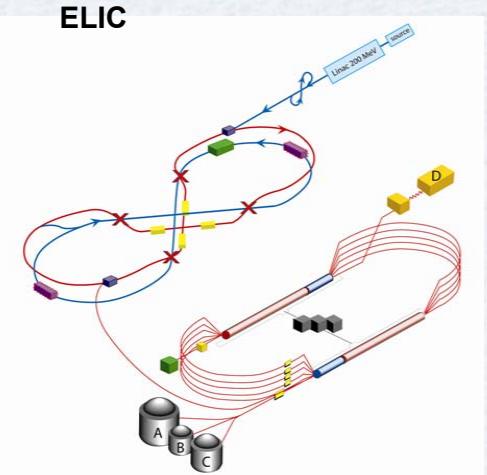
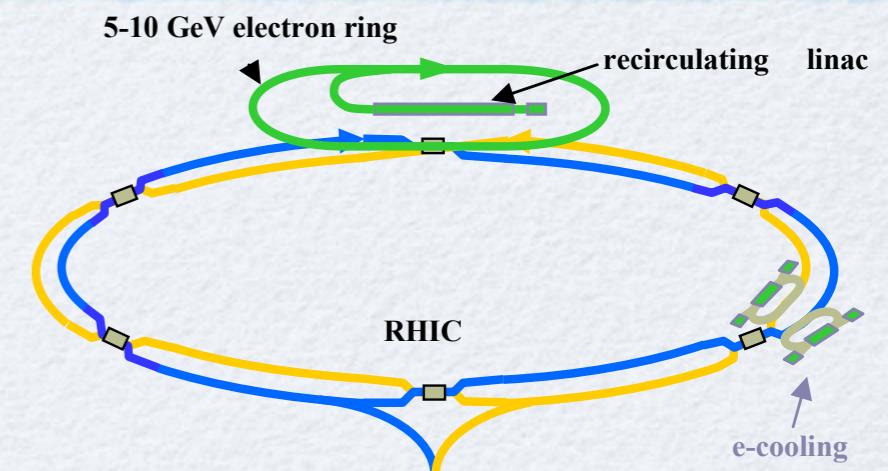


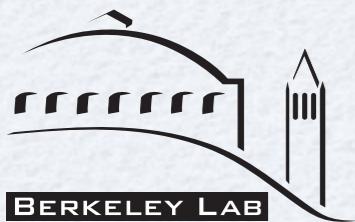
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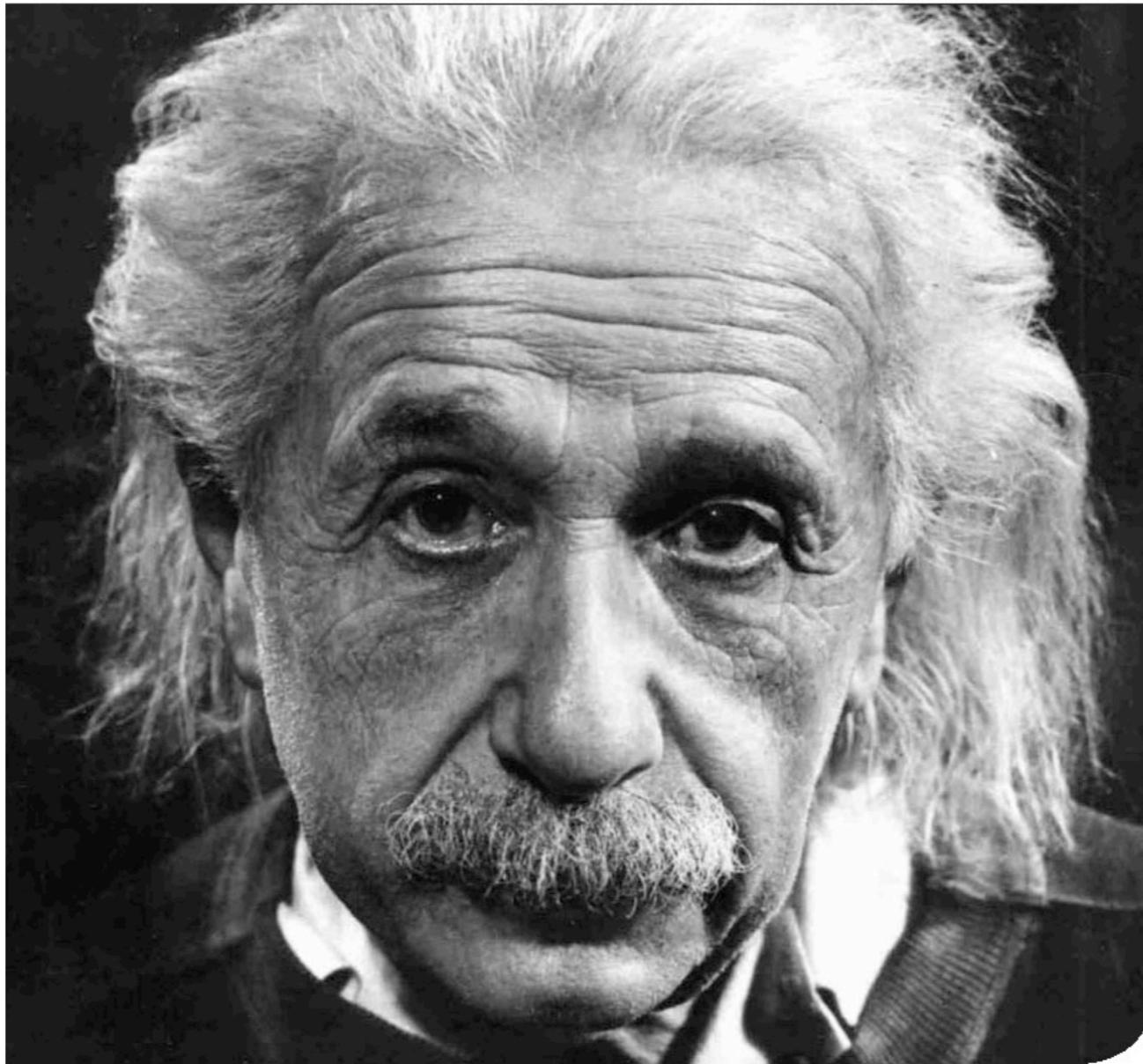
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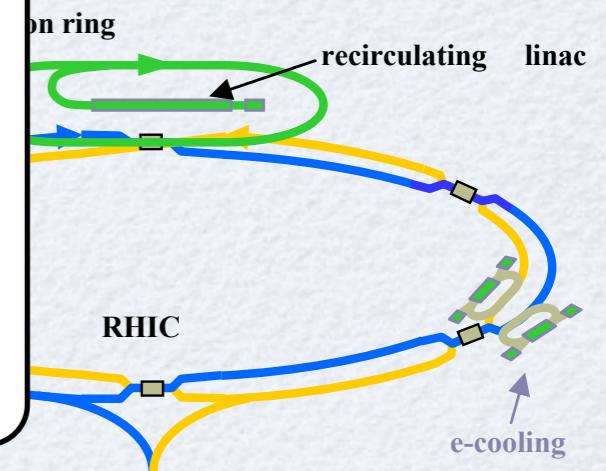
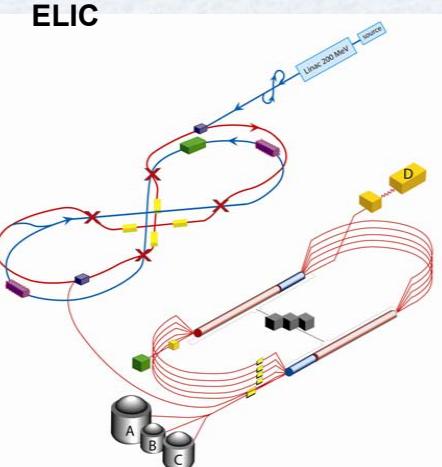


