

Two-photon exchange: myth and history



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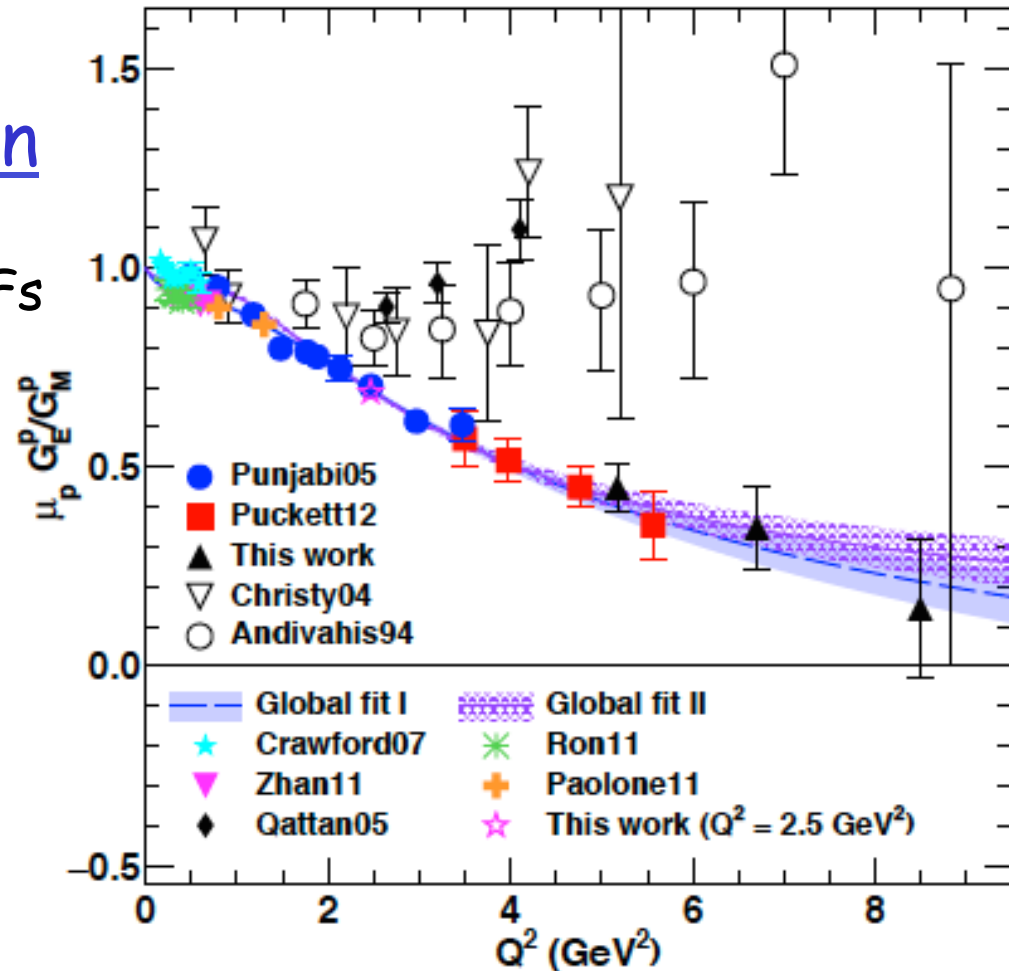


Polarization experiments

A.I. Akhiezer and M.P. Rekalo 1967

Jlab-GEp collaboration

- 1) "standard" **dipole function** for the nucleon magnetic FFs **G_M^p** and **G_M^n**
- 2) **linear deviation** from the dipole function for the electric proton FF **G_E^p**
- 3) **QCD scaling** not reached
- 3) **Zero crossing** of G_E^p ?
- 4) **contradiction between polarized and unpolarized measurements**



C. Perdrisat, V. Punjabi, M. Jones, E. Brash...

A.J.R. Puckett et al, PRL (2010), PRC (2012), arXiv:1707.08587 [nucl- ex]



Two photon exchange

• 1γ - 2γ interference is of the order of $\alpha=e^2/4\pi=1/137$

1. An idea from the 70's
2. Model (in)dependent calculations
3. Different calculations give **quantitatively different results** · Which physics mechanism to compensate this factor?
4. Model independent statements

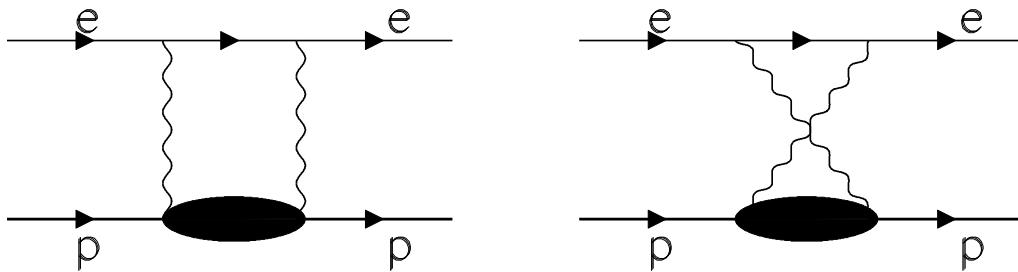
No experimental evidence

Theory not enough constrained



Not a recent idea

- In the 70's it was shown [J. Gunion and L. Stodolsky, V. Franco, F.M. Lev, V.N. Boitsov, L. Kondratyuk and V.B. Kopeliovich, R. Blankenbecker...] that, at large momentum transfer, the sharp decrease of the FFs, if the momentum is shared between the two photons, may compensate the factor of $(Z\alpha)$ due to the steep decrease of FFs



$$FF(Q^2) \rightarrow FF(Q^2/2)$$

- In this case the effect should be larger
 - At larger Z
 - At higher Q^2
- > Elastic scattering at zero degrees on Heavy Ions

MEASURING THE DEVIATION FROM THE RUTHERFORD FORMULA

- E.A. Kuraev, M. Shatnev, E.T-G., *Phys.Rev. C80 (2009) 018201*



How to Reconcile the Rosenbluth and the Polarization Transfer Methods in the Measurement of the Proton Form Factors

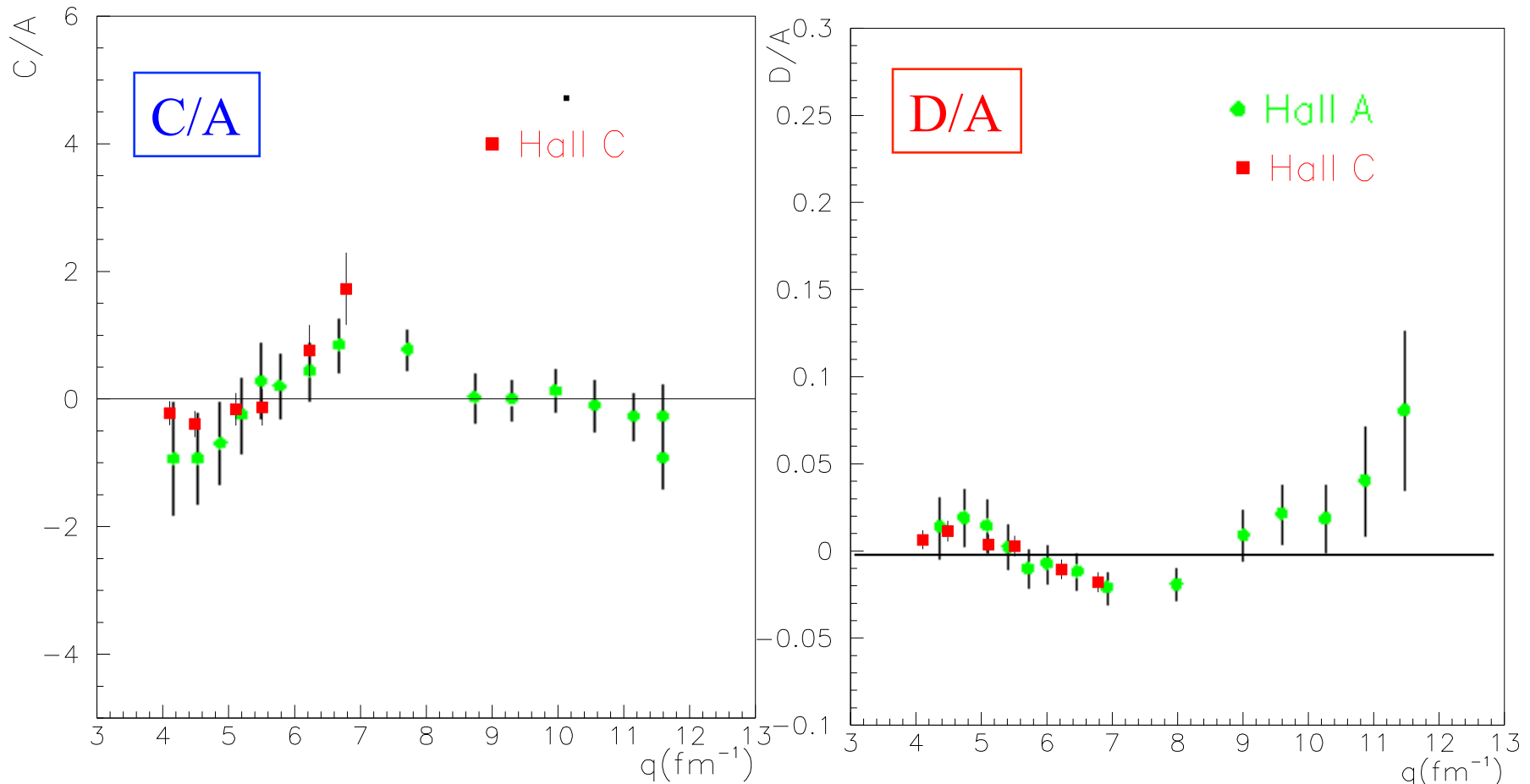
P. A. M. Guichon¹ and M. Vanderhaeghen²

The apparent discrepancy between the Rosenbluth and the polarization transfer methods for the ratio of the electric to magnetic proton form factors can be explained by a two-photon exchange correction which does not destroy the linearity of the Rosenbluth plot. Though intrinsically small, of the order of a few percent of the cross section, this correction is accidentally amplified in the case of the Rosenbluth method.



