



Overview of two-boson exchange electron-proton scattering

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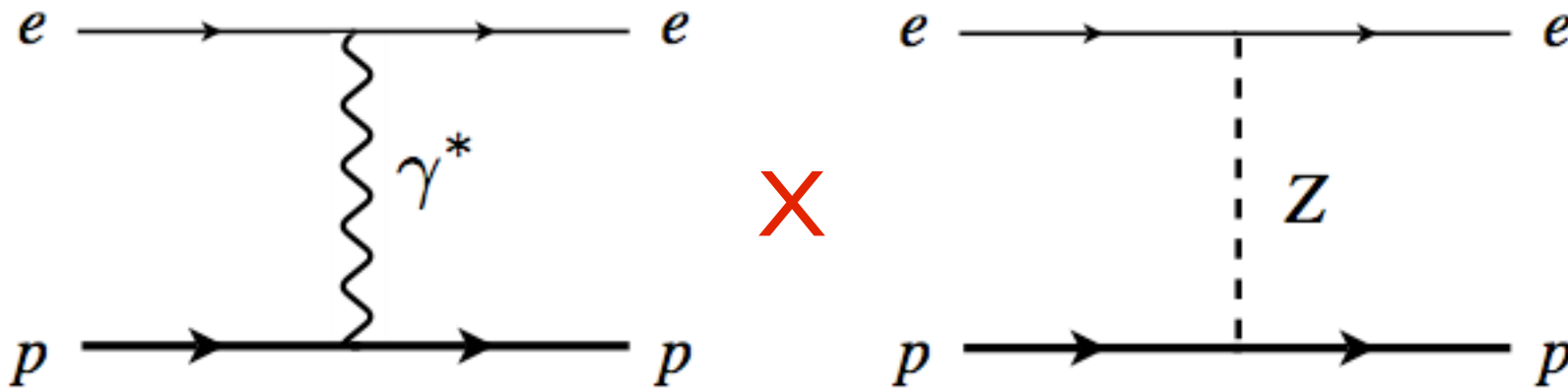
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PRL **107**, 081801 (2011) (γZ correction to Q_W^p)

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Born (tree) level

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vector asymmetry

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

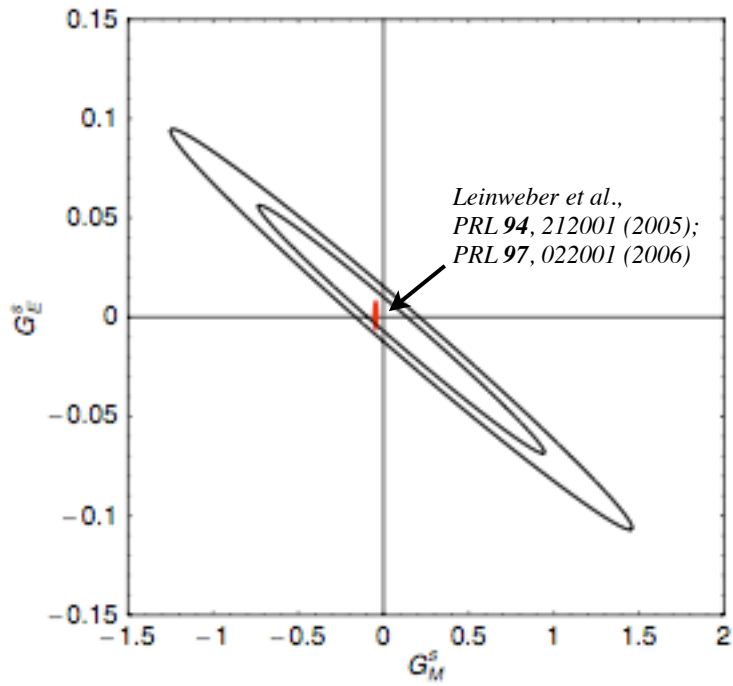
axial vector asymmetry

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

strange asymmetry

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

Parity-violating e scattering



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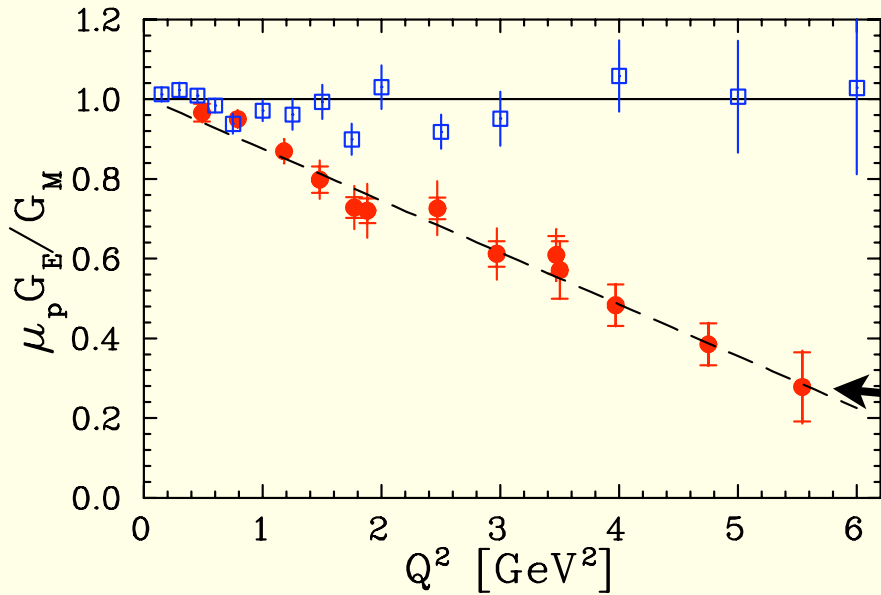
$$Q^2 = 0.1 \text{ GeV}^2$$

Young, Roche, Carlini, Thomas
PRL **97** (2006) 102002

→ strange form factors small

→ how important are higher order (e.g. γZ) corrections?

Historical background: proton G_E/G_M ratio



Rosenbluth (Longitudinal-Transverse)
Separation

Polarization Transfer

LT method

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

→ G_E from slope in ε plot

→ suppressed at large Q^2

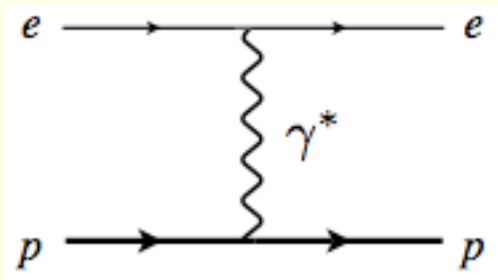
PT method

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

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

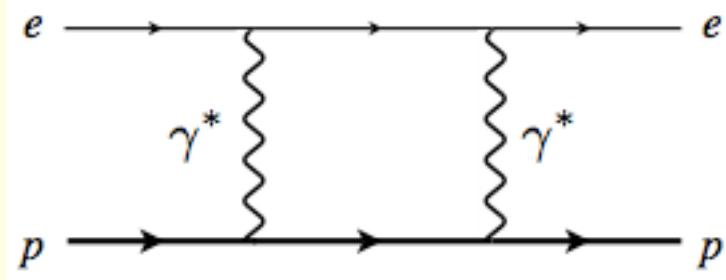
Two-photon exchange corrections

- direct computation of interference between γ and $\gamma\gamma$ exchange diagrams, including effects of *hadron structure*



\mathcal{M}_0

\times



$\mathcal{M}_{\gamma\gamma}$

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

Blunden, WM, Tjon
PRL **91** (2003) 142304

$$\mathcal{M}_{\gamma\gamma} = e^4 \int \frac{d^4 l}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{N(l)}{D(l)} + \text{crossed box}$$

$$N(l) = \bar{u}(k') \gamma_\mu (\not{k} - \not{l} + m_e) \gamma_\nu u(k) \bar{u}(p') \Gamma^\mu (q - l) (\not{p} + \not{l} + M) \Gamma^\nu (l) u(p)$$

$$D(l) = (l^2 - \lambda^2)((l - q)^2 - \lambda^2)((k - l)^2 - m_e^2)((p + l)^2 - M^2)$$

$\lambda(\rightarrow 0) = \text{infrared regulator}$

Two-photon exchange corrections

- “exact” evaluation of integrals including form factors (Veltman-Passarino functions)

→ *cf.* soft photon approximation (used in most data analyses!) which assumes pole dominance of TPE amplitude & neglects nucleon structure $N(l) \approx N(0)$

Mo, Tsai (1969)

$$\mathcal{M}_{\gamma\gamma} = e^4 \int \frac{d^4l}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{N(l)}{D(l)} + \text{crossed box}$$

