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Two-Boson Exchange in Electron-Nucleon Scattering

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Outline

- Elastic ep scattering
- Two-photon exchange
 - Rosenbluth separation *vs.* polarization transfer
 - first global analysis of form factors including TPE
- Parity-violating electron scattering
 - photon- Z interference & strangeness in the proton
 - dispersive corrections to proton's weak charge
- Summary

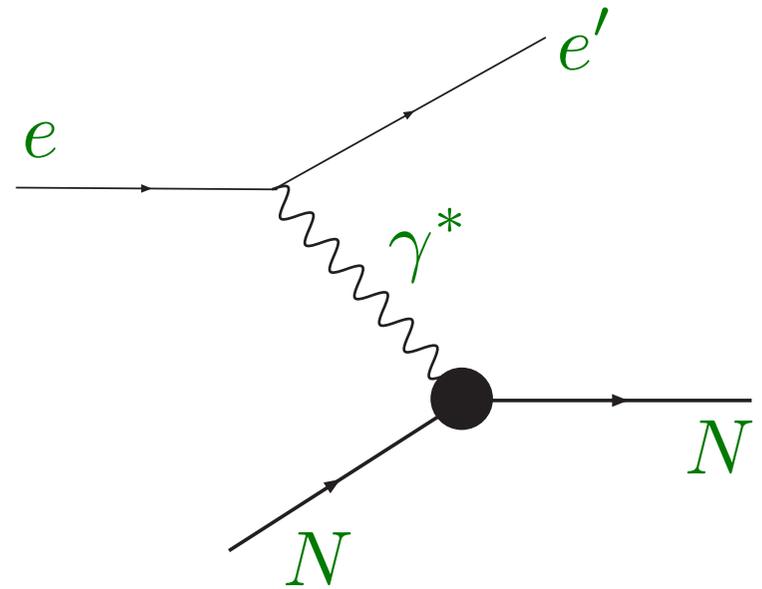
Elastic eN scattering

■ Elastic cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \sigma_{\text{Mott}} \frac{\tau}{\varepsilon (1 + \tau)} \sigma_R$$

$$\tau = Q^2 / 4M^2$$

$$\varepsilon = \left(1 + 2(1 + \tau) \tan^2(\theta/2)\right)^{-1}$$



$$\sigma_{\text{Mott}} = \frac{\alpha^2 E' \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{4E^3 \sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

cross section for scattering from point particle

$$\sigma_R = G_M^2(Q^2) + \frac{\varepsilon}{\tau} G_E^2(Q^2)$$

reduced cross section

G_E , G_M

Sachs electric and magnetic form factors

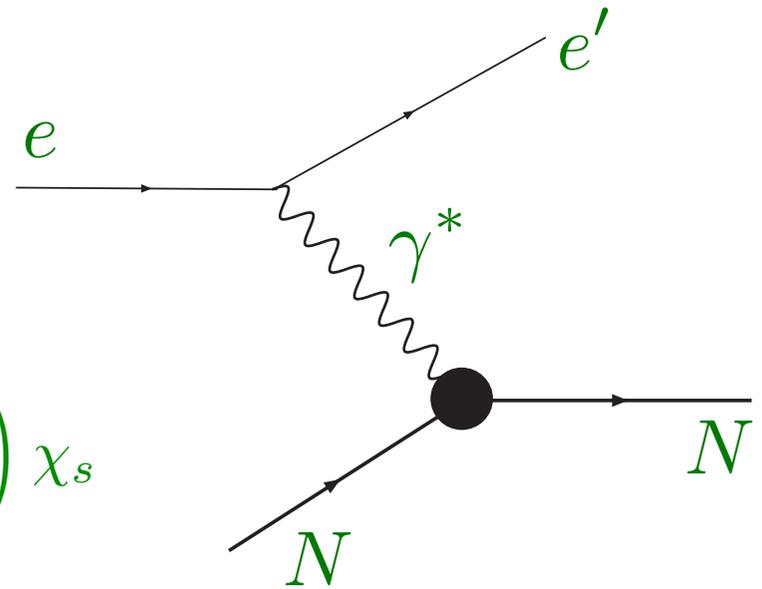
Traditional interpretation

■ In Breit frame

$$\nu = 0, \quad Q^2 = \vec{q}^2$$

electromagnetic current is

$$\bar{u}(p', s') \Gamma^\mu u(p, s) = \chi_{s'}^\dagger \left(G_E + \frac{i\vec{\sigma} \times \vec{q}}{2M} G_M \right) \chi_s$$



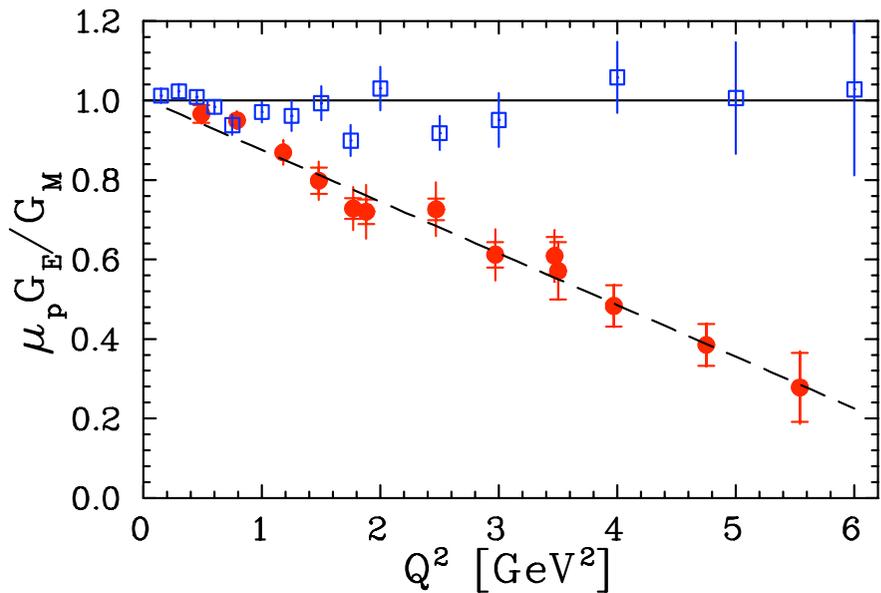
→ cf. classical (Non-Relativistic) current density

$$J^{\text{NR}} = \left(e \rho_E^{\text{NR}}, \mu \vec{\sigma} \times \vec{\nabla} \rho_M^{\text{NR}} \right)$$

$$\rho_E^{\text{NR}}(r) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dq \vec{q}^2 j_0(qr) G_E(\vec{q}^2) \leftarrow \boxed{\text{charge density}}$$

$$\mu \rho_M^{\text{NR}}(r) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dq \vec{q}^2 j_0(qr) G_M(\vec{q}^2) \leftarrow \boxed{\text{magnetization density}}$$

Proton G_E/G_M ratio



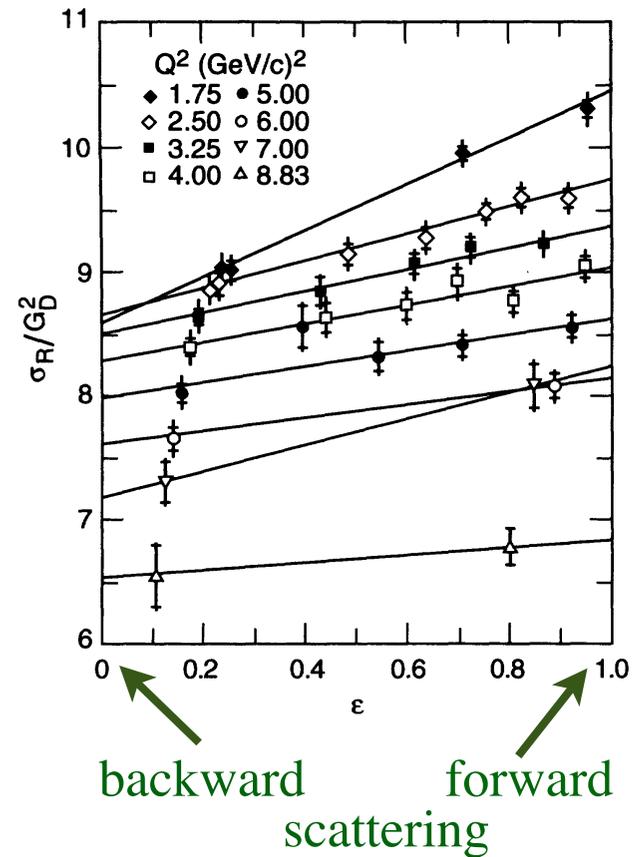
Rosenbluth (Longitudinal-Transverse) Separation

LT method

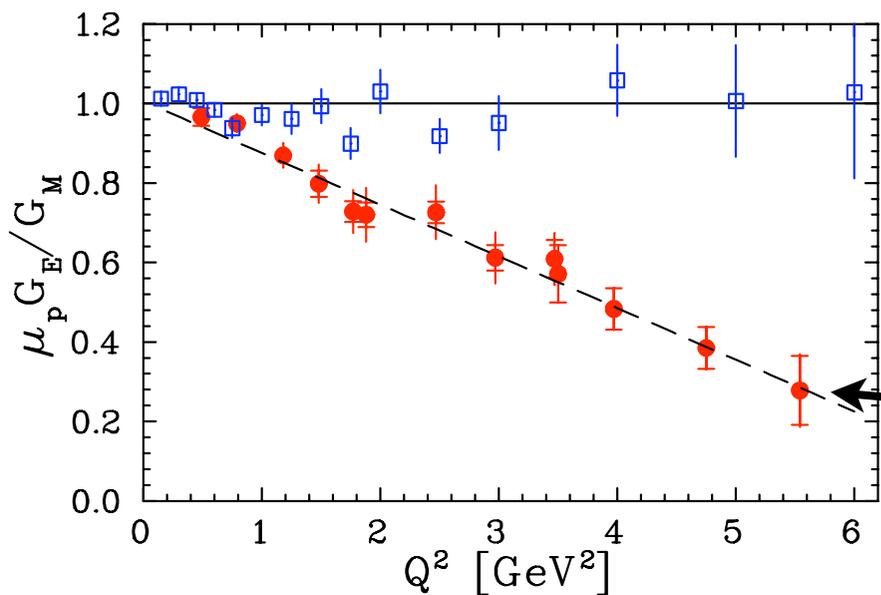
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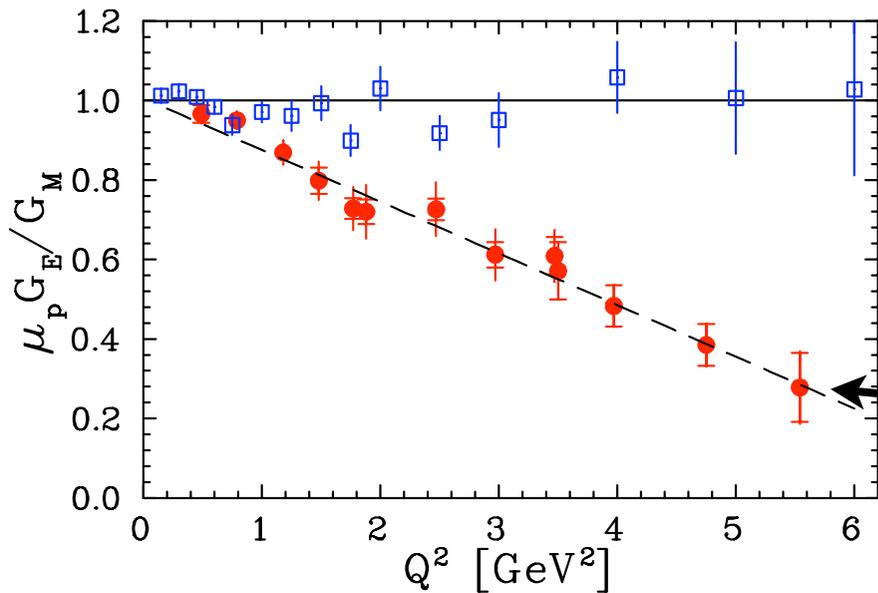
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PT method

