

PR12-20-011: Measurement of the high-energy contribution to the Gerasimov-Drell-Hearn sum

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Proposal **endorsed by the GlueX collaboration.**

PAC 47 **encouraged LOI to be developed into a full proposal.**¹

Theory Report for PAC 48 concludes that **“This an important measurement with impact on nuclear and particle physics”**

TAC for PAC 48 reports that while the experiment requires new equipment **“no real showstopper has been identified”**

¹ The PAC recognizes the science case for this LOI and recommends preparation of a full proposal with focus on the extraction of the actual value of the GDH integral at high energies.

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Solution:

Hall D: tagger+large solid angle detector+high flux \Rightarrow **uniquely suited** to perform a large- ν GDH measurement.

Relatively simple experiment and analysis.

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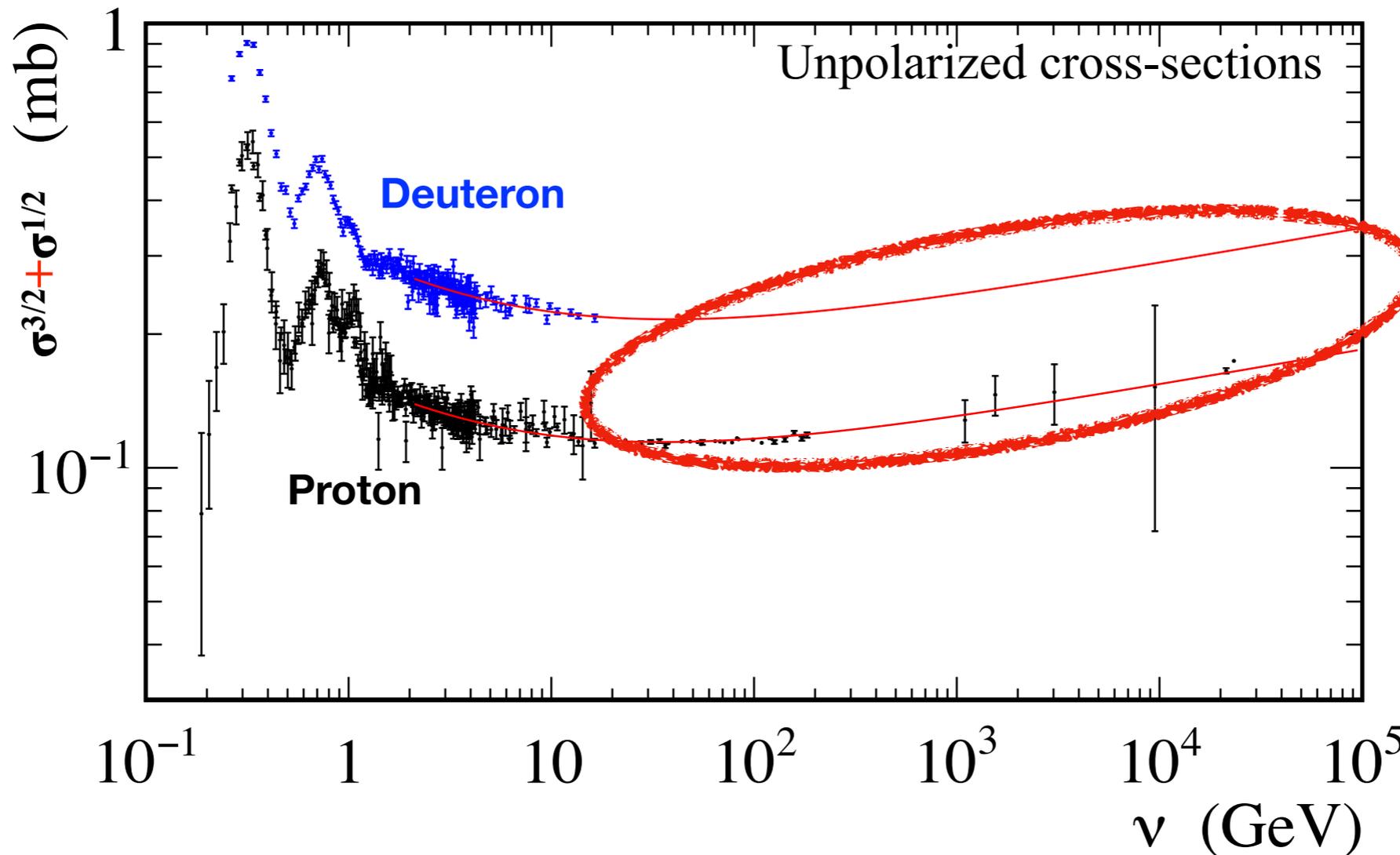
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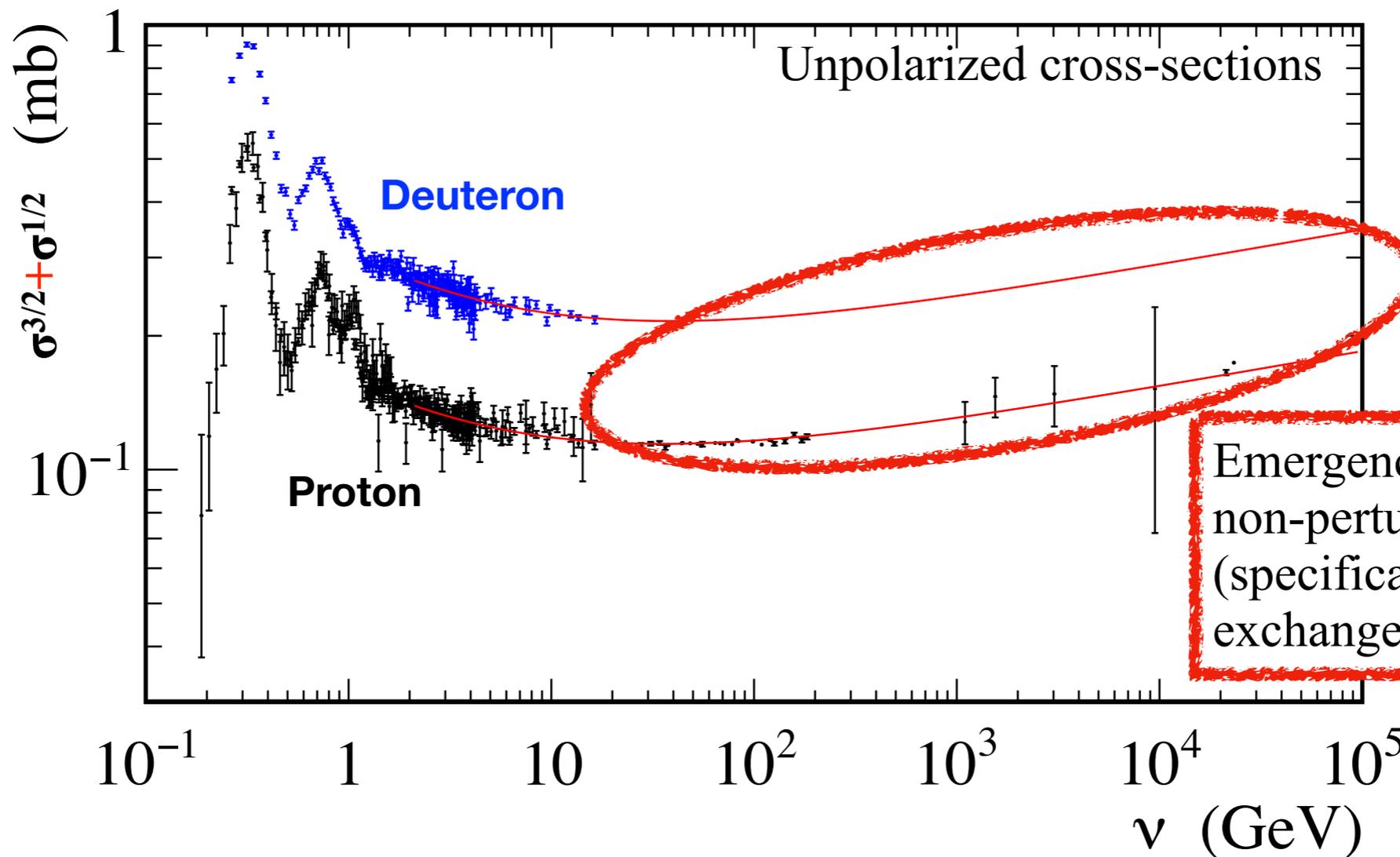
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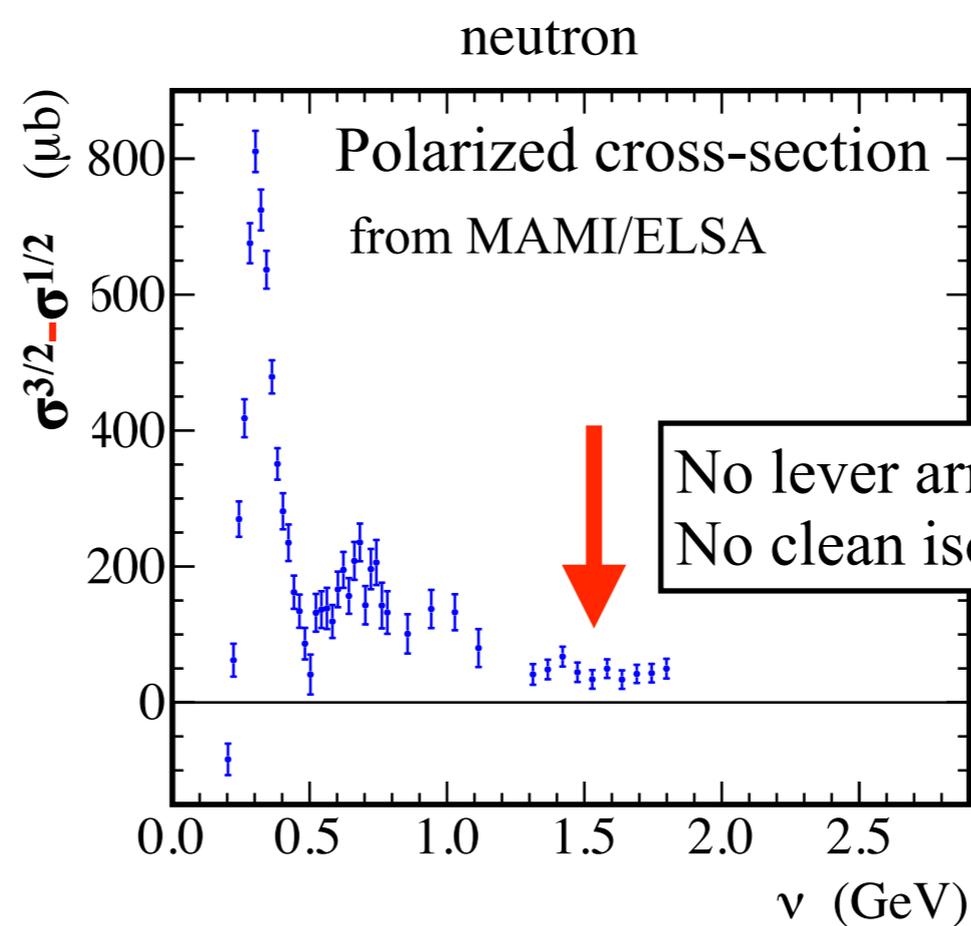
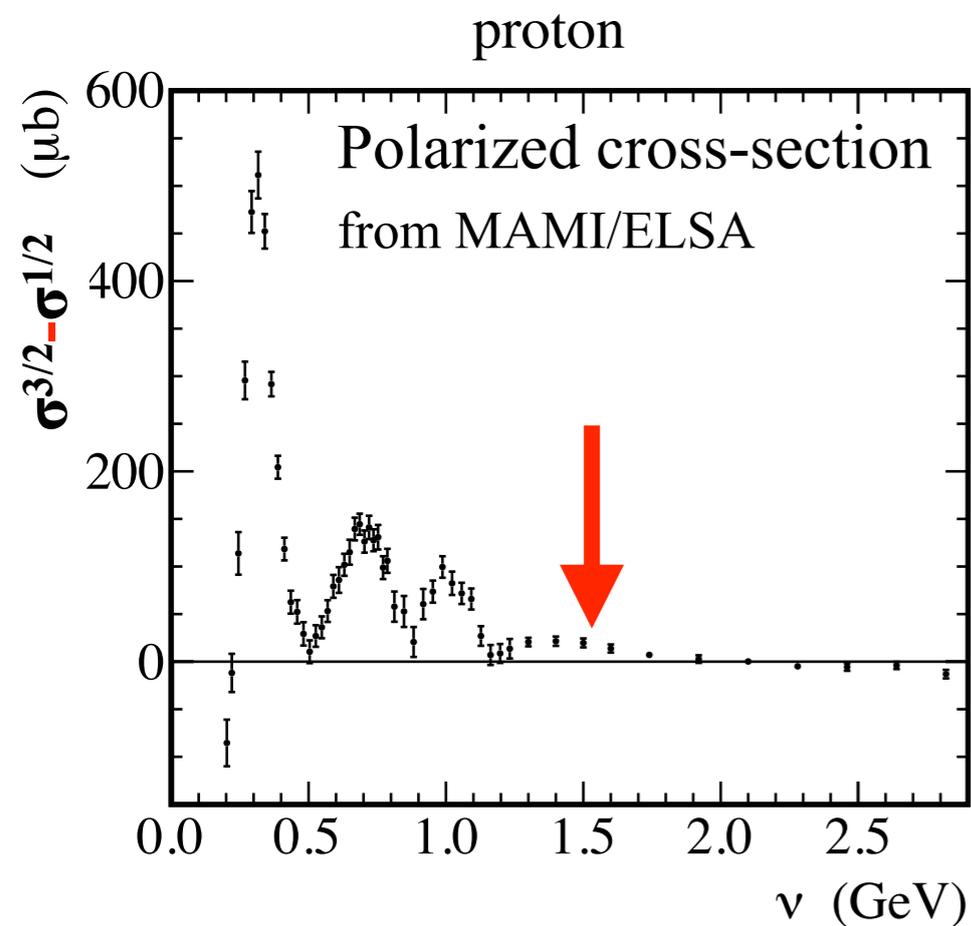


