

Investigating proton form-factors with initial-state radiation

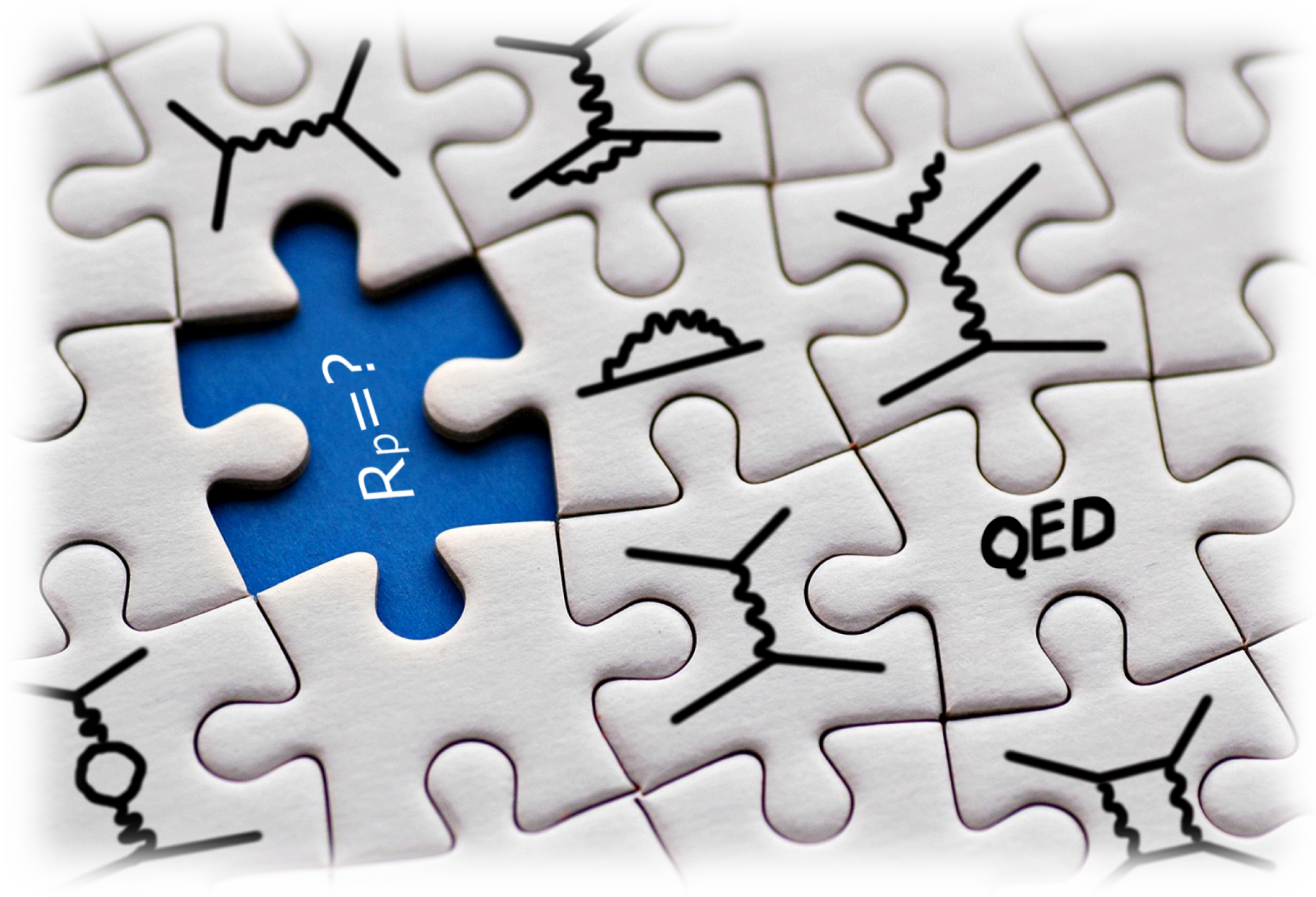
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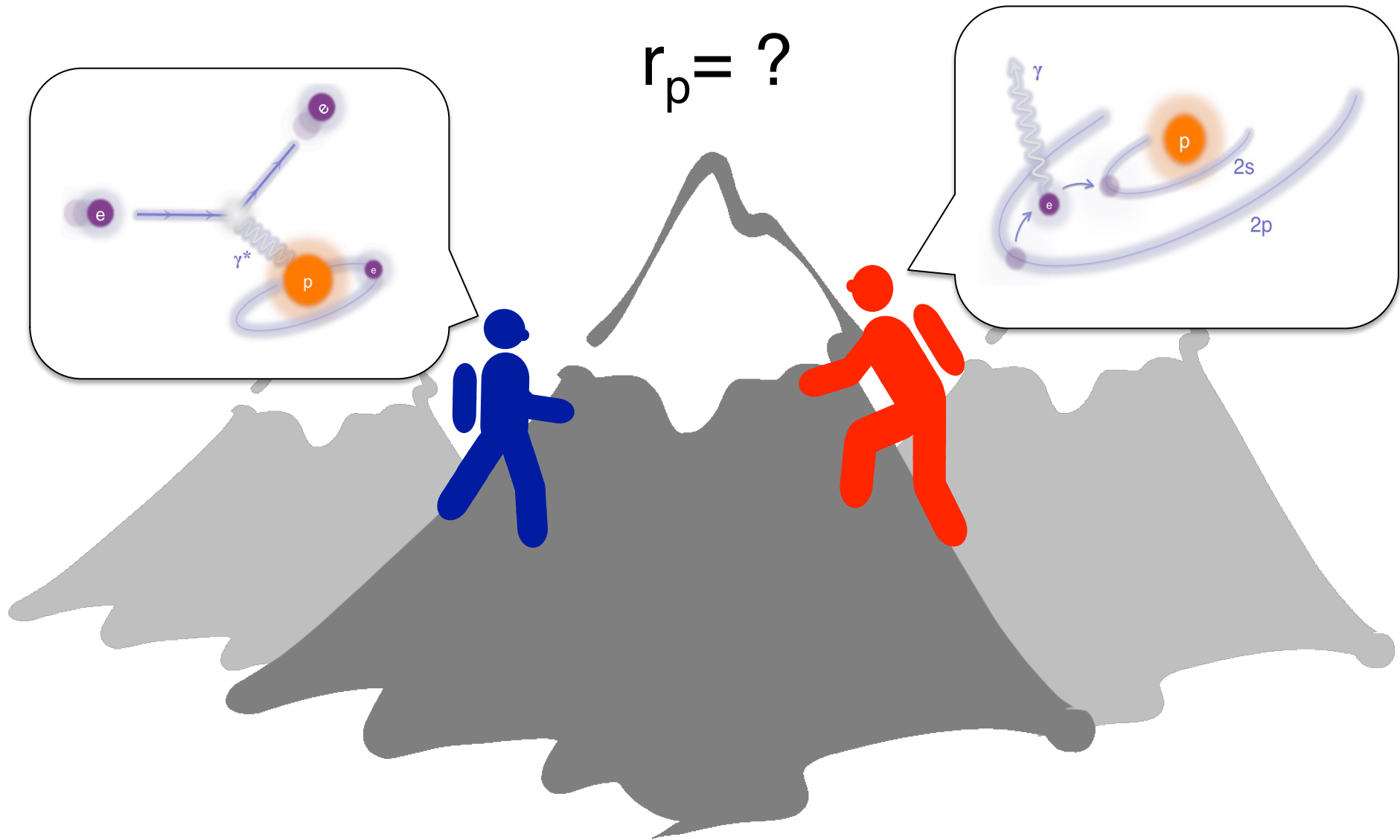
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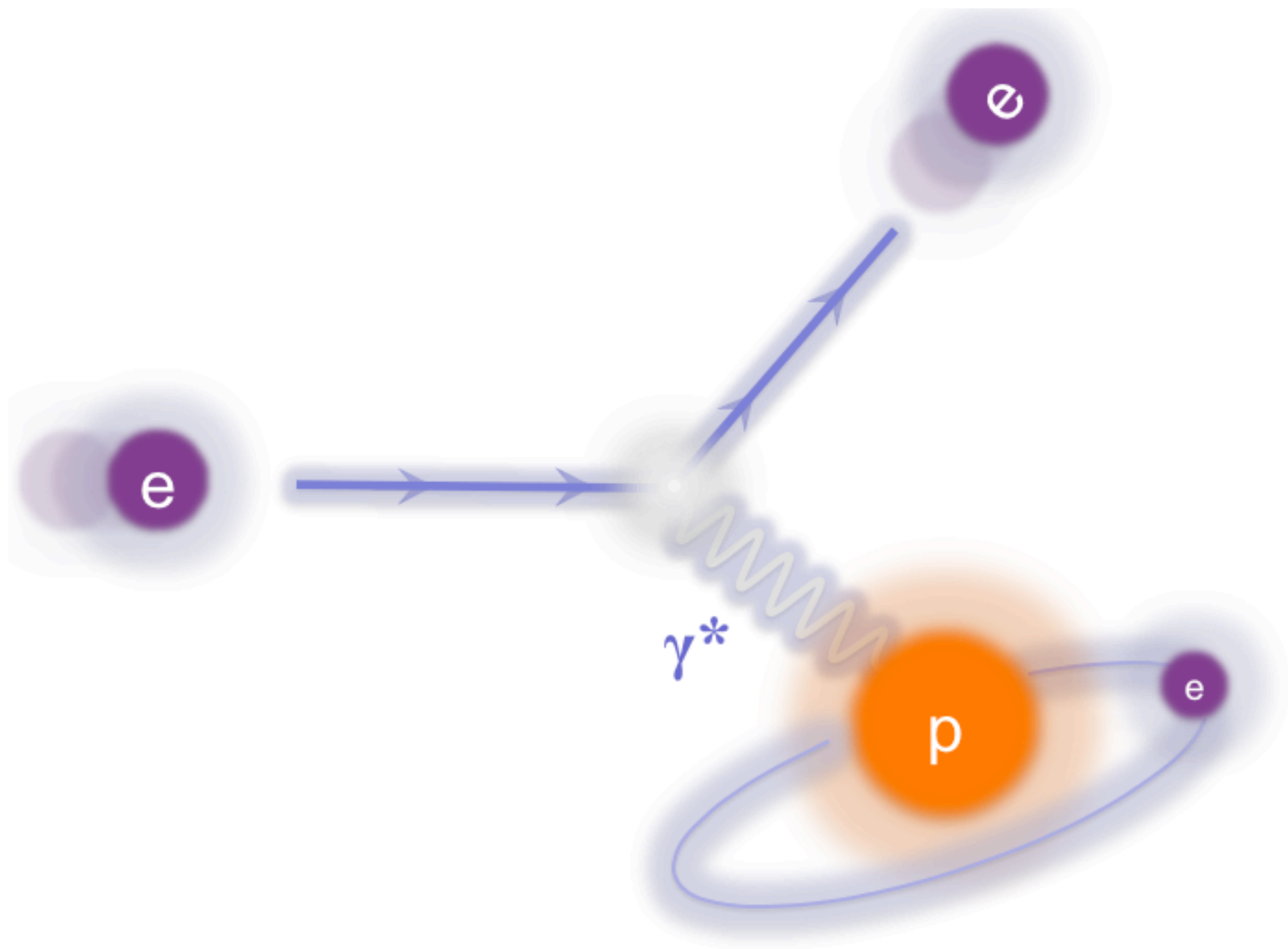


