Parity-Violating Electron Scattering on Hydrogen and Deuterium at Backward Angles: G0 Experiment

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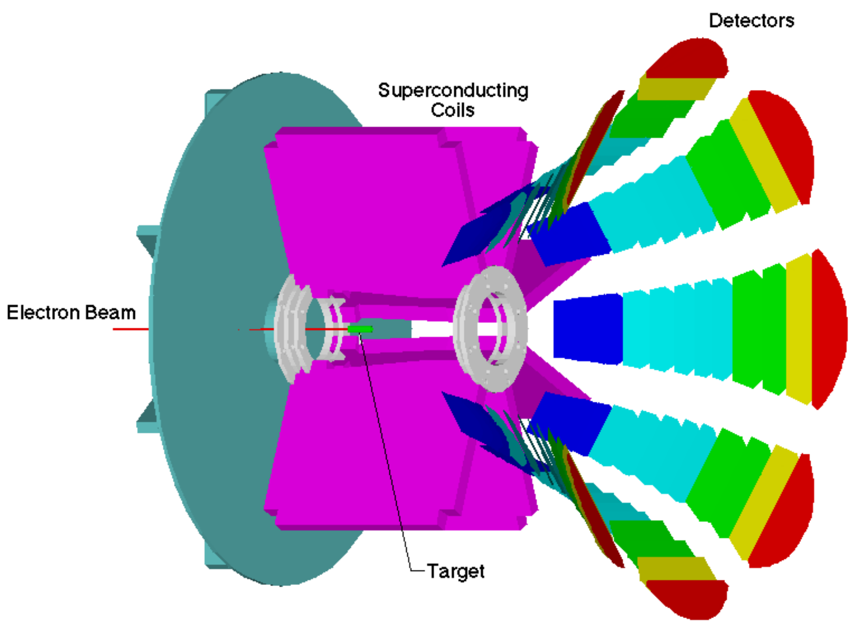

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Outline

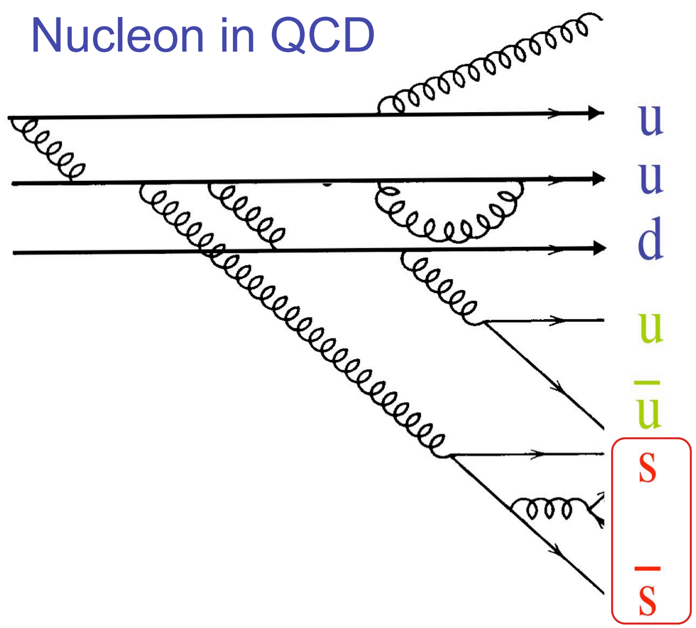
- Parity violation in electron scattering
- Vector Strange Form Factors: G_E^s and G_M^s
- Experimental Effort
- Results from G0 at backward angles:
  - Separated form factors at Q^2 = 0.23, 0.63 $(GeV/c)^2$
  - Other physics results
- Implications & Conclusions

"There is no excellent beauty that hath not some strangeness in the proportion"

Francis Bacon 1561-1626

Strangeness in the nucleon

Nucleon in QCD



- $P = uud + \underbrace{u\bar{u} + d\bar{d} + s\bar{s} + g \ + ...}_{\text{« sea »}}$

- s quark: clean candidate to study the sea

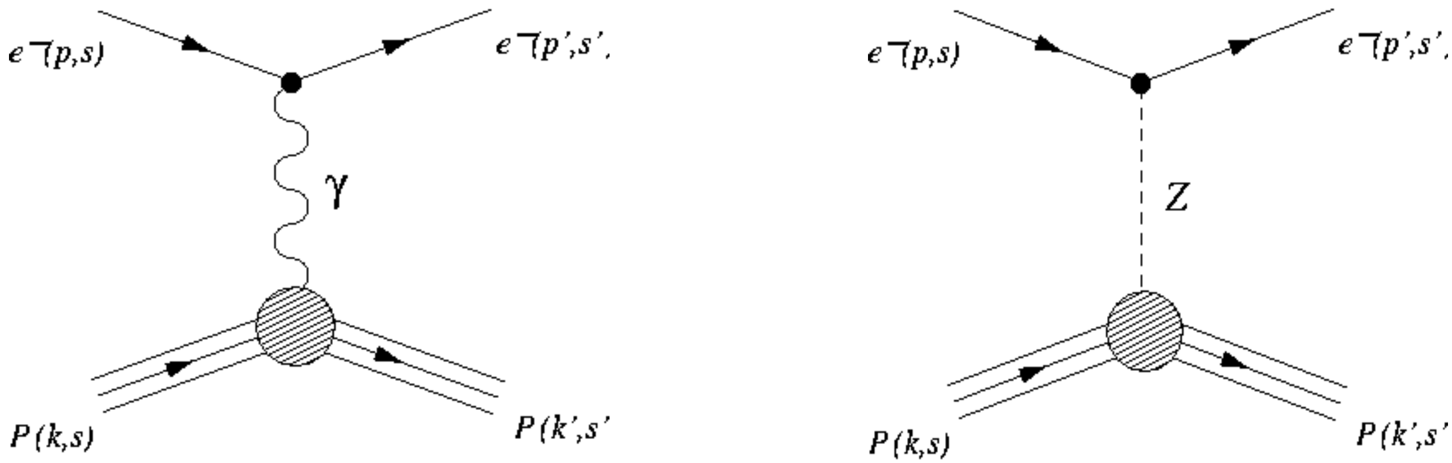
- How much do virtual $s\bar{s}$ pairs contribute to the structure of the nucleon ?
  Momentum : 4% (DIS)
  Spin : 0 to -10% (polarized DIS)
  Mass : 0 to 30% (πN-sigma term)
  (significant uncertainties on the latter two)

also: OZI violations in $p\bar{p} \rightarrow \frac{\phi\gamma}{\omega\gamma}$

Goal: Determine the contributions of the strange quark sea ($s\bar{s}$) to the charge and magnetization distributions in the nucleon :

Vector "strange form factors": G^s_E and G^s_M

Parity Violating Electron Scattering
⇨ Weak NC Amplitudes



Interference: $\sigma \sim |M^{EM}|^2 + |M^{NC}|^2 + 2Re(M^{EM*})M^{NC}$

Interference with EM amplitude makes Neutral Current (NC) amplitude accessible ⇨

$$A_{PV} = \frac{\sigma_R - \sigma_L}{\sigma_R + \sigma_L} \sim \frac{|M_{PV}^{NC}|}{|M^{EM}|} \sim \frac{Q^2}{(M_Z)^2}$$

Small (~10^{-6}) cross section asymmetry isolates weak interaction

Nucleon Form Factors

Adopt Sachs FF: $G_E^\gamma = F_1^\gamma + \tau F_2^\gamma$ $\quad G_M^\gamma = F_1^\gamma + F_2^\gamma$

(*Roughly*: Fourier transforms of charge and magnetization)

NC and EM probe same hadronic flavor structure, with different couplings:

$$G_{E/M}^\gamma = \frac{2}{3}G_{E/M}^u - \frac{1}{3}G_{E/M}^d - \frac{1}{3}G_{E/M}^s$$

$$G_{E/M}^Z = \left(1 - \frac{8}{3}\sin^2\theta_W\right)G_{E/M}^u - \left(1 - \frac{4}{3}\sin^2\theta_W\right)G_{E/M}^d - \left(1 - \frac{4}{3}\sin^2\theta_W\right)G_{E/M}^s$$

$G^Z_{E/M}$ provide an important benchmark for testing non-perturbative QCD structure of the nucleon

Charge Symmetry

One expects the neutron to be an isospin rotation of the proton*:

$$G^{p,u}_{E/M} = G^{n,d}_{E/M}, \qquad G^{p,d}_{E/M} = G^{n,u}_{E/M}, \qquad G^{p,s}_{E/M} = G^{n,s}_{E/M}$$

$$G^{\gamma,p}_{E/M} = \frac{2}{3}G^{u}_{E/M} - \frac{1}{3}G^{d}_{E/M} - \frac{1}{3}G^{s}_{E/M} \;\rightarrow\; G^{\gamma,n}_{E/M} = \frac{2}{3}G^{d}_{E/M} - \frac{1}{3}G^{u}_{E/M} - \frac{1}{3}G^{s}_{E/M}$$

$G^{\gamma,p}_{E,M}$, $G^{\gamma,n}_{E,M}$, $G^{Z,p}_{E,M}$ → Charge symmetry → $G^{u}_{E,M}$, $G^{d}_{E,M}$, $G^{s}_{E,M}$ → Shuffle → $G^{p}_{E,M}$, $G^{n}_{E,M}$, $G^{s}_{E,M}$

$G^{p}_{E,M}$, $G^{n}_{E,M}$: Well Measured

$G^{s}_{E,M}$: $\langle N|\, s\gamma^{\mu} s \,|N\rangle$

$$A_{PV} = \frac{\sigma_R - \sigma_L}{\sigma_R + \sigma_L} \propto \frac{M_Z M_\gamma}{|M_\gamma|^2} = -\frac{G_F Q^2}{\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} F\left(G^{p}_{E/M}, G^{n}_{E/M}, G^{s}_{E/M}, G_A\right)$$

* recent work: B. Kubis & R. Lewis Phys. Rev. C **74** (2006) 015204

Isolating individual form factors: vary *kinematics* or *target*

For a proton:

$$A = \left[\frac{-G_F Q^2}{4\pi\alpha\sqrt{2}}\right] \frac{A_E + A_M + A_A}{\sigma_p}$$

~ few parts per million

$$A_E = \varepsilon G_E^p G_E^Z, \qquad A_M = \tau G_M^p G_M^Z, \qquad A_A = -\left(1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W\right)\varepsilon' G_M^p G_A^e$$

Forward angle	Backward angle

$$G_{E,M}^Z = (1-4\sin^2\theta_W)(1+R_V^p)G_{E,M}^p - (1_3 + R_V^n)G_{E,M}^n - G_{E,M}^s$$

$$G_A^e = -\tau_3(1+R_A^{T=1})G_A + \sqrt{3}R_A^{T=0}G_A^8 + \Delta s$$

For ^{4}He: G_E^s alone

$$A_{PV} = \frac{G_F Q^2}{\pi\alpha\sqrt{2}}\left[\sin^2\theta_W + \frac{G_E^s}{2(G_E^p + G_E^n)}\right]$$

For deuteron:

enhanced G_A^e sensitivity

$$A_d = \frac{\sigma_p A_p + \sigma_n A_n}{\sigma_d}$$

Theoretical Approaches to Strange Form Factors

Models - a non-exhaustive list:

kaon loops, vector dominance, Skyrme model, chiral quark model, dispersion relations, NJL model, quark-meson coupling model, chiral bag model, HBChPT, chiral hyperbag, QCD equalities, …

- no consensus on magnitudes or even *signs* of G_E^s and G_M^s !

Only model-independent statement: $G_E^s(Q^2=0)=0$

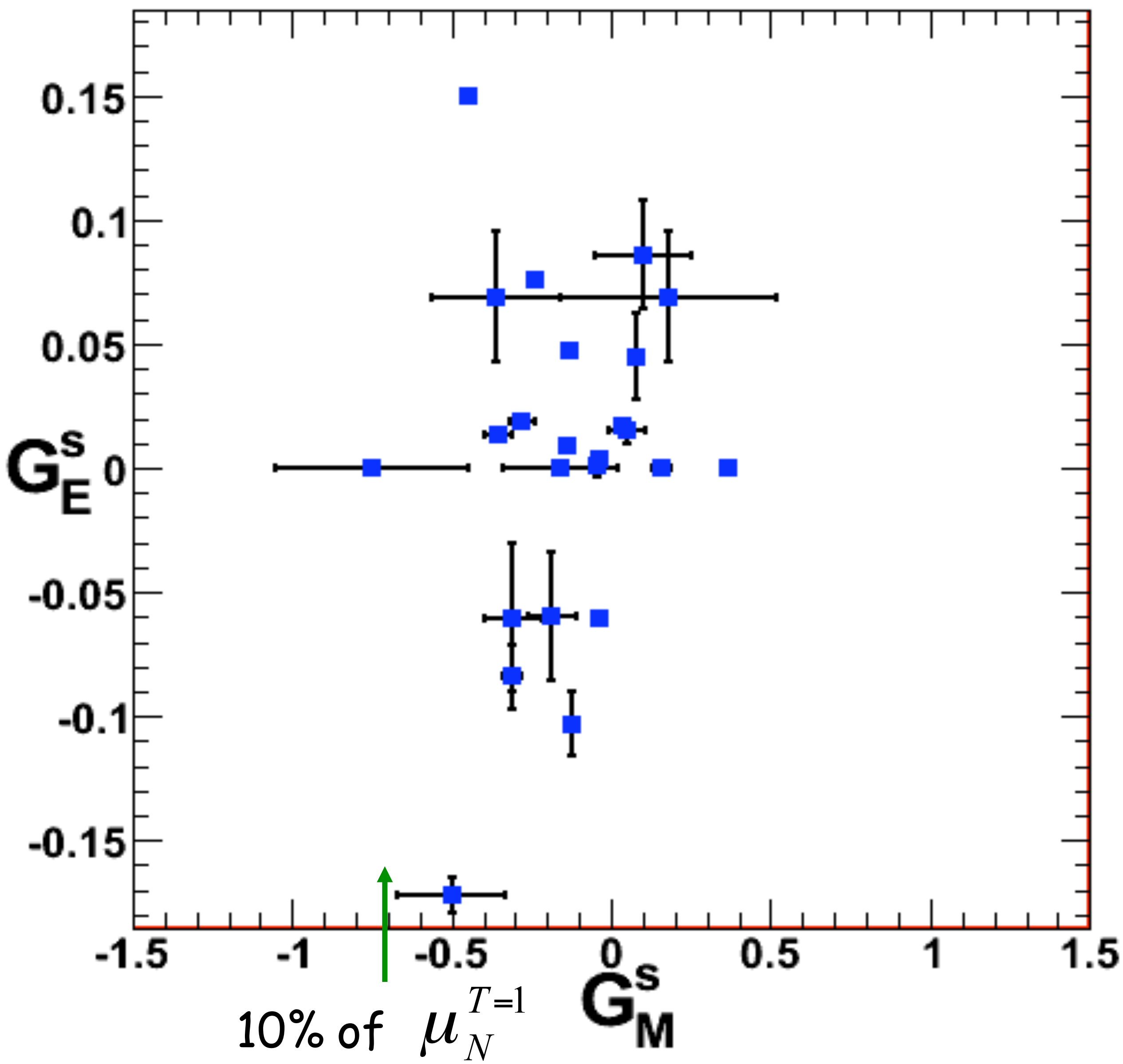
a challenging problem in non-perturbative QCD

What about QCD on the lattice?

