

**A Review of the  
Few-Body Form Factors**

**Workshop on Exclusive Reactions  
at High Momentum Transfer**

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## Elastic Electron-Deuteron Scattering

- Cross Section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2 E'}{4E^3 \sin^4(\frac{\theta}{2})} [A(Q^2) \cos^2(\frac{\theta}{2}) + B(Q^2) \sin^2(\frac{\theta}{2})]$$

$$A(Q^2) = F_C^2(Q^2) + \frac{8}{9}\tau^2 F_Q^2(Q^2) + \frac{2}{3}\tau F_M^2(Q^2)$$

$$B(Q^2) = \frac{4}{3}\tau(\tau + 1)F_M^2(Q^2)$$

$$Q^2 = 4EE' \sin^2(\frac{\theta}{2}) \quad \tau = Q^2/4M^2$$

- $F_C, F_Q, F_M$ : Charge, Quadrupole, Magnetic form factors
- Forward angle scattering  $\longrightarrow A(Q^2)$
- Backward angle scattering  $\longrightarrow B(Q^2)$

## Asymmetry Measurements

- Tensor polarization observables:

$$t_{20} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}S} \left[ \frac{8}{3}\tau F_C F_Q + \frac{8}{9}\tau^2 F_Q^2 + \frac{1}{3}\tau f(\theta) F_M^2 \right]$$

$$t_{21} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}S} \tau \sqrt{\tau(1+f(\theta))} F_M F_Q \sec \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$t_{22} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}S} \tau F_M^2$$

$$S = A + B \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \quad f(\theta) = 1 + 2(1 + \tau) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$

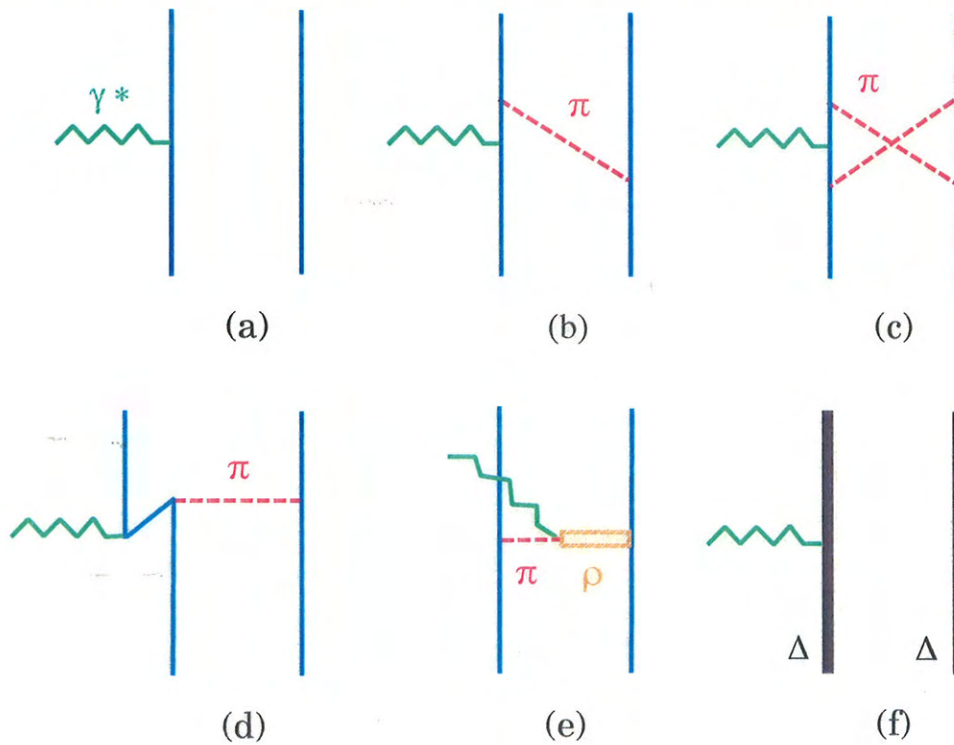
- Observable of choice :  $t_{20}$ ; Neglect  $F_M$  contributions:

$$\tilde{t}_{20} = \sqrt{2} \frac{y(2+y)}{1+2y^2}$$

$$y = 2\tau F_Q / 3F_C$$

- $\tilde{t}_{20}$  does not depend on nucleon form factors.

## Deuteron Non-Relativistic Approach

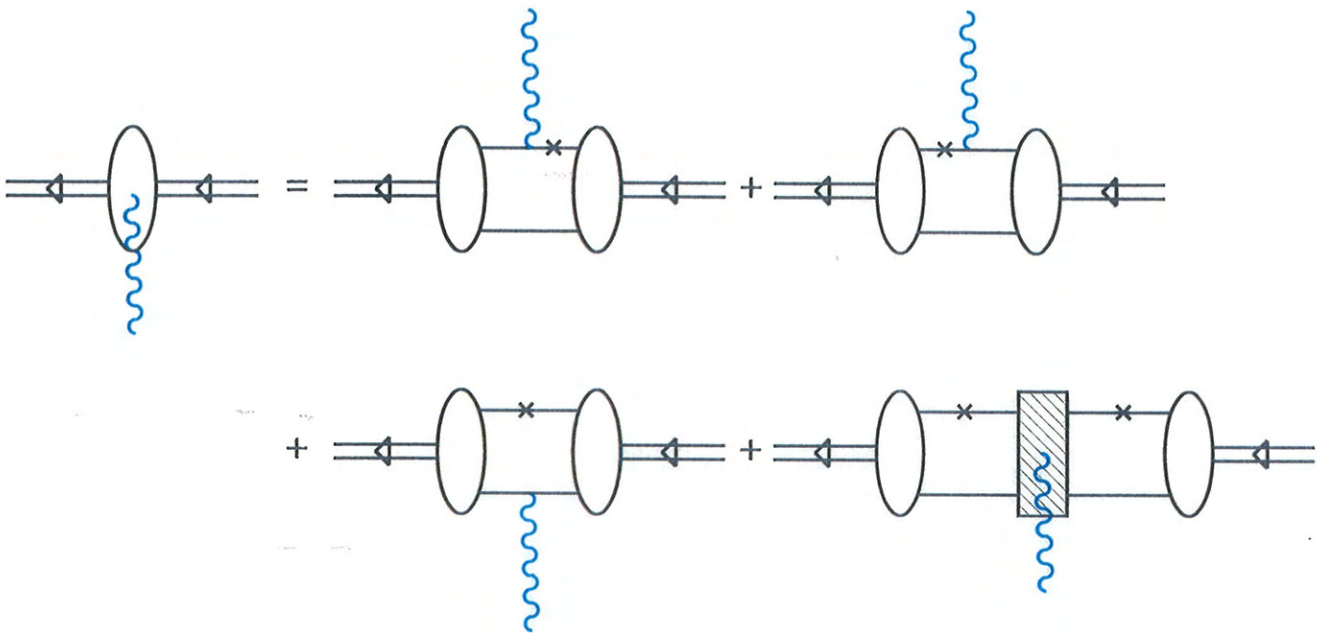


- Impulse Approximation
- Meson-Exchange Currents
- Isobar Configurations
- Six-Quark Admixtures
- Mainstream calculations (IA+MEC) fail to describe both  $A(Q^2)$  and  $B(Q^2)$  data

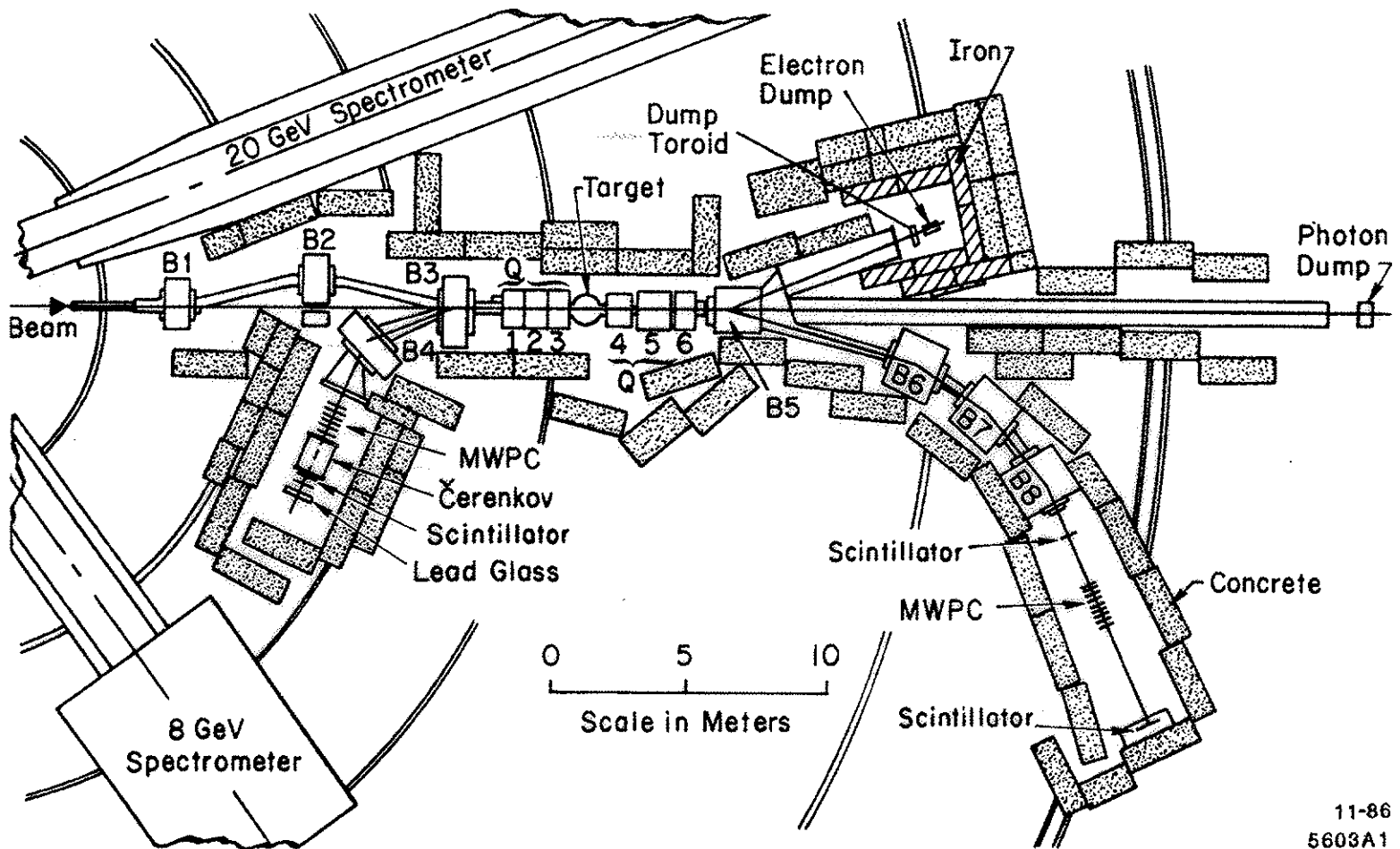
## Deuteron Relativistic Approaches

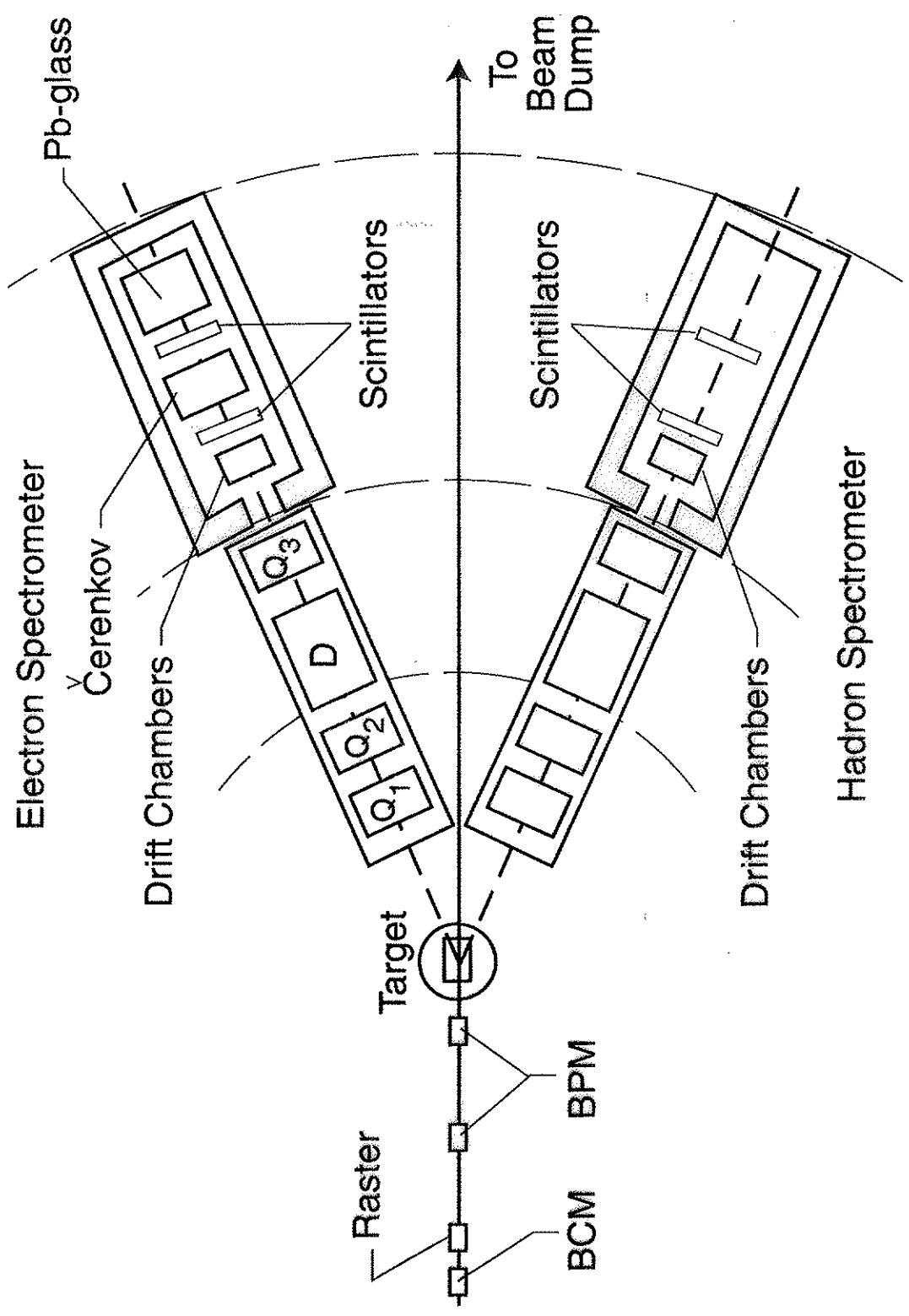
- Manifestly Covariant Dynamics using 3-D reductions of the Bethe-Salpeter (B-S) equation:
  - Lorentz transformations are kinematic
  - Inclusion of negative energy states is dynamic
  - Quasi-potential approximation
    - Gross equation (Van Orden, Devine, Gross)
    - Blankenbecler-Sugar equation (Hummel, Tjon)
  - Equal-time approximation
    - Wallace-Mandelzweig equation (Phillips, Wallace)
  - VDG Model describes all data fairly well
- Light Front Dynamics using field theories quantized on the light cone:
  - Conventional quantum mechanics
  - Some Lorentz transformations include the interaction
  - Models not as advanced yet as the B-S models

