

# Box Diagrams for Elastic PVES and Relevance for DIS

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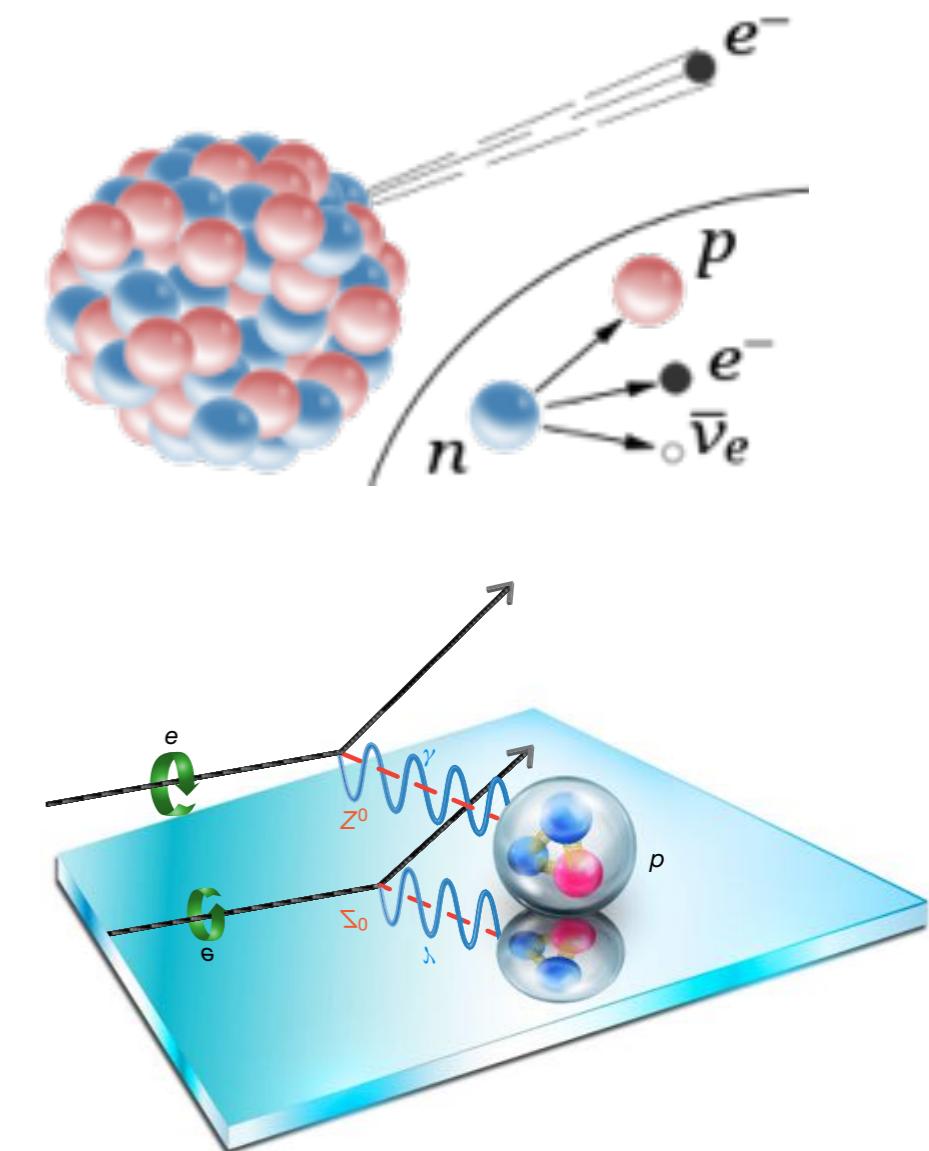
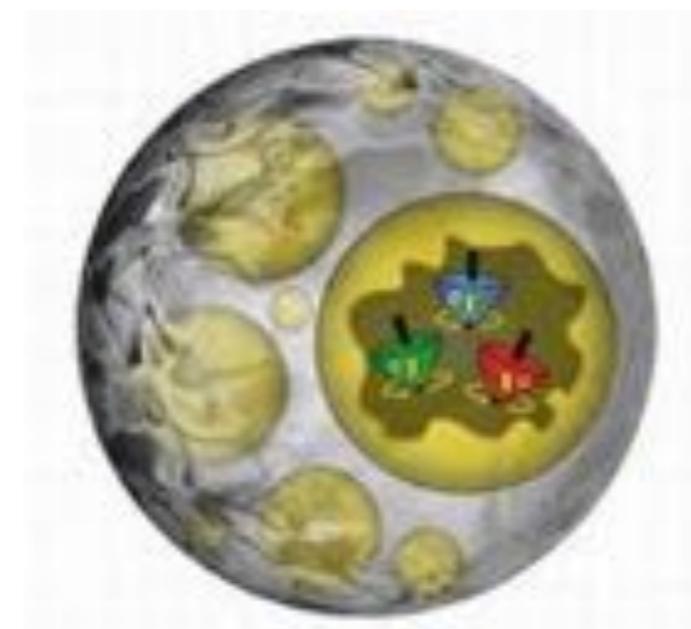
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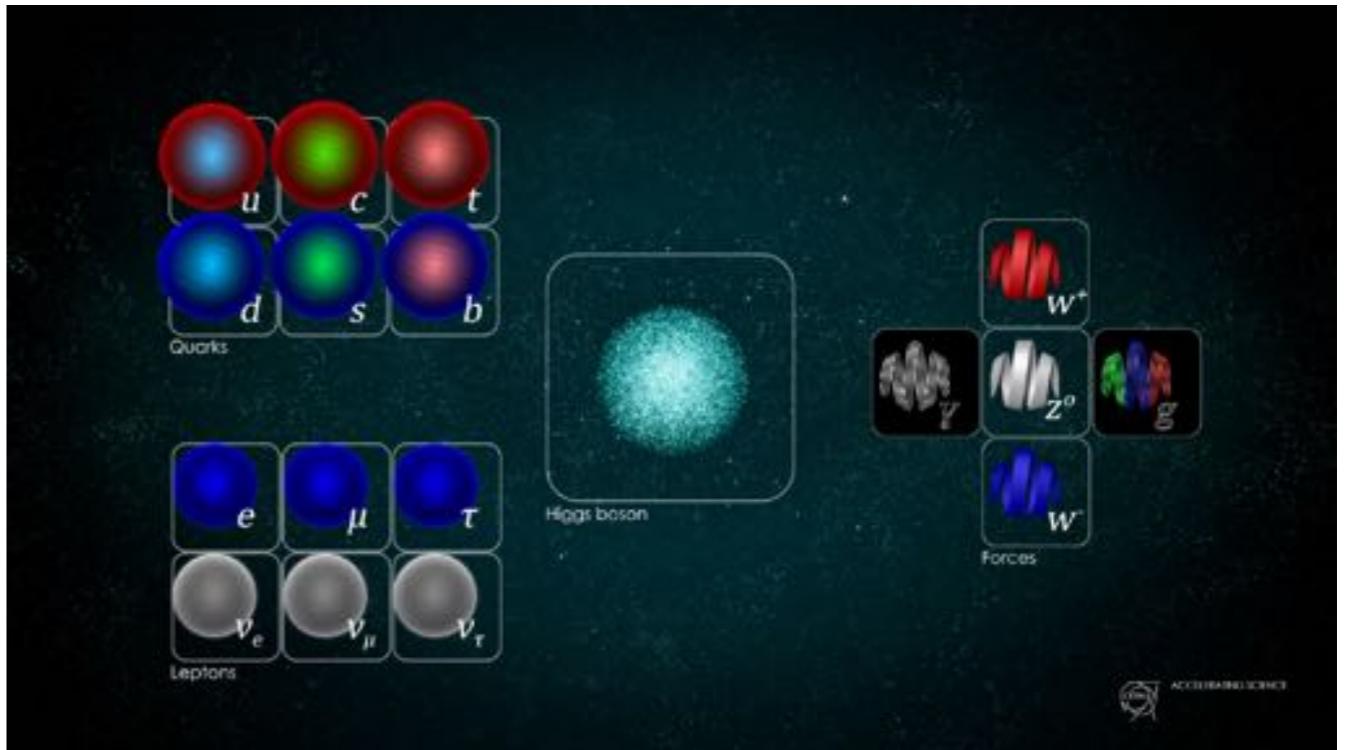
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# Standard Model: success story with open questions

Standard Model:

- Renormalizable non-Abelian gauge field theory
- Incorporates observed symmetries
- Symmetry breaking
- “small” number of parameters



Together with gravity describes how things work on Earth, in the solar system, in stars

Yet it is also notoriously insufficient (Dark Matter & Dark Energy, Matter-Antimatter asymmetry in the Universe, Hierarchy problem, Fine tuning of SM parameters, ...)

Searches for beyond Standard Model (BSM) particles and interaction along three frontiers: High-Energy frontier; Astrophysics frontier; Precision frontier

Low-Energy precision tests: compare accurate experimental measurements with equally accurate theory calculations and deduce information about BSM from this comparison

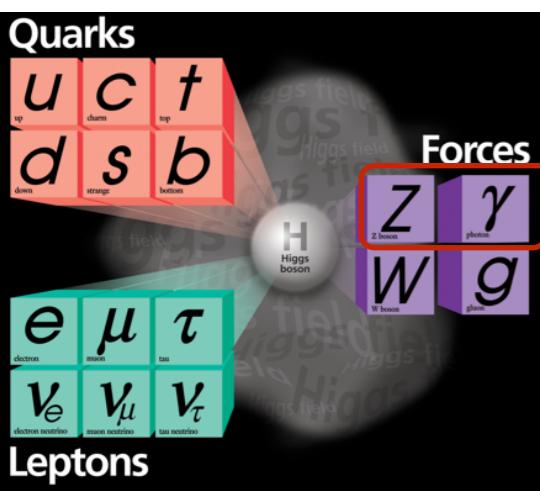
# Precision tests of SM at low energies - basics

- SM parameters: charges, masses, mixing
- At low energy quarks are bound in hadrons - how can we access their fundamental properties through hadronic mess?
- A **charge associated with a conserved current** is not renormalized by strong interaction - the charge of a composite =  $\sum$  charges of constituents
- Strong interaction may modify observables at NLO in  $a_{\text{em}}/\pi \approx 2 \cdot 10^{-3}$
- Experiment + pure EW RC - accuracy at  $10^{-4}$  level or better
- This accuracy corresponds to  $\sim 50$  TeV scale of heavy BSM particles
- In many low-energy tests hadron structure effects is the main limitation!

Precise determination of SM mixing parameters:

Weak mixing angle  $\sin^2 \theta_W$   
Cabibbo angle  $V_{ud}$

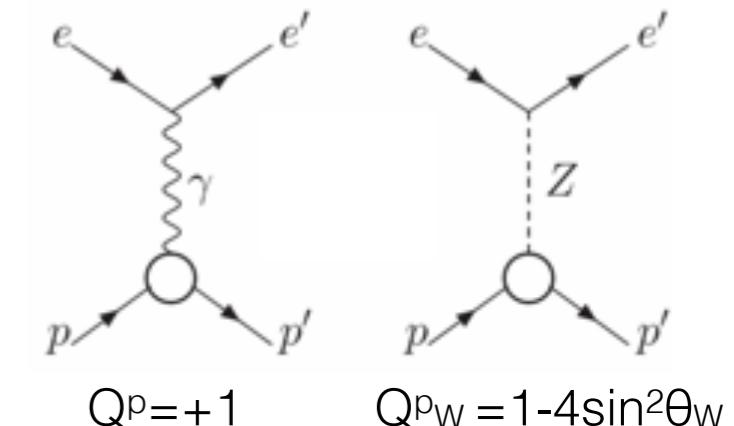
# Precision measurements of weak mixing angle



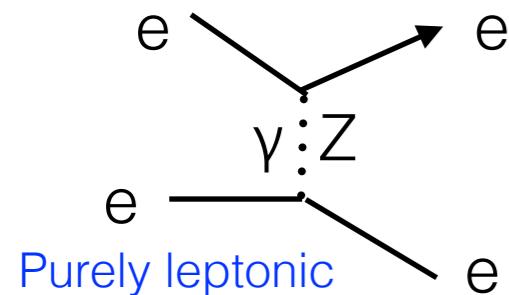
Weak mixing angle - mixing of the NC gauge fields

$$\begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ Z^0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_W & \sin \theta_W \\ -\sin \theta_W & \cos \theta_W \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B^0 \\ W^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

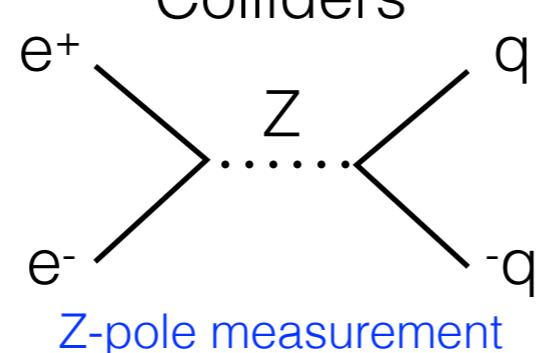
WMA determines the relative strength  
of the weak NC vs. e.-m. interaction



