

# A Measurement of the Proton Spin Structure Function, $g_2$ , at Low $Q^2$

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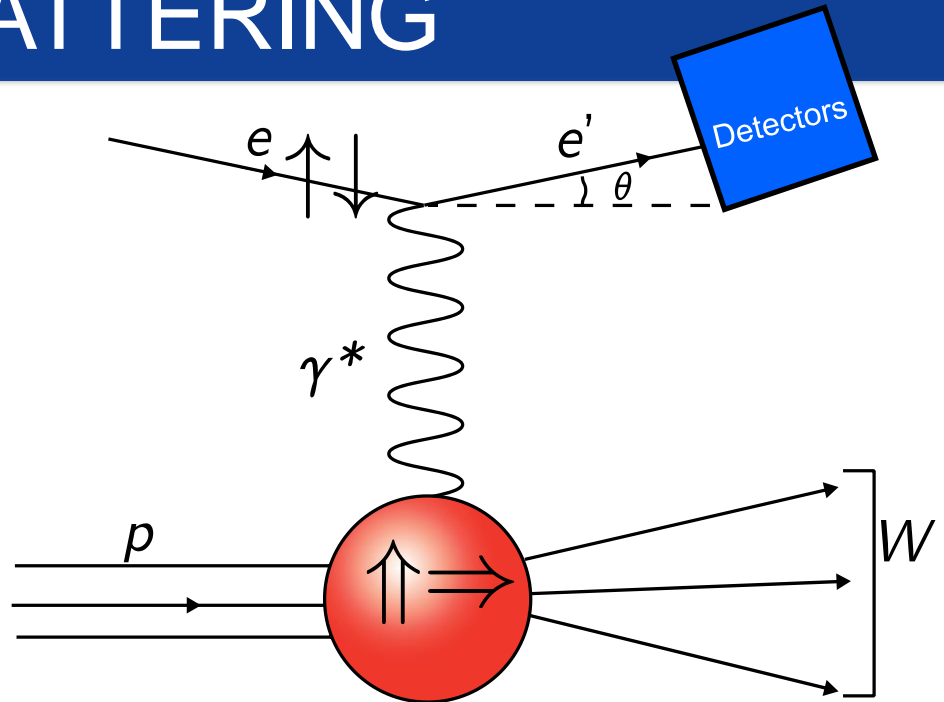
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# INCLUSIVE $ep$ SCATTERING

Four structure functions characterize the scattering from a proton:

Inclusive *unpolarized* cross sections

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \sigma_{\text{Mott}} \left[ \frac{1}{\nu} F_2(x, Q^2) + \frac{2}{M} F_1(x, Q^2) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$



Adding a *polarized* beam and target adds two more structure functions

$$\frac{d^2\sigma^\pm}{d\Omega dE'} = \sigma_{\text{Mott}} \left[ \alpha F_1(x, Q^2) + \beta F_2(x, Q^2) \pm \gamma g_1(x, Q^2) \pm \delta g_2(x, Q^2) \right]$$

$g_1$  and  $g_2$  related to spin distribution

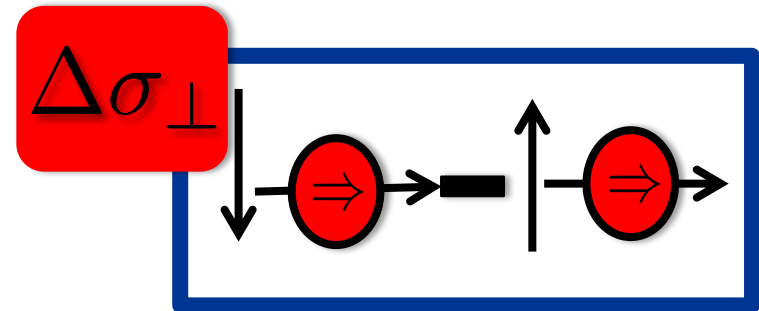
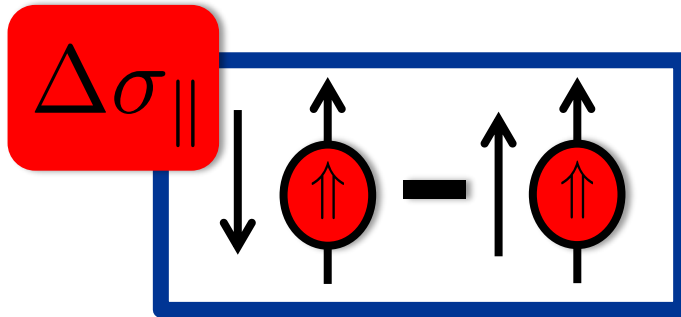
$$Q^2 = -q^2 = 4EE' \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$

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

$$\nu = E - E'$$

# EXTRACTING SPIN STRUCTURE

Inclusive *polarized* cross sections



*Two equations, two unknowns...*

$\Delta\sigma_{\parallel}$  measured during EG4 experiment in Hall B: will extract  $g_1$  at low  $Q^2$

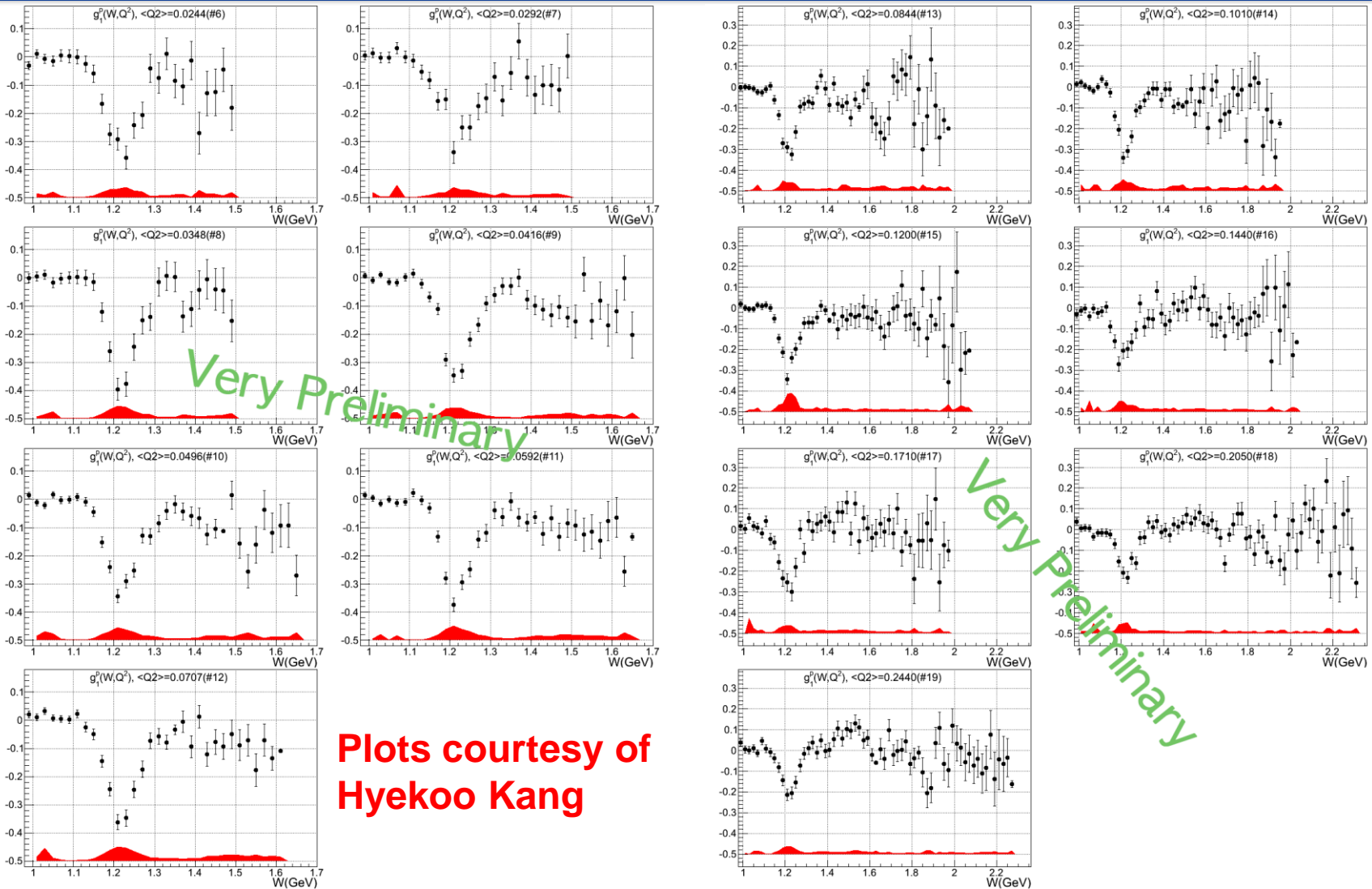
$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'}(\downarrow\uparrow - \uparrow\uparrow) = \frac{4\alpha^2}{M\nu Q^2} \frac{E'}{E} [(E + E' \cos\theta)g_1(x, Q^2) - \frac{Q^2}{\nu}g_2(x, Q^2)]$$

