

# Amplitude-level Searches for Dark Photons in Bhabha Scattering

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# Motivation

The positron program is our foot in the door to a 20 GeV program. The foot may be there for a while ....

For the continued existence of a fixed target program at Jlab, it would be nice to have at least half a decade of highly rated positron experiments on the books.

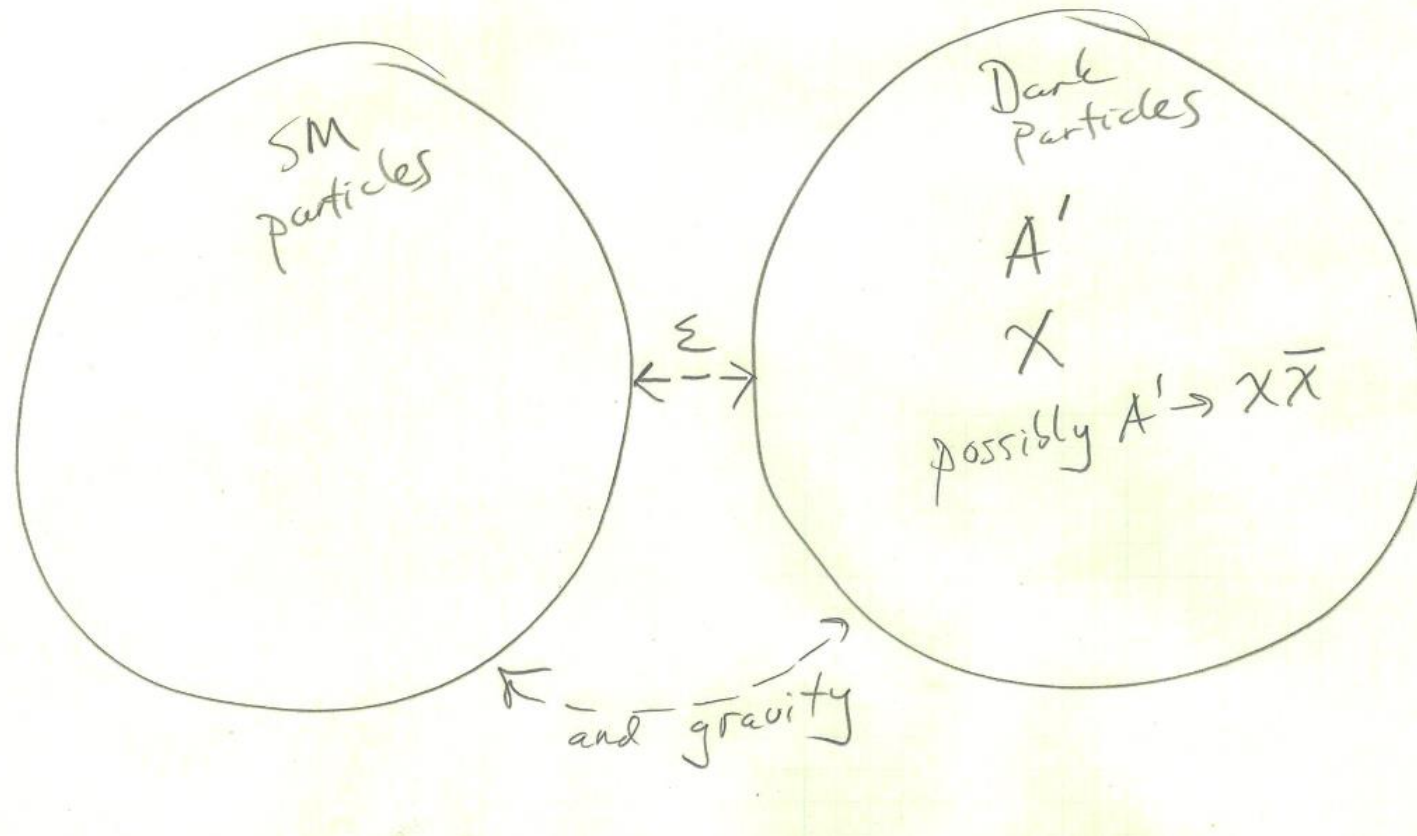
DVCS can anchor a 2 year positron beam program.

In addition to studies of hadronic effects in two-photon exchange, let us not forget that  $e^+$  beams open up the possibility of doing  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$  (called Bhabha scattering), as well as explicit annihilation channels  $e^+e^- \rightarrow 2\gamma, 3\gamma$ .

**In this talk, I will report my ongoing studies of the potential of Bhabha scattering for BSM studies.**

# The Standard Model and Beyond

One class of SM extensions assumes a small mixing between the photon and a dark photon,  $A'$ .

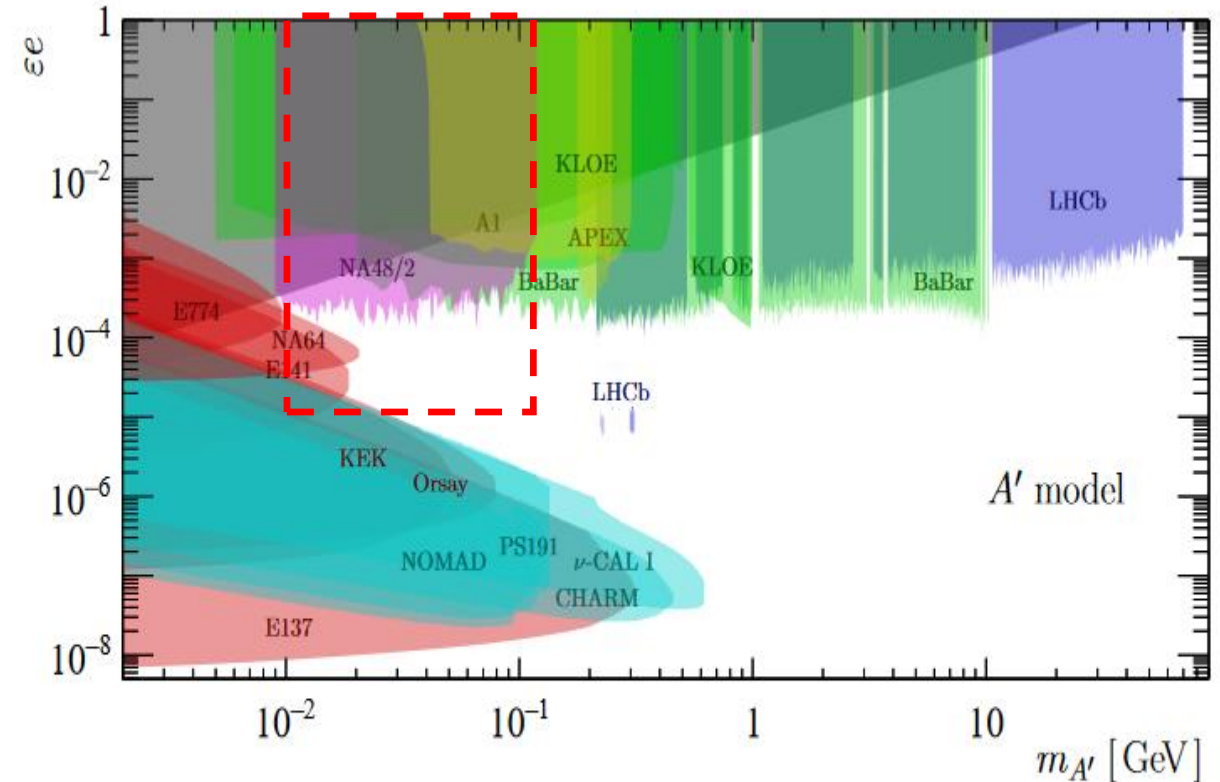


# Excluded $A'$ Phase Space (visible decays)

The mixing between the photon and dark photon is parameterized as  $\epsilon$ .

The coupling of the dark photon to the electron is  $\epsilon \cdot e$  where  $e \sim \sqrt{\alpha}$ .

There is a region of phase space relevant to the Jlab positron program which has proven resistant.



**Figure 4.** Constraints on visible  $A'$  decays considered in this study from (red) electron beam dumps, (cyan) proton beam dumps, (green)  $e^+e^-$  colliders, (blue)  $pp$  collisions, (magenta) meson decays, and (yellow) electron on fixed target experiments. The constraint derived from  $(g-2)_e$  is shown in grey [90, 91].

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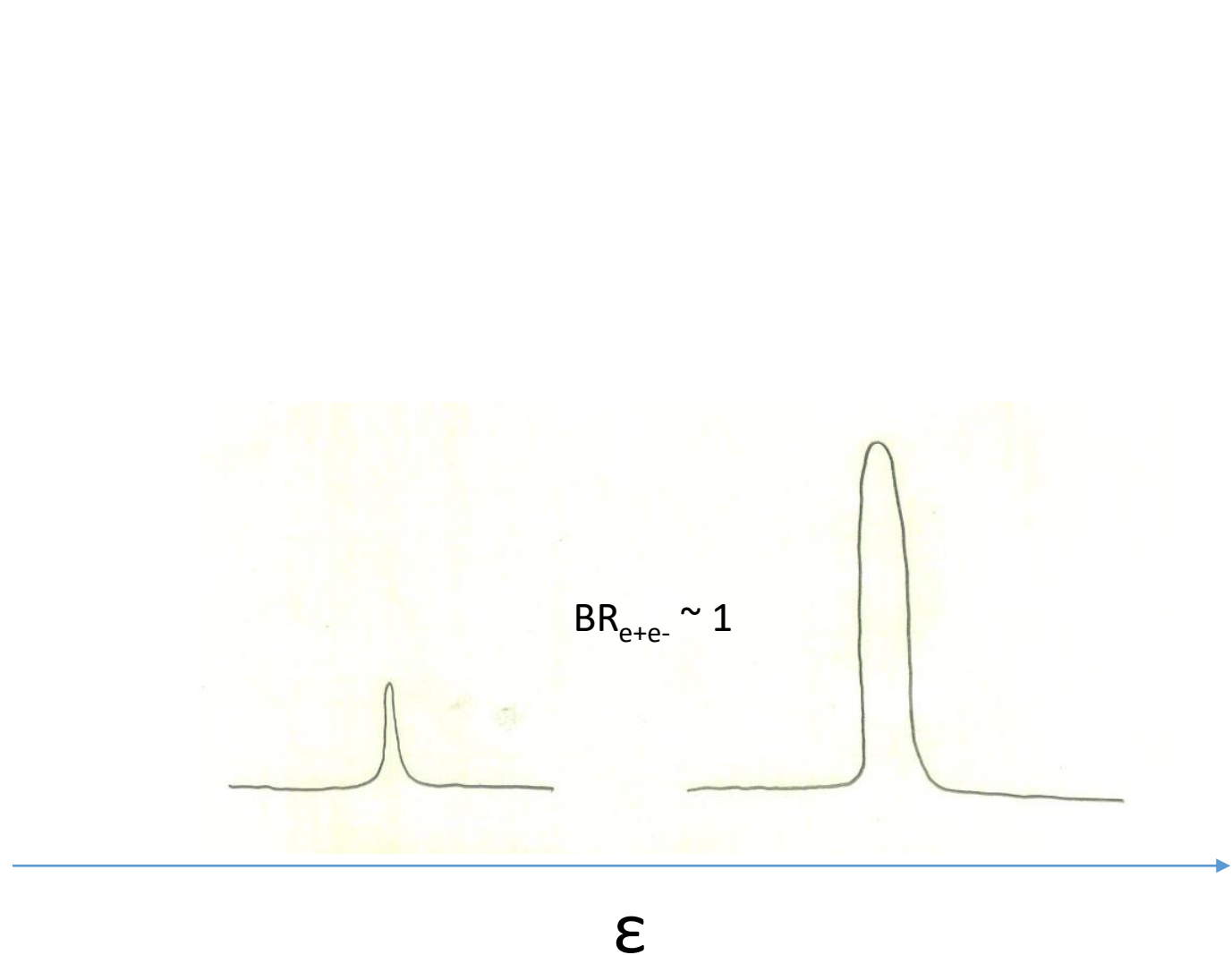
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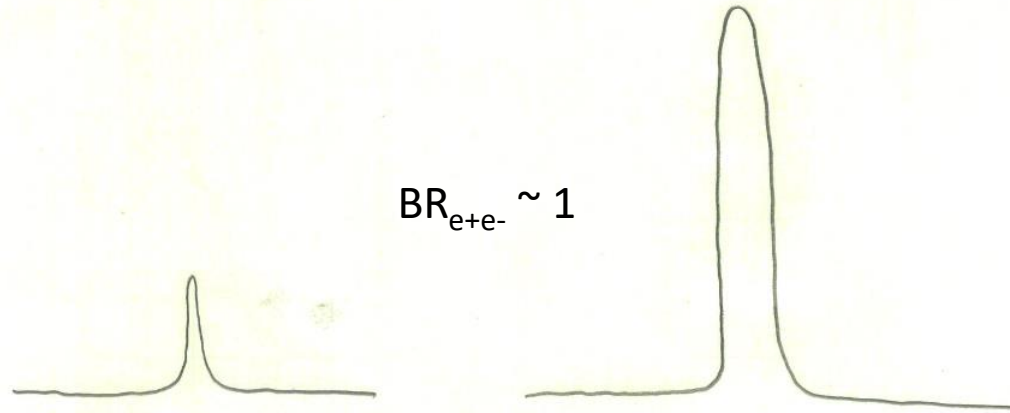
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# Ambiguities in Hunting for an $A'$

- We don't know the mass.
- We don't know the width. (E.g., we don't know the dominant decay mode. I.e.,  $A' \rightarrow e^+e^-$  or  $\chi\chi\bar{\chi}$ )
- We don't know the coupling.

