

Exchange currents in null-plane Poincaré invariant quantum mechanics

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Elastic electron-deuteron scattering observables

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(Q^2, \theta) = \frac{\alpha^2 \cos^2(\theta/2)}{4E_i^2 \sin^4(\theta/2)} \frac{E_f}{E_i} [A(Q^2) + B(Q^2) \tan^2(\theta/2)]$$

$$T_{20}(Q^2, \theta) = \sqrt{2} \frac{\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}_1(Q^2, \theta) - \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}_0(Q^2, \theta)}{\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(Q^2, \theta)}$$

Electron-deuteron scattering observables
 $(A(Q^2), B(Q^2), T_{20}(Q^2))$ are functions of the deuteron current matrix elements.

$$\langle \mathbf{P}', \mu', d | I^\nu(0) | \mathbf{P}, \mu, d \rangle$$

Theoretical problem: compute current matrix elements.

Features - null plane kinematic subgroup

- All current matrix elements are linear functions of matrix elements of $I^+(0)$ ($Q^+ = 0$).
- All current matrix elements of $I^+(0)$ are invariant with respect to kinematic Lorentz transformations.
- Matrix elements of the one-body part of $I^+(0)$ factor out of current matrix elements with physical momentum transfer.
- Boosts are kinematic and form a subgroup.

Observables and current matrix elements

$$A(Q^2) = G_0^2(Q^2) + \frac{2}{3}\eta G_1^2(Q^2) + G_2^2(Q^2)$$

$$B(Q^2) = \frac{4}{3}\eta(1 + \eta)G_1^2(Q^2)$$

$$T_{20}(Q^2, \theta) =$$

$$\frac{G_2^2(Q^2) + \sqrt{8}G_0(Q^2)G_2(Q^2) + \frac{1}{3}\eta G_1^2(Q^2)[1 + 2(1 + \eta)\tan^2(\theta/2)]}{\sqrt{2}[A(Q^2) + B(Q^2)\tan^2(\theta/2)]}$$

$$I_{\nu\nu'}^\mu :=_c \langle \frac{\mathbf{Q}}{2}, \nu | I^\mu(0) | -\frac{\mathbf{Q}}{2}, \nu', d \rangle_c$$

$$G_0(0) = \frac{1}{3}(2I_{00}^0 + I_{11}^0)$$

$$G_1(Q^2) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\eta}} I_{-10}^1$$

$$G_2(Q^2) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}(I_{00}^0 - I_{11}^0)$$

Symmetry considerations

State covariance

$$U(\Lambda, a)|\mathbf{P}, \mu, d\rangle = |\Lambda\mathbf{P}, \mu', d\rangle J(\Lambda, P) e^{i\Lambda P \cdot a} D_{\mu'\mu}^1[R_w(\Lambda, P)]$$

Current covariance

$$U(\Lambda, a)I^\mu(x)U^\dagger(\Lambda, a) = (\Lambda^{-1})^\mu{}_\nu I^\nu(\Lambda x + a)$$

Current conservation

$$g_{\mu\nu}[P^\mu, I^\nu(0)]_- = 0$$

State covariance, current covariance, current conservation



All current matrix elements linear functions of 3 independent matrix elements



Null plane kinematics, $Q^+ = 0 \Rightarrow$ independent matrix elements can be chosen as matrix elements of $I^+(0)$ with light-front spin

Model construction

Single nucleon Hilbert space - null plane basis

$$\psi(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \mu) = \langle \tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \mu | \psi \rangle \quad \tilde{\mathbf{p}} := (p^1, p^2, p^+ = p^0 + p^3)$$

$$\int_0^\infty dp^+ \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} d\mathbf{p}_\perp \sum_{\mu=-j}^j |\psi(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \mu)|^2 < \infty.$$

Covariance of nucleon states - null plane basis

$$\langle \tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \mu | U_1(\Lambda, a) | \psi \rangle =$$

$$\int_0^\infty dp^{+'} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} d\mathbf{p}'_{\perp} \sum_{\mu'=-j}^j \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \mu; \tilde{\mathbf{p}}', \mu'}^{m, j}[\Lambda, a] \langle \tilde{\mathbf{p}}', \mu' | \psi \rangle,$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \mu; \tilde{\mathbf{p}}', \mu'}^{m, j}[\Lambda, a] := \langle \tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \mu | U(\Lambda, a) | \tilde{\mathbf{p}}', \mu' \rangle =$$

$$\delta(\tilde{\mathbf{p}} - \tilde{\Lambda}(p')) \sqrt{\frac{p^+}{p^{+'}}} D_{\mu\mu'}^j[\Lambda_f^{-1}(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}/m) \Lambda \Lambda_f(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}'/m)] e^{ip \cdot a}$$

Two-nucleon Hilbert space

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_1$$

Kinematic representation of Poincaré group

$$U_0(\Lambda, A) := U_1(\Lambda, A) \otimes U_1(\Lambda, A).$$

Poincaré Clebsch-Gordan coefficients - null plane basis

$$\langle m_1, j_1, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_1, \mu_1; m_2, j_2, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_2, \mu_2 | k, j(l, s) \tilde{\mathbf{P}}, \mu \rangle =$$

$$\delta(\tilde{\mathbf{P}} - \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_1 - \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_2) \frac{\delta(k - k(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_1, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_2))}{k^2} \sqrt{\frac{P^+ \omega_1(\mathbf{k}) \omega_2(\mathbf{k})}{(\omega_1(\mathbf{k}) + \omega_2(\mathbf{k})) p_1^+ p_2^+}} \times$$

$$\sum_{\mu_1, \mu_1'} D_{\mu_1, \mu_1'}^{1/2} [\Lambda_f^{-1}(\mathbf{k}/m_1) \Lambda_c(\mathbf{k}/m_1)] D_{\mu_2, \mu_2'}^{1/2} [\Lambda_f^{-1}(-\mathbf{k}/m_2) \Lambda_c(-\mathbf{k}/m_2)] \times$$

$$Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_1, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_2)) \langle \frac{1}{2}, \mu_1', \frac{1}{2}, \mu_2' | s, \mu_s \rangle \langle l, m, s, \mu_s | j, \mu \rangle$$

