

Spin Density Matrix Elements in exclusive production of omega mesons at HERMES

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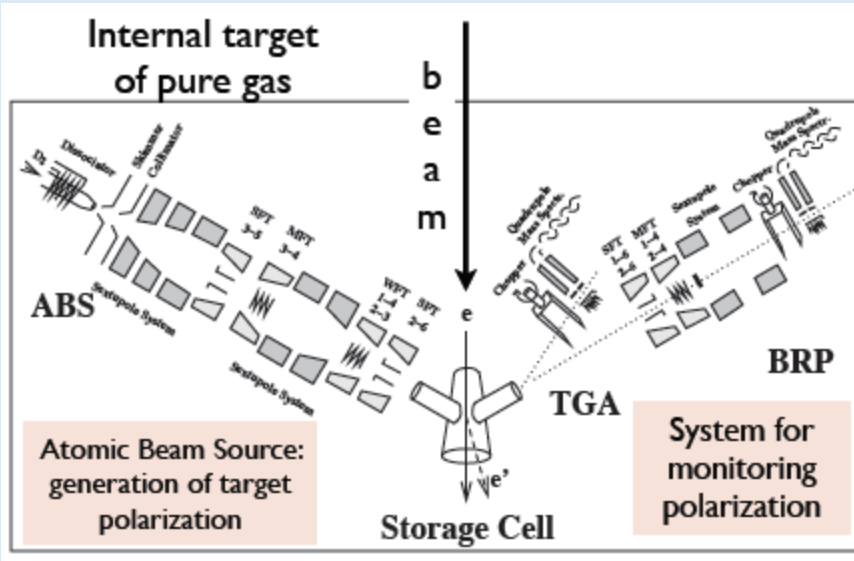
- HERMES experiment at HERA and exclusive ω meson production
- Helicity amplitudes and SDMEs
- Results:
 - SDME values
 - Unnatural –Parity Exchange for ω mesons
 - Longitudinal to Transverse cross section ratio for ω mesons
- Summary



HERMES at DESY

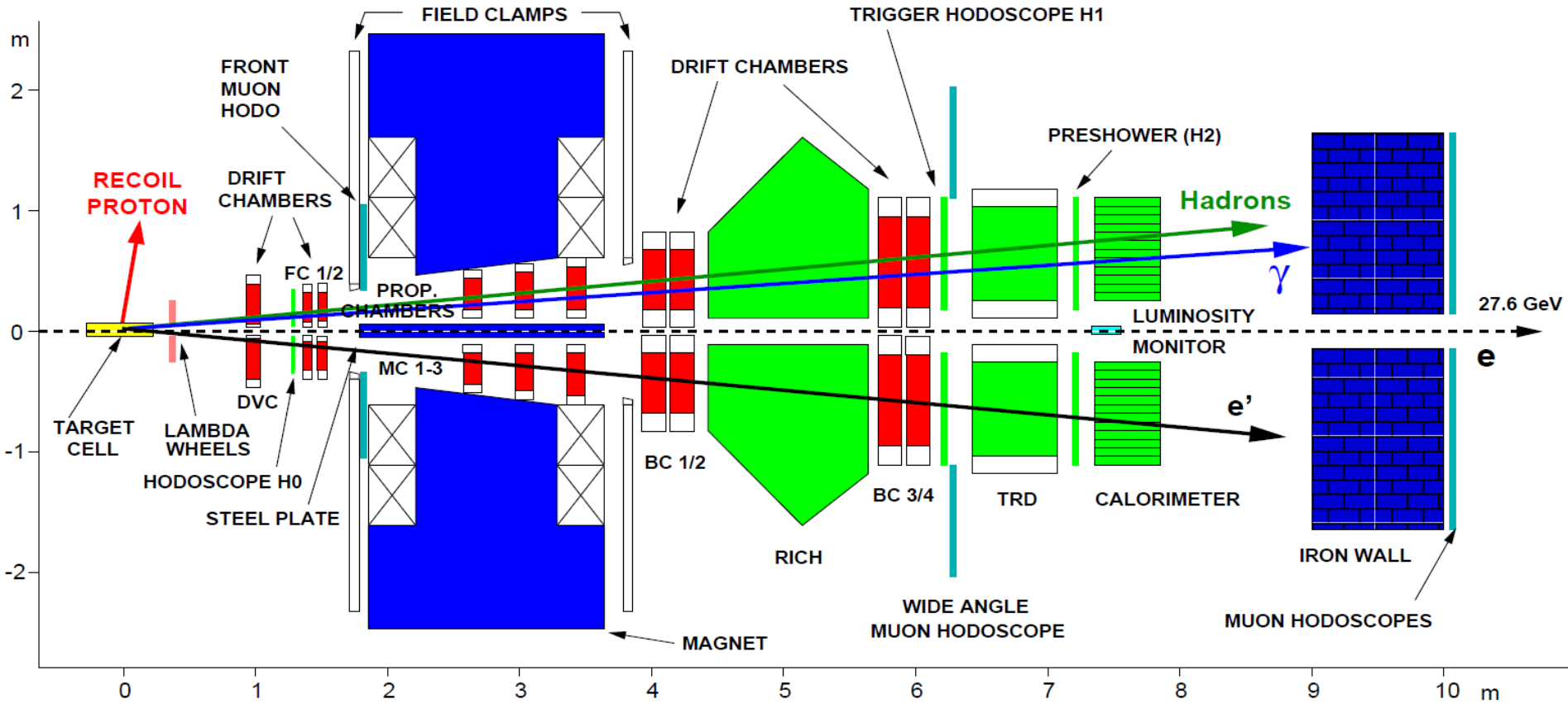


Self-polarized e^+ and e^- beams
27.6 GeV
Helicity switched every few months



Polarized hydrogen (Long.,Trans.), deuterium (Long.)
Polarization flipped at 60-180 s time intervals

The HERMES Spectrometer



Data taking: 1996-2007

- PID: RICH, TRD. Preshower and Calorimeter
- Momentum resolution of charged particles: $\delta P/P \approx 1.5\%$

Exclusive ω - meson production at HERMES

$$e(k) + N(p) \rightarrow e(k') + N(p') + \omega$$

$$\omega \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0, \quad \pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma$$

Kinematic conditions:

$$1 \text{ GeV}^2 < Q^2 < 10 \text{ GeV}^2,$$

$$0.01 < x_B < 0.35,$$

$$3.0 \text{ GeV} < W < 6.3 \text{ GeV},$$

$$0 \leq -t' = -(t - t_{\min}) < 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$$

Two photon invariant mass:

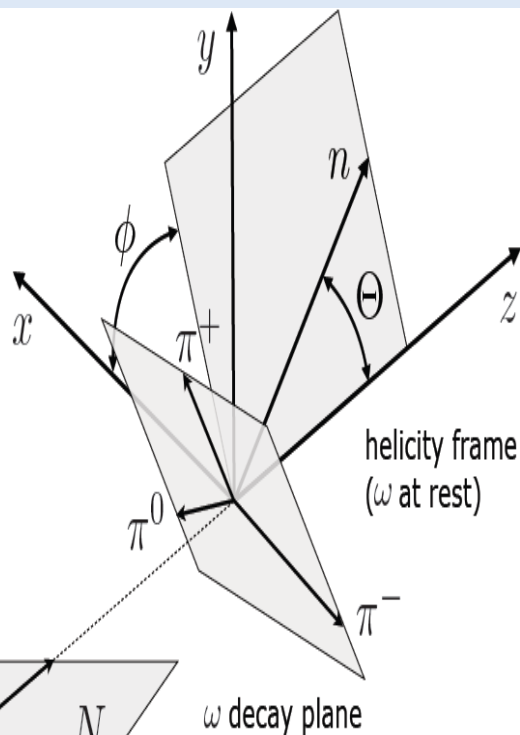
$$0.11 \text{ GeV} < M(\gamma\gamma) < 0.16 \text{ GeV}$$

