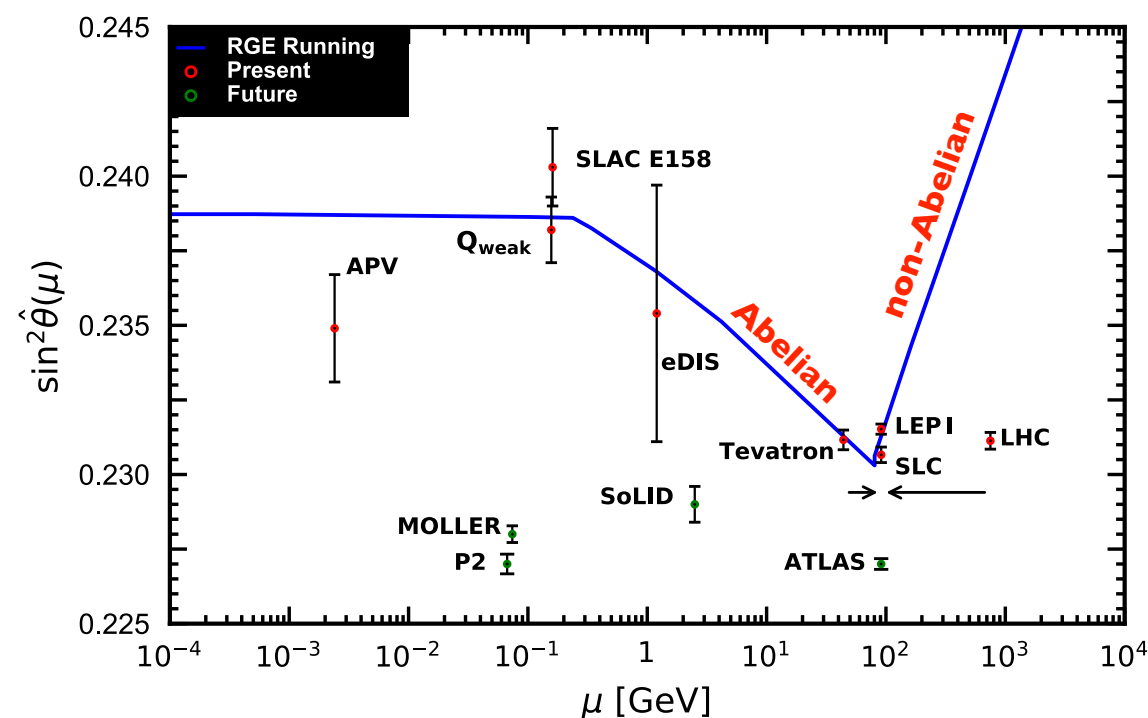


Precision Tests of the SM Running of the Weak Mixing Angle at Low Energy

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Outline

Running weak mixing angle in the Standard Model

Sensitivity to New Physics

Weak mixing angle from PVES

Energy-dependent γZ -box

Summary & Outlook

Weak mixing angle in SM at tree-level and beyond

The $E = mc^2$ of the electroweak model

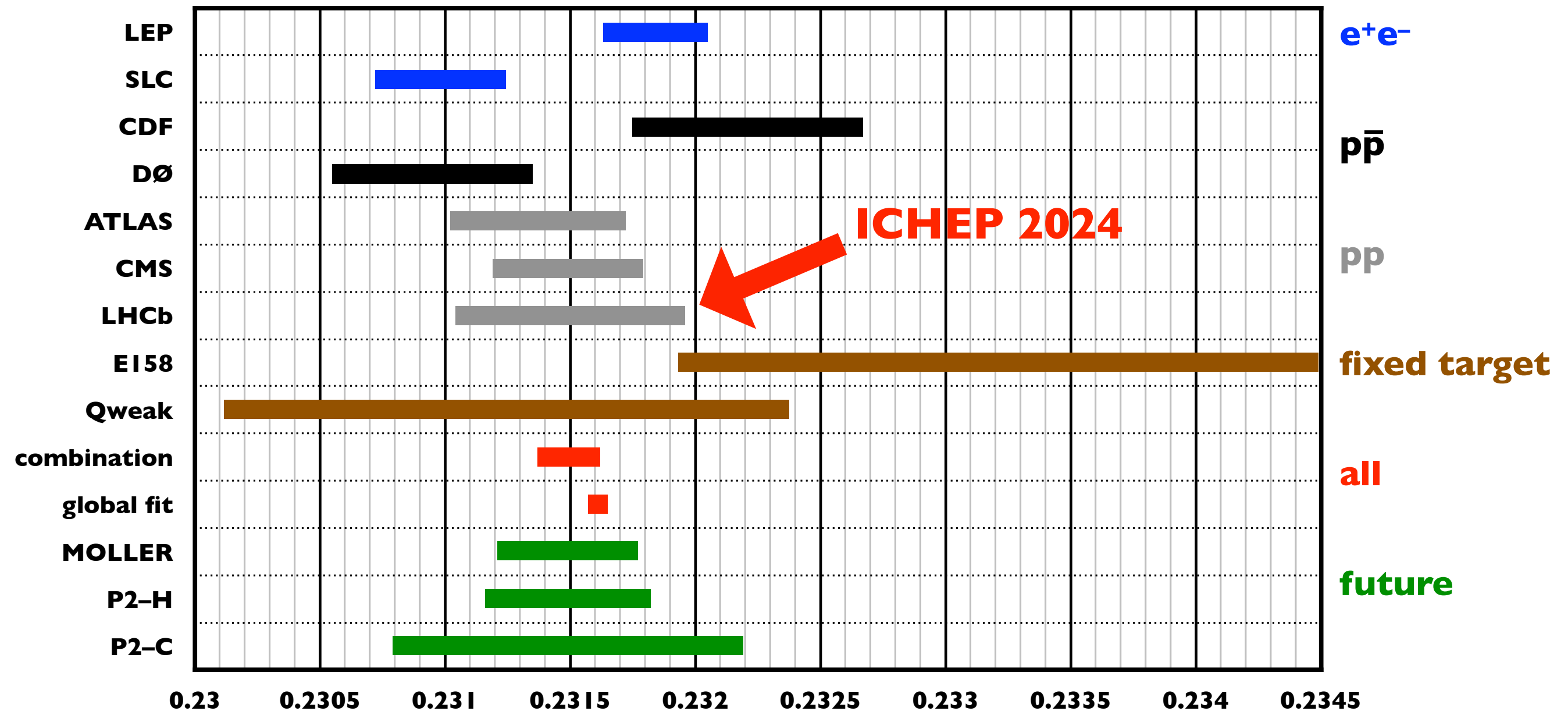
$$\sin^2 \theta_W = \frac{g'^2}{g^2 + g'^2} = 1 - \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2} = \frac{\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}G_F M_W^2}$$

Is modified in presence of radiative corrections

$$\frac{\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^e}{1 + \Delta\hat{k}} = \frac{\hat{g}'^2}{\hat{g}^2 + \hat{g}'^2} = 1 - \frac{(1 - \Delta\hat{\rho})M_W^2}{M_Z^2} = \frac{\Delta\hat{\alpha} + \dots}{(1 - \Delta\hat{r})\sqrt{2}G_F M_W^2}$$

$\nearrow \propto \frac{\alpha m_t^2}{M_W^2}$
 $\nearrow \Delta\hat{\alpha} + \dots$

$\sin^2 \theta_{eff}^\ell$ anno 2024

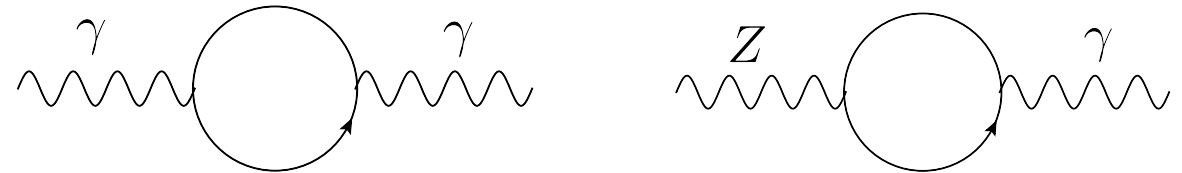


Running $\sin^2 \hat{\theta}(\mu)$

MS-bar definition: $\sin^2 \hat{\theta} = g'^2/(g^2 + g'^2)$

Erler, Ramsey-Musolf, hep-ph/0409169
Erler, Ferro Hernandez, arXiv:1712.09146

Running of WMA with
respect to running of α



RG equation for em and weak vector coupling very similar

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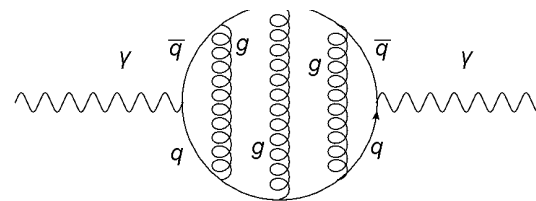
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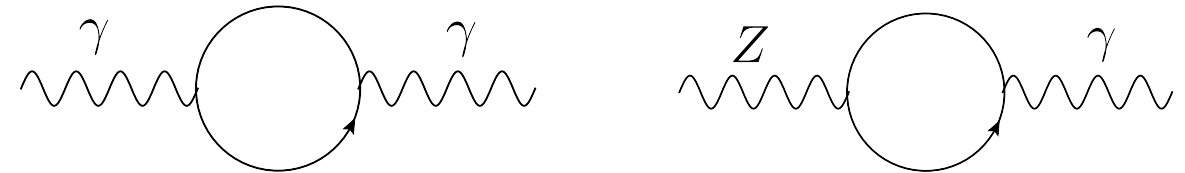


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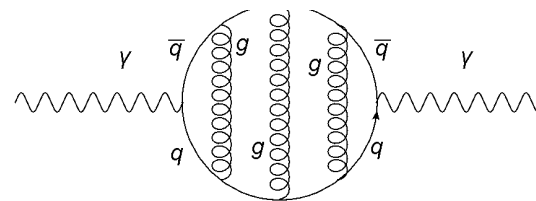
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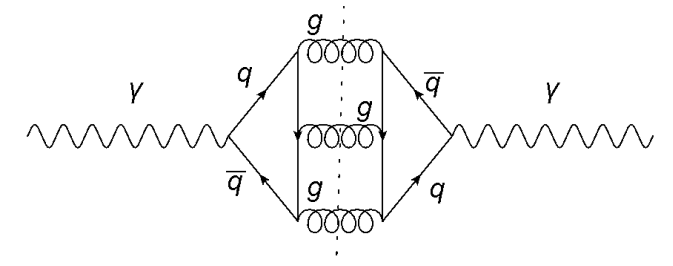
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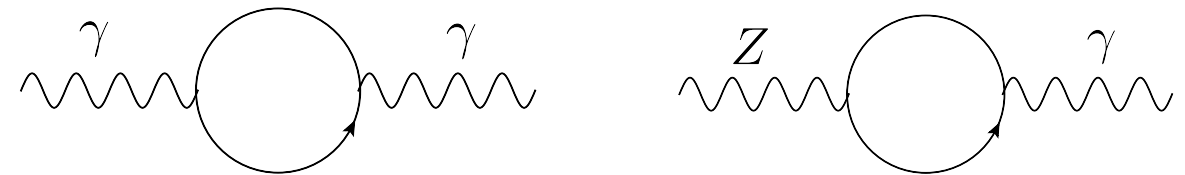


