#### Run Plan for Experiment E02-013

### Measurement of the Neutron Electric Form Factor $G_{En}$ at High $Q^2$

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#### 1 Introduction

This experiment seeks to determine the charge form factor of the neutron through measurement of the electron-helicity asymmetry in the quasi elastic  ${}^{3}\overline{\text{He}}(\overrightarrow{e},e'n)$  reaction. When the target spin (essentially the spin of the unpaired neutron in  ${}^{3}\text{He}$ ) is aligned perpendicular to the 3-momentum transfer this asymmetry may be expressed as:

$$A_{\perp} = -\frac{G_{En}}{G_{Mn}}.\frac{2\sqrt{\tau(\tau+1)}\tan(\theta/2)}{(G_{En}/G_{Mn})^2 + \{\tau+2\tau(1+\tau)\tan^2(\theta/2)\}}$$

and the measured asymmetry is given by:

$$A_{exp} = 0.86 \times A_{\perp}.P_e.P_{He}.D.V$$

where the factor 0.86 is the fraction of  $^3\mathrm{He}$  spin carried by the neutron,  $P_e$  is the polarization of the electron beam,  $P_{He}$  is the target polarization, D is the target-N<sub>2</sub> dilution factor and V is the dilution arising from random-coincidence and non quasi-elastic background. Thus an accurate knowledge of the polarizations and dilutions is imperative. It is also vital that the polarizations and dilution factors be maintained as large as possible as, for a given number of counts, the obtained statistical uncertainty in asymmetry is proportional to  $1/\left(P_e.P_{He}.D.V\right)^2$ . Accordingly a sizable fraction of the available beam time must be spent on polarimetry. Target polarimetry by NMR and XXX techniques must be performed frequently and requires the beam to be off. Beam polarimetry by Möller scattering from a magnetised Fe foil is likewise invasive, although Compton-backscattering polarimetry has a negligible effect on the electron beam and may be performed in parallel with production running.

In addition to the state-of-the-art polarized electron beam and target, the present experiment depends on large-acceptance electron and neutron detectors,

Task Description	Section	Start Date	Duration
1. Pre-beam beam-line checks	2.1	1 Feb	$\rightarrow 15/2$
2. Pre-beam detector checks	2.2	1 Feb	ightarrow 15/2
3. Pre-beam target checks	2.3	1 Feb	ightarrow 15/2
4. Final readiness checks	2.4	15 Feb	$\rightarrow$ 20/2
5. Beam-line commissioning	3.1.1	24 Feb	$1  \mathrm{shift}$
6. BigBite detector calibration	3.2.1	24 Feb	$\rightarrow$ 28/2
7. BigBite magnetic optics	3.2.4	24 Feb	$\rightarrow$ 28/2
8. Neutron Arm calibration	3.2.6	24 Feb	$\rightarrow$ 28/2
9. Background Studies	3.2.7	24  Feb	$\rightarrow$ 28/2
10. Polarized <sup>3</sup> He target	3.3	24 Feb	$\rightarrow$ 28/2
11. ${}^{3}\overrightarrow{\text{He}}(\overrightarrow{e}, e'n) \text{ Kin I } Q^{2} = 1.20 (\text{GeV/c})^{2}$	4.1	28 Feb	15 shifts
12. ${}^{3}\overrightarrow{\text{He}}(\overrightarrow{e},e'n)\text{Kin II }Q^{2}=2.48 \left(\text{GeV/c}\right)^{2}$	4.2	$5~\mathrm{Mar}$	48 shifts
13. ${}^{3}\overrightarrow{\text{He}}(\overrightarrow{e},e'n)$ Kin III $Q^2=3.43$ $(\text{GeV/c})^2$	4.3	21 Mar	$121~\mathrm{shifts}$
14. BigBite removal and HRS(R) setup	5.1	30 Apr	26 shifts
15. Elastic ${}^{3}\overrightarrow{\text{He}}(\overrightarrow{e},e')$ calibration	5.2	9 May	10 shifts

Table 1: List of tasks, the section where the task is described and approximate time lines for experiment E02-013

which are major new developments for Hall-A. Consequently a comprehensive commissioning procedure is required for these previously untried apparati, which constitutes one of the major tasks at the start of the experiment.

The list of tasks to be carried out, and estimates of the required time are summarised in the following Table 1.

The following sections lay out in detail, the commissioning procedures, prescriptions for production measurements at the three kinematic settings (which also schedule polarimetry and other recurrent calibrations) and final measurements of polarization using HRS(R).