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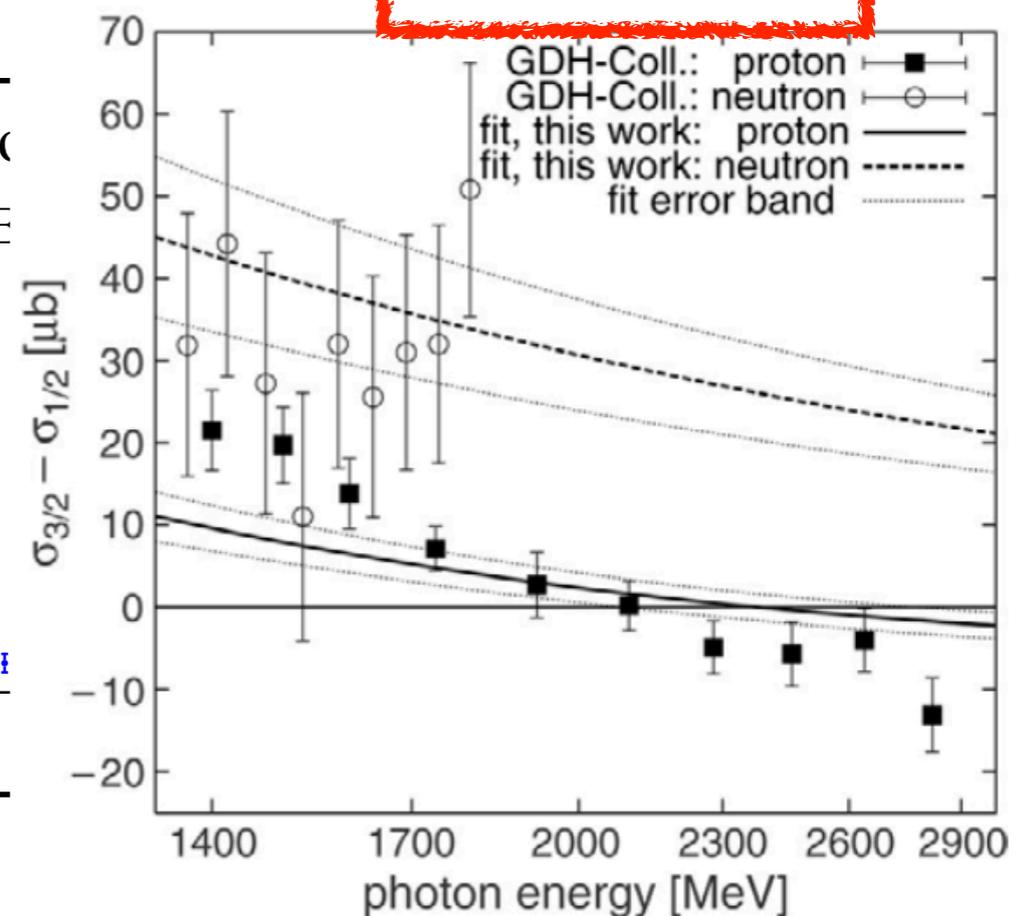
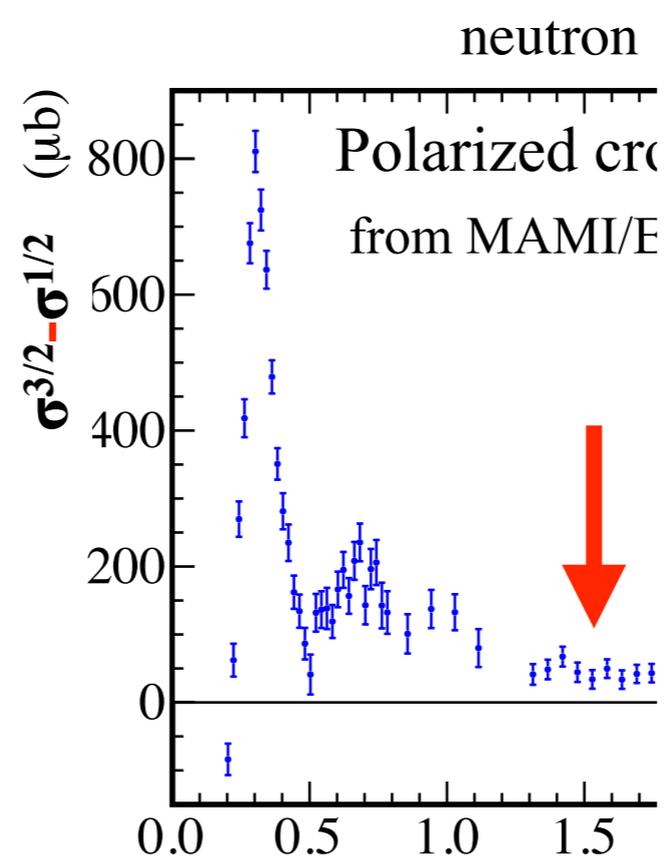
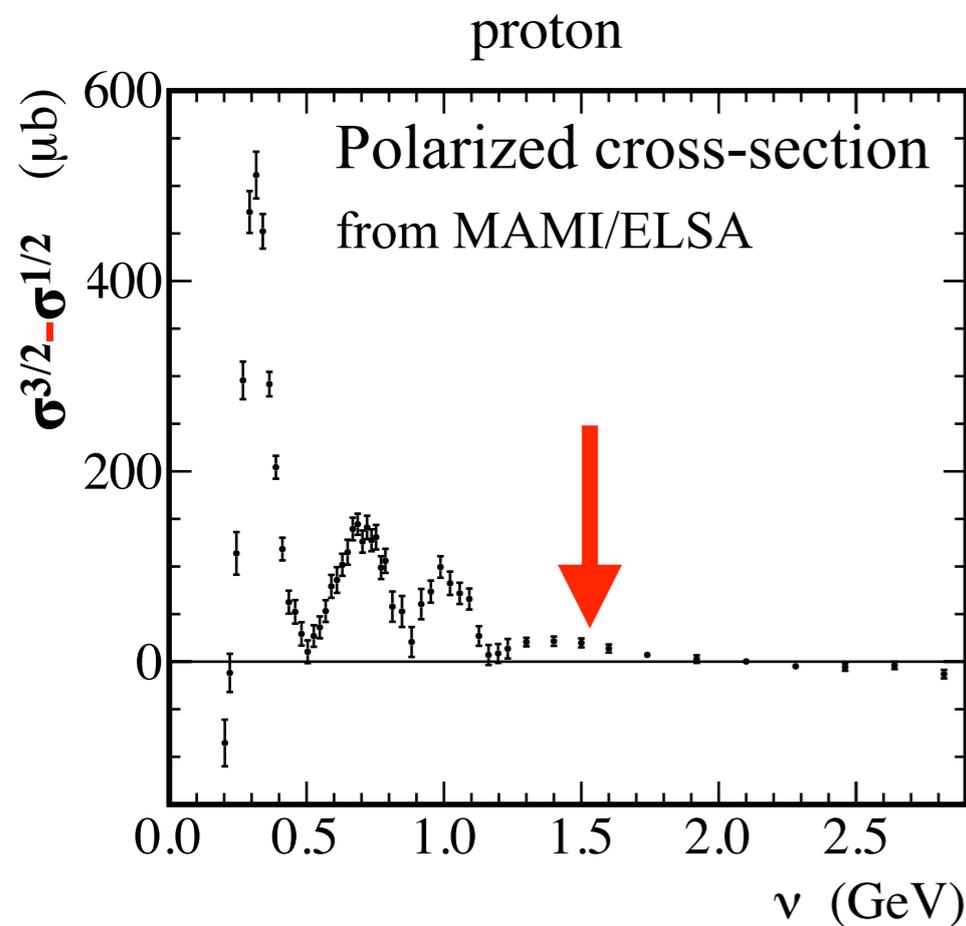
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Analysis Strategy

- **First:**

Form **yield difference** $\Delta y(v) = N^{3/2} - N^{1/2}$. Sufficient to study **GDH convergence**.