## Spectator Model with Gross Equation

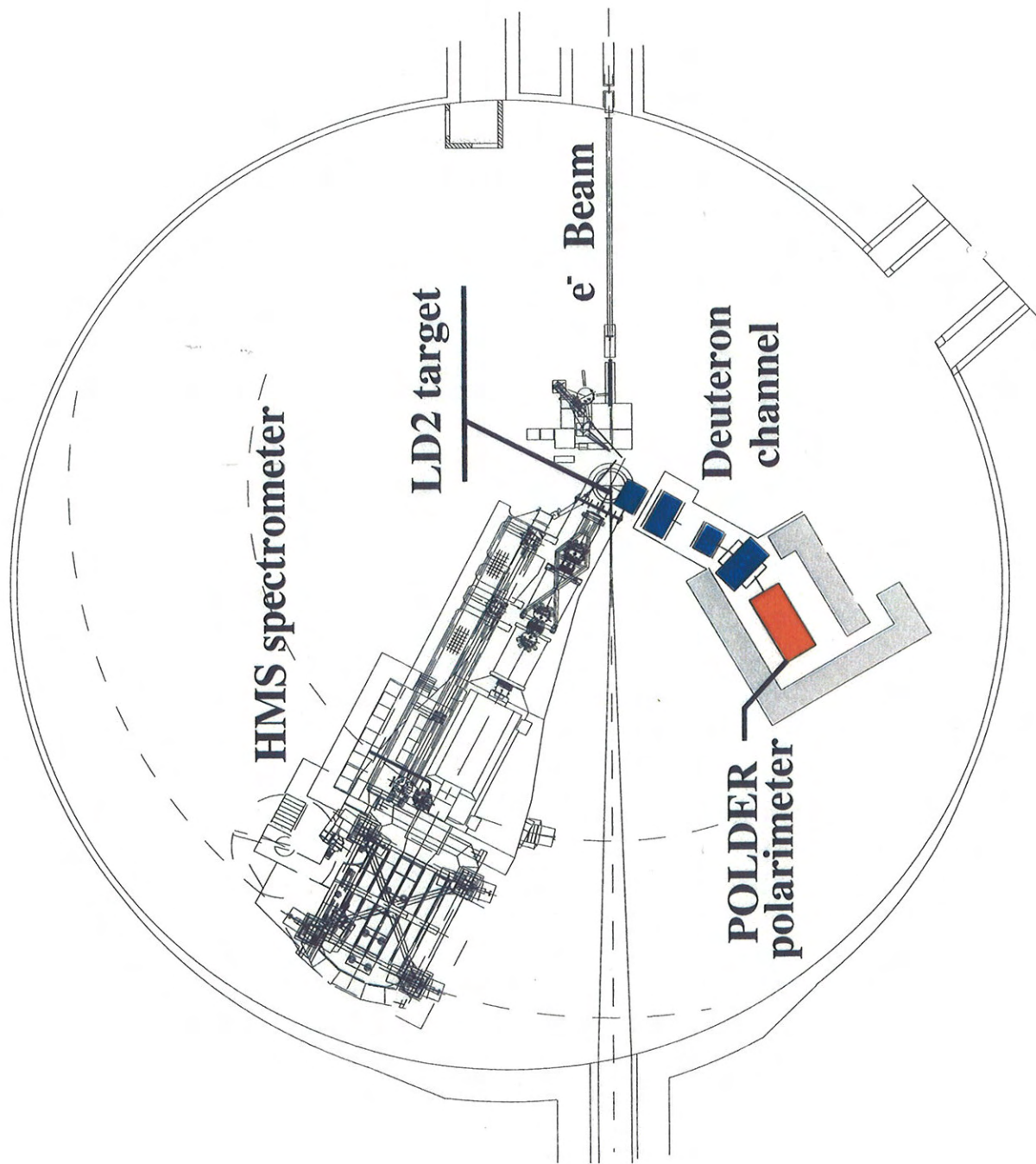


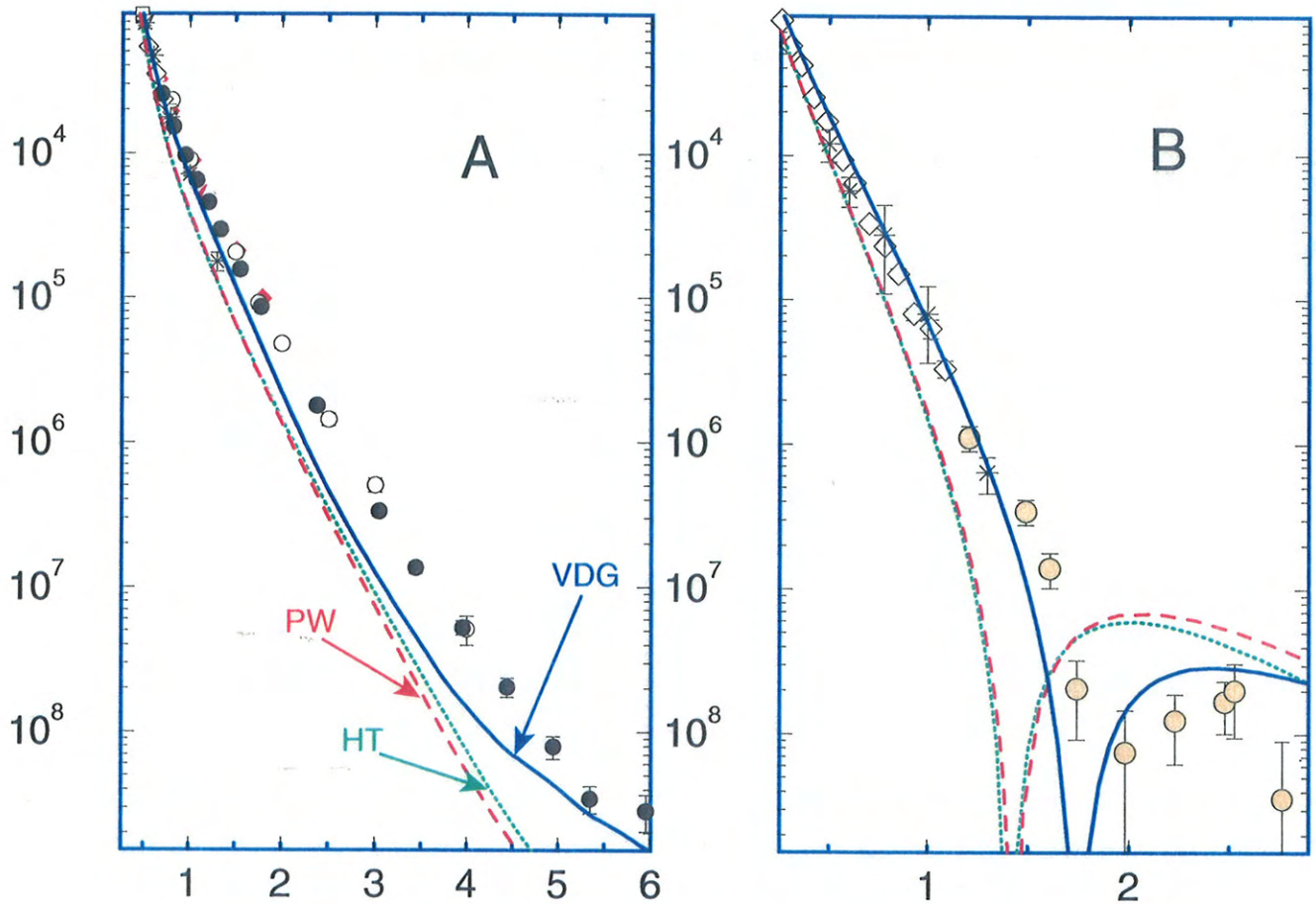
- One-boson-exchange model
- Model sensitive to:
  - Magnitude of relativistic small P states of deuteron wave function
  - $F_{\rho\pi\gamma}$  form factor
  - Nucleon off-shell mass treatment ( $F_3$  form factor)



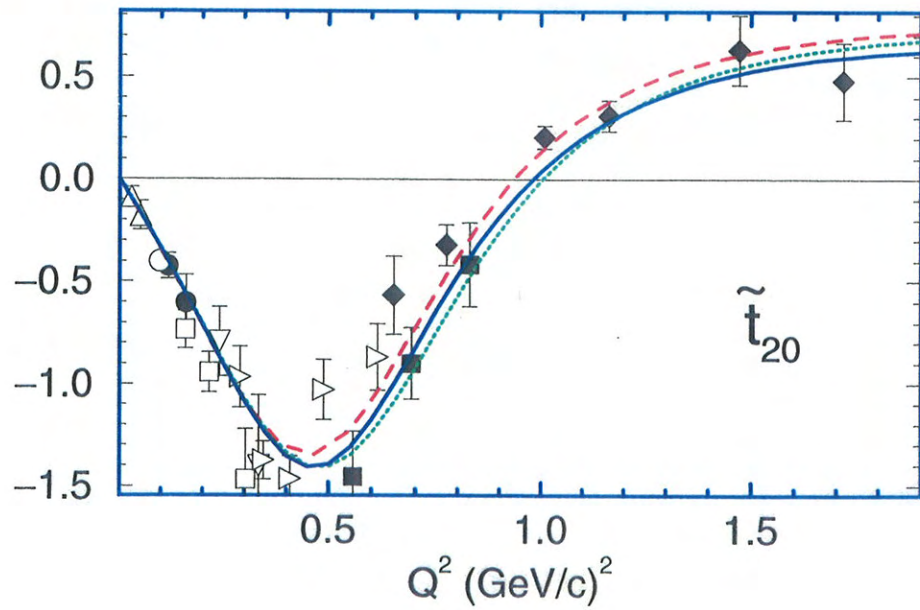


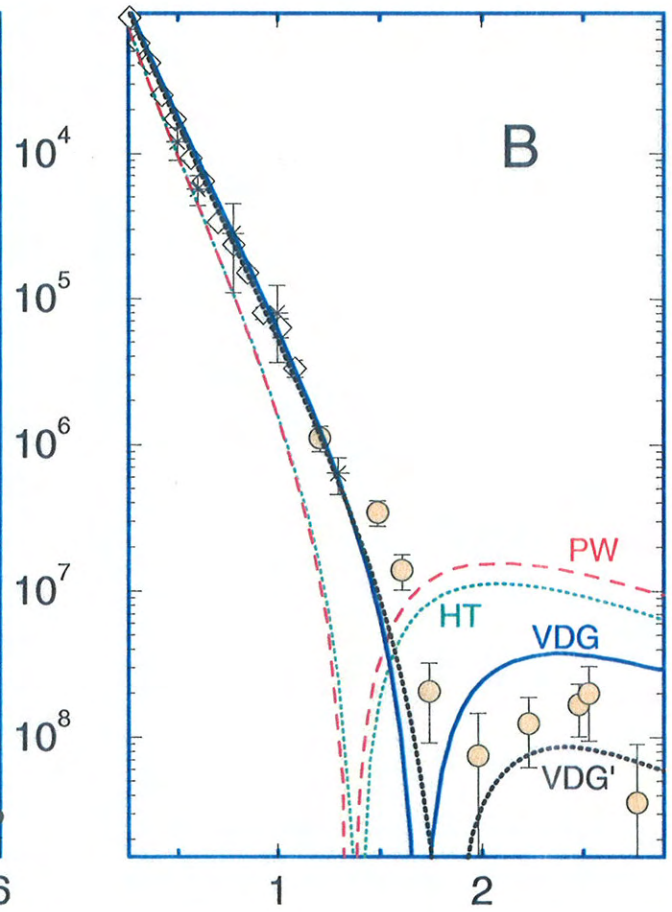
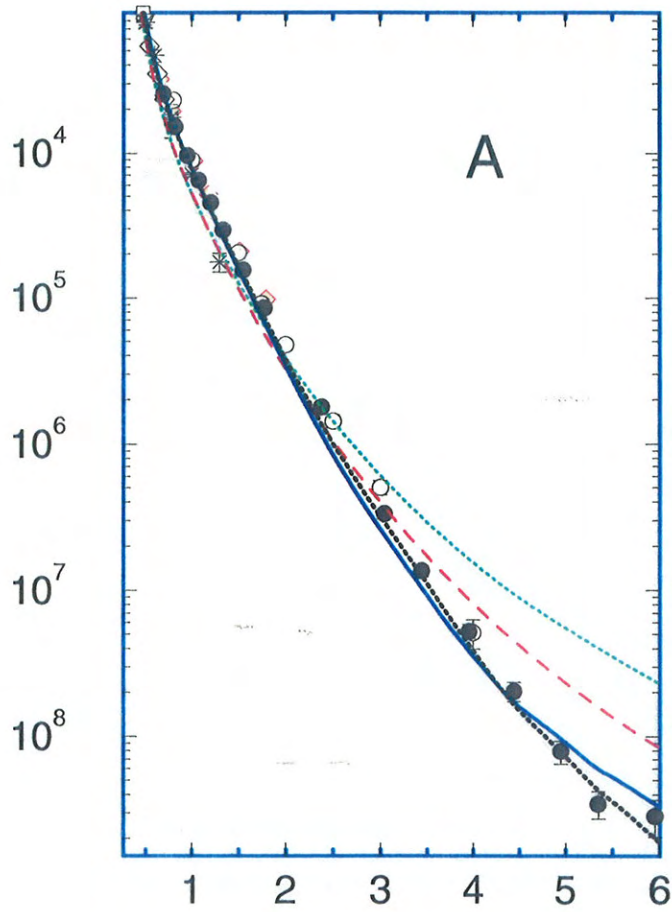




