Results on deeply virtual exclusive processes from COMPASS

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Prospects for extraction of GPDs from global fits of current and future data

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Generalised Parton Distributions (GPDs)

- Provide comprehensive description of 3-D partonic structure of the nucleon one of the central problems of non-perturbative QCD
- GPDs can be viewed as correlation functions between different partonic states
- 'Generalised' because they encompass 1-D descriptions by PDFs or by form factors

(the simplest) example: Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS)



Factorisation for large  $Q^{\mathbf{2}}$  and  $\mid \mathbf{t} \mid << Q^{\mathbf{2}}$ 

4 GPDs for each quark flavour

$$H^{q}(x,\xi,t) \qquad E^{q}(x,\xi,t) \\ \tilde{H}^{q}(x,\xi,t) \qquad \tilde{E}^{q}(x,\xi,t)$$

for DVCS **gluons** contribute at higher orders in  $\alpha_s$ 



# GPDs and Hard Exclusive Meson Production



for VMs also gluon contribution



**Chiral-even GPDs** *helicity of parton unchanged* 

$$\begin{aligned} H^{q,g}(x,\xi,t) & E^{q,g}(x,\xi,t) \\ \widetilde{H}^{q,g}(x,\xi,t) & \widetilde{E}^{q,g}(x,\xi,t) \end{aligned}$$

#### **Chiral-odd GPDs** helicity of parton changed (not probed by DVCS)

$H^q_T(x,\xi,t)$	$E_T^q(x,\xi,t)$
$oldsymbol{\widetilde{H}}^q_{\scriptscriptstyle T}(x,\xi,t)$	$\widetilde{E}_{T}^{q}(x,\xi,t)$

# Flavour separation for GPDs example:



Diehl, Vinnikov, PLB 609 (2005) 286

COMPASS experiment at CERN

Basic ingredients of versatile COMPASS experimental setup

unique secondary beam line M2 from the SPS

delivers: • high energy polarised  $\mu^+$  or  $\mu^-$  beams

• negative or positive hadron beams

#### two-stage forward spectrometer SM1 + SM2

≈ 300 tracking detectors planes – high redundancy variety of tracking detectors to cope with different particle flux from  $\theta = 0$  to  $\theta \approx 200$  mrad

#### + calorimetry, µID, RICH



MuonWall

## Physics programs

<u>Flexibility of the setup to carry out a diverse physics programs</u> by using different beams and modifying mainly the target region

- spin structure of the nucleons and TMD studies
- hadron spectroscopy in diffractive and central hadron production
- Primakoff reactions and test of chiral perturbative theory
- polarised and unpolarised Drell-Yan scattering
- GPD studies; DVCS and hard exclusive meson production

# The COMPASS set-up for the GPD program (starting from 2012)

# **ECAL2**

# Main new equipments

2.5m-long Liquid H<sub>2</sub> Target

ECAL1

#### **Target TOF System**

24 inner & outer scintillators 1 GHz SADC readout goal: **310 ps** TOF resol **ECALO** Calorimeter

Shashlyk modules + MAPD readout  $\sim 2 \times 2 \text{ m}^2$ ,  $\sim 2200 \text{ ch}$ .



Transverse Extension of Partons in the Proton probed by Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering

#### Selection of exclusive single photon events

sample for t-slope extraction

 $\mu$ ,  $\mu$ ' and vertex in the target volume1 GeV² < Q² < 5 GeV²,</td>10 GeV < v < 32 GeV</td>0.08 GeV² < |t| < 0.64 GeV²</td>+1 single photon with energy above DVCS threshold+ $E_{Ecal(0,1,2)} > (4,5,10)$  GeV

Overconstrained kinematics => a number of "exclusivity cuts" allows to select the exclusive sample



Exclusive single photon production cross section



cross-sections on proton for  $\mu^{+\downarrow}$ ,  $\mu^{-\uparrow}$  beam with opposite charge & spin ( $e_{\mu} \& P_{\mu}$ )

$$d\sigma_{(\mu \rho \to \mu \rho \gamma)} = d\sigma^{BH} + d\sigma^{DVCS}_{unpol} + P_{\mu} d\sigma^{DVCS}_{pol} + e_{\mu} a^{BH} \mathcal{R}e A^{DVCS} + e_{\mu} P_{\mu} a^{BH} Im A^{DVCS}$$

