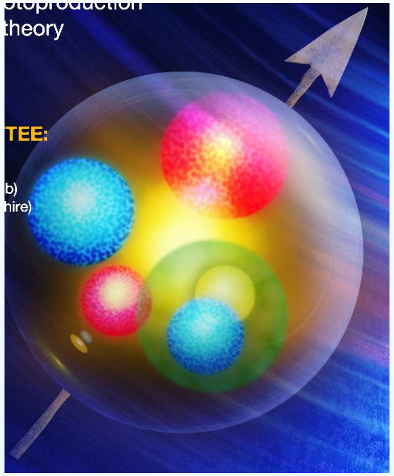
Neutron $\left({}^3\mathrm{He}\right)$ *Spin Structure Functions at Low* Q^2



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Spin Structure at Long Distance

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  - Preliminary results are now available and will be finalized in a few months.

Inclusive Cross Sections

- structure functions:

  g_1 and g_2 (quark polarizations)

  or σ_{TT} and σ_{LT}

  $$\sigma_{TT} = \sigma_{1/2}(x, Q^2) - \sigma_{3/2}(x, Q^2)$$

- Polarized cross sections

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

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

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

$\downarrow\uparrow$ is for electron spin, $\Uparrow\Rightarrow$ is for target spin direction

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

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

- 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.
- Sum rules are solid theoretical predictions based on general principles.

GDH Measurements

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

	M [GeV]	Spin	κ	$I_{\mathrm{GDH}}[\mu$ 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 are in progress.

See A. Sandorfi talk.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First moment 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 $Q^2 \to 0$.
- g_2 is suppressed at very low Q^2.

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

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

$$\Gamma_1^\mathrm{p} - \Gamma_1^\mathrm{n} = \frac{g_\mathrm{A}}{6}$$

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

Importance of the Generalized GDH Sum Rule

Lattice QCD

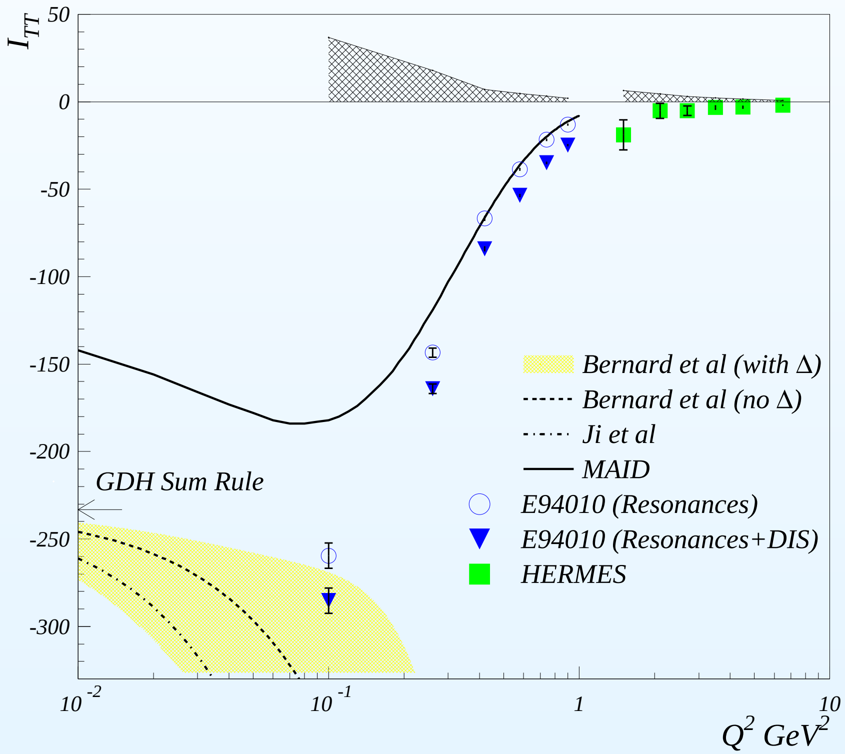
χPT OPE pQCD

$Q^2 = 0$ Hadronic $\longrightarrow$ $Q^2 = \infty$ Partonic

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

Hall A Neutron GDH Published Results

Neutron



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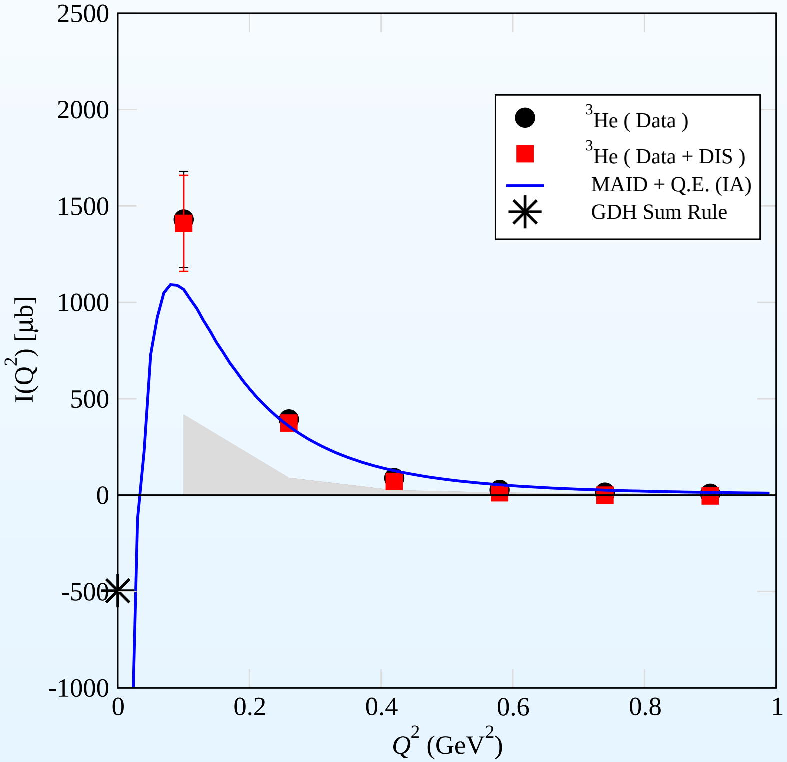
Helium-3



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

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: $^3\overrightarrow{\text{He}}(\vec{\text{e}},\text{e}')\text{X}$

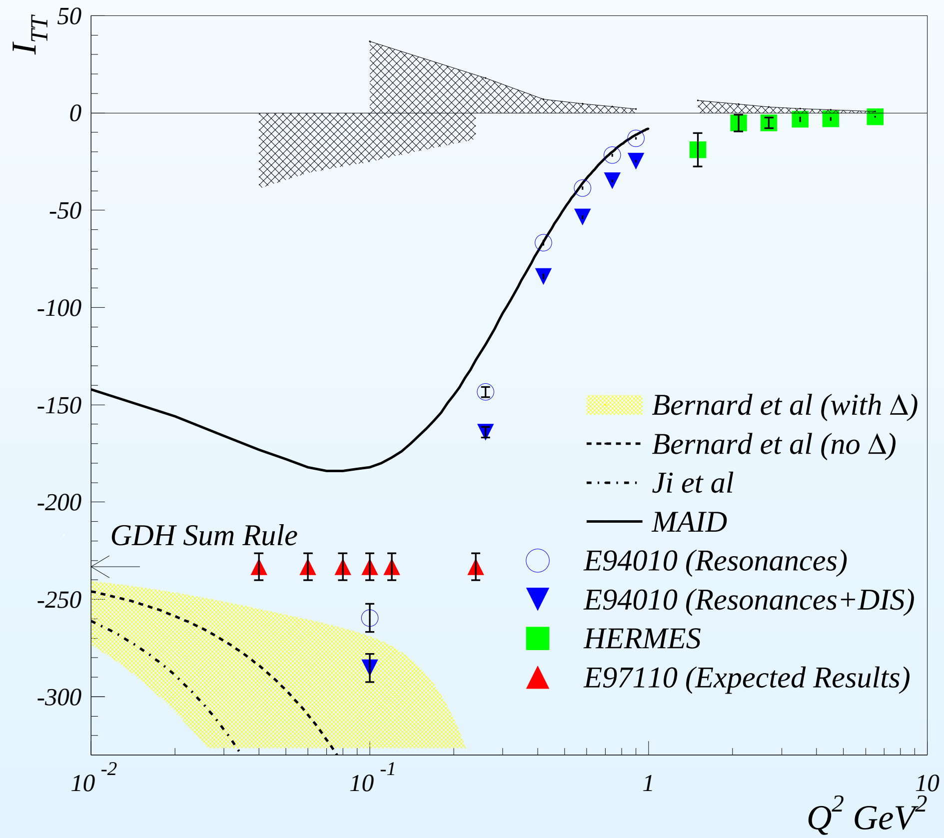
  $\Rightarrow$ Scattering angles of 6° and 9°

