

# Nucleon Electromagnetic Form Factors

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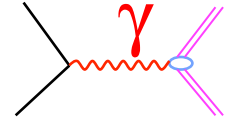
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- Fundamental properties of the nucleon
  - A testing ground for theories constructing nucleons from quarks and gluons
  - Provides insight in spatial distribution of charge and magnetization
    - Wavelength of probe can be tuned by selecting momentum transfer  $Q$ :
      - $< 0.1 \text{ GeV}^2$  integral quantities (charge radius,...)
      - $0.1\text{-}10 \text{ GeV}^2$  internal structure of nucleon
      - $> 20 \text{ GeV}^2$  pQCD scaling
- Caveat:** If  $Q$  is several times the particle that the virtual photon is interacting with ( $\sim$ Compton wavelength), dynamical (relativistic) effects make a physical interpretation more difficult
- Over the last decade there has been a dramatic improvement in precision and  $Q^2$ -coverage thanks to the development of polarized beam ( $> 100 \mu\text{A}$ ,  $> 85 \%$ ), polarized targets and polarimeters with large analyzing powers
- The observation of a linear decrease with  $Q^2$  of  $G_E^p/G_M^p$  established the role of quark Orbital Angular Momentum (OAM) in the nucleon, confirmed by nucleon spin structure studies ("spin crisis",  $\Delta G$ ,...)

# Formalism

Dirac (non-spin-flip)  $F_1$  and Pauli (spin-flip)  $F_2$  Form Factors

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(E, \theta) = \frac{\alpha^2 E' \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}{4E^3 \sin^4\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} [(F_1^2 + \kappa^2 \tau F_2^2) + 2\tau(F_1 + \kappa F_2)^2 \tan^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)]$$



with  $E$  ( $E'$ ) incoming (outgoing) energy,  $\theta$  scattering angle,  $\mu$  anomalous magnetic moment and  $\kappa = Q^2/4M^2$

Alternatively, Sachs Form Factors  $G_E$  and  $G_M$  can be used

$$F_1 = G_E + \tau G_M \quad F_2 = \frac{G_M - G_E}{\kappa(1 + \tau)} \quad \tau = \frac{Q^2}{4M^2}$$

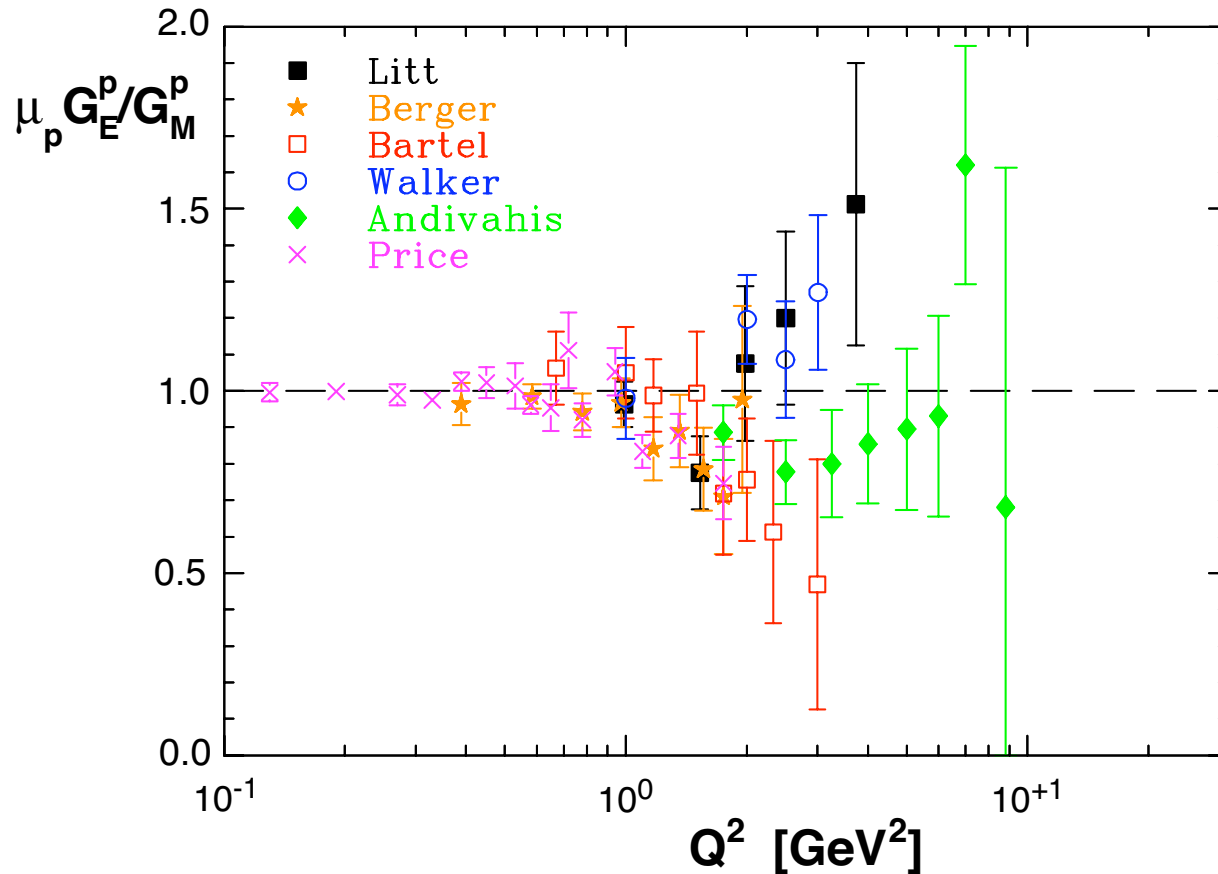
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(E, \theta) = \sigma_M \left[ \frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau} + 2\tau G_M^2 \tan^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$\sigma_M = \frac{\alpha^2 E' \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}{4E^3 \sin^4\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}$$

Separate the two Sachs FFs by measuring the cross section at one  $Q^2$ -value for various  $\theta$ -values (**Rosenbluth separation**).

In the Breit (centre-of-mass) frame the Sachs FF can be written as the Fourier transforms of the charge and magnetization radial density distributions

# World Data Set on $G_E^p$ by mid 1990s



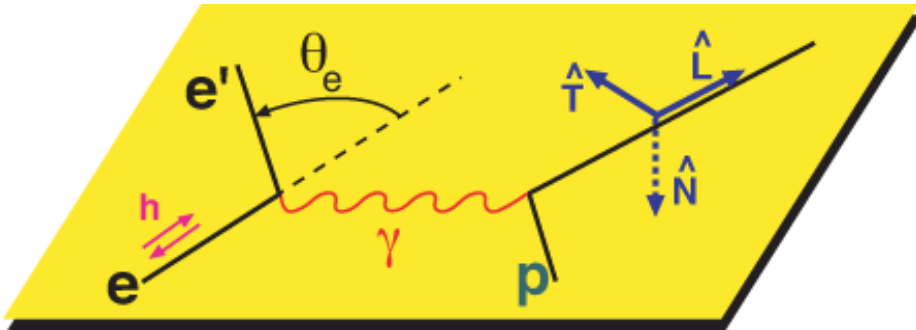
- Relied on Rosenbluth separation
- General assumption that  $G_E^p/G_M^p \approx 1$
- Although data showed large scatter

$$\sigma_R(Q^2, \epsilon) = \epsilon \left(1 + \frac{1}{\tau}\right) \frac{E}{E'} \frac{\sigma(E, \theta)}{\sigma_{Mott}} = (G_M^p)^2(Q^2) + \frac{\epsilon}{\tau} (G_E^p)^2(Q^2)$$

$$Q^2 = 4EE' \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{1 + 2(1 + \tau) \tan^2(\theta/2)}$$

# Alternative: Spin Transfer Reaction ${}^1\text{H}(e, e'p)$



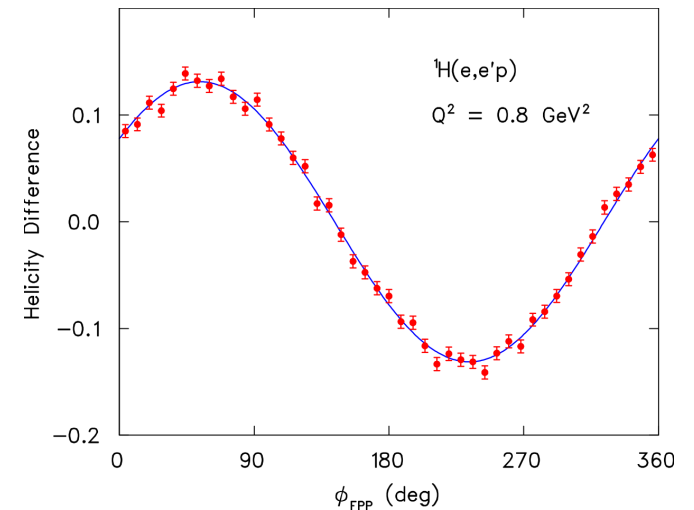
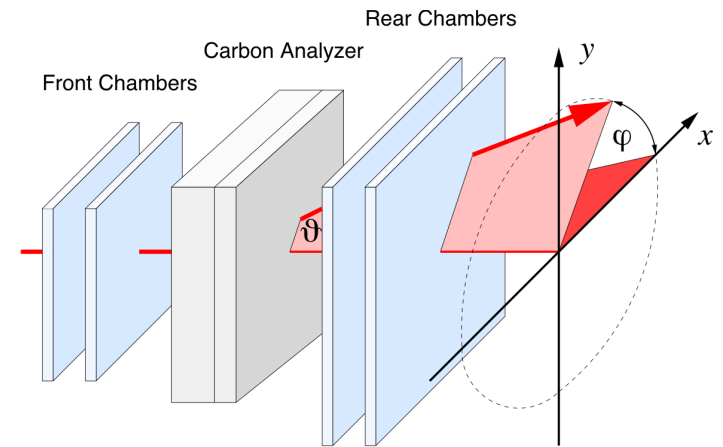
$$P_n = 0$$

$$\pm h P_t = \mp h 2\sqrt{\tau(1+\tau)} G_E^p G_M^p \tan\left(\frac{\theta_e}{2}\right) / I_0$$

$$\pm h P_l = \pm h (E_e + E_{e'}) (G_M^p)^2 \sqrt{\tau(1+\tau)} \tan^2\left(\frac{\theta_e}{2}\right) / M / I_0$$

$$I_0 = \{G_E^p(Q^2)\}^2 + \tau \{G_M^p(Q^2)\}^2 \left[1 + 2(1+\tau) \tan^2\left(\frac{\theta_e}{2}\right)\right]$$

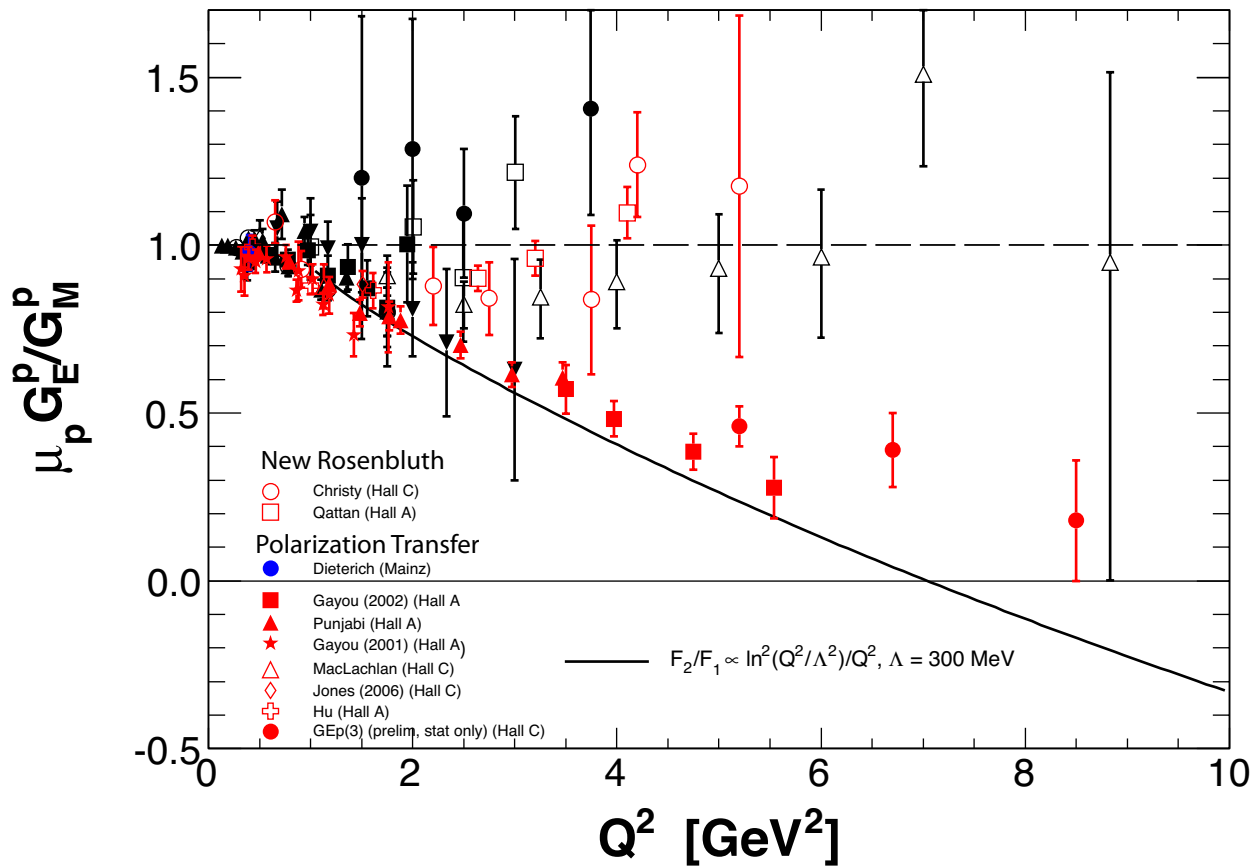
$$\frac{G_E^p}{G_M^p} = -\frac{P_t}{P_l} \frac{E_e + E_{e'}}{2M} \tan\left(\frac{\theta_e}{2}\right)$$



No error contributions from

- analyzing power
- beam polarimetry

# World Data Set on $G_E^p$ ten years later



→ Large new data set based on polarization transfer showed linear decrease of  $G_E^p/G_M^p$  with  $Q^2$

→ In contrast with Rosenbluth data

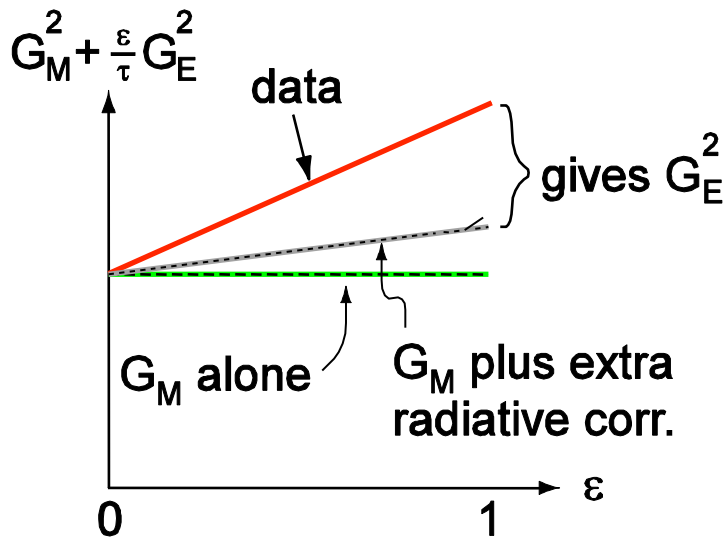
Andrew Puckett

- Detailed reanalysis of SLAC data resulted in acceptable scatter of data
- JLab Rosenbluth data in agreement with SLAC data
- No reason to doubt quality of either Rosenbluth or polarization transfer data
- Investigate possible theoretical sources for discrepancy

