

# Exclusive Light Meson Production



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## 3-Dimensional Imaging of Quarks and Gluons

Wigner distributions

$$\rho(x, \vec{k}_T, \vec{b}_T)$$

Longitudinal momentum

$$k^+ = xP^+$$

$x$ : longitudinal momentum fraction carried by struck parton



Transverse position

$\vec{k}_T$

Transverse momentum

$\vec{b}_T$

partons

Transverse plane

A. Bacchetta

## Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)

$$W_T(\mathbf{r}, k) = \frac{1}{2M_N} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \left\langle \mathbf{q}/2 \left| \hat{\mathcal{W}}_T(0, k) \right| -\mathbf{q}/2 \right\rangle$$

S. Liuti et al., Phys. Rev. D **84**, 034007 (2011) (GGL)

P. Kroll et al., Eur. Phys. J. A **47**, 112 (2011) (GK)

Integrate over transverse  
*momentum* space

Generalized Parton Distributions  
(GPD)

3-D nucleon images in the  
transverse coordinate and  
longitudinal momentum space

quark pol.

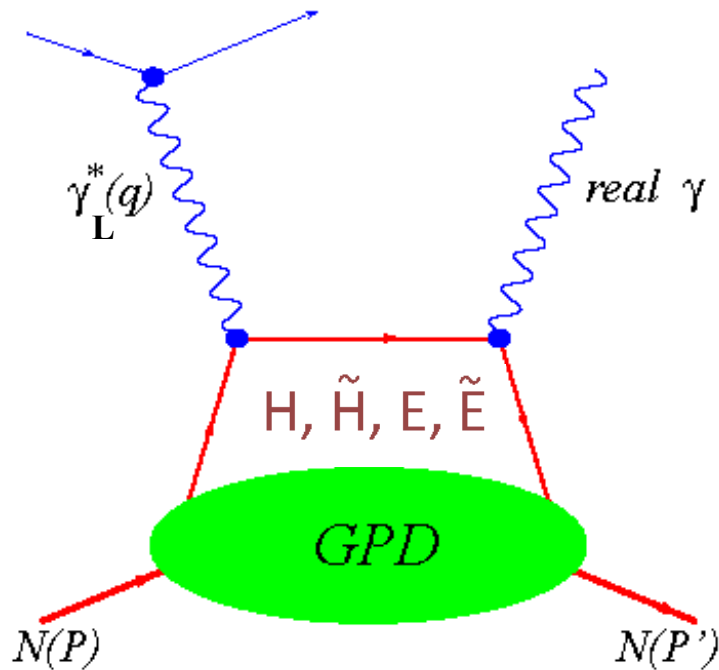
nucleon pol.

N/q	<i>U</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>T</i>
<i>U</i>	<i>H</i>		$\bar{E}_T$
<i>L</i>		$\tilde{H}$	$\tilde{E}_T$
<i>T</i>	<i>E</i>	$\tilde{E}$	$H_T, \tilde{H}_T$

$$\bar{E}_T = 2\tilde{H}_T + E_T$$

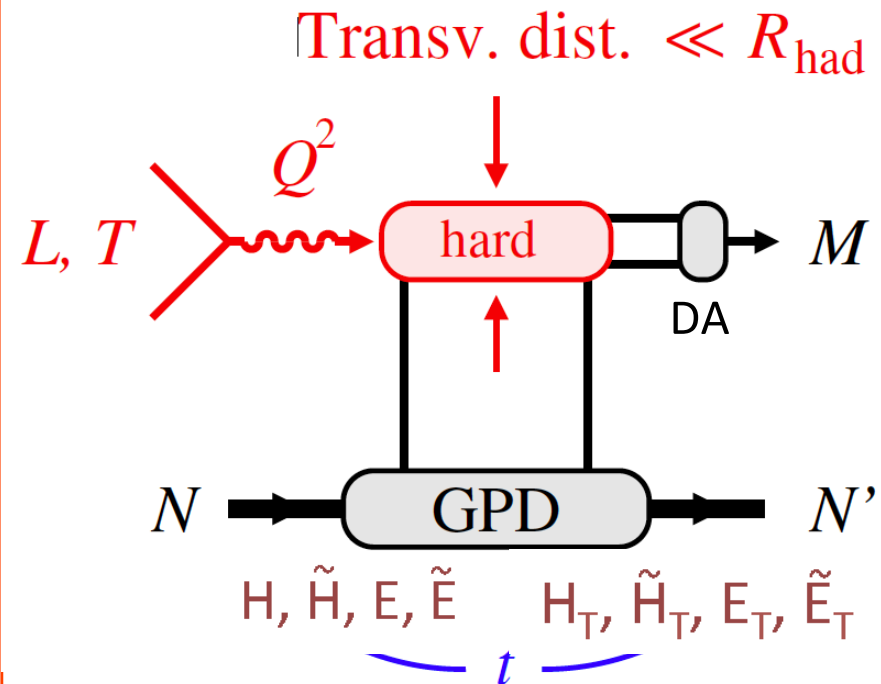
# Study GPDs: Deeply Exclusive Processes

## Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS)



- + Clean process
- Only sensitive to chiral even GPDs

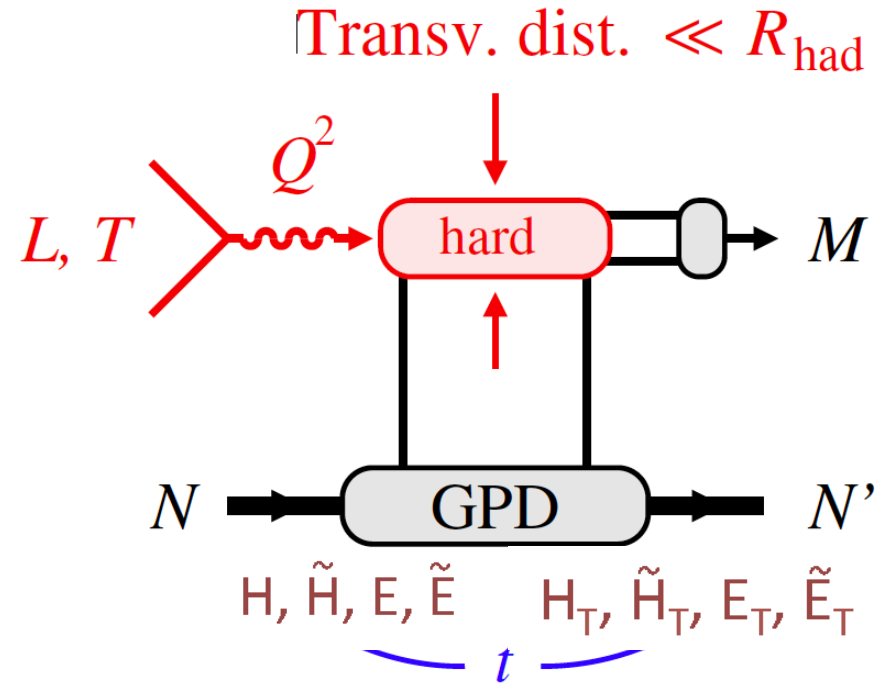
## Deeply Virtual Meson Production (DVMP)



- + Access to transversity degrees of freedom described by chiral-odd GPDs
- Distribution Amplitude (DA) is involved as additional soft non pert. quantity

## Deeply Virtual Meson Production in the GPD regime

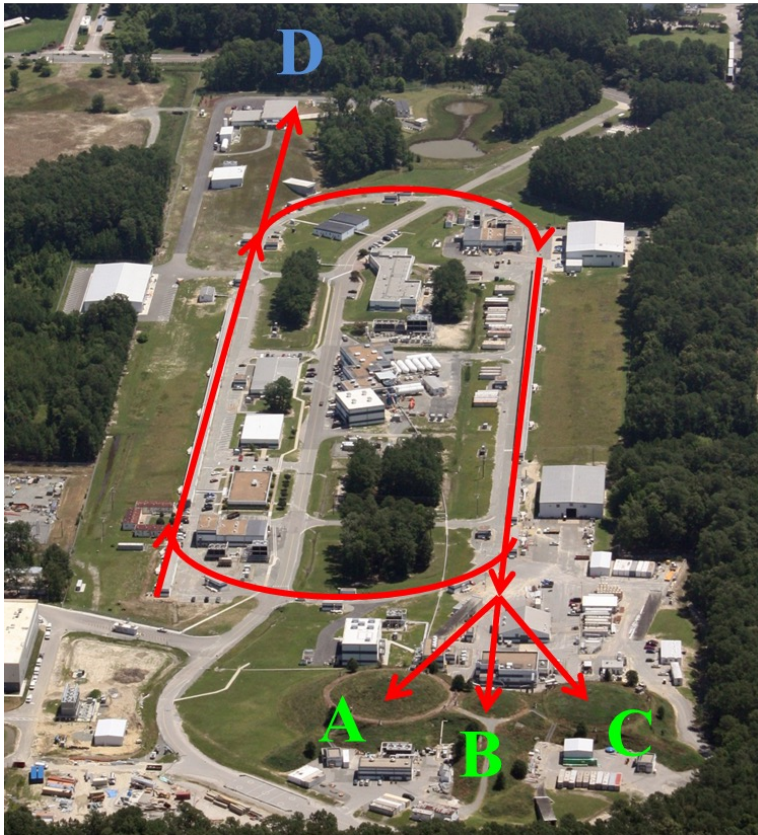
	Meson	Flavor
$\mathcal{H}_{T,E_T}$ $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}, \tilde{\mathcal{E}}$	$\pi^+$	$\Delta u - \Delta d$
	$\pi^0$	$2\Delta u + \Delta d$
	$\eta$	$2\Delta u - \Delta d + 2\Delta s$
$\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{E}$	$\rho^+$	$u - d$
	$\rho^0$	$2u + d$
	$\omega$	$2u - d$
	$\phi$	$g$



- DVMP enables Flavour decomposition of GPDs.
- The small-size regime: the production of  $q\text{-}\bar{q}$  pair with sizes  $\ll$  hadronic size dominates.
  - ❖ QCD factorization and GPD extraction assume that this regime is attained.

