



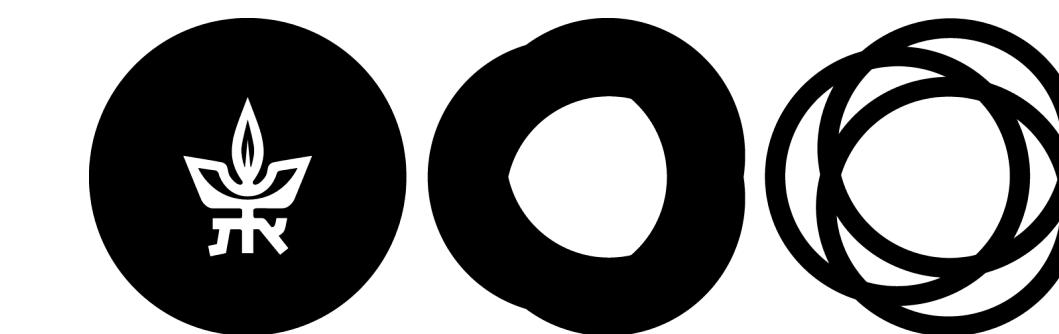
# Thinking inside the box (diagram): Two photon exchange at Jefferson Lab

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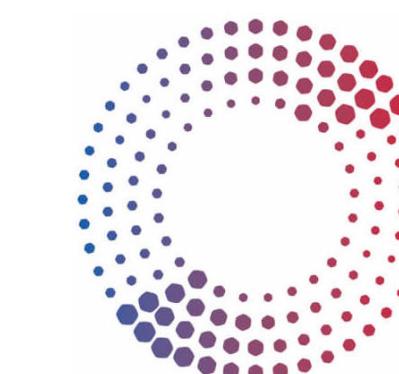
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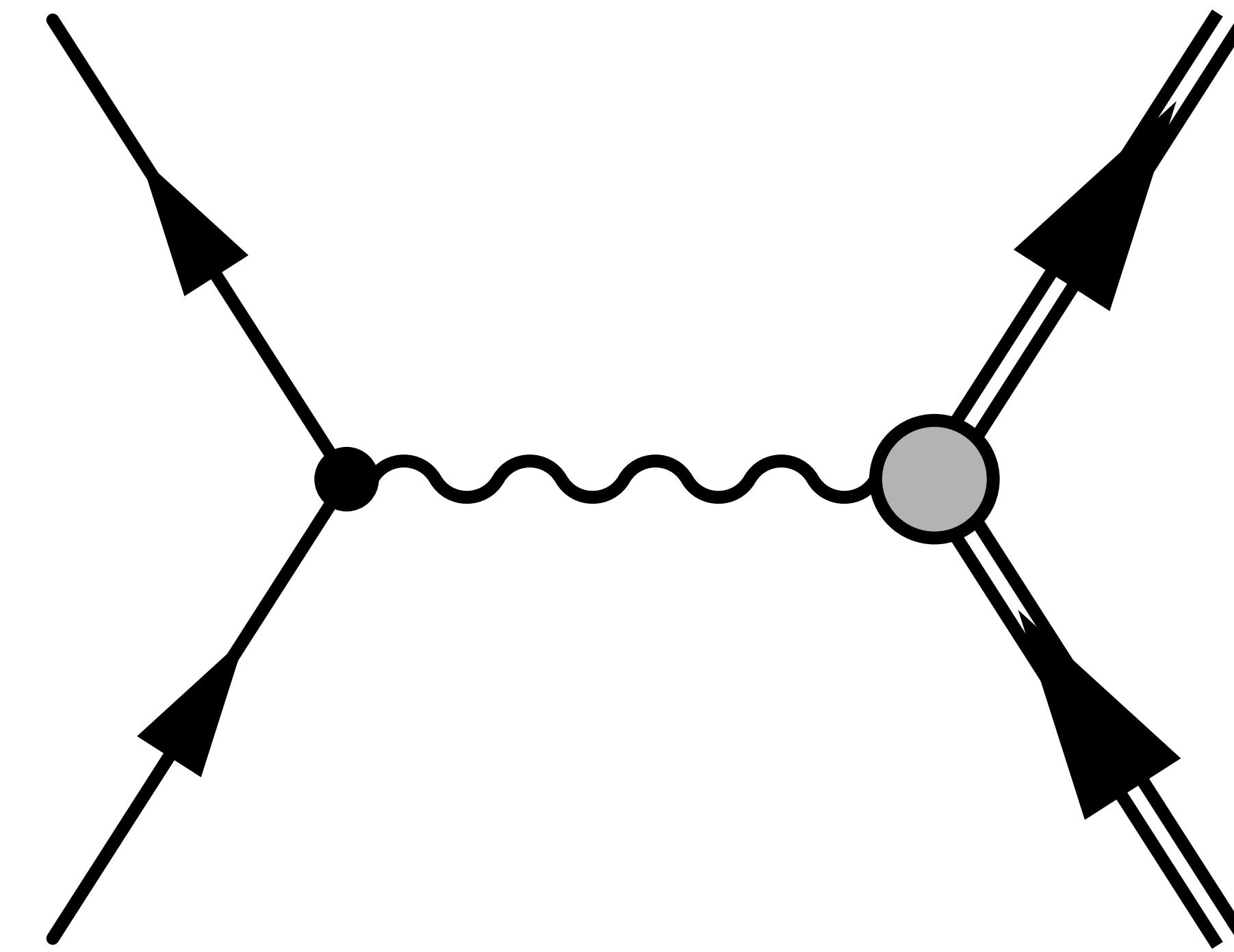


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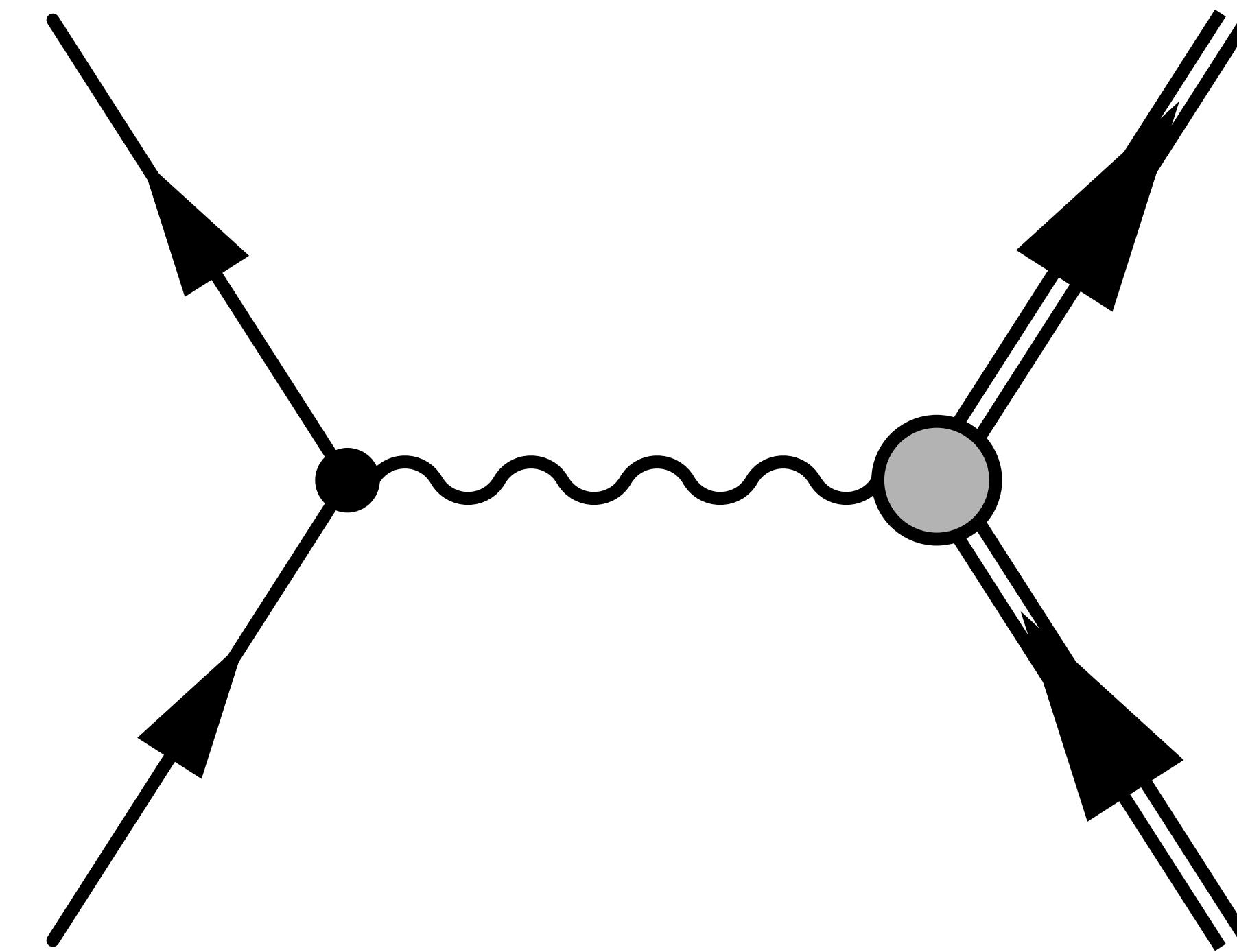


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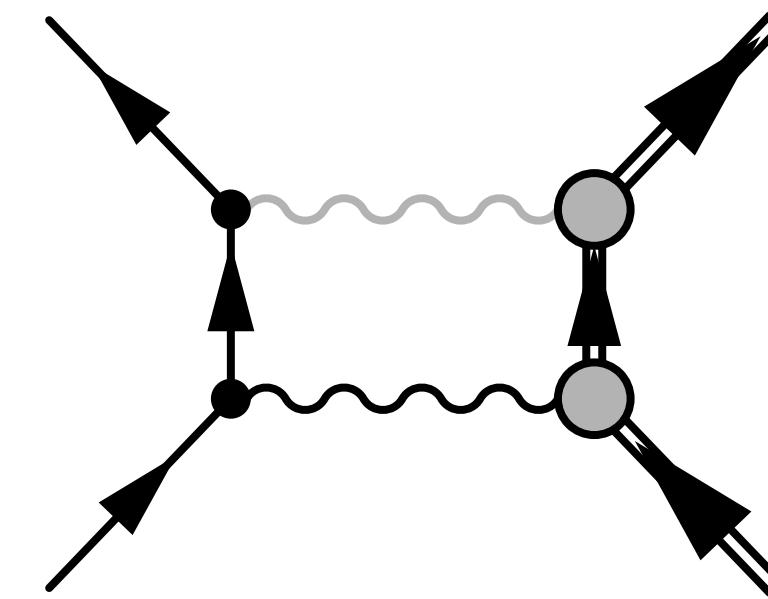
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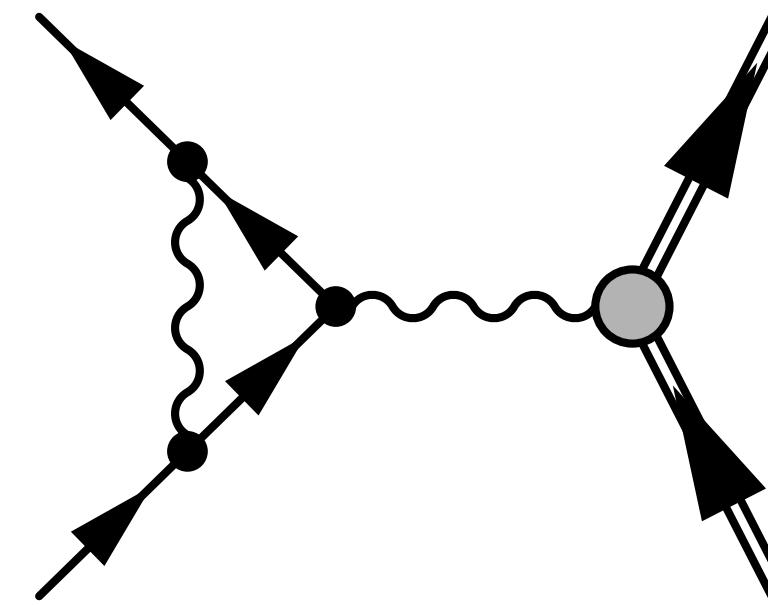
But the probability of OPE occurring is zero!

