The GPD program at Jefferson Lab: recent results and outlook

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- Experimental introduction to GPDs (how they can be accessed through experiment)
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- Outlook
 - Jefferson Lab at 12 GeV

Studying nucleon structure experimentally



Introduction Motivation

Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS): $\gamma^* \ p \rightarrow \gamma \ p$



High Q^2 Perturbative QCD

Non-perturbative GPDs

Bjorken limit:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Q^2 = & -q^2 \to & \infty \\ & \nu \to & \infty \end{array} \right\} \quad x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu} \text{ fixed}$$

Generalized Parton Distributions



- Correlate between different partonic states
- Correlate momentum and position of partons
- Access to new fundamental properties of the nucleon

Contribution of the angular momentum of quarks to proton spin:

$$\frac{1}{2} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + L_q}_{J_q} + J_g \quad \Rightarrow \quad J_q = \frac{1}{2}\int_{-1}^{1} dx \, x [H^q(x,\xi,0) + E^q(x,\xi,0)]$$

DVCS cleanest process to access GPDs

Introduction Experiments

GPD experimentally: Compton Form Factors (CFFs)



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DVCS experimentally: interference with Bethe-Heitler (BH)



At leading twist:

$$\begin{aligned} d^5 \overrightarrow{\sigma} - d^5 \overleftarrow{\sigma} &= \Im m \left(T^{BH} \cdot T^{DVCS} \right) \\ d^5 \overrightarrow{\sigma} + d^5 \overleftarrow{\sigma} &= |BH|^2 + \Re e \left(T^{BH} \cdot T^{DVCS} \right) + |DVCS|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{T}^{DVCS} = \int_{-1}^{+1} dx \frac{H(x,\xi,t)}{x-\xi+i\epsilon} + \dots =$$

$$\mathcal{P} \int_{-1}^{+1} dx \frac{H(x,\xi,t)}{x-\xi} - \underbrace{i\pi H(x=\xi,\xi,t)}_{i\pi H(x=\xi,\xi,t)} + \dots$$

Access in helicity-independent cross section

Access in helicity-dependent cross-section

Accessing different GDPs

 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Polarized beam, unpolarized target (BSA)}\\ d\sigma_{LU} = \sin\phi\cdot\mathcal{I}m\{F_1\mathcal{H} + x_B(F_1+F_2)\tilde{\mathcal{H}} - kF_2\mathcal{E}\}d\phi \end{array}$

 $\begin{aligned} & \text{Unpolarized beam, longitudinal target (ITSA)} \\ & d\sigma_{UL} = \sin\phi \cdot \mathcal{I}m\{F_1\tilde{\mathcal{H}} + x_B(F_1 + F_2)(\tilde{\mathcal{H}} + x_B/2\mathcal{E}) - x_BkF_2\tilde{\mathcal{E}}\dots\}d\phi \end{aligned}$

 $\begin{aligned} \text{Polarized beam, longitudinal target (BITSA)} \\ d\sigma_{LL} &= (A + B\cos\phi) \cdot \mathcal{R}e\{F_1\tilde{\mathcal{H}} + x_B(F_1 + F_2)(\tilde{\mathcal{H}} + x_B/2\mathcal{E})\dots\}d\phi \end{aligned}$

Unpolarized beam, transverse target (tTSA) $d\sigma_{UT} = \cos\phi \cdot \mathcal{I}m\{k(F_2\mathcal{H} - F_1\mathcal{E}) + \dots\}d\phi$

Kinematic coverage

Kinematic complementarity between different facilities:



The DVCS program "worldwide"

- HERMES at DESY:
 - Beam (BSA), charge (BCA) and transverse target (TSA) asymetries published
 - Several ongoing analysis + recoil detector installed 1 year before shutdown: results to come...
- Hall A and Hall B partially overlapping, partially complementary, active programs:
 - Hall A: high accuracy, limited kinematics
 - Hall B: wide kinematic range, limited accuracy
 - Very different systematics
- COMPASS at CERN
- The roadmap:
 - Early results (≈ 2001) from non-dedicated exp. (HERMES+CLAS)
 - First round of dedicated experiments in Halls A/B in 2004/5
 - Second round on 2008–2010
 - Compeling DVCS experiments in Halls A/B at 11 GeV (\approx 2014-16)
 - Exciting program at COMPASS (2015–2016)

E00-110 experimental setup





100-channel scintillator array





132-block PbF₂ electromagnetic calorimeter



DVCS cross section in the valence region (Hall A: E00-110)



E00-110: Scaling tests



Twist-2: dominant contribution

Recent results JLAB / Hall A

DVCS on the neutron: experiment E03-106 at JLab



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 LD_2 target $(F_2^n(t) \gg F_1^n(t) !)$