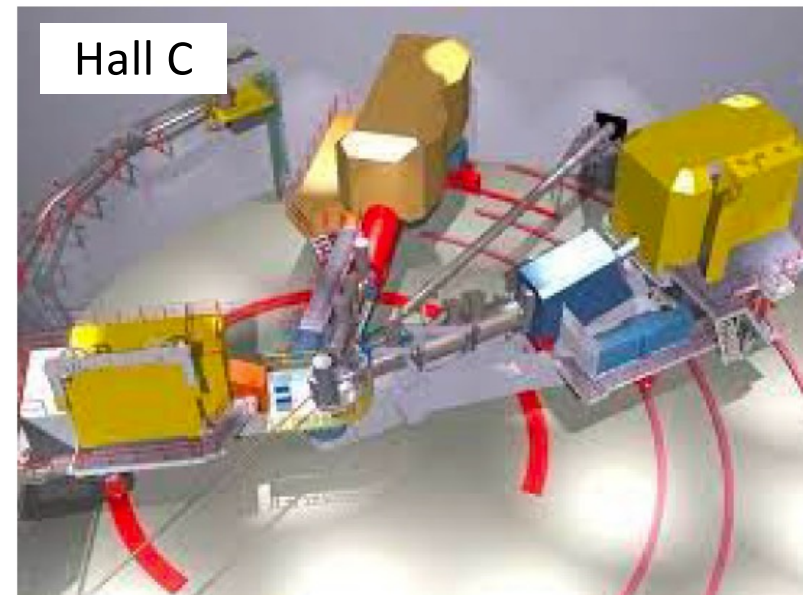
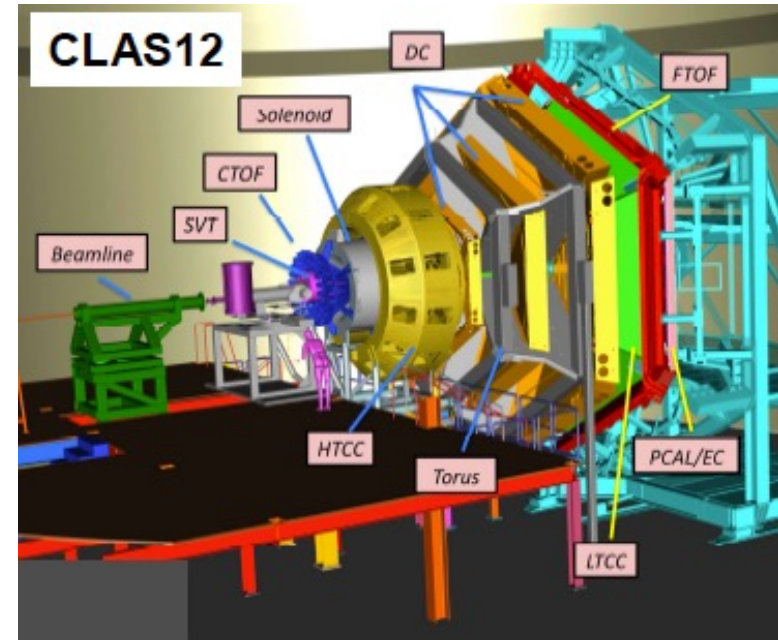


# Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (Jefferson Lab)



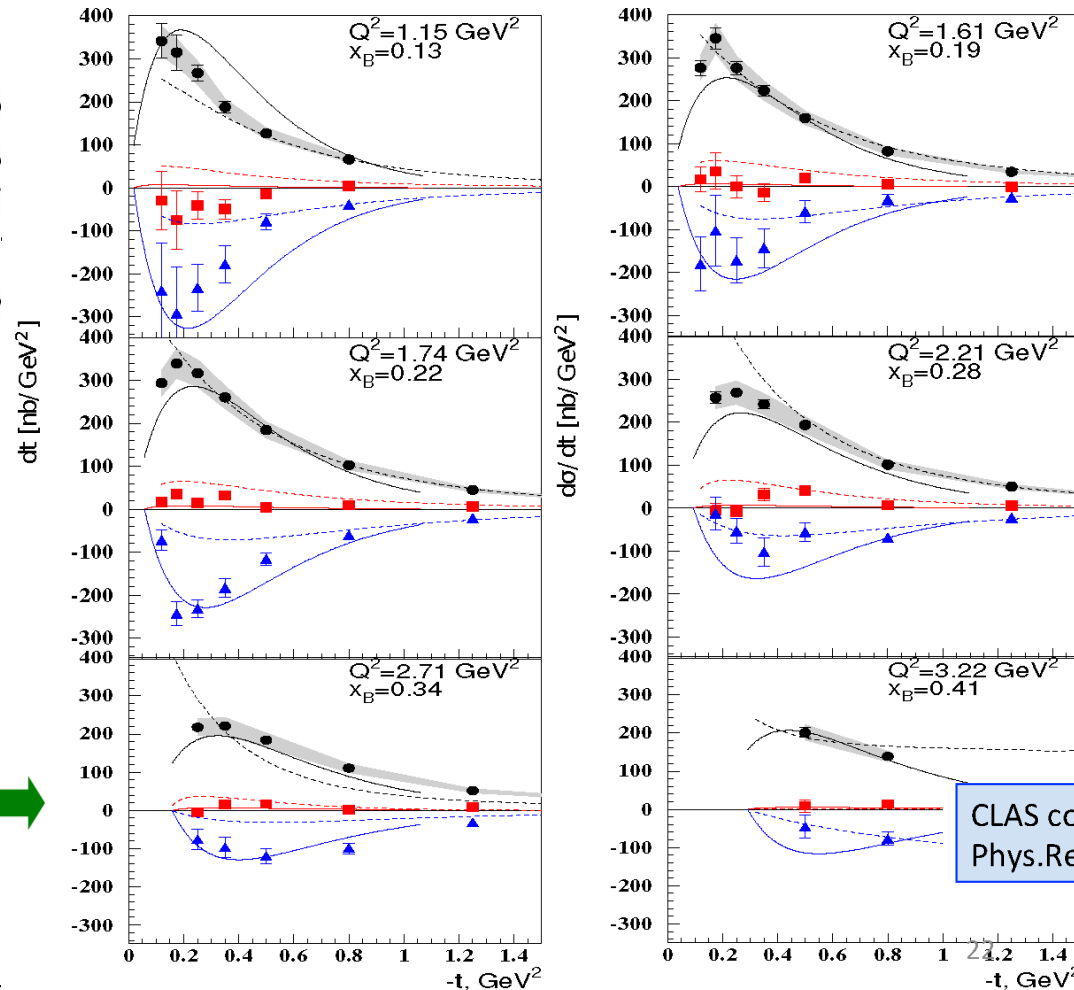
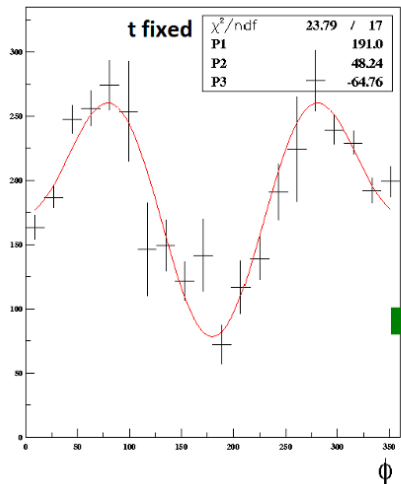
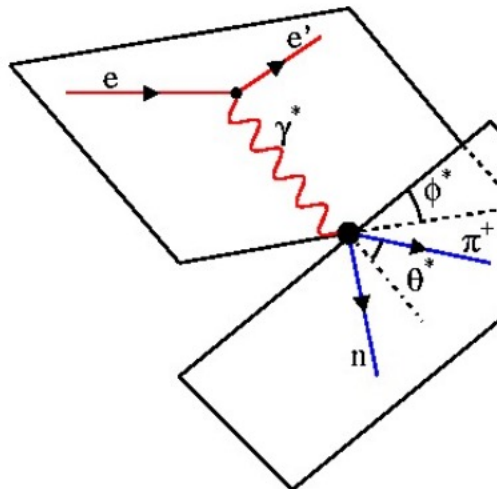
## CEBAF Upgrade completed in September 2017

- electron beam
- $E_{\text{max}} = 12 \text{ GeV}$
- $I_{\text{max}} = 90 \mu\text{A}$
- $\text{Pol}_{\text{max}} \sim 90\%$



