

Electroweak precision test through single spin asymmetries at the EicC

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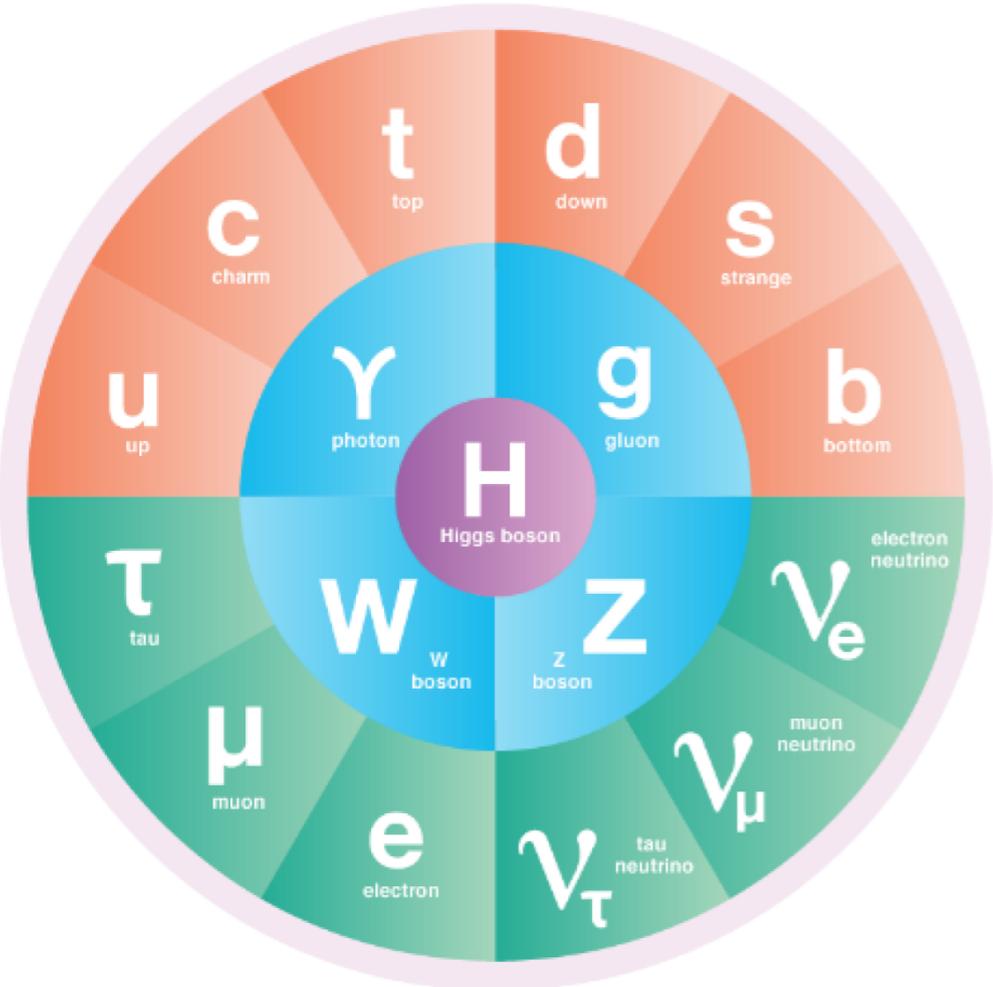


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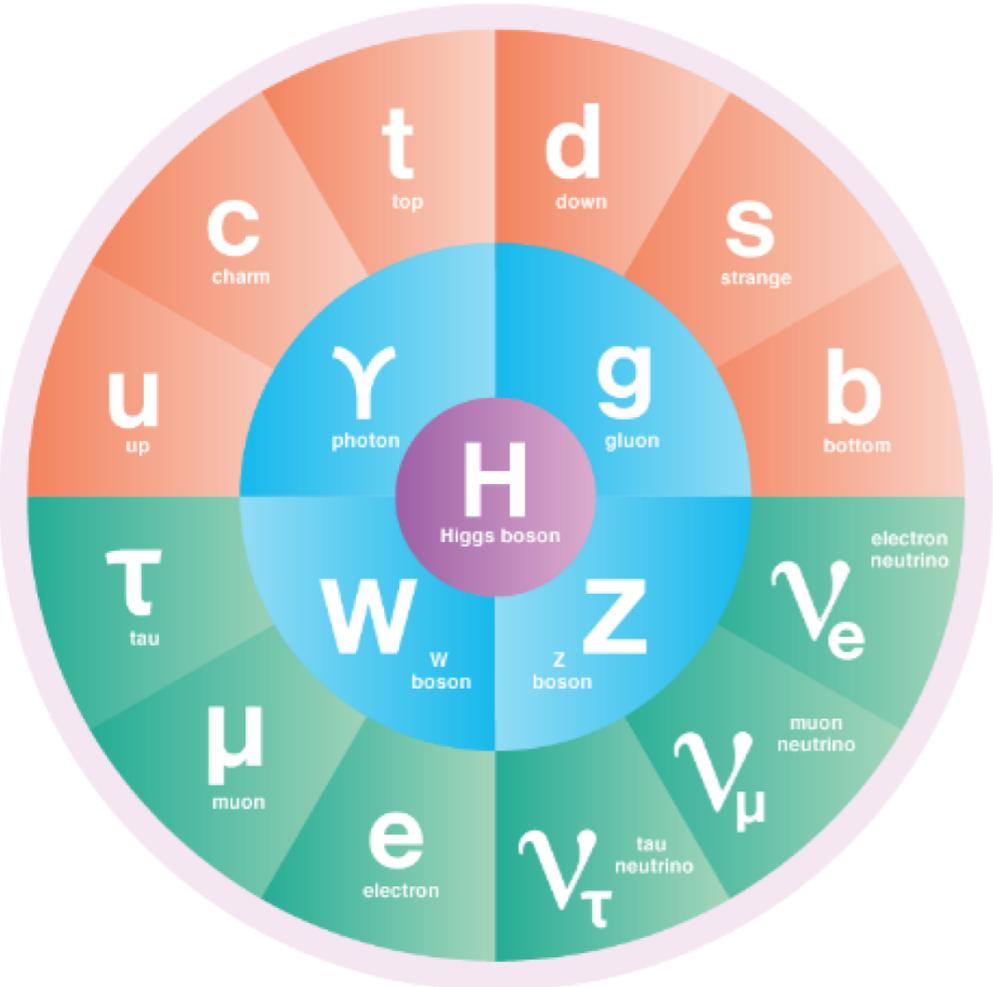


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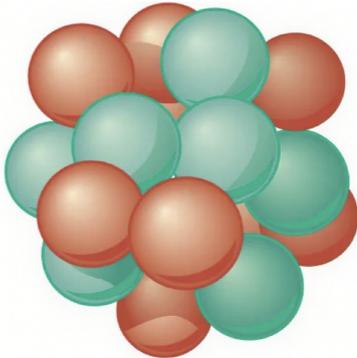
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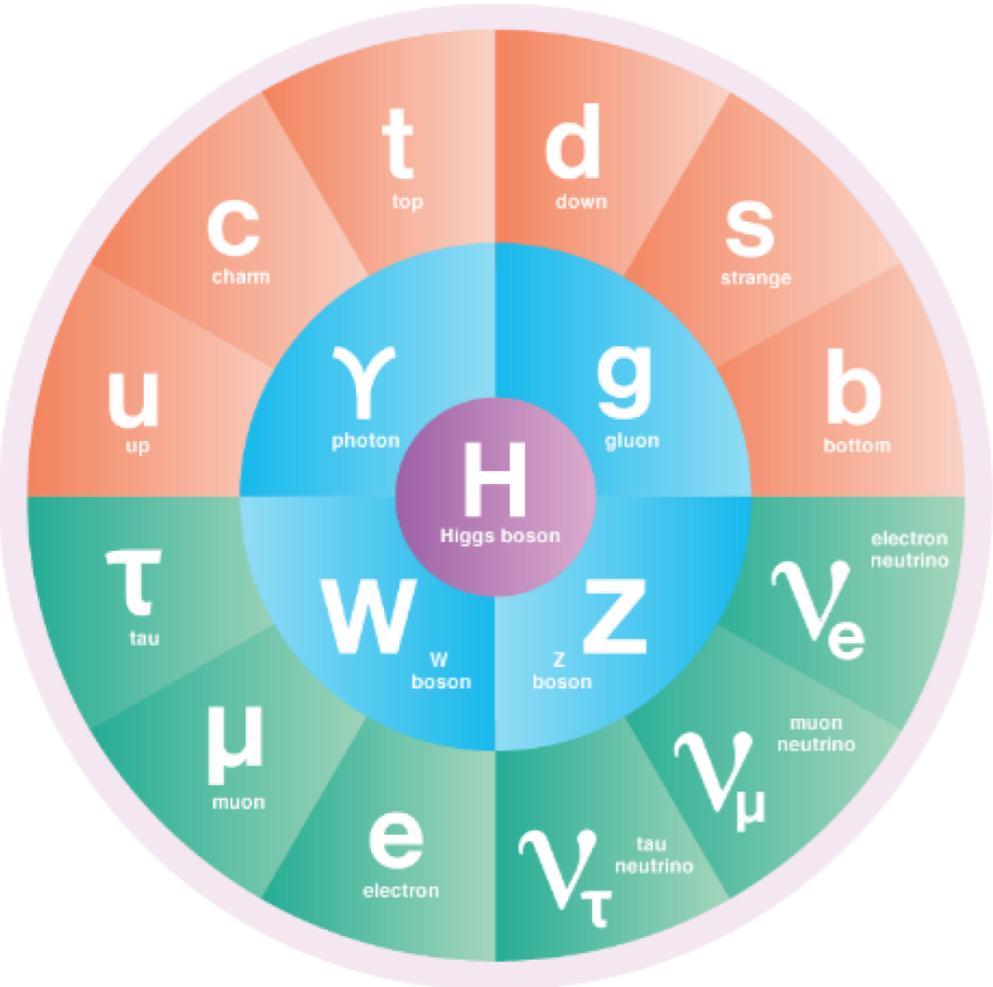
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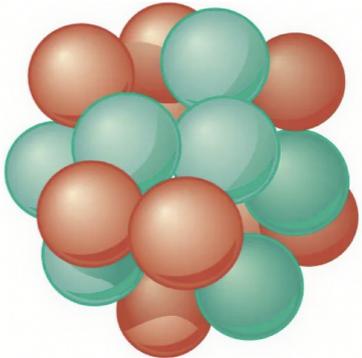


