

# Two-Photon Exchange Measurements with Positron Beams

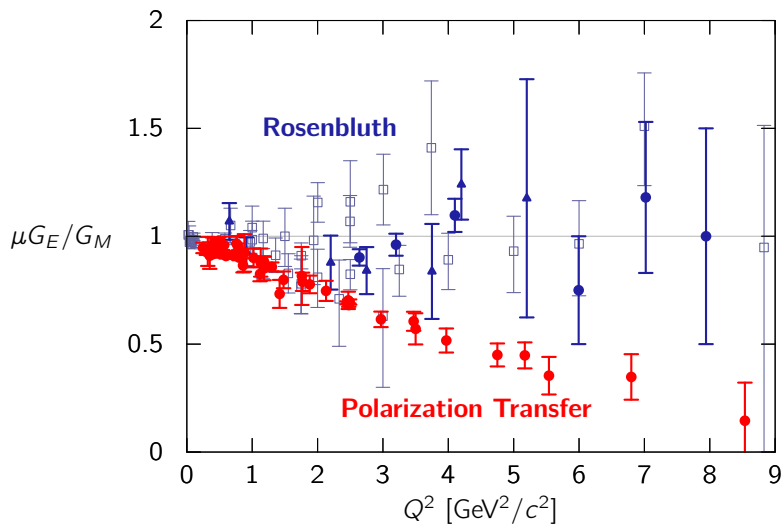
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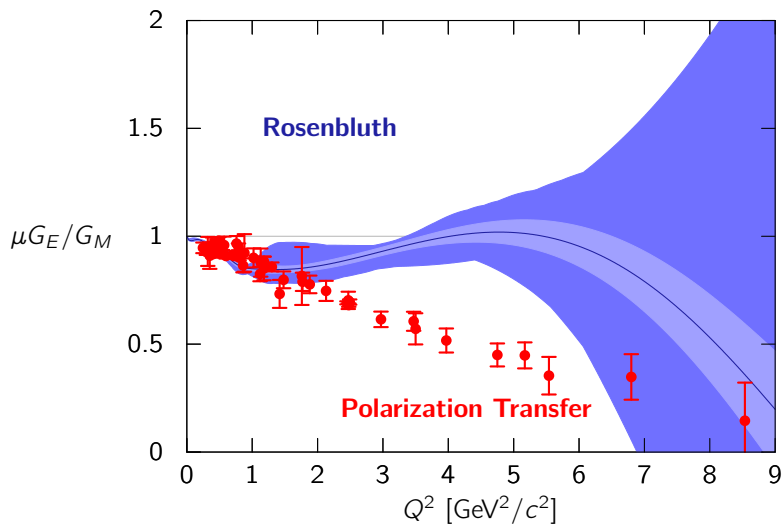
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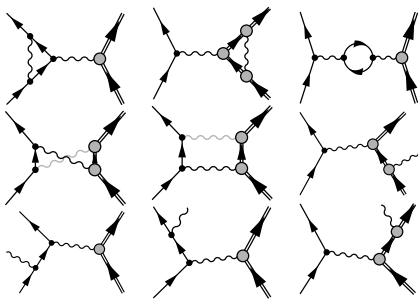


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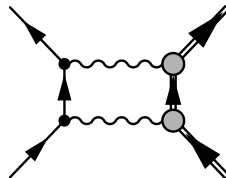


The one “missing” radiative correction is hard two-photon exchange.

The standard set



Hard two-photon exchange





TPE produces an asymmetry between electron and positron scattering.

$$\mathcal{M} = \text{[tree-level diagram]} + \text{[loop diagram]} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^3)$$

$$\sigma \approx |\mathcal{M}|^2 = \left| \text{[tree-level diagram]} \right|^2 \pm 2\text{Re} \left[ \text{[tree-level diagram]} \text{[loop diagram]} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^4)$$

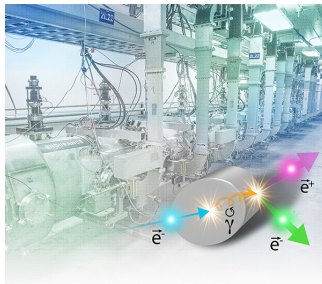
# The current status:

- Hard TPE is difficult to calculate.
- Recent experiments did not settle the issue.
- No current facility has GeV-scale positrons.
- Form Factor discrepancy is uncomfortable as we embark on 3D tomography.

