



Electroweak Loops in Elastic ep Scattering

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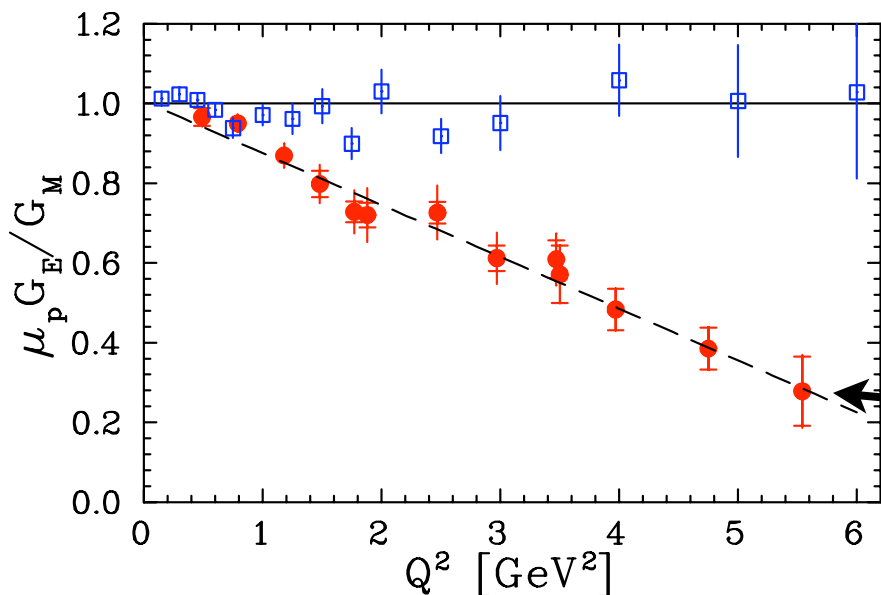
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Outline

- *Background: two-photon exchange in elastic ep scattering*
 - electric/magnetic form factor ratio puzzle:
Rosenbluth separation *vs.* polarization transfer
- *Parity-violating electron scattering*
 - effect of γZ exchange on strange form factors
 - dispersive corrections to proton's weak charge
("Qweak" experiment at Jefferson Lab)
- *Summary*

Two-photon exchange
in elastic $e-p$ scattering

Proton G_E/G_M ratio



Rosenbluth (Longitudinal-Transverse)
Separation

Arrington et al., PRC 68, 034325 (2003)

Polarization Transfer

Jones et al., PRL 84, 1398 (2000)

Gayou et al., PRL 88, 092301 (2002)

LT method

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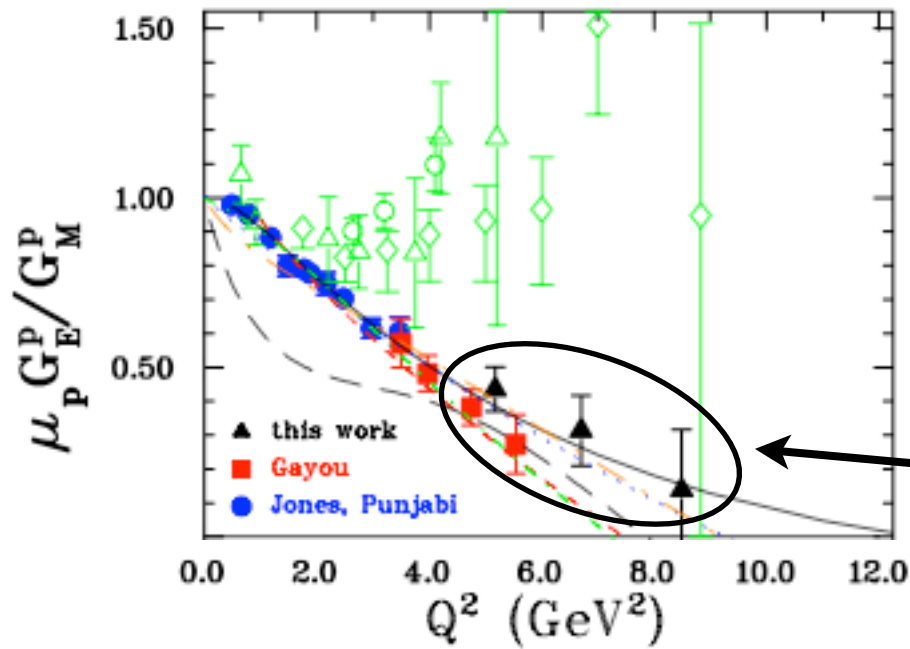
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polarization in $\vec{e} p \rightarrow e \vec{p}$

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Polarization Transfer (latest from JLab)

Puckett et al., PRL 104, 242301 (2010)

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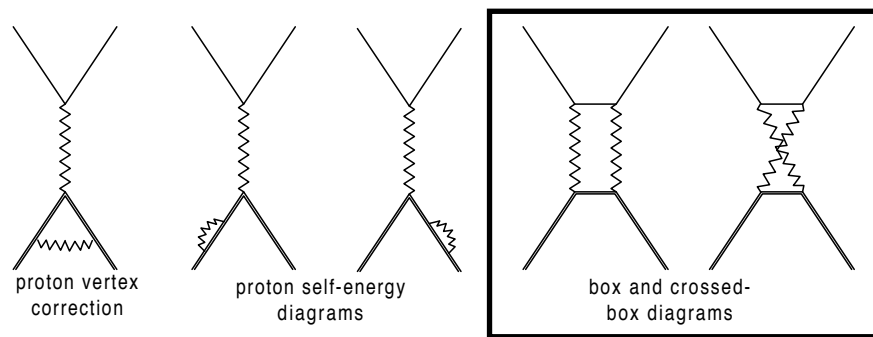
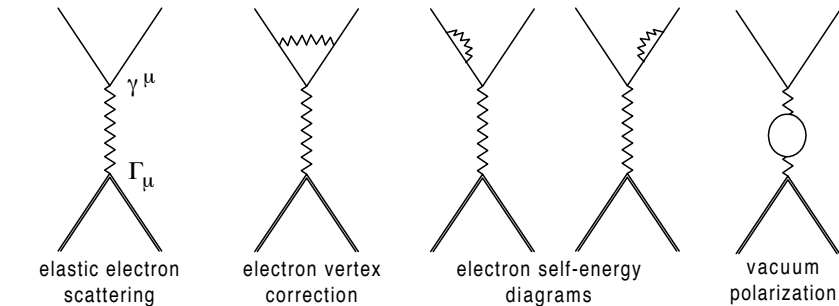
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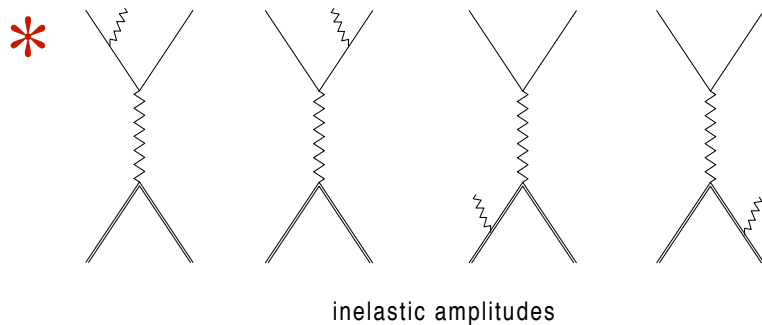
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QED radiative corrections

- cross section modified by 1γ loop effects



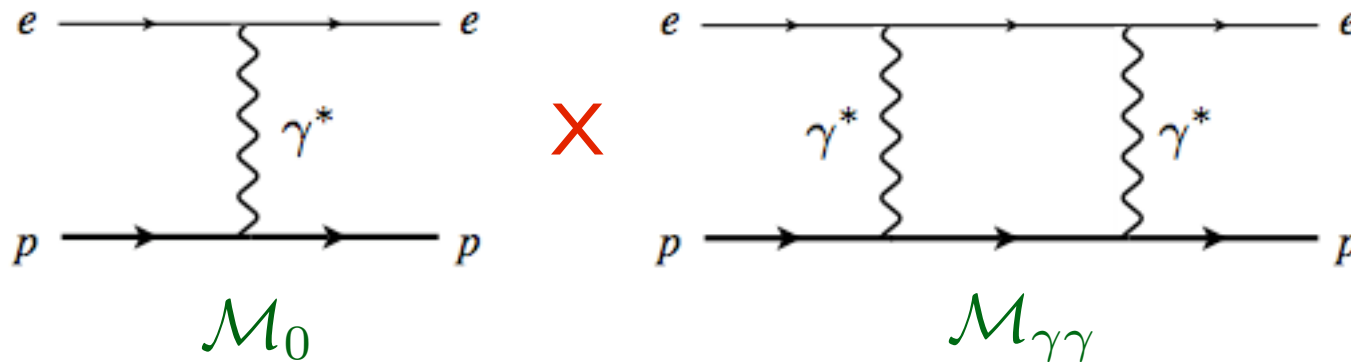
δ contains additional ϵ dependence, mostly from box diagrams
 (most difficult to calculate)



