The RICH detector for CLAS12 at Jefferson Lab

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The CEBAF facility at JLab (1995-2012)

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- Energy 0.8-5.7 GeV, Current 200$\mu$A
- polarization 85%
- delivered simultaneously to 3 Halls (A,B,C)

20 cryomodules

6 GeV CEBAF
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Large acceptance spectrometer dedicated to high-luminosity pol/unpol lepton scattering experiments. Designed for multi-particle final states.

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Broad physics program:
- Internal nucleon dynamics
- hadroniz. in nuclear medium
- Nucleon form factors
- Spectroscopy

6 GeV CEBAF
The 12 GeV upgrade (2012-2015)

- Add arc
- Add 5 cryomodules
- Enhance equipment in existing halls
- Add 5 cryomodules

- Upgrade magnets and power supplies
- 6 GeV CEBAF
- 12 GeV CEBAF
- Add Hall D (and beam line)
Lumi up to $10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
High pol. electron beams
H and D polarized target
Wide acceptance
Very good PID

Forward spectrometer
- TORUS magnet
- Forward vertex tracker
- HT Cherenkov Counter
- Drift chamber system
- LT Cherenkov Counter
- Forward ToF System
- Preshower calorimeter
- E.M. calorimeter

Central Detector
- SOLENOID magnet
- Barrel Silicon Tracker
- Central Time-of-Flight

Proposed equipment
- Small angle tagger
- Micromegas in CD
- Neutron detector in CD
- RICH to replace LTCC

CLAS12

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Hadron identification @ CLAS12

Out-bending particles
\[ \pi^+ / K^+ \] YIELDS RATIOS

In-bending particles
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Kaon yields a factor ~ 10 smaller than pion yields

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FTOF (< 3 GeV/c hadron ID):
Forward Time-of-Flight system

4\(\sigma\) \(\pi\)-K separation below 3.5 GeV

HTCC (electron ID):
High Threshold Cherenkov Counter

1:500 pion rejection above 7 GeV.
No K-p separation (above thresh.)

LTCC (pion ID):
Low Threshold Cherenkov Counter

1:500 pion rejection above 8 GeV.
No K-p separation (above thresh.)
Not helpful for hadron identification!

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- Need 4\(\sigma\) pion-kaon separation in full momentum range
The PID detectors in the CLAS12 baseline (TOF, HTCC, LTCC) cannot provide efficient hadron separation in the momentum range $3$-$8$ GeV!

A RICH detector is mandatory for $4\sigma$ pion-kaon separation

SIDIS particle flux within acceptance: pion $>>$ kaon in whole kinematic plane
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$p^+ / K^+$

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pion contamination in kaon sample from $\times 5$ to $\sim 1\%$

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can be achieved in full momentum range

In-bending particles

$p^- / K^-$

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pion contamination in kaon sample from $\times 10$ to $\sim 1\%$

$\Rightarrow 1: 1000$ rejection factor ($> 4\sigma$ separation)

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TOF+HTCC

TOF+HTCC+RICH

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Out-bending particles

\[ p / K^+ \]

**YIELDS RATIOS**

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**Hadron identification @ CLAS12**

**Out-bending particles**

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**pion contamination in kaon sample**

- from \( \times 5 \) to \( \sim 1\% \)

\[ \Rightarrow 1: 500 \text{ rejection factor (4σ separation)} \]

- can be achieved in full momentum range

**proton contamination in kaon sample**

- well under control in full range
Why a RICH for CLAS12? (Physics motivations)

The addition of a RICH detector would significantly enhance the PID capabilities of CLAS12, allowing for the extraction of flavour separated information about the complex multi-dimensional nucleon structure in the poorly explored valence region.

A broad physics program will greatly benefit from clean pion-kaon separation:

- Exploring the elusive strange quark distribution in kaon production in unpolarized and polarized DIS
- Study of the flavour and kinematic dependencies of the intrinsic transverse momenta with multi-dimensional analyses of pion and kaon production in unpolarized DIS
- 3D imaging of nucleons in momentum space through extraction TMDs in SIDIS
- Study of quark propagation and hadronization in cold nuclear matter
- Study of transverse spatial distribution of gluons from hard exclusive $\phi$-meson production
- Study of exotic meson configurations via tagging of strangeness-rich final states
The strangeness content of the nucleon

Polarized strangeness $\Delta S$ is practically unknown, even sign is not defined.