  $\Rightarrow$ Polarized electron beam:

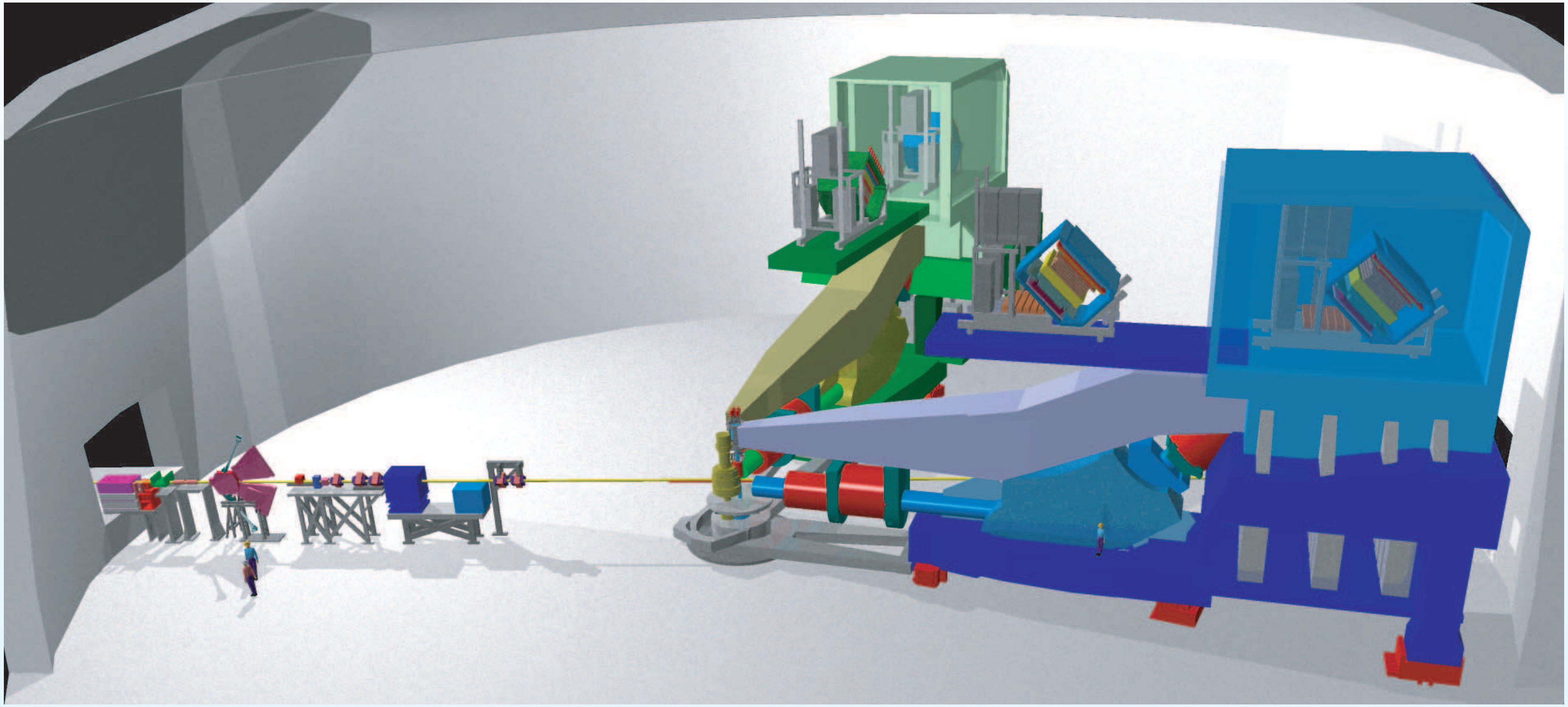
  $\langle P_{\text{beam}} \rangle$ = 75%

  $\Rightarrow$ Pol. ^{3}He target (para & perp):

  $\langle P_{\text{targ}} \rangle$ = 40%
- Measured polarized cross-section differences