Three-pion invariant mass:

$$0.71 \text{ GeV} < M(\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0) < 0.87 \text{ GeV}$$

Missing energy:

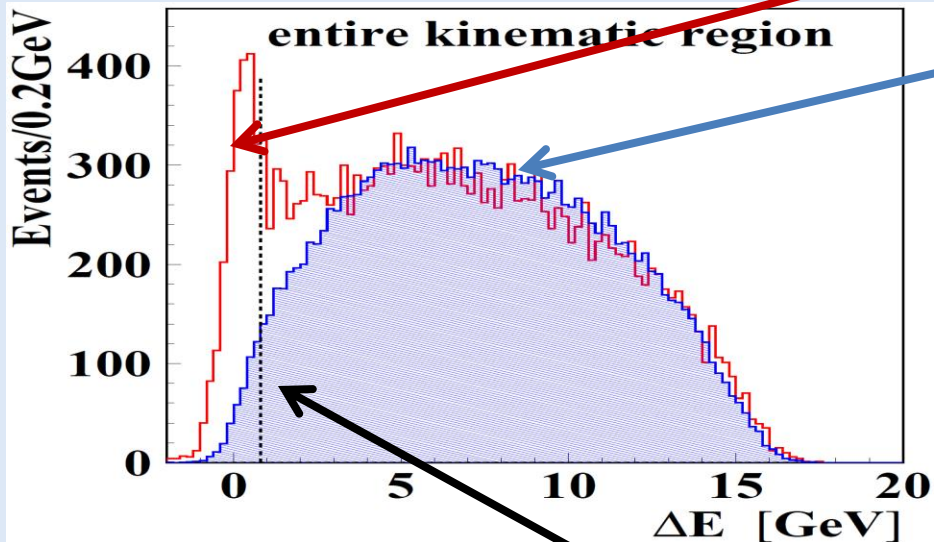
$$\Delta E = \frac{M_X^2 - M_p^2}{2M_p}, \quad M_X^2 = (p + q - p_{\pi^+} - p_{\pi^-} - p_{\pi^0})^2$$



ω production plane

Exclusive ω - meson production at HERMES

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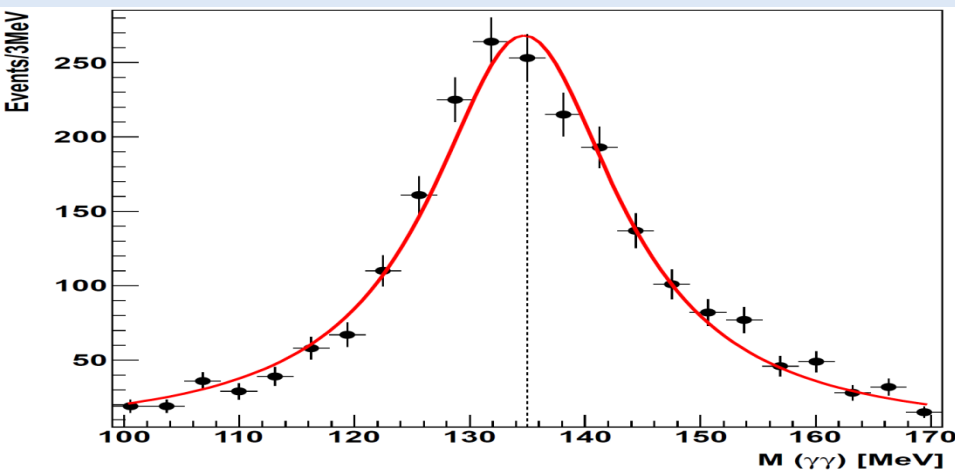
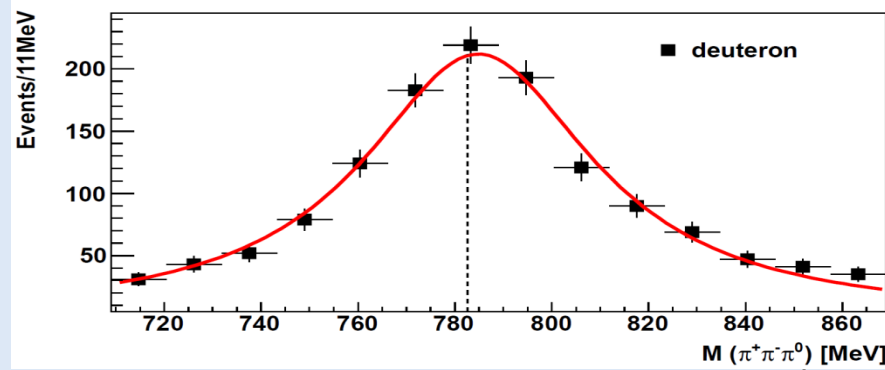
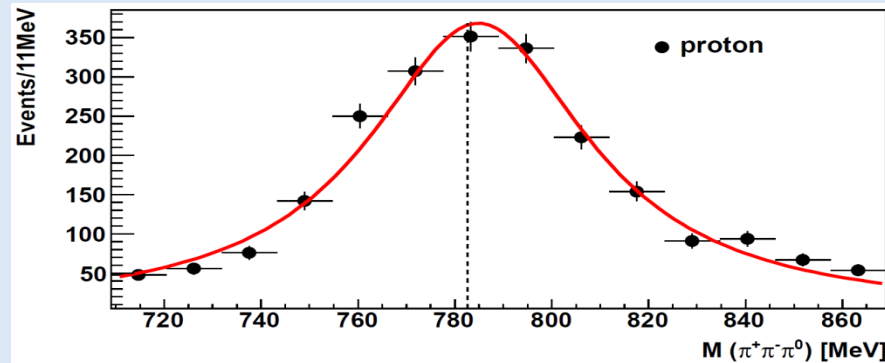
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Number of ω events:

Hydrogen – 2260

Deuterium – 1332

$$-1.0 \text{ GeV} < \Delta E < 0.8 \text{ GeV}$$



Angular distribution and extraction of SDMEs

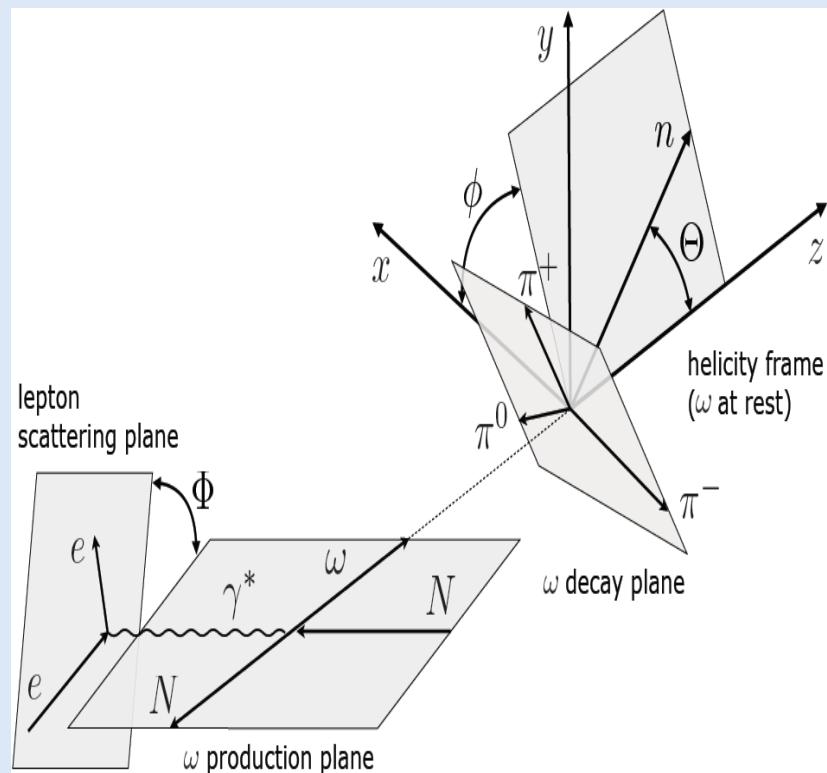
Three-dimensional angular distribution $W^{U+L}(\Phi, \phi, \cos \Theta)$ depends linearly on SDMEs – $r^\alpha_{\lambda_V \lambda'_V}$ and beam polarization P_b

$$r^\alpha_{\lambda_V \lambda'_V} \sim \rho_{\lambda_V \lambda'_V} = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{\lambda_\gamma \lambda'_\gamma \lambda_N \lambda'_N} F_{\lambda_V \lambda'_N \lambda_\gamma \lambda_N} \rho_{\lambda_\gamma \mu_\gamma}^{U+L} F_{\lambda'_V \lambda'_N \lambda'_\gamma \lambda_N}^*$$

Photon SDMEs

Helicity amplitudes

- Helicity amplitudes are the fundamental quantities to be compared with theory.
- They form a basis for the SDMEs.
- For longitudinally polarized beam and unpolarized target there are 23 SDMEs: 15 unpolarized and 8 polarized.
- The SDMEs are extracted by fitting the angular distribution $W^{U+L}(\Phi, \phi, \cos \Theta)$ to the experimental angular distribution of pions from ω -decay using unbinned Maximum Likelihood method.



Spin Density Matrix Elements

- SDMEs – $r_{\lambda_V \lambda'_V}^\alpha$ are expressed through $F_{\lambda_V \lambda'_N \lambda_\gamma \lambda_N}$ (W, Q^2, t').

- In CM frame of γ^*N they are given by the **von Neumann** formula:

$$r_{\lambda_V \lambda'_V}^\alpha \sim \rho_{\lambda_V \lambda'_V} = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{\lambda_\gamma \lambda'_\gamma \lambda_N \lambda'_N} F_{\lambda_V \lambda'_N \lambda_\gamma \lambda_N} \rho_{\lambda_\gamma \mu_\gamma}^{U+L} F_{\lambda'_V \lambda'_N \lambda'_\gamma \lambda_N}^*$$

λ_γ (λ'_γ) – is the photon (meson) helicity,

$\alpha = 0, \dots, 3$ transversely polarized photon, $\alpha = 4$ longitudinally polarized photon,

$\alpha = 5, \dots, 8$ transverse/longitudinal interference.

- $F_{\lambda_V \lambda_\gamma} = T_{\lambda_V \lambda_\gamma} + U_{\lambda_V \lambda_\gamma}$; unpolarized target, nucleon-helicity indices omitted.

T – Natural-Parity Exchange (NPE) ($P = (-1)^J$),

U – Unnatural-Parity Exchange (UPE) ($P = -(-1)^J$)

- Unpolarized target: **nucleon helicity-flip** amplitudes are suppressed.

T_{00}, T_{11}, U_{11} conserve the photon helicity,

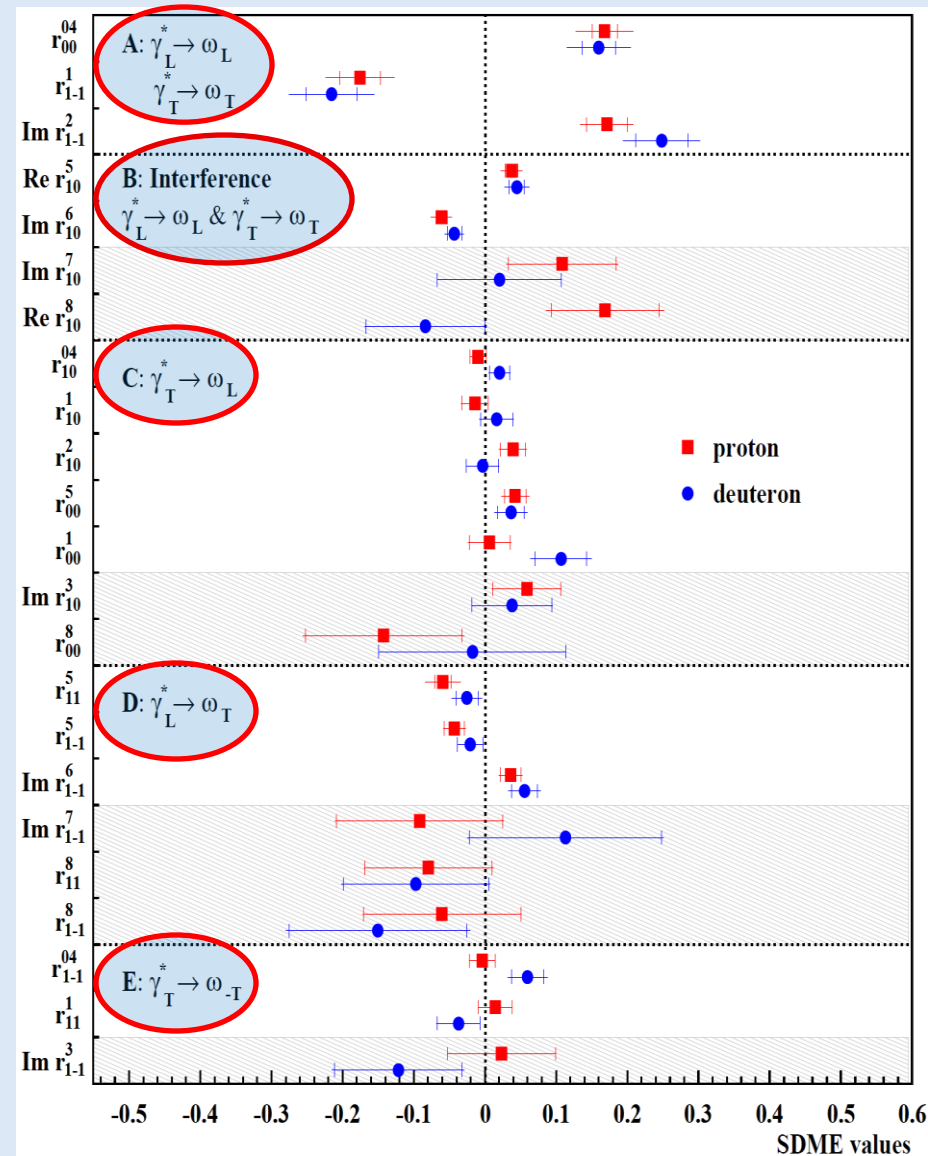
$T_{01}, T_{10}, T_{1-1}, U_{01}, U_{10}, U_{1-1}$ not.

- Dominance of diagonal transitions is called:

s-channel helicity conservation (**SCHC**).

