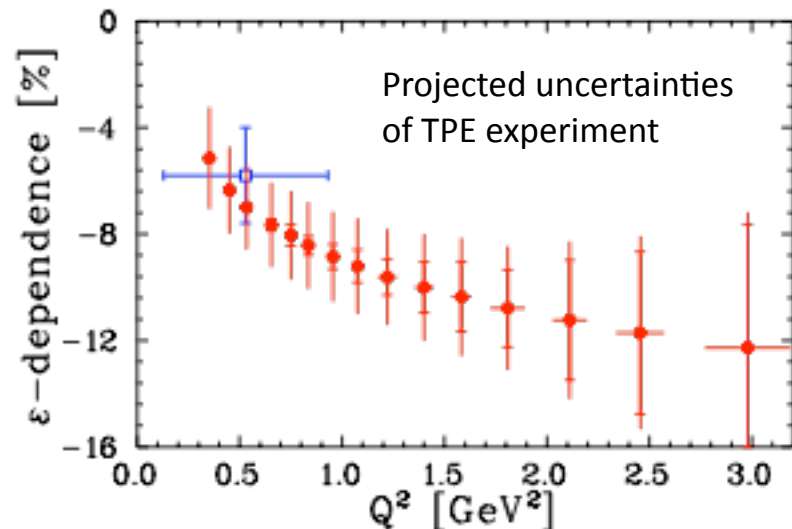
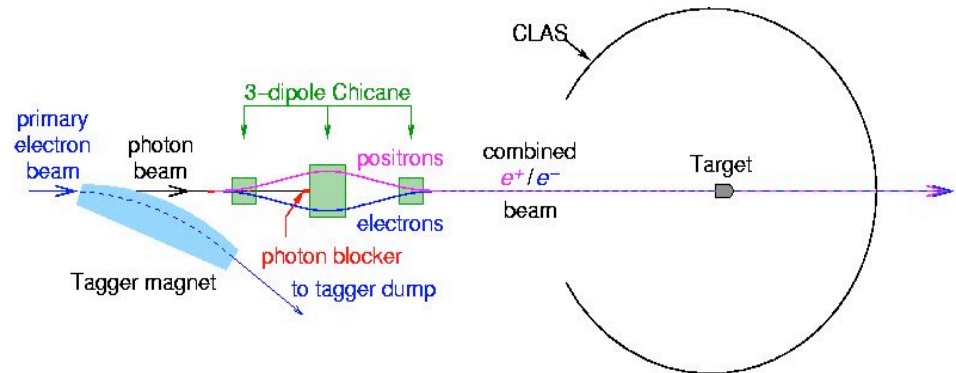


- There is a huge discrepancy in the ratio  $G_E^p/G_M^p$  observed between Rosenbluth and polarization transfer techniques.
- 2 $\gamma$  effects are expected to explain this discrepancy.
- The ratio of e $\bar{p}$  and e $^+p$  elastic scattering cross sections measures the real part of the 2 $\gamma$  amplitude. The 2 $\gamma$ /1 $\gamma$  interference term  $\delta_{2\gamma}$  has opposite sign for e $^+$  and e $^-$  and should vary from 1 to 10%

$$\frac{\sigma(e^+)}{\sigma(e^-)} \approx 1 - 2\delta_{2\gamma}.$$

- Experiment is now taking data. It creates an intense photon beam and converts it to a simultaneous mixed identical e $^+$  and e $^-$  beam directed onto a LH2 target. The scattered leptons and protons are detected in CLAS.

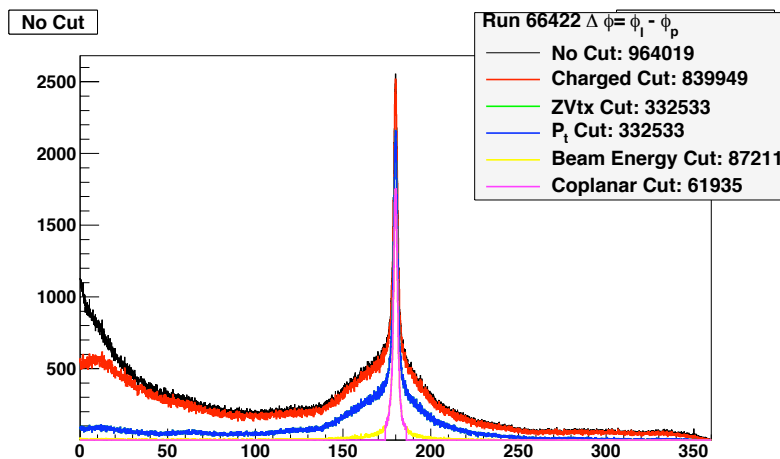
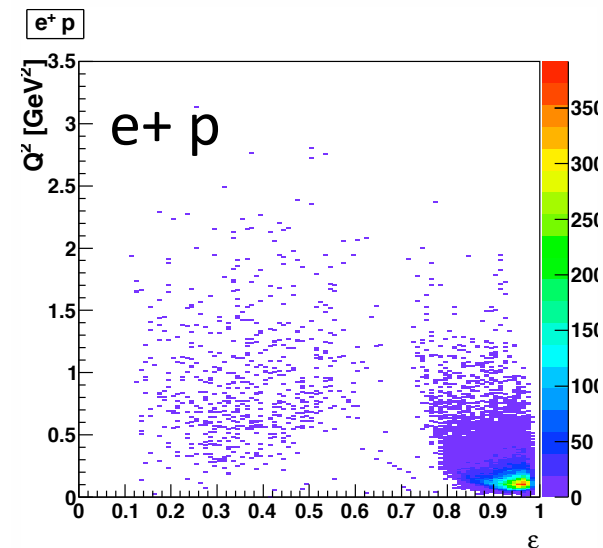
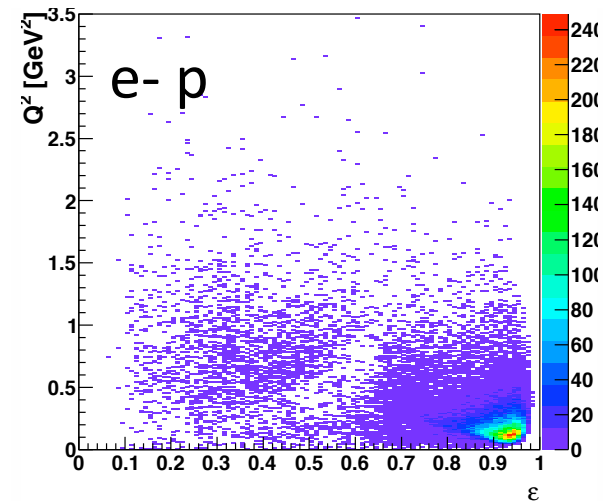
Schematic e $^+$ /e $^-$  beamline



## TPE - Experimental Progress

- e+/e- Chicane tuned
- Achieved luminosity within a factor of two of simulations
- $10^7$  elastic events as of December.
- Identify elastic events by
  - coplanarity,
  - zero total transverse momentum,
  - beam energy matching (angle/mom)
- Reduce systematic errors by
  - Identical simultaneous beams
  - Reversing torus field
  - Reversing chicane field
  - Taking triple ratios

One hour of data ...



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