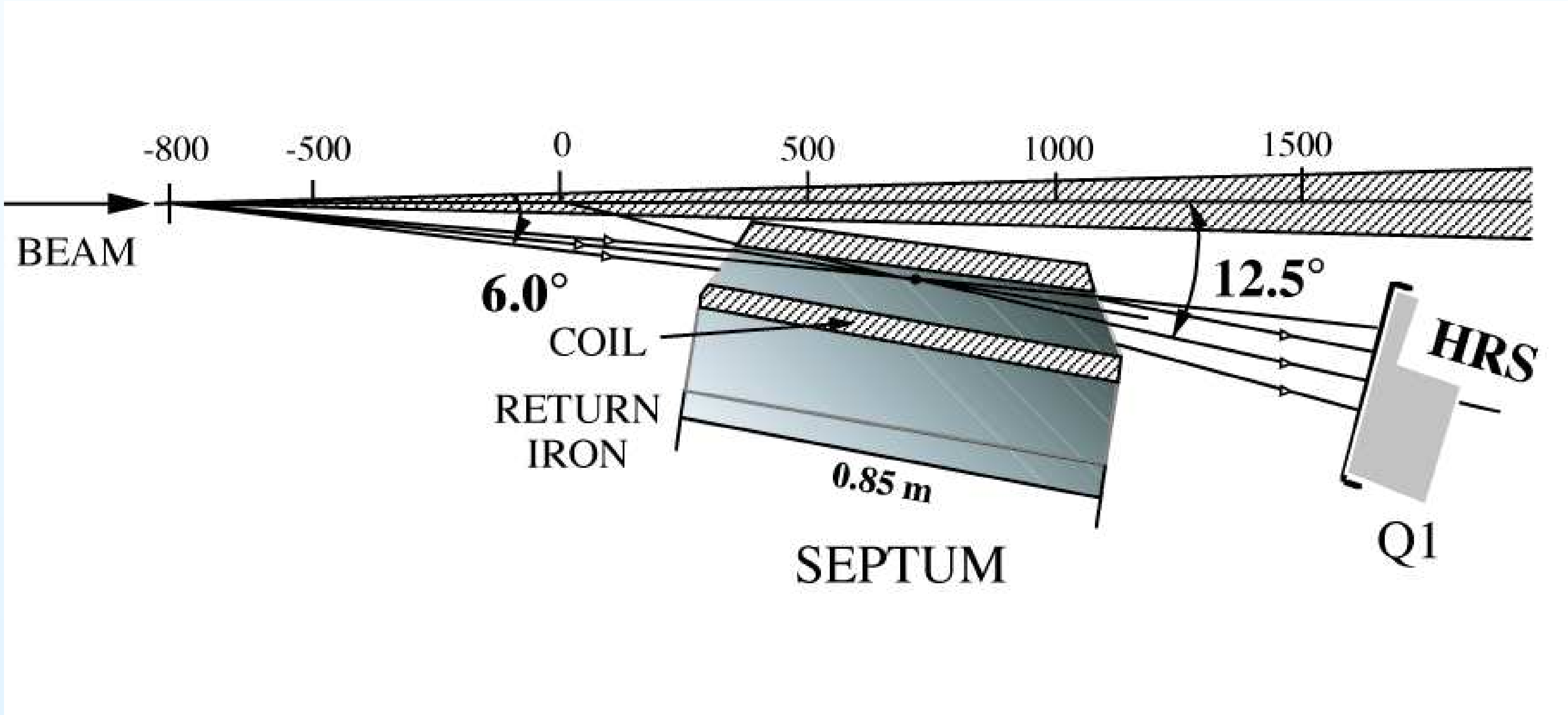


Experimental Setup

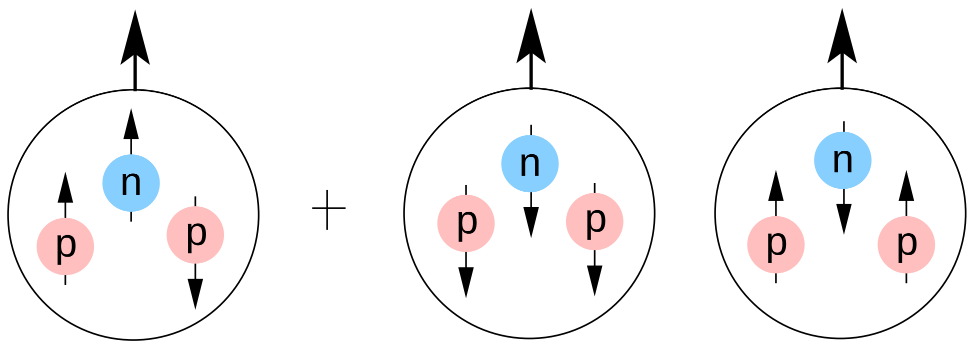


New Bending Magnet

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



^{3}He as an Effective Polarized Neutron Target



S state D state S' state

$(\sim 88.2\%)$ $(\sim 9.8\%)$ $(\sim 1.4\%)$

$P_{\rm n}$ = 86% and $P_{\rm p}$ = -2.8%

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

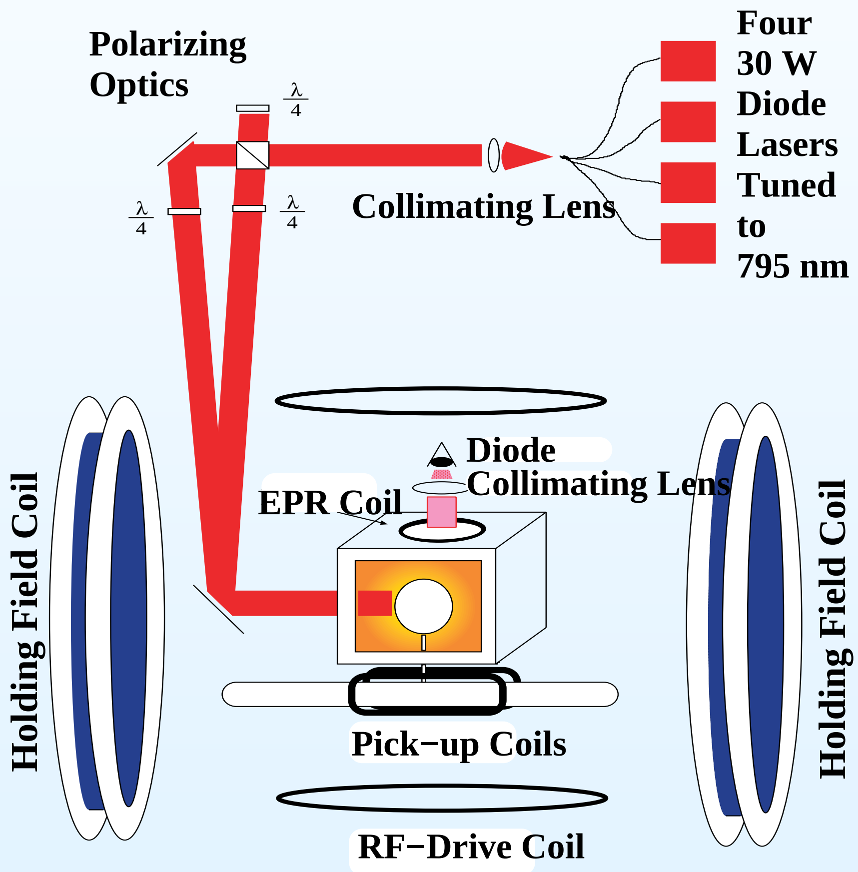
Extraction of Neutron Results

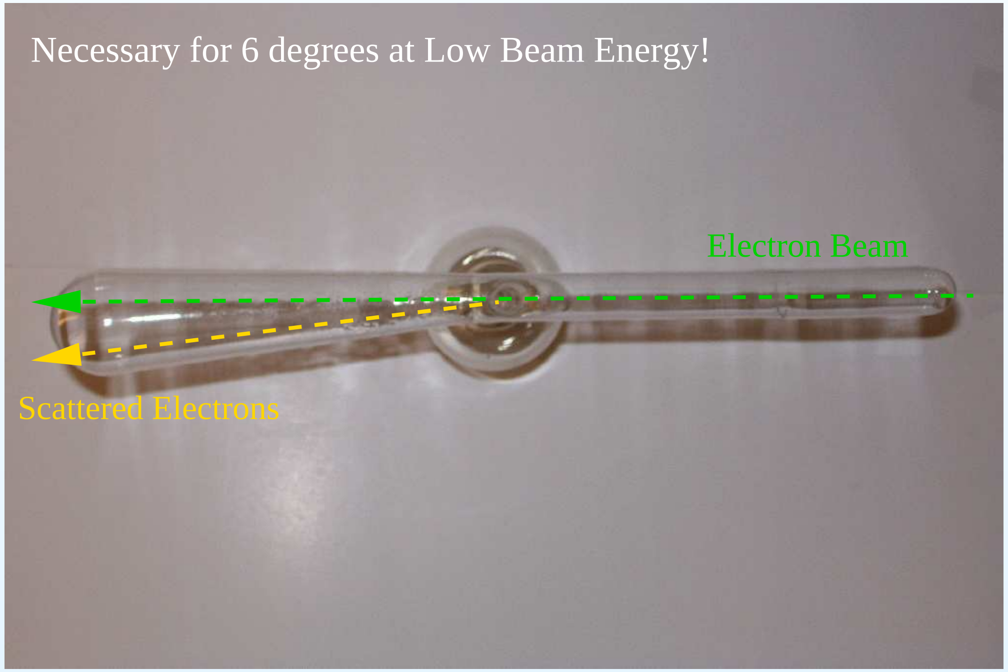
$$\Gamma_1^{\rm n}(Q^2) = \frac{1}{P_{\rm n}}\left[\Gamma_1^{^3{\rm He}}(Q^2) - 2P_{\rm p}\Gamma_1^{\rm p}(Q^2)\right]$$

