Beyond the Born Approximation: A Precise Comparison of Positron-Proton and Electron-Proton Elastic Scattering in CLAS

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#### The Proton Charge Form Factor



 $G_{E}$  contribution to cross section is small (~5%). 2 $\gamma$  exchange is the leading candidate to explain discrepancy.

## How to measure TPE:

compare electron and positron elastic scattering on the proton



$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(e^{\pm}) &\propto |A_{Born} + A_{2\gamma} + \dots|^2 \\ \sigma(e^{\pm}) &\propto |A_{Born}|^2 \pm 2A_{Born} Re(A_{2\gamma}) \end{aligned}$$

$$R = \frac{\sigma(e^+)}{\sigma(e^-)} \approx 1 - \frac{4Re(A_{2\gamma})}{A_{Born}}$$

R measures the real part of the two-photon amplitude

## Experimental Technique

## Making Positrons in Hall B

- 1. Electron beam hits radiator foil, producing photon beam
- 2. Photon beam strikes converter foil. e-/e+ pairs are produced.
- 3. Magnetic chicane:
  - a) separates lepton beams
  - b) blocks photon beam
  - c) recombines lepton beams



### **Experiment Features**

- Identical e+/e- beams
- Continuous beam energy distribution
  - Wide  $Q^2$  and angle (  $\varepsilon$  ) coverage
- Simultaneous cross section measurements
  - Minimize systematic uncertainty
  - Allows 1% measurement of e+/e- cross section ratio
- Opposite sector trigger selects candidate elastic events.
- Overdetermined elastic kinematics provide effective background rejection and determine incident beam energy.

## **TPE** Timeline

- Engineering test run, summer 2005: measure background rates in Hall B.
- Test run, October 2006: produce mixed lepton beam, validate simulations collect e-p and e+p data.

•Approved by PAC31 for 30 days of beam time, tentatively scheduled for late 2008.

## Detailed GEANT4 simulation



#### GEANT4 simulation – vertex origin of hits on TOF Old (2005) Test Run



#### <u>Old</u>

#### **Tagger Modifications**











# Analysis of Test Run Data:

Two-track events, preliminary calibration using g13 data

## Cuts identifying elastic events

- Beam energy:
  - Calculate E from total momentum along beamline direction
  - Calculate E from particle angles (assume elastic scattering)

$$-\Delta E = E(P_{1z}, P_{2z}) - E(\theta_1, \theta_2)$$

- $-\Delta E = 0$  for elastic scattering
- Transverse momentum
  - Determine angle between total final state momentum and beamline direction,  $\theta_{_{\rm B}}$
  - $\theta_{\rm B} = 0$  for elastic scattering
- No timing cuts





### **Test Run Results**

- Large background sources have been identified and significantly reduced in the 2006 test run.
- Tagger beamline background has been reduced by a factor of ~20 by improved tagger construction and shielding around the tagger and tagger dump.
- Simulation reproduces data on background sources.
- e-p and e+p elastic events have been observed.

## Test Run Results: Luminosity

Maximum luminosity achieved:

- 80 nA 3.3 GeV electrons
- 0.5% radiator, 5% converter
- Lepton current at target: 20 pA (80nA\*0.5%\*5%) Luminosity limited by R1 DC occupancy.
- Luminosity and backgrounds agree with simulations.
- Factor of  $\sim 20$  improvement on previous test runs

### Anticipated uncertainties



# Summary:

- Rosenbluth and Polarization transfer experiments measure  $G_E$  that differ by a factor of ~5 at  $Q^2 = 6$ . Two Photon Exchange can explain the discrepancy.
- The e<sup>+</sup>p/e<sup>-</sup>p ratio is the only way to measure the real part of the TPE amplitude.
- The TPE 2006 Engineering Test Run:
  - Produced a mixed electron/positron beam
  - Validated detailed GEANT4 beamline and tagger simulation
  - Observed e<sup>+</sup>p and e<sup>-</sup>p elastic scattering events
  - PAC31 approval for 30 days of beam time