The Radius Puzzle

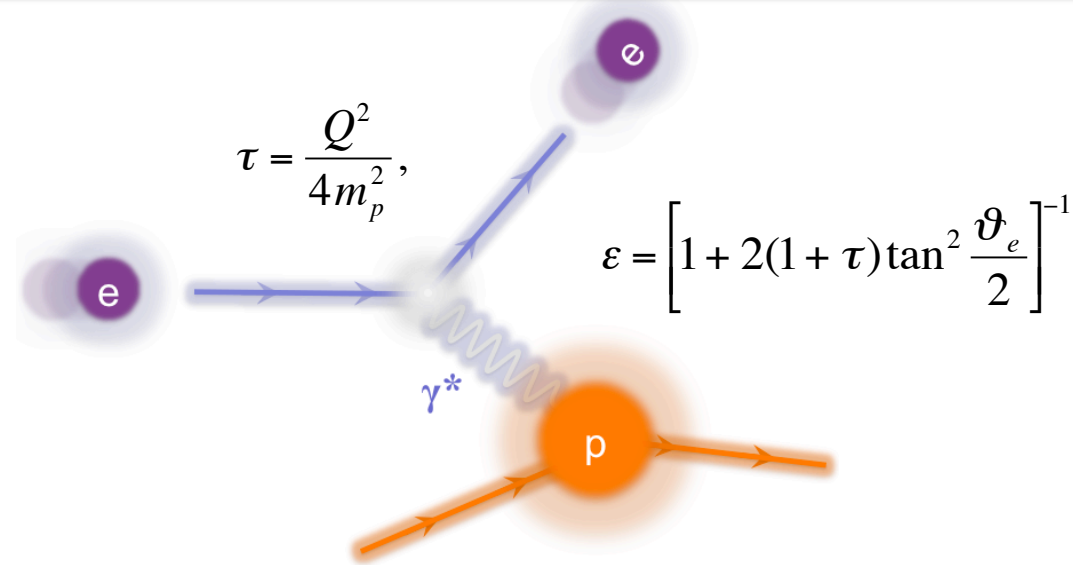


Two ways of climbing the mountain





Radius via Cross-section measurement

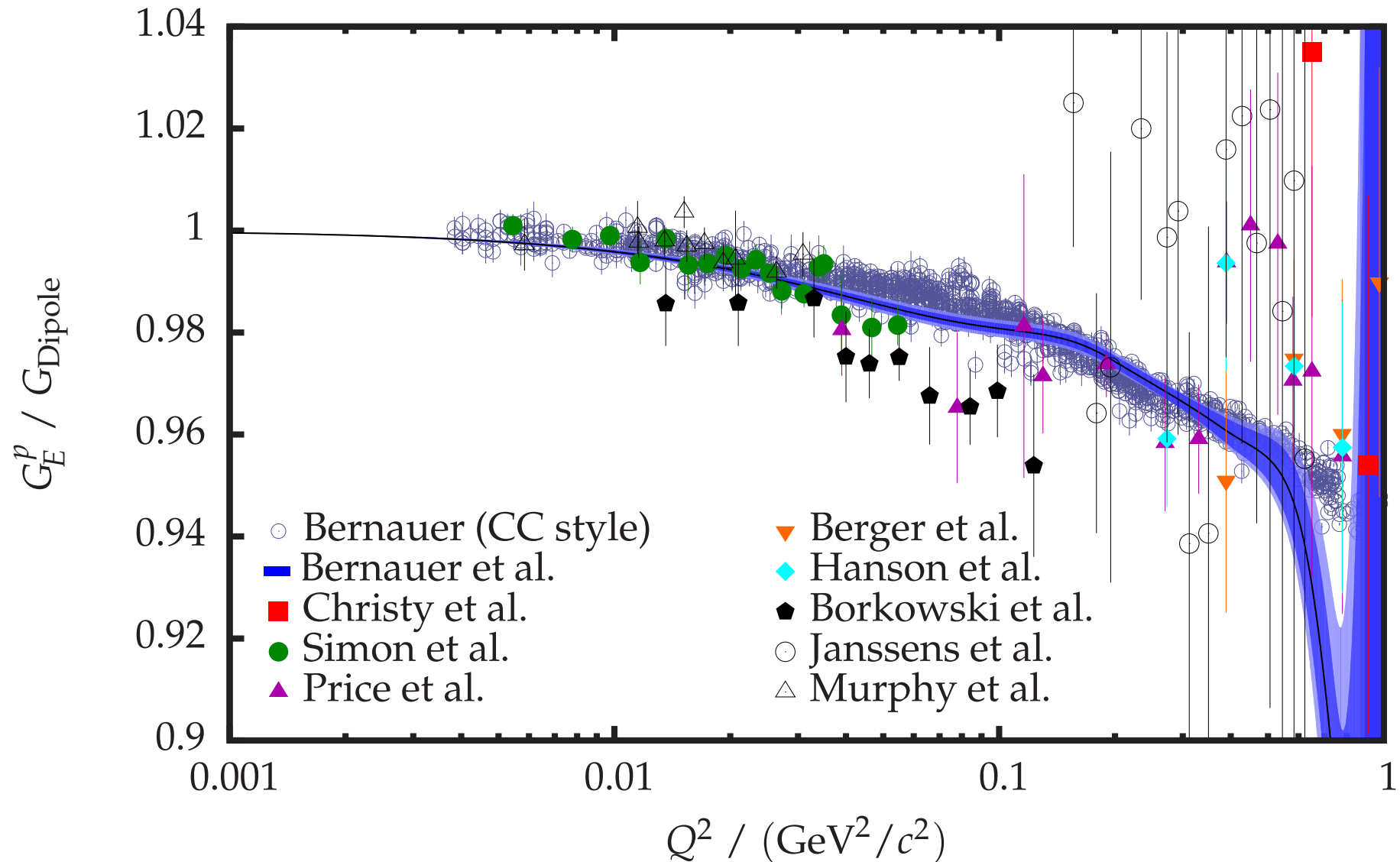


$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{Mott} \frac{1}{1 + \tau} \left[G_E^2(Q^2) + \frac{\tau}{\varepsilon} G_M^2(Q^2) \right]$$

- Extraction of FF via Rosenbluth Separation.
- Best estimate for radius:

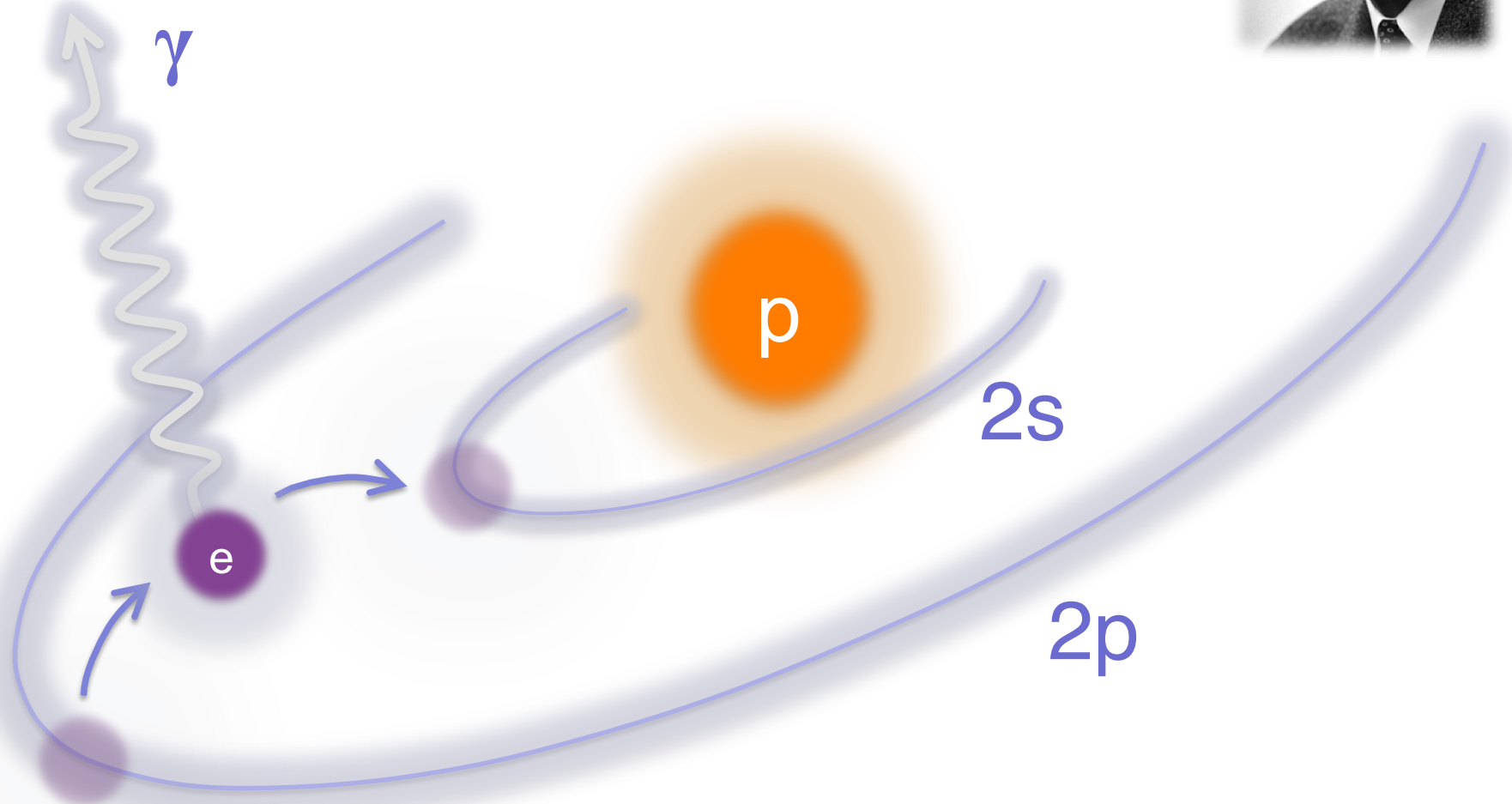
$$r_E^2 = -6\hbar^2 \frac{d}{dQ^2} G_E(Q^2) \Big|_{Q^2=0}$$

Proton's charge form-factor



- Radius from Bernauer's measurements: **$r = (0.879 \pm 0.008) \text{ fm}$**

There is small difference in energy between energy levels $2S_{1/2}$ and $2P_{1/2}$ due to QED vacuum fluctuations.



Lamb shift in Hydrogen

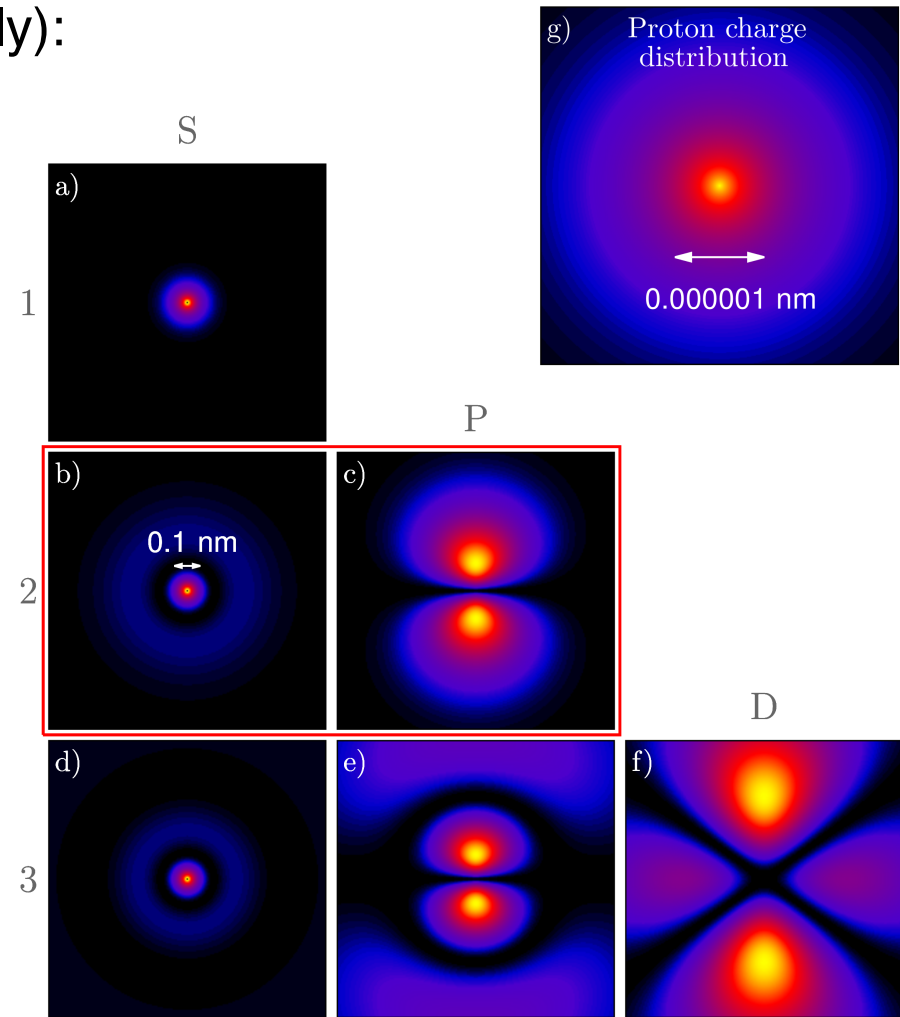
- Change in level energy (approximately):

$$\Delta E_{Lamb}^{nl} \propto |\psi_{nl}(0)|^2$$

$$E(nS) \cong -\frac{R_{\infty}}{n^2} + \frac{\Delta E_{Lamb}^{1S}}{n^3}$$

$$\Delta E_{Lamb}^{1S} \cong (8.172 + 1.56 r_p^2) MHz$$

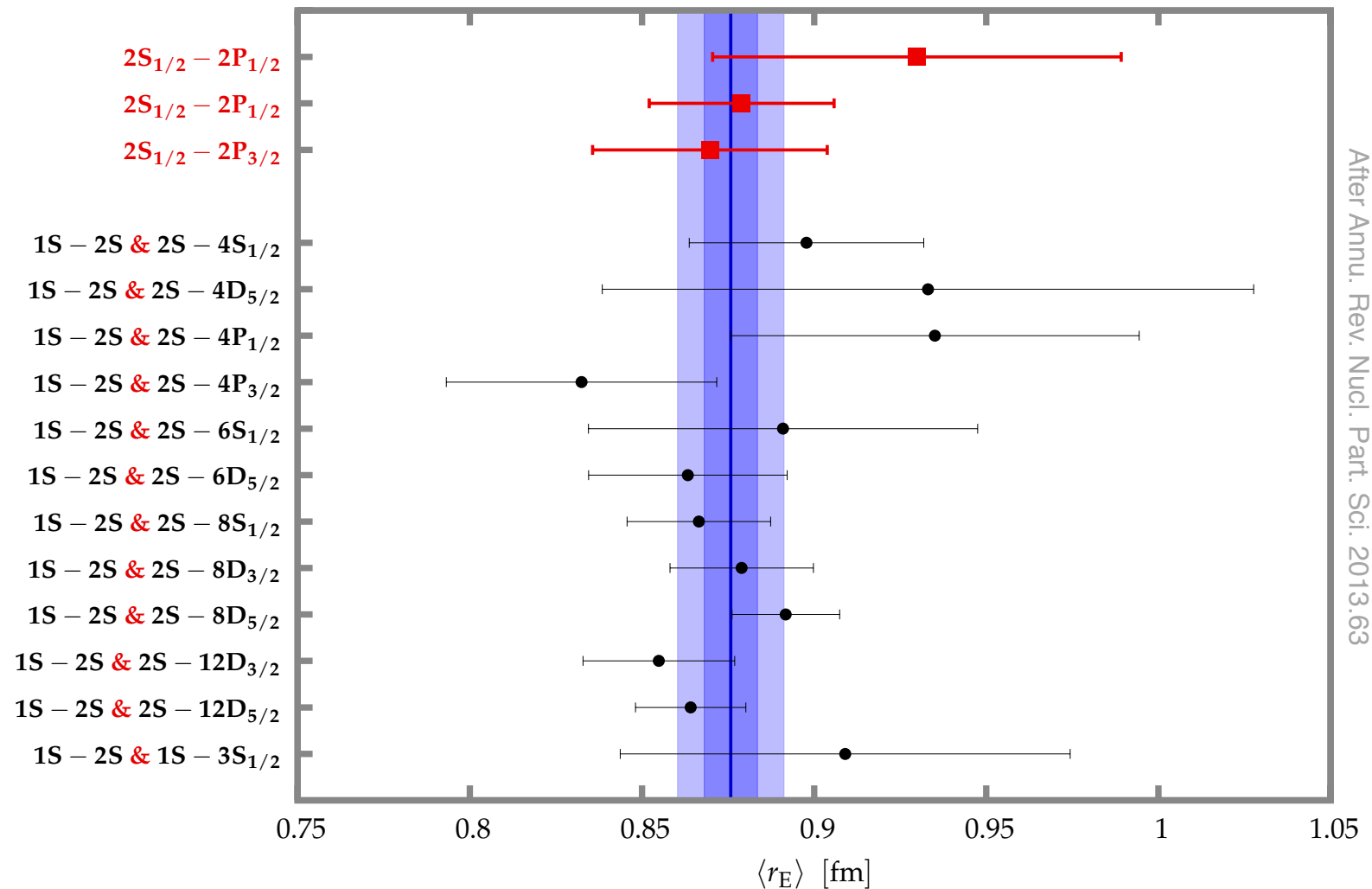
- Significant effect in S-states and only tiny change in P-states.
- The center of the hydrogen atom is not empty. **Proton is here!**
- Different **n-dependence** of the two terms allows the determination of R_{∞} and r_p from at least two different measurements.



