Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS) with CLAS12 at 6.6 GeV and 8.8 GeV

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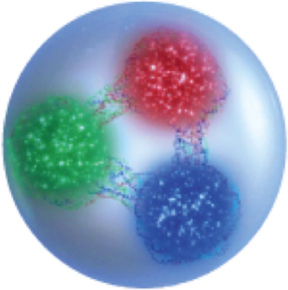
Introduction



QCD Mystery: Color confinement & its origin?
"*Paradox 1: Quarks are Born Free but Everywhere they are in Chains*"(∗).
No quark is ever found alone. How do strong forces balance to produce stability?

The understanding of color confinement is central to hadron and particle physics.

(∗) F-Wilczek, Lecture given in acceptance of the Nobel Prize, Dec 2004

Goal of the Proposal

Make inroads towards understanding the confinement of light quarks, gluons and their role in providing dynamical stability of the nucleon. This became possible:

1. **Breakthrough in theory of QCD (1990s):** developing **DVCS** as a tool to characterize the structure of the nucleon within QCD and showing how its properties can be probed through experiments.

   (D. Mueller (1994), X.Ji (1996), A.Radyushkin (1996))

   (2015 JSA Prize award to X. Ji and A. Radyushkin & 2016 APS Feshbach Prize award to X. Ji)

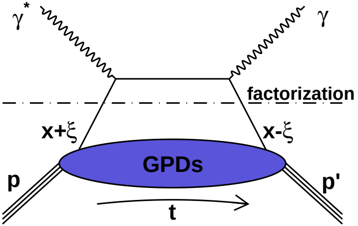
2. **Construction of state of the art experimental apparatus**:
   - Jefferson Lab 12 GeV upgrade
   - Large Acceptance Spectrometer (CLAS12)
   - High luminosity
   - High resolution

Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)

$$F^q_{\mathcal{O}}(x,\xi,t) = \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi}\, e^{ixP^+z^-} \langle P_2|\bar{q}(-z)\mathcal{O}q(z)|P_1\rangle\Big|_{z^+=0,\,\mathbf{z}=\mathbf{0}}$$

List of GPDs & their corresponding operators

	GPDs $F_{\mathcal{O}}$	operator $\mathcal{O}$	type	reaction
Chiral even	$H,\ E$ $\tilde{H},\ \tilde{E}$	$\gamma^\mu,\ \Delta_\nu\sigma^{\mu\nu}$ $\gamma^\mu\gamma_5,\ \Delta^\mu\gamma_5$	vector, tensor axial-vector, pseudoscalar	$\gamma^*(Q^2)+N\to\gamma+N$



- $Q^2 = -q^2 = -(k-k')^2$
- $x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2p\cdot q}$
- 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

Physics Content of GPDs

- At $\xi = 0, t = 0$ the GPDs reduce to ordinary PDFs
- The integrals of H and E over x are independent of ξ and reduces to elastic FFs
- **What other physics content can be extracted from GPDs?**

Nucleon Energy Momentum Tensor Form Factors

$$\langle P_2 | T^{\mu\nu} | P_1 \rangle = \bar{u}(P_2) \left[\frac{1}{2} M_2(t) \gamma^{(\mu} P^{\nu)} + [2J(t) - M_2(t)] \, P^{(\mu} i\sigma^{\nu)\lambda} \frac{\Delta_\lambda}{4M} + \frac{d_1(t)}{5M} (\Delta^\mu \Delta^\nu - \Delta^2 g^{\mu\nu}) \right] u(P_1)$$

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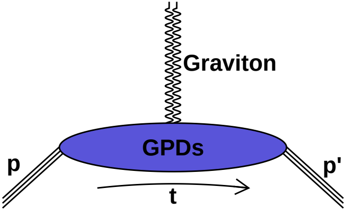

...but we do not have beams of gravitons ☹

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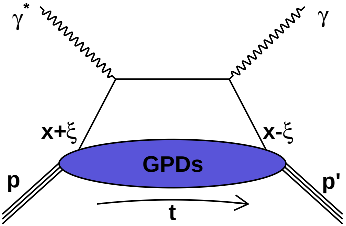


