

# Baryon Form Factors at threshold

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The Low-Energy Frontier of the Standard Model  
From Quarks and Gluons to Hadrons and Nuclei

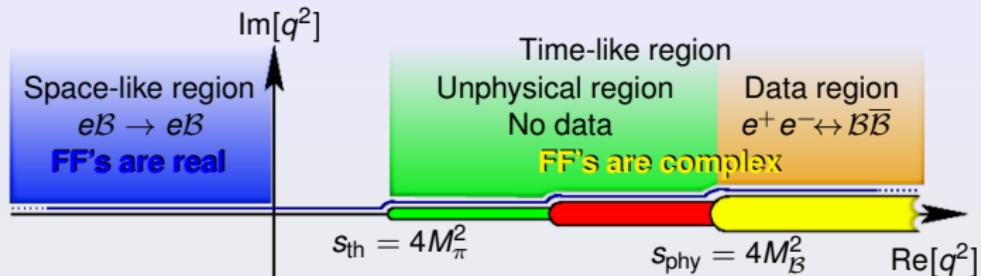
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- Last News on Baryon FF near threshold
- The Neutral Baryon Puzzle
- Spacelike - Timelike Relationship
- Interference Pattern in  $J/\psi \rightarrow p\bar{p}$
- Conclusions and Perspectives

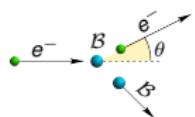


# Cross sections and analyticity



$$\text{Time-like: had. helicity} = \begin{cases} 1 \Rightarrow |G_E| \\ 0 \Rightarrow |G_M| \end{cases}$$

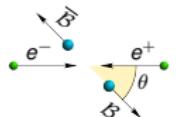
$$G_E(4M_B^2) = G_M(4M_B^2)$$



## Elastic scattering

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2 E'_e \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{4E_e^3 \sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}} \left[ G_E^2 - \tau \left( 1 + 2(1-\tau) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right) G_M^2 \right] \frac{1}{1-\tau}$$

$$\tau = \frac{q^2}{4M_B^2}$$



## Annihilation

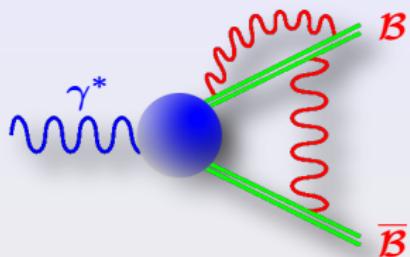
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2 \beta C}{4q^2} \left[ (1 + \cos^2 \theta) |G_M|^2 + \frac{1}{\tau} \sin^2 \theta |G_E|^2 \right]$$

## Coulomb correction

$$\beta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\tau}}$$



# The Coulomb Factor



$p\bar{p}$  Coulomb interaction as FSI

[Sommerfeld, Sakharov, Schwinger, Fadin, Khoze]

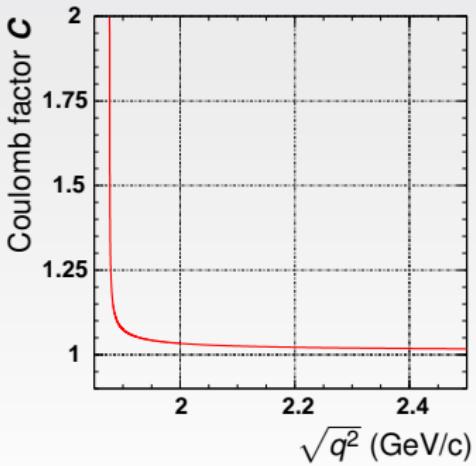
Distorted wave approximation

$$C = |\Psi_{\text{Coul}}(0)|^2$$

• S-wave:  $C = \frac{\frac{\pi\alpha}{\beta}}{1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\pi\alpha}{\beta}\right)}$   $\xrightarrow{\beta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\pi\alpha}{\beta}$

• D-wave:  $C = 1$

No Coulomb factor for boson pairs (P-wave)



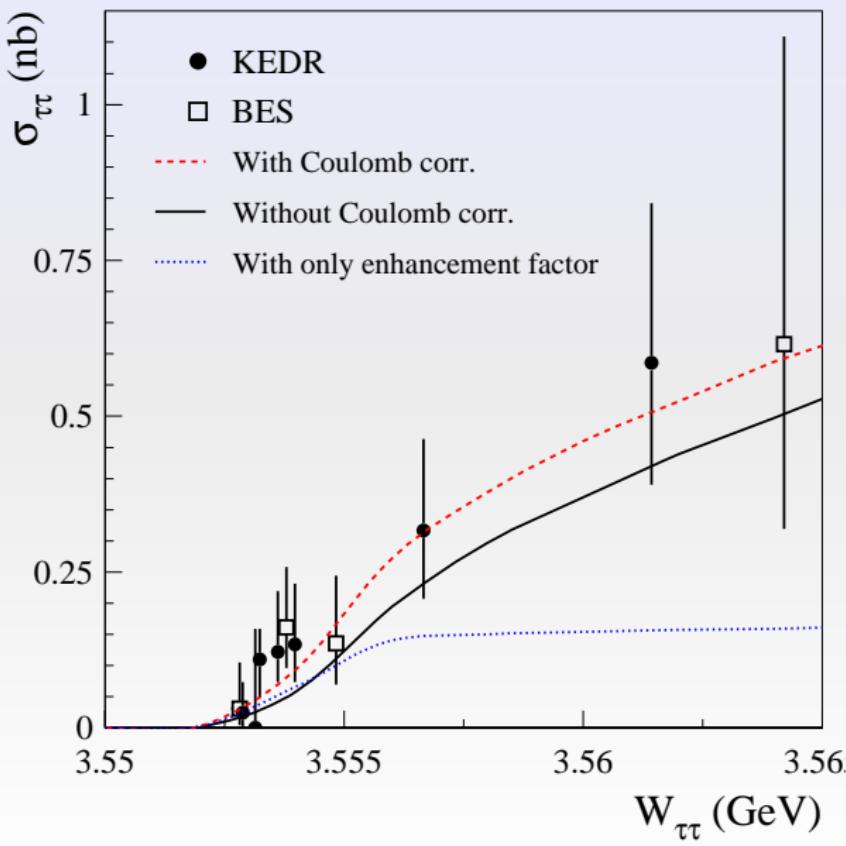
## Coulomb Factor $\mathcal{C}$ for S-wave only:

- Partial wave FF:  $G_S = \frac{2G_M\sqrt{q^2/4M^2} + G_E}{3} \quad G_D = \frac{G_M\sqrt{q^2/4M^2} - G_E}{3}$
- Cross section:  $\sigma(q^2) = 2\pi\alpha^2\beta \frac{4M^2}{(q^2)^2} \left[ \mathcal{C} |G_S(q^2)|^2 + 2|G_D(q^2)|^2 \right]$

$$\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{R}$$

- Enhancement factor:  $\mathcal{E} = \pi\alpha/\beta$
- Step at threshold:  $\sigma(4M^2) = \frac{\pi^2\alpha^3}{2M^2} \cancel{\beta} |G_S(4M^2)|^2 = 0.85 |G_S(4M^2)|^2 \text{ nb}$
- Resummation factor:  $\mathcal{R} = 1/[1 - \exp(-\pi\alpha/\beta)]$
- Few MeV above threshold:  $\mathcal{C} \simeq 1 \Rightarrow \sigma(q^2) \propto \beta |G_S(q^2)|^2$

# The $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ case





# Pointlike Baryons?

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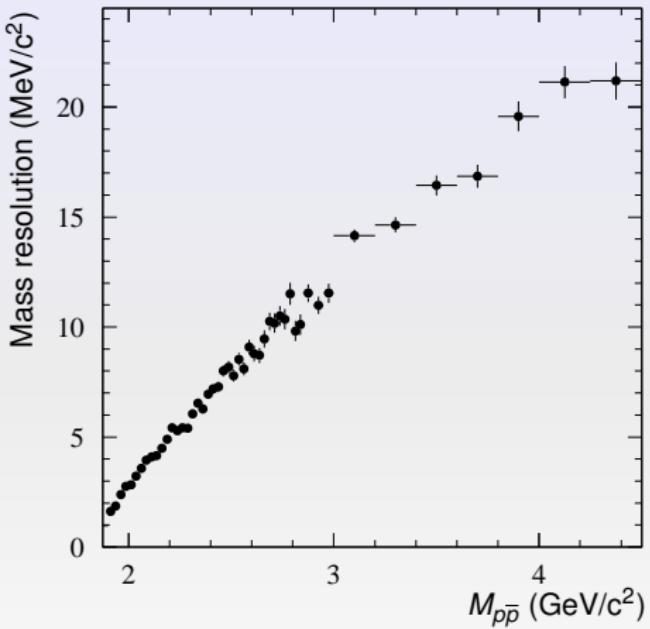
## Advantages

- Yellow circle: All  $q$  at the same time  $\Rightarrow$  Better control on systematics
- Yellow circle: c.m. boost  $\Rightarrow$  at threshold efficiency  $\neq 0 + \sigma_W \sim 1 \text{ MeV}$
- Yellow circle: Detected ISR  $\gamma \Rightarrow$  full  $p\bar{p}$  angular coverage

## Drawbacks

- Red circle:  $\mathcal{L} \propto$  invariant mass bin  $\Delta w$
- Red circle: More background

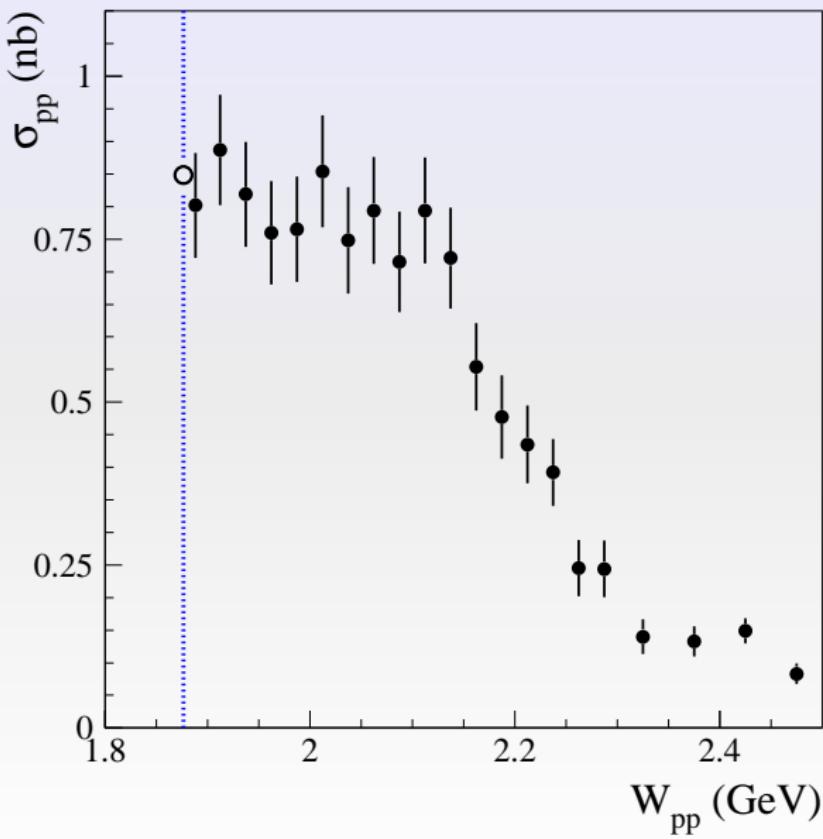
# Mass resolution



Incredibly good at threshold ( $\sim 1$  MeV/c<sup>2</sup>), as  $e^+ e^-$  c.m.