* IR divergences cancel

Two-photon exchange

- interference between Born and TPE amplitudes



- contribution to cross section:

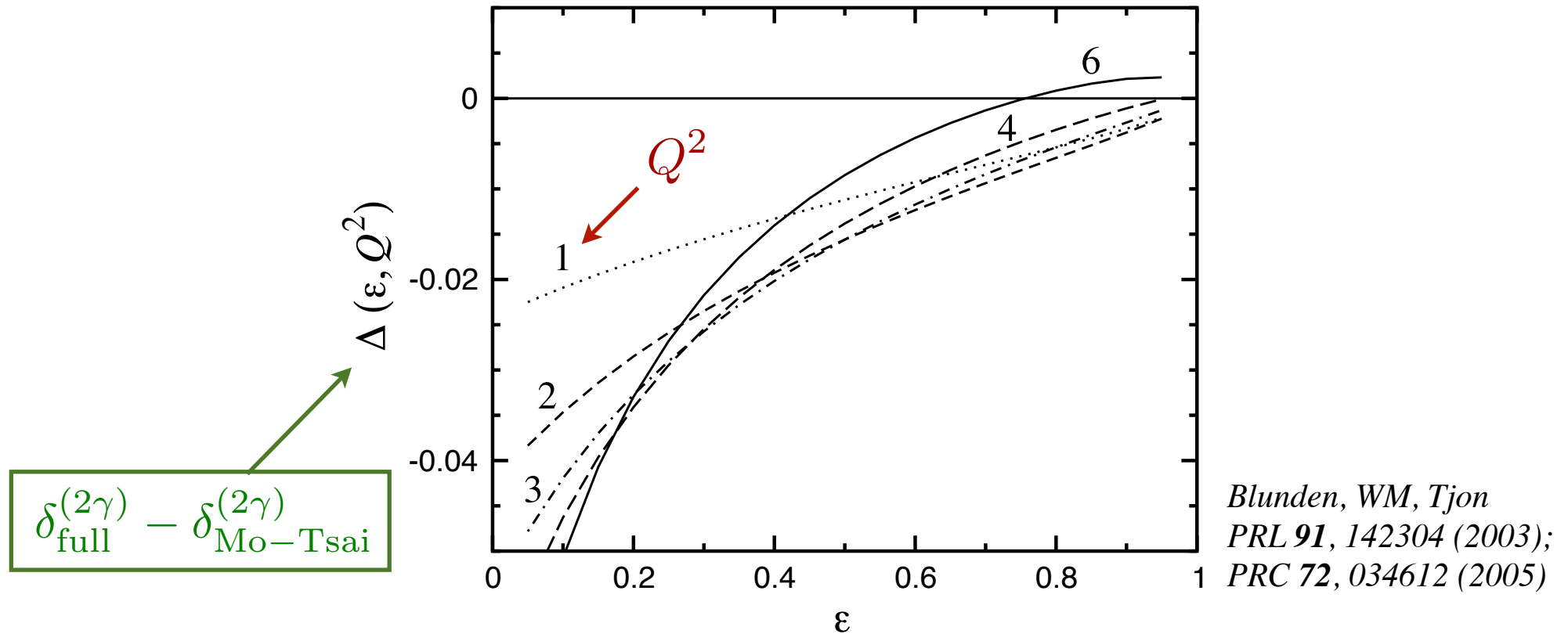
$$\delta^{(2\gamma)} = \frac{2\text{Re} \left\{ \mathcal{M}_0^\dagger \mathcal{M}_{\gamma\gamma} \right\}}{|\mathcal{M}_0|^2}$$

- “soft photon approximation” (used in all previous data analyses)
 - approximate integrand in $\mathcal{M}_{\gamma\gamma}$ by values at γ^* poles
 - neglect nucleon structure (no form factors)

Mo, Tsai (1969)

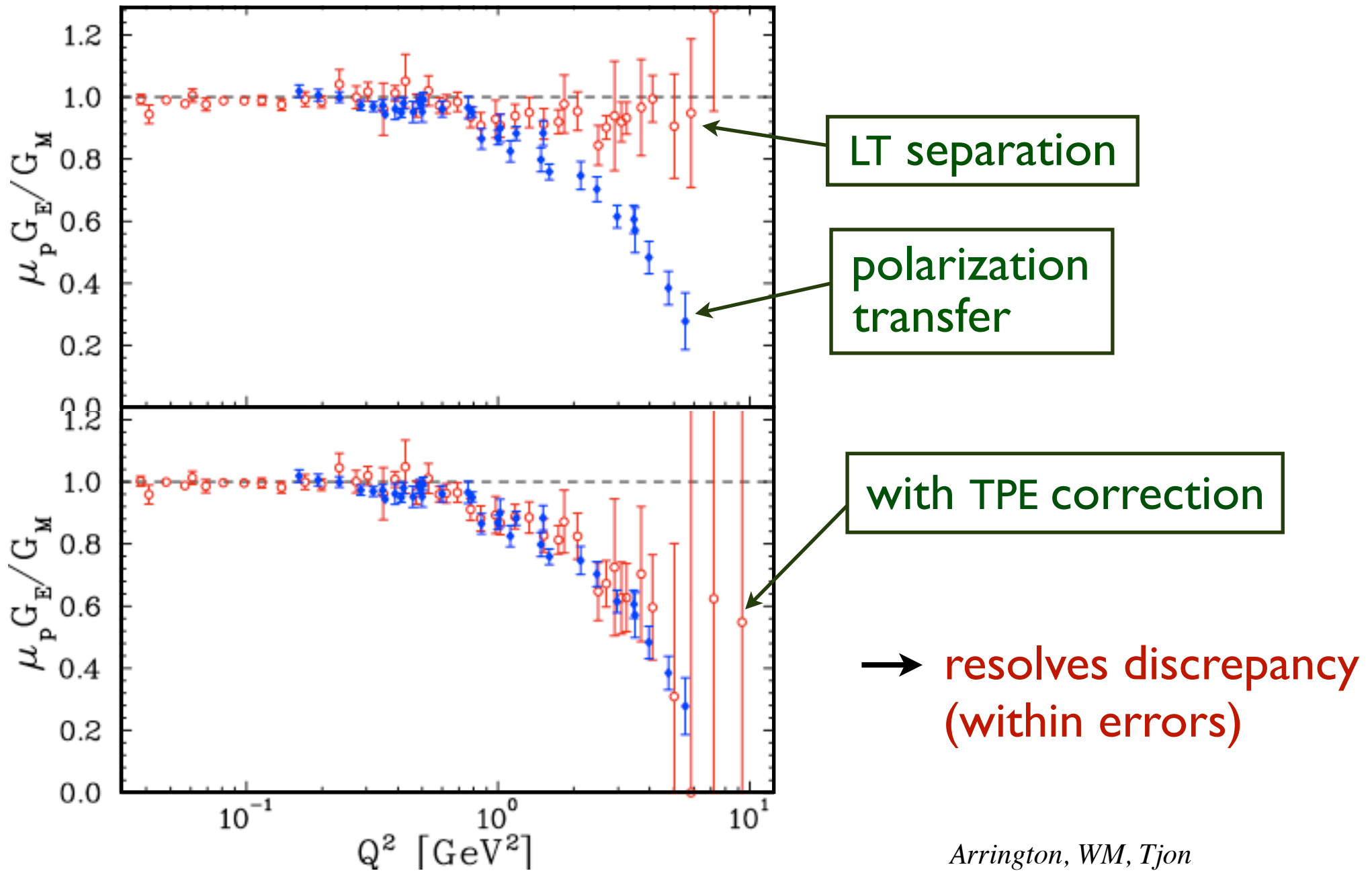
Two-photon exchange

- “exact” calculation of loop diagram (including hadron structure)