Electron probability densities for different states in eH

Spectroscopic measurements

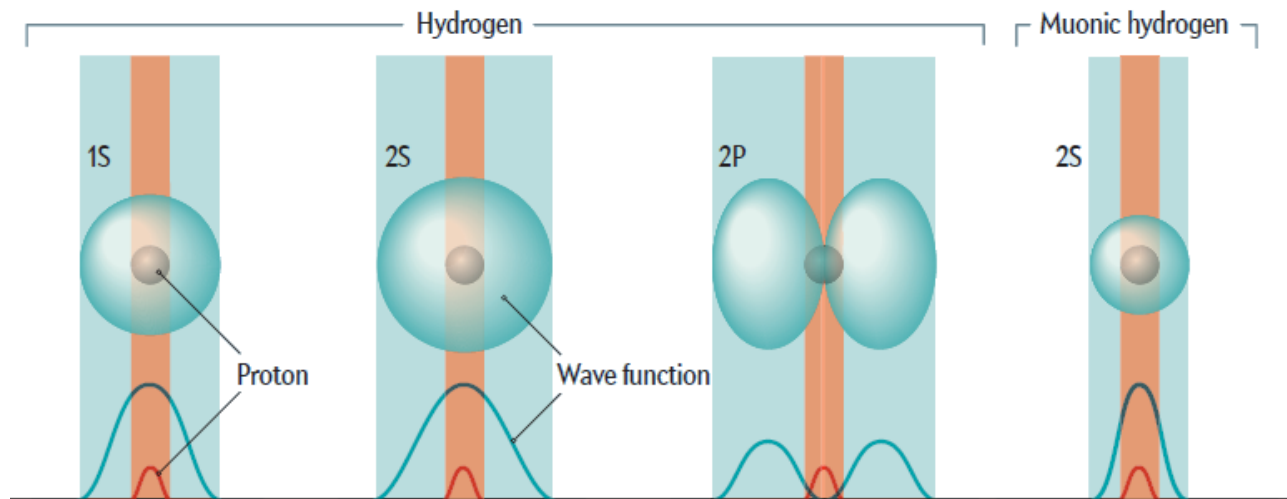
- Direct (RF) and indirect (laser) spectroscopy measurements:



- Radius from spectroscopic measurements: $r = (0.8758 \pm 0.0077) \text{ fm}$

μ H Lamb shift measurements

- Due to larger mass muon much closer to the nucleus, resulting in a more **pronounced Lamb shift effect**.



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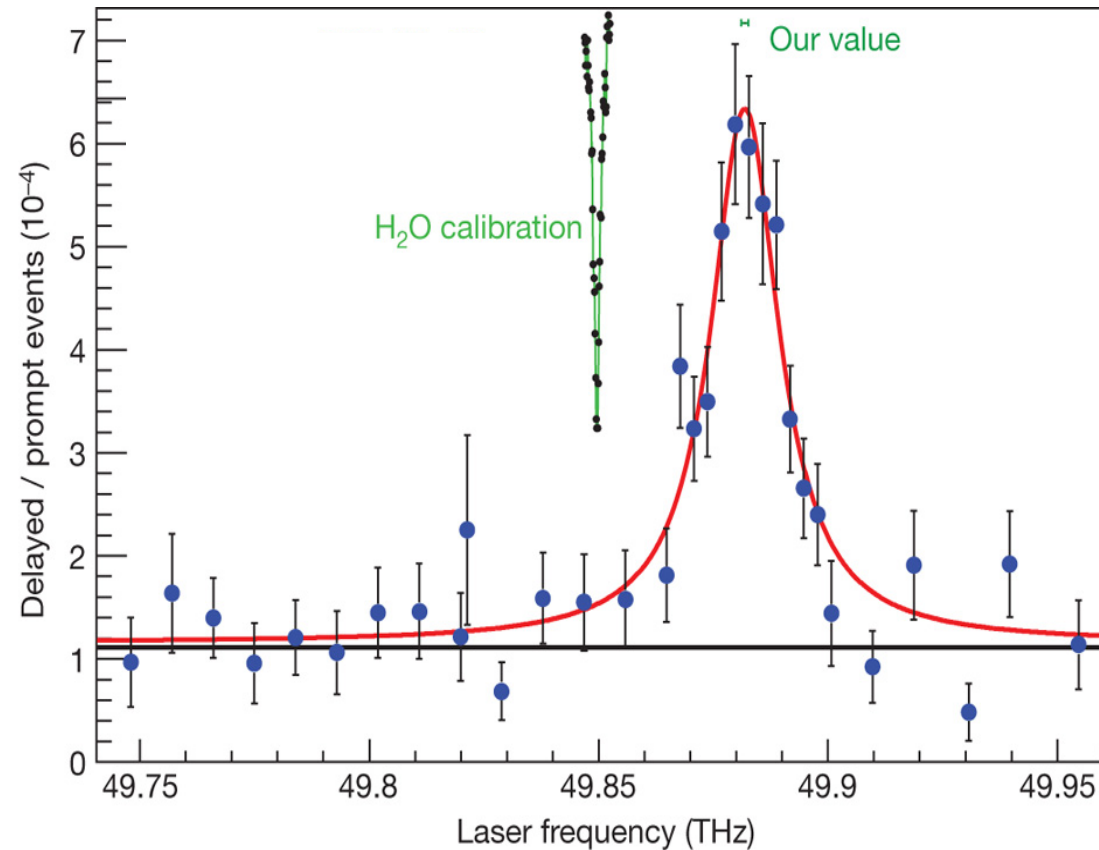
- The largest signal is given by the $2S_{1/2}^{F=1}$ and $2P_{3/2}^{F=2}$ transition.
- The QED calculation predict:

$$\Delta E = 209.9779(49) - 5.2262 r_p^2 + 0.0347 r_p^3 \text{ meV}$$

- Finite size of the proton contributes 1.8% of the energy difference.

CREMA Experiment @ PSI

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The mean position of the peak:

$$f_{2S-2P} = 49881.88(76) \text{ GHz}$$

$$\Delta E = 206.2949(32) \text{ meV}$$

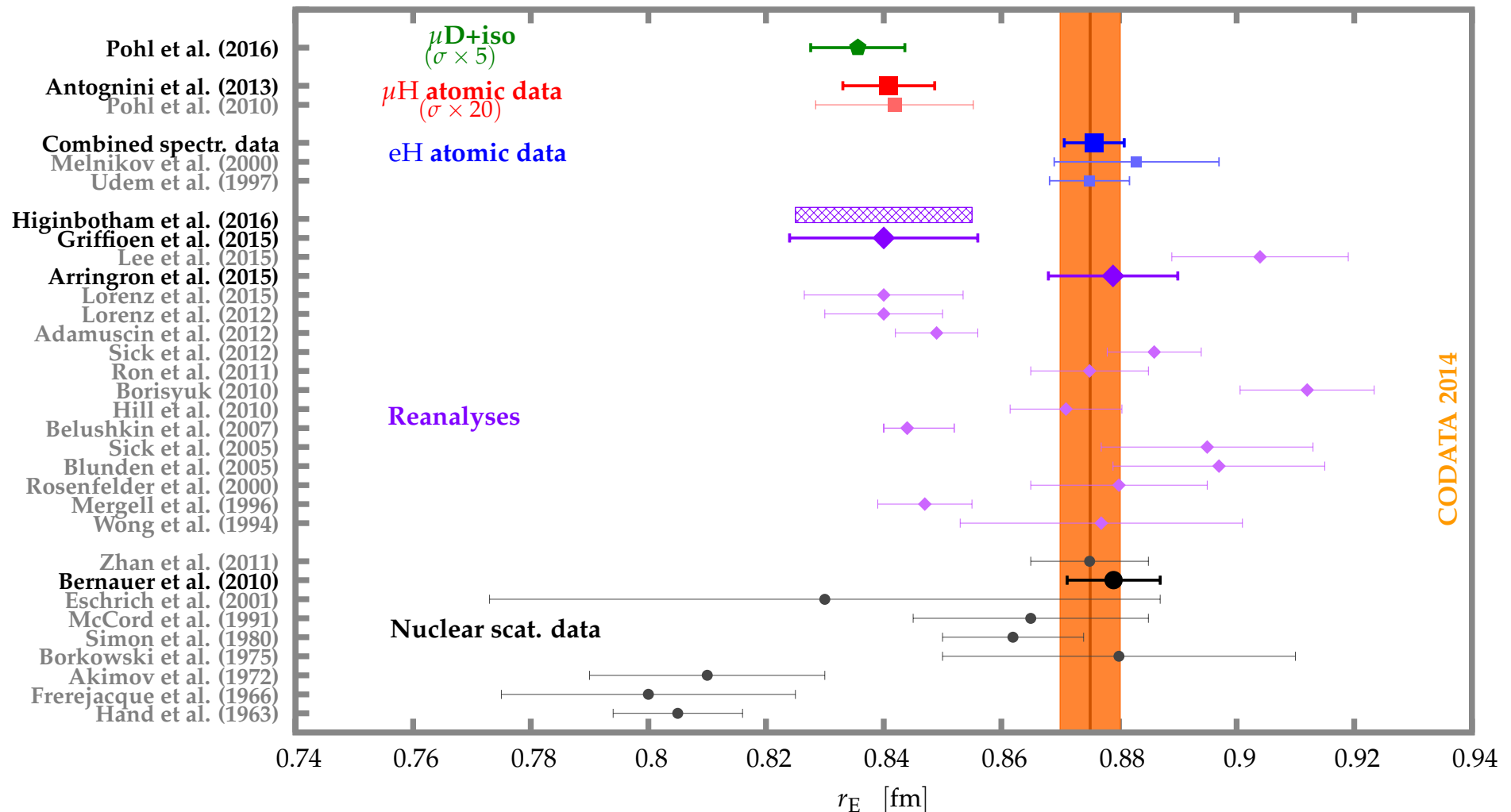


The resulting radius:

$$r_p = 0.84184(36)(56) \text{ fm}$$

The ever changing radius!

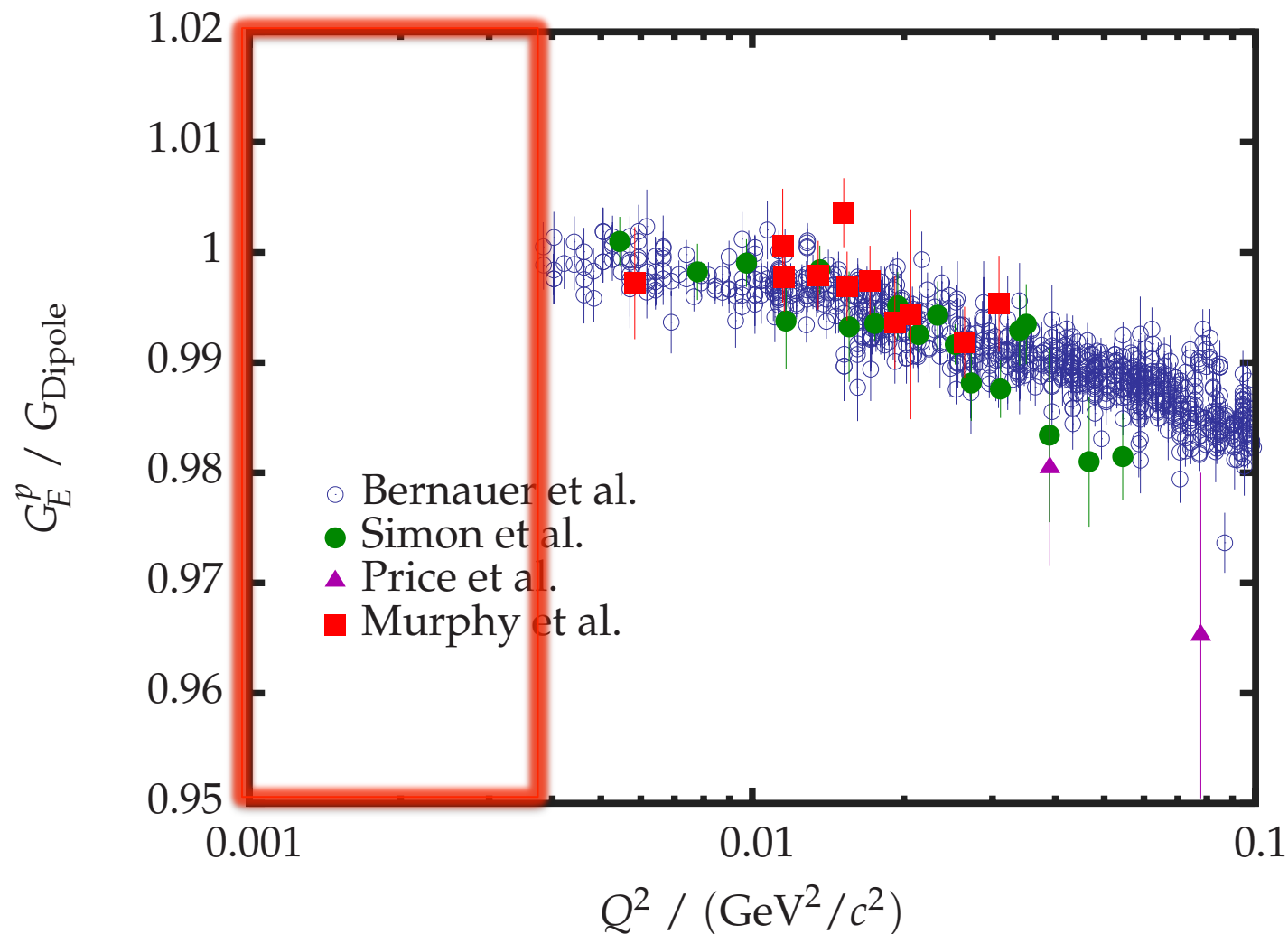
- The 6σ discrepancy in the r_p measurements.



Why is the puzzle so important?

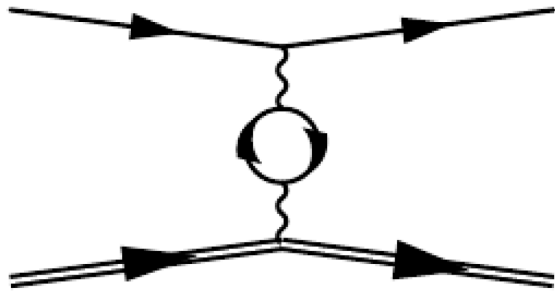
- Knowledge of basic properties of the nucleon.
- The radius is strongly correlated to the Rydberg constant.
- Problems in nuclear scattering data?
- Bringing different interpretations of nuclear scattering data to an agreement.
- Do we understand QED?