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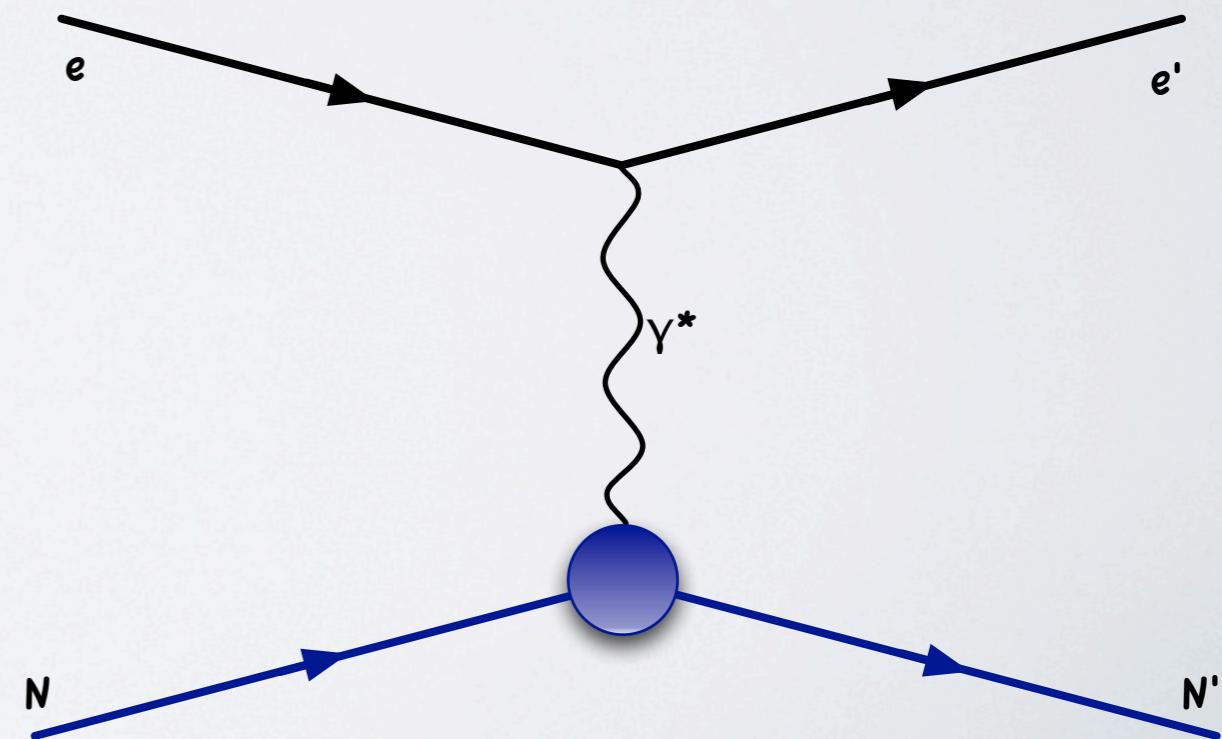
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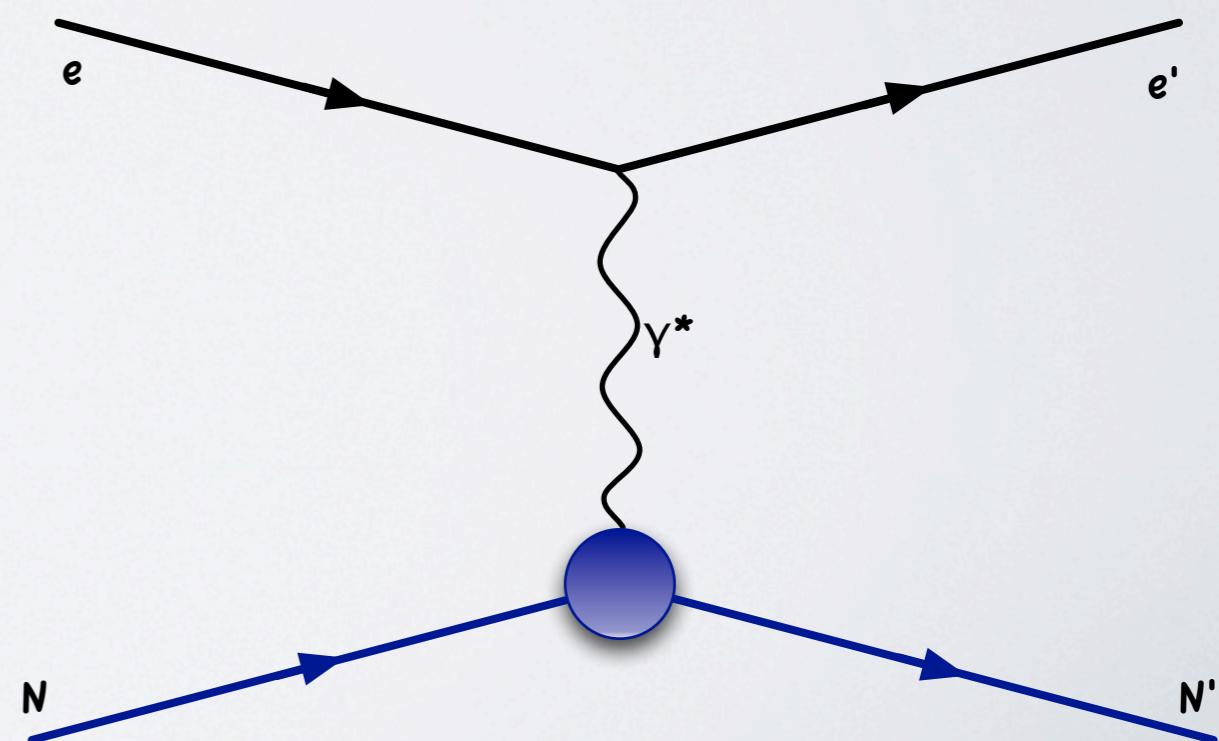
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