Review on exclusive meson production

recent experimental results

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### Introduction

Exclusive and proton-dissociative production of VM at small |t|

Helicity amplitudes for VM production on unpolarised nucleons

Production of pseudoscalar mesons

Meson production on transversely polarised nucleons

Conclusions

### GPDs and Hard Exclusive Meson Production



- 4 Generalised Parton Distributions (GPDs) for each quark flavour and for gluons
- factorisation proven only for σ<sub>L</sub> σ<sub>T</sub> suppressed by 1/Q<sup>2</sup>

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> applicable at DIS region,  $|t| << Q^2$  and any  $x_B$ 

> allows separation (H,E)  $\leftrightarrow$  (H,E) and wrt quark flavours

EVector mesons (ρ, ω, φ) $\widetilde{E}$ Pseudoscalar mesons (π, η)

conserve flip nucleon helicity

> quarks and gluons enter at the same order of  $\alpha_s$ 

➤ at Q<sup>2</sup> ≈ few GeV<sup>2</sup> power corrections/higher order pQCD terms are essential

> wave function of meson (DA  $\Phi$ ) additional nonperturbative component

$\pi^0$	$2\Delta u + \Delta d$	
η	$2\Delta u - \Delta d$	
$ ho^0$	2u+d, 9g/4	
ω	2u–d, 3g/4	
¢	s, g	
$ ho^+$	u—d	
J/ψ	g	

Flavour sensitivity of HEMP on the proton

# Colour dipole models

an alternative description of VM production at small x applicable at small x both for photoproduction and DIS region





for heavy mesons or  $\gamma_L^* z \approx \frac{1}{2}$ and  $\mu^2 = (Q^2 + M_V^2)/4$ 

 $\Psi^{\gamma}(z,\vec{r})\otimes \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{q\bar{q}-p}(x_B,\vec{r};t)\otimes \Psi^{V}(z,\vec{r})$ 

at small x sensitivity mostly to gluons inversal dipole-nucleon cross section dipole-nucleon cross section related to inclusive photo- and DIS production the link exploited in certain colour dipole models

> cross section for VM production ~  $|g(x_B)|^2$  (at LO) hardening of the gluon distribution  $g(x_B) \sim x_B^{-\lambda}$  at large  $Q^2 \implies$  strong *W*-dep.

dipole transv. size	W-dep.	t-dep.
large	weak	steep
small	strong	shallow

# **Regge models**

another alternative description of meson photo- and electroproduction based on general properties of amplitudes analiticity at  $|t| \ll s$  (W) applicable from photoproduction to moderate Q<sup>2</sup>

t-channel exchange of Reggeon(s) R ( $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ):  $\mathcal{P}$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $f_2$ ,  $\pi$ ,  $b_1$ ...

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 $R_2$ 

М'

N, ⁄



# Elastic and proton-dissociative small |t| VM production at HERA

VM:  $\rho^0$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $J/\psi$ ,  $\psi(2s)$ , Y



VM measured in central detectors no other activity, apart from forward detectors



elastic sample - scattered proton inside the beam pipe; 'no-tag events'

proton-dissociative sample - remnants of the proton hit forward detectors; 'tag events'

Main sources of background:

cross-contaminations between tag and no-tag samples  $\approx 10\%$ diffractive  $\rho$ ' production with not all decay particles being mesured - several %  $\pi^+\pi^-$  background in  $\phi$  samples  $\approx 5\%$ 

semi-inclusive events suppressed by large rapidity gap between VM and forward detectors





• some discrepancy between experiments, due to subtraction of dissoc. background

- significant decrease from photoproduction already at  $\mu^2 \approx 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$  and levelling at  $\mu^2 \approx 5 \text{ GeV}^2$ decrease of dipole transverse size with increasing scale
- light mesons slightly above  $J/\psi$  (effect of VM form factors ?)
- slopes in diffractive dissociation significantly smaller



 $\sigma ~ \infty ~ W^{\delta}$ 

GK - (Goloskokov, Kroll) GPD model KMW

INS-L - (Ivanov, Nikolaev, Savin) dipole model with large meson wave function



faster growth at large mass or large Q<sup>2</sup>

hardening of the gluon distribution  $g(x_B) \sim x_B^{-\lambda}$ 

• pQCD models reproduce W dependence well, sensitivity to assumed gluon PDFs

 $\succ$  Interplay between W and t dependences

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(W) = \frac{d\sigma}{dt}(W_0) (W/W_0)^{\delta(t)} \propto e^{b_0 t} (W/W_0)^{4(\alpha_P(0) + \alpha'_P t - 1)} \qquad b = b_0 + 4\alpha'_P \ln \frac{W}{W_0}$$

effective Pomeron trajectory determined either by measuring W evolution of t-slope b or t evolution of  $W^{\delta}$  (more accurate)



