A Measurement of proton g₂ and the Longitudinal-Transverse Spin Polarizability

Min Huang Duke University, TUNL For the Jefferson Lab Hall A E08-027 (g2p) collaboration

APS April Meeting, April 16th, 2013

E08-027

g2^p & the LT Spin Polarizability

- Spokespeople
 - Alexandre Camsonne (JLab)
 - Jian-Ping Chen (JLab)
 - Don Crabb (UVA)
 - Karl Slifer (UNH)
- Post Docs
 - Kalyan Allada
 - James Maxwell
 - Vince Sulkosky
 - Jixie Zhang

- Graduate Students
 - Toby Badman
 - Melissa Cummings
 - Chao Gu
 - Min Huang
 - Jie Liu
 - Pengjia Zhu
 - Ryan Zielinski

Outline

- Introduction
- Physics Motivation
- Experimental Setup
- Status of Data Analysis

Electron Scattering

Inclusive polarized differential cross section



How to Get g2





$$g_2 = rac{MQ^2}{4lpha_e^2} rac{y}{(1-y)(2-y)} [-\Delta \sigma_\parallel + rac{1+(1-y)\cos heta}{(1-y)\sin heta} \Delta \sigma_\perp]$$

 $\Delta \sigma_{\parallel}$ measured by JLab Hall B EG₄ experiment at low Q²

 $\Delta \sigma_{\perp}$ measured by this experiment, combined with EG₄ data to obtain g_2^p at low Q²

Motivation

- Measure the proton transverse spin structure function g2 in the low Q² region (0.02<Q²<0.2 GeV²) for the first time
- Extract δ_{LT} to be a benchmark test of χPT
- Unique opportunity to test the Burkhardt-Cottingham sum rule
- Crucial inputs for hydrogen hyperfine splitting and proton charge radius measurements

BC Sum Rule



 $\int_0^- g_2(x,Q^2) \mathrm{d}x = 0$

H. Burkhardt and W. N. Cottingham, Annals. Phys., 56(1970)453

- BC satisfied within errors for Neutron
- Inconsistency seen in proton data
- Mostly unmeasured for proton

Spin LT Polarizability

$$\delta_{LT}(Q^2) = rac{16lpha M^2}{Q^6} \int_0^{x_0} x^2 [g_1 + g_2] \mathrm{d}x$$

- Can be calculated via χPT
- Neutron data show large deviation from χPT calculations
- No proton data yet
- δ_{LT} more clean channel than γ_0 to test the chiral dynamics of QCD



Experimental Setup

Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility



Experimental Setup

- Large Scale Installation in Hall A
 - Polarized NH3 target (2.5/5T field)
 - Low beam current (<100 nA) -> new beamline diagnostics



Projections

LT Spin Polarizability

BC Sum Integral Γ_2



kinematics Coverage



 $M_p < W < 2 \text{ GeV}$ 0.02 < $Q^2 < 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$

Beam Energy /GeV	Target Field /T
2.254	2.5
1.706	2.5
1.158	2.5
2.254	5.0
3.352	5.0

Status of Analysis



4 TZ A 11 1

courtesy K. Allada

Status of Analysis



- Complete!
 - Run Database
 - HRS optics w/o target field
 - Detector calibrations
 - Scalers
 - Offline target polarization calibration
- Underway
 - HRS optics with target field
 - Systematic uncertainty study of target polarization
 - Beam position calibration

Optics Talk by Chao Gu X15

Target Talk by Melissa Cummings X15

Summary

- The g2p experiment, ran in spring of 2012, managed to take data covering most of our physics goals
- A first pass replay of production data is now complete, and data quality checks are underway!
- Will provide a definitive measurement of g₂^p in the low Q² region for the first time
- Results will shed light on several physics puzzles