- few % magnitude, non-linear in ε , *positive slope*
- *will reduce* Rosenbluth ratio
- does not depend strongly on vertex form factors

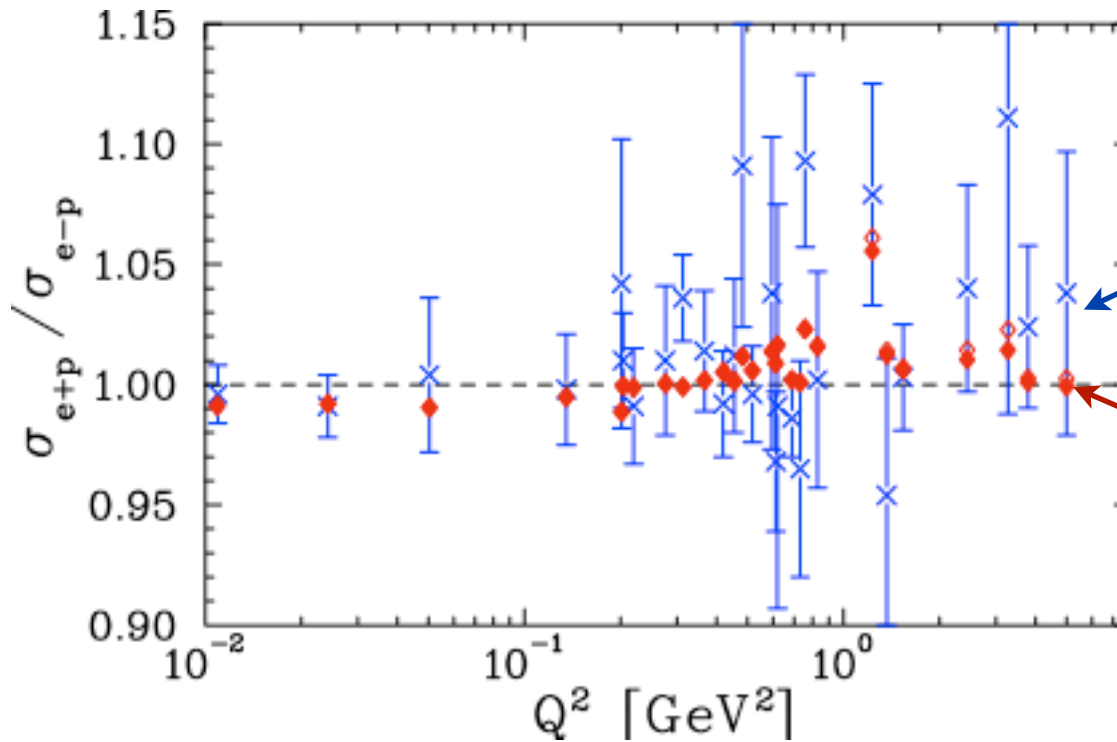
Two-photon exchange



Arrington, WM, Tjon
PRC 76, 035205 (2007)

Direct evidence?

- 1γ (2γ) exchange changes sign (invariant) under $e^+ \leftrightarrow e^-$
 - ratio of e^+p/e^-p cross sections sensitive to $\Delta(\varepsilon, Q^2)$



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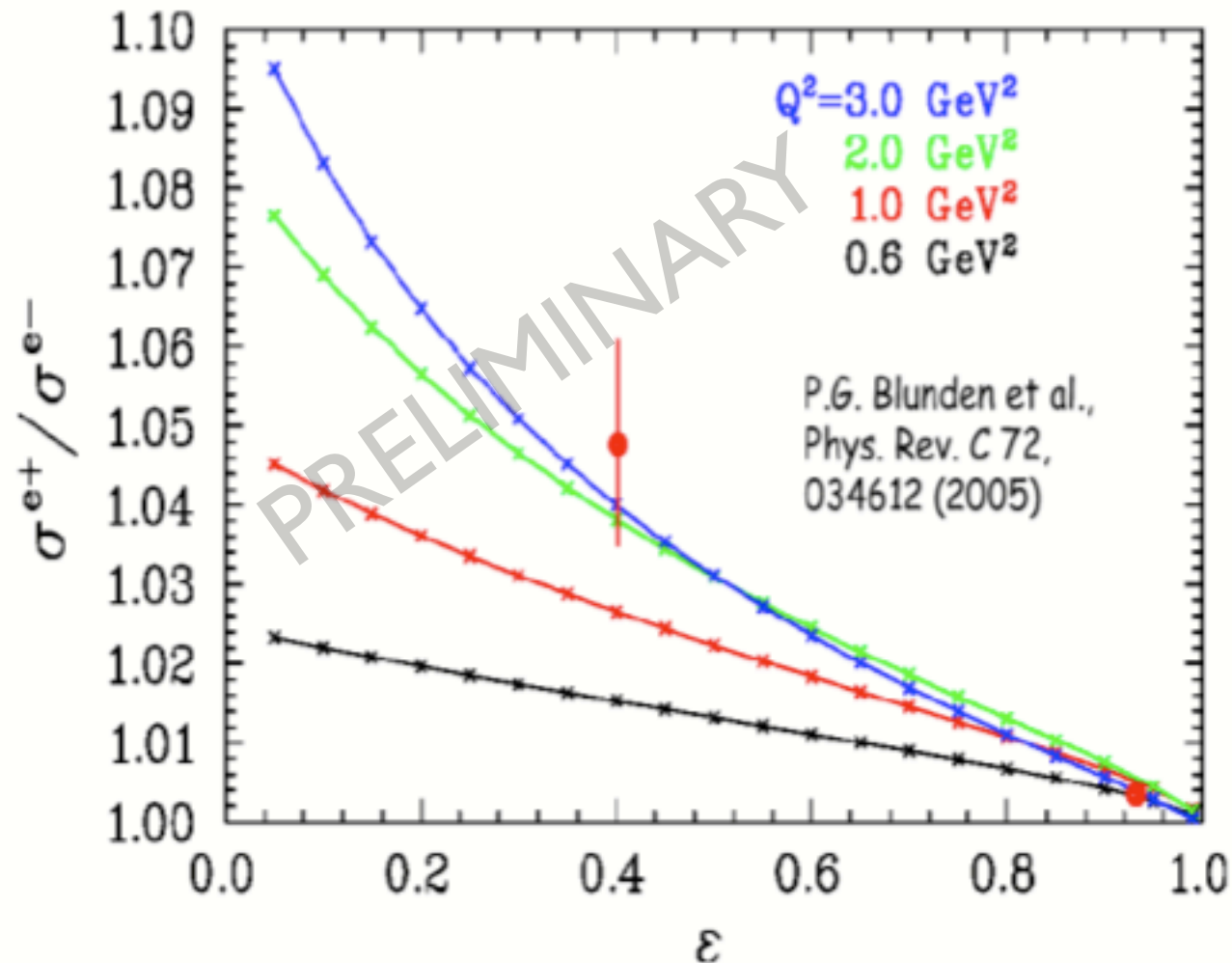
- simultaneous e^+p/e^-p measurement using tertiary e^+/e^- beam to $Q^2 \sim 1-2$ GeV² (Hall B experiment E04-116)

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Very preliminary Novosibirsk data

