

The G^0 experiment @ Jefferson Lab.

Nucleon strange form factors in parity-violating experiment

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Physics case and experimental set-up

Results for the Backward Angle configuration.

Results on vector strange form factors and isovector axial form factor

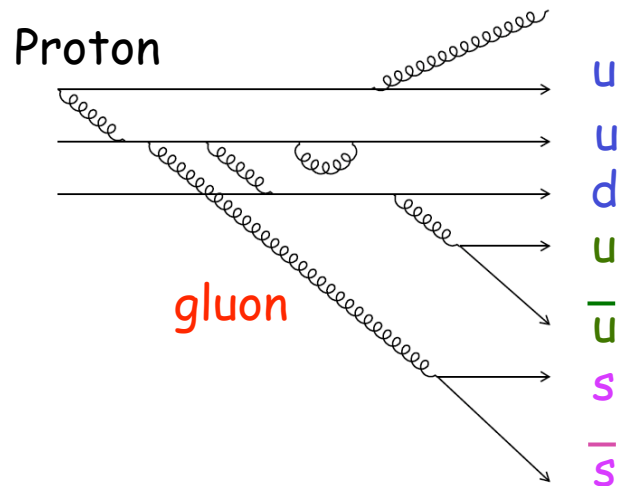
Summary



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Physics motivation

What role do strange (sea) quarks play in nucleon properties ?



Momentum (Global DIS analysis, Lai et al.) :

$$0.018 \leq \langle x(s + \bar{s}) \rangle \leq 0.04$$

$$-0.001 \leq \langle x(s - \bar{s}) \rangle \leq 0.005$$

Spin (DIS) : $\Delta s \approx -0.1$ to 0 (Hyp : $s = \bar{s}$)

Mass : $\langle N | \bar{s}s | N \rangle \sim 0$ to 30% ($\pi N\sigma$ - term)

GO goal : Determine the contribution $\langle N | \bar{s} \gamma^\mu s | N \rangle$ of the strange quarks to the electric and magnetic nucleon form factors

- ✓ $Q^2 \sim 0$ (GeV/c)² : charge radius and magnetic moment
- ✓ Q^2 dependence : extraction of G_e^s and G_M^s at 0.22 and 0.63 (GeV/c)²
- ✓ Measurement of the axial form factor G_A^e

Quark decomposition of EM and Weak form factors

In **elastic eN scattering**, charge and current/spin distributions in the nucleon are expressed through EM and Weak nucleon form factors

Proton and Neutron Electromagnetic Form Factors :

Measured with precision of 2 – 4 %
in the 0.1 – 1 GeV² Q² range
(~15% for neutron electric F.F.)

$$G_{E,M}^{\gamma,p} = \frac{2}{3} G_{E,M}^{u,p} - \frac{1}{3} G_{E,M}^{d,p} - \frac{1}{3} G_{E,M}^{s,p}$$

$$G_{E,M}^{\gamma,n} = \frac{2}{3} G_{E,M}^{u,n} - \frac{1}{3} G_{E,M}^{d,n} - \frac{1}{3} G_{E,M}^{s,n}$$

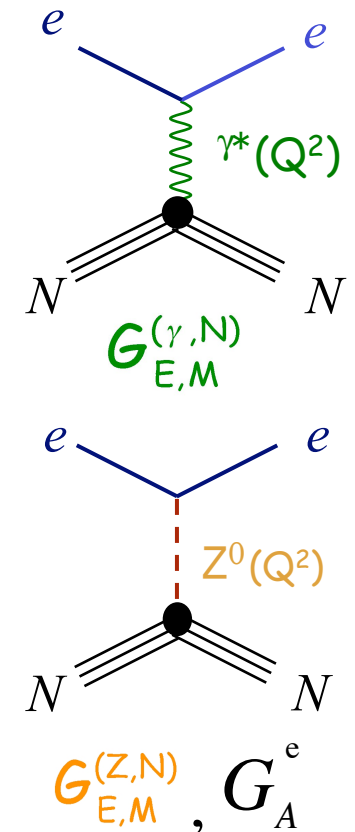
+ proton-neutron charge symmetry reduce from 6 to 3 unknowns

Proton Weak Form Factors :

$$G_{E,M}^{Z,p} = \left(1 - \frac{8}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W\right) G_{E,M}^{u,p} + \left(-1 + \frac{4}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W\right) G_{E,M}^{d,p} + \left(-1 + \frac{4}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W\right) G_{E,M}^{s,p}$$

Extraction of the strange quarks contribution :

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



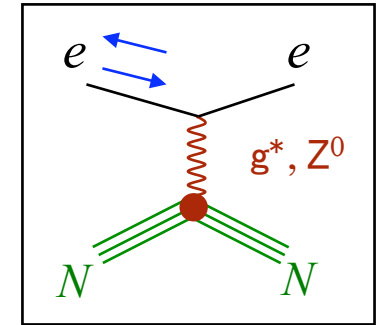
Parity violation asymmetry

Elastic scattering of longitudinally polarized electrons on unpolarized nucleon :

$$A_{PV} = \frac{\sigma_R - \sigma_L}{\sigma_R + \sigma_L} = \frac{2 \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{ } \\ \text{ } \end{array} \right] * \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{ } \\ \text{ } \end{array} \right]}{\left| \begin{array}{c} \text{ } \\ \text{ } \end{array} \right|^2} \quad (M_Z \ll M_Y \text{ at } 1 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2)$$

$$= -\frac{G_F Q^2}{4\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} \frac{\varepsilon G_E^{(\gamma,p)} \mathbf{G}_E^{(Z,p)} + \tau G_M^{(\gamma,p)} \mathbf{G}_M^{(Z,p)} - (1 - 4\sin^2 \theta_W) \varepsilon' G_M^{(\gamma,p)} \mathbf{G}_A^e}{\varepsilon (G_E^{(\gamma,p)})^2 + \tau (G_M^{(\gamma,p)})^2}$$

$$A_{PV} = A_0 + \alpha \mathbf{G}_E^s + \beta \mathbf{G}_M^s + \delta \mathbf{G}_A^e (T=1)$$



with

$$\tau = Q^2 / (4M_p^2)$$

$$\varepsilon = 1 / (1 + 2(1 + \tau) \tan^2(\theta_e / 2))$$

$$\varepsilon' = \sqrt{\tau(1 + \tau)(1 - \varepsilon^2)}$$

GO plan : Full separation of G_E^s , G_M^s et $G_A^e (T=1)$ for $Q^2 = 0.22$ and 0.63 (GeV/c)^2

✓ Forward Angle ($\Theta_e = 7 - 15^\circ$), LH₂ target : $\approx \alpha G_E^s + \beta/2 G_M^s + \gamma/10 G_A^e$

✓ Backward Angle ($\Theta_e = 110^\circ$), LH₂ target : $\approx \alpha/3 G_E^s + \beta G_M^s + \gamma G_A^e$

✓ Backward Angle ($\Theta_e = 110^\circ$) : LD₂ target : $\approx \alpha/4 G_E^s + \beta/4 G_M^s + \gamma G_A^e$

Axial form factor in electron-nucleon scattering

$$G_A^{e,N} = \tau_3 G_A^{e,N}(T=1) + G_A^{e,N}(T=0)$$

$$= -\tau_3(1 + R_A^{T=1}) \mathbf{G}_A^{CC}(Q^2) + \sqrt{3} R_A^{T=0} \mathbf{G}_A^{(8)}(Q^2) + (1 + R_A^{(0)}) \mathbf{G}_A^s(Q^2)$$

$$1/ \quad \mathbf{G}_A^{CC}(Q^2) = \frac{g_A}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_A^2}\right)^2}$$

$$g_A = 1.2670 \pm 0.0035 \quad (\text{neutron } \beta \text{ decay})$$

$$M_A = 1.001 \pm 0.020 \quad (\text{vN data})$$

$$2/ \quad \mathbf{G}_A^{(8)}(0) = 0.169 \pm 0.007 \quad (\text{from hyperon decay})$$

$$\mathbf{G}_A^s(0) = \Delta s \quad \text{ranging from 0 to } -0.14 \quad (\text{DIS data})$$

Q^2 dependence unknown

3/ Electroweak radiative corrections (including anapole effects) :

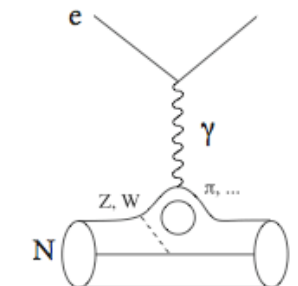
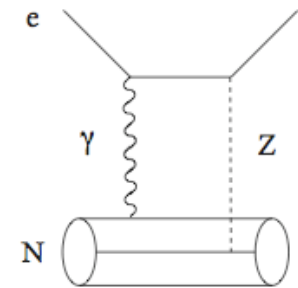
$$R_A^{T=1} \approx -0.24 \pm 0.24$$