So to design an experiment which will still be a high priority 10+ years from now, we would like to:

- search a broad mass range,
- as sensitively as feasible,
- in a manner which is relatively insensitive to the  $A'$  decay mode



# Example A' Signal Proportionality in terms of $e$ and $\epsilon$

For incoherent production and decay:

$$\text{Yield for production} \sim |Z F(q) e^3 \epsilon|^2$$

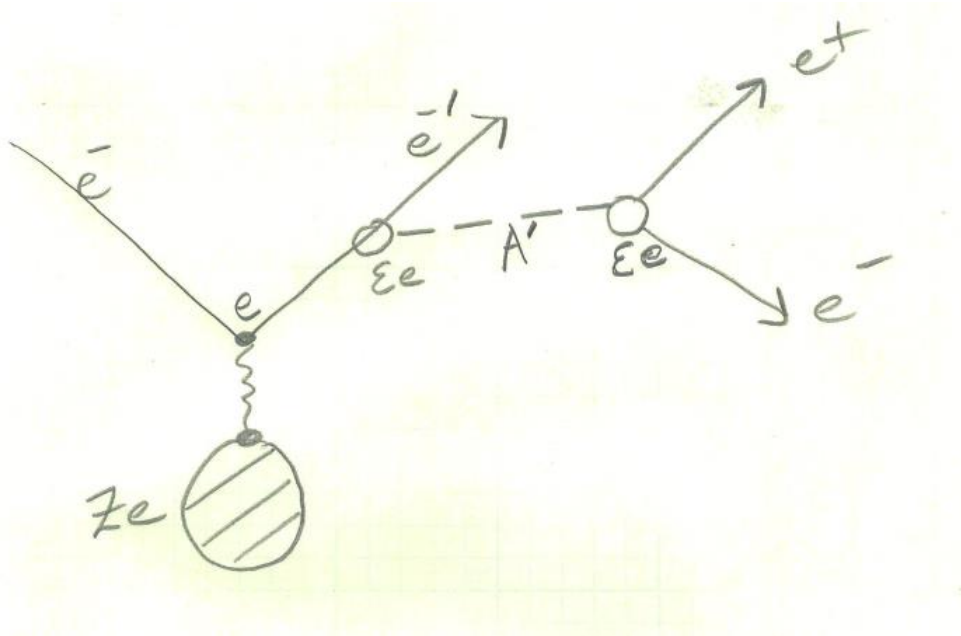
$$\text{Yield for } A' \text{ decay} \sim \text{BR}_{A' \rightarrow e+e-} |e\epsilon|^2$$

**Visible decay scenario:** net signal yield for detecting  $A' \rightarrow e+e-$

$$\sim Z^2 F^2(q) \alpha^4 \epsilon^4$$

**All decays scenario:** signal yield for detecting a narrow  $A'$  by  $\text{MM}_x^2$  in  $e + p \rightarrow e + p (X)$

$$\sim Z^2 F^2(q) \alpha^3 \epsilon^2$$



Because  $\epsilon$  is a small number, one would like to design an experiment with a small exponent and low backgrounds.

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	$MM_x^2$ peak in $e^- + p \rightarrow e' + p'$ (X)	$F(q)^2 \alpha^3 \epsilon^2$	All decays*	The DarkLight proposal planned to measure the fore-mentioned reaction as well as $e^- + p \rightarrow e' + p' + e^+e^-$ .
	Missing energy in $e^- + \text{calorimeter} \rightarrow$ almost nothing	$Z^2F(q)^2 \alpha^3 \epsilon^2$	Invisible decays only	NA64 placed impressive constraints on <u>invisible</u> decays that would be extremely hard to beat.
Positron Beams	$MM_x^2$ peak in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma$ (X) $A'$ undetected	$\alpha^2 \epsilon^2$	All decays*	Bogdan/Ashot proposal

\*Any sort of peak search constraining invisible decays is potentially weakened if the  $A'$  width is broader than the resolution.

# The Strategy

Assume the total amplitude is the sum of a large SM and small BSM amplitude:  $A_{\text{tot}} = A_{\text{EM}} + A_{\text{small}}$

The Yield is proportional to  $A_{\text{tot}}^2 = (A_{\text{EM}} + A_{\text{small}})^2$

Instead of looking for a dark photon as a cross section bump with relative magnitude  $A_{\text{small}}^2 / A_{\text{EM}}^2$ , can we search sensitively for resonance signatures in the amplitude proportional to  $A_{\text{small}} / A_{\text{EM}}$  ?\*

The answer will be, “Yes”.

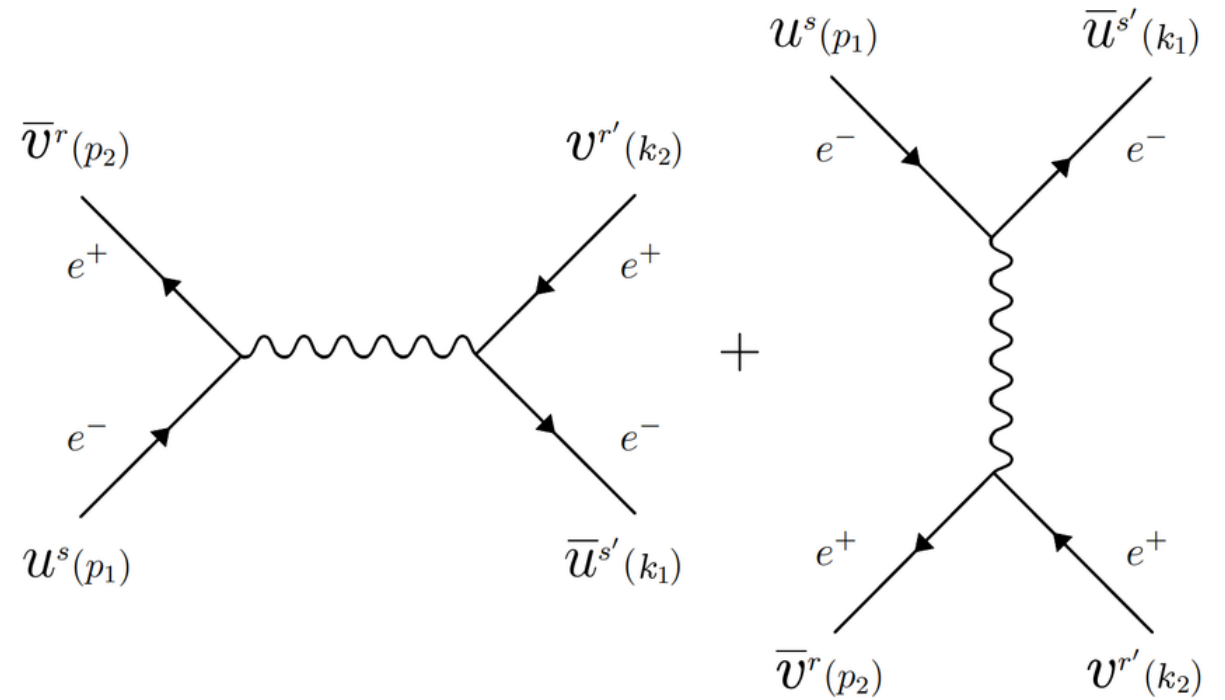
# Bhabha Scattering: $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$

Bhabha scattering is a purely leptonic reaction with very different behavior than Moller scattering.

The  $e^+$  and  $e^-$  are of course not identical, and there is a fascinating s-channel annihilation diagram.

In the SM, the exchanged boson is a  $\gamma$  and a  $Z^0$ .

In BSM, it is a  $\gamma$ ,  $Z^0$ , and  $A'$  (or  $Z'$ )



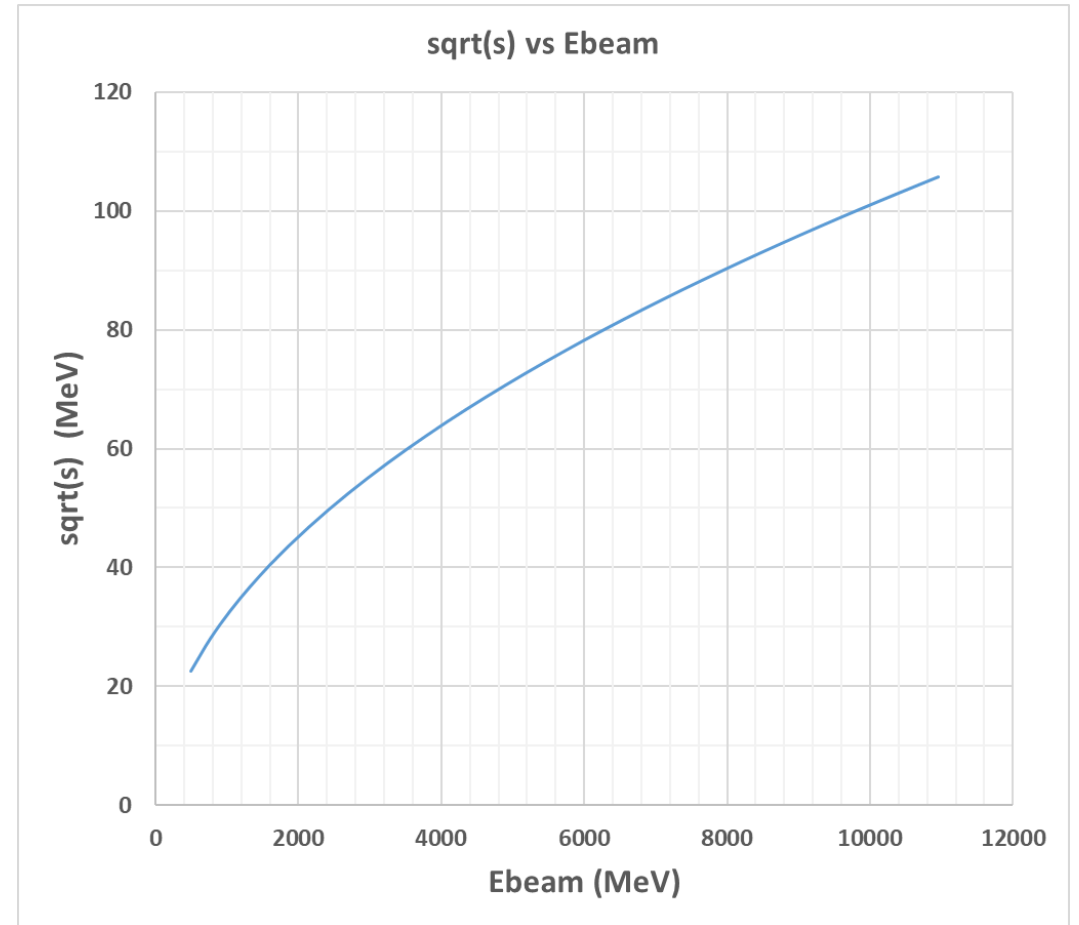
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At a 12 GeV CEBAF, the CM energy range will be 20-105 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>.

Due to the s-channel annihilation diagram, one can expect dramatic changes in observables if a resonance occurs in or near this  $E_{\text{cm}}$  range.

$$s = 2m_e^2 + 2E_{\text{beam}} * m \sim E_{\text{beam}}$$



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	Asymmetry in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma e^+e^-$	$\alpha^{1.5}\epsilon^2$	All decays	Bhabha scattering with Initial State Radiation.

An amplitude search in Bhabha scattering has interesting sensitivity.

# SM Formalism with $\gamma + Z^0$ (with option for a $Z'$ )

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## Polarized Bhabha and Møller scattering in left-right-asymmetric theories

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We identify and calculate the independent quantities that determine arbitrarily polarized Bhabha and Møller scattering, for left-right-asymmetric theories. Longitudinal polarization of either beam appears most useful, in either Bhabha or Møller scattering, in discriminating between the  $SU(2) \times U(1)$  theory and certain classes of extended theories. Transverse beam polarization would in Bhabha scattering at high energies,  $\sqrt{s} \simeq M_Z$ , provide a very clear distinction between theories in which the  $e^+e^-Z^0$  coupling is dominantly axial vector and theories where it is dominantly vector.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Present electron-positron accelerators have reached energies where weak-interaction effects are on the verge of being observed. The nonobservation of these effects has indeed served to constrain<sup>1</sup>

a position to give a quantitative discussion of the dependence on beam polarization. It will be shown that, in contrast to the QED limit, the Bhabha cross section develops a strong dependence on transverse beam polarization, as the energy increases toward the  $Z^0$  pole. Beyond the  $Z^0$  pole

I used H.A. Olsen and P. Osland, “Polarized Bhabha and Moller scattering in left-right-asymmetric theories”. This paper was clear, provided the xsect and two PC and two PV asymmetries, and insightful comparisons to Moller scattering.

But it does not include radiation which will be important for designing realistic experiments.

# Suite of Observables in Bhabha Scattering

Eqn (1) of Olsen and Osland gives the different xsect and asymmetries for all combination e+ or e- longitudinal or transverse polarization.

Simplifying and dumbing down the notation a bit:

$$\sigma(\theta, \phi) = \sigma_0 \{ 1 + \mathbf{A}_{LL} P_{-}^{\text{para}} P_{+}^{\text{para}} + \mathbf{A}_{LU} (P_{-}^{\text{para}} - P_{+}^{\text{para}}) + P_{-}^{\text{perp}} P_{+}^{\text{perp}} [ \mathbf{A}_{TT} \cos(2\phi) + \mathbf{A}'_{TT} \sin(2\phi) ] \}$$

