# Measurement of the Neutron Electric Form Factor $G_E^n$ in ${}^2\overrightarrow{\mathrm{H}}(\overrightarrow{e}, e'n)p$ Quasi-elastic Scattering

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## **Nucleon Form Factors**

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \sigma_{\text{Mott}} \frac{E'}{E_0} \left\{ (F_1)^2 + \tau \left[ 2 (F_1 + F_2)^2 \tan^2(\theta_e) + (F_2)^2 \right] \right\}$$

$$F_1^p = 1 \qquad F_1^n = 0$$

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## $G_E^n$ Interpretation

In the nonrelativistic limit  $Q^2 = \vec{q}^2$  (Breit Frame)  $G_E$  is Fourier Transform of the charge distribution  $\rho(r)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} G_E^n\left(\mathbf{q}^2\right) &= \frac{1}{\left(2\pi\right)^3} \int d^3 r \rho(\mathbf{r}) e^{(i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r})} \\ &= \int d^3 \mathbf{r} \rho\left(\mathbf{r}\right) - \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{6} \int d^3 \mathbf{r} \rho\left(\mathbf{r}\right) \mathbf{r}^2 + \dots \\ &= 0 - \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{6} \left\langle r_{ne}^2 \right\rangle + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Anomalous magnetic moment of neutron and Yukawa theory of mesons gave rise to the idea of a separated charge distribution in the neutron. The charge radius was expected to be negative.



## Charge radius, Foldy term

$$\begin{split} \left\langle r_{ne}^{2} \right\rangle &= -6 \frac{dG_{E}^{n}(0)}{dQ^{2}} \quad = \quad -6 \frac{dF_{1}^{n}(0)}{dQ^{2}} + \frac{3}{2M^{2}} F_{2}^{n}(0) \\ &= \quad \left\langle r_{\mathrm{in}}^{2} \right\rangle + \left\langle r_{\mathrm{Foldy}}^{2} \right\rangle \end{split}$$

Foldy term,  $\frac{3\mu_n}{2m_n} = (-0.126) \text{fm}^2$ , has nothing to do with the rest frame charge distribution.

 $\langle r_{ne}^2 \rangle$  is measured through neutron-electron scattering

$$\left\langle r_{ne}^2 \right\rangle = \frac{3m_e a_0}{m_n} b_{ne} = -0.113 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.004 \,\mathrm{fm}^2.$$

 $\langle r_{\rm in}^2 \rangle = -0.113 + 0.126 \approx 0$  suggesting that the spatial charge extension seen in  $F_1$  is about 0 or very small.

Recent studies have attempted to resolve this issue with the conclusion that  $G_E^n$  arises from the neutron's rest frame charge distribution.

N. Isgur Phys. Rev. Lett. 83, 272 (1999)

"Interpreting the Neutron's Electric Form Factor. Rest Frame Charge Distribution or Foldy Term?"

in relativistic expansion of the constituent quark model the Foldy term cancels against a contribution from  $F_1$ .

M. Bawin & A.A. Coon Phys. Rev. C. 60, 025207 (1999)

"Neutron charge radius and the Dirac equation"

explicit incorporation of the Dirac-Pauli form factors in Dirac equation. The Foldy term is canceled by a contribution from  $F_1$ .

Why is  $\left< \mathbf{r_{in}^2} \right> < \mathbf{0?}$ 



#### Hadron Picture

- $p\pi^-$  component in neutron wavefunction
- $\pi^-$  cloud on outside



#### CQM

neutron = udd and spin-spin forces create a charge segregation

# Why measure $\mathrm{G}^{\mathrm{n}}_{\mathrm{E}}\textbf{?}$

## Fundamental quantity

• Test of QCD description of the nucleon Symmetric quark model, with all valence quarks with same wavefunction,  $G_E^n \equiv 0 \rightarrow$  details of the wavefunctions



- More sensitive than other form factors to sea quark contributions
- Soliton model *Gorski* 1992 suggests that  $\rho(r)$  at large rdue to sea quarks

Dong, Liu, Williams, PRD 58 074504

## Necessary for study of nuclear structure.

- Without  $G_E^n$  almost impossible to extract information in high  $Q^2$  few body structure functions
- Large source of error in extraction of strange quark form factors from parity violating experiments
- Explains  $\left< {\bf r}_{ch}^{2} \right>$  of  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  as compared to  $^{40}\text{Ca}$

