



Baryon time-like form factors

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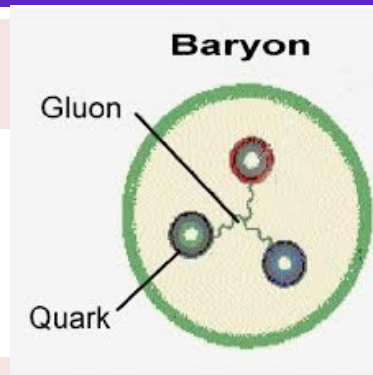
- **Definition** of baryon form factors (FFs)
- **BEPCII & BESIII** detector
- **Status** of baryon FFs measurements
 - Proton FFs
 - $\Lambda_c^+ \bar{\Lambda}_c^-$ FFs
 - $\Lambda \bar{\Lambda}$ FFs } At threshold
- Status of neutron FFs
- **Summary**

Form factors

Baryons have structure

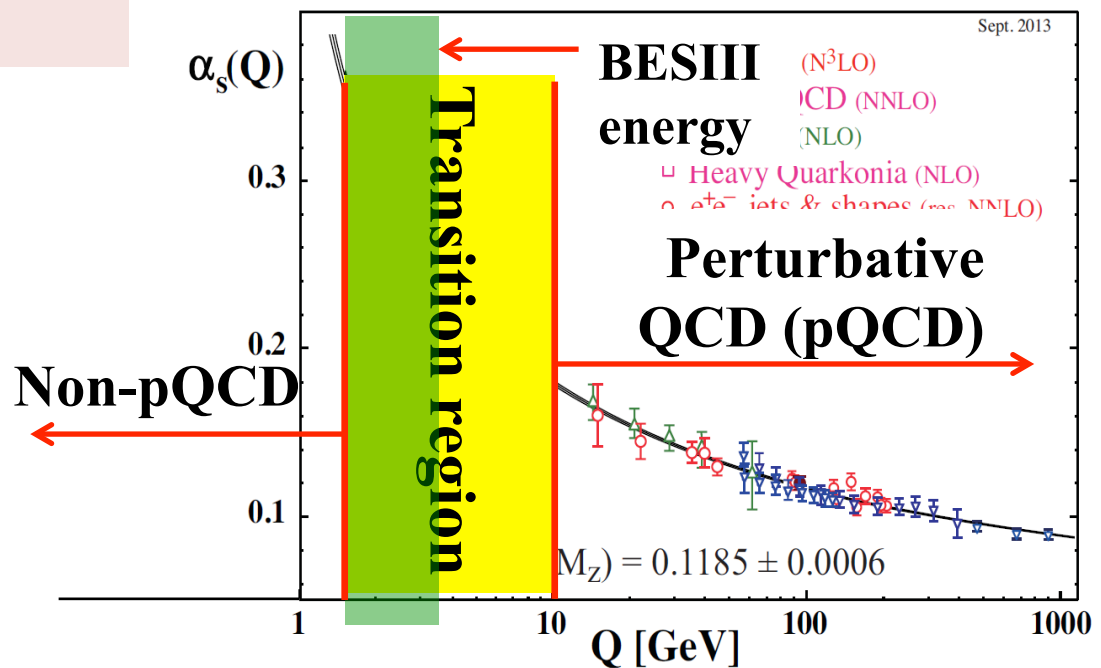
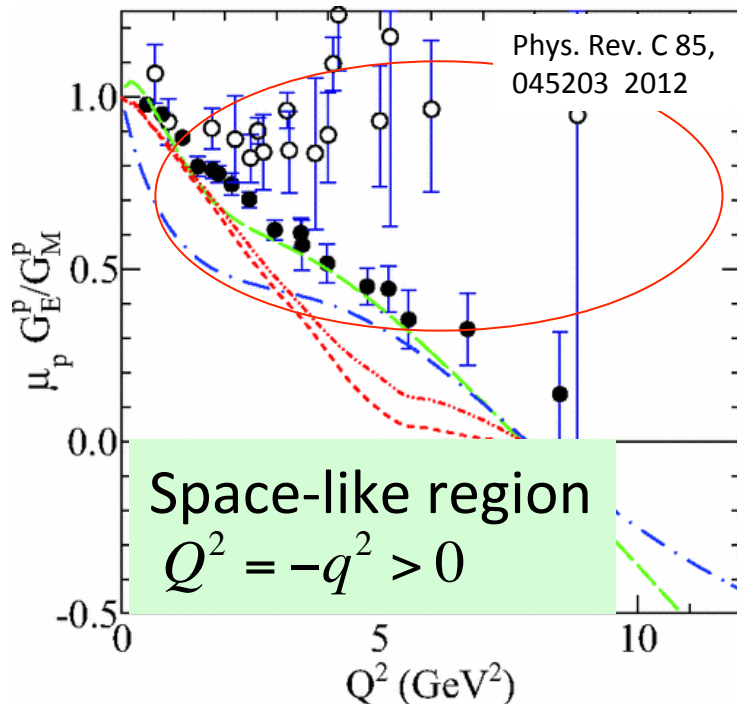
FFs describe Baryon' internal structure

Understanding hadrons' structure helps to **understand QCD**



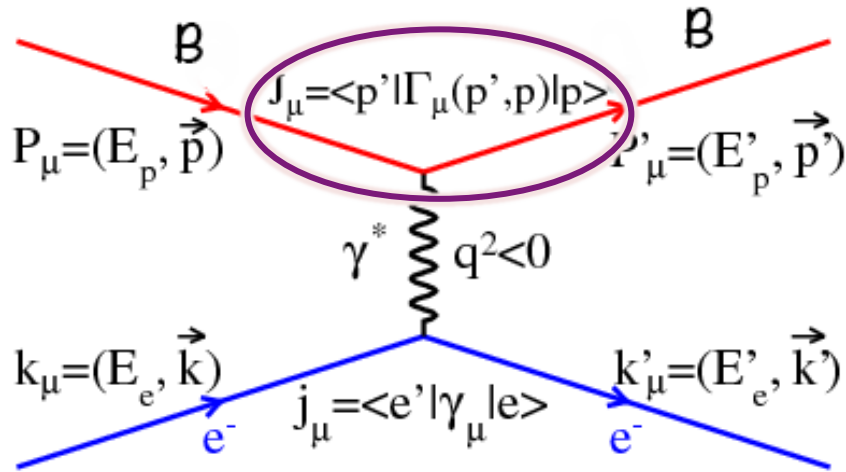
FFs help understand strong interaction

Inputs to QCD models



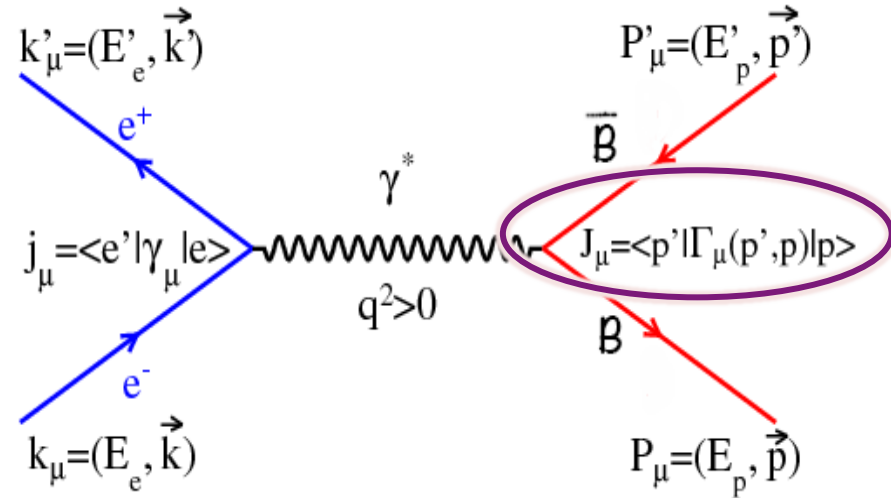
Time-like region $Q^2 = q^2 > 0$

Dirac FF and Pauli FF



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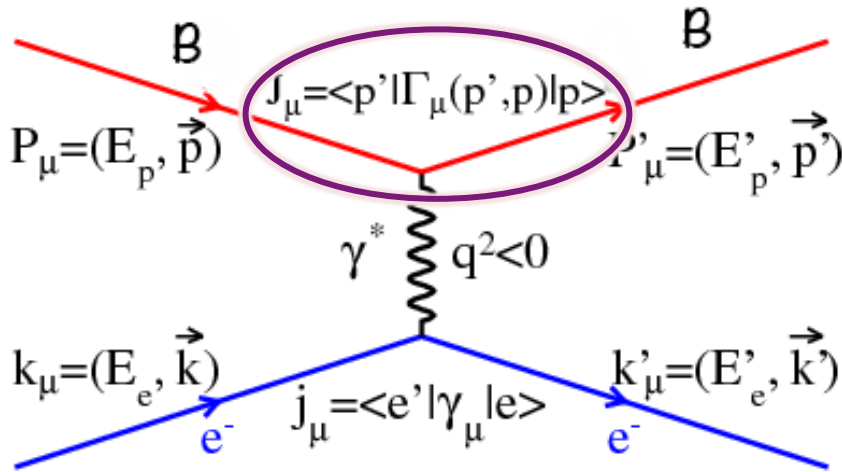
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Time-like (TL) region, $q^2 > 0$

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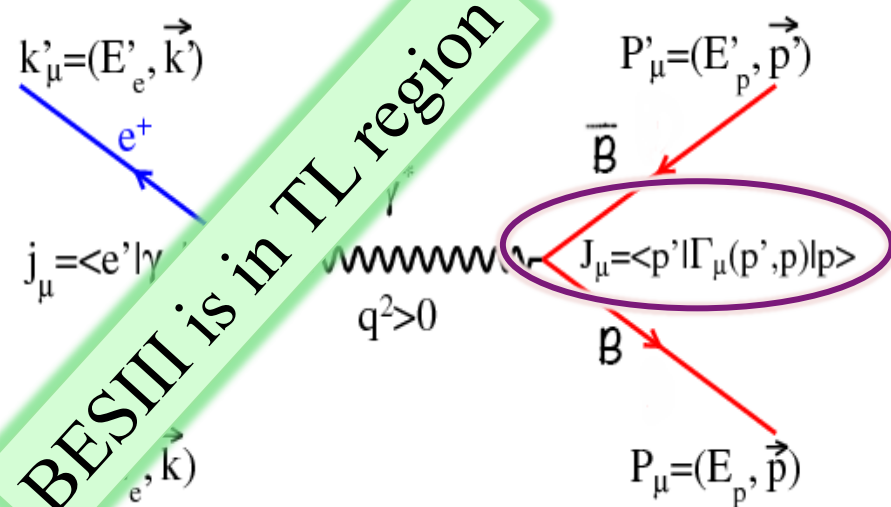
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EM FFs and TL angular distribution

EM FFs:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} G_E(q^2) = F_1(q^2) + \tau \kappa F_2(q^2) \\ G_M(q^2) = F_1(q^2) + \kappa F_2(q^2) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\tau = \frac{q^2}{4M_B^2}$$

Electric

Magnetic

How to measure them?