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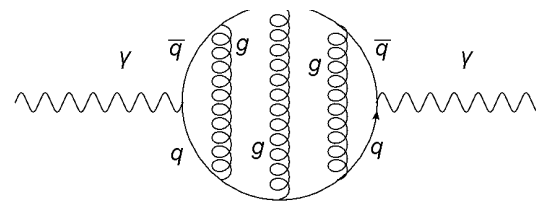
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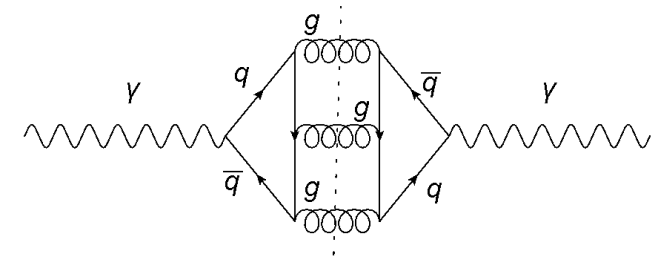
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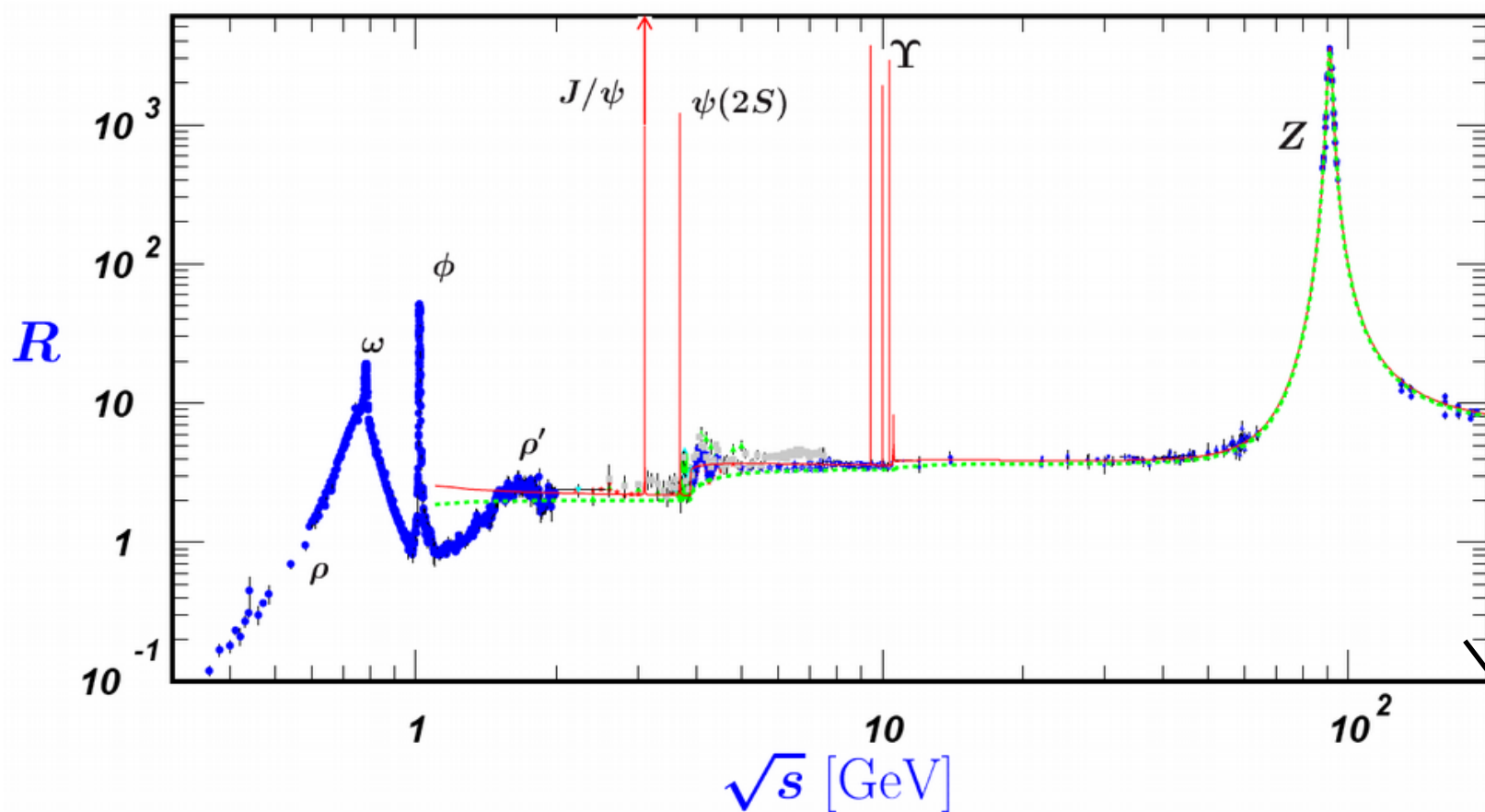


Run from Z-pole down: integrate heavy d.o.f. step by step, match at threshold

Running $\sin^2 \theta$

By the time one gets down to low scale QCD is non-perturbative -
use experimental input + dispersion relation

Use exp. known $R(s) = \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}) / \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$



**Talk by Aida this morning
in the context of muon g-2**

At scale $\mu_0 = 2\text{GeV}$:
use pQCD input

$$\Delta\hat{\alpha}^{(3)}(\mu_0) = \frac{\alpha}{3\pi} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\mu_0^2} ds \frac{R(s)}{s - i\epsilon} + 4\pi I^{(3)}$$

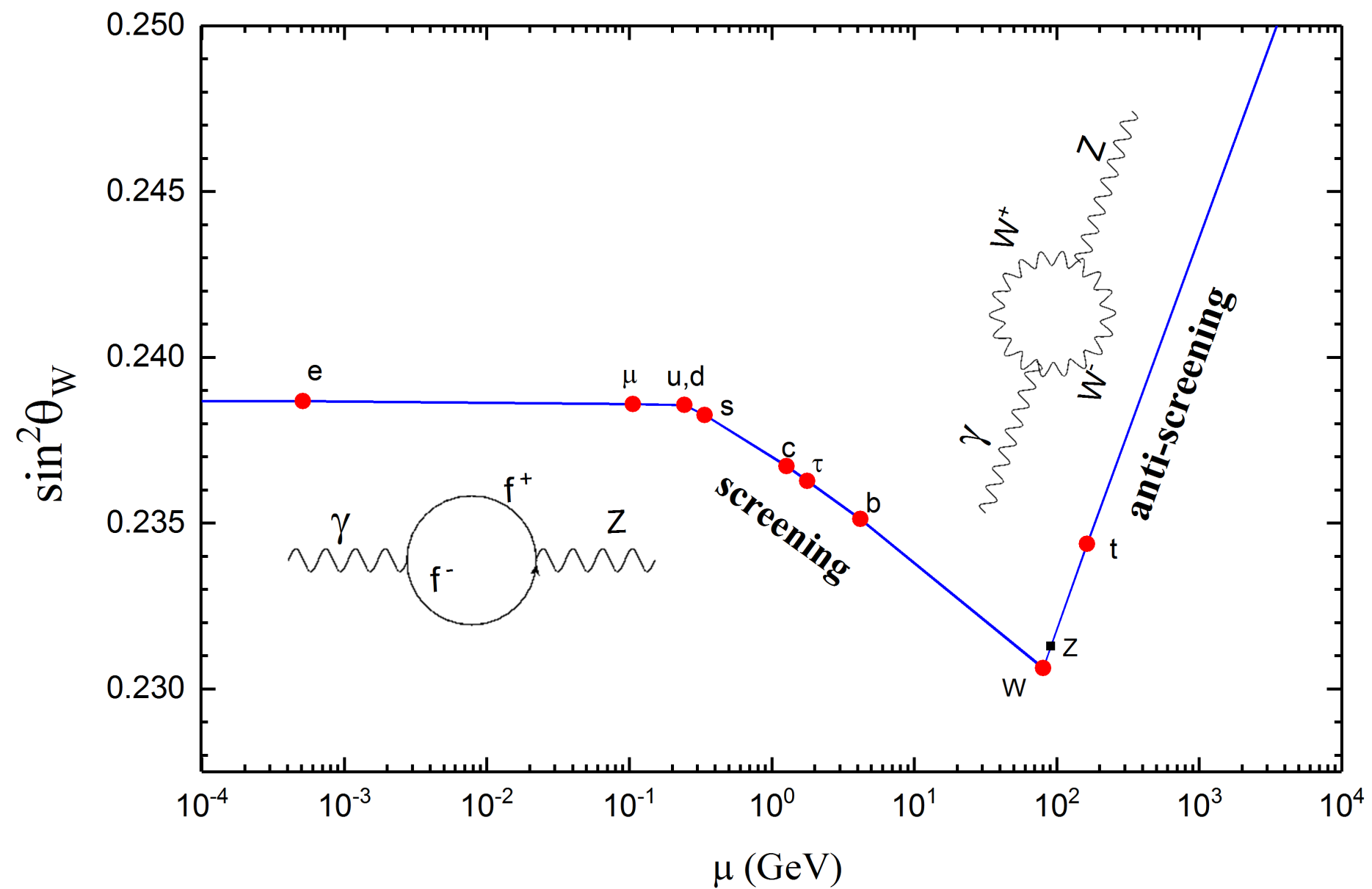
Final step - flavor rotate R to get Z coupling from e.-m. coupling

Running $\sin^2 \theta$

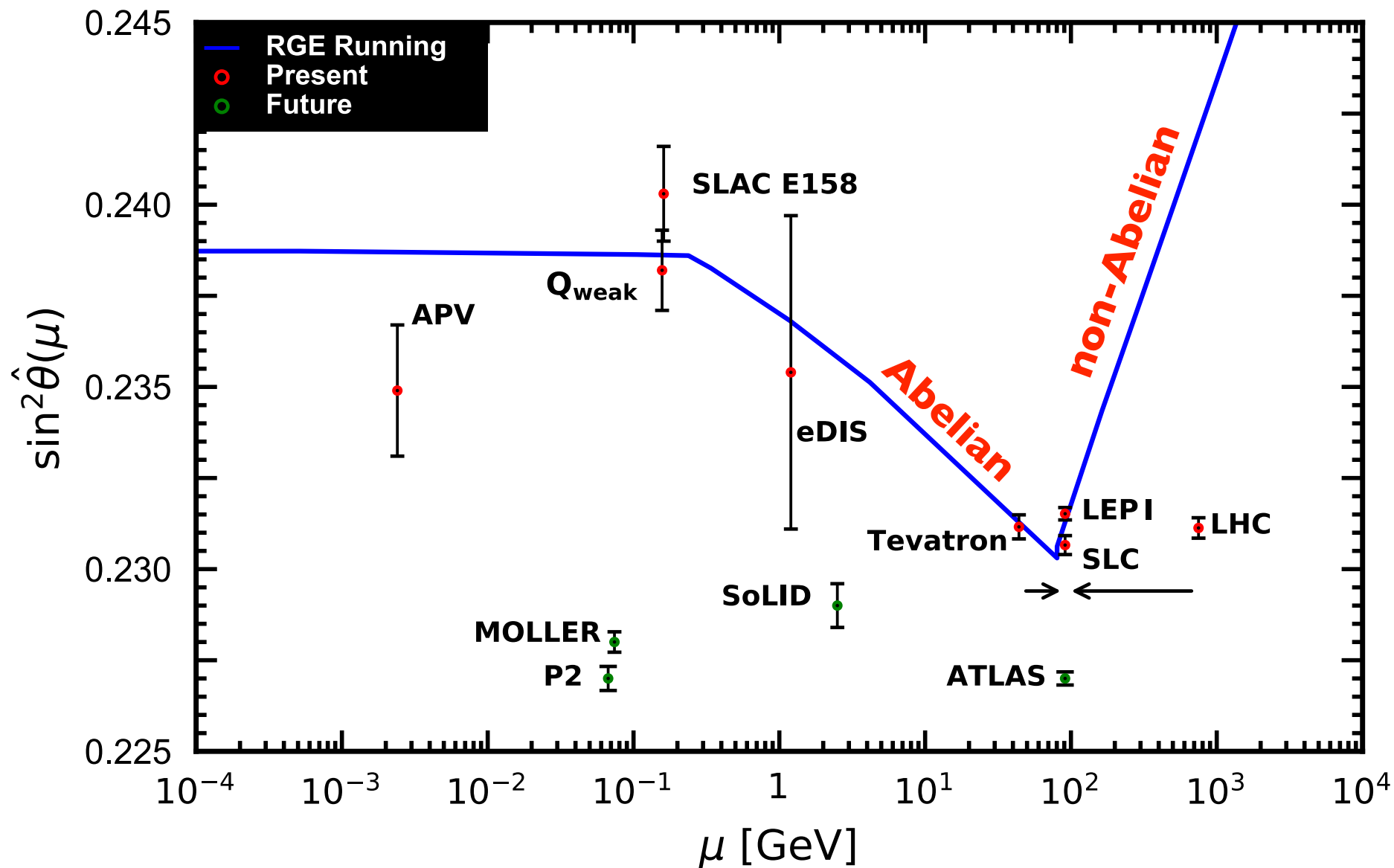
SM prediction for low energy:

$$\sin^2 \hat{\theta}(0) = 0.23868(5)(2)$$

Erler, Ferro Hernandez, arXiv:1712.09146



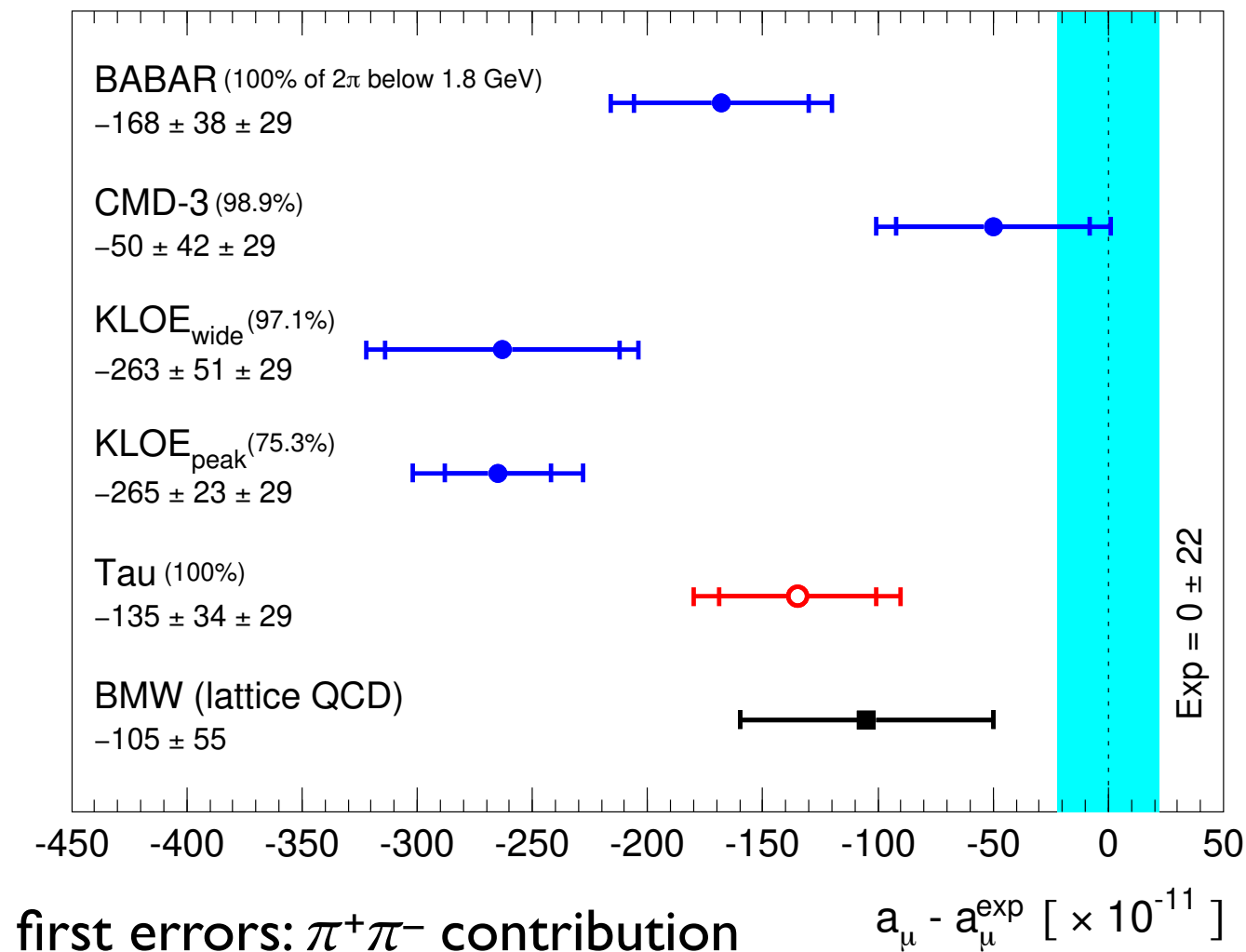
Experimental tests of running $\sin^2 \hat{\theta}(\mu)$



