Feasibility studies of a polarized positron source based on the bremsstrahlung of polarized electrons

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Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility



CW Electron beam in Halls
Polarization: 85-90 %
Beam Energy: 6 GeV
Max. Current: 180 μA

3 end stations for nuclear physics experiments would benefit from polarized positrons

Generalized Parton Distributions Nucleon Form Factors



Generalized Parton Distributions (1/2)

One of the JLab nuclear physics program aims at the investigation of the spatial distribution of partons in the nucleons via **GPDs**.





GPDs are extracted from the **Deeply** Virtual Compton Scattering reaction off proton or neutron targets $eN \rightarrow eN\gamma$



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P: beam polarization

q: beam charge

$$\sigma_0^- = \sigma_{\rm BH}^- + \sigma_{\rm DVCS}^- - \sigma_{\rm INT}^-$$

$$\sigma_{+}^{-} - \sigma_{-}^{-} = 2 \,\widetilde{\sigma}_{\text{DVCS}} - 2 \,\widetilde{\sigma}_{\text{INT}}$$

$$\sigma_0^{\scriptscriptstyle +} - \sigma_0^{\scriptscriptstyle -} = 2\,\sigma_{\rm INT}$$

$$\left[\sigma_{\scriptscriptstyle +}^{\scriptscriptstyle +} - \sigma_{\scriptscriptstyle -}^{\scriptscriptstyle +}\right] - \left[\sigma_{\scriptscriptstyle +}^{\scriptscriptstyle -} - \sigma_{\scriptscriptstyle -}^{\scriptscriptstyle -}\right] = 4\,\widetilde{\sigma}_{\rm INT}$$

Complete determination of the 4 unknown amplitudes

Proton Form Factors (1/2)

The electric G_E and magnetic G_M form factors of the proton measured via **Rosenbluth** or **Polarization Transfer** techniques in the **1** γ exchange approximation present a **discrepancy**.

Rosenbluth:

$$\sigma_R = f\left(G_M^2, G_E^2\right)$$

Polarization transfers:
$$\overrightarrow{e} N \rightarrow e \overrightarrow{N}$$

$$P_l = f(G_M^2)$$

 $P_t = f(G_E G_M)$



Possible explanation proposed: 2γ exchange

Proton Form Factors (2/2)

The **2** γ exchange mechanism introduces **corrections** to the form factors that can be separated with **beam charges**

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{G}}_E = -q\mathbf{G}_E + \partial \widetilde{\mathbf{G}}_E \qquad \qquad \widetilde{\mathbf{G}}_M = -q\mathbf{G}_M + \partial \widetilde{\mathbf{G}}_M \qquad \qquad \widetilde{\mathbf{F}}_3 = \partial \widetilde{\mathbf{F}}_3$$
q: beam charge

3 additional terms are introduced in the observables with the form factor corrections accounted for the 2γ exchange

$$\sigma_{R} = f\left(G_{M}, G_{E}, \delta \widetilde{G}_{E}, \delta \widetilde{G}_{M}, \delta \widetilde{F}_{3}\right)$$
$$P_{l} = f\left(G_{M}, \delta \widetilde{G}_{M}, \delta \widetilde{G}_{E}, \delta \widetilde{F}_{3}\right)$$
$$P_{t} = f\left(G_{E}G_{M}, \delta \widetilde{G}_{M}, \delta \widetilde{G}_{M}, \delta \widetilde{F}_{3}\right)$$

5 Form Factors terms that can be separated with **3** observables with polarized **electrons** and **3** more with polarized **positrons**

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Polarized Sources (1/2)

 β^+ decay:

²²Na \longrightarrow ²²Ne + $\overrightarrow{e^{+}}$ + ν_{e} P_{e+} = 40% L.A. Page & M. Heinberg. Phys. Rev., 106(6):1220-1224, 1957.

Not used in accelerators because of low currents, time structure.

Pair creation: gamma rays produce **e**⁻**e**⁺ pairs



Polarization can be obtained in storage rings via **Sokolov-Ternov** effect. Precession of the spin parallel to the dipole magnetic fields.

$$\tau = \frac{8}{5\sqrt{3}} \frac{m_e^2 c^2}{\hbar e^2} \frac{\rho^3}{\gamma^5}$$

High polarization, but long build-up time:

HERA: E = 27.5 GeV; $\tau = 23 \text{ minutes}$

Polarized Sources (2/2)

Polarization transfer from photons to positrons

The challenge is creating polarized photons energetic enough for pair production



T. Omori et al, PRL 96 (2006) 114801

G. Alexander et al, PRL 100 (2008) 210801

Requires independent electron accelerator

Polarized Bremsstrahlung

For **CEBAF**, a **new** approach is proposed.

