



# Measuring Charge Asymmetry @ APEX

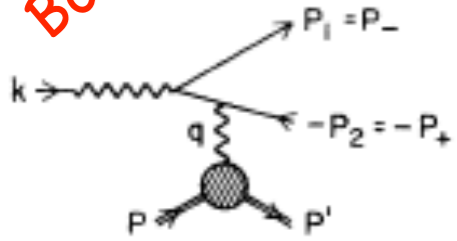
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# Higher Order Bethe-Heitler

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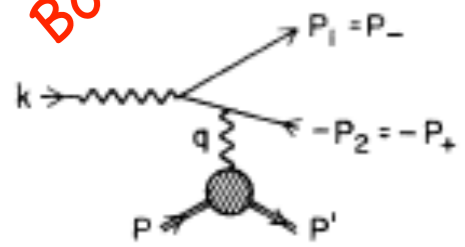


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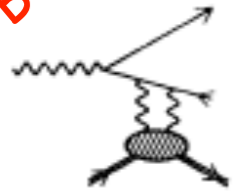


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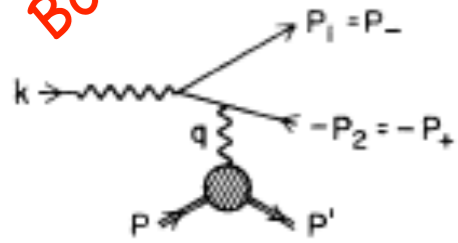
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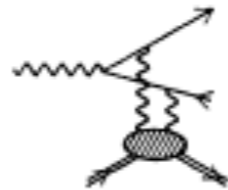
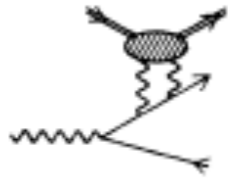
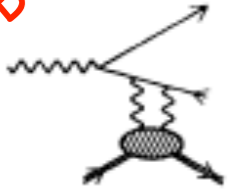


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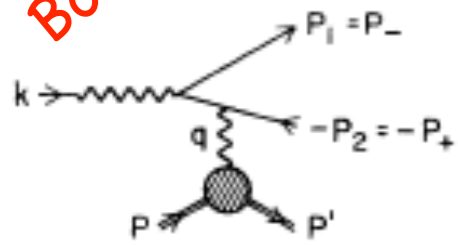
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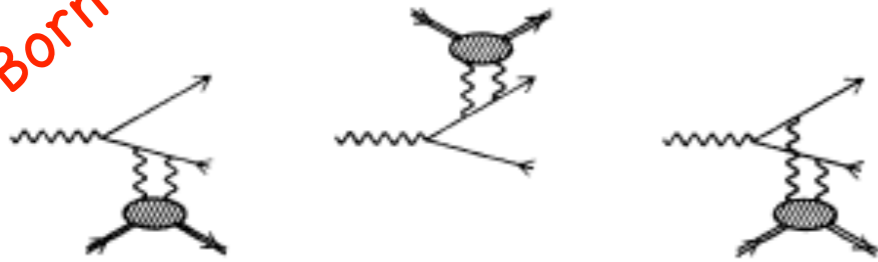


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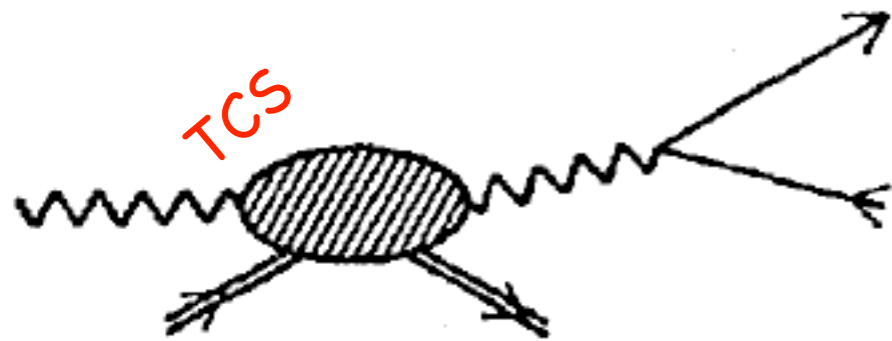
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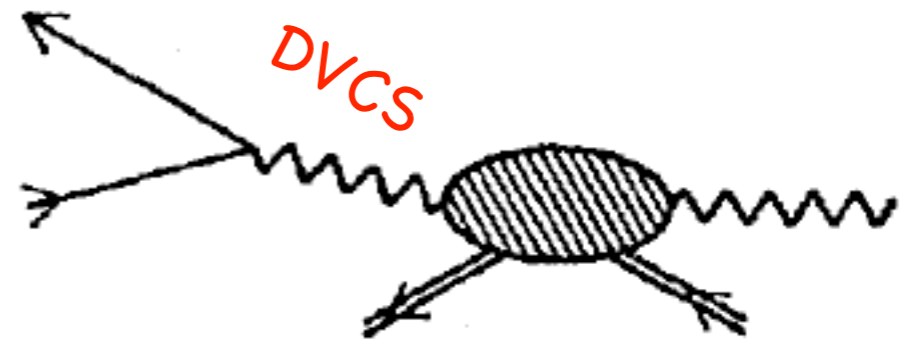


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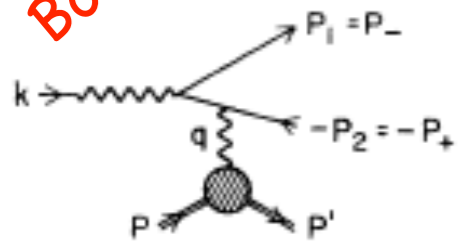


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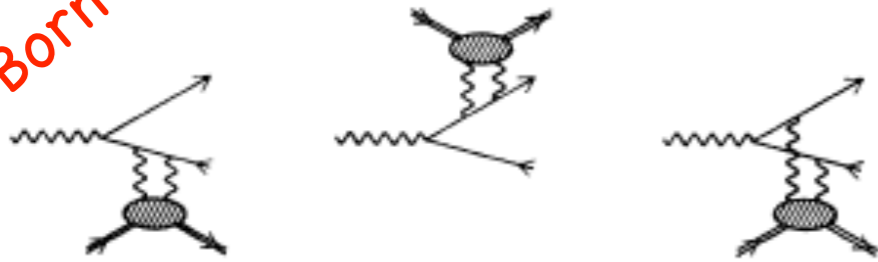