# Hard TPE neglected in standard radiative corrections

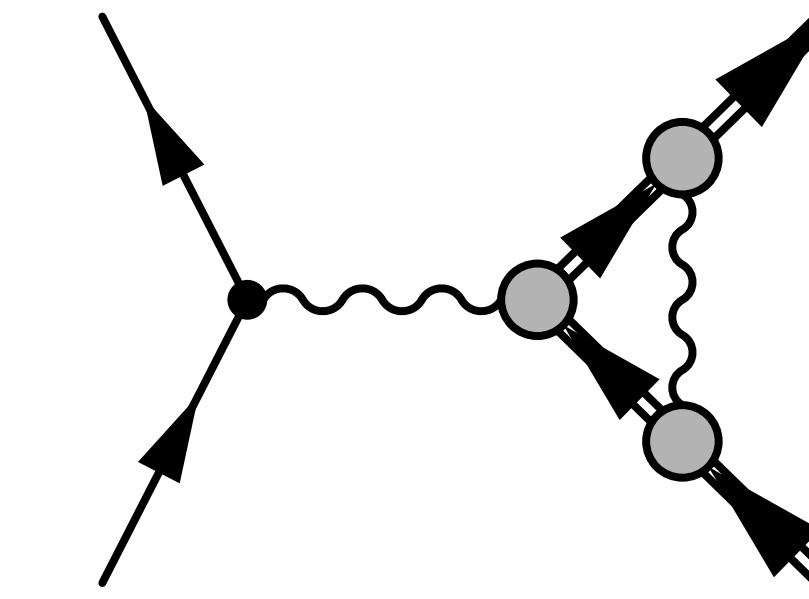
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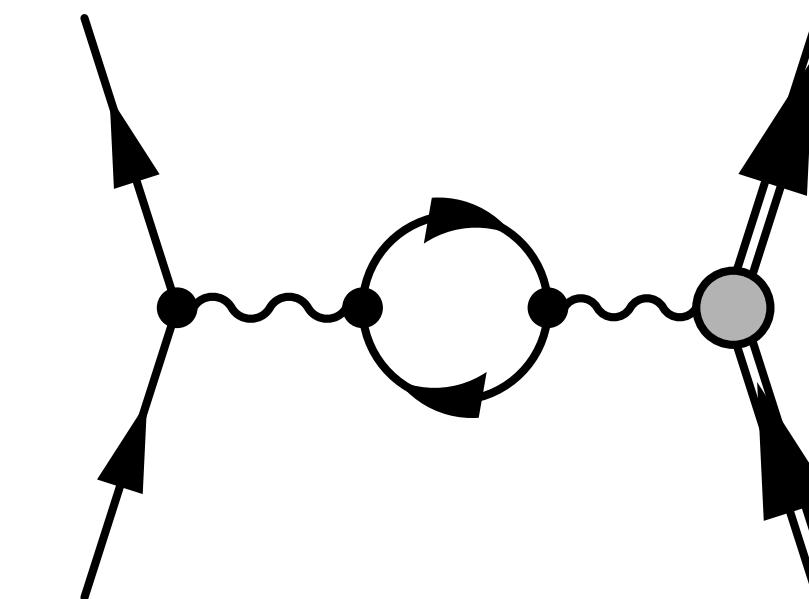
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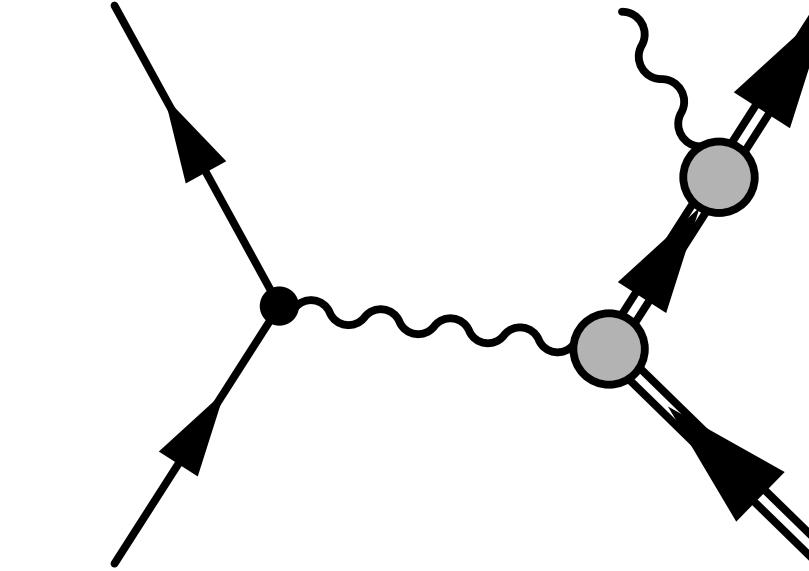
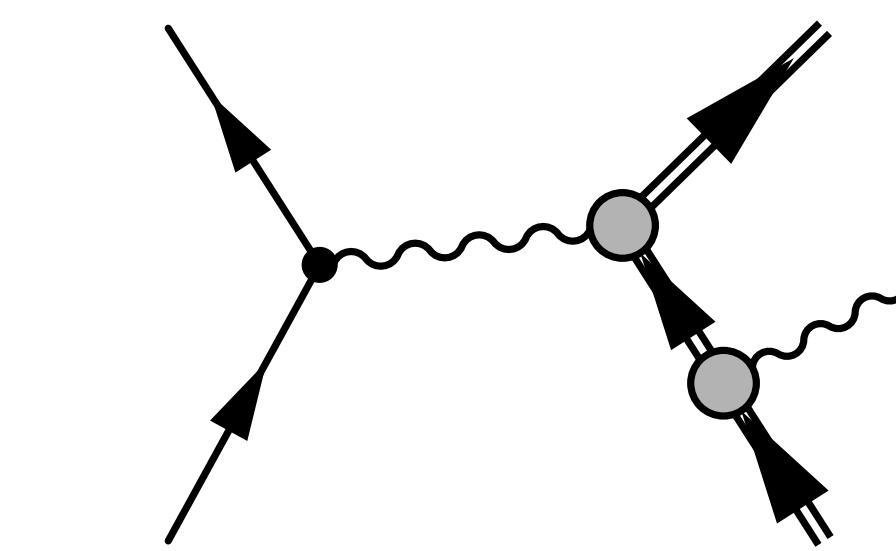
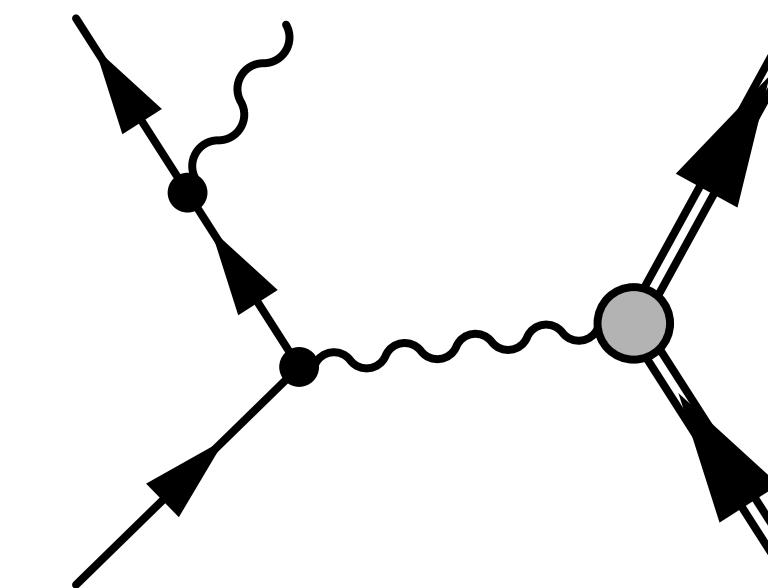
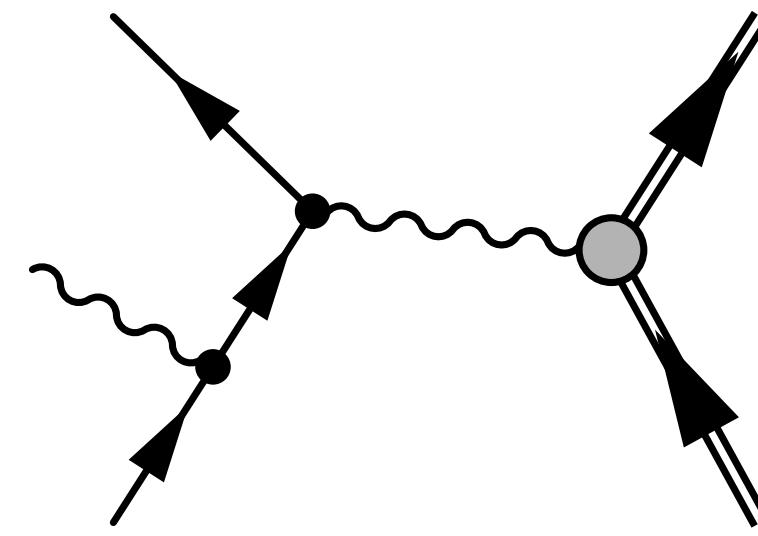
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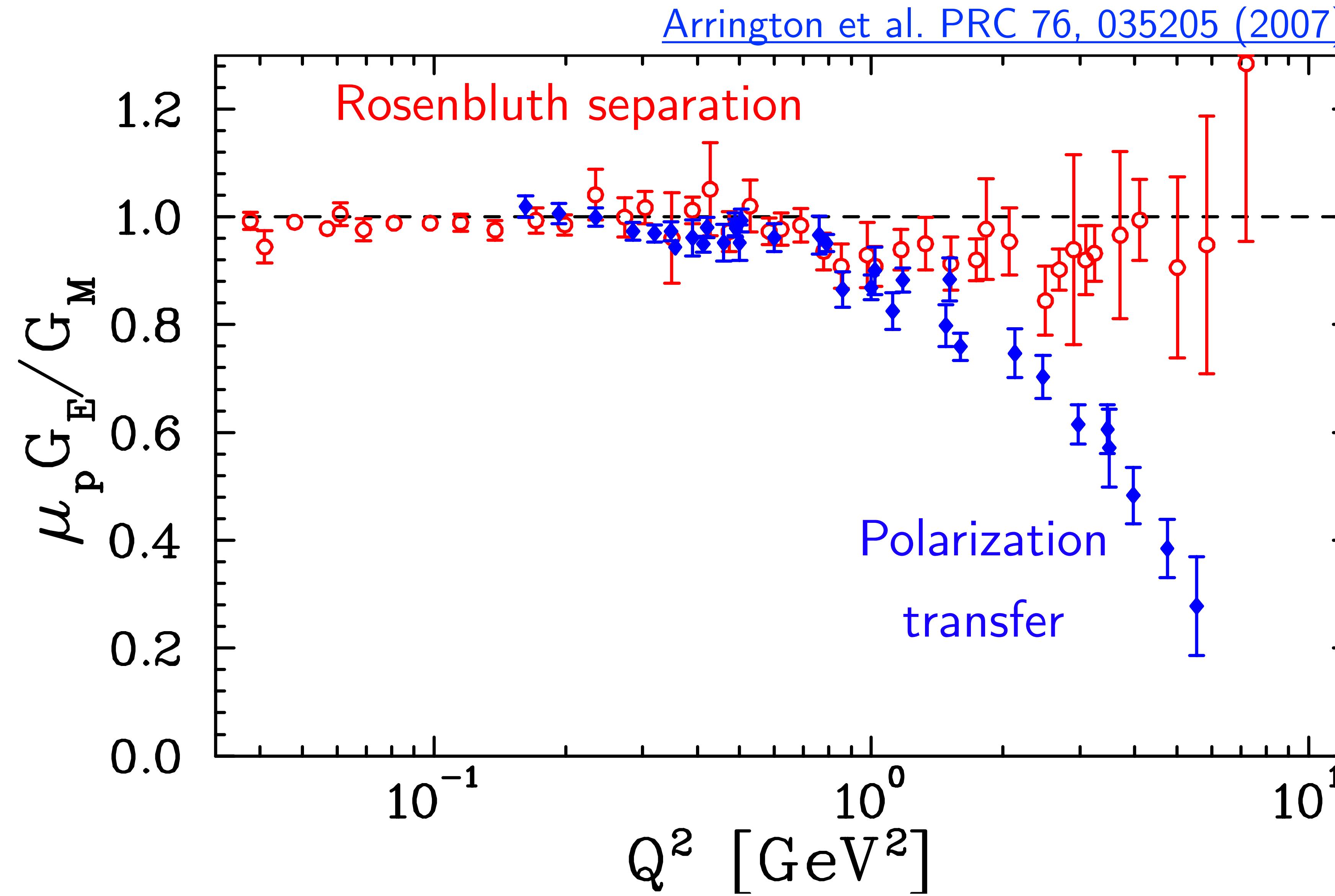
Vacuum  
polarization



Bremsstrahlung

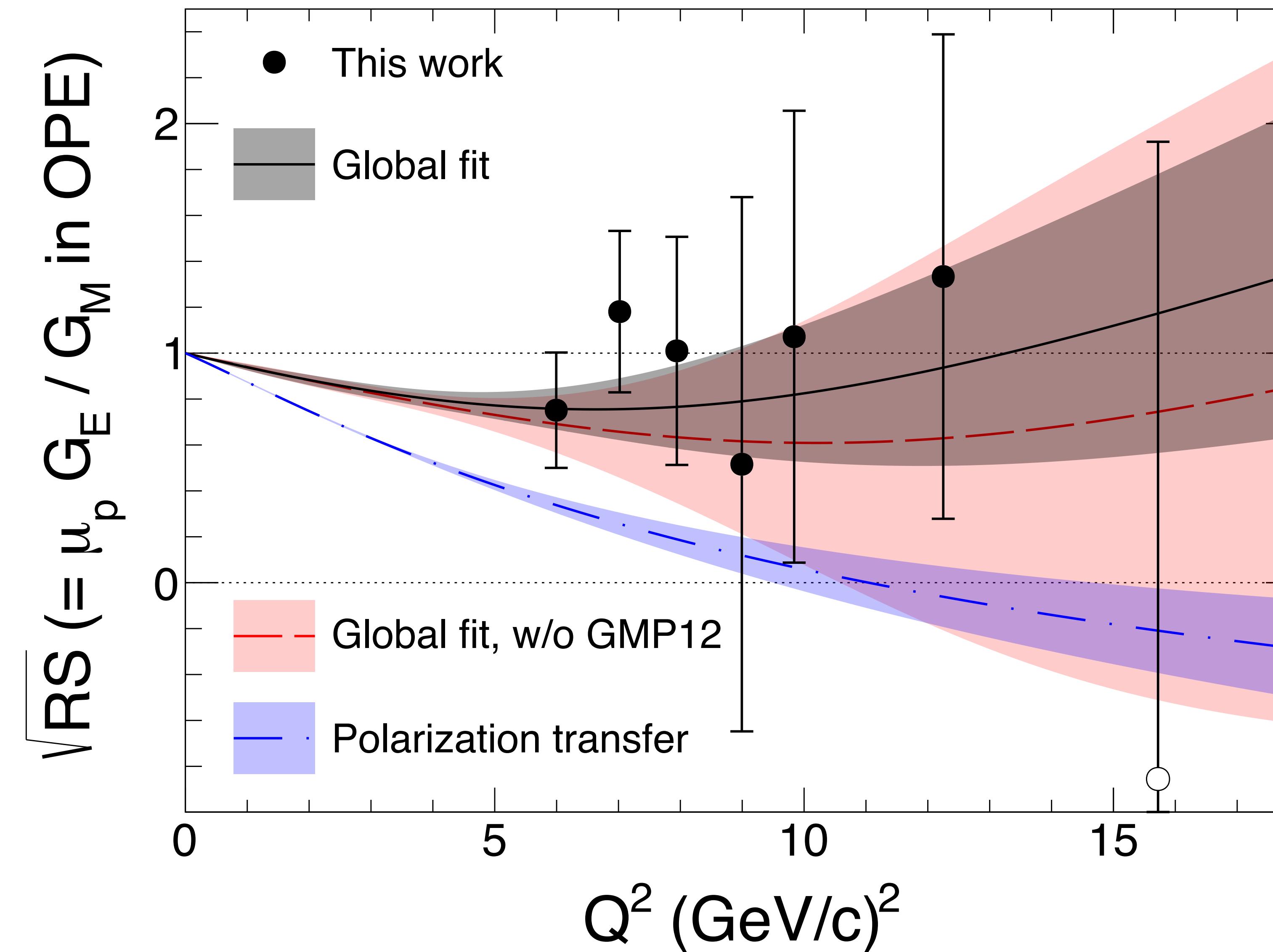


# TPE could explain proton form factor discrepancy



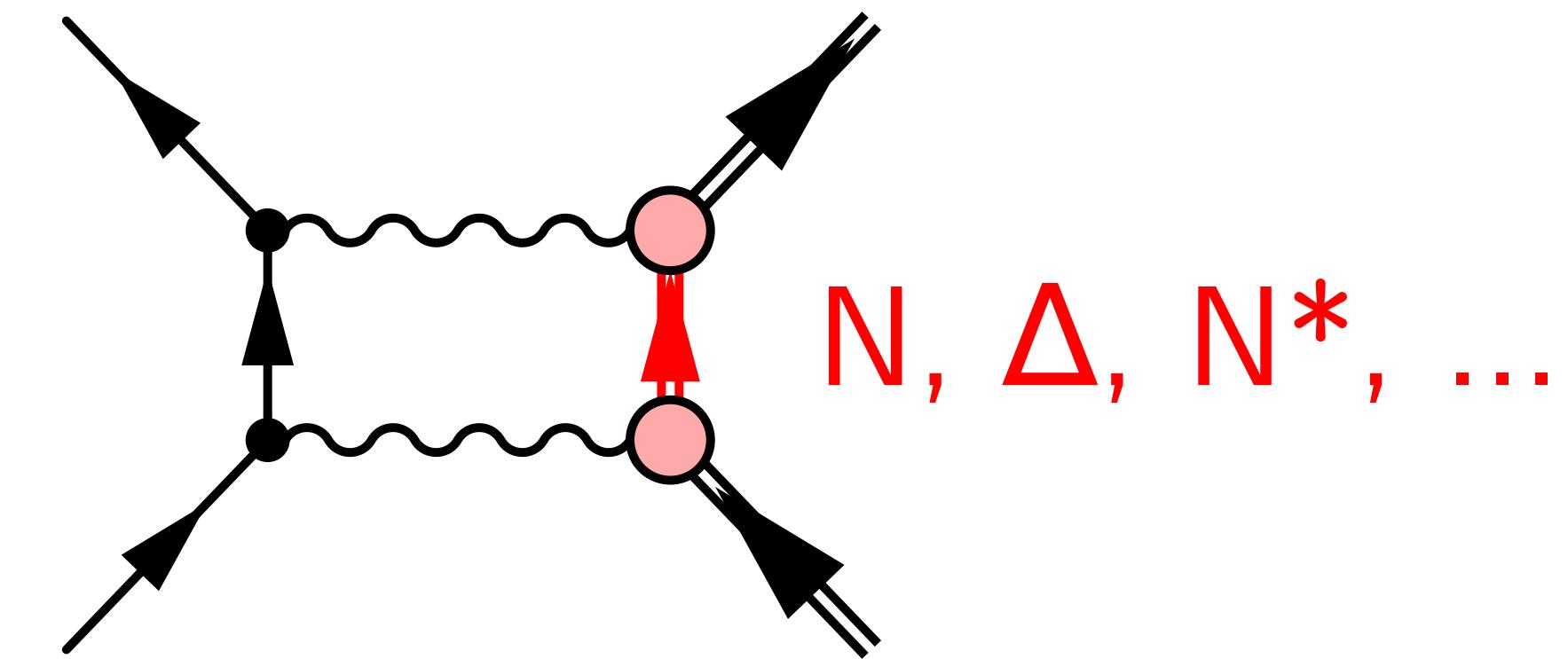
# Recent results from JLab consistent with discrepancy

[Christy et al. PRL 128, 102002 \(2022\)](#)

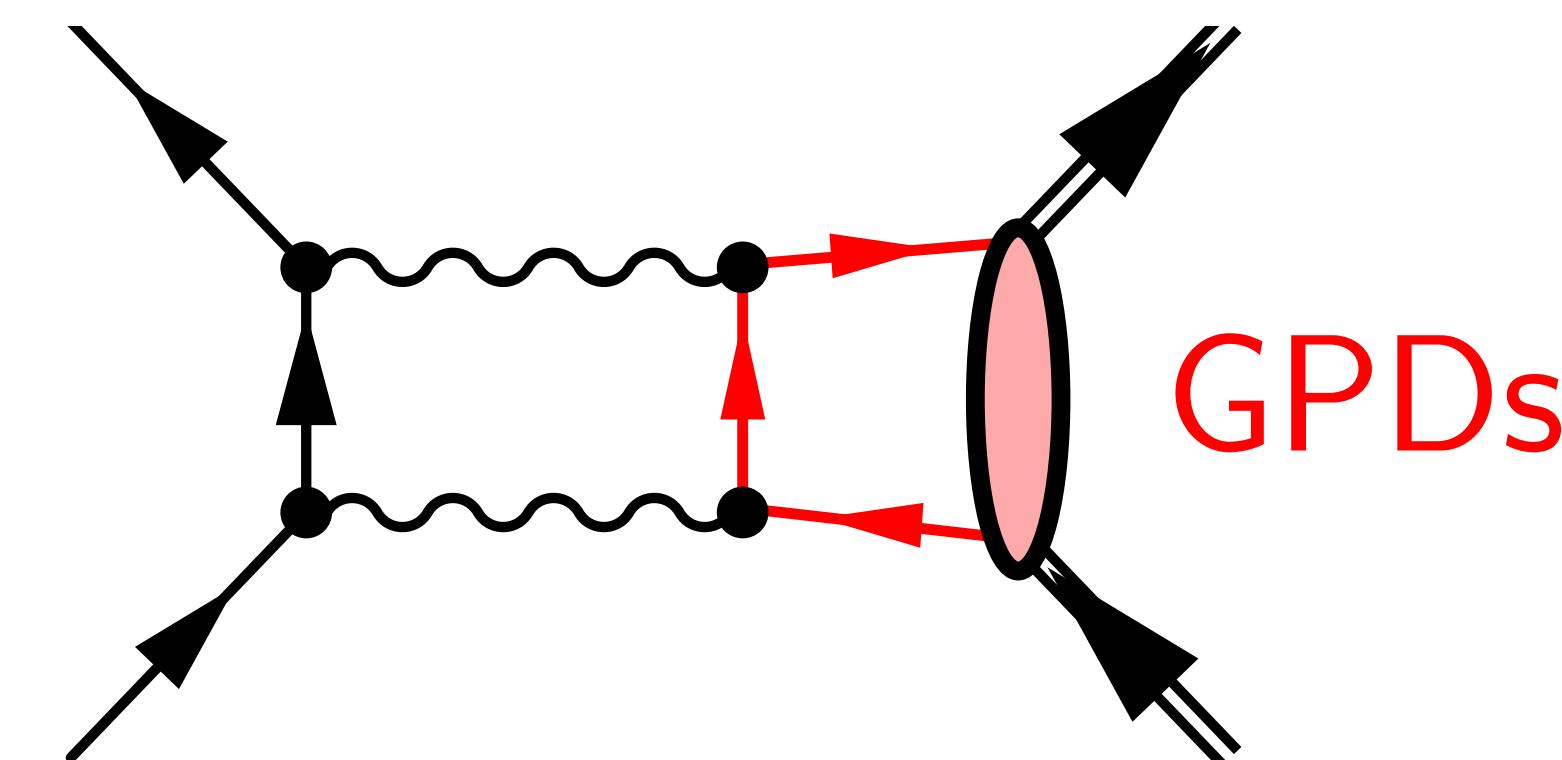


# Calculation of hard TPE is model-dependent

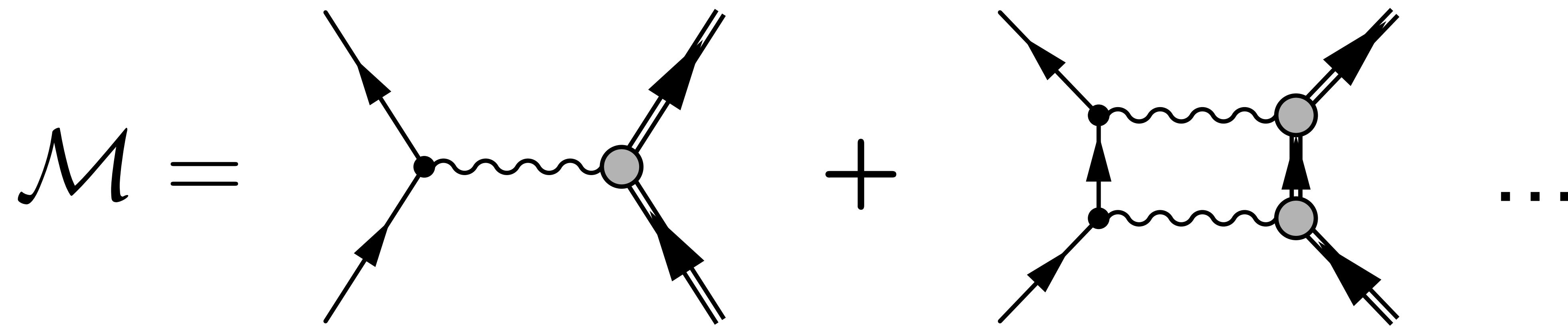
- Sum over intermediate *hadronic* states  
e.g. [Ahmed, Blunden, Melnitchouk](#)  
[PRC 102, 045205 \(2020\)](#)