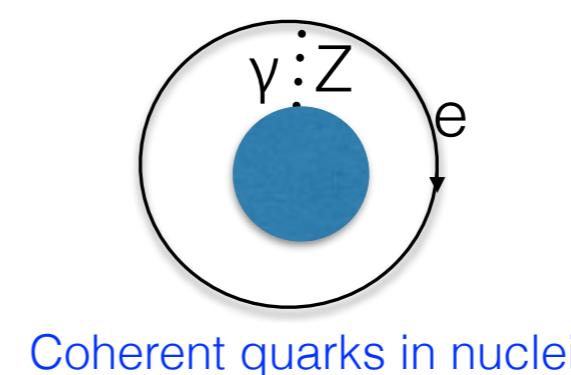
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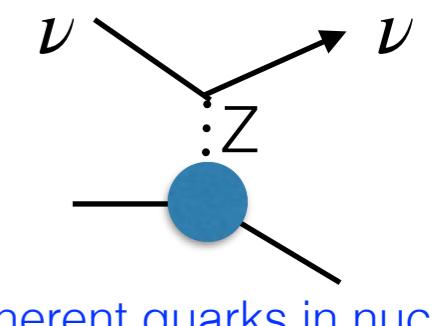
Colliders



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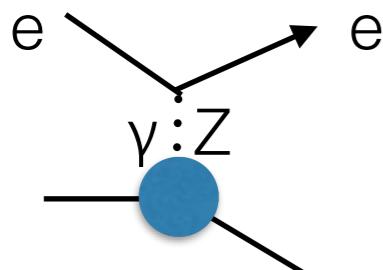


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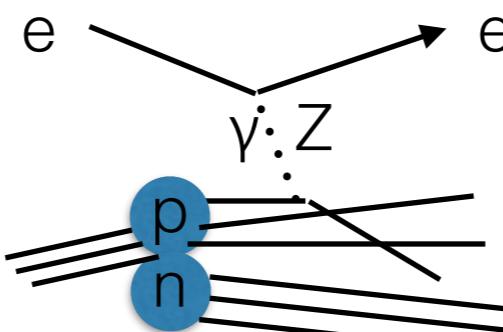
P2 MESA @ Mainz

Q-Weak @ JLab



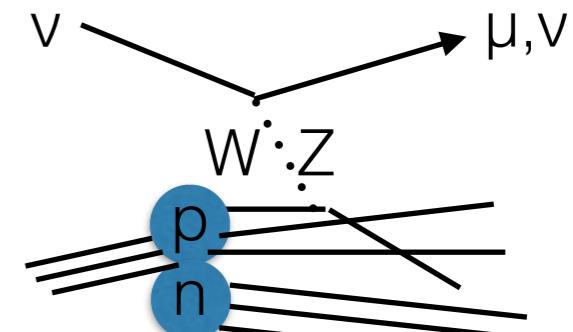
Coherent quarks in p or  $^{12}\text{C}$

e-DIS @ JLab, EIC



Incoherent e-q scattering

v-DIS @ NuTeV



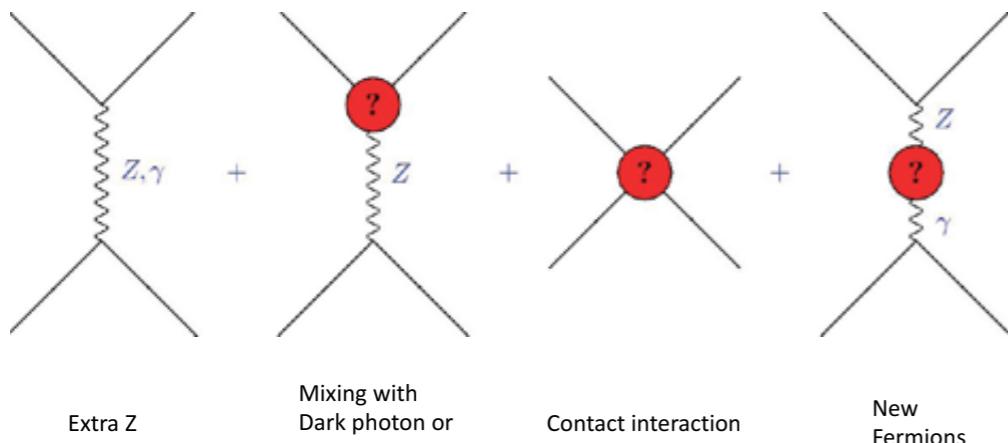
Incoherent v-q scattering

# SM running of the weak mixing angle

**Universal** quantum corrections can be absorbed into running, scale-dependent  $\sin^2\theta_W(\mu)$

SM uncertainty: few  $\times 10^{-5}$

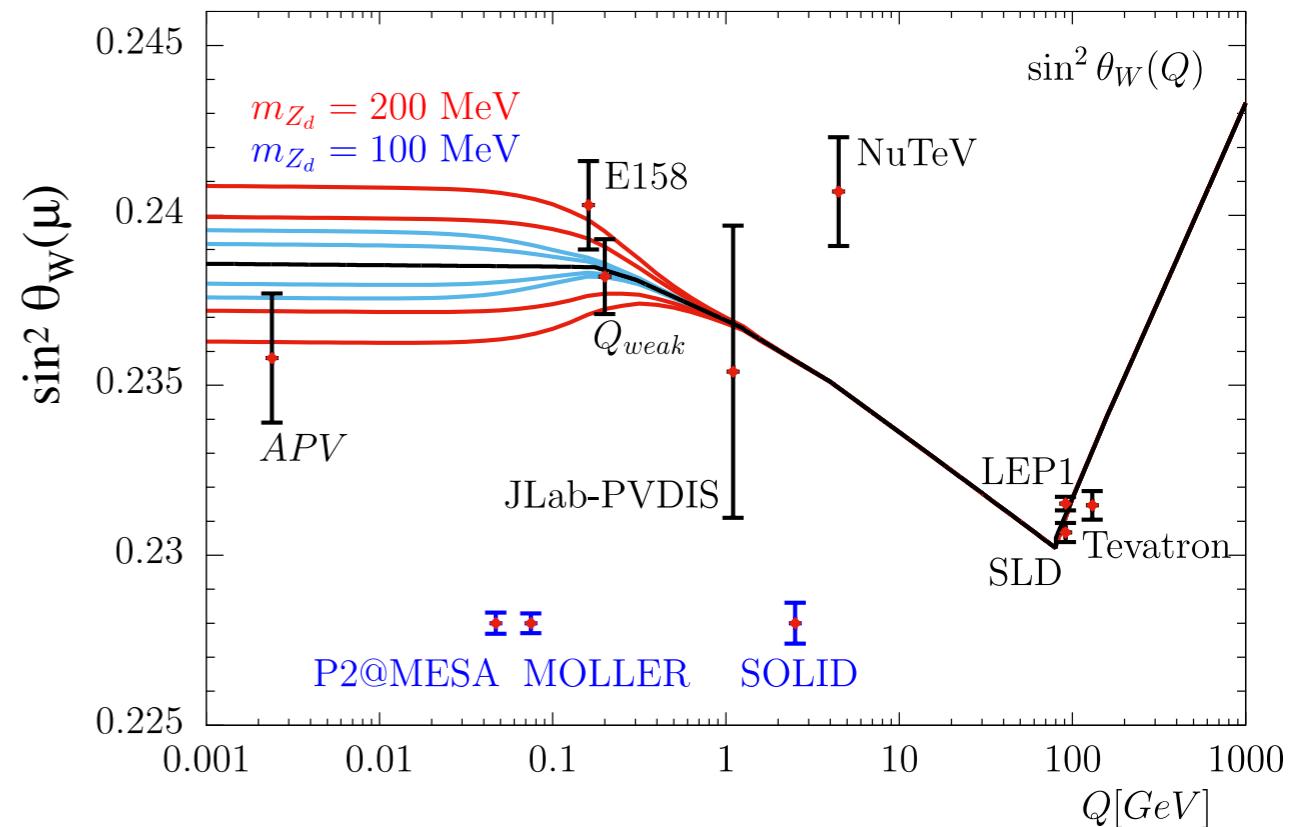
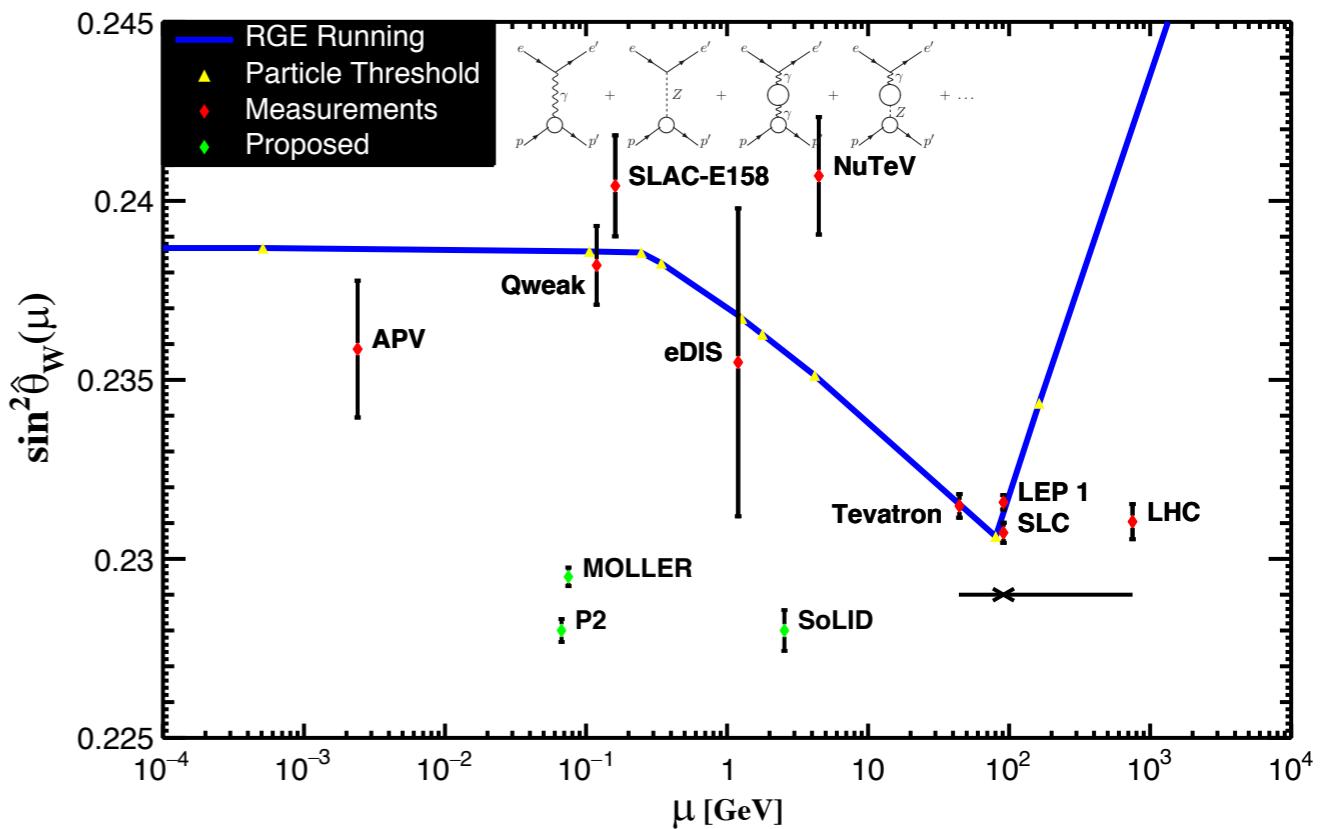
Universal running - clean prediction of SM  
Deviation anywhere - BSM signal



Heavy BSM reach: up to 50 TeV

Light dark gauge sector: down to 70 MeV

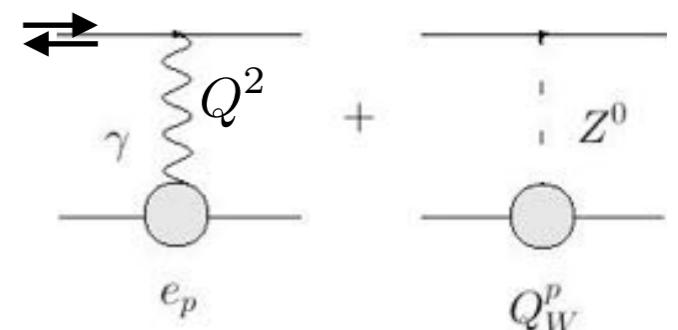
**Complementary to colliders**



# Hadronic weak charges from PVES

Elastic scattering of longitudinally polarized electrons off unpolarized nuclei at low momentum transfer

$$A^{PV} = \frac{\sigma_{\rightarrow} - \sigma_{\leftarrow}}{\sigma_{\rightarrow} + \sigma_{\leftarrow}} = - \frac{G_F Q^2}{4\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} \frac{Q_W}{Z} (1 + \Delta)$$



Nuclear weak charge  $Q_W(Z, N) = -N + Z(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W)$

Proton ( $Z=1$ ,  $N=0$ ):  $Q_W^p = 1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W \approx 0.07$  in SM

Qweak@JLab:  $Q^2 \sim 0.03 \text{ GeV}^2$     $A^{PV} = -(226.5 \pm 9.3) \text{ ppb}$     $Q_W^p = 0.0718 \pm 0.0044$  (rel. 6%)

**D. Androic et al [Qweak Coll.], Nature 557 (2018), 207**

P2 @ MESA/Mainz: go down to  $Q^2 \sim 0.005 \text{ GeV}^2$ —tiny asymmetry to 1.5-2%

**Talk by M. Wilfert**

$$Q_W^p, 1\text{-loop} = (1 + \Delta_\rho + \Delta_e)(1 - 4 \sin^2 \hat{\theta}_W + \Delta'_e) + \square_{WW} + \square_{ZZ} + \square_{\gamma Z}$$