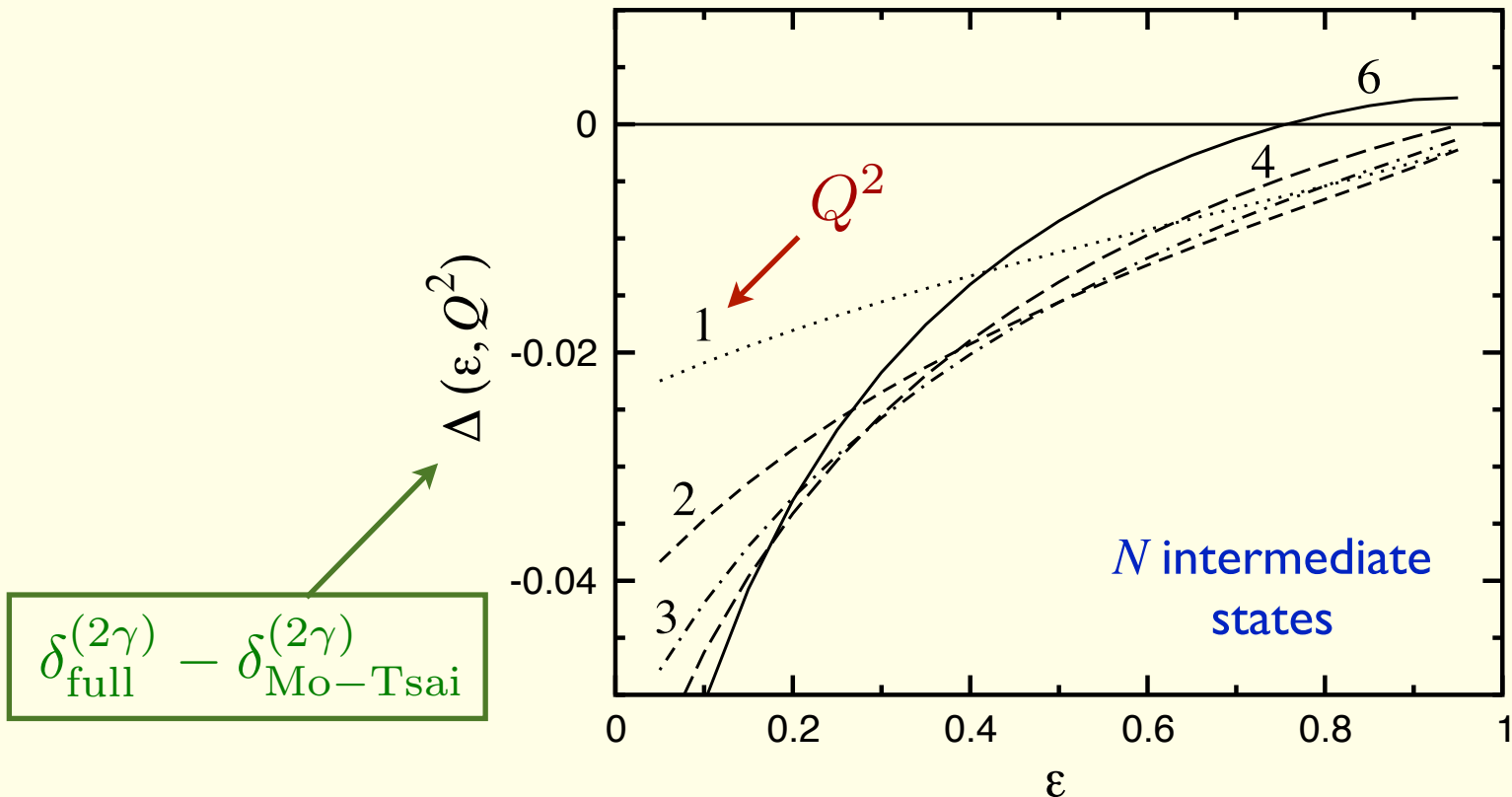
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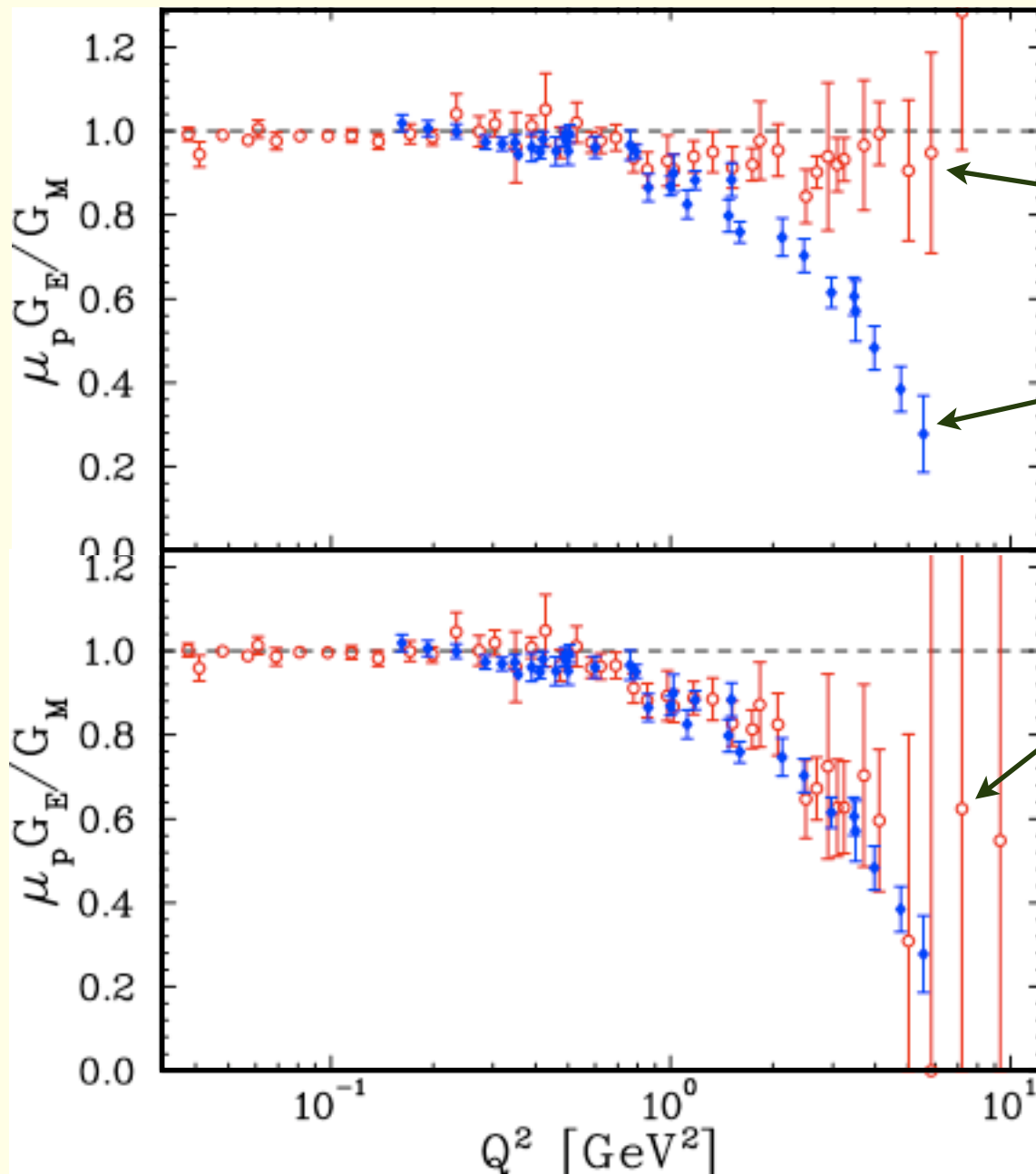
- difference between “exact” and Mo-Tsai calculations of TPE



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

- few % magnitude, non-linear in ε , positive slope
- does not depend strongly on vertex form factors

Two-photon exchange corrections



Rosenbluth separation

polarization transfer

with TPE correction

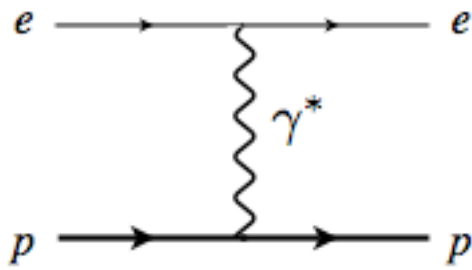
+ higher-mass intermediate states

→ significant effect

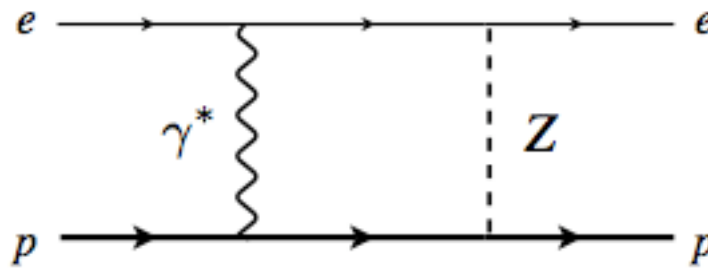
→ resolves discrepancy
(within errors)