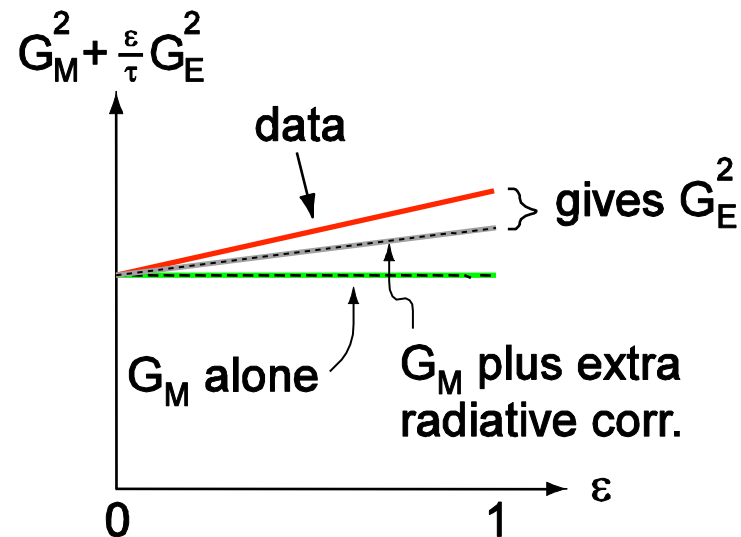
# Speculation : missing radiative corrections

Speculation : there are radiative corrections to Rosenbluth experiments that are important and are not included in the analysis

missing correction : linear in  $\epsilon$ , but with no strong  $Q^2$ -dependence



Low  $\tau$  (Low  $Q^2$ )



High  $\tau$  (High  $Q^2$ )

$G_E$  term is proportionally smaller at large  $Q^2$

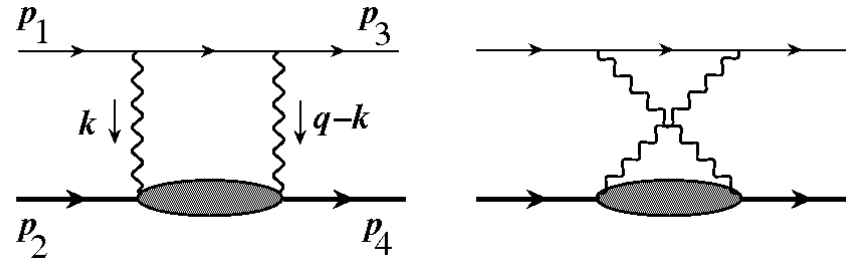
effect more visible at large  $Q^2$

$$Q^2 = 6 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$\frac{G_E^2}{\tau G_M^2} = \frac{4 M^2}{Q^2 \mu_p^2} = 7.5\%$$

if both FF scale in same way

# Calculations of TPE effects



$$d\sigma = d\sigma_0 (1 + \delta)$$

$$\delta = 2f(Q^2, \varepsilon) + \frac{2\Re\{\mathfrak{M}_0^\dagger \overline{\mathfrak{M}_1}\}}{|\mathfrak{M}_0|^2} \longrightarrow \delta_{2\gamma} = \frac{2\Re\{M_\gamma^\dagger M_{2\gamma}\}}{|M_\gamma|^2}$$

$f(Q^2, \varepsilon)$  is the standard Mo & Tsai correction (soft photon exchange), which has some  $\varepsilon$ -dependence and is IR divergent  
 IR divergent terms are canceled by soft-photon emission terms

Two methods of calculating  $\delta_{2\gamma}$ :

**Hadronic**

Use nucleon-pole diagrams with on-shell form factors in photon-nucleon vertices

Blunden, Melnitchouk, Tjon (BMT),  
 PRC 72, 034612 (2005)

**Partonic**

Factorize TPE amplitude into hard process of e-q scattering and a soft process described by GPDs



# Effect on L-T Extractions

Arrington, Melnitchouk, Tjon  
 PRC 76, 035205 (2007)

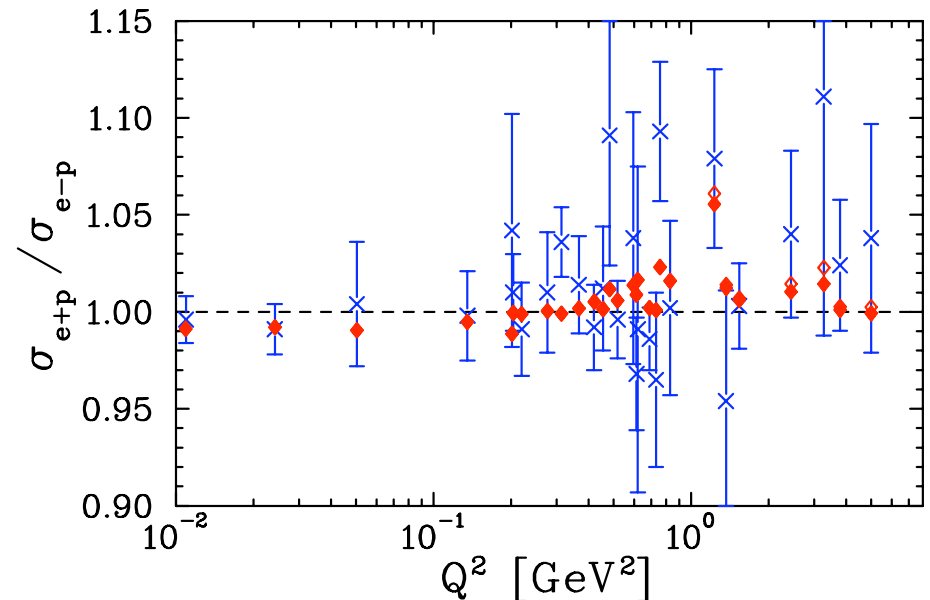
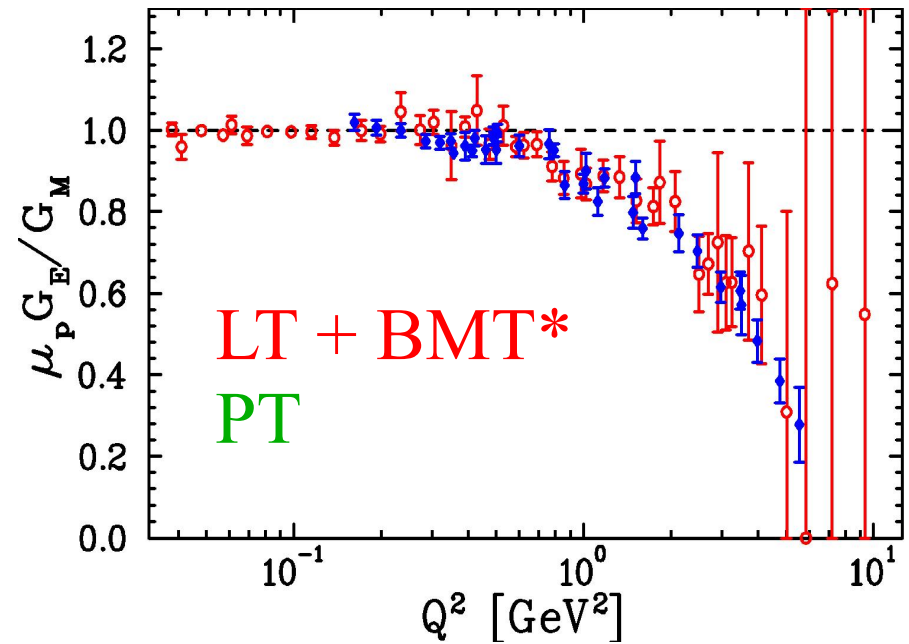
full reanalysis of data, incorporating  
 BMT calculations, but adding  
 extra (small) phenomenological  
 correction above  $Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$

$$\delta_{2\gamma}^* = 0.01[\epsilon - 1] \frac{\ln Q^2}{\ln 2.2}$$

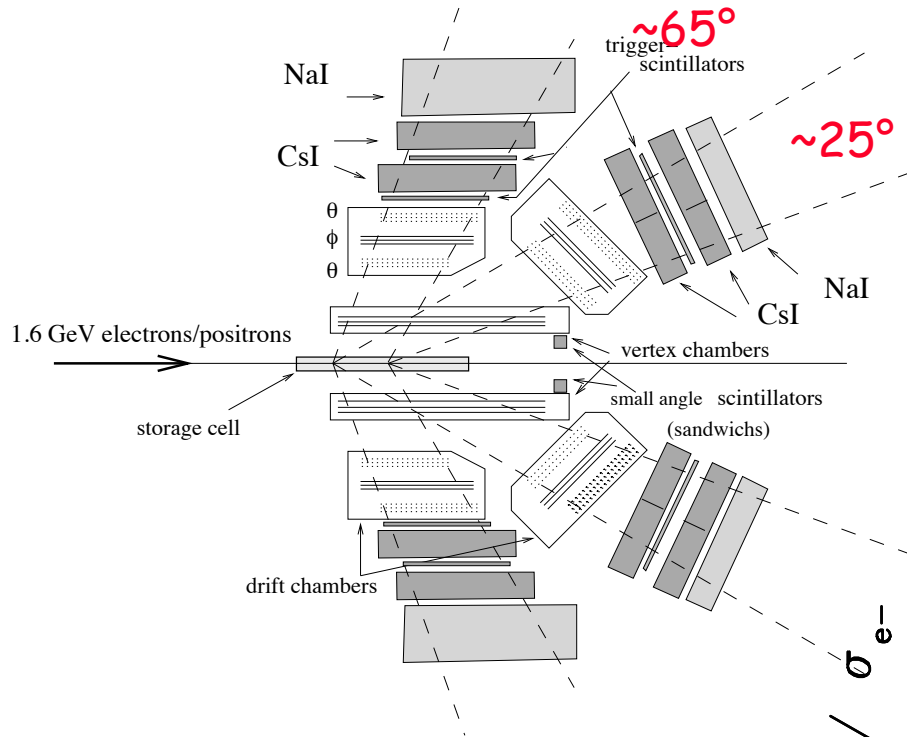
$\sim 1\%$  at  $2 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $2\%$  at  $5 \text{ GeV}^2$

- Apply 100% of the extra correction as an uncertainty (affects  $G_M^p$  uncertainty)
- Corrections hardly visible in  $e^+/e^-$  ratio

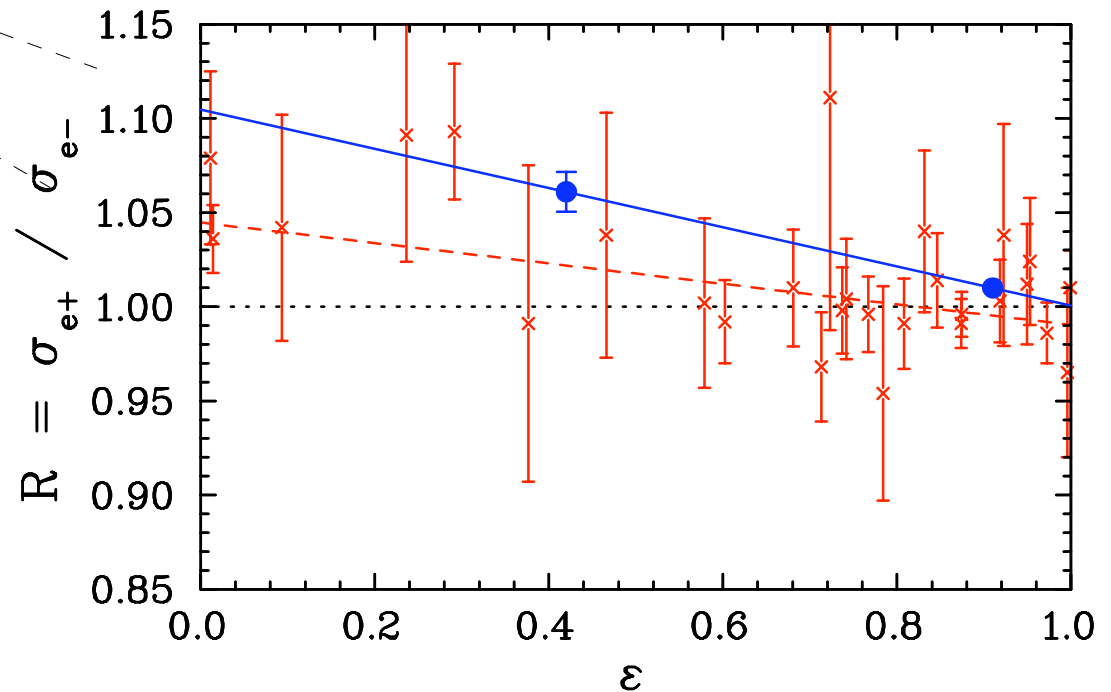
New  $e^+/e^-$  data expected soon: BINP (data), DESY (2012), CLAS (2012)



# VEPP-3 positron-electron comparison

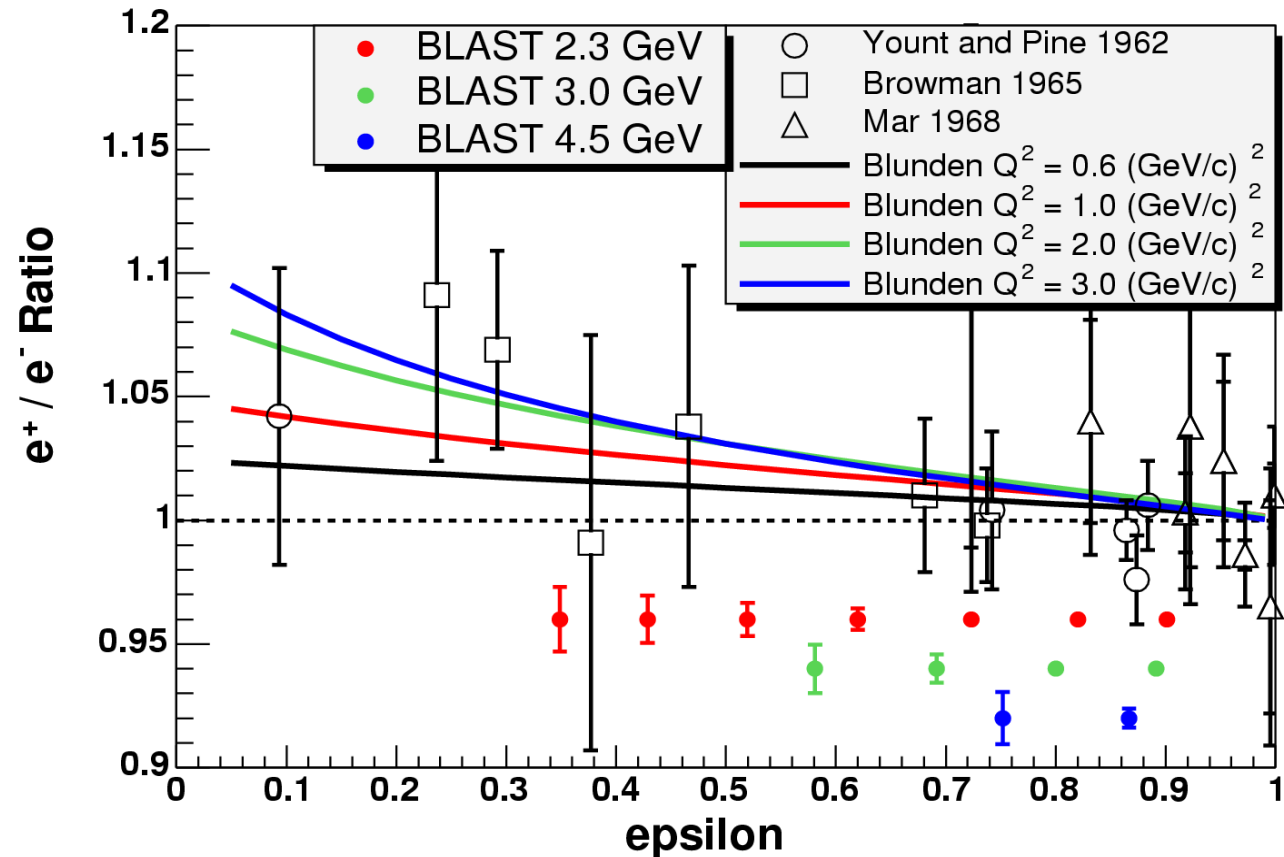


- Use VEPP-3 ring (50 mA)
- $e^+/e^-$  energy 1.6 GeV
- $\theta \approx 25^\circ$  and  $65^\circ$
- $Q^2 \approx 0.3$  and  $1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Internal gas target
- Luminosity  $\approx 5 \cdot 10^{31} \text{ (cm}^2\text{s)}^{-1}$