- increase of  $\alpha_{\mathbf{P}}(0)$  with the scale due to hardening of gluon distribution
- at large  $\mu^2$  scales W dependence ( $\alpha_P(0)$ ) significantly stronger than in soft hadronic diffraction
- $\alpha'_{\mathbf{P}}$  smaller than for 'soft Pomeron', even at  $\mathbf{Q}^2 \approx 0$
- a hint that  $\alpha'_{\mathbf{P}}$  may vanish at very large Q<sup>2</sup>, as expected for BFKL dynamics



# Exclusive VM production at CLAS







- Laget (Regge) able to describe data up to  $Q^2 \approx 4 \text{ GeV}^2$
- GPD models using 'hand-bag' mechanism + power corrections OK at W ≥ 5 GeV fail by an order of magnitude at the lowest W
- at small W (large  $x_B$ ) in the framework of GPDs important contrib. of  $q\overline{q}$  exchange

# > W dependence for $\rho_{L}^{+}$ and $\phi_{L}$

• for  $\rho^+$  (not shown) qualitatively similar trends as for  $\rho^0$ 



for φ GPD model describes data well in all W range
 φ production through gluon and sea quark exchanges (Pomeron in Regge formalism)
 in contrast, for other mesons at small W also valence quark exchanges important



# Spin Density Matrix Elements for VM production on unpolarised nucleons

VM angular distributions  $W(\cos\theta, \phi, \Phi)$  depend on the spin density matrix elements (SDME)  $\Rightarrow$  23 (15) observables with polarized (unpolarized) beam

SDMEs are bilinear combinations of the helicity amplitudes



Photon-Nucleon CMS

$$F_{\lambda m \lambda N';\lambda \gamma \lambda N}(\gamma^*N \to mN')$$

 $F = T + U \quad \text{(natural + unnatural PE)}$ convention  $T_{\lambda m \ \lambda \gamma}$ ,  $U_{\lambda m \ \lambda \gamma}$  implies  $\lambda_{\rm N}$ ,  $=\lambda_{\rm N} = +\frac{1}{2}$ 

- \* determine hierarchy of  $T_{\lambda m \lambda \gamma}$ ,  $U_{\lambda m \lambda \gamma}$  amplitudes
- check s-channel helicity conservation for SCHS the only non-vanishing are T<sub>00</sub>, T<sub>11</sub>, U<sub>11</sub>
- describe parity of t-channel exchange NPE vs. UPE

• impact on GPD studies – determination of  $\sigma_L$ SDMEs  $\longrightarrow R = \frac{\sigma_L}{\sigma_T}$ 

- in Regge formalism NPE: P,  $\rho$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $f_2$ ,  $a_2$ ; UPE:  $\pi$ ,  $a_1$ ,  $b_1$  exchanges
- in GPD formalism NPE: H, E ; UPE: H, E
   at leading order only SCHC & NPE

### > SDMEs from HERMES for $\rho^{0}$ production on protons and deuterons

comprehensive measurement and analysis of 15(8) unpolarised (polarised) SDMEs ! A. Airapetian et al. EPJ C 62, 659 (2009)

similar results (not shown here) also for  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$ 

$$1 < Q^{2} < 7 \text{ GeV}^{2}$$

$$3.0 < W < 6.3 \text{ GeV}$$

$$|t' / < 0.4 \text{ GeV}^{2} (**)$$

$$\Delta E = (M_{X}^{2} - M_{p}^{2})/2 < M_{p}$$

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$$-1.0 < \Delta E < 0.6 \text{ GeV} (**)$$

$$t' = t - t_{0}$$

(\*) non-resonant  $\pi^{+}\pi^{-}$  background 4-8% (unsubtracted)  $\int_{400}^{400} {SIDIS}$  background 3-12% (subtracted bin-by-bin) proton-dissociative background  $\approx$ 4% (unsubtracted)

