

# GEN-II Analysis & Thesis Update

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# GEN-II: Neutron Electric Form Factor at High $Q^2$

## What?

Double polarized  
semi-exclusive  
 **$^3\text{He}(e,e'n)pp$**   
quasi-elastic  
scattering

## Why?

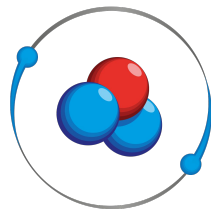
Extract Sachs Form  
Factor  **$G_E^n$**  with  
precise high  $Q^2$   
GMn data.

## How?

Measure transverse  
asymmetry  **$A_{\perp}$**  of  
cross section

## Where?

**Hall A** - Thomas  
Jefferson National  
Accelerator Facility

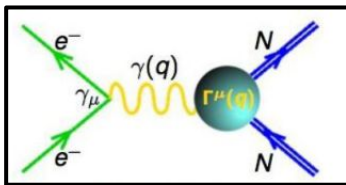


**R. Hofstadter et al. (1950s)**

$$\sigma(\theta_e) = \sigma_M \left| \int \rho(r) e^{iq \cdot r} d^3 r \right|^2 = \sigma_M |F(q)|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{1p}(0) &= 1 & \kappa_p &= \mu_p - 1 \\ F_{2p}(0) &= \kappa_p \\ F_{1n}(0) &= 0 & \kappa_n &= \mu_n \\ F_{2n}(0) &= \kappa_n \end{aligned}$$

**Born Term**



**F<sub>1</sub>: helicity non-conserving, Pauli FF**  
**F<sub>2</sub>: helicity conserving, Dirac FF**

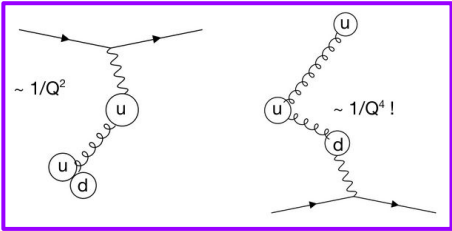
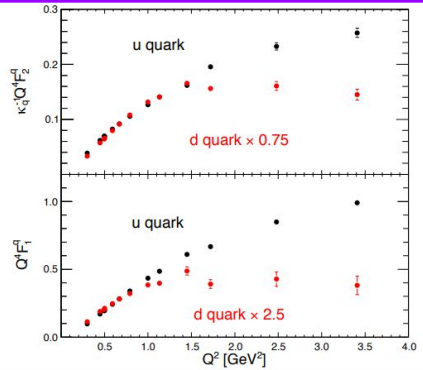
$$\Gamma_\mu(p, p') = \gamma_\mu F_1(Q^2) + \frac{i\sigma_{\nu\mu}}{2M} F_2(Q^2)$$

**F.J. Ernst et al (1960s)**

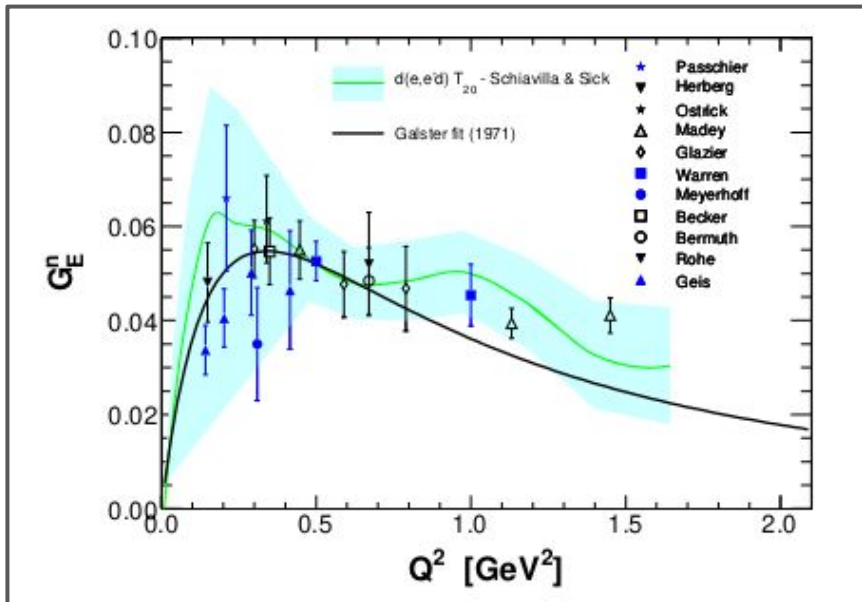
$$\begin{aligned} G_E &= F_1 - \frac{Q^2}{M^2} F_2 \\ G_M &= F_1 + F_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \underbrace{\frac{\alpha^2}{4E^2} \frac{E}{\sin^4 \theta/2}}_{\text{point-like target}} \left[ \underbrace{\frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau}}_{\text{Electric form-factor}} \cos^2 \theta/2 + 2\tau \underbrace{G_M^2}_{\text{Magnetic form-factor}} \sin^2 \theta/2 \right]$$

