E12-06-114: Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering in Hall A

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Fall 2016 DVCS run: summary & outlook

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Outline

- GPDs, 3D picture of the nucleon - DVCS
- DVCS in Hall A
- Overview of DVCS Fall 2016 run
- Update from DVCS Spring 2016 run
- Status summary and Outlook
Generalized Parton Distributions and 3D picture of the nucleon

DIS Parton Distribution Functions
No information on the spatial location of the constituents

Elastic Form Factors
No information about the underlying dynamics of the system

GPDs: access to correlations between transverse spatial distributions and longitudinal momentum distributions
DVCS and GPDs

- DVCS is the cleanest way to access GPDs
- In the Bjorken Limit \( Q^2 = \frac{-q^2}{\nu} \rightarrow \infty \) \( x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu} \) fixed

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\begin{align*}
\xi & \approx x_B \\
\gamma & \text{Hard Part} \\
\gamma^* & \text{Soft Part} \\
P & \text{Nucleon Structure Described by 4 quark GPDs:} \\
H, E (\text{no helicity flip}), \tilde{H}, \tilde{E} (\text{helicity flip})
\end{align*}
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DVCS and Bethe-Heitler

At leading twist:

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\begin{align*}
\frac{d^5}{\sigma} \frac{d^5}{\sigma} - \frac{d^5}{\sigma} \frac{d^5}{\sigma} & = \Im m (T^{BH} \cdot T^{DVCS}) \\
\frac{d^5}{\sigma} \frac{d^5}{\sigma} + \frac{d^5}{\sigma} \frac{d^5}{\sigma} & = |BH|^2 + \Re e (T^{BH} \cdot T^{DVCS}) + |DVCS|^2 
\end{align*}
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Known to 1%
DVCS in Hall A - Goal

- Timeline:
  - E00-110/E03-106 (2004) : first round of dedicated experiments (Q^2 dependence study)
  - E07-007/E08-025 (2010) : second round of dedicated experiments (Q^2 dependence study + beam energy dependence)
  - E12-06-114 (2014 - 2016)

- E12-06-114 goals:
  - Scaling test: Wider Q^2 scans at fixed x_B (larger Q^2 lever arm than in 2010 & several values of x_B)
  - Separation of Re and Im parts of DVCS cross-section amplitude

100 PAC days (88 + 12 calibration)
DVCS in Hall A - Apparatus

\[ ep \rightarrow e'p'\gamma \]
DVCS in Hall A - Apparatus

Calorimeter energy resolution ~3.6% at 4.2 GeV
→ Limiting factor

DVCS Missing mass:
\( e \ p \rightarrow e' \ X \ \gamma \)

Missing mass = \( (e + p - e' - \gamma)^2 \)

Exclusivity is ensured by missing mass cut
Overview of DVCS Fall 2016 Run Period
Overview

**Fall 2014**
- New EDTM system in LHRS
- Beam dump certification
- DVCS electronic commissioning
- Moller polarimeter commissioning
- DVCS calorimeter calibration
- DVCS production: 1 kinematic point (3 PAC days)

**Spring 2015**
- New raster system
- BPM & BCM calibration
- Beam energy measurement
- Compton polarimeter commissioning
- Target Boiling studies
- LHRS optics calibration (detuned Q1)
- No production data taken

**Spring 2016**
- Beam polarization measurement (Moller & Compton)
- Beam energy measurement
- BPM & BCM calibration (up to 30 μA)
- DVCS calorimeter calibration at 4.4 GeV (x2)
- LHRS optics calibration (Q1: max current too low, detuned against {Q2, D, Q3} → need 4 calibrations)
- DVCS production: 4 new kinematic points

**Fall 2016**
- Beam polarization measurement (Moller, x4)
- Beam energy measurement (x5)
- BPM (x1) & BCM (x3) calibration
- Trigger efficiency measurement (x12)
- DVCS calorimeter calibration at 6.4 GeV (x2)
- DVCS production: 4 new kinematic points

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Fall 2016 - Running

Moller polarization measurement (Kharkov Institute & Temple University)

• Operational during whole duration of Fall 2016.
• Fast measurements.
• 4 measurements with GEANT corrections (±statistics error ±systematics error):
  • October 31: $E_{\text{beam}} = 8.495$ GeV ; polarization = $86.75(\pm 0.10 \pm 1.0)\%$
  • November 28: $E_{\text{beam}} = 10.590$ GeV ; polarization = $85.39(\pm 0.11 \pm 1.0)\%$
  • December 07: $E_{\text{beam}} = 10.591$ GeV ; polarization = $84.18(\pm 0.10 \pm 1.0)\%$
  • December 19: $E_{\text{beam}} = 8.498$ GeV ; polarization = $86.20(\pm 0.10 \pm 1.0)\%$
→ Polarization rather stable
Fall 2016 - Running

Compton polarization measurement (Larisa Thorne)

Acc4 asymmetries

- (preliminary results)
- Raw asymmetries between November 3 and November 7.
- Confirms that polarization is stable.
- Analysis in progress (more information in Compton Status update).
Beam energy measurement (Doug Higinbotham)
Fall 2016 - Preliminary Studies

BCM calibration (Bishnu Karki & Julie Roche)

- 3 BCM calibrations against the Unser
  - October 15: up to 80 μA at 1 pass
  - November 2: up to 30 μA at 4 pass
  - November 26: up to 40 μA at 5 pass

- D3 & D10 agree within 0.5%
- Unew & Dnew are noisy (electronics)
- U1 & D1 are not linear below 10 μA

- Conclusion: rely on D3 & D10, or average of them

- Coefficients fairly stable
Fall 2016 - Preliminary Studies

Trigger efficiency measurement (Hashir Rashad)

- S0, S2 and Cerenkov efficiency > 99%
- Cer: Suspicion of artificially low efficiency because of pions showering in pion rejector and creating “fake” electrons
- Cer_GoodCer: requires more than 1 photo-electron in Cerenkov detector

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Coincidence time correction (Mongi Dlamini)

Corrected for:
- Trigger jitter
- Calorimeter blocks relative time (cabling)
- S2m paddles relative time
- Photons travel time in S2m
- Electron travel time

Good identification of calorimeter - LHRS coincidence allows to remove accidentals.