$$\frac{G_E}{G_M} = -\sqrt{\frac{\tau(1+\varepsilon)}{2\varepsilon}} \frac{P_T}{P_L}$$

→ $P_{T,L}$ recoil proton
polarization in $\vec{e} p \rightarrow e \vec{p}$

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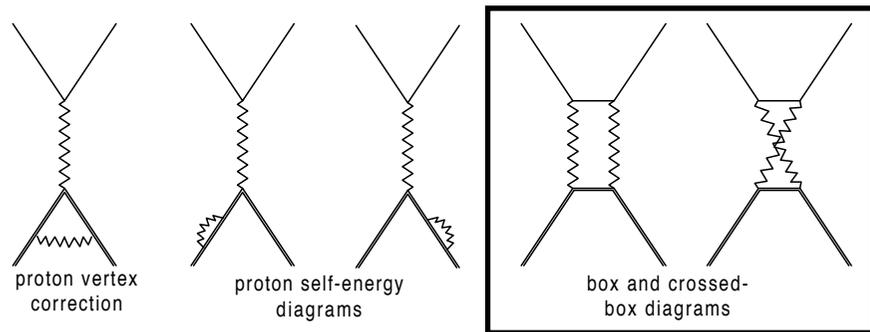
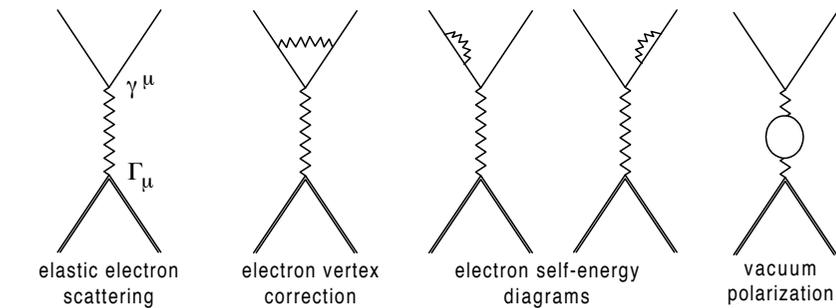
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→ are the G_E^p/G_M^p data consistent?

Two-photon exchange

QED radiative corrections

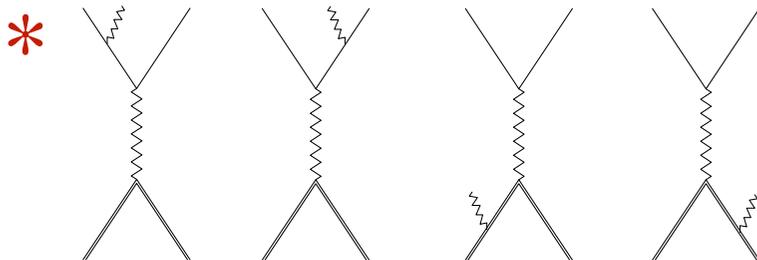
- cross section modified by 1γ loop effects



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

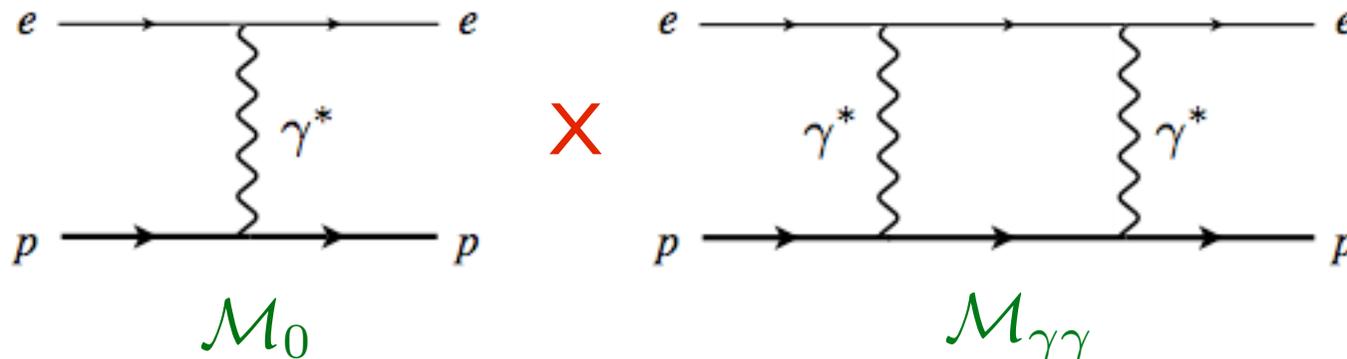


inelastic amplitudes

* IR divergences cancel

Two-photon exchange

- interference between Born and TPE amplitudes

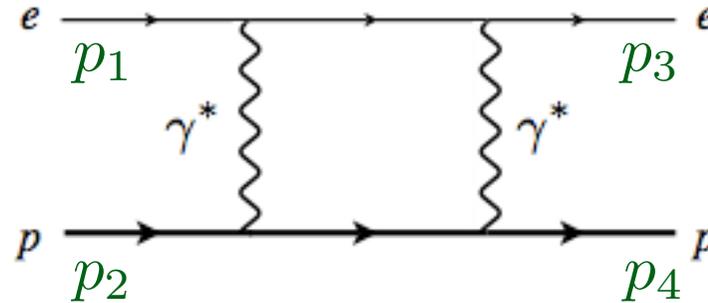


- contribution to cross section:

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

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

Two-photon exchange



$$\mathcal{M}_{\gamma\gamma} = e^4 \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{N(k)}{D(k)}$$

where

$$N(k) = \bar{u}(p_3) \gamma_\mu (\not{p}_1 - \not{k} + m_e) \gamma_\nu u(p_1) \\ \times \bar{u}(p_4) \Gamma^\mu(q - k) (\not{p}_2 + \not{k} + M) \Gamma^\nu(k) u(p_2)$$

and

$$D(k) = (k^2 - \lambda^2) ((k - q)^2 - \lambda^2) \\ \times ((p_1 - k)^2 - m^2) ((p_2 + k)^2 - M^2)$$

with λ an IR regulator, and e.m. current is

$$\Gamma^\mu(q) = \gamma^\mu F_1(q^2) + \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{2M} F_2(q^2)$$

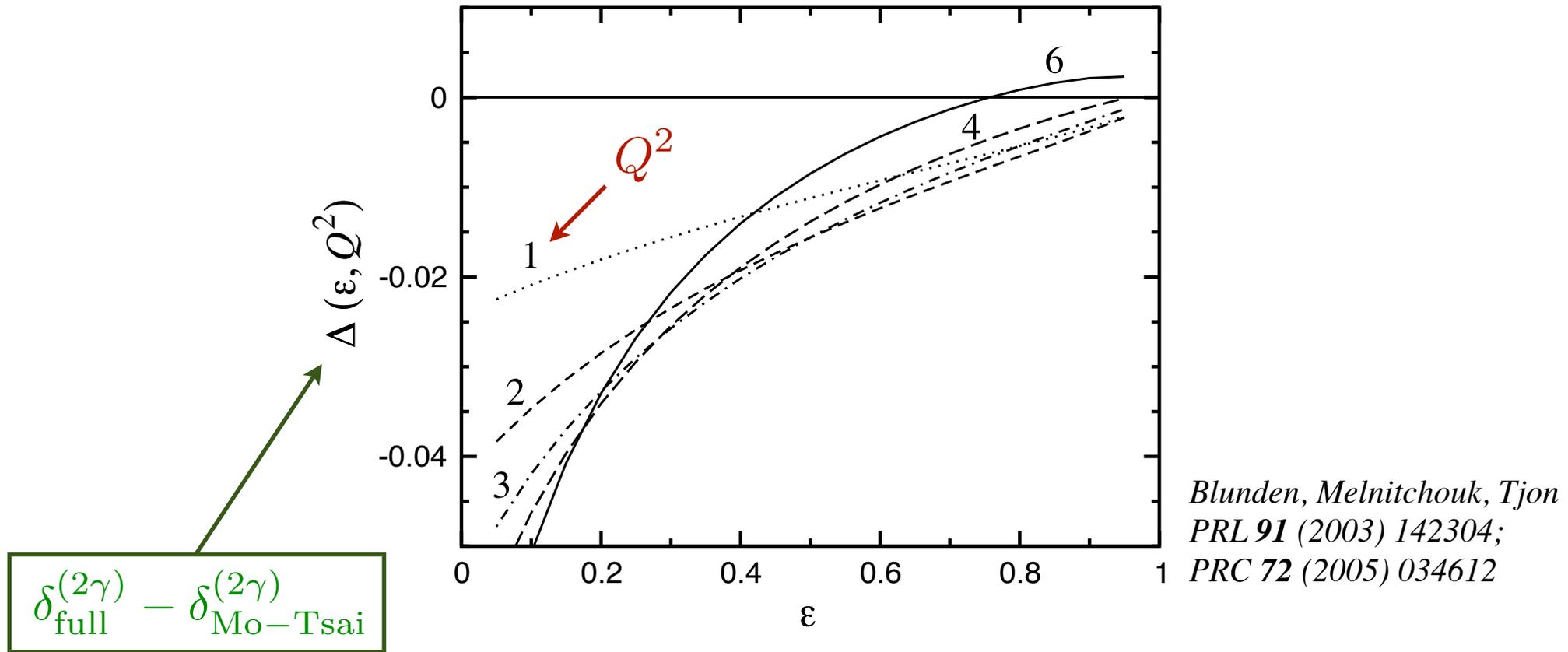
- Mo-Tsai: soft γ approximation
 - integrand most singular when $k = 0$ and $k = q$
 - replace γ propagator which is not at pole by $1/q^2$
 - approximate numerator $N(k) \approx N(0)$
 - neglect all structure effects