1 γ -2 γ interference (ed) (1999)

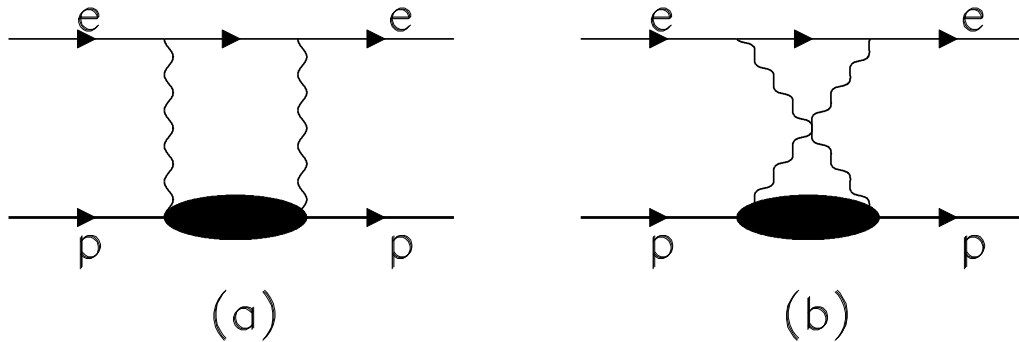
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_e}(e^-h \rightarrow e^-h) = \sigma_0 \left(A \cot^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2} + B + C \cot \frac{\theta_e}{2} + D \cot^3 \frac{\theta_e}{2} + \dots \right)$$



M. P. Rehalo, E. T-G and D. Prout, Phys. Rev. C60, 042202 (1999)



Model dependent calculations

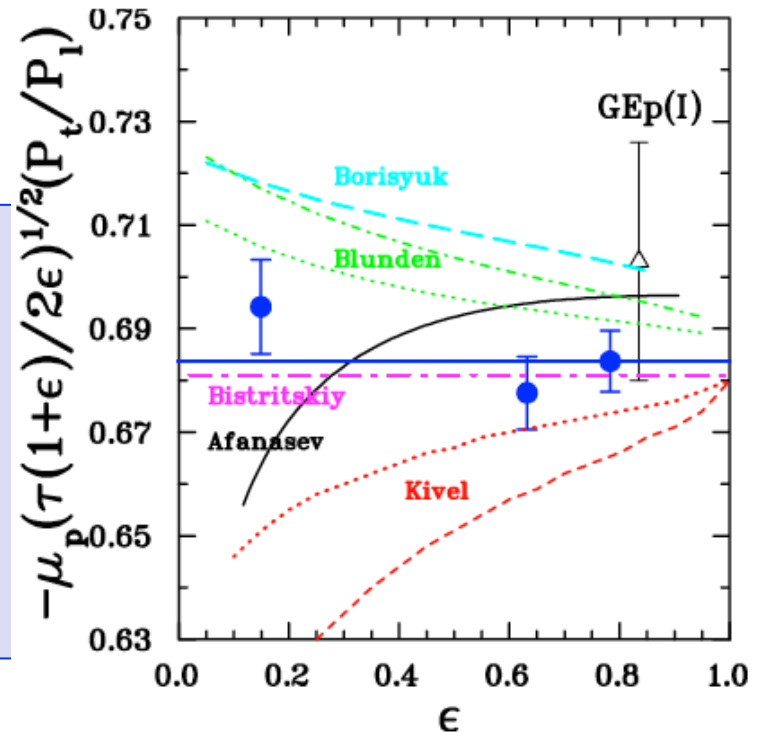


The calculation of the box amplitude requires the description of **intermediate nucleon excitation** and of their FFs at any $Q^2 \dots$

Different calculations give **quantitatively different results**

Theory not enough constrained

Model independent statements



Model Independent statements

Interaction of 4 spin $\frac{1}{2}$ fermions: $ep \rightarrow ep$ scattering or $p\bar{p} \leftrightarrow e^+e^-$ annihilation

16 amplitudes in the general case.

- P- and T-invariance of EM interaction,
- helicity conservation,

• One-photon exchange

- Two form factors
(real in SL, complex in TL)
- Functions of **one variable**

• Two-photon exchange

- **Three complex amplitudes**
- Functions of **two variables**



Model Independent statements

Non linearities in Rosenbluth plot

Charge asymmetry:

In SL : compare $\sigma(e^+p)$ and $\sigma(e^-p)$

In TL : asymmetry in the angular distribution

P-odd polarization observables

*M.P. Rekalo, E.T-G. EPJA 22, 331 (2004); NPA740, 271 (2004); NPA742, 322 (2004);
G.I. Gakh, E.T-G., NPA771, 169 (2006);
S. Pacetti, R. Baldini-Ferrolì, E.T-G., Phys Rep.550, 1 (2015).*



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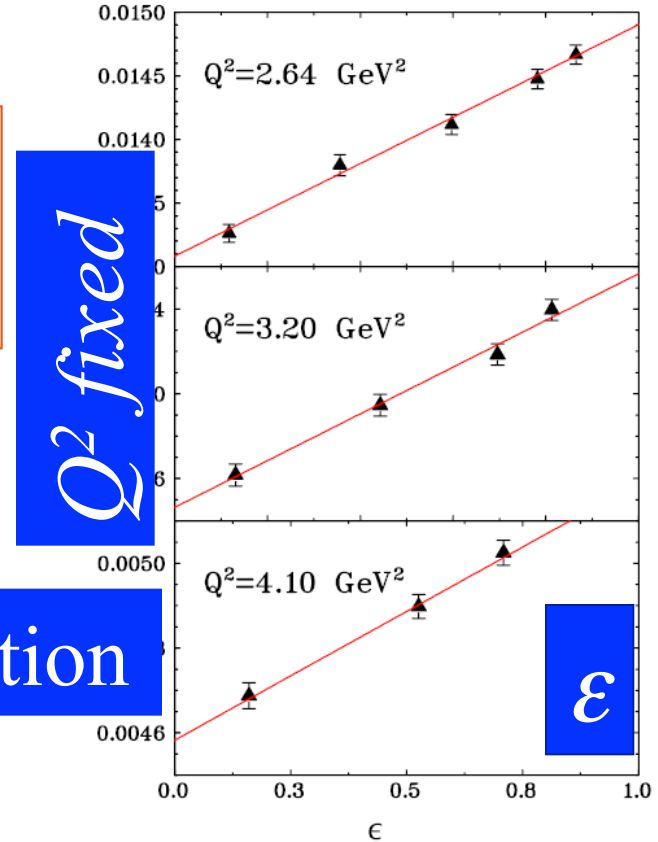


The Rosenbluth separation

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{Mott}} \frac{1}{(1+\tau)} \left(G_E^2(Q^2) + \frac{\tau}{\varepsilon} G_M^2(Q^2) \right)$$

$$\varepsilon = \left(1 + 2(1+\tau) \tan^2 \left(\frac{\theta_e}{2} \right) \right)^{-1}, \quad \tau = \frac{Q^2}{4M^2}$$

$$\sigma_R = \varepsilon G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2$$



Linearity of the reduced cross section

→ $\tan^2 \theta_e$ dependence

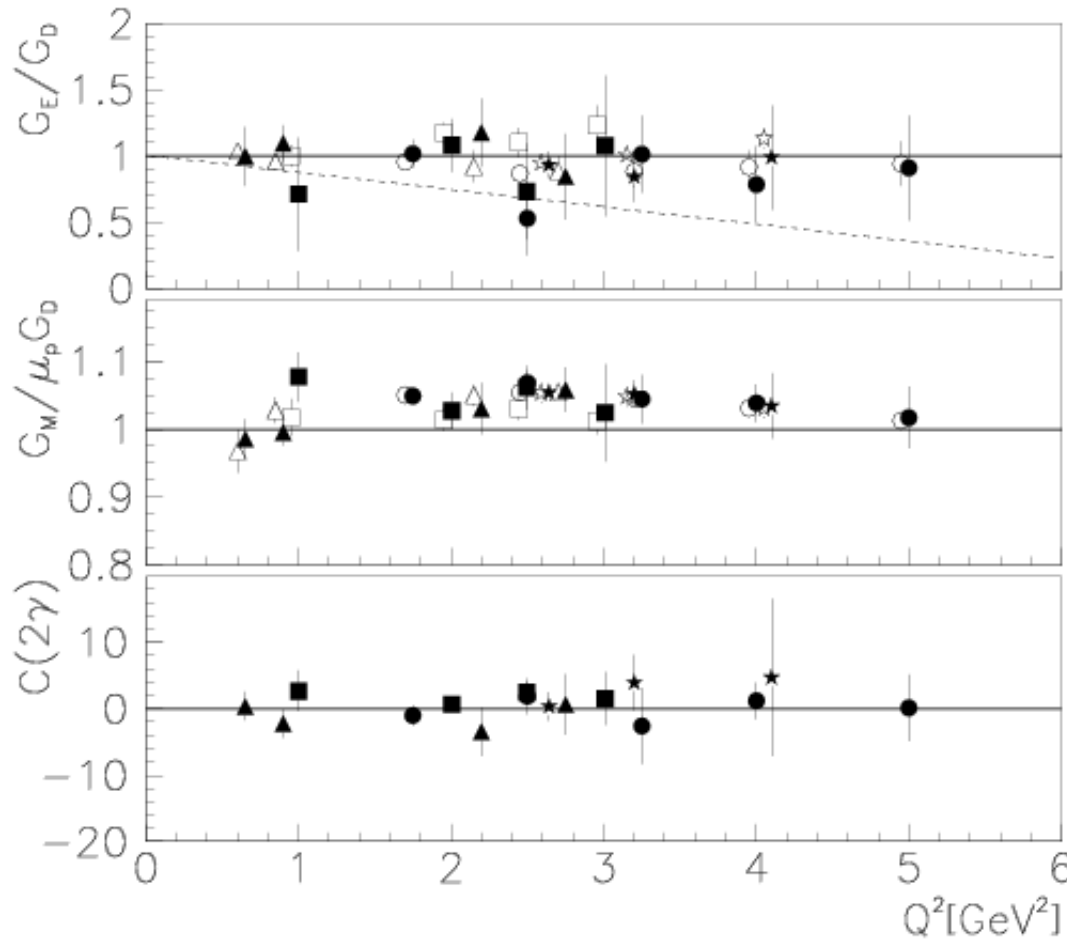
→ Holds for 1γ exchange only

PRL 94, 142301 (2005)