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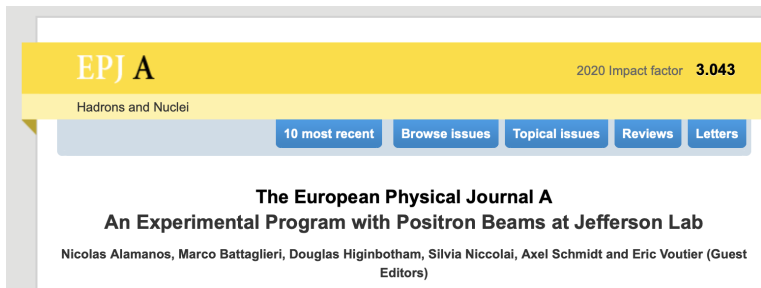
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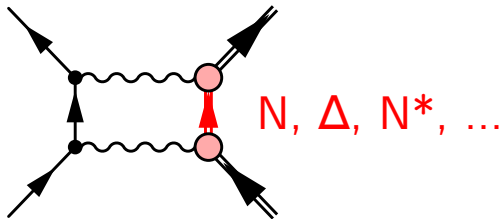
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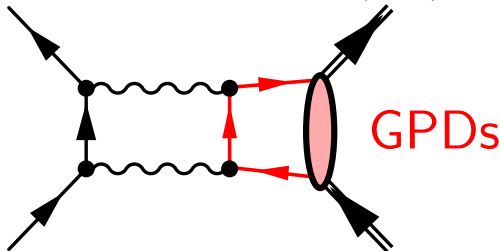
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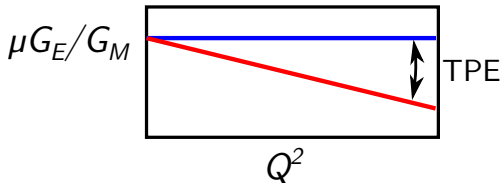
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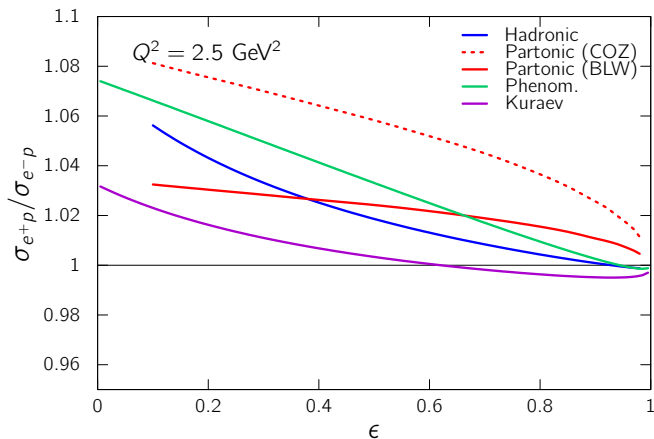