$\Delta p_T/p_T \sim 0.5\%$  at 1 GeV





# Proton form factor at $q^2 = 4M_p^2$

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p})(4M_p^2) = 0.83 \pm 0.05 \text{ nb}$$

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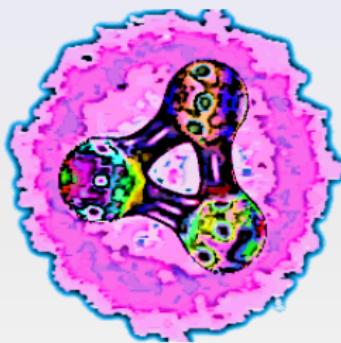
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$$|G^p(4M_p^2)| \equiv 1$$

$$|G^p(4M_p^2)| = 0.99 \pm 0.04(\text{stat}) \pm 0.03(\text{syst})$$

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At  $q^2 = 4M_p^2$  protons behave  
as pointlike fermions!



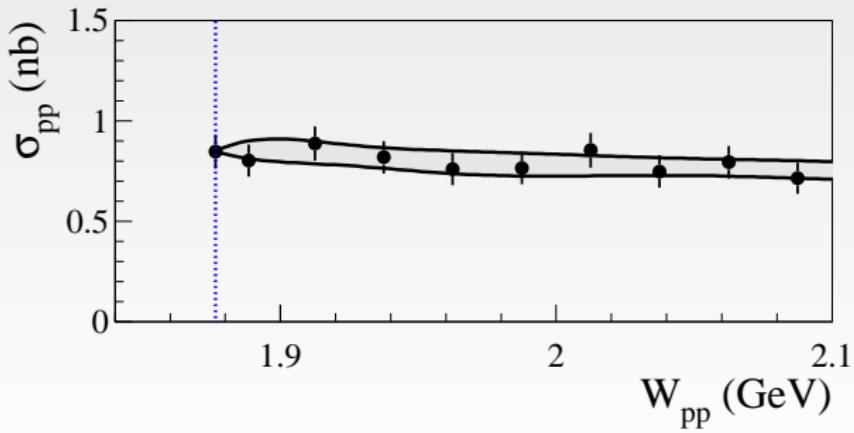
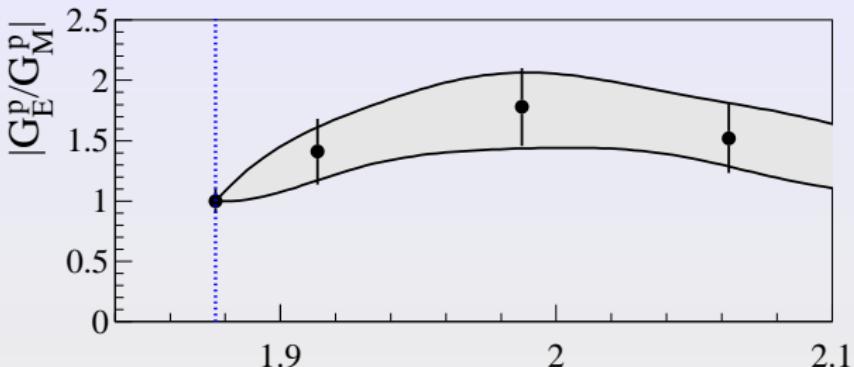
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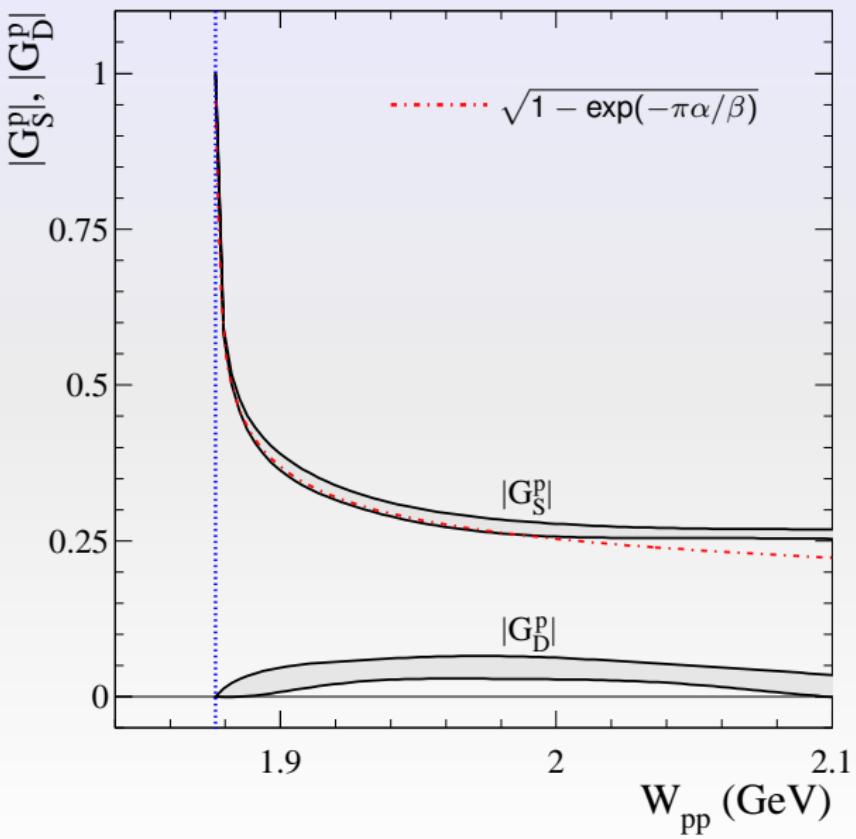
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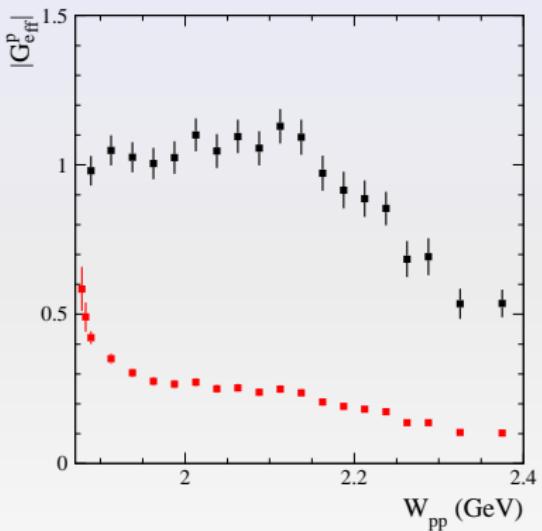
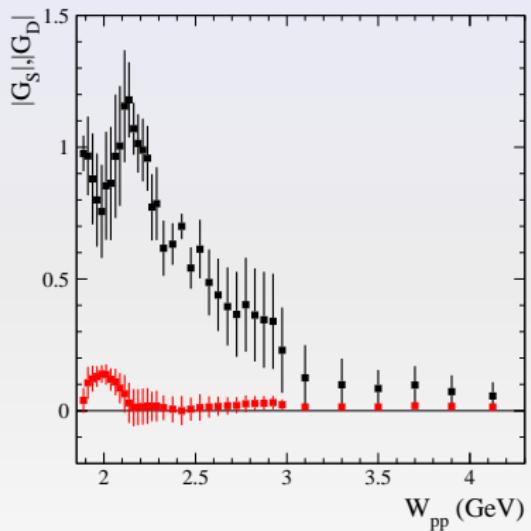
- At threshold:  $G_E/G_M = 1 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} G_S \in \mathbb{R} \\ G_D = 0 \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$
- $\sigma(q^2), |G_E/G_M| \rightarrow G_S, G_D$
- $G_S = \sqrt{1 - \exp(-\pi\alpha/\beta)}$
- No need of Resummation Factor

For a wide energy range ( $\sim 200$  MeV):

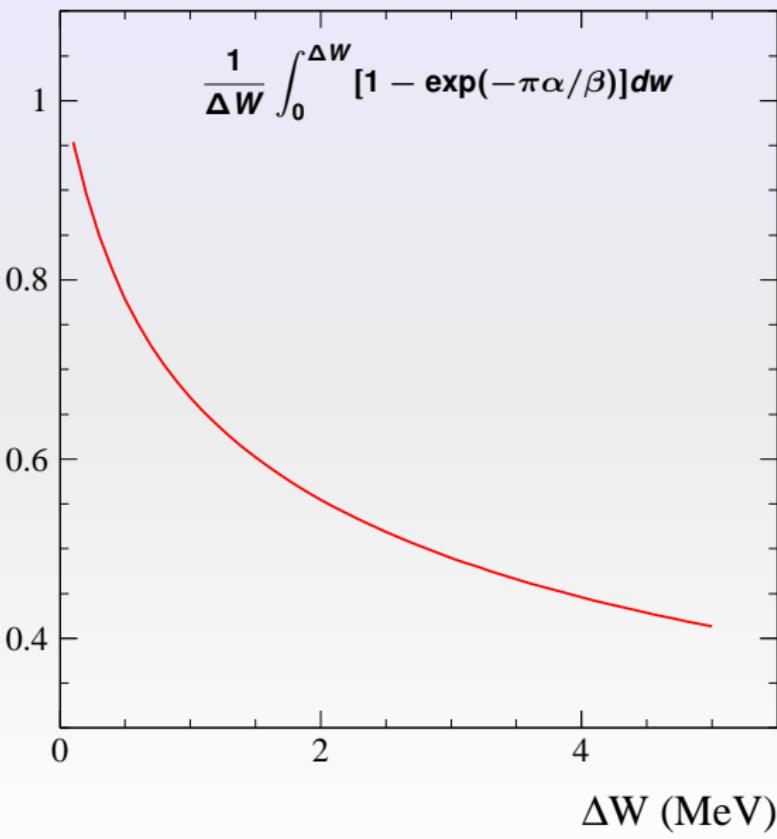
- Proton behaves as a pointlike particle
- e.m. dominance, no strong interaction?
- Mild sensitivity to  $B\bar{B}$  invariant mass resolution

