#### Studies of DIS: from Jlab12 to JLab24

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#### Extending Knowledge of the Nucleon PDF in the Resonance Region

- Global QCD analyses have provided detailed information on the nucleon PDFs in a wide range of fractional longitudinal momentum, x, from 10<sup>-4</sup> to 0.9.
- At large x, in the nucleon resonance region W < 2.5 GeV, the PDFs are significantly less explored.
- Extractions in this region require accounting for higher twist effects, target-mass corrections and evaluation from the nucleon resonance electroexcitations.



# **CLAS** Results

- CLAS measured the inclusive cross section up to x = 0.9 (W = 2.5 GeV) and Q<sup>2</sup> from 0.25 to 4.5 GeV<sup>2</sup>.
- Large acceptance of the CLAS detector allows for integration of the signal at a fixed Q<sup>2</sup> over a large range in x.



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#### Updated R = $\sigma_L / \sigma_T$

- Hall C data allows for Rosenbluth separation of 167 data points.
- First separate values of  $F_1$  and  $F_L$  in this kinematic regime.





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# **Resonant Contributions**

• Studies elucidate the contributions from excited nucleon states to the three resonance regions.

$$\sigma_{T,L}^{R}(W,Q^{2}) = \frac{\pi}{q_{\gamma}^{2}} \sum_{R} (2J_{R}+1) \frac{M_{R}^{2} \Gamma_{R}(W) \Gamma_{\gamma,R}^{T,L}(M_{R},Q^{2})}{\left(M_{R}^{2}-W^{2}\right)^{2} + \left(M_{R}\Gamma_{R}(W)\right)^{2}}$$

Decay widths of resonance R to γ\*p related to electrocouplings from previous slide.

$$\begin{split} \Gamma_{\gamma,R}^{T}(W = M_{R},Q^{2}) &= \frac{q_{\gamma,R}^{*}(Q^{2})}{\pi} \frac{2M}{(2J_{R}+1)M_{R}} \\ &\times \left( \left| A_{1/2}^{R}(Q^{2}) \right|^{2} + \left| A_{3/2}^{R}(Q^{2}) \right|^{2} \right), \\ \Gamma_{\gamma,R}^{L}(W = M_{R},Q^{2}) &= \frac{2q_{\gamma,R}^{2}(Q^{2})}{\pi} \frac{2M}{(2J_{R}+1)M_{R}} \\ &\times \left| S_{1/2}^{R}(Q^{2}) \right|^{2}, \end{split}$$

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• Extension of previous analysis to now include interference effects by adding the amplitudes coherently.





# Q<sup>2</sup> evolution



A. N. Hiller Blinet al., Phys. Rev. C 104 (2021) 2, 025201, [hep-ph 2105.05834]

- Resonant contributions remain strong over the range of available data.
- First and third peaks decrease with Q<sup>2</sup> (in absolute value) when compared to the second peak which decreases more slowly.
- Further extensions to higher Q<sup>2</sup> become possible as CLAS12 exclusive meson production analyses continue.





# CLAS12 Spectrometer



- This is our first cross section measurement at 12 GeV; important to understand electron efficiency for other semiinclusive and exclusive experiments
- CLAS12: very high luminosity, wide acceptance, low Q<sup>2</sup>
- Began data taking in Spring 2018 many "run periods" now available.
- Data from Fall 2018 10.6 GeV electron beam, longitudinally polarized beam, liquid  $H_2$  target.



# **Electron Identification**

- Limited to Forward Detector (5 35° coverage in polar angle)
- Negative track with a hit in TOF, ECAL and HTCC
- >2.0 photoelectrons in HTCC
- 3.5-σ cuts on a parameterized momentum-dependent sampling fraction
- PCAL and DC Fiducial cuts







# **CLAS12 Kinematic Reach**

 CLAS12 inclusive data offer opportunities to explore evolution of the ground state nucleon PDF at a Q<sup>2</sup> range where the transition from the strong-QCD toward pQCD regimes is expected.





# Simulation

- Inclusive EG: M. Sargsyan, CLAS-NOTE 90-007 (1990) ٠
- Elastic tail + Inelastic radiated ٠
- Kinematic range: ٠
  - Theta range 5 36°
  - Scattered electron momentum 1.9 10 GeV
  - Full Q<sup>2</sup> coverage \_
  - Additional kinematic smearing to match the resolution of \_ reconstructed data.









2

25

2.5

W, GeV

events

0.6

0.4

0.2

#### **Cross Section Calculation**



- Q2 four-momentum transfer squared
- W invariant mass of the final hadron system
- $\Gamma_{\nu}$  virtual photon flux factor
- RC radiative correction factor
- BCC bin centering correction
- N bin event yield
- $\eta\,$  is the product of geometrical acceptance and electron detection efficiency
- N<sub>0</sub> live-time corrected incident electron flux summed over all data runs
- N<sub>A</sub> Avogadro's number
- ρ target density
- t target length
- $A_{\omega}$  atomic weight of the target



#### Acceptance and Efficiency



- CLAS12 detector system described in "GEMC<sup>"1,</sup> a detailed GEANT4 simulation package.
- Same reconstruction algorithm used for simulation and data ~10-40% acceptance depending on the bin.





1. M. Ungaro et al., "The CLAS12 Geant4 simulation," Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A, vol. 959, p. 163422, 2020.



