Pion and Kaon Tagged Deep Inelastic Scattering in Hall A of Jefferson Lab

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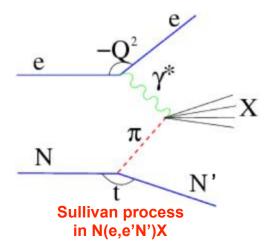
Outline:

- History/Current Status
- Some motivation
- Hall A TDIS Method
- Experimental Setup and Activities
- Novel mTPC and Streaming Readout Concept
- Projections
- Summary

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JLab Hall A TDIS Introduction/History

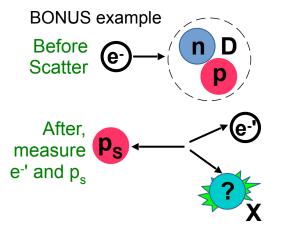


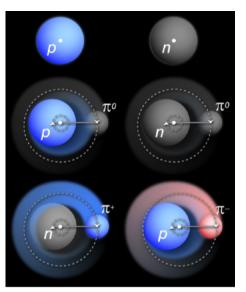


Now in the 12GeV era!

- Tag nucleon's mesonic content directly via Sullivan process
- Extract both pion and kaon structure functions (SF)
- JLab PR12-15-006 Measurement of Tagged Deep Inelastic Scattering
- Pion TDIS
- PAC43 approved (July 2015)
- C1 technical review significant progress has been made
- All 27 days requested beam time awarded
- High scientific rating (A-), excitement about physics possibilities
- JLab C12-15-006 Measurement of kaon SF through TDIS
- Kaon TDIS
- PAC45 approved (July 2017) run group addition to PR12-15-006
- No additional beam time/detectors required
- Independent pion TDIS measurements in valence regime with both proton and neutron targets
- World-first direct extraction of kaon SF
- One of a suite of experiments to utilise Super BigBite Spectrometer (SBS) in upgraded 12GeV JLab era





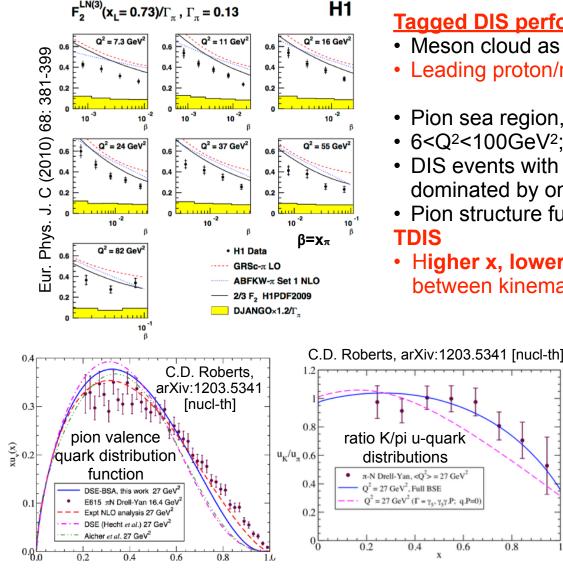


J. Arrington, arXiv:1208.4047

- partonic structure mesons/nucleons; short-range NN correlations; nuclear modification of quark/gluon densities...
- E.g. JLab Hall B BONUS spectator proton to tag e⁻ scattered from "free" neutron in Deuterium (eD→ep_SX) → neutron SF (F₂ⁿ)
- Proton SF known with high precision experimentally
- Light meson structure largely unknown, yet basic building blocks of matter
- Nucleon's pion content key role in nucleon/nuclear structure
 - long range nucleon-nucleon interaction; simplest QCD state; dynamical chiral symmetry breaking/goldstone boson; nucleon/nuclear PDFs, up/down sea-antiguark asymmetry...
- Kaon content:
 - access to momentum fractions carried by sea/glue, important to combine with valence quark info for PDF evolution
- Substantial theoretical work, but experimental data sparse
 - TDIS probe mesonic content directly