Parametrization of 2γ -contribution for ep

$$\sigma^{red}(Q^2, \epsilon) = \epsilon G_E^2(Q^2) + \tau G_M^2(Q^2) + \alpha F(Q^2, \epsilon),$$



$$F(Q^2, \epsilon) \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{1+\epsilon}{1-\epsilon}} f^{(a)}(Q^2)$$

$$f^{(a)}(Q^2) = \frac{C_{2\gamma} G_D}{[1 + Q^2 [\text{GeV}]^2 / m_a^2]^2}$$

**From the data:
deviation from linearity
 $\ll 1\%$**

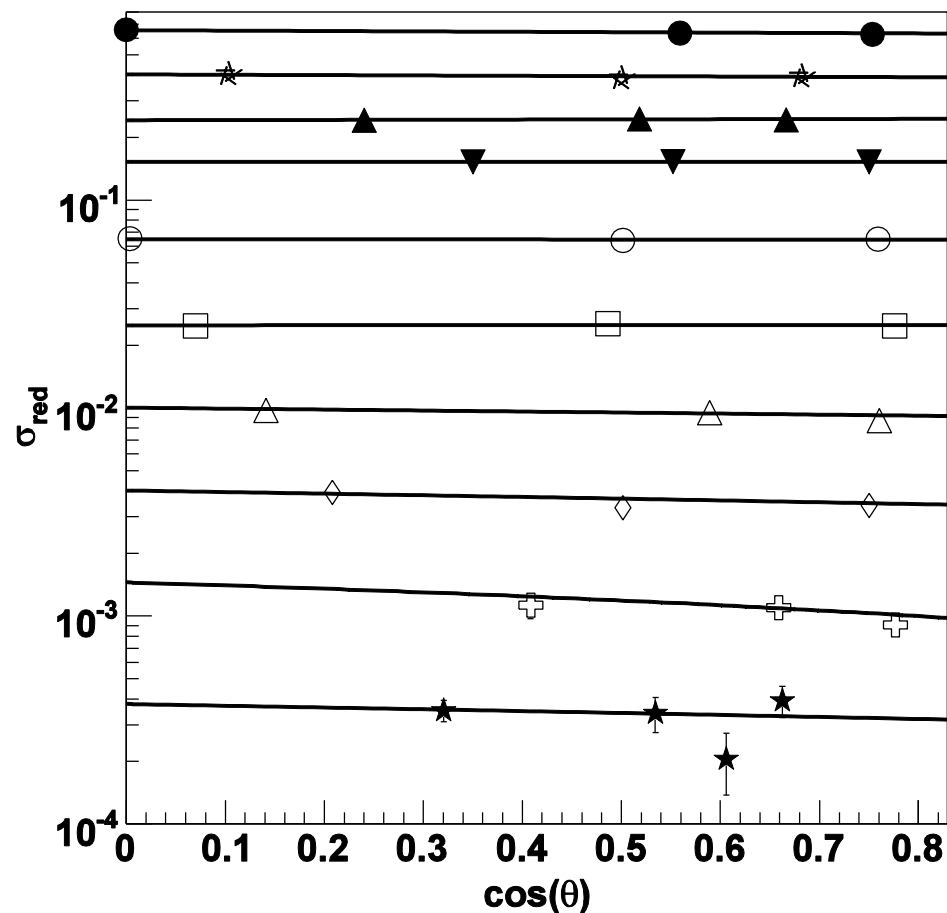
E. T.-G., G. Gakh, Phys. Rev. C 72, 015209 (2005)



Linear fit to $e^+{}^4\text{He}$ scattering

$$\frac{d\sigma_{un}^{\text{Born}}}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{4E^2 \sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}} \left[1 + 2 \frac{E}{M} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]^{-1} F^2(q^2)$$

$$\sigma_{red}|_{\bar{Q}^2}(\theta) = a + \alpha b \cos \theta$$



Q^2 [fm^{-2}]	$a \pm \Delta a$	$b \pm \Delta b$	χ^2
0.5	$(66 \pm 4) \text{ E-02}$	-6 ± 9	0.1
1	$(0.40 \pm 3) \text{ E-02}$	-3 ± 8	0.2
1.5	$(0.24 \pm 2) \text{ E-02}$	1.0 ± 0.1	0.1
2	$(15 \pm 2) \text{ E-03}$	0.0 ± 0.1	0.1
3	$(65 \pm 4) \text{ E-03}$	$0. \pm 1$	0.1
4	$(25 \pm 2) \text{ E-03}$	0.0 ± 0.4	0.1
5	$(101 \pm 8) \text{ E-04}$	-0.2 ± 0.2	0.5
6	$(40 \pm 5) \text{ E-04}$	-0.1 ± 0.1	0.6
7	$(15 \pm 3) \text{ E-04}$	-0.09 ± 0.07	1.0
8	$(38 \pm 9) \text{ E-05}$	-0.01 ± 0.03	1.0

G.I. Gakh, E.T-G, NPA 838, 50 (2010)



Model Independent statements

Charge asymmetry:

In SL : compare $\sigma(e^+p)$ and $\sigma(e^-p)$

In TL : asymmetry in the angular distribution



Time-like region)

In annihilation processes all information on the presence of 2γ is contained in a precise measurement of the angular distribution (simpler than Rosenbluth fit)

Differential cross section at complementary angles:

The SUM cancels the 2γ contribution:

$$\frac{d\sigma_+}{d\Omega}(\theta) = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\theta) + \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\pi - \theta) = 2 \frac{d\sigma^{Born}}{d\Omega}(\theta)$$

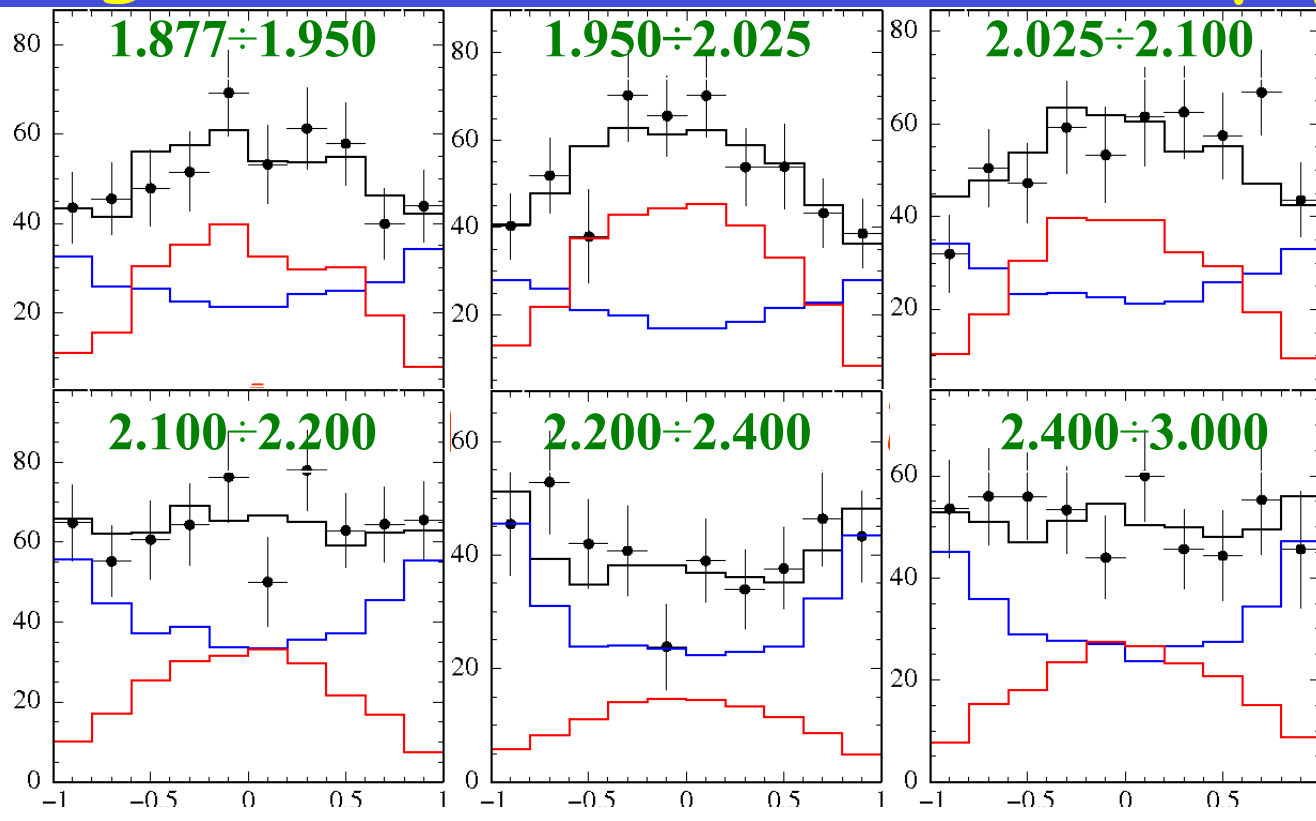
The DIFFERENCE enhances the 2γ contribution:

$$\frac{d\sigma_-}{d\Omega}(\theta) = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\theta) - \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\pi - \theta) = 4N \left[(1 + x^2) \text{Re}G_M \Delta G_M^* + \frac{1 - x^2}{\tau} \text{Re}G_E \Delta G_E^* + \sqrt{\tau(\tau - 1)} x (1 - x^2) \text{Re}\left(\frac{1}{\tau} G_E - G_M\right) F_3^* \right]$$

$$\tau = \frac{q^2}{4m^2}, \quad x = \cos\theta$$



Angular Distributions $e^+e^- \rightarrow p \bar{p}$



Events/0.2 vs. $\cos \theta$

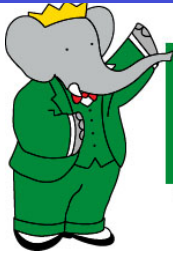
$$\frac{dN}{d \cos \theta_p} = A \left[H_M(\cos \theta, M_{pp}) + \left| \frac{G_E}{G_M} \right|^2 H_E(\cos \theta, M_{pp}) \right]$$



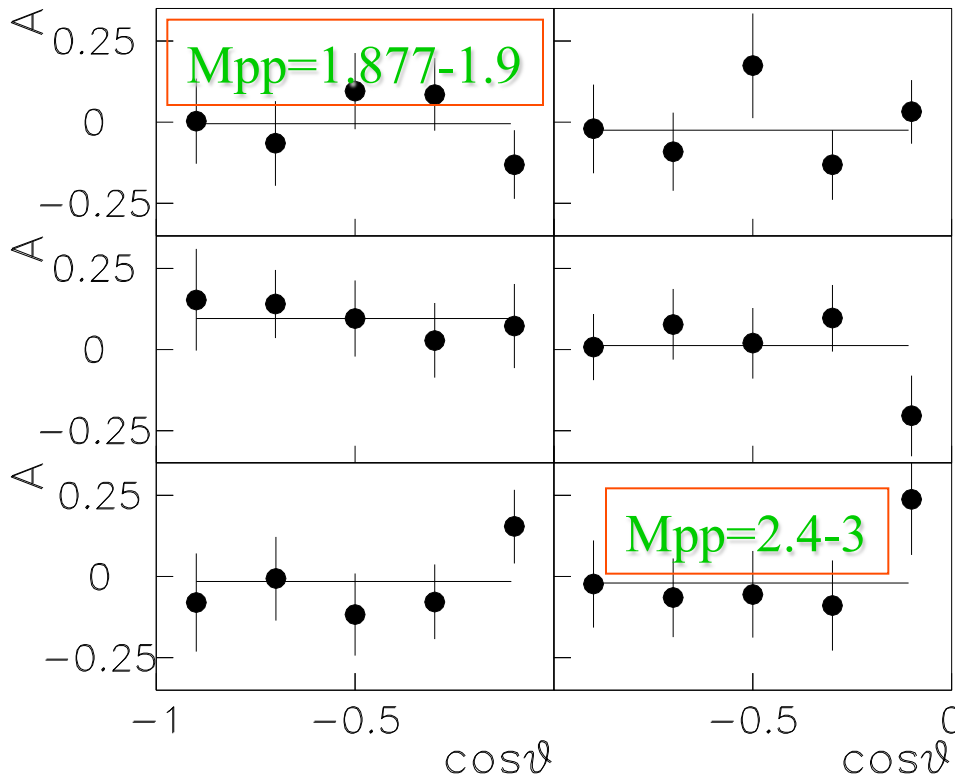
2 γ -exchange?