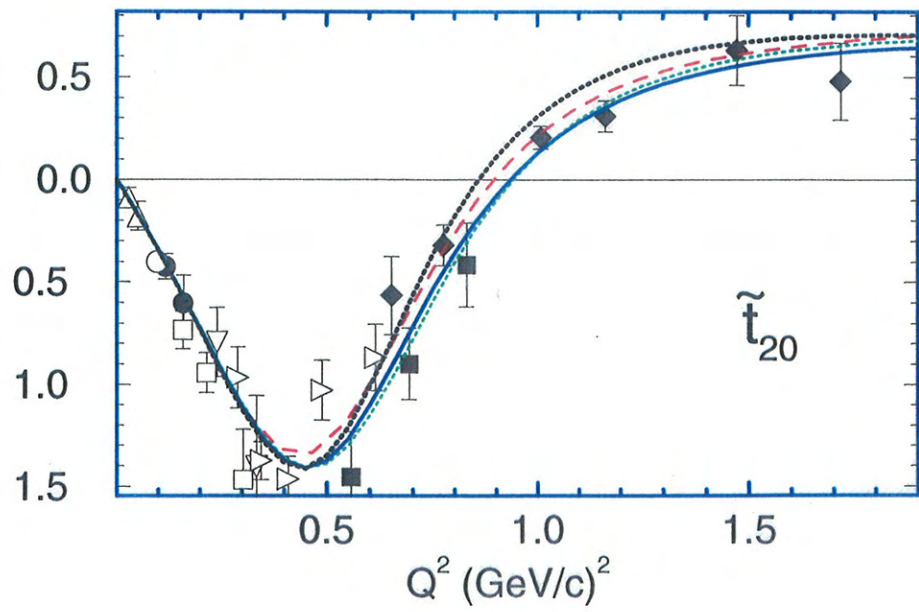


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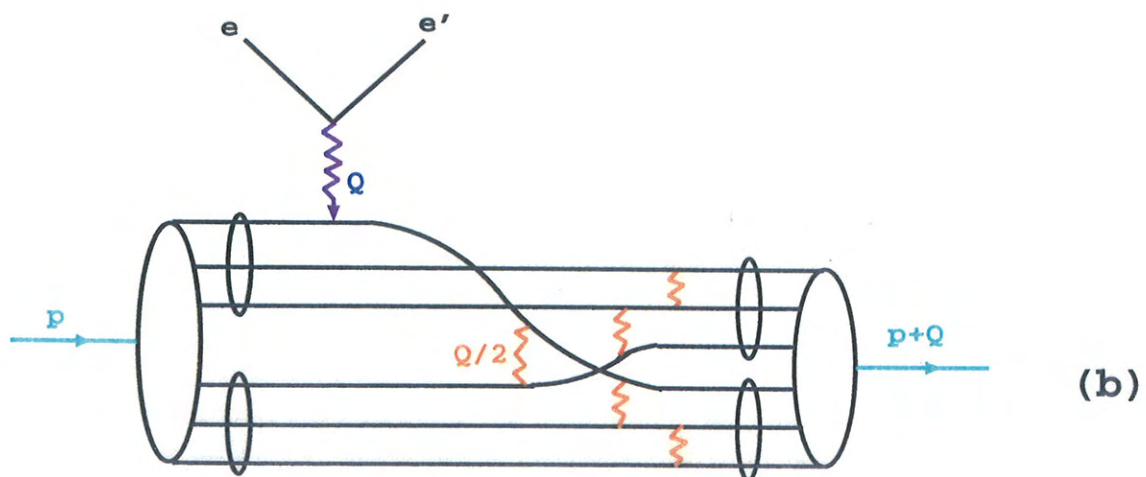
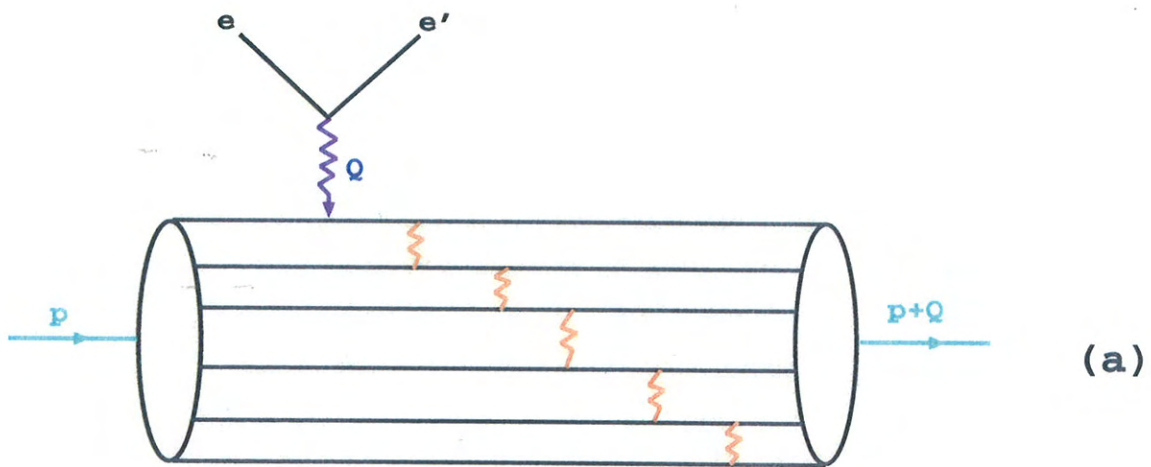
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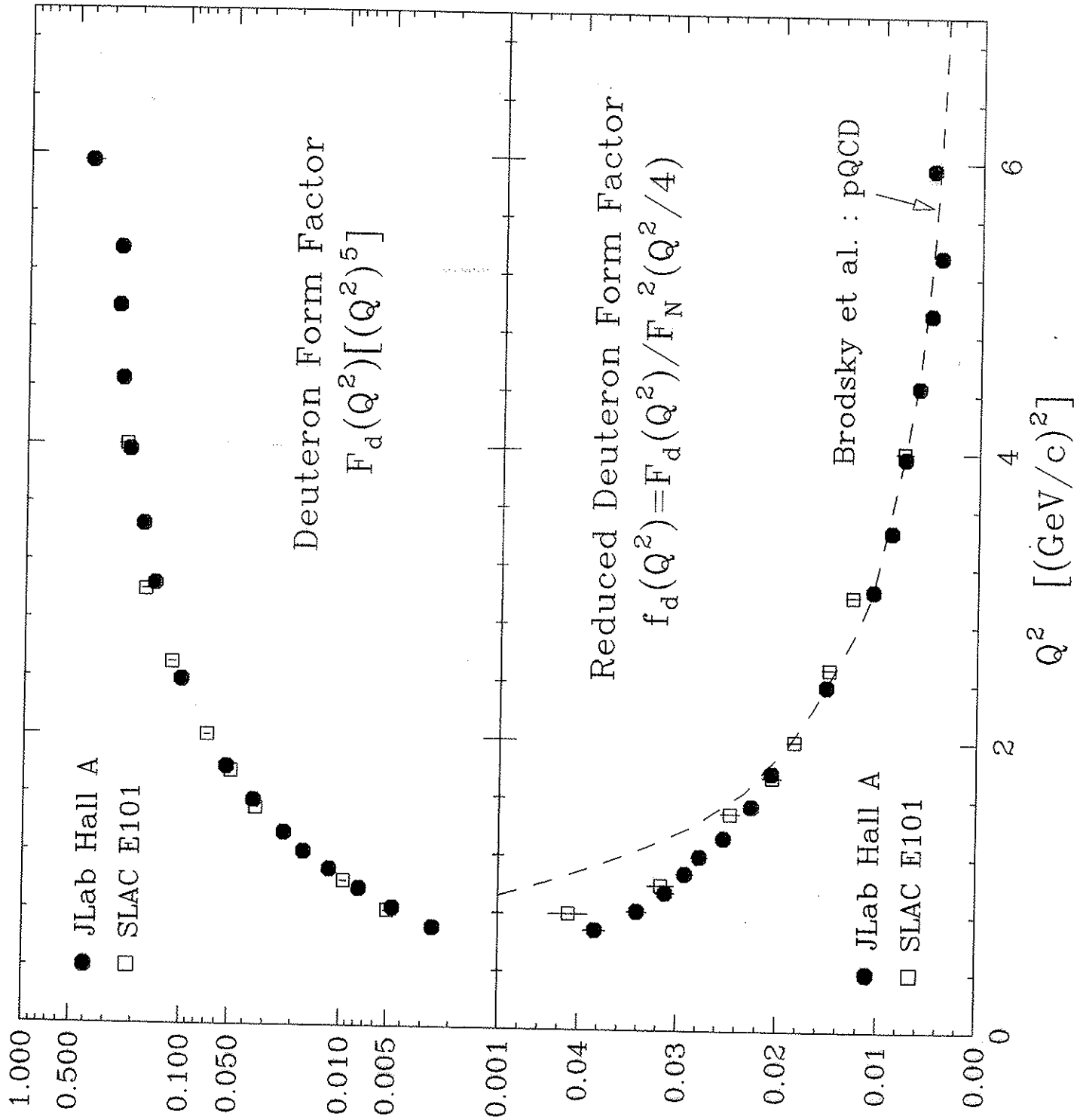


# Quark Dimensional Scaling

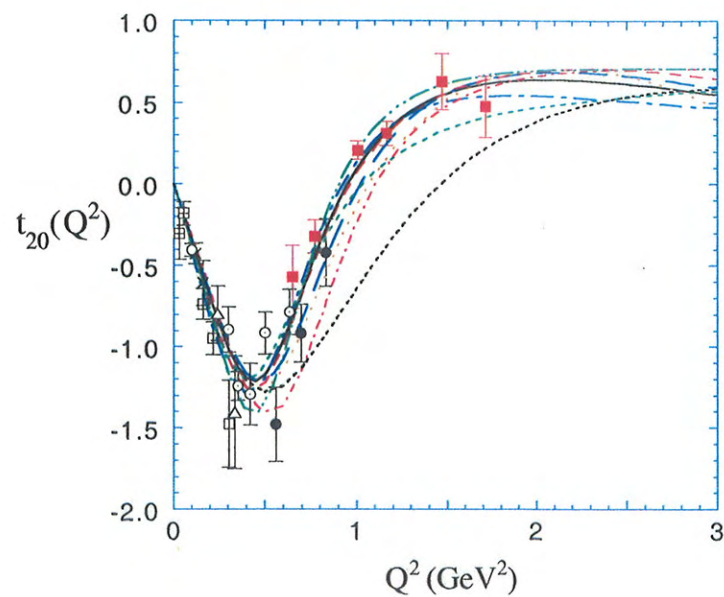
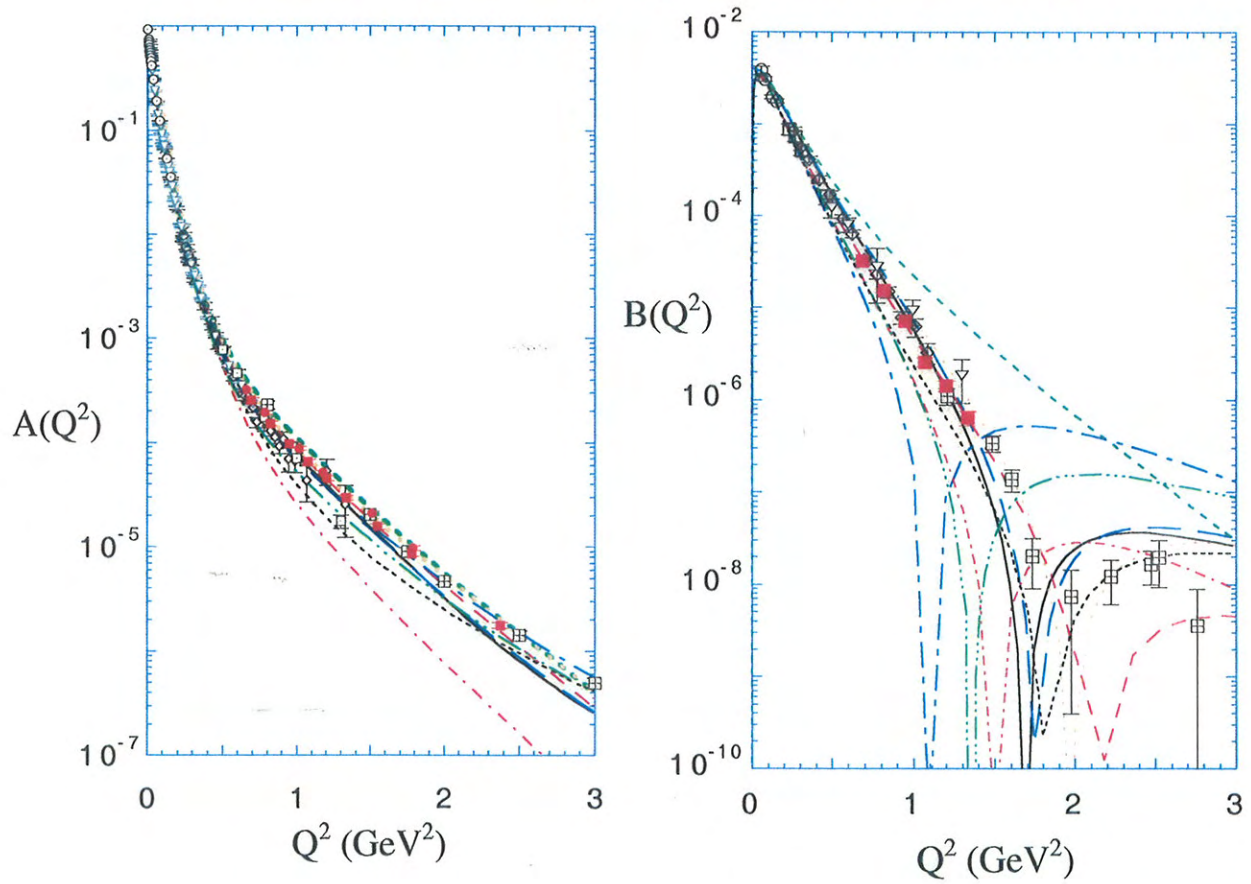
- Dimensional Scaling Quark Model (DSQM)

$$F_d(Q^2) \equiv \sqrt{A(Q^2)} \sim (Q^2)^{-5}$$
$$\sqrt{B(Q^2)} \sim (Q^2)^{-6}$$