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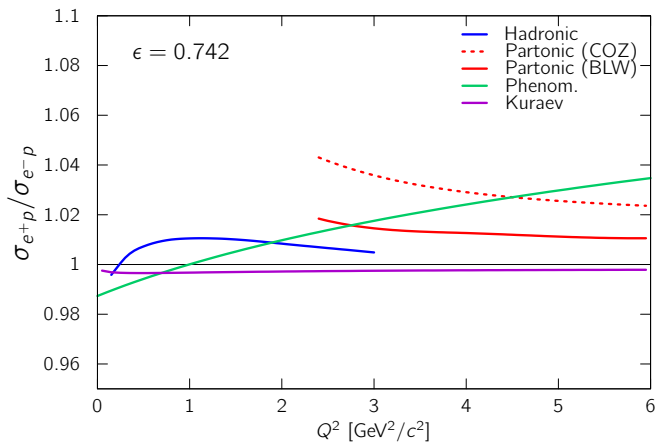
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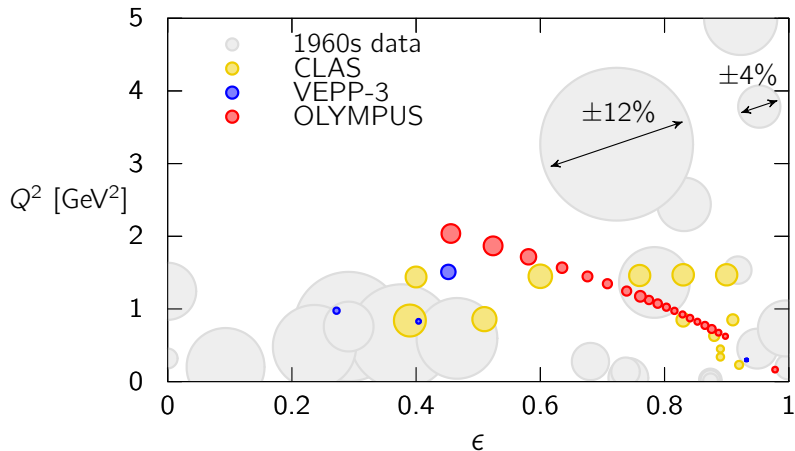
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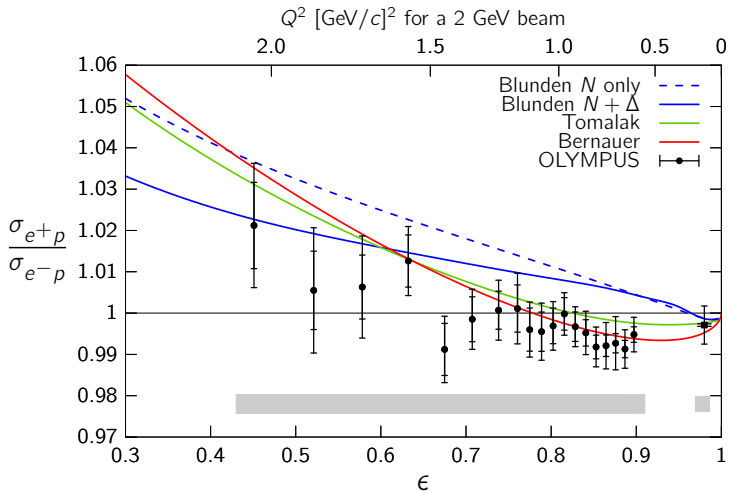
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# Three recent experiments measured hard TPE.