Shape of HERMES $S(x)$ vs. $x$ completely different than CTEQ6L
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CLAS12 E12-09-007 experiment allows studies of $x$-dependence of strange sea distributions in wide range of kinematics, using multidimensional binning.

Measurements require good charged kaon identification in whole momentum range
The nucleon tomography

GPDs  \( H(x, \xi, t) \)

3D picture in coordinate space

TMDs  \( f(x, p_T) \)

3D picture in momentum space

Exclusive reactions

Hard exclusive **pion and kaon** production provides a unique possibility to study the chiral-odd GPDs describing spatial distributions of transversely polarized quarks.

Seminal reactions

Semi-inclusive DIS

A.B., F. Conti, M. Radici, PRD78 (08)

\[ H(x, \xi, t) \]

\[ f(x, p_T) \]

3D picture in coordinate space

3D picture in momentum space

QCDSF/UKQCD, PRL 98 (07)
The non-collinear structure of the nucleon: TMDs

- Describe correlations between \( p_T \)
  and quark or nucleon spin (spin-orbit correlations)
- Mostly investigated in SIDIS

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\sigma_{ep\rightarrow ehX} = \sum_q \langle DF \rangle \langle eq \rightarrow eq \rangle \langle FF \rangle
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Assuming u-quark dominance, one would naively expect similar effects for all favored (unfavored) azimuthal moments/asymmetries for transversely polarized quarks

\[
H_{1\perp, unfav} \approx -H_{1\perp, unfav} \quad \text{(SIDIS \& \( e^+e^- \))}
\]

Expect opposite sign for azimuthal moments/asymmetries of favored unfavored hadrons for transversely polarized quarks

- Spin-azimuthal asymmetries larger for \( K^+ \) compared to \( \pi^+ \)
- Spin-azimuthal asymmetries for \( K^- \) vs \( K^+ \) do not follow the trend of \( \pi^- \) vs \( \pi^+ \)

Kaon puzzle!
Boer-Muders effect: kaons vs pions

A. Airapetian et al, Phys. Rev. D 87 (2013) 012010

- Opposite sign for $\pi^+ / \pi^-$ consistent with opposite signs of fav/unfav Collins

- $K^+ / K^-$ amplitudes are larger than for pions, have different kinematic dependencies than pions and have same sign (inconsistent with fav/unfav Collins FF)

- different Collins FF for pions and kaons?

- Significant contribution from scattering off strange quarks?

Independent, high precision measurement of Boer-Mulders asymmetry in kaon SIDIS at large $x$ will provide complementary information on Boer-Mulders function and the Collins fragmentation functions for kaons and can shed light on the “kaon puzzle”
Sivers and Collins: kaons vs pions

\( \pi^+/K^+ \) production dominated by u-quarks, but:

- different role of various sea quarks?

\[ \pi^+ \equiv |ud\rangle, \quad K^+ \equiv |us\rangle \]

- At large \( x \) \( K^+ \) amplitude is larger than \( \pi^+ \)
- \( K^- \) seem to have opposite sign than \( \pi^- \) at HERMES & BRAHMS (pp->hX) and same sign at COMPASS

Impact of different \( p_T \) dependence of FFs in the convolution integral

Similar observations by Compass (less pronounced)

Independent high precision measurements in kaon SIDIS at large \( x \) will be crucial
Measurement of Collins effect for kaons will shed light on the “kaon puzzle”

Large x important to constrain the tensor charge

High resolution and broad range in $p_T$ to test perturb. non-perturb. transient and for Bessel function analysis

Large statistics allows for multi-dimensional analysis with reasonable uncertainties

Sivers and Collins asymmetries @ CLAS12

100 days @ $L = 5 \cdot 10^{33} cm^{-2}s^{-1}$, HD-Ice target (60% H pol, $f = 1/3$), RICH detector
The RICH goals

**Requirements:** 4σ pion-kaon separation (pion rejection factor 1:500) in 3-8 GeV momentum range with angular coverage in the range $5^\circ < \theta < 25^\circ$.

