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EFFECTS OF A SUPERSTRING GAUGE BOSON ON HIGH ENERGY  
 $e^+e^-$  ANNIHILATION AND  $ep$  SCATTERING

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ABSTRACT

We calculate the effects at LEP and HERA of the second neutral gauge boson appearing in phenomenological superstring models with an effective  $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_{Y_L} \times U(1)_{Y_R}$  gauge group. Present phenomenological constraints leave open the possibility of a measurable shift in the first Z mass, and of observable modifications to the total  $e^+e^-$  cross-section and forward-backward asymmetries at the Z peak and beyond. High energy  $ep$  scattering asymmetries may also differ significantly from the standard model predictions.

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Compactification of the superstring<sup>1)</sup> on a Calabi-Yau manifold<sup>2)</sup> allows the  $E_8 \times E_8'$  gauge group in the ten-dimensional theory to be broken by the Wilson loop mechanism<sup>3)</sup> down to some subgroup  $E_6 \times E_8'$  in four dimensions. The observable four-dimensional gauge subgroup of  $E_6$  must have rank 5 or more<sup>4)</sup>, and the unique minimal rank 5 possibility  $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_{Y_L} \times U(1)_{Y_R}$  can only be realized with a very specific choice of Calabi-Yau manifold. The observable gauge subgroup is eventually broken spontaneously by the Higgs mechanism around the weak interaction scale  $m_W$ , and there could in principle be an earlier stage of gauge symmetry breaking at some scale intermediate between  $m_W$  and the original  $E_6$  breaking scale  $m_X$ . However, the existence of an intermediate gauge symmetry breaking scale cannot be reconciled with a "no-scale" scenario for the dynamical generation of the weak interaction scale<sup>5)</sup>, and has cosmological problems<sup>6)</sup>. Moreover, it is not possible to break a rank 6 subgroup of  $E_6$  all the way down to  $SU(3)_C \times U(1)_{em}$  at the weak interaction scale alone<sup>5)</sup>. This leaves us with the unique minimal possibility that  $E_6 \rightarrow SU(3)_C \times SU(2) \times U(1)_{Y_L} \times U(1)_{Y_R}$  at  $m_X$ , and that  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_{Y_L} \times U(1)_{Y_R} \rightarrow U(1)_{em}$  at  $m_W$ . No-scale dynamical models realizing this possibility have been constructed<sup>7),5)</sup>. In this case, one expects just one extra neutral gauge boson  $Z_E$  with mass  $O(100 \text{ GeV to } 1 \text{ TeV})$ , in addition to the conventional  $Z^0$ . The couplings of this new neutral gauge boson are completely fixed, and its effects in low energy  $\nu N$ <sup>7)</sup>,  $\nu e$ <sup>8)</sup> scattering and  $e^+e^-$ <sup>7)</sup> annihilation, on primordial cosmological nucleosynthesis<sup>8)</sup> and on the observed  $Z^0$  mass<sup>5)</sup>, have been studied previously. In this paper we study the effects of the new neutral gauge boson on high energy  $e^+e^-$  annihilation, e.g., at LEP or the SLC, and in high energy ep scattering, e.g., at HERA.

In general, the new neutral gauge boson  $Z_E$  mixes<sup>5)</sup> with the conventional  $Z^0$ , shifting its mass lower than it would have been in the standard model with the same value of  $\sin^2\theta_W$ . We call the two eigenstates of the  $(Z^0, Z_E)$  squared mass matrix  $Z$  and  $Z'$ . It is possible that  $\sin^2\theta_W$  can be so well determined by other electroweak measurements, such as low energy neutral currents or  $m_W$ , that a significant discrepancy will be found between the value of  $m_{Z^0}$  predicted in the standard model and the observed value  $m_Z$ . At the moment, the absence of such a discrepancy is the most stringent constraint on the parameters of models<sup>5)</sup> with this new neutral gauge boson, which are the vacuum expectation values of the three Higgs fields breaking  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_{Y_L} \times U(1)_{Y_R}$  to  $U(1)_{em}$ . It is also possible that these electroweak measurements will not be sufficiently precise that such a discrepancy can be established in the foreseeable future. In this case one must look for consistency between the standard model and the different measurements made at high energy  $e^+e^-$  and ep accelerators. A natural strategy is

to "measure"  $\sin^2\theta_W^{\text{eff}}$  by first measuring  $m_Z$  and using the standard model formula  $m_Z = 38.65 \text{ GeV}/\sin\theta_W^{\text{eff}} \cos\theta_W^{\text{eff}}$ . In principle, mixing with the extra gauge boson would mean that  $\sin^2\theta_W^{\text{eff}} \neq \sin^2\theta_W \equiv (38.65/m_Z)^2$ . This means that other observables, such as the total cross-section  $\sigma$  or the forward-backward asymmetry  $A$  on or above the  $Z$  peak in  $e^+e^-$  annihilation<sup>9)</sup>, or parity and charge asymmetries in  $ep$  collisions<sup>10)</sup>, could have observable differences from the values predicted using the standard model with  $\sin^2\theta_W^{\text{eff}}$  taken from the observed  $Z$  mass.

In this paper we first recapitulate<sup>5)</sup> the effects of mixing on the  $Z^0$ , and assess present and possible future bounds on the model parameters from measurements of the  $Z$  mass<sup>5),7),8)</sup>. Next we present cross-section formulae for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^*, Z^{0*}, Z_E^* \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ , where  $f$  is any fermion. Then we discuss numerically the possible differences in cross-sections and in forward-backward asymmetry measurements at and above the resonance peak, between our two-boson model and the standard model with  $m_{Z^0}$  fixed to be the same as the lighter mass eigenstate in the neutral boson mass matrix. We find that these measurements could reveal discrepancies with the standard model, even though none have become apparent in electroweak measurements to date. Finally, we also make a similar analysis for high energy  $ep$  scattering, finding that, although significant effects are possible, this is a less sensitive probe of the second neutral boson than precision measurements at the first  $Z$  peak in  $e^+e^-$  annihilation would be.