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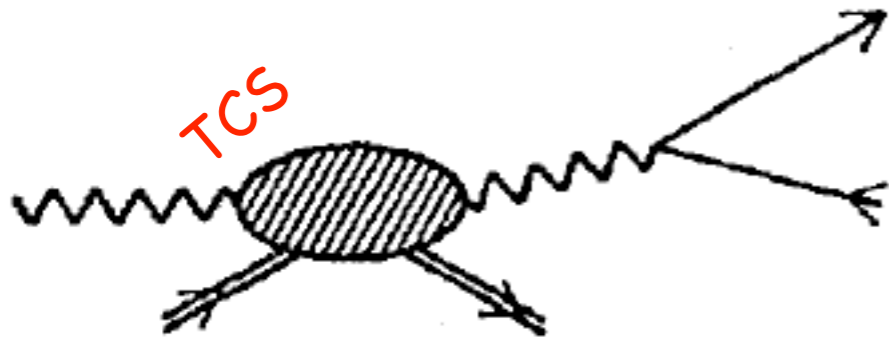
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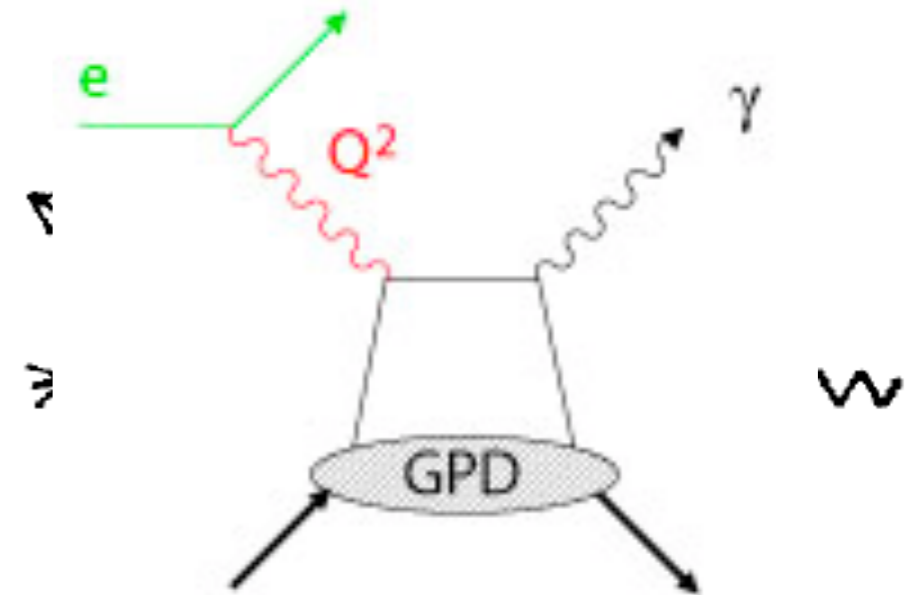


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## So what can we do with this?

The interference manifests itself as an asymmetry in the  $e^+/e^-$  pair. Either energy (equal angle) or angle (equal energy) should work.

For example, to 1<sup>st</sup> order, the asymmetry in energy is:

$$\epsilon(\delta) = \frac{N_{e^+}(\delta) - N_{e^-}(\delta)}{N_{e^+}(\delta) + N_{e^-}(\delta)} = \frac{d\sigma_{int}}{d\sigma_{BH} + d\sigma_{Compton}}$$

Also measures real part of forward Compton Amplitude:

$$\epsilon \simeq (\delta/M)\theta^2 [-(M_p/\alpha)\text{Re}A(\omega, 0^\circ)]$$



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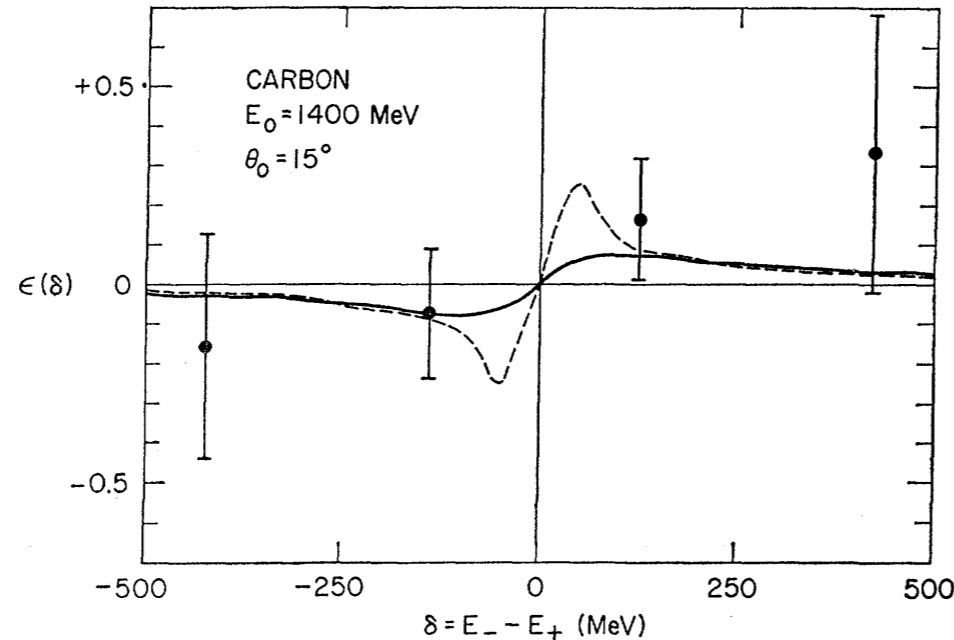
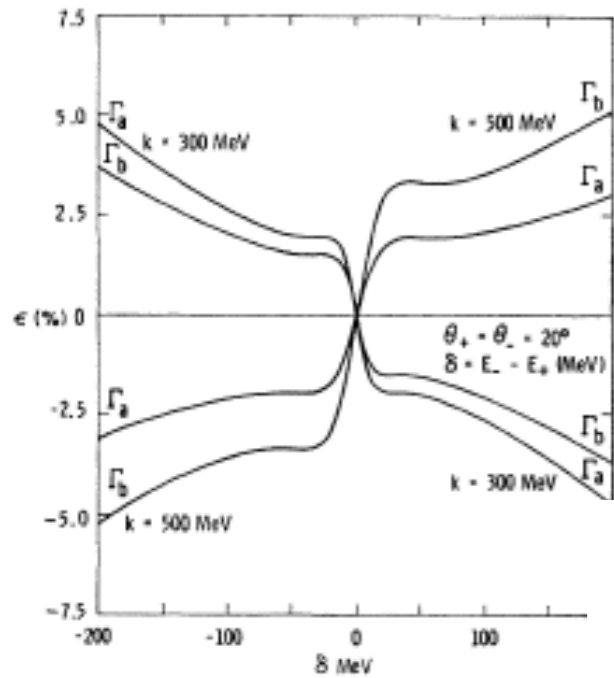
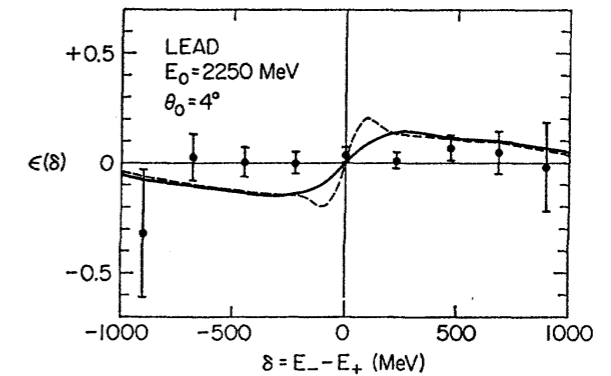
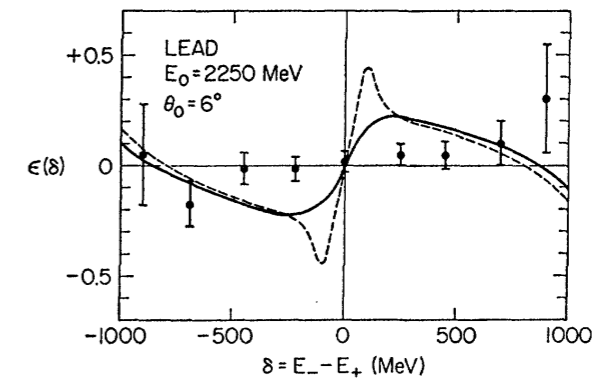