# DVMP ( $\pi^0$ ) Differential Cross Section

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

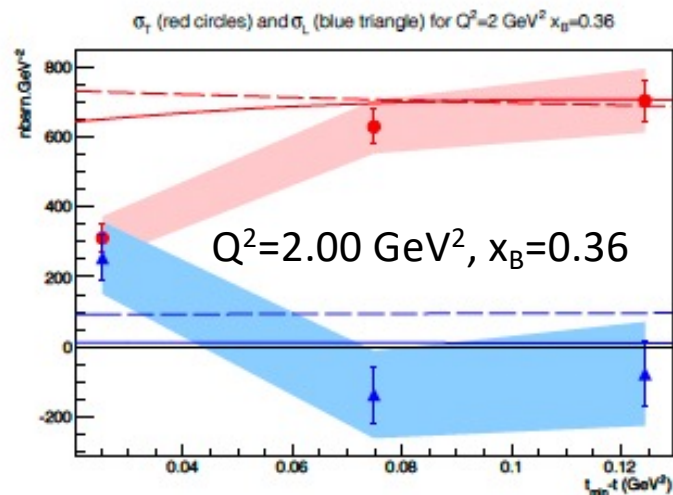
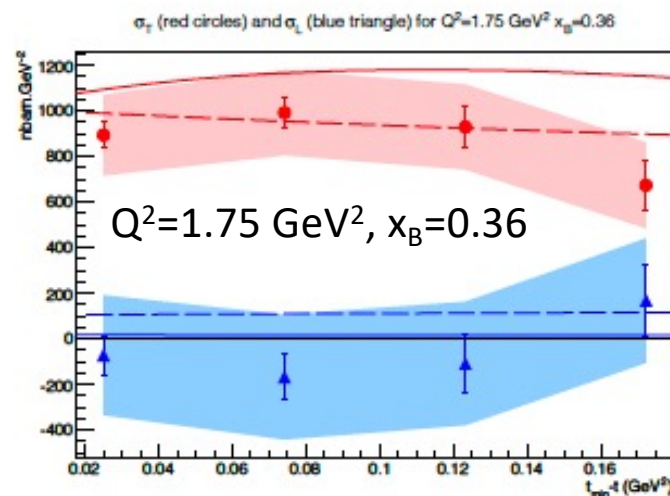
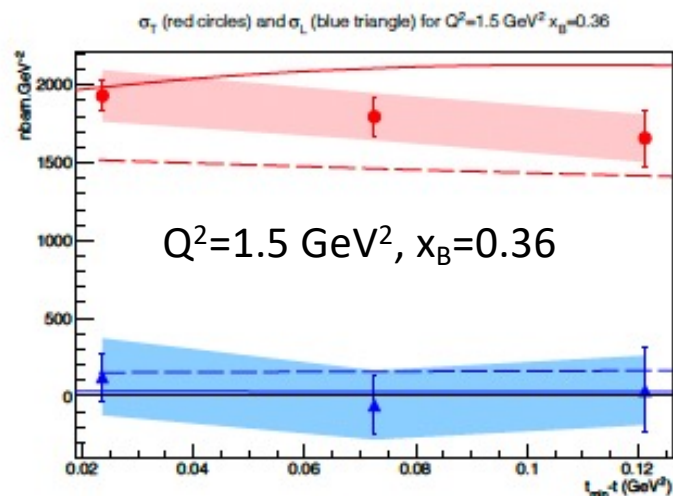


CLAS in Hall B  
E=6 GeV

- $\sigma_0$
- $\sigma_{TT} \rightarrow \cos(2\phi)$
- $\sigma_{LT} \rightarrow \cos(\phi)$
- GK
- - - GGL

CLAS collaboration. I Bedlinskiy et al.  
Phys.Rev.Lett. 109 (2012) 112001

# DVMP ( $\pi^0$ ) L/T Separation



Hall A  
E=3.35 -5.55 GeV

Red:  $\sigma_T$

Blue:  $\sigma_L$

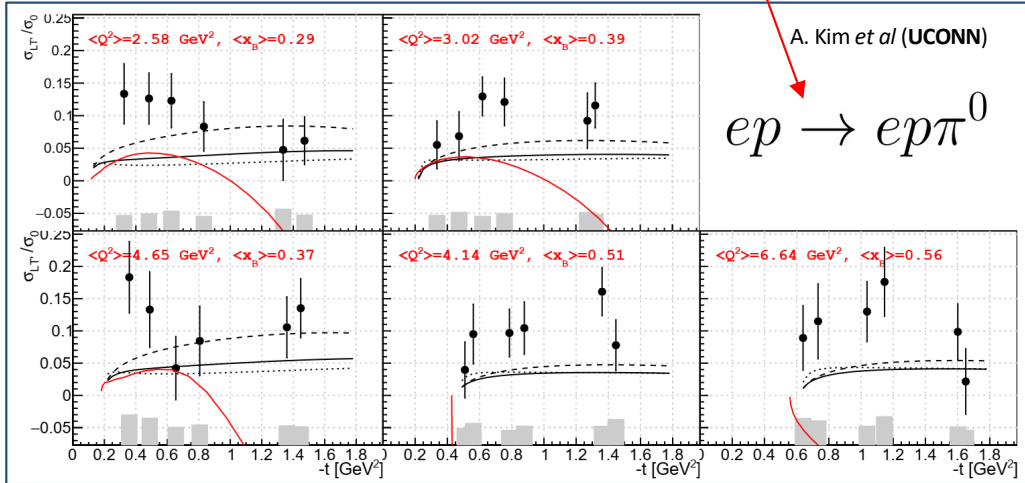
*M. Defurne Phys. Rev. Lett. 117 (2016) 26, 262001*



# Pseudoscalar meson electroproduction with CLAS12

E=10.6 GeV

$$\sigma_{LT'} = \xi \sqrt{1 - \xi^2} \frac{\sqrt{-t'}}{2m} \times \text{Im} \left[ \langle H_T \rangle^* \langle \tilde{E} \rangle + \langle \bar{E}_T \rangle^* \langle \tilde{H} \rangle \right]$$



$ep \rightarrow ep\pi^0$

A. Kim *et al* (UCONN)

— GK model

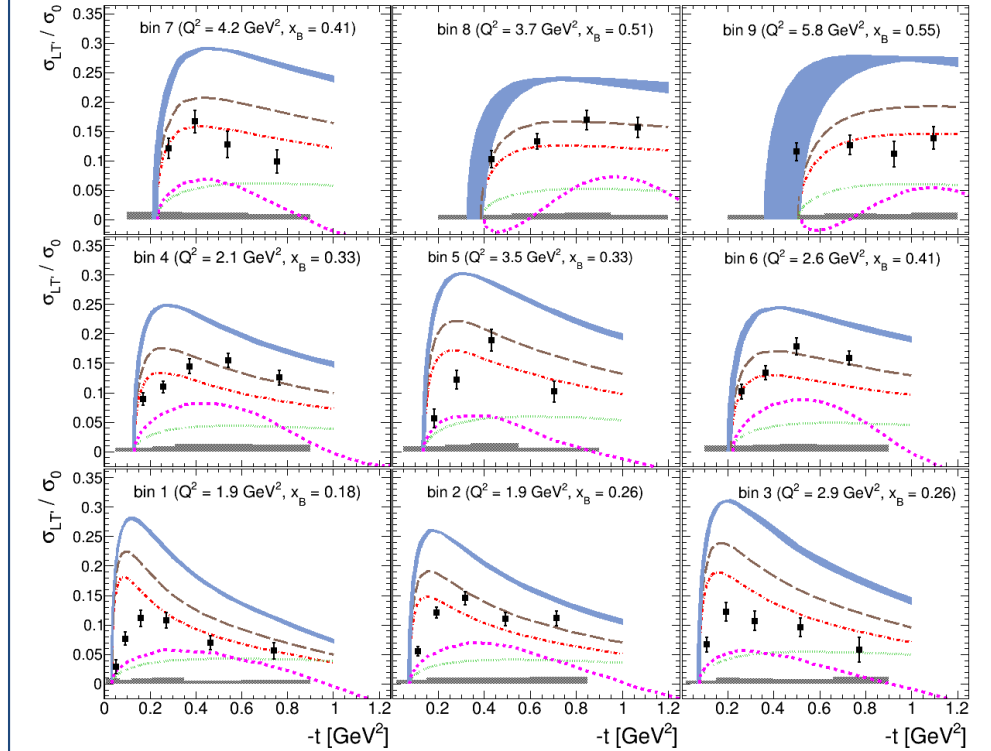
..... JML model

$\bar{E}_T$  is related to the proton's anomalous tensor magnetic moment.

$H_T$  is related to the proton's tensor charge.

