

Neutron Spin Sum Rules and Spin Polarizabilities at low Q^2



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 - Preliminary **results** are now available and **final results are expected soon**.

Inclusive Electron Scattering

Energy transfer:

$$\nu = E - E'$$

4-momentum transfer squared:

$$\vec{q} = \vec{k} - \vec{k}'$$

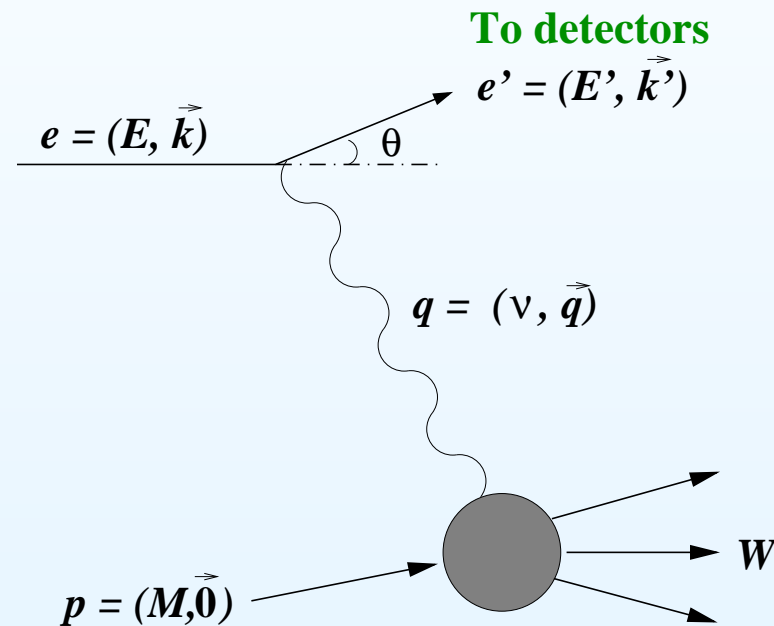
$$Q^2 = -q^2 = 4EE' \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$

Invariant Mass:

$$W^2 = M^2 + 2M\nu - Q^2$$

Bjorken variable:

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}$$



Inclusive Cross Sections

- structure functions:

g_1 and g_2 (quark polarizations)

or σ_{TT} and σ_{LT}

- Polarized cross sections:

$$\Delta\sigma_{\parallel} = \frac{d^2\sigma^{\downarrow\uparrow}}{dE'd\Omega} - \frac{d^2\sigma^{\uparrow\uparrow}}{dE'd\Omega} = K \left[(E + E' \cos \theta) g_1(x, Q^2) - \left(\frac{Q^2}{\nu} \right) g_2(x, Q^2) \right]$$

$$\Delta\sigma_{\perp} = \frac{d^2\sigma^{\downarrow\Rightarrow}}{dE'd\Omega} - \frac{d^2\sigma^{\uparrow\Rightarrow}}{dE'd\Omega} = K E' \sin \theta \left[g_1(x, Q^2) + \frac{2E}{\nu} g_2(x, Q^2) \right]$$

$$K = \frac{4\alpha^2}{M\nu Q^2} \frac{E'}{E}$$

$\downarrow\uparrow$ are for electron spin, $\uparrow\Rightarrow$ are for target spin direction

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- Virtual photon-nucleon polarized cross sections:

$$\begin{aligned} 2\sigma_{TT}(x, Q^2) &= \sigma_{1/2}(x, Q^2) - \sigma_{3/2}(x, Q^2) \\ &= \frac{8\pi^2\alpha}{MK} \left[g_1(x, Q^2) - \frac{4M^2x^2}{Q^2} g_2(x, Q^2) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_{LT}(x, Q^2) = \frac{4\pi^2\alpha}{MK} \left[g_1(x, Q^2) + g_2(x, Q^2) \right]$$

K : virtual photon flux

$\sigma_{1/2}, \sigma_{3/2}$: electroproduction cross sections

Gerasimov-Drell-Hearn (GDH) Sum Rule ($Q^2 = 0$)

$$I_{\text{GDH}} = \int_{\nu_{\text{th}}}^{\infty} \frac{\sigma_{\frac{1}{2}}(\nu) - \sigma_{\frac{3}{2}}(\nu)}{\nu} d\nu = -2\pi^2 \alpha \left(\frac{\kappa}{M} \right)^2$$

- Circularly **polarized photons** incident on a longitudinally polarized spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ target.
- $\sigma_{\frac{1}{2}}$ ($\sigma_{\frac{3}{2}}$) **photoabsorption cross section** with photon helicity parallel (anti-parallel) to the target spin.
- The sum rule is related to the **target's mass M** and **anomalous part of the magnetic moment κ** .
- Solid theoretical predictions based on general principles.

GDH Measurements

The sum rule is **valid for any target** with definite spin- S .

| | $M[\text{GeV}]$ | Spin | κ | $I_{\text{GDH}}[\mu \text{ b}]$ |
|----------|-----------------|---------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| Proton | 0.938 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1.79 | -204.8 |
| Neutron | 0.940 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | -1.91 | -233.2 |
| Deuteron | 1.876 | 1 | -0.14 | -0.65 |
| Helium-3 | 2.809 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | -8.38 | -498.0 |

- Proton sum rule was verified: Mainz, Bonn and LEGS.
- Measurements for the **neutron** (deuteron) are in progress.

Generalized GDH Integral ($Q^2 > 0$)

$$I(Q^2) = \int_{\nu_{\text{th}}}^{\infty} \left[\sigma_{\frac{1}{2}}(\nu, Q^2) - \sigma_{\frac{3}{2}}(\nu, Q^2) \right] \frac{d\nu}{\nu}$$

$$\sigma_{1/2} - \sigma_{3/2} = \frac{8\pi^2\alpha}{MK} \left[g_1(\nu, Q^2) - \left(\frac{Q^2}{\nu^2} \right) g_2(\nu, Q^2) \right]$$

- Replace **photoproduction cross sections** with the corresponding **electroproduction cross sections**.
- The integral is related to the Compton scattering amplitudes: $S_1(Q^2)$ and $S_2(Q^2)$.

$$S_1(Q^2) = \frac{8}{Q^2} \int_0^1 g_1(x, Q^2) dx = \frac{8}{Q^2} \Gamma_1(Q^2)$$

X.-D. Ji and J. Osborne, J. Phys. **G27**, 127 (2001)

At $Q^2 = 0$, the **GDH sum rule is recovered**.

First moments of g_1 and g_2

$$\Gamma_1 = \int_0^1 g_1(x, Q^2) dx$$

$$\Gamma_2 = \int_0^1 g_2(x, Q^2) dx$$

- Γ_1 is closely related to generalized GDH integral as $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$.
- g_2 is suppressed at very low Q^2 .

Bjorken Sum Rule ($Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$)

$$\Gamma_1^p - \Gamma_1^n = \frac{g_A}{6}$$

J.D. Bjorken, Phys. Rev. **148**, 1467 (1966)

- g_A is the nucleon axial charge.
- The sum rule has been confirmed to 10%.

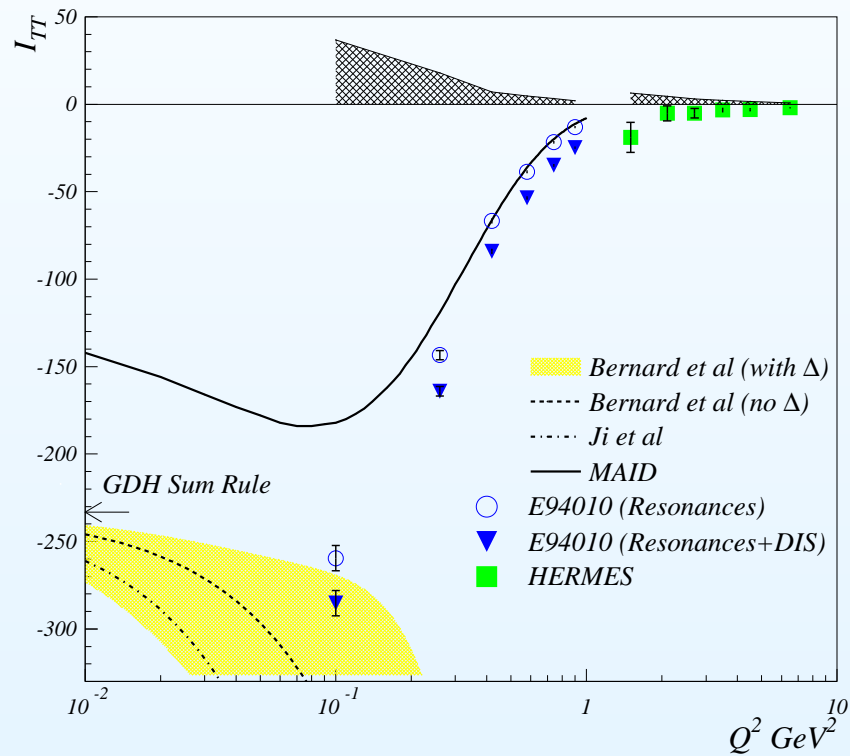
Importance of the Generalized GDH Sum Rule



- Constrained at the two ends of the Q^2 spectrum by known sum rules: GDH ($Q^2 = 0$) and Bjorken ($Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$).
- Generalized GDH Integral is **calculable at any Q^2** .
- Compare theoretical calculations to experimental measurements over the measurable Q^2 range.
- Tool to **study non-perturbative QCD**, while starting on known theoretical grounds (pQCD).