Irreducible representations - null plane basis

$$\langle k, j(l, s) \tilde{\mathbf{P}}, \mu | U_0(\Lambda, a) | \psi \rangle =$$

$$\int_0^\infty dP^{+'} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} d\mathbf{P}'_{\perp} \sum_{\mu'=-j}^j \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{\mathbf{P}}, \mu; \tilde{\mathbf{P}}', \mu'}^{M_0(k), j} [\Lambda, a] \langle k, j(l, s) \tilde{\mathbf{P}}', \mu' | \psi \rangle$$

Model input

Dynamical 2 nucleon model

$$M^2 = M_0^2 + 4mv_{nn}$$

$$\langle k', j', (l', s') \tilde{\mathbf{P}}', \mu' | v_{nn} | k, j, (l, s) \tilde{\mathbf{P}}, \mu \rangle =$$

$$\delta(\tilde{\mathbf{P}}' - \tilde{\mathbf{P}}) \delta_{j'j} \delta_{\mu'\mu} \langle k', l', s' || v^j || k, l, s \rangle$$

Mass eigenvalue problem

$$(4k^2 + 4m^2 - \lambda^2)\phi_{\lambda,j}(k, l, s) =$$

$$- \sum_{s=0}^1 \sum_{l=|j-s|}^{|j+s|} \int_0^\infty 4m \langle k, l, s | v_{nn}^j | k', l', s' \rangle k'^2 dk' \phi_{\lambda,j}(k', l', s')$$

Dynamical representation of Poincaré group

$$\langle k', j', (l', s') \tilde{\mathbf{P}}', \mu' | U(\Lambda, a) | \lambda, j, \tilde{\mathbf{P}}, \mu \rangle =$$

$$\int \sum_{\mu''=-j}^j \langle k', j', (l', s') \tilde{\mathbf{P}}', \mu' | \lambda, j, \tilde{\mathbf{P}}'', \mu'' \rangle \times$$

$$d\tilde{\mathbf{P}}'' \langle \lambda, j, \tilde{\mathbf{P}}'', \mu'' | U(\Lambda, A) | \lambda, j, \tilde{\mathbf{P}}, \mu \rangle =$$

$$\phi_{\lambda, j}(k', l', s') D_{\tilde{\mathbf{P}}', \mu'; \tilde{\mathbf{P}}, \mu}^{\lambda, j'}[\Lambda, a]$$

Realistic two-body model

$$S(H_{nr}, H_{0nr}) = \Omega_+^\dagger(H_{nr}, H_{0nr})\Omega_-(H_{nr}, H_{0nr}) =$$

$$\Omega_+^\dagger(H_r, H_{0r})\Omega_-(H_r, H_{0r}) = S(H_r, H_{0r}).$$

Nucleon currents

$$\langle \tilde{\mathbf{p}}', \nu' | I_1^\mu(0) | \tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \nu \rangle =$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{m}{p'^+}} \bar{u}(p') \Gamma^\mu u(p) \sqrt{\frac{m}{p^+}}$$

where

$$\Gamma^\mu = \gamma^\mu F_1(Q^2) + \frac{1}{2} [\gamma^\mu, \frac{1}{2m} \gamma \cdot Q] F_2(Q^2)$$

Exchange current

$$\langle \tilde{\mathbf{P}}', \nu', d | I_{ex}^+(0) | \tilde{\mathbf{P}}, \nu, d \rangle :=$$

$$\int \langle \tilde{\mathbf{P}}', \nu', d | \tilde{\mathbf{p}}'_1, \nu'_1, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}'_2, \nu'_2 \rangle \times$$

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2m}\right) \sqrt{\frac{m}{p_1^+}} \bar{u}_f(p'_1) \boldsymbol{\Gamma}^+ \gamma_5 \left(\frac{P \cdot \boldsymbol{\gamma}}{M_d}\right) u_f(p''_1) \sqrt{\frac{m}{p_1^{+''}}} d\tilde{\mathbf{p}}'_1 d\tilde{\mathbf{p}}''_1 d\tilde{\mathbf{p}}'_2 \times$$

$$\langle \tilde{\mathbf{p}}''_1, \nu''_1, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}'_2, \nu'_2 | U(\Lambda_f(P/M_d)) \tilde{V}_{ope} | \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_0, \nu, d \rangle + (1 \leftrightarrow 2) + hc$$

Independent matrix element of $I^+(0)$

9 matrix elements - 3 independent matrix elements

$I_{ex}^+(0)$ **constructed to be kinematically covariant**

kinematic symmetries eliminate 5 matrix elements

$I_{11}^+(0), I_{10}^+(0), I_{1-1}^+(0), I_{00}^+(0)$ **kinematically independent**

(dynamical) rotational symmetry eliminates 1 matrix element.