Angular analysis

TL:

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{born}}}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2 \beta C}{4s} \left[\frac{1}{\tau} \sin^2 \theta |G_E|^2 + (1 + \cos^2 \theta) |G_M|^2 \right]$$

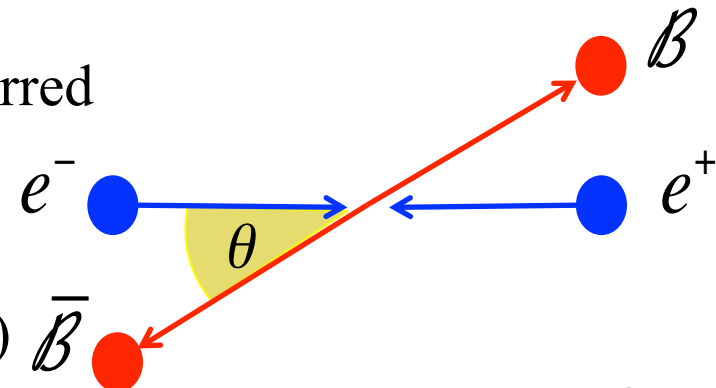
$$\beta = \sqrt{1 - 1/\tau}$$

C : Coulomb correction

function of
 s and θ :

$s = q^2$: 4-momentum transferred
by the virtual photon

θ : polar angle of baryon in
CM (center-of-mass system)



Ratio of EM FFs and effective FFs

Angular distribution written as function of EM FFs ratio:

$$\frac{d\sigma_{born}}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2 \beta C}{4s} |G_M(s)| \left[(1 + \cos^2 \theta) + R_{EM}^2 \frac{1}{\tau} \sin^2 \theta \right]$$

Ratio of EM FFs:

$$R_{EM} = |G_E(s)/G_M(s)|$$

Born cross section:

$$\sigma_{born} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2 \beta C}{3s} \left[|G_M|^2 + \frac{1}{2\tau} |G_E|^2 \right]$$

Assume: $|G| = |G_E| = |G_M|$

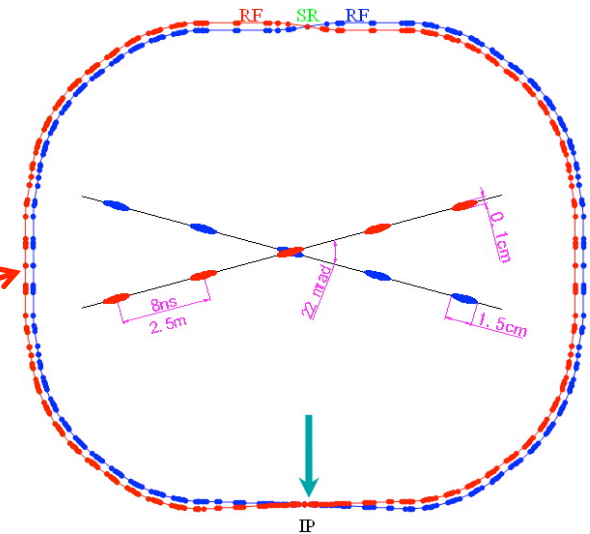
EF FFs:

$$|G(s)| = \sqrt{\sigma_{born} / \left[\frac{4\pi\alpha^2 \beta C}{3s} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2\tau} \right) \right]}$$

Above baryon
threshold: $C=1$

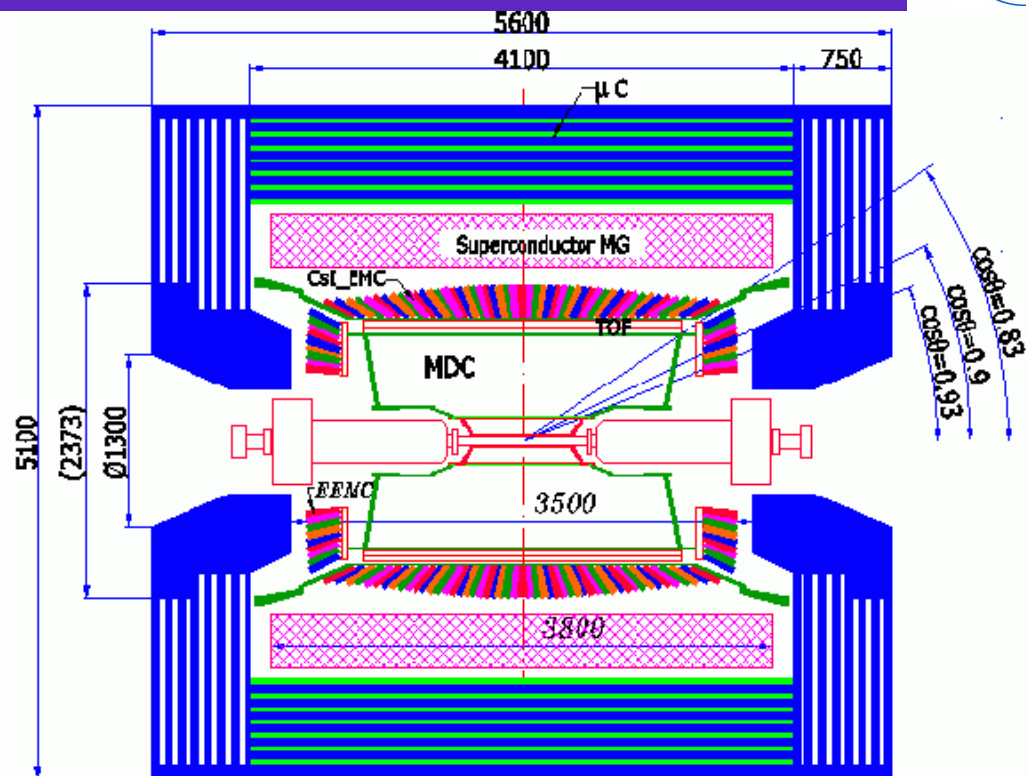
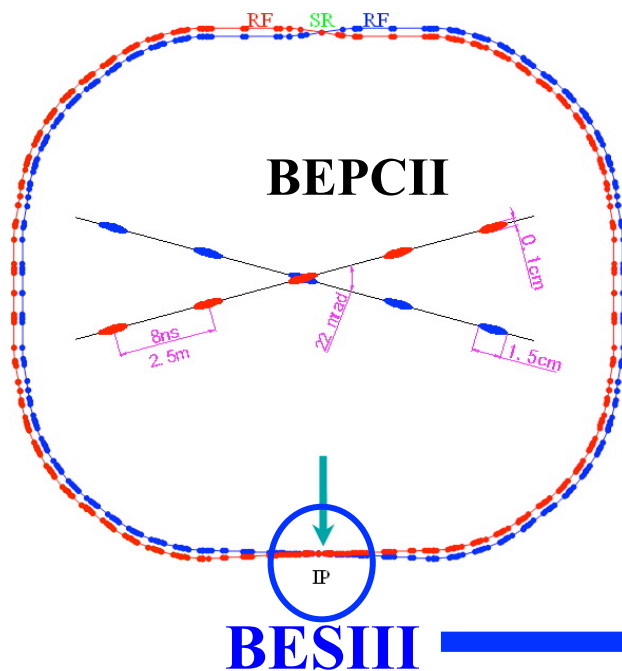
All formula valid for spin 1/2

BEPCII (Beijing Electron Positron Collider II)



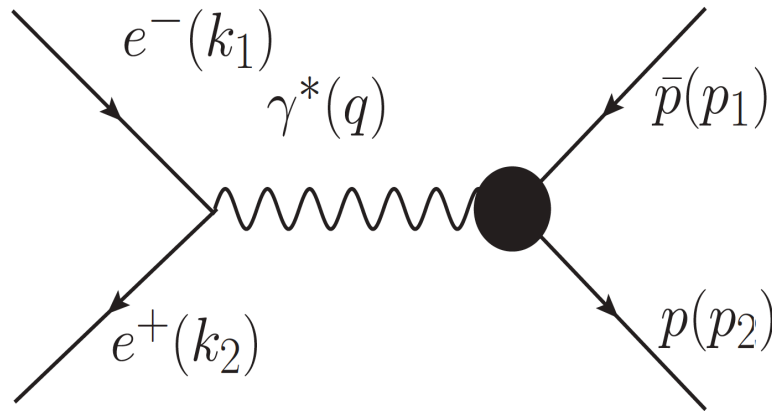
- Runs started in 2009
- CM energy:
2.0 – 4.6 GeV
- “ τ -charm factory”
- Peak instantaneous luminosity:
 - $1 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (designed)
 - **$1 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (achieved)**
- Energy spread: 5.16×10^{-4}

BESIII (BEijing Spectrometer III) at BEPCII



	MDC	TOF	EMC	MUC
Sub-detectors	Main Drift Chamber	Time of Flight	Electromagnetic Calorimeter	Muon Counter
Resolution	115 μ m(wire), < 5% (dE/dx)	68ps (Barrel), 70ps (Endcap)	2.3% (energy)	

Proton FFs in $e^+e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}$



Energy scan method

Following studies are based on **scan data**

Proton FFs at BESIII in $e^+e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}$

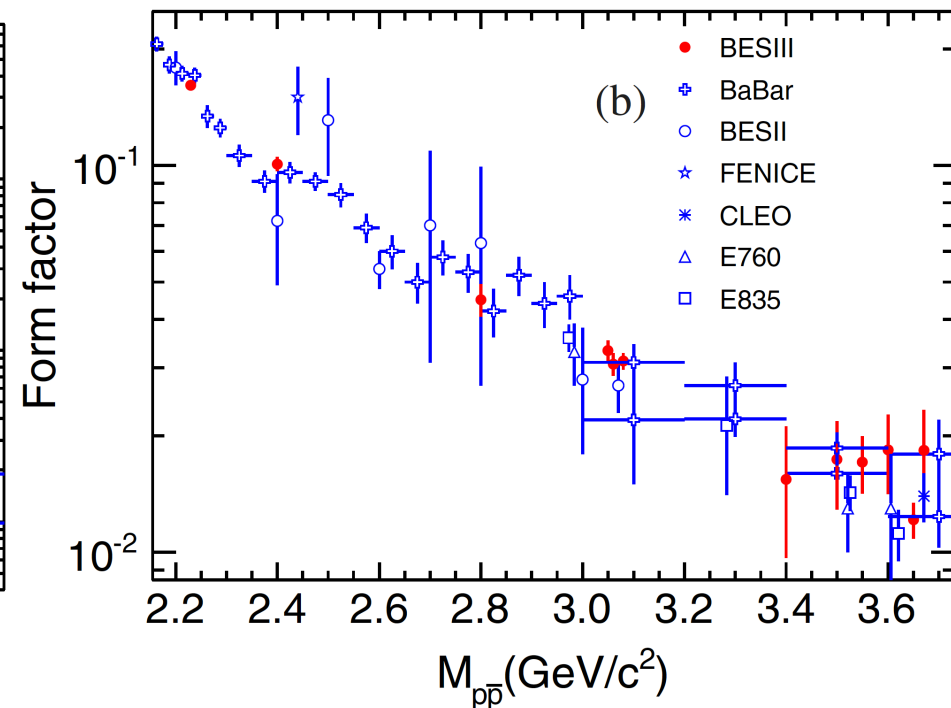
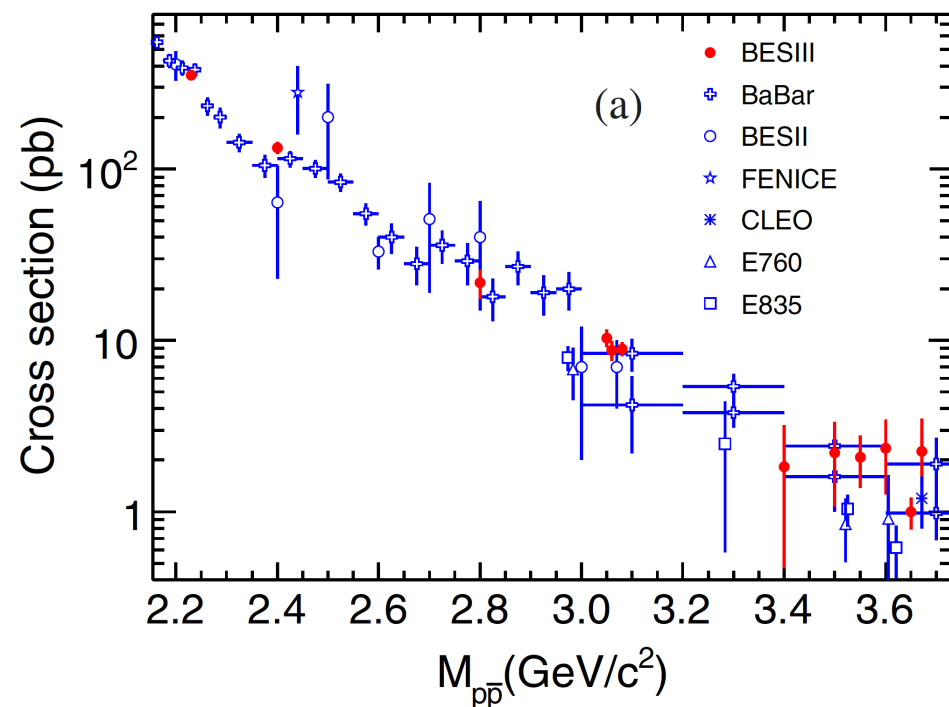


