# Probing Hadron Structure with Deep Exclusive Reactions at Halls A/C

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I've also made extensive use of presentations by Rolf Ent on similar topics. They were very useful!

l've tried to be complete. Please accept my apologies if l've missed yours!



## **Towards 3D Imaging of Hadrons**



Motivation: in other sciences, imaging the physical systems



### Role of Halls A/C in JLab 3D Imaging Program



- ID: Form Factors! Nucleon, Pion (and Kaon?)
- ID: Real Compton Scattering one of the processes leading to the birth of the 3D formalism, and perhaps still the least understood elementary process → Wide Angle (Real) Compton Scattering
- **3D: DVCS, TCS, DDVCS**
- 3D: DEMP (t–channel and u–channel)
- Precision Cross Sections required for 3D imaging!
  - Separation of longitudinal and transverse cross sections towards understanding of reaction mechanism of DVCS, and charged and neutral light meson (pion, kaon) electro–production
  - Precision helicity-dependent cross section ratios (aka spin asymmetries) making use of the Halls A/C versatility, such as highintensity photon beams, longitudinal and transverse polarized target compatibility

#### Rolf's analogy is that Halls A/C should provide the structure of the house, and Hall B the floors/roof. You need both to make your house habitable.

### **Extending Q<sup>2</sup> Range of Nucleon Form Factors**



Data and theory curves are as described in section 10.1 of "50 years of

QCD": https://inspirehep.net/literature/2617065



- Pushes  $G_E^{p}/G_M^{p}$ ,  $G_E^{n}$ ,  $G_M^{n}$  to high Q<sup>2</sup> (>10 GeV<sup>2</sup>)
- Allows for flavor decomposition to distance scales deep inside the nucleon

### Status of SBS High–Q<sup>2</sup> Form Factor Program



- E12–09–019 (*G<sub>M</sub><sup>n</sup>* to Q<sup>2</sup> = 13.5 GeV<sup>2</sup>) and E12–20–010 (neutron TPE experiment): Completed Oct. 2021–Feb. 2022 [D. Hamilton, B. Quinn, B. Wojtsekhowski]
- E12–09–016 (G<sub>E</sub><sup>n</sup>/G<sub>M</sub><sup>n</sup> to 10 GeV<sup>2</sup> with polarized <sup>3</sup>He): Started Oct. 2022, ~70% complete as of March 2023, extended running fall 2023 [T. Averett, G. Cates, S. Riordan, B. Wojtsekhowski]
- E12–17–004 (G<sub>E</sub><sup>n</sup>/G<sub>M</sub><sup>n</sup> at Q<sup>2</sup> = 4.5 GeV<sup>2</sup> with polarization transfer in d(e,e'n)p): Scheduled for winter 2024 [J. Annand, B. Wojtsekhowski, B. Sawatzky, N. Piskunov, V. Bellini, M. Kohl]
- E12–07–109 (*G<sub>E</sub><sup>p</sup>/G<sub>M</sub><sup>p</sup>* to 12 GeV<sup>2</sup> via polarization transfer): Scheduled for fall 2024 [E. Cisbani, M.K. Jones, N. Liyanage, L. Pentchev, A. Puckett, B. Wojtsekhowski]

## **Emergent Hadronic Mass**



#### Stark Differences between proton, K<sup>+</sup>, $\pi^+$ mass budgets

- Due to Emergent Hadronic Mass (EHM), Proton mass large in absence of quark couplings to Higgs boson (chiral limit).
- Conversely, and yet still due to EHM and DCSB, K and  $\pi$  are massless in chiral limit (i.e. they are Goldstone bosons of QCD).
- The mass budgets of these crucially important particles demand interpretation.
- Equations of QCD stress that any explanation of the proton's mass is incomplete, unless it simultaneously explains the light masses of QCD's Goldstone bosons, the  $\pi$  and K.

## **Synergy:** Emergent Mass and $\pi^+$ Form Factor



At empirically accessible energy scales,  $\pi^+$  form factor is sensitive to emergent mass scale in QCD

- Two dressed-quark mass functions distinguished by amount of DCSB
  - DCSB emergent mass generation is 20% stronger in system characterized by solid green curve, <u>which is more</u> <u>realistic case</u>
- $F_{\pi}(Q^2)$  obtained with these mass functions
  - $r_{\pi}$ =0.66 fm with solid green curve
  - $r_{\pi}$ =0.73 fm with solid dashed blue curve
- $F_{\pi}(Q^2)$  predictions from QCD hard scattering formula, obtained with related, computed pion PDAs
- QCD hard scattering formula, using conformal limit of pion's twist–2 PDA  $\phi_{\pi}^{cl}(x) = 6x(1-x)$



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## **Projected** $\pi^+$ and K<sup>+</sup> Form Factors



Measurement of  $F\pi$  to Q<sup>2</sup>=6.0 to high precision, and to 8.5 GeV<sup>2</sup> with lower precision. Will we see the first quantitative access to hard scattering regime?



