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Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (Jefferson Lab)



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- CEBAF Upgrade completed in September 2017
 - \rightarrow electron beam
 - $\rightarrow E_{max}$ = 12 GeV
 - \rightarrow I_{max} = 90 µA
 - $\rightarrow \mathsf{Pol}_{\mathsf{max}} \sim 90\%$



Physics Operation

- 4 halls running simultaneously since January 2018
- World-record for polarized electron beams

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CLAS / CLAS12 in Hall B at Jefferson Lab



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$$\mathcal{L} = 1 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$$

Inclusive electron trigger (all reactions will be analyzed in parallel)

QCD Science Questions

How are the quarks and gluons, and their intrinsic spins distributed in space & momentum inside the nucleon?

> How can we recover the wellknown characterics of the nucleon from the properties of its **colored building blocks**?

> > Mass? Spin? Charge?

What are the relevant effective degrees of freedom and effective interaction at large distance?



What is the role of orbital angular motion?

The Incomplete Nucleon: Spin Puzzle

- Proton has spin-1/2
- Proton is a composite system consisting of spin-1/2 quarks and spin-1 gluons

$$J_N = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Sigma_q + L_q + J_g$$



→ Sum of angular momentum of quarks and gluons together must be 1/2

Possible contributions Quark spin, Quark orbital momentum Gluon spin, Gluon orbital momentum

Needs a cross-product or something three-dimensional!

We need to investigate the 3D nucleon structure!

3-Dimensional Imaging of Quarks and Gluons



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Transverse Momentum Distributions (TMDs)



➔ Unpolarized quark distribution inside a transversly polarized proton ➔ Net polarization in direction i carried by the partons inside an unpolarized proton

Semi-Inclusive Deep Inelastic Scattering (SIDIS)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx\,dy\,d\phi_S\,dz\,d\phi_h\,dP_{h\perp}^2} \qquad F_{UU,T}(x,z,P_{h\perp}^2,Q^2)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha^2}{x\,y\,Q^2} \frac{y^2}{2(1-\varepsilon)} \left\{ F_{UU,T}(+\varepsilon F_{UU,L} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)}\cos\phi_h F_{UU}^{\cos\phi_h} + \varepsilon\cos(2\phi_h) F_{UL}^{\cos2\phi_h} + \varepsilon\cos(2\phi_h) F_{UL}^{\cos2\phi_h} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda_0}{\sqrt{2\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)}}\sin\phi_h F_{LU}^{\sin\phi_h} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda_0}{\sqrt{2\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)}} \cos\phi_h F_{LL}^{\sin\phi_h} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda_0}{\sqrt{2\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)}} \cos\phi_h F_{LL}^{\cos\phi_h} \right]$$

$$+ \frac{S_U}{S_U} \left[\sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2} F_{LL} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)}\cos\phi_h F_{LL}^{\cos\phi_h} \right] + \varepsilon\sin(\phi_h + \phi_S) F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h + \phi_S)} + \varepsilon\sin(3\phi_h - \phi_S) \left(F_{UT,T}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S)} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)}\sin\phi_S F_{UT}^{\sin\phi_S} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)}\sin\phi_S F_{UT}^{\sin\phi_S} \right) + \frac{18 \text{ Structure Functions}}{1 + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)}\cos\phi_S F_{LT}^{\cos\phi_h} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)}\cos\phi_S F_{LT}^{\cos(2\phi_h - \phi_S)} \right] \right\}$$

EXPERIMENT: Setting the proper beam and target polarization conditions (U, L, T)

Longitudinally polarized beam and unpolarized target



Multidimensional (4D) Single π^+ SIDIS with CLAS12



Multidimensional single π^+ , π^- and π^0 studies with CLAS12



Di-hadron SIDIS with CLAS12

Additional constraints can be obtained from **di-hadron SIDIS**:

→ ep → e` $\pi^+\pi^-X$ provides a clean access to e(x) and the FF G_1^{\perp}

$$d\sigma_{LU} \propto W\lambda_e \sin(\phi_{R_{\perp}}) \left(x e(x) H_1^{\triangleleft}(z, M_h) + \frac{1}{z} f_1(x) \tilde{G}^{\triangleleft}(z, M_h) \right)$$
$$d\sigma_{LU} \propto C\lambda_e \sin(\phi_h - \phi_{R_{\perp}}) \mathcal{I} \left[f_1 G_1^{\perp} \right]$$
$$\vec{P}_h = \vec{P}_{h^{\perp}}$$





T. Hayward et. al (CLAS collab.), Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 152501 (2021)

Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)



