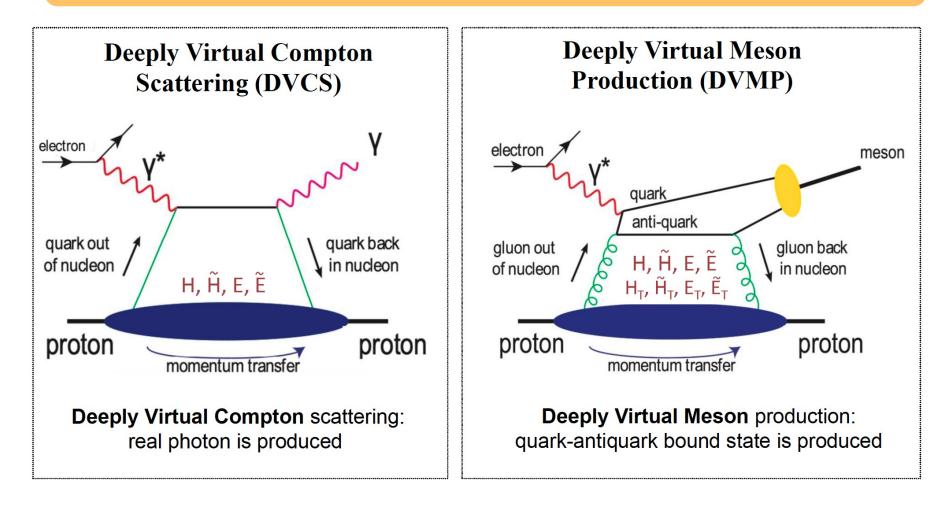
3-Dimensional Imaging of Quarks and Gluons



Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)



Study GPDs: Deeply Exclusive Processes



→ Access to Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)

Physics Content of GPDs: From GPDs and CFFs to the D-term

• GPDs can not be directly measured with the DVCS and DVMP processes **DVCS Process:** Observables are the Compton-FFs (CFF) \rightarrow Complex integrals over the *x*-dependence of the GPDs $\operatorname{Re}\mathcal{H}(\xi,t) + i\operatorname{Im}\mathcal{H}(\xi,t) = \sum_{q} e_q^2 \int dx \left[\frac{1}{\xi - x - i\epsilon} - \frac{1}{\xi + x - i\epsilon}\right] \mathcal{H}^q(x,\xi,t)$

GPD, Compton-FFs and the pressure within the nucleon:

CFF

• GPDs provide indirect access to mechanical properties $\int xH(x,\xi,t)dx = M_2(t) + \frac{4}{5}\xi^2 d_1(t)$ of the nucleon \rightarrow gravitational form factors

> X. D. Ji, PR**D 55**, 7114-7125 (1997) M. Polyakov, PL**B 555**, 57-62 (2016)

GPD

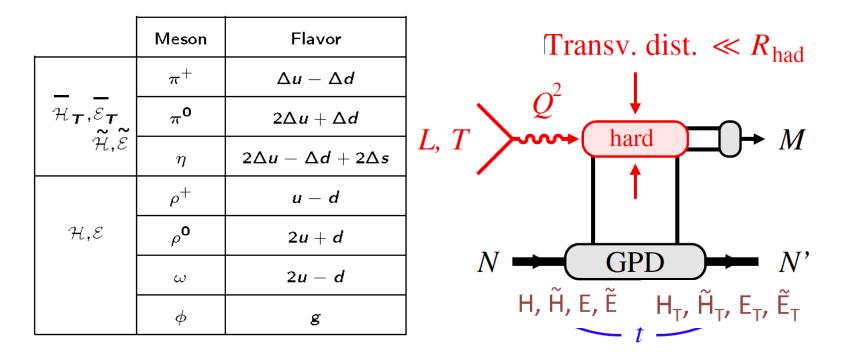
Real- and imaginary part of the Compton-FF *H* follow the dispersion relation:

$$\operatorname{Re}\mathcal{H}(\xi,t) \propto D(t) + \frac{2}{\pi} \mathcal{P} \int \mathrm{d}x \frac{x \operatorname{Im}\mathcal{H}(x,t)}{\xi^2 - x^2}$$

M. Diehl, D. Y. Ivanov, Eur. Phys. J. C 2007, 52, 919

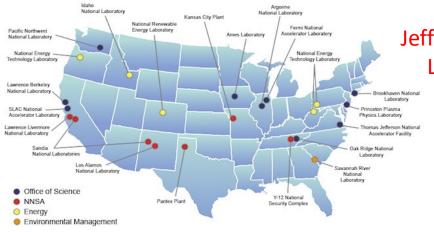
CFF

Deeply Virtual Meson Production in the GPD regime

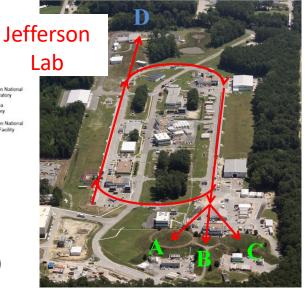


- DVMP enables Flavour decomposition of GPDs.
- The small-size regime: the production of q-qbar pair with sizes << hadronic size dominates.
 - QCD factorization and GPD extraction assume that this regime is attained.

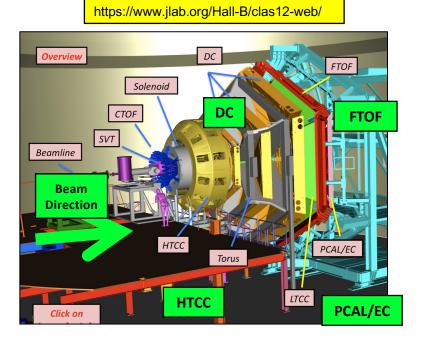
Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (Jefferson Lab)

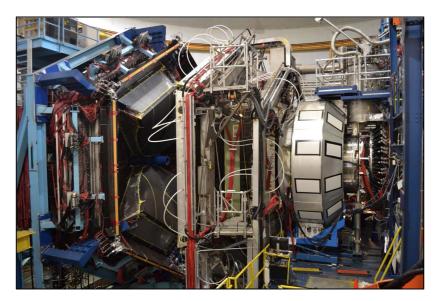


- Newport News, Virginia (US east coast)
- 1995 2012 6 GeV electron beam
- 2018 today 11 / 12 GeV electron beam
 / photon beam



