





High Precision Measurement of the Proton Elastic Form Factor Ratio at Low  $Q^2$ 

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#### **Electron Elastic Scattering Formalism**



• As theory for Strong force, QCD has been tested well in the asymptotic region, understanding hadron structure in confinement region still challenging.

• Dirac and Pauli form factors:  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ 

$$J^{\mu}_{hadronic} = e\overline{u}(p')[\gamma^{\mu}F_{1}(Q^{2}) + \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu}q_{\nu}}{2M}F_{2}(Q^{2})]u(p)$$
$$Q^{2} = -q^{2}$$



single photon exchange (Born approximation)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \sigma_{Mott} \frac{1}{1+\tau} \{F_1^2(Q^2) + \tau [F_2^2(Q^2) + 2(F_1(Q^2) + F_2(Q^2))^2 \tan^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2}]\}$$







#### **Sachs Form Factors**



• Linear combination of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , Fourier transform of the charge (magnetization) densities in the Breit frame at non relativistic limit.

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \sigma_{Mott} \frac{1}{1+\tau} [G_E^2 + \frac{\tau}{\varepsilon} G_M^2]$$
  
Electric:  $G_E \equiv F_1 - \tau F_2$   
Magnetic:  $G_M \equiv F_1 + F_2$ 

• Early experiments found ~ dipole form ( $Q^2 < 2 \text{ GeV}^2$ ), naively corresponds to an exponential shape in space.

$$G_D(Q^2) = (1 + \frac{Q^2}{0.71 GeV^2})^{-2}$$
  
 $\mu_P \frac{G_E}{G_M} = 1$ 





## **Recoil Polarimetry**



• Direct measurement of form factor ratios by measuring the ratio of the transferred polarization  $P_t$  and  $P_l$ .

$$I_0 P_t = -2\sqrt{\tau(1+\tau)}G_E G_M \tan\frac{\theta_e}{2}$$
$$I_0 P_l = \frac{E_e + E_{e'}}{M}\sqrt{\tau(1+\tau)}G_M^2 \tan^2\frac{\theta_e}{2}$$
$$\frac{G_E}{G_M} = -\frac{P_t}{P_l}\frac{(E_e + E_{e'})}{2M}\tan\frac{\theta_e}{2}$$

#### Advantages:

- Only one measurement is needed for each  $Q^2$ .
- Much better precision than a cross section measurement.
- Complementary to XS measurements.
- Famous discrepancy between Rosenbluth and polarized measurement, mostly explained by  $2-\gamma$  exchange.

(J. Arrington, et al., Phys. Rev. C 76 035205 (2007))







## FFs at Low $Q^2$



• Small  $Q^2 \rightarrow$  larger length scale, closely related to the proton size.



J. Friedrich and Th. Walcher, Eur. Phys. J. A 17, 607 (2003)

- 2003 Fit by Friedrich & Walcher Eur. Phys. J. A17, 607 (2003):
  - Smooth dipole form + "bump & dip"
  - All four FFs exhibit similar structure at small momentum transfer ( $Q^2 \sim 0.25 \text{ GeV}^2$ ).
  - Proposed interpretation: effect of pion cloud.

#### • Improved EMFFs:

- Strange form factors through PV
- Proton Zemach radius and hydrogen hyperfine splitting
- Proton charge RMS radius.

$$\left\langle r_{E,M}^{2} \right\rangle = \frac{-6}{G_{E,M}(0)} \left[ \frac{d}{dQ^{2}} G_{E,M}(Q^{2}) \right]_{Q^{2}=0}$$





### World Data



• Complementary to the high precision XS measurement at Mainz ( $Q^2 \sim 0.003$  – 1 GeV<sup>2</sup>).

- Bates **BLAST** result consistent with 1. Crawford et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett* 98 052301 (2007)
- Substantial deviation from unity is observed in **LEDEX** (Ron et al.).
- Both data inconsistent with F&W fit.
- New dedicated experiment **E08-007**.







