Geometric Scaling in the pion structure at HERA

in leading neutron events in DIS

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OUTLINE

- > Pion Structure in neutron tagged events
 - $(e + p \rightarrow e' + X + n)$
 - Geometric Scaling & Pion Saturation Scale
 - Feynman Scaling
- **Exclusive** J/ψ photo production with leading neutrons
 - $(e + p \rightarrow e' + J/\psi + \pi + n)$
 - Sensitivity to saturation and gluon radius

Introduction to Tagged–DIS (TDIS)

INCLUSIVE DIS



Detect the scattered electron

Probe partonic structure of the targets

♦ Kinematic variables : x_{Bj} , Q^2 , W

Precise measurements of the structure functions from HERA (F_2 , F_L)

TAGGED-DIS



Detect the scattered electron and the forward target nucleon
Probe partonic structure of the "effective" targets not readily found
Kinematic variables : x_{Bi}, Q², W and

 $x_L \rightarrow$ momentum fraction carried by outgoing nucleon

 $t \rightarrow$ four-momentum transfer squared at the nucleon vertex



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✤ Forward neutrons:
 $\eta > 7.9, 0.1 < x_L < 0.94$ $0 < p_T < 0.6$

Kinematic variables:

$$\hat{x} = \frac{Q^2 + m_f^2}{\hat{W}^2 + Q^2} = \frac{Q^2 + m_f^2}{(1 - x_L)W^2 + Q^2}$$
$$t \simeq -\frac{p_T^2}{x_L} - (1 - x_L)\left(\frac{m_n^2}{x_L} - m_p^2\right)$$

LEADING NEUTRONS (LN)

***** LN Structure function F_2^{LN} : H1 EPJC 68 (2010), 381

 $d^4 \sigma^{ep \to e\lambda}$

 $dx dQ^2 dx_l$

• In terms of $\gamma^* p$ cross section:

 $F_2^{LN}(x, Q^2)$

In One Pion Exchange (OPE) approximation: J.D. Sullivan PRD 5 (1972), 1732 $\frac{d^2\sigma(W,Q^2,x_L,t)}{dx_L dt} = f_{\pi/p}(x_L,t) \ \sigma^{\gamma^*\pi^*}(\hat{W}^2,Q^2)$

 $f_{\pi/p}(x_L,t)$ i $\sigma^{\gamma^*\pi^*}(\hat{W}^2,$

• OPE allow $F_2^{LN}(W, Q^2, \Gamma(x_L, Q^2))$ is

$$\frac{x_n}{x_L dt} = \frac{4\pi \alpha_{\rm EM}^2}{xQ^4} \left(1 - y + \frac{y^2}{2}\right) F_2^{LN(4)}(x, Q^2, x_L, t)$$

$$^{2}, x_{L}) = \frac{Q^{2}}{4\pi^{2}\alpha_{\rm EM}} \frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^{*}p \to Xn}}{dx_{L}}$$

 $f_{\pi/p}(x_L, t)$ is pion splitting function,

 $\sigma^{\gamma^*\pi^*}(\hat{W}^2, Q^2)$ is virtual photon-virtual pion cross section

• OPE allows to extract the pion structure function F_2^{π} ,

$$(x_L) = \Gamma(x_L, Q^2) F_2^{\pi}(W, Q^2, x_L)$$

 $\Gamma(x_L, Q^2)$ is t-integrated flux of pions from proton

LN AS A PROBE FOR SMALL-X PHYSICS

The Bjorken-x value probed in such a process is $\hat{x} = \frac{Q^2 + \hat{W}^2}{\hat{W}^2 + \hat{W}^2}$



$$\frac{+m_f^2}{+Q^2} = \frac{Q^2 + m_f^2}{(1 - x_L)W^2 + Q^2}$$

TAGGED-DIS MEASUREMENTS WITH LEADING NEUTRONS





Barry et al PRL 121 (2018), 152001

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- → Bjorken limit: $Q^2 \to \infty$, $s \to \infty$, x = fixed $\left(x \simeq \frac{Q^2}{vs}\right)$
- * Phase space density (# partons /Area/ Q^2) decreases
- * Proton becomes dilute and free partonic picture holds
- * Linear evolution equations
- \Rightarrow High Energy limit of QCD: $Q^2 = fixed$, $s \rightarrow \infty, x \rightarrow 0$
- * Phase space density (# partons /Area/ Q^2) increases
- * Proton become more & more dense with decreasing x
- * Non-linear effects becomes significant