B. Aubert (BABAR Collaboration) Phys Rev. D73, 012005 (2006)

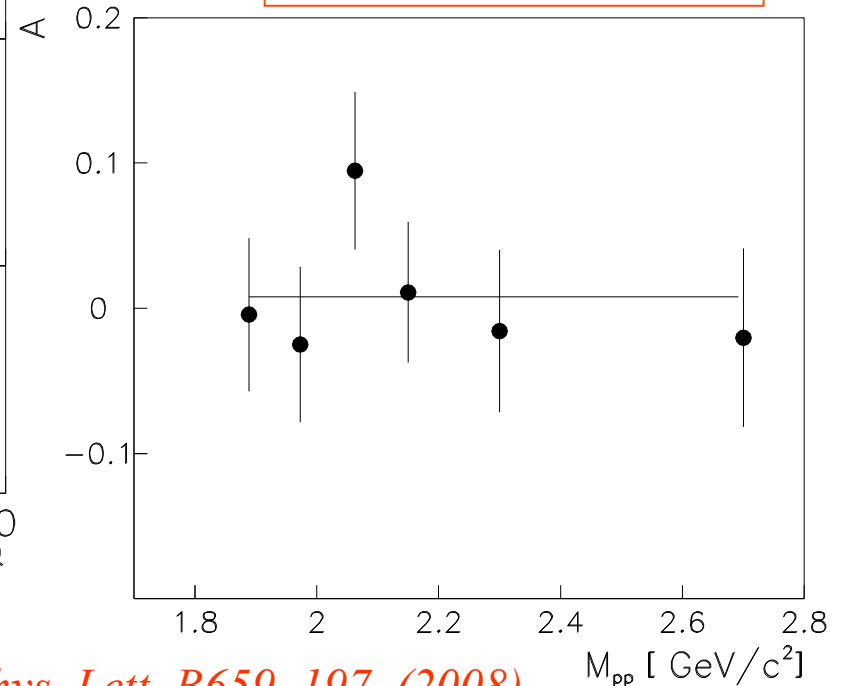
Angular Asymmetry : $e^+e^- \rightarrow p pbar$



$$A(c) = \frac{\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(c) - \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(-c)}{\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(c) + \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(-c)}$$



$$A = 0.01 \pm 0.02$$



E. T.-G., E.A. Kuraev, S. Bakmaev, S. Pacetti, Phys. Lett. B659, 197 (2008)

M_{pp} [GeV/c²]



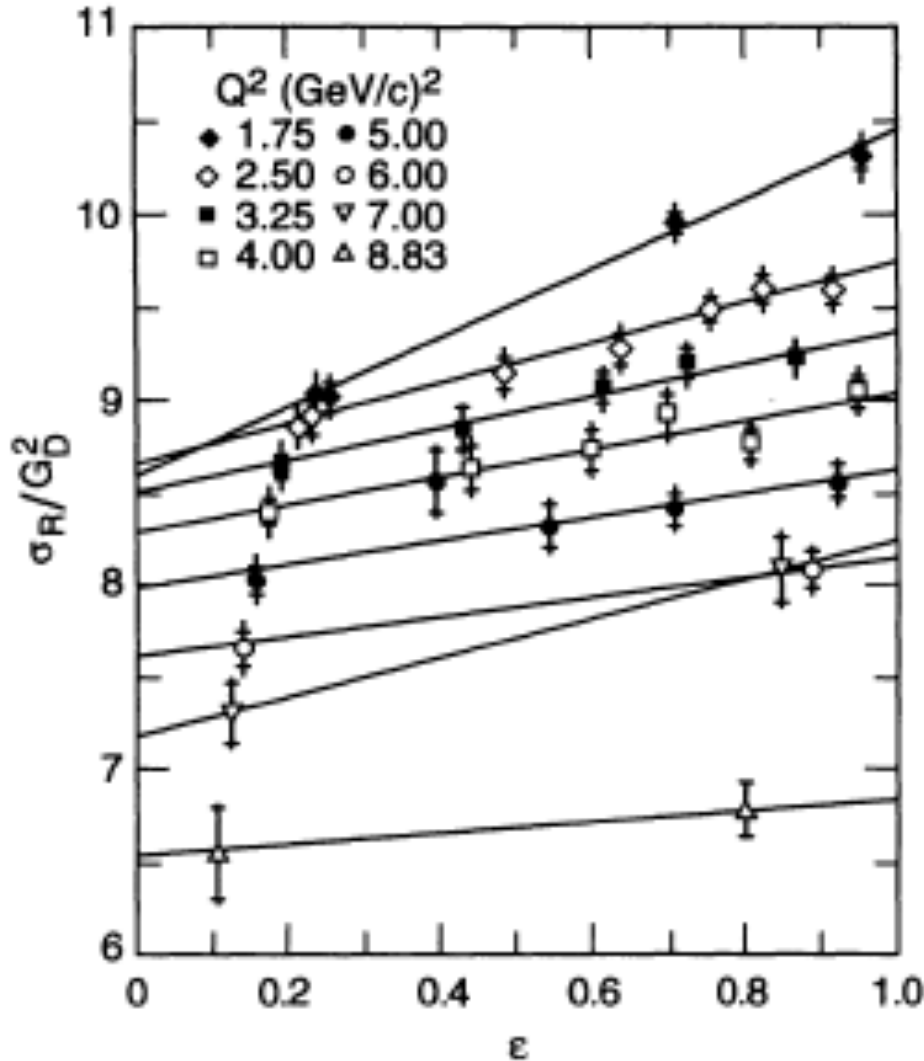
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normalization of Rosenbluth data



ep-elastic scattering: Normalization

Andivahis et al., PRD50, 5491 (1994)



Two spectrometers
(8 and 1.6 GeV)

2 points at low ϵ

Fixed renormalization
for the lowest ϵ point
 $c=0.956$

(acceptance correction)

Increases the slope!

$$G_E \approx G_D$$



Measurements of the electric and magnetic form factors of the proton from $Q^2 = 1.75$ to 8.83 (GeV/c)²

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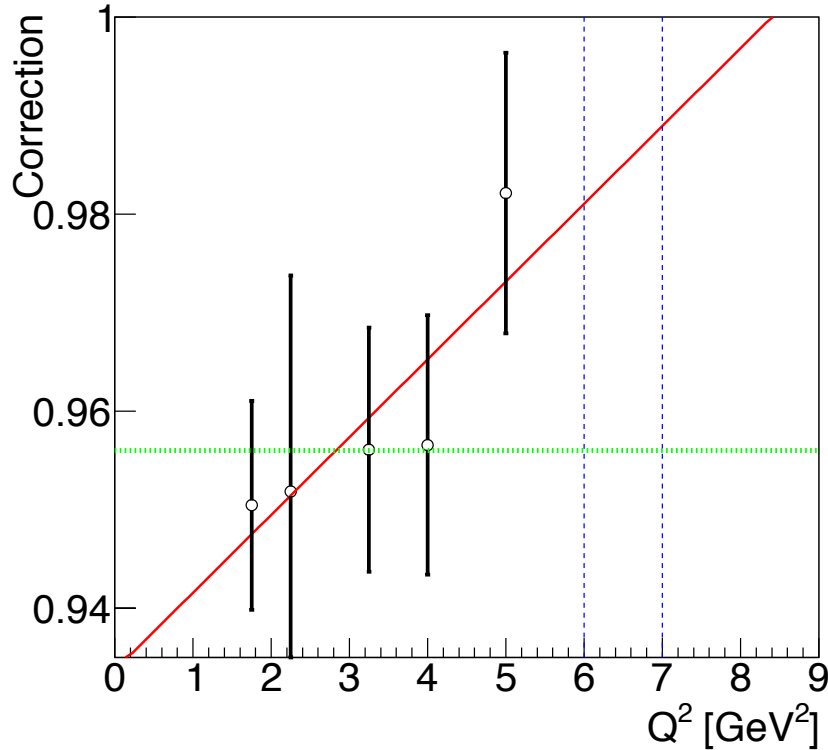


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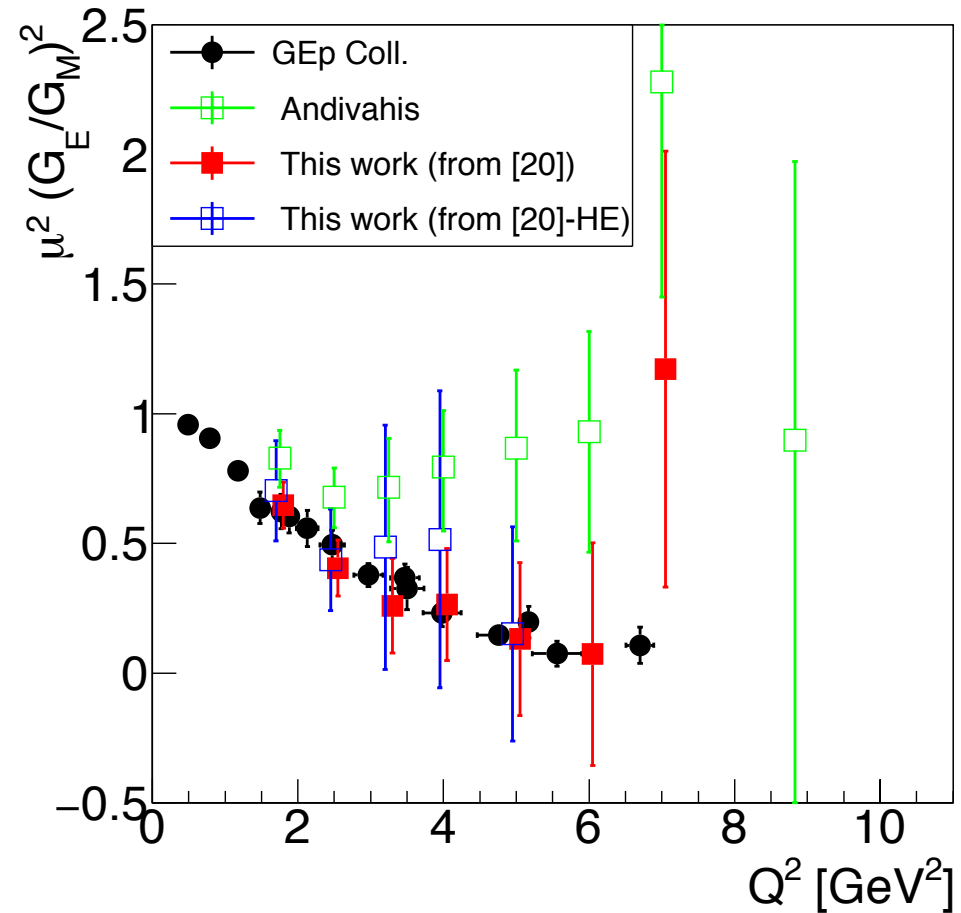


Direct extraction of the Ratio

Andivahis et al., PRD50, 5491 (1994)