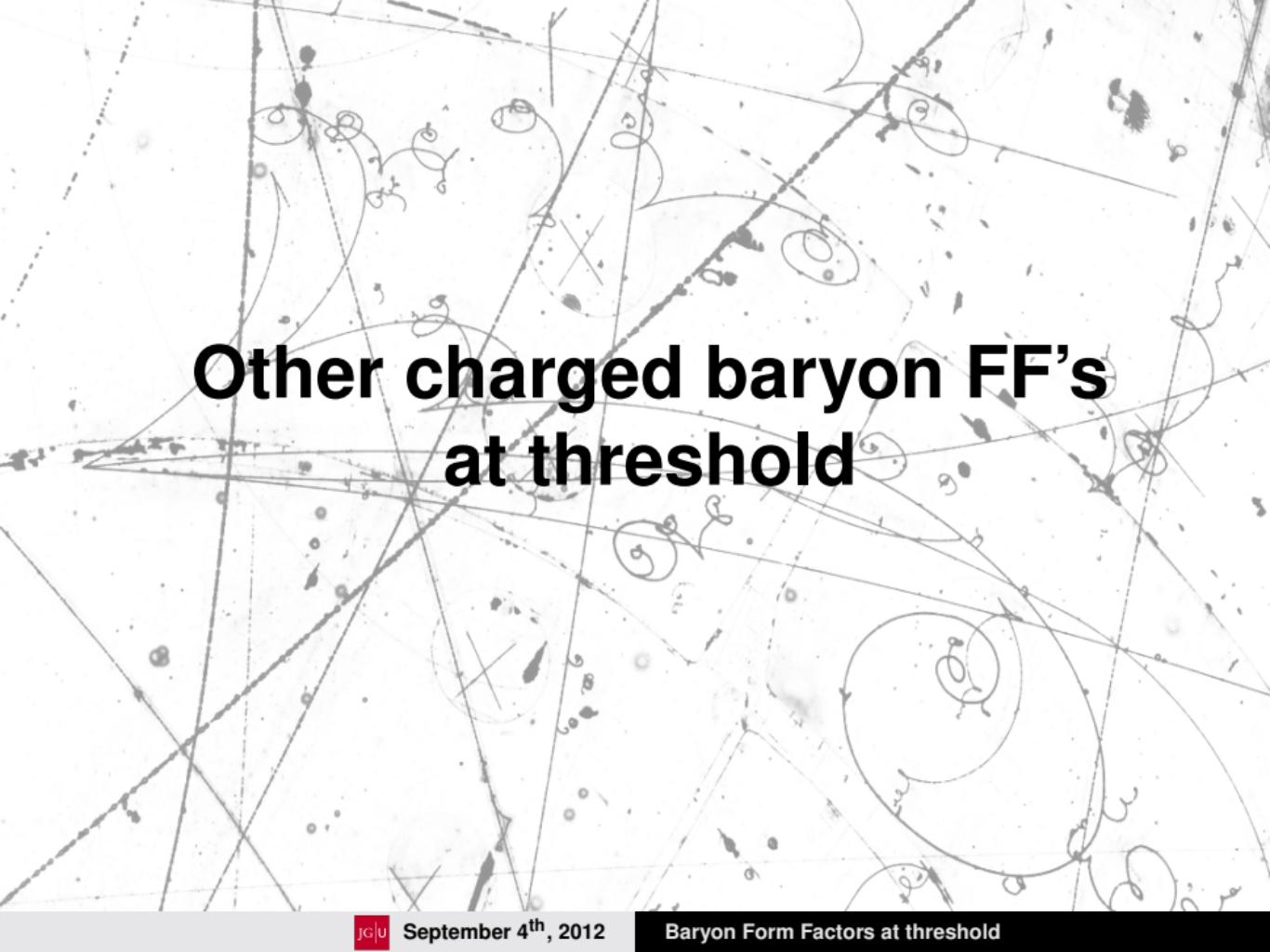






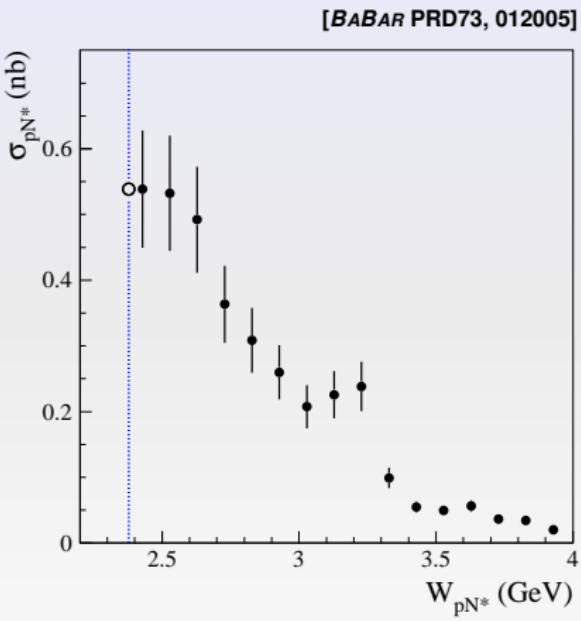
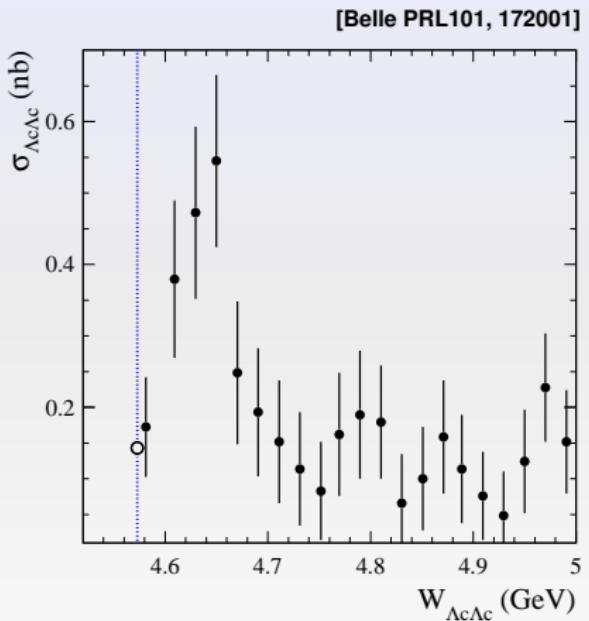
# Integrated Sommerfeld factor



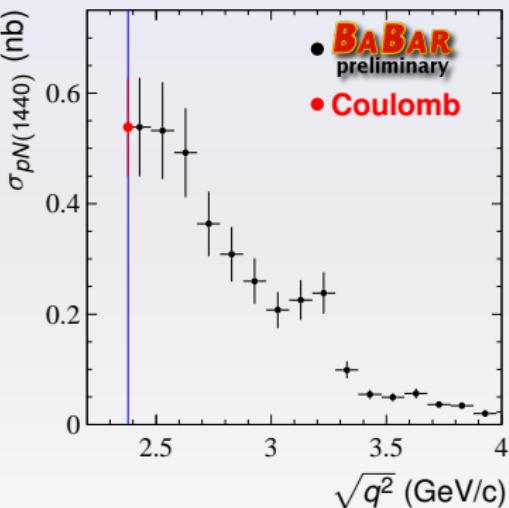
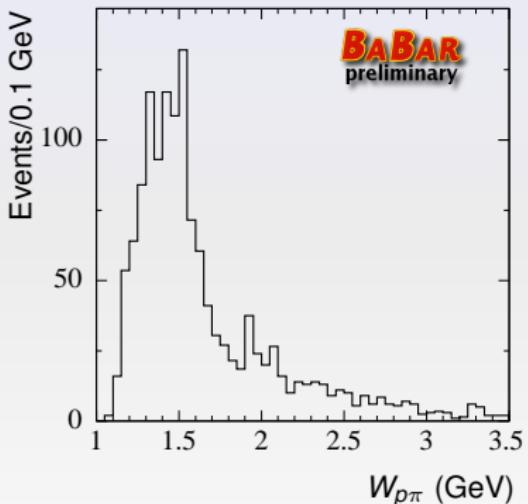


# Other charged baryon FF's at threshold

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{\Lambda}_c^- \text{ and } e^+ e^- \rightarrow p \bar{N}(1440) + \text{c.c.}$$

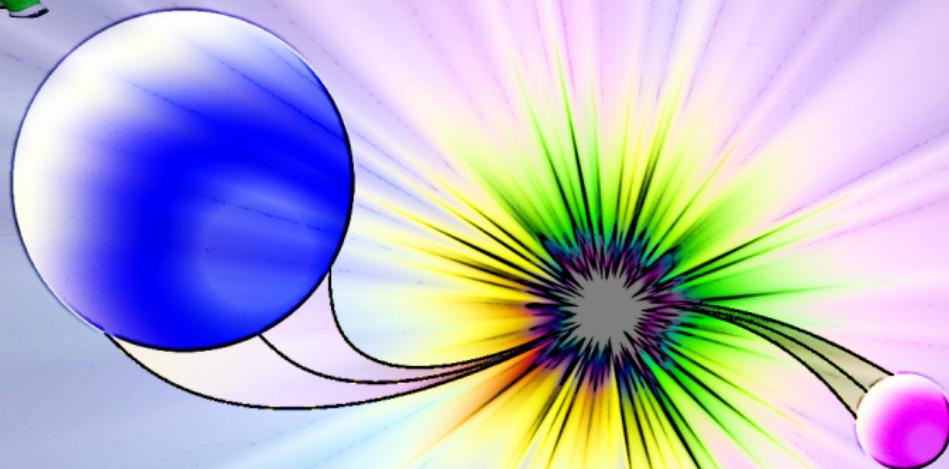


$$\sigma^{\text{Coulomb}} = \frac{16\pi^2 \alpha^3 M_p^{3/2} M_{N(1440)}^{3/2}}{(M_p + M_{N(1440)})^5} |G^{pN(1440)}|^2 = |G^{pN(1440)}|^2 \times 0.49 \text{ nb}$$



$$|G^{pN(1440)}| = 1.04 \pm 0.09$$

# The neutral baryons puzzle

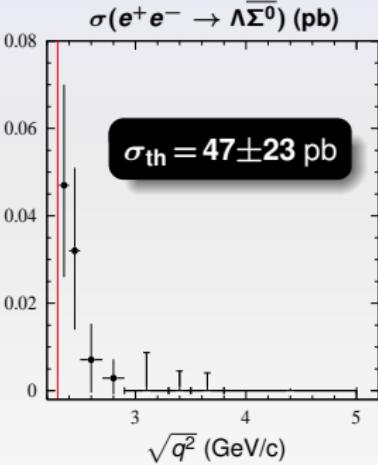
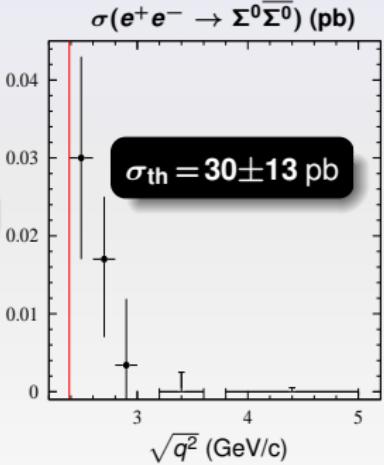
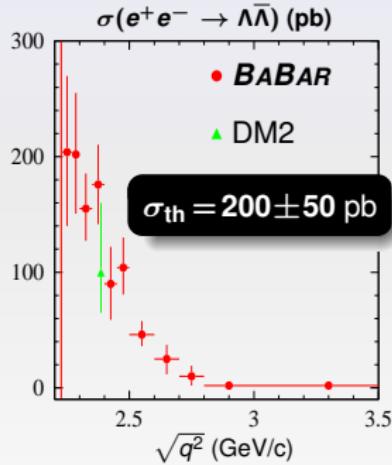


# Neutral Baryons puzzle (*BABAR*)

[PRD76, 092006]

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow B^0\bar{B}^0) = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2\beta C_0}{3q^2} \left[ |G_M^{B^0}|^2 + \frac{2M_{B^0}^2}{q^2} |G_E^{B^0}|^2 \right] \sqrt{q^2} \xrightarrow{q^2 \rightarrow 2M_{B^0}} \frac{\pi\alpha^2\beta}{2M_{B^0}^2} |G^{B^0}|^2 \rightarrow 0$$

No Coulomb correction at hadron level:  $C_0 = 1$



Like a remnant of Coulomb interactions at quark level?