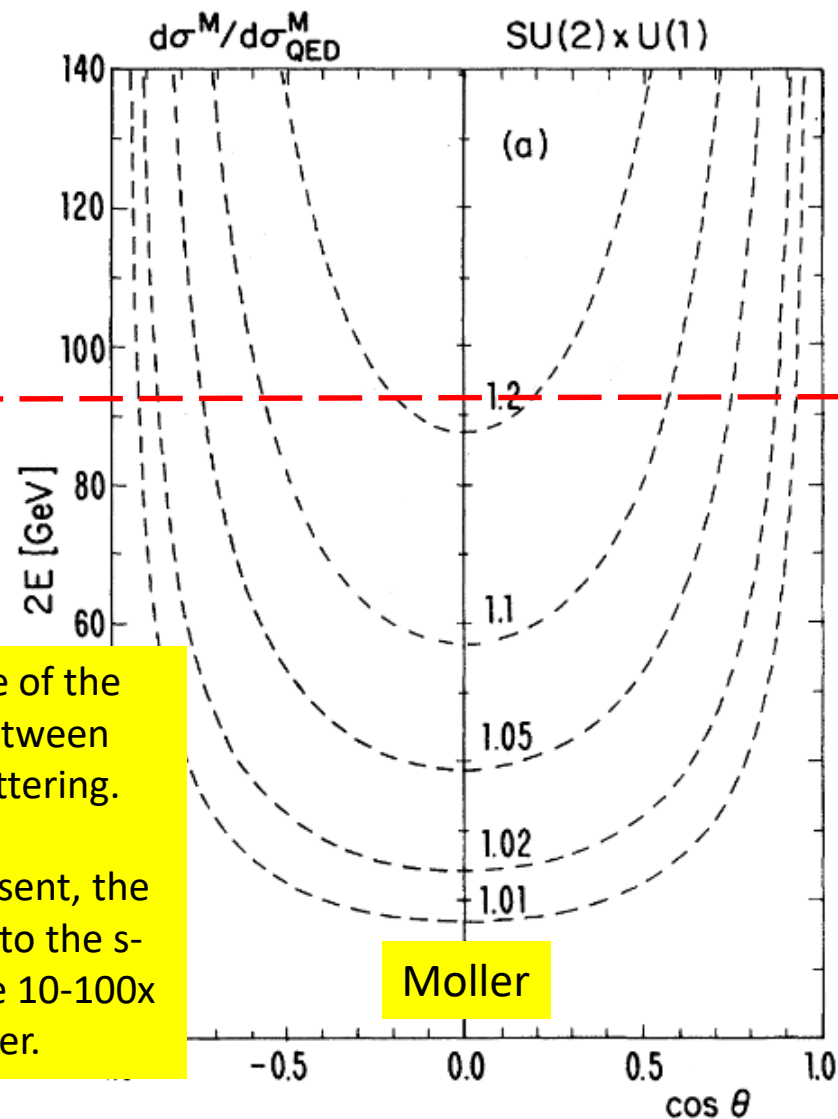
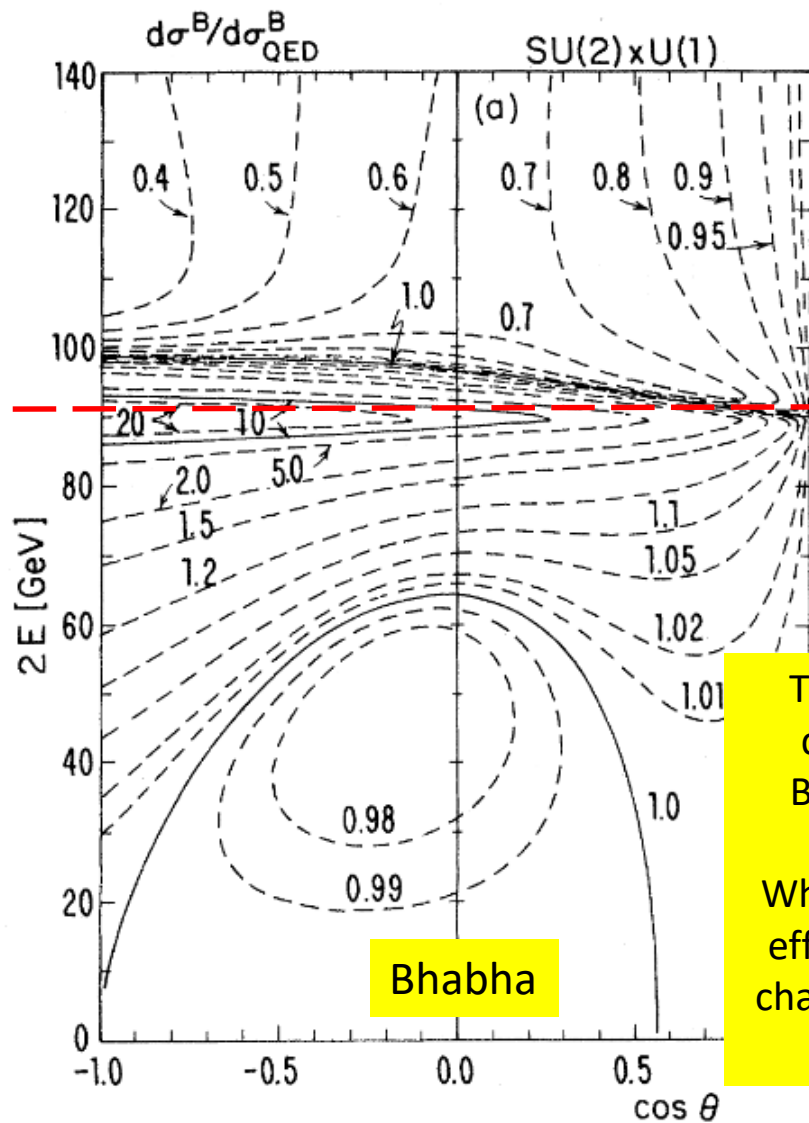
If I drop the predominantly PV terms, it looks just like the Moller polarimetry equations:

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Let's look at the  $\sigma_0$  term first.



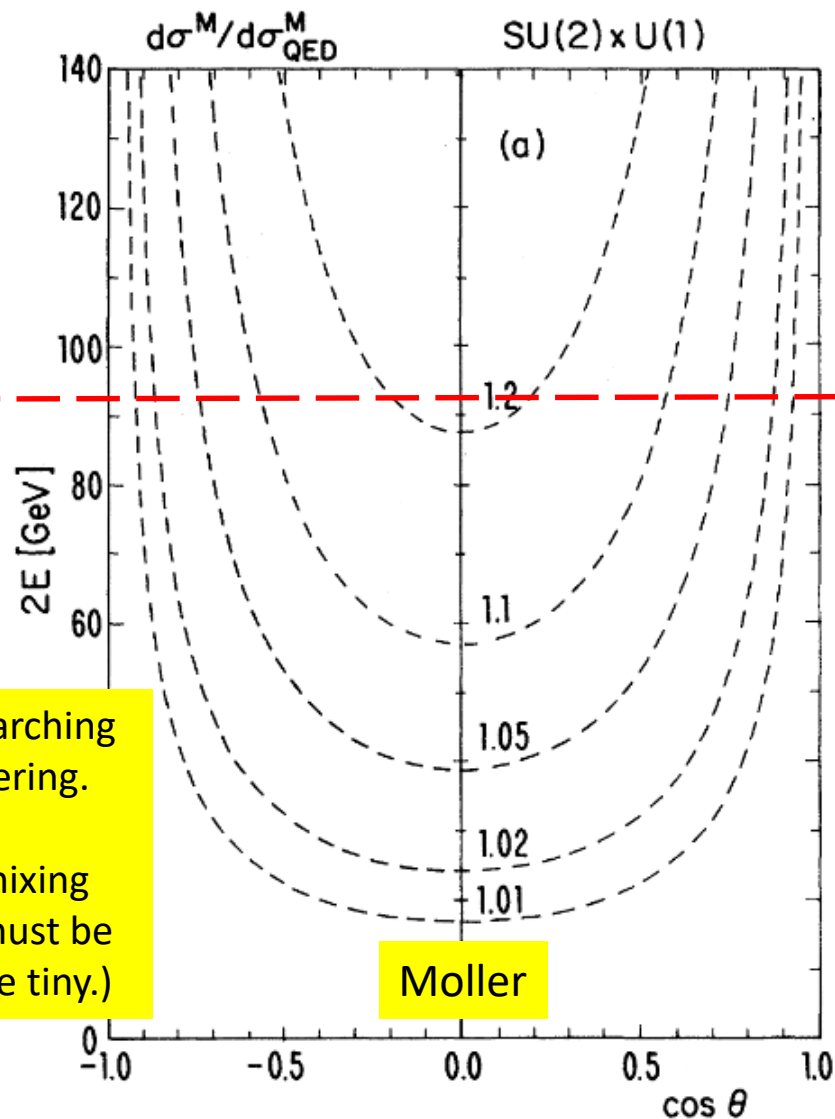
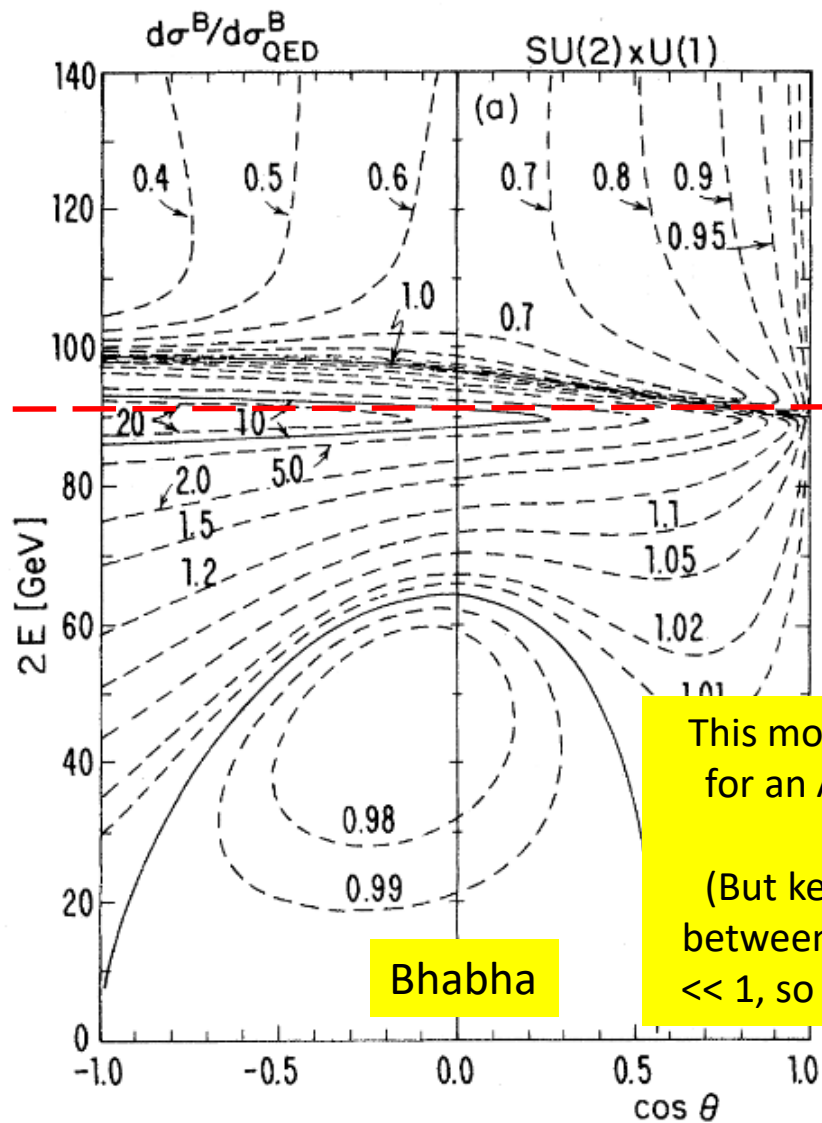
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This is just one example of the dramatic difference between Bhabha and Moller scattering.

When a resonance is present, the effects on the xsect due to the s-channel in Bhabha can be 10-100x larger than in Moller.

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This motivates the idea of searching for an  $A'$  using Bhabha scattering.

(But keep in mind that the mixing between the photon and  $A'$  must be  $\ll 1$ , so an  $A'$  signal will still be tiny.)

# Contributions to the Bhabha Xsect: t channel

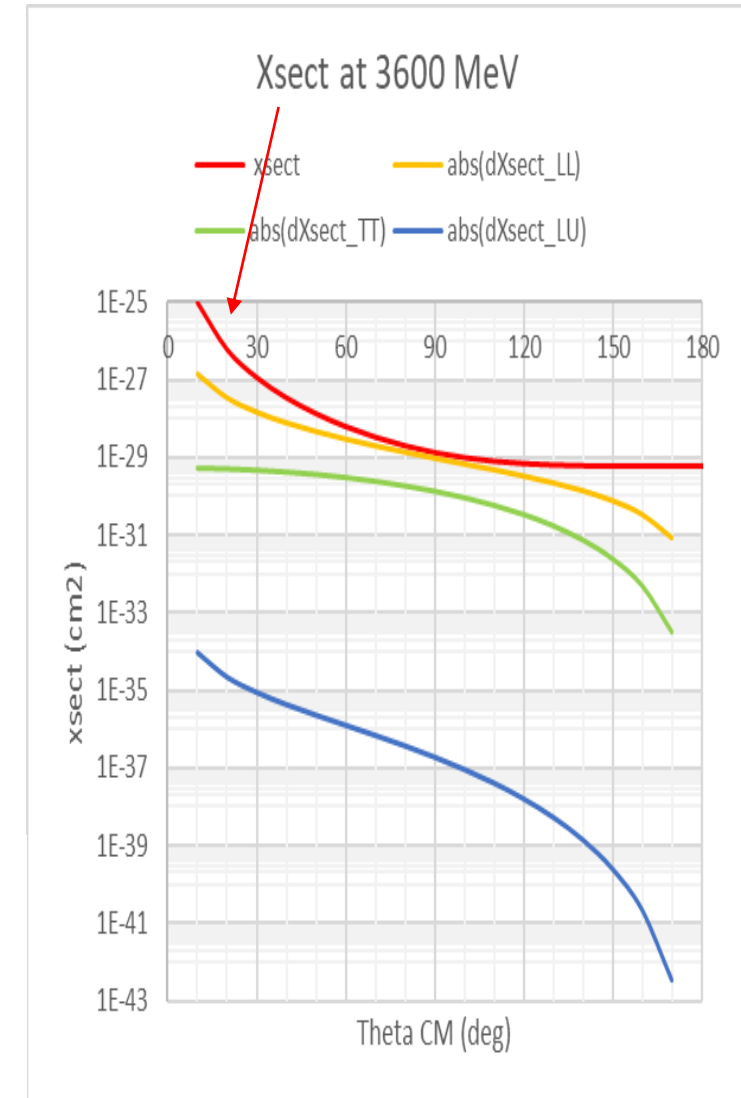
The unpolarized xsect is proportional to  $\alpha^2$ :

$$\frac{d\sigma_0^B}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2}{4s} \left\{ \cos^4(\theta/2) \left[ \left| 1 + f(s)g_L^2 - \frac{1 + f(t)g_L^2}{\sin^2(\theta/2)} \right|^2 + \left| 1 + f(s)g_R^2 - \frac{1 + f(t)g_R^2}{\sin^2(\theta/2)} \right|^2 \right] + 2 \sin^4(\theta/2) |1 + f(s)g_R g_L|^2 + [2/\sin^4(\theta/2)] [1 + f(t)g_R g_L]^2 \right\}, \quad (14)$$

(Polarized xsect differences can be defined from the asymmetries in Eqns 15-18.)

