

Numerical estimates of chiral cloud contributions to tagged proton electroproduction

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The TOPT Sullivan process (see *Tim Londergan's talk!*)

- $|N\rangle = \sqrt{Z_2} |N\rangle_0 + \sum_{M,B} \int dy f_{MB}(y) |M(y); B(1-y)\rangle$
 $y = k^+/P^+$: k meson, P nucleon

- time-ordered PT in the **inf. momentum frame (IMF)**

$$f_{\pi^- N}(y) = \frac{2g_{\pi NN}^2}{16\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{dk_\perp^2}{(1-y)} \frac{F_{\pi N}^2(s_{\pi N})}{y (m_N^2 - s_{\pi N})^2} \left(\frac{k_\perp^2 + y^2 m_N^2}{1-y} \right)$$

$$F_{\pi N}(s_{\pi N}) = \exp[-(s_{\pi N} - m_N^2) / \Lambda^2] \text{ (for example!)}$$

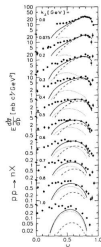
$$s_{\pi N} = \frac{m_\pi^2 + k_\perp^2}{y} + \frac{m_N + k_\perp^2}{1-y}$$

- a similar procedure gives $f_{\rho N}(y)$

constraints from hadroproduction

- $$F_{\pi N}(s_{\pi N}) = \exp[-(m_N^2 - s)/\Lambda^2]$$

Λ controls model output; must be **constrained**



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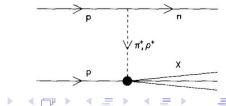
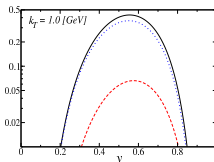
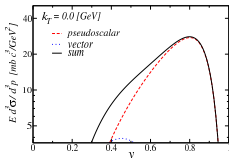
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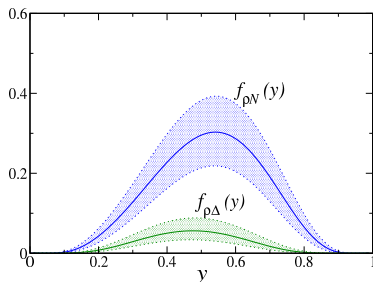
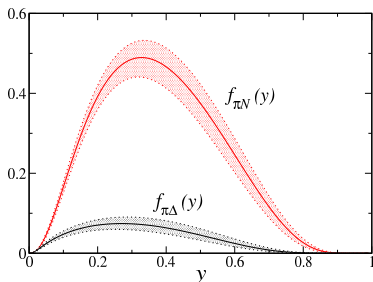
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- hadroproduction** fits: e.g., $pp \rightarrow nX$, $pp \rightarrow \Delta^{++}X$



hadronic splitting functions



• $\Lambda_N = (1.56 \pm 0.07) \text{ GeV}$

$\Lambda_\Delta = (1.39 \pm 0.07) \text{ GeV}$

for $y \in [0.05, 0.20]$, $\pi - \Delta$ modes are $\sim$ **30% of $\pi - N$;
 ρ -exchange minimal

form factors and model dependence

UV regularization may be achieved in various ways

- **s-dependent** form factor, e.g.:

$$F_{\pi N}(s_{\pi N}) = \exp[-(s_{\pi N} - m_N^2) / \Lambda^2]$$

$$F_{\pi N}(s_{\pi N}) = \left(\frac{m_N^2 + \Lambda^2}{m_N^2 + s_{\pi N}} \right)^n, \quad n \in 1, 2$$

- **covariant, t-dependent** expressions –

$$F_{\pi N}(t) = \left(\frac{m_N^2 + \Lambda^2}{m_N^2 + t} \right)^n, \quad n \in 1, 2$$
$$t = k^2 = (P - p)^2$$