Isvector contr. poorly determined

$$R_A^{T=0} \approx -0.24 \pm 0.14$$

$$R_A^{(0)} \approx -0.55$$

Q^2 dependence unknown



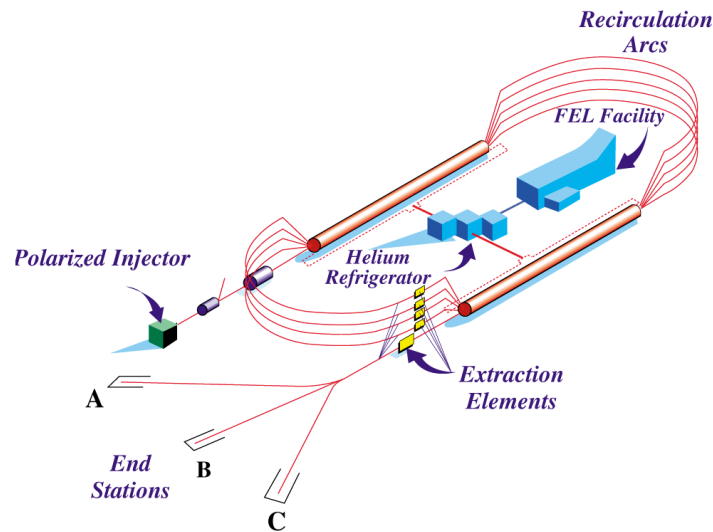
PV electron scattering experiments

Expt/Lab	Target/ Angle	Q^2 (GeV ²)	A_{phys} (ppm)	Sensitivity	Status
SAMPLE/Bates					
SAMPLE I	LH ₂ /145	0.1	-6	$m_s + 0.4G_A$	2000
SAMPLE II	LD ₂ /145	0.1	-8	$m_s + 2G_A$	2004
SAMPLE III	LD ₂ /145	0.04	-4	$m_s + 3G_A$	2004
HAPPEx/JLab					
HAPPEx	LH ₂ /12.5	0.47	-15	$G_E + 0.39G_M$	2001
HAPPEx II, III	LH ₂ /6	0.11	-1.6	$G_E + 0.1G_M$	2006, 2007
HAPPEx He	⁴ He/6	0.11	6	G_E	2006, 2007
HAPPEx	LH ₂ /14	0.63	-24	$G_E + 0.5G_M$	-2009
A4/Mainz					
PVA4	LH ₂ /35	0.23	-5	$G_E + 0.2G_M$	2004
PVA4 I	LH ₂ /35	0.11	-1.4	$G_E + 0.1G_M$	2005
PVA4 II	LH ₂ /145	0.23	-17	$G_E + \eta G_M + \eta' G_A$	2009
PVA4 III	LH ₂ /35	0.63	-25.5	$G_E + 0.64G_M$	-2009
G0/JLab					
Forward	LH ₂ /35	0.1 to 1	-1 to -40	$G_E + \eta G_M$	2005
Backward	LH ₂ /LD ₂ /110	0.23, 0.63	-12 to -45	$G_E + \eta G_M + \eta' G_A$	2009

G0 experimental setup

Measurement $A_{PV} \sim -3$ to -40 ppm with $dA_{PV} / A_{PV} \sim 5\%$ and separation of G_E^s and G_M^s

Two phases for Forward measurement (F) and Backward measurements (B)

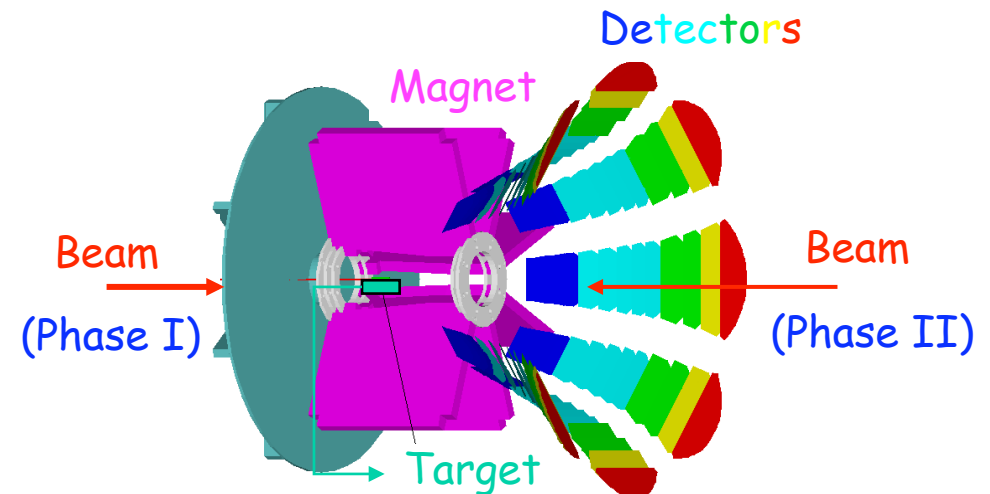


CEBAF accelerator

- ✓ $E_{\text{beam}} = 3.03 \text{ GeV (F), } 362 - 687 \text{ MeV (B)}$
- ✓ $L = 2 \text{ to } 4 \cdot 10^{38} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ with $I_e = 40 \text{ (F), } 20\text{-}60 \mu\text{A (B)}$
- ✓ High polarization : 75% (F), 85% (B)
- ✓ Fast Helicity reversal (33 ms) + beam feedback

G0 setup (hall C)

- ✓ Superconducting toroidal magnet
- ✓ LH_2 (F,B) and LD_2 (B) targets
- ✓ Large acceptance $\Delta\Omega = 0.9 \text{ sr (F), } 0.5 \text{ sr (B)}$



G0 Forward angle configuration

Single measurement for $Q^2 = 0.12 - 1 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$

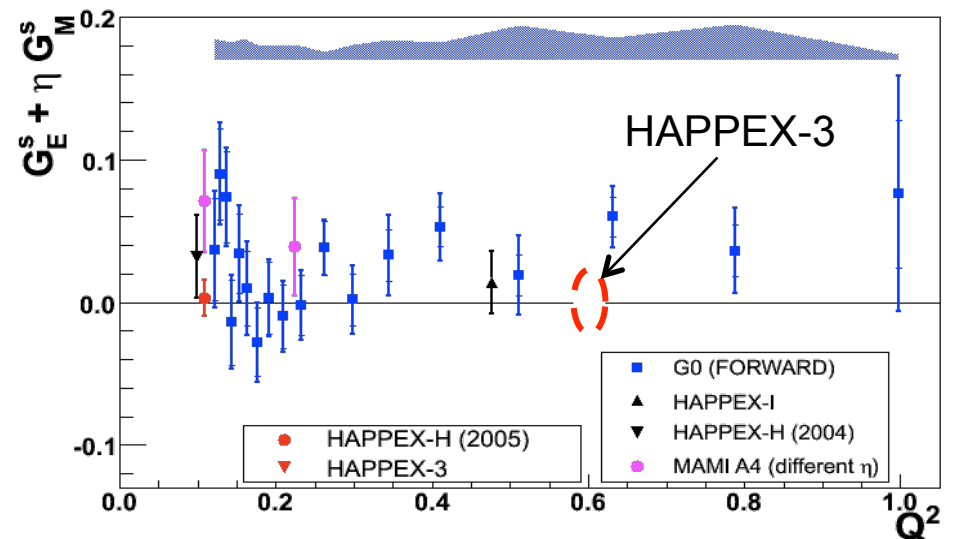
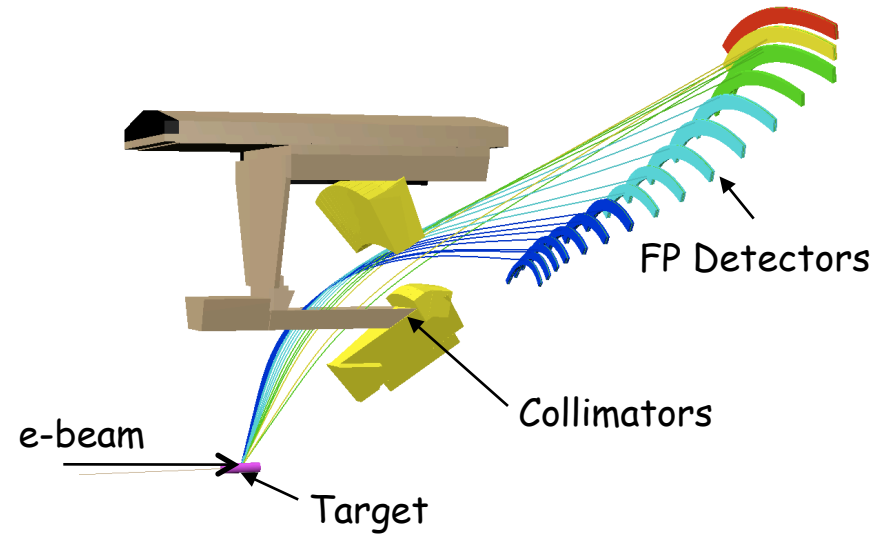
$$E_{e^-} = 3 \text{ GeV and } \theta_p \sim 70^\circ \rightarrow \theta_e = 7 \text{ to } 15^\circ$$