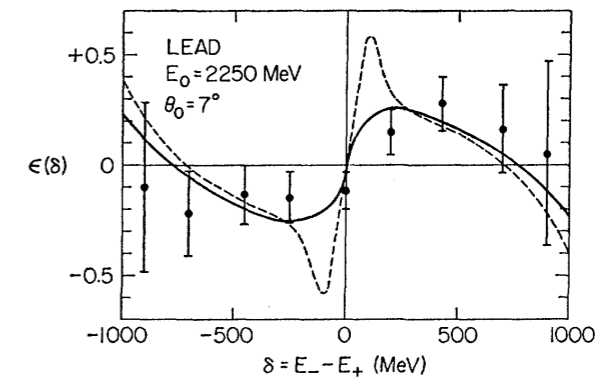
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c.

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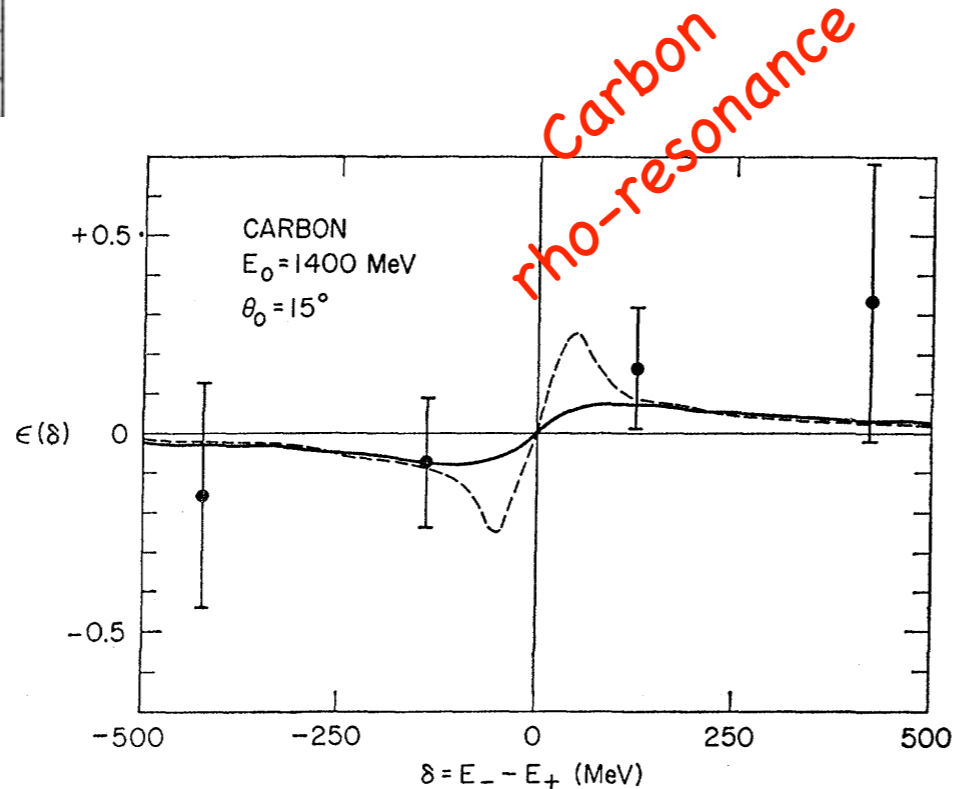
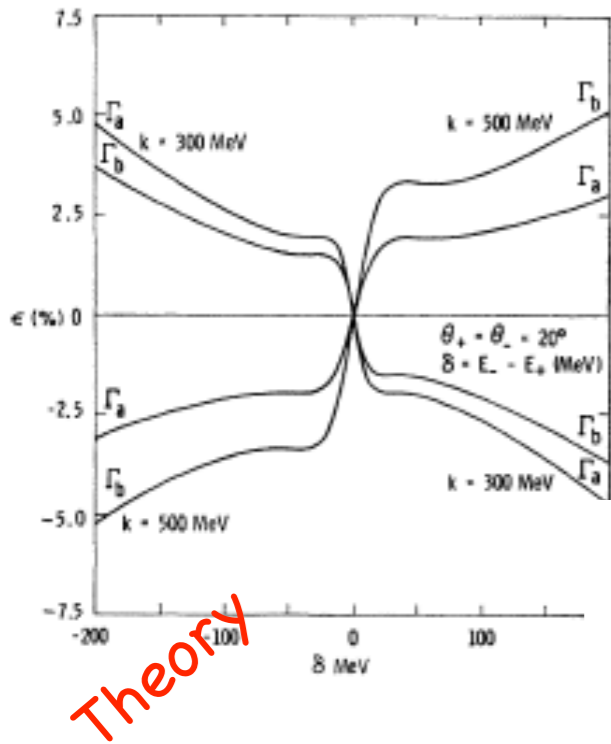