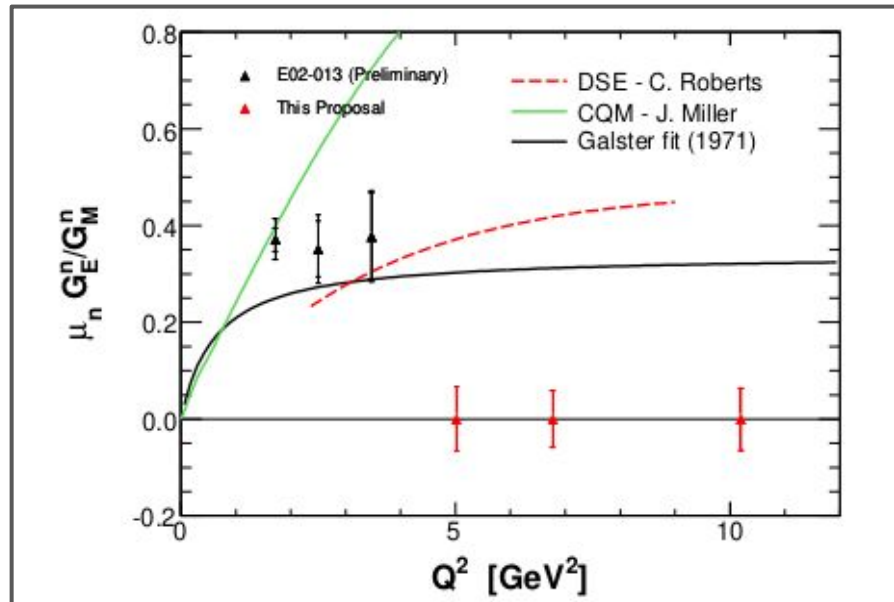
$$\tau \equiv \frac{Q^2}{4M^2}$$



**Different u & d behaviour may indicate diquark correlations!**



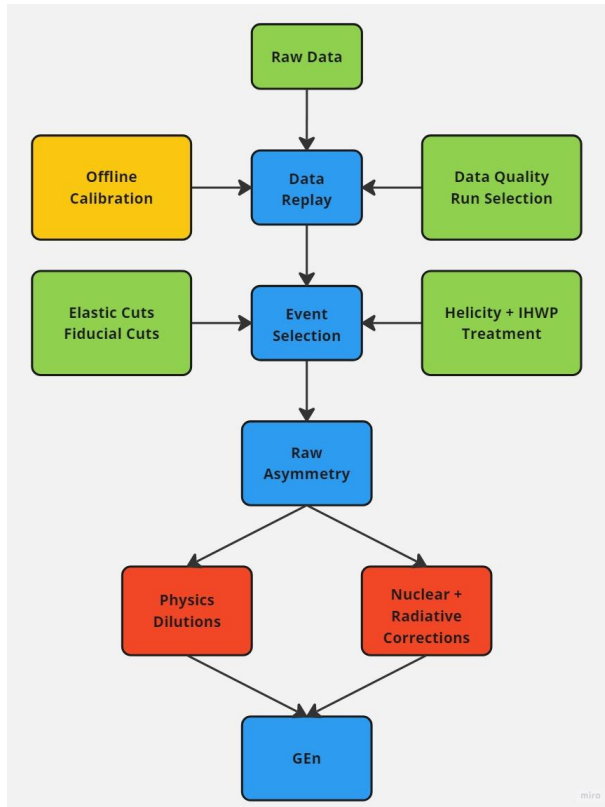
World data for  $G_E^n$  from polarized measurements and deuteron quadrupole measurement (Green), with Galster fit.



Projected points for  $G_E^n$ -II experiment, with (OLD PRELIMINARY) results from  $G_E^n$ -I shown.

$Q^2$	$E_e$	$\theta_e$	$p_e$	$\theta_n$	$p_n$
2.9	4.288	29.5	2.69	34.7	2.37
6.6	6.3	35.9	2.77	22.1	4.38
9.7	8.400	35.0	3.21	18.0	6.07

# Analysis Workflow



## $A_{\text{phys}}$ Dilutions

$P_{\text{beam}}$ : Polarisation of beam. Typically about 80-85%

$P_{\text{He3}}$ : Polarisation of Helium-3 target. Varies run to run based on spin-up and cell. 20-50%

$P_n$ : Fraction of polarisation of Neutron in  $\text{He}^3$ . Known to be about 84%.

$D_{\text{N}_2}$ : Dilution due to Nitrogen in the target cell

$D_{\pi}$ : Pion background dilution

$D_{\text{FSI}}$ : Final state interaction influences.