SDMEs of exclusive ω production : SCHC hypothesis

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Similar magnitudes of SDMEs on **proton** & **deuteron**

SCHC holds for **class – A** & **class – B** SDMEs:

$$\longrightarrow \begin{cases} r_{1-1}^1 = -\text{Im } r_{1-1}^2 \\ \text{Re } r_{10}^5 = -\text{Im } r_{10}^6 \\ \text{Im } r_{10}^7 = \text{Re } r_{10}^8 \end{cases}$$

For **proton**:

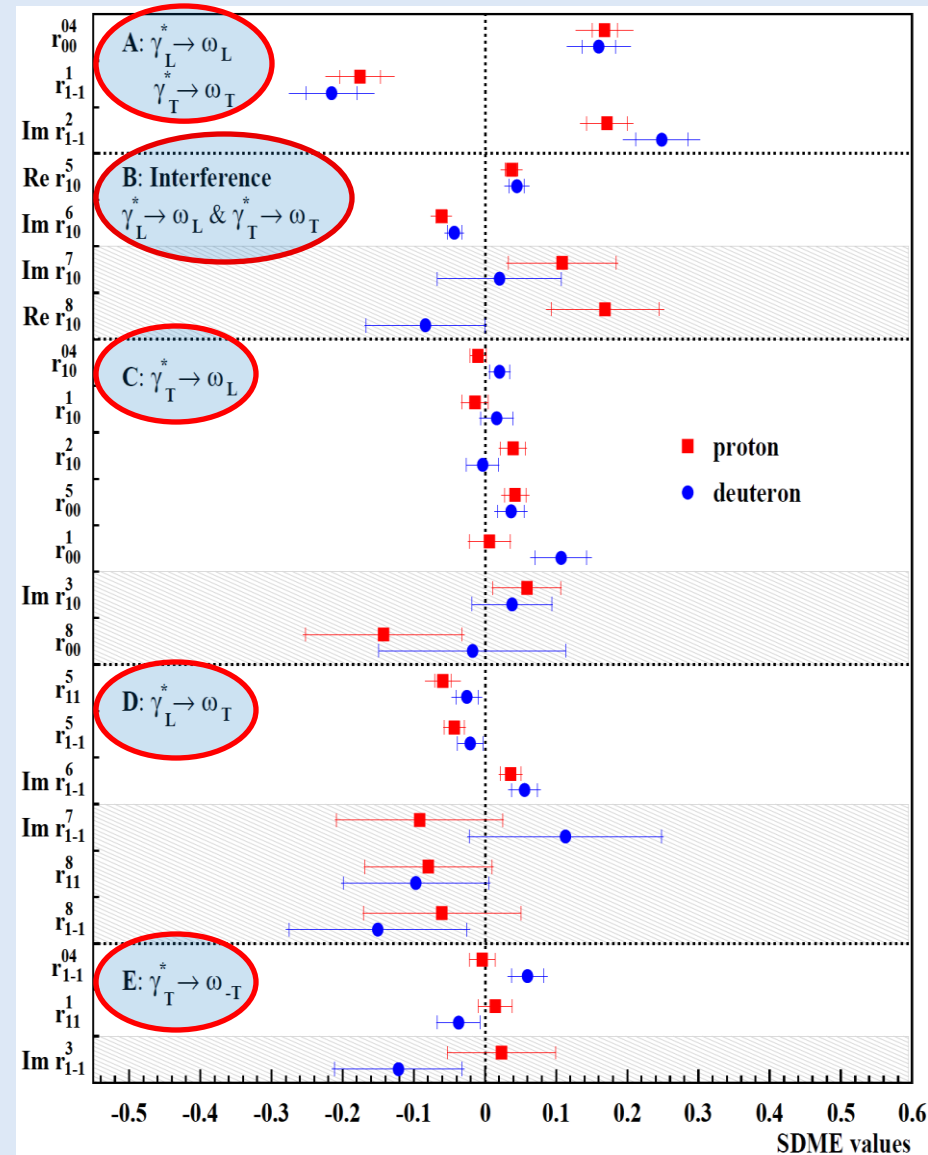
$$\begin{cases} r_{1-1}^1 + \text{Im } r_{1-1}^2 = -0.004 \pm 0.038 \pm 0.015, \\ \text{Re } r_{10}^5 + \text{Im } r_{10}^6 = -0.024 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.004, \\ \text{Im } r_{10}^7 - \text{Re } r_{10}^8 = -0.060 \pm 0.100 \pm 0.018. \end{cases}$$

For **deuteron**:

$$\begin{cases} r_{1-1}^1 + \text{Im } r_{1-1}^2 = 0.033 \pm 0.049 \pm 0.016, \\ \text{Re } r_{10}^5 + \text{Im } r_{10}^6 = 0.001 \pm 0.016 \pm 0.005, \\ \text{Im } r_{10}^7 - \text{Re } r_{10}^8 = 0.104 \pm 0.110 \pm 0.023. \end{cases}$$

SDMEs of exclusive ω production : SCHC hypothesis

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- If SCHC holds: all SDMEs class -C to -E = 0.
- The class -C SDME r_{00}^5 deviates from zero: 3σ - for proton; 2σ - for deuteron.
- The class -D SDMEs: r_{11}^5 , r_{1-1}^5 & $r_{1-1}^6 \neq 0$.

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} r_{11}^5 \approx \text{Re} [U_{10} U_{11}^*], \\ r_{1-1}^5 \approx \text{Re} [U_{10} U_{11}^*], \\ \text{Im} \{r_{1-1}^6\} \approx -\text{Re} [U_{10} U_{11}^*]. \end{cases}$$

For proton:

$$r_{11}^5 + r_{1-1}^5 - \text{Im} \{r_{1-1}^6\} = -0.14 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.04$$

For deuteron:

$$r_{11}^5 + r_{1-1}^5 - \text{Im} \{r_{1-1}^6\} = -0.10 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.03$$