Proton's charge form-factor

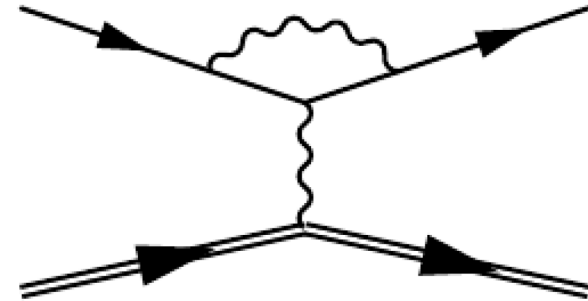


- **Data available only for $Q^2 > 0.004 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$.**
- **Need to avoid extrapolations to zero!**

Relating to Lamb shift measurements



$$\underline{Q_{vac}^2 \geq 4m_e^2 \sim 10^{-6} \text{ GeV}^2}$$

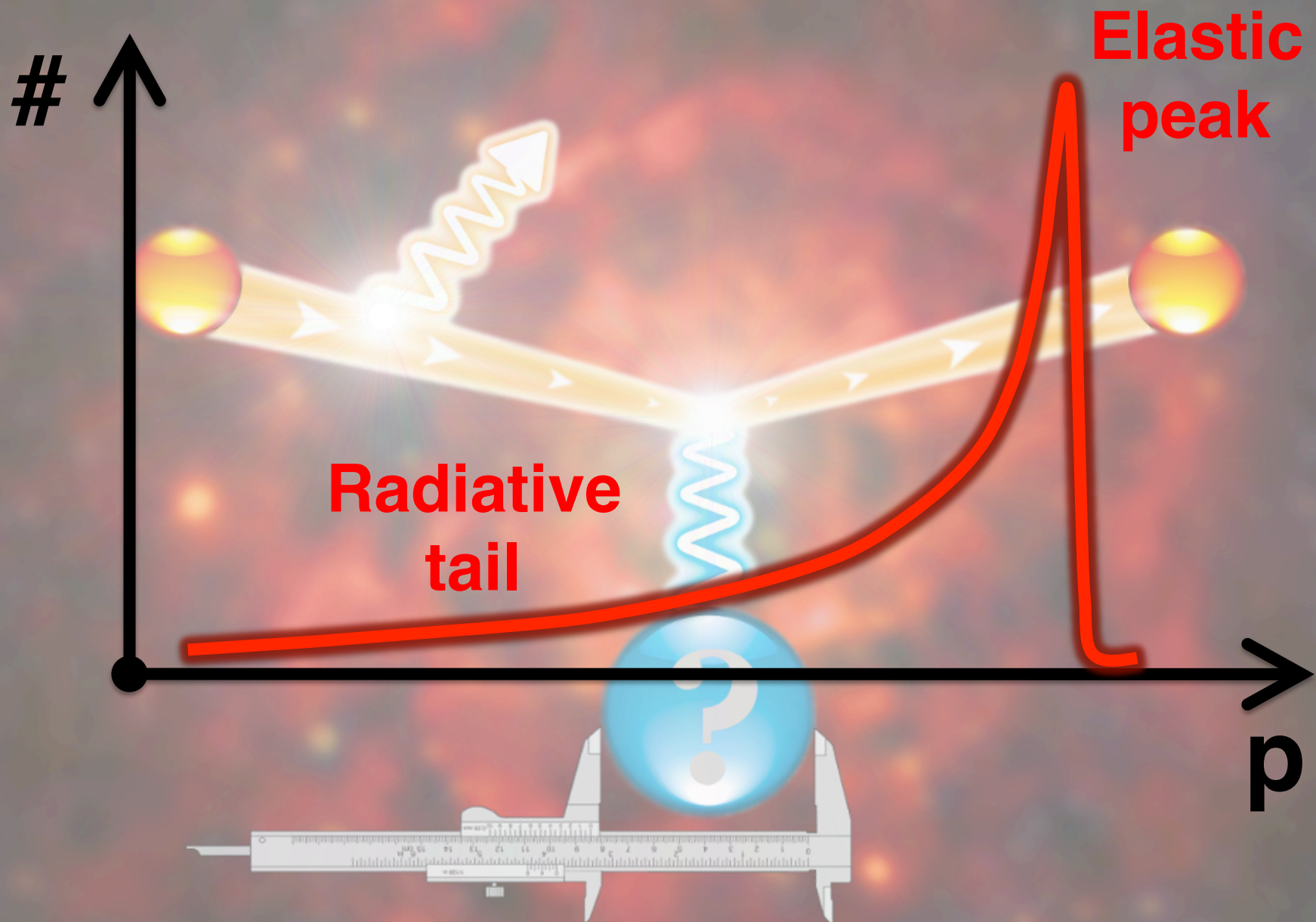


$$Q_{vertex}^2 \geq \frac{\hbar^2}{R_e^2} \sim 10^{-9} \text{ GeV}^2$$

Realistically accessible $Q^2 > 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^2$.

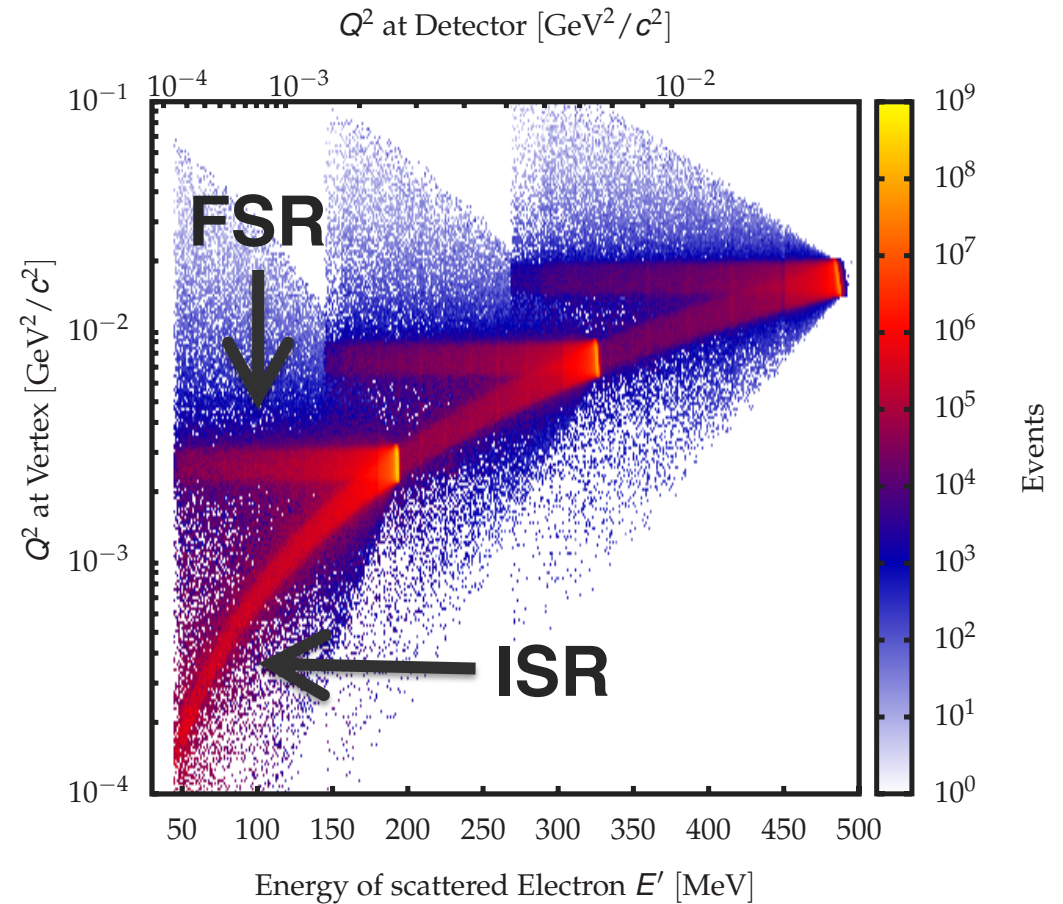
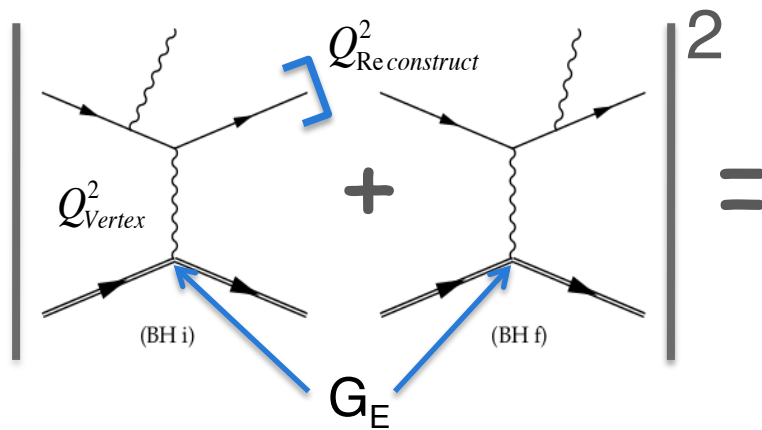
- Region of $Q^2 < 0.004 (\text{GeV})^2$ is extremely hard to reach.
- Kinematic range is **limited by available experimental apparatus**.
- Novel techniques are needed to explore extremely low Q^2 regime.

ISR Experiment at MAMI



Full Simulation

- Dominated by coherent sum of two Bethe-Heitler diagrams.

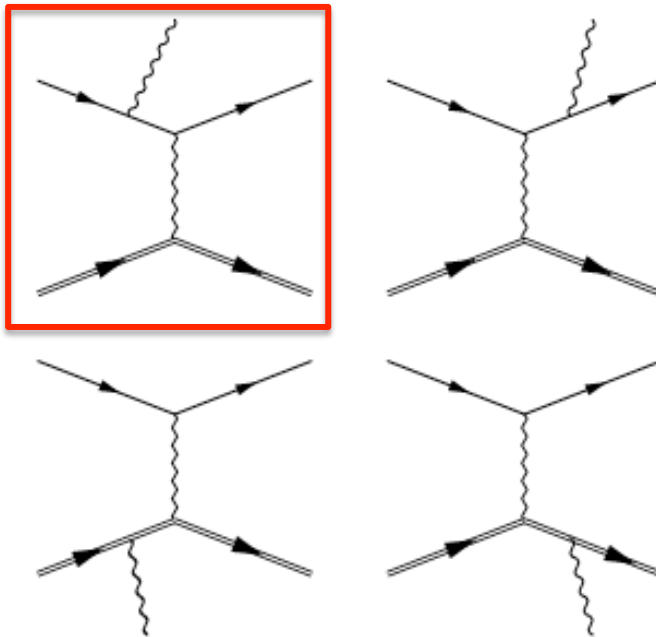


- By comparing data to simulation ISR information can be reached.
- **Measured $\delta\sigma$ linearly proportional to the δG_E between data and model.**

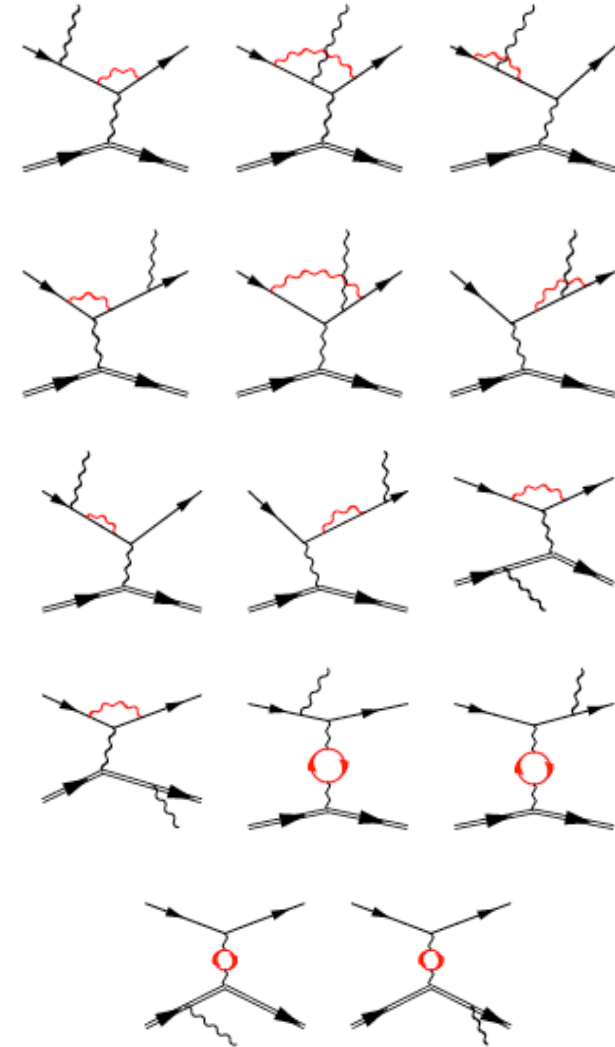
Simul++

- Based on standard A1 framework.
- Detailed description of apparatus.
- Exact calculation of the leading order diagrams:

ISR



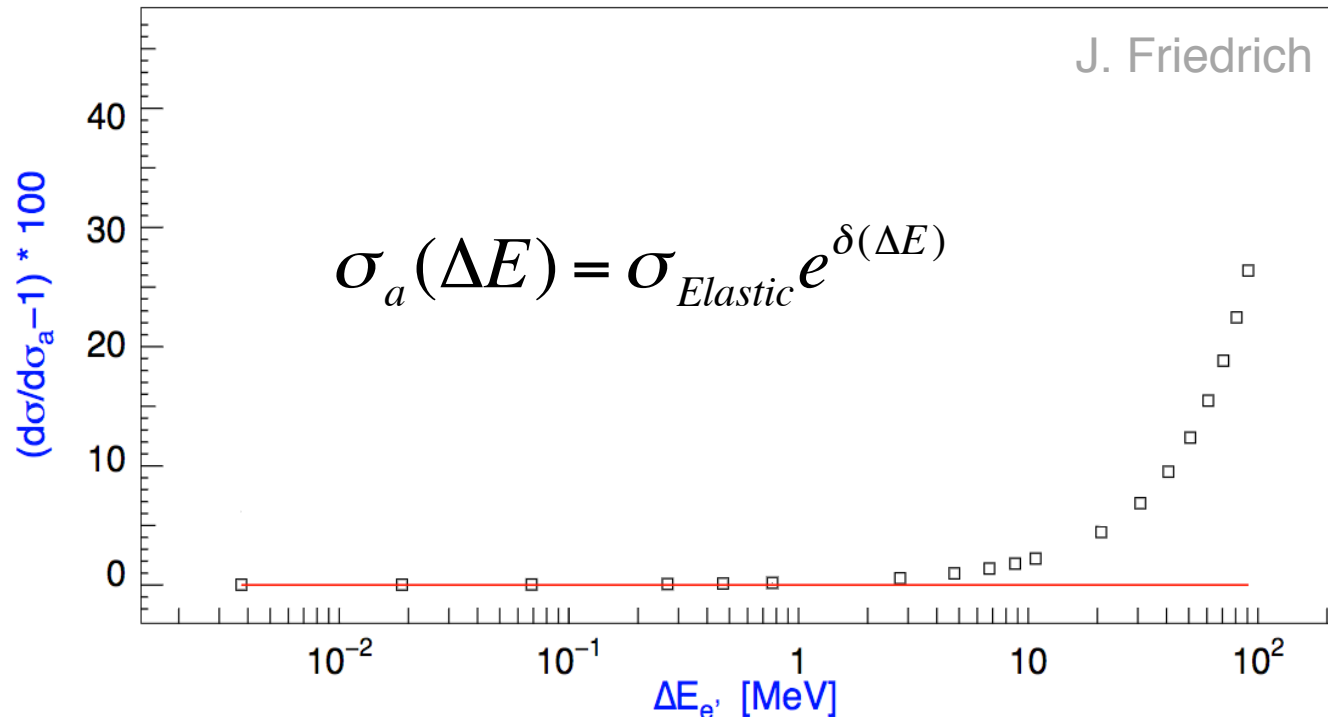
- The NL-order **virtual and real** corrections included via effective corrections to the cross-section.