#### 2 Pre-Beam Checks

Responsible person: B. Sawatsky

Items 1, 2, 3 Table 1.

#### 2.1 Beam-Line

Responsible person: D. Higinbotham

#### 2.2 Detectors

Responsible person: B. Wojtsekhowski

#### 2.2.1 BigBite and BigHand Position Survey

Responsible person: E. Chudakov

#### 2.2.2 Slow control software

Responsible person: E. Chudakov

#### 2.2.3 Data Acquisition

Responsible person: R. Michaels

#### 2.2.4 BigBite Magnet

Responsible person: E. Folts

#### 2.2.5 BigBite Detector Stack

Responsible persons: S. Abramhov, B. Craver

#### 2.2.6 Big-Hand Detector

Responsible persons: J. Miller, S. Majima

#### 2.2.7 Analysis Software

Responsible person: R. Feuerbach, S. Riordan

#### 2.3 Target

Responsible person: G. Cates

#### 2.3.1 Motion Check and TV Monitoring

#### 2.4 Final Readiness

Responsible person: B. Sawatsky

Readiness report due 23rd February.

#### 3 Operational Checks and Commissioning with Beam

12 shifts have been allocated to check the operational status of beam-line monitors and polarimeters and to commission the new experimental apparatus.

- 1. Beam-line operational status checks, including beam-line diagnostics the Compton and Möller polarimeters.
- 2. Detectors: the BigBite spectrometer (BB) configured for electron detection and the very-large plastic scintillator array for neutron detection, known as BigHand (BH).
- 3. The polarized <sup>3</sup>He gas target.

#### 3.1 Beam-line Monitoring and Electron Polarimetry

Responsible person: D. Higinbotham

**Starting Conditions:** 

- Beam energy 1.5 GeV
- Raster OFF
- OTR removed
- Target OUT

#### 3.1.1 Beam steering tests

- 1. Corrector magnet test
- 2. Target magnet test
- 3. BigBite magnet test

#### 3.1.2 Beam properties

- 1. Harp scans
- 2. Beam position on BeO target
- 3. Position check BPM vs. Harp
- 4. Rastering limits check/set
- 5. Beam energy measurement
- 6. Bullseye scan (BigBite magnet energized)

#### 3.1.3 The Möller Polarimeter

A description of the Compton-backscattering polarimeter and of setup and running procedures is found at http://www.jlab.org/~moller/index.html.

#### 3.1.4 The Compton Polarimeter

A description of the Compton-backscattering polarimeter and of setup and running procedures is found at http://hallaweb.jlab.org/compton/.

#### 3.2 Detectors

The BB detector stack includes multi-wire drift chamber trackers (BB-MWDC), a trigger plane of plastic scintillators (BB-Trig) and two arrays of lead-glass Cerenkov counters, a preshower (BB-PSh) and a main shower (BB-Sh) detector of the electromagnetic shower induced by incident electrons. The pulse height from BB-PSh and BB-Sh provides energy information, additional to the momentum information obtained from the bend angle through the BB dipole, which is used to select electron events cleanly.

The BH neutron detector is a very large array of position-sensitive plastic scintillators, sandwiched with Fe converter plates, which measure neutron velocity by time of flight (TOF). The long horizontal plastic bars are equipped with a photomultiplier at each end. The mean time of the photomultiplier signals gives the time of flight and the time difference gives the hit position along the bar. 2 cm thick "veto" bars, placed in front of the main array, allow differentiation of incident charged from uncharged particles and an additional  $4, 2.5 \times 2.5 \times 305$  cm vertical strips are used for calibration of the horizontal hit position.

A plan view of the detector layout with respect to the beam line and target is given in A.1. Detector commissioning is performed in the following kinematic conditions:

$E_e  ext{ (GeV)}$	$Q^2  ({ m GeV/c})^2$	$E_{e'}$ (GeV)	$ heta_e$	$E_p\left(\mathrm{GeV} ight)$	$P_p  ({ m GeV})$	$\theta_p$	$R_p\left(\mathrm{m}\right)$	TOF (ns)
1.518	1.19	0.880	56.5	0.638	1.27	35.4	6.51/12.5	15/40?