Data taking completed September 2022 (E12–19–006: G. Huber, D. Gaskell and T. Horn, spokespersons)

First measurement (and L/T–separation!) of  $p(e,e'K+)\Lambda$  well above the resonance region (W>2.5 GeV). If  $K^+$  pole dominates  $d\sigma_L/dt$ , it allows for extraction of  $F_{K^*}$ .



Partially completed in 2019 as an early SHMS commissioning experiment: LT–separation (E12–09–011: T. Horn, G. Huber and P. Markowitz, spokespersons)

These measurements are only possible because of forward angle and high momentum capabilities of SHMS+HMS. No other facility worldwide can perform these measurements.

**9** y–positions of projected points are arbitrary. Error bars calculated from obtained statistics and projected systematics.

### **Near Threshold J/ψ production with SoLID**

W (GeV)

σ (nb)

It-tminl (GeV<sup>2</sup>





Ultimate factory for near-threshold J/w Ultra-high luminosity: 43.2ab<sup>-1</sup>





 $\theta_{recoil}$  (deg)

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## Wide–Angle (Real) Compton Scattering (WACS)



NPS Collaboration, Experiment E12–14–003 D. J. Hamilton (U of Glasgow), S. Širca, B. Wojtsekhowski (JLab)

#### Physics motivation

- Applicability of pQCD scaling (?)
- Handbag mechanism and GPDs
- Advances in soft collinear effective theory (SCET)
- Connection to elastic e-p scattering and DVCS
- Compton scattering on proton in wide—angle regime (s, -t, -u » M<sup>2</sup>) is a powerful and under—utilized probe of nucleon structure
- Arguably the least understood of the fundamental reactions in several–GeV regime
- Wide–Angle Compton Scattering cross section behavior nonetheless was a foundation leading to the GPD formalism
- Reaction mechanism intrinsically intertwined with basic of hard e–q scattering process (handbag diagram), yet also sensitive to transverse structure like high–Q<sup>2</sup> form factors





## WACS @ 12 GeV Projected Results

#### Experiment E12–14–003

- Measure 13 kinematic points
- Determine scaling power Q<sup>-n</sup> at fixed θ<sub>cm</sub> and therefore dominant reaction mechanism

#### Most important features

- Wide-angle condition (s, -t, -u »M<sup>2</sup>) satisfied in all settings
  - broad range in -t
  - extract RCS form-factor R(t)
  - evidence for factorization
  - constraints on GPDs at high x
  - constraints on 2γ effects in e-p elastic scatt. at high Q<sup>2</sup>
- 15.0 < s < 21.0 GeV<sup>2</sup>
   2.0 < -t < 12.0 GeV<sup>2</sup>
   3.0 < -u < 15.3 GeV<sup>2</sup>

Also polarized now with NPS and CPS



-t [GeV<sup>2</sup>]

## Wide Angle $\pi^0$ Photoproduction



 $\pi^0$  production is the largest background in the wide angle Compton scattering (WACS) experiment. This experiment will run parasitic to WACS



Wide Angle  $\pi^0$  cross section will help test dominance of handbag mechanism (next simplest process after Compton scattering)

### E12–14–005 Wide Angle $\pi^0$ Projected Results





The experiment will study energy and angular dependence of constituent scaling laws and oscillations about the scaling laws

regimes and help understand non-pertubative structure of proton

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## Wide Angle $\pi^+$ Photoproduction



- Wide angle pion photo-production is a powerful tool to study the interaction mechanism
- A handbag approach in the framework of GPDs has been proposed, which can be independently tested via polarization observables A<sub>LL</sub> and K<sub>LL</sub>
- LD<sub>2</sub> target with 6% Cu radiator upstream for K<sub>LL</sub>, polarized <sup>3</sup>He target for A<sub>LL</sub>
- BigBite+SBS will be used as pion and nucleon detection arms
- A<sub>LL</sub> E12–21–005: G. Cates, R. Montgomery, A. Tadepalli, B. Wojtsekhowski
- K<sub>LL</sub> E12–20–008: J. Arrington, A. Puckett, A. Tadepalli, B. Wojtsekhowski