$\Delta\sigma_{\perp}$  measured from g2p experiment

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'}(\downarrow\Rightarrow - \uparrow\Rightarrow) = \frac{4\alpha^2 \sin\theta}{M\nu^2 Q^2} \frac{E'^2}{E} [\nu g_1(x, Q^2) - 2E g_2(x, Q^2)]$$



# PRELIMINARY EG4 $g_1$ DATA



Plots courtesy of  
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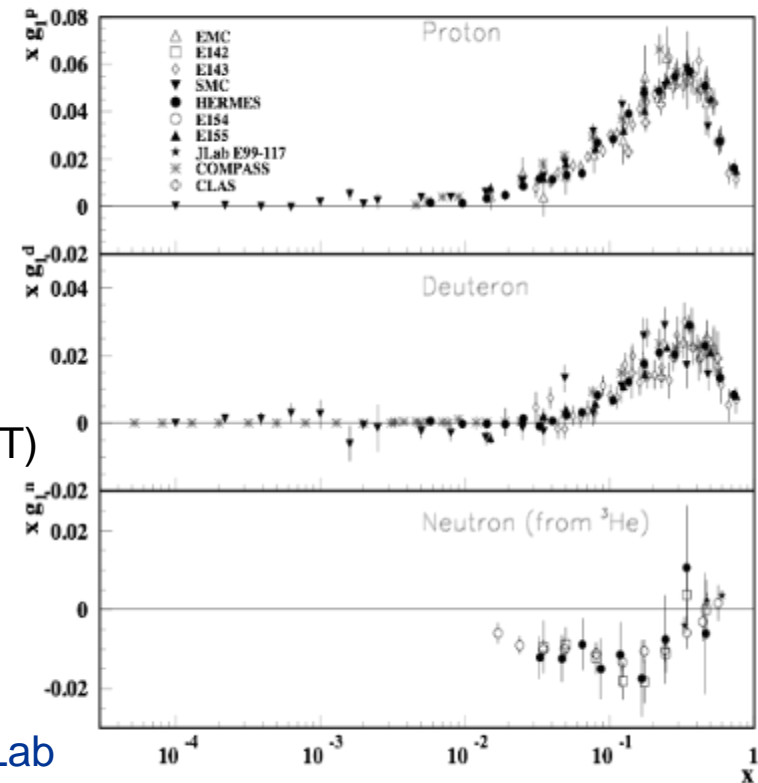


# MOTIVATION

Measure a fundamental spin observable ( $g_2$ ) in the region  $0.02 < Q^2 < 0.20 \text{ GeV}^2$  for the first time

- First measurements of proton  $g_2$  at SLAC E155x
- Measurements at Jefferson Lab:
  - RSS – medium  $Q^2$  ( 1-2  $\text{GeV}^2$ ) (published)
  - SANE – high  $Q^2$  (2-6  $\text{GeV}^2$ ) (analysis)
  - $g_2p$  – low  $Q^2$  (0.02-.20  $\text{GeV}^2$ ) (analysis)
- Low  $Q^2$  is useful:
  - Test predictions of Chiral Perturbation Theory ( $\chi\text{PT}$ )
  - Test sum rules and measure moments of  $g_2$
  - Study finite size effects of the proton
- $g_2p$  experiment ran spring 2012 in Hall A at Jefferson Lab

Lots of  $g_1$  data...

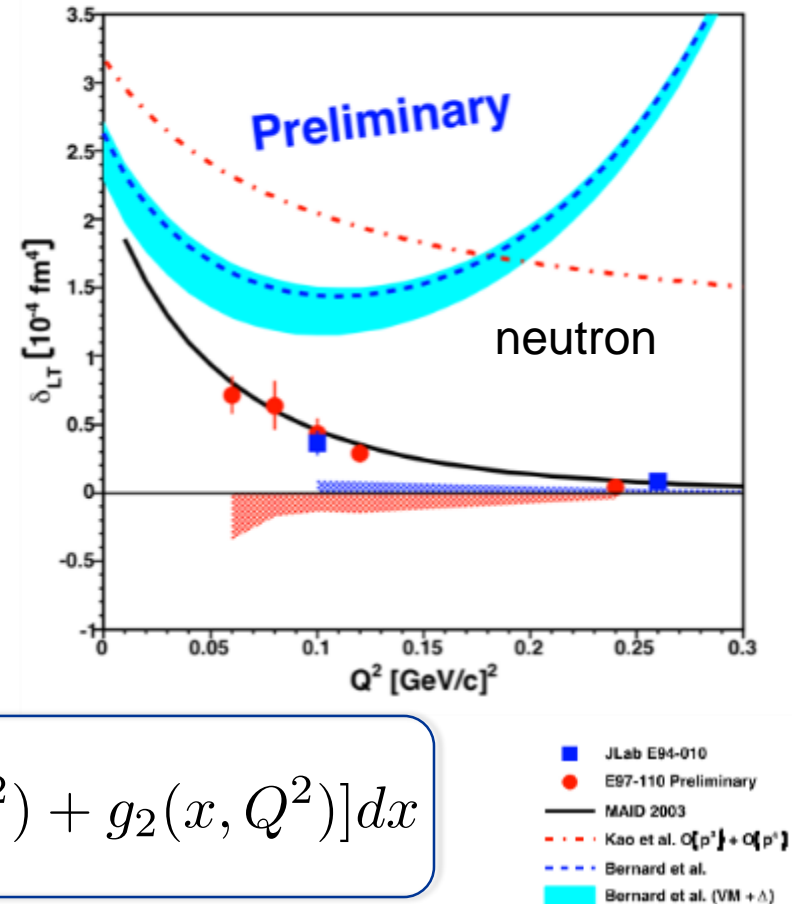


Particle Data Group (2010)

# SPIN LT POLARIZABILITY

- Can be calculated via  $\chi$ PT
  - Difficulty is how to include nucleon resonance contributions
  - $\delta_{LT}$  insensitive to delta resonance
- Present neutron data shows some deviations for calculated polarizabilities
- No proton data yet!

