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#### **Motivation**

Pions are the lightest QCD bound system qq

Even so, its partonic structure is not well understood as is for the proton

In principle, the pion PDF is easier to compute in Lattice QCD and effective models, precisely due to its simple quark-antiquark composition.

Experimental data is necessary to validate the calculations.

#### There are no 'free' pion targets... how to access them?

#### **Probe pion structure**



### **Pion PDFs in JAM**





Adding the LN data to the global fit analysis, changes drastically the role of the sea and glue contribution to the pion momentum

Collaboration



#### **Datasets kinematics**

- Large  $x_{\pi}$  Drell-Yan (DY)
- Small x<sub>π</sub> Leading Neutron (LN)
- Not much data overlap
- In DY:  $x_{\pi} = \frac{1}{2} (x_F + \sqrt{x_F^2 + 4\tau})$
- In LN:
  - $x_{\pi} = x_{Bj} / \bar{x_L}$



#### **TDIS at Hall A**



#### Adding more constrains



- Adding a new constrain in the kinematics opens the possibility to study  $\boldsymbol{\pi}$  resonances

- HERA did not measure the low- $W_{\pi}^2$  region, so the strength of various resonances in this process in unknown
- Kinematic coverage in TDIS will be a great use to measure this resonance region

#### **11 GeV TDIS Kinematics**



TDIS kinematics with representative  $W^{2}_{\pi}$  curves

|**k**|: 3-momentum of the tagged nucleon.

Binning based on TDIS proposal

#### **Total pion kinematics**



### **JAM global analysis impact**



From these points, JAM has created pseudodata and performed global analysis with existing experimental data.

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#### **TDIS** @ 22 GeV



#### Phase space @ 22 GeV



#### **22 GeV TDIS Kinematics**



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Massive increase of available data points  $W_{\pi}^2 > 1.04 \text{GeV}^2$ 

#### **TDIS cross section @ 22 GeV**



#### Pion SF projections @ 22GeV



### **JAM global analysis impact**



Similarly to the 11 GeV case, JAM estimated the impact of the 22 GeV pseudo-data from the kinematic points\* Strong improvement of the knowledge of the pion PDFs

\*not the data presented in this talk, but same approach

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#### SIDIS from a pion target @ 22GeV



#### SIDIS @22 GeV (work in progress)

Considering  $W_{\pi}^2$ :[1.04, 4.0] GeV<sup>2</sup>, which is the DIS debris energy available in the reaction.

If all of this energy goes to produce a pion (the SIDIS one), we can estimate the momentum of the SIDIS pion in the range:

 $1.04 \, GeV^2 < (m_{\pi}^2 + p_{\pi}^2) < 4 \, GeV^2 \Rightarrow$ 

 $1\,GeV\!<\!|p_\pi|\!<\!2\,GeV$ 

Some assumptions from TDIS22 could be realized upon a more detailed analysis from our colleagues of the Theory Center (IN PROGRESS)

#### **SIDIS** @ 22 GeV estimations



P<sub>t π</sub> ranges from: 0.25 (@20deg) to ~2 GeV (@90deg)

#### SIDIS @ 22 GeV estimations



"(...)the average  $Q^2$  at 22 GeV goes up by a factor of 2-3 so that the rates go down by a factor of ~10. We need to detect an additional pion assuming an acceptance and efficiency factor of 0.4 (same as for the protons), this brings the rates down to about 4% of the TDIS @ 11 GeV. The Hermes and Compass average multiplicities at around z=0.3 and in the x range covered by TDIS @ 22 GeV is ~1, this means that if the SIDIS on pion rates are similar to SIDIS on proton we should get rates that are about 4% of TDIS @11 GeV rates."

#### Dipangkar Dutta, Internal communication

TDIS 22 cross section scaled x0.04 vs  $z_{SIDIS}$  as a function of the SIDIS pion energy

### SIDIS @22 GeV (work in progress)



Courtesy Dipangkar Dutta (ddutta@jlab.org)

#### SIDIS @22 GeV - Detection



mTPC design for TDIS 11  $\rightarrow$  TDIS 22

Pure speculative work!!



The HERMES recoil detector (or similar)





#### **Conclusions and Outlook**

- TDIS @11GeV will test the impact on pion PDFs at large  $x_{\pi}$ , where it overlap DY data.
- TDIS @22GeV offer a great scenario to improve the partonic knowledge of mesons
  - A kinematic cut on  $W^{2}_{\pi}$  introduces constraints on pions resonances.
  - Our projections, based on JAM libraries, reach lower  $x_{\pi}$  ranges, complementing TDIS @11GeV projections.
  - Pseudo-data analysis shows a huge impact in the PDF knowledge, in particular in the valence and sea quark regions.
- SIDIS from pion target @22GeV is an open case based on extrapolations from TDIS@22GeV analysis and data from HERMES and COMPASS
  - In principle similar set-up as TDIS@22GeV, but requires extra instrumentation for an efficient pion detection.
  - Work in progress with the collaboration of the theory center.
- The nature of this kind of experiments would benefit the use of AI/ML techniques for data reduction and pattern recognition.

#### SCIENCE AT THE LUMINOSITY FRONTIER: JEFFERSON LAB AT 22 GEV



Conference Date January 23, 2023 to January 25, 2023

Conference Location CEBAF Center Auditorium. In-person attendance is strongly encouraged, but a Zoom link will be provided.

# **BACKUP SLIDES**

### Comparison with $F^{2}\pi$ from JAM



- Use our JAM pion PDFs extracted from data comparing with the model-dependent  $F_2^{\pi(\rho)}$
- At low- $Q^2$  and intermediate-to-large  $x_{\pi}$ , the peak is about 2 times smaller than the partonic version
- May see some influence in the data bumps as a function of  $x_{\pi}$  or  $W_{\pi}$ Slide courtesy Patrick Barry

Slide courtesy Patrick Barry (barryp@jlab.org) TDIS biweekly meeting

## What to choose for $W_{\pi}^2$

- HERA did not measure the low- $W_{\pi}^2$  region
- Potentially largest resonance comes from the  $\rho\text{-meson}$
- Must be well above the peak of the resonance
- Estimating the safe region to be an energy above 95% of the area under the curve



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