J. Arrington, D. Nikolenko, spokespersons, nucl-ex/04-08020

# Projected results for OLYMPUS@DESY

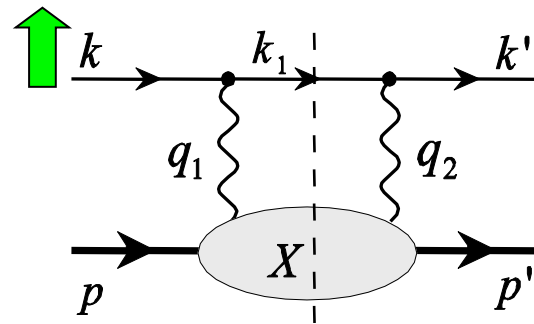


1000 hours each for  $e^+$  and  $e^-$   
Lumi =  $6 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

2008 - Full proposal submitted and approved  
2009/10 - Transfer of BLAST  
2012 - OLYMPUS Running

# SSA in elastic eN scattering

spin of **beam** OR **target** OR  
**recoil proton** **NORMAL**  
to scattering plane



$$s = (k + p)^2$$

on-shell intermediate state ( $M_X = W$ )

➔ involves the **imaginary part** of two-photon exchange amplitudes

**Target:** general formula of **order  $e^2$**

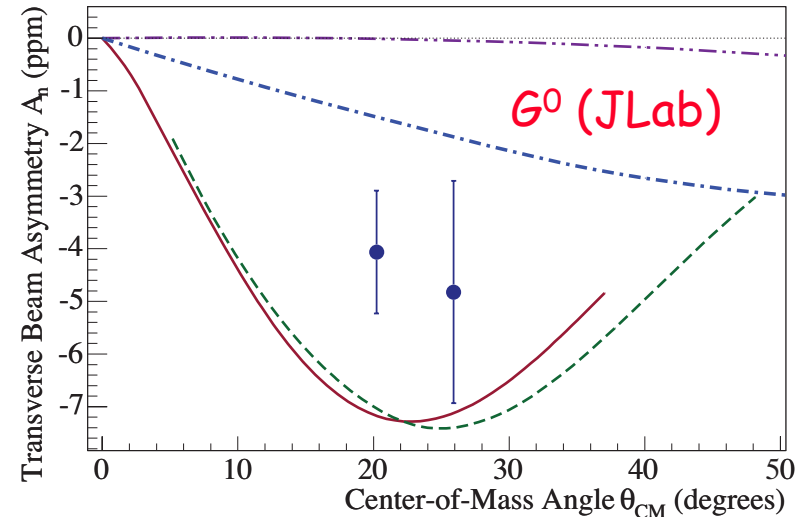
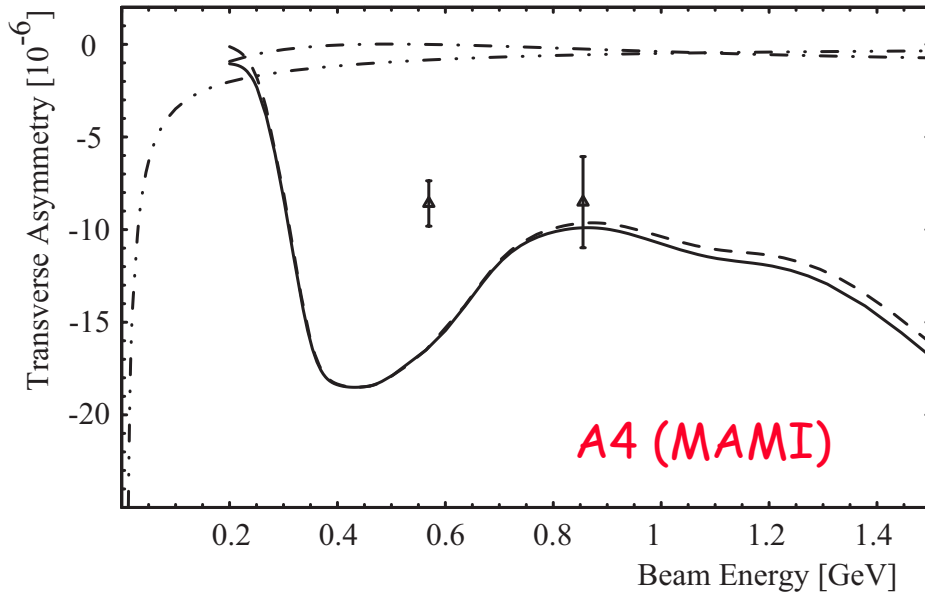
- GPD model allows connection of real and imaginary amplitudes
- Hadronic models sensitive to intermediate state contributions, no reliable theoretical calculations at present
- First data taken late 2008 in QE scattering off polarized  $^3\text{He}$  (E05-015)

**Beam:** general formula of order  **$m_e e^2$**  (few ppm)

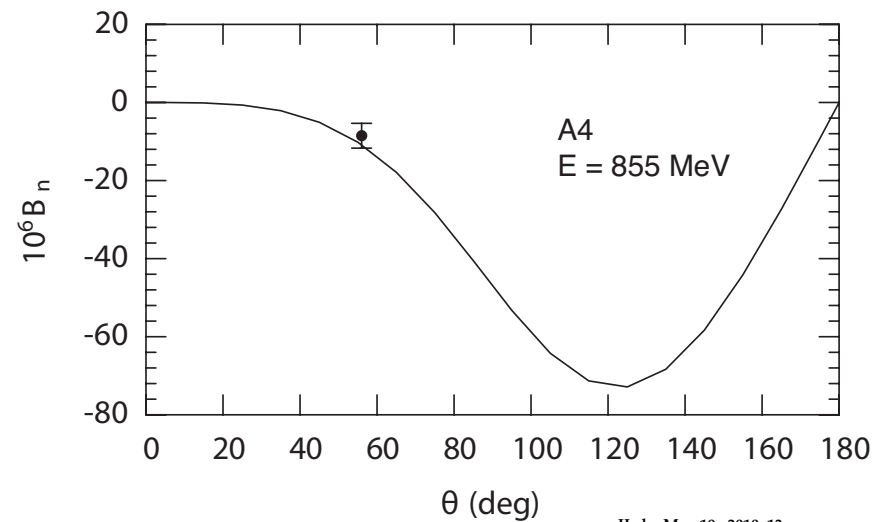
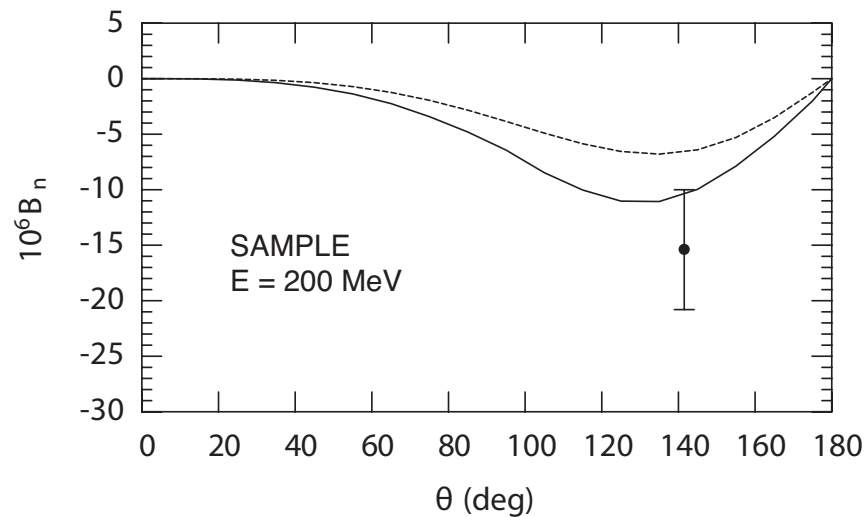
- Measured in PV experiments (longitudinally polarized electrons) at SAMPLE, A4 (Mainz),  $G^0$  and HAPPEX (JLab)
- Only non-zero result so far for TPEX

Peter Blunden

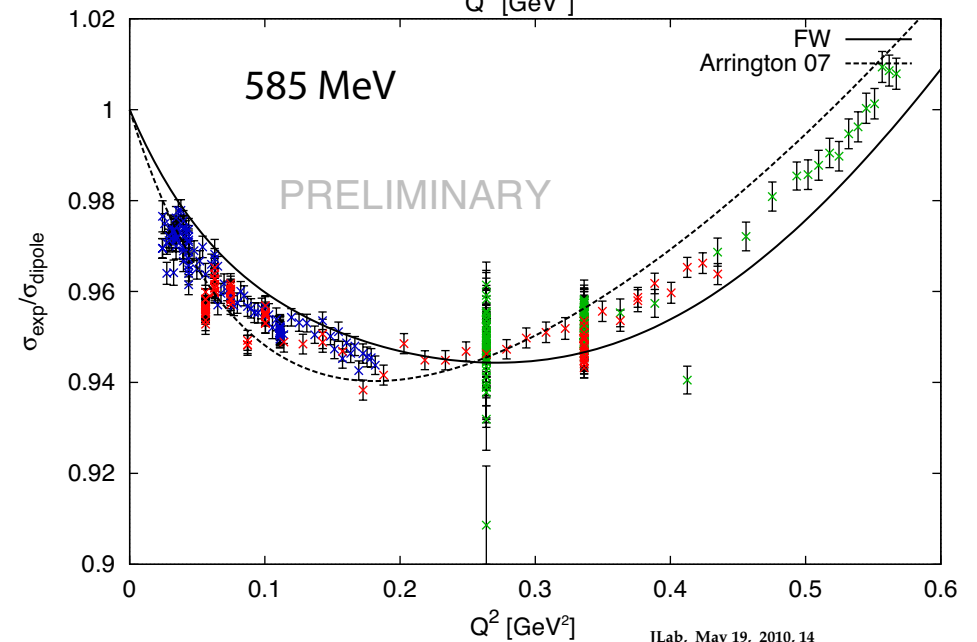
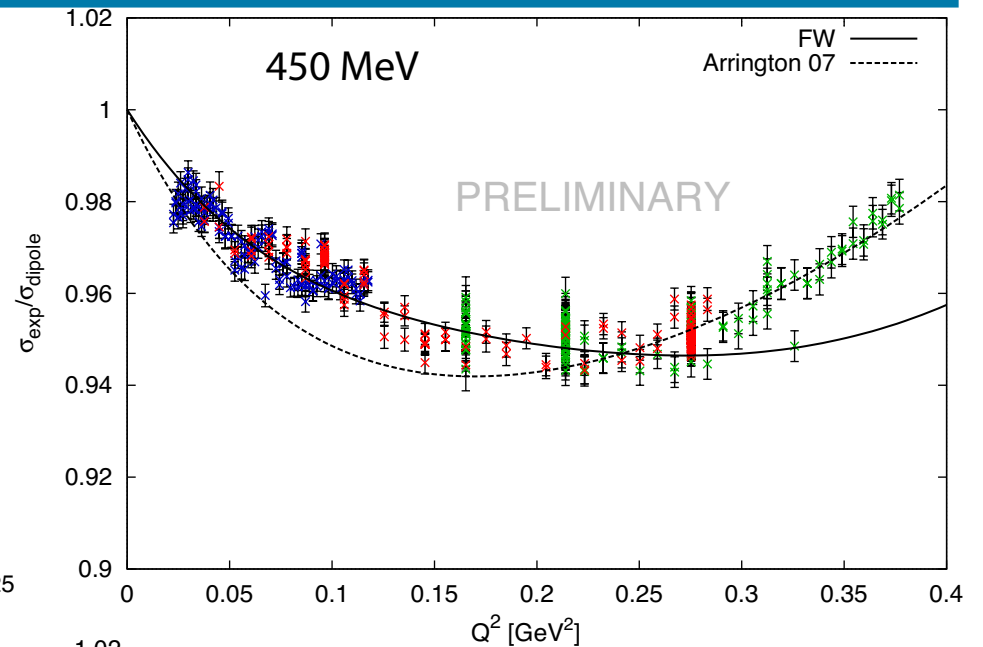
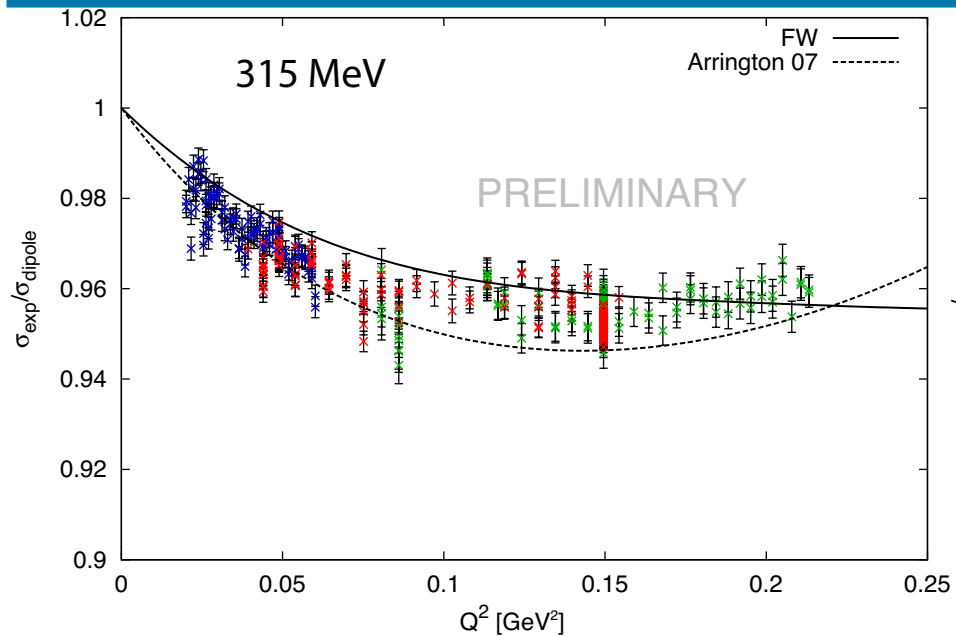
# Some available data on SSA



More recent calculations by Borisyyuk&Kobushkin (arXiv:0812.0469)



# Proton cross-section data from MAMI



JLab, May 19, 2010, 14

- Bernauer et al. collected a large data set using all three A1 spectrometers
- The projected  $\leq 1\%$  accuracy will allow an L/T separation in a  $Q^2$ -range of 0.02 to 0.5 GeV<sup>2</sup>
- Data analysis has been completed and will be available shortly

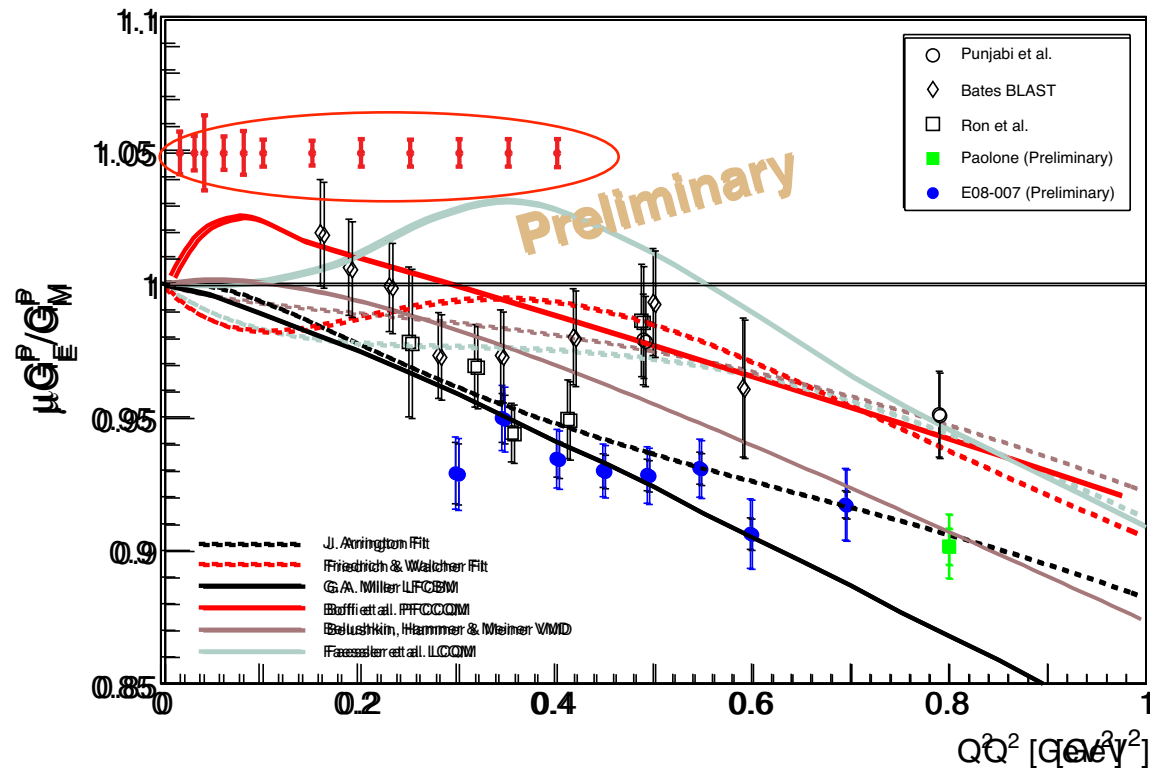
# Polarization Transfer at low $Q^2$ -values