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Going beyond peaking approximation

- Traditional peaking approximations insufficient for such experiment.



- Secondary objective:** Measurements at higher Q^2 for validating the radiative corrections in a region, where FFs are well known.

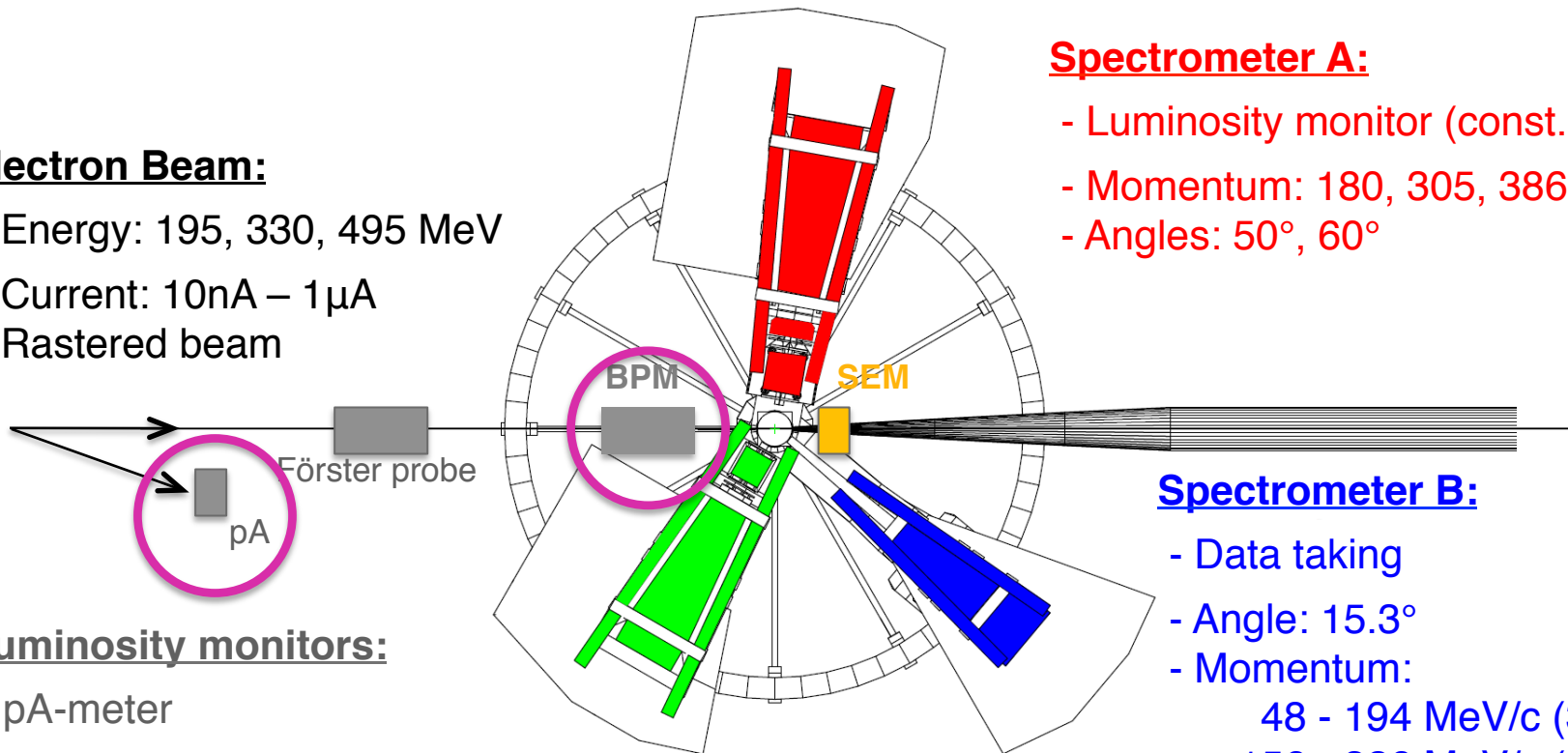
Important for experiments, e.g. VCS, which require high-precision knowledge of the radiative corrections.

The ISR experiment

- Full experiment done in August 2013. Four weeks of data taking.

Electron Beam:

- Energy: 195, 330, 495 MeV
- Current: 10nA – 1μA
- Rastered beam



Luminosity monitors:

- pA-meter
- Förster probe
- SEM

Spectrometer A:

- Luminosity monitor (const. setting)
- Momentum: 180, 305, 386 MeV/c
- Angles: 50°, 60°

Spectrometer B:

- Data taking
- Angle: 15.3°
- Momentum:
 - 48 - 194 MeV/c (35 setups)
 - 156 - 326 MeV/c (12 setups)
 - 289 - 486 MeV/c (9 setups)

Spectrometer C:

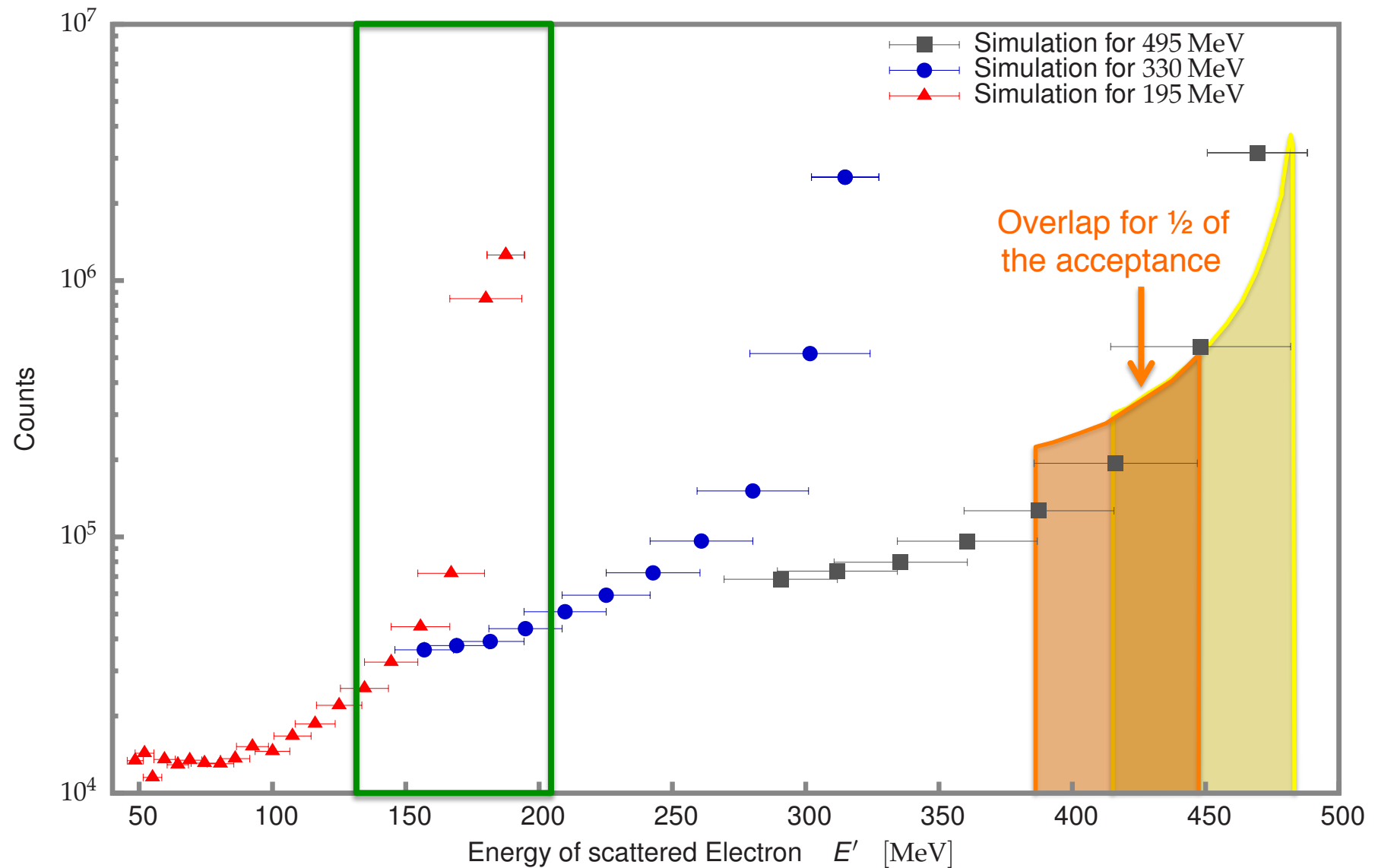
- Not used

Beam control module:

- Communicates with MAMI and ensures very stable beam.
- BPM and pA-meter measurements performed automatically every 3min.

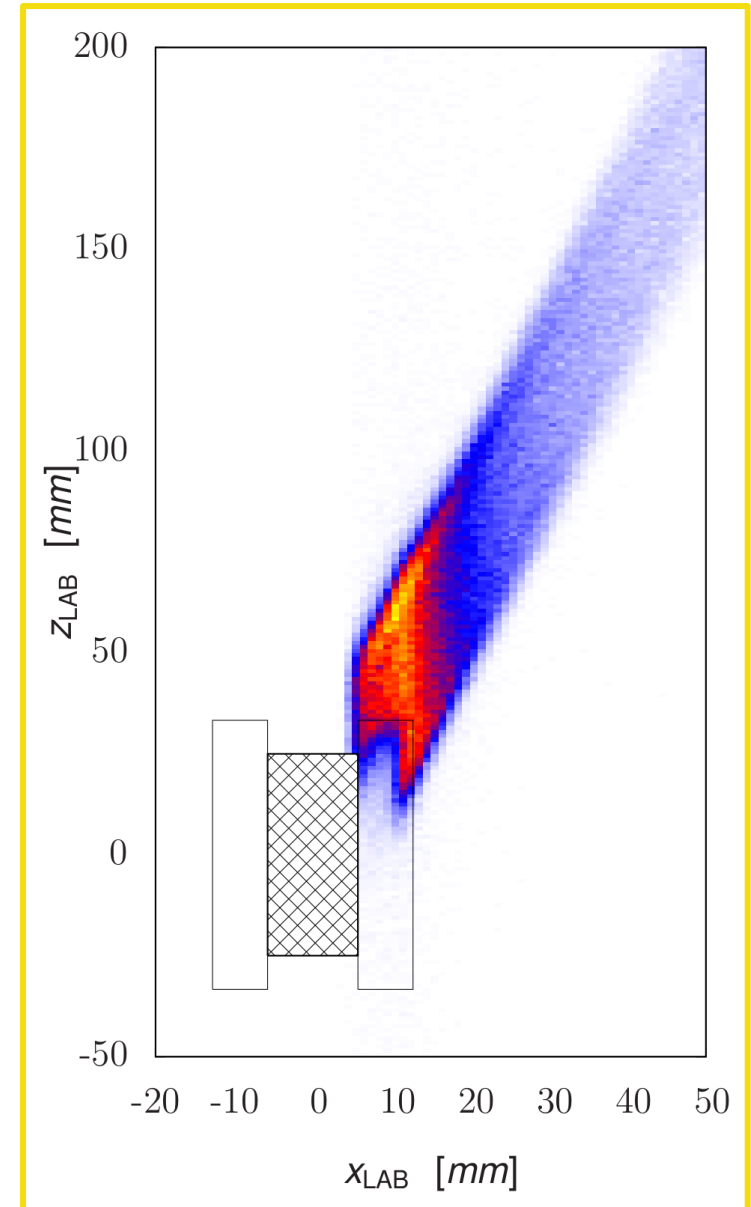
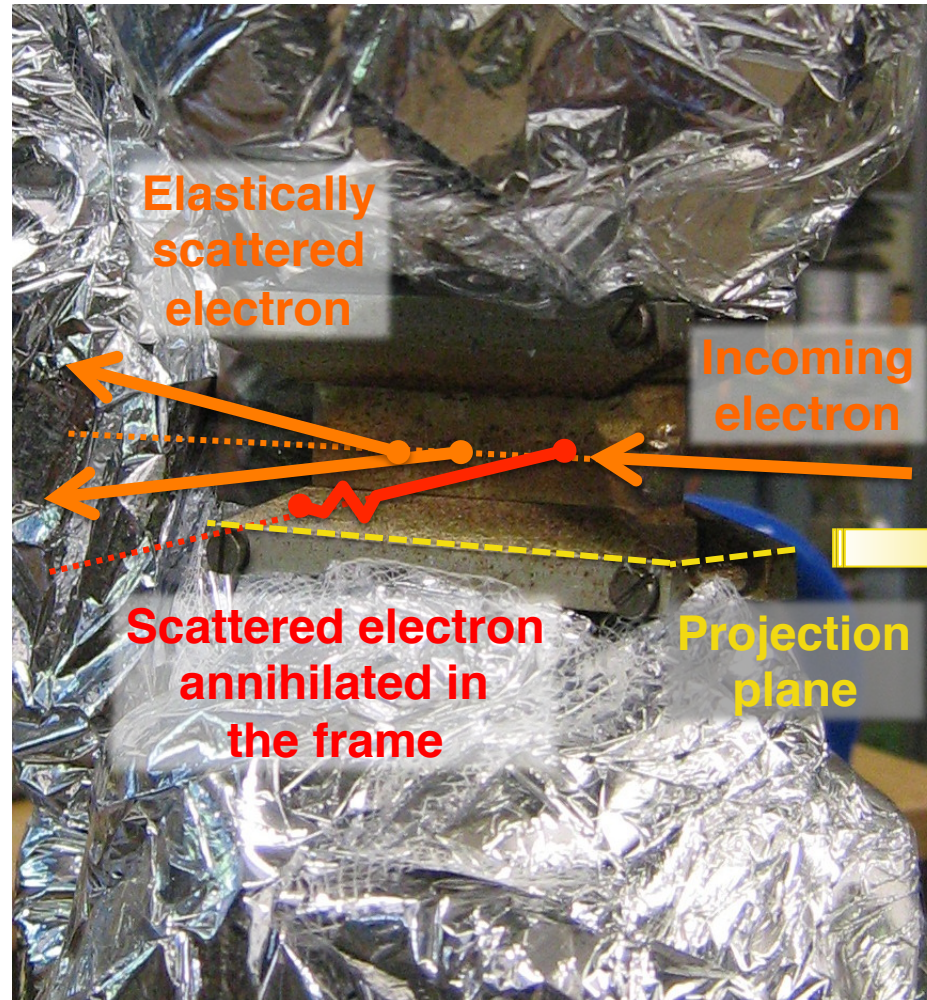
Kinematic settings

- Overlapping settings to control systematic uncertainty.