# OLYMPUS observed a small TPE effect.



Henderson et al., PRL 118, 092501 (2017)

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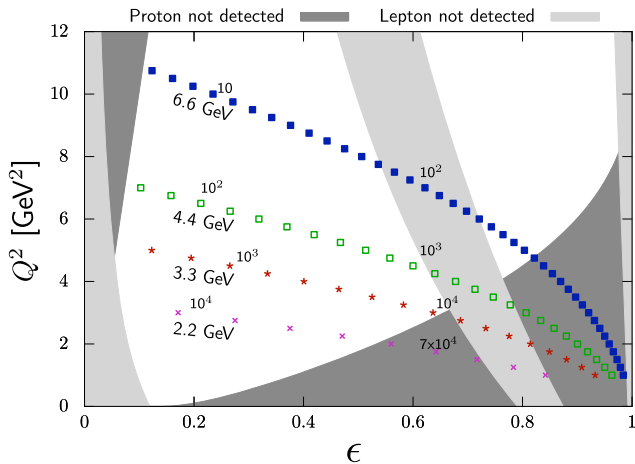
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Two-photon exchange

See C. Munoz Camacho's talk from Friday

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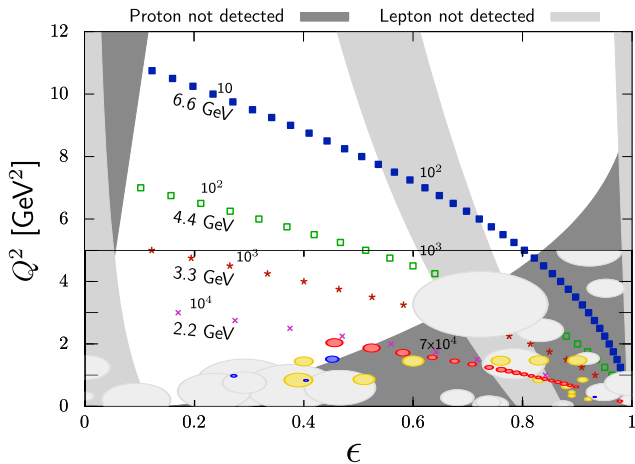
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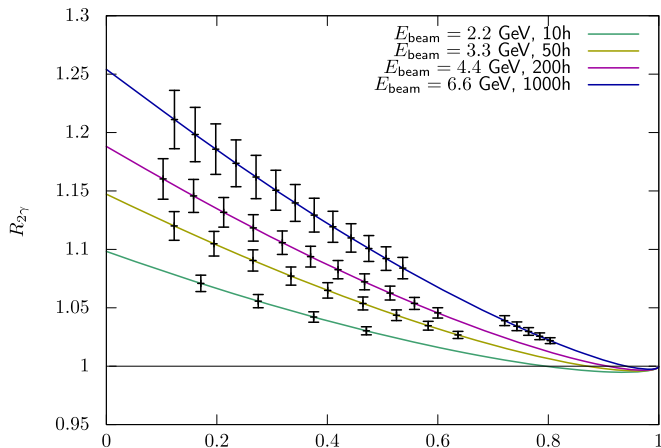


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# New observables provide independent constraints.

Additional TPE Form Factors:  $\delta\tilde{G}_E$ ,  $\delta\tilde{G}_M$ ,  $\delta\tilde{F}_3$

- Cross section:

$$\sigma_R = G_M^2 + \frac{\epsilon}{\tau} G_E^2 + 2G_M \text{Re} \left( \delta\tilde{G}_M + \frac{\epsilon\nu}{M^2} \tilde{F}_3 \right) + 2\frac{\epsilon}{\tau} G_E \text{Re} \left( \delta\tilde{G}_E + \frac{\epsilon\nu}{M^2} \tilde{F}_3 \right) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^4)$$

- Polarization Transfer:  $\frac{P_t}{P_l} =$

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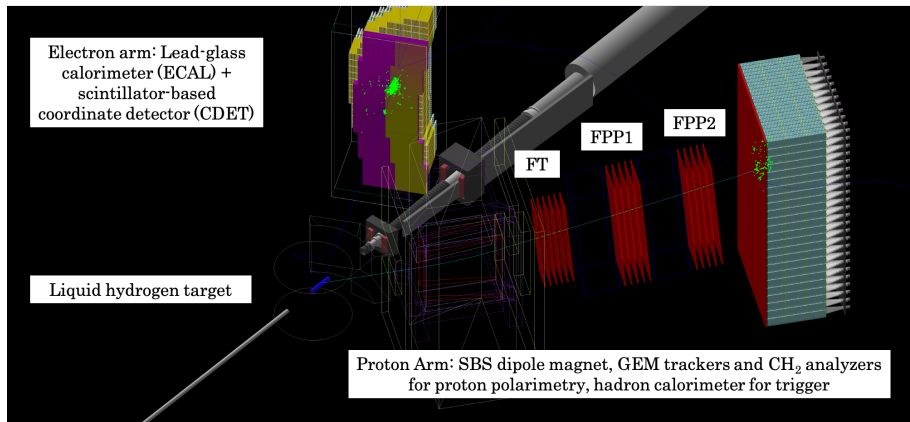
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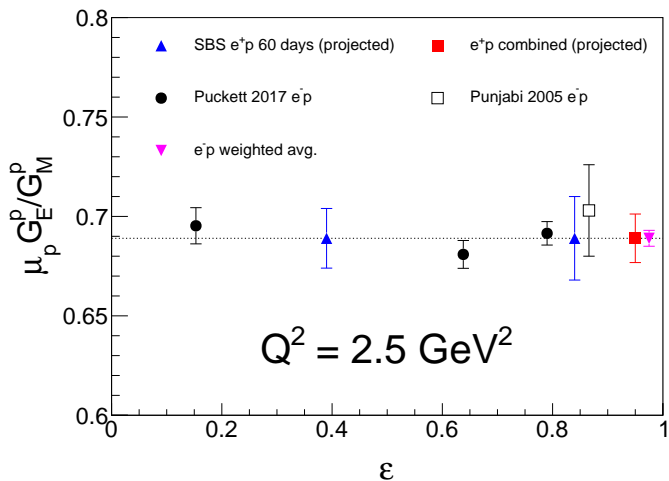
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With Super BigBite, even  $e^+$  polarization transfer would be feasible.

