Science Program with the Neutral Particle Spectrometer

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NPS Collaboration (since 2012)

Collaboration and meetings open to All!



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More info in the NPS Wiki: https://wiki.jlab.org/cuawiki/index.php/Main Page

NPS Science Program

<u>NPS Wiki</u>



• E12-13-010 (Run status: complete): Exclusive Deeply Virtual Compton and Neutral Pion Cross-Section Measurements in Hall C Link • E12-13-007 (Run Status; complete): Measurement of Semi-Inclusive pi0 Production as Validation of Factorization Link • E12-22-006 (Run status: complete): Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering off the neutron with the Neutral Particle Spectrometer in Hall C Link • E12-23-014 (Run status: complete): Measurements of the Ratio R = sigmaL/sigmaT p/d ratios, Pt dependence, and azimuthal asymmetries in Semi-Inclusive DIS pi0 production form proton and deuteron targets using the NPS in Hall C Link Run Group 1b (NPS at small angles and HMS - SHMS used as carriage for NPS): • E12-06-114 (35 days moved to Hall C): Measurements of the electron-helicity dependent cross-sections of deeply virtual Compton scattering Run Group 2 (NPS at large angles and HMS - SHMS used as carriage for NPS): • E12-14-003: Wide-angle Compton Scattering at 8 and 10 GeV Photon Energies Link ₽ • E12-14-005: Wide Angle Exclusive Photoproduction of pi-zero Mesons Link 2 Run Group 3 (NPS+CPS - SHMS used as carriage for NPS) • E12-17-008: Polarization Observables in Wide-Angle Compton Scattering at large s, t, and u Link Run Group 4 (NPS reconfigured as part of an ECAL+HCAL system downstream from target) • E12-23-004 A Search for a Nonzero Strange Form Factor of the Proton at 2.5 (GeV/c)^2 Link Run Group 5 (NPS+Positrons) C12-20-012 (status C2): Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering using a positron beam in Hall C Link III LOIs and proposal being developed LOI12-23-003: GluToNY: Gluon tomography in nucleons by gamma-polarimetry LOI12-23-014: Recoil Nucleon Polarization in Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering and Neutral Pion Electroproduction in Hall C

Run Group 1a (NPS at small angles and HMS - SHMS used as carriage for NPS):

• C12-18-005: Timelike Compton Scattering Off a Transversely Polarized Proton Link (requires NPS + CPS)

NPS RG1a complete – analysis starting (see talks by Casey, Christine, Mark, Josh/Avnish in this session)

RG1b (small angles) and RG2 and RG3 (large angles) use the NPS as is. RG3 also needs the CPS

RG4 re-configures the NPS

RG5 uses NPS as is – requires positron beam

Many additional ideas

This talk

NPS in Hall C - Overview

- Neutral Particle Spectrometer replaces one of the Hall C focusing spectrometers in the experiments
 - Angle reach between 5.5 and 60 degrees
 - > allows for precision (coincidence) cross section measurements of neutral particles (γ and π^0).
- □ HMS (existing 6 GeV era)
 - Has been recommissioned for 12 GeV
- Beam line and beam line instrumentation
- Cryogenic liquid hydrogen and solid targets
- Data acquisition, counting house, computing

Got ideas for experiments – join our meetings!





Experimental Techniques RG1 and RG2/RG3



RG1b: E12-06-114: DVCS precision cross section



 Measure energy dependence
 35 jeopardy days – moved from Hall A to Hall C
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 ⁴⁻⁷
 ³⁻⁷
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- \Box x_B = 0.6: relax statistics slightly
- x_B = 0.48: full statistics @ full acceptance

	X _B	Q² (GeV²)	E _{Beam} (GeV)	Lumi (10 ³⁷ / cm ² /s)	Days
48_2	0.48	4.365	8.52	7.5	3
48_3	0.48	5.334	8.52	7.5	3
48_J1	0.48	5.334	10.62	7.5	3
48_4	0.48	6.900	10.62	10	4
60_J1	0.60	6.822	8.52	7.5	7
60_J2	0.60	6.822	10.62	7.5	6
60_J3	0.60	8.400	8.52	13.	9
Total					35



Uses the same NPS + HMS setup as RG1a

□ Status: ready modulo refurbishments (see later slides)

RG2: E12-14-003: Wide Angle Compton Scattering





- Arguably the least understood of the fundamental reactions in the several-GeV regime
- Wide-Angle Compton Scattering cross section behavior was a foundation leading to the GPD formalism
- Reaction mechanism intrinsically intertwined with basics of hard scattering process (handbag diagram), yet also sensitivity to transverse structure like high-Q² form factors