# Analysis Workflow: GEn Extraction

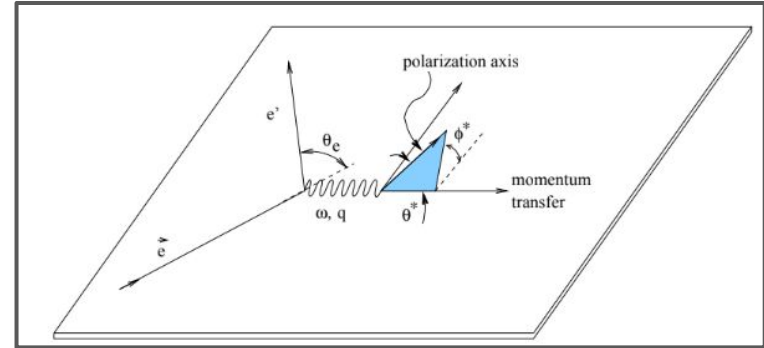
$$A = \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N} = P A^{true}$$

$$A_{phys} = \frac{A_{exp}}{P_{beam} P_{He^3} P_n D_{N^2} D_\pi D_{FSI}}$$

$$A_{phys} = \frac{A_{true}}{P_n D_{N^2} D_\pi D_{FSI}} \leftarrow \text{Systematics / Dilutions}$$

$$A_{phys} = -\frac{2\sqrt{\tau(\tau+1)} \tan(\theta/2) G_E^n G_M^n \sin\theta^* \cos\phi^*}{(G_E^n)^2 + (G_M^n)^2 (\tau + 2\tau(1+\tau) \tan^2(\theta/2))} - \frac{2\tau\sqrt{1+\tau} (1+\tau)^2 \tan^2(\theta/2) \tan(\theta/2) (G_M^n)^2 \cos\theta^*}{(G_E^n)^2 + (G_M^n)^2 (\tau + 2\tau(1+\tau) \tan^2(\theta/2))}$$

$$A_\perp = -\frac{G_E^n}{G_M^n} \frac{2\sqrt{\tau(\tau+1)} \tan(\theta/2)}{(G_E^n/G_M^n)^2 + (\tau + 2\tau(1+\tau) \tan^2(\theta/2))}$$



**Magnetic field set such that polarization perpendicular to q vector**

**GEn small  $\rightarrow$   $(G_{En}/G_{Mn})^2$  negligible**

**Extract ratio from asymmetry**

# Scope of Thesis

Primarily an analysis of GEN2 kinematic.  
(possibly with some focus specifically on hodoscope)

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Theory & Motivations
- Chapter 3: Experimental Setup
- Chapter 4: Data Analysis
- Chapter 5: Results and Discussion
- Chapter 6: Conclusion
- Appendices

Submission deadline June 2024

Measurement of the Neutron Electric Form Factor at  $Q^2 = 2.9 \text{ GeV}^2$ .

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# Analysis Progress Since Starting Ph.D

## January 2021 - Now:

- **Preliminary GMn Analysis**
  - LH2, LD2 elastic/Quasielastic rates for all kinematics.
- **GEn Simulation Framework**
  - Sims for all kinematics + generators prior to running
- **Full GEn Analysis Framework**
  - Progressed from GMn analysis elastics script
  - Raw Asymmetry with background subtraction
- **Final result calculation framework**



# Analysis Status

## Cuts

Global:  $\text{fabs}(\text{tr\_vz}) < 0.27$ ,  $\text{hcal\_nclus} > 0$ ,

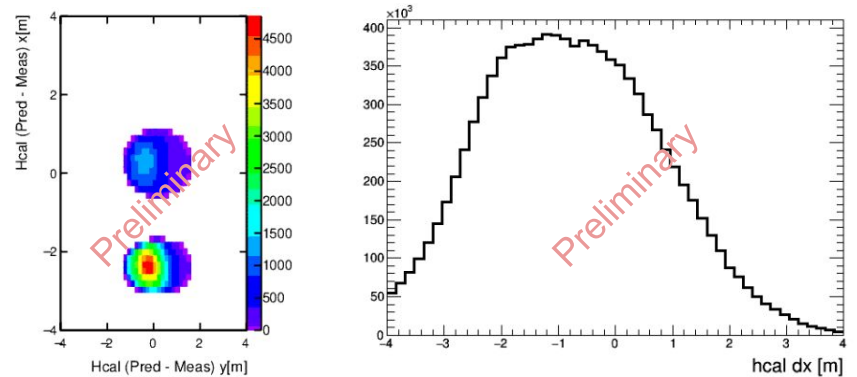
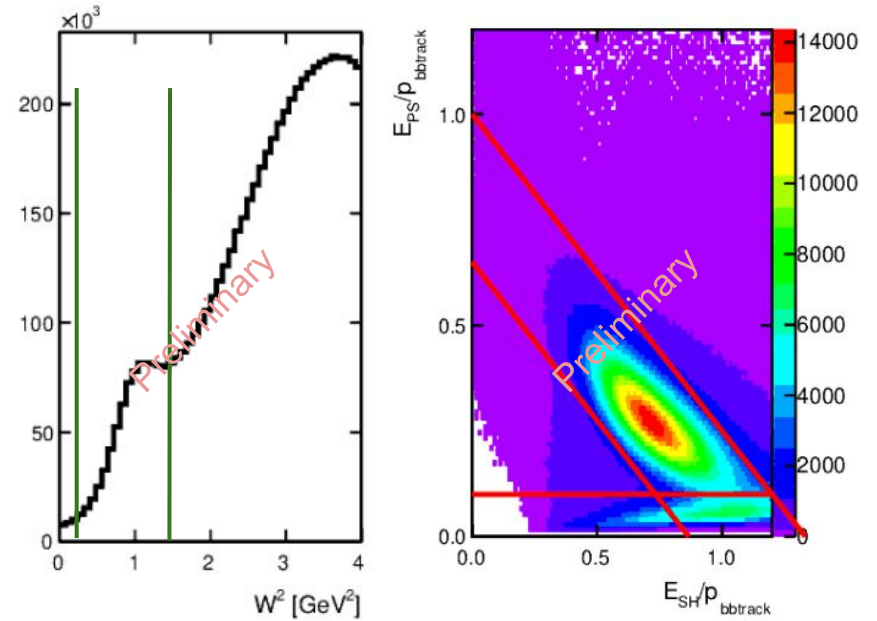
$\text{tr\_n} > 0$ ,  $\text{gem\_layers} > 3$