Hall A Neutron GDH Published Results

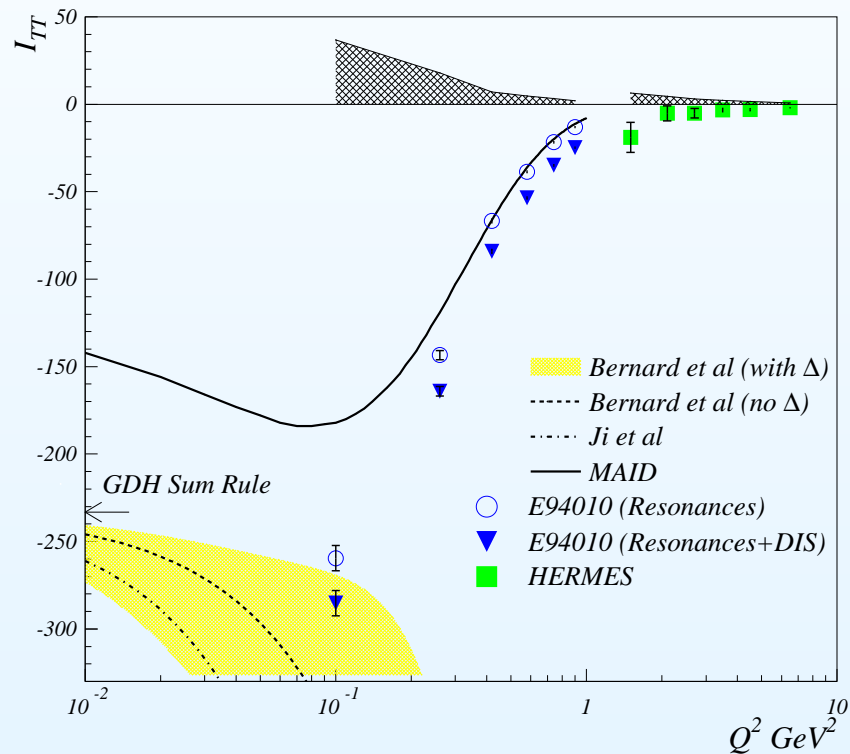
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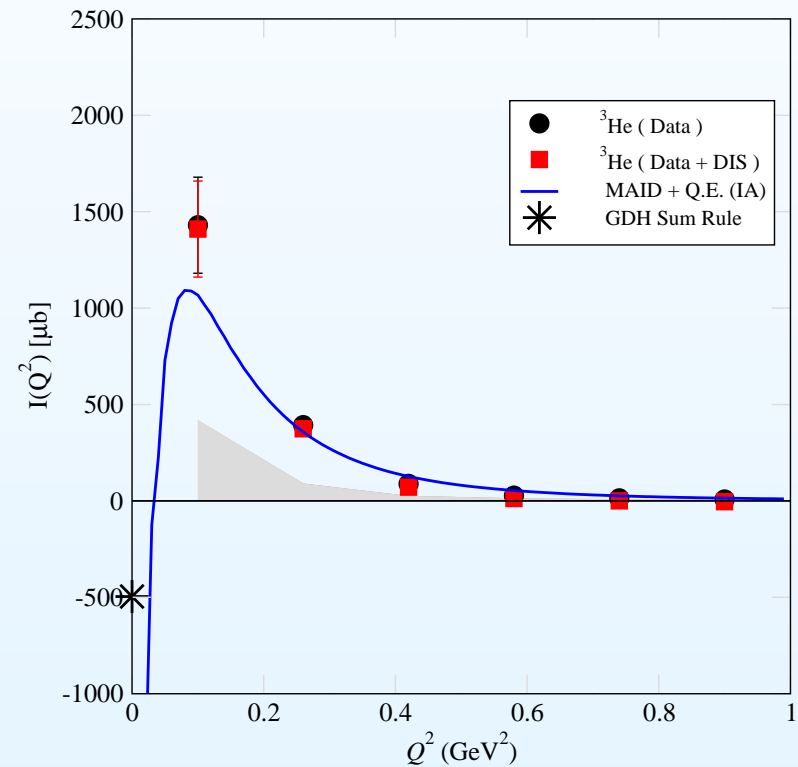
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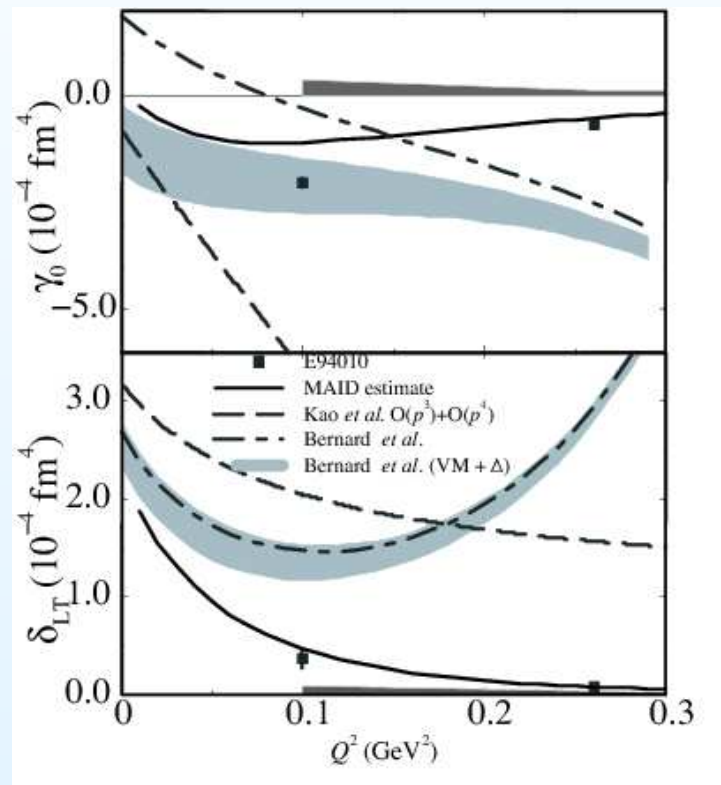


K. Slifer *et al.*, PRL **101**, 022303 (2008).

Neutron Spin Polarizabilities

$$\gamma_0 = \frac{16\alpha M^2}{Q^6} \int_0^{x_0} x^2 \left(g_1 - \frac{4M^2}{Q^2} x^2 g_2 \right) dx$$

$$\delta_{LT} = \frac{16\alpha M^2}{Q^6} \int_0^{x_0} x^2 (g_1 + g_2) dx$$

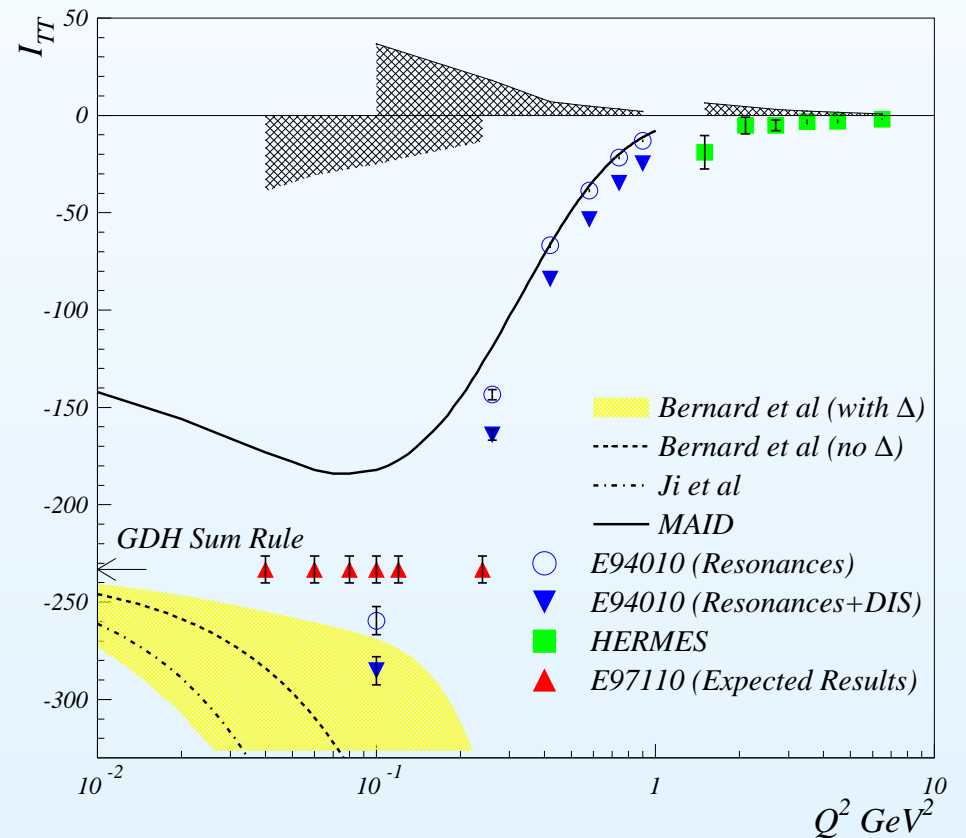


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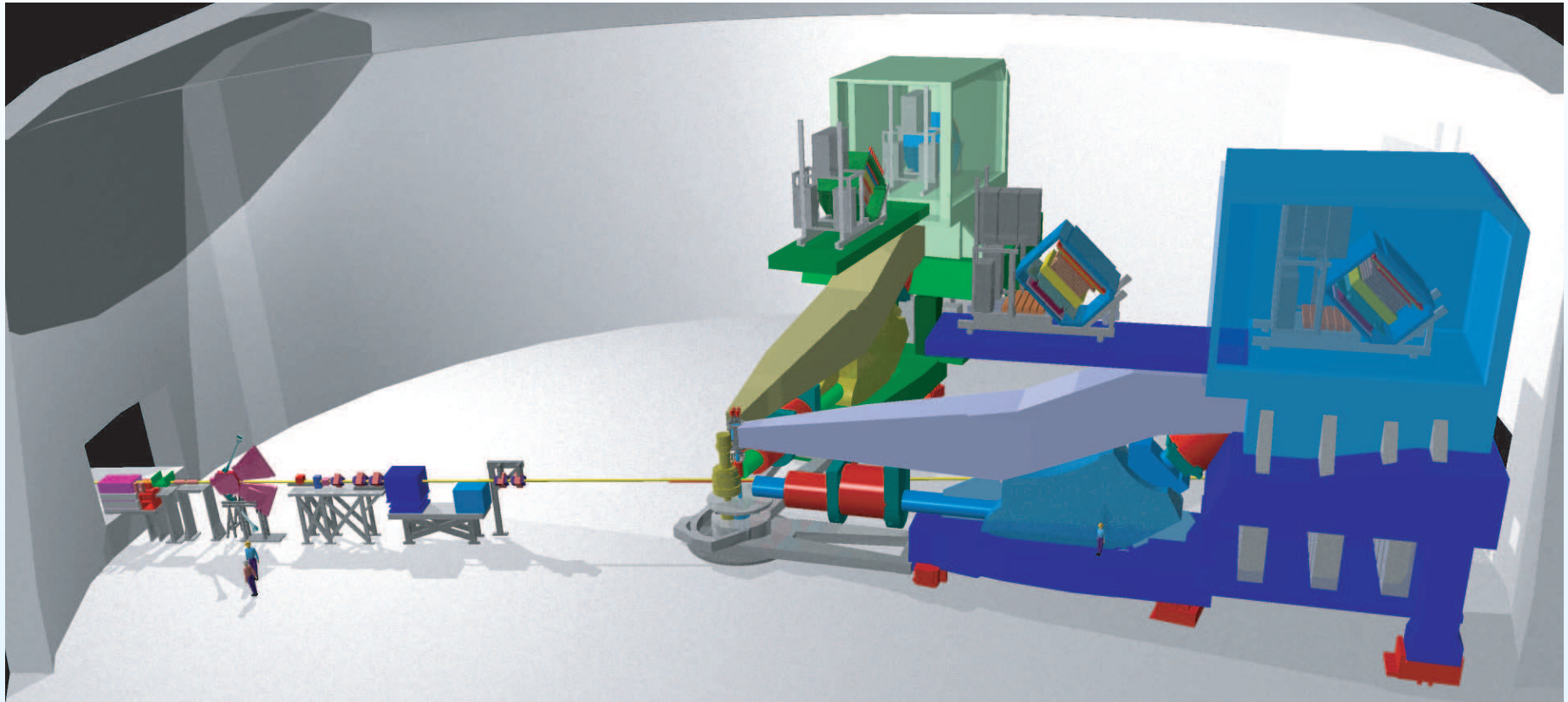
Experiment E97-110

Precise measurement of **generalized GDH integral at low Q^2** , 0.02 to 0.3 GeV^2