- Dong, Liu, Williams PRD **58**(1998)074504
- Lewis, Wilcox, Woloshyn PRD **67**(2003)013003
- Leinweber, *et al.* PRL **94**(2005) 212001; PRL **97** (2006) 022001
- Loi, *et al.* arXiv:0903:3232 [hep-ph]

situation is unsettled

Strangeness Models



Snapshot as/of
2004

note: caveats…

The Axial Current Contribution

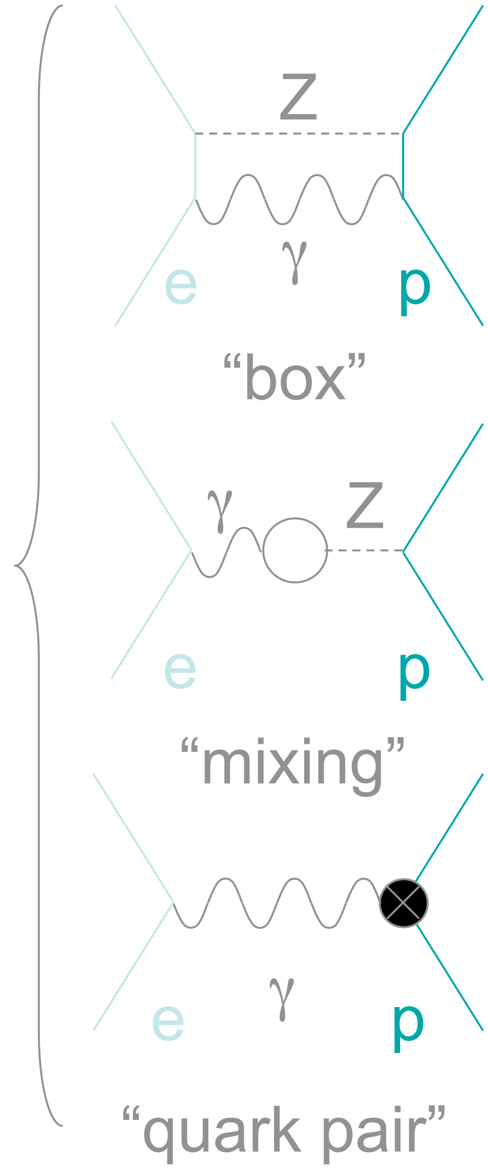
- Recall: $$A^{PV} \propto \frac{A_E + A_M + A_A}{2\sigma_{unp}}$$

$$A_E = \varepsilon(\theta) G_E^\gamma G_E^Z, \; A_M = \tau G_M^\gamma G_M^Z$$

$$A_A = -\left(1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W\right) \varepsilon'(\theta) G_M^\gamma G_A^e$$

$$G_A^e = -\tau_3 (1 + R_A^{T=1}) G_A + \sqrt{3} R_A^{T=0} G_A^8 + \Delta s$$

- Effective axial form factor: $G_A^e(Q^2)$
- related to form factor measured in neutrino scattering
- also contains "*anapole*" form factor
- determine isovector piece by combining proton and neutron (deuteron) measurements



Parity-Violating Electron Scattering Program

Expt/Lab	Target/ Angle	Q^2 (GeV^2)	A_{phys} (ppm)	Sensitivity	Status
SAMPLE/Bates					
SAMPLE I	LH_2/145	0.1	-6	$\mu_s + 0.4G_A$	2000
SAMPLE II	LD_2/145	0.1	-8	$\mu_s + 2G_A$	2004
SAMPLE III	LD_2/145	0.04	-4	$\mu_s + 3G_A$	2004
HAPPEx/JLab					
HAPPEx	LH_2/12.5	0.47	-15	$G_E + 0.39G_M$	2001
HAPPEx II, III	LH_2/6	0.11	-1.6	$G_E + 0.1G_M$	2006, 2007
HAPPEx He	^4He/6	0.11	+6	G_E	2006, 2007
HAPPEx	LH_2/14	0.63	-24	$G_E + 0.5G_M$	(2009)
A4/Mainz					
	LH_2/35	0.23	-5	$G_E + 0.2G_M$	2004
	LH_2/35	0.11	-1.4	$G_E + 0.1G_M$	2005
	LH_2/145	0.23	-17	$G_E + \eta G_M + \eta' G_A$	2009
	LH_2/35	0.63	-28	$G_E + 0.64G_M$	(2009)
G0/JLab					
Forward	LH_2/35	0.1 to 1	-1 to -40	$G_E + \eta G_M$	2005
Backward	LH_2/LD_2/110	0.23, 0.63	-12 to -45	$G_E + \eta G_M + \eta' G_A$	2009

Summary of data at Q^2 =0.1 GeV^2

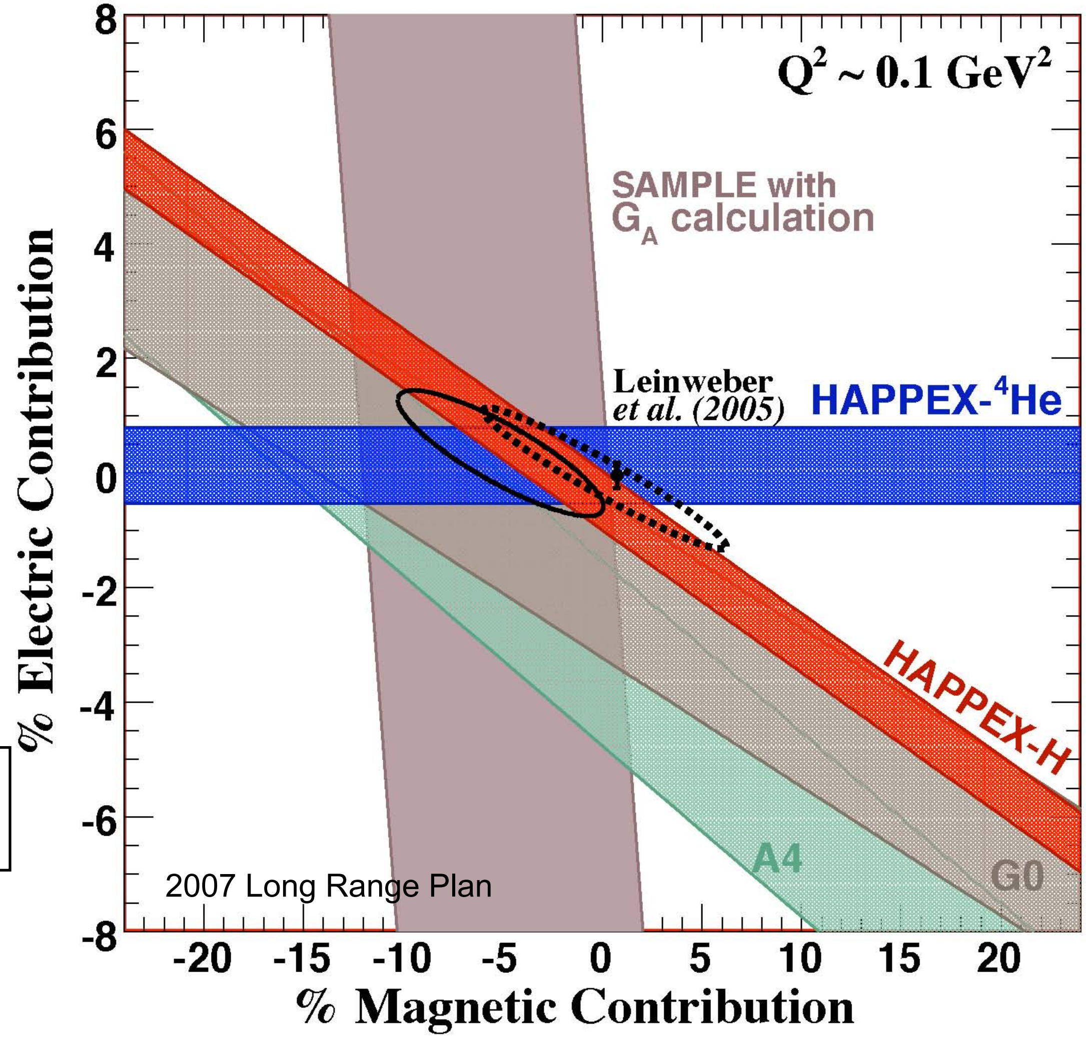
Solid ellipse:

K. Paschke, private comm, [same as J. Liu, et al PRC 76, 025202 (2007)], uses theoretical constraints on the axial form factor

Dashed ellipse:

R. Young, et al. PRL 97 (2006) 102002, does not constrain G_A with theory

note: Placement of SAMPLE band on depends on choice for G_A



$$\% \text{ contrib} = \frac{G^s_{E,M}}{G^p_{E,M}} \times \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) \times 100$$

(thanks to K. Paschke, R. Young)

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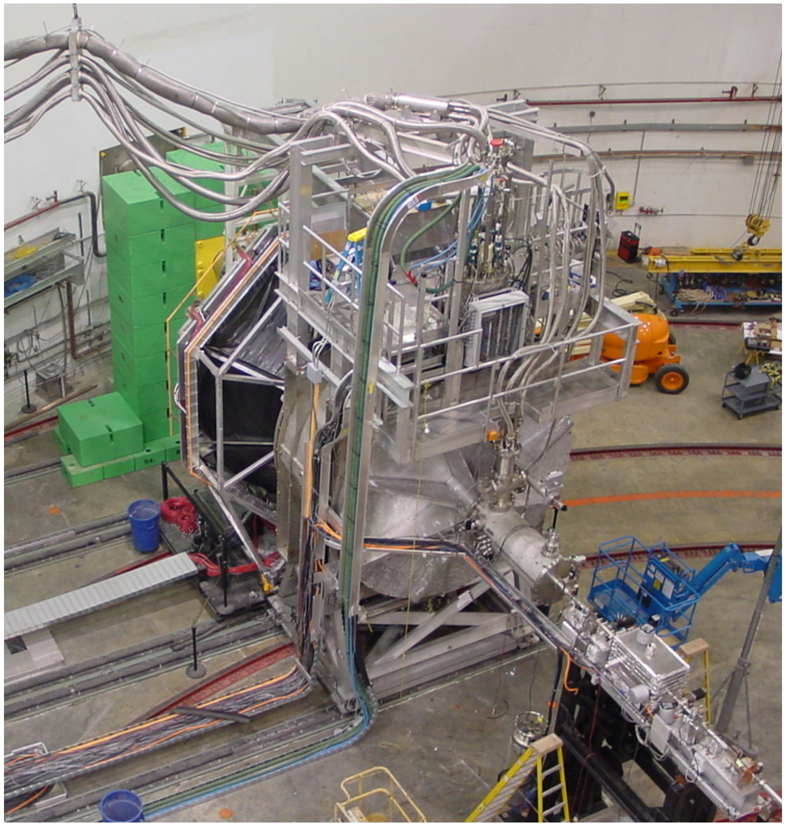
Grad Students

G^0 (JLab – Hall C)

- Superconducting toroidal magnetic spectrometer
- 16 "Rings" of detectors



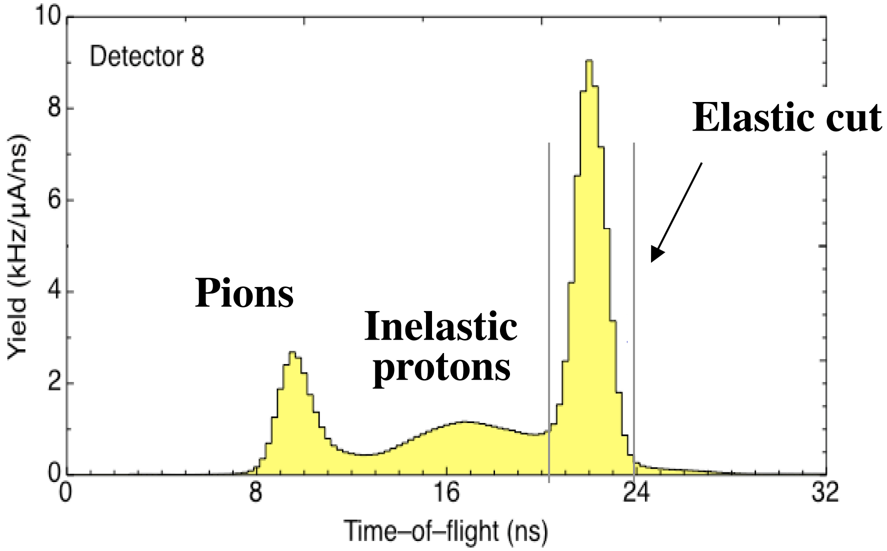
Forward angle mode *(completed):*

- LH_2: E_e = 3.0 GeV

  Recoil proton detection ($52^o < \theta_p < 76^o$)