Experimental setup for ALL

 $A_{LL}^{twist-2} = K_{LL}^{twist-2}$ 

$$A_{LL}^{twist-3} = -K_{LL}^{twist-3}$$

$$K_{LL} = \frac{d\sigma(+, \rightarrow) - d\sigma(-, \rightarrow)}{d\sigma(+, \rightarrow) + d\sigma(-, \rightarrow)}$$
$$A_{LL} = \frac{d\sigma(+, \rightarrow) - d\sigma(-, \rightarrow)}{d\sigma(+, \rightarrow) + d\sigma(-, \rightarrow)}$$

 $A_{LL}$  = beam and polarized target  $K_{LL}$  = beam and outgoing nucleon



Projections for  $A_{\scriptscriptstyle LL}$  and  $K_{\scriptscriptstyle LL}$ 







#### Simplest process: $e + p \rightarrow e' + p + \gamma$ (DVCS)

 $\frac{\mathbf{d}^{4}\sigma(\mathbf{lp}\rightarrow\mathbf{lp}\gamma)}{\mathbf{dx_{B}dQ^{2}d|t|d\phi}} = \mathbf{d}\sigma^{\mathbf{BH}} + \mathbf{d}\sigma^{\mathbf{DVCS}}_{\mathrm{unpol}} + \mathbf{P}_{1} \quad \mathbf{d}\sigma^{\mathbf{DVCS}}_{\mathrm{pol}} + \mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{l}}\left(\mathbf{Re}(\mathbf{I}) + \mathbf{P}_{1}\mathbf{Im}(\mathbf{I})\right)$ 

$$d\sigma^{BH} \propto c_0^{BH} + c_1^{BH} \cos \phi + c_2^{BH} \cos 2\phi$$
  

$$d\sigma^{DVCS}_{unpol} \propto c_0^{DVCS} + c_1^{DVCS} \cos \phi + c_2^{DVCS} \cos 2\phi$$
  

$$d\sigma^{DVCS}_{pol} \propto s_1^{DVCS} \sin \phi$$
  
Re  $I \propto c_0^I + c_1^I \cos \phi + c_2^I \cos 2\phi + c_3^I \cos 3\phi$   
Im  $I \propto s_1^I \sin \phi + s_2^I \sin 2\phi$ 

$$\boldsymbol{s}_{1}^{I} = F_{1}\mathcal{H} + \xi(F_{1} + F_{2})\tilde{\mathcal{H}} + kF_{2}\mathcal{E}$$

Cross-sections analysis include more or less terms: both in terms of harmonics (c's and s's) and In term of GPD/CFFs.





### E12–13–010 DVCS Projected Results





#### E12–13–010 Goals:

- Confirm scaling of Compton Form Factor (CFF)
- Extraction of real part of CFFs through Rosenbluth–like separation of DVCS through cross section measurements at multiple beam energies

$$\sigma = |BH|^{2} + \operatorname{Re}\left[DVCS^{\perp}BH\right] + |DVCS|^{2} \\ \sim E_{beam}^{2} \qquad \sim E_{beam}^{3}$$

- Higher Q<sup>2</sup>: measurement of higher twist contributions
- Low x<sub>B</sub> extension (thanks to a sweeping magnet)



- Hall A 6 GeV data for Compton Form Factor (CFF) (over *limited* Q<sup>2</sup> range) agrees with hard scattering
- 12 GeV measurements in Halls A and C with NPS combined cover a large kinematic range
- Exclusive  $\pi^0$  L/T–separations will probe transversity



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### Timelike Compton Scattering (TCS) with SoLID





#### At LO, TCS and (spacelike) DVCS CFFs are equivalent, but at NLO there is a nontrivial difference

$${}^{T}\mathscr{H} \stackrel{\text{LO}}{=} {}^{S}\mathscr{H}^{*},$$

$${}^{T}\mathscr{H} \stackrel{\text{LO}}{=} {}^{-S}\mathscr{\widetilde{H}}^{*},$$

$${}^{T}\mathscr{H} \stackrel{\text{NLO}}{=} {}^{S}\mathscr{H}^{*} - i\pi \mathscr{Q}^{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathscr{Q}^{2}} {}^{S}\mathscr{H}^{*},$$

$${}^{T}\mathscr{\widetilde{H}} \stackrel{\text{NLO}}{=} {}^{-S}\mathscr{\widetilde{H}}^{*} + i\pi \mathscr{Q}^{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathscr{Q}^{2}} {}^{S}\mathscr{\widetilde{H}}^{*}.$$