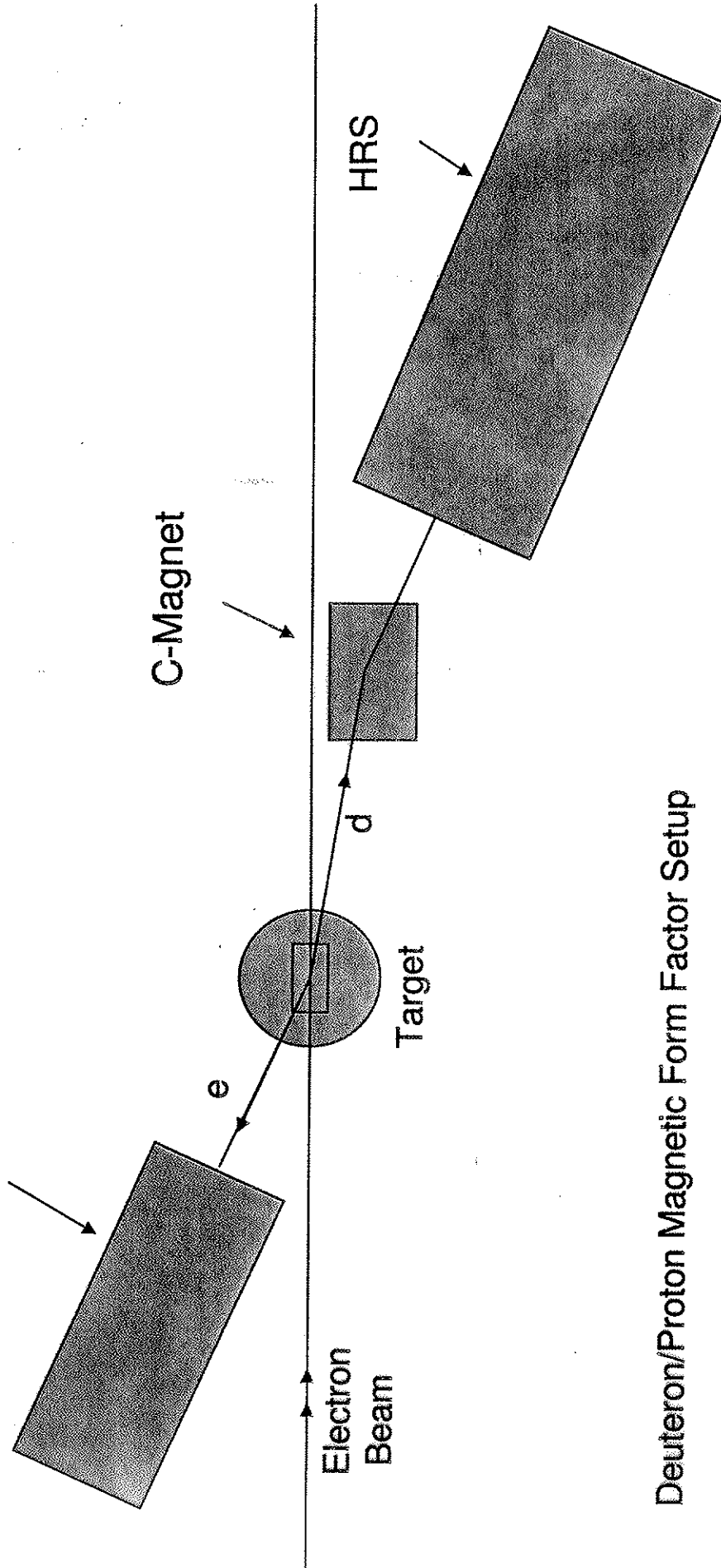


## Sensitivity of $B(Q^2)$ to Model Details

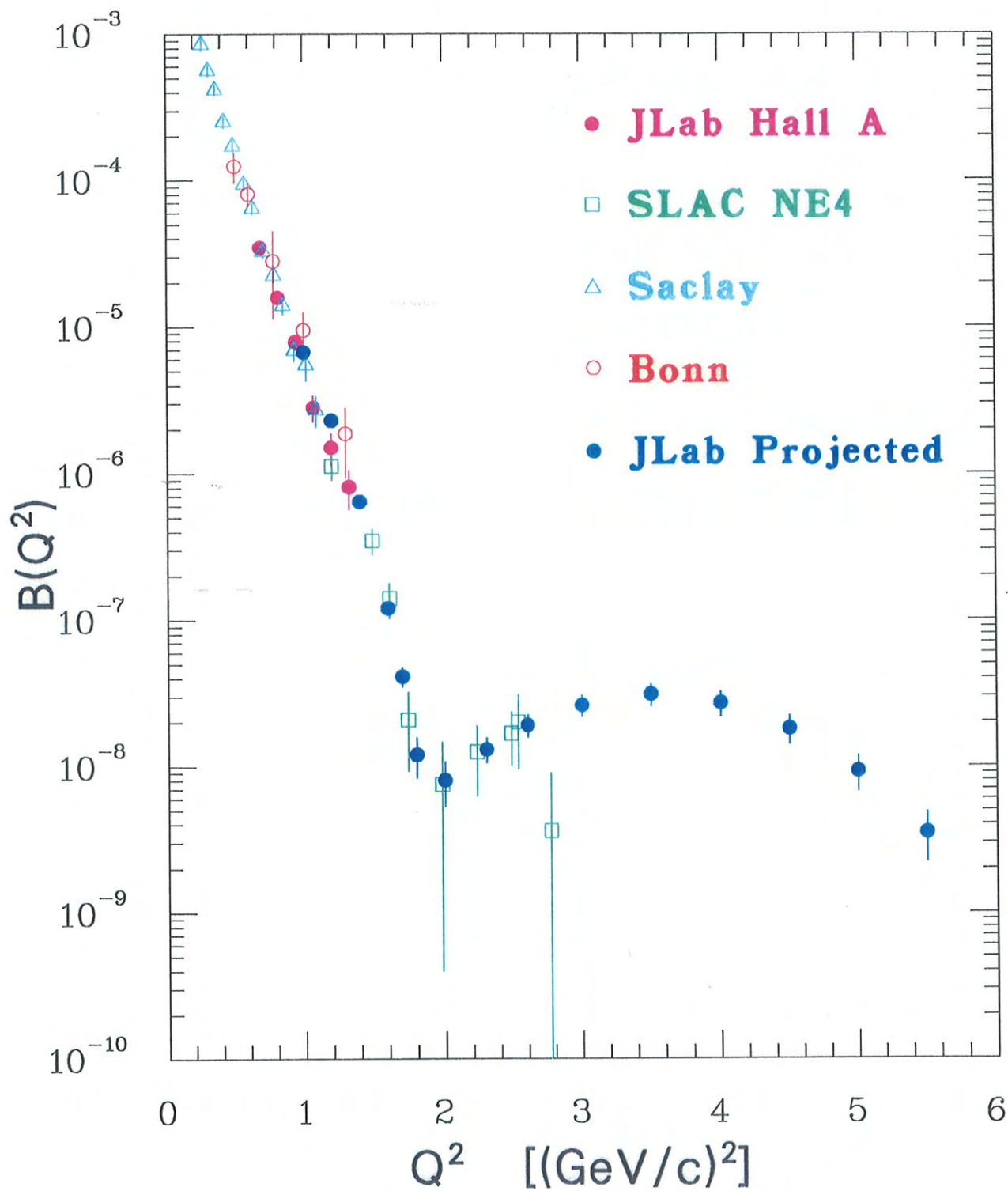


# Plan View – Hall A

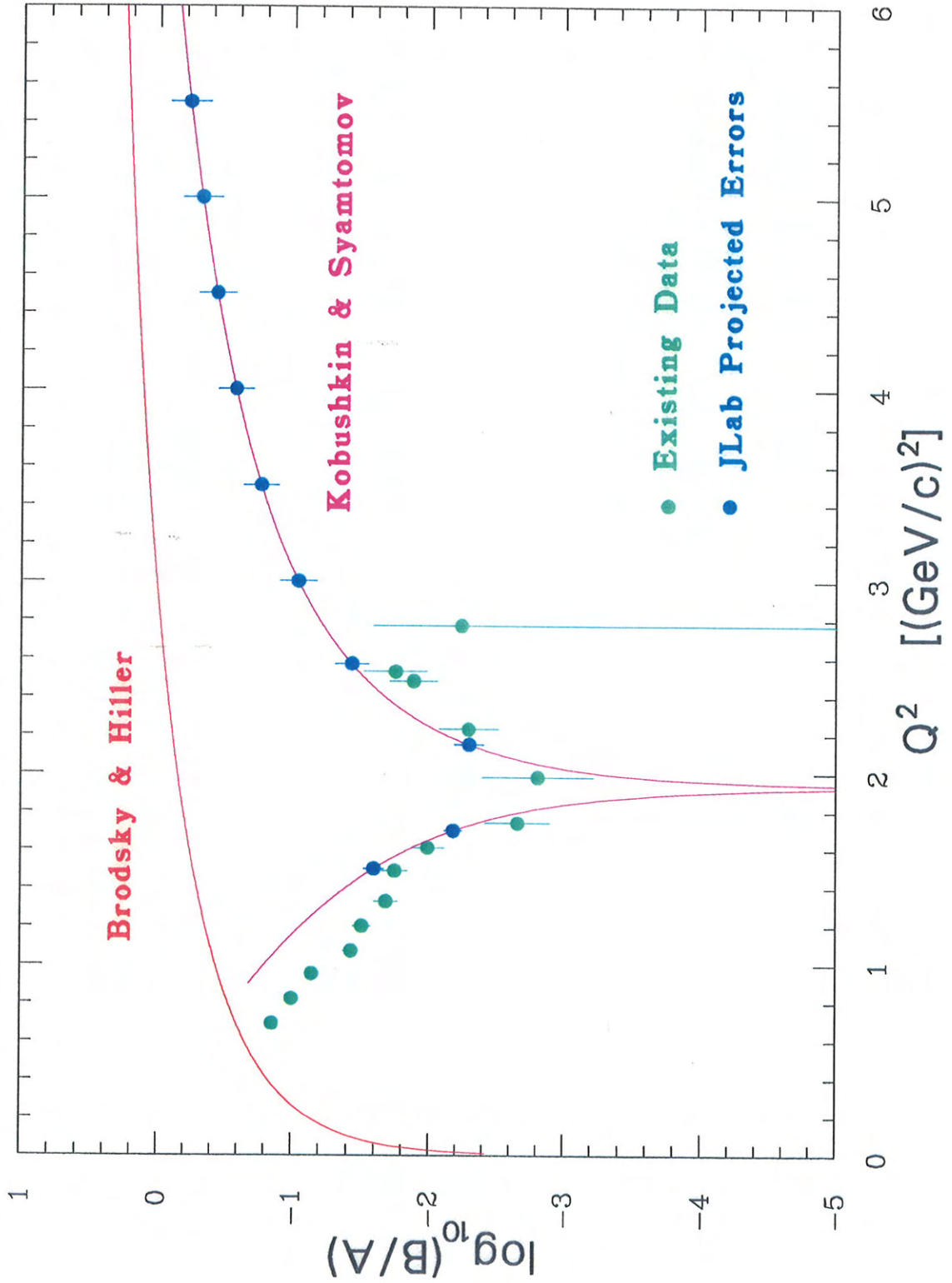
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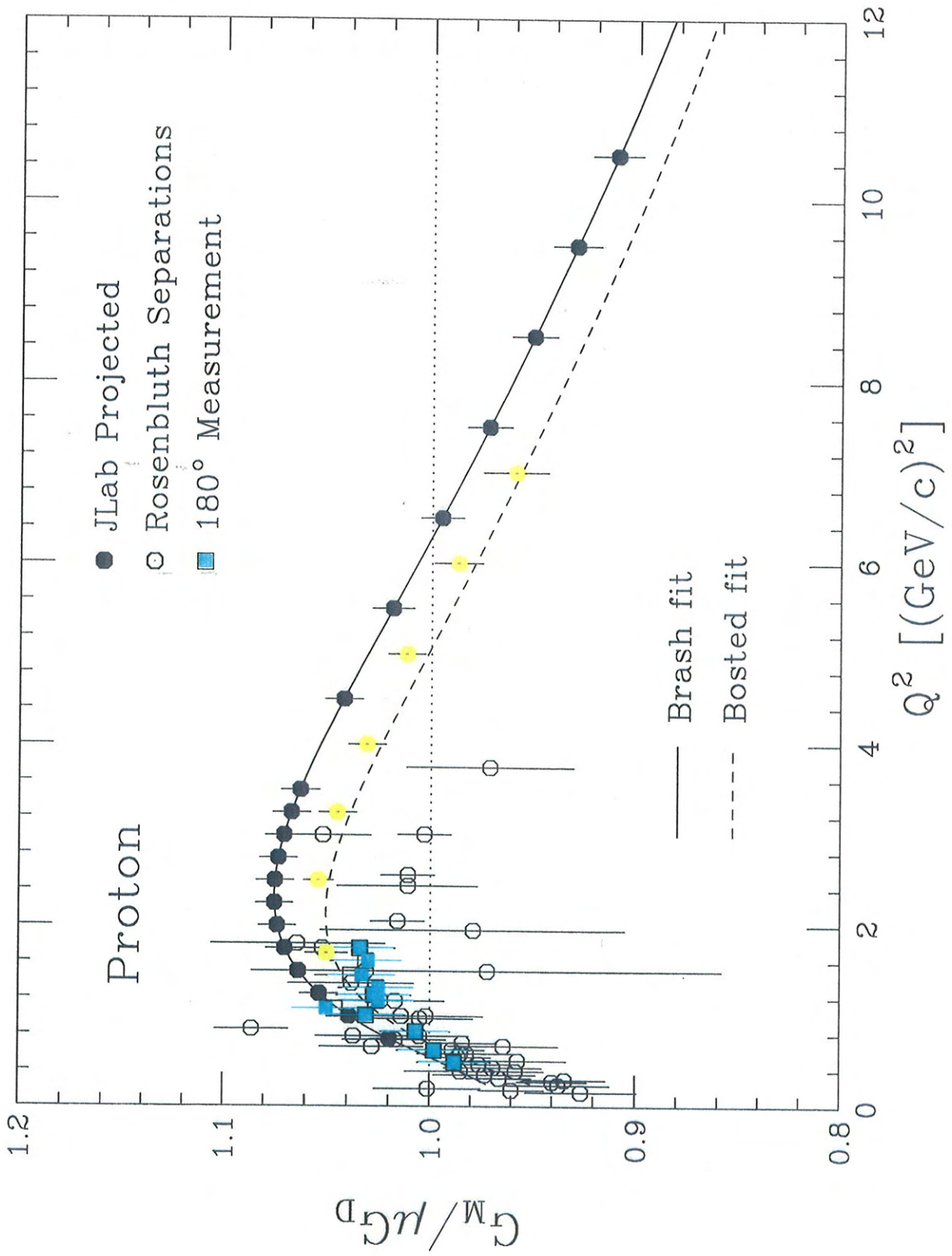