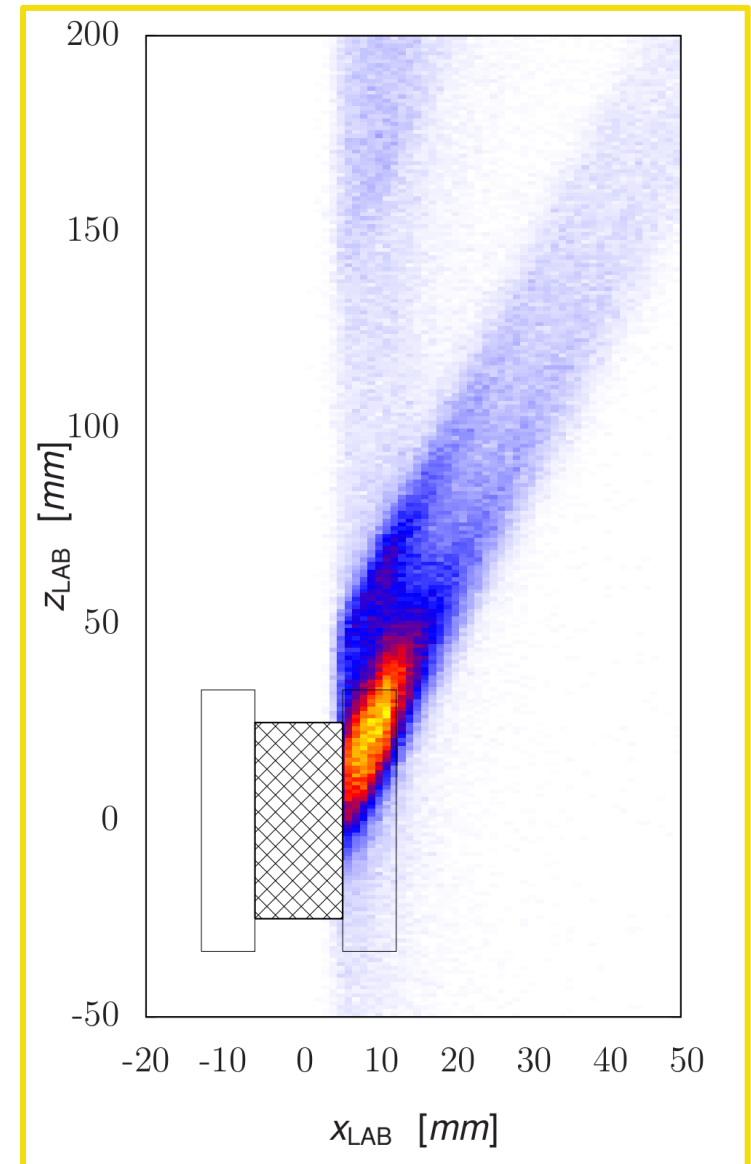
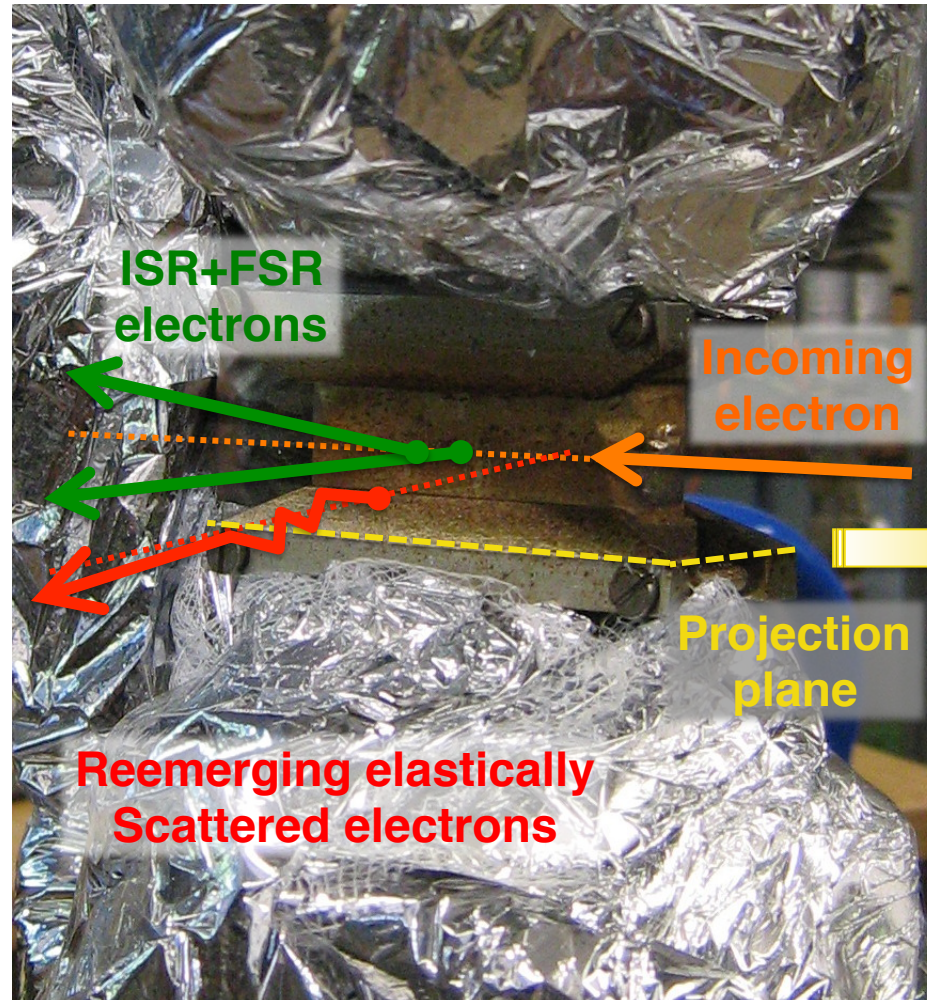
Target Frame contributions #1

- Presence of target frame results in the deficiency of the elastic events .

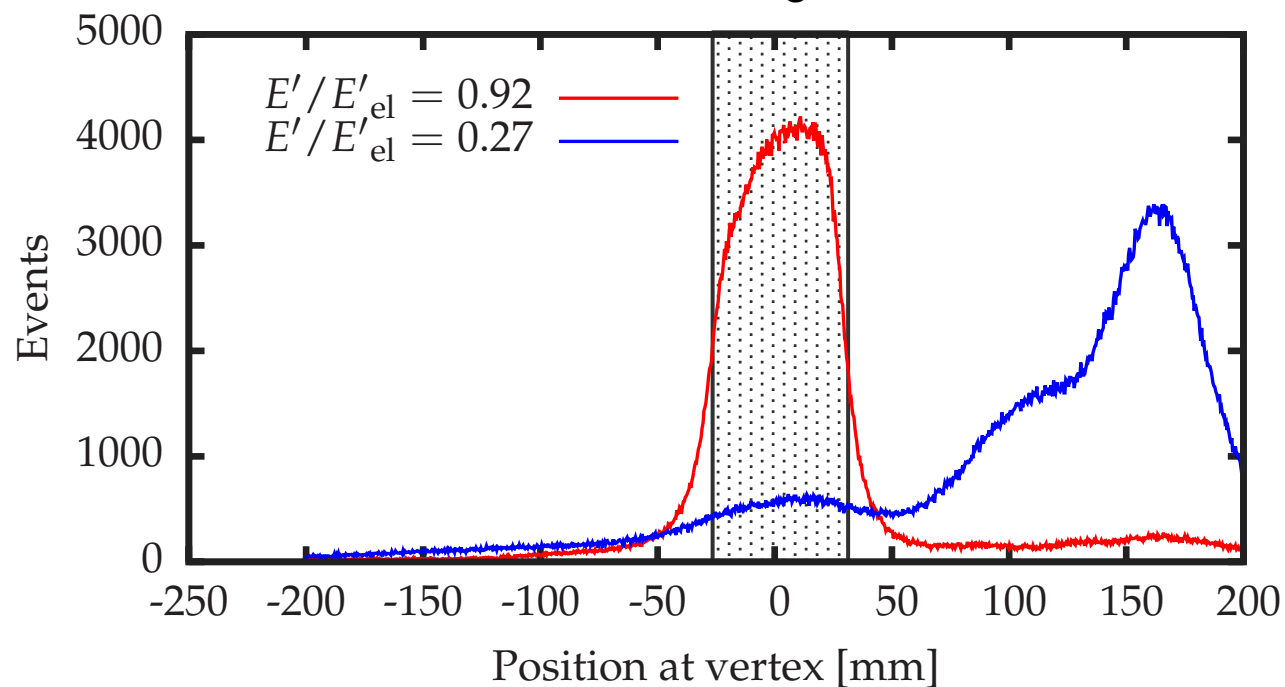
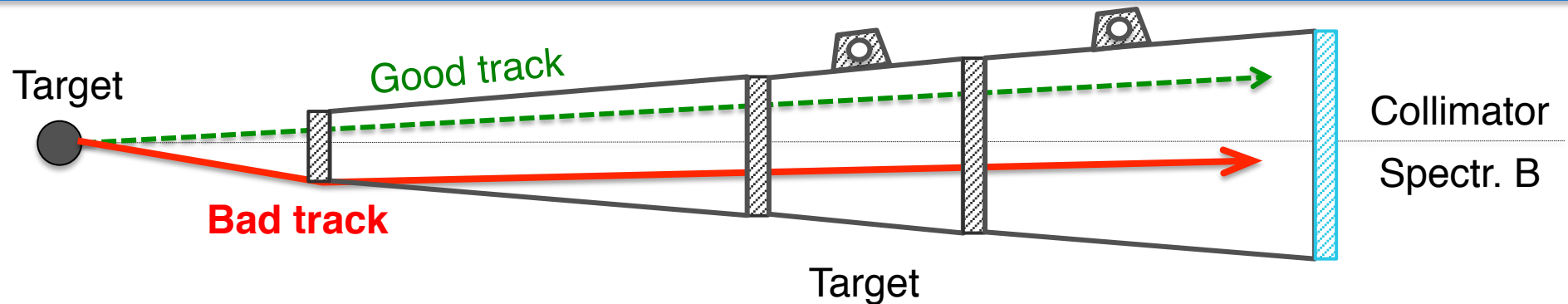


Target Frame contributions #2

- ... and in the abundance of bogus events in radiative tail of the elastic peak.



