Quasi-real photoproduction in CLAS12-MesonEx

CLAS12-MesonEx

Meson Spectroscopy program with low-Q² electroproduction (quasi-real photoproduction)



CLAS12 detector

Forward Tagger detector

Low Q² electron scattering kinematics

Relevant kinematic variables:

$$Q^{2} = 4EE' \sin^{2}(\theta_{e}/2)$$
$$E_{\gamma} = \nu = E - E'$$
$$W^{2} = M_{p}^{2} + 2M_{p}\nu - Q^{2}$$

Virtual photon polarization is defined event by event:

$$\varepsilon_T = [1 + 2\frac{Q^2 + \nu^2}{Q^2} \tan^2(\theta_e/2)]^{-1}$$
$$\varepsilon_L = \frac{Q^2}{\nu^2} \varepsilon \simeq 0$$

Longitudinal polarization

Transverse linear polarization

s = CM total energy







Photoproduction amplitudes with low Q² electron scattering

Goal: in the low Q² limit, develop an analysis framework where one can use photoproduction amplitudes, having the electron scattering part automatically included.

In the one-photon-exchange approximation:

$$\mathcal{M} = e^2 \overline{u}(p',h') \gamma^{\mu} u(p,h) \frac{g_{\mu\nu}}{q^2} J^{\nu}(k,k',w,s,s')$$



Summing over virtual photon helicity (virtual photon pol. vectors completeness relation + current conservation): $\mathcal{M} = -\frac{e^2}{q^2} \sum_{\nu}^{1} (\varepsilon^*_{\mu}(k,\lambda)\overline{u}\gamma^{\mu}u)(\varepsilon_{\nu}(k,\lambda)J^{\nu})$

Resulting amplitude is the factorized into two terms:

- Emission of a quasi-real photon (m ~ 0) by the electron
- Photoproduction of the final state NX on the nucleon

Leptonic vertex calculation



$$\begin{split} M &= -\frac{e^2}{q^2} \sum_{\lambda=1,0,-1} \frac{(\varepsilon_{\mu}^*(k,\lambda)\overline{u}\gamma^{\mu}u)(\varepsilon_{\nu}(k,\lambda)J^{\nu})}{\underset{\text{quasi-real photon emission}}{\text{Leptonic vertex:}}} \\ L(\lambda,s,s') &= \varepsilon_{\mu}^*(k,\lambda)\overline{u}(p,s)\gamma^{\mu}u(p',s') \end{split}$$

The calculation is performed projecting the electron spin on the helicity base and working in the GJ reference frame (virtual photon moving along Z axis, nucleon scattering in the XY plane)

$$\begin{split} L(\lambda = 1, s = s' = 1) &= 2\sqrt{2EE'}\cos(\theta/2)sin(\theta'/2)e^{-i\phi'} \\ L(\lambda = -1, s = s' = 1) &= -2\sqrt{2EE'}sin(\theta/2)cos(\theta'/2)e^{i\phi} \\ L(\lambda = 0, s = s' = \pm 1) &= 2\frac{\sqrt{EE'}}{Q^2}(E_{\gamma} + P_{\gamma})sin(\theta/2)sin(\theta'/2)e^{\pm i(\phi - \phi')} \\ L(\lambda = 1, s = s' = -1) &= 2\sqrt{2EE'}sin(\theta/2)cos(\theta'/2)e^{-i\phi} \\ L(\lambda = -1, s = s' = -1) &= -2\sqrt{2EE'}cos(\theta/2)sin(\theta'/2)e^{i\phi'} \\ L(\lambda, s \neq s') &= 0 \quad \text{No spin-flip at high energy!} \end{split}$$

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 E, θ, ϕ : impinging electron

 E', θ', ϕ' : scattered electron

AmpTools

The AmpTools package is a collection of libraries that are useful for performing unbinned maximum likelihood fits to data using a set of interfering amplitudes.

All the technical aspects are handled within the software in a (almost) transparent way to the user: this includes data readout, event handling, fit performing.

Thus the user can just focus on the physics.

The AmpTools software:

- Developed at Indiana University
 - Main developers: H. Matevosyan, R. Mitchell, and M. Shepherd
- Fully written in C++
- Freely available at <u>https://github.com/mashephe/AmpTools/</u>
 - Requires ROOT to be installed (TLorentzVector class is used to handle 4-vectors)
- A very nice presentation about its features (with more details than this talk): http://www.ge.infn.it/~athos12/ATHOS/Program_files/mitchell_athos12.pdf

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AmpTools

AmpTools philosophy: provide a full set of C++ classes, with virtual methods (i.e. functions) that the user has to complete (override) according to the specific application.