- Treat as  $\gamma\gamma$  interaction with *quarks*,  
distributed by GPDs  
e.g. [Afanasev et al. PRD 72, 013008 \(2005\)](#)

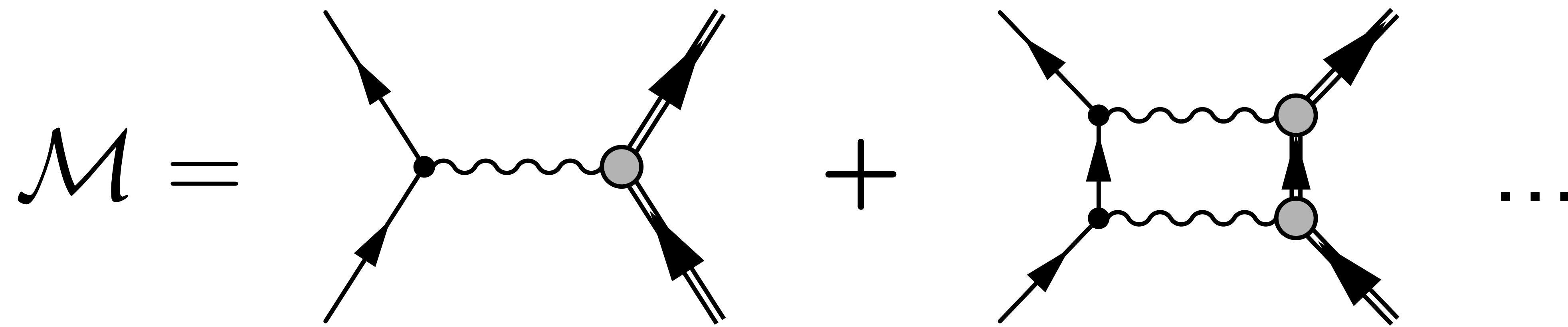


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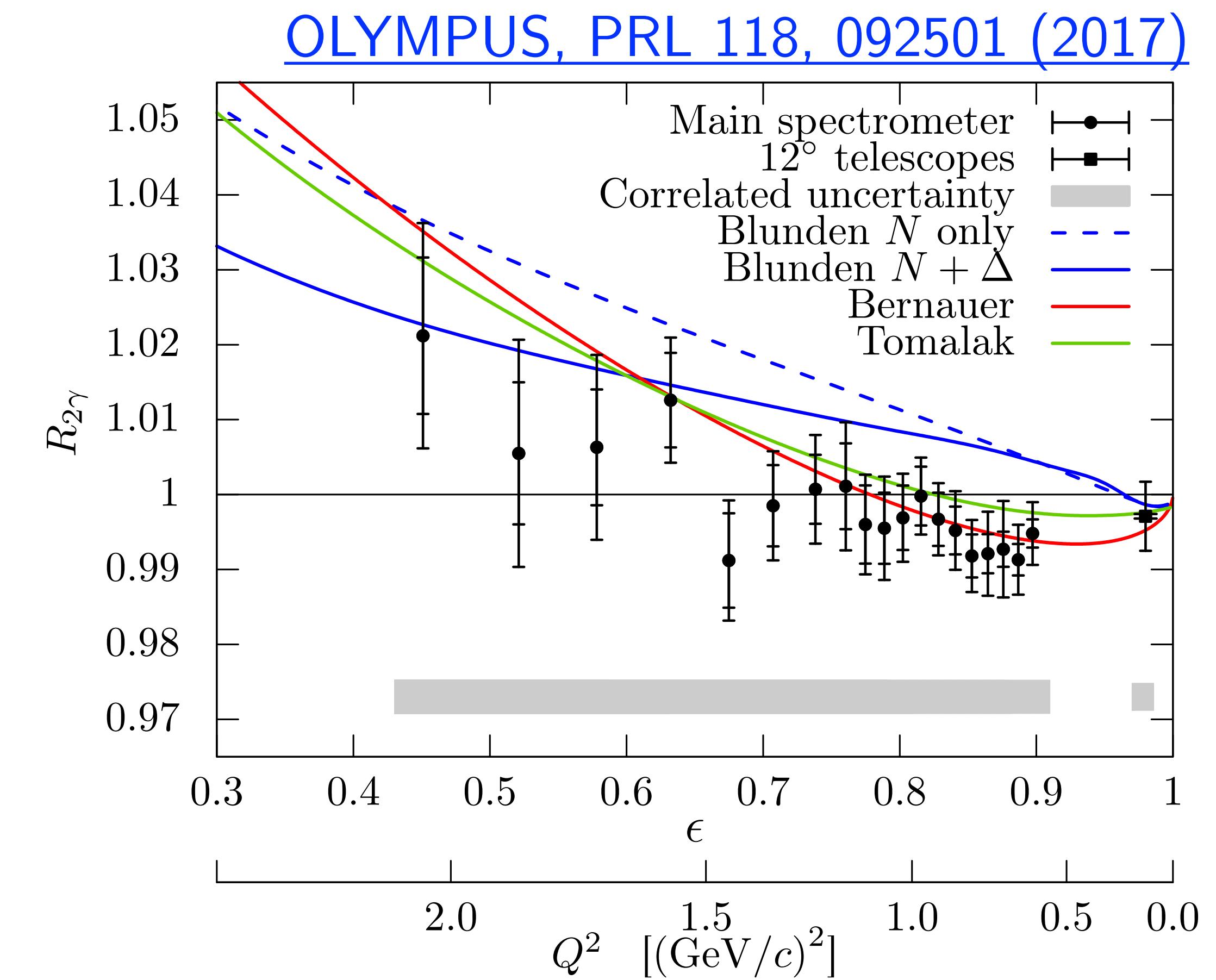
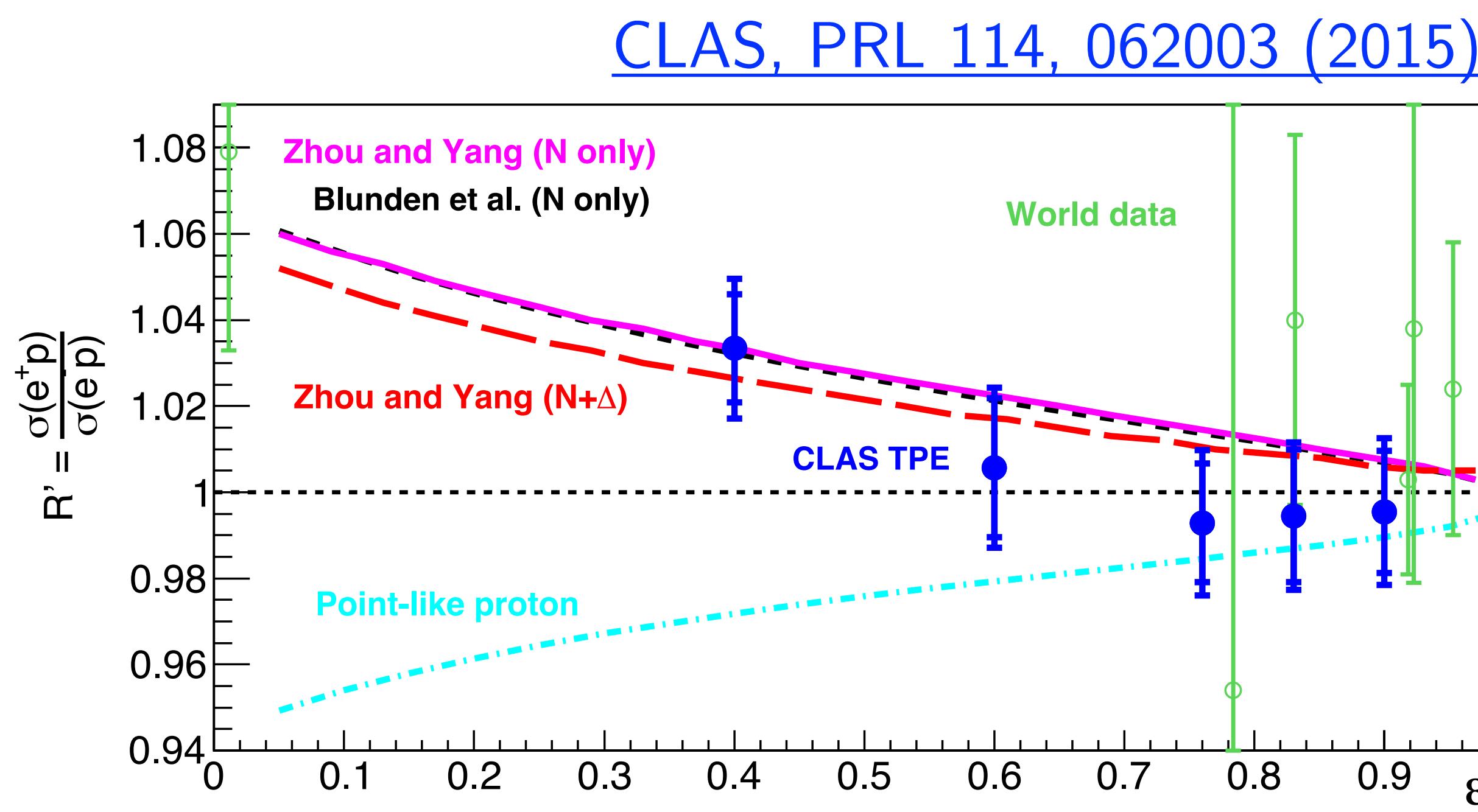
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Relative sign change for  $e^+$  and  $e^-$  scattering

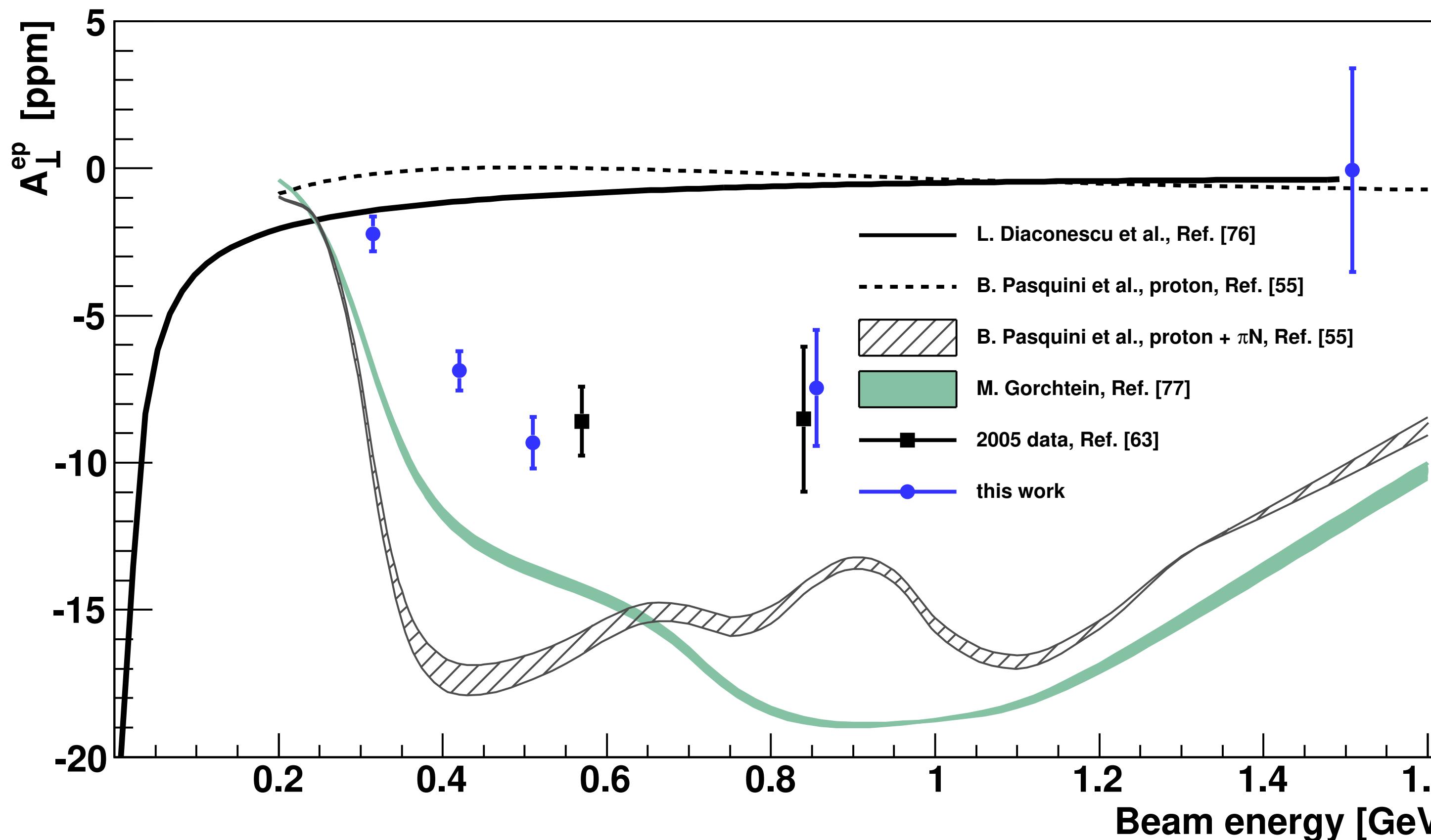
# Most recent $e^+p/e^-p$ measurements unable to resolve $\mu G_E/G_M$ discrepancy



See also: [Rachek et al. PRL 114, 062005 \(2015\)](#)

# Theory unable to reproduce recent proton $A_n$ results from MAMI...

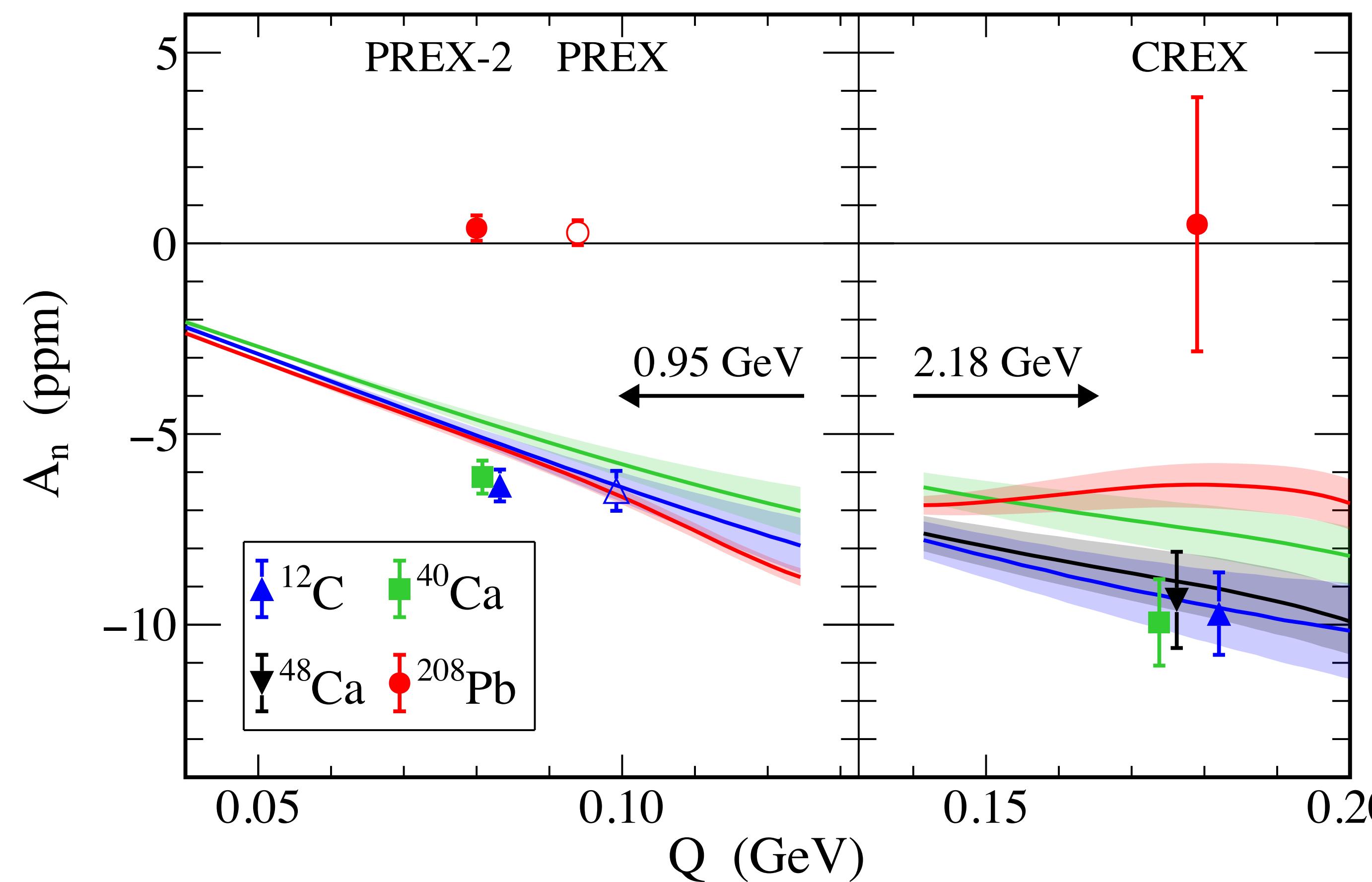
[Gou et al. PRL 124, 122003 \(2020\)](#)



