

Electron Scattering Experiments, Data-Analysis and Monte-Carlo Simulation

Section 1

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Head-Up

>It is a very brief introduction of Nuclear Experiments via Electron-Scattering examples.

>Do not intend to give a lecture about detector technologies (but do cover most of common use detectors)

Highly related to some of the Physics topics discussed in other Sections and the upcoming Hadron-Workshop

>Only give experimental programs that I involved at JLab/EIC but the ideas behind are common for all particle physics experiments

>Welcome to discuss with me in the next few days

Outline

 Quick Introduction to Experimental Particle Physics Method
 Selected Experimental Examples:

 Example 1: High resolution Magnet Spectrometer, HRS, Hall-A, JLab

 Example 2: General Purpose 4π Detector System, SoLID, Hall-A, JLab

• Example 3: General Purpose 4π Detector System on Electron-Ion Collider

Section 2

- Data Analysis and Simulation



The Structure of Matters





Tools in Particle Physics

> Main particle scattering processes:



>Electron Scattering - A high precision EM probe!

To study a complicated subject, the tool can not be more complicated than this project!

- ✤ Electrons are easier to accelerate, manipulate, and control the polarization
- Electrons interact with others via EM interaction (and also small probabilities of Week-Interaction)

(Protons and other hadrons interact via both EM and Strong-Interactions!)

- Electrons are fundamental particles, and won't break into smaller pieces
 (Protons will break up into many fragments due to their quark and gluons)
- ♦ Weakness: Hard to reach high energy (tens of GeV)





QED (Quantum Electromagnetic Dynamics):

Precisely calculate EM interaction; Agree well with experiments

QCD (Quantum Chromo-Dynamics):

Calculate strong interaction; Non-perturbative parts are not directly calculatable; Need model approximation combined with experimental measurements as inputs;

★ Control the resolution of the probe \rightarrow (Q², ν) or (Q², x_{bj}):

Four Momentum Transfer (probe resolution) $Q^2 = 4E_0 E' \sin^2(\theta/2)$ Energy Transfer (probe depth) $\nu = E_0 - E'$ Momentum Fraction of knock-out quark (probe depth)

$$x_{bj} = \frac{Q^2}{2m_p v}$$

• By playing with (Q^2, ν) or (Q^2, x_{bj}) , we can adjust the probe resolution ("sharpness") and probe depth ("view-zoom") to study the the different degree of freedom of the QCD interaction.

> Major Electron Scattering Processes:

Elastic Scattering: Energy Transfer is not enough to break up a nucleon or a nucleus; Study the collective EM structure of the nucleon or nucleus (like seeing the "skin")





Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS): Energy The energy transfer is high enough to break up nucleon, and knock out a quark (or gluon); See the internal QCD structure of the nucleon (like seeing the "cells")



probe the "cell"

Quasi-Elastic Scattering (QES): The energy transfer is high enough to break up a nucleus and knock out a proton or a neutron; Study nucleon-nucleon interaction and nuclear structures (like seeing muscles or skeleton)

probe the "muscles"

>Major Detection Methods:



General Idea: The more particles (and their kinematic quantities) we measure, the detailed mechanism we can learn from the reaction, but the less information we collect, and also the more challenging to measure!

> The Detection of Particles:



Fixed Target Experiments:

High Resolution Magnetic Spectrometers



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Experimental Example 1

>Hall-A Tritium Experimental Run-Group



Thomas Jefferson Lab







Located at Newport News, Virginia; Funded by Department of Energy; First operation in 1990s



Thomas Jefferson Lab



Thomas Jefferson Lab

Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility:



ARC



- ✤ High luminosity Electron Linear Accelerator
- Superconducting Cavity
- Longitudinal Polarization
- Continues Wave Beam Current up to 200uA to each Hall
- ✤ Radio-Frequency Technique to send beam with different

energies and polarization to individual halls, simultaneously





> Hall-A HRS Spectrometers:

