# The Neutron Electric Form Factor at Q<sup>2</sup> up to 7 (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> from the Reaction <sup>2</sup>H(e, e'n)<sup>1</sup>H via Recoil Polarimetry

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# History & Overview

★ E04-110 approved by PAC 26 to measure the neutron electric form factor  $G_{EN}$  at  $Q^2 = 4.3$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> via recoil polarimetry from the quasielastic <sup>2</sup>H( $\vec{e}$ ,  $e'\vec{n}$ )<sup>1</sup>H reaction

- ✗ Jeopardy resubmission of E04-110 to PAC 33 was deferred with regret because it could not be fit into the schedule with the 6 GeV beam
- **X** Here we propose  $G_{\rm EN}$  measurements at Q<sup>2</sup> = 3.95, 5.22, and 6.88 (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>; with 10, 15, and 30 days of the beam time (accordingly), the projected uncertainties are about  $\Delta G_{\rm EN}$  = 0.002
  - Provide continuity with E93-038 results (recoil polarimetry from deuteron up to Q<sup>2</sup> = 1.45 (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>; ~2.5% systematics [achieved])
  - Cross-check with recent (unpublished) E02-013 results (polarized <sup>3</sup>He target asymmetries at Q<sup>2</sup> = 1.3, 2.4, and 3.4 (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>;
     ~10% systematics [declared in E02-013 proposal])

# Recoil polarimetry technique



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# Quasielastic ${}^{2}H(\vec{e}, e'\vec{n}){}^{1}H$ reaction

Arenhövel (1987): For quasifree emission in  ${}^{2}H(e,e'n)^{1}H$ 

 $P_{t}$  proportional to  $G_{En}$  [as in n( $\vec{e}, \vec{e}, \vec{n}$ )]

Insensitive to FSI, MEC, IC, and choice of NN potential for deuteron wavefunction



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# Overview of experiment: NPOL



### Primary NPOL components

Front Array: analyzer via spin-dependent n-p scattering

Top/Bottom Rear Array: up-down scattering asymmetry  $\xi$  via cross-ratio technique (beam charge asymmetry and NPOL geometrical asymmetry cancel in the ratio)

Pb curtain: attenuates EM radiation

Dipole Magnet: spin precession; deflects charged particles from polarimeter

Dipole field permits access to both  $\rm P_{t}$  and  $\rm P_{e}$ 

$$\xi(\chi) = A_{y} \Big[ P_{t} \cos \chi + P_{\ell} \sin \chi \Big]$$

 $\chi$  = spin precession angle

# E93-038 TOF spectra



#### Note big ratio of real events to accidental background!

## Enhanced PR-09-006 NPOL



Increased vertical acceptance

Larger front array (60 vs 20 bars): Better matched to SHMS acceptance Increased NPOL efficiency + suppression of  $\gamma$ 's

3-cm-thick steel converters ahead of each layer in rear array

#### Increased dipole magnetic field

deflects charged particles from the polarimeter

Four-Momentum Transfer, $Q^2 \; (\text{GeV}/c)^2$	3.95	5.22	6.88
Beam Energy, $E_0$ (GeV)	4.4	6.6	11.0
Electron Scattering Angle, $\theta_e$ (deg)	36.53	26.31	16.79
Scattered Electron Momentum, $P_e^{,}$ (GeV/c)	2.288	3.815	7.330
Neutron Scattering Angle, $\theta_n$ (deg)	28.0	28.0	28.0
Neutron Momentum, $P_n$ (GeV/c)	2.901	3.602	4.511

We gave up the point of the original proposal at  $Q^2 = 2.18$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> because the required electron scattering angle of 58.6 deg is unavailable with SHMS, and the upgraded HMS can not be used because NPOL shielding hut can not be fit on Hall C floor plan in that case; the beam time request was decreased by 6 days accordingly.