- Calculations only account for elastic and  $\pi N$  inelastic intermediate states

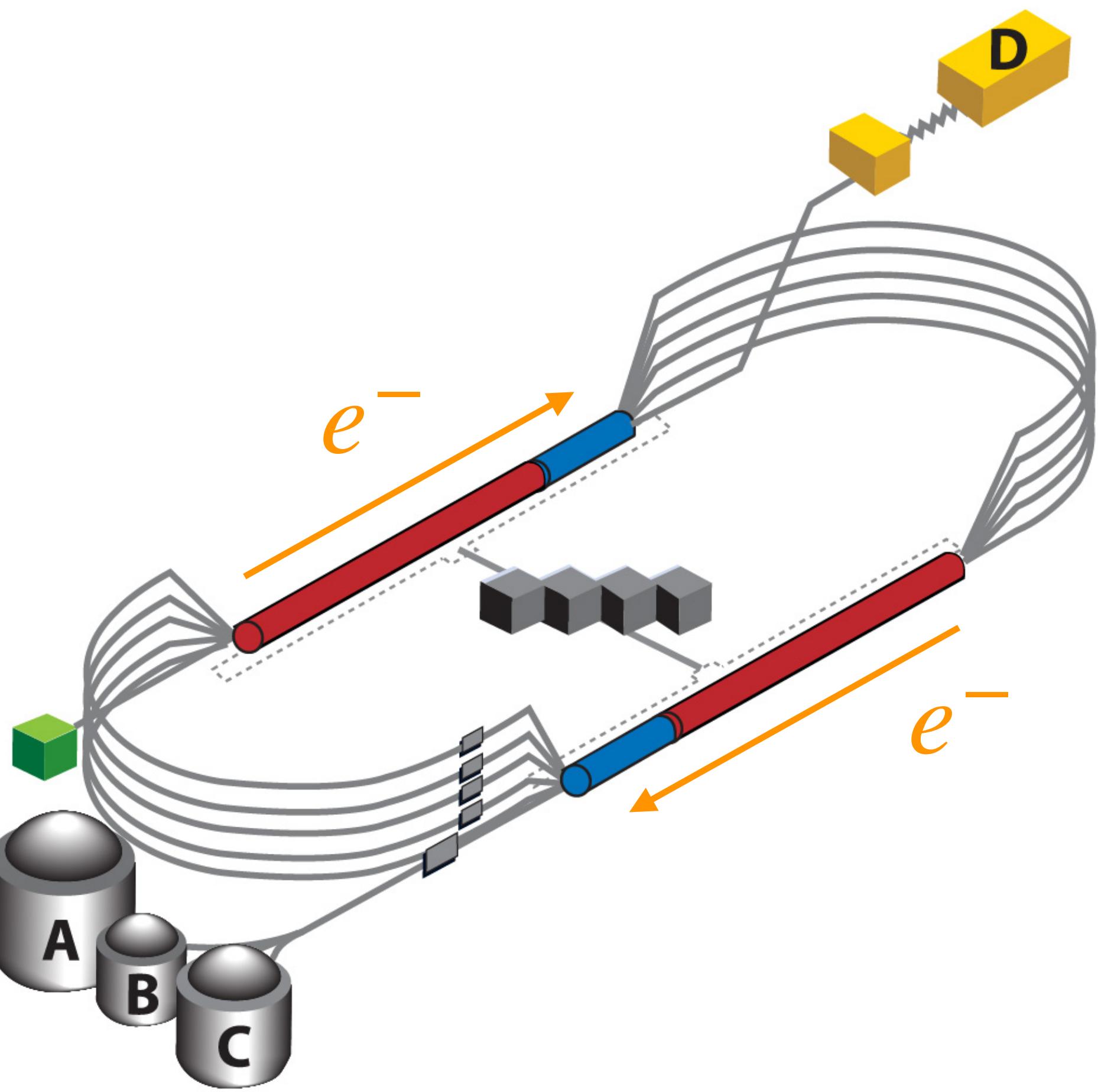
# ...or recent nuclear $A_n$ results from PREX/CREX

[PREX/CREX, PRL 128, 142501 \(2022\)](#)

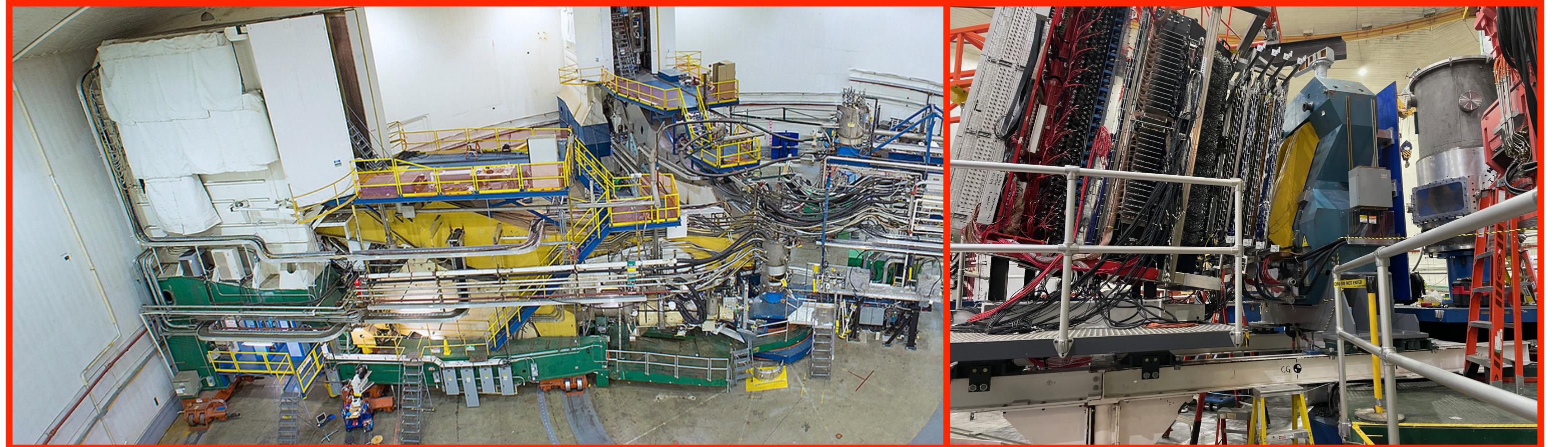


- Exchange of many soft photons (Coulomb distortion) grows with  $Z$
- Coulomb distortion + inelastic states included in recent calculation (shown):
- [Koshchii, et al. PRC 103, 064316 \(2021\)](#)

# Jefferson Lab

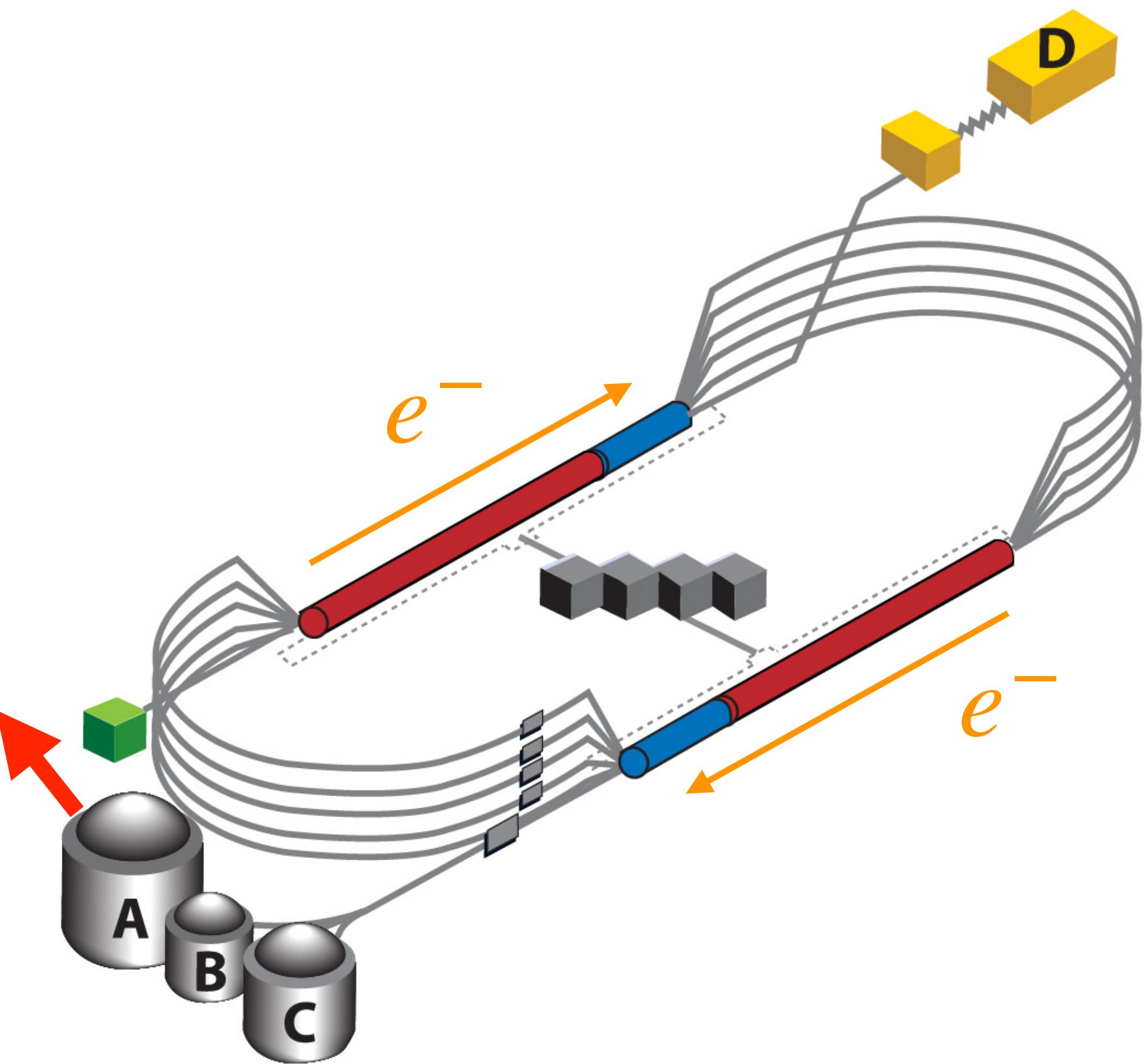


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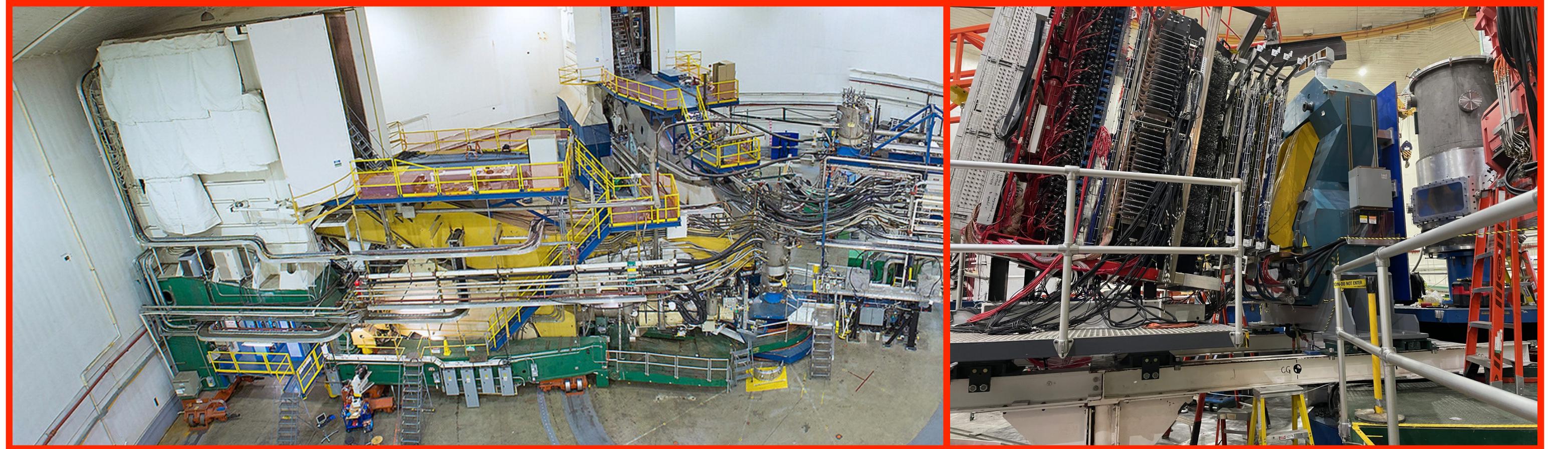