Choosing independent matrix elements

- I. **Count spin flips.**
- II. **(FFS) Use linear combinations of canonical spin matrix elements that are largest in the infinite momentum frame.**
- III. **(FC) Use linear combinations null plane matrix elements constructed to minimize dependence of matrix elements on mass.**

Rotational covariance - Poincaré Wigner Eckart theorem

Independent matrix element - choice I:

$$(1 + \eta)G_0(Q^2) = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\eta}{3}\right)(l_{11} + l_{00}) + \frac{5\sqrt{2\eta}}{3}l_{10} + \left(\frac{2\eta}{3} - \frac{1}{6}\right)l_{1-1}$$

$$(1 + \eta)G_1(Q^2) = l_{11} + l_{00} - l_{1-1} - (1 - \eta)\sqrt{\frac{2}{\eta}}l_{10}$$

$$(1 + \eta)G_2(Q^2) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}\eta}{3}(l_{11} + l_{00}) + \frac{4\sqrt{\eta}}{3}l_{10} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}(2 + \eta)l_{1-1}$$

Rotational covariance - Poincaré Wigner Eckart theorem

Independent matrix element - choice II ($G_0(Q^2)$ of choice I replaced by:

$$(1 + \eta)G_0(Q^2) = \left(\frac{2\eta}{3} + 1\right)I_{1,1}^+ - \frac{\eta}{3}I_{00}^+ + \frac{2\sqrt{2\eta}}{3}I_{1,0}^+ + \left(\frac{2\eta + 1}{3}\right)I_{1,-1}^+$$

Independent matrix element - choice III ($G_0(Q^2)$ and $G_2(Q^2)$ of choice I replaced by

$$G_0(Q^2) = \left(1 + \frac{2\eta}{3}\right)I_{11}^+ + \frac{1}{3}I_{1,-1}^+ + -\frac{2\eta}{3}G_1(Q^2)$$

$$G_2(Q^2) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}(\eta I_{1,1}^+ - I_{1,-1}^+ - \eta G_1(Q^2))$$

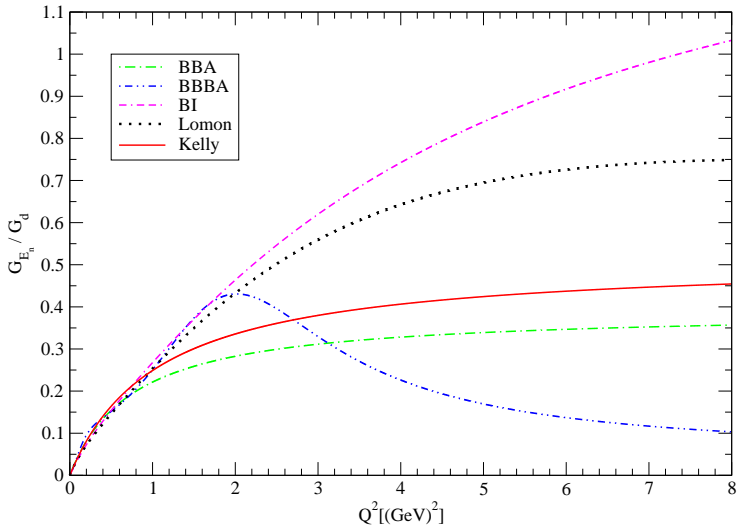
The model input includes the realistic nucleon-nucleon interaction, nucleon form factors, the choice of independent matrix elements, and the model exchange current.

Without the model exchange current the results are not very sensitive to the choice of independent current matrix elements.

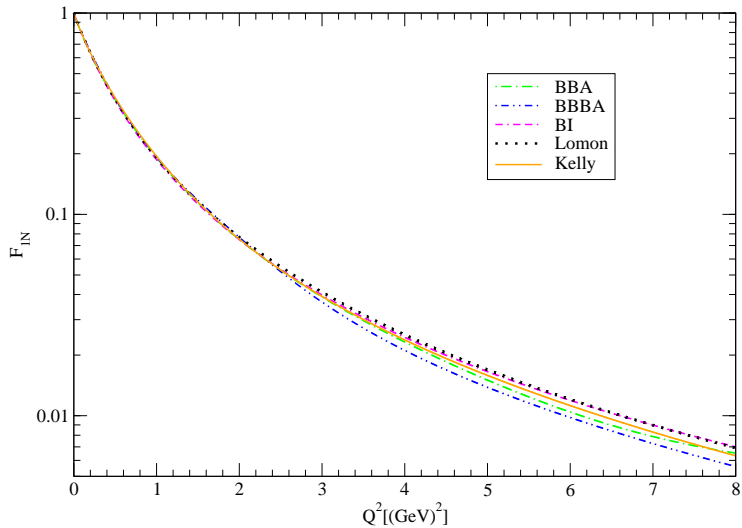
The model exchange current increases the sensitivity to the choice of independent current matrix elements.