updated from
Ferro-Hernández & JE
arXiv:1712.09146

HVP: LQCD vs Data for a_μ

Talk by Aida this morning in the context of muon g-2: data-driven vs. LQCD HVP



BaBar and earlier data based on
Davier et al. arXiv:1908.00921

CMD-3 and figure from
Davier et al., arXiv:2312.02053

KLOE based on
Davier et al. arXiv:1908.00921

after isospin rotation according to
Davier et al., arXiv:2312.02053

Borsanyi et al., arXiv:2002.12347

$\Delta\alpha$ from Cè et al., arXiv:2203.08676
also enters through correlations

HVP: LQCD vs Data for a_μ and $\sin^2 \hat{\theta}(0)$

LQCD - Data discrepancy also seen for WMA

Lattice HVP with flavor separation

M. Ce et al, arXiv 2203.08676

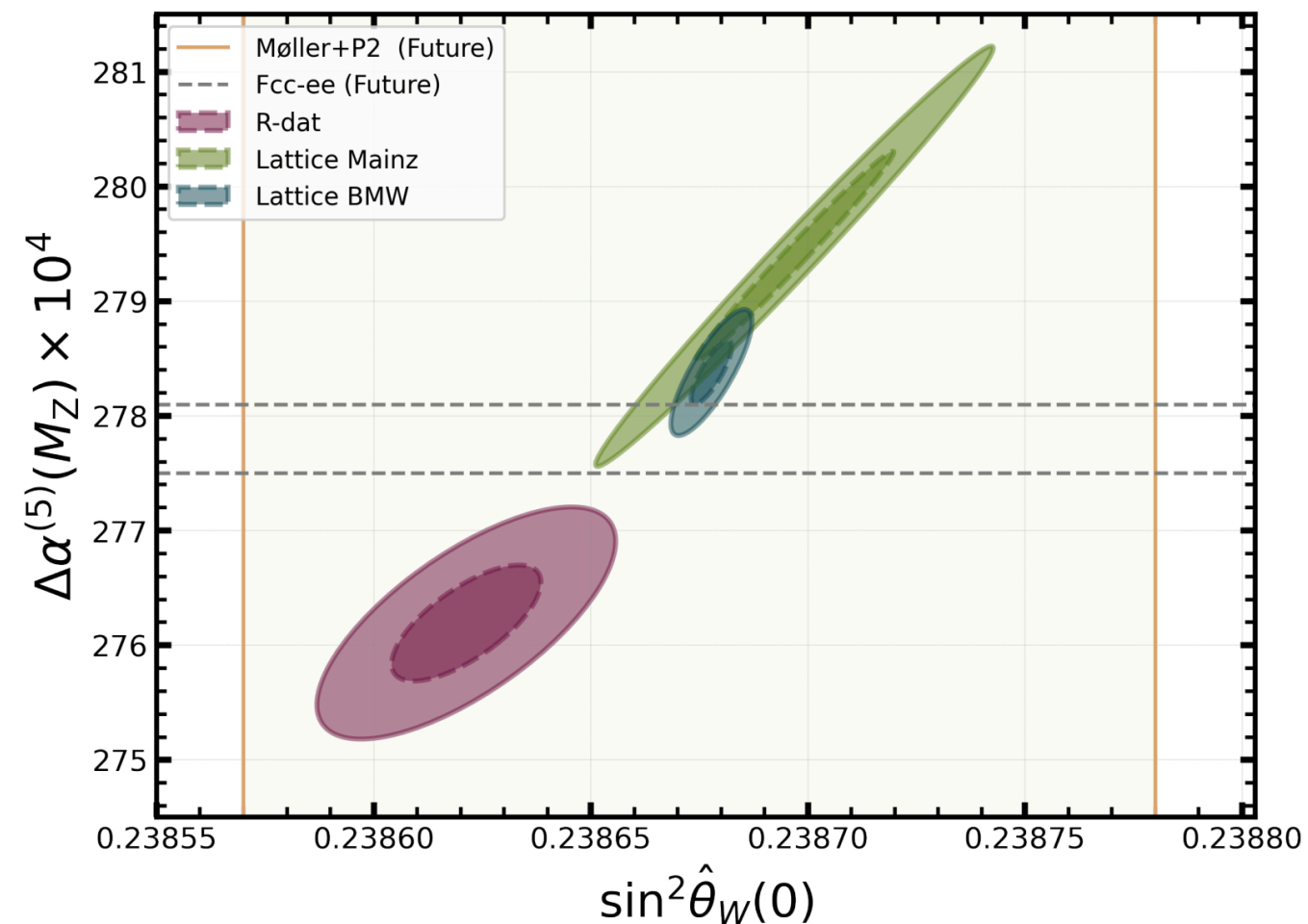
parameter	result $\times 10^4$	correlations		
Π_{disc}	-3.8 ± 0.2	1.0	0.8	0.8
Π_s	83.0 ± 1.4	0.8	1.0	0.96
Π_{ud}	587.8 ± 8.3	0.8	0.96	1.0

Defining $\hat{s}^2(0) = \hat{k}(0) \sin^2 \hat{\theta}(M_Z)$

$$\hat{k}(0)_{\text{lat}} - \hat{k}(0)_{e^+e^-} = (3.3 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{-4}$$

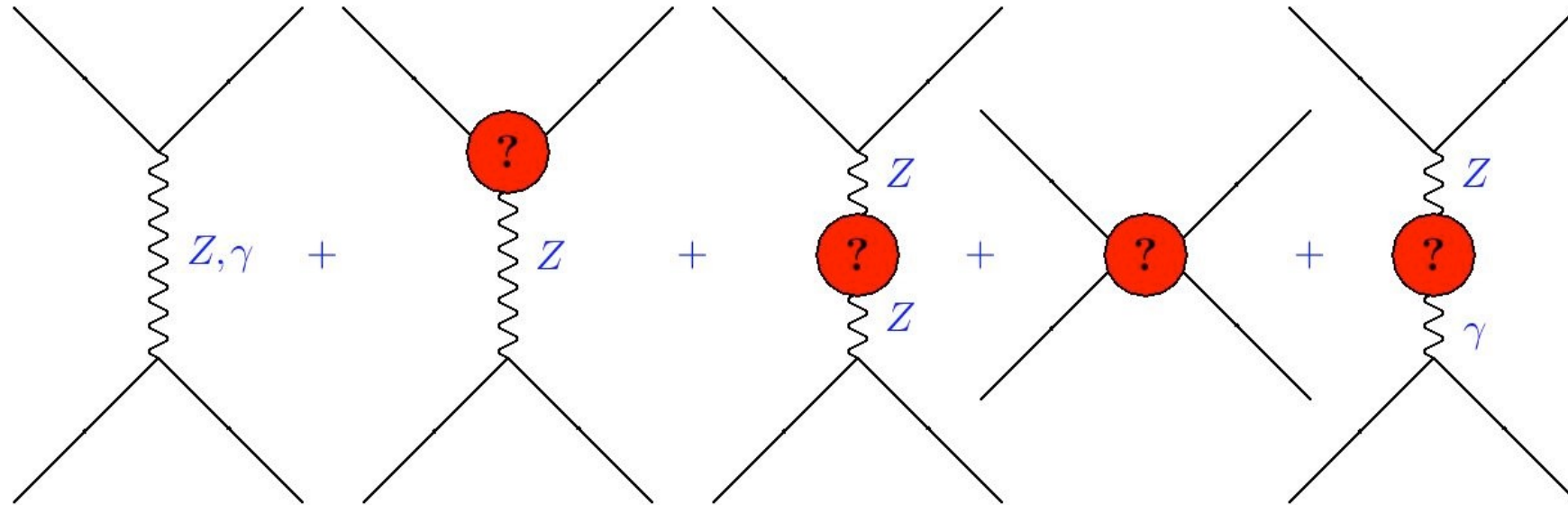
Erler, Ferro Hernandez, Kuberski, arXiv 2406.16691

Precision of future PVES experiments
not enough to resolve this discrepancy



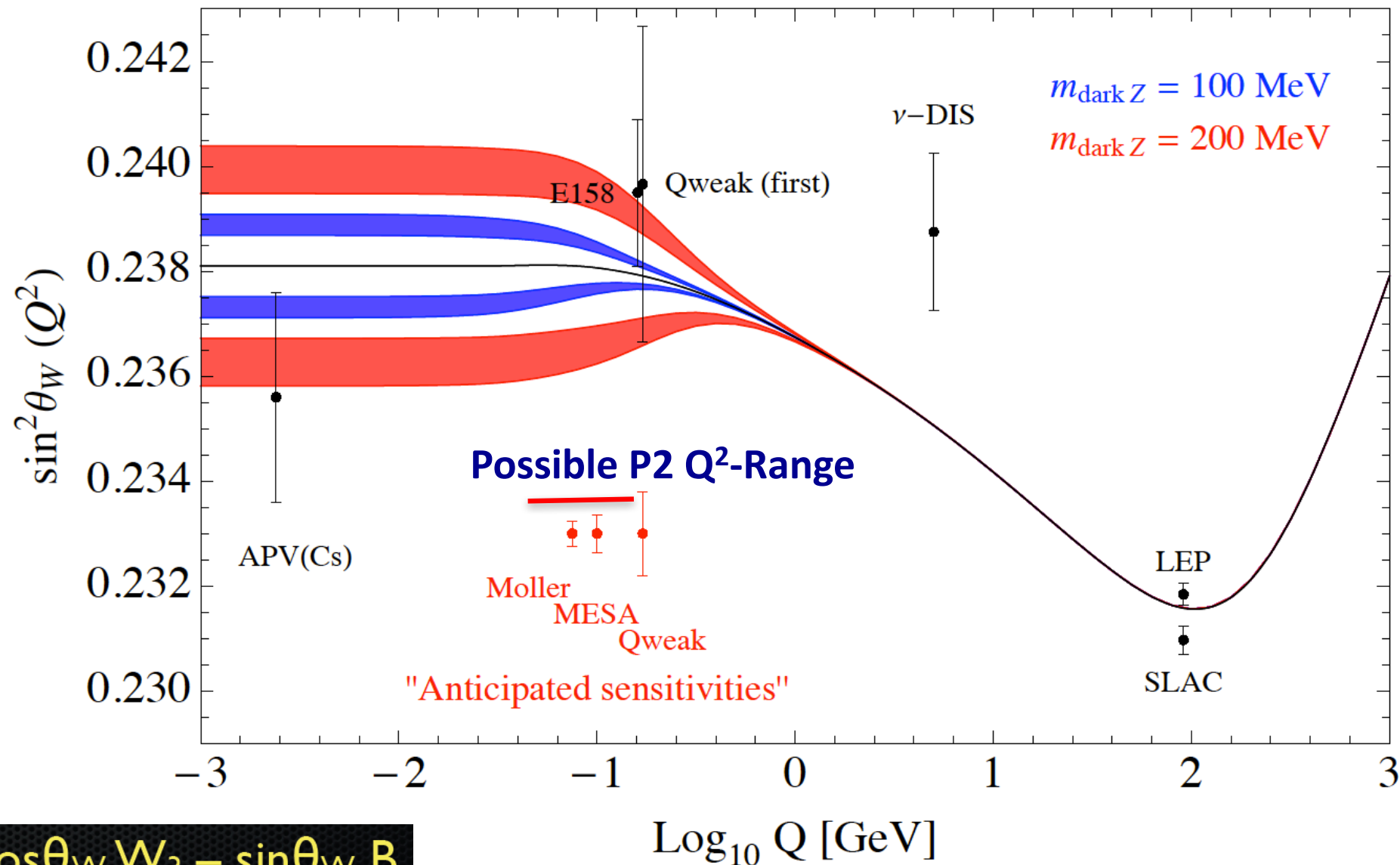
Sensitivity to New Physics

Running $\sin^2 \hat{\theta}(\mu)$ and New Physics



- * **Z-Z' mixing:** modification of Z vector coupling
- * **oblique parameters:** STU (also need M_W and Γ_Z)
- * **new amplitudes:** off- versus on-Z pole measurements (e.g. heavy Z')
- * **dark Z:** renormalization group evolution (low versus very low energy measurements)