- Maximon-Tjon: improved loop calculation
 - exact treatment of propagators
 - still evaluate $N(k)$ at $k = 0$
 - first study of form factor effects
 - additional ε dependence

- Blunden-WM-Tjon: exact loop calculation
 - no approximation in $N(k)$ or $D(k)$
 - include form factors

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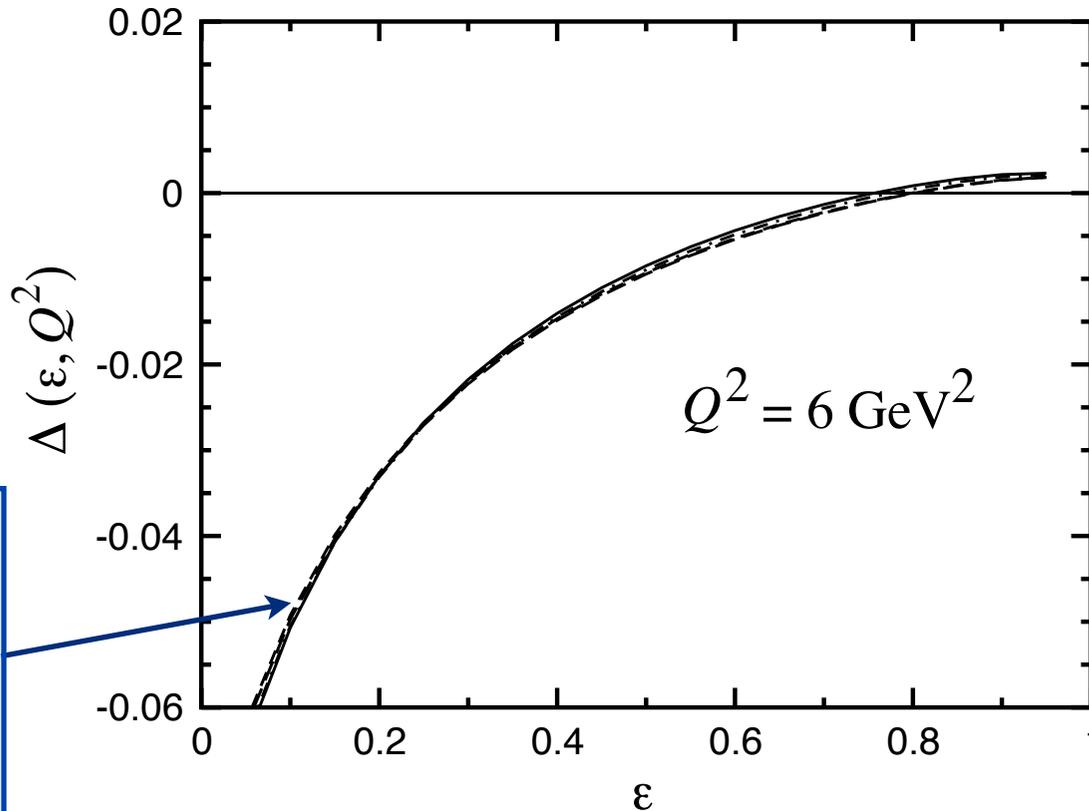
- “exact” calculation of loop diagram (including hadron structure)



- few % magnitude, non-linear in ε
- *positive slope*
(will reduce Rosenbluth ratio)

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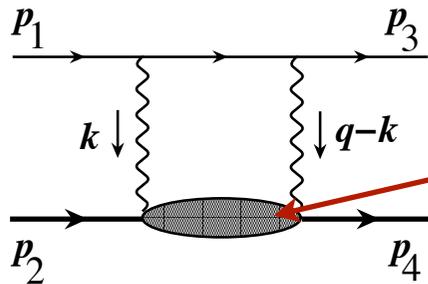
form factors:

Mergell et al. (1996)
Brash et al. (2002)
Arrington LT (2004)
Arrington PT (2004)

Blunden, Melnitchouk, Tjon
PRL 91 (2003) 142304;
PRC 72 (2005) 034612

→ results do not depend strongly
on input form factors

Higher-mass intermediate states



$N, \Delta, P_{11}, S_{11}, S_{31}, \dots$

- lowest mass excitation is P_{33} $\Delta(1232)$ resonance

→ relativistic $\gamma^* N \Delta$ vertex

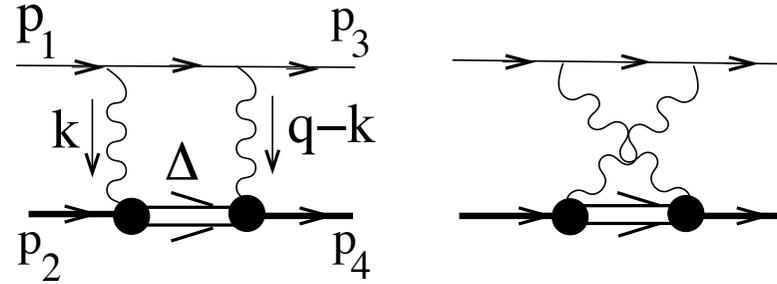
form factor $\frac{\Lambda_\Delta^4}{(\Lambda_\Delta^2 - q^2)^2}$

$$\Gamma_{\gamma\Delta \rightarrow N}^{\nu\alpha}(p, q) \equiv iV_{\Delta in}^{\nu\alpha}(p, q) = i \frac{eF_\Delta(q^2)}{2M_\Delta^2} \left\{ g_1 [g^{\nu\alpha} \not{p} \not{q} - p^\nu \gamma^\alpha \not{q} - \gamma^\nu \gamma^\alpha p \cdot q + \gamma^\nu \not{p} q^\alpha] \right. \\ \left. + g_2 [p^\nu q^\alpha - g^{\nu\alpha} p \cdot q] + (g_3/M_\Delta) [q^2 (p^\nu \gamma^\alpha - g^{\nu\alpha} \not{p}) + q^\nu (q^\alpha \not{p} - \gamma^\alpha p \cdot q)] \right\} \gamma_5 T_3$$

→ coupling constants

g_1	magnetic	→	7
$g_2 - g_1$	electric	→	9
g_3	Coulomb	→	-2 ... 0

■ TPE amplitude with Δ intermediate state



$$\mathcal{M}_{\Delta}^{\gamma\gamma} = -e^4 \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{N_{box}^{\Delta}(k)}{D_{box}^{\Delta}(k)} - e^4 \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{N_{x-box}^{\Delta}(k)}{D_{x-box}^{\Delta}(k)}$$

with numerators

$$N_{box}^{\Delta}(k) = \bar{U}(p_4) V_{\Delta in}^{\mu\alpha}(p_2 + k, q - k) [\not{p}_2 + \not{k} + M_{\Delta}] \mathcal{P}_{\alpha\beta}^{3/2}(p_2 + k) V_{\Delta out}^{\beta\nu}(p_2 + k, k) U(p_2) \\ \times \bar{u}(p_3) \gamma_{\mu} [\not{p}_1 - \not{k} + m_e] \gamma_{\nu} u(p_1)$$

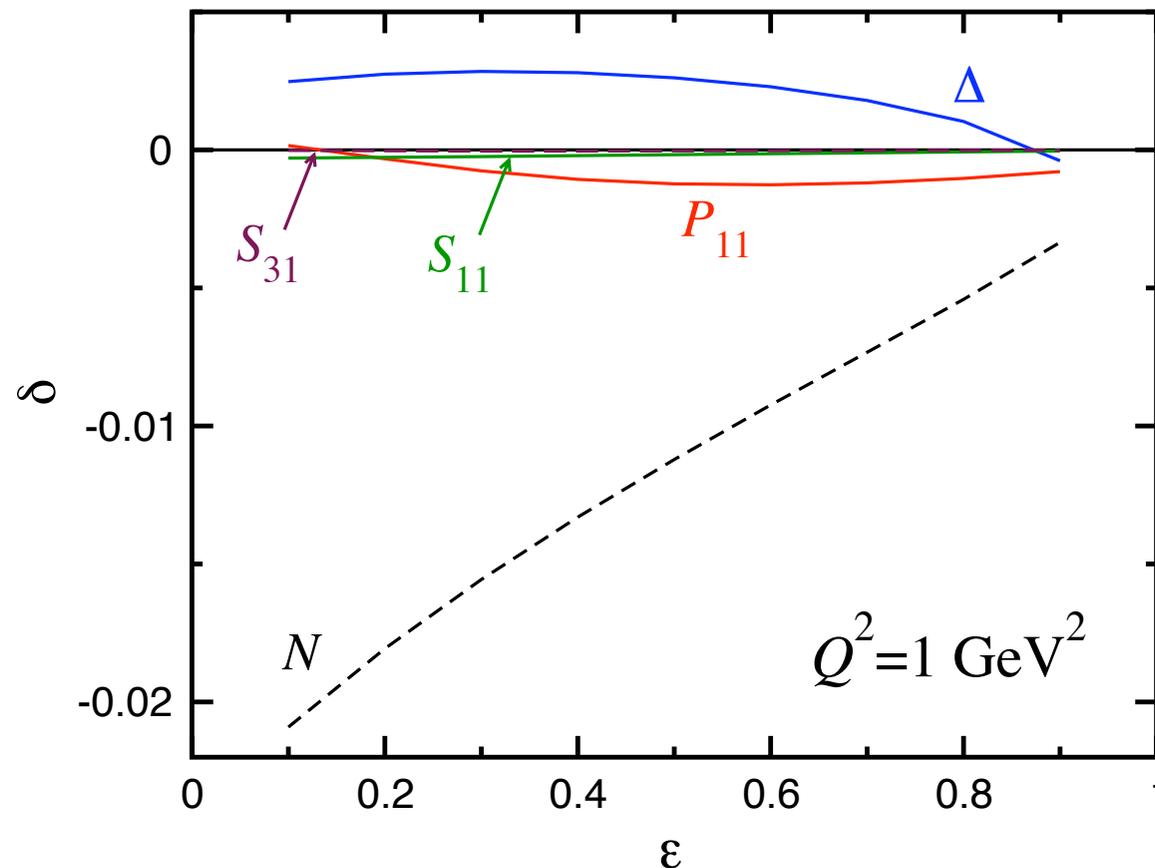
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spin-3/2 projection operator

$$\mathcal{P}_{\alpha\beta}^{3/2}(p) = g_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{3} \gamma_{\alpha} \gamma_{\beta} - \frac{1}{3p^2} (\not{p} \gamma_{\alpha} p_{\beta} + p_{\alpha} \gamma_{\beta} \not{p})$$