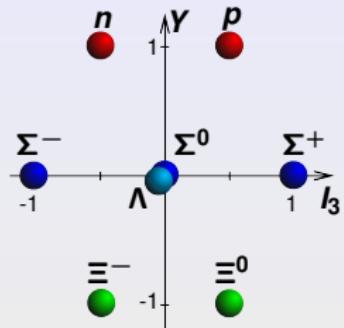
$C_0 \propto \beta^{-1}$   
as  $\sqrt{q^2} \rightarrow 2M_{B^0}$



For any neutral baryon  
 $\sqrt{\sigma_{B^0\bar{B}^0}} \propto \frac{|G^{B^0}|}{M_{B^0}}$

# Baryon octet and $U$ -spin

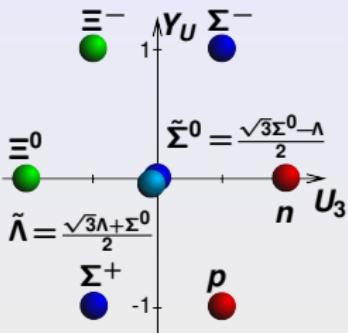
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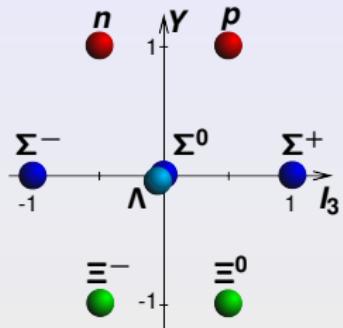


U-spin relation:  $G^{\Sigma^0} - G^\Lambda + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} G^{\Lambda\Sigma^0} = 0$

$$M_{\Sigma^0} \sqrt{\sigma_{\Sigma^0\Sigma^0}} - M_\Lambda \sqrt{\sigma_{\Lambda\Lambda}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} M_{\Lambda\Sigma^0} \sqrt{\sigma_{\Lambda\Sigma^0}} = (-0.06 \pm 6.0) \times 10^{-4}$$

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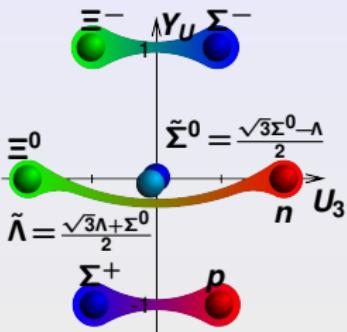
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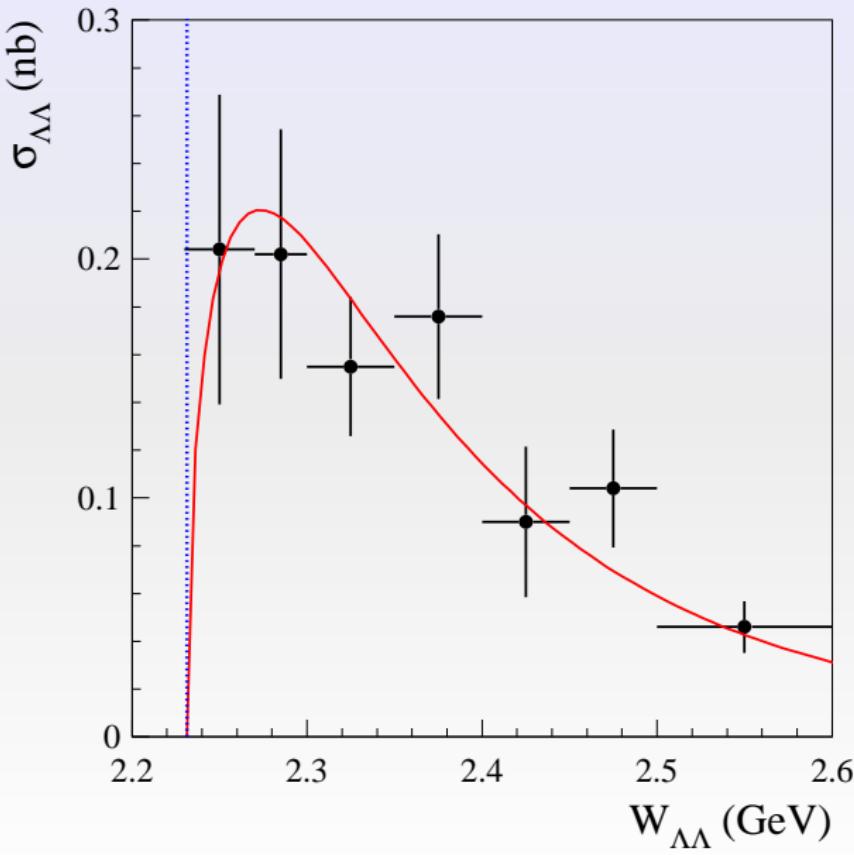
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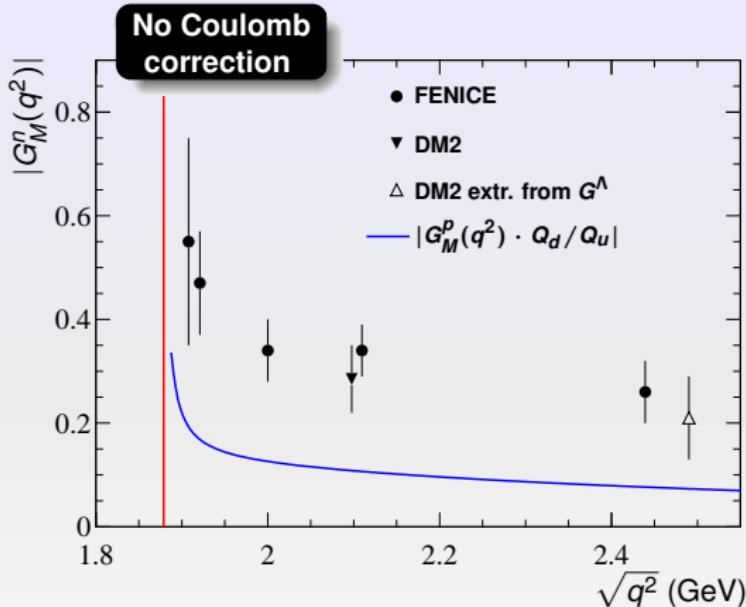


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# Time-like $|G_M^n|$ measurements

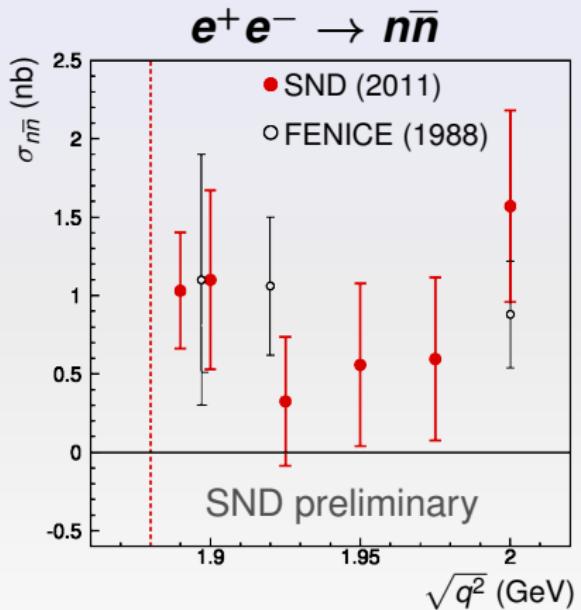


	$ G_M^n/G_M^p $
Data	$\sim 1.5$
Naively	$\sim  Q_d/Q_u $
pQCD	$< 1$
Soliton models	$\sim 1$
VMD (Dubnicka)	$\gg 1$

Only SND, CMD2(?) and BESIII can measure this cross section

No other experiments at present and in near future will be able to perform such a measurement

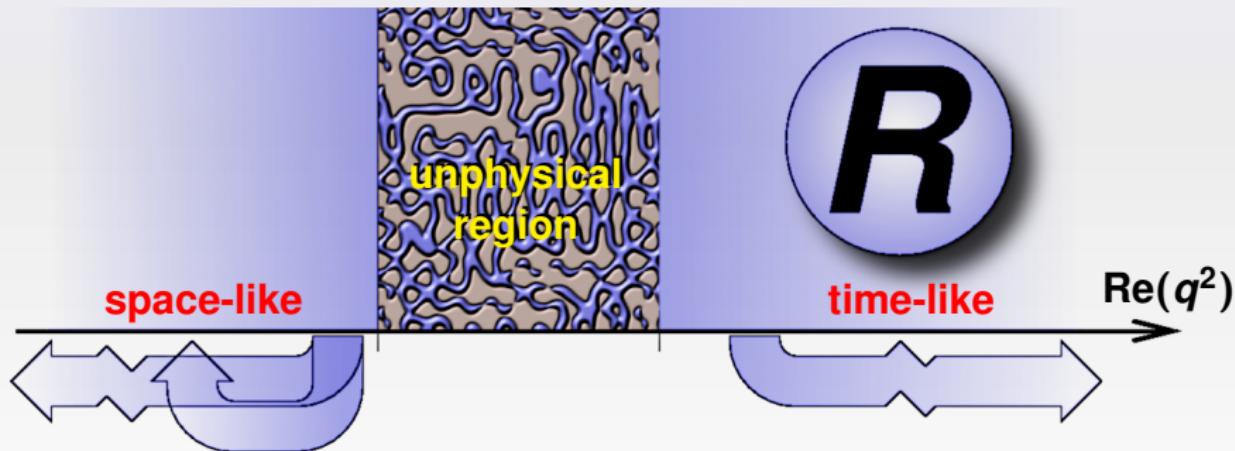
# $e^+e^- \rightarrow n\bar{n}$ : preliminary result from SND