- Ran in spring and summer 2003
- Inclusive experiment: ${}^3\text{He}(\vec{e}, e')X$
 - ⇒ Scattering angles of 6° and 9°
 - ⇒ Polarized electron beam:
 $\langle P_{\text{beam}} \rangle = 75\%$
 - ⇒ Pol. ${}^3\text{He}$ target (para & perp):
 $\langle P_{\text{targ}} \rangle = 40\%$
- Measured polarized cross-section differences

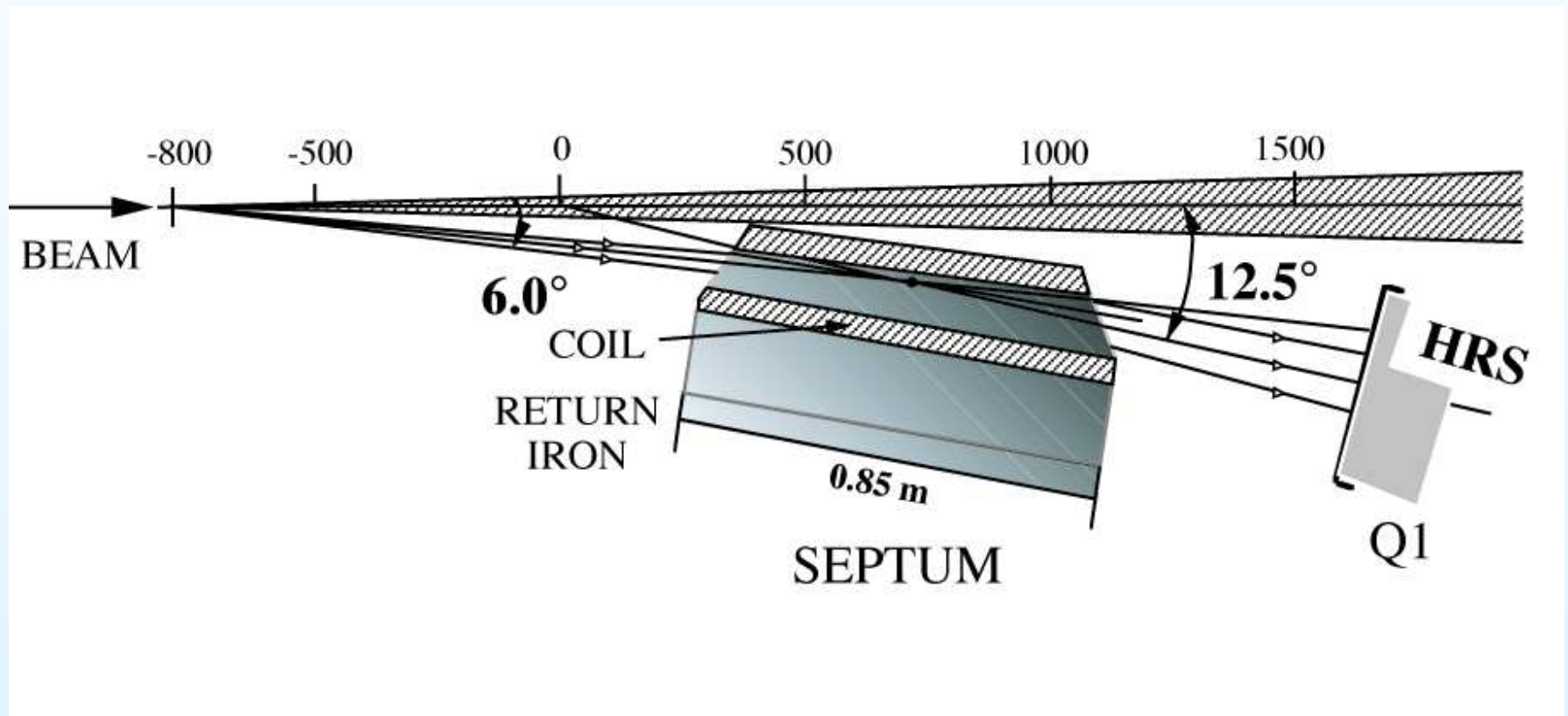


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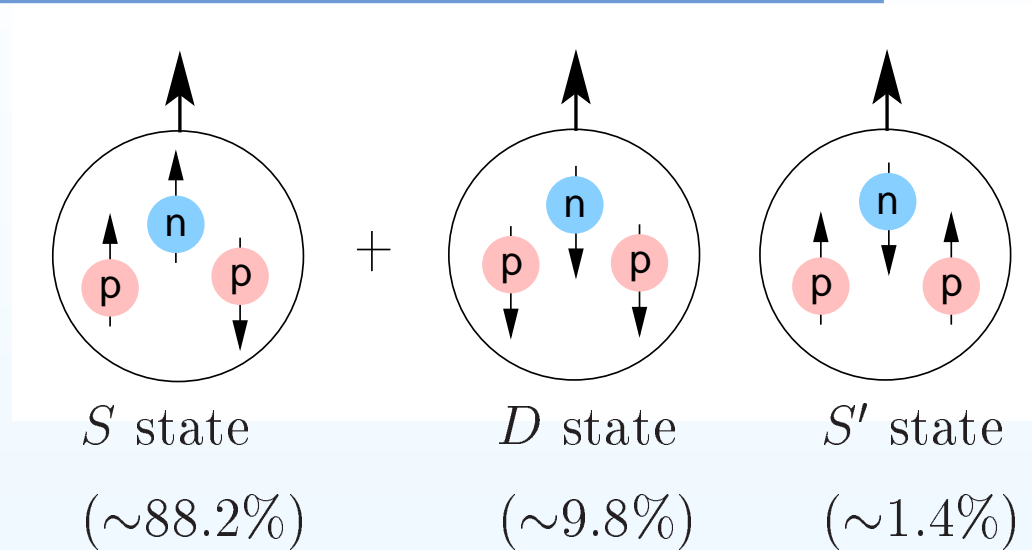


New Bending Magnet

- Low Q^2 requires forward angles.
- Minimum spectrometer angle is 12.5° .



^3He as an Effective Polarized Neutron Target



$$P_n = 86\% \text{ and } P_p = -2.8\%$$

J.L. Friar *et al.*, PRC 42, (1990) 2310

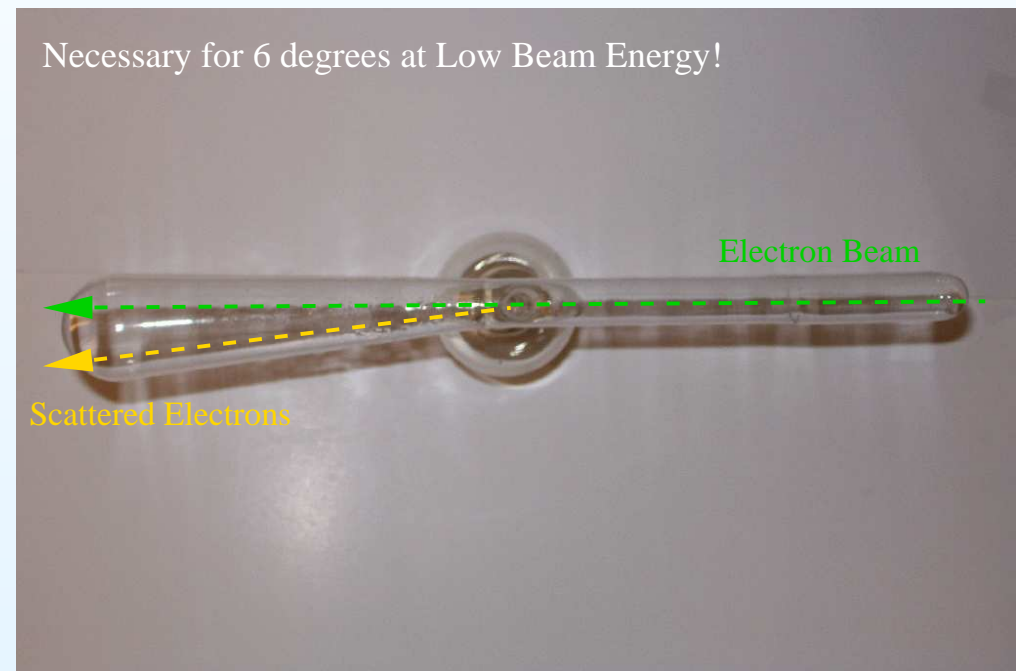
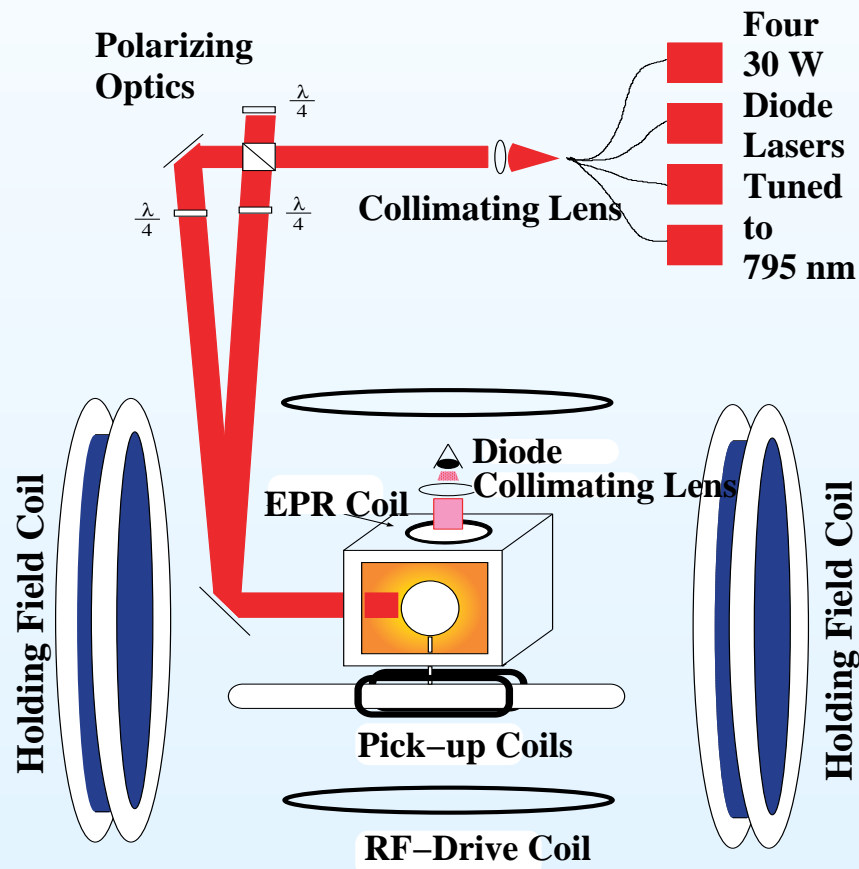
Extraction of Neutron Results

$$\Gamma_1^n(Q^2) = \frac{1}{P_n} [\Gamma_1^{^3\text{He}}(Q^2) - 2P_p \Gamma_1^p(Q^2)]$$