**Aerogel** mandatory to separate hadrons in 3-8 GeV momentum range with the required large rejection factor

- Collection of visible Cherenkov light
- Use of PMTs

**Challenge:** need to minimize detector area covered with expensive photo-detectors
The RICH concept

- 1\textsuperscript{st} sector by the end of 2016
- 2\textsuperscript{nd} sector(s) important for transverse target physics runs (left-right asymmetries and statistics)

- Charged particle
- Aerogel radiator
- Proximity gap
- photodetectors plane

Base Numbers
- 5 m from IP
- \sim 1 m gap
- Several m\textsuperscript{2} surface
The RICH concept
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- Direct rings for forward (high momentum) particles
- Reflected rings for low momentum particles (FTOF)
- Multiple passage of Cherenkov photons in aerogel (absorption+scattering → loss of photons)
- Thicker aerogel compensates photon loss
- Focalizing mirrors reduce uncertainty of prod. point
- Metalized Carbon fiber substrate for spherical mirror
- Thin glass skin on a flat support for planar mirrors
The RICH concept

Benefits:
- instrument only forward region
- reduce active area (~1 m²/sector)
- minimize interference with TOF system

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- Transmittance, absorption and scattering length measurements with spectrophotometer

Aerogel quality significantly improved in time following the requirements of the project!
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- Transmittance, absorption and scattering length measurements with spectrophotometer
- High precision mapping of the tiles thickness
- Measurements of refractive index and chromatic dispersion with the *prims method*.
- Refractive index mapping with *gradient method*

### The aerogel tiles for the CLAS12 RICH:
- **Size**: $20 \times 20 \times 2$ (3) $cm^3$
- **Refractive index**: 1.05
- **Clarity parameter**: $\leq 0.0050 \, \mu m^4/cm$

The Novosibirsk aerogel has the highest performances (transparency, scattering length, chromatic dispersion). Novosibirsk group is reliable and has long experience (AMS, LHCb). Up to now it is the most suitable option for the CLAS12 RICH.
The photon-detector

Requirements:

- Position sensitive
- Pixel sizes < 1cm x 1cm
- Efficient single photon detection crucial
- High packing fraction
- Sensitivity to visible light

☑️ Hamamatsu H8500 MAPMT

SiPM are considered as an alternative for the future!
Prototype testbeams

CERN PS East Area, T9 beam test area (Jul-Aug 2012 and Nov-Dec 2012):

A large-scale prototype has been built to test the various features of the CLAS12 RICH (both direct and reflected light configurations)

Testbeams allowed to study effects which are not easy to simulate: aerogel characteristics, mirror reflectivity, photon detection, etc

Prototype test-beam extremely useful to validate MC simulation for CLAS12 RICH

Testbeams:
• Negative polarity; momenta 6, 7, 8 GeV/c
• At 8 GeV/c, π:K = 60:1
Prototype testbeams

Similar to CLAS12 RICH configuration

MAPMTs:
- 28 H8500 MAPMTs (14 normal, 14 UV-extended windows)
- Readout MAROC3 electronics (ADC)

Aerogel:
- Novosibirsk, varying n, t, transparencies
- Transparency monitored – laser and photodiode
Prototype testbeams

On-line event display

ADC spectra
Prototype testbeams

Aerogel: $n=1.05$
2cm thickness

6 GeV beam

H8500

curved mirror

10cm x 10cm

Aerogel: $n=1.05$
6cm thickness

Different than CLAS12 RICH configuration!

- **Absorbers**: Novosibirsk, CERN AMS samples
- $n=1.05$, $t=2$ cm, varying transparency
Prototype testbeams: preliminary results

Direct light configuration

\[ p = 8 \text{ GeV/c} \]

Clear hadron separation up to the CLAS12 maximum momentum

Reflected light configuration

\[ \langle N \rangle = 13.1 \]

\[ \langle N \rangle = 5.3 \]

Data analysis in progress

Sizeable fraction of light survives
Resolution is not significantly degraded

\[ s = s_0 + s_1 p e_{N p e} \]

Arbitrary units

\[ N_{p e} = \frac{1}{s_1} \left( p e_{N p e} \right) \]

Conclusions

The 3D mapping of the nucleon structure in both momentum and coordinate space is a major focus of the hadron physics community and constitutes a milestone in the physics program of the JLab 12 GeV upgrade.

The addition of a RICH detector would significantly enhance the PID capabilities of CLAS12, allowing for the extraction of flavour separated information about the complex multi-dimensional nucleon structure in the poorly explored valence region.

A non-conventional geometry will allow to reduce costs and limit impact on other detectors

MC simulations suggest a $4\sigma$ pion-kaon separation in 3-8 GeV momentum range

Test-beams on a prototype performed at CERN and LNF. Data are being analyzed.

A wide International collaboration is involved in the various aspects of the project

1st RICH module ready by end of 2016