## **Parametrizations of Nucleon Form Factors**

The electric form factor,  $G_E^p(Q^2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3r \rho(\mathbf{r}) e^{(i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r})}$ Dipole Parametrization: Good description of early  $G_{E,M}^p$  data

$$G_{D} = \left(1 + \frac{Q^{2}}{0.71(GeV/c)^{2}}\right)^{-2}$$

$$G_{E}^{p} = G_{D} = \frac{G_{M}^{p}}{\mu_{p}} = \frac{G_{M}^{n}}{\mu_{n}}$$

$$G_{E}^{n} = -\tau\mu_{n}G_{D}; \ \tau = \frac{Q^{2}}{4M^{2}}$$

$$G_D = \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{k^2}\right)^{-2}$$
  
implies an exponential  
charge distribution:  
 $\rho(r) \propto e^{-kr}$ 

Galster Parametrization: From e - D elastic scattering

$$G_E^n = -rac{ au \mu_n}{1+5.6 au} G_D$$

# **Models of Nucleon Form Factors**

Ground state QCD structure is strong coupling problem: currently unsolvable

Vector Meson Dominance



$$\begin{split} F(Q^2) &= \sum_i \frac{C_{\gamma V_i}}{Q^2 + M_{V_i}^2} F_{V_i N}(Q^2) \\ \frac{1}{Q^2 + M_{V_i}^2} \Rightarrow \text{propagator of meson of mass } M_{V_i} \\ C_{\gamma V_i} \Rightarrow \text{photon-meson coupling strength} \\ F_{V_i N}(Q^2) \Rightarrow \text{meson-nucleon form factor.} \\ \end{split}$$

#### pQCD

High  $Q^2$  helicity conservation by  $\gamma$ -quark interaction requires that  $Q^2F_1/F_2 \rightarrow \text{constant}$  as  $F_2$  helicity flip arises from second order corrections and are suppressed by an additional factor of 1/Q. Furthermore for  $Q^2 \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$  counting rules find  $F_1 \propto \alpha_s(Q^2)/Q^4$ . Thus  $F_1 \propto \frac{1}{Q^4}$  and  $F_2 \propto \frac{1}{Q^6} \Rightarrow Q^2\frac{F_2}{F_1} \rightarrow \text{constant.}$  Contradicted by JLAB proton data which show that  $Q\frac{F_2}{F_1} \rightarrow \text{constant.}$ 

#### **Hybrid Models**

Failure to follow the high  $Q^2$  behavior suggested by pQCD led GK to incorporate pQCD at high  $Q^2$  with the low VMD behavior. Inclusion of  $\phi$  by GK had significant effect on  $G_E^n$ . Lomon has updated with new fits to selected data.

#### Lattice calculations of form form factors nascent

Fundamental but currently limited in statistical accuracy Dong *et al* PRD58, 074504 (1998)

#### QCD based modes

Models: try to capture aspects of QCD

**RCQM** P.L. Chung and F. Coester, PR D44, 229 (1991), I.Z. Aznaurian, PL B316, 39 (1993), M.R. Frank, B.K. Jennings, and G.A. Miller, PRC54, 920 (1996), M. Ivanov, M. Locher, and V. Lyubovitskij, Few Body Systems, 21, 131 (1996).

di-quark model P. Kroll, M.Schurmann, and W. Schweiger, Z. Phys. A432, 429 (1992).

QCD sum rules A.V. Radyushkin, Acta. Phys. Polon. B15, 403 (1984).

Cloudy bag model D.H. Lu, A.W. Thomas, and A.G. Williams, PR C57, 2628 (1998).

Helicity non-conservation shows up in the light front dynamics analysis of Miller and collaborators where in the imposition of Poincare invariance analytic results that predicted  $Q_{F_1}^{F_2} \rightarrow \text{constant}$  and the violation of helicity conservation. Helicity non-conservation also shows up in the pQCD model of Ralston and collaborators which also predict that  $Q_{F_1}^{F_2} \rightarrow \text{constant}$ . Both models include quark orbital angular momentum.

light front cloudy bag model Miller has extended the light front dynamics to include the cloudy bag with a description of the neutron as a bare nucleon and a negative pion cloud with a long tail, giving rise to the negative charge radius.



