

# Study of Baryon form factors at BESIII

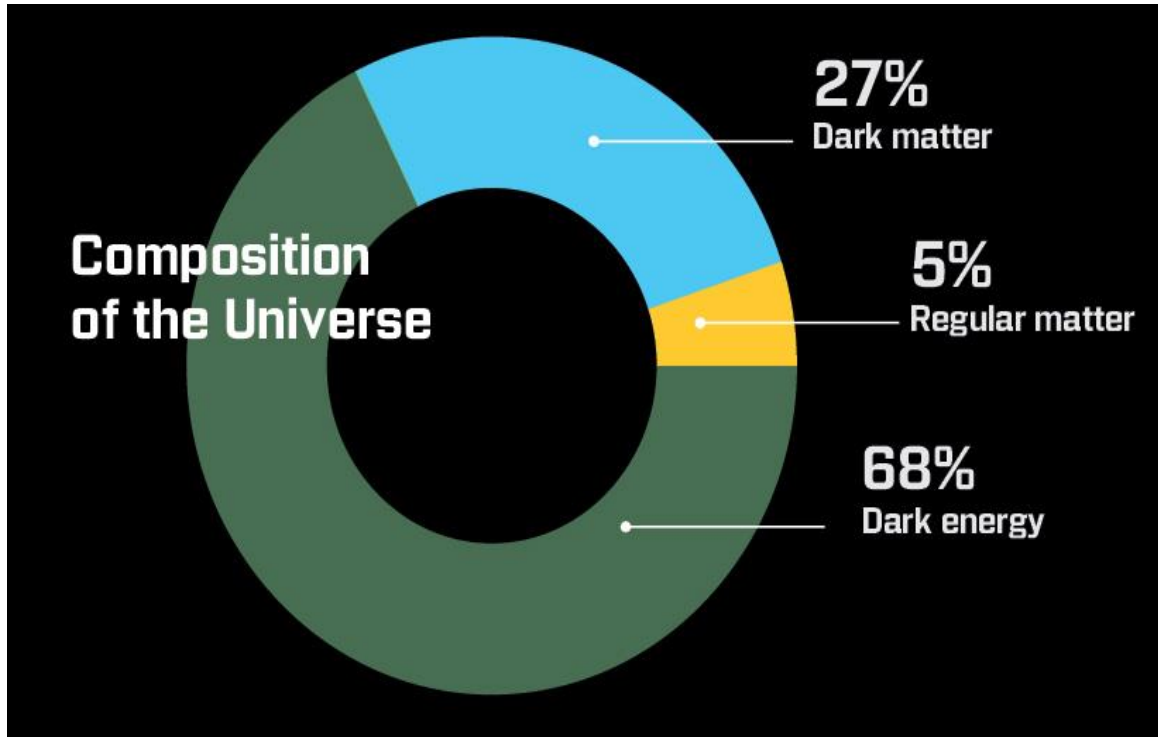
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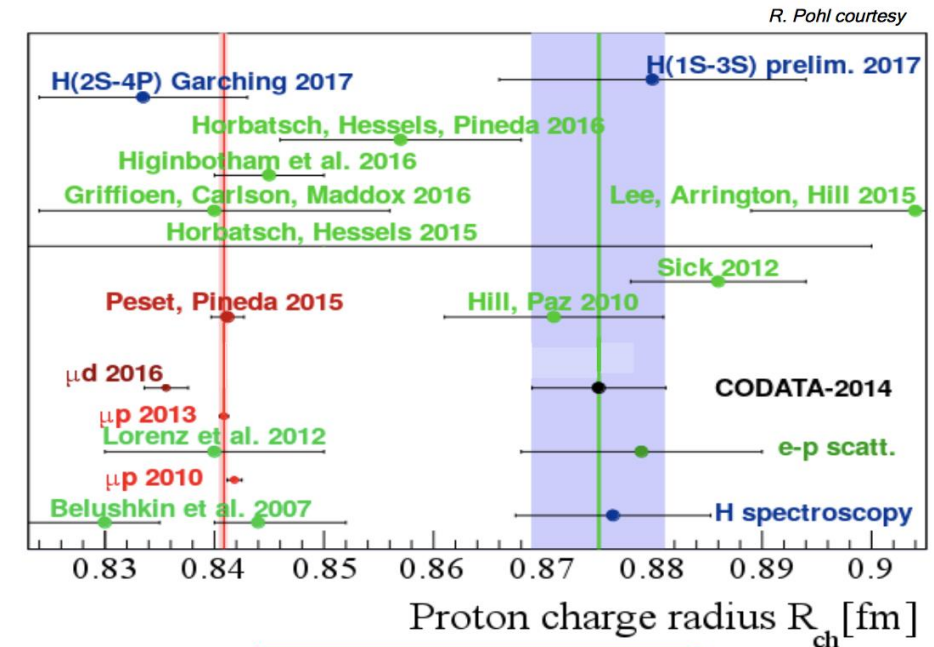
# Composition of the Universe



NASA

- Nucleon is the dominant component of visible universe (>99%)

## Proton Radius Confusion



Need for more data !!

- Probe nucleon charge radius:

$$G_E(Q^2) = 1 - \frac{1}{6} r_E^2 Q^2 + \dots \quad (Q: \text{four momentum transfer})$$

# Nucleon Electromagnetic Form Factor (NEFF)

- Elastic scattering of electron and proton (Hofstadter, Nobel Prize 1961)

- Theoretically, differential cross section is:

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{ep} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\text{Mott}} \left(1 + 2\tau \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}\right) F(q^2)$$

- The nucleon **electromagnetic vertex**  $\Gamma_\mu$  describing the hadron current:

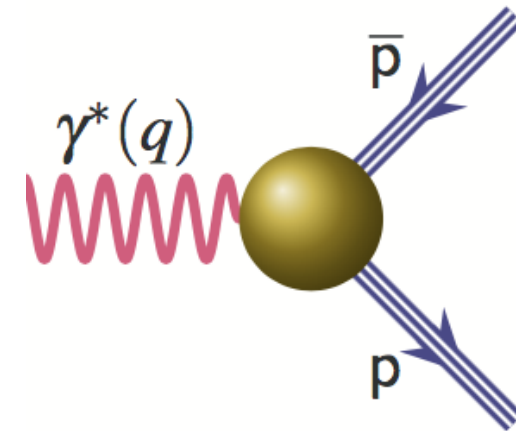
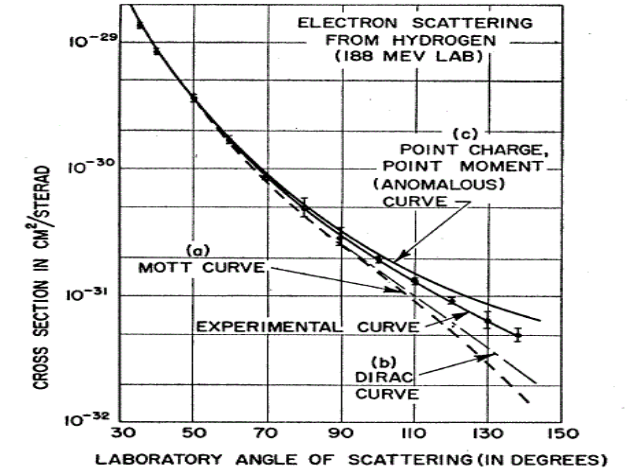
$$\Gamma_\mu(p', p) = \gamma_\mu F_1(q^2) + \frac{i\sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu}{2m_p} F_2(q^2)$$

- Sachs FFs:

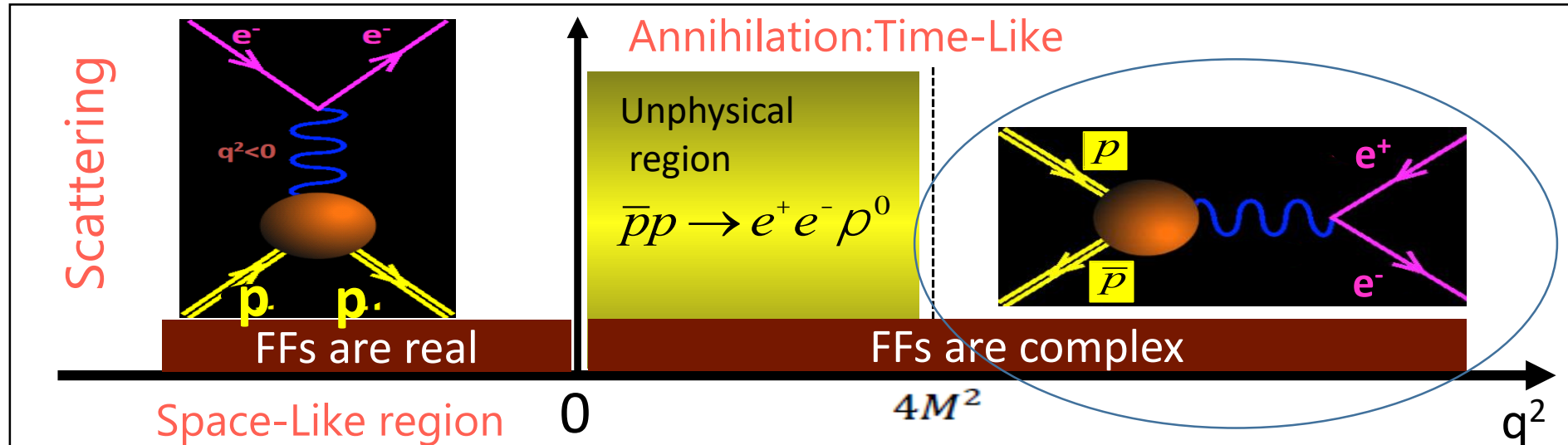
$$\text{Electric FF: } G_E(q^2) = F_1(q^2) + \tau \kappa_p F_2(q^2)$$

$$\text{Magnetic FF: } G_M(q^2) = F_1(q^2) + \kappa_p F_2(q^2)$$

$$\tau = \frac{q^2}{4m^2}, \quad \kappa = \frac{g-2}{2}, \quad g = \frac{\mu}{J}$$



# Playground of EMFFs



- **In SL**, FFs are real.
  - Encode information about charge distribution of the nucleon
- **In TL**, FFs are complex,  $|G_E/G_M|$  and  $\Delta\Phi$ .
  - Can be related to the time evolution of the EM charges within the nucleon
- **BESIII has access to the FFs in TL**