Example Previous Data for Extracting Pion/Kaon Structure Information



Tagged DIS performed at HERA

- Meson cloud as virtual pion target
- Leading proton/neutron tagged in ep → eXN
- Pion sea region, low Bjorken x and high Q²
- 6<Q²<100GeV²; 1.5e⁻⁴<x<3.0e⁻²
- DIS events with forward going neutrons in coincidence dominated by one pion exchange
- Pion structure function extracted from neutron data
- Higher x, lower $Q^2 \rightarrow$ allow to study evolution between kinematics

Valence region - Drell Yan Data

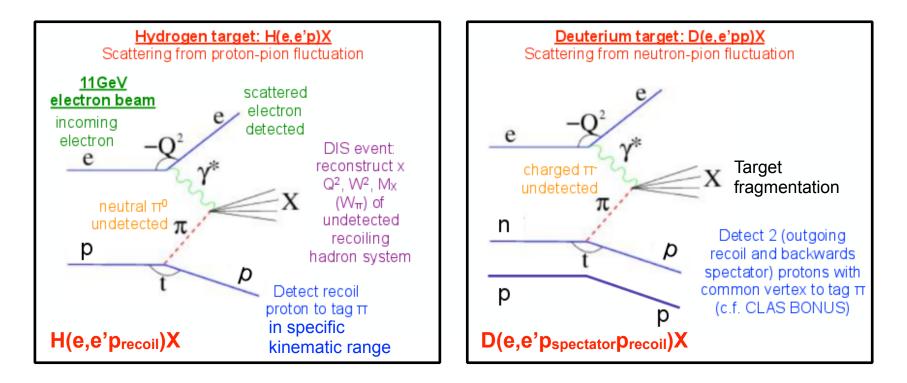
- e.g. CERN NA3, or FNAL E615 $\pi^{\scriptscriptstyle -}$
 - $+N \rightarrow \mu^+ + \mu^- + X$ data
- Theoretical models tend to disagree at high x

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- Independent cross-check of various models at these kinematics
- Extend measurement to neutral pions

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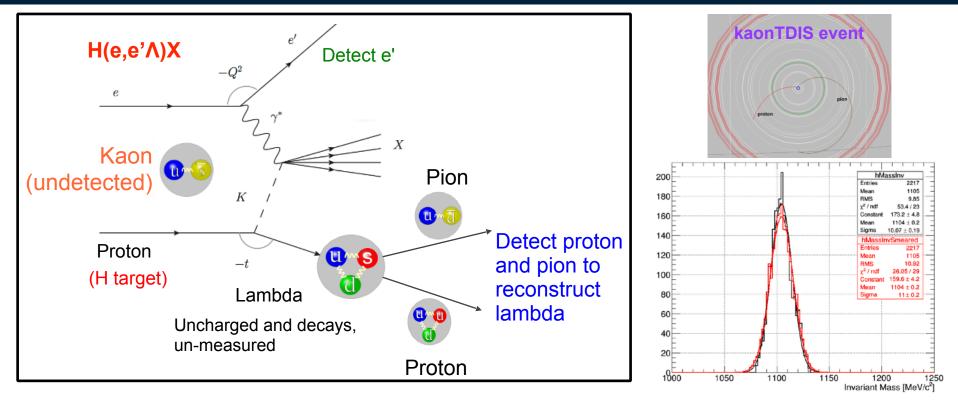


- W² invariant mass squared, Q² virtuality exchanged photon, x Bjorken x
- t = 4-mom transfer squared at nucleon vertex = k² = (p-p')²; p,p' initial,final proton momenta
- t must be small to extrapolate to pole (| t | < 0.2(GeV/c)²)
- The detected protons are low momentum (60MeV/c 400MeV/c)
- Access to both neutral and charged meson clouds