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300-550 MeV  
Lead

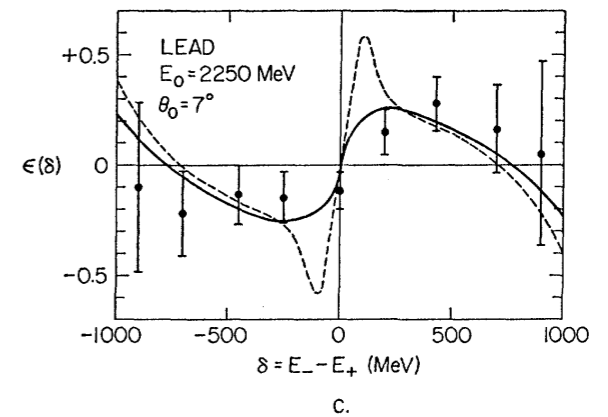
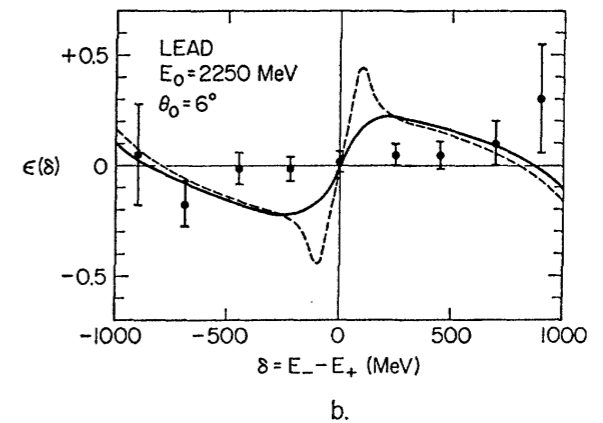
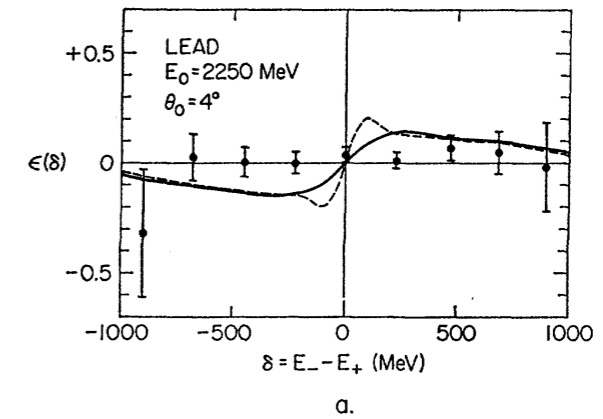
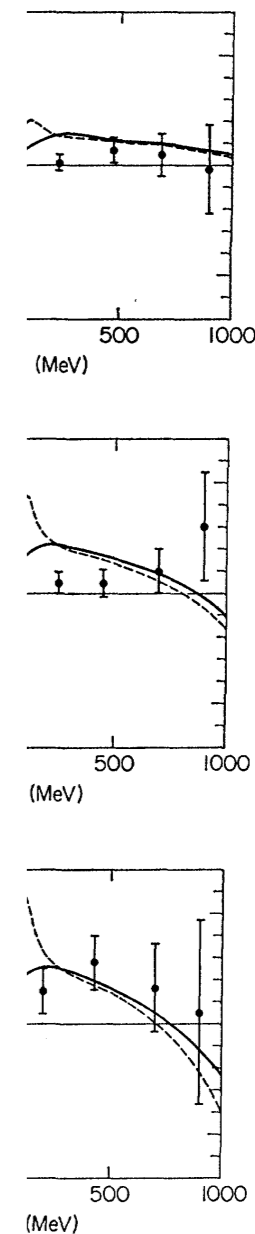
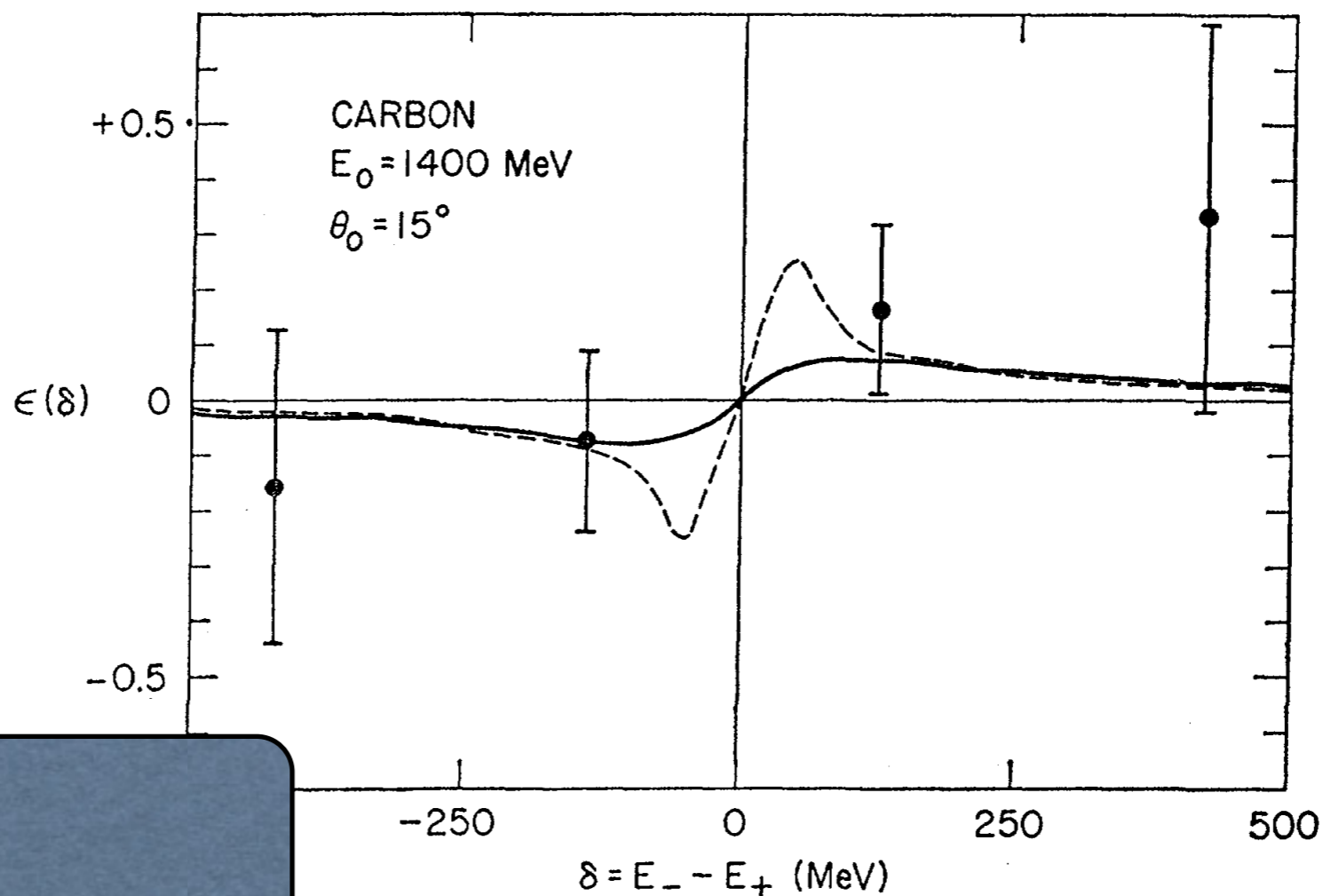
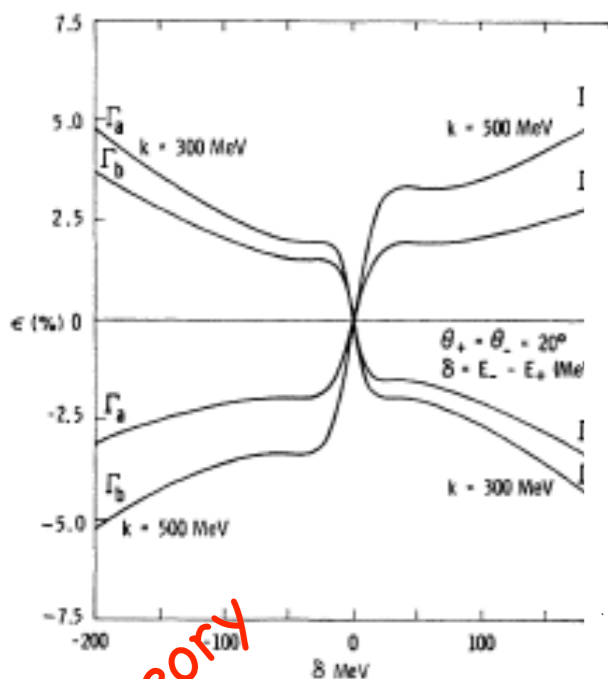