Summary of results

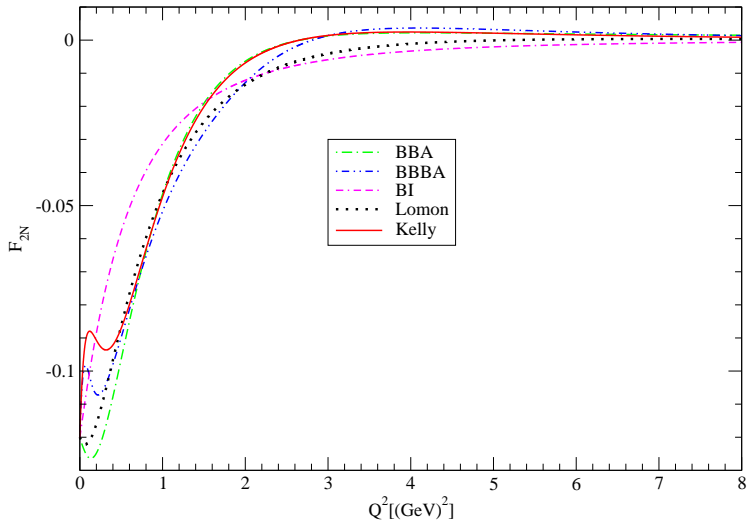
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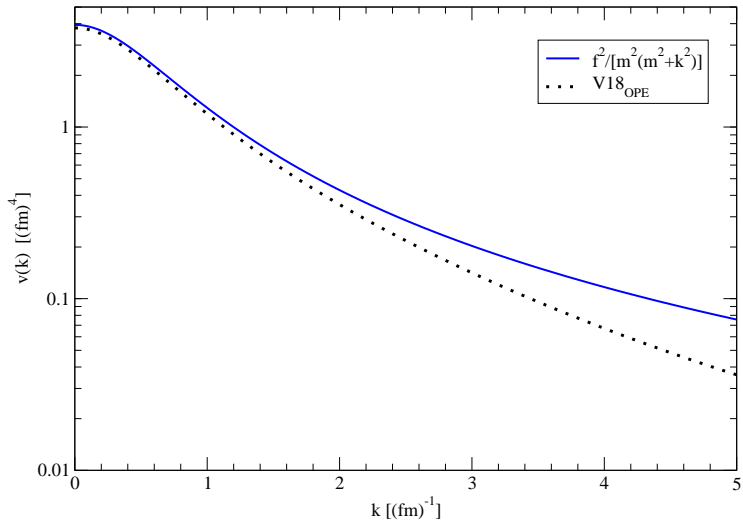
Isoscalar Nucleon Form Factor: F_{1N}



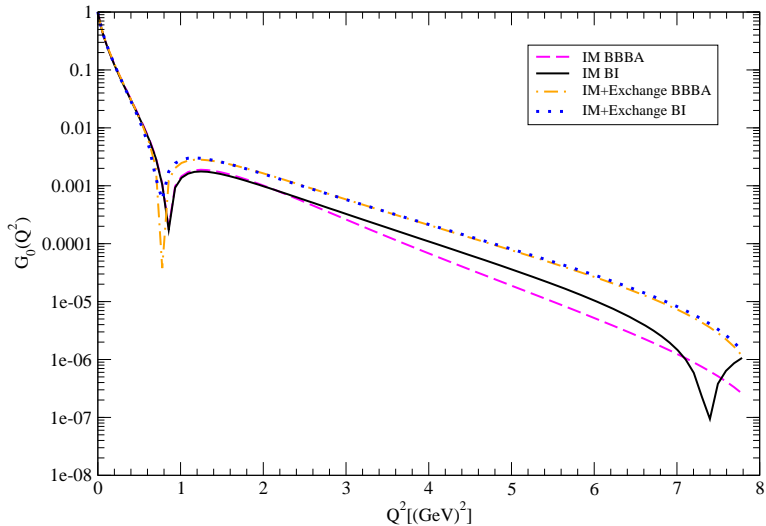
Isoscalar Nucleon Form Factor: F_{2N}



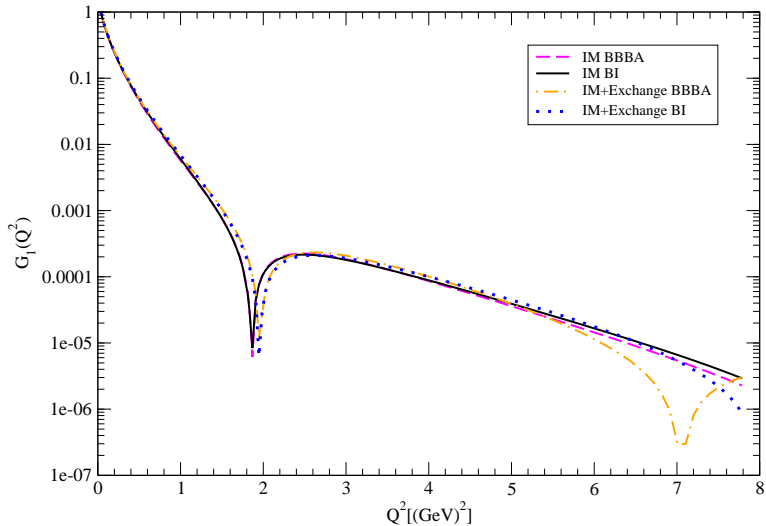
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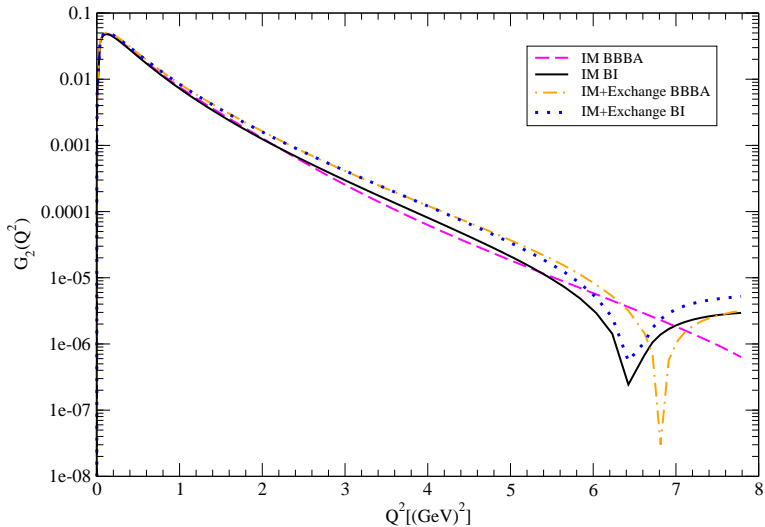
Deuteron Form Factor: $G_0(Q^2)$