8 < W² < 18 GeV² 1 < Q² < 3 GeV² 0.05 < x < 0.2



Kaon TDIS Measurement in Hall A



- Lambda reconstructed from $p\pi$ invariant mass and track/vertex
- Proton and pion mostly emitted back to back, with angular and time correlation
- Protons, pions again low momentum in similar range as pion TDIS
- Kaon TDIS also background to pion TDIS (also e.g. Δ⁰→pπ⁻ and Σ⁰→Λ⁰γ→pπ⁻ etc in pion exchange model) would be useful to study
- Event generator written for kaon TDIS using chiral effective theory for strange quark asymmetry (arXiv:1610.03333 (2016)), splitting functions, all Feynman diagram contributions to s(bar) PDF in nucleon (K. Park, see proposal for details)



- Theoretical work used to study expected rates, required beam time, projected results etc, as presented in proposal
 - T.J. Hobbs, Phenomenological implications o the Nucleon's Meson Cloud, Few-Body Syst 56, 363 (2015)
 - H. Holtmann et al., Nucl. Phys. A 596, 631 (1996)
 - W. Melnitchouk, A.W. Thomas, Z. Phys. A 353, 311 (1995)
 - Contribution to inclusive F₂ structure function of nucleon from scattering off virtual pion emitted by nucleon:

$$F_2^{(\pi N)}(x) = \int_x^1 dz \, f_{\pi N}(z) \, F_{2\pi}\left(\frac{x}{z}\right)$$

(z = k+/p+, light cone momentum fraction of initial nucleon carried by pion)

• Unintegrated distribution function (light-cone momentum distribution of pions in nucleon):

$$f_{\pi N}(z) = \frac{1}{M^2} \int_0^\infty dk_{\perp}^2 f_{\pi N}(z, k_{\perp}^2)$$

 k_{\perp} = transverse momentum of pion

• Semi-inclusive structure function (i.e. by tagging protons) given by un-integrated product:

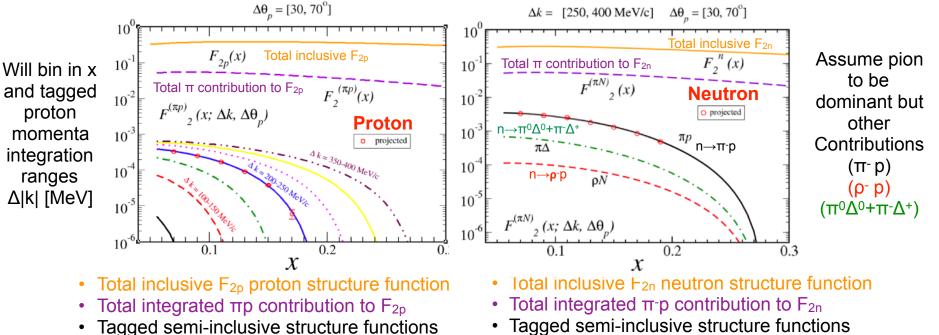
$$F_2^{(\pi N)}(x, z, k_\perp) = f_{\pi N}(z, k_\perp) F_{2\pi}\left(\frac{x}{z}\right)$$

Pion "flux" Pion SF

- Seek to measure low-momentum region where pseudo scalar production dominates
- Region of interest $z \ge 0.2$; $x < z \rightarrow$ defines maximum x and Q² (given beam energy 11GeV)



Example projections of kinematic dependence of structure functions (from pion TDIS proposal)



- Tagged signal is orders of magnitude smaller than DIS signal \rightarrow high luminosity
- Extraction of tagged SF F₂^T(x,Q²,z,t): form ratio of tagged F₂^T to DIS F₂^p cross-sections

$$R^{T} = \frac{d^{4}\sigma(ep \to e'Xp')}{dxdQ^{2}dzdt} / \frac{d^{2}\sigma(ep \to e'X)}{dxdQ^{2}} \Delta z\Delta t \sim \frac{F_{2}^{T}(x,Q^{2},z,t)}{F_{2}^{p}(x,Q^{2})} \Delta z\Delta t$$
$$F_{2}^{T}(x,Q^{2},z,t) = \frac{R^{T}}{\Delta z\Delta t}F_{2}^{p}(x,Q^{2})$$