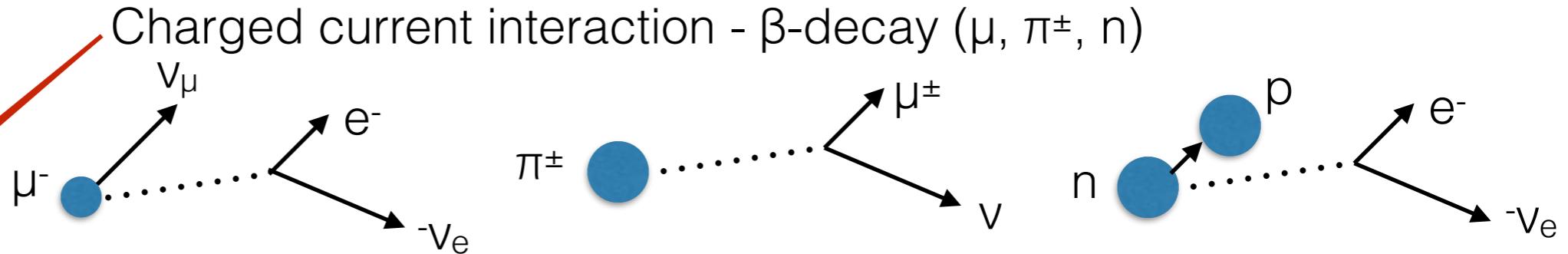
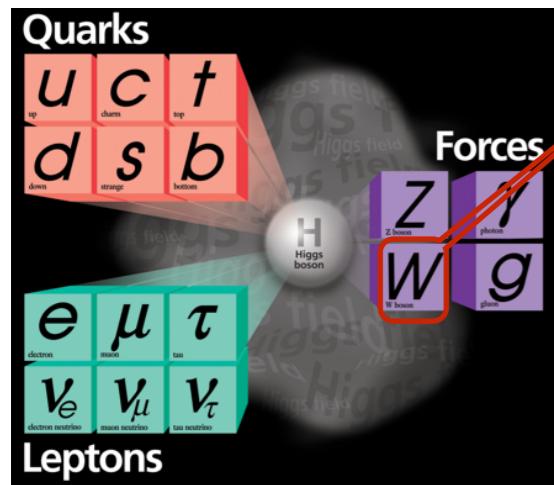
**Marciano, Sirlin PRD 1984**

$\Delta$ : hadronic structure (size, spin, strangeness; suppressed at low  $Q^2$ ; trivial E-dependence)

Non-universal RC: boxes ( $\alpha_{em}/\pi \sim 10^{-3}$ ; unsuppressed by  $Q^2$ ; nontrivial E-dependence)

**Talk by P. Blunden**

# Precise beta decays: universality of weak interaction



Rates close but not the same: CKM mixing matrix + Radiative Corrections  
Crucial ingredients for establishing the Standard Model

$$\begin{pmatrix} d' \\ s' \\ b' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix} = V_{CKM} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

CKM - Determines the relative strength of the weak CC interaction of quarks vs. that of leptons

CKM unitarity - measure of completeness of the SM:  $|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 1$

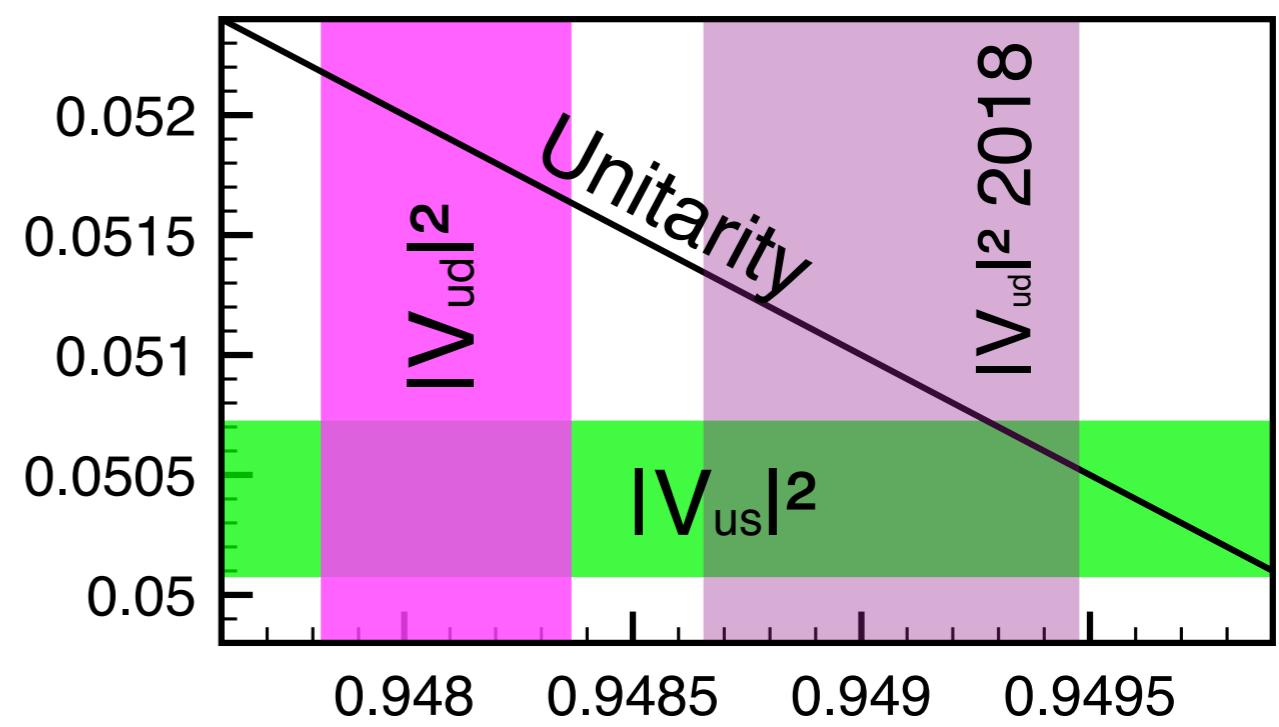
Neglecting  $V_{ub} \sim 10^{-3}$ : Cabibbo angle  $\theta_C$

$$|V_{ud}| = \cos \theta_C, |V_{us}| = \sin \theta_C$$

PDG 2022:

$$\cos^2 \theta_C + \sin^2 \theta_C = 0.9985(3) V_{ud}(4) V_{us}$$

Reason: re-evaluation of SM RC to  $V_{ud}$  ( $\gamma W$ -box)



# BSM searches at low energies vs. colliders

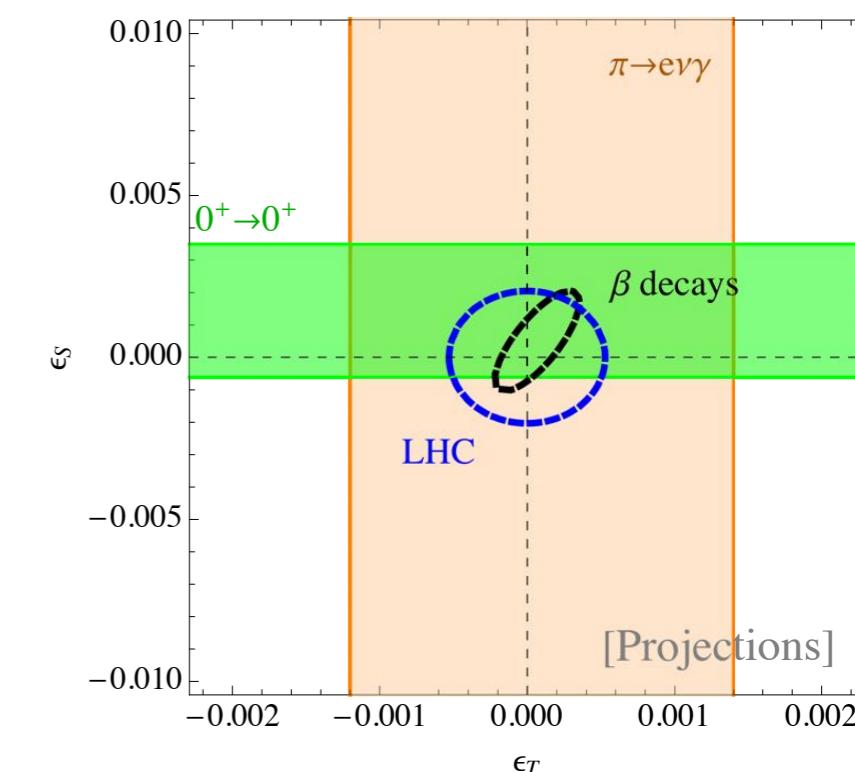
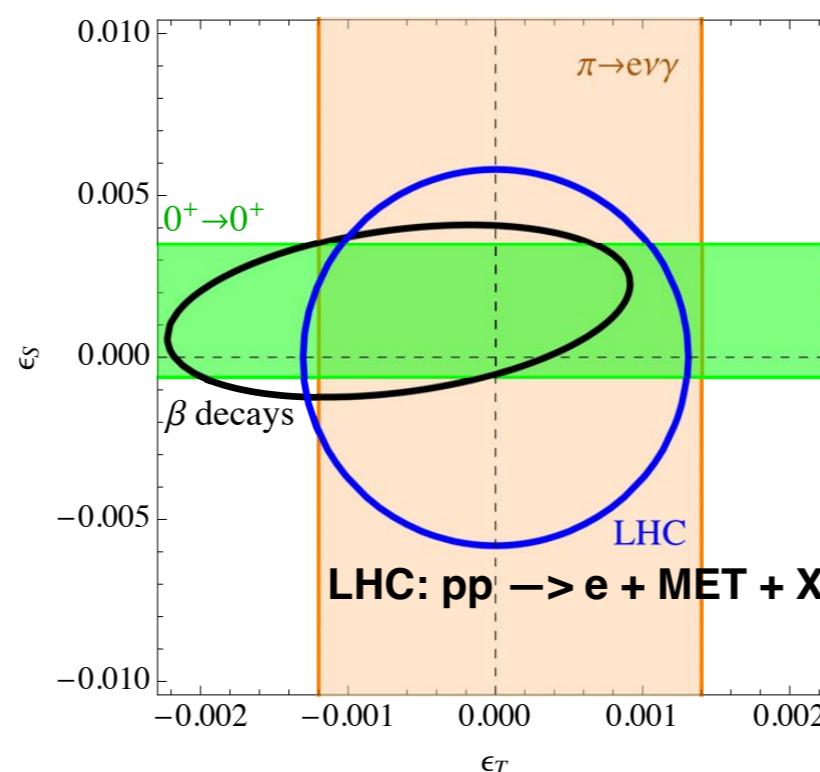
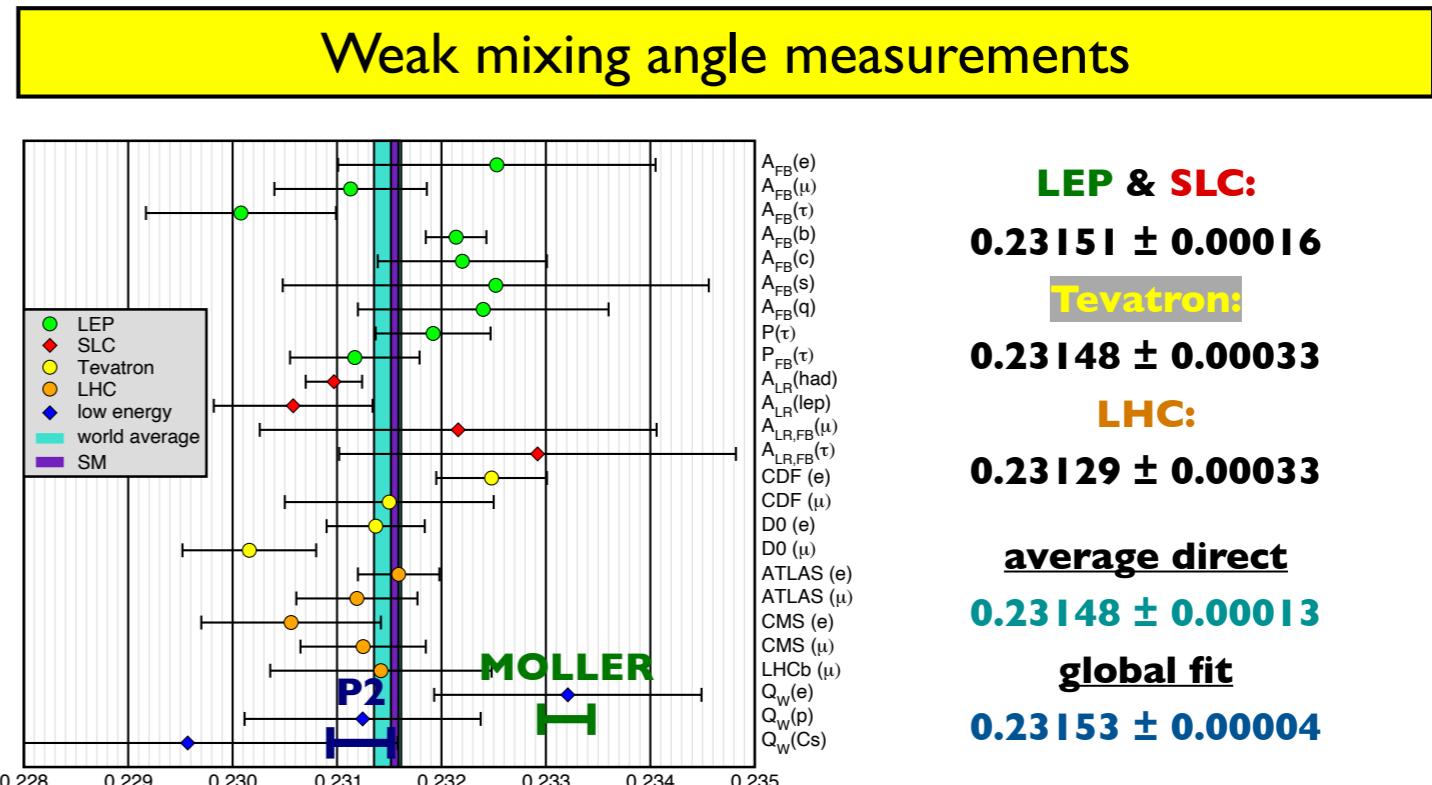
WMA measurements on the Z-pole  
most straightforward:  
Z on-shell, corrections non-resonant