$\text{PS}_E > 0.1 \text{ GeV}$  ( $\pi^-$  rejection)

$0.65 < \text{PS}_E/p + 0.75 * \text{SH}_E/p < 1.0$

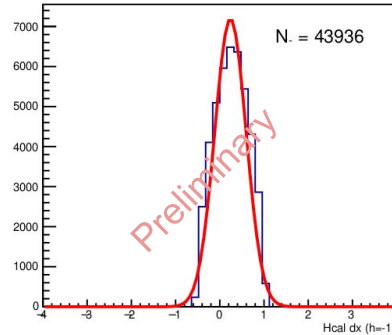
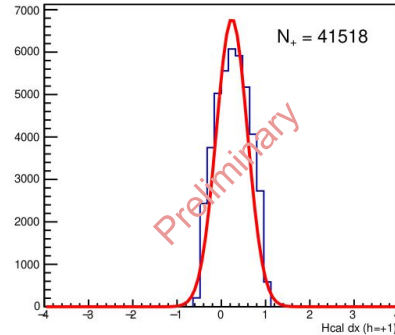
$3\sigma$  cut around  $W2$  ( $0.25 < W^2 < 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ )

$3\sigma$  Neutron spot cut (plot on right is 1m radial)



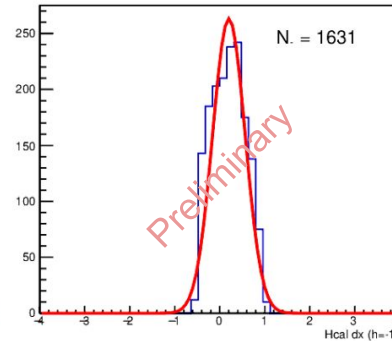
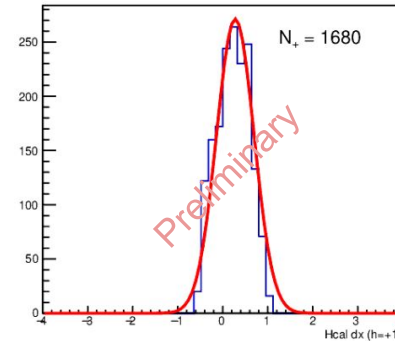
# Analysis Status: Preliminary Raw Asymmetry

Kinematic 2:  
 $Q^2 = 2.9 \text{ GeV}^2$



$A_{\text{raw}} = 0.02830 \pm 0.00342$   
 $A_{\text{true}} = 0.12909 \pm 0.01560$   
 $\sim 40\text{M} / 169\text{M}$  total stats

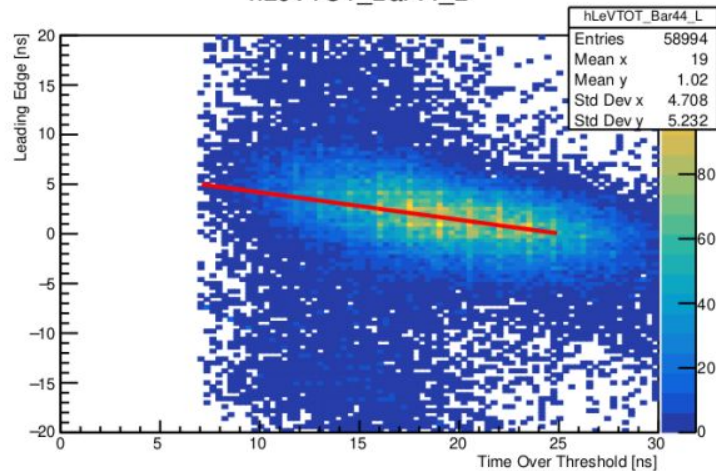
Kinematic 3:  
 $Q^2 = 6.6 \text{ GeV}^2$



