

# Generalized Polarizabilities of the proton

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# Outline

Introduction to the GPs

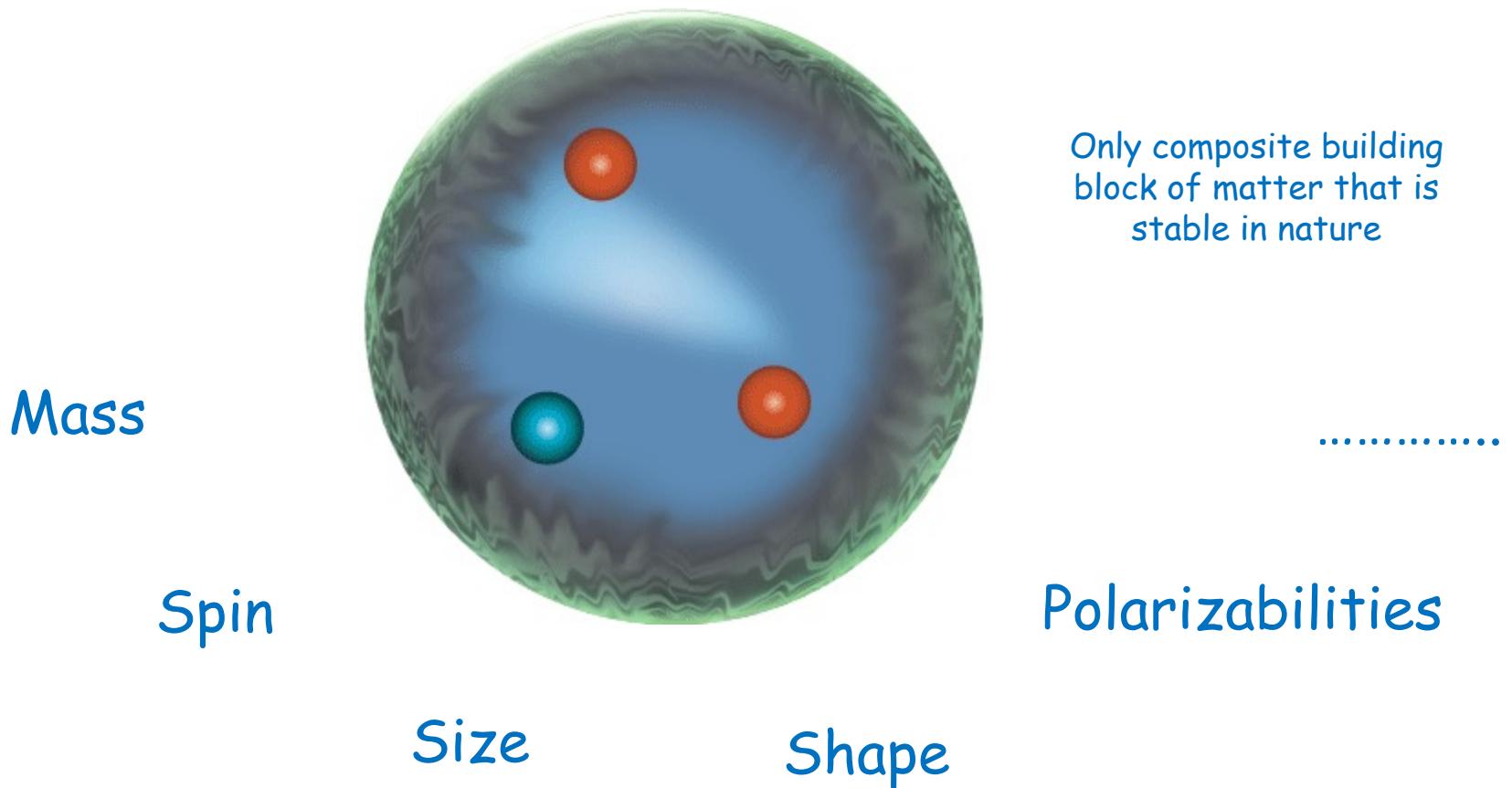
Overview / Status & Challenges

Recent results / Jlab & MAMI

Prospects / VCS-II @ Jlab, measuring w positrons, ...

Our mission: Explain how the proton emerges from  
the dynamics of the quark & gluon constituents

How to accomplish: Measure and understand the emergence  
of the fundamental properties of the proton's bound state



# Proton Polarizabilities

Fundamental structure constants  
(such as mass, size, shape, ...)

Response of the nucleon to external EM field

Sensitive to the full excitation spectrum

Accessed experimentally through Compton Scattering

RCS: static polarizabilities → net effect on the nucleon

Virtual Compton Scattering:

Virtuality of photon gives access to the GPs :  $\alpha_E(Q^2)$  &  $\beta_M(Q^2)$  (+ 4 spin GPs)  
→ mapping out the spatial distribution of the polarization densities

Fourier transform of densities of electric charges and  
magnetization of a nucleon deformed by an applied EM field

PDG

150 Baryon Summary Table

**N BARYONS**  
**( $S = 0, I = 1/2$ )**

$p, N^+ = uud; n, N^0 = udd$

**p**

$I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}^+)$

Mass  $m = 1.00727646681 \pm 0.00000000009$  u

Mass  $m = 938.272046 \pm 0.000021$  MeV [a]

$|m_p - m_{\bar{p}}|/m_p < 7 \times 10^{-10}$ , CL = 90% [b]

$|\frac{q_p}{m_{\bar{p}}} - \frac{q_{\bar{p}}}{m_p}|/(m_p) = 0.9999999991 \pm 0.0000000009$

$|q_p + q_{\bar{p}}|/e < 7 \times 10^{-10}$ , CL = 90% [b]

$|q_p + q_e|/e < 1 \times 10^{-21}$  [c]

Magnetic moment  $\mu = 2.792847356 \pm 0.000000023$   $\mu_N$

$(\mu_p + \mu_{\bar{p}})/\mu_p = (0 \pm 5) \times 10^{-6}$

Electric dipole moment  $d < 0.54 \times 10^{-23}$  ecm

Electric polarizability  $\alpha = (11.2 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-4}$  fm<sup>3</sup>

Magnetic polarizability  $\beta = (2.5 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-4}$  fm<sup>3</sup> (S = 1.2)

Charge radius,  $\mu p$  Lamb shift =  $0.84087 \pm 0.00039$  fm [d]

Charge radius,  $e p$  CODATA value =  $0.8775 \pm 0.0051$  fm [d]

Magnetic radius =  $0.777 \pm 0.016$  fm

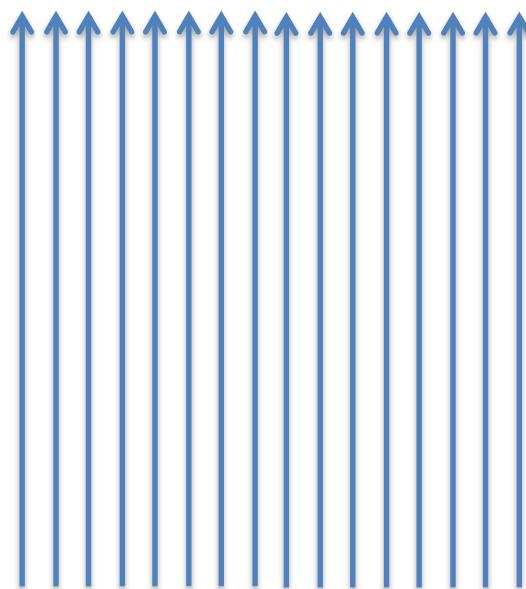
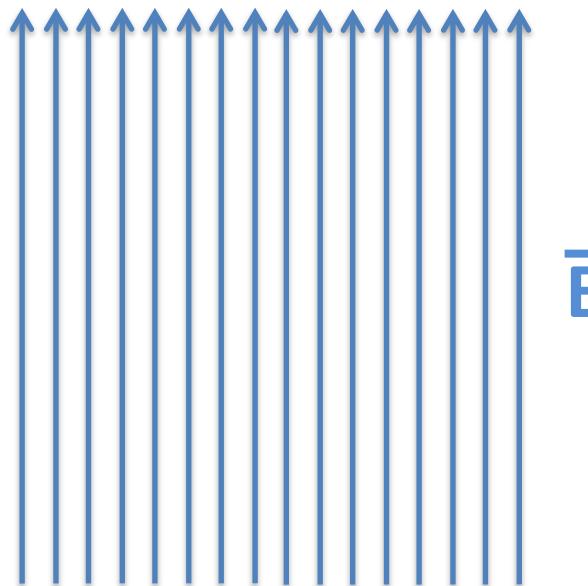
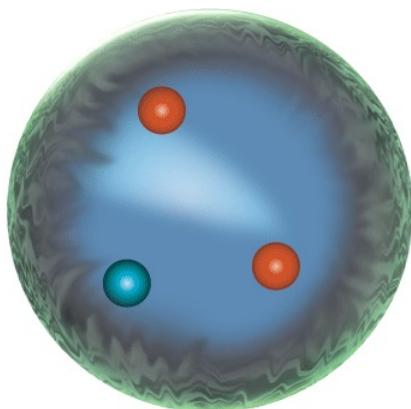
Mean life  $\tau > 2.1 \times 10^{29}$  years, CL = 90% [e] ( $p \rightarrow$  invisible mode)

Mean life  $\tau > 10^{31}$  to  $10^{33}$  years [e] (mode dependent)

# Scalar Polarizabilities

Response of internal structure to an applied EM field

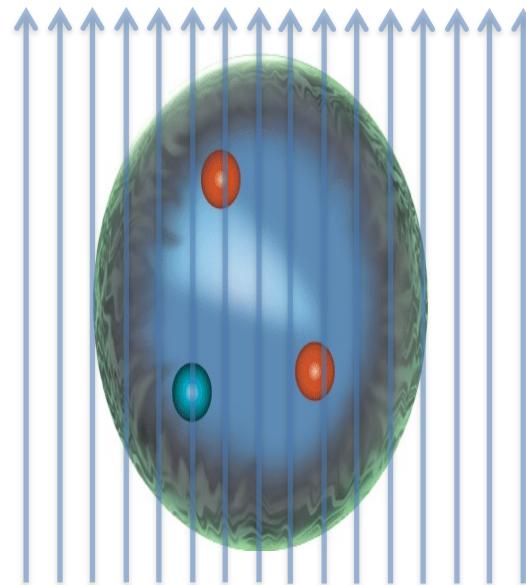
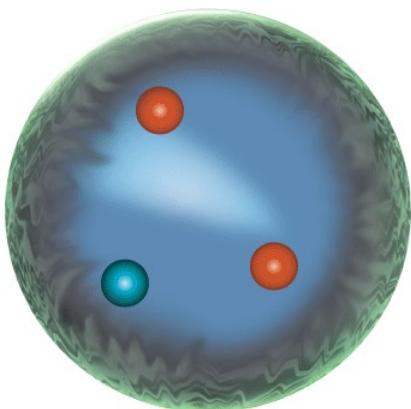
Interaction of the EM field with the internal structure of the nucleon



# Scalar Polarizabilities

Response of internal structure to an applied EM field

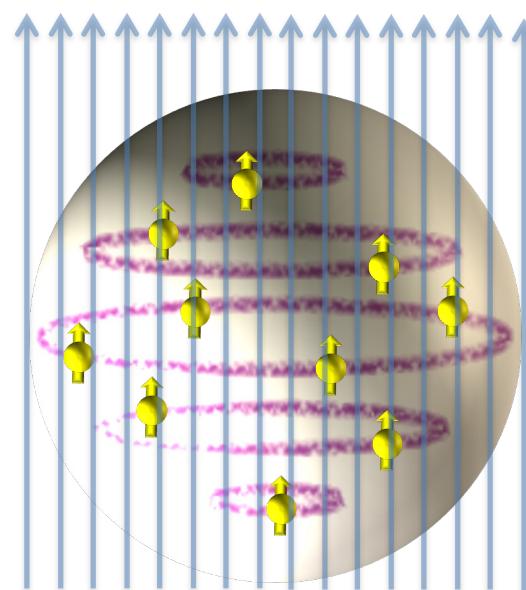
Interaction of the EM field with the internal structure of the nucleon



"stretchability"

$$\vec{d}_{E \text{ induced}} \sim \alpha \vec{E}$$

External field deforms  
the charge distribution



"alignability"

$$\vec{d}_{M \text{ induced}} \sim \beta \vec{B}$$

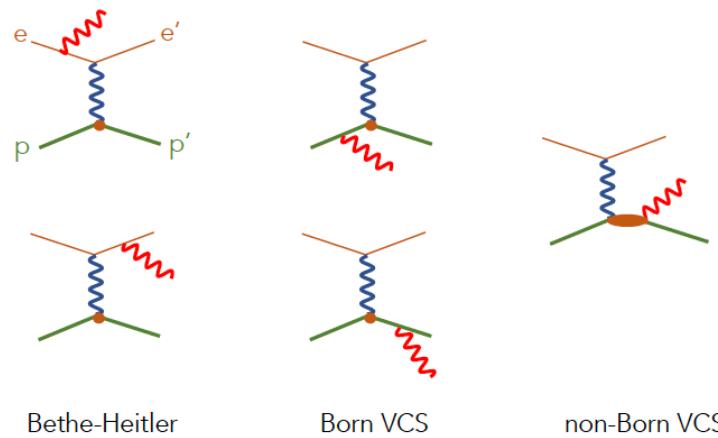
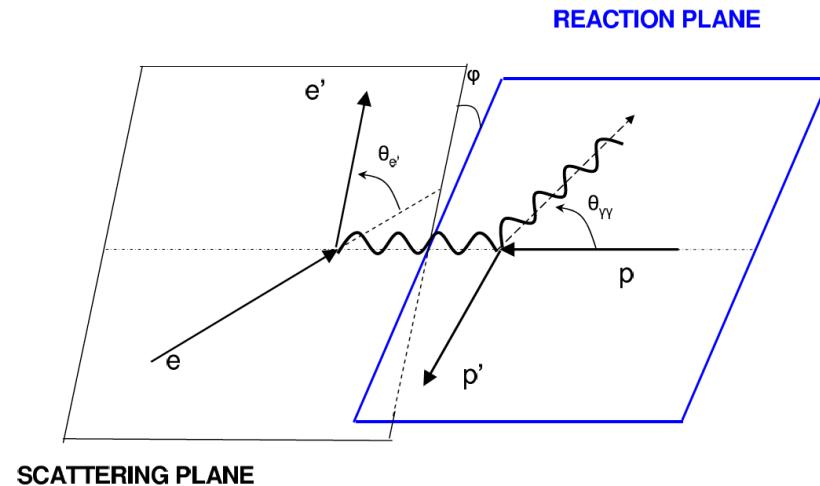
$$\beta_{\text{para}} > 0$$

$$\beta_{\text{diam}} < 0$$

Paramagnetic: proton spin aligns  
with the external magnetic field

Diamagnetic:  $\pi$ -cloud induction  
produces field counter to the  
external perturbation

# Virtual Compton Scattering



Elastic FFs

GPs

# Virtual Compton Scattering

DR

valid below & above  
Pion threshold



Dispersive integrals  
for Non Born amplitudes

Spin GPs are fixed

Scalar GPs have  
an unconstrained part

Fit to the experimental  
cross sections at each  $Q^2$

LEX

valid only below  
Pion threshold



Response functions

$$d^5\sigma = d^5\sigma^{BH+Born} + q'_{cm} \cdot \phi \cdot \Psi_0 + \mathcal{O}(q'^2_{cm})$$

$$\Psi_0 = v_1 \cdot (P_{LL} - \frac{1}{\epsilon} P_{TT}) + v_2 \cdot P_{LT}$$



Subtract the spin part

$$P_{TT} = [P_{TT \text{ spin}}]$$

$$P_{LT} = -\frac{2M}{\alpha_{em}} \sqrt{\frac{q^2_{cm}}{Q^2}} \cdot G_E^p(Q^2) \cdot \beta_M(Q^2) + [P_{LT \text{ spin}}]$$

utilize DR



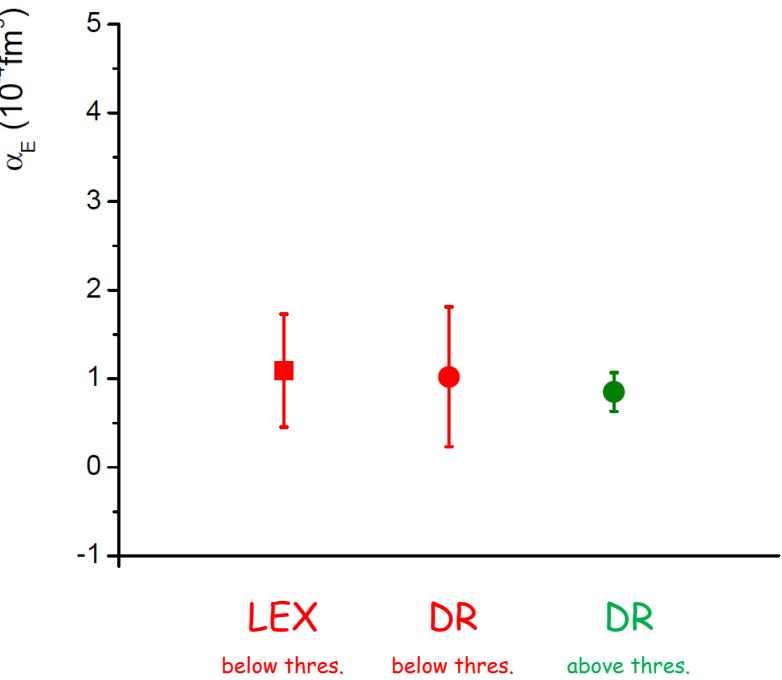
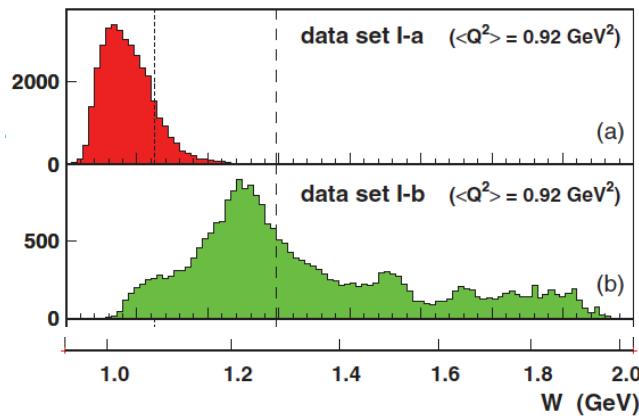
scalar GPs  $\alpha_E$  and  $\beta_M$



# Virtual Compton Scattering

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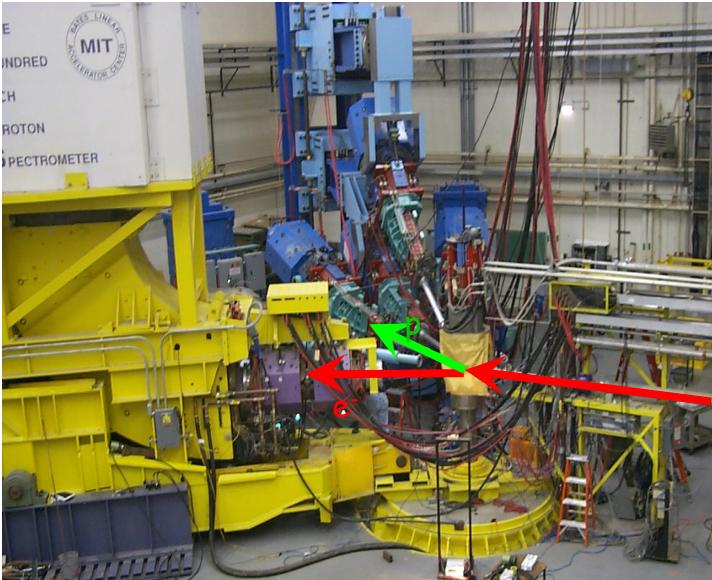
Phys. Rev Lett. 93, 122001 (2004)



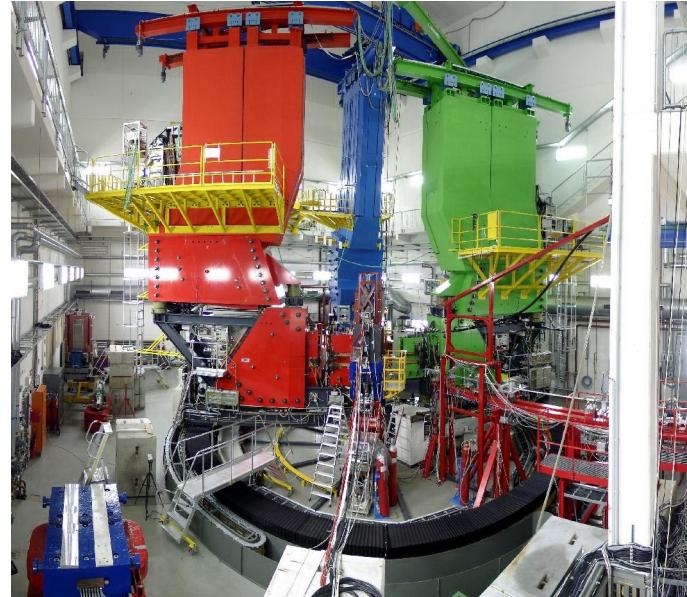
Sensitivity to the GPs grows as we measure above pion threshold