The (mass)<sup>2</sup> matrix mixing the two neutral gauge bosons in our minimal superstring-inspired model is<sup>5)</sup>

$$\begin{pmatrix} Z^0 & Z_E \end{pmatrix} m_{Z^0}^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha \\ \alpha & b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Z^0 \\ Z_E \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

where  $m_{Z^0} = (1/\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{g^2+g'^2})(\sqrt{v^2+\bar{v}^2})$  is the  $Z^0$  mass in the standard model with Higgs doublets  $H$  and  $\bar{H}$  of hypercharge  $Y = \pm\frac{1}{2}$  with vacuum expectation values (vevs)  $v$  and  $\bar{v}$  respectively, and

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{3} \sin\theta_W \frac{4v^2 - \bar{v}^2}{v^2 + \bar{v}^2} \quad (2a)$$

$$b = \frac{1}{9} \sin^2\theta_W \frac{25v^2 + 16\bar{v}^2}{v^2 + \bar{v}^2} \quad (2b)$$

where  $x$  is the vev of the  $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$  singlet field  $N$ . The matrix (1) gives two mass eigenstates  $Z$  and  $Z'$  with mass

$$m_{Z,Z'} = m_{Z^0} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left[ (1+b) \mp \sqrt{(1-b)^2 + 4a^2} \right]} \quad (3)$$

Clearly  $m_Z \rightarrow m_{Z^0}$  and  $m_{Z'} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x/v \rightarrow \infty$  for fixed  $\bar{v}/v$ , and the best lower limit on  $x/v$  and hence  $m_{Z'}$ , comes from the agreement of the observed neutral gauge boson mass  $m_Z$  with the value of  $m_{Z^0}$  predicted in the standard model. This agreement can be quantified by comparing

$$\sin^2 \Theta_w \equiv \left( \frac{38.65}{m_w} \right)^2 \quad (4a)$$

and

$$\sin^2 \bar{\Theta}_w \equiv 1 - m_w^2 / m_Z^2 \quad (4b)$$

We find<sup>5)</sup>

$$\Delta \equiv \sin^2 \Theta_w - \sin^2 \bar{\Theta}_w = 0.012 \pm 0.023 \quad (5)$$

Taking the 1- $\sigma$  limit  $\Delta < 0.035$ , we find<sup>5)</sup> the bounds on  $x/v$  and  $m_{Z'}$ , for different values of  $\bar{v}/v$  which are shown as a dashed line in Fig. 1. Representative examples of these results are

$$\frac{x}{v} > \begin{cases} 3.2 \\ 3.8 \end{cases}, \quad m_{Z'} > \begin{cases} 210 \\ 280 \end{cases} \text{ GeV} \quad \text{for } \frac{\bar{v}}{v} = \begin{cases} 0.6 \\ 0.2 \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

where we have quoted the bounds for values of  $\bar{v}/v$  in the range favoured by our previous dynamical calculations<sup>5),\*)</sup>. In this paper, we investigate whether future measurements in high energy  $e^+e^-$  (SLC, LEP<sup>9)</sup>) and ep (HERA<sup>10)</sup>) experiments can probe beyond the bounds (6).

The obvious place to start is the  $Z$  peak, and we want to discover whether it is the  $Z^0$  of the standard model or the  $Z$  of our two-boson model. The most accurately measured weak interaction parameter will presumably be the mass of the observed  $Z$ , and we expect prior low energy neutral current measurements to be

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\*) We do not use here the more model-dependent limits which come from primordial nucleosynthesis<sup>8)</sup>.

consistent with the standard model with  $\sin^2\theta_W$  defined by

$$\sin^2\theta_W^{\text{eff}} : m_Z = \frac{38.65 \text{ GeV}}{\sin\theta_W^{\text{eff}} \cdot \cos\theta_W^{\text{eff}}} \quad (7)$$

We will then compare the high energy predictions of our extended  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_{Y_L} \times U(1)_{Y_R}$  model to those of the standard model with neutral currents given by (7), with  $\sin^2\theta_W \equiv (38.65 \text{ GeV}/m_W)^2 = g'^2/g^2 + g'^2$  adjusted so that  $m_{Z^0} = m_Z^*$ . We will make comparisons in the cross-sections and forward-backward asymmetries on the Z peak and at high energies ( $\sqrt{s} = 180 \text{ GeV}$ ) in  $e^+e^-$  annihilation, and in the different charge and parity asymmetries in ep collisions ( $e_{L,R}^- p - e_{L,R}^+ p$ ,  $e_{L,R}^+ p - e_{L,R}^- p$ ).

The general form of the differential cross-section for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}$  via the photon and two other massive neutral gauge bosons is:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} = & \frac{2\pi}{4 \cdot 64 \cdot \pi^2 \cdot s} \cdot \left[ 4 e^4 Q_f^2 (1 + \cos^2\theta) + \right. \\ & \frac{s^2}{(s - M_Z^2)^2 + \Gamma^2 M_Z^2} \cdot (g_{eL}^2 + g_{eR}^2) (g_{fL}^2 + g_{fR}^2) (1 + \cos^2\theta) + \\ & \left. \frac{s^2}{(s - M_{Z'}^2)^2 + \Gamma^2 M_{Z'}^2} \cdot (g'_{eL}{}^2 + g'_{eR}{}^2) (g'_{fL}{}^2 + g'_{fR}{}^2) (1 + \cos^2\theta) + \right. \\ & 2 \cdot \frac{(s - M_Z^2) e^2 Q_f s^2}{s((s - M_Z^2)^2 + \Gamma^2 M_Z^2)} \cdot \\ & \left. \left\{ \begin{aligned} & (g_{eL} + g_{eR})(g_{fL} + g_{fR}) (1 + \cos^2\theta) - \\ & (g_{eL} - g_{eR})(g_{fL} - g_{fR}) 2 \cos\theta \end{aligned} \right\} + \right. \\ & 2 \cdot \frac{(s - M_{Z'}^2) e^2 Q_f s^2}{s((s - M_{Z'}^2)^2 + \Gamma^2 M_{Z'}^2)} \cdot \\ & \left. \left\{ \begin{aligned} & (g'_{eL} + g'_{eR})(g'_{fL} + g'_{fR}) (1 + \cos^2\theta) - \\ & (g'_{eL} - g'_{eR})(g'_{fL} - g'_{fR}) 2 \cos\theta \end{aligned} \right\} + \right. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

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\*) This procedure only makes sense (i.e., gives  $\sin^2\theta_W > 0$ ) if  $x/v > 2$ .