CEBAF Large Acceptance Spectrometer (CLAS12) in Hall B



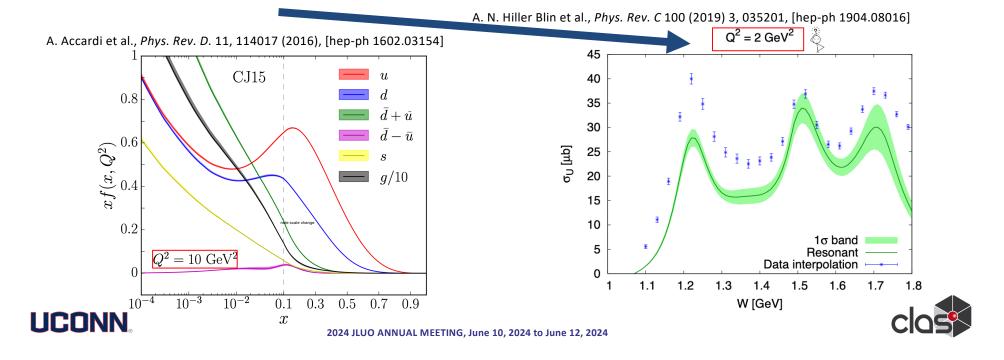


V. Burkert et al., Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 959 (2020) 163419

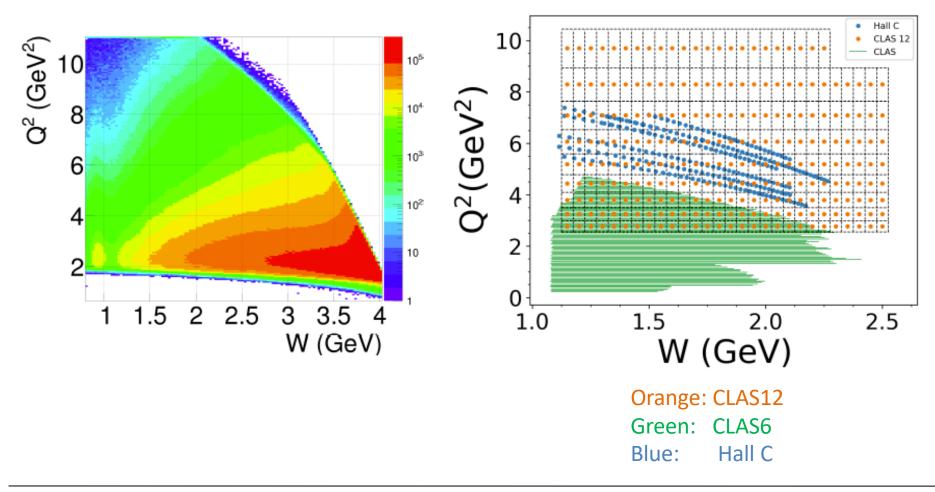
- CLAS12: 10³⁵ cm⁻²sec⁻¹ luminosity, nearly 4π acceptance, 0.05 GeV² < Q² < 10.0 GeV² coverage over photon virtuality.
- Began data taking in Spring 2018 many "run periods" now available
- Data from Fall 2018 10.6 GeV electron beam, longitudinally polarized beam, liquid H₂ target.

Extending Knowledge of the Nucleon PDF in the Resonance Region

- Global QCD analyses have provided detailed information on the nucleon PDFs in a wide range of parton fractional longitudinal momentum, x, from 10⁻⁴ to 0.9.
- At large x, in the nucleon resonance region W < 2.5 GeV, the PDFs are significantly less explored.
- Extractions in this region require accounting for higher twist effects, target-mass corrections and evaluation from the nucleon resonance electroexcitations.



Inclusive Electron Scattering Kinematic Coverage with CLAS12 ep->e'X



Cross Section Calculation

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2 dW} = \frac{1}{\Delta Q^2 \Delta W} \cdot \frac{N}{\eta \cdot R \cdot B \cdot N_0} \cdot \frac{1}{N_A \rho t / A_\omega}$$

- Q² four-momentum transfer squared
- W invariant mass of the final hadron system
- R radiative correction factor
- B bin size correction
- N bin event yield
- $\eta\,$ is the product of geometrical acceptance and electron detection efficiency
- N₀ live-time corrected incident electron flux summed over all data runs
- N_A Avogadro's number
- ρ target density
- •t target length
- A_ω atomic weight of the target

Matrix Deconvolution

Acceptance Matrix: A_(i,j) describes both acceptance (geometrical acceptance and detector efficiency) and bin migration:

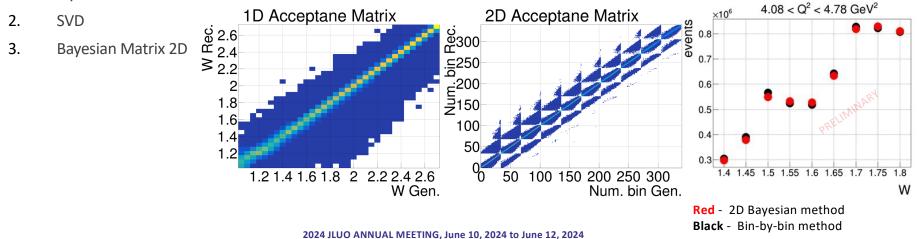
$$A_{(i,j)} = \frac{\# Events \ Generated \ in \ bin \ j \ but \ Reconstructed \ in \ bin \ i}{Total \ number \ of \ Events \ Generated \ in \ the \ jth \ bin}$$

CERN RooUnfold package was used: https://gitlab.cern.ch/RooUnfold/RooUnfold

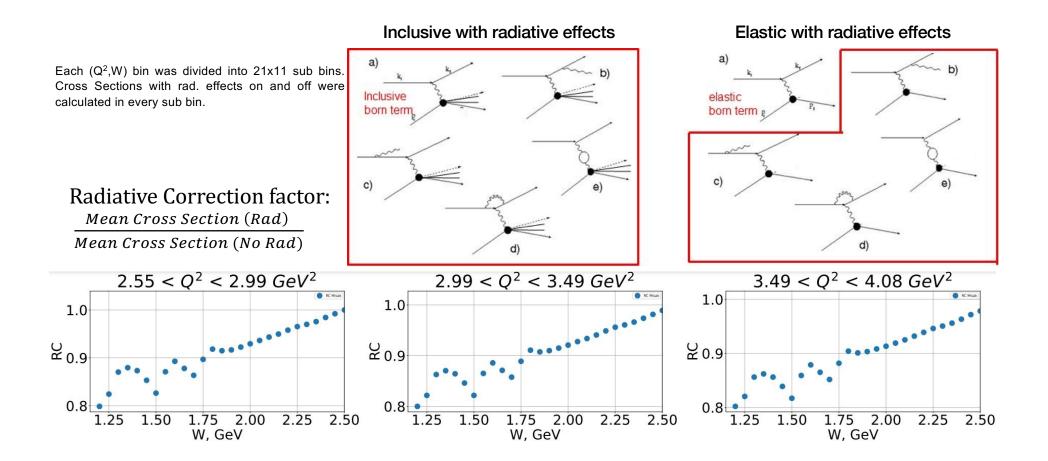
Acceptance unfolding: $Y_i = A_{(i,j)}X_j => X_j = A^{-1}_{(i,j)}Y_i$ where Y_i number of measured events in i-th bin, X_j is number of acceptance corrected events in j-th bin

We used:

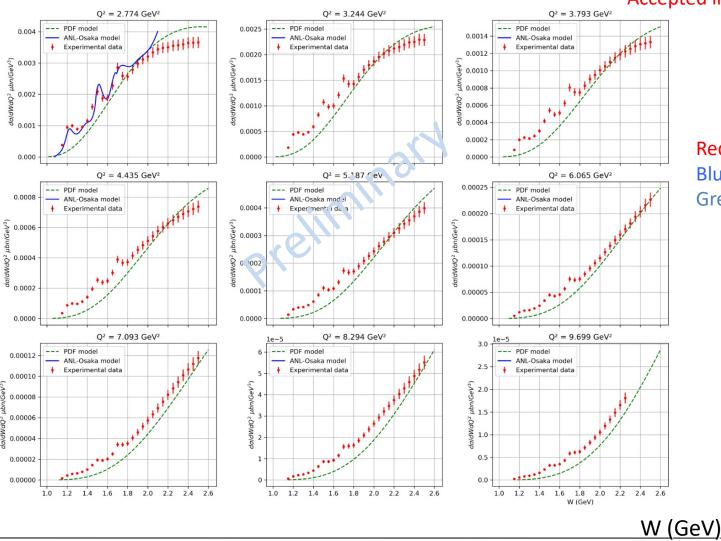
1. Bin-by-bin



Radiative Corrections



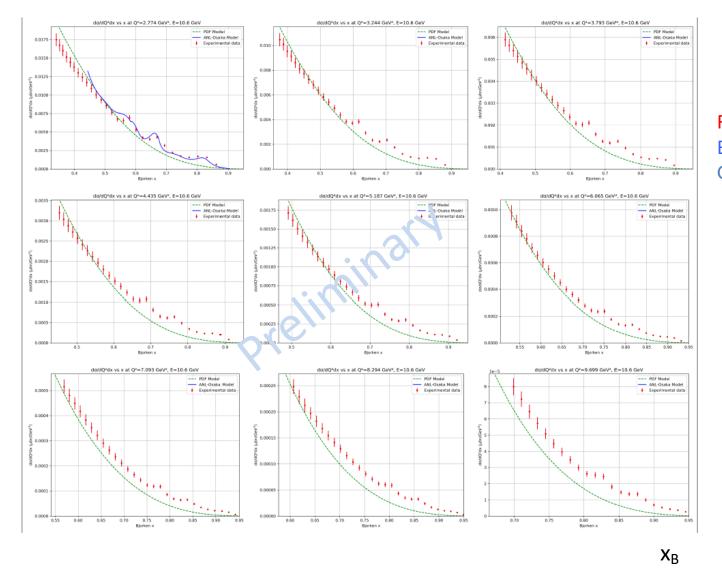
Preliminary Cross Sections vs. W (GeV)



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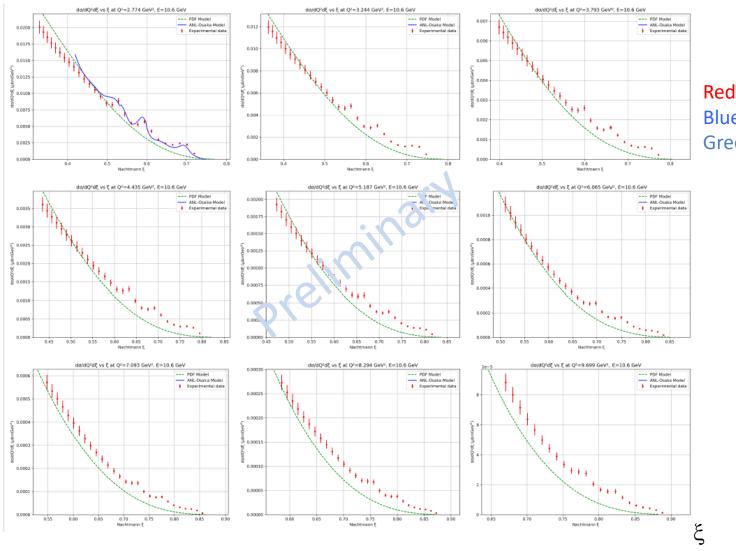
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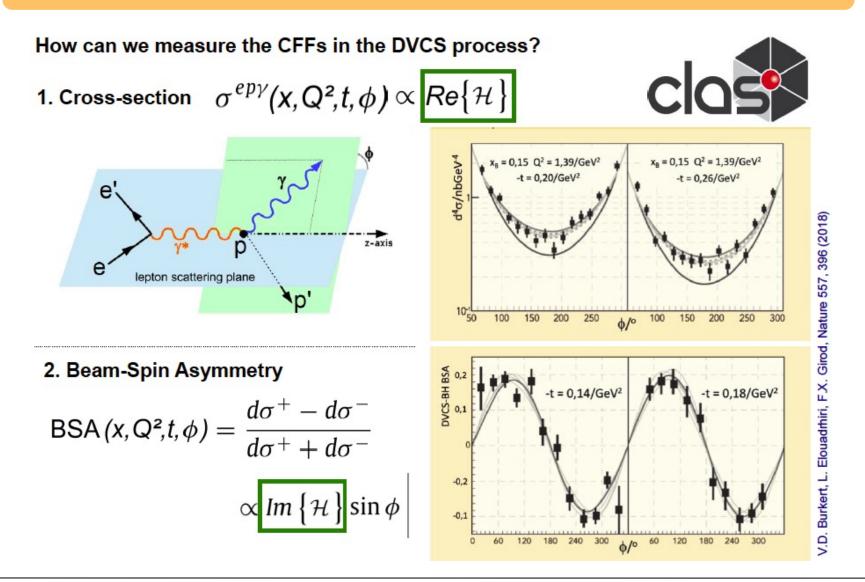
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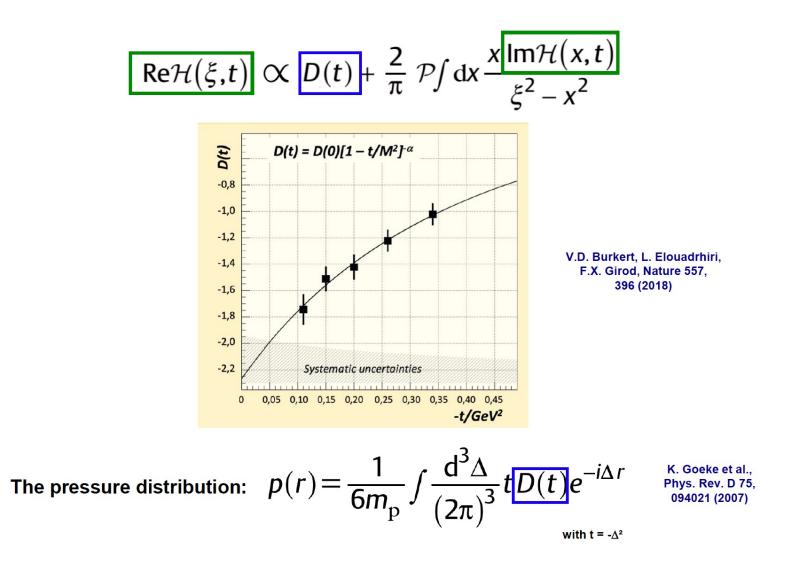


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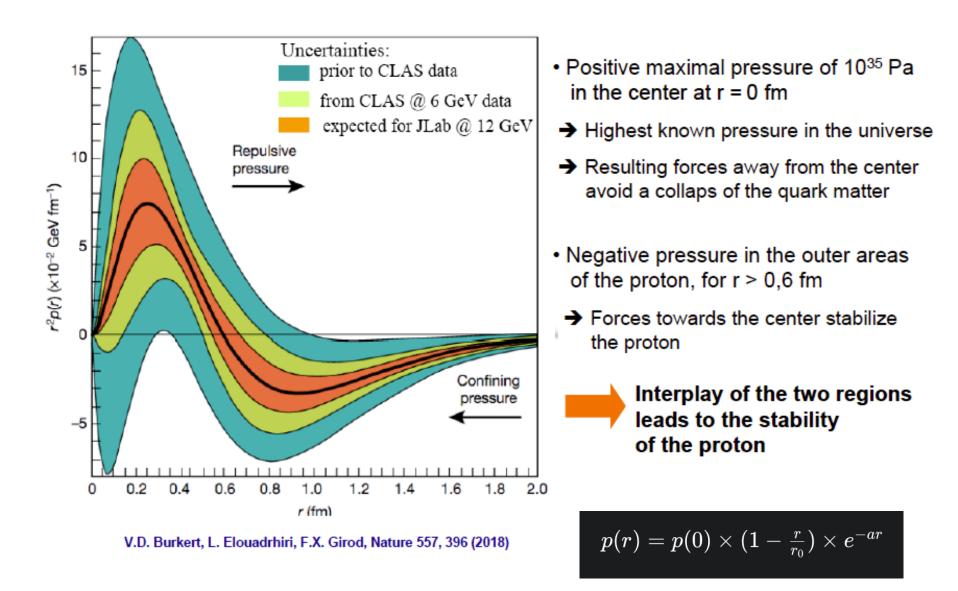
Observables of the DVCS process