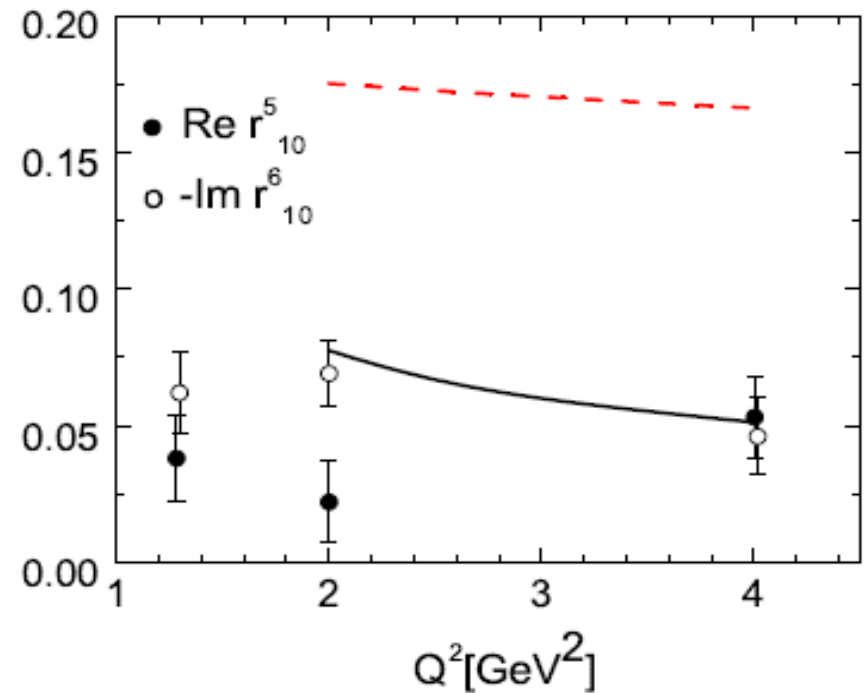
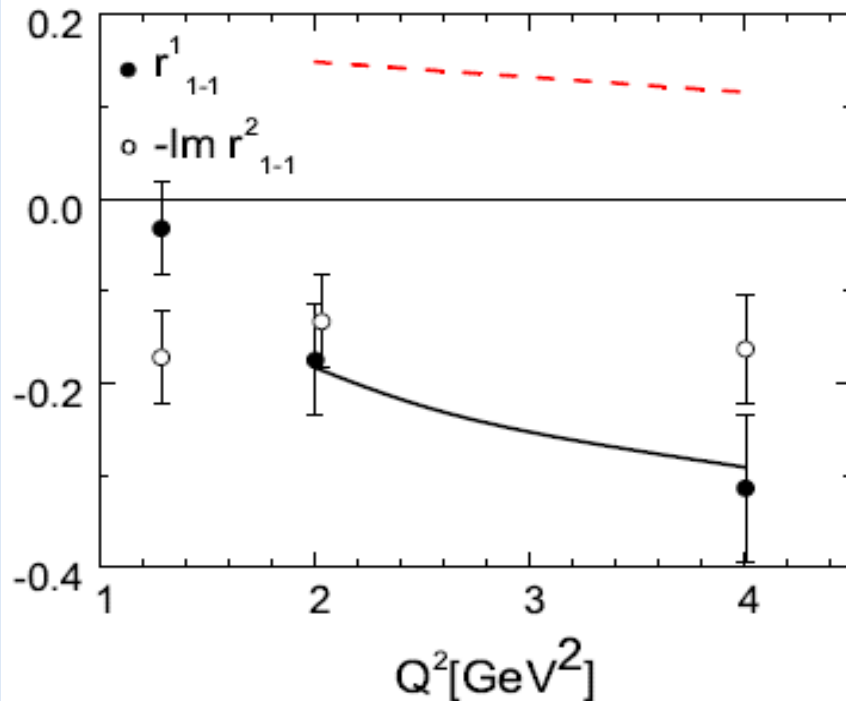
SCHC hypothesis slightly violated.

Comparison of ω SDMEs to GK model

Handbag approach with (without)
inclusion of pion-pole contribution

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Well agreement between measured **SDME** values and theoretical calculations

Comparison of SDMEs in exclusive ω and ρ^0 productions

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ρ^0 SDMEs HERMES, EPJ C 62 (2009) 659.

The class – A SDMEs: r_{1-1}^1 & $\text{Im} \{r_{1-1}^2\}$ have opposite sign for ω and ρ^0 .

Large UPE contribution for ω :

$$r_{1-1}^1 = \tilde{\Sigma} \left\{ |\mathbf{T}_{11}|^2 + |\mathbf{T}_{1-1}|^2 - |\mathbf{U}_{11}|^2 - |\mathbf{U}_{1-1}|^2 \right\} / 2N,$$

$$\text{Im} \{r_{1-1}^2\} = \tilde{\Sigma} \left\{ -|\mathbf{T}_{11}|^2 + |\mathbf{T}_{1-1}|^2 + |\mathbf{U}_{11}|^2 - |\mathbf{U}_{1-1}|^2 \right\} / 2N.$$

For ω meson

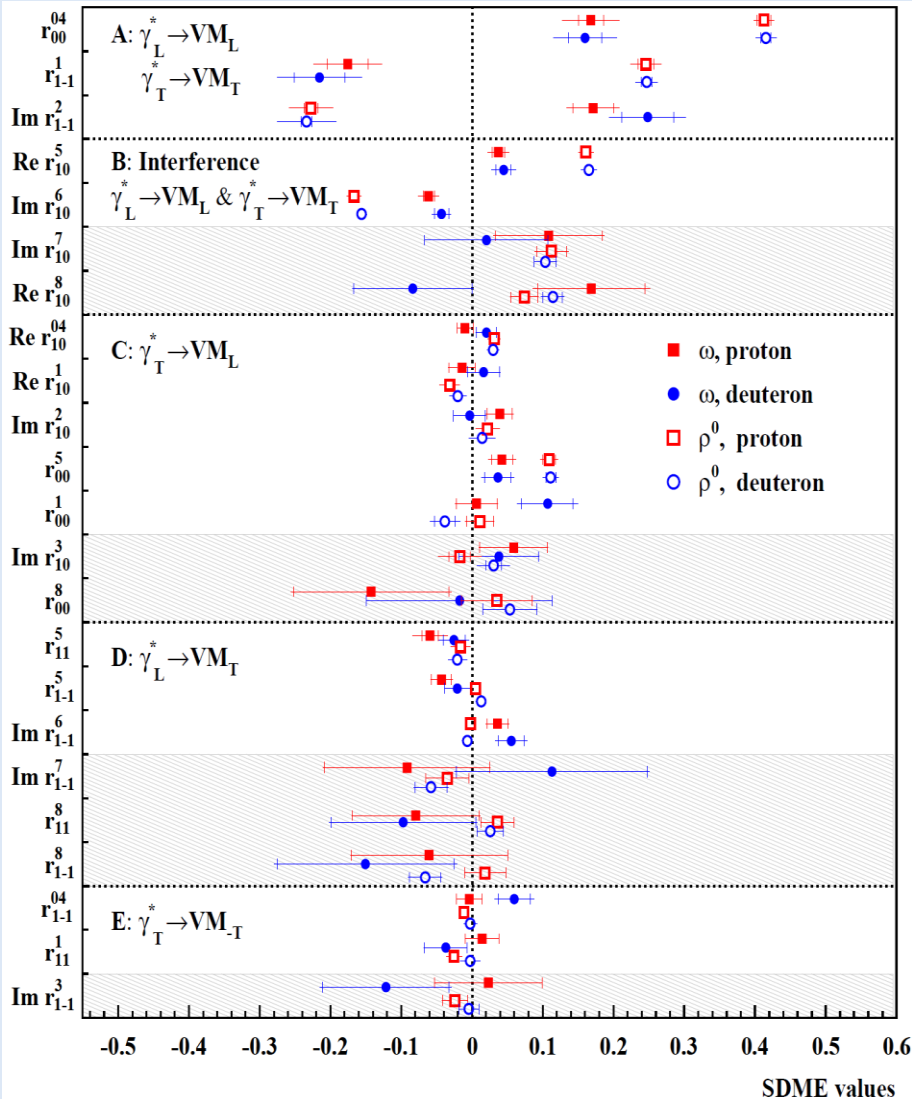
$$\text{Im} \{r_{1-1}^2\} - r_{1-1}^1 = \tilde{\Sigma} \left\{ -|\mathbf{T}_{1-1}|^2 + |\mathbf{U}_{11}|^2 \right\} / N > 0$$

$$\tilde{\Sigma} |\mathbf{U}_{11}|^2 > \tilde{\Sigma} |\mathbf{T}_{1-1}|^2$$

For ρ^0 meson

$$\text{Im} \{r_{1-1}^2\} - r_{1-1}^1 = \tilde{\Sigma} \left\{ -|\mathbf{T}_{1-1}|^2 + |\mathbf{U}_{11}|^2 \right\} / N < 0$$