- ✓ Recoil protons detected through a toroidal magnetic field in 8 sectors of 16 Focal plane detectors (FPD).
- ✓ Time of flight discrimination between elastic and inelastic processes

Strange quark contribution :

$$\mathbf{G}_E^s + \eta \mathbf{G}_M^s = \frac{4\pi\alpha\sqrt{2}}{G_F Q^2} \frac{\epsilon G_E^{p^2} + \tau G_M^{p^2}}{\epsilon G_E^p (1 + R_V^{(0)})} (A_{phys} - A_{NVS})$$

A null strange quark contribution is rejected at 89 % CL



D.S. Armstrong *et al.*, PRL 95, 092001 (2005)

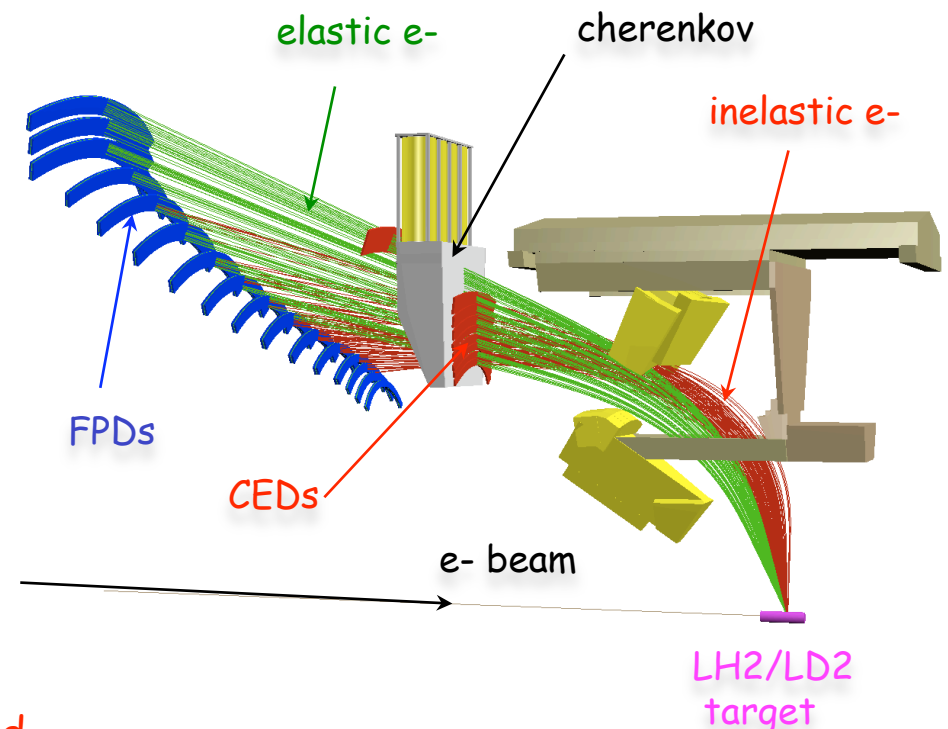
G0 Backward angle configuration

G0 backward measurements at $Q^2 = 0.22$ and 0.63 (GeV/c)²

- Detection of the scattered electrons ($\theta_e \sim 110^\circ$)
- Small Q^2 acceptance : 2 different beam energies required (362 and 687 MeV)
- Measurement on LH₂ and LD₂ targets

Experimental set-up

- Standard 2 ns beam structure
 - Turn-around of the magnet (compared to forward configuration)
 - Coincidence matrix between 9 CED and 14 FPD scintillators to separate elastic and inelastic electrons
 - Cherenkov detector electron/pion separation
- Electrons AND pions matrices have been recorded



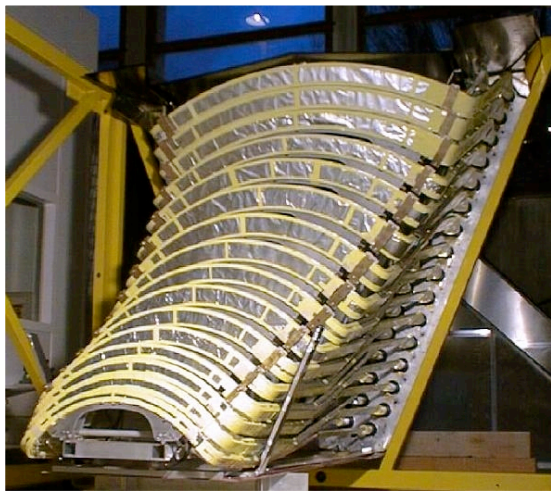
Phase II : G^0 backward experiment in hall C at JLab.

Superconducting magnet

CED detectors

Focal plan detectors

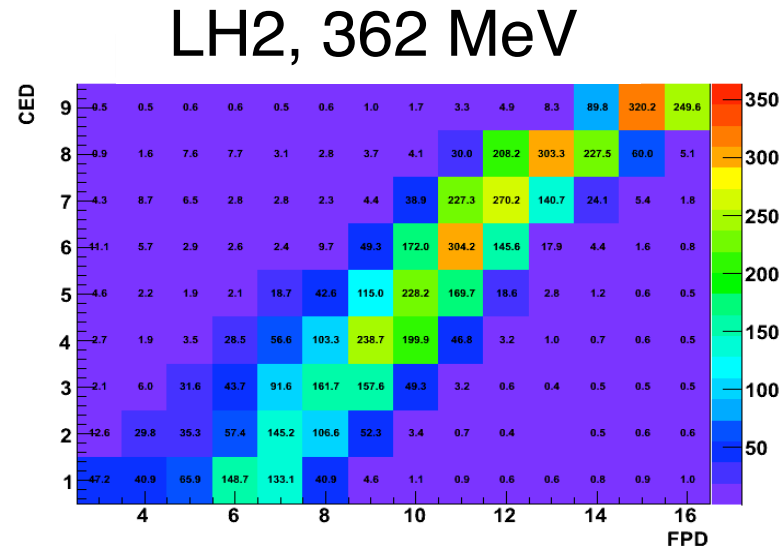
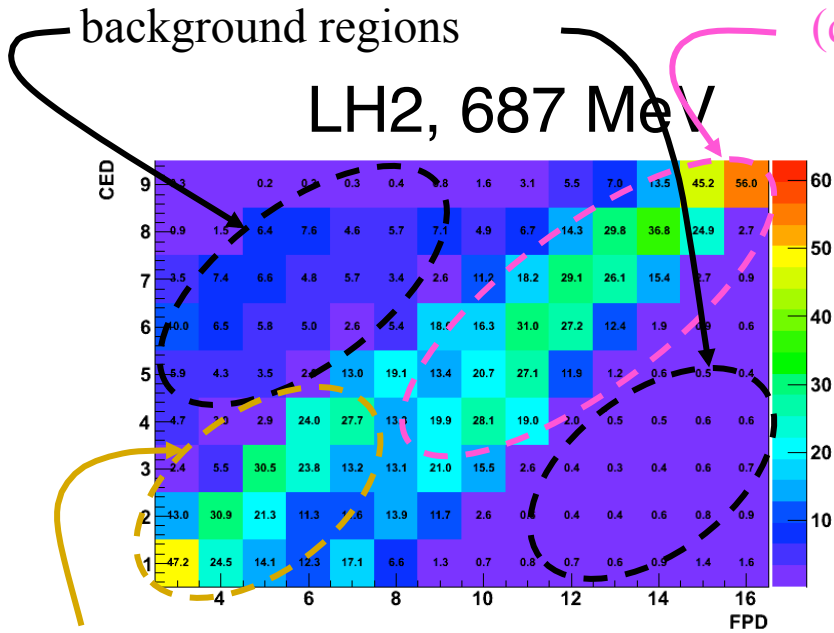
Cherenkov detectors



