SBS program and instrumentation

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Outline



- The nucleons
- Nucleon form factors
- Form factor experiments in SBS

Target

Proton is the most studied sub-atomic particle.

• Discovered by Rutherford in 1911 in the "gold foil" experiment.



Ernest Rutherford

Neutron is the electric neutral counterpart of the proton.

It was discovered by Chadwick in 1932.





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Story of the Nucleons

 In 1933, Stern measured the anomalous magnetic moment of the proton, which indicated that proton is NOT an elementary point like particle.



Otto Stern

 $\mu_n = -1.91 \ \mu_N \neq 0$



Nucleon has substructure?

Story of the Nucleons

• In 1956, Hofstadter confirmed with electron elastic scattering experiment that the proton has substructure







R. Hofstadter



Electron scattering cross section from the proton at an incident energy of 188 MeV. R. Hofstadter, 1956

- (a) Mott curve
- Point like, no spin
- (b) Dirac curve
- Point like, ½ spin
- (c) Anomalous curve
- Point like, with anomalous magnetic moment

Imaging the Nucleons

Photograph!





Imaging the Nucleons

Photograph proton?



Charge distribution?

Imaging the Nucleons

Coordinate space





Fourier transform

Momentum space









Imaging the Nucleons—Scattering experiment

"Camera" for nucleon

Electron elastic scattering

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 $\lambda = h/q$

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 \mathbf{q}^2

Fourier transform of the charge density in coordinate space to form factor in momentum space

$$F(q) = \int_{volume} \rho(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}} d^3r$$

Elastic cross section(classic)

$$\sigma(\theta_e) = \sigma_{Mott} |F(q)|^2$$





MIT-SLAC experiments 1967: Deep Inelastic electron Scattering off protons to confirm the quarks inside the proton.



Probing the Nucleons

1970's: Quantum Chromo Dynamics (QCD): theoretical framework for strong interaction between quarks medicated by gluons.

1980's – Today: Looking deep inside the nucleon



Many deep questions to answer

- How does nucleons acquire its mass: only $\sim 1\%$ from valence quarks
- What are the different contributions to nucleon spin?
- How does the confinement come about?
- What role does the gluon play in all these?

Seeking finer detail of the nucleon









 Our "Camera" for "photographing" ground state nucleon structure

"Resolution" of the "camera"

• Increase Q², to see details of the nucleon structure.

• Keep our nucleon "safe" to see its ground state.



Finer picture of the nucleon at Jefferson Lab!

Electron elastic scattering





A New "gentle high-resolution camera" ! Super BigBite Spectrometer(SBS) at JLab



Allow <u>ground state</u> nucleon form factor measurements at high Q² !!!

Elastic electron scattering off nucleon



- G_{E} and G_{M} are functions of Q² and respectively the electric and magnetic form factors(Sachs form factor). They parameterize the detailed structure of the nucleon.
- In Breit frame where there is no energy transfer, the G_E and G_M can be interpreted as the Fourier transforms of electric and magnetic distributions.
- In the limit of $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$, G_E approaches 1(0) for proton(neutron) and G_M approaches anomalous magnetic moment. The cross section reduces to classic form.

Elastic electron scattering off nucleon



How are G_E and G_M measured in SBS program?

| | Proton | Neutron |
|----------|--------|---------|
| Electric | SBS | SBS |
| Magnetic | GMp | SBS |

Rosenbluth Separation

- The technique measures the σ_{red} at different beam energy and scattering angle to vary ϵ while holding Q² constant.
- Suffers from large uncertainty in G_F at large Q² since $G_{F}^{2}/\tau \ll G_{M}^{2}$.





Proton electric form factor data using Rosenbluth separation method

- Black solid: fit to data
- Blue dashed: .

prediction from $\mu G_F/G_M = 1$

Red dashed line: .

prediction from result of polarization method

Qattan et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 94, 142301 (2005)

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0.6

0.8

1.0

0.4

 $= 3.20 \text{ GeV}^2$

0.2

Polarization Transfer in Elastic eN scattering

- Use longitudinally polarized electron beam and unpolarized target.
- Much more sensitive to G_E at large Q² than "reduce" cross section Rosenbluth separation method because the ratio of transferred polarization components is directly proportional to G_E/G_M .
- Showed clear decrease of the ratio of G_E/G_M , contradicting to previous belief of $\mu G_E/G_M = 1$.



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- Magenta star: GEp-2γ
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Proton electric form factor data from JLab experiments using polarization transfer method



Polarized beam-target asymmetry

- Use longitudinally polarized electron beam and polarized target.
- The target polarization is best to be set perpendicular with respect to the momentum transfer vector of the virtual photon and within the scatter plane($\theta^* =$ 90°, $\psi^* = 0°$ or 180°).
- For quasi-elastic electron scattering, nuclear effects corrections are necessary.