# Early Experiments

MIT-Bates @  $Q^2=0.06 \text{ GeV}^2$



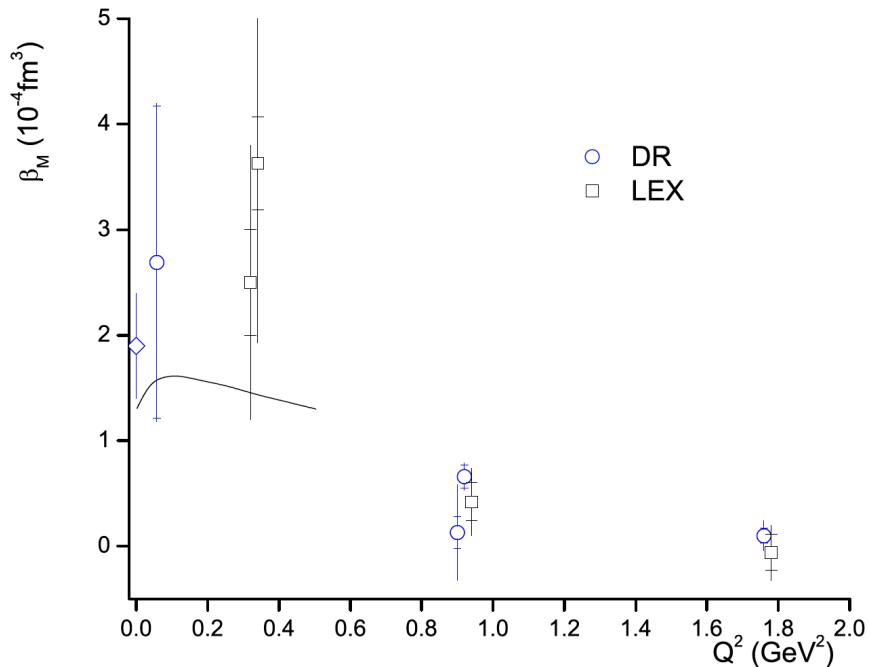
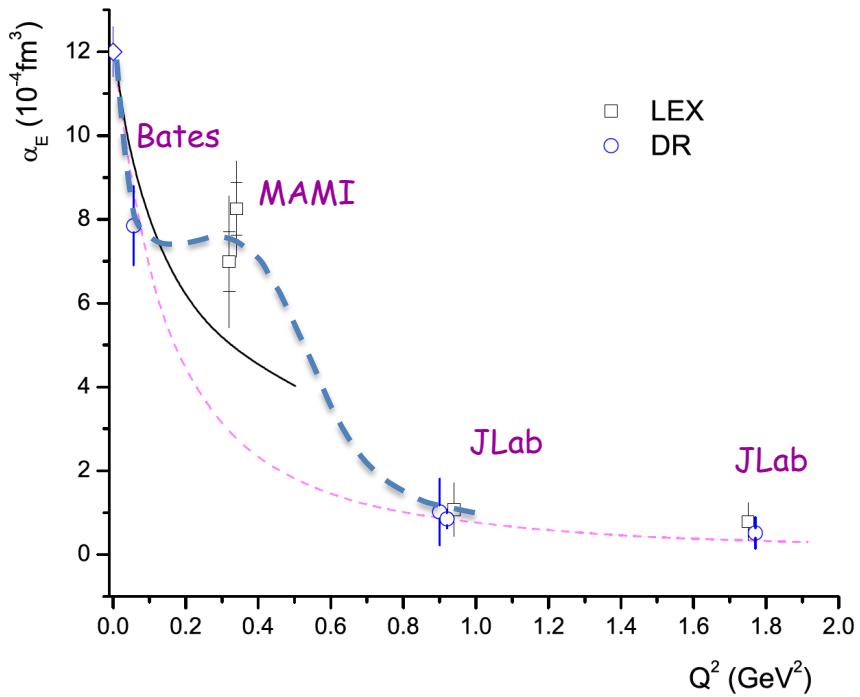
MAMI-A1 @  $Q^2=0.33 \text{ GeV}^2$



Jlab-Hall A @  $Q^2=0.9 \& 1.8 \text{ GeV}^2$



# Early Experiments



$a_E \approx 10^{-3} V_N$  (stiffness / relativistic character)

Data: non-trivial  $Q^2$  dependence of  $a_E$  (?)

Theory: monotonic fall-off

$Q^2 = 0.33 (\text{GeV}/c)^2$  measured twice at MAMI:

- Phys. Rev. Lett 85, 708 (2000)
- Eur. Phys. J. A37, 1-8 (2008)

$\beta_M$  small  $\leftrightarrow$  cancellation of competing mechanisms

Large uncertainties

Higher precision measurements needed

$\rightarrow$  Quantify the balance between diamagnetism and paramagnetism

# Theory

HBChPT

NRQCM

Effective Lagrangian Model

Linear Sigma Model

T.R. Hemmert et al

B. Pasquini et al

A. Yu. Korchin and O. Scholten

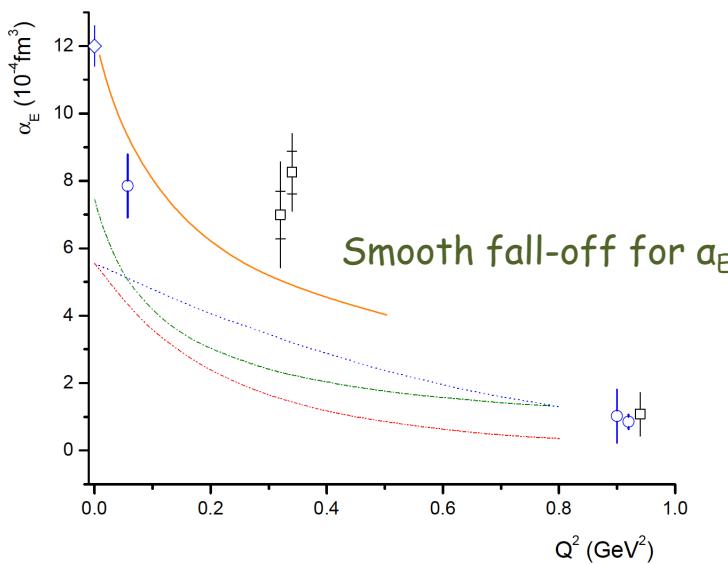
A. Metz and D. Drechsel

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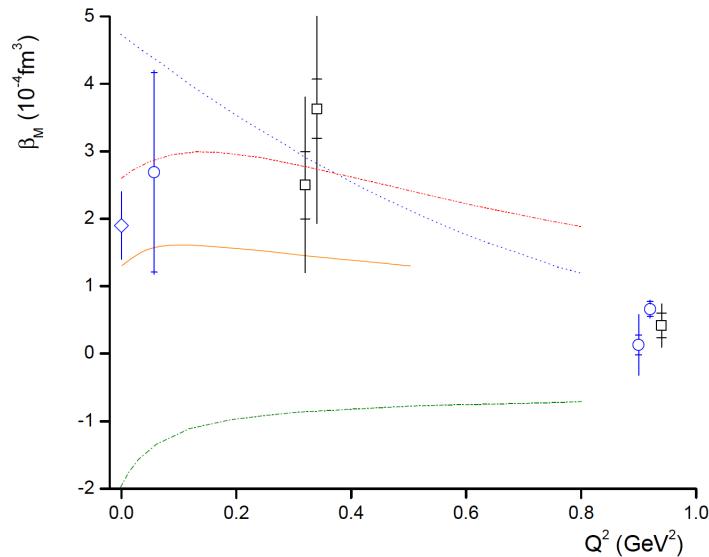
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Smooth fall-off for  $\alpha_E$

A non-trivial structure for  $\alpha_E$   
is not supported by the theory



Spread in the theoretical predictions

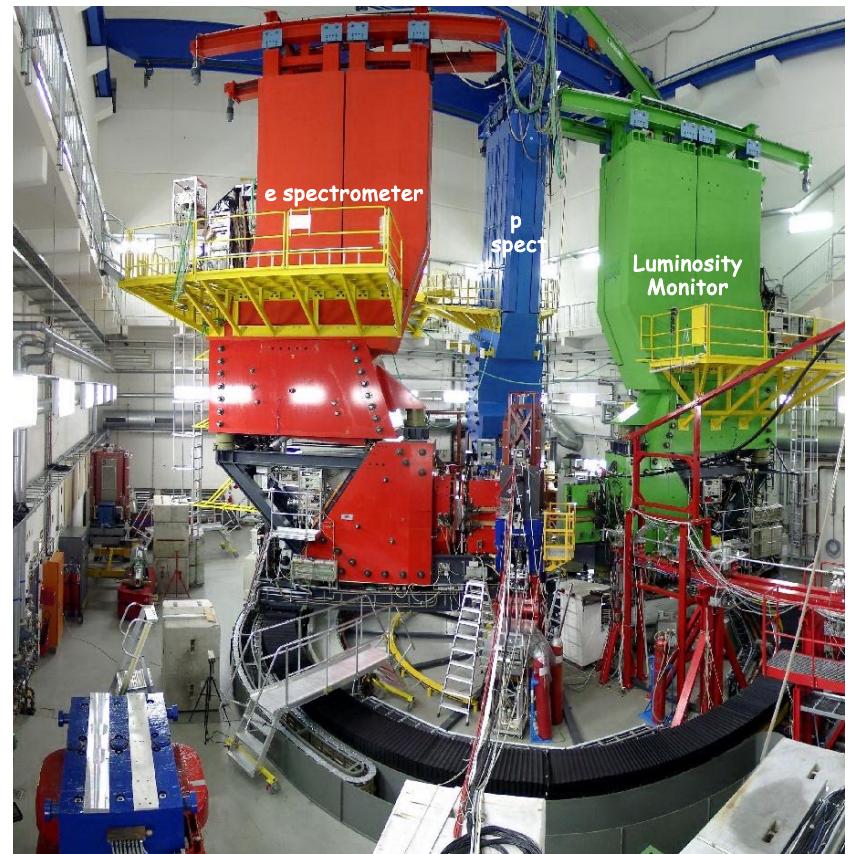
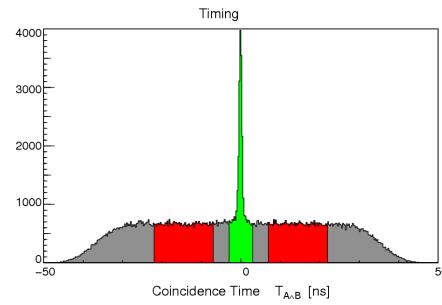
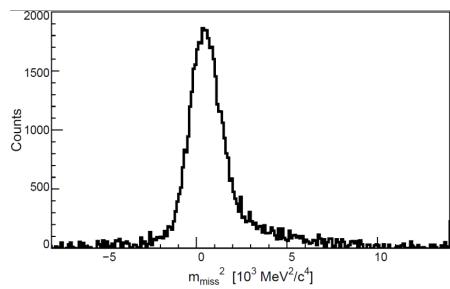
# Recent Experiments

# Recent Measurements: MAMI

MAMI A1/1-09 (vcsq2) below threshold

MAMI A1/3-12 (vcsdelta) above threshold

Both experiments utilized  
the A1 setup at MAMI



For LEX the higher order terms have to be kept small / under control

$$d^5\sigma = d^5\sigma^{BH+Born} + q'_{cm} \cdot \phi \cdot \Psi_0 + \mathcal{O}(q'^2_{cm})$$

Refined analysis procedure / phase space masking to keep these terms smaller than  $\sim 2\%-3\%$  level

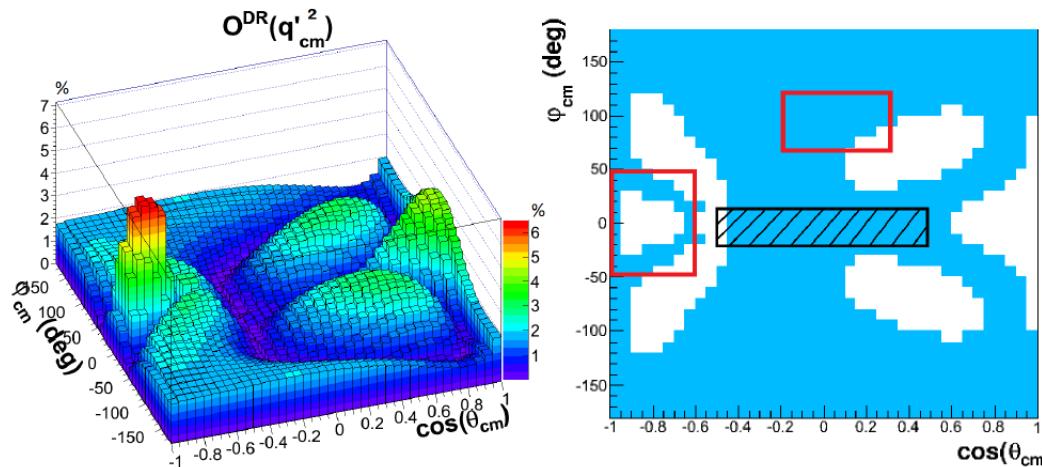
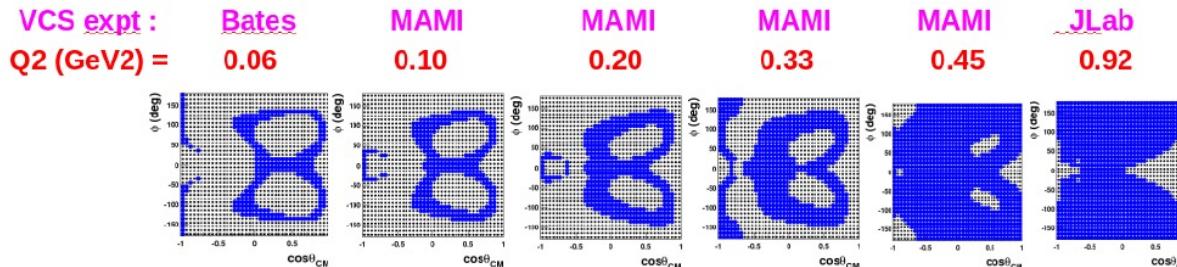
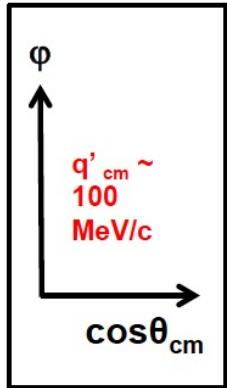


Figure 3.13: (Left) behavior of  $\mathcal{O}^{DR}(q'_{cm}^2)$  in the  $(\cos(\theta_{cm}), \varphi_{cm})$ -plane at  $q'_{cm} = 87.5 \text{ MeV}/c$  and (right) two-dimensional representation of the angular region where  $\mathcal{O}^{DR}(q'_{cm}^2) < 2\%$  (blue), the red squares correspond to the two areas of interest to perform the GP extraction.

Figure from PhD thesis of L. Correa, Mainz / Cl. Ferrand

**Blue bins = where the higher-order estimator is < 3%  
(LEX truncation « valid »)**



#### New « vcsq2 » data:

- OOP kinematics (to access the blue region)
- LEX Fit done with bin selection at  $Q^2 = 0.1$  and  $0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$ .
- was found not necessary at  $Q^2 = 0.45 \text{ GeV}^2$ .



In-plane



8.5 deg OOP

$\sim 1.0 \text{ GeV beam}$

$Q^2 = 0.1 (\text{GeV}/c)^2, 0.2 (\text{GeV}/c)^2, \text{ and } 0.45 (\text{GeV}/c)^2$

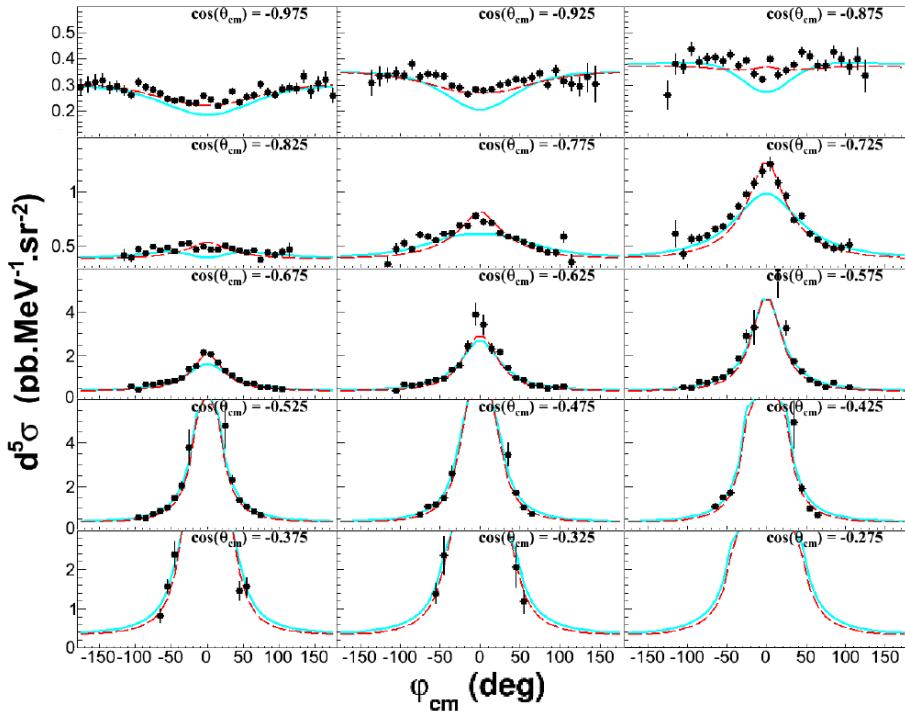


Figure 5.8: Setting INP: measured  $ep \rightarrow e\gamma$  cross section at fixed  $q'_{cm} = 112.5 \text{ MeV}/c$  with respect to  $\varphi_{cm}$  for all the  $\cos(\theta_{cm})$ -bins. The curves follow the convention of figure 5.6.

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BH+B      -----  
Polarizability    ---  
effect

GP effect typically 5% - 15%  
of the cross section

Polarizability fits:

DR fit:

DR calculation includes full dependency in  $q'_{cm}$

LEX fit:

truncated in  $q'_{cm}$ . Suppress contribution  
from higher order terms

# A1/3-12 @ MAMI

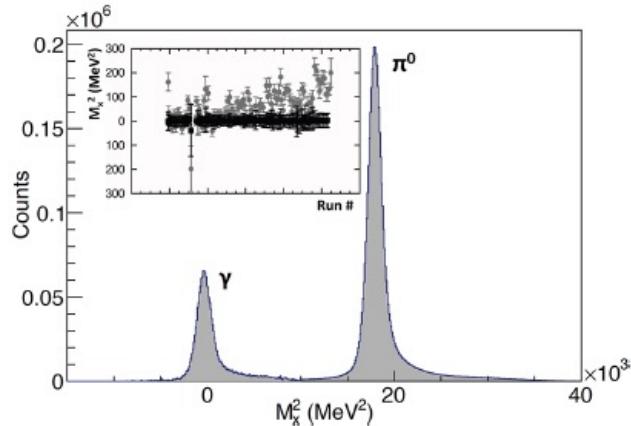
Goal 2-fold: 1) Measure  $a_E$

2) First measurement of  $N \rightarrow \Delta$  transition form factors through the  $\gamma$  channel

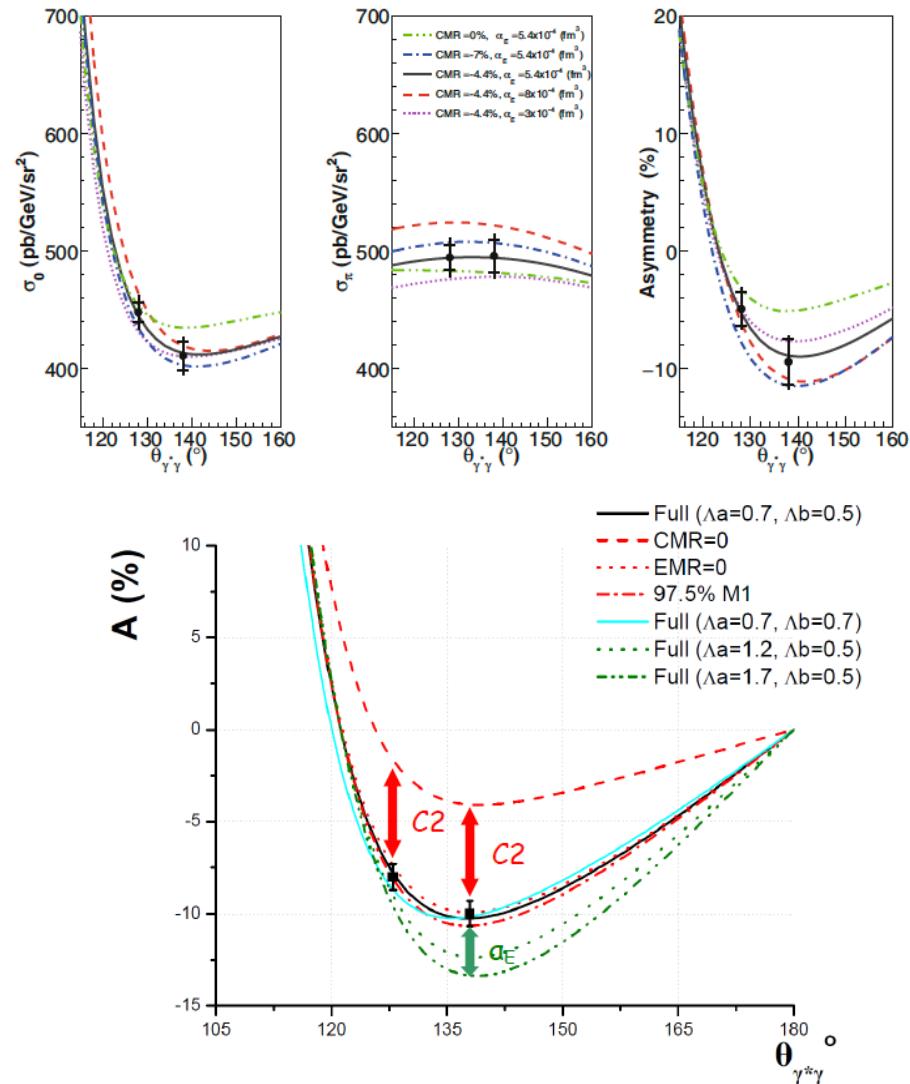
1.1 GeV beam, 5cm LH<sub>2</sub>

A1 spectrometers A & B in coinc.

$$Q^2 = 0.2 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$$



**Fig. 1.** The missing mass spectrum. The two peaks corresponding to the photon and to the  $\pi^0$  are very well separated. The photon peak has been multiplied by a factor of 10 so that it can be clearly seen in the figure. The inserted panel shows the center of the photon missing mass peak before (gray circle) and after (black box) the momentum calibration as a function of the different run numbers.