$ep \rightarrow en\pi^+$

S. Diehl *et al* (UCONN)

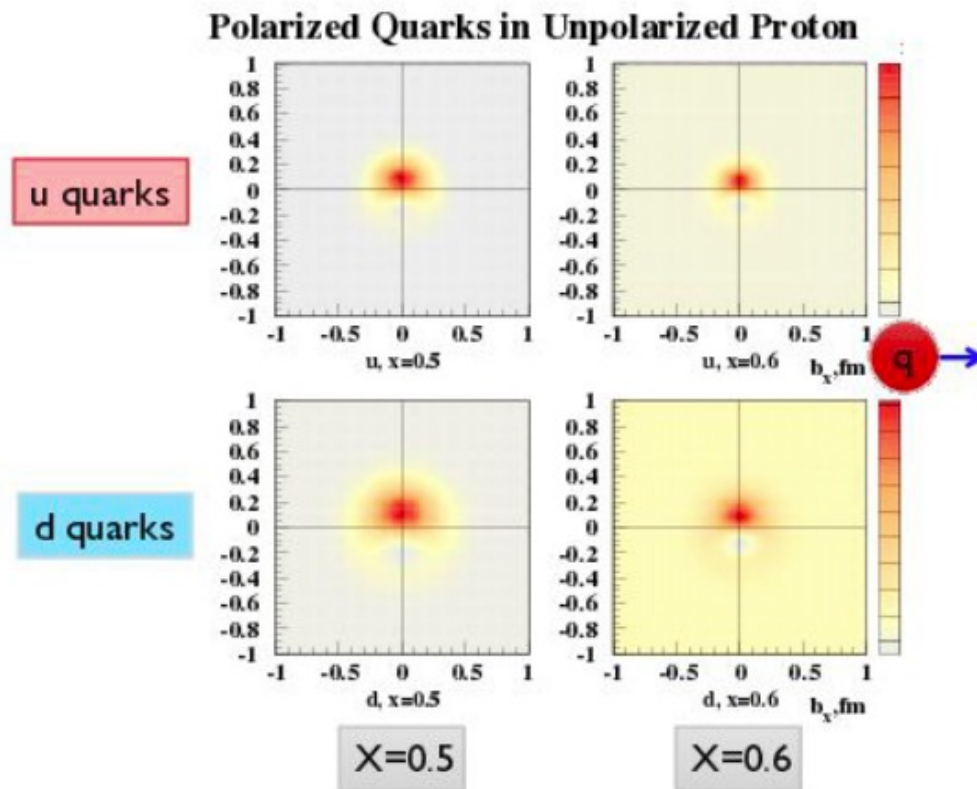


$$\kappa_T^u = \int dx \bar{E}_T^u(x, \xi, t=0) \quad \delta_T^u = \int dx H_T^u(x, \xi, t=0)$$

$$\kappa_T^d = \int dx \bar{E}_T^d(x, \xi, t=0) \quad \delta_T^d = \int dx H_T^d(x, \xi, t=0)$$

# Transverse densities for u and d quarks in the proton (after global fit)

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



*V. Kubarovsky et al.*

$\bar{E}_T$  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, 045202

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

# L/T Separated $\pi^+/K^+$ Cross Sections in Hall C

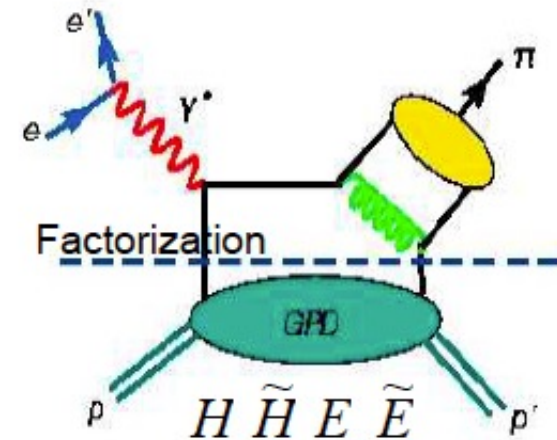
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Light pseudoscalar mesons ( $\pi^+$ ,  $K^+$ ,  $\pi^0$ )

- ❑ One of the most stringent tests of the reaction mechanism is the  $Q^2$  dependence of cross section
  - $\sigma_L$  scales to leading order as  $Q^{-6}$
  - $\sigma_T$  does not
- ❑ Need to validate the reaction mechanism for reliable interpretation of the GPD program – key are precision longitudinal-transverse (L/T) separated data over a range of  $Q^2$  at fixed  $x/t$

- Is onset of scaling different for kaons than pions?
- $K^+$  and  $\pi^+$  together provide quasi model-independent study

- Hall C is the world's only facility that can do L–T separations over a wide kinematic range



- **Phase 1:** Upgrade Beam to 18 GeV, minor upgrades of SHMS, HMS PID, tracking and DAQ
- **Phase 2:** Upgrade Beam to 22 GeV, upgrade HMS' to 15 GeV/c

# L/T Separated $\pi^+/K^+$ Cross Sections in Hall C at JLab

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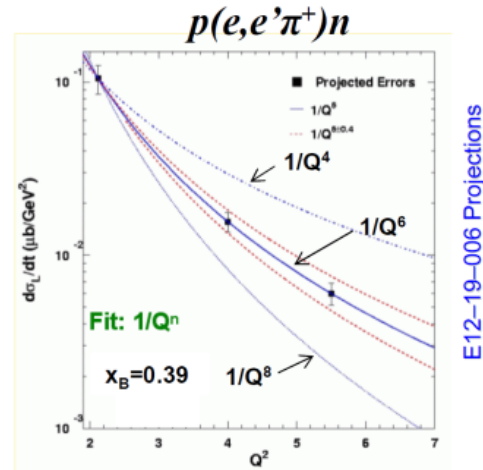
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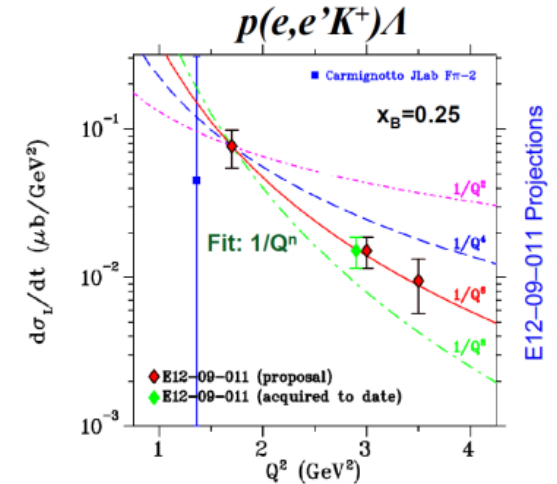
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$x$	$Q^2$ (GeV <sup>2</sup> )	$W$ (GeV)	$-t_{min}$ (GeV <sup>2</sup> )
0.31	1.45–3.65	2.02–3.07	0.12
	1.45–6.5	2.02–3.89	
0.39	2.12–6.0	2.05–3.19	0.21
	2.12–8.2	2.05–3.67	
0.55	3.85–8.5	2.02–2.79	0.55
	3.85–11.5	2.02–3.23	



$x$	$Q^2$ (GeV <sup>2</sup> )	$W$ (GeV)	$-t_{min}$ (GeV <sup>2</sup> )
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

# Opportunities with the Neutral Particle Spectrometer (NPS) in Hall C

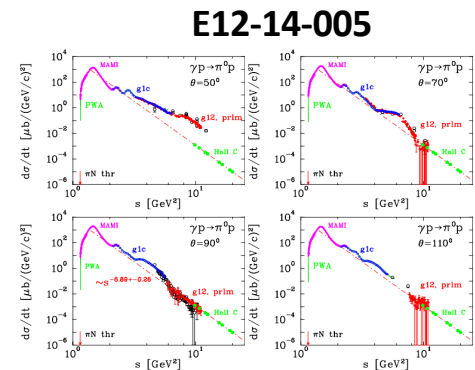
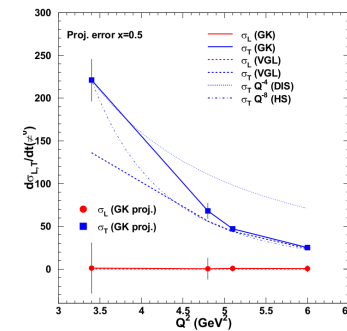
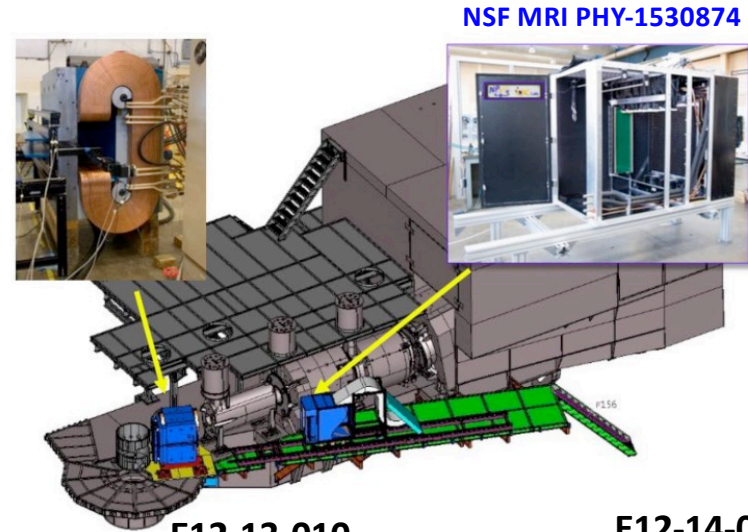
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The NPS is a facility in Hall C, utilizing the well-understood HMS and the SHMS infrastructure, to allow for precision (coincidence) cross section measurements of neutral particles ( $\gamma$  and  $\pi^0$ ).

Experiment	Exp #	Beam	Target	PAC Days	Rating
$\pi^0$ SIDIS	<a href="#">E12-13-007</a>	$\vec{e}^-$	L H <sub>2</sub>	(26)	A <sup>-</sup>
DVCS and Exclusive $\pi^0$	<a href="#">E12-13-010</a>	$\vec{e}^-$	L H <sub>2</sub>	53	A
Wide Angle Compton Scattering (WACS)	<a href="#">E12-14-003</a>	$e^-, \gamma$	L H <sub>2</sub>	18	A <sup>-</sup>
Wide Angle Exclusive $\pi^0$ photoproduction	<a href="#">E12-14-005</a>	$e^-, \gamma$	L H <sub>2</sub>	(18)	B
DVCS – days moved from Hall A	<a href="#">E12-06-114</a>	$\vec{e}^-$	L H <sub>2</sub>	35	A
$A_{LL}$ & $A_{LS}$ Polarization Observables in WACS at large s, t, and u	<a href="#">E12-17-008</a>	CPS: $\vec{\gamma}$	$N\vec{H}_3$	46	A <sup>-</sup>
Timelike Compton Scattering (TCS) off a Transversely Polarized Proton	<a href="#">C12-18-005</a>	CPS: $\vec{\gamma}$	$[N\vec{H}_3]_T$	35	C2

**E12-13-010** will provide relative  $\sigma_L$  and  $\sigma_T$  contributions to the  $\pi^0$  cross section up  $Q^2 \sim 6 \text{ GeV}^2$  to verify reaction mechanism (Julie Roche, Ohio U.)