Running $\sin^2 \hat{\theta}(\mu)$ and Dark Parity Violation



$$Z = \cos \theta_W W_3 - \sin \theta_W B$$

$$A = \sin \theta_W W_3 + \cos \theta_W B$$

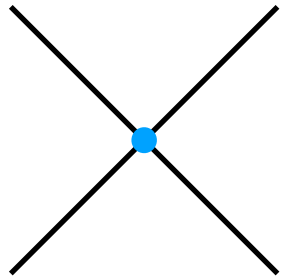
Bill Marciano

Heavy BSM reach of modern low-energy experiments: up to 49 TeV

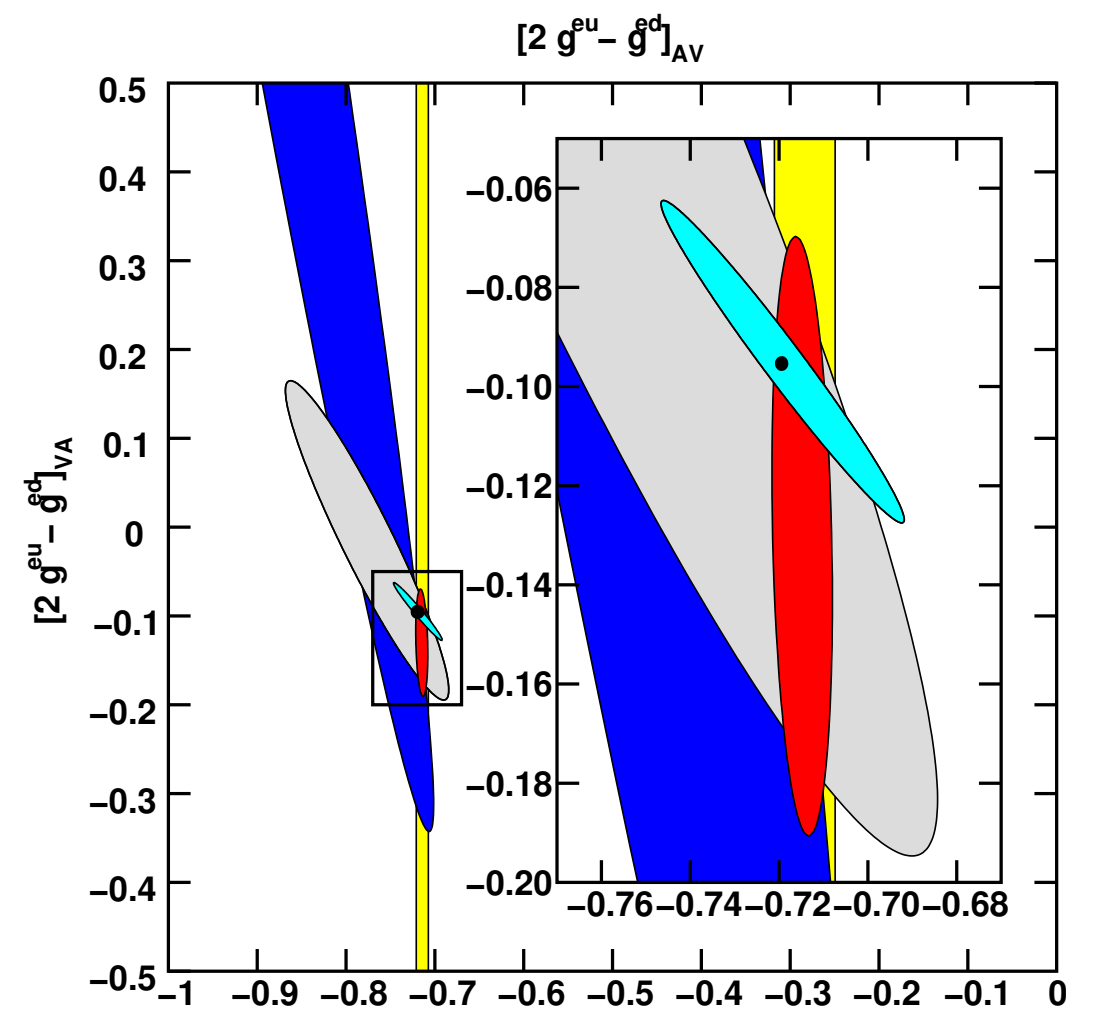
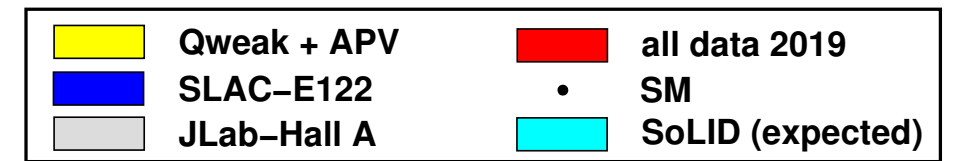
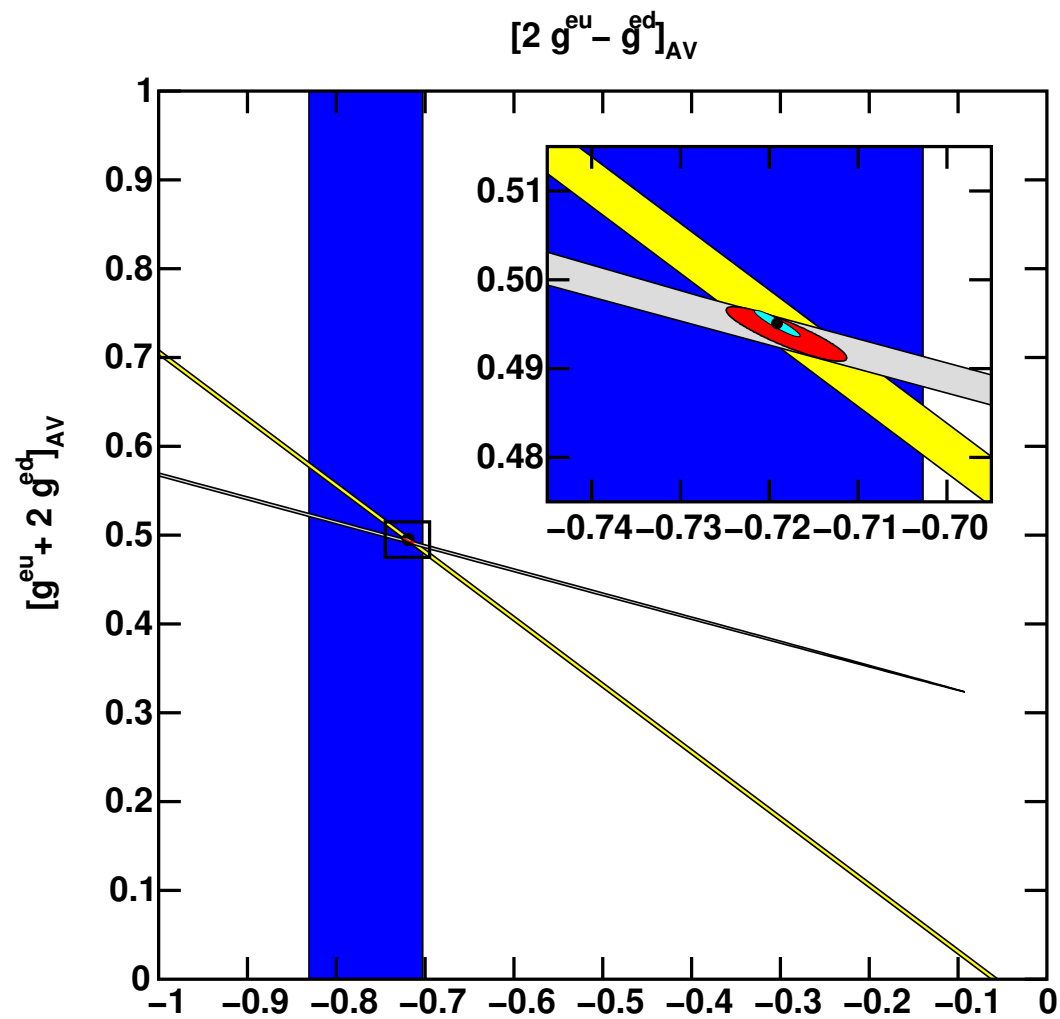
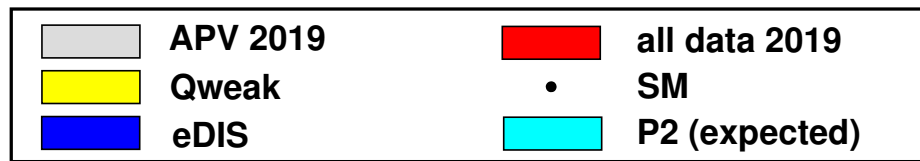
Sensitivity to light dark gauge sector - complementary to colliders

Talk by Mayda Velasco on Wed

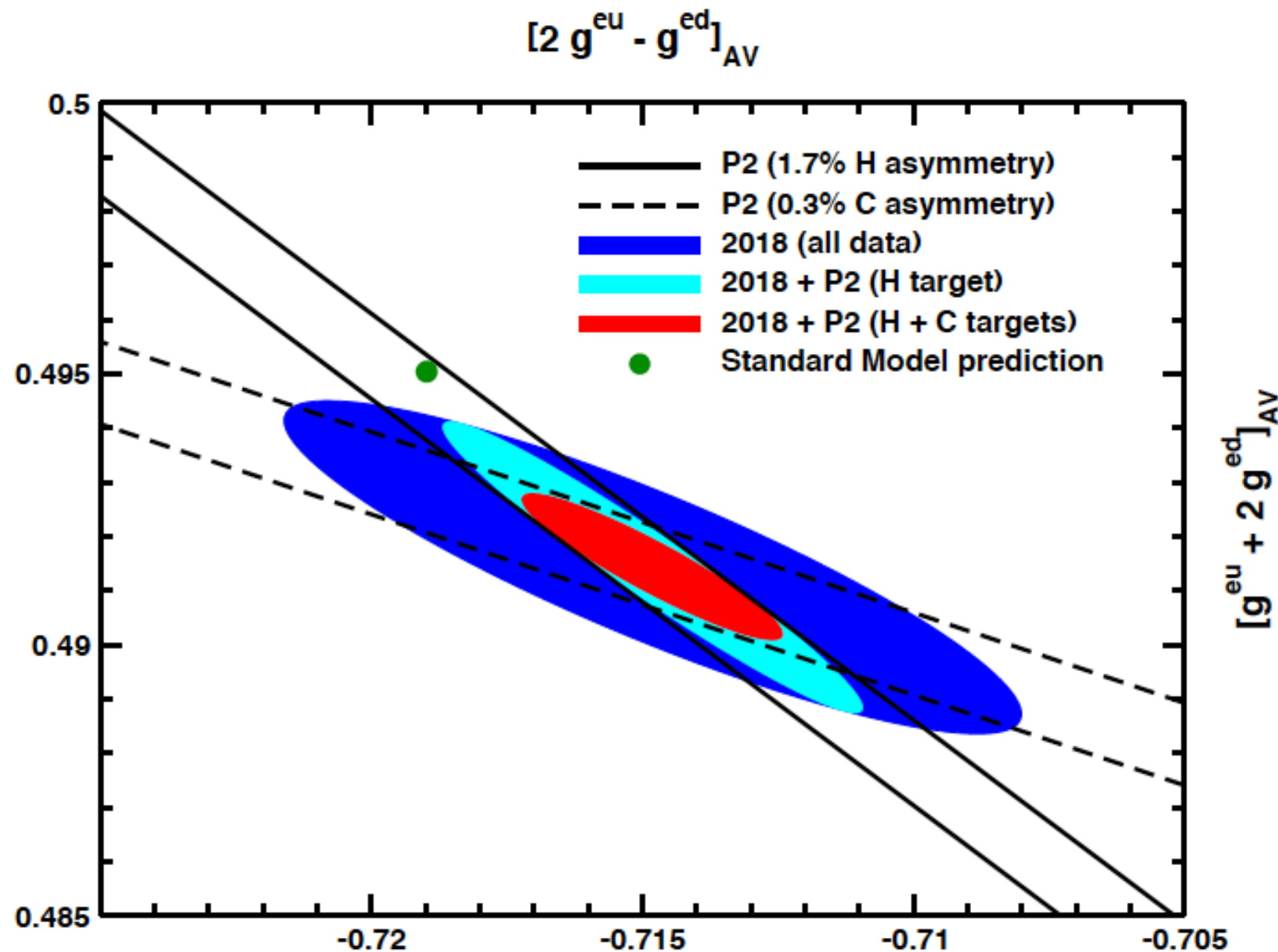
Parity-Violating 4-fermion e-q couplings



$$\propto \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[g_{AV}^{eq} \bar{e} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 e \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q + g_{VA}^{eq} \bar{e} \gamma_\mu e \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 q \right]$$