$$\tilde{\Sigma} |\mathbf{U}_{11}|^2 < \tilde{\Sigma} |\mathbf{T}_{1-1}|^2$$

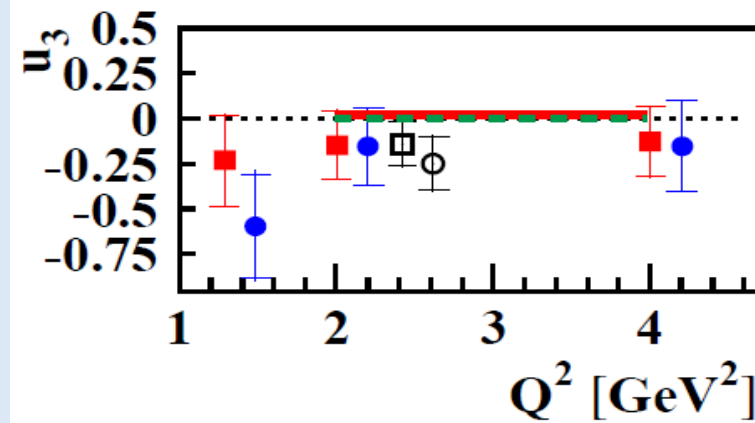
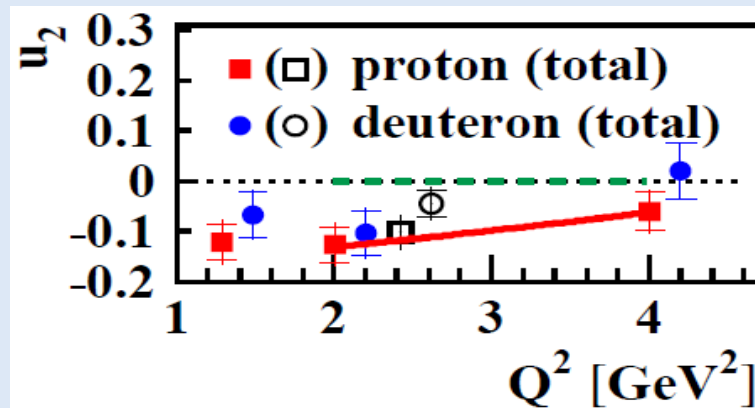
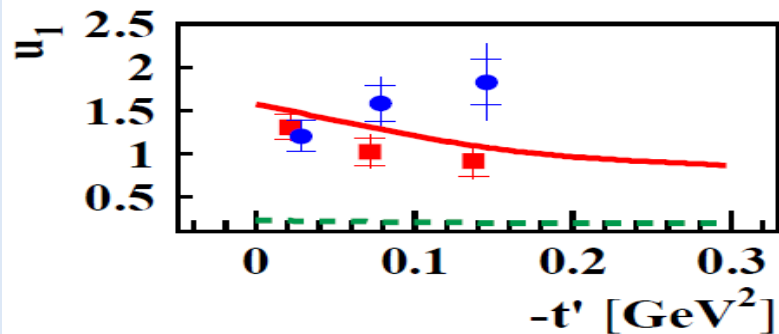
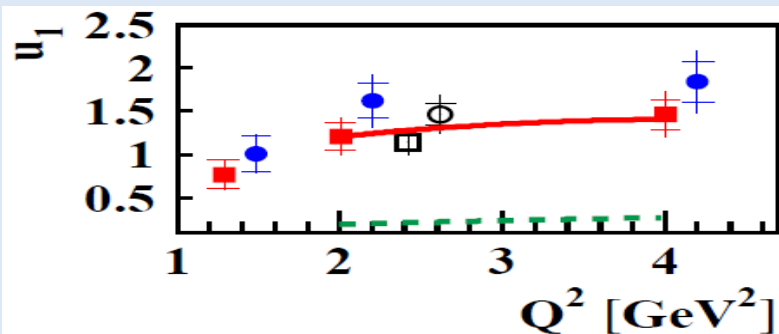


Observation of Unnatural Parity Exchange for ω meson

- The combinations of these SDMEs are expected to be zero in case of NPE:

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$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} u_1 = 1 - r_{00}^{04} + 2r_{1-1}^{04} - 2r_{11}^1 - 2r_{1-1}^1 \\ u_2 = r_{11}^5 + r_{1-1}^5, u_3 = r_{11}^8 + r_{1-1}^8 \end{cases}$$



- Large UPE contribution:

$$u_1(p) = 1.15 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.12;$$

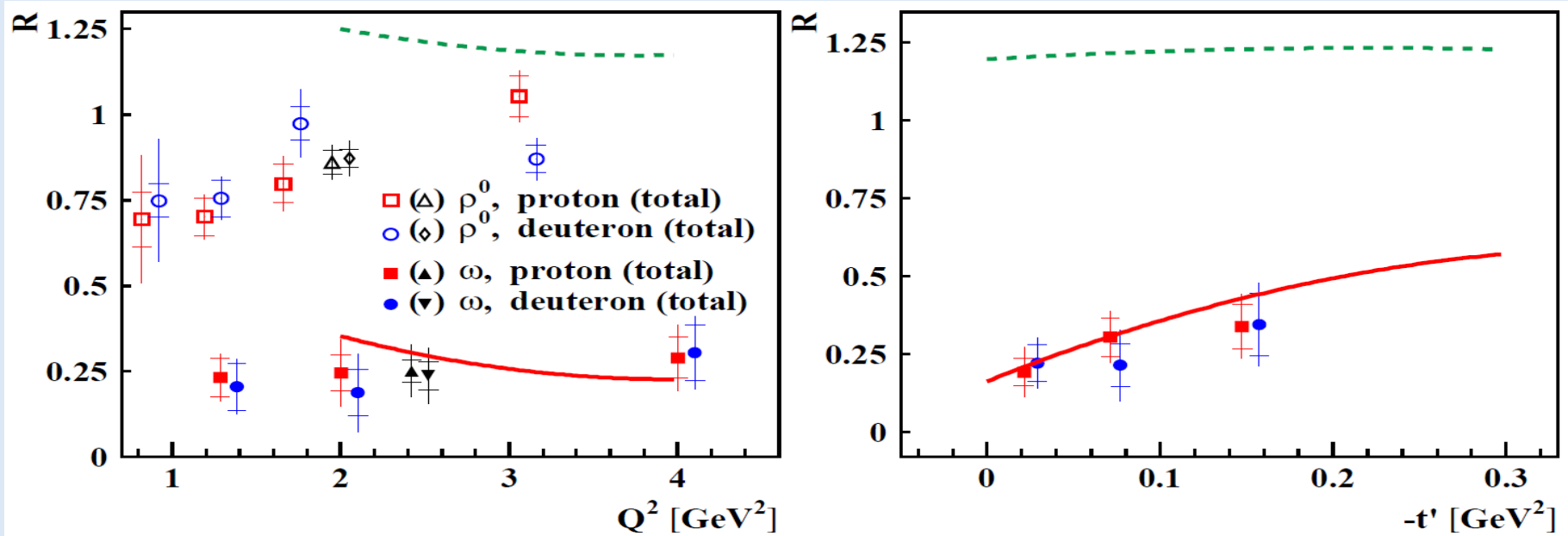
$$u_1(d) = 1.47 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.18.$$

- S.V. Goloskokov, P. Kroll: EPJ A 50 (2014)146
- Inclusion of pion-pole accounts for UPE
- u_2 is definitely nonzero for proton for ω
- u_2 & u_3 are compatible with zero for ρ^0

Longitudinal to transverse cross section ratio for ω & ρ^0

$$R = \frac{d\sigma_L(\gamma_L^* \rightarrow V)}{d\sigma_T(\gamma_T^* \rightarrow V)} \approx \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{r_{00}^{04}}{1 - r_{00}^{04}}$$