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$E_{CM} = 2.2324 - 3.671 \text{ GeV}$ $L_{\text{int}} = 156.94 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ 2011–2012

Born cross section at 12 CM

EF FFs at 12 CM energy points



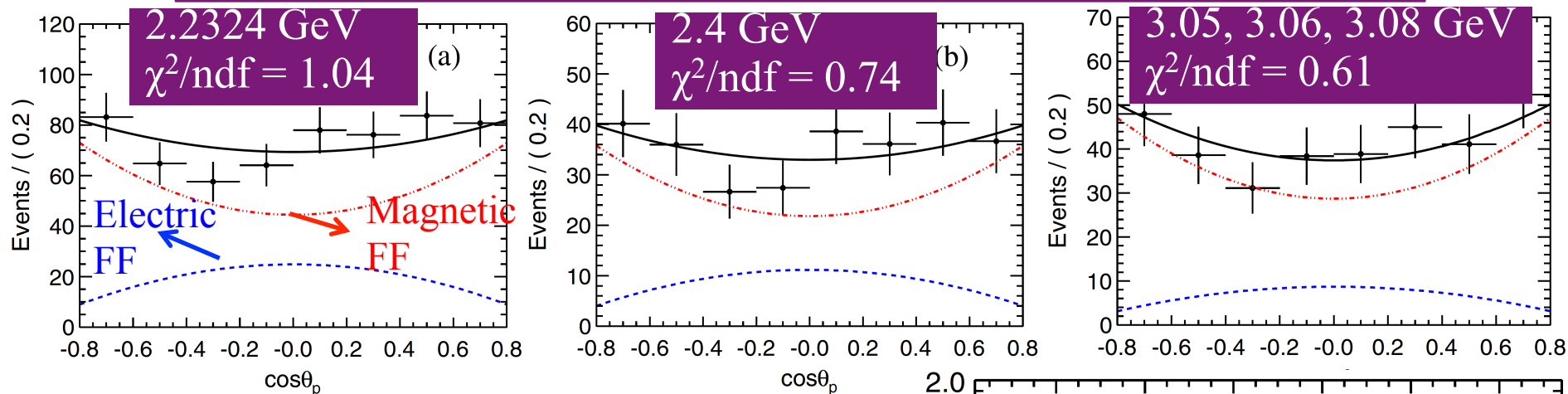
- **Consistent** with previous measurements
- Uncertainty **improved** by $\sim 30\%$ compared to Babar

Proton FFs at BESIII in $e^+e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}$



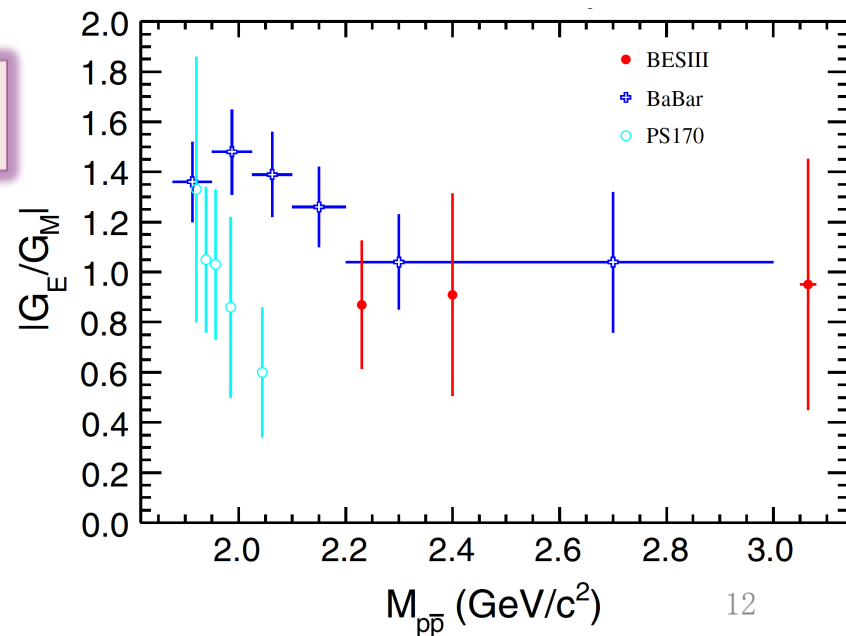
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R_{EM} at 3 points: 2.2324, 2.4, combined 3.05, 3.06 and 3.08 GeV



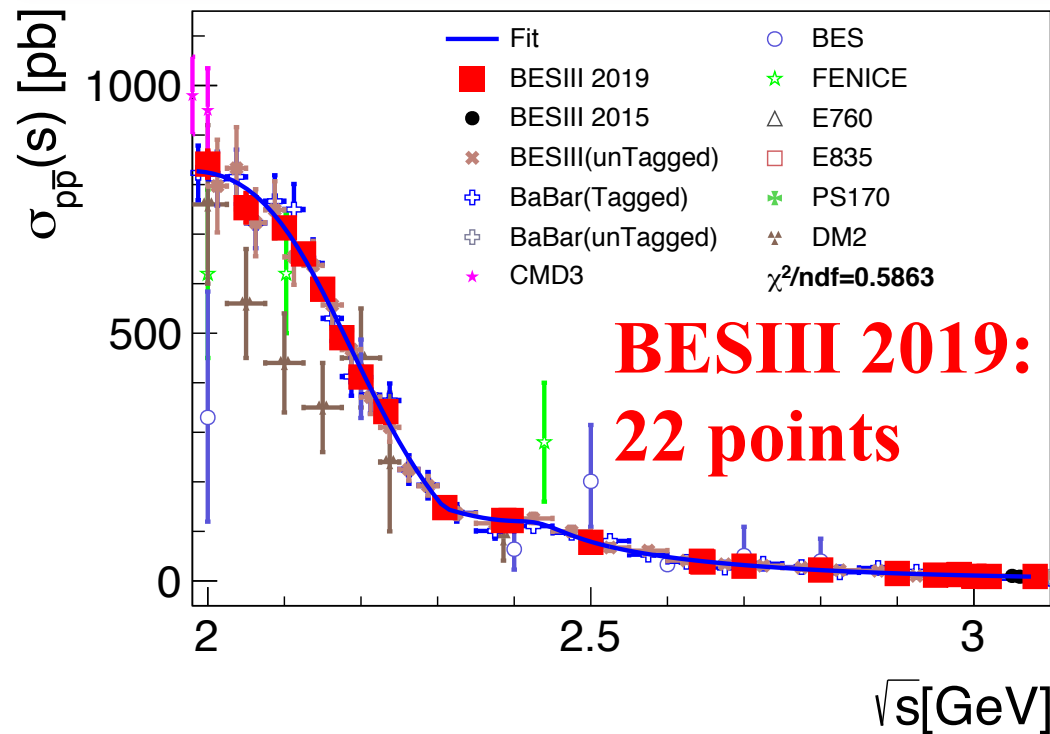
R_{EM} s are extracted from the fit

- **Inconsistent** between **Babar** and **PS170**
- **BESIII consistent with Babar** in the same q^2 region
- Close to 1



$$E_{CM} = 2.0 - 3.08 \text{ GeV} \quad L_{\text{int}} = 688.5 \text{ pb}^{-1} \quad 2015$$

$$\sigma_{p\bar{p}}(s)$$



$$\sqrt{s} \leq 2.2324 \text{ GeV:}$$

$$\frac{e^{a_0} \pi^2 \alpha^3}{s \left[1 - e^{-\frac{\pi \alpha_s(s)}{\beta(s)}} \right] \left[1 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{s} - 2m_p}{a_1} \right)^{a_2} \right]}$$

$$\sqrt{s} > 2.2324 \text{ GeV:}$$

$$\frac{2\pi\alpha^2\beta(s)C \left[2 + \left(\frac{2m_p}{\sqrt{s}} \right)^2 \right] e^{2a_3}}{3s^5 \left[4 \ln^2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{s}}{a_4} \right) + \pi^2 \right]^2}$$

- **Consistent** with previous experiments
- The **most precise** results until now 3.0-23.5% with **systematic uncertainty dominated**

Proton FFs at BESIII in $e^+e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}$

arXiv:
1905.09001



$$E_{CM} = 2.0 - 3.08 \text{ GeV} \quad L_{\text{int}} = 688.5 \text{ pb}^{-1} \quad 2015$$

$$\sigma_{p\bar{p}}(s)$$



Normalization constant:

$$a_0 = 0.82 \pm 0.11, a_3 = 4.02 \pm 1.22$$

QCD parameter near threshold:

$$a_1 = 0.35 \pm 0.02$$

$\sigma_{p\bar{p}}$ power-law dependence,
related to valence quarks:

$$a_2 = 4.26 \pm 0.59$$

QCD parameter in Λ_{QCD} continuum region:

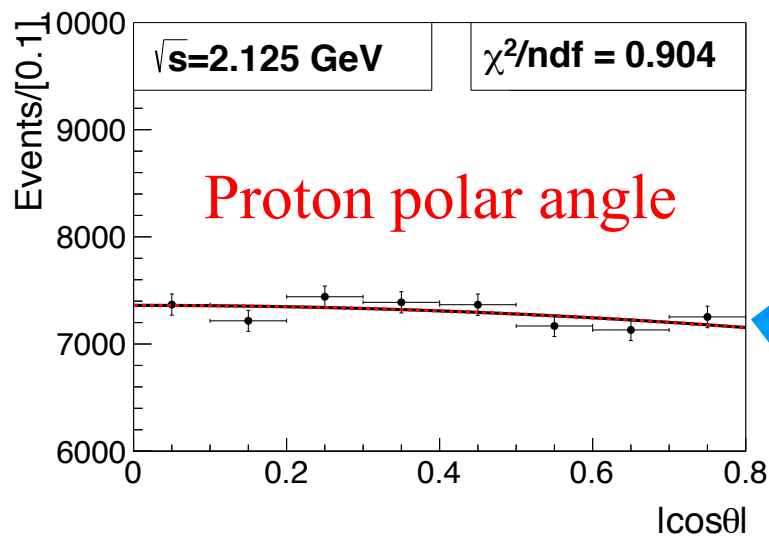
$$a_4 = 0.49^{+0.98}_{-0.49}$$

Fit function:

Strong interaction
effects considered
near threshold

Proton FFs at BESIII in $e^+e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}$