$$2 \cdot \frac{((s-M_Z^2)(s-M_{Z'}^2) - \Gamma^2 M_Z M_{Z'})}{((s-M_Z^2)^2 + \Gamma^2 M_Z^2)((s-M_{Z'}^2)^2 + \Gamma^2 M_{Z'}^2)} \cdot s^2 \cdot \left. \begin{array}{l} \left\{ (g_{e_L} g'_{e_L} + g_{e_R} g'_{e_R})(g_{f_L} g'_{f_L} + g_{f_R} g'_{f_R})(1 + \cos^2 \Theta) - \right. \\ \left. (g_{e_L} g'_{e_L} - g_{e_R} g'_{e_R})(g_{f_L} g'_{f_L} - g_{f_R} g'_{f_R}) 2 \cos \Theta \right\} \text{cont.} \end{array} \right] \quad (8)$$

In our minimal superstring-inspired model<sup>5)</sup> the couplings of the physical neutral gauge bosons Z and Z' to any fermion f are combinations of those of the unmixed Z<sup>0</sup> and Z<sub>E</sub>:

$$\begin{aligned} g_{f_{L,R}} &= \cos \Theta_N g_{f_{L,R}}^{Z_0} + \sin \Theta_N g_{f_{L,R}}^{Z_E} \\ g'_{f_{L,R}} &= -\sin \Theta_N g_{f_{L,R}}^{Z_0} + \cos \Theta_N g_{f_{L,R}}^{Z_E} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where the neutral boson mixing angle  $\Theta_N$  is given by

$$\tan 2\Theta_N = \frac{2a}{1-b} \quad (10)$$

and the Z<sup>0</sup> and Z<sub>E</sub> couplings to familiar fermions are listed in the Table. The general formula (8) can be used to compute total cross-sections  $\sigma_f = \int_{-1}^1 d(\cos \Theta) d\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f})/d\cos \Theta$  and forward-backward asymmetries

$$A_f \equiv \frac{\int_0^{+1} d(\cos \Theta) \frac{d\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f})}{d\cos \Theta} - \int_{-1}^0 d(\cos \Theta) \frac{d\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f})}{d\cos \Theta}}{\int_0^{+1} d(\cos \Theta) \frac{d\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f})}{d\cos \Theta} + \int_{-1}^0 d(\cos \Theta) \frac{d\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f})}{d\cos \Theta}} \quad (11)$$

We will concentrate on  $\sigma_\mu$  and  $A_\mu$  since these are likely to be the most precisely measured.

Figure 2a shows the percentage changes in the total  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  cross-section at the Z peak, as we go from the standard model with  $\sin^2 \theta_W^{\text{eff}}$  to the

two-boson model with the same value of  $m_Z^{*})$ . We see that the changes in  $\sigma$  are quite significant, much larger than the purely statistical errors in measuring  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$ . [Recall that one can expect  $O(10^5)$   $Z \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  events in a LEP experiment, and not a small fraction of this number at the SLC if it functions as hoped.] The largest errors in measuring  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$  are likely to be systematic ones arising from uncertainties in the total luminosity, but these can surely be reduced to such a level that a measurement of  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$  at the Z peak becomes a very sensitive probe of the two-boson model. Figure 2b shows the corresponding percentage change in  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 180$  GeV, chosen to be representative of LEP II energies. The effects here are not very large, and the relatively low statistics available at high energies may not enable a very sensitive test of the two-boson model to be made. However, observable effects are possible if  $\Delta(S)$  is close to its present experimental limit, and the Z' mass is low.

Figure 3a shows the change in the forward-backward asymmetry  $A_\mu$  (11) on the Z peak as we go from the standard model with  $\sin^2\theta_W^{eff}$  to the superstring model with the same value of  $m_Z$ . The effect is large enough to be observed for a large range of values of  $x/v$  and  $\bar{v}/v$  which are compatible with the present constraint (5). The statistical error in  $A_\mu$  is likely to be a few  $\times 10^{-3}$ , and the systematic errors in measuring  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$  largely cancel<sup>9)</sup>. Figure 3b shows the change in the forward-backward asymmetry  $A_\mu$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 180$  GeV. We see that the effect is very small, largely because of an accidental zero in the change in  $A_\mu$ , which traverses unkindly the interesting domain of our parameter space. This measurement at high energies will have very little sensitivity to our two-boson model, though it may be useful for testing other models which do not have the accidental zero appearing in Fig. 3b.

We turn now to high energy ep scattering. The differential cross-section  $d^2\sigma/dx dy$ , including  $\gamma$ , Z and Z' exchange is:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dy} = \frac{d^2\sigma^\gamma}{dx dy} \cdot \sum_{i,j} G_n^i G_n^j P^i P^j (A^{ij}(x) + \sum_n B^{ij}(x) f(y)) \quad (12)$$

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\*) We have fixed  $\Gamma_Z = 2.8$  GeV, as expected in the standard model, in making this comparison. We have checked that in interesting ranges of the parameters  $x/v$  and  $\bar{v}/v$  the width  $\Gamma_Z$  in the two-boson model differs from that in the standard mode by less than 1%.

where the  $G_n^i$  are the couplings of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  neutral boson to the incoming lepton: the photon corresponds to  $i = 1$  so that  $G_n^1 = -1$  for  $e_L^-, e_R^-, e_L^+, e_R^+$ , while the correspondence of  $G_n^2$  and  $G_n^3$  with the  $g$ 's of Eqs. (9) is

$$G_{L,R}^2 = (2/g_2) \cdot g_{L,R} \quad \text{and} \quad G_{L,R}^3 = (2/g_2) \cdot g'_{L,R}$$

The  $P^i$  are the propagators (conveniently normalized) for the vector bosons  $i$ :

$$P^1 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad P^i = \frac{Q^2}{8 \sin^2 \theta_W (M_{Z_i}^2 + Q^2)} \quad \text{for } i > 1 \quad (13)$$

where  $Q^2$  is the transferred momentum squared. In Eq. (12),  $A^{ij}(x)$  and  $B^{ij}(x)$  are products of couplings of the  $i$  and  $j$  bosons to the quarks and are given by:

$$A^{ij}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sum_q (G_{q_L}^i G_{q_L}^j + G_{q_R}^i G_{q_R}^j) (q(x) + \bar{q}(x))}{\sum_q e_q^2 (q(x) + \bar{q}(x))} \quad (14)$$

$$B^{ij}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sum_q (G_{q_L}^i G_{q_L}^j - G_{q_R}^i G_{q_R}^j) (q(x) + \bar{q}(x))}{\sum_q e_q^2 (q(x) + \bar{q}(x))}$$

where  $e_q$  is the charge of the quark  $q$ ,  $q(x)$  and  $\bar{q}(x)$  are the distribution functions of the quarks and antiquarks in the proton and the  $G_{q_{L,R}}^i$  are the couplings of the quarks to the boson  $i$ . The correspondence with the  $g$ 's of Eq. (9) is as before, e.g., the coupling with the first  $Z$ ,  $i = 2$ :

$$G_{q_{L,R}}^2 = (2/g_2) (g_{L,R}^q) \quad \text{where } q = u, d, s, \dots$$

Finally, in Eq. (12)

$$f(y) = \frac{(y - y^2/2)}{(1 - y + y^2/2)} \quad (15a)$$

and



$$\sum_n = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{for } n = e_L^-, e_L^+ \\ -1 & \text{for } n = e_R^-, e_R^+ \end{cases} \quad (15b)$$

