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## **Physics motivation**

# GPDs

- → Light-cone matrix elements of non-local bilinear quark and gluon operators
- ➔ Describe hadronic structural information in terms of quark and gluon degrees of freedom
- Spin-dependent 2D transverse coordinate space
  + 1D longitudinal momentum space images of the nucleon
  - ➔ Tool to study the nature and origin of the nucleon spin
  - ➔ Impact parameter space: spatial femto-photographs of the hadron structure in the transverse plane







#### **Physics motivation**

### **Baryon to meson TDAs**

- → Light-cone matrix elements of non-local three quark operators
- → Encoded physical picture close to GPDs
- Probe partonic correlations between states of different baryonic charge
  - Access to non-minimal Fock components of baryon light-cone wave functions



- → <u>Impact parameter space</u>: Femto-photography of hadrons from a new perspective
  - → Spatial imaging of the structure of the pion cloud inside the nucleon



#### Hard exclusive $\pi^+$ electroproduction

**<u>Cross section</u>** (longitudinally pol. beam and unpol. target):

$$2\pi \frac{d^2\sigma}{dtd\phi} = \frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} + \epsilon \frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} + \epsilon \cdot \cos(2\phi) \frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} \cdot \cos(\phi) \frac{d\sigma_{LT}}{dt} + h \cdot \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} \cdot \sin(\phi) \frac{d\sigma_{LT'}}{dt} ep \rightarrow en\pi^+$$

$$\sigma = \sigma_0 (1 + A_{UU}^{\cos(2\phi)} \cos(2\phi) + A_{UU}^{\cos(\phi)} \cos(\phi) + h A_{LU}^{\sin(\phi)} \sin(\phi))$$

$$BSA = \frac{d\sigma^+ - d\sigma^-}{d\sigma^+ + d\sigma^-} = \frac{A_{LU}^{\sin\phi}\sin\phi}{1 + A_{UU}^{\cos\phi}\cos\phi + A_{UU}^{\cos(2\phi)}\cos(2\phi)}$$

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#### Theoretical prediction in the forward kinemtic regime

t / Q<sup>2</sup> << 1: GPD based description

Goldstein, Hernandez, Liuti Phys. Rev. D 84, 034007 (2011)

Golosokov, Kroll Eur. Phys. J. A. 47: 112 (2011) quark pol.

	N/q	U	L	T
pol.	U	H		$\bar{E}_T$
leon	L		$\widetilde{H}$	$\widetilde{E}_T$
nuc	Т	E	$\widetilde{E}$	$H_T, \widetilde{H}_T$

**GPDs:** - Constructed by double distributions

- Costrained by the latest results from lattice QCD and transversity parton dsitribution functions

chiral even GPDs: all contributions are included

chiral odd GPDs: emphasis on  $H_T$  and  $\overline{E}_T = 2\widetilde{H}_T + E_T$ 

Pion pole contribution is considered for longitudinally and transversely polarized virtual photons

#### Theoretical prediction in the forward kinemtic regime

$$2\pi \frac{d^2 \sigma}{dt d\phi} = \frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} + \epsilon \frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} + \epsilon \cdot \cos(2\phi) \frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} \cdot \cos(\phi) \frac{d\sigma_{LT}}{dt} + h \cdot \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} \cdot \sin(\phi) \frac{d\sigma_{LT'}}{dt} = \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} \frac{\frac{d\sigma_{LT'}}{dt}}{\frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} + \epsilon \frac{d\sigma_L}{dt}} \sim \frac{\sigma_{LT'}}{\sigma_u}$$

σ<sub>LT</sub>: - convolution of GPDs with subprocess amplitudes
 - product of chiral-odd and chiral-even GPDs

$$\sigma_{LT'} \sim Im \left[ \langle \overline{E}_T \rangle^* \langle \widetilde{H} \rangle + \langle H_T \rangle^* \langle \widetilde{E} \rangle \right] \qquad \begin{array}{l} \widetilde{E} &= \widetilde{E}_{generic} + pole \ term \\ \widetilde{H} &= \widetilde{H}_{generic} + pole \ term \end{array}$$

- ➔ Imaginary part of small chiral odd GPDs is significantly amplified by the pion pole term
- → Polarized  $\pi^+$  observables show an increased sensitivity to chiral-odd GPDs

$$\sigma_{LT'} \sim Im[< H_T >^* < \widetilde{E} >] \qquad \widetilde{E}$$
 is dominated by the pion pole

#### **Experimental Setup**



- CLAS (e1f run period)
- 5.5 GeV longitudinally polarized electron beam
- unpolarized hydrogen target

#### **Particle identification**

• Electron ID based on electromagnetic calorimeter and Cherenkov counters

 π<sup>+</sup> ID based on a maximum likelyhood particle selection from TOF based β vs p correlation



#### Kinematic regions and exclusivity cuts



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### **Kinematic coverage and cuts**



**DIS cut:** W > 2 GeV  $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ 

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#### Beam spin asymmetry



 $1.0 \text{ GeV}^2 < Q^2 < 4.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $0.1 < x_B < 0.6$ 



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#### **Comparison to the GK model predictions**



Discrepancy caused by the interplay between the pion pole term and the poorly known GPDs  $H_T$  and  $\overline{E}_T$ 

 $\pi^+$  data in combination with  $\pi^0$ and  $\eta$  data is essential to better constrain these GPDs **Extension of the kinematic range** 

 $1.0 \text{ GeV}^2 < Q^2 < 4.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $0.1 < x_B^2 < 0.6$ 



#### **BSA for different -t bins**







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# -t dependence of $A_{LU}^{\sin(\phi)}$



# Theoretical description for large t (small u):

#### TDA model with

- dominant leading twist transverse amplitude
- next-to leading twist sub-dominant longitudinal amplitude (twist-4 nucleon DAs or twist-4 nucleon-to pion TDAs)

➔ Calculations not available yet

# $Q^2$ and $x_B$ dependence of $A_{LU}^{\sin(\phi)}$



Sign change present for all  $Q^2$  and  $x_B$  bins

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#### forward direction:

flat Q<sup>2</sup> behaviour due to approximate Bjorken scaling

#### backward direction:

effect not significant

## **Summary and Conclusion**

- $A_{LU}^{\sin(\phi)}$  moment from the hard exclusive  $\pi^+$  channel has been extracted for the first time over a large range of kinematics.
- The results show a clear sign change from forward to backward angles, which may indicate a transition from the GPD to the TDA regime.
- Asymmetry moments are proportional to interference terms which amplify small contributions.
- The results will help to constrain the poorly known chiral-odd GPDs and to further develope the TDA modell.
- The crossed reaction  $\bar{N}N \rightarrow \gamma^*\pi$  will be accessible with PANDA at FAIR.







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