#### Azimuthal distributions for single $\gamma$ events





BH dominates excellent reference yield

BH and DVCS at the same level

access to DVCS amplitude through the interference

DVCS dominates study of do<sup>DVCS</sup>/dt Extraction of  $d\sigma^{DVCS}/dt$ 

• measure  $d\sigma := \frac{d^4 \sigma^{\mu p}}{dQ^2 d\nu dt d\phi}$  for  $\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-$  beams

• sum of  $\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-$  cross sections  $2d\sigma \equiv d\sigma^{+\leftarrow} + d\sigma^{-\rightarrow} = 2(d\sigma^{BH} + d\sigma^{DVCS} - |P_{\mu}|d\sigma^{I})$ 

 $P_{\rm u}$  beam polarisation

$$d\sigma^{DVCS} \propto \frac{1}{y^2 Q^2} (c_0^{DVCS} + c_1^{DVCS} \cos \phi + c_2^{DVCS} \cos 2\phi)$$
$$d\sigma^I \propto \frac{1}{x_{\rm Bj} y^3 t P_1(\phi) P_2(\phi)} (s_1^I \sin \phi + s_2^I \sin 2\phi)$$

subtract calculable BH cross sections and integrate over  $\phi$ 

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^3 \sigma_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mu p}}{\mathrm{d}Q^2 \mathrm{d}\nu dt} = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \mathrm{d}\phi \, \left(\mathrm{d}\sigma - \mathrm{d}\sigma^{BH}\right) \propto c_0^{DVCS}$$

convert into cross section for virtual-photon scattering

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma^{\gamma^{\star}p}}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(Q^{2},\nu,E_{\mu})} \frac{\mathrm{d}^{3}\sigma_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mu p}}{\mathrm{d}Q^{2}\mathrm{d}\nu dt}$$
$$\Gamma \text{ transverse virtual photon flux}$$

DVCS cross section and t-slope

from 4 weeks of 2012 commissioning data



Transverse imaging of the proton using  $d\sigma^{\text{DVCS}}/dt$ 

$$r_{\perp}^2(x_{\rm Bj})\rangle \approx 2\langle B(x_{\rm Bj})\rangle\hbar^2$$

how good is this approximation ?

Strict determination of  $\langle r_{\perp}^2 \rangle$  requires (M. Burkardt)

- i) measurement of t-dependence of the imaginary part of CFF  ${\mathcal H}$
- ii) skewness  $\xi = 0$

spin- and 
$$\phi$$
-independent DVCS cross section  $\propto c_0^{DVCS}$   
for small  $x_{\rm Bj} \ c_0^{DVCS} \propto 4(\mathcal{HH}^* + \tilde{\mathcal{H}}\tilde{\mathcal{H}}^*) + \frac{t}{M^2}\mathcal{E}\mathcal{E}^*$  (BMK)

<u>Systematic uncertainties</u> on  $\langle r_{\perp}^2 \rangle$  when using (  $\star$  ) ('model' uncertainty)

- a) correction due to contributions of real part of  $\mathcal{H}$  and other GPDs  $\longrightarrow \pm 0.03$
- b) correction due to assumption ii)  $\rightarrow \pm 0.02$

Estimates based on models

GK model in PARTONS framework Kumerički – Müller model

$$\sqrt{\langle r_{\perp}^2 \rangle} = (0.58 \pm 0.04_{\text{stat}} + \frac{0.01}{-0.02} \Big|_{\text{sys}} \pm 0.04_{\text{model}}) \,\text{fm}$$

#### Comparison to HERA and model predictions



# Hard exclusive $\pi^0$ production on unpolarised protons and chiral-odd GPDs

GPDs in exclusive  $\pi^0$  production on unpolarised protons

 $\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{dtd\phi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{d\sigma_{T}}{dt} + \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_{L}}{dt} + \varepsilon \cos 2\phi \frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \cos \phi \frac{d\sigma_{LT}}{dt} \right]$ 