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## **BigBite Spectrometer**



- Detect scattered electrons.
- Only elastic-peak blocks were in the trigger.
- Background minimized with tight elastic cut.







Pre-shower









#### **Elastic Events Selection**



#### • HRS acceptance cut:

- out of plane: +/- 60 mr
- in plane: +/-30 mr
- momentum: +/- 0.04 (dp/p<sub>0</sub>)
- reaction vertex cut

#### • FPP cuts:

- scattering angle  $\theta_{\rm fpp}$  5° ~ 25°
- reaction vertex (carbon door)
- conetest cut

#### • Other cuts:

- Coin. Timing cut
- Coin. event type (trigger)
- single track event
- dpkin (proton angle vs. momentum)







### **Focal Plane Polarimeter (FPP)**









- Left-right asymmetry gives the vertical component while the updown asymmetry gives the horizontal component.
- Need well determined scattering azimuthal angle  $\phi_{fpp}$ , chamber alignment checked with straight through data.



### **Focal Plane Asymmetry**

 $\vec{Y} \otimes$ 

• Detection probability at focal plane with azimuthally angle  $\phi_{\rm fpp}$ 

$$f^{\pm} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \xi [1 \pm A_y(\theta_{fpp})(P_x^{fpp} \sin(\phi_{fpp}) - P_y^{fpp} \cos(\phi_{fpp}))]$$

• Helicity difference:

$$f^{diff} = f^+ - f^- \approx \frac{1}{\pi} [A_y(P_x^{fpp} \sin(\phi_{fpp}) - P_y^{fpp} \cos(\phi_{fpp}))] = C\cos(\phi + \delta)$$

$$C = \frac{1}{\pi} A_y \sqrt{(P_x^{fpp})^2 + (P_y^{fpp})^2}$$
$$\tan \delta = \frac{P_y^{fpp}}{P_x^{fpp}}$$

• By dipole approximation:

 $R = \mu_{p} \frac{G_{E}}{G_{M}} \approx \sin \chi \frac{P_{x}^{fpp}}{P_{y}^{fpp}} \times K$ 



 $\otimes \vec{B}$ 

 $\vec{\mathbf{Y}} \otimes \mathbf{r} \neq \vec{\mathbf{z}}$ 



<sup>(</sup>K: kinematic factor)



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### **Spin Transport in HRS (COSY)**





## **Systematic Budget**



• Spin transport: OPTICS and COSY---major uncertainty (0.7 ~ 1.2 %)

• Others negligible: FPP alignment, Al end cap contamination, VDC reconstruction, spectrometer settings, beam energy, charge asymmetry, pion contamination, etc.







#### **E08-007 Final Results**





• Agreement with independent analysis of Paolone *et al.* at 0.8 GeV<sup>2</sup>.

- Slow decrease with  $Q^2$ . A few percent below typical expectations.
- No obvious indication of "Structure", inconsistent with F&W fit.
- No obvious trend to rise quickly to unity at the lowest  $Q^2$  point.



#### **Comparison with Models**









#### **Results with World Polarization Data**











- Combined global fits (John Arrington).
- AMT fit (black) : include all previous data with TPE correction.
- New fit (red) : same procedure, include new data.
- Preliminary fits suggest lower  $G_{\rm E}$  (~2%).



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## **Impacts I**



• Strangeness form factor by PV: asymmetry arises from the interference between EM and neutral weak current.

$$\sigma \propto |\mathcal{M}_{\gamma} + \mathcal{M}_{Z}|^{2}$$
$$\mathcal{M}^{R} = \mathcal{M}_{\gamma} + \mathcal{M}^{R}_{Z},$$
$$\mathcal{M}^{L} = \mathcal{M}_{\gamma} + \mathcal{M}^{L}_{Z}.$$

$$A_{PV} = \frac{\sigma_R - \sigma_L}{\sigma_R + \sigma_L} = \frac{\left|\mathcal{M}^R\right|^2 - \left|\mathcal{M}^L\right|^2}{\left|\mathcal{M}^R\right|^2 + \left|\mathcal{M}^L\right|^2}$$