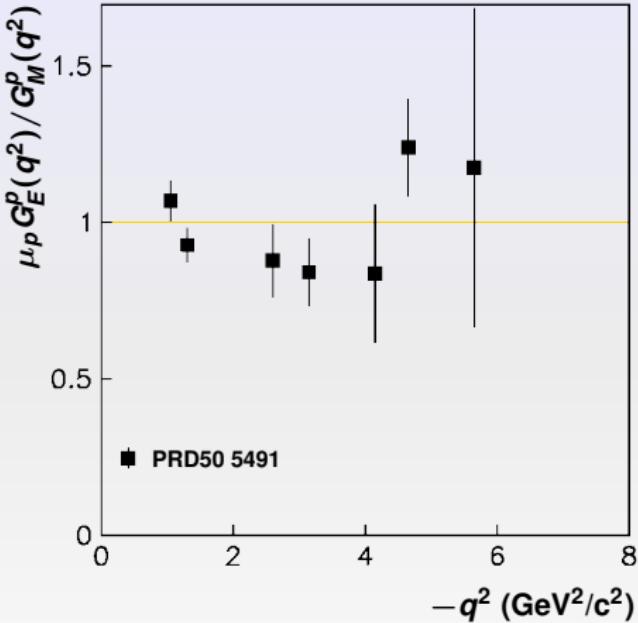
- Scan 2011
- Maximum energy: 2 GeV
- Efficiency  $\sim 30\%$
- Above  $n\bar{n}$  threshold:  
 $\sigma_{n\bar{n}} = 0.8 \pm 0.2$  nb

# Dispersive analysis of the ratio $R = \mu_p \frac{G_E^p}{G_M^p}$

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# Space-like $G_E^p/G_M^p$ measurements



$$G_E^p = F_1^p + \frac{q^2}{4M_p^2} F_2^p$$

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Space-like  
 $F_1 / \frac{q^2}{4M_p^2} F_2$  cancellation

$$\left| \frac{G_E^p(q^2)}{G_M^p(q^2)} \right| < 1$$

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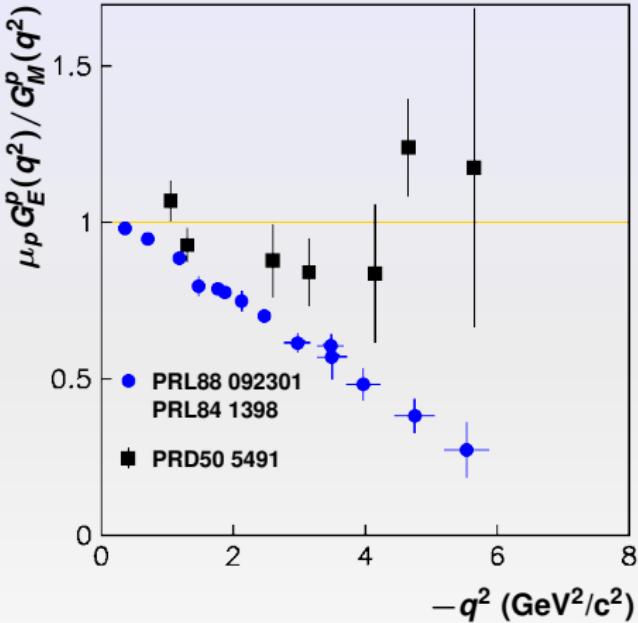
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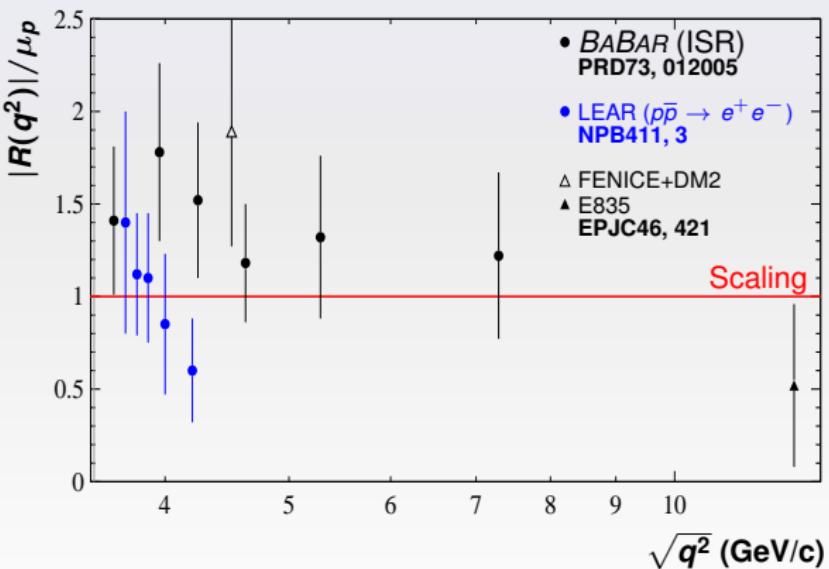


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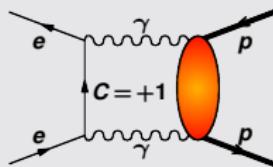
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$$R(q^2) = \mu_p \frac{G_E^p(q^2)}{G_M^p(q^2)}$$



$\gamma\gamma$  exchange



$\gamma\gamma$  exchange interferes with the Born term

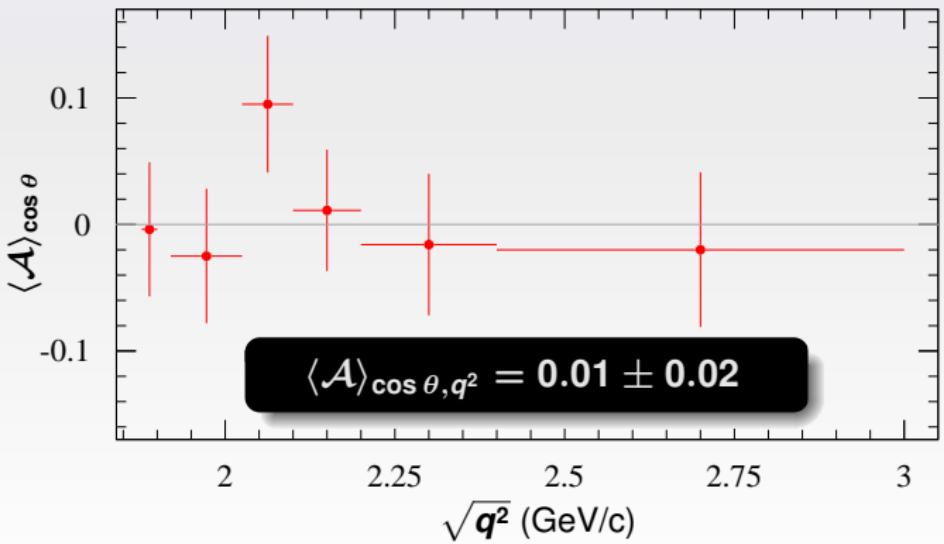


Asymmetry in  
angular distributions  
[PLB659, 197]

# $\gamma\gamma$ exchange from $e^+e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}\gamma$ **BABAR** data

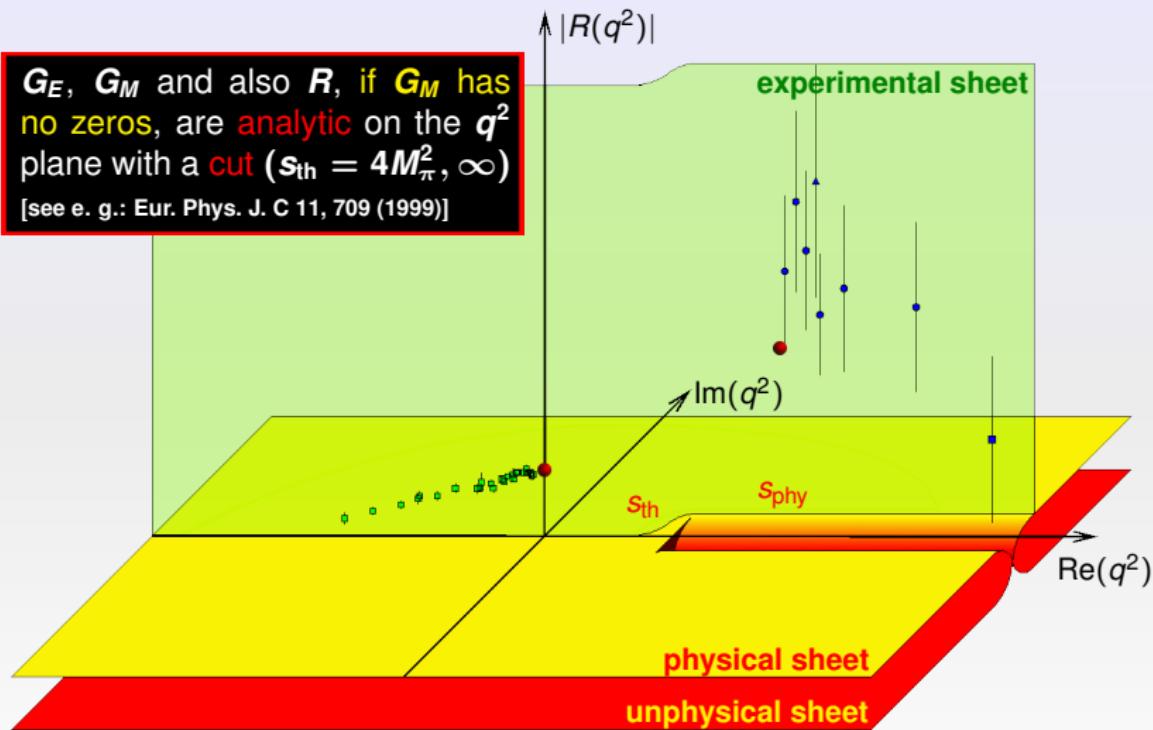
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$$\mathcal{A}(\cos \theta, q^2) = \frac{\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\cos \theta, q^2) - \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(-\cos \theta, q^2)}{\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\cos \theta, q^2) + \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(-\cos \theta, q^2)}$$

