



# Electromagnetic Interactions

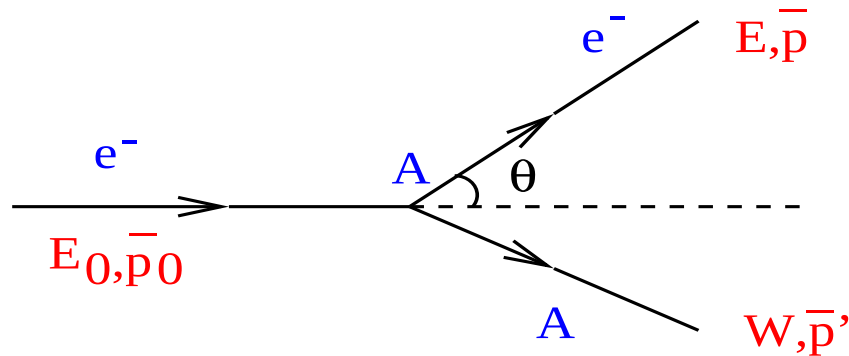
Introduction to Elementary Particle Physics

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# e-nucleus Scattering (neglecting spin)



The transition probability (per unit time) is given by **the Fermi golden rule**:

$$W = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |M_{if}|^2 \rho_f$$

For a potential  $V(r)$  the matrix element is given by the volume integral:

$$M_{if} = \int \Psi_f^* V(r) \Psi_i d\tau$$

$\psi_i$  = wave function of the incoming electron

$\psi_f$  = wave function of the scattered electron

The *Born approximation* assumes the perturbation to be weak; we can represent  $\psi_i$  and  $\psi_f$  as plane waves

$$M_{if} = \int e^{i(\vec{k}_0 - \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{r}} V(\vec{r}) d^3\vec{r}$$

where  $\mathbf{k}_0 = \mathbf{p}_0/\hbar$  and  $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{p}/\hbar$  are the initial and final propagation vectors, respectively.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho_f &\rightarrow \frac{p^2 d\Omega}{h^3} \frac{dp}{dE_f} \\
 E_f &= \text{total energy in the final state} \\
 dW &= \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |M_{if}|^2 \frac{p^2 d\Omega}{h^3} \frac{dp}{dE_f} \\
 d\sigma &= \frac{dW}{v} \quad v = \text{velocity of the incident beam}
 \end{aligned}
 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2 \hbar^4} \frac{p^2}{v} \frac{dp}{dE_f} |M_{if}|^2$$

Let us now consider the nuclear recoil. We assume that both incident and scattered electrons are extreme relativistic ( $v \approx 1$ ) and we set  $\hbar=c=1$ .

$$p_0 = k_0 = E_0 \quad p = k = E$$

From **energy conservation**:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 E_i & = & p_0 + M & = & p + W = E_f \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 \text{initial} & & \text{nucleus} & & \text{final} \\
 \text{energy} & & \text{mass} & & \text{energy}
 \end{array}$$

From **momentum conservation**:

$$\vec{p}_0 = \vec{p}' + \vec{p}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_f &= p + W = p + \sqrt{\vec{p}'^2 + M^2} \\
 &= p + \sqrt{(\vec{p}_0 - \vec{p})^2 + M^2} \\
 &= p + \sqrt{p_0^2 + p^2 - 2p_0 p \cos \vartheta + M^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left( \frac{dp}{dE_f} \right)_{\vartheta} = \frac{W}{E_f - p_0 \cos \vartheta} = \frac{W}{M} \frac{p}{p_0}$$

$$\frac{p}{p_0} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{p_0}{M}(1 - \cos \theta)} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2p_0}{M} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} p^2 \frac{W}{M} \frac{p}{p_0} \left| \int e^{i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}} V(\vec{r}) d^3 \vec{r} \right|^2$$

$$\vec{q} = \vec{p}_0 - \vec{p} \quad \text{momentum transfer}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{dp}{dE_f}\right)_g &= \frac{1}{\left(\frac{dE_f}{dp}\right)_g} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2p - 2p_0 \cos \mathcal{G}}{2\sqrt{p_0^2 + p^2 - 2p_0 p \cos \mathcal{G} + M^2}}} \\
&= \frac{W}{W + p - p_0 \cos \mathcal{G}} \\
&= \frac{W}{E_f - p_0 \cos \mathcal{G}} \\
&= \frac{W}{M} \frac{M}{p_0 + M - p_0 \cos \mathcal{G}} \\
&= \frac{W}{M} \frac{p}{p_0}
\end{aligned}$$

$$p_0 + M = p + \sqrt{p_0^2 + p^2 - 2p_0 p \cos \theta + M^2}$$

$$(p_0 + M - p)^2 = p_0^2 + p^2 - 2p_0 p \cos \theta + M^2$$

$$\cancel{p_0^2} + \cancel{M^2} + \cancel{p^2} + 2p_0 M - 2p_0 p - 2Mp = \cancel{p_0^2} + \cancel{p^2} - 2p_0 p \cos \theta + \cancel{M^2}$$

$$: 2p_0^2$$

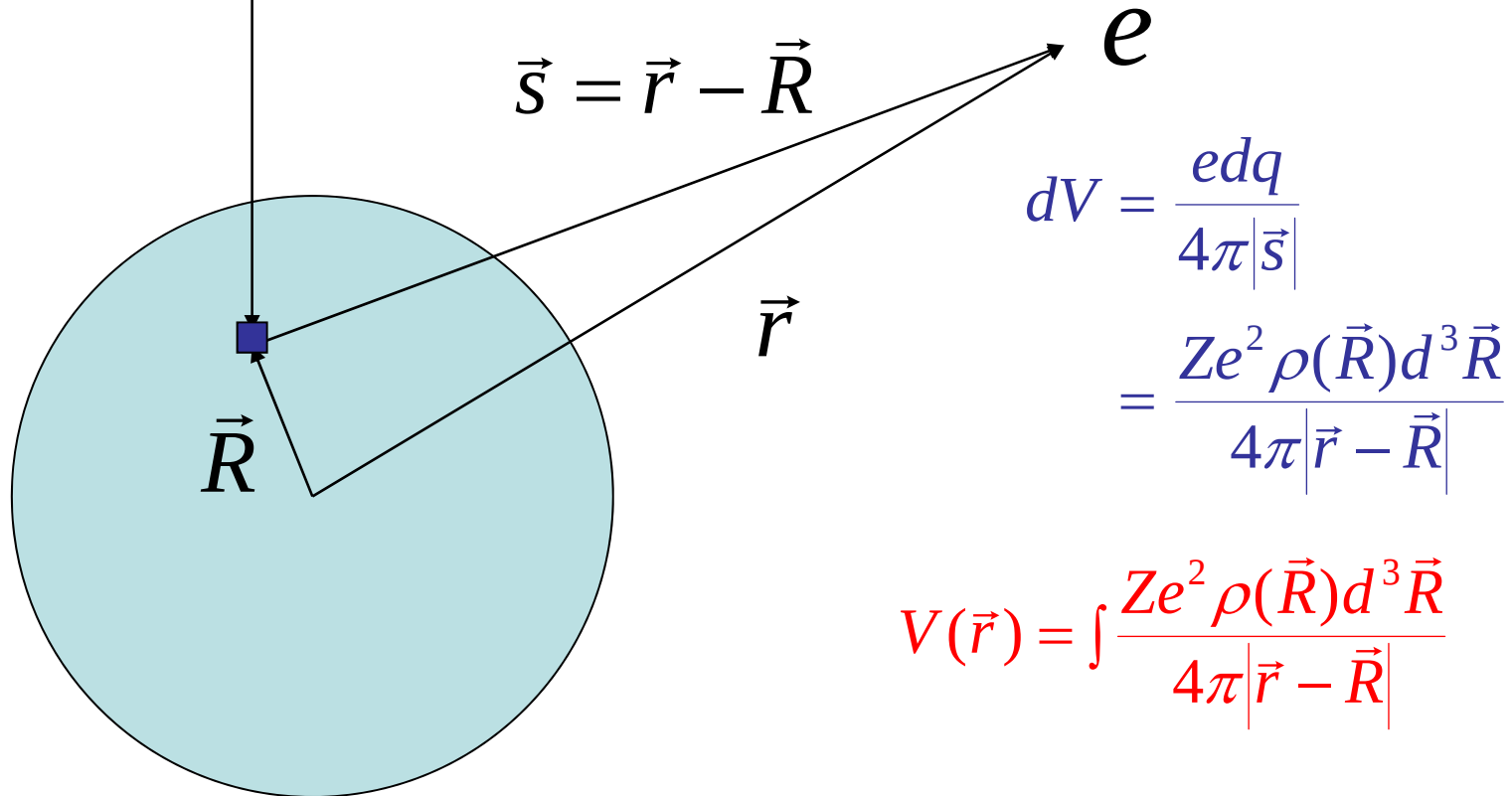
$$\frac{M}{p_0} - \frac{p}{p_0} - M \frac{p}{p_0^2} + \frac{p}{p_0} \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\frac{p}{p_0} = \frac{M}{p_0 + M - p_0 \cos \theta} = \boxed{\frac{1}{1 + \frac{p_0}{M} (1 - \cos \theta)}}$$

Let us now calculate the matrix element, taking for  $V(r)$  the coulomb interaction.  
We represent the nucleus by a sphere of charge density  $Ze\rho(\vec{R})$

$$\int \rho(\vec{R}) d^3\vec{R} = 1$$

$$dq = Ze\rho(\vec{R})d^3\vec{R}$$



$$V(\vec{r}) = \int \frac{Ze^2 \rho(\vec{R}) d^3\vec{R}}{4\pi |\vec{r} - \vec{R}|}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
M_{if} &= \int d^3\vec{r} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}} \int d^3\vec{R} \frac{Ze^2 \rho(\vec{R})}{4\pi|\vec{r}-\vec{R}|} \\
&= \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi} \int d^3\vec{r} \int d^3\vec{R} \frac{e^{i\vec{q}\cdot(\vec{r}-\vec{R})} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}} \rho(\vec{R})}{|\vec{r}-\vec{R}|} \\
&= \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi} \int d^3\vec{R} \rho(\vec{R}) e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}} \int \frac{e^{iqs\cos\alpha}}{s} 2\pi s^2 ds (\cos\alpha)
\end{aligned}$$

$\alpha$  polar angle  
between  $\vec{s}$  and  $\vec{q}$

Let us define the **Nuclear Form Factor**  $F(\vec{q}) = \int \rho(\vec{R}) e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}} d^3\vec{R}$

If  $\rho(\vec{R})$  is spherically symmetric  $\rho(\vec{R}) = \rho(R)$

$$\begin{aligned}
F(\vec{q}) &= \int \left( 1 + i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R} - \frac{(\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R})^2}{2} + \dots \right) \rho(R) d^3\vec{R} & q^2 = |\vec{q}|^2 \\
&= 1 - \frac{1}{6} q^2 \langle R^2 \rangle + \dots & \longrightarrow F = F(q^2)
\end{aligned}$$

The matrix element becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{if} &= \frac{Ze^2}{2} F(q^2) \int_0^\infty s ds \int_{-1}^1 e^{iqs \cos \alpha} d(\cos \alpha) \\ &= \frac{Ze^2}{2} F(q^2) \int_0^\infty s \frac{e^{iqs} - e^{-iqs}}{iqs} ds \end{aligned}$$

This integral diverges.