Plot courtesy of V. Sulkosky



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



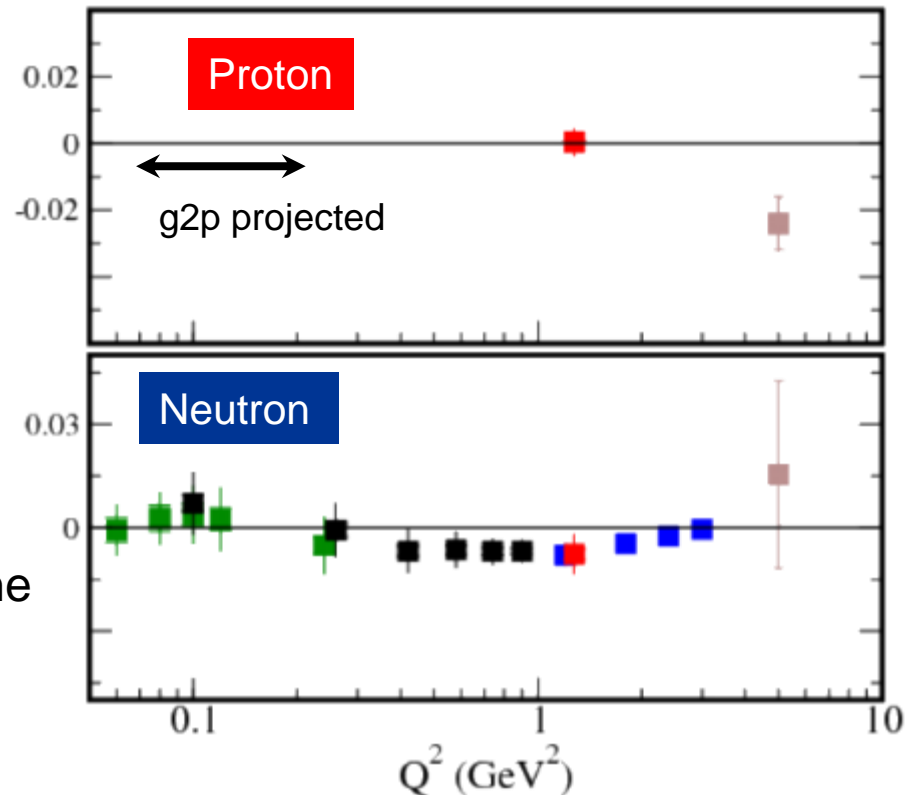
# THE B.C. SUM RULE

- Satisfied within error bars for neutron
- Inconsistency seen in the proton data
- Mostly unmeasured for proton

*BC Sum = Measured + Low x + Elastic*

- Low x: Hard to access low x portion of the integral – assume leading twist behavior
- Elastic: Use well known form factors

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



- SLAC E155x
- Hall C RSS
- Hall A E94-010
- Hall A E97-110 (preliminary)
- Hall A E01-012 (preliminary)



# FINITE SIZE EFFECTS

- Hydrogen hyperfine splitting can be

calculated as

$$\Delta E = 1420.4057517667(9)\text{MHz}$$

$$= (1 + \delta)E_F$$

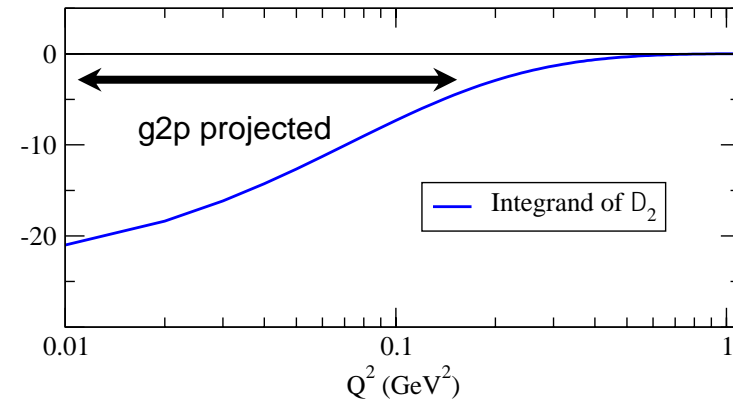
$$\delta = (\delta_{\text{QED}} + \delta_R + \delta_{\text{small}}) + \Delta_S$$

$$\Delta_S = \Delta_Z + \Delta_{\text{pol}}$$

$$\Delta_{\text{pol}} = \frac{\alpha m_e}{\pi g_p m_p} (\Delta_1 + \Delta_2)$$

- Structure correction is largest contributor to theoretical uncertainty

- $\Delta_2$  term is related to integral of  $g_2$  and is dominated by low  $Q^2$  region