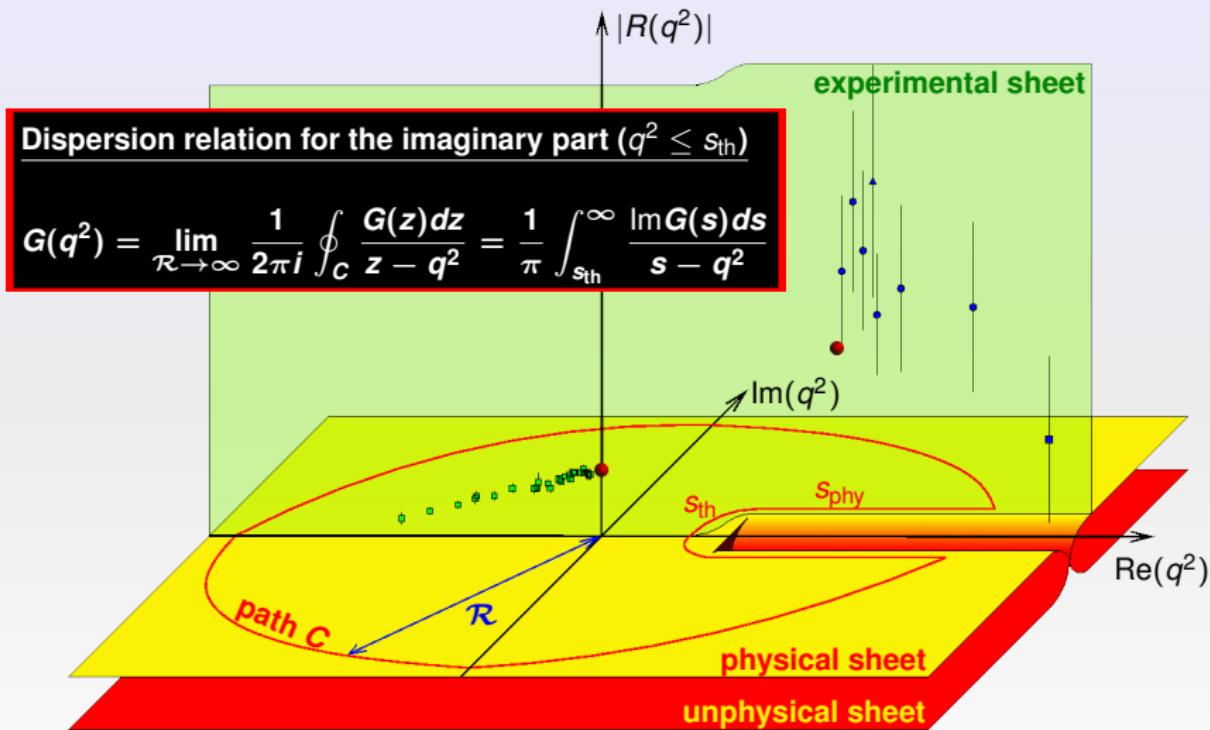


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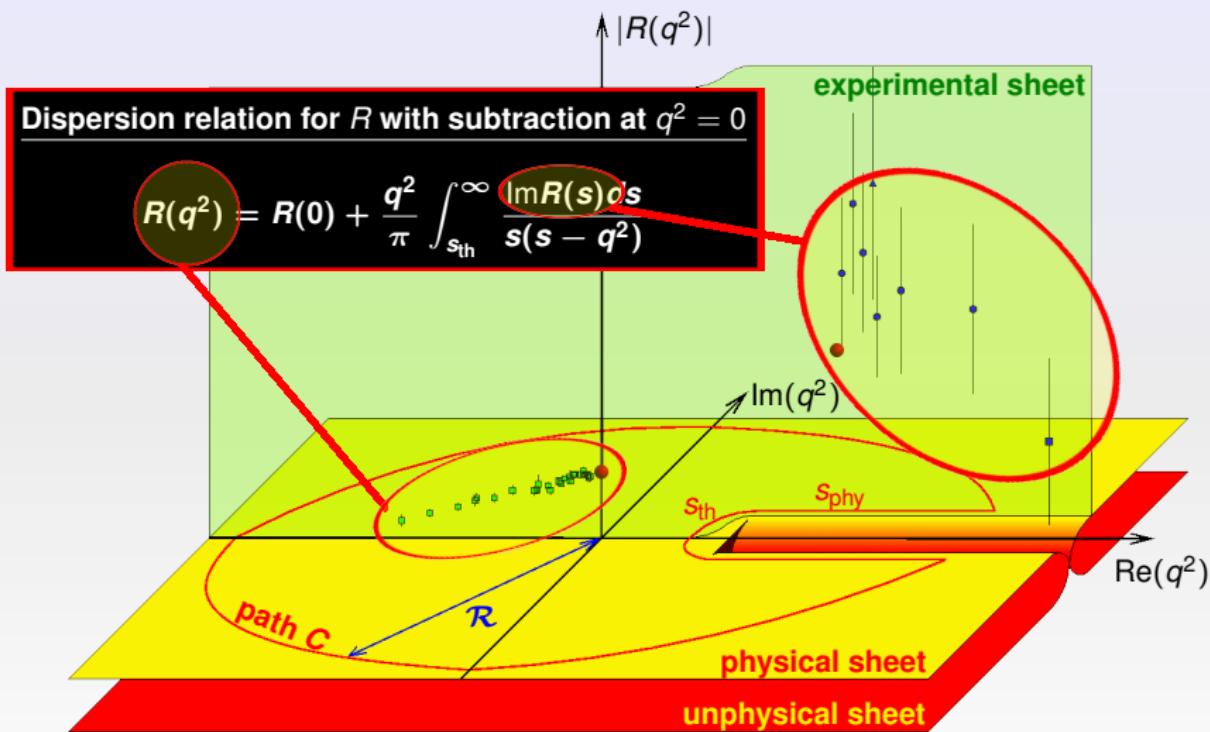
$G_E$ ,  $G_M$  and also  $R$ , if  $G_M$  has no zeros, are analytic on the  $q^2$  plane with a cut ( $s_{\text{th}} = 4M_\pi^2, \infty$ )  
[see e. g.: Eur. Phys. J. C 11, 709 (1999)]



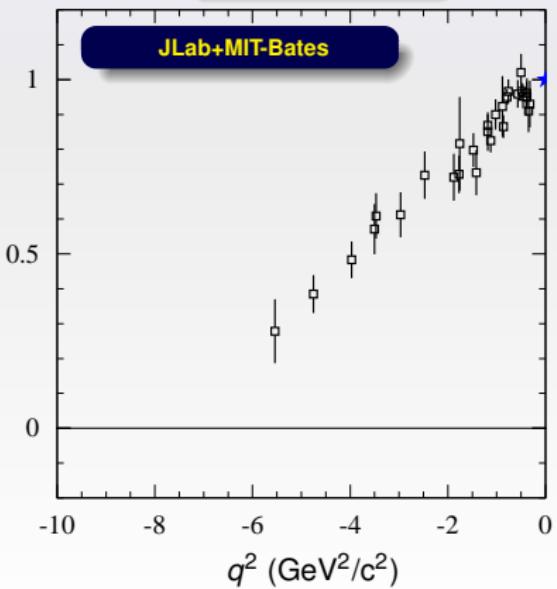
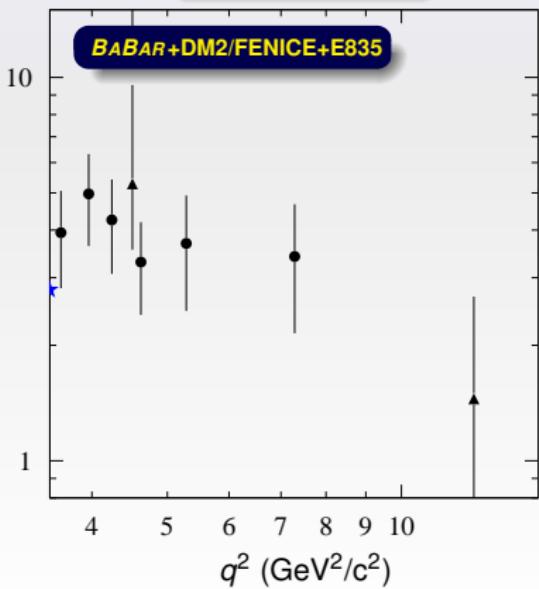
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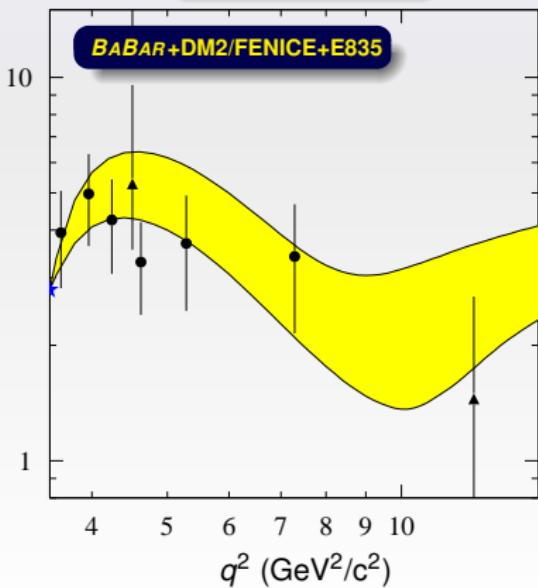
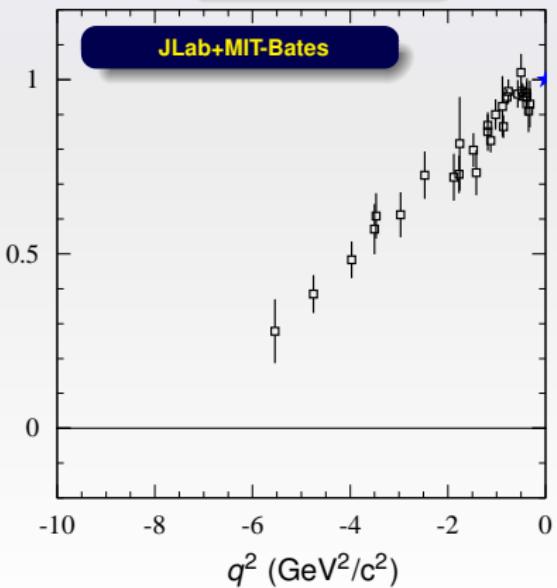
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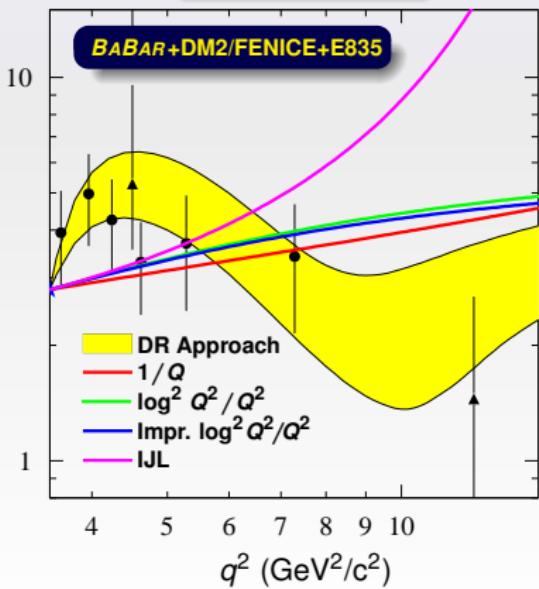
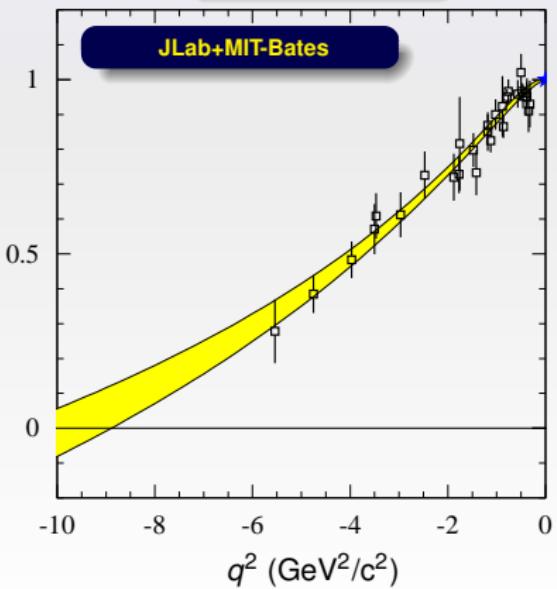
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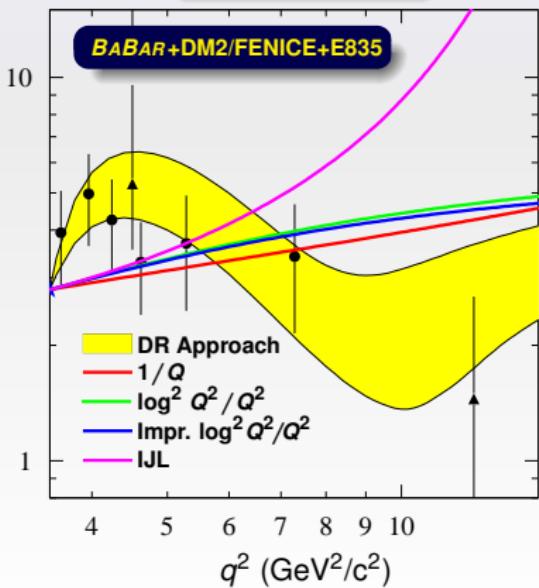
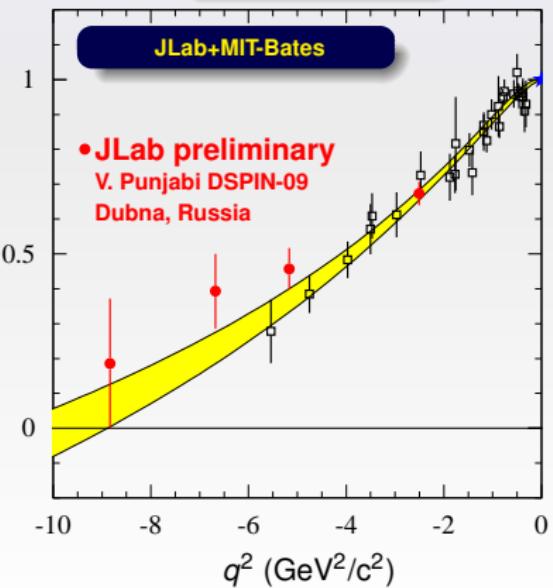
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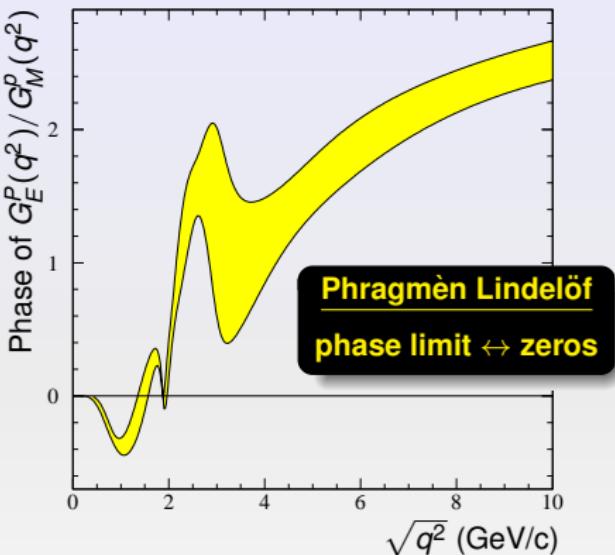
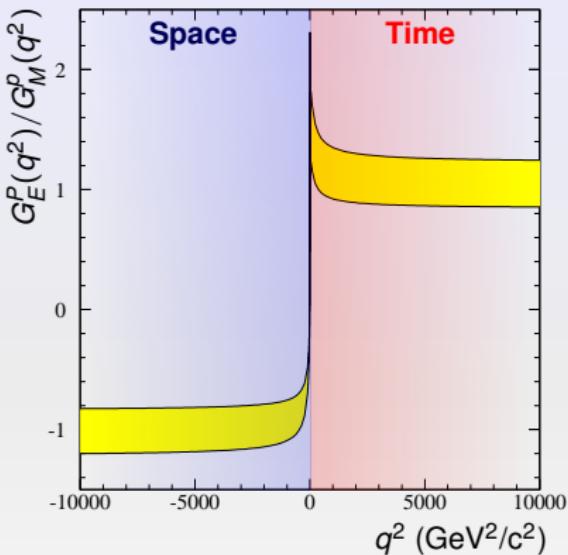
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# Asymptotic $G_E^P(q^2)/G_M^P(q^2)$ and phase