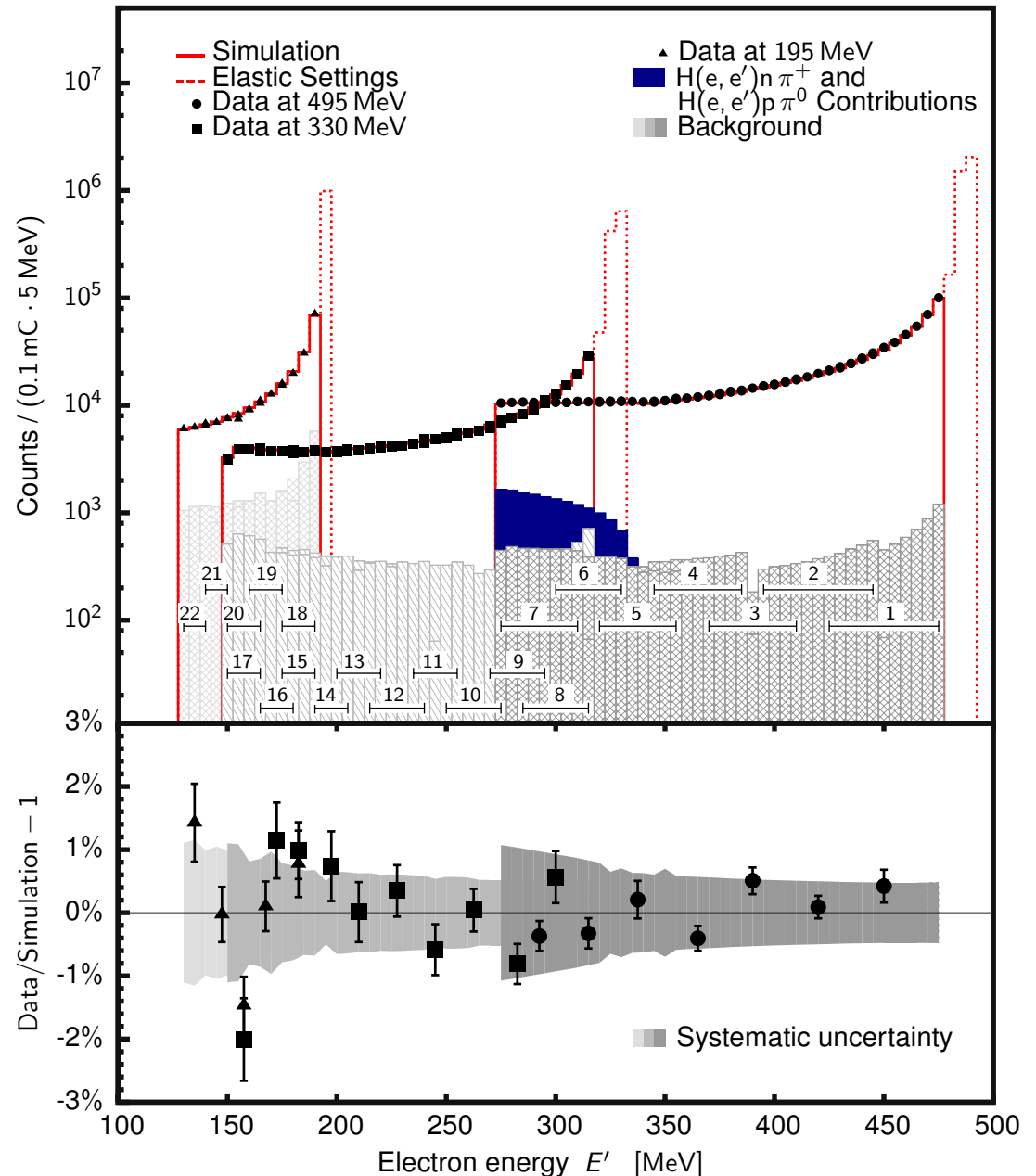
Entrance flange contributions



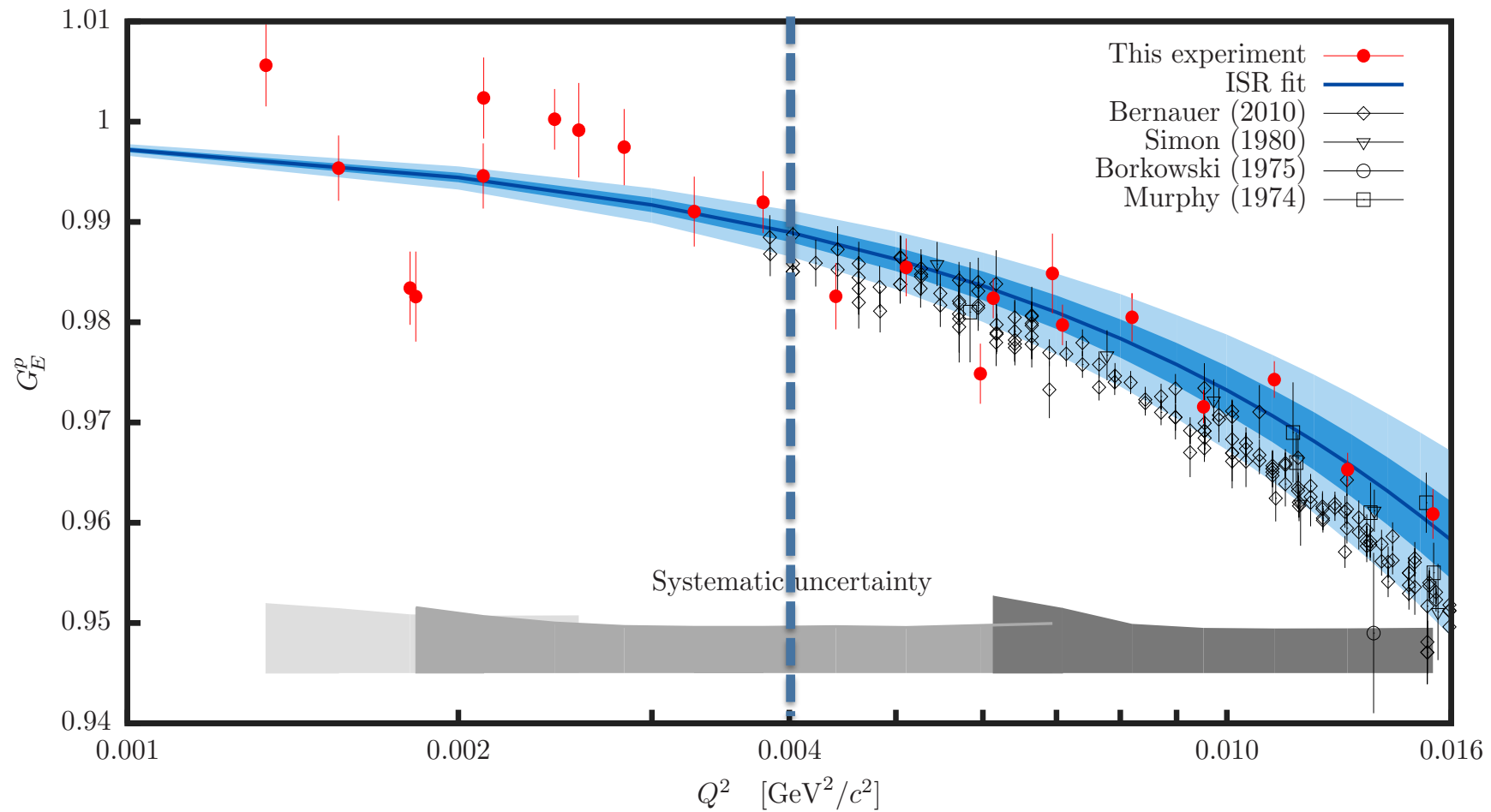
- Spec. B encompasses a long entrance flange.
- Events rescattered from the snout cover the whole vertex acceptance.

Results

- Existing apparatus limited reach of ISR experiment to $E' \sim 130$ MeV.
- Elastic points excluded.
- Simulation performed with Bernauer parameterization of form factors.
- A percent agreement between the data and simulation demonstrates that the radiative corrections are well understood!



ISR form-factors



- Assuming flawless description of radiative corrections, form factors can be extracted from the data.
- **First measurement of G_E^p at $0.001 \text{ GeV}^2 \leq Q^2 \leq 0.004 \text{ GeV}^2$**

ISR Proton radius

- G_E^p modeled with the polynomial fit.

$$G_E^p(Q^2) = n \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{r}_E^2}{6} Q^2 + \frac{a}{120} Q^4 - \frac{b}{5040} Q^6 \right)$$

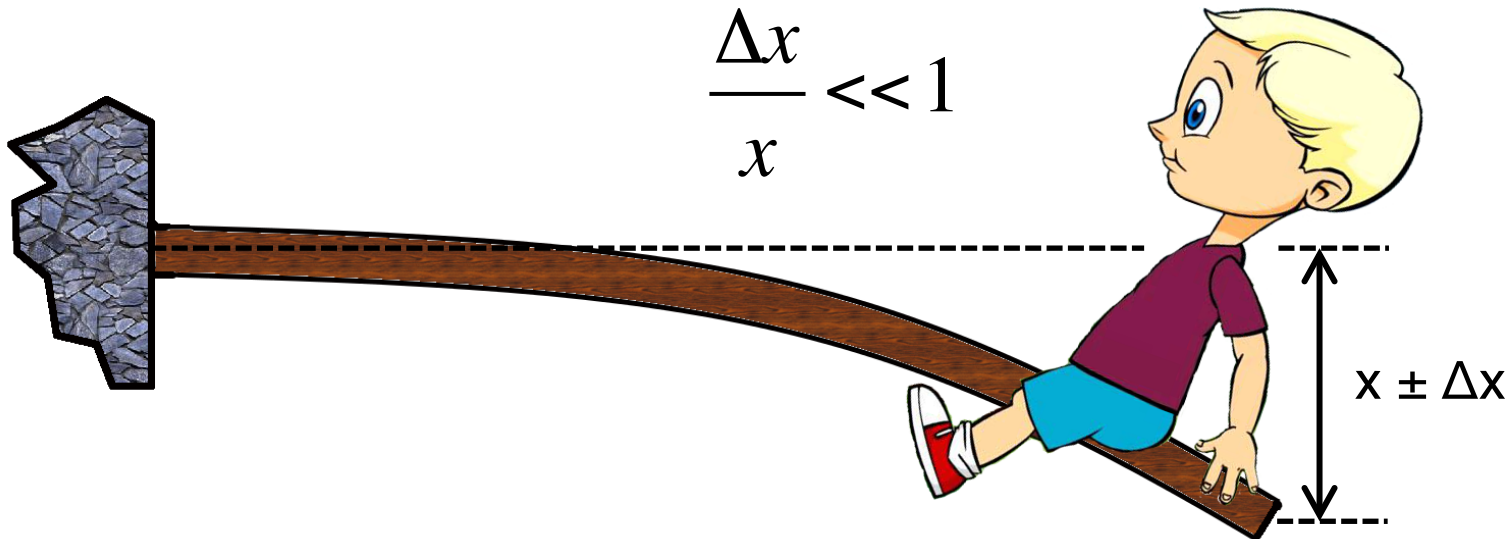
Terms (a,b) known from previous analyses [Distler et al.]

- The obtained radius:

$$r_E = \left(0.810 \pm 0.035_{stat.} \pm 0.074_{syst.} \pm 0.003_{mod.} \right) fm$$

Lever arm is important

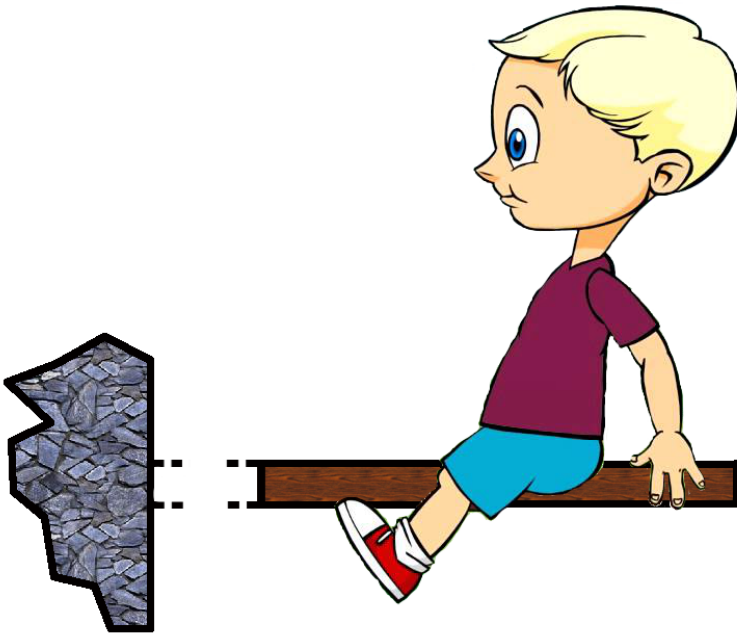
- Determining radius analogous to measuring elasticity of a rod!
- Measuring deviations x with fixed precision Δx .
- Measuring further away from pivot is relatively more precise.



- Not knowing the exact behavior of a rod near the pivot.

Problem of small lever arm

- Measuring near the pivot point gives us insufficient lever arm!



$$\frac{\Delta x}{x} \approx 1$$

- Insufficient precision to extract the elasticity (radius).
- No precise information on the absolute position of the origin.

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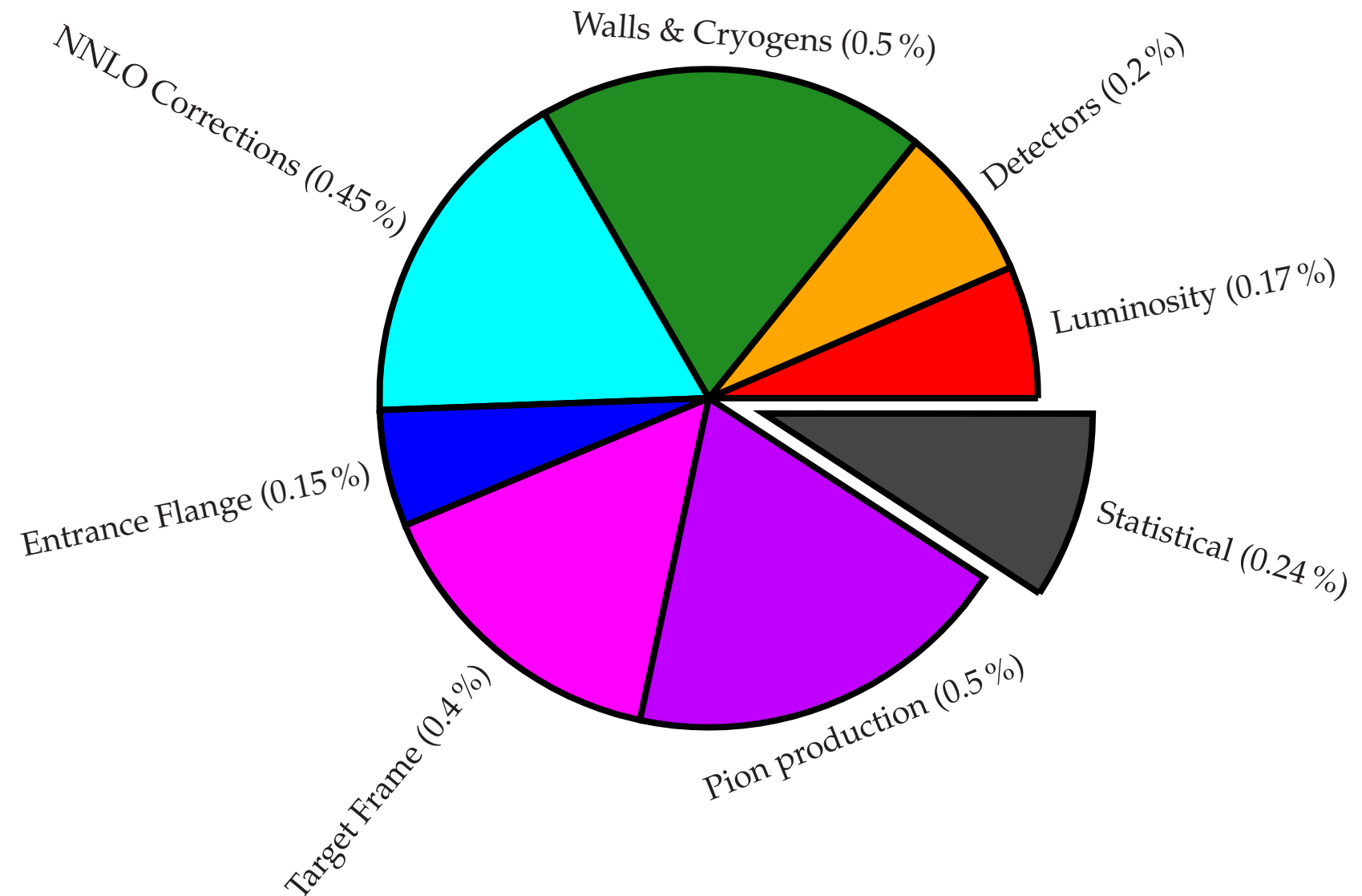
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- The fit (with statistical errors only) reports the reduced χ^2 of 3.2.