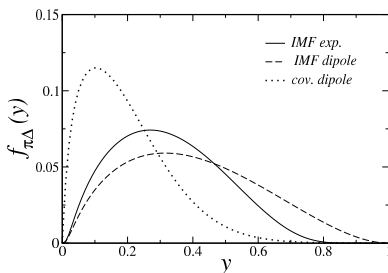
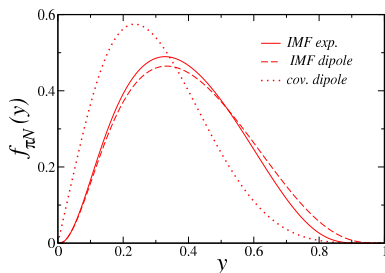
(though there are issues related to *reciprocity* and mom. conservation)

- **dimensional regularization**

→ a **systematic**, well-defined scheme (e.g., $\overline{MS}$)

these effects **numerically**...

e.g., qualitative behaviors for $f_{\pi N}(y)$, $f_{\pi \Delta}(y)$ differ significantly according to the functional form of $F(s_{\pi B})$:



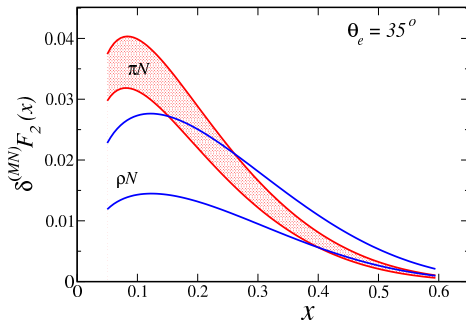
- N. B. *formal* limitations to **covariant** approach:

$$\rightarrow f_{\pi N}(y) \neq f_{N\pi}(1-y)$$

contributions to $e + n \rightarrow e' + X$

inclusive: $\delta^{(\pi N)} F_2(x, Q^2) = \int_x^1 dy f_{\pi N}(y) F_2^\pi(\frac{x}{y}, Q^2)$

- $E = 11$ GeV scattering from π^- , ρ^- ; $0.05 \leq x \leq 0.6$
 $25^\circ \leq \theta_e \leq 45^\circ$, though Q^2 dependence in $F_2^\pi(x, Q^2) \sim \log(\log(Q^2/\Lambda_{QCD}^2))$ is weak



****** $F_2^\pi(x, Q^2) \approx F_2^\rho(x, Q^2)$

$$e + n \rightarrow e' + p + X$$

- **spectator tagging** in the target fragmentation region (TFR)
→ finite $k_{\perp}$ intervals

$$\delta^{(\pi N)} F_2(x, k_{\perp}^2, Q^2) = \int_x^1 dy f_{\pi N}(y, k_{\perp}^2) F_2^{\pi}\left(\frac{x}{y}, Q^2\right)$$

$$f_{\pi N}(y, k_{\perp}^2) = 2 \int_{k_{\perp}}^{k_{\perp} + \epsilon} dk'_{\perp} k'_{\perp} \cdot f_{\pi N}(y, k'^2_{\perp})$$

$$f_{\pi N}(y) = \int_0^{\infty} dk_{\perp}^2 f_{\pi N}(y, k_{\perp}^2)$$

$$R(x, k_{\perp}^2, Q^2) = \delta^{(\pi N)} F_2(x, k_{\perp}^2, Q^2) / \delta^{(\pi N)} F_2(x, Q^2),$$

The parameter $\epsilon = 0.1$ GeV is a $k_{\perp}$ bin size

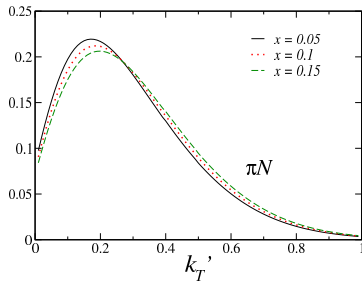
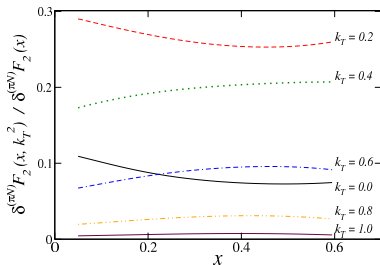
$k_{\perp}$ dependence

- tagged to inclusive structure functions:

$$\rightarrow \delta^{(\pi N)} F_2(x, k_{\perp}^2) / \delta^{(\pi N)} F_2(x)$$

... at fixed $k_{\perp}$...