# $G_E^n$ Measurements

No free neutron target  $\Longrightarrow$  Use deuteron

- Inclusive cross section measurements on Deuterium:
  - Elastic e D scattering at small angles: depends on N-N potential, subtraction of proton contribution
  - Quasielastic e D scattering Rosenbluth separation, sensitive to deuteron structure
- Double Polarization measurements
   asymmetry measurement

detection of neutron in coincidence

- $\rightarrow$  less sensitive to deutron structure
- $\rightarrow$  avoid Rosenbluth separation
- $\rightarrow$  avoid subtraction of proton contribution

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{}^{2}\mathrm{H}(\overrightarrow{e}, e'\overrightarrow{n})p, {}^{2}\overrightarrow{\mathrm{H}}(\overrightarrow{e}, e'n)p, {}^{3}\overrightarrow{\mathrm{He}}(\overrightarrow{e}, e'n)pp
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Other methods

- ${}^{2}\mathsf{H}(e,e'n)p$
- ${}^{2}H(e, e'\bar{p})p$  (anticoincidence)
- Ratio techniques  $\frac{e,e'p}{e,e'n}$

# e-D Elastic Scattering

Born approximation

$$rac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}=\sigma_{NS}\left[A\left(Q^2
ight)+B\left(Q^2
ight) an^2\left(rac{ heta_e}{2}
ight)
ight]$$

$$A(Q^{2}) = G_{c}^{2} + \frac{8}{9}\eta G_{Q}^{2} + \frac{2}{3}\eta^{2}G_{M}^{2}$$
$$B(Q^{2}) = \frac{4}{3}\eta(\eta+1)G_{M}^{2}$$
$$\eta = \frac{Q^{2}}{4M_{D}^{2}}$$

small  $\theta_e$  approximation

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \cdots \left(G_e^p + G_E^n\right)^2 \left[u(r)^2 + w(r)^2\right] j_0(\frac{qr}{2}) dr \cdots$$

- 1.  $A_{IA}(Q^2)$  deduced after corrections for relativistic effects and MEC
- 2. Subtract magnetic dipole using parametrization of data
- 3. S and D state functions to unfold nuclear structure for various potentials to get isoscalar form factor
- 4. Subtract proton form factor
- 5. Sensitive to deuteron wavefunction model and MEC

# Early measurements of $G_E^n$ and slope at $Q^2 = 0$



Relativistic corrections and model dependence: Casper and Gross, PR 155, 1607 (1967)

- (a) Partovi wave function
- (b) Partovi and relativistic corrections
- (c) Feshbach-Lomon and relativistic corrections



## **Elastic, Continued**

In the case of  ${}^{2}H(e, e'){}^{2}\overrightarrow{H}$  components of the tensor polarization give useful combinations of the form factors,

$$t_{20} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}S} \left\{ \frac{8}{3} \tau_d G_C G_Q + \frac{8}{9} \tau_d^2 G_Q^2 + \frac{1}{3} \tau_d \left[ 1 + 2(1 + \tau_d) \tan^2(\theta/2) \right] G_M^2 \right\}$$

allowing  $G_Q(Q^2)$  to be extracted. Exploiting the fact that  $G_Q(Q^2)$  suffers less from theoretical uncertainties than  $A(Q^2)$ ,  $G_E^n$  can be extracted to larger momentum transfers.



## **Quasielastic** e - d **Scattering**

PWIA model (Durand and McGee): Cross section is incoherent sum of p and n cross section folded with deuteron structure.

$$\sigma = (\sigma_p + \sigma_n) I(u, w)$$

$$= \left\{ \varepsilon \left[ \left( G_E^p \right)^2 + \left( G_E^n \right)^2 \right] + \frac{\nu^2}{Q^2} \left[ \left( G_M^p \right)^2 + \left( G_M^n \right)^2 \right] \right\} I(u, w)$$

$$= \varepsilon R_L + R_T$$

$$\varepsilon = \left[ 1 + 2 \left( 1 + \tau \right) \tan^2 \left( \theta_e / 2 \right) \right]^{-1}$$

- Extraction of  $G_E^n$ : Rosenbluth Separation  $\Rightarrow R_L$ Subtraction of proton contribution
- Problems: Unfavorable error propagation Sensitivity to deuteron structure

SLAC: A. Lung et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 70, 718 (1993)  $\rightarrow G_E^n$  consistent with zero and Galster.



**Open questions** 

$$G_E\left(Q^2\right) = F_1(Q^2) - \tau F_2\left(Q^2\right) \quad G_M\left(Q^2\right) = F_1\left(Q^2\right) + F_2\left(Q^2\right)$$

If  $G_E^n$  is small at large  $Q^2$  then  $F_1^n$  must cancel  $\tau F_2^n$ , begging the question, how does  $F_1^n$  evolve from 0 at  $Q^2 = 0$  to cancel  $\tau F_2^n$  at large  $Q^2$ ?

E133 data from SLAC shows the ratio of  $\sigma_n/\sigma_p$  falling with  $Q^2$ , suggesting that

 $F_1^n \simeq 0$ . This implies that  $G_E^n$  would dominate  $G_M^n$  at high  $Q^2$ .