- Perhaps (6-GeV data) factorization valid for s, -t, -u > 2.5 GeV²
- 12-GeV data for

 -u > 2.5 and -t up to
 ~ 10, s up to ~ 20 GeV²



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Wide Angle Compton Scattering at 8 and 10 GeV Photon Energies

Sweeper magnet deflects scattered electrons vertically



Summary Plots(Run #6237): NPS MEAN AMPLITUTDE



Column Number

RG2: E12-14-005: Wide angle exclusive photo-production of π^0 mesons

The next simplest reaction after Compton scattering.

But model prediction disagree with data by orders of magnitude!



NPS data will help confirm scaling and provide wide angular coverage for testing models based on the dominance of handbag mechanism. Also help extract Regge trajectories.





Wide angle exclusive photo-production of π^0 mesons





single π^0 wings

RG2 Status



□ Very close to being ready to run

$\hfill\square$ NPS needs some modest work

- Replace temperature sensors or rather the keysight card with the active components
- Re-work resistor chain on dividers to work up to 1500V currently limited in voltage to 850 V
- Optimize PMTs first few columns
 - \circ $\,$ remove some from first few columns, test, and get spares
 - \circ $\,$ check connection to crystal for dried optical connection
- Optimize Cable management
- Resolve issue with connectors on calorimeter side
 - o possibly have an intermediate patch panel
 - replace connectors?
- > Optional: Shielding to shield strips on boards to reduce noise between boards
- Optional: Bleach crystals

RG3: E12-17-008: Polarization Observables in WACS



- Make an explicit, model-independent test of factorization by measuring the s-dependence of the polarization observables at fixed centre of mass angle, t, and verify that target mass corrections and higher twist effects are small
- □ Measurement of A_{LL} at large angles allowed for tests of relevant degrees of freedom in hard exclusive reactions □ Also extract the Axial and Pauli form factors - constrain GPDs \tilde{H} and E at high –t

RG3: Setup with NPS+CPS



- A 2.5 uA polarized electron beam incident on a 10% radiator inside a new Compact Photon Source (CPS) produces a high-intensity untagged photon beam
- The proton target is the UVA/JLab solid polarized NH3 target
- The recoil proton Is detector with the BigBite spectrometer equipped with GEM trackers and trigger detectors
- The highly-segmented PWO NPS calorimeter is used to detect the scattered photon



CPS Status

CAD drawings: CPS magnet and shielding



CPS magnet assembled at factory

thermal

testing







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CPS Items Remaining

- □ Finish testing of Cu absorber prototype and finalize design
- □ Brazing of cooling plate water lines and final machining
- Cu absorber cooling plates (finish design, fabricate & test)
- □ Machining/brazing of Cu absorber halves
- Beam line finalize and procured
- Procurement of water chillers and containment chambers
- □ Support frames for CPS, target, NPS calorimeter, and BigBite
- □ Layout of PSU and cooling lines
- □ Assembly of magnet and field mapping

Spinning NH3 polarized target

3. Uniform Illumination of the target cups

<mark>Dustin Keller</mark>



Figure 1: A simple geared cup example specialized so that the target cup does not interact with the beam. Vertical motion combined with rotation of cup will allow uniform coverage of target cell. The red dot represents the fixed position of the photon beam. The colored bead in the cup can be seen moving as the cup rotates counterclockwise and the target ladder is moved up.

RG3 Status

- □ Based on CPS (close to ready)
- Experiment also needs significant design/construction work on BigBite + detector and NPS support structures



Getting BigBite magnet over SHMS

- Can be disassembled and lifted over the SHMS with Hall C standard crane
- <u>If not disassembled BigBite magnet to</u> be lifted with a mobile crane







RG4: E12-23-004 - Search for a Nonzero G_S at 2.5 GeV²



Versatility – NPS as precision EMCal – reconfigure and use with other equipment in Hall C



Measure the PVA for elastic e-p using a highly segmented NPS-type EMCal as electron arm and an iron-scintillatorbased HCal as proton arm in coincidence mode



Approved at PAC51 (B. Wojtsekhowski, C. Palatchi, K. Paschke, et al.)