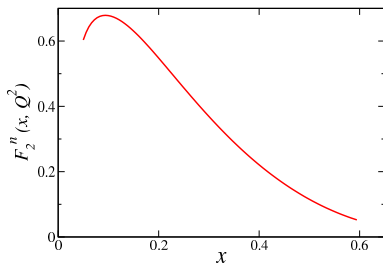
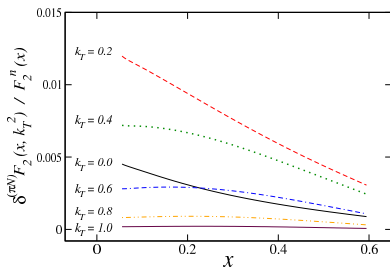
... and fixed x .



- $k_{\perp}$ spectrum dominated by lower momenta, $k_{\perp} \lesssim 400$ MeV;
- ** weak x **dependence** – cancellations in the F_2^{π} ratio

contributions to $F_2^n(x)$

$F_2^n(x) = 2x \sum_q [q + \bar{q}](x)$, $q \in \{u, d\}$ from **LO CTEQ6.5**,
assuming *charge symmetry*



- N.B.: x distributions are for fixed θ_e , **not** fixed Q^2

** $Q^2 \rightarrow Q_0^2$ for $x \rightarrow 0$; $F_2^n(x, Q^2)$ non-monotonic!

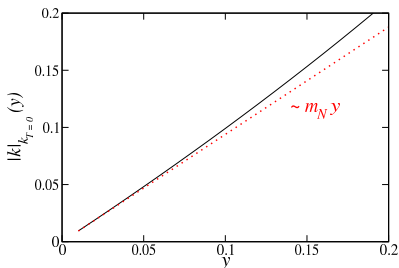
kinematical limits from $|\vec{k}|$ tagging

- $|\vec{k}| \in [60, 170] \text{ MeV}$

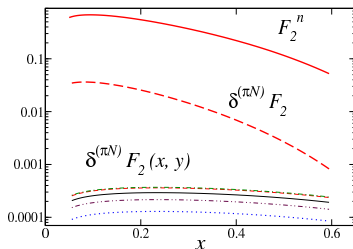
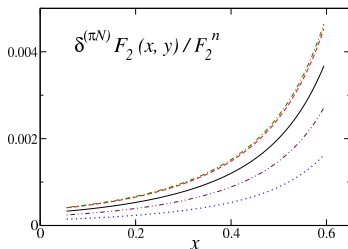
$$|\vec{k}| = \sqrt{k_{\perp}^2 + \frac{1}{4m_N^2(1-y)^2} \left(k_{\perp}^2 + (1 - [1-y]^2)m_N^2 \right)^2}$$

- in the limit $k_{\perp}^2 = 0$,

$$|\vec{k}|_{k_{\perp}^2=0} = \frac{ym_N}{2} \left(\frac{2-y}{1-y} \right) \rightarrow y \lesssim |\vec{k}|/m_N$$