Main sources of systematic errors:

background subtraction uncertainties of parameters in exclusive MC





### selected results on helicity amplitudes from HERMES

- phase difference between  $T_{11}$  and  $T_{00}$ :  $\delta = +26.4^{\circ} \pm 2.3 \pm 4.9$  (p);  $+29.3^{\circ} \pm 1.6 \pm 3.6$  (d) increases  $(20^{\circ} \rightarrow 38^{\circ})$  with Q<sup>2</sup>  $(1 \rightarrow 7 \text{ GeV}^2)$
- relative magnitude of SCHC non-conserving amplitudes  $\tau_{ij} = \frac{|I|}{\sqrt{2}}$

 $\tau_{ij} = \frac{|T_{ij}|}{\sqrt{\mathcal{N}}} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{N} = \mathcal{N}_T + \epsilon \mathcal{N}_L$ 

HERMES	$ au_{01}$	$ au_{10}$	$\tau_{1-1}$
proton	$0.114 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.010$	$0.075\pm0.030\pm0.003$	$0.051\pm0.029\pm0.010$
deuteron	$0.122\pm0.007\pm0.006$	$0.090\pm0.022\pm0.011$	$0.007\pm0.025\pm0.015$

• relative contributions to cross section,  $\tau^2_T$  and  $\tau^2_{UPE}$ , of NPE SCHC non-conserving and UPE amplitudes

 $\tau^2_{T} = 0.025 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.003$  (p);  $0.028 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.002$  (d)  $\tau^2_{UPE} = 0.063 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.025$  (p);  $0.046 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.023$  (d)

- > for  $\rho^0$  small (≈ 10%) but statistically significant SCHS violating amplitudes  $T_{01}$  and  $T_{10}$
- $\blacktriangleright$  small contribution of unnatural-parity exchanges for  $ho^{m 0}$
- $\blacktriangleright$  for  $\phi$  no s-channel helicity violation and no UPE
- for proton and deuteron SDMEs (mostly) the same



#### selected results on helicity amplitudes from H1 and ZEUS

- ★ among SCHS non-conserving SDMEs significantly ≠ 0  $r_{00}^{5} \sim Re(T_{01} T_{00}^{*})$ smaller  $Re r_{11}^{04}$ ,  $Re r_{10}^{1}$ ,  $Im r_{10}^{2} \sim Re(T_{01} T_{11}^{*})$
- UPE consistent with 0 (checked for transverse photons)
- extracted ratios of helicity amplitudes  $T_{11}/T_{00}$ ,  $T_{01}/T_{00}$ ,  $T_{10}/T_{00}$ ,  $T_{1-1}/T_{00}$  vs.  $Q^2$  and t



✤ phase difference δ between  $T_{11}$  and  $T_{00}$ 



 $\succ$  R =  $\sigma_L / \sigma_T$ 



- several models able to desribe the data well
- qualitative universality of R vs. Q<sup>2</sup>/M<sub>v</sub><sup>2</sup>
- no significant W-dependence of R within single experiment

an indication of moderate increase between low energies (HERMES) and HERA

> t-dependence of R ( or  $r_{00}^{04}$  )

$$R(t) \propto e^{(b_L - b_T)t}$$

*t*-dependence of R would indicate different transverse sizes probed by  $\gamma_L^*$  and  $\gamma_T^*$ 



• no significant t-dependence of R within total (statistical + systematic) errors



#### Surprising !

needed to check by ZEUS and sensitivity to assumptions

# Exclusive pseudoscalar meson production

 $\pi^+$  (HERMES, Hall C),  $\pi^0$  (Hall A, CLAS),  $\eta$  (CLAS) challenging at higher energies – small cross section

• for  $\gamma^*_{\ L}$  at leading order sensitivity to GPDs  $\ \widetilde{H}, \ \widetilde{E}$ 

• flavour separation

- π+ $\Delta u-\Delta d$  $π^0$  $2\Delta u+\Delta d$ η $2\Delta u-\Delta d$
- for  $\pi^+$  important contribution to  $\tilde{E}$  of pion-pole exchange in t-channel dominates  $\sigma_L$  at small t
- no pion-pole exchange for  $\pi^0$ ;

 $\pi^{0}$  from the pion cloud cannot couple directly to  $\gamma^{*}$ 

- expected sizeable higher twist corrections:
  - a) transverse momenta of partons
  - b) soft overlap diagrams



leading order

soft-overlap

 $\succ$  Exclusive  $\pi^+$  production from HERMES

data

data excl MC

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PYTHIA MC



HERMES  $\pi^+$ 





- GPD LO calculations underestimate the data
- data support the order of the magnitude of the power corrections at low -t' region
- Regge calculations for unseparated xsec.
   provides good description of magnitude and t' and Q<sup>2</sup> dependences