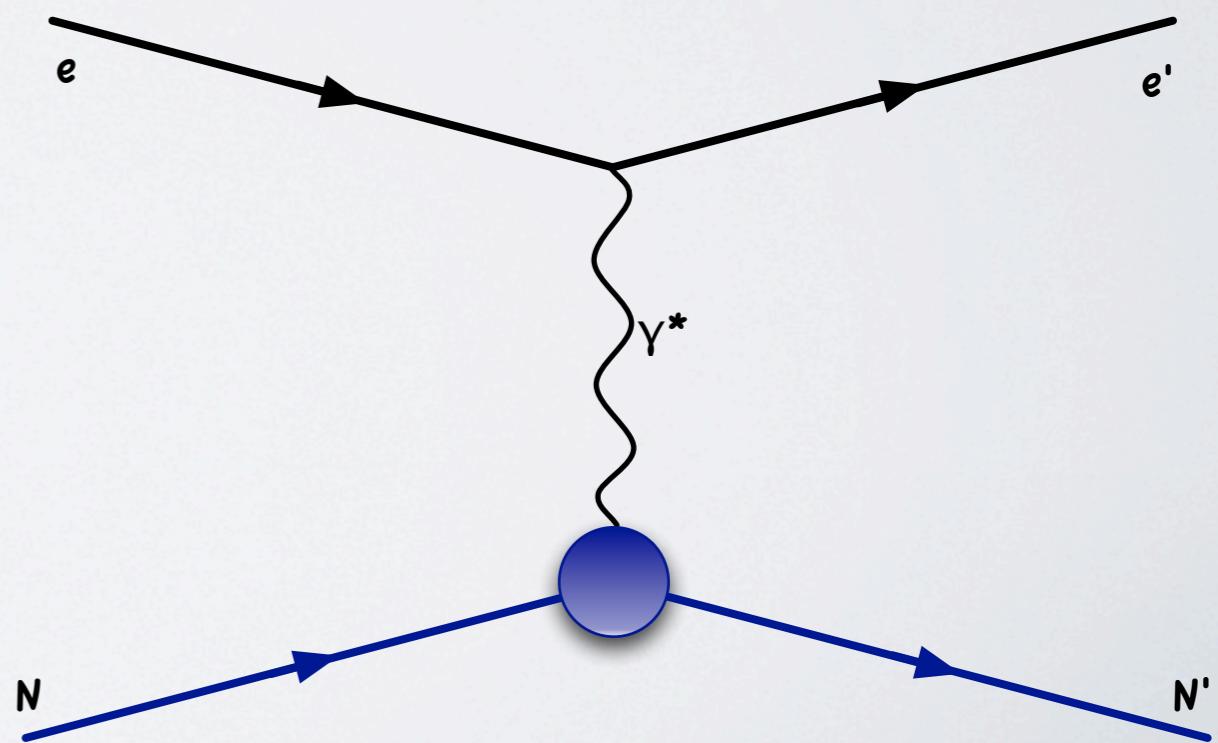
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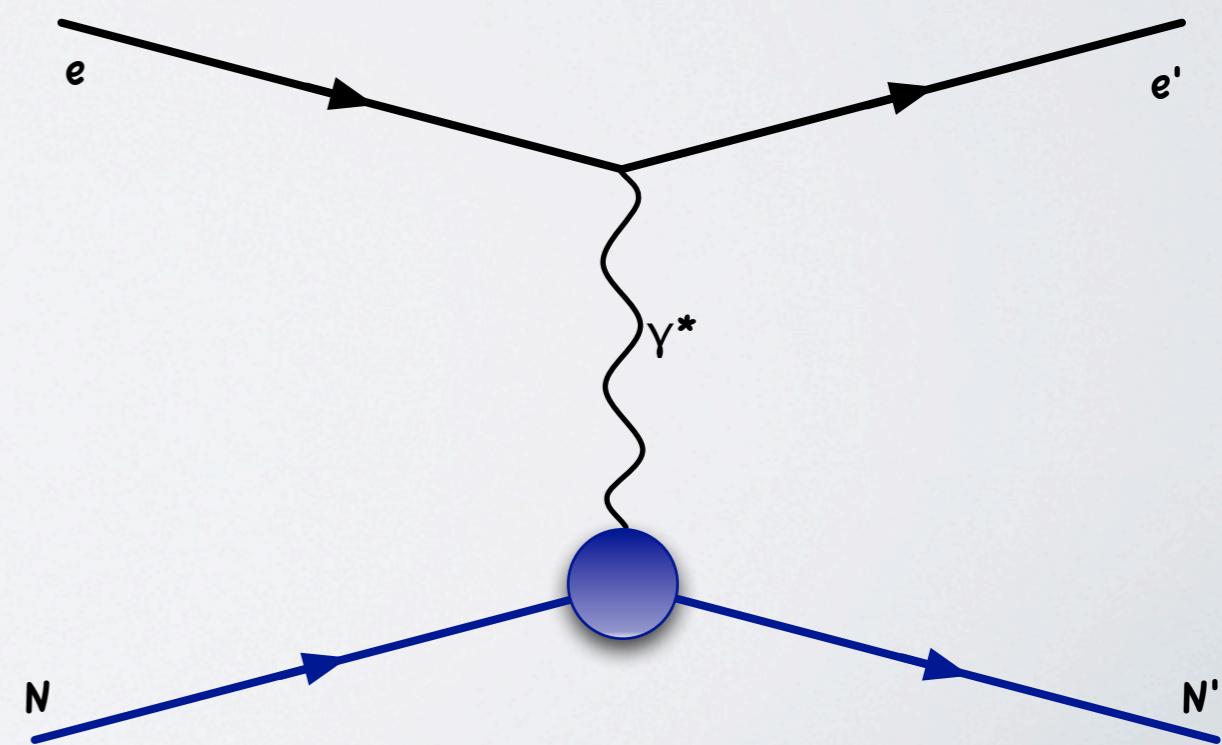
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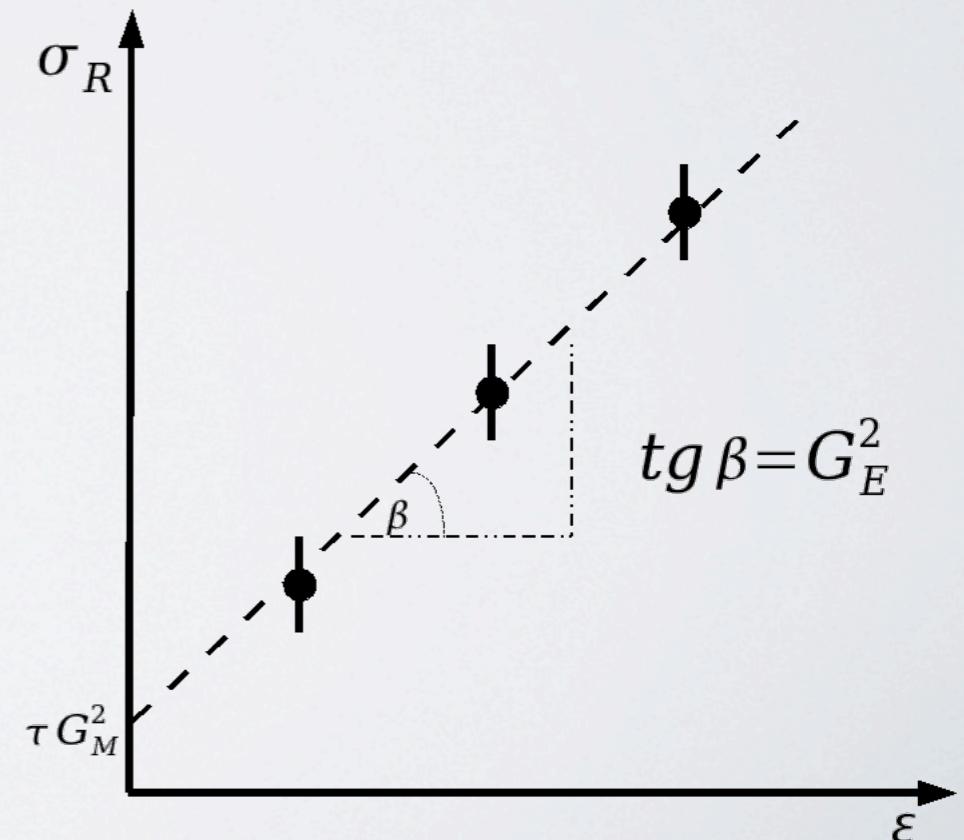