 $\frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} = \frac{4\pi\alpha}{k'} \frac{1}{Q^6} \left\{ \left(1 - \xi^2\right) \left| \langle \tilde{H} \rangle \right|^2 - 2\xi^2 \operatorname{Re}\left[ \langle \tilde{H} \rangle^* \langle \tilde{E} \rangle \right] - \frac{t'}{4m^2} \xi^2 \left| \langle \tilde{E} \rangle \right|^2 \right\} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{leading twist} \\ \text{at JLAB only few% of} \quad \frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} \end{array}$ 

#### other contributions arise from coupling of chiral-odd (quark helicity-flip) GPDs to twist-3 pion amplitude

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} &= \frac{4\pi\alpha}{2k'} \frac{\mu_\pi^2}{Q^8} \left[ \left(1 - \xi^2\right) \left| \langle H_T \rangle \right|^2 - \frac{t'}{8m^2} \left| \langle \bar{E}_T \rangle \right|^2 \right] & \text{def.} \quad \overline{E}_T = 2\tilde{H}_T + E_T \\ \\ \frac{\sigma_{LT}}{dt} &= \frac{4\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}k'} \frac{\mu_\pi}{Q^7} \xi \sqrt{1 - \xi^2} \frac{\sqrt{-t'}}{2m} \operatorname{Re} \left[ \langle H_T \rangle^* \langle \tilde{E} \rangle \right] \\ \\ \frac{\sigma_{TT}}{dt} &= \frac{4\pi\alpha}{k'} \frac{\mu_\pi^2}{Q^8} \frac{t'}{16m^2} \left| \langle \bar{E}_T \rangle \right|^2 \\ \\ & \text{An impact of } \overline{E}_T \text{should be visible in } \frac{\sigma_{TT}}{dt} \\ & \text{and in a dip at small } t' \text{ of } \frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

# Selection of exclusive $\pi^0$ production events

 $\mu$ ,  $\mu$ ' and vertex in the target volume

 $1~{\rm GeV^2} < {\rm Q^2} < 5~{\rm GeV^2}, \quad 8.5~{\rm GeV} < \nu < 28~{\rm GeV}$ 

 $0.08 \text{ GeV}^2 < |t| < 0.64 \text{ GeV}^2$ 

two photons with invariant mass consistent with  $\pi^0$ 

Overconstrained kinematics => a number of "exclusivity cuts" allows to select the exclusive sample



background fraction  $(29^+_{-6})^2_{\rm sys}$ 

kinematic fit applied to determine the most precise particle kinematics and enhance purity of the sample

## Exclusive $\pi^0$ production cross sections as a function of |t|



 $\langle x_{Bj} \rangle = 0.093$  and  $\langle -t \rangle = 0.256 \ (\text{GeV}/c)^2$ 

First measurement at low  $\xi$ 

Exclusive  $\pi^0$  production cross sections as a function of  $\phi$ 

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



# Spin Density Matrix Elements

for exclusive  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  meson production on unpolarised protons

## Vector meson spin-density matrix $\rho(V)$



- $\succ$  test of s-channel helicity conservation ~~ (  $\lambda_{\gamma}=\lambda_{V}$  )
- decomposition into Natural (N) Parity and Unnatural (U) Parity exchange amplitudes

$$F_{\lambda_{V}\lambda_{N}^{\prime}\lambda_{\gamma}\lambda_{N}}=T_{\lambda_{V}\lambda_{N}^{\prime}\lambda_{\gamma}\lambda_{N}}+U_{\lambda_{V}\lambda_{N}^{\prime}\lambda_{\gamma}\lambda_{N}}$$

• in Regge framework NPE:  $J^P = (0^+, 1^-, ...)$  (pomeron,  $\rho, \omega, a_2 ...$  reggeons) UPE:  $J^P = (0^-, 1^+, ...)$  ( $\pi, a_1, b_1$ ... reggeons)

#### tests of GPD models

• e.g. for SCHC-violating transitions  $\gamma_T \rightarrow V_L$  test sensitivity to GPDs with exchanged-quark helicity flip (transversity GPDs)

Experimental access to SDMEs

$$W^{U+L}(\Phi,\phi,\cos\Theta) = W^U(\Phi,\phi,\cos\Theta) + P_B W^L(\Phi,\phi,\cos\Theta) \propto \frac{d\sigma}{d\Phi \, d\phi \, d\cos\Theta}$$

SDMEs: "amplitudes" of decomposition of W<sup>U+L</sup> in the sum of terms of different angular dependences