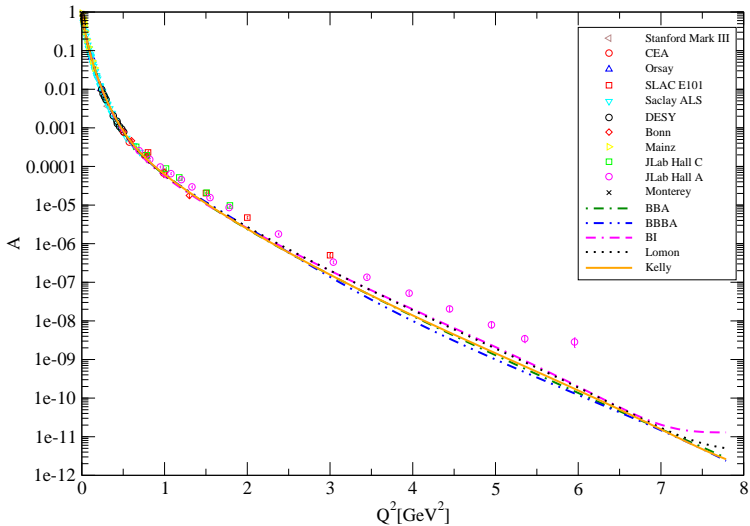
Deuteron Form Factor: $G_1(Q^2)$



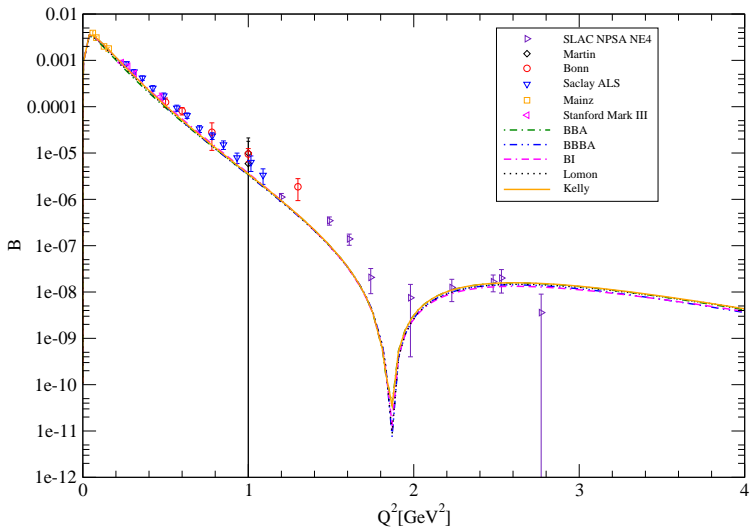
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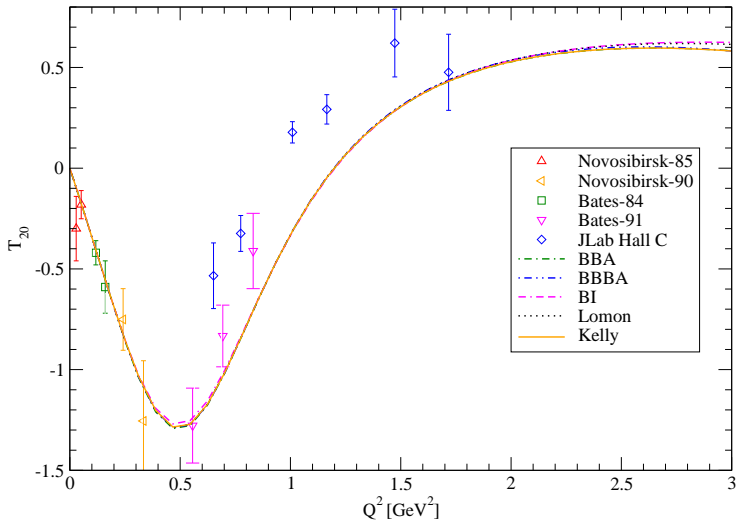
$A(Q^2)$: Impulse Approximation



