

International Linear Collider Project

Jefferson Science Association Initiatives Award

### Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility



CW Electron beam in all Halls Polarization: 85-90% Max Energy: 11GeV(ABC) / 12GeV(D) Max Current: 200 µA

3 existing end stations for nuclear physics experiments would benefit from a beam of polarized positrons:

#### □ Parton Imaging

- Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering
- Two Photon Exchange

Other efforts may also benefit:

Electron Ion Collider
Materials Science Collaborations



### **CEBAF** Polarized Electron Injector



# CEBAF Energy Compatibilities



Conversion efficiencies are low, but  $100nA - 10\mu A$  sufficient for user requirements

Corresponding milliamp electron beams are challenging, yet possible (more later).

### Polarized Bremsstrahlung & Pair Creation





PEPPo is proposing to measure the polarization transfer from longitudinal electrons to longitudinal positrons in the 3-7 MeV/c momentum range.

It followed PAC35's enthusiastic endorsement of LOI-10-010 which noted that "Any accelerator facility, like JLab, using polarized electrons for its physics program would like an intense beam of polarized positrons. This Letter marks a proof of principle experiment that should become a full proposal."



The **PEPPo** experiment (PR12-11-105) proposes to measure the **polarization transfer** from longitudinally polarized **electrons** to longitudinally polarized **positrons** as a **proof-of-principle** for a **new technique** for **polarized positron source**.

In August 2011 PAC38 recommended to run PEPPo with an "A" rating

### The PEPPo experiment @ JLab



# Positron Production Target Ladder



#### •Target ladder with viewer + 3 conversion targets

Incoming electron kinetic energy [MeV]		2	5	8	Necessary for
		Max Current [uA]		Experiment	
Target	Material	for 5W deposited			[uA]
Production Target = 0.1mm	Tungsten	15.9	27.6	30.1	4.0
Production Target = 0.5mm	Tungsten	5.0	3.0	3.7	n/a
Production Target = 1mm	Tungsten	4.9	2.0	1.6	0.4



# Installation Complete November, 2011



- □ Beam line calibration, positron production & collection
- □ Calibrating Compton polarimeter with polarized electrons
- □ Measuring polarization of collected positrons

# Beam line Tune-up & Check out



### Electron Momentum Calibration



## Collection of Degraded e- and Pair-Produced e+



S1 current optimization for  $p(e^+) = 5.5$  MeV/c capture



## Collection: Degraded Electrons then Positrons

"S1 - Capture Solenoid"



### PositronYield

•Positron pass through 0.010" of Al and 25cm to reconversion target

- •We recognized that some fraction of positrons (or electrons) were being lost in transit
- •Comparison of simulations with data will be used to make corrections





### Positron Annihilation Counter

Two NaI detectors are used to measure the back-to-back photons emitted by the annihilation of positrons in an insertable target.





4MeV/c e+ collected from 0.5nA 7MeV/c e- on 1mm W target Coincidence Cut < 8nS



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### Compton Transmission Polarimeter (see E. Fanchini's talk on Thursday)

PEPPo polarimetry relies on the sensitivity of the Compton process to the polarization of the photons generated in the T<sub>2</sub> target by the interaction of incoming electrons/positrons.



Expected experimental asymmetries are small (1-8x10<sup>-3</sup>) and we will take advantage of the current JLab practices for the control of helicity correlated systematics.

### Compton Target Polarization (using e-@ 5.5 MeV/c)



## ComptonSystematic Studies



•Use Mott polarimeter to learn electron beam polarizatoin

•Use Compton polarimeter to measure experimental asymmetry

•Combine results to calculate analyzing power and benchmark model of polarimeter



PMT 5 Analyzing Power vs Momentum ( P\_=85%,P\_=6.9%)

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### Compton Coincidence Spectrum (Set 1 v. Set 2)

"Good" positron events collected in coincidence of thin scintillator + Compton CsI calorimeter crystal

> ~150ns coincidence

> > window

10<sup>5</sup>







#### Positron Compton Data in Two Acts...



<u>Data Set 1</u>: Preliminary pass over e+ collection momenta

Data Set 2: Improved shielding, coincidence timing & spectrometer PS stability

## Preliminary Results of Positron Raw Asymmetry

 $A_{\text{Compton}} = P_{e^+} \mathbf{P}_{T} \cdot \mathbf{A}_{e^+}$ 

<u>Data Set 1</u> Preliminary pass over e+ collection momenta

Data Set 2

- Improved shielding of polarized background
- Improved stability of spectrometer PS
- Improved coincidence timing signal

Operated experiment with somewhat higher electron beam momentum to improve yield



### Positron Source Concept at CEBAF





### Suitable High Current Polarized Electron Source





R. Suleiman et al., PAC'11, New York (NJ, USA), March 28 - April 1, 2011

Parameter	Value			
Laser Rep Rate	1500 MHz			
Laser Pulselength	50 ps			
Laser Wavelength	780 nm			
Laser Spot Size	350 μm FWHM			
High-Pol Photocathode	SSL GaAs/GaAsP			
Gun Voltage	200kV DC			
CW Beam Current	4 mA			
Run Duration	1.4 hr			
Extracted Charge	20 C			
1/e Charge Lifetime	85 C			



We had a successful commissioning and run period (no show stoppers, few hiccups)

 $\checkmark$  Used Compton polarimeter to measure polarization of electrons so that we may carefully prepare and develop model for positron analyzing power

✓Used 8MeV polarized e- beam to produce positrons and collected them with few percent momentum spread as a "beam" on polarimeter from 3-6 MeV/c

✓Used Compton polarimeter to measure experimental asymmetries while using helicity reversal (30Hz) and slow systematic reversal (laser waveplate & analyzer magnet for target polarization)

✓Lots of data "in the can"; aiming to publish results first half of 2013

A natural "next step" after PEPPo would be an experimental test of the **optimization** of a **positron collection** system and a scheme to **define the phase space** of the **positron beam** for **CEBAF acceleration**.