⇒ **Normalization factors not important**

For ex. if $\sigma^{3/2} - \sigma^{1/2} = av^b$, we obtain ***b***, without need to extract an accurate ***a***.

- Suppress normalization factor uncertainties.
- Unpolarized backgrounds (e.g. target dilution) cancel.

- **Then:**

Extract **absolute cross-section** $\sigma^{3/2} - \sigma^{1/2}$: Study GDH SR **validity** for both nucleons + **other goals**

Time request

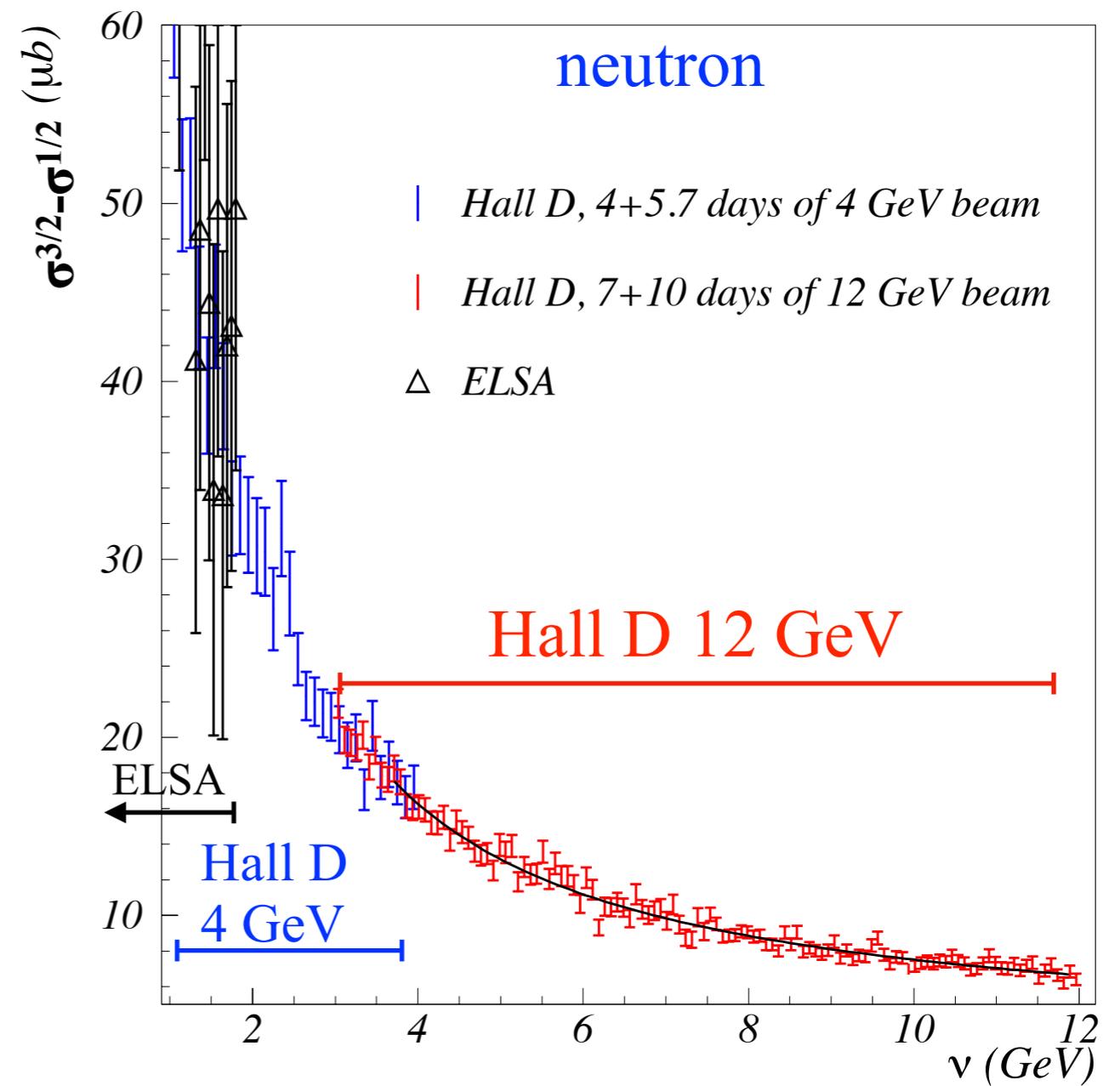
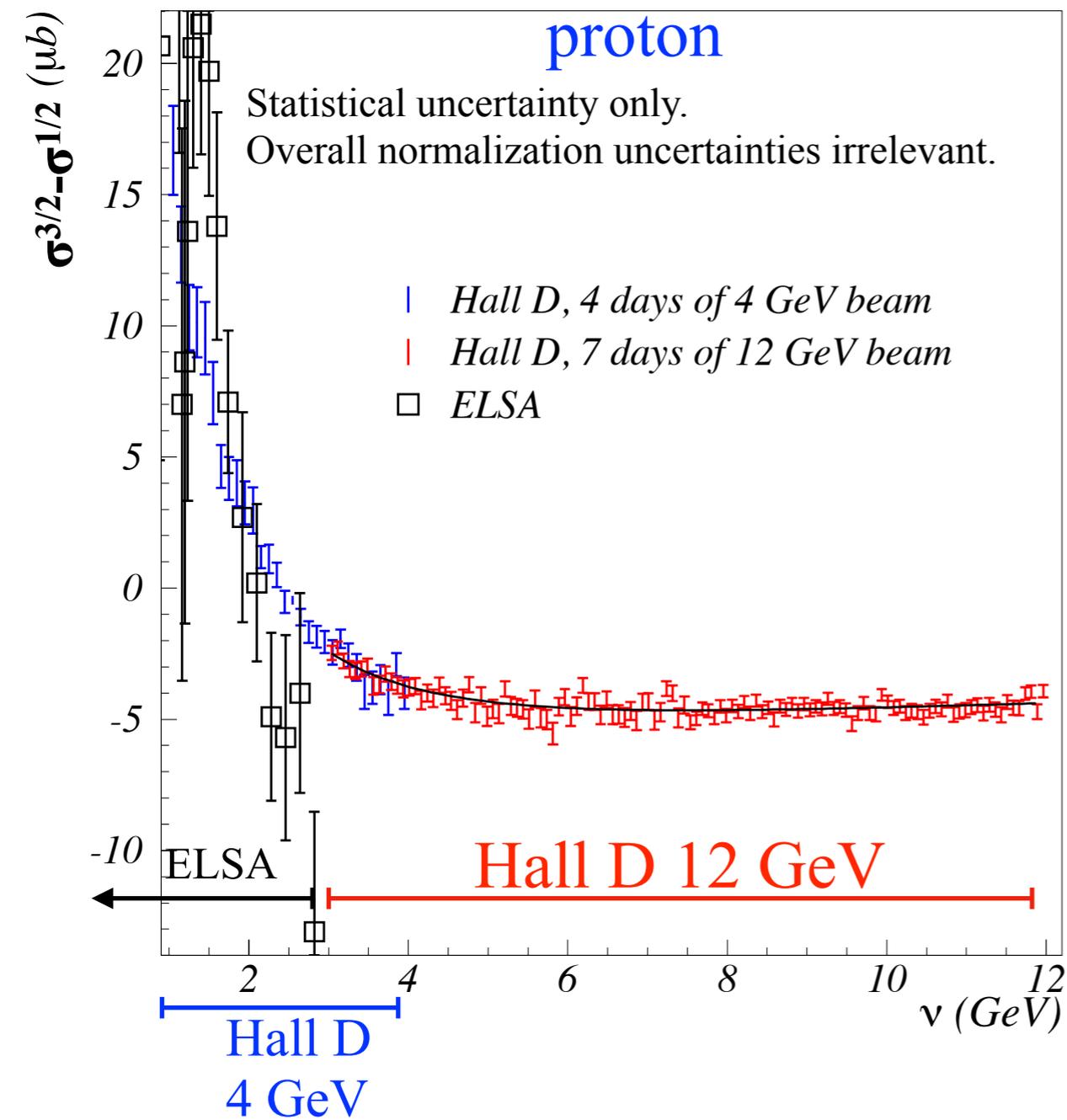
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4	Proton	Production at 4 GeV
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4 GeV: 11.8		total time at 4 GeV
Total: 33.1		total experiment time

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4 or 5 GeV

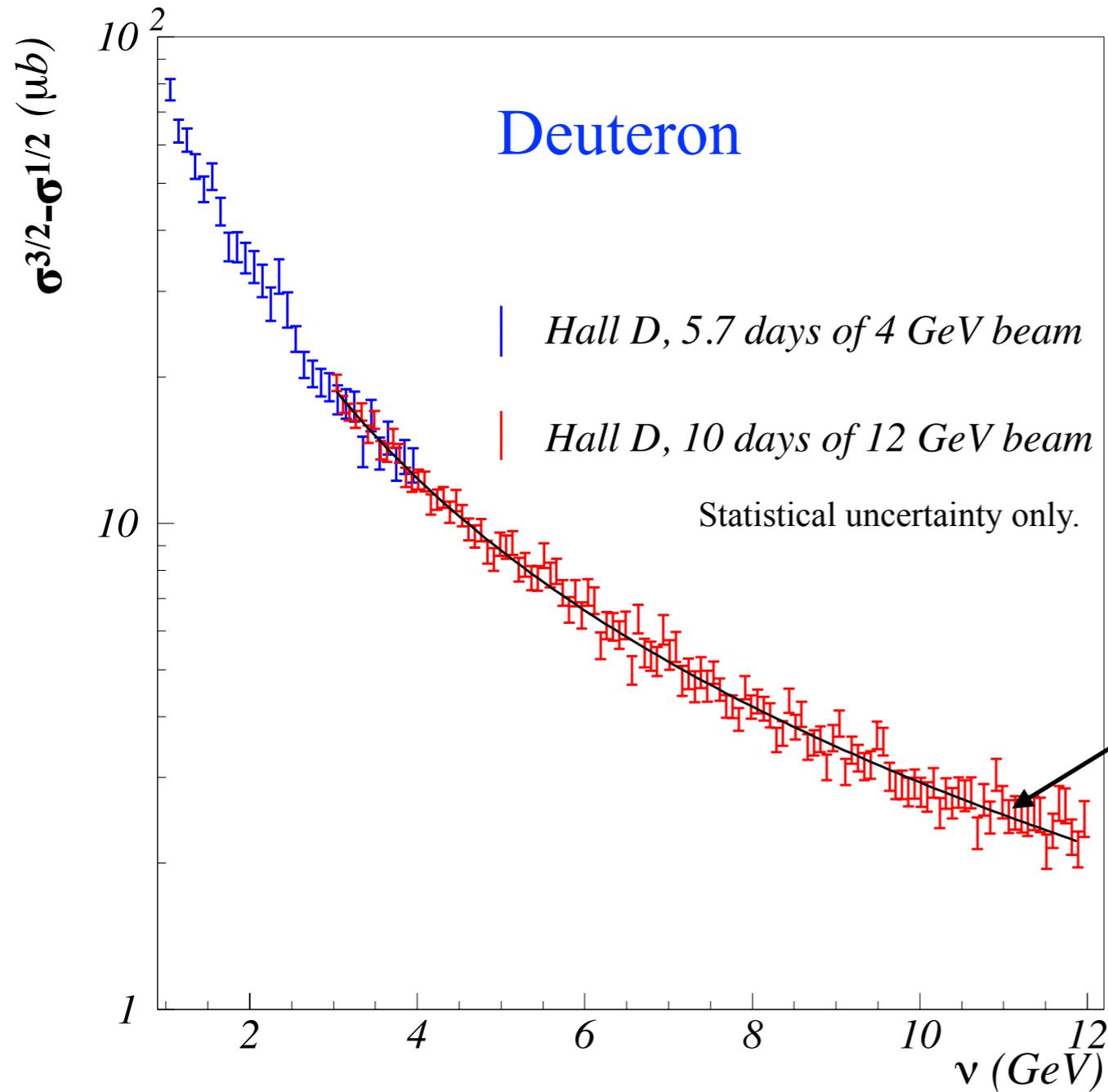
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Fit: $\sigma^{3/2} - \sigma^{1/2} = (450 \pm 34) s^{-0.691 \pm 0.029}$