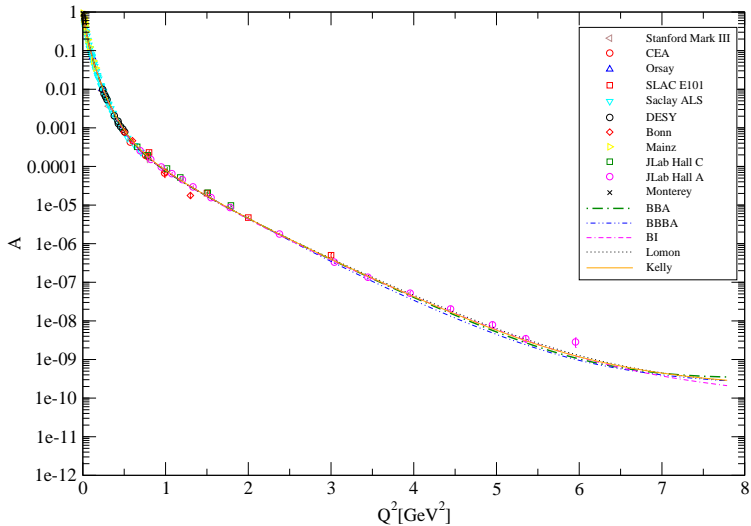
$B(Q^2)$: Impulse Approximation



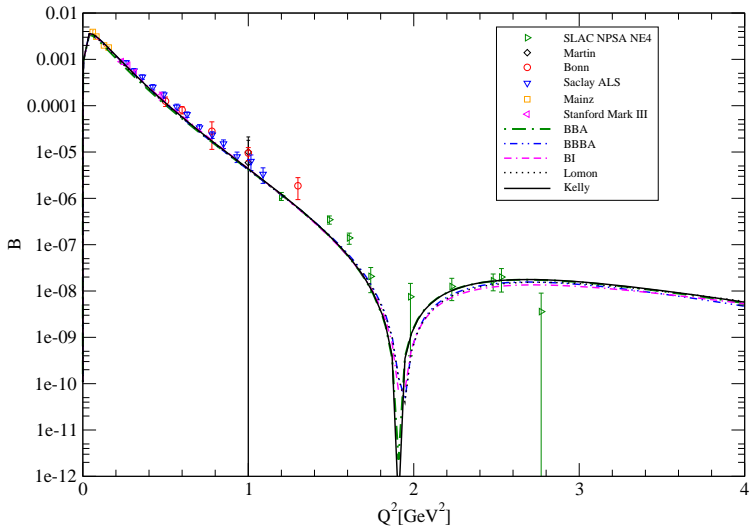
Deuteron Structure Function T_{20}



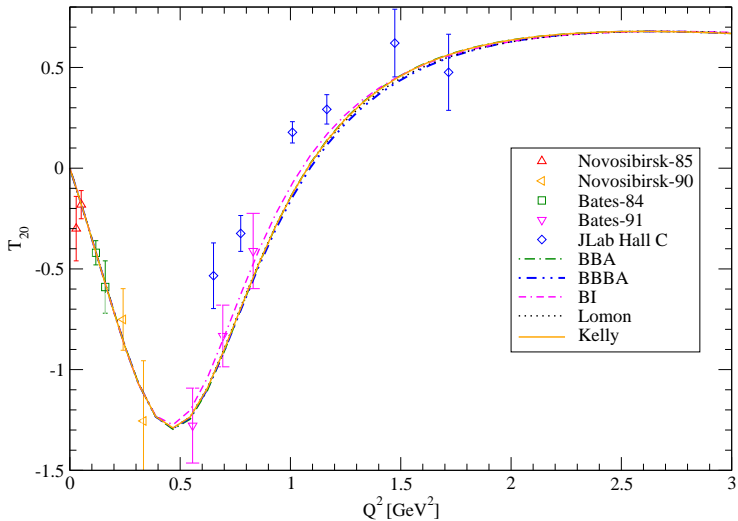
$A(Q^2)$: Impulse + Exchange Current



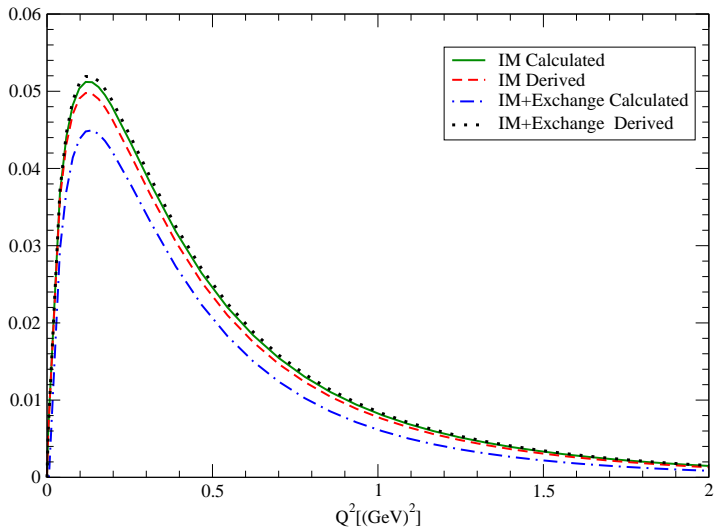
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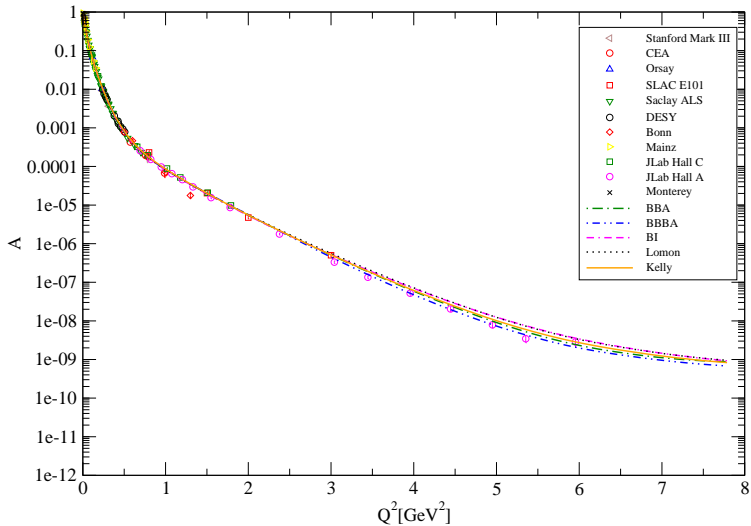
$T_{20}(Q^2, 70^\circ)$: Impulse + Exchange Current



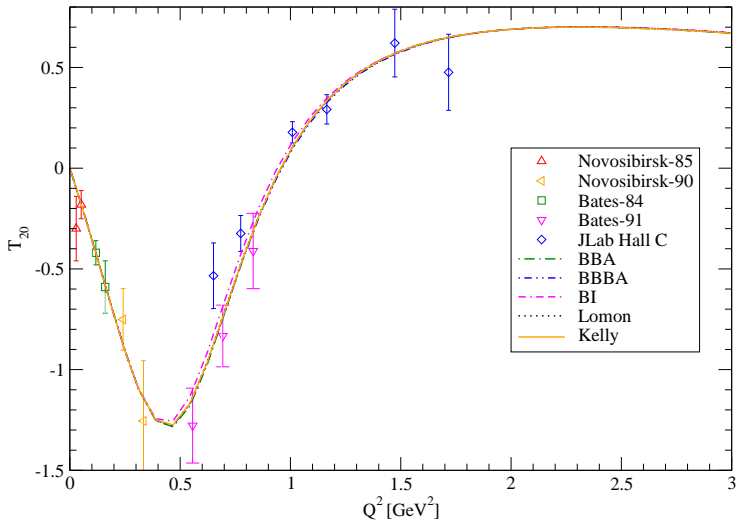
$$\Gamma_{++}^+(Q^2) - \Gamma_{00}^+(Q^2)$$