Science questions:

- How large is the contribution of $s\bar{s}$ quark pairs to the hadron current at $x_B=1$
- Is the lattice prediction of the almost zero values of G_s consistent with experiment

RG4: E12-23-004 – Status and next steps



Beam Test: position the SHMS to 15.5° to detect electrons, measured in coincidence with a prototype proton detector at 42.4°





electron angle 15.5° proton angle 42.4°

Progress but significant work to be done towards beam test

- □ Scintillator array prototype construction
- □ Assemble and test HCAL prototype
- $\hfill\square$ Simulation to select proton arm location
- Mechanical design of proton arm test stand
- Detailed DAQ configuration and prepare analysis

Prototype Proton Detector

- Pixel array of 20 small scintillators with MA-PMT readout + 2 SBS HCAL blocks
- □ FADC readout in spectrometer DAQ
- 50uA on 15 cm hydrogen target at 6.6 GeV, about 2kHz rate into detector
- Test elastic identification and background rate and exclusion

Fraction of total by event type	Offline
Elastic scattering Inelastic (pion electro-production) Quasi-elastic scattering (target windows) π^0 photo-production	$0.989 \\ 0.002 \\ 0.008 \\ 0.001$

RG5: E12-20-012: DVCS using a positron beam in HC



Versatility – combine NPS and a positron beam in Hall C

 $|\mathcal{T}(\pm ep \to \pm ep\gamma)|^2 = |\mathcal{T}^{BH}|^2 + |\mathcal{T}^{DVCS}|^2 \mp \mathcal{I}$



A factor of 4-6 improvement in the extraction of LO/LT CFFs Re(*H*) and Re(\tilde{H}), factor of ~2 for HT/NLO



Physics Goals and motivation:

Opposite sign

for e-&e+

- Precise determination of the absolute photon electroproduction cross section
- Clean model-independent separation of DVCS² and DVCS-BH interference
- More stringent constraints on CFFs by combining e⁺/e⁻ data

New Physics with NPS: New DVCS Observables



Versatility – NPS as precision EMCal – reconfigure and use with other equipment in Hall C

New DVCS observable: the recoil proton polarization

- Can only be done at JLab with NPS,
- Simultaneous access to E and \tilde{H} through the two transverse polarization of the recoil proton,
- Large polarimeter on the ground made of Scintillating Fibers.
- π^{0} -electroproduction done simultaneously.
- More details in LOI 12-23-014.

Bessidskaia Bylund et al., Phys. Rev. D 107, 014020



New LOIs to PAC51 (M. Defurne)



Vertical Fibers Horizontal Fibers

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New DVCS observable: Linear polarization of DVCS photon

- Can only be done at JLab with NPS,
- Direct access to gluon transversity GPDs,
- Pair polarimeter composed of light MAPS planes.
- Figure-of-merit being optimized (anlyzing power vs efficiency).
- May need SBS as electron arm to increase acceptance.
- More details in LOI 12-23-003.

Below, reconstruction of azimuthal angle as lepton pair goes through layers of 0.05% of radiation length spaced by 0.5 mm. Azimuthal angle





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Other new physics ideas with NPS



CPS as a positron source

- > TPE effects
- > Dark photon search



More in Jefferson Lab Hall C: Precision Physics at the Luminosity Frontier (Hall C White Paper); <u>D. Mack et al. arXiv 2209.11838</u>

Beyond DVCS and TCS

- DDVCS (access to ERBL region)
- > J/Psi on transversely polarized target



DDVCS

Access GPDs

Tensor-polarized DVCS



A. J. Zec et al. – 2024 NPS Collaboration Meeting

Marie Boer et al. – 2022 NPS Collaboration Meeting

Q'2 != Q2 & greater than 1 GeV2

Depends on x, xi, t + evolution





- □NPS is a new facility in Hall C allowing for high-precision studies of cross sections and polarization observable involving neutral final states
- The currently approved NPS science program consists of eight approved experiments aiming at
 - Systematically study the reaction mechanism and factorization
 - Map out nucleon structure in new kinematic regimes
- Some exciting new physics ideas are under development combining NPS with positron beam and/or other equipment in Hall C (possibly 22 GeV JLab)
 NPS run group 1a (RG1a) ran in 2023/2024
- Anticipate to run RG1b and RG2 next

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NPS General Design Concept



- a ~25 msr neutral particle detector consisting of up to 1116 PbWO₄ crystals in a temperature-controlled frame including gain monitoring and curing systems
- HV distribution bases with built-in amplifiers for operation in a high-rate environment
- Essentially deadtime-less digitizing electronics to independently sample the entire pulse form for each crystal – JLab-developed Flash ADCs
- ❑ A new 0.3Tm sweeping magnet allowing for small-angle and large angle operation at 0.6 TM. The magnet is compatible with existing JLab power supplies.
- Cantelevered platforms off the SHMS carriage to allow for remote rotation (in the small angle range), and platforms to be on the SHMS carriage (in the large angle range)
- A beam pipe with as large critical angle as possible to reduce beamline-associated backgrounds







