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## Compton scattering from $^3\text{He}$ and $^4\text{He}$ using an active target

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An experiment to measure the differential cross section for Compton scattering from  $^3\text{He}$  and  $^4\text{He}$  at the MAMI tagged photon facility in Mainz is described. The objective is to measure the isoscalar nucleon electromagnetic polarisabilities and thus access the neutron polarisabilities. The experiment will use a high-pressure gas-scintillator active target to measure recoiling He ions in coincidence with the scattered photon, detected in the Crystal Ball and TAPS 4-Pi electromagnetic calorimeter. Recent work to develop a chiral effective field theory treatment of Compton scattering on  $^3\text{He}$  is also described, and the relative merits of using  $^2\text{H}$ ,  $^3\text{He}$  or  $^4\text{He}$  as “neutron targets” discussed in the light of recent experiments on  $^2\text{H}$ .

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