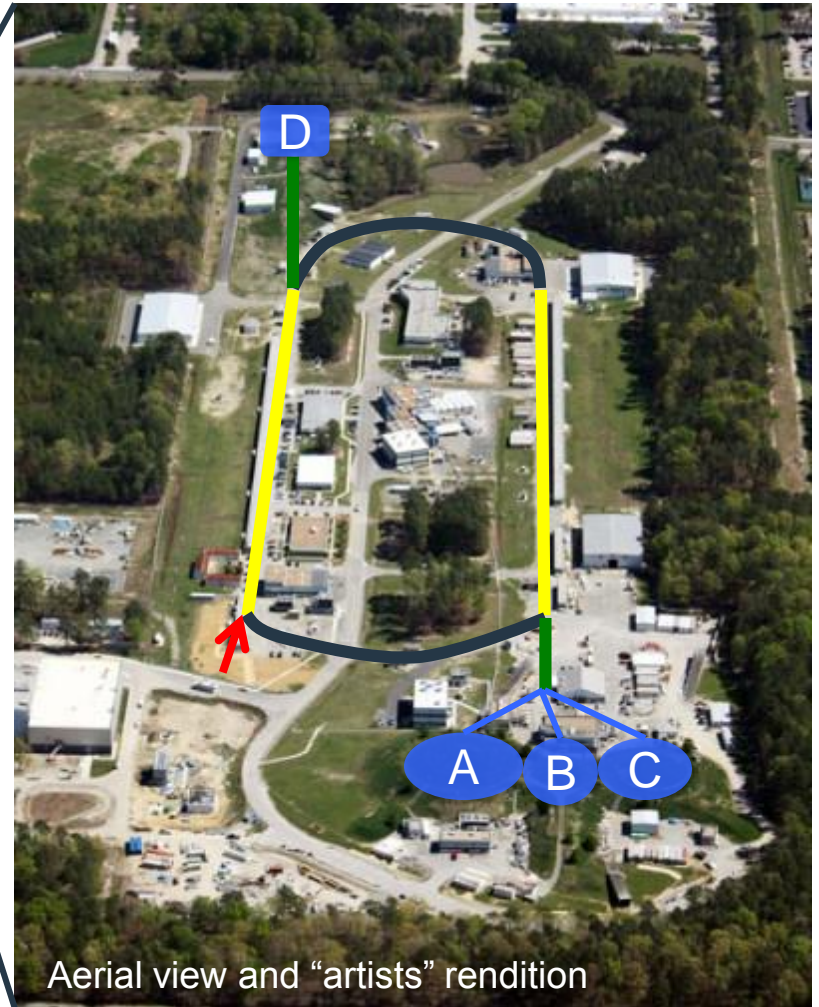


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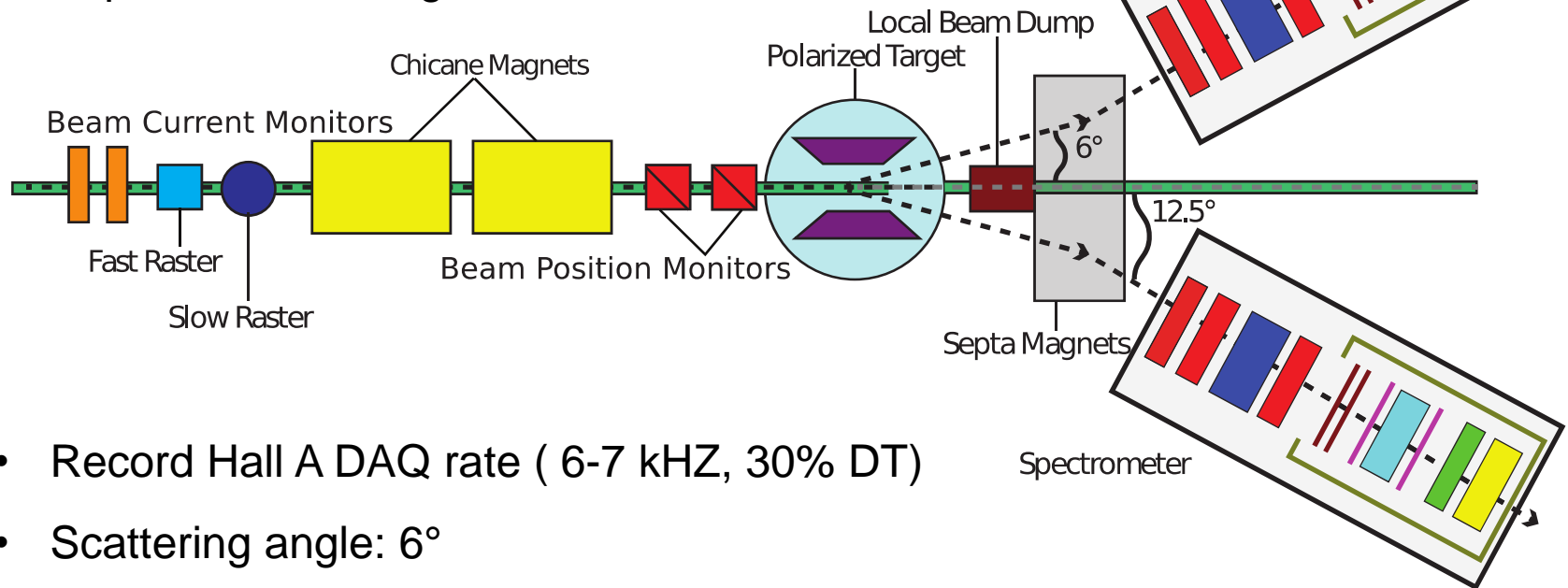
## Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility (CEBAF)

- 12 GeV maximum beam energy
- 200  $\mu\text{A}$  maximum current
- 85% electron polarization



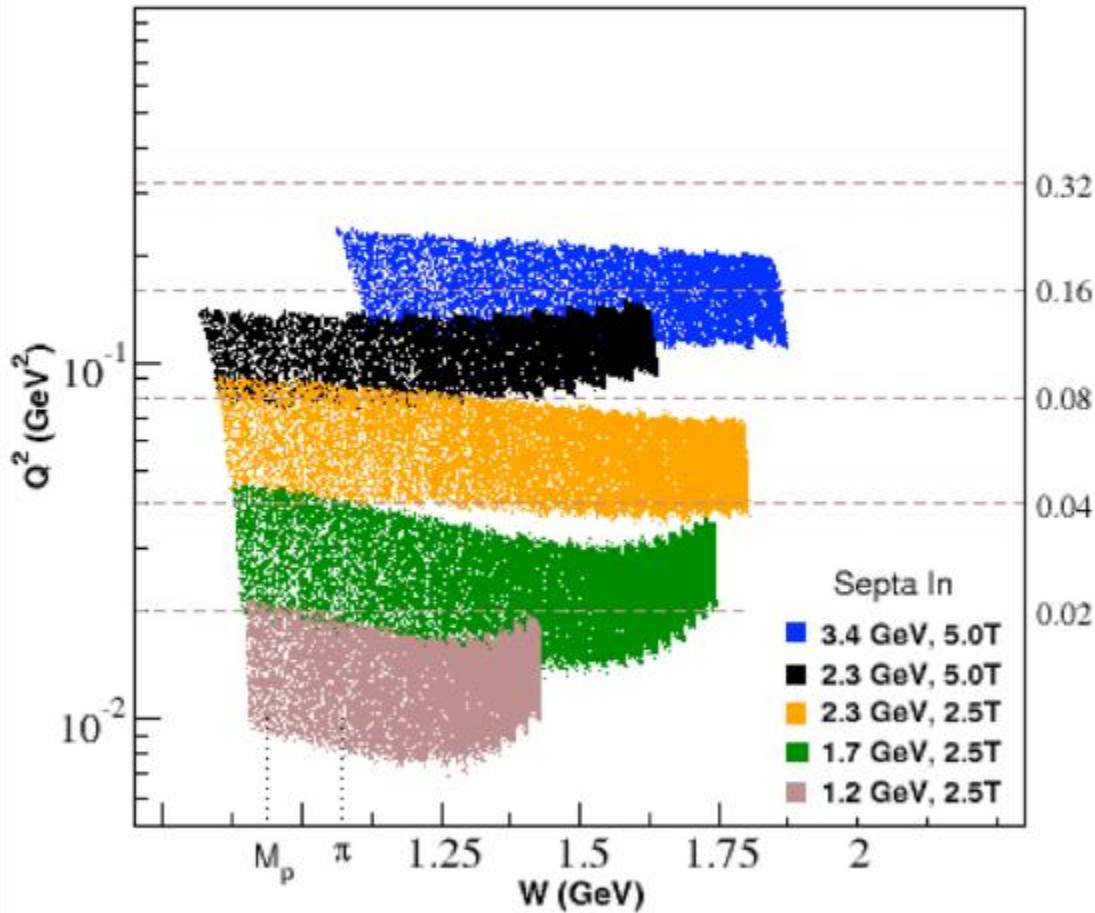
# G2P EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

- Large scale installation in Hall A
- Transverse polarized DNP  $NH_3$  target (2.5/5.0T)
- Low current ( $< 100$  nA) beamline diagnostics
- Septa/Chicane Magnets



- Record Hall A DAQ rate (6-7 kHz, 30% DT)
- Scattering angle:  $6^\circ$

# KINEMATIC COVERAGE



$$M_p < W < 2 \text{ GeV}$$

$$0.02 < Q^2 < 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$E_0$ (GeV)	Target Field (T)
2.254	2.5
1.706	2.5
1.158	2.5
2.254	5.0
3.352	5.0