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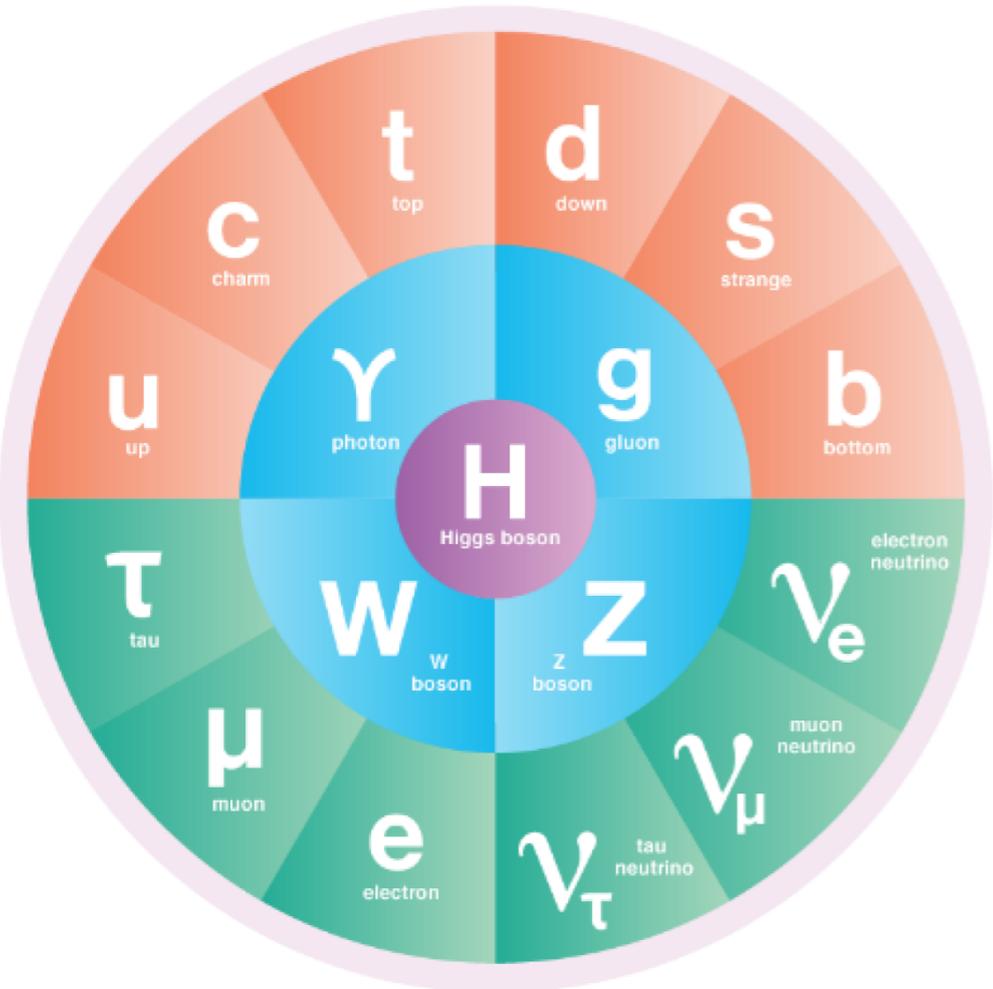
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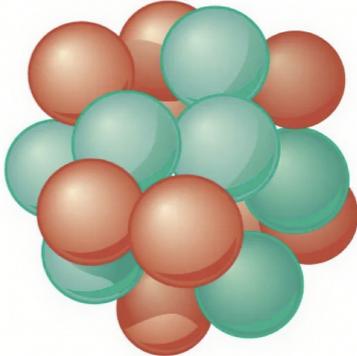
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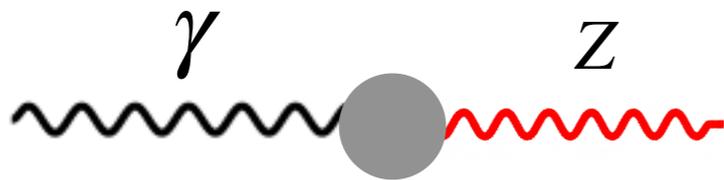


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This amount of mixing is *purely* determined from the two gauge couplings (at LO)

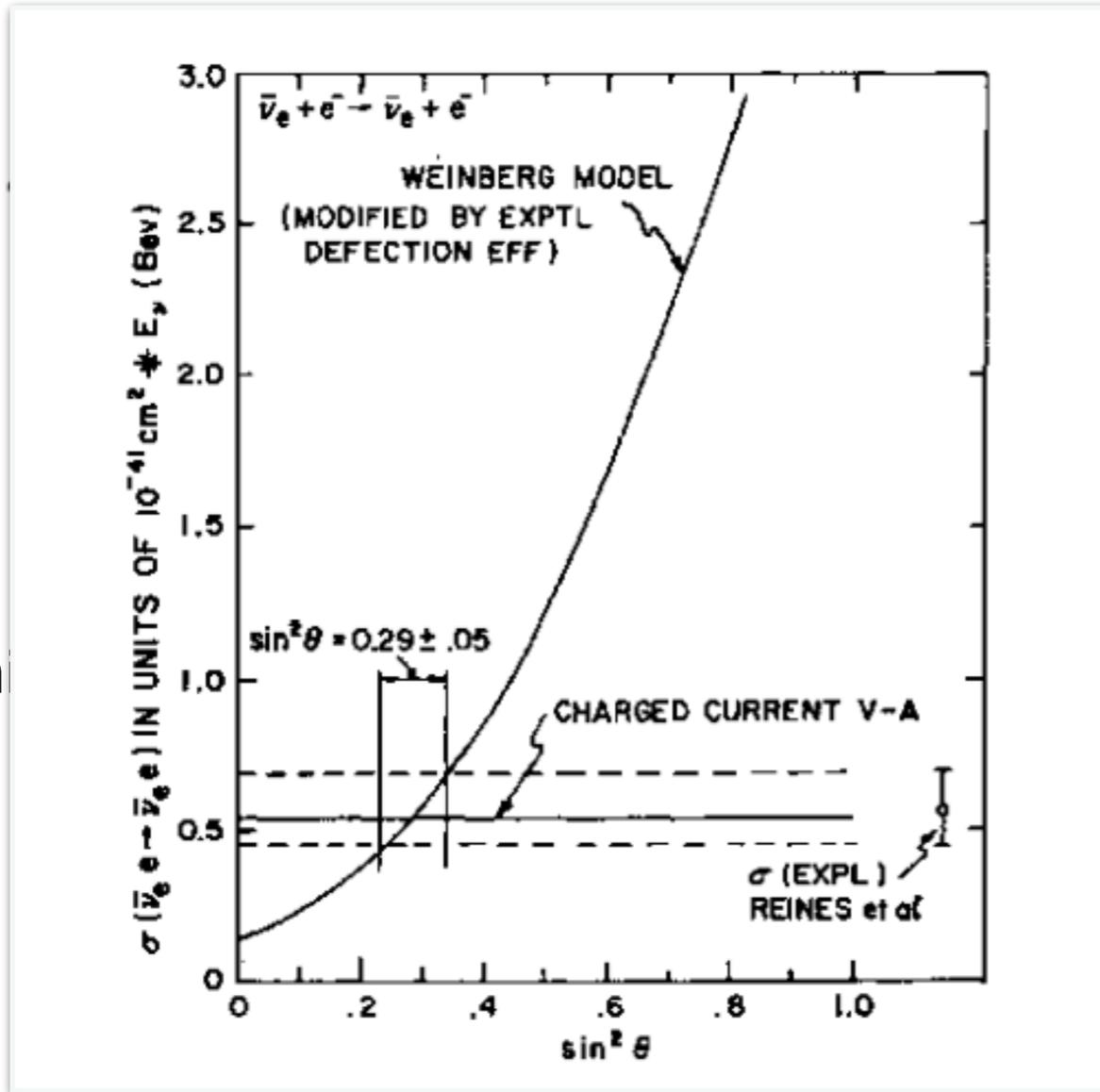
$$\sin^2 \theta_W = \frac{g_Y^2}{g_Y^2 + g_L^2} \approx \frac{1}{4}$$