# Measurement techniques for baryon FF

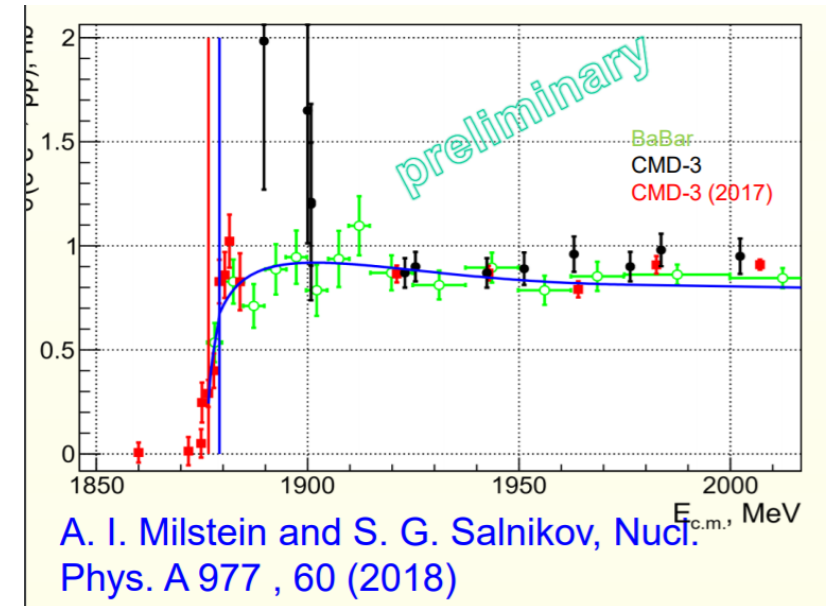
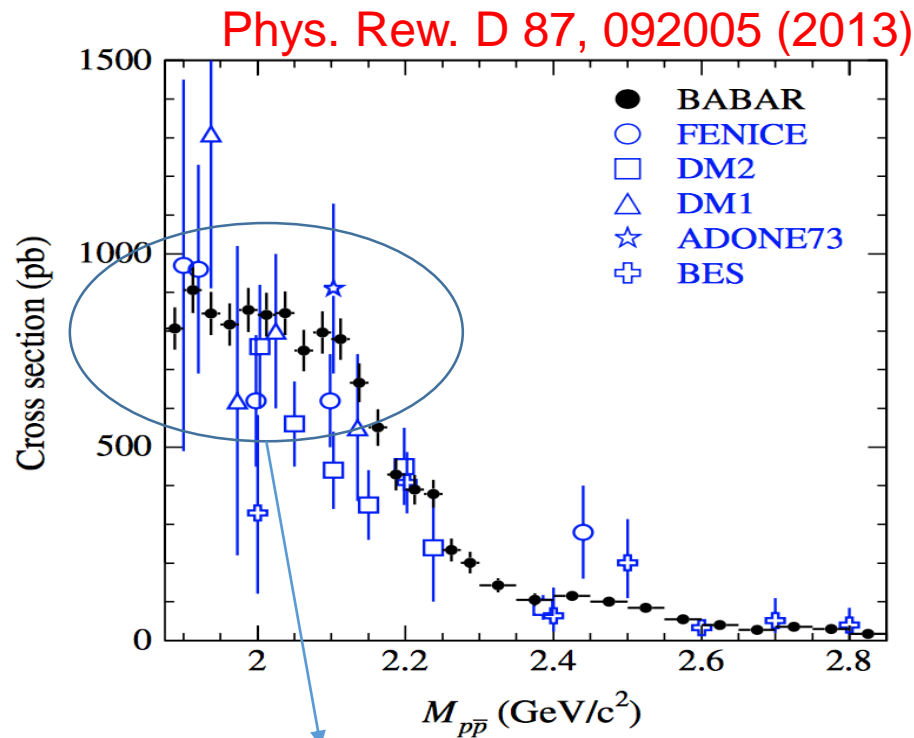
	Energy Scan	Initial State Radiation
$E_{beam}$	discrete	fixed
$\mathcal{L}$	low at each beam energy	high at one beam energy
$\sigma$	$\frac{d\sigma_{p\bar{p}}}{d(\cos\theta)} = \frac{\pi\alpha^2\beta C}{2q^2} [ G_M ^2(1+\cos^2\theta) + \frac{4m_p^2}{q^2}  G_E ^2 \sin^2\theta]$	$\frac{d^2\sigma_{p\bar{p}\gamma}}{dq^2 d\theta_\gamma} = \frac{1}{s} W(s, x, \theta_\gamma) \sigma_{p\bar{p}}(q^2)$ $W(s, x, \theta_\gamma) = \frac{\alpha}{\pi x} \left( \frac{2-2x+x^2}{\sin^2\theta_\gamma} - \frac{x^2}{2} \right)$
$q^2$	single at each beam energy	from threshold to $s$

Both techniques, energy scan and initial state radiation, can be used at BESIII

$$\sim \frac{1}{400}$$

# Status on proton FFs

- Still mystery on **proton cross section** line-shape

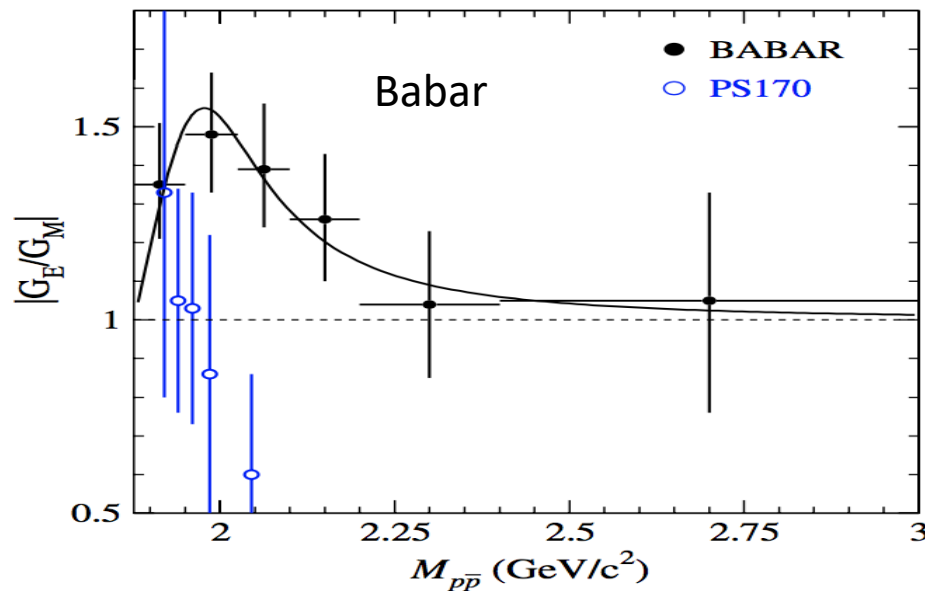


- Point-like cross section near threshold,
- $\sigma_{\text{point}} = \frac{\pi\alpha^2}{3m^2\tau} \left[1 + \frac{1}{2\tau}\right]$
- The  $e^+e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}$  cross section shows an exponential growth in 1 MeV interval above threshold.

# Status on proton FFs

- Inconsistence on  $|G_E/G_M|$  of proton & poor precision

Phys. Rev. D 87, 092005 (2013)

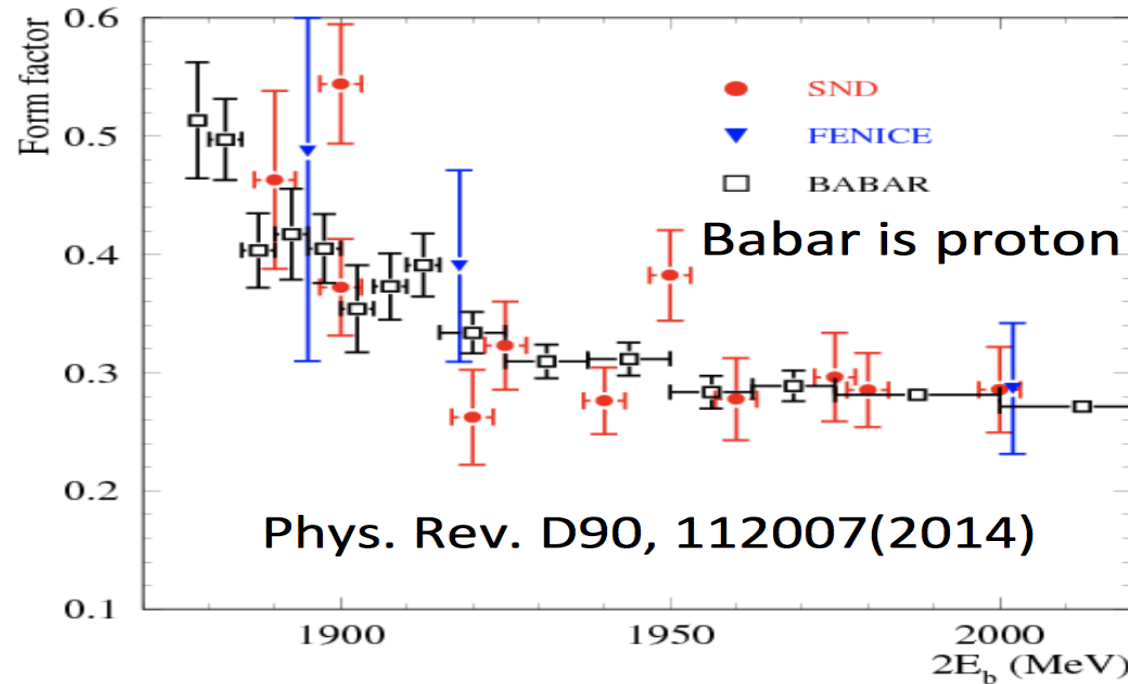


- pQCD predicts a continuous transition and SL-TL equality at high  $Q^2$
- SL best accuracy in  $Q^2(0.5, 8.5)$  GeV<sup>2</sup>: 1.7%
- TL accuracy before BESIII: exceeding 20%



# Status on neutron FFs

- Poor precision, limited  $q^2$  range in **neutron FF**

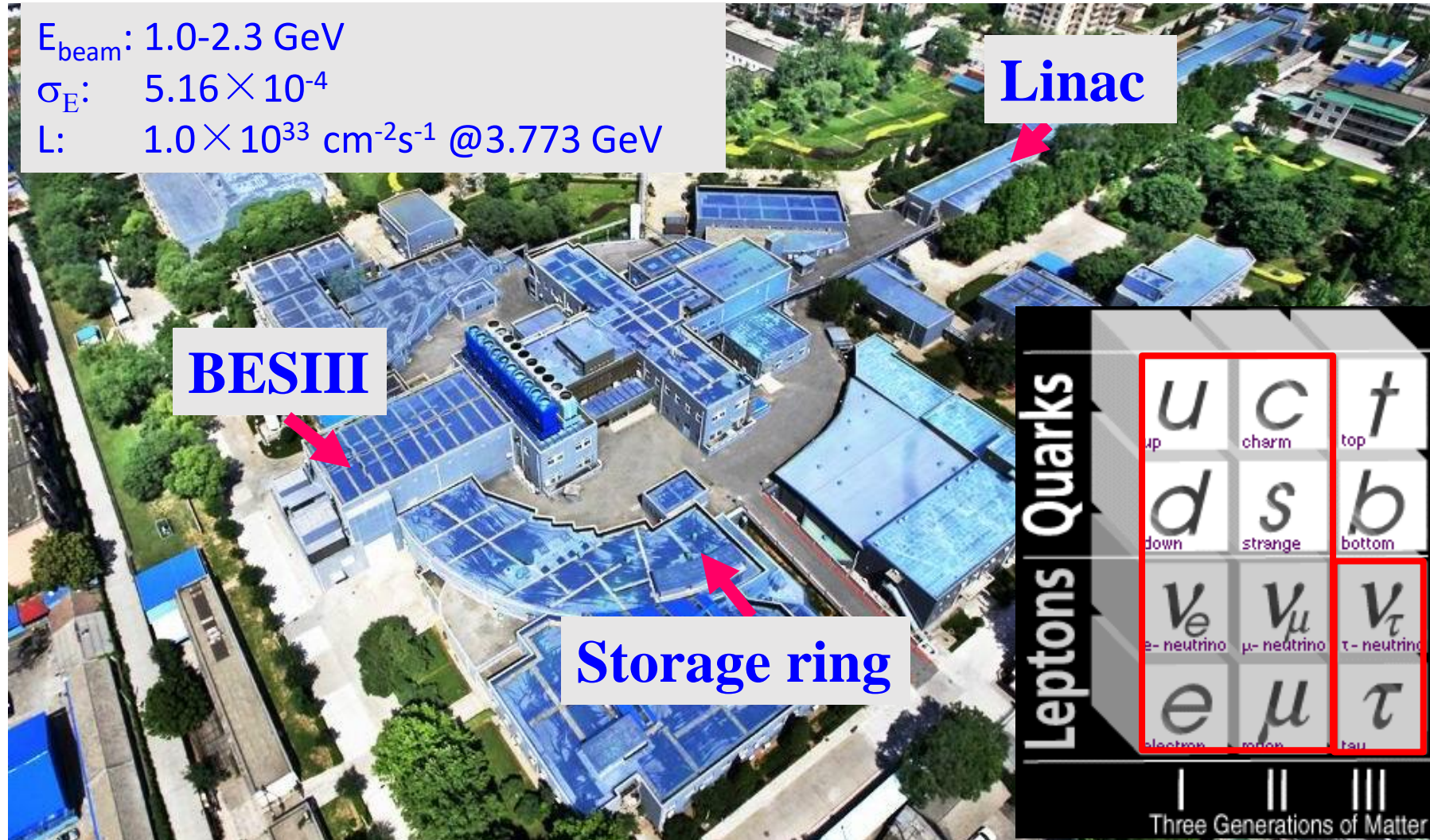


- pQCD prediction<sup>[1]</sup>:  $|\frac{G_M^n}{G_M^p}|^2 \approx (\frac{q_d}{q_u})^2 = 0.25$
- VMD prediction<sup>[2]</sup>:  $|\frac{G_M^n}{G_M^p}|^2 \approx 1$