[K. Schilling and G. Wolf, Nucl. Phys. B61, 381 (1973)]

15 unpolarised SDMEs (in W<sup>U</sup>) and 8 polarised (in W<sup>L</sup>)



 $<sup>\</sup>omega$  –production–plane

#### Extraction of SDMEs

Unbinned ML fit to experimental W<sup>U+L</sup> taking into account

- total acceptance
- fraction of background in the signal window
- anglar distribution of background W<sup>U+L</sup><sub>bkg</sub> (determined either from LEPTO MC or real data side band)



#### Results on SDMEs for exclusive $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ production at COMPASS



SDME values

#### Tests of s-channel helicity conservation

SCHC ( $\lambda_{\gamma} = \lambda_{V}$ ) +-- $\mathbf{A}: \gamma_{\mathbf{L}}^{*} \to \omega_{\mathbf{L}} \\ \gamma_{\mathbf{T}}^{*} \to \omega_{\mathbf{T}}$  $r_{00}$  $r_{1-1}^{1}$ Im r<sub>1-1</sub><sup>2</sup> SCHC implies: Re r<sup>5</sup><sub>10</sub> **B**: Interference Im r<sup>6</sup><sub>10</sub>  $\gamma_{\mathbf{I}}^{*} \rightarrow \omega_{\mathbf{L}} \& \gamma_{\mathbf{T}}^{*} \rightarrow \omega_{\mathbf{I}}$ •  $r_{1-1}^1 + \operatorname{Im} r_{1-1}^2 = 0$  $Im r_{10}^7$ Re r<sup>8</sup><sub>10</sub>  $= -0.010 \pm 0.032 \pm 0.047$ OK **Re**  $r_{10}^{04}$  $\mathbf{C}: \gamma_{\mathbf{T}} \rightarrow \omega_{\mathbf{T}}$ • Re  $r_{10}^5$  + Im $_{10}^6$  = 0 Re  $r_{10}^1$ SDMEs COMPASS  $Imr_{10}^2$  $= 0.014 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.013$ PRELIMINARY OK  $r_{00}^{5}$  $\mathbf{r}_{00}$ •  $\operatorname{Im} r_{10}^7 - \operatorname{Re} r_{10}^8 = 0$  $Im r_{10}^3$  $r_{00}^{8}$  $= -0.088 \pm 0.110 \pm 0.196$ OK  $r_{11}^5$ **D**:  $\gamma_{\mathbf{I}} \rightarrow \omega_{\mathbf{T}}$ r<sup>5</sup> r<sub>1-1</sub> • all elements of classes C, D, E should be 0 Im r<sub>1-1</sub><sup>6</sup> Im r<sub>1-1</sub><sup>7</sup> for  $\gamma^*_{L} \rightarrow \omega_T$  and  $\gamma^*_{T} \rightarrow \omega_{-T}$  OK within errors r<sup>8</sup> r<sub>11</sub>  $r_{1-1}^{8}$ not obeyed for transitions  $\gamma^*_T \rightarrow \omega_L$  $r_{1-1}^{04}$  $\mathbf{E}: \hat{\gamma_{T}} \rightarrow \omega_{-T}$  $r_{11}^1$ Im  $r_{1-1}$ -0.1 -0.2 0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4

**SDME** values

# Transitions $\gamma^*_{\ T} \rightarrow \omega_L$

possible GPD interpretation **Goloskokov and Kroll, EPJC 74 (2014) 2725** contribution of amplitudes depending on transversity GPDs  $H_T$ ,  $\overline{E}_T = 2\widetilde{H}_T + E_T$ 



interplay of interference of transversity GPDs  $H_T$ ,  $\overline{E}_T = 2\widetilde{H}_T + E_T$  with GPDs H and E, respectively

## Unnatural parity exchange contribution



decrease of UPE contribution with increasing W still non-negligible contribution from pion-pole exchange even at W = 10 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> Transverse target spin asymmetries for exclusive  $\rho^0$  and  $\omega$  production