Deuteron/Proton Magnetic Form Factor Setup









## Elastic Electron-Helium/Tritium Scattering

- ${}^3\text{He}/{}^3\text{H}$  charge and magnetic form factors:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{Z^2 \alpha^2 E'}{4E^3 \sin^4(\frac{\theta}{2})} [A(Q^2) \cos^2(\frac{\theta}{2}) + B(Q^2) \sin^2(\frac{\theta}{2})]$$

$$A(Q^2) = \frac{F_C^2(Q^2) + \mu^2 \tau F_M^2(Q^2)}{1 + \tau}$$

$$B(Q^2) = 2\tau \mu^2 F_M^2(Q^2)$$

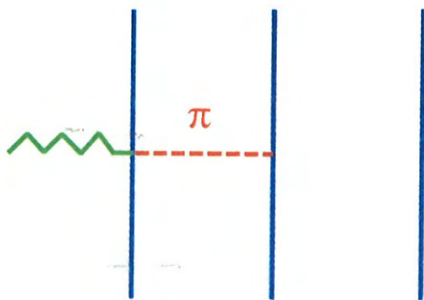
$$Q^2 = 4EE' \sin^2(\frac{\theta}{2}) \quad \tau = Q^2/4M^2$$

- ${}^4\text{He}$  charge form factor

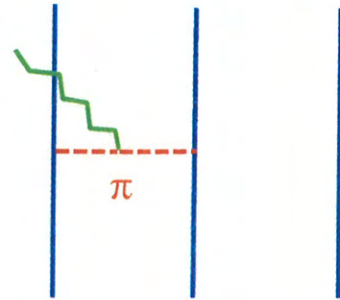
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{Z^2 \alpha^2 E' \cos^2(\frac{\theta}{2})}{4E^3 \sin^4(\frac{\theta}{2})} F_C^2(Q^2)$$



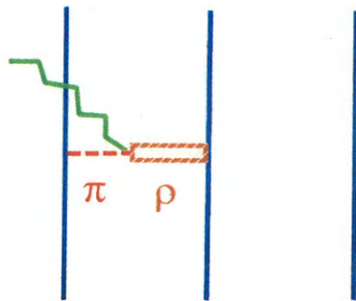
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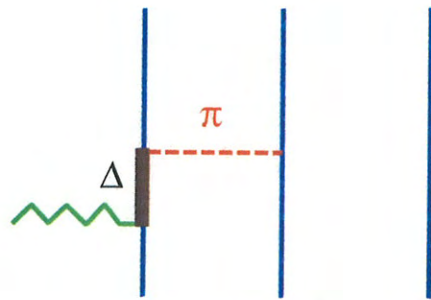
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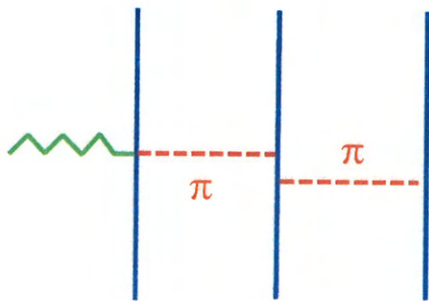
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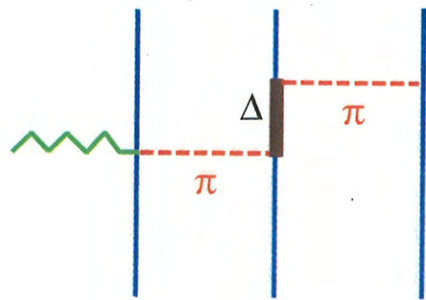
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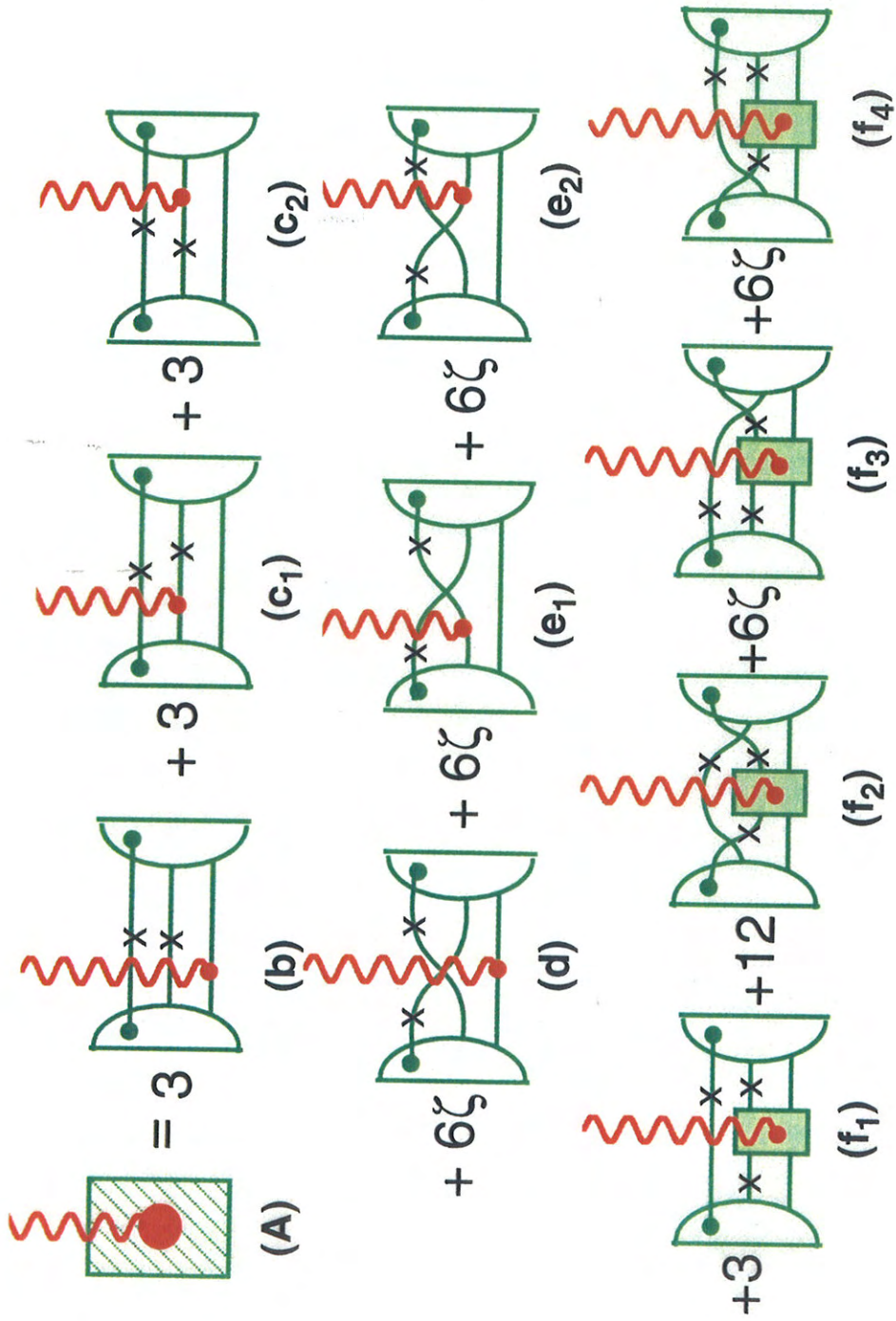
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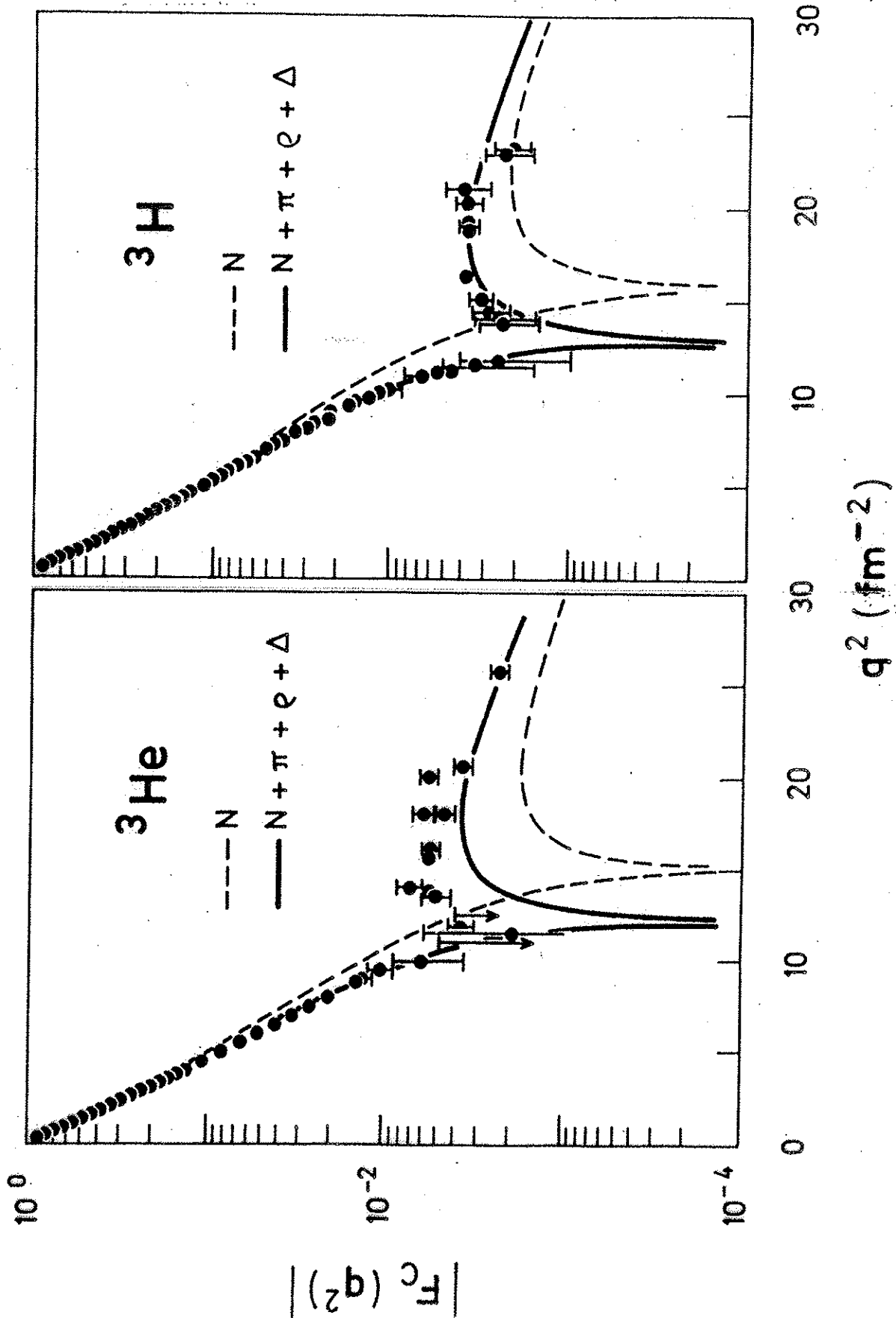
## The Three- and Four-Body Standard Model

- Non-relativistic Impulse Approximation (IA)
- Solve the nuclear ground state using:
  - Numerical solutions of Faddeev equations
  - Correlated Hyperspherical Harmonics (CCH)
  - Monte Carlo methods
    - Variational Monte Carlo (VMC)
    - Green's Function Monte Carlo (GFMC)
- Relativistic Corrections
  - Darwin - Foldy
  - Spin - orbit
- “Standard Model” to be challenged soon by the three-body covariant Bethe-Salpeter relativistic model by Gross and collaborators!