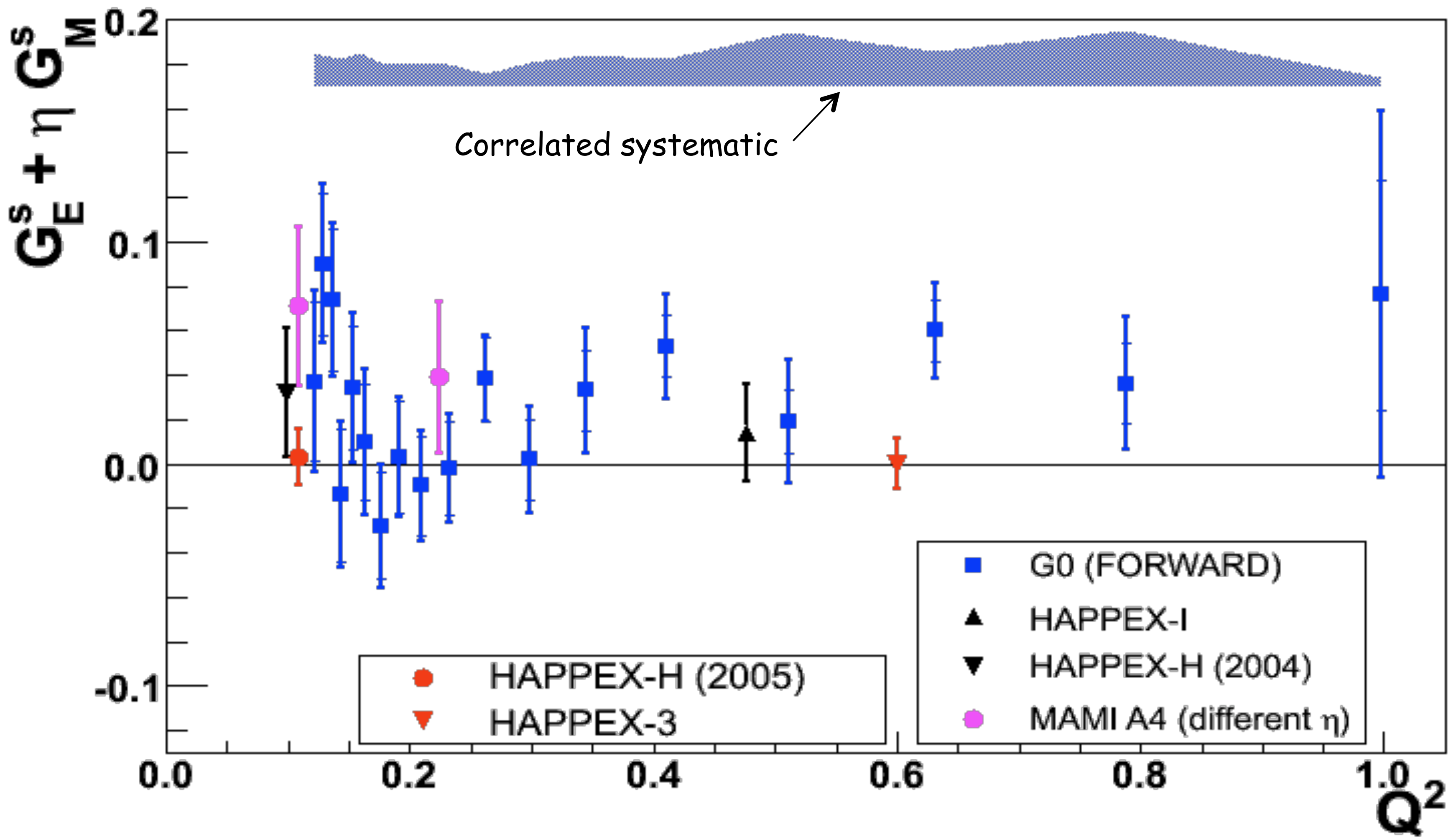
  ➯ $0.12 \leq Q^2 \leq 1.0$ $(GeV/c)^2$

- Counting experiment – separate backgrounds via time-of-flight



G0: Forward-angle results

EM form factors:
J.J.Kelly, PRC **70,** 068202 (2004)



$G_E^s = G_M^s = 0$ Hypothesis excluded at 89% C.L.

D.S. Armstrong *et al.*, PRL 95, 092001 (2005)

G0 Back Angle Apparatus: schematic

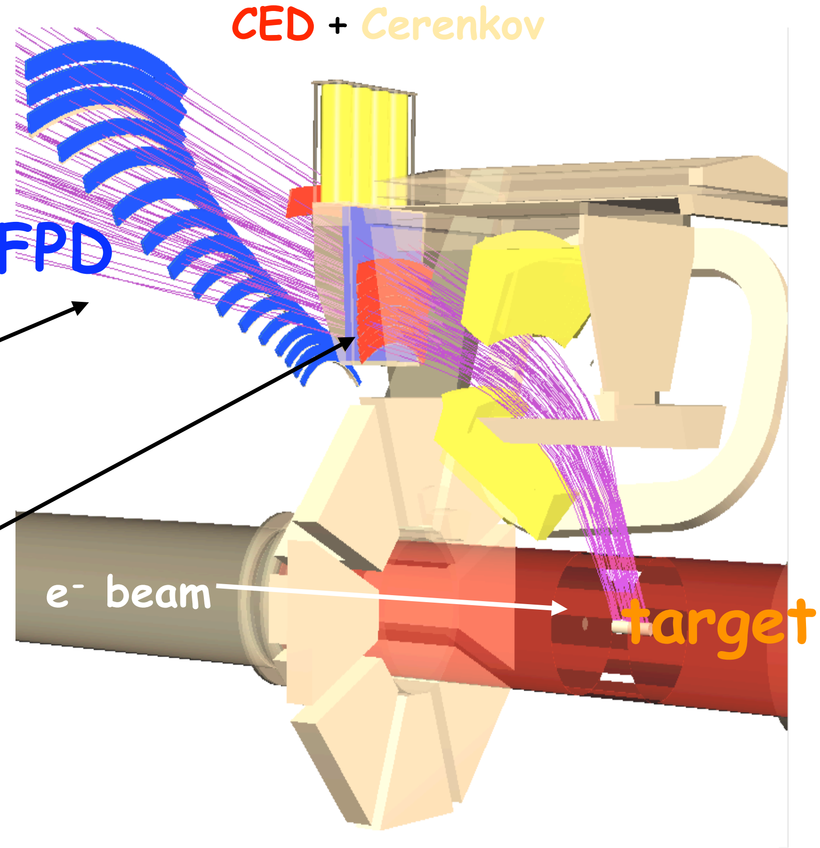
Single Octant Schematic

Shielding

FPD: Focal Plane Detector

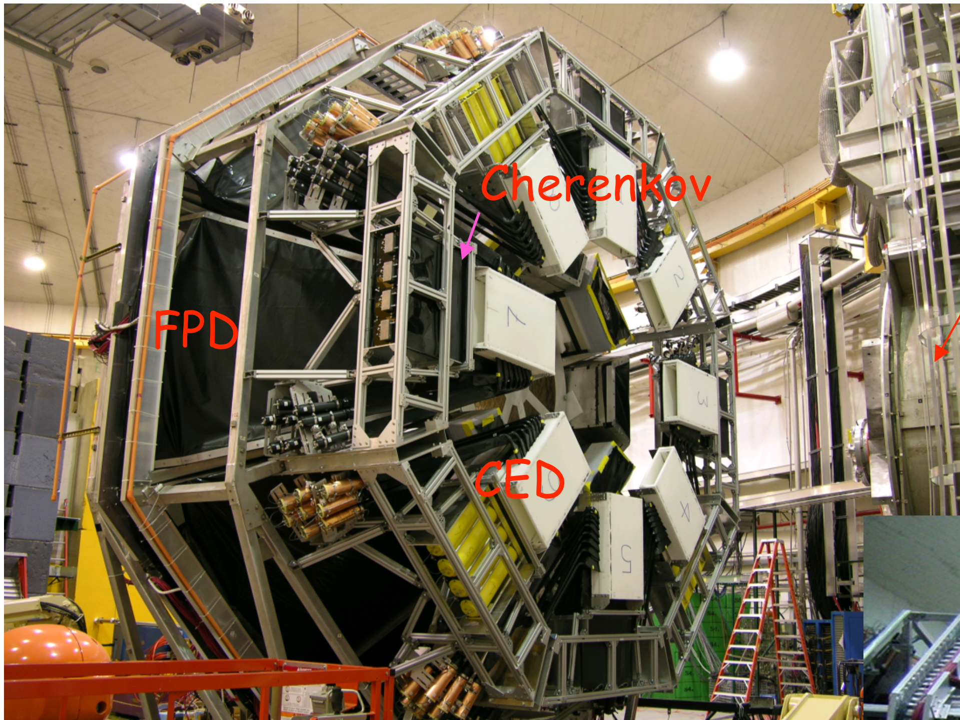
CED: Cryostat Exit Detector

Kinematic separation of elastic, inelastic



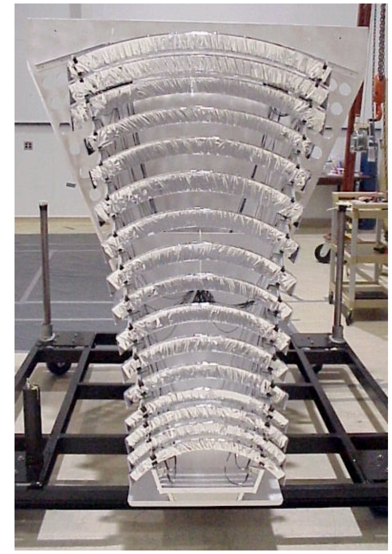
- Polarized electron beam at 362, 687 MeV, I ~ 20-60 μA
- Target: 20 cm LH_2, LD_2
- Elastic, inelastic scattering at ~108°, $\Delta\Omega \sim 0.5$ sr
- Electron/pion separation using aerogel Cerenkov

Back Angle Apparatus



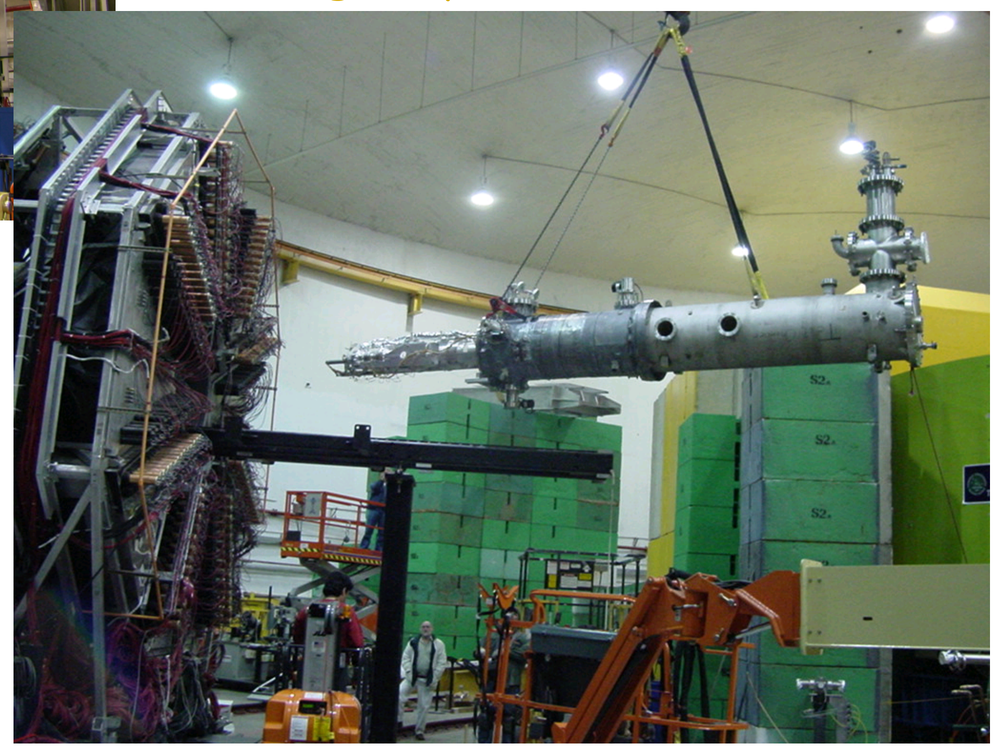
Superconducting Magnet

Detector package

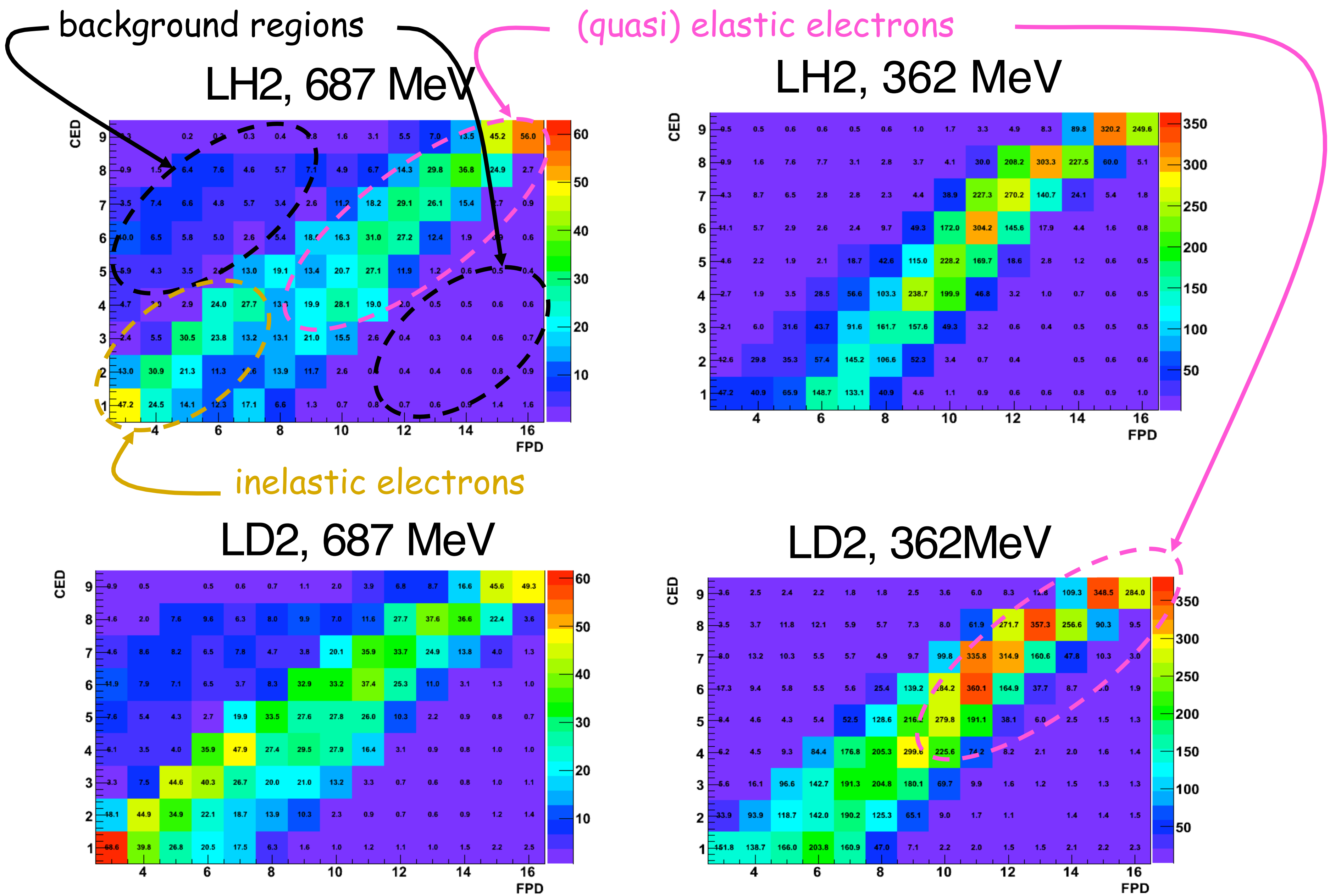


FPD (1 octant)