# Measurement Techniques

## Rosenbluth Separation

$$\sigma_R = (d\sigma/d\Omega)/(d\sigma/d\Omega)_{\text{Mott}} = \tau G_M^2 + \varepsilon G_E^2$$

- Measure the reduced cross section at several values of  $\varepsilon$  (angle/beam energy combination) while keeping  $Q^2$  fixed.
- Linear fit to get intercept and slope.
- **But...**  $G_M$  suppressed for low  $Q^2$  (and  $G_E$  for high).
- Also normalization issues / acceptance issues / etc. make it hard to get high precision.



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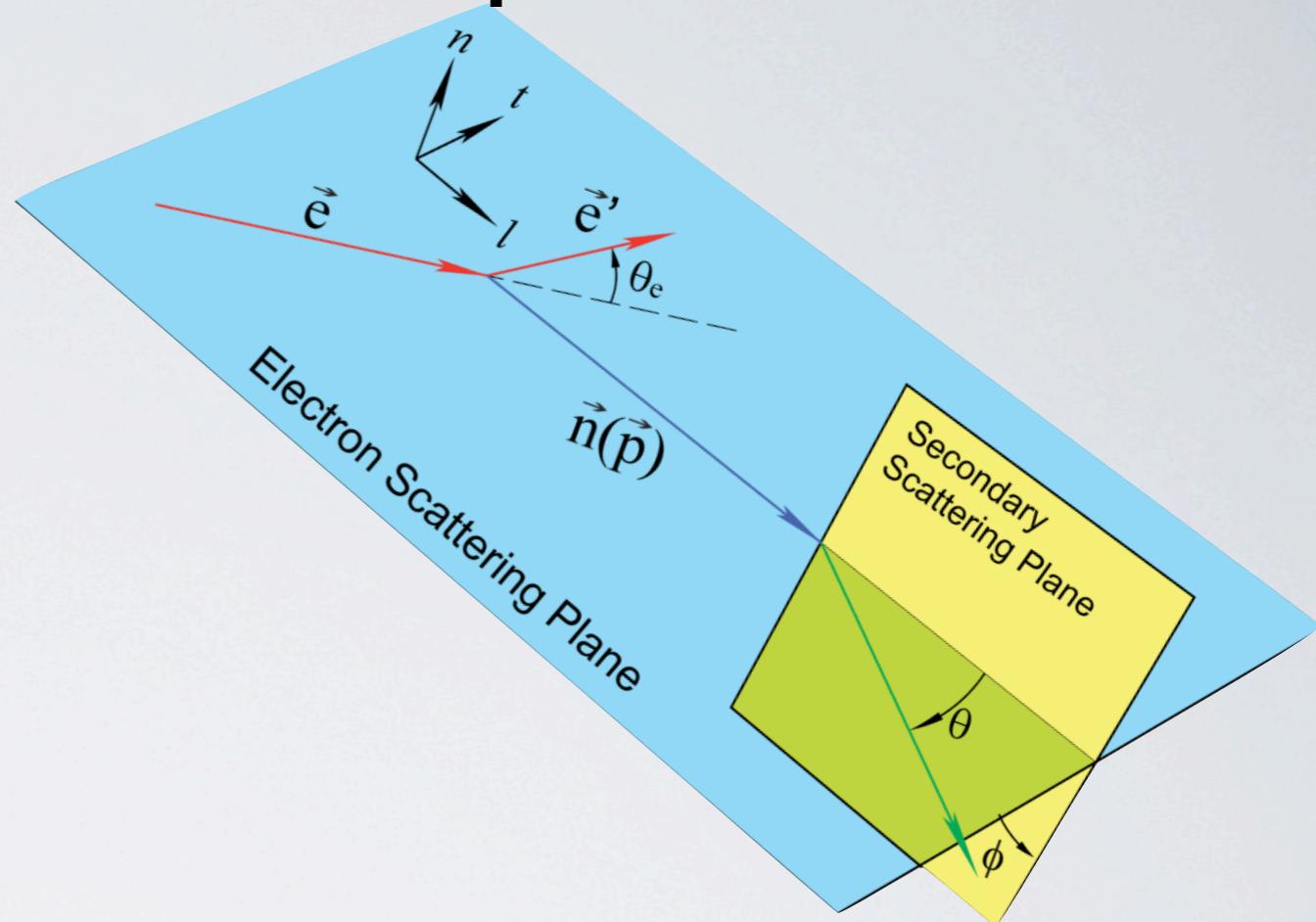
## Recoil Polarization