Downside: BSM enters quadratically  
SM amplitude imaginary,  
BSM amplitude real

Low energies:  
BSM in linear interference with SM  
Sensitivity to heavy and light BSM

## BSM searches: LHC vs $\beta$ -decays

Constraints on non-standard  
Scalar/Tensor CC interactions  
Complementarity to LHC  
Now and in the future



$\gamma Z$  and  $\gamma W$  boxes from dispersion relations

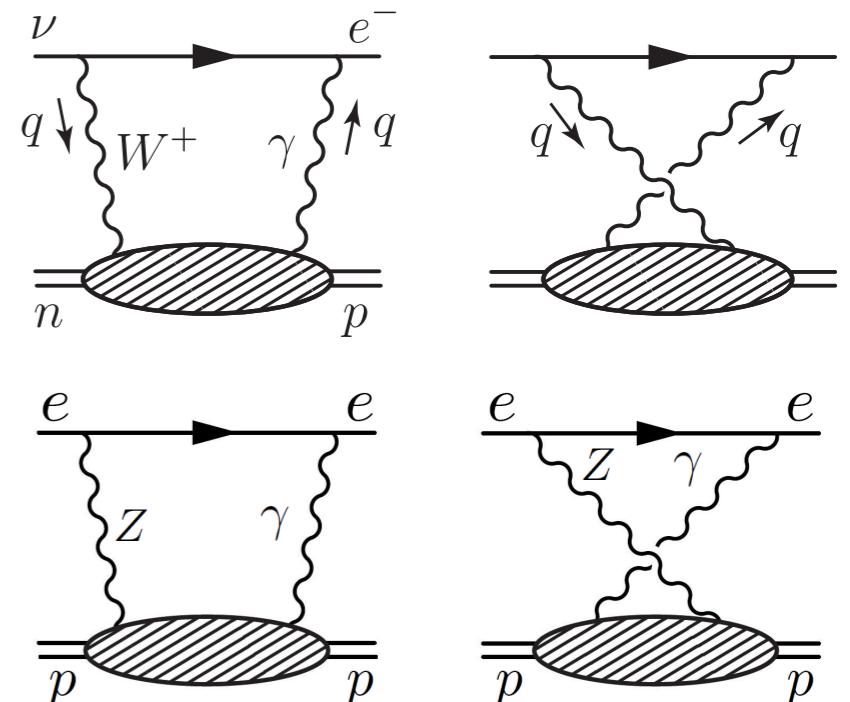
Unified approach in PVES and  $\beta$  decays

# Dispersion theory of electroweak boxes

Evaluate the box at zero momentum transfer

E.g., for  $\gamma W$ -box ( $\gamma Z$ -box analogous)

$$T_{\gamma W} = -\sqrt{2}e^2 G_F V_{ud} \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{\bar{u}_e \gamma^\mu (\not{k} - \not{q} + m_e) \gamma^\nu (1 - \gamma_5) v_\nu T_{\mu\nu}^{\gamma W}}{q^2 [(k - q)^2 - m_e^2] [1 - q^2/M_W^2]}$$

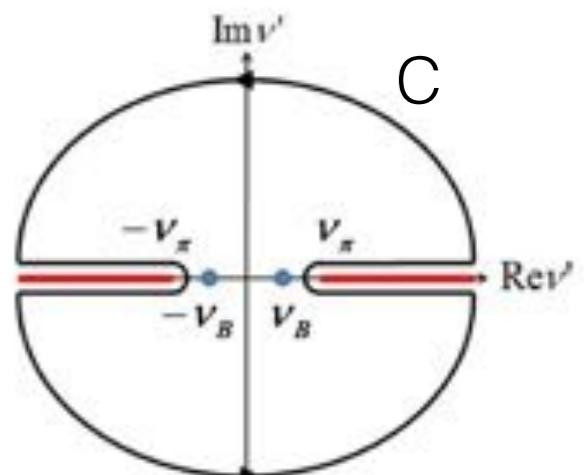


Generalized Compton tensor (lower blob):  
incorporate all symmetries; consider spin-independent part only (vector charges)

$$T_{\gamma W}^{\mu\nu} = \left[ -g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{q^\mu q^\nu}{q^2} \right] T_1 + \frac{\hat{p}^\mu \hat{p}^\nu}{(p \cdot q)} T_2 + \frac{i \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\alpha q_\beta}{2(p \cdot q)} T_3$$

To evaluate the loop — need to know forward Compton amplitudes  
 $T_{1,2,3}$  - analytic functions inside  $C$  in the complex  $v$ -plane  
determined by singularities on the real axis: poles + cuts

Forward box: only  $v$ -analyticity needed;  
if finite  $t$  also  $t$ -analyticity generally required - complicated



# Dispersion theory of electroweak boxes

Forward amplitudes  $T_i$  - unknown;  
 Their absorptive parts can be related to  
 production of on-shell intermediate states  
 $\rightarrow$  a  $\gamma W$  ( $\gamma Z$ ) structure functions  $F_{1,2,3}$

$$\text{Im } T_i^{\gamma W}(\nu, Q^2) = 2\pi F_i^{\gamma W}(\nu, Q^2)$$

$$\text{Im } T_i^{\gamma Z}(\nu, Q^2) = 2\pi F_i^{\gamma Z}(\nu, Q^2)$$

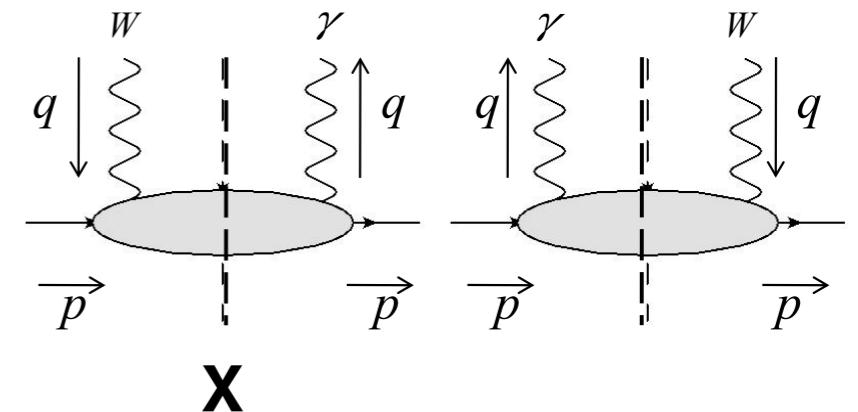
Structure functions  $F_i^{\gamma Z}$  are data

Structure functions  $F_i^{\gamma W}$  are NOT data but can be related to data

Define box corrections according to

$$T_W + T_{\gamma W} = -\sqrt{2}G_F V_{ud} \bar{u}_e \not{p} (1 - \gamma_5) v_\nu (1 + \square_{\gamma W})$$

$$T_Z + T_{\gamma Z} = -\frac{G_F}{2\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}_e \not{p} (1 - \gamma_5) u_e F_{\text{weak}}(Q^2) [Q_W + \square_{\gamma Z}(E, Q^2)]$$

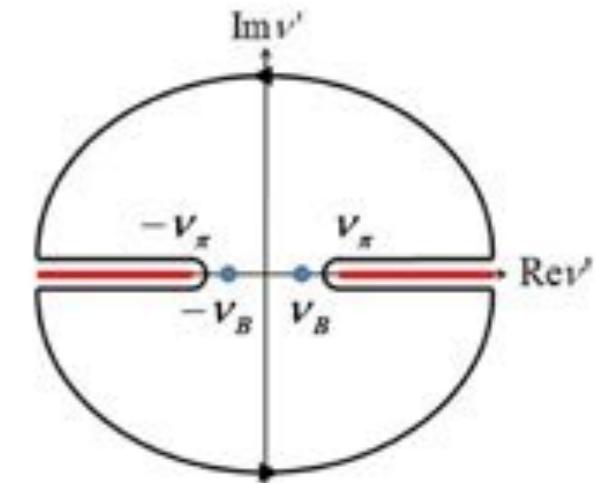


$X$  = inclusive strongly-interacting  
 on-shell physical states

# Dispersion representation of $\square_{\gamma W/\gamma Z}$

Dispersion representation of Compton amplitudes:  
Combine left-hand and right-hand singularities

$$\text{Re } T_i(\nu, Q^2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty d\nu' \left[ \frac{1}{\nu' - \nu} \pm \frac{1}{\nu' + \nu} \right] \text{Im } T_i(\nu', Q^2)$$



Crossing behavior

$\gamma Z$ : same initial and final state  $\rightarrow$  definite crossing:  $T_1$  even,  $T_{2,3}$  odd function of  $\nu$

$\gamma W$ : initial and final state different  $\rightarrow$  mixed crossing, depends on the isospin of  $\gamma$

$$T_i^{\gamma W} = T_i^{(I_\gamma=0)} + T_i^{(I_\gamma=1)}$$

with  $T_1^{(0)}$ ,  $T_{2,3}^{(1)}$  even,

$T_1^{(1)}$ ,  $T_{2,3}^{(0)}$  odd function of  $\nu$

# Dispersion theory of $\square_{\gamma W}$ : relevant scales

Radiative corrections to tree-level amplitude

$$\sim \alpha/2\pi \approx 10^{-3}$$

Precision goal for Vud extraction

$$1 \times 10^{-4}$$

Electron carries away energy  $E < Q$ -value of a decay

E-dep RC:  $\frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left( \frac{E}{\Lambda}, \ln \frac{E}{\Lambda}, \dots \right)$

Energy scales  $\Lambda$

Hadronic scale  
 $\Lambda_{\text{had}} = 300 \text{ MeV}$

Nuclear scale  
 $\Lambda_{\text{nuc}} = 10 - 30 \text{ MeV}$

Decay Q-value (endpoint energy)  
 $Q_{if} = M_i - M_f = 1 - 10 \text{ MeV}$

Electron mass

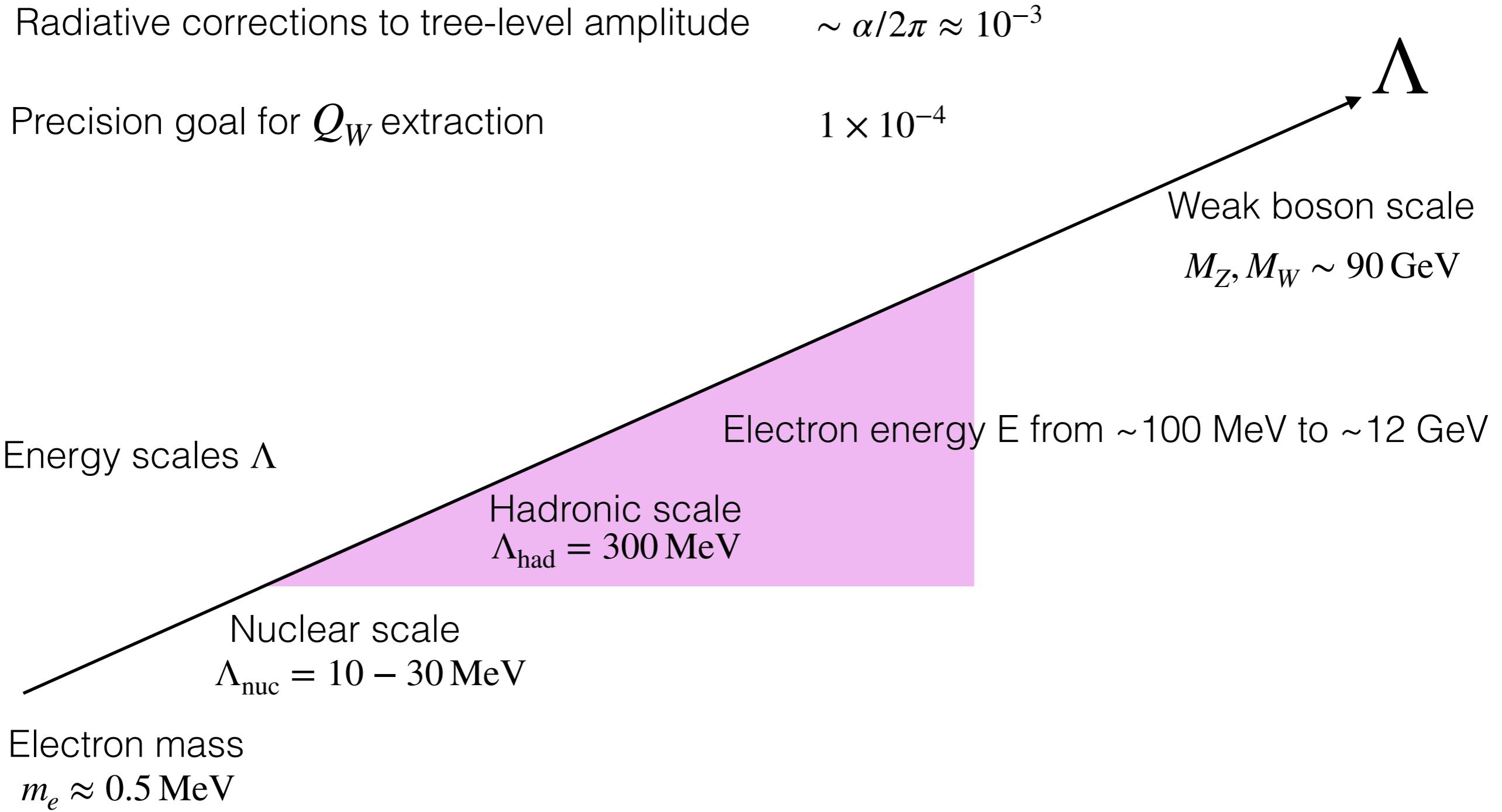
$$m_e \approx 0.5 \text{ MeV}$$

$\Lambda$

Weak boson scale  
 $M_Z, M_W \sim 90 \text{ GeV}$

**Leading energy behavior ( $E^0, E^1$ ) sufficient**

# Dispersion theory of $\square_{\gamma Z}$ : relevant scales



**Full energy dependence necessary!**

# Dispersion representation of $\square_{\gamma W/\gamma Z}$

$\gamma Z$ -box:

$$\text{Even: } \square_{\gamma Z}^A(E) = \frac{1}{2\pi ME} \int_0^\infty dQ^2 \frac{\nu_e(Q^2)\alpha(Q^2)}{1+Q^2/M_Z^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\nu}{\nu} \left[ \ln \left| \frac{E+E_m}{E-E_m} \right| + \frac{\nu}{2E} \ln \frac{|E^2 - E_m^2|}{E_m^2} \right] F_3^{\gamma Z}$$

$$\text{Odd: } \square_{\gamma Z}^V(E) = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ^2}{1+\frac{Q^2}{M_Z^2}} \int_0^\infty d\nu \left\{ \left[ \frac{1}{2E} \ln \left| \frac{E+E_m}{E-E_m} \right| - \frac{1}{E_m} \right] \frac{F_1^{\gamma Z}}{ME} + \frac{F_2^{\gamma Z}}{2E\nu E_m} \right. \\ \left. + \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{Q^2}{4E^2} \right) \ln \left| \frac{E+E_m}{E-E_m} \right| + \frac{\nu}{E} \ln \frac{|E^2 - E_m^2|}{E_m^2} \right] \frac{F_2^{\gamma Z}}{\nu Q^2} \right\}$$

$$E_m = \frac{\nu + \sqrt{\nu^2 + Q^2}}{2}$$

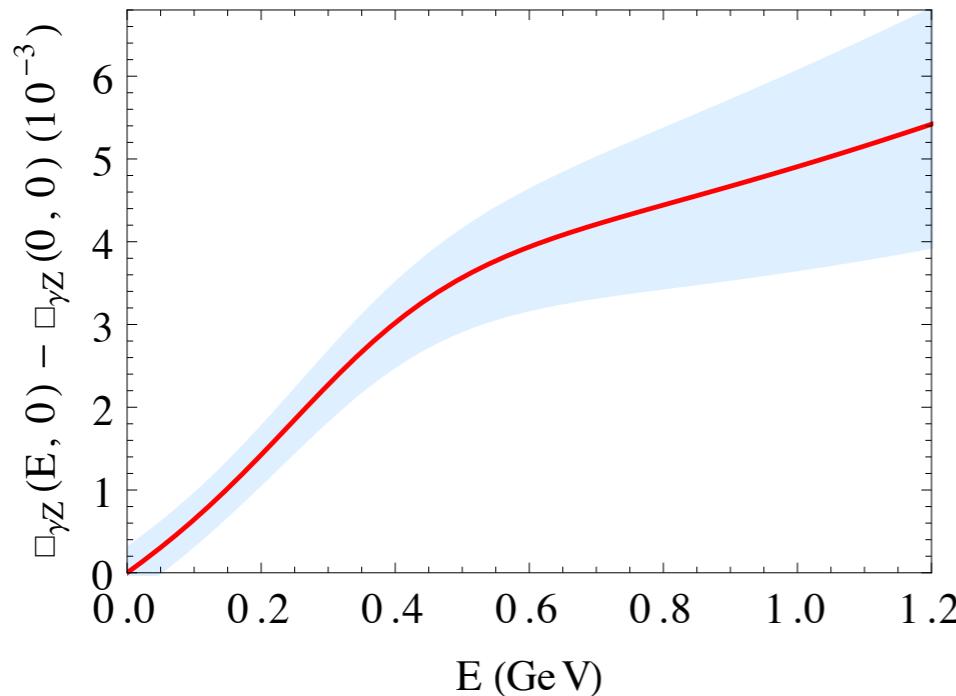
$$\gamma W\text{-box: } \square_{\gamma W}^{\text{even}} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi M} \int_0^\infty dQ^2 \int_{\nu_{thr}}^\infty d\nu \frac{\nu + 2q}{\nu(\nu + q)^2} F_3^{(0)}(\nu, Q^2) + O(E^2)$$

$$\square_{\gamma W}^{\text{odd}} = \frac{2\alpha E}{3\pi M} \int_0^\infty dQ^2 \int_{\nu_{thr}}^\infty d\nu \frac{\nu + 3q}{\nu(\nu + q)^3} F_3^{(1)}(\nu, Q^2) + O(E^3)$$

**Only  $E = 0$  (EVEN) results were included in the original RC analysis of Marciano & Sirlin**

# Energy dependence of the $\gamma Z$ -box

Reference value: 1-loop SM  $Q_W^{p,\text{SM}} = 0.0713(7)$  Erler, Ferro-Hernandez, arXiv:1712.09146



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Steep energy dependence observed - added strong motivation for P2 @ MESA

**Talk by P. Blunden**

$\Delta Q_{\gamma Z}$  by different groups (parametrizations & uncertainty treatments) closely agree  
(Theory is) looking forward to new measurements of WMA at low energies!

$\gamma W$  box from dispersion relations:

Taming the uncertainties

# Dispersion representation of $\square_{\gamma W}$

$\gamma W$ -box at zero energy

$$\square_{\gamma W}^{even} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi M} \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ^2 M_W^2}{M_W^2 + Q^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\nu}{\nu} \frac{\nu + 2q}{(\nu + q)^2} F_3^{(0)}(\nu, Q^2)$$

$$\square_{\gamma W}^{odd}(E = 0) = 0$$

Rewrite in terms of the first Nachtmann moment of  $F_3$

$$M_3^{(0)}(1, Q^2) = \frac{4}{3} \int_0^1 dx \frac{1 + 2\sqrt{1 + 4M^2 x^2 / Q^2}}{(1 + \sqrt{1 + 4M^2 x^2 / Q^2})^2} F_3^{(0)}(x, Q^2)$$

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}$$

$$\square_{\gamma W}^{even} = \frac{3\alpha}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ^2 M_W^2}{Q^2(M_W^2 + Q^2)} M_3^{(0)}(1, Q^2)$$

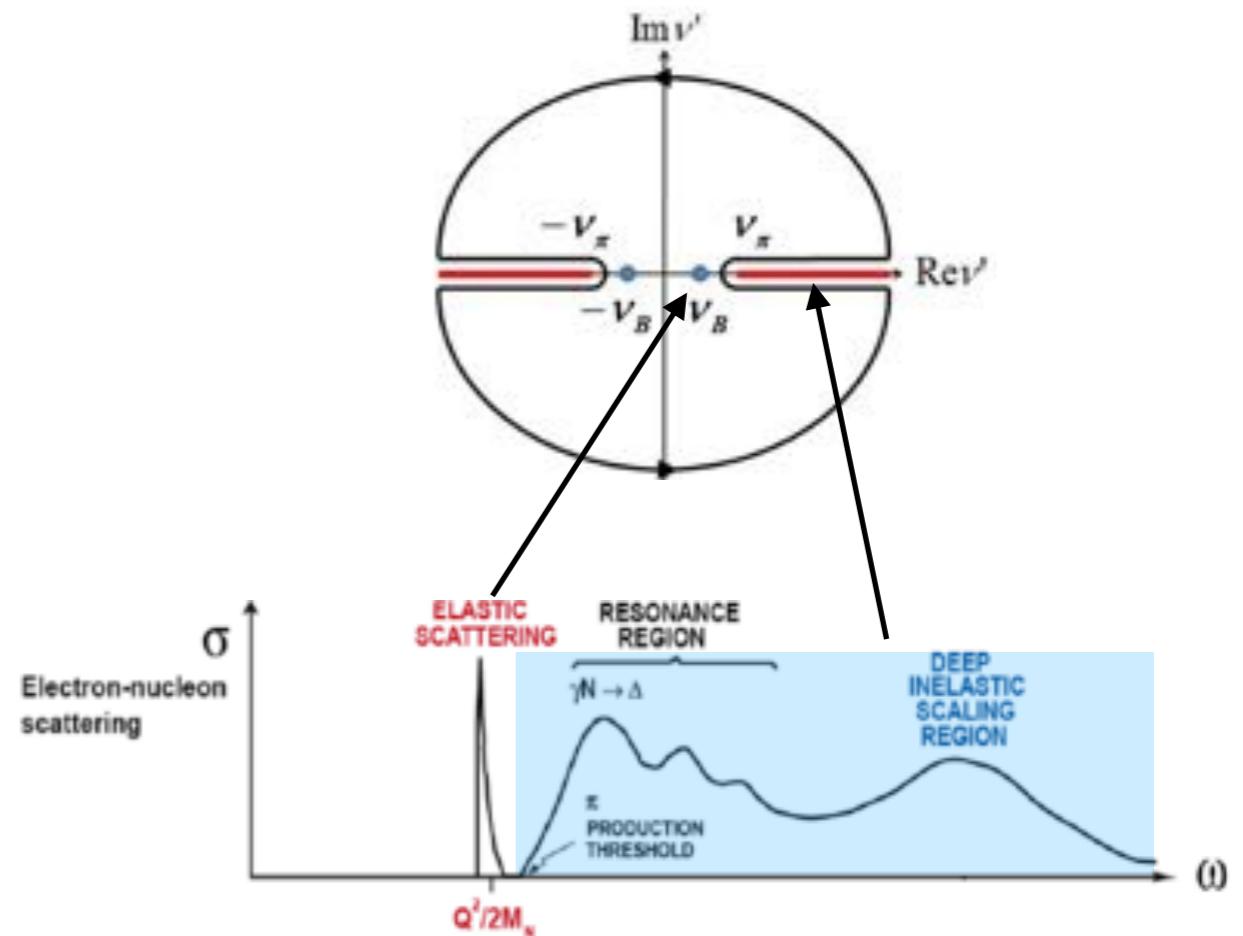
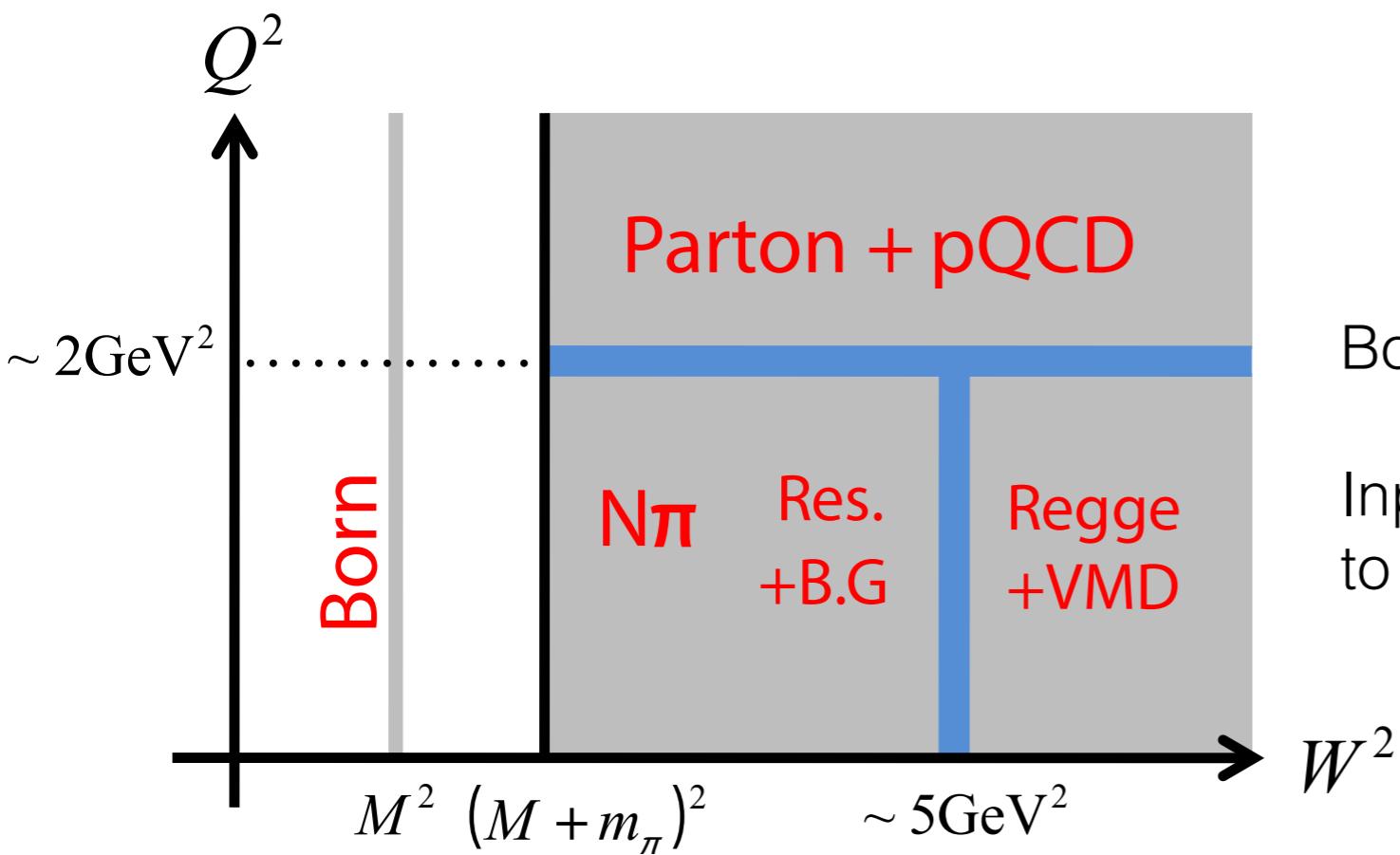
First Nachtmann moment of  $F_3$  was studied extensively in 1980-1990's in  $\nu/\bar{\nu}$  scattering in the context of the Gross-Llewellyn-Smith (GLS) sum rule.