The subsequent subsections provide basic running conditions, summarised in tables of the following type:

Task	Target	$I_{ m beam}$	Raster	$I_{BB}$	MWDC	$\mathrm{TH}_{\mathrm{PSh}}$	$\mathrm{TH_{Sh}}$	$\mathrm{TH}_{\mathrm{BH}}$
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Trigger								

which specifies the target, electron beam current ( $I_{beam}$ ), beam rastering (ON/OFF), BB dipole current ( $I_{BB}$ ), BB-PSh discriminator threshold setting (TH<sub>PSh</sub>), BB-Sh discriminator setting (TH<sub>Sh</sub>), BH sum discriminator setting (TH<sub>BH</sub>) and the main trigger for the DAQ system.

Descriptions of "how to" are given in B.

#### 3.2.1 Rate dependencies on detector thresholds

Target	$I_{ m beam}$	Raster	$I_{BB}$	MWDC	$\mathrm{TH_{PSh}}$	$\mathrm{TH_{Sh}}$	$\mathrm{TH}_{\mathrm{BH}}$
$40~\mathrm{cm}~\mathrm{H}_2$	$1 \mu A$	ON	OFF	OFF	$20~{ m MeV}$	Vary	Vary
Trigger							
Mixed							

The 1st exploratory step, made under the above conditions, measures the counting rate in the BB and TOF detectors as a function of applied detection threshold. The procedure for the rate scan, which will be repeated throughout the experiment, is as follows:

- Set trigger control to record BB, BH singles and BB&BH coincidences. Adjust prescale factors to give a combined rate of  $\sim 500$  Hz and take data for  $\sim 5$  min for each permutation of discriminator settings.
- Set  $TH_{PSh}$  to the minimum of 20 MeV (conversion factor \*\* mV = \*\* MeV) and set  $TH_{BH}$  to 100 MeV (neutron-detector conversion factor \*\* mV = \*\* MeV).
- Record both the BB singles rate (scaler #i) and BB-BH coincidence rate (scaler #j) as TH<sub>Sh</sub> is varied from 100 MeV to 1500 MeV in steps of 100 MeV (conversion factor \*\* mV = \*\* MeV).
- Leave TH<sub>PSh</sub> at the minimum of 20 MeV and set TH<sub>Sh</sub> to 1000 MeV.
- Record both the BH singles rates (scaler #k) and the BB-BH coincidence rate (scaler #j) as TH<sub>BH</sub> is varied from 25 MeV to 150 MeV in steps of 25 MeV.

This procedure must be repeated after BB and BH pulse height re-calibrations and after kinematic configuration changes. For the 1st step repeat the above sequence of operations with the evacuated 40 cm cell and then the single-foil  $^{12}\mathrm{C}$  target in beam.

#### 3.2.2 ${}^{1}$ H (e, e'p) shower pulse height calibration and HV adjustment

Target	$I_{ m beam}$	Raster	$I_{BB}$	MWDC	$\mathrm{TH}_{\mathrm{PSh}}$	$\mathrm{TH_{Sh}}$	$\mathrm{TH}_{\mathrm{BH}}$
$40~\mathrm{cm}~\mathrm{H}_2$	$5 \mu A$	ON	OFF	OFF	$20~\mathrm{MeV}$	$700~{ m MeV}$	100  MeV
Trigger							
BB&BH							

Overdetermined elastic electron scattering from the proton is used to calibrate and cross check position, pulse height and time-of-flight response of the detection system. This starts with calibration of the shower detectors, using the above conditions. The goals of the procedure are:

- 1. To align the gains of the individual elements of the BB-Sh and BB-PSh arrays.
- 2. To set the gains to achieve pulse-height to energy conversion factors of  $1.00 \pm 0.01$ , equivalent to 0.5 MeV per pulse-height histogram channel. This will ensure that hardware thresholds (especially sum thresholds) are accurately determined.
- 3. Optimise the energy resolution and hence  $\pi^-$  rejection efficiency of the shower counters.