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

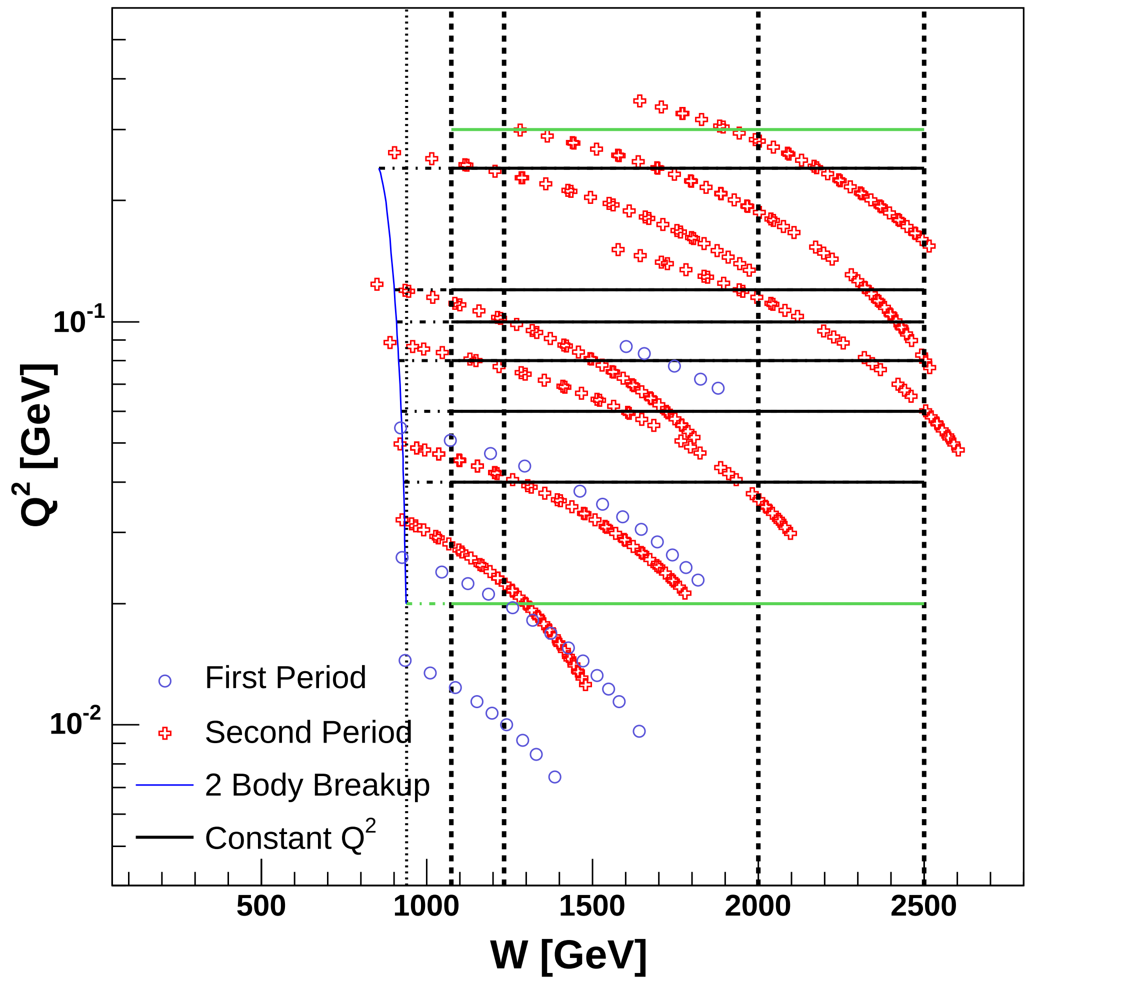
Polarized ^{3}He System

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



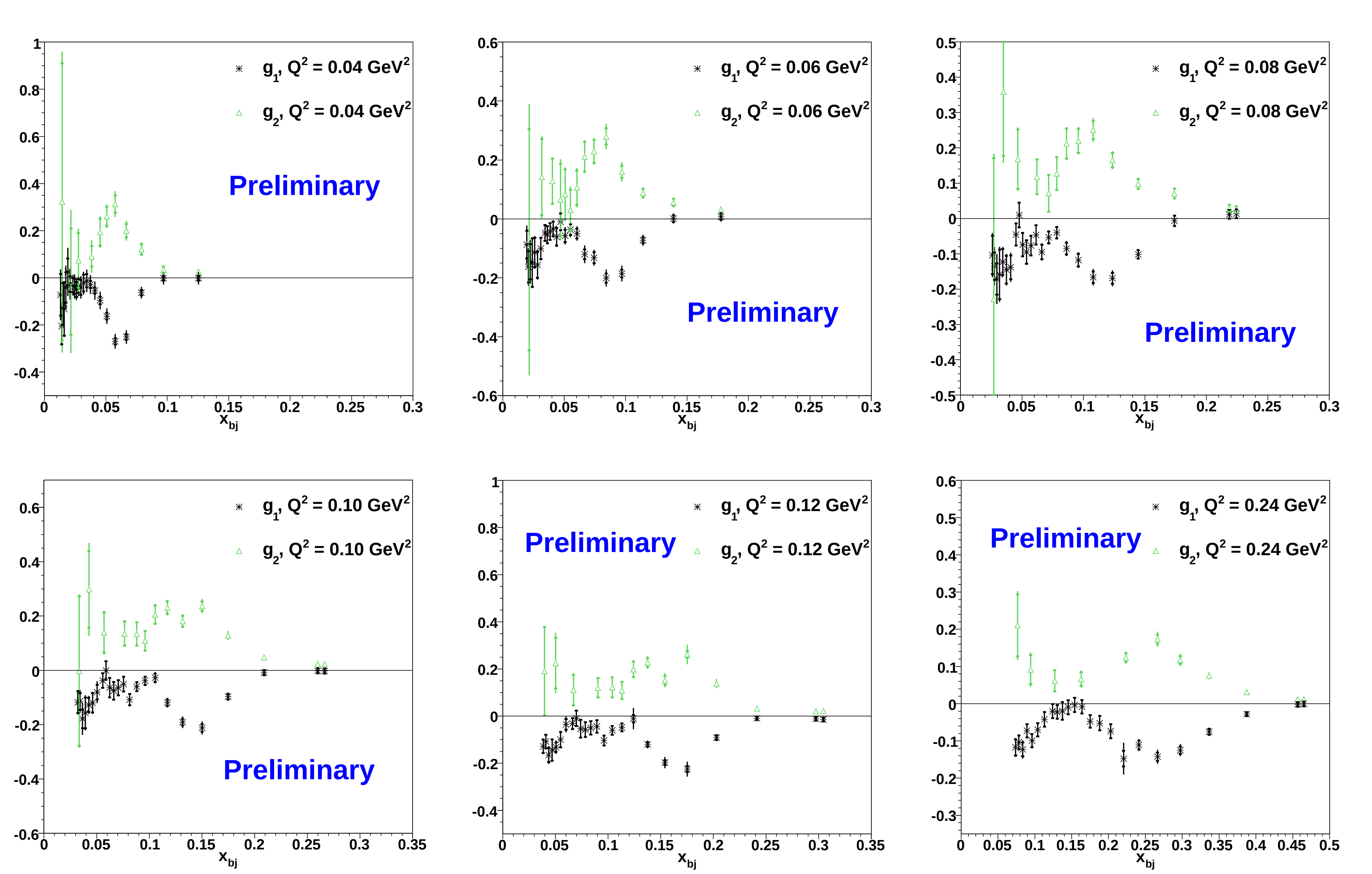


Kinematic Coverage and Interpolation

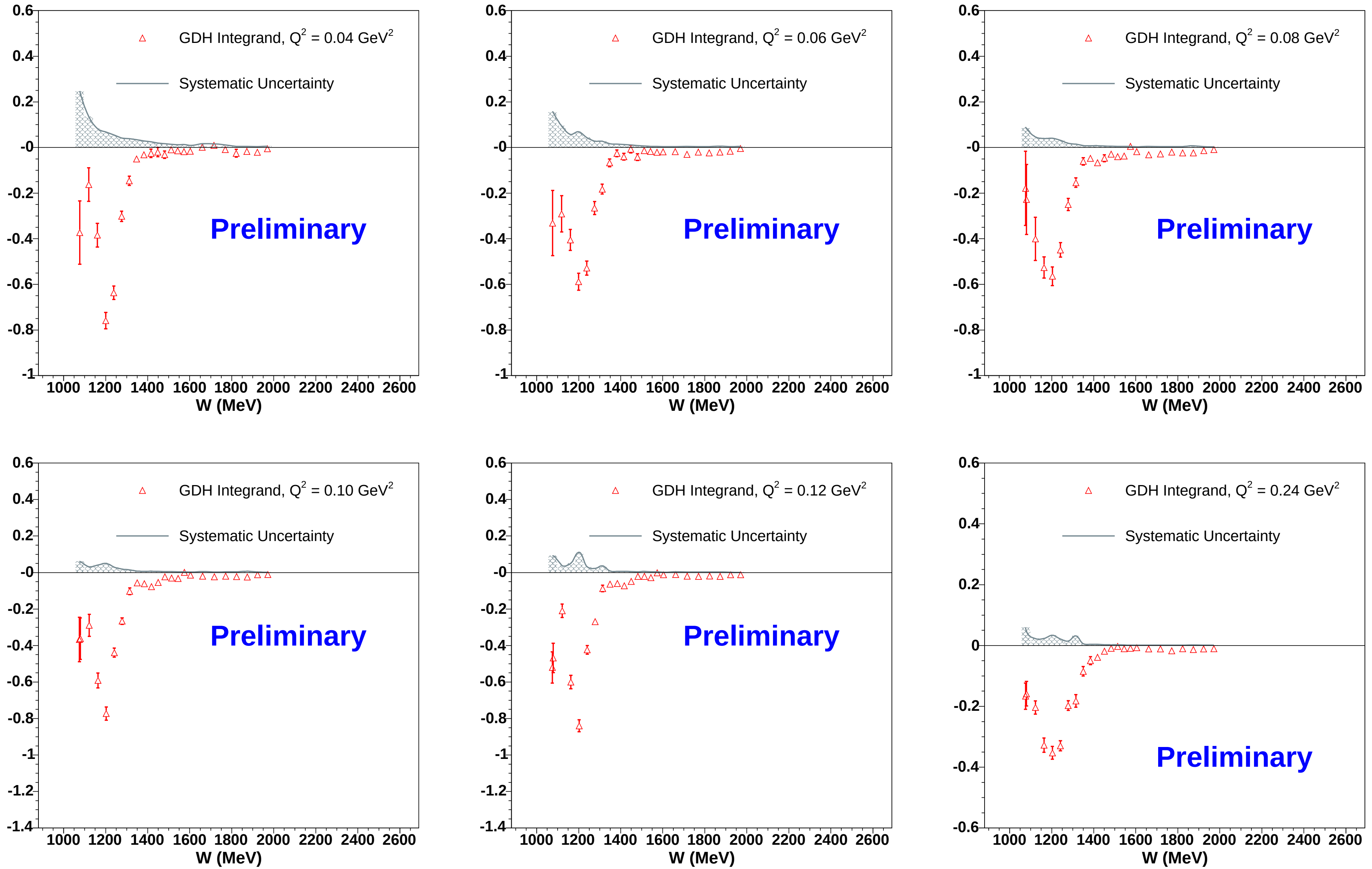


Six constant Q^2 points: 0.04, 0.06, 0.08, 0.1, 0.12 and 0.24 GeV^2.

^{3}He - g_1, g_2 versus x at constant Q^2