In a nutshell: the use of those data allowed to improve the  $\square_{\gamma W}$  calculation

# Input into dispersion integral

Dispersion in energy:  $W^2 = M^2 + 2M\nu - Q^2$   
scanning hadronic intermediate states

Dispersion in  $Q^2$ :  
scanning dominant physics pictures



Boundaries between regions - approximate

Input in DR related (directly or indirectly) to experimentally accessible data

# Input into dispersion integral

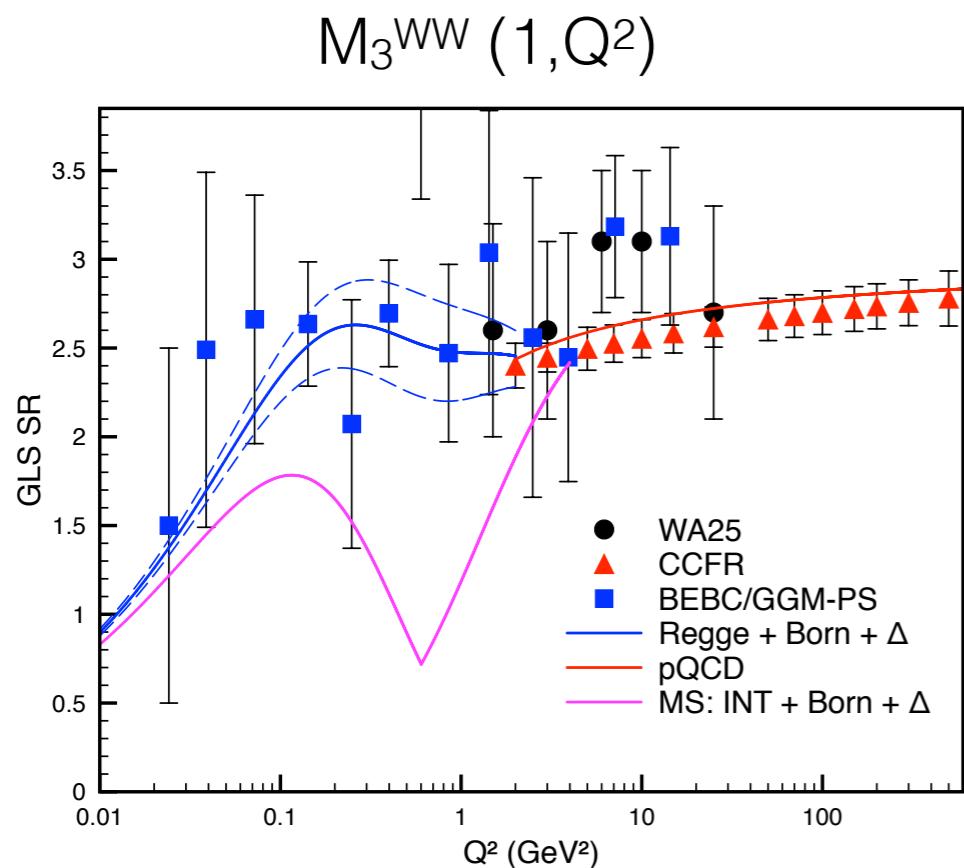
Unfortunately, no data can be obtained for  $F_3^{\gamma W}(0)$

Data exist for the pure CC processes

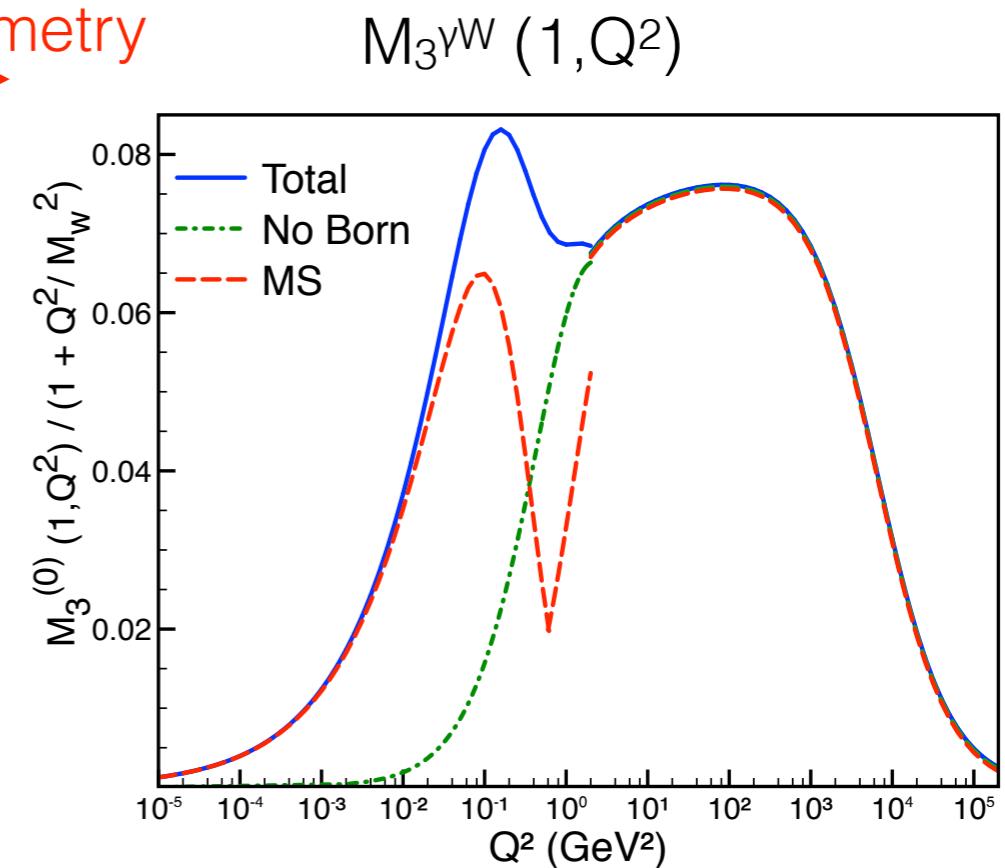
$$\sigma^{\nu p} - \sigma^{\bar{\nu} p} \sim F_3^{\nu p} + F_3^{\bar{\nu} p} = u_v^p(x) + d_v^p(x)$$

Gross-Llewellyn-Smith sum rule

$$\int_0^1 dx(u_v^p(x) + d_v^p(x)) = 3$$



Isospin symmetry



Previous calculation by Marciano&Sirlin '06:  
No use of neutrino data, ad-hoc connection  
of low and high scales

M & S :  $\square_{\gamma W}^{(0)} = 0.00324 \pm 0.00018$   
New DR :  $\square_{\gamma W}^{(0)} = 0.00379 \pm 0.00010$

# First lattice QCD calculation of $\gamma W$ -box

For low  $Q^2 \leq 2 \text{ GeV}^2$ : direct lattice calculation of the generalized Compton tensor

*Feng, MG, Jin, Ma, Seng 2003.09798*

Main executors: Xu Feng (Peking U.), Lu-Chang Jin (UConn/RIKEN BNL)

Supercomputers: Blue Gene/Q Mira computer (Argonne, USA),  
Tianhe 3 prototype (Tianjin, China)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H}_{\mu\nu}^{VA}(t, \vec{x}) &\equiv \langle H_f(P) | T[J_\mu^{em}(t, \vec{x}) J_\nu^{W,A}(0)] | H_i(P) \rangle \\ M_{3\pi}^{\gamma W(0)}(Q^2) &= -\frac{1}{6\sqrt{2}} \frac{Q}{m_\pi} \int d^4x \omega(Q, x) \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha 0} x_\alpha \mathcal{H}_{\mu\nu}^{VA}(x)\end{aligned}$$

Lattice setup:

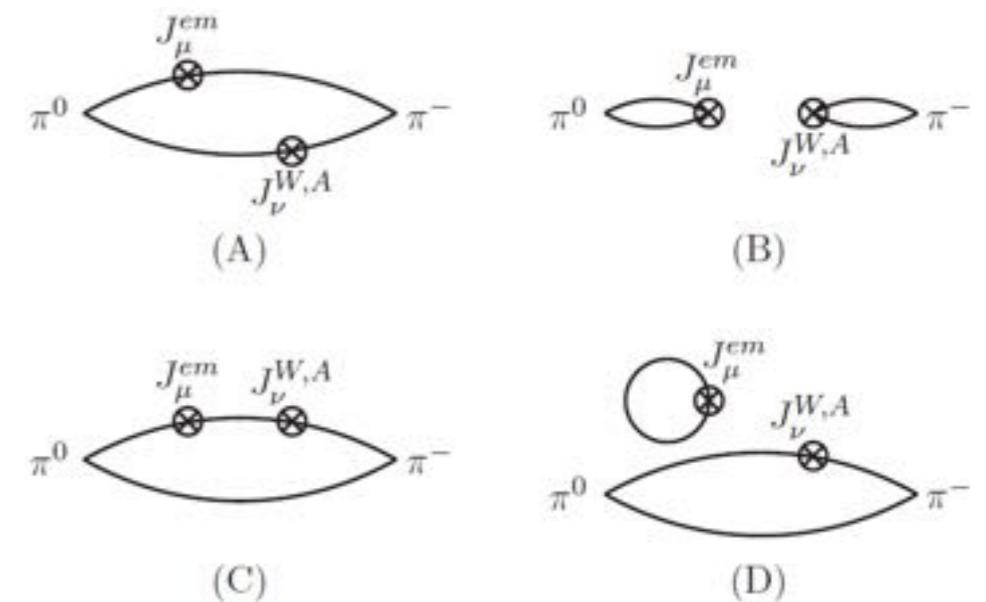
5 LQCD gauge ensembles at physical pion mass

Generated by RBC and UKQCD collaborations

w. 2+1 flavor domain wall fermion

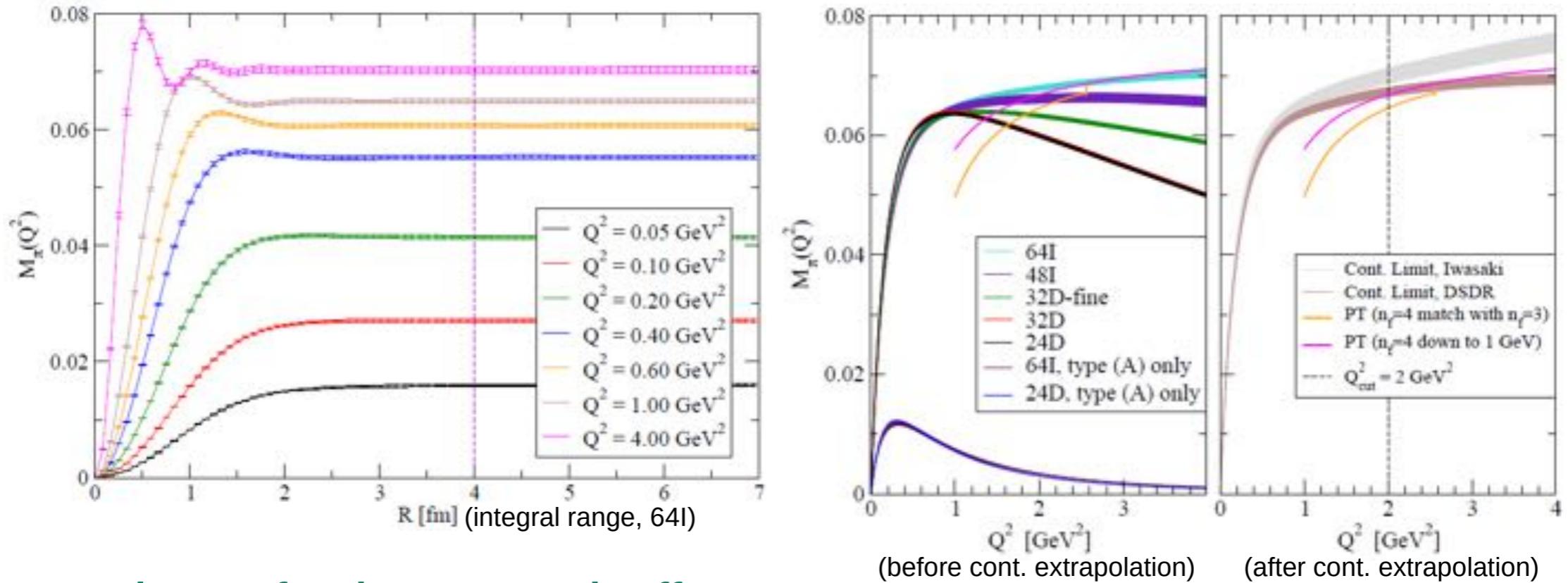
Ensemble	$m_\pi$ [MeV]	$L$	$T$	$a^{-1}$ [GeV]	$N_{\text{conf}}$	$N_r$	$\Delta t/a$
24D	141.2(4)	24	64	1.015	46	1024	8
32D	141.4(3)	32	64	1.015	32	2048	8
32D-fine	143.0(3)	32	64	1.378	71	1024	10
48I	135.5(4)	48	96	1.730	28	1024	12
64I	135.3(2)	64	128	2.359	62	1024	18