#### The procedure is as follows:

- Record  $^{1}$ H (e,e'p) coincidence data for  $\sim 10$  min (to accumulate  $\sim^{****}$  events) and check the on-line histograms (insert name of histogram at  $^{****}$ ) listed below.
  - 1. 1D \*\*\*\*, the e'-p coincidence time distribution. Define a "window" cut ( $\sim 10$  ns wide) to select prompt coincidences in the time distribution.
  - 2. 2D \*\*\*\*, the vertical position of p in BH vs.  $e^-$  in BB-Sh. Define a polygon cut to select tightly on events on the elastic-scattering locus. The expected position resolution from shower reconstruction is  $\sim 10$  cm and a relatively crude BH position is obtained from the BH sum outputs  $\Sigma_i$  (A.2.2) This cut and that described in the previous item are then applied to the following histograms.
  - 3. 1D \*\*\*\*,  $E_{tot}^{PSh}$  the total energy deposited in BB-PSh
  - 4. 1D \*\*\*\*,  $E_{tot}^{Sh}$  the total energy deposited in BB-Sh
  - 5. 2D \*\*\*\*,  $E_{tot}^{PSh}~vs.~E_{tot}^{Sh}.$  One expects  $\sim 30\%$  energy deposition in BB-PSh and  $\sim 70\%$  in BB-Sh
  - 6. 1D \*\*\*\*, the total energy deposited in the shower counters  $E_{tot} = E_{tot}^{PSh} + E_{tot}^{Sh}$
  - 7. 1D \*\*\*\*, the energy difference  $E_{diff} = E_{tot} E_e^{Angle}$ , where  $E_e^{Angle}$  is the e' energy obtained from  $\theta_e$  determined by the hit position in BB-Sh.
- Run the analysis code to obtain the energy conversion factors. Details are given in B.3.1.
- $\bullet$  Adjust the HV of BB-PSh and BB-Sh to bring the conversion factors to  $\sim 1.0$
- Repeat the measurement, analysis and HV-adjust cycle until calibration factors are 1.00  $\pm$  0.01. The  $E_{tot}^{PSh}$  vs.  $E_{tot}^{Sh}$ ratio should remain cleanly defined and the FWHM of  $E_{diff}$  plot \*\*\*\* should be  $\leq$  50 MeV.

• Determine the maximum software energy cut which can be applied to  $E_{tot}^{PSh}$  without reducing detection efficiency significantly.

The data taken in the above shower calibration also provide the 1st crude check of the position in BH.

#### 3.2.3 Calibration of the BB-MWDC geometry and drift times

Target	$I_{ m beam}$	Raster	$I_{BB}$	MWDC	$\mathrm{TH}_{\mathrm{PSh}}$	$\mathrm{TH_{Sh}}$	$\mathrm{TH}_{\mathrm{BH}}$
Single-foil <sup>12</sup> C	$1~\mu\mathrm{A}$	OFF	OFF	ON	$20~{ m MeV}$	$700~{ m MeV}$	100  MeV
Trigger							
BB&BH							

This calibration checks the track reconstruction from a "point" target through the BB-MWDC into BB-Sh. With no magnetic field the hit positions obtained from all BB-MWDC planes should fall on the same straight line, which should also point to the hit position given by BB-Sh. The BB-MWDC's are horizontal drift chambers, where the charged particle is at approximately perpendicular incidence to the planes of wires. HV control and leakage-current monitoring is described in B.2.1. To avoid the complication of having to untangle the signatures of many tracks, only those whose coordinates are consistent with those to a high-energy shower in BB-Sh ( $TH_{\rm Sh} = 700~{\rm MeV}$ ) are analysed.

For the commissioning process the reconstruction is performed in 2 modes:

- 1. Based on wire position only. This is a basic check that the physical coordinates of the chambers and the wires themselves are correctly known, free from any inaccuracies in the drift-time calibration
- 2. Including drift time to the wires. The conversion factors of the TDCs are accurately known, but the drift-time TDC offset is also needed to determine  $t_0$ . A 1st order linear drift-time to distance relation is applied to obtain the distance of the ionisation track from the wire.

The procedure is as follows:

- Note the leakage currents in BB-MWDC @ 1  $\mu$ A. If the currents in any of the chambers exceeds 30  $\mu$ A switch off the HV and seek expert help. Ensure that TH<sub>Sh</sub> = 700 MeV. Note singles rates in BB and BH.
- Start the on-line analysis and take data for 10 min. Ensure that "sensible" distributions accumulate in the following histograms:
  - 1. 1D \*\*\*\*, the e'-p coincidence time distribution. Apply prompt-coincidence cut (Sec.3.2.2) to all subsequent histograms.