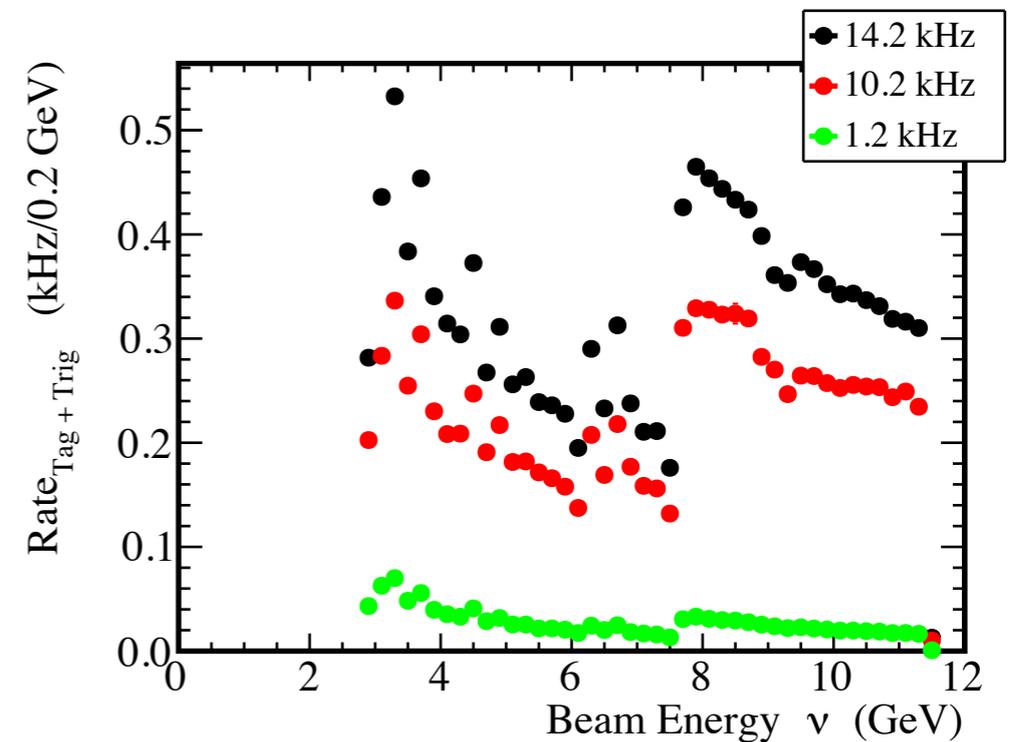
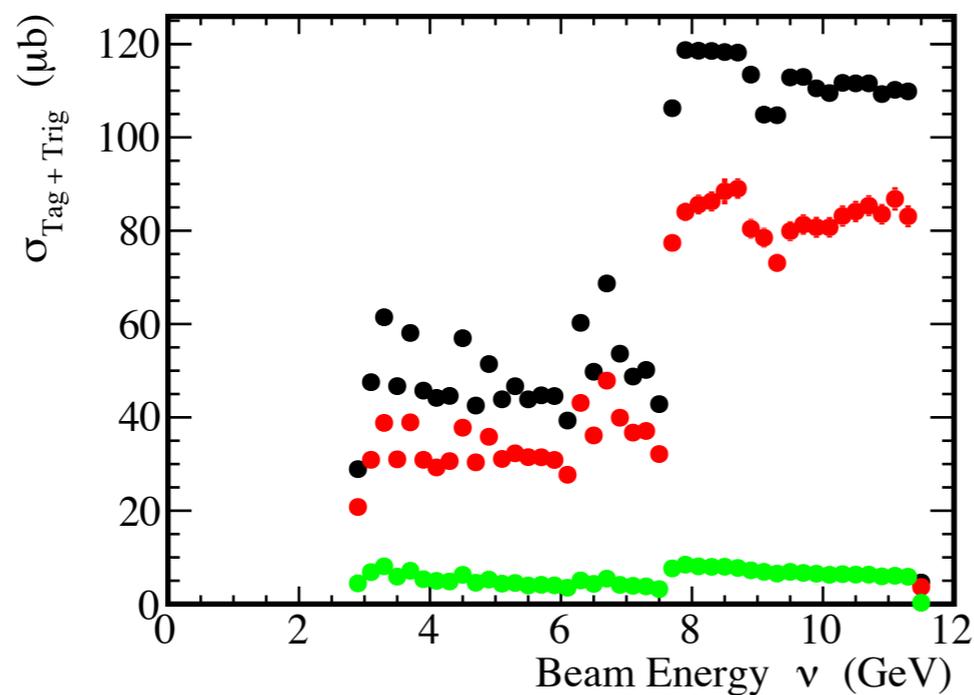
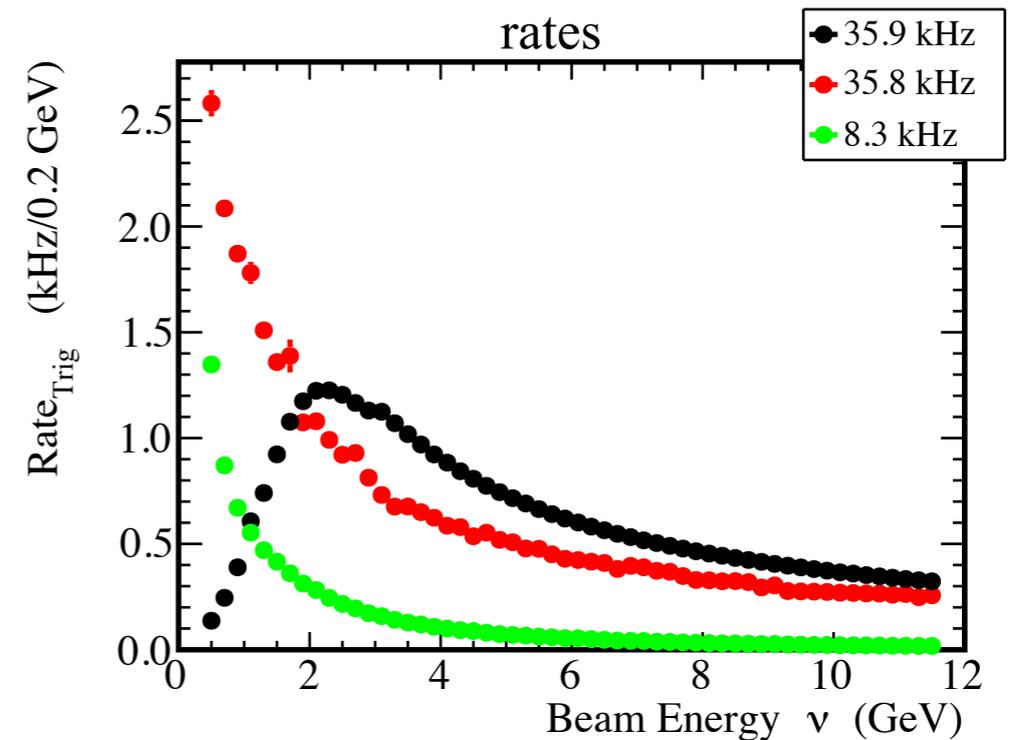
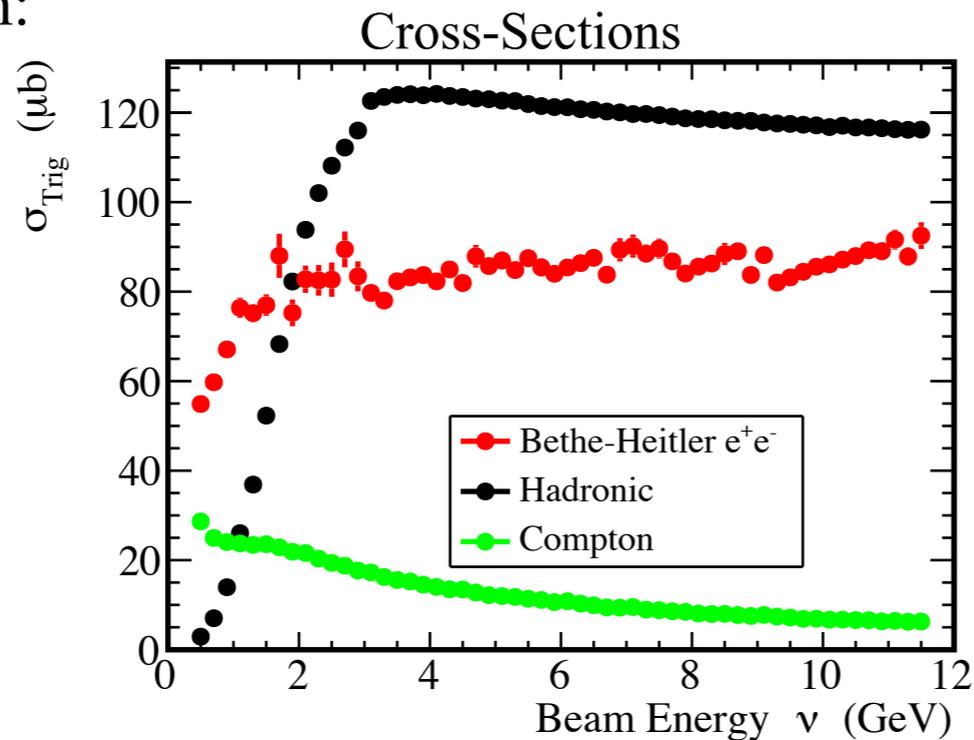
Should measure well the first non-zero deuteron diffractive signal

Rates and backgrounds

Unpolarized backgrounds: cancel in yield or cross-section difference.