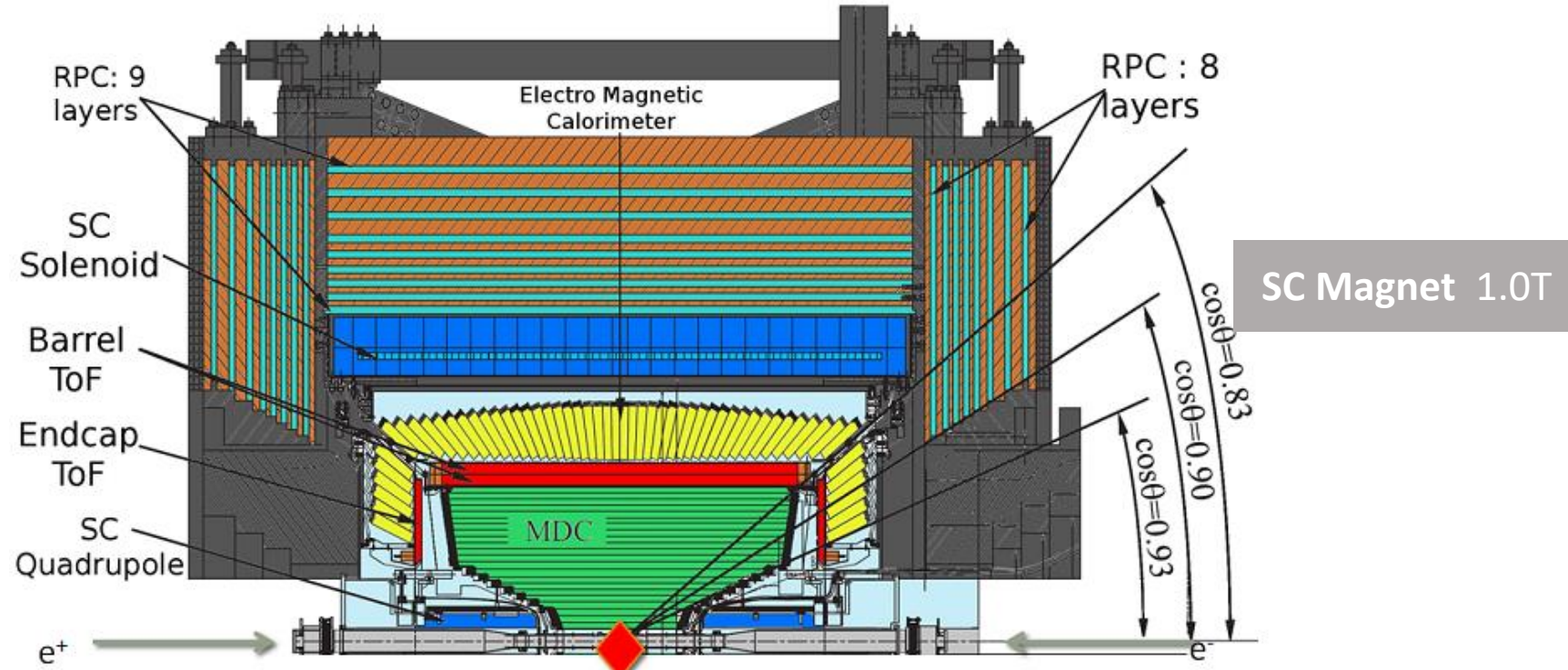
[1] V. L. Chernyak and I. R. Zhitnitsky, Nucl. Phys. B 246 (1984) 52.

[2] J. G. Körner and m. Kuroda, Phys. Rev. D 16 (1988) 2165.

# Beijing Electron Positron Collider (BEPCII)



# BESIII detector



## Main Drift Chamber

Small cell, 43 layer

$\sigma_{xy}=130 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $dE/dx \sim 6\%$

$\sigma_p/p = 0.5\%$  at 1 GeV

## Time Of Flight

Plastic scintillator

$\sigma_T(\text{barrel}): 80 \text{ ps}$

$\sigma_T(\text{endcap}): 110 \text{ ps}$

(endcap update with MRPC  $\sigma_T: 65 \text{ ps}$ )

## Electromagnetic Calorimeter

CsI(Tl):  $L=28 \text{ cm}$  ( $15X_0$ )

Energy range: 0.02-2GeV

Barrel  $\sigma_E$  2.5%,  $\sigma_l$  6mm

Endcap  $\sigma_E$  5.0%,  $\sigma_l$  9mm

## Muon Counter

Resistive plate chamber

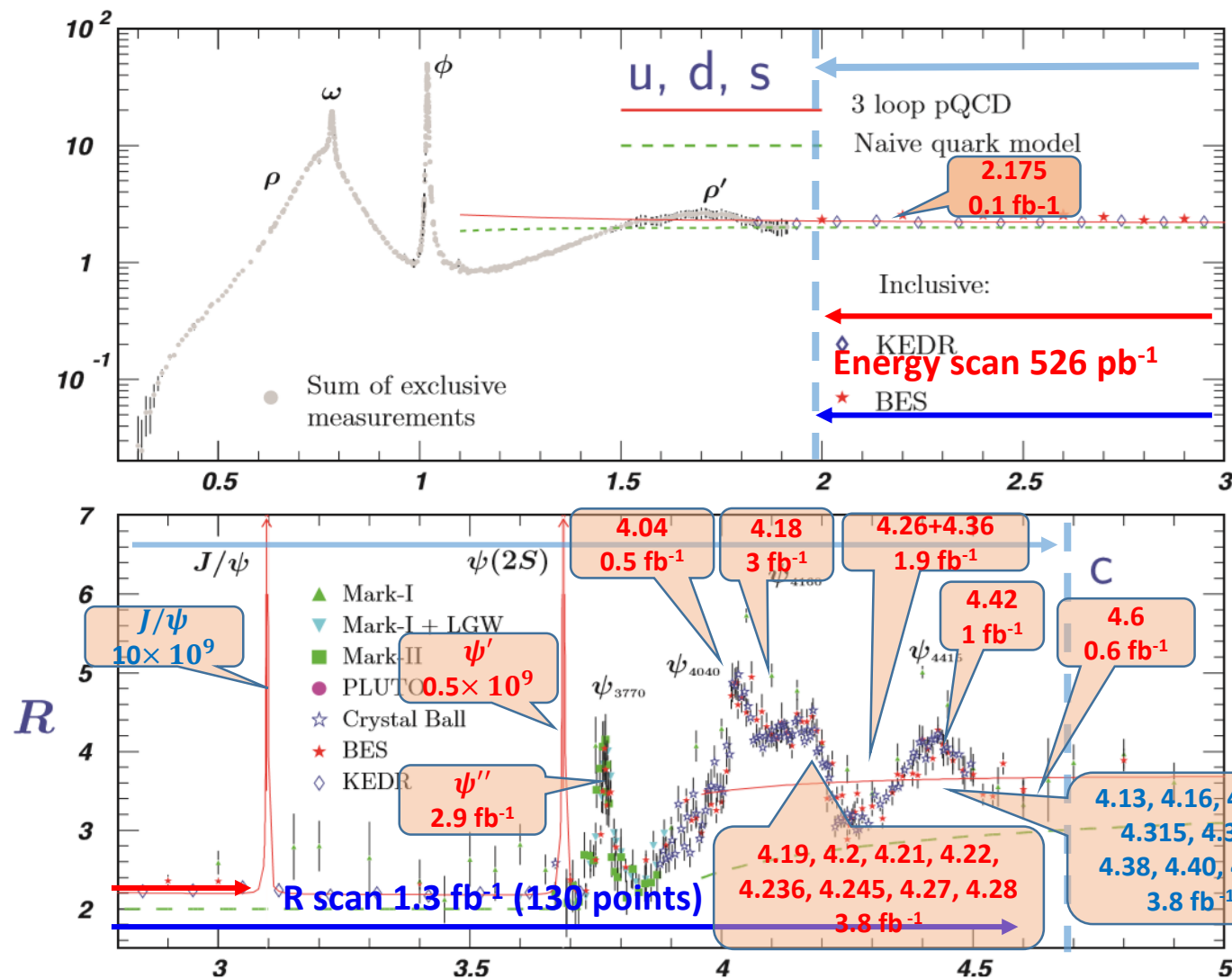
Barrel: 9 layers

Endcaps: 8 layers

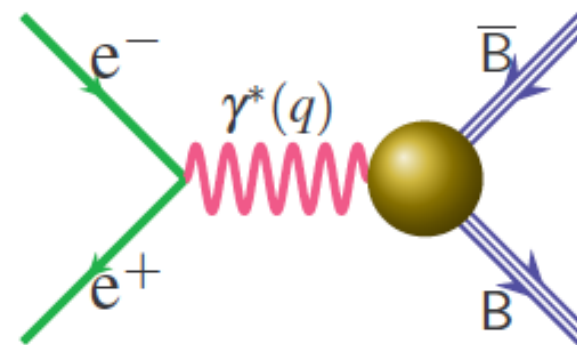
$\sigma_{\text{spatial}}: 1.48 \text{ cm}$



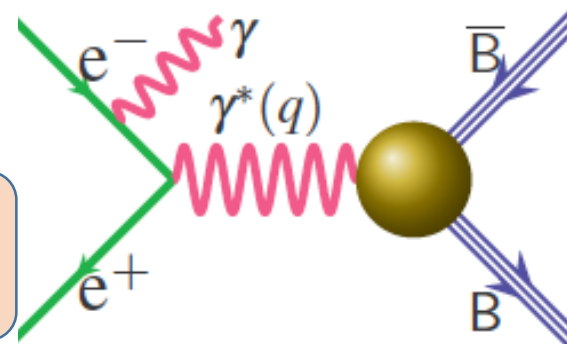
# BESIII data samples



Scan technique



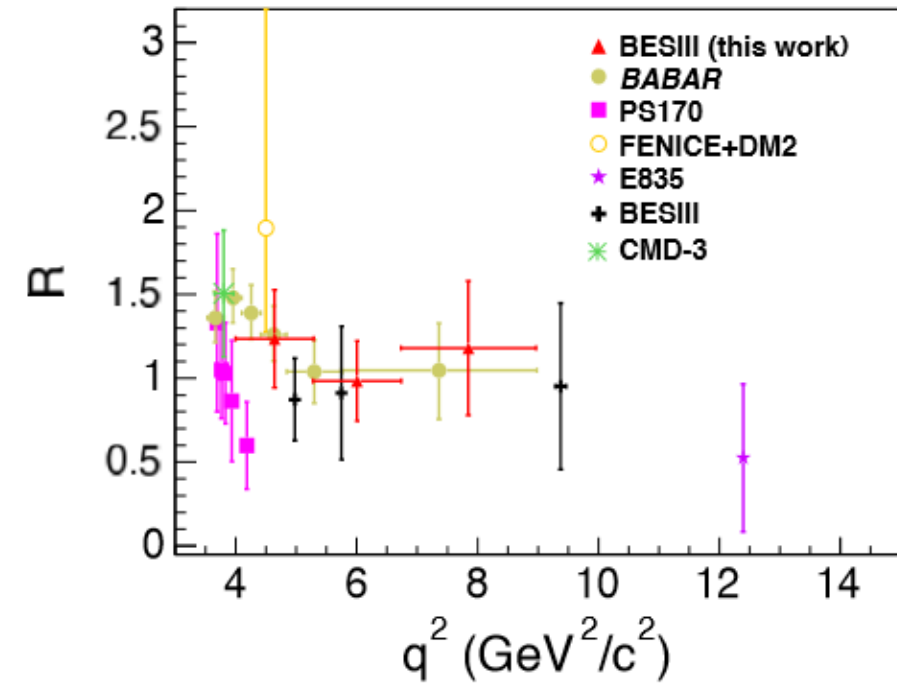
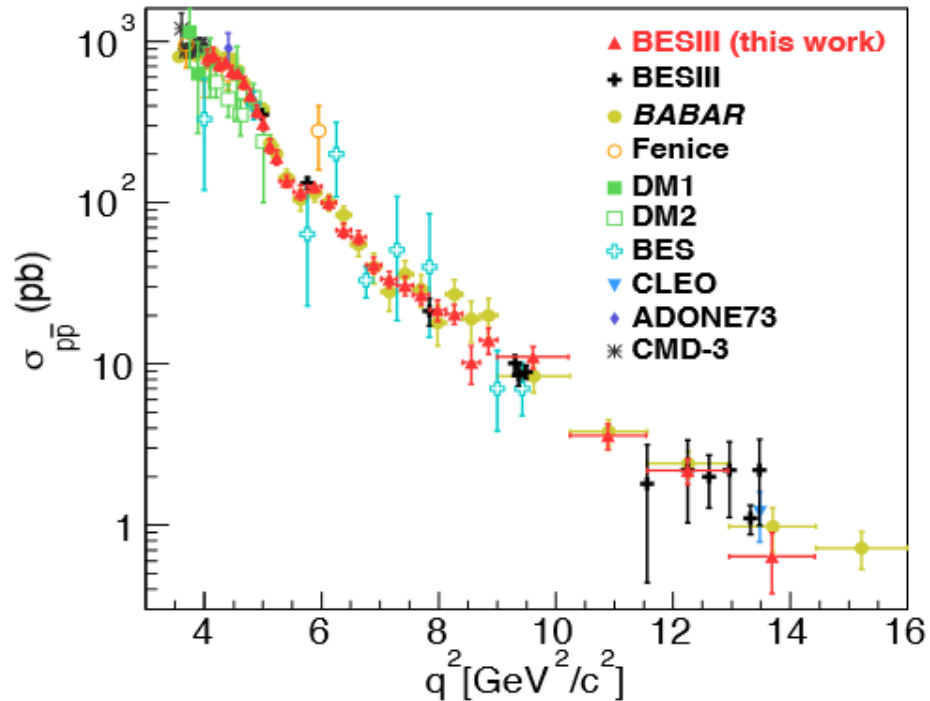
ISR technique