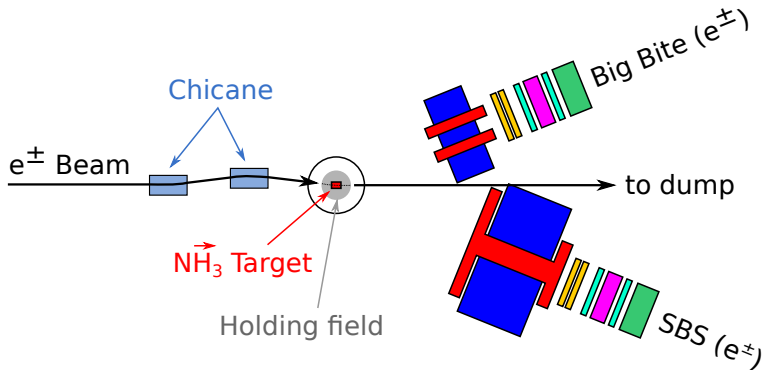


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$e^+$  and  $e^-$  measurements can prove if  $\epsilon$ -dependence comes from TPE.

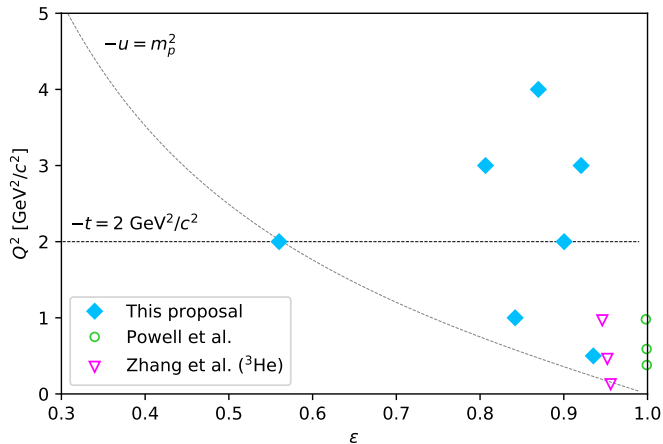


A transversely polarized proton target would reveal the imaginary part of the TPE amplitude.