#### **COMPASS** polarised target



#### Spin-dependent cross section for exclusive meson leptoproduction

$$\begin{split} \left[\frac{\alpha_{em}}{8\pi^3} \frac{y^2}{1-\epsilon} \frac{1-x_{Bj}}{x_{Bj}} \frac{1}{Q^2}\right]^{-1} \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}x_{Bj}\mathrm{d}Q^2\mathrm{d}t\mathrm{d}\phi\mathrm{d}\phi_s} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sigma_{++}^{++} + \sigma_{++}^{--}\right) + \varepsilon \sigma_{00}^{++} - \varepsilon \cos(2\phi) \operatorname{Re} \sigma_{+-}^{++} - \sqrt{\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \cos\phi \operatorname{Re} \left(\sigma_{+0}^{++} + \sigma_{+0}^{--}\right) \\ &- P_\ell \sqrt{\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)} \sin\phi \operatorname{Im} \left(\sigma_{+0}^{++} + \sigma_{+0}^{--}\right) \\ &- S_L \left[\varepsilon \sin(2\phi) \operatorname{Im} \sigma_{+-}^{++} + \sqrt{\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \sin\phi \operatorname{Im} \left(\sigma_{+0}^{++} - \sigma_{+0}^{--}\right)\right] \\ &+ S_L P_\ell \left[\sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2} \frac{1}{2} \left(\sigma_{++}^{++} - \sigma_{-+}^{--}\right) - \sqrt{\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)} \cos\phi \operatorname{Re} \left(\sigma_{+0}^{++} - \sigma_{+0}^{--}\right)\right] \\ &- S_T \left[\sin(\phi-\phi_S) \left(\operatorname{Im} \left(\sigma_{+-}^{+-} + \varepsilon \sigma_{00}^{+-}\right) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \sin(\phi + \phi_S) \left(\operatorname{Im} \sigma_{+-}^{++}\right) + \sqrt{\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \sin\phi \left(\operatorname{Im} \sigma_{+0}^{++}\right) + \sqrt{\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \sin(2\phi - \phi_S) \left(\operatorname{Im} \sigma_{+0}^{-+}\right) \right] \\ &+ S_T P_\ell \left[\sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2} \cos(\phi-\phi_S) \operatorname{Re} \sigma_{++}^{+-}\right) \\ &- \sqrt{\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)} \cos\phi_S \operatorname{Re} \sigma_{+0}^{++} - \sqrt{\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)} \cos(2\phi - \phi_S) \operatorname{Re} \sigma_{+0}^{++}\right]. \end{split}$$

 $\sigma_{mn}^{ij}$ : helicity-dependent photoabsorption cross sections and interference terms

$$\sigma_{mn}^{ij}(x_B, Q^2, t) \propto \sum (M_m^i)^* M_r^j$$

 $M_m^i$ : amplitude for subprocess  $\gamma^* p \rightarrow V p'$  with photon helicity *m* and target proton helicity *i* 



#### Transverse target spin asymmetries for exlusive $\rho^0$ production on $p^{\uparrow}$

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 $\langle x_{Bj} \rangle = 0.039, \langle Q^2 \rangle = 2.0 \text{ GeV}^2$  $\langle p_T^2 \rangle = 0.18 \text{ GeV}^2, \langle W \rangle = 8.1 \text{ GeV}^2$ 



asymmetries small, compatible with 0, except

 $A_{UT}^{\sin\varphi_s} = -0.019 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.003$ 

indication of transversity GPD H<sub>T</sub> contribution

 $H_{\rm T}({\rm x},\,{\rm 0},\,{\rm 0})={\rm h_1}({\rm x})$ 

Transverse target spin asymmetries for exlusive  $\rho^0$  production on  $p^{\uparrow}$ 



#### Single spin asymmetries

predictions of GPD model of Goloskokov-Kroll

 reasonable agreement with GK model (also for not-shown double spin asym.)

 $\begin{array}{c} sin(\phi - \phi_s) \\ A_{UT} \end{array} \quad \text{contains twist-2 terms} \\ \text{depending on } E^{q,g} \end{array}$ 

its small values due to approximate cancellation of contributions from  $E^u$  and  $E^d$ ,  $E^u \approx -E^d$ 

larger effects expected for exclusive oproduction



## Azimuthal asymmetries for exlusive () production on p<sup>↑</sup>



#### Single spin asymmetries

#### Nucl. Phys. B 915 (2017) 454



when 'global' comparison to the data no clear preference for any version

## Comparison to HERMES asymmetries for $\omega$ production on p<sup>↑</sup>



✓ Note: contribution of pion pole decreases with W

-> each experiment to be compared to corresp. predictions

COMPASS uncertainties smaller by a factor > 2

✓ within large errors combined HERMES data compatible with all 3 scenarios

✓ Future measurements at JLab12 EPJ A48 (2012) 187 expected to resolve the issue of  $\pi\omega$  transition form factor Prospects to separate GPDs  $E_u$  and  $E_d$  from TTS asymmetries