# Proton FFs with ISR technique

[Phys. Rev. D99, 092002 \(2019\)](#)

- Combined seven data samples ( $7.4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )

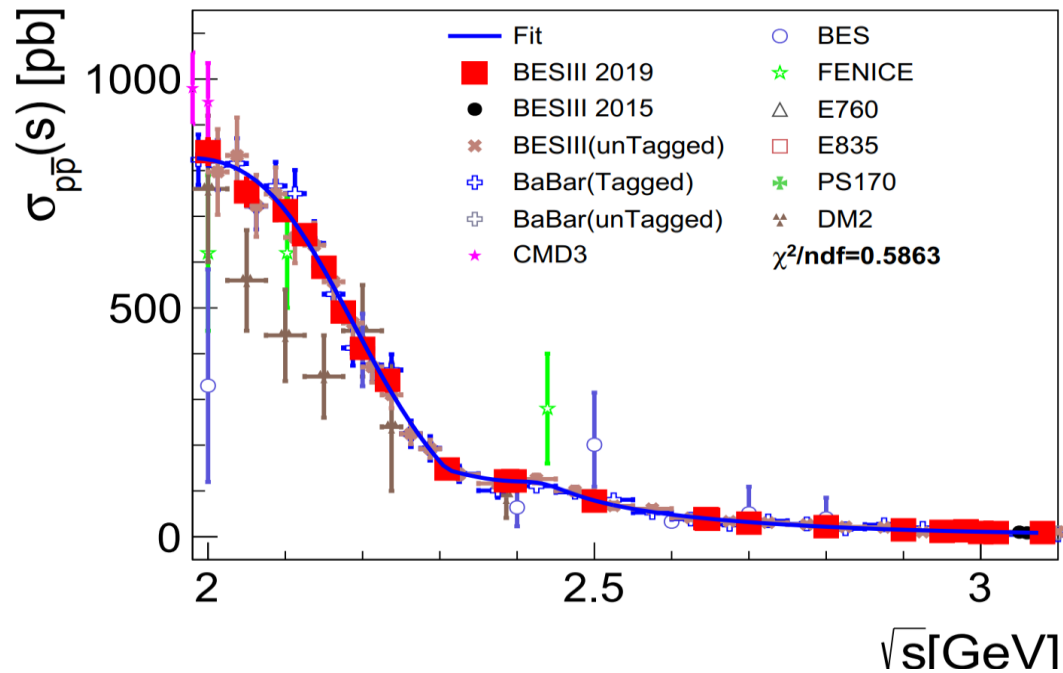


- Precision on  $|G_{\text{eff}}|$ : 4.1%-28.7%(untagged)
- Precision  $|G_E/G_M|$  ratio: 23.0%-31.4%(untagged)
- Confirm Babar's result on  $|G_E/G_M|$  above threshold

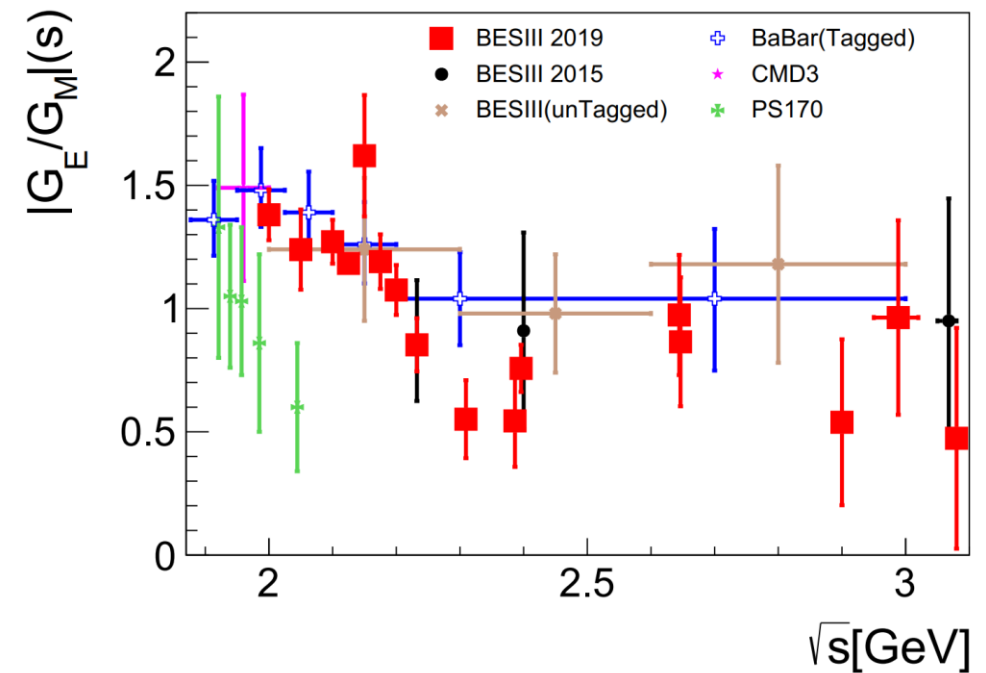
# Proton FFs with scan technique

[arxiv:1905.09001](https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.09001) (submit to PRL)

- Precise measurement of cross section  $e^+e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}$  at 22 points from 2.0 to 3.08 GeV, 688.5 pb<sup>-1</sup>
- $|G_E/G_M|$ ,  $|G_M|$  are determined with high accuracy, with uncertainty comparable to data in SL
- $|G_E|$  is measured for the first time



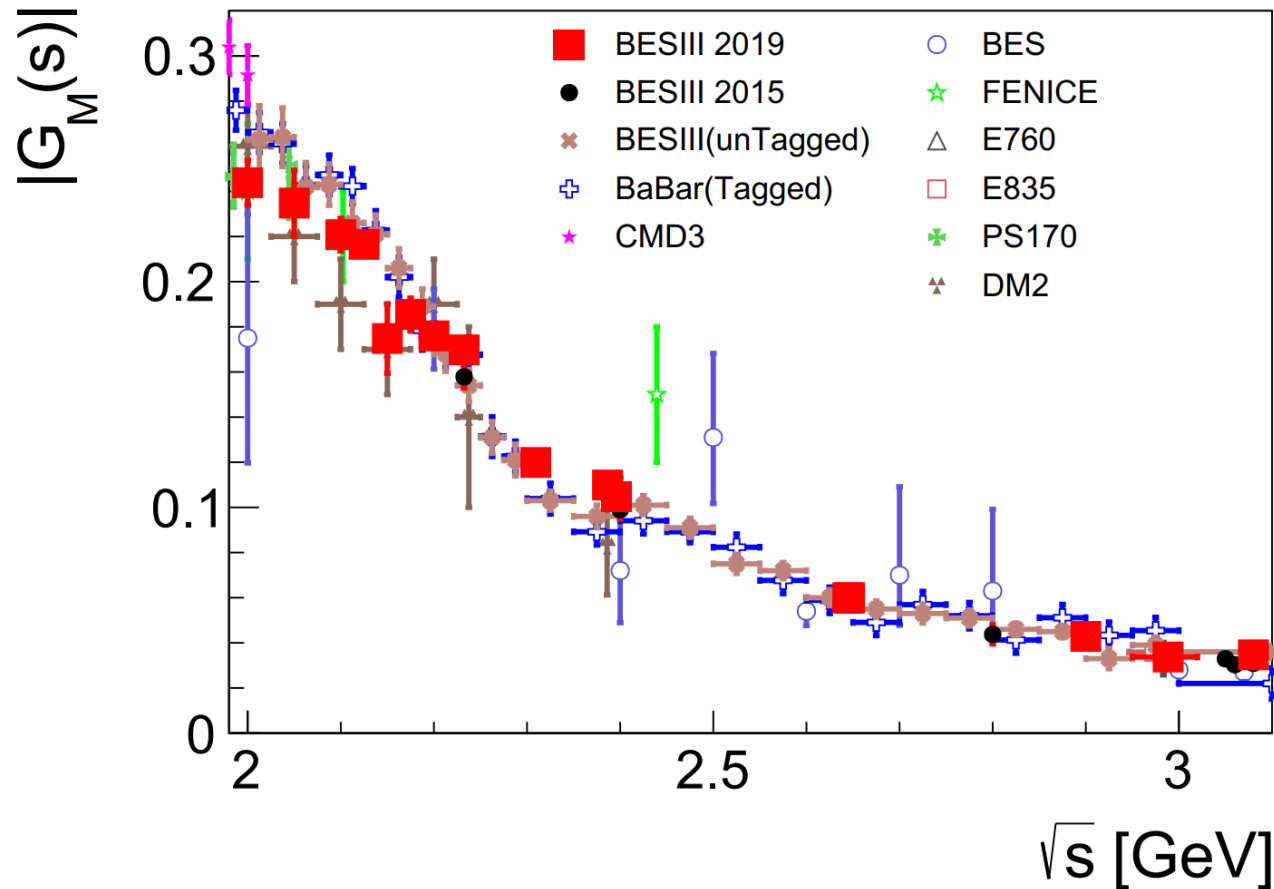
Best precision on  $\sigma$ : 3% (**systematic** dominant)



Best precision on  $|G_E/G_M|$ : 3.4% (**statistical** dominant)