# MAMI Results

Phys. Rev. Lett 123, 192302

Phys. Rev. C 103, 025205

Eur. Phys. J. A55, 182

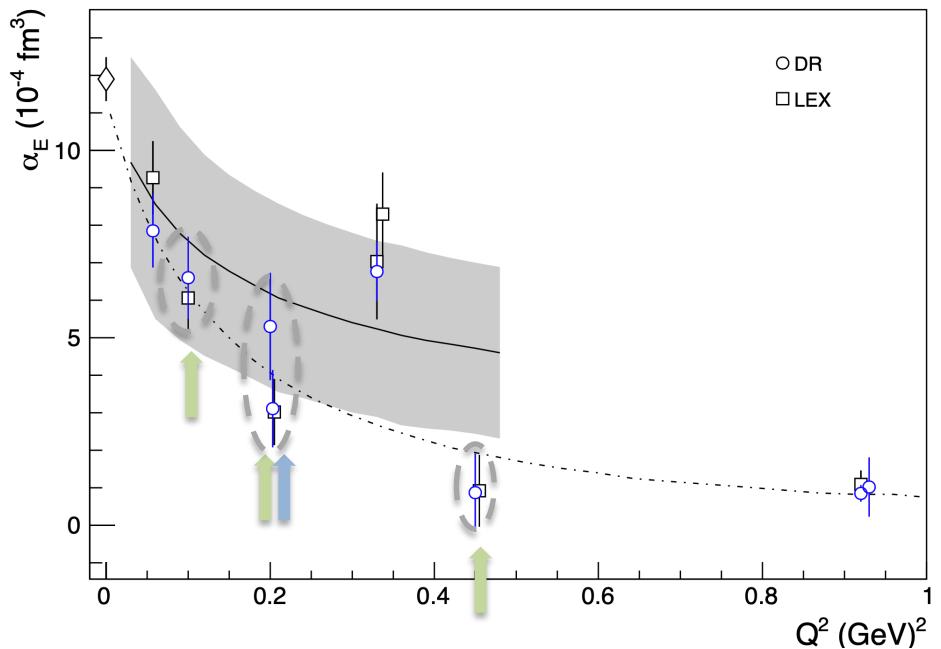
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Loup Correa (Clermont-Fd Univ.)

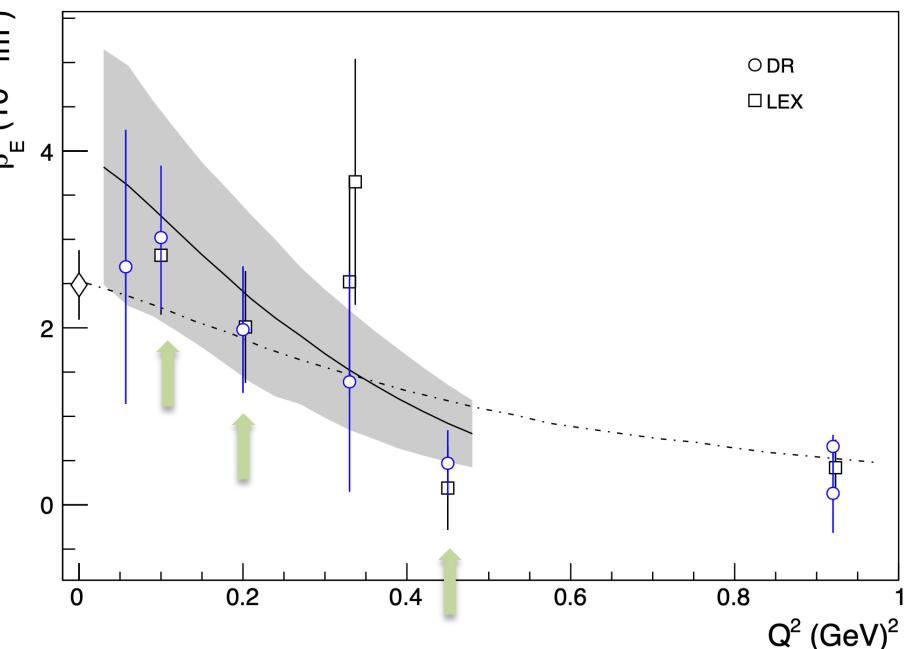
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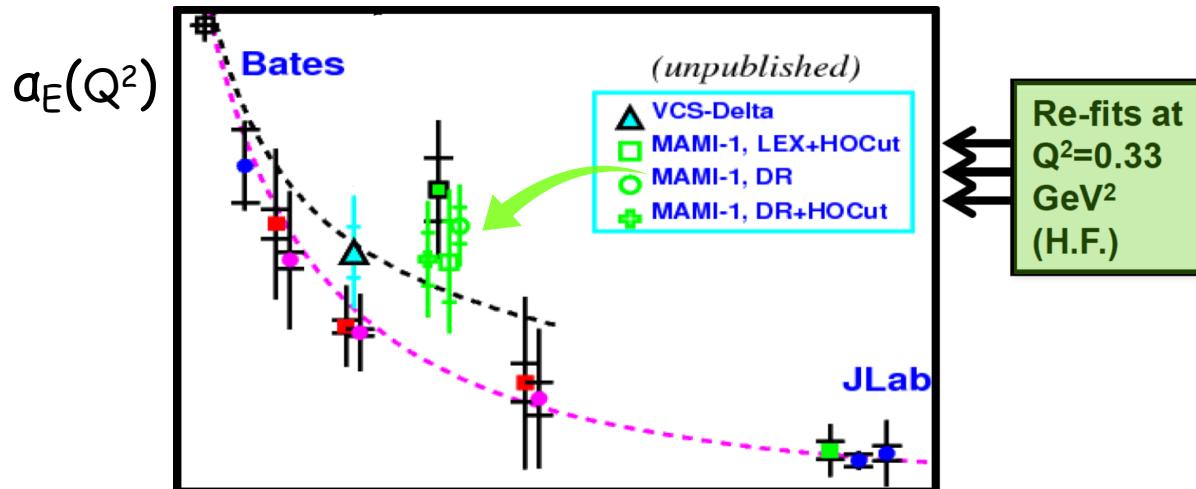


# Revisiting the $Q^2=0.33 \text{ GeV}^2$ data

$Q^2 = 0.33 (\text{GeV}/c)^2$  measured twice at MAMI - two different experiments

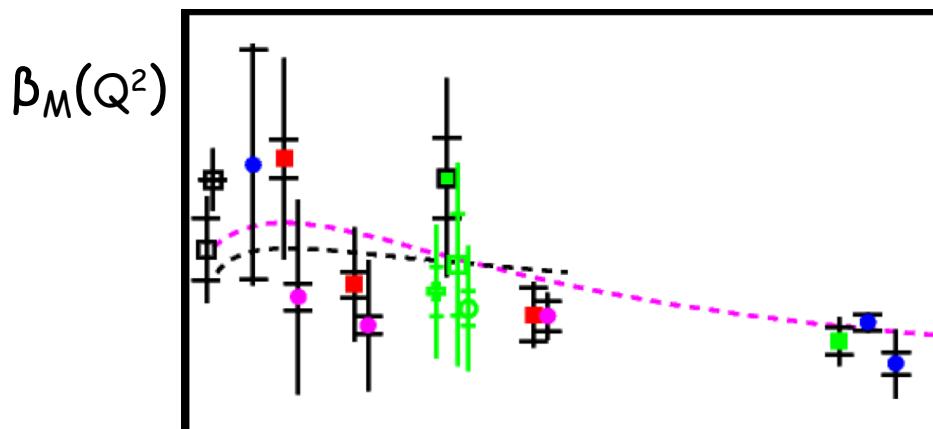
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Analysis revisited (unpublished):



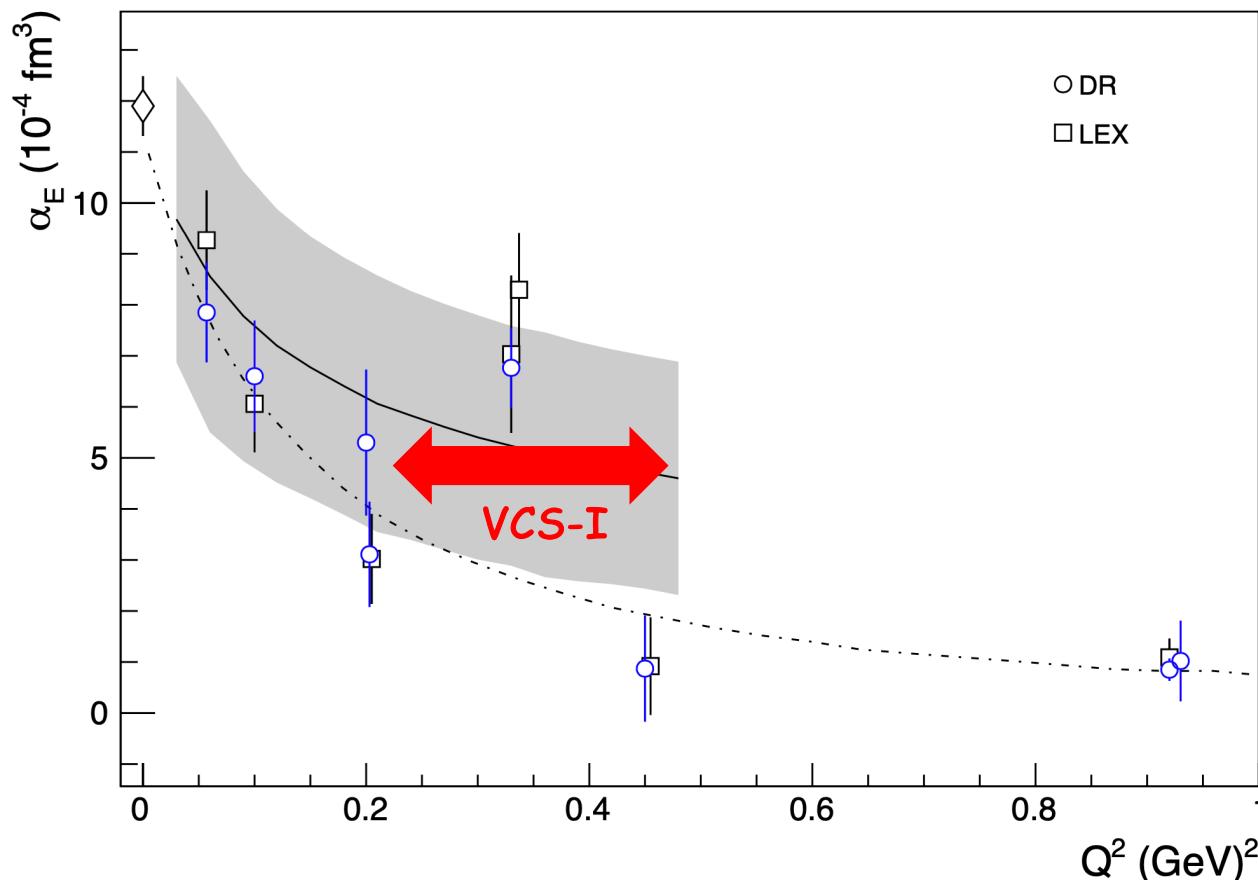
LEX and DR  
Updated HO-cut

The  $\alpha_E$  puzzle still holds



# Jlab : VCS-I Experiment (E12-15-001) in Hall C

High precision measurements targeting  
explicitly the kinematics of interest for  $\alpha_E$



# Hall C HMS and SHMS

## SHMS:

- 11-GeV Spectrometer
- Partner of existing 6-GeV HMS

## MAGNETIC OPTICS:

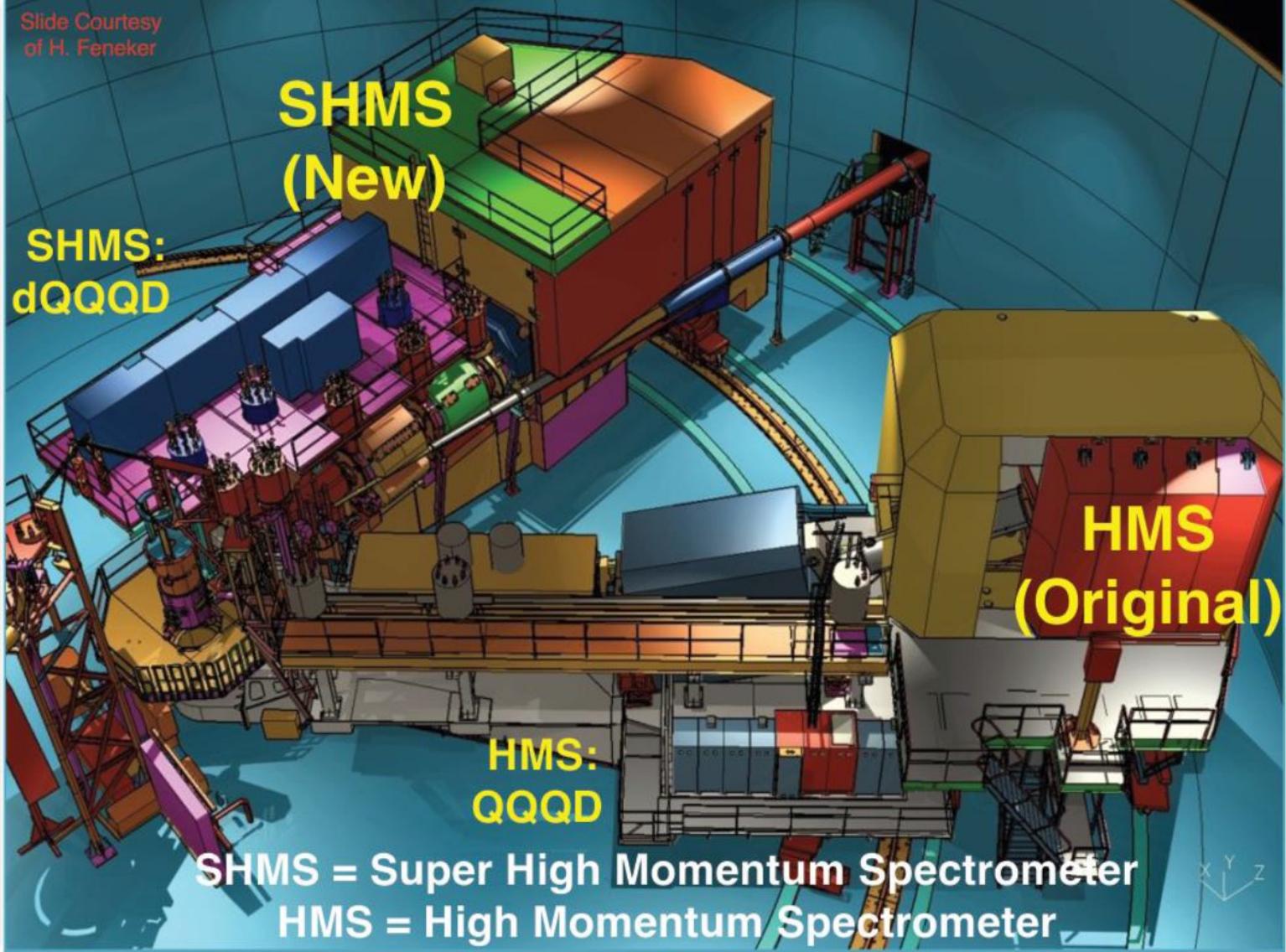
- Point-to Point QQD for easy calibration and wide acceptance.
- Horizontal bend magnet allows acceptance at forward angles ( $5.5^\circ$ )

## Detector Package:

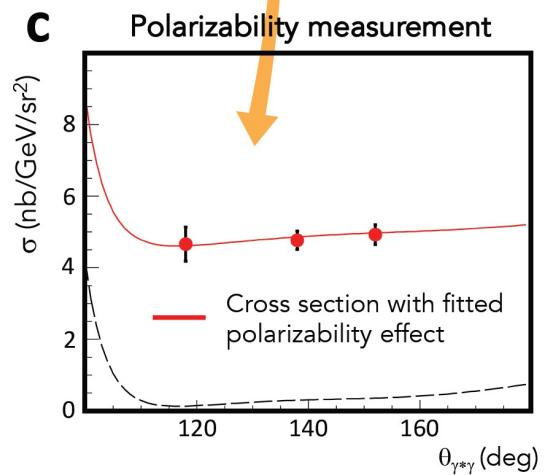
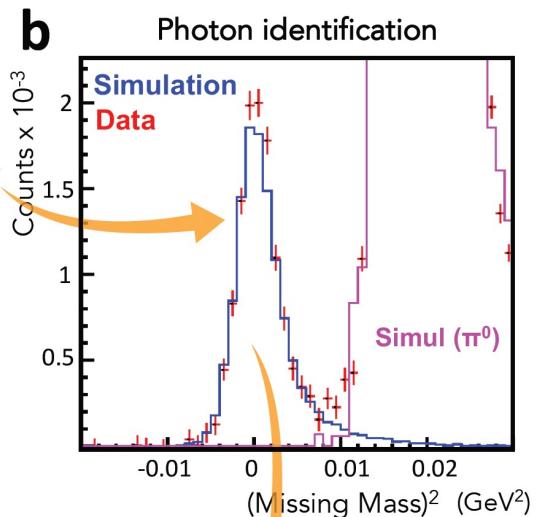
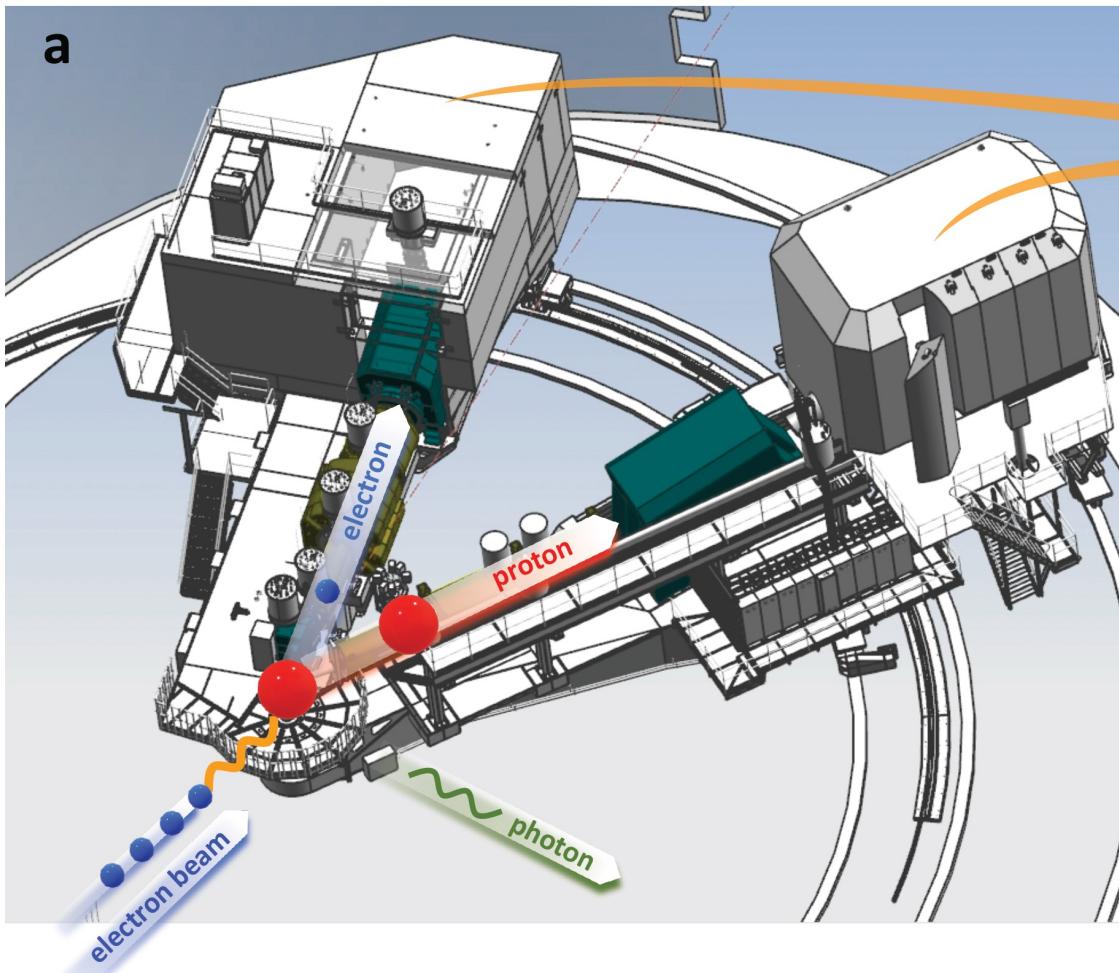
- Drift Chambers
- Hodoscopes
- Cerenkovs
- Calorimeter
- All derived from existing HMS/SOS detector designs