(Secondary scattering of nucleon)

$$I_0 \textcolor{green}{P}_t = -2\sqrt{\tau(1+\tau)} \textcolor{red}{G}_E \textcolor{blue}{G}_M \tan \frac{\theta_e}{2}$$

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$$P_n = 0 \ (1\gamma)$$



$$\mathcal{R} \equiv \mu_p \frac{\textcolor{red}{G}_E}{\textcolor{blue}{G}_M} = -\mu_p \frac{\textcolor{green}{P}_t}{\textcolor{green}{P}_l} \frac{E_e + E_{e'}}{2M} \tan \frac{\theta_e}{2}$$

- A single measurement gives ratio of form factors.
- Interference of “small” and “large” terms allow measurement at practically all values of  $Q^2$ .

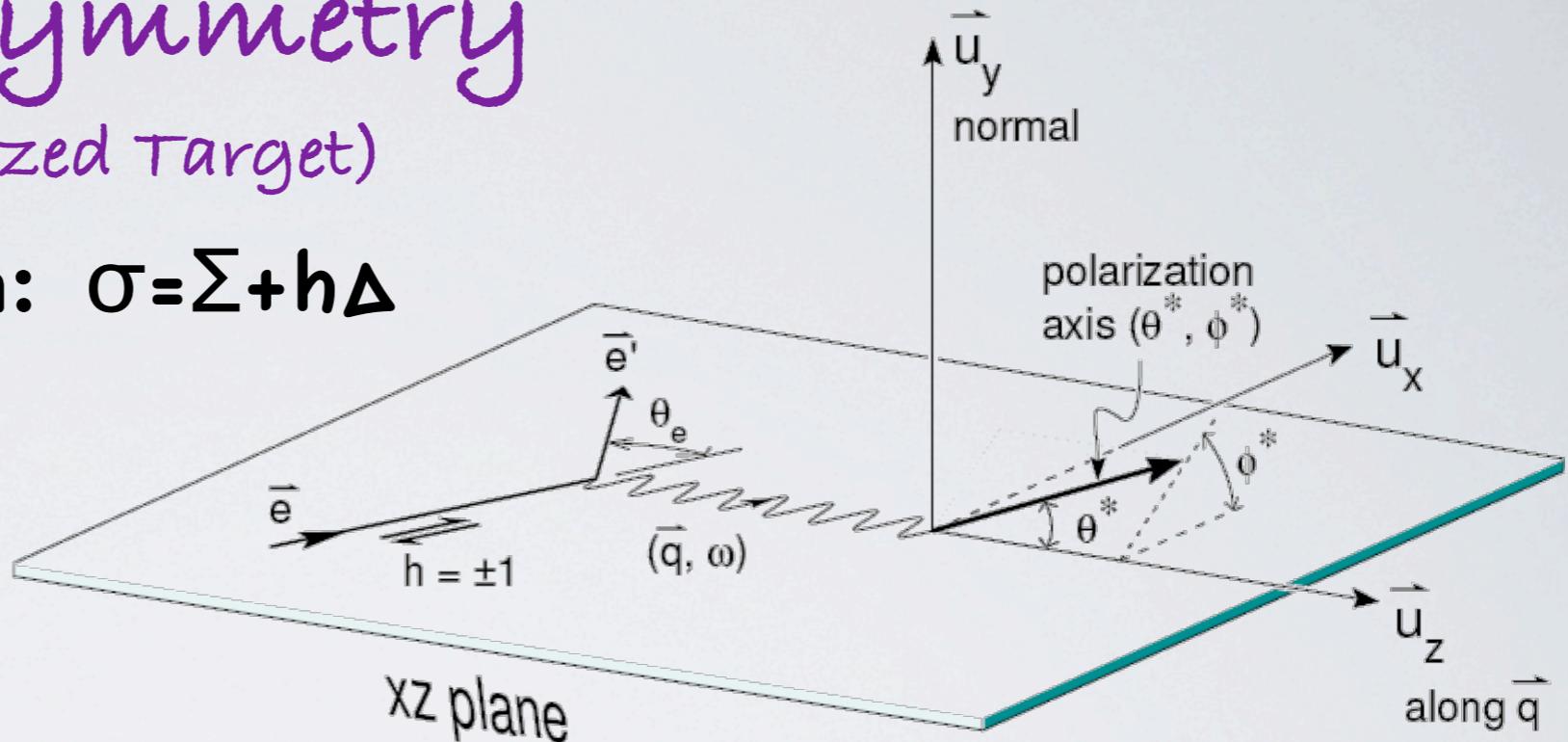
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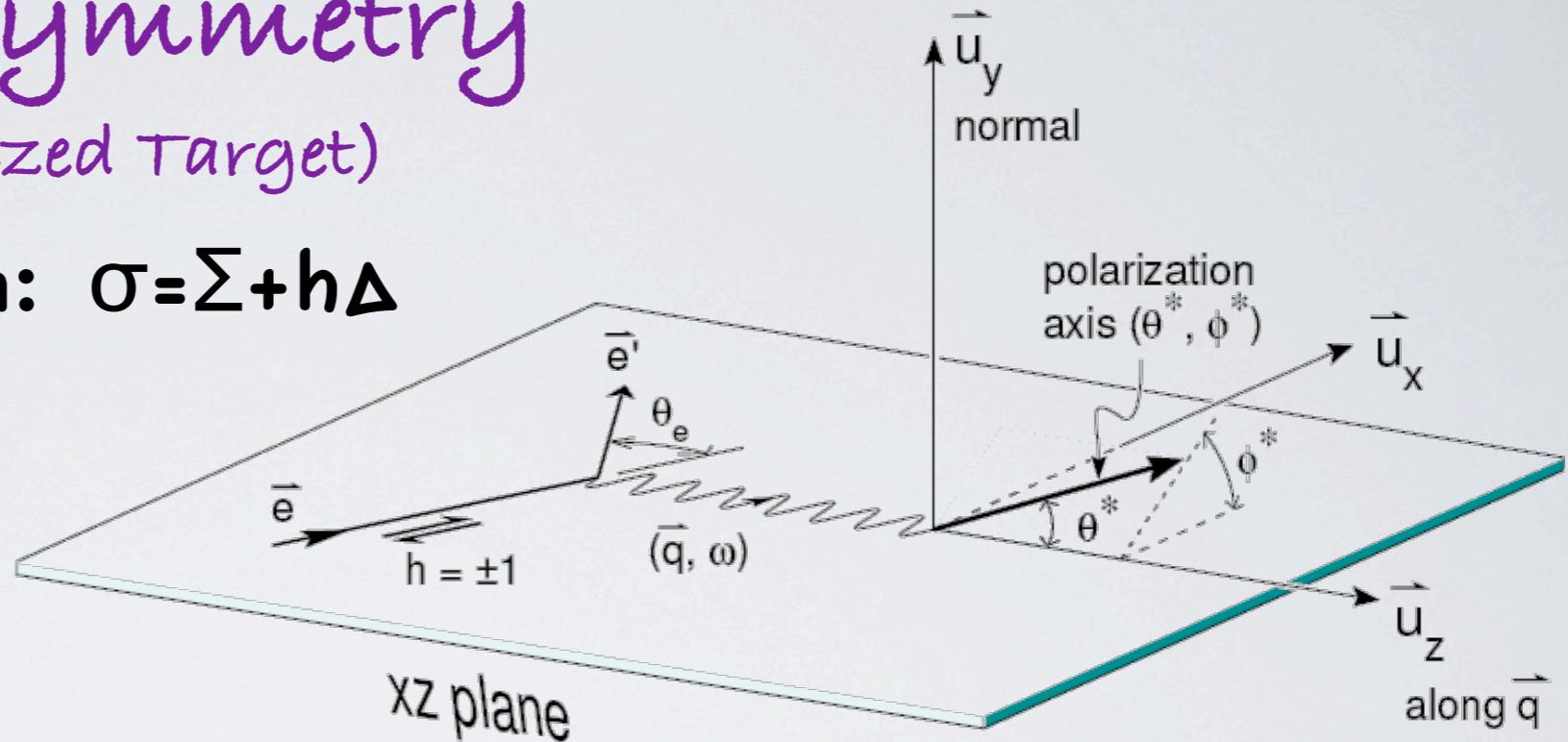
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Relevant for EIC