We modify  $V(r)$  by a factor  $e^{-r/a}$  which takes into account the screening of the nucleus by atomic electrons.

Since  $a \approx$  atomic dimensions  $\gg R \approx$  nuclear dimension, we can write:

$$e^{-r/a} \approx e^{-s/a} \quad R \ll a$$

And the matrix element becomes:

$$M_{if} = \frac{Ze^2}{2iq} F(q^2) \int_0^\infty e^{-s/a} (e^{iqs} - e^{-iqs}) ds$$

$$\int e^{-s(\frac{1}{a}-iq)} ds - \int e^{-s(\frac{1}{a}+iq)} ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{a}-iq} - \frac{1}{\frac{1}{a}+iq} = \frac{\frac{1}{a}+iq - \frac{1}{a}+iq}{q^2 + \frac{1}{a^2}} = \frac{2iq}{q^2 + \frac{1}{a^2}}$$

$$M_{if} = \frac{Ze^2 F(q^2)}{q^2 + \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^2}$$

$$a \approx 10^{-8} \text{ cm} = 10^{-10} \text{ m} \approx 5 \times 10^5 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

$$1/a \approx 0.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV} = 2 \text{ keV}$$

$$q^2 \gg (1/a)^2$$



$$M_{if} = \frac{Ze^2}{q^2} F(q^2)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = 4Z^2 \left( \frac{e^2}{4\pi} \right)^2 \frac{1}{q^4} p^2 \frac{W}{M} \frac{p}{p_0} [F(q^2)]^2$$

Let us assume  $\frac{W}{M} \approx 1$  (Non relativistic nuclear recoil)

$$p' = q \ll p_0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad p \approx p_0 \quad \left(\frac{p}{p_0} \approx 1\right)$$

$$q^2 = (\vec{p}_0 - \vec{p})^2 \approx 2p_0^2 - 2p_0^2 \cos \theta = 4p_0^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = 4Z^2 \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi}\right)^2 \frac{1}{16p_0^4 \sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}} p_0^2 [F(q^2)]^2 = \frac{Z^2 \alpha^2}{4p_0^2 \sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}} [F(q^2)]^2$$

$$[d\Omega = 2\pi d(\cos \theta); \quad dq^2 = 2p_0^2 d(\cos \theta); \quad d\Omega = \frac{\pi}{p_0^2} dq^2]$$

For an effectively pointlike nucleus, i.e. low values of  $q^2$ ,  $F(q^2) \approx 1$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{Z^2 \alpha^2}{4p_0^2 \sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dq^2} = \frac{4\pi Z^2 \alpha^2}{q^4}$$

Rutherford  
cross section

# Four-momentum Transfer

Initial state

$$\begin{cases} P_0 \equiv (E_0, \vec{p}_0) & \text{incident electron} \\ P'_0 \equiv (M, \vec{0}) & \text{nucleus at rest in the laboratory} \end{cases}$$

Final state

$$\begin{cases} P \equiv (E, \vec{p}) & \text{scattered electron} \\ P' \equiv (W, \vec{p}') & \text{recoiling nucleus} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} q^2 &\equiv (P_0 - P)^2 = (E_0 - E)^2 - (\vec{p}_0 - \vec{p})^2 \\ &= E_0^2 + E^2 - 2E_0E - p_0^2 - p^2 + 2\vec{p}_0 \cdot \vec{p} \\ &= 2m^2 - 2E_0E + 2p_0p \cos \theta & m \ll E \\ &\approx -2p_0p(1 - \cos \theta) = -4p_0p \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$q^2 < 0$$

spacelike

(scattering processes)

$$q^2 > 0$$

timelike

(annihilation, e.g.  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ )

Considering the four-momentum transfer to the nucleus:

$$-q^2 = (P'_0 - P'_0)^2 = (M - W)^2 - \vec{p}'^2 = 2M^2 - 2MW = -2MK$$

where  $K = W - M$  = kinetic energy of the nucleus

Thus: 
$$\frac{W}{M} = 1 + \frac{q^2}{2M^2}$$

The nucleus recoils coherently for  $q^2 \ll 2M^2$

$$\frac{W}{M} \approx 1$$

The nuclear form factor:

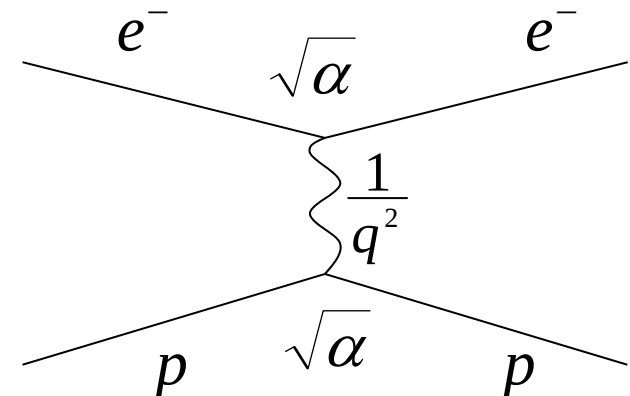
$$\begin{aligned}
 F(q^2) &= \int \rho(R) e^{iqR \cos \theta} 2\pi R^2 d(\cos \theta) dR \\
 &= \int \rho(R) \frac{e^{iqR} - e^{-iqR}}{iqR} 2\pi R^2 dR \\
 &= \int \rho(R) \frac{\sin qR}{qR} 4\pi R^2 dR
 \end{aligned}$$

Typical nuclear radius is  $R \approx$  a few fm. For example, if  $R = 4$  fm,  $qR = 1$ ,  $q = 1/R$

$$qc = \frac{\hbar c}{R} = \frac{197 \text{ MeV} \cdot \text{fm}}{4 \text{ fm}} \approx 50 \text{ MeV}$$

Therefore if  $q \ll 50 \text{ MeV}/c$ ,  $qR \rightarrow 0$  and  $F(q^2) \rightarrow 1$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dq^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{q^4}$$



# Electron Spin

For a relativistic fermion the spin vector  $\vec{\sigma}$  is aligned with the momentum vector  $\vec{p}$

$$\langle \sigma_z \rangle = \pm 1 \quad \langle \sigma_x \rangle = \langle \sigma_y \rangle = 0$$

if  $\vec{p}$  defines the z axis.

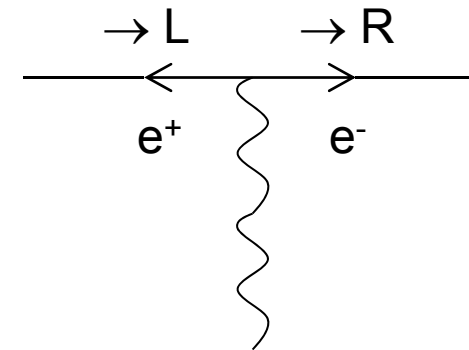
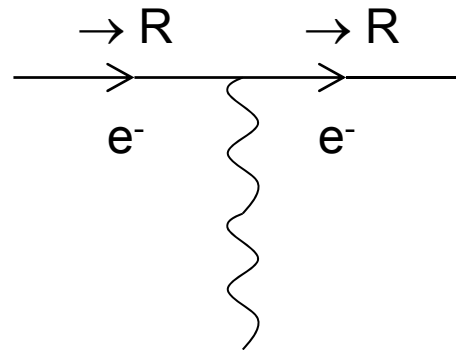
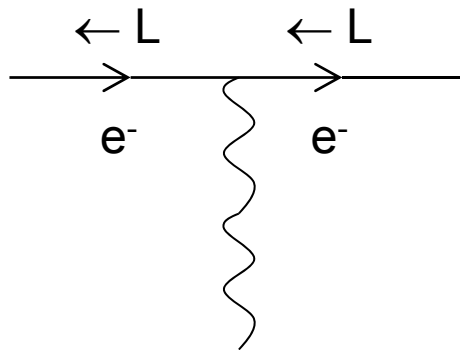
The helicity H is defined as:

$$H = \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|} = \pm 1$$

H=+1 right-handed  $\psi_R$

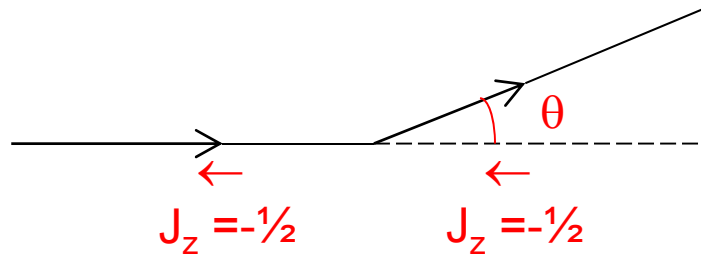
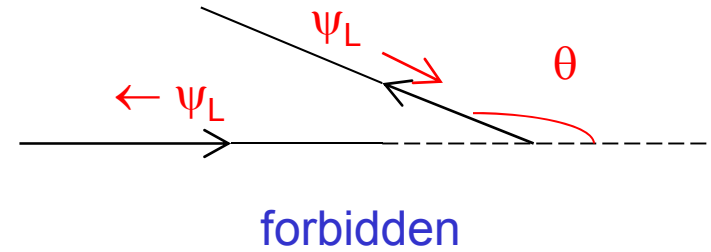
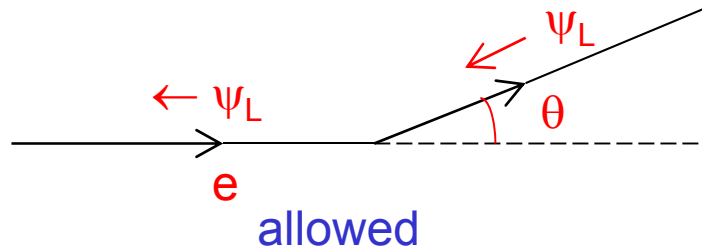
H= -1 left-handed  $\psi_L$

**In electromagnetic interactions helicity is conserved.**



  $J_z = \pm 1$  Transverse photon

In the relativistic limit fermion and antifermion have opposite helicities.