- Super High Momentum Spectrometer
  - HB, 3 Quads, Dipole
  - $P > 2 - 11 \text{ GeV}$
  - Resolution:  $\delta < 0.1\%$
  - Acceptance:  $\delta > 30\%$ , 4 msr
  - $5.5^\circ < \theta < 40^\circ$
  - Good e/ $\pi$ /K/p PID
- High Momentum Spectrometer
  - 3 Quads, Dipole
  - $P > 7.5 \text{ GeV}$
  - Resolution:  $\delta < 0.1\%$
  - Acceptance:  $\delta > 18\%$ , 6.5 msr
  - $10.5^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$
  - Good e/ $\pi$ /K/p PID

Slide Courtesy  
of H. Feneker



# The experiment



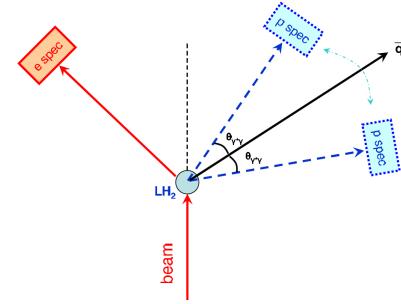
Hall C: SHMS, HMS  
4.56 GeV  
20  $\mu$ A  
Liquid hydrogen 10 cm

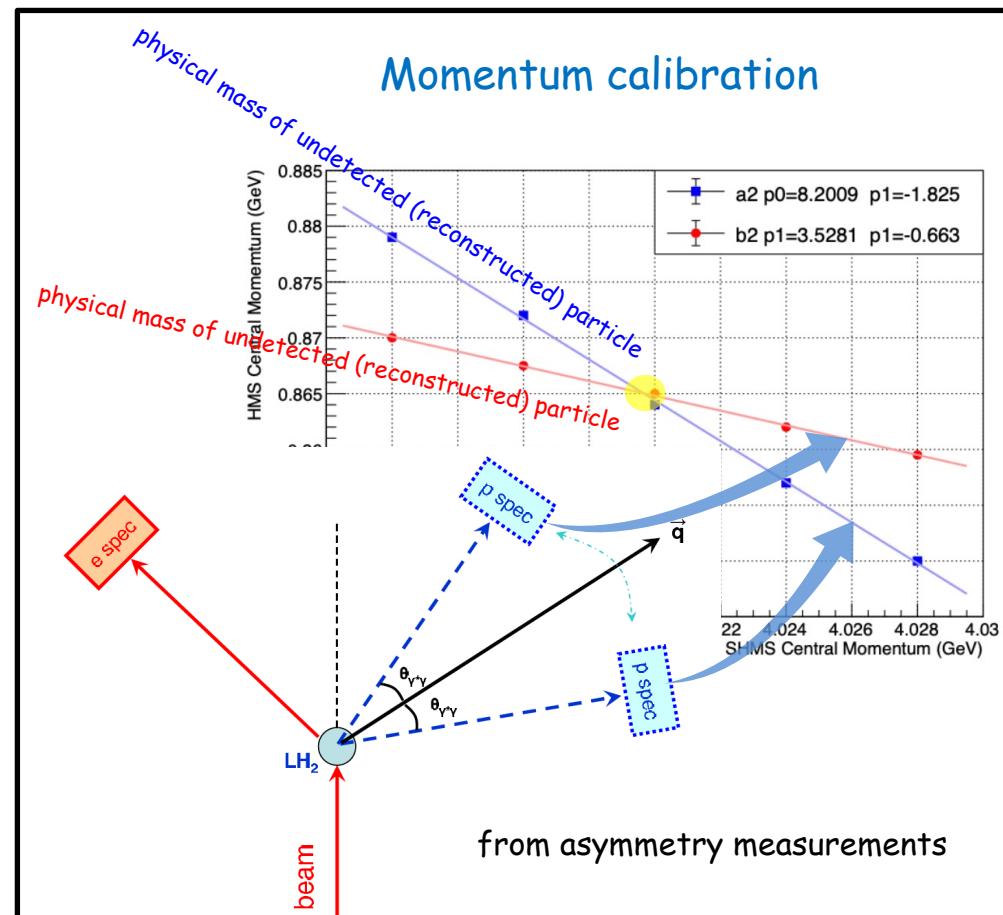
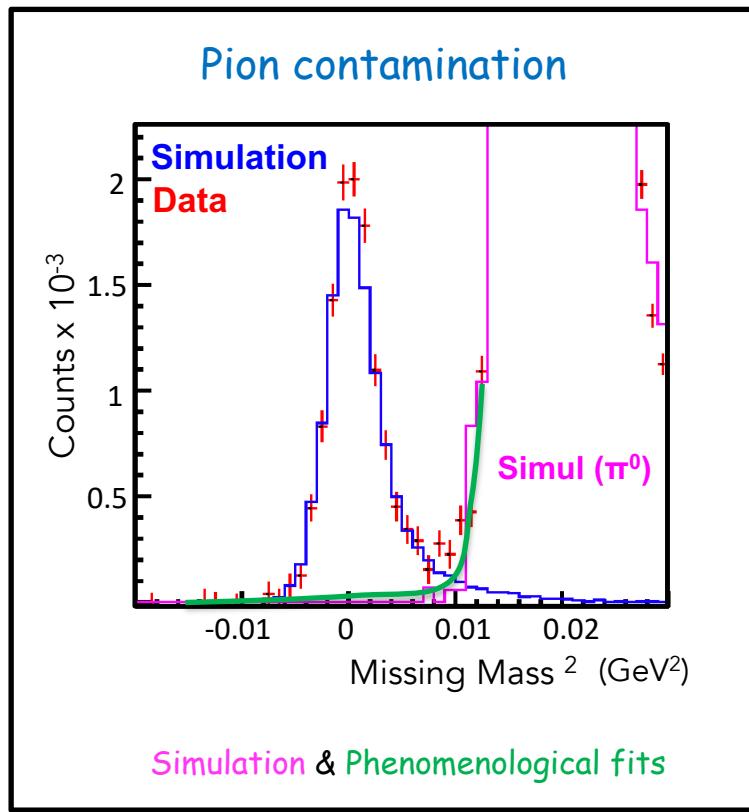
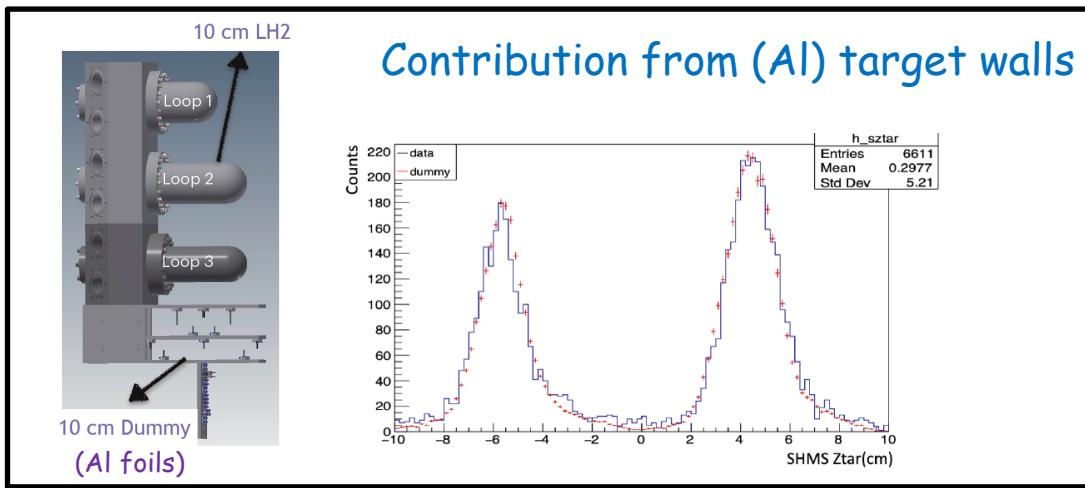
cross sections & azimuthal asymmetries

$$A_{(\phi_{\gamma^* \gamma}=0, \pi)} = \frac{\sigma_{\phi_{\gamma^* \gamma}=0} - \sigma_{\phi_{\gamma^* \gamma}=180}}{\sigma_{\phi_{\gamma^* \gamma}=0} + \sigma_{\phi_{\gamma^* \gamma}=180}}$$

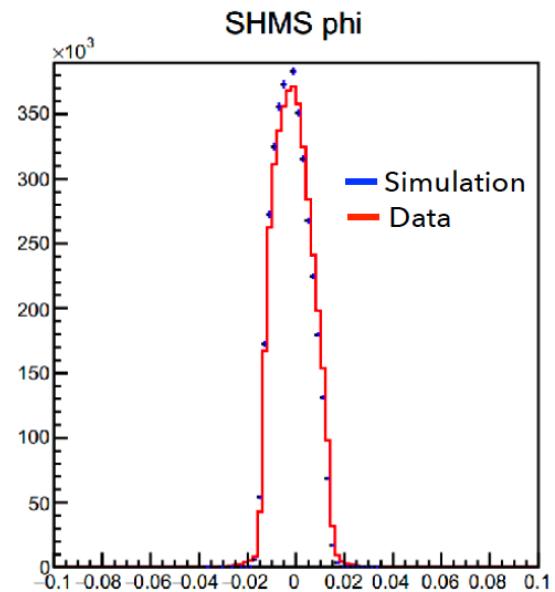
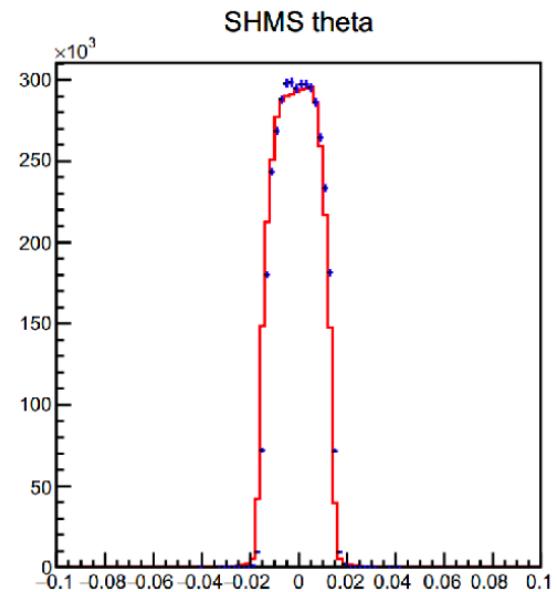
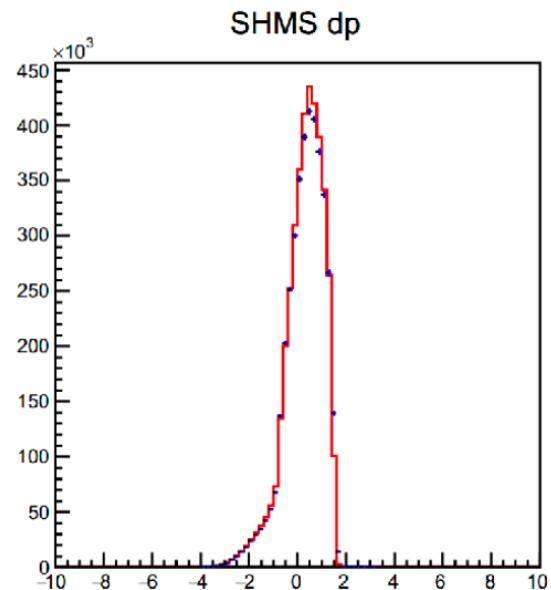
sensitivity to GPs

suppression of systematic asymmetries



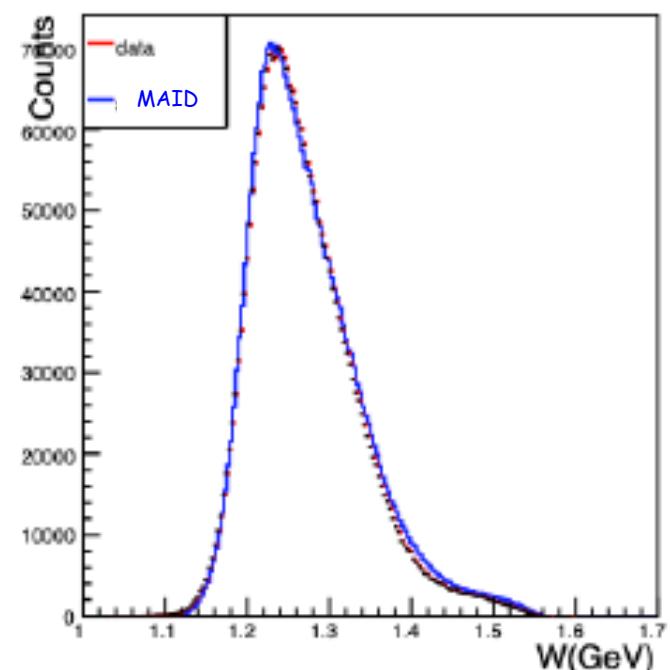
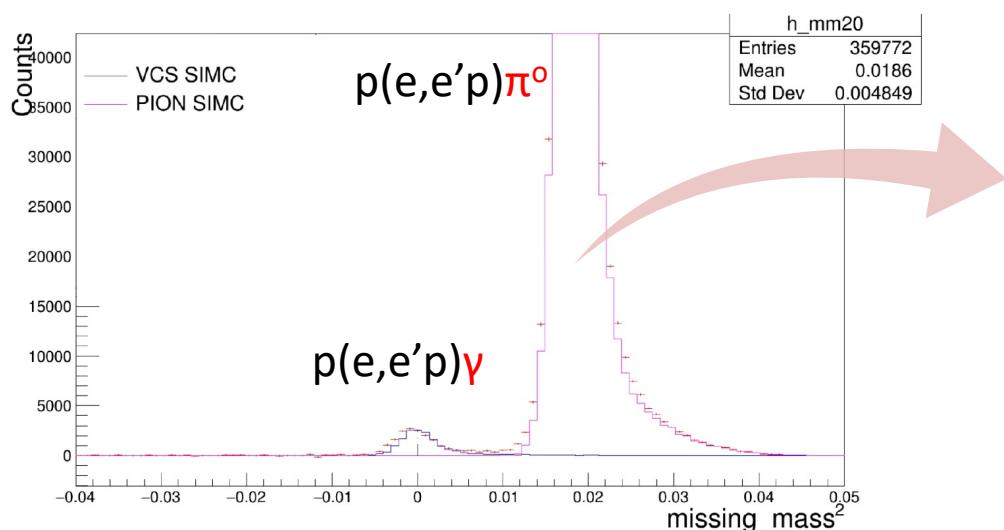


# Elastic data

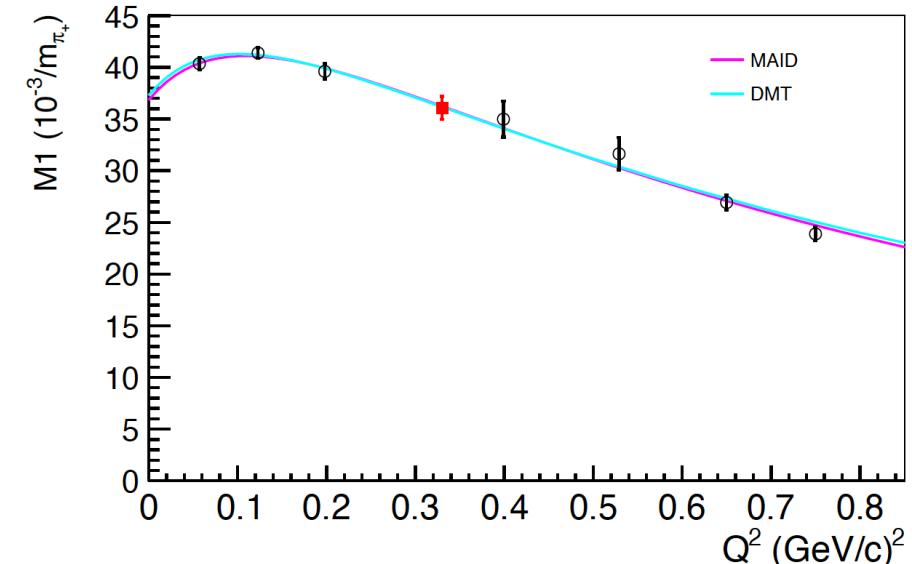
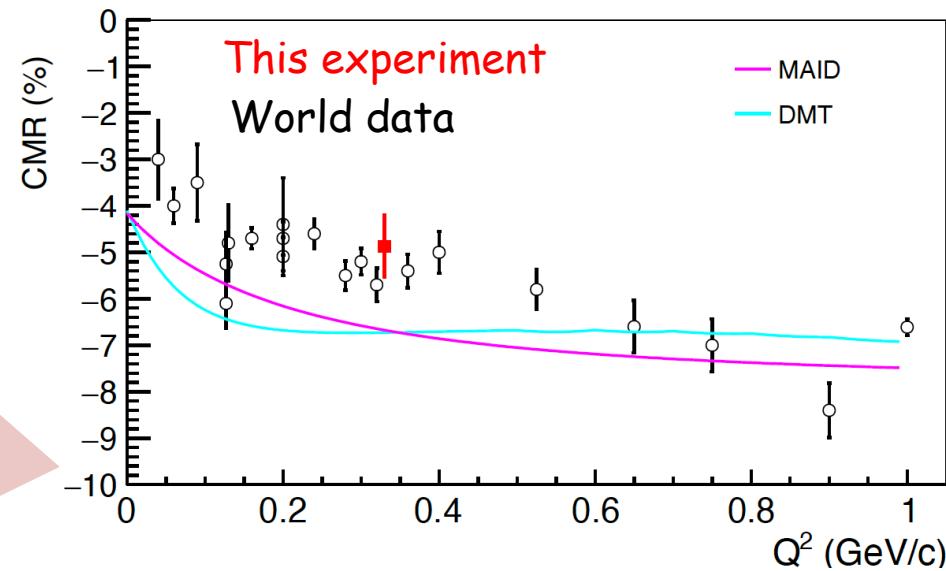
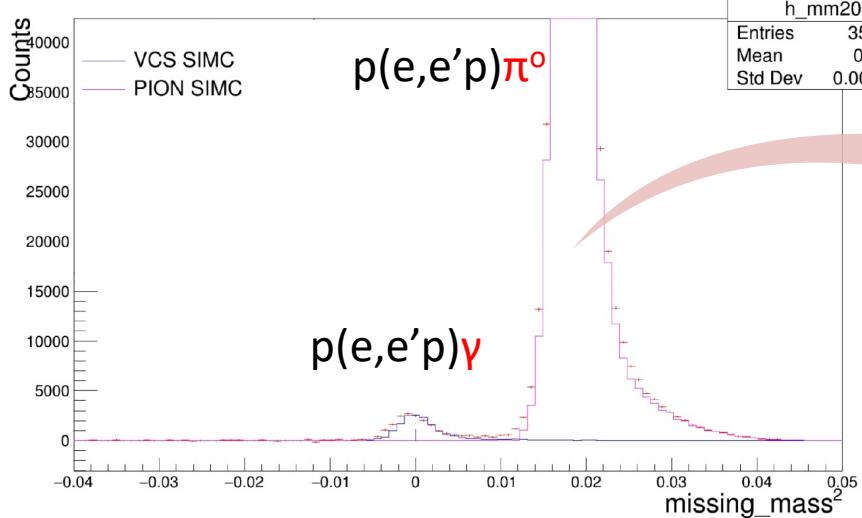