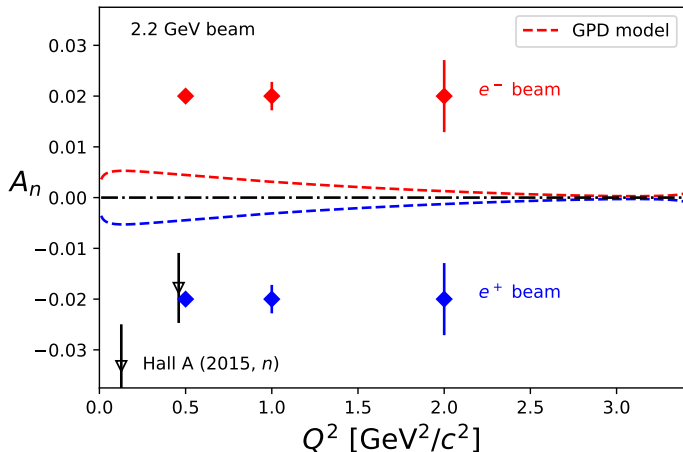


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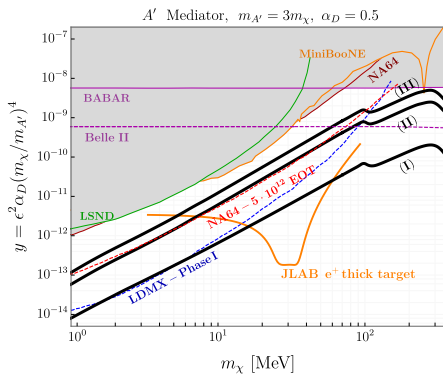
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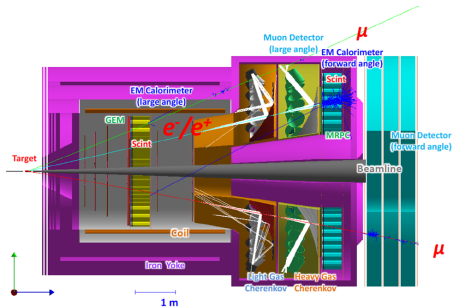
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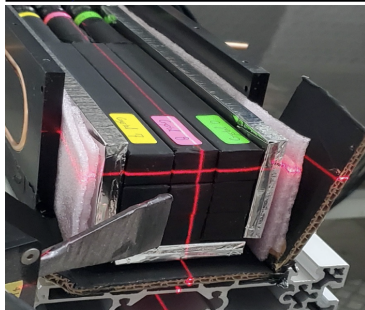
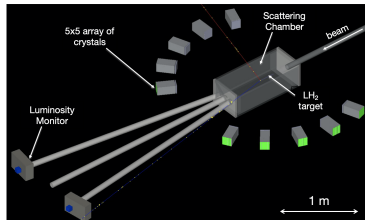
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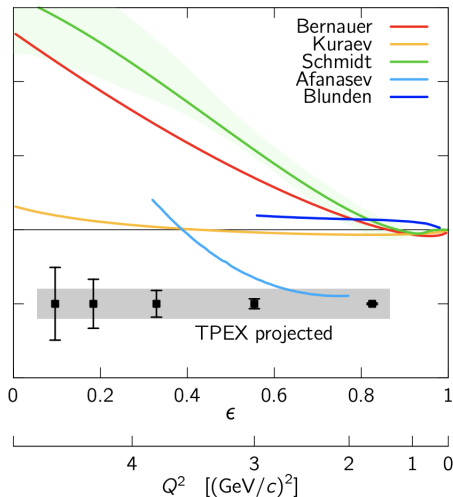
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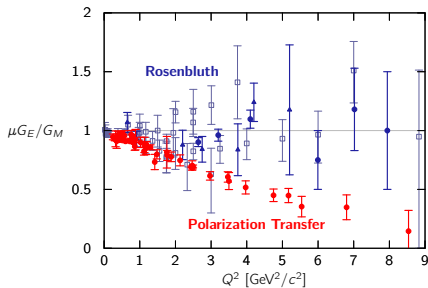
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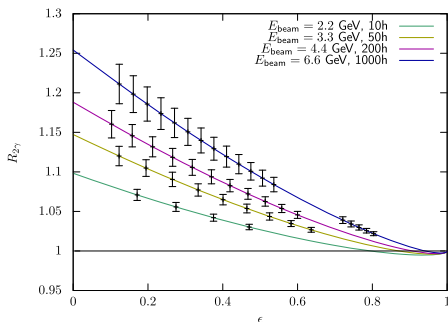
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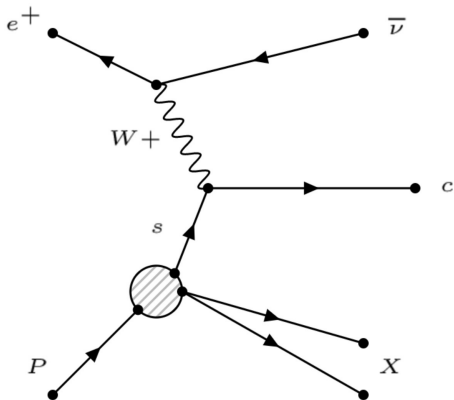
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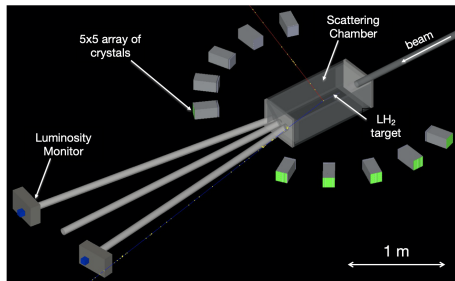
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- TPEX at DESY makes use of existing infrastructure.