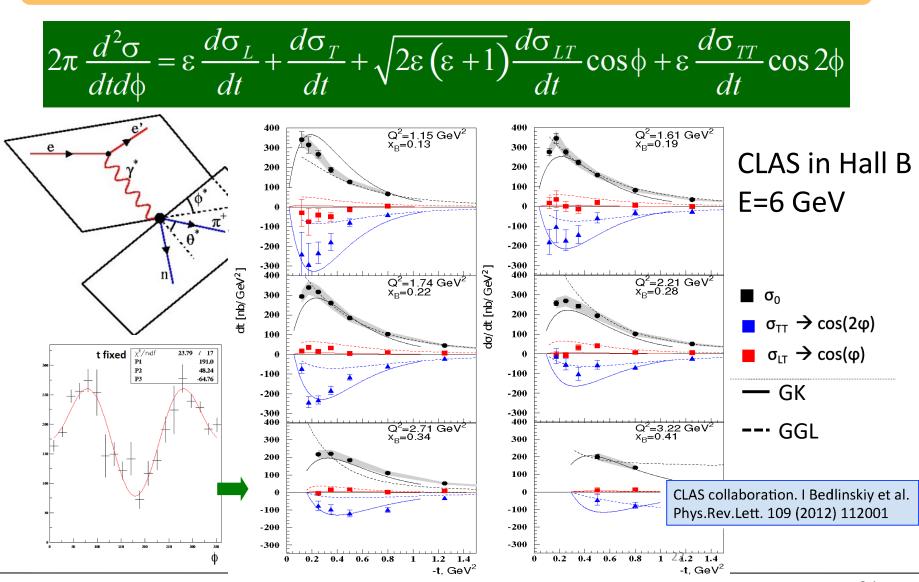
From the D-term to the pressure distribution



Pressure inside the proton

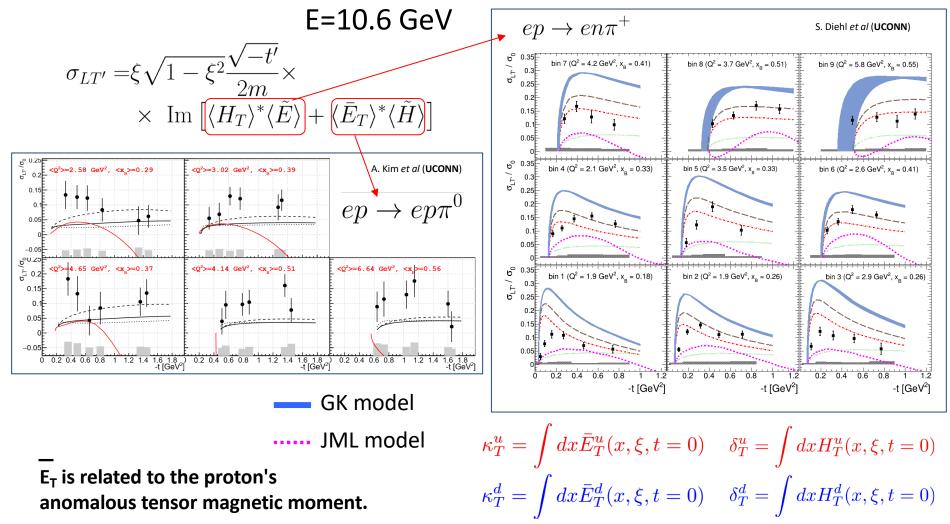


DVMP (π^0) Differential Cross Section



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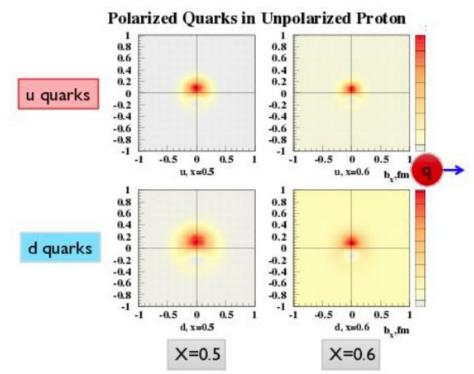
Pseudoscalar meson electroproduction with CLAS12



 H_T is related to the proton's tensor charge.

Transverse densities for u and d quarks in the proton (after global fit of π^0 and η data)

• \bar{E}_T is related to the distortion of the polarized quark distribution in the transverse plane for an unpolarized nucleon



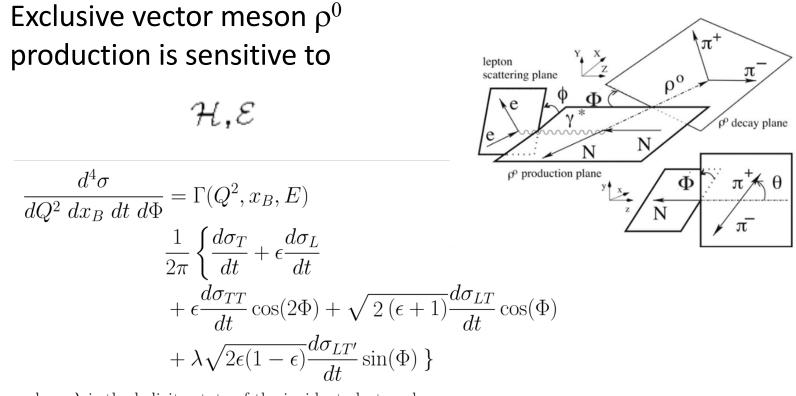
V. Kubarovsky et al.

 \overline{E}_{T} is similar to Boer Mulders TMD function in SIDIS.

The fit results agree with the large-N_c limit analysis by P. Schweitzer and C. Weiss *Phys.Rev.C* 94 (2016) 4, 0452 02

GPD parameterization used in GK model can be improved through global fits using existing Hall A and Hall B data

Exclusive vector meson ρ^0 production with CLAS12



where λ is the helicity state of the incident electron beam

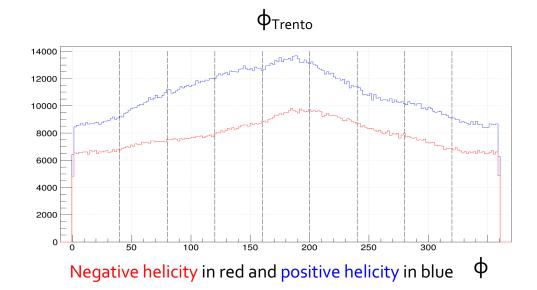
$$BSA = \frac{\sigma^+ - \sigma^-}{\sigma^+ + \sigma^-} \sim \sigma_{LT'} \sim r_{00}^8 \sim \operatorname{Im}\left[\langle H_T \rangle^* \langle E \rangle + \langle \bar{E}_T \rangle^* \langle H \rangle\right]$$

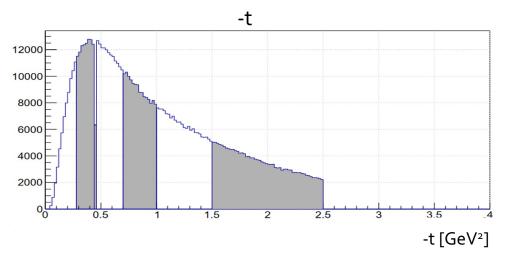
1D Bins in -t

- 6 bins in -t
- 9 equidistance bins in φ
- Events were divided into either positive or negative helicity
- 108 invariant mass were fitted
- This was done independently for both inbending and outbending
- $N_{\rho o}^{+}$ and $N_{\rho o}^{-}$ are the amplitude of ρ^{o} fits in positive and negative helicity bins