This number can of course be model dependent

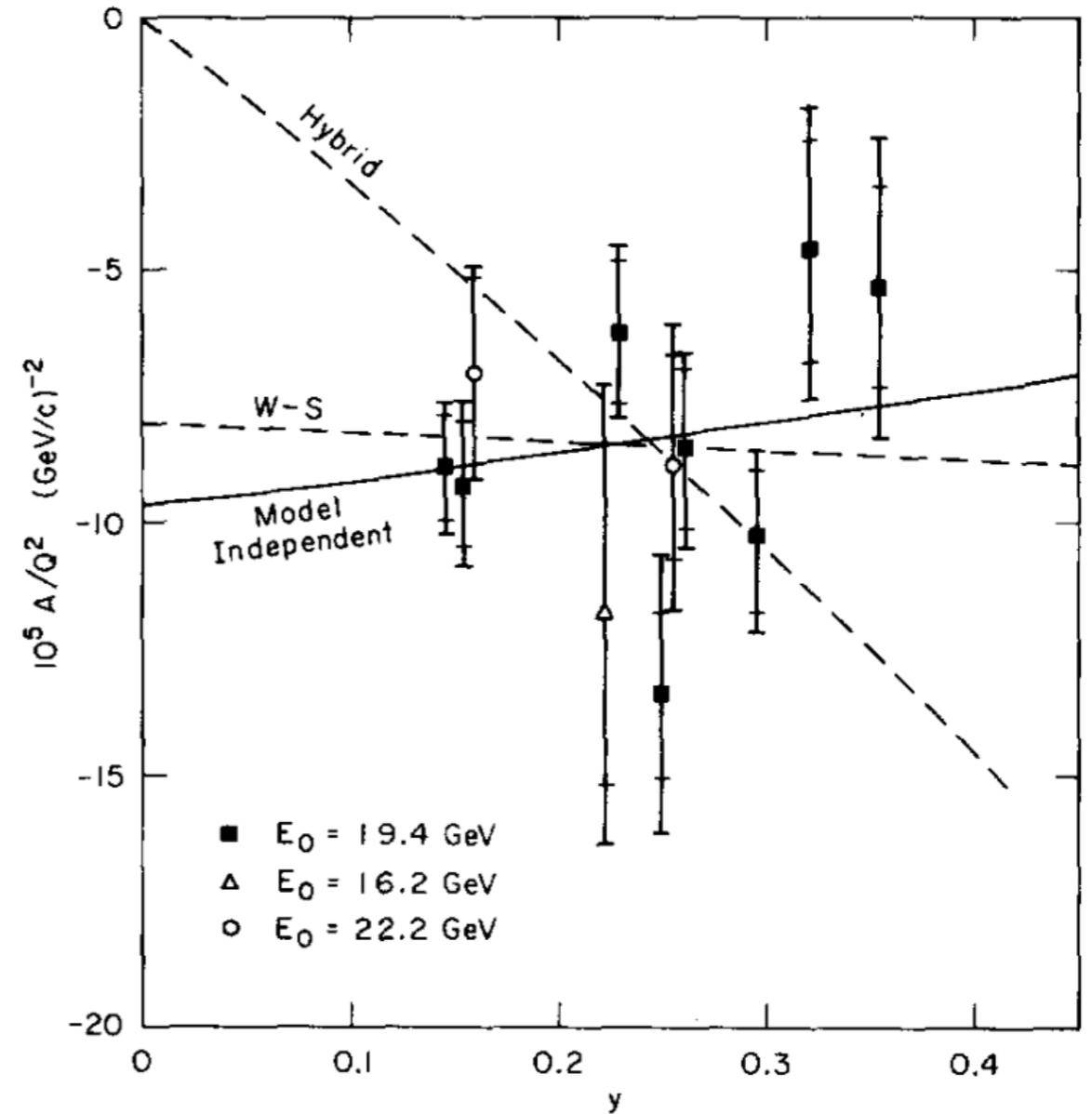
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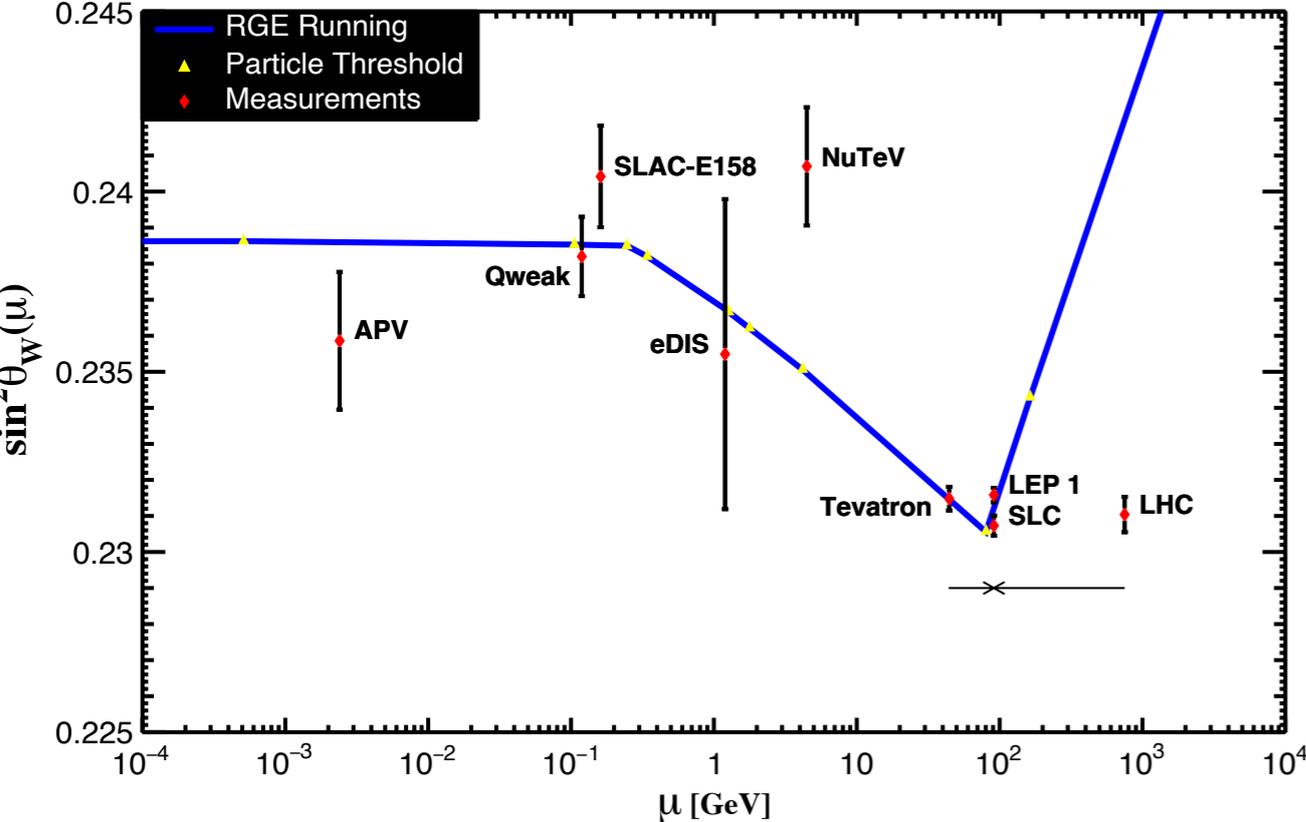
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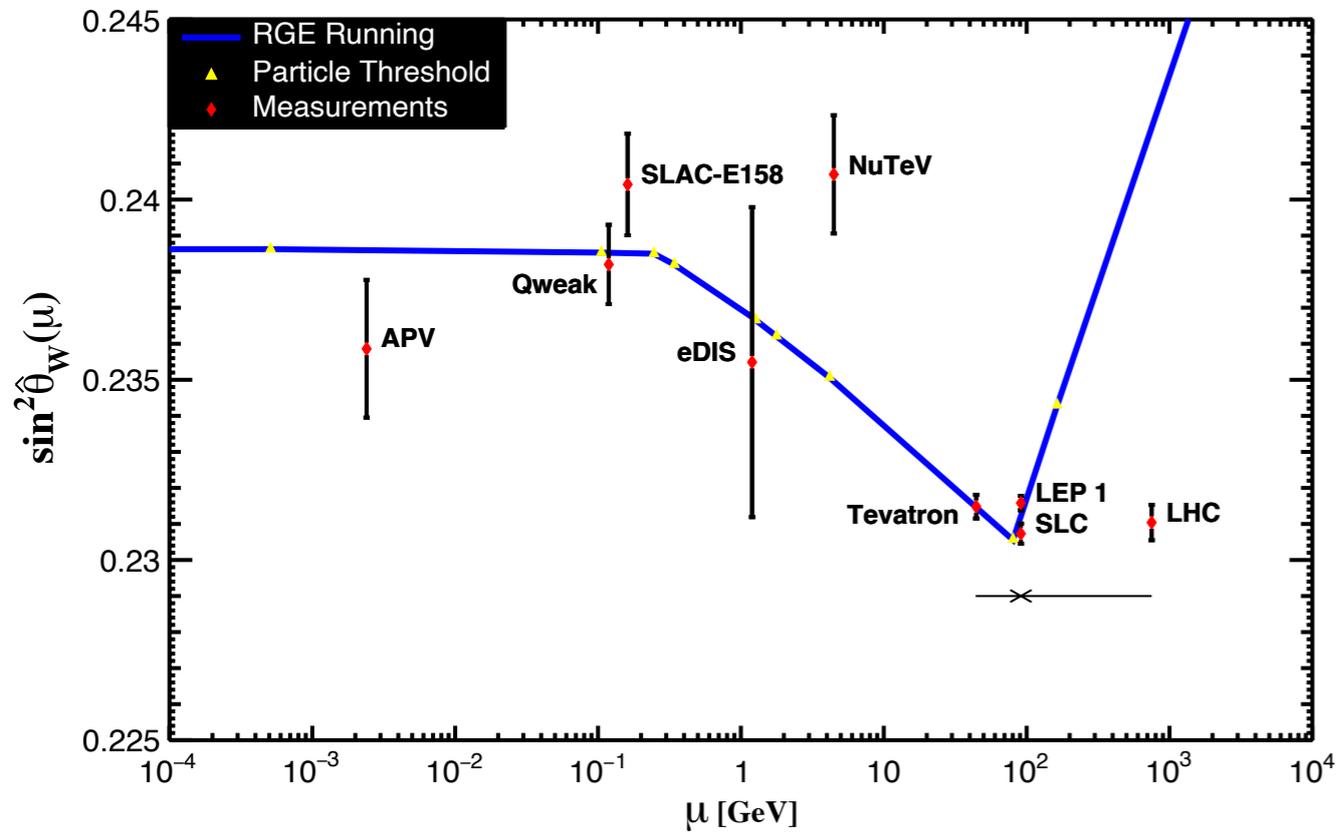
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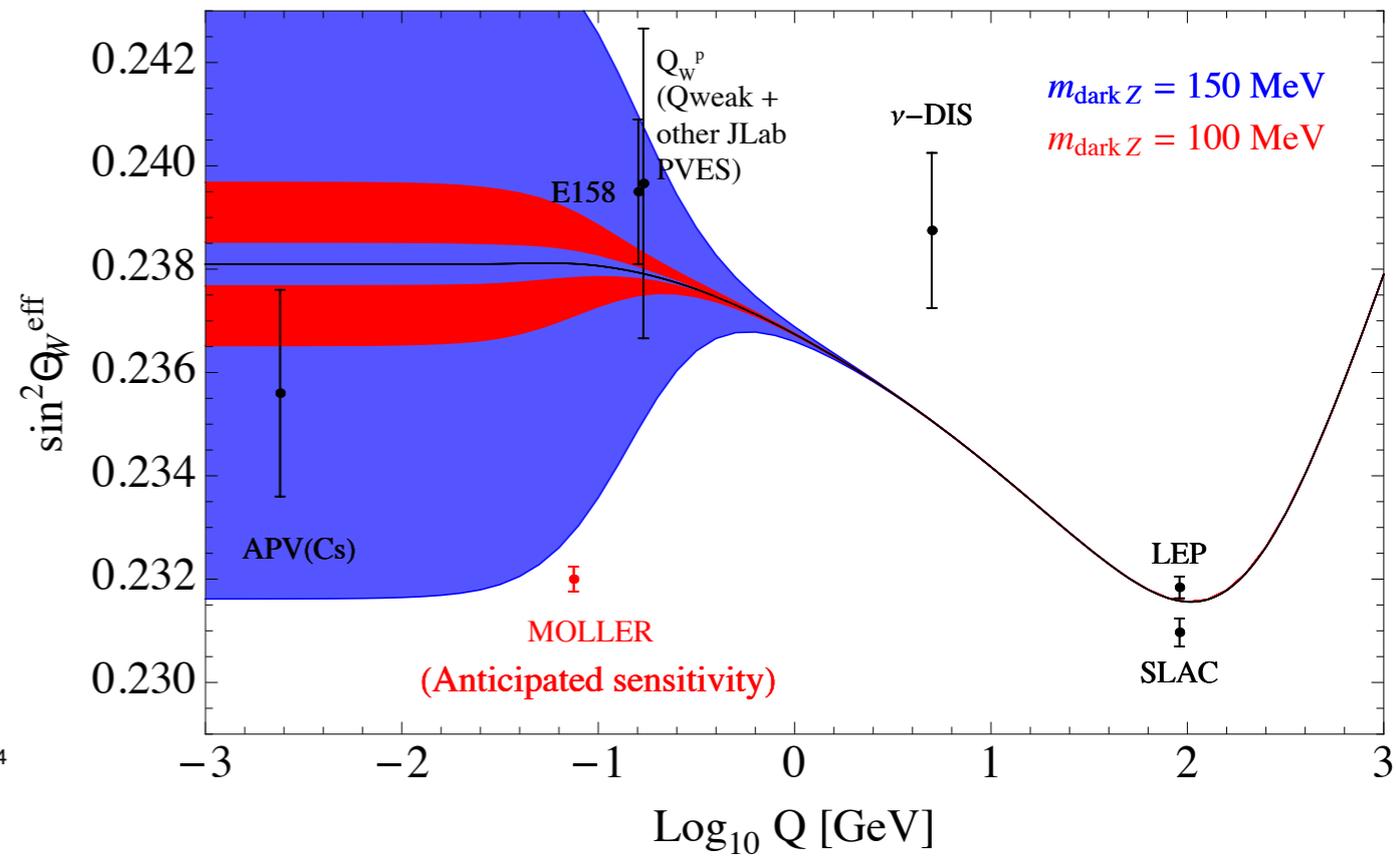
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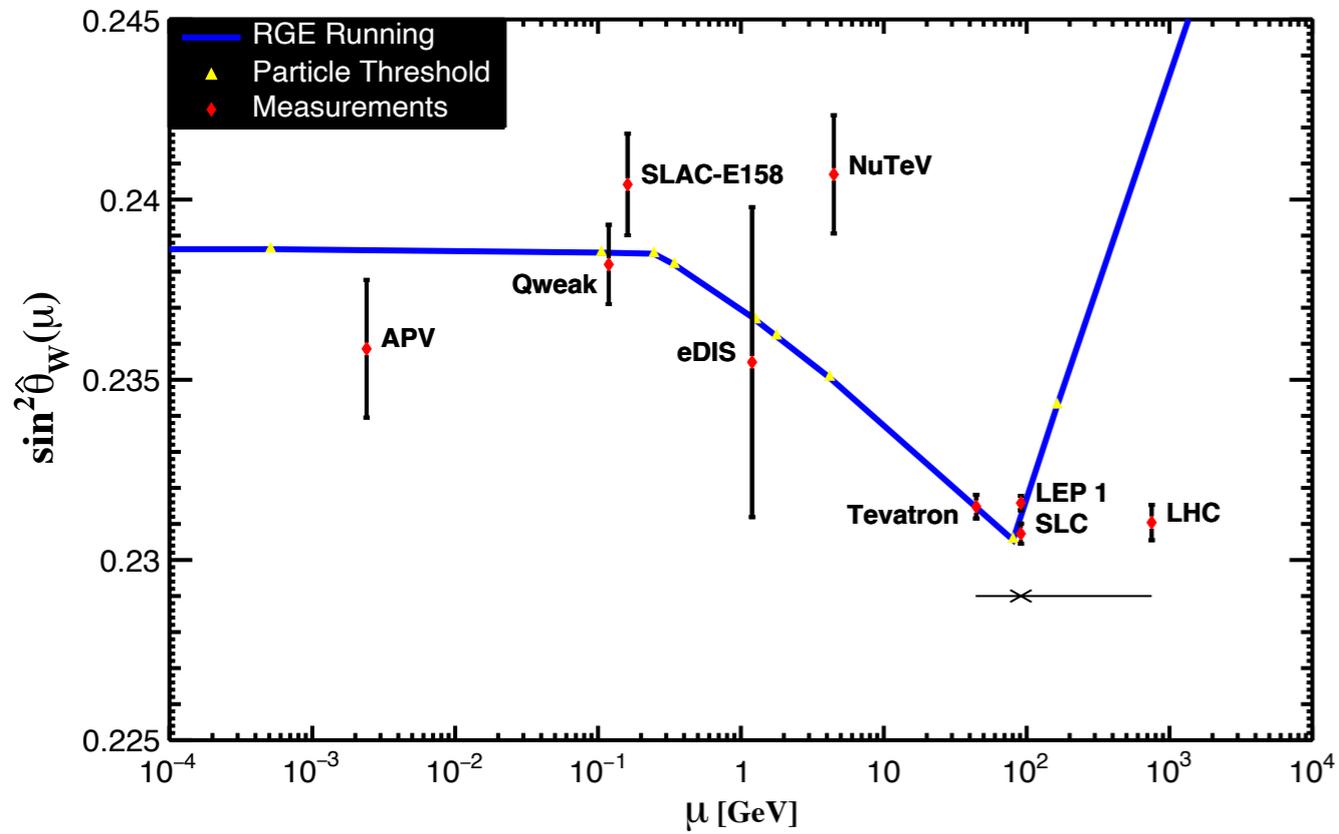