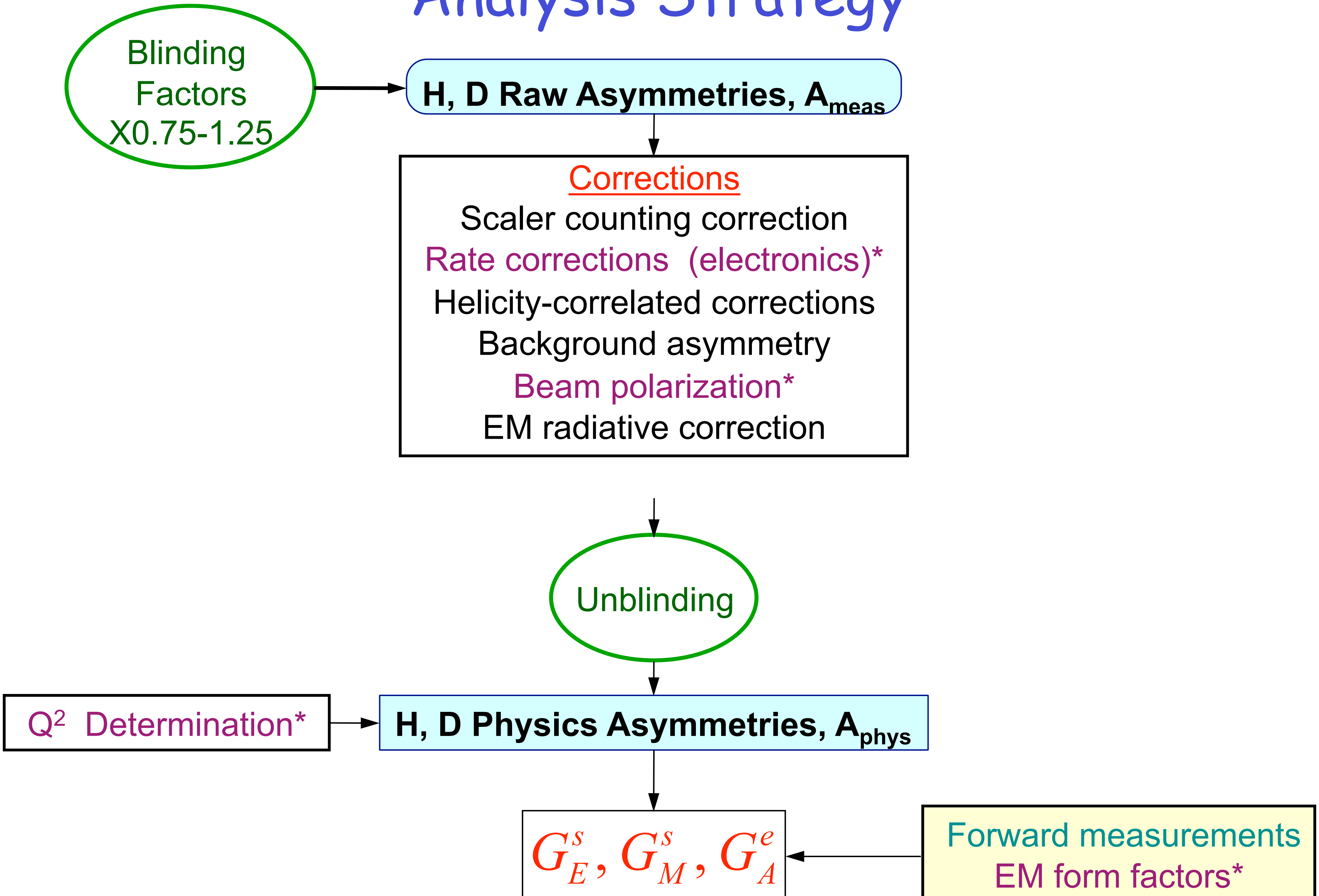
Target system installation



Electron Yields



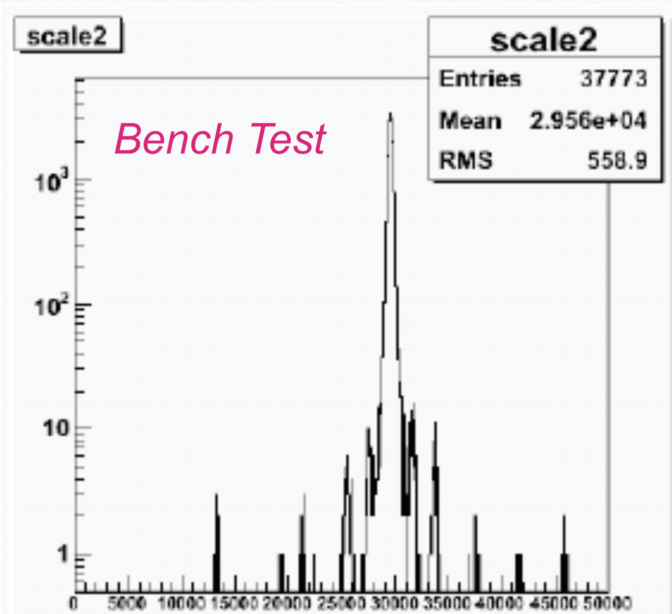
Analysis Strategy

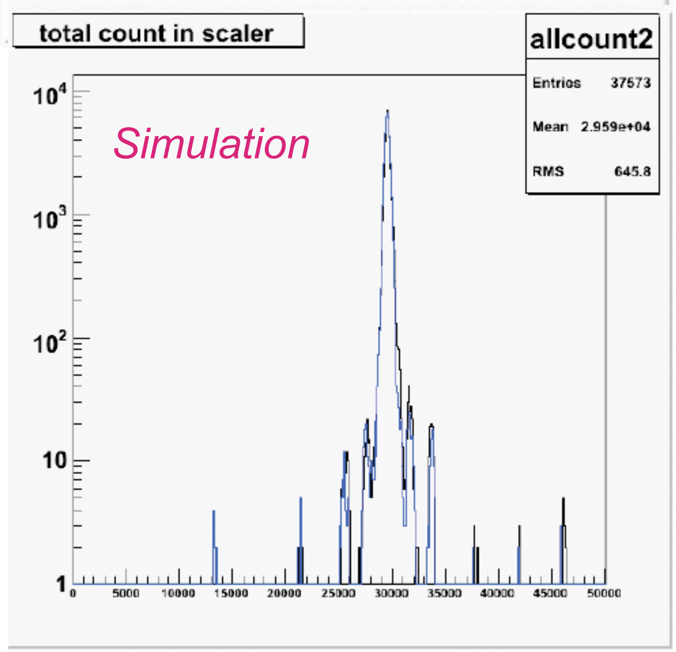


*See talk by F. Benmokhtar

Scaler Counting Problem

- Electronics sorts detector coincidences (CED_i and FPD_j) into separate scaler channels
  - FPGA-based system in North American electronics (4 octants)
- Error in FPGA programming, two short (~3 ns) pulses could be sent to scaler in < 7 ns
  - ~ 1% of events have such pulse pairs (worst case)
- Such pulse pairs sometimes cause scaler to drop or add bits
  - Detailed simulation of ASIC with propagation delays between (flip flop) elements
- Effect on asymmetry is $<0.01\ A_{phys}$
  - Test by cutting data
  - compare with French octants, and with data after FPGA fixed





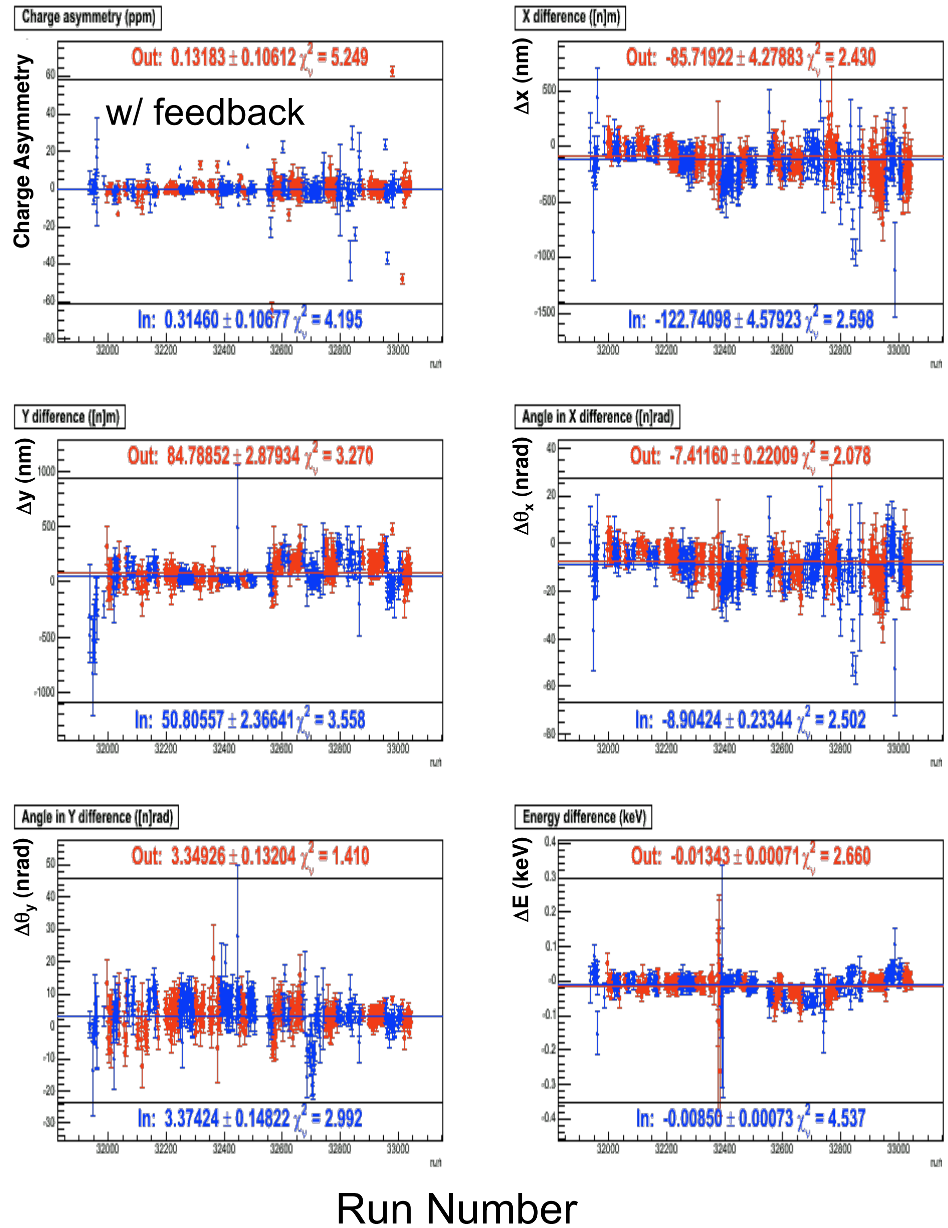
Polarized Beam Properties

- 85.8% Polarization*

  *(see F. Benmokhtar's talk)

- Polarization reversal: 30 Hz, random quartets (+--+, -++-)
- Slow helicity reversal: λ/2 wave plate IN and OUT
- Helicity-correlated properties:

Beam Parameter	Achieved (OUT-IN)/2
charge asymmetry	0.09 +/- 0.08 ppm
x position difference	-19 +/- 3 nm
y position difference	-17 +/- 2 nm
x angle difference	-0.8 +/- 0.2 nrad
y angle difference	0.0 +/- 0.1 nrad
energy difference	2.5 +/- 0.5 eV
Beam halo (out 6 mm)	< 0.3 x 10^{-6}



Correcting Beam Asymmetries

$$A_{raw} = A_{det} - A_Q + \Sigma_{i=1,5}\beta_i \Delta x_i$$

Determine Slopes from

- **natural beam jitter (regression)**
- **beam modulation (coil pulsing)**

Independent methods provide a cross-check.
Each subject to different systematic errors.

