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Recent Results of Baryon Electromagnetic Form Factors at BESIII

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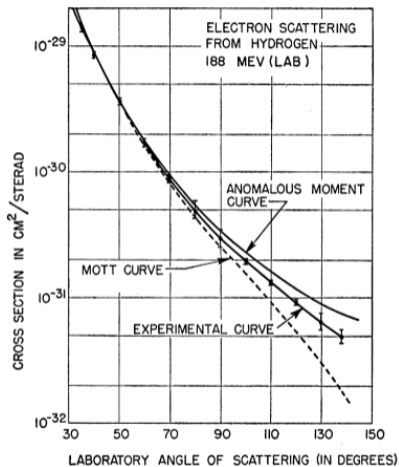
— 莊周《莊子·天下》

A chi-long stick, cut in half every day,
will never be exhausted in myriad ages.

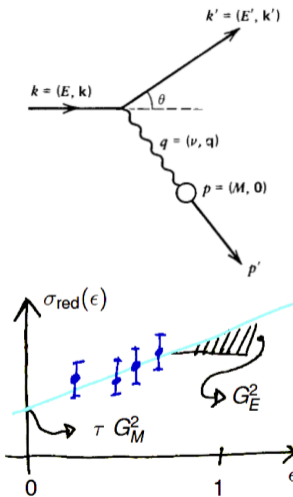
— “Chuang-Tzu · All-Under-Heaven”

by Chuang Chou

Experiment of Electron Proton Scattering



Phys. Rev. **98** (1955) 217.



Robert Hofstadter

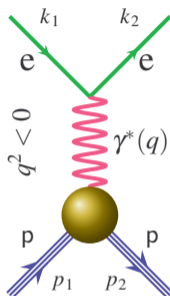
The Nobel Prize
in Physics 1961

- The differential cross section of ep scattering indicates that **proton is not charged point-like particle**,
- The shape (or internal structure) of proton might be described by the form factors.

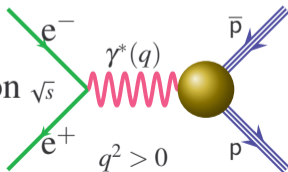
R. Hofstadter and R. McAllister, Phys. Rev. **98** (1955) 217; R. Hofstadter, Rev. Mod. Phys. **28** (1956) 214; R. Hofstadter, F. Bumiller and M. R. Yearian, Rev. Mod. Phys. **30** (1958) 482.

Electromagnetic Form Factors of Proton

Elastic
Scattering



Annihilation



★ **Spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ baryons: two form factors**

★ Assuming **one photon exchange**:

$$\mathcal{M} = -\frac{e^2}{q^2} j_{e\mu} j_p^\mu$$

★ **Hadronic current**:

$$j_p^\mu = \bar{u}(p_2) \left[\gamma^\mu F_1(q^2) + \frac{i\kappa\sigma^{\mu\nu}q_\nu}{2m_p} F_2(q^2) \right] u(p_1)$$

★ Sachs form factors:

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

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

★ Elastic scattering: $e^- p \rightarrow e^- p$

Space-Like (SL) region:

$$q^2 \simeq -2E_e E'_e (1 - \cos \theta_e) < 0$$

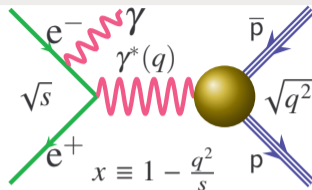
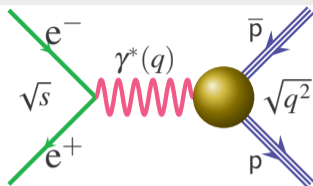
★ Annihilation: $e^+ e^- \leftrightarrow p \bar{p}$

Time-Like (TL) region:

$$q^2 = s = M_{p\bar{p}}^2 > 0$$

κ is the anomalous magnetic moment

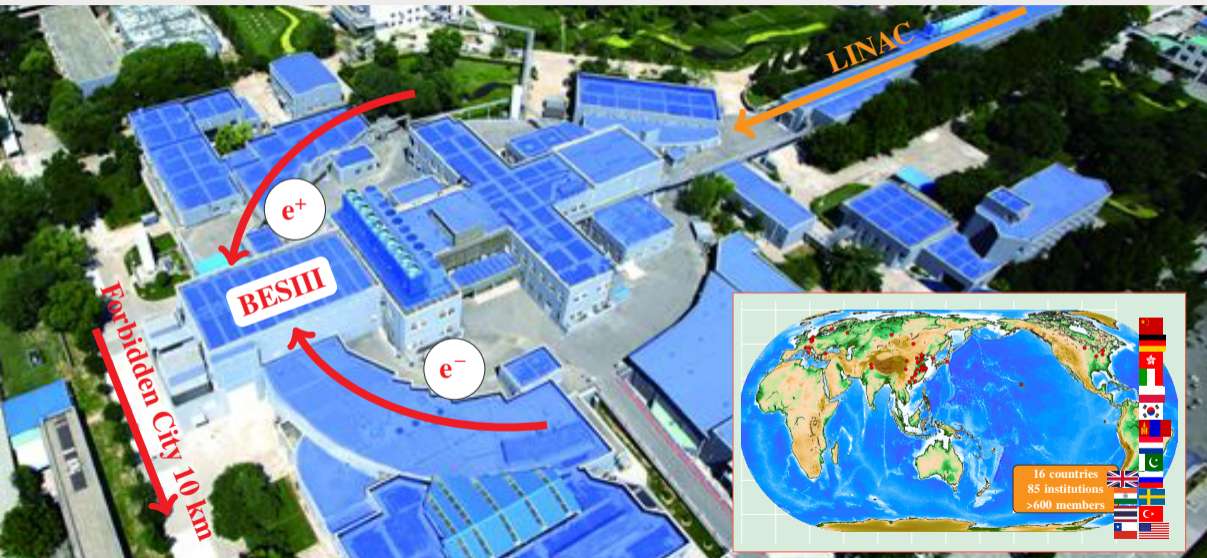
Measure the Form Factors at an e^+e^- Collider



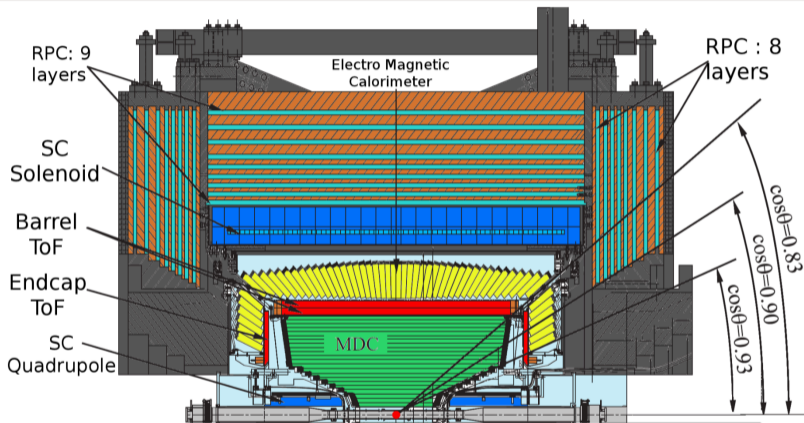
	Energy Scan	Initial State Radiation
\sqrt{s}	discrete	fixed
\mathcal{L}	low at each beam energy	high at one beam energy
σ	$\frac{d\sigma_{p\bar{p}}}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{\pi\alpha^2\beta C}{2q^2} [G_M ^2(1 + \cos^2\theta) + \frac{4m_p^2}{q^2} G_E ^2 \sin^2\theta]$	$\frac{d\sigma_{p\bar{p}\gamma}}{dq^2} = \frac{1}{s} W(s, x) \sigma_{p\bar{p}}(q^2)$ $W(s, x) = \frac{\alpha}{\pi x} (\ln \frac{s}{m_e^2} - 1)(2 - 2x + x^2)$
q^2	single at each beam energy	from threshold to s
	BESIII, CMD-3, ...	BaBar, BESIII, Belle, Belle-II, ...

ISR suppression factor: $\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \sim \frac{1}{400}$

Beijing Electron Positron Collider II (BEPCII)



BESIII Spectrometer on BEPCII



BESIII detector: 93% coverage

$\sqrt{s} \sim 2.0 (1.8) - 4.965 \text{ GeV}$, $\mathcal{L} \sim 1.0 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (design)