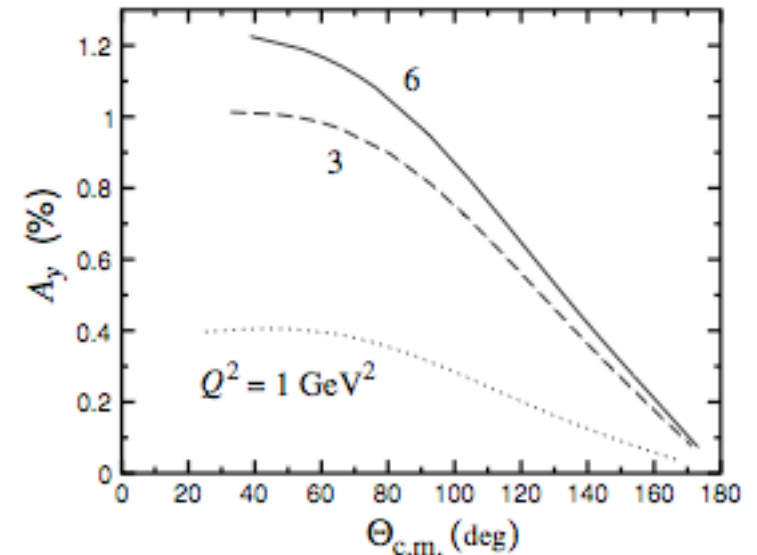
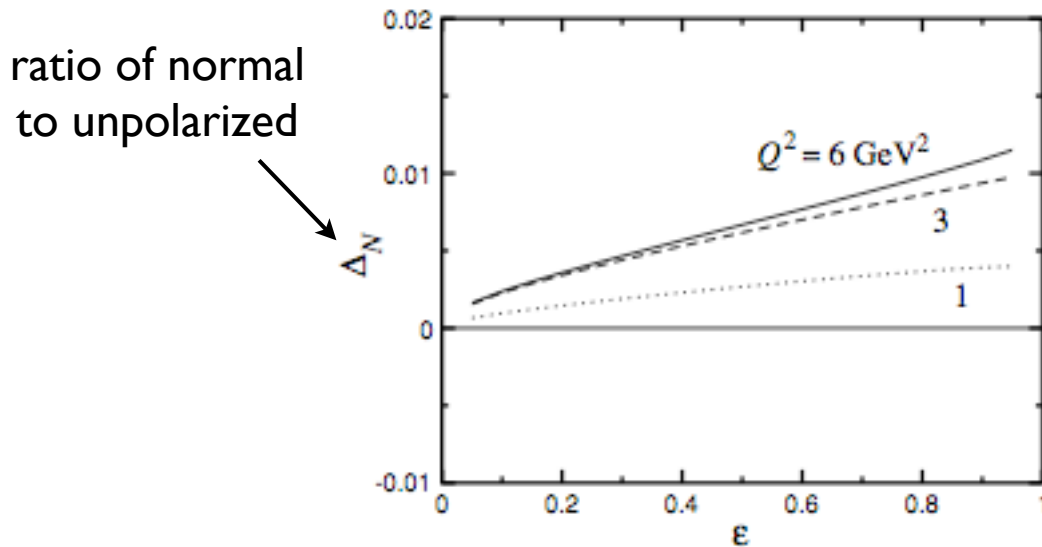
e^+p/e^-p cross section ratio



Arrington, Holt et al. (2010)

Direct evidence?

- polarization transfer with recoil proton polarized *normal* to scattering plane
 - purely *imaginary* (does not contribute to form factor), vanishes in Born approximation!

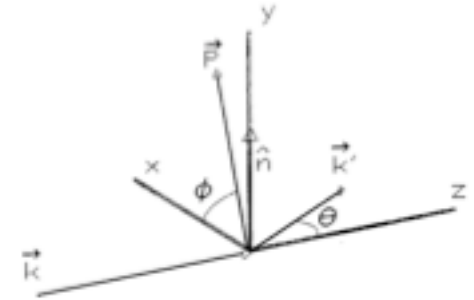
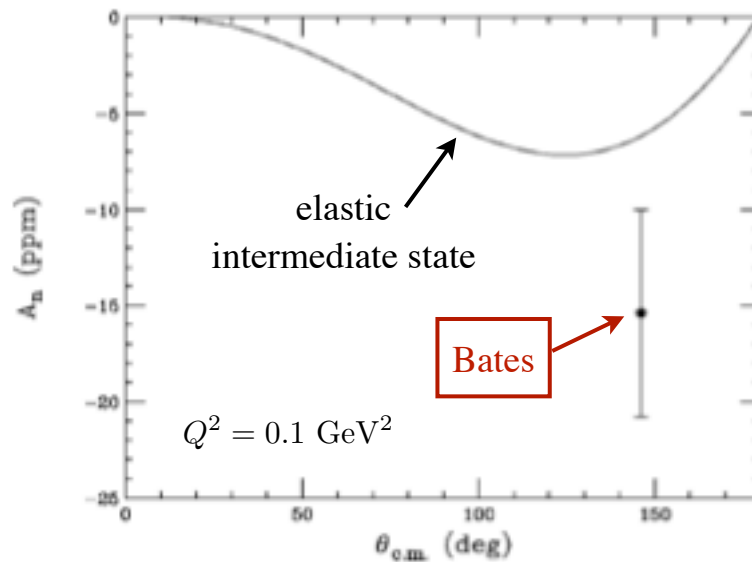


Blunden, WM, Tjon, PRC 72, 034612 (2005)

- effect largest at forward angles, grows with Q^2

Direct evidence?

- beam asymmetry for e polarized normal to scattering plane
 - also vanishes for one-photon exchange

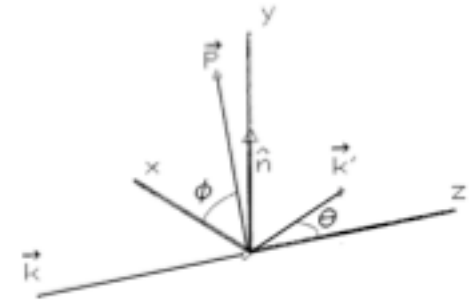
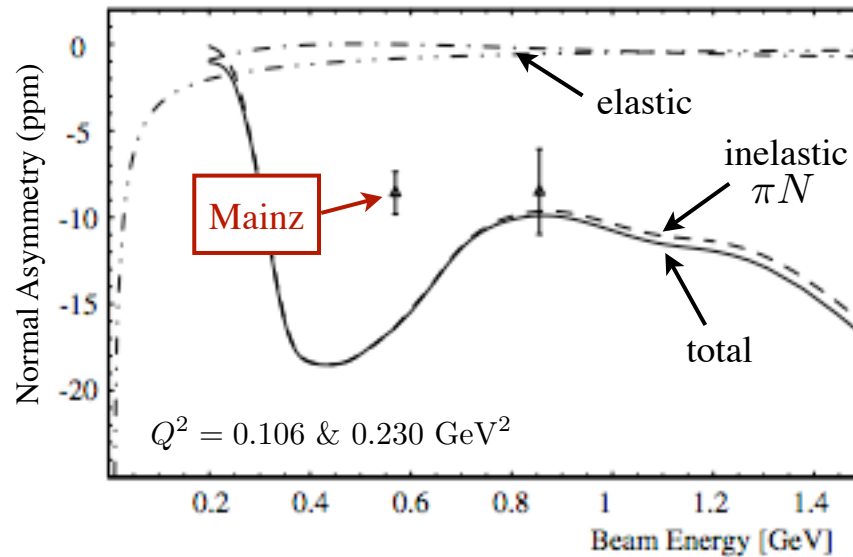


Wells et al., PRC 63, 064001 (2001)

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Maas et al., PRL **94**, 082001 (2005)

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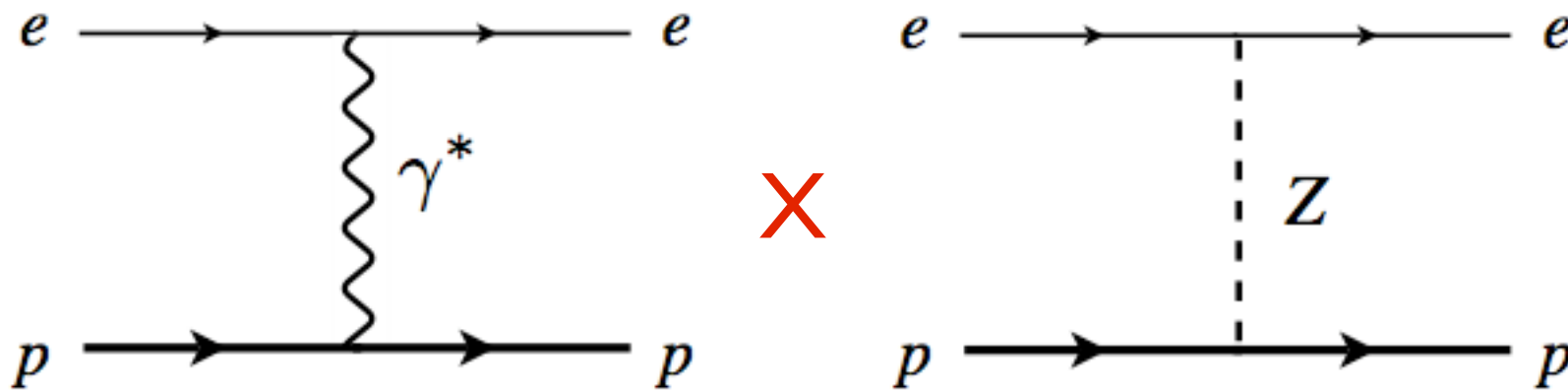
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Born (tree) level