Regression:

- Natural beam motion, measure yield vs. beam parameter
- Simultaneous fit establishes independent sensitivities

Coil Pulsing:

- Induce non-HC beam motion with coils, measure dS/dC_i, dx_i/dC_i
- Relate slopes to dS/dx_i

Sensitivities ~5x smaller than at forward angle

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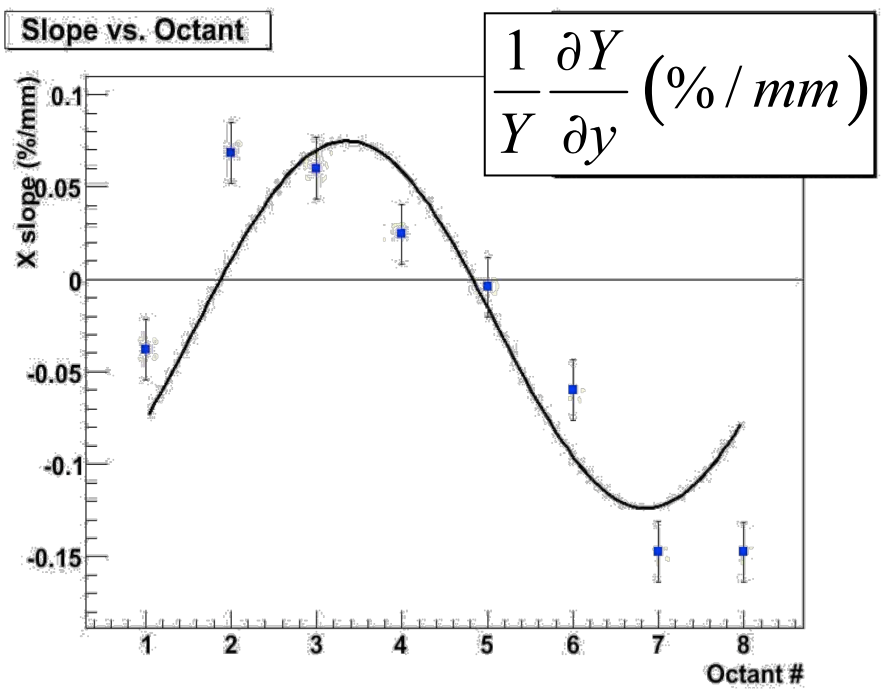
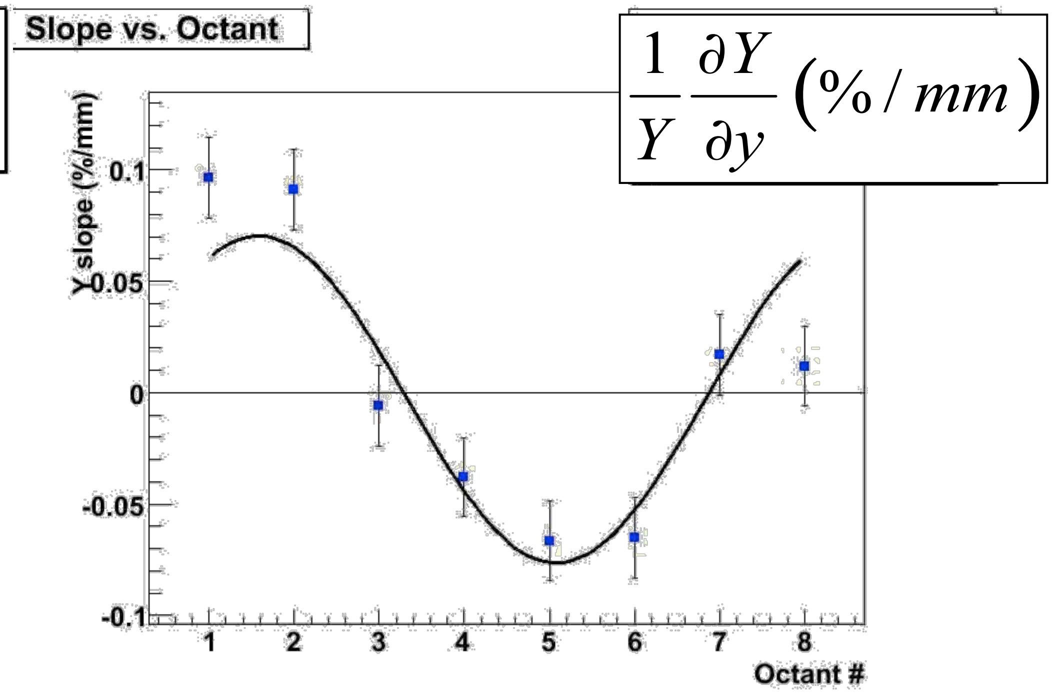




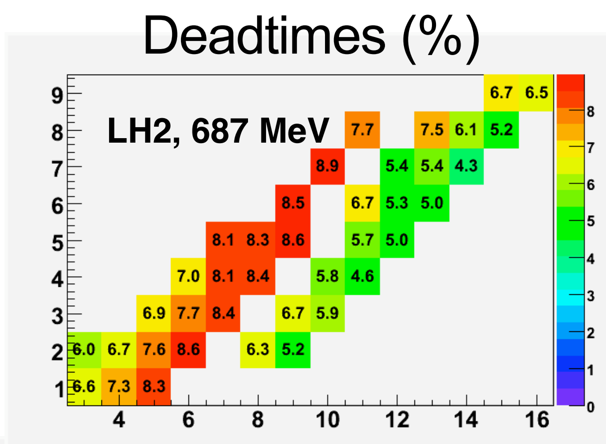
Consistent sensitivities from regression and coil pulsing

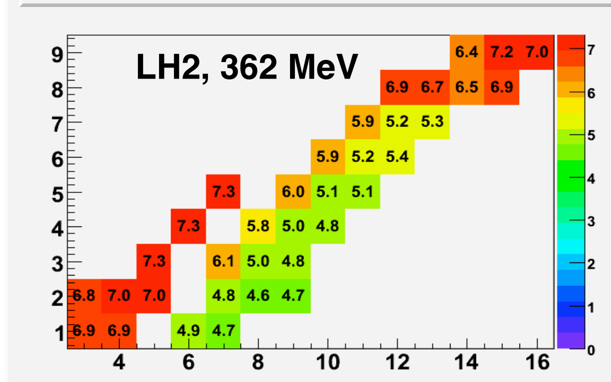
Net false asymmetry ~ 0.1 ppm

Rate Corrections*

- Counting experiment: must correct yields for Random Coincidences & Deadtime before calculating asymmetry

- Randoms: small except for 687 MeV LD2 (higher pion rate)
  - Direct (out-of-time) measurement





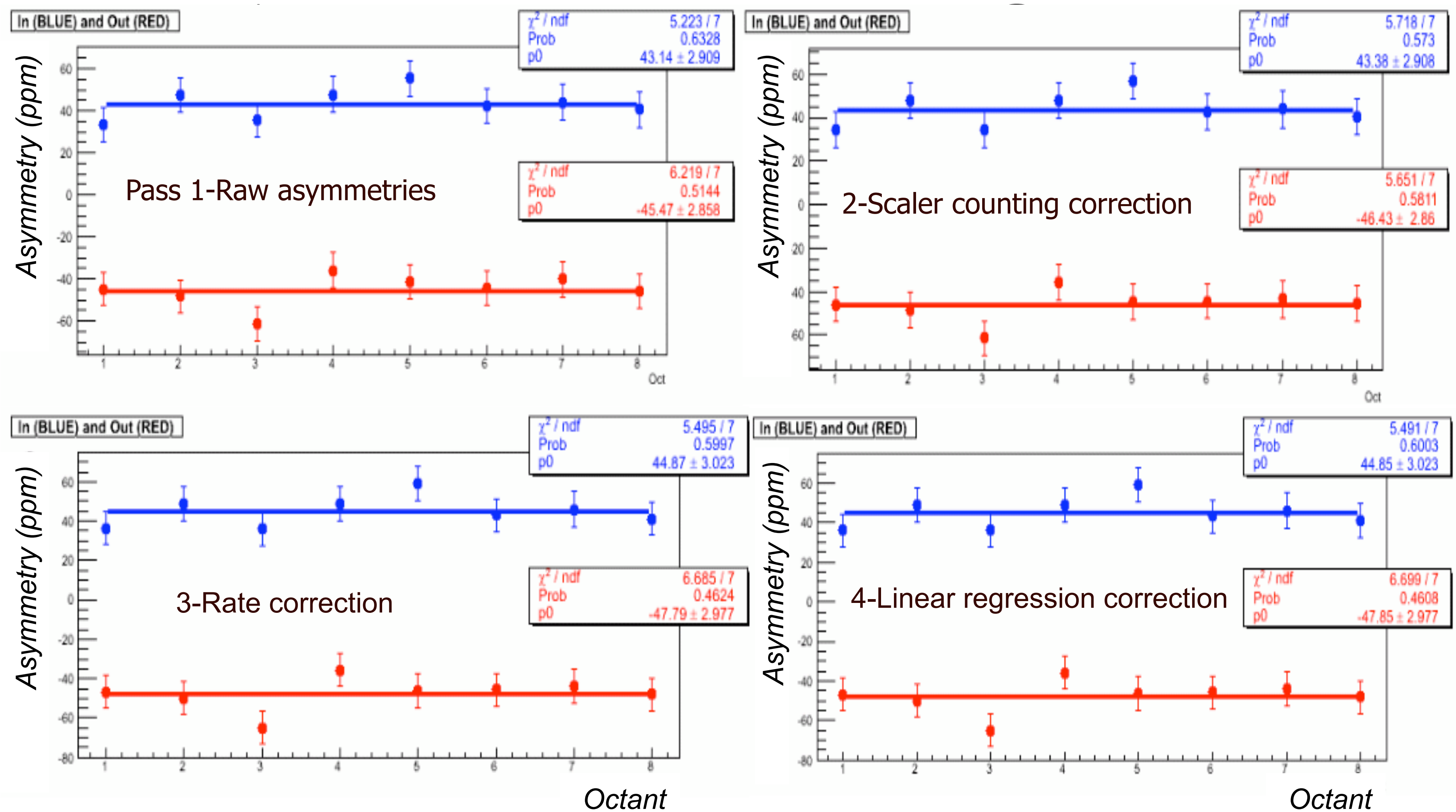
- Deadtime corrections: Simulated complete electronics chain using measured singles rates, *etc.*

Data set	Correction to Yield (%)	Asymmetry Correction (ppm)	systematic error (ppm)
H 362	6	0.3	0.06
H 687	7	1.4	0.17
D 362	13	0.7	0.2
D 687	9	6	1.8

*more details: see F. Benmokhtar's talk

Elastic Asymmetries

- Hydrogen, 687 MeV (similar for all target/energy combos)
- Effect of rate, helicity-correlated corrections:



Backgrounds

- Primary background from aluminum target windows
  - about 12% of yield for all target/energy combinations
  - carries same asymmetry as deuterium (within ~ 2%)
- π^- contamination in D at 687 MeV
  - 5% contribution (measured), nearly zero asymmetry (measured)
- Hydrogen

$$A_{el} = \frac{A_{meas} - f_{Al} A_{Al} - f_{other} A_{other}}{1 - f_{Al} - f_{other}}$$

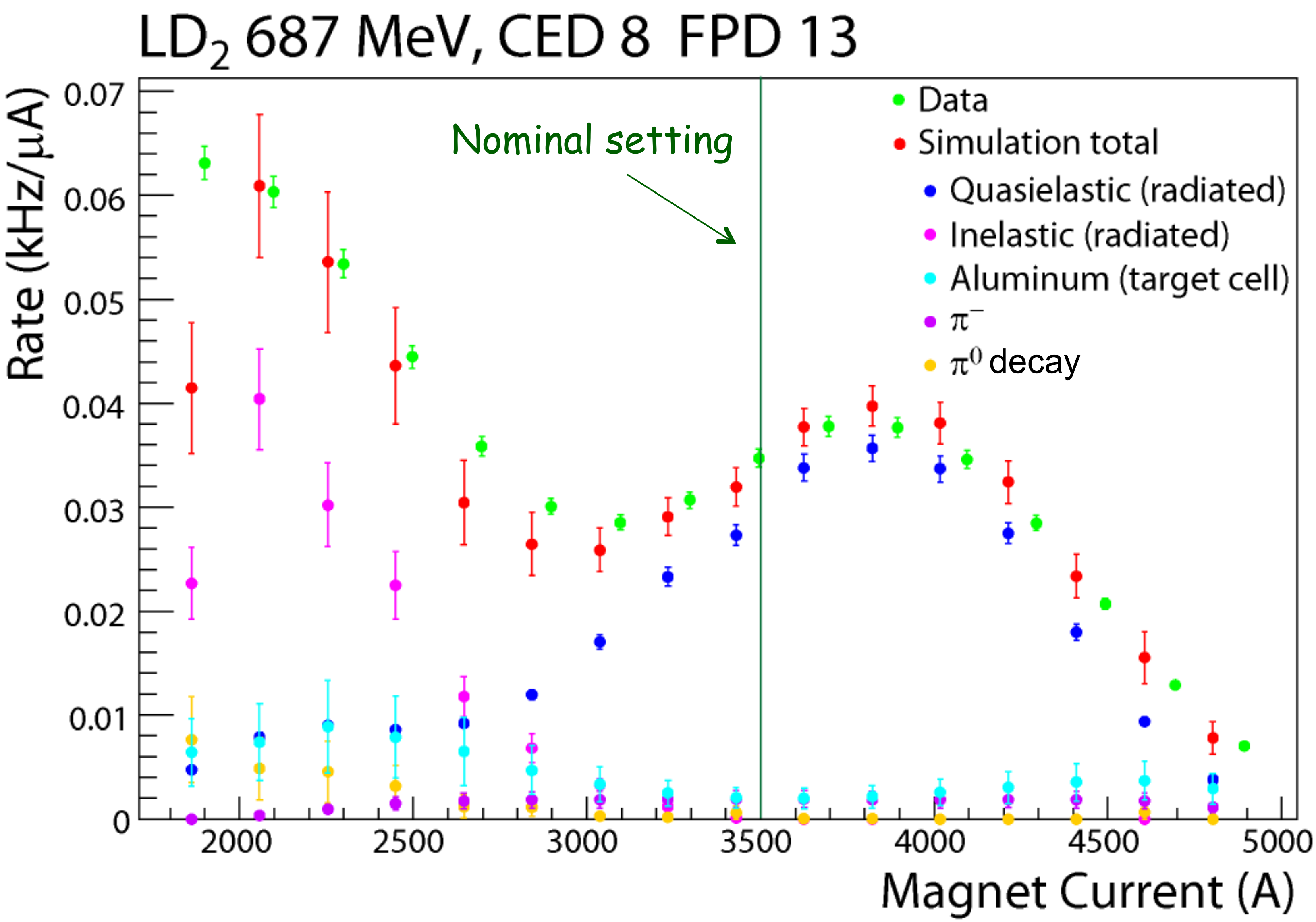
- Deuterium:

$$A_{el} = \frac{A_{meas} - f_{pion} A_{pion} - f_{other} A_{other}}{1 - f_{pion} - f_{other}},$$

with $f_{other} \sim 2 \pm 2\%,\ A_{other} = 0$

Backgrounds: Magnetic Field Scans

- Use simulation *shapes* to help determine dilution factors



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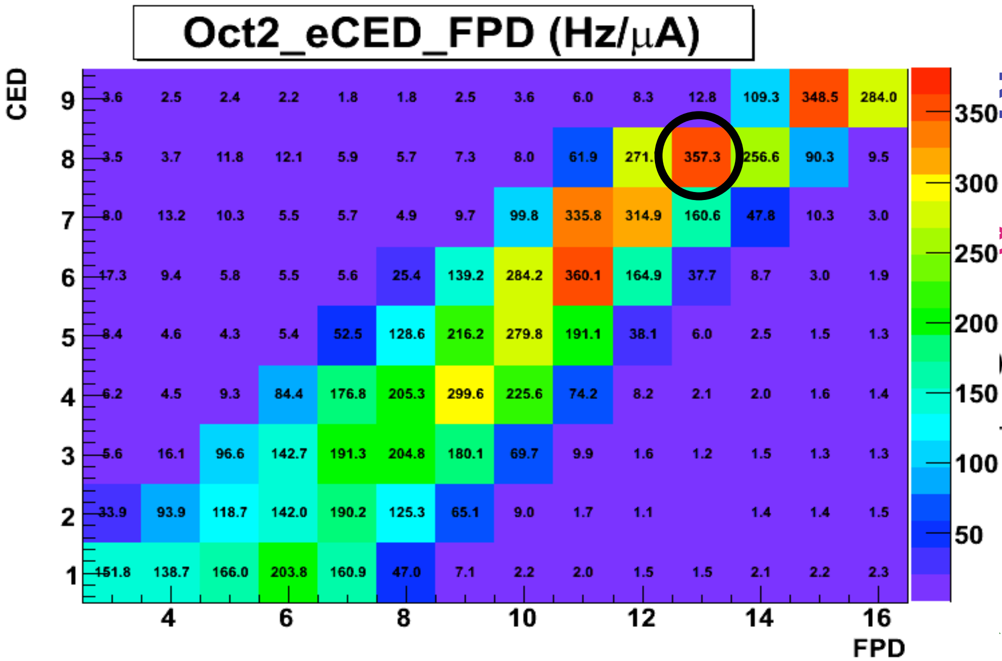
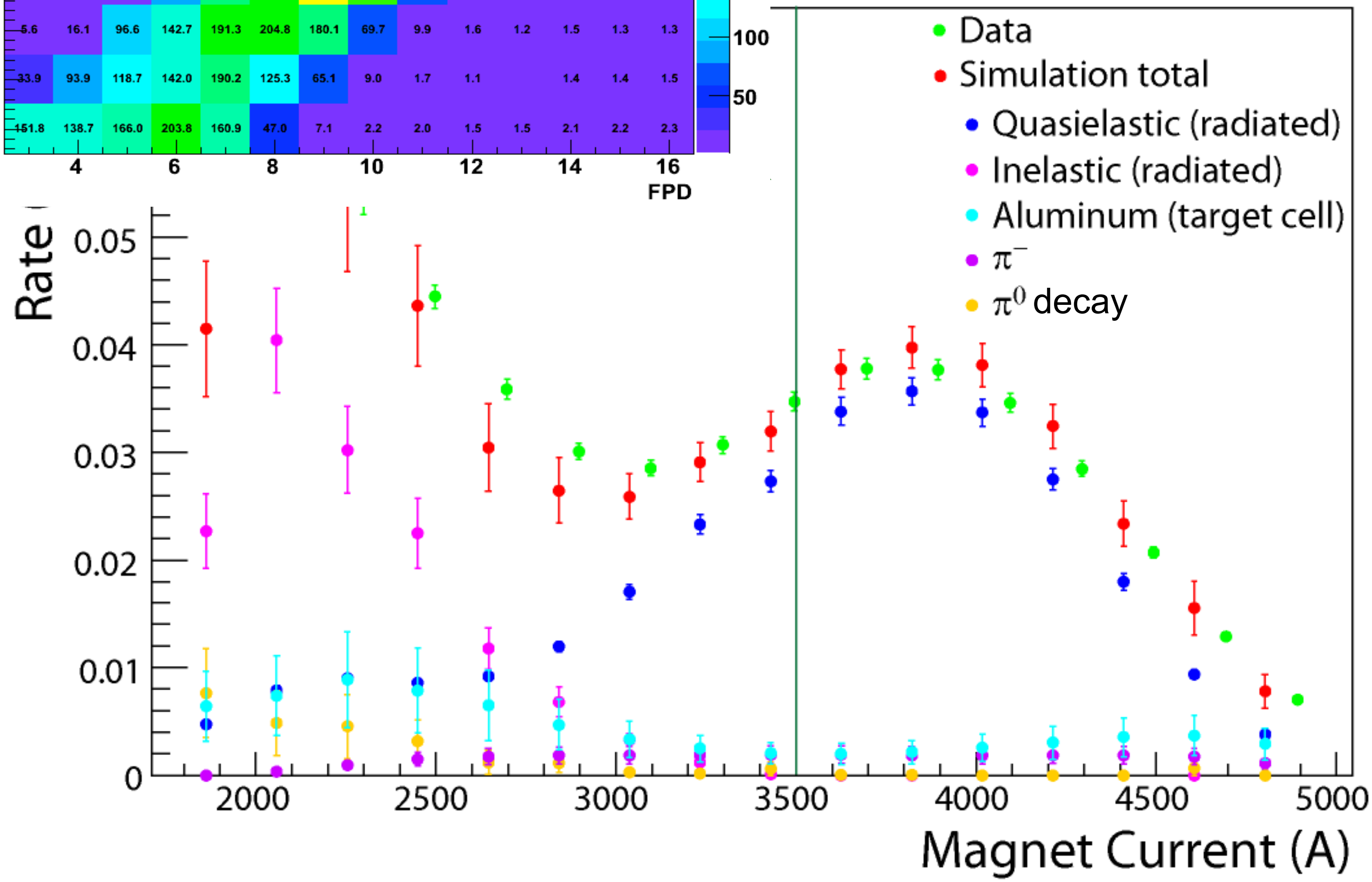




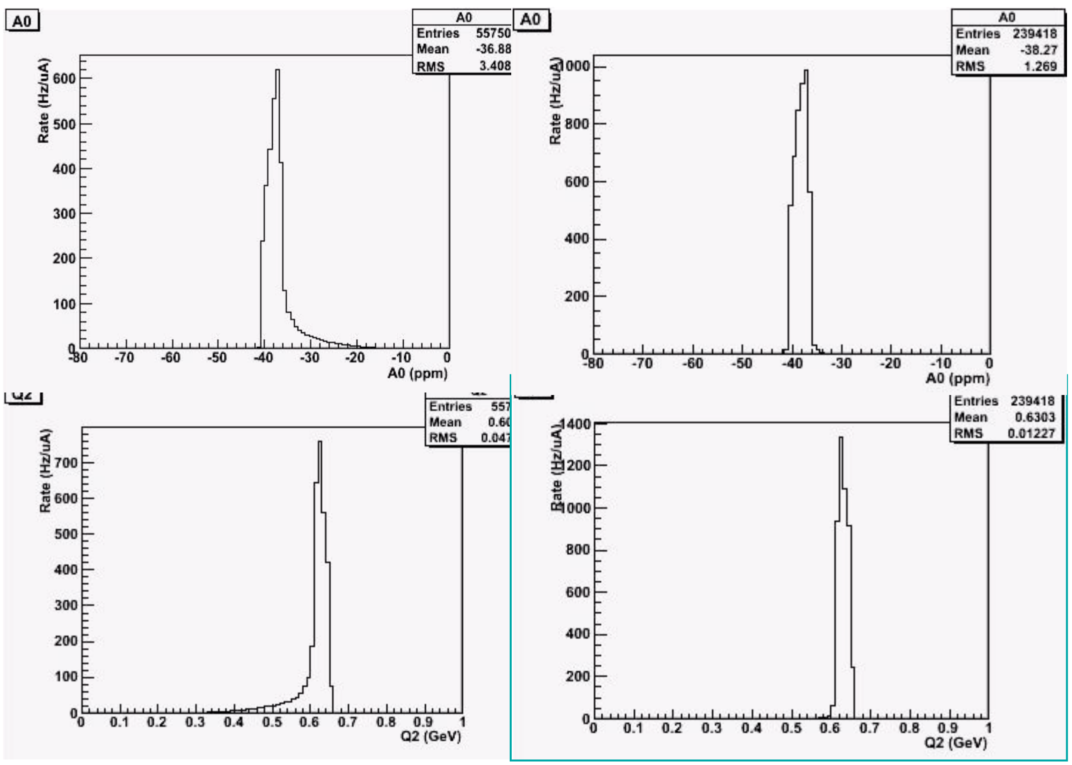
Other Corrections to Asymmetries

- Beam normal single-spin asymmetry (transverse asymmetry)
  - Any small transverse component in beam polarization + imperfect detector azimuthal symmetry + beam-normal spin asymmetry = false asymmetry
  - Measured asymmetry directly with transverse beam ➔ see J. Mammei's talk

Net correction < .01 ppm

- EM radiative corrections [Tsai (1971)]

LH2 687 with Radiation   LH2 687 no Radiation



GEANT: Calculate asymmetry based on kinematics at vertex after radiation, compare to tree level; both calculated after dE/dx in target

Tgt/Energy		$A_{0\ rc}$	$A_{0\ tree}$	$RC_{correction}$
LD2	687	-46.6	-48.43	3.7%
LD2	362	-13.64	-14.17	3.9%
LH2	687	-36.81	-38.22	3.8%
LH2	362	-10.1	-10.49	3.9%

Asymmetry Uncertainties (1)

- Hydrogen, 687 MeV

	Value (ppm)	Stat (ppm)	Sys Pt (ppm)	Sys Gl (ppm)	Total (ppm)
Measured Asymmetry	-38.14	2.43			
Background Asymmetry	-38.27		0.40		
Dilution Correction			0.47	0.52	
Transverse Correction				0.008	
Rate Correction	-38.39		0.17		
Beam Polarization	-44.76		0.52	0.53	
EM Radiative Correction	-46.14		0.16		
Physics Asymmetry	-46.14	2.43	0.84	0.75	2.68

Asymmetry Uncertainties (2)

- Deuterium, 687 MeV

	Value (ppm)	Stat (ppm)	Sys Pt (ppm)	Sys Gl (ppm)	Total (ppm)
Measured Asymmetry	-44.02	3.34			
Background Asymmetry	-46.05		0.050		
Dilution Correction			0.38		
Transverse Correction			0.009	0.008	
Rate Correction	-46.35		1.82		
Beam Polarization	-54.03		0.62	0.64	
EM Radiative Correction	-55.87		0.19		
Physics Asymmetry	-55.87	3.34	1.98	0.64	3.92

Asymmetry Uncertainties (3)

- Hydrogen, 362 MeV

	Value (ppm)	Stat (ppm)	Sys Pt (ppm)	Sys GI (ppm)	Total (ppm)
Measured Asymmetry	-9.941	0.872			
Background Asymmetry	-9.441		0.034		
Dilution Correction			0.109	0.362	
Transverse Correction			0.025	0.008	
Rate Correction	-9.444		0.090		
Beam Polarization	-11.010		0.223	0.132	
EM Radiative Correction	-11.416		0.022	0.000	
Physics Asymmetry	-11.416	0.872	0.268	0.385	0.990

Asymmetry Uncertainties (4)