Moreover, we have used the usual variables for deep inelastic scattering defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv \frac{Q^2}{2m_p\nu} \quad , \quad y \equiv \frac{\nu}{\nu_{\max}} \quad , \quad \nu_{\max} \equiv \frac{2E_e E_p}{m_p} \\ \text{and} \quad \nu &\equiv \frac{P \cdot q}{m_p} \quad \text{with} \quad q^2 = -Q^2 \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where  $(E_p, P)$  are the energy and momentum of the proton and  $E_e$  the energy of the electron. Although it may be possible to beat the systematic errors in measuring  $d^2\sigma/dx dy$  down sufficiently to test the two-boson model sensitively, we have chosen to focus on the asymmetries which are usually touted as sensitive tests of the standard model<sup>11)</sup>. These are the parity asymmetries

$$A^{\pm} \equiv \frac{\frac{d^2\sigma(e_L^{\pm})}{dx dy} - \frac{d^2\sigma(e_R^{\pm})}{dx dy}}{\frac{d^2\sigma(e_L^{\pm})}{dx dy} + \frac{d^2\sigma(e_R^{\pm})}{dx dy}} \quad (17a)$$

and the charge asymmetries

$$A_{LR}^c \equiv \frac{\frac{d^2\sigma(e_{LR}^-)}{dx dy} - \frac{d^2\sigma(e_{LR}^+)}{dx dy}}{\frac{d^2\sigma(e_{LR}^-)}{dx dy} + \frac{d^2\sigma(e_{LR}^+)}{dx dy}} \quad (17b)$$

We have plotted the changes  $\delta A$  in these quantities as functions of  $x/\nu$  and  $\bar{\nu}/\nu$  in Fig. 4, choosing the following values of the kinematic variables:  $\sqrt{s} = 314$  GeV corresponding to the HERA design,  $x = 0.25$  and  $y = 0.5$  and using the quark and antiquark distributions of Ref. 12). Undoubtedly the most sensitive test of the two-boson model would involve a global fit of data at all values of  $x$  and  $y$ , but the results in Fig. 4 should be representative. Figure 4a shows the change in the parity asymmetry in  $A_P^-$  (17a), which is 0.17 in the standard model for these values of the kinematic variables. We see that the present bound on  $\Delta(S)$  still allows changes in  $A_P^-$  of several per cent. Figure 4b shows the corresponding changes in  $A_P^+$  (-0.16 in the standard model), which is considerably smaller. Figure 4c shows the change in the charge asymmetry  $A_L^C$  (0.35 in the standard model), which is also very small in the domain of interest. Finally, Fig. 4d shows the change in  $A_R^C$  (0.03 in the standard model) which is large compared to  $A_R^C$  itself, but small in overall magnitude.

Comparing Figs. 2, 3 and 4 we see that while all show some observable deviations from the standard model, the most sensitive measurements will presumably be those of  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$  and  $A_\mu$  on the Z peak, in part because of the larger statistics to be expected there. As one would hope, measurements at high energies in  $e^+e^-$  and ep collisions can probe the parameters of our two-boson model inspired by the superstring, beyond the limits established by present measurements of neutral current parameters and of the Z mass in particular.

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Table

Vector and axial couplings to  $Z^0$  and  $Z_E$

	u(= c = t)	d(= s = b)	e(= $\mu$ = $\tau$ )	$\nu_e$ (= $\nu_\mu$ = $\nu_\tau$ )
$Z^0$ $g_L$	$\frac{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3} \sin^2\theta_W}{\cos\theta_W} g_2$	$\frac{-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \sin^2\theta_W}{\cos\theta_W} g_2$	$\frac{-\frac{1}{2} + \sin^2\theta_W}{\cos\theta_W} g_2$	$\frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\cos\theta_W} g_2$
$Z^0$ $g_R$	$\frac{-\frac{2}{3} \sin^2\theta_W}{\cos\theta_W} g_2$	$\frac{\frac{1}{3} \sin^2\theta_W}{\cos\theta_W} g_2$	$\frac{\sin^2\theta_W}{\cos\theta_W} g_2$	0
$Z_E$ $g_L$	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) g_E$	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) g_E$	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \left(-\frac{1}{6}\right) g_E$	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \left(-\frac{1}{6}\right) g_E$
$Z_E$ $g_R$	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) g_E$	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) g_E$	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) g_E$	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \left(-\frac{5}{6}\right) g_E$

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FIGURE CAPTIONS

- Fig. 1 : Contours of  $\Delta(S)$  and of  $m_Z$ , in the  $(x/v, \bar{v}/v)$  plane. The present  $1-\sigma$  bound  $\Delta < 0.035$  is indicated by a dashed line. In this and subsequent figures we use  $\sin^2\theta_W^{\text{eff}} = 0.22$ , but the results are not very sensitive to this assumed value.
- Fig. 2 : Percentage changes in  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$  from the standard model to the superstring-inspired model with the same value of  $m_Z$ : (a) for  $\sqrt{s} = m_Z$ , (b) for  $\sqrt{s} = 180$  GeV. The dashed line corresponds to  $\Delta = 0.035$ .
- Fig. 3 : Changes in the forward-backward asymmetry  $A_\mu$  (11) from the standard model to the superstring-inspired model with the same value of  $m_Z$ : (a) for  $\sqrt{s} = m_Z$ , (b) for  $\sqrt{s} = 180$  GeV. The dashed line corresponds to  $\Delta = 0.035$ .
- Fig. 4 : Changes in the parity asymmetries (a)  $A_P^-$  and (b)  $A_P^+$ , and in the charge asymmetries (c)  $A_L^C$  and (d)  $A_R^C$ . All are calculated for  $\sqrt{s} = 314$  GeV,  $x = 0.25$  and  $y = 0.5$ . The dashed line corresponds to  $\Delta = 0.035$ .