- 2. 1D \*\*\*\*: the BB-Sh  $E_{diff}$  pulse height distribution (Sec.3.2.2). Define a window cut  $\sim 100$  MeV wide around the elastic peak and apply to all subsequent histograms.
- 3. 1D \*\*\*\*: the drift times for planes \*\*\*\*. The level of random coincidences should be less than 10% of the "peak" in the prompt-coincidence distribution. Reduce beam current and seek expert help if this condition is not met. Define a time window to select prompt coincidences and apply to subsequent histograms.
- 4. 1D \*\*\*\*: wire# hit maps
- 5. 1D \*\*\*\*: occupancy, the number of roughly simultaneous hits in each plane.
- 6. 2D \*\*\*\*:u u', v v', x x', ... correlations in wire #.
- 7. 2D \*\*\*\*:  $Y_{sh} Y_3^{uvx}$  vs.  $X_{sh} X_3^{uvx}$ , the differences of vertical/horizontal coordinates determined by the shower counters and the u-v-x intersection in MWDC 3 (closest to the shower counters). Define a polygon cut to select events where  $(Y_{sh} Y_3^{uvx}) < 15$  cm and  $(X_{sh} X_3^{uvx}) < 15$  cm. Apply this cut to subsequent histograms.
- 8. 1D \*\*\*\*: co-linearity parameters,  $d_i = \left| \mathbf{R}_i^{uvx} \mathbf{R}_i^{fit} \right|$  the deviation of each chamber hit position from the best-fit straight line through the chambers which originates at the target. Define cuts to select  $d_{1,3} < 0.5$  cm and  $d_2 < 2.0$  cm, which should then be applied to subsequent histograms.
- 9. 1D \*\*\*\*: efficiency. The fraction of events which induce a high-energy shower in BB-Sh which produce a good straight-line reconstruction in the MWDC. The efficiency should be plotted both as a function of the horizontal x coordinate and the dispersive y coordinate in chamber 3
- 10. 1D \*\*\*\*: target vertex z position.
- Check and if necessary modify the BB-MWDC coordinates for all chambers without drift-time position compensation.
- Determine the drift-time TDC offsets and enter in the analysis configuration files.
- Determine the accuracy of straight-line reconstruction with and without drift-time position compensation.
- Determine the accuracy of vertex reconstruction with and without drifttime position compensation.
- Determine occupancies and efficiencies.
- Raise the beam current to  $5 \mu A$  keeping a careful eye on leakage currents in the BB-MWDC. If OK record these and the singles and coincidence counting rates in BB and BH triggers.

- Take data for  $\sim 10$  min. and check BB-MWDC occupancies, efficiencies and accuracy of reconstruction of tracks and vertices.
- Turn on rastering, check the limits of the raster position sweep using spot+++, and take data for a further  $\sim 10$  min.
- Demonstrate that the reconstructed vertices are consistent with the raster limits.
- Move in the multi-foil carbon target, set current to 5  $\mu$ A and turn on rastering. Check reconstruction of z vertex. Straight-line reconstruction should now account for z variation.

#### 3.2.4 BB magnetic optics calibration

Target	$I_{ m beam}$	Raster	$I_{BB}$	MWDC	$\mathrm{TH}_{\mathrm{PSh}}$	$\mathrm{TH_{Sh}}$	$\mathrm{TH}_{\mathrm{BH}}$
Single foil <sup>12</sup> C	$1~\mu\mathrm{A}$	OFF	$\equiv 0.9 \mathrm{T}$	ON	$20~{ m MeV}$	$700~{ m MeV}$	$100 \mathrm{MeV}$
Trigger							
BB&BH							

The optics procedure seeks to determine how precisely the momentum is measured from bend angle through the dipole and possible distortion of determined polar and out-of-plane angles:

- Energize the BB dipole. As the commissioning is performed at rather lower beam energy than the production measurements, a reduced field of  $0.9~\mathrm{T}$  is used. Take data for  $\sim 10~\mathrm{min}$ .
- Histograms of the following should be accumulated:
  - 1. 1D \*\*\*\*:Shower counter stuff, cuts, $\pi^-$  rejection monitor
  - 2. 1D \*\*\*\*: z the distribution of events along the beam line
  - 3. 1D \*\*\*\*: $|P^{BB}| |P^{Calc}|$ vs. z,  $\theta_e$ ,  $\phi_e$ the deviation of 3 momentum magnitude. The 1st order method to obtain momentum from deflection angle through the dipole is given in B.3.3.