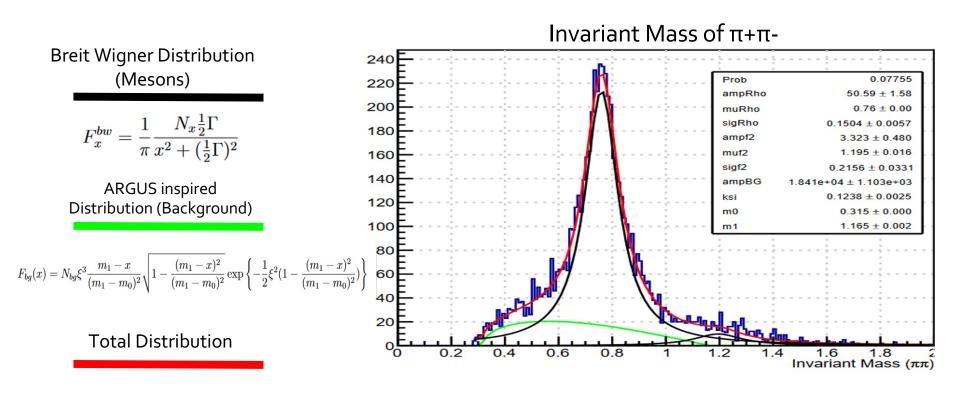
$$BSA = \frac{1}{P_b} \frac{N_i^+ - N_i^-}{N_i^+ + N_i^-}$$

 P_b is the average beam polarization



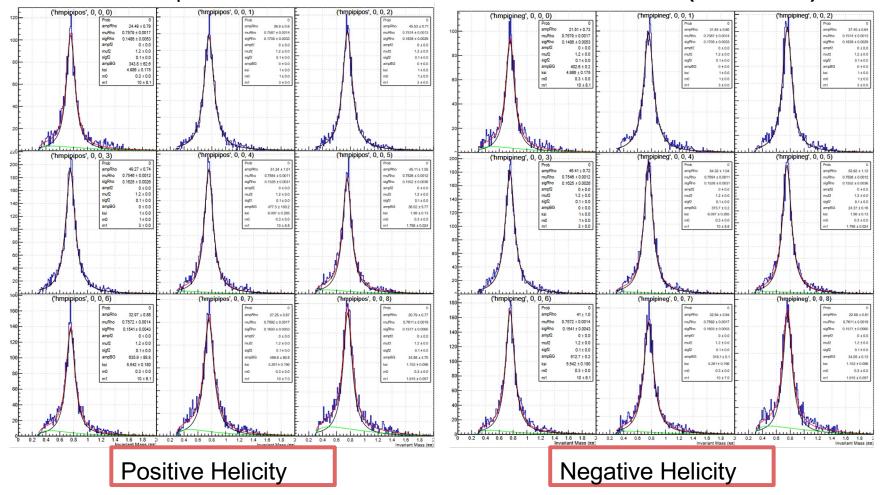


Fitting ρ^0 example

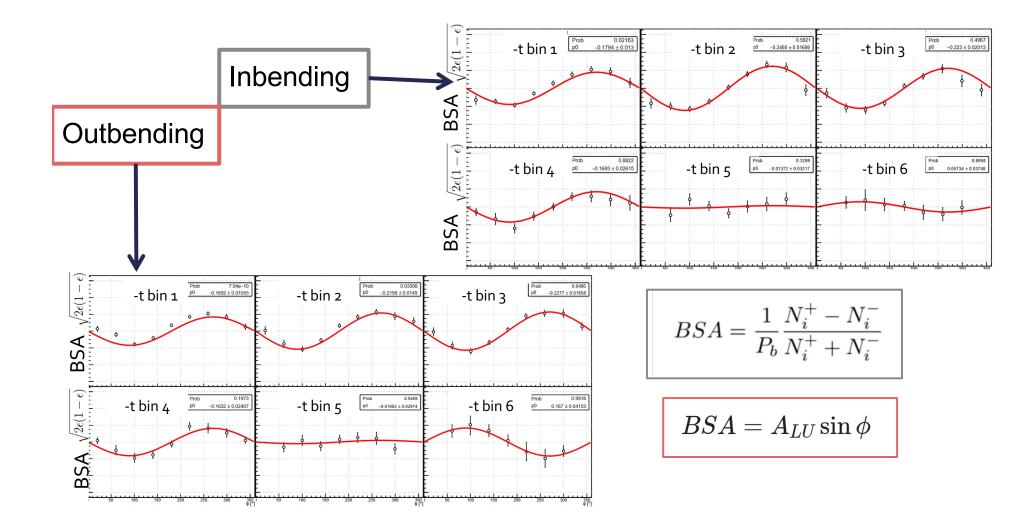


$$F(M_{\pi\pi}) = N_{\rho}F_{\rho}^{bw} + N_{f2}F_{f2}^{bw} + N_{bg}F_{bg}$$

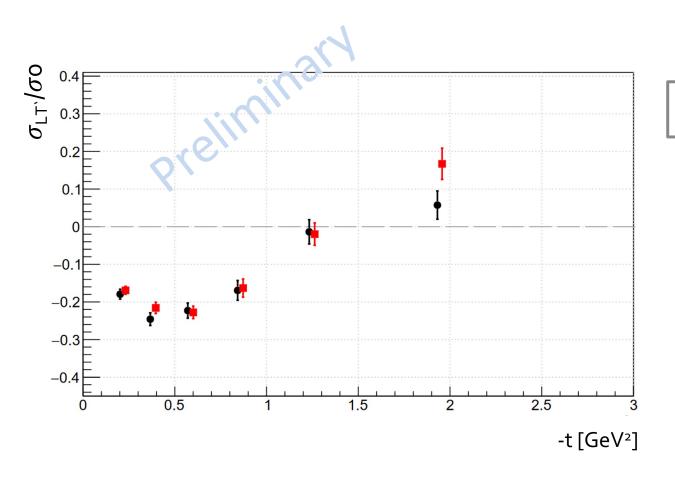
1D \(\phi\) Bins in -t: Invariant Mass Fits (-t bin 1)

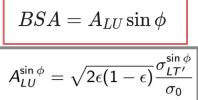


1D Bins in -t: BSA



1D Bins in -t: σ_{LT}/σ_0 for both inbending and outbending



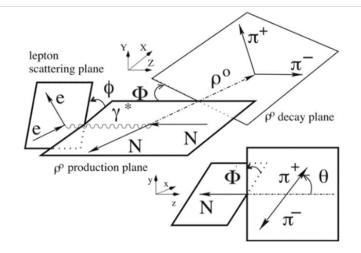


SDMEs from Exclusive ρ production with CLAS12

• 23 SDME elements are extract using the MLM:

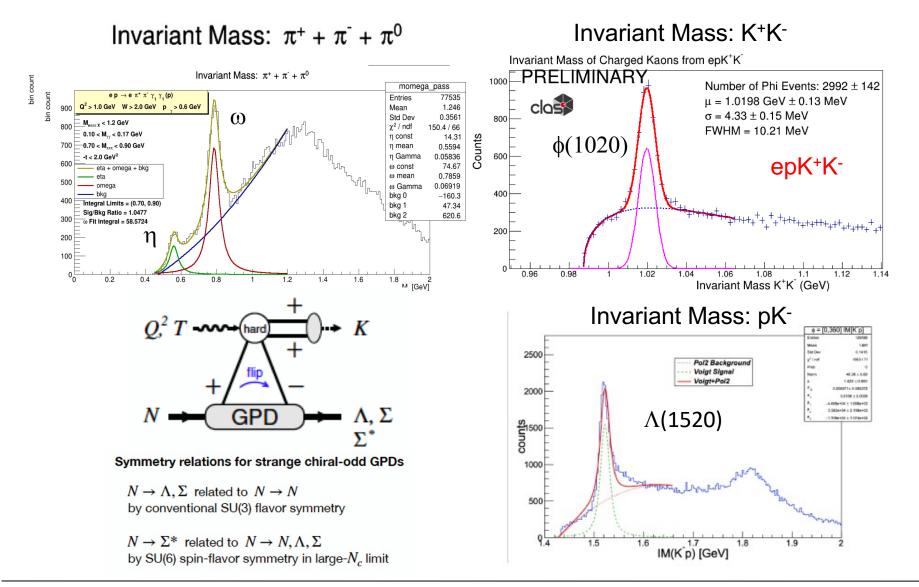
$$-\ln L(\mathcal{R}) = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} \ln rac{\mathcal{W}^{U+L}(\mathcal{R}; \Phi_i, \phi_i, \cos \Theta_i)}{\widetilde{\mathcal{N}}(\mathcal{R})}$$

$$\begin{split} & 15 \text{ unpolarized SDMEs} \\ W^U(\Phi,\phi,\cos(\Theta)) &= \frac{3}{8\pi^2} (\frac{1}{2}(1-r_{00}^{04}) + \frac{1}{2}(3r_{00}^{04}-1)\cos^2(\Theta) \\ &-\sqrt{2}Rer_{10}^{04}\sin(2\Theta)\cos(\phi) - r_{1-1}^{04}\sin^2(\Theta)\cos(2\phi) \\ &-\sqrt{2}Rer_{10}^{04}\sin(2\Theta)\cos(\phi) - r_{1-1}^{01}\sin^2(\Theta)\cos^2(\Theta) \\ &-2Re\{r_{10}^1\}\sin(2\Theta)\cos(\phi) - r_{1-1}^1\sin^2(\Theta)\cos(2\phi)] \\ &-esin(2\Phi)[\sqrt{2}Im\{r_{10}^2\}sin(2\Theta)sin(\phi) \\ &+Im\{r_{1-1}^2\}\sin^2(\Theta)\sin(2\phi)] \\ &\sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)}\cos(\Phi)[r_{11}^5\sin^2(\Theta) + r_{00}^5\cos^2(\Theta) \\ &-\sqrt{2}Re\{r_{10}^5\}\sin(2\Theta)\cos(\phi) - r_{1-1}^5\sin^2(\Theta)\cos(2\phi)] \\ &+\sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)}\sin(\Phi)[\sqrt{2}Im\{r_{10}^6\}\sin(2\Theta)\sin(\phi) \\ &+Im\{r_{1-1}^6\}\sin(2\Theta)\sin(\phi) \\ &+Im\{r_{1-1}^6\}\sin^2(\Theta)\sin(2\phi)]) \end{split}$$

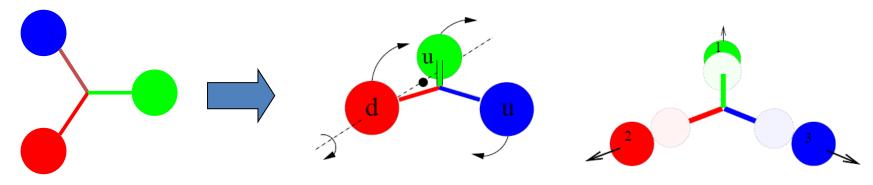


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Exclusive ω , ϕ productions and KA(1520) with CLAS12



From the ground state nucleon to resonances



How does the exitation affect the 3D structure of the Nucleon?

 \rightarrow Pressure distributions, tensor charge, ... of resonances?

Traditional way: Study of transition form factors (2D picture of transv. position)

3D picture of the exitation process: Encoded in transition GPDs

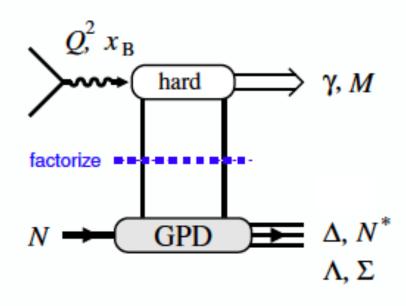
Simplest case: $N \rightarrow \Delta$ transition \rightarrow 1

P. Kroll and K. Passek-Kumericki, Phys. Rev. D 107, 054009 (2023).K. Semenov, M. Vanderhaeghen, arXiv:2303.00119 (2023).

16 transition GPDs

- 8 helicity non-flip transition GPDs (twist 2)
- Related to the Jones-Scardon and Adler EM FF for the N $\rightarrow \Delta$ transition
- 8 helicity flip transition GPDs (transversity)

Exploring Transition GPDs with CLAS12



Transition GPDs

Factorization of hard exclusive processes

GPDs for resonance final states

Theoretical methods: Chiral dynamics, $1/N_c$ expansion of QCD

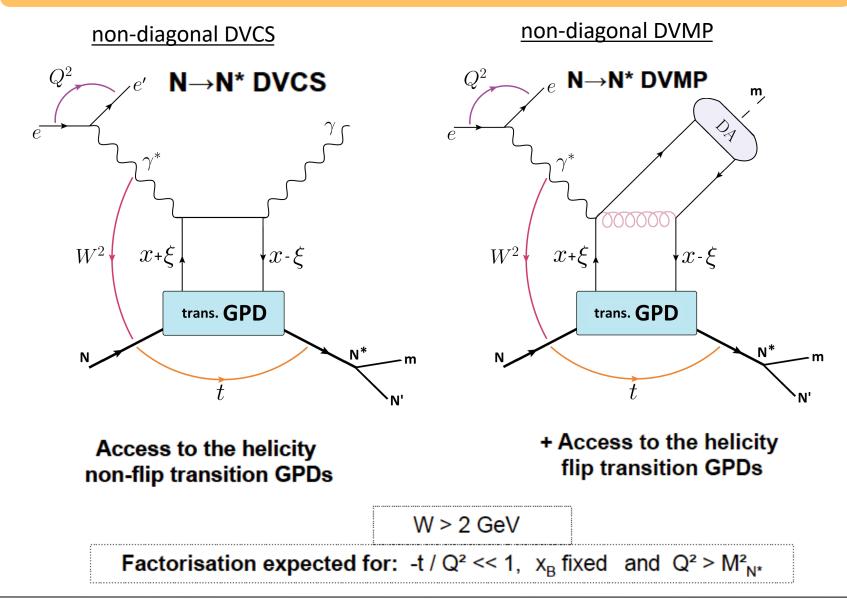
Processes

 $N \rightarrow \Delta$ in DVCS

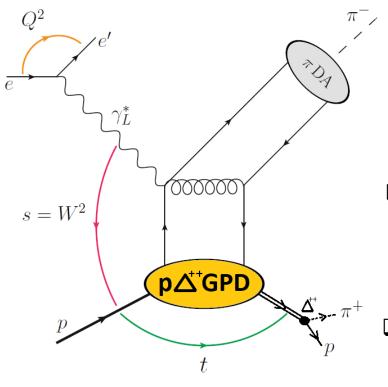
 $N \rightarrow \Delta, N^*$ in π, η production