- ✓ A magnetic spectrometer provides precise measurements at selected (limited) kinematic phase-space
- ✓ Mostly single purpose, i.e. one experiment is optimized to measure one type of physics
- ✓ Can handle very high luminosity (due to small acceptance and large particle flight-length)



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Out

> Target System:

- A vacuum chamber to house gas, liquid and solid targets **
- ** Beam goes through the chamber (and the targets)
- ** Remotely change targets by moving up and down









> Hall-A HRS Spectrometers:



Hight Resolution Spectrometers

- Two identical spectrometers, HRS-L optimized for electrons and HRS-R optimized for hadrons
- Each HRS includes 3 Quadrupoles (Q) + 1 Dipole
 QQDQ setup to obtain high momentum resolution (10⁻⁴)
- ✤ A ~20 meter flight path allows us to precise measure the angles and positions info of charged particles
- The detector-hut is ~10 meter above the floor to avoid radiation damage and background.





HRS Detectors:

The detector hut contains a set of detectors hold in a retractable rack, protected by a thick concrete door from radiations (e.g. neutrons).



Vertical **D**rift **C**hambers:









- ✤ A charged particle passing through gases can ionize gas-atom
- In a strong electric field, ionized electrons develop cascade toward the anode-wire,
- Electric-pulse is amplified, converted into digital signal and readout by front-end electronics
 - The location of anode-wires which receive pulse signals (corrected by the drift-time) tell the location of the hit
 - ★ Each HRS VDC have to wire planes. Two VDCS give four hit positions to extract the position (x, y) and angle (θ, ϕ)

> (Plastic) Scintillator Counters:



- Plastic scintillating materials are mixed with fluorescent emitter, which produces light when charged particles ions the materials.
- Light is reflected by the inner layer to the end and collected by Photon-Multiplier Tube (PMT).
- Generally have very fast arising time and short decay time (2-4 ns)
- ✤ Great application in timing measurement.
- ***** Key components in the trigger system.







Threshold

➤ Gas Cherenkov Detector (GC):



PMT (Burle 8854)

- Charged particle radiates Cerenkov light in a medium with speed faster than that of light.
 - ✓ Gas particle are polarized and become dipoles
 - ✓ Oscillation of these dipole moments emits light



- ♦ Cherenkov radiation angle depends on the speed and the index of reflection of the medium: $cos\theta = \frac{1}{\beta n}$
- The momentum threshold for a particle to produce a Cherenkov light depends on its mass:

 $P_{threshold} = \frac{mc}{\sqrt{n^2 - 1}}$ Hall-A Gas Cherenkov Detector was tuned to allow electrons with 18 MeV/c to emit light, while pions requires 4.3 GeV/c

- Increasing index of reflection (i.e. materials), one can set the threshold to be between pion mass and kaon mass, such as Aerogel.
 - Can be extended to a more powerful detector: **RICH**

Ring Image Cherenkov Detector





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Charged Particles

Cherenkov lights are focused by mirrors and reflected to the PMT

> Spherical Mirrors (80cm focal length)

Electromagnetic Calorimeters (ECal):



- An electron (or positron, photon) passing through a ** dense material deposits most of its energy via the EM cascade process.
- Hadrons require much longer radiation length to * develop cascade (only deposit ionizing energy in ECal).
- Typically choose PbWO4 Crystal or Pb-Glass * (transparent materials) to guide the light out to PMTs.

HyCal for PRAD in Hall-B





- HRS-R has a thicker (longer radiation length) ECal, called Showers, which is a Total-Absorber (i.e. an electron's energy is totally deposited inside the ECal and it stops
- HRS-L has a thinker ECal, called Pion-Rejectors, which is a ** Sampling-ECal (some electrons escape)
- Each ECal contains two layers (PreShower+Shower, Pion-Rejection 1 and 2), to perform e/pi separation.