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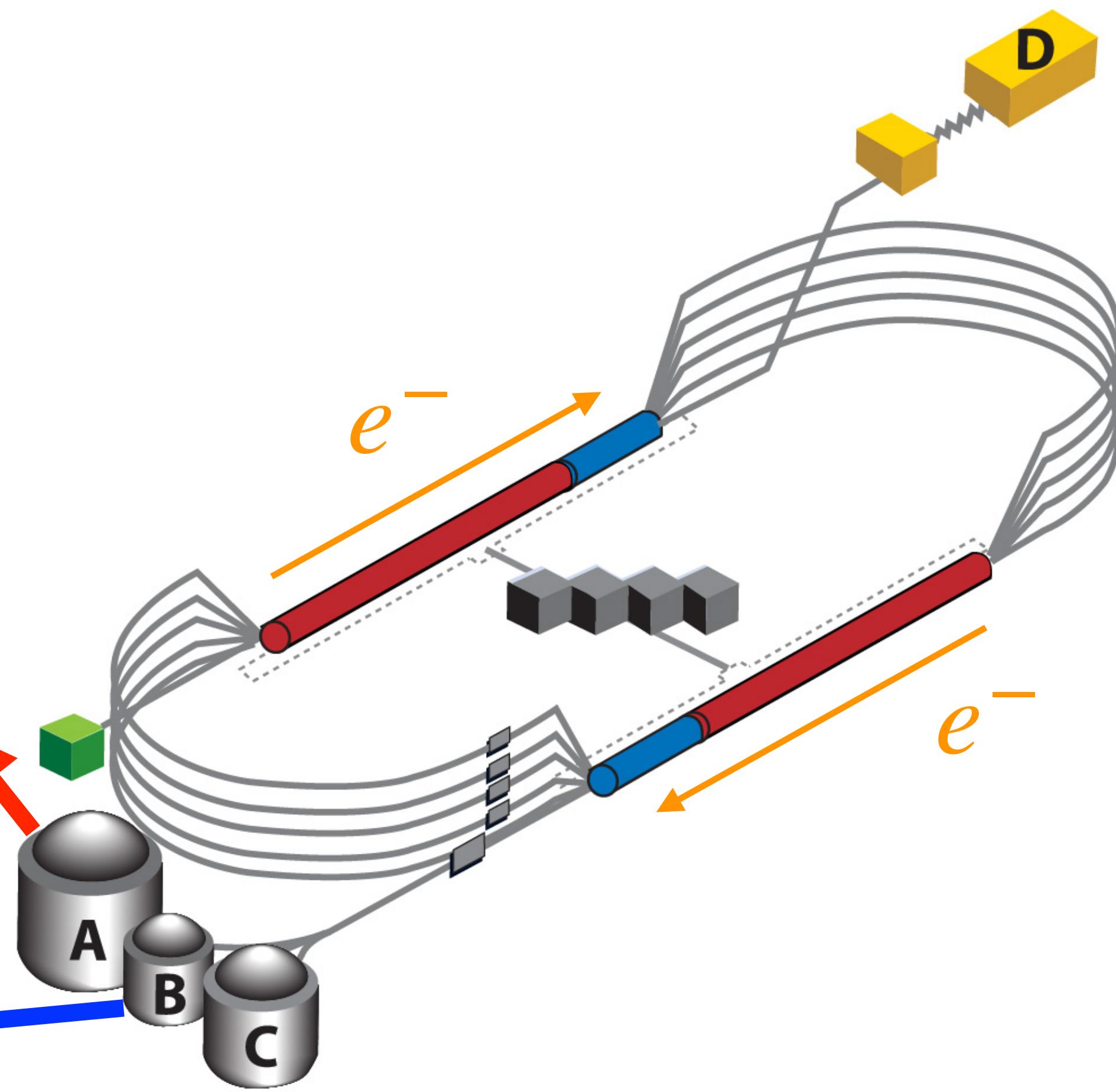
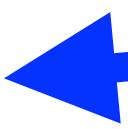
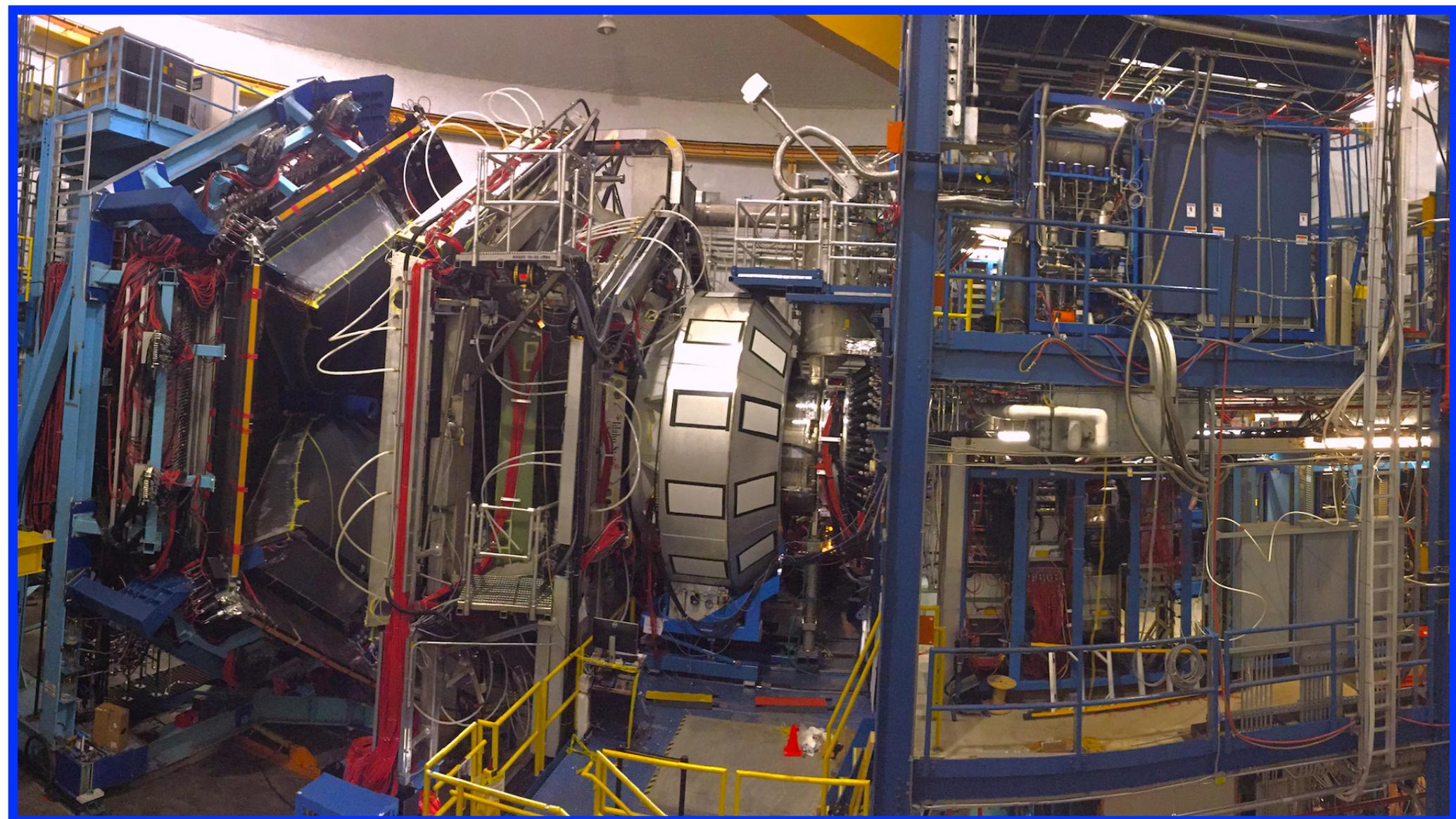
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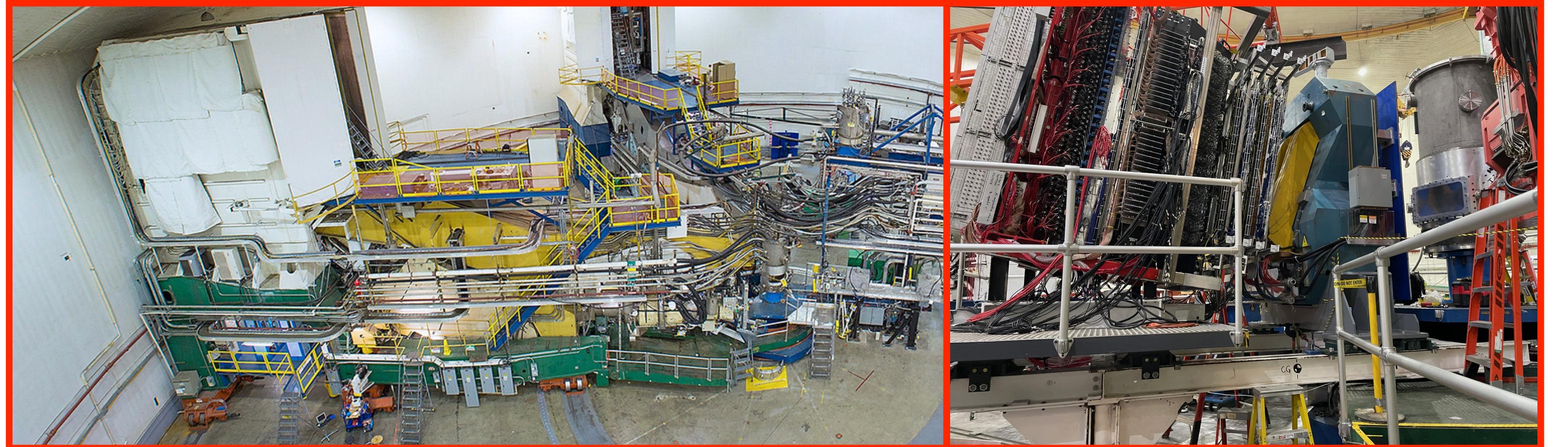
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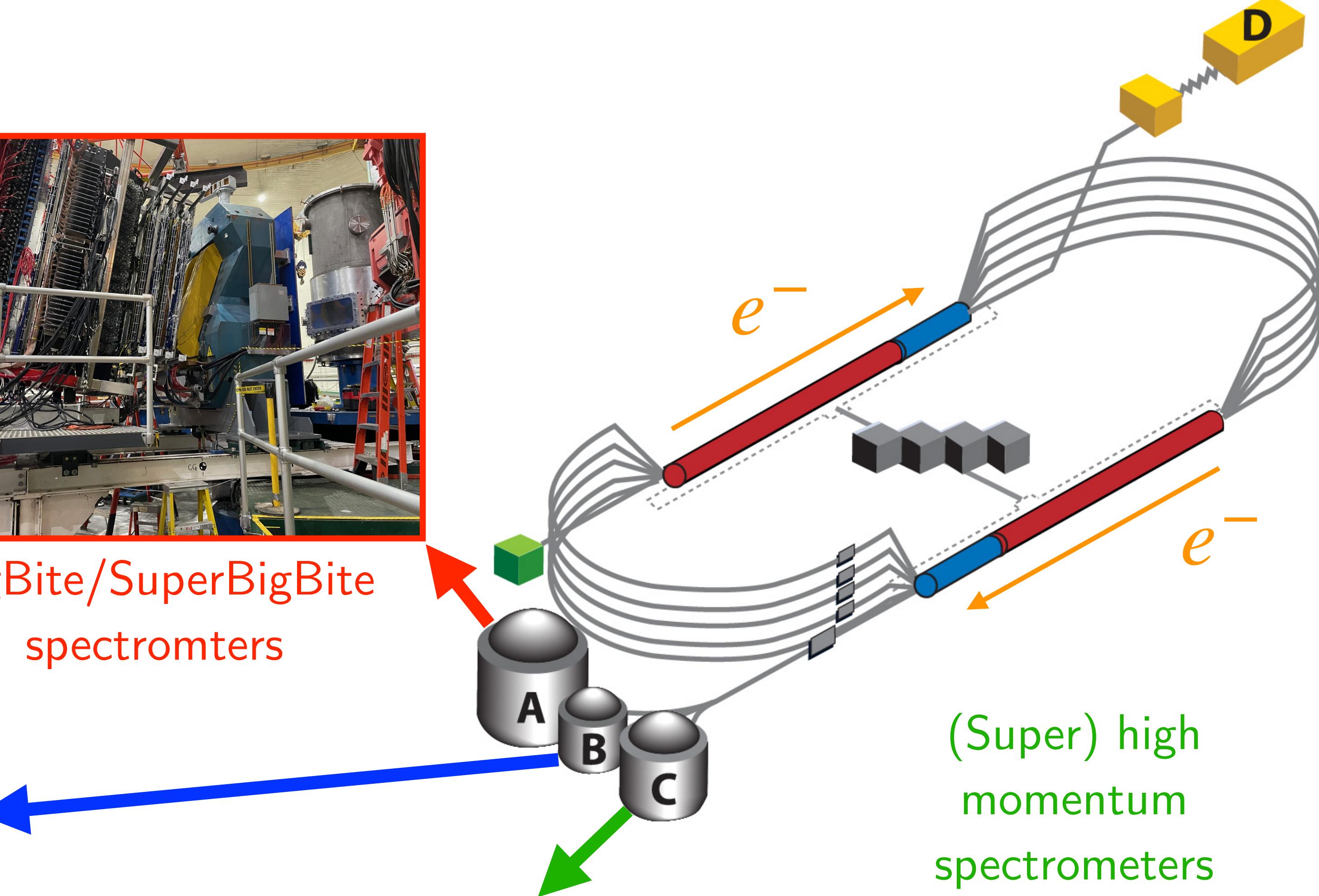
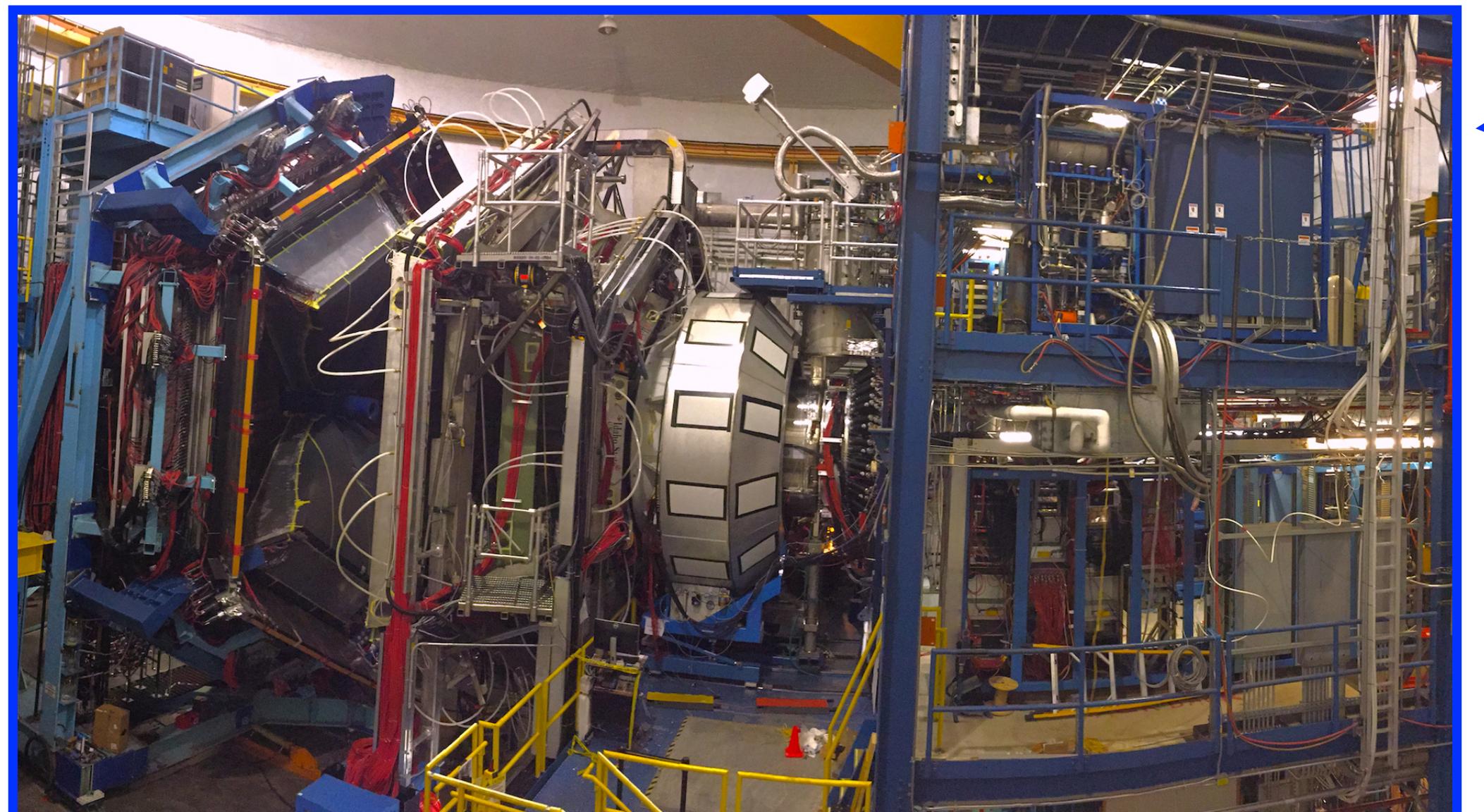
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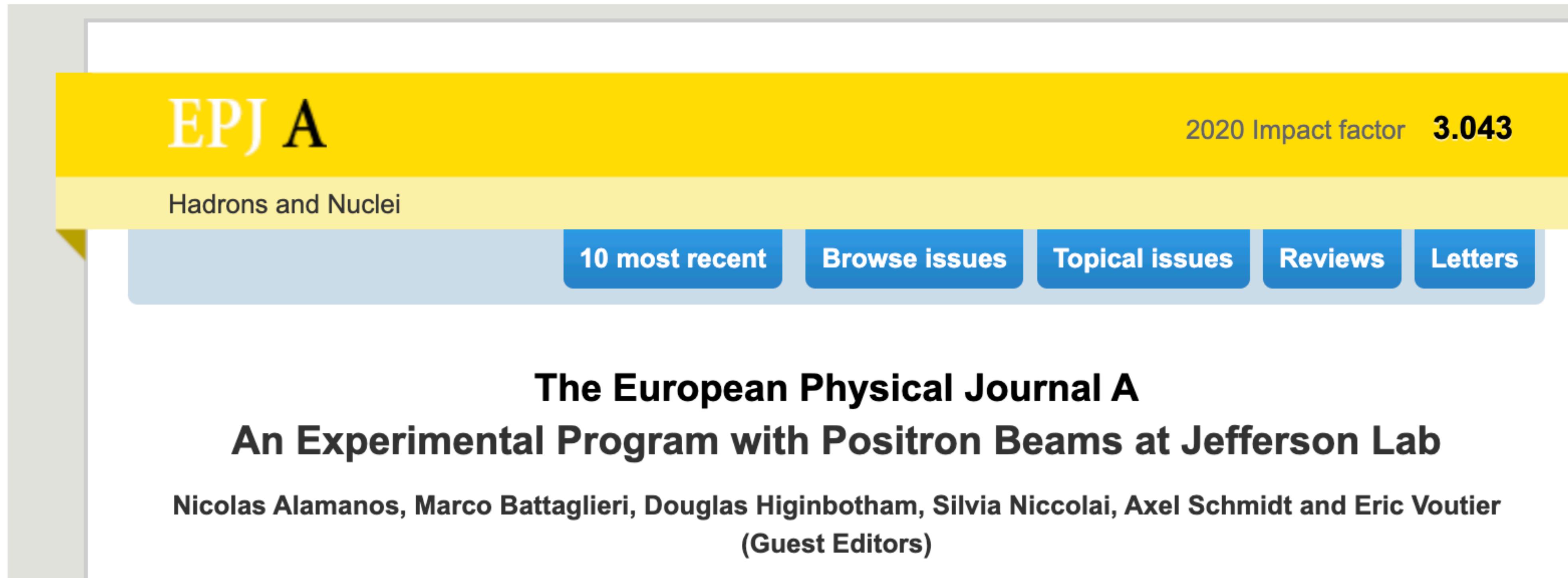
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# Jefferson Lab positron working group

- Website:  
[https://wiki.jlab.org/pwgwiki/index.php/Main\\_Page](https://wiki.jlab.org/pwgwiki/index.php/Main_Page)
- Recent White Paper:  
<https://epja.epj.org/component/toc/?task=topic&id=1430>