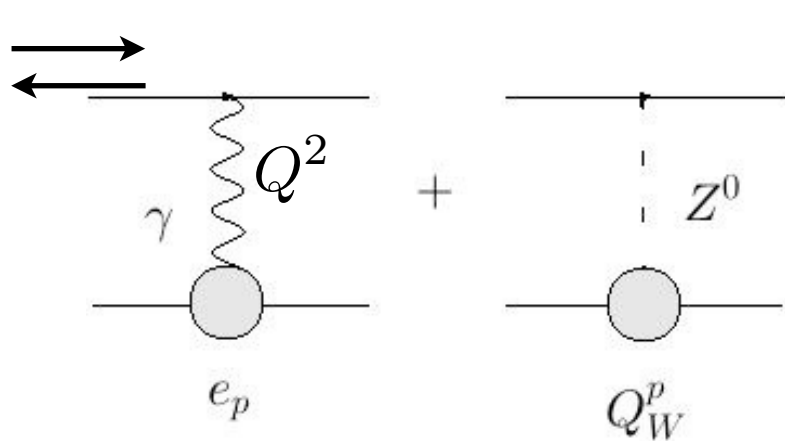
PV 4-fermion e-q couplings (zoom to Mainz)



- Quark-vector-electron-axial vector couplings
- Sensitivity down to masses of 70 MeV and up to masses of 50 TeV

Weak Charges and Weak Mixing Angle from PVES

Parity-Violating Electron Scattering (PVES)



$$\sigma_{\text{TOT}} \propto |\mathcal{A}_{\text{EM}} + \mathcal{A}_{\text{wk}}|^2 \propto |\mathcal{A}_{\text{EM}}|^2 + \overset{\text{negligible}}{|\mathcal{A}_{\text{wk}}|^2} + 2|\mathcal{A}_{\text{EM}}| \cdot |\mathcal{A}_{\text{wk}}|$$

$$A^{\text{PV}} = \frac{\sigma_R - \sigma_L}{\sigma_R + \sigma_L} = -\frac{G_F Q^2}{4\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} [Q_W^p + Q^2 B(Q^2)]$$

Weak charge from PVES on proton:

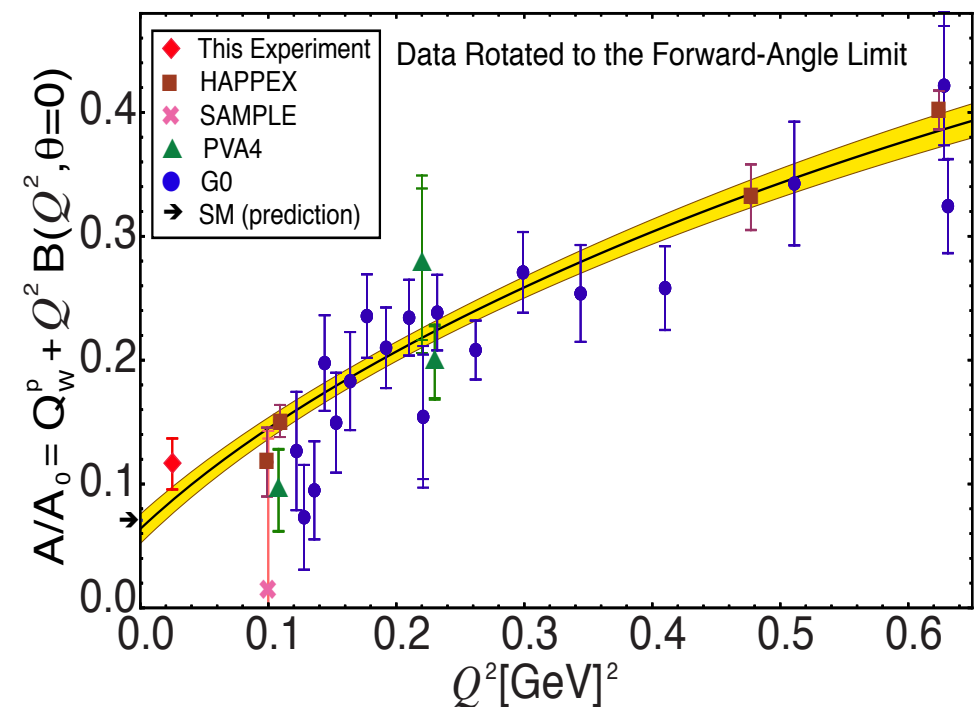
$$Q_W^p = \lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow 0} \left[-\frac{4\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha}{G_F Q^2} A^{\text{exp}} \right]$$

In SM at tree-level: accidentally suppressed
A sensitive test of running of θ_W at low energy:
2% measurement of $Q_W \rightarrow 0.14\%$ on $\sin^2 \theta_W$

$$Q_W^{p, \text{tree}} = 1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W \approx 0.07$$

$B(Q^2)$ - from non-forward PVES data

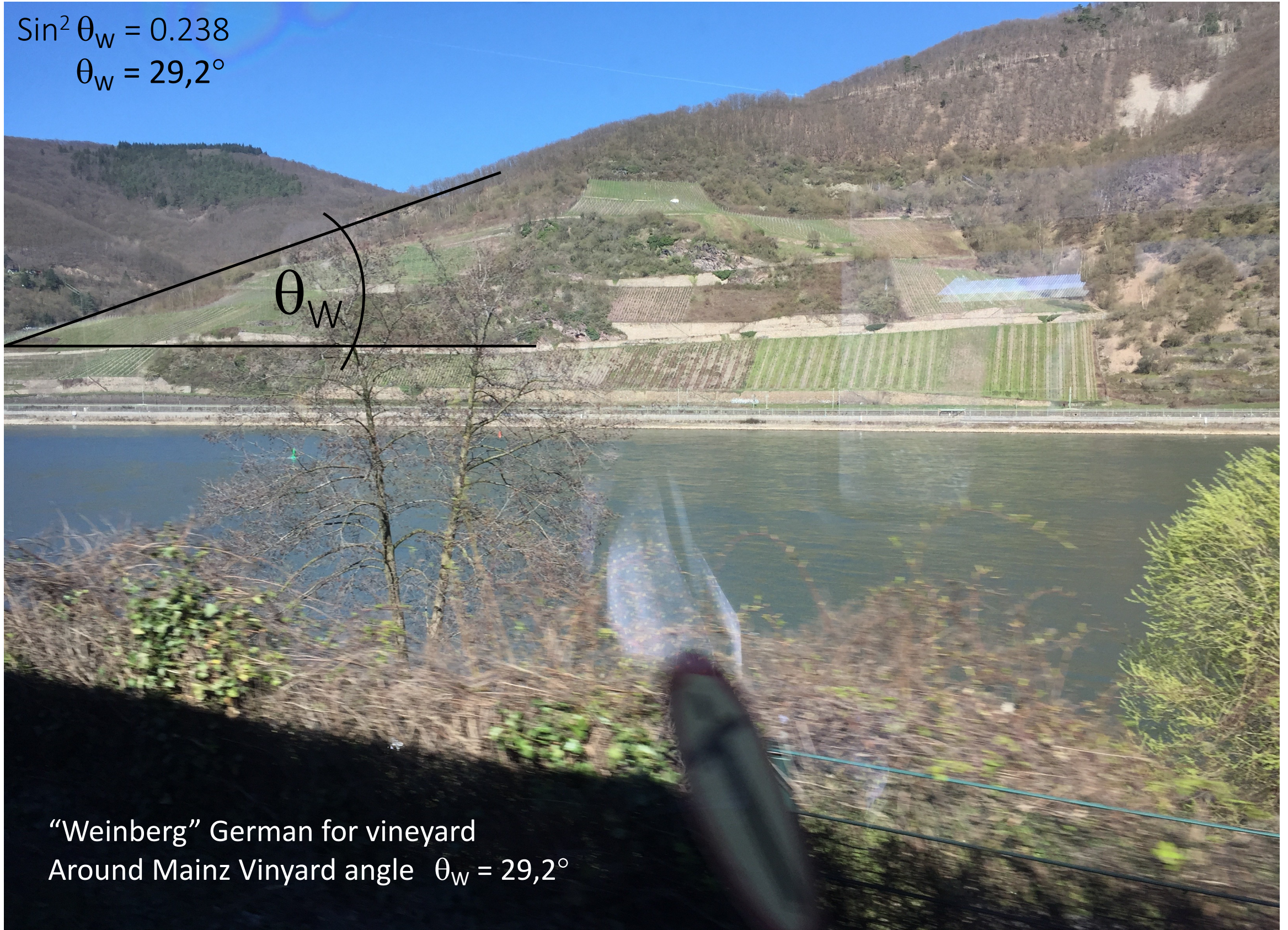
Young et al. '07;
Androic et al. [Qweak Coll.], '13



Weinberg angle near Mainz

$$\sin^2 \theta_w = 0.238$$

$$\theta_w = 29,2^\circ$$



“Weinberg” German for vineyard
Around Mainz Vinyard angle $\theta_w = 29,2^\circ$

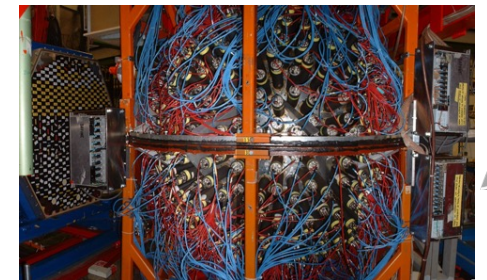
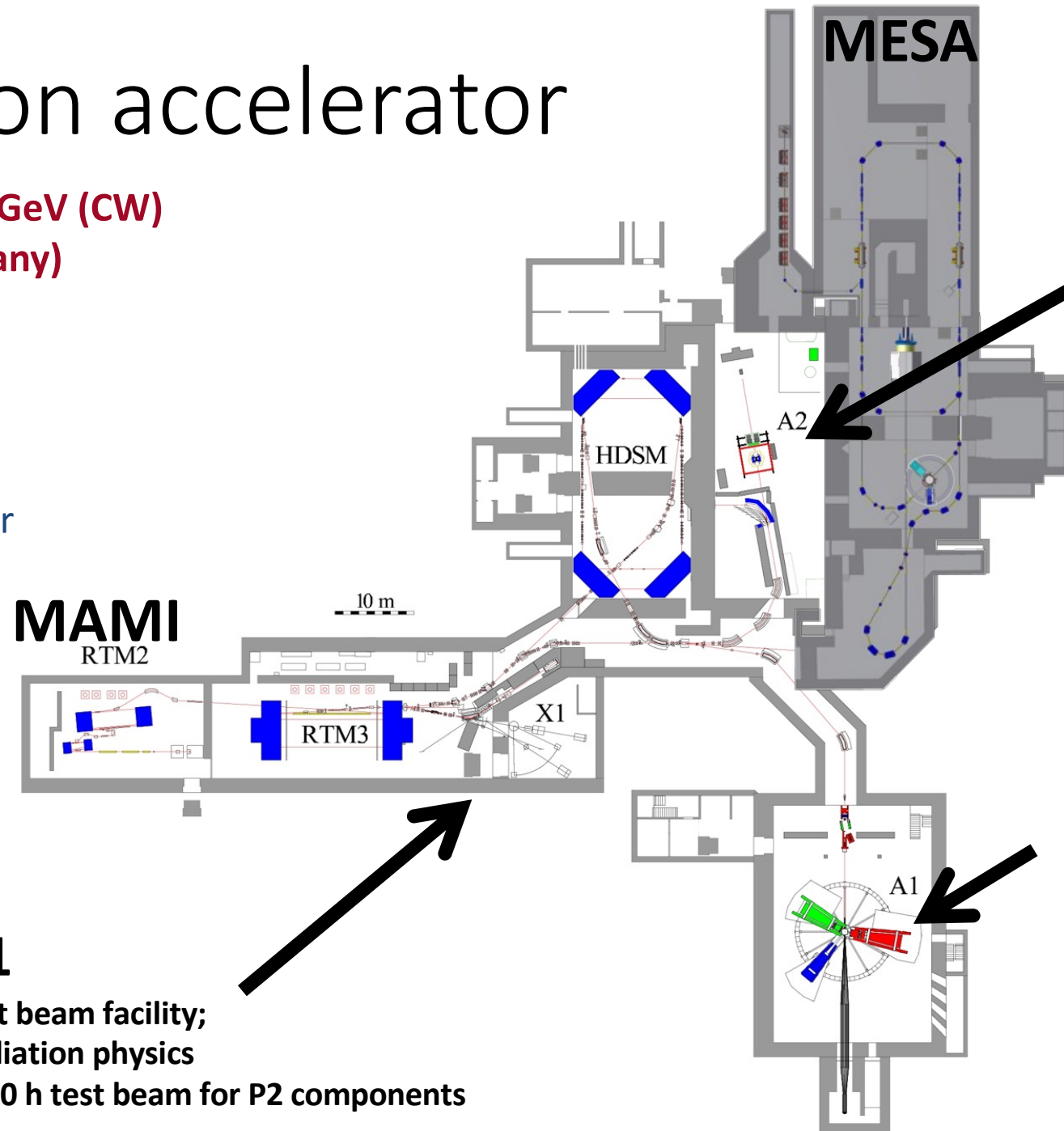
MAMI and MESA

MAMI Electron accelerator

Electron Accelerator $E_{\text{max}} = 1.6 \text{ GeV (CW)}$
operated at JGU Mainz (Germany)

Hallmarks

- Intensity max. $100 \mu\text{A}$
- Resolution $\sigma_E < 0.100 \text{ MeV}$
- Polarization 85%
- Reliability: up to 7000 h / year