MUC

$$\delta z \sim 5 \text{ cm}, \delta r \sim 3 \text{ cm}$$

EMC

$$\frac{\delta E}{E} < 2.5\% / \sqrt{E},$$

$$\delta d \sim 0.6\sqrt{E} \text{ cm}$$

ToF

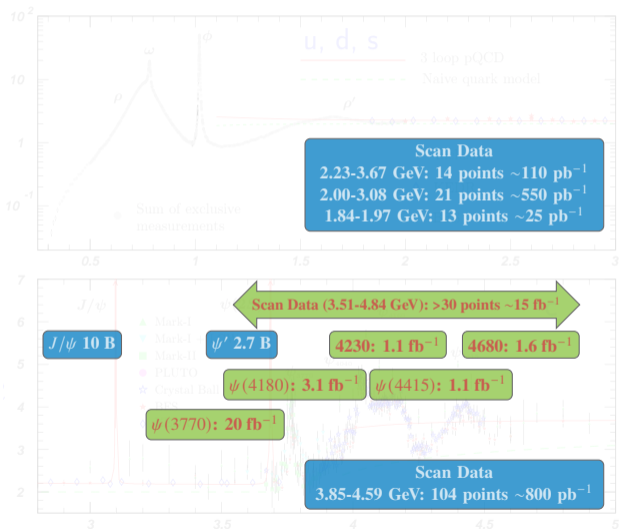
$$\delta t \sim 70 \text{ ps (Barrel)},$$

$$\delta t \sim (110)60 \text{ ps (Endcap)}$$

MDC

$$\frac{\delta p}{p} < 0.5\%, \quad \frac{\delta(dE/dx)}{dE/dx} < 6\%$$

Electron Positron Annihilation Data at BESIII



Physics Quantities Measured

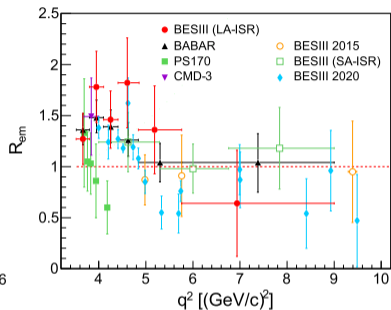
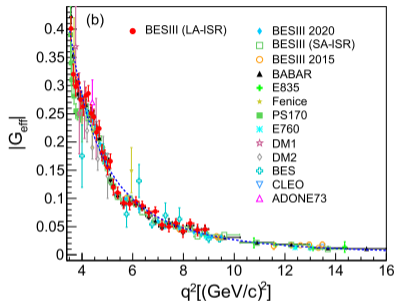
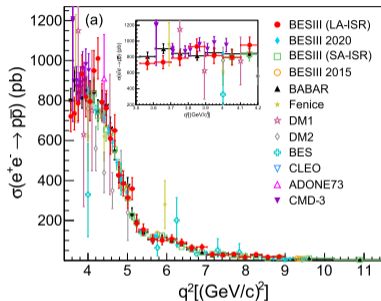
- Differential **cross section** of $e^+e^- \rightarrow B\bar{B}$ (spin- $\frac{1}{2}$):

$$\frac{d\sigma_{B\bar{B}}}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{\pi\alpha^2\beta C}{2q^2} [|G_M|^2(1 + \cos^2\theta) + \frac{4m_B^2}{q^2} |G_E|^2 \sin^2\theta],$$
- **Electromagnetic form factors** (EMFFs):
 $|G_E|$, $|G_M|$ and relative phase $\Delta\Phi$ ($\Im m [G_E G_M^*]$),
- **Effective FF** (total cross section):

$$|G_{\text{eff}}| = \sqrt{\frac{2\tau |G_M|^2 + |G_E|^2}{2\tau + 1}},$$
- **Polarization** of hyperon is self-analyzing:

$$\mathcal{P}_y = -\frac{\sin 2\theta \Im m [G_E(s) G_M^*(s)] / \sqrt{\tau}}{|G_E(s)|^2 \sin^2\theta / \tau + |G_M(s)|^2 (1 + \cos^2\theta)},$$

Proton Electromagnetic Form Factors

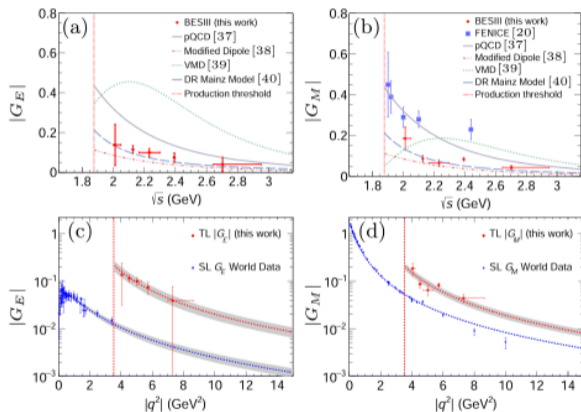


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- Proton EMFFs have been measured through both direct annihilation and ISR return methods: [PLB **817** \(2021\) 136328](#), [PRL **124** \(2020\) 042001](#) and [PRD **99** \(2019\) 092002](#),
- Wide q^2 region from the $p\bar{p}$ threshold up to 14 GeV^2 ,
- Most precise measurements on the ratio $\left(\left|\frac{G_E}{G_M}\right|\right)$ at 2.125 GeV with direct annihilation,
- Measurements of proton EMFFs below 4 GeV^2 through ISR-tagged method.