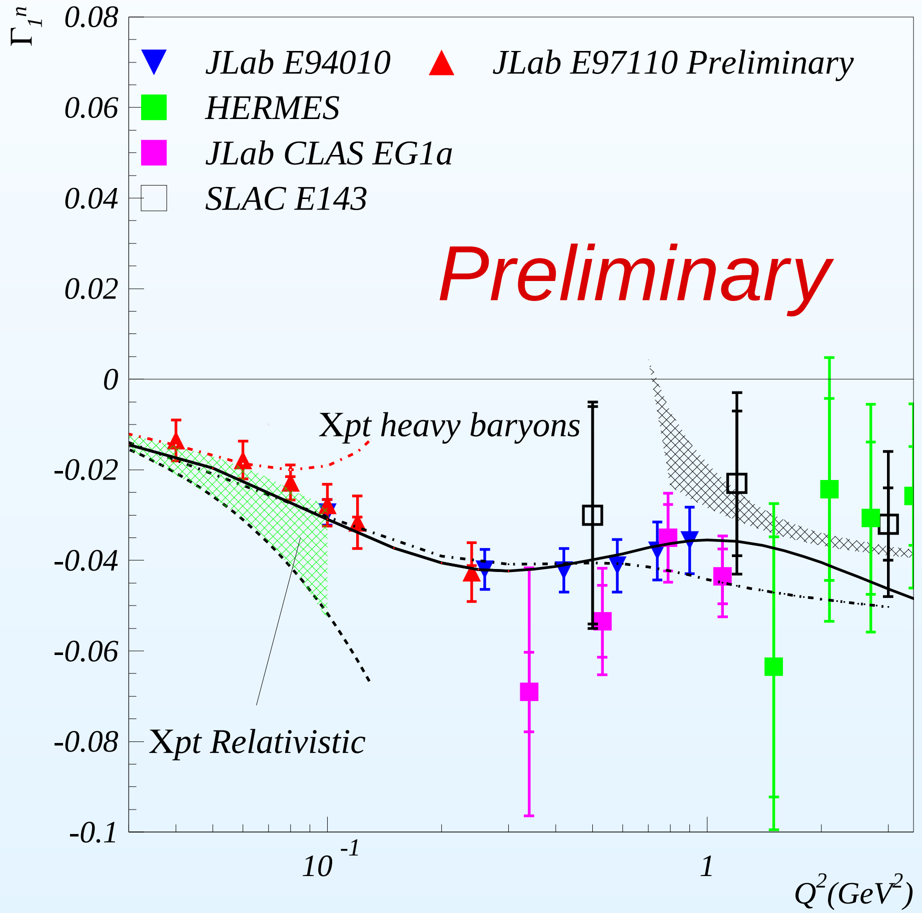


^{3}He - $\frac{\sigma_{TT}}{\nu}$ versus W at constant Q^2



Γ_1^n: First Moment of g_1

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



Xpt - Chiral Perturbation Theory

Preliminary

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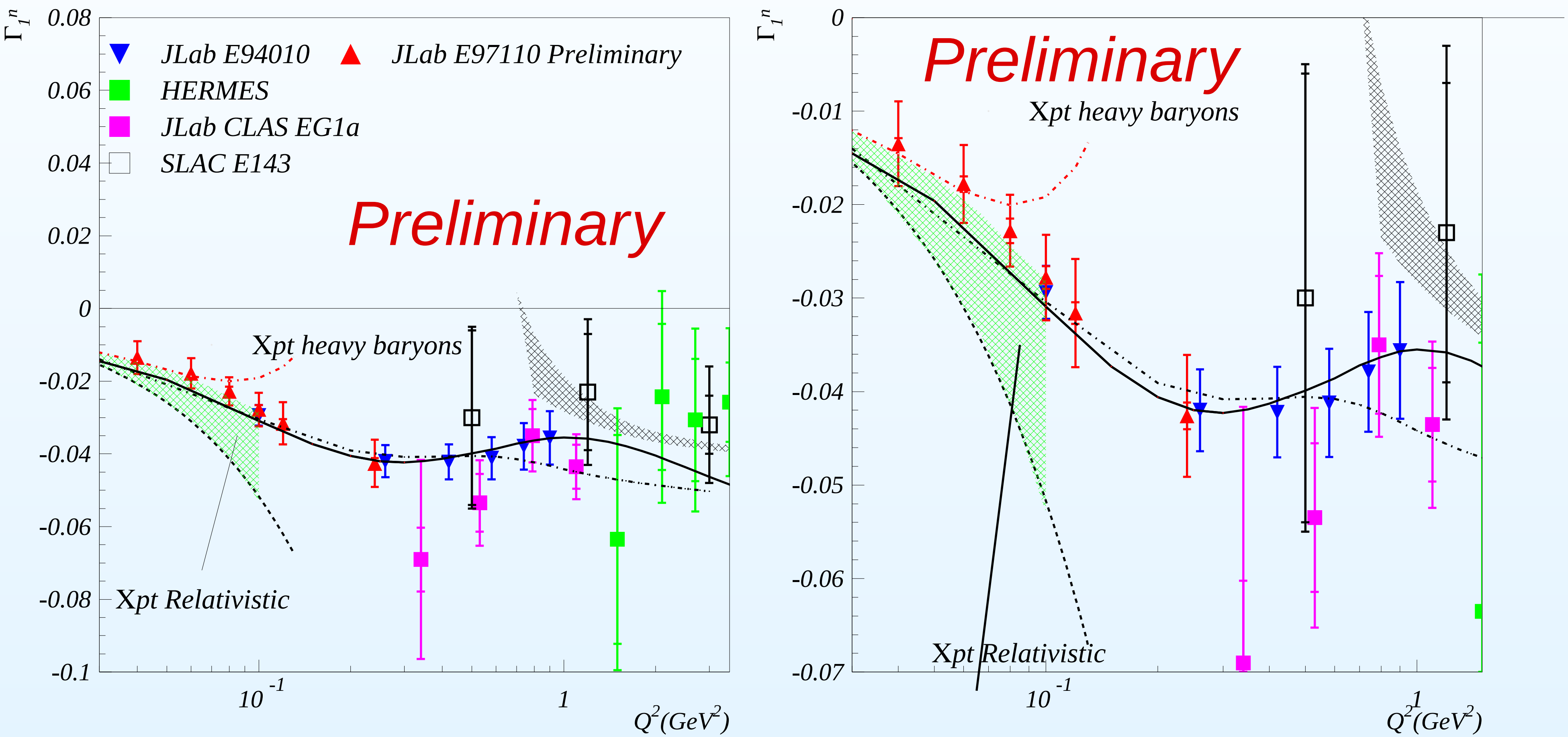
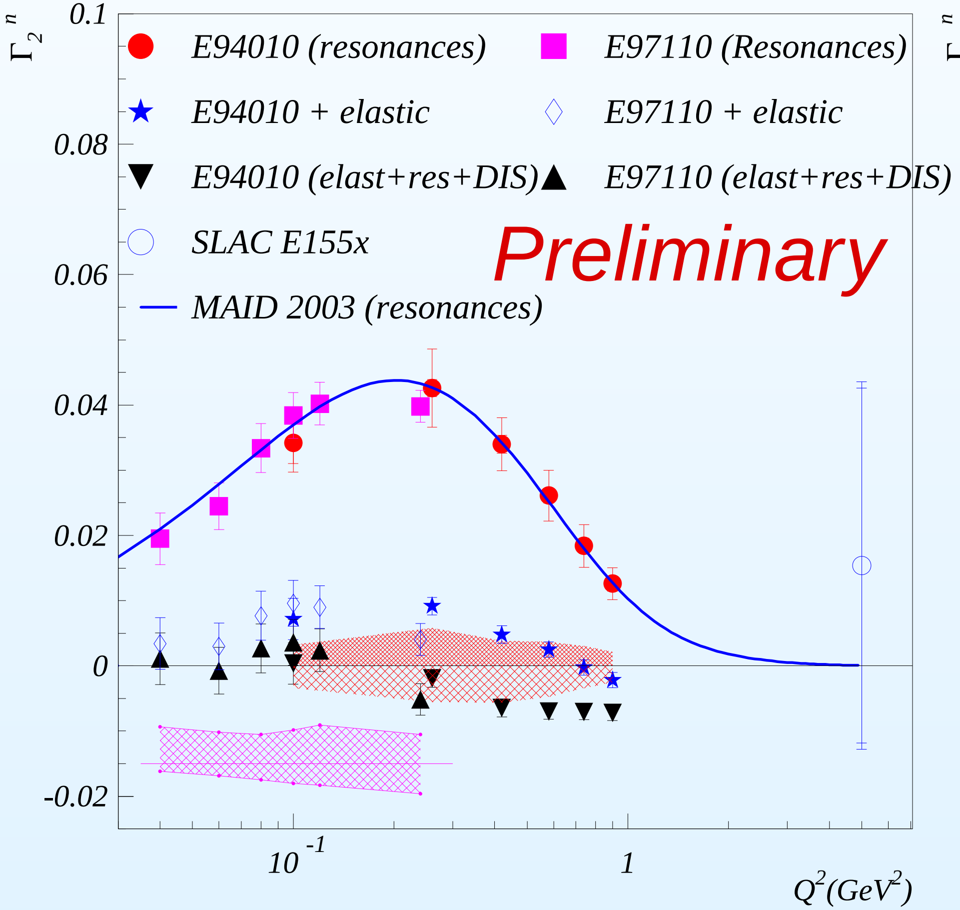