Interpretation of GPDs in the kinematic limits

in forward kinematics (
$$\xi=0, t=0$$
) : **PDF limit**

$$\frac{H^{\boldsymbol{q}}(x,\xi=0,t=0)=\boldsymbol{q}(x)}{p}$$

$$\zeta \sim x_{\rm B}/(2-x_{\rm B})$$



first moments of GPDs : elastic form factor limit



A path towards extracting GPDs

Extraction via cross section σ and asymmetry measurements

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



Polarized beam, unpolarized target:

 $\Delta \sigma_{LU} \sim \sin \phi \{ \mathsf{F}_1 \mathbf{H} + \xi (\mathsf{F}_1 + \mathsf{F}_2) \widetilde{\mathbf{H}} + \mathsf{k} \mathsf{F}_2 \mathbf{E} \} \mathsf{d} \phi$

Unpolarized beam, longitudinal target:

 $\Delta \sigma_{UL} \sim \frac{\sin \phi}{\{F_1 H + \xi(F_1 + F_2)(H + \xi/(1 + \xi)E)\}} d\phi$

Unpolarized beam, transverse target:

 $\Delta \sigma_{UT} \sim COS\phisin(\phi_s-\phi)\{k(F_2H - F_1E)\}d\phi$



$$E(\xi,t)$$

 $\widetilde{H}(\xi,t)$

DVCS Beam Spin Asymmetry



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DVCS Unpolarized Cross-Sections with 6 GeV CLAS



H. S. Jo et al. (CLAS Collaboration), Phys. Rev. Lett. 115, 212003 (2015)

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Imaging pressure within the nucleon

• GPDs provide indirect access to mechanical properties of the nucleon (encoded in gravitational form factors of the energy-momentum tensor)

X. D. Ji, PR**D 55**, 7114-7125 (1997)

M. Polyakov, PLB 555, 57-62 (2016)



Deeply Virtual Meson Production in the GPD regime

			Meson	Flavor
			π^+	$\Delta u - \Delta d$
		H _T ,ε _T	π^{0}	$2\Delta u + \Delta d$
			η	$2\Delta u - \Delta d + 2\Delta s$
		\mathcal{H},\mathcal{E}	$ ho^+$	u-d
			ρ^{0}	2u + d
			ω	2u - d
			ϕ	g
$egin{aligned} \kappa^u_T &= \int dx ar{E}^u_T(x,\xi,t=0) \ \kappa^d_T &= \int dx ar{E}^d_T(x,\xi,t=0) \end{aligned}$				

\overline{E}_{T} is related to the protons anomalous tensor magnetic moment



$$\delta_T^u = \int dx H_T^u(x,\xi,t=0)$$
$$\delta_T^d = \int dx H_T^d(x,\xi,t=0)$$

- ${\rm H}_{\rm T}$ is related to the protons tensor charge
- ➔ Absolute magnitude of transversly polarized valence quarks inside a transv. polarized nucleon

Differential Cross Sections for hard exclusive meson production



CLAS data and GPD theory predictions

2 theoretical models:

Goloskokov, Kroll (GK) Eur. Phys. J. A. 47: 112 (2011)

→ GPDs parametrized based on data

Goldstein, Hernandez, Liuti Phys. Rev. D 84, 034007 (2011)

→ Model allows flexible parametrization of GPDs



Flavour Decomposition of GPDs and Transverse Quark Densities

- GPDs appear in different flavor combinations for π^{0} and η

$$H_T^{\pi} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} [2H_T^u + H_T^d]$$
$$H_T^{\eta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [2H_T^u - H_T^d]$$
$$H_T^u = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}} [H_T^{\pi} + \sqrt{3}H_T^{\eta}]$$
$$H_T^d = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} [H_T^{\pi} - \sqrt{3}H_T^{\eta}]$$





Beam spin asymmetry for $ep \rightarrow en\pi^+$

$$BSA_{i} = \frac{1}{P_{e}} \cdot \frac{N_{i}^{+} - N_{i}^{-}}{N_{i}^{+} + N_{i}^{-}} \qquad BSA = \frac{A_{LU}^{\sin\phi} \sin\phi}{1 + A_{UU}^{\cos\phi} \cos\phi + A_{UU}^{\cos(2\phi)} \cos(2\phi)}$$



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$\sigma_{LT'}/\sigma_0$ for the hard exclusive π^+ channel with CLAS12



Deeply Virtual π^0 and Φ Production with CLAS12



Summary

- TMDs and GPDs provide a unifying framework to study the 3-D quark and gluon structure of the nucleon
- 3-D imaging of nucleons will uncover rich dynamics of QCD
- Exciting time has just started with CLAS12 high precision and high statistics measurements with large kinematic coverages!