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

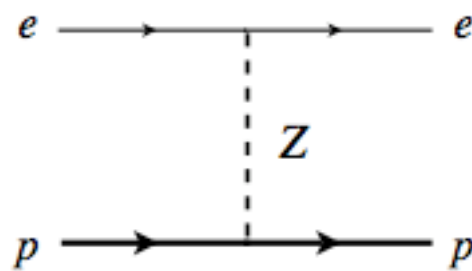
Two-boson exchange corrections



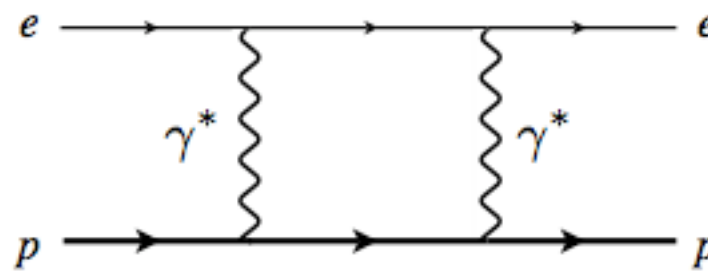
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“ $\gamma(Z\gamma)$ ”



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“ $Z(\gamma\gamma)$ ”

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

Born asymmetry

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

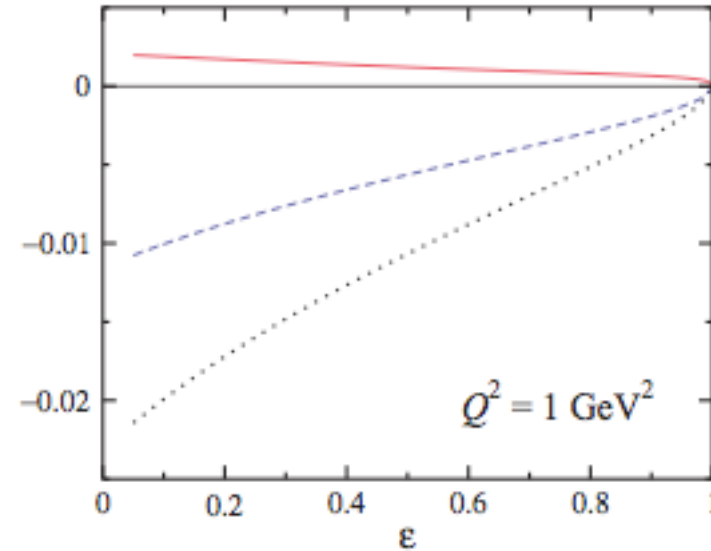
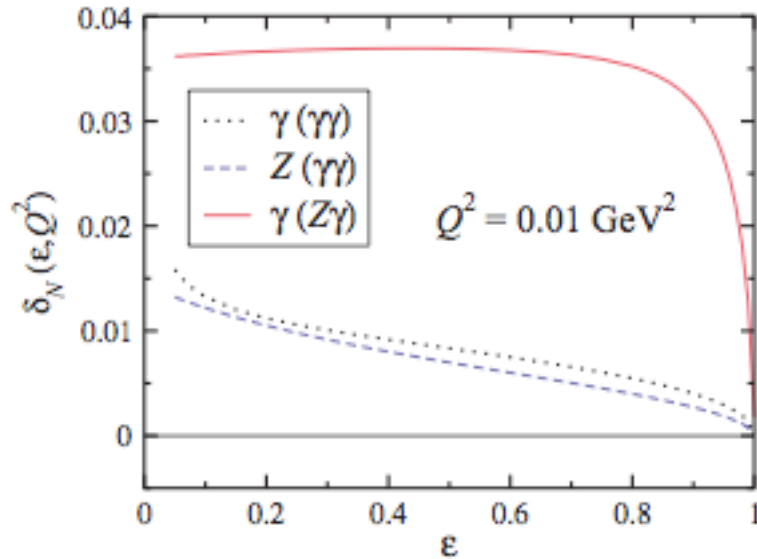
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$$\delta_{Z(\gamma\gamma)} = \frac{2\Re(\mathcal{M}_Z^* \mathcal{M}_{\gamma\gamma})}{2\Re(\mathcal{M}_Z^* \mathcal{M}_\gamma)}$$

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

Two-boson exchange corrections

■ nucleon intermediate states

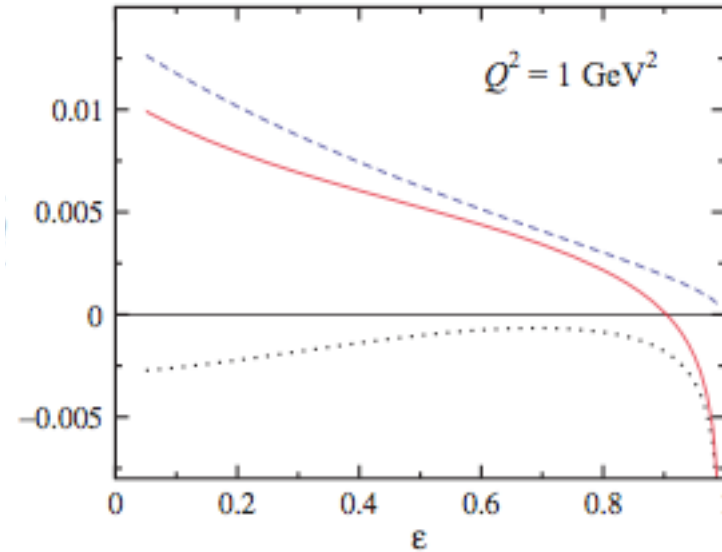
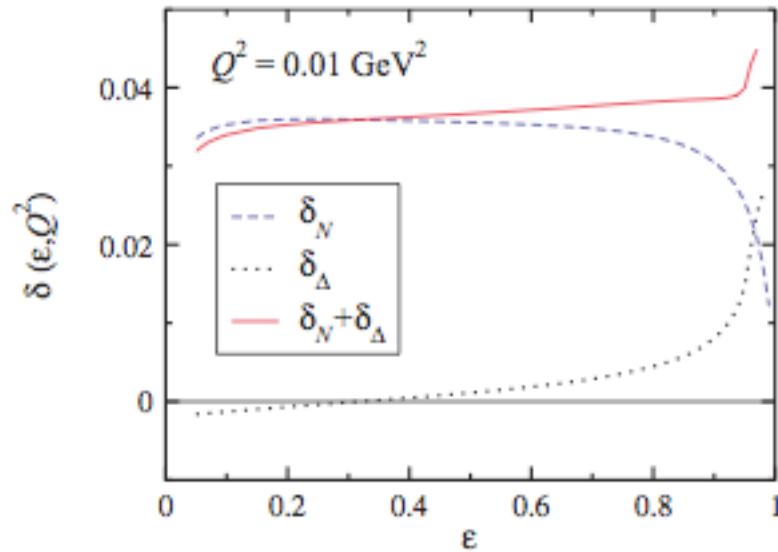


Tjon, WM, PRL 100 (2008) 082003
Tjon, Blunden, WM, PRC 79 (2009) 055201

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

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)

Effect on strange form factors

- include TBE corrections in global analysis

→ *e.g.* Young et al. (preliminary)

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

- small (absolute) shift in strange form factors from TBE (large relative shift to G_M^s), well within experimental errors
- global reanalysis (incl. TBE) in progress

Young et al. (2011)

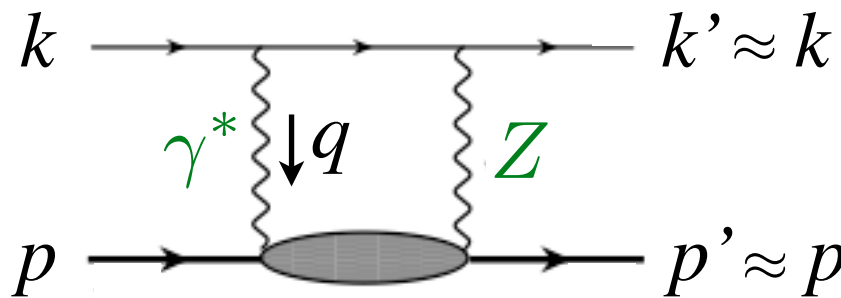
Proton weak charge

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→ in forward limit 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