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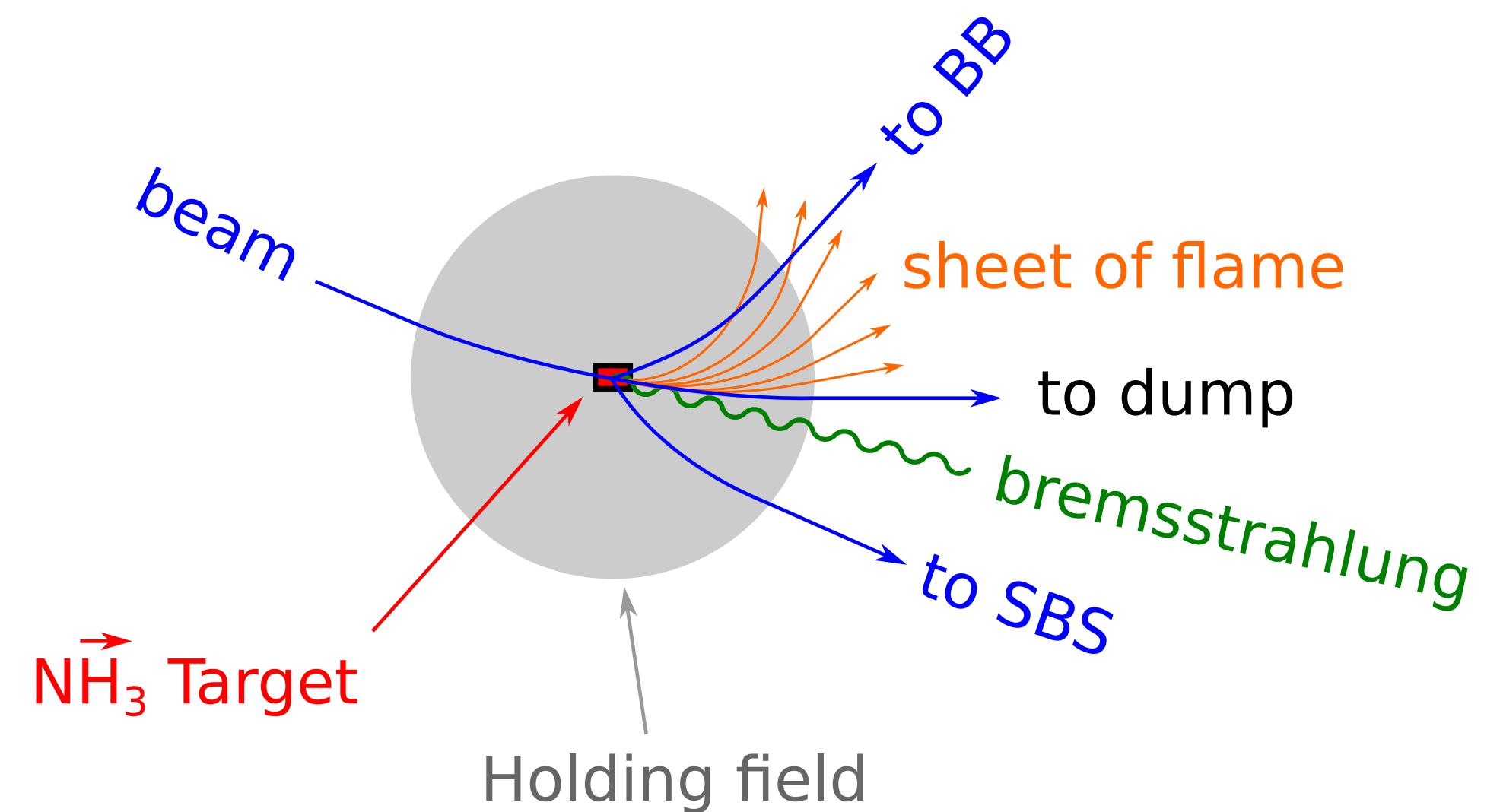
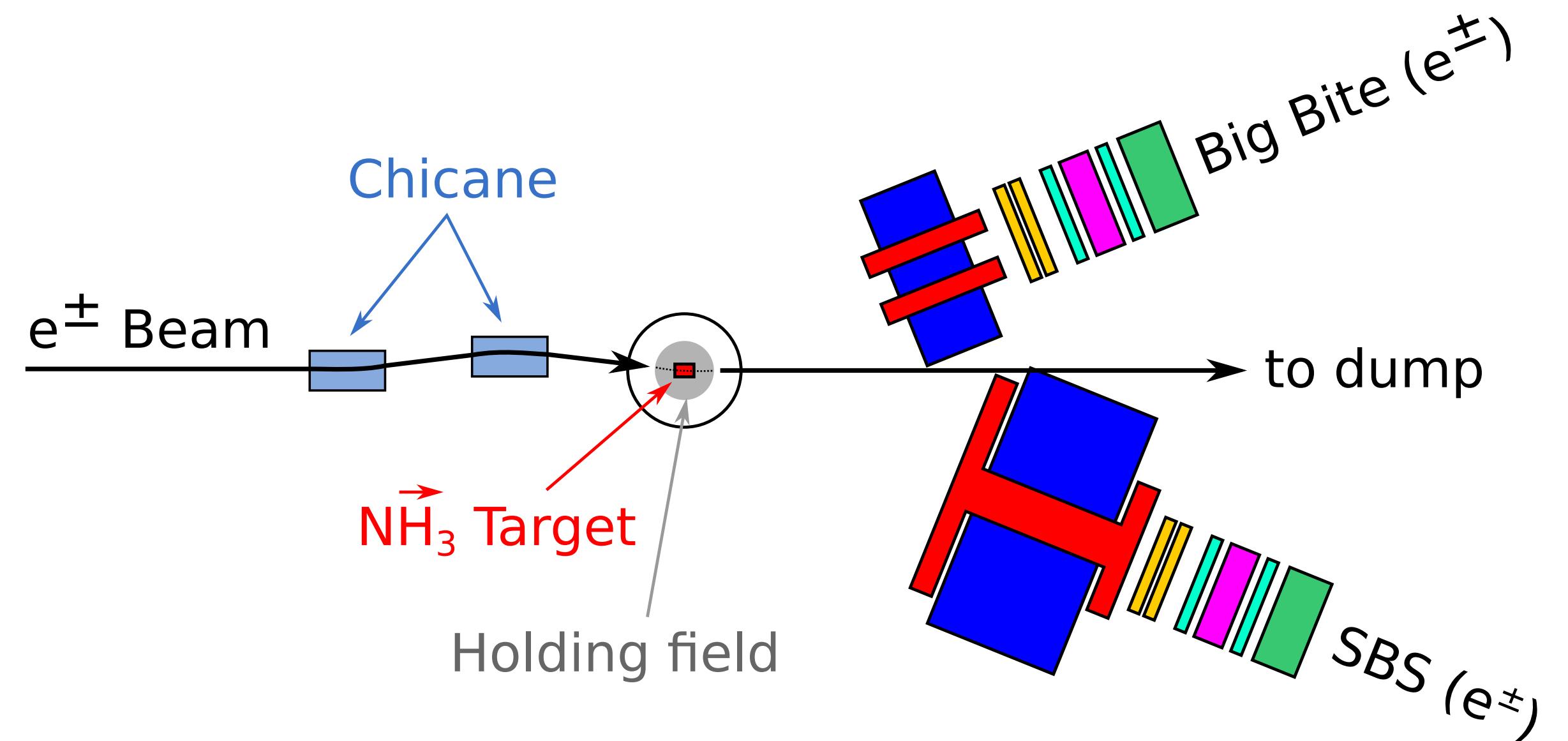
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## Technical considerations

- Assumed maximum  $e^+$  beam current of 1-2  $\mu\text{A}$  (unpolarized), 100-200 nA (polarized)
- Assumed  $e^+$  beam polarization of 60%
- Switching between  $e^-$  and  $e^+$  beams may be limiting

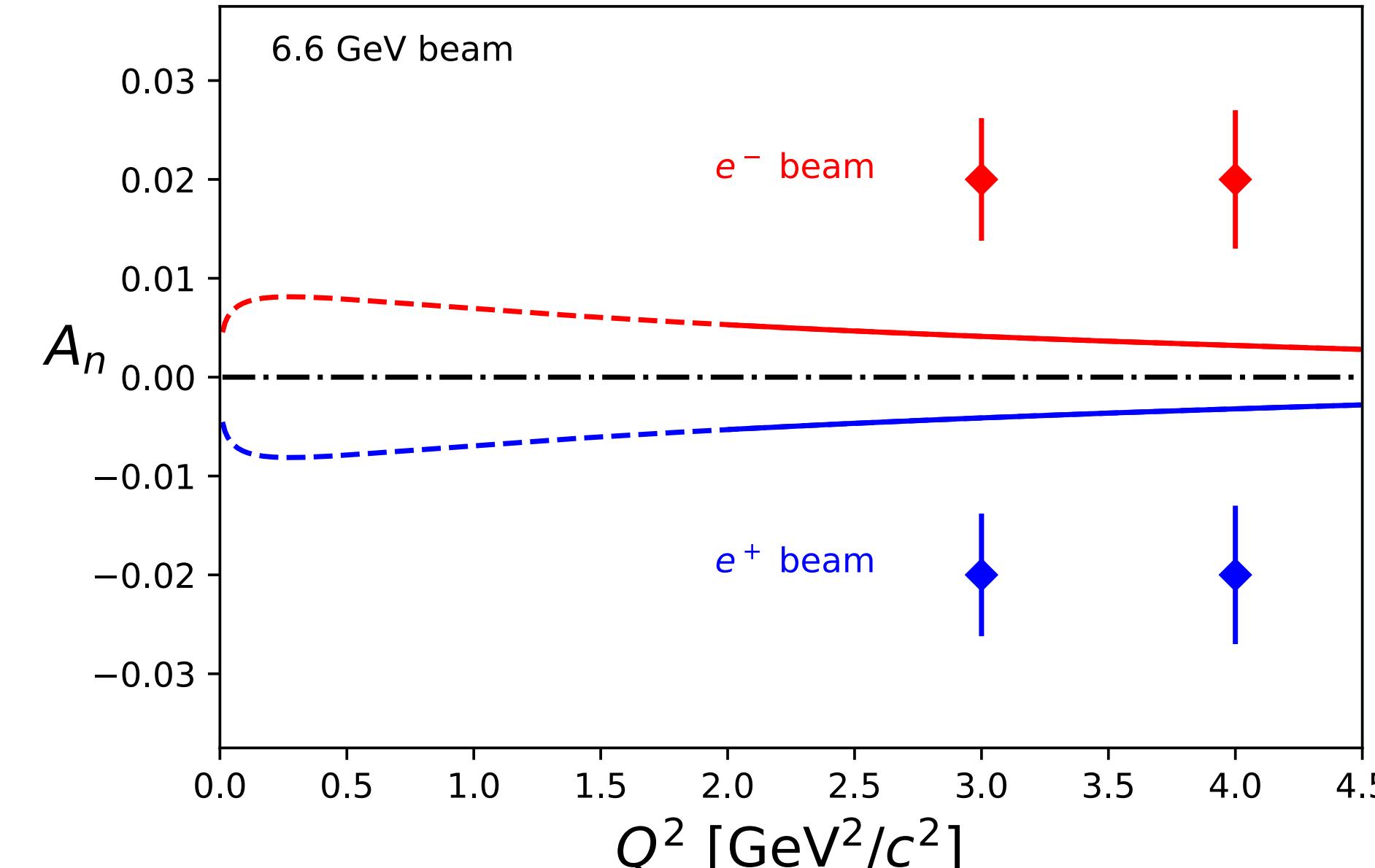
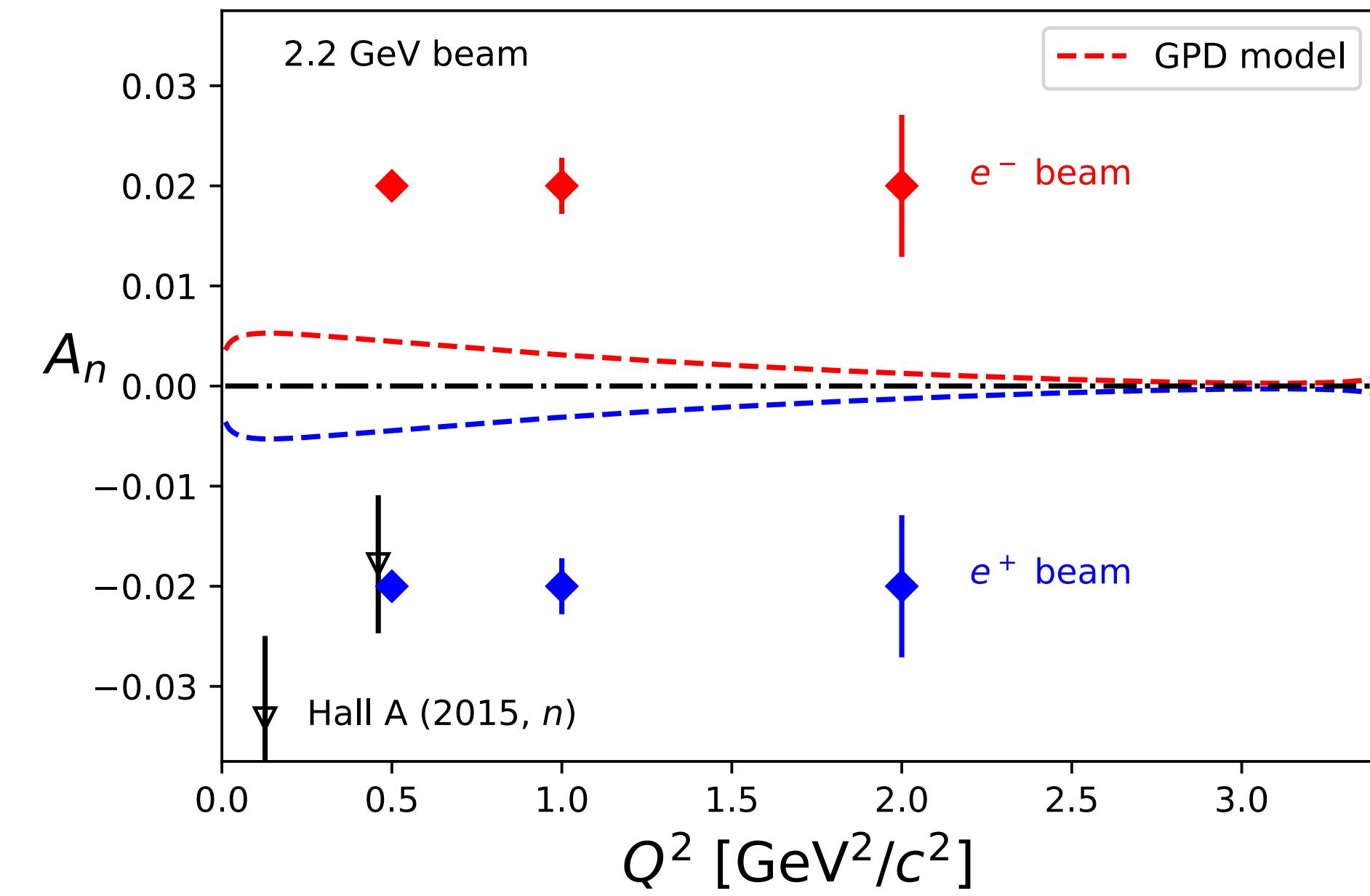
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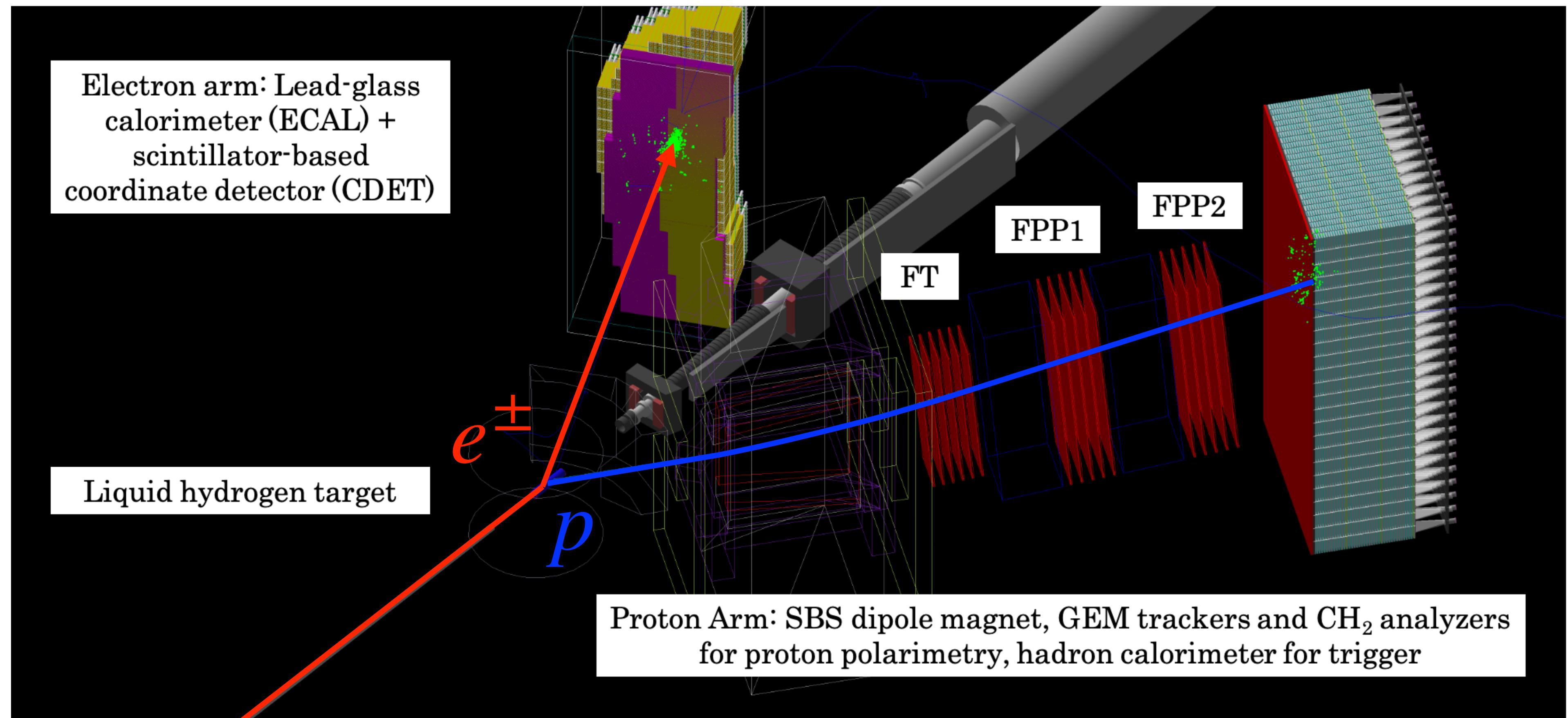
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- 20 day runplan at 3 beam energies (2.2, 4.4, 6.6 GeV)
- Measurement with both  $e^\pm$  can distinguish TPE from T-violation