Electrons are more easily develop EM cascade even in the first layer



Pions most likely

the first layer;

Data Acquisition System and Triggers:

- ✤ A Data-Acquisition System includes:
 - Front-end electronic modules to read and process signals from detectors (e.g., analog signals from PMTs)
 - A Computer which communicate with the front—end modules and save the data into hard-drive



Front-End Electronics in the HRS Detector Hut



- A trigger is a digital signal to tell DAQ system when to record signals coming from detectors and elsewhere (e.g., target info, beam info, spectrometer info, etc.)
- Designing a trigger for a dedicated experiment is very essential and also complicated.
- On HRS, we heavily reply on two Scintillator counter planes (which have very good time response for charged particles). How we determine a particle hit a detector plane ("trigger")?



Charged Hadrons Interacting with Matters

Data Acquisition and Triggers:

- ◆ To reject background particles, we use at lease two detector planes to form a trigger
- ✤ To reject pions and only keep electrons, we add the Gas-Cherenkov into the trigger as well
- We design different trigger types for multiple purpose (e.g., evaluate the efficiencies of the detectors)



> A coincidence experiments (e.g., $e + H3 \rightarrow e' + p + n + n$):

- In a coincidence experiment, we need to determine two or more particles coming from the same reaction in the target region
- The reaction time can be from the beam RF time (i.e. when the beam-electron was sent to Hall-A)
- The target region to the detector region has a ("roughly") fixed path length; Hence fixed travel-time for known particles



Electron beam does come continuously, but in every 2 ns (1/RF)



Note:

- Times are all relevant (not absolute)
- Required to reference to a common time(normally use HRS-L trigger time as the reference (Δt₁ = 0)
- HRSs have set central momenta; hence set central velocities; hence roughly know travel-time for known particle
- Cable lengths (between HRS-L and HRS-R) have to be calculated correctly



> Triggers for a Coincidence Experiment:



Control Room (Counting House):

When the experiment runs, it is 24/7 for weeks or months

✤ Shift-workers (8 hrs shift) are:

- Execute run-plans
- Monitoring status of all instrumentation
- Running DAQ to take data
- Analyzing data to check quality and find issues
- Make changes (spectrometer settings, targets, beam, etc.)
- Communicating with Accelerator Machine Control Center
- Log all activities and Report issues to experts



- Experts (mainly PHD students) are in the back room :
 - Assisting shift-works;
 - Perform more sophisticated analysis
 - Fixed issues or work with JLab scientists to fix issues.



✤ Other folks:

- Spokespeople and lab managements are working together to design run-plane, define actitivies;
- Run-Coordinator communicate among spokespeople and different division; Make sure run-plans are well executed
- Support groups (beam-line, target, electric engineer, radiation-control, etc...)



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Fixed Target Experiments:

General Purpose 4π Detector Systems



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- Four Experimental Halls:
 - ◆ Hall-A: HRS, then Super-BigBite Spectrometer (SBS), then MOLLER are for dedicated purpose experiments
 - ↔ Hall-B: CLAS12 is a multiple purpose 4 π detector (low luminosity, large acceptance, limited resolution)
 - ◆ Hall-C: HMS and Super-HMS are high-luminosity, limited acceptance, for precision measurement at limited region.
 - ◆ Hall-D: GLUX detector system is for real-photon production experiment to search exotic gluon states





One Inclusive PVDIS experiment (PDF, new physics):

• E12-10-007, Parity Violation Deep Inelastic Scattering, 90 days

Four SIDIS experiments (TMD):

- E12-10-006, Pion SIDIS with Transversely Polarized He3, 90 days
- E12-11-007, Pion SIDIS with Longitudinally Polarized He3, 35 days
- E12-11-108, Pion SIDIS with Transversely and Longitudinally Polarized Proton, 120 days
- E12-11-108A/E12-10-006B, Kaon SIDIS with Polarized Proton and Neutron , in parallel
- E12-10-006A, Pion Dihadron-Production in SIDIS with Polarized He3 , in parallel