■ higher-mass intermediate states

→ more model dependent, since couplings & form factors not as well known (especially at high Q^2)



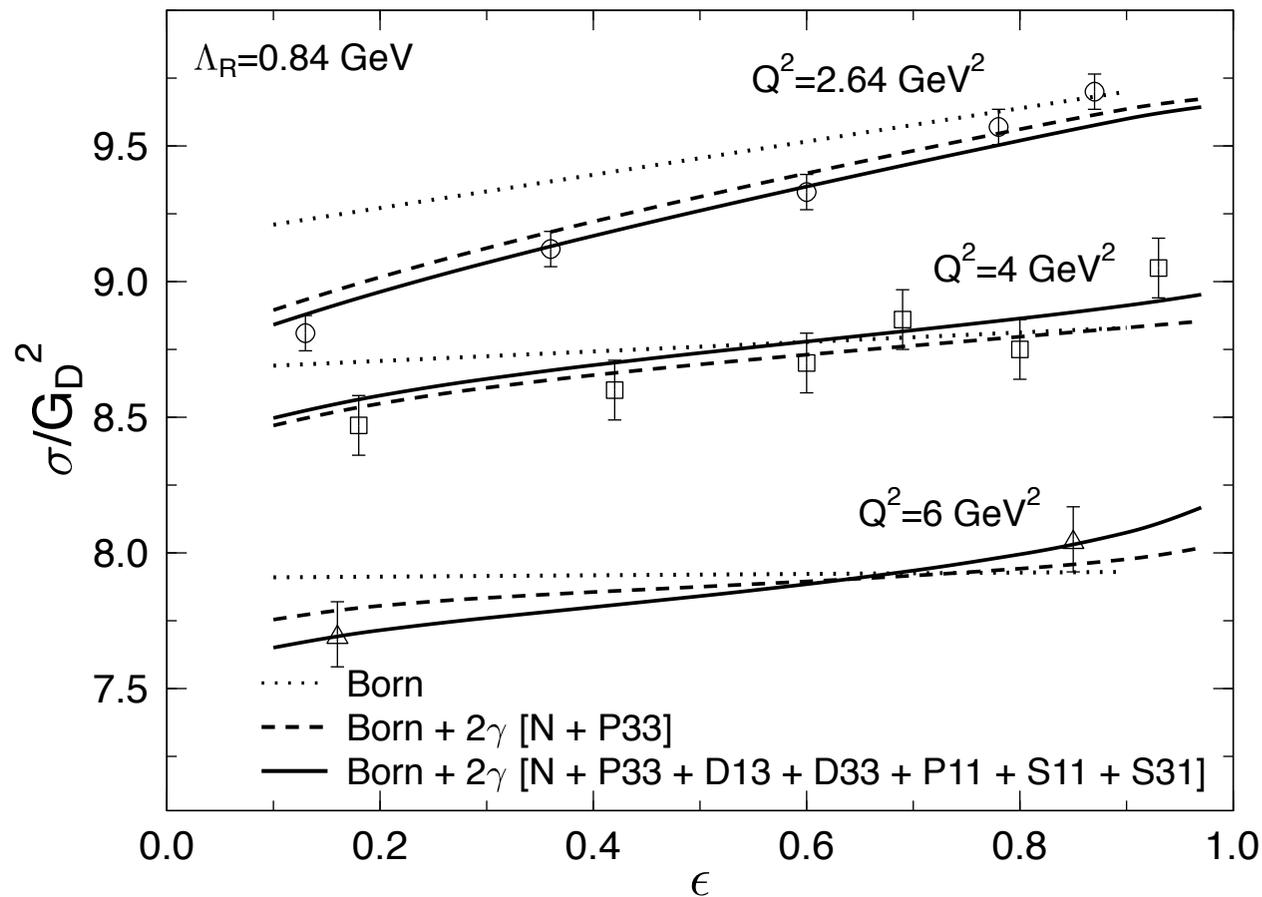
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PRL 95 (2005) 172503*

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PRC 75 (2007) 038201*

→ dominant contribution from N

→ Δ partially cancels N contribution

■ higher-mass intermediate states



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- higher mass resonance contributions small
- much better fit to data including TPE

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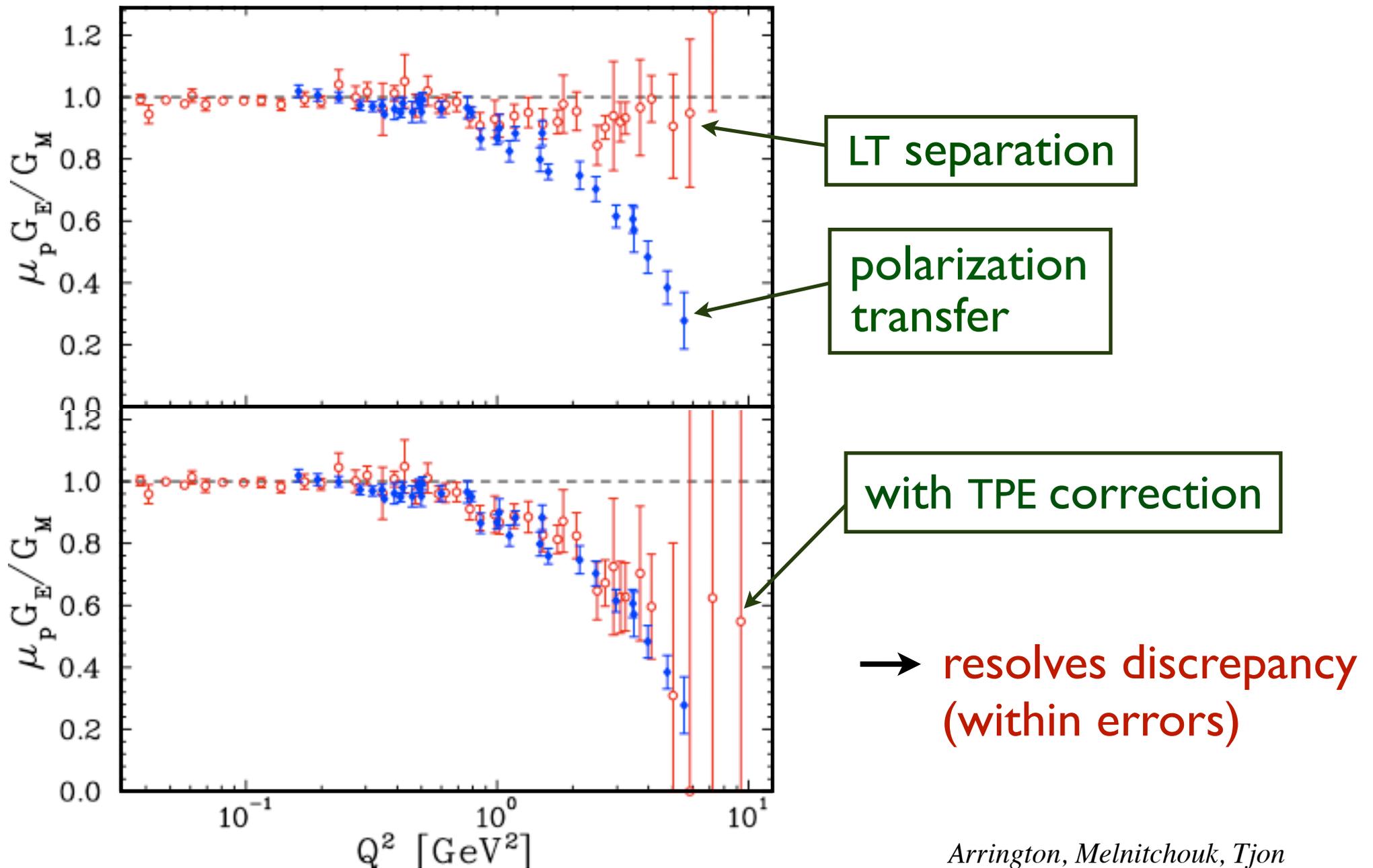
- reanalyze all elastic ep data (Rosenbluth, PT), including TPE corrections consistently from the beginning
- use explicit calculation of N elastic contribution
- approximate higher mass contributions by phenomenological form, based on N^* calculations:

$$\delta_{\text{high mass}}^{(2\gamma)} = -0.01 (1 - \varepsilon) \log Q^2 / \log 2.2$$

for $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$, with $\pm 100\%$ uncertainty

→ decreases $\varepsilon = 0$ cross section by 1% (2%)
at $Q^2 = 2.2$ (4.8) GeV^2

Global analysis



Non-linearity in ε

- unique feature of TPE correction to cross section
- observation of non-linearity in ε would provide direct evidence of TPE in elastic scattering
- fit reduced cross section as:

$$\sigma_R = P_0 \left[1 + P_1 \left(\varepsilon - \frac{1}{2} \right) + P_2 \left(\varepsilon - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \right]$$