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

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

Proton weak charge

- At tree level Q_W^p gives weak mixing angle

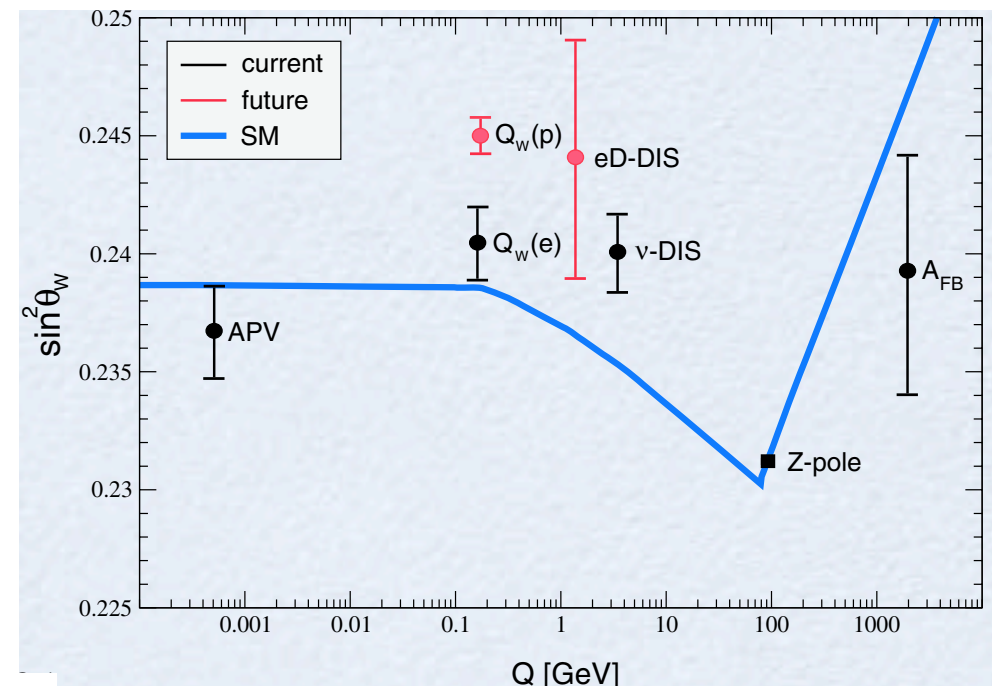
$$Q_W^p = 1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W$$

→ current best values

$$\sin^2 \theta_W(M_Z^2) = 0.23116(16)$$

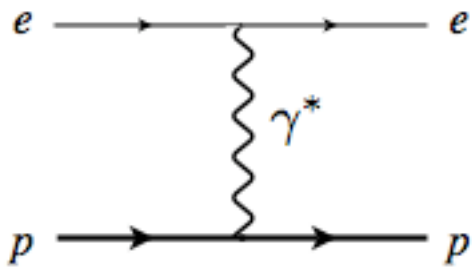
$$\sin^2 \theta_W(0) = 0.23867(13)$$

*scale dependence from
radiative effects*

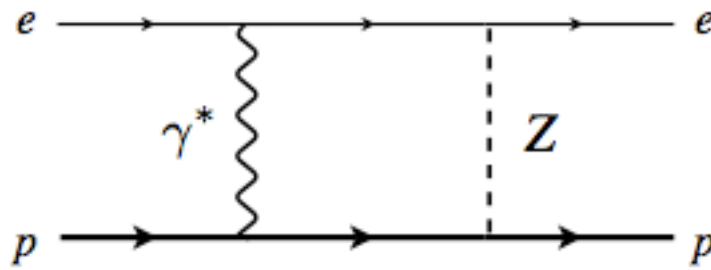


→ Q_W^p small number – sensitive to higher-order corrections

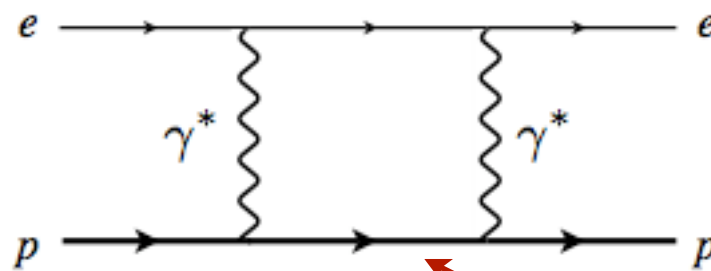
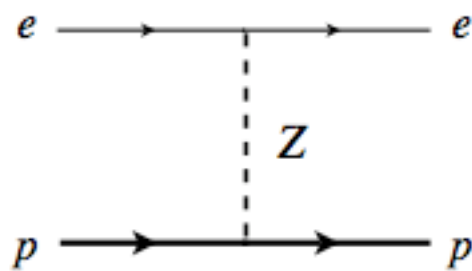
Corrections to proton weak charge



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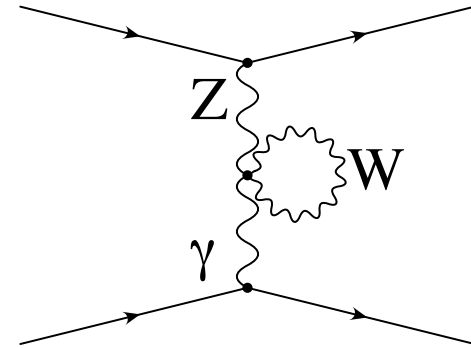
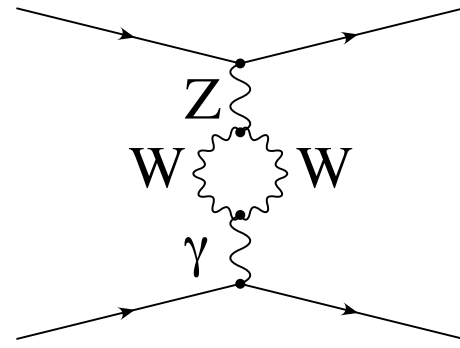
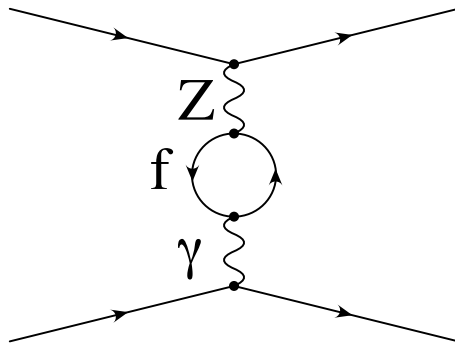


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two-boson exchange

two-photon exchange vanishes at $t = 0$



vacuum polarization

+ ...

Corrections to proton weak charge

- including higher order radiative corrections

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

Erlar et al., PRD 72 (2005) 073003

→ WW and ZZ box diagrams dominated by short distances, evaluated perturbatively (WW box gives $\sim 25\%$ correction!)

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

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

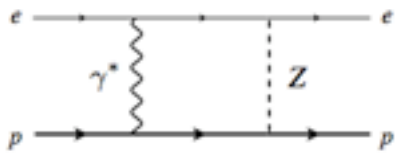
vector e - axial h
(finite at $E=0$)

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

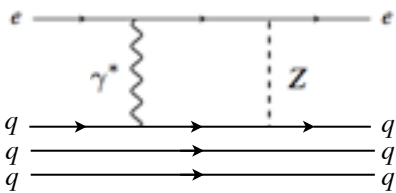
Axial h correction

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

→ computed by Marciano & Sirlin (1980s) 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*

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

$$\approx 0.0052(5)$$

short-distance

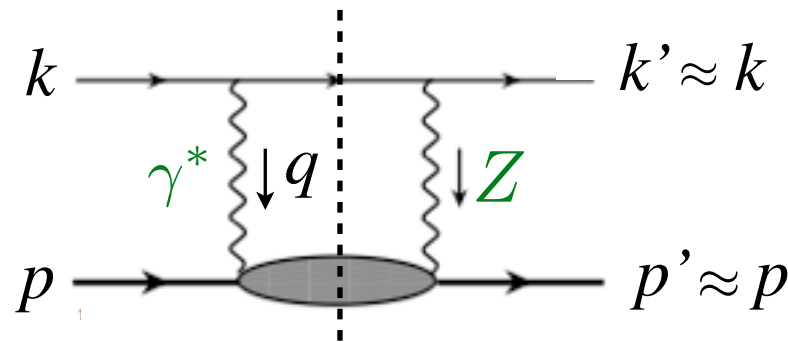
long-distance $\approx 3/2 \pm 1$

Marciano, Sirlin, *PRD* **29** (1984) 75; Erler et al., *PRD* **68** (2003) 016006

Axial h correction

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



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

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

- ★ negative energy part corresponds to crossed box (crossing symmetry $s \rightarrow u$)

Axial h correction

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

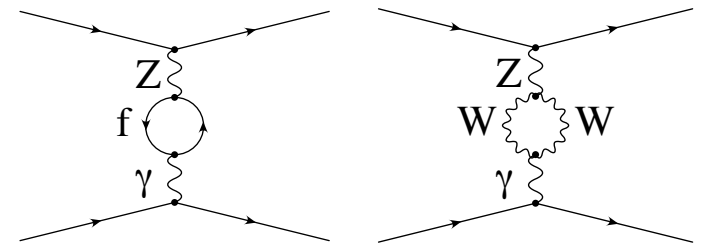
$$\text{Im} \square_{\gamma Z}^A(E) = \frac{1}{(2ME)^2} \int_{M^2}^s dW^2 \int_0^{Q_{\max}^2} dQ^2 \frac{v_e(Q^2) \alpha(Q^2)}{1 + Q^2/M_Z^2} \times \left(\frac{2ME}{W^2 - M^2 + Q^2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) F_3^{\gamma Z}$$

with $v_e(Q^2) = 1 - 4\kappa(Q^2) \sin^2 \theta_W(Q^2)$

→ scale dependence of v_e, α given by vacuum polarization corrections, e.g.