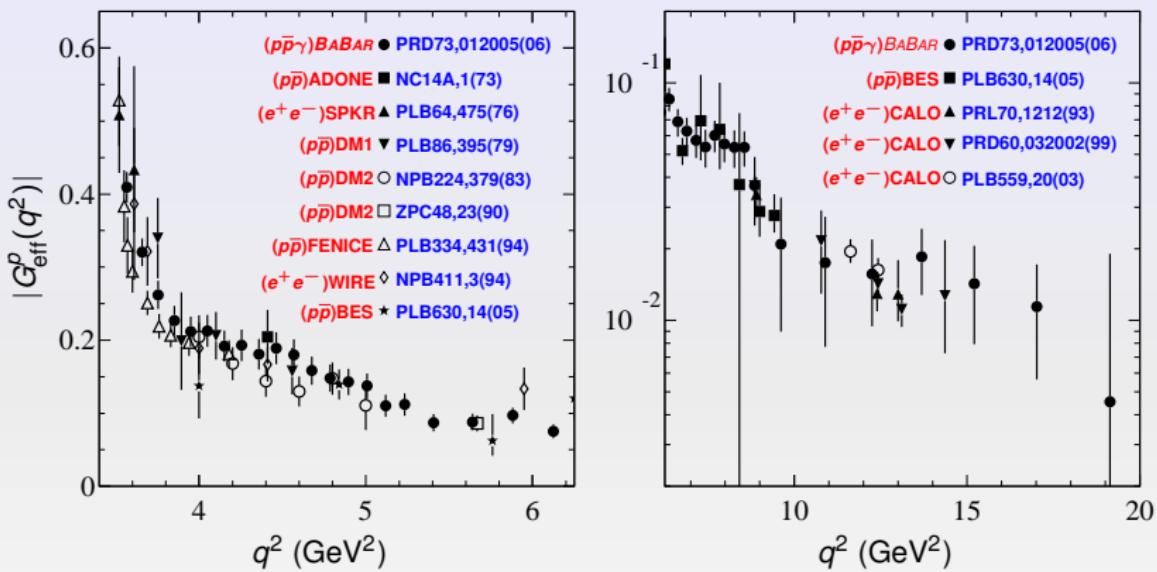
pQCD prediction

$$\frac{G_E^P(q^2)}{G_M^P(q^2)} \xrightarrow{|q^2| \rightarrow \infty} -1$$

Phase from DR

$$\phi(q^2) = -\frac{\sqrt{q^2 - s_0}}{\pi} \operatorname{Pr} \int_{s_0}^{\infty} \frac{\ln |R(s)| ds}{\sqrt{s - s_0}(s - q^2)}$$

# Time-like magnetic proton form factor



Data obtained assuming  $|G_M^p| = |G_E^p| \equiv |G_{\text{eff}}^p|$  (true only at threshold)

$$|G_{\text{eff}}^p|^2 = \frac{\sigma_{p\bar{p}}(q^2)}{\frac{16\pi\alpha^2 C_e}{3} \frac{\sqrt{1-1/\tau}}{4q^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2\tau}\right)}$$

## Dispersion relation subtracted at $t = 0$

$$\ln G(t) = \frac{t\sqrt{s_{\text{th}} - t}}{\pi} \int_{s_{\text{th}}}^{\infty} \frac{\ln |G(s)| ds}{s\sqrt{s - s_{\text{th}}(s - t)}}$$

- Less dependent on the asymptotic behavior of the FF
- $\ln G(0) = 0 \Rightarrow$  no further terms have to be considered

Splitting the integral  $\int_{s_{\text{th}}}^{\infty}$  into  $\int_{s_{\text{th}}}^{s'_{\text{phy}}} + \int_{s'_{\text{phy}}}^{\infty}$  we obtain the integral equation

$$\overbrace{\ln G(t) - I_{\text{phy}}^{\infty}(t)}^{\text{Data and Theory}} = \frac{t\sqrt{s_{\text{th}} - t}}{\pi} \int_{s_{\text{th}}}^{s'_{\text{phy}}} \overbrace{\frac{\ln |G(s)|}{s\sqrt{s - s_{\text{th}}(s - t)}} ds}^{\text{Unknown}}$$

- To avoid instabilities around  $s_{\text{phy}} = 4M_N^2$ , the upper boundary has been shifted to  $s'_{\text{phy}} = s_{\text{phy}} + \Delta$ , with  $\Delta \simeq 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$
- We impose continuity of the FF at  $s'_{\text{phy}}$  and  $s_{\text{th}}$ , in addition, at the upper boundary  $s'_{\text{phy}}$ , continuity of the first derivative is also required
- A regularization, depending on a free parameter  $\tau$ , is introduced by requiring the FF total curvature in the unphysical region to be limited

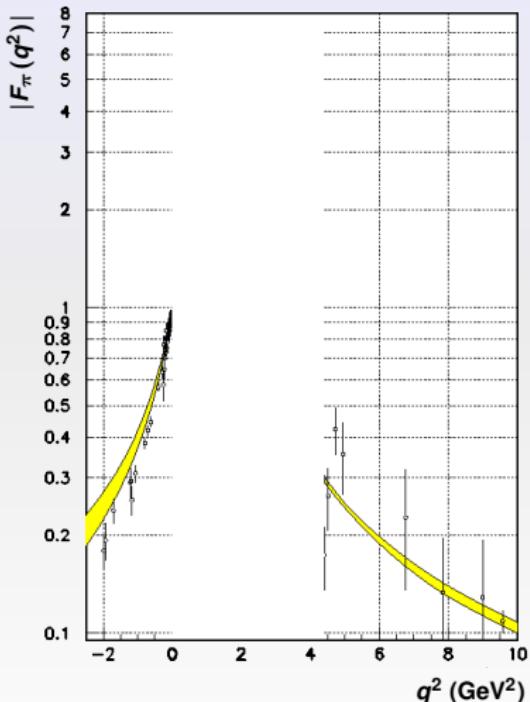
## Solving procedure

Minimize:  $\chi^2 = \chi_{\text{data}}^2 + \chi_{\text{theory}}^2 + \tau^6 \cdot \chi_{\text{regu}}^2$

$$\chi_{\text{regu}}^2 = \int_{s_{\text{th}}}^{s'_{\text{phy}}} \left[ \frac{d^2 \ln |G(s)|}{ds^2} \right]^2 ds \propto \begin{bmatrix} \text{total curvature} \\ \text{in } [s_{\text{th}}, s'_{\text{phy}}] \end{bmatrix}$$

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Space-like (DR) and time-like data (yellow bands) have been used as input in the integral equation to retrieve the time-like FF in the nucleon unphysical region.