Helicity amplitudes

$$d_{mm'}^j(\theta)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} J_z = -\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow J_z = -\frac{1}{2} & d_{-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ J_z = +\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow J_z = +\frac{1}{2} & d_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ J_z = \pm \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow J_z = \mp \frac{1}{2} & d_{\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \end{array} \right.$$

Mott  
cross section

$$\left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{Mott} = \frac{Z^2 \alpha^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{4 p_0^2 \sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2 p_0}{M} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

the factor  $p/p_0$   
takes into account  
the nuclear recoil.

# e-N Scattering

Let us now consider also the spin of the target. In the scattering of electrons by hypothetical pointlike protons there will be a magnetic and an electrical interaction.

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Dirac} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Rutherford} \left( \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{q^2}{2M^2} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{Z^2 \alpha^2}{4p_0^2 \sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2p_0}{M} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

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electrical  
(non spin-flip)

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magnetic  
(spin-flip)

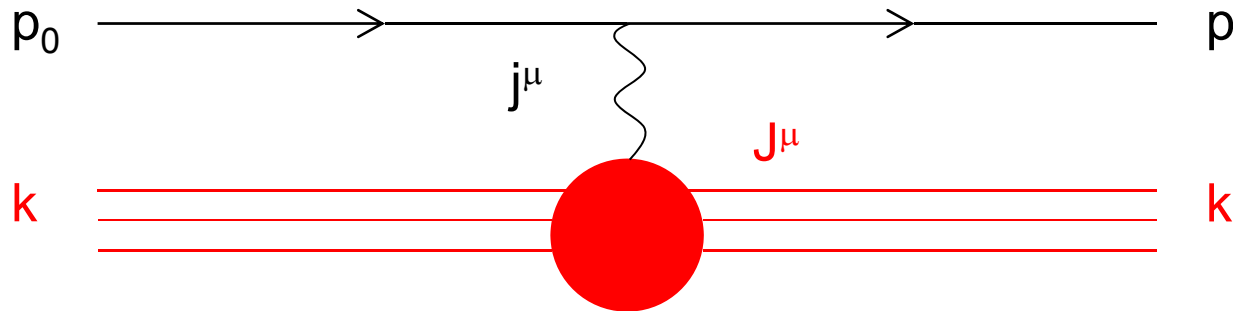
If nucleons were pointlike this would be the cross section. However p and n are not pointlike, as shown by their anomalous magnetic moments:

|   | $\mu(\text{Dirac})$           | $\mu(\text{experimental})$ |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| p | $e\hbar/2mc = 1 \text{ n.m.}$ | +2.79 n.m.                 |
| n | 0                             | -1.91 n.m.                 |



**Nucleons have an extended structure**

# Proton Structure



$$j^\mu = -e \bar{u}(p) \gamma^\mu u(p_0) e^{i(p-p_0) \cdot x}$$

$$J^\mu = e \bar{u}(k') [\cdots] u(k) e^{i(k'-k) \cdot x}$$

$[\cdots] =$  most general 4-vector which can be constructed from  $k, k', q$  and the Dirac matrices  $\gamma^\mu$ .

There are only two independent terms,  $\gamma^\mu$  and  $i\sigma_{\mu\nu}q^\nu$ , and their coefficients are functions of  $q^2$ .

$$[\cdots] = F_1(q^2) \gamma^\mu + \frac{\kappa}{2M} F_2(q^2) i \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu$$

$F_1$  and  $F_2$  are the **Form Factors of the Proton**

As  $q^2 \rightarrow 0$  we see a particle of charge  $e$  and magnetic moment  $\frac{(1+\kappa)e\hbar}{2Mc}$

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(0) &= 1 \\ F_1(0) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_2(0) &= 1 \\ F_2(0) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

proton  
neutron

$$\left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right) = \left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{Rutherford}} \times \left[ \left( F_1^2 - \frac{\kappa^2 q^2}{4M^2} F_2^2 \right) \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{q^2}{2M^2} (F_1 + \kappa F_2)^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

Sachs Form Factors  $G_E \equiv F_1 + \frac{\kappa q^2}{4M^2} F_2$  **electric** Form Factor

$G_M \equiv F_1 + \kappa F_2$  **magnetic** Form Factor

$$\left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right) = \left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{Rutherford}} \times \left[ \frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 2\tau G_M^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

$$\left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right) = \left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{Mott}} \times \left[ \frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau} + 2\tau G_M^2 \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right] \quad \tau = \frac{q^2}{4M^2}$$

**Rosenbluth Formula**

$$G_E = G_E(q^2)$$

$$G_M = G_M(q^2)$$

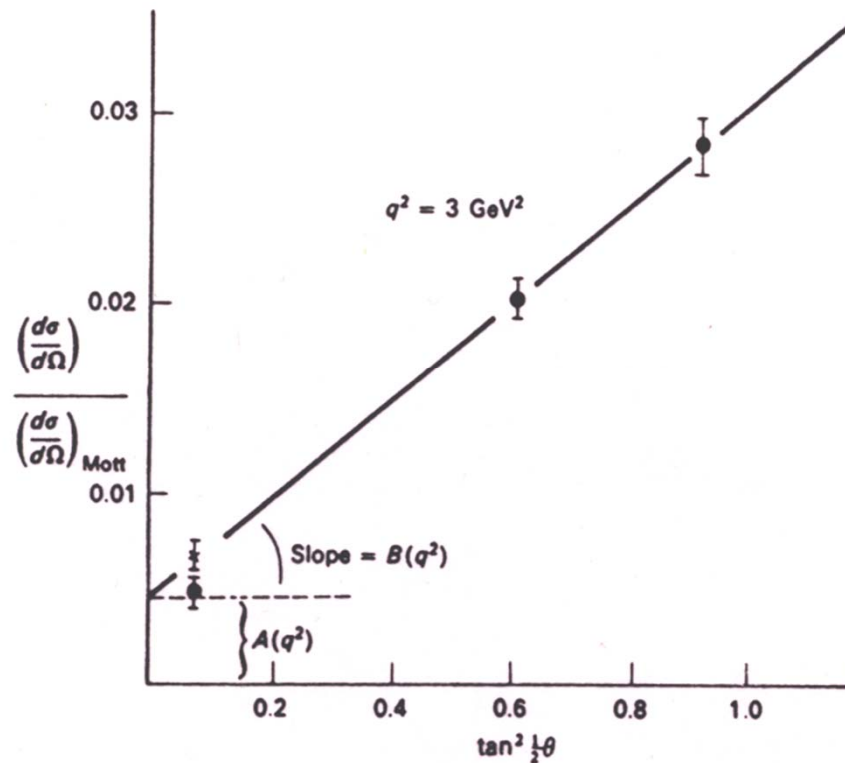
$$G_E^p(0) = 1$$

$$G_E^n(0) = 0$$

$$G_M^p(0) = +2.79$$

$$G_M^n(0) = -1.91$$

$$\frac{\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)}{\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Mott}} = A(q^2) + B(q^2) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$



Rosenbluth  
Plot

The experimental determination of the nucleon form factors in the spacelike region ( $q^2 < 0$ ) is carried out by directing  $e^-$  beams of energy between 400 MeV and 16 GeV at a hydrogen target (for the proton) or deuterium (for the neutron).

$$e^- + p \rightarrow e^- + p$$

$$e^- + d \rightarrow e^- + d$$

For the neutron:

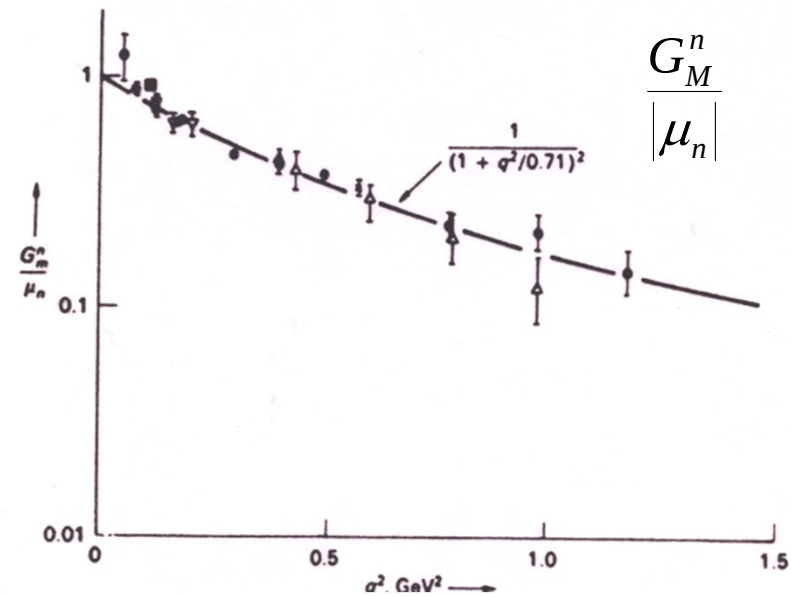
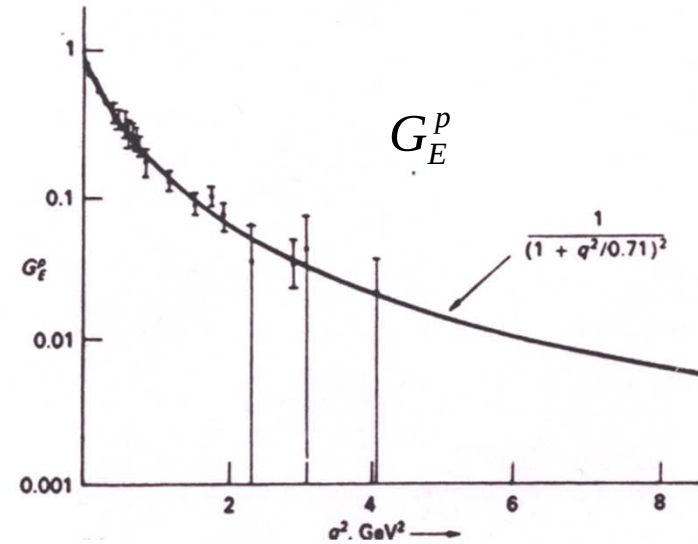
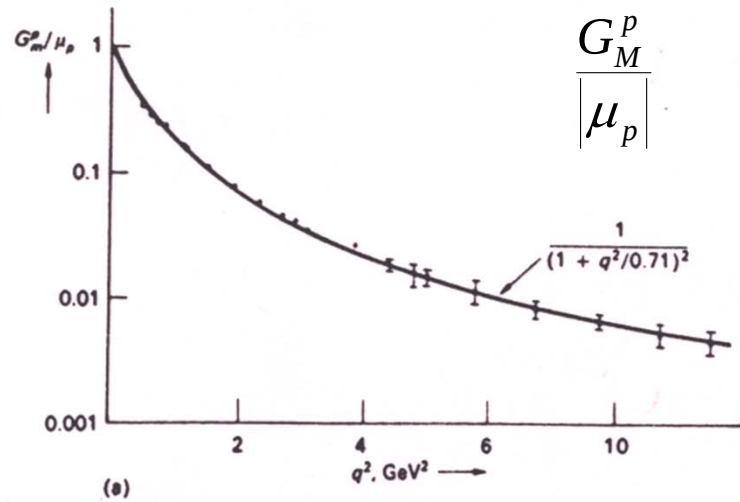
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(en) = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(ed) - \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(ep) + \text{fattori di correzione}$$

Scaling laws for the form factors:

$$G_E^p(q^2) = \frac{G_M^p(q^2)}{|\mu_p|} = \frac{G_M^n(q^2)}{|\mu_n|} = G(q^2)$$

$$G_E^n(q^2) = 0$$

# Nucleon Spacelike Form Factors



# Proton Form Factors at High $q^2$

Dipole formula:  $G(q^2) = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{q^2}{M_V^2}\right)^2}$

$$M_V^2 = (0.84 \text{ GeV})^2$$

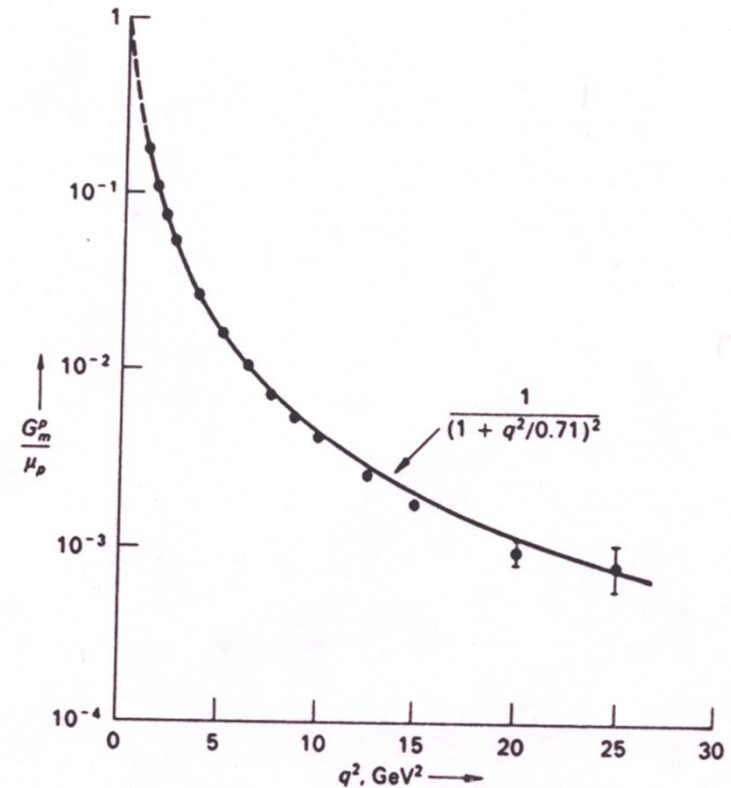
The dipole form corresponds to an exponential charge distribution

$$\rho(R) = \rho_0 e^{-M_V R}$$

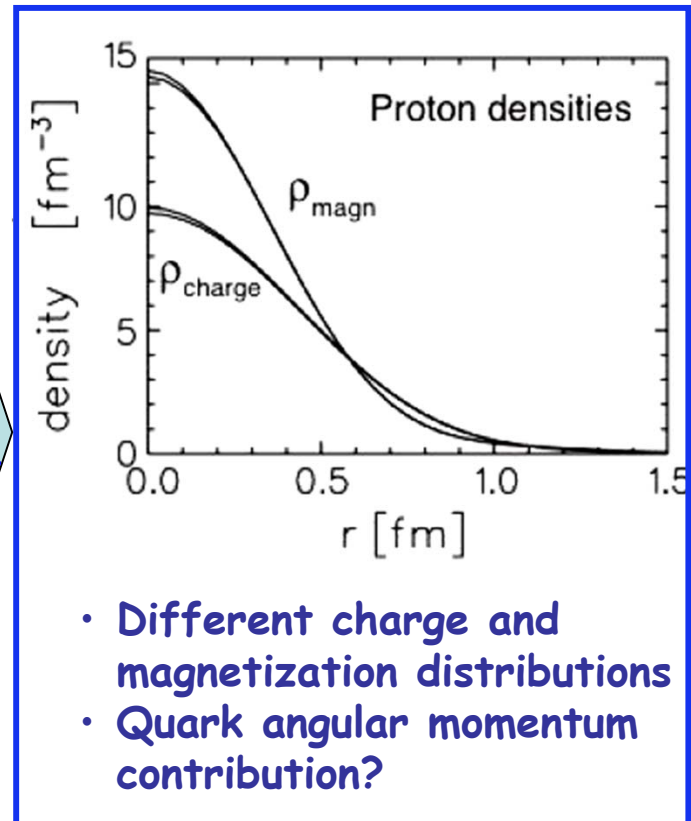
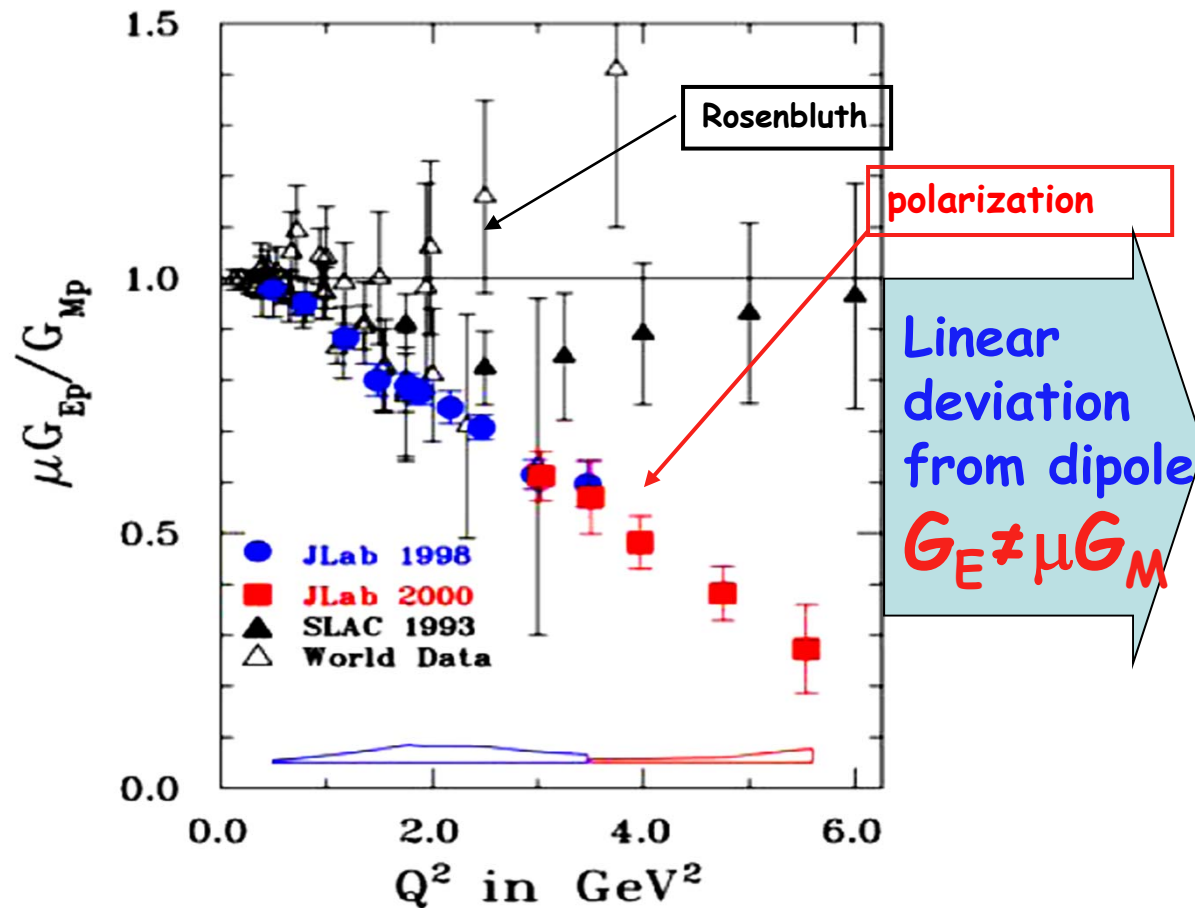
with an rms radius

$$\langle R^2 \rangle = \frac{\int_0^\infty \rho_0 e^{-M_V R} R^2 d^3 R}{\int_0^\infty \rho_0 e^{-M_V R} d^3 R} = \frac{12}{M_V^2}$$