**E12-14-005** data will help confirm scaling in exclusive photoproduction of  $\pi^0$  mesons and tests of the handbag mechanism (Dipankar Dutta, Missisipi State U.)



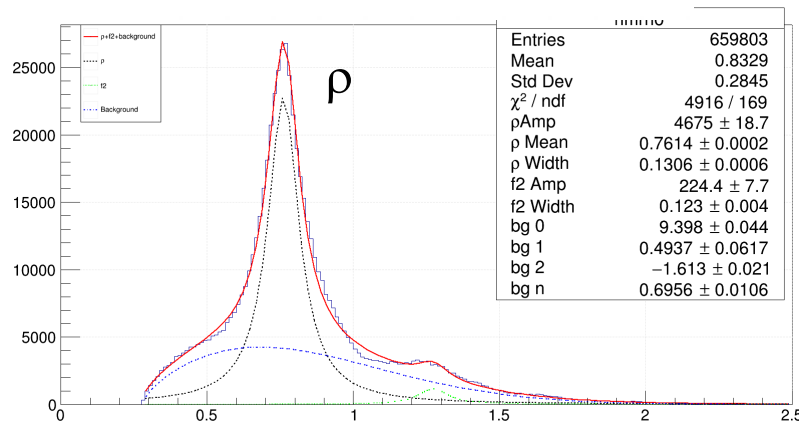
**$Q^{-n}$  scaling test range increases with 18+ GeV beam and NPS – need to check in detail**



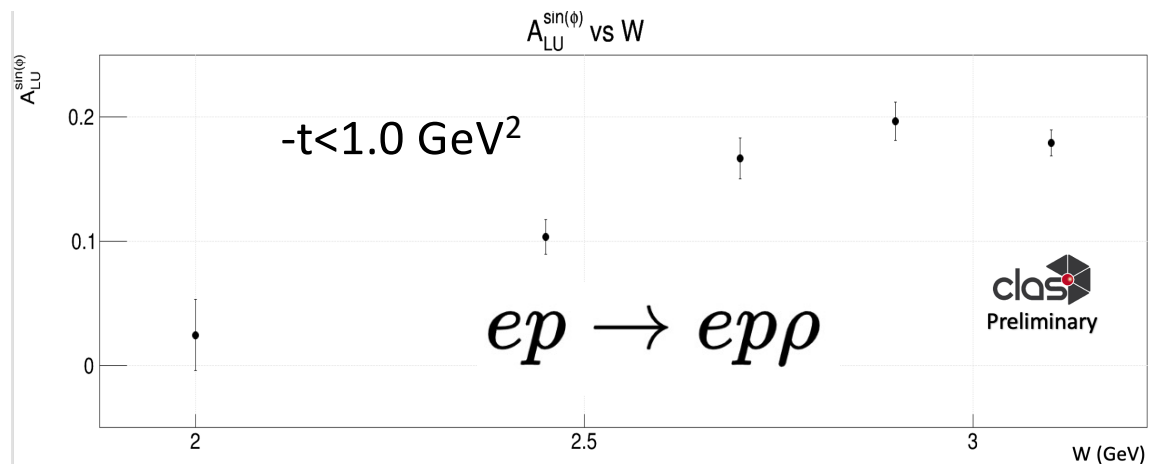
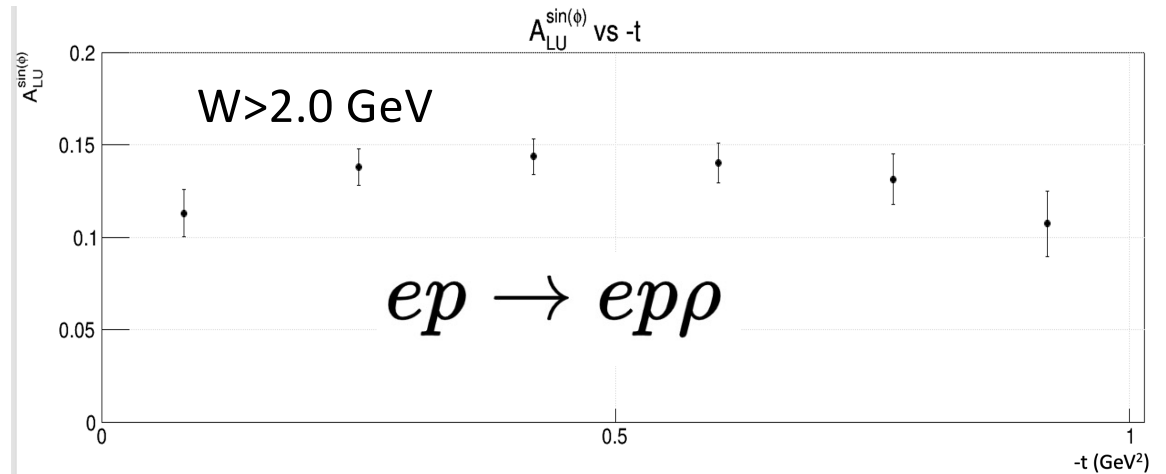
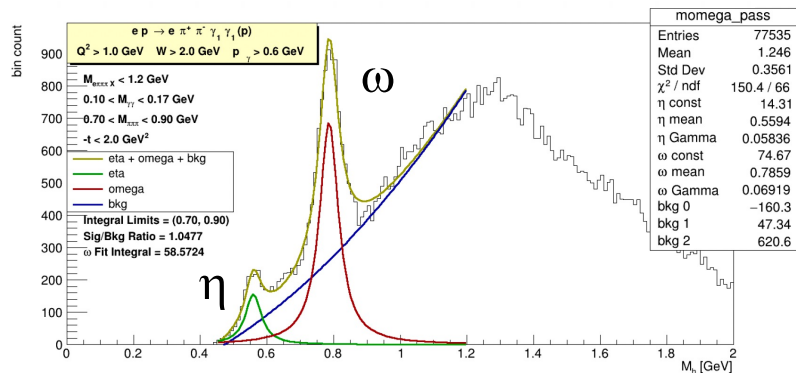
# Exclusive $\rho/\omega$ production with CLAS12

$$\sigma_{LT'} \sim r_{00}^8 \sim \text{Im} [\langle H_T \rangle^* \langle E \rangle + \langle \bar{E}_T \rangle^* \langle H \rangle]$$