Polarized electrons radiate **Bremsstrahlung photons** followed by **pair creation**. The electron **polarization** is successively **transferred** to the photons and the positrons



Interesting to investigate due to technological advances of polarized electron sources at JLAB

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Elementary Processes

The cross sections for Bremsstrahlung and pair creation are well known and documented :

Relativistic or non-relativistic regimes?Small or large emission angles?Coulomb corrections?Screening effects?

✤Polarization transfers were calculated for a single interaction by:

OM:

H. Olsen, L. Maximon, PR114 (1959) 887

Model implemented in simulation tools such as Geant4

KBST:

E.A. Kuraev, Y.M. Bystritskiy, M. Shatnev, E.Tomasi-Gustafsson, PRC 81 (2010) 055208

Bremssthrahlung



Electromagnetic radiation produced by charged particles during a deceleration or deflection passing nearby the strong electric fields of atomic nuclei.

- Photon energy **k** up to the electron energy T_1
- Preferably low energy photons
- Cross section decreases as 1/k



Photon energy normalized by electron energy

In the **Stokes** formalism, the components of the **photon** polarization **P** is a function of the **lepton** polarization **S** as calculated by OM:

$$\begin{pmatrix} I \\ P_1 \\ P_2 \\ P_3 \end{pmatrix} = T_{Brem.}^{\gamma} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ S_1 \\ S_2 \\ S_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad T_{Brem.}^{\gamma} = \begin{pmatrix} I_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ D & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & T & 0 & L \end{pmatrix}$$

Transfer matrix depends of kinematical variables, screening and Coulomb corrections:

Photon linear polarization
$$P_1$$

 P_2
 P_3 P_4 P_2
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Resolution of the singularities when considering only a screening regime that can be applied for some very specific kinematical regions.

Pair Production



- Pair creation and bremsstrahlung reactions are **reciprocal** processes.
- **Physics observables** can be obtained from bremsstrahlung with **simple substitutions**.

- Positron energy T₁ up to the photon energy k-2 mc²
- Flat distribution of the cross section



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Lepton transverse polarization
$$\begin{pmatrix} S_1 \\ S_2 \\ S_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P_3T \\ 0 \\ P_3L \end{pmatrix}$$
 Only function of the .photon circular polarization P_3

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Complete screening approximation gives a reasonable description at high and low energies -100% < S < 100%

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Analytical calculations were made for one atom interaction Geant4 simulations are needed for thicker targets, include OM models Geant4 modifications to contain polarization transfers within realistic boundaries

Considering:

- 1) Energy: A polarized electron beam comparable to CEBAF injector (5-100 MeV)
- 2) Material: Tungsten targets (high Z: 74, high melting point: 3400°C)
- 3) Thickess: Different target thicknesses

Studying the positron parameters that are essential for physics experiments:

- 1) Yield ε (ppm; per 10⁶ electrons)
- 2) Longitudinal Polarization S_3 (normalized by the electron polarization)
- 3) Figure of Merit FoM
- 4) Momentum of positrons **p**_{positrons}

Example with an electron beam 10 MeV, t=100 μ m, Z=74

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The **precision** of measurements in polarized physics experiments depends on the positron **polarization AND current**. It can be characterized by the *figure of merit (FoM)*

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\pm}}{d\Omega} = \frac{d\sigma^{0}}{d\Omega} (1 \pm P_{e}A)$$
$$[\delta A]^{2} \propto [N_{e}P_{e}^{2}]^{-1}$$
Fom



The **momentum** of polarized positrons for which the FoM is <u>maximized</u>, is the 4th parameter of interest in this study.

Target Thickness Optimization

Simplistic **cuts** have been applied to account for the **angular and momentum acceptances** of a possible collection device after the e⁺ source. The acceptances **change values** but do **not** change **the optimization**.



For a 10 MeV electron beam in a The FoM is maximized for a **1.3 mm** target e⁺ corresponding to the maximized FoM have a momentum of **4.5 MeV/c**

Target Thickness Optimization

The **polarization** at the maximized FoM is **decreasing** with the target thickness (70-80%)

The **efficiency** reaches an **optimum** as the target has to be **thick** enough to let the EM shower to propagate however it has to be **thin** so that the positrons can escape the target



Beam Energy Dependency

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Electron beam of 100 MeV, current of 180 μ A, polarization of 85%, in a 4 mm W target Positron beam of 50 MeV, current of 360 nA, polarization of 65% 36 1) Why?

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Polarized Electrons for Polarized Positrons

Goal:

Polarization measurement for **demonstration** of principle of $\vec{e^+}$ with $\vec{e^-}$ in a single target.