- Data readout
- Amplitudes

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• Visualization (plots, histograms)..

No a-priori choices are built in in the framework

Example: the "CLAS12PhotonsDataReader" (class used to read data from MC developed for my PhD thesis)

class Clas12PhotonsDataReader : public UserDataReader<Clas12PhotonsDataReader >

Derive the class from the AmpTools Data Reader

The (only) method that has to be completed (overridden) by the user is the "getEvent".

```
Returns a "Kinematics" object (a class containing 4-vectors of particles).
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(In this specific case, MC data was read from a ROOT file)

AmpTools reaction amplitudes

AmpTools amplitude: an "amplitude", practically, is simply a function that takes as input the 4-vectors of the involved particles for a given reaction and returns a complex number. The "amplitude" can spread from very simple (a constant) to very complex.

The reaction intensity (per each event) is written as a incoherent sum of coherent sums

$$I(\tau) = \sum_{i} |\sum_{j} V_{i,j} A_{i,j}(\tau)|^2$$

I: intensity of the reaction

 $oldsymbol{ au}$: complete set of kinematic variables for the final state

i: index of the incoherent sum (typically, it runs on spin configurations)

j: index of the coherent sum

A_{i,i}: the set of complex amplitudes, user defined

 $V_{i,j}$: a (complex) normalization factor for each amplitude

It is up to the user to write the amplitudes that he needs for his specific reaction.

AmpTools reaction amplitudes - implementation

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AmpTools amplitude: in AmpTools, an Amplitude is an abstract class (i.e. a class with pure virtual methods that can't be instantiated directly).

The user has to derive (in C++ sense!) his own amplitudes starting from the Amplitude base class. *Practically, he has to "fill the gaps" in the Amplitude base class, defining the specific behavior of his amplitudes.*

The user has to specify how the Amplitude is calculated, starting from the 4-vectors of the involved particles

The method that has to be "filled": virtual complex< GDouble > calcAmplitude (GDouble **pKin) const

```
complex< GDouble >
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                                                                                           4-vectors (2D-array of doubles)
    BreitWigner::calcAmplitude( GDouble** pKin ) const {
30
31
32
      TLorentzVector P1(pKin[m_daughter1-1][1], pKin[m_daughter1-1][2],
                          pKin[m_daughter1-1][3], pKin[m_daughter1-1][0]);
33
34
                                                                              Example from the Dalitz Tutorial, Breit-Wigner
35
      TLorentzVector P2(pKin[m_daughter2-1][1], pKin[m_daughter2-1][2],
                                                                              amplitude
                          pKin[m_daughter2-1][3], pKin[m_daughter2-1][0]);
36
37
      return complex<GDouble>(1.0,0.0) /
38
              complex<GDouble>((P1+P2).M2() - m_mass*m_mass, m_mass*m_width);
39
40
```

AmpTools reaction amplitudes for MesonEx

We want to use AmpTools with photo-production amplitudes. In this way, we have a practical method to communicate both with other experiments (GlueX) and with theorists.

The quasi-real photoproduction process has to be included in the framework.

The amplitude
$$\mathcal{M} = -rac{e^2}{q^2}\sum_{\lambda=-1}^1 (arepsilon_{\mu}^*(k,\lambda)\overline{u}\gamma^{\mu}u)(arepsilon_{
u}(k,\lambda)J^{
u}$$

The intensity $I(au) = \sum_i |\sum_j V_{i,j}A_{i,j}(au)|^2$

Solution: embed the electron-scattering term and the sum over "i" in the framework, in a transparent way for the user

Use a new base class derived from the Amplitude class: CLAS12PhotonsAmplitude



complex <GDouble> CalcAmplitude(GDouble **pKin){

return \sum_{λ} (calcHelicityAmplitude(λ ,pKin) * ElectronScattering(λ ,pKin))

Example: single π^0 production

Goal: study single π^0 production in CLAS12, describing the reaction through the photoproduction amplitudes developed by JPAC (V. Mathieu)

Discussed here: how to generate Montecarlo events starting from the photoproduction amplitude and how to check the Beam Spin Asymmetry (BSA)

Not included:

- Project on the detector (GEMC)
- Reconstruct simulated data (CLAS12 reconstruction framework)
- Analyze reconstructed data

Example: single π^0 production – how to generate MC events

AmpTools for event generation: since no physics is embedded within the framework, AmpTools doesn't have any specific method to generate MC events. This is done by combining two main ingredients:

- PhaseSpace event generator
- Intensity calculator (from the amplitudes provided by the user)

Method: "hit-or-miss"

- Generate N phase-space events
- Compute the intensity of each of them, take the maximum intensity I_{max}
- For each event, generate a random number I_{rand} between 0 and I_{max}
 - If the intensity of the event is greater than I_{rand}, keep it
 - Otherwise, skip it

The advantage of this method is that it is agnostic regarding the physics. Disadvantage is that it is computational expensive.

Example: single π^0 production – simplified model

Goal: use a very simplified reaction model and extract the BSA. Compare with the analytical prediction.

Electron-scattering cross-section:

 $: \frac{d\sigma}{dE'd\Omega_E d\Omega^*} = \frac{1}{\Gamma_\gamma} \frac{d\sigma_\nu}{d\Omega^*}$

 Ω_{γ} : the angle between the hadronic and the leptonic plane.

Expansion via response functions, ignoring ε_L :

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\nu}}{d\Omega^*} = (R_T^0 + \varepsilon R_{TT}^0 \cos(2\phi))$$

Response functions expressed via hadronic amplitudes:

$$R_T^0 = \frac{1}{2} (|H(++,1)|^2 + |H(--,1)|^2 + |H(-+,1)|^2 + |H(+-,1)|^2)$$

$$R_{TT}^0 = Re(-H_1^*H_4 + H_2^*H_3)$$

Parity conservation relations:

$$H(\pm,\pm,1) = H(\mp,\mp,-1) H(\pm,\mp,1) = -H(\pm,\mp,-1)$$

Example: single π^0 production – simplified model results



Example: single π^0 production – a real reaction amplitude

The reaction amplitude is written by creating a new class deriving from Clas12PhotonsAmplitude