Invariant Mass:  $\pi^+ + \pi^-$

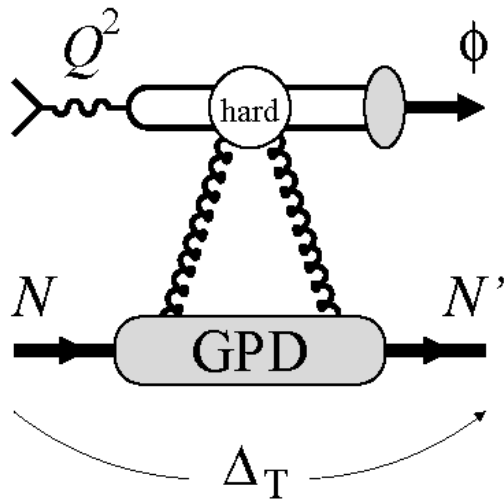


Invariant Mass:  $\pi^+ + \pi^- + \pi^0$



# Exclusive $\phi$ production with CLAS12

## Exclusive $\Phi$ production



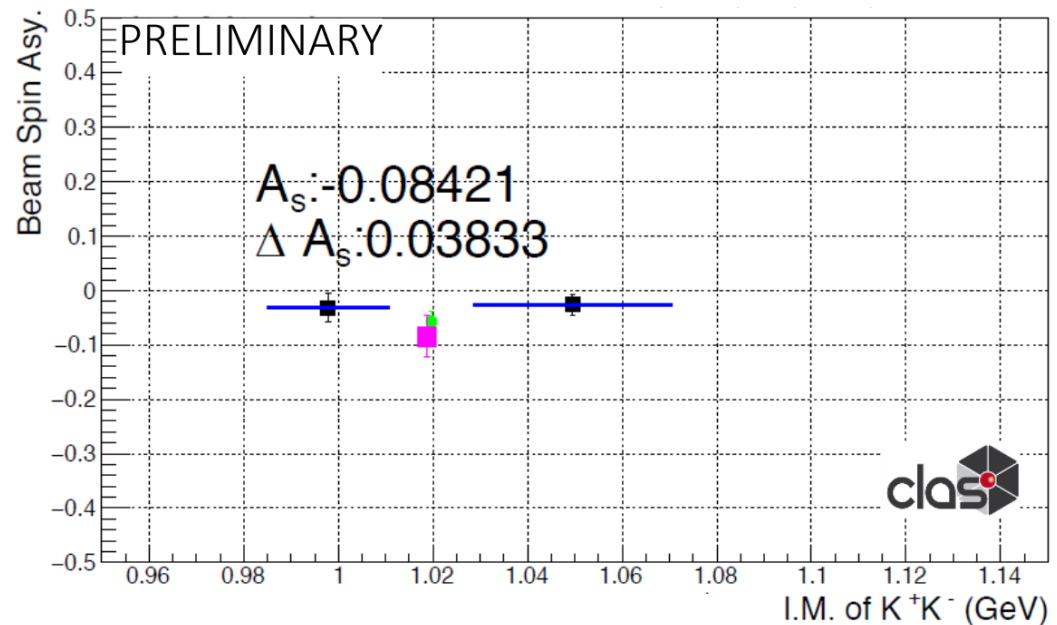
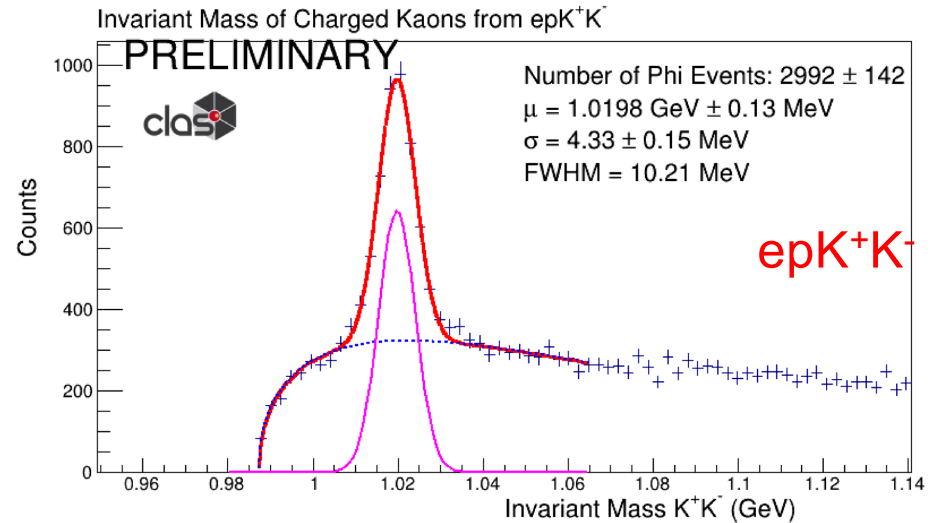
- Exclusive  $\Phi$  production probes gluon GPDs
- Transverse spatial distribution of gluons

$x < 0.01$  measured at HERA, FNAL

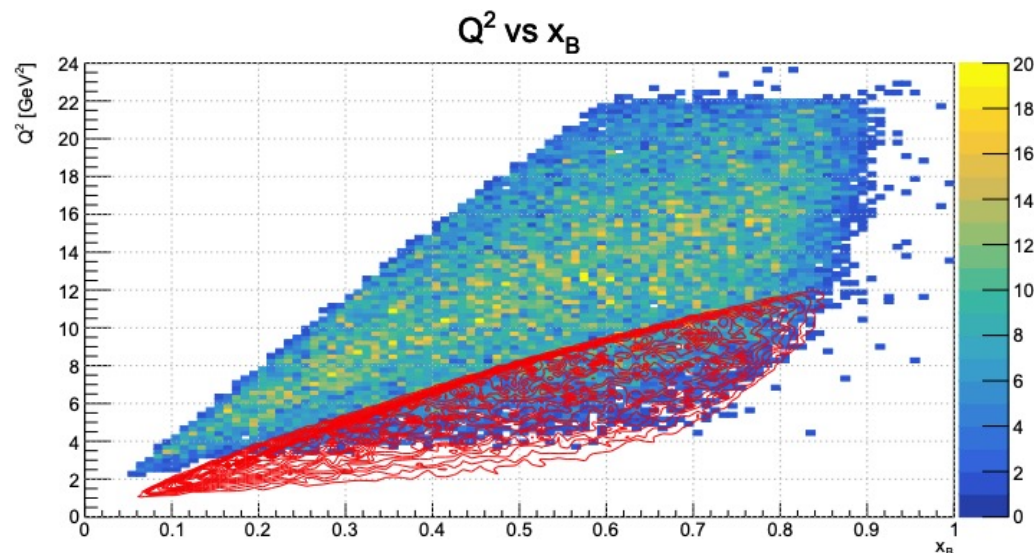
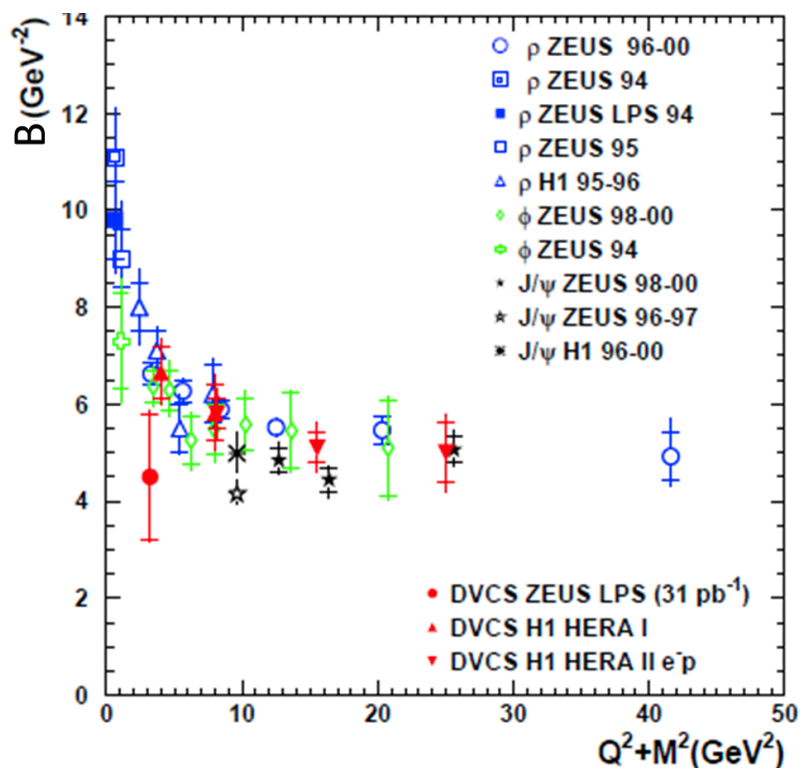
$x > 0.1$  practically unknown

$$A_{LU}^{\sin(\phi_t)} \sim \text{Im}[\langle \bar{E}_T \rangle_{LT}^* \langle H \rangle_{LL} + \frac{1}{2} \langle H_T \rangle_{LT}^* \langle E \rangle_{LL}]$$

B. Clary (UConn)



# Exclusive $\rho/\omega/\phi$ production with 20+ GeV in Hall B



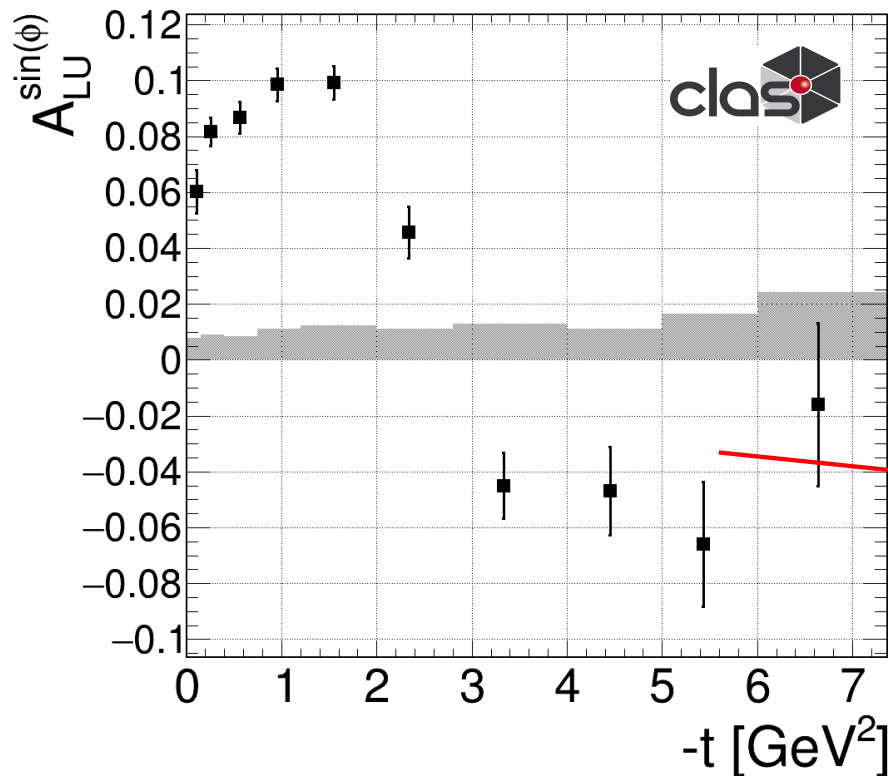
- Below  $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ : decrease of the slope with  $Q^2$  (related to meson production in large-size configurations which slowly dies out).
- Above  $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ : universal t-slope that can be attributed to the gluon GPD.
- At present 12 GeV kinematics, the small size regime is very questionable.
- At 20+ GeV one could go to higher  $Q^2$  (assuming sufficient luminosity) at moderate  $x$  and be much closer to the small size regime.