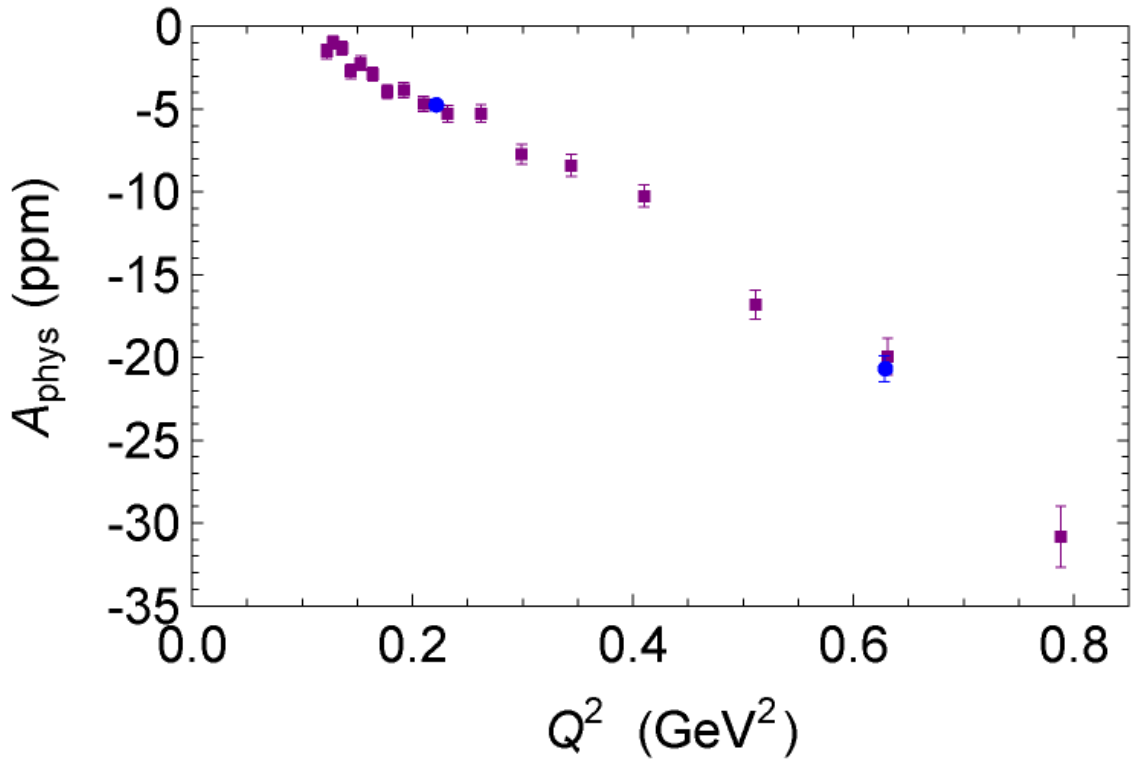
- Deuterium, 362 MeV

	Value (ppm)	Stat (ppm)	Sys Pt (ppm)	Sys Gl (ppm)	Total (ppm)
Measured Asymmetry	-14.047	0.813			
Background Asymmetry	-14.114				
Dilution Correction			0.020		
Transverse Correction			0.038	0.008	
Rate Correction	-14.152		0.232		
Beam Polarization	-16.498		0.331	0.197	
EM Radiative Correction	-17.018		0.059		
Physics Asymmetry	-17.018	0.813	0.411	0.197	0.932

Determining Form Factors

- Starting from asymmetries, need
  - Effective Q^2 determination* - simulation
  - Deuteron model (Schiavilla, priv. comm.)
  - Electromagnetic form factors* (Kelly PRC **70** (2004))
  - Electroweak Radiative corrections
  - check on 2-boson corrections*
    (Arrington, Blunden, Melnitchouk, et al.; Zhou, Kao & Yang, priv. comm.)

- Interpolation of
  G0 forward angle data:

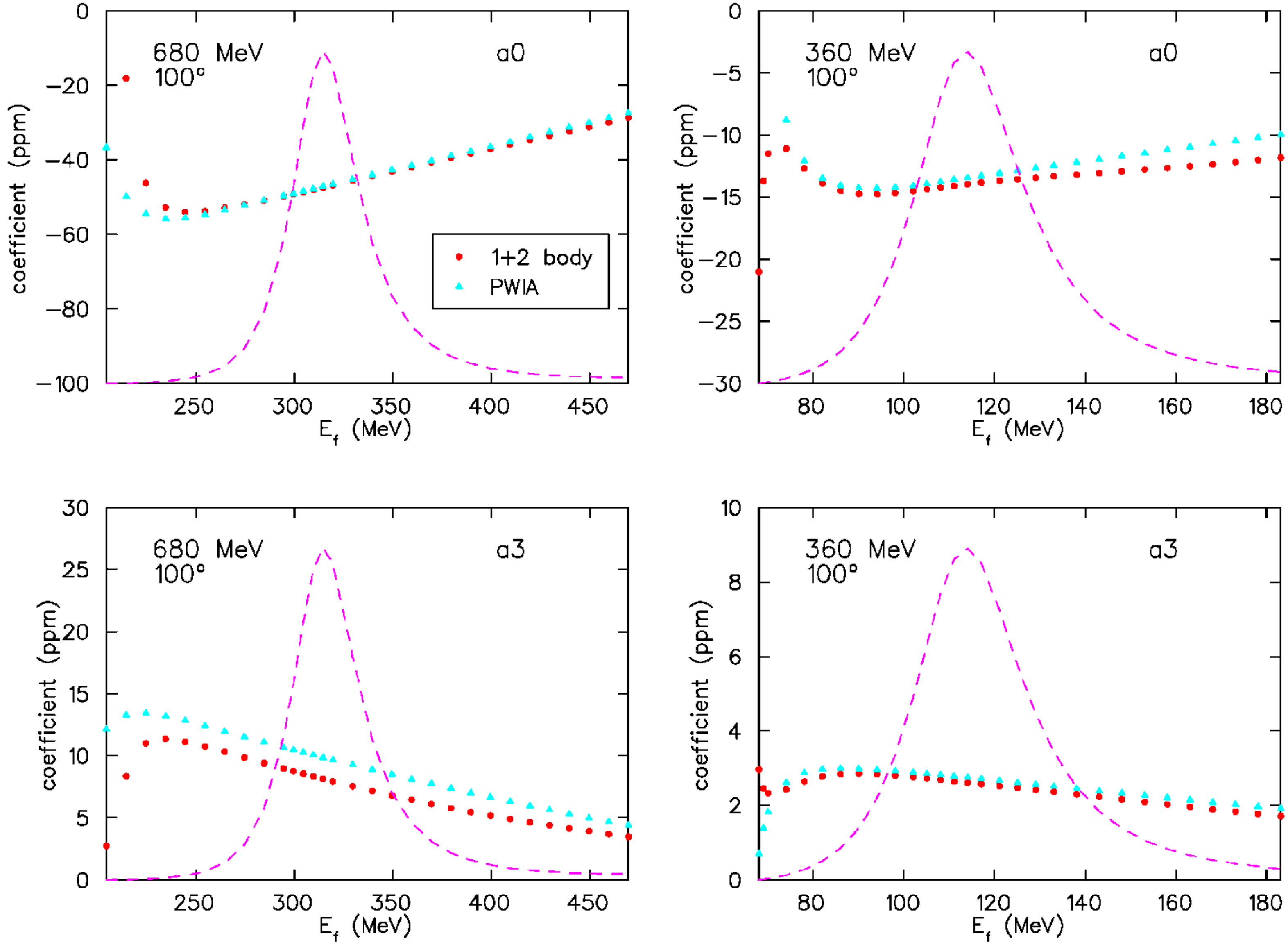


*see F. Benmokhtar's talk

Deuteron Model

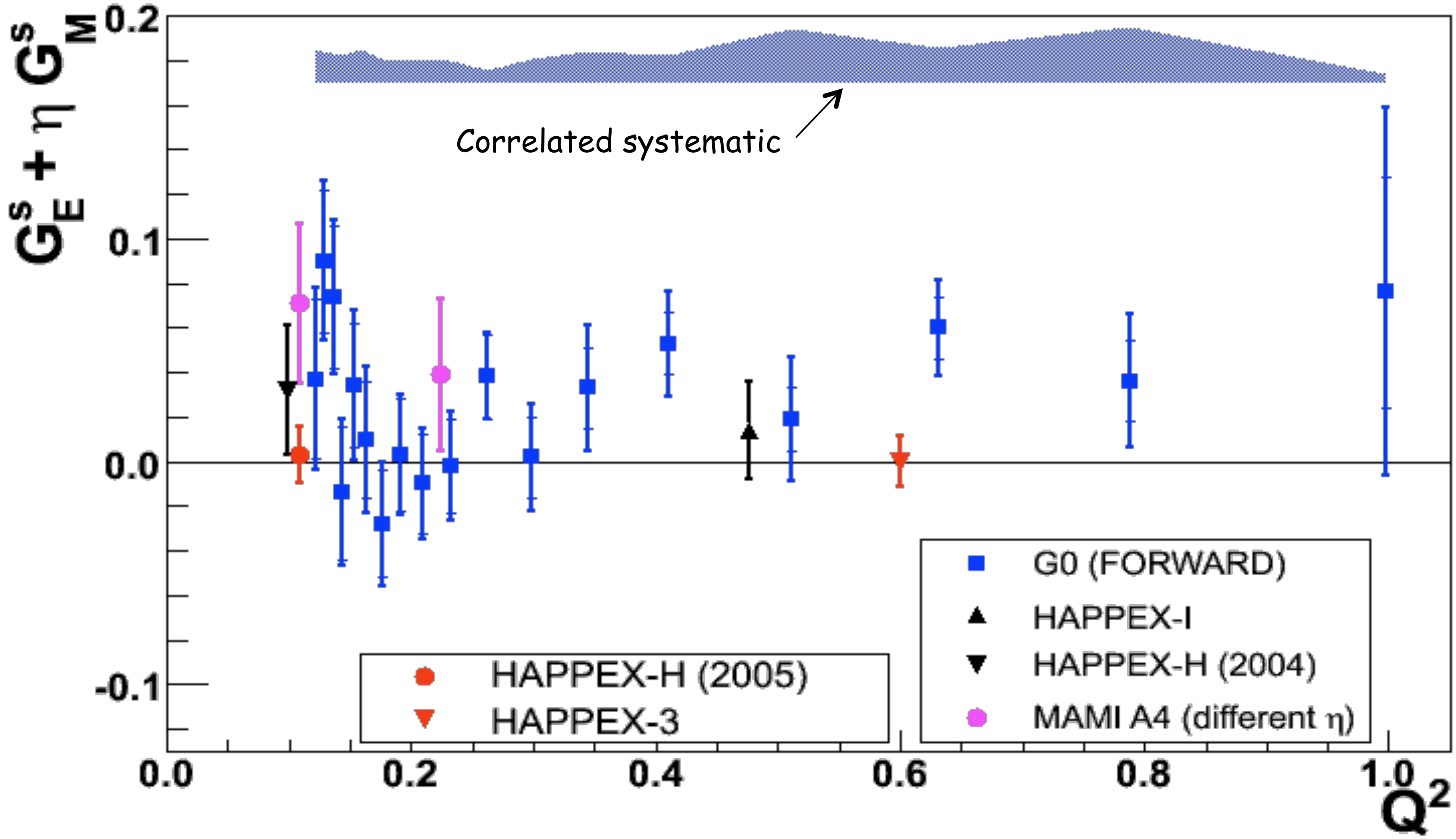
- Calculation from R. Schiavilla
  - includes FSI and 2-body effects

$$A_{phys} = a_0 + a_1 G_E^s + a_2 G_M^s + a_3 G_A^e$$



Forward Angle Results - reminder

EM form factors: J.J.Kelly, PRC **70,** 068202 (2004)

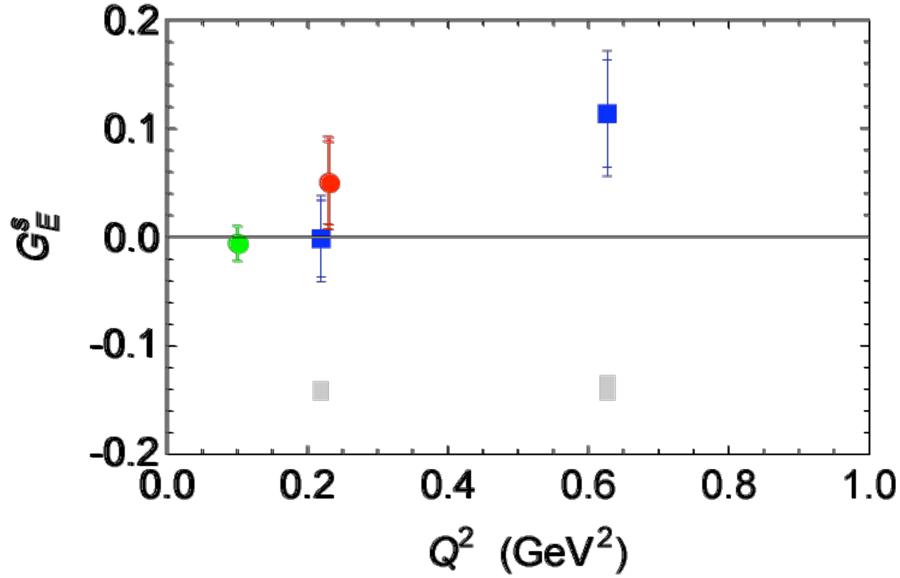


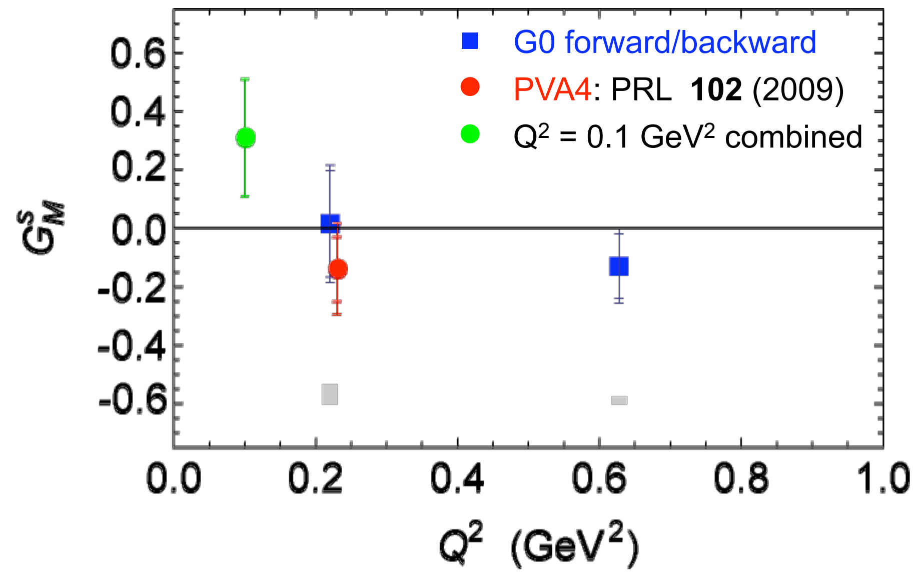
$G_E^s = G_M^s = 0$ Hypothesis excluded at 89% C.L.