Kinematic	$\theta_e^\circ$	$P_e(GeV/c)$	$\theta_p^\circ$	$P_p(GeV/c)$
Elastic I	10.76	4.193	61.16	0.893
Elastic II	10.41	4.214	61.95	0.863
Elastic III	9.64	4.259	63.76	0.795

$p(e, e' p) \pi^0$



# $N \rightarrow \Delta$ TFFs



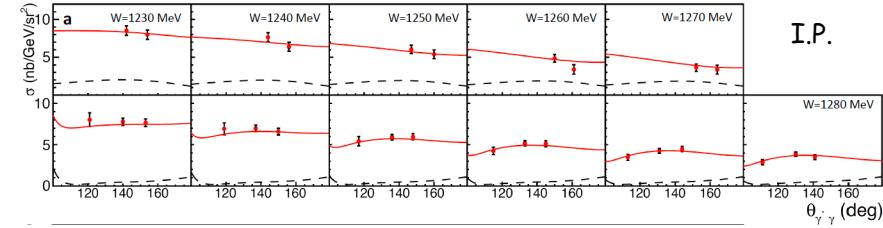
Simultaneous measurement  
of the  $N \rightarrow \Delta$  TFFs

TFFs well known  
→ Real time normalization control

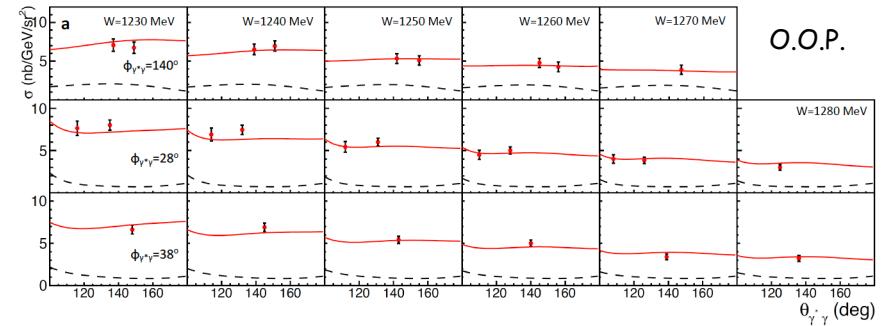
Good understanding of  
spectrometer acceptance

# VCS-I results: cross sections

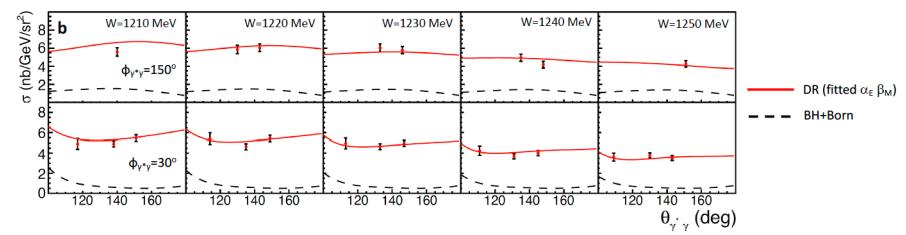
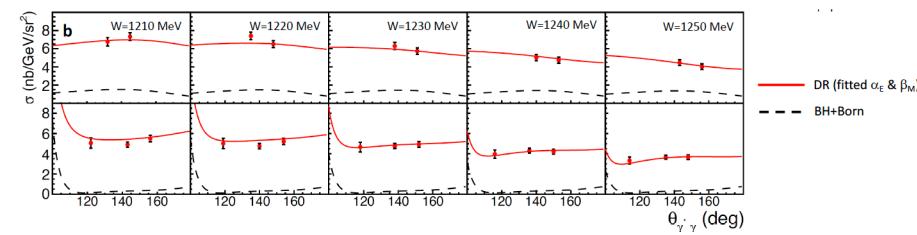
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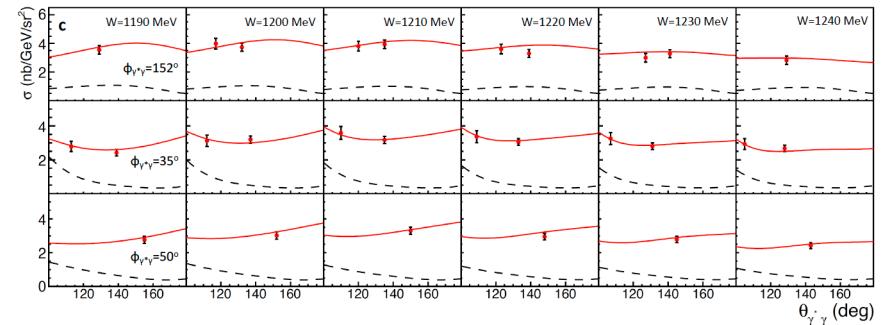
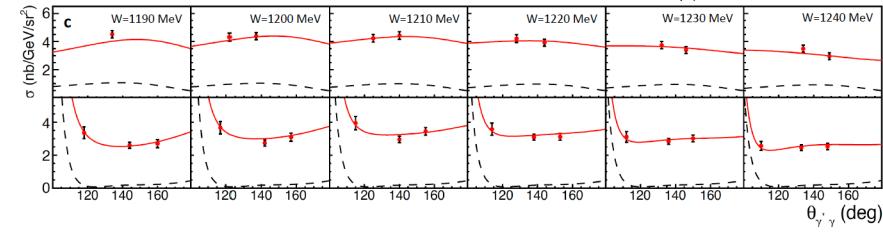
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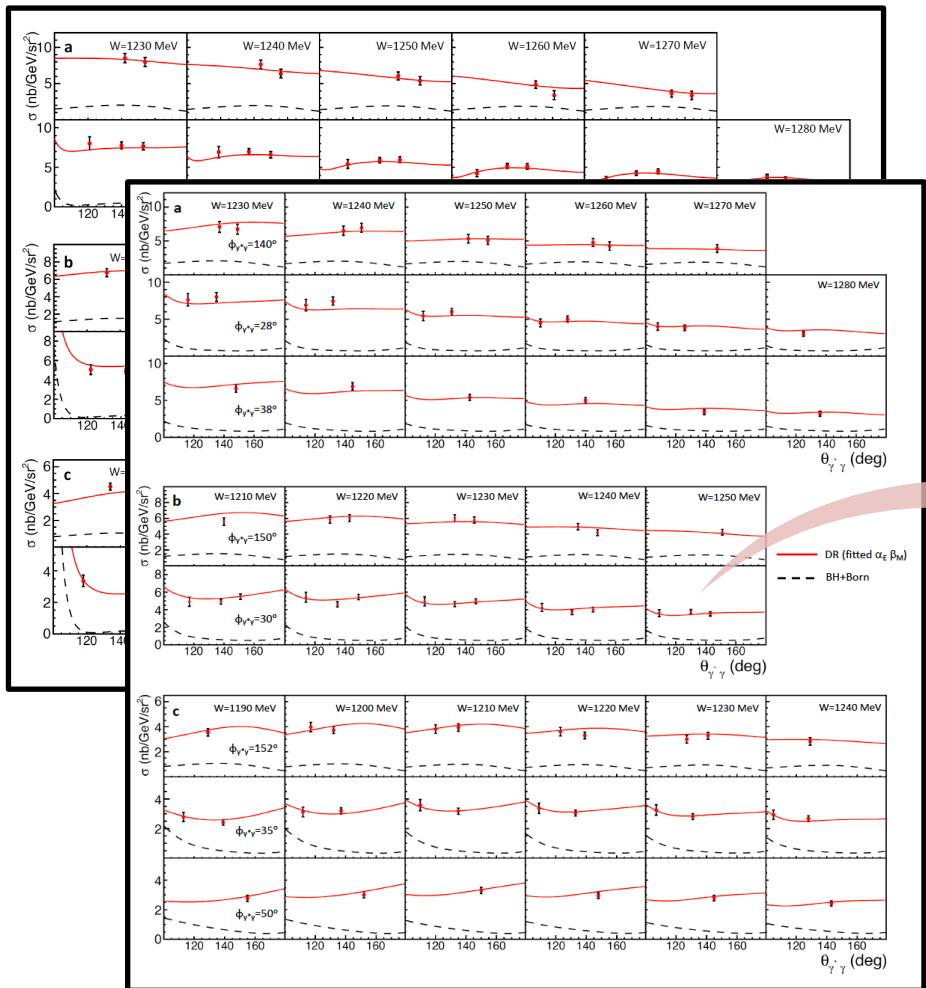
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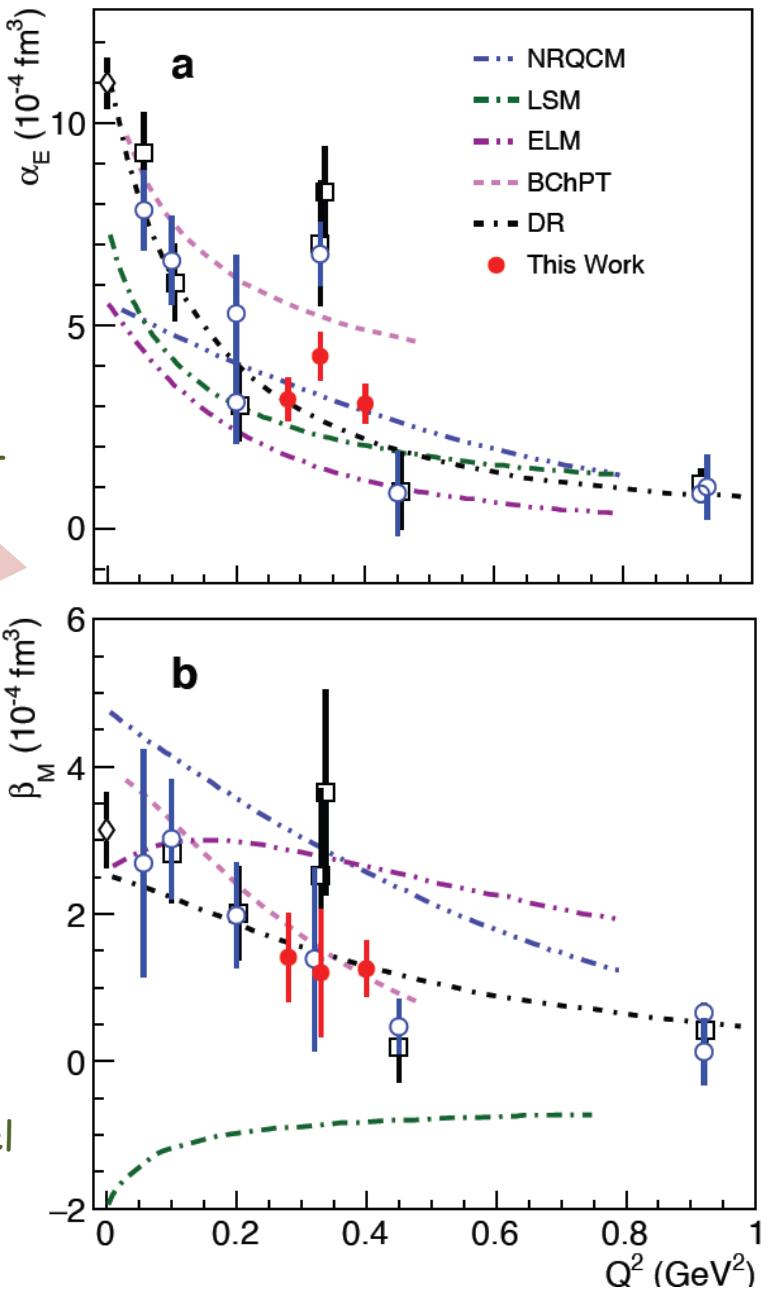
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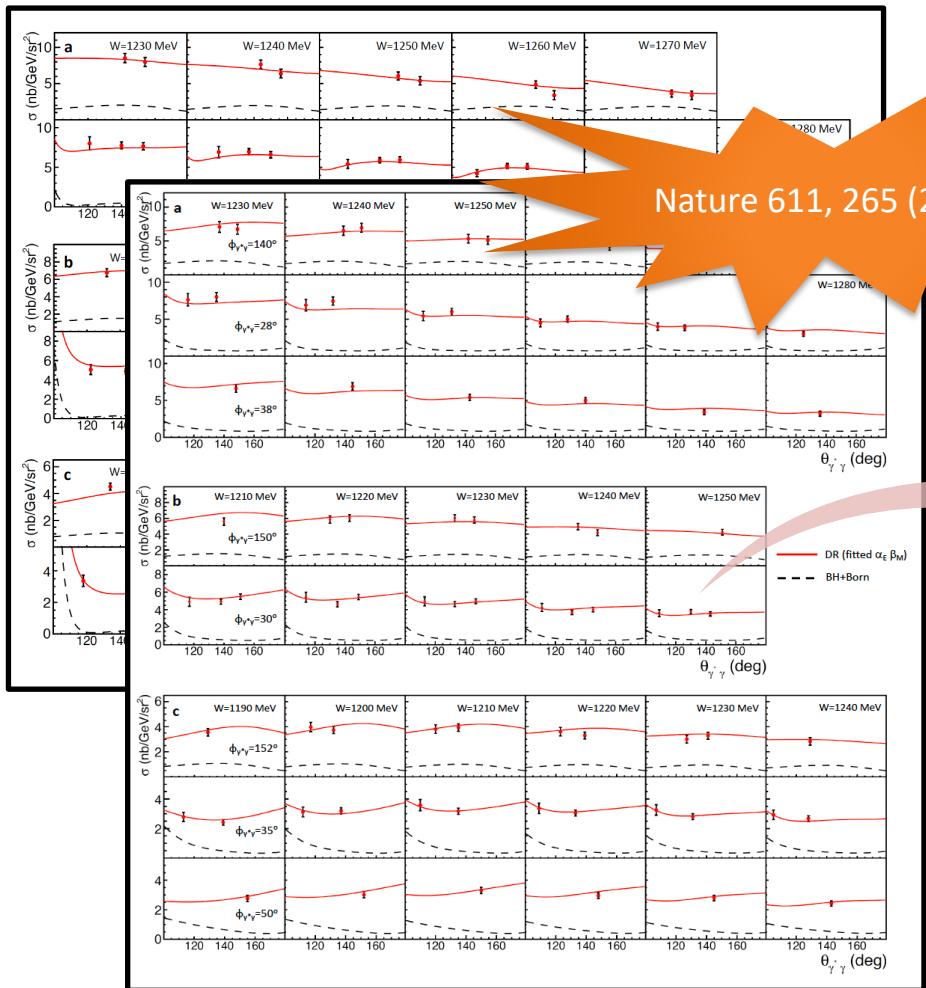
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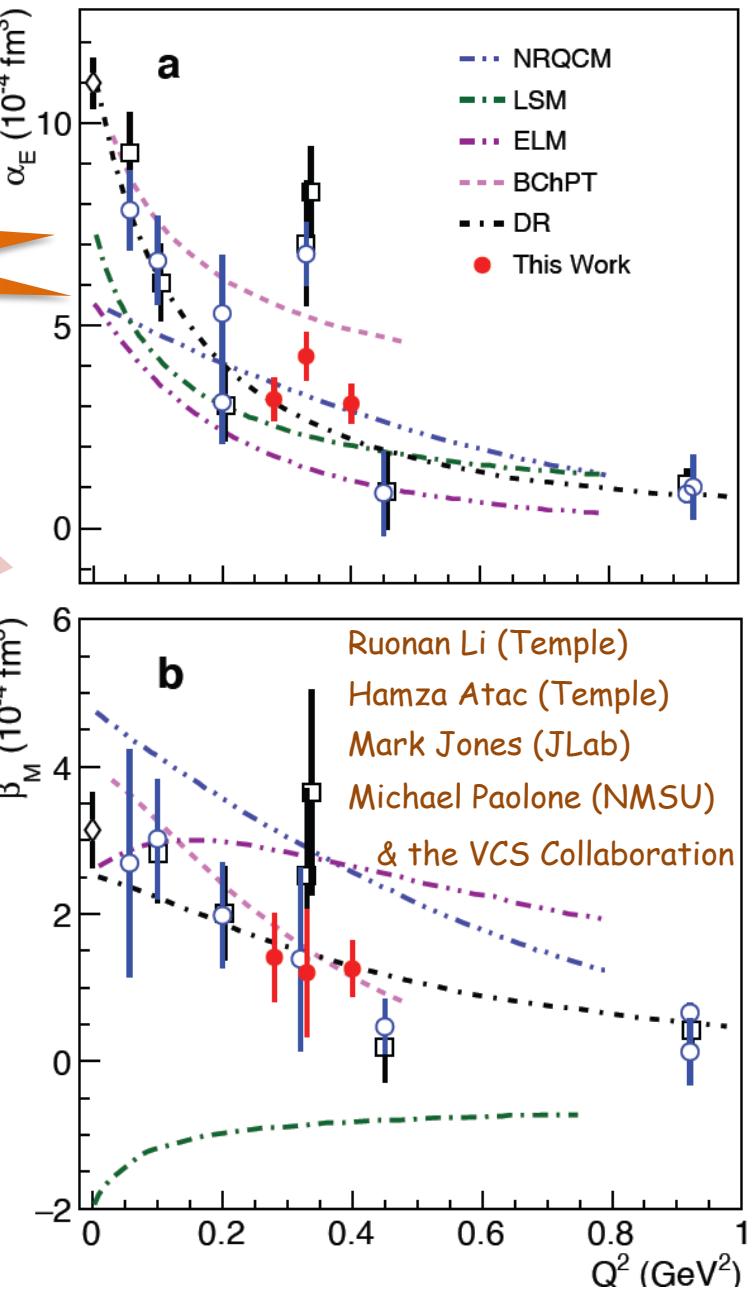
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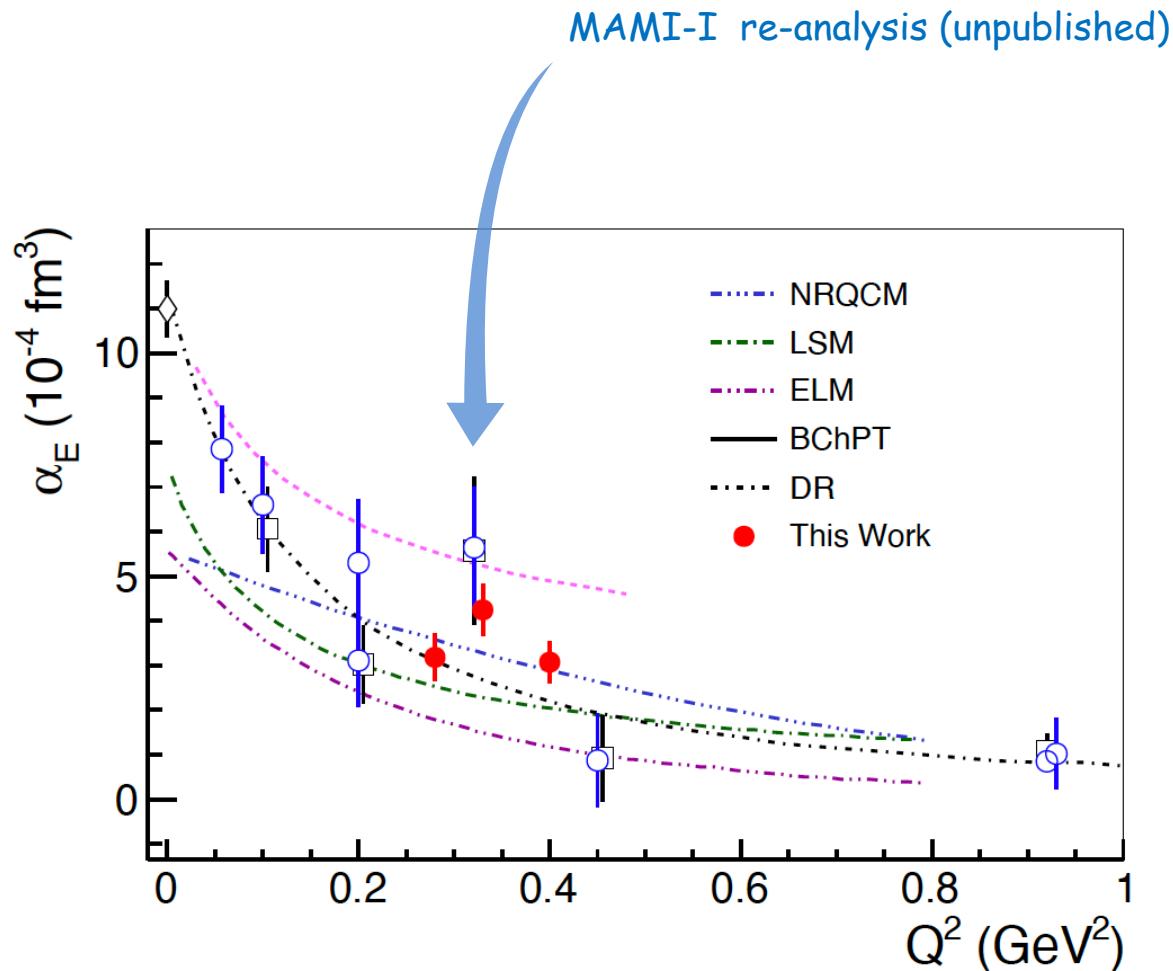