# Conclusions:

- The proton form factor discrepancy is uncomfortable, both for high- $Q^2$  form factors and for the upcoming campaign to map 3D nucleon structure.
- The most interesting and useful TPE measurements are  $3 \leq Q^2 \leq 5$   $\text{GeV}^2$ , to build a bridge between hadronic and partonic theory models.
- Positrons are becoming an important part of the JLab 12 GeV physics program, for TPE, nucleon structure, and a rich medley of other questions.

Check out the Positron Working Group's white paper:

<https://epja.epj.org/component/toc/?task=topic&id=1430>

## Initiative:

We recommend the allocation of necessary resources to implement high duty-cycle polarized positron beams at CEBAF.

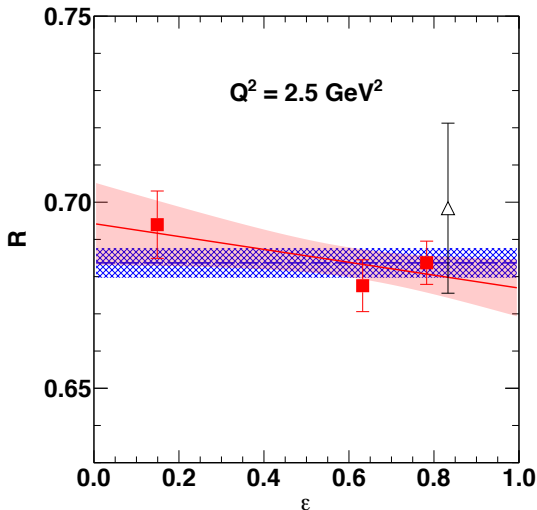
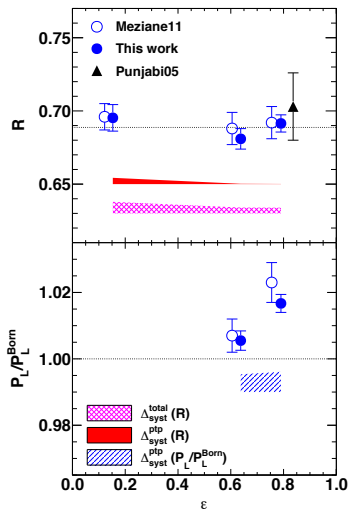
Using the 12 GeV CEBAF and capitalizing on positron source innovations at Jefferson Lab, high duty cycle polarized electron and positron beams, together with the outstanding capabilities of Jefferson Lab detectors, will enable a unique science program at the luminosity and precision frontier. It will comprise the mapping of two-photon exchange effects as well as essential measurements of the 3D structure of hadrons. It will also offer new opportunities to investigate electroweak physics and physics beyond the standard model.