Main contribution for neutron

Recent results JLAB / Hall B

E01-113: BSA in a large kinematic domain (Hall B)

CLAS+ dedicated calorimeter



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$$A = \frac{\overrightarrow{\sigma} - \overleftarrow{\sigma}}{\overrightarrow{\sigma} + \overleftarrow{\sigma}} \approx \frac{\alpha \sin \phi}{1 + \beta \cos \phi}$$

Simple models do not reproduce the data



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Recent results JLAB / Hall B

JLab Hall B cross-sections: preliminary



- Large data set under analysis
- Compatible within errors with Hall A in overlap region



 π^0 electroproduction $(ep \rightarrow ep\pi^0)$



At leading twist:

$$\frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}\Gamma \sum_{h_N, h_{N'}} |\mathcal{M}^L(\lambda_M = 0, h'_N, h_N)|^2 \propto \frac{1}{Q^6} \qquad \sigma_T \propto \frac{1}{Q^8}$$
$$\mathcal{M}^L \propto \left[\int_0^1 dz \frac{\phi_\pi(z)}{z}\right] \int_{-1}^1 dx \left[\frac{1}{x-\xi} + \frac{1}{x+\xi}\right] \times \left\{\Gamma_1 \widetilde{H}_{\pi^0} + \Gamma_2 \widetilde{E}_{\pi^0}\right\}$$

Different quark weights: flavor separation of GPDs

$$\begin{aligned} |\pi^{0}\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{ |u\bar{u}\rangle - |d\bar{d}\rangle \} \qquad \qquad \widetilde{H}_{\pi^{0}} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ \frac{2}{3} \widetilde{H}^{u} + \frac{1}{3} \widetilde{H}^{d} \right\} \\ |p\rangle &= |uud\rangle \qquad \qquad \qquad H_{DVCS} &= \frac{4}{9} H^{u} + \frac{1}{9} H^{d} \end{aligned}$$

Exclusive π^0 electroproduction cross-sections



- $\sigma_T + \epsilon_L \sigma_L \sim Q^{-5}$ (similar to $\sigma_T (ep \to ep\pi^+)$ measured in Hall C)
- GPDs predict $\sigma_L \sim Q^{-6}$
- σ_T likely to dominate at these Q^2 , but L/T separation necessary (\rightarrow new experiment...)

E. Fuchey et al., Phys. Rev. C83 (2011), 025125

E07-007 (Hall A)



DVCS cross section has a very rich azimuthal structure:

- Azimuthal analysis allows the separation of the different contributions to *I* if DVCS² is negligeble.
- If DVCS² is important, \mathcal{I} and DVCS² terms **MIX** in an azimuthal analysis.
- The different energy dependence of \mathcal{I} and DVCS² allow a full separation.

E07-007: Rosenbluth-like DVCS²– \mathcal{I} separation in Hall A

- Clean separation of BH-DVCS intereference term from pure DVCS²
- Scaling test on the real part of the DVCS amplitude
- Rosenbluth separation of σ_L/σ_T for $ep \to ep\pi^0$



Outlook JLab @ 12 GeV

Upgrade of Jefferson Lab to 12 GeV



JLab 12 GeV DVCS experiments

- E12-06-114: Hall A unpolarized protons
- E12-06-119: Hall B unpolarized protons
- E12-11-003: Hall B unpolarized neutrons
- E12-06-119: Hall B long polarized protons
- E12-12-010: Hall B tran polarized protons

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E12-06-114: JLab Hall A at 11 GeV

JLab12 with 3, 4, 5 pass beam





1 year of operations in JLab/Hall A

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E12-06-119: DVCS on the proton with CLAS12



E12-06-119: DVCS on the proton with CLAS12



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E12-11-003: DVCS on the neutron with CLAS12



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E12-11-003: projections



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DVCS with transversally polarized target



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Time-like DVCS: Time-like Compton Scattering (TCS)



- TCS: Same factorization as in DVCS
- Test of universality of GPDs (like DIS vs Drell-Yann)

TCS experiment E12-12-001: projections

$$R = \frac{2\int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \cos\varphi \frac{d\sigma}{dQ'^2 dt d\varphi}}{\int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \frac{d\sigma}{dQ'^2 dt d\varphi}} \sim Re\{F_1 \mathcal{H} + x_B(F_1 + F_2)\tilde{\mathcal{H}} - kF_2 \mathcal{E}\}$$





- DVCS golden channel for GPDs, but also accessible in:
 - Time-like Compton Scattering (JLab proposal recently approved)
 - Deep meson production (but higher Q^2 are needed...)
- Large set of data (cross-sections and asymmetries) is now available
- Compeling GPD program in the future at Jefferson Lab 12 GeV