Electron beam in the injector

Current: 180 μA Max. kinetic energy: 8 MeV Polarization: 85%

Advantages:

- ✓ Mott Polarimeter (Δ P/P<2%)
- ✓ e^{-} spectrometer (∆p/p<1%)
- ✓ Adjustable e⁻ energy (2-8 MeV)
- ✓ e⁻ for calibration of e⁺ line
- ✓ Same e⁺ energy range as E166 experiment → expertise & equipment for e⁺ line



PEPPo Line

Based on E166 positron line, but with modifications at every step Borrowed critical elements used by the E166 collaboration

Geant4 simulation for tracking through the new beamline

- 1) Production target
- 2) Collection solenoid
- 3) 2 dipole spectrometer-jaws
- 4) New implemented line for optical analysis.
- 5) Compton transmission polarimeter



Positron Production

<mark>e⁻ beam:</mark> 1 μΑ, Ρ=85%, 8 MeV	Tungsten target: 1 mm as advised
Experiment: measurement of polarization as a function of the positron energy Target thickness=1 mm, $\Delta \theta$ =±10° and $\Delta p/p$ =±10%	FoM suggests that the measurement is more convenient for energies between 2 and 5 MeV
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E166 Spectrometer

E166: Illustration of positron tracking in the spectrometer

Particles are **lost** in beam pipe at the exit of the spectrometer

Possible explanation proposed:

- Unknown permeability of tungsten alloy in dipoles (removed for PEPPo)
- Wrong position of exit aperture

(corrected now and with larger aperture)





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Need independent motion of the jaws \rightarrow Not possible for E166 \rightarrow Modifications

Transmission

Realistic distribution of positrons from a 8 MeV electron impinging a 1 mm W target



Rule of thumb: $1 e^+$ for $10^4 e^-$



For S1 optimization of the transmission to the polarimeter:

Transmission = # positrons at the Polarimeter / # positrons produced at the W target

S1 Solenoid Optimization

Optimization of the transmission for

a given spectrometer current Polarimeter position for **E166** or **PEPPo**



The solenoid S1 current for any selection positron energy (**110 A- 250 A**)

S2 is turned off



S2 Solenoid Optimization

Poisson calculations on basis of a mechanical design of a **Jlab solenoid** for **S2**. Implemented in Geant4



The current needed for the second solenoid (22 A -50 A)



Transmission Rates

Transmission rates for any positron energy (0.15 – 0.5 %) from production to the polarimeter.



E166 PEPPo with S1 PEPPo with S1 & S2

S2ReconvTarget

5.5

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Polarimetry

<u>Compton Transmission polarimeter</u> used for E166, loan for PEPPo

Reconversion target ($e^+ \rightarrow \gamma$)

The asymmetry δ of the photon transmission through an analyzing target (P_t), when flipping e⁺ helicity, gives the positron polarization

$$P_e = \frac{\delta}{P_t \cdot A_e}$$

A_e is the analyzing power determined by simulation or cross calibration of electron polarization with Mott electron polarimeter



Signal Integration

Two data taking methods for PEPPo For +/- helicty states, asymmetry can be measured

Integrated Method

Discretized Method

Integration over all the photon energy deposited in the crystals

Integration over **discretized energy bins j** in the crystals

$$A_{T} = \frac{E^{+} - E^{-}}{E^{+} + E^{-}}$$

$$A_{T}^{j} = \frac{N_{j}^{+} - N_{j}^{-}}{N_{j}^{+} + N_{j}^{-}}$$

Signal Integration

Two data taking methods for PEPPo 5 MeV positrons, polarization of 100% (Pt, Pe)

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Discretized Method



Expected experimental **asymmetries** are small (**1-8x10**⁻³) Hours of data taking for a 5% polarization precision

Calorimeter **T**est

Part of the polarimeter, test with the crystals and DAQ Modification (LPSC): PMTs instead of pin diodes (E166) to reduce electronic noise



Crystal Resolution

Radioactive source measurements are used for the energy calibration of the PMTs

The difference between the **pedestal** and **signal peak** locations represents quantitatively the analyzed photon energy



All the crystals have a comparable energy resolution (between 3.5% and 5.5%)

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Strong interest in polarized positrons especially at Jlab

Polarized positrons via bremsstrahlung not yet measured

KBST to address OM inadequacies for polarization transfers even at high energy

First simulations, promising results, e⁺ I=360 nA, P=65%, T=50 MeV with e⁻ I=180mA, P=85%, T=100 MeV

Motivating for a **demonstration experiment**

In August 2010, JLAB Program advisory commitee approved PEPPo with A rating and awarded 14 weeks.

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Backup slides

Transmission Rates



T (MeV)

T (MeV)

The positron beam **waist** can be **controlled** with S2 to enter the polarimeter.

Cleaner energy selection

KBST vs OM



Z=74, θ_γ=0.41 mrad, T_=100 MeV





Z=74, 0=0.41 mrad, k=100 MeV



Cosmic Measurement

2 signals in coicidence for cosmics

The ADC channel correspondent to the 40 MeV is **independent** of the cosmic ray position relative to the PMT



Amplifiers modified for higher energy signal to be in the ADC channel range.

For on-site tests of the signal integration.

PEPPo Line



Electron beam

Energy range: 67 MeV after cryomodules -> down to 5 MeV beam.



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Spectrometer field



Compton back scattering



Undulator



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