- current data give average non-linearity parameter:

$$\langle P_2 \rangle = 4.3 \pm 2.8\%$$

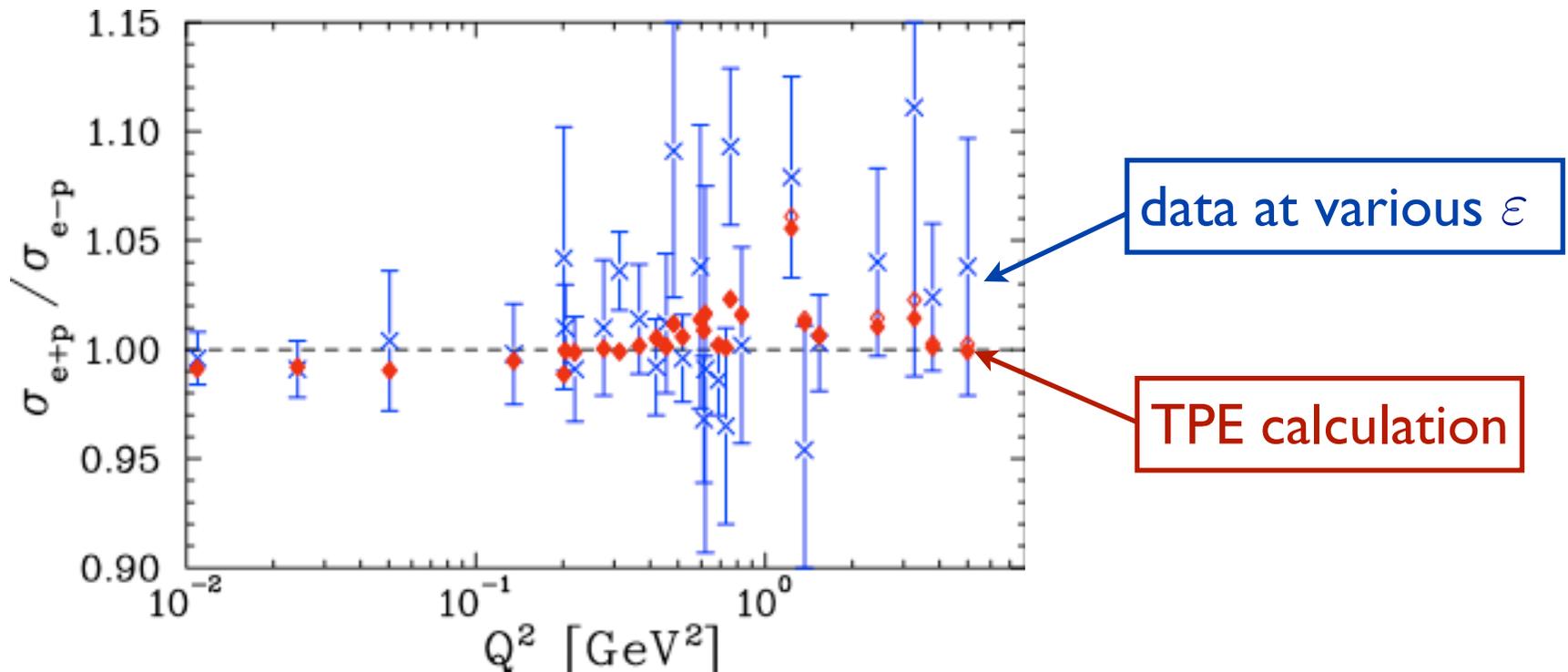
- Hall C experiment E-05-017 will provide accurate measurement of ε dependence

e^+/e^- comparison

- 1γ (2γ) exchange changes sign (invariant) under $e^+ \leftrightarrow e^-$

→ ratio of e^+p / e^-p cross sections sensitive to $\Delta(\varepsilon, Q^2)$

$$\sigma_{e^+p} / \sigma_{e^-p} \approx 1 - 2\Delta$$



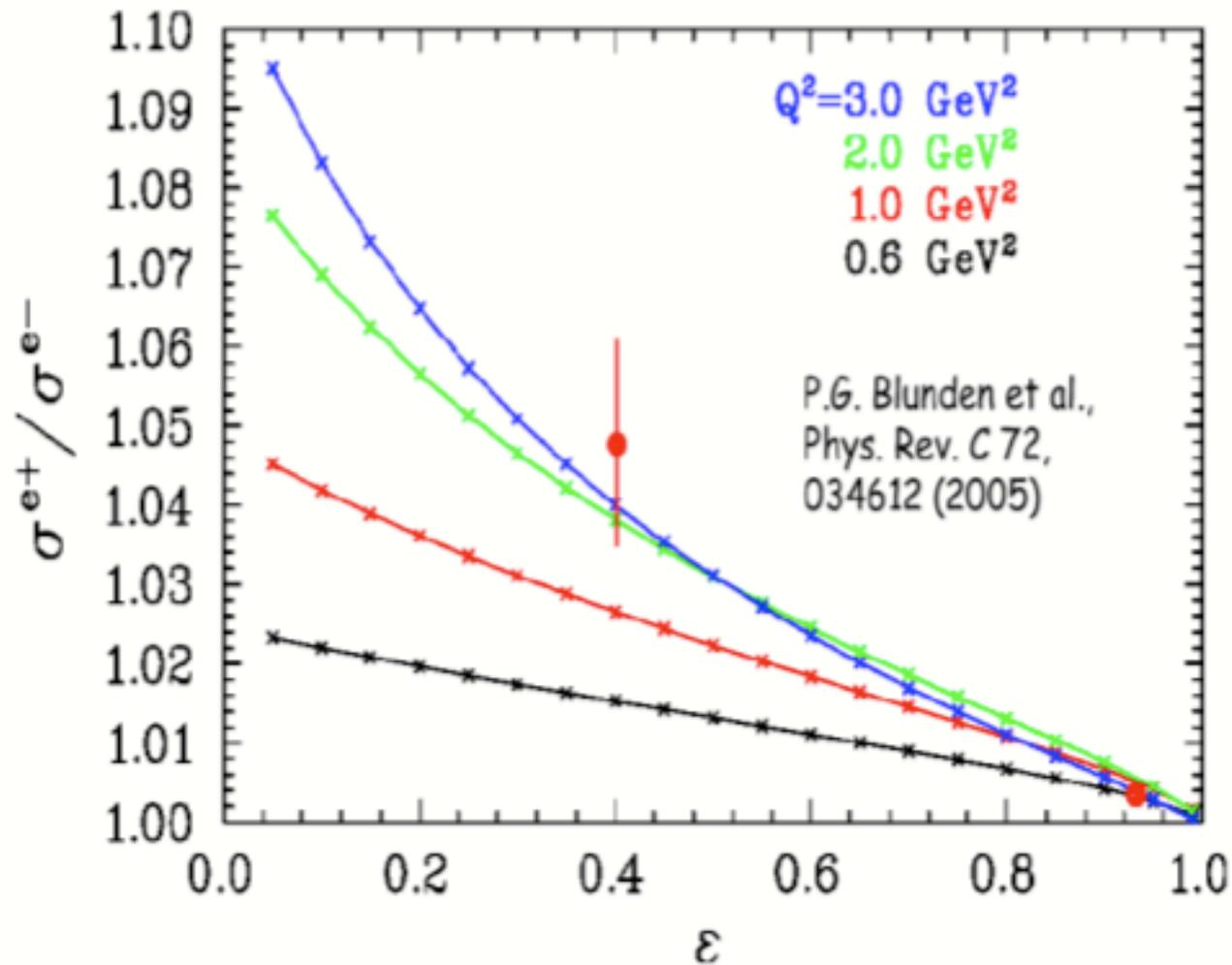
- simultaneous e^-p/e^+p measurement using tertiary e^+/e^- beam to $Q^2 \sim 1-2$ GeV² (Hall B experiment E-04-116)

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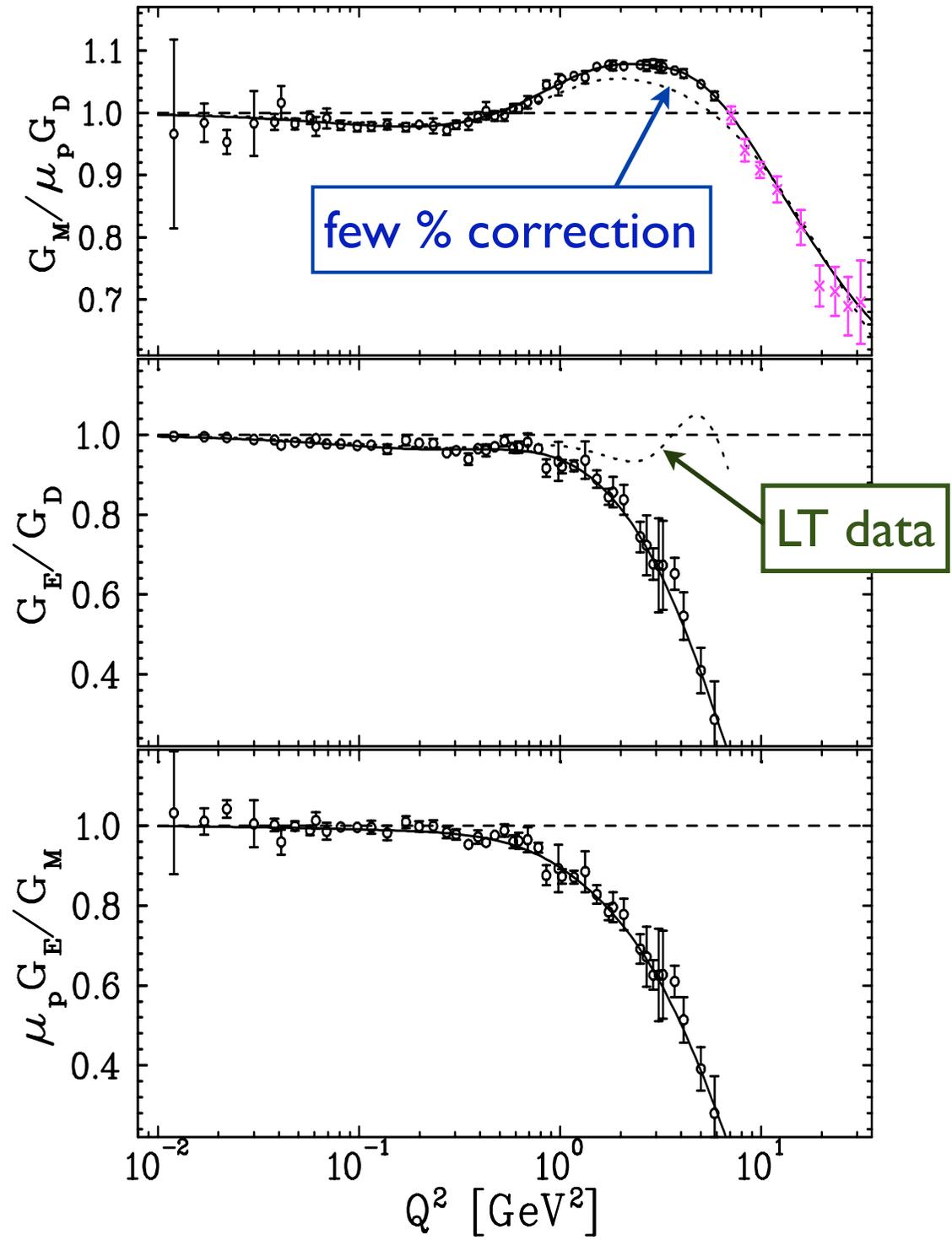
Very preliminary Novosibirsk data

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



Arrington, Holt *et al.* (2010)

