Analysis of Elastic Scattering with CLAS12

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Today we will use the electron angle and beam energy to predict the other three variables.

Data Run Period	RG-A F18
Total Runs	64
Torus Field	Electron Inbending (full strength)
Location	/work/clas12/rg-a/trains/v16_v2/skim4_inclusive/

Event Generator	Elastic + Radiative Effects (ESEPP)
Total Events Gen	5M
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Location	Unknown

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After event selection, we can look at the (small) phase space of elastic events.



We can pause at this point and draw some basic conclusions.

- * The phase space is very small; consisting of high energy (low angle) electrons.
- * Elastic events are mostly split between forward (electron) and central (proton), but there are some forward/forward events.

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Some takeaways from this analysis:

- Most protons are incident on the central detector, which is largely ignored by analysts at this stage of analysis.
- By trusting the electron angle, the (fractional) momentum resolutions (forward/ central split) are roughly given by:

 $\frac{\delta p_e/p_e \approx 1\%}{\delta p_p/p_p \approx 10\%}$

Some directions forward include:

- Analyzing the smaller sample of forward/forward elastic events.
- Understanding shifts away from zero in data (magnetic field or geometry or something else).
- Measuring events that have a real photon emitted before/after collision, this should provide us a bigger phase space and (maybe) a larger forward/forward sample.
- Elastic with radiative effects can also be used for radiative corrections (closer to the kinematics used for DVCS/DVMP analyses).

 $ep \to e'p'\gamma$

- Initial state radiation (ISR) along the beam line and final state radiation along the outgoing electron.
- Neither of these changes the electron/proton angles, so we can keep our coplanarity cut.



Figure from CLAS (e1e)



Let's focus on events with both particles forward (closest to other analyses).

To identify events with initial state radiation we use four cuts.

- Coplanarity cut (same as elastic)
- W above elastic
- Missing mass cut
- Missing particle angular cut (along beamline)





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 $\theta_{e^{-}} vs \ p_{e^{-}}$

Figure provided by S. Diehl

Figure provided by B. Clary

gg/ep0/theta.lt.2/helemomth:FD

Figure provided by A. Kim

- The ISR events overlap significantly with the phase space of exclusive resonance channels events from DVMP/DVCS.
- Momentum corrections can be developed based on these events. Those corrections should also apply for electron/proton in other channels with similar kinematics.
- Additional sample cleaning and validation is needed...

Data w/ Proton in FTOF