However, may still affect the experiment by saturating DAQ.

HD GEANT simulation:



Total rate; 80 kHz (Hall D present DAQ capacity)

Useful hadronic rate: 35 kHz

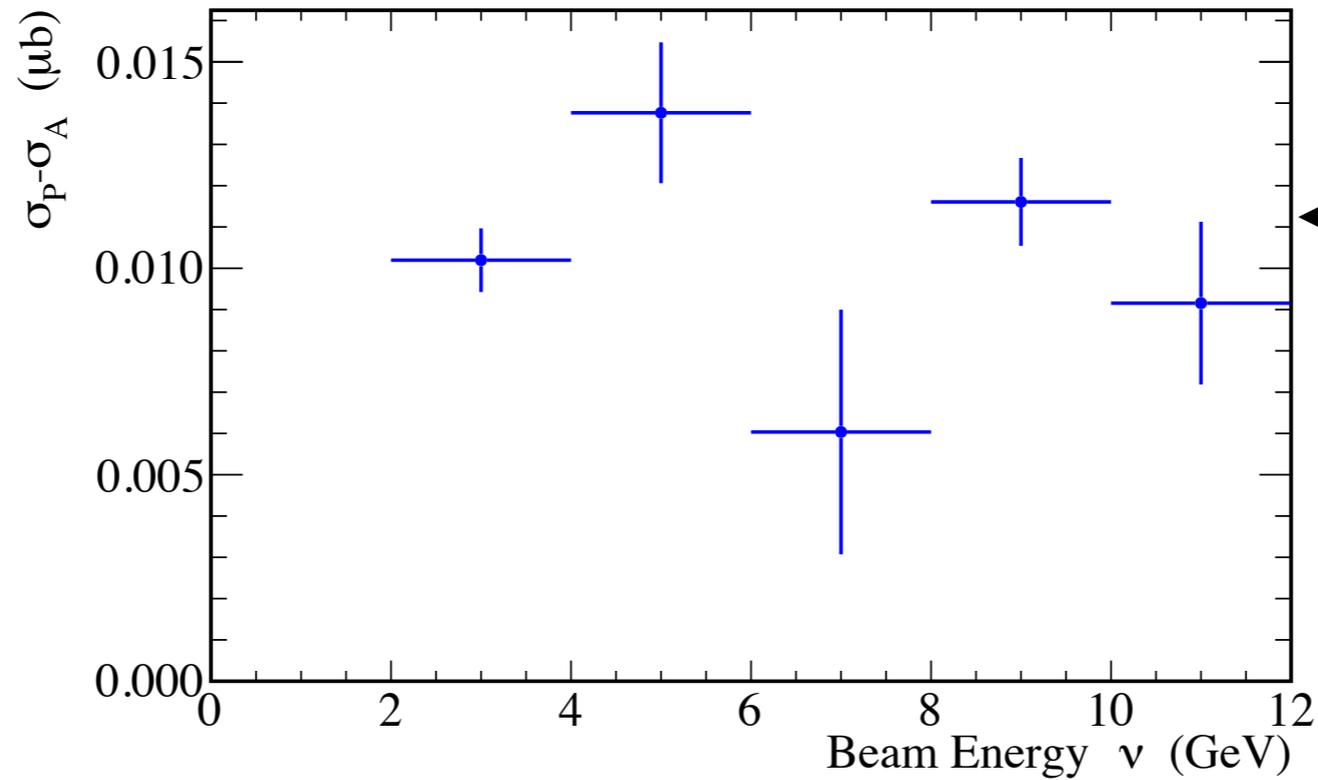
Confirmed with Kapton data (empty target run. Kapton thickness scaled to 10 cm yields ~ 50 kHz)

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Polarized backgrounds: contribute but very small ($\sim 0.2\%$ contamination).

Bethe-Heitler Cross-Section difference

HD GEANT simulation:



Compare $\sim 0.01 \mu\text{b}$ (B-H)
with $\sim 5 \mu\text{b}$ (hadronic)

No polarized Compton contribution (FROST electrons unpolarized).

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 - First measurement of non-zero polarized signal for deuteron in diffractive region.
- Obtaining cross-section (more difficult: **longer term goals**) will:
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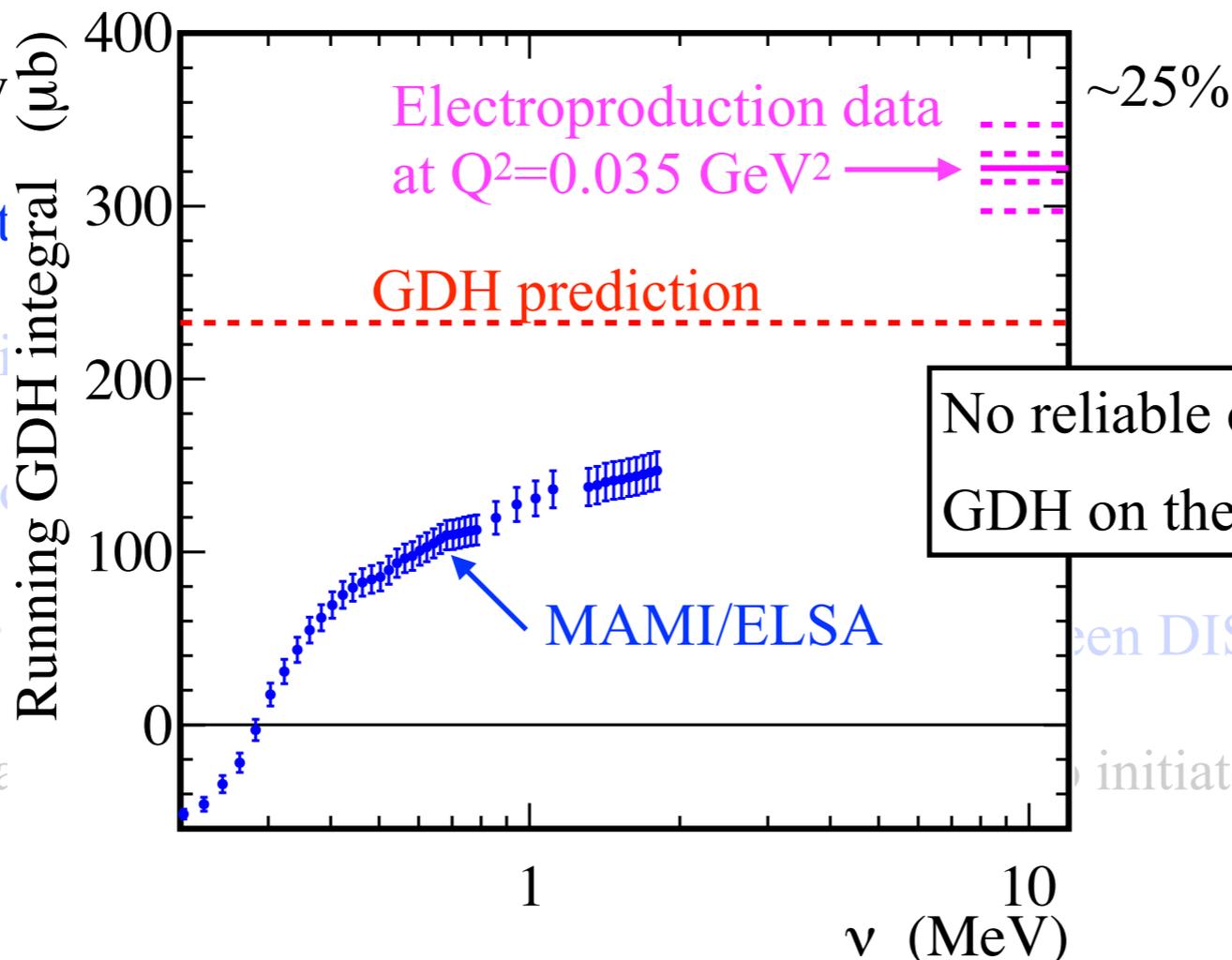
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Thank you

One-slide summary

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- First measurement of the high- v behavior of GDH integrant $(\sigma^{3/2} - \sigma^{1/2})/v$
- Hall D + FROST target (H and D) + polarized electron beam on a amorphous radiator.
- Hall D is uniquely suited for such measurement.
- High- v is where a failing of the sum rule would be revealed.
- Early goal: map yield difference $N^{3/2} - N^{1/2}$ for the proton and neutron. This will elucidate the convergence of GDH integrals.
 - Point-to-point correlated errors cancel.
 - Unpolarized background cancel.
- 21-days 12 GeV measurement provides α_{f1} and α_{a1} at 2% level (present uncertainties: 50%)
- 12-days at 4 GeV bridge gap between 12 GeV and low energy data. Data overlap: much improved precision + cross-check of experiments.
- Solve discrepancy between DIS data and Regge theory prediction.
- Provide first non zero data on $\sigma^{3/2} - \sigma^{1/2}$ for the deuteron.
- Longer term goals (regardless of the convergence and sum rule validity):
 - Verify proton GDH sum rule within 6% & allows first verification of neutron GDH sum rule.
 - Allow extraction of complex Compton amplitude f_2 and new test of $\chi p T$.
 - Improve knowledge of atomic hyperfine splitting.
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Back-up slides

The Gerasimov-Drell-Hearn sum rule

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Spin-dependent total photoproduction cross-sections
Photon energy
anomalous magnetic moment
spin
Mass

- **Fundamental Quantum Field Theory prediction.** Applicable to any type of target.
 - Different targets test different properties of Nature:
 - Electron target: QED test, electron compositeness.
 - Nucleon target: QCD, nucleon structure.
- Conditions for the sum rule to be valid:
 - **Spin-dependent forward Compton amplitude $f_2(\nu)$ must vanish at large ν** (no-subtraction hypothesis).
 - Imaginary part of f_2 , $(\sigma^{3/2} - \sigma^{1/2})$ must decrease with ν faster than $\sim 1/\ln(\nu)$ (for the integral to converge).
- GDH on nucleons: Integral gets most contribution for $\nu < 2$ GeV, but **if the sum rule fails, it would happen at high energy.**
 - Proton: $\nu > 3$ GeV not measured yet.
 - Neutron: $\nu > 1.8$ GeV not measured yet.
- Nucleon **polarized cross-section unknown at large ν .** Expected to be described by Regge theory.
- Relatively simple experiment and analysis.
- With its tagger, large solid angle detector and high flux, **Hall D is uniquely suited to perform a GDH experiment.**

Why is Hall D uniquely suited for a large- ν GDH measurement?