The Form Factors of the Energy Momentum Tensor also appear as the second Mellin moment of the GPDs :

$$\int \mathrm{d}x\, x\, [H(x,\xi,t) + E(x,\xi,t)] = 2J(t)$$

$$\int \mathrm{d}x\, xH(x,\xi,t) = M_2(t) + \frac{4}{5}\xi^2 d_1(t)$$

→ **QCD link between experiment and gravitational degrees of freedom!**

- J encodes information on the distribution of angular momentum
- M_2 corresponds to the distribution of mass
- **d_1 is a fundamental characteristic of the nucleon and it is the least known!**

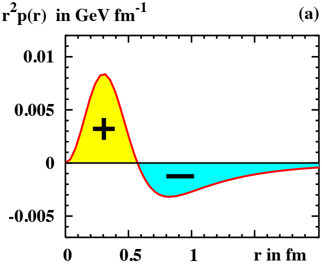
Distribution of Forces on Partons

The spatial part of the Energy Momentum Tensor can be parameterized to connect with the distributions of Pressure $p(r)$ and Shear forces $s(r)$:

$$T_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) = s(r)\left(\frac{r_i r_j}{r^2} - \frac{1}{3}\,\delta_{ij}\right) + p(r)\,\delta_{ij}$$

The Form Factor d_1 is related to them via the spherical Bessel integrals :

$$d_1(t) = 5M_N \int \mathrm{d}^3\mathbf{r}\, \frac{j_2(r\sqrt{-t})}{t}\, s(r) = 15M_N \int \mathrm{d}^3\mathbf{r}\, \frac{j_0(r\sqrt{-t})}{2t}\, p(r)$$

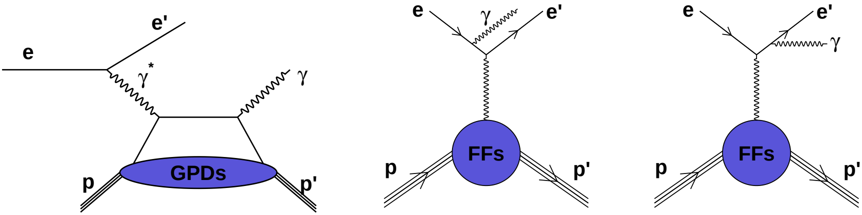


M.V. Polyakov and C. Weiss Phys. Rev. **D60**, 1999
P. Schweitzer *et al.*, Nucleon form-factors of the energy momentum tensor in the chiral quark-soliton model Phys. Rev. **D75** : 094021 , 2007

d_1 can be accessed as the first component of the D-term expansion in Gegenbauer polynomials :

$$D(z) = (1 - z^2)\left[d_1 C_1^{3/2}(z) + d_3 C_3^{3/2}(z) + \cdots\right]$$

Generalized Parton Distributions and DVCS



The Bethe-Heitler and DVCS processes interfere at the amplitude level :

$$|\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{BH}} + \mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{DVCS}}|^2 = |\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{BH}}|^2 + |\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{DVCS}}|^2 + \mathcal{I}$$

The GPDs enter the DVCS amplitude through a complex integral. This integral is called a *Compton form factor* (CFF).

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

DVCS Physics

In the context of DVCS, different beam energies allow the separation of the interference and square terms :

$$\mathcal{I} \sim 1/y^3 \quad , \quad \left|\mathcal{T}^{\text{DVCS}}\right|^2 \sim 1/y^2, \qquad y = \frac{E_{\text{beam}} - E_{\text{electron}}}{E_{\text{beam}}}$$