## **Double polarization measurements**

Akhiezer and Rekalo (1968), Dombey (1968)  ${}^{2}\text{H}(\vec{e}, e'\vec{n})p$  ${}^{2}\vec{\text{H}}(\vec{e}, e'n)p, {}^{3}\vec{\text{He}}(\vec{e}, e'n)pp$ 

## Asymmetry measurements

- $\rightarrow$  less sensitive to deuteron structure
- $\rightarrow$  avoid Rosenbluth separation
- $\rightarrow$  avoid subtraction of proton contribution (detect neutron)
- $\rightarrow$  only relative charge measurement needed
- $\rightarrow$  reduced dependence on detector acceptance
- $\rightarrow$  radiative corrections reduced
- $\rightarrow$  understand helicity dependent deadtime
- $\rightarrow$  need absolute beam and target polarization

Target	Туре	$Q^2$ (GeV/c) $^2$	Reference
$^{2}$ H	$(\overrightarrow{e}, e'\overrightarrow{n})$	0.15	C. Herberg <i>et al.</i> , Eur. Phys. J. A <b>5</b> , 131 (1999)
$^{2}\overrightarrow{\mathrm{H}}$	$(\overrightarrow{e},e'n)$	0.21	I. Passchier <i>et al.</i> , Phys. Rev. Lett. <b>82</b> , 4988 (1999)
<sup>2</sup> H	$(\overrightarrow{e}, e'\overrightarrow{n})$	0.252	T. Eden <i>et al.</i> , Phys. Rev. C <b>50</b> , R1749 (1994)
$^{3}\overrightarrow{\text{He}}$	$(\overrightarrow{e},e'n)$	0.31	M. Meyerhoff <i>et al.</i> , Phys. Lett. <b>B 327</b> , 201 (1994)
$^{2}$ H	$(\overrightarrow{e}, e'\overrightarrow{n})$	0.33	M. Ostrick et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 83, 276 (1999)
$^{3}\overrightarrow{\text{He}}$	$(\overrightarrow{e}, e'n)$	0.36	J. Becker <i>et al.</i> , Eur. Phys. J . A <b>6</b> , 329 (1999)
$^{2}\overrightarrow{\mathrm{H}}$	$(\overrightarrow{e},e'n)$	0.5	H. Zhu <i>et al.</i> , Phys. Rev. Lett. <b>87</b> , 081801 (2001)
$^{3}\overrightarrow{\text{He}}$	$(\overrightarrow{e},e'n)$	0.67	D. Rohe et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 83, 4257 (1999)
$^{2}\overrightarrow{\mathrm{H}}$	$(\overrightarrow{e},e'n)$	0.5, 1.0	JLAB E93-026 preliminary 2001
<sup>2</sup> H	$(\overrightarrow{e}, e'\overrightarrow{n})$	0.45, 1.15, 1.47	JLAB E93-038 preliminary 2001
$^{3}\overrightarrow{\text{He}}$	$(\overrightarrow{e}, \overrightarrow{e'n})$	0.67	Mainz 2003, Bermuth
$^{2}$ H	$(\overrightarrow{e}, e'\overrightarrow{n})$	03, 0.6, 0.8	Mainz data taking completed 2002

## **Polarized Electron on Polarized Free Neutron**



Neutron Polarization *P* Beam Helicity *h* 

Polarized Cross Section:  $\sigma = \sigma_0 \left(1 + hPA\right)$ 

$$A = \frac{a\cos\theta^{\star} (G_{M}^{n})^{2} + b\sin\theta^{\star}\cos\Phi^{\star}G_{E}^{n}G_{M}^{n}}{c(G_{M}^{n})^{2} + d(G_{E}^{n})^{2}}$$
$$\theta^{\star} = 90^{\circ} \Phi^{\star} = 0^{\circ} \Longrightarrow A = \frac{bG_{E}^{n}G_{M}^{n}}{c(G_{M}^{n})^{2} + d(G_{E}^{n})^{2}}$$

# **Polarized Electron on Polarized Deuteron Target**

Polarized Cross Section for quasielastic  ${}^{2}\overrightarrow{\mathrm{H}}(\overrightarrow{e},e'n)p$ :

# $\sigma(h,P) = \sigma_0 \left( 1 + hA_e + PA_d^V + TA_d^T + hPA_{ed}^V + hTA_{ed}^T \right)$

h: Beam Helicity

P: Vector Target Polarization

T: Tensor Target Polarization  $T = 2 - \sqrt{4 - 3P^2}$ 

Deuteron supports a tensor polarization, T, in addition to the usual vector polarization, P – this can lead to both helicity dependent and helicity independent contributions