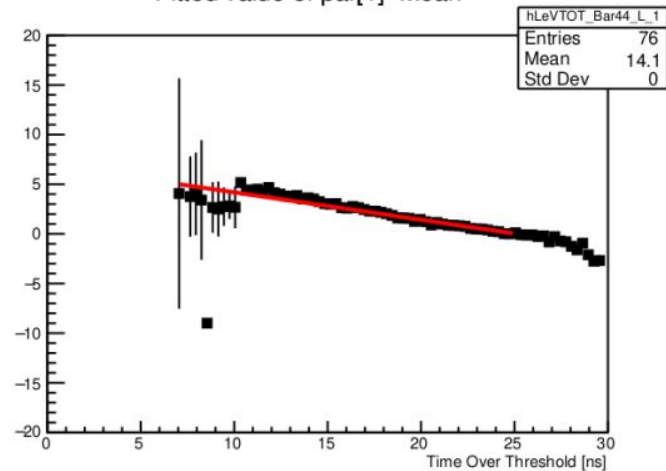
$A_{\text{raw}} = 0.01480 \pm 0.01738$   
 $A_{\text{true}} = 0.40783 \pm 0.47886$   
 $\sim 70\text{M} / 500\text{M}$  total stats

# **Hodoscope Calibration**

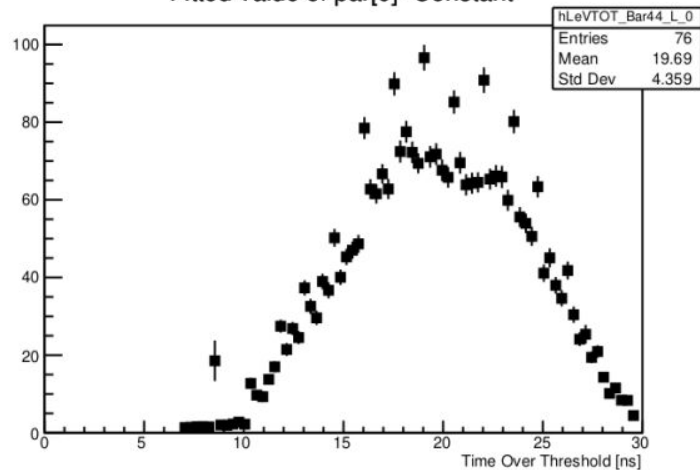
hLeVTOT\_Bar44\_L



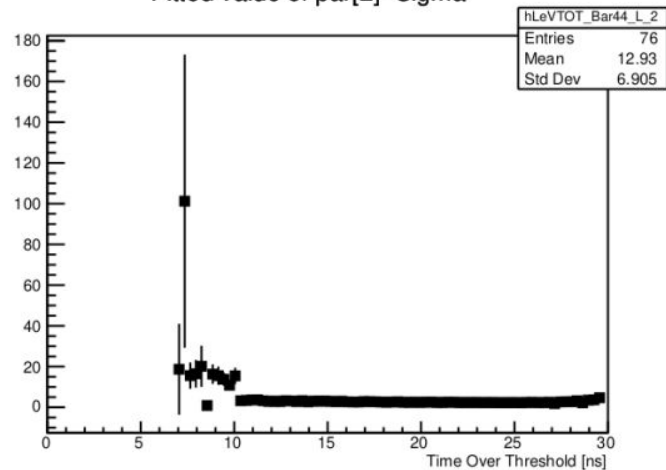
Fitted value of par[1]=Mean



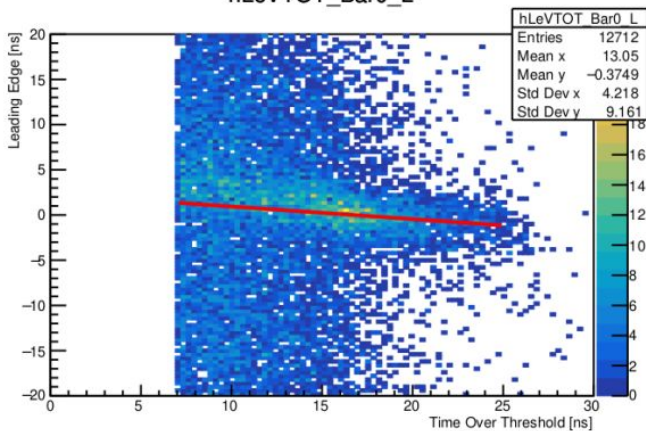
Fitted value of par[0]=Constant



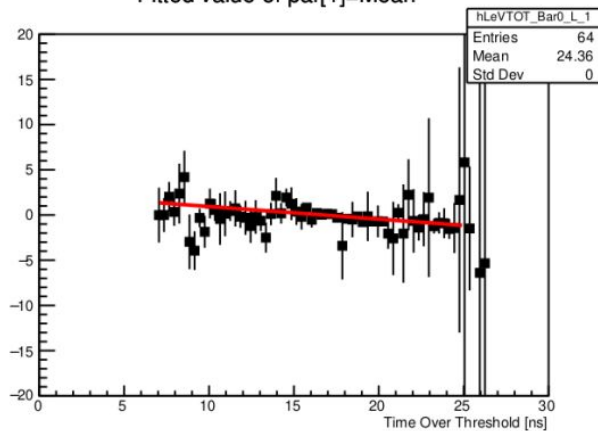
Fitted value of par[2]=Sigma



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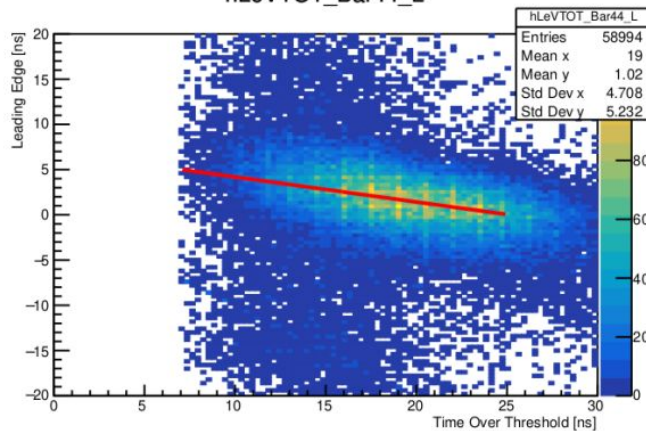
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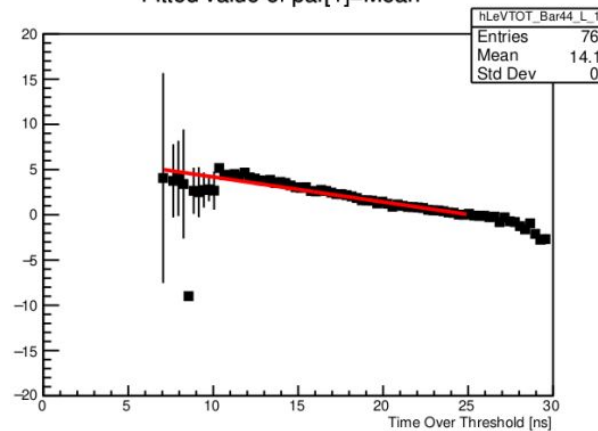
**Bar 0L and 44L as examples**