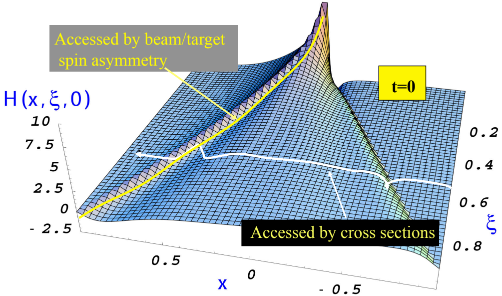
The coefficients of the ϕ harmonic decomposition of the cross-sections are related to the GPDs *via* the Compton Form Factors :

$$\mathcal{H}(\xi, t) = i\pi[H(\xi, \xi, t) - H(-\xi, \xi, t)] + \mathcal{P}\int_{-1}^{1} dx \left[\frac{1}{\xi - x} - \frac{1}{\xi + x}\right] H(x, \xi, t)$$

The Real and Imaginary parts of the CFFs are related through Dispersion Relations allowing access to the D term :

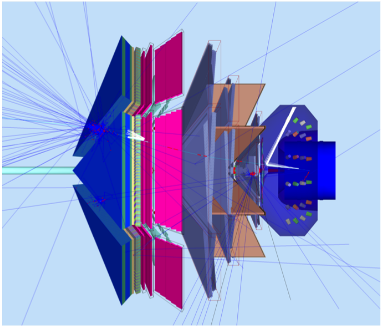
$$\mathcal{P}\int_{-1}^{1} dx \left[\frac{1}{\xi - x} - \frac{1}{\xi + x}\right] H(x, \xi, t) \stackrel{\text{LO}}{=} D(t) + \mathcal{P}\int_{-1}^{1} dx \left(\frac{1}{\xi - x} - \frac{1}{\xi + x}\right) [H(x, x, t) - H(-x, x, t)]$$

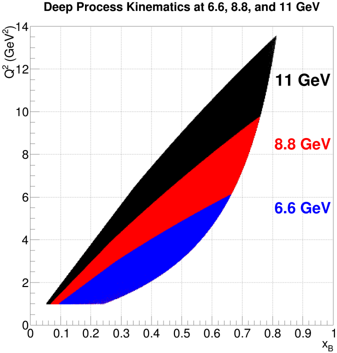
Experimental Technique



- Measure the DVCS cross section that gives access to the $DVCS^2$ and real part of the CCFs
- Measure the DVCS-BH beam spin asymmetry that gives access to the imaginary part of the CCFs
- Measurement at different beam energies allows the separation of the three contributing terms

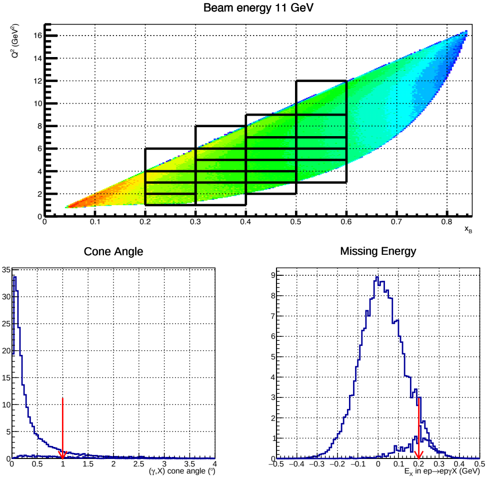
Experimental Configuration





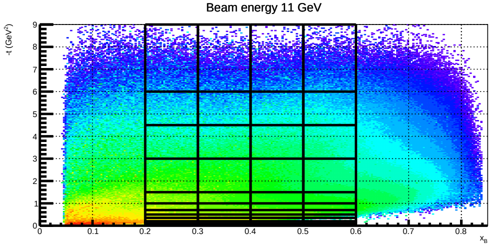
- $\mathcal{L} = 1 \times 10^{35}$ cm^{-2}s^{-1}
- Inclusive electron trigger (all calibration reactions will be analyzed in parallel)
- Electrons in the forward detector
- Protons in the central detector and forward detector
- Photons in the forward detector and forward tagger

