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JLab@12 GeV and CLAS12

CLAS12 initial scientific program

• GPDs & TMDs

How to access GPDs experimentally

• Current status of GPD studies at JLab

GPDs measurements planned at CLAS12
 SIDIS to access TMDs

Planned SIDIS experiments with CLAS12

• Schedule of the upgrade

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JLab today

Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility



Cebaf Large Acceptance Spectrometer

2 LINACs

Newport News, VA (USA)



Hall B@12 GeV: CLAS12

Design luminosity $L \sim 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$

Acceptance for charged particles:

- Central (CD), 40°<θ<135°
- Forward (FD), 5°<θ<40°

Acceptance for photons: • IC 2°<θ<5° • EC, 5°<θ<40°

High luminosity & large acceptance: Concurrent measurement of deeply virtual exclusive,

semi-inclusive, and inclusive processes



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Forward Detector:

TORUS magnet Forward tracker HT Cherenkov Counter Drift chambers (3 regions) LT Cherenkov Counter Forward ToF System Preshower calorimeter E.M. calorimeter (EC) Inner Calorimeter (IC, not shown)

Central Detector:

SOLENOID magnet Barrel Silicon Tracker Central Time-of-Flight

Proposed upgrades:

Micromegas (CD) Neutron detector (CD) RICH detector (FD) Forward Tagger (FD)



CLAS12: Initial Science Program

CLAS12: the optimal detector to study **nucleon structure** at **high** x_B

Physics Focus	Approved experiments	LOIs supported
GPD's & Exclusive Processes	3	1
SIDIS & TMDs	4	4
Parton Distribution Functions & DIS	2	1
Elastic & Resonance Form Factors	2	
Hadronization & Color Transparency	2	
Baryon Spectroscopy		1
Total	13	7

The approved experiments correspond to about **5 years of scheduled beam operation**

Generalized Parton Distributions



distribution in coordinate space GPDs: H, E, Ĥ, Ē Fully correlated quark distributions in both coordinate and momentum space





Parton distributions: longitudinal quark distribution in momentum space

 $\int \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x},\xi,t)d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F}_{1}(t) \quad (\forall \xi)$ $\int \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x},\xi,t)d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F}_{2}(t) \quad (\forall \xi)$

Accessible in hard exclusive processes

H(x,0,0) = q(x), $\tilde{H}(x,0,0) = \Delta q(x)$

Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering and GPDs



Quark angular momentum (Ji's sum rule)

$$J^{q} = \frac{1}{2} - J^{G} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} x dx \left[H^{q}(x,\xi,0) + E^{q}(x,\xi,0) \right]$$

X. Ji, Phy.Rev.Lett.78,610(1997)

«3D» quark/gluon image of the nucleon

Extracting GPDs from DVCS spin observables

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{\sigma^+ - \sigma^-}{\sigma^+ + \sigma^-} = \frac{\Delta\sigma}{2\sigma}$$

$$\xi = x_{\rm B}/(2-x_{\rm B})$$
$$k = -t/4M^2$$

Polarized beam, unpolarized proton target:

 $\Delta \sigma_{LU} \sim \sin \phi \ Im \{F_1H + \xi(F_1 + F_2)H + kF_2E\} d\phi$ Kinematically suppressed
Unpolarized beam, longitudinal proton target:

 $\Delta \sigma_{\text{UL}} \sim \sin \phi \text{Im} \{F_1 \widetilde{H} + \xi (F_1 + F_2) (H + \dots \} d\phi$

Unpolarized beam, transverse proton target: $\Delta \sigma_{UT} \sim \sin \phi Im \{k(F_2H - F_1E) +\} d\phi$

Polarized beam, unpolarized neutron target: $\Delta \sigma_{LU} \sim \sin \phi \ Im \{F_1H + \xi(F_1 + F_2)H - kF_2E\} d\phi$ Suppressed because $F_1(t)$ is small

Suppressed because of cancellation between PPD's of u and d quarks

e, e leptonic plane hadronic ` plane $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{n}}, \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{n}}, \mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{n}}$ H_{p}, H_{n} H_n, E_n H_n, \tilde{H}_n, E_n $H_p(\xi, \xi, t) = 4/9 H_u(\xi, \xi, t) + 1/9 H_d(\xi, \xi, t)$ $H_n(\xi, \xi, t) = 1/9 H_n(\xi, \xi, t) + 4/9 H_d(\xi, \xi, t)$