Three Exclusive experiments (proton-mass, GPD):

- E12xxxxxxxx, J/Psi Production near Threshold with unpolarized proton target, 60 days
- E12-----B, Time-like Compton Scattering with unpolarized proton target, in parallel
- E12-10-006B, Pi- Production Deep Exclusive Meson Production with polarized He3, in parallel



Status:

- ✓ Three Original Physics Programs→ SIDIS, J/Psi and PVDIS; + newly developed GPD
- ✓ On December 2014, pre-Conceptual Design was submitted;
- ✓ On March 2015, Passed the JLab Director's Review on;
- \checkmark In 2016, CLEO Solenoidal Magnet was transported from Cornell University to JLab;
- ✓ In 2017, Sent Conceptual Design and R&D Plan to Department of Energy;
- ✓ In 2018, to request to DOE Science Review; Project starts (Critical Decision Stage 0, CD0);
- ✓ In 2019 or 2010, to request to DOE for Critical Decision Stage 1 (CD1); Project officially starts;
- ✓ Significant contributions from Chinese collaborators.

> SoLID PVDIS Setup (inclusive DIS with polarized beam):



Baffle Collimator:



Goals:

- \rightarrow For PVDIS only
- \rightarrow 11 layers of 9cm thick lead and one layer of 5cm lead
- \rightarrow Right after the target, to block neutral particles and secondary low-energy particles.
- \rightarrow Follow charge particle bending in the field, preserve the same azimuthal slice and block line of sight. l e'
 - \checkmark During the experiment, dominate particles are low energy charged particles from secondary scattering, as well as photons.
 - \checkmark Neutral particle (photons) and low energy charged particles are mostly blocked by any layers of baffle;
 - \checkmark ~50% of high energy electrons can pass all layers





















➢ Gas Electric Multiplier (GEM):



- ✓ Can handle very high rate (50MHz per mm²)
- ✓ Can also work in a high magnetic field
- Strong electric field inside the holes
- Charged particles ionize atoms
- Drifting electrons are amplified during cascade
- Signals are read out in the back panel
- GEM foil: 50 mm Kapton + few mm copper on both sides with 70 mm holes, 140 mm pitch
- Easily built into different shapes based detector geometry

The "real" SoLID-GEM Chinese collaboration











Provide good position resolution (80um)



Gas Cherenkov Detectors:

Light Gas Chernekov (LGC) Detector:

→2 m C0₂ (SIDIS/Jpsi), 1 atm →1 m C₄F₈O (65%)+N₂ (35%) (PVDIS), 1 atm →30 sectors, 60 mirrors, 270 PMTs, Area~20m² →N.P.E>10, electron detection efficency>90%, → π suppression > 500:1 →Work at 200G field (100G after shielding)



Heavy Gas Cherenkov (HGC) Detector:

- \rightarrow for SIDIS only
- \rightarrow 1 m C₄F₈O at 1.5 atm
- \rightarrow 30 mirrors, 480 PMTs, area[~]20 m²
- \rightarrow N.P.E>10, pion detection efficiency>90%
- \rightarrow Kaon suppression > 10:1,
- \rightarrow Work at 200G field (100G after <u>shielding</u>)













SoLID Overview



- To be used by >7 approved 12GeV experiments
- Aim to increase the efficiency of flipping polarization.
- Both longitudinally and transversely polarized

http://hallaweb.jlab.org/equipment/targets/polhe3/polhe3_tgt.html

- Used by SLAC E143/E155, and many experiments in Hall-A/B/C at JLab
- Current opening angle for outgoing particles is

+/- 17°, and will be +/-25° with new coils https://userweb.jlab.org/%7Eckeith/Frozen/Frozen.html http://twist.phys.virginia.edu/

Multi-gaps Resistant Plate Chamber(MRPC):