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vector asymmetry

$$A_V = g_A^e \rho \left[(1 - 4\kappa \sin^2 \theta_W) - (\varepsilon G_E^{\gamma p} G_E^{\gamma n} + \tau G_M^{\gamma p} G_M^{\gamma n}) / \sigma^{\gamma p} \right]$$

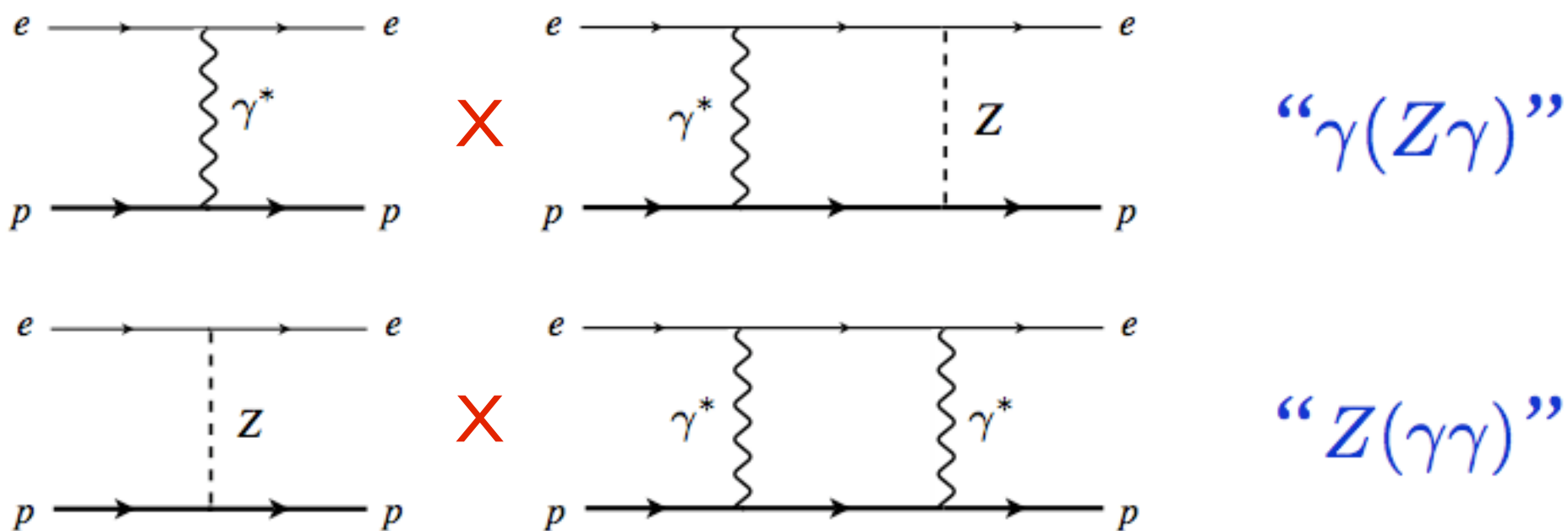
axial vector asymmetry

$$A_A = g_V^e \sqrt{\tau(1 + \tau)(1 - \varepsilon^2)} \tilde{G}_A^{Zp} G_M^{\gamma p} / \sigma^{\gamma p}$$

strange asymmetry

$$A_s = -g_A^e \rho (\varepsilon G_E^{\gamma p} G_E^s + \tau G_M^{\gamma p} G_M^s) / \sigma^{\gamma p}$$

Two-boson exchange corrections



$$A_{\text{PV}} = (1 + \delta) A_{\text{PV}}^0 \equiv \left(\frac{1 + \delta_{Z(\gamma\gamma)} + \delta_{\gamma(Z\gamma)}}{1 + \delta_{\gamma(\gamma\gamma)}} \right) A_{\text{PV}}^0$$

↖
Born asymmetry

→ total TBE correction

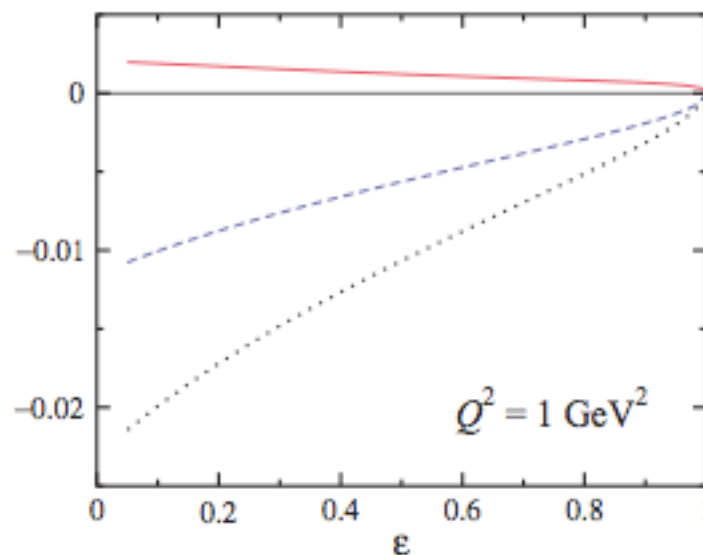
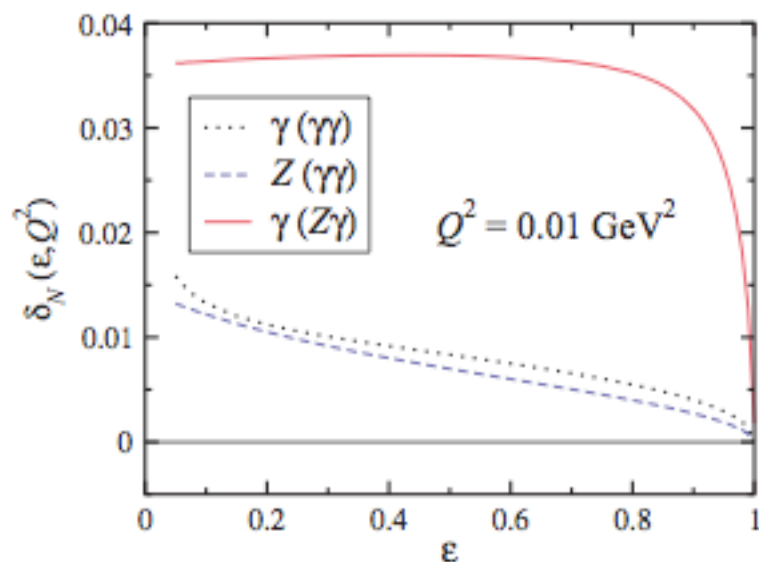
$$\delta \approx \delta_{Z(\gamma\gamma)} + \delta_{\gamma(Z\gamma)} - \delta_{\gamma(\gamma\gamma)}$$

Two-boson exchange corrections

- previous estimates computed at $Q^2 = 0$, do not include hadron structure effects

