### Measurement of nucleon polarizabilities with TPC at MAMI

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- Broader physics program with Crystal Ball in combination with TPC?

### **Proton Electric Polarizability**



- $\alpha_{E_1}$ : electric polarizability
- Proton between charged parallel plates:
   "stretchability"

### **Proton Magnetic Polarizability**



- $\beta_{M_1}$ : magnetic polarizability
- Proton between poles of a magnet:

"alignability"

Fundamental properties of the proton
Important to atomic physics, spin polarizability measurements etc (e.g. for proton radius puzzle)

### **Scalar polarizabilities**



PDG (2012) values:

$$\alpha = (12.0 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-4} \, \text{fm}^3$$

$$\beta = (1.9 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-4} \, \text{fm}^3$$

New (2014-2018) PDG values:  $\alpha = (11.2 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-4} \text{ fm}^3$ 

$$\beta = (2.5 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-4} \, \text{fm}^3$$

Significant change between reviews without introducing new experimental data
Global database not entirely consistent

N. Krupina, V. Lensky, and V. Pascalutsa Phys.Lett. B 782, 34 (2018)

Goal: high-precision measurement of the scalar polarizabilities of the proton

- \_New high-precision unpolarized cross-sections
- New high-quality data on the beam asymmetry  $\Sigma_{q}$
- New single data set with small statistical and systematic errors

### **Experimental setup**



- High-Flux, Tagged, Bremsstrahlung Photon Beam: Unpolarized, Linear, and Circular
- Polarized and Unpolarized Targets
- Recoil polarimeter
- Development of an active He gas target in progress

### **Experiments with active TPC at MAMI**



- A2 setup: High-Flux, Tagged, Bremsstrahlung Photon Beam and various targets
- High precision electron scattering experiments with a hydrogen TPC (at 720 MeV)
- → Experiments with tagged photons (in combination with A2 setup)

### **Crystal Ball/TAPS experiment**





### **Crystal Ball:**

- 672 NaI Crystals
- 24 Particle Identification Detector Paddles
- 2 Multiwire Proportional Chambers

#### **TAPS:**

- $\bullet$  366  $\mathrm{BaF}_{_2}$  and 72  $\mathrm{PbWO}_{_4}$  Crystals
- 384 Veto Detectors

### **Compton scattering on the proton: Existing data**





Triangles: P.S. Baranov et al., Phys. Lett. B 52, 22 (1974); P.S. Baranov et al., Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. 21, 355 (1975) Open circles: F.J. Federspiel et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 67, 1511 (1991) Squares B.E. MacGibbon et al., Phys. Rev. C 52, 2097 (1995) Curve: R.A. Arndt et al., Phys. Rev. C 53, 430 (1996)

### New approach: Beam asymmetry measurement

At low energies, the measurement of the beam asymmetry,  $\Sigma_3$  is an alternative way to extract  $\beta_{M1}$  (N. Krupina and V. Pascalutsa, PRL 110, 262001 (2013))

Measurements with linearly polarized photons and liquid hydrogen target

$$\Sigma_{3} \equiv \frac{\sigma_{\parallel} - \sigma_{\perp}}{\sigma_{\parallel} + \sigma_{\perp}} \qquad \sigma_{pol} = \sigma_{unpol} (1 \pm \delta_{l} \Sigma_{3} \cos 2\phi)$$



### **Compton scattering below pion theshold**

### **Selection of** $\gamma p \rightarrow \gamma p$ :

- $E\gamma_{(beam)} = 79 139 \text{ MeV}$
- Selecting events with 1 γ
- Missing mass cut
- Subtraction of random timing background
- Subtraction of empty target contribution
- Event by event determination of the degree of linear polarization

### **<u>Pilot experiment</u>**:

- More than 200,000 Compton scattering events (Ey = 79 139 MeV and  $\Theta_y$  = 30°-155°)
- Low background contamination in all energy bins
- Good agreement between PARA and PERP for the unpolarized component



Different orientation of the polarization plane: Parallel to the horizontal plane: PARA, perpedicular: PERP Black curve : Monte Carlo

### **Below pion threshold: Compton scattering (A2 data)**



V. S., E.J. Downie, E. Mornacchi, J.A. McGovern, N. Krupina, et al., Eur. Phys. J. A53, no.1, 14 (2017)

Presented a proposal to MAMI PAC → recommendation to perform new measurement with highest priority

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### New experiment: beam asymmetry below pion threshold



Edoardo Mornacchi (Mainz), et al. [A2 Collaboration]

### New experiment: beam asymmetry below pion threshold



Neutron polarizabilities: deuteron or helium targets
No data on <sup>3</sup>He available (recoil detection needed!) but theory exists
Data on <sup>4</sup>He taken recently by the A2 Collaboration with detection of the photon in the final state aiming for improvement of the existing database
Theory needed to extract polarizabilities is under development.