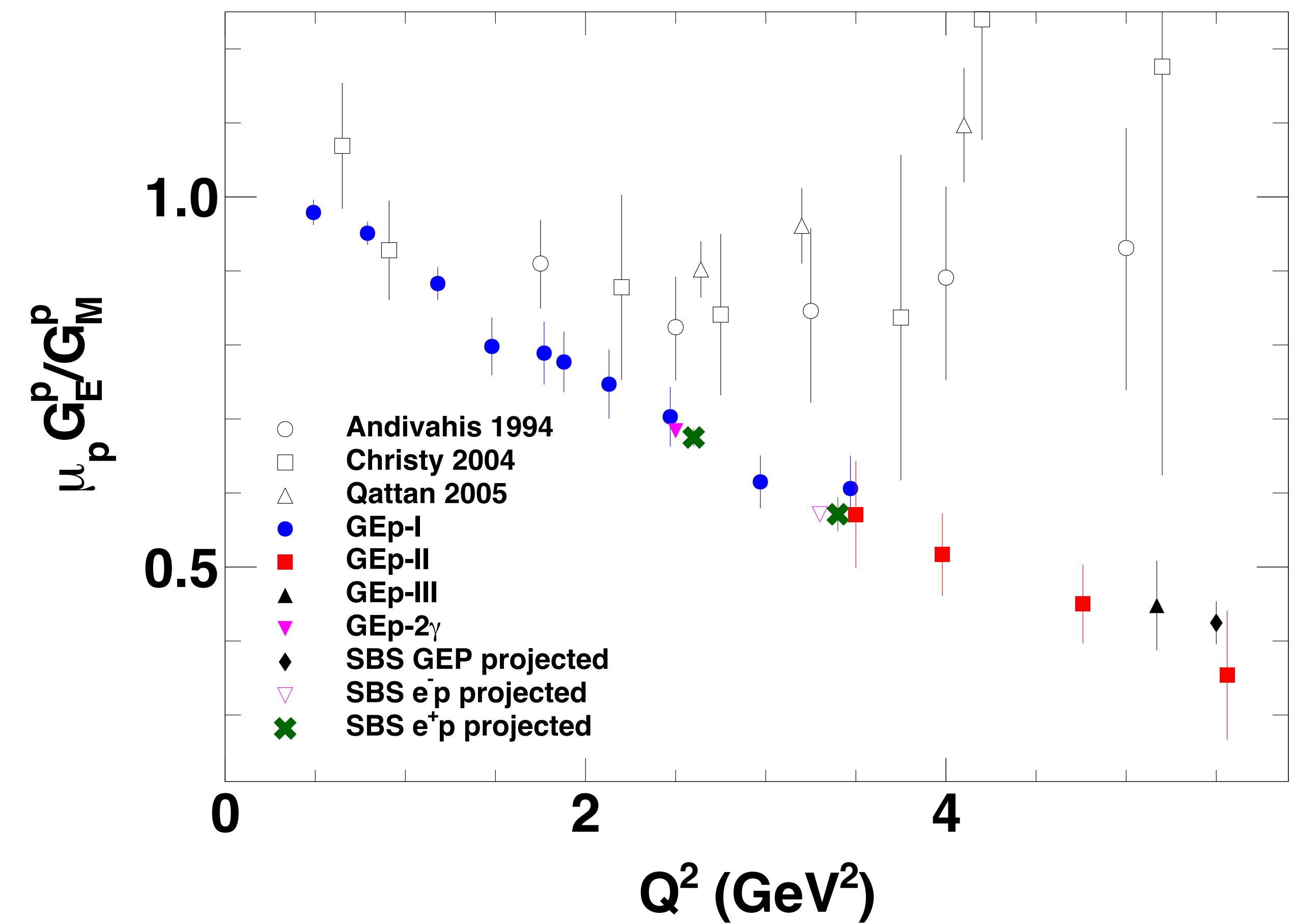
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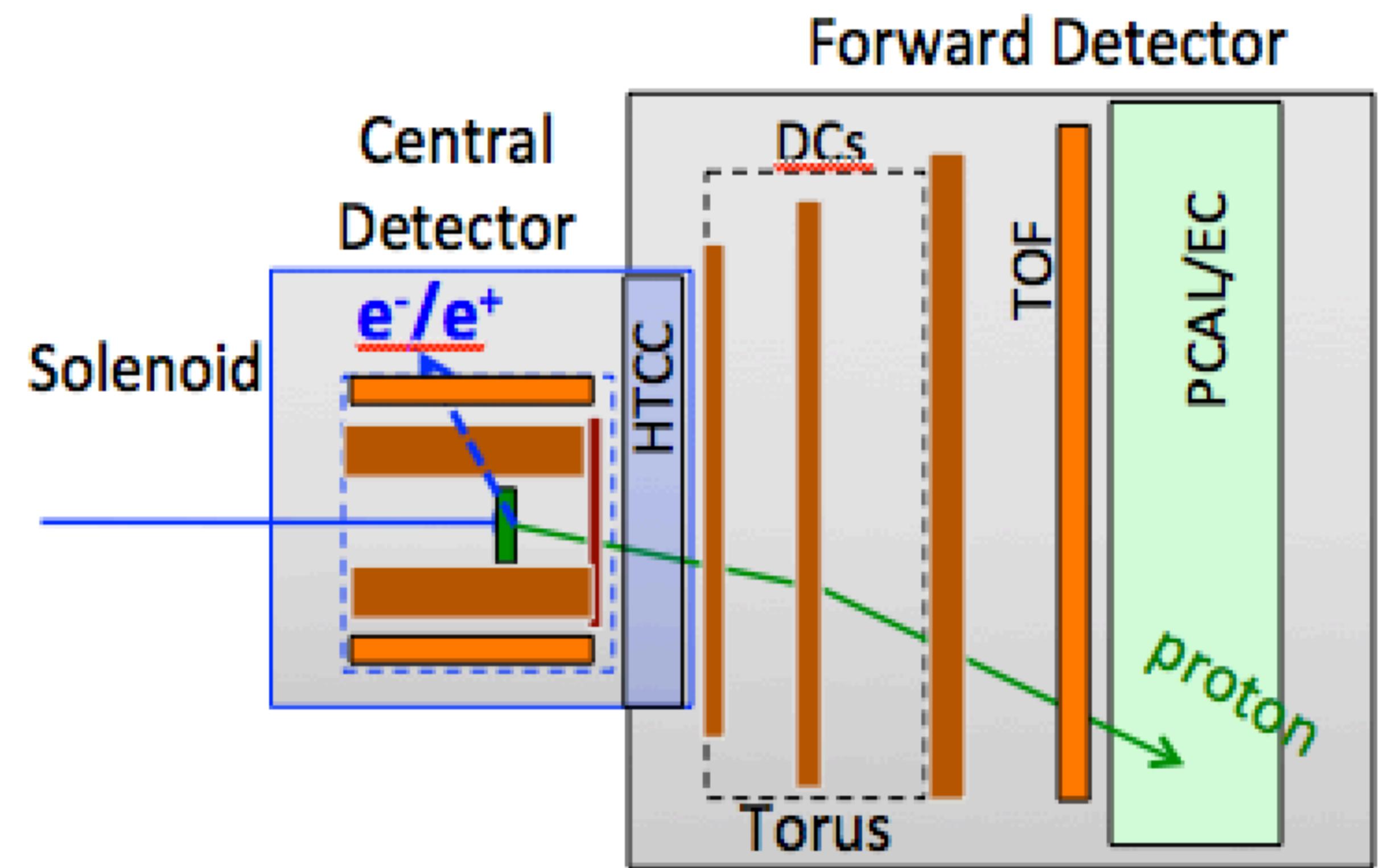
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- Requires 120 days of running
- Simultaneous positron and electron measurements could identify systematic difference



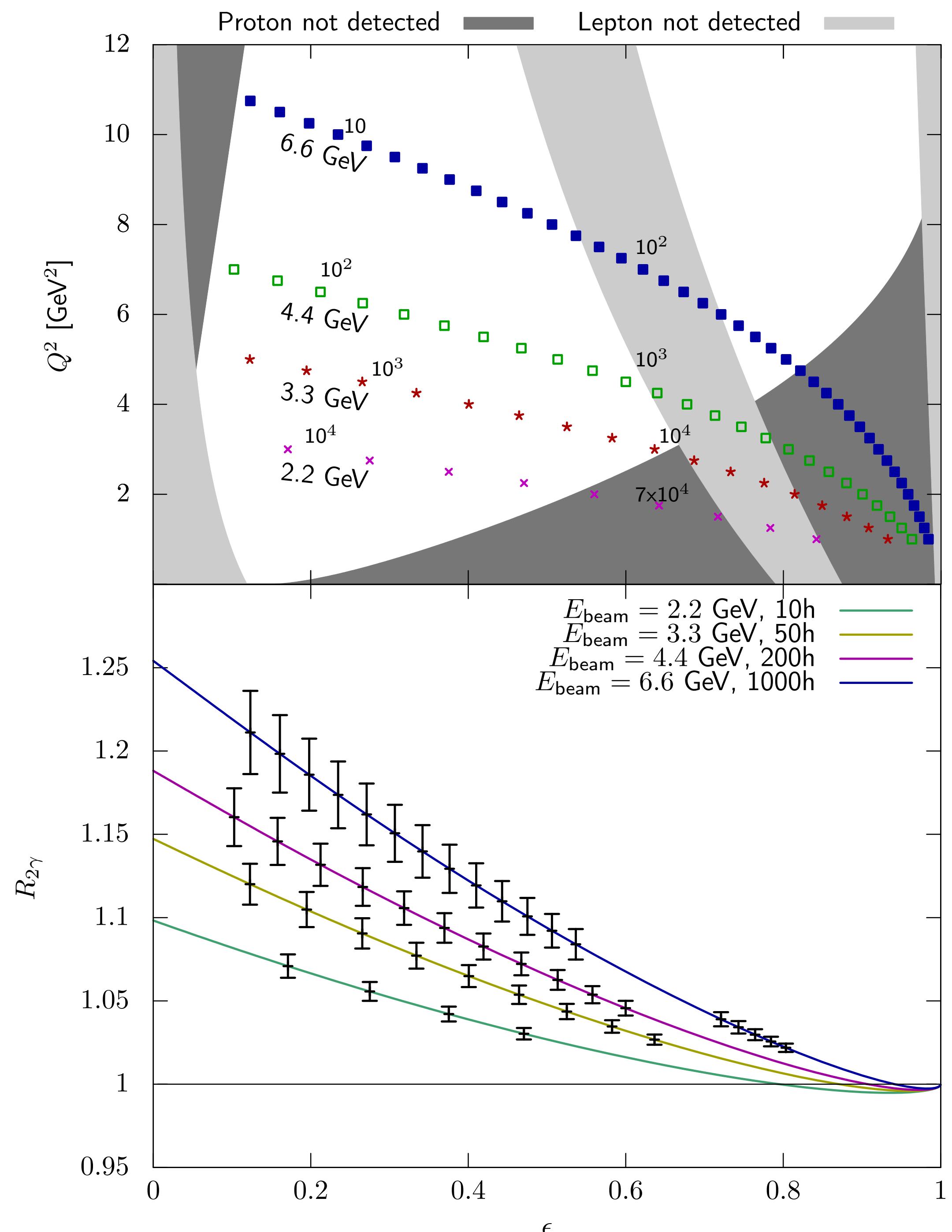
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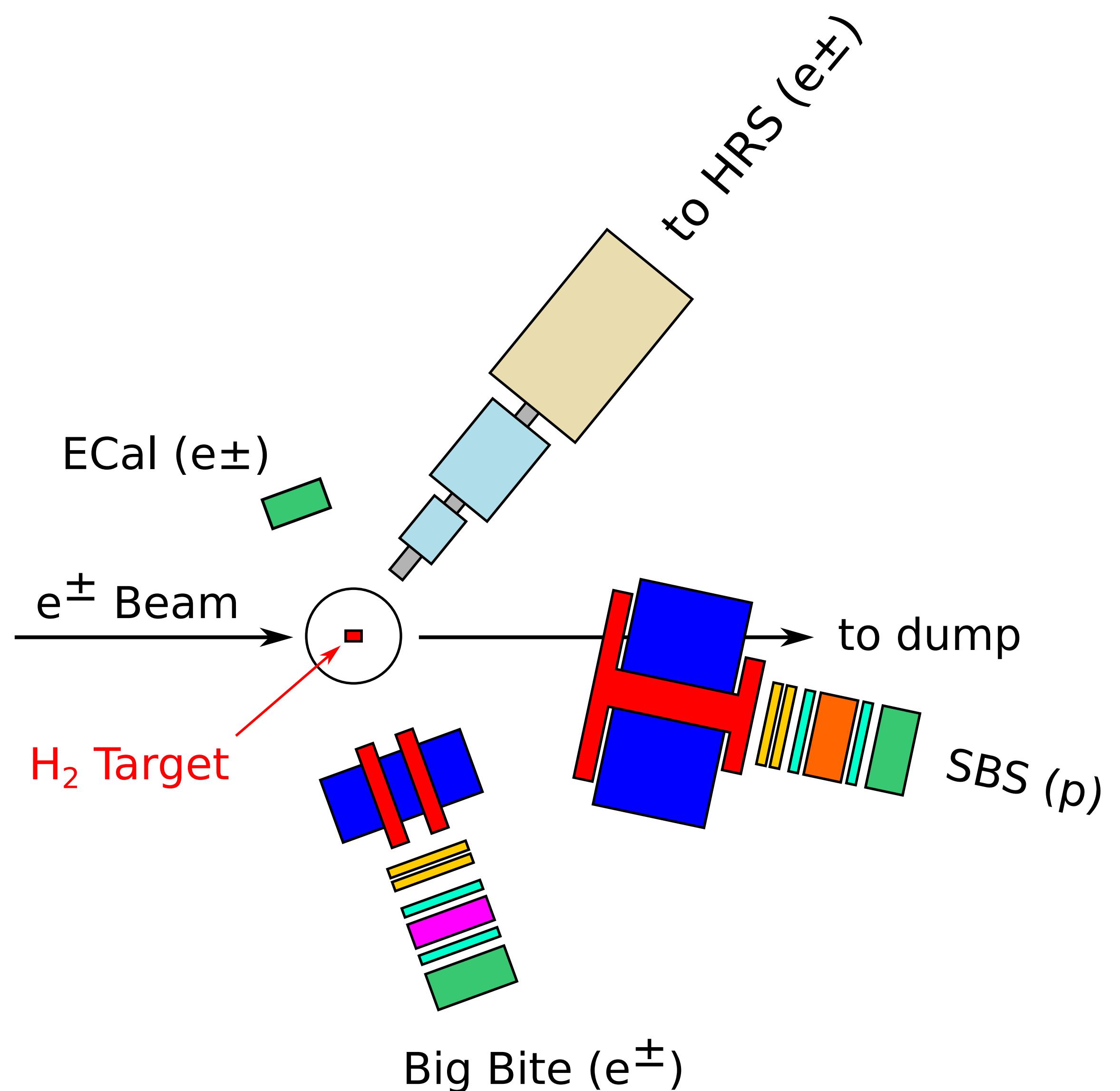
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  - Simultaneous coverage of wide kinematic phase space
  - Not limited by positron current compared to standard electron running
  - Requires 50 days of running