$$\frac{\alpha}{\alpha(Q^2)} = 1 - \Delta\alpha_{\text{lep}}(Q^2) - \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(Q^2)$$

$$\alpha^{-1}(M_Z^2) = 128.94$$



... similarly for weak charges

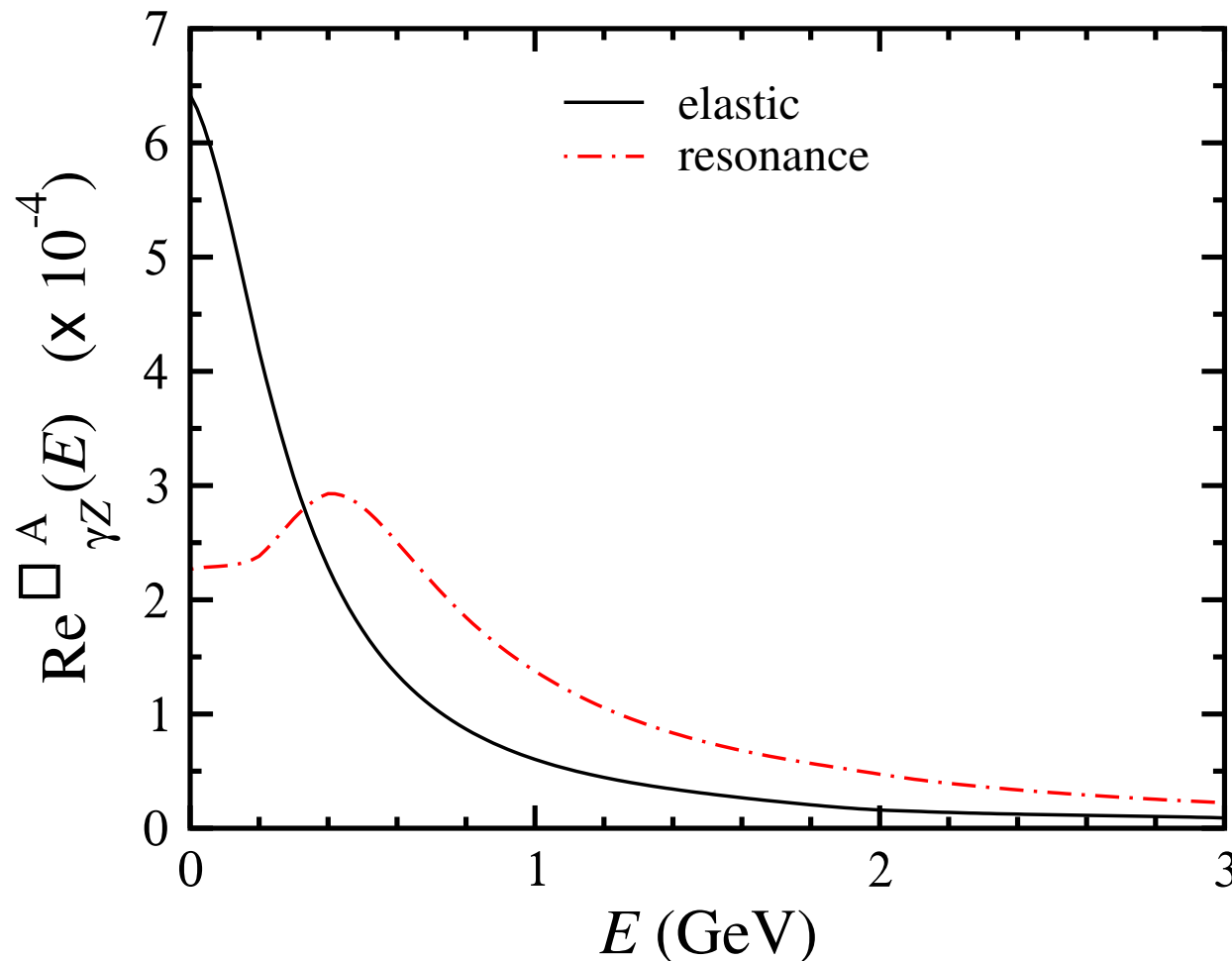
Axial h correction

■ elastic part $F_3^{\gamma Z(\text{el})} = -Q^2 G_M^p(Q^2) G_A^Z(Q^2) \delta(W^2 - M^2)$

■ resonance part from parametrization of ν scattering data

(includes lowest four spin-1/2 and 3/2 states)

Lalakulich, Paschos (2006)



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Axial h correction

- DIS part dominated by leading twist PDFs at high W (small x)

$$\text{e.g. at LO, } F_3^{\gamma Z(\text{DIS})} = \sum_q 2e_q g_A^q (q(x, Q^2) - \bar{q}(x, Q^2))$$

- switching order of integration (energy integral analytic!),
expand integrand in $1/Q^2$ in DIS region ($Q^2 \gtrsim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re } \square_{\gamma Z}^{\text{A(DIS)}}(E) &= \frac{3}{2\pi} \int_{Q_0^2}^{\infty} dQ^2 \frac{v_e(Q^2) \alpha(Q^2)}{1 + Q^2/M_Z^2} \\ &\times \left[M_3^{\gamma Z(1)} - \frac{2M^2}{9Q^4} (5E^2 - 3Q^2) M_3^{\gamma Z(3)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

with moments $M_3^{\gamma Z(n)}(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx x^{n-1} F_3^{\gamma Z}(x, Q^2)$

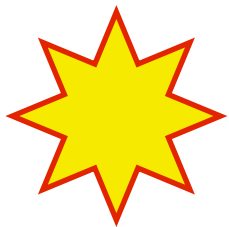
Axial h correction

■ structure function moments

$$\underline{n=1} \quad M_3^{\gamma Z(1)}(Q^2) = \frac{5}{3} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{\pi} \right)$$

→ γZ analog of Gross-Llewellyn Smith sum rule

$$\mathcal{R}e \square_{\gamma Z}^{A(\text{DIS})} \approx (1 - 4\hat{s}^2) \frac{5\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{Q_0^2}^{\infty} \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2(1+Q^2/M_Z^2)} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{\pi} \right)$$



→ **precisely result from Marciano & Sirlin!**
(works because result depends on lowest moment of *valence* PDF, with model-independent normalization!)

$$\underline{n=3} \quad M_3^{\gamma Z(3)}(Q^2) = \frac{1}{3} (2\langle x^2 \rangle_u + \langle x^2 \rangle_d) \left(1 + \frac{5\alpha_s(Q^2)}{12\pi} \right)$$

→ related to x^2 -weighted moment of valence quarks

Axial h correction

- “DIS” region at $Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ does not afford PDF description
 - in absence of data, consider models with general constraints
 - ★ $F_3^{\gamma Z}(x_{\text{max}}, Q^2)$ should not diverge in limit $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$
 - ★ $F_3^{\gamma Z}(x, Q^2)$ should match PDF description at $Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$

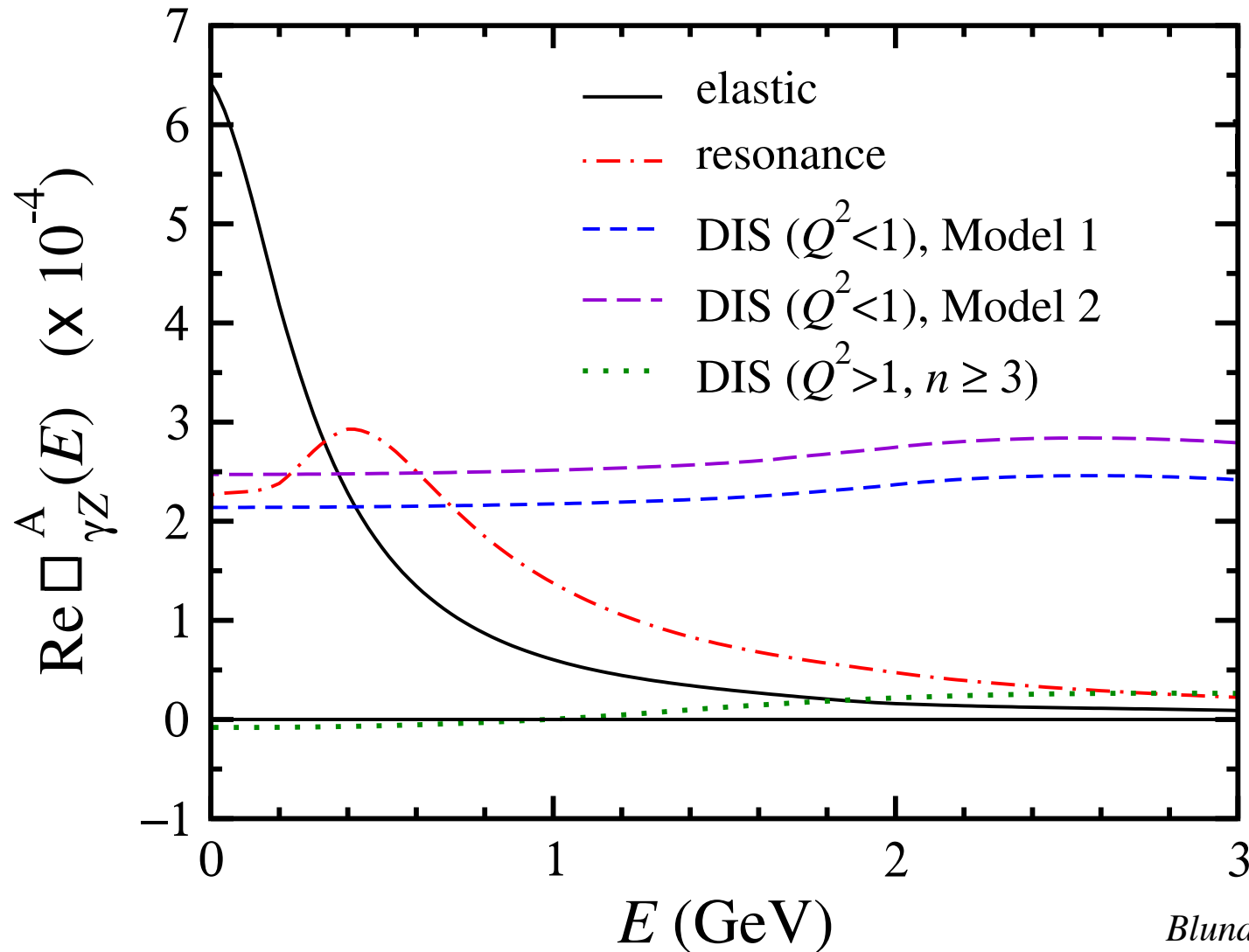
Model 1 $F_3^{\gamma Z}(x, Q^2) = \left(\frac{1 + \Lambda^2/Q_0^2}{1 + \Lambda^2/Q^2} \right) F_3^{\gamma Z}(x, Q_0^2)$