More on PWO crystal studies: Scintillating Crystals for the NPS in Hall C at JLab; <u>T. Horn et al., Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 956 (2020) 163375</u>

RG1a: E12-13-007 – SIDIS basic (e,e' π^0) cross sections

Linked to framework of *Transverse Momentum Dependent Parton Distributions*

- Validation of factorization theorem needed for most future SIDIS experiments and their interpretation
- > Need to constrain TMD evolution w. precision data
- Questions on target-mass corrections and ln(1-z) re-summations require precision large-z data



 $TMD^{q}(x,k_{T})$

Transverse momentum widths of quarks with **different flavor (and polarization)** can be different



 $P_{T} = p_{t} + z k_{t} + O(k_{t}^{2}/Q^{2})$

E12-13-007 goal: Measure the basic SIDIS cross sections of π° production off the proton, including a map of the P_T dependence (P_T ~ Λ < 0.5 GeV), to validate^(*) flavor decomposition and the k_T dependence of (unpolarized) up and down quarks

(*) Can only be done using spectrometer setup capable of %-type measurements (an essential ingredient of the global SIDIS program!)

Requires new ~25 msr Neutral-Particle Spectrometer

Advantages of (e,e' π^{o}) beyond (e,e' $\pi^{+/-}$)

- Many experimental and theoretical advantages to validate understanding of SIDIS with neutral pions
- **C**an verify: $\sigma^{\pi^{0}}(x,z) = \frac{1}{2} (\sigma^{\pi^{+}}(x,z) + \sigma^{\pi^{-}}(x,z))$
- \Box Confirms understanding of flavor decomposition/k_T dependence

PAC: "the cross sections are such basic tests of the understanding of SIDIS at 11 GeV kinematics that they will play a critical role in establishing the entire SIDIS program of studying the partonic structure of the nucleon."

RG1a: E12-13-010: precision DVCS/ π^0 cross sections

Simplest process: $e + p \rightarrow e' + p + \gamma$ (DVCS)

E12-13-010 DVCS measurements follow up on measurements in Hall A:

- Scaling of the Compton Form Factor
- Rosenbluth-like separation of DVCS: $\sigma = |BH|^2 + \text{Re}[DVCS^{\perp} BH] + |DVCS|^2$

 \succ L/T separation of π^0 production



Extracting the real part of CFFs from DVCS requires measuring the cross section at multiple beam energies (DVCS²–Interference separation)



Hall A data for Compton form factor (over *limited* Q² range) agree with hard-scattering

12 GeV projections: confirm formalism



interpretation of 12 GeV GPD data

π^0 Exclusive Cross Sections

Relative L/T contribution to π^0 cross section important in probing transversity

250

200

d_{0L, T}/dt(≠["]) 100

Q² (GeV²)

Results from Hall A at 6 GeV Jlab suggest that the longitudinal cross section in π^0 production is non-zero up to $Q^2=2 \text{ GeV}^2$

RG1a: E12-22-006: DVCS off the Neutron

NPS

Probe flavor dependence of GPDs with precision nDVCS cross sections Measurement of the $N \rightarrow e' \gamma X$ reaction (N=p, n, d) using an LD₂ target in Hall C



With NPS and HMS in Hall C reach ~x2-12 better nDVCS & dDVCS separation than previous 6 GeV experiment

Projected Impact on flavor dependence of CFFs

- Simultaneous fit of E12-13-010 (p) and E12-22-006 (n)
- Real and imaginary parts of CFFs H and \tilde{H} and E (u & d) as free parameters (nDVCS not sensitive to \tilde{E})





RG1a: E12-23-014: SIDIS basic (e,e' π^0) cross sections

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Angles for which NPS has good acceptance in (z, p_T)



Measure $R_{LT} = \sigma_L / \sigma_T$, the ratios of d/u cross sections, the transverse momentum dependence of the cross section, and the spin-independent and beam-spin-dependant modulations of the cross section





Physics goals are driven by the need to more fully understand the production processes that enter SIDIS for better understanding of the 3D nucleon structure

Dynamic and target higher twist, deep-exclusive processes, VM, CSV ²⁹