## Quasielastic events selection



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#### Simulations with GENGEN

 ✓ Quasielastic and inelastic invariant mass spectra normalized to SLAC NE-11 [similar kinematics at Q<sup>2</sup>=4 (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>] and SLAC E133 [Q<sup>2</sup>=7 (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>]

 Cuts on: Missing momentum Scattered electron momentum bite NPOL-SHMS coincidence TOF

✓ At Q<sup>2</sup> = 7 (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>, inelastic contamination is only 3% (8%) with 100 MeV/c (250 MeV/c)  $p_{miss}$  cut

> Note:  $\vec{p}_{miss}$  calculated solely from  $(\omega, \vec{q})$  and  $\theta_{nq}$  [no TOF]

### Estimation of Analyzing Power

#### No direct data exist

From Jlab E93-038: A<sub>v</sub> = 14.4% for P<sub>n</sub> (lab)= 1.45 GeV/c



Fig. 5. Momentum dependence of CH<sub>2</sub>- and C-data. Solid squares—current data, open circles— Ref. [4], open triangles— Ref. [5]. Solid line—fit of CH<sub>2</sub>-data, dashed line—fit of C-data.

Scale according toRef. [5]. Solid line—fit of CH2-diNIM A538 (2005) 431 (for proton scattering on  $CH_2$ ): $A_y \sim 1 / P_p$ (lab)or $A_y \cdot P_p$ (lab)

Assuming the analyzing power for neutrons scales the same way as the analyzing power for protons, our best estimation for  $P_n = 4.51$  GeV/c:

$$A_{y} = 4.6 \%$$

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## Projected count rates & asymmetries

Four-Momentum Transfer, $Q^2 \ (\text{GeV}/c)^2$	4.0	5.2	6.9
SHMS Angular Acceptance:	, 		
$\Delta \theta_e \pmod{1}$	$\pm 24$	$\pm 24$	$  \pm 24  $
$\Delta \phi_e \ (\mathrm{mrad})$	$\pm 55$	$\pm$ 55	$\pm 55$
SHMS Efficiency, $\epsilon_e$ (%)	92	92	92
SHMS Momentum Bite, $\Delta p_e/p_e$ (%)	-3/+15	-3/+15	-3/+15
Neutron Polarimeter Angular Acceptance:			
$\Delta \theta_n \text{ (mrad)}$	$\pm 71.4$	$\pm 71.4$	$\mid \pm 71.4 \mid$
$\Delta \phi_n \text{ (mrad)}$	$\pm 85.5$	$\pm$ 85.5	$\pm 85.5$
Neutron Polarimeter Efficiency, $\epsilon_n$ (%)	1.0	1.0	1.0
Beam Current, $I_{beam}$ ( $\mu$ A)	80	80	80
MCEEP Rate, $\langle R_{MCEEP} \rangle$ (Hz)	68.6	52.8	47.8
Real-Event Rate, $R_{real}$ (Hz)	0.49	0.35	0.29
Neutron Polarimeter Analyzing Power, $A_Y$	7.2	5.8	4.6
Precession Angle, $\chi$ (deg)	155	155	155
Expected Asymmetries:		 [	
for $-\chi$ Precession (%)	-2.39	-1.61	-0.95
for $+\chi$ Precession (%)	1.06	0.74	0.46

80 µA beam on 40-cm liquid deuterium target

Estimation of real-event rate includes analysis cuts

## Projected statistical uncertainties



r is a reals-to-accidentals ratio [= 13.3, 8.1, and 4.5 at Q<sup>2</sup>=4.0, 5.2, and 6.9 (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>]

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## Projected statistical uncertainties



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### Impact of magnetic field on backgrounds



Background Simulation: GEANT3 + DINREG + GCALOR

 High field sweeps charged particles away of the polarimeter;
 Veto detector load is estimated to be 38 kHz with high magnetic field

#### High field completely sweeps away QE protons

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# Systematic uncertainties

#### E93-038 Systematic Uncertainties

	$\langle Q^2 \rangle \left[ (\text{GeV}/c)^2 \right]$				
Source	$0.447^{(a)}$	$1.132^{(a)}$	$1.132^{(b)}$	$1.450^{(a)}$	$1.45^{(b)}$
Beam Polarization	1.6	0.7	0.4	1.2	0.3
Charge-Exchange $(p,n)$	< 0.1	< 0.1	0.1	$<\!0.01$	0.2
Depolarization	< 0.1	0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	0.6
Positioning/Traceback	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Precession Angle	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.1
Radiative Corrections	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Timing Calibration	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Total of Above Sources	2.9	2.2	2.1	2.4	2.2