#### • XXX

Target	$I_{ m beam}$	Raster	$I_{BB}$	MWDC	$\mathrm{TH}_{\mathrm{PSh}}$	$\mathrm{TH_{Sh}}$	$\mathrm{TH}_{\mathrm{BH}}$
$40 \text{ cm H}_2$	$5 \mu A$	ON	$\equiv 0.9 \mathrm{T}$	ON	$20~\mathrm{MeV}$	$700~{ m MeV}$	$100~{ m MeV}$
Trigger							
BB&BH							

#### 3.2.5 Pulsed beam BB and BH TOF calibration

Target	$I_{ m beam}$	Raster	$I_{BB}$	MWDC	$\mathrm{TH}_{\mathrm{PSh}}$	$\mathrm{TH_{Sh}}$	$\mathrm{TH}_{\mathrm{BH}}$
Single foil <sup>12</sup> C	$0.1~\mu\mathrm{A}$	OFF	OFF	OFF	$20~{ m MeV}$	$700~{ m MeV}$	100  MeV
Trigger							
BB, BH							

Calibration of TOF in both BB and BH starts using by using the electron beam in pulsed mode. The time pick off from the beam bunch has to be referenced to the TOF start signal which will generally be the aligned OR from BB-Trig.

- Set the beam-bunch interval to 100 ns
- Correlate bunch time to detector times

#### 3.2.6 BH position and TOF calibration

Target	$I_{ m beam}$	Raster	${ m I_{BB}}$	MWDC	$\mathrm{TH}_{\mathrm{PSh}}$	$\mathrm{TH_{Sh}}$	$\mathrm{TH}_{\mathrm{BH}}$
$40 \text{ cm H}_2$	$5 \mu A$	ON	$\mathrm{OFF}/\mathrm{\equiv}~0.9\mathrm{T}$	ON	$20~\mathrm{MeV}$	$700~{ m MeV}$	$25~{ m MeV}$
Trigger							

Again over-determined  $^2$ H (e,e'p) is used for calibration of the momentum of the proton detected in BH, based on the electron track reconstructed in BB. This is performed with and without the BB dipole energised. Thus cross-checks may be made on:

- 1. electron angle determination in BB.
- 2. uncertainties in the BH TDC start time, which is provided by the BB-trig time. This would be due to uncertainty in the e' trajectory and hence flight time through the dipole.

Proceed by the following series of steps:

- Start with  $I_{BB}=0$  A. Take data for  $\sim 30$  min
- Histograms
  - 1. xxx
- Determine the accuracy of position reconstruction in the veto counters
- Determine the accuracy of position reconstruction in the main TOF bars
- TOF zero calibration
- Veto proton rejection efficiency

#### 3.2.7 Background studies

Target	$I_{ m beam}$	Raster	$I_{BB}$	MWDC	$\mathrm{TH_{Psh}}$	$\mathrm{TH_{Sh}}$	$\mathrm{TH}_{\mathrm{NTOF}}$	Trigger
Empty 40 cm	$1 \mu A$	OFF	OFF	ON	$20~{ m MeV}$	$1000~{ m MeV}$	$100~{ m MeV}$	BB&BH

Move the empty He glass cell in beam and record background for  $\sim 1$  hr.

#### 3.3 The Polarized <sup>3</sup>He Gas Target

The target works on the principle of spin exchange between optically pumped Rb vapor and <sup>3</sup>He gas. It consists of a 40 (also 25) cm long sealed glass cell filled to 10 atm with <sup>3</sup>He gas, equivalent to a thickness of  $10^{22}$  atoms/cm<sup>2</sup>, and achieves polarizations of 40-50%. Information on target developments may be found at http://hallaweb.jlab.org/equipment/targets/polhe3/polhe3\_tgt.html.

Commissioning procedure here.

#### 4 ${}^{3}\overrightarrow{\text{He}}(\overrightarrow{e},e'n)$ Production Kinematics

The 3 kinematic settings for  ${}^{3}\overrightarrow{\text{He}}(\overrightarrow{e},e'n)$  are summarised in the following table:

Kin	$Q^2 \left( \mathrm{GeV/c} \right)^2$	$E_e({ m GeV})$	$E_{e'} ({ m GeV})$	$ heta_e$	$E_n  ({ m GeV})$	$\beta_n  (\mathrm{GeV})$	$\theta_n$	$R_n\left(\mathbf{m}\right)$
I	1.20	1.518	0.88	56.5	0.638	0.80	35.4	9.26
II	2.48	2.637	1.32	50.0	1.32	0.91	29.4	12.00
III	3.43	3.287	1.46	50.0	1.83	0.93	25.5	12.00

The estimated counting rates, production-running times and uncertainties are given in the following:

(based on proposal...more up-to-date available?)