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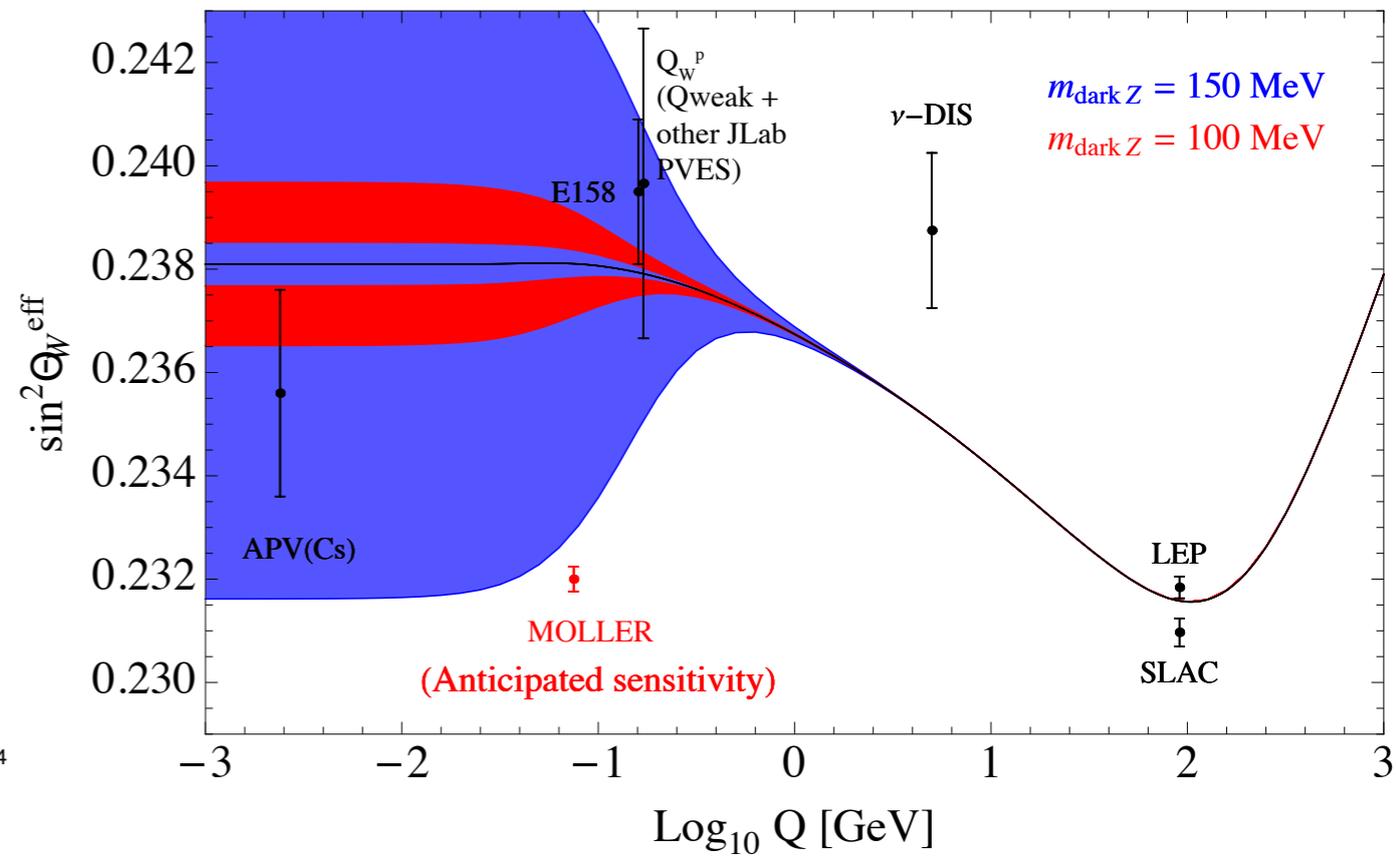
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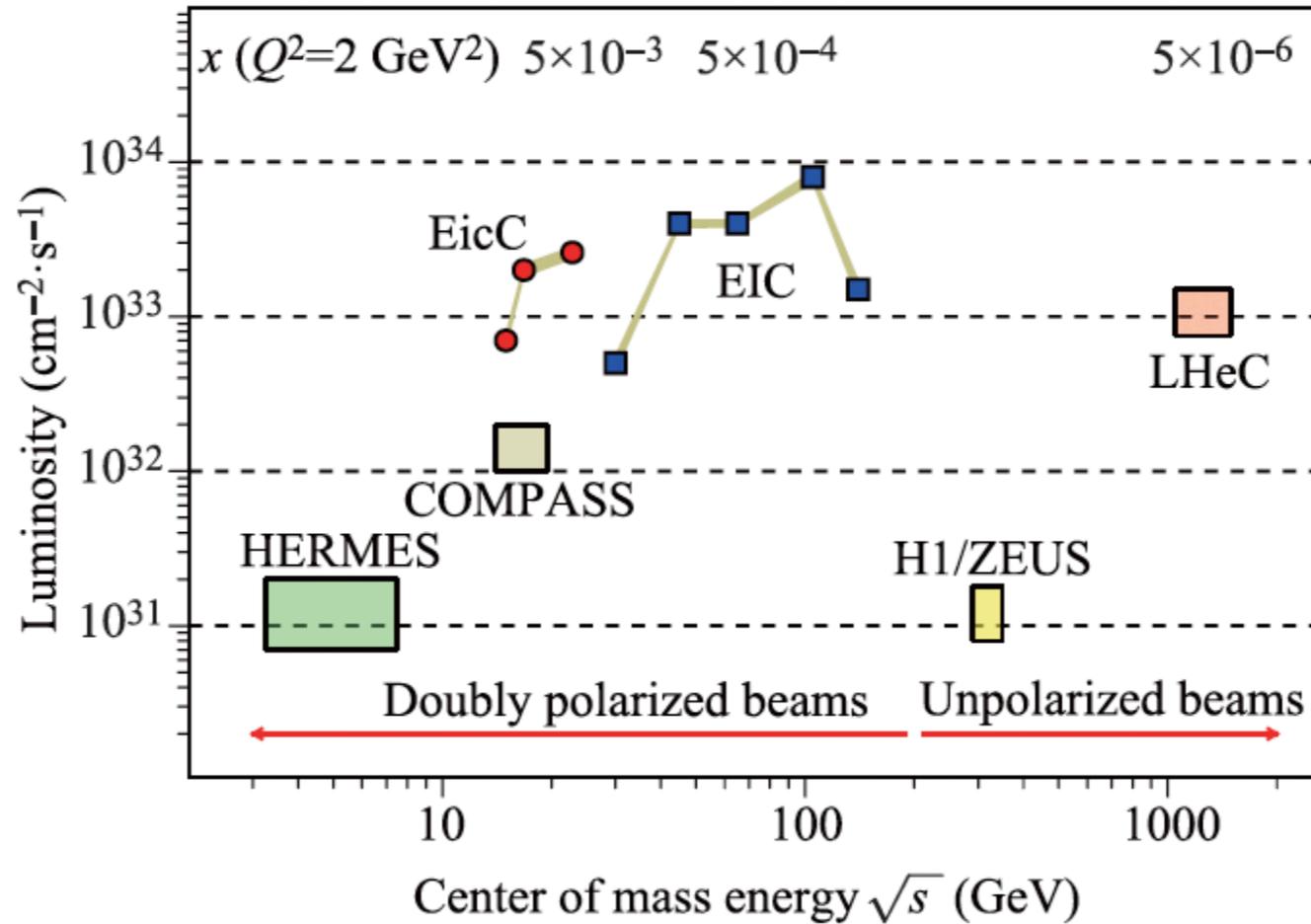
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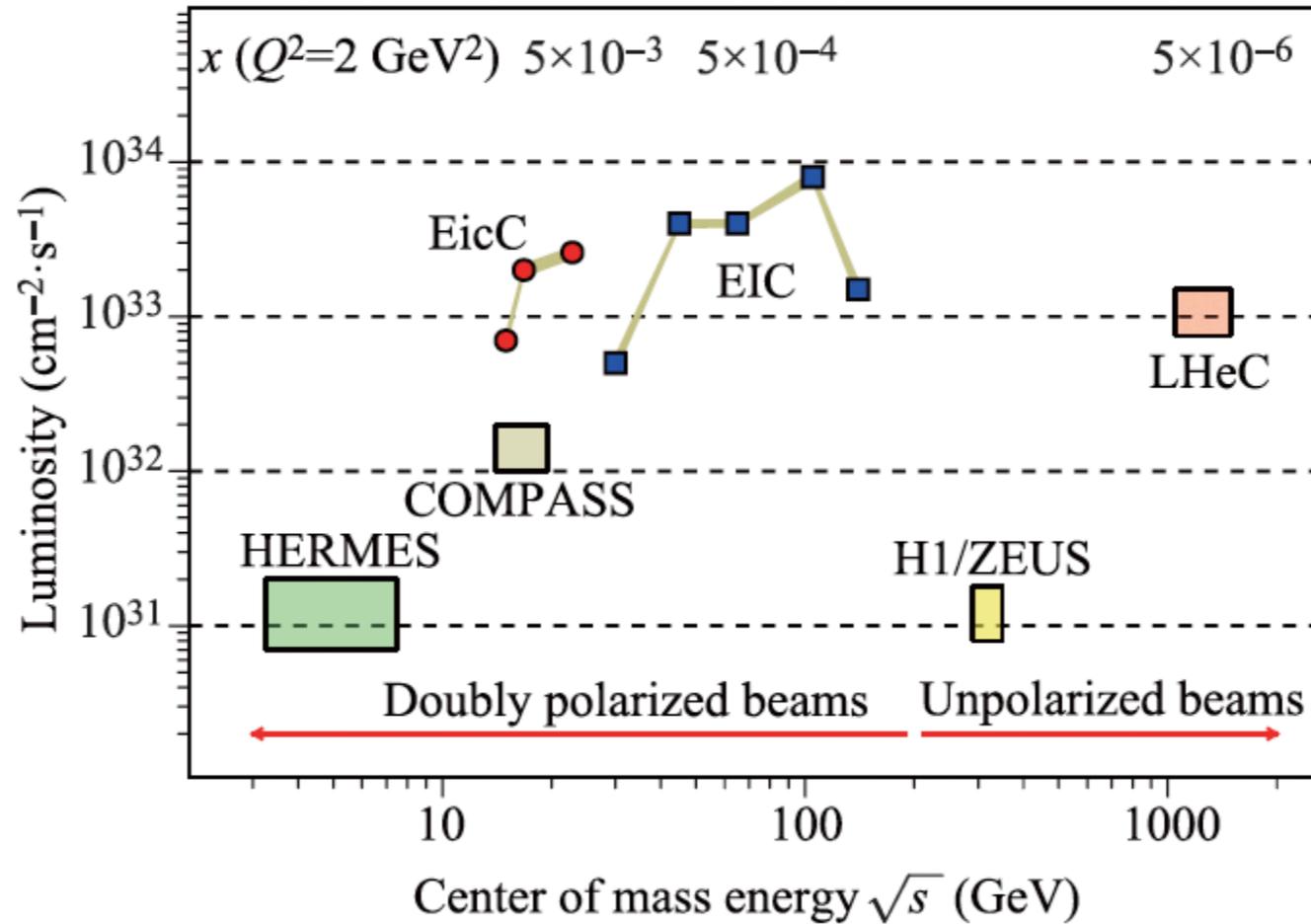
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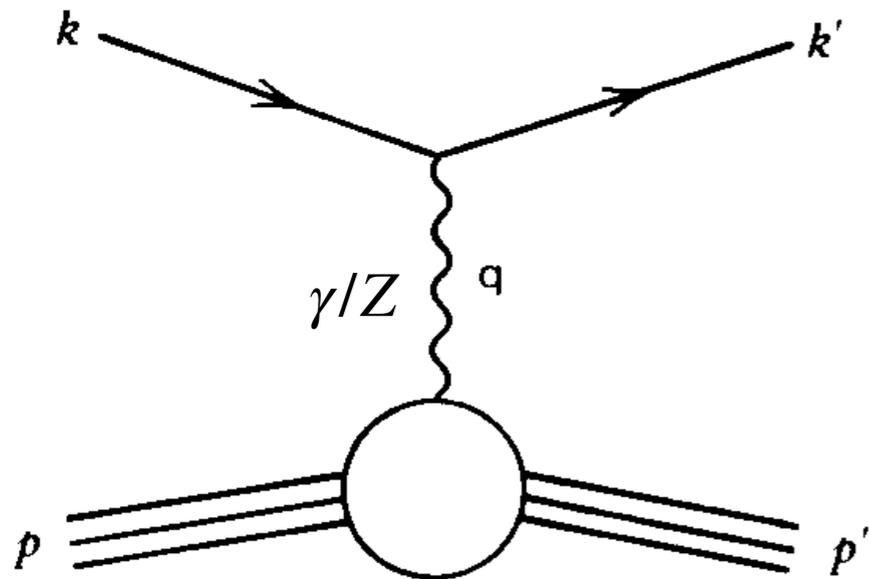
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Q: How well $\sin \theta_W$?

