# Hunting for Quarks



"The Periodic Table"

- Jefferson Lab's Mission
- What we know.
- What we don't know.
- What we measure.
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# Solving QCD one of the seven Millenium Prize Problems from the Clay Mathematics Institute.

• The Universe is made of quarks and leptons and the force carriers.

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- The atomic nucleus is made of protons and neutrons bound by the strong force.
- The quarks are confined inside the protons and neutrons.
- Protons and neutrons are NOT confined.



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 We have a working theory of strong interactions: quantum chromodynamics or QCD (B.Abbott, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett., **86**, 1707 (2001)).

• The coherent hadronic model (the standard model of nuclear physics) works too (L.C.Alexa, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett., **82**, 1374 (1999)).



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$$m_n - m_p = 1.29333205(48) \ MeV/c^2 \ (exp)$$
  
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Sz. Borsanyi et al. *Science* 347, 1452 (2015).

- We can't get QCD and the hadronic model to line up - D. Abbott, *et al.*, Phys. Rev Lett. **84**, 5053 (2000).
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# What Do We Measure?

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- Fundamental quantity related to the distribution of magnetization/currents in the neutron.
- Needed to extract the distribution of quarks in the neutron.
- Elastic form factors  $(G_M^n, G_E^n, G_M^p)$  and  $G_E^p)$  provide key constraints on theory and the structure of hadrons.
- Part of a broad effort to understand how nucleons are 'constructed from the quarks and gluons of QCD'.\*

\* 'Reaching For the Horizon: The 2015 Long Range Plan for Nuclear Science', NSF/DOE Nuclear Science Advisory Committee.

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#### THE FORM FACTOR!

#### Some Background

• EEFFs cross section described with Dirac  $(F_1)$  and Pauli  $(F_2)$  form factors

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \sigma_{Mott} \left[ \left( F_1^2 + \kappa^2 \tau F_2^2 \right) + 2\tau \left( F_1 + \kappa F_2 \right)^2 \tan^2 \left( \frac{\theta_e}{2} \right) \right]$$

where

$$\sigma_{Mott} = \frac{\alpha^2 E' \cos^2(\frac{\theta_e}{2})}{4E^3 \sin^4(\frac{\theta_e}{2})}$$

and  $\kappa$  is the anomalous magnetic moment, E(E') is the incoming (outgoing) electron energy,  $\theta$  is the scattered electron angle and  $\tau = Q^2/4M^2$ .

• For convenience use the Sachs form factors.

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\sigma_{Mott}}{\epsilon(1+\tau)} \left( \epsilon G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2 \right)$$

where

$$G_E = F_1 - \tau F_2$$
 and  $G_M = F_1 + F_2$  and  $\epsilon = \left[1 + 2(1 + \tau) \tan^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2}\right]^{-1}$ 

## • The chain of reason.

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Experiment Comp

Comparison

Theory

- The form factors are the meeting ground between theory and experiment.
- The Fourier transform of the form factors are related to the charge and current distributions within the neutron.

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### How Does CEBAF Do That?

Accelerate your electrons to high energy.





Cavity

What happens inside the cavity? Feed it with oscillating, radio-frequency power at 1.5 GHz! In each hall beam buckets are about 2 picoseconds long and arrive every 2 nanoseconds.



- Add one 45-ton, \$80-million radiation detector: the CEBAF Large Acceptance Spectrometer (CLAS12).
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Overview

DC

Solenoid

FTO

### A CLAS12 Event



## A Simulated CLAS12 Event - Drift Chamber close-up



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#### Putting It All Together - 1














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- Select quasi-elastic (QE) kinematics using  $\theta_{pq}$  - the angle between the 3-momentum transfer and the nucleon.
- QE events are clustered at small  $\theta_{pq}$ .
- Do acceptance matching to select events.
- Corrections energy loss, Fermi motion, radiative corrections, nuclear corrections.



## Anticipated Results



# **Concluding Remarks**

- JLab is a laboratory to test and expand our understanding of quark and nuclear matter, QCD, and the Standard Model.
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- Lots of new and exciting results are coming out.
- A bright future lies ahead in the 12 GeV Era.

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# **Additional Slides**

## What's going on now?

Alignment and commissioning of the silicon vertex tracker (SVT).



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# Some Facts of Life On The Frontier

- Work at Jefferson Lab in Newport News.
  - 700 physicists, engineers, technicians, and staff.
  - Vibrant intellectual environment talks, visitors, educational programs...
  - Lots going on.
- Richmond group part of CLAS Collaboration.
  - operates CLAS12.
  - $\sim$ 190 physicists, 40 institutions, 13 countries.
  - Part of Software Group emphasis on software development.
  - Past Surrey masters students (and Richmond undergrads) have presented posters at meetings, appeared on JLab publications,....
- Run-Group B consists of seven experiments (including  $G_M^n$ ) and ran in spring 2019.





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