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SIDIS Pion Beam Spin Asymmetries with CLAS12 at 10.6 GeV

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Overview

- Introduction and physics motivation
- Particle ID
- Kinematic coverage
- Preliminary results



- → Data recorded with CLAS12 during spring of 2018
- ➔ Analysed data < 2 % of approved RG-A beamtime</p>

Experimental Setup

→ 10.6 GeV electron beam → 85 % average polarization → liquid H₂ target

Forward Detector:

- TORUS magnet
- HT Cherenkov Counter
- Drift chamber system
- LT Cherenkov Counter/ RICH detector
- Forward Time-of-Flight
- E.M. calorimeter

Central Detector:

- SOLENOID magnet
- Micromegas Tracker
- Barrel Silicon Tracker
- Central Time-of-Flight
- Neutron detector

Extended Setup:

- Forward Tagger
- ~100,000 readout channels



Experimental Setup



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Physics Motivation

- The 3D nucleon structure in momentum space can be described by TMDs
- A way to acess these properties is the semi inclusive deep inelastic scattering



Physics Motivation

In a simplified way, it can be expressed as:

$$d\sigma = d\sigma_0 (1 + A_{UU}^{\cos\phi} \cos\phi + A_{UU}^{\cos2\phi} \cos2\phi + \lambda_e A_{LU}^{\sin\phi} \sin\phi)$$

where the moments $A_{UU}^{\cos\phi}$, $A_{UU}^{\cos 2\phi}$, $A_{LU}^{\sin\phi}$ are directly related to the structure functions of the cross section

Focus of this study: $A_{LU}^{\sin\phi}$

- \rightarrow Only moment which depends on the beam helicity
- → Helicity dependence arises from the asymmetric part of the leptonic tensor and its coupling to the hadronic tensor

 \rightarrow Directly correlated with the structure function $F_{LU}^{\sin\phi}$

➔ Provides information about the quark gluon correlations in the proton

Physics Motivation and Extraction

• BSA is a good tool to extract $A_{LU}^{\sin\phi}$

$$BSA = \frac{d\sigma^+ - d\sigma^-}{d\sigma^+ + d\sigma^-} = \frac{A_{LU}^{\sin\phi}\sin\phi}{1 + A_{UU}^{\cos\phi}\cos\phi + A_{UU}^{\cos(2\phi)}\cos(2\phi)}$$

→ Helicity independent acceptance terms cancel out in the ratio!

Past: Measurements have been performed with CLAS, HERMES and COMPASS

Advantages of CLAS12:

- ➔ Significantly higher statistics
- \rightarrow Extended kinematic coverage (Q², P_T)

Particle ID

- **Electron ID** \rightarrow Based on the electromagnetic calorimeter and the cherenkov counters
- **Hadron ID** \rightarrow Charge corresponding to the selected hadron
 - \rightarrow Fiducial cuts on the hit position in the drift chambers
 - $\rightarrow\,$ Particle selection based on β vs $\,$ p correlation



\rightarrow Maximum likelihood particle ID

$$P(\beta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\beta-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)$$

- → Assign particle to species with the highest probability
- → Check if particle is within a certain confidence level
- Provides a cleaner particle ID for inclusive measurements

Event selection and kinematic cuts Yield / 2 10000 8000 <u>π⁰ selection</u>: clas preliminary $E_v > 0.6$ GeV, all 2 γ pairs 6000 SIDIS simulations show: 4000 background dominated by SIDIS π^0 σ~11.5 MeV 2000 \rightarrow 3 σ cut around the peak positions 0.06 0.08 0.1 0.12 0.14 0.16 0.18 0.2 M_{vv}/GeV Kinematic cuts for all pions: minimal electron energy: 2.0 GeV minimal pion energy: 1.5 GeV **DIS cut:** $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ W > 2 GeV Additionally: Cut on the final state hadron momentum fraction z 0.3 < z < 0.7 \rightarrow z > 0.3 removes the "target fragmentation region" \rightarrow z < 0.7 removes contamination by pions from exclusive channels

Kinematic coverage for π^+ (similar for π^- and π^0)



Integrated beam spin asymmetry





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Comparison with CLAS and HERMES results

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx\,dy\,d\psi\,dz\,d\phi_h\,dP_{h\perp}^2} \begin{cases} \sim \lambda_e A_{LU}^{\sin\phi}\sin\phi \\ \sim \lambda_e\sqrt{2\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)} F_{LU}^{\sin\phi_h}\sin\phi_h \end{cases}$$



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Conclusion and Outlook

- CLAS12 enables the extraction of SIDIS pion BSA moments with high accuracy in an extended kinematic range
- Qualitative agreement with previous experiments
- The presented analysis is based on only close to 2 % of the approved RG-A beamtime
- The behaviour at large Q^{2} and \textbf{p}_{T} values has to be studied in more detail
- A multidimensional analysis will be perfored
- Systematic effects will be investigated