$f(t)$  is for spacelike Z and is purely real. These terms tend to diverge as  $\theta \rightarrow 0$  deg, which will dilute any interesting A' effects in the s-channel.

$$f(q^2) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4 \sin^2(2\theta_W)} \frac{q^2}{q^2 - M_Z^2 + iM_Z \Gamma_Z^{\text{tot}}}, & q^2 > 0 \text{ (q timelike), i.e., } f(s) \\ \frac{1}{4 \sin^2(2\theta_W)} \frac{q^2}{q^2 - M_Z^2}, & q^2 \leq 0 \text{ (q spacelike). i.e., } f(t) \end{cases} \quad (12)$$



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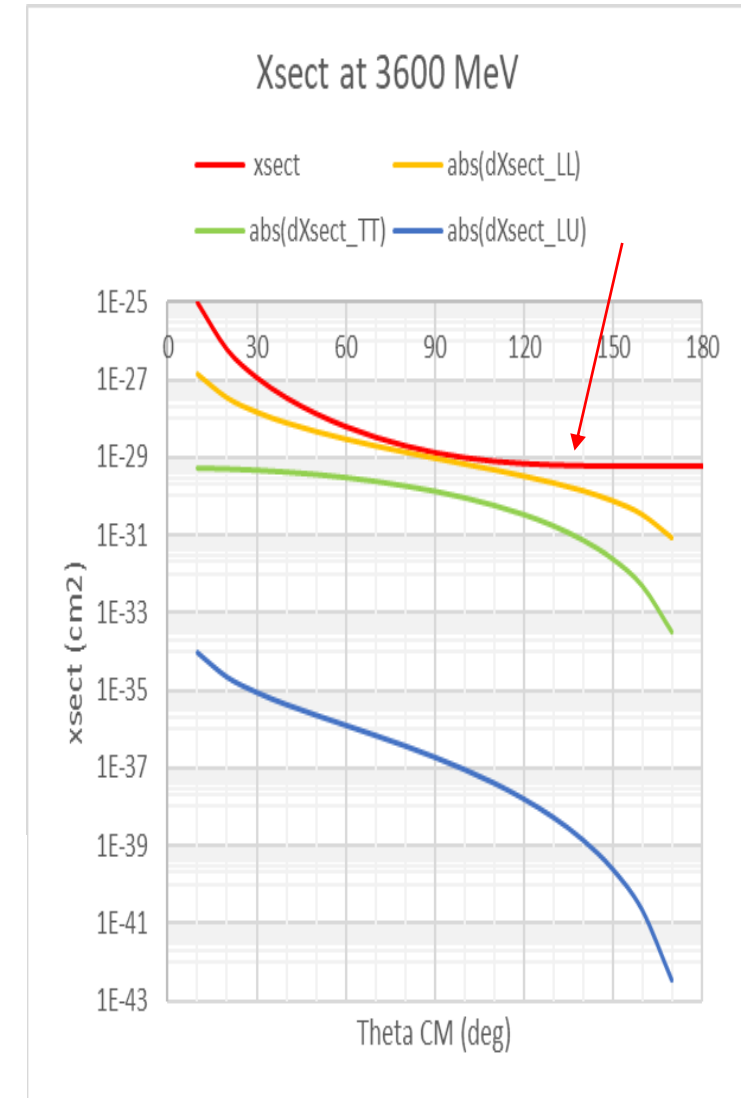
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**f(s)** is for time-like Z, has a Real part and an Imaginary part. Generally, effects from a resonant A' will be largest at backward angles (see red arrow at right, pointing to a "shelf" in the xsect).

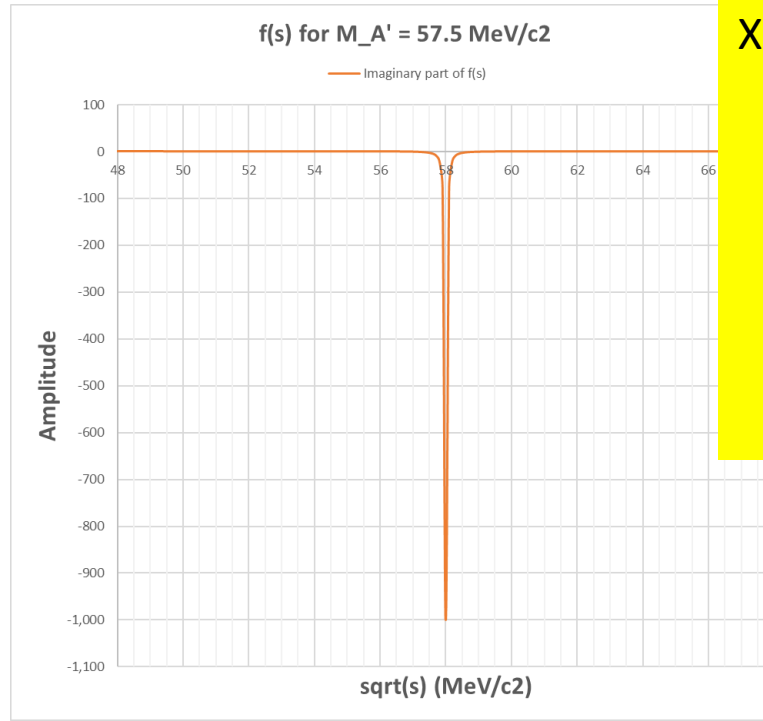
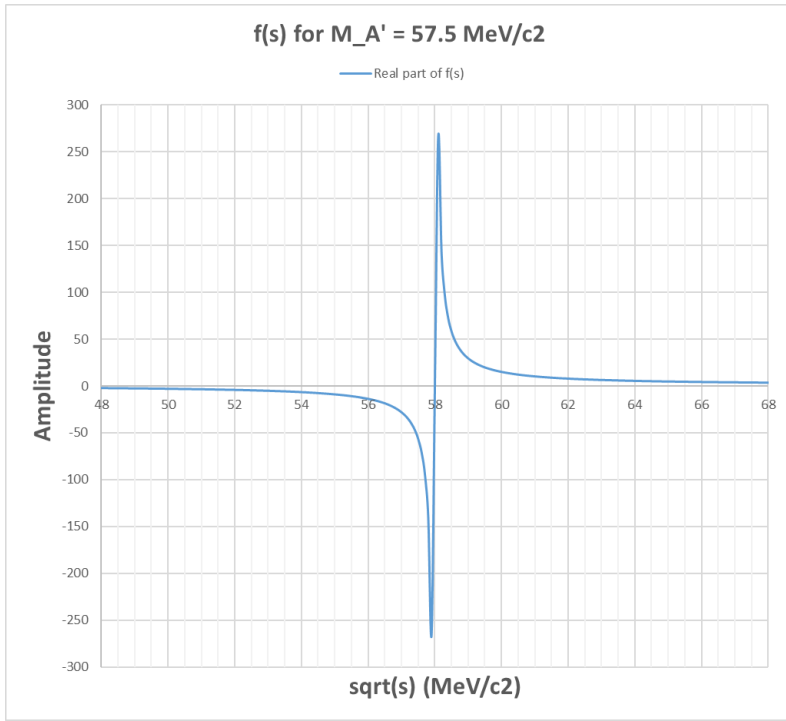
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# Looking for Amplitude-level Effects in the Xsect: Idiot Check

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$X_{\text{sect}} \sim |1 + f(s) g_L^2|^2$

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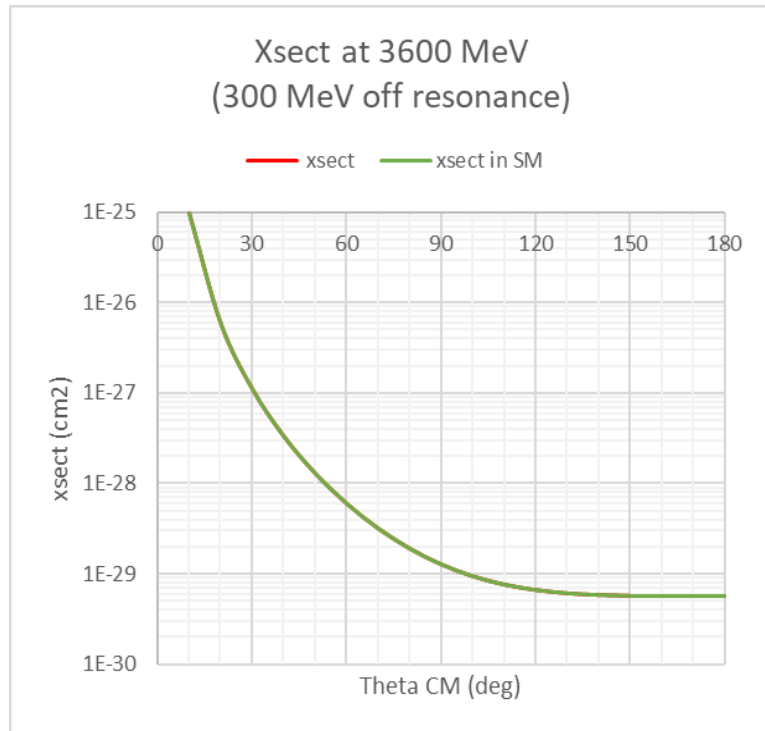
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So at small and interesting values of  $\epsilon$ , the signal will have the shape of  $\text{Re}f(s)$ .