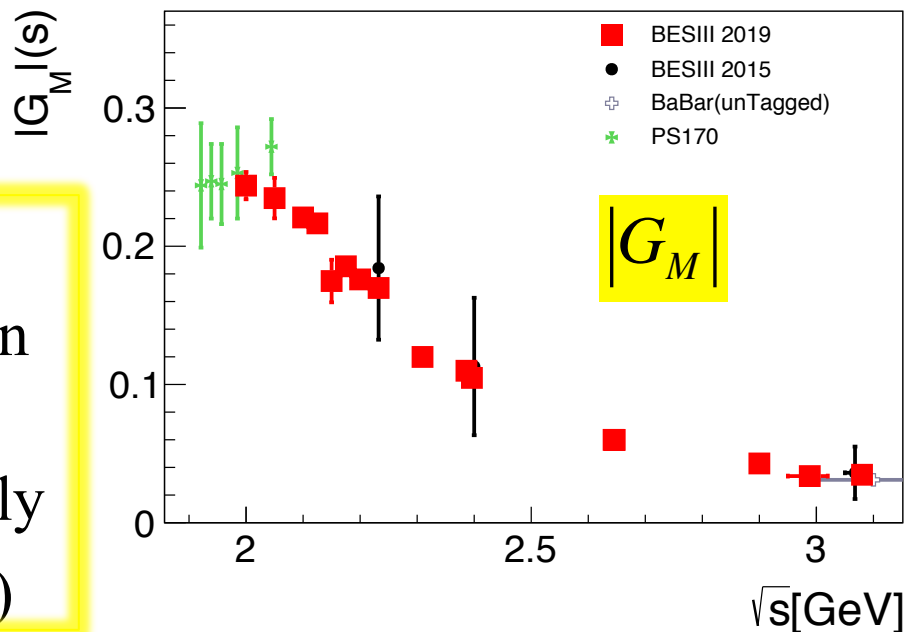
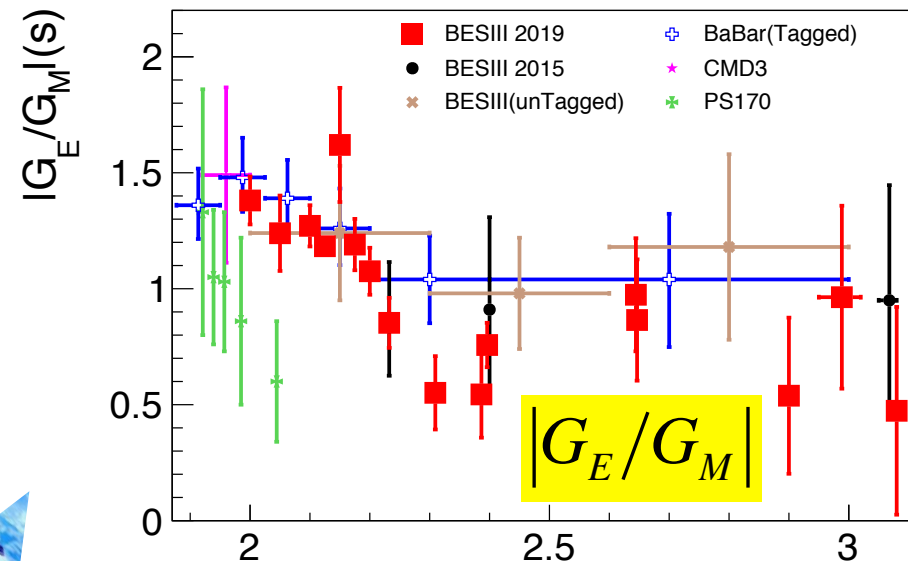
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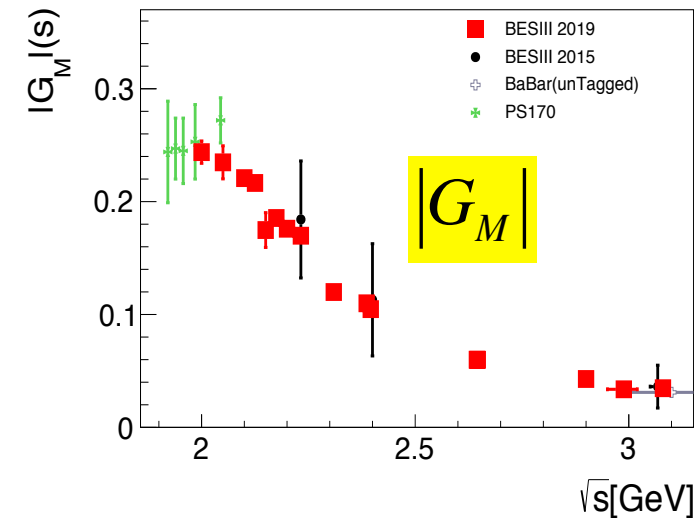
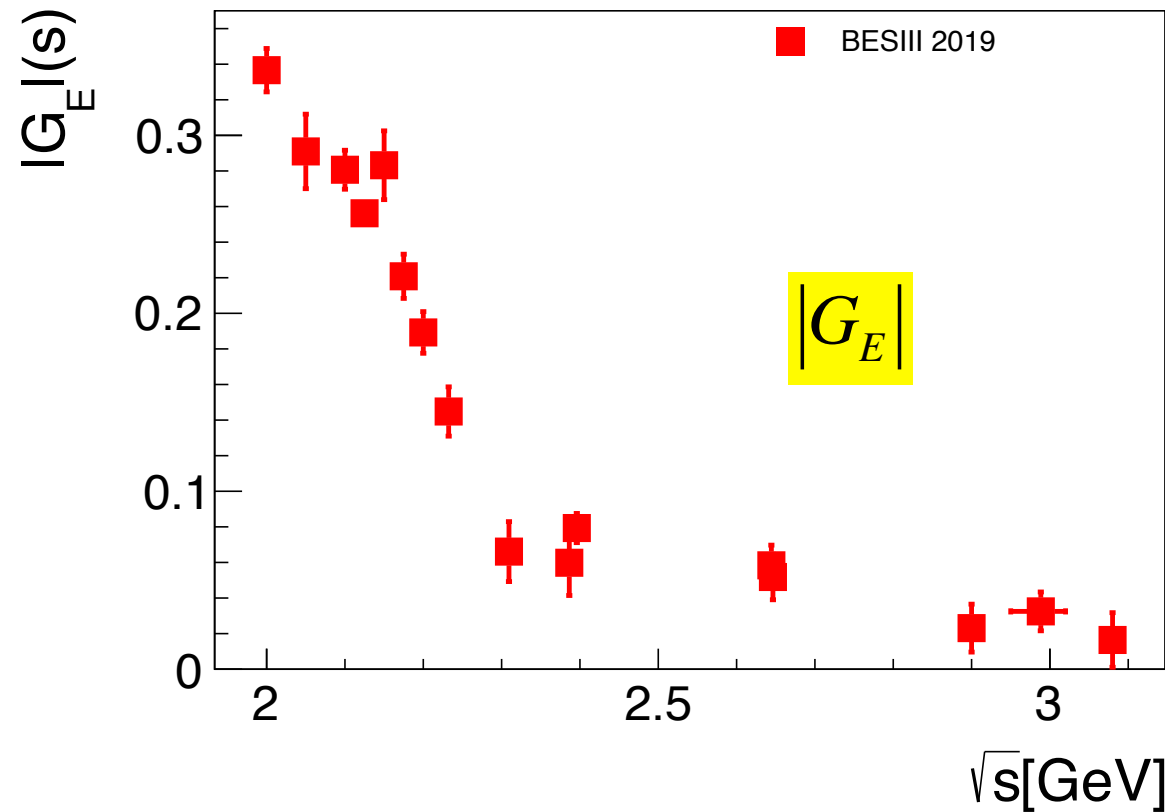


16 points out of 22, including
combining 4 at 2.981-3.02 GeV

First time:

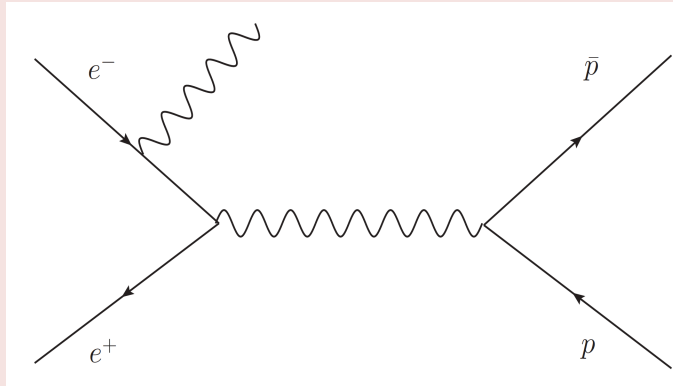
1. Precision **comparable** to data in SL region
2. $|G_M|$ over wide range with greatly **improved accuracy** (1.8-3.6%)





First time: 3. $|G_E|$ is measured

Proton FFs in ISR process



Untagged method (Phys. Rev. D 99, 092002 (2019))

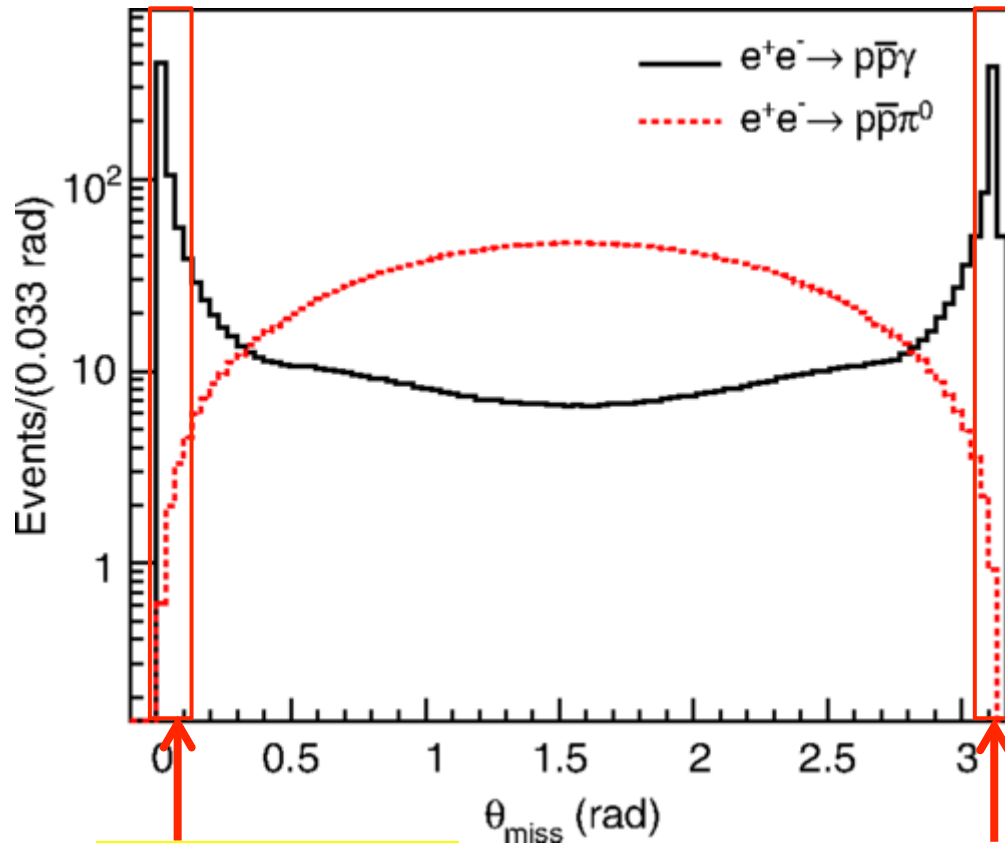
Datasets using:

E_{cm} (GeV)	3.773	4.009	4.230	4.260	4.360	4.420	4.600
Taking time	2010-2011	2011	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014
Lumi. (pb^{-1})	2917.00	481.96	1047.34	825.67	539.84	1028.89	566.93

Proton FFs at BESIII with ISR (Untagged)



Phys. Rev. D 99, 092002 (2019)