# Proton FFs with scan technique

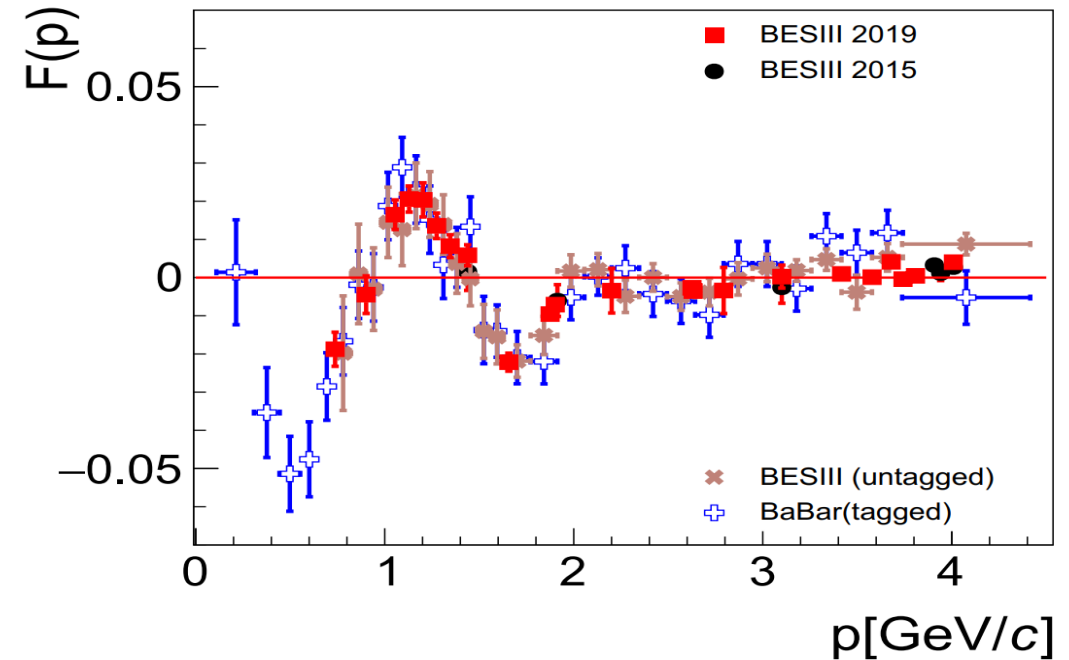
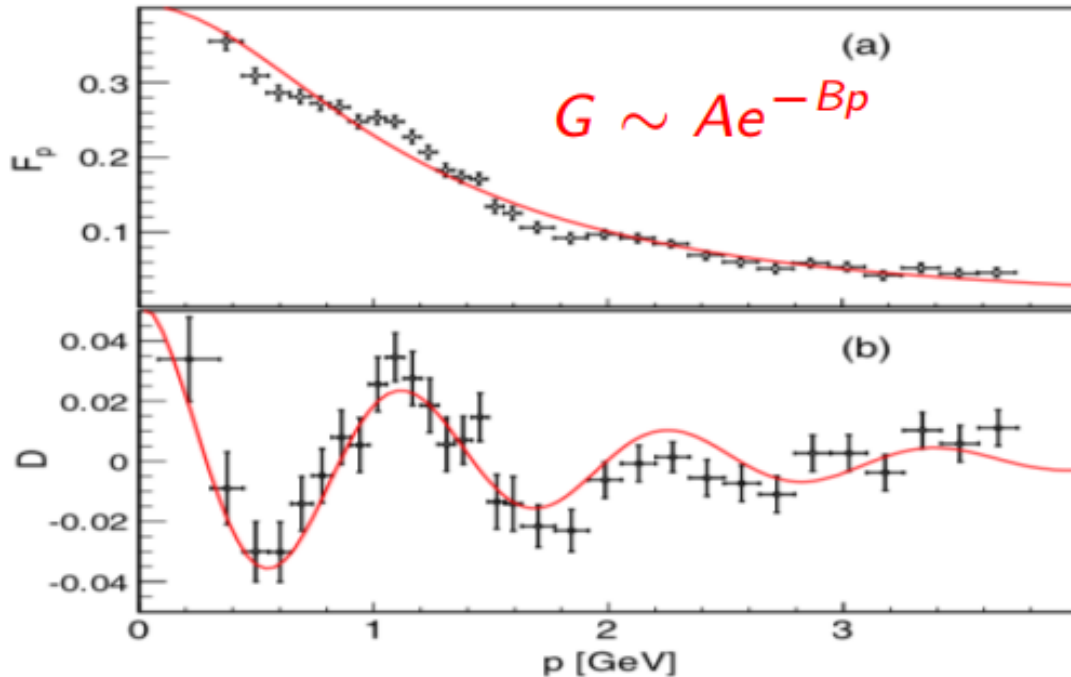
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- Hypothesis on other results:  
 $|G_E| = |G_M|$
- First line-shape of  $|G_M|$  without hypothesis, achieved by BESIII scan data.

# Oscillation structures ?

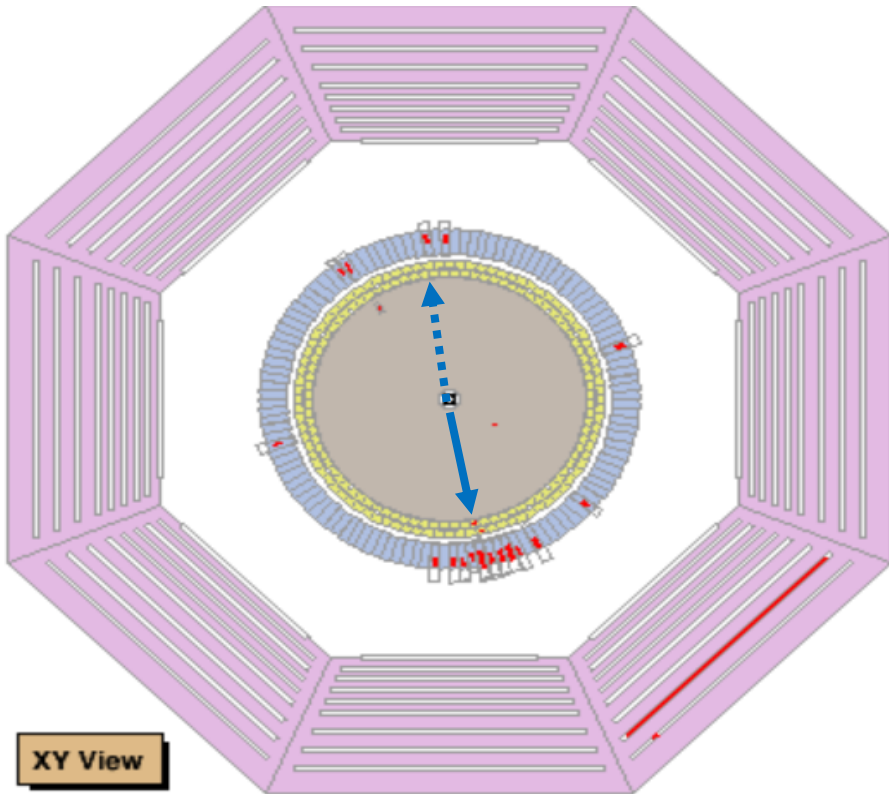
PRL. 114, 232301 (2015)



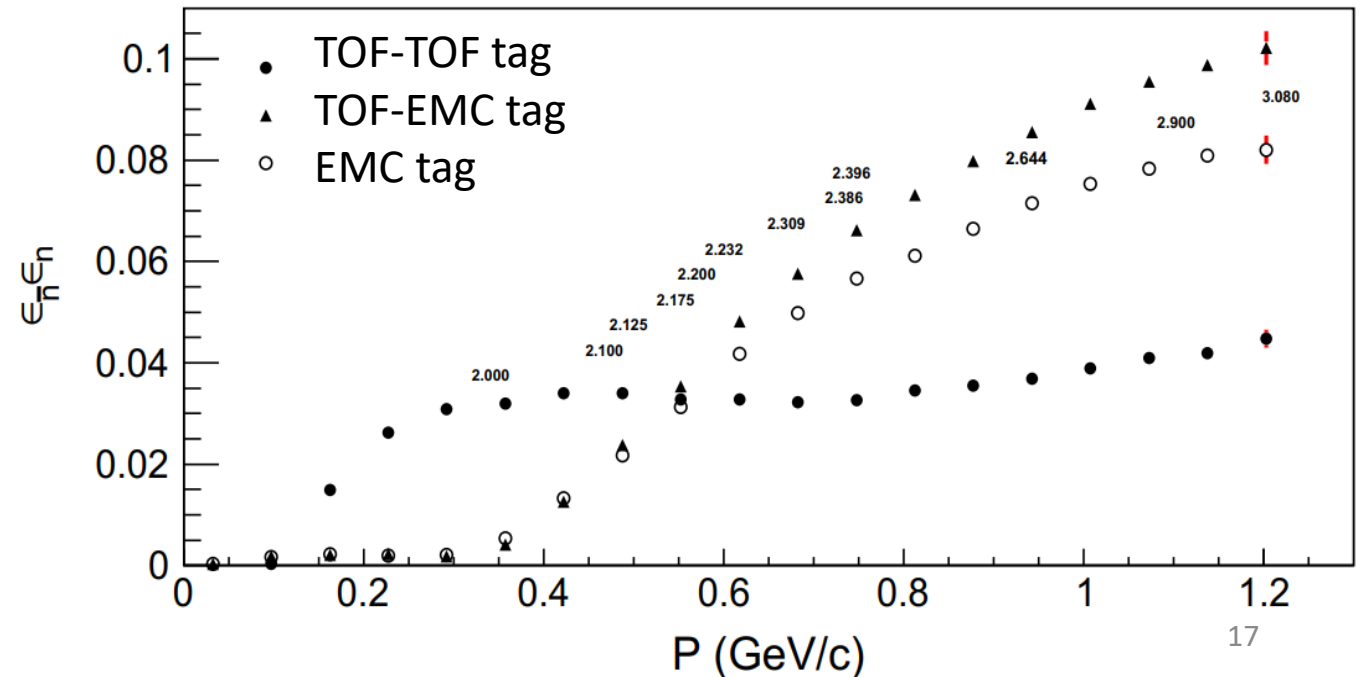
- Oscillating structures observed in the EFF minus modified dipole parameterization in Babar.
  - Rescattering process in final state
  - Independent resonant structure



# Neutron form factors at BESIII

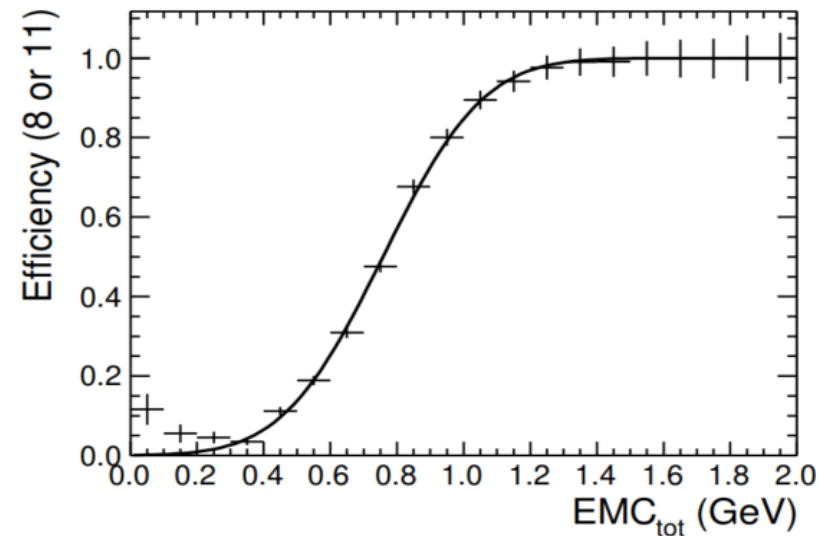
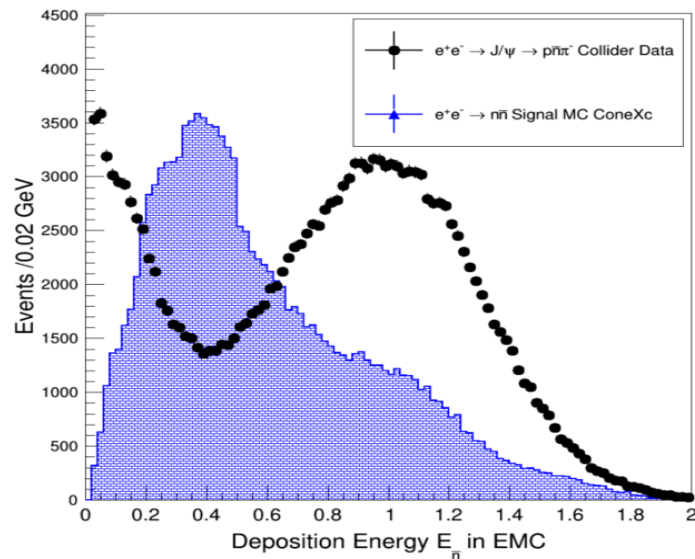


- Analysis Challenges: Reconstruction of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow n\bar{n}$ 
  - No MDC signal
  - Low EMC efficiency,
  - No TOF reconstruction