**Top 10 bars (not shown) are difficult to fit due to low statistics.**

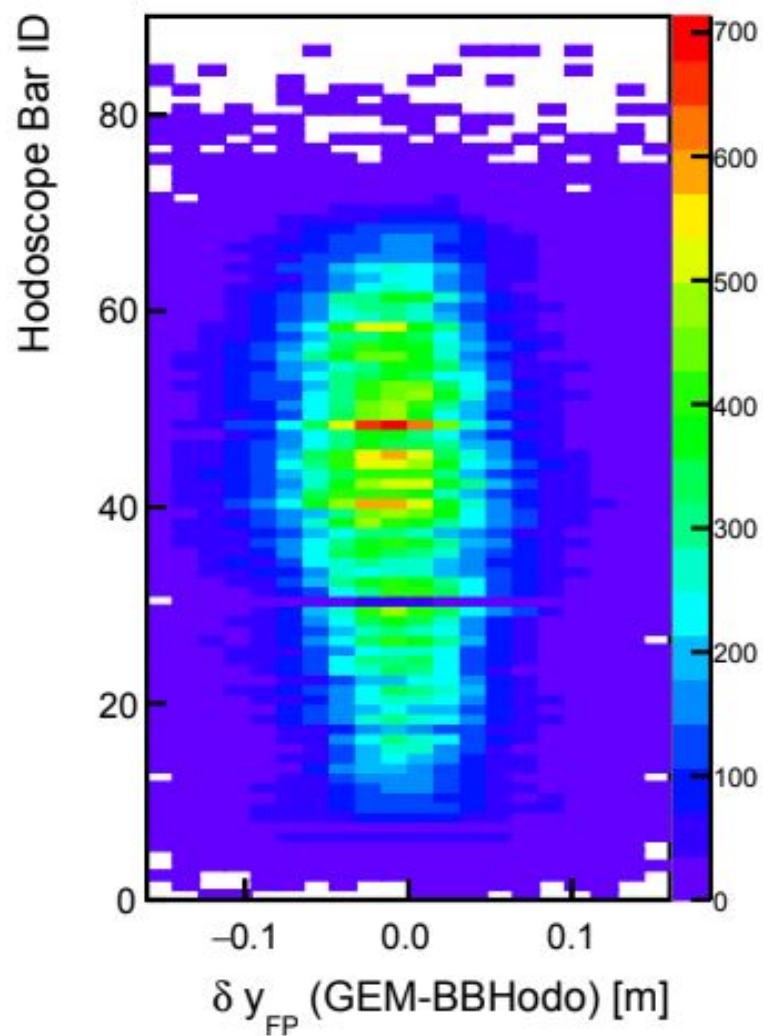
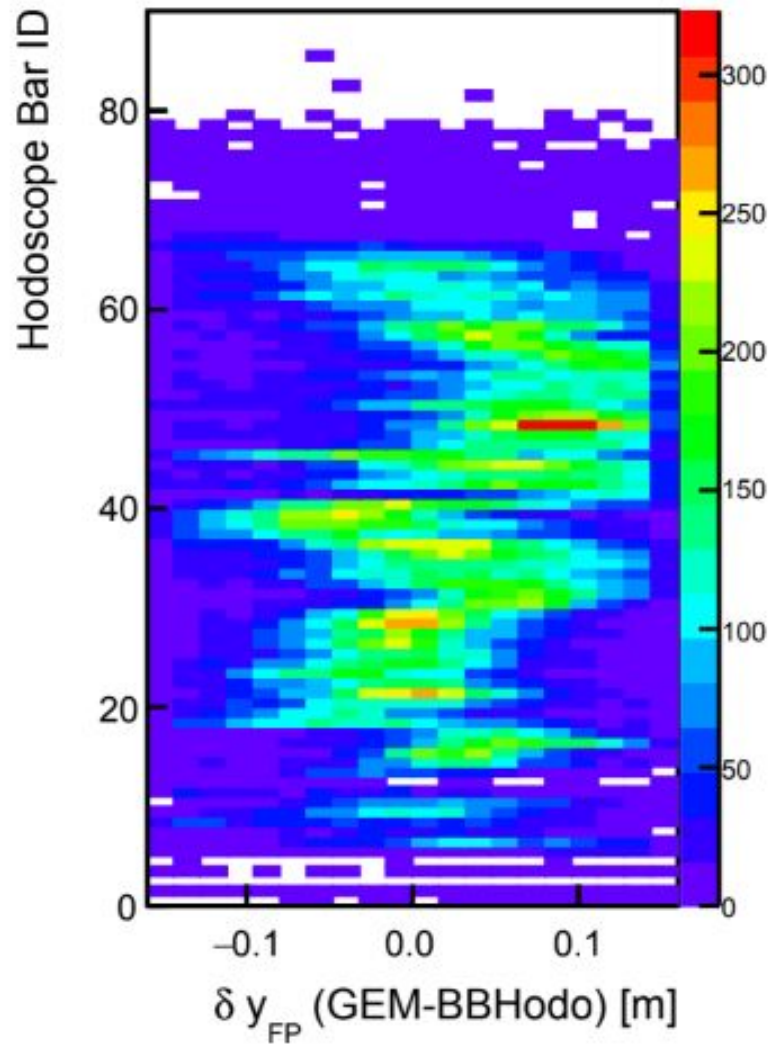
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