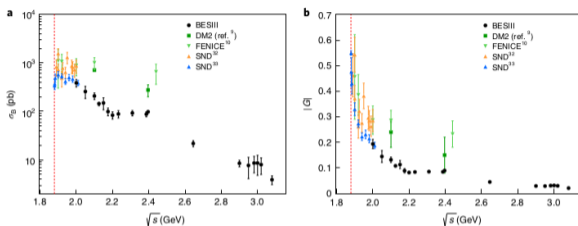
direct annihilation 2.00 - 3.08 GeV
ISR return th. - 3.8 GeV (by data at $\sqrt{s} \geq 3.773 \text{ GeV}$)

Neutron Electromagnetic Form Factors



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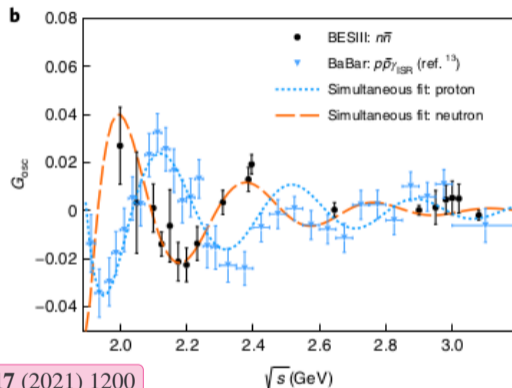
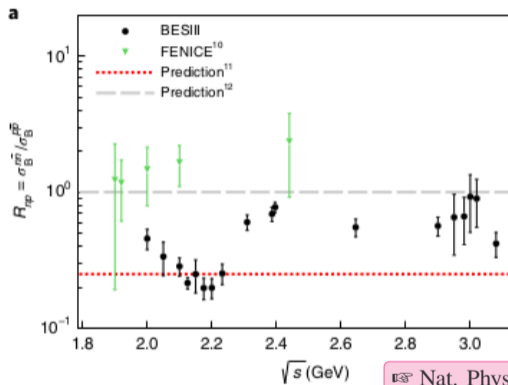
First measurements for $|G_E|$ and $|G_M|$ of neutron in TL region



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- High precision of the neutron EMFFs measurements in a wide q^2 region,
- Very difficult to select the pure neutral final states,
- First time ever to extract the individual $|G_E|$ and $|G_M|$ of neutron in TL region,
- Direct annihilation with data at $\sqrt{s} = 2.0 - 3.08$ GeV.

Nucleon Pair Production through the e^+e^- Annihilation



- The coupling strength of $\gamma^* p\bar{p}$ and $\gamma^* n\bar{n}$ is varied with different \sqrt{s} , which is differed from any naïve prediction models,
- Oscillation of residual $|G_{\text{eff}}|$ observed in neutron with a phase orthogonal to that of proton.

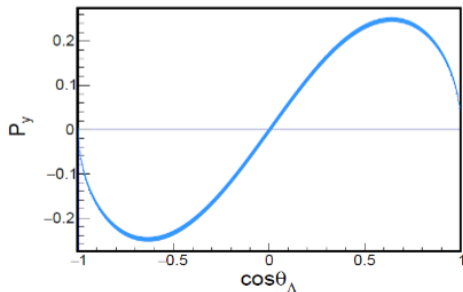
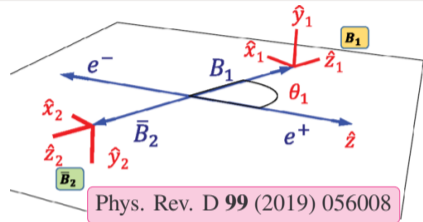
From Nucleon to Hyperon

- Difficult to measure the hyperons EMFFs in the Space-Like region due to the unstable of hyperon either as target or beam,
- Access their EMFFs in the TL region via pair production of hyperons in the e^+e^- annihilation,
- **Advantage:** self-analyzing of the polarization of hyperons,