A' signals in the Yield

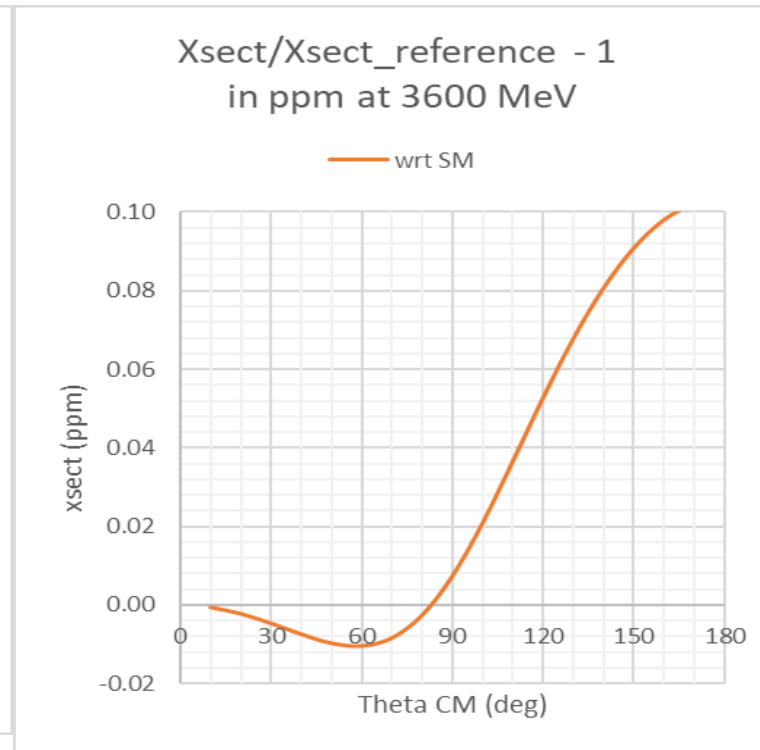
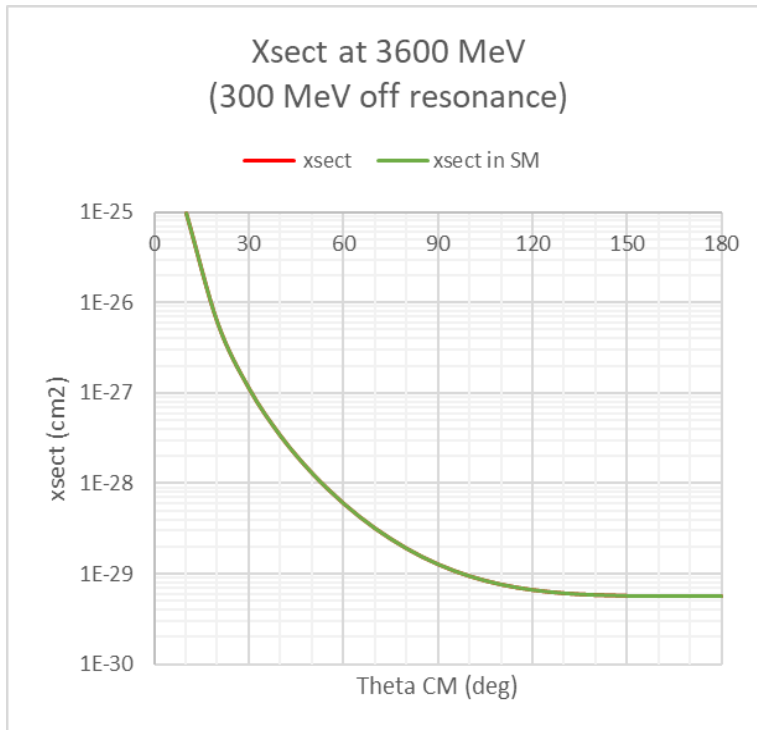
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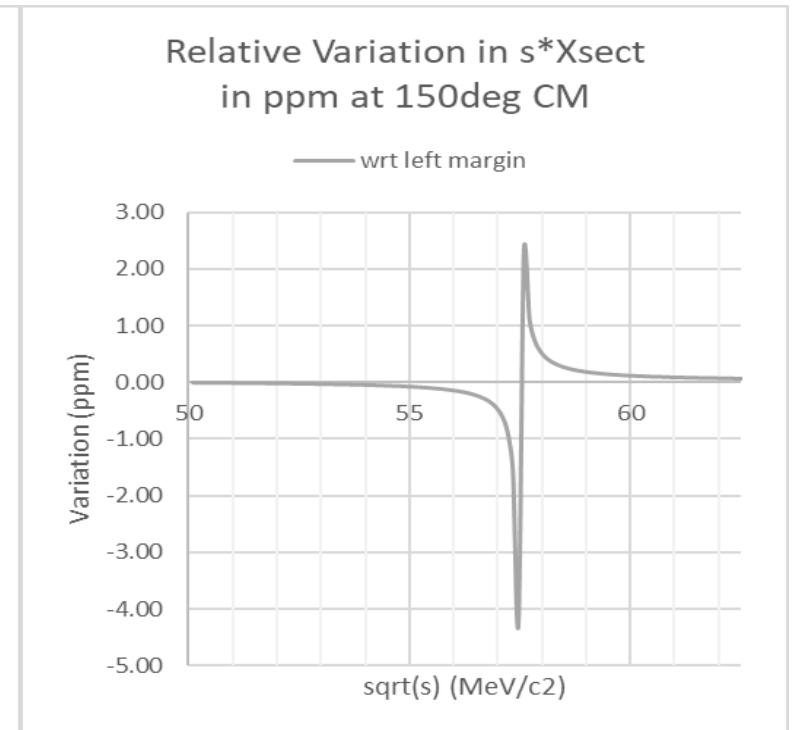
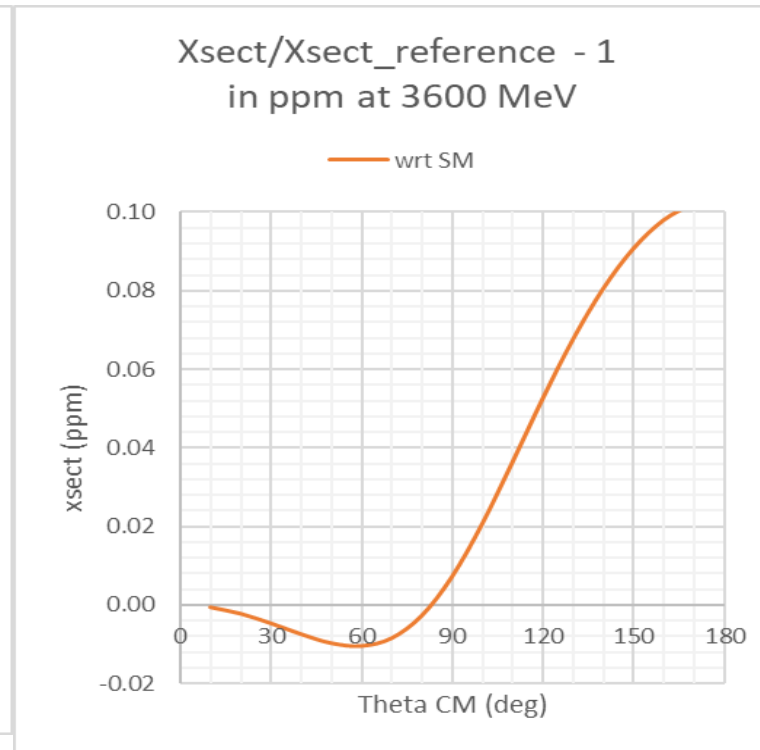
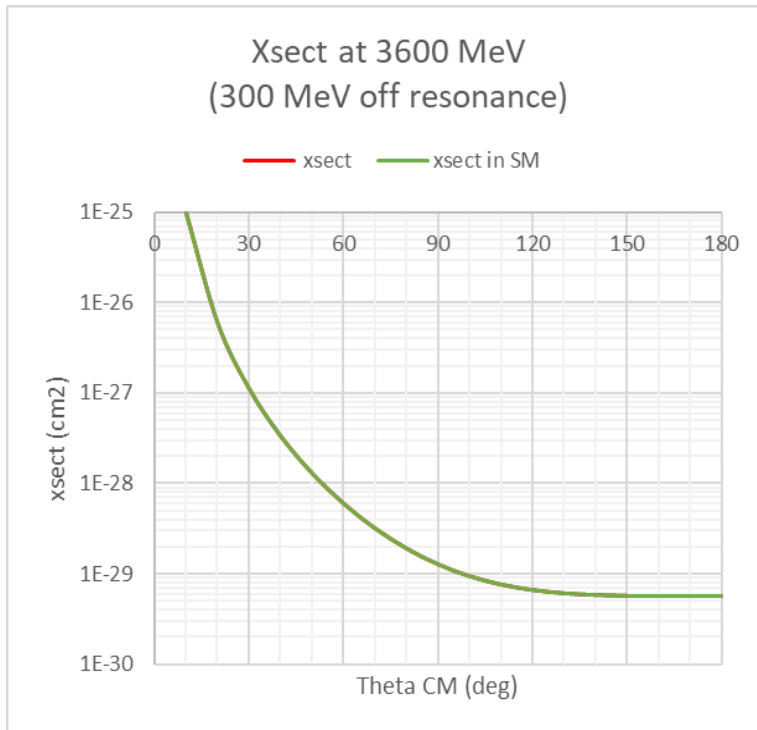
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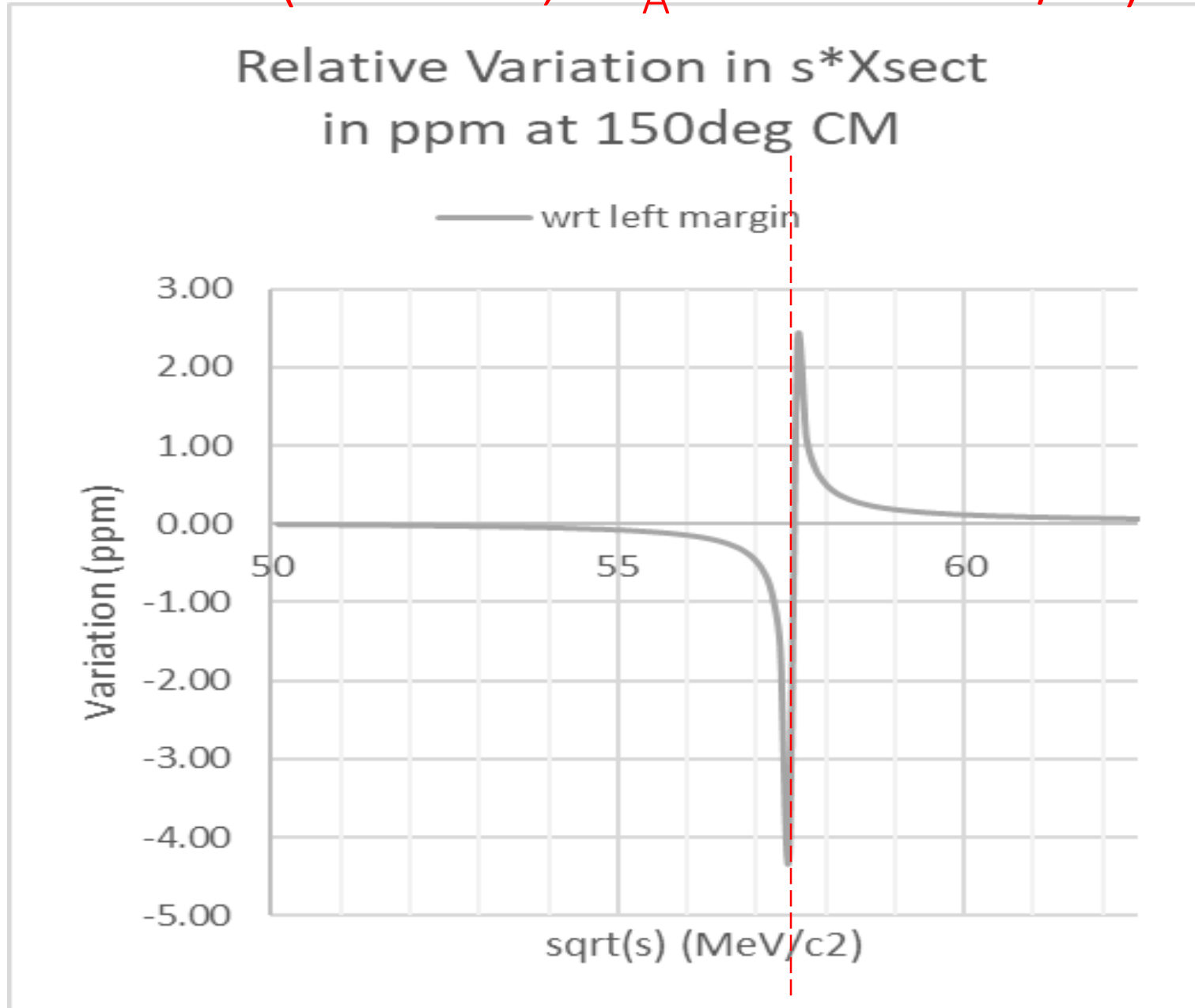
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Plotted vs  $\sqrt{s}$ , there is a few ppm modulation of the  $x_{\text{sect}}$  as the resonance is crossed, similar to the Real part of the  $A'$  propagator.  
(Width here is 57.5 keV.)

Zoomed ( $\epsilon = 1E-4$ ,  $M_{A'} = 57.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ )



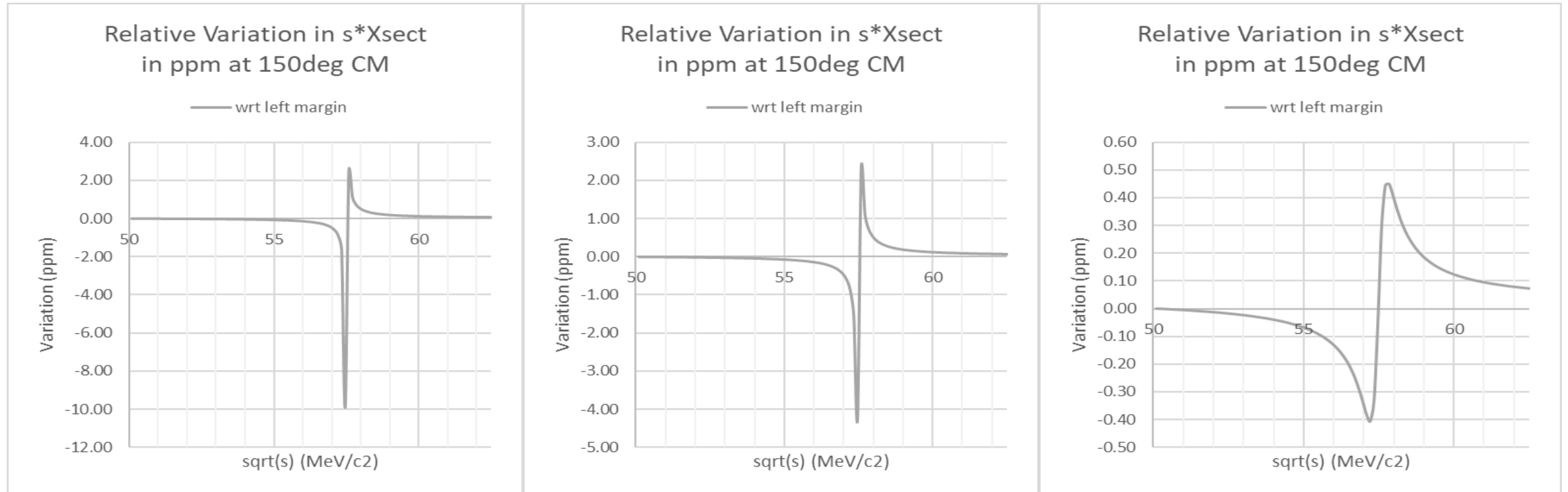
This is potentially measurable.

But the mass window with high sensitivity is only  $\pm O(100)$  MeV in beam energy.

Initial State Radiation (ISR) will likely broaden this window.

# Yield Signal Dependence on the Decay Width

(Purely Vector Coupling,  $\epsilon = 1E-4$ ,  $M_A = 57.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ )



Width = 0% (0 keV)

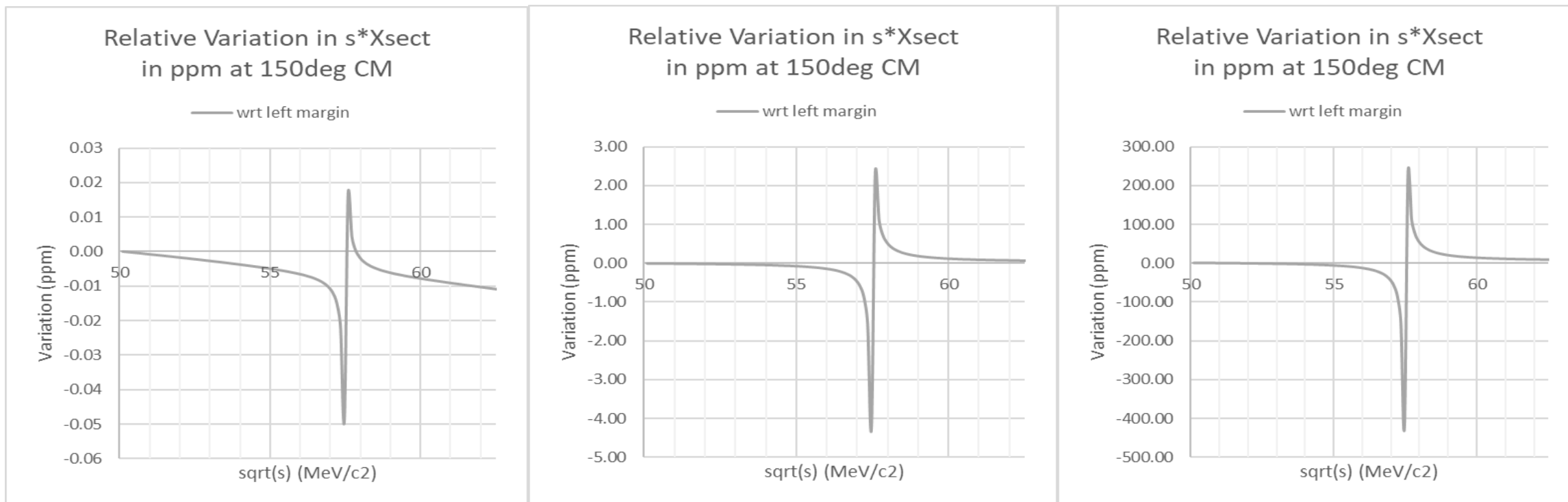
Width = 0.1% (57.5 keV)

Width = 1% (57.5 keV)

Signal amplitudes get smaller with increasing decay width.  
(But they also get broader in a way that seems to roughly preserve the area. I need to study this.)

# Yield Signal Dependence on $\epsilon$

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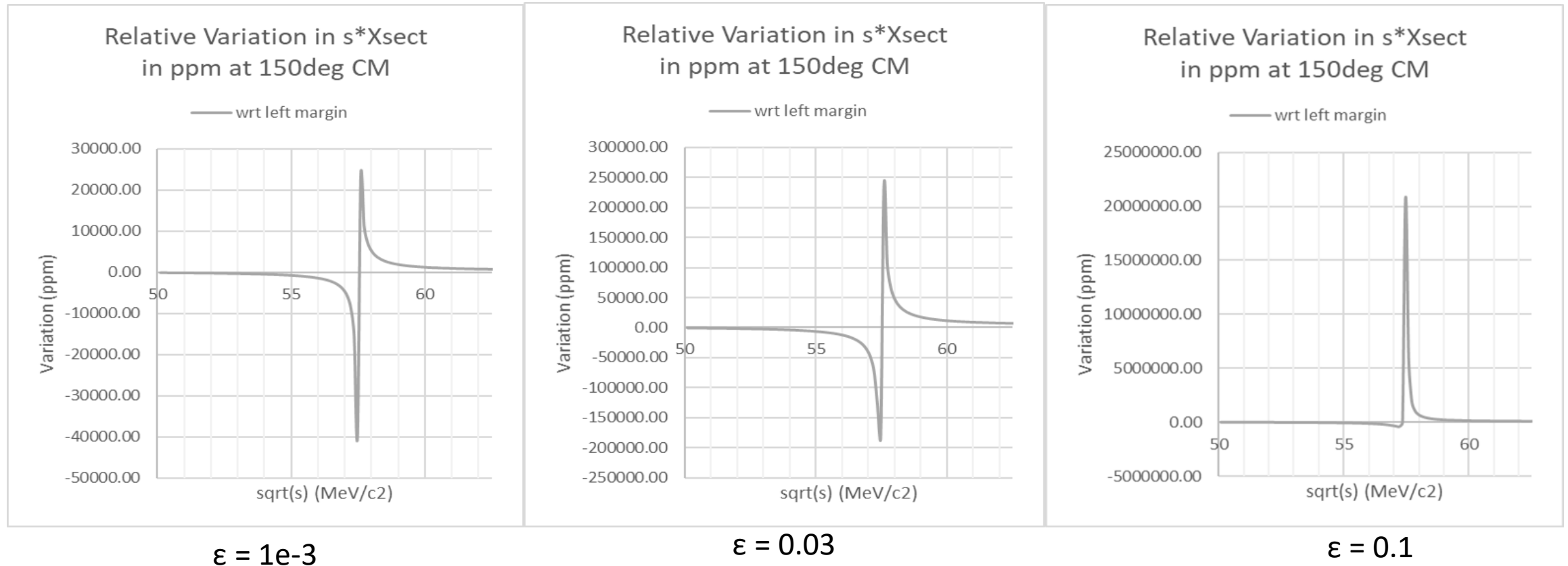
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Signal amplitudes scale like  $\epsilon^2$ , so  $\epsilon = 1\text{E-}4$  is difficult and  $\epsilon = 1\text{E-}5$  almost impossible.  
(For the latter case, the effects of an  $A'$  are only several times larger than the slope from  $Z^0$  exchange.)