Detailed understanding of Hall A HRS spectrometer optics and availability of BigBite spectrometer has made possible polarization transfer measurements with a  $\sim 1\%$  accuracy in a  $Q^2$ -range from  $0.3 - 0.7 \text{ GeV}^2$   
Results are in disagreement (at a better precision) with earlier data

New data analyzed together with new cross-section data set measured at MAMI will allow to set sensitive limits to TPE effects at low  $Q^2$

Xiaohui Zhan  
Ph.D. thesis

Further data at  $Q^2$ -values down to  $0.1 \text{ GeV}^2$  are scheduled for late 2011 with a DNP target



# Measuring $G_M^n$

Old method: quasi-elastic scattering from  $^2\text{H}$   
large systematic errors due to subtraction of proton contribution

$$R_D = \frac{\frac{d^3\sigma(eD \Rightarrow e'n(p))}{dE' d\Omega_e d\Omega_n}}{\frac{d^3\sigma(eD \Rightarrow e'p(n))}{dE' d\Omega_e d\Omega_p}}$$

- Measure (en)/(ep) ratio

Luminosities cancel

Determine neutron detector efficiency

- On-line through  $e+p \rightarrow e'+\pi^+(+n)$  reaction (CLAS)
- Off-line with neutron beam (Mainz)

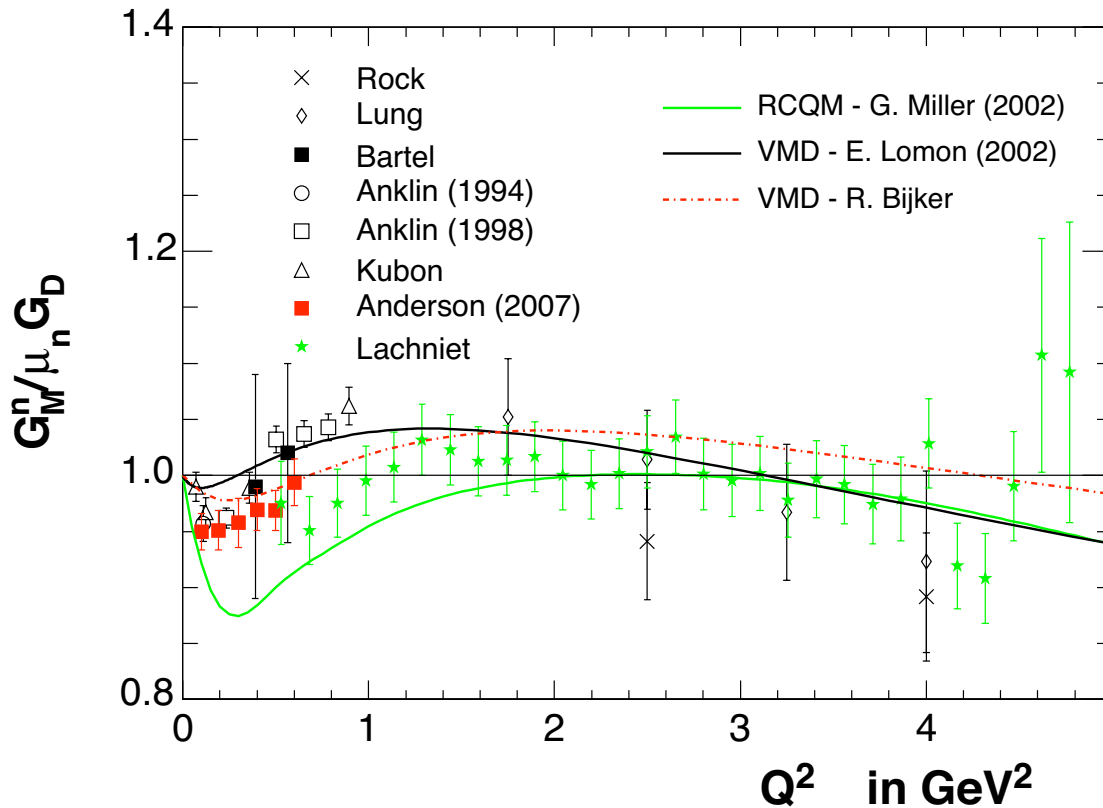
- Measure inclusive quasi-elastic scattering off polarized  $^3\text{He}$

$$A = \frac{-\left(\cos\theta^* v_T R_T + 2\sin\theta^* \cos\varphi^* v_{TL} R_{TL}\right)}{v_L R_L + v_T R_T}$$

$R_T$  directly sensitive to  $(G_M^n)^2$



# Overview of results for $G_M^n$

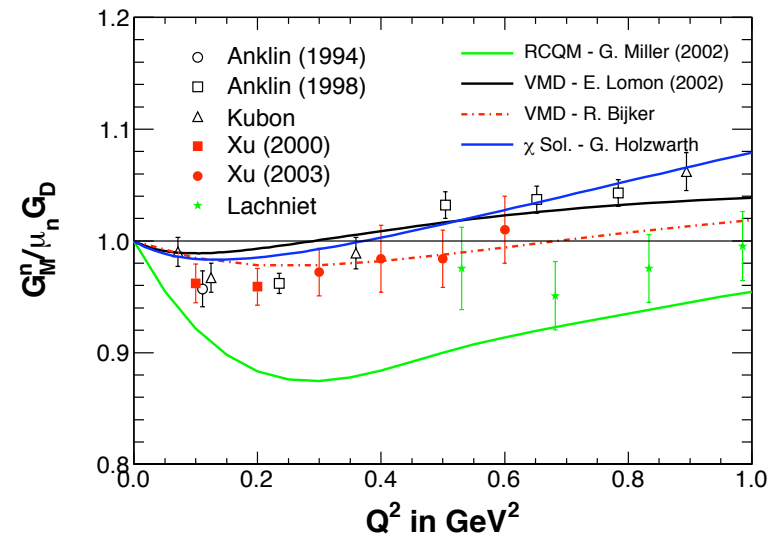


High-quality data set now available up to  $\sim 4.5 \text{ GeV}^2$

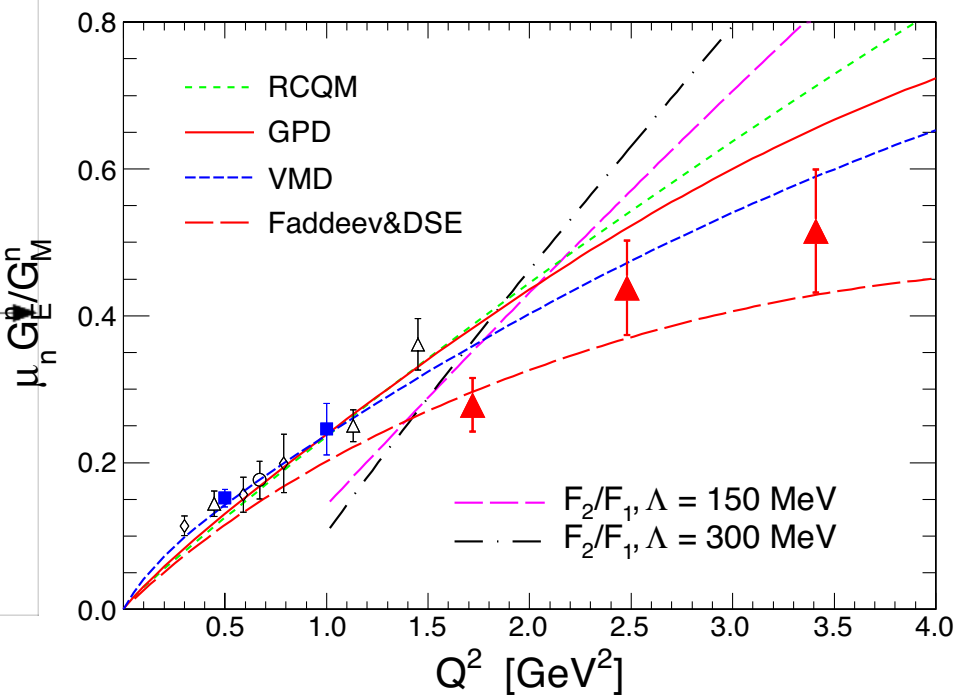
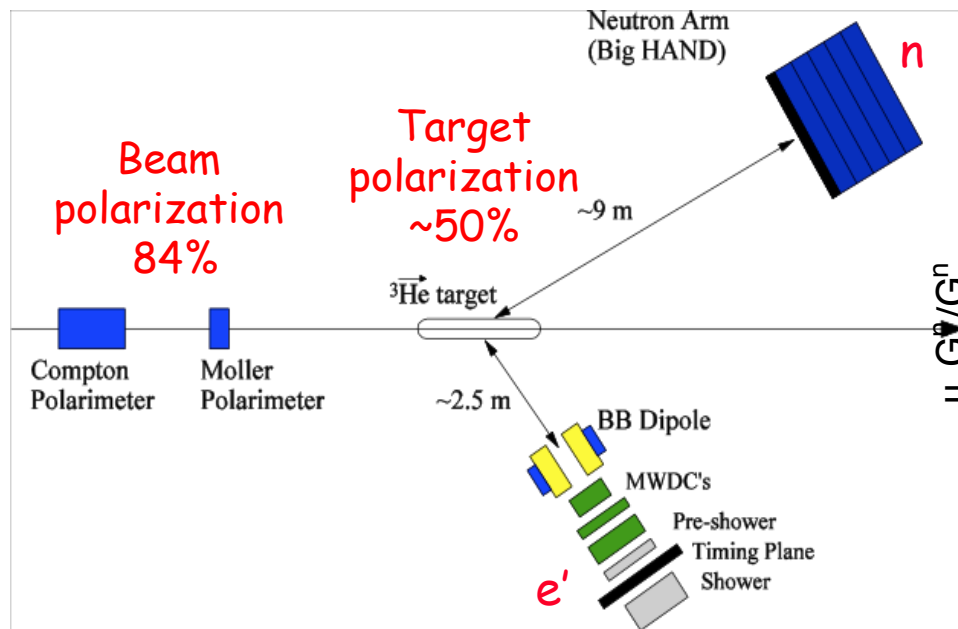
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→ A systematic difference of several % between results from JLab and MAMI in  $Q^2$ -range  $0.4 - 1.0 \text{ GeV}^2$

→ Reminder that at least two independent experiments are always needed



# $G_E^n$ from polarized $^3\text{He}$ target: $^3\text{He}(e, e'n)$

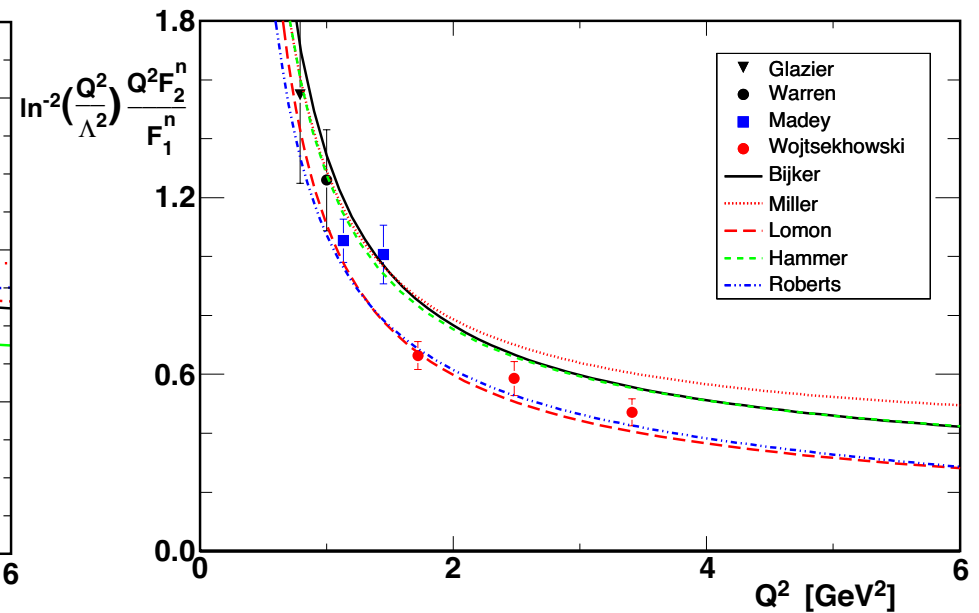
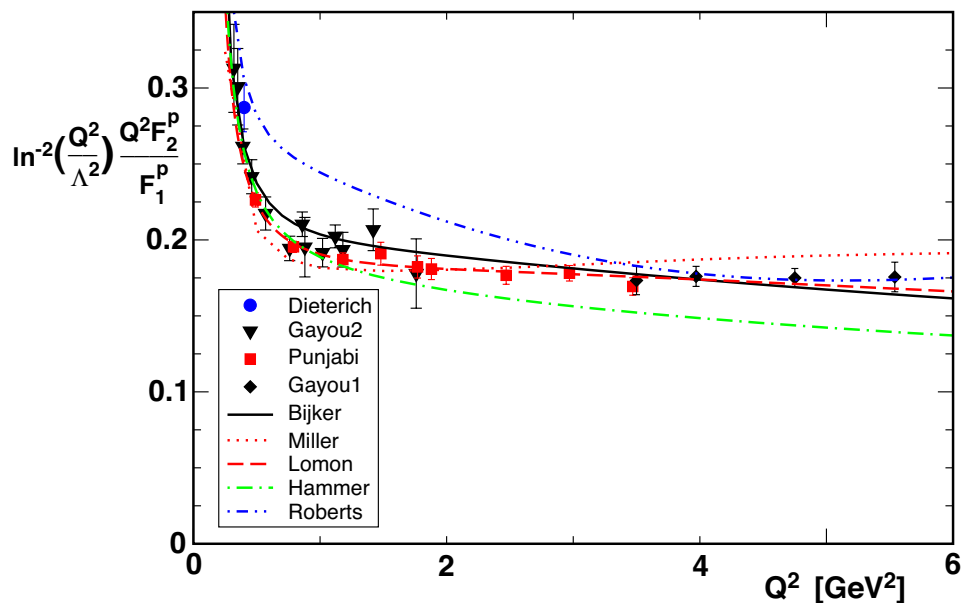