-  $A_{ed}^T$  and  $A_e$  vanish if symmetrically averaged

- $A_d^V$  vanishes in the scattering plane
- $A_d^T$  is suppressed by  $T \approx 3\%$

Theoretical Calculations of electrodisintegration of the deuteron:

H. Arenhövel, W. Leidemann, and E. L. Tomusiak, Z. Phys. A 331, 123 (1988); 334, 363(E) (1989).

H. Arenhövel, W. Leidemann, and E. L. Tomusiak, Phys. Rev. C 46, 455 (1992).

 $A_{ed}^V$  is sensitive to  $G_E^n$ has low sensitivity to potential models has low sensitivity to subnuclear degrees of freedom (MEC, IC)

under certain kinematical conditions....

Sensitivity to  $G_E^n$  – Insensitivity to Reaction



 $\theta_{np}^{cm}$ : Angle between  $\vec{q}$  and relative n-p momentum in cm system; 180 deg corresponds to neutron in direction of  $\vec{q}$ 

# Experimental Technique for ${}^{2}\overrightarrow{\mathrm{H}}(\overrightarrow{e},e'n)p$

How to access  $A_{ed}^V$ ?

Experiment measures counts for different orientations of h and P:

 $N^{hP} \propto \sigma \left( h, P \right)$ 

Beam-target Asymmetry:

$$A_{BT} = \frac{N^{++} - N^{-+} + N^{--} - N^{+-}}{N^{++} + N^{-+} + N^{++} + N^{++}}$$
$$= \frac{hPA_{ed}^{V}}{1 + TA_{d}^{T}}$$
$$\simeq hPA_{ed}^{V}$$

# E93026 Collaboration

## 112 collaborators from 18 institutions

Duke University, Florida International University, Hampton University, Jefferson Lab, Louisiana Tech University, Mississippi State University, Norfolk State University, North Carolina A&T State University, Old Dominion University, Ohio University, Southern University at New Orleans, Tel Aviv University, University of Basel, University of Maryland at College Park, University of Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Vrije Universiteit of Amsterdam, Yerevan Physics Institute

# **Experiment E93026**

- Measured in Hall C at Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (Jlab) in Newport News, Virginia, USA
- Measuring periods
  - Aug 1998 Oct 1998
  - July 2001 Dec 2001

• Kinematics:

- $2.2 \times 10^6$  neutrons at  $Q^2 = 0.5$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> (1998)
- $6.5 \times 10^6$  neutrons at  $Q^2 = 0.5$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> (2001)
- $.75 \times 10^6$  neutrons at  $Q^2 = 1.0$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> (1998)
- $1.4 \times 10^6$  neutrons at  $Q^2 = 1.0$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> (2001)

# **Hall Schematic**



- Polarized Target
- Chicane to compensate for beam deflection of  $\approx$  4 degrees
- Scattering Plane Tilted
- Protons deflected  $\approx$  17 deg at  $Q^2 = 0.5$
- Raster to distribute beam over 3 cm<sup>2</sup> face of target
- Electrons detected in HMS (right)
- Neutrons and Protons detected in scintillator array (left)
- Beam Polarization measured in coincidence Möller polarimeter



# Solid Polarized Targets

- frozen(doped) <sup>15</sup>ND<sub>3</sub>
- <sup>4</sup>He evaporation refrigerator
- 5T polarizing field
- remotely movable insert
- dynamic nuclear polarization

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# **Dynamic Nuclear Polarization**



#### **Pictorial Representation–Proton Enhancement**

Forbidden transitions ( $\Delta m_j \neq \pm 1$ ) allowed Microwaves of 140Ghz - 213 MHz drive the  $\mathbf{b} \rightarrow \mathbf{c}$  transition Relaxation occurs through  $\mathbf{c} \rightarrow \mathbf{a}$  transition

# **Target Stick**



## **Deuteron NMR**

- Sweep RF frequency-measure absorptive part of response with tuned phase sensitive circuit
- Polarization proportional to signal area
- Fix scale by measuring polarization in thermal equilibrium (TE)
   @ (5 Tesla, 1.5 K)

$$P_{\rm TE} = \frac{4 \tanh(\mu B/2kT)}{3 + \tanh^2(\mu B/2kT)} \approx 0.07\%$$

Typically can achieve 3 to 5% systematic error (relative)



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Average polarization  $\simeq 25\%$ 