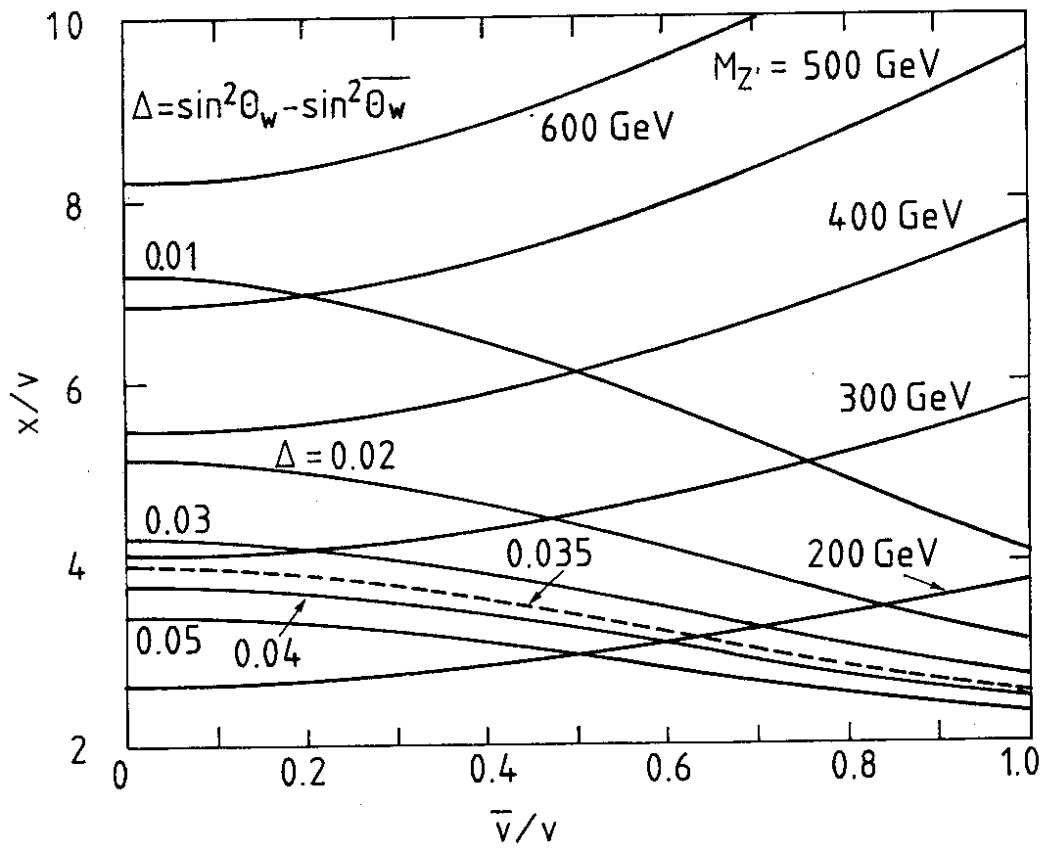


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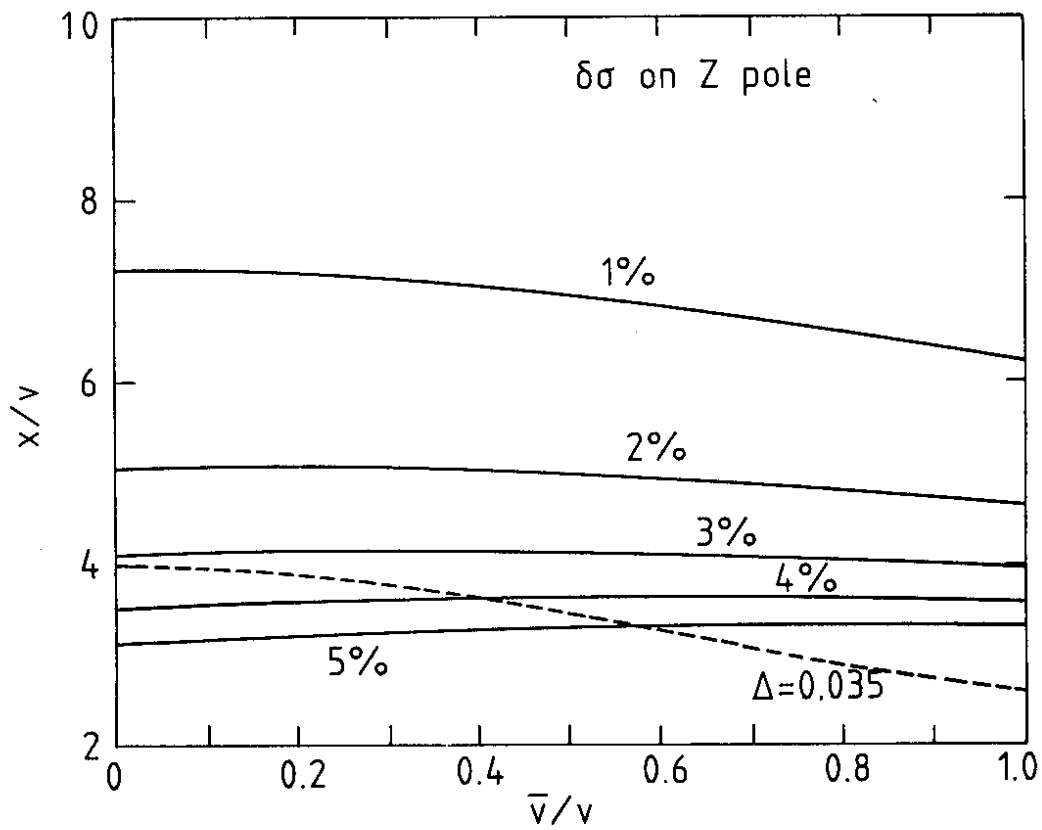