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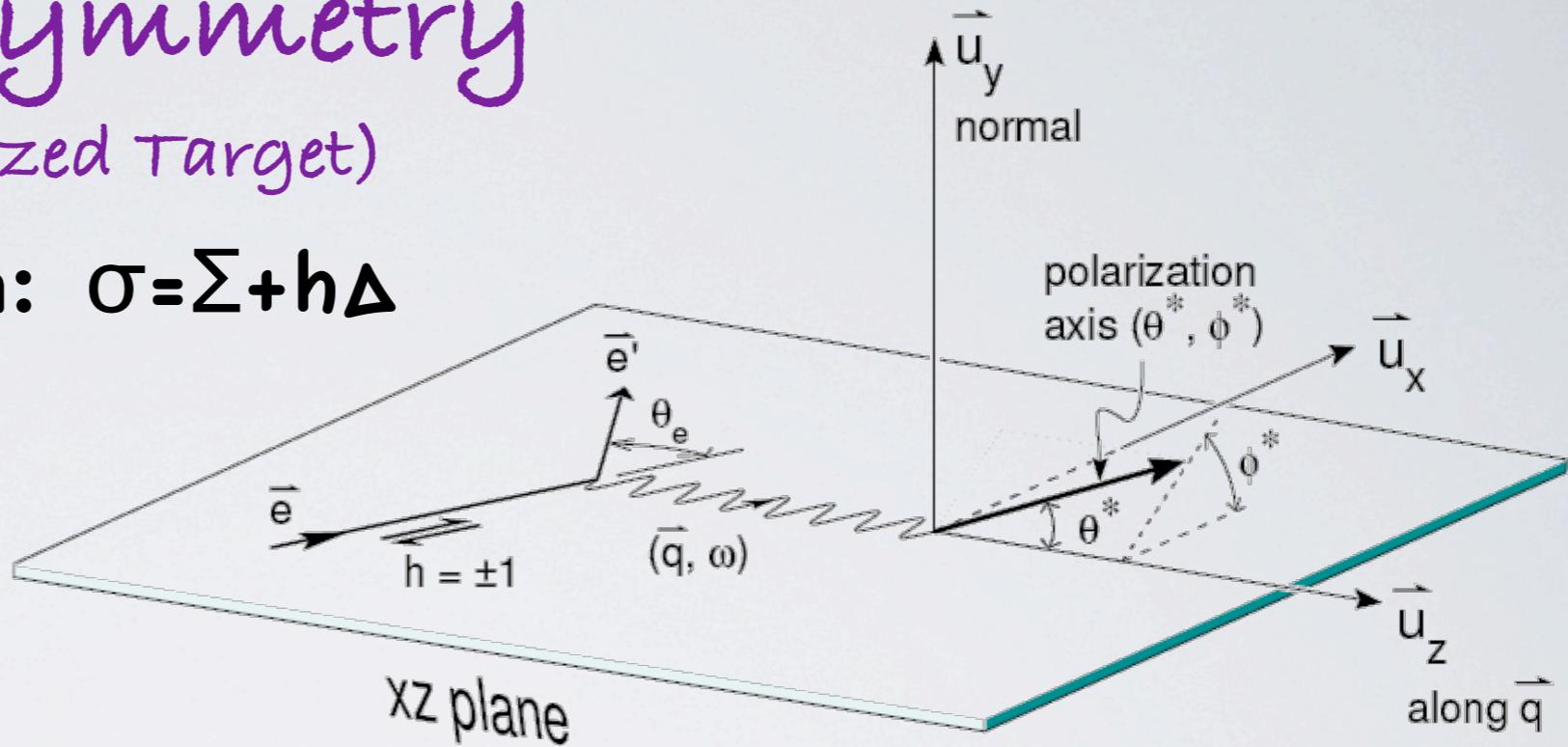
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Simultaneous measurement with two different values of  $\theta^*$ .  
Ratio of asymmetries related to FF ratio and cancels systematics.