PRO:

- **Hall D: only Hall with photon tagging** capability,
- A GDH measurement via **electroproduction is not adapted to its study at large ν** :
 - Would need to be done at low enough Q^2 ($Q^2 < 0.02 \text{ GeV}^2$) to reliably extrapolate to $Q^2 = 0$.
 - At 11 GeV, low enough $Q^2 \Rightarrow$ scattering **angles smaller than 0.8°** .
 - No hall has this capability (CLAS12 forward tagger is limited to 2.5°)
 - **Elastic radiative tails are prohibitively large**. They will furthermore **saturate the DAQ**.
- **g_1 cannot be separated from g_2** in Hall B without a transverse target. Need model input but g_2 behavior at very low Q^2 and large ν is not known.
- The largest ν reachable in Hall B for inclusive data **is 8 GeV, compared to 12 GeV** in Hall D.
- **No possible $Q^2 = 0$ extrapolation**: $8 \text{ GeV} + 2.5^\circ \Rightarrow Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$.
- Even if all pro/con were balancing, Hall B is more subscribed than Hall D: sensible to do a Hall D experiment.

CON:

Hall D does not have a polarized target. However, its **cost is moderate ($\sim \$600\text{K}$)** and it opens an **opportunity for new physics program**.

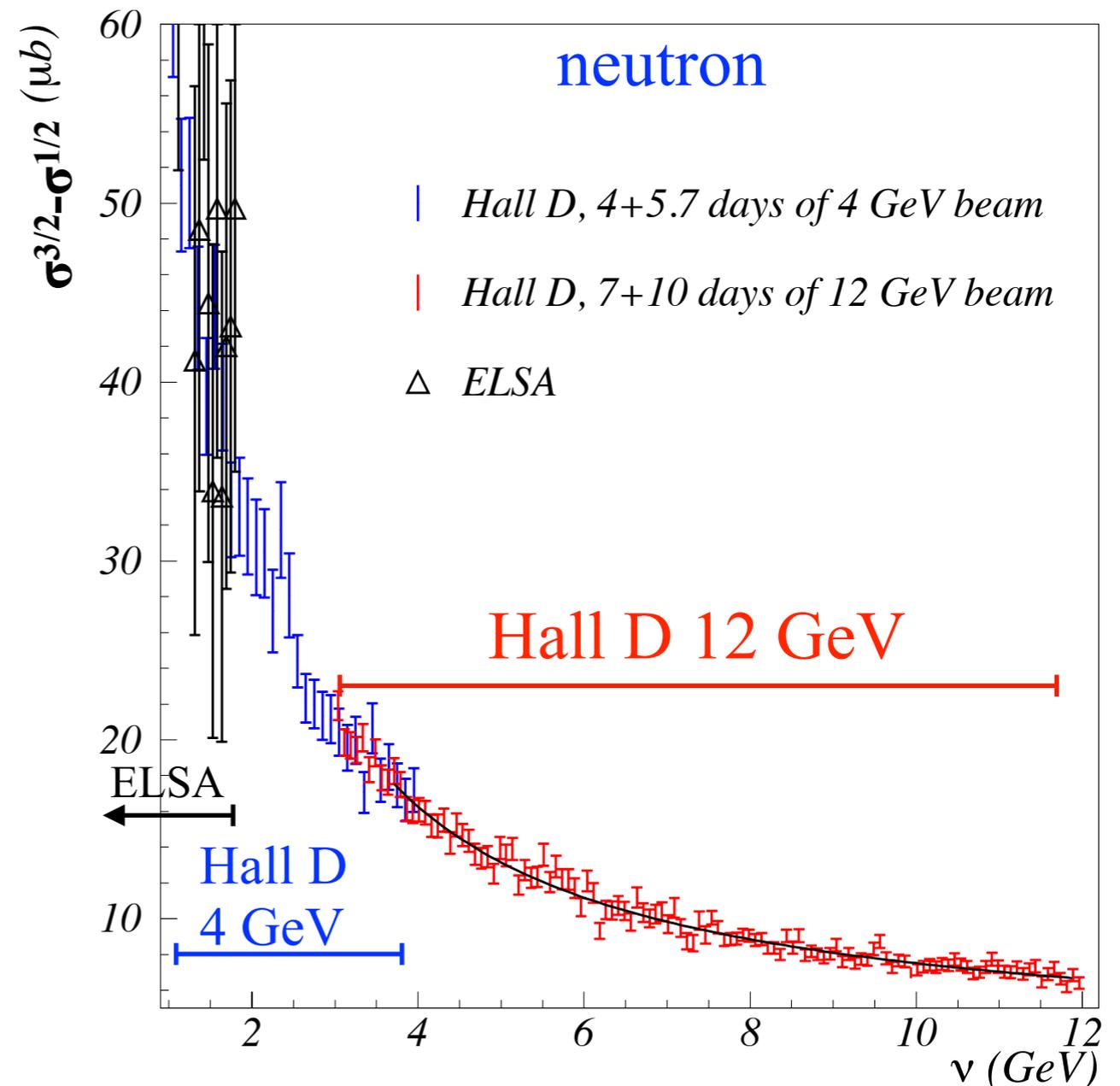
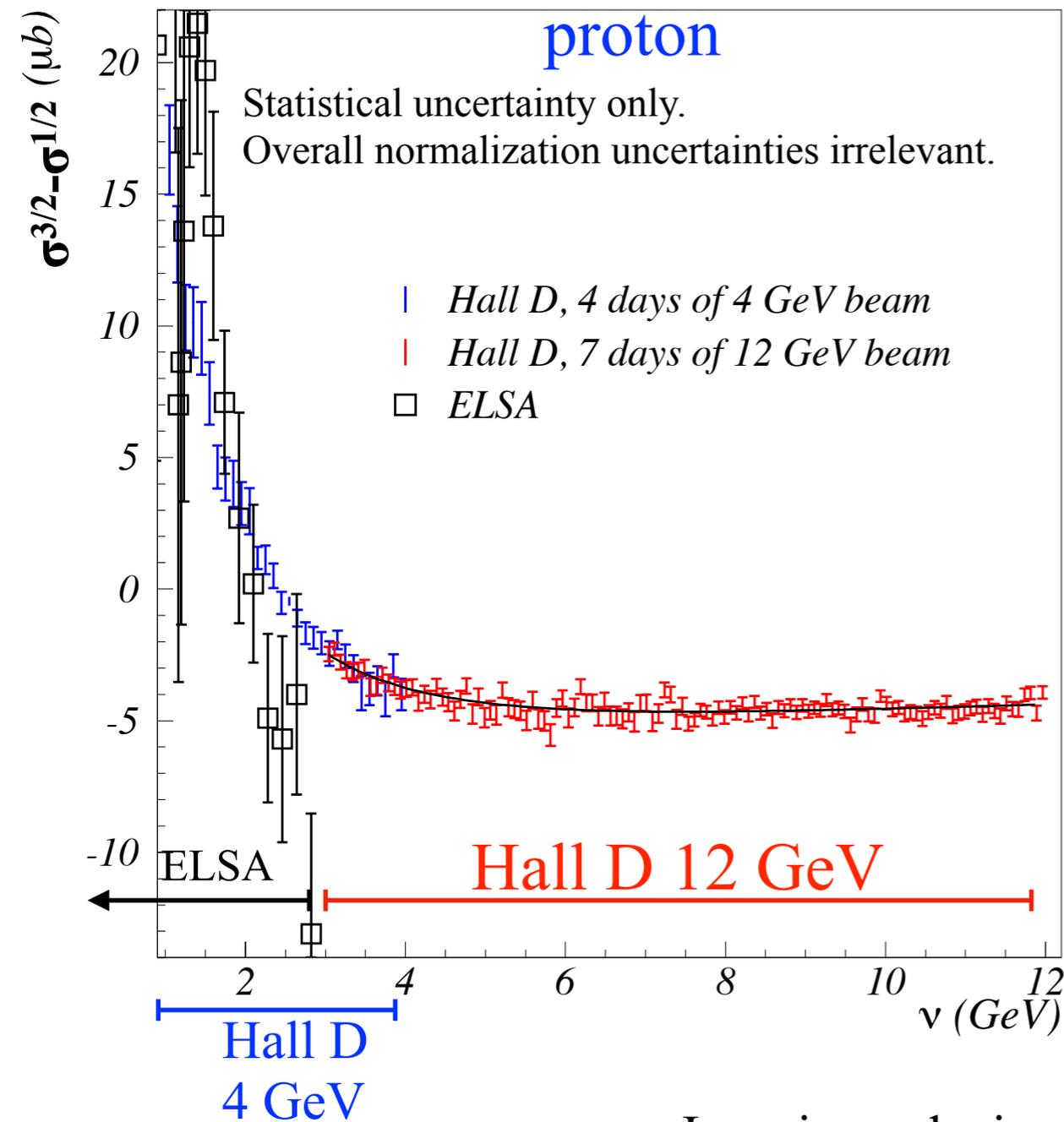
Possible mechanisms that could invalidate the GDH sum rule

- GDH: **Fundamental QFT prediction.**
- for GDH on hadron: **QCD determines convergence of integral and sum rule validity.**
 - Possible violation mechanisms:
 - A **J=1 pole** of the nucleon Compton amplitude;
 - Chiral anomaly**;
 - Quark substructure** (non-zero quark anomalous moment);
 - Other, more exotic possibilities, have been proposed, e.g. local break-down of EM gauge invariance

Expectations

- **1 week of running on proton:** Minimum reasonable time, given overhead \Rightarrow **10 days on deuteron.**
- Valuable to also take data at lower energy: **1 week (p+n) at 4 GeV.**
- For simulating expected data, use Regge theory: $\sigma^{3/2}-\sigma^{1/2} = c_2 s^{\alpha_{f_1}-1} \pm c_1 s^{\alpha_{a_1}-1}$
 - proton
 - neutron