θ_{miss} : polar angle of miss momentum

\vec{p}_{miss} : miss momentum

$\vec{p}_{miss} =$

$$\vec{p}_{e^+} + \vec{p}_{e^-} - \vec{p}_p - \vec{p}_{\bar{p}}$$

$$\theta_{miss} < 0.125$$

$$\theta_{miss} > \pi - 0.125$$

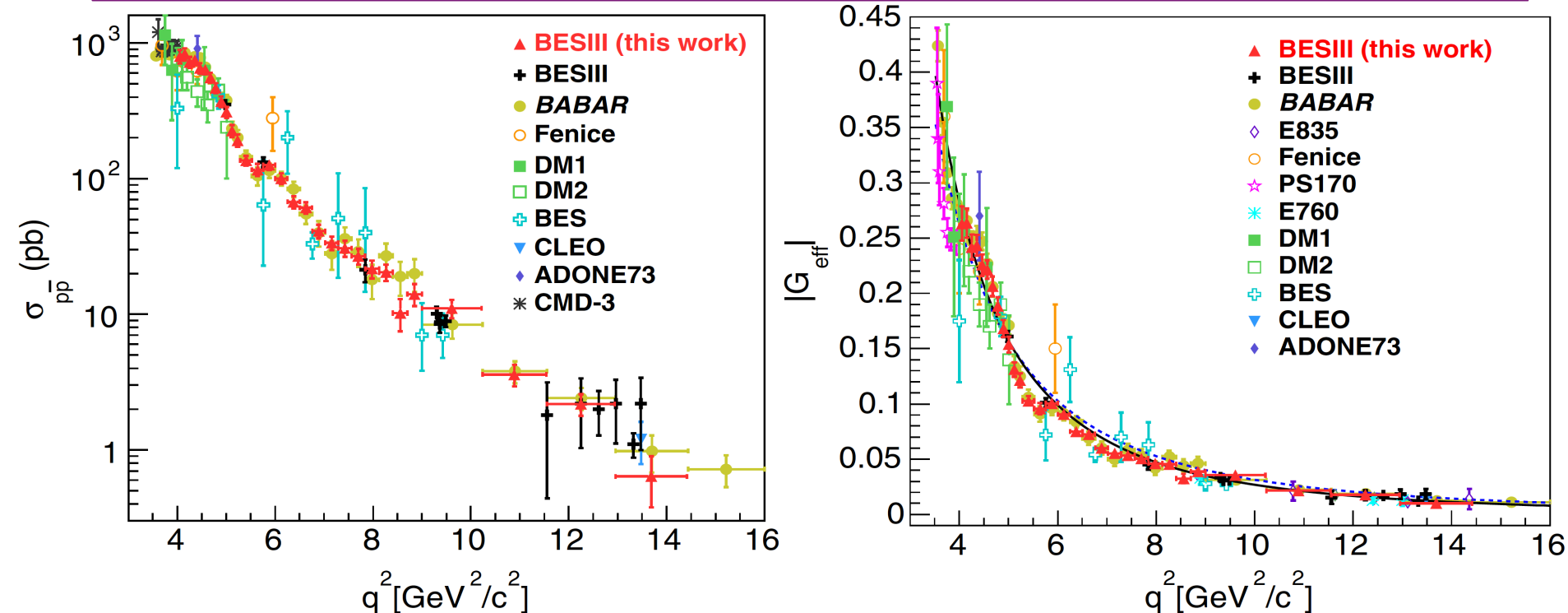
- Out of BESIII detector coverage: **untagged**
- Taking **large fraction** of ISR events

Proton FFs at BESIII with ISR (Untagged)



Phys. Rev. D 99, 092002 (2019)

Born cross section (left) and EF FF (right) at 30 intervals

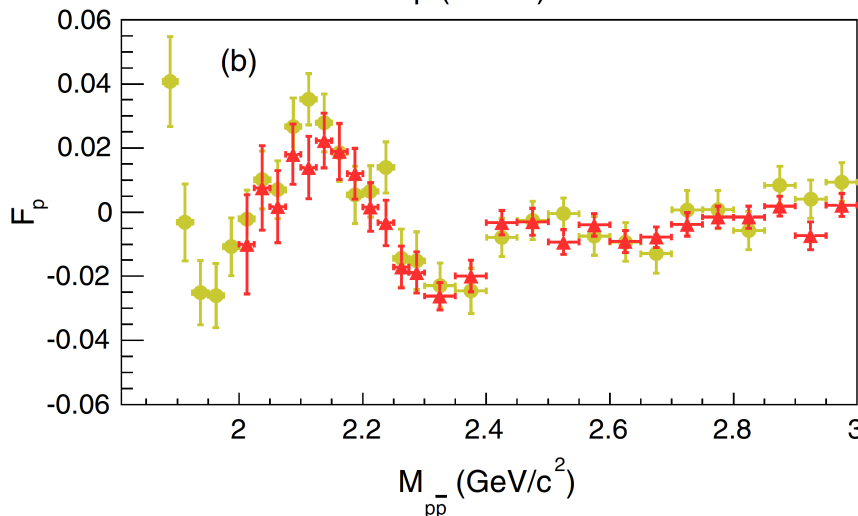
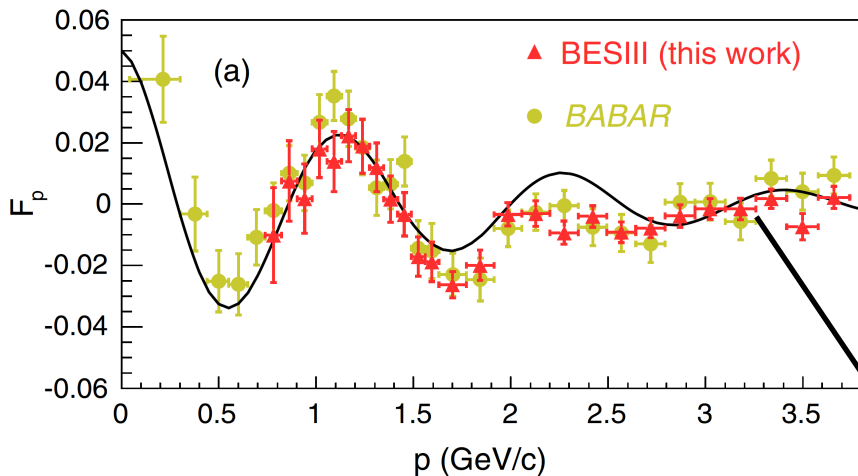


- **Consistent** with previous measurements
- Structures seen by Babar are **reproduced**

Proton FFs at BESIII with ISR (Untagged)



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Oscillation found in EF FF

- Especially more **obvious** in function of relative momentum of p and \bar{p}
- And **also** invariant mass of $p\bar{p}$
- After **subtraction** of smooth function

Black curve:

$$F_p = A^{osc} \exp(-B^{osc} p) \cos(C^{osc} p + D^{osc})$$

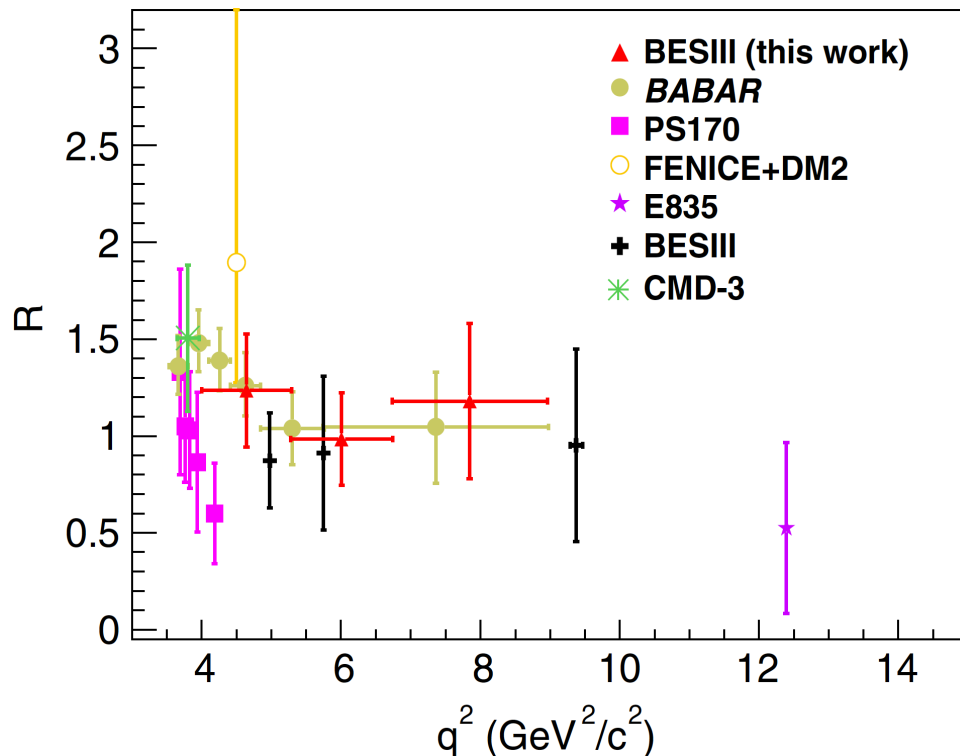
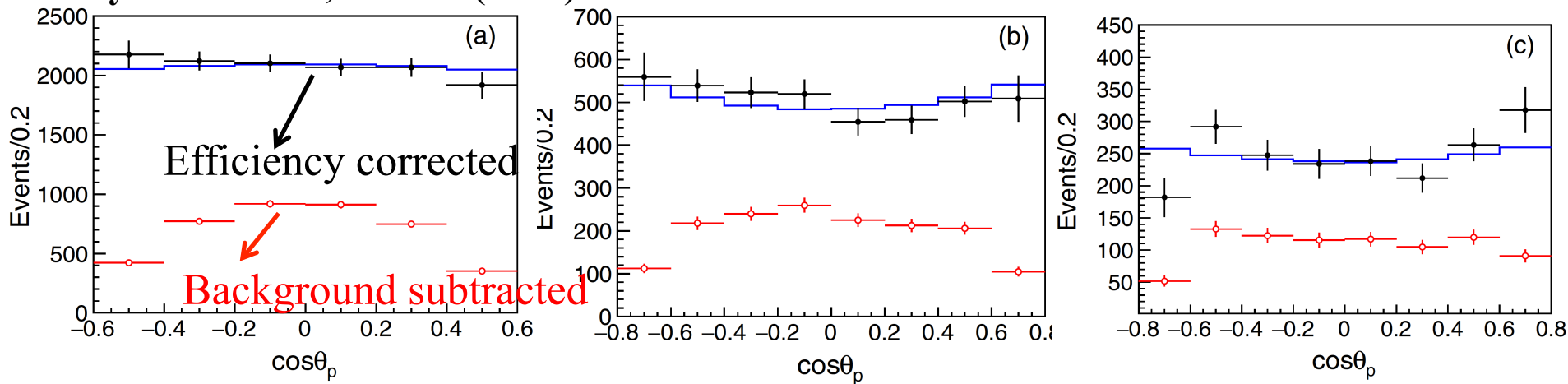
Origin of oscillation:

- Interference effect involving **rescattering** processes
- Or independent **resonant** structure
- Or **other** reasons

Proton FFs at BESIII with ISR (Untagged)



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R_{EM} at 3 intervals (GeV):
 [2.0-2.3], [2.3-2.6], [2.6-3.0]

Measurements below 2 GeV
 will be **further** studied using
 data below 3.773 GeV

Hyperon form factors

Measurements at threshold



Baryon born cross section:

$$\sigma_{born}(s) = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2\beta C}{3s} \left[|G_M(s)|^2 + \frac{1}{2\tau} |G_E(s)|^2 \right]$$
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta = \sqrt{1 - 4m^2/s} \\ \text{Neutral: } C = 1 \\ \text{Charged: } C = \frac{\pi\alpha}{\beta} \frac{1}{1 - \exp(-\pi\alpha/\beta)} \end{array} \right.$$

Expecting at threshold:

- For **neutral** baryon, cross section should almost **vanish**
 - And **increases** with \sqrt{s}
- For **charged** baryon, cross section is **non-zero**

Measurements near threshold:

- **Help** to understand the Coulomb factor when baryon pair produced, which is **not as expected** presently in many cases
 - And this factor may connect to the **dark matter search**
- **More deeply** to understand the baryon structure

$$\Lambda_c^+ \bar{\Lambda}_c^-$$

FFs near threshold at BESIII

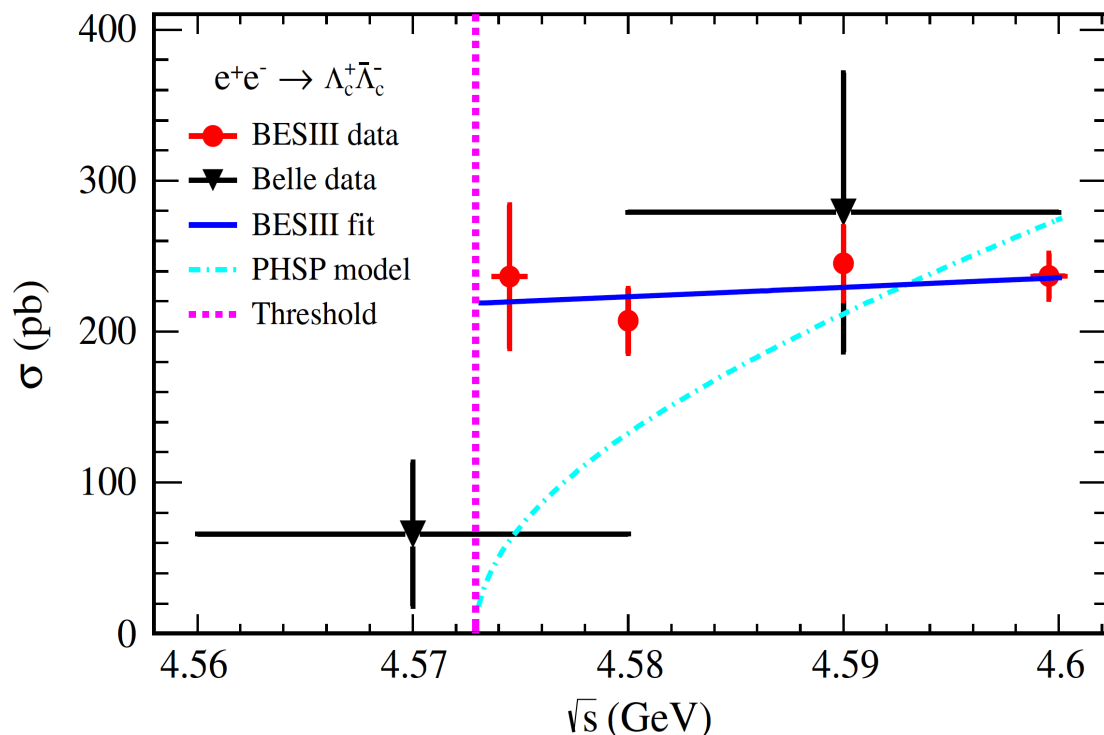


Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 132001 (2018)

$E_{CM} = 4.5745, 4.5800, 4.5900, 4.5995 \text{ GeV}$ 2011–2014

1.6 MeV above Λ_c

Have $|G_E/G_M|$ measured in this analysis



Largely improved precisions

Highlights enhanced cross section near threshold

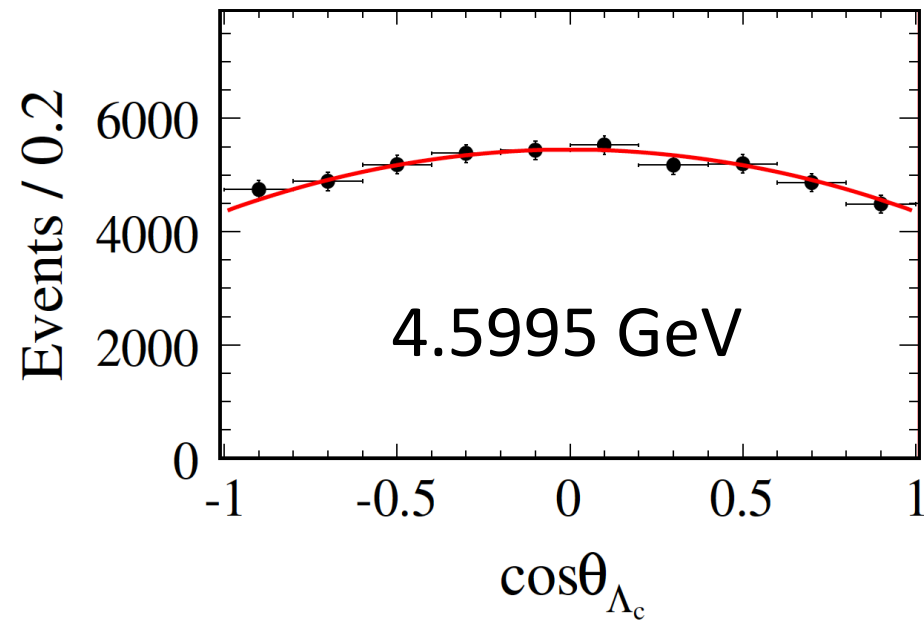
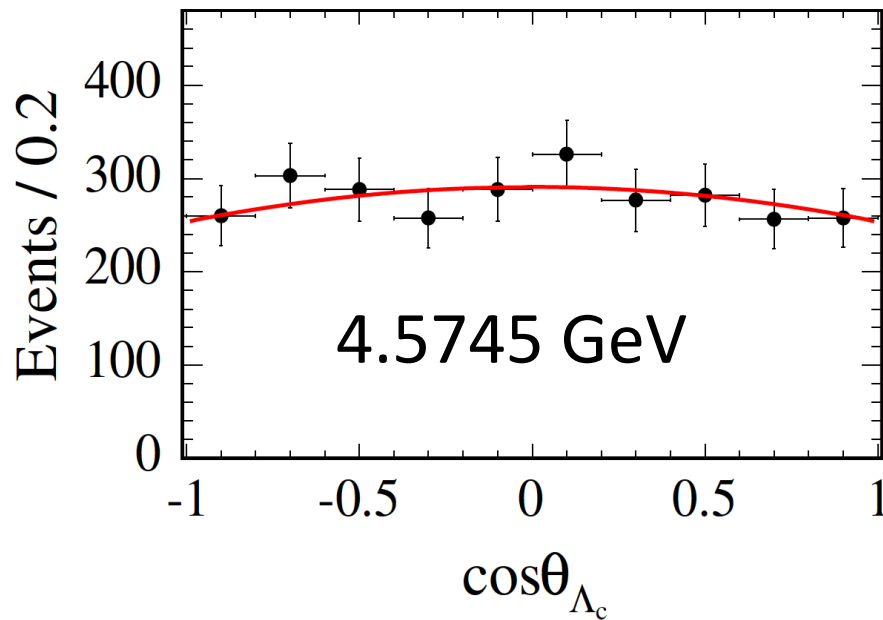
Indicates complex Λ_c production behavior

$$\Lambda_c^+ \bar{\Lambda}_c^-$$

FFs near threshold at BESIII



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



GeV	α_{Λ_c}	$ G_E/G_M $
4.5745	$-0.13 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.08$	$1.14 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.07$
4.5995	$-0.20 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.02$	$1.23 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.03$

$$f(\theta_{\Lambda_c}) \propto (1 + \alpha_{\Lambda_c} \cos^2 \theta_{\Lambda_c})$$

$$|G_E/G_M|^2 (1 - \beta^2)$$

$$= (1 - \alpha_{\Lambda_c}) / (1 + \alpha_{\Lambda_c})$$

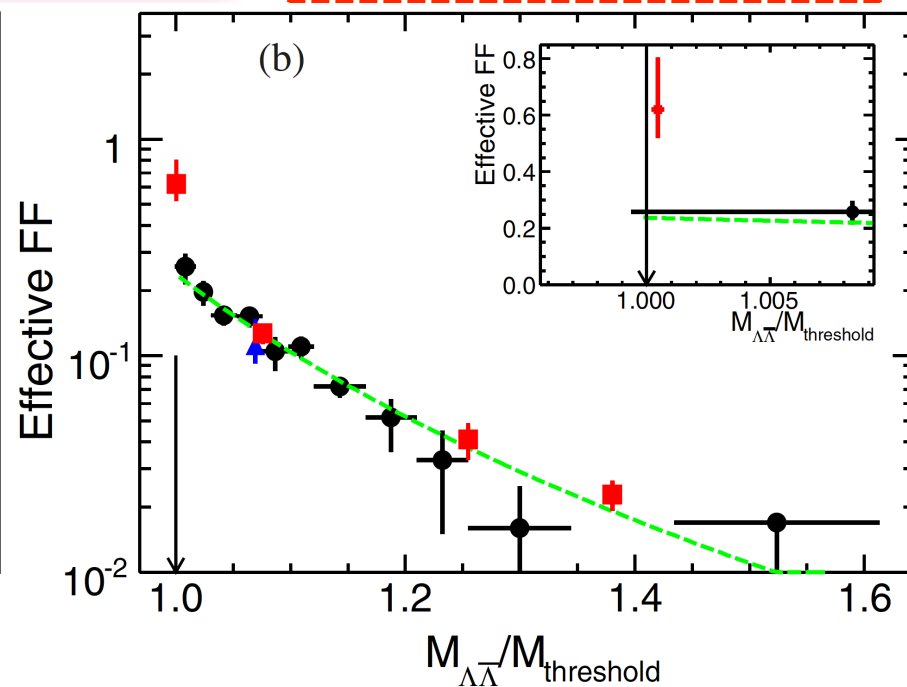
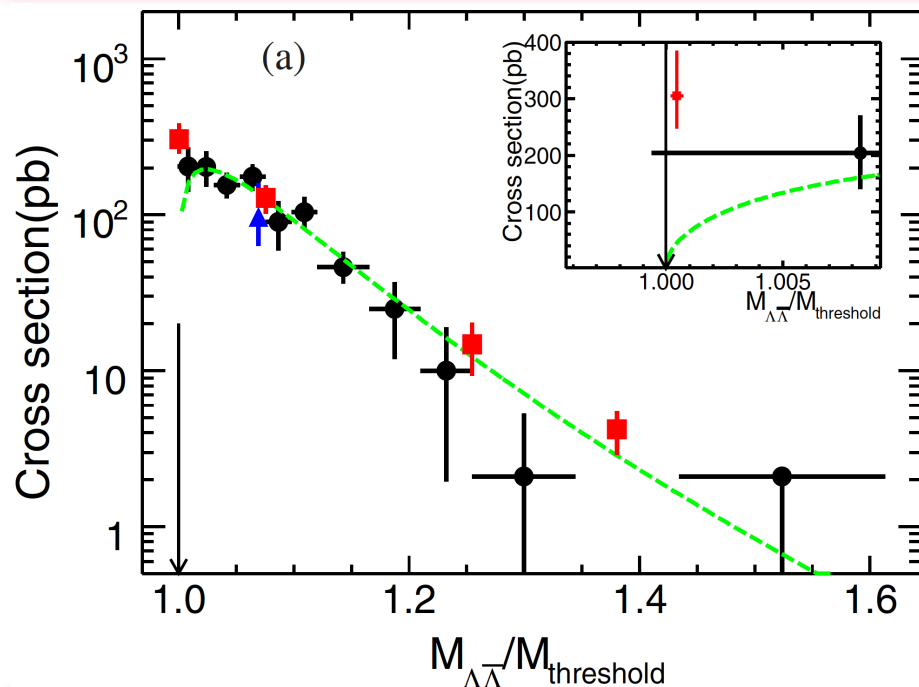
$|G_E/G_M|$ of Λ_c is the **first** measurement

Provide import **insights** into Λ_c production mechanism

Phys. Rev. D 97, 032013 (2018)

$$E_{CM} = 2.2324, 2.4, 2.8, 3.08 \text{ GeV}$$

2.2324 GeV
1.0 MeV above Λ



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- Cross section and EF FFs are measured **near threshold**
 - Helpful** in understanding the mechanism of baryon production