(a)  $\chi = \pm 40^{\circ}$  precession (b)  $\chi = 0^{\circ}, \pm 90^{\circ}$  precession

Systematic uncertainties estimated to be small

Total error completely statistics dominated

## Scientific motivation

#### Neutron is a basic building block of matter

Knowledge of  $G_{En}$  at high  $Q^2$  is essential for:

- ✓ Understanding of nucleon structure & effects of relativistic quarks At high Q<sup>2</sup>, pion cloud effects are small compared to the quark core contribution; comparisons of models must consider all four form factors G<sub>Ep</sub>, G<sub>Mp</sub>, G<sub>En</sub>, and G<sub>Mn</sub>
- ✓ Understanding of electron scattering data from nuclei The ratio of isoscalar and isovector cross-sections peaks at G<sub>Ep</sub>=G<sub>En</sub>
- Comparisons to Lattice QCD

Largest deviation of calculations from experiment for the electric isovector form factor

Theory Review Report

"The proposed measurements ... will result in a comprehensive picture of the neutron electric form factor."

## Models



At Q<sup>2</sup> = 7 (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>, the uncertainty of  $\Delta G_{EN} = 0.002$  corresponds to  $\Delta (\mu_n G_{EN}/G_{MN}) \approx 0.25$ 

 $G_{EN}$  measurement **must** provide this level of accuracy **reliably** to be able efficiently test the models

**G**<sub>Ep</sub> vs. G<sub>En</sub>



Powerful test for lattice QCD calculations

# Current published G<sub>En</sub> data



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# Future G<sub>En</sub> data



# Beamtime request (days)

#### 80 μA beam, 80% polarization, 40-cm LD<sub>2</sub> target

$G_E^n$ physics measurements $Q^2 [(GeV/c)^2]$	4.0	5.2	6.9	Total
$LD_2$ target	10	15	30	55
$LH_2$ target	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5
Dummy target	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4
Beam polarization	0.3	0.5	1	1.8
Time calibrations $[LD_2 \text{ target}]$	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4
Overhead	0.1	0.3	$0.5^{(a)}$	0.9
Total physics measurements	11.1	16.5	32.4	60

 $LH_2$  target for assessment of false asymmetry/dilution from contamination from two-step process  ${}^2H(\vec{e}, e'\vec{p}) + Pb(\vec{p}, \vec{n})$ 

Commissioning time with beam: 7 days [HMS/NPOL/Möller check-out]

(a) Overhead: Charybdis dipole polarity changes; target changes; DAQ operation

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Large/Experienced Collaboration

31 Institutions from USA, Canada, Germany, Armenia, Russia, Korea, Switzerland

## **TAC Review Comments**

 "The collaboration probably needs to find a longer dipole, or add another dipole to compliment Charybdis."

Most probably, we will use a second dipole magnet to complement Charybdis. Magnets at FermiLab:

E831/FOCUS (2): 30"gap + about 2.8 Tm "Rosie" (unapproved E907): 36"(+) gap + 2.7 Tm KTeV magnet: 80" gap + about 2.0 Tm "SM3" magnet (BTeV?): 66" gap + 3.0 Tm (but 126" field length!)

✓ "The largest proposed electron scattering angle (56.8 deg) is not mechanically accessible with SHMS."

We gave up the lowest Q2 point and reduces the beam request by 6 days.

 $\checkmark\,$  "In the early years of 12 GeV operation, the practical limit on beam current for 11 GeV running will be 75  $\mu A$ ."

Very small increase of the statistical uncertainty by factor SQRT(80/75)=1.03

✓ "The power deposited in the 40cm ... targets is more than 500W..."

Qweak heat exchanger will make targets up to 2 kW not impossible.

## **TAC Review Comment**

"The collaboration has considerable experience in using this technique ... A particularly noteworthy strength has always been through Monte Carlo simulations, repeatedly bench-marked with their previous test and production data taken in Hall C."

## **Theory Review Comment**

"We do not see any issues affecting the proposed analysis procedure or interpretation of the data."