Blue: DSDR  
Red : Iwasaki



Quark contraction diagrams

# First lattice QCD calculation of $\gamma W$ -box



## Estimate of major systematic effects:

- **Lattice discretization effect:** Estimated using the discrepancy between DSDR and Iwasaki
- **pQCD calculation:** Estimated from the difference between 3-loop and 4-loop results
- **Higher-twist effects at large  $Q^2$ :** Estimated from lattice calculation of type (A) diagrams

**Final result:**  $\square_{\gamma W}^{VA}|_\pi = 2.830(11)_{\text{stat}}(26)_{\text{syst}} \times 10^{-3}$

Significant reduction of the uncertainty!  $\delta : 0.0334(10)_{\text{LEC}}(3)_{\text{HO}} \rightarrow 0.0332(1)_{\gamma W}(3)_{\text{HO}}$

Cleanest way to access  $V_{ud}$  theoretically:  $|V_{ud}| = 0.9740(28)_{\text{exp}}(1)_{\text{th}}$

Next-gen experiments: aim at 1 o.o.m. exp. uncertainty improvement

# Implications for the free nucleon $\gamma W$ -box

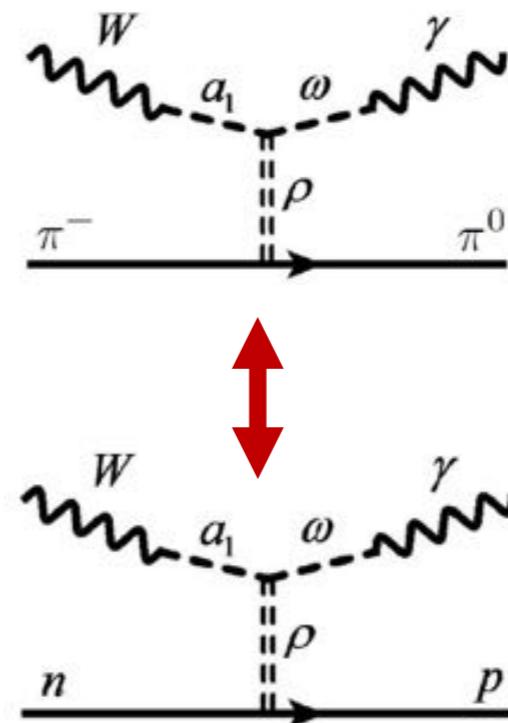
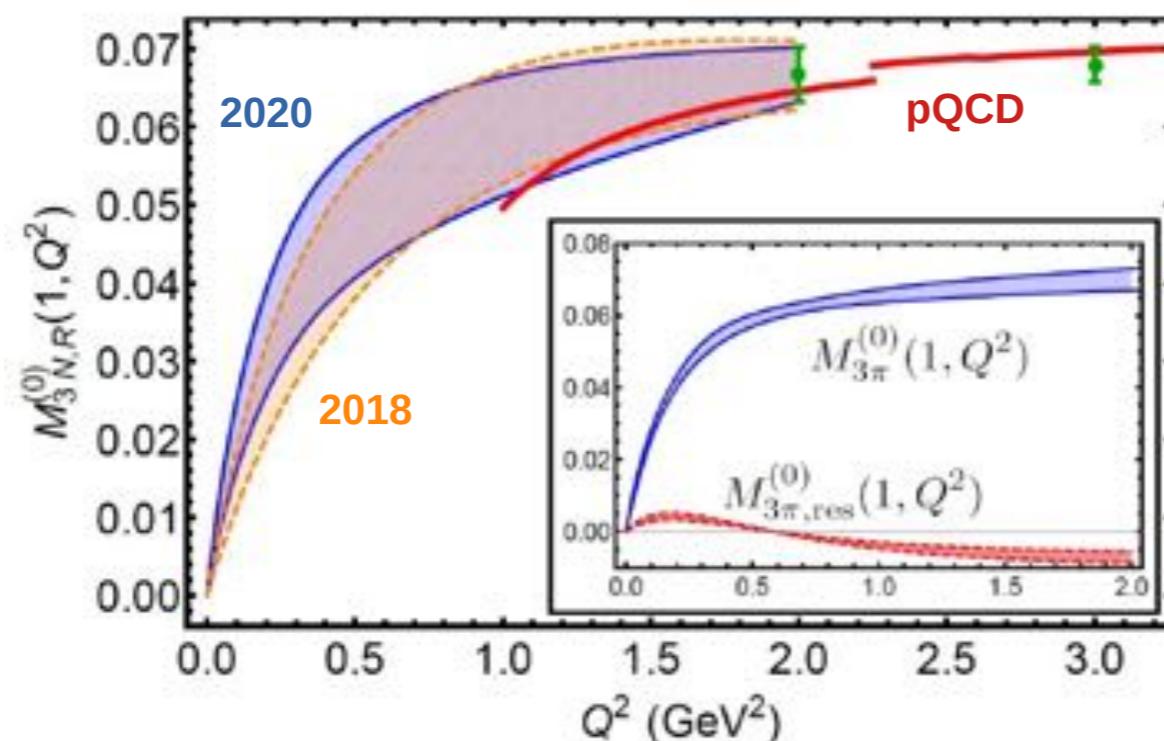
Main uncertainty of the DR calculation of the free neutron  $\gamma W$ -box:

Poorly constrained parameters of the Regge contribution which dominates the Nachtmann moment at  $Q^2 \sim 1 - 2 \text{ GeV}^2$

Use the Regge universality and a body of  $\pi\pi$ ,  $\pi N$ , NN scattering data.

$$\frac{T_{W^+ + \pi^- \rightarrow \gamma + \pi^0}^\rho}{T_{W^+ + n \rightarrow \gamma + p}^\rho} = \frac{T_{\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi}^\rho}{T_{\pi N \rightarrow \pi N}^\rho} = \frac{T_{\pi N \rightarrow \pi N}^\rho}{T_{NN \rightarrow NN}^\rho}$$

Seng, MG, Feng, Jin, 2003.11264



Independent confirmation of the empirical DR result AND uncertainty

$$\Delta_R^V = 0.02467(22)_{\text{DR}} \rightarrow 0.02477(24)_{\text{LQCD+DR}}$$

# $V_{ud}$ extraction and CKM unitarity

Marciano, Sirlin 2006:  $\Delta_R^V = 0.02361(38) \rightarrow |V_{ud}| = 0.97420(10)_{Ft}(18)_{RC}$

DR (Seng et al. 2018):  $\Delta_R^V = 0.02467(22) \rightarrow |V_{ud}| = 0.97370(10)_{Ft}(10)_{RC}$

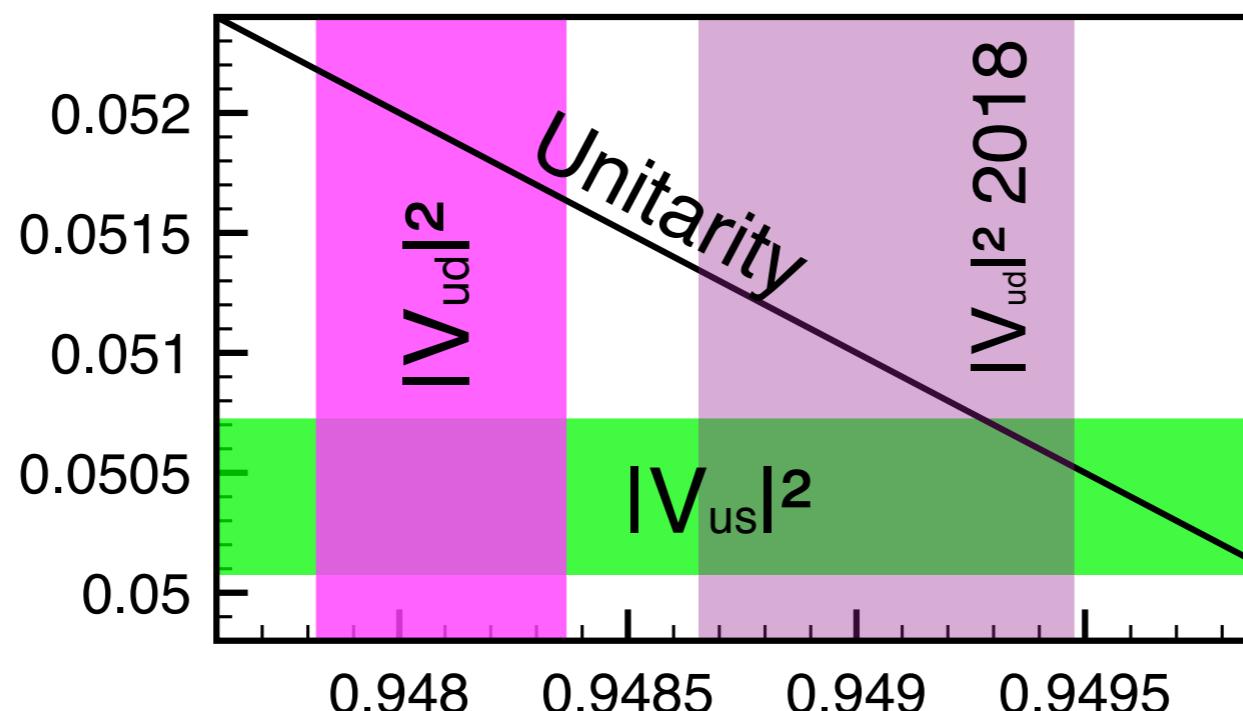
In July 2019 Czarnecki, Marciano and Sirlin published an update **1907.06737**

$$\Delta_R^V = 0.02421(32) \rightarrow |V_{ud}| = 0.97391(10)_{Ft}(15)_{RC}$$

DR (Shiells, Blunden, Melnitchouk) **2012.01580** — closely agrees with Seng et al.

$$\Delta_R^V = 0.02472(18) \rightarrow |V_{ud}| = 0.97368(14)$$

With new RC  $\sim 3\sigma$  unitarity deficit (a.k.a. Cabibbo angle anomaly)



# $V_{ud}$ in Presence of Nuclear Structure Effects

0<sup>+</sup>-0<sup>+</sup> nuclear decays       $|V_{ud}|^2 = \frac{2984.43s}{\mathcal{F}t(1+\Delta_R^V)}$

$$\Delta_R^V = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left[ 3 \ln \frac{M_Z}{M} + \ln \frac{M_Z}{M_W} \right] + 2 \square_{\gamma W}^V$$

General structure of RC for nuclear decay

$$ft(1 + RC) = Ft(1 + \delta'_R)(1 - \delta_C + \delta_{NS})(1 + \Delta_R^V)$$

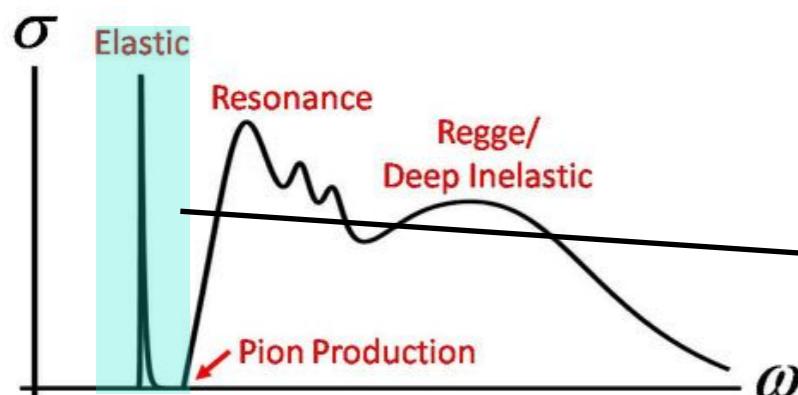
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NS correction reflects this extraction of the free box