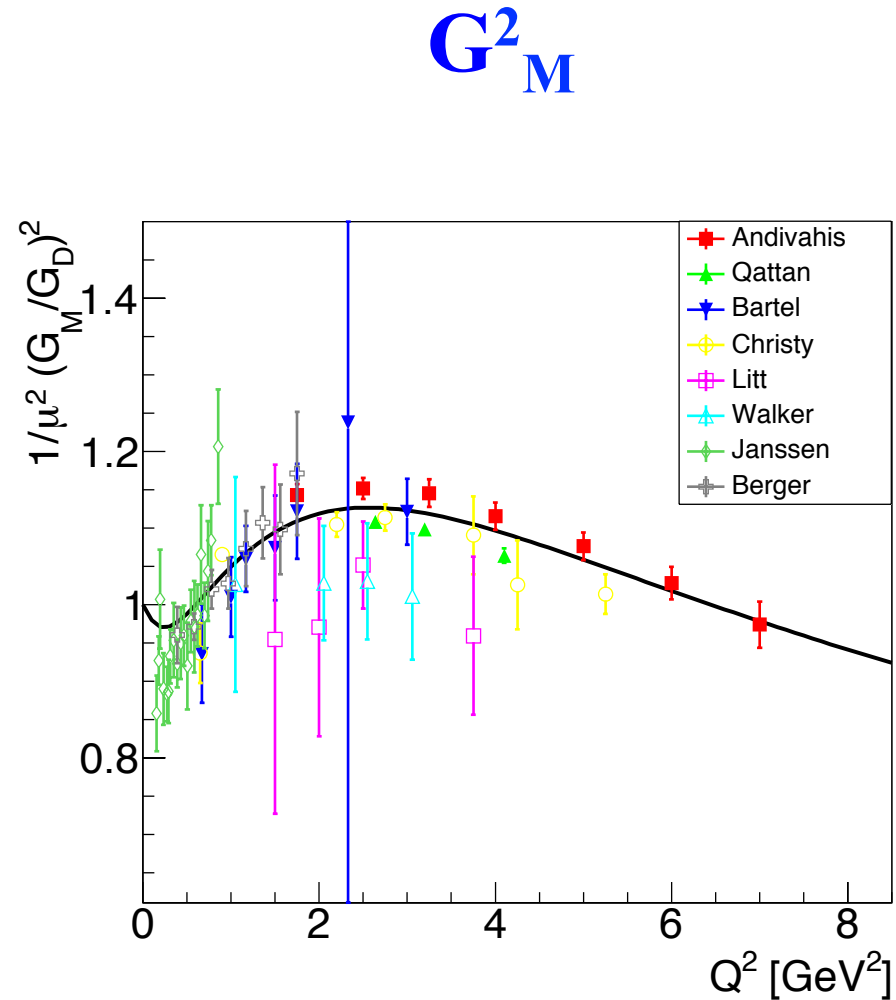
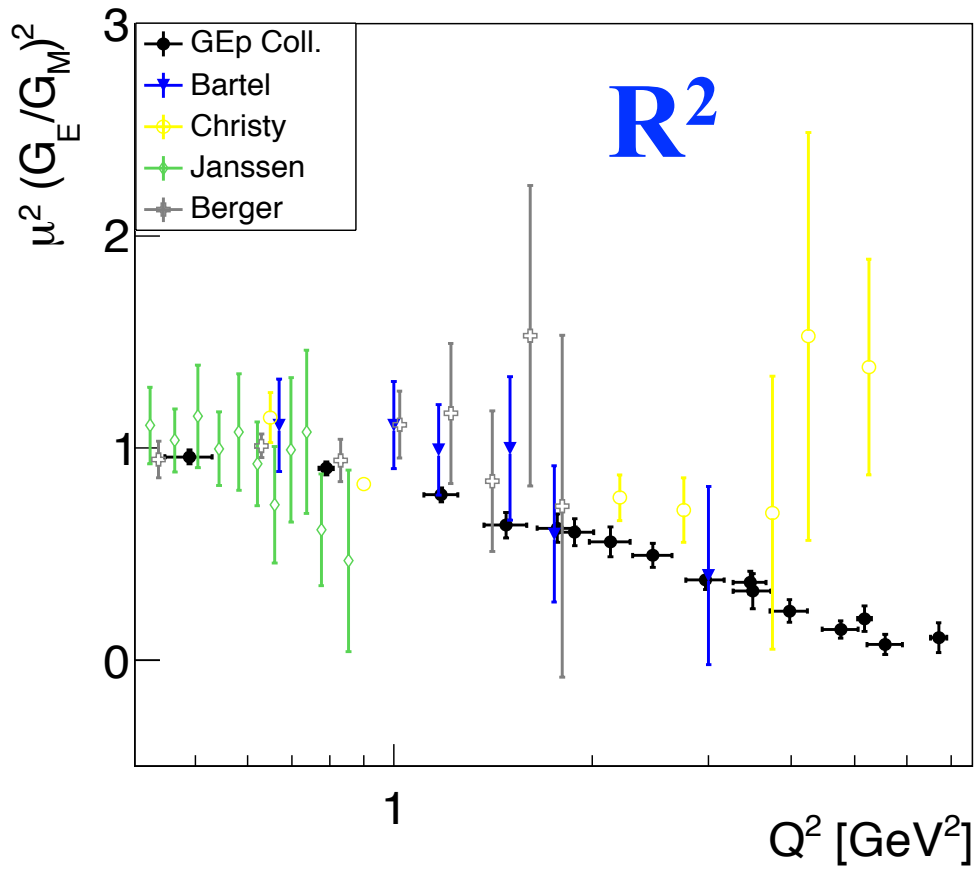
$$\sigma_{\text{red}} = G_M^2 (R^2 \epsilon + \tau),$$



S. Pacetti, E.T-G, PRC94, 055202 (2016)



Different Data Sets

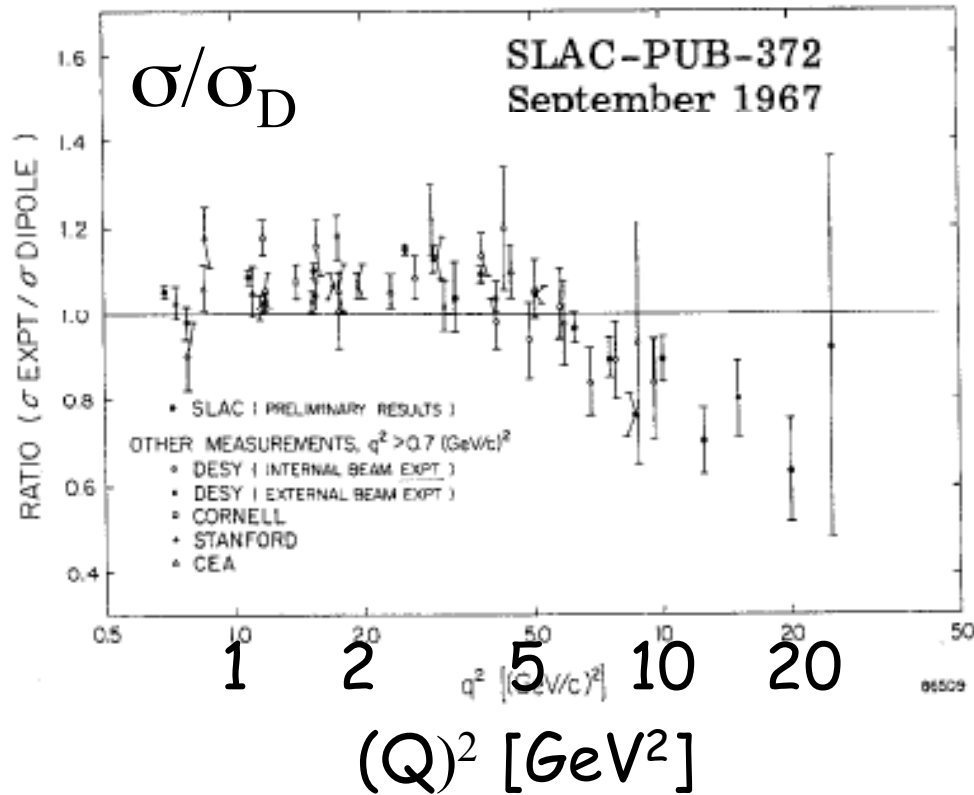


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Nucleon FFs above 6 GeV



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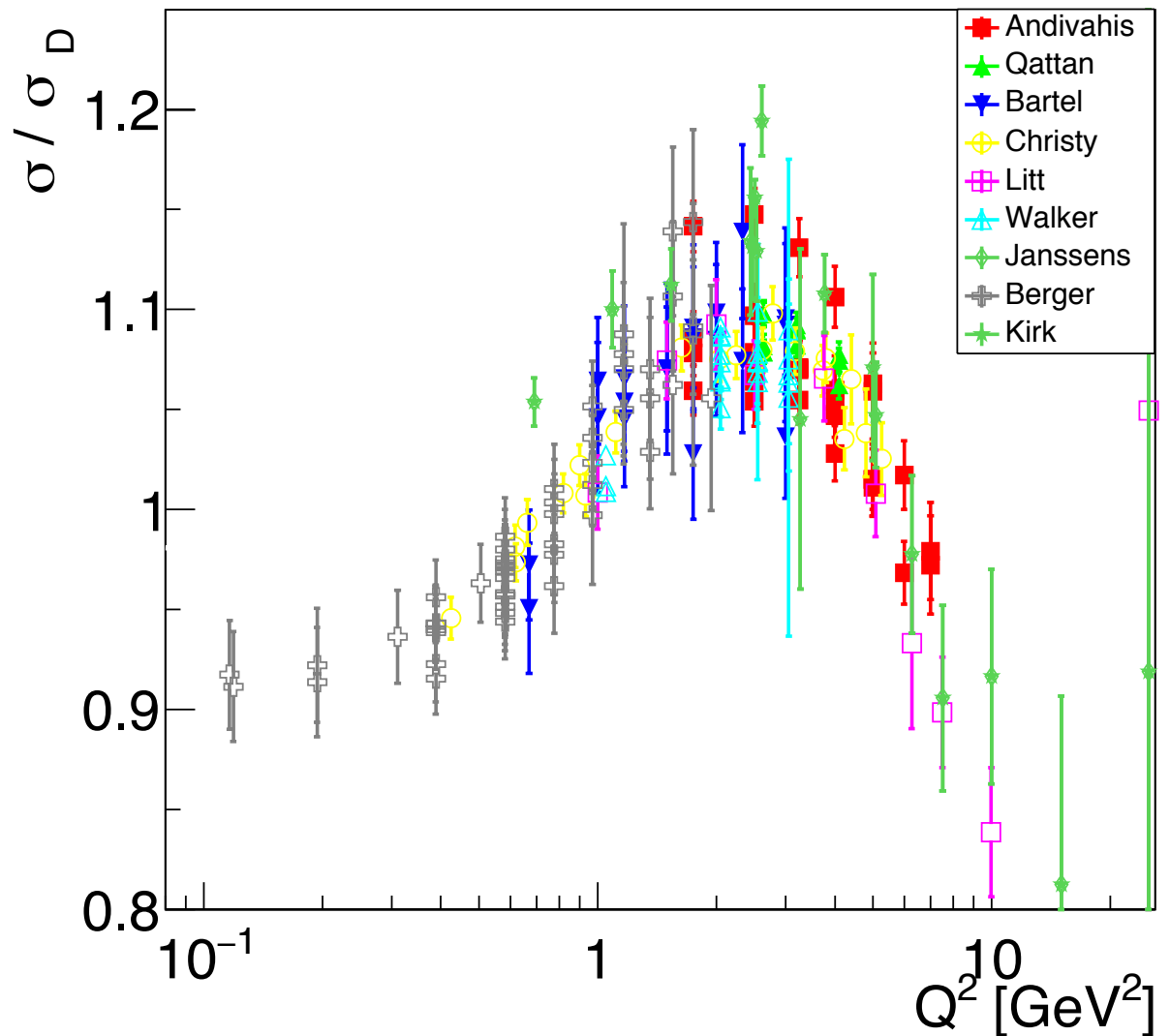
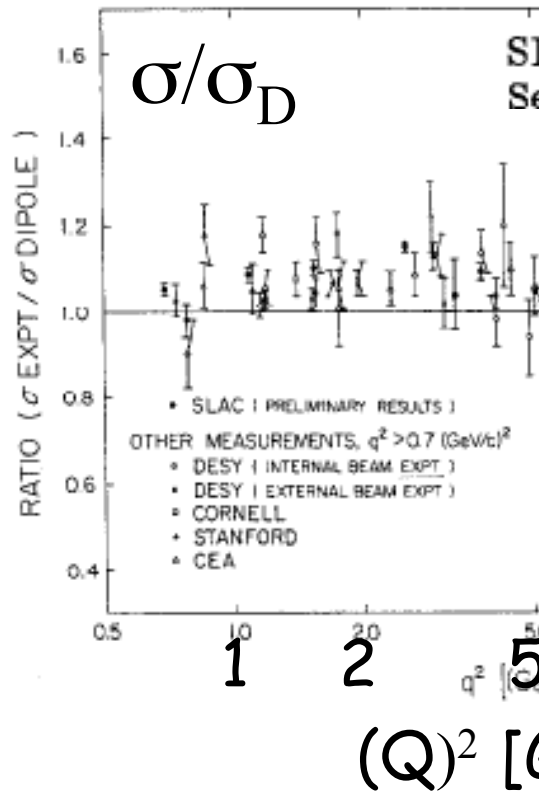
R. Taylor

