

# $\nu_\mu e$ cross-section error propagation

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Let  $\sin^2 \theta_W = x$  and ignore the multiplicative term  $\frac{G_F^2 m_e E_\nu}{2\pi}$ , we want to know the standard deviation in  $f = 1 - 4x + \frac{16}{3}x^2$ . The error propagation formula reads

$$\sigma_f^2 = \left( \left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x=x_0} \right)^2 \sigma_x^2 \quad (1)$$

where  $x_0$  is the central value of  $x$ .

Given  $x_0 = 0.23126$  and  $\sigma_x = 2.2 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $f'(x_0) = -1.5332267$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_f^2 &= (-1.5332267)^2 \times (2.2 \times 10^{-4})^2 \\ &= 0.000000117 \\ \Rightarrow \sigma_f &= 0.000341731 \end{aligned}$$

Given  $f(x_0) = 0.360193001$ , the relative uncertainty in  $f$  is  $\frac{\sigma_f}{f(x_0)} = 0.09\%$ .