$$F_3^{\gamma Z} \sim (Q^2)^{0.3} \text{ as } Q^2 \rightarrow 0$$

Model 2 $F_3^{\gamma Z}$ frozen at $Q^2 = 1$ value for all W^2

$$F_3^{\gamma Z} \text{ finite as } Q^2 \rightarrow 0$$

Axial h correction



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→ dominated by $n = 1$ DIS moment: 32.8×10^{-4}
(weak E dependence)

Axial h correction

→ correction at $E = 0$

$$\Re \square_{\gamma Z}^A = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{elastic}}}{0.00064} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{resonance}}}{0.00023} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{DIS}}}{0.00350} \rightarrow \underline{0.0044(4)}$$

→ correction at $E = 1.165 \text{ GeV}$ (Qweak)

$$\Re \square_{\gamma Z}^A = 0.00005 + 0.00011 + 0.00352 = \underline{0.0037(4)}$$

cf. MS value: 0.0052(5) ($\sim 1\%$ shift in Q_W^p)

→ shifts Q_W^p from 0.0713(8) → 0.0705(8)

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** (2009) 091806
(note: factor 2 missing in original formula)

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

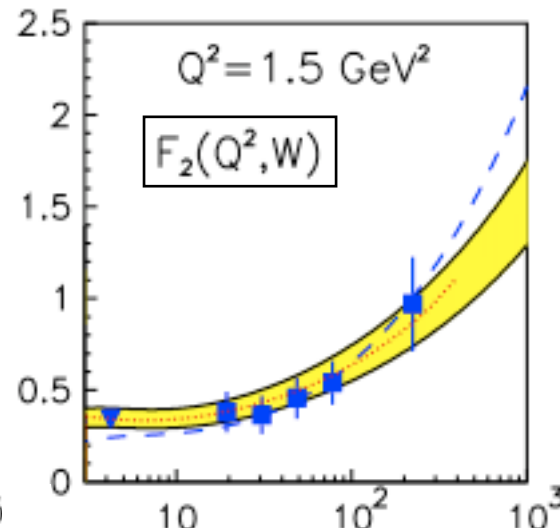
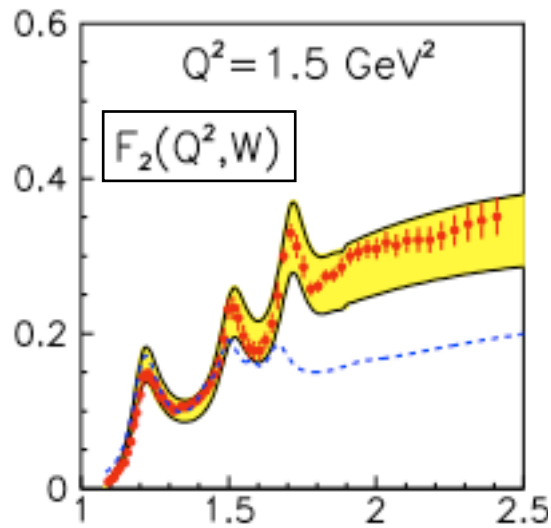
→ for transitions to $I = 3/2$ states (*e.g.* Δ), CVC and isospin symmetry give $F_i^{\gamma Z} = (1 + Q_W^p) F_i^\gamma$

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

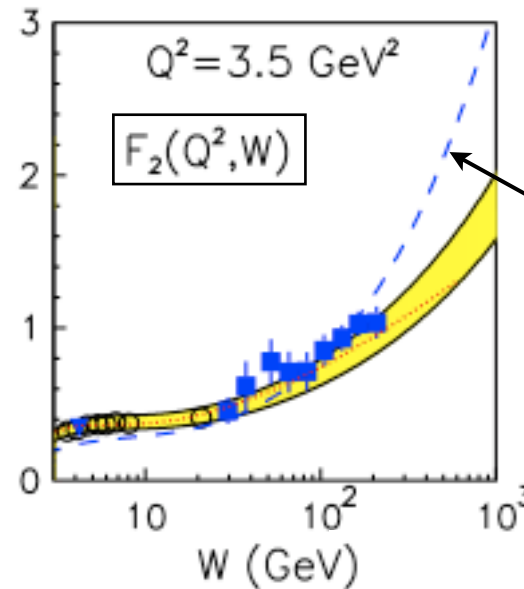
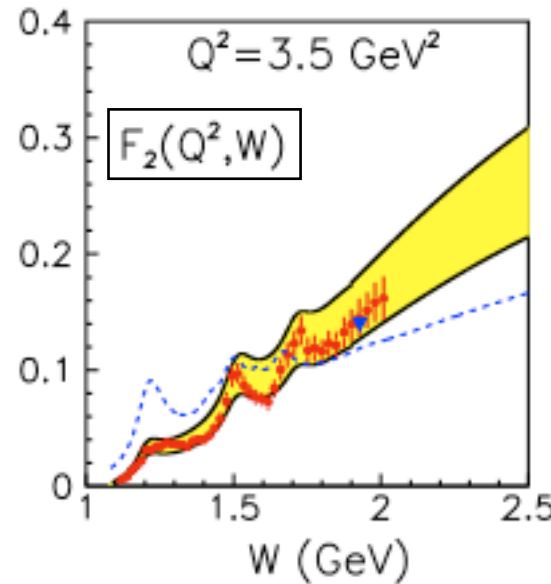
Vector h correction

