





New opportunities on semiinclusive processes from ³He at CLAS12 at JLab

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3D imaging of the nucleon

- Nucleons building blocks of the visible matter in the universe
- Internal dynamics of the nucleon
 - Charge distribution
 - Spin distribution
 - Quark momentum distribution
 - ...
- Nucleon structure: from 1D to 3D
 - Generalized parton distribution (GPD)
 - Transverse momentum dependent parton distribution (TMD)



Semi-inclusive deep inelastic scattering (SIDIS)

Golden channel to study TMD physics

 $\frac{d\sigma}{dxdydzdP_{\pi}^2d\phi_{\rm h}d\phi_{\rm s}}$

$$= \frac{\alpha^2}{xyQ^2} \frac{y^2}{2(1-\epsilon)} \left(1 + \frac{\gamma^2}{2x}\right)$$

 $\times \left\{ F_{UU,T} + \epsilon F_{UU,L} + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} F_{UU}^{\cos\phi_h} \cos\phi_h + \epsilon F_{UU}^{\cos2\phi_h} \cos2\phi_h + \lambda_e \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} F_{LU}^{\sin\phi_h} \sin\phi_h \right\}$

 $+ S_{L} \left[\sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} F_{UL}^{\sin\phi_{h}} \sin\phi_{h} + \epsilon F_{UL}^{\sin2\phi_{h}} \sin2\phi_{h} \right] + \lambda_{e} S_{L} \left[\sqrt{1-\epsilon^{2}} F_{LL} + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} F_{LL}^{\cos\phi_{h}} \cos\phi_{h} \right] \\ + S_{T} \left[(F_{UT,T}^{\sin(\phi_{h}-\phi_{S})} + \epsilon F_{UT,L}^{\sin(\phi_{h}-\phi_{S})}) \sin(\phi_{h}-\phi_{S}) + \epsilon F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_{h}+\phi_{S})} \sin(\phi_{h}+\phi_{S}) + \epsilon F_{UT}^{\sin(3\phi_{h}-\phi_{S})} \sin(3\phi_{h}-\phi_{S}) \right] \\ + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} F_{UT}^{\sin\phi_{S}} \sin\phi_{S} + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} F_{UT}^{\sin(2\phi_{h}-\phi_{S})} \sin(2\phi_{h}-\phi_{S}) \right]$

 $+ \lambda_e S_T \left[\sqrt{1 - \epsilon^2} F_{LT}^{\cos(\phi_h - \phi_S)} \cos(\phi_h - \phi_S) \right]$

 $+\sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)}F_{LT}^{\cos\phi_S}\cos\phi_S + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)}F_{LT}^{\cos(2\phi_h-\phi_S)}\cos(2\phi_h-\phi_S)\Big]\Big\}$





Nuclear spin-polarized ³He

• Spin-polarized ³He nucleus: **effective spin-polarized neutron target**



- Polarized ³He targets at Jefferson Lab
 - SEOP, 60% in-beam polarization in 10-bar gases
 - 7 experiments approved for 12 GeV upgrade
- Polarized ³He ion source at RHIC for the future EIC
 - MEOP, concept developed by BNL-MIT collaboration
 - High magnetic field (5T) at BNL's Electron Beam Ionization Source

Optical pumping techniques for polarized ³He

Spin-exchange optical pumping (SEOP)



- Optically pump alkali-metal atoms in mixture
- Spin exchange between alkali electrons and ³He nuclei
- Large pressure range (1 to 13 bar)
- Low pumping rate

Metastability-exchange optical pumping (MEOP)



F.D. Colegrove, L.D. Schearer, G.K. Walters Phys. Rev. Lett. 132, 2561 (1963)

- Optically pump metastable-state ³He
- Spin transfer via metastability exchange collision
- Limited pressure range (~1 mbar)
- High pumping rate

Path to polarized ³He in high magnetic field

- SEOP: untenable in high field due to increasing wall relaxation
- MEOP: weak hyperfine coupling
- High-field MEOP development
 - Motivated by NMR medical imaging demand (Kastler Brossel Lab, Paris)
 - Found MEOP effective at higher pressures
 - Successfully produced nearly 60% polarization at 100 mbar and 4.7 T

A. Nikiel-Osuchowska et al., Eur. Phys. J. D 67, 200 (2013)



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BNL-MIT development of high magnetic field MEOP 1083nm laser ³He reservoir Pneumatic valve ³He polarizing cell High speed pulsed valve Mirror Gas ionization cell

- Polarized ³He ion source for the EIC at RHIC at Brookhaven National Lab
- Electron Beam Ion Source operates at 5T
- MEOP within 5T field, transfer into EBIS for ionization and extraction



J.D. Maxwell *et al.*, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A **959**, 161892 (2020)



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Proposed experiment using polarized ³He at CLAS12 at JLab

- CLAS12: CEBAF Large Acceptance Spectrometer for operation at 12 GeV
 - High luminosity electron scattering
 - Multi-particle final-state response
- C12-20-002: A program of spin-dependent electron scattering using a polarized ³He target at CLAS12
 - Spokespeople: H. Avakian, J. Maxwell, R. Milner, and D. Nguyen.
 - Approved with A- rating conditionally on the high-field MEOP target development
- Novel target design to accommodate to the standard CLAS12 configuration