```
//the order of the particles is supposed to be:
30 complex<GDouble> Pi0Regge::calcHelicityAmplitude(int helicity, GDouble** pKin) const {
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32
                                                                                                                        //0: e- beam
         const int ibeam = 0;
 33
         const int iscattered_e = 1;
 34
                                                                                                                        //1: e- scattered
         const int itarget = 2;
 35
         const int iscattered_proton = 3;
 36
         const int ipi0 = 4;
                                                                                                                        //2: target
 37
 38
         //impinging e-
                                                                                                                        //3..n-2: all the other particles
 39
         TLorentzVector beam(pKin[ibeam][1], pKin[ibeam][2], pKin[ibeam][3], pKin[ibeam][0]);
 40
 41
         //scattered e-
 42
         TLorentzVector eprime(pKin[iscattered_e][1], pKin[iscattered_e][2], pKin[iscattered_e][3], pKin[iscattered_e][0]);
 43
 44
         //proton target
 45
         TLorentzVector target(pKin[itarget][1], pKin[itarget][2], pKin[itarget][3], pKin[itarget][0]);
 46
 47
         //recoil proton
 48
         TLorentzVector recoil(pKin[iscattered_proton][1], pKin[iscattered_proton][2], pKin[iscattered_proton][3], pKin[iscattered_proton][0]);
 49
 50
         //pi0
 51
         TLorentzVector pi0(pKin[ipi0][1], pKin[ipi0][2], pKin[ipi0][3], pKin[ipi0][0]);
 52
 53
         /*now I need to return the amplitude for the quasi-real photoproduction process*/
 54
         //Virtual photon
 55
         double vphot[4];
 56
         vphot[0] = (beam - eprime).E();
 57
         vphot[1] = (beam - eprime).Px();
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         vphot[2] = (beam - eprime).Py();
 59
         vphot[3] = (beam - eprime).Pz();
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 61
         int hel[4]; //array of polarizations of: photon, target-proton, pi0, recoil-proton (2x)
 62
 63
         hel[0] = 2 * helicity;
 64
         hel[1] = m_helicity_target;
 65
         hel[2] = 0; //pi0
 66
         hel[3] = m_helicity_recoil;
 67
 68
         //pKin is already ordered - particle by particle - as E,Px,Py,Pz.
 69
         //Pi0PhotAmpS needs: photon, target proton, pi0 (not the recoil proton, this is computed by 4-momentum conservation)
 70
         if (hel[0] == -2) {
 71
            hel[0] = -hel[0];
 72
            hel[1] = -hel[1];
 73
            hel[3] = -hel[3];
            return (1.*hel[1]) * (1.*hel[3]) * Pi0PhotAmpS(vphot, pKin[itarget], pKin[ipi0], hel);
 74
 75
 76
        }
 77
        else{
 78
            return Pi0PhotAmpS(vphot, pKin[itarget], pKin[ipi0], hel);
 79
        }
 80
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Conclusions

BACKUP

Low Q^2 electron scattering: equivalent photon flux



Low Q² electron scattering is competitive and complementary to real photo-production.