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To extract the weak mixing angle, we rely on the interference between Z and γ at tree

Direct current algebra computation leads to

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dy} = \frac{2\pi y \alpha^2}{Q^4} L_{\gamma\gamma}^{\alpha\beta} \left[\left(\eta_{\gamma\gamma} W_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma\gamma} + \eta_{\gamma Z} (g_V^e - \lambda_e g_A^e) W_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma Z} + \eta_{ZZ} (g_V^e - \lambda_e g_A^e)^2 W_{\alpha\beta}^{ZZ} \right) \right]$$

$$W_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^4z e^{iq \cdot z} \langle p, s | [J_\mu^\dagger(z), J_\nu(0)] | p, s \rangle$$

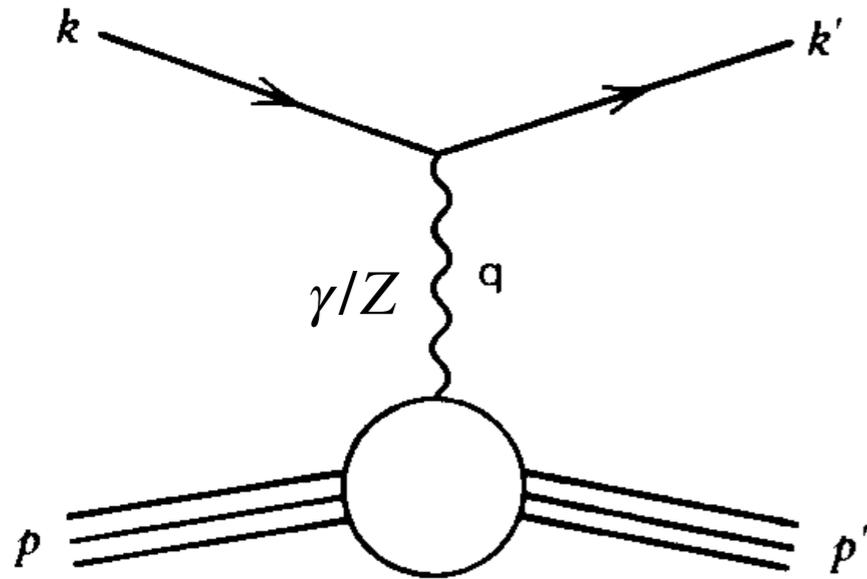
Helicity of the electron



$$s_i^\mu = \lambda_i p_i^\mu \text{ in the relativistic limit}$$

Note that the *leptonic tensor* factorize into the pure photon one + m_e suppressed terms

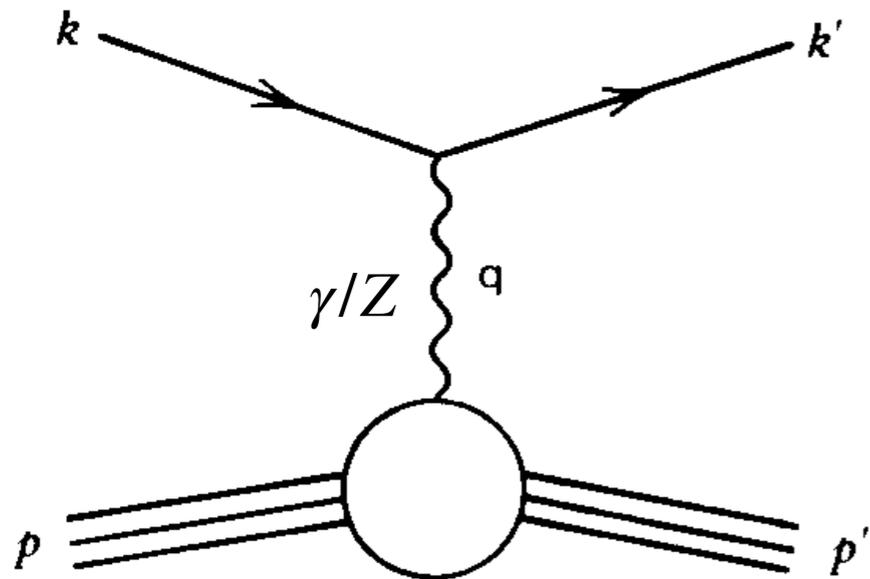
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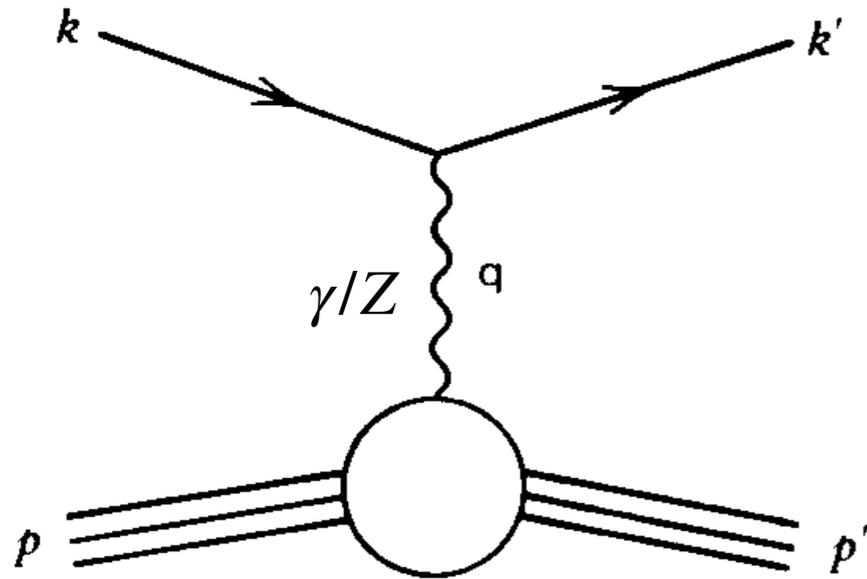
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$$F_2^{\gamma\gamma} = 2xF_1^{\gamma\gamma} = x \sum_q Q_q^2 (f_q + \bar{f}_q), \quad F_2^{\gamma Z} = 2xF_1^{\gamma Z} = 2x \sum_q Q_q g_V^q (f_q + \bar{f}_q) \quad \text{Callan-Gross relations}$$

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$$A_{PV}^{ep} \equiv \frac{\sigma_{ep}(P_e P_p > 0) - \sigma_{ep}(P_e P_p < 0)}{\sigma_0}$$

Reduction in luminosity 🤔

$$= \frac{2\eta_{\gamma Z} |P_e P_p| \left[g_A^e (y-1) g_4^{\gamma Z} + xy \left(g_V^e (y-2) g_1^{\gamma Z} - g_A^e y g_5^{\gamma Z} \right) \right] + 2\eta_{\gamma\gamma} |P_e P_p| xy(y-2) g_1^{\gamma\gamma}}{\eta_{\gamma Z} \left[-2(y-1) g_V^e F_2^{\gamma Z} + xy \left(2g_V^e y F_1^{\gamma Z} - (2-y) g_A^e F_3^{\gamma Z} \right) \right] + 2\eta_{\gamma\gamma} \left((1-y) F_2^{\gamma\gamma} + xy^2 F_1^{\gamma\gamma} \right)}$$

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Single-spin asymmetry:

Our focus today 

$$A_{PV}^e \equiv \frac{\sigma_e(P_e > 0) - \sigma_e(P_e < 0)}{\sigma_0} = \frac{|P_e| \eta_{\gamma Z} \left[2(y-1)g_A^e F_2^{\gamma Z} - xy \left(2g_A^e y F_1^{\gamma Z} - (2-y)g_V^e F_3^{\gamma Z} \right) \right]}{2\eta_{\gamma\gamma} \left((1-y)F_2^{\gamma\gamma} + xy^2 F_1^{\gamma\gamma} \right)}$$
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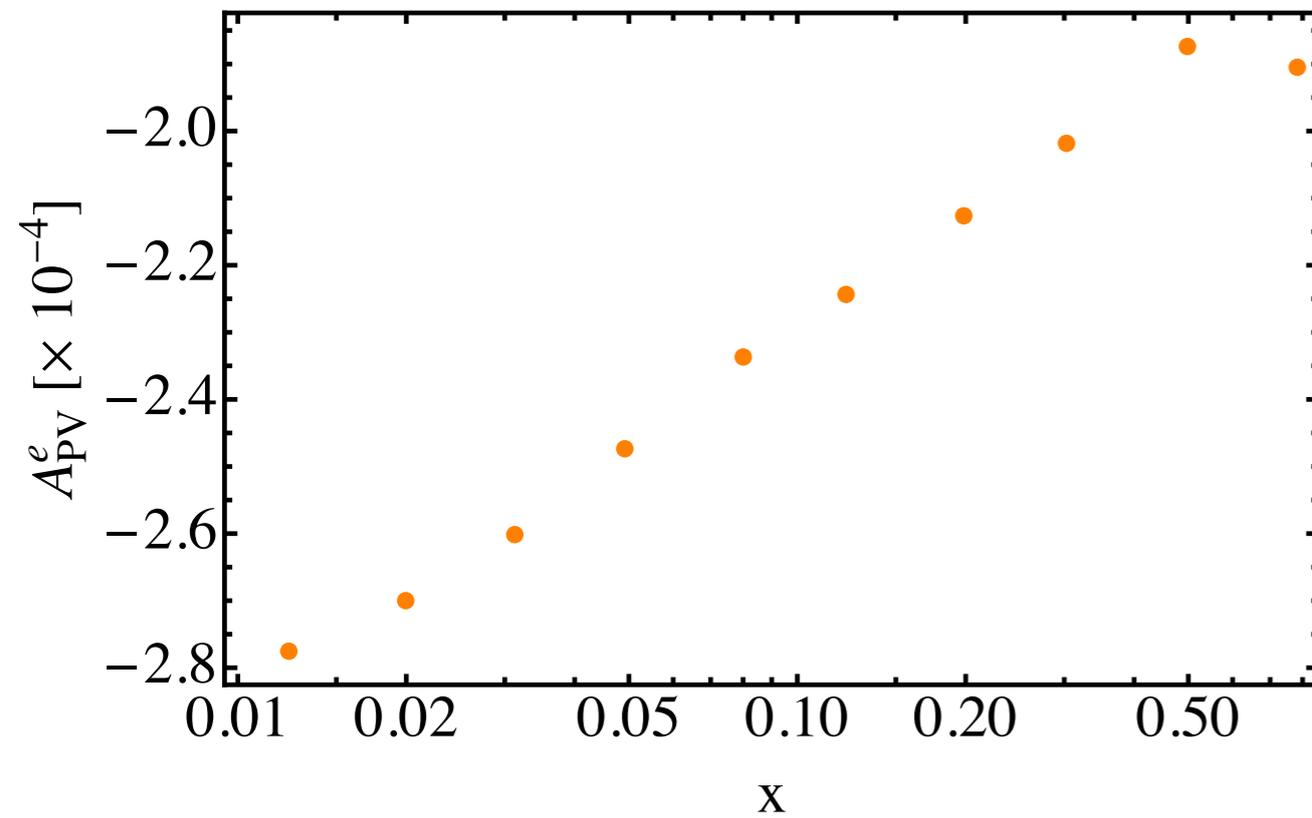
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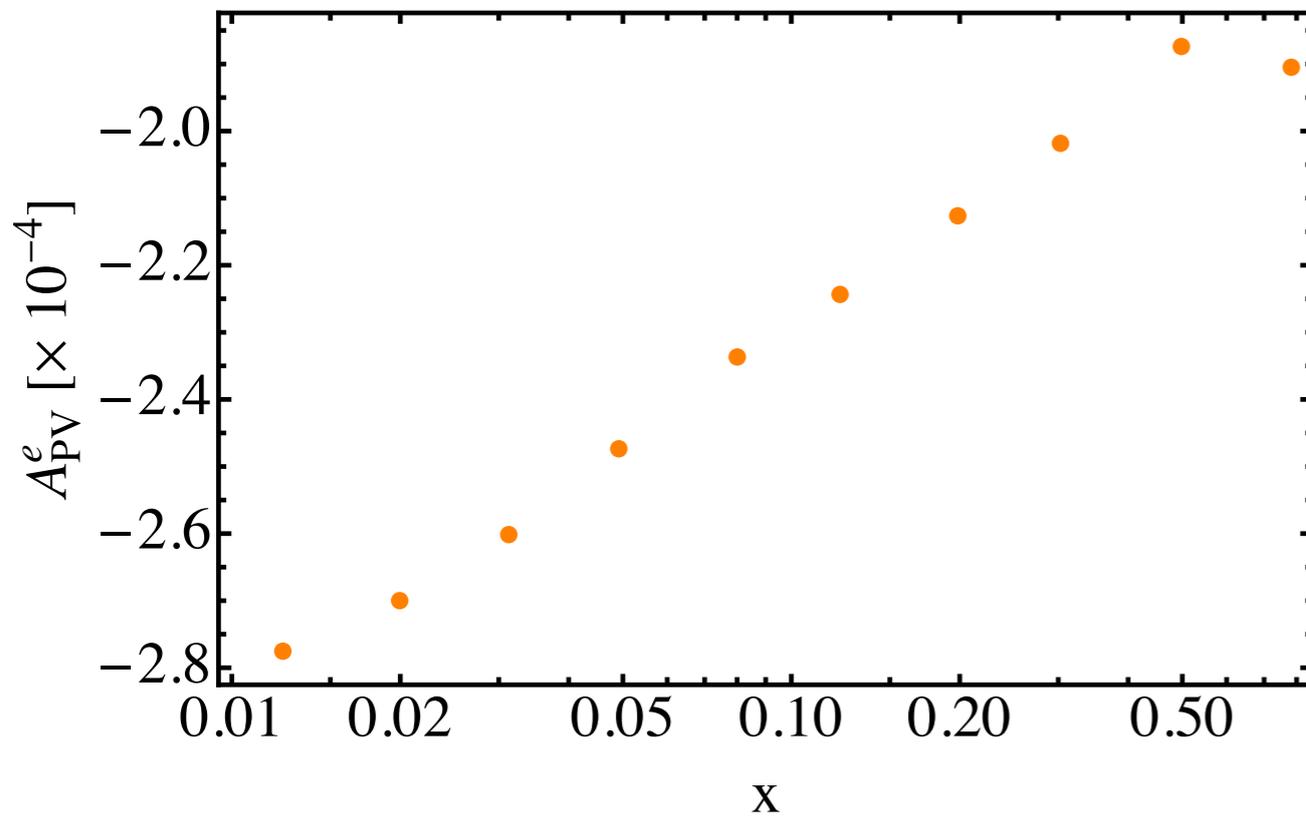
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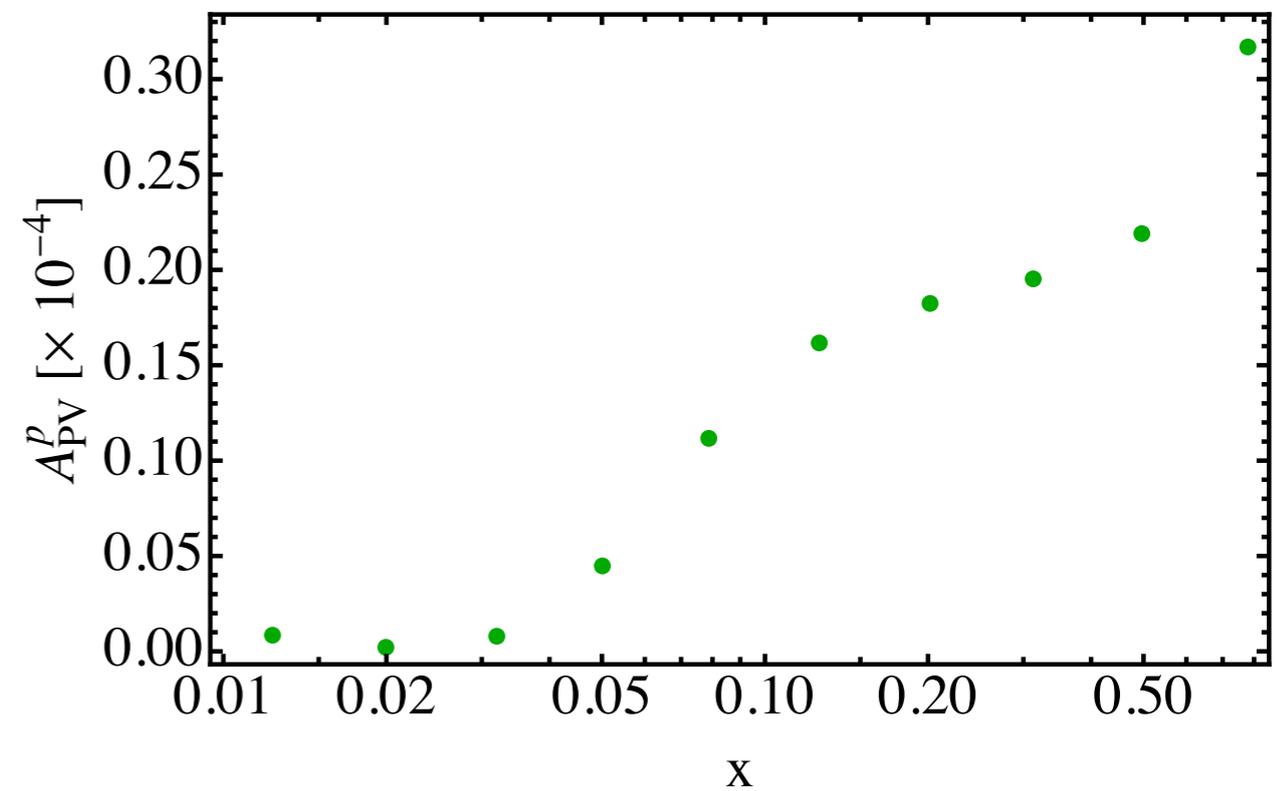
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$P_p = 0.7$, unpolarized electron