→ compare structure function input with data

low W



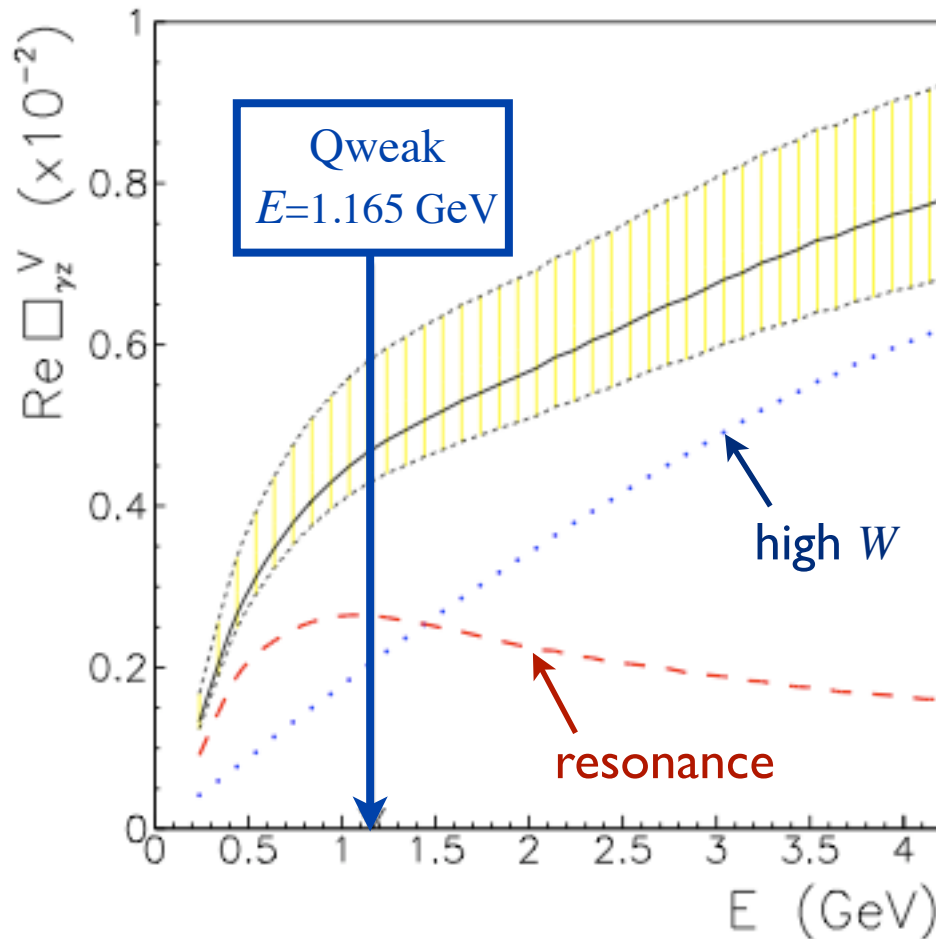
high W



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

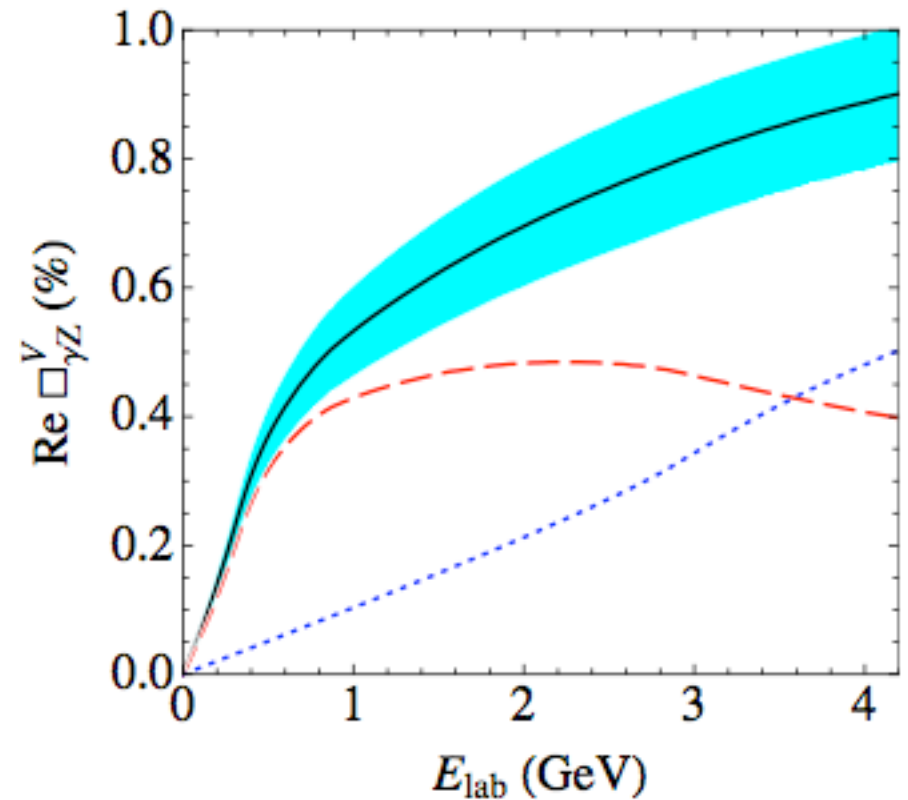
*Sibirtsev, Blunden, WM, Thomas
PRD 82 (2010) 013011*

Other vector h calculations

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

$$\Re \square_{\gamma Z}^V = 0.0057 \pm 0.0009$$

→ compatible with SBMT
within errors



Rislow, Carlson, PRD 83, 113007 (2011)

Other vector h calculations

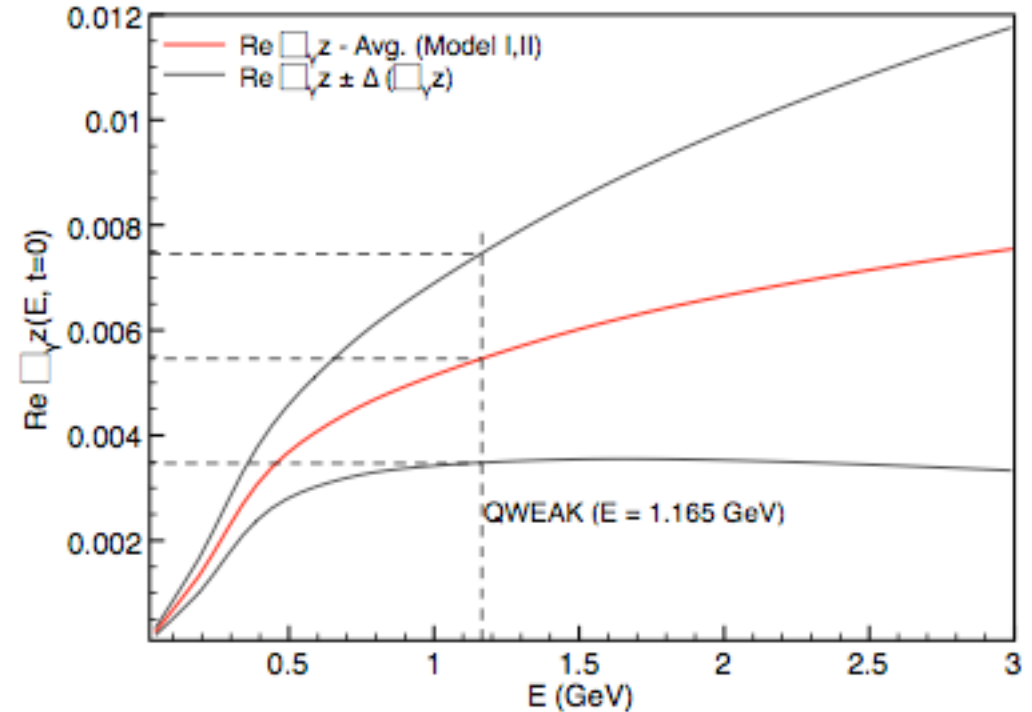
→ total $\square_{\gamma Z}^V$ correction

$$\Re \square_{\gamma Z}^V = 0.0054 \pm 0.0020$$

→ central value consistent with SBMT and RC, but error 2 x as large

→ consistent estimate of uncertainty needed

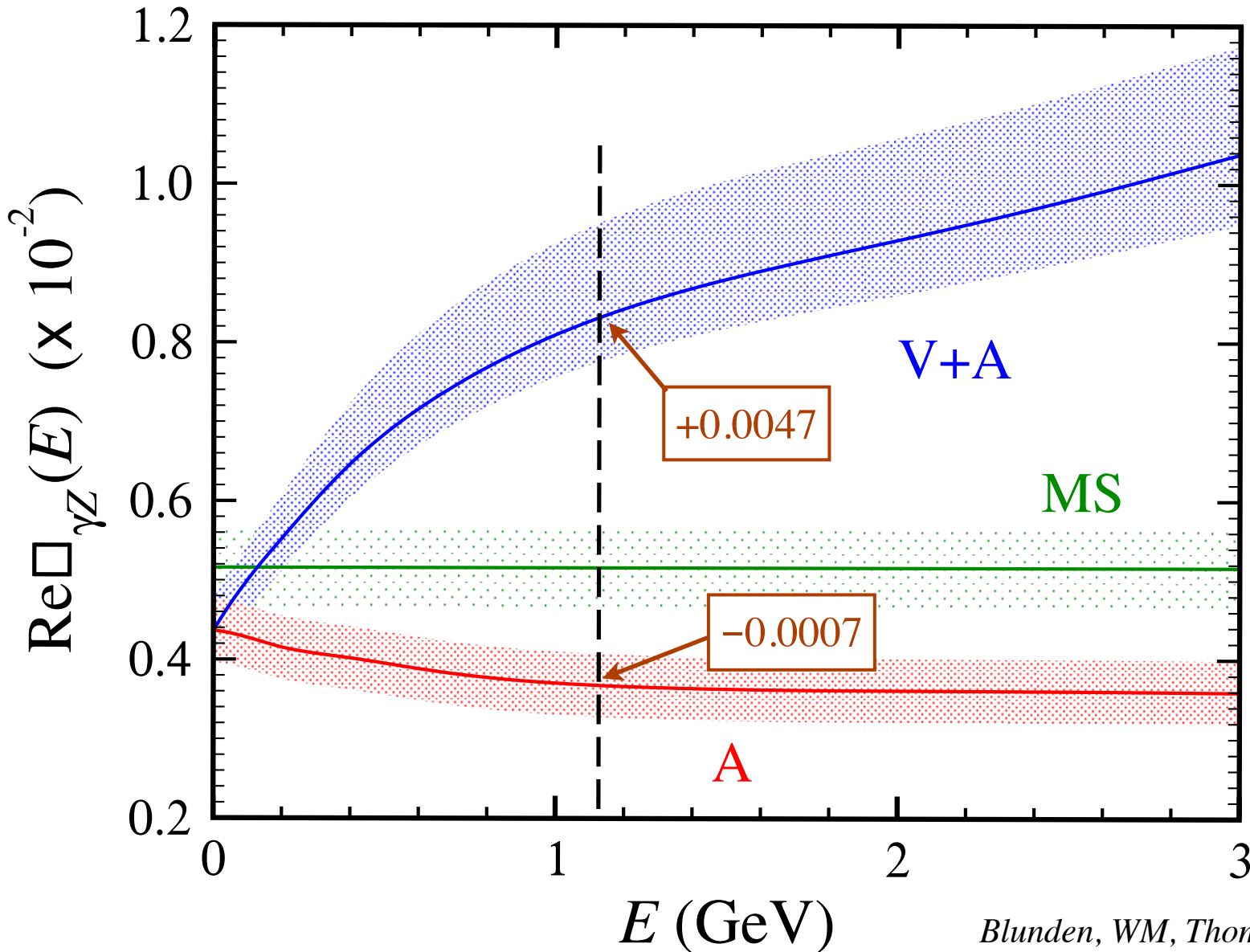
→ data on $F_{1,2}^{\gamma Z}$ at low W and Q^2 vital !