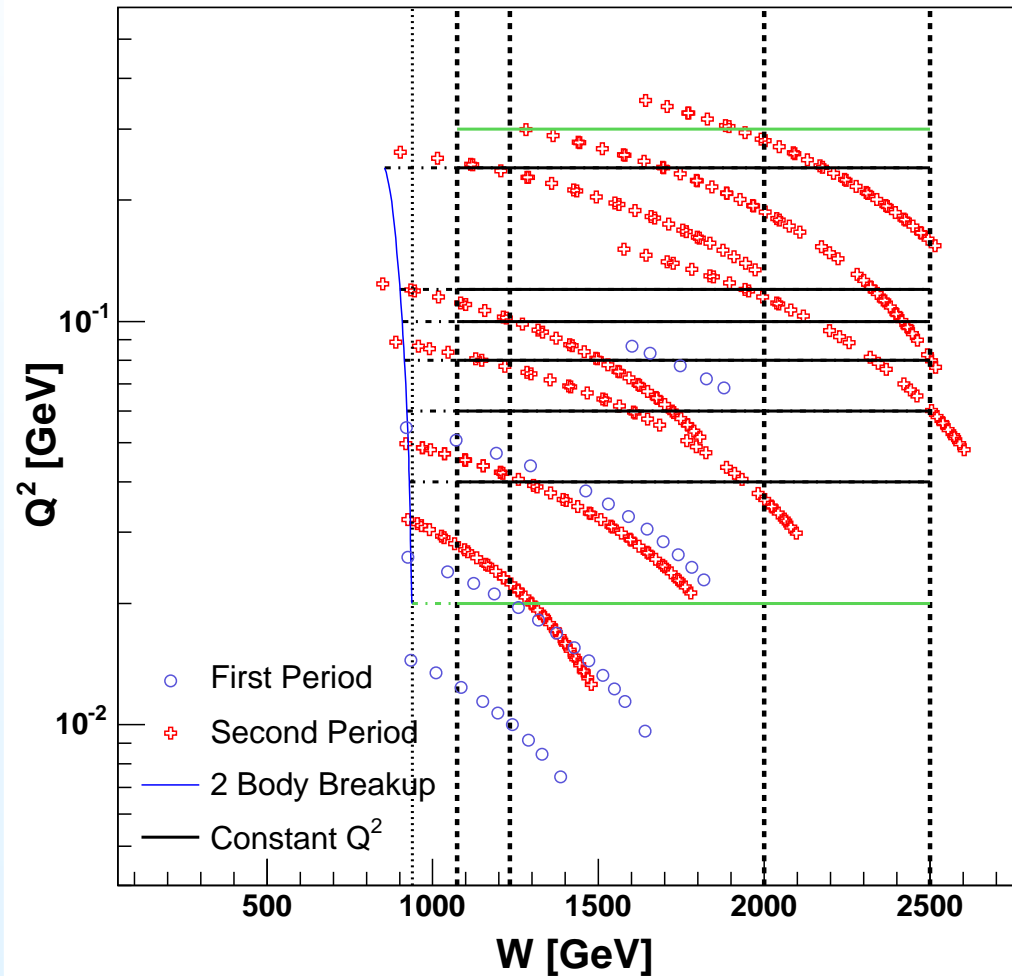
C. Ciofi degli Atti & S. Scopetta, PLB 404, (1997) 223

Polarized ^3He System

- Both longitudinal and transverse configurations.
- Two independent polarimetrys: NMR and EPR.



Kinematic Coverage and Interpolation



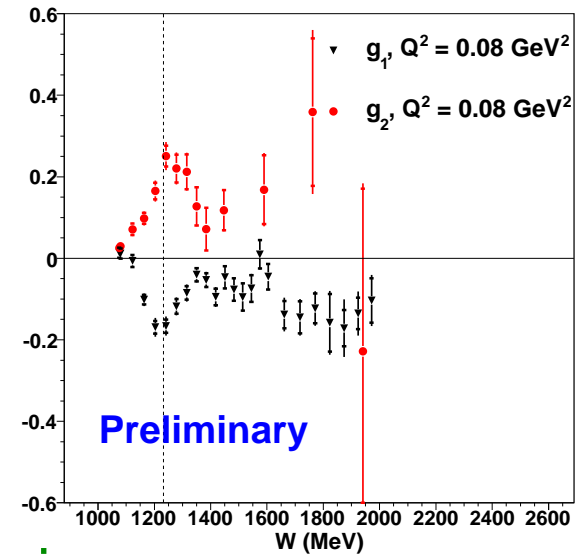
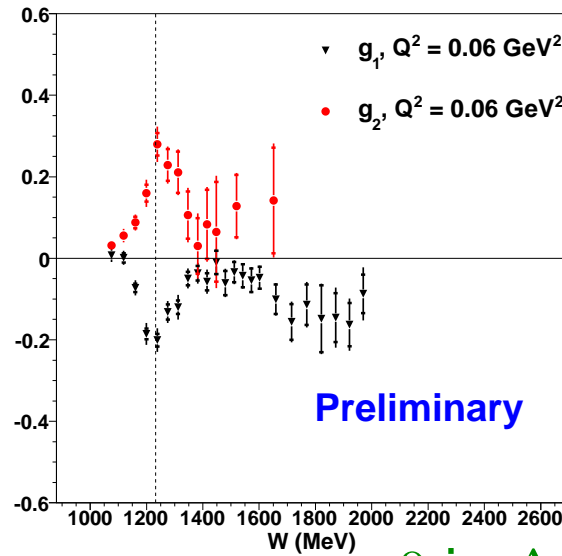
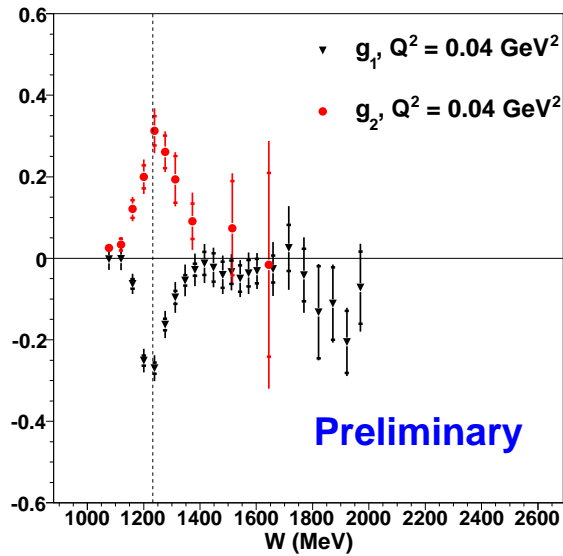
Six constant Q^2 points: 0.04, 0.06, 0.08, 0.1, 0.12 and 0.24 GeV².

Constant Q^2 Interpolation and Integral Extraction

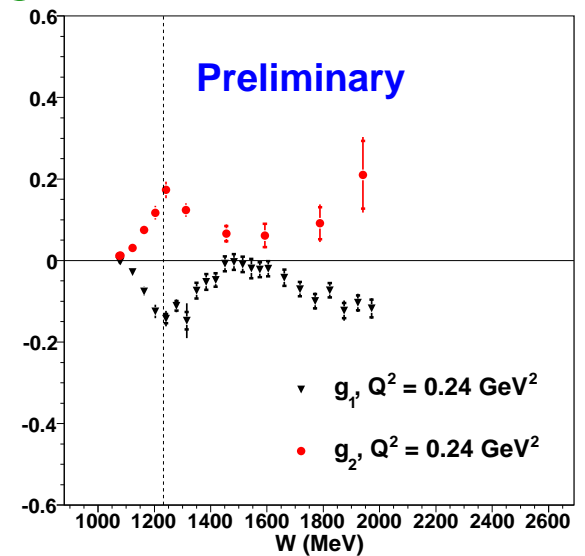
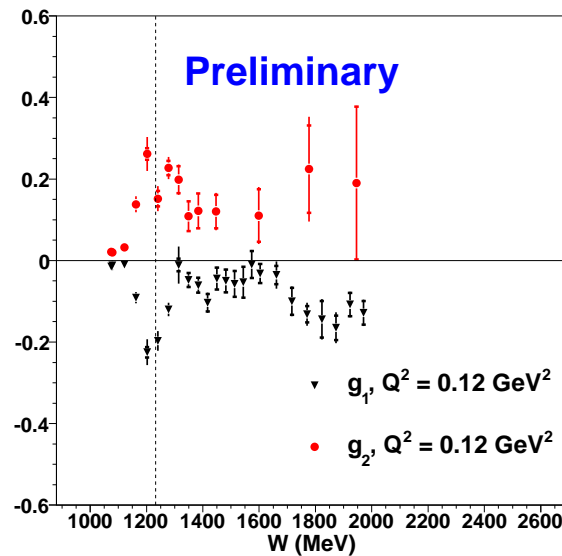
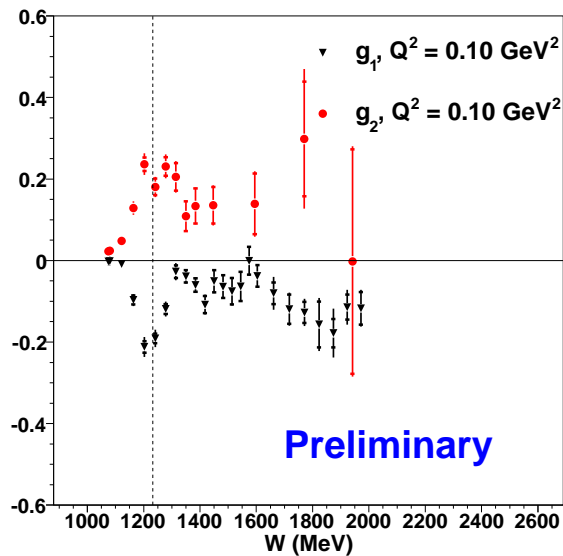
Procedure:

- First interpolate to constant W for each energy.
- Second interpolation with respect to Q^2 .
- Integrals formed from $W = 1073$ GeV to 2000 GeV.
- We could use our own data above $W = 2000$ GeV.
- DIS contribution included up to $W = \sqrt{1000}$ using Thomas and Bianchi parameterization.
- Neutron extraction performed using calculation from Scopetta and Ciofi degli Atti for $Q^2 \geq 0.1$ GeV².
- $Q^2 < 0.1$ GeV² use effective polarization technique (difference \sim 5–10%).