G^0 Backward Angle data taking
between April. '06 and March '07

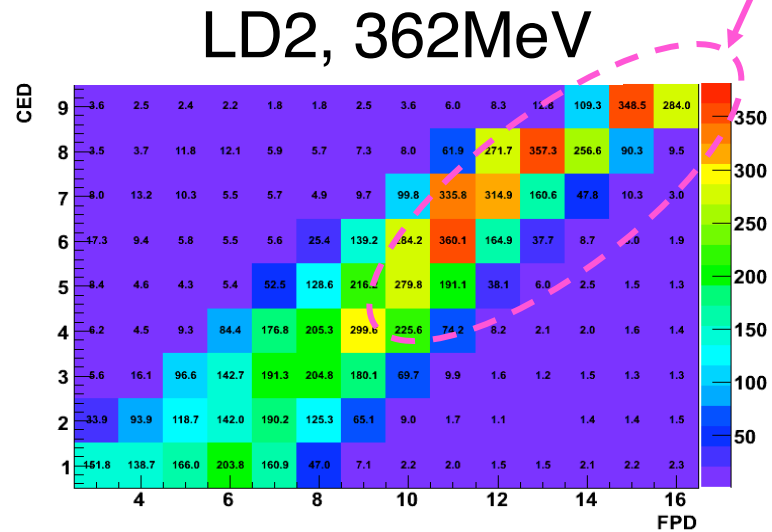
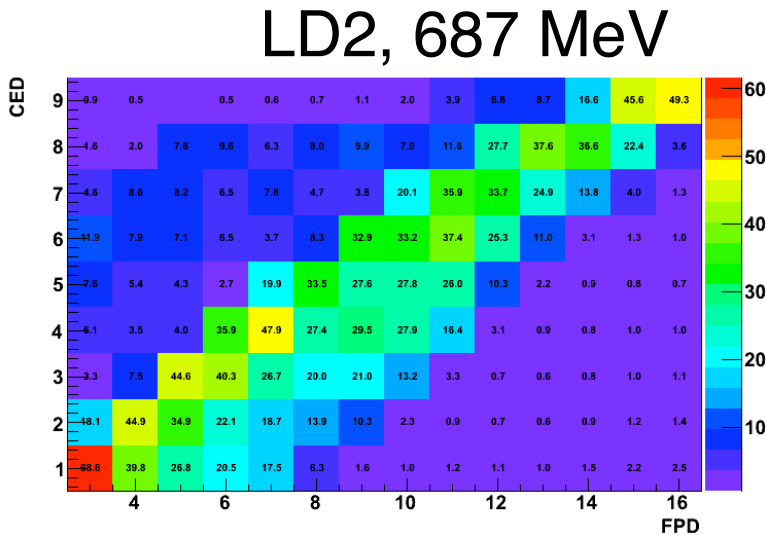


Coincidence matrix for electron only (4 settings)

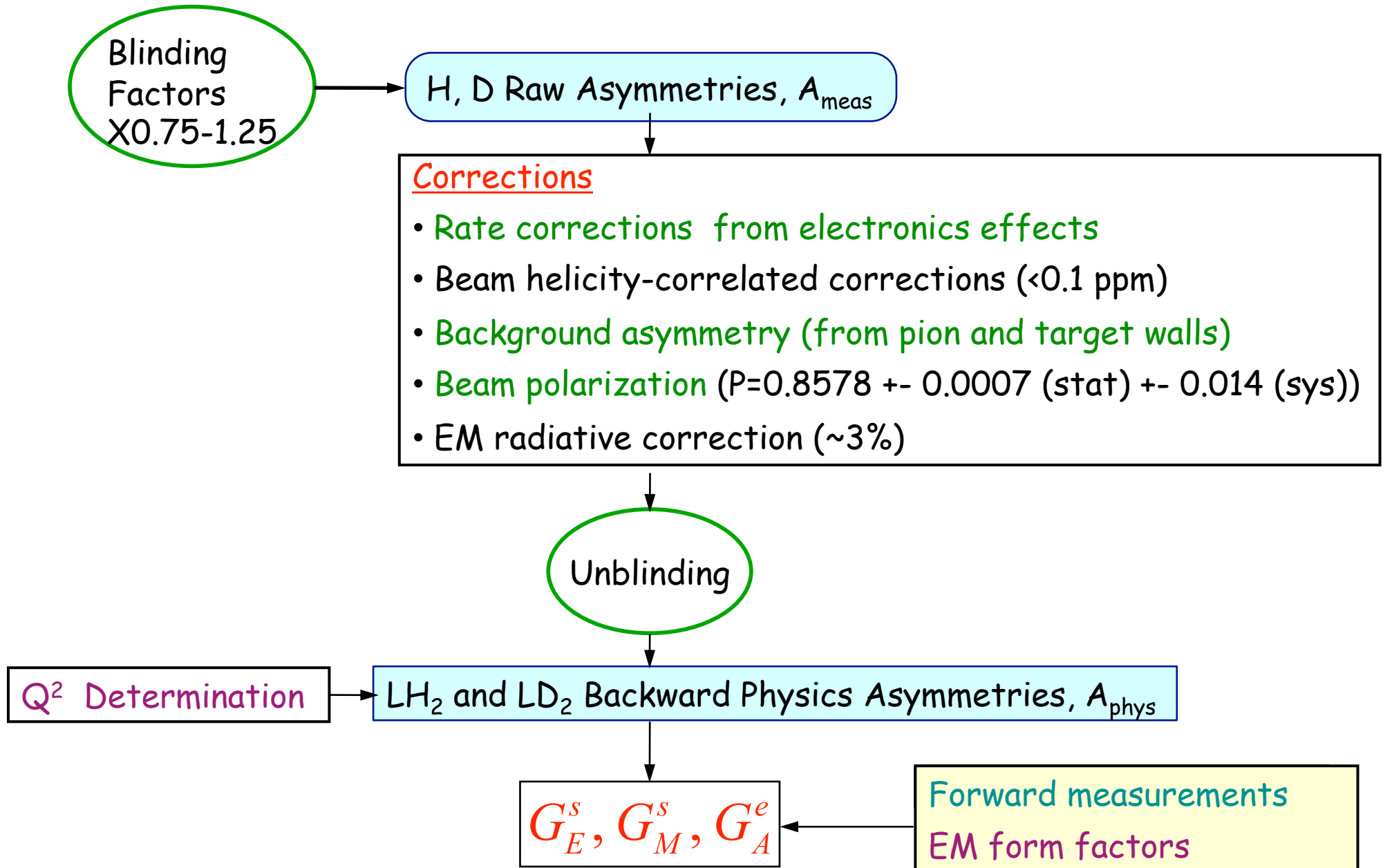


inelastic electrons

With Cerenkov validation



Analysis overview



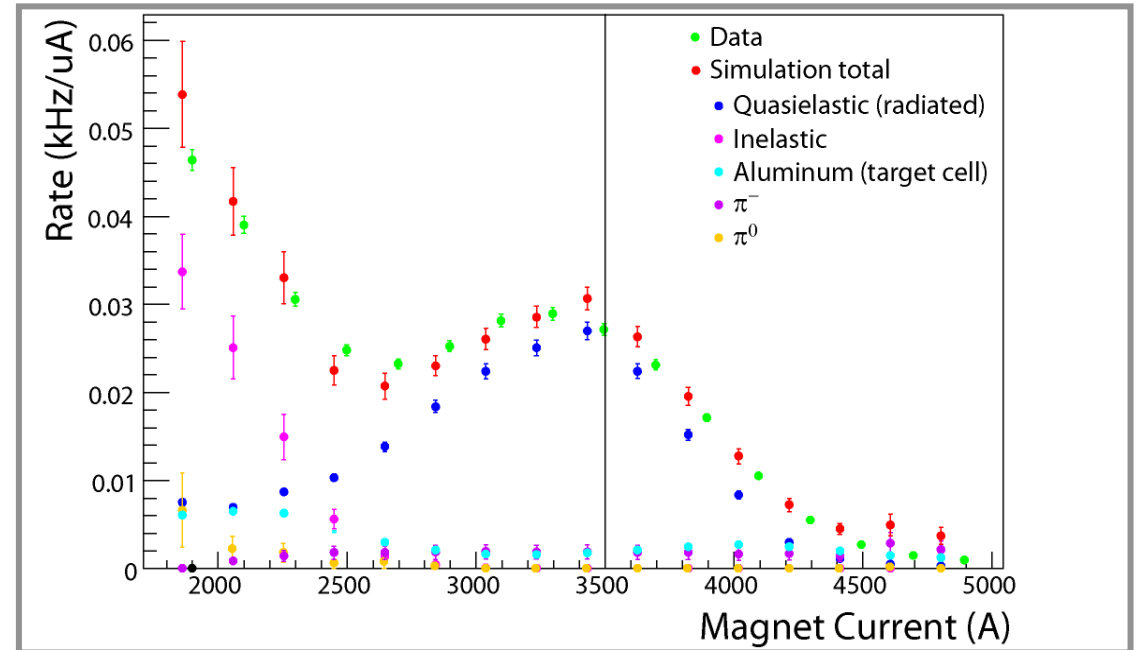
Backgrounds - Magnetic Field Scans

Magnetic field scans :