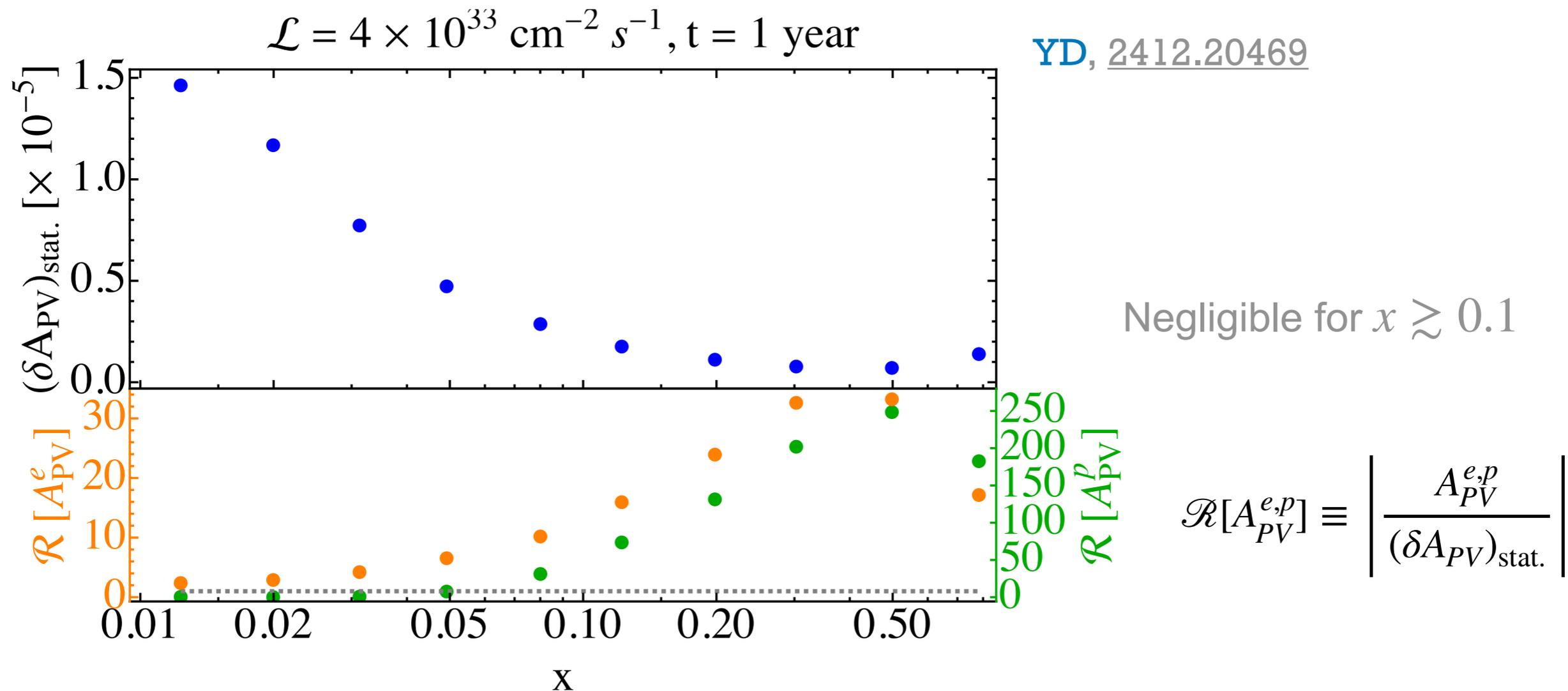
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Roughly, A_{PV}^p is about one order of magnitude smaller than A_{PV}^e , mainly due to m_Z suppression.

Results: *Uncertainties*

Statistical one $(\delta A_{PV})_{\text{stat.}}$: the smallness of $A_{PV}^{e,p}$ tells us that $(\delta A_{PV})_{\text{stat.}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$

For EicC, we adopt a rather conservative detector efficiency being *10%*, and assuming 1-year of running for the following discussions



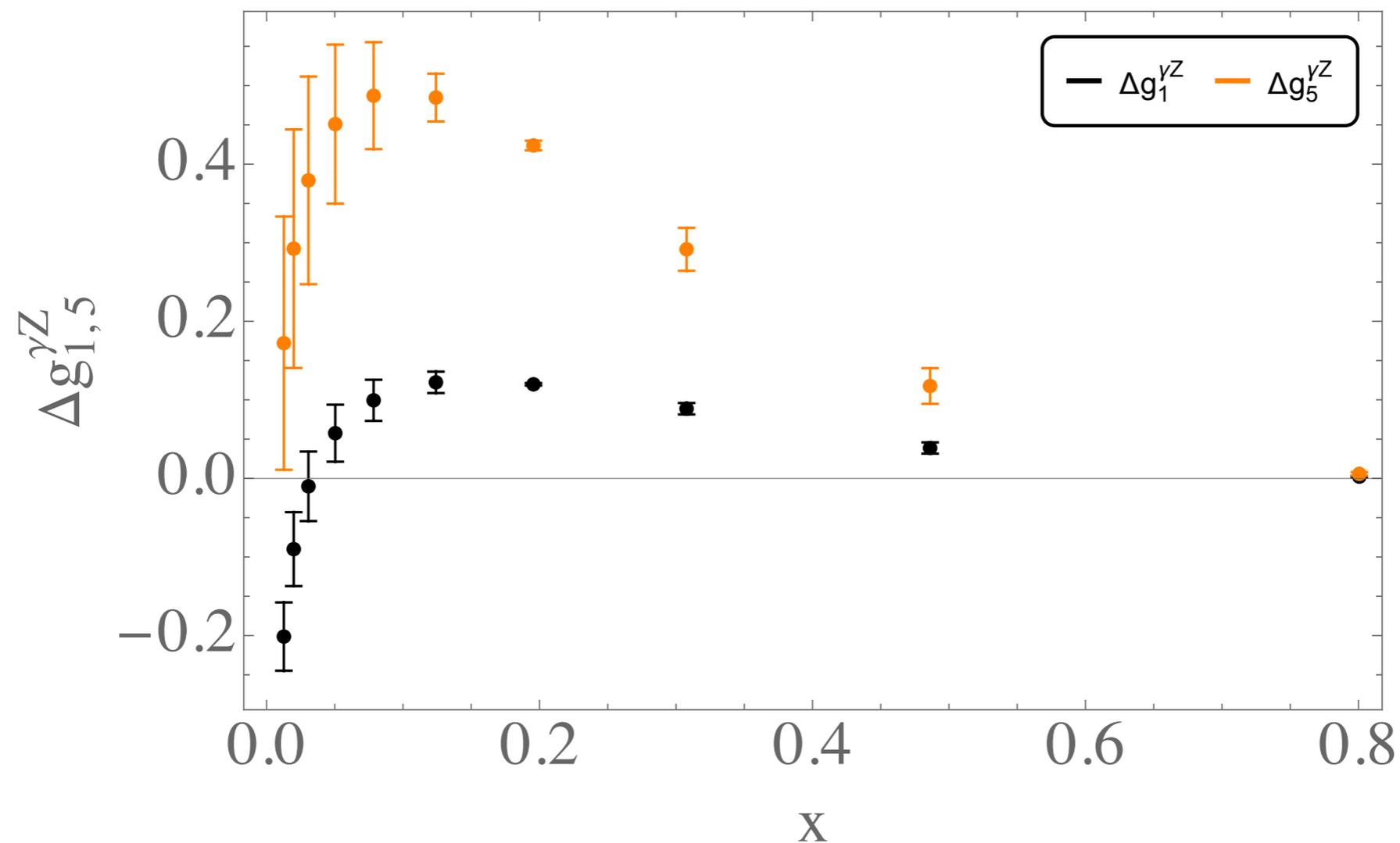
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$$\sigma_f(x, |Q|) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\sum_i \left(x q_f^{2i-1}(x, |Q|) - x q_f^{2i}(x, |Q|) \right)^2}$$