 $N \rightarrow \Lambda, \Sigma$ in K, K^* production

Non-diagonal DVCS / DVMP



$ep \rightarrow e\Delta^{++}\pi^{-} \rightarrow ep\pi^{+}\pi^{-}$

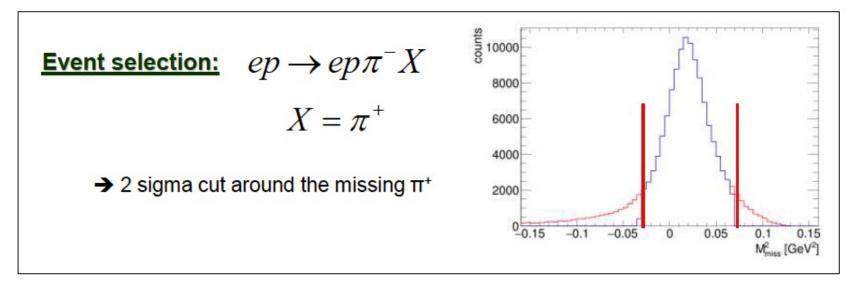


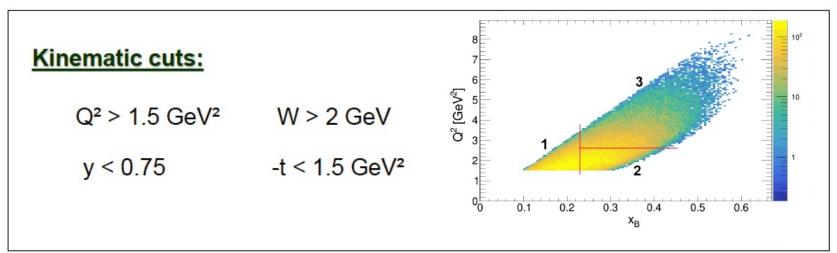
Factorization expected for: -t / Q² << 1, x_B fixed, and Q² > M_{Δ}²

□ Provides access to p-∆ transition GPDs $ep \rightarrow e\Delta^{++}\pi^{-} \rightarrow ep\pi^{+}\pi^{-}$ $I_z = +3/2$

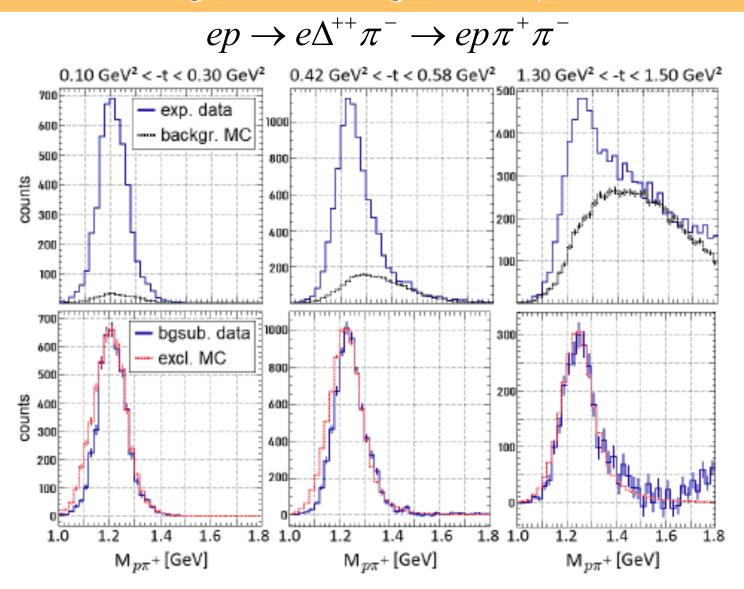
The pπ⁺ final state can **only** be populated by
 Δ-resonances -> Large gap between Δ(1232) and higher resonances

Event Selection and Kinematic Cuts

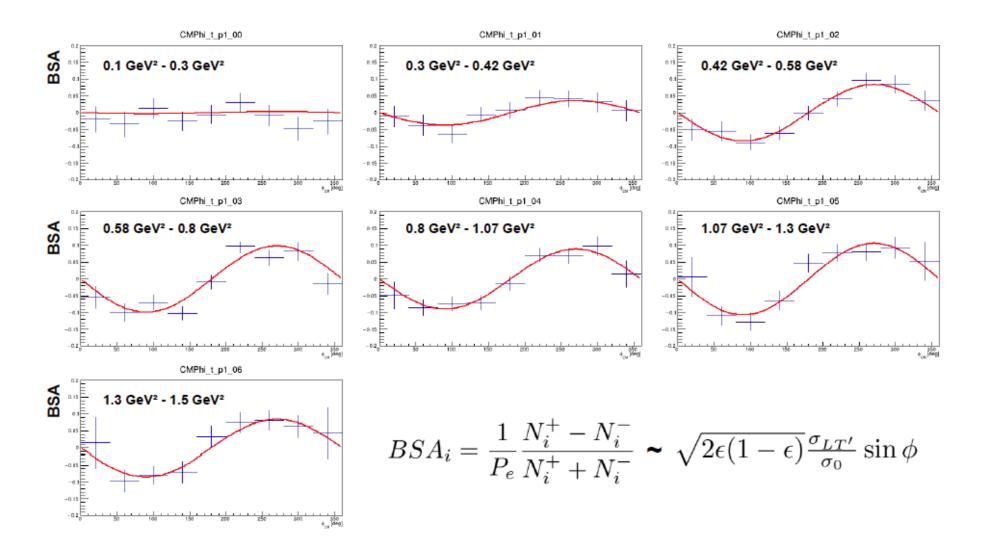




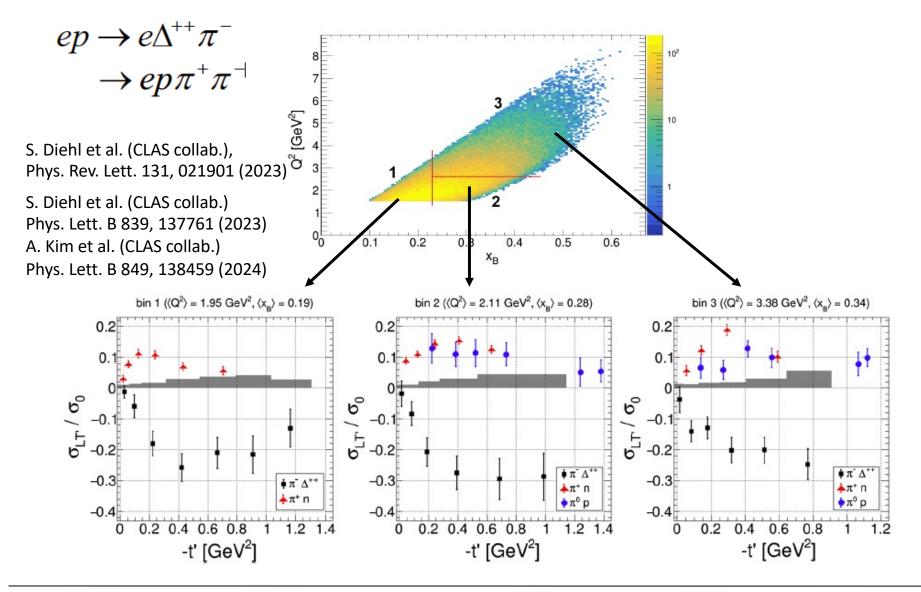
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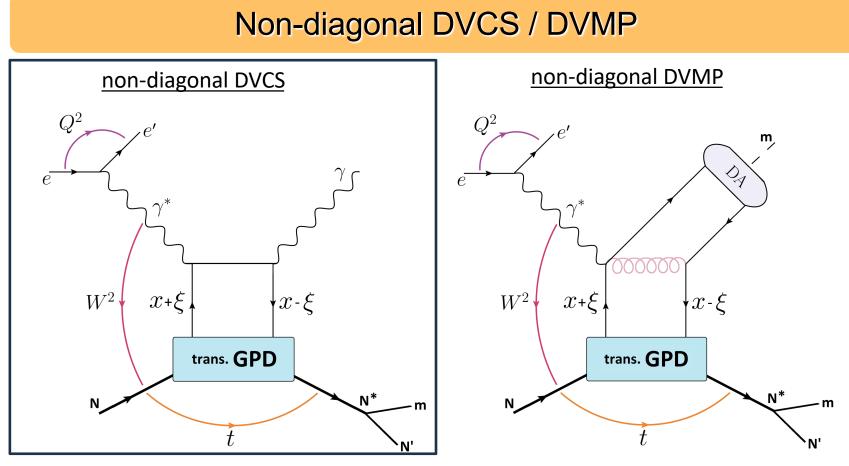