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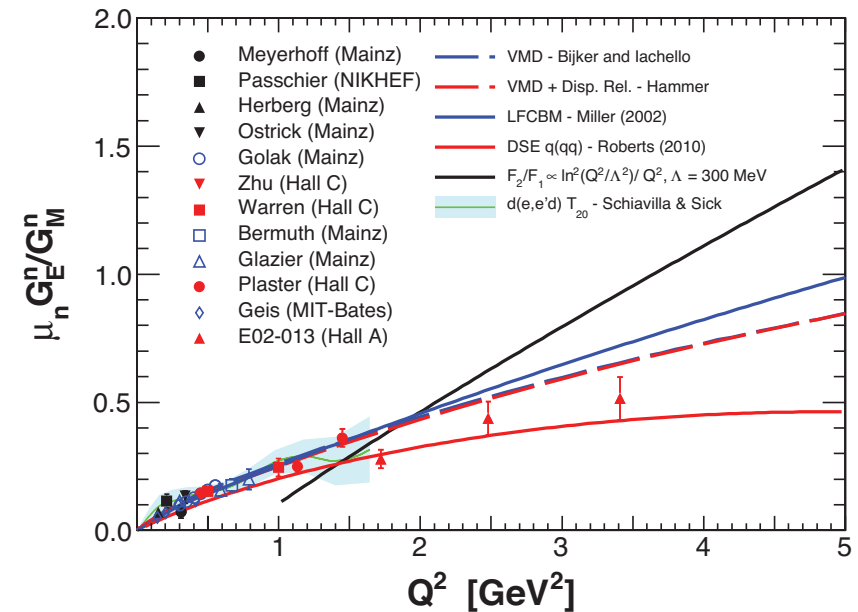
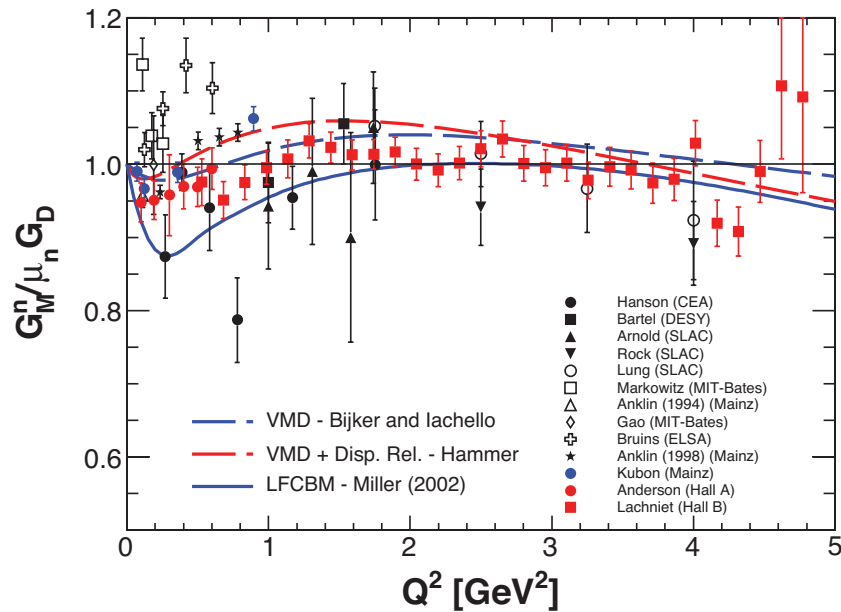
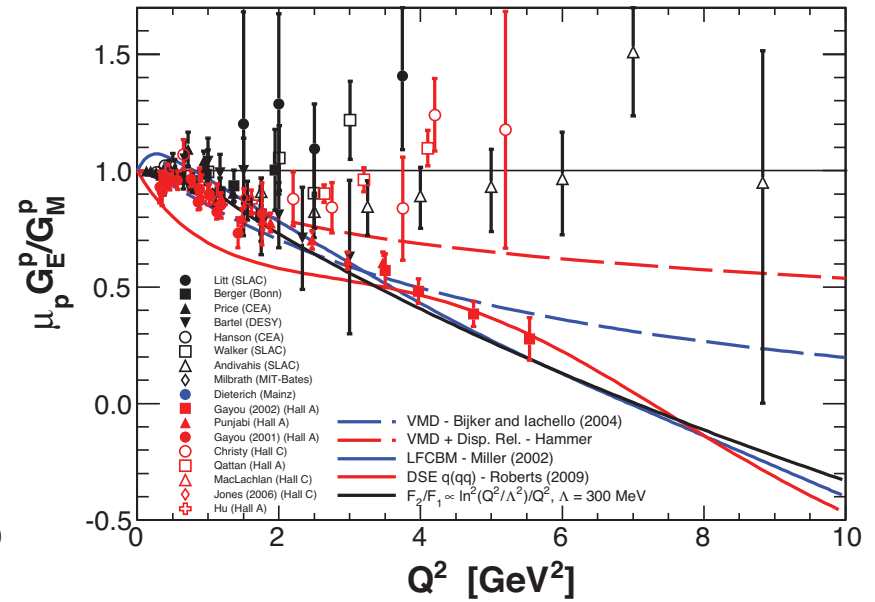
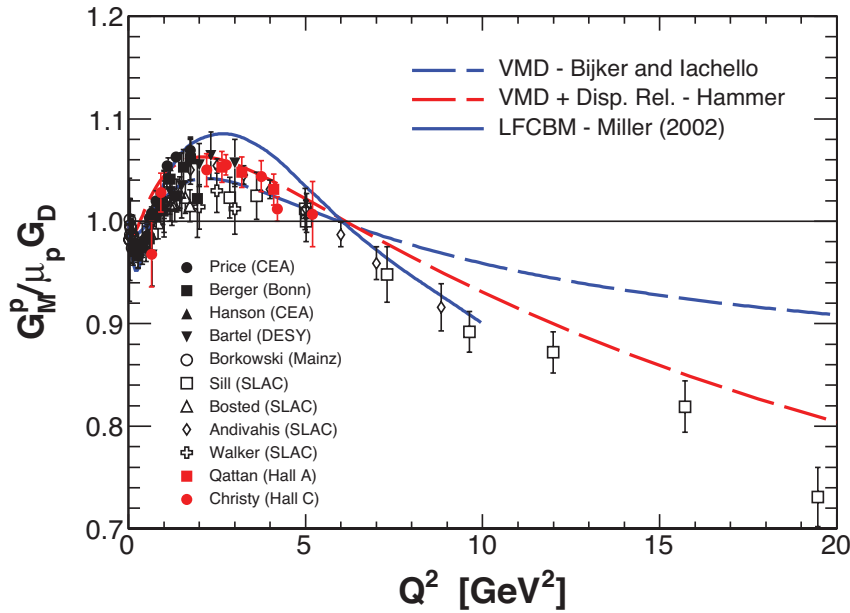
- New data more than double the  $Q^2$ -range of the world data set
- Roberts' dressed quark-diquark model using the Dyson-Schwinger and Faddeev equations in good agreement, better than Miller's CQM prediction
- Belitsky/Ji logarithmic scaling does not hold for the neutron in the  $Q^2$ -region where it was validated by the proton data
- New data will add significant constraints to GPD modeling

# (Logarithmic) Scaling

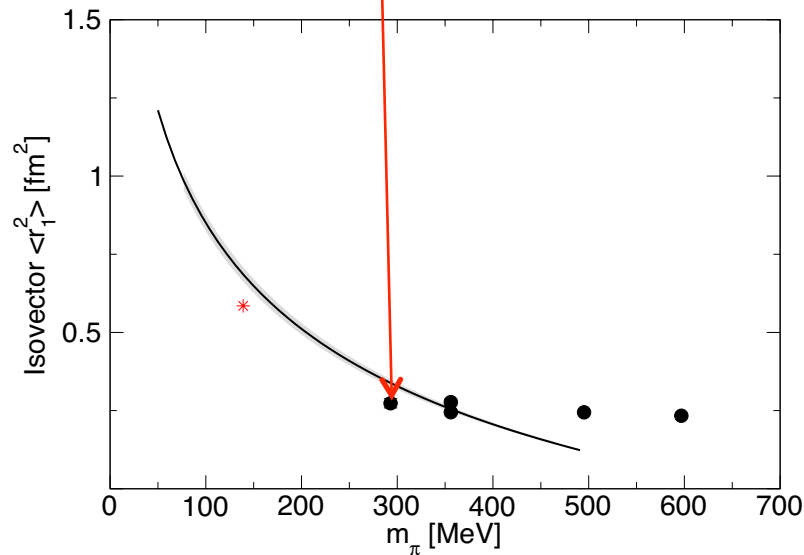
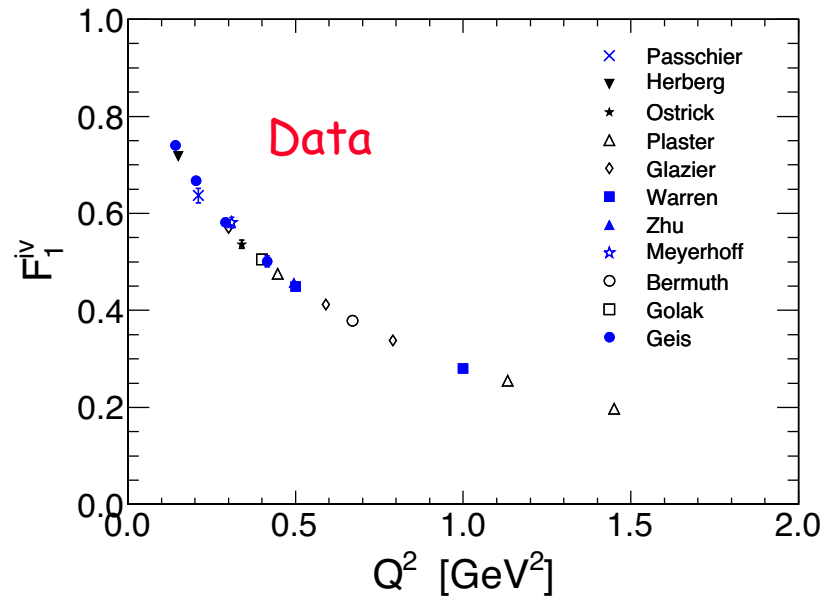
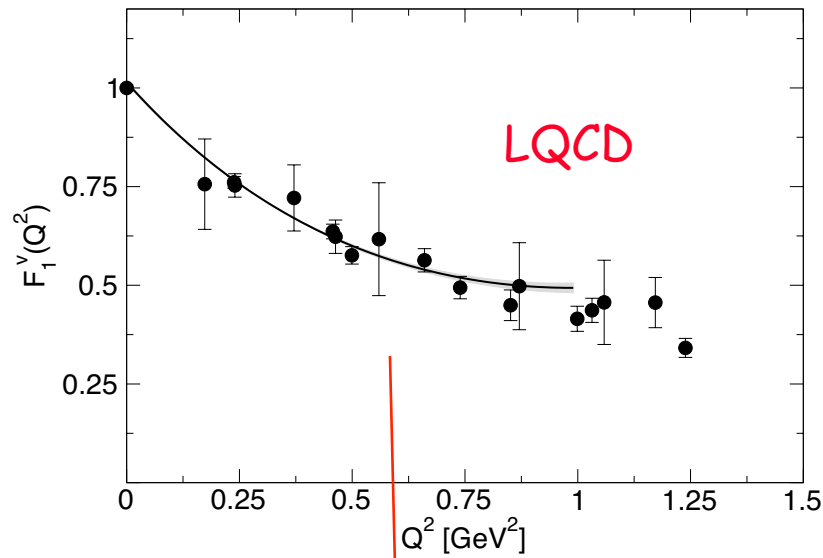
- Basic pQCD scaling predicts  $F_1 \propto 1/Q^4$  ;  $F_2 \propto 1/Q^6 \rightarrow F_2/F_1 \propto 1/Q^2$
- Data clearly do not follow this trend (yet?)
- The introduction of a quark orbital angular momentum component results in
  - ➔  $F_2/F_1 \propto 1/Q$
- Belitsky et al. have included logarithmic corrections in pQCD limit
- Proton data appear to follow this scaling behaviour, but new neutron data do not



# Comparison with Theory



# Status of Lattice QCD



Significant progress in LQCD, but still limited to  $m_\pi \geq 300$  MeV and neglect of **disconnected diagrams**, resulting in large underestimates of e.g. isovector charge radius

Bratt et al., arXiv: 1001.3620

# Nucleon densities and relativity

$$\rho(r) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dk k^2 j_0(kr) \tilde{\rho}(k) \quad \text{rest frame}$$

↑  
rest frame density

↑  
intrinsic FF

$Q^2$ -evolution of quark mass  
(nucl-th/9812063)

→ non-relativistic limit:  $\tilde{\rho}(k) = G(Q^2)$

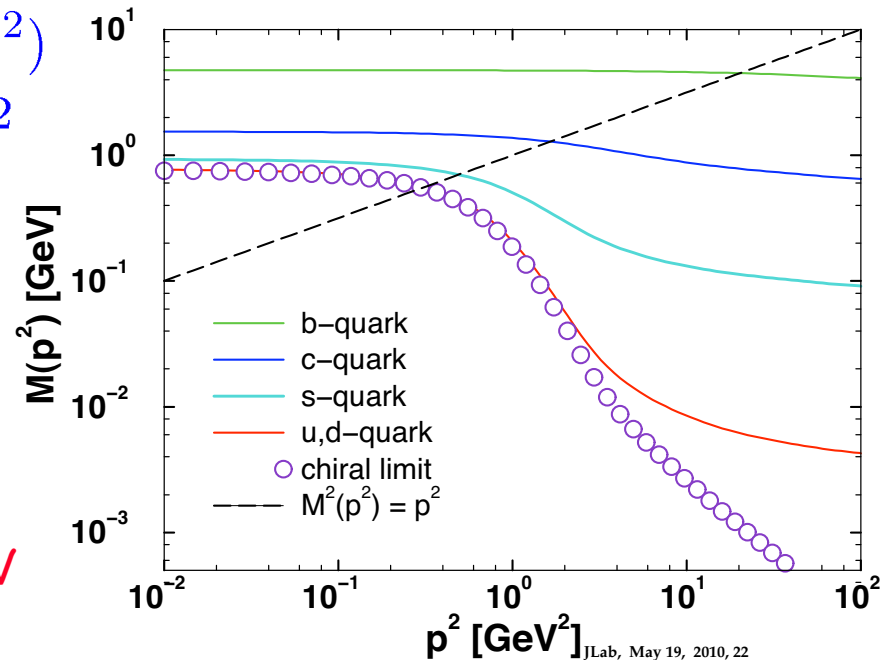
→ importance of relativity (with increasing  $Q^2$ ):  
Lorentz contraction of spatial distributions in Breit frame

$$k^2 = Q^2 / (1 + \tau) \quad \tau = Q^2 / (4M^2)$$

$$\tilde{\rho}_{E,M}(k) = G_{E,M}(Q^2) (1 + \tau)^2$$

→ limit :  $k = 2 M$  (Compton wavelength)  
Thus, Fourier transform remains  
valid for  $r > r_{\min} \approx 0.3 \text{ fm}$

At  $Q \approx 0.6 \text{ GeV}$  ( $r \approx 0.3 \text{ fm}$ )  $m_{u/d} \approx 0.3 \text{ GeV}$