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# BUT THEY ARE ALSO NOT WELL MEASURED



And calculated using scalar QED

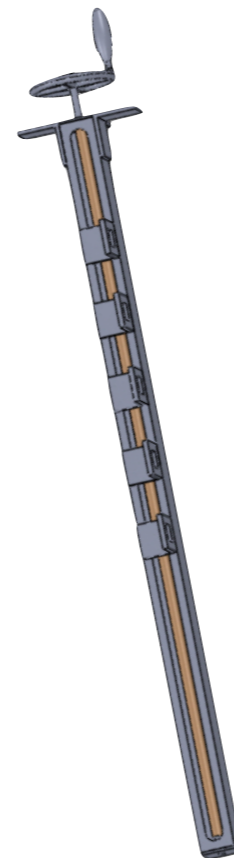
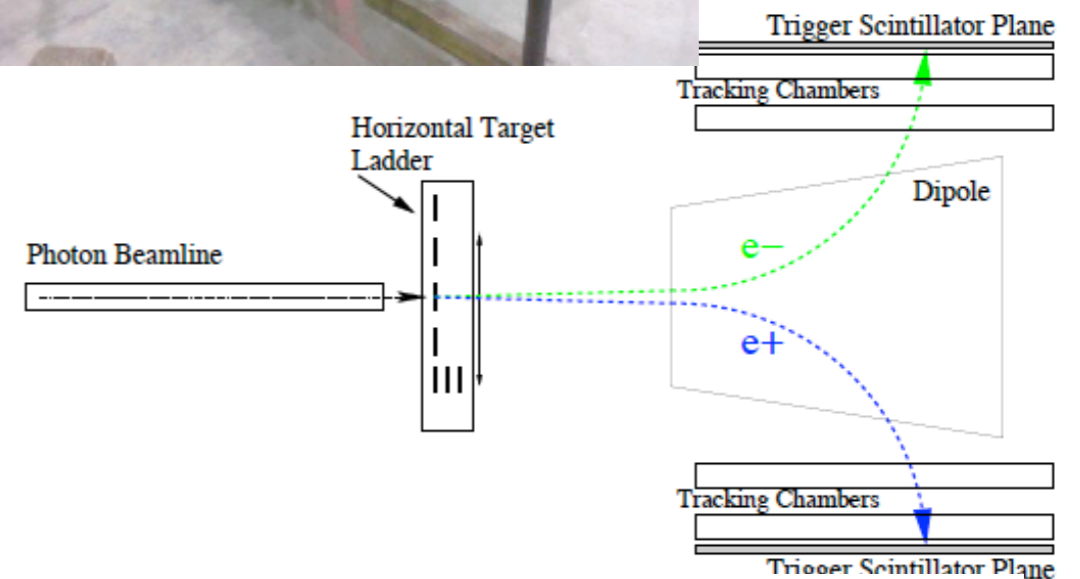
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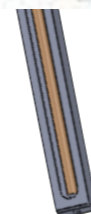
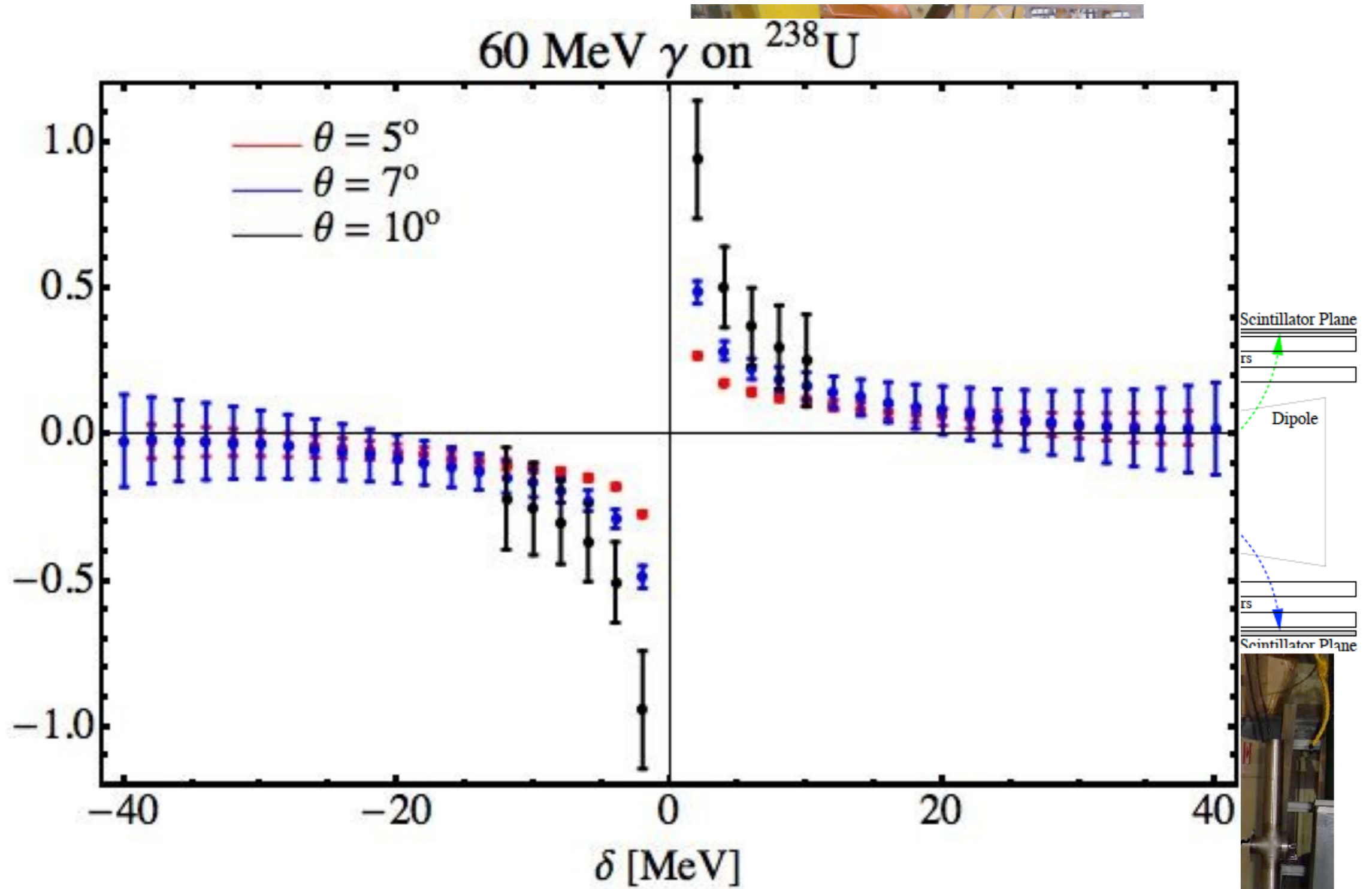
# New Experimental Effort