→ Use **simulation Shapes** to help determine dilution factors

Main contribution are :

- ✓ Aluminum Windows (~10%)
- ✓ π contamination in LD₂ at $Q^2 = 0.63 \text{ GeV}^2$



Data set	Asymmetry Correction (ppm)	systematic error (ppm)
LH2 / 0.22 GeV^2	0.5	0.11
LD2 / 0.22 GeV^2	0.07	0.04
LH2 / 0.67 GeV^2	0.13	0.62
LD2 / 0.67 GeV^2	2.03	0.38

$$A_{corr} = \frac{A_{meas} - f_{Al}A_{Al} - f_{\pi}A_{\pi}}{1 - f_{Al} - f_{\pi}}$$

Physics Asymmetries

Data Set	Asymmetry	Stat	Sys pt	Sys Global	Total
H 362	-11.416	0.872	0.268	0.385	0.990
D362	-17.018	0.813	0.411	0.197	0.932
H687	-46.14	2.43	0.84	0.75	2.68
D687	-55.87	3.34	1.98	0.64	3.92

Preliminary results

(all entries in ppm, not for quotation)

Comments :

- ✓ **Statistical errors** between 4.7 to 7.6 % of the asymmetry (depending on the setting)
- ✓ Beam polarization error (1.6%) dominate the **systematic point-to-point error** except for LD₂ target at 0.63 GeV² where the rate correction error dominates.
- ✓ Main contributions to the **global systematic errors** are coming from polarization measurement for LD₂ setting and background correction for LH₂ setting.

Strange form-factors extraction

$$A_{phys} - a_0 = a_1 G_E^s + a_2 G_M^s + a_3 G_A^e$$

Q ²	Setting	A _{phys} -a ₀	a ₁	a ₂	a ₃
0.63	F / LH ₂	+3	79	43	2
	B / LH ₂	-8	22	63	12
	B / LD ₂	-2	12	12	9

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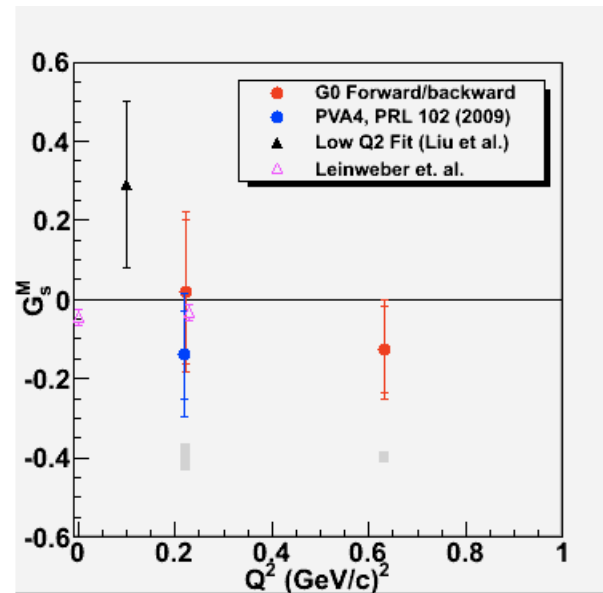
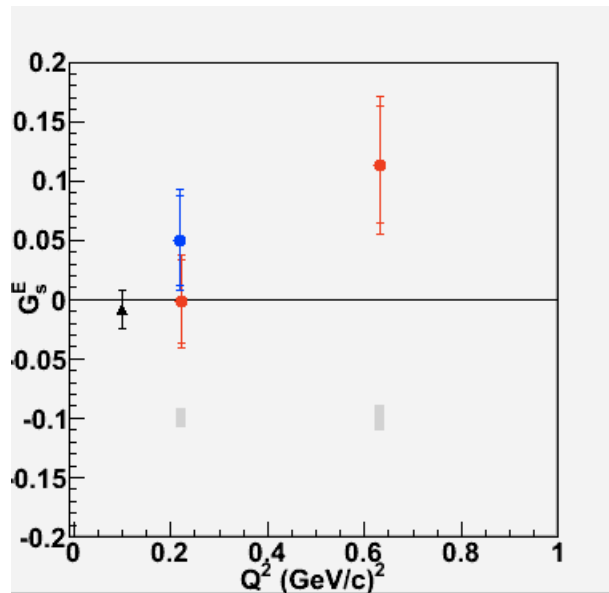
Starting from asymmetries, it requires :

- ✓ Effective Q² determination from simulation : Q²= 0.2205 and 0.6279 (GeV/c)²
- ✓ Interpolation of GO forward angle data
- ✓ 2 Bosons corrections on the asymmetries : < 1.5% effect

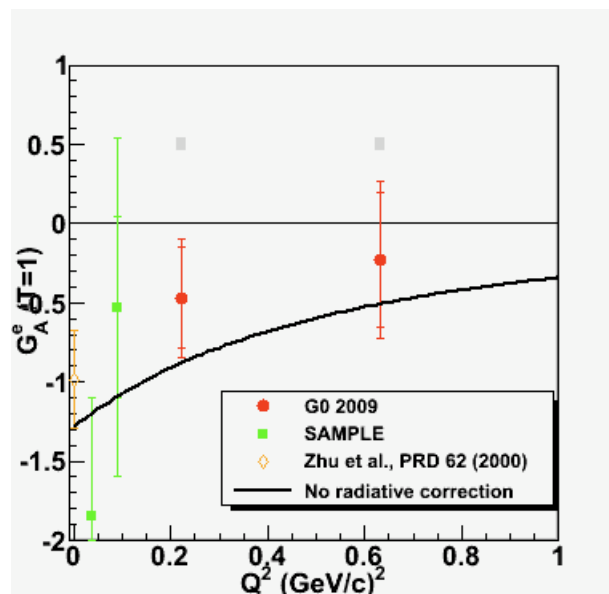
(Tjon, Blunden, Melnitchouk, Phys. Rev. C 79, 055201 (2009))

- ✓ a_i-coefficients for LH₂ asymmetries : Kelly E.M. form factors (PRC 70 (2004))
- ✓ a_i-coefficients for LD₂ asymmetries : Use deuteron model (from Schiavilla priv. comm.)

G0 results on strange form-factors



Global uncertainties



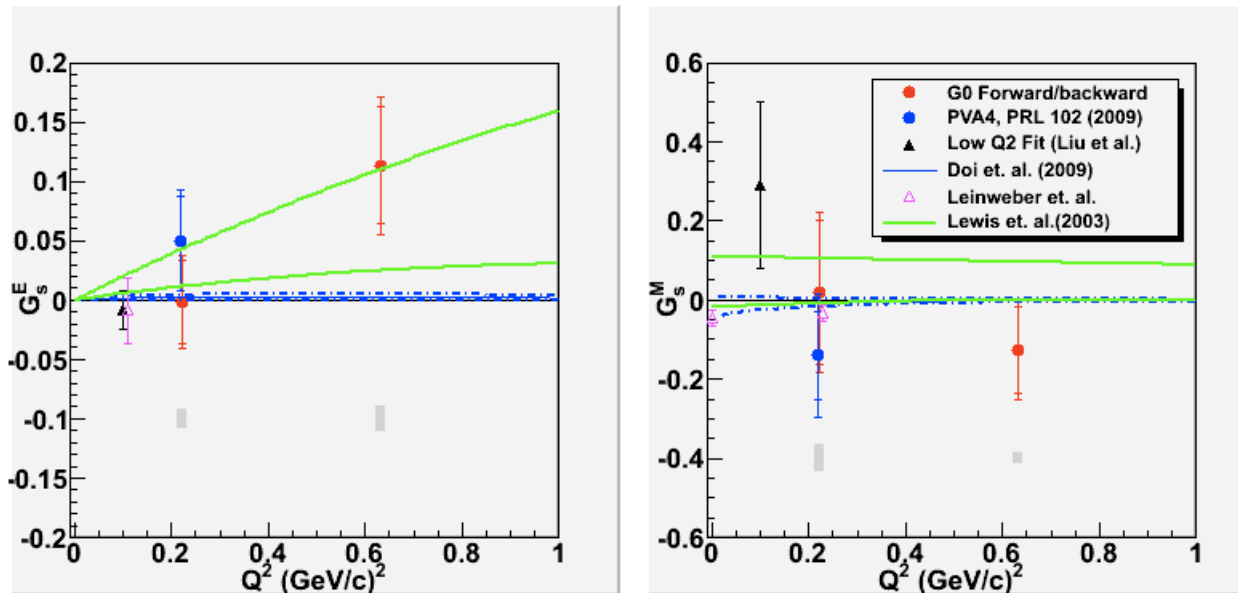
Found a good agreement between data

✓ Small positive G_E^S at $Q^2 = 0.63 \text{ GeV}^2$

✓ G_M^S consistent with zero

✓ First Q^2 dependence on axial G_A form factor, smaller than G_A^{tree} (without radiative corrections)