^3He - g_1, g_2 versus W at constant Q^2

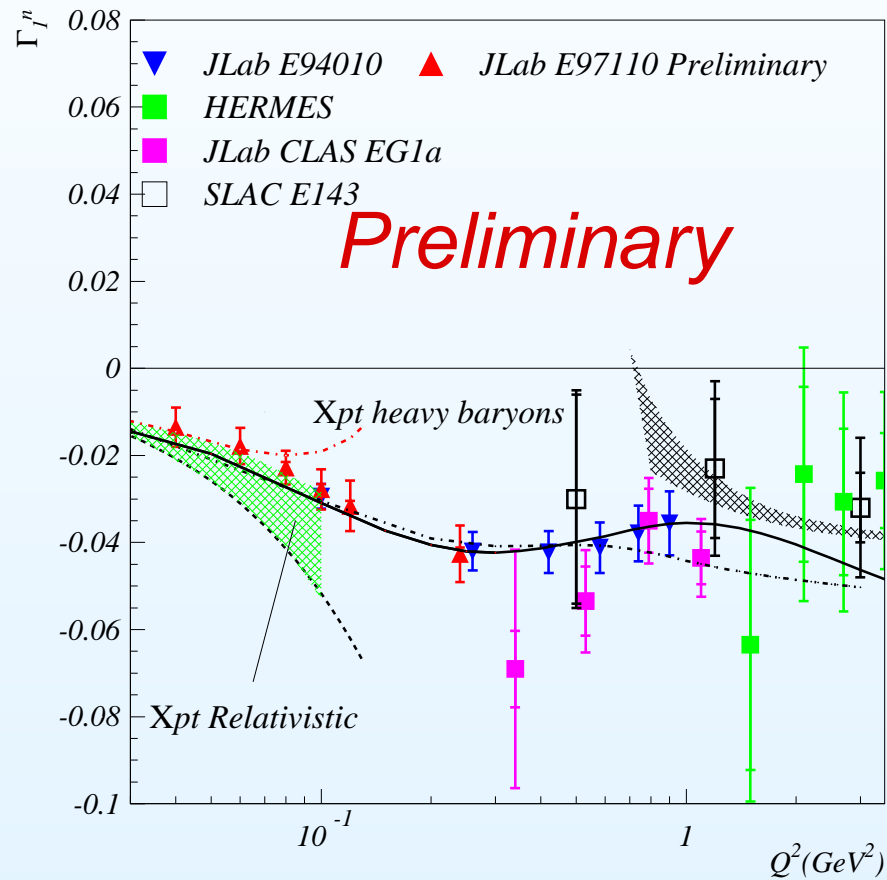


$g_2 \approx -g_1 \Rightarrow \sigma_{LT} \approx 0$ in Δ region



First Moment of g_1

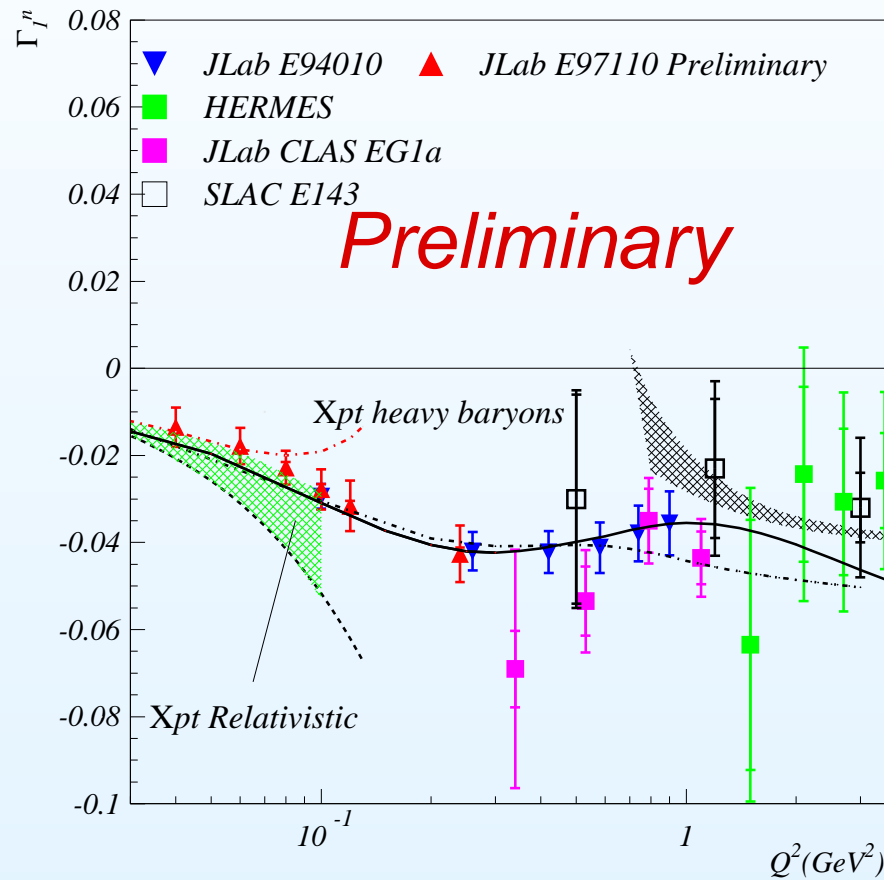
$$\Gamma_1 = \int_0^{x_0} g_1(x, Q^2) dx$$



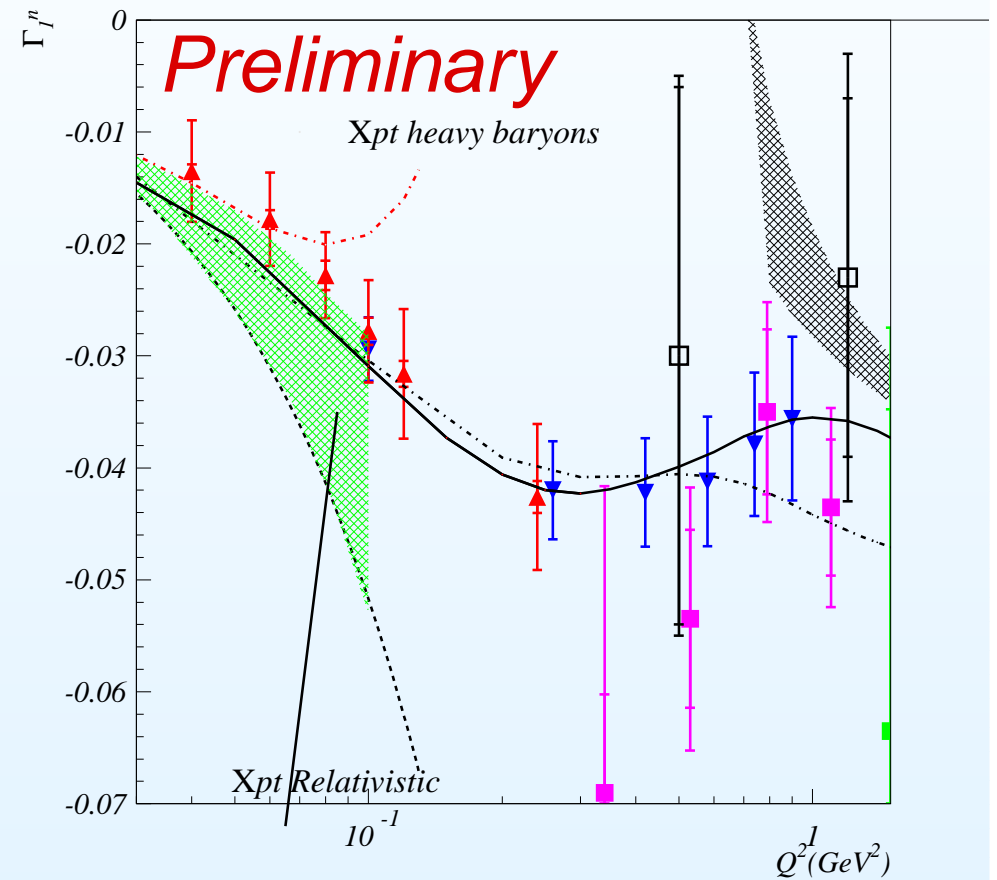
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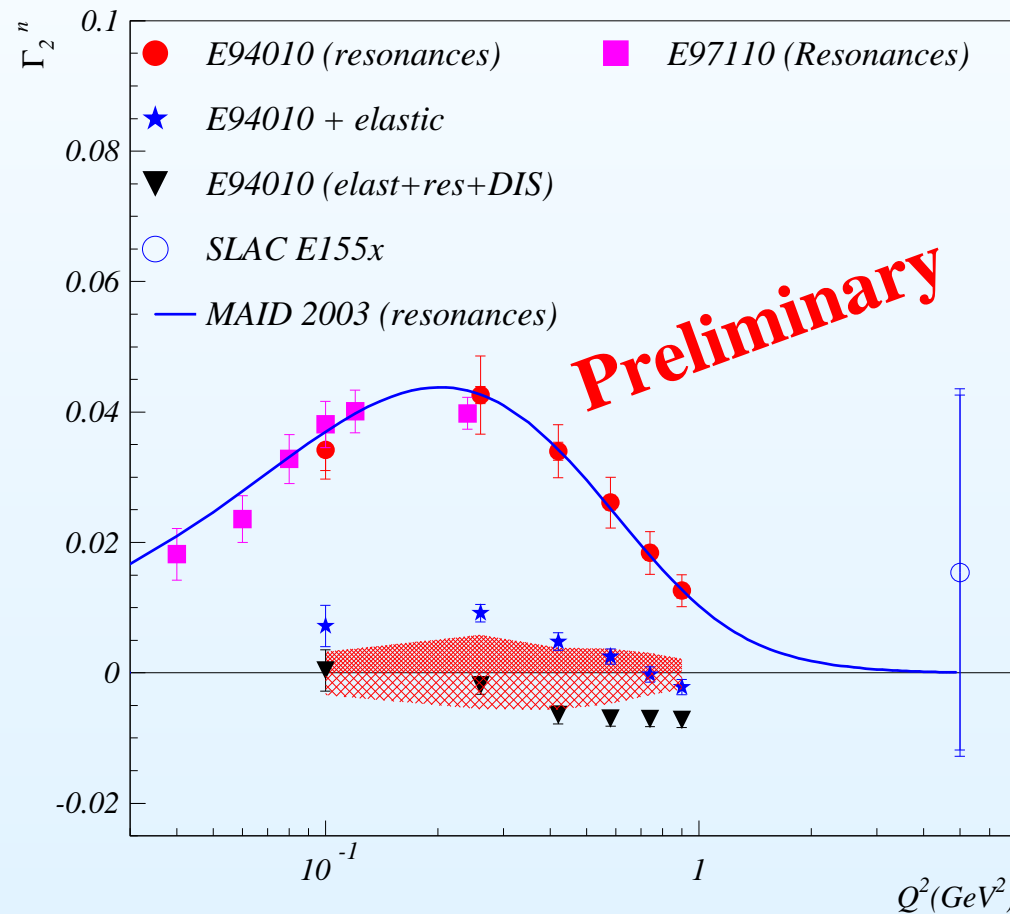
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First Moment of g_2