(new saturated state of gluonic matter)

PION FLUX FROM PROTON



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Proton as a superposition of states in meson-cloud models,

$$|p > \rightarrow \sqrt{1 - a - b} \ |p_o > + \sqrt{a} \ \left(-\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \ |p_0 \ \pi^0 > + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \ |n_0 \ \pi^+ > \right) + \sqrt{b} \ \left(-\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \ |\Delta_0^{++} \ \pi^- > - \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \ |\Delta_0^+ \ \pi^0 > + \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} \ |\Delta_0^0 \ \pi^+ > \right)$$

Pion flux from proton is well known & can be calculated using chiral effective theory Previously used to explain hadron-hadron interactions at LHC



We use the following flux factor: Carvalho et al PLB 752 (2016) 76

$$f_{\pi/p}(x_L, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{2g_{p\pi p}^2}{4\pi} \frac{|t|}{(m_{\pi}^2 + |t|)^2} (1 - x_L)^{1 - 2\alpha(t)} [F(x_L, t)]^2$$

where the form factor is given by:

$$F(x_L, t) = \exp\left[-R^2 \frac{|t| + m_{\pi}^2}{(1 - x_L)}\right], \alpha(t) = 0$$

Used by H1 and ZEUS for the data analysis H1 EPJC 68 (2010), 381

Image Source : Cynthia Keppel (JLab) slides from "Exploring QCD with light nuclei at EIC-2020" meeting

Chiral approach: a=0.24, b=0.12 Thomas, Melnitchouk & Steffens, PRL85 (2000) 2892



PION FLUX FROM PROTON



VIRTUAL PION-PHOTON CROSS SECTION



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For total virtual photon- virtual pion cross section

- use dipole framework (natural in target rest frame)

VIRTUAL PION-PHOTON CROSS SECTION IN DIPOLE MODEL



• GBW model: $\sigma^{(\pi)}(r, \hat{x}) = \sigma_0(1 - e^{r^2 Q_s^2(\hat{x})/4})$

with $Q_s^2(\hat{x}) = Q_0^2 \left(\frac{\hat{x}}{x_0}\right)^{-\lambda}$, the parameters σ_0 , λ , x_0 are fitted to LN structure function data.

Various stages of semi-inclusive scattering of photons on pions in dipole model:

1. $\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ splitting (*QED*)

2. Dipole $\rightarrow \pi^*$ scattering (model + QCD)

3. Dipole $\rightarrow \gamma^*$ (*QED*)

 $\sigma_{L,T}^{\gamma^*\pi^*}(\hat{x},Q^2) = \text{Im } \mathscr{A}(\hat{x},Q^2,\Delta=0) = \int d^2 \mathbf{r} \left[\frac{dz}{4\pi} |\Psi_{L,T}^f(\mathbf{r},z,Q^2)|^2 \sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{(\pi)}(\mathbf{r},\hat{x}) \right]$



GEOMETRIC SCALING IN INCLUSIVE DIS



$$\tau = \frac{Q^2}{Q_s^2(\beta)}; \quad Q_s^2(x) = Q_0^2 \left(\frac{x}{x_0}\right)^{-\lambda}$$

A.Stasto, K. Biernat. J. Kwiecinski PRL (2001) 86, 596

• Scaling above Q_S : extended geometric scaling E.Iancu, K. Itakura, L.McLerran Nucl. Phys (2002) A708, 327 J.Kwiecinski, A. Stasto PRD (2002) 66, 014013

VIRTUAL PION-PHOTON CROSS SECTION IN DIPOLE MODEL



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Two phenomenological parameterisations:

bSat: $\frac{d\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{(\pi)}}{d^2b}(b,r,\hat{x}) = 2\left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\pi^2}{2N_C}r^2\alpha_s(\mu^2)\hat{x}g(\hat{x},\mu^2)T_{\pi}(b)\right)\right]$ bNonSat : $\frac{d\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{(\pi)}}{d^2b}$ (b, r, \hat{x}) = $\frac{\pi^2}{N_C}r^2\alpha_s(\mu^2)\hat{x}g(\hat{x},\mu^2)T_{\pi}(b)$ with

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$$T_{\pi}(b) = \frac{1}{2\pi B_{\pi}} e^{-\frac{b^2}{2B_{\pi}}}$$
 and $\hat{x}g(\hat{x},\mu_0^2) = A_g \hat{x}^{-\lambda_g} (1-\hat{x})^6$ and $\mu^2 =$

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 $= \mu_0^2 + \frac{C}{r^2}$, the parameters A_g , λ_g , C are fitted to LN structure function data.