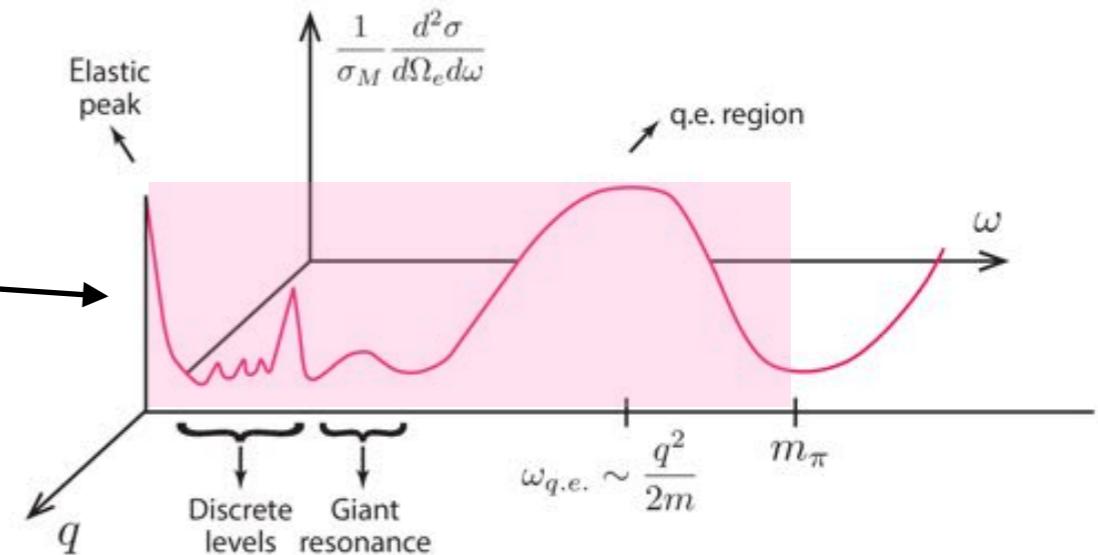
$$\square_{\gamma W}^{\text{VA, Nucl.}} = \square_{\gamma W}^{\text{VA, free n}} + \left[ \square_{\gamma W}^{\text{VA, Nucl.}} - \square_{\gamma W}^{\text{VA, free n}} \right]$$

Nuclear modification in the lower part of the spectrum

Input in the DR for the universal RC



Input in the DR for the RC on a nucleus



# Nuclear Structure Modification

C-Y Seng, MG, M J Ramsey-Musolf, arXiv: 1812.03352

MG, arXiv: 1812.04229

$\delta_{NS}$  from DR with energy dependence averaged over the spectrum

$$\delta_{NS} = \frac{2\alpha}{\pi NM} \int_0^{1 \text{ GeV}^2} dQ^2 \int_{\nu_{thr}}^{\nu_\pi} \frac{d\nu}{\nu} \left[ \frac{\nu + 2q}{(\nu + q)^2} \left( F_3^{(0)Nucl.} - F_3^{(0),B} \right) + \frac{2\langle E \rangle}{3} \frac{\nu + 3q}{(\nu + q)^3} F_3^{(-)Nucl.} \right]$$

Hardy & Towner 1994 on: ad hoc description by nuclear quenching of spin operators

Compare the effect on the average  $\mathcal{F}t$  value:

HT value 2018:

$\mathcal{F}t = 3072.1(7)s$

Old estimate:

New estimate:

$\delta\mathcal{F}t = -(1.8 \pm 0.4)s + (0 \pm 0)s$

$\delta\mathcal{F}t = -(3.5 \pm 1.0)s + (1.6 \pm 0.5)s$

Two  $2\sigma$  corrections that cancel each other;

The cancellation is delicate: the two terms are highly correlated

Larger E-dep. term will correspond to a smaller negative E-indep. term and vv.

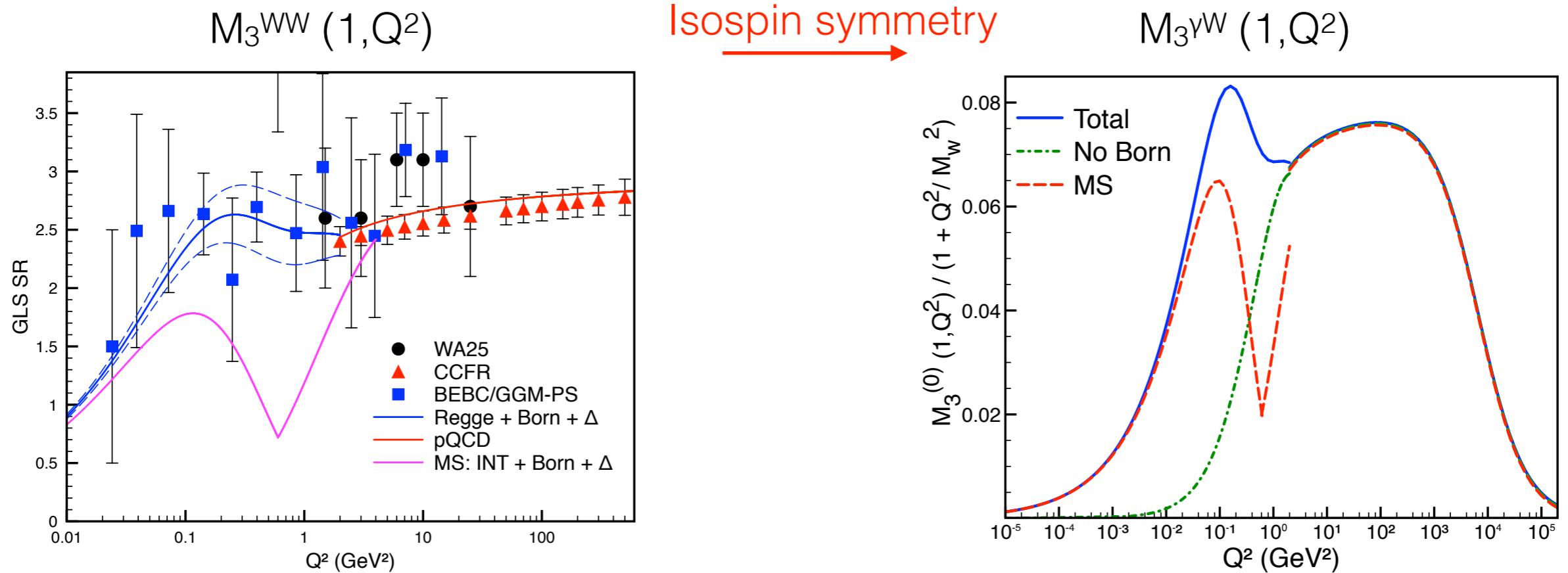
Conservative uncertainty estimate: 100%

$\mathcal{F}t = (3072 \pm 2)s$

# Future developments

Improvement in  $\square_{\gamma Z}$  and  $\square_{\gamma W}$  achieved thanks to:

Use of dispersion relations + data + isospin symmetry + lattice QCD — TEST!



Each calculation of  $\square_{\gamma Z}$  and  $\square_{\gamma W}$  contains a prediction for EW structure functions

Can and should be tested by confronting with new, high quality data!

NC program @ JLab, EIC

Neutrino program @ DUNE (bubble chambers, H/D targets)

*Snowmass white papers arXiv: 2203.11298, 2203.11319*

Nuclear modification of structure functions and their moments

# New Data: may be a challenge!

Significant interest in new/better data on PV structure function  $F_3$

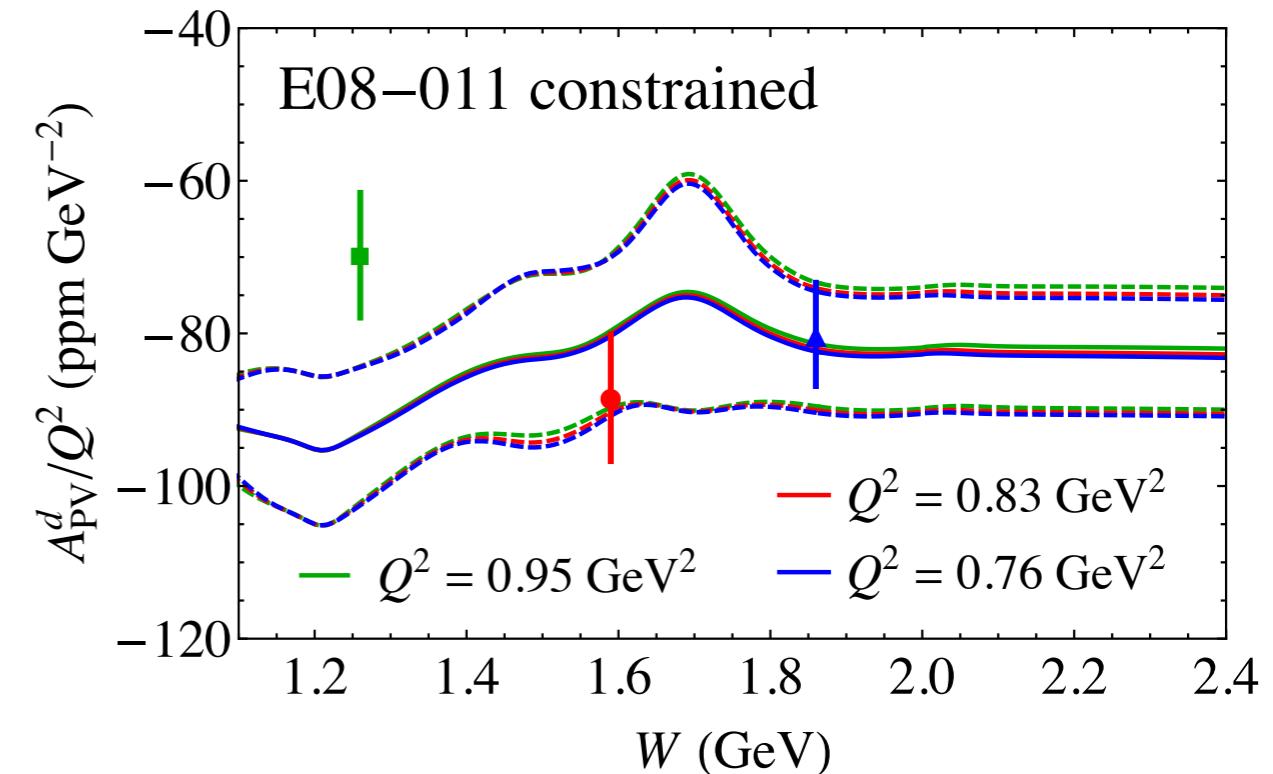
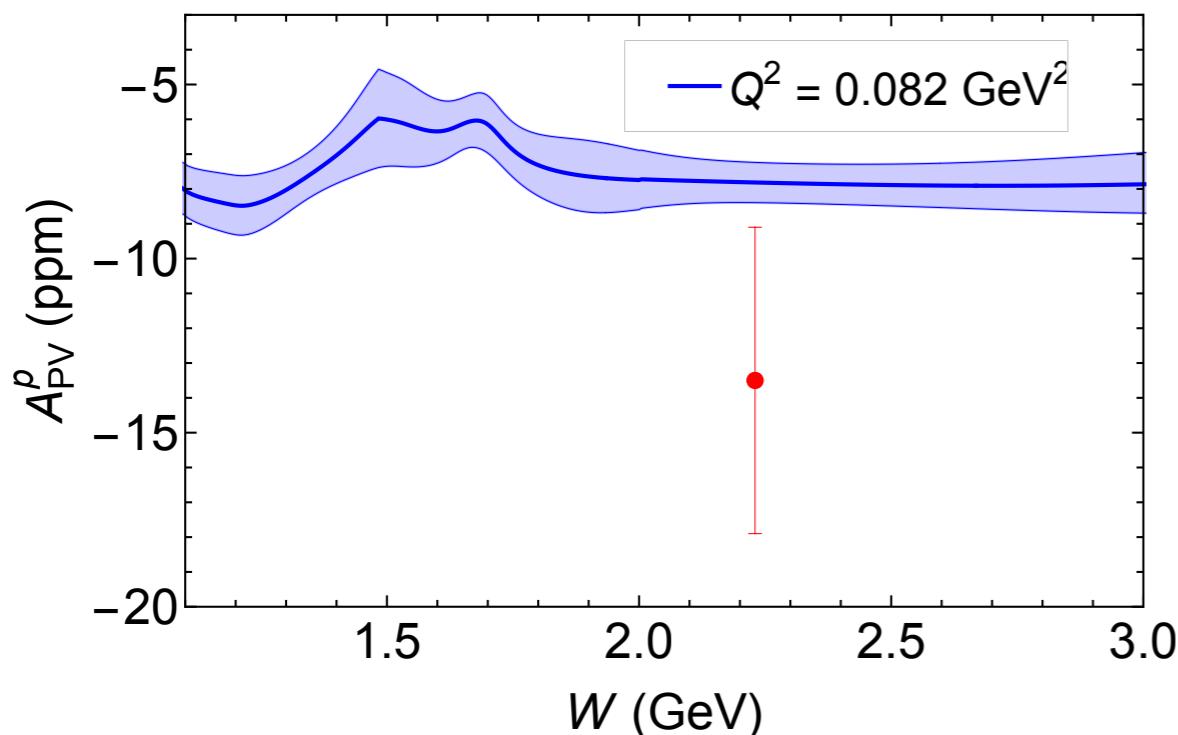
This SF is C-parity odd: opposite sign for particles and antiparticles

In neutrino scattering: need  $\nu$  and  $\bar{\nu}$  beam — challenging (systematics)

In PVES can be deduced from  $e^+/e^-$  data? However suppressed by small  $g_V^e$

In general: how should we use new data?

Recent example: inelastic PV asymmetry in PVDIS and QWeak



# Conclusions

- Sensitive tests of SM and beyond with PVES and beta decays
- Need for a reliable calculation of box diagrams for a  $10^{-4}$  precision goal
- Consistent dispersive treatment of the  $\gamma W$ -box correction to neutron and nuclear  $\beta$ -decay, and the  $\gamma Z$ -box correction to PVES and weak charges
- pQCD, hadronic and nuclear contributions treated in a unified framework
- $\gamma W$ -box calculation confirmed by a first-ever direct lattice calculation
- New more precise data on EW structure functions  $F_{1,2,3}^{\gamma Z}$  (JLab, EIC)
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- Test of Lattice QCD predictions for moments at low  $Q^2$
- Test of pQCD running at high  $Q^2$
- What if model and data disagree?