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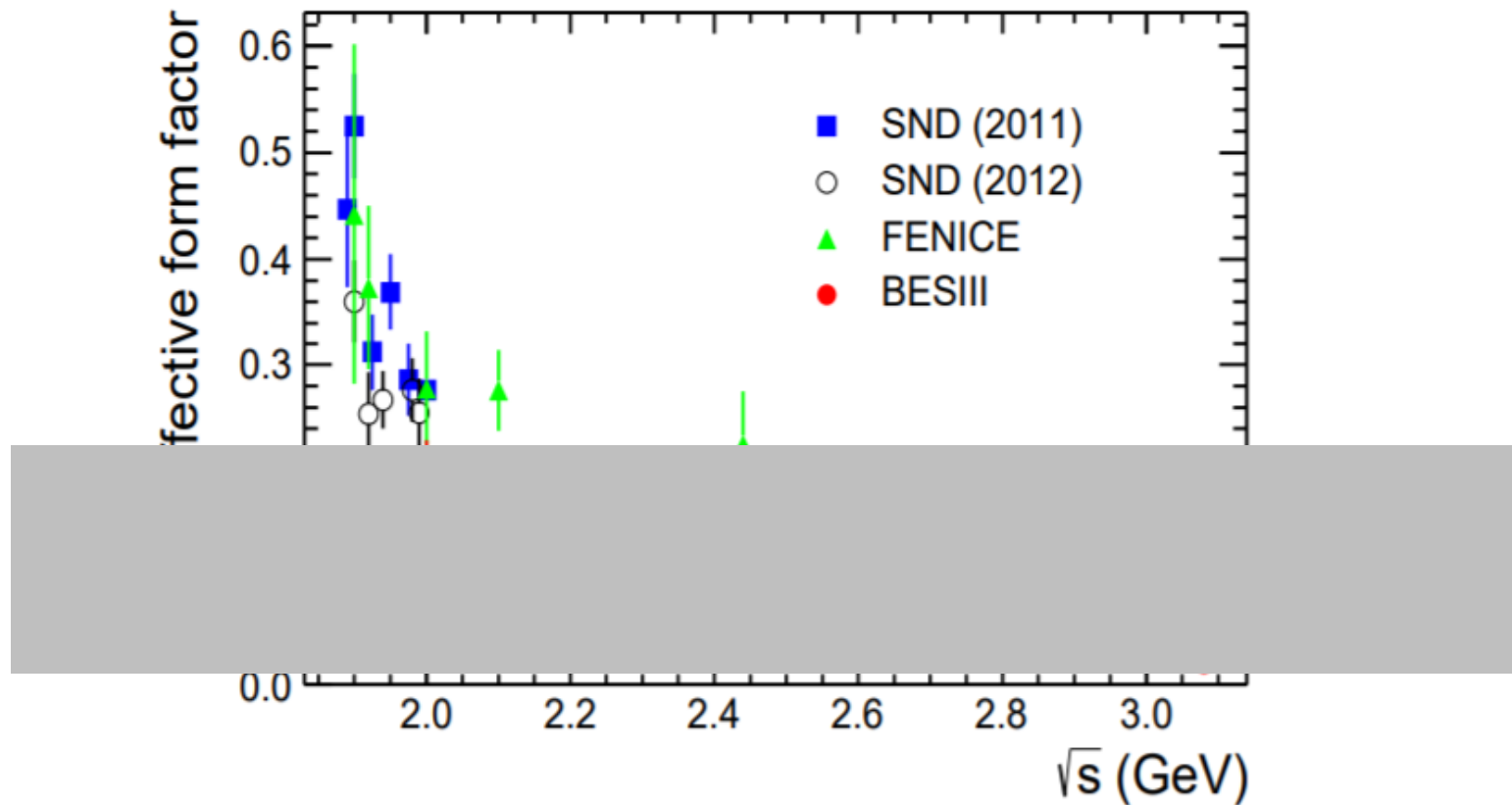
## Analysis Challenges: Insufficient MC simulation



- Corrections need to be applied for MC efficiency:
  - $C_{data/MC}$ : correction due to data/MC difference
  - $C_{trg}$ : trigger efficiency correction (in dependence of total deposition energy)

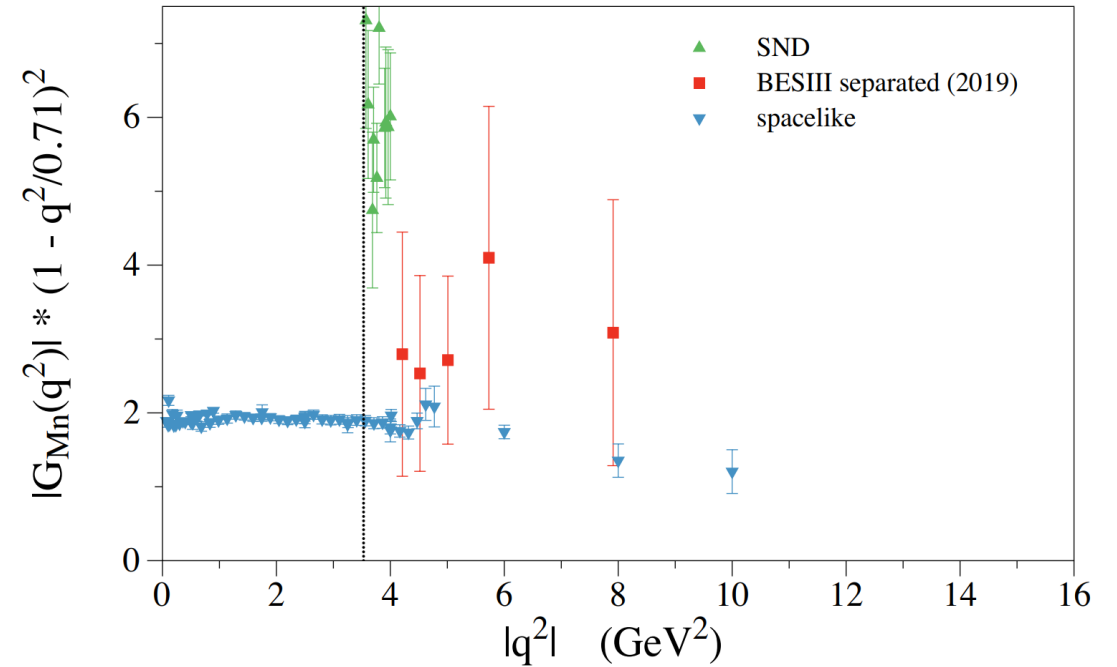
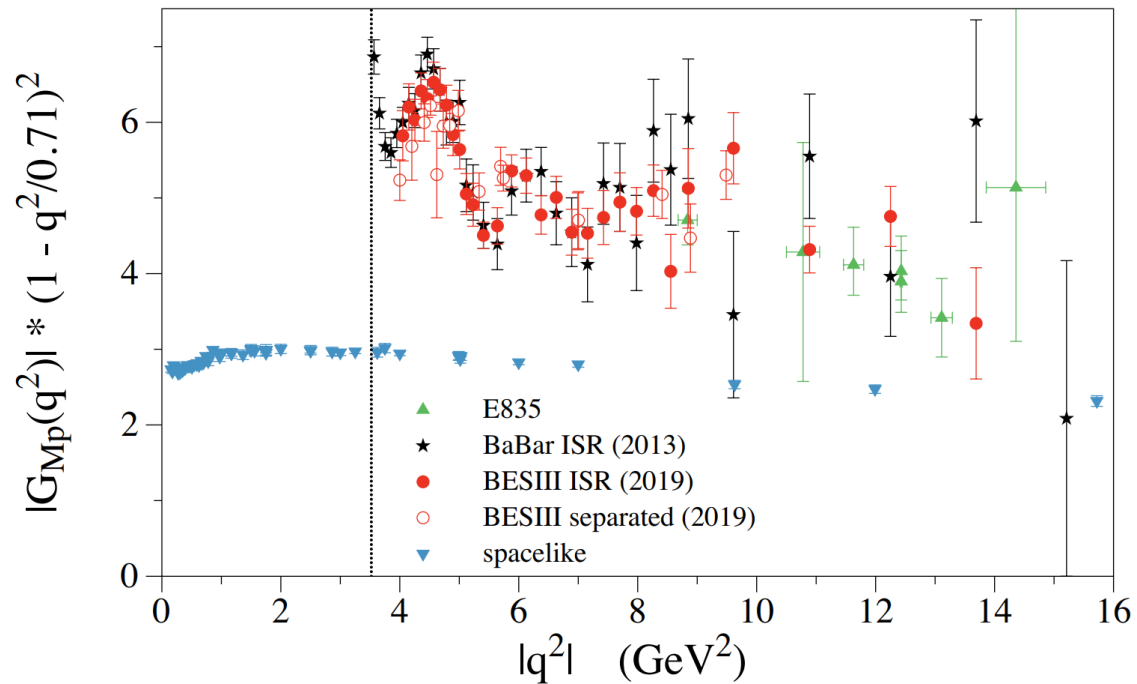
# Neutron form factors at BESIII

$$\sigma_{N\bar{N}}^{Born}(q^2) = \frac{N_{data}}{\mathcal{E}_{MC} \times \mathcal{E}_{cor} \times \mathcal{L}_{int} \times (1+\delta)} \quad \mathcal{E}_{cor} = \mathcal{C}_{data/MC} \times \mathcal{C}_{trg}$$



# Comparison with Space-Like Results

■ pQCD predicted asymptotic behavior of FFs

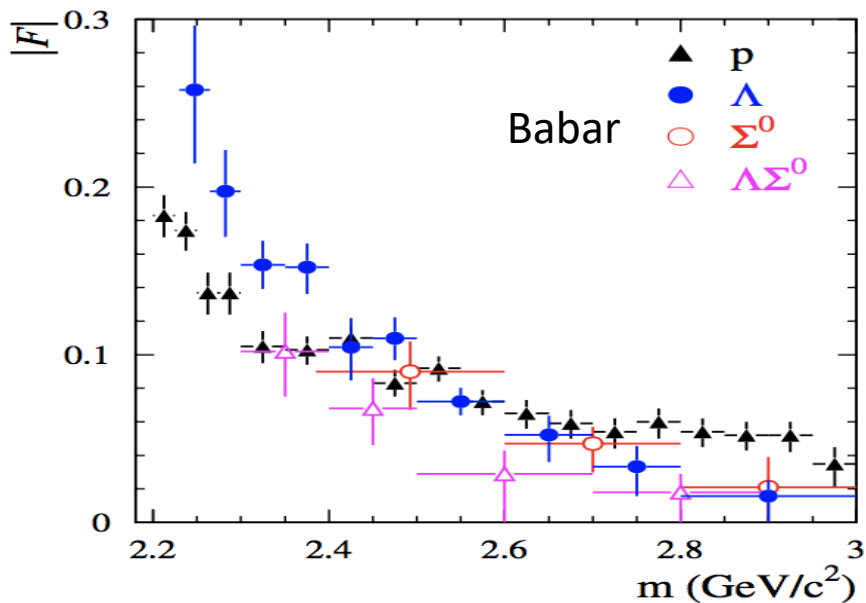


Figures from Prof. Vanderhaeghen

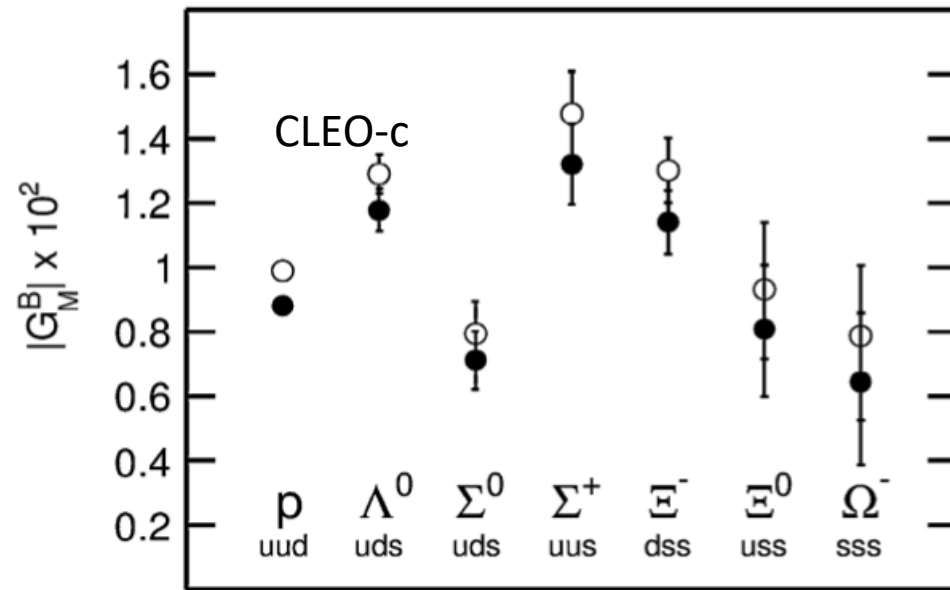
# Status on hyperon FFs

- Rare experimental results on **Hyperon FF**

Phys. Rev. D **76**, 092006 (2007)



Phys. Lett. B **739** (2014) 90–94

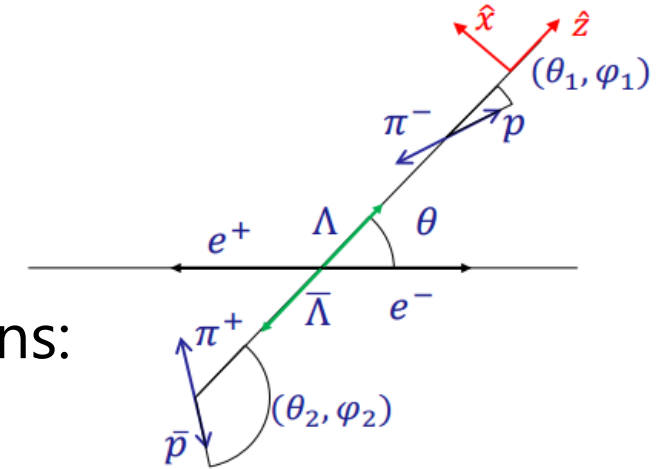


$q^2 = 14.2$  GeV<sup>2</sup>

- diquark correlation evidence
- favor spin–isospin singlet

# Relative phase of baryon

- Complex form of FFs:
  - $G_E = |G_E|e^{i\Phi_E}$ ,  $G_M = |G_M|e^{i\Phi_M}$
  - Relative phase:  $\Delta\Phi = \Phi_E - \Phi_M$
- A non-zero phase has polarization effect on the Baryons:
  - $P_y \propto \sin \Delta\Phi$
- The angular distribution of daughter baryon from Hyperon weak decay is:
  - $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto 1 + \alpha_\Lambda \mathbf{P}_y \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}}$
  - $\alpha_\Lambda$ : asymmetry parameter
  - $\hat{\mathbf{q}}$ : unit vector along the daughter baryon in hyperon rest frame



With hyperon weak decay to B+P, the polarization of hyperon can be measurement, so does the relative phase between  $G_E$  and  $G_M$  !