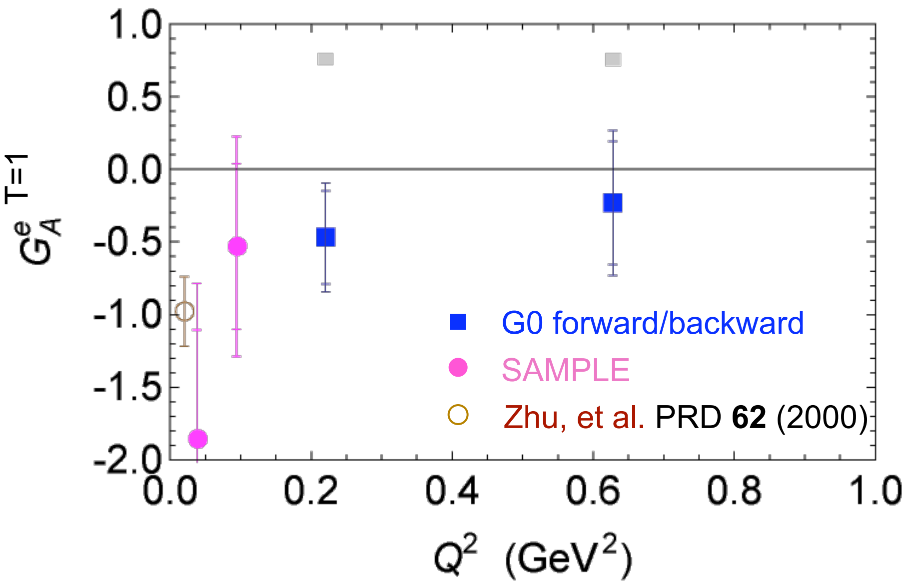
D.S. Armstrong *et al.*, PRL 95, 092001 (2005)

Backward Angle Results: *Preliminary*

- Using interpolation of G0 forward measurements







Global uncertainties

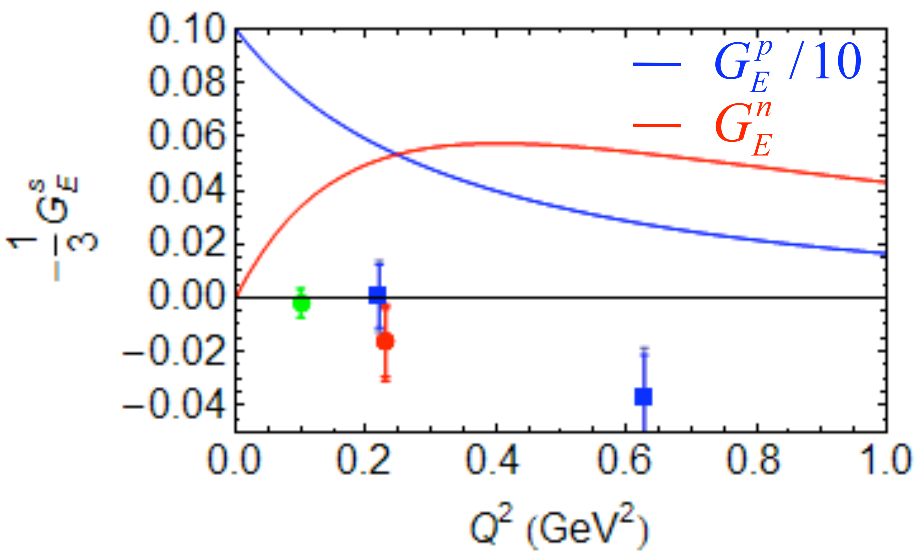
assumes:

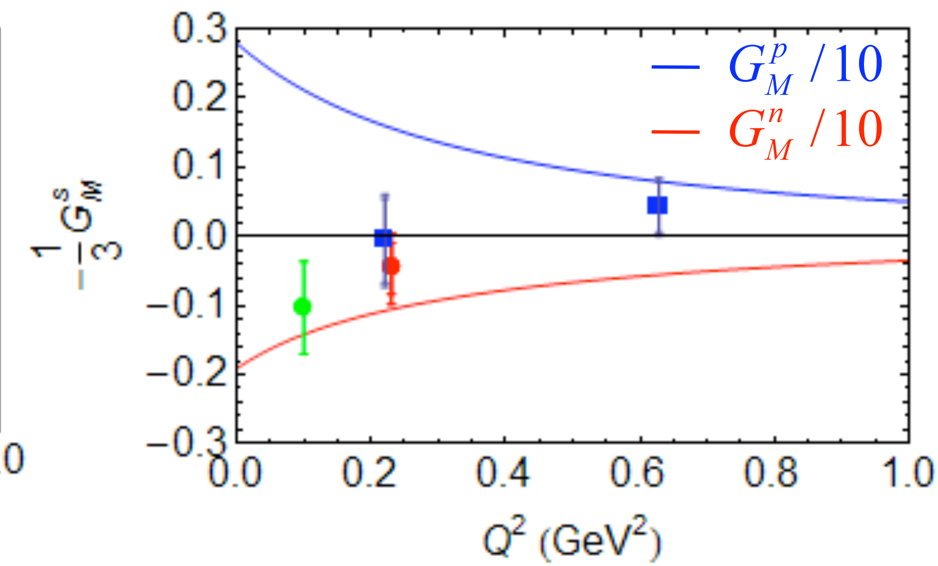
$$G_{A,NS}^{T=0}\left(Q^2\right) = R_A^{T=0}\,\frac{3F-D}{2}\,G_A^{dipole}\left(Q^2\right)$$

$$G_{A,NS}^{T=0}\left(Q^2=0\right) = 0.070$$

Also assumes: no CSV

Contributions to Overall Form Factors



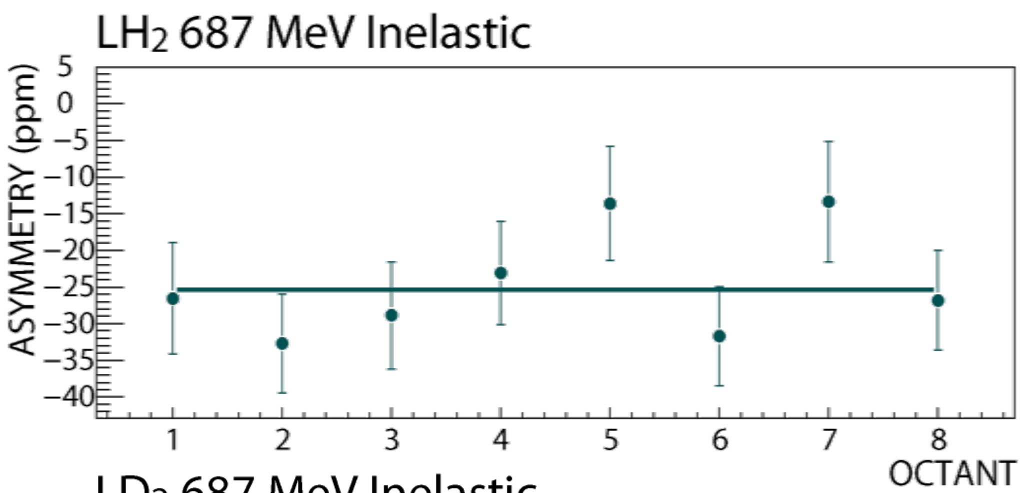


- NEXT STEP: fit 33 separate asymmetry measurements for H, D, He targets
  - at this point, not all data at quite the same level…

    consistent EM form factors, radiative corrections, CSV…

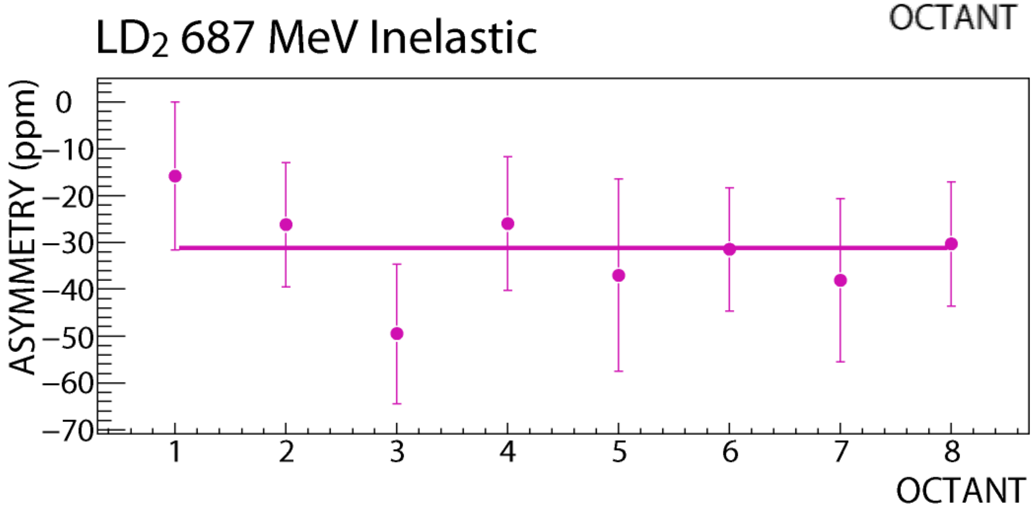
Preliminary Inelastic Asymmetries

$G_A^{N\Delta}(Q^2)$: Isovector ($\Delta I=1$), spin-flip form factor – encodes space/spin structure in transition to I=3/2 resonance, analogous to $G_A(Q^2)$



[OUT + IN = 0.07 ± 5.1 ppm]

Raw data: Backgrounds, radiative corrections *not yet included*

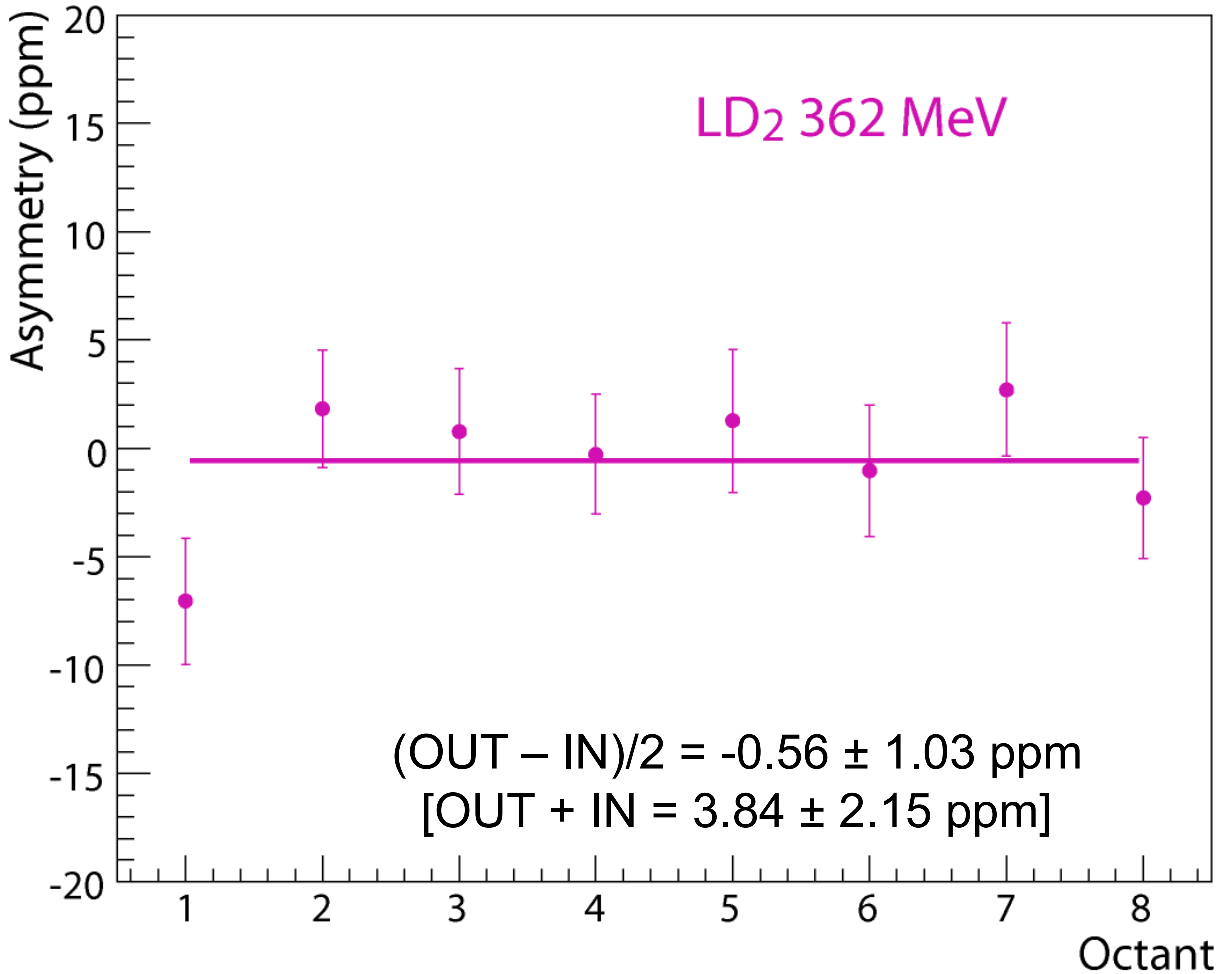


[OUT + IN = -9.9 ± 10.5 ppm]

We seek theory guidance for the deuteron case

Preliminary Pion Asymmetries

- Measure inclusive π^- from D target, dominated by photoproduction
- Asymmetry at $Q^2 = 0$ not zero ➔ constrain small asymmetry "d_Δ"
- d_Δ related to the anomalous $\Delta S = 1$ hyperon decays



working on systematic uncertainties (~ 0.5 ppm):

Summary

- Comparison of electromagnetic and weak neutral elastic form factors allows determination of strange quark contribution
  - large distance scale dynamics of the sea
- Small positive G_E^s at higher Q^2, G_M^s consistent with zero, small quenching of G_A^e, consistent with theory
  - next step: global fit to all 33 asymmetries

- First measurement of neutral current NΔ transition around Q^2 = 0.3 GeV^2
- First measurement of PV asymmetry in inclusive π^- production at low Q^2

- see J. Mammei's talk: First measurements of transverse asymmetries in
  - back angle elastic scattering from H, D targets
  - Inclusive π^- production

> *"Do not infest your mind with beating on the strangeness of this business" - W. Shakespeare (The Tempest)*