For the proton:  $\sqrt{\langle R^2 \rangle} = \frac{\sqrt{12}}{M_V} = 0.80 \text{ fm}$

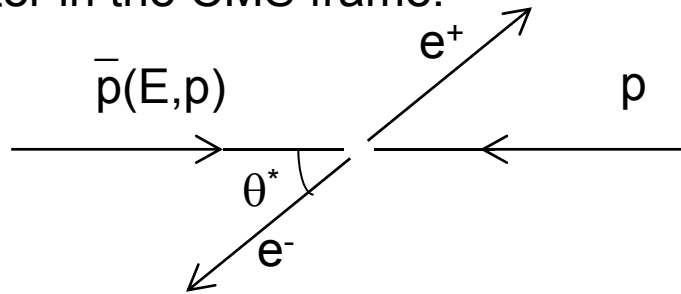


# Form Factor Measurements Using Polarization



# Timelike Proton Form Factors

They can be measured via the processes  $e^+e^- \rightarrow p \bar{p}$ , or  $p \bar{p} \rightarrow e^+e^-$ .  
For the latter in the CMS frame:



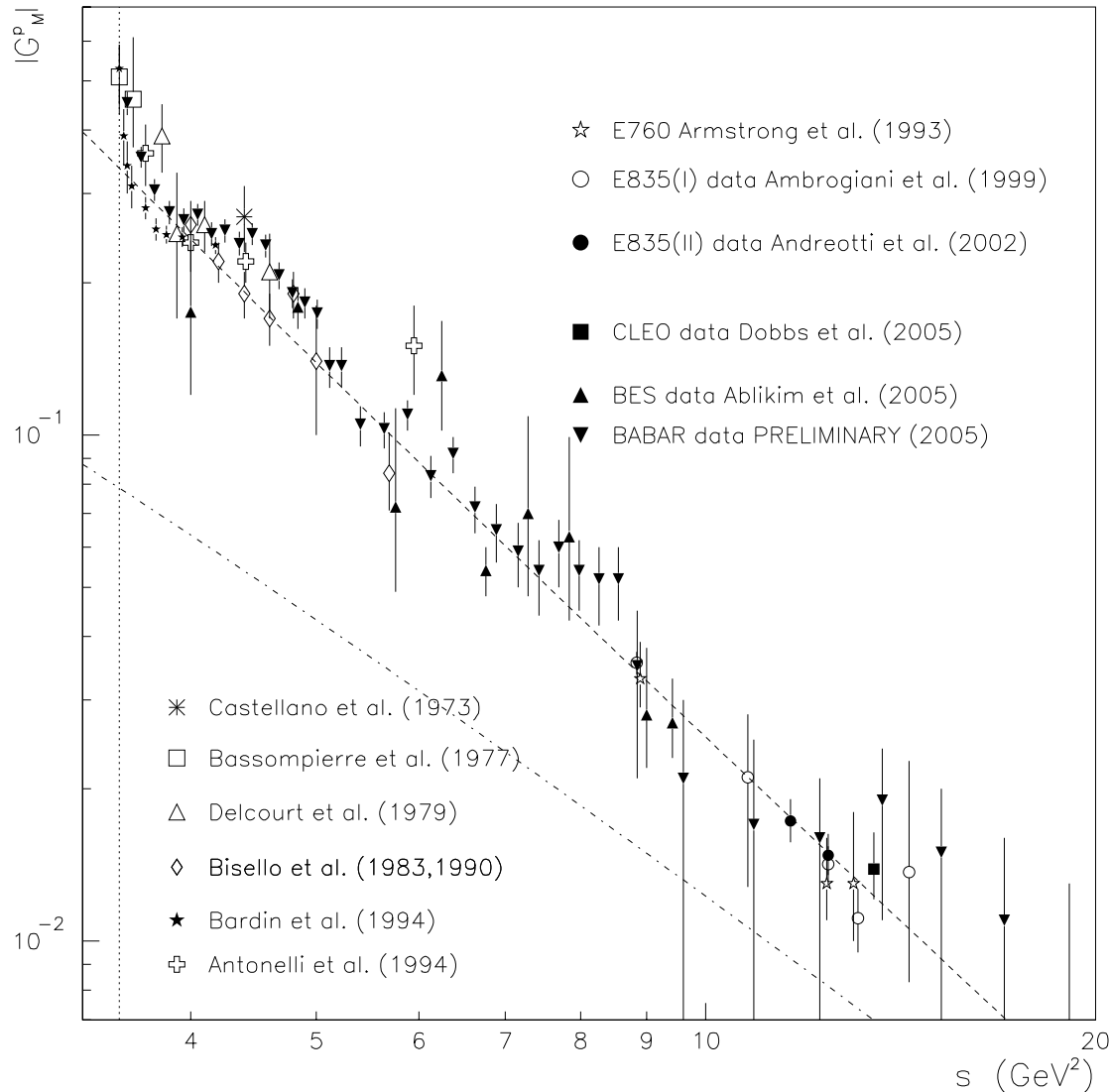
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d(\cos\theta^*)} = \frac{\pi\alpha^2\hbar^2c^2}{2xs} \left[ |G_M|^2 (1 + \cos^2\theta^*) + \frac{4m_p^2}{s} |G_E|^2 (1 - \cos^2\theta^*) \right]$$

$\sqrt{s}$  = CM Energy

One measures the  
total cross section  $\sigma$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &= \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_{-|\cos\theta^*|_{\max}}^{+|\cos\theta^*|_{\max}} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} d(\cos\theta^*) \\ &= \frac{\pi\alpha^2}{2\beta_p s} \left[ A |G_M|^2 + \frac{4m_p^2}{s} B |G_E|^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

# Proton Magnetic Form Factor



The dashed line is a fit to the **PQCD** prediction

$$\frac{|G_M|}{\mu_p} = \frac{C}{s^2 \ln^2\left(\frac{s}{\Lambda^2}\right)}$$

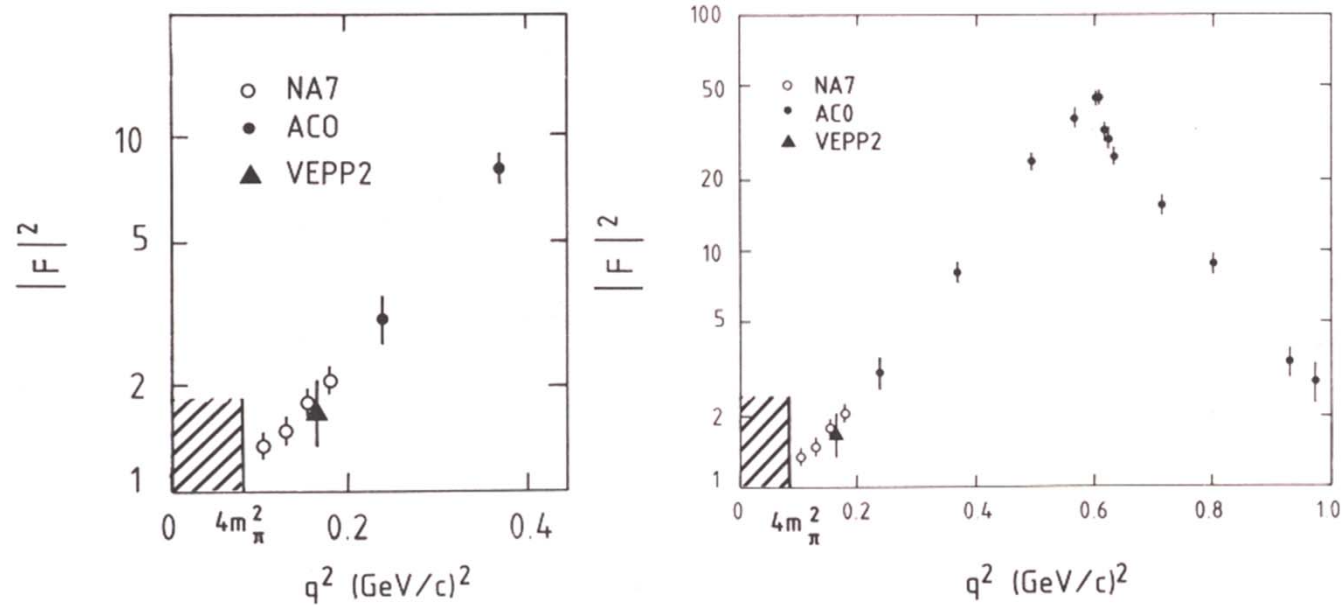
The expected  $Q^2$  behaviour is reached **quite early**, however ...

... there is still a **factor of 2** between **timelike** and **spacelike**.