# Evolution into a Bump with Increasing $\epsilon$ : another idiot check

(Purely Vector Coupling,  $M_{A'} = 57.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ , Width = 57.5 keV)



The interference pattern evolves into a bump as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 1$ .  
The bump represents the production of real (as opposed to virtual)  $A'$ .

# Purely Vector vs Purely Axial-Vector Couplings

There is some literature on BSM particles which have significant axial-vector couplings. It's easy to explore that in this formalism.

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## Light Weakly Coupled Axial Forces: Models, Constraints, and Projections

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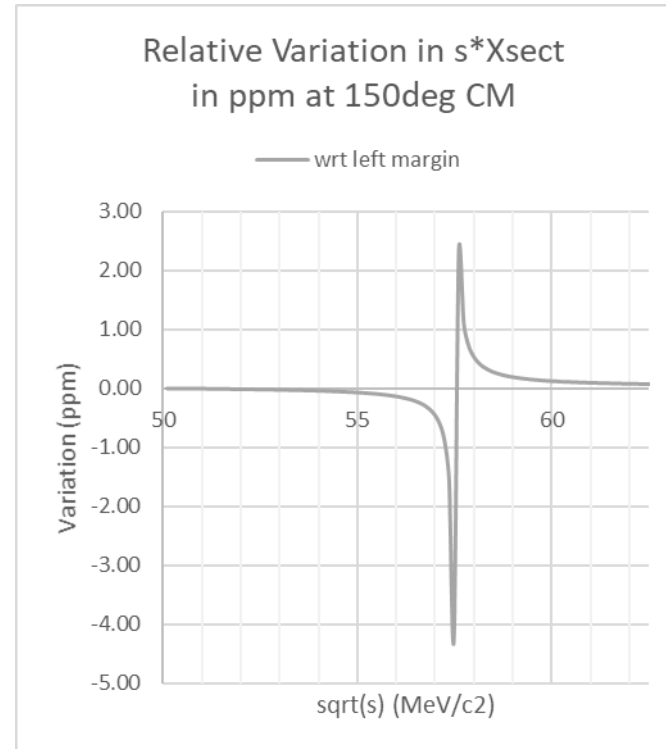
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## Purely vector



# Purely Vector vs Purely Axial-Vector Couplings

There is some literature on BSM particles which have significant axial-vector couplings. It's easy to explore that in this formalism.

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## Light Weakly Coupled Axial Forces: Models, Constraints, and Projections

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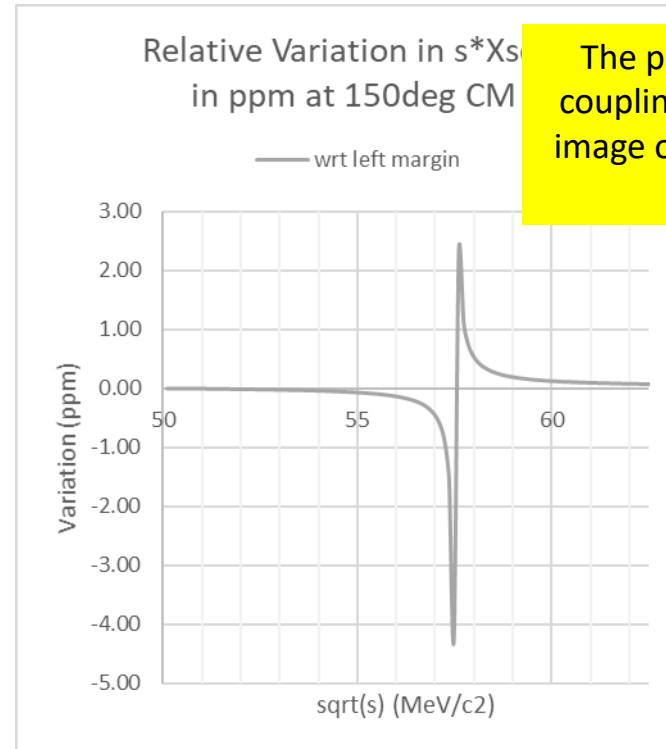
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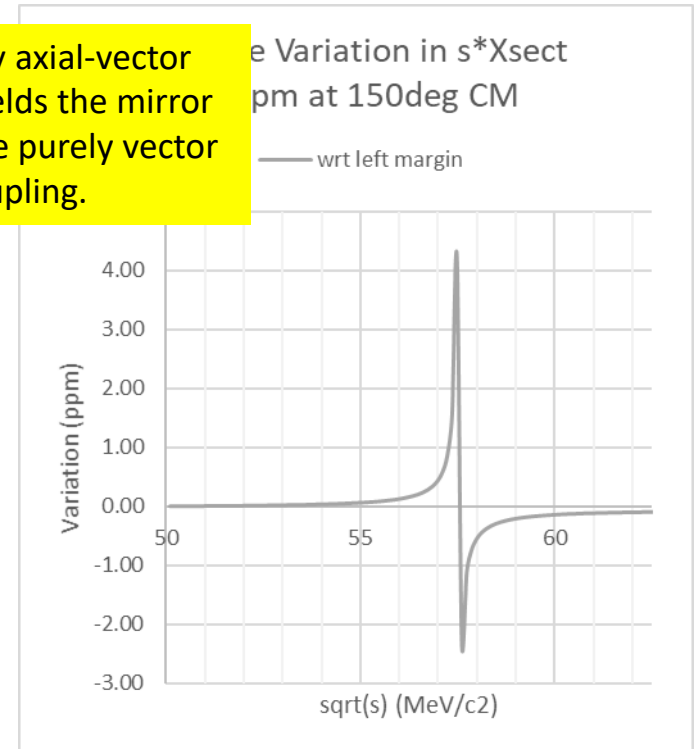
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Purely axial-vector



The purely axial-vector coupling yields the mirror image of the purely vector coupling.

In the purely vector or purely axial-vector scenario, terms proportional to  $g_v \cdot g_a$  vanish, leaving a  $g_v^2 - g_a^2$  term which switches sign.

# Yield vs sqrt(s) Summary

Yield vs sqrt(s) in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- + \text{gamma}$  (ie,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$  with Initial State Radiation)

Determination of sqrt(s) requires measuring  $e^+$  and  $e^-$  in coincidence.

→ Must do an event mode experiment

→ To place exclusions at the  $\epsilon \sim 1e-4$  level, one needs a frightfully large number of events, which implies a frightfully large daq rate in order to finish within several years.

At such small  $\epsilon$ , this method seems a good way to study an already discovered  $A'$  where sqrt(s) is known.

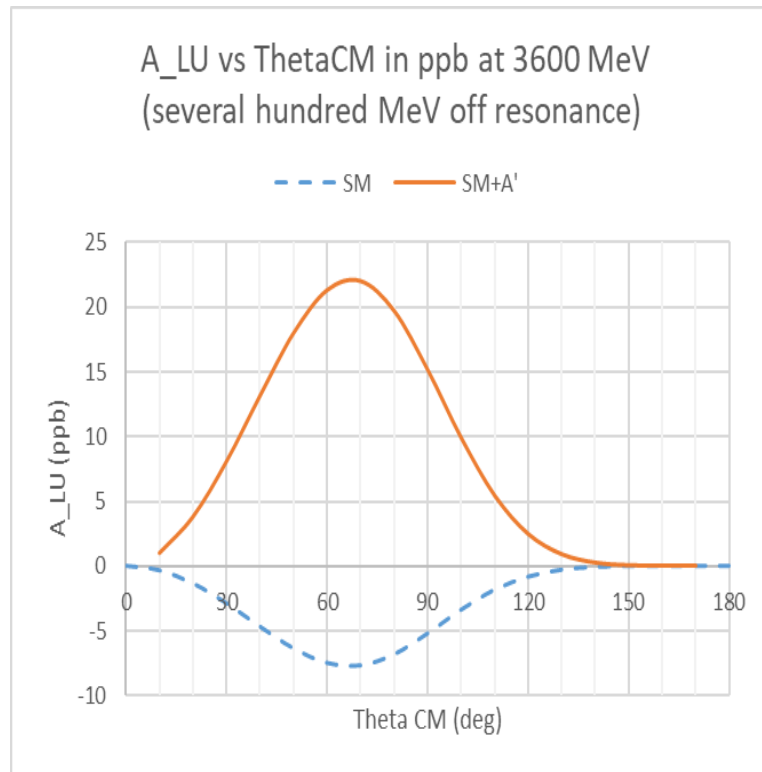
E.g., if the X(17) particle isn't excluded within the next decade, one could do a targeted measurement near 17 MeV/c<sup>2</sup> to refute it (or confirm it and measure its properties such as mass, width, degree of mixing with the photon, and whether the couplings are vector or axial-vector).

Maybe I'll change my mind with more study, but sensitive searches over a broad mass range with this event-mode technique seems a little nuts.  
Let's now see if there's something better suited to a search over a broad mass range.