# From GPDs to Transition Distribution Amplitudes (TDAs) with CLAS

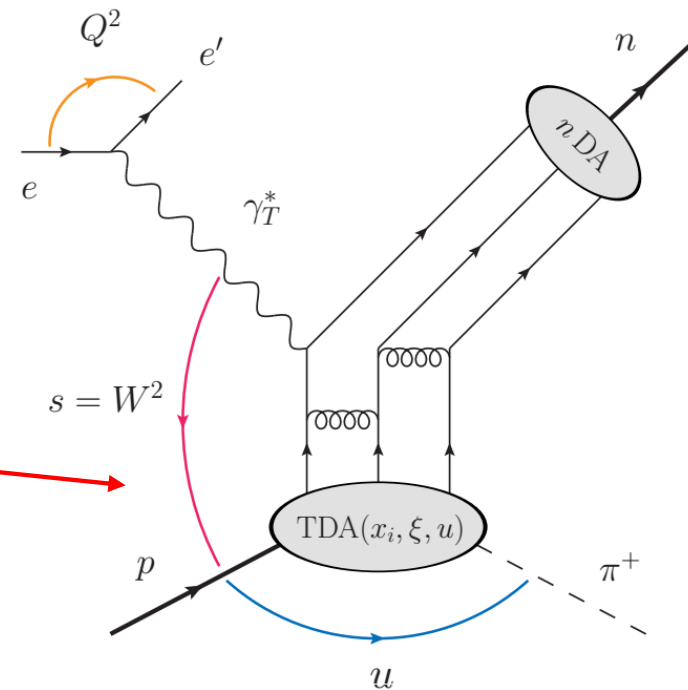
$$ep \rightarrow en\pi^+$$

$$A_{LU}^{\sin\phi} = \frac{\sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} \sigma_{LT'}}{\sigma_T + \epsilon\sigma_L}$$

CLAS data  
E = 5.4 GeV



➔ „Backward physics“ opens a new window to the 3D nucleon structure!



S. Diehl et al. (CLAS collaboration),  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 182001 (2020)

# Hard-soft Factorization in Backward Exclusive $\pi^0$ in Hall C

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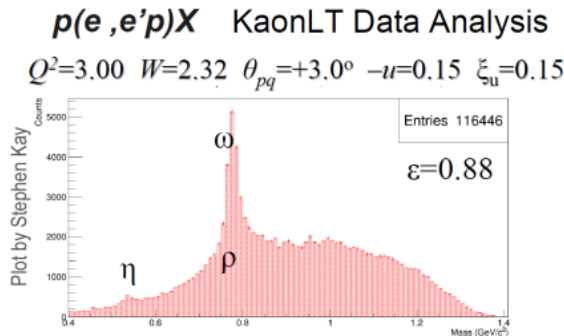
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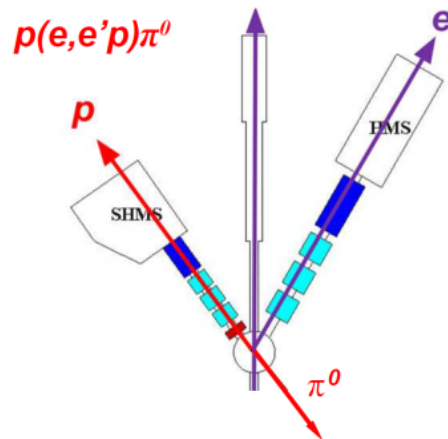
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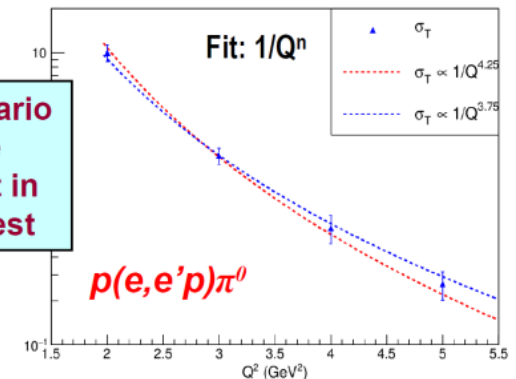
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- Fortuitous discovery of substantial backward angle meson production during meson form factor experiments
- Can be described by extension of collinear factorization to backward angle (u-channel)
- Backward angle factorization first suggested by Frankfurt,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



Phase 1 Scenario will enable improvement in  $Q^n$  scaling test



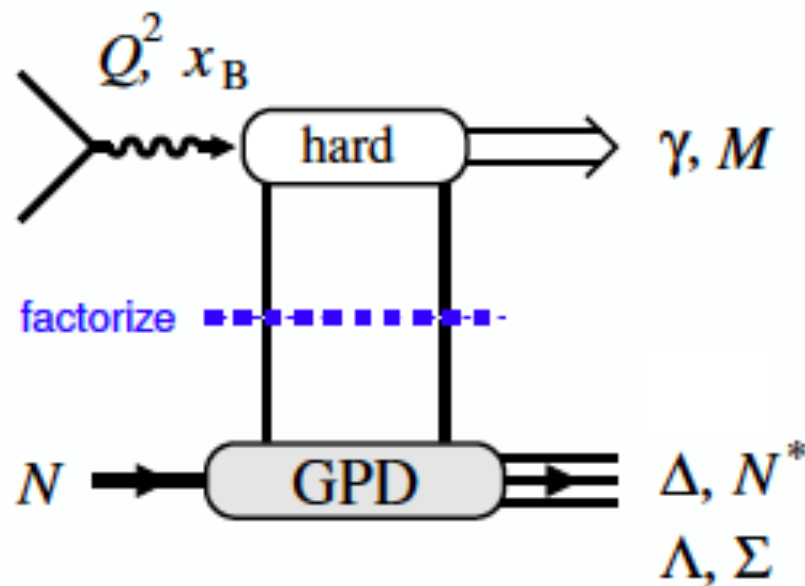
E12-20-007: First dedicated u-channel experiment

Spokespersons: W.B. Li, G.M. Huber, J. Stevens

Purpose: test applicability of TDA formalism for  $\pi^0$  production



## Exploring Transition GPDs with CLAS12 and 20+ GeV



### Transition GPDs

Factorization of hard exclusive processes

GPDs for resonance final states

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

### Processes

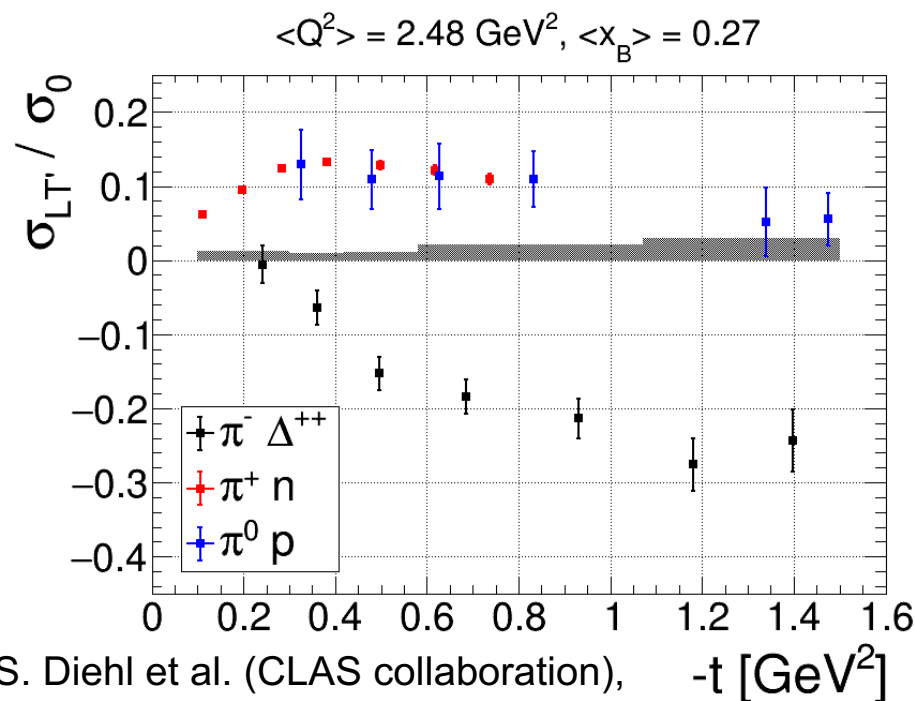
$N \rightarrow \Delta$  in DVCS

$N \rightarrow \Delta, N^*$  in  $\pi, \eta$  production

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

## Exploring Transition GPDs at CLAS12 and 20+ GeV

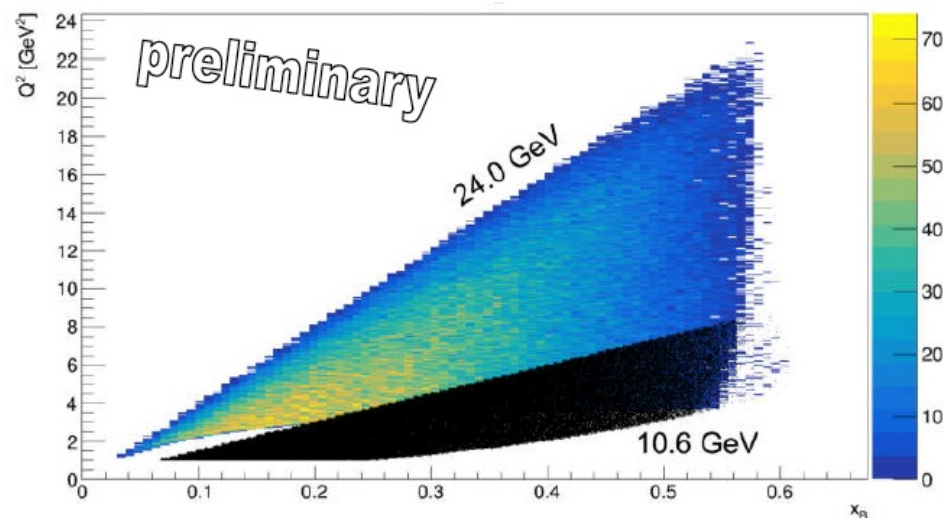
$$ep \rightarrow e\Delta^{++}\pi^- \rightarrow ep\pi^+\pi^-$$