$$\frac{G_E}{G_M} = -\frac{a(\tau, \theta_e) \cos \theta_1^* - \Gamma a(\tau, \theta_e) \cos \theta_2^*}{\cos \phi_1^* \sin \theta_1^* - \Gamma \cos \phi_2^* \sin \phi_2^*}$$

$$a(\tau, \theta_e) = \sqrt{\tau(1 + (1 + \tau) \tan^2(\theta_e/2))}$$

$$\Gamma = \mathcal{A}_1 / \mathcal{A}_2$$

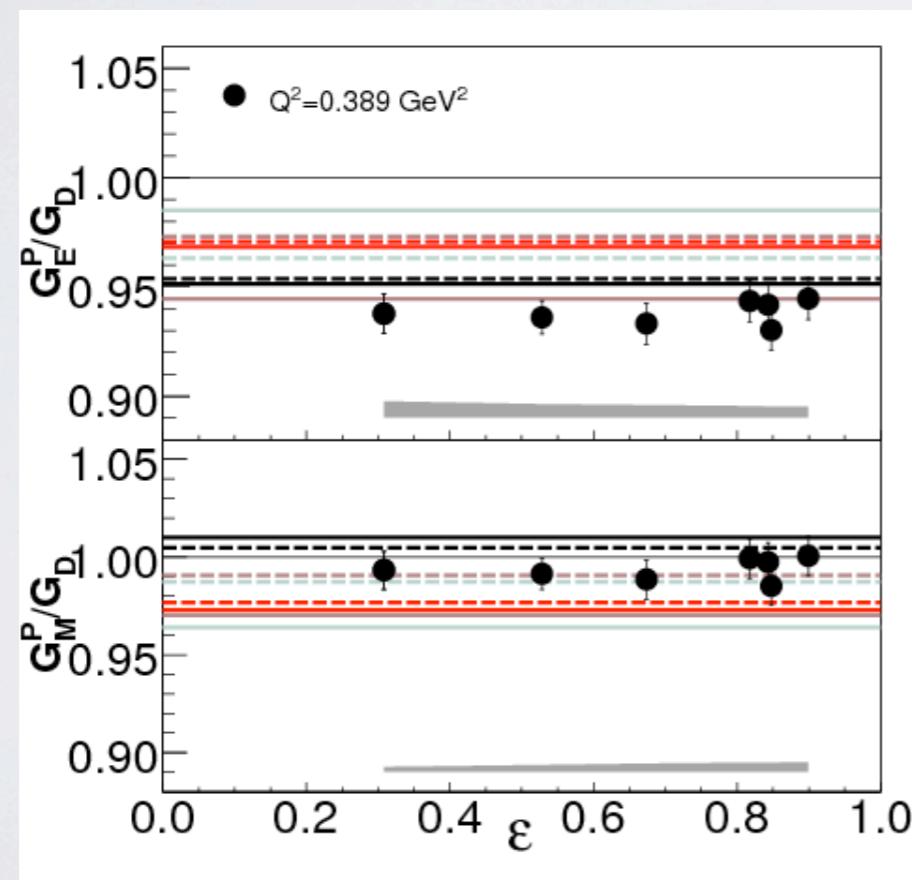
Set p beam polarization to intermediate angle such that  $\theta_1^* \neq \theta_2^*$ .

# Getting $G_E$ & $G_M$ from Ratios + Cross Sections

Cross section at high/low  $Q^2$  dominated by one term (Rosenbluth separation not feasible).

Ratio gives second equation

→ Can now solve 2 equations in two variables to get both ffs.  
Multiple cross section measurements at the same  $Q^2$  give cross check.



$$\sigma_R = \tau G_M^2 + \varepsilon G_E^2$$

$$\mathcal{R} = \mu \frac{G_E}{G_M}$$

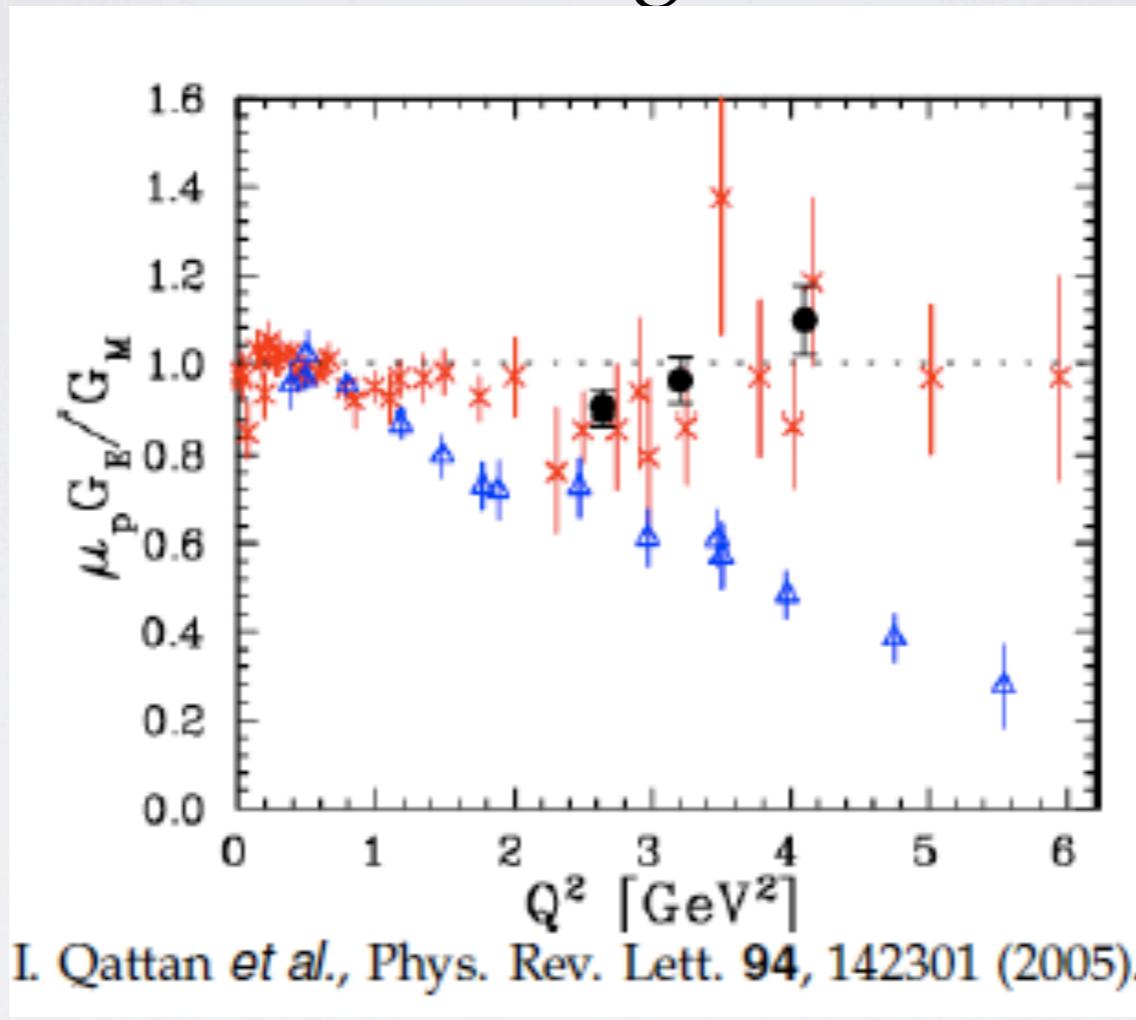
$$\sigma_R = \tau G_M^2 + \varepsilon \frac{G_M^2 \mathcal{R}^2}{\mu^2}$$

