GEn-II Analysis

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Neutron Electromagnetic Form Factor Ratio

- Previous experiments measured the proton ratio G_E^p/G_M^p up to $Q^2 = 8 \text{ GeV}^2$ and the neutron ratio G_E^n/G_M^n up to $Q^2 = 3.5 \text{ GeV}^2$.
- Extend neutron data by almost 3x up to 9.8 GeV.
- Will give many insights into the quark structure.



Double Polarization Method

- With a polarized electron beam on a polarized neutron target the elastic scattering cross section can be written as the sum of two parts:
 - \circ **\Sigma** corresponds to the unpolarized cross section.
 - \circ Δ corresponds to the polarized cross section.
 - h is helicity (± 1)

 $\sigma = \Sigma + h\Delta$

• The spin asymmetry is then:

$$A_N=rac{\sigma_+-\sigma_-}{\sigma_++\sigma_-}=rac{\Delta}{\Sigma}$$

$$\begin{split} A_{\rm phys} &= -\frac{G_E^n}{G_M^n} \frac{2\sqrt{\tau(1+\tau)}\tan(\theta/2)\sin\theta^*\cos\phi^*}{\left(\frac{G_E^n}{G_M^n}\right)^2 + (\tau+2\tau(1+\tau))\tan^2(\theta/2)} \\ &\frac{2\tau\sqrt{1+\tau+(1+\tau)^2\tan^2(\theta/2)}\tan(\theta/2)\cos\theta^*}{\left(\frac{G_E^n}{G_M^n}\right)^2 + (\tau+2\tau(1+\tau))\tan^2(\theta/2)} \end{split}$$



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Polarized ³He Target





- 60 cm length, 200 W lasers, 10 atm pressure.
- Convection is used to circulate gas from the pumping chamber to the target chamber.
- The target cells achieved ~45%, world record for luminosity at this polarization.
 - See Hunter Presley's talk soon.



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SBS GEn-II Experiment

- Ran in October 2022 March 2023 and again September October 2023.
 - Will refer to two periods of time as GENa and GENb
- GEn-II experiment collided polarized electron beams onto a polarized ³He target.
- Measure the neutron FF ratio at $Q^2 = 3.0$, 6.8, and 9.8 GeV².



Detector Calibration

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• First pass calibration complete for all data.

Hodo Time Calibration



Hadron Proton/Neutron Separation

- Scattered hadrons travel through the SBS magnet.
- Expected hadron position can be calculated from elastic electrons in BB.
- Can clearly separate protons and neutrons.
- SBS magnet set to full field for all of GEn, there is no need to save scattered protons.



Neutron Yields

- Using a simple fit of two gaussians + 4th order polynomial.
 - More accurate reconstruction needs to be done. Ο
- Less neutron/proton separation and larger background at higher Q².



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Statistical Uncertainties

- Points show expected statistical uncertainties based on yields.
 - Number are not final, further calibrations to come, yields should improve.
- Overall good agreement with expectation from simulations.
 - \circ Q² = 2.9 discrepancy not fully understood, but still plenty of events.
- Uncertainties look very good compared to world data.

	$Q^2 = 3.0$	$Q^2 = 6.9$	Q ² = 9.8
Expected Neutrons	400k •	34k	13k
Measured Neutrons	195k	42k	14k



To Be Done

- General calibrations/timing etc.
- Calculate dilution factors.
- Analysis and DAQ dependent asymmetry factors.
- Pion asymmetry correction.
- Inelastic asymmetry correction.
- Proton asymmetry correction.
- Nuclear corrections.

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Conclusion

- GEN completed and all data analyzed in first pass calibrations.
 - Further calibrations underway.
- First look at statistics within expectations.
- Simulation close to being set up for full analysis.
 - Needs to be used to account for all asymmetry contributions.



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