# Backup Slides

# The Formalism

General 1- and 2-photon exchange amplitude

$$A = \frac{e^2}{Q^2} \bar{u}(k') \gamma_{\mu} u(k)$$
  
2:  $\times \bar{u}(p') \left[ \tilde{G}_m \gamma^{\mu} - \tilde{F}_2 \frac{P^{\mu}}{M} + \tilde{F}_3 \frac{\gamma \cdot K P^{\mu}}{M^2} \right]$   
1:  $\times \bar{u}(p') \left[ G_m \gamma^{\mu} - F_2 \frac{P^{\mu}}{M} + \right]$ 

General 1- and 2-photon exchange cross section

1: 
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto [\tau G_m^2 + \epsilon G_E^2]$$
  
2:  $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto [\tau \tilde{G}_m^2 + \epsilon \tilde{G}_E^2 + 2\epsilon(\tau |\tilde{G}_m| + |\tilde{G}_E \tilde{G}_m|)Y_{2\gamma}]$   
 $Y_{2\gamma} \propto \mathcal{R}\left(\frac{\tilde{F}_3}{|\tilde{G}_m|}\right)$ 

Thus we have

- Another  $\varepsilon$  dependent term
- Modified  $G_E$  and  $G_M$

Guichon and Vanderhaegen, PRL 91 (03) 142303

### Phenomenology



Adding a small (few %), epsilon-dependent term to the cross section will

•Not change the polarization-transfer results

•Drastically change the Rosenbluth results

#### Existing e+/e- cross section ratios (Q2 > 1)



Data: Mar et al, PRL 21 (1968) 482

Doesn't constrain much







### Opposite sector trigger





Allowed opposite sector paddle correlations,  $I_{torus} = 1250A$ 



### Opposite sector trigger kinematic coverage



Chicane-related background: Region I occupancy increases



#### Online vertex reconstruction (6 superlayer tracks)



Track Vertex (cm)

before decreasing collimator size and adding shielding

after improvements

#### We see positron and electron beams

- •Block one lepton beam
- •Scan chicane dipoles 1&3
- •Watch the beam move

- •Block the other beam
- •Scan the chicane
- •Watch the beam move



Beam Position Monitor (before target)



## Improved shielding and collimation at chicane exit



## How to achieve proposal luminosity

- Proposal lepton current at target: 500 pA
- Test run achieved 4% of proposal luminosity <u>Improvements</u>:
- Decrease beam-pipe scattering (factor of 6)
  - Rebuild heat exchanger and/or
  - Improve collimation of lepton beams
  - We know how to make this improvement
- Further simulations to improve shielding
  - Tagger and dump (factor of 2)
  - Upstream collimator (factor of 1.5 to 2)
  - Shield wall at torus cryo-ring
  - Intra-chicane shielding
  - We have the simulation tools to do this

## Anticipated running conditions and beamtime request

Item	Value
Primary electron beam energy	$5.7~{ m GeV}$
Primary electron beam current	$0.5 \ \mu A$
Radiator thickness	$1\% X_o$
Converter thickness	$5\% X_o$
Cryogenic hydrogen target length	40 cm
Torus current	1000 A
PAC days for data acquisition	27
Additional days for flux measurement and torus polarity changes	3
Additional days for commissioning of all devices	5
Total PAC days requested	35

## Luminosity Summary

Item	PAC 26	Test Run	Widen cryo-	further sims
	proposed	achieved	apertures	and shielding
Primary electron beam energy (GeV)	5.7	3.3	5.7	5.7
Primary electron beam current ( $\mu$ A)	1.0	0.08	0.24	0.5
Radiator thickness $(\% X_o)$	5	0.5	0.5	1.0
Photon collimator aperture (mm)	2	12.7	12.7	12.7
Converter thickness $(\% X_o)$	2	5	5	5
Cryogenic hydrogen target length (cm)	20	20	40	40
Luminosity (fraction of PAC 26 proposal)	1	0.04	0.24	1

## Anticipated Systematic Errors

Source	Error (%)
e <sup>+</sup> /e <sup>-</sup> flux differences	0.2
Proton acceptance differences	0
e <sup>+</sup> /e <sup>-</sup> momentum measurement	0.1
$e^+/e^-$ geometrical acceptance differences	< 1
e <sup>+</sup> /e <sup>-</sup> detector efficiency differences	0.1
inelastic contamination	0.1
Total	< 1