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**ePIC Light Meson Form Factors:  
Early Physics**

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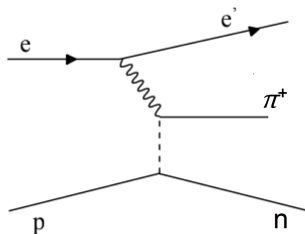
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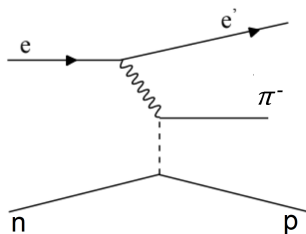
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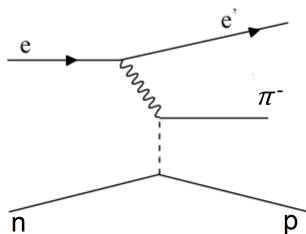
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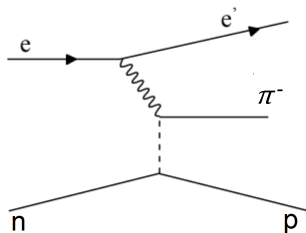
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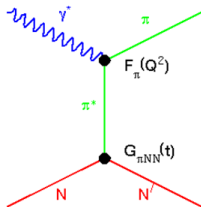


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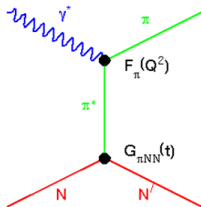




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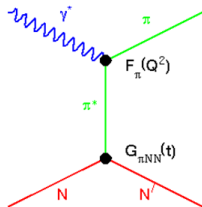


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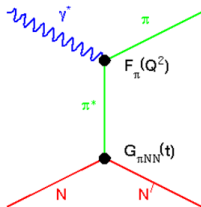


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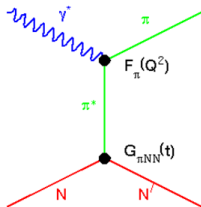


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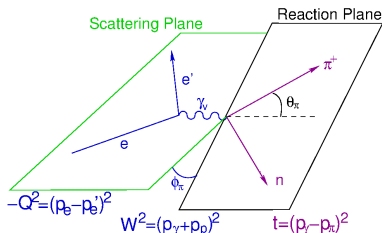
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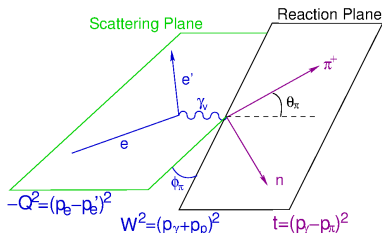
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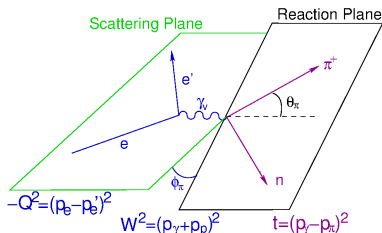
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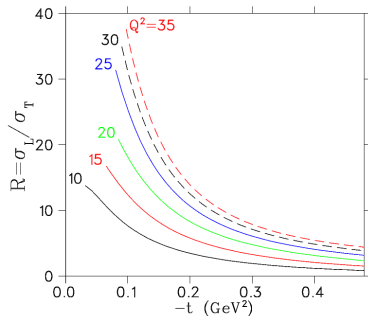
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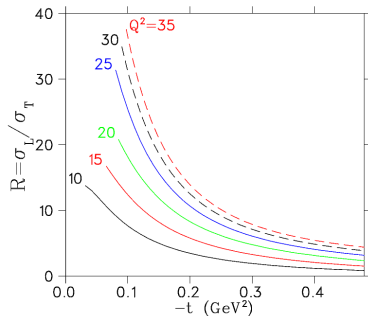


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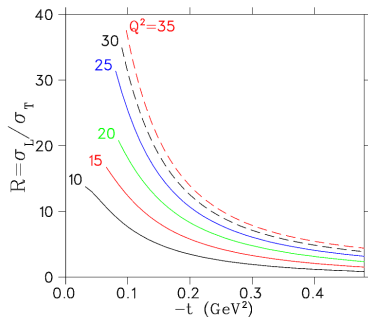
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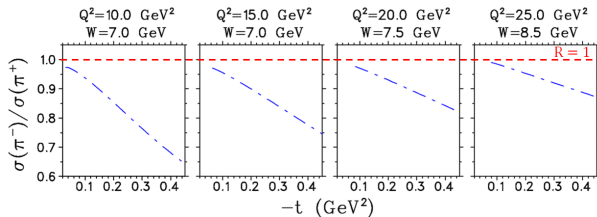
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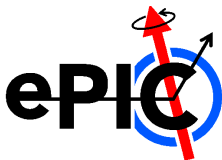
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Thanks for listening, any questions?



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