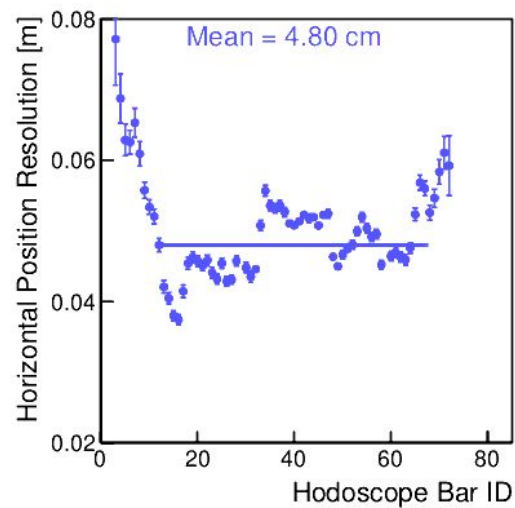
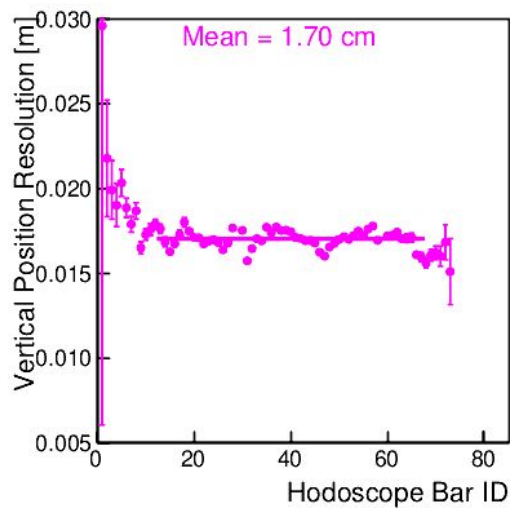
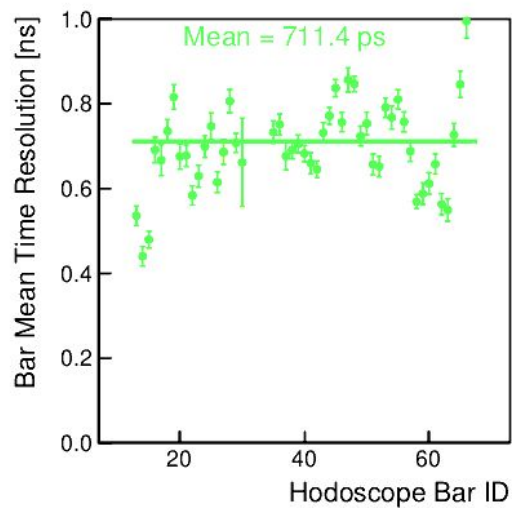
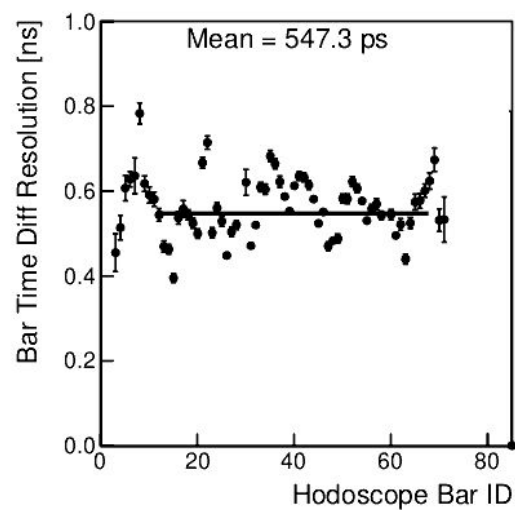
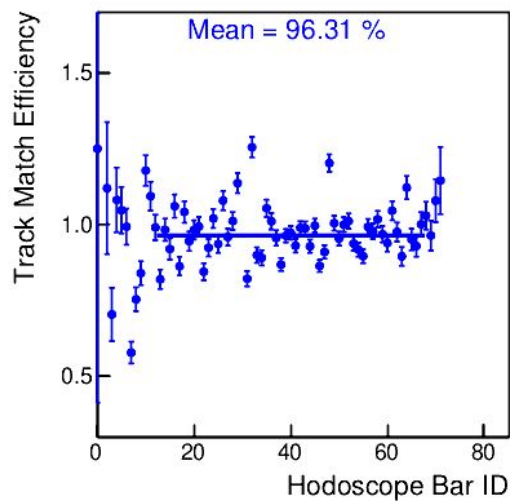