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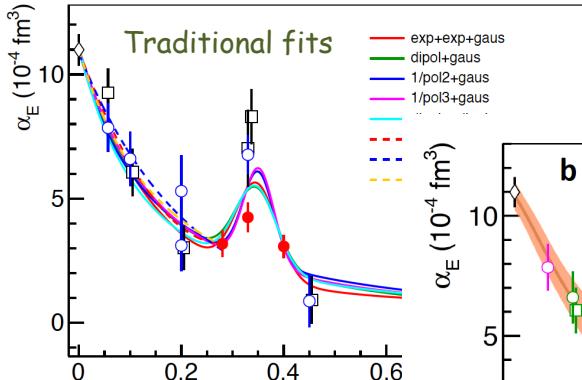
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# Electric GP ( $Q^2$ )

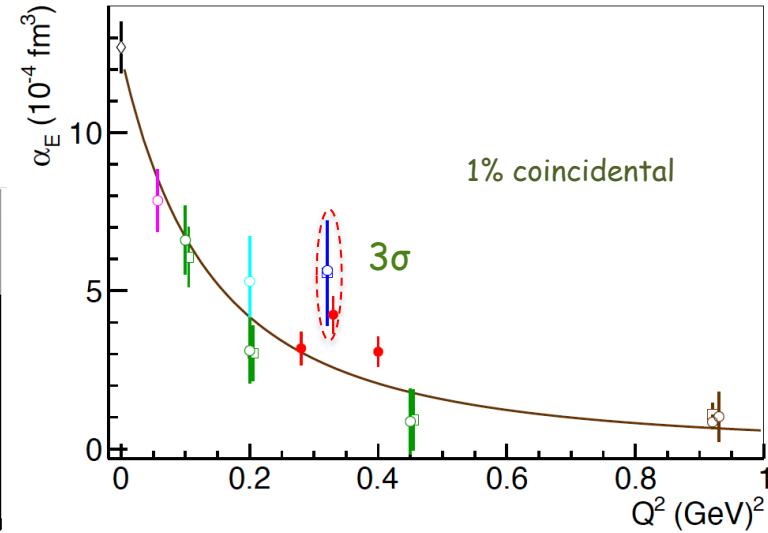
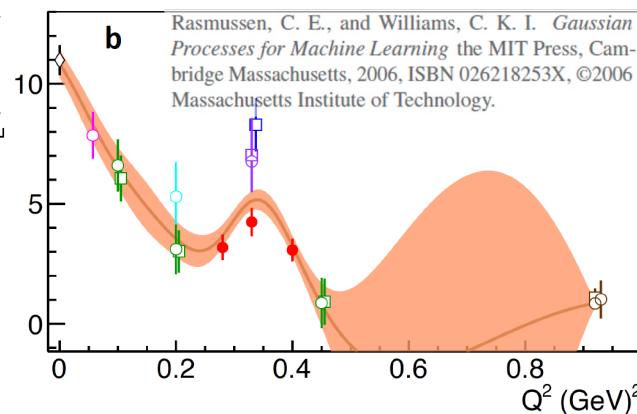
Is there a non-trivial structure?



# Electric GP



Data-driven techniques:  
no underlying functional  
form is assumed



Is the observed  $\alpha_E$  structure coincidental or not?

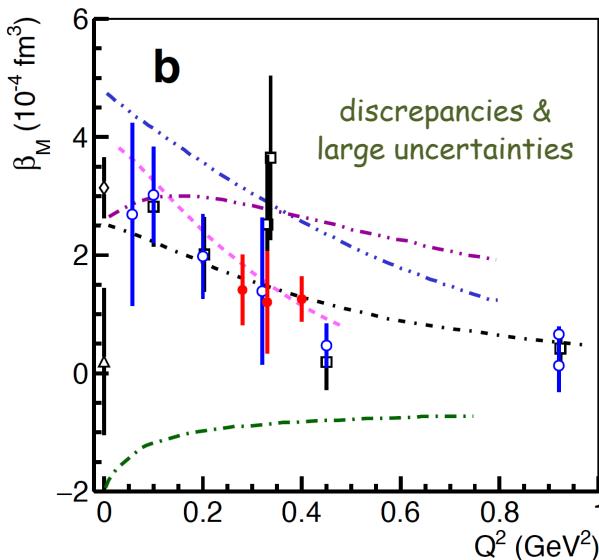
If true: Measure the shape precisely  $\rightarrow$  input to theory

If not: We are able to show it with more measurements

Strong tension between world data (?)

Things we do not yet understand well?  
Underestimated uncertainties? ...

# Magnetic GP



Magnetic GP: Large uncertainties & discrepancies

Needed to disentangle diamagnetism vs  
paramagnetism in the proton

Ability to measure  $\alpha_E$  and  $\beta_M$  with superb precision  
and with consistent systematics across  $Q^2$

# Theory: B<sub>X</sub>PT

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Regular Article - Theoretical Physics

## Generalized polarizabilities of the nucleon in baryon chiral perturbation theory

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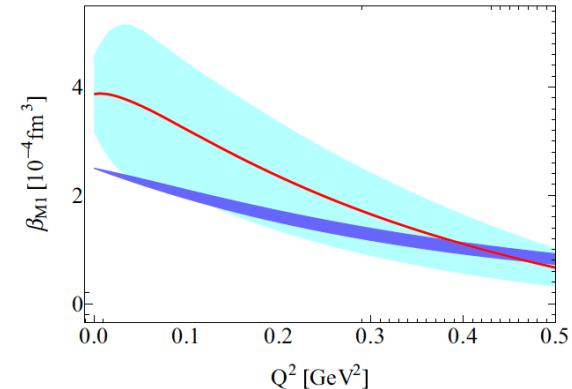
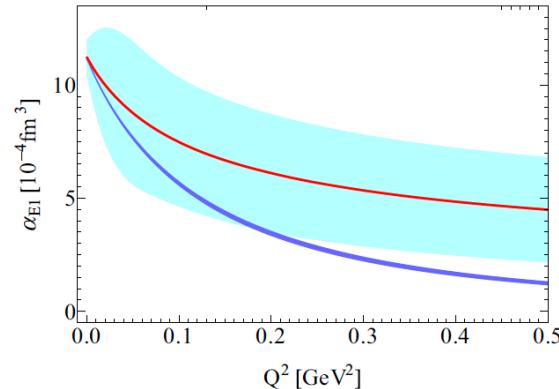
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B<sub>X</sub>PT calculation to NLO  
in the  $\delta$ -counting scheme



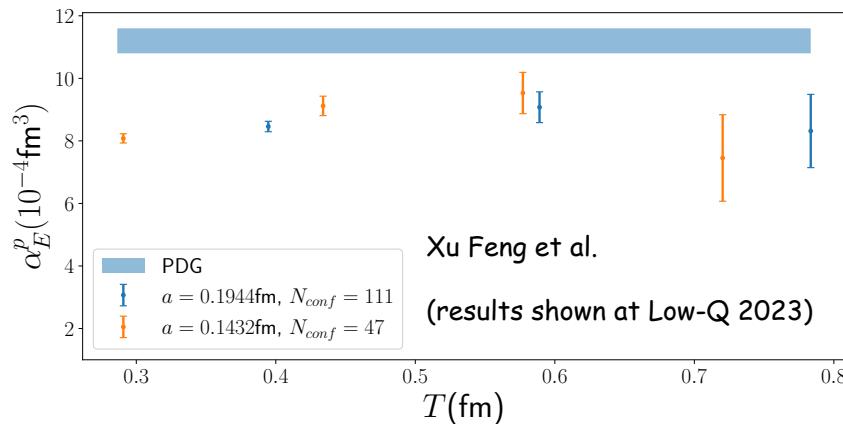
DR calculation  
D. Drechsel, B. Pasquini, M. Vanderhaeghen,  
Phys. Rep. 378,99 (2003)



# Theory: Lattice QCD

Lattice QCD results for  
the static polarizabilities

Next step: Lattice QCD  
calculations for the GPs



# Spatial dependence of induced polarizations

Nucleon form factor data → light-front quark charge densities

Formalism extended to the deformation of these quark densities when applying an external e.m. field:

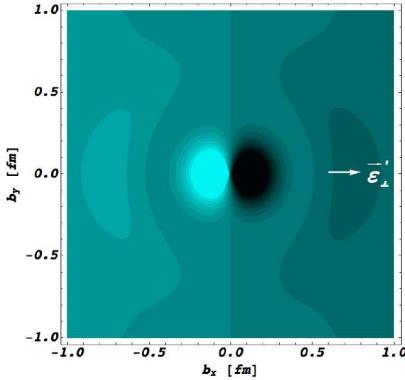
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## Induced polarization in a proton when submitted to an e.m. field

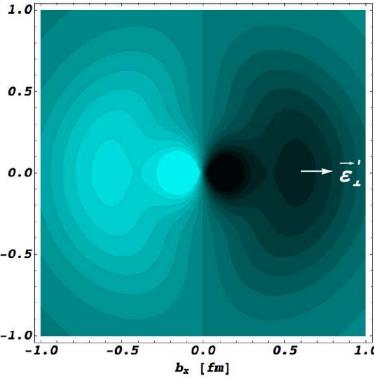
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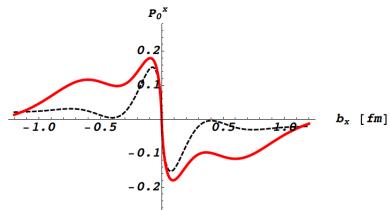
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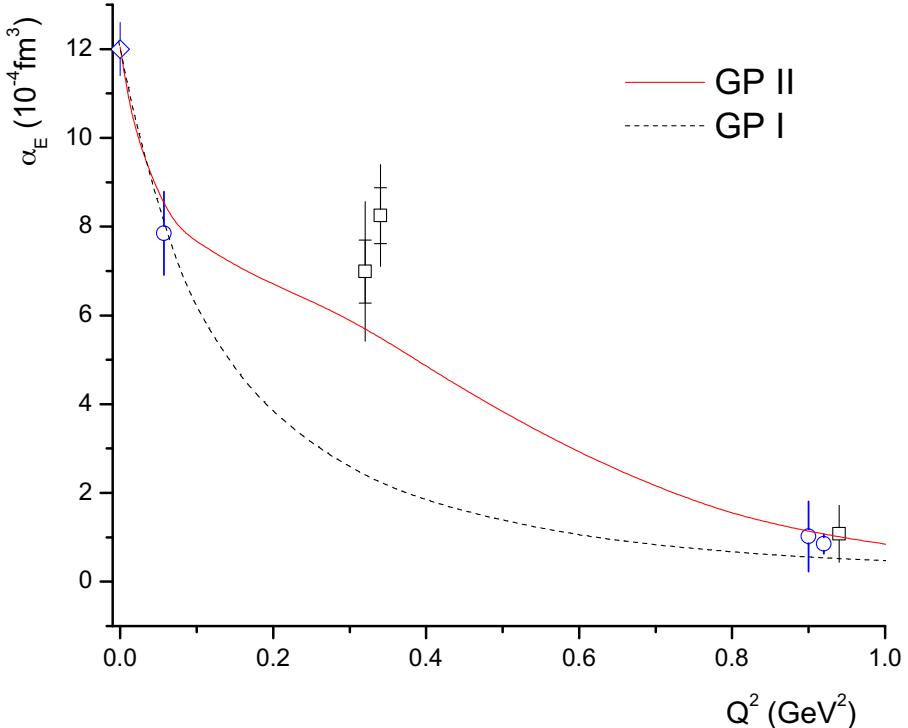
GP II



Light (dark) regions → largest (smallest) values  
(photon polarization along x-axis, as indicated)



Induced polarization along  $b_y = 0$

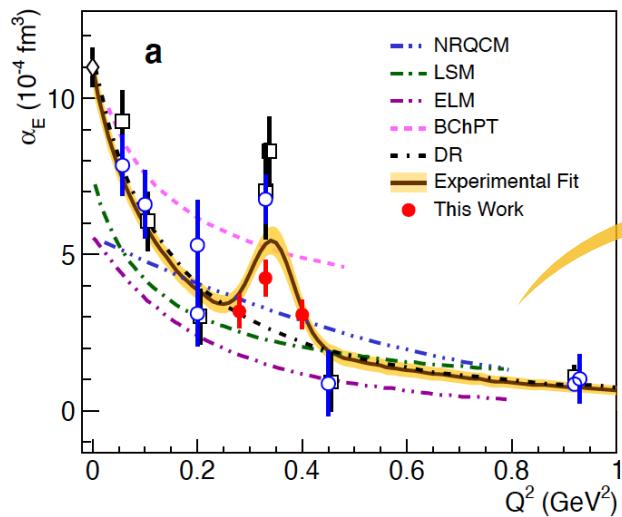


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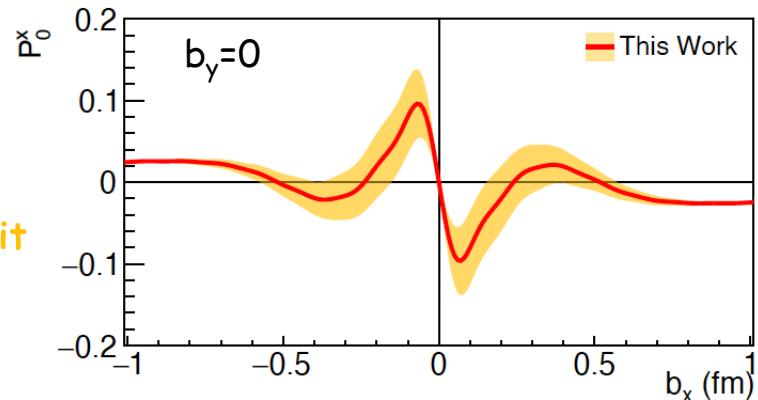
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Experimental Fit

Induced polarization in a proton when submitted to an e.m. field

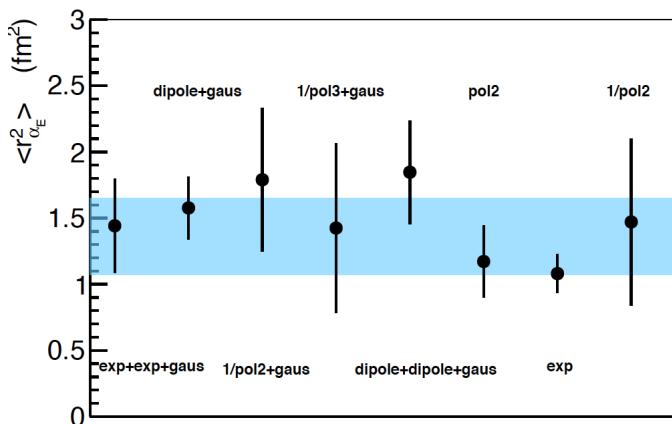
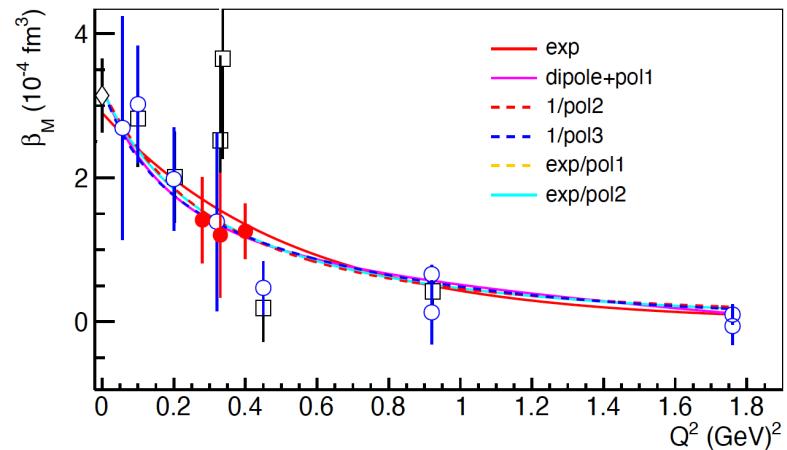
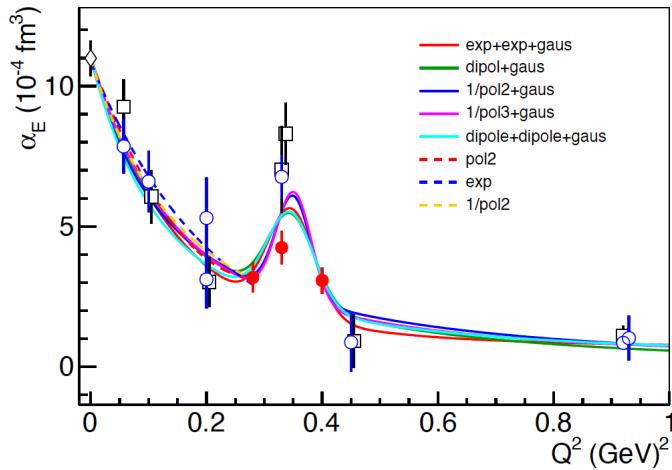


x-y defines the transverse plane with the z-axis being the direction of the fast-moving proton

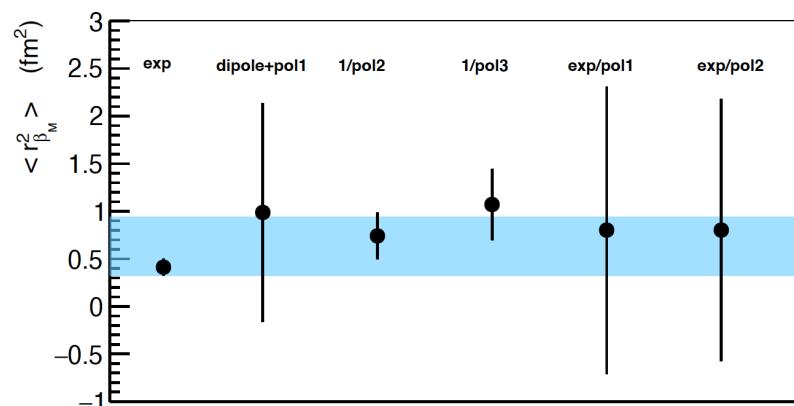
# Polarizability radii

$$\langle r_{\alpha_E}^2 \rangle = \frac{-6}{\alpha_E(0)} \cdot \frac{d}{dQ^2} \alpha_E(Q^2) \Big|_{Q^2=0}$$

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$$\langle r_{\alpha_E}^2 \rangle = 1.36 \pm 0.29 \text{ fm}^2$$

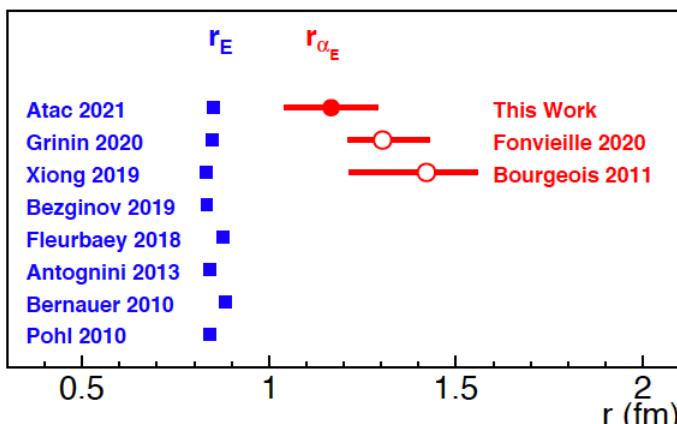
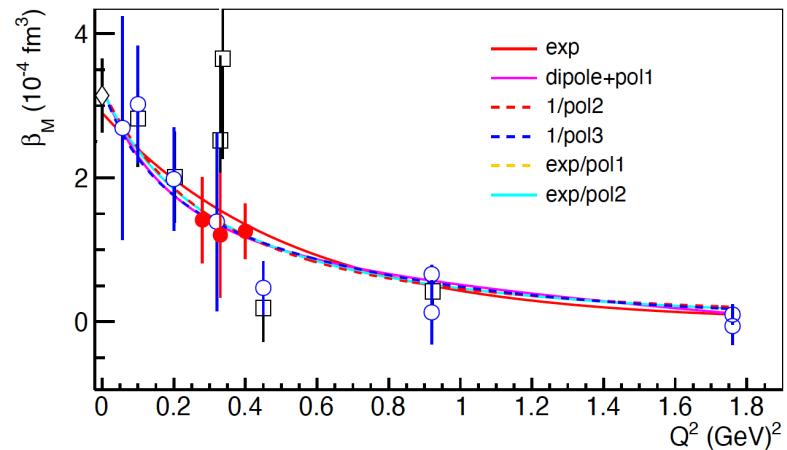
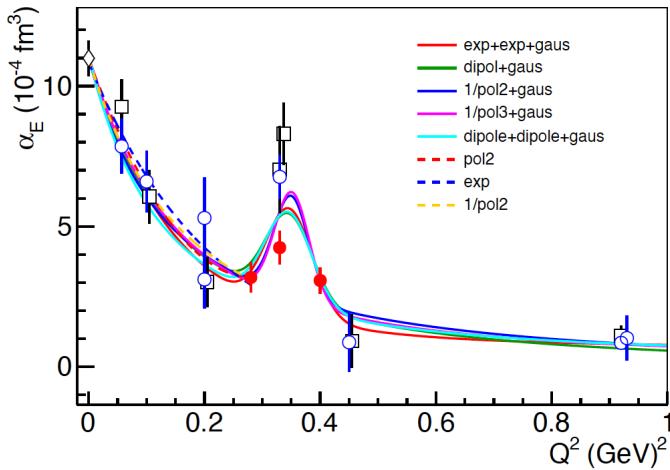