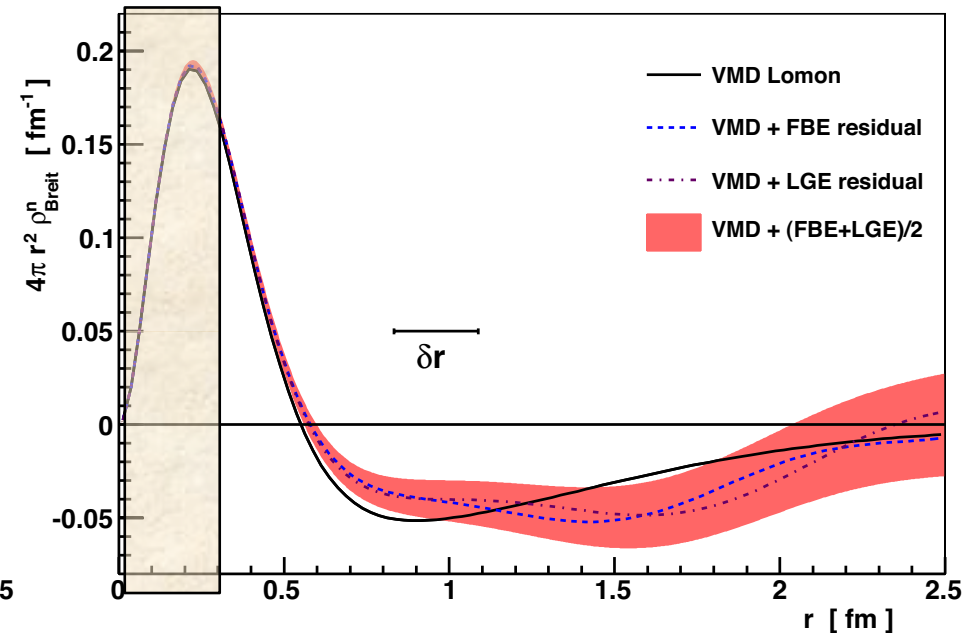
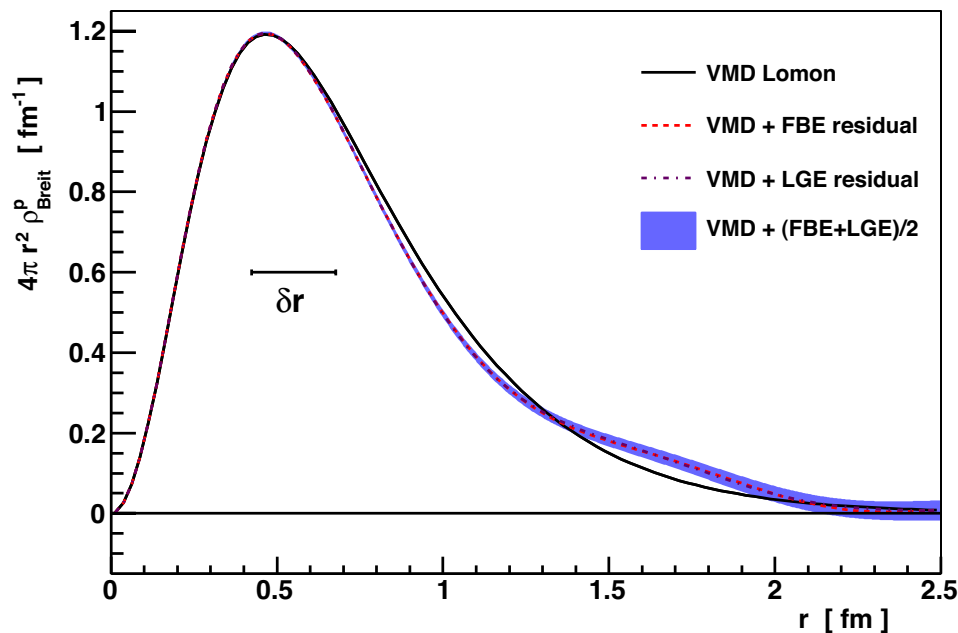


# Pion Cloud

No information extractable

- Kelly and Friedrich and Walcher have performed simultaneous fit to all four EMFF in coordinate space. Both observe a structure in the proton and neutron densities at  $\sim 0.9$  fm which they assign to a pion cloud
- Crawford et al. performed a global fit to all four EMFF within the framework of Lomon's VMD parametrization, including an estimate of the unmeasured high- $Q^2$  region with either a Fourier-Bessel or a Laguerre expansion. A straight-forward transformation to coordinate space is shown below.

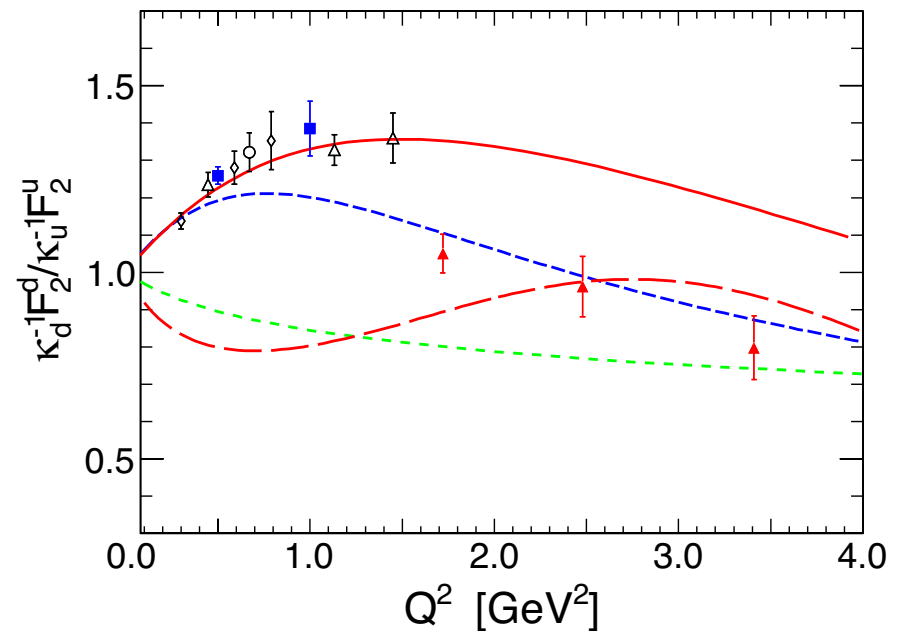
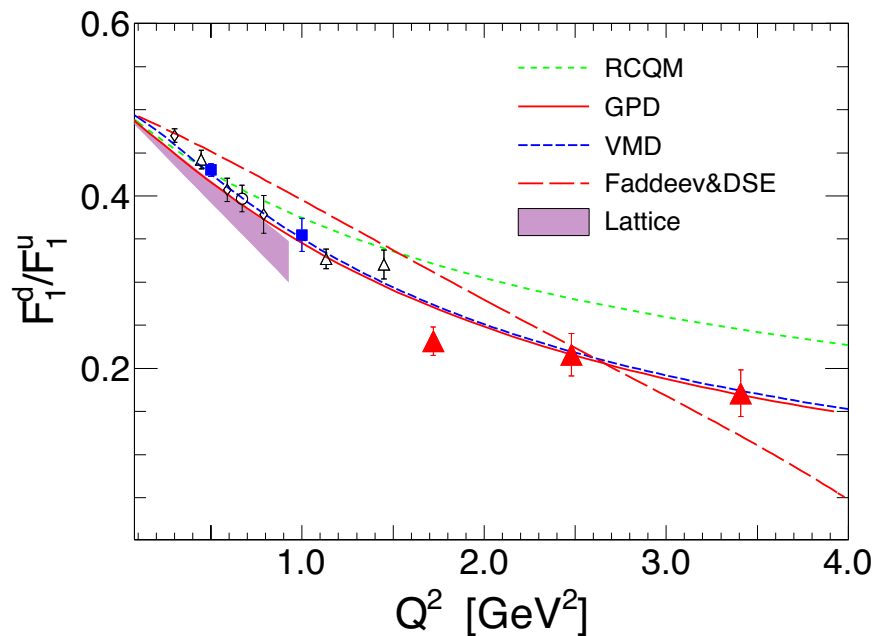
C. Crawford et al., arXiv:1003.0903



# $F_{1,2}$ form-factor decomposition

$$F_{1,2}^p = \frac{2}{3} F_{1,2}^u - \frac{1}{3} F_{1,2}^d; \quad F_{1,2}^n = \frac{2}{3} F_{1,2}^d - \frac{1}{3} F_{1,2}^u$$

assuming isospin symmetry:  $F_{1,2}^{u,p} = F_{1,2}^{d,n}$  and  $F_{1,2}^{d,p} = F_{1,2}^{u,n}$



- New data have been used to flavor separate the Pauli and Dirac FFs
- Assuming that the s-quark contribution is negligible (based on the HAPPEX plus  $G_0$  results)
- Clearly, the  $F_2$  ratio provides a sensitive test for theoretical predictions



# Nucleon transverse charge density

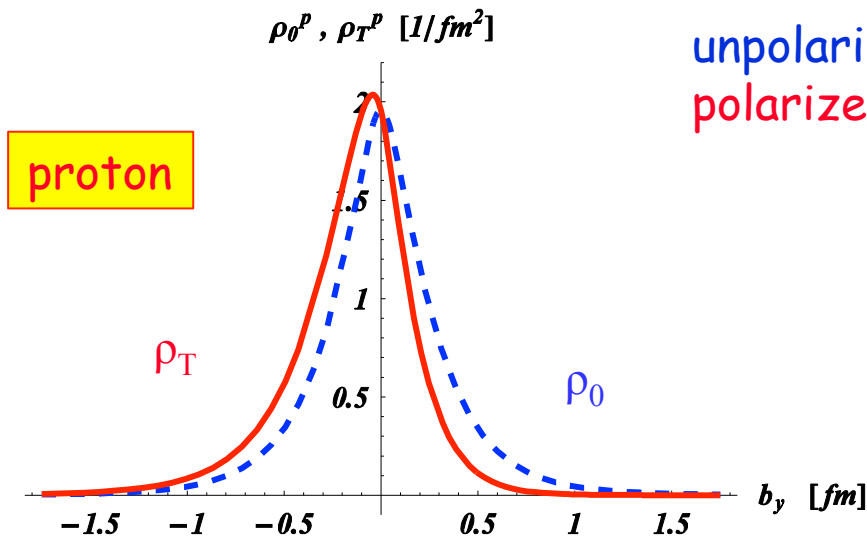
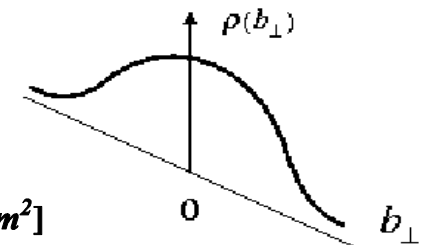
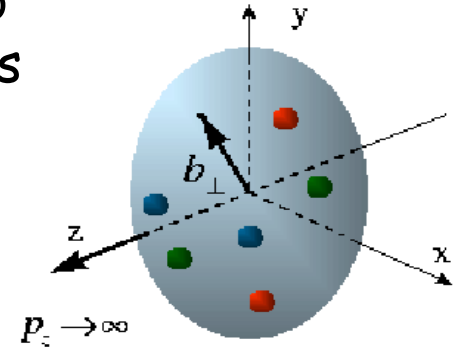
## Light Front Kinematics

photon only couples to forward moving quarks

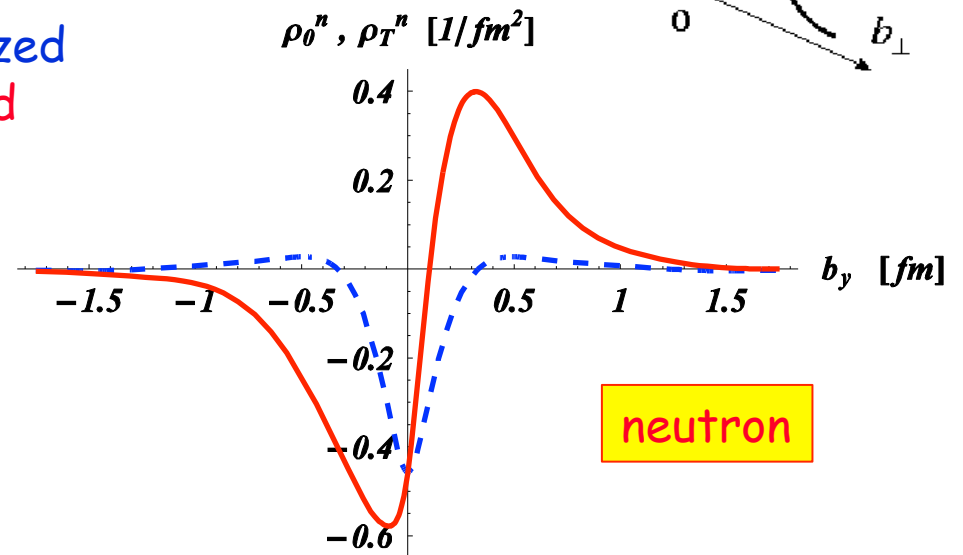
→ Transverse (Dirac) charge density of unpolarized nucleon

$$\rho_0^N(\vec{b}) \equiv \int \frac{d^2\vec{q}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\vec{q}_\perp \cdot \vec{b}} \frac{1}{2P^+} \left\langle P^+, \frac{\vec{q}_\perp}{2}, \lambda \mid J^+(0) \mid P^+, -\frac{\vec{q}_\perp}{2}, \lambda \right\rangle$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ}{2\pi} Q J_0(bQ) F_1(Q^2)$$



unpolarized  
polarized



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Unrelated to rest-frame charge density

# Mapping of nucleon constituents (in the proton)

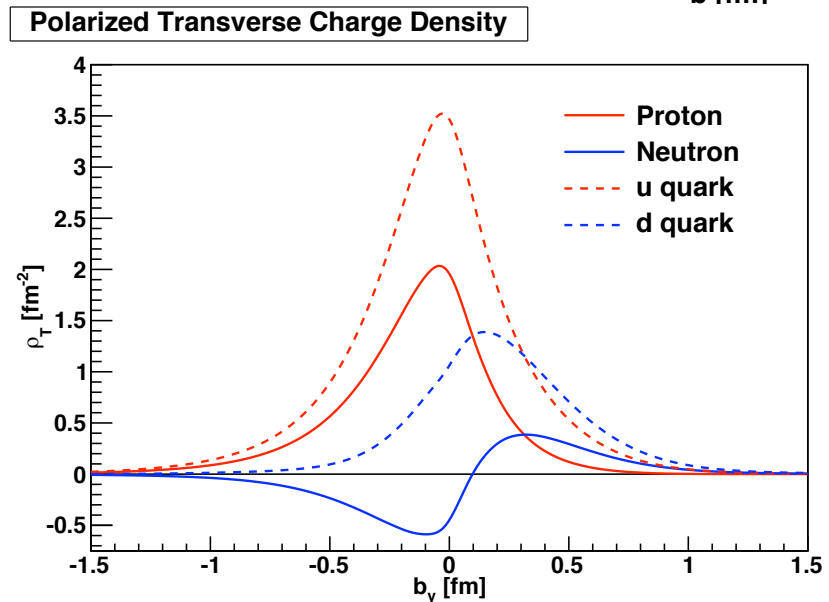
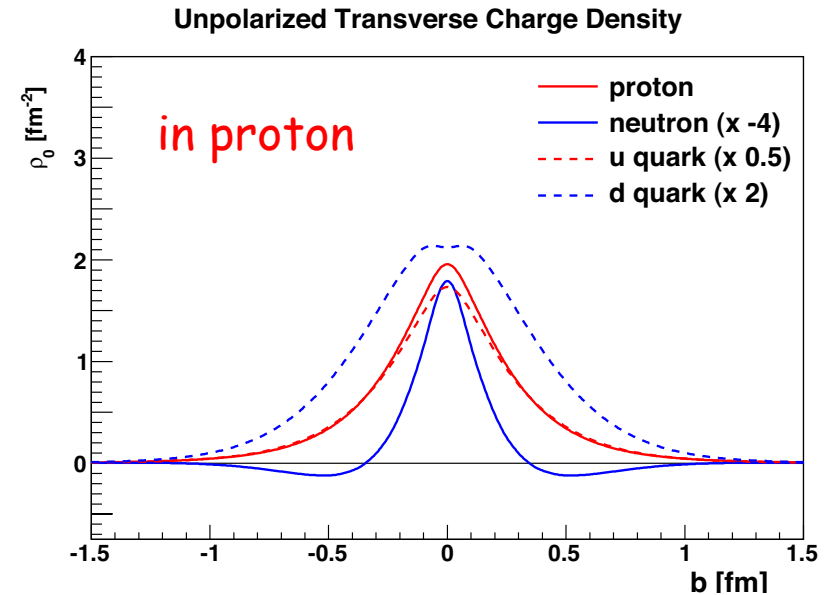
impact parameter  $b$   
is defined relative to  
the transverse center of  
the quark's longitudinal  
momentum fractions

$$\mathbf{R} = \sum x_i \mathbf{r}_i$$

$$\rho_{Dirac}(b) = \int_0^\infty \frac{Q dQ}{2\pi} J_0(bQ) F_1(Q^2)$$

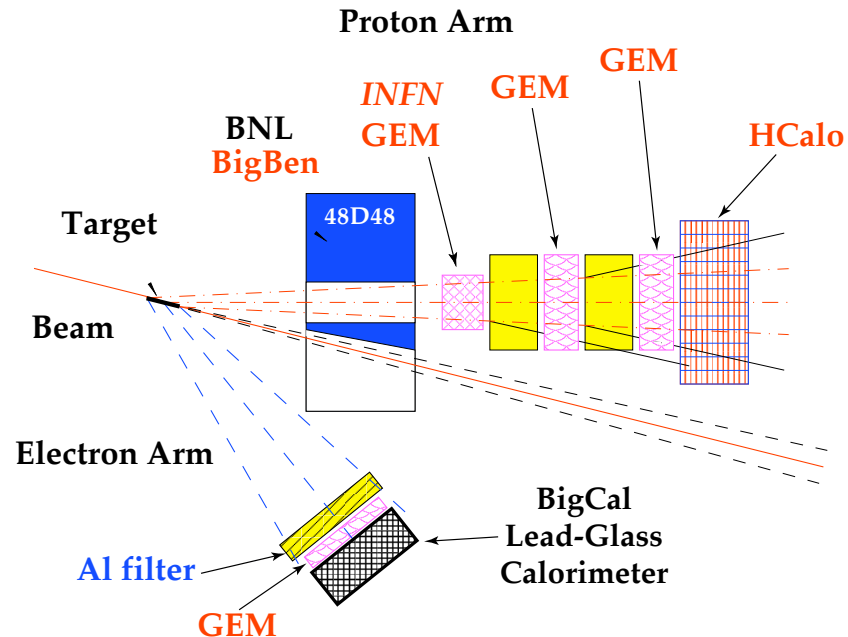
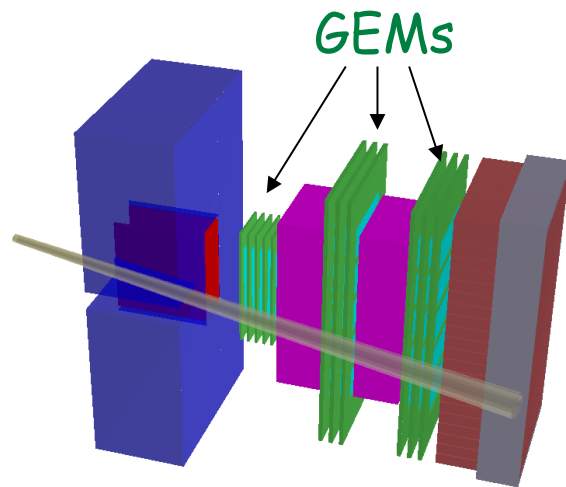
$$\rho_{Pauli}(b) = \int_0^\infty \frac{Q^2 dQ}{4\pi M} J_1(bQ) F_2(Q^2)$$

- The flavor-separated  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  ratios were then used to extract the transverse densities for the u- and d-quark (in the proton).
- Why is the d-quark so much wider?