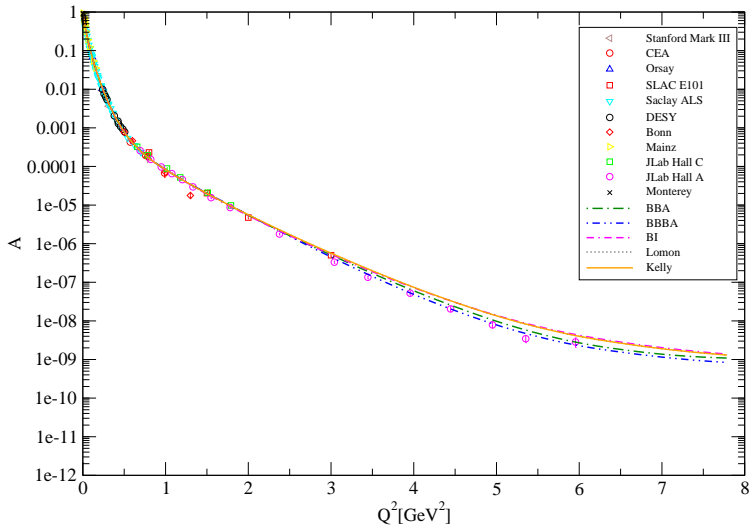
$A(Q^2)$: Impulse + Exchange; II



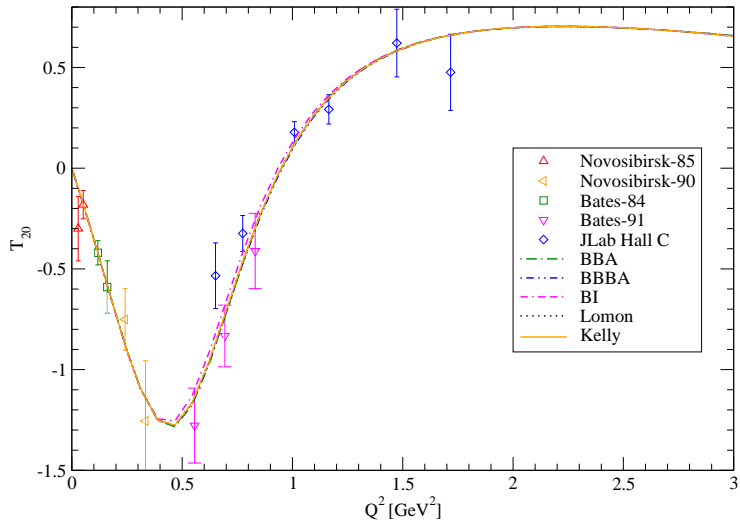
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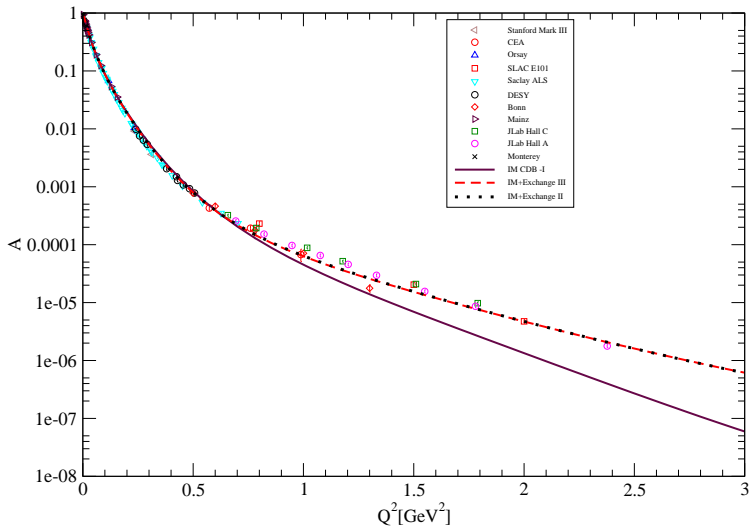
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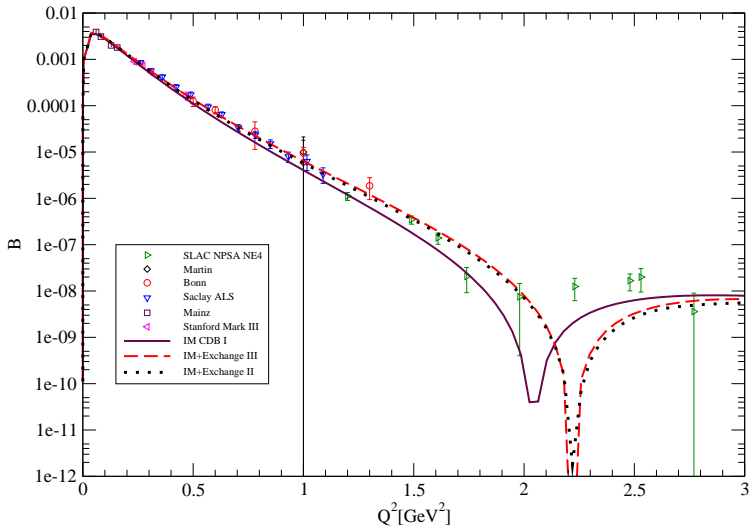
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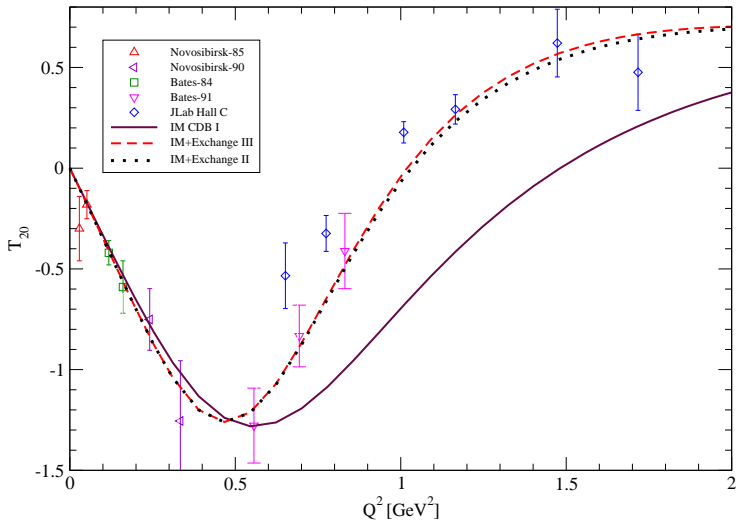
$A(Q^2)$: CD Bonn interaction