- The SoLID TOF detector is the MRPC (50 super-modules w/ 3MRPC modules for each super-module)
- ✤ Each MRPC contains 10 gas gaps (0.25mm each gas layer + 0.7mm each glass)
- ✤ Maximum rate capability 50 KHz/cm².
- ✤ MRPC is the key detector in the SoLID trigger system.
- The TOF-Beta has been a powerful quantities to perform PID:

$$\beta = \frac{p}{\sqrt{p^2 + m^2 c^2}}$$

 Particles with same momenta but different masses spend different amount of time when travelling the same distance:

$$\Delta t = t_1 - t_2 \simeq \frac{Lc}{2p^2} (m_1^2 - m_2^2))$$









> Muon Detectors:

- ★ Muons are very similar to electrons, except heavier (105.66 MeV) and unstable (2.2 us)
- Muons are not easily to be stopped even in thick materials (no easy to radiate Bremsstrahlung photons)
- ✤ Muons do deposit Ionization energy (hence can be tracked and counted).







- Muons have their own interesting physics (e.g, anomalous magnetic dipole momentum, g-2)
- ☐ In nuclear physics, we "take advantage of" their penetratingpower to do clean measurements

✓ Lepton pairs can be (e^+, e^-) or (μ^+, μ^-)

 W^{-}

 However, electron-pairs are easily mixed with many other background sources

Collider Experiments:

Interaction Region in A Electron-Ion Collider





JLab MEIC Detector Design:

Other Detector designs share very similar idea but with slightly different detectors



Silicon Detectors:

 \checkmark Silicon semiconductor with p/n doping form a pn-Junction





 w/ a strong voltage applied, ionized electrons/ions by charged particle form avalanche cascade in Si.



✓ Voltage < 200 V
 ✓ Amplification~10⁷

 \checkmark Electron signals was read-out and amplified.

✤ Strip- and Pixel Detector



✤ Great Application



e.g., Vertex Tracker for detecting decayed particles



Multiple-layer Si Pixel Detector

- Detection of Internally Reflected Cherenkov Light (DIRC):
- Solution DIRC is also a Cherenkov detector (half opening angle cos θ c = 1/βn(λ).
- ✤ Radiator and light guide: bar made from synthetic fused silica





- ♦ w/ n > $\sqrt{2}$ some photons are totally internally reflected for β≈1 tracks.
- Magnitude of Cherenkov angle conserved during internal reflections (provided optical surfaces are square, parallel, highly polished)
- Photons exit radiator into expansion region, detected on photon detectors
- A DIRC is intrinsically a 3-D device, measuring: x, y, and time of Cherenkov photons, defining θc, φc, propagation of each photon.
- ✤ Increase pi/K separation by improving angular resolution



Collider (Forward Detector)

- Forward Detector Region:
 - Motivation: direct and better detection of recoil particles which move close to Ion-Beam direction.



Fixed Target (Recoil Detector)

- ◆ Neutrals detected in a 25 mrad (total) cone down to zero degrees
- ✤ Need excellent acceptance for all ion fragments
 - *Recoil baryon* acceptance:
 - ✓ up to *99.5%* of beam energy for *all angles*
 - ✓ down to at least *2-3 mrad* for *all momenta*
 - ✓ *full* acceptance for x > 0.005



- Resolution limited only by beam
 - ✓ longitudinal $\Delta p/p \sim 3 \times 10^{-4}$
 - ✓ angular ϕ ~ 0.2 mrad



Building a Forward Detector is also very challenging (but in a different way) as a recoil detector but way more advantage!