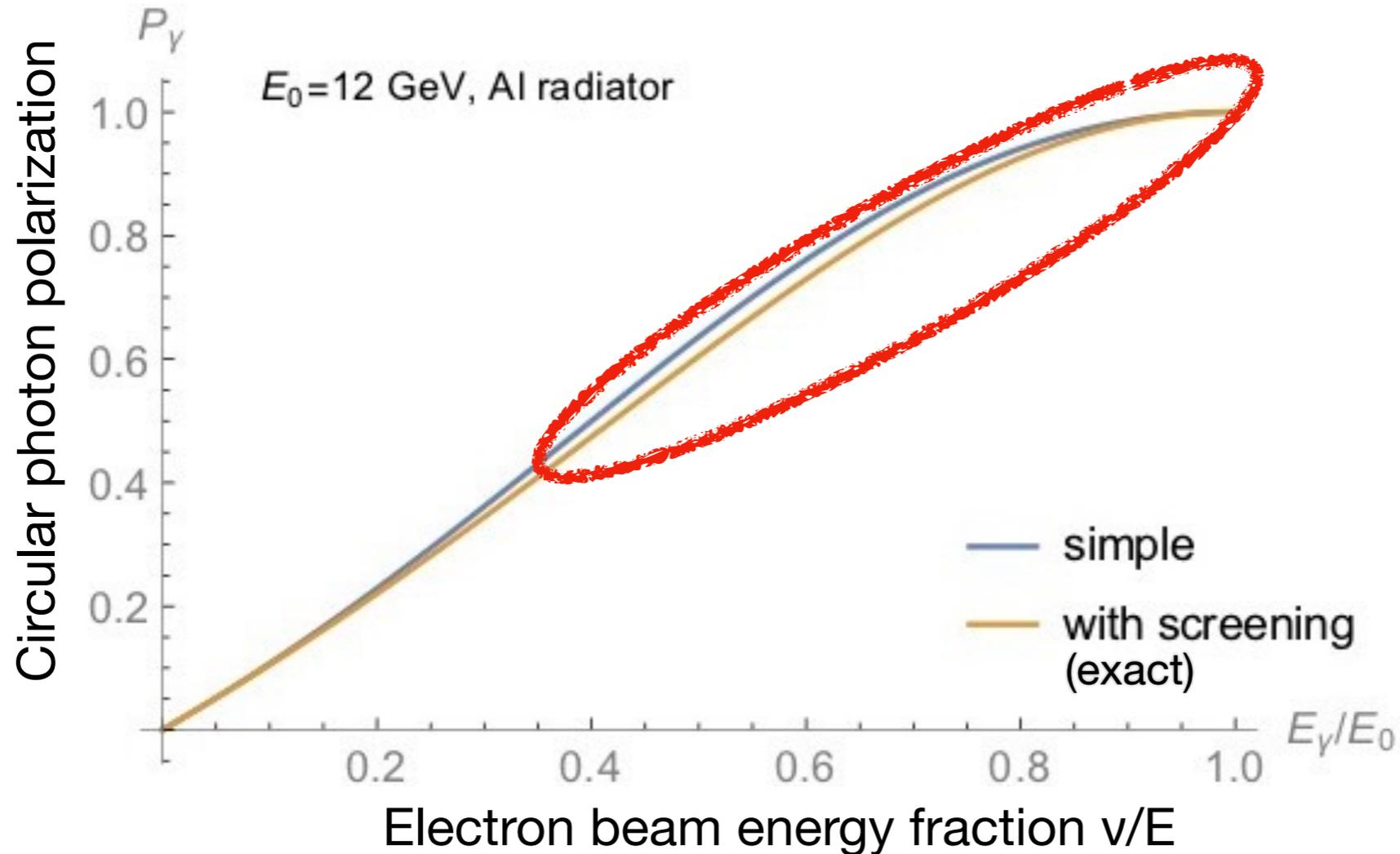
$s=2Mv+M^2$, α_{f_1} , α_{a_1} : **Regge intercepts** of $f_1(1285)$ and $a_1(1260)$ trajectories, and $c_{2,1}$: parameters.
- $7 \times 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$ collimated flux ($3 < v < 12 \text{ GeV}$), **Pb=80%, Pt=80%.**
- **10 cm** target on usual butanol density



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Circularly polarized beam

- Polarized electron beam;
- Amorphous radiator.



- Needed

- Electron beam helicity reporting
- Beam charge asymmetry control

- Not needed

- polarimetry (can still be done with injector's Mott polarimeter+spin precession).
- flux knowledge
- High photon energy resolution (present $< 0.5\%$ more than enough).

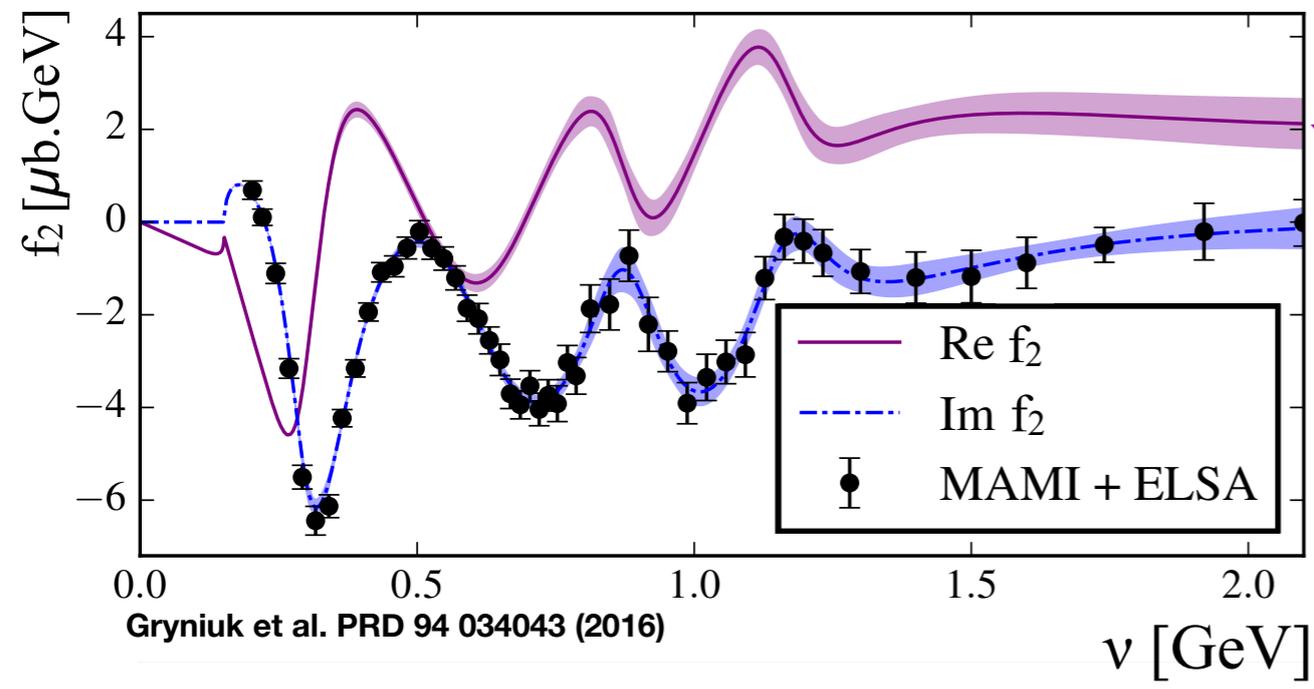
Polarized target

- Options are polarized **HDice** or **FROST**
 - **HDice**: best figure of merit (low dilution, high sustainable photon flux), but **complex to prepare and use**.
 - **FROST**: best polarization, easier to use, but **high dilution and lower maximum flux**.
- Running one **short experiment**: not enough to **invest in HDice**.
- **FROST dilution not an issue** for GDH thanks to **high rate Hall D DAQ**: total rate with max flux < DAQ limit. Also, **dilution cancels** in physics analysis: $(N^{3/2} + N^0) - (N^{1/2} + N^0) = N^{3/2} - N^{1/2}$
 \Rightarrow **use FROST**
- Target group prefers to build dedicated Hall D FROST target rather than import Hall B one.
- Two months to install the target. No commissioning needed.
- Cost estimate: ~\$600k

FROST characteristics:

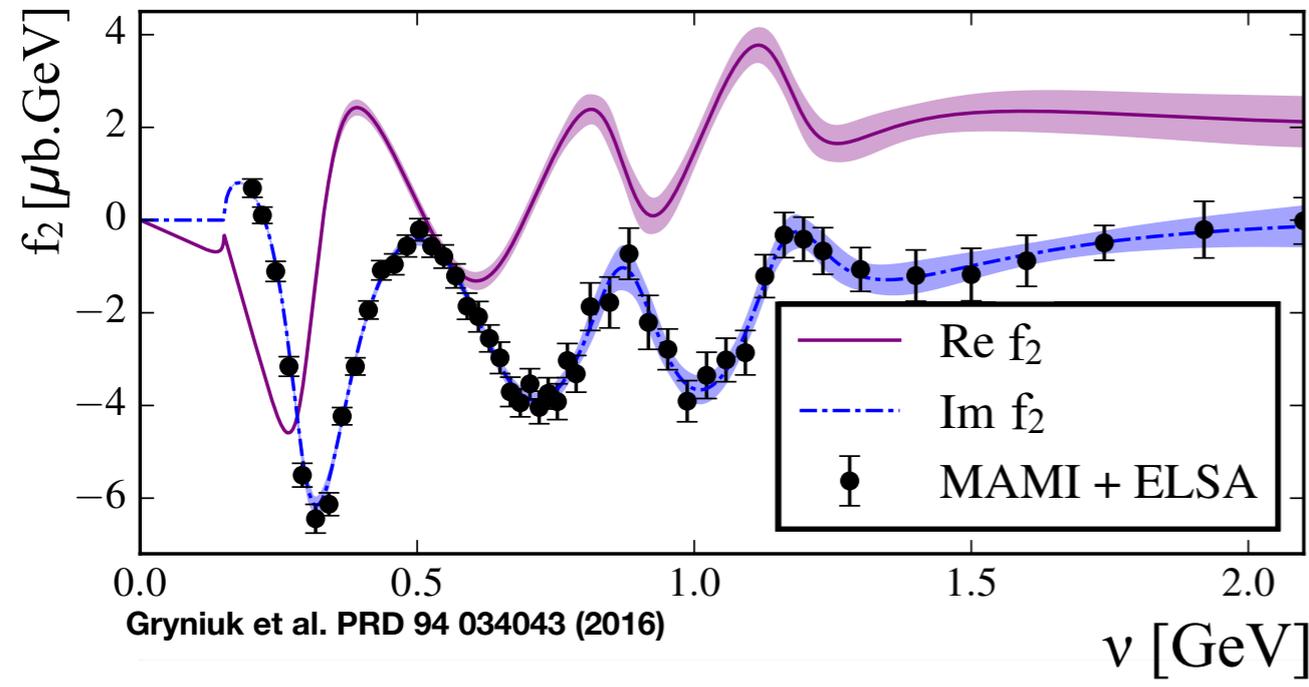
- Dynamical Nuclear Polarization on Butanol (**C₄H₉OH** or **C₄D₉OD**)
- P and D **polarizations: up to 90%**. Need to be re-polarized every 5-7 days (5h process).
- **Only longitudinal polarization needed**. Anti-parallel polarization possible. Useful for GDH but not required.
- Need to install cryogen lines (or dewars) for cooling.
- Sustainable *total* photon flux $\sim 10^8$ s⁻¹. Could be up to 10^9 s⁻¹ (need additional small magnet on target nose).
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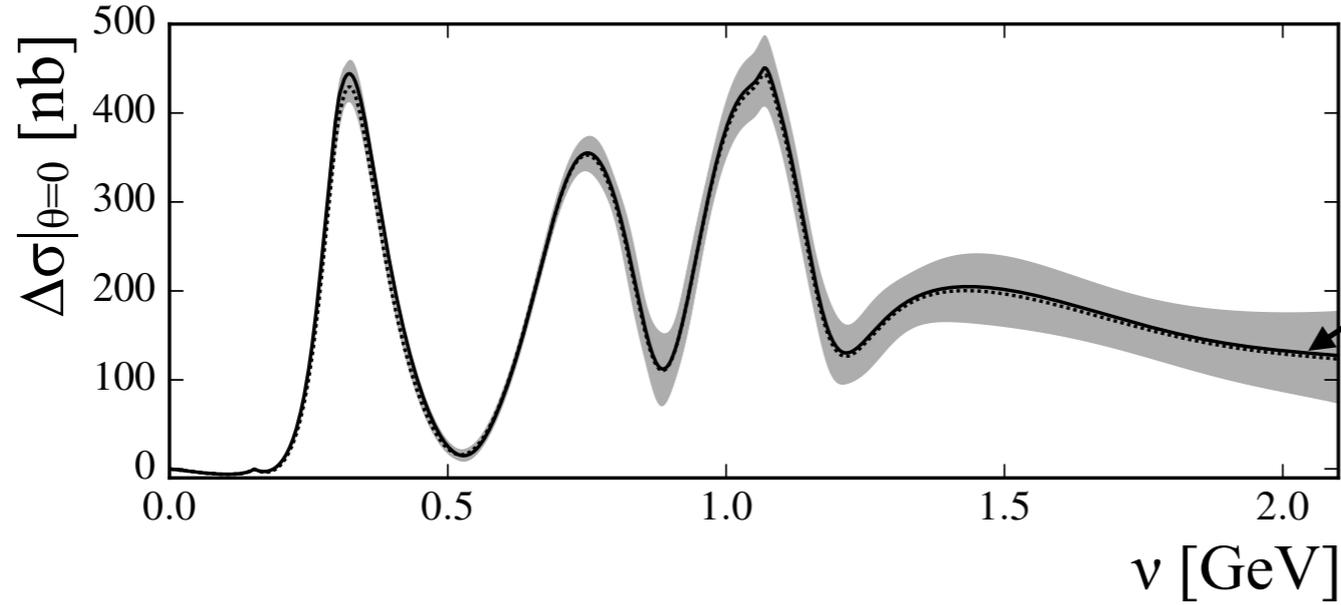