- Rely on knowledge of EMFFs.
- With New FF parameterization, HAPPEX III results shift  $\sim 0.5\sigma$

$$A_{PV} = -\frac{G_F Q^2}{4\pi\alpha\sqrt{2}} \Big[ (1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W) - \frac{\varepsilon G_{Ep}(G_{En} + G_{Es}) + \tau G_{Mp}(G_{Mn} + G_{Ms})}{\varepsilon (G_{Ep})^2 + \tau (G_{Mp})^2} - \frac{(1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W)\varepsilon' G_{Mp}G_A^Z}{\varepsilon (G_{Ep})^2 + \tau (G_{Mp})^2} \Big]$$

Q <sup>2</sup>	ΔΑ	ΔΑ/σ	ΔΑ/Α	Exp.
0.38	-0.178	0.42	1.6%	G0 FWD
0.56	-0.347	0.50	1.6%	G0 FWD
1.0	-0.414	0.30	0.8%	G0 FWD
0.50	-0.299	0.50	1.7%	HAPPEX III
0.231	+0.038	0.12	0.2%	G0 BCK
0.65	0.142	0.14	0.3%	GO BCK

Table: Difference in the extracted asymmetries.





## **Impacts II**



• Proton Zemach radius:

$$E_{hfs} = (1 + \Delta_{QED} + \Delta^{p}_{hvp} + \Delta^{p}_{\mu vp} + \Delta^{p}_{weak} + \Delta_{S})E^{p}_{F}$$

$$\Delta_{S} = \underline{\Delta}_{Z} + \Delta_{R}^{p} + \Delta_{pol}, \quad \Delta_{Z} = -2\alpha Z \frac{m_{e}m_{p}}{m_{e} + m_{p}} r_{Z}$$
$$r_{Z} = -\frac{4}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{dQ}{Q^{2}} [G_{E}(Q^{2})G_{M}(Q^{2})/(1 + \kappa_{p}) - 1]$$

• FFs at Low  $Q^2$  (<1 GeV<sup>2</sup>) accounts for >70% of  $r_Z$ , and also dominate the uncertainty.



Quantity	value (ppm)	uncertainty (ppm)	
$(E_{\rm hfs}(e^-p)/E_F^p) - 1$	$1\ 103.48$	0.01	
$\Delta_{ m QED}$	$1 \ 136.19$	0.00	
$\Delta^p_{\mu \rm vp} + \Delta^p_{\rm hvp} + \Delta^p_{\rm weak}$	0.14		
$\Delta_Z$ (using [31])	-41.43	0.44	
$\Delta^p_R$ (using [31])	5.85	0.07	
$\Delta_{ m pol}$ (this work, using [31])	1.88	0.64	
Total	1102.63	0.78	
Deficit	0.85	0.78	

Carlson, Nazaryan, and Griffioen, arXiv:0805.2603v1 (2009)

FFs	r <sub>z</sub> (fm)	Δz	year
Dipole	1.025	-39.29	-
FW	1.049	-40.22	2003
Kelly	1.069	-40.99	2004
AS	1.091	-41.85	2007
AMT	1.080	-41.43	2007
New fit	1.075	-41.21	2009

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## **Future Outlook**



- E08007 analysis finalized.
- Publication in preparation.
- Updated paper for LEDEX (G. Ron *et al.*) in preparation.



• Second half of the experiment (DSA) is tentatively scheduled in early 2012

$$\mathsf{A}_{\mathsf{phys}} = \frac{\mathsf{v}_{z} \mathbf{cos}\theta' \mathsf{G}_{\mathsf{M}}^{2} + \mathsf{v}_{x} \mathbf{sin}\theta' \mathbf{cos}\varphi' \mathsf{G}_{\mathsf{E}}\mathsf{G}_{\mathsf{M}}}{\left(\varepsilon \mathsf{G}_{\mathsf{Ep}}^{2} + \tau \mathsf{G}_{\mathsf{Mp}}^{2}\right) / \left[\varepsilon (1+\tau)\right]}$$

- Opportunity to see the FFR behavior at even lower  $Q^2$  (0.015-0.4 GeV<sup>2</sup>) region.
- Third independent measurement, direct comparison with **BLAST**, examine any unknown systematic errors for previous measurements.
- Challenges: Solid polarized proton target & effect of target field to septum magnets.