i: number of polarized
PDF eigenvectors

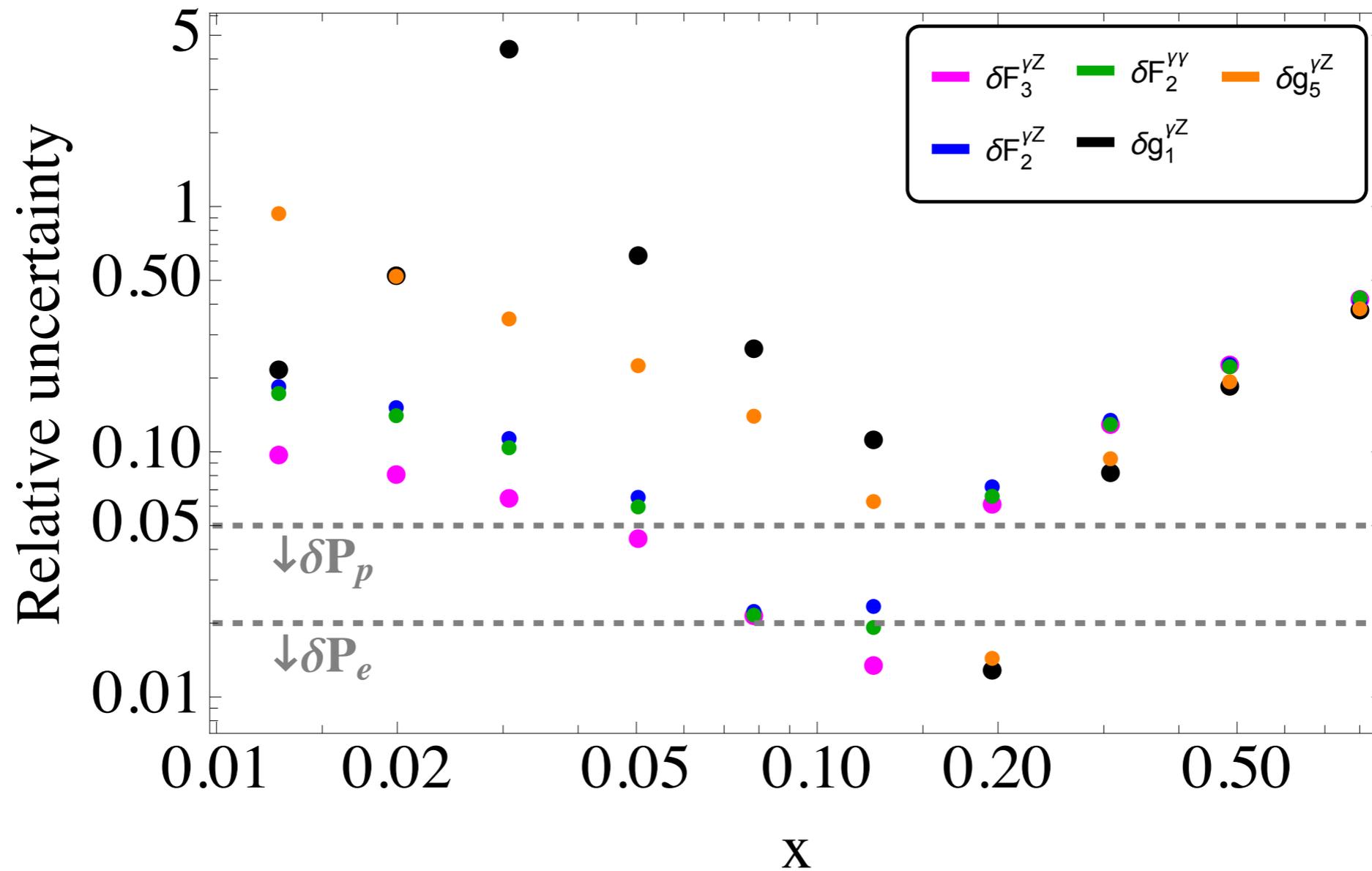
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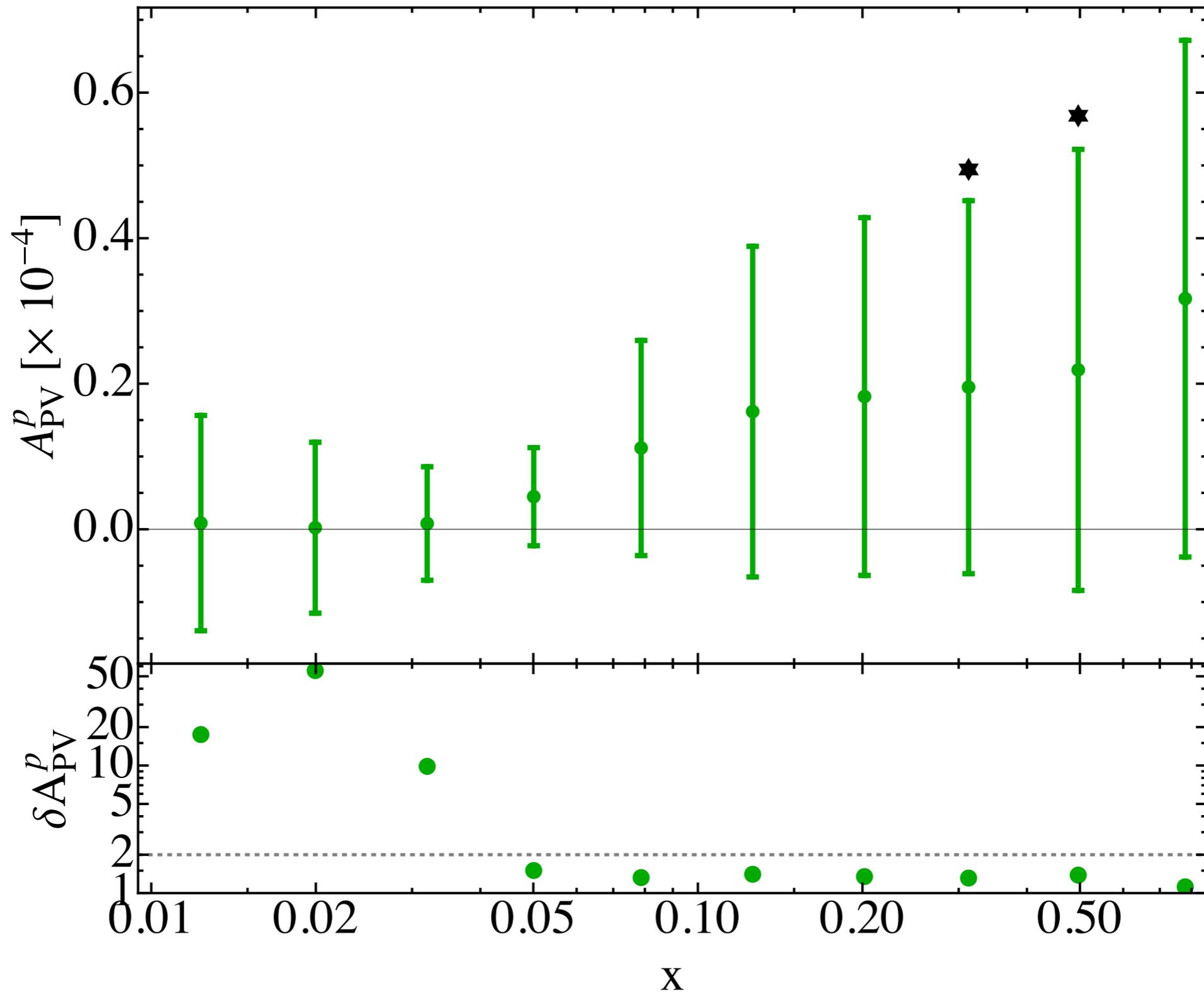
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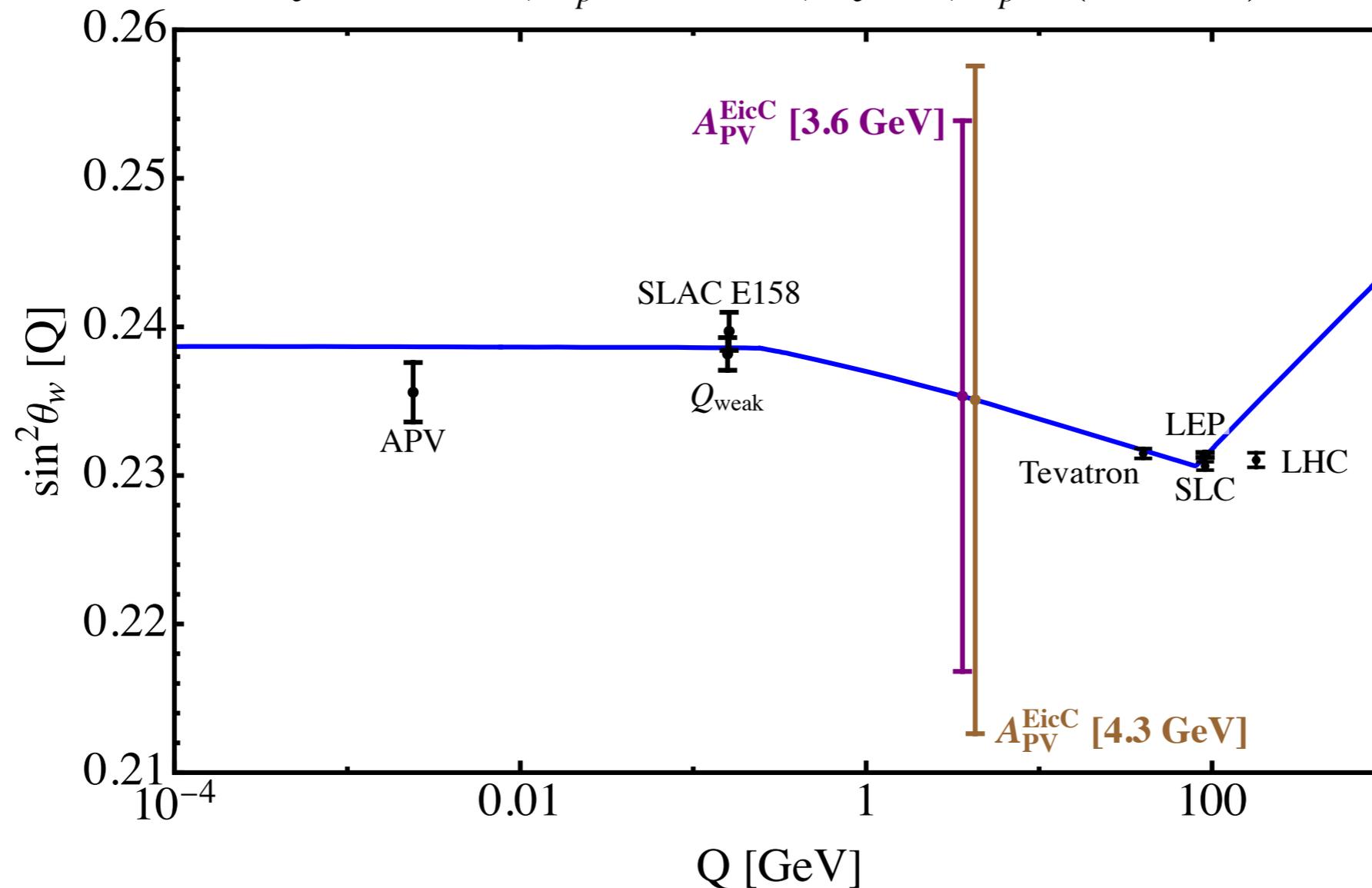
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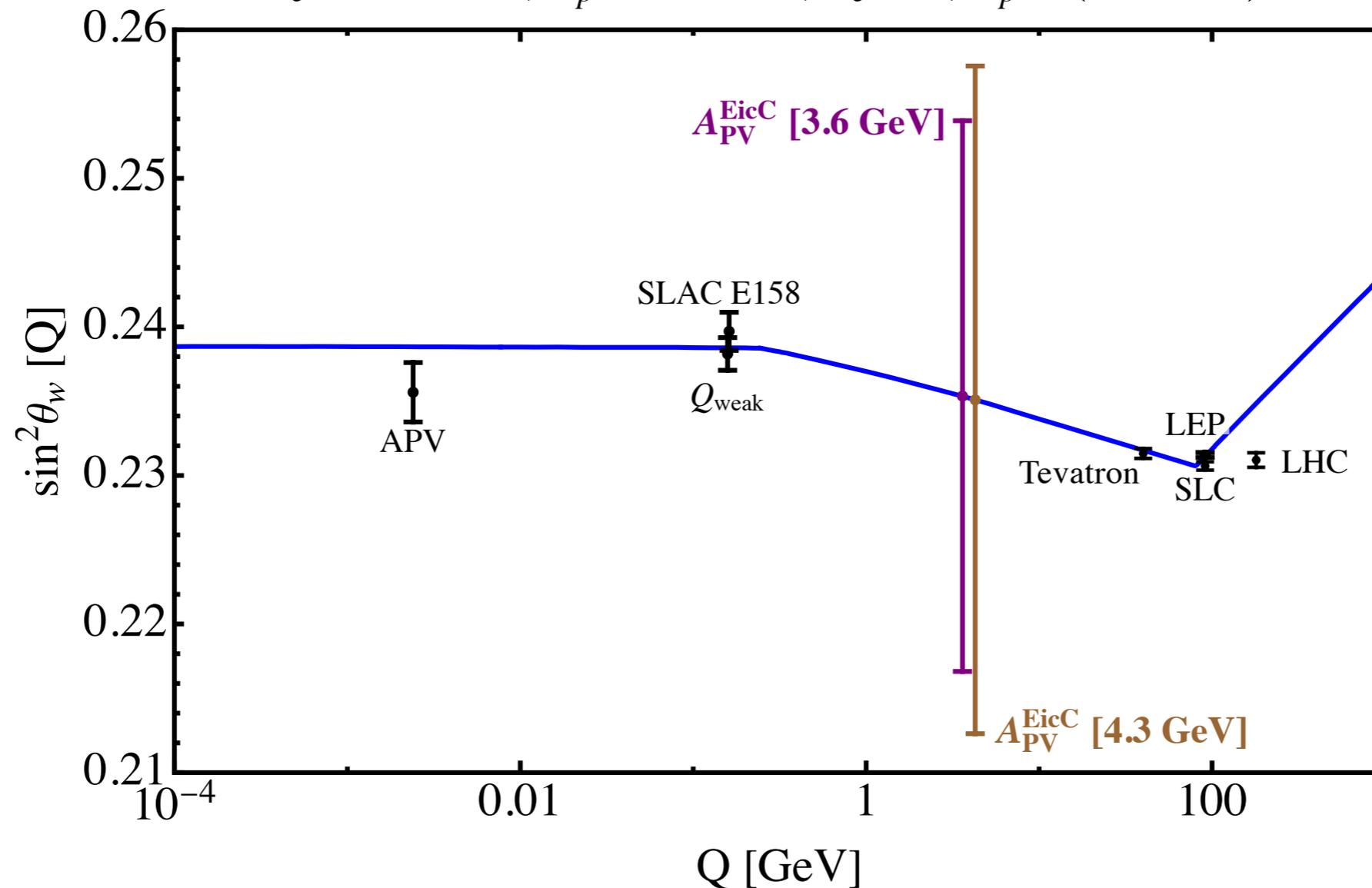


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Summary

- ❖ We briefly introduced the EicC based on the HIAF in Huizhou, China
- ❖ Projections for long. polarized electron or proton beam asymmetry was studied:
 - ❖ *Statistical uncertainty largely negligible for $x \gtrsim 0.1$*
 - ❖ *PDF uncertainty dominates, which is expected to be further reduced from EIC/ EicC etc*
 - ❖ *Polarization uncertainty becomes non-negligible around $x = 0.1$*
- ❖ $\sin^2 \theta_W$ can be measured with a relative precision *below 10%* at the EicC (*conservative*), and EicC allows a direct test of the RGE running.

Backup