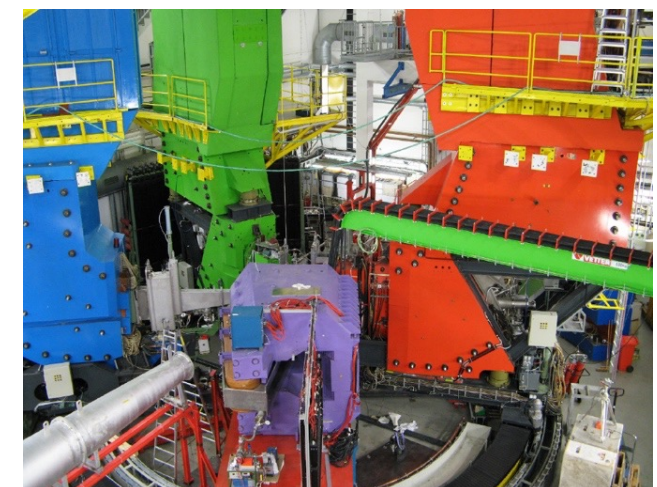
Tagged Photon Scattering (A2 hall)
Crystal Ball / TAPS calorimeters;
Polarized frozen-spin target



Electron scattering (A1 hall)
High resolution
Magnetic spectrometers

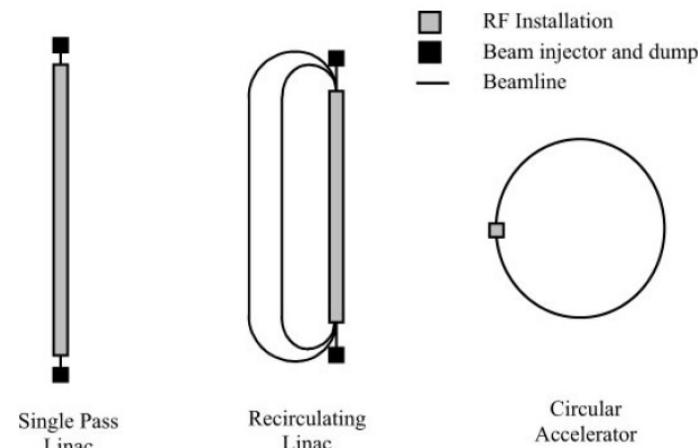


X1
Test beam facility;
Radiation physics
2000 h test beam for P2 components

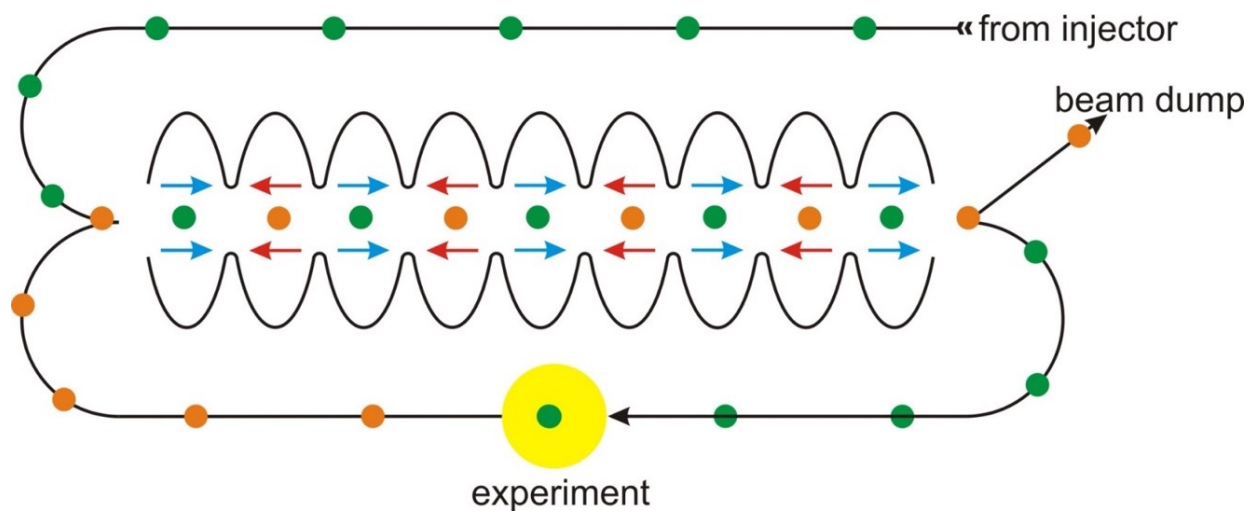


MESA: Mainz Energy-recovering Superconducting Accelerator

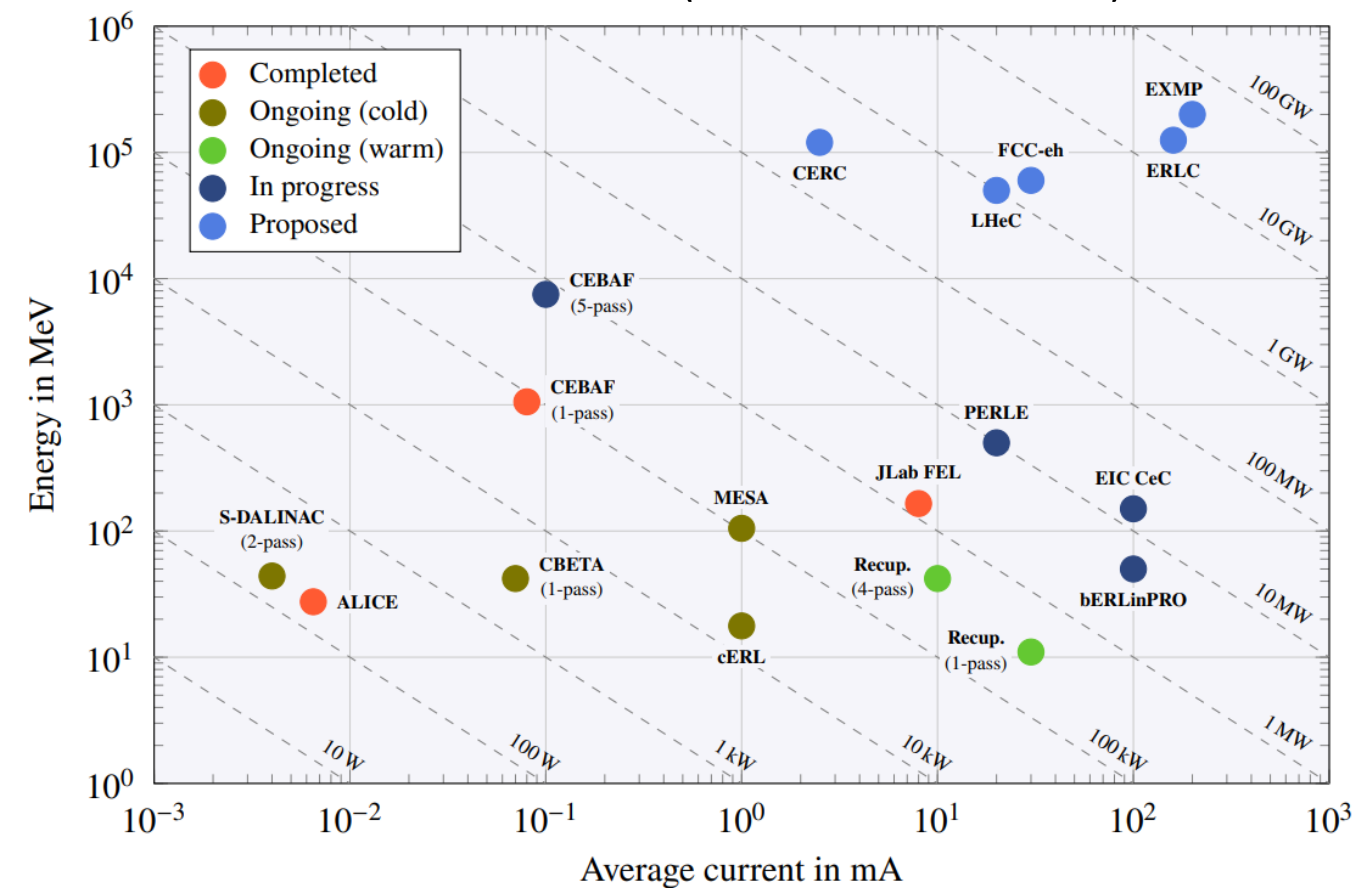
MESA Accelerator



Energy Recovering LINAC



ERLs world-wide (status fall 2022)



- MESA is one of few ongoing ERL activities
- The **first** ERL facility with a target in the beam for physics experiments

MESA: Parameters & Progress

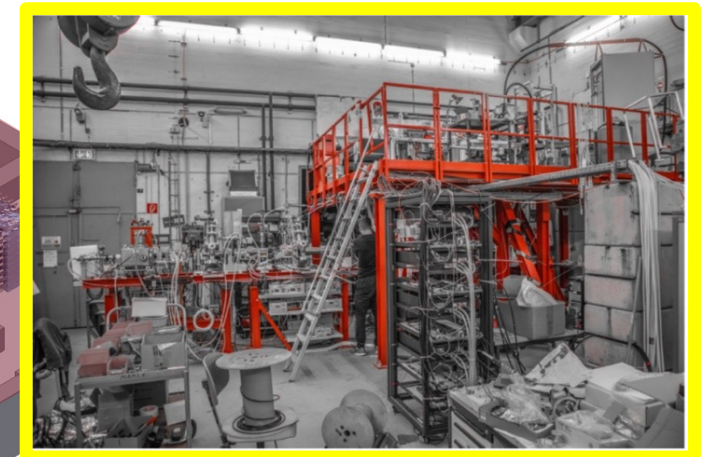
Mesa accelerator

Key parameters MESA:

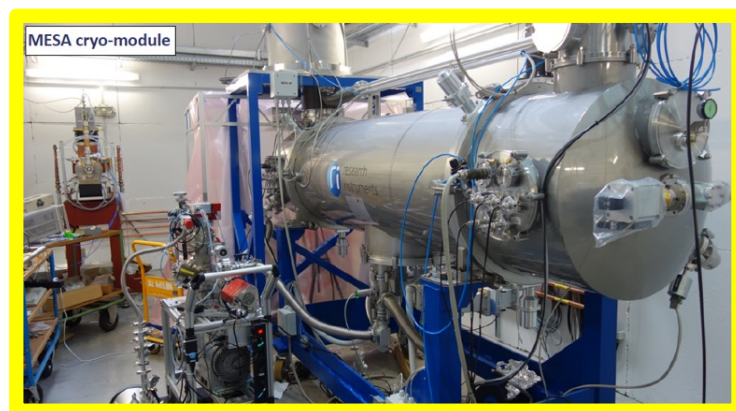
- Two operation modes: extracted beam (EB) or energy recovering (ERL)
- Max. beam energy 155 MeV (EB), 105 MeV (ERL)
- Beam current 150 μA (EB), 1 mA (ERL)
- Superconducting cavities
- Start commissioning 2024
- New research building (par. 91b GG)
- Can run in parallel to MAMI



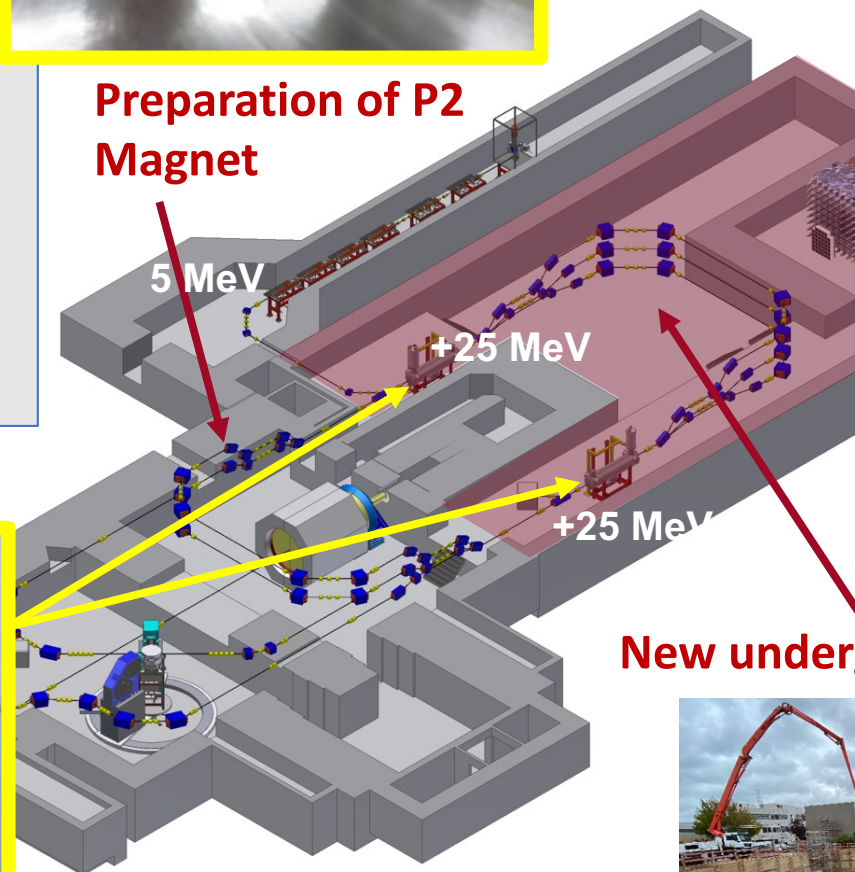
Preparation of P2 Magnet



Polarized Source Test Setup



Cryomodules successfully tested



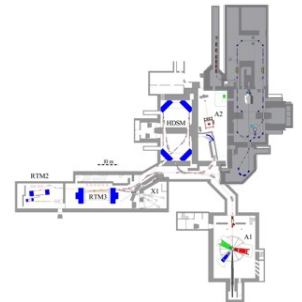
New underground experimental hall (par. 91b GG)