# Dark $Z'$ signals in the PV Asymmetry

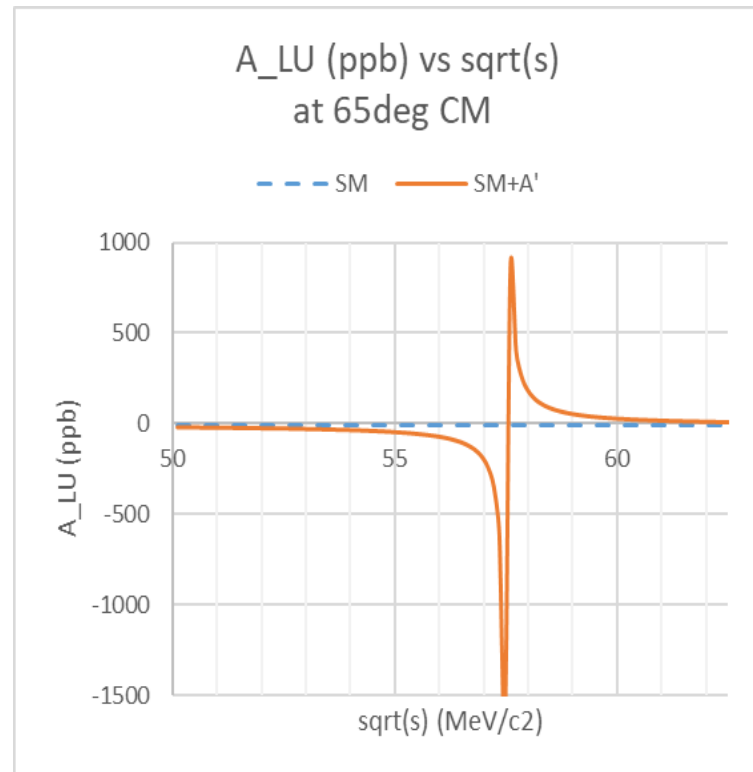
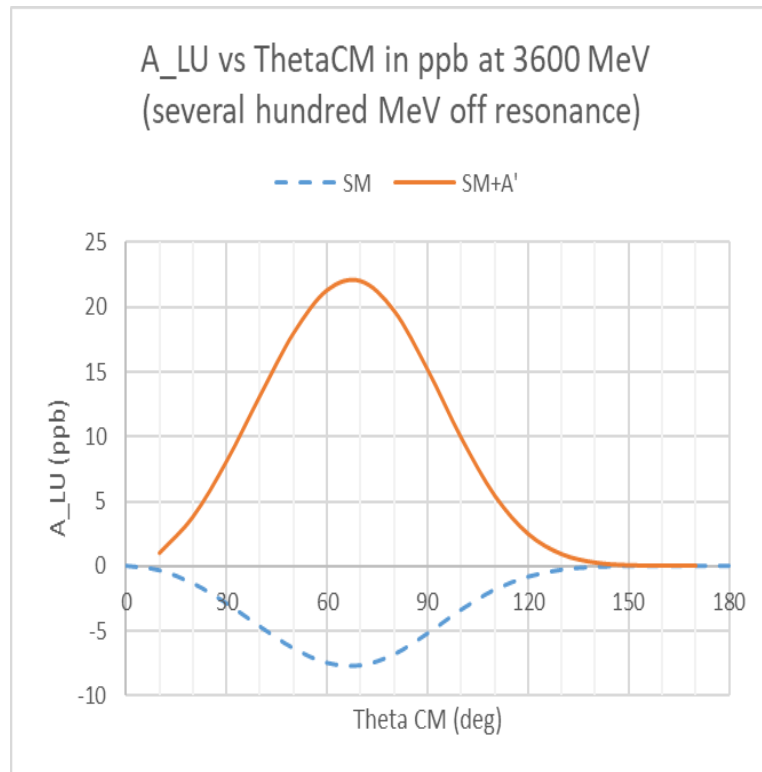
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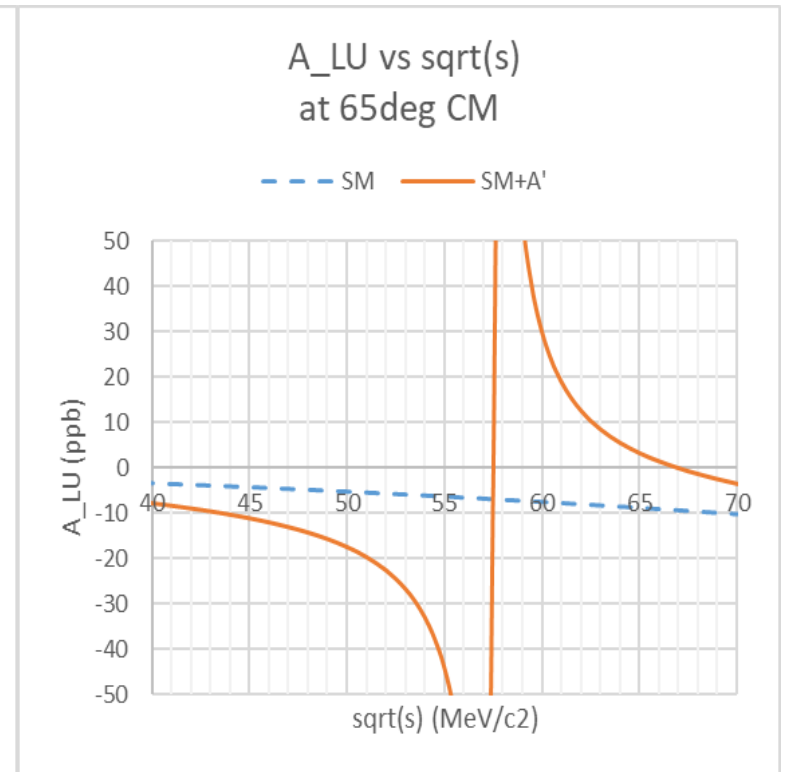
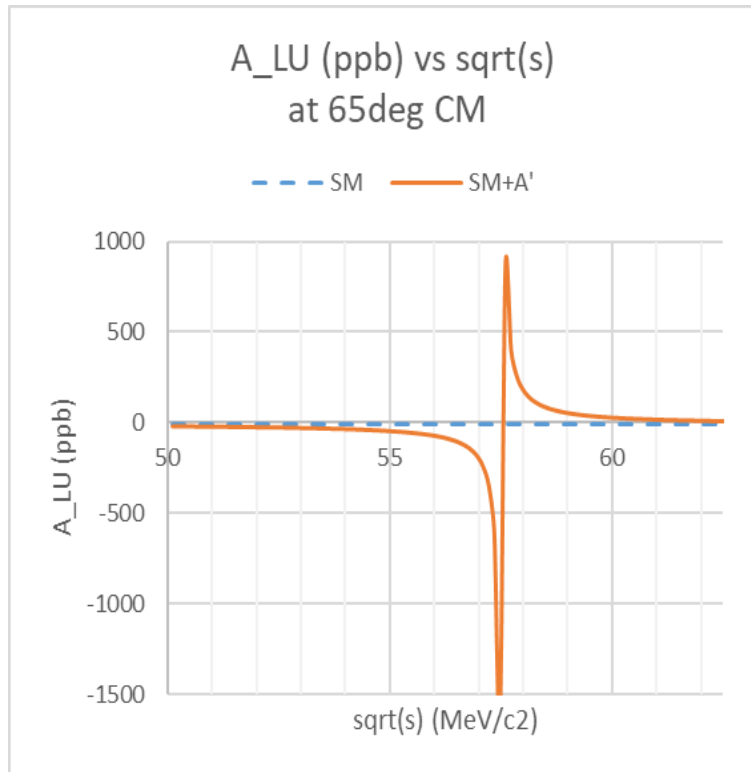
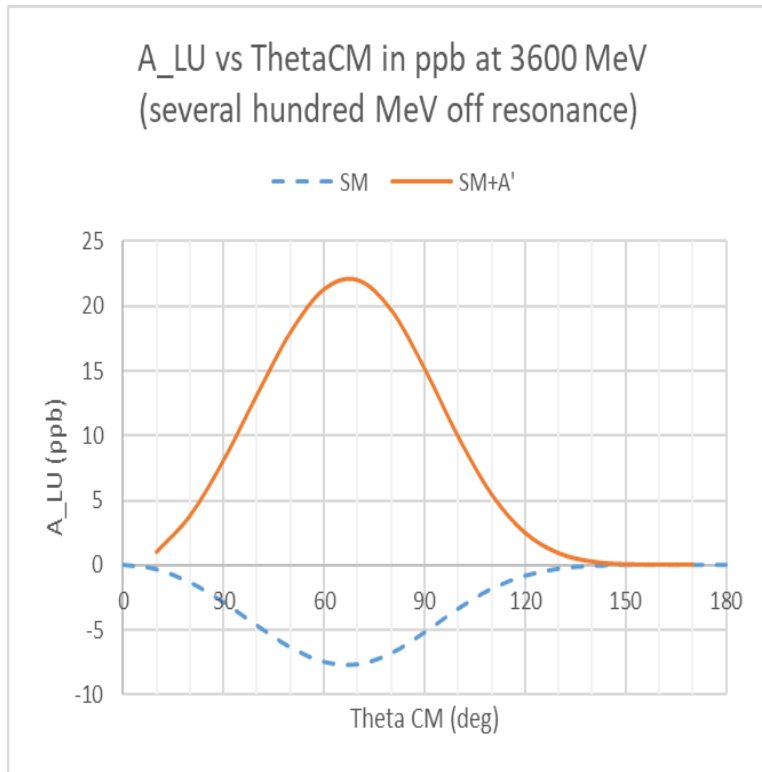
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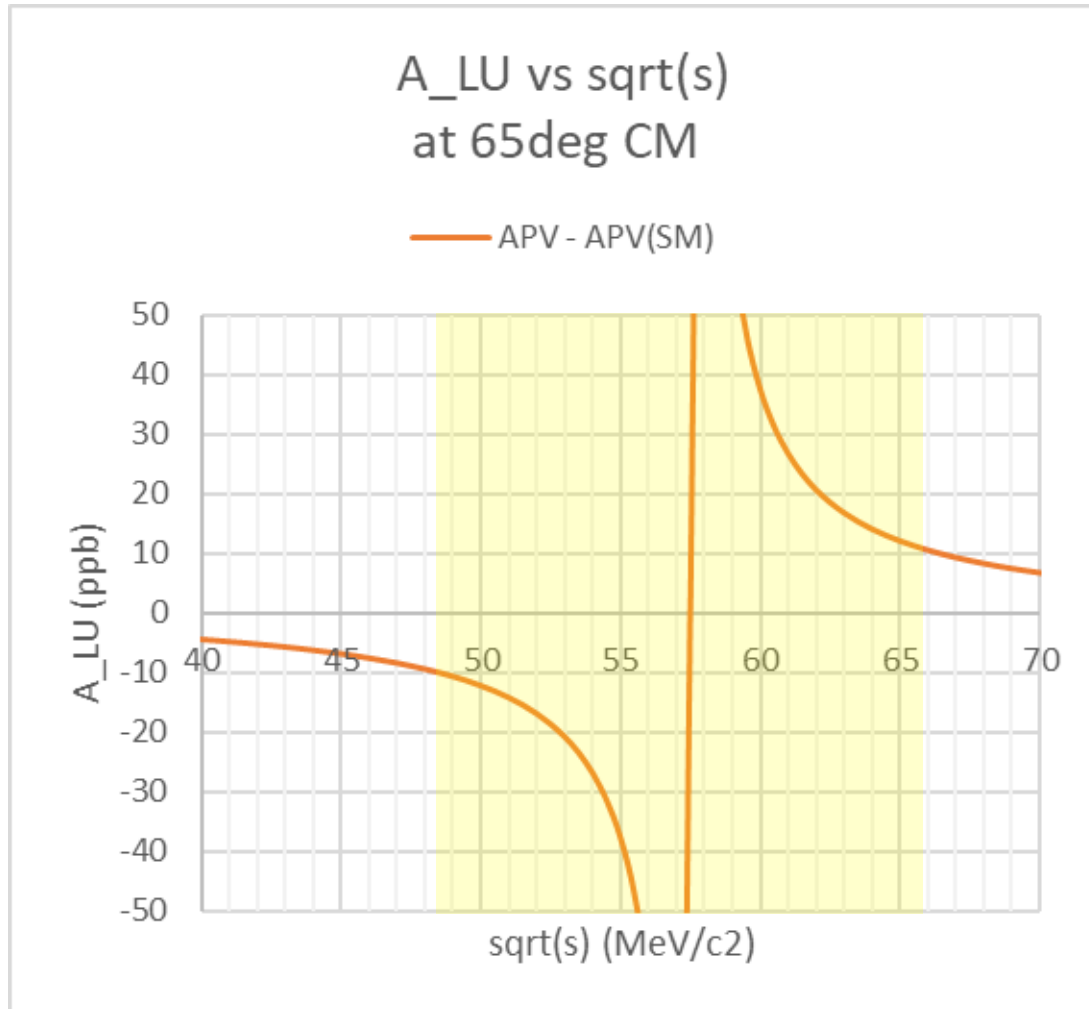
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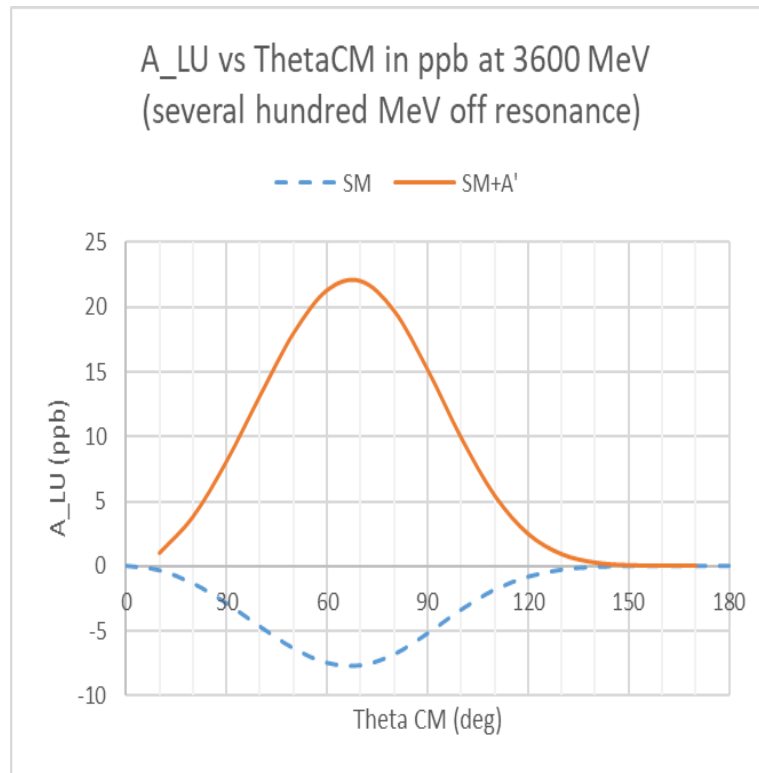
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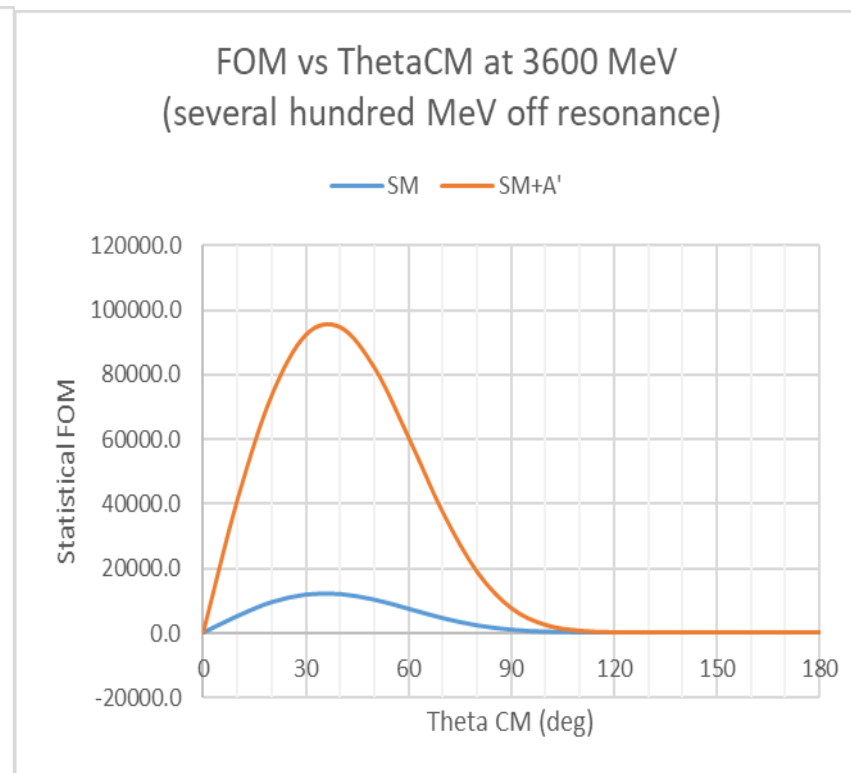


The dark  $Z'$  effects exceed 10 ppb over a fairly large 20 MeV/c<sup>2</sup> mass range, corresponding to over 2 GeV in beam energy even without ISR.

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Same plot from a few slides ago.  
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With the assumed couplings, the statistical  
 $FOM = Rate * A_{PV}^2$  peaks near 35 degCM  
where rates are 1 GHz.

Issues:

- Can a spectrometer detecting only the  $e^-$  in current mode provide crude binning in  $\sqrt{s}$ ?
- How much will ISR extend the  $\sqrt{s}$  range covered by a single beam energy?
- Looking at the rates without ISR, it seems one would be able to complete at least one  $O(10)$  ppb measurement in a calendar year. (100 nA on a 10% RL LH2 target)
- Will the accelerator have trouble delivering positron beams as low as 1 GeV in energy?

# $A_{PV}$ Experiment Summary

$A_{PV}$  in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- + \gamma$  (ie,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$  with Initial State Radiation)

One would hope to do several measurements, covering the Jlab sqrt(s) range, each with 10 ppb statistical sensitivity.

→ Must be integrating mode measurement

→ no coincidence is possible, so need to choose which single particle to detect

→  $e^-$  detection will have the lowest background (since the beam is  $e^+$ ) So there's no Mott scattering background!

Note that because the tree-level asymmetry is so crazy small, loop level EW corrections are likely to make an O(100)% correction.

# Overall Summary

- The exchange of a virtual  $A'$  could indeed induce measureable, amplitude-level effects in Bhabha scattering.
- Regarding an event mode measurement of the yield vs  $\sqrt{s}$  at  $\theta_{\text{CM}} = 120\text{-}150\text{deg}$ :  

This seems a good way to study  $A'$  properties after a supposed discovery. E.g., one could refute or confirm the X(17).
- Regarding an integrating mode measurement of APV vs  $\sqrt{s}$  for  $\theta_{\text{CM}} = 20\text{-}60\text{ degCM}$ :  

Because the PV SM background is so small, this might be a better way of sensitively covering a broad mass range, but only for a dark photon with vector and axial couplings.
- Regarding other observables:
  - i.  $A_{\text{LL}}$  doesn't seem to have any advantages over the yield. (And there is a big dilution from the Fe foil.)
  - ii.  $A_{\text{TT}}$  is still under study.
  - iii. The transverse single spin asymmetry  $A_{\text{TU}}$  is not in the Olsen and Osland formalism. In the SM in JLab kinematics,  $A_{\text{TU}}$  is small but not too small. An  $A'$  might induce measureable pulls.