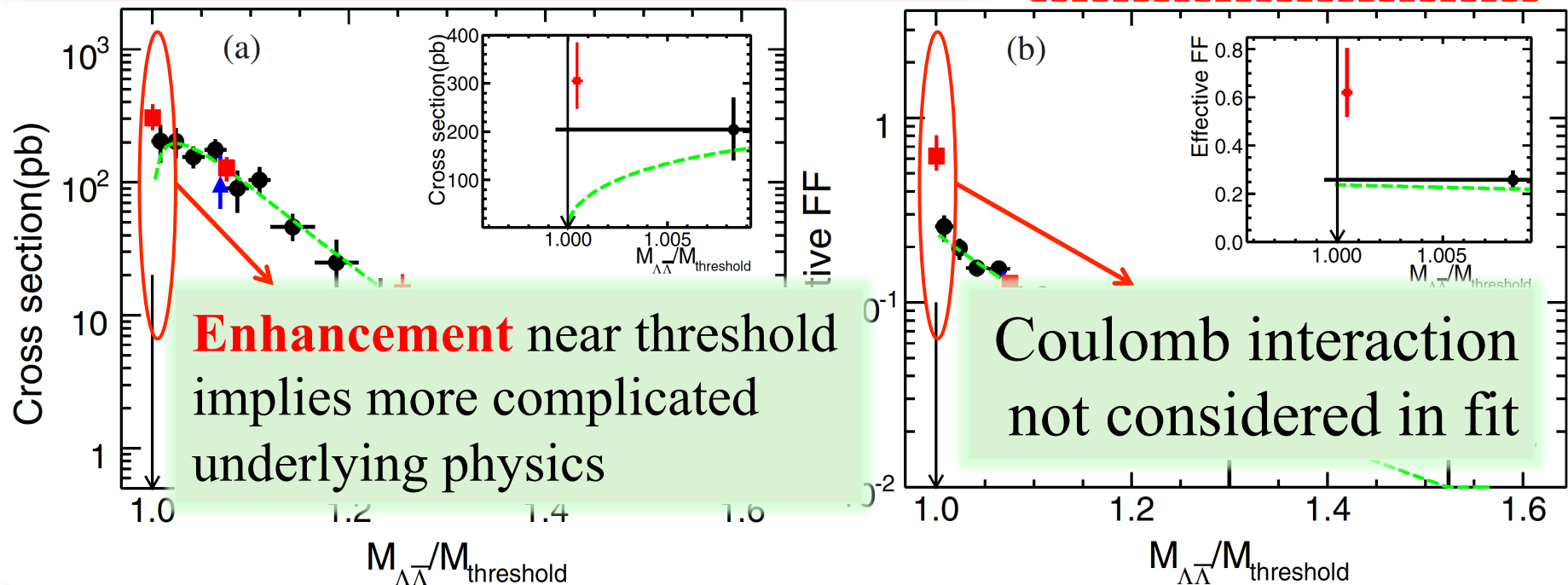
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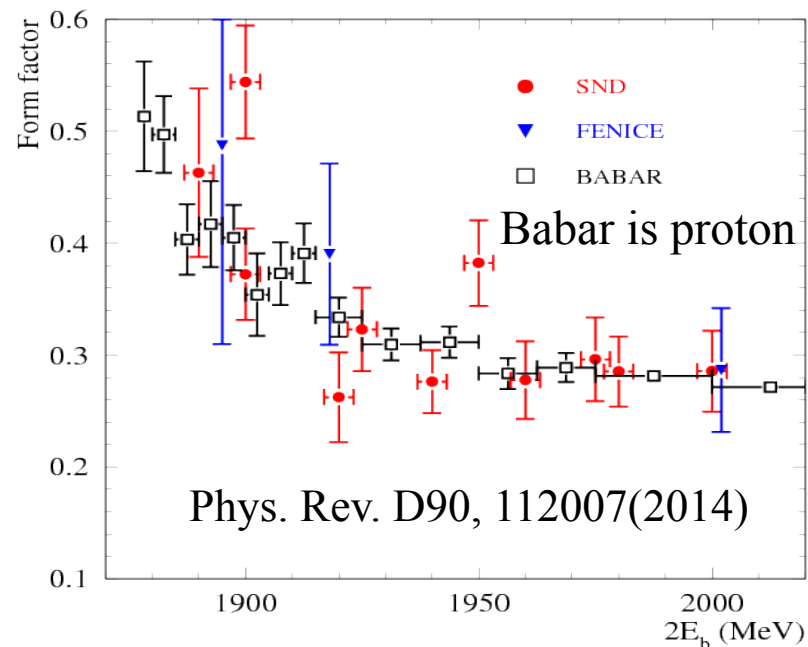
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Other results on baryon FFs

Neutron FFs at BESIII



- The **first results** obtained by FENICE 20 years ago
- **Confirmed by SND** recently in 2014
- **Compared to the proton** FFs from Babar
 - Similar distributions of proton and neutron



Prospects at BESIII: with data scanned in 2015

- First measurement at BESIII
- Between 2 and 3.08 GeV
- **High statistics**

Summary

- BESIII **already had** important results on baryon FFs measurements
- **Proton FFs:**
 - **Published** on scan and ISR untagged method
 - **Consistent** with previous measurements with **improved precisions**
- **Hyperon FFs:**
 - **Neutral** Λ and **charged** Λ_c^\pm nearby **threshold**
 - **Enhanced** cross section and FFs near threshold implies complicated underlying physics
- **Coming results:**
 - On **neutron**, Σ and

Thank you for your attention!

Back-up

Measurements of baryon FFs

Electromagnetic
FFs:

$$G_E(q^2) = F_1(q^2) + \frac{q^2}{4M_B} F_2(q^2)$$

Electric

$$G_M(q^2) = F_1(q^2) + F_2(q^2)$$

Magnetic

How to measure?  Angular analysis

SL:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{Mott} \left[G_E^2 + \frac{\tau}{\varepsilon} G_M^2 \right] \frac{1}{1 + \tau} \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \varepsilon = 1 / \left[1 + 2(1 + \tau) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right] \\ \tau = q^2 / (4M_B^2) \end{array} \right]$$

TL:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2 \beta \xi}{4q^2} \left[\frac{1}{\tau} \sin^2 \theta |G_E|^2 + (1 + \cos^2 \theta) |G_M|^2 \right] \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \beta = \sqrt{1 - 1/\tau} \\ \xi : \text{Coulomb} \\ \text{correction} \end{array} \right]$$

Results of proton form factors using data at 2.0-3.08 GeV

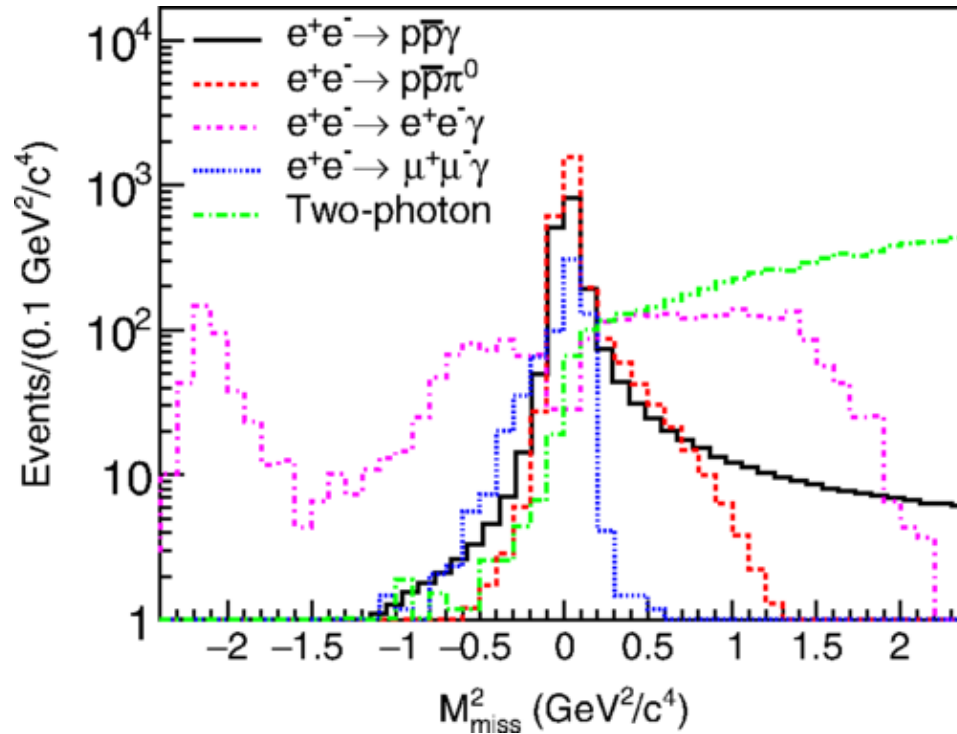
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$\sqrt{s}[\text{GeV}]$	$\mathcal{L}[\text{pb}^{-1}]$	N_{obs}	$\sigma_{\text{Born}}[\text{pb}]$	$ G_E/G_M $	$ G_E [\cdot 10^{-2}]$	$ G_M [\cdot 10^{-2}]$
2.0000	10.074 ± 0.067	5321	$841.3 \pm 11.5 \pm 24.8$	$1.38 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.03$	$33.66 \pm 1.23 \pm 0.31$	$24.38 \pm 0.99 \pm 0.26$
2.0500	3.343 ± 0.027	1703	$753.4 \pm 18.3 \pm 23.5$	$1.24 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.04$	$29.10 \pm 2.08 \pm 0.40$	$23.48 \pm 1.43 \pm 0.42$
2.1000	12.167 ± 0.085	5993	$712.6 \pm 9.2 \pm 21.4$	$1.27 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.02$	$28.07 \pm 1.10 \pm 0.31$	$22.08 \pm 0.74 \pm 0.17$
2.1250	108.490 ± 0.970	50312	$660.0 \pm 3.0 \pm 19.7$	$1.18 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.01$	$25.62 \pm 0.49 \pm 0.18$	$21.65 \pm 0.31 \pm 0.13$
2.1500	2.841 ± 0.024	1189	$588.8 \pm 17.1 \pm 17.8$	$1.62 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.06$	$28.32 \pm 1.89 \pm 0.46$	$17.48 \pm 1.51 \pm 0.37$
2.1750	10.625 ± 0.091	3762	$491.0 \pm 8.0 \pm 14.8$	$1.19 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.02$	$22.08 \pm 1.28 \pm 0.28$	$18.55 \pm 0.75 \pm 0.16$
2.2000	13.699 ± 0.092	4092	$411.6 \pm 6.4 \pm 12.3$	$1.08 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.02$	$18.93 \pm 1.20 \pm 0.28$	$17.60 \pm 0.63 \pm 0.12$
2.2324	14.501 ± 0.090	3644	$341.9 \pm 5.7 \pm 10.1$	$0.85 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.03$	$14.48 \pm 1.39 \pm 0.42$	$16.98 \pm 0.57 \pm 0.17$
2.3094	21.089 ± 0.143	2336	$148.0 \pm 3.1 \pm 5.7$	$0.55 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.02$	$6.61 \pm 1.72 \pm 0.25$	$11.99 \pm 0.44 \pm 0.14$
2.3864	22.549 ± 0.176	1851	$122.0 \pm 2.8 \pm 3.6$	$0.54 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.02$	$5.98 \pm 1.87 \pm 0.19$	$10.99 \pm 0.44 \pm 0.07$
2.3960	66.869 ± 0.475	5514	$121.9 \pm 1.6 \pm 3.6$	$0.76 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.02$	$7.93 \pm 0.86 \pm 0.21$	$10.48 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.07$
2.5000	1.098 ± 0.009	55	$77.9 \pm 10.5 \pm 4.1$	—	—	—
2.6444	33.722 ± 0.216	867	$39.7 \pm 1.3 \pm 1.2$	$0.97 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.05$	$5.84 \pm 1.13 \pm 0.24$	$5.99 \pm 0.37 \pm 0.11$
2.6464	34.003 ± 0.282	838	$38.2 \pm 1.3 \pm 1.2$	$0.87 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.04$	$5.18 \pm 1.30 \pm 0.21$	$5.99 \pm 0.37 \pm 0.11$
2.7000	1.034 ± 0.007	20	$29.8 \pm 6.7 \pm 1.6$	—	—	—
2.8000	4.761 ± 0.028	68	$22.0 \pm 2.7 \pm 1.0$	—	—	—
2.9000	105.253 ± 0.905	1010	$15.0 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.5$	$0.54 \pm 0.34 \pm 0.03$	$2.31 \pm 1.39 \pm 0.11$	$4.29 \pm 0.21 \pm 0.06$
2.9500	15.942 ± 0.143	118	$11.7 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.4$			
2.9810	16.071 ± 0.096	131	$12.9 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.5$			
3.0000	15.881 ± 0.110	92	$9.2 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.3$	$0.96 \pm 0.39 \pm 0.06$	$3.25 \pm 1.09 \pm 0.17$	$3.37 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.06$
3.0200	17.290 ± 0.123	97	$9.0 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.3$			
3.0800	157.204 ± 0.943	858	$9.0 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.3$	$0.47 \pm 0.45 \pm 0.04$	$1.64 \pm 1.53 \pm 0.12$	$3.47 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.03$