(Q)² [GeV²]



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...which makes evident the deviation from the dipole prediction

$(Q)^2$ [GeV^2]



Conclusions

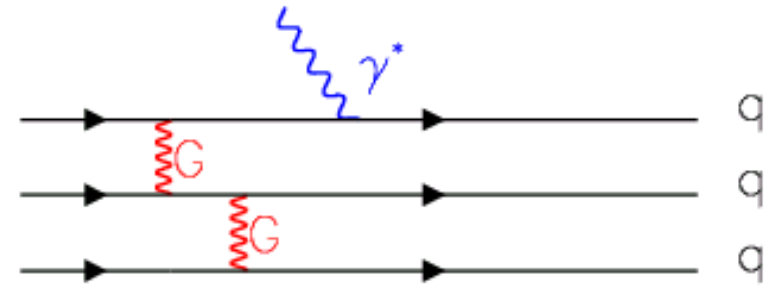
- Alternative explanations to the GEp discrepancy – if any
 - Radiative corrections
 - Normalization among/within sets of data
 - Parameter correlations : how to deconvolute 100% correlated parameters ? ill posed problem
- Perspectives
 - Investigate the time-like region
 - Polarization observables
 - Experimental check of radiative corrections: measurement of the four momenta of all particles

The discrepancy is NOT among observables (σ , PL and PT) but among derivatives(slope) similar to proton radius problem



Dipole Approximation and pQCD

Dimensional scaling



- $F_n(Q^2) = C_n [1/(1+Q^2/m_n^2)]^{n-1}$,
 - $m_n = n\beta^2$, <quark momentum squared>
 - n is the number of constituent quarks
- Setting $\beta^2 = (0.471 \pm 0.010) \text{ GeV}^2$ (fitting pion data)
 - **pion**: $F_\pi(Q^2) = C_\pi [1/(1+Q^2/0.471 \text{ GeV}^2)]^1$,
 - **nucleon**: $F_N(Q^2) = C_N [1/(1+Q^2/0.71 \text{ GeV}^2)]^2$,
 - **deuteron**: $F_d(Q^2) = C_d [1/(1+Q^2/1.41 \text{ GeV}^2)]^5$

V. A. Matveev, R. M. Muradian, and A. N. Tavkhelidze (1973), Brodsky and Farrar (1973), Politzer (1974), Chernyak & Zhitnisky (1984), Efremov & Radyuskin (1980)...



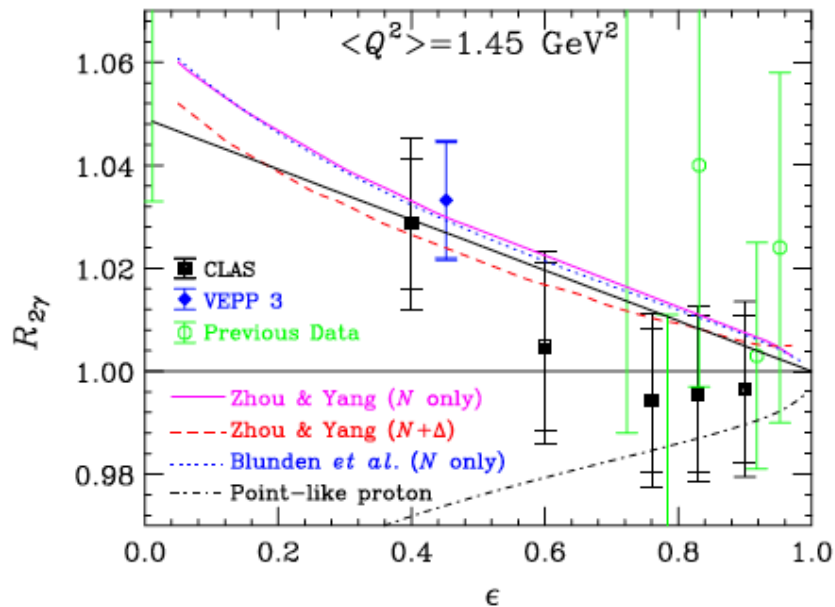
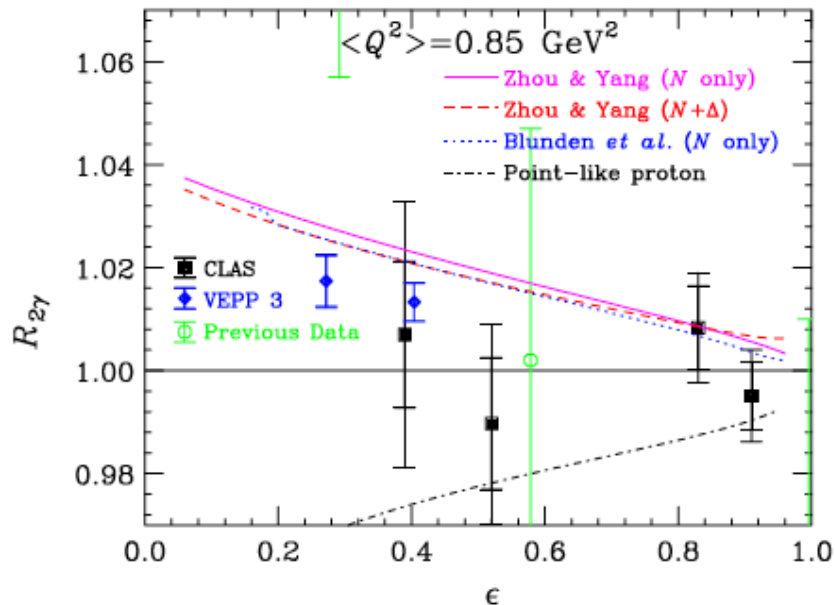
CLAS, VEPP, OLYMPUS...