# **Neutron Detector**

- Highly segmented scintillator •
- Rates: 50 200 kHz per detector •
- Pb shielding in front to reduce background
- 2 thin planes for particle ID (VETO) Time resolution  $\simeq$  400 ps
- 6 thick conversion planes for neutron detection
- 142 elements total, >280 channels

- Extended front section for symmetric proton coverage
- PMTs on both ends of scintillator
- Spatial resolution  $\simeq 10$  cm
- Provides 3 space coordinates, time • and energy





# Analysis

## • Event Reconstruction

- HMS standard reconstruction + target magnet + raster
- NDET tracking: Particle Identification
- $\Rightarrow$  cut variables: W, Y<sub>pos</sub>, coincidence-time,  $\theta_{nq}$
- Event Selection and Normalization  $\rightarrow$  Normalized yields:  $N^{\uparrow}$ ,  $N^{\downarrow}$
- Experimental asymmetries:

$$arepsilon = rac{N^{\uparrow} - N^{\downarrow}}{N^{\uparrow} + N^{\downarrow}} = P_B \cdot P_T \cdot f \cdot A_{ed}^V \Rightarrow \left(A_{ed}^V\right)_{meas}$$

Dilution factor  $f = \frac{N_{polarized}}{N}$  from  $^{12}C$ 

- Radiative corrections, Accidental background subtraction
- $\Rightarrow$  measured deuteron asymmetry  $A_{ed}^V$  binned in four variables
- Theoretical calculations of  $A_{ed}^V$  (for different  $G_E^n = \alpha \times \text{Galster}$ ) from Arenhövel for a kinematical grid
- Average theoretical  $A_{ed}^V$  over experimental acceptance using MC and compare with measured  $(A_{ed}^V)_{meas}$

$$\Rightarrow G_E^n$$

# Timing



## **Particle Identification**

- Neutrons No paddle hits along trajectory to target
- Veto inefficiency from 2/3 using first bar layer 3% per plane
- Target Field helps,  $\theta_{nq} < 0.1$  rad
- Protons bent  $\approx$  17 deg (0.3 rad)



# **Particle Identification**



## Not typical-most protons above the bulk of the bars



Fired but failed the MT cut.

## **Experimental Asymmetries**



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# **Dilution factor**



#### Solution: Monte Carlo and experimental data

# Structure of $A_{ed}^V$





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# **Extracting** $G_E^n$



E': Energy of the scattered electron

 $Y_{pos}$ : Horizontal coordinate of the hadron track in the neutron detector

 $\theta_{nq}$ : Angle between 3-momentum transfer  $(\overrightarrow{q})$  and hadron track

 $\theta_{np}^{\text{cm}}$ : Angle between neutron and  $(\overrightarrow{q})$  in cm

# **CEX and multi step processes**

Not all good neutrons are generated by quasielastic scattering. Data and asymmetry get contaminated, in the following way.

- in the lead shielding in front of the neutron detector:
  - d(e,e'p) followed by Pb(p, n)
  - d(e,e'p) followed by  $Pb(p,\pi^0)$  and  $\pi^0 \to \gamma + \gamma$
- the  ${}^{15}\mathrm{ND}_3$  target
  - d(e,e'p) followed by  $^{15}N(p,n)$

First estimates of Pb(p,n) revealed that this effect is not neglible.

- A simulation was written using the measured proton distribution in the detector; Pb(p,n) cross section from charge exchange studies for G<sup>n</sup><sub>M</sub>.
- The net contamination in asymmetry due to Pb(p,n) is  $-3.44 \pm 1.02\%$  for  $Q^2 = 0.5$ . The error dominated by the uncertainty in the cross section.
- For  $Q^2 = 1$  the simulation has not been run. Estimate of contamination is  $-3 \pm 3\%$ .
- The <sup>15</sup>N(p,n) contamination is small and is estimated to be  $-0.3\% \pm 0.3\%$  for  $Q^2 = 0.5$  and  $Q^2 = 1$ .
- Photon contamination is neglible for  $Q^2 = 0.5$  and about one order of magnitude smaller than from Pb(p,n) for  $Q^2 = 1$  based on total cross section of proton induced  $\pi^0$  production.