PION STRUCTURE IN LEADING NEUTRON EVENTS

 $\sigma_{L,T}^{\gamma^*\pi^*}(\hat{x},Q^2) = \operatorname{Im} \mathscr{A}(\hat{x},Q^2,\Delta=0) =$

Two approaches:

► Do a new fit of the dipole model parameters (A_g , λ_g , C) to the LN Structure function data

► Use an assumption that the dipole-proton and dipole-pion cross section are related to each other

$$rac{d\sigma_{qar{q}}^{(\pi)}}{d^2\mathsf{b}}(\mathsf{b},$$

 R_{g} is determined through fit to the LN structure function data and dipole-proton cross section is already known from the fit of dipole models to the reduced cross section data in inclusive DIS.

- Energy Dependence of dipole-pion and dipole-proton cross section is identical
- In constituent quark picture, $R_g \sim R_q$ is ratio of number quarks in pion and proton i.e $R_q = 2/3$

* We employ both the approaches and test the universality of pion and proton structure at small-x

$$\int d^{2}\mathbf{b} \int d^{2}\mathbf{r} \int \frac{dz}{4\pi} |\Psi_{L,T}^{f}(\mathbf{r}, z, Q^{2})|^{2} \frac{d\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{(\pi)}}{d^{2}\mathbf{b}}(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{r}, \hat{x})$$

$$\mathbf{r}, \beta) = R_g \frac{d\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{(p)}}{d^2\mathbf{b}} (\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{r}, \beta)$$

LEADING NEUTRON STRUCTURE FUNCTION



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LN STRUCTURE FUNCTION F_2^{LN}



Fit	Model	Ν	x_{Lmin}	x_{Lmax}	m_l	m_c	μ_0	С		A_g	λ_g	χ^2/N_{dof}
1	bSat	51	0.6	1.0	0.0300	1.3528	1.1	1.453 ± 0.0	024	1.208 ± 0.012	0.0600 ± 0.0380	58.75/48 = 1.22
2	bNonSat	51	0.6	1.0	0.1516	1.3504	1.1	3.683 ± 0.4	436	1.799 ± 0.710	-0.0477 ± 0.0038	57.61/48 = 1.20

SCALING IN GBW MODEL





* Exact Scaling in GBW model for the new fit with LN Structure function data where $\sigma^{\pi}(r,\beta) = \sigma_0(1 - e^{r^2Q_s^2(\beta)/4})$,

SCALING IN BSAT MODEL



Scaling is not exact in bSat model due to the gluon density evolution where $\frac{d\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{(\pi)}}{d^2b}(b,r,\hat{x}) = 2\left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\pi^2}{2N_C}r^2\alpha_s(\mu^2)\hat{x}g(\hat{x},\mu^2)T_{\pi}(b)\right)\right]$ where $\mu^2 = \mu_0^2 + \frac{C}{r^2}$



GEOMETRIC SCALING IN LEADING NEUTRON EVENTS



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FEYNMAN-X SPECTRA OF LEADING NEUTRONS



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"We demonstrate the recently released H1 leading neutron spectra can be described using the color dipole formalism and that these spectra could help us to observe more clearly gluon saturation effects in future ep colliders"



Is this scaling related to saturation?