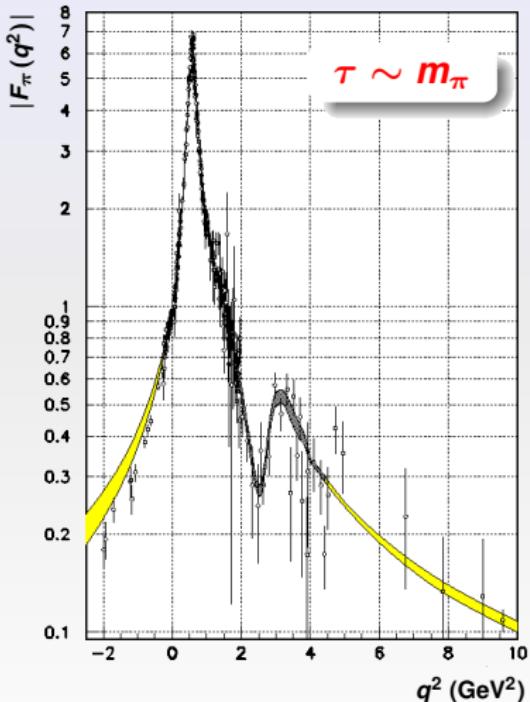
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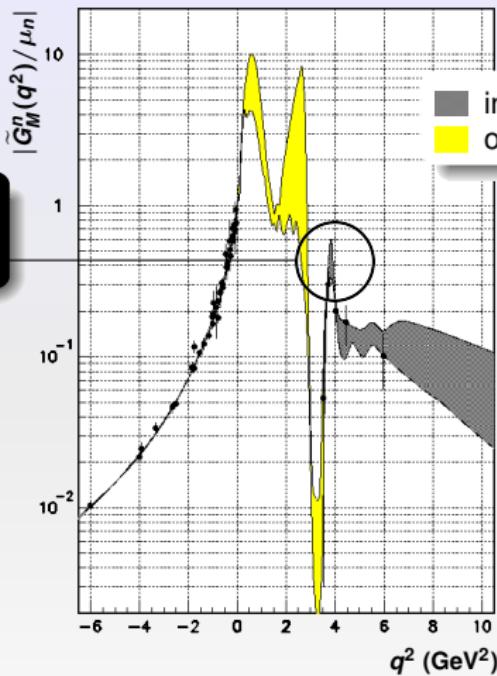
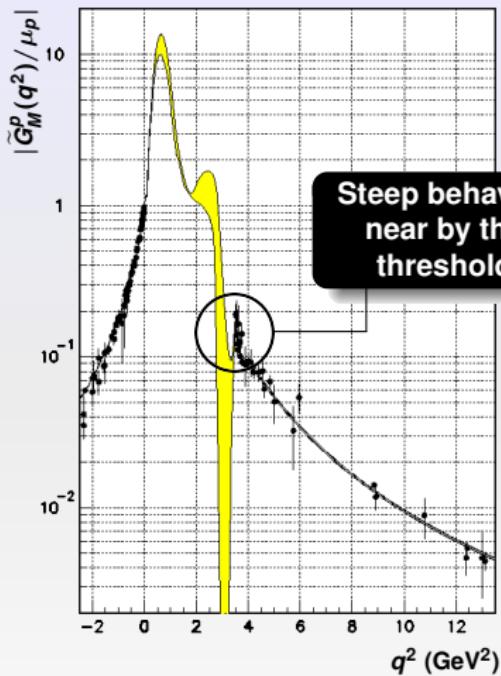
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# Nucleon magnetic form factors

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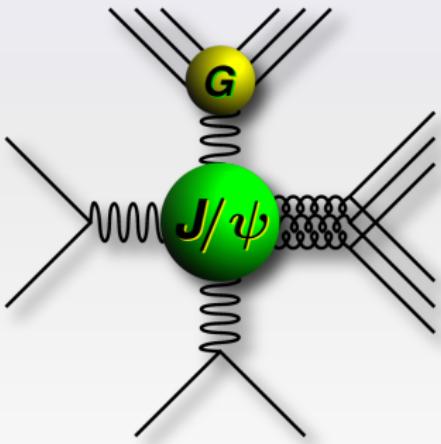
$$M_1 \sim 770 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma_1 \sim 350 \text{ MeV}$$

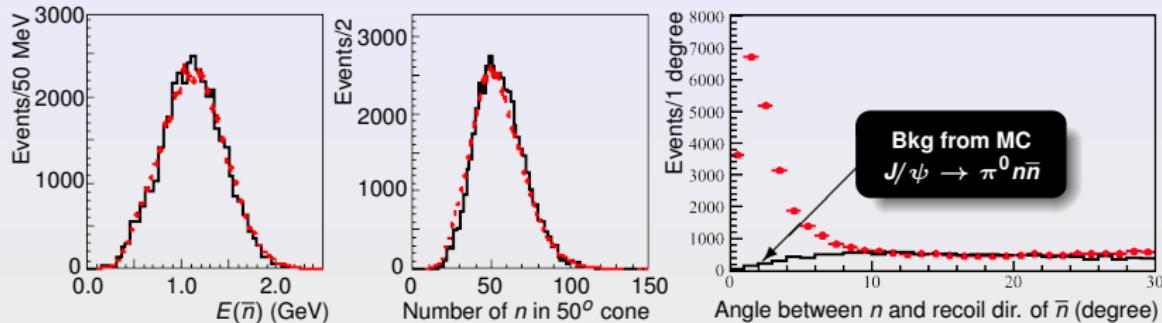
$$M_2 \sim 1600 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma_2 \sim 350 \text{ MeV}$$

# $J/\psi$ strong and electromagnetic phase



## $n\bar{n}$ identification



**BESIII**

$$B(J/\psi \rightarrow n\bar{n}) = (2.07 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.14) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$B(J/\psi \rightarrow p\bar{p}) = (2.112 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.027) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

**PDG**

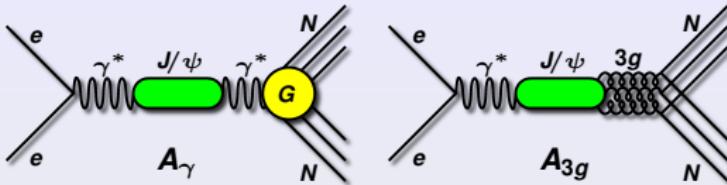
$$B(J/\psi \rightarrow n\bar{n}) = (2.2 \pm 0.4) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$B(J/\psi \rightarrow p\bar{p}) = (2.17 \pm 0.07) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$B(J/\psi \rightarrow p\bar{p}) \simeq B(J/\psi \rightarrow n\bar{n})$$

suggests a phase  $\sim 90^\circ$  between strong and e.m. amplitudes!

# $J/\psi$ decays: strong and electromagnetic



$$\text{cross section} \sim |A_\gamma + A_{3g}|^2 = |A_\gamma|^2 + |A_{3g}|^2 + \underbrace{2 \operatorname{Re}[A_\gamma^* A_{3g}]}_{\text{interference term}}$$

According to pQCD:  $A_\gamma$  and  $A_{3g}$  are real  $\Rightarrow$  interference

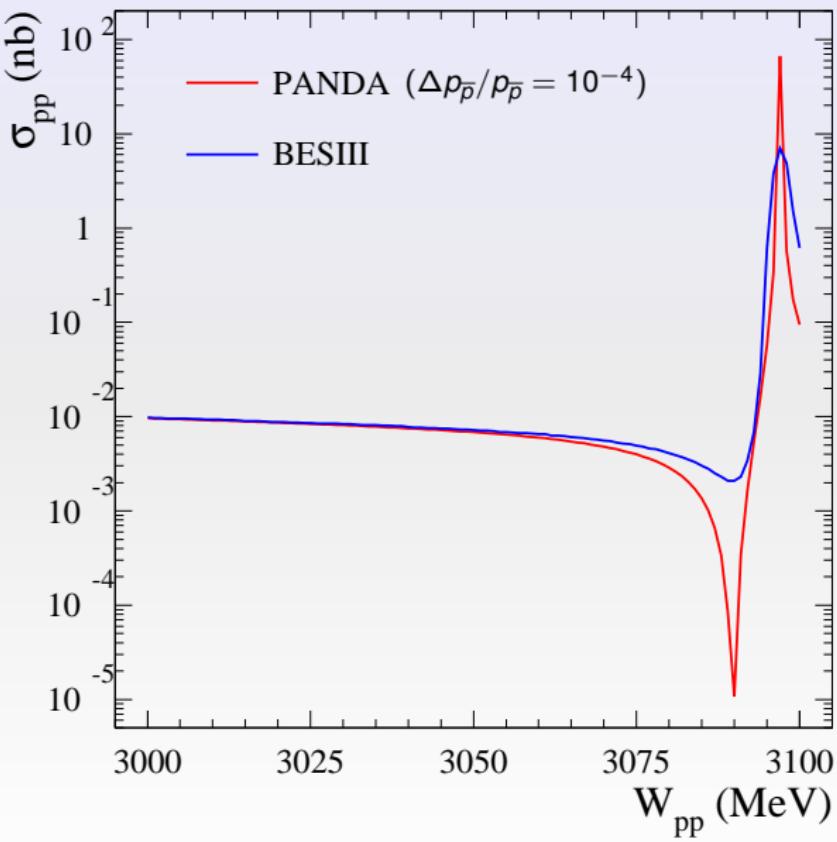
On the contrary data suggest:

$J/\psi \rightarrow J_1^P J_2^P$	$\frac{A_\gamma}{A_{3g}}$ phase
$1^- 0^-$	$106^\circ \pm 10^\circ$
$1^- 1^-$	$138^\circ \pm 37^\circ$
$0^- 0^-$	$90^\circ \pm 10^\circ$
$n\bar{n}$	$89^\circ \pm 15^\circ$

But these conclusions have been obtained modeling SU(3) breaking, or using poorly measured  $n\bar{n}$  cross section outside  $J/\psi$

Interference with the continuum measures the relative phase in an independent way

# Full interference as seen by PANDA or BESIII



## Conclusions

- Pointlike Behavior at and well above threshold
- No Sommerfeld Resummation Factor
- Neutral baryon non zero cross section at threshold?
- $G_E^p$  space-like  $\rightarrow -1$  asymptotically?
- Imaginary  $J/\psi$  strong decay amplitude?

## Perspectives

- Data from SND and CMD2
- More data from *BABAR* ( $\times 2$ ) and Belle (?)
- BESIII: ISR now, scan 2012-2013
- PANDA could explore FFs below threshold through  $p\bar{p} \rightarrow \pi^0 I^+ I^-$