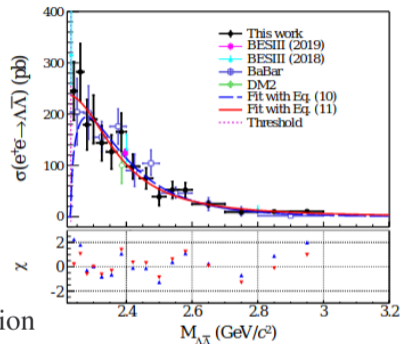
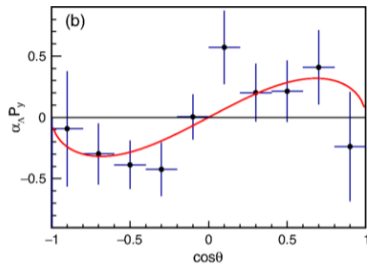
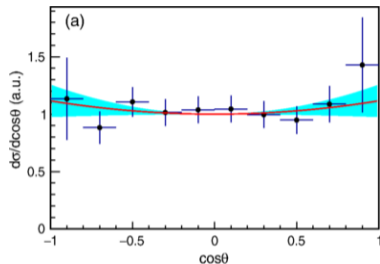
$$\mathcal{P}_y = -\frac{\sin 2\theta \Im[G_E(s)G_M^*(s)]/\sqrt{\tau}}{|G_E(s)|^2 \sin^2 \theta/\tau + |G_M(s)|^2 (1+\cos^2 \theta)},$$

- Extract the relative phase between G_E and G_M of the hyperons,
- The threshold is accessible benefited the decay of the hyperons.

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EMFFs of Λ Hyperon at BESIII



- The EMFFs of Λ hyperon are studied through direct annihilation and ISR (tagged) methods at BESIII,
- The cross sections (effective FF) are measured in a wide q^2 range,
- The ratio and relative phase of Λ EMFFs at $\sqrt{s} = 2.396$ GeV:

$$\left| \frac{G_E}{G_M} \right| = 0.96 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.02, \quad \Delta\Phi = 37^\circ \pm 12^\circ \pm 6^\circ.$$

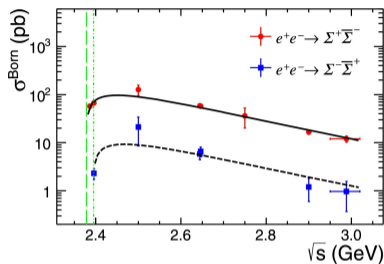
direct annihilation 2.2324 - 3.08 GeV
ISR (tagged) return th. - 3.0 GeV (by data at $\sqrt{s} \geq 3.773$ GeV)

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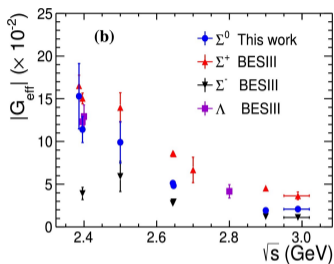
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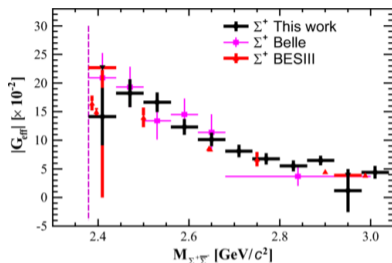
EMFFs of Σ Hyperon at BESIII



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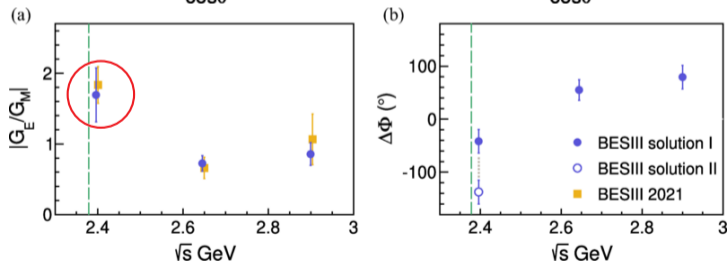
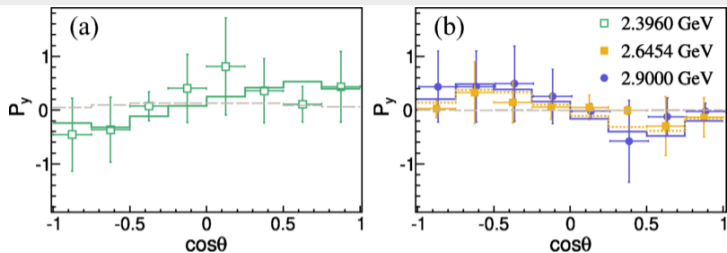