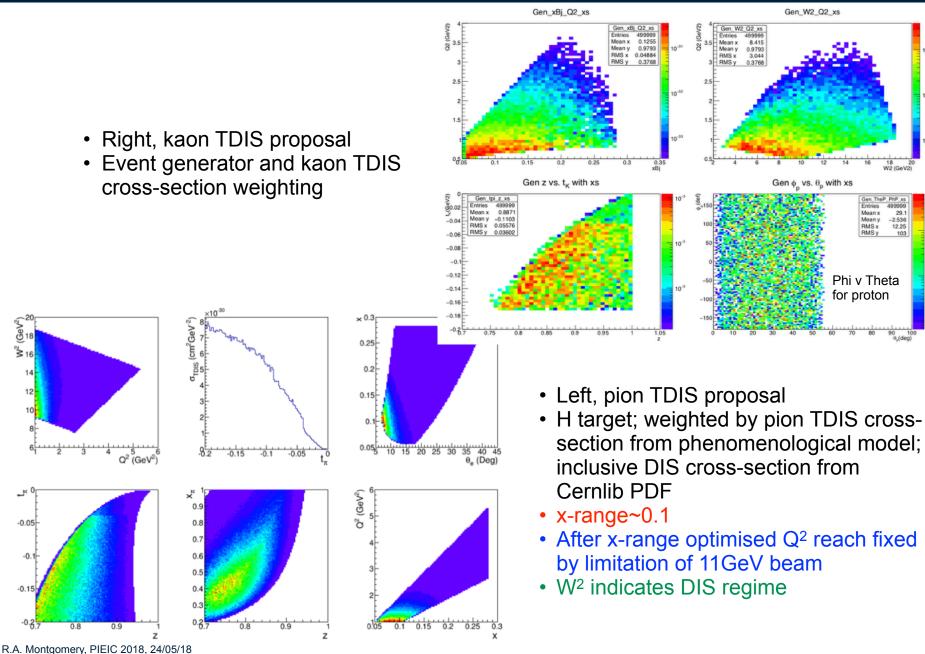
- Reduces systematic uncertainties (luminosity, electron trigger efficiency...)
- Same/analogous technique for kaon TDIS

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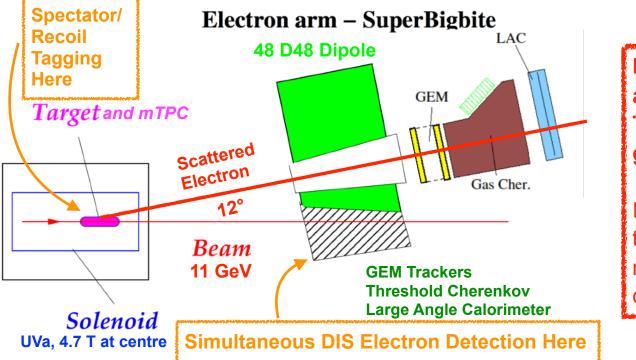
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TDIS Kinematic Reach in Hall A









Lots of exciting activities and R&D for TDIS components ongoing and ramping up

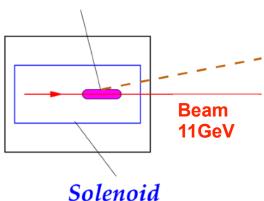
Includes: simulations, testing, prototyping, refurbishments, construction

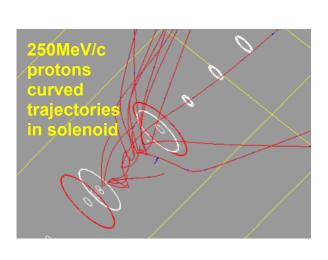
- 11 GeV e⁻ beam, 50µA, high luminosity 3x10³⁶cm²/s⁻¹!
- Cold gas straw target; **H**₂/**D**₂; **40cm length**; 1cm diameter (final config under study)
- Multiple Time Projection Chamber (mTPC) for proton/pion detection
- **Solenoid** for momentum analysis of proton/pions
- Super BigBite Spectrometer (SBS) configured for e- detection