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Beam polarization

Target polarization

momentum transfer

 $\sigma_h = \Sigma + h\Delta$ Cross section: $A_{phys} = \frac{\sigma_+ - \sigma_-}{\sigma_+ + \sigma_-} = \frac{\Delta}{\Sigma}$ Asymmetry: $\Delta = -2 \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \Big|_{Matt} \frac{E_f}{E_i} \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{1+\tau}} tan \frac{\theta}{2}$ $\left|\sqrt{\tau(1+(1+\tau)tan^2(\frac{\theta}{2}))cos\theta^*G_M^2+sin\theta^*cos\phi^*G_MG_E}\right|$ $A_{phys} = A_{\perp} sin\theta^* cos\phi^* + A_{\parallel} cos\theta^*$ $A_{\perp} = -\frac{2\sqrt{\tau(\tau+1)}tan\frac{\theta(G_E^n)}{2G_M^n}}{\frac{G_E^n}{2} + (\tau+2\tau(1+\tau)tan^2\frac{\theta}{2})}$ $A_{\parallel} = -\frac{2\tau\sqrt{1+\tau+(1+\tau)^{2}tan^{2}\frac{\theta}{2}tan\frac{\theta}{2}}}{\frac{G_{E}^{n-2}}{\sigma^{n}} + (\tau+2\tau(1+\tau)tan^{2}\frac{\theta}{2})}$ $A_{phys} = -\frac{2\sqrt{\tau(\tau+1)}tan\frac{\theta}{2} \frac{G_{E}^{n}}{G_{M}^{n}}}{\frac{G_{E}^{n}}{G_{E}^{n}}^{2} + (\tau+2\tau(1+\tau)tan^{2}\frac{\theta}{2})}$

The SBS form factor experiments

---Our new "gentle high resolution camera"

$GMn \rightarrow GEn-RP \rightarrow GEn-II \rightarrow GEp-V$

CEBAF at Jefferson Lab



Super BigBite spectrometer in Hall A at JLab

- **SBS**: A 2.5 T*m dipole magnet and set of modular configurable detectors.
- Aim to reach high Q²
 - Designed to operate at *high luminosity*(up to 10³⁹ Hz*cm⁻²) with moderate solid angle at forward angles
 - Elastic ep cross section scales as $\sigma \approx E^2 / Q^{12}$
 - Analyzing power of polarimeter scales as 1/Q²
 - The figure-of-merit(FOM) scales as: E² /Q¹⁶
 - 12 Gev beam upgrade at CEBAF increases luminosity by factor of 2.
 - The way to go: *Increase solid angle*. Doubling target thickness and solid angle from 6 to 35 msr leads to ~30X gain in figureof-merit.
 - Large gap SBS dipole magnet placed *at forward angle* close to target to achieve large acceptance. Detectors have a clear lineof-sight view of the target and a portion of the beam-line. Large background rate.



Proton form factor experiment configuration: Gep-V



Neutron form factor experiments configuration: GMn, GEn-II, and GEn-RP. 21

*GMn experiment: neutron magnetic form factor at high Q*²

"Neutron picture" – magnetic

- The first experiment in SBS experiments(2020).
- 10-cm liquid deuterium/hydrogen target (luminosity~2×10³⁸ Hz*cm⁻²).
- The scattered electron track is measured by the upgraded BigBite spectrometer.
- Nucleon momentum is measured using time-offlight method to separate quasi-elastic/inelastic channels.



Hadron Arm

- GMn measures the ratio of the quasi-elastic d(e,e'n)p cross section over the quasi-elastic d(e,e'p)n cross section. Precise elastic ep cross section is needed to extract the neutron magnetic form factor.
- Provides GMn data to extract GEn.
- Discrete data points with generally smaller error bar compared to Hall B GMn experiment. Complementary to each other.

GMn projected result





Upgraded **BigBite**: Identify and measure elastic electron



GEMs: tracking



High rate, high relosution

2m

UVa GEM



Hadron Arm



(Pictures from Bogdan)





GEn-RP



GEn-II experiment: neutron form factor ratio at high Q²

"Neutron picture" – electric

- Same detector setup as GMn experiment.
- Use polarized electron beam and polarized ³He target.(beam target asymmetry method)
- Triple the range of Q² of existing data. Potentially providing the most powerful discrimination between different models.