## **Preliminary Results**



Result for 1998  $Q^2 = 0.5 (GeV/c)^2$ :  $G_E^n = 0.04632 \pm 0.00616_{stat} \pm 0.00341_{syst}$ \* PRL 87 (2001) 081801

# **Preliminary Results and Systematics**

Final (98)*	$Q^2 = 0.5 \left( GeV/c \right)^2$	$G_E^n = 0.04632 \pm 0.0070$
Preliminary (2001)	$Q^2 = 0.5 \left( GeV/c \right)^2$	$G_E^{\overline{n}} = \simeq \text{Galster} \pm \simeq 7.5\% (\text{stat.})$
Preliminary (2001)	$Q^2 = 1.0 \left( GeV/c \right)^2$	$G_E^{\overline{n}} = \gtrsim \text{Galster} \pm \simeq 14\% (\text{stat.})$

Systematics	98	01 (predicted)
Target Polarization	5.8%	3-5%
<b>Dilution Factor</b>	3.9%	3%
Cut Dependence	2.4%	2%
Kinematics	2.2%	2%
$G_M^n$	1.7%	1.7%
Beam Polarization	1.0%	1-3%
Other	1.0%	1%
Sum	8.0%	6-8%







# **Future** $G_E^n$ **Results/ Measurements**

**Under Analysis** 

- Jefferson Lab:  ${}^{2}\overrightarrow{\mathrm{H}}(\vec{e},e'n)p$  at  $Q^{2}=0.5$  and 1.0 (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> (E93026)
- Jefferson Lab: D(e, e'n)p at Q<sup>2</sup> = 0.45, 1.1 and 1.45 (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> (E93038)
- Mainz: D(e, e'n)p at Q<sup>2</sup> = ≃ 0.3, 0.6 and 0.8 (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>

Future measurements

- Jefferson Lab:  ${}^{3}\overrightarrow{\text{He}}(\vec{e}, e'n)pp$  up to at  $Q^{2} = 3.4$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>
- Bates:  ${}^{2}\overrightarrow{\mathrm{H}}(\vec{e}, e'n)p$  and  ${}^{3}\overrightarrow{\mathrm{He}}(\vec{e}, e'n)pp$  precision measurements up to  $Q^{2} \simeq 1$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> with internal targets and BLAST.
- out to 14 (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> with an upgraded CLAS and the 12 GeV upgrade.

# Summary

- $G_E^n$  is related to the charge distribution of the neutron.
- $G_E^n$  remains the poorest known of the four nucleon form factors.
- $G_E^n$  is a fundamental quantity of continued interest.
- We extracted  $G_E^n$  from beam-target asymmetry measurements.
- G<sup>n</sup><sub>E</sub> can be described by the Galster parametrization (surprisingly) and data under analysis is of sufficient quality to test QCD inspired models.
- Future progress likely with new experiments and better theory.



Experimental acceptance:  $160 \deg < \theta_{np}^{cm} < 180 \deg$ Difference between full Calculation and Born + REL:  $\simeq 8\%$ 

## From $\varepsilon$ to $G_E^n$ in Detail

The polarized beam and target electron deuteron cross section can be expressed in the form:

$$S(h, P_1^d, P_2^d) = S_0 \left[ 1 + hA_e + P_1^d A_d^V + P_2^d A_d^T + h(P_1^d A_{ed}^V + P_2^d A_{ed}^T) \right],$$

where  $A_e, A_d^V, A_d^T, A_{ed}^V, A_{ed}^T$  are electron asymmetry, vector and tensor target asymmetries, and electron-deuteron vector and tensor asymmetries.

Comparing with the cross section expression, one can obtain expressions for the five asymmetries:

$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{A}_{e} &= \frac{1}{2hS_{0}} \left[ S(h,0,0) - S(-h,0,0) \right], \\ \boldsymbol{A}_{d}^{V} &= \frac{1}{2P_{1}^{d}S_{0}} \left[ S(0,P_{1}^{d},P_{2}^{d}) - S(0,-P_{1}^{d},P_{2}^{d}) \right], \\ \boldsymbol{A}_{d}^{T} &= \frac{1}{2P_{2}^{d}S_{0}} \left[ S(0,P_{1}^{d},P_{2}^{d}) - S(0,-P_{1}^{d},P_{2}^{d}) - 2S_{0} \right], \\ \boldsymbol{A}_{ed}^{V,T} &= \frac{1}{4hP_{1/2}^{d}S_{0}} \left\{ \left[ S(h,P_{1}^{d},P_{2}^{d}) - S(-h,P_{1}^{d},P_{2}^{d}) \right] \\ & \mp \left[ S(h,-P_{1}^{d},P_{2}^{d}) - S(-h,-P_{1}^{d},P_{2}^{d}) \right] \right\}. \end{split}$$

Note that  $S_0$  is in the denominator and we never measure  $S_0$ .

