DVCS and GPDs at Jefferson Lab

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Generalized parton distributions (GPDs)



In this model, valence quarks (high x) are at the heart of the nucleon and sea quarks (low x) extend to its periphery

Interpretation of GPDs : impact parameter b_{\perp} as a function of x

Transverse position b_{\perp} of the quarks u and d inside the nucleon for different values of longitudinal momentum fraction x



Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS) and GPDs





DVCS is the key reaction to access the GPDs as it offers the simplest interpretation in terms of GPDs x longitudinal momentum fraction carried by the active quark.

 $\xi \sim \frac{x_B}{2-x_B}$ the longitudinal momentum transfer.

 $t = (p' - p)^2$ squared momentum transfer to the nucleon.



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$H^{q,g}(x,\xi,t)$	$E^{q,g}(x,\xi,t)$	for sum over parton helicities
$\widetilde{H}^{q,g}(x,\xi,t)$	$\widetilde{E}^{q,g}(x,\xi,t)$	for difference over parton helicities
nucleon helicity conserved	nucleon helicity changed	

Proton spin puzzle : The origin of the proton spin is still unknown

$$\frac{1}{2} = J^{q} + J^{g} = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + L_{q} + L_{g}$$
Orbital angular momentum

GPDs H and E provide access to the total angular momentum of the partons in the nucleon

Ji's angular momentum sum rule:

$$\mathsf{J}^{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{g}} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} x dx (\mathsf{H}^{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{g}}(x,\xi,t=0) + \mathsf{E}^{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{g}}(x,\xi,t=0))$$

DVCS and Bethe-Heitler processes

BH fully calculable in QED

DVCS Bethe-Heitler GPDs σ**(eN→eNγ) =** DVCS and Bethe-Heitler (BH) experimentally undistinguishable interference between the 2 processes $T^{DVCS} \sim \int_{-\infty}^{+1} \frac{H(x,\xi,t)}{x\pm\xi+i\varepsilon} dx + \dots \sim P \int_{-\infty}^{+1} \frac{H(x,\xi,t)}{x\pm\xi} dx - i\pi H(\pm\xi,\xi,t) + \dots$ **Unpolarized Cross Section** $\frac{d^4\sigma}{dQ^2 dx_B dt d\phi} \approx \left| T^{DVCS} + T^{BH} \right|^2 = \left| T^{DVCS} \right|^2 + \left| T^{BH} \right|^2 + I$ $\frac{d^{4} \vec{\sigma}}{dQ^{2} dx_{B} dt d\phi} - \frac{d^{4} \vec{\sigma}}{dQ^{2} dx_{B} dt d\phi} \propto \operatorname{Im}(T_{DVCS}) \times T_{BH}$ Beam-polarized Cross-Section difference

Compton Form Factors (CFFs) and DVCS observables

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Compton} \\ \text{Form Factors} \\ \text{(CFFs)} \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} Re\mathcal{H}_q = e_q^2 P \int_0^{+1} \left(H^q(x,\xi,t) - H^q(-x,\xi,t) \right) \left[\frac{1}{\xi - x} + \frac{1}{\xi + x} \right] dx & \leftarrow \text{ Integrals of GPDs over } x \\ Im\mathcal{H}_q = \pi e_q^2 \left[H^q(\xi,\xi,t) - H^q(-\xi,\xi,t) \right] & \leftarrow \text{ GPDs at } x = \pm \xi \end{array}$$

Each DVCS observable is sensitive to a different combination of CFFs



 $\xi = x_{\rm B}/(2-x_{\rm B})$ k = t/4M²

Proton Neutron Polarized beam, unpolarized target: $\Delta \sigma_{LU} \sim \sin \phi \operatorname{Im} \{F_{1}\mathcal{H} + \xi(F_{1}+F_{2})\widetilde{\mathcal{H}} - kF_{2}\mathcal{E} + ...\} \longrightarrow \lim \{\mathcal{H}_{p}, \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_{p}, \mathcal{E}_{p}\}$ Unpolarized beam, longitudinal target: $\Delta \sigma_{UL} \sim \sin \phi \operatorname{Im} \{F_{1}\widetilde{\mathcal{H}} + \xi(F_{1}+F_{2})(\mathcal{H} + x_{B}/2\mathcal{E}) - \xi kF_{2}\widetilde{\mathcal{E}}\} \longrightarrow \lim \{\mathcal{H}_{p}, \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_{p}\}$ Polarized beam, longitudinal target: $\Delta \sigma_{LL} \sim (A + B \cos \phi) \operatorname{Re} \{F_{1}\widetilde{\mathcal{H}} + \xi(F_{1}+F_{2})(\mathcal{H} + x_{B}/2\mathcal{E}) + ...\} \longrightarrow \frac{Re \{\mathcal{H}_{p}, \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_{p}\}}{Re \{\mathcal{H}_{n}, \mathcal{E}_{n}\}}$ Unpolarized beam, transverse target: $\Delta \sigma_{UT} \sim \cos \phi \sin(\phi_{s} - \phi) \operatorname{Im} \{k(F_{2}\mathcal{H} - F_{1}\mathcal{E}) + ...\} \longrightarrow \lim \{\mathcal{H}_{n}\}$ The extraction of the quark GPDs which requires a quark-flavor separation of GPDs can be done through a combined analysis of DVCS observables for the proton and the neutron (deuterium target)

$$(H,E)_{u}(\xi,\xi,t) = \frac{9}{15} \Big[4 \big(H,E\big)_{p}(\xi,\xi,t) - \big(H,E\big)_{n}(\xi,\xi,t) \Big] (H,E)_{d}(\xi,\xi,t) = \frac{9}{15} \Big[4 \big(H,E\big)_{n}(\xi,\xi,t) - \big(H,E\big)_{p}(\xi,\xi,t) \Big]$$