S. Diehl et al. (CLAS collaboration),  
to be submitted to PRL

➔ Provides access to p- $\Delta$  transition GPDs

➔ 3D structure of the  $\Delta$  resonance and  
of the excitation process



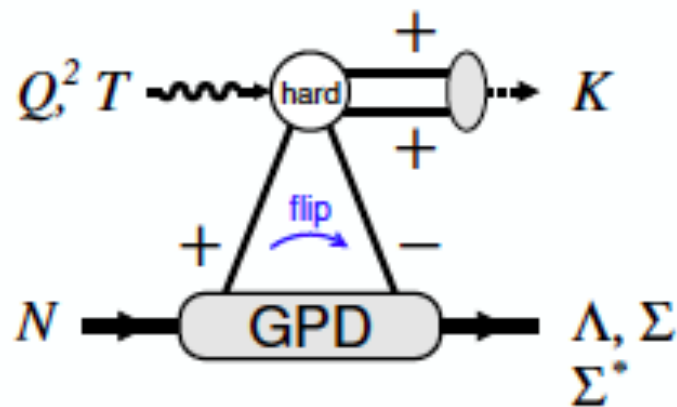
$$ep \rightarrow e\Delta^{++}\pi^- \rightarrow ep\pi^+\pi^-$$

**Extended  $Q^2$  range**

➔ **Advantage for factorisation**

- Similar for non-diagonal DVCS

# $N \rightarrow \Lambda, \Sigma, \Sigma^*$ GPDs in K production with CLAS12



## Production mechanism

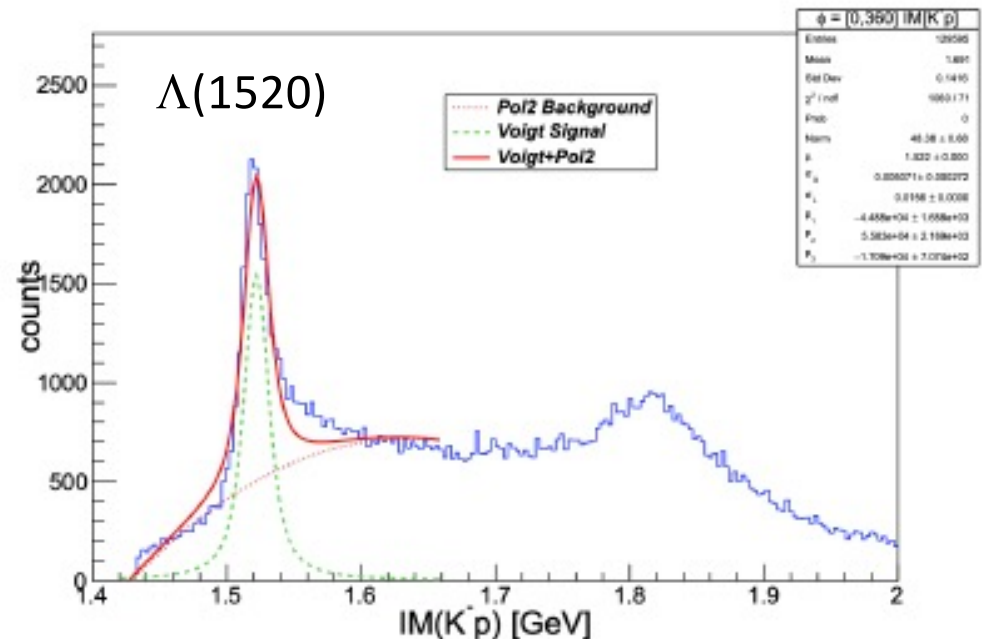
Same twist-3 mechanism with chiral-odd structures as  $\pi, \eta$  production

## Symmetry relations for strange chiral-odd GPDs

$N \rightarrow \Lambda, \Sigma$  related to  $N \rightarrow N$   
by conventional SU(3) flavor symmetry

$N \rightarrow \Sigma^*$  related to  $N \rightarrow N, \Lambda, \Sigma$   
by SU(6) spin-flavor symmetry in large- $N_c$  limit

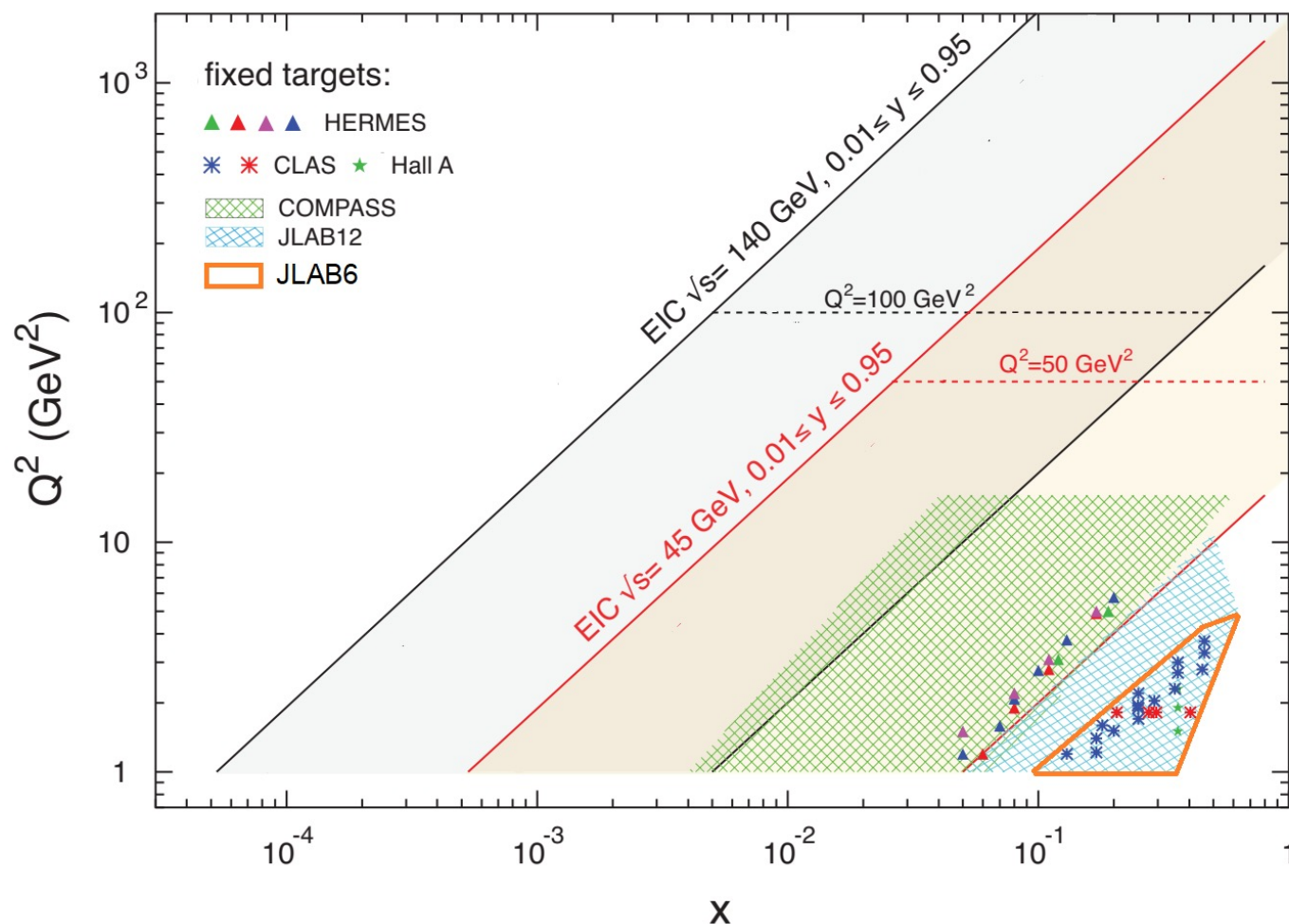
Predictive power; quantitative predictions possible



Invariant mass distribution of  $pK^-$   
after  $ep \rightarrow e'p'K^+K^-$  events are selected.

22 GeV kinematic coverage will be  
similar to exclusive vector meson  
production

# From CLAS to JLAB to COMPASS to EIC



- ➔ DVMP is also pursued at COMPASS and EIC
- ➔ JLab (12+22 GeV) would be complementary to EIC

## Conclusion and Outlook

1. Exclusive meson production processes are important in accessing GPDs which provide a unifying framework to study the 3D structure of hadrons.
2. One essential point concerns the approach to the small-size regime, where the production of  $q\text{-}\bar{q}$  pair with sizes  $\ll$  hadronic size dominates. QCD factorization and GPD extraction assume that this regime is attained (!).
3. At present 12 GeV kinematics, whether we attain this regime is very questionable.
4. At 20+ GeV energy and luminosity upgrade, one could go to higher  $Q^2$  (assuming sufficient luminosity) at moderate  $x$  and be much closer to this regime.
5. 20+ GeV Hall C precision measurements in L/T separation for exclusive  $\pi/K$  channels combined with the rich Hall-B exclusive meson production program will be crucial and complementary each other to study the 3D hadron structure and dynamics of QCD.