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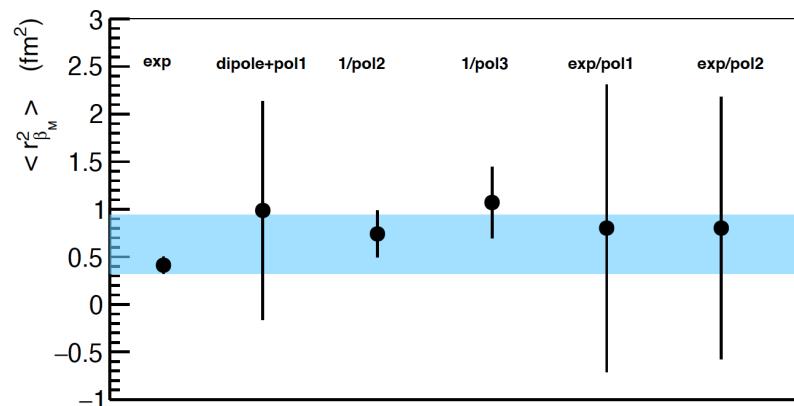
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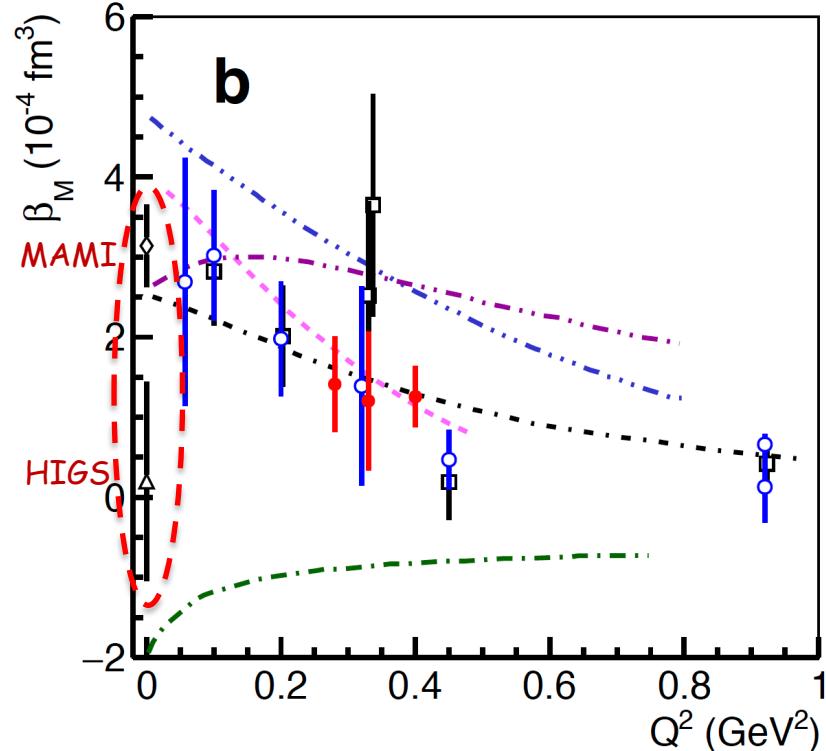
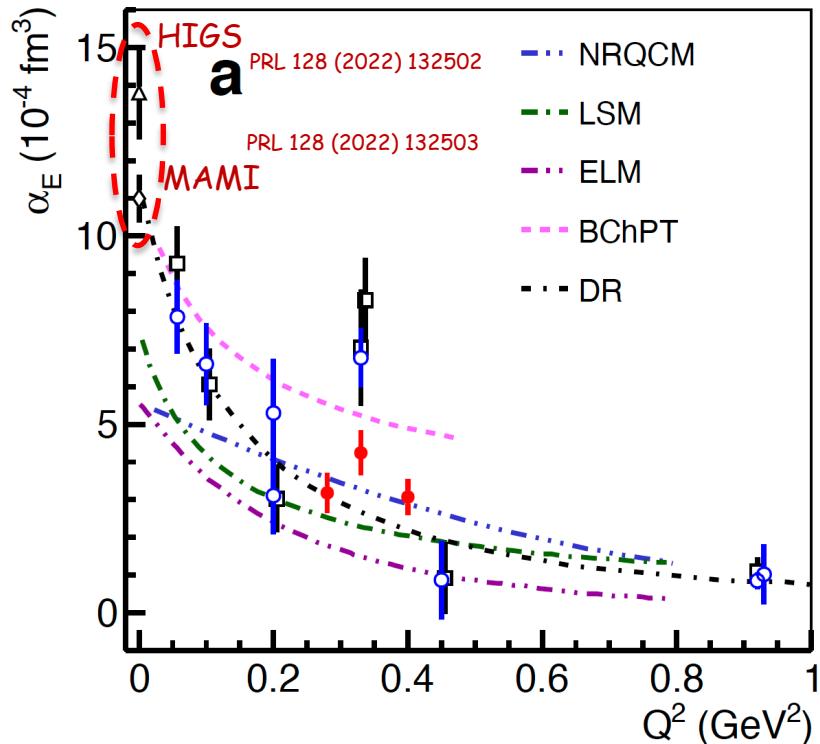


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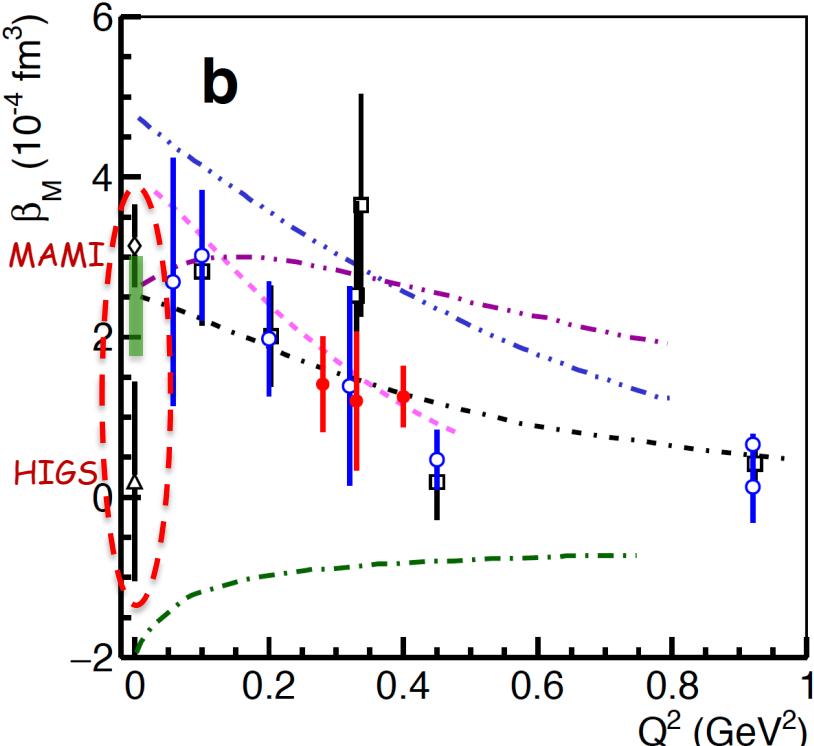
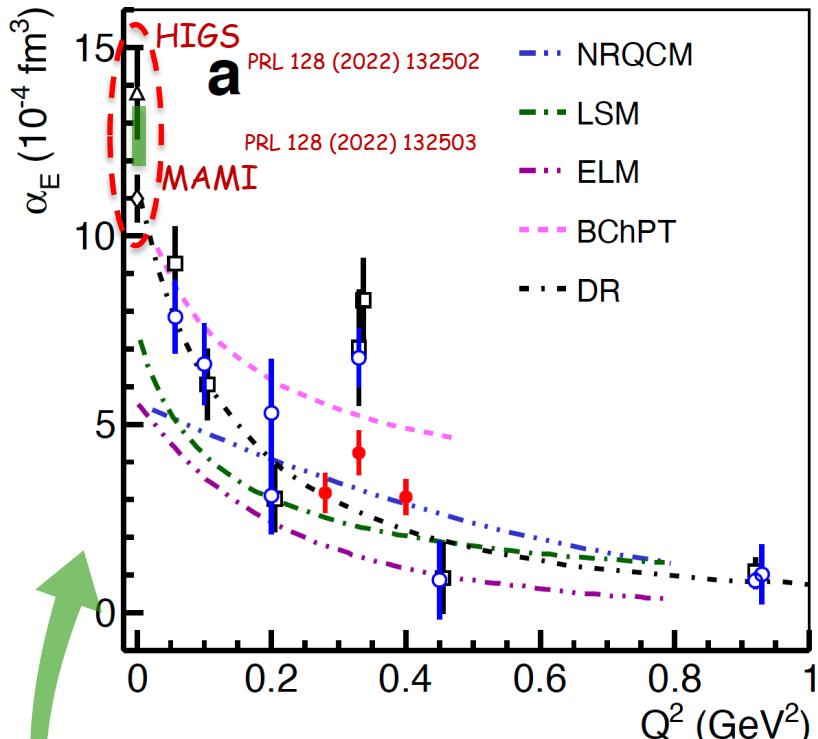


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# Static Polarizabilities



# Static Polarizabilities



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## First Concurrent Extraction of the Leading-Order Scalar and Spin Proton Polarizabilities

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We performed the first simultaneous extraction of the six leading-order proton polarizabilities. We reached this milestone thanks to both new high-quality experimental data and an innovative bootstrap-based fitting method. These new results provide a self-consistent and fundamental benchmark for all future theoretical and experimental polarizability estimates.

$$\alpha_{E1} = [12.7 \pm 0.8(\text{fit}) \pm 0.1(\text{model})] \times 10^{-4} \text{ fm}^3,$$

$$\beta_{M1} = [2.4 \pm 0.6(\text{fit}) \pm 0.1(\text{model})] \times 10^{-4} \text{ fm}^3,$$

$$\gamma_{E1E1} = [-3.0 \pm 0.6(\text{fit}) \pm 0.4(\text{model})] \times 10^{-4} \text{ fm}^4,$$

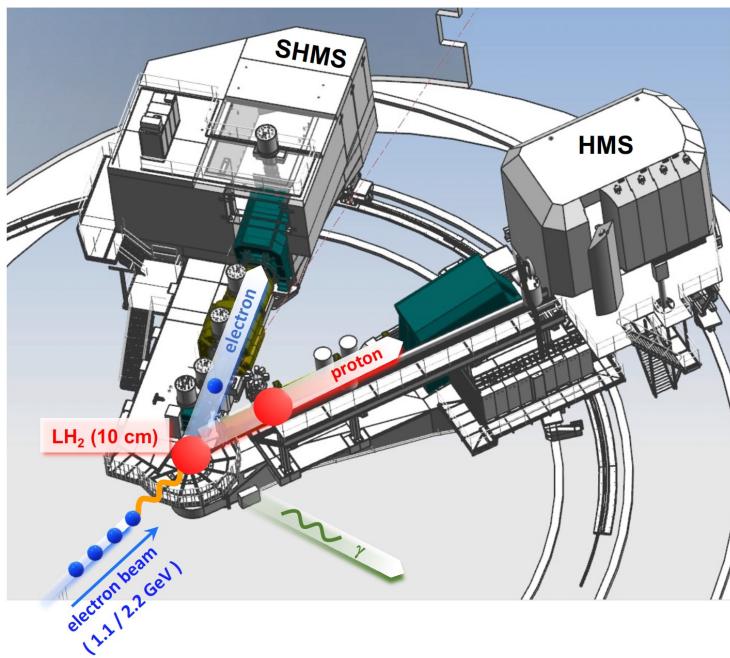
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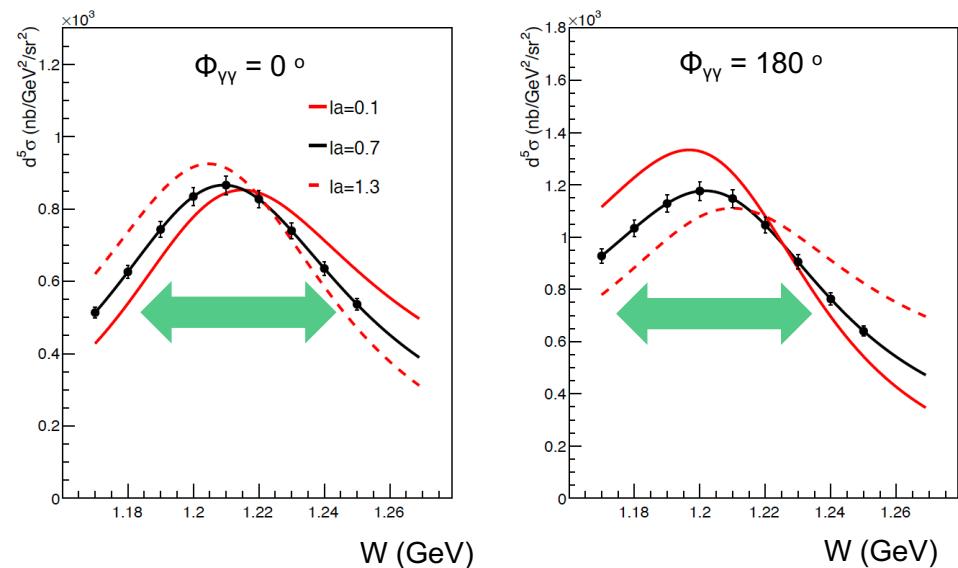
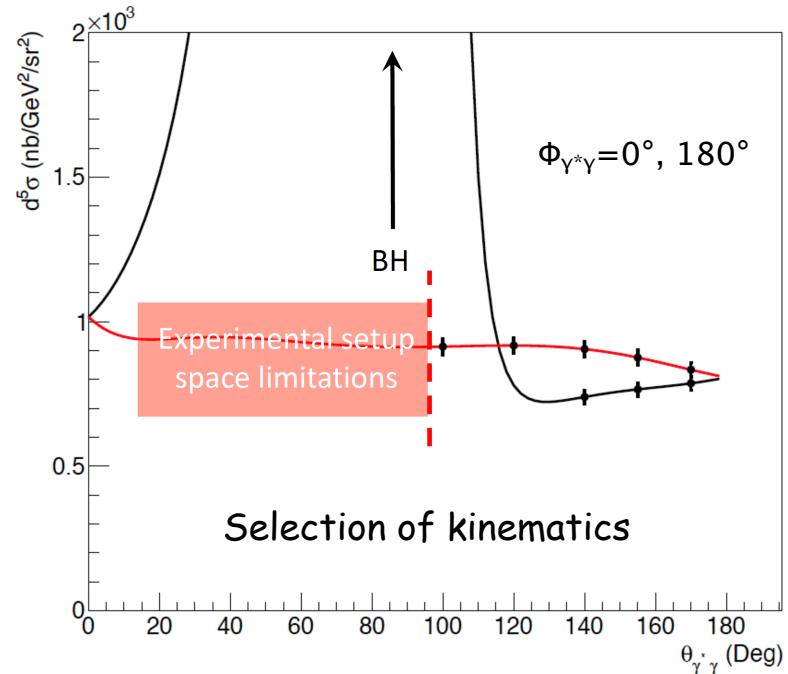
Moving Forward

# VCS-II (E12-23-001) @ JLab



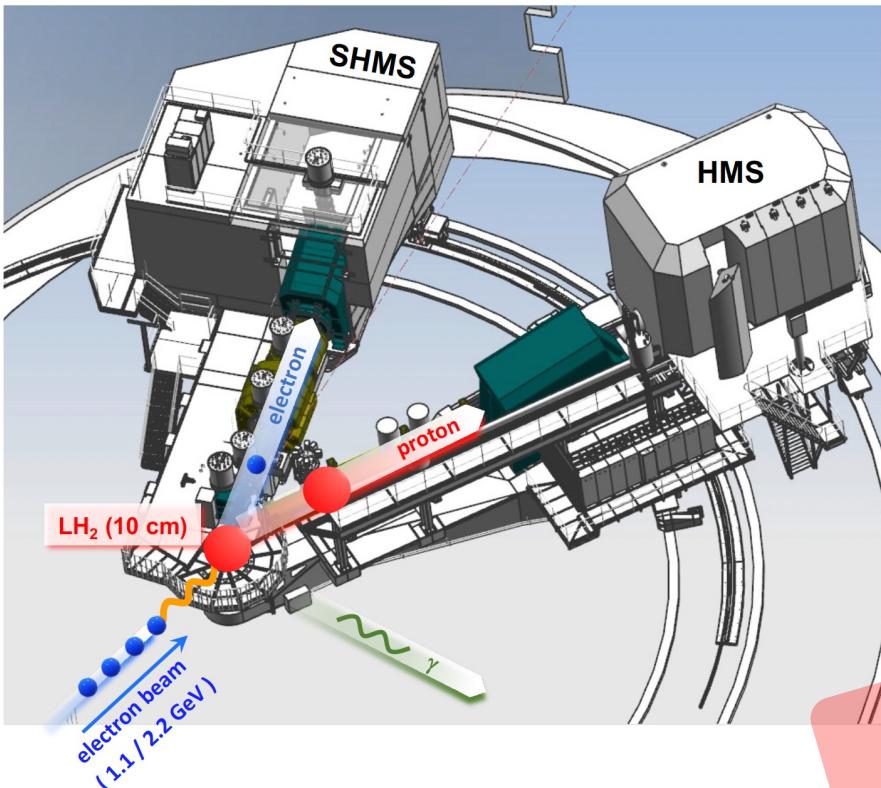
Hall C: SHMS, HMS  
 E= 1.1 GeV (lowest  $Q^2$ )  
 E=2.2 GeV (all other settings)  
 Liquid hydrogen 10 cm

Extend  $Q^2$  range & targeted measurements  
 to fully exploit the sensitivity to the GPs



# Kinematics

$Q^2$  spans  $0.05 \text{ GeV}^2$  to  $0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$



Production ( $E_o = 1.1 \text{ GeV}$ ) : 6 days

Production ( $E_o = 2.2 \text{ GeV}$ ) : 53 days

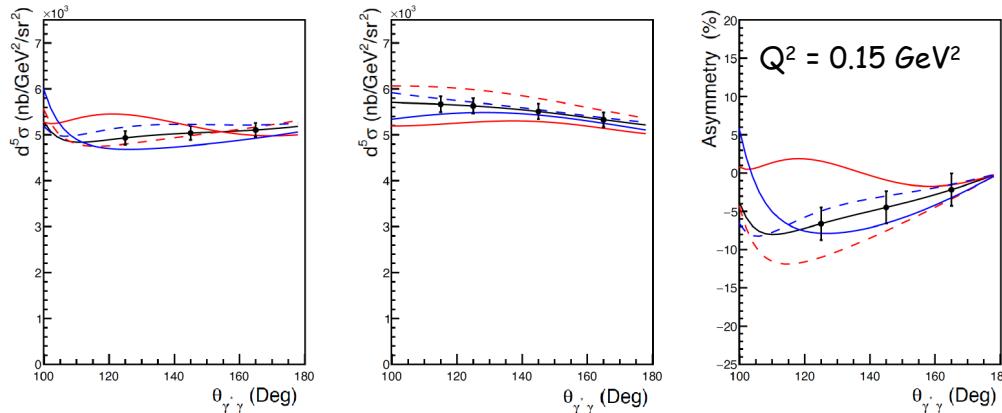
Studies (optics/dummy/calibrations) : 3 days