# STATUS OF ANALYSIS

## Completed

- Run DB
- HRS Optics
  - Field measurement analysis
  - VDC  $t_0$  calibration
  - Simulation package
  - Optics reconstruction
- Detector calibrations/efficiencies
- Scalers
  - Helicity decoding
  - BCM calibrations
  - Deadtime calculations
- Target polarizations ([results published: Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A738 54 \(2014\)](#))
- BPM calibrations/Raster size calibration ([paper submitted to Nucl. Instrum. Meth.](#))

## In progress

- Dilution analysis
- Asymmetry analysis
- Radiative (unpolarized/polarized) corrections
- Acceptance study
- Packing fraction

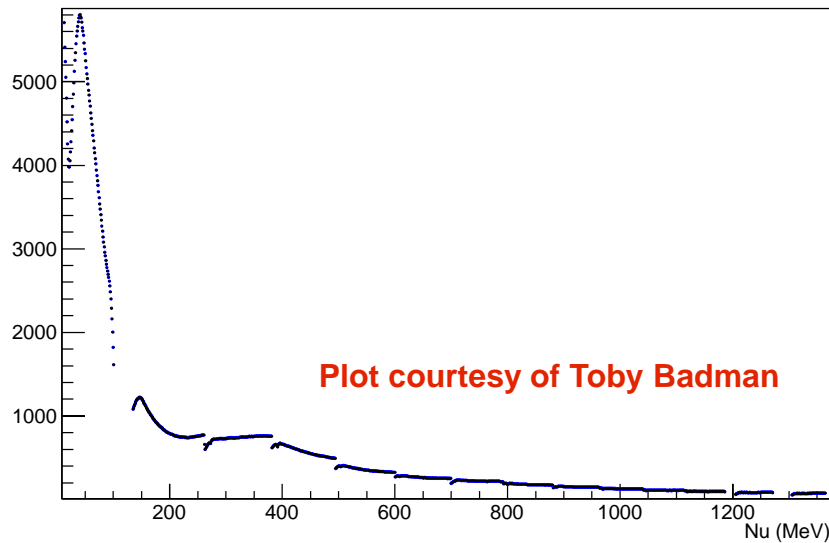
## To do

- Unpolarized/polarized cross sections
- Determination of  $g_2$ /moments

# PRELIMINARY RESULTS

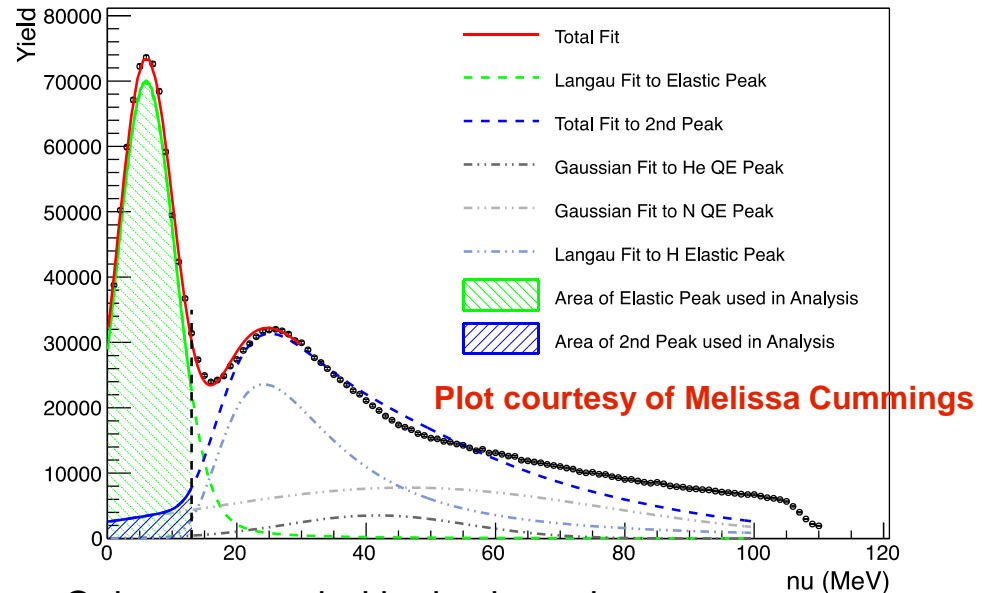
## 2254 MeV Ammonia Yield

2.254GeV 5T Transverse Left Arm Normalized Yield



## 2254 MeV Packing Fraction

Fit to Elastic and QE Peaks



$$\Delta\sigma_{\parallel(\perp)}^{\text{exp}} = 2 \cdot A_{\parallel(\perp)}^{\text{exp}} \cdot \sigma_0^{\text{exp}}$$

$$Y_{\pm} = \frac{psN_{\pm}}{Q_{\pm}LT_{\pm}\epsilon_{\text{det}}}$$

Will measure both asymmetry and cross section

- Only concerned with elastic peak
- 2<sup>nd</sup> peak has contributions from multiple materials
  - Used QFS model to understand relative contributions

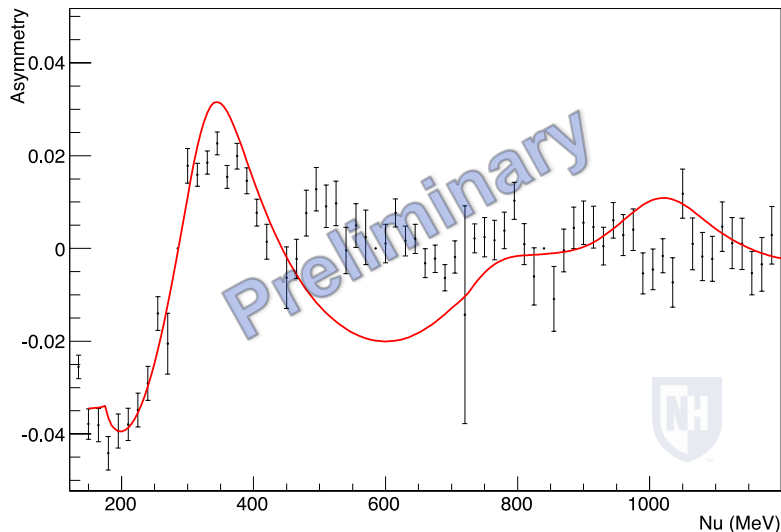
Preliminary Result:  $p_f = 0.619 \pm 0.030$