SCALING IN FEYNMAN-X SPECTRA





$$\hat{x} = \frac{Q^2 + n}{(1 - x_L)W^2}$$

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SCALING IN FEYNMAN-X SPECTRA



Pion and proton structure function have identical asymptotic behaviour at high energy

Feynman scaling is a consequence of this identical asymptotic behaviour

Feynman scaling not related to saturation effects and holds good in both saturated and non saturated models

No hints of saturation in the Feynman-x spectra or the leading neutron structure function

EXCLUSIVE J/Ψ production with leading neutrons



- ***** Exclusive measurement : $e + p \rightarrow e' + J/\psi + \pi + n$
- ***** Experimental signature : Rapidity gap between J/ψ and the pion
- Highly sensitive to saturation and probe for gluon distribution of pion
- nd the pion

EXCLUSIVE J/Ψ production with leading neutrons



$$\mathcal{A}_{T,L}^{\gamma^*\pi^* \to J/\Psi} \pi(\hat{x}, Q^2, \Delta) = i \int \mathrm{d}^2 \mathbf{r} \int \mathrm{d}^2 \mathbf{b} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}z}{4\pi} (\Psi^* \Psi_V + e^{-i[\mathbf{b} - (1-z)\mathbf{r}] \cdot \Delta} \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_q}{\mathrm{d}^2 \mathbf{l}}$$

 $(\underline{Y}_V)_{T,L}(Q^2,\mathbf{r},z)$ $(\underline{Y}_{q\bar{q}}^{(\pi)})_{2\mathbf{b}}(\mathbf{b},\mathbf{r},\hat{x}).$

PROBING THE GLUON DISTRIBUTION





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- **\diamond** At small |t'|, the dipole cannot resolve the pion and interacts with the whole cloud and on increasing the resolution (*increasing* |t'|) the dipole interacts with the pion
- The transverse position of the pion inside the virtual pion cloud fluctuates event by event

- The cross section have two slopes due to interaction with different size scales at low It'l and moderate It'l
 - \bullet H1 data on exclusive ρ photo production with leading neutrons exhibits these two slopes in the differential distribution



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EXCLUSIVE J/Ψ production with leading neutrons





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FLAVOUR ASYMMETRY AND PION CLOUD

- Access to the structure function of "pion" via Sullivan process J.D. Sullivan PRD 5 (1972), 1732
- How does gluon density behave in the pion? Is there any universal behaviour at small-x ?
- How are gluons distributed inside pions? What is the gluon radius of pion?
- Sensitivity to the saturation effects
- Feynman scaling and its link with saturation
 - bCGC model Carvalho, Gonçalves, Spiering, Navarra PLB 752 (2016) 76
- Evidence of the pion cloud of the proton

- Pions are main building blocks of nuclear matter
- Pion cloud models explain the light-quark asymmetry in the nucleon sea
- Pions are the Yukawa particles of the nuclear force (no evidence of excess)

PION FLUX MODELS

$$F_1(x_L, t) = \exp\left[R^2 \frac{(t - m_\pi^2)}{(1 - x_L)}\right]$$
, $\alpha(t) = 0$

$$F_2(x_L, t) = 1$$
, $\alpha(t) = \alpha(t)_{\pi}$

$$F_3(x_L, t) = \exp\left[b(t - m_\pi^2)\right] \quad , \quad \alpha(t) = \alpha(t)_\pi$$

$$F_4(x_L,t) = \frac{\Lambda_m^2 - m_\pi^2}{\Lambda_m^2 - t} \quad , \quad \alpha(t) = 0$$

$$F_5(x_L,t) = \left[\frac{\Lambda_d^2 - m_\pi^2}{\Lambda_d^2 - t}\right]^2 , \quad \alpha(t) = 0$$



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 $\sigma_{total} = \sigma_{yukawa} + \sigma_{fluctuations}$

PROBING THE GLUON DISTRIBUTION

The thickness function of pion:

 $T_{\pi}(b) = \frac{1}{2\pi B_{\pi}}e^{-\frac{-b^2}{2B_{\pi}}}$, B_{π} is the transverse width of the pion

- No experimental data on It'l dependence which can restrict this parameter
 - Assume that the gluon to charge radius is same in pions and protons: $B_{\pi} = r_{\pi}^2/r_p^2 B_p = (0.657/0.840)^2 \cdot 4^{-2} \approx 2.44 \ GeV^{-2}$
 - Pion gluon radius from the Belle measurements at KEKB in hadron-pair production $\gamma^*\gamma \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$ which suggests $B_{\pi} \approx 1.33 - 1.96 \ GeV^{-2}$ Kumano et al PRD 97 (2018), 014020
 - H1 measured the It'l spectrum for exclusive ρ photoproduction with leading neutrons in ep scattering, as this process lacks a hard scale we are not able to make a direct comparison, but this spectrum suggests $B_{\pi} \approx 2.3 \ GeV^{-2}$