*Gorchtein, Horowitz, Ramsey-Musolf
PRC 84, 015502 (2011)*

Combined vector and axial h correction

$$Q_W^p = 0.0713 \rightarrow 0.0705 \quad (\text{at } E=0)$$



At $E=1.165$ GeV,
 E -dependent
correction is
 $+0.0040$

Blunden, WM, Thomas, PRL 107, 081801 (2011)

t dependence

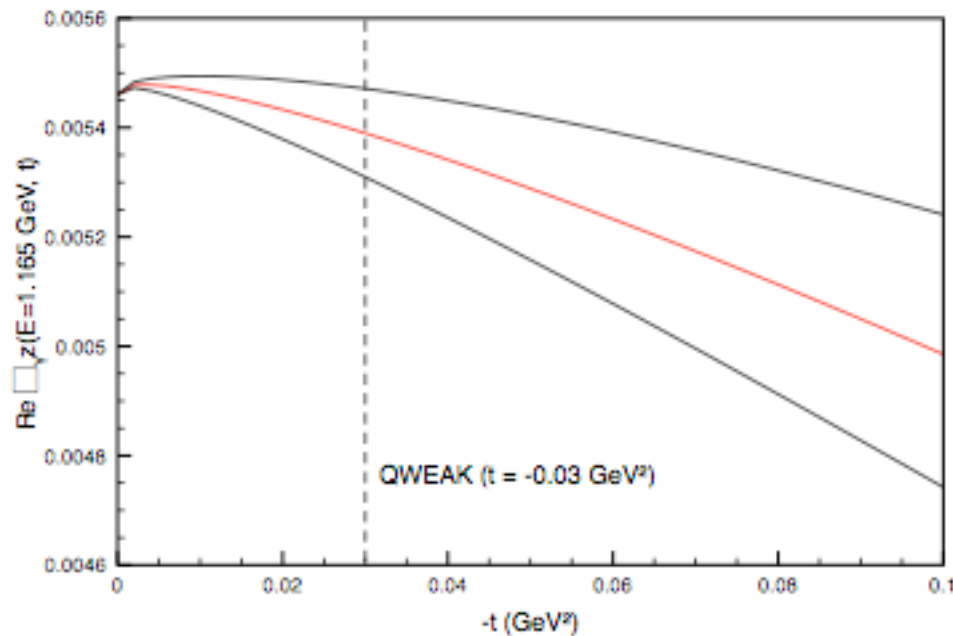
- Extrapolation from $t = -0.03 \text{ GeV}^2$ to $t = 0$

→ phenomenological *ansatz*

$$\sigma_{\gamma Z}(E, t) = \sigma_{\gamma Z}(0, 0) \frac{e^{-B|t|/2}}{F_1^{\gamma p}(t)}$$

with $B = (7 \pm 1) \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ from forward Compton scattering

Gorchtein, Horowitz, PRL 102 (2009) 091806

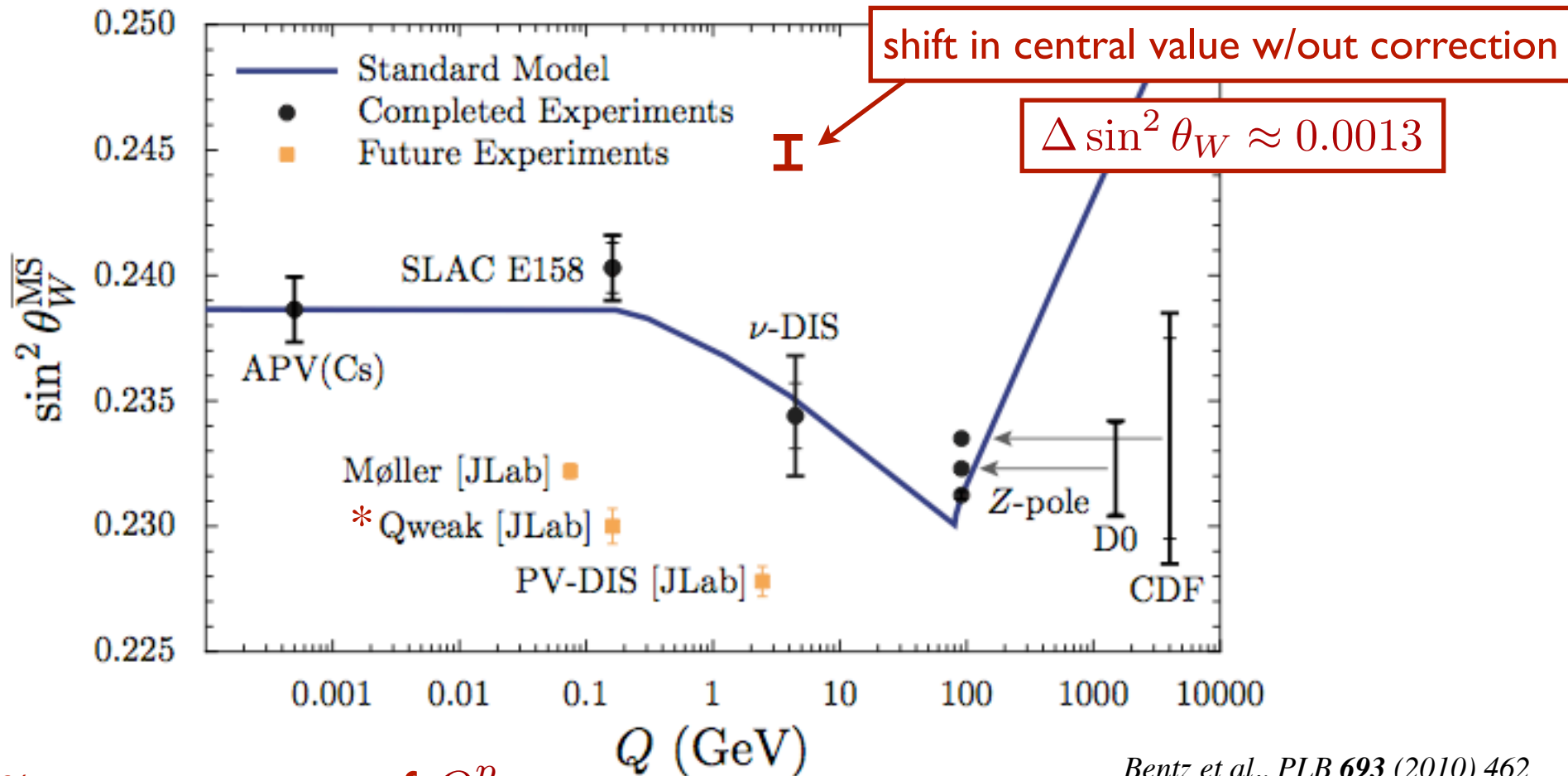


→ $\sim 2\%$ reduction of $\sigma_{\gamma Z}$

→ more work needed for quantitative extrapolation

Combined vector and axial h correction


→ 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 (2010) 462

Summary

- Two-boson exchange corrections likely play minor role in *strange form factor* extraction
 - *cf.* significant role of TPE in Rosenbluth extraction of G_E^p
- Dramatic effect of $\gamma(Z\gamma)$ corrections at forward angles on proton weak charge, $\Delta Q_W^p \sim 6\%$, *cf.* PDG
 - would significantly shift extracted weak angle
 - better constraints from direct measurement of $F_{1,2,3}^{\gamma Z}$ (e.g. in PVDIS at JLab) 
- New formulation in terms of *moments* of structure functions
 - places on firm footing earlier derivation of Marciano/Sirlin in “free quark model”
 - may affect atomic PV calculations (e.g. Cs, Fr)

The End