- A comparison of TCS and (spacelike) DVCS offers the best way of demonstrating the universality (process-independence) of GPDs
  - Analogous to the way a comparison of (timeline) Drell– Yan and (spacelike) DIS was used to establish the universality of PDFs
- NLO corrections are different for TCS and DVCS
  - NLO is important at low x (EIC)
  - Higher-twist is important at low Q<sup>2</sup> (JLab)
  - Measurements in both kinematics will help
- TCS is sensitive to the real part and the D-term
  - Pressure balance in the nucleon

### **TCS E12–12–006A Projected Results**



SoLID setup for  $J/\psi$  approved expt. 50 days at flux 10<sup>37</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> LH2 unpolarized target x-sec and BSA with high statistics  $\rightarrow$  binning in Q<sup>'2</sup>: evolution... → study GPD universality by comparing TCS vs DVCS boost 2400 counts  $\gamma p$  c.m.  $l^+l^-$  c.m. 2200 2000 1800 1600 1400 GeV<sup>2-</sup> 1200 1000 800





Boër, Nadel-Turonski, Zhang, Zhao: run group E12-12-006A

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### **Transversely polarized TCS in Hall C**

 $\gamma \mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{e}^+ \mathbf{e}^- \mathbf{p}'$ 





1. High intensity photon source  $1.5 \times 10^{12}$ γ/sec (CPS)

2. Target chamber: NH<sub>3</sub>, 3cm Polarized via DNP

3. Tracking:GEM+hodoscopes,4 symmetricquadrants

4. Calorimeters: 4 symmetric quadrants, equivalent of 2 NPS

~ 6° to 27° aperture Lumi request: 5.85 x  $10^5 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ 

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- DVCS only probes  $\xi' = \xi$  line
- Example with model of GPD *H* for up quark
- JLab : Q<sup>2</sup>>0
- Kinematical range increases with beam energy (larger dilepton mass)



$$\xi' = \frac{Q^2 - Q'^2 + t/2}{2Q^2/x_{\rm B} - Q^2 - Q'^2 + t}$$
$$\xi = \frac{Q^2 + Q'^2}{2Q^2/x_{\rm B} - Q^2 - Q'^2 + t}$$

## **Projections for DDVCS with SoLID**





Straw tube



50 days of electron BSA (stat error only)

asymmetry as a function of  $\phi$  angle for a bin centered at  $\xi=0.135$  and t = -0.25 GeV<sup>2</sup> nd  $\xi'$ , one can notice the sign change of asymmetry when  $\xi'$  changes from negative to

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## **Towards Spin/Flavor Separation**





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Deep Exclusive Meson Production (DEMP)



- Nucleon structure described by 4 (helicity non-flip) GPDs:
  - *H*, *E* (unpolarized),  $\widetilde{H}$ ,  $\widetilde{E}$  (polarized)
- Quantum numbers in DEMP probe individual GPD components selectively
  - Vector:  $\rho^{o} / \rho^{+} / K^{*}$  select *H*, *E*
  - Pseudoscalar:  $\pi$ ,  $\eta$ , K select the polarized GPDs,  $\widetilde{H}$  and  $\widetilde{E}$
- Need good understanding of reaction mechanism
  - QCD factorization for mesons
  - Can be verified experimentally through L/T separated cross sections

### **Factorization Tests in** $\pi^+$ and K<sup>+</sup> Electroproduction



E12-19-006 Projections

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E12-09-011 Projections



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## Hard–Soft Factorization in Backward Exclusive $\pi^0$



#### Extension of collinear factorization to u-channel

- Proposed by Frankfurt, Polykaov, Strikman, Zhalov, Zhalov [arXiv:hep-ph/0211263]
- Transition Distribution Amplitude (TDA) formalism by: B. Pire, K. Semenov–Tian–Shansky, L. Szymanowski, Phys. Rep. 920(2021)1



E12–20–007: W.B. Li, G.M. Huber, J. Stevens (spokespersons)

- $Q^{-n}$  scaling behavior of  $d\sigma_T/dt$
- u-dependence of L/T separated cross sections

### **Exclusive** $\pi^-$ from Transversely Polarized Neutron



• Probe GPD  $\tilde{E}$  with DEMP

- $\sum_{q} e_q \int_{-1}^{+1} dx \ \tilde{E}^q(x,\xi,t) = G_P(t)$
- GPD  $\tilde{E}$  is not related to any already known parton distribution
- $G_P(t)$  is highly uncertain because it is negligible at the momentum transfer of  $\beta$ -decay
- Experimental measurements can provide new nucleon structure information unlikely to be available from any other source