#### **Summary**



• Nucleon FFs are fundamental quantities describing the nucleon internal structure, and has been a longstanding subject of interest in nuclear and particle physics.

• pQCD not applicable at low momentum transfer region, precision FF measurements are needed for all the experimental accessible region to test various models.

• A new high precision measurement was conducted in Jefferson Lab Hall A at low  $Q^2$ , new results strongly deviate from unity, systematically lower than previous world data.

• While adding further constraints on various models, high precision data also have impacts to other physics quantities: proton Zemach radius, strange form factor through PV, etc.

• Future experiments accessing extremely lower  $Q^2$  are necessary, more "unexpected" results? ...







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## Thank you!







# Back up slides





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## **COSY Spin Precession Matrix**





- Different SP matrix were generated by changing the default settings in COSY:
  - dipole radius, drift distances, quadrupoles alignment
  - central bending angle: 5.5 mrad
  - use COSY transport map to reconstruct target variables

- Uncertainties on target variables (OPTICS):
  - dp: 0.001
  - y\_tg: 0.001 m
  - ph\_tg: 0.7~1.2 mrad
  - th\_tg: 1 mrad



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### **Individual Form Factors**



• With the extract ratio constraint, refit the world reduced cross section data.







### **Extraction of Polarization**



- Full spin precession by COSY:
  - differential algebra-based.
  - defines the geometry and related setup of magnets.

$$S_{ij} = \sum_{k,l,m,n,p} C_{ij}^{klmnp} \boldsymbol{x}^{k} \theta^{l} \boldsymbol{y}^{m} \phi^{n} \delta^{p}$$

 $\begin{pmatrix} P_x^{fpp} \\ P_y^{fpp} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} S_{xx} & S_{xy} & S_{xz} \\ S_{yx} & S_{yy} & S_{yz} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_x^{tg} \\ \eta h P_y^{tg} \\ \eta h P_y^{tg} \end{pmatrix}$ 

target frame

 $\lambda_z = \eta A_u (S_{uz} \sin \phi - S_{xz} \cos \phi).$ 

- Weighted-sum:  $f(\phi) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \epsilon (1 + \lambda_x P_x^{tg} + \lambda_y h P_y^{tg} + \lambda_z h P_z^{tg}), \qquad \lambda_x = A_y (S_{yx} \sin \phi - S_{xx} \cos \phi)$   $\lambda_y = \eta A_y (S_{yy} \sin \phi - S_{xy} \cos \phi)$ 
  - efficiency cancels with different beam helicity

$$\int_{0}^{2\pi} f(\phi)\lambda_{y}d\phi = hP_{y}^{tg}\int_{0}^{2\pi} f(\phi)\lambda_{y}^{2}d\phi + hP_{z}^{tg}\int_{0}^{2\pi} f(\phi)\lambda_{y}\lambda_{z}d\phi + \int_{0}^{2\pi} f(\phi)\lambda_{z}d\phi = hP_{y}^{tg}\int_{0}^{2\pi} f(\phi)\lambda_{y}\lambda_{z}d\phi + hP_{z}^{tg}\int_{0}^{2\pi} f(\phi)\lambda_{z}^{2}d\phi.$$





### **Impacts III**



• Isoscalar & Isovector FFs (important for Lattice QCD):

$$F_i^s = \frac{1}{2}(F_i^p + F_i^n), F_i^v = \frac{1}{2}(F_i^p - F_i^n)$$

• Plots show fractional change in IS and IV FFs by using the new parameterization vs. the old parameterization.