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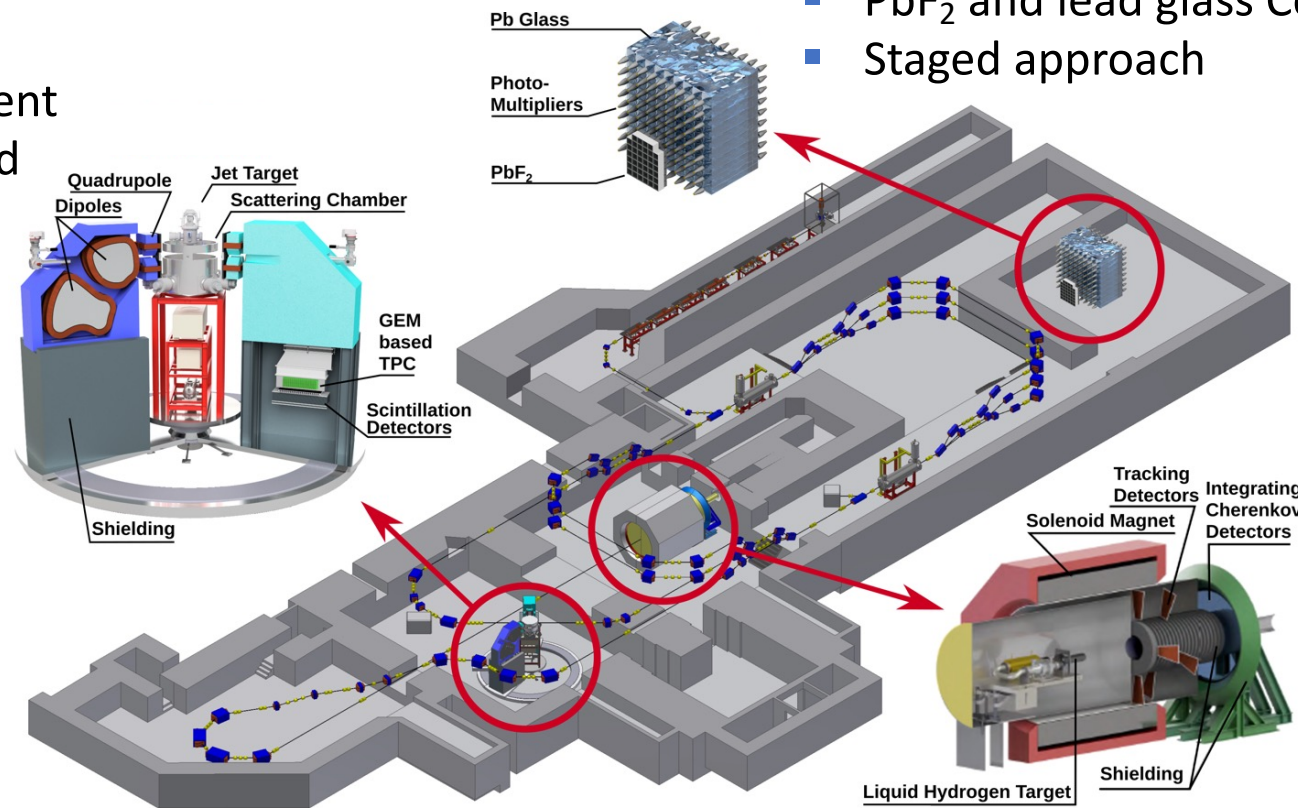
MESA physics

MESA experiments

MAGIX experiment

- Operated in ERL mode of MESA
- Double-arm spectrometers
- Internal gas target experiment
- Gas jet target commissioned at A1/MAMI already

Main components of MAGIX and P2 presently constructed in industry and assembled in house (funding via major research instrumentation program of federal government)

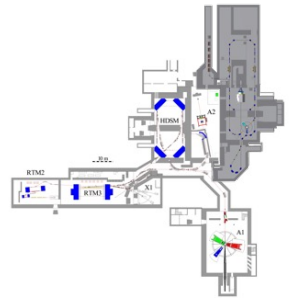


DarkMESA

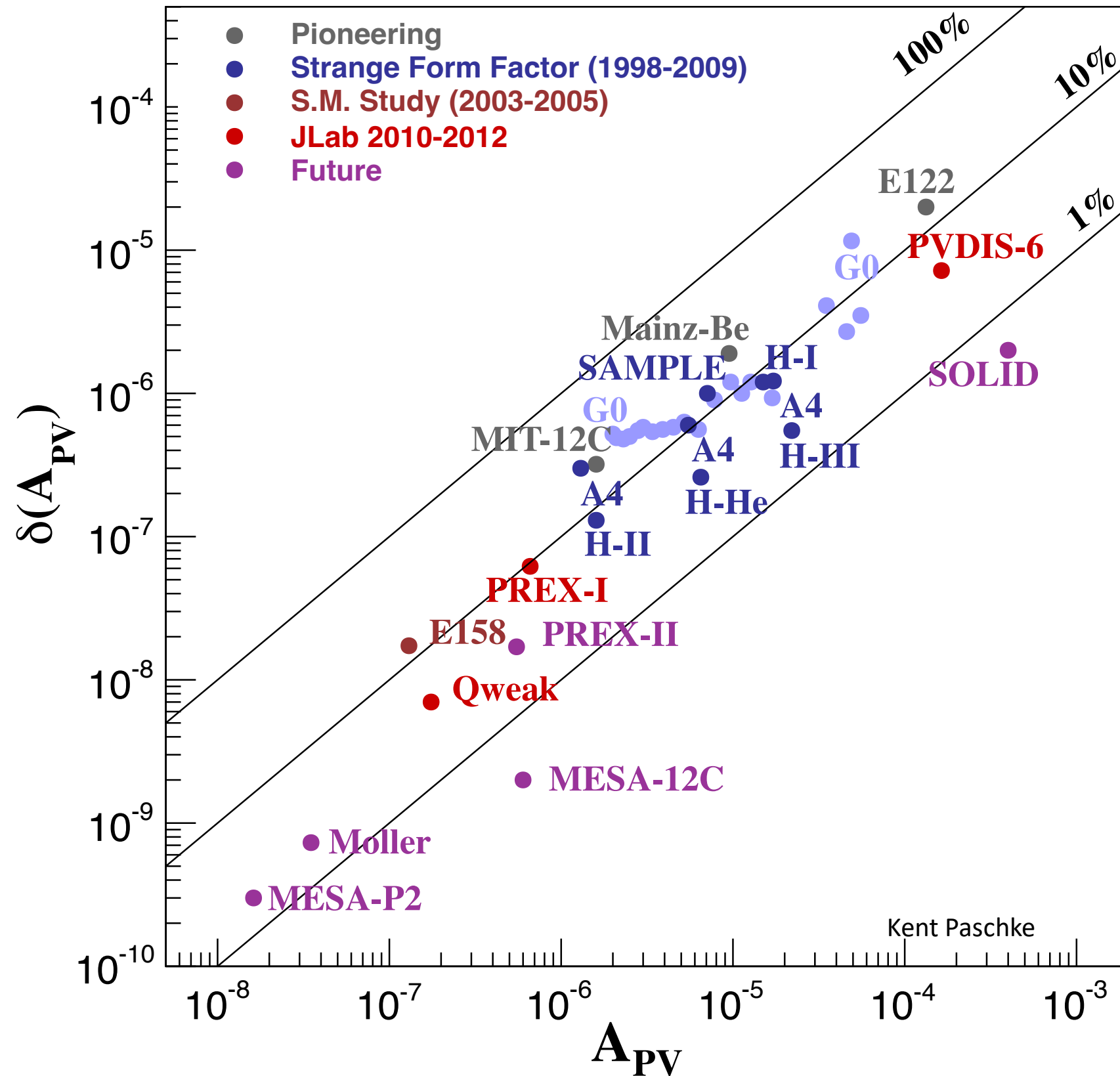
- Beam dump experiment
- Direct detection of light dark matter
- PbF_2 and lead glass Cerenkov calorimeter
- Staged approach

P2

- Extracted beam mode
- Parity violation experiment
- 10^{22} Electrons / a
- $\sin^2 \theta_W$, neutron skin, etc.



PVES Experiments Summary



Kent Paschke

Future PVES Programs vs. Qweak

P2 @ MESA

E=155 MeV,

Forward: $\theta = (25 - 45)^\circ$

Backward: $\theta \sim 145^\circ$ (?)

Commissioning 2025 - Physics 2026-

Qweak@Jlab	P2@MESA Hydrogen	P2@MESA Carbon
$A_{ep} = -226.5$ ppb	$A_{ep} = -28$ ppb	$A_{ec} = 416.3$ ppb
$\Delta A_{ep} = 9.3$ ppb	$\Delta A_{ep} = 0.5$ ppb ppb=1/vN Factor 19 After 11,000 h	$\Delta A_{ep}^{stat} = 2.7$ ppb after 300 h $\Delta A_{ep}^{stat} = 0.9$ ppb after 2500 h
$\Delta A_{ep}/A_{ep} = 4.2$ %	$\Delta A_{ep}/A_{ep} = 1.8$ %	$\Delta A_{ep}/A_{ep}^{stat} = 0.6$ % (0.2 %) Polarimetry!
$\Delta \sin^2 \theta_W / \sin^2 \theta_W = 0.46$ %	$\Delta \sin^2 \theta_W / \sin^2 \theta_W = 0.15$ %	$\Delta \sin^2 \theta_W / \sin^2 \theta_W = 0.6$ % (0.3%)
	Aux. measurement. backward angle	Aux. measurement. backward angle

MOLLER @ JLab: PV ee scattering

e-scattering off atomic electrons in LH2 target

E=11 GeV, $\theta = 5$ mrad

Commissioning 2026 - Physics 2026-8

$$A^{PV} \approx -32 \text{ ppm}$$

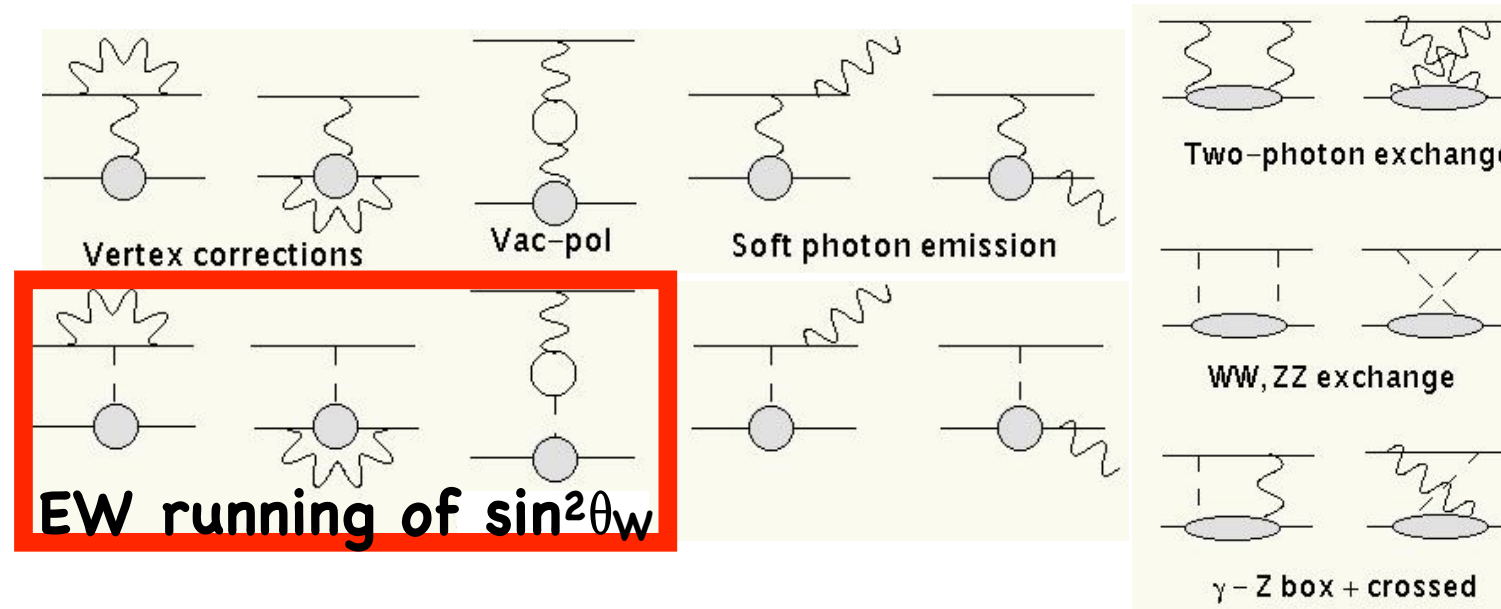
$$\delta A^{PV} = -0.8 \text{ ppm}(2.5\%)$$

$$\delta A^{PV}/A^{PV} = 2.5 \%$$

$$\delta \sin^2 \theta_W / \sin^2 \theta_W = 0.11 \%$$

Weak Charges in Presence of Radiative Corrections

Proton's weak charge with radiative corrections: EW boxes



Hadronic effects under control

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

Marciano, Sirlin '83,84; Erler, Musolf '05

Non-universal correction - depends on kinematics and hadronic structure

Marciano and Sirlin '84:

γZ -box mainly universal (large log)

same for PV in atoms and e-scattering

Residual dependence on hadronic scale Λ

No energy dependence assumed

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

$$0.0052 \pm 0.0005 \text{ (} 7.3 \pm 0.7\% \text{ of } Q_W \text{)}$$

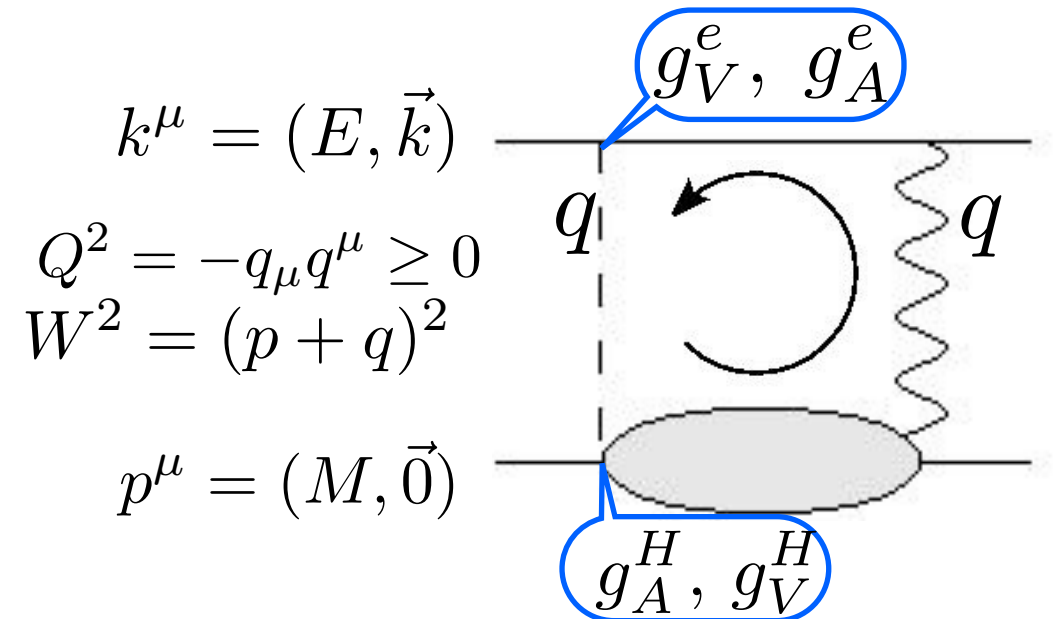
γZ -Box from Dispersion Relations

γZ -box from forward dispersion relation

Imaginary part = on-shell states = data

Real part: from unitarity + analyticity + symmetries

MG, Horowitz '09; MG, Horowitz, Ramsey-Musolf '11



Lower blob: forward interference Compton tensor

$$\text{Im} W^{\mu\nu} = -\hat{g}^{\mu\nu} F_1^{\gamma Z} + \frac{\hat{p}^\mu \hat{p}^\nu}{(p \cdot q)} F_2^{\gamma Z} + \frac{i\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\alpha q_\beta}{2(p \cdot q)} F_3^{\gamma Z}$$

Forward dispersion relations

$$\text{Re} \square_{\gamma Z_V}(E) = \frac{2E}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dQ^2 \int_{W_\pi^2}^\infty dW^2 \left[A F_1^{\gamma Z}(W^2, Q^2) + B F_2^{\gamma Z}(W^2, Q^2) \right]$$

$$\text{Re} \square_{\gamma Z_A}(E) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dQ^2 \int_{(M+m_\pi)^2}^\infty dW^2 C F_3^{\gamma Z}(W^2, Q^2)$$

Inclusive PV data
- little available

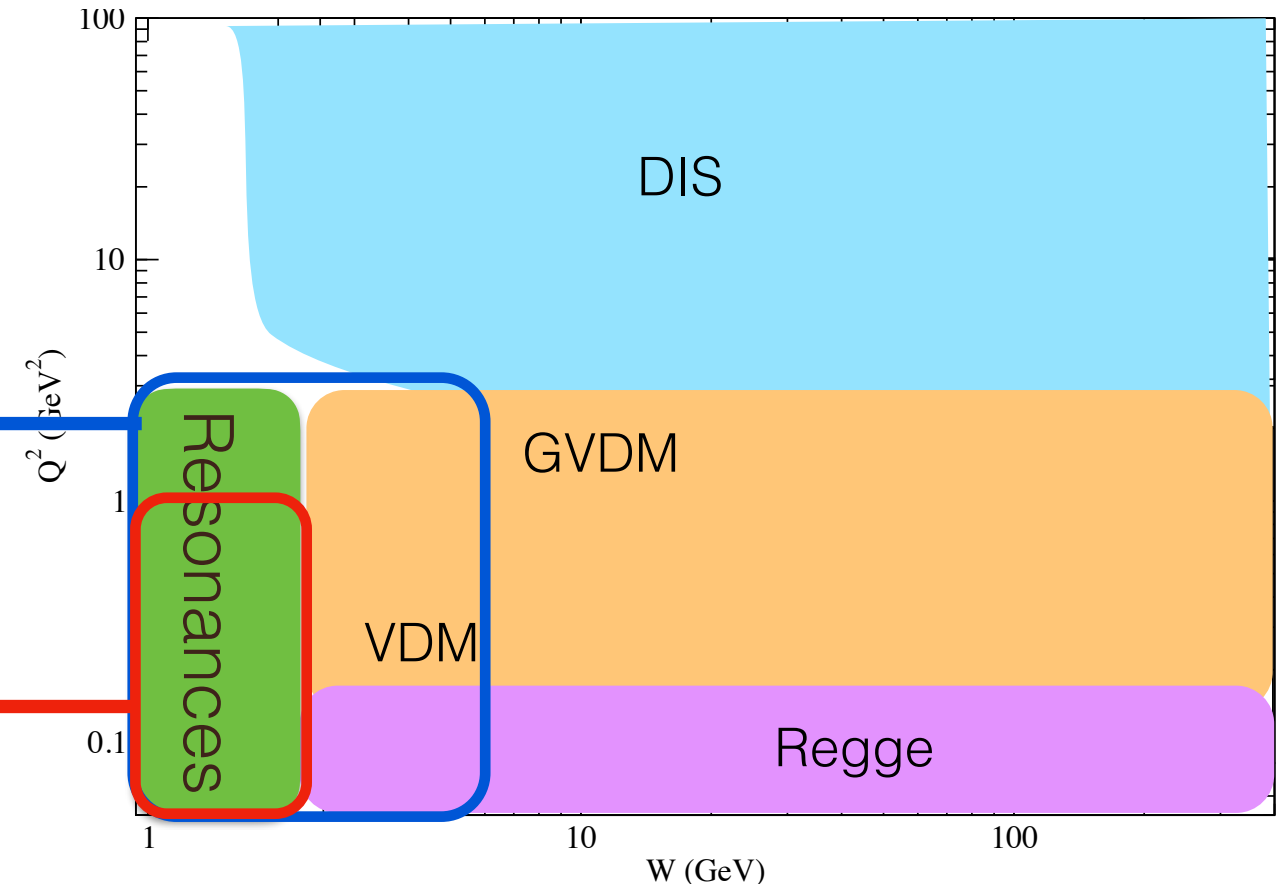
Energy dependence of γZ -Box from Dispersion Relations

Model dependence stems from that in the flavor separation/rotation

Importance of the input for the integral:

For QWeak energy $E = 1.165$ GeV
Main contribution: $W < 5$ GeV, $Q^2 < 2$ GeV²

For P2 energy $E = 155$ MeV
Main contribution: $W < 2.5$ GeV, $Q^2 < 1$ GeV²



Energy dependence required
a formal redefinition of the weak charge

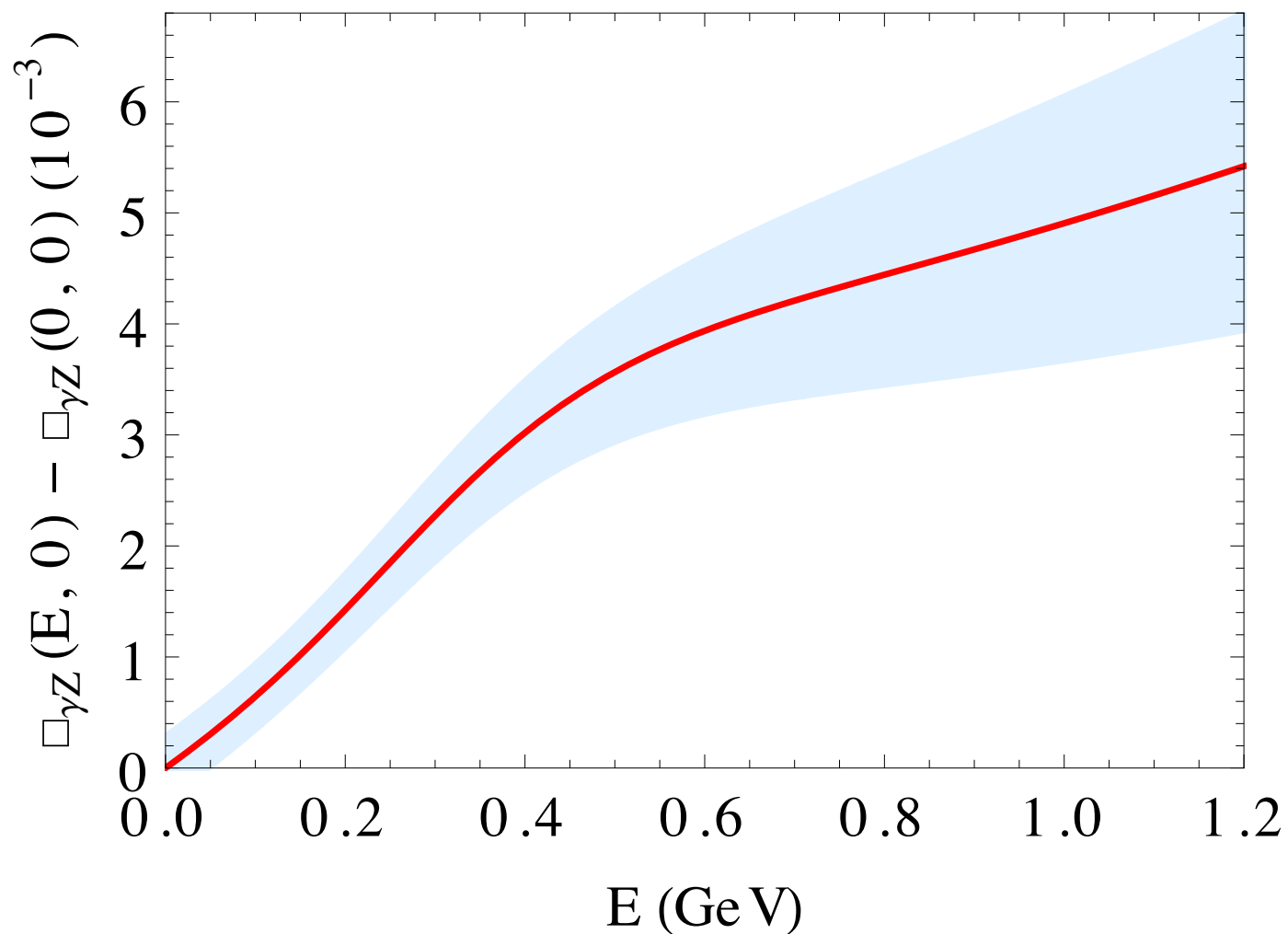
$$Q_W^p = \lim_{E, Q^2 \rightarrow 0} \left[-\frac{4\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha}{G_F Q^2} A^{exp} \right]$$

Steep energy dependence of $\Box_{\gamma Z}^V$ (much smaller for smaller energy)

- Furnished a strong motivation for the P2 experiment in Mainz at $E=155$ MeV

$$\Box_{\gamma Z}^V(E = 1.165 \text{ GeV}) = 0.0054(20) \rightarrow \Box_{\gamma Z}^V(E = 155 \text{ MeV}) = 0.0011(2)$$

Status of the energy-dependent γZ -Box



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QWEAK energy: $\text{Re } \square_{\gamma Z}^{A+V}(E = 1.165 \text{ GeV}) = (9.3 \pm 1.5) \times 10^{-3}$ (mostly vector box)

QWEAK final result: $Q_{PW} = 0.0719 \pm 0.0045$ (error mostly experimental)

P2 energy: $\text{Re } \square_{\gamma Z}^{A+V}(E = 155 \text{ MeV}) = (5.4 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-3}$ (mostly axial box)

P2 expectation: $Q_{PW} = 0.0713 \pm 0.0013$

Summary and Outlook

Running of WMA: precise prediction of the Standard Model

Hadronic uncertainties under control

Future experiments (P2, Moller) will provide stringent tests of (B)SM
Will probe (semi)leptonic operators (heavy BSM) and light Dark Z

Sensitive to New Physics down to 70 MeV and up to 50 TeV:
complementary to colliders

Not in this presentation:

Atomic PV, Neutron skin program; PV DIS @ SOLID