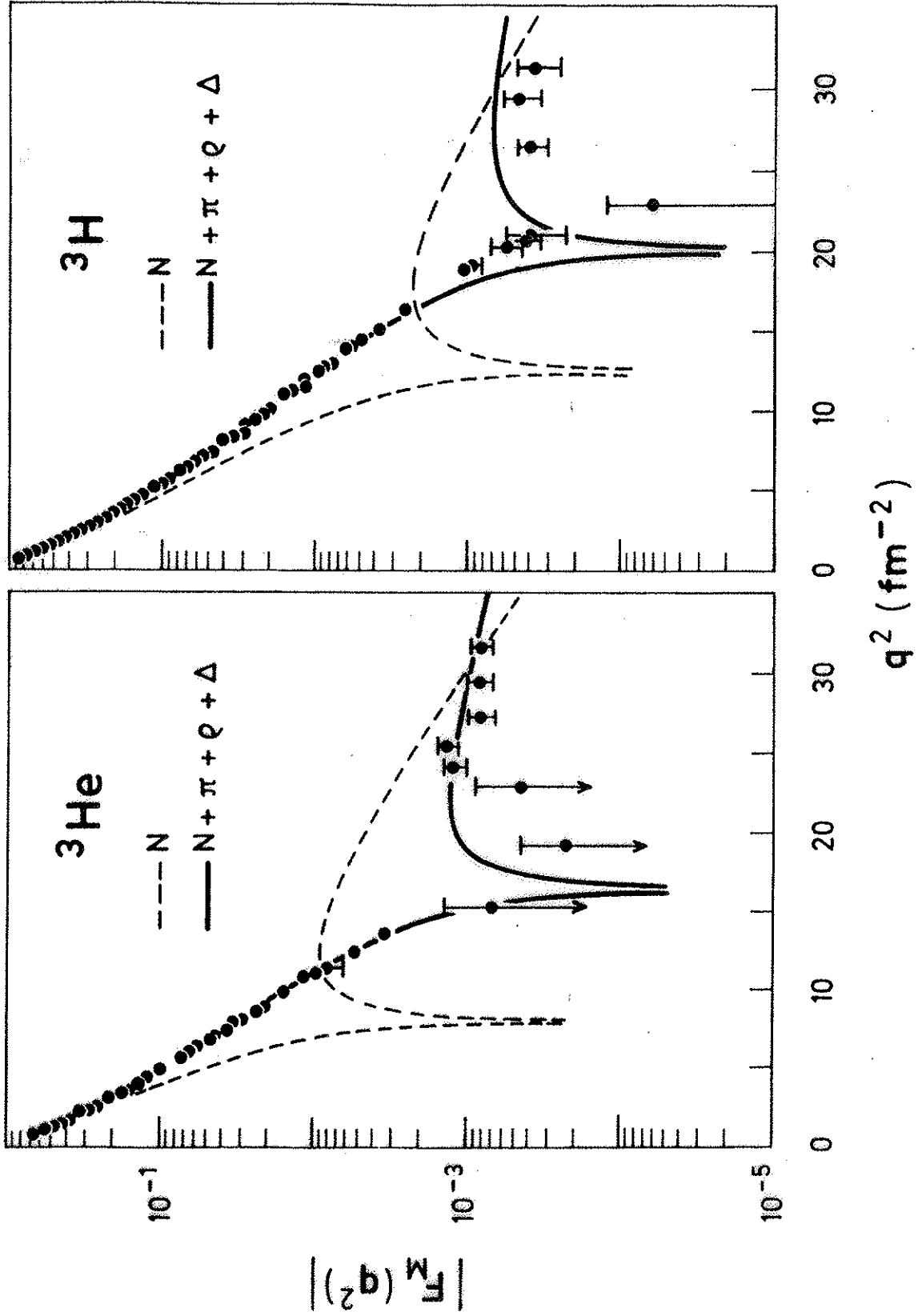
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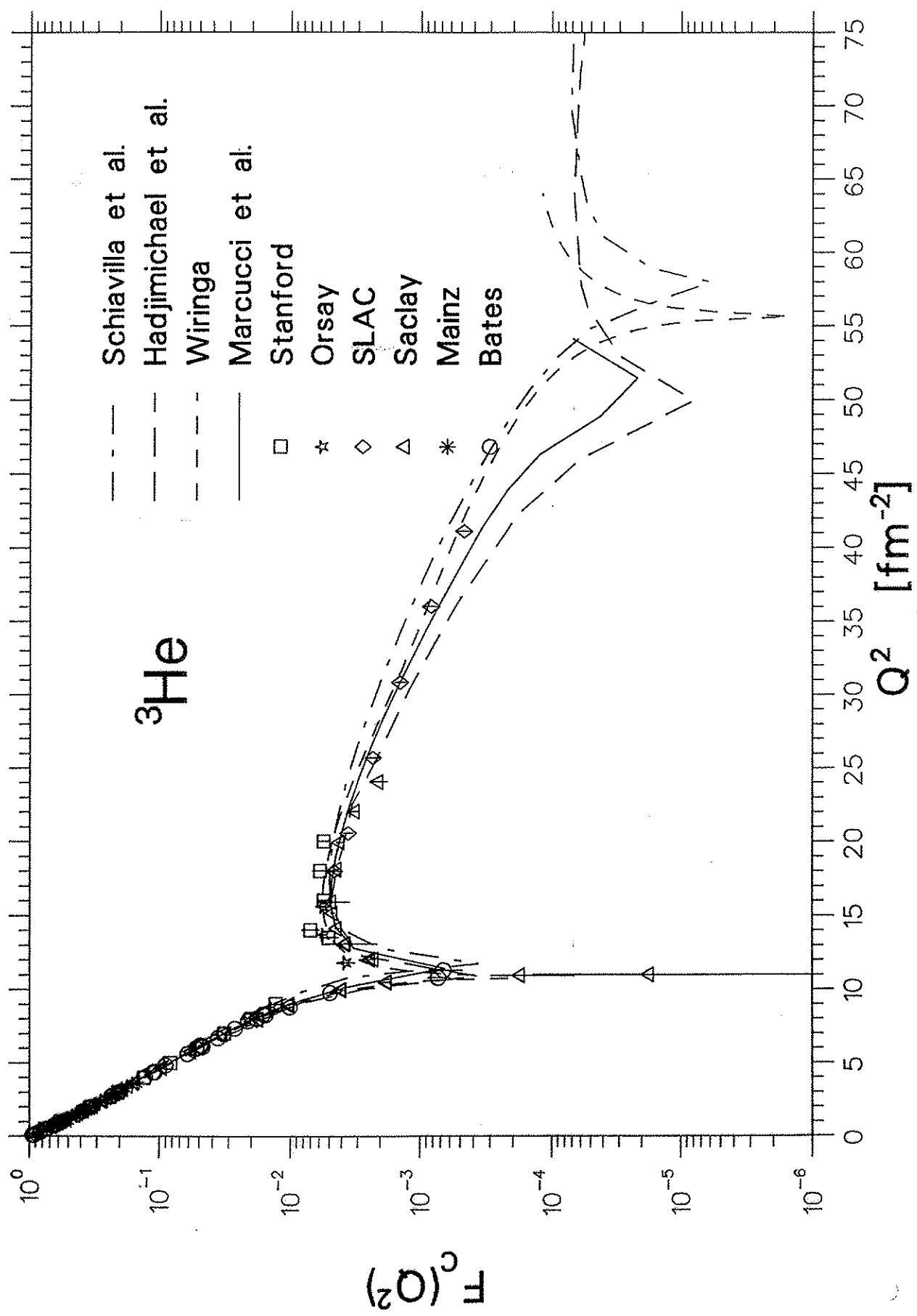
- IA alone cannot describe the few-body form factor data
- Position of first diffraction minimum and height of secondary maximum either overestimated or underestimated
- Inclusion of Meson-Exchange Currents (MEC) brings theory in better agreement with data
  - Model-independent (pion-like exchanges)
  - Model-dependent (transition currents)
- Isobar Configurations calculated to have small effects
- Three-Body Force effects have been shown to be small at low  $Q^2$
- Multi-Quark Admixtures in nuclear wave function