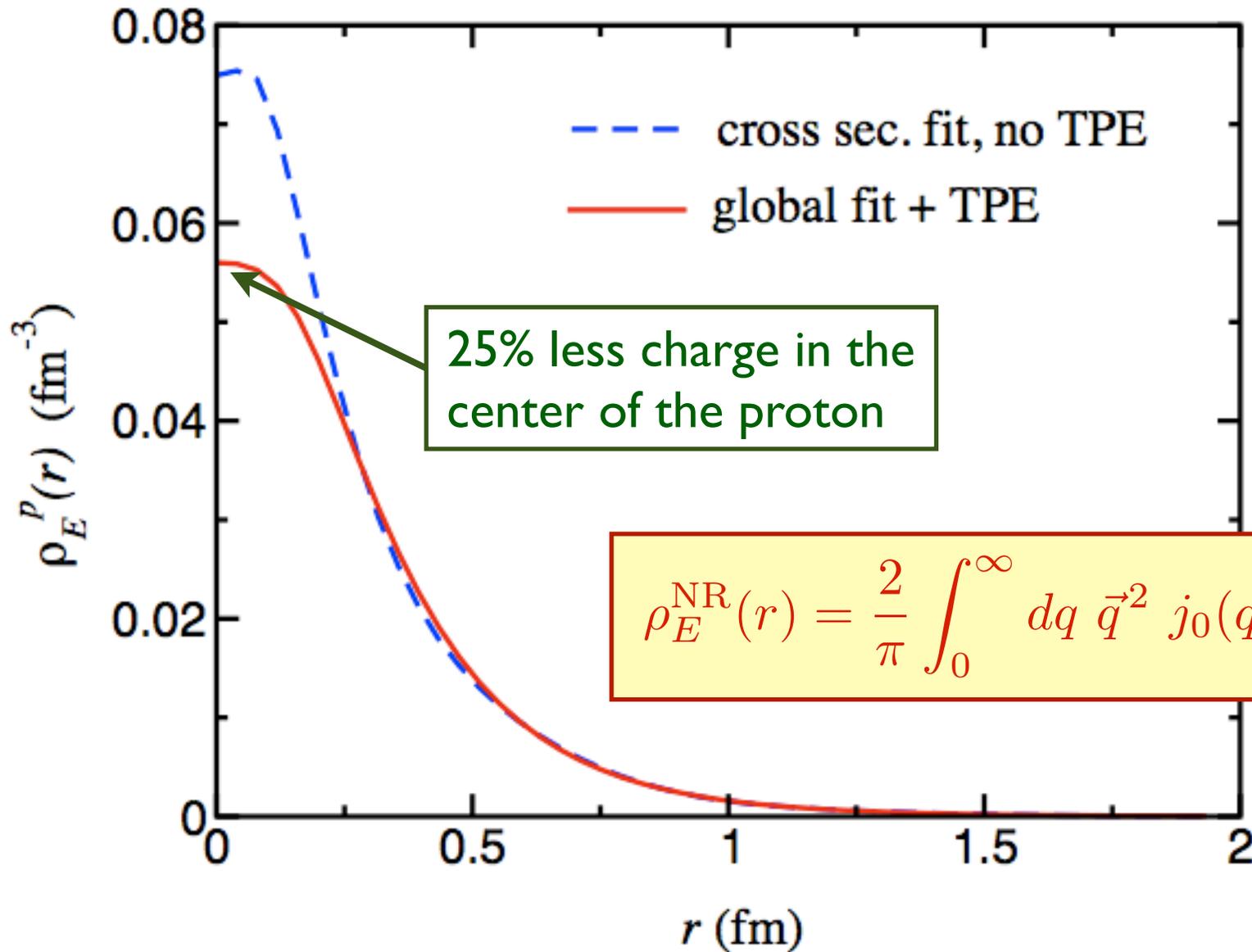
final form factor results
from global analysis
including TPE corrections



$$\left\{ G_E, \frac{G_M}{\mu_p} \right\} = \frac{1 + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \tau^i}{1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} b_i \tau^i}$$

Parameter	G_M/μ_p	G_E
a_1	-1.465	3.439
a_2	1.260	-1.602
a_3	0.262	0.068
b_1	9.627	15.055
b_2	0.000	48.061
b_3	0.000	99.304
b_4	11.179	0.012
b_5	13.245	8.650

Charge density



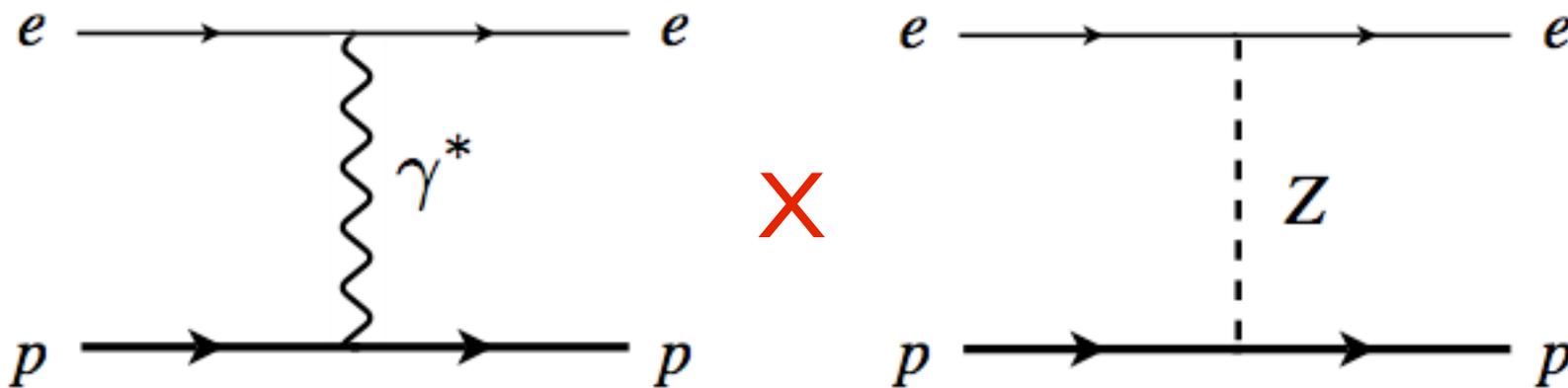
Parity-violating electron scattering

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- Left-right polarization asymmetry in $\vec{e} p \rightarrow e p$ scattering

$$A_{\text{PV}} = \frac{\sigma_L - \sigma_R}{\sigma_L + \sigma_R} = - \left(\frac{G_F Q^2}{4\sqrt{2}\alpha} \right) (A_V + A_A + A_S)$$

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Born (tree) level

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

radiative corrections,
including TBE

→ using relations between weak and e.m. form factors

$$G_{E,M}^{Zp} = (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W) G_{E,M}^{\gamma p} - G_{E,M}^{\gamma n} - G_{E,M}^s$$

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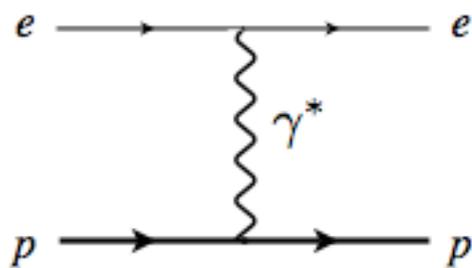
$$A_A = g_V^e \sqrt{\tau(1+\tau)(1-\varepsilon^2)} \tilde{G}_A^{Zp} G_M^{\gamma p} / \sigma^{\gamma p}$$

includes axial RCs + anapole term

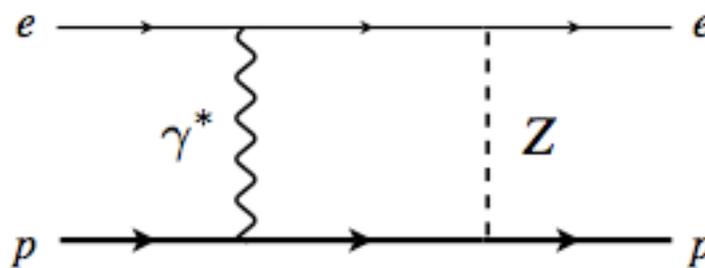
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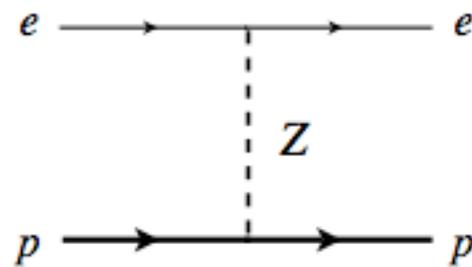
Two-boson exchange corrections



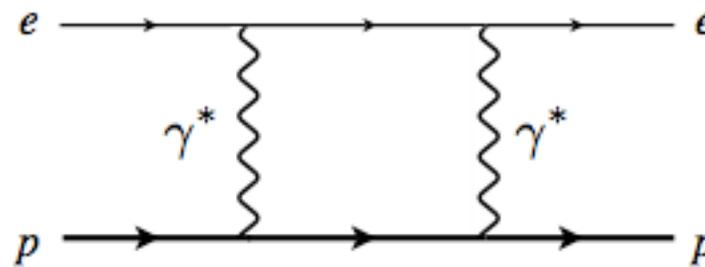
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“ $\gamma(Z\gamma)$ ”



X



“ $Z(\gamma\gamma)$ ”

- current PDG estimates computed at $Q^2 = 0$

Marciano, Sirlin (1980)

Erlar, Ramsey-Musolf (2003)

- do not include hadron structure effects

Two-boson exchange corrections

- parameterize corrections to asymmetry as

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

Born asymmetry



$$\delta_{Z(\gamma\gamma)} = \frac{2\Re(\mathcal{M}_Z^* \mathcal{M}_{\gamma\gamma})}{2\Re(\mathcal{M}_Z^* \mathcal{M}_\gamma)}$$

$$\delta_{\gamma(Z\gamma)} = \frac{2\Re(\mathcal{M}_\gamma^* \mathcal{M}_{\gamma Z} + \mathcal{M}_\gamma^* \mathcal{M}_{Z\gamma})}{2\Re(\mathcal{M}_Z^* \mathcal{M}_\gamma)}$$