- 60 MeV Photon beam at HIGS.
- Reusing Magnets/Wire Chambers/Spectrometers.
- Approved for 150h on  $^{12}\text{C}/^{238}\text{U}$ , to be followed by proton target ( $\text{CH}_2$ ).
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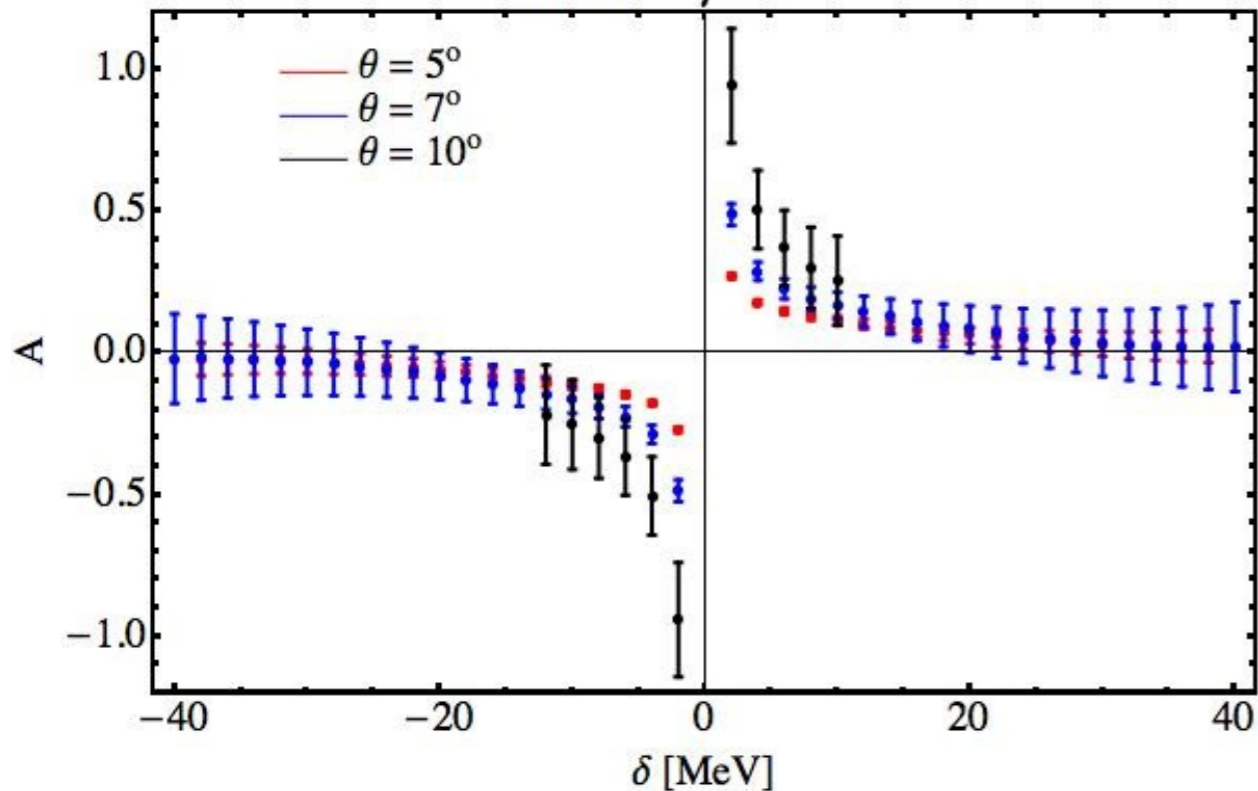
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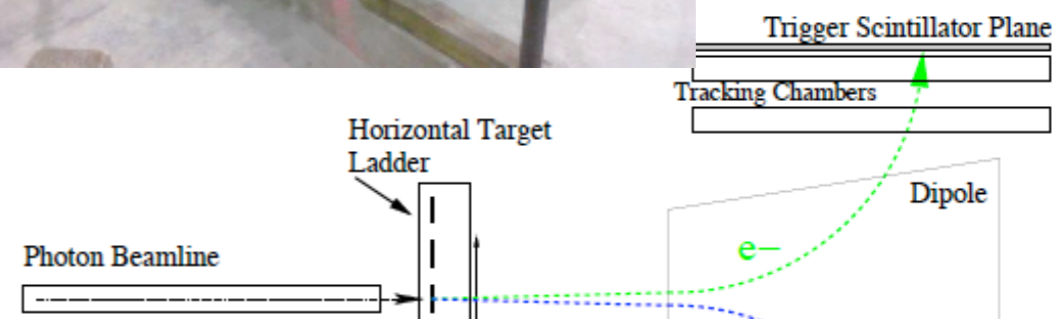