# **Backup slides**

#### $\underline{\mathrm{Cost}}$

#### 1. Front Array

1.1 6 [10 cm $\times$ 10 cm $\times$ 100 cm] Scintillator & Light Pipes	\$8,400
$1.2~28~[1~{\rm cm}\times10~{\rm cm}\times106~{\rm cm}]$ Veto Scintillator & Light Pipes	\$27,000
1.3 88 Photomultiplies Tubes (2-in diam)	\$88,000
1.4 72 Magnetic Shields (for 2-in diam PMT) [Borrow]	0
1.5 68 Additional Preamplifiers [To be provided by KSU]	0
Subtotal Front Array	\$123,400
2. <u>Rear Array</u>	
2.1 20 [1 cm $\times$ 25 cm $\times$ 106 cm] Veto Scintillator & Adiabatic Light Pipes	\$40,000
2.2 44 Photomultiplier Tubes (5-in diam)	\$110,000
2.3 40 Photomultiplier Tubes (2-in diam)	\$40,000
2.4 24 Magnetic Shields (for 5-in diam PMT)	\$6,000
2.5 40 Magnetic Shields (for 2-in diam PMT) [Borrow]	0
2.6 40 Preamplifiers [to be provided by KSU]	0
Subtotal Rear Array	\$196,000
3. <u>Electronic Modules</u>	

# 3.1 6 Quad Discriminators [to be provided by JLab]\$18,000Subtotal Electronic Modules\$18,000Total\$337,400

# **FSI** corrections

Arenhövel FSI+MEC+IC model for <sup>2</sup>H(e,e'n)<sup>1</sup>H averaged over acceptance [ 2 independent simulations ]

1) Relativistic PWBA model for kinematic acceptance

2) FSI+MEC+IC corrections





With similar range of acceptance/cuts in  $p_{miss}$ , 3.3% should be robust estimate of upper range for FSI corrections at  $Q^2 = 2.8/4.3$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>

# Two-photon exchange for $G_{En}/G_{Mn}$

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#### Two-photon exchange in elastic electron-nucleon scattering

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FIG. 14. (Color online) Effect of  $2\gamma$  exchange on the ratio of neutron form factors  $\mu_n G_E^n / G_M^n$  using polarization transfer. The uncorrected points (open circles) are from the parametrization in Ref. [16], and the points corrected for  $2\gamma$  exchange correspond to  $\varepsilon = 0.3$  (filled squares) and  $\varepsilon = 0.8$  (filled circles) (offset for clarity). In the Jefferson Lab experiment [42] to measure  $G_E^n/G_M^n$  at  $Q^2 = 1.45$  GeV<sup>2</sup> the value of  $\varepsilon$  was around 0.9, at which the  $2\gamma$  correction was  $\approx 2.5\%$ . In the recently approved extension of this measurement to  $Q^2 \approx 4.3$  GeV<sup>2</sup> [43], the  $2\gamma$  correction for  $\varepsilon \approx 0.82$  is expected to be around 3%. Although small, these corrections will be important to take into account to achieve precision at the several-percent level. Furthermore, the two-photon exchange effects may also need to be taken into account when extracting the neutron magnetic form factor  $G_M^n$  from cross-section data.

2-gamma correction smaller than statistical error

# **Corrupted events**



Using singles rates for neutral/charged particles, we estimate the fraction of "corrupted event" as a probability of detected accidental hit "nearby" the QE neutron scattering event in NPOL (viz., in 20 ns time window & 50-cm y-coordinate)

80 90 100

# Enhanced NPOL



Charybdis modifications to match increased vertical acceptance E93-038: 21.0-cm pole gap for 0.5-m vertical acceptance PR-09-006: tapered [19.5-cm to 40.4-cm] pole gap for 1.2-m vertical acceptance  $g_n e \int P$ 

Field integral 
$$\chi = -\frac{g_n c}{2m_p c \beta_n} \int B \Delta \ell$$

**G**<sub>Ep</sub> vs. G<sub>En</sub>



# **Reals/accidentals simulation**



#### Simulation of accidentals

HMS singles [MONQEE]