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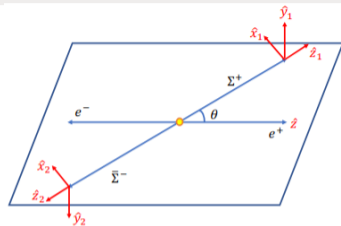
- Isospin triplet of strange hyperons: Σ^- (dds), Σ^+ (uus) and Σ^0 (uds),
- EMFFs of all the three hyperons are measured via direct annihilation,
- An ISR measurement is also performed for the Σ^+ EMFFs study,
- Cross section for the isospin triplet roughly: $(9.7 \pm 1.3) : (3.3 \pm 0.7) : 1$.

direct annihilation for Σ^\pm and Σ^0 2.3864 - 3.02 GeV
ISR (untagged) return for Σ^+ th. - 3.0 GeV (by data at $\sqrt{s} \geq 3.773$ GeV)

Determine the $\Sigma^+(uus)$ EMFFs Completely



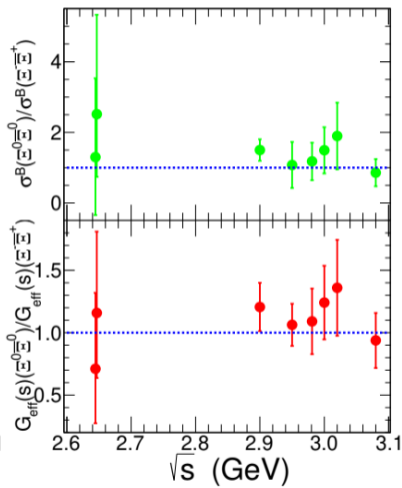
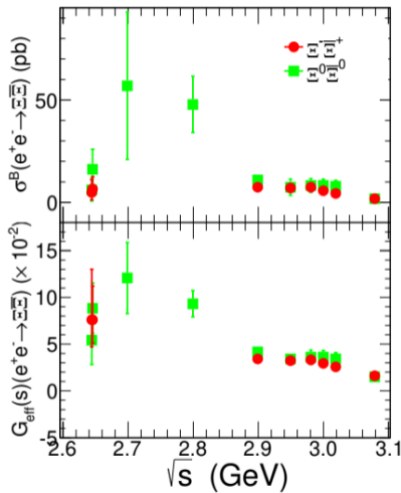
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$$\mathcal{W}(\xi) \propto \mathcal{F}_0(\xi) + \alpha\mathcal{F}_5(\xi) + \alpha_1\alpha_2 \left[\mathcal{F}_1(\xi) + \sqrt{1-\alpha^2}\cos(\Delta\Phi)\mathcal{F}_2(\xi) + \alpha\mathcal{F}_6(\xi) \right] + \sqrt{1-\alpha^2}\sin(\Delta\Phi) [-\alpha_1\mathcal{F}_3(\xi) + \alpha_2\mathcal{F}_4(\xi)]$$

- Joint angular distribution in the reaction of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Sigma^+\bar{\Sigma}^- (\rightarrow p\pi^0\bar{p}\pi^0)$,
- **Unpolarized, correlated and polarized,**
- Determine the **ratio** and **relative phase** of Σ^+ EMFFs for the first time.

Cross Section and Effective FF of Ξ Hyperon – Two Valence s -Quarks

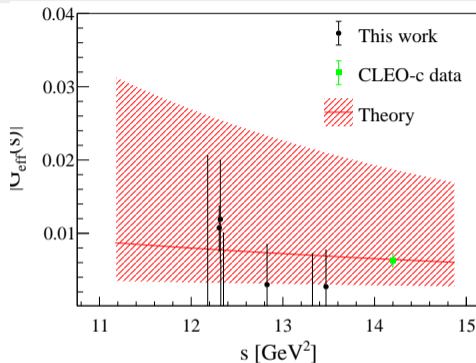
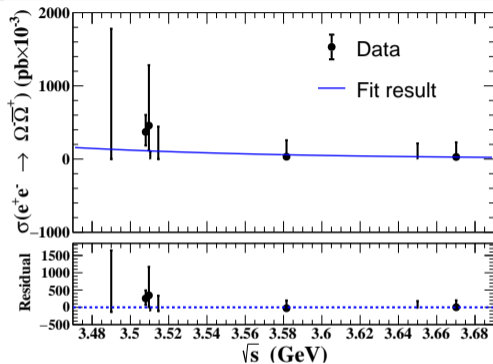


- Cross sections of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Xi\bar{\Xi}$ are measured via direct annihilation with data at $\sqrt{s} = 2.644 - 3.08$ GeV,
- Limited statistics for the points close to the threshold,
- The ratio of Born cross section and effective FF (G_{eff}) of the two channels are within 1σ of the expectation of isospin symmetry.