### New approach $\rightarrow$ Combine the nearly $4\pi$ A2 setup with a TPC: Detection of the recoil in combination with incoming and scattered photons



## **Further ideas and opportunities**





• New ideas: Use a TPC with the same geometry as for the active He target!

• Similar physics case: Neutron polarizabilities with He isotopes (PAC proposal (2020) : P. Martel et al.)

• Overdetermined kinematics with high energy resolution for He ions

• Detection of scattered photons in CB (tagged incoming photon beam)

PAC proposal: J. Annand et al. (rating A from PAC)

## **Further ideas and opportunities**



#### **Ideas for the physics program:**

- Polarizability measurements with focus on helium (hydrogen, deuterium also possible)
- Measurement of the proton radius via dilepton final state (?)
- Search for narrow exotic states taking advantage of high energy resolution (?)
- Studying meson photoproduction in narrow kinematic ranges (e.g. accessing threshold-related effects)
- → Meson photoproduction on nuclei (deuteron,  ${}^{3,4}$ He) → baryon spectroscopy and nuclear effects

### **Technical possibilities and ideas**

#### Similar to A2 active target prototype: could be easier to construct/install



#### Similar to ACTAF2: One flange, less material in the forward direction?





### **Summary and Outlook**

• Broad and active program in A2 using tagged photon beam (polarizabilities, baryon spectroscopy, meson decays, search for modifications of hadrons in the nuclear medium,....)

New opportunities can be opened with an active TPC!

 Nucleon polarizabilities, radii, searh for exotics, new opportunities for studying photoproduction of mesons on nuclei, ...

- Many experiments possible without notable safety restrictions ...
- ➡ Exploring, understanding → defining first steps?

# **Thank you for your attention!**

## Backup

## **Backup (Patrik Adlarson)**



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BH-ee (blue) and BH-µµ (red) cross section as function of beam energy

Dimuon cross section increases more for increasing beam energies

### **EPT (slide taken from M. Unverzagt)**

Installation of EPT during 2012





Same working principle as main tagging spectrometer  $E_{\gamma} \approx 1445-1595 \text{ MeV}$   $\Delta E_{\gamma} \approx 2.5 \text{MeV}$ Non-permanent installation infront of main Tagger

### **Crystal Ball/TAPS (slide taken from M. Unverzagt)**







### **Targets (slide taken from M. Unverzagt)**

- $LH_2/ID_2$  used for high rate meson production ( $\eta/\eta'$ )
  - Length: 3cm, 5cm, 10cm
- l<sup>3</sup>He/l<sup>4</sup>He
- Polarised Butanol/D-Butanol
  - Transverse and longitudinal polarisation
  - Lenght: 2 cm
  - Dynamic Nuclean Polarisation
  - Max. Polarisation: 90%
  - Holding filed: 0.44 T
  - Relaxation time: τ~1000h
- Solid Targets

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### **Polarized active target (slide taken from R. Miskimen)**

#### Target assembly



PhD, Maik Biroth, Mainz

## He gas active target

The New Active Target



Al pressure vessel, no welds

University of Glasgow

- Reuse Be outer windows from original Active Target
- PTFE sheet covers printed circuit board, windows cut for SiPMT



6 x 6mm J-Series SiPMT

### New experiment: unpolarized cross section below pion threshold



Significant improvement compared to all previous measurements! Edoardo Mornacchi (Mainz), et al. [A2 Collaboration]

### New experiment: beam asymmetry below pion threshold



Edoardo Mornacchi (Mainz), et al. [A2 Collaboration]

$$\Sigma_3 = \Sigma_3^{(B)} - \frac{4M\omega^2 \cos\theta \sin^2\theta}{\alpha_{em}(1+\cos^2\theta)^2} \beta_{M1} + O(\omega^4), \quad (6)$$

where  $\Sigma_3^{(B)}$  is the pure Born contribution, while

$$\omega = \frac{s - M^2 + \frac{1}{2}t}{\sqrt{4M^2 - t}}, \quad \theta = \arccos\left(1 + \frac{t}{2\omega^2}\right) \quad (7)$$

are the photon energy and scattering angle in the Breit (brick-wall) reference frame. In fact, to this order in the LEX the formula is valid for  $\omega$  and  $\theta$  being the energy and angle in the lab or center-of-mass frame.

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## First look in December 2012 data



Magnetic polarizability: proton between poles of a magnetic

Rory Miskimen (Bosen 2009)

### **Experiments**





PARA and PERP, Asymmetry