# The SuperBigbite project

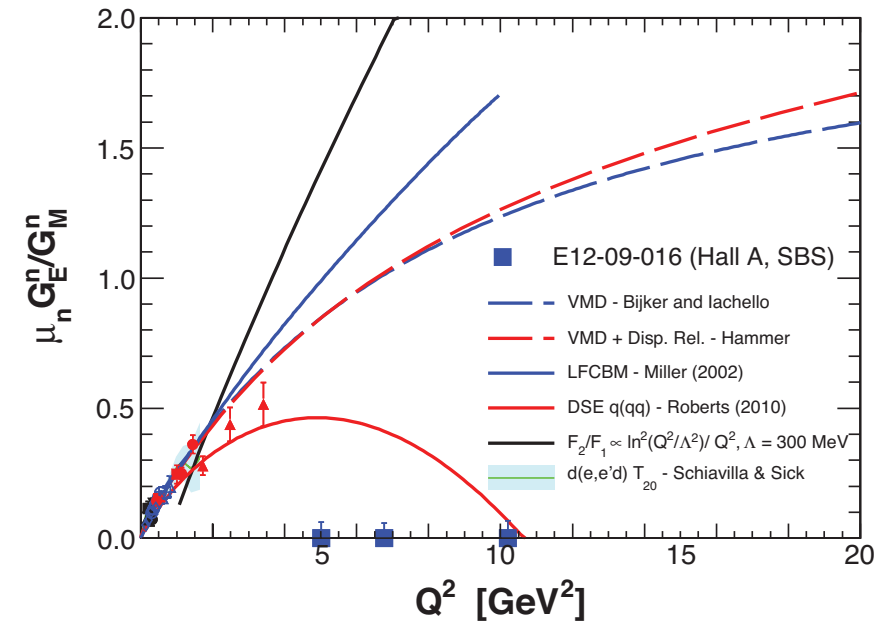
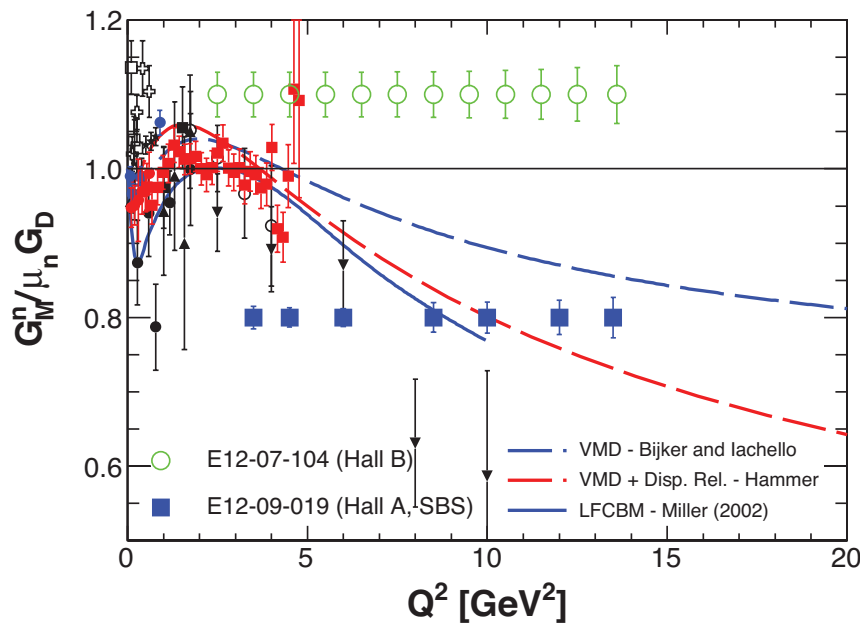
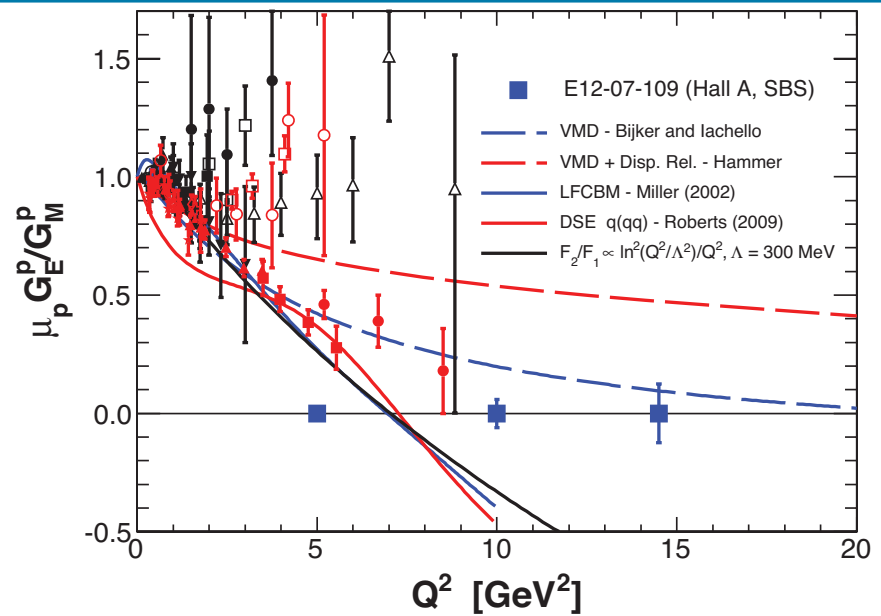
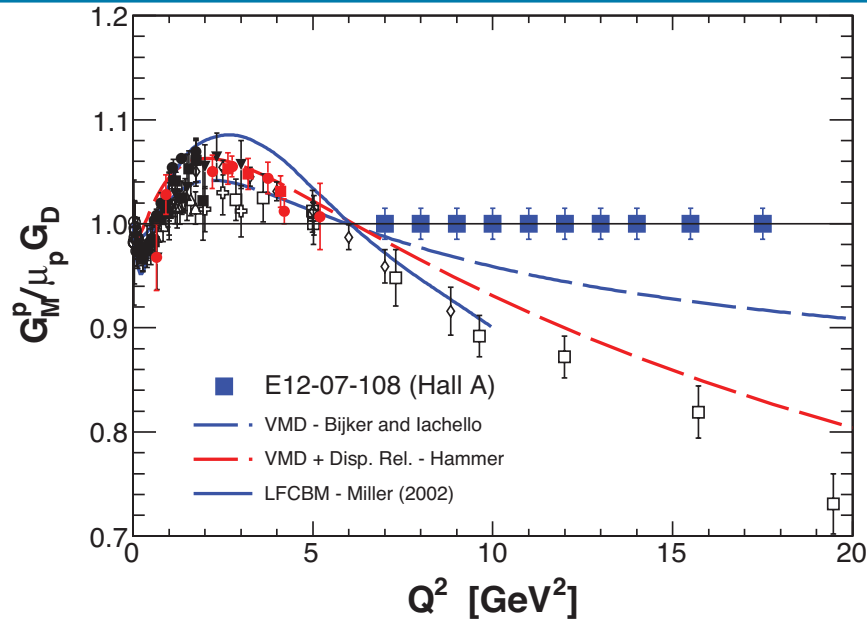
Proton form factors ratio,  $GE_p(5)$  (E12-07-109)



- The Super Bigbite project:
  - large dipole magnet
  - GEM trackers (~100,000 channels)
  - hadron and EM calorimeter
  - Trigger and DAQ
- operating in open geometry at a luminosity of  $10^{38} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- will extend measurements of EMFFs to double the existing  $Q^2$ -range
- Included in the JLab long-term capital funding request to DOE

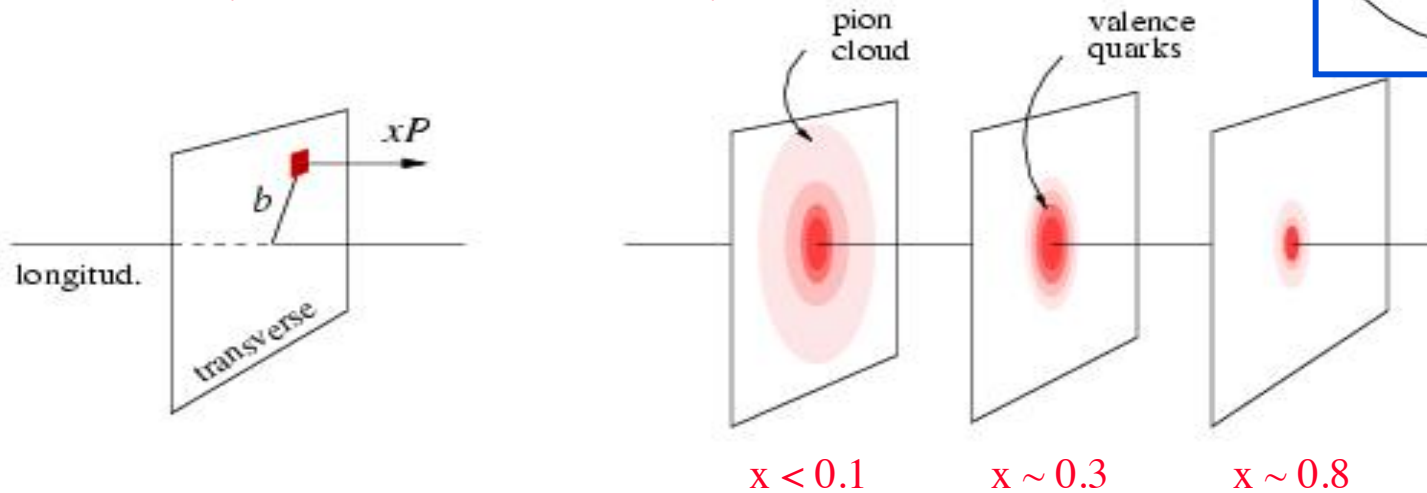
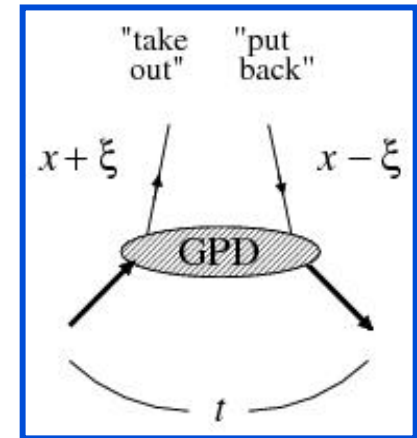
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# Projected EMFF data with SBS @ 12 GeV



# Impact of EMFF on GPDs

1. Allows for a unified description of form factors and parton distributions
2. Describes correlations of quarks/gluons
3. Allows for Transverse Imaging  
Fourier transform in momentum transfer



gives transverse spatial distribution of quark (parton) with momentum fraction  $x$  and related to EMFFs through first moments

$$\sum_q e_q \int_{-1}^1 dx H^q(x, \xi = 0, Q^2) = F_1(Q^2); \quad \sum_q \kappa_q \int_{-1}^1 dx E^q(x, \xi = 0, Q^2) = F_2(Q^2)$$

4. Allows access to quark angular momentum (in model-dependent way)

# Summary and Outlook

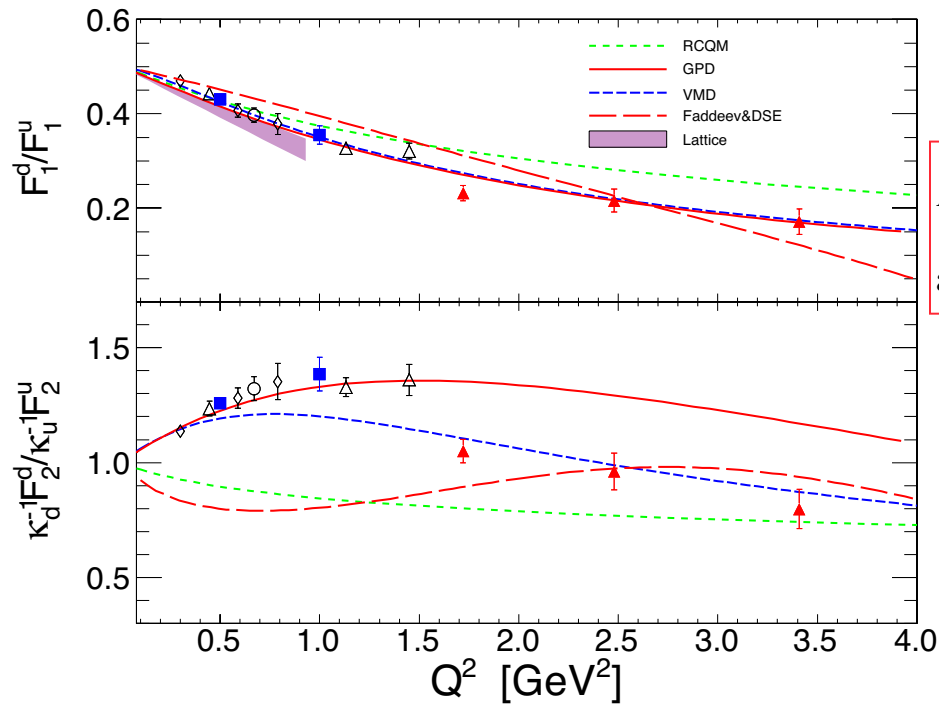
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- Very active experimental program on nucleonelectro-magnetic form factors thanks to development of polarized beam ( $> 100 \mu\text{A}$ ,  $> 85 \%$ ), polarized targets and polarimeters with large analyzing powers
  - $G_E^p$  discrepancy between Rosenbluth and polarization transfer not an experimental problem, but probably caused by TPE effects.
  - Broad ongoing program to obtain quantitative information on TPE.
  - Observation of linear decrease with  $Q^2$  of  $G_E^p/G_M^p$  established role of quark Orbital Angular Momentum (OAM) in nucleon
  - $G_M^n$  precise data up to  $Q^2 = 4.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ , but inconsistency at  $\sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$
  - $G_E^n$  precise data up to  $Q^2 = 3.5 \text{ GeV}^2$  provides strong indication that OAM has different effect on neutron than on proton
  - The SuperBigBite project, to be implemented once the JLab 12 GeV upgrade has been completed, will extend the present knowledge of the nucleon EMFF  $G_E^p$ ,  $G_E^n$  and  $G_M^p$  to double or triple the  $Q^2$ -range covered by existing data
  - It is imperative that this experimental program is accompanied by a similar progress in our theoretical understanding of the nucleon

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THANK YOU !