Total: 62 days

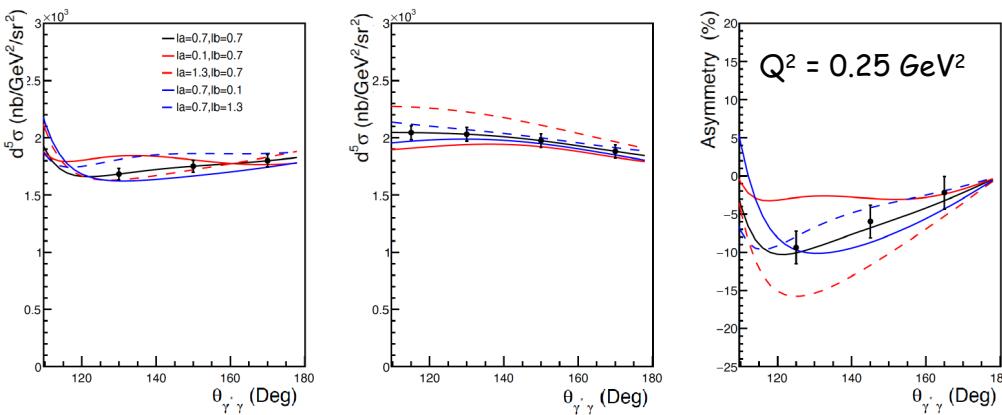
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GI	Kin I	110	14.3	736.3	54.45	493.93	15	1.00
	Kin II	133	14.3	736.3	44.93	556.10	15	1.00
	Kin IIIa	147	14.3	736.3	11.26	583.05	15	1.00
	Kin IIIb	147	14.3	736.3	39.06	583.05	15	1.00
	Kin IVa	160	14.3	736.3	16.73	599.95	15	1.00
	Kin IVb	160	14.3	736.3	33.59	599.95	15	1.00
GII	Kin I	115	11.22	1783.0	15.33	615.69	10	1.50
	Kin IIa	125	11.22	1783.0	56.54	647.85	10	2.50
	Kin IIb	125	11.22	1783.0	18.60	647.85	10	1.50
	Kin IIIa	145	11.22	1783.0	49.77	697.99	10	1.50
	Kin IIIb	145	11.22	1783.0	25.37	697.99	10	1.00
	Kin IVa	165	11.22	1783.0	42.82	726.87	10	1.00
	Kin IVb	165	11.22	1783.0	32.32	726.87	10	1.00
GIII	Kin I	115	14.73	1729.7	20.58	706.89	30	1.75
	Kin IIa	130	14.73	1729.7	54.89	758.24	30	2.00
	Kin IIb	130	14.73	1729.7	24.78	758.24	30	1.75
	Kin IIIa	150	14.73	1729.7	48.99	808.24	30	1.75
	Kin IIIb	150	14.73	1729.7	30.68	808.24	30	1.75
	Kin IVa	170	14.73	1729.7	42.90	834.12	30	1.00
	Kin IVb	170	14.73	1729.7	36.76	834.12	30	1.00
GIV	Kin I	100	16.32	1749.3	23.83	664.52	35	1.75
	Kin II	120	16.32	1749.3	28.01	738.39	50	1.25
	Kin IIIa	140	16.32	1749.3	32.84	795.37	70	1.00
	Kin IIIb	140	16.32	1749.3	53.80	795.37	70	2.00
	Kin IVa	155	16.32	1749.3	36.69	824.46	70	1.50
	Kin IVb	155	16.32	1749.3	49.95	824.46	70	2.50
	Kin Va	170	16.32	1749.3	40.66	840.48	70	1.00
	Kin Vb	170	16.32	1749.3	45.99	840.48	70	1.00
	Kin I	100	17.72	1676.41	19.75	723.69	35	2.00
GV	Kin II	120	17.72	1676.41	24.25	808.93	50	1.50
	Kin IIIa	140	17.72	1676.41	29.34	874.74	70	1.50
	Kin IIIb	140	17.72	1676.41	51.12	874.74	70	2.00
	Kin IVa	155	17.72	1676.41	33.36	908.37	70	2.00
	Kin IVb	155	17.72	1676.41	47.10	908.37	70	2.00
	Kin Va	170	17.72	1676.41	37.47	926.91	70	1.00
	Kin Vb	170	17.72	1676.41	42.99	926.91	70	1.00
	Kin I	120	20.45	1623.1	25.31	886.59	75	1.00
GVI	Kin IIa	140	20.45	1623.1	29.91	956.82	75	1.00
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	Kin IIIa	155	20.45	1623.1	33.58	992.83	75	1.50
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# Projected Cross sections

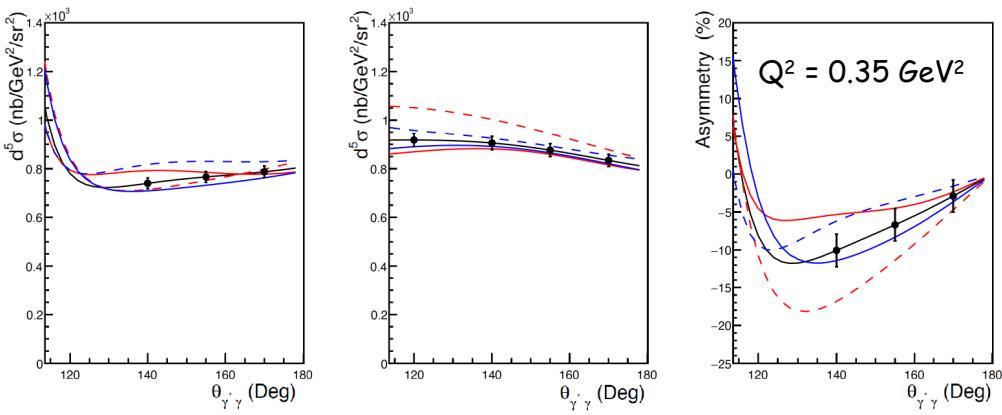


VCS-II Projected



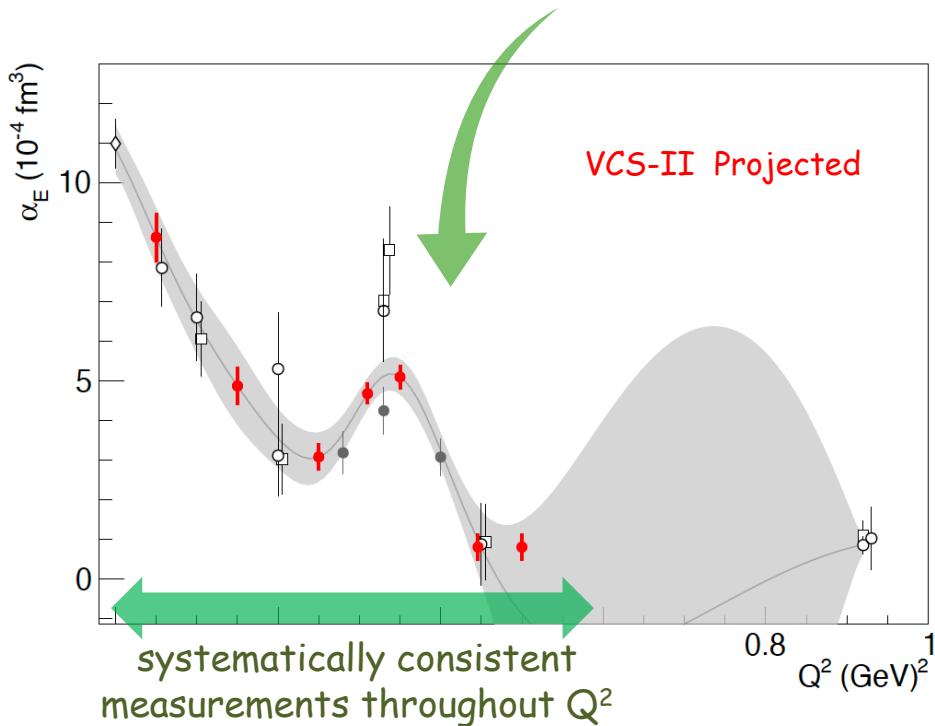
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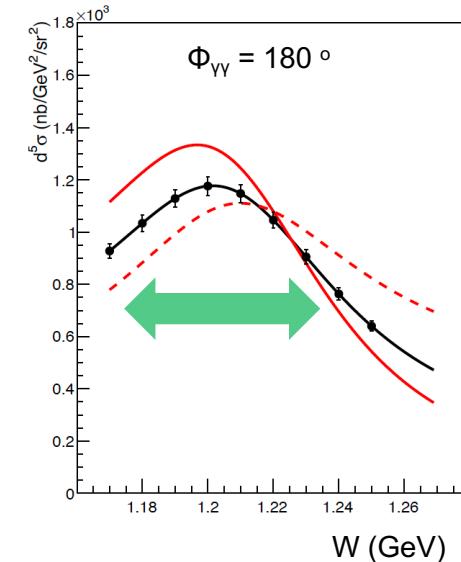
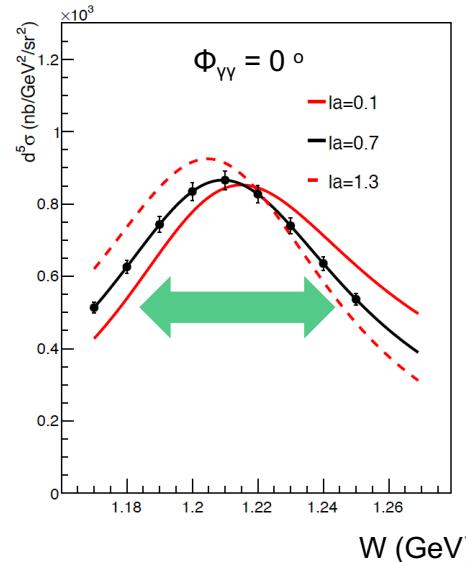


# VCS-II Projected Measurements

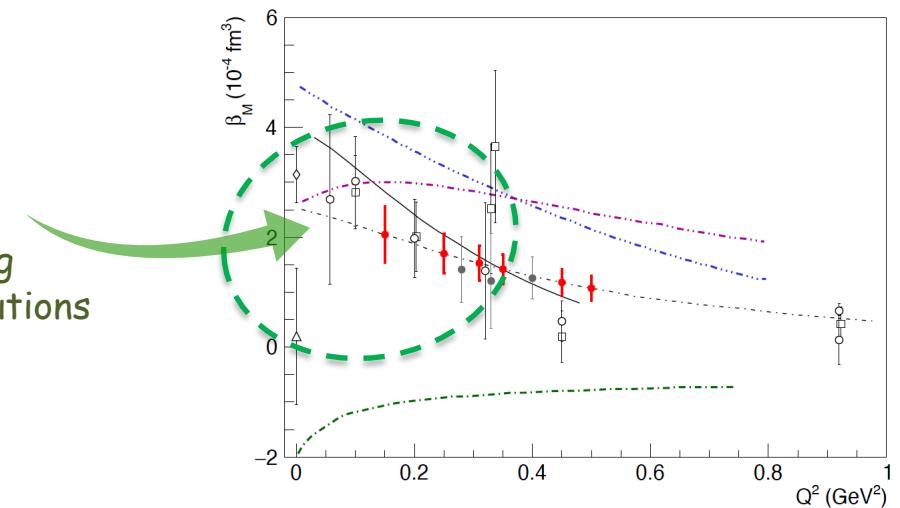
High precision measurements  
combined with a fine mapping in  $Q^2$



Targeted measurements to fully  
exploit the sensitivity to the GPs



Improve upon  $\beta_M$  :  
Pin down the competing  
para/dia-magnetic contributions  
in the nucleon



# Can we measure with a different method ?

Yes: positrons and/or beam spin asymmetries

Positrons allow for an independent path to access experimentally the GPs

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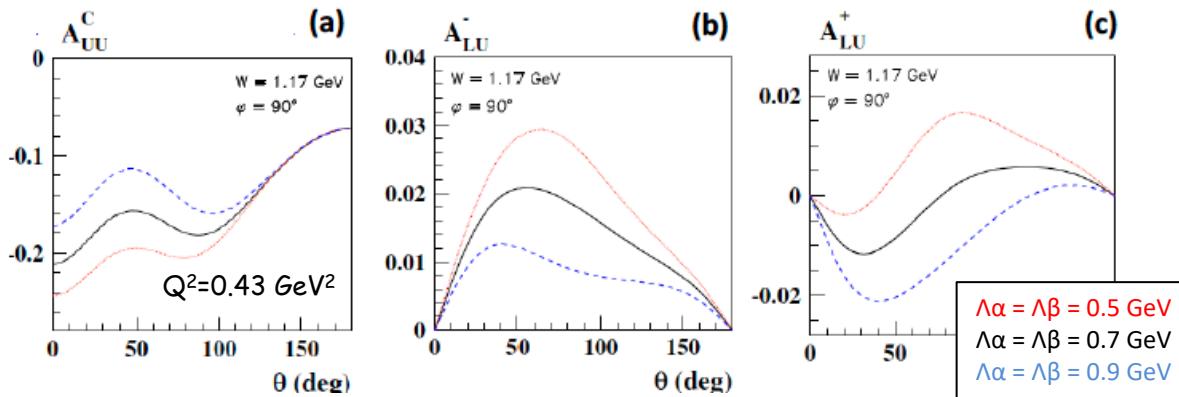
Virtual Compton scattering at low energies with a positron beam

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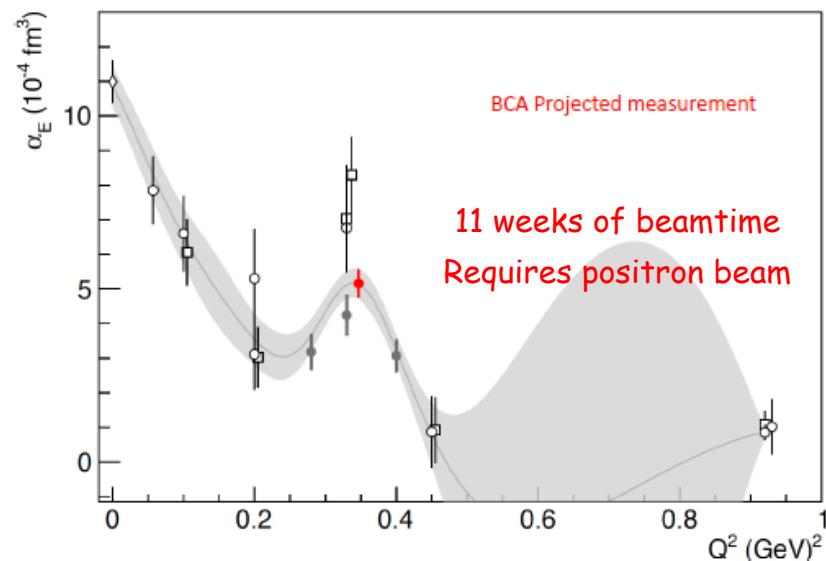
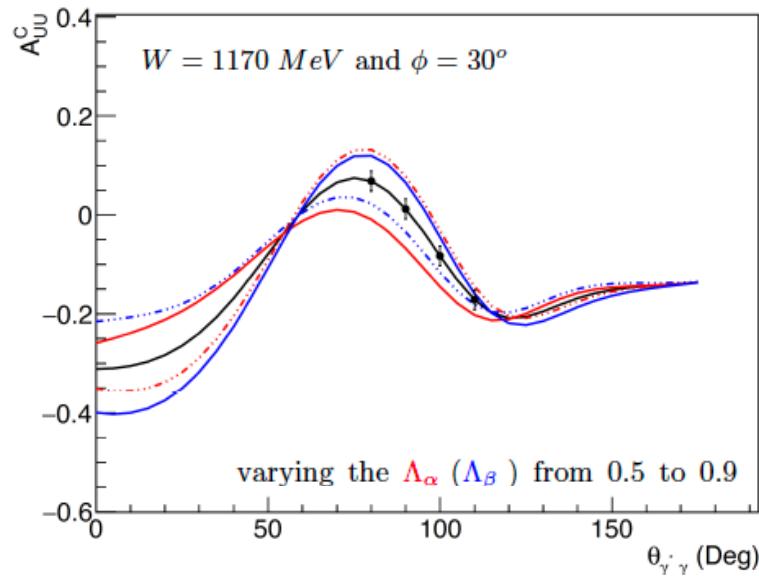
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Unpolarized beam charge asymmetry (BCA) :  $A_{UU}^C = \frac{(d\sigma_+^+ + d\sigma_-^+) - (d\sigma_+^- + d\sigma_-^-)}{d\sigma_+^+ + d\sigma_-^+ + d\sigma_+^- + d\sigma_-^-}$

Lepton beam spin asymmetry (BSA) :  $A_{LU}^e = \frac{d\sigma_+^e - d\sigma_-^e}{d\sigma_+^e + d\sigma_-^e}$

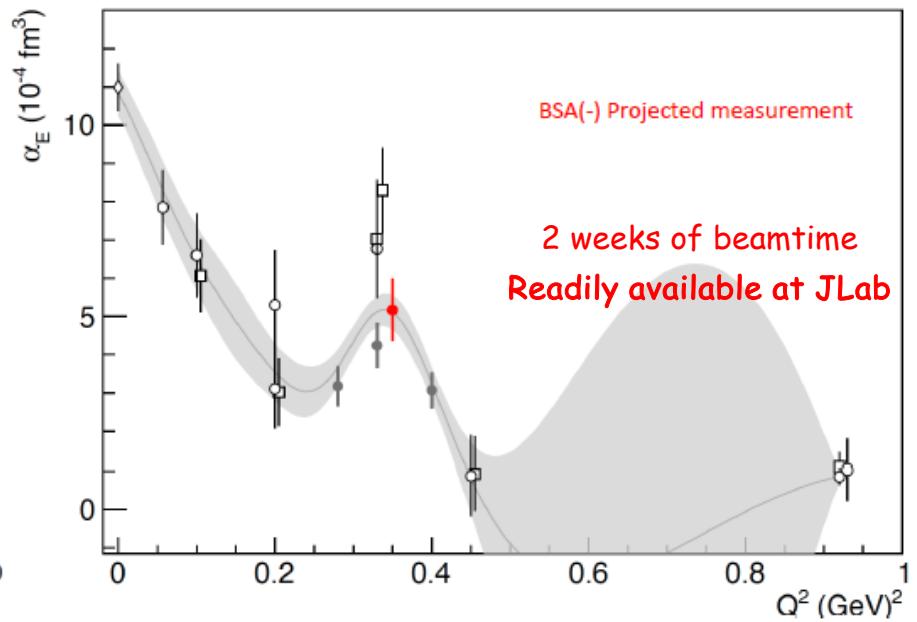
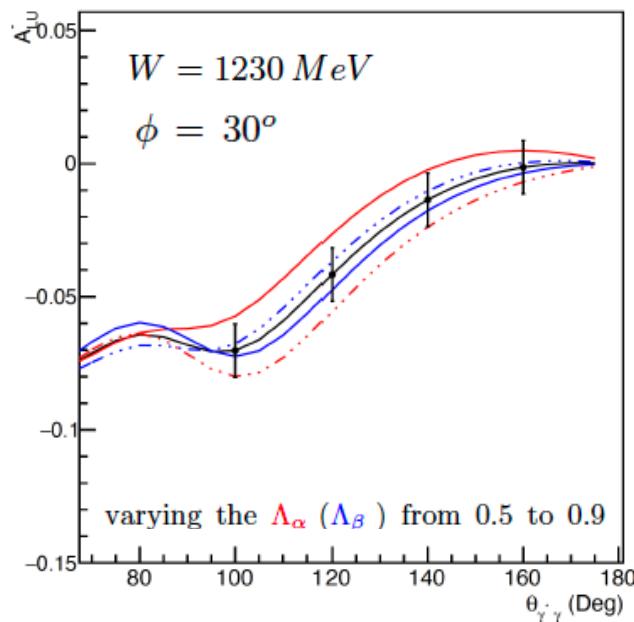
# BCA (electrons & positrons)



Hall C (SHMS / HMS)

$e^-$  : ~ 1 week of beamtime @ 50  $\mu$ A  
 and  
 $e^+$  : ~ 10 weeks of beamtime @ 5  $\mu$ A

# BSA (electrons or positrons)



Hall C (SHMS / HMS)

$e^-$  (pol. 85% @ 70  $\mu\text{A}$ ) : ~ 2 weeks of beamtime  
or  
 $e^+$  (pol. 60% @ 50 nA) : ~ 3 orders of magnitude more beamtime

Measurement of the Generalized Polarizabilities of the Proton  
with positron and polarized electron beams

Letter of Intent to Jefferson Lab PAC-51

## PAC 51 Report Summary

"The physics case presented in the proposal is robust ..., and the PAC encourages the proponents to proceed and submit a full proposal"

# Summary

Progress measuring proton's fundamental properties / response to an EM field

Insight to spatial deformation of the nucleon densities under an applied EM field, interplay of para/dia-magnetic mechanisms in the proton, polarizability radii, ...

Electric GP: {

- possibility for a non-trivial (non-monotonic) behavior in  $a_E(Q^2)$  (albeit with a smaller magnitude than originally suggested)
- or
- at minimum: strong tension between world data

Experiment ahead of theory:

Stringent constraints to theoretical predictions / can improve further

High precision benchmark data for upcoming LQCD calculations

Future measurements:

Pin down precisely the shape of the  $a_E$  structure  
(if it exists) - important input for the theory

Independent cross-check

Measure via a different channel (BS asymmetries & positrons)

Thank you!