60 MeV  $\gamma$  on  $^{238}\text{U}$

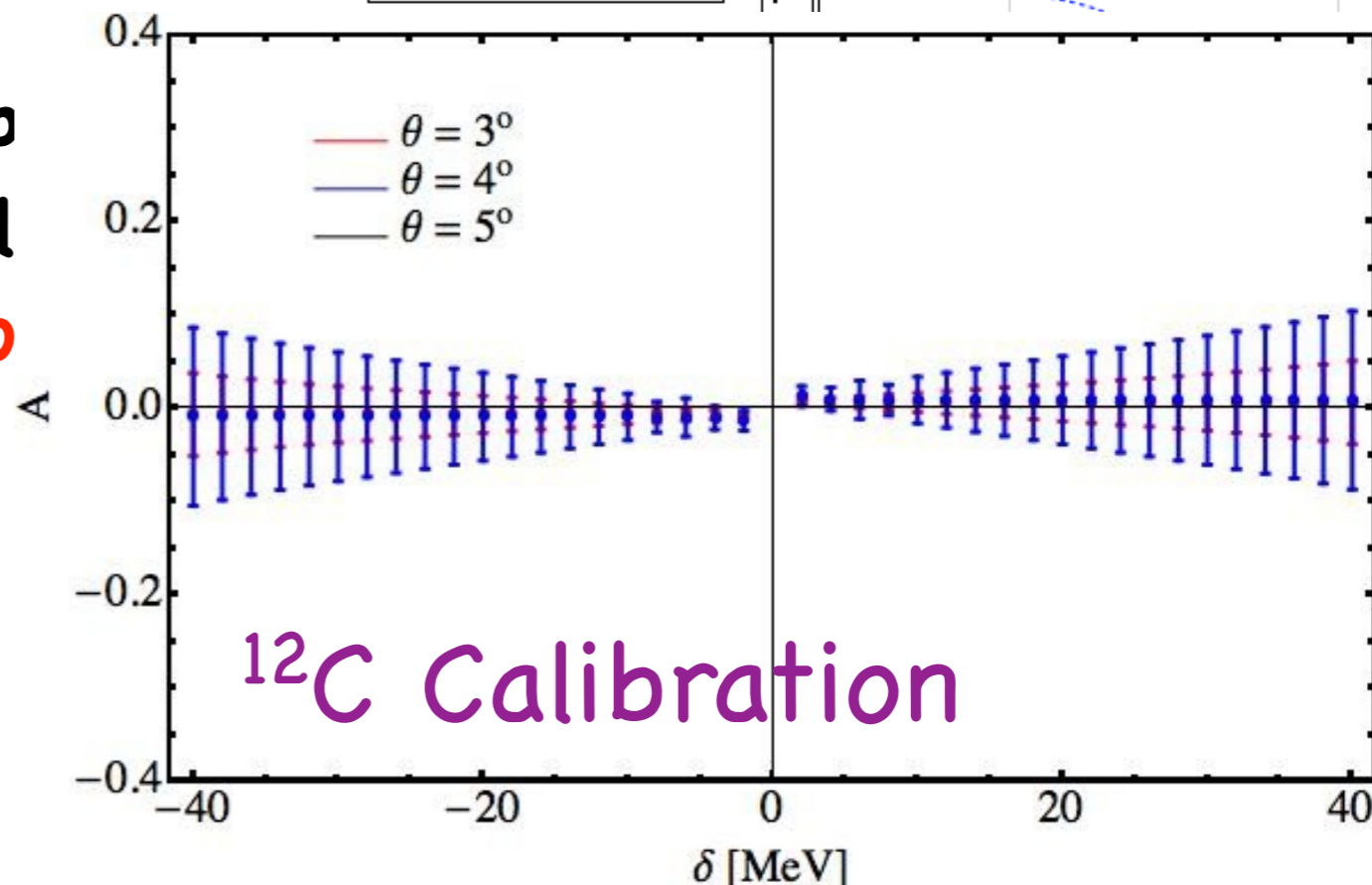


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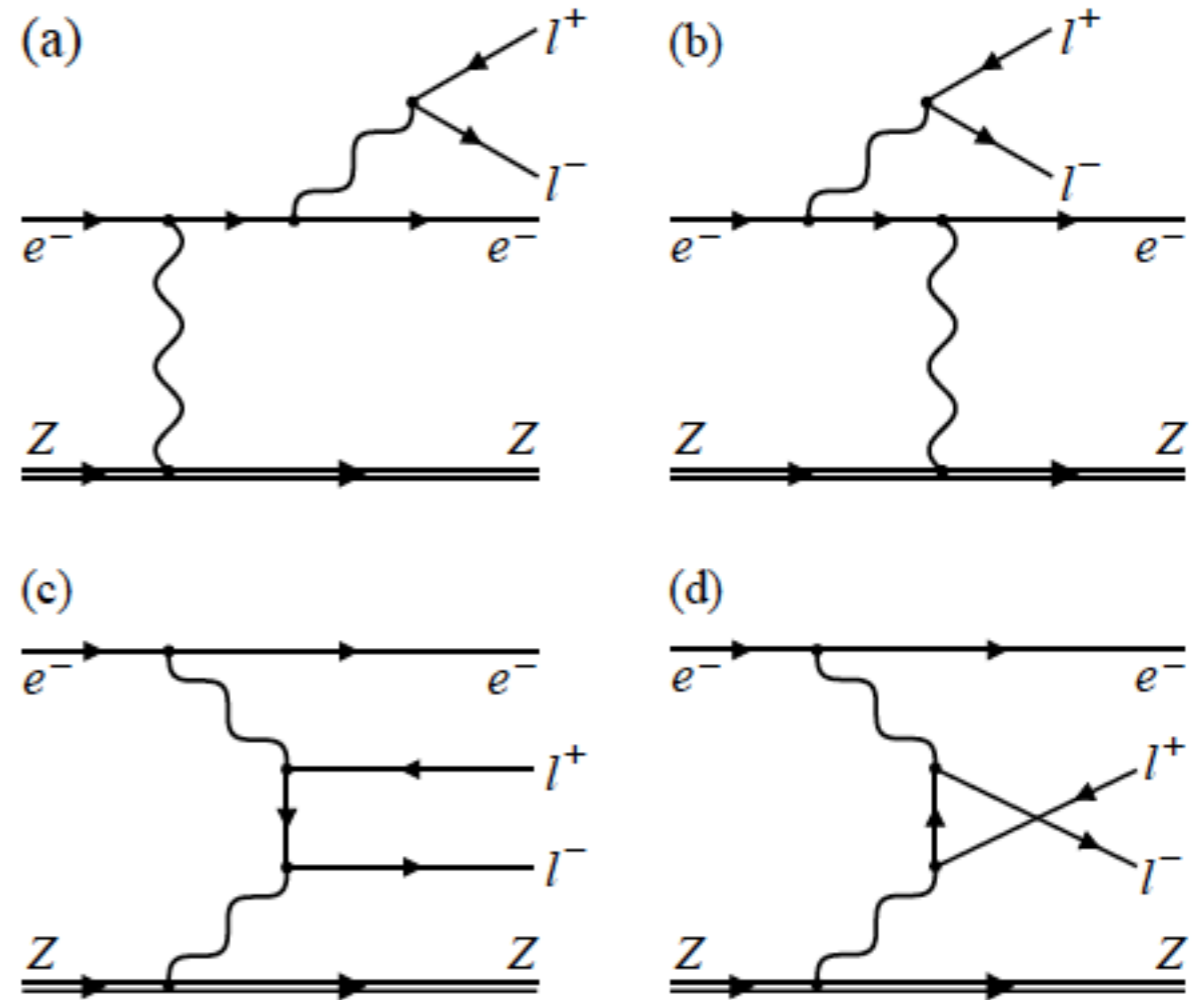
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$^{12}\text{C}$  Calibration

# Wouldn't it be nice to go to higher energy?

- Photon beam fluxes are low... Almost impossible to do well (Hall D?)
- What about virtual photons?
- Much higher flux.
- Well controlled e beam.
- Interference from “initial state” diagrams makes calculation very hard - do not currently have good calculation (maybe need to think some more about it...).