# PRELIMINARY RESULTS

## 2254 MeV Proton Asymmetries (data not radiatively corrected!)

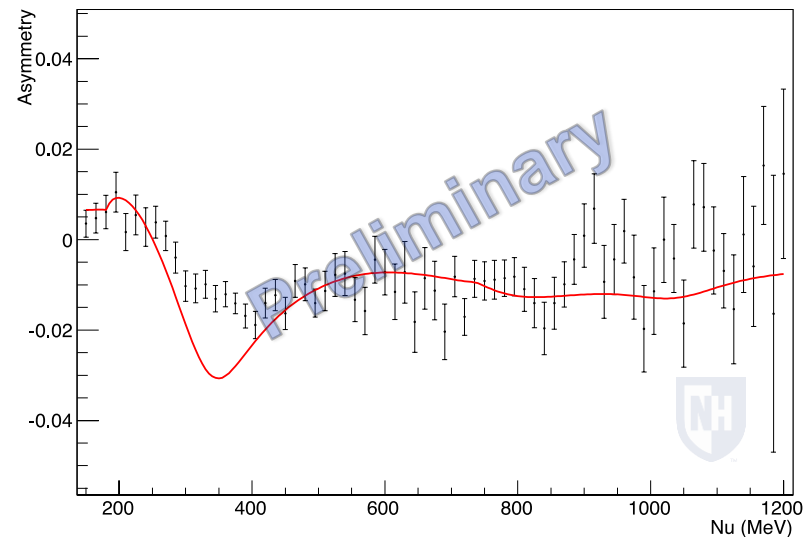
2.254GeV 5T Longitudinal

Asymmetry



2.254GeV 5T Transverse

Asymmetry



Plots courtesy of Toby Badman

$$A_{\parallel} = \frac{\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'}(\downarrow\uparrow - \uparrow\uparrow)}{\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'}(\downarrow\uparrow + \uparrow\uparrow)},$$

$$A_{\perp} = \frac{\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'}(\downarrow\Rightarrow - \uparrow\Rightarrow)}{\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'}(\downarrow\Rightarrow + \uparrow\Rightarrow)}$$

Fully radiated MAID 2007 (solid curve) asymmetries

- Unpolarized/polarized elastic tail and inelastic
  - Mo/Tsai for unpolarized
  - Akushevich/Ilyichev/Shumeiko for polarized

# SUMMARY

- The g2p experiment ran in spring 2012 and took data covering and  $M < W < 2 \text{ GeV}$  and  $0.02 < Q^2 < 0.20 \text{ GeV}^2$
- A precision measurement of proton  $g_2$  in low  $Q^2$  region **for the first time**
- Results will shed light on several physics puzzles
  - Requires low  $Q^2$  data
- Data analysis is currently underway

# THANK YOU

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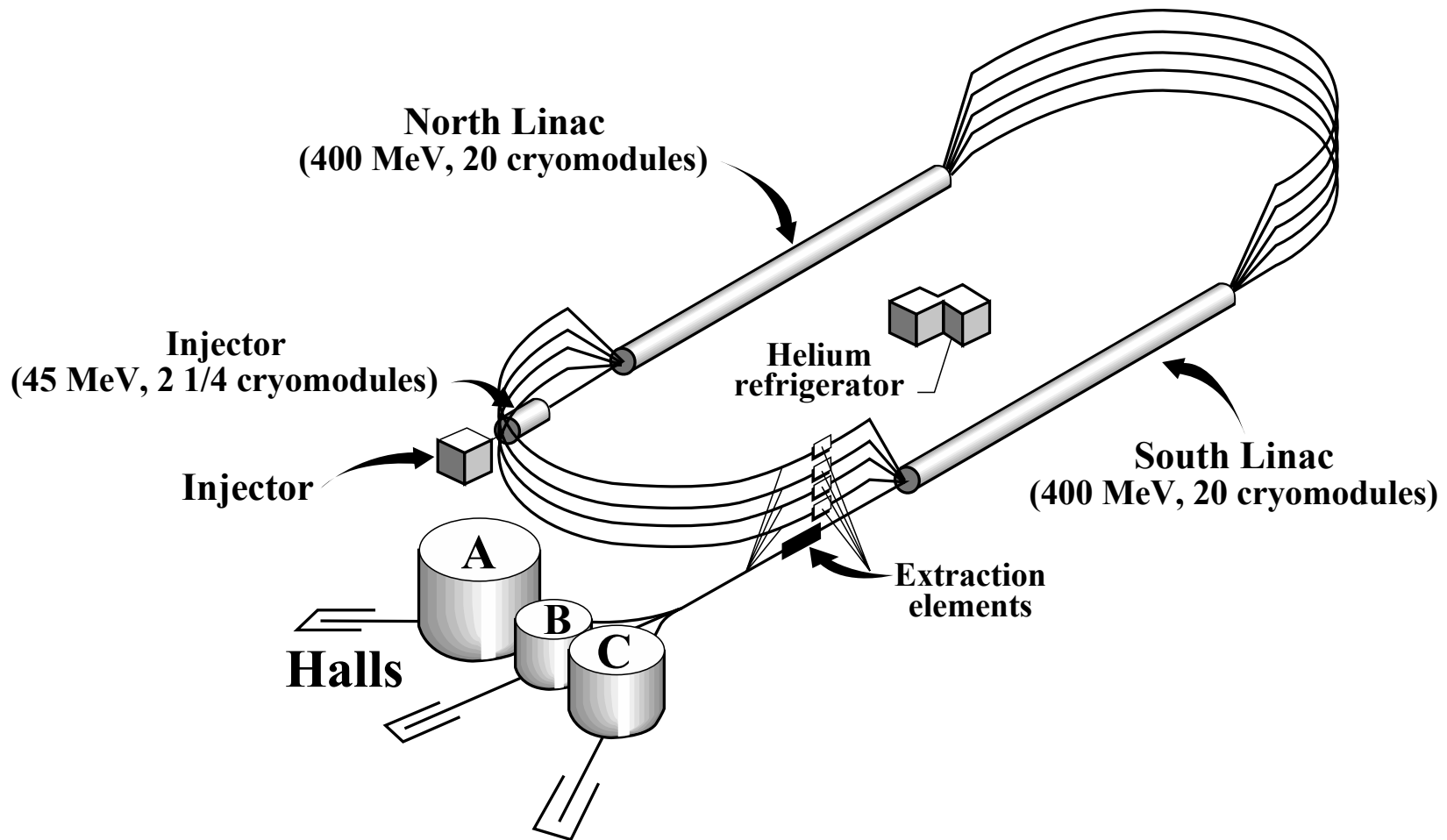
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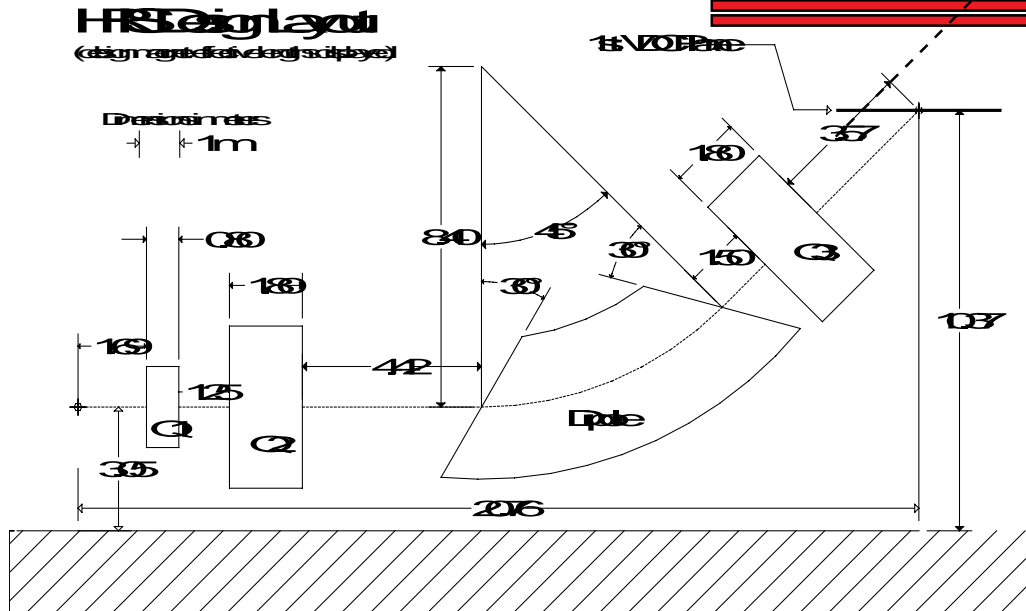
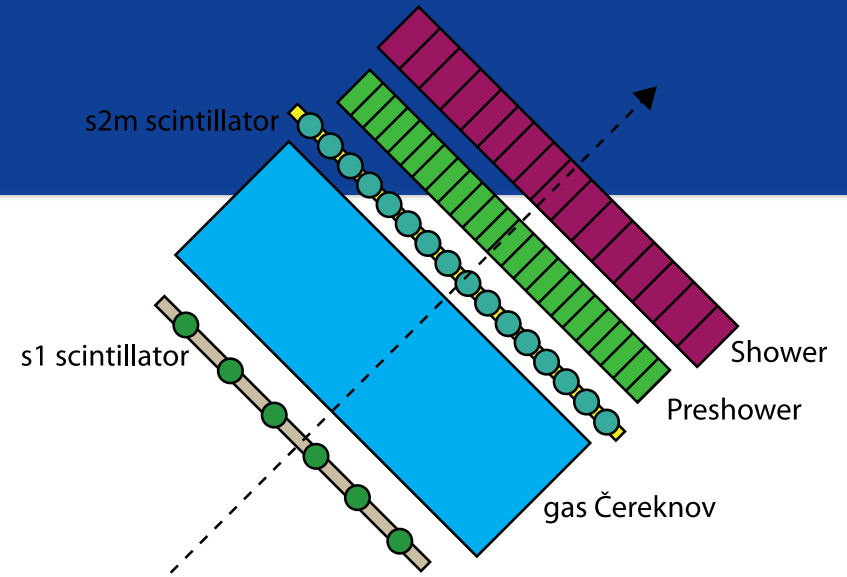
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# HALLA SET UP