Kin	$^{3}$ He $(e, e'n)$ rate $(Hz)$	Prod. Time (hr)	Stat. $\Delta A_{\perp}/A_{\perp}$	Sys. $\Delta G_{En}/G_{En}$
I	13.8	24	0.082	0.105
II	1.49	104	0.137	0.104
III	0.45	456	0.134	0.104

#### 4.1 Kinematics I

Kinematics I is allocated 15 shifts of which the 1st 1 shift is to increase BH flight path from 6.51 m to 9.26 m. The experimental proposal requested a total of 3 shifts of production running on the basis of an estimated quasi-elastic  ${}^{3}$ He (e,e'n) counting rate of 13.8 Hz at a beam current of 12  $\mu$ A. This gives a total of  $1.49\times10^{5}$  counts, yielding an estimated statistical uncertainty of 0.082 in  $\Delta A \perp /A \perp$ .

#### 4.1.1 Calibrations

#### 4.2 Kinematics II

Kinematics II is allocated 48 shifts of which the 1st 1 shift is to reduce the BB angle from 56.5 to 50.0 deg., reduce the BH angle from 35.4 to 29.4 deg and increase the BH flight path from 9.26 to 12.0 m. The experimental proposal requested a total of 14 shifts of production running on the basis of an estimated quasi-elastic  $^3$ He (e,e'n) counting rate of 1.48 Hz at a beam current of 12  $\mu$ A. This gives a total of  $0.76\times10^5$  counts, yielding an estimated statistical uncertainty of 0.137 in  $\Delta A \perp /A \perp$ 

#### 4.2.1 Calibrations

#### 4.3 Kinematics III

Kinematics III is allocated 121 shifts of which the 1st 1 shift to reduce the BH angle from 29.4 to 25.5 deg. The experimental proposal requested a total of 57 shifts of production running on the basis of an estimated quasi-elastic  ${}^{3}$ He (e,e'n) counting rate of 0.45 Hz at a beam current of 12  $\mu$ A. This gives a total of  $1.0 \times 10^{5}$  counts, yielding an estimated statistical uncertainty of 0.134 in  $\Delta A \perp /A \perp$ 

#### 4.3.1 Calibrations

#### 5 End-of-Run Procedures

#### 5.1 BB removal and HRS(R) installation

Configuration change 26 shifts. Remove BB and move HRS(R) to 23°.

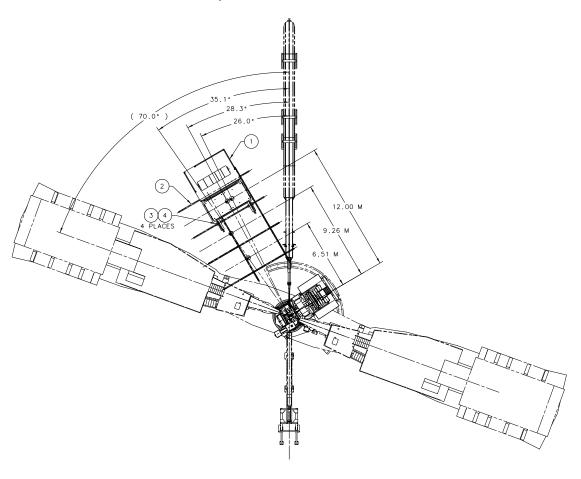
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#### A Detector Layout

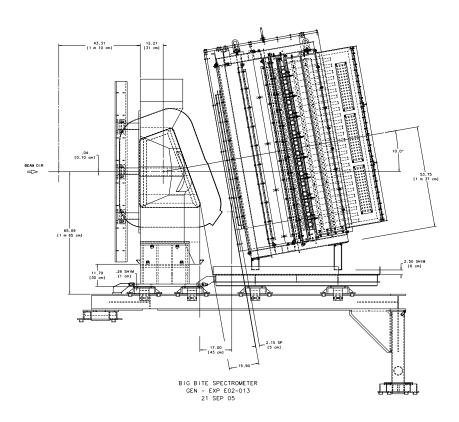
Drawing of detector layouts and electronics diagrams