G0 results on strange form-factors



Non-exhaustive comparison with theory (only small sample of models)

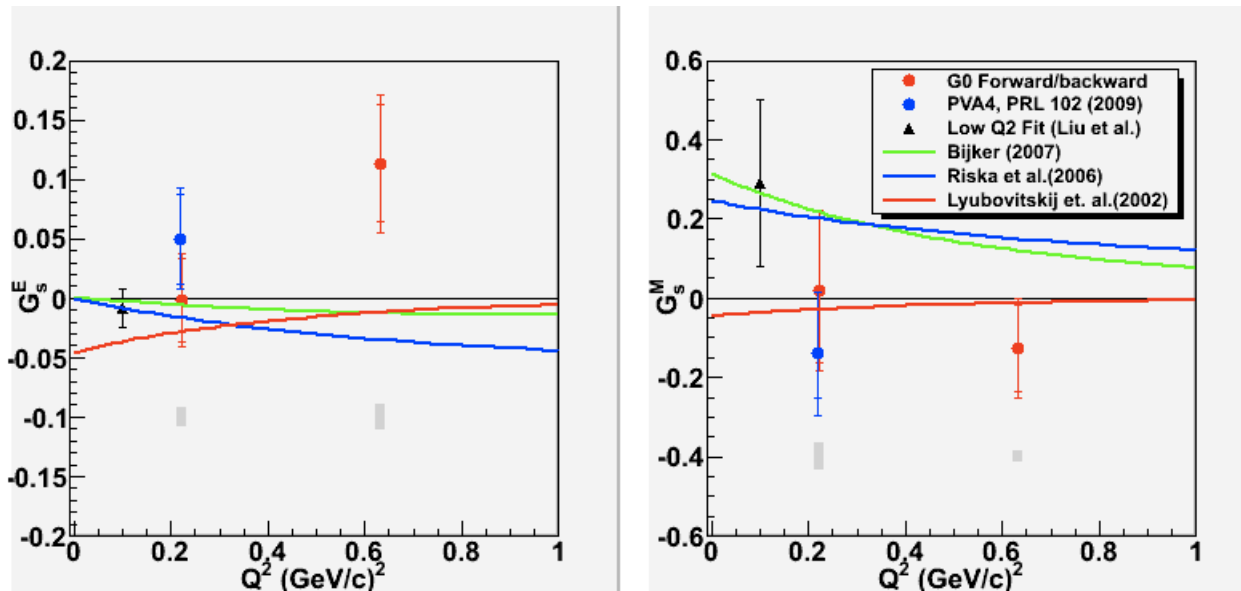
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Lewis et al. (2003), Leinweber et al. (2004, 05), Doi et al. (2009)

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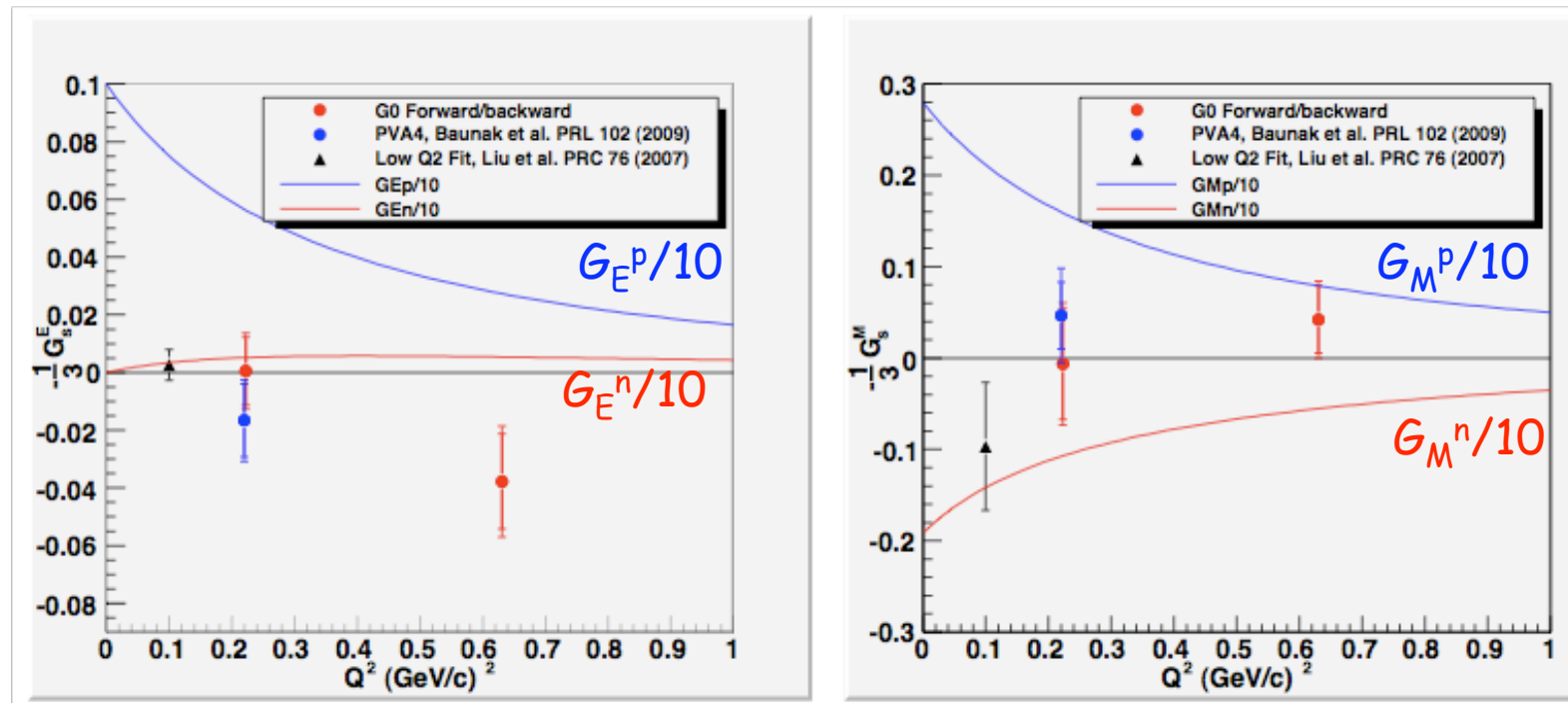
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Contribution to overall form-factors



NEXT STEPS :

- ✓ combine G0 and PVA4 data at $Q^2 = 0.22$ (GeV/c)²
- ✓ Reduced uncertainties with foreseen PVA4 and Happex data at $Q^2 = 0.63$ (GeV/c)²
- ✓ Overall fit on 33 separate asymmetry measurements for H, D, He targets
(preliminary fit (including neutrino data) shown by J. Schaub et al. at PAVI09)

Summary

- ✓ New G_0 measurements of Backward asymmetries for 2 energies ($Q^2 = 0.22$ and 0.63 (GeV/c)^2) and 2 targets (LH_2 and LD_2)
- ✓ Full separation of strange vector G_e^s , G_M^s and isovector axial G_a^e at 0.22 and 0.63 GeV^2 when combined with G_0 Forward measurements
 - First look at Q^2 dependence of strange quark contribution to proton's FF
 - Small positive G_E^s at higher Q^2
 - G_M^s consistent with zero
- ✓ First results for the Q^2 behavior of the Axial isovector FF
 - First indication of the Q^2 dependence of the anapole contribution
- Other results to come soon from G_0 :
 - Transverse beam spin asymmetry ($2\text{-}\gamma$ exchange)
 - PV asymmetry in $\text{N-}\Delta$ transition (0.3 (GeV/c)^2)
 - PV asymmetry in inclusive π^- production