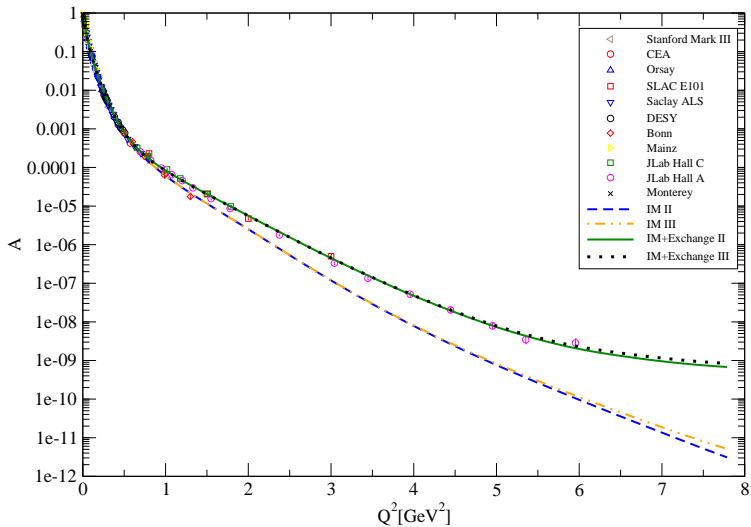
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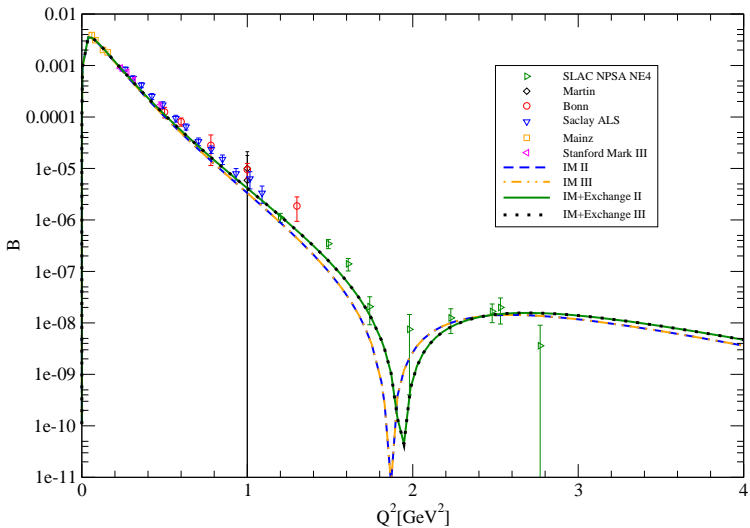
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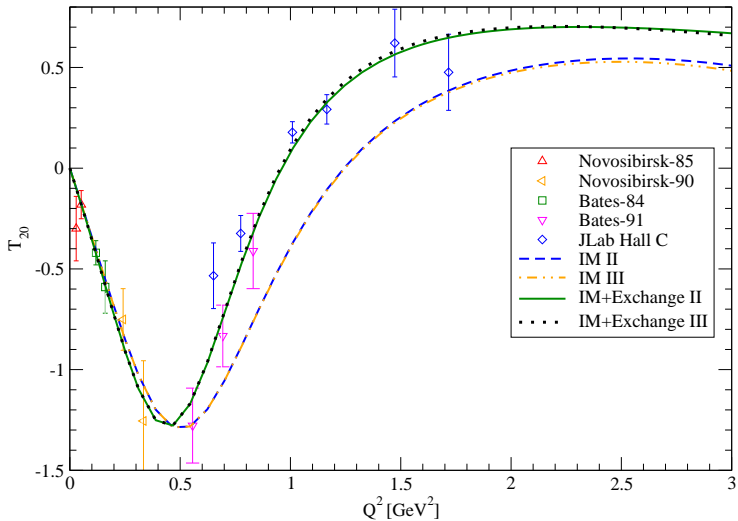


$A(Q^2)$: BBBA; II, III



$B(Q^2)$: BBBA; II, III



$T_{20}(Q^2, 70^\circ)$: BBBA; II, III

Conclusion

- I **Model exchange current explains difference between measurement and impulse approximation.**
- II **Sensitivity to implementation of the Wigner-Eckart theorem**
- III **Model can be generalized to treat more complex systems**