5-T solenoid in interaction region



New opportunities on SIDIS from polarized ³He at CLAS12

- Longitudinally polarized ³He target
- Measurements on the single-spin asymmetry $A_{UL}^{sin2\phi} = \frac{F_{UL}^{sin2\phi}}{F_{UU,T}}$ and double-spin asymmetry $A_{LL}^{cos\phi} = \frac{F_{LL}^{cos\phi}}{F_{UU,T}}$
- Access to helicity and h_{1L}^{\perp}
- Access to the Collins fragmentation

$$F_{UL}^{\sin 2\phi_{
m h}}(x,z,P_T) = \mathcal{C}\left[-rac{2(\hat{h}\cdot k_{\perp})(\hat{h}\cdot \mathbf{p}_{\perp}) - (\mathbf{p}_{\perp}\cdot k_{\perp})}{M_N m_h}h_{1L}^{\perp}(x,Q^2,k_{\perp}^2)H_1^{\perp}(z,Q^2,p_{\perp}^2)
ight]$$



New opportunities on SIDIS from polarized ³He at CLAS12

- Large $P_{T} \mbox{ and } Q^{2} \mbox{ ranges covered at CLAS12}$
 - 1 < Q² < 9 (GeV/c)²
 - 0 < P_T < 1.3 (GeV/c)
- P_T dependence of TMDs
- Flavor and spin dependence in transverse momentum distributions





S. Bastami et al., JHEP 06, 007 (2019) B. U. Musch, arXiv:0907.2381

B. U. Musch, Ph. Hägler, J. W. Negele, and A. Schäfer, Phys. Rev. D 83, 094507

Statistical projections on π^+/π^-



Statistical projections on K⁺/K⁻



A. Airapetian et al., Phys. Rev. D 99, 112001 (2019)

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Other scientific opportunities

- Nuclear corrections to SIDIS
 - Plane wave impulse approximation
 - Final state interaction with spectator nucleons can be significant
 - Generalized eikonal approximation
 - Comparison to other light nuclear targets such as deuteron, ND₃, NH₃, ...
- Tagged DIS
- Deeply virtual exclusive processes
- Quasi-elastic scattering
- Transversely polarized target



L. Kaptari et al., Phys. Rev. C 89, 035206 (2014)

Polarized ³He target for CLAS12

Creating a New Target for CLAS12

Double-Cell Cryo Target

- Polarize at 300 K
- Transfer to 5 K target cell
- Density increase 60×

High Field MEOP

- High Polarization (~60%)
- High magnetic fields (5 T)
- Pressure increase 100×
- By combining established technologies: a new polarized target (Maxwell, Milner, NIM A, 2021.)
- Achieve 5.4 amg, roughly half JLab SEOP target gas density
- Polarize within 5 T solenoid: CLAS12 standard configuration

Polarized ³He target for CLAS12

Conceptual design



Pumping cell (293K)

- Borosilicate glass cell
- MEOP to 60% polarization
- Annular cylindrical volume

Target cell (5K)

- 100 cm³, 20-cm aluminum cell coated with cryogenic layer
- Cooled by LHe heat exchanger
- Luminosity: 2.7×10^{34} nucleons/cm²/s at 0.5 µA beam current

J.D. Maxwell and R.G. Milner, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A 1012, 165590 (2021)

Polarized ³He target for CLAS12

³He relaxation

- Wall relaxation: borosilicate glass and coating for aluminum
- Field gradient:
 - 10⁴ seconds relaxation time around the pumping region J.D. Maxwell and R.G. Milner, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A **1012**, 165590 (2021)
- Ionizing radiation:
 - ³He₂⁺ molecular
 - suppressed with higher field

K. Bonin et al., Phys. Rev. A 37, 3270 (1988)



Polarized ³He target for CLAS12 - progress

- Low-field tests completed
 - Sealed ³He cell at ~1mbar
 - Helmholtz pair provides ~30 Gauss magnetic field
 - Achieved 70% nuclear polarization with 1400 seconds relaxation time







J.D. Maxwell, C.S. Epstein and R.G. Milner, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A **764**, 215 (2014)

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Polarized ³He target for CLAS12 - progress

- High-field tests ongoing
 - Sealed ³He cell first
 - 5T warm-bore solenoid
 - 1083 nm probe laser
 - Next: varied pressure tests



J.D. Maxwell et al., Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A 959, 161892 (2020)



Projected schedule for CLAS12 polarized ³He target development

- High-field polarization with sealed cells by March 2022
- Polarization at varied pressures by summer 2022
- Double cryogenic cell prototype constructed by January 2023
- Double cryogenic cell prototype beam tests by January 2024
- Target system in CLAS12 by January 2025



- Proposal approved in 2020 conditionally on successful target development
- Novel MEOP polarized ³He target designed for CLAS12 high field at JLab
- Offers new opportunities to probe nucleon structures using spin-dependent electron scattering from polarized ³He
- Development on target testing system intensively ongoing at JLab
- Possibility for transverse target once longitudinal polarization proven

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