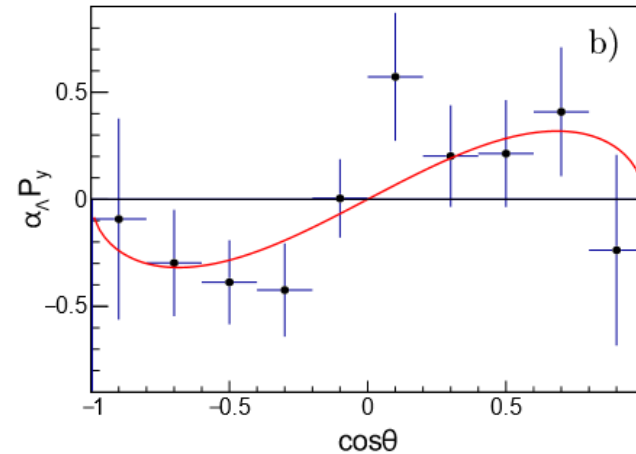
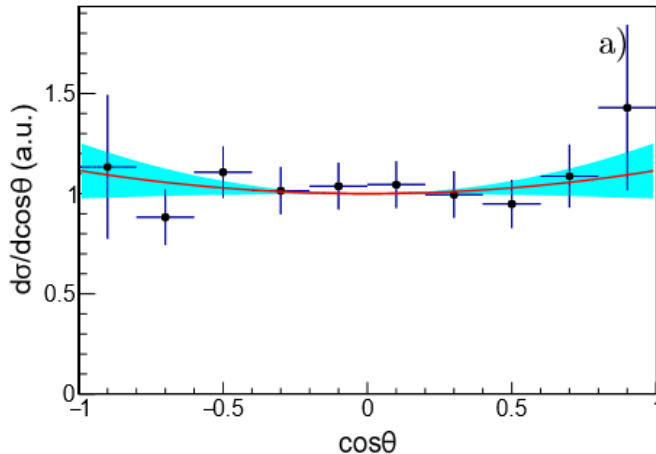
# Complete measurement of $\Lambda$ EMFFs

[arXiv: 1903.09421](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.09421) (submit to PRL)

- An event of the reaction  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Lambda(\rightarrow p\pi^-)\bar{\Lambda}(\rightarrow \bar{p}\pi^+)$  is specified by the five dimensional vector  $\xi = (\theta, \Omega_1, \Omega_2)$ , the differential cross section is:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}(\xi) = & \mathcal{T}_0(\xi) + \eta \mathcal{T}_5(\xi) \\ & - \alpha_\Lambda^2 \left( \mathcal{T}_1(\xi) + \sqrt{1 - \eta^2} \cos(\Delta\Phi) \mathcal{T}_2(\xi) + \eta \mathcal{T}_6(\xi) \right) \\ & + \alpha_\Lambda \sqrt{1 - \eta^2} \sin(\Delta\Phi) (\mathcal{T}_3(\xi) - \mathcal{T}_4(\xi)). \end{aligned}$$

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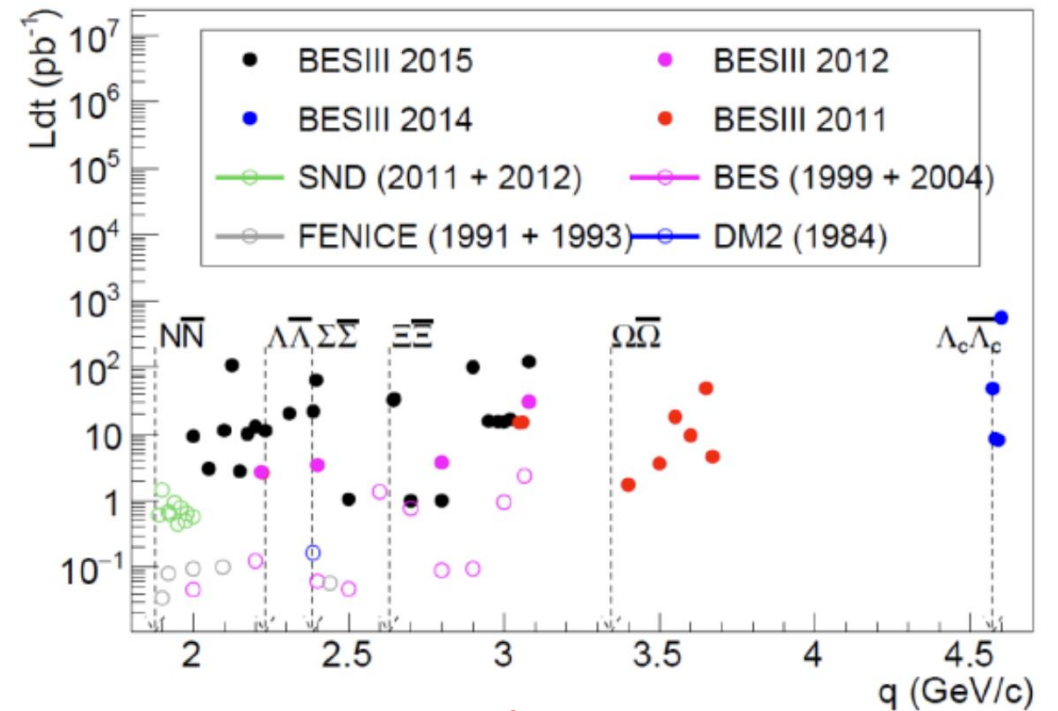
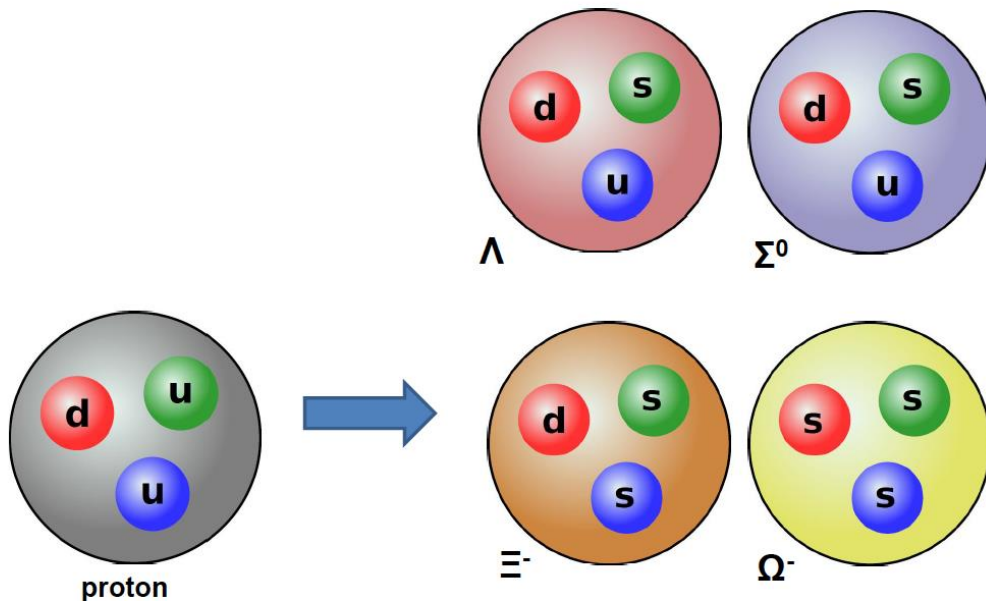


Fit data by Maximum Log Likelihood

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{G_E}{G_M} \right| &= 0.96 \pm 0.14(stat.) \pm 0.02(sys.) \\ \Delta\Phi &= 37^\circ \pm 12^\circ(stat.) \pm 6^\circ(sys.) \end{aligned}$$

# Threshold effect

- Hyperon pair production:
  - Possibility to reconstruct hyperon pair production much close to threshold than the proton

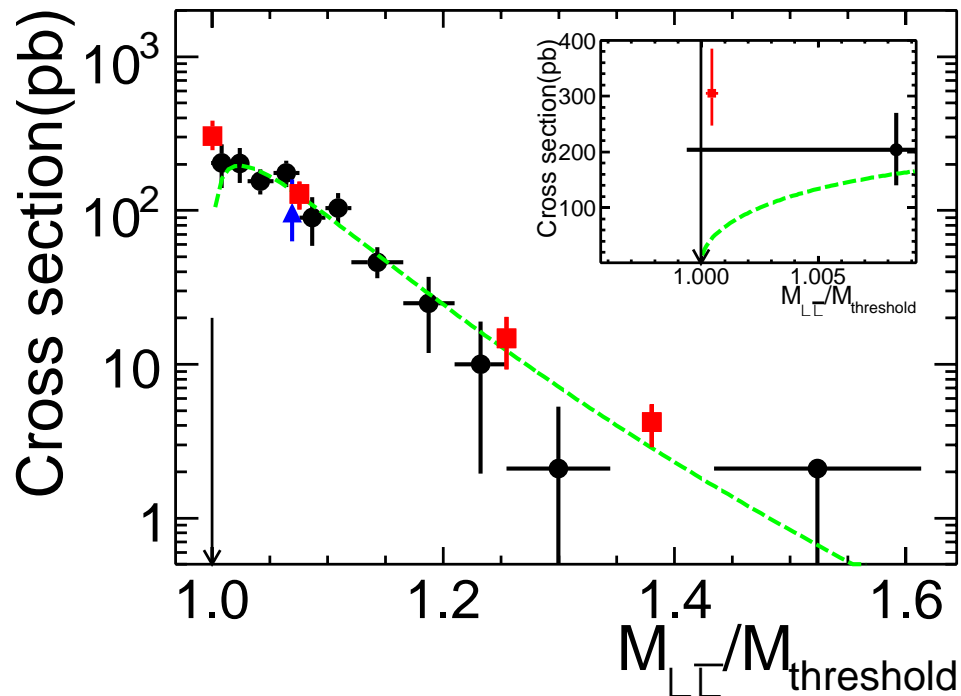




# Measurement of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$ at $\sqrt{s} = 2.2324$ GeV

Phys. Rev. D 97, 032013 (2018)

- Near threshold production ( $2M_\Lambda + 1.0$  MeV) and small PHSP in  $\Lambda/\bar{\Lambda}$  decays
- Indirect search for antiproton in  $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$ ,  $\bar{\Lambda} \rightarrow \bar{p}\pi^+$
- Search for mono-energetic  $\pi^0$  in  $\bar{\Lambda} \rightarrow \bar{n}\pi^0$