$$\Gamma_2^n(Q^2) = \int_0^1 g_2(x, Q^2) dx = 0$$

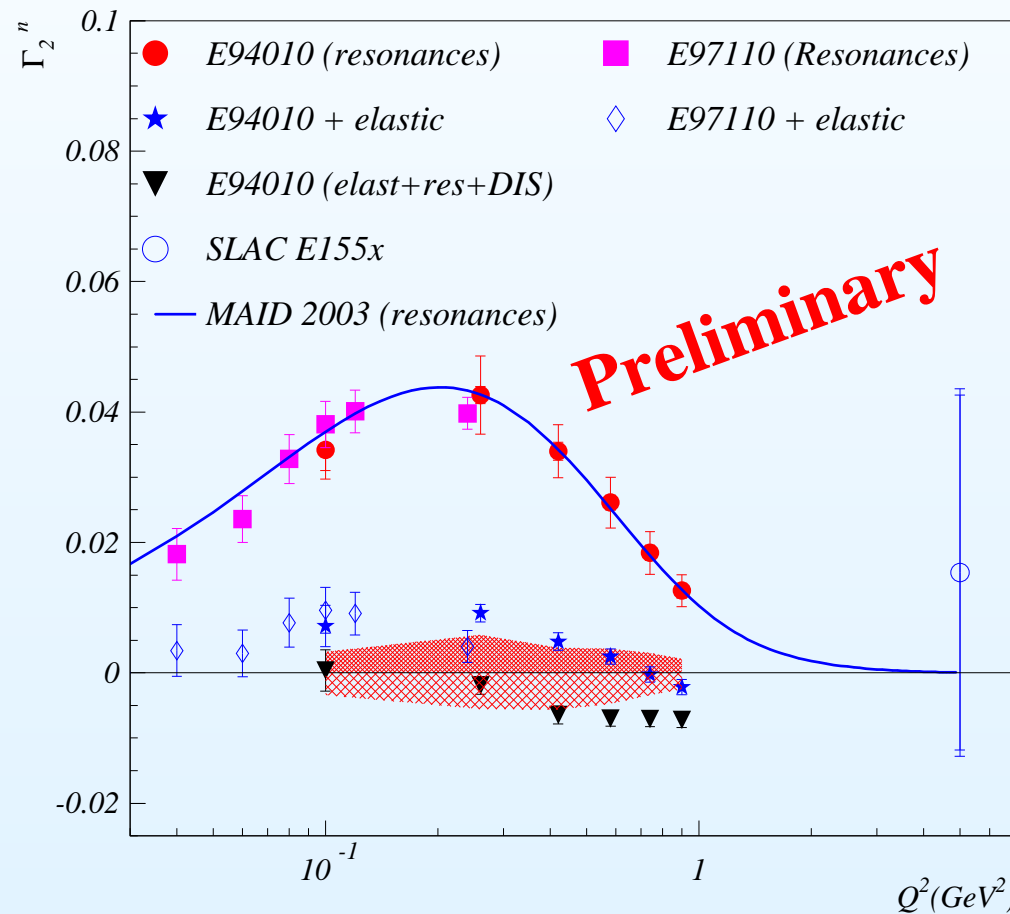
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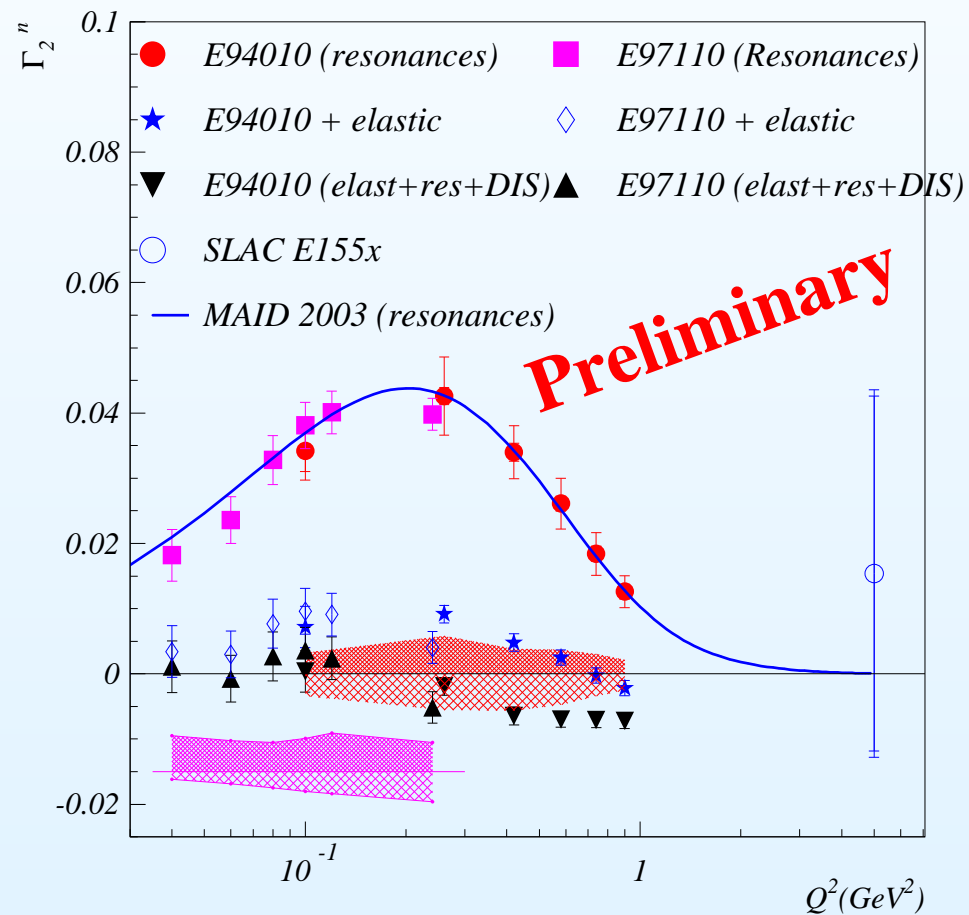
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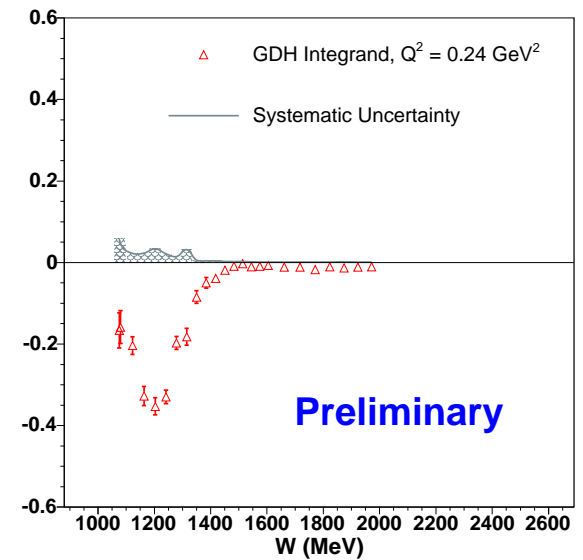
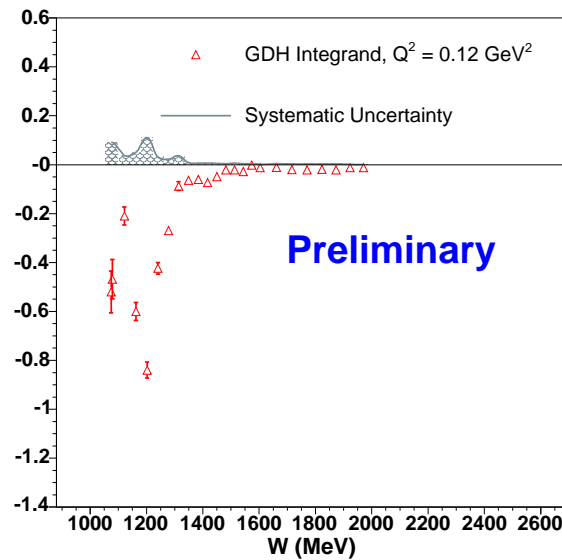
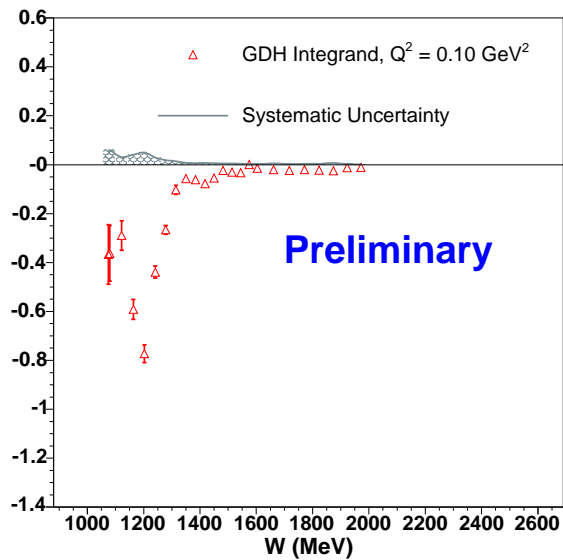
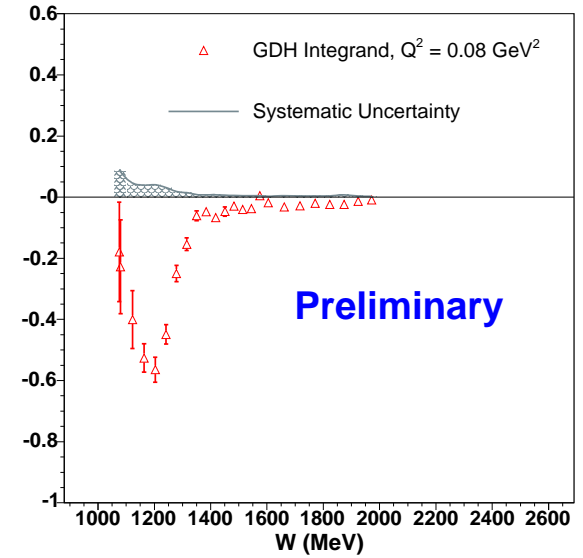
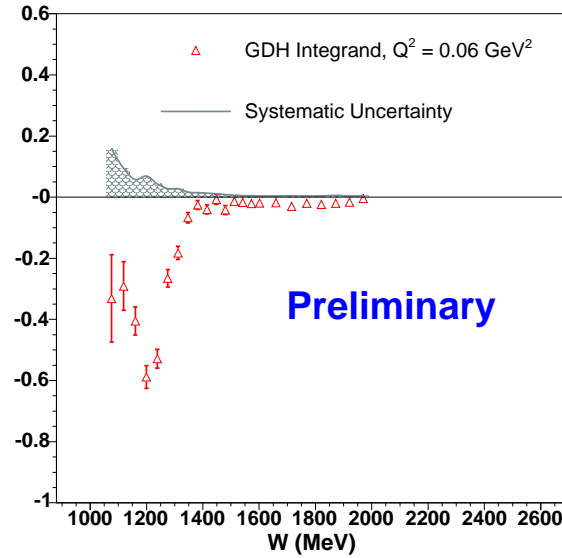
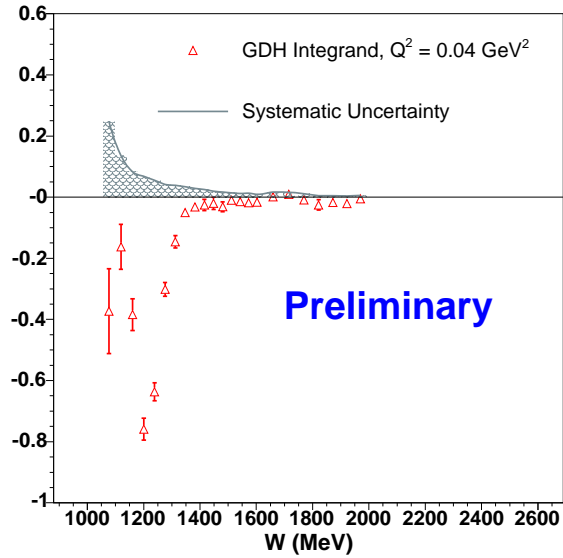
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${}^3\text{He} - \frac{\sigma_{TT}}{\nu}$ versus W at constant Q^2



Summary and Conclusion

- The GDH integral is an important tool that can be used to study nucleon spin structure over the full Q^2 range:
 - in particular, the transition from **perturbative QCD** to **nonperturbative QCD**.
- Experiment E97-110 provides precision data for **moments of the spin structure functions at low Q^2** : 0.02 to 0.3 [GeV/c]²
- Preliminary results of the **the neutron moments are available** and work is in progress to finalize the systematic effects.
- These data provide a **precise-benchmark test of Chiral Perturbation Theory calculations** at a Q^2 where they are expected to be valid.
- Expect **final neutron results soon**.