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# Methods

To study the potential amplitude sensitivities in Bhabha scattering, I look for a formalism for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$  containing tree-level gamma and Z exchange. I then added a BSM particle which can be identified as a

- i. dark  $A'$  (purely vector coupling) or
- ii. a dark Z (mixed axial and vector couplings).

This formalism includes the polarization-dependent cross sections.

# Modifying the Formalism to Turn a Z' into an A'

Z

Mass = 98,187.6 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>  
Width = 2495 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>

$g_a = -1$   
 $g_v = -0.0748$

$g_l = g_v + g_a$   
 $g_r = g_v - g_a$

$4\sin^2(2\theta_W) = 2.845$   
(a normalization factor in the propagator)

A'

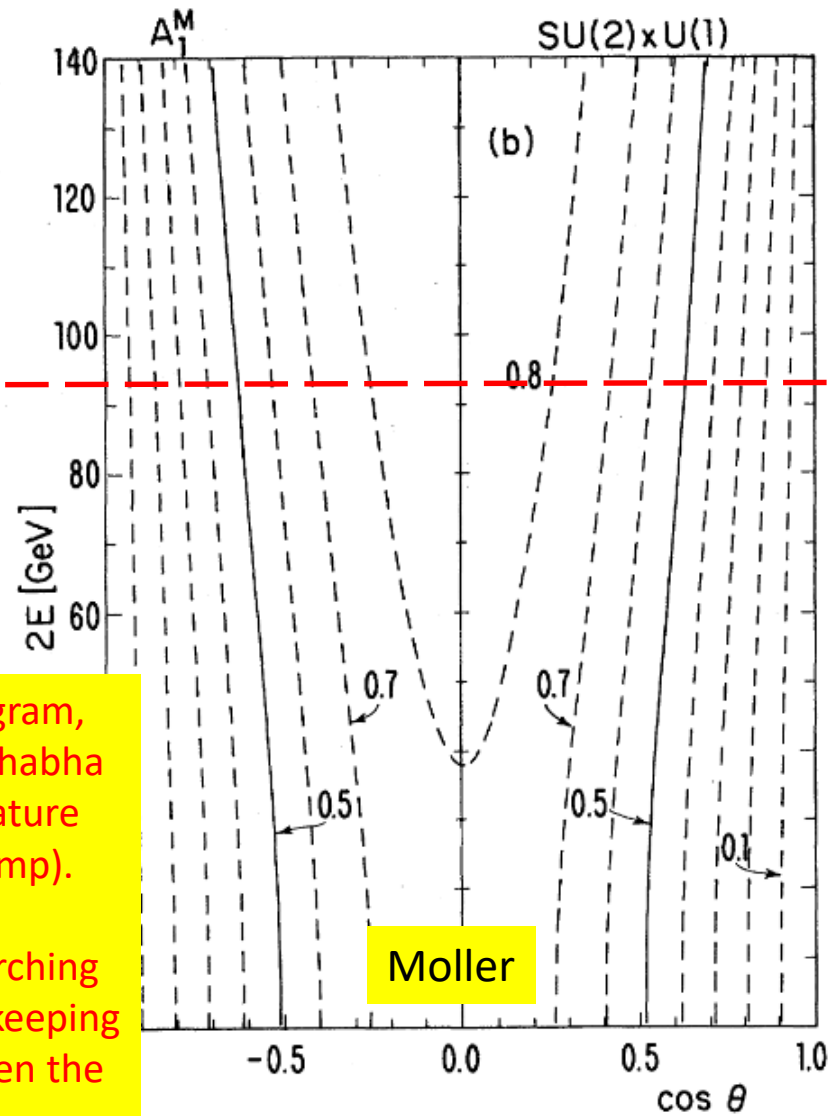
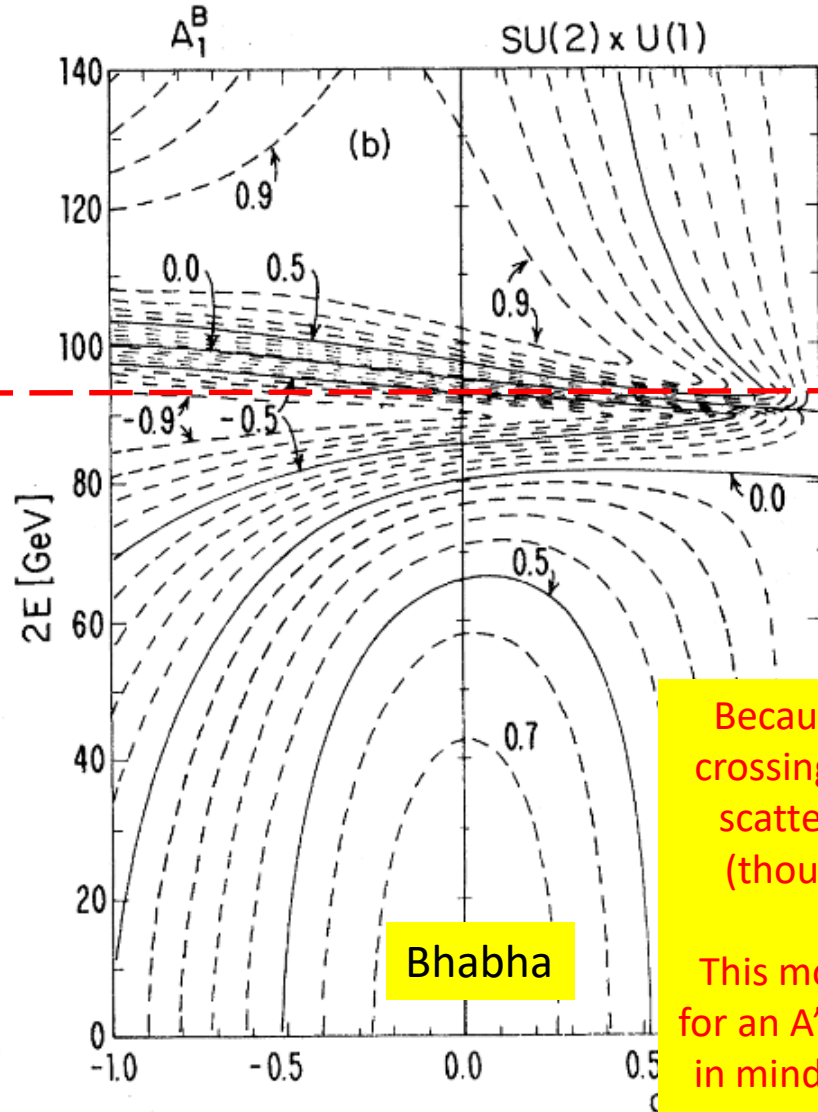
Mass = 57.5 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>  
Width = 0.575 MeV/c<sup>2</sup> (for example)

$g_a = 0$   
 $g_v = 1$

$g_l = (g_v + g_a) \cdot \epsilon$   
 $g_r = (g_v - g_a) \cdot \epsilon$

I just lamely set this to 1 for now.

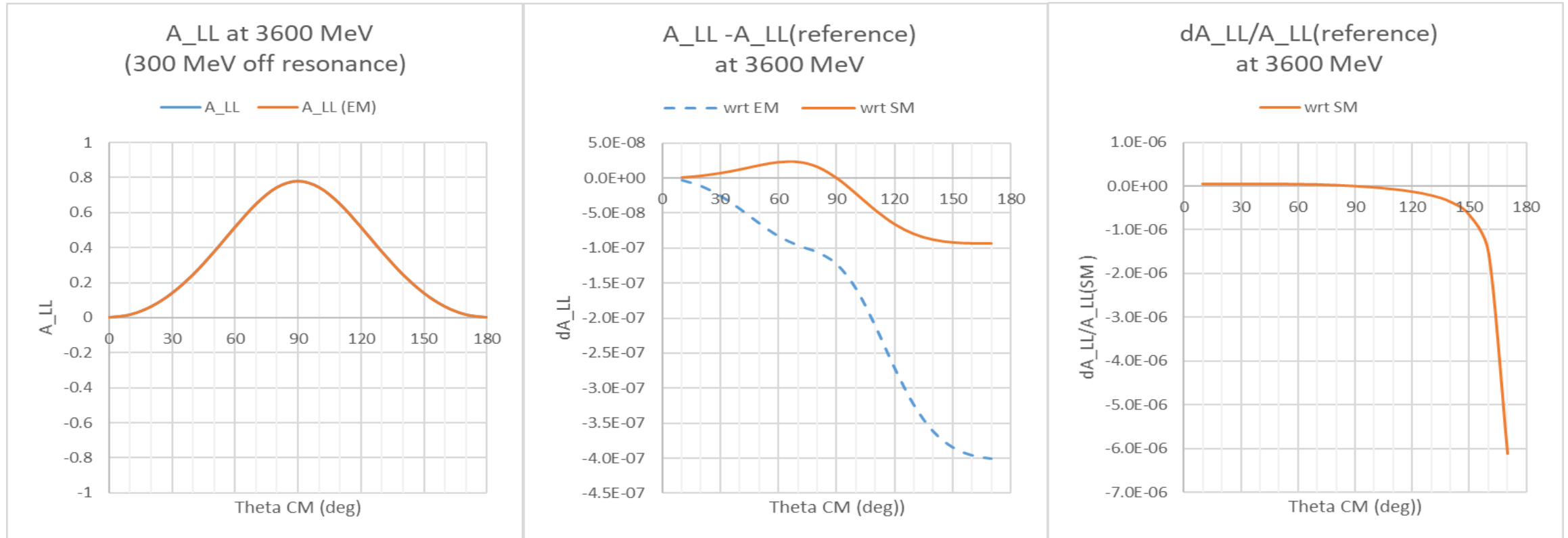
# $A_{LL}$ up to $E_{cm} = 140 \text{ GeV}/c^2$



Because of the s-channel diagram, crossing the  $Z^0$  resonance in Bhabha scattering leaves a clear signature (though not necessarily a bump).

This motivates the idea of searching for an  $A'$  in Bhabha scattering, keeping in mind that the mixing between the photon and  $A'$  is  $\ll 1$ .

# $A_{LL}$ : Purely Vector Coupling, $\epsilon = 1E-4$ , $M_{A'} = 57.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$



Again, on this plotting scale, the  $A'$  effects are invisibly small.

Near 180deg, ALL is not zero due to a surprisingly large PC contribution from Z exchange. Even this far off resonance, the  $A'$  can shift that result by O(100)%.

But the relative change in the asymmetry is  $\ll 1\%$  so impossible to measure.

Moving on!

# How to Measure These Dramatic But Small Line Shapes?

1. For  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$  with no radiation, it would take a 1 GeV beam energy change to cover 10 MeV/c<sup>2</sup> window in  $A'$  mass. In this approximation, detection of the backward  $e^+$  alone would define the kinematics.

(Frequent energy changes are impractical at a multi-user facility.

And by the time the beam energy was changed again and again and again, the yield would have drifted.

Asymmetries are the obvious way to avoid normalization drifts, but the loss of FOM due to unpolarized  $e^-$  in the Fe foil target is  $\sim 150$ .)

2. One could use thick target bremsstrahlung to straggle the beam energy, with multiple targets as used in APEX. Then fewer beam energies would be needed. (One has to detect the  $e^+e^-$  pair to define the kinematics.)

(This is what I suggested in the LOI.)

3. Allowing for radiation, then ISR will also allow a wide range of  $A'$  masses to be accessed all at one time. We don't need to detect the photon (it will be of order 1 deg). The mass of the  $A'$  can still be reconstructed by detecting the  $e^+e^-$  pair.

(This is how the  $e^+e^-$  colliders like Babar and Belle do resonant BSM searches.)

Some combination of doors #2 and #3?

$$\frac{d\sigma_0^B}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2}{4s} \left\{ \cos^4(\theta/2) \left[ \left| 1 + f(s)g_L^2 - \frac{1+f(t)g_L^2}{\sin^2(\theta/2)} \right|^2 + \left| 1 + f(s)g_R^2 - \frac{1+f(t)g_R^2}{\sin^2(\theta/2)} \right|^2 \right] + 2 \sin^4(\theta/2) |1 + f(s)g_R g_L|^2 + [2/\sin^4(\theta/2)][1 + f(t)g_R g_L]^2 \right\}, \quad (14)$$

**A\_LL** (PC) →

$$A_1^B = \left\{ -\cos^4(\theta/2) \left[ \left| 1 + f(s)g_L^2 - \frac{1+f(t)g_L^2}{\sin^2(\theta/2)} \right|^2 + \left| 1 + f(s)g_R^2 - \frac{1+f(t)g_R^2}{\sin^2(\theta/2)} \right|^2 \right] - 2 \sin^4(\theta/2) |1 + f(s)g_R g_L|^2 + [2/\sin^4(\theta/2)][1 + f(t)g_R g_L]^2 \right\} / \left[ \frac{4s}{\alpha^2} \frac{d\sigma_0^B}{d\Omega} \right], \quad (15)$$

**A\_LU** (PV) →

$$A_2^B = \cos^4(\theta/2)(g_R^2 - g_L^2) \times \text{Re} \left\{ \left[ f(s) - \frac{f(t)}{\sin^2(\theta/2)} \right] \left[ 2 + f^*(s)(g_R^2 + g_L^2) - \frac{2 + f(t)(g_R^2 + g_L^2)}{\sin^2(\theta/2)} \right] \right\} / \left[ \frac{4s}{\alpha^2} \frac{d\sigma_0^B}{d\Omega} \right], \quad (16)$$

**A\_TT** (PC) →

$$A_3^B = 2 \sin^2(\theta/2) \cos^2(\theta/2) \times \text{Re} \left\{ [1 + f(s)g_R g_L] \left[ 2 + f^*(s)(g_R^2 + g_L^2) - \frac{2 + f(t)(g_R^2 + g_L^2)}{\sin^2(\theta/2)} \right] \right\} / \left[ \frac{4s}{\alpha^2} \frac{d\sigma_0^B}{d\Omega} \right], \quad (17)$$

**A'\_TT** (PV) →

$$A_4^B = -2 \sin^2(\theta/2) \cos^2(\theta/2)(g_R^2 - g_L^2) \times \text{Im} f(s) \left[ 1 + \frac{f(t)g_R g_L}{\sin^2(\theta/2)} \right] / \left[ \frac{4s}{\alpha^2} \frac{d\sigma_0^B}{d\Omega} \right]. \quad (18)$$

# Dilution in A\_LL and A\_TT experiments

Dave Gaskell says the electron's in the Fe foil target are ~8% polarized.