Marciano, Sirlin (1980)

nucleon intermediate states

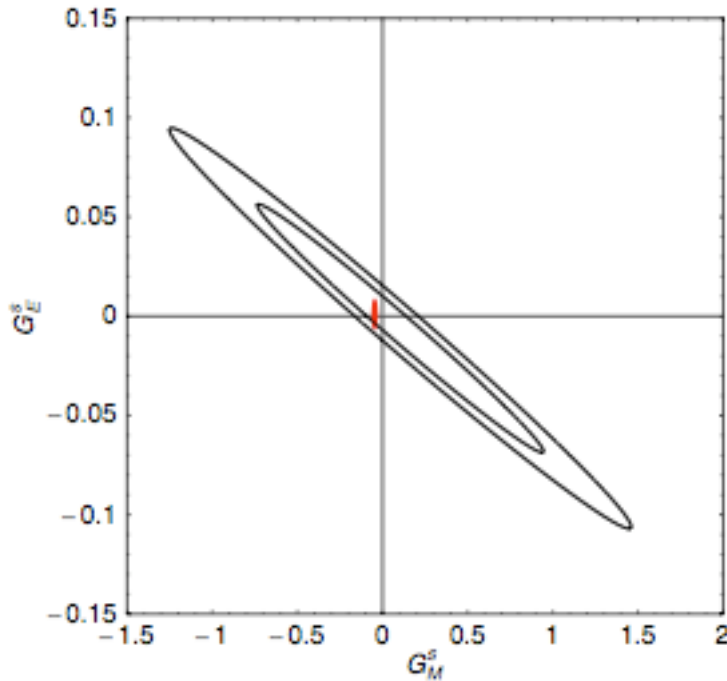


*Tjon, Blunden, WM
PRC 79 (2009) 055201*

- cancellation between $Z(\gamma\gamma)$ and $\gamma(\gamma\gamma)$ corrections, especially at low Q^2
- dominated by $\gamma(Z\gamma)$ contribution

Effects on strange form factors

- global analysis of all PVES data at $Q^2 < 0.3 \text{ GeV}^2$



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Young et al., PRL 97 (2006) 102002

- including TBE corrections:

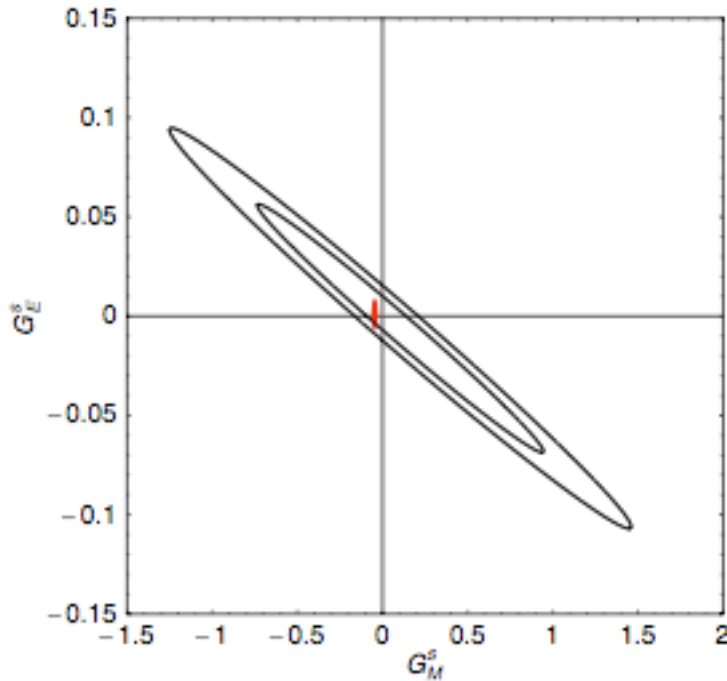
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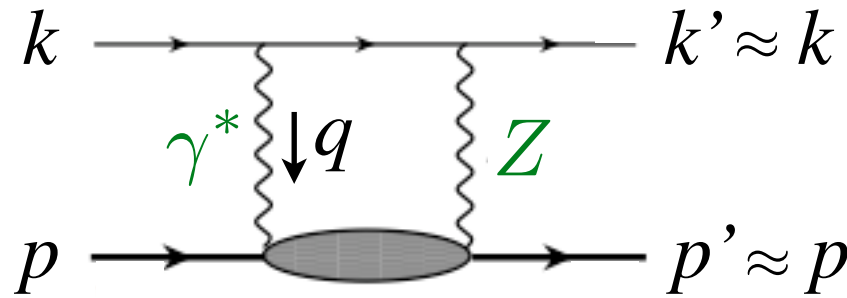
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fixed mainly by ^4He data ...
... TBE for ^4He not yet included

Correction to proton weak charge

- in forward limit A_{PV} measures weak charge of proton Q_W^p

$$A_{PV} \rightarrow \frac{G_F Q_W^p}{4\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} t$$



forward limit

$$t = (k - k')^2 \rightarrow 0$$

$$s = (k + p)^2 = M(M + 2E)$$

- at tree level Q_W^p gives weak mixing angle

$$Q_W^p = 1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W$$

Correction to proton weak charge

- including higher order radiative corrections

$$Q_W^p = (1 + \Delta\rho + \Delta_e)(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W(0) + \Delta'_e) \\ + \square_{WW} + \square_{ZZ} + \square_{\gamma Z} \quad \leftarrow \text{box diagrams} \\ = 0.0713 \pm 0.0008$$

Erler et al., PRD 72, 073003 (2005)

→ WW and ZZ box diagrams dominated by short distances, evaluated perturbatively

→ γZ box diagram sensitive to long distance physics, has two contributions

$$\square_{\gamma Z} = \square_{\gamma Z}^A + \square_{\gamma Z}^V$$

vector e - axial h
(finite at $E=0$)

axial e - vector h
(vanishes at $E=0$)

Axial h correction

- axial h correction $\square_{\gamma Z}^A$ dominant γZ correction in atomic parity violation at very low (zero) energy

→ computed by Marciano & Sirlin as sum of two parts:

- ★ low-energy part approximated by *Born* contribution (elastic intermediate state)
- ★ high-energy part (above scale $\Lambda \sim 1$ GeV) computed in terms of scattering from *free quarks*

$$\square_{\gamma Z}^A = \frac{5\alpha}{2\pi} (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W) \left[\ln \frac{M_Z^2}{\Lambda^2} + C_{\gamma Z}(\Lambda) \right]$$

≈ 0.0028

short-distance

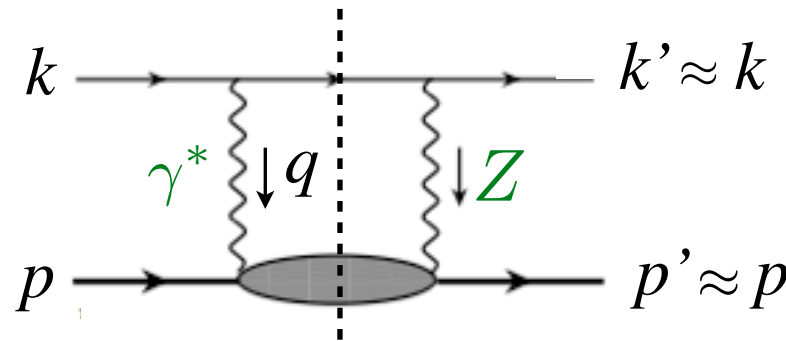
long-distance

Marciano, Sirlin, PRD 29, 75 (1984)
Erlar et al., PRD 68, 016006 (2003)

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→ repeat calculation using forward dispersion relations with realistic (structure function) input



- ★ axial h contribution *antisymmetric* under $E' \leftrightarrow -E'$:

$$\Re \square_{\gamma Z}^A(E) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dE' \frac{E'}{E'^2 - E^2} \Im \square_{\gamma Z}^A(E')$$

- ★ imaginary part can only grow as $\log E' / E'$

Axial h correction

→ imaginary part given by interference $F_3^{\gamma Z}$ structure function

$$\Im \square_{\gamma Z}^A(E) = \frac{\alpha}{(s - M^2)^2} \int_{W_\pi^2}^s dW^2 \int_0^{Q_{\max}^2} \frac{dQ^2}{1 + Q^2/M_Z^2} \\ \times \frac{g_V^e}{2g_A^e} \left(\frac{4ME}{W^2 - M^2 + Q^2} - 1 \right) F_3^{\gamma Z}$$

with $g_A^e = -\frac{1}{2}$, $g_V^e = -\frac{1}{2}(1 - 4\sin^2 \theta_W)$

→ $F_3^{\gamma Z}$ structure function

- ★ elastic part given by $G_M^P G_A^Z$
- ★ resonance part from parametrization of ν scattering data
(Lalakulich-Paschos)
- ★ DIS part dominated by leading twist PDFs at small x
(MSTW, CTEQ, Alekhin)

Axial h correction

→ energy dependence is weak

→ correction at $E = 0$

$$\Re \square_{\gamma Z}^A(0) = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{elastic}}}{0.0006} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{resonance}}}{0.0002} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{DIS}}}{0.0025} = 0.0033$$

→ *cf.* MS value 0.0028 (or 0.7% increase)

→ resulting shift in weak charge

$$Q_W^p = 0.0713 \rightarrow 0.0718$$

Blunden, WM, Thomas (2010)

Vector h correction

- vector h correction $\square_{\gamma Z}^V$ vanishes at $E = 0$, but experiment has $E \sim 1$ GeV – what is energy dependence?