$$G_M^2 = \sigma_R / (\tau + \varepsilon \mathcal{R}^2 / \mu^2)$$

# High $Q^2$ Measurements

# The high $Q^2$ discrepancy

- At high  $Q^2$  Rosenbluth and polarization measurements for the proton are in violent disagreement.

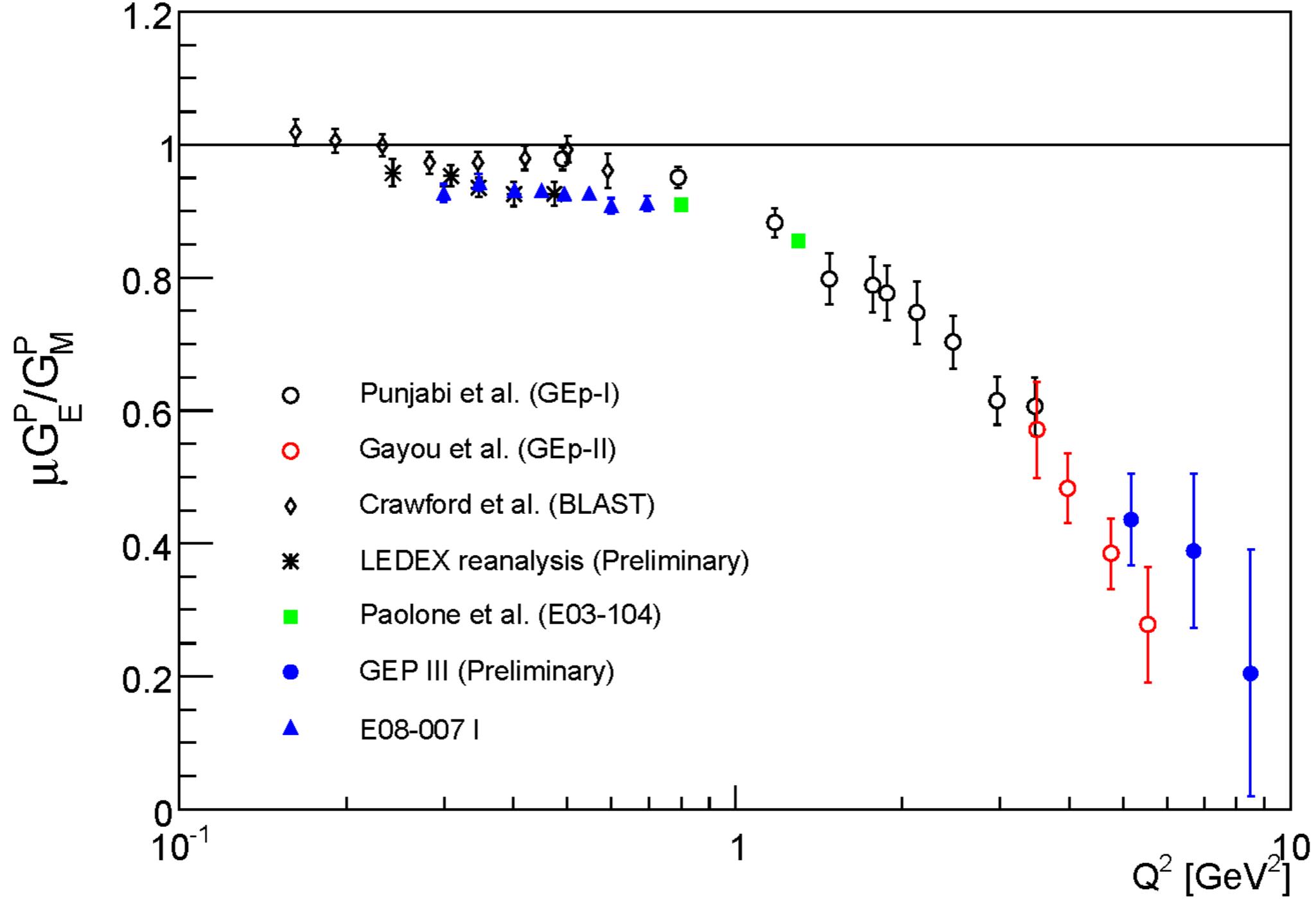


- Almost certainly explained by multi- $\gamma$  effects.

"As  $G_E = F_1 - \tau F_2$ , it is a priori quite likely that  $G_E$  becomes negative for large values of  $k^2$ " - N. Dombey, Rev. Mod. Phys. 41, 1 (1969). - **Not supported by new results.**

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