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Physics with CLAS at JLab

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Physics with CLAS at JLab

(selected topics)



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The specificities of CLAS

 Q^2 (GeV²)

▲ <u>High luminosity x acceptance</u>

compensates relatively low energy (for example, for exclusive measurements, same Q² as high energy machines are achieved)

- Large x range and from resonance region to DIS
- ◆ <u>Good resolution</u>

truly exclusive measurements

Experimental equipment



highly polarized electron beam (now 85% routinely), tagged photon beam,

with new capability for linear polarization (> 90%) longitudinally polarized target (+ new plans), specific equipment for dedicated experiments (GDH at low Q², DVCS, BoNuS, etc)









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Bound Nucleon Structure (BoNuS - 2005)

<u>Goal</u>: Unpolarized structure function on loosely bound neutrons from $e^- d \rightarrow e^- p_{back} X \rightarrow \text{determination of } d(x)/u(x))$

<u>*Method*</u>: Detection of backward protons

of momenta as low as 70 MeV/c (spectators), with Radial Time Projection Chamber

(RTPC, built around thin D_2 (H₂) target, placed inside solenoid for Møller background suppression and momentum analysis)

<u>Run</u>: Fall 2005

See also, with standard CLAS setup, PRC 73, 035212 (2006)

(p-spectator > 280 MeV/c)



SIDIS Double Spin Asymmetries

 E_h

Detect the hadron from the current fragmentation and measure the **double spin asymmetry** $A_{//}^{h}$ in the semi-inclusive process eN \rightarrow e h X

Assuming leading order (naïve) x-z factorization, get for each species h:

$$A_{1N}^{h}(x,Q^{2},z) \equiv \frac{\Delta \sigma^{h}(x,Q^{2},z)}{\sigma^{h}(x,Q^{2},z)} = \frac{\sum_{q} e_{q}^{2} \Delta q(x,Q^{2}) \cdot D_{q}^{h}(z,Q^{2})}{\sum_{q} e_{q}^{2} q(x,Q^{2}) \cdot D_{q}^{h}(z,Q^{2})}$$

SMC PLB 420 (1998), HERMES PRD 71 (2005) + JLab/Hall C exp.^t in preparation

SIDIS Single Spin Asymmetries

Beam or Target single spin asymmetries (A_{LU}/A_{UL})

can also be expressed in terms of

quark distributions x fragmentation functions

(P. Bosted's talk last Tuesday)

Single spin asymmetries in SIDIS

- Several studies (at CLAS and in other JLab expts) show that Leading-order x-z factorization is not (much) violated at 6 GeV
- Rich phenomenology associated with various SSA
- SSA linked to transverse momentum distributions (TMD) of partons in the nucleon
- SSA ↔ orbital angular momentum

 \leftrightarrow GPD *E*, Pauli form factor *F*₂

CLAS, PRD 69 (2004) + P. Bosted's talk last Tuesday

Generalized Parton Distributions







Deeply virtual exclusive reactions (DES)



2π

 $3\pi/2$

 $\pi/2$

Angle Φ between leptonic (ee' γ) and hadronic ($\gamma \gamma p$) planes





JLab experiments dedicated to the study of GPDs

GPD	Reaction	Obs.	Hall	E	Expt#	Status
$H(\pm\xi,\xi,t)$	<mark>е</mark> р→ерү	$\Delta \sigma, \sigma$	Hall A	5.75 GeV	E-00-110	Fall 04
		RSA Ao	CLAS		E-01-113	Spring 05
		New results demonstrate that 6-003				2007
$H + \widetilde{H}(\pm\xi,\xi,t)$	ep→epγ	in DVC	S around	2 GeV ² ! n Tuesday	5-114	2008
$E(\pm\xi,\xi,t)$	<mark>e(</mark> n)→enγ	Preliming in qu	ary resul [.] alitative	ts (+ HER agreeme	MES) ¹⁰⁶	Fall 04
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$\int_{x} H, E (2u+d)$	ep→epp	$\sigma_{\rm L}$	CLAS	5.75 GeV	E-99-105	Winter 02
$\int_{x} H, E (2u-d)$	ep→ep∞		CLAS	5 75 GeV	E-99-105	Winter 02
	+ other m	olished resu that scalir OT reach <u>ed</u>	Its demoing regime in w pr <u>o</u> c	nstrate is duction	r analyses in	the three Halls.

CLAS / DVCS (Spring 2005)





A_{LU}: Expected results from CLAS

Equivalent 60 full days of beam time at $L = 2 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ and $P_e = 0.8$







Deeply virtual ρ production at 5.75 GeV

s-channel helicity conserved

 $R = \sigma_L / \sigma_T$ measured

New results for σ_L

 $\sigma_{\rm L}(W)$ for various bins in Q²

• PRELIMINARY (not for circulation)

+ earlier results at 4.2 GeVC. Hadjidakis et al., PLB 605 (2005)

Red curve from GPD model (q)

Green curve from GPD model (g)





Quark propagation through nuclei



Measure *attenuation* and *transverse momentum broadening* of hadrons (π , K) in DIS kinematics. Compare absorption in deuterium, carbon, iron, tin, and lead

Huge statistics accumulated



Projections for CLAS@11GeV

DVCS/BH projected for CLAS12 at 11 GeV

ρ^0/ω production with transverse polarized target

 ω_L has similar sensitivity to proton quark spin

Conclusions and outlook (1)

Nucleon structure:

Precise and exciting new data coming now and in the near future:

Form factors, (polarized) parton distributions,

 k_T -dependent parton distributions, GPD,....

Baryon spectroscopy:

Signals for *pentaquarks* not present in dedicated high statistics experiments. Stringent upper limits on production in different channels.

Extensive set of data in *photo- and electroproduction of resonances*. Excited Baryon Analysis Center (T.-S. H. Lee *et al.*) launched.

Conclusions and outlook (2)

Other research topics at CLAS

Transition from resonance to D.I.S. region, higher-twist, duality.
Search for "missing" resonances

e.g. in 2π channels.

The nucleus as a QCD laboratory,

color transparency in ρ production,
quark propagation.

N-N correlations in nuclei.

Experimental outlook:

New campaign of 6 GeV operation in 2007-2008 "Complete" experiments for baryon spectroscopy (new frozen spin target for photon experiments) 12 GeV upgrade on tracks

Conclusions and outlook (3)

First 12 GeV proposals will be examined in August

CLAS (and other Halls at JLab) actively preparing such proposals:

- DVCS
- Deep exclusive $\pi^0 \& \eta$ production
- Azimutal moments in pion production in SIDIS
- A_1 / g_1 at high x
- DIS on the neutron (p spectator tagging)
- \bullet Study of nuclear transparency in exclusive ρ electroproduction
- Quark propagation and hadron formation in electroproduction of hadrons (including strange mesons and hyperons) from nuclei.
- Study of short-range properties of nucleons at $Q^2 < 12 \text{ GeV}^2$ using D(e,e'p)n

CLAS12 detector being designed now

A good time to join !