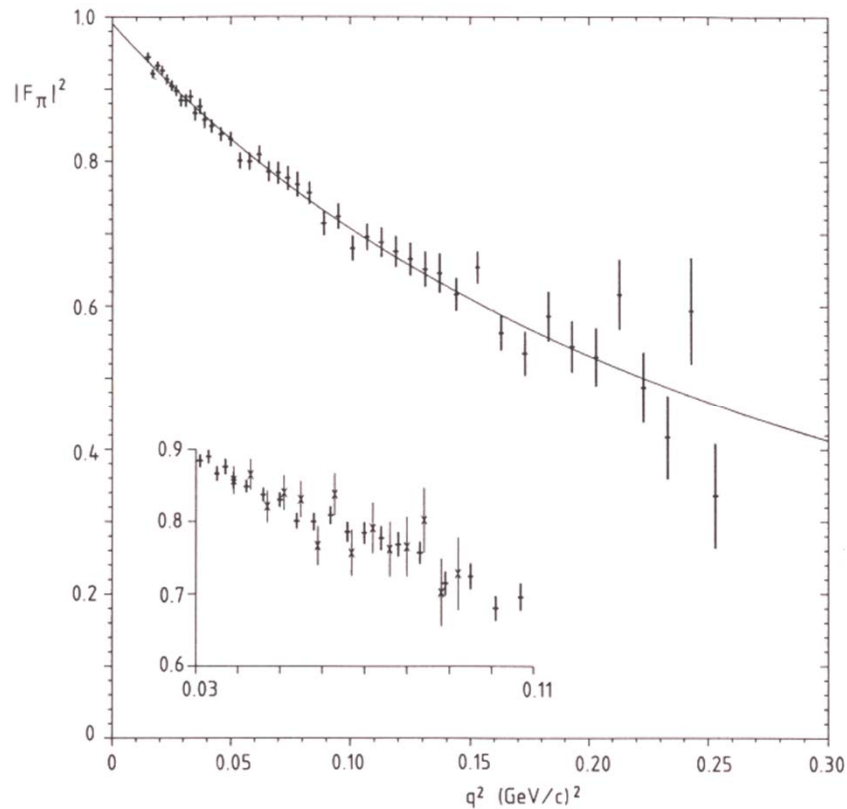
# Timelike Form Factor of the $\pi$

$$e^+ + e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^-$$

$e^+$  beam with energies  
100, 125, 150, 175 GeV



# Spacelike Form Factor of the $\pi$



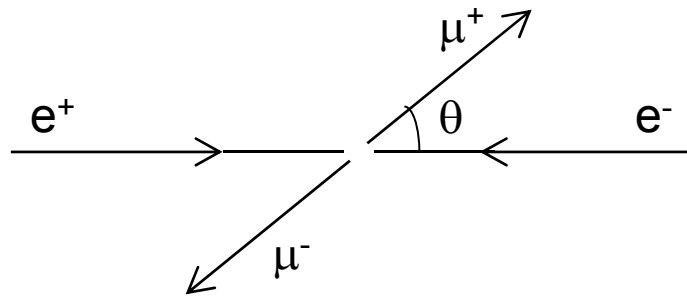
$$\pi^- + e^- \rightarrow \pi^- + e^-$$

300 GeV  $\pi^-$  beam

$$\langle r_\pi^2 \rangle = 0.439 \pm 0.008 \text{ fm}^2$$

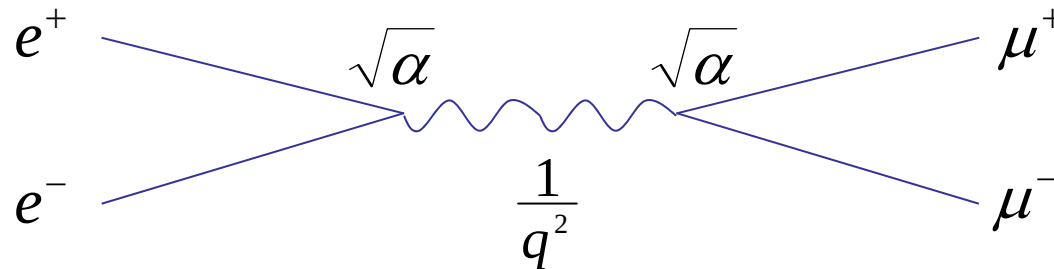
$$r_\pi \approx 0.66 \text{ fm}$$

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$$



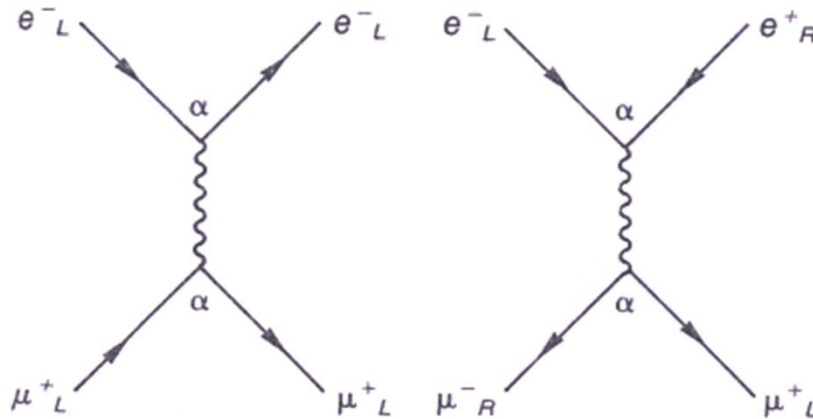
$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3s}$$

$$s = 4E_1E_2 \text{ if } s \gg m_e^2, m_\mu^2$$



- Each vertex gives a contribution  $\sqrt{\alpha}$  to the matrix element. The cross section is therefore proportional to  $\alpha^2$ .  $\sigma \propto \alpha^2$ .
- For a timelike process  $q^2=s$ , hence the propagator  $\frac{1}{q^2} = \frac{1}{s}$
- $\sigma$  has dimensions of  $(\text{length})^2$ , i.e.  $(\text{energy})^{-2}$ . If  $s \gg m_e^2, m_\mu^2$   $s$  is the only energy scale in the process:  $\sigma \propto \frac{1}{s}$
- The factor  $(4/3)\pi$  comes from integration over solid angle and averaging over spins.

# Angular Distribution for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$



$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto (1 + \cos^2 \theta)$$

$$J = 1 \quad J_z = \pm 1$$

Because electromagnetic interactions conserve parity, both  $J_z=+1$  and  $J_z=-1$  occur with equal probability. The amplitude for emitting the  $\mu^+$  at angle  $\theta$  to the  $e^+$  starting from a  $J_z=+1$  state is given by:

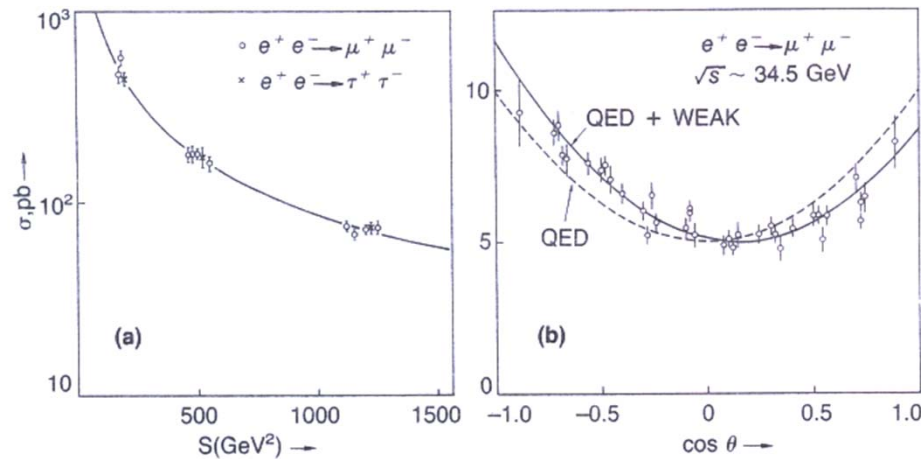
$$d_{1,1}^1 = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos \theta)$$

If the initial state has  $J_z=-1$  we have to replace  $\theta$  by  $\pi-\theta$  hence the amplitude becomes:

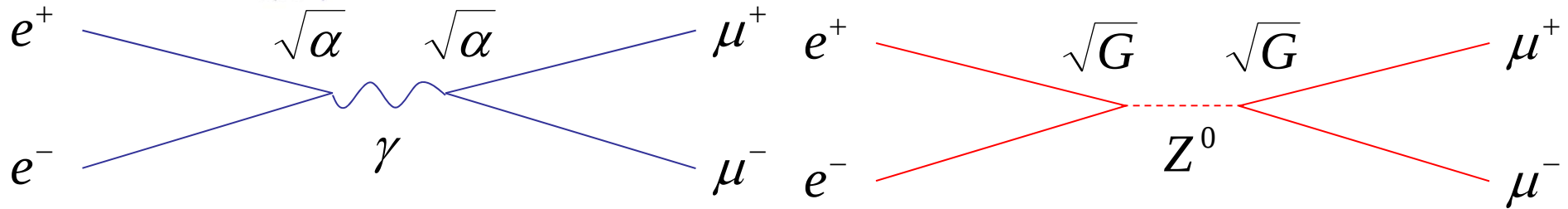
$$\frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos \theta)$$

Squaring and adding the amplitudes of these two orthogonal states we obtain:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto (1 + \cos \theta)^2 + (1 - \cos \theta)^2 \propto (1 + \cos^2 \theta)$$



The process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  (or  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ ) is not purely electromagnetic: there is a **weak contribution**, due to  $Z^0$  exchange.



$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\text{QED}) + \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\text{weak}) + \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\text{interference})$$

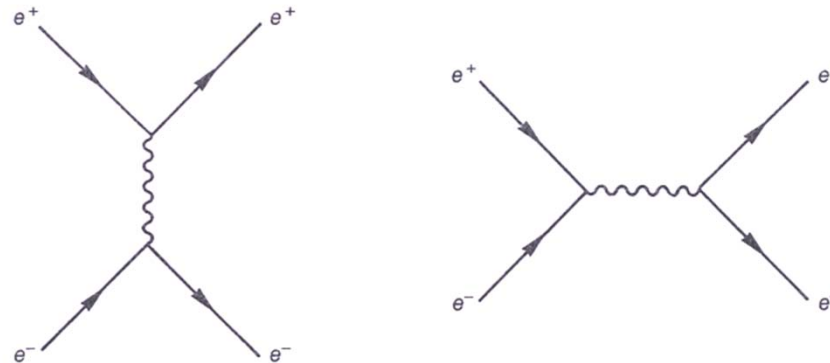
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \frac{\alpha^2}{s} & G^2 s & \alpha G \end{array}$$

The asymmetry arises from the **interference term**, the effect is of the order of **10 %** for  $s = 1000 \text{ GeV}^2$ .

# $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$ Bhabha Scattering

The dimensional arguments used for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  apply equally well to *Bhabha scattering* to predict a  $1/s$  dependence for the total cross section.

The angular distribution is however more complex, because two diagrams contribute:



The first diagram dominates at small angles. In this region the cross section is large and is used to monitor the luminosity in  $e^+e^-$  colliders.

# Lepton Magnetic Moments

According to the Dirac theory a pointlike fermion possesses a magnetic moment equal to the *Bohr magneton* . If  $e$  and  $m$  are the lepton charge and mass:

$$\mu_B = \frac{e}{2m}$$

In general the magnetic moment is related to the spin vector  $\vec{s}$  by:

$$\vec{\mu} = g\mu_B\vec{s}$$

Where  $g$  is called the **Landé factor** and  $g\mu_B$  is the gyromagnetic ratio.

For electron and muon  $|\vec{s}|=1/2$  and the Dirac theory predicts  $g=2$ .