$\delta^{(\pi N)} F_2(x, y)$ at fixed $|\vec{k}|$

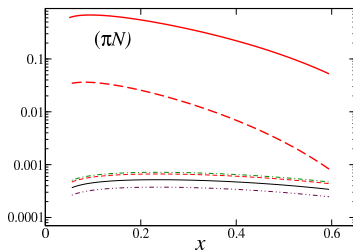
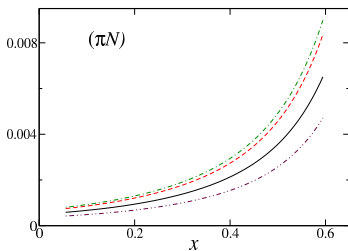


$$\delta^{(\pi N)} F_2(x, \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0.05}) = f_{\pi N}(\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0.05}) \cdot F_2^\pi(x)$$

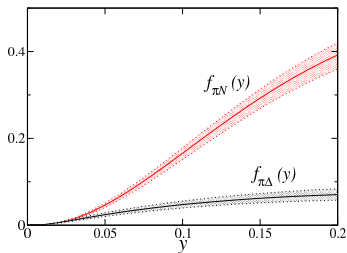
- $|\vec{k}| \in \{k_1, k_1 + 10\}$ MeV
 $k_1 = 60, 80, 100, 130, 160$ MeV

picture depends importantly on the $|\vec{k}|$ **binning scheme**
 ** (see talk by Thia)

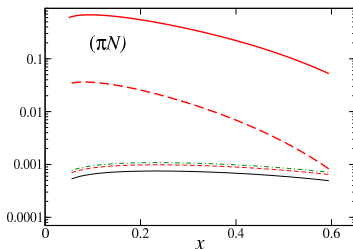
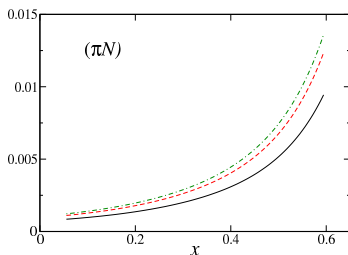
$$\delta^{(\pi N)} F_2(x, y), \quad y = 0.075$$



→ again, dependence on y controlled by $\mathbf{f}_{\pi N}(\mathbf{y})$:



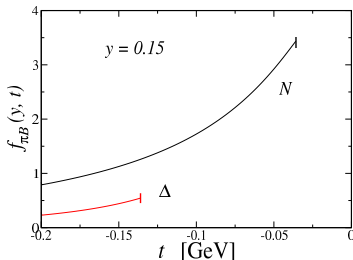
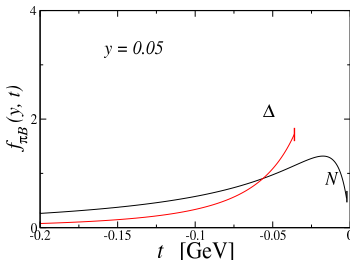
$$\delta^{(\pi N)} F_2(x, y), \quad y = 0.1$$



- at intermediate accessible y , measurements are sensitive only to $|\vec{K}| \gtrsim 100$ MeV

still, these are $\sim 1\%$ effects

- covariant $f_{\pi N}(y, t)$ & $f_{\pi \Delta}(y, t)$ before t -integration



$$\pi N: \quad t_{\max} = -m_N^2 y^2 / (1 - y)$$

$$\pi \Delta \quad t_{\max} = - (m_\Delta^2 - (1 - y)m_N^2) y / (1 - y)$$

- form factor dependence and **extrapolation** to $t \sim m_\pi^2$ in progress (see talk by Christian Weiss!)

- have a *preliminary* assessment of pion mode contributions to $F_2^n(x, Q^2)$

→ at accessible y , $|\delta^{\pi N} F_2(x, y)| / F_2^n \sim 1\%$

** role of ρ **exchange** **minimal** at relevant kinematics
($0 \leq y \leq 0.2$)

- Δ decays enter at $\sim 30\%$ level and must be controlled systematically
- more thorough analysis of model dependence (**form factors**, **Λ determinations**) is required, and in progress
→ as is the $t \sim m_\pi^2$ **extrapolation**