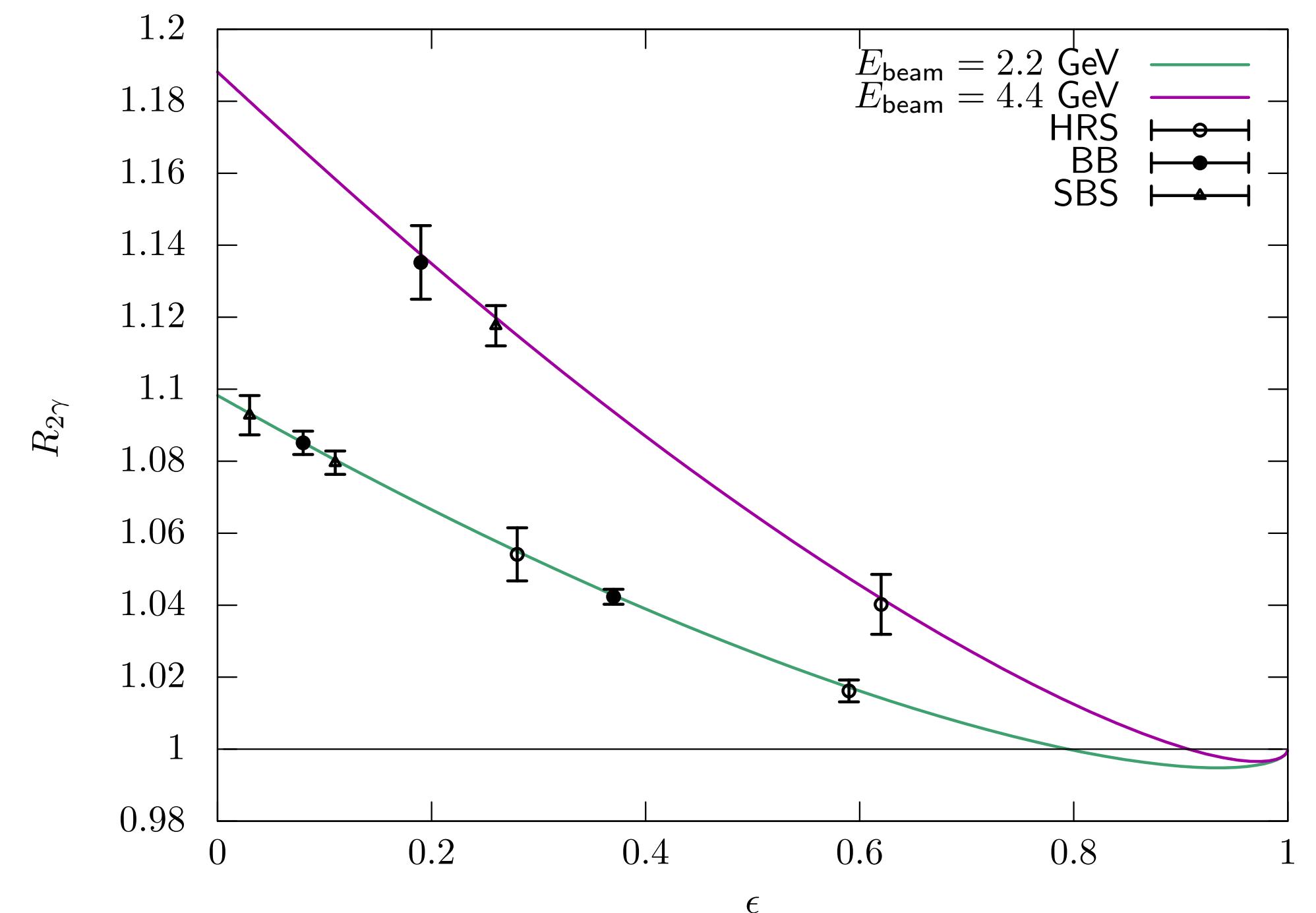
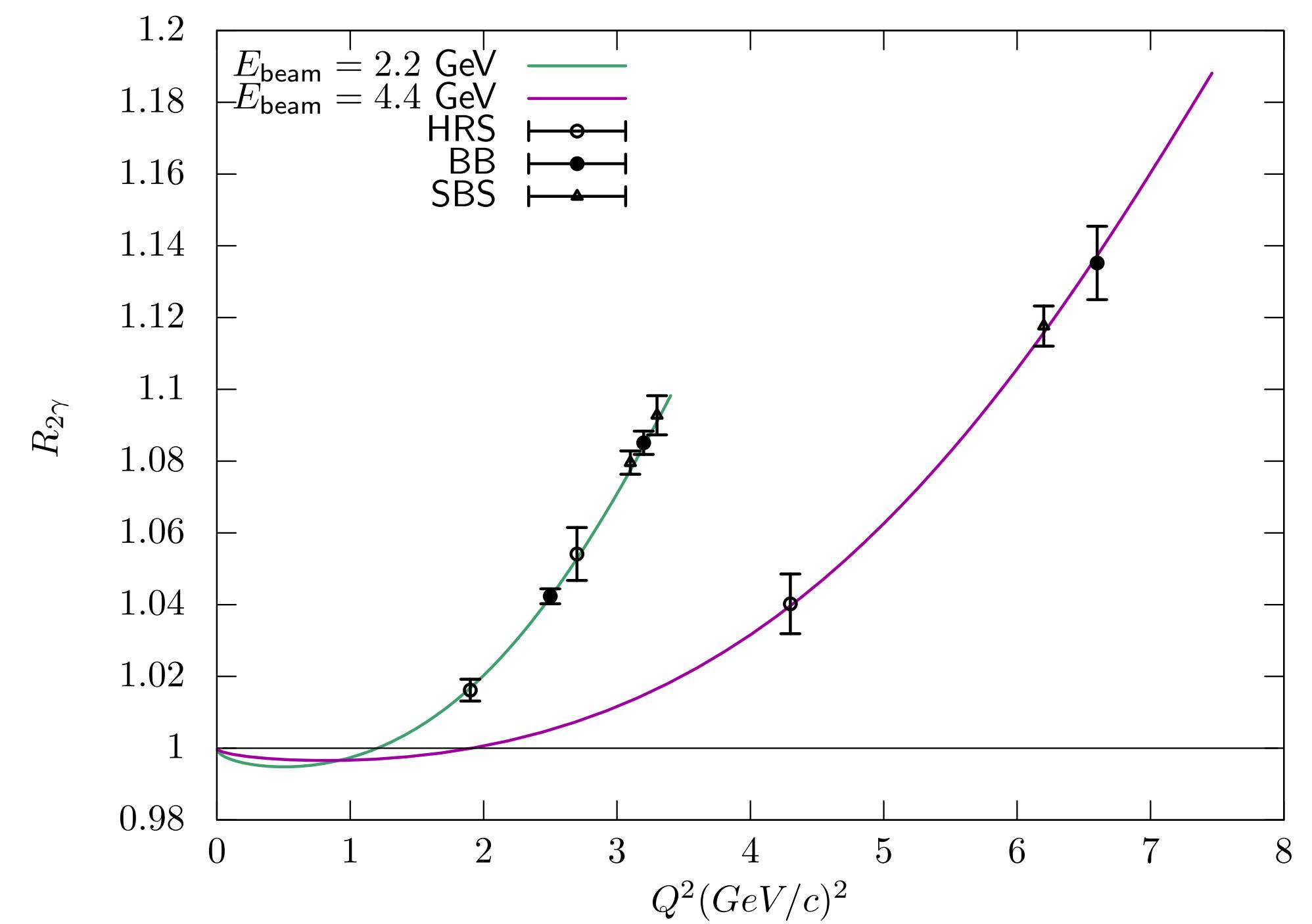
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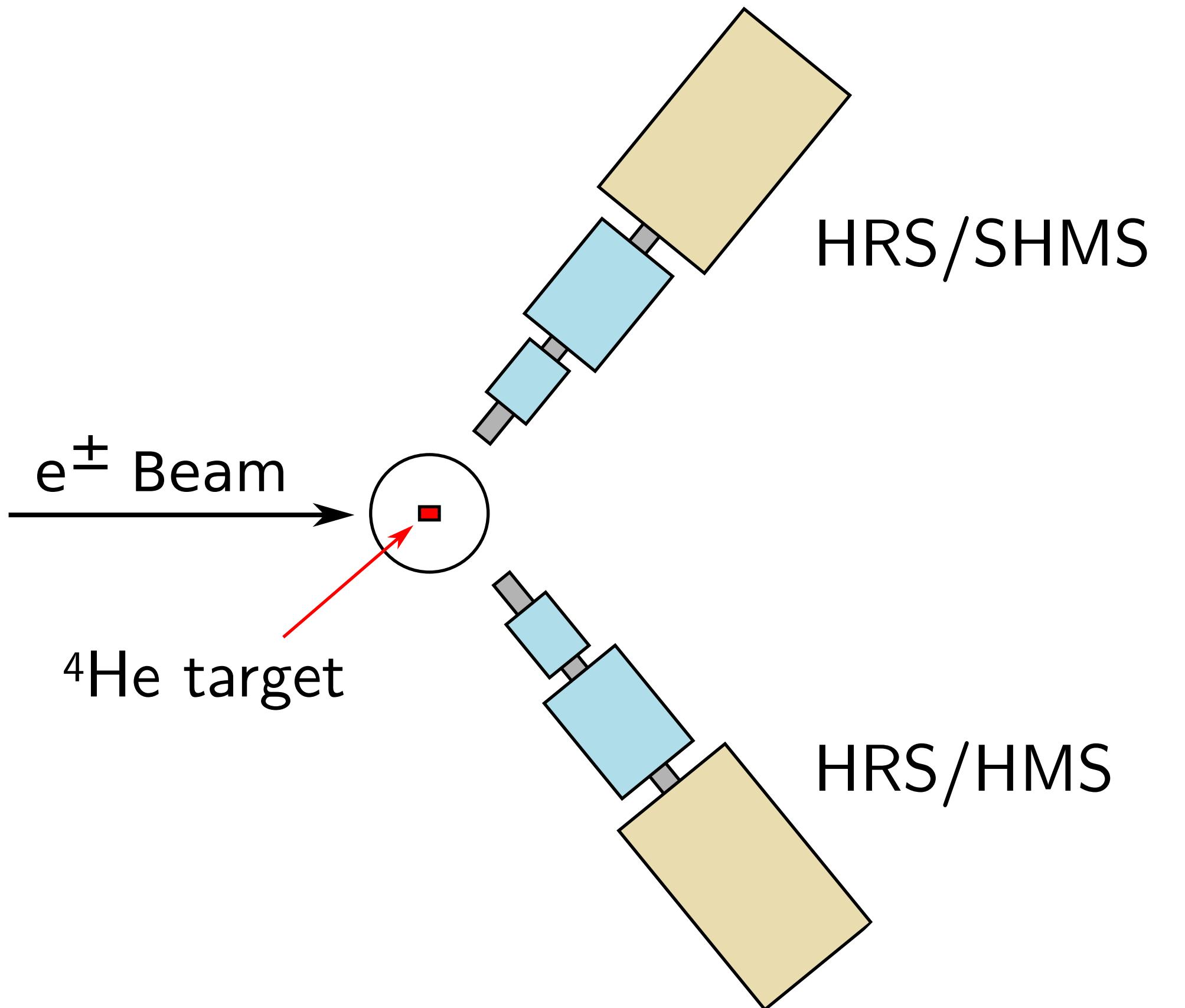
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  - Shorter run time (14 days) at expense of kinematic coverage



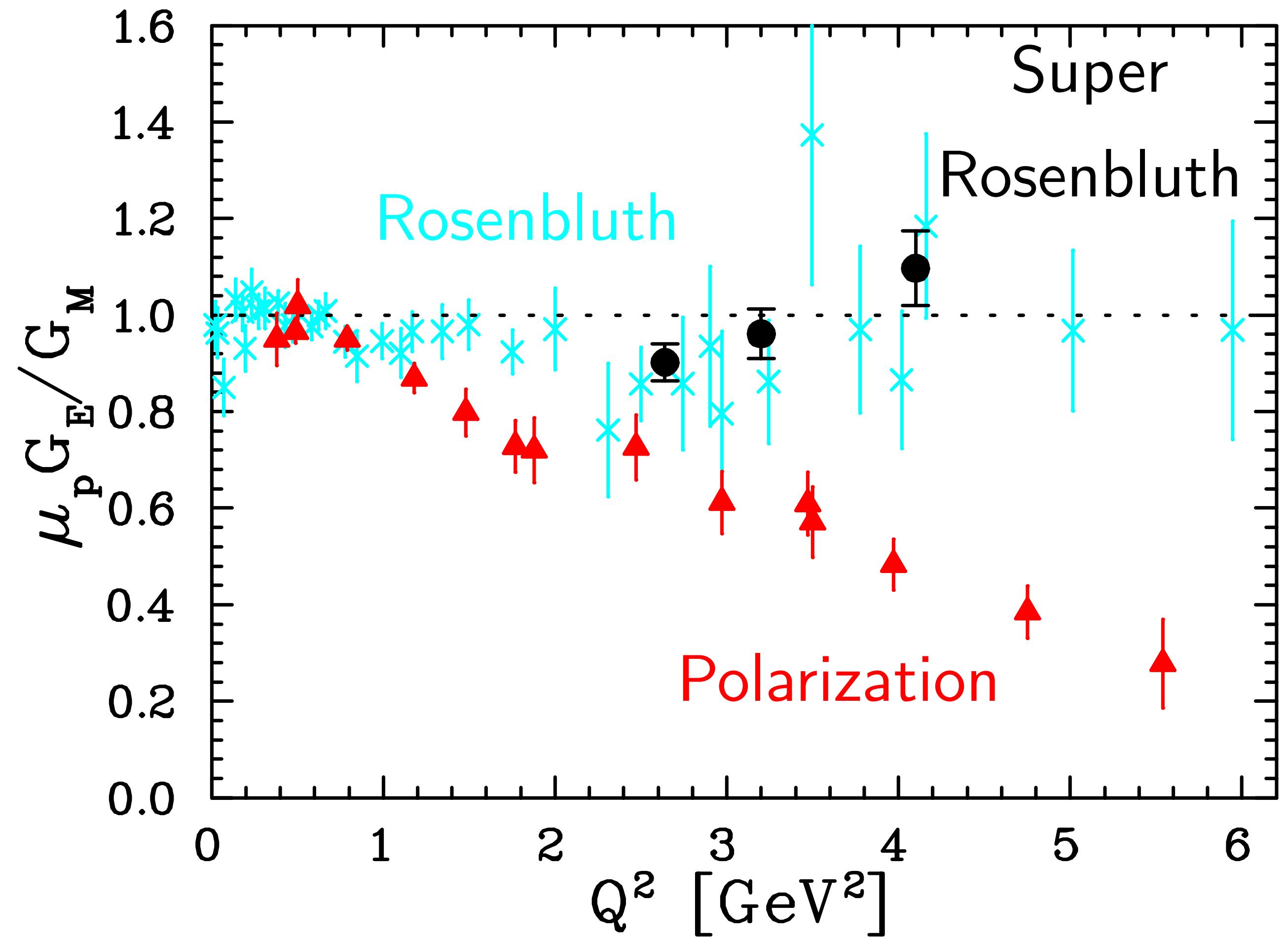
# First measurement of $e^+/e^-$ ratio from complex nucleus

- Unpolarized  $e^\pm$  beams on nuclear target
- Coulomb distortion limits choice of  $Z$ 
  - Helium-4 is low  $Z$  and standard target
- Requires high momentum resolution to resolve elastic peak
- Complementary to measurements of  $A_n$  from nuclei



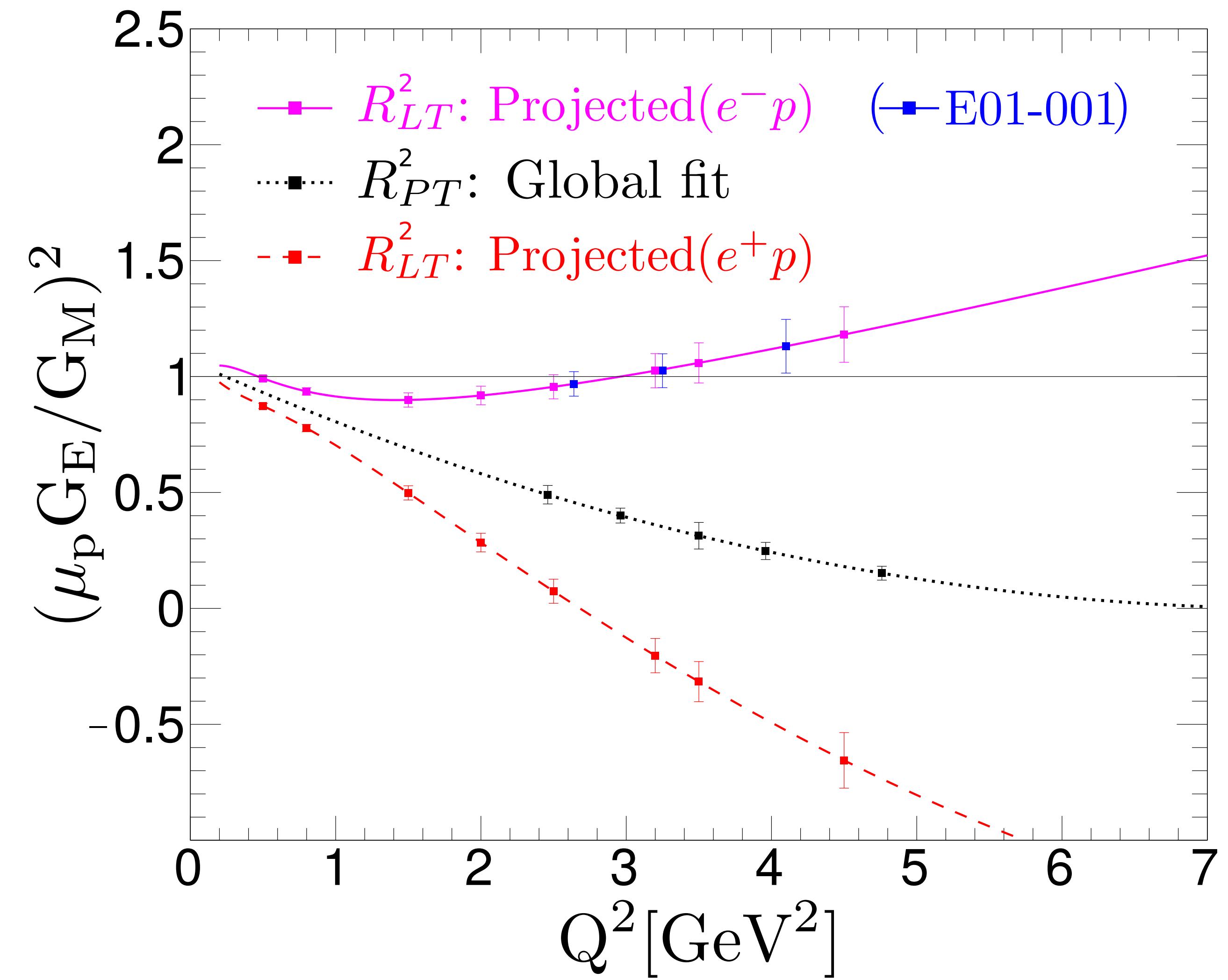
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- Requires 35 days of running
- Simultaneous positron and electron measurements would show bias caused by TPE



# Summary and outlook

- TPE could explain discrepancy in measurements of  $\mu_p G_E/G_M$
- Current theory seems inadequate to fully explain existing TPE measurements
- A positron source at Jefferson Lab would allow a variety of new TPE measurements
- Select measurement[s] from White Paper to evolve into official proposal