**This is unavoidable as these are very much out of elastic acceptance.**



# GEN-2

## All H2 Runs



# Next Steps

- **Hodoscope Path Length Corrections**
  - Looking at time vs (x,y,theta,phi) empirically
  - Plan to use g4sbs data too
- **Full GEN2 He3 statistics  $A_{\text{raw}}$  (Code updated today)**
- **Finish Experimental Setup chapter of thesis**
- **Visit lab for shifts on run extension**
- **Pass 0 -> Pass 1 -> Pass 2**
- **Final result**



**Backup**

# Statistical Uncertainty Handling

## Correlated Asymmetries

$$q = \frac{N^+}{N}$$

$$\sigma_q^2 = \frac{\sigma_{N^+}^2}{N^2}$$

$$\sigma_{N^+}^2 = Nq(1 - q)$$

$$\sigma_A^2 = \frac{4q(1 - q)}{N} = \frac{4N^+N^-}{N^3}$$

## Asymmetry in Polarisation measurement

$$A = \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N} = PA^{true}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{A^{true}}^2 &= \frac{1}{P^2}\sigma_A^2 + \frac{A^2}{P^4}\sigma_P^2 \\ &= \frac{4N^+N^-}{N^3P^2} + \frac{(N^+ - N^-)^2}{N^2P^4}\sigma_P^2 \\ &= \frac{4q(1 - q)}{NP^2} + \frac{(2q - 1)^2}{P^4}\sigma_P^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}A^{true} &= \frac{\sum A_i^{true} N_i P_i^2}{\sum N_i P_i^2} \\ &= \frac{\sum (N_i^+ - N_i^-) P_i}{\sum N_i P_i^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_{A^{true}}^2 = \frac{4q(1 - q)}{\sum N_i P_i^2}$$

$$\sigma_h = \Sigma + h\Delta$$

$$A_N = \frac{\sigma_+ - \sigma_-}{\sigma_+ + \sigma_-} = \frac{\Delta}{\Sigma}$$

$$\Sigma = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \Big|_{\text{Mott}} \frac{E_f}{E_i} \left( \frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau} + 2\tau G_M^2 \tan^2(\theta/2) \right)$$

$$\Delta = -2 \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \Big|_{\text{Mott}} \frac{E_f}{E_i} \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{1 + \tau}} \tan(\theta/2) \left[ \sqrt{\tau(1 + (1 + \tau) \tan^2(\theta/2))} \cos \theta^* G_M^2 + \sin \theta^* \cos \phi^* G_M G_E \right]$$

$$A_{\text{phys}} = - \frac{2\sqrt{\tau(\tau + 1)} \tan(\theta/2) G_E^n G_M^n \sin \theta^* \cos \phi^*}{(G_E^n)^2 + (G_M^n)^2 (\tau + 2\tau(1 + \tau) \tan^2(\theta/2))} - \frac{2\tau \sqrt{1 + \tau + (1 + \tau)^2 \tan^2(\theta/2)} \tan(\theta/2) (G_M^n)^2 \cos \theta^*}{(G_E^n)^2 + (G_M^n)^2 (\tau + 2\tau(1 + \tau) \tan^2(\theta/2))}$$

$$A_{\perp} = - \frac{G_E^n}{G_M^n} \frac{2\sqrt{\tau(\tau + 1)} \tan(\theta/2)}{(G_E^n/G_M^n)^2 + (\tau + 2\tau(1 + \tau) \tan^2(\theta/2))}$$

# **Miscellaneous Contributions to GEN / SBS**

**Hodoscope Technical & Mapping Document**

**Target Install Work**

**GEN Hodoscope calibrations + documentation**

**35 SL+TO Shifts (More in new run)**

**GEN2 Data validation + good run list**