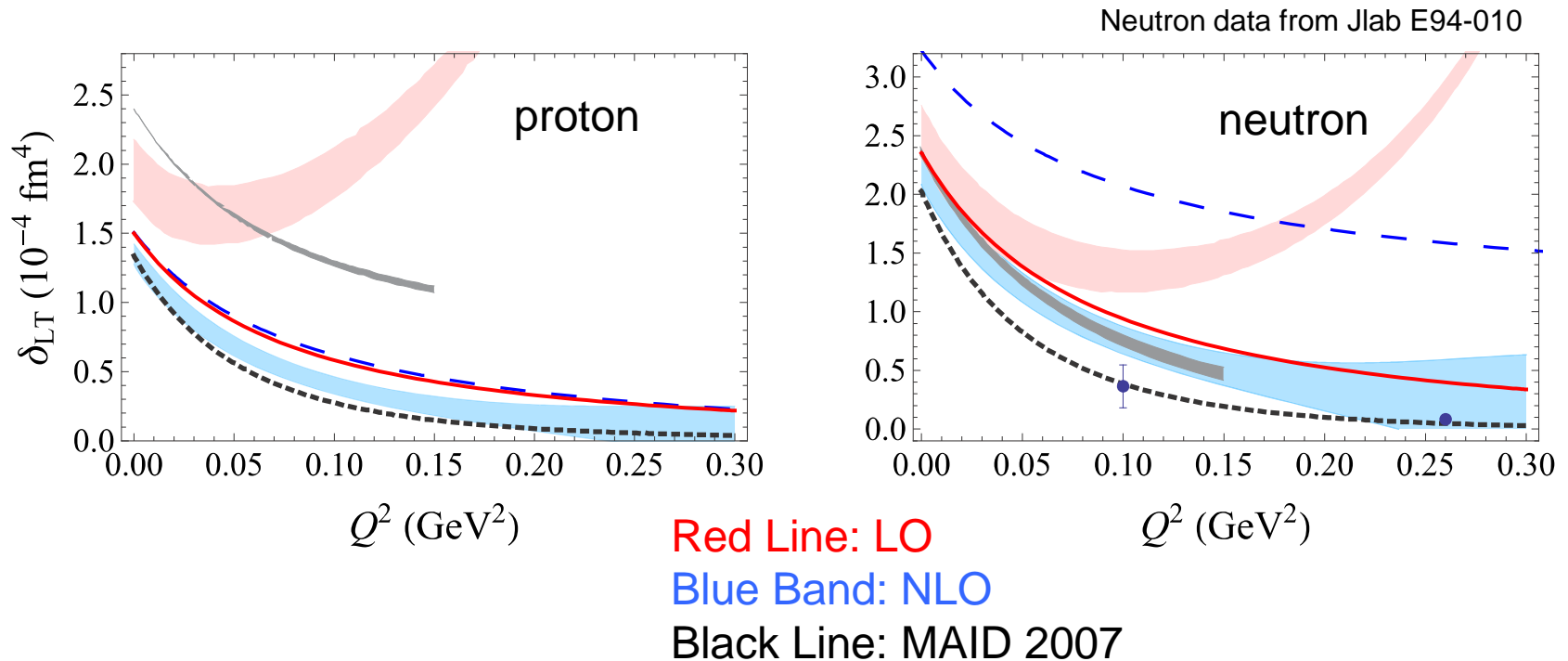
## High Resolution Spectrometers

- Spectrometer detectors provide trigger, tracking and particle id
- Spectrometer magnets focus and select energy of electrons



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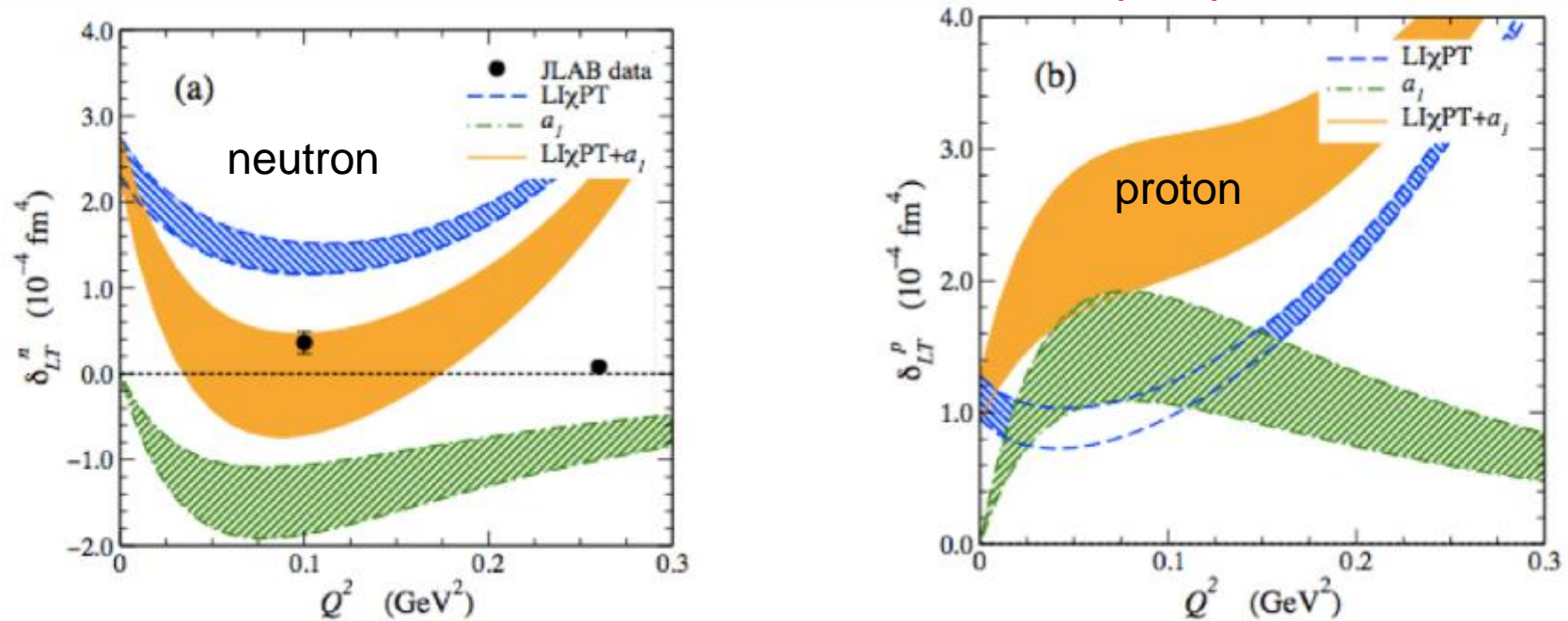
Lensky, Alarcon & Pascalutsa. Phys Rev C 90 055202(2014)



