## Initial State Helicity Correlation in Wide Angle Compton Scattering E05-101

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"Merely due to lack of available beam time, the PAC recommends that only the kinematic point in the backward hemisphere be measured." PAC28

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#### Introduction & Motivation

Compton Scattering off nucleons provides information on the substructure of nucleon in terms of quark and gluon d.o.f.  $\rightarrow$  extremely complicated

#### Compton scattering in various kinematical regions

- low energy  $\rightarrow$  dominated by nucleon as a whole
- deeply virtual CS; low | t |, large Q<sup>2</sup>→ handbag diagram involving skewed parton distributions
- 'wide angle' CS; low Q<sup>2</sup>, large |t| and s ensures dominance of short distance behavior
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#### What is the reaction mechanism?





- 2 hard gluons
- 3-body "form factor"



- 1 active quarks
- 0 hard gluons
- 1-body "form factor"

- Which, if either, dominates at few GeV?
- We will be able to distinguish among competing mechanisms

## **Physics Goals**

- Measure A<sub>LL</sub> (never been measured) at two scattering angles:  $\theta^{\gamma}_{CMS} = 70^{\circ}$  corresponding to -t = 2.4 (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> and  $\theta^{\gamma}_{CMS} = 140^{\circ}$ corresponding to -t = 6.4 (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>
- Provide an experimental test of the RCS reaction mechanism: does the photon interact with a constituent or a current quark?
- Provide an additional test for hadron helicity conservation and pQCD





#### Experimental Layout

4.8 GeV electrons  $E_{\gamma} = 4.3 \text{ GeV}, \ s = 9 \text{ GeV}^2$   $\theta^{CMS} = 70^{\circ}, \ 140^{\circ}$ 





kin P#	t (GeV/c)2	θγ <sup>lab</sup> degree	θγ <sup>cm</sup> degree	θ <sub>p</sub> <sup>lab</sup> degree	Ey <sup>lab</sup> GeV	P <sub>P</sub> GeV/c	L	θ∨ <sup>e</sup> degree	θ <sub>V</sub> p degree
P1	-2.4	25	70	39	3.00	2.02	7	1/7	4.1
P2	-6.4	82	140	12	0.87	4.25	2.8	15.4	0.6

kin P#	Procedure	Beam nA	time hours	
P1	RCS data	90	176	
P2	RCS data	90	240	
	Packing Fraction	90	8	
	Moller	200	10	
	Target Anneals		30	
	Stick Changes		18	
	e-p elastics		30	
	Allocated	<mark>14 days</mark>	336	
	Requested		506	

# Transition from SANE to WACS

- Remove Cherenkov
- Remove Tracker
- Position BigCal
- Rotate HMS
- Modify trigger (HMS)
- Reconfigure chicane for longitudinal running
- Replace He bag with standard beam pipe
- Checkout radiator

## Transition can be done in $\approx$ 4–5 days

#### SANE at 40°



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