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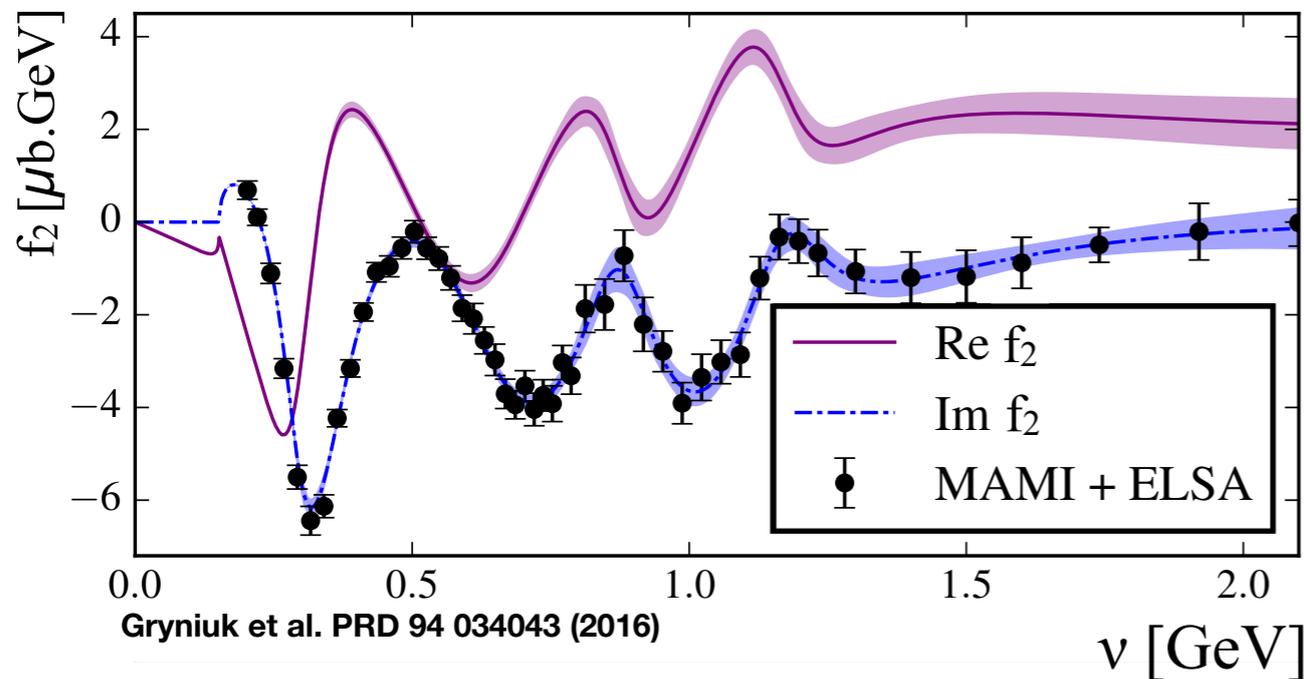


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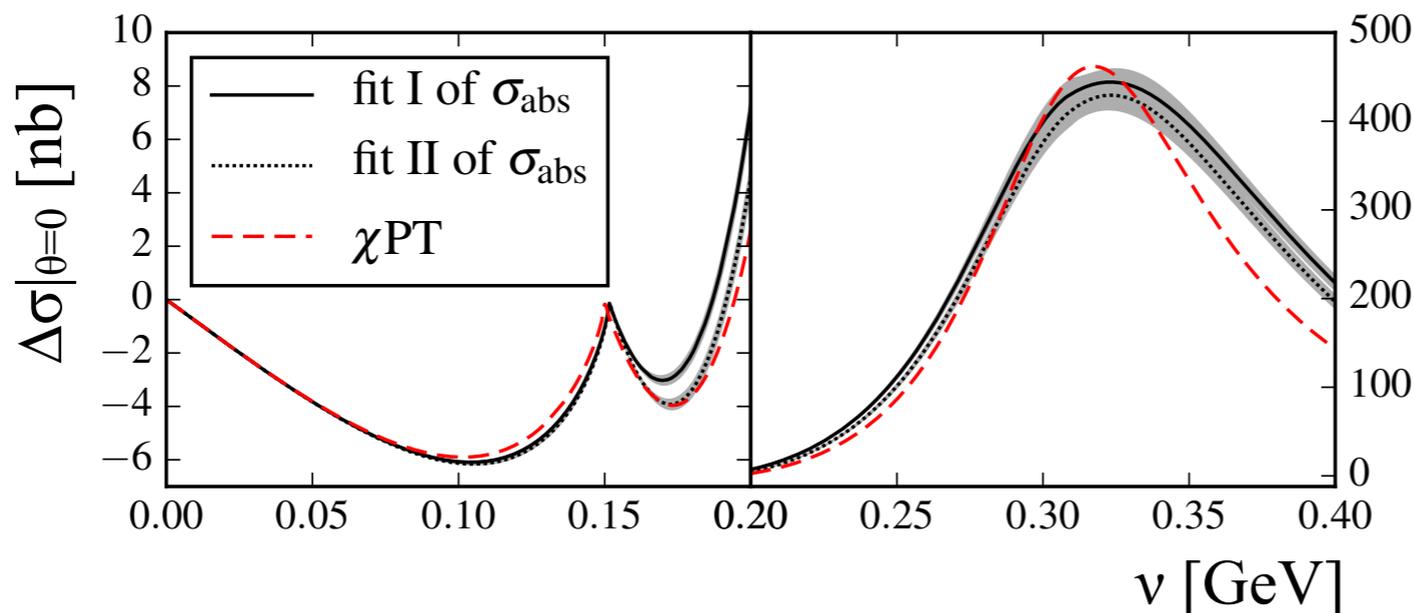
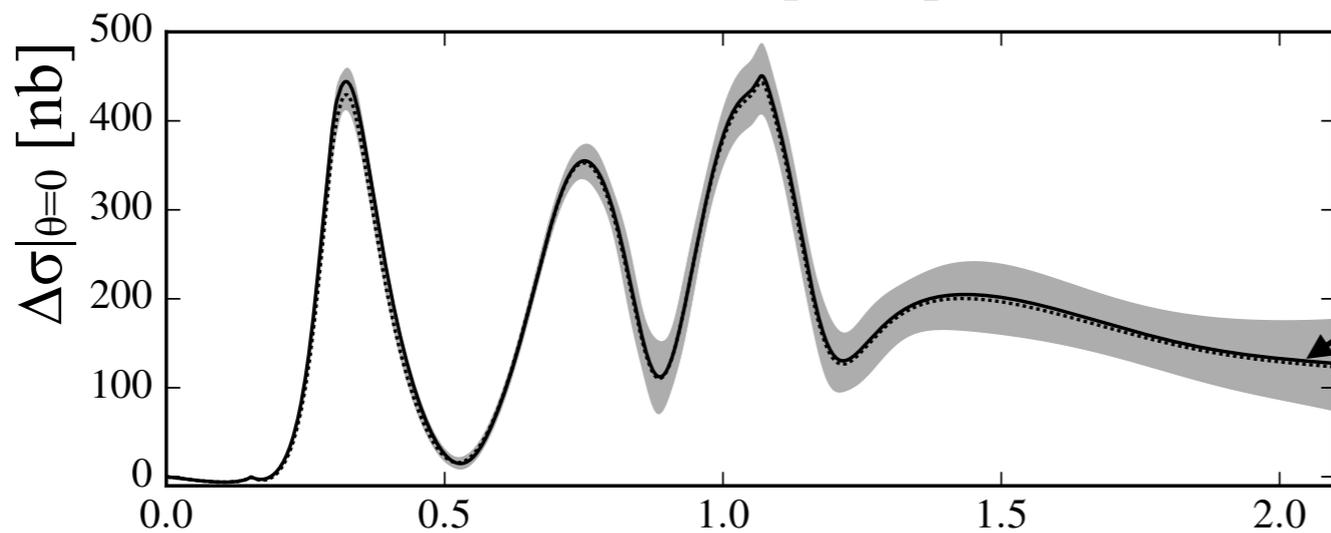


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Chiral Perturbation Theory (χpT) calculation available.

$\Delta\sigma|_{\theta=0}$ very sensitive to chiral loops.

\Rightarrow Test of χpT at $Q^2=0$.

Complement JLab program GDH at low Q^2 that tested and challenged χpT in the polarized sector.