#### A.1 Plan Views

#### A.1.1 Plan view of detection system

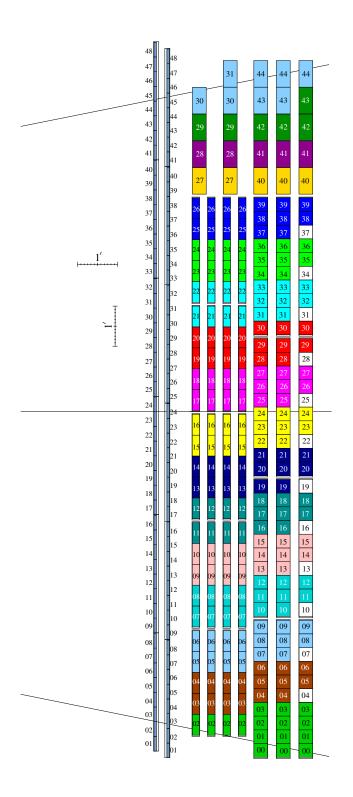


#### A.1.2 BigBite side view



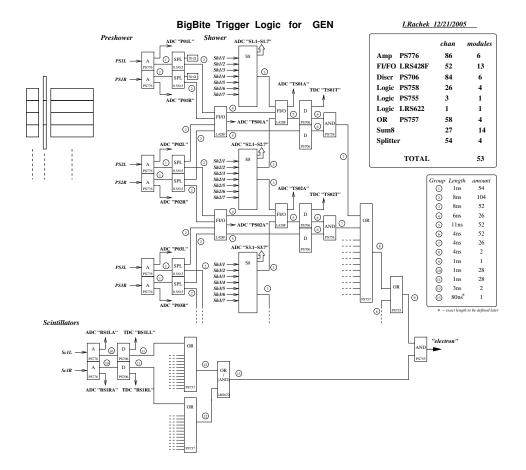
#### A.1.3 BH side view

 $A\ more\ up\text{-}to\text{-}date\ diagram\ is\ required$ 

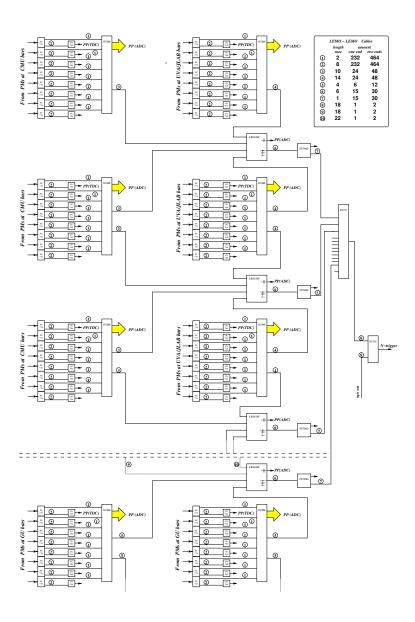


# A.2 Electronics Diagrams

## .2.1 BigBite Trigger



#### A.2.2 BH Trigger



#### B How-To's

#### B.1 Beam How-To's

Start the GUI for the beam-time counting table: login to adaqs2 or adaqs3 as user adaq. Passwords may be found on the Hall-A counting room white board. From the shell prompt execute the following command sequence:

- cd ~adaq/ACCOUNT
- atable

Start the beam counting script: login to adaq11 as user adaq and execute the following:

• tkABU

Check beam rastering: login to adaqs 2 as adaq. Ensure CODA is running with beam ...details?? Execute the following:

• spot++

This should generate 3 histograms which display the x-y extent of the electron-beam "wobble" at the target. *Details of acceptable spec*. If needed perform a harp scan as described at http://www.jlab.org/~jones/harp\_halla/harp.html.

#### **B.2** Detector Slow Control

General slow-control information may be found at http://hallaweb.jlab.org/experiment/E02-013/gen\_slow\_control.html

- B.2.1 HV Setting
- **B.2.2** Discriminator Setting
- B.2.3 Magnet Setting
- B.2.4 Scaler Reading
- **B.3** Detector Analysis Software
- B.3.1 Shower calibration analysis
- B.3.2 Drift chamber analysis
- B.3.3 BB momentum reconstruction
- B.3.4 TOF analysis and BH hit position reconstruction
- **B.4** Target Slow Control

#### C Summary Tables & Run Sheets

#### C.1 Overall Run Time (from shift schedule)

Function	# Shifts	# People/Shift
Commissioning	12	3
Production + Monitoring	30	3
Production + Monitoring	154	2
Configuration Change	26	4
Calibration	10	2
$3\overrightarrow{\text{He}}(\overrightarrow{e},e'n)$ production @ 1.31 $(\text{GeV/c})^2$	3	-
${}^{3}\overrightarrow{\text{He}}(\overrightarrow{e},e'n)$ production @ 2.40 (GeV/c) <sup>2</sup>	14	=
${}^{3}\overrightarrow{\text{He}}(\overrightarrow{e},e'n)$ production @ 3.40 (GeV/c) <sup>2</sup>	57	=

#### C.2 Run Sheets