Resulting Beam Spin Asymmetries (Q²-x_B integrated)



Results

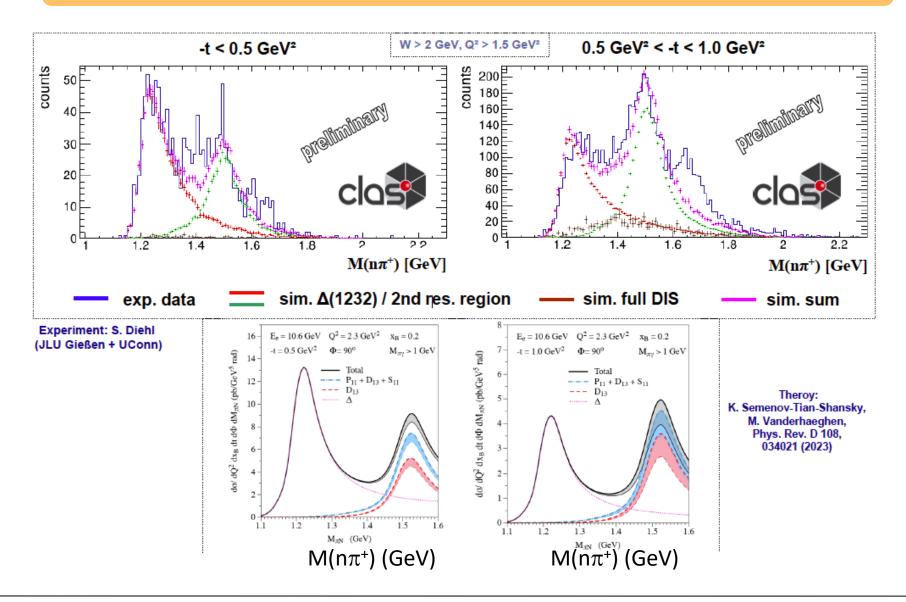




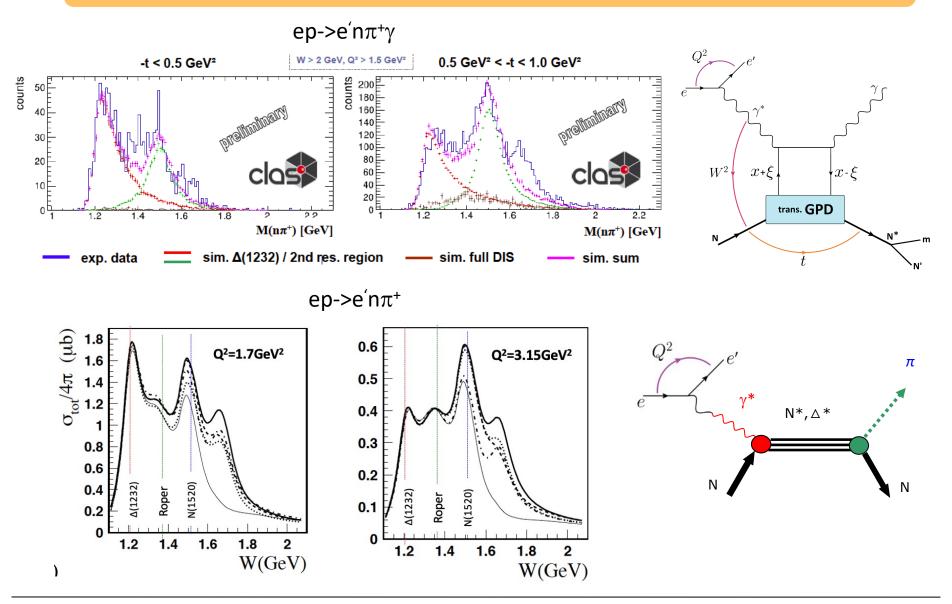
factorization expected for: $-t/Q^2$ small, $Q^2 > M^2_{N^*}$ x_B fixed

N-> Δ (1232) transition GPDs: 8 twist-2 GPDs: 4 unpolarized, 4 polarized. K. Semenov, M. Vanderhaeghen, arXiv:2303.00119 (2023)

N–>N^{*} DVCS Processes: ep->e' N^{*} γ ->e 'n $\pi^+\gamma$



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Electron Scattering Binning Scheme

	Resonance Region	DIS Region
Inclusive Scattering	Q ² , W	Q ² , x _B
Exclusive Process (γ , π)	Q^2 , W, $cos\theta_h$, ϕ_h	Q^2 , x_B , -t, ϕ_h

Exclusive Process (ρ , ϕ , ..) Q², W, cos θ_h , ϕ_h , θ , ϕ Q², x_B , -t, ϕ_h , θ , ϕ

Off-diagonal DVCS or DVMP

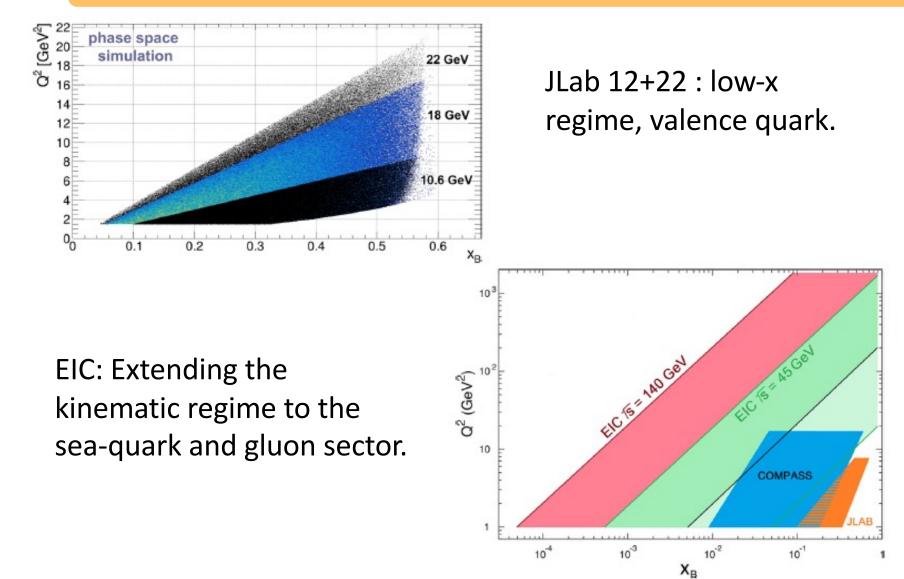
Q², x_{B} , -t, ϕ_{h} , $M_{\pi N}$, $\cos\theta$, ϕ

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From JLab 11 GeV to JLab 22 GeV to COMPASS to EIC



Conclusion and Outlook

- 1. Deeply virtual exclusive processes (DVEP) will help us to map the spatial distributions of quarks and gluons in the nucleon and potentially also in baryon resonances.
- 2. JLab CLAS12 has a comprehensive program in deeply virtual exclusive processes.
- 3. One essential point concerns the approach to the small-size regime, where the production of q q-qbar pair with sizes << hadronic size dominates. QCD factorization and GPD extraction assume that this regime is attained (!).
- 4. At present 12 GeV kinematics, whether we attain this regime is under investigation.
- 5. EIC science program will profoundly impact our understanding of the most fundamental inner structure of the matter that builds us all.

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