Sigma = 6.553 ns

Sigma = 0.8505 ns
• Proton detected in LHRS, electron detected in calorimeter.
• Compute expected electron energy using detected proton (elastic)
• Reconstruct electron energy in calorimeter
• Adjust calorimeter blocks gains

- ~3.6% energy resolution at 4.2 GeV

- 2 elastic calibrations at 3 pass:
  • October 29
  • December 13 (see plots above)
- ~30% increase of the gain (increased calorimeter HV) to compensate for blocks loss of gain (radiation damage).
Calorimeter loss of gain (Carlos Munoz Camacho)

- Extremely fast initial loss of gain of the calorimeter blocks (radiation damage)
- Slower but continuous loss of gain afterward
- Small recovery after long down time
Calorimeter loss of gain and $\pi^0$ calibration (F. G. & Mongi Dlamini)

- Compute correction coefficients by reconstructing $\pi^0$ invariant mass.
- Optimize $\pi^0$ invariant mass mean value and resolution.

Block 151 is very sensitive to radiation damage.

Block 35 is very sensitive to radiation damage.

Increased HV of block 35.
Fall 2016 - Preliminary Studies

Calorimeter $\pi^0$ calibration

- $\pi^0$ calibration allows to correct calorimeter gains between elastic calibrations

**November 24-25**

- $\pi^0$ invariant mass $= 0.1347$ GeV
- $\Sigma = 0.01014$ GeV

**December 10-12**

- $\pi^0$ invariant mass $= 0.1365$ GeV
- $\Sigma = 0.01019$ GeV

(low statistics kinematic)
Quality analysis (F. G. & Mongi Dlamini)

Run 13370: Loss of synchronization between raster 1 and 2

Spring 2016:
- Kin48_1: 8 / 74 runs removed (~1.3% of total charge)
- Kin48_2: 1 / 58 runs removed (~0.5% of total charge)
- Kin48_3: 14 / 122 runs removed (~1% of total charge)
- Kin48_4: 13 / 153 runs removed (~3.9% of total charge)

Main rejection reasons:
- Very short runs / Very few events recorded (beam trips)
- Raster issue
- Abnormal trigger rates

Run 14204: Low number of 1 track events.
HALOG: no beam

Fall 2016:
- Kin36_[123]: work in progress
- Kin60_1 and kin60_3 still need to be done
Fall 2016 - Difficulties

Loss of synchronization LHRS - DVCS calorimeter

- A cable carrying a 100kHz clock signal was found plugged into the live input of the trigger supervisor.
- Reason and origin unknown.
- Consequences: loss of synchronization between LHRS and DVCS calorimeter.
- 63 runs compromised (3.5 full days of production ~ 30% of kin60_1 statistics)
- Recovering using EDTM trigger (6Hz clock signal sent to both LHRS and DVCS calorimeter)
- Very small loss of statistics.
- Work currently ongoing…
Update from Spring 2016 Run Period
Update from Spring 2016

LHRS Optics calibration

- Optics calibration complete for all 4 settings of Q1
- Used the “Q1 100% tuned” calibration for this Fall
- 1 new calibration for Fall 2016 (Yang Wang)
Update from Spring 2016

R-function (Alexa Johnson & Gulakhshan Hamad)

- Defined/computed 4 new R-functions
- Determined appropriate R-cut values

Still need to (mainly):
- Check R-cut values (DIS cross-section stable)
- Implement in DVCS libraries
- Repeat for Fall 2016

Needed for Q1-detuned settings
Update from Spring 2016

Raster calibration

- Needed 7 calibrations for Spring 2016 (for each beam energy changes)
- Raster calibration complete
- Raster correction taken into account
- New calibrations required for Fall 2016

Raster size calibrated against BPM readings.

W² (GeV²) vs Raster current

- No raster correction
- With raster correction

W² for elastic ep → ep
Update from Spring 2016

Raster loss of synchronization

- Failing raster power supply \(\rightarrow\) loss of synchronization between raster 1 and 2.
- Calibration not currently possible (assumes raster 1 and 2 synchronized).
- > 50% of kin48_3 affected.

- But simulation shows that error on variable reconstruction is smaller than experimental resolution.

- Online display monitoring was put into place during Fall 2016 for early warning.
- Did not happen during Fall 2016.
Summary
Could not go back and complete kin48_234 because of beam energy change over the summer.

~50% of PAC allocation completed between 2014 and 2016
Summary and Outlook

• Fall 2014: Successful Commissioning + 1 complete kinematic point
• Spring 2016: 4 partial kinematic points (~70% overall statistics)
• Fall 2016: 4 complete kinematic points. End of data acquisition!
• 2 kinematic points missing
• Data analysis already started and to be continued. Lot of work ahead of us.
• Very exciting results to come, stay tuned!

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Thank You!
• ARS boards: 1GHz Digitizer electronics.
  ➔ Allows clear identification of DVCS photons and pile-up resolution.
Update from Spring 2016

DIS rates studies (Bishnu Karki)

- DIS rates consistent within 2% if trigger prescales unchanged.
- DIS rates variations up to 18% when trigger prescales changed.
- Some DIS events seem to be missed by coincidence trigger.
- Work ongoing to understand these observations.