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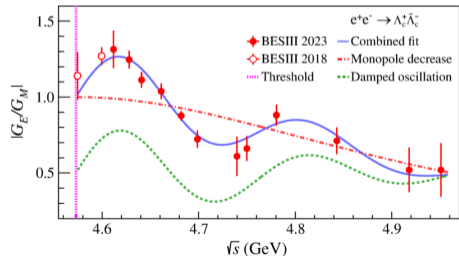
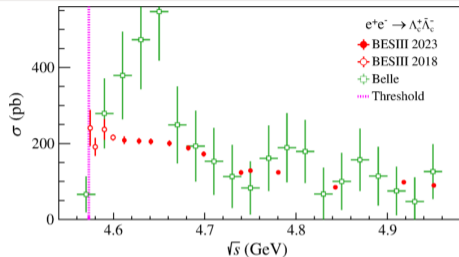
EMFFs of Ω Hyperon – Three Valence s -Quarks



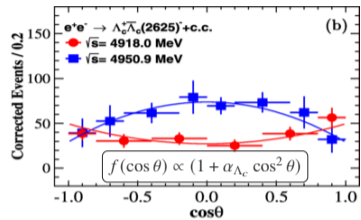
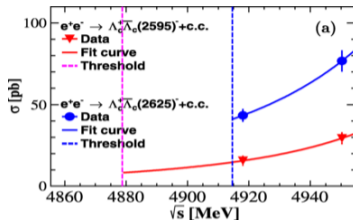
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- Hyperon Ω : three valence s -quarks and spin- $\frac{3}{2}$ baryon,
- Four FFs to describe the $\gamma^* \Omega^- \bar{\Omega}^+$ vertex, electric charge ($|G_{E0}|$), magnetic dipole ($|G_{M1}|$), electric quadrupole ($|G_{E2}|$), and magnetic octupole ($|G_{M3}|$),
- Upper limits of effective FF are obtained from the measurements of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Omega^- \bar{\Omega}^+$ with data at $\sqrt{s}=3.49 - 3.67$ GeV.

EMFFs of the Lightest Charmed Baryon Λ_c



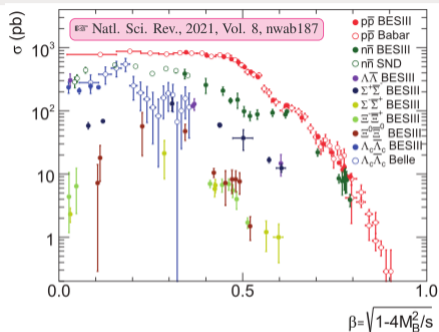
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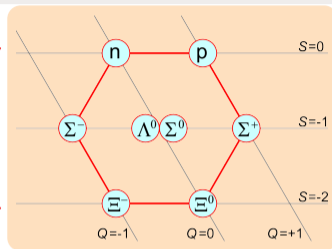
- Cross section, FFs ($|G_E|$, $|G_M|$) and their ratio ($\frac{G_E}{G_M}$) of charmed baryon Λ_c are extracted with data at $\sqrt{s} = 4.64 - 4.95 \text{ GeV}$,
- Oscillation of energy-depended ratio is observed for the first time,
- Measurement on $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{\Lambda}_c(2595)^- (\bar{\Lambda}_c(2625)^-) + c.c.$ is performed, final states have different spin combinations: $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{2}$,
- Sign of the angular parameter α_{Λ_c} is flipped between two very close energies for $\bar{\Lambda}_c(2625)^-$.

The Status of the Baryons EMFFs

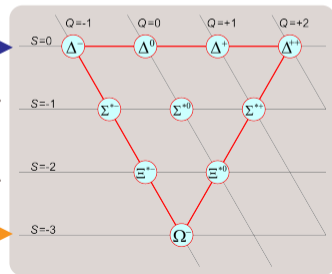


Channel	Status		Experiments
	Scan	ISR	
$p\bar{p}$	★★★★	★★★	BESIII, BABAR, CMD-3
$n\bar{n}$	★★★	✗	BESIII, SND
$\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$	★★★	★★	BESIII, BABAR, CLEO-c
$\Sigma\bar{\Sigma}$	★★★★	★★	BESIII, BABAR, CLEO-c
$\Xi\bar{\Xi}$	★★	✗	BESIII, CLEO-c
$\Omega\bar{\Omega}$	★	✗	BESIII, CLEO-c
$\Lambda_c\bar{\Lambda}_c$	★★	★	BESIII, Belle II