$$S(+h) + S(-h) \neq S_0$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{(L_+ - R_+) - (L_- - R_-)}{(L_+ + R_+) + (L_- + R_-)}.$$

$$L_{+} = \Phi_{+}n_{D}S(h, P_{1}^{d}, P_{2}^{d})$$
  

$$L_{-} = \Phi_{-}n_{D}S(h, -P_{1}^{d}, P_{2}^{d})$$
  

$$R_{+} = \Phi_{+}n_{D}S(-h, P_{1}^{d}, P_{2}^{d})$$
  

$$R_{-} = \Phi_{-}n_{D}S(-h, -P_{1}^{d}, P_{2}^{d})$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{h\left[(1-\beta)A_e + (1+\alpha\beta)P_1^d A_{ed}^V + (1-\beta\gamma)P_2^d A_{ed}^T\right]}{(1+\beta) + (1-\alpha\beta)P_1^d A_d^V + (1+\beta\gamma)P_2^d A_d^T},$$

$$\alpha = -\frac{P_{1-}}{P_{1+}}$$

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$$\beta = \frac{\Phi_{-}}{\Phi_{+}}$$
  

$$\gamma = \frac{P_{2}(P_{1-})}{P_{2}(P_{1+})}$$
  

$$P_{2}^{d} = 2 - \left[4 - 3(P_{1}^{d})^{2}\right]^{1/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{A}_{ed}^{\boldsymbol{V}} &= \frac{1}{h(1+\alpha\beta)P_1^d} \Biggl\{ \varepsilon \left[ (1+\beta) + (1-\alpha\beta)P_1^d \boldsymbol{A}_d^{\boldsymbol{V}} + (1+\beta\gamma)P_2^d \boldsymbol{A}_d^{\boldsymbol{T}} \right] \\ &-h \left[ (1-\beta)\boldsymbol{A}_e + (1-\beta\gamma)P_2^d \boldsymbol{A}_{ed}^{\boldsymbol{T}} \right] \Biggr\}. \end{aligned}$$

With full  $\phi$  acceptance  $A_e$ ,  $A_d^V$  and  $A_{ed}^T$  have zero contributions.

 $A_d^T$  remains. For  $P_1^d=20\%$ ,  $P_2^d\simeq 3\%$  with  $A_d^T\approx 10^{-2}A_d^T$  can be ignored

$$A_{ed}^{V} = \frac{\varepsilon(1+\beta)}{h(1+\alpha\beta)P_{1}^{d}}.$$

With the dilution factor

$$A_{ed}^{V} = \frac{\varepsilon(1+\beta)}{h(1+\alpha\beta)P_{1}^{d}f}.$$

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# Impact of $G_M^n$



# **Dynamic Nuclear Polarization**



Pictorial Representation–Deuteron

For positive enhancement drive the  $c\to e$  or  $b\to d$  transition. Relaxation occurs through  $e\to b$  and  $d\to a$  transition

## **NMR system**

Magnetic susceptibility is a function of the frequency

 $\chi(\omega)=\chi'(\omega)+i\chi''(\omega)$  consisting of a dispersive part ( $\chi'$ ) and an absorptive part ( $\chi''$ )

 $P = \frac{2}{\mu_0 \pi \hbar \gamma^2 \text{NJ}} \int_0^\infty \chi'' d\omega$  $L(\omega) = L_0 [1 + 4\pi \eta \chi(\omega)]$ 

Measure the impedance of coil to get at  $\chi^{\prime\prime}$ 



## **Deposited Energy-ADCs**



Neutrons do not have definite energy deposit due to conversion mechanism. 12-14 MeVee

# **Dilution Factor and Packing Fraction**

df —	$R_{\rm polarized}$	$P_{e} = \frac{V_{ND_3}}{V_{ND_3}}$	
<i>uj</i> —	$\overline{R_{\text{polarized}} + R_{\text{unpolarized}}}$	$I_f = \frac{V_{\text{cell}}}{V_{\text{cell}}}$	

Material	Source	$N_i/N_D$
Nitrogen	$ND_3$	0.333
Helium	$(1 - P_f)$	0.240
Helium	external	0.080
Aluminum	Cell in/out	0.015
Copper	NMR Coil	0.003
Nickel	NMR Coil	0.001
**Carbon	Calibration	0.286
**Helium	Calibration	0.560

 $\rho_i * \text{thickness}/A_i$ 

# **Current Asymmetry**



Beam Charge Asymmetry



Balancing count rate and dilution factor

# **Accidental Background**



- Shape of background is determined by fact that TDC accepts only one hit
  - Randoms/Reals  $\approx$  4% for neutrons
  - Acts like dilution for unpolarized randoms

## **MC vs Data ND**<sub>3</sub>

#### Neutron



#### Proton