#### Section in PhD thesis of P. Sznajder, Warsaw 2015

In the framework of GK model an attempt to constrain  $L^{u \ val}$  and  $L^{d \ val}$ using COMPASS  $A_{UT}^{sin(\phi - \phi_s)}$  for exclusive  $\rho^0$  and  $\omega$  production

- $\odot$  -L<sup>u val</sup>  $\approx$  L<sup>d val</sup> > 0 (as expected)
- $\odot$  adding  $\omega$  result reduces allowed region in ( $L^{u \text{ val}}$ ,  $L^{d \text{ val}}$ ) space
- constraints are rather weak

due to limited statistics of COMPASS  $\omega$  sample (1/40 of that of  $\rho^0$ )

#### A promissing alternative method

Future combined analysis of TTS asymmetries for exclusive  $\rho^0$  production

on transversely polarised protons <sup>(1)</sup> and deuterons <sup>(2)</sup>

(1) existing measurements

(2) expected results from approved one-year data taking in 2021

Summary



# Outlook

results expected from the large data sample collected in 2016+2017

with  $LH_2$  target, RPD and wide-angle electromagneric calorimetry collected statistic ~ 10 times larger than from 2012 test run

Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering:

- t-dependence of DVCS cross section vs. x<sub>Bi</sub> ("proton tomography")
- mapping GPD H by measurments of real and imaginary parts of DVCS
   via φ-dependence the μ<sup>+</sup> and μ<sup>-</sup> cross sections difference and sum

Hard Exclusive Meson Production:

- differential cross section for  $\pi^0$  vs. Q<sup>2</sup>, v (W), t(  $p_T^2$ ),  $\phi$
- differential cross sections and SDMEs for VMs vs. Q<sup>2</sup>, v (W), t (  $p_T^2$ )

results expected from the large data sample to be collected in 2021

Hard Exclusive Vector Meson Production on transversely polarised deuterons

# Supplementary material

Estimate of  $\pi^0$  background

Major source of background for exclusive photon events

Two cases:

- Visible; detected second  $\gamma$  (below DVCS threshold) => events rejected from final sample
- Invisible; one  $\gamma$  lost => estimated from MC normalised to  $\pi^0$  peak for 'visible' sample



Relative contributions from both processes to  $\pi^0$  background estimated from combined fits to the distributions of 'exclusivity variables' ( $M_x^2$ ,  $\Delta \phi$ ,  $\Delta p_T$ ) and  $E_{miss} = v - E_{\gamma} + t/(2m_p^2)$ 

## Mounting of Recoil Proton Detector ('CAMERA') in clean area at CERN



Extraction of DVCS cross section and amplitude



Beam Charge & Spin Sum



Beam Charge & Spin Difference

$$\mathcal{D}_{CS,U} \equiv d\sigma(\mu^{+\downarrow}) - d\sigma(\mu^{-\uparrow}) = 2(\mathbf{e}_{\mu} \mathbf{a}^{\mathsf{BH}} \operatorname{Re} \mathsf{A}^{\mathsf{DVCS}} + \mathsf{P}_{\mu} \mathbf{d}\sigma^{\mathsf{DVCS}}_{pol})$$

$$c_{0}^{Int} + c_{1}^{Int} \cos \phi + c_{2}^{Int} \cos 2\phi + c_{3}^{Int} \cos 3\phi$$

$$s_{1}^{DVCS} \sin \phi$$

$$c_{0,1}^{Int} \rightarrow \operatorname{Re}(\mathcal{F}_{1}\mathcal{H})$$

$$\operatorname{Re} \mathcal{H}(\xi, t) = \mathcal{P} \int dx \operatorname{H}(x, \xi, t) = \mathcal{P} \int dx \operatorname{H}(x, x, t) + \mathcal{D}(t)$$

$$x - \xi$$