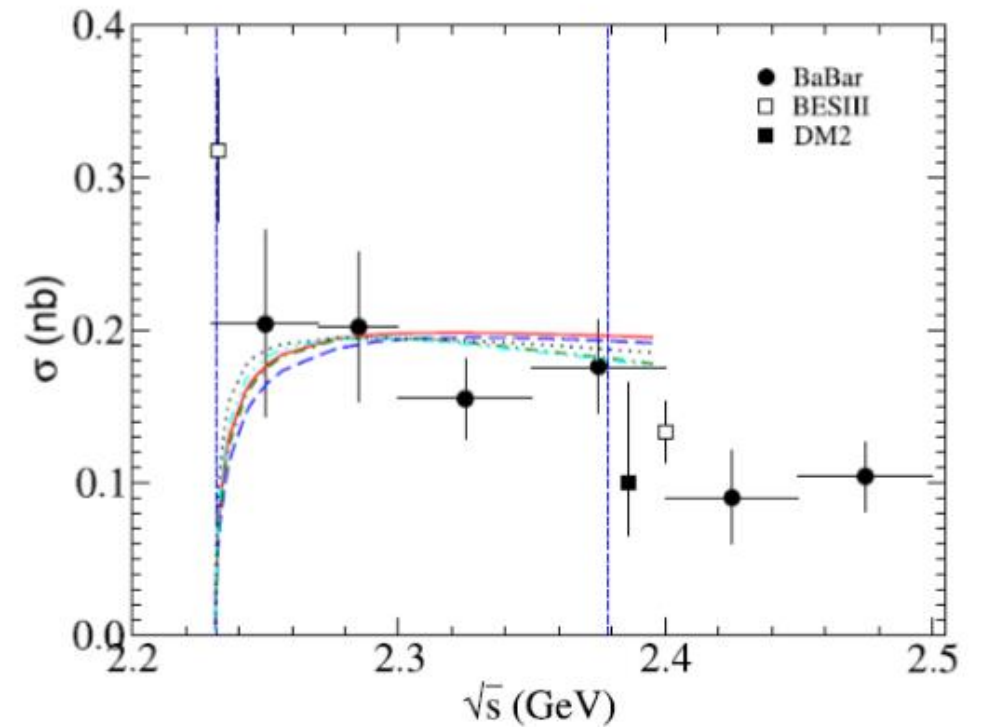
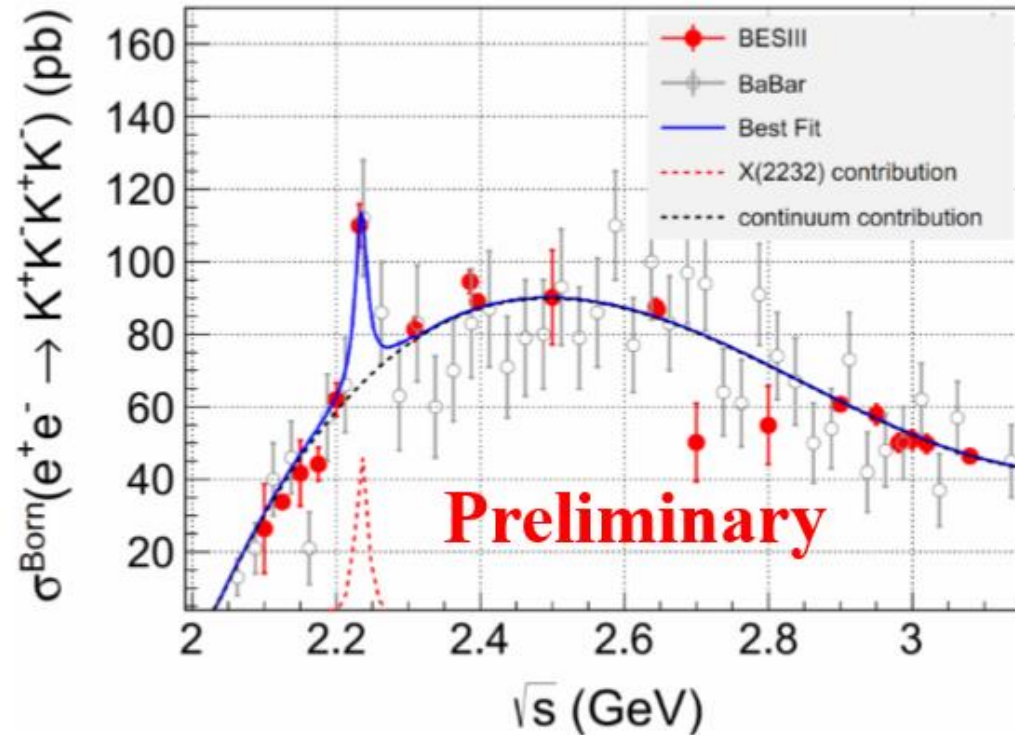
- The anomalous behavior differing from the pQCD prediction at threshold is observed.

• Recalling the baryon pair production cross section:

$$\sigma_{B\bar{B}}(q) = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2 C \beta}{3q^2} [|G_M(q)|^2 + \frac{1}{2\tau} |G_E(q)|^2]$$

• The Columb correction factor  $C = \frac{\pi\alpha}{\beta} \frac{1}{1 - \exp(-\frac{\pi\alpha}{\beta})}(Q)$ , cancel the  $\beta$  for a charged  $B\bar{B}$  pair, equals to 1 for a neutral  $B\bar{B}$  pair

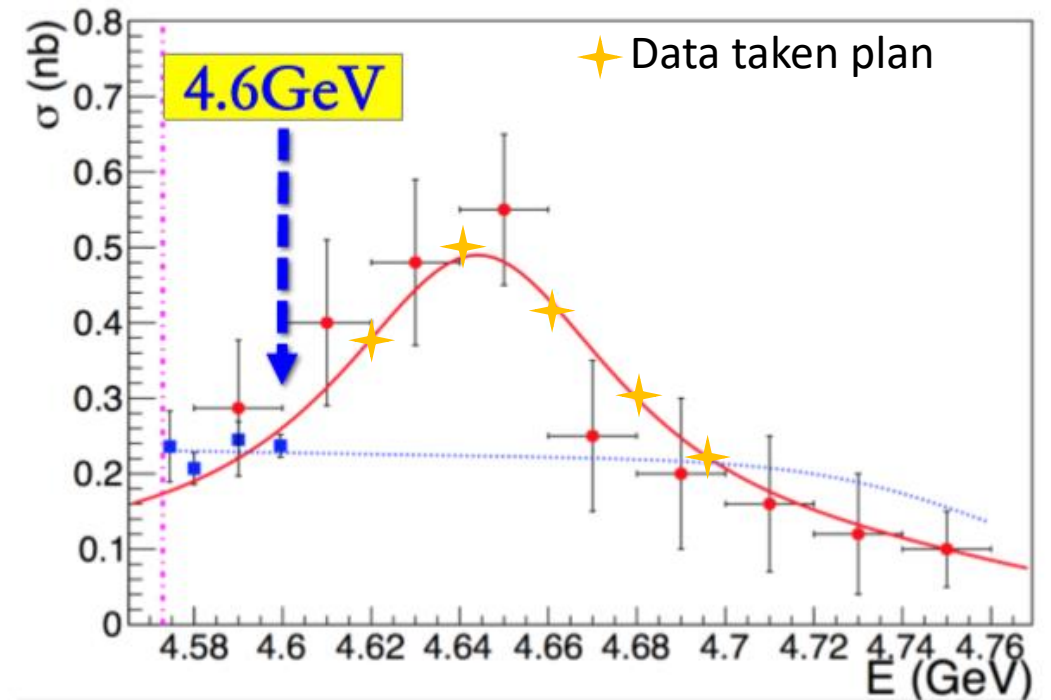
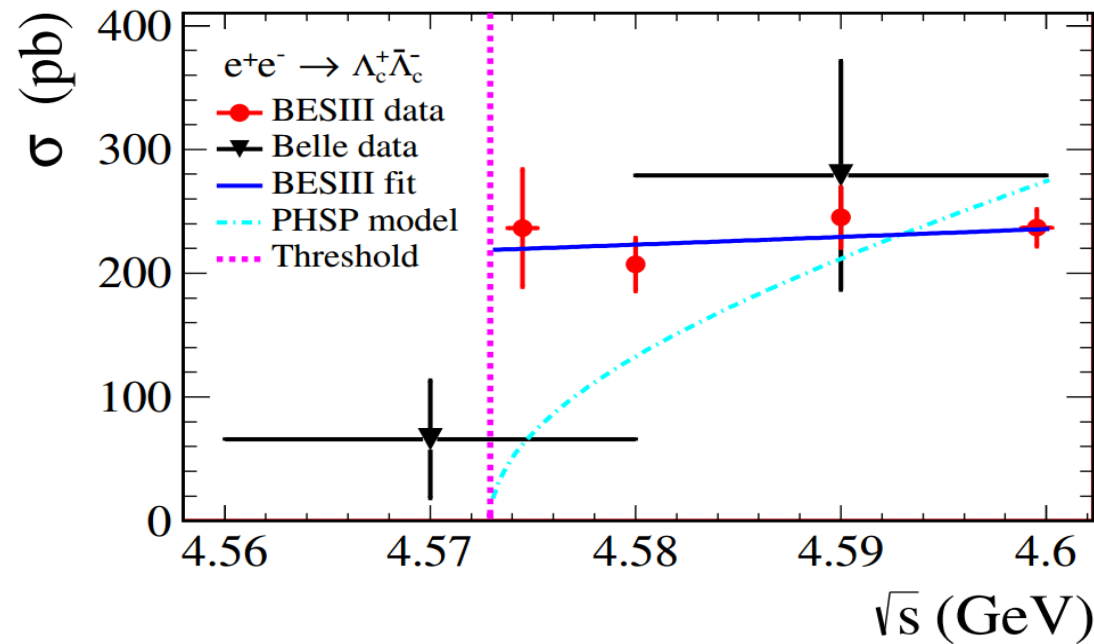
# A possible resonance around $\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$ resonance?



- A hint for resonance around  $\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$  threshold in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow KKKK$  cross section
  - Mass= $2232 \pm 3.5$  MeV, width=20 MeV

# $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{\Lambda}_c^-$ near kinematic threshold

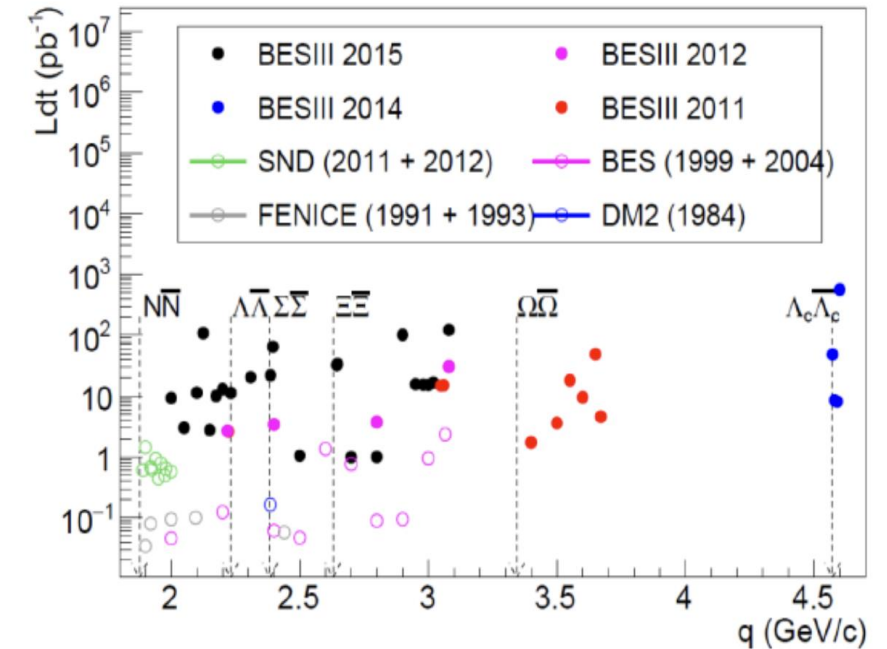
Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 132001 (2018)



- Ten modes of  $\Lambda_c^+$  ( $\bar{\Lambda}_c^-$ ) are reconstructed
- Measurement of the Born cross section at 4 energy points below 4.6 GeV with **unprecedented statistical accuracy** ( $\sim 1.3\%$  at 4.6 GeV)

# Summary and discussion

- Nucleon FFs is measured with scan and ISR techniques at BESIII
  - Answered the remaining questions on proton FFs
  - Precise measurement on neutron FFs is ongoing
- With the large data set, more precise results on Hyperon FFs are expected on BESIII.
  - More precise cross section line-shape
  - Test on threshold effect
  - Complete determination of  $G_E$  and  $G_M$



Energy scan in 2014-2015 at BESIII

**Thank you for your attention!**