The measurement of the tensor structure function b_1^d of the deuteron with the HERMES-experiment

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DIS on a Spin-1 target at HERMES



Longitudinally polarized e⁺-beam (27.6 GeV) hits

polarized internal gaseous deuterium target:





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The HERMES spectrometer



- Acceptance: $40 < \theta < 220 \text{ mrad}$
- Momentum resolution: $\frac{\delta p}{p} = 2\%$; Angular resolution: 0.3 - 0.6 mrad;
- Calorimeter: $\frac{\delta E}{E} = \frac{(5.1 \pm 1.1)}{\sqrt{E[\text{GeV}]}}\%$

- PID: RICH, TRD, preshower, calo
- Efficiency of electron ID: 98-99 %
- Hadron contamination: < 1%



Polarized atomic deuterium target



Special:

Hyperfine states can be selected separately
Negative T reachable!

target state	injected	V	T	
vector + vector –	${n^+\over n^-}$	$+1 \\ -1$	+1 +1	$\Rightarrow \operatorname{High} T$ (at V=0)
tensor + tensor –	$n^+ + n^-$ n^0	0 0	$^{+1}_{-2}$	reachable



Structure functions in the Quark Parton Modell

Quark densities $q(x,Q^2)$:



Structure functions:

$$\frac{\text{Spin}-\frac{1}{2}}{F_{1} = \frac{1}{2}\sum_{q}e_{q}^{2}\left(q^{\uparrow} + q^{\downarrow}\right)} \qquad F_{1} = \frac{1}{3}\sum_{q}e_{q}^{2}\left(q^{\uparrow} + q^{\downarrow} + q^{0}\right)}$$
$$g_{1} = \frac{1}{2}\sum_{q}e_{q}^{2}\left(q^{\uparrow} - q^{\downarrow}\right) \qquad g_{1} = \frac{1}{2}\sum_{q}e_{q}^{2}\left(q^{\uparrow} - q^{\downarrow}\right)$$
$$b_{1} = \frac{1}{2}\sum_{q}e_{q}^{2}\left(2q^{0} - (q^{\uparrow} + q^{\downarrow})\right)$$



- Cyclic alternation of target injection mode
 - \Rightarrow measured cross sections $\sigma^{\uparrow\downarrow}$, $\sigma^{\uparrow\uparrow}$, σ^{0} (σ^{\pm})

 b_1 not sensitive to beam polarization $P_B \Rightarrow$ sum up!

$$egin{aligned} \sigma &= \sigma_{ ext{unpol}} \left[1 + P_B V A_{\parallel} + rac{1}{2} \, T A_T
ight] \ &(\sigma_{ ext{unpol}} &= rac{1}{3} \cdot (\sigma^{\uparrow\downarrow} + \sigma^{\uparrow\uparrow} + \sigma^0)) \end{aligned}$$

• Inclusive tensor asymmetry:

$$A_T := \frac{(\sigma^{\uparrow\downarrow} + \sigma^{\uparrow\uparrow}) - 2\sigma^0}{3\sigma_{\text{unpol}}} = -\frac{2}{3}\frac{b_1}{F_1}$$

• Inclusive vector asymmetry:

$$A_{\parallel} := \frac{\sigma^{\uparrow\downarrow} - \sigma^{\uparrow\uparrow}}{2\sigma_{\text{unpol}}} = \frac{\sigma^{\uparrow\downarrow} - \sigma^{\uparrow\uparrow}}{\sigma^{\uparrow\downarrow} + \sigma^{\uparrow\uparrow}} \cdot \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} T A_T\right] \sim \frac{g_1}{F_1}$$



Results: tensor asymmetry A_T





Results: tensor structure function b_1^d



$b_1^{\rm d}\text{, }b_2^{\rm d}$ and model calculations



$$\mathcal{O}(b_1^{\mathrm{d}}) \xleftarrow{\checkmark}$$
 latest model calculations

deuteron: D-state admixture
 ⇒ el. quadrupole moment ≠ 0

 \hookrightarrow double scattering mechanisms with a significant contribution to b_1 at small x (e.g. Nikolaev *et al.*, *Phys. Lett.* B **398** (1997) 245)

• Callan-Gross relation \Rightarrow

$$b_2^{\rm d} = \frac{2x(1+R)}{1+\gamma^2}b_1^{\rm d}$$

Theory curves: Bora et al., Phys. Rev. D 57 (1998) 6906



Summary

- First measurement of the tensor structure function $b_1^d(x, Q^2)$ of the deuteron with the HERMES-experiment due to special features of the gaseous HERMES target
- Tensor asymmetry $A_T = \mathcal{O}(1\%) \Rightarrow$ small impact on g_1 measurement
- b_1^{d} large for small x!
- Measured b_1^{d} in good agreement with latest model calculations
- Interpretation of b_1 :
 - Reason for $b_1 \neq 0$: double-scattering mechanisms
 - Measure for the deviation of the nucleus from a trivial bound state of p and n



The HERMES-target



Hyperfine splitting in a magnetic field for deuterium:



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Structure functions and interaction



x-section for DIS:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dE'd\Omega}\bigg|_{\rm Born} = \frac{\alpha^2}{2MQ^4} \frac{E'}{E} L_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}$$

Leptonic and hadronic tensor each separable in

{symmetric}, spin *in*dependent and

[anti-symmetric], spin dependent part \Rightarrow

$$L_{\mu\nu}W^{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{L_{\{\mu\nu\}}W^{\{\mu\nu\}}(F_1, F_2, b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4)}_{\text{unpolarized}} + \underbrace{iL_{[\mu\nu]}W^{[\mu\nu]}(g_1, g_2)}_{\text{polarized inclusive x-section}}$$

 $\Rightarrow b_1$ not sensitive to beam polarization

(but implicitly dependent on target spin)



Leptonic and hadronic tensor

$$L^{\mu\nu} = L^{\{\mu\nu\}} + iL^{[\mu\nu]}(s)$$

spin independent and
{symmetric}

spin dependent and [anti symmetric]

$$W^{\mu\nu} = W^{\{\mu\nu\}}(F_1, F_2) + iW^{[\mu\nu]}(g_1, g_2) +$$

$$+W^{\{\mu\nu\}}(b_1,b_2,b_3,b_4)$$

implicitly dependent on target spin (additionally and only for Spin-1)



Kinematic region at Hermes



For the inclusive g_1 - und b_1 analysis: 0.002 < x < 0.85, $0.1 \text{GeV}^2 < Q^2 < 20 \text{GeV}^2$ b_1 : 6 bins in x