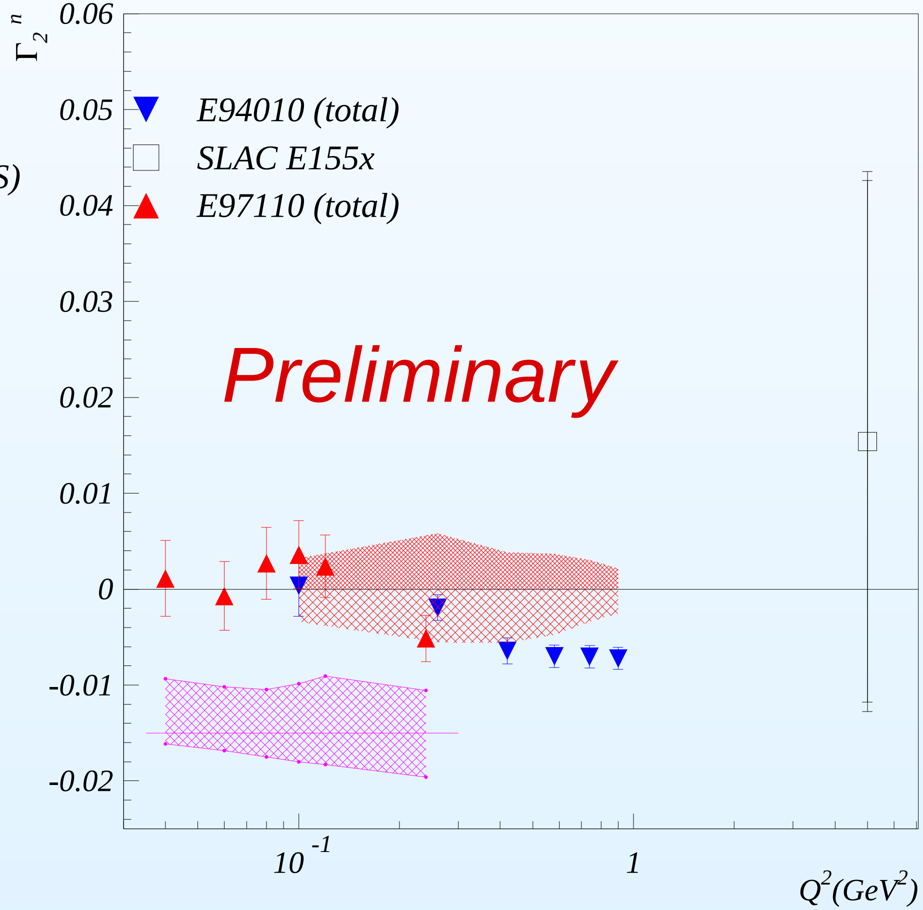
Xpt - Chiral Perturbation Theory

Γ_2^n: First Moment of g_2

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

Burkhardt-Cottingham Sum Rule





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 spin structure functions at low Q^2: 0.02 to 0.3 $[\text{GeV}/c]^2$
- Preliminary results of the the neutron moments are available and work is in progress to finalize the systematic effects.
- These data provide a precision test of Chiral Perturbation Theory calculations at a Q^2 where they are expected to be valid.
- Expect final neutron results soon.

Systematic Uncertainties

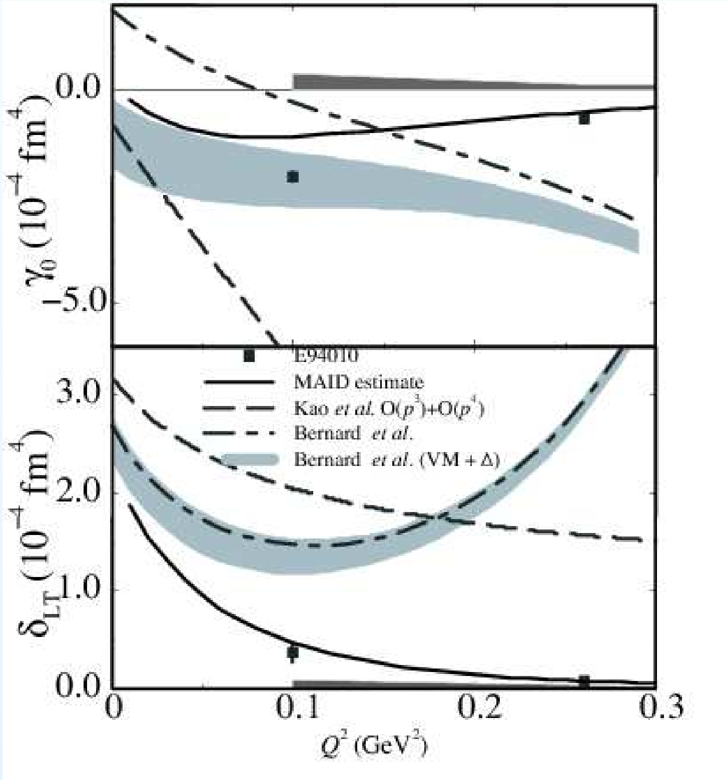
Source	Systematic Uncertainty		
Angle	6°	9°	3.775 GeV, 9°
Target density	2.0%		
Acceptance/Effects	5.0%	5.0%	15.0%
VDC efficiency	3.0%	2.5%	2.5%
Charge	1.0%		
PID Detector and Cut effs.	$<$ 1.0%		
$\delta\sigma_{\mathrm{raw}}$	6.4%	6.2%	15.5%
Nitrogen dilution	0.2–0.5%		
$\delta\sigma_{\mathrm{exp}}$	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 $\Delta\sigma$	10.5%	10.4%	17.6%

$*$ Radiative correction $\approx$ 5–10% in delta region

Future Prospects: Spin Polarizabilities

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

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



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Extra Slides

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 paper for $Q^2 >=$ 0.1 GeV^2.
- $Q^2 <$ 0.1 GeV^2 use effective polarization technique (difference $\sim$ 5–10%).