Many measurements available



Difficult to measure



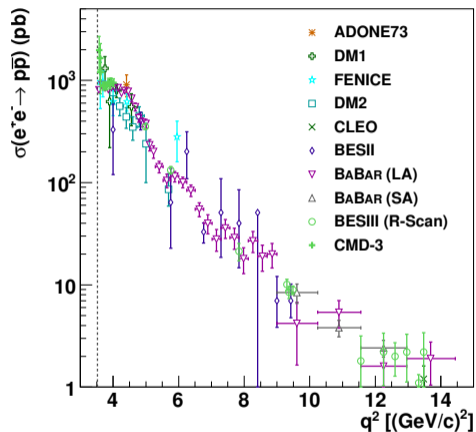
No data available

Upper limits only

Summary and Outlook

- BESIII is collecting the world largest e^+e^- collision data in the $\tau - charm$ region,
- **Electromagnetic form factors** are studied for nucleons, hyperons, charmed-hyperon,
- Many fruitful physics results are obtained for the EMFFs through **direct annihilation and ISR return Methods**,
- Full picture of the hyperon EMFFs can be determined by the benefit of their self-analyzing **polarization** (relative phase of EMFFs),
- Results as strong inputs to understand the structure of baryons: threshold effect, coupling strength ($\gamma^*N\bar{N}$, $\gamma^*\Sigma\bar{\Sigma}$) and oscillation behavior of residual effective FF,
- Current results are still limited by the low statistics for most of the measurements,
- More results from BESIII are expected soon, including low energy data (below 2 GeV) and $20 \text{ fb}^{-1} \psi(3770)$ data for ISR analyses.

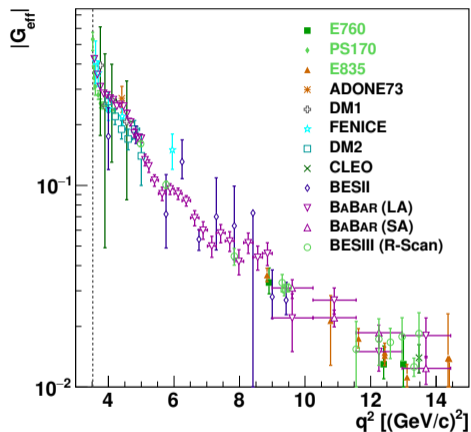
Early Cross Section and Effective FF in Time-Like Region



Cross section of $e^+e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}$

$$\sigma = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2\beta C}{3q^2} (|G_M|^2 + \frac{1}{2\tau}|G_E|^2)$$

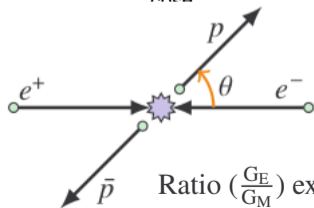
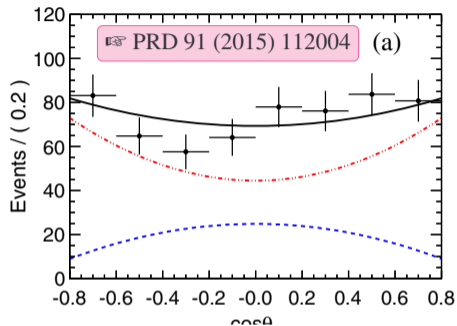
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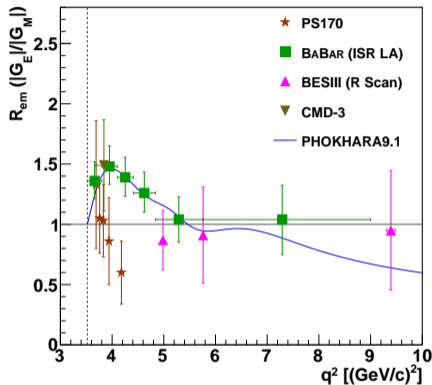
Effective FF of proton

$$|G_{\text{eff}}| = \sqrt{\frac{2\tau|G_M|^2 + |G_E|^2}{2\tau + 1}}$$

Early Measurements of the Proton FFs in Time-Like Region



Ratio $(\frac{G_E}{G_M})$ extracted by analyzing the angular distribution!



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