V. Rimal, ArXiv 1603.003151

$Q^2 < 2 \text{ GeV}^2$

Effect $< 2\%$

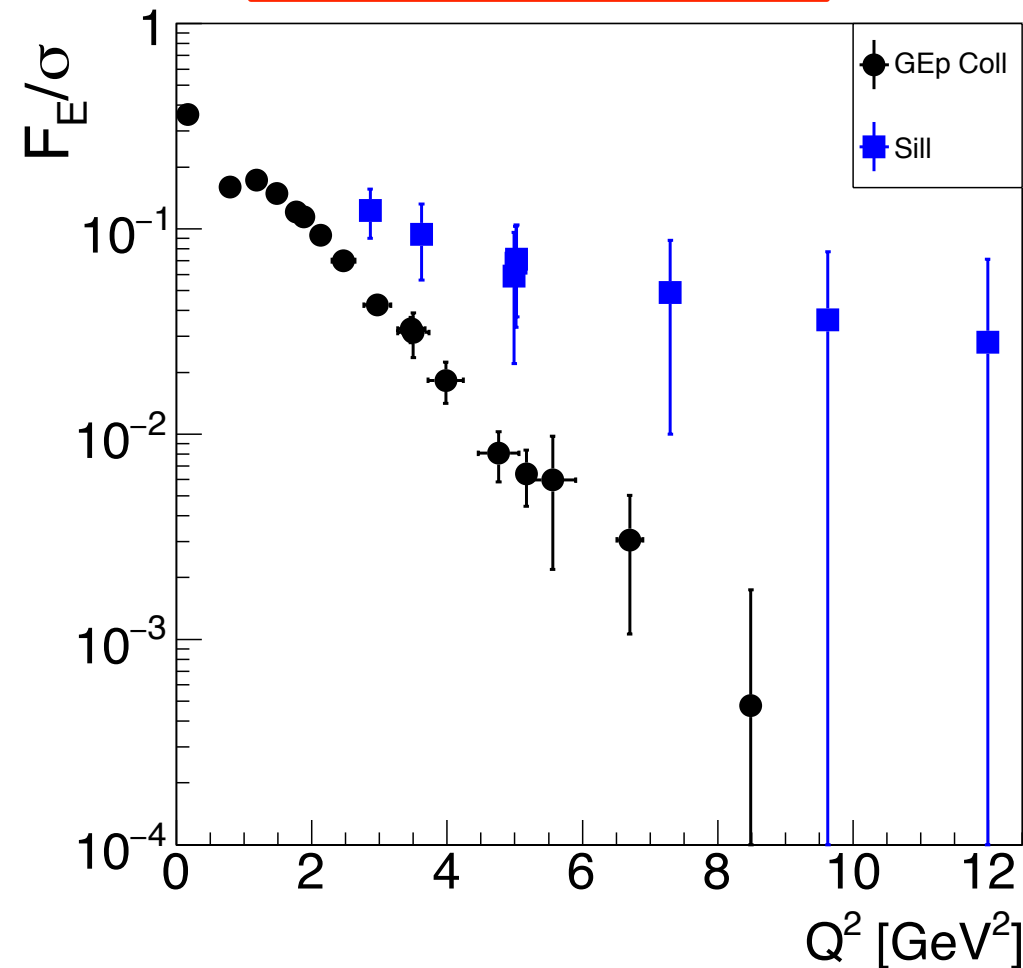
No evident increase with Q^2



Electric contribution to ep cross section

$$F_E = \frac{\epsilon G_E^2}{1 + \tau / (\epsilon R^2)}$$

$$\sigma_R = \epsilon G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2$$



$$G_E \approx G_D$$

$$G_E < G_D$$

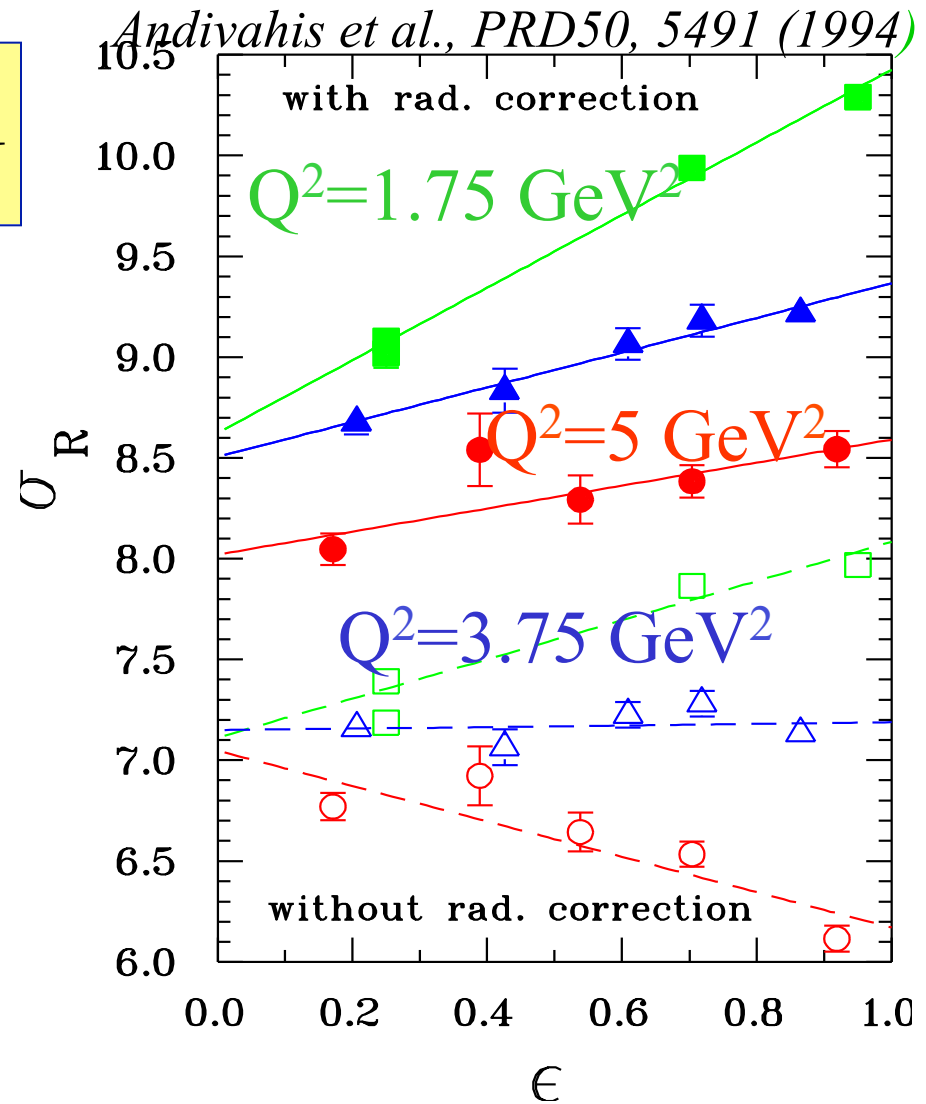


Radiative Corrections (ep)

$$\sigma_R = \varepsilon G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2$$

*May change
the slope of σ_R
(and even the sign !!!)*

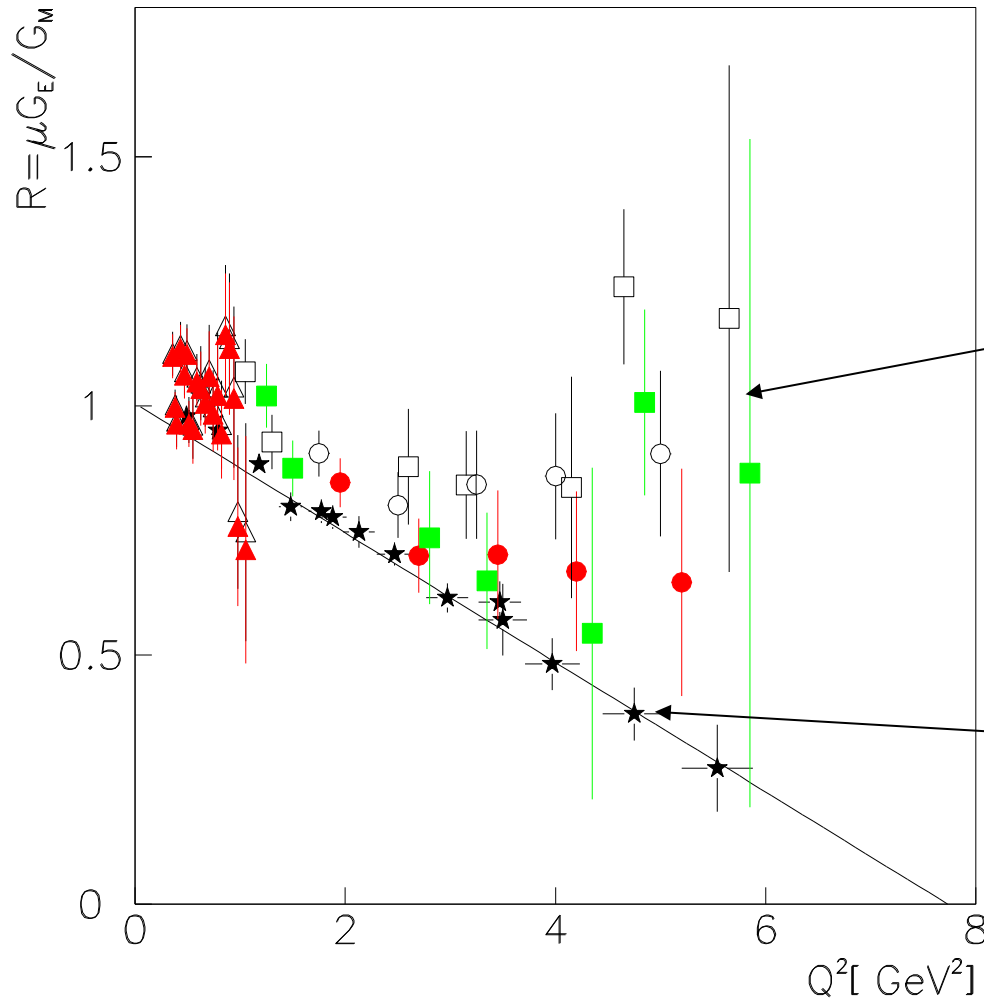
*RC to the cross section:
- large (may reach 40%)
- ε and Q^2 dependent
- calculated at first order*



E. T.-G., G. Gakh, PRC 72, 015209 (2005)



Radiative Corrections (SF method)



Andivahis et al., PRD50, 5491 (1994)

SLAC data

SLAC data
corrected by SF

Jlab Polarization
data

Yu. Bystricky, E.A.Kuraev, E. T.-G., Phys. Rev. C 75, 015207 (2007)