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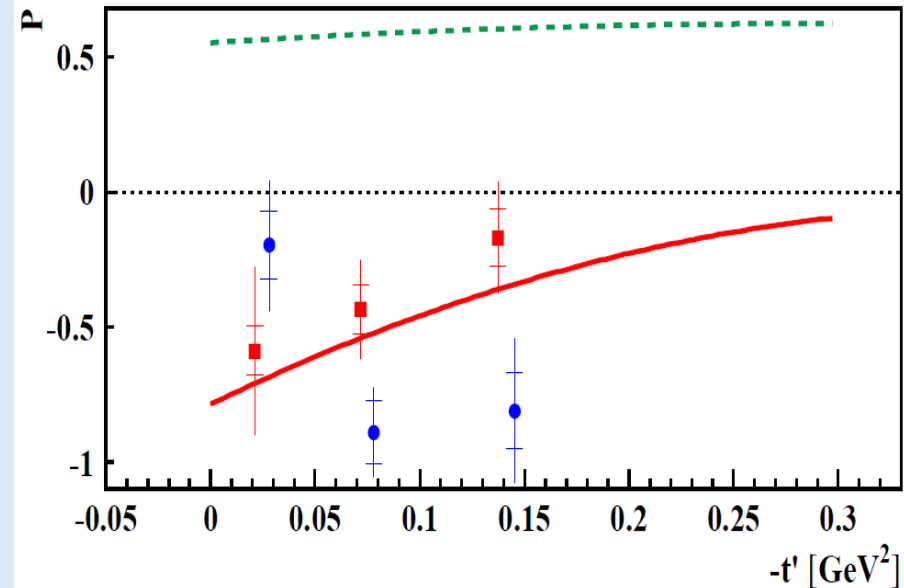
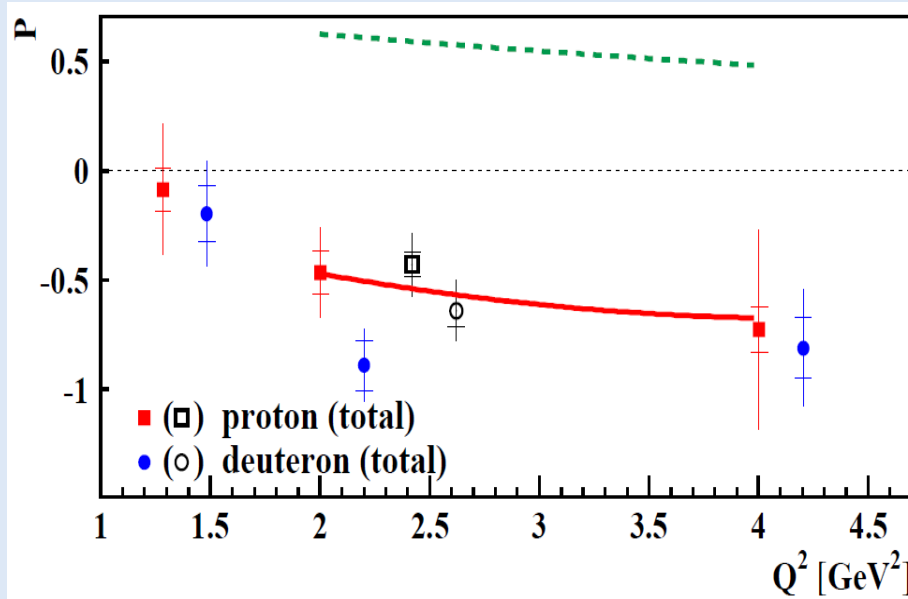


- Entire kinematic region: for ω – $R(p) = 0.25 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.07$ $R(d) = 0.24 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.07$
- For ω R is about 4 times smaller than for ρ^0 & almost independent of Q^2
- Curves are calculations of GK model with & without pion-pole inclusion

UPE-to-NPE asymmetry of the ω transverse cross section

$$P = \frac{d\sigma_T^N - d\sigma_T^U}{d\sigma_T^N + d\sigma_T^U} \equiv \frac{d\sigma_T^N / d\sigma_T^U - 1}{d\sigma_T^N / d\sigma_T^U + 1} = (1 + \varepsilon R) (2r_{1-1}^1 - r_{00}^1) \approx \frac{2r_{1-1}^1 - r_{00}^1}{1 - r_{00}^{04}}$$

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- Entire kinematic region: $P(p) = -0.42 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.08$ $P(d) = -0.64 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.12$
- Curves are calculations of GK model with & without pion-pole inclusion
- GK model appears to fully account for UPE, agreement in shape & magnitude

- The **SDMEs** are extracted for exclusive electroproduction of ω meson on **proton** and **deuteron** at HERMES.
- The **SDMEs** are divided into **five classes** according to the **helicity transitions** in the reaction.
- The **SCHC** hypothesis in ω meson production seems **slightly violated**.
- The **UPE** contribution seems to be **very large (dominant)** for ω meson.
- Longitudinal to Transverse cross section ratio R for ω meson **is smaller** than for ρ^0 .
- The **SDME** values, R & P asymmetry for ω meson production agree well with pQCD-inspired phenomenological model including **pion-pole (unnatural parity)** contribution.

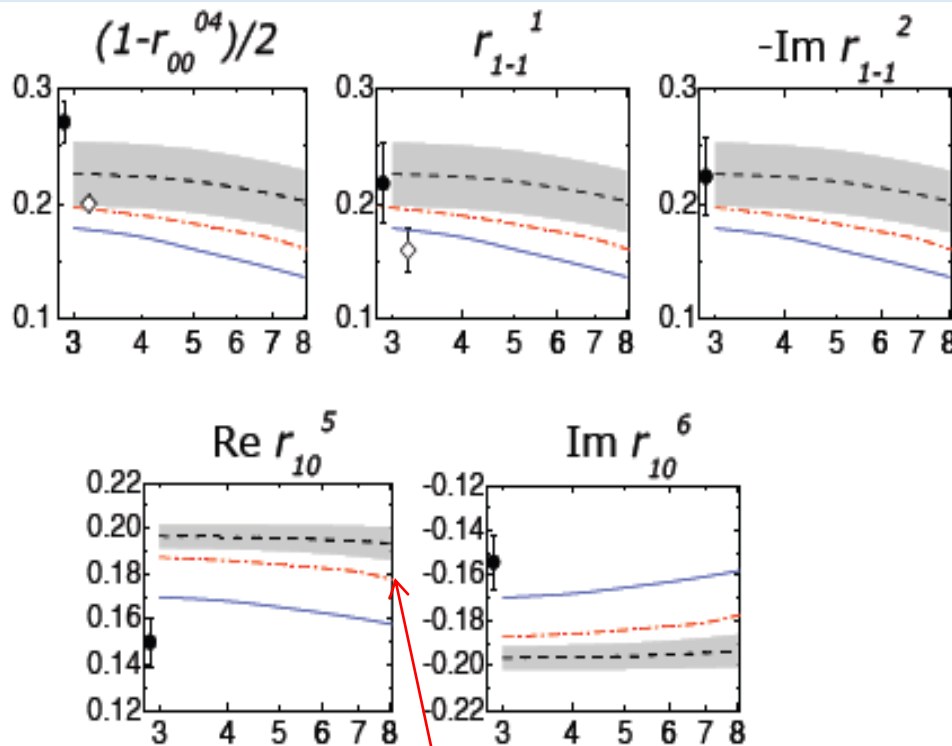
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Comparison of ρ^0 SDMEs to GK model