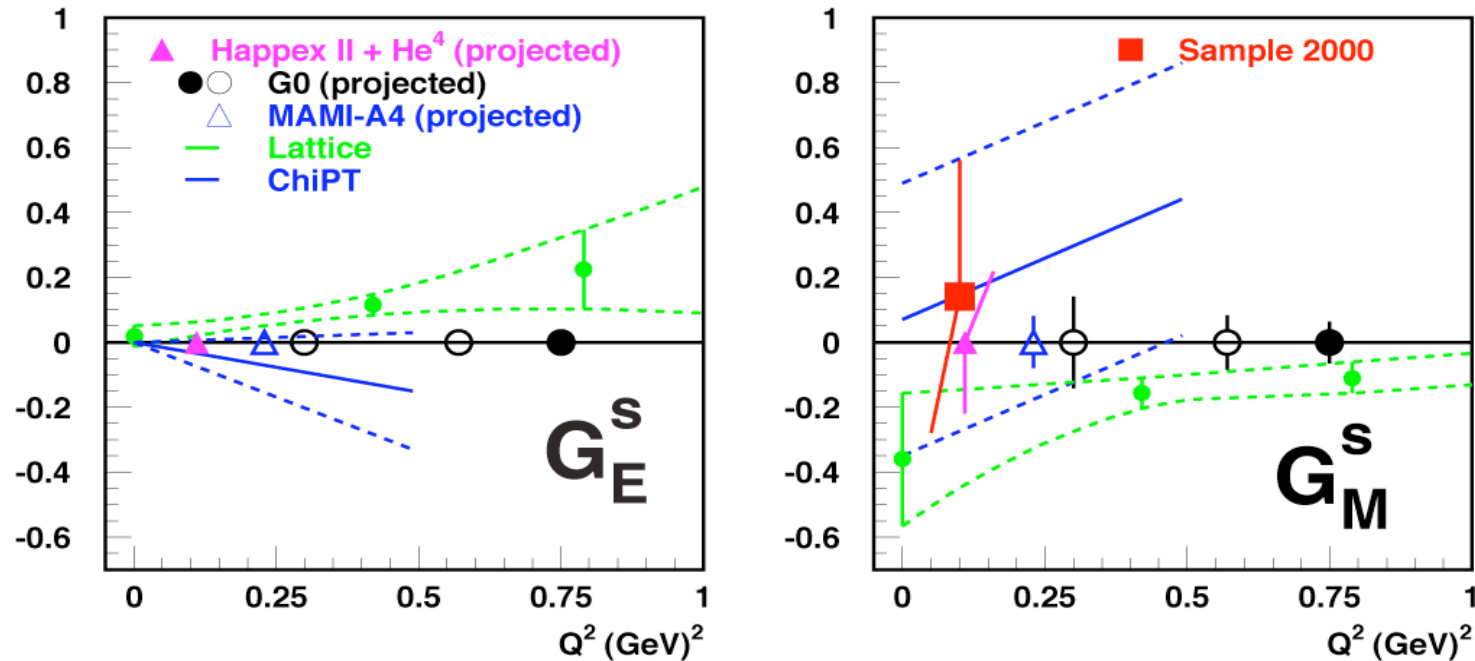
(part of) the G0 Collaboration (backward angle run)



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Status on vector current form factors (2005)



Important improvements from coming measurements

- ✓ Improved statistics of HAPPEX II (factor 6-10) at 0.1 (GeV/c)²
- ✓ Separation of the 2 term (E,M) with Forward measurement (HAPPEX III) and Backward measurements (G0 and A4)
 - ⇒ Large Q^2 domain covered (0.1, 0.23, 0.47 and 0.8 (GeV/c)²)

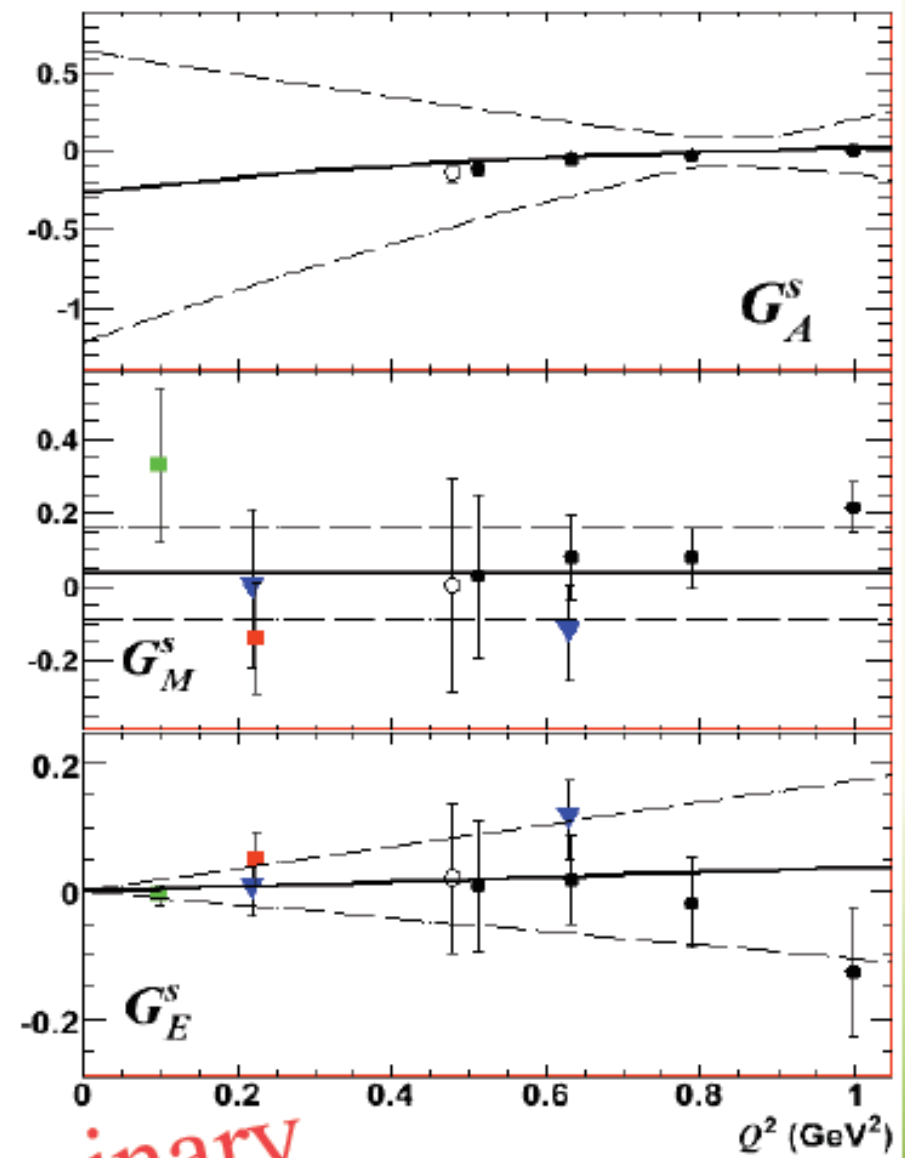
Fit Uncertainty Limit Curves

Taken from J. Schaub talk (PAVI09)

- G0 (forward ep) + E734 (νp and $\bar{\nu} p$)
- HAPPEX (forward ep) + E734 (νp and $\bar{\nu} p$)
- PVA4 (forward and backward ep)
- ▼ G0 (forward and backward ep , and backward ed)
- HAPPEX + PVA4 + SAMPLE + G0 (0.1 GeV^2)

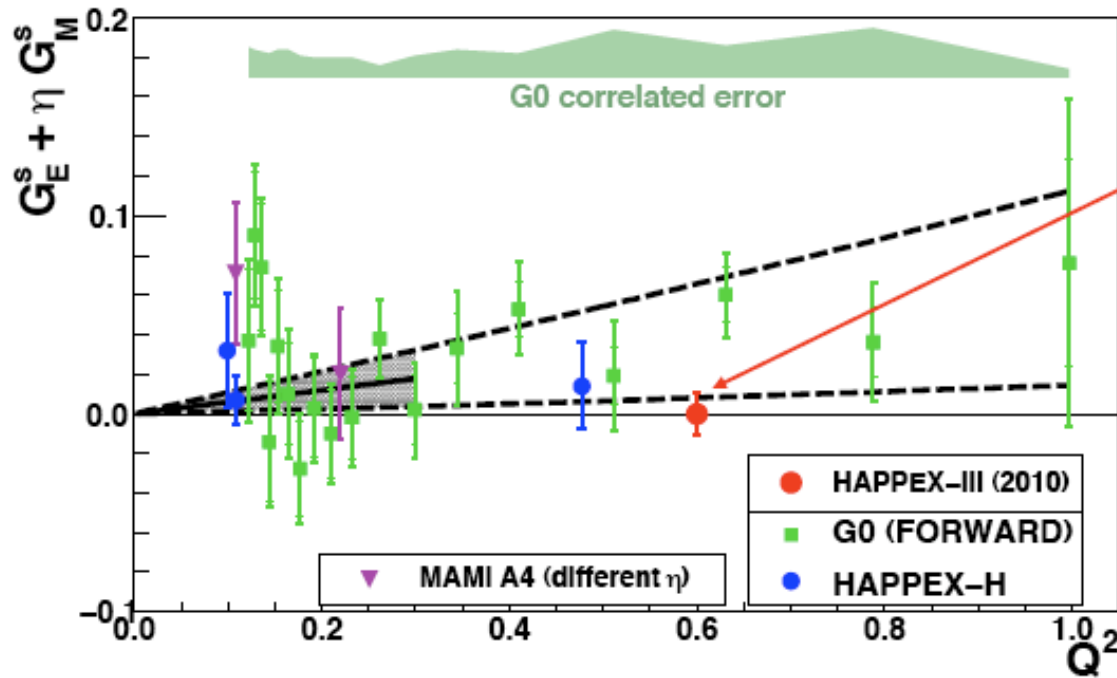
———— 5 parameter fit
 - - - - 70% confidence level