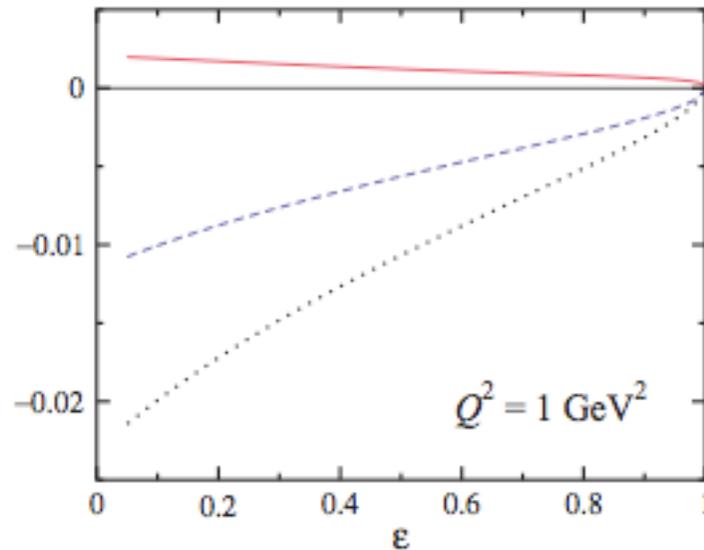
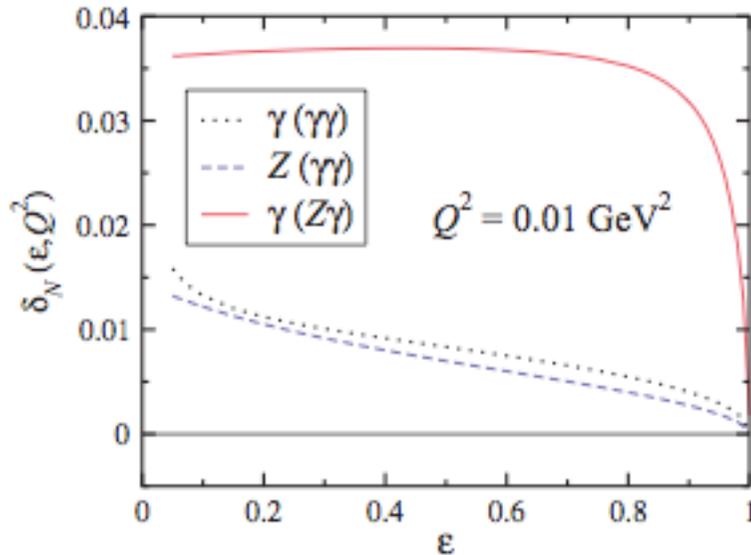
$$\delta_{\gamma(\gamma\gamma)} = \frac{2\Re(\mathcal{M}_\gamma^* \mathcal{M}_{\gamma\gamma})}{|\mathcal{M}_\gamma|^2}$$

→ total TBE correction

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

Two-boson exchange corrections

■ nucleon intermediate states



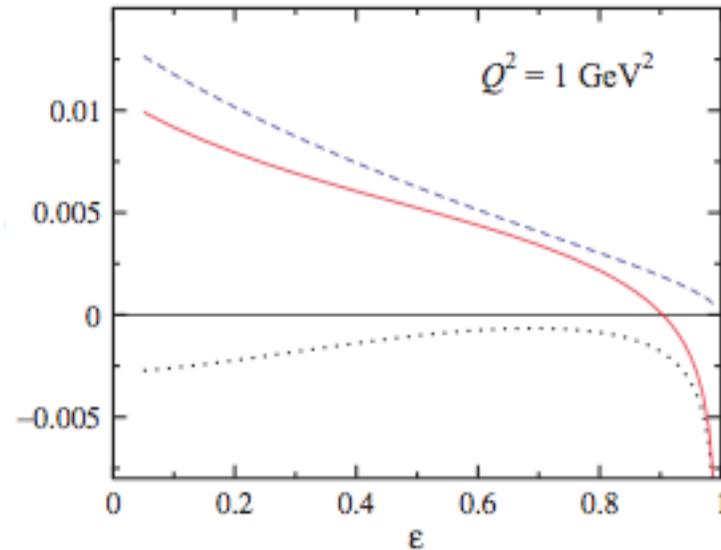
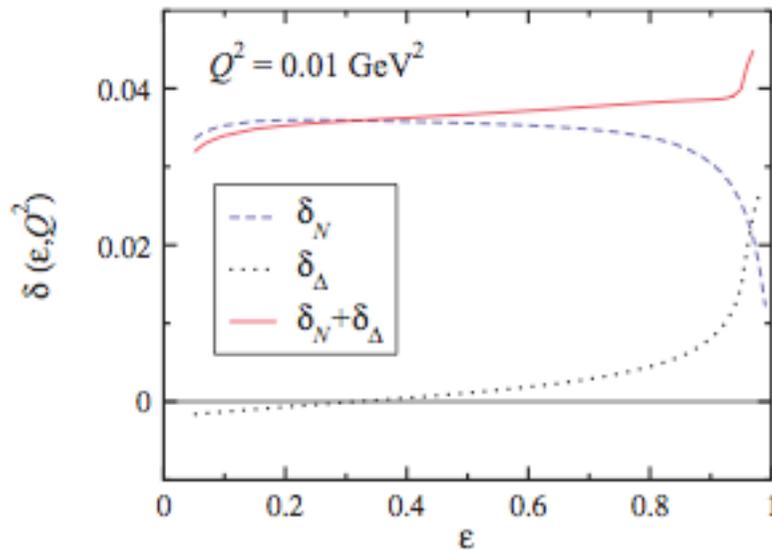
Tjon, WM, PRL 100, 082003 (2008)

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

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

Two-boson exchange corrections

■ Δ intermediate states



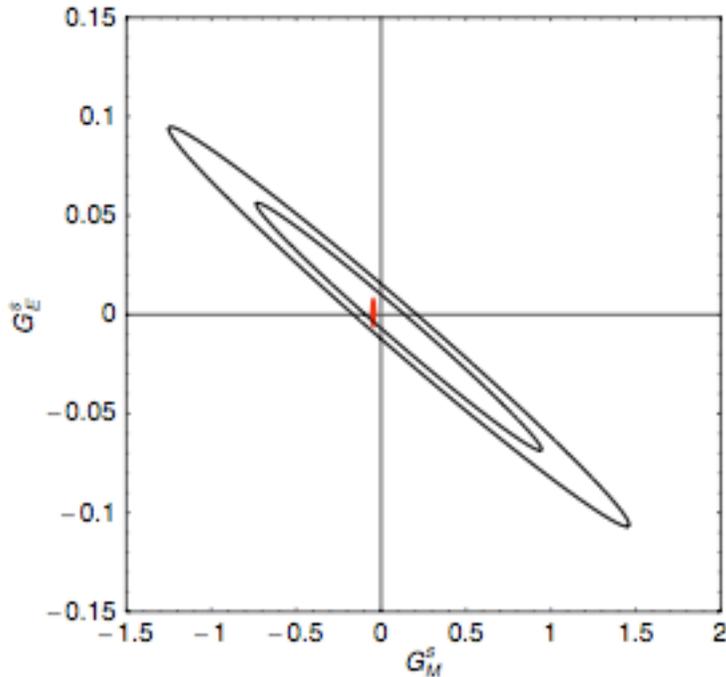
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- Δ contribution small, except at very forward angles (numerators have higher powers of loop momenta)
- Δ calculation less reliable for $\epsilon \rightarrow 1$ (grows faster with s than nucleon)

Effects on strange form factors

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



$$G_E^s = 0.0025 \pm 0.0182$$

$$G_M^s = -0.011 \pm 0.254$$

$$\text{at } Q^2 = 0.1 \text{ GeV}^2$$

Young et al., PRL 97, 102002 (2006)

- including TBE corrections:

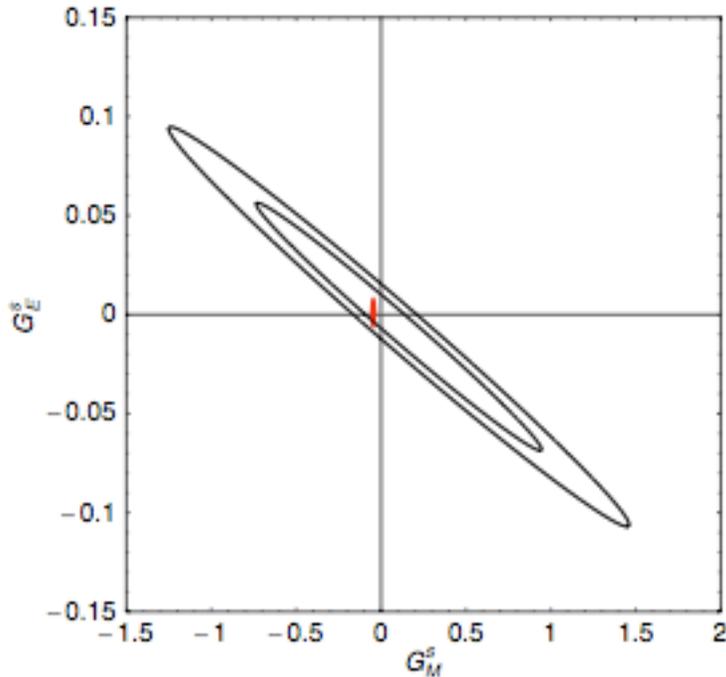
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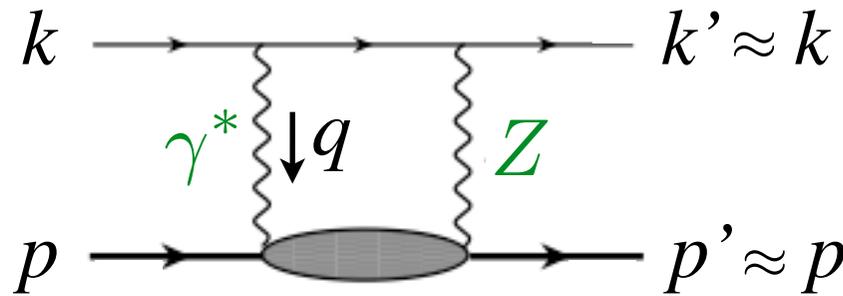
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fixed mainly by ^4He data ...
... TBE for ^4He not yet included

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

$$Q_W^p = (1 + \Delta\rho + \Delta_e)(1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W(0) + \Delta'_e)$$

“standard” electroweak vertex & other corrections

Correction to proton weak charge

- including higher order radiative corrections

$$Q_W^p = (1 + \Delta\rho + \Delta_e)(1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W(0) + \Delta'_e) + \square_{WW} + \square_{ZZ} + \square_{\gamma Z}$$

box diagrams

→ 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

axial e - vector h

Correction to proton weak charge

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

→ 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*

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

high-energy low-energy

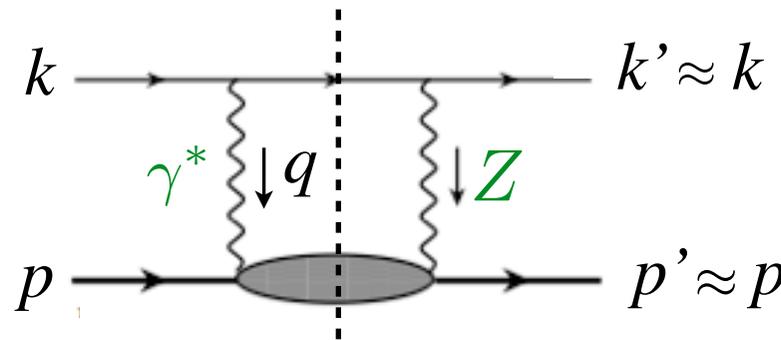
Marciano, Sirlin, *PRD* **29**, 75 (1984)

Erlar et al., *PRD* **68**, 016006 (2003)

Correction to proton weak charge

- vector h correction $\square_{\gamma Z}^V$ negligible for $E \sim m_e$, but what about at $\mathcal{O}(1 \text{ GeV})$?