# Flavor separation

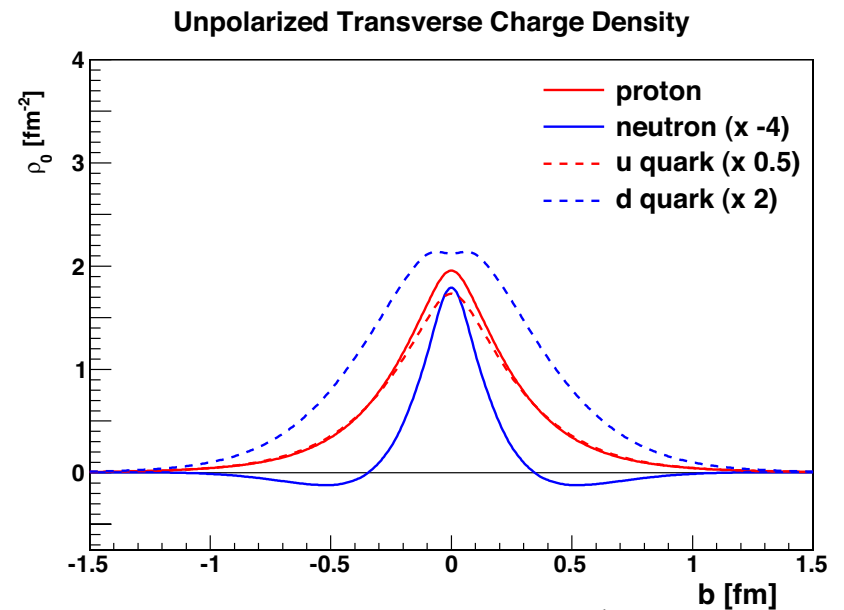


$$F_{1,2}^p = \frac{2}{3}F_{1,2}^u - \frac{1}{3}F_{1,2}^d;$$

$$F_{1,2}^n = \frac{2}{3}F_{1,2}^d - \frac{1}{3}F_{1,2}^u$$

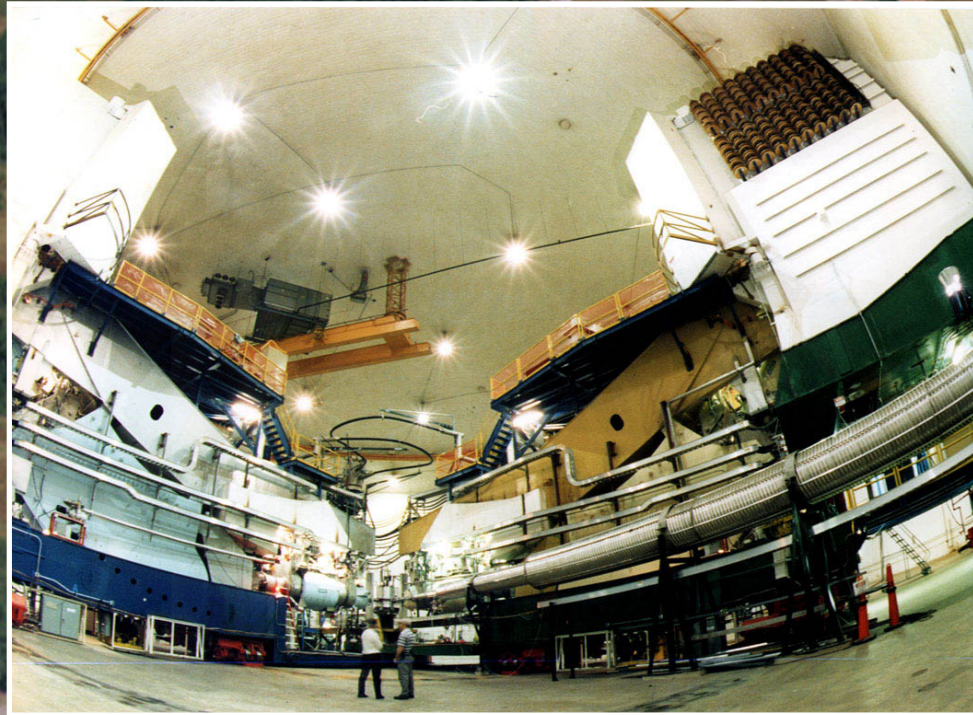
assuming isospin symmetry:  $F_{1,2}^{u,p} = F_{1,2}^{d,n}$  and  $F_{1,2}^{d,p} = F_{1,2}^{u,n}$

- Especially  $F_2$  ratio sensitive test of predictions (RCQM, GPDs)
- Transverse charge densities shown for proton, d-quark much more spread out than u-quark (large  $x$ -behaviour?)



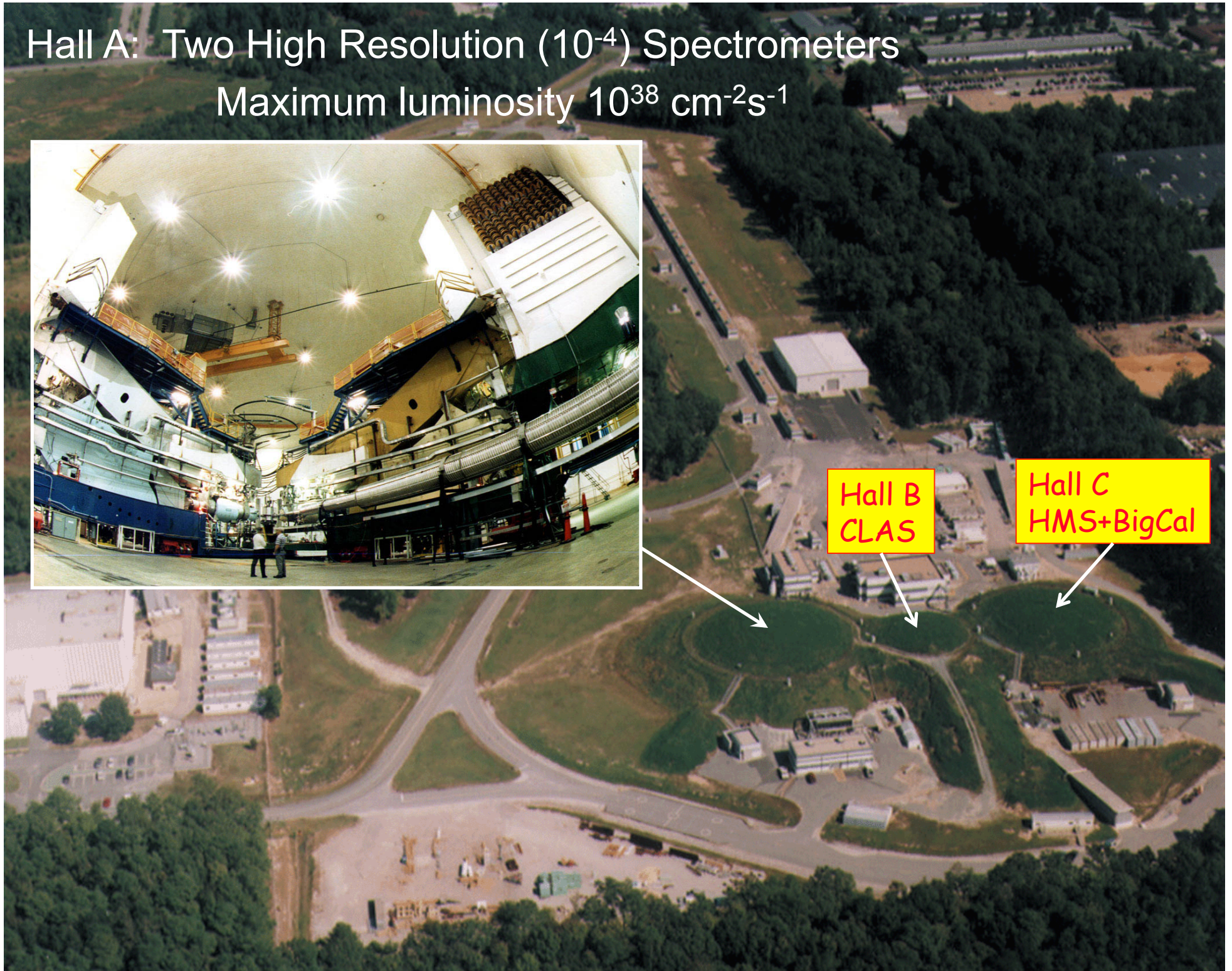


Hall A: Two High Resolution ( $10^{-4}$ ) Spectrometers  
Maximum luminosity  $10^{38} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

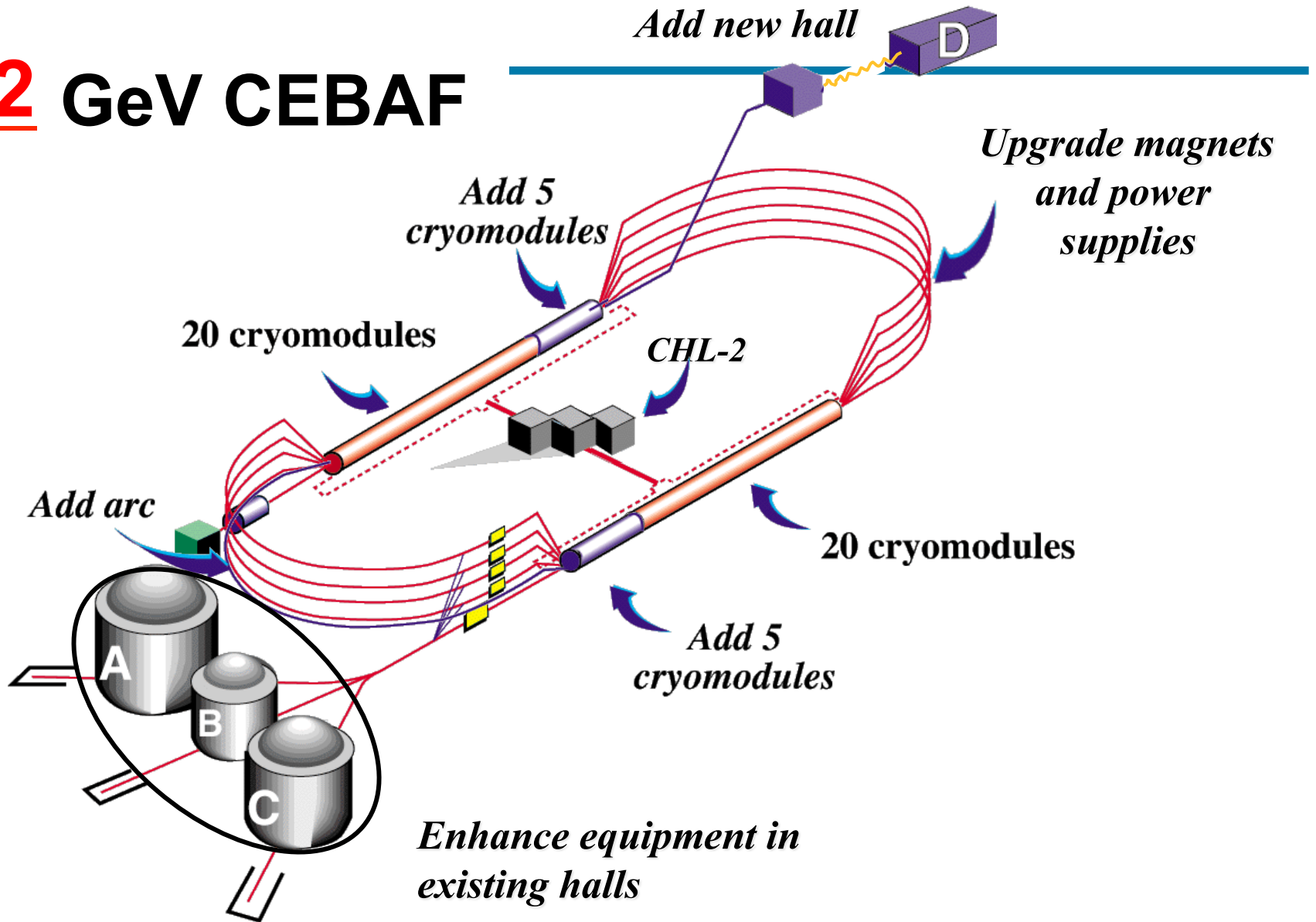


Hall B  
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Hall C  
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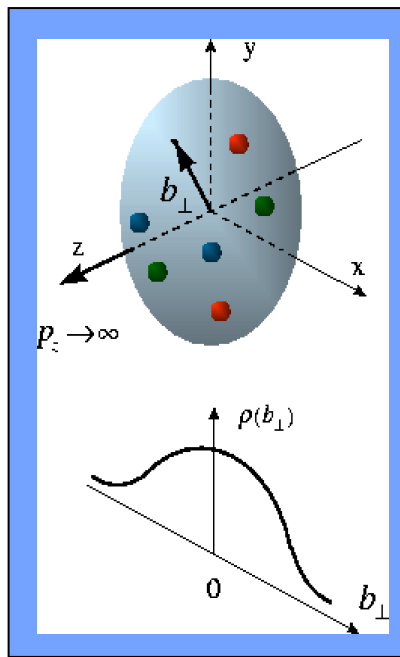
# 12 GeV CEBAF



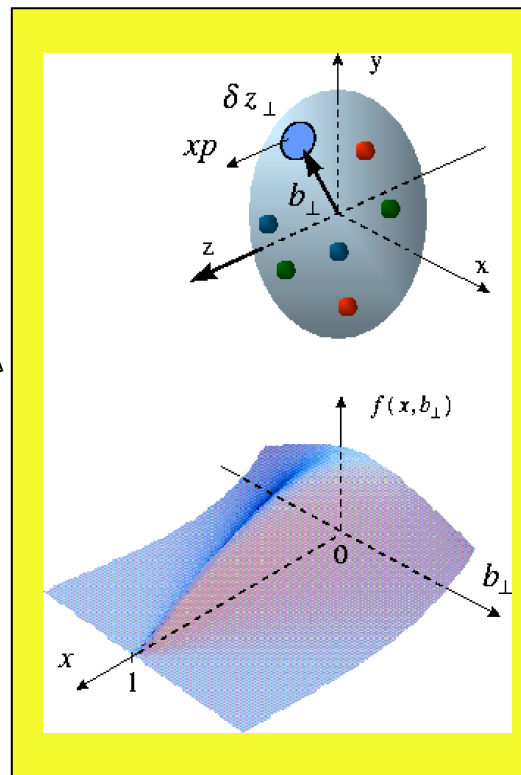
# Beyond form factors and quark distributions

## Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)

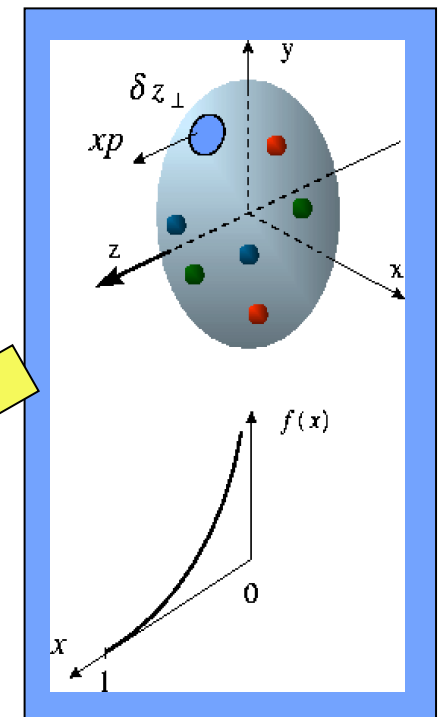
X. Ji, D. Mueller, A. Radyushkin (1994-1997)



Proton form factors, transverse charge & current densities



Correlated quark momentum and helicity distributions in transverse space - GPDs



Structure functions, quark longitudinal momentum & helicity distributions