M.M. Kaskulov, K. Gallmeister, U. Mosel PR D78, 114022 (2008)

combined description of longitudinal and transverse components:

 $\sigma_{\rm L}$  dominated by hadronic exchanges (Regge) and pion form factor  $\sigma_{\rm T}$  at moderate and large  $Q^2$  mostly hard scattering process (DIS)  $\gamma^* q \rightarrow q$ followed by fragmentation into  $\pi^+ n$ 



 $\succ$  Exclusive  $\pi^0$  production at Hall A  $e p \rightarrow e p \pi^0 \rightarrow e p \gamma \gamma$ kinematic domain  $Q^2$  (GeV<sup>2</sup>) 2.6 M<sub>x</sub><sup>2</sup><1.15 GeV<sup>2</sup> 2.4 2.2 1.8 0.32 0.34 0.36 0.38 0.4 0.28 0.3 0.42  $|t'| < 0.22 \text{ GeV}^2$ missing mass  $M_x[e\pi^0 X]$  resolution exclusivity cut  $M_x^2 < 1.0 \text{ GeV}^2$ Main sources of systematic errors ( $\approx 3.4\%$ ): HRS acceptance beam polarisation radiative corrections

preliminary

at 5.75 GeV electron energy

high resolution spectrometer + PbF<sub>2</sub> calorimeter

$$E_{\gamma} > 1 \text{ GeV}$$

results given for:

two values of  $Q^2$  (= 1.9, 2.3 GeV<sup>2</sup>) at fixed  $x_{B}$  = 0.36 two values of  $x_{R}$  (= 0.40, 0.33) at fixed  $Q^{2}$  = 2.1 GeV<sup>2</sup>



Hall A  $\pi^0$ 



> Exclusive  $\pi^0$  and  $\eta$  production at CLAS

#### preliminary

#### at 5.78 GeV electron energy

 $e \: p \to e \: p \: \eta \to e \: p \: \gamma \: \gamma$ 

 $e p \rightarrow e p \pi^0 \rightarrow e p \gamma \gamma$ 









# Exclusive meson production on transversely polarised targets

at leading twist cross section sensitive to GPD E and  $\tilde{E}$ 

transverse target spin dependent cross section

$$\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{d\sigma_{00}^{\uparrow\uparrow}}{dt} - \frac{d\sigma_{00}^{\downarrow\downarrow}}{dt}\right) = -\operatorname{Im}\frac{d\sigma_{00}^{+-}}{dt} = \Gamma'\sqrt{1-\xi^2}\frac{\sqrt{t_0-t}}{M_p}\operatorname{Im}(\underline{E}_M^*H_M) \quad \text{for vector mesons}$$
$$= -\Gamma'\sqrt{1-\xi^2}\frac{\sqrt{t_0-t}}{M_p}\xi\operatorname{Im}(\widetilde{E}_M^*\widetilde{H}_M) \quad \text{for pseudoscalar mesons}$$
$$\Gamma' = \frac{\alpha_{\rm em}}{Q^6}\frac{x_B^2}{1-x_B} \qquad \xi = \frac{x_B}{2-x_B}, \qquad -t_0 = \frac{4\xi^2M_p^2}{1-\xi^2}$$

 $H_M, E_M(\tilde{H}_M, \tilde{E}_M)$ 

 $\Gamma'$ 

are weighted sums of convolutions of hard scattering kernels, corresponding GPDs of quarks and gluons, and meson DAs

weights depend on contributions of various quark flavours and of gluons to the production of meson M

access to 'elusive' GPD E and the orbital angular momentum of quarks

so far GPD *E* poorly constrained by data (mostly by Pauli form factors)

$$\frac{1}{2}\int_{-1}^{1}dx \ x \ \left[H_{q}(x,\xi,t) + E_{q}(x,\xi,t)\right] \stackrel{t \to 0}{=} \ J_{q} \ = \ \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + \mathbf{L}_{q}$$

Ji's sum rule

#### > exclusive $\rho^0$ production on $p^{\uparrow}$ at HERMES

A. Airapetian et al. PL B 679, 100 (2009)

Transversely polarised proton target,  $P_T \approx 73\%$ 2002-2005 data Q<sup>2</sup> > 1 GeV<sup>2</sup> W > 2 GeV<sup>2</sup> | t' | < 0.4 GeV<sup>2</sup>

 $AS_T$ 

30 new SDMEs determined for the first time !