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$\sqrt{s} > 4\text{GeV}$:

$$-0.1 < M_{miss}^2 < 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$$

$\sqrt{s} = 3.773\text{GeV}$:

$$-0.02 < M_{miss}^2 < 0.10 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$$

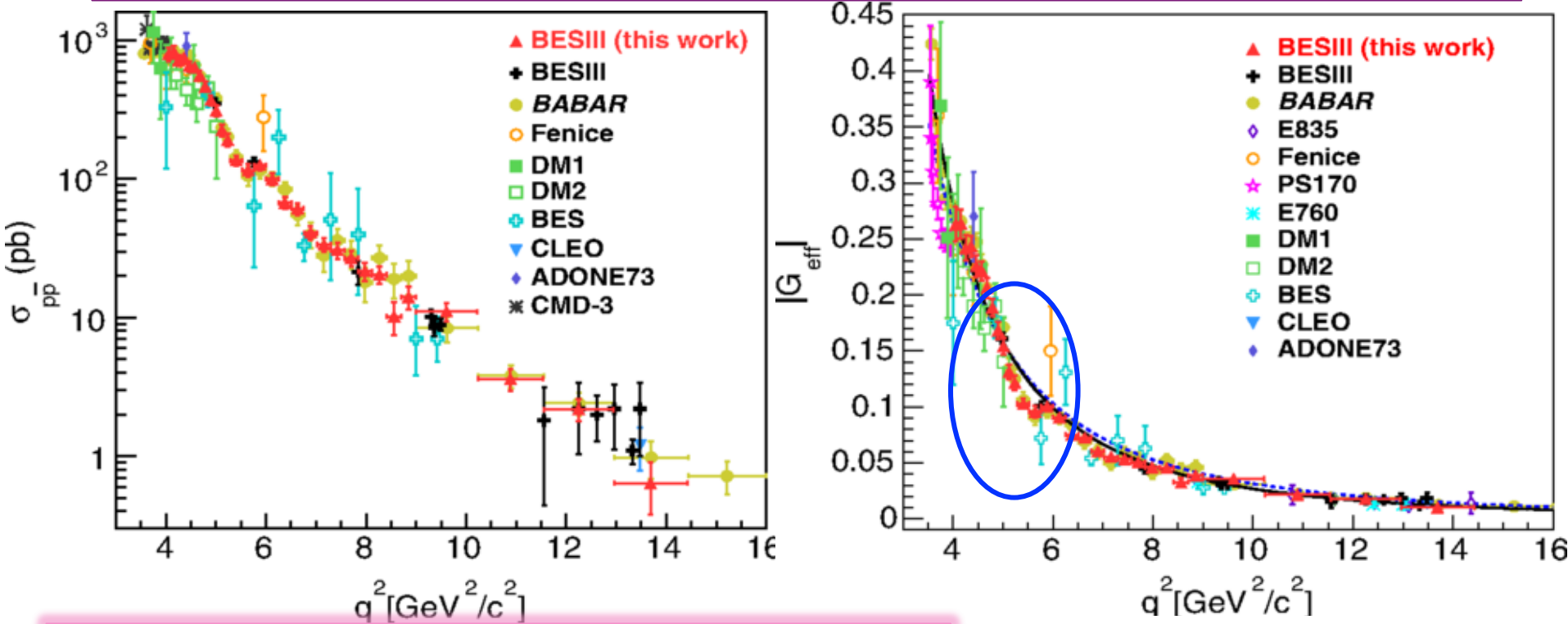
$$M_{miss}^2 = \left(p_{e^+} + p_{e^+} - p_p - p_{\bar{p}} \right)^2$$

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Born cross section (left) and EF FF (right) at 30 intervals



- Dashed blue curve, fit using QCD inspired parameterization
- Solid black curve, fit using systematic sinusoidal modulation

$$|G_{\text{eff}}| = \frac{\mathcal{A}_{\text{QCD}}}{q^4 [\log^2(q^2/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2) + \pi^2]}$$

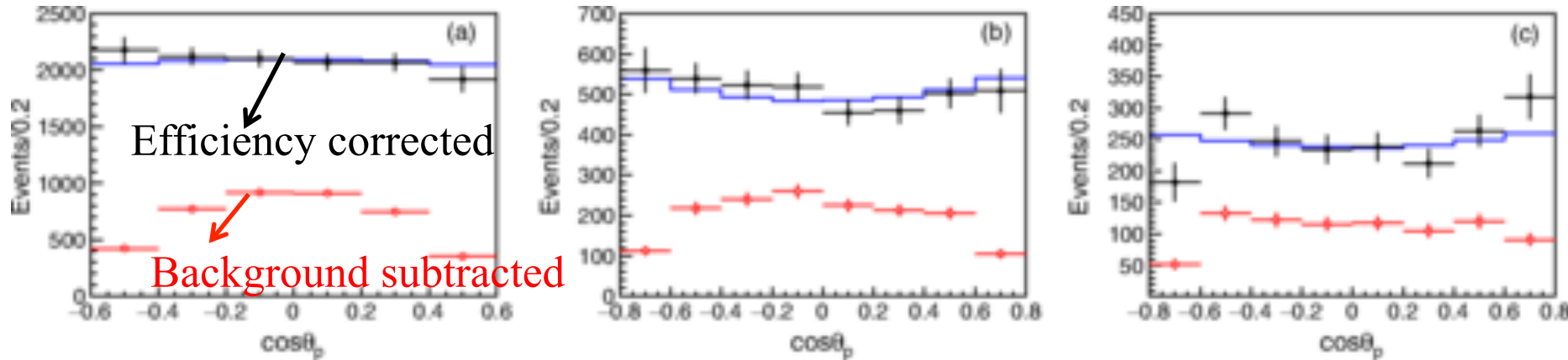
$$|G_{\text{eff}}| = \frac{\mathcal{A}}{(1 + q^2/m_a^2)[1 - q^2/q_0^2]^2}$$

$$q_0^2 = 0.71 \text{ (GeV}/c)^2,$$

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$$\frac{dN}{d\cos\theta_p} = A \left(H_M(\cos\theta_p, M_{p\bar{p}}) + R^2 H_E(\cos\theta_p, M_{p\bar{p}}) \right)$$

$$H_M(\cos\theta_p, M_{p\bar{p}}), H_E(\cos\theta_p, M_{p\bar{p}})$$

are obtained by MC by set $G_E = 0$ and $G_M = 0$, respectively.

- Denote magnetic and electric contributions to angular distribution

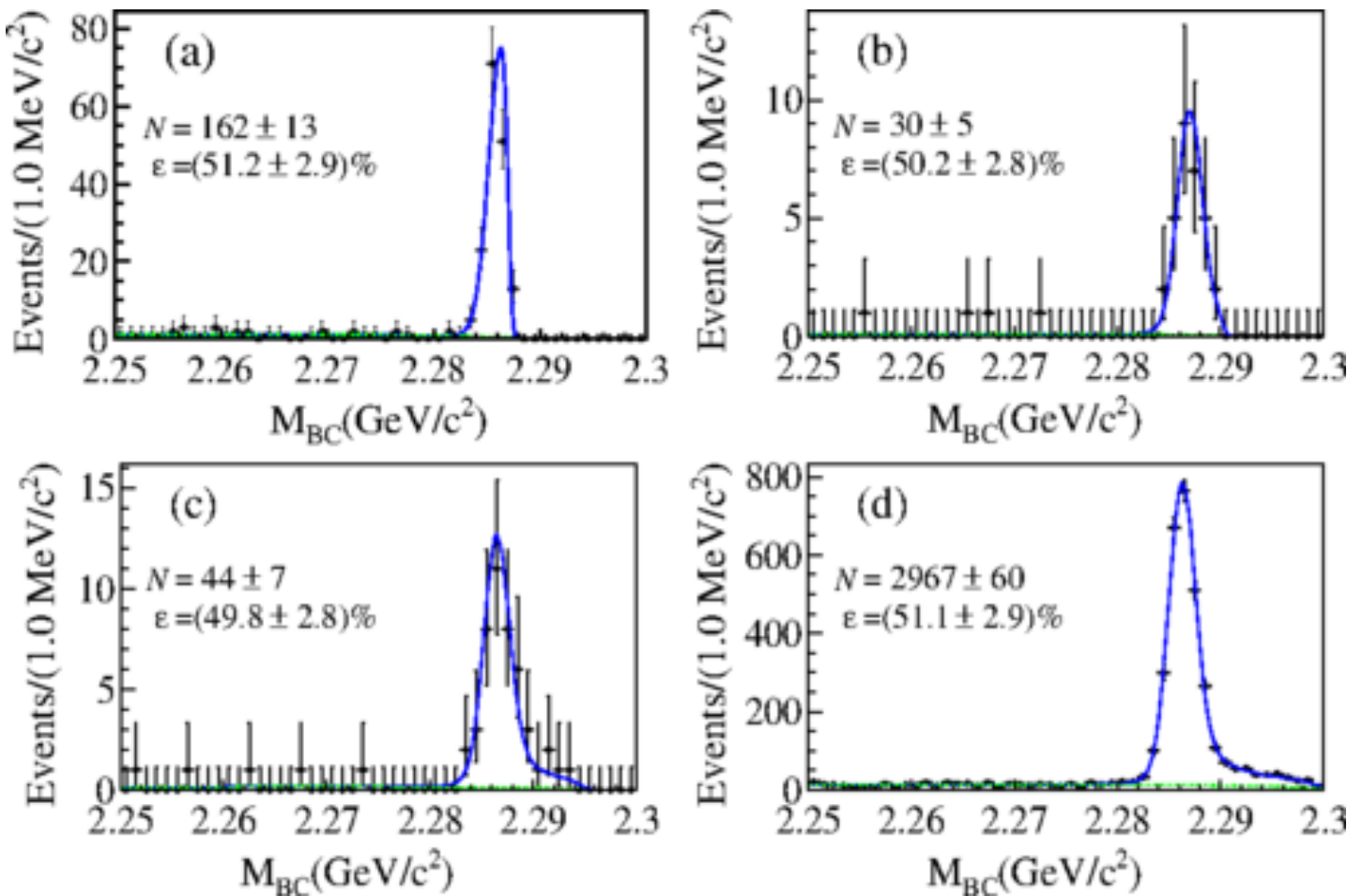
$$\Lambda_c^+ \bar{\Lambda}_c^-$$

FFs near threshold at BESIII



Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 132001 (2018) $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^- \pi^+, pK_S^0, \Lambda \pi^+, pK^- \pi^+ \pi^0, pK_S^0 \pi^0,$

Decay modes: $\Lambda \pi^+ \pi^0, pK_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-, \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-, \Sigma^0 \pi^+, \Sigma^+ \pi^+$



$$M_{BC} = \sqrt{E_{beam}^2 - p_{\Lambda_c}^2}$$