$$\gamma^*_L \rightarrow \rho^0_L \text{ \& } \gamma^*_T \rightarrow \rho^0_T$$

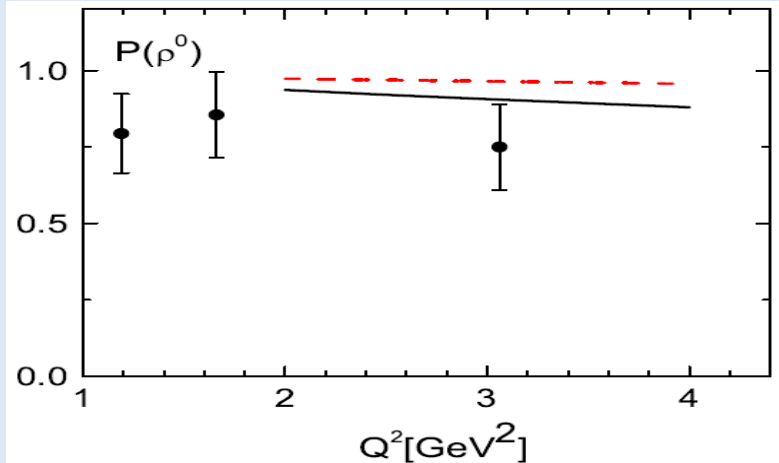
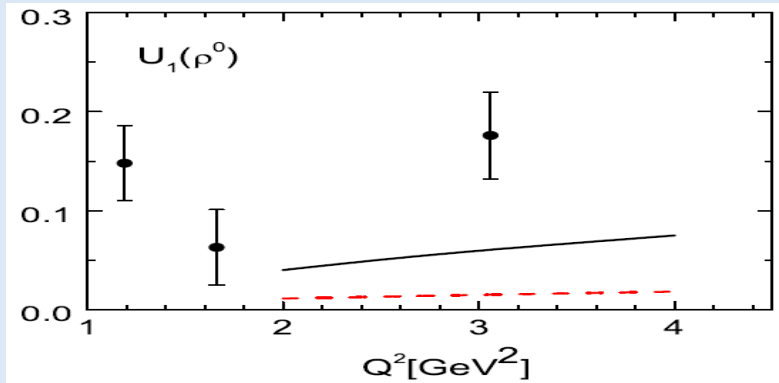
$$1 - r_{00}^{04}, r_{1-1}^1, -\Im r_{1-1}^2 \propto T_{11}$$

GPD model: S. Goloskokov, P. Kroll (2007)



W = 5 GeV, 10 GeV and 75 GeV
Model is in an agreement with data

Handbag approach with (without) inclusion of pion-pole contribution



The difference is **very small**

SDMEs on unpolarized targets: ρ^0 & ϕ productions

Hierarchy predicted by theory: confirmed by HERMES \rightarrow

$$|T_{00}|^2 \approx |T_{11}|^2 \gg |U_{11}|^2 > |T_{01}|^2 \gg |T_{10}|^2 \dots$$

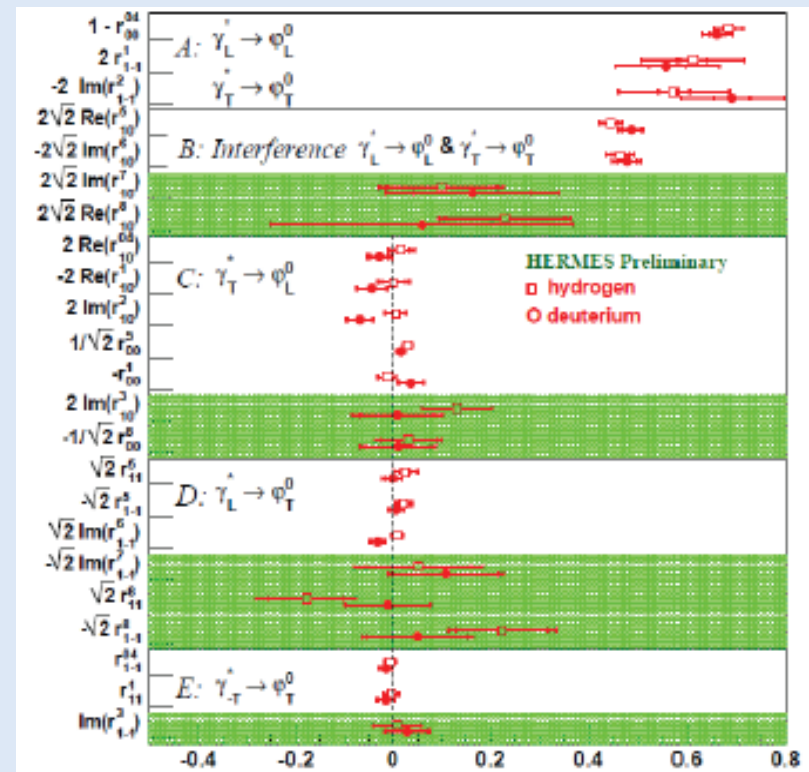
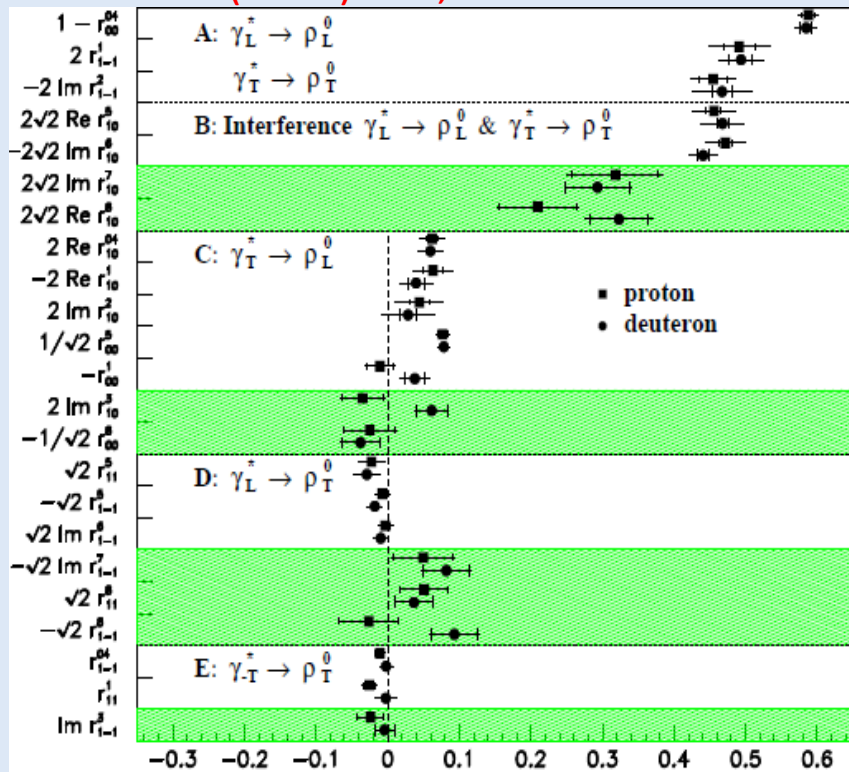
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$\gamma_{L \rightarrow V_L}^*$ & $\gamma_{T \rightarrow V_T}^*$:
10-20% difference between ρ^0 & ϕ

$\gamma_{T \rightarrow V_L}^*$:
pronounced difference between ρ^0 & ϕ