## Will Allow us to:

- Scan across vector meson resonances - probe hadronic component of photon?
- Extract forward Compton amplitude of resonance - also will give nuclear matter modification.



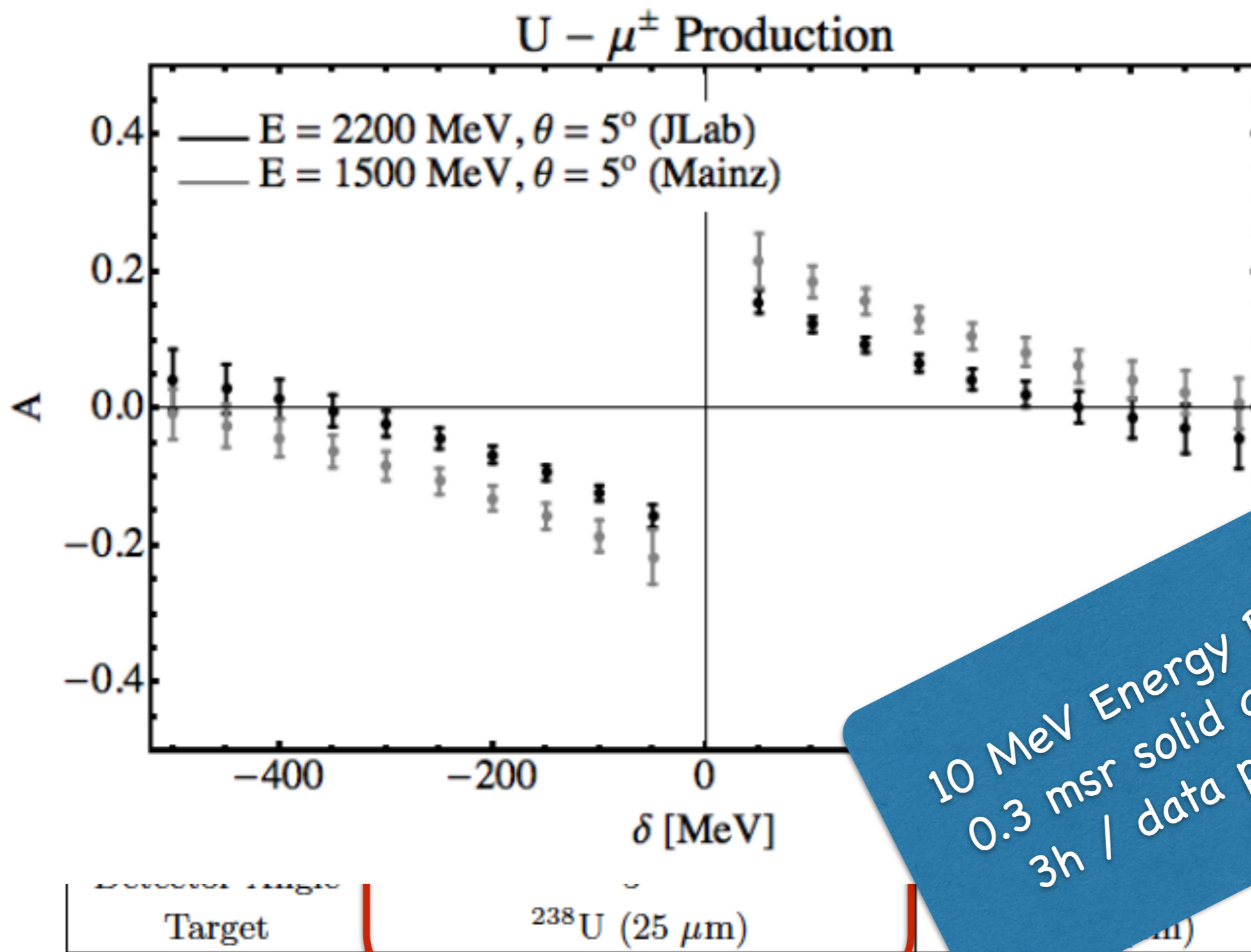
## But maybe....

- $\mu$  pair production asymmetry recently calculated (E. J. Downie, R. N. Lee, A. I. Milstein, GR, PLB 728, 645 (2014)).
- Calculation somewhat easier than for electrons (Coulomb corrections suppressed due to higher muon mass).
- Asymmetry essentially independent of nuclear form factor.
- Direct test of Lepton universality in QED.
- Very much suited to APEX kinematics.

	JLab	Mainz
Beam Energy	2.2 GeV	1.5 GeV
Current	50 $\mu$ A	50 $\mu$ A
Detector Package	HRS + Septa magnets (see text)	Dedicated (see text)
Detector Angle	5°	5°
Target	$^{238}\text{U}$ (25 $\mu$ m)	$^{238}\text{U}$ (25 $\mu$ m)

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## What's needed?

- Better look at backgrounds - requirement for 2 muons gives strong background suppression, but need to do well on  $\mu/\pi$  separation.
- Recalculate expected asymmetry for APEX target/settings - will lose a bit on W vs. U, but on the other hand the solid angle is actually much bigger.
- Get support from APEX.....
- Write/submit proposal.
- Run with APEX (can very probably run even before APEX as part of commissioning).

# What we get

- Test of non-perturbative QED.
- First ever measured asymmetry in mu pair-production.
- Lepton universality test (not v. high accuracy - limited by knowledge of FF, but purely QED).
- Extend use of APEX setup.
- Springboard for new class of experiments @ JLAB?
- Question I do not have an answer for:
  - What if one of the two photons is an  $A'$ ???
  - Can we think of this as another  $A'$  search idea?

# The BH Collaboration

- **GWU: Evangeline Downie**
- **HUJI: Guy Ron**
- **JLab: Brad Sawatzky, Doug Higinbotham**
- **UVa: Blaine Norum, Richard Lindgren**
- **U. Saskatchewan: Rob Pywell**

More collaborators more than welcome....

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