The actual  $g$ -values have been measured experimentally with great precision and have been found to differ by a small amount (0.2 %) from the value 2.

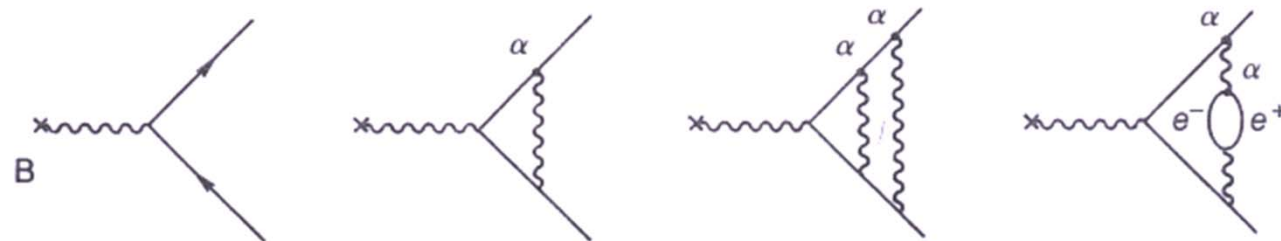
The Dirac picture of a structureless, point particle is not exact for the electron and muon.

The magnetic moment of a charged particle depends on the spatial distributions of charge and mass ( $e/m$  ratio). For a spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  a value  $g \neq 2$  argues that processes are taking place which distort the relative charge and mass distributions. For example, for the proton  $g=5.59$ , due to its internal structure.

The electron, the  $\mu$ , the  $\tau$  consist of a bare, pointlike object surrounded by a cloud of virtual  $\gamma$  which are continually being emitted and reabsorbed.

These  $\gamma$  carry part of the mass energy of the lepton, and hence the  $e/m$  ratio (and thus the magnetic moment) changes.

In terms of QED:



The Landé can be written as a perturbation series in  $(\alpha/\pi)$ .

To lowest order:

$$g = 2 \qquad \vec{\mu} = -\frac{e}{2m} \vec{\sigma}$$

At the next order:

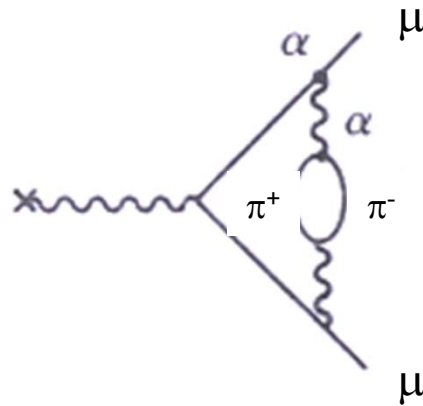
$$g = 2 + \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \qquad \vec{\mu} = -\frac{e}{2m} \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right) \vec{\sigma}$$

We can define the **anomaly**:  $a \equiv \frac{g-2}{2}$

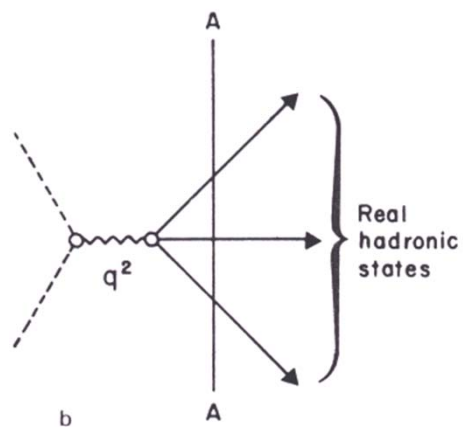
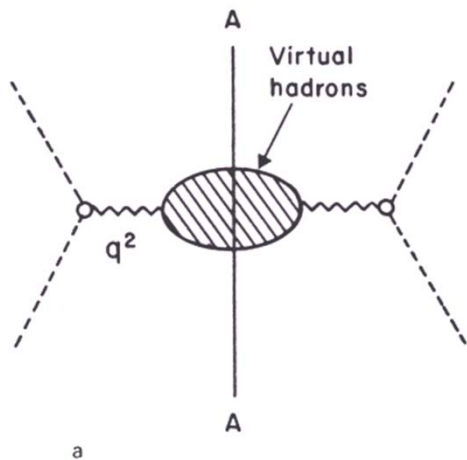
$$\begin{aligned} a_e &\equiv \left( \frac{g-2}{2} \right)_e^{QED} = 0.5 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right) - 0.32848 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^2 + 1.19 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^3 + \dots \\ &= (1159652140 \pm 28) \times 10^{-12} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_\mu &\equiv \left( \frac{g-2}{2} \right)_\mu^{QED} = 0.5 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right) - 0.76578 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^2 + 24.45 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^3 + \dots \\ &= (1165847008 \pm 18 \pm 28) \times 10^{-12} \end{aligned}$$

For the  $\mu$  the measured value differs by 9 standard deviations from the QED calculation. This arises from the fact that for the  $\mu$  there are further corrections to  $a_\mu$  due to the strong and weak interactions. Hadrons do not couple directly to the  $\mu$ , but they can couple to the virtual photon. We therefore expect hadronic contributions to vacuum polarization of the kind:



This contribution, which would be small due to the high  $\pi$  mass, gets amplified by resonances in the  $\pi\pi$  system (vector resonances).



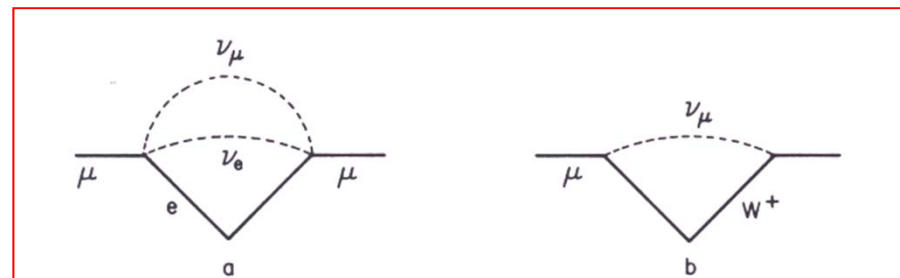
The strong contribution to the anomaly can be computed starting from the measurable cross section

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$

via dispersion relations the two diagrams can be related one to the other.

$$\Delta a_\mu(\text{forte}) = \frac{m_\mu^2}{12\pi^3} \int_0^\infty \frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{adroni})}{s} ds$$

Weak contributions →



# Measurement of the Muon (g-2)

Consider a longitudinally polarized charged particle moving in a static magnetic field  $\vec{B}$ . The particle momentum rotates at the **cyclotron frequency**:

$$\omega_c = \frac{eB}{mc}$$

The spin precesses at the frequency:

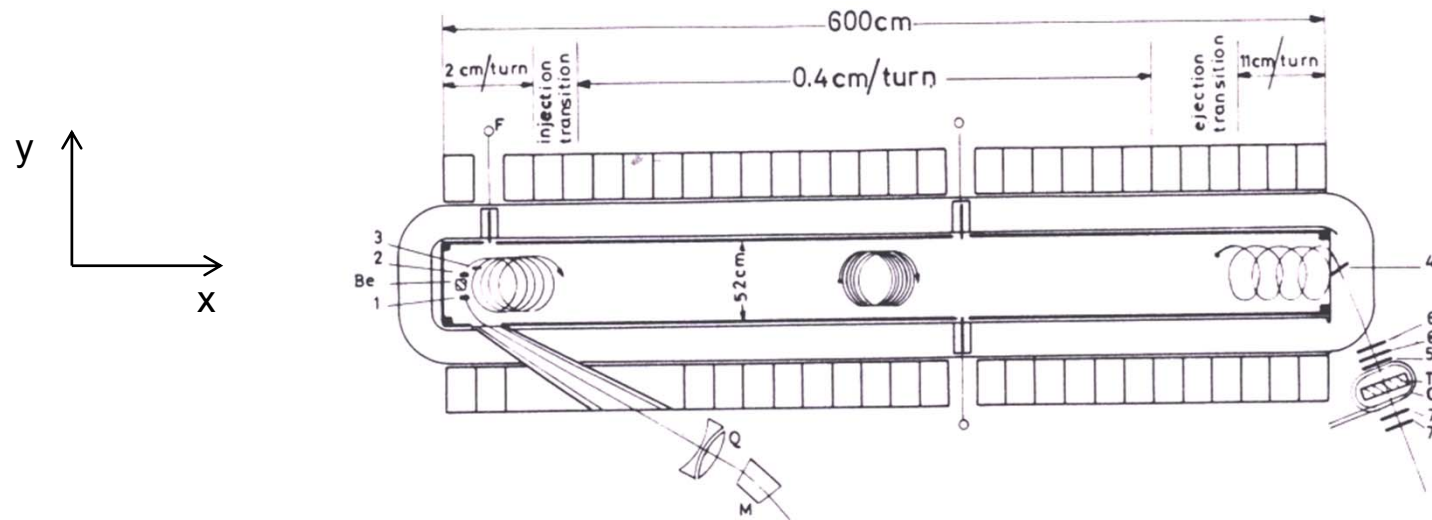
$$\omega_s = g \frac{eB}{2mc} = (1 + a_\mu) \frac{eB}{mc}$$

If  $g=2$ , i.e.  $a_\mu=0$ ,  $\omega_s=\omega_c$  and the particle will maintain its longitudinal polarization.