# **Bin Centering Corrections**







#### **Radiative Corrections**





# Preliminary Results

- Preliminary CLAS12 measurements •
- CLAS data (after interpolation into the grid of our experiment), Phys. Rev. D67, 092001 (2003) •





#### Inclusive electron scattering with CLAS 6/12

- Data on inclusive structure functions available within ≥ entire resonance region at any given Q<sup>2</sup> bin from CLAS 6/12 offer precise evaluation for the F<sub>2</sub> truncated moments by direct integration over x.
- The results on F<sub>2</sub> moments at Q<sup>2</sup> < 10 GeV<sup>2</sup> from CLAS 6/12 will allow us to explore PDF evolution within the range of distances where QCD running coupling  $\alpha_s$  begin to decrease but still remain comparable with unity



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#### CLAS 24

Increasing CEBAF energy > 20 GeV and pushing CLAS 12 detector capability to measure inclusive electron scattering at luminosities up to 2-3  $10^{35}$  cm<sup>-2</sup> \* s<sup>-1</sup> will provide the only foreseen opportunity to explore Q<sup>2</sup> evolution of F<sub>2</sub> moments within full range of distance where transition from sQCD to pQCD is expected elucidating emergence of the nucleon structure from QCD

QCD Running Coupling α(k) Zh-F. Cui et al., Chin. Phys. C44, 083102 (2020) A. Deur et al., Particles 5, 171 (2022)





# Summary

- Preliminary results on inclusive electron scattering cross sections are available from CLAS12 in the kinematic range of 1.18 < W < 2.50 GeV and 2.6 < Q<sup>2</sup> < 9.0 GeV<sup>2</sup> and show agreement with world data in overlapping Q<sup>2</sup> regions within 20%.
- First data with broad coverage in W over the entire resonance region up to Q<sup>2</sup> = 9.0 GeV<sup>2</sup> where the transition from quark-gluon confinement toward pQCD is expected to take place.
- Inclusive electron scattering data from CLAS12 and the evaluated resonant/nonresonant contributions will be important in order to gain insight into the ground state nucleon PDF at large values of x in the resonance region.
- Moments of inclusive structure functions within Q<sup>2</sup> range up to 20 GeV<sup>2</sup> foreseen after CEBAF energy increase will offer the only foreseen opportunity to explore emergence
  of nucleon structure from QCD





# Back up





# Empirical fit in the Resonance Region

- Fit by Christy & Bosted (2010).
- Constrained by L/T separated cross section measurements from Hall C.
- Fit incorporates photoproduction data at  $Q^2 = 0$ .
- Smooth transition from photoproduction all the way into the DIS region.

Data Set	$Q^2_{Min}$	$Q^2_{Max}$	# Data Points
	$(GeV^2)$	$(\text{GeV}^2)$	
E94-110 5	0.18	5	1259
E00-116 14	3.6	7.5	256
E00-002 [15]	0.06	2.1	1346
SLAC DIS [16]	0.6	9.5	296
Photoproduction (Old) [17–19]	0	0	242
Photoproduction (DAPHNE) [20]	0	0	57

TABLE II: Summary of data sets included in the fit.

$$\sigma_{T,L}(W^2, Q^2) = \sigma_{T,L}^R + \sigma_{T,L}^{NR}$$
$$\sigma_{T,L}^R(W^2, Q^2) = W \sum_{i=1}^7 BW_{T,L}^i(W^2) \cdot [A_{T,L}^i(Q^2)]^2$$

- 1. Cross section is the incoherent sum of contributions from resonance and non-resonance production.
- 2. Resonant cross section defined by threshold-dependent BW forms with Q<sup>2</sup> dependent amplitudes.
- 3. Non-resonant background varies smoothly with W.





#### Structure Functions in Inclusive Scattering

Inclusive  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  structure functions are related to the total virtual photon-nucleon cross sections  $\sigma_T$  and  $\sigma_L$  for transversely and longitudinally polarized photons,

$$F_1(Q^2, W) = \frac{KM}{4\pi^2 \alpha} \sigma_T(Q^2, W)$$
  
$$F_2(Q^2, W) = \frac{KM}{4\pi^2 \alpha} \frac{2x}{\rho} (\sigma_T(Q^2, W) + \sigma_L(Q^2, W))$$

$$F_L(Q^2, W) = \frac{KM}{4\pi^2 \alpha} 2x\sigma_L(Q^2, W)$$
  
=  $\rho^2 F_2(Q^2, W) - 2xF_1(Q^2, W)$ 

Convenient to define the longitudinal structure function  $F_L$  in terms of the longitudinal cross section (or  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ ).

 $F_{\rm 2}$  can be written in terms of the unpolarized cross section (measured here).

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$$F_2(Q^2, W) = \frac{KM}{4\pi^2 \alpha} 2x\rho^2 \frac{1+R}{1+\epsilon R} \sigma_U(Q^2, W)$$
  
$$\sigma_U(Q^2, W) = \sigma_T(Q^2, W) + \epsilon \sigma_L(Q^2, W),$$
  
$$R(Q^2, W) = \frac{\sigma_L(Q^2, W)}{\sigma_T(Q^2, W)}$$

R is the ratio of longitudinal to transverse cross sections. Total inclusive cross sections have been measured extensively but the ratio R is known with much less accuracy.





# **Systematics**

- Sector dependence
- Pion misidentification as electrons
- Model dependence (RC, BCC, etc.)
- Momentum corrections



# Empty Target

Empty Target Contribution



Empty Target Contribution for a few Q<sup>2</sup> bins





