Hall A Collaboration Meeting

Gen Collaboration Jonathan Miller 5/22/2008

Outline

- Collaboration
- Electric Form Factor of the Neutron
- Measurement Technique
- Apparatus used
- Charge Identification
- Missing Mass
- Quasi Elastic Selection
- Asymmetry Calculation
- Gen Calculation
- To Do
- Conclusion

Collaborators

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|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------|
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| Sergey Abrahamyan | Sometime in 09? | Monte Carlo and Shower Calibration |
| Brandon Craver | Expected Summer 08 | NIM paper on Wire Chamber |
| Aidan Kelleher | Expected Fall 08 | |
| Ameya Kolarkar | Winter 07 | University of Boston |
| Jonathan Miller | Expected Fall 08 | Analysis of Kinematic 4 |
| Seamus Riordan | Spring 08 | Analysis of Kinematic 3 & 4 and Thesis |
| Tim Ngo | Summer 07 | ??? |

The electric Form Factor of the Neutron



How are we measuring it?

Polarized helium 3 acts as a polarized neutron target. Recoiling neutron and electron are detected in coincidence.



 $\sigma_+ - \sigma$

 $\sigma_{+} + \sigma_{-}$

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 $=\frac{a(Q^2, pol, \theta)\lambda + b(Q^2, pol, \theta)}{c(Q^2, pol, \theta)\lambda^2 + d(Q^2, pol, \theta)}$

What are we using to make the measurement?



- The Neutron Arm provides quasi-elastic selection (using time of flight and hit location) and charge identification.
- Big Bite provides the trigger, and selects for (e,n) events.
- The Target provided high polarization throughout the experiment (50%).

Charge Identification



Placing a cut on the amplitude in the veto of 200, removes accidentals both at the time of the coincidence, and hits coming in before the event in the neutron bars.

amplitude.

Missing Mass



Large cuts on missing mass are needed in kinematic 3 to remove pion electroproduction. These cuts are still necessary in kinematic 4.

Quasi-Elastic Selection



To select quasi-elastic neutrons, time of flight and missing q perpendicular is used in addition to the invariant mass.

After the time of flight and q perpendicular cuts are in place, the familiar missing parallel and perpendicular momentum



Asymmetry Calculation



- Calculate proton asymmetry based upon proton form factor ratio.
- Account for proton to neutron conversion via dilution factors.
- Calculate physical asymmetry from this corrected quantity via beam polarization, target polarization, neutron polarization, and nitrogen dilution.

GEn Calculation

| Name | Kin3 Value | Kin 3 error | Kin 4 value | Kin 4 error |
|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Lambda | -0.213 | 0.057 | -0.207 | 0.029 |
| Q^2 | 3.47 | | 1.72 | |
| Gen | 0.0117 | 0.0031 | 0.0343 | 0.0048 |
| Number of QE | 15325 | | 156061 | |
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To Do

- Improve Tracking Code for greater efficiency
- Monte Carlo to account for Pion Electroproduction
- Shower Calibration
- Results for Kinematic 1 & 2
- Finalize Target and Neutron Arm calibrations.



- Preliminary values of Gen for kinematics 3 and 4.
- Expect a large increase of statistics after improvements to calibrations and analysis and Monte Carlo.