If however  $g>2$  ( $a_\mu>0$ ),  $\omega_s>\omega_c$ , **spin precesses faster than momentum**. The rotation frequency  $\omega_a$  of the spin with respect to the momentum is given by:

$$\omega_a = \omega_s - \omega_c = a_\mu \frac{eB}{mc}$$

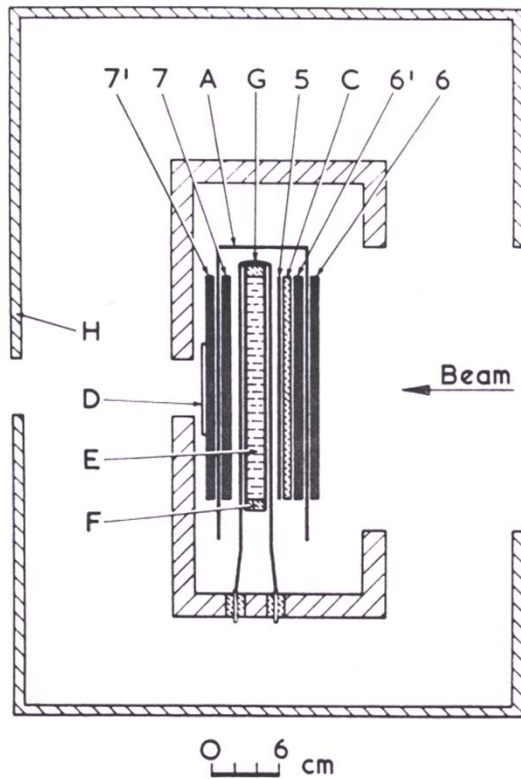
The measurement principle of  $a_\mu$  is the following: muons are kept turning in a known magnetic field  $B$ , the angle between the spin and the direction of motion is measured as a function of time and from this the value of  $a_\mu$  can be determined. Since  $a_\mu \approx 1/800$ , the muon must make roughly 800 turns in the field for the spin to make 801 and the polarization to change gradually through  $2\pi$ .



The muons take roughly 2000 turns in the field. The field gradient displaces the orbit to the right. At the end a very large gradient is used to eject the muons, which are then stopped in the polarization analyzer.

$$B_z = B_0(1 + ay + by^2)$$

$$B = 1.6 \text{ T} \quad p_\mu \approx 90 \text{ MeV} / c \quad t \approx \tau_\mu = 2.2 \text{ } \mu\text{s}$$



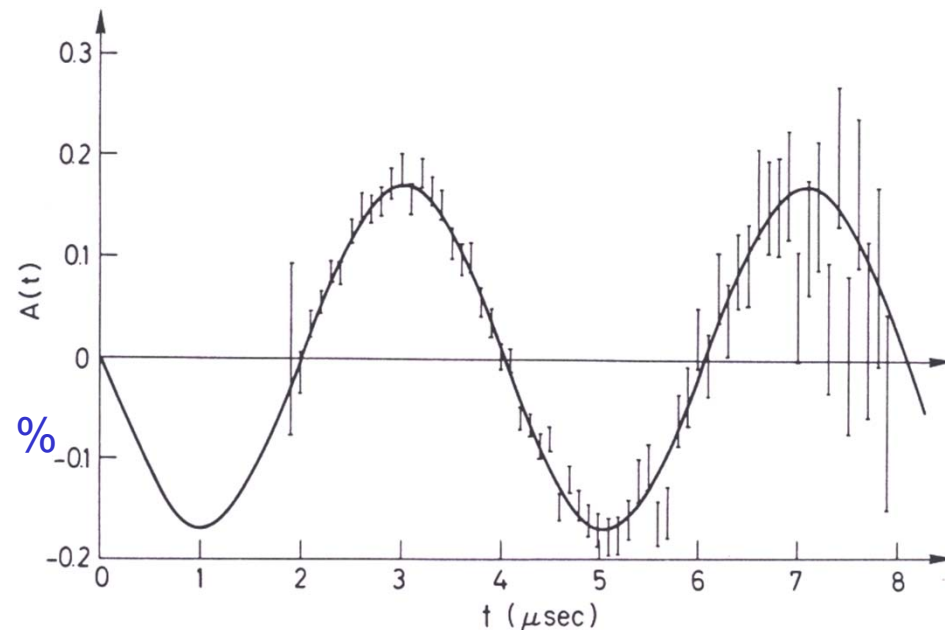
Polarization analyzer. When a muon stops in the liquid methylene iodide (E) a pulse of current in coil G is used to flip the spin through  $\pm 90^\circ$ . Backward or forward decay electrons are detected in the counter telescopes 66' and 77'. The asymmetry in counting rates as a function of time is given by:

$$A \equiv \frac{c_+ - c_-}{c_+ + c_-} = A_0 \sin \theta_s$$

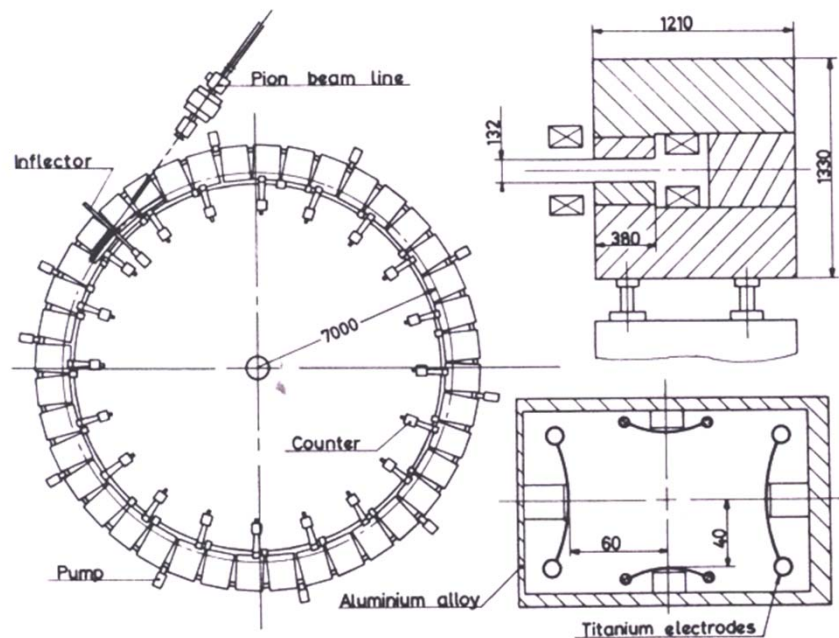
$$A = A_0 \sin \left\{ a_\mu \left( \frac{e}{mc} \right) Bt + \phi \right\}$$

Using this method the anomaly  $a_\mu$  was measured with an accuracy of 0.4 %

$$a_\mu = (1162 \pm 5) \times 10^{-6}$$



# Muon Storage Ring



In order to improve the measurement accuracy it was necessary to increase the number of (g-2) cycles, either by increasing the field B or by lengthening the storage time.

The usage of an electric field for the vertical focussing allowed the use of a uniform magnetic field.

For the precession of spin in combined electric and magnetic fields:

$$\vec{\omega}_a = \frac{e}{mc} \left[ a_\mu \vec{B} - \left( a_\mu - \frac{1}{\gamma^2 - 1} \right) \vec{\beta} \times \vec{E} \right]$$

For  $\gamma=29.3$  (*magic  $\gamma$* ) the coefficient of the second term vanishes and the precession is again  $\propto a_\mu$ .

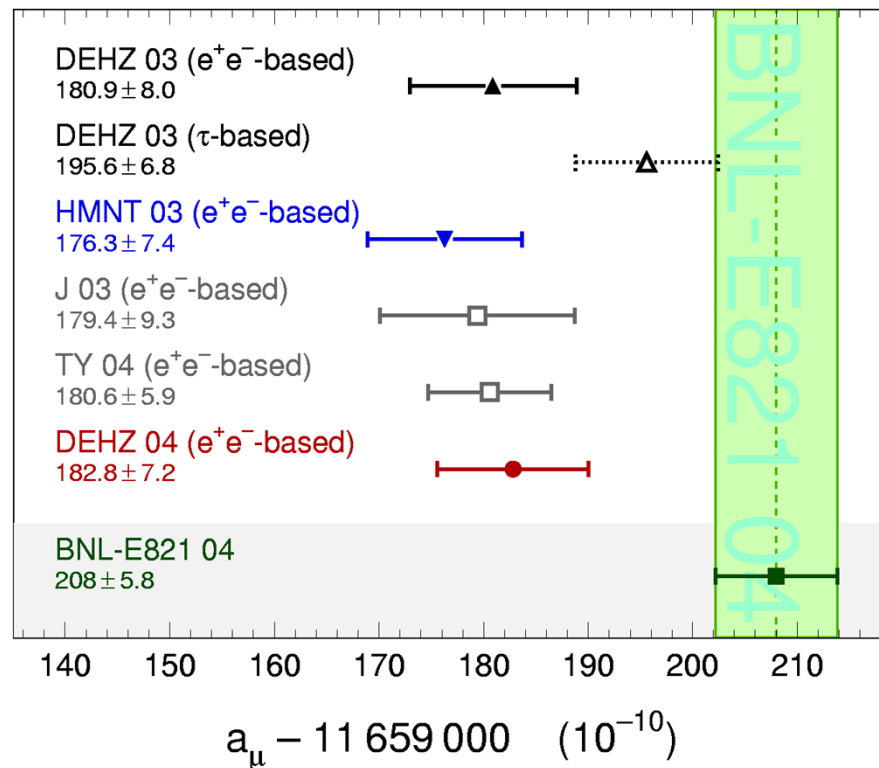
This method allowed to considerably increase the accuracy in the measurement of  $a_\mu$ .

$$a_\mu = (1165924 \pm 9) \times 10^{-9}$$

# Present Situation for $a_\mu$

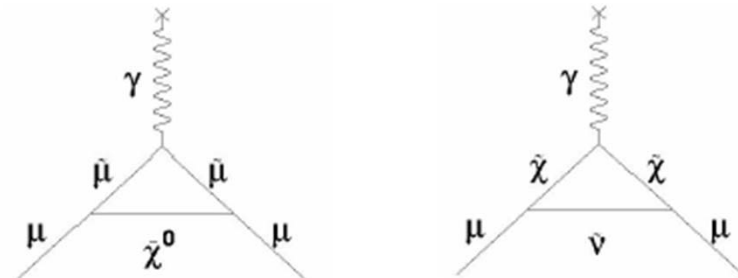
$$a_\mu^{\text{SM}}[e^+e^-] = (11\,659\,182.8 \pm 6.3_{\text{had}} \pm 3.5_{\text{LBL}} \pm 0.3_{\text{QED+EW}}) \times 10^{-10}$$

$$\text{BNL E821 (2004)} : a_\mu^{\text{exp}} = (11\,659\,208.0 \pm 5.8) 10^{-10}$$



$$a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{SM}} = (25.2 \pm 9.2) \times 10^{-10}$$

The discrepancy between theory and experiment is 2.7 standard deviations.



$$\Delta a_\mu^{\text{SUSY}} \approx 1.1 \text{ ppm} \times \left( \frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{\tilde{m}} \right)^2 \tan \beta$$