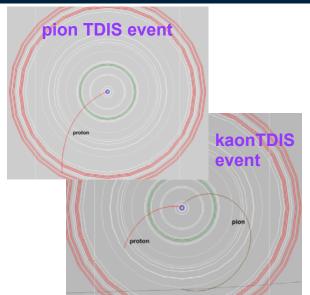


Experimental Set up - Solenoid and Target

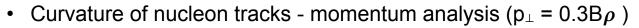
Target







- Solenoid
 - Superconducting, 4.7T, from UVa, now housed at JLab

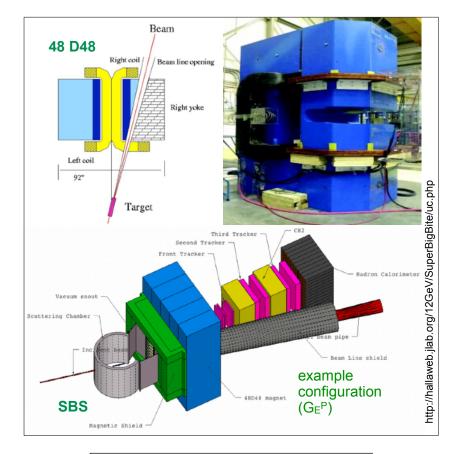


• Target

- Rare TDIS process requires high luminosity, high target density
- 1cm diam, 40cm length, H₂/D₂, originally 10µm AI walls, 77K, 1atm
- To minimise challenging cold gas operation of surrounding recoil detector, studying increased temps/pressures and different kapton wall thicknesses
- Want to minimise material to enhance low momentum reach
- Prototyping stand in set up (D. Dutta et al., MSU)







<u>SBS:</u>

- ΔΩ: 76msr @ 15°, 5msr @ 3.5° (forward/small angle hadrons detected)
- Δp: 2-10GeV/c
- σ_p/p: ~1x10⁻³p[GeV/c]
- Angular resolution 0.5mrad

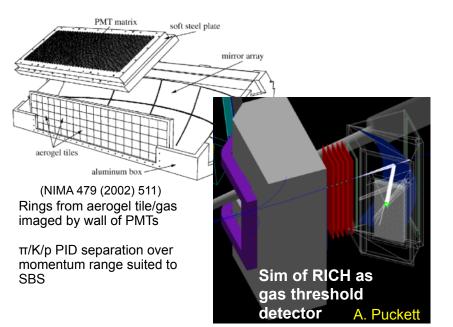
SBS spectrometer (JLab Hall A 12GeV era):

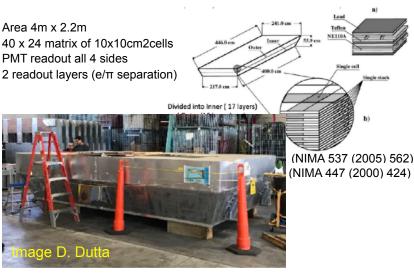
- Open-geometry magnet
- 48D48, 46cm gap, 2.5T*m
- Cut-out, very close to target
- Higher luminosities (up to 8x10³⁸cm⁻²s⁻¹)
- Increased acceptance (~70msr)

TDIS:

- SBS configured for e- detection
- 12° scattering angle; acceptance ~50msr
- 5 GEM tracker planes (70µm resolution)
 - GEM construction, commissioning, testing on-going at JLab (INFN, UVa)
- Threshold gas Cherenkov
- Large angle calorimeter (LAC)
- e- PID and trigger (L2) = Cherenkov + LAC (combined π rejection factor ~10⁴)







Cherenkov Detector:

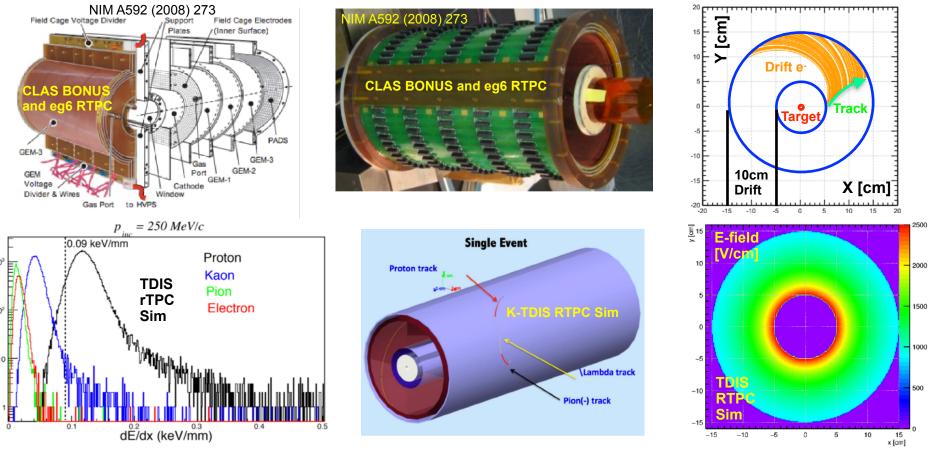
- HERMES dual-radiator RICH (aerogel and gas) re-used for SBS semi-inclusive DIS experiment (E12-09-018)
- Currently delivered to JLab from UConn, detector characterisations/tests on-going (PMTs, aerogel) (A. Puckett et al., UConn)
- Modified into threshold gas Cherenkov for e-/π discrimination for TDIS (remove aerogel, measure photon yield from gas)
- Simulations of gas selection/efficiency on-going

Large Angle Calorimeter (LAC)

- Refurbished from CLAS (JLab 6GeV era Hall B)
- Lead/scintillator sandwich calorimeter
- Energy resolution 7%@1GeVc
- Position resolution 2.9cm, time resolution 50ps, π rejection factor ~10-20
- Tests on-going at JLab (PMTs tested, repaired, cosmic tests planned) (D. Dutta et al., MSU)



Experimental Set up - Spectator/Recoil Nucleon Detection

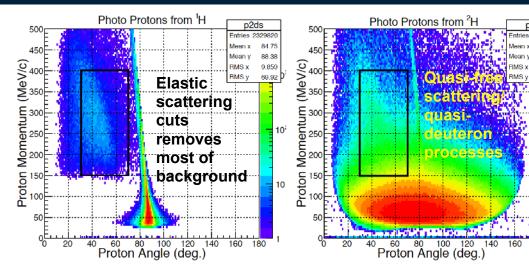


- Need large angular/kinematic coverage and low momentum reach
- Original aim: BONUS-style radial time projection chamber (rTPC)
- Filled with low pressure (~0.1atm), cold (matching target) He/CH₄ gas mix
- Ionisation created by charged tracks drifts to triple layer cylindrical GEMS at outer radius
- Inner r=5cm, outer r=15cm, 10cm drift, radii at different potentials (1/r E-field)
- dE/dx for PID

• Tracking \rightarrow momentum analysis ($\delta p_{\perp}/p_{\perp}$ <few%), vertex reconstruction with high resolution R.A. Montgomery, PIEIC 2018, 24/05/18



Experimental Set up - Spectator/Recoil Nucleon Detection



Geant4 simulated background proton rates (J. Annand)

Target	θ_p	$70 < p_p < 250$	$p_p > 250$	$150 < p_p < 400$
	(deg.)	(MHz)	(MHz)	(MHz)
$^{1}\mathrm{H}$	30 - 70	2.3	7.4	6.3
^{2}H	30 - 70	357	20.1	64
$^{2}\mathrm{H}$	100 - 140	204	3.1	-
²⁷ Al	30 - 70	0.37	0.0	0.05
²⁷ Al	100 - 140	0.10	0.0	-

• Very challenging conditions (high luminosity)