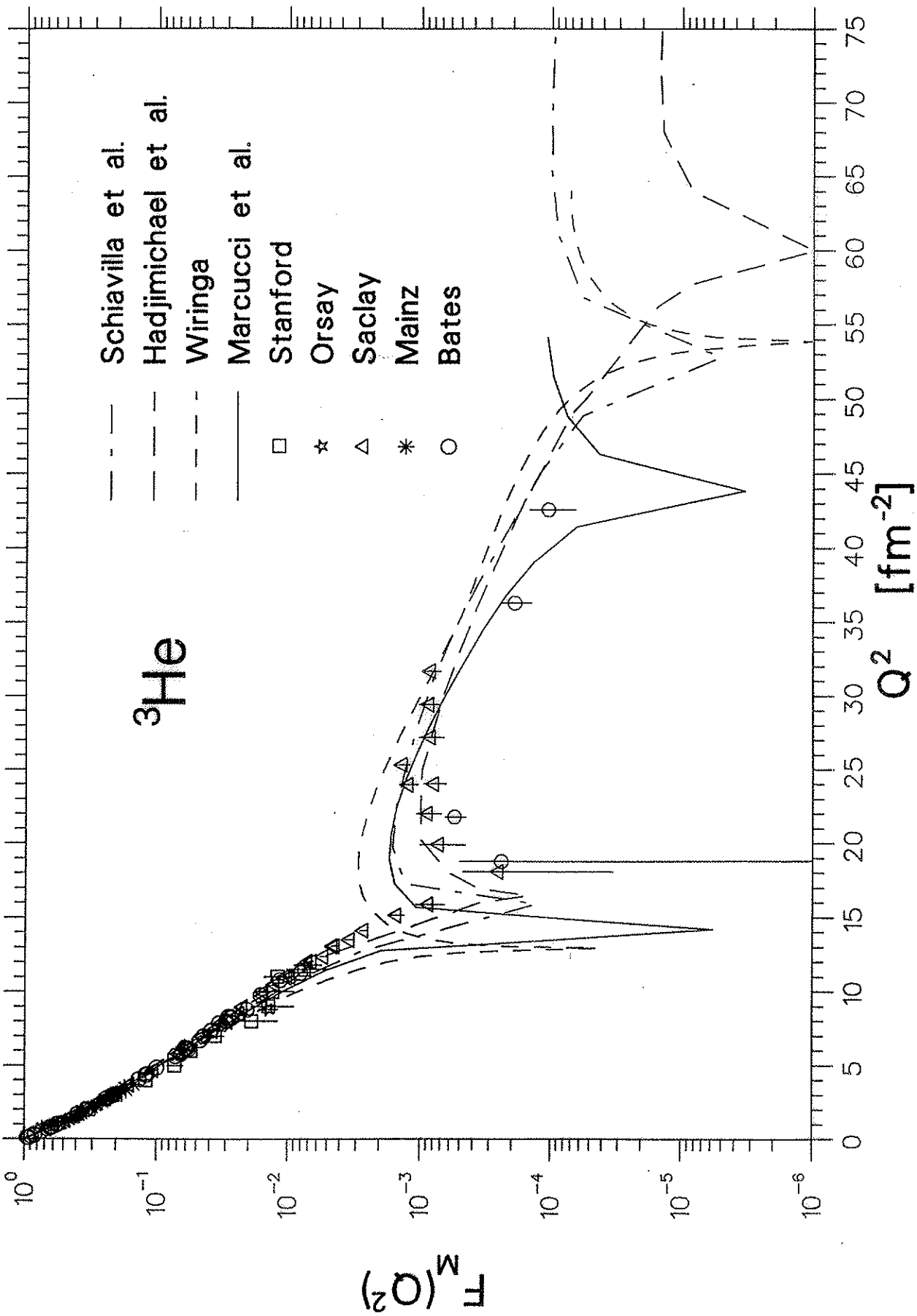


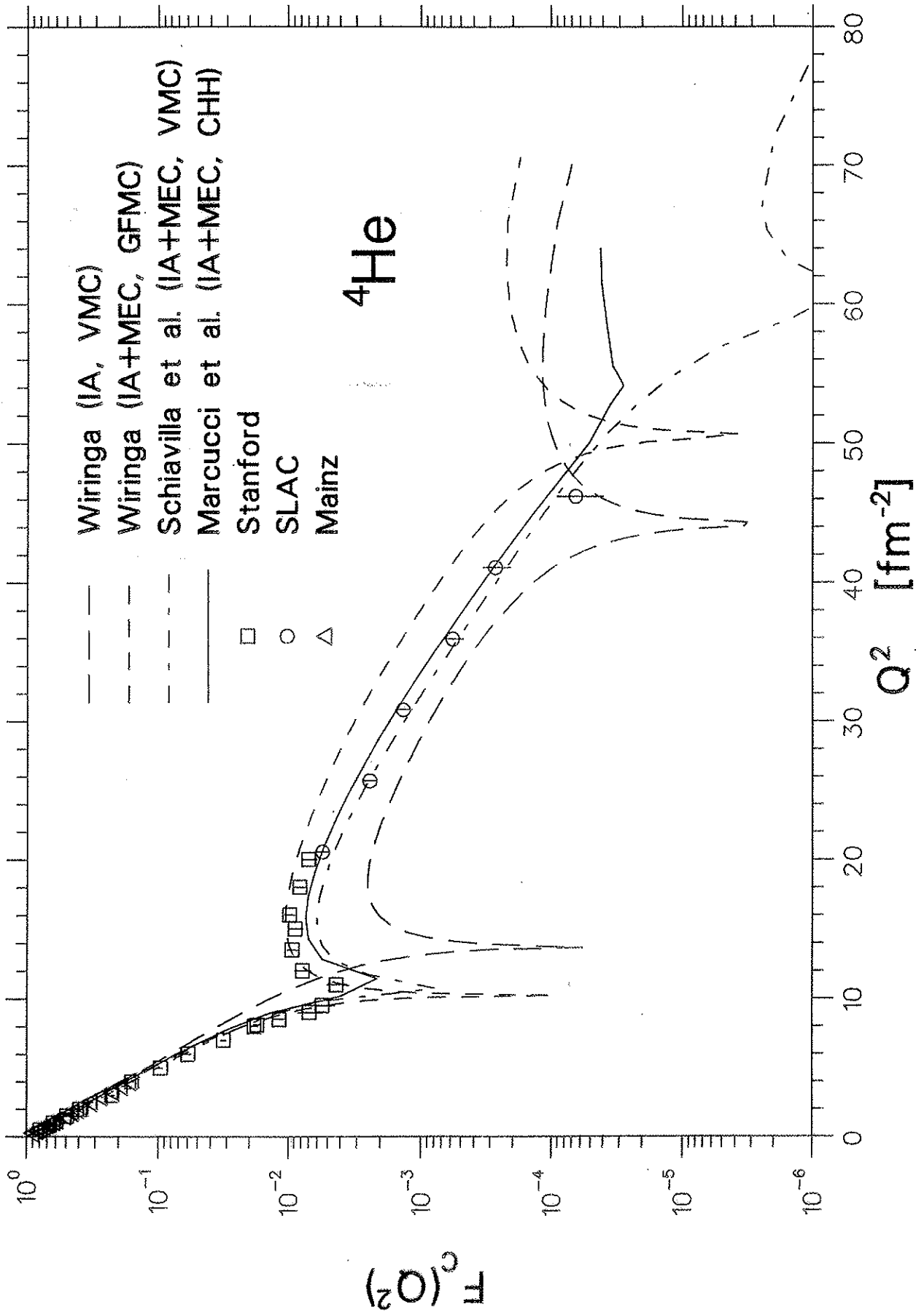


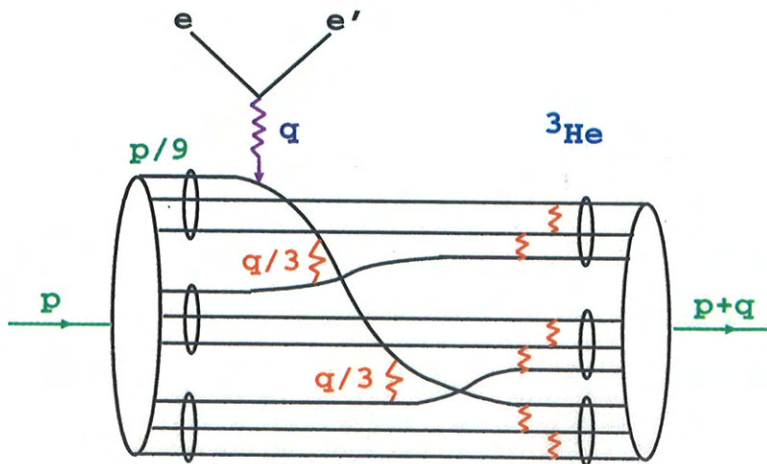
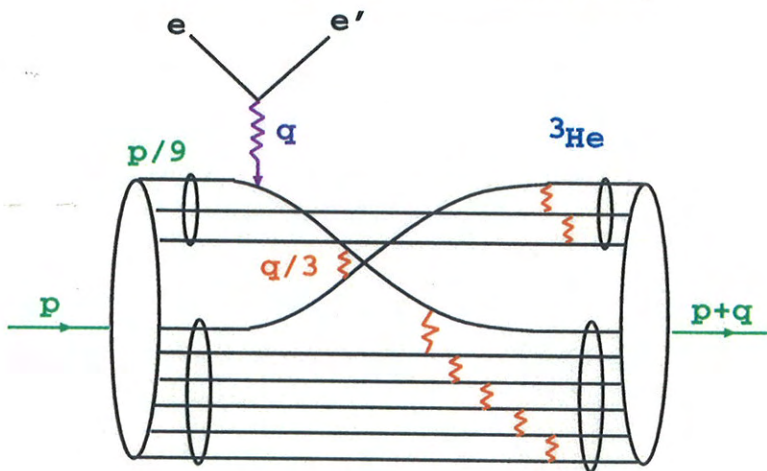
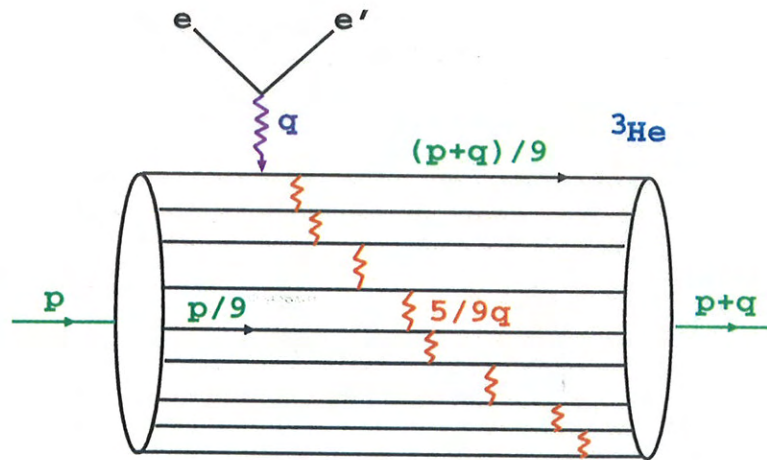