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Kochelev & Oh. Arxiv:1103.4892 (2011)



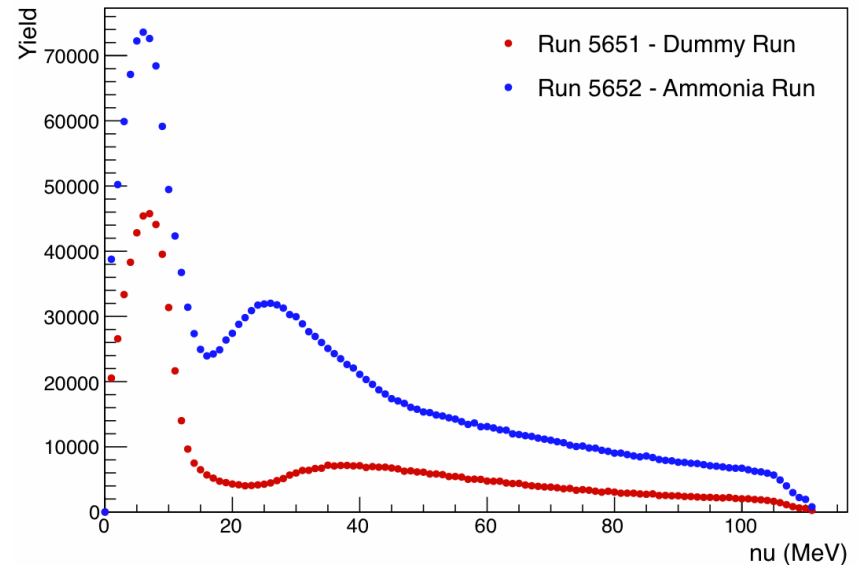
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# PACKING FRACTION

- Purpose: packing fraction ( $p_f$ ) describes the proportion of ammonia target material to the liquid helium in which it is immersed.
- To extract  $p_f$ , elastic events are analyzed
  - Additional runs were taken on “dummy” cells, which help understand the contribution from the helium elastic peak.
- Yields from data combined with input from cross section models to extract  $p_f$



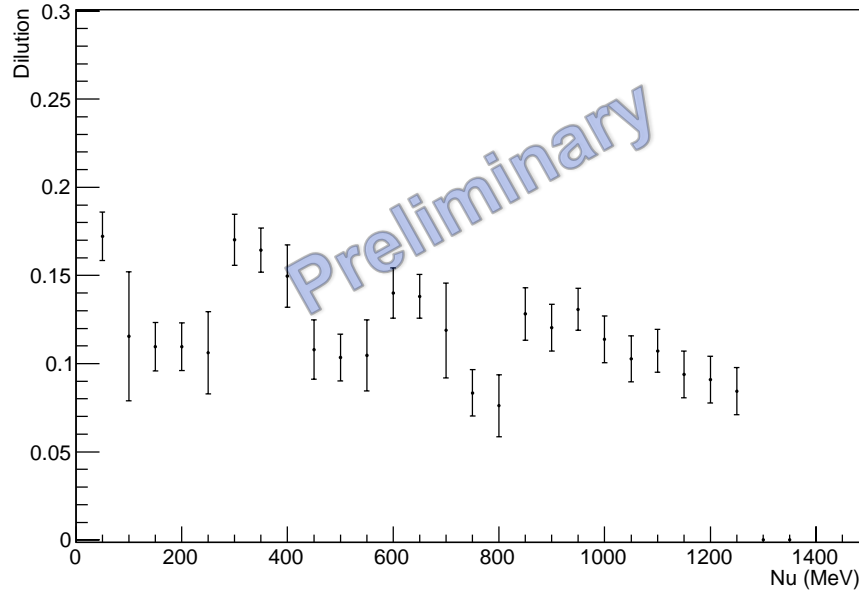
Elastic Runs, 2.2 GeV, 5T Longitudinal



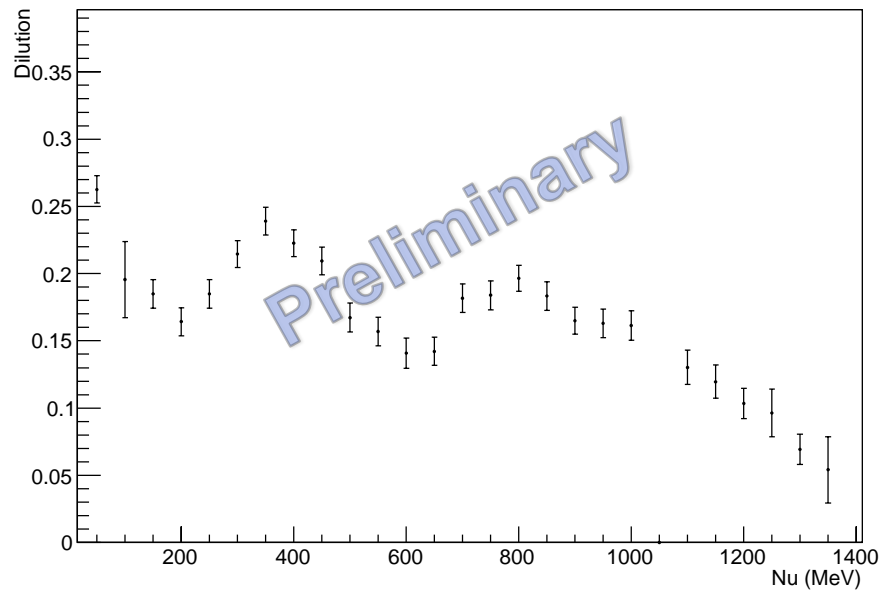
# DILUTION ANALYSIS

## 2254 MeV Dilution Factors

5T Longitudinal



5T Transverse



$$f = \frac{\sigma_+ + \sigma_-}{\sigma_+ + \sigma_- + \sigma_{\text{unpol}}} \quad A = \frac{1}{f \cdot P_t \cdot P_b} \left( \frac{N_+ - N_-}{N_+ + N_-} \right)$$