 $n_{\mu\mu'}^{\nu\nu'}$  and  $s_{\mu\mu'}^{\nu\nu'}$  from W<sub>UT</sub>( $\phi, \phi_s, \phi, \vartheta$ ) (similarly  $u_{\mu\mu'}^{\nu\nu'}$  from W<sub>UU</sub>( $\phi, \phi, \vartheta$ ))

Diehl's convention:  $\mu, \mu'(\nu, \nu')$  helicities of  $\gamma^*(\rho^0)$ . For amplitudes  $T(U)_{\mu \alpha}^{\nu \beta}$ 

 $\alpha$  ( $\beta$ ) correspond to helicity of initial (final) proton

• 
$$\operatorname{Im} s_{-+}^{-+}$$
,  $\operatorname{Im} (s_{0+}^{0+} - s_{0+}^{-0}) > 2.5\sigma$  from 0  
 $\operatorname{Im} s_{-+}^{-+} \sim T_{-+}^{-+} (U_{+-}^{++})^*$   $\operatorname{Im} s_{0+}^{0+} \sim T_{0+}^{0+} (U_{+-}^{++})^*$   
signal of UPE; related to  $\widetilde{H}$ ,  $\widetilde{E}$   
•  $\operatorname{Im} n_{0+}^{00} > 2.5\sigma$  from 0

another indication of SCHC violation in  $\gamma_T^* \rightarrow \rho_I$ 

$$< x_{B} > = 0.08, \ < Q^{2} > = 1.95 \text{ GeV}^{2}, < -t' > = 0.13 \text{ GeV}^{2}$$



SDME values



W.-D. Nowak

#### > exclusive $\rho^0$ production on $p^{\uparrow}$ and $d^{\uparrow}$ at COMPASS

Transversely polarised deuteron target (<sup>6</sup>LiD),  $P_T \approx 50\%$ , 2002-2004 data Transversely polarised proton target (NH<sub>3</sub>),  $P_T \approx 90\%$ , 2007 data

Target segmented in 2 (3 in 2007) cells with opposite polarisations

Spins reversed regularly by DNP



A<sub>UT</sub> extracted with the double ratio (DR) method;

in  $DR(\phi - \phi_s)$  counts from different cells for the data before and after spin reversal combined such that in the ratio muon flux, numbers of target nucleons and unpolarised cross section  $\sigma_0$  cancel also acceptance cancels provided no changes between spin reversals

fit to DR(
$$\phi$$
- $\phi_s$ )  $\longrightarrow A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi-\phi_s)} = -\frac{\operatorname{Im}(\sigma_{++}^{+-} + \varepsilon \sigma_{00}^{+-})}{\sigma_0}$   $\sigma_0 = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_{++}^{++} + \sigma_{++}^{--}) + \varepsilon \sigma_{00}^{++} \equiv \sigma_T + \varepsilon \sigma_L$ 



in progress: L/T  $\rho^0$  separation

coherent/incoherent separation for deuteron data estimate effects of the non-exclusive background

in 2010 data with transverse polarisation with NH<sub>3</sub> target

3-fold increase of statistics





higher twist contributions involving  $H_T$  and  $\tilde{H}_T$  doesn't have to vanish



 $H_T(x,0,0) = h_I(x)$ 

 A<sub>UT,l</sub><sup>sin(φ-φs)</sup> consistent with zero within errors excluding pure pion-pole contribution to GPD *E* A<sub>UT,l</sub><sup>sin(φs)</sup> signal of γ<sup>\*</sup><sub>T</sub> → π<sup>+</sup> transitions interesting link to transversity and chiral odd GPDs



# Conclusions

Significant progress on meas. of cross sections, SDME's and spin asymmetries provide more stringent constraints on the models for DVMP

Description of the present data on DVMP in terms of GPDs more complex than LT handbag approach: power corrections, higher order pQCD terms, quark-antiquark exchanges, semiinclusive-like contribution etc.

For DVMP program at future facilities: JLAB12, COMPASS-II, EIC essential experimental requirements for further progress: high luminosity, hermetic detector (or recoil detector), γ<sup>\*</sup><sub>L</sub> - γ<sup>\*</sup><sub>T</sub> separation