Parameter	Fit to Existing Data
ρ_s	0.13 ± 0.21
μ_s	0.035 ± 0.053
ΔS	-0.27 ± 0.41
Λ_A	1.3 ± 1.9
S_A	0.32 ± 0.48



Preliminary

HAPPEX-III

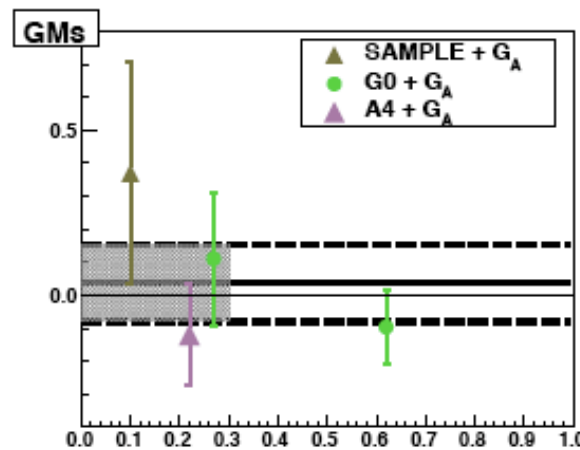
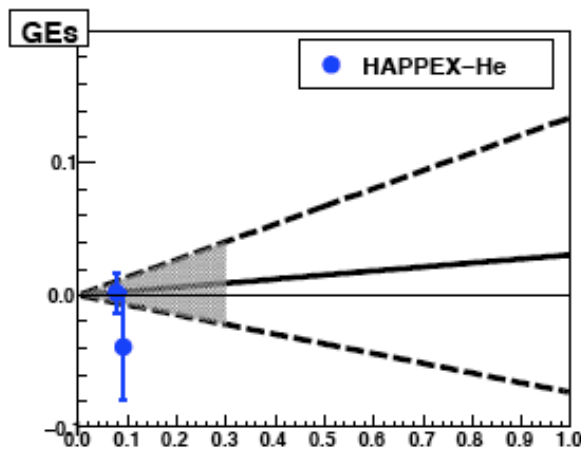


HAPPEX-III (running 2009)

$$\delta(G_E^s + 0.48 G_M^s) \sim 0.01$$

World data suggests central value 4σ from zero

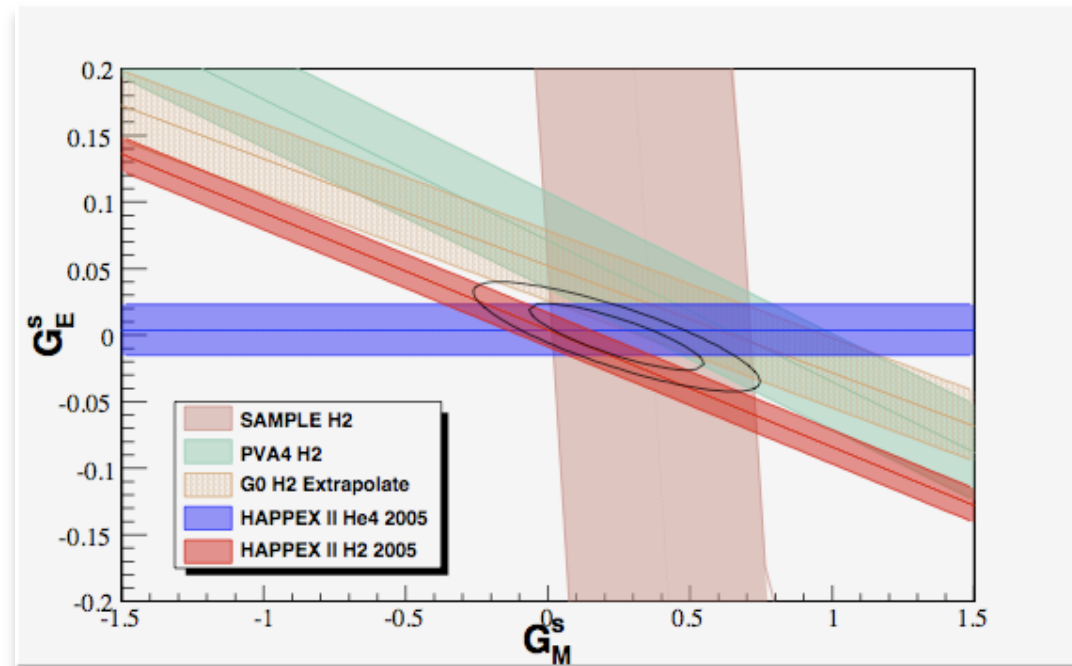
Taken from K. Paschke talk (PAVI09)



World data at $Q^2 = 0.1 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$

Solid Ellipse :
68.27% CL / 95.45% CL
Uses theoretical
constraints on
the axial form factor

Placement of *SAMPLE*
band depends on G_A
calculation



From J.Liu et al. PRC 76 (2007)

$$G_E^s = -0.006 \pm 0.016 \quad (\sim 0.2\% \text{ of the proton electric FF})$$

$$G_M^s = 0.33 \pm 0.21 \quad (\sim 3\% \text{ of the proton magnetic FF})$$

Asymmetry corrections

LH2 362 MeV	Value (ppm)	Stat. (ppm)	Syst. pt (ppm)	Sys. Glo (ppm)	Total (ppm)
Measured asym.	-9.941	0.872			
Background asym.	-9.441		0.034		
Dilution correction			0.109	0.411	
Transverse correction			0.025	0.008	
Rate correction	-9.444		0.090		
Beam polarization	-11.010		0.223	0.133	
EM Radiative corr.	-11.416		0.023		
Physics asym.	-11.416	0.872	0.268	0.431	1.009

LH2 687 MeV	Value (ppm)	Stat. (ppm)	Syst. pt (ppm)	Sys. Glo (ppm)	Total (ppm)
Measured asym.	-38.141	2.443			
Background asym.	-38.272		0.405		
Dilution correction			0.467	0.888	
Transverse correction				0.008	
Rate correction	-38.393		0.173		
Beam polarization	-44.757		0.518	0.537	
EM Radiative corr.	-46.394		0.093		
Physics asym.	-46.394	2.443	0.831	1.038	2.781

LD2 362 MeV	Value (ppm)	Stat. (ppm)	Syst. pt (ppm)	Sys. Glo (ppm)	Total (ppm)
Measured asym.	-14.047	0.813			
Background asym.	-14.114				
Dilution correction			0.021	0.086	
Transverse correction			0.037	0.008	
Rate correction	-14.152		0.232		
Beam polarization	-16.498		0.331	0.197	
EM Radiative corr.	-17.018		0.061		
Physics asym.	-17.018	0.813	0.411	0.215	0.936

LD2 687 MeV	Value (ppm)	Stat. (ppm)	Syst. pt (ppm)	Sys. Glo (ppm)	Total (ppm)
Measured asym.	-44.021	3.328			
Background asym.	-46.053		0.052		
Dilution correction			0.374	0.316	
Transverse correction			0.009	0.008	
Rate correction	-46.349		1.828		
Beam polarization	-54.033		0.621	0.644	
EM Radiative corr.	-55.858		0.201		
Physics asym.	-55.858	3.328	1.977	0.717	3.936

Deuterium Model

$$A_{phys} = a_0 + a_1 G_E^s + a_2 G_M^s + a_3 G_A^e$$

calculations from R. Schiavilla, see also R.S., J. Carlson, and M. Paris, PRC70, 044007 (2004).

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