Back Up

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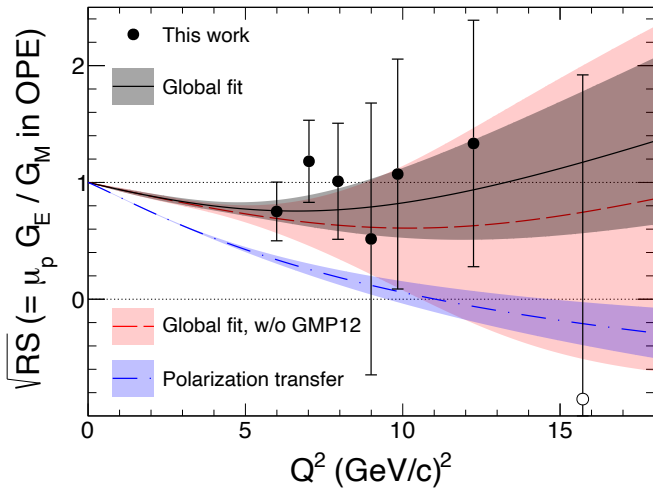
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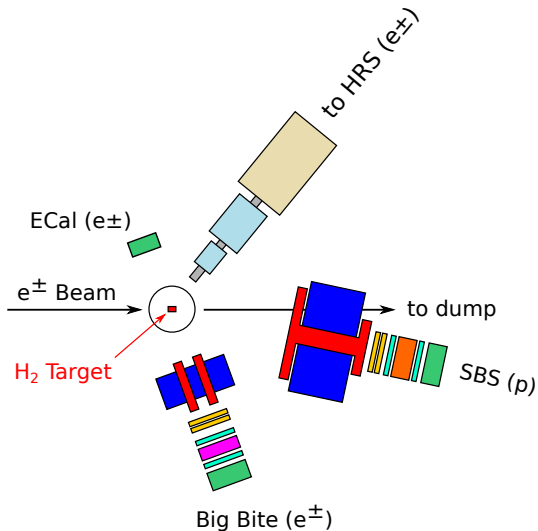
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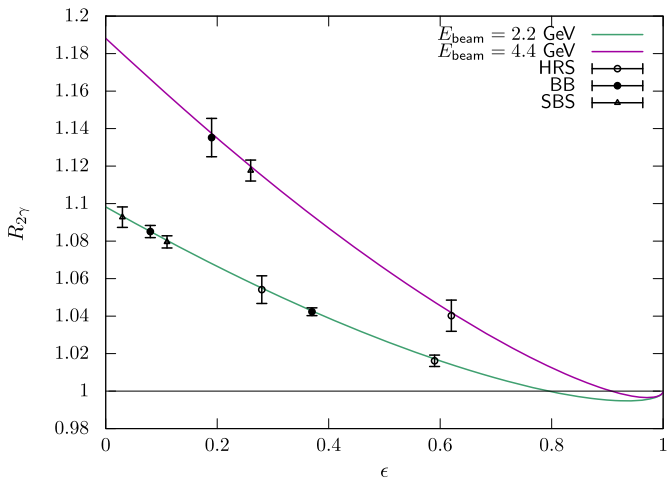
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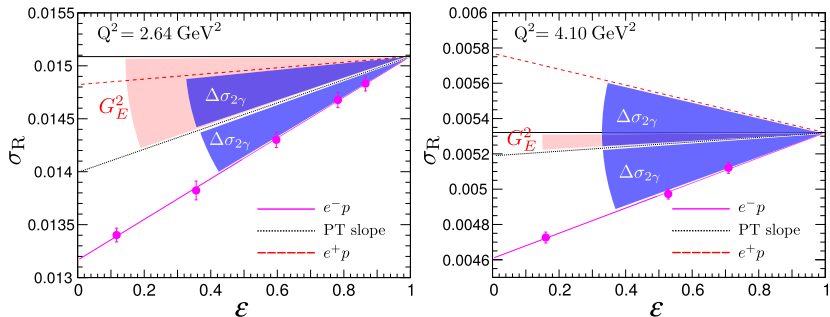


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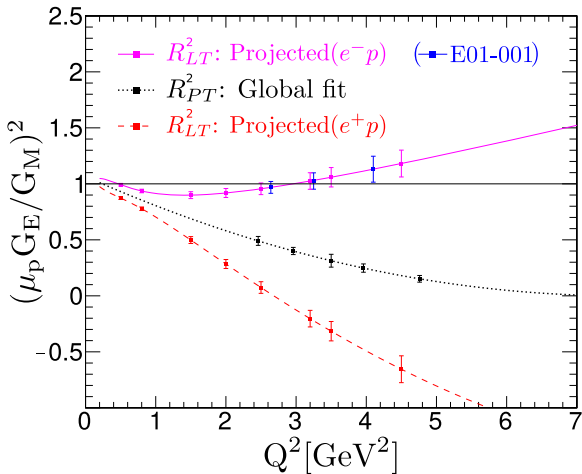
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