Deeply virtual Compton scattering with CLAS and CLAS12

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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 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



Compton Form Factors (CFFs) and DVCS observables

Compton
Form Factors
$$Re\mathcal{H}_q = e_q^2 P \int_0^{+1} (H^q(x,\xi,t) - H^q(-x,\xi,t)) \left[\frac{1}{\xi - x} + \frac{1}{\xi + x} \right] dx$$

 $Im\mathcal{H}_q = \pi e_q^2 \left[H^q(\xi,\xi,t) - H^q(-\xi,\xi,t) \right]$
 $\xi = x_B/(2-x_B)$ $k = t/4M^2$
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Each DVCS observable is sensitive to a different combination of GPDs

Proton Neutron

Polarized beam, unpolarized target: $\Delta \sigma_{LU} \sim \sin \phi \operatorname{Im} \{F_1 \mathcal{H} + \xi(F_1 + F_2) \widetilde{\mathcal{H}} - kF_2 \mathcal{E} + \ldots\} \longrightarrow \frac{Im \{\mathcal{H}_p, \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_p, \mathcal{E}_p\}}{Im \{\mathcal{H}_n, \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_n, \mathcal{E}_n\}}$

Unpolarized beam, longitudinal target: $\Delta \sigma_{UL} \sim \sin \phi Im \{F_1 \widetilde{\mathcal{H}} + \xi(F_1 + F_2)(\mathcal{H} + x_B/2\mathcal{E}) - \xi k F_2 \widetilde{\mathcal{E}}\} \longrightarrow \frac{Im \{\mathcal{H}_p, \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_p\}}{Im \{\mathcal{H}_n, \mathcal{E}_n\}}$

Polarized beam, longitudinal target: $\Delta \sigma_{LL} \sim (A + B \cos \phi) \operatorname{Re} \{F_1 \widetilde{\mathcal{H}} + \xi (F_1 + F_2) (\mathcal{H} + x_B/2\mathcal{E}) + \dots\} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Re} \{\mathcal{H}_p, \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_p\}$

Unpolarized beam, transverse target: $\Delta \sigma_{\text{UT}} \sim \cos\phi \sin(\phi_{\text{s}} - \phi) \text{Im} \{ k(F_{2}\mathcal{H} - F_{1}\mathcal{E}) + \dots \} \longrightarrow \frac{Im \{\mathcal{H}_{p}, \mathcal{E}_{p}\}}{Im \{\mathcal{H}_{n}\}}$

Quark-flavor separation of GPDs

- 1st method : Neutron DVCS
 - A combined analysis of DVCS observables for proton and neutron (deuterium) targets is needed to perform a quark-flavor separation of the GPDs
 - High sensitivity to GPD E with a polarized beam

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



- 2nd method : Deeply virtual meson production (DVMP)
 - DVMP cross-section measurements are another way to access quark-flavor separation of GPDs
 - Gives also access to transversity GPDs (chiral-odd GPDs, where parton helicity is changed)



DVCS and DVMP diagrams for gluons GPDs



Kinematic coverage of the different experiments



Jefferson Lab 6 GeV and the CLAS detector



Jefferson Lab

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 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 Δ σ
- ★ VGG model



 $H_{Im}(\xi,t) = A(\xi)e^{b(\xi)t}$

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

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



Jefferson Lab

Data taking with the new CLAS12 detector started in 2018





DVCS experiments in Hall A and Hall C of Jefferson Lab



Jefferson Lab

Projected results for DVCS A_{LU} and A_{UL} with CLAS12



Projected results for other DVCS observables with CLAS12



and also exclusive electroproduction of mesons, etc...

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



Preliminary proton DVCS A_{LU} with CLAS12

Beam spin asymmetry

$${\sf A}_{LU}=rac{\sigma^+-\sigma^-}{\sigma^++\sigma^-}$$

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

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



Preliminary neutron DVCS A_{LU} with CLAS12



DVCS at the Electron-Ion Collider (EIC)

Nucleon tomography of the gluons and sea quarks (low momentum fraction x)



The Electron-Ion Collider (EIC) will be constructed at BNL



eRHIC design (BNL)

DVCS at the 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

- DVCS 6 GeV CLAS data were used to extract a first experimental result of nucleon tomography.
- Jefferson 12 GeV data will provide high-precision measurements covering a large unexplored kinematic domain at high *x*.
- 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