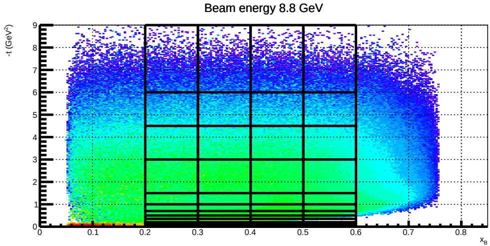
Kinematical Coverage, Exclusivity



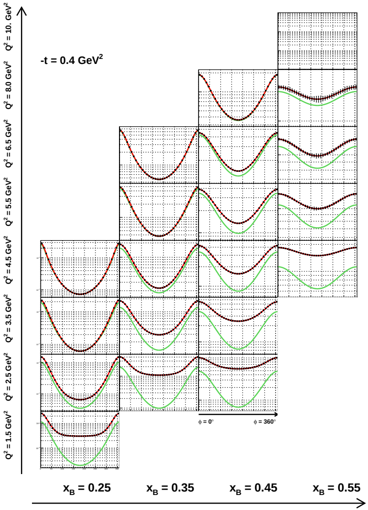
- Black boxes example of binning in the (x_B, Q^2) plane
- π^0 decay with one photon lost contamination to the DVCS sample
- Contamination kept at levels between 5% and 10%
- Cone angle : between the detected and predicted photon
- Missing mass $ep \to e\gamma Y$

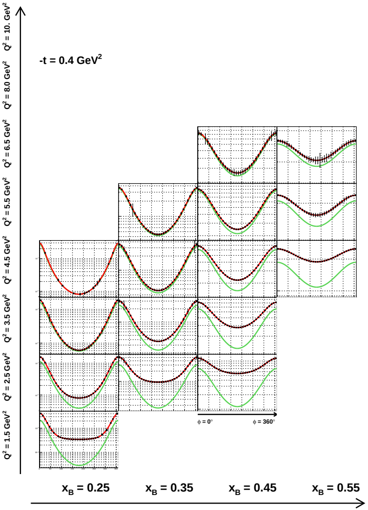
Kinematical Coverage



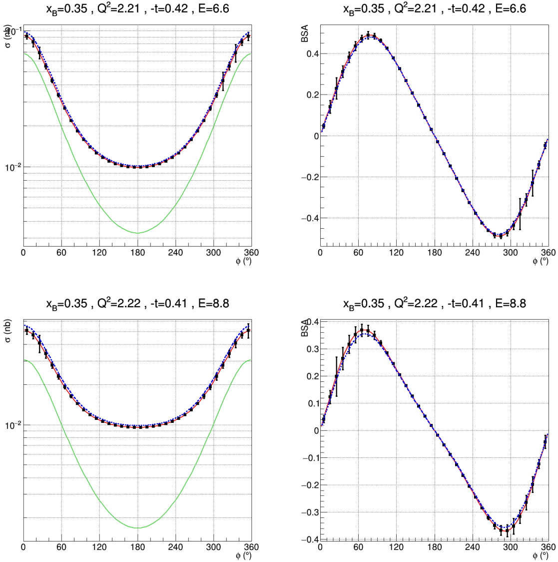


DVCS Projected Cross Section at 11GeV & 8.8GeV





DVCS Projected Results



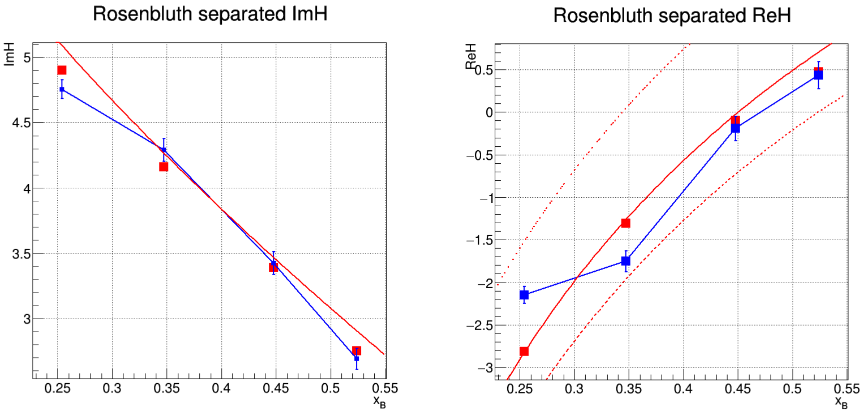
- Left : cross-sections at fixed kinematics for beam energies 6.6 GeV and 8.8 GeV
- Right : corresponding Beam Spin Asymmetries
- Green : pure Bethe-Heitler
- Red : model fit on 6 GeV data
- Blue : simultaneous fit of the projected data
- Separation of : $\mathcal{I} \sim 1/y^3$ and $\left|\mathcal{T}^{\text{DVCS}}\right|^2 \sim 1/y^2$