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Cross section:
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Asymmetry: $A_{phys} = \frac{\sigma_+ - \sigma_-}{\sigma_+ + \sigma_-} = \frac{\Delta}{\Sigma}$

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GEp-V experiment: proton form factor ratio at high Q²

"Proton picture" – electric

- Original motivation for SBS project.
- 40-cm liquid hydrogen target(Luminosity ~ 8×10³⁸ Hz*cm⁻²).
- Proton and electron is detected in coincidence. Kinematic correlations can be used to help tracking in high-rate environment, rejecting inelastic or random backgrounds.





- Measures the proton form factor ratio G_{Ep}/G_{Mp} at Q² = 5, 8, and 12 GeV².
- Provides much better precision at overlapping Q² range with GEp-II and GEp-III experiments.
- Provides data at Q² = 12 GeV² with similar prevision compared to previous data around Q² = 5 GeV².

GEp-V:

- Elastic ep scattering
- Form factor from measuring polarization transfer



e'eLongitudinally polarized qN'N $I_0 P_l = h \sqrt{\tau (1+\tau)} tan^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2} \frac{E_e + E'_e}{M} G_M^2$ $I_0 P_t = -2h\sqrt{\tau(1+\tau)}tan\frac{\theta_e}{2}G_E G_M$ $I_0 P_n = 0$ $I_0 = G_E^2 + \frac{\tau}{\epsilon} G_M^2$ $\frac{G_E}{G_M} = -\frac{P_t}{P_l} \frac{E_e + E'_e}{2m_n} tan \frac{\theta_e}{2}$

Proton polarimeter in GEp

Slide from Evaristo

Use azimuthal asymmetry of the proton scattering Number of scattered protons: off matter induced by spin-orbit coupling $f^{\pm}(\vartheta,\varphi) = \frac{e^{\rho\rho}(\vartheta,\varphi)}{2\pi} \left[1 \pm A_{\gamma} \left(P_{\chi}^{\rho\rho} \sin\varphi + P_{\gamma}^{\rho\rho} \cos\varphi \right) \right]$ where \pm refers to electron beam helicity $A \doteq \frac{f^+ - f^-}{f^+ + f^-} = A_y \left(P_x^{pp} \sin \varphi + P_y^{pp} \cos \varphi \right) = A_y \cos(\phi - \delta)$ $\tan \delta \doteq \frac{P_x^{pp}}{P_x^{pp}}$ A (a.u.) Pv^{pp} Pfpp P,^{pp} 0.01 0 Track in Track out -0.01 Polarimeter only measures components of proton -0.02 spin that are transverse to the proton's momentum 90 180 270 360 direction φ (degrees)

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N=number of scattered proton, P_e beam polarization

 $\sigma_{P_{x,y}^{pp}} \sim \sqrt{2} / (A \cdot P_e \cdot \sqrt{N}) \implies \text{Maximize } P_e$







Gas Electron Multiplier(GEM) – novel tracking detector



Enables the SBS program!

- Invented in 1997 by Fabio Sauli.
- High rate tolerance: up to 1 MHz/mm².
- High spacial resolution: ~70 μ m.
- Stackable: multiple GEM foils operated at low gain to achieve high total gain while keeping chance of discharge low.
- Good timing resolution: ~10 ns





SBS GEM detector built at UVa

Existing proton form factors data

 $\sum a_k \tau^k$



- G_{Mp} is extracted from cross section using Rosenbluth separation method.
- High Q² data is extracted assuming $\mu G_{E}/G_{M} = 1$ because the dominance of G_M term in cross section.
- Black line is a parametrization $G(Q^2) \propto \frac{\overline{k=0}^n}{n+2}$ J. J. Kelly, Phys. Rev. C 70, 068202 (2004) $1 + \sum b_k \tau^k$



Proton electric FF G_{Ep}

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- Rosenbluth separation experiments has scaling $\mu G_{E}/G_{M} = 1$.
- Polarization transfer experiments has obvious decline in the ratio $\mu G_{E}/G_{M}$.
- The discrepancy not fully understood

Existing neutron form factors data



- G_{Mn} is measured by three main method:
 - "Ratio" method
 - Absolute d(e,e'n)p quasi-elastic cross section measurement
- The experiment at JLab in Hall B using CLAS measured G_{Mn} in fine Q² bins from 1.0 to 4.8 GeV²(open triangles). Consistent with "dipole" model

- G_{En} is the least known form factor and most difficult to measure:
 - G_{En} is 0 at low Q².
 - G_{En} contribution to cross section is small at large Q².
- Methods:
 - Polarized beam-polarized target asymmetry using ³He(e,e'n)pp or ²H(e,e'n)p
 - Polarization transfer using d(e,e'n)p