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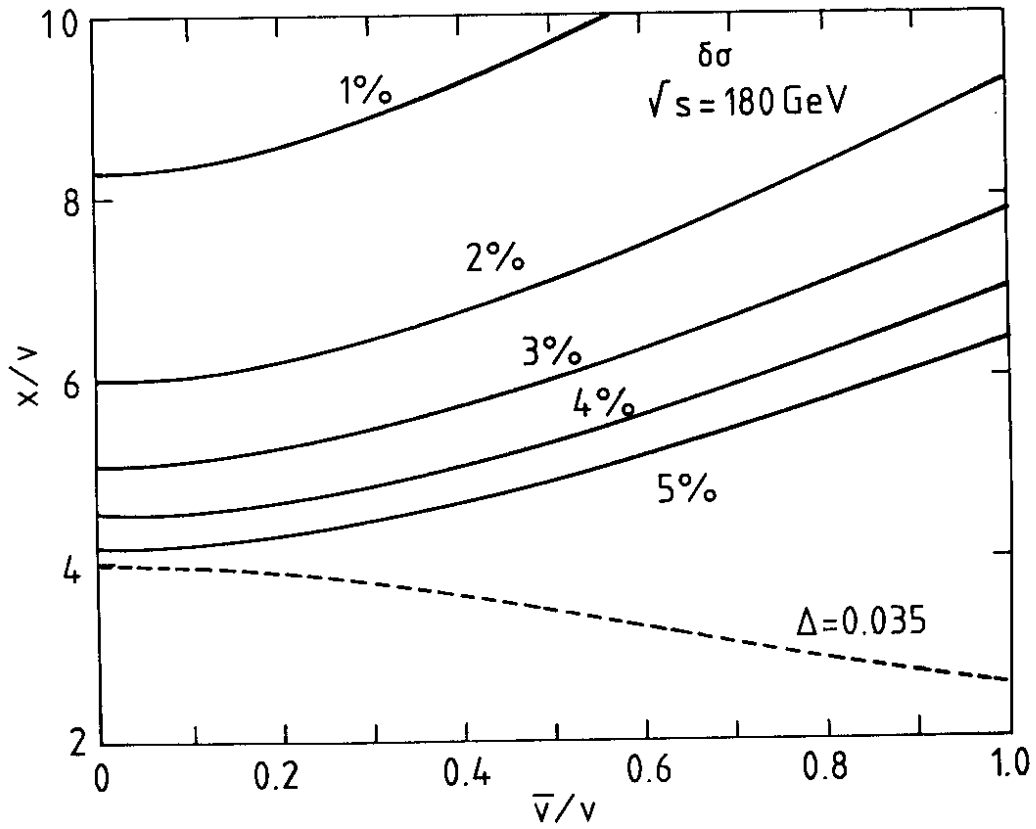


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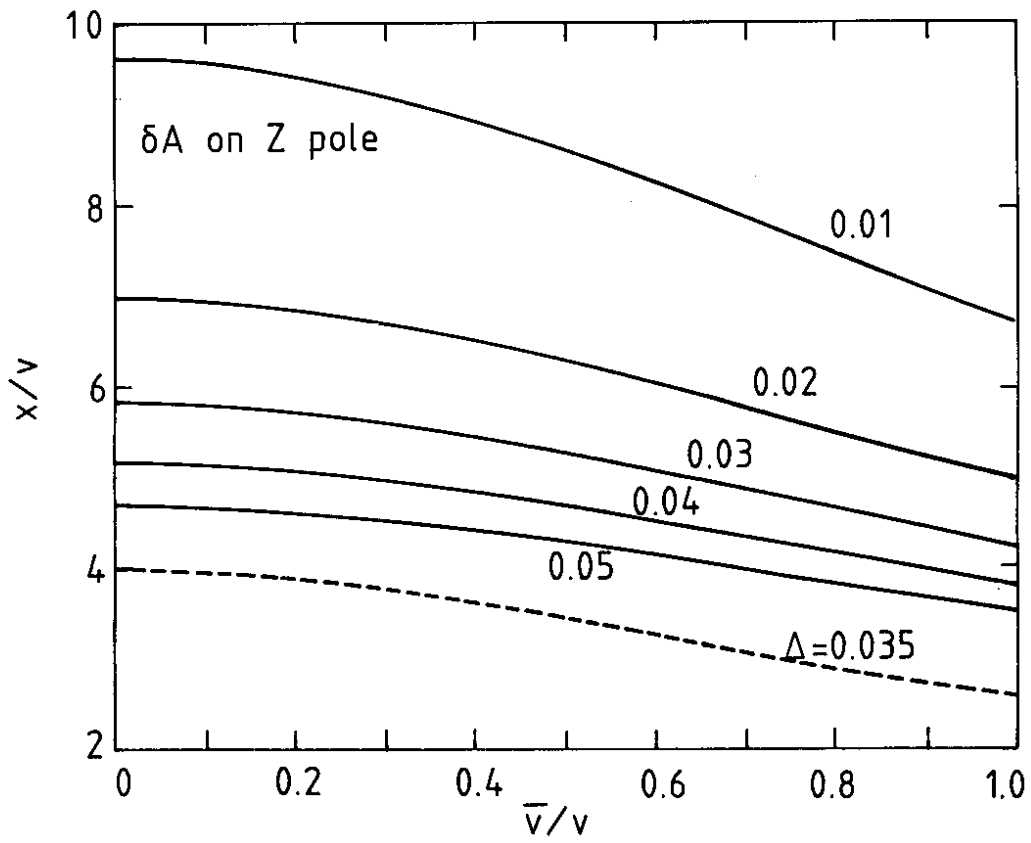


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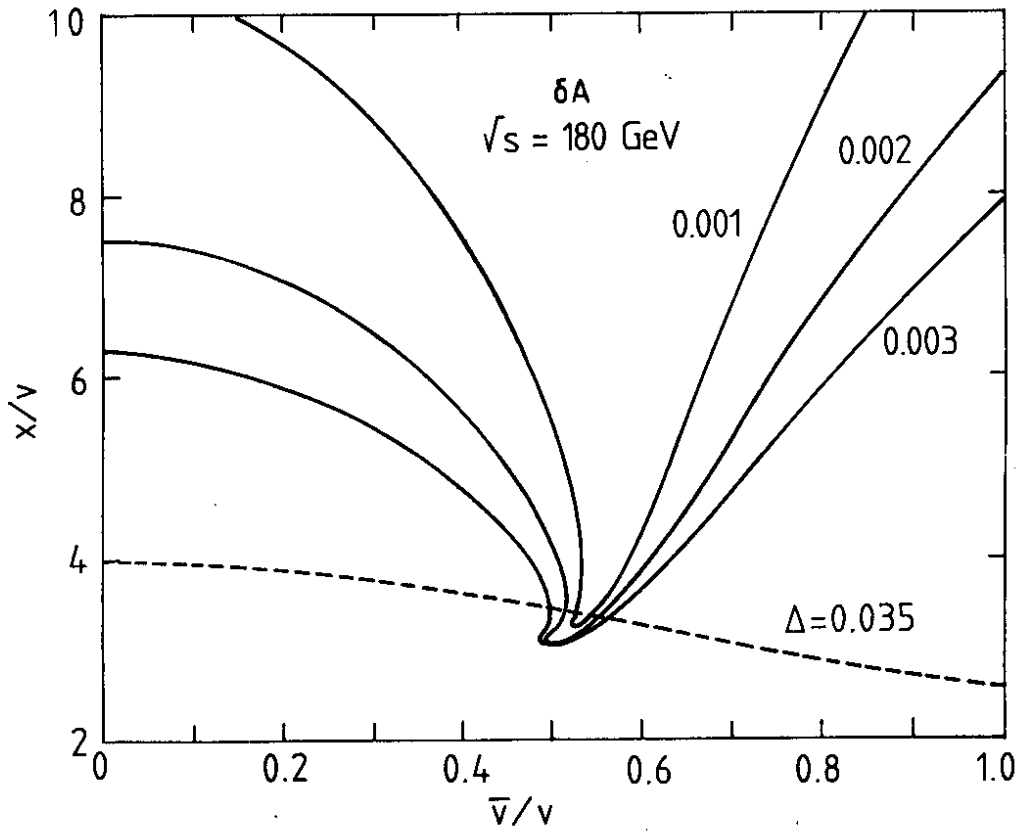