Data Analysis and Simulation

General Idea: e.g., on a Spectrometers

- Particles are only measured before/after the reaction happen, mostly are far from the reaction point (target region) *
- * What we are interested is the **reaction** itself (e.g., cross-sections, asymmetries, spectroscopies, life-times, masses, etc.)
- * Data analysis is basically a process of understand what happen during the reaction based on detector signals



Generalized Idea: e.g. Coincident Measurement

 On top of the data analysis for a single arm, the key is to find the two particles from both HRSs come from the same reaction, i.e. the times of two particles projected back to the target should align with the beam time (RF time):



 In an Exclusive measurement, particles' total momenta and energy should be conserved which can be applied to reconstruct missing mass (and missing momentum)







✓ Application2: Search for new particles or new excited stages with unknown mass



Tracking Reconstruction:

• In a non magnetic environment (e.g., the HRS detector hut), fit the linear pattern to obtain the positions (x,y) and angles (θ, ϕ)



 The charged particle's momentum is determined by the bending angle inside the dipole



In a Solenoid magnet (SoLID, EIC, or other collider detectors), tracking reconstruction are similar (but more complicated)



Optics Reconstruction for Spectrometers:

- Goal: based on the tracking reconstruction, trace back to the reaction point, and obtain the reaction location, angles and momenta. i.e., for HRS,
- An optics calibration procedure is to obtain the parameters in the polynomial functions:



w/ known focal plane quantities and target plane quantities, fit the matrices using minimization method.





Efficiencies:

- \clubsuit Efficiency \rightarrow How well we measure the physics events?
 - o Does a detector detects all particles passing through?
 - Does the tracking reconstruction find the right track?
 - Does the PID cut selects the right particles?
 - Does the Electronics/Computer convert/save all signals from detectors into disks?



- □ Detectors are not perfect due to their performance, geometry \rightarrow Detection Efficiencies
- □ Tracking Reconstruction may treat fake tracks as reall ones, vice versa → Tracking Efficiencies
- \Box PID cuts we choose may remove good particles and keep bad ones \rightarrow PID Cut Efficiencies
- □ Front-Electronics may be not fast enough to generate triggers \rightarrow Trigger Efficiencies
- \Box Computer is too busy to record the previous event and have to discard the \rightarrow Dead Time
- All Inefficiencies that cause us to "misunderstand" what actually happens at the reaction point, have to be evaluated, corrected or treated as systematic uncertainties.

e.g., to study PID efficiency, choose good particle samples from one detector, and study how many of them are removed by mistake in another detector, by changing the cuts







Monte-Carlo Simulation

General Idea: \geq

A Monte-Carlo Simulation is basically like running an experiment in your computer *



- Many application *
 - **Design** experiments
 - **Design** detectors
 - Evaluate detector/electronics performance
 - Help pre-processing of the online experimental data
 - Apply correction and evaluation \checkmark uncertainties to real data
- ✤ Software and Tools
 - ✓ Event Generators for dedicated physics processes (w/ theory models)
 - \checkmark Fast simulation to study particles propagating through EM fields and materials (DYI codes)
 - Sophisticated MC simulation, using Geant4

Summary

Summary

- > What I covered:
 - ✓ The general idea of particle physics experiments
 - ✓ Examples of fixed target experiments at Jlab Hall-A using HRSs
 - Magnetic Spectrometer
 - Targets
 - Detectors: Drift-Chambers, Scintillators, Cherenkov Detector, ECal
 - Trigger Design and DAQ
 - How to run an experiment
 - ✓ Examples of fixed target experiments at Jlab Hall-A using SoLID
 - Baffle Collimator
 - Polarized Targets
 - Detectors: GEM, Gas Cherenkov Shashlyk ECal, MRPC, Recoil Detector, Muon Detector
 - ✓ Examples of experiments on an Electron-Ion Collider
 - Detectors: Silicon Tracker, DIRC, Forward Detector System
 - ✓ Basic Data-Analysis
- ✓ Very Basic Monte-Carlo Simulation
- What I didn't cover:
 - X Physics subjects
 - **X** Detailed principle of particles interacting with matters
 - **X** Scattering experiment other than electron-nucleon/nuclear scattering
 - X Many other detectors
 - X Many other data analysis tasks
 - X Detailed Monte-Carlo Simulation