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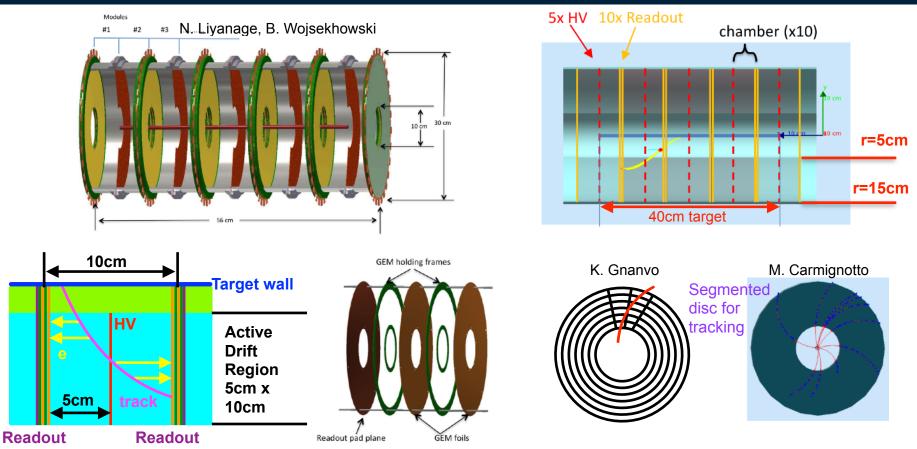
- Background rates very high (²H ~ couple 10²MHz)
 - Protons from photo-nuclear processes
- True recoils/spectators separated from accidentals using time and position vertex reconstruction (SBS + TPC)
- Simulated ionisation drift times challenging (tens of μs)
 - Extremely high occupancies in rTPC and readout channels
 - Track "memory"/signal duration in time too long
- Difficult to find readout electronics to cope
 Move to a multiple time projection chamber (mTPC) design
 Faster, construction may be easier...



- GEM readout
- Strips UV pattern
- Angular resolution 0.2°; coordinate resolution
 <1mm; time resolution
 10ns



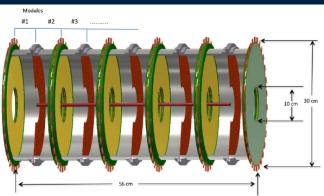
Multiple Time Projection Chamber Concept

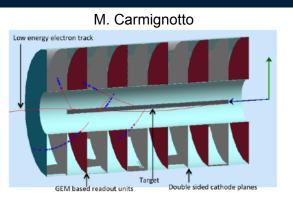


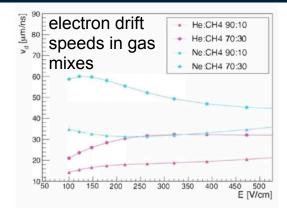
- Modular multiple time projection chamber with 10 separate chambers
- Each chamber has 5cm e⁻ drift length along beam axis, inner r=5cm, outer r=15cm
- E-field and e- drift parallel beam-axis (much faster)
- Double layer planar GEM foils for readout of each chamber
- Segmented pad readout disc for track reconstruction, with smaller pad sizes at inner radii for highest rates(e.g. 20rings, 126pads/ring, 2520 pads/plane, pad lengths ~2mm 7mm)



Multiple Time Projection Chamber Status



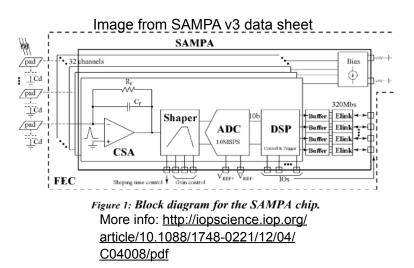




- Simulation/prototyping on-going to optimise mTPC design
 - Geometry, materials, readout electronics, pad design
 - Gas mix (thickness must be minimised to prevent E-loss/secondaries); low temperature/ pressure; shorter drift times of couple of µs now achievable!
 - Preliminary simulations indicate
 - Track efficiencies with required momentum resolution for reconstruction acceptable (initial estimates 50-70% with <10% momentum resolution)
 - Occupancies have been significantly optimised (current rate estimates ~70MHz/ charged tracks chamber), and will be manageable when combined with proposed readout design
- UVa (N. Liyanage et al.) grant received for prototyping mTPC module/GEMs many things to learn from these developments
- Feb 2018, NSF major research instrumentation (MRI) proposal submitted, led by UVa (N. Liyanage et al.), with U.Hampton/JLab/TDIS collaborating institutions: Development of an mTPC for Jefferson lab Tagged Deep Inelastic Scattering (TDIS) experimental program