Inclusive Electron Scattering

Energy transfer:

$$\nu = E - E'$$

4-momentum transfer squared:

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

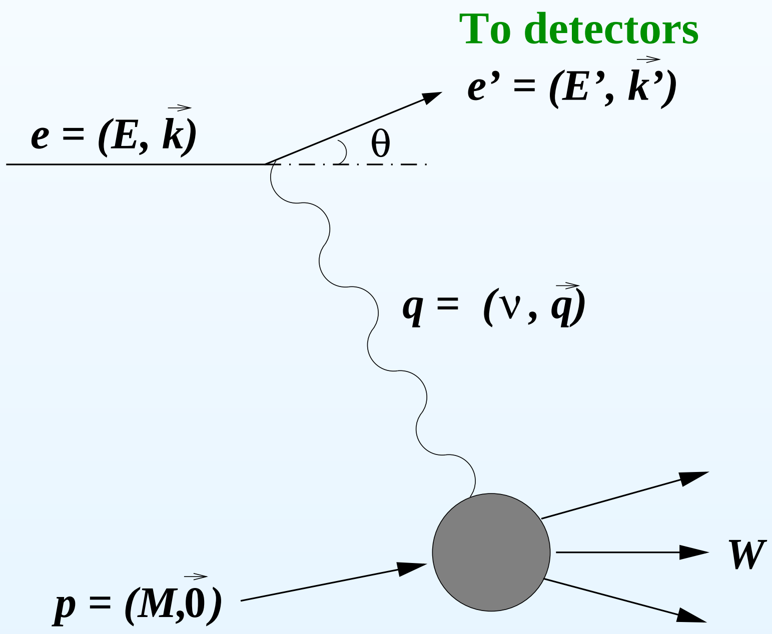
$$Q^2 = -q^2 = 4EE' \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$

Invariant Mass:

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

Bjorken variable:

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



GDH Derivation for Real Photons

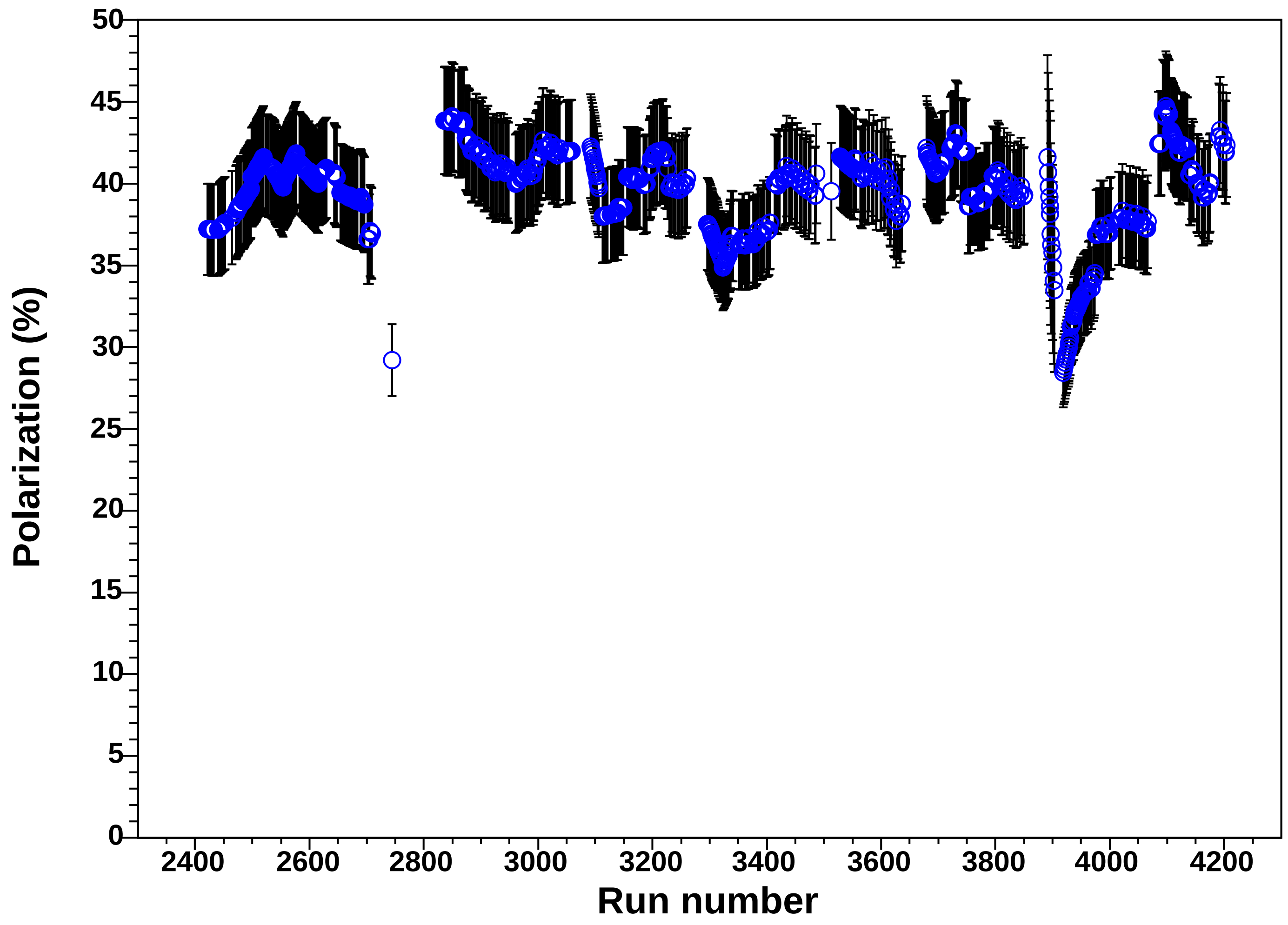
- Begin with the spin dependent part of the forward Compton amplitude, S_1
- Use the following dispersion relation and three assumptions:

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

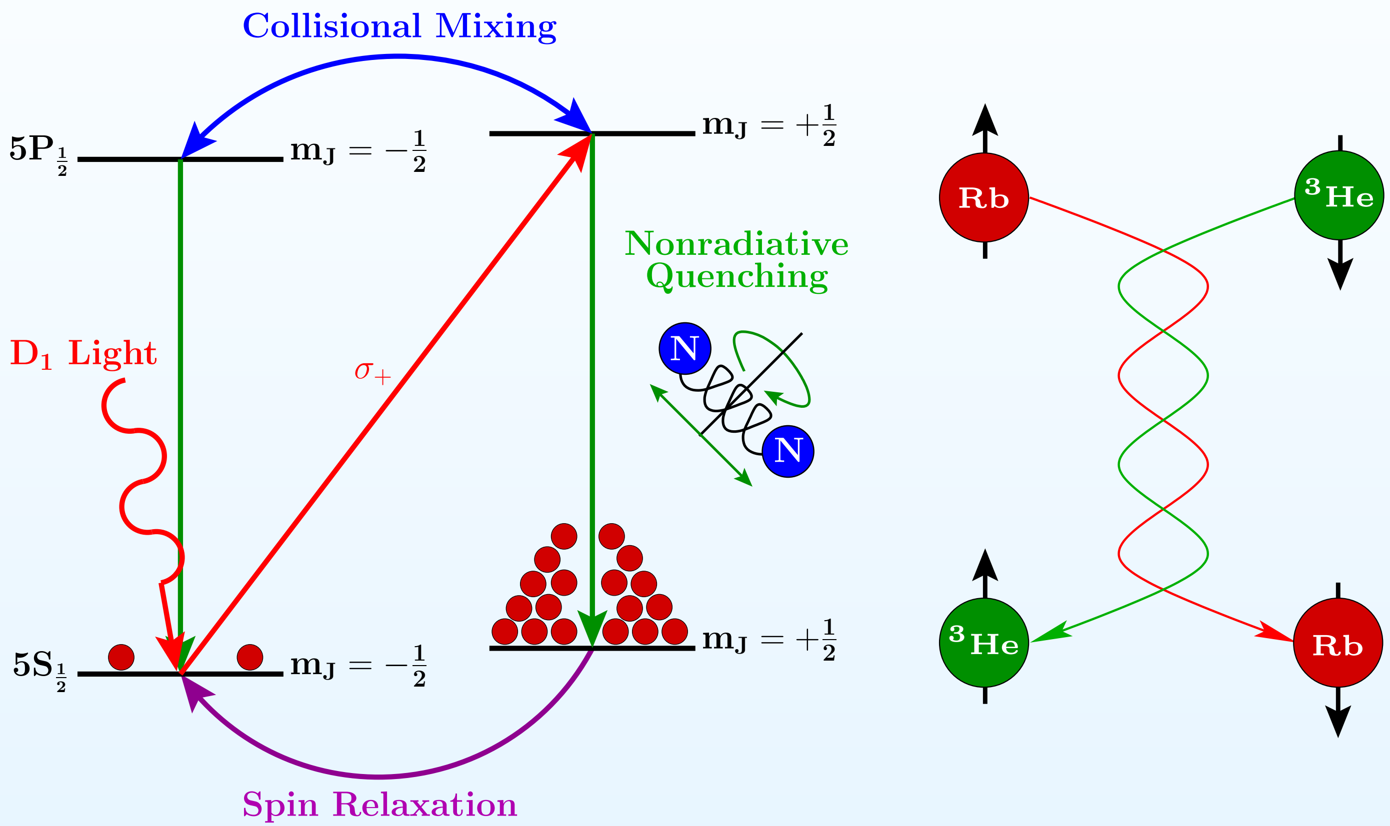
- Optical Theorem: $\mathrm{Im}\ S_1(\nu) = \frac{\nu}{8\pi}\sigma_{TT}(\nu)$
- Low Energy Theorem: $\mathrm{Re}\ S_1(\nu) = -\frac{e^2\kappa^2}{8\pi M^2}\nu$
- Unsubstracted Dispersion Relation: assumption is convergence of the dispersion integral.

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

Preliminary Target Polarization



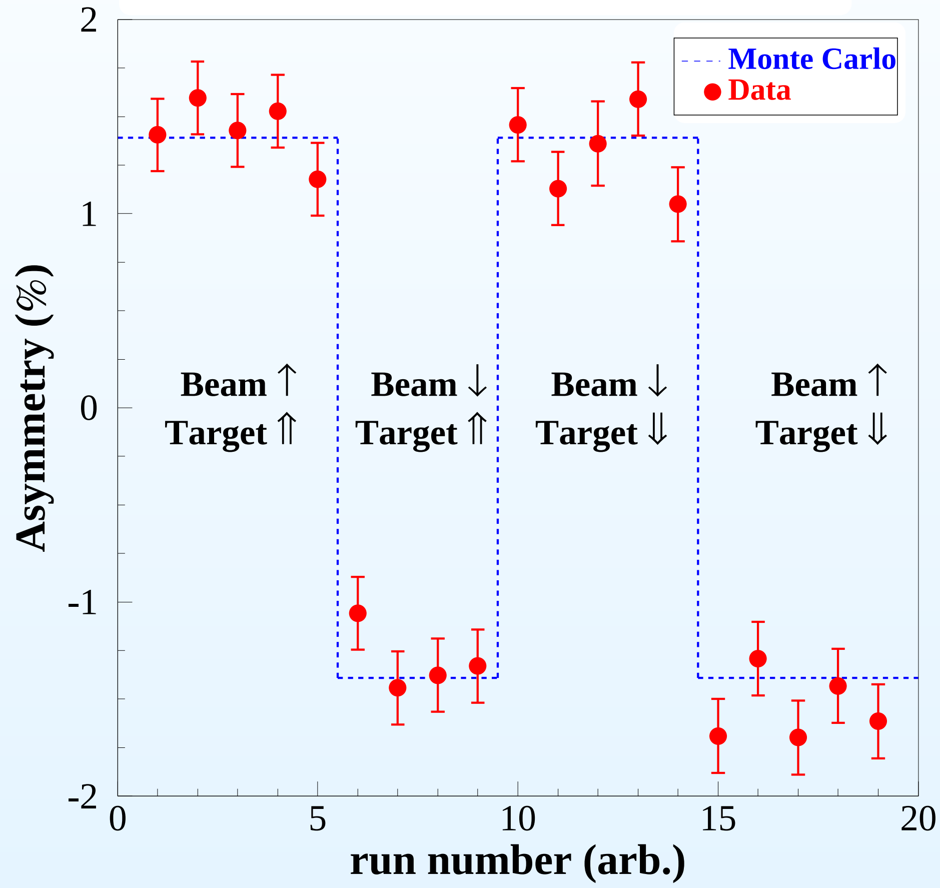
Spin Exchange Optical Pumping



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

^{3}He Elastic Asymmetry

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



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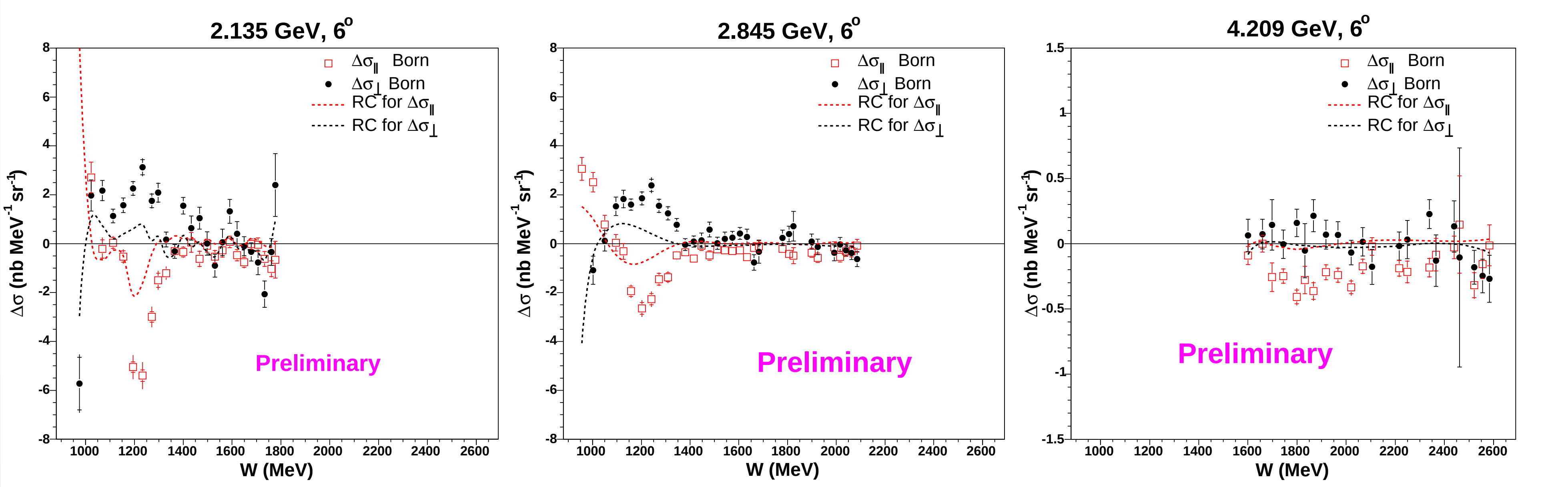

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