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Extra Slides

Systematic Uncertainties

| Source | Systematic Uncertainty | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| Angle | 6° | 9° | 3.775 GeV, 9° |
| Target density | 2.0% | | |
| Acceptance | 5.0% | 5.0% | 15.0% |
| VDC efficiency | 3.0% | 2.5% | 2.5% |
| Charge | 1.0% | | |
| PID efficiency | < 1.0% | | |
| $\delta\sigma_{\text{raw}}$ | 6.4% | 6.2% | 15.5% |
| Nitrogen dilution | 0.2–0.5% | | |
| $\delta\sigma_{\text{exp}}$ | 6.5% | 6.3% | 15.5% |
| Beam Polarization | 3.5% | | |
| Target Polarization | 7.5% | | |
| Radiative Corrections* | 20% (40% for $Q^2 \leq 0.08$) | | |
| Total on $\Delta\sigma$ | 12.1% | 12.0% | 18.6% |

* Radiative correction uncertainty \approx 6% in delta region

GDH Derivation for Real Photons

- Begin with the spin dependent part of the forward Compton amplitude, S_1
- Use the following dispersion relation and three assumptions:

$$\text{Re } S_1(\nu) = \frac{2\nu}{\pi} \int_{\nu_{\text{th}}}^{\infty} d\nu' \frac{\text{Im } S_1(\nu')}{\nu'^2 - \nu^2}$$

- Optical Theorem: $\text{Im } S_1(\nu) = \frac{\nu}{8\pi} \sigma_{TT}(\nu)$
- Low Energy Theorem: $\text{Re } S_1(\nu) = -\frac{e^2 \kappa^2}{8\pi M^2} \nu$
- Unsubtracted Dispersion Relation: assumption is convergence of the dispersion integral.

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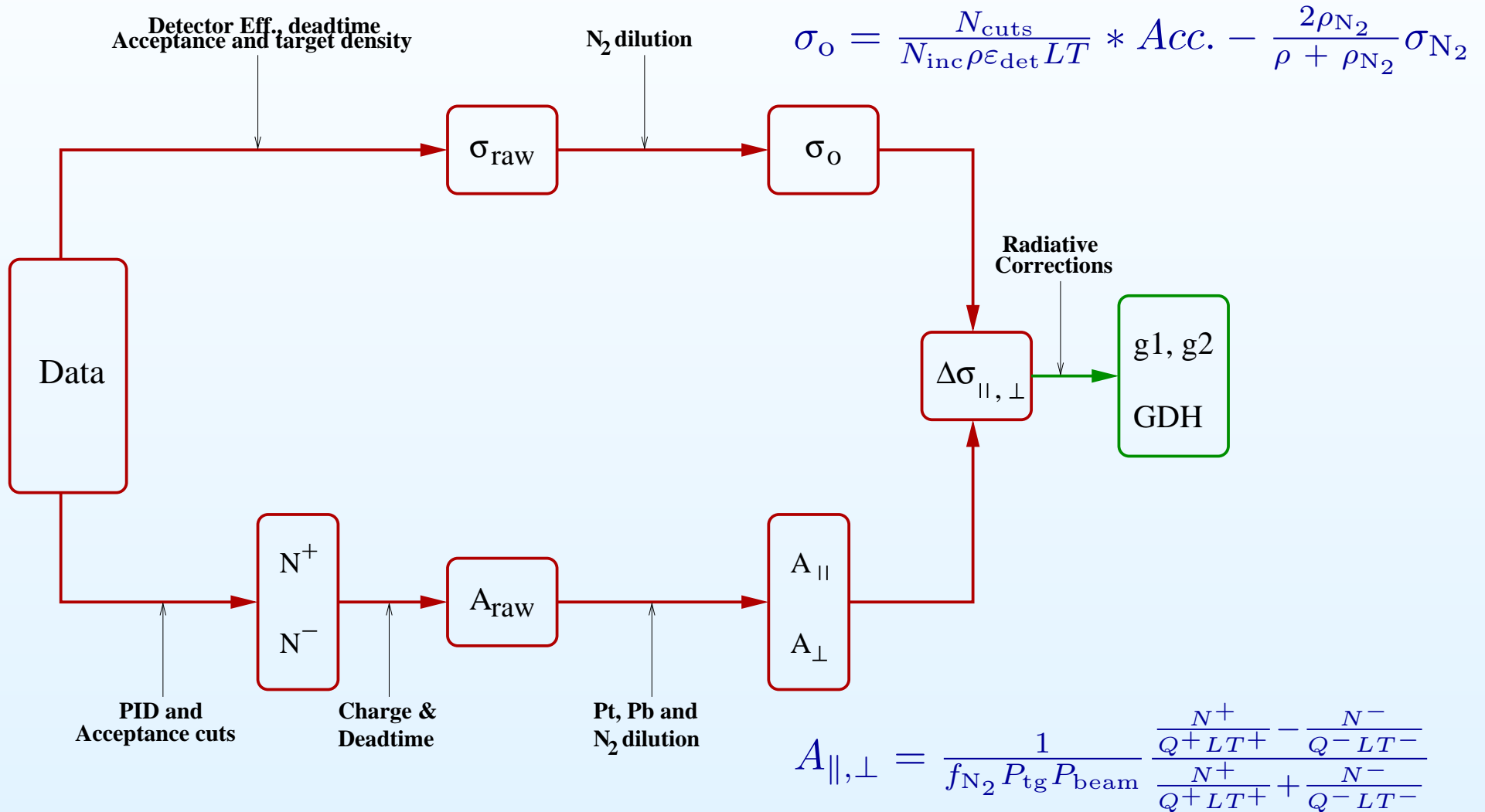
Chiral Symmetry

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{4g^2} G_{\mu\nu}^\alpha G_{\alpha}^{\mu\nu} + \bar{q}i\gamma^\mu D_\mu q - \bar{q}\mathcal{M}q$$
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_{sb}$$

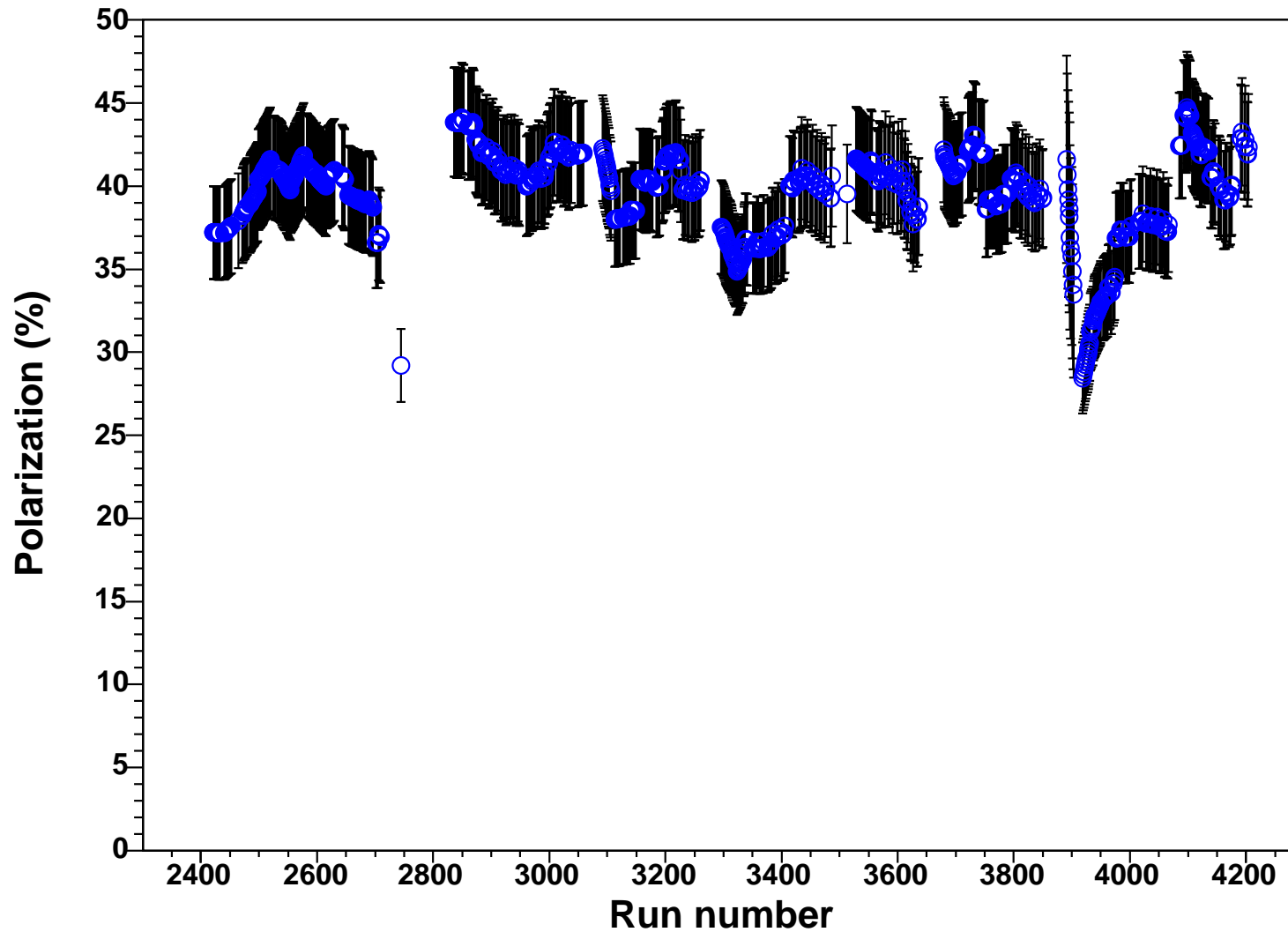
- Consider the limit where the light quark masses vanish.
- For massless fermions, chirality (handedness) is identical to a particle's helicity.
- Extra symmetry to the Lagrangian and obtain left and right handed quark fields.