Kinematic coverage of the different experiments



Jefferson Lab (Newport News, Virginia, USA)

CEBAF : Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility





E00-110 experiment at Jefferson Lab 6 GeV in Hall A



DVCS experiment at Jefferson Lab 6 GeV in Hall B with CLAS



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E1-DVCS experiment in Hall B : binning for cross sections analysis



The cross section varies very quickly and is particularly sensitive to variations in $x_B \rightarrow$ very small bins in x_B

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Extraction} \\ \text{of 4-fold} \\ \text{cross sections} \end{array} \quad \frac{d^{4}\sigma_{ep \rightarrow ep \gamma}}{dQ^{2}dx_{B}dtd\Phi} \quad \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d^{4}\vec{\sigma}_{ep \rightarrow ep \gamma}}{dQ^{2}dx_{B}dtd\Phi} - \frac{d^{4}\vec{\sigma}_{ep \rightarrow ep \gamma}}{dQ^{2}dx_{B}dtd\Phi} \right)$

Cross sections extracted for about **3000** (Q², x_B , t, ϕ) bins

DVCS unpolarized and beam-polarized cross sections from CLAS data



Interpretation of fit results obtained from the cross sections



DVCS on longitudinally polarized target from CLAS 6 GeV data



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Extraction of H_{Im} from the fits of Jefferson Lab 6 GeV data



- **G** Fit to CLAS σ and $\Delta \sigma$
- Fit to CLAS σ , $\Delta \sigma$, A_{UL} , A_{LL}
- Fit to Hall A σ and $\Delta \sigma$
- ★ VGG model

Fits in each (Q^2, x_B, t) bin of data

$$\mathsf{H}_{\mathsf{Im}}(\xi,t) = \mathsf{A}(\xi) e^{\mathsf{b}(\xi)t}$$

$$\xi \approx \frac{x_B}{2 - x_B}$$

R. Dupré, M. Guidal, S. Niccolai, and M. Vanderhaeghen, Eur. Phys. J. A 53, 171 (2017)

From CFFs to proton tomography



Longitudinal momentum fraction x



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Jefferson Lab upgrade to 12 GeV



Jefferson Lab 12 GeV and the CLAS12 detector



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Data taking with the new CLAS12 detector started in 2018





Projected results for CFFs with CLAS12



Typical DVCS event in CLAS12

- Electron: measured in the Forward Detector or in the Forward Calorimeter
- Photon: in the FT (or FD) calorimeter
- Proton: most often in the Central Detector



Proton DVCS A_{LU} with CLAS12

Beam spin asymmetry

$$A_{LU} = \frac{\sigma^+ - \sigma^-}{\sigma^+ + \sigma^-}$$

$$egin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{LU} &= rac{1}{P} rac{\mathcal{N}^+(\phi_{\mathit{Trento}}) - \mathcal{N}^-(\phi_{\mathit{Trento}})}{\mathcal{N}^+(\phi_{\mathit{Trento}}) + \mathcal{N}^-(\phi_{\mathit{Trento}})} \end{aligned}$$

- P: electron polarization
- N⁺⁽⁻⁾: number of photon electroproduction candidates with beam helicity +(-)



G. Christiaens *et al.* (CLAS Collaboration) Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 211902 (2023)

Preliminary neutron DVCS A_{LU} with CLAS12



DVCS experiments in Hall A and Hall C of Jefferson Lab



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0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9

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The analysis of the new Hall A data is underway

DVCS experiment in Hall C (2023-2024)

A new DVCS experiment will be carried in Hall C from 2023 to 2024

The new Neutral Particle Spectrometer (NPS) consisting of 1080 PbWO₄ crystals will be used to detect photons and π^0



HMS : High Momentum Spectrometer





The Electron-Ion Collider (EIC) at BNL



Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL)

A high luminosity $(10^{33} - 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1})$ polarized electron proton/ion collider

The EIC luminosity will be a factor 100 to 1000 higher than at HERA.

Both electrons and protons / light nuclei will be highly polarized (70%).

Science Program: An EIC can uniquely address three profound questions about nucleons - neutrons and protons - and how they are assembled to form the nuclei of atoms:

- How does the mass of the nucleon arise?
- How does the spin of the nucleon arise?
- What are the emergent properties of highdensity systems of gluons?



DVCS at the Electron-Ion Collider (EIC): gluons and sea quarks



- Collision of polarized electrons with polarized protons, light and heavy nuclei - High Luminosity : $L_{ep} \ge 10^{33-34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (100-1000 times HERA)

Overview

- Jefferson Lab 6 GeV data were used to extract promising results, including a first experimental result of nucleon tomography.
- Jefferson Lab 12 GeV data are providing new high-precision measurements covering a large unexplored kinematic domain at high x.
- Many ongoing studies show benefits of a luminosity and energy upgrade at Jefferson Lab.
- While Jefferson Lab is a unique facility to study the valence quarks, the future Electron-Ion Collider (EIC) will provide high-precision GPD measurements at low *x*, allowing us to perform nucleon tomography of the gluons and sea quarks.

Thank you