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We therefore present our results with bands for

B_{\pi} = 2 \pm 0.5 \ GeV^{-2}
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MASS RADIUS OF PION USING GENERALISED DISTRIBUTION AMPLITUDES

Hadron tomography by generalized distribution amplitudes in pion-pair production process $\gamma^*\gamma \to \pi^0\pi^0$ and gravitational form factors for pion

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Hadron tomography can be investigated by three-dimensional structure functions such as generalized parton distributions (GPDs), transverse-momentum-dependent parton distributions, and generalized distribution amplitudes (GDAs). Here, we extract the GDAs, which are s-t crossed quantities of the GPDs, from cross-section measurements of hadron-pair production process $\gamma^* \gamma \to \pi^0 \pi^0$ at KEKB. This work is the first attempt to obtain the GDAs from the actual experimental data. The GDAs are expressed by a number of parameters and they are determined from the data of $\gamma^* \gamma \to \pi^0 \pi^0$ by including intermediate scalar- and tensor-meson contributions to the cross section. Our results indicate that the dependence of parton-momentum fraction z in the GDAs is close to the

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 $\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle_{\rm mass}} = 0.32 \sim 0.39 \,\mathrm{fm},$ $\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle_{\text{mech}}} = 0.82 \sim 0.88 \,\text{fm}.$



FIG. 4. Contribution to the two-photon cross section from the gluon GDA.

GOOD-WALKER FORMALISM

• Coherent cross-section probes average **b** dependence $< N(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{r}, x) >_{\Omega}$ of dipole amplitude which provides the information about target geometry

$$\frac{d\sigma_{T,L}^{\gamma^* p \to V p}}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi} \left| < \mathcal{A}_{T,L}^{\gamma^* p \to V p} >_{\Omega} \right|^2$$

$$\sigma_{incoherent} \sim \sum_{f \neq i} |\langle \mathbf{f} | \mathcal{A} | \mathbf{i} \rangle|^{2}$$

= $\sum_{f} \langle \mathbf{i} | \mathcal{A}^{\dagger} | \mathbf{f} \rangle \langle \mathbf{f} | \mathcal{A} | \mathbf{i} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{i} | \mathcal{A} | \mathbf{i} \rangle^{\dagger} \langle \mathbf{i} | \mathcal{A} | \mathbf{i} \rangle$
= $\langle |\mathcal{A}|^{2} \rangle_{\Omega} - |\langle \mathcal{A} \rangle_{\Omega}|^{2}$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{total}}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi} \left\langle \left| \mathcal{A} \right|^2 \right\rangle_{\Omega} \qquad \qquad \frac{d\sigma_{coherent}}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi} \left| \left\langle \mathcal{A} \right\rangle_{\Omega} \right|^2$$

of event-by-event fluctuations in target configurations



• Incoherent cross-section : target dissociates $(f \neq i)$ Good, Walker 1960, Miettinen, Pumplin 1978

Incoherent cross-section is the variance of amplitude which controls the amount

FEYNMAN-X SPECTRA AT SMALL -XL

HI EPJC 74 (2014), 2915 Standard fragmentation (DJANGO) **One-pion approximation (RAPGAP) (b) (a)** e'> e'> **e** (k) $\leq \gamma^*$ (q) Χ | π+ Х **p** (p) р **n**, γ n **Forward Neutrons** 70 < W < 130 GeV **Forward Neutrons** 130 < W < 190 GeV 0.2 0.2 • H1 Data • H1 Data H1 **H1 CDM** \times **1.4** + **RAPGAP**- π \times **0.6** - CDM \times 1.4 + RAPGAP- $\pi \times$ 0.6 ---- CDM ---- CDM 0.15 0.15 **—**— **RAPGAP**-*π* **—**— RAPGAP-π 1/σ_{DIS} dơ/dx_F 1/σ_{DIS} dơ/dx_F 0.1 0.1 ----..... 0.05 0.05 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 X_F



