The Latest Results from the OLYMPUS Experiment

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Elastic scattering cross section ratio:

$$e^+p \longrightarrow e^+p \ e^-p \longrightarrow e^-p$$

1 Motivation:

 $\blacksquare$  Why the discrepancy calls for a measurement of  $\sigma_{e^+p}/\sigma_{e^-p}$ 

2 Experiment:

How OLYMPUS worked

3 Results:

- What other experiments have found
- What impact OLYMPUS can have

Theory







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$$\frac{\sigma_{e^+p}}{\sigma_{e^-p}} \approx 1 + \frac{4\text{Re}\{\mathcal{M}_{2\gamma}\mathcal{M}_{1\gamma}\}}{|\mathcal{M}_{1\gamma}|^2}$$





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# 2. The Experiment How OLYMPUS worked

- Alternating  $e^-$ ,  $e^+$  beams
- Hydrogen gas target
- Large acceptance spectrometer
- Finished data collection in early 2013

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All three probe the relevant, low  $\epsilon$ , high  $Q^2$  phase space.



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#### CLAS results



#### VEPP-3 results



Projected OLYMPUS precision



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#### Expect results very soon!

# Back-up slides



#### Bernauer prediction for all three experiments



Standard radiative corrections neglect hard two-photon exchange.



#### The Møller/Bhabha analysis was not successful.



The Møller and Bhabha cross sections are quite different.



We designed a better method using multi-interaction events.



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