NPOL singles from inclusive neutrons [GEANT]

#### Projection for PR-09-006

$$\begin{array}{l}
 Q^{2} = 4.0 (GeV/c)^{2} & R/A = 13.3 \\
 Q^{2} = 5.2 (GeV/c)^{2} & R/A = 8.1 \\
 Q^{2} = 6.9 (GeV/c)^{2} & R/A = 4.5
\end{array}$$
Results reliable with R/A so high

# Calculation of kinematic variables

invariant mass, W, calculated from the electron kinematics according to

$$W = \sqrt{(\omega + m_N)^2 - |\mathbf{q}|^2},\tag{14}$$

where  $m_N$  is the nucleon mass, is shown in Fig. 9 for our  $Q^2 =$ 

front array hit) and electron kinematics. For a three-body final state (i.e., no pion production), four-momentum conservation demands

$$m_d + \omega = \sqrt{|\mathbf{p}_n|^2 + m_n^2} + \sqrt{|\mathbf{p}_p|^2 + m_p^2},$$
 (16a)

$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{p}_n + \mathbf{p}_p. \tag{16b}$$

From this, it follows that a value for  $|\mathbf{p}_n|$  (and, then, the predicted neutron time-of-flight) can be derived from the solution to the quadratic equation  $A|\mathbf{p}_n|^2 + B|\mathbf{p}_n| + C = 0$ , where

$$A = (m_d + \omega)^2 - (\mathbf{q} \cdot \hat{p}_n)^2, \qquad (17a)$$

$$B = -2(\mathbf{q} \cdot \hat{p}_n)D, \qquad (17b)$$

$$C = m_n^2 (m_d + \omega)^2 - D^2,$$
 (17c)

$$2D = m_d^2 + m_n^2 - m_p^2 - Q^2 + 2m_d\omega.$$
(17d)

algorithm then predicted the front-to-rear velocity for elastic np scattering in the front array via computation of the scattered neutron's kinetic energy,  $T_{np}$ , where

$$T_{np} = \frac{2T_n \cos^2 \theta_{\text{scat}}}{(\gamma_n + 1) - (\gamma_n - 1) \cos^2 \theta_{\text{scat}}}.$$
 (18)

Here,  $T_n$  denotes the incident neutron's kinetic energy,  $\theta_{scat}$  denotes the neutron scattering angle in the polarimeter,  $\gamma_n$  is the usual Lorentz factor for the incident neutron, and the proton and neutron masses are assumed to be equal. Relative time-of-

stored as the rTOF variable. Finally, the missing momentum,  $\mathbf{p}_{miss}$ , missing energy,  $E_{miss}$ , and missing mass,  $m_{miss}$ , were computed according to

$$\mathbf{p}_{\text{miss}} = \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}_n,\tag{19a}$$

$$E_{\text{miss}} = (m_d + \omega) - (T_n + m_n), \qquad (19b)$$

$$m_{\rm miss} = \sqrt{E_{\rm miss}^2 - |\mathbf{p}_{\rm miss}|^2}.$$
 (19c)

Note: 
$$\vec{p}_{miss}$$
 calculated solely  
from  $(\vec{w}, \vec{q})$  and  $\theta_{nq}$  [no TOF]

## **Pb-curtain thickness**



If singles rates unacceptably high, will increase Pb-curtain thickness Decrease in neutron rate (partly) compensated by smaller "corrupted event" fraction

## Isoscalar/isovector cross sections

Ratio of isoscalar to isovector cross sections



# **Beam polarization stability**





FIG. 17. Results of 23 successive Møller beam-polarization measurements conducted during the  $Q^2 = 1.474 (\text{GeV}/c)^2 \chi = \pm 40^\circ$  running period spanning the days of February 20, 2001, through March 5, 2001. The errors shown are statistical.

# E93-038 asymmetries



# Quasielastic events: E93-038



# NPOL performance



Agreement between simulation/data basis for extrapolation into higher neutron energy range

# Lattice QCD calculations

Precision experimental data have potential to confront *ab initio* lattice QCD calculations of nucleon form factors



# Lattice QCD calculations



# Model calculations





# Model calculations