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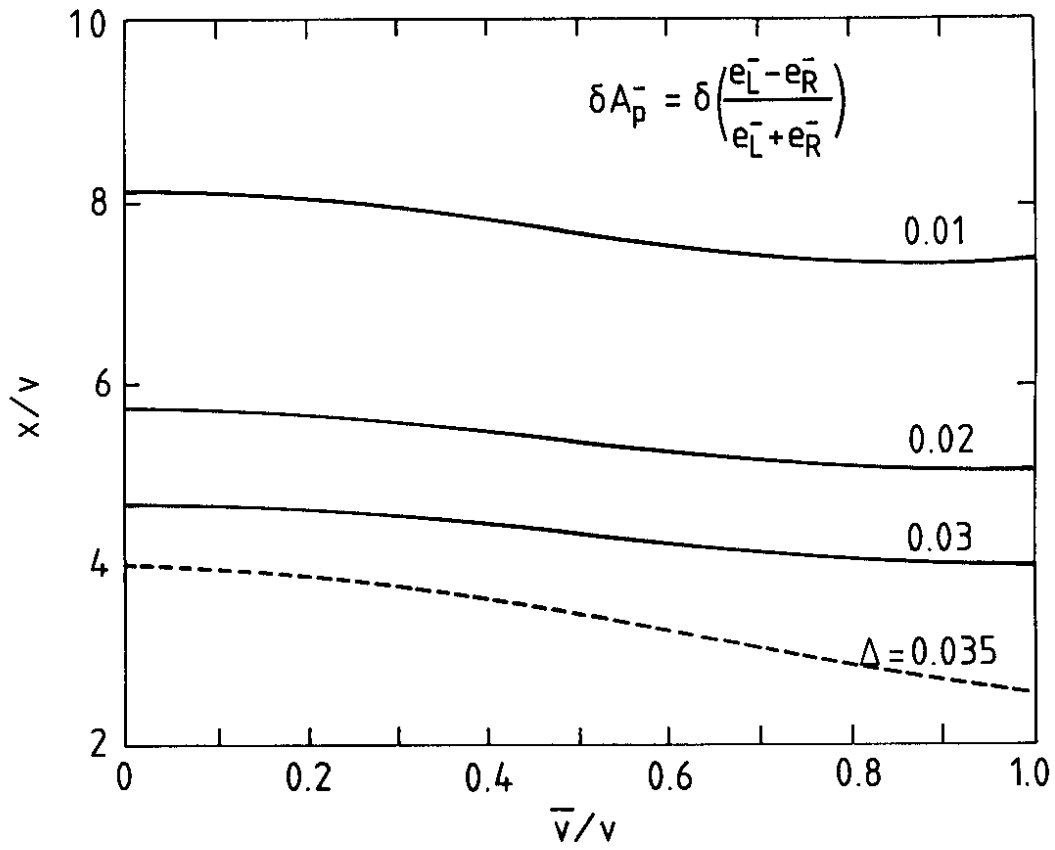


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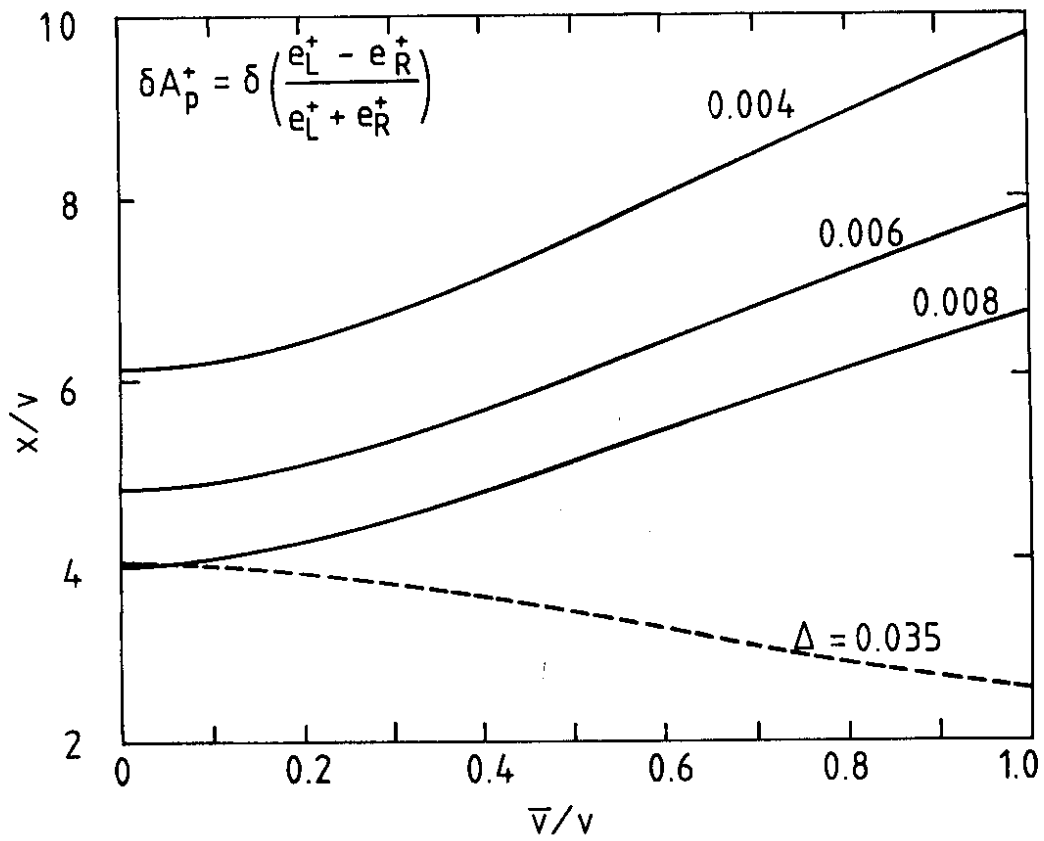