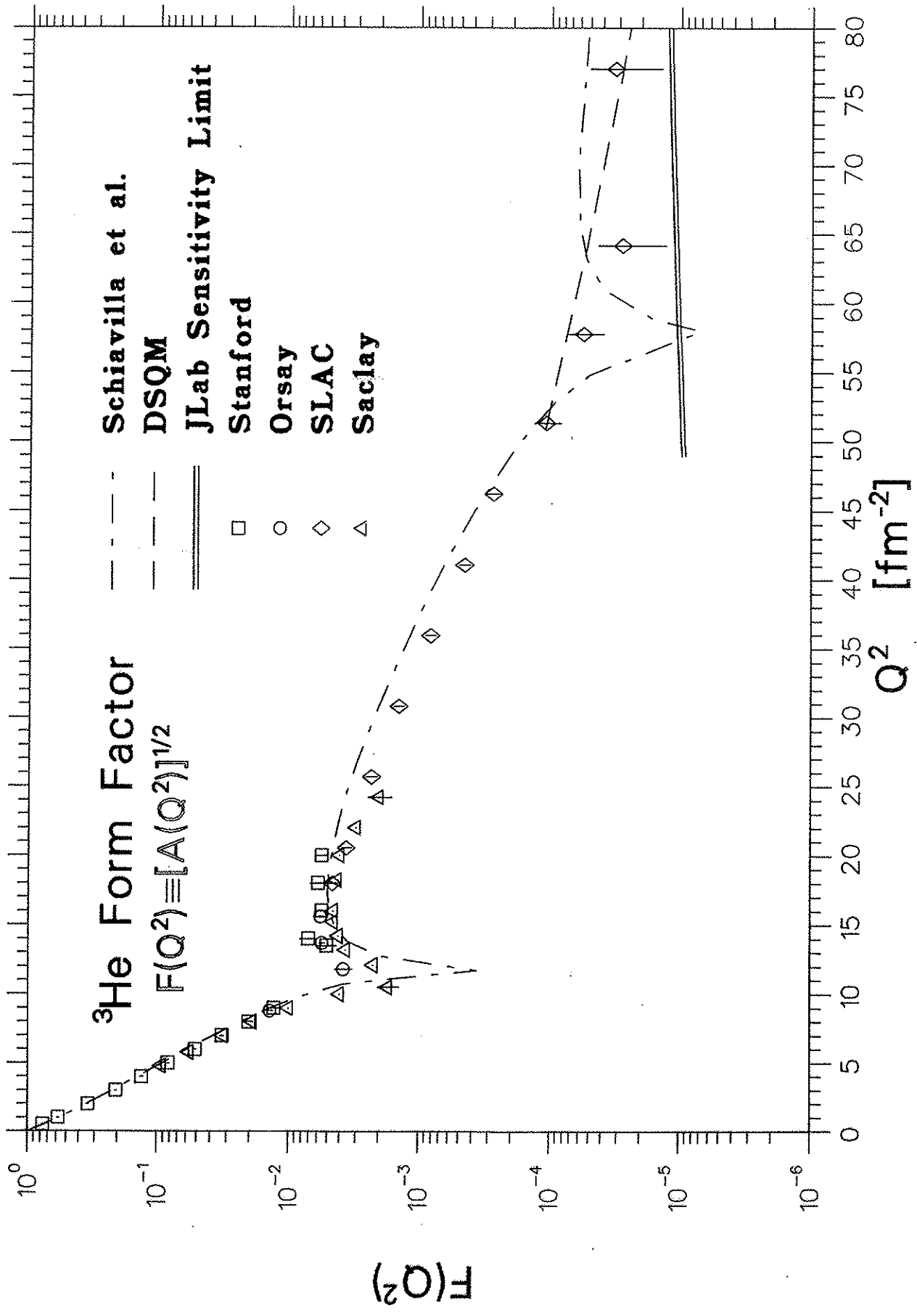








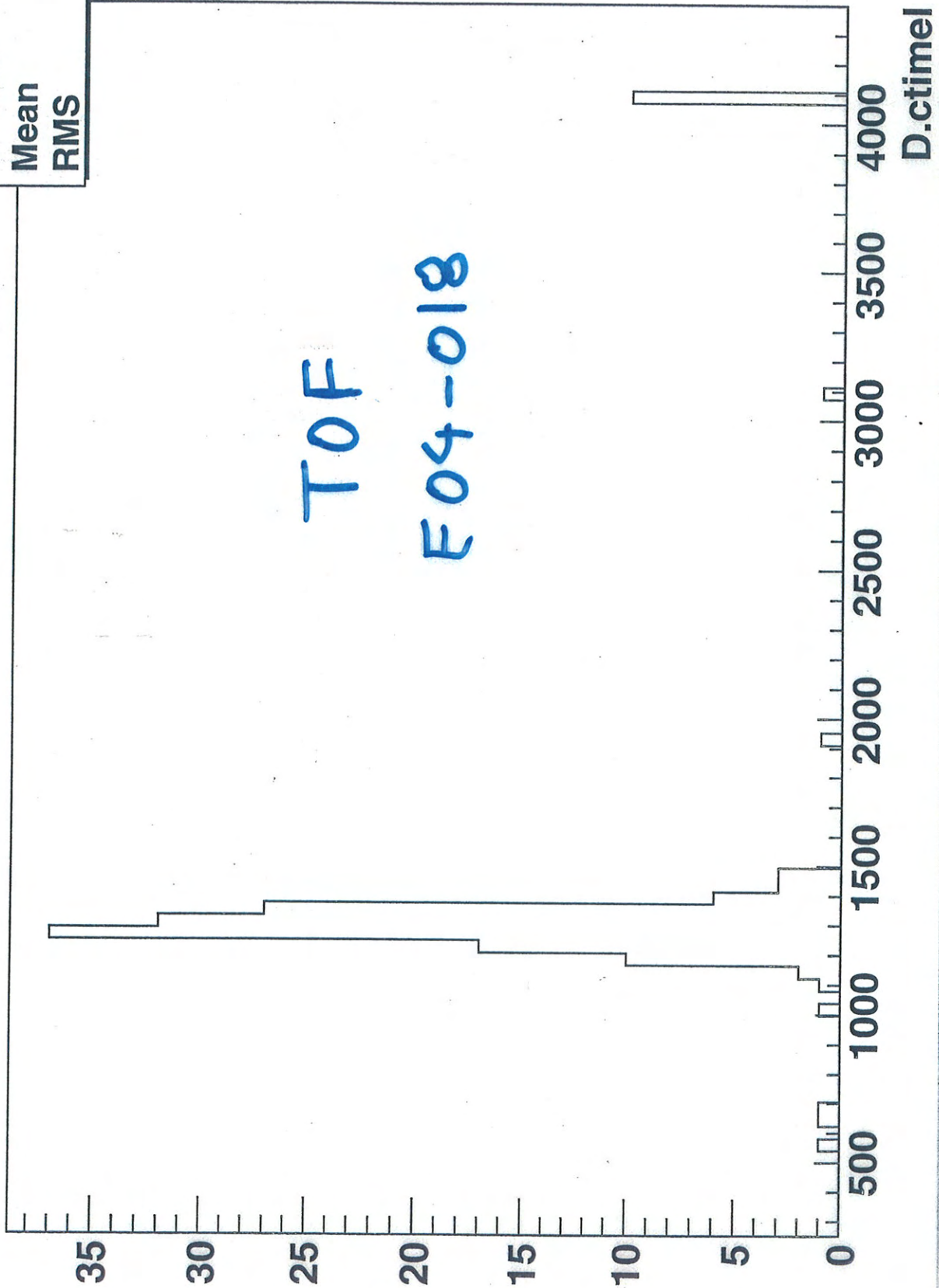




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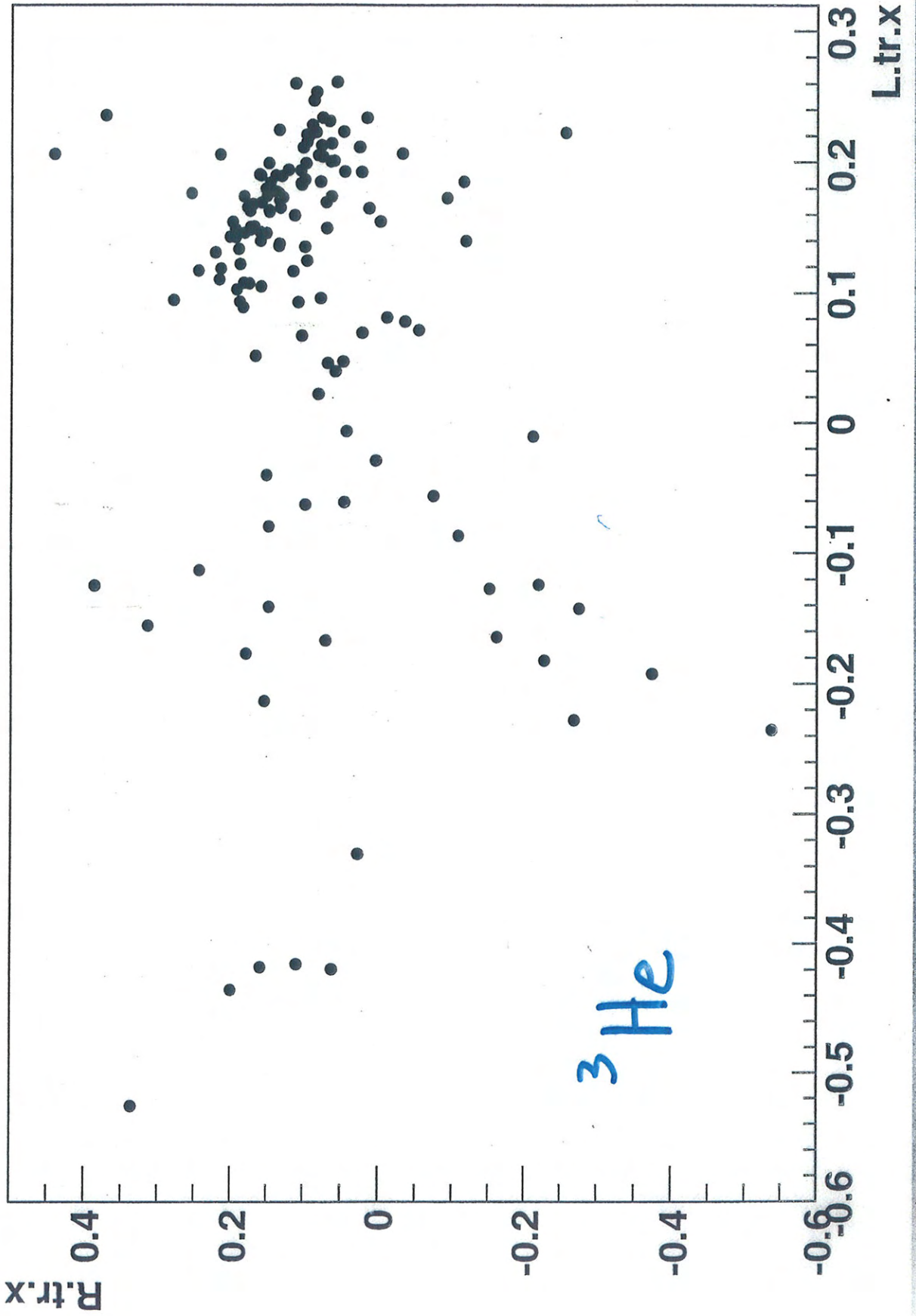
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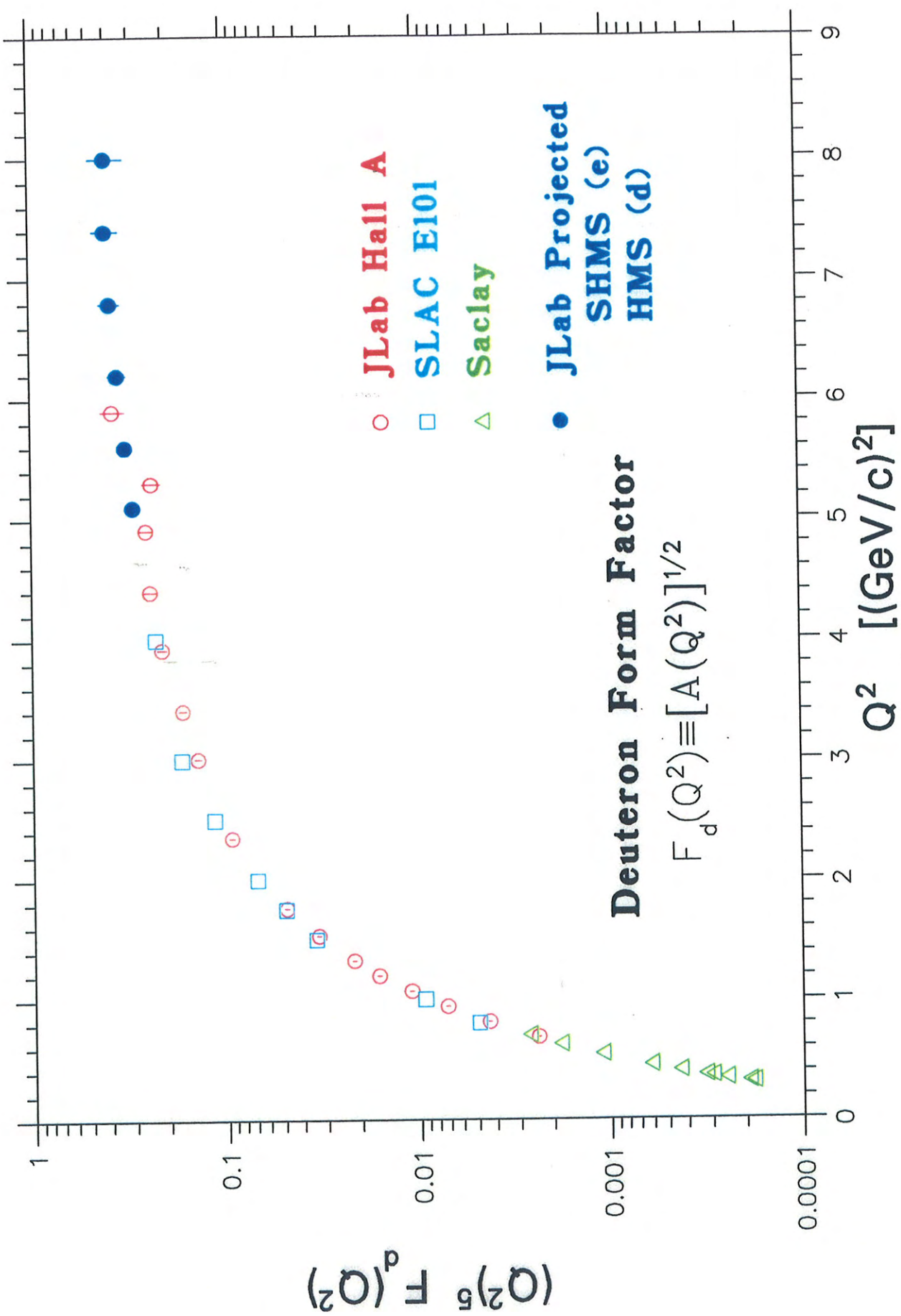


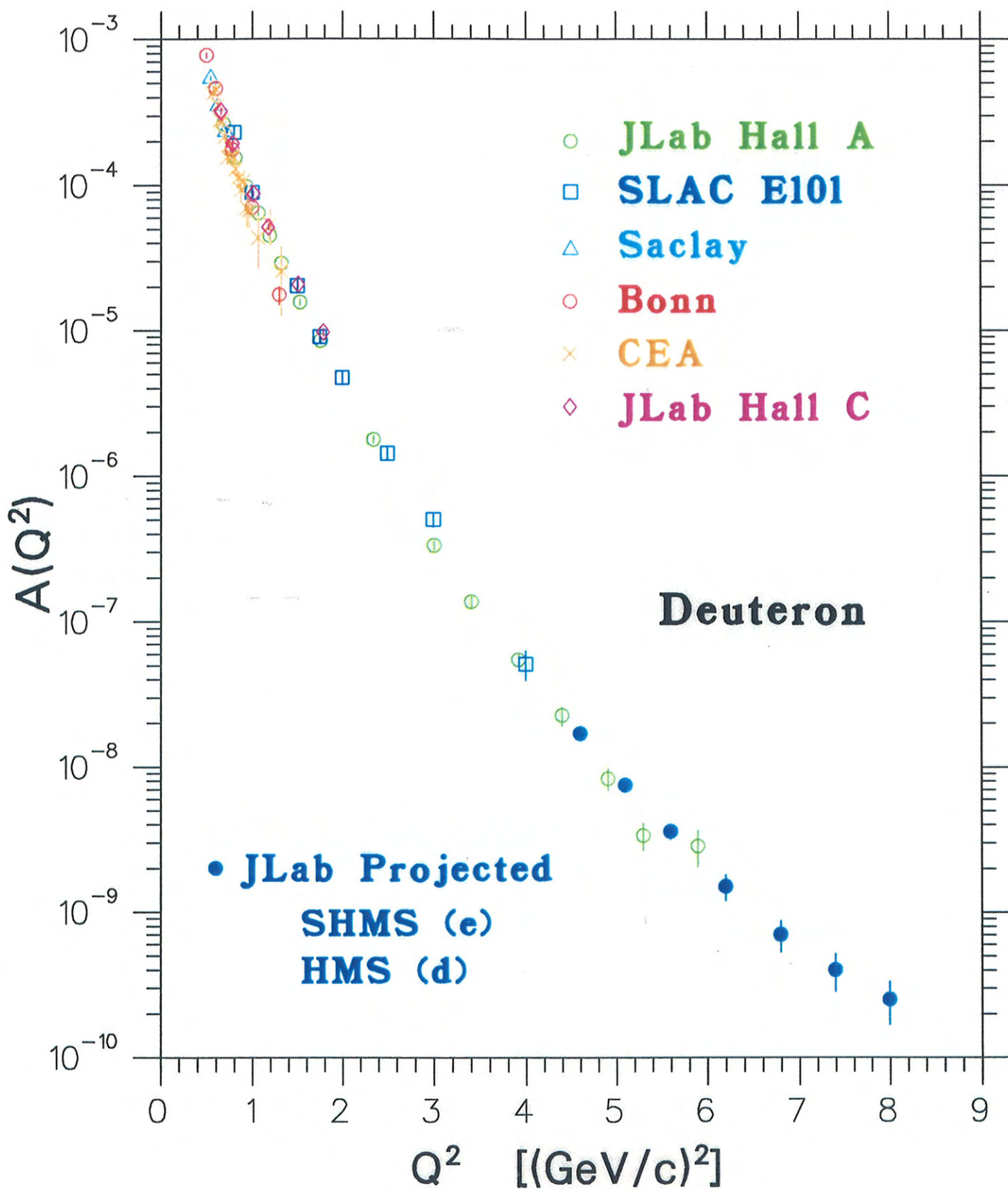


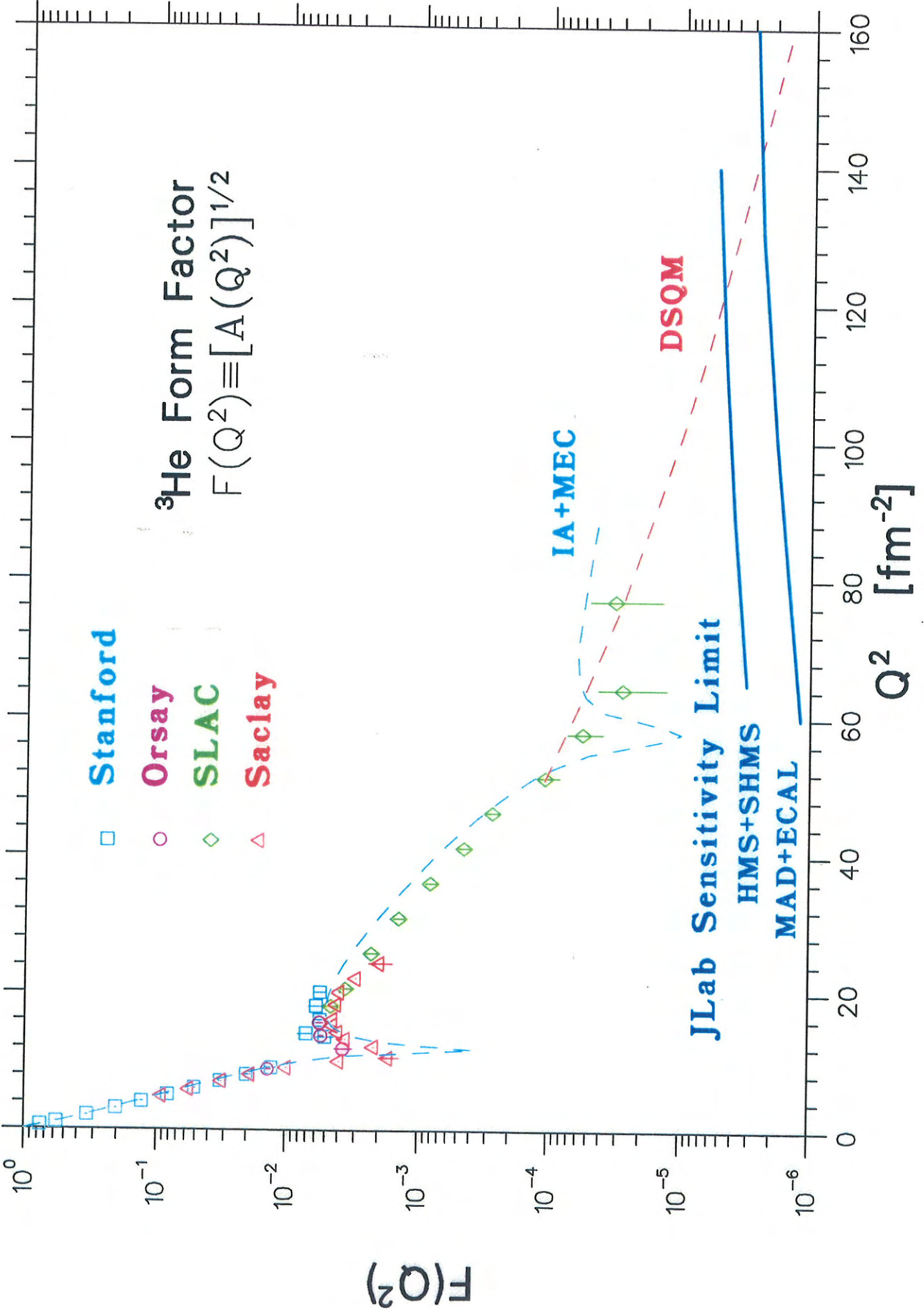


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# Summary

- JLab is the ideal place to improve the few-body form factor data taken over previous 40 years and extend them to the higher  $Q^2$  possible
- JLab has provided deuteron  $A(Q^2)$  and  $t_{20}$  data in qualitative agreement with relativistic calculations
- High  $Q^2$  measurements of deuteron  $B(Q^2)$  are essential for a complete theoretical description
- JLab is in progress of measuring the three- and four-body helium form factors
- Expected  ${}^3\text{He}$  and  ${}^4\text{He}$  data will be pivotal for the establishment of a canonical meson nucleon model
- JLab 12 GeV upgrade offers opportunity for even larger  $Q^2$  measurements to test quark scaling and pQCD