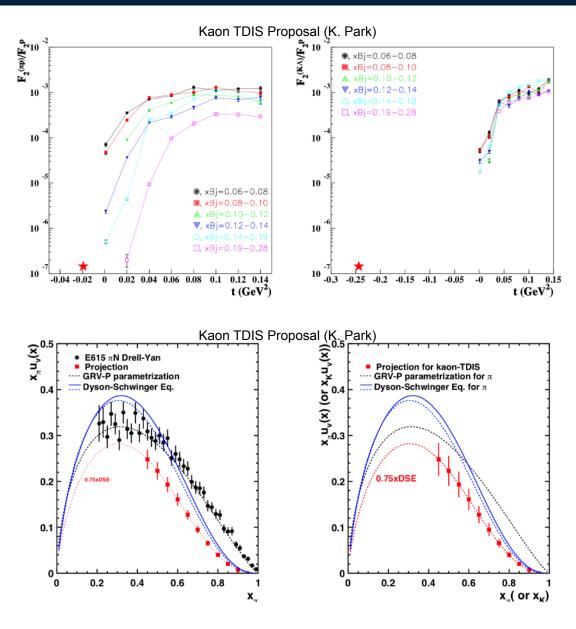


- Streaming readout test stand in development at JLab to study readout electronics
 - Proposed start summer 2018 (Ed Jastrzembsky et al, JLab DAQ group)
 - Study feasibility/several features of SAMPAASIC for TDIS (and for other detectors)
 - Learn about continuous data stream and event synchronisation/linking with data stream from other triggered detectors (these developments will be very interesting for TDIS-related experiments at an EIC)
- SAMPA ASIC
 - Developed by University of Sao Paolo (Brazil) for TPC in ALICE (LHC) upgrade
 - Continuous sampling with high data readout speed up (ideal for high rate applications, can be operated triggered or trigger-less)



- SAMPA ASIC has 32chans/chip, 160ns shaping time, 10MSamples/s 10 Bit ADC, baseline correction, zero suppression
- Decision and acquisition of common readout unit parameters to control/readout several SAMPA chips simultaneously in test stand underway





- t-dependence for different x_{Bj}
- F₂^(πp)(t,Δx)/F₂^p for momentum 100 - 400MeV/c
- $F_{2^{(K \Lambda)}}(t,\Delta x)/F_{2^{p}}$ for momentum <100MeV/c
- · Statistical errors included
- As low a momentum reach of mTPC as possible essential for extrapolation to obtain shape of curve

- Projected valence quark distribution as a function of x_{π/K}
- Results from Drell Yan E615
- GRV-P parameterisation and DSE for pion only
- 5% systematic uncertainty in pion flux assumed, total systematic uncertainty of 8.4% included



- Upcoming JLab TDIS measurements will offer an independent, direct probe of mesonic content of nucleon structure in target fragmentation regime
- TDIS will use Hall A SBS to detect DIS electron and novel mTPC to measure recoilis/spectators
 - tag hard scattering events from nucleon's meson cloud
 - pion TDIS will provide access to both charged and neutral meson cloud contributions
 - access both to pion and kaon SF
 - nucleons and light mesons are building blocks of matter, their SF are important
- Realisation of experiment possible by **mTPC and streaming readout** for extremely high rates
 - Developments constantly on-going, ever-growing collaboration watch this space!
 - neutron DVCS run group addition currently under study
- TDIS will provide useful gateway for similar measurements at EIC, experimentally and theoretically:
 - Extraction of the SF will be model-dependent
 - TDIS will improve accuracy of pion PDFs in valence regime, help resolve any tensions between DY and HERA data; shed some light on d(bar)-u(bar) asymmetry; constrain kaon PDFs (since almost no data exists)