Result is dominated by systematic effects!

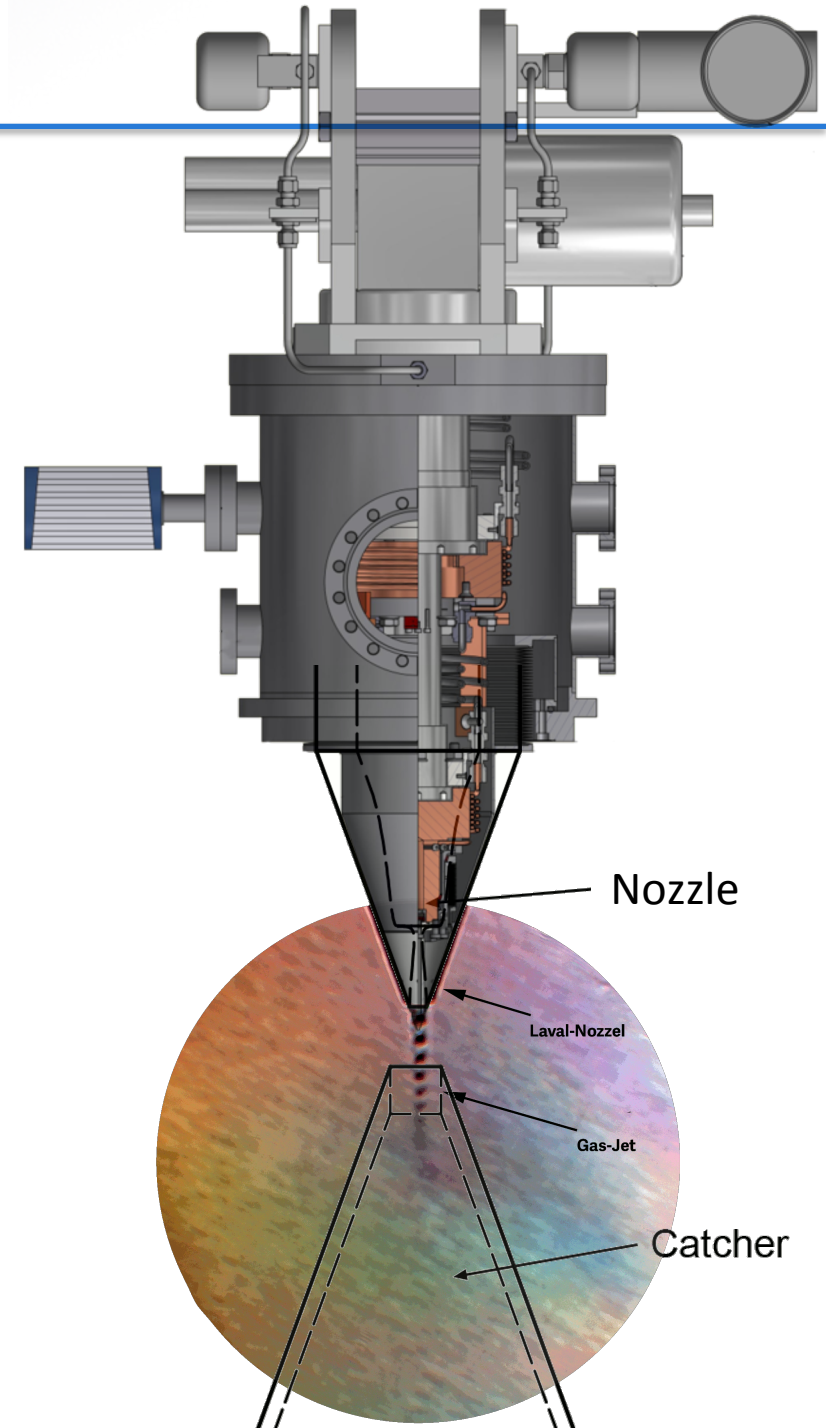
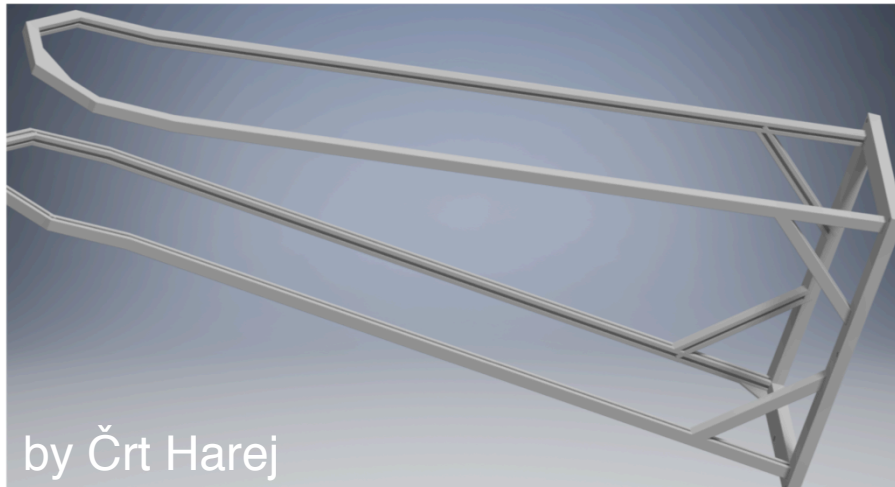
Uncertainties



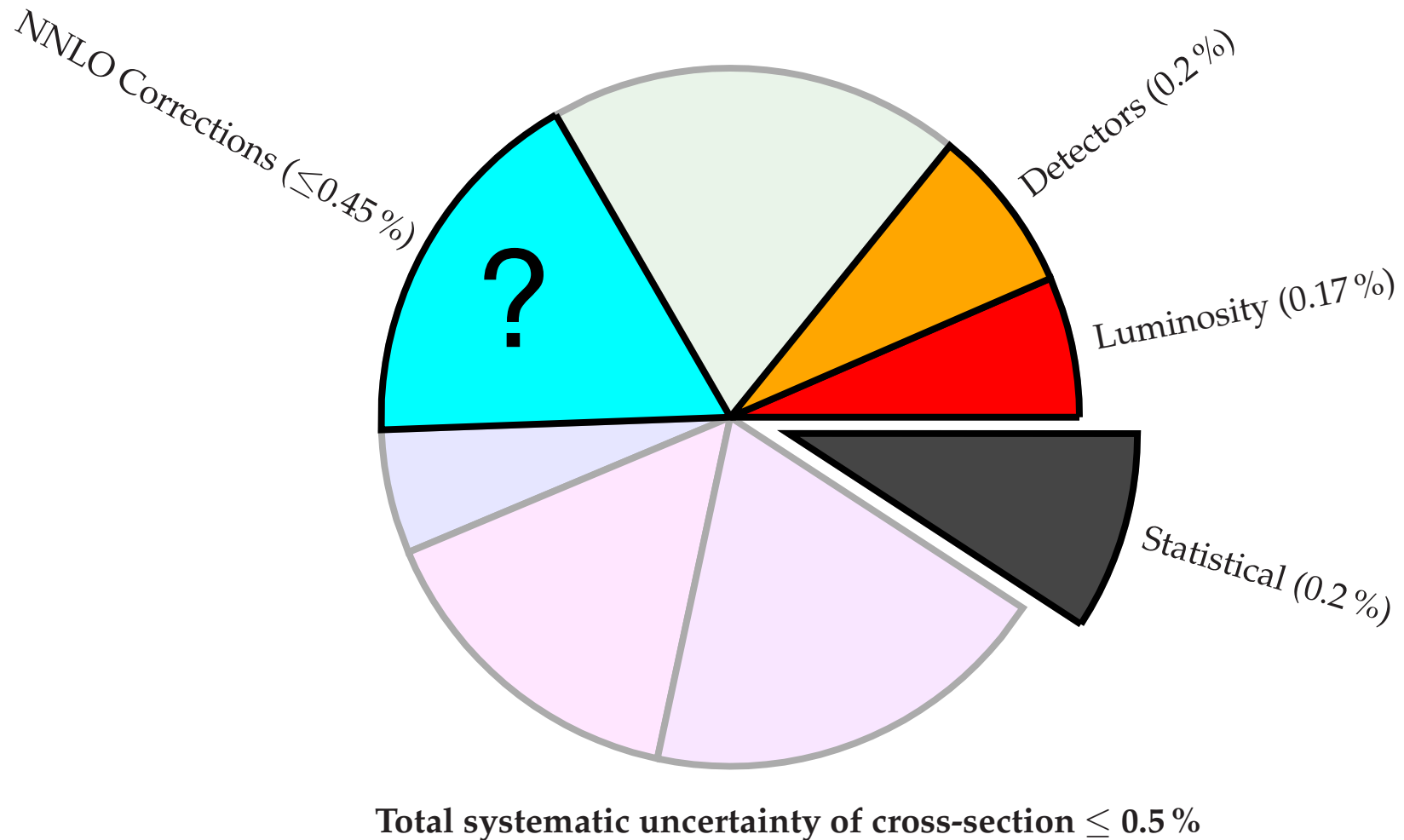
Total systematic uncertainty of cross-section $\leq 1.0 \%$

Hypersonic jet target

- Target developed for MAGIX, but could be used also in A1.
- No metal frame near the vertex.
- No target walls.
- Width of the jet 2mm (point-like target)



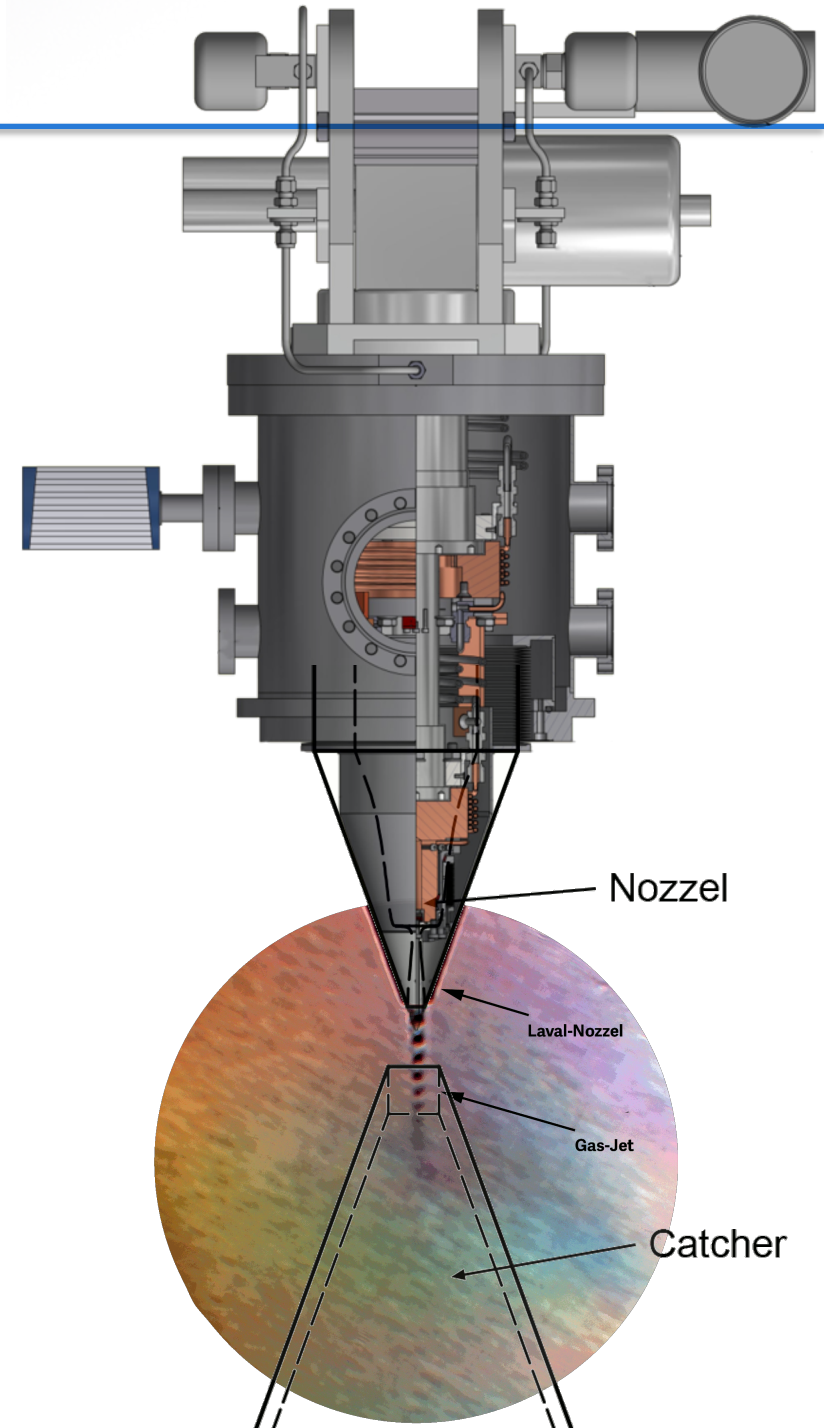
Expected uncertainties with JetISR



- Uncertainty of NNLO theoretical corrections will be reduced to 0.2% and total uncertainty to 0.3%.

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- Width of the jet 2mm (point-like target)
- Density of 10^{-4} g/cm^3 at 15 bar.
- Luminosity of $10^{34}/\text{cm}^2\text{s}$ can be achieved at MAMI.
- Experiment approved by PAC 2016



Summary

- A pilot experiment has been performed at MAMI to measure G_E^p at very low Q^2 .
- A new technique for FF determination based on ISR has been successfully validated.
- Reach of the first ISR experiment limited by unforeseen backgrounds.
- **The jet target opens possibility for reaching the ultimate goal of measuring form factors at 10^{-4} GeV^2 .**

Thank you!