# The most sensitive observable to probe $\tilde{E}$ is the transverse single–spin asymmetry in exclusive $\pi$ production:



Theoretical calculations suggest higher twist corrections, which may be significant at low Q<sup>2</sup> for  $\sigma_L$ , likely cancel in A<sub>L</sub>

• May allow access to GPDs at Q<sup>2</sup>~4 GeV<sup>2</sup> while Q<sup>2</sup>>10 GeV<sup>2</sup> needed for  $\sigma_L$ 

## **Projections for Polarized** $n(e,e^{2}\pi)$ with SoLID



Transversely polarized <sup>3</sup>He (neutron) target



- Data divided in 7 *t*-bins concentrating on Q<sup>2</sup>>4 GeV<sup>2</sup> region of greatest physics interest
- $A_{UT}^{sin(\varphi-\varphi S)}$  and  $A_{UT}^{sin(\varphi S)}$  asymmetries can be extracted from same data, providing powerful additional GPD model constraints
- Dramatic improvement in kinematic coverage and statistics compared to pioneering HERMES data at lower Q<sup>2</sup>

**E12–10–006B:** G.M. Huber, Z. Ye, Z. Ahmed (spokespersons)

Projected E12–10–006B data  $\rightarrow$  analyze 2–track (e'  $\pi^-$ ) data offline for recoil proton track



## **Summary – The Big Problem**

One of the top 10 unsolved problems in physics is our poor understanding of how quark and gluon interactions give rise to the observed properties of mesons and nucleons



Lattice QCD simulation of the quark and gluon "color field" inside the nucleon, being probed by a deep electron scattering, D. Leinweber & W. Detmold, CSSM Adelaide.

- Deep Exclusive electron scattering reactions provide a clearer picture of the inner workings of QCD (the theory of strong interactions in the Standard Model)
- Rich science program of 1D–3D hadron structure enabled with 12 GeV and Halls A/C equipment

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## Measurement of $F_{\pi}$ via Electroproduction



**Above**  $Q^2 > 0.3$  GeV<sup>2</sup>,  $F_{\pi}$  is measured indirectly using the "pion cloud" of the proton via pion electroproduction  $p(e, e'\pi^+)n$ 

$$p\rangle = \left| p \right\rangle_{0} + \left| n \pi^{+} \right\rangle + \dots$$

- At small –*t*, the pion pole process dominates the longitudinal cross section,  $\sigma_{L}$
- In Born term model,  $F_{\pi}^{2}$  appears as

$$\frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} \propto \frac{-tQ^2}{(t-m_\pi^2)} g_{\pi NN}^2(t) F_\pi^2(Q^2,t)$$

#### Drawbacks of this technique:

- 1. Isolating  $\sigma_L$  experimentally challenging.
- 2. The  $F_{\pi}$  values are in principle dependent upon the model used, but this dependence is expected to be reduced at sufficiently small -t.



### **Timelike Compton Scattering (TCS) at SoLID**



#### As a key reaction for studying GPDs, SoLID TCS will have

- Unpolarized data access to the real part of CFFs, sensitive to the D-term in GPD parametrization with observables cross section ratio (R) and forward backward asymmetry (A<sub>FB</sub>)
- Circularly polarized data access to imaginary part of CFFs with BSA (similar to DVCS) to study universality



#### **Double Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DDVCS)**





## Projections for DDVCS with SoLID



- **Goal:** Beam spin asymmetry to go "off diagonal", extrapolation of GPD to zero skewness purely coming from interference between BH(1+2)\*DDVCS
- Change of sign to be observed in different kinematic regions
- SoLID apparatus, completed with muon detectors at forward and large angles and barrel, enables DDVCS measurements with both polarized electron and positron beams at 11GeV



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 $\overline{d^5\sigma_{BH_1} + d^5\sigma_{BH_2} + d^5\sigma_{DDVCS} \mp d^5\sigma_{INT_1}}$ 





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## **Exclusive u–Channel Meson Production**



#### Which proton picture is more correct?



# A: implies quark carries fractional baryon number

B: existence of a "Junction" like structure that carries the whole baryon number (D. Kharzeev, <u>https://arxiv.org/abs/nucl-th/9602027</u>, 1996)

# How do we probe this at JLab 12 GeV?

- Can we directly probe the "junction" structure?
- May be. If manage to force the transfer of baryon number in the target and recoil particles, then Yes.