$$q_{L,R} = \frac{1}{2}(1 \mp \gamma_5)q,$$

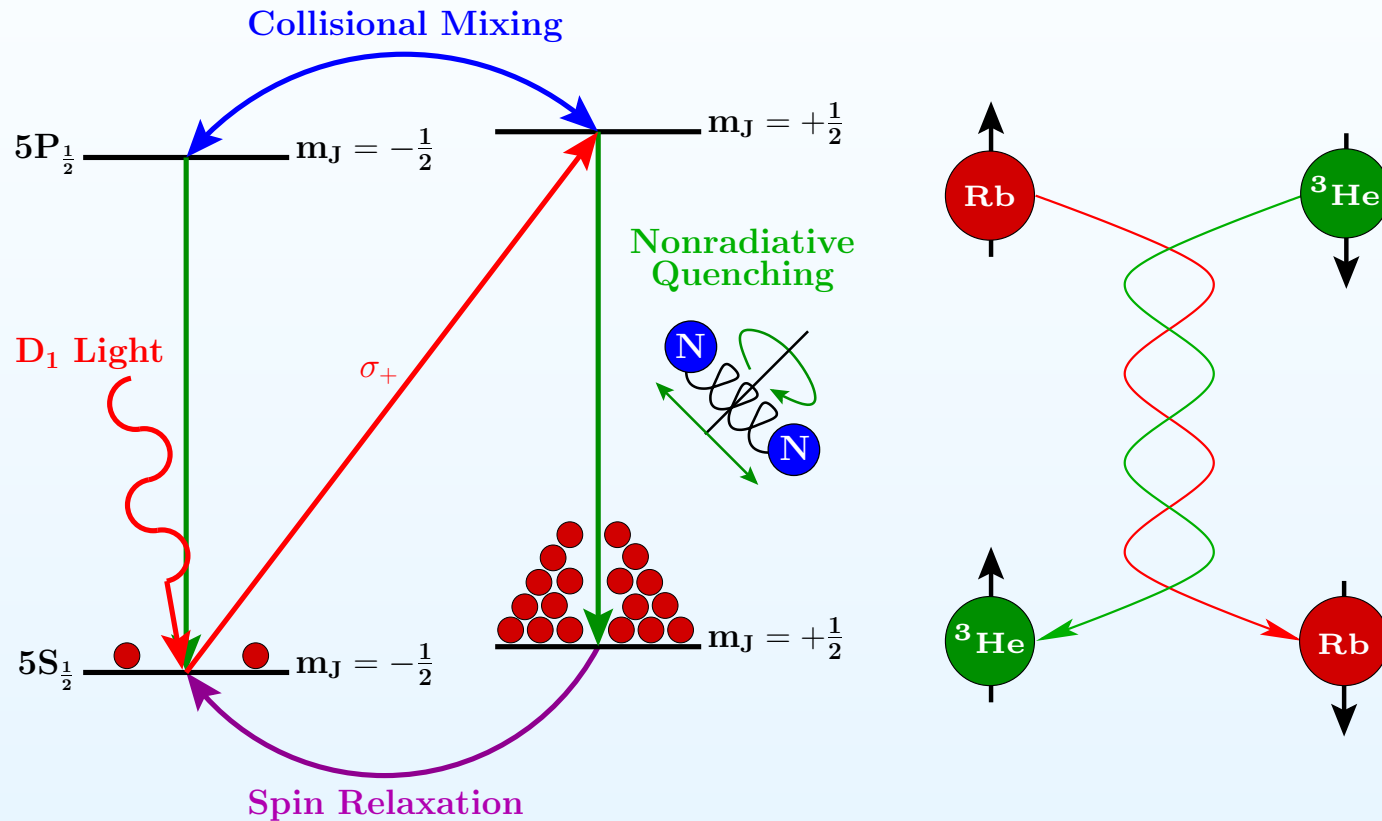
Analysis Procedure



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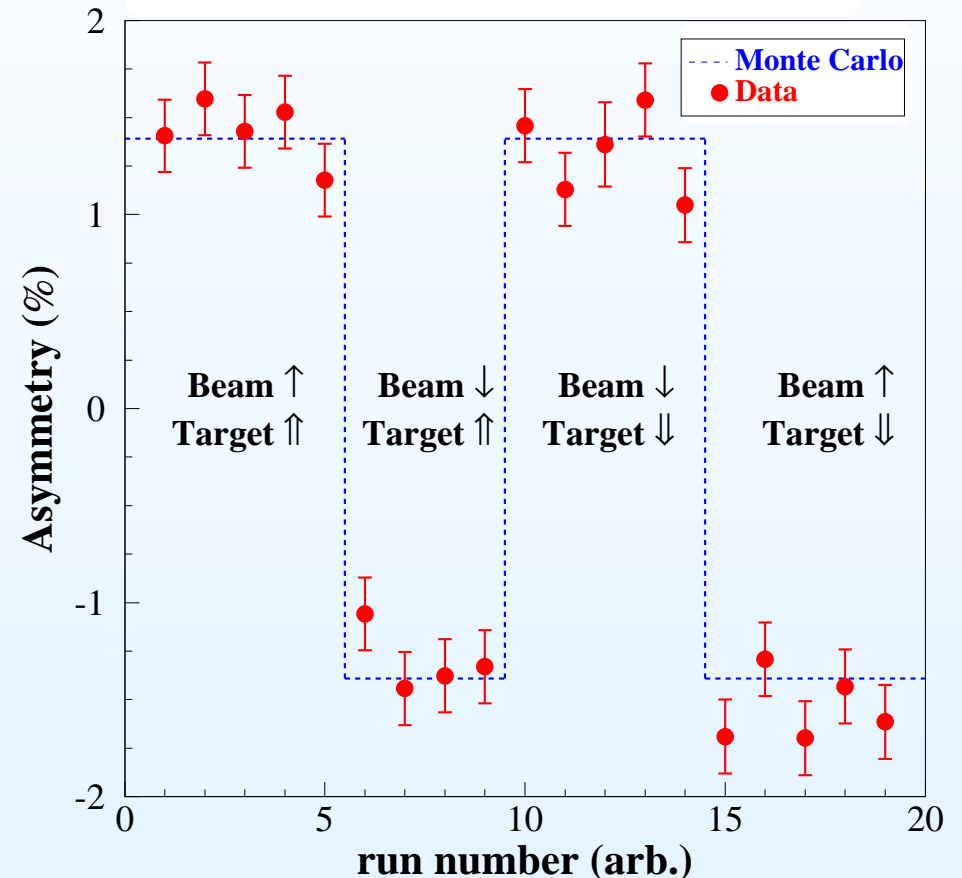
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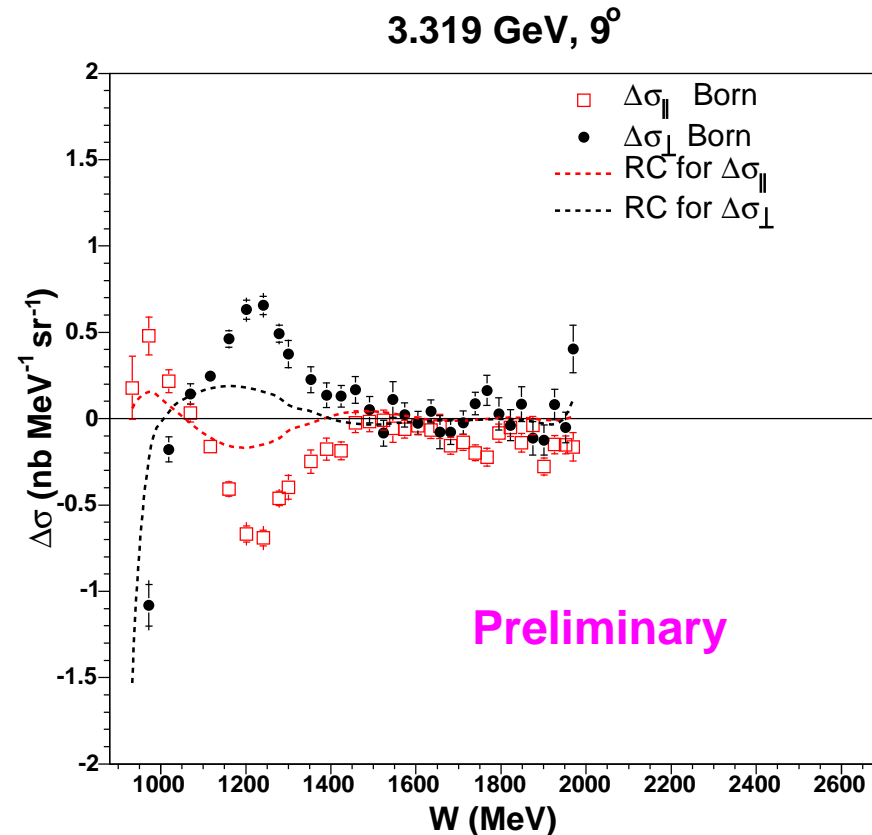
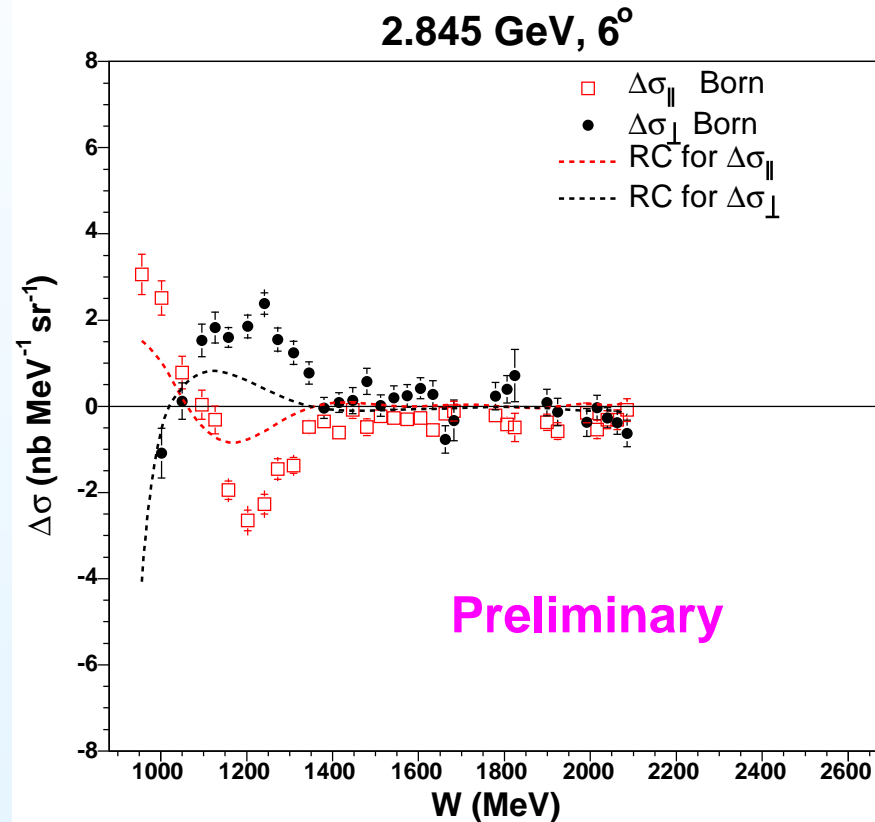
^3He nucleus is polarized via **spin-exchange** with **optically pumped** Rb atoms.

^3He Elastic Asymmetry

- Monte Carlo prediction: 1.390%
- Preliminary data analysis:
 $(1.403 \pm 0.044)\%$ (stat. only)
 $\chi^2/N_{\text{dof}} = 1.08.$
- Four target and beam configurations
- For **seven** out of the twelve beam energies, **elastic data** were acquired.



Cross Section Differences



Radiative corrections: formalism of L. Mo and Y. Tsai (unpolarized) and POLRAD (polarized), work done by J. Singh.