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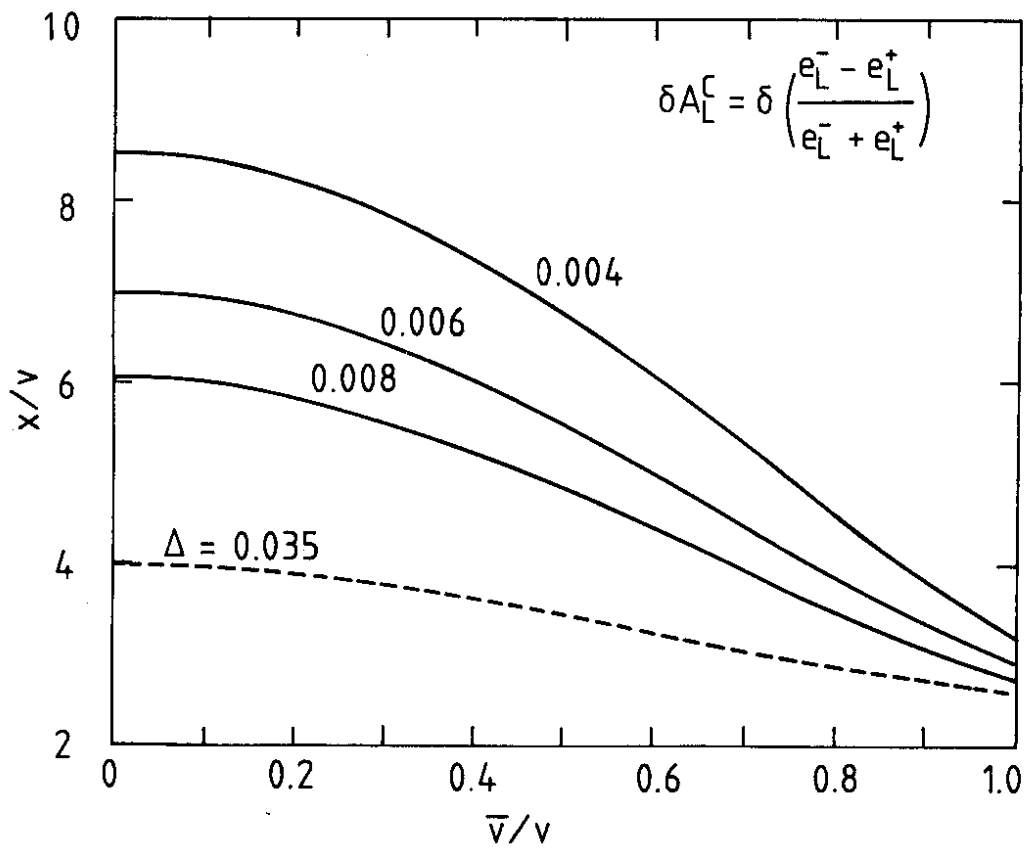


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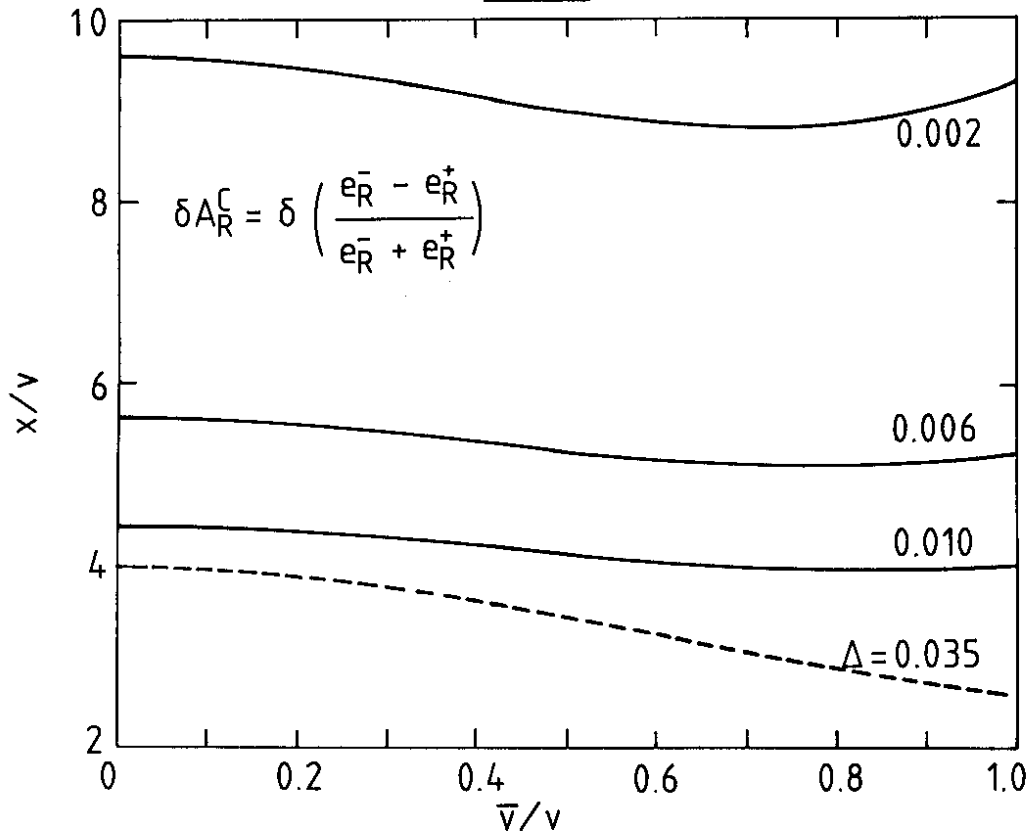


Fig. 4d