→ forward dispersion relation

- ★ $\Re \square_{\gamma Z}^V(E) = \frac{2E}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dE' \frac{1}{E'^2 - E^2} \Im \square_{\gamma Z}^V(E')$

- ★ integration over $E' < 0$ corresponds to crossed-box, vector h contribution symmetric under $E' \leftrightarrow -E'$

→ imaginary part given by

$$\Im \square_{\gamma Z}^V(E) = \frac{\alpha}{(s - M^2)^2} \int_{W_\pi^2}^s dW^2 \int_0^{Q_{\max}^2} \frac{dQ^2}{1 + Q^2/M_Z^2} \times \left(F_1^{\gamma Z} + F_2^{\gamma Z} \frac{s(Q_{\max}^2 - Q^2)}{Q^2(W^2 - M^2 + Q^2)} \right)$$

Gorchtein, Horowitz, PRL 102, 091806 (2009)

Vector h correction

→ $F_{1,2}^{\gamma Z}$ structure functions

★ parton model for DIS region $F_2^{\gamma Z} = 2x \sum_q e_q g_V^q (q + \bar{q}) = 2x F_1^{\gamma Z}$

→ $F_2^{\gamma Z} \approx F_2^\gamma$ good approximation at *low* x

→ provides upper limit at *large* x ($F_2^{\gamma Z} \lesssim F_2^\gamma$)

★ in resonance region use phenomenological input for F_2 , empirical (SLAC) fit for R

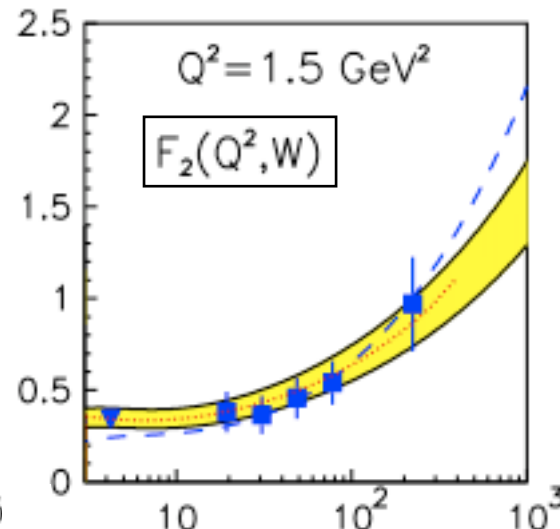
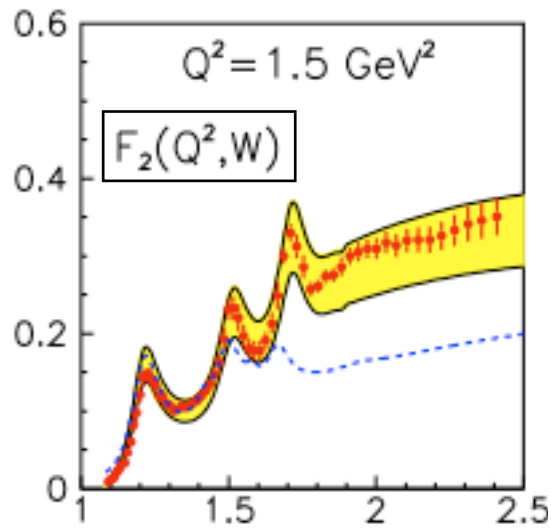
→ for transitions to $I = 3/2$ states (*e.g.* Δ), CVC and isospin symmetry give $F_i^{\gamma Z} = (1 + Q_W^p) F_i^\gamma$

→ for transitions to $I = 1/2$ states, SU(6) wave functions predict Z & γ transition couplings equal to a few %

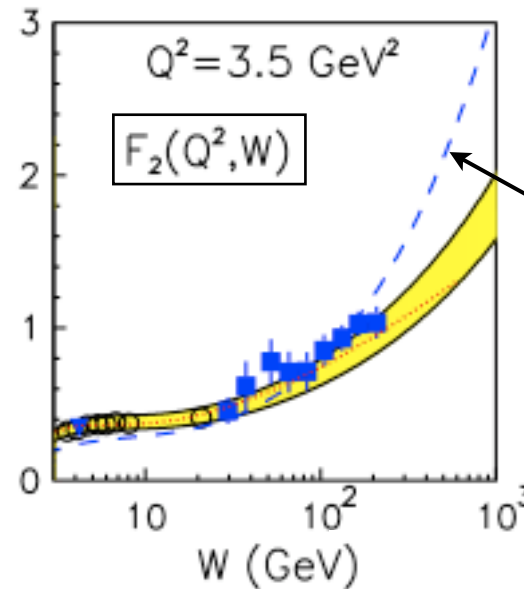
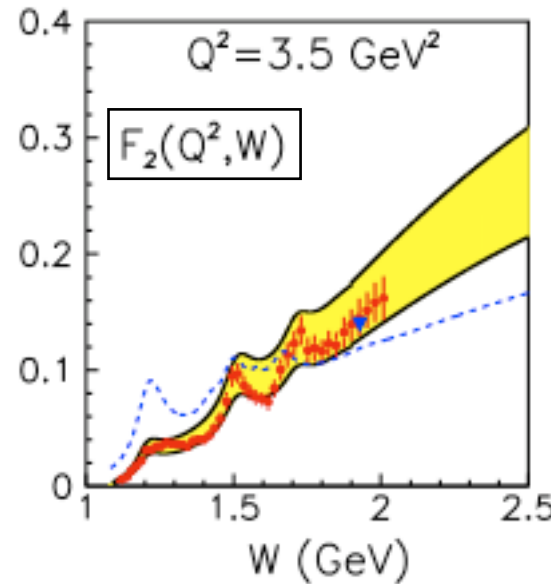
Vector h correction

→ compare structure function input with data

low W



high W



GVMD model
(used as input by
Gorchtein & Horowitz)

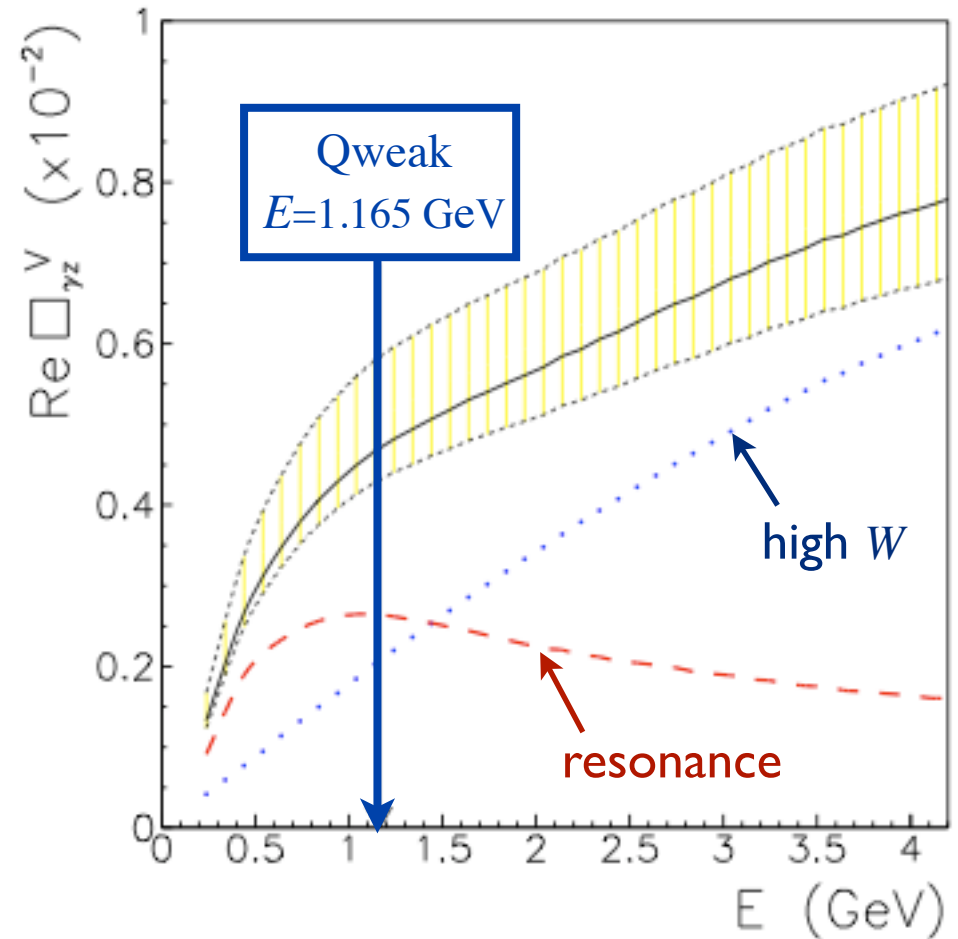
Vector h correction

→ total $\square_{\gamma Z}^V$ correction:

$$\Re \square_{\gamma Z}^V = 0.0047^{+0.0011}_{-0.0004}$$

or $6.6^{+1.5}_{-0.6}$ % of uncorrected Q_W^p

$$Q_W^p = 0.0713 \rightarrow 0.0760$$

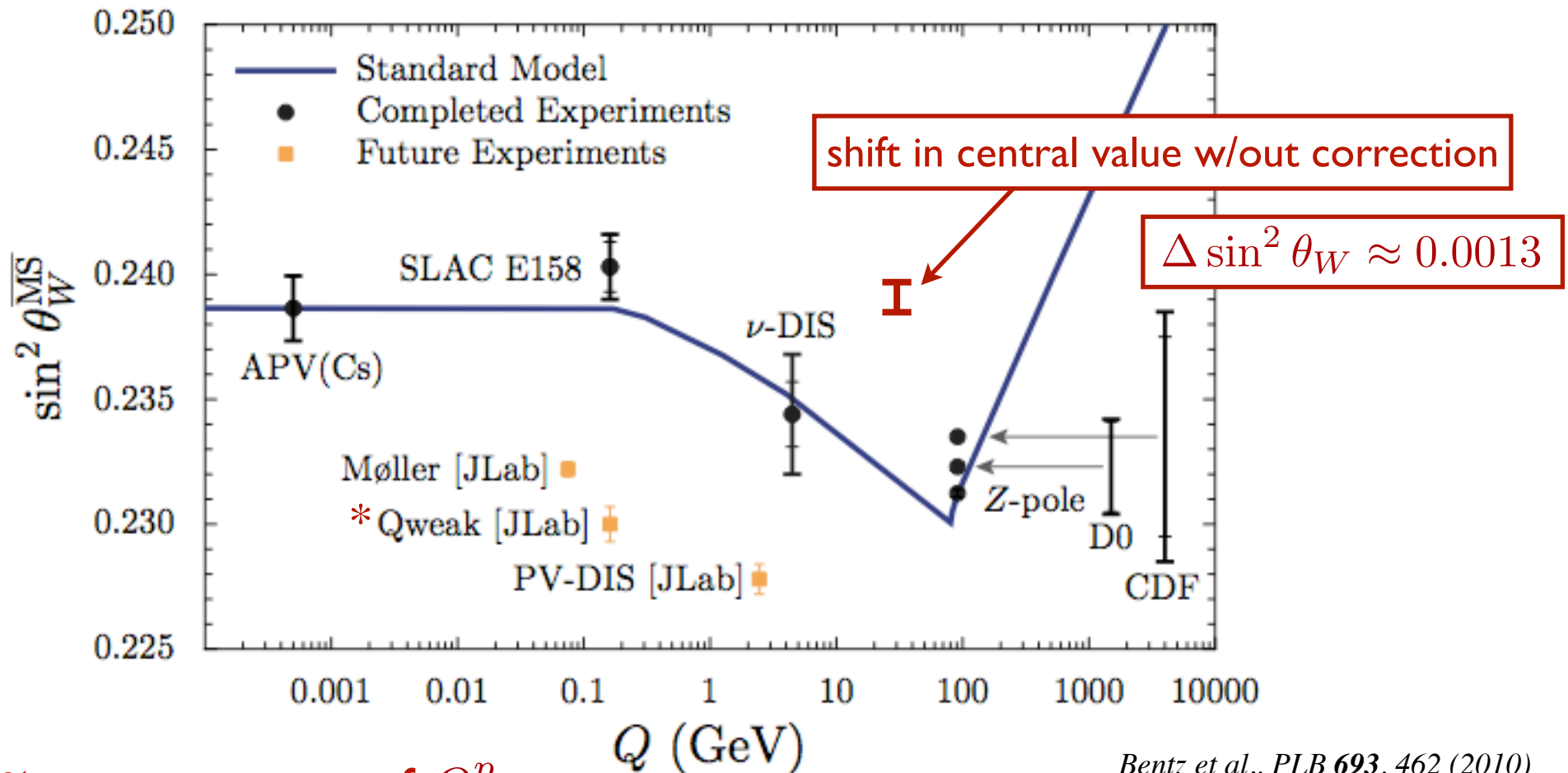


Sibirtsev, Blunden, WM, Thomas, PRD 82, 013011 (2010)

Combined vector and axial h correction

$$Q_W^p = 0.0713(8) \rightarrow 0.0765_{-0.0009}^{+0.0014}$$

→ significant shift in central value, errors within projected experimental uncertainty $\Delta Q_W^p = \pm 0.003$



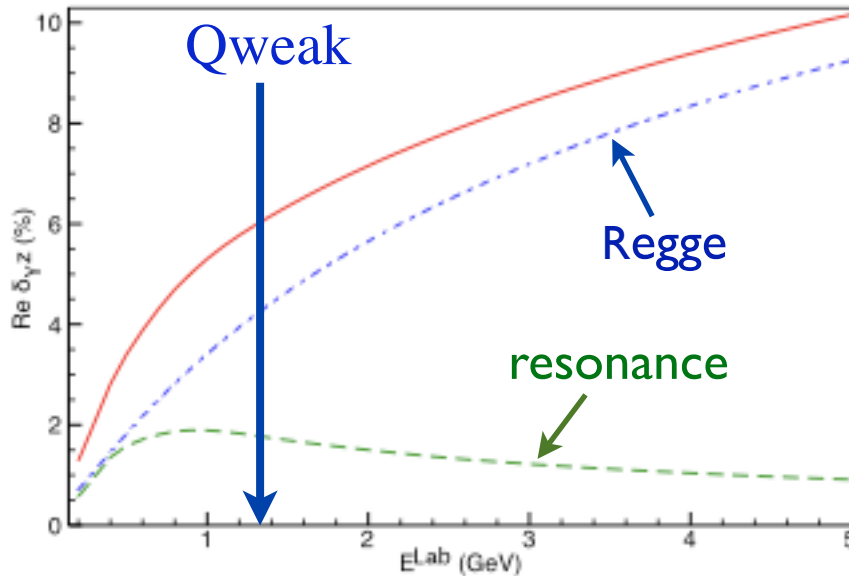
* 4% measurement of Q_W^p

Bentz et al., PLB 693, 462 (2010)

Summary

- Two-photon exchange corrections resolve most of Rosenbluth / polarization transfer G_E^p / G_M^p discrepancy
 - striking demonstration of limitation of one-photon exchange approximation in ep scattering
 - direct tests from e^+ / e^- comparison; polarization observables
- Dramatic effect of $\gamma(Z\gamma)$ corrections at forward angles on proton weak charge, $\Delta Q_W^p \sim 7\%$, cf. PDG
 - would significantly shift extracted weak angle
 - will be better constrained by direct measurement of $F_{1,2,3}^{\gamma Z}$ (e.g. in PVDIS at JLab)

The End



$$\Re \delta_{\gamma Z} = \Re \square_{\gamma Z}^V / Q_W^p \approx 6\%$$

mostly from high- W
("Regge") contribution

- our formula for $\Im m \square_{\gamma Z}^V$ factor 2 larger
(incorrect definition of parton model structure functions:
"nuclear physics" vs. "particle physics" weak charges!)
- GH omit factor $(1-x)$ in definition of $F_{1,2}$
(~30% enhancement)
- GH use $Q_W^p \sim 0.05$ cf. ~ 0.07
(~40% enhancement)
- numerical agreement coincidental!