Hard exclusive meson production and GPDs



Factorization proven only for longitudinally polarized virtual photons and valid at high Q² and small t	π ⁰ η	$\frac{2\Delta \mathbf{u} + \Delta \mathbf{d}}{2\Delta \mathbf{u} - \Delta \mathbf{d}}$
quark flavor decomposition accessible via meson production	ρ ⁰ ω	2u+d 2u-d
$\sigma_{I}(M) \sim \int dx GPD(x,\xi,t) ^2$	ρ+	u-d

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F. X. Girod et al., arXiv: 0711.4805, submitted to PRL

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More data needed on DVCS and DVMP:

➢ High Q² to verify scaling for DVCS on a wider Q² range, and to approach GPD validity regime for DVMP

- **Wide** x_B coverage
- **>** High accuracy on measured observables to test models (high luminosity required)

Measurements of spin-asymmetries and cross sections

CLAS12 will be the optimal facility for these goals

Large phase space (ξ, t, Q^2) and high luminosity



CLAS12: DVCS beam-spin asymmetry



CLAS12: DVCS target-spin asymmetry





nDVCS with CLAS12

 $x_B = 0.17$ VGG Model, for different $Q^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^2$ combinations of J_u , J_d (M. Guidal) $t = -0.4 \text{ GeV}^2$

n-DVCS BSA is:

- very sensitive to J_u, J_d
- can be as strong as for the proton depending on the kinematics and J_{μ} , J_{d}

~ 80% of neutrons from n-DVCS have θ>40 → neutron detector for central part of CLAS12 (CND)



Challenges: • limited space • high B field

R&D ongoing European joint effort (Italia, France, UK)

CLAS12: DVCS *transverse* target-spin asymmetry

 $e p^{\uparrow} \rightarrow ep\gamma$

 $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{11} \mathbf{GeV}$

Projected results



Ju=0.12

100 150 200

50

CLAS12: $ep^{\dagger} \rightarrow ep\rho^{0}$



Semi-Inclusive DIS and TMDs



- TMDs describe transitions of an initial nucleon (N) with a given polarization to a final quark
 (q) with another polarization
- TMDs can be studied in SIDIS experiments measuring azimuthal asymmetries or moments
- ➤ TMDs are connected to orbital angular momentum (OAM) in the nucleon wave function
 TMD non-zero → OAM is present
- ➢ Different final state mesons → flavor tagging
- TMDs are complementary to GPDs, providing 3-D images of the nucleon in *momentum* space

SIDIS and DVMP are complementary



CLAS12: SIDIS on unpolarized protons



In **inclusive electroproduction of pions** the differential cross section has an **azimuthal modulation**

 $d\sigma/d\Omega = \sigma_{\rm T} + \varepsilon \sigma_{\rm L} + \varepsilon \sigma_{\rm TT} \cos 2\phi + [\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)]^{1/2} \sigma_{\rm LT} \cos \phi$

The cos2\$\$\$ moment gives access to the Boer-Mulders function which measures the momentum distribution of transversely polarized quarks in unpolarized nucleons





2000 hrs of running with CLAS12

CLAS12: SIDIS on longitudinally polarized target



sensitive to

spin-orbit

correlations

The sin2 moment of the SSA gives access to the Kotzinian-Mulders function which measures the momentum distribution of transversely polarized quarks in the longitudinally polarized nucleon.



Curves: Efremov, et al., J. Phys. 55 (2005) A189

2500 hrs of running with CLAS12

CLAS12: SIDIS in double polarization asymmetry



The double polarization asymmetry is sensitive to difference in the k_T distribution of quarks with spin orientation parallel and anti-parallel to proton spin.

Also planned: SIDIS with kaon production → flavor-dependence of TMDs RICH detector for kaon ID will be added

Transverse momentum dependence of longitudinally polarized quarks in longitudinally polarized protons.

Curves: M.Anselmino et al Phys.Rev.D74:074015,2006



• Current CLAS data are not sensitive enough to clearly identify the effect. CLAS12 has much more sensitivity and reaches higher P_T

Schedule of the upgrade



- Hall D commissioning start April 2014
- Halls B and C commissioning start October 2014
- Project Completion June 2015

Summary

➤ The JLab 12 GeV upgrade is essential for the study of **3-D nucleon structure** in the **valence region** with high precision, allowing the measurement of:

- deeply virtual exclusive processes (to access GPDs)
- semi-inclusive meson production (TMDs)

with polarized beam and polarized targets

CLAS12 will be world wide the only full acceptance, general purpose detector for high luminosity electron scattering experiments, and it will be perfectly suited for the GPD/TMD program

> The experimental program of CLAS12 will provide new insight into

- quark orbital angular momentum contributions to the nucleon spin
- 3D structure of the nucleon's interior and correlations
- quark flavor polarization

The first 11 GeV electron beam will hit the CLAS12 target at the end of 2014