Systematic Errors

Anticipated systematic uncertainties based on our previous experience from the CLAS experiment analysis at 6 GeV and the CLAS12 design parameters

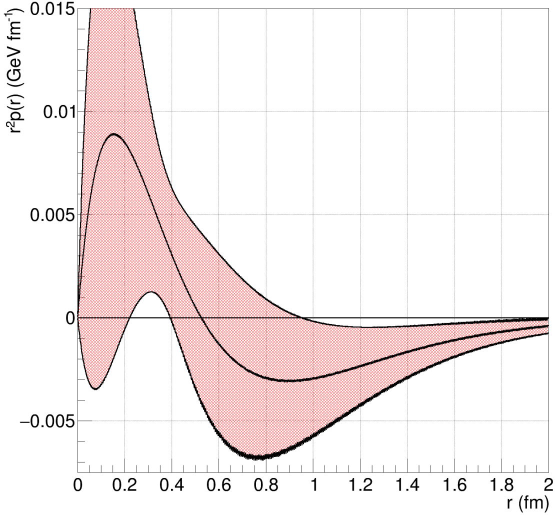
Source	Error Estimation
Acceptance	2.5 %
Target Thickness	0.2 %
Beam Charge	0.2 %
PID	1.0 %
Monte Carlo Generator	0.5 %
Radiative Corrections	1.0 %
π^0 Contamination	1.0%
Energy Dependence Extraction	9%

Separated CFF



- Left : result for the extracted Imaginary part of $\mathcal{H}$
- Right : result for the extracted Real part of $\mathcal{H}$
- Three red curves correspond to three scenarios for the D-term

Model Extraction of the Pressure Forces



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Model parameters extracted from world data

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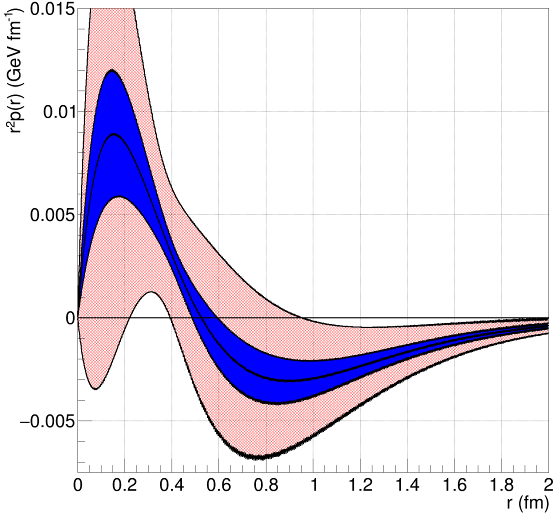

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Model parameters extracted from projected results from the proposed experiment with CLAS12

Summary

Measurement of DVCS process with CLAS12 at 6.6 GeV, 8.8 GeV & combine the measurement with the already approved experiment at 11GeV (*F. Sabatié et al. E12-06-119*)

- Separate the interference term $DVCS/BH$ and $DVCS^2$
- Separate the imaginary & real parts of the CCF of GPDs
- Measure the t dependence of D term at several values of x_B
- **Access to the fundamental QCD quantities: pressure and shear force distributions of the nucleon, shed light on confinement**

Beam Time Request : **50 days at 6.6 GeV and 50 days at 8.8 GeV, at $\mathcal{L} = 1 \times 10^{35}$ cm^{-2}s^{-1}**

This experiment is a critical component of the Jefferson Lab (CLAS12, Hall A & Hall C) GPD program