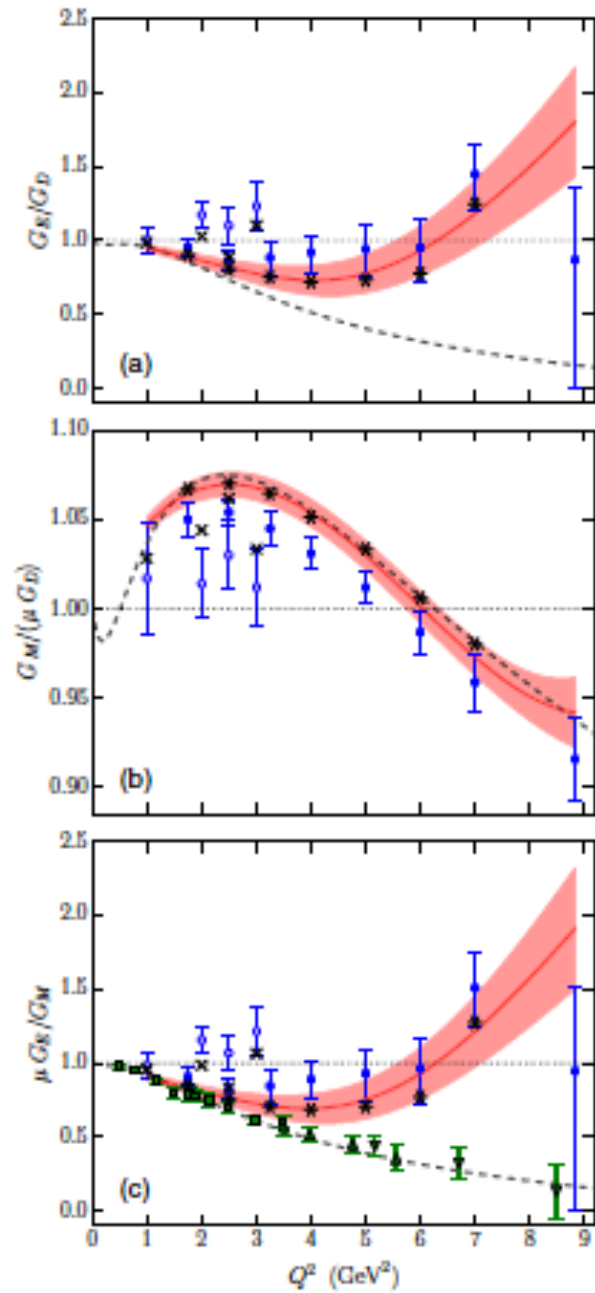


Reanalysis of Rosenbluth measurements of the proton form factors

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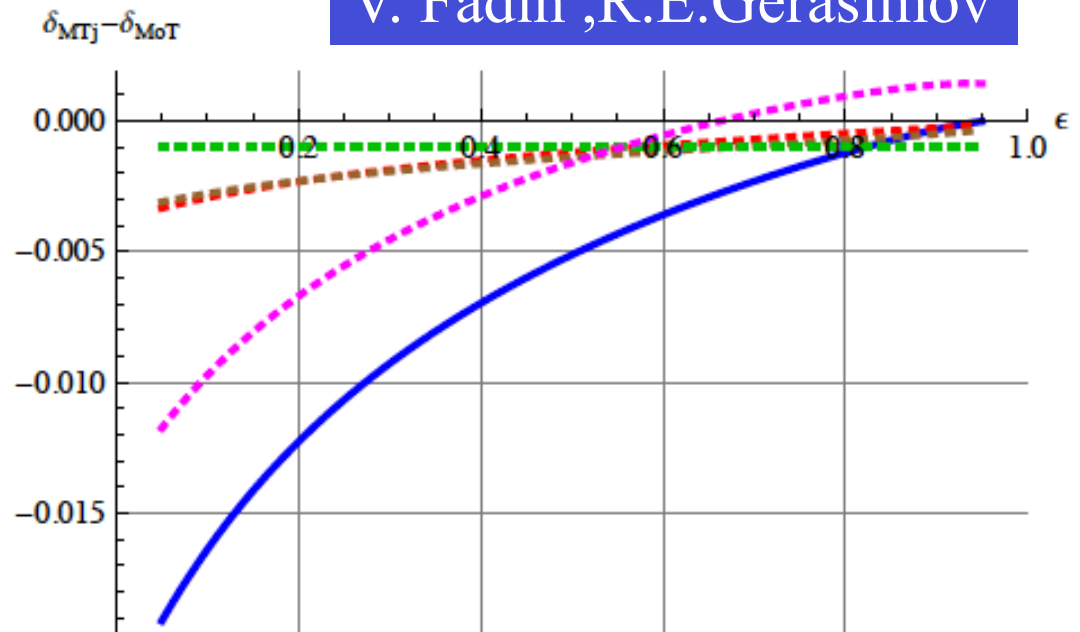
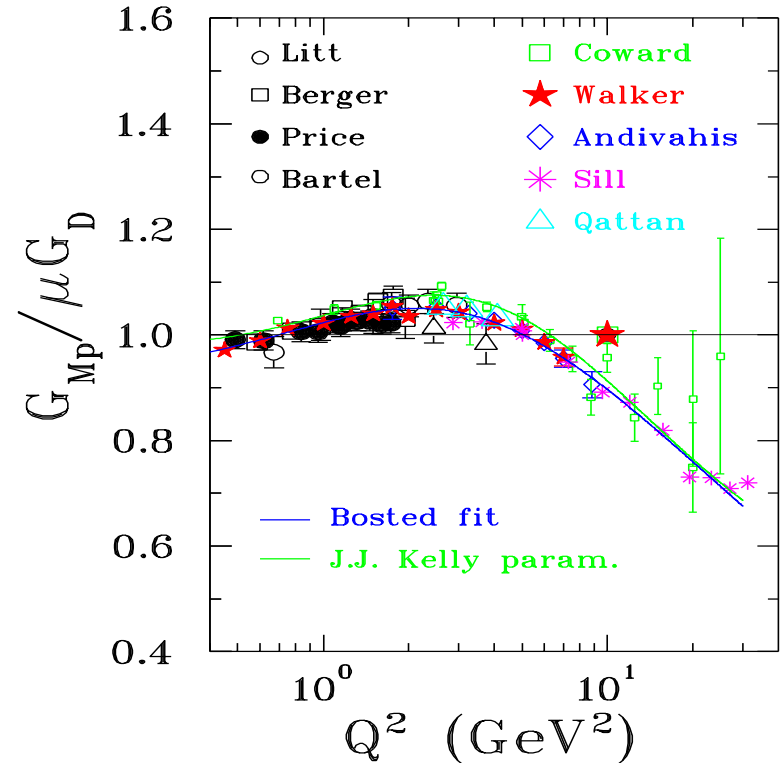
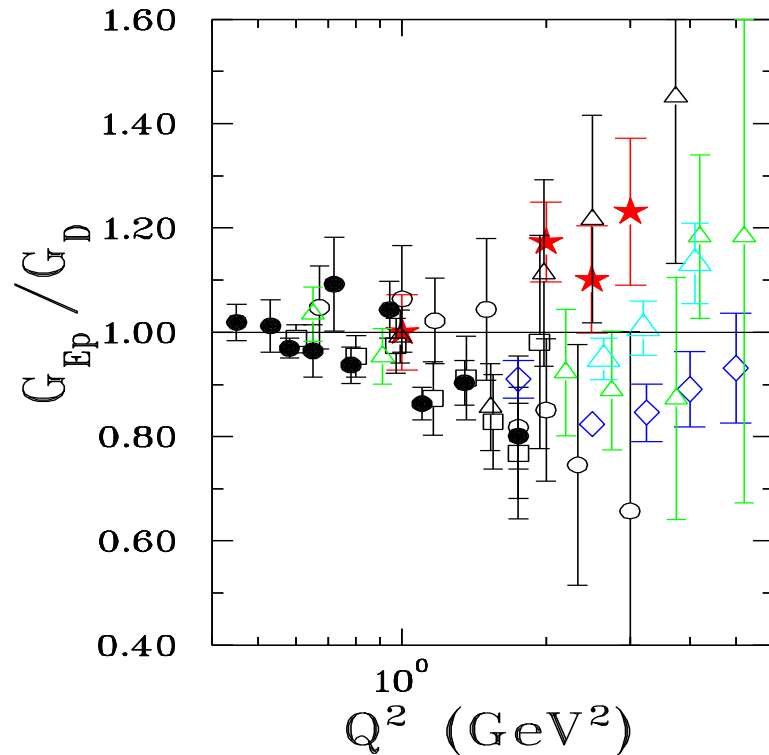


Figure 3: Difference at $Q^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$.



Proton Form Factors ... before

Dipole approximation: $G_D = (1 + Q^2/0.71 \text{ GeV}^2)^{-2}$



Rosenbluth separation/ Polarization observables

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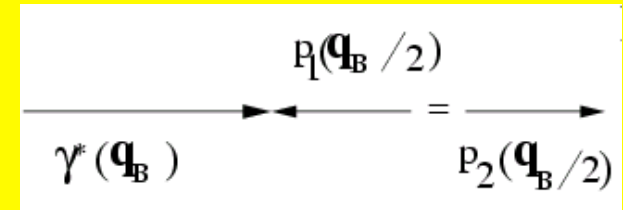


Dipole Approximation

$$G_D = (1 + Q^2 / 0.71 \text{ GeV}^2)^{-2}$$

• Classical approach

- Nucleon FF (in non relativistic approximation or in the Breit system) are Fourier transform of the charge or magnetic distribution.



Breit system

• The dipole approximation corresponds to exponential density distribution.

- $\rho = \rho_0 \exp(-r/r_0)$,
- $r_0^2 = (0.24 \text{ fm})^2$, $\langle r^2 \rangle \sim (0.81 \text{ fm})^2 \Leftrightarrow m_D^2 = 0.71 \text{ GeV}^2$

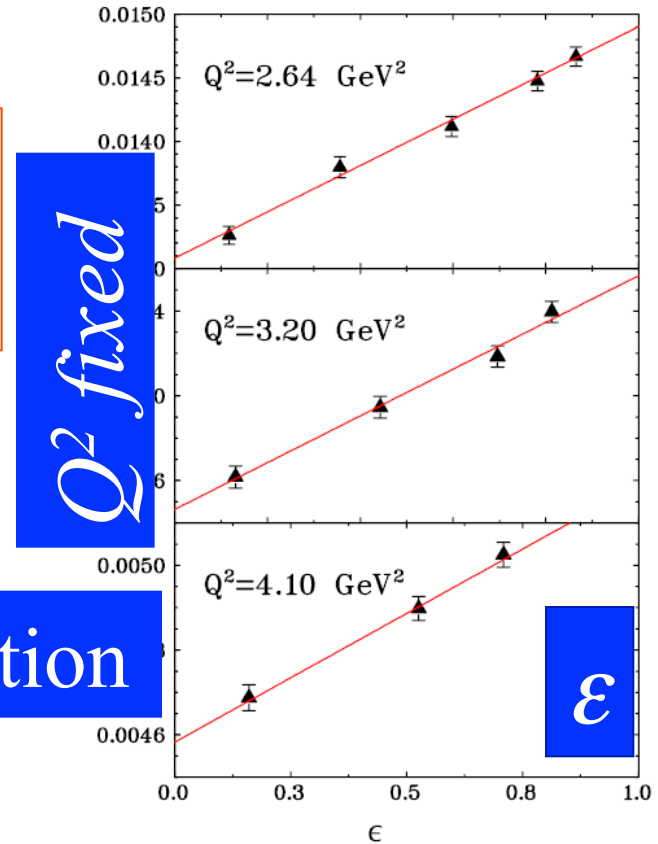


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The Akhiezer-Rekalo method (1967)

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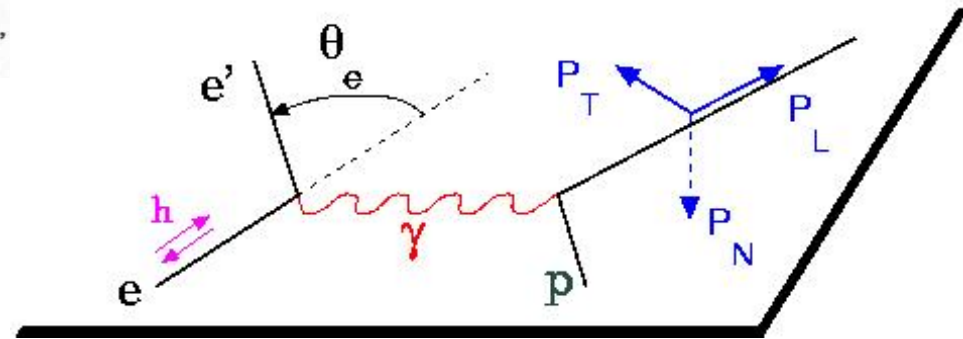
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POLARIZATION PHENOMENA IN ELECTRON SCATTERING BY PROTONS IN THE HIGH-ENERGY REGION

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Translated from Doklady Akademii Nauk SSSR, Vol. 180, No. 5,
pp. 1081-1083, June, 1968
Original article submitted February 26,

$$s_2 \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_R} = 4p_2 \frac{(\mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{q})}{1 + \tau} \Gamma(\theta, \varepsilon_1) \left[\tau G_M (G_M + G_E) - \frac{1}{4\varepsilon_1} G_M (G_E - \tau G_M) \right],$$



The polarization induces a term in the cross section proportional to $G_E G_M$
Polarized beam and target or
polarized beam and recoil proton polarization



The polarization method (exp: 2000)

Transferred polarization is:

*C. Perdrisat et al,
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$$P_n = 0$$

$$\pm h P_t = \mp h 2\sqrt{\tau(1+\tau)} G_E^p G_M^p \tan\left(\frac{\theta_e}{2}\right) / I_0$$

$$\pm h P_l = \pm h (E_e + E_{e'}) (G_M^p)^2 \sqrt{\tau(1+\tau)} \tan^2\left(\frac{\theta_e}{2}\right) / M / I_0$$

Where, $h = |h|$ is the beam helicity

$$I_0 = (G_E^p(Q^2))^2 + \frac{\tau}{\epsilon} (G_M^p(Q^2))^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{G_E^p}{G_M^p} = -\frac{P_t}{P_l} \frac{E_e + E_{e'}}{2M} \tan\left(\frac{\theta_e}{2}\right)$$

The simultaneous measurement of P_t and P_l reduces the systematic errors