→ computed in forward limit using dispersion relations



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

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

- ★ vanishes as $E \rightarrow 0$

Correction to proton weak charge

→ imaginary part given by γZ interference structure functions

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

★ little direct data on interference structure functions
(neutral currents at HERA at very small x)

★ in parton model $F_2^{\gamma Z} = 2x \sum_q e_q g_V^q (q + \bar{q}) = 2xF_1^{\gamma Z}$

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

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

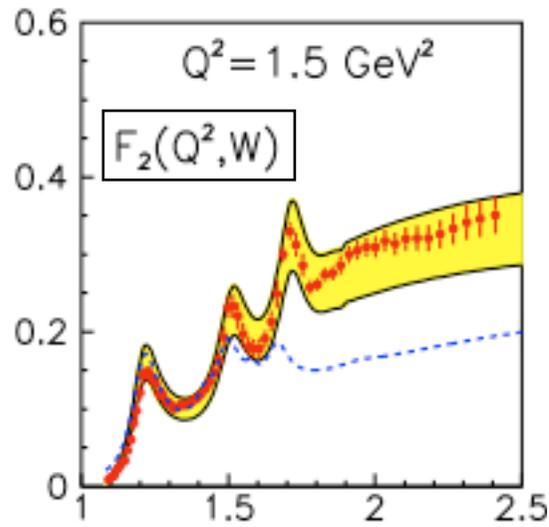
Correction to proton weak charge

- in resonance region use phenomenological input for F_2 , empirical SLAC fit for $R = \sigma_L/\sigma_T = (1 + 4M^2x^2/Q^2)F_2/(2xF_1) - 1$
 - 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 few percent
 - include contributions from four prominent resonances:
 $P_{33}(1232)$, $D_{13}(1520)$, $F_{15}(1680)$, $F_{37}(1950)$

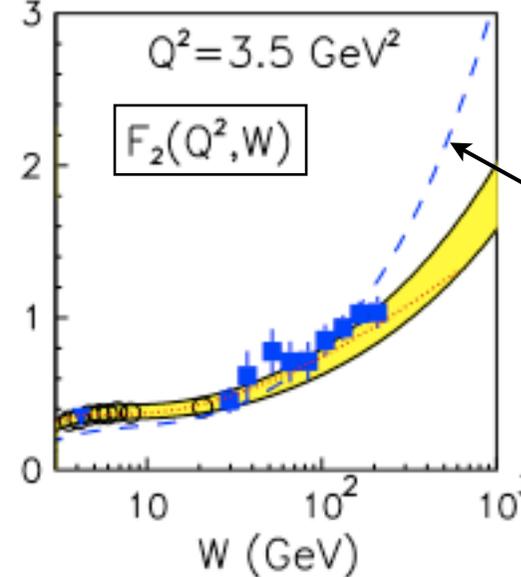
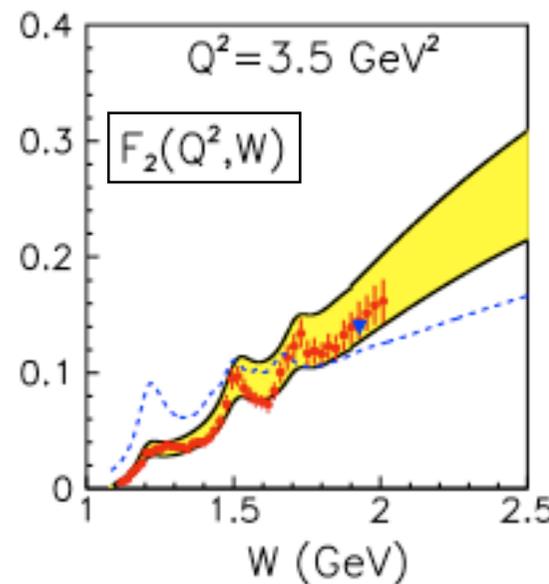
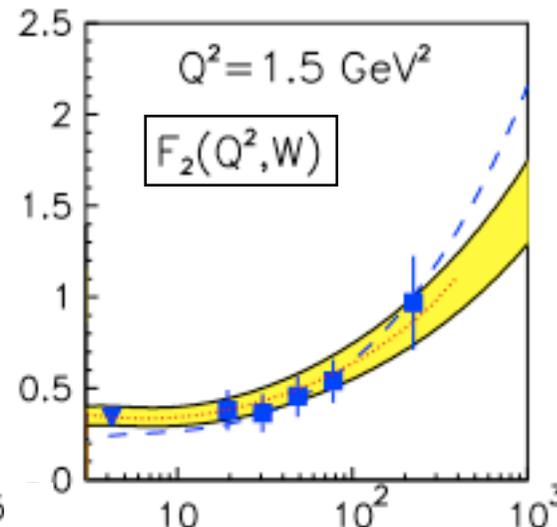
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low W



high W



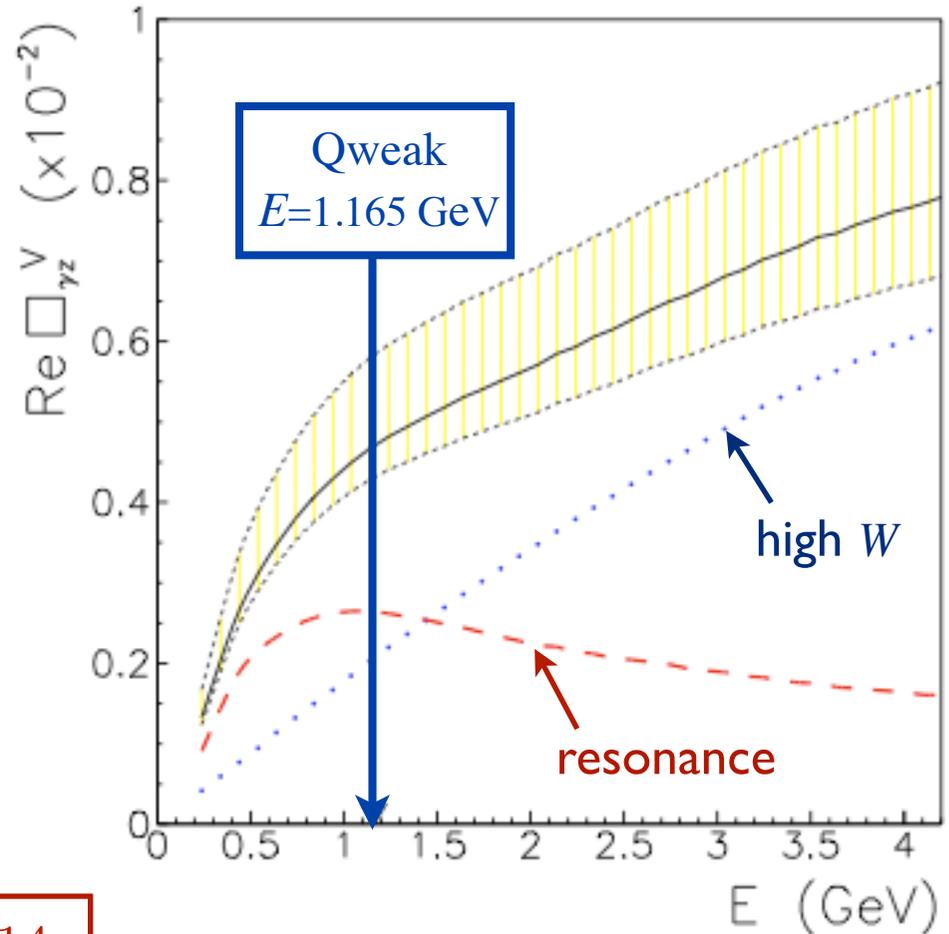
GVMD model
(used as input by
Gorchtein & Horowitz)

Correction to proton weak charge

■ final $\square_{\gamma Z}^V$ correction:

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

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



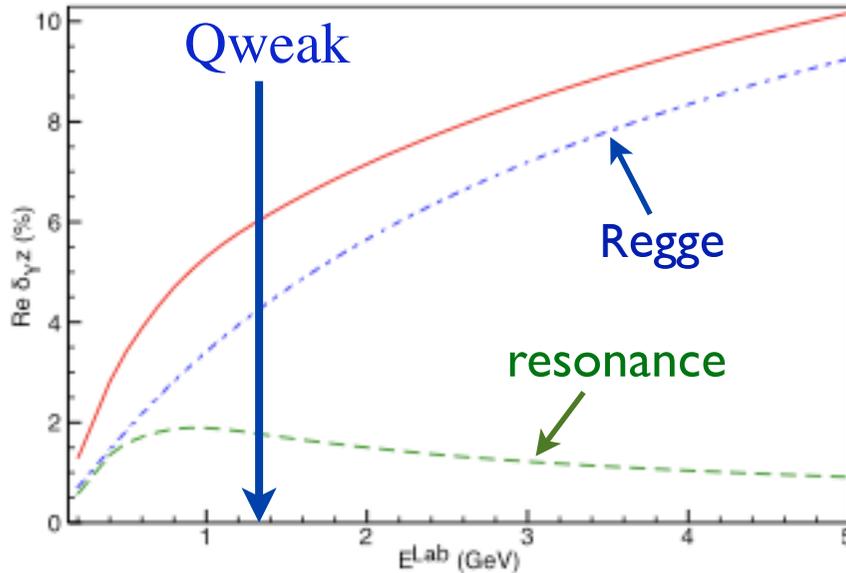
$$Q_W^p = 0.0713(8) \rightarrow 0.0760^{+0.0014}_{-0.0009}$$

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

Summary

- Two-photon exchange corrections resolve most of Rosenbluth / polarization transfer G_E^p/G_M^p discrepancy
- Reanalysis of global data, including TPE from the outset
 - first consistent form factor fit at order α^3
- $\gamma(Z\gamma)$ and $Z(\gamma\gamma)$ contributions give (hitherto unaccounted) $\sim 2\%$ corrections to PVES at small Q^2
 - affect on extraction of strange form factors small
- More dramatic effect of $\gamma(Z\gamma)$ corrections at forward angles on proton weak charge, $\Delta Q_W^p \sim 6-7\%$
 - can be better constrained by direct measurement of $F_{1,2}^{\gamma Z}$ (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 $F_{1,2}$
(spurious $\sim 30\%$ enhancement)
- GH use $Q_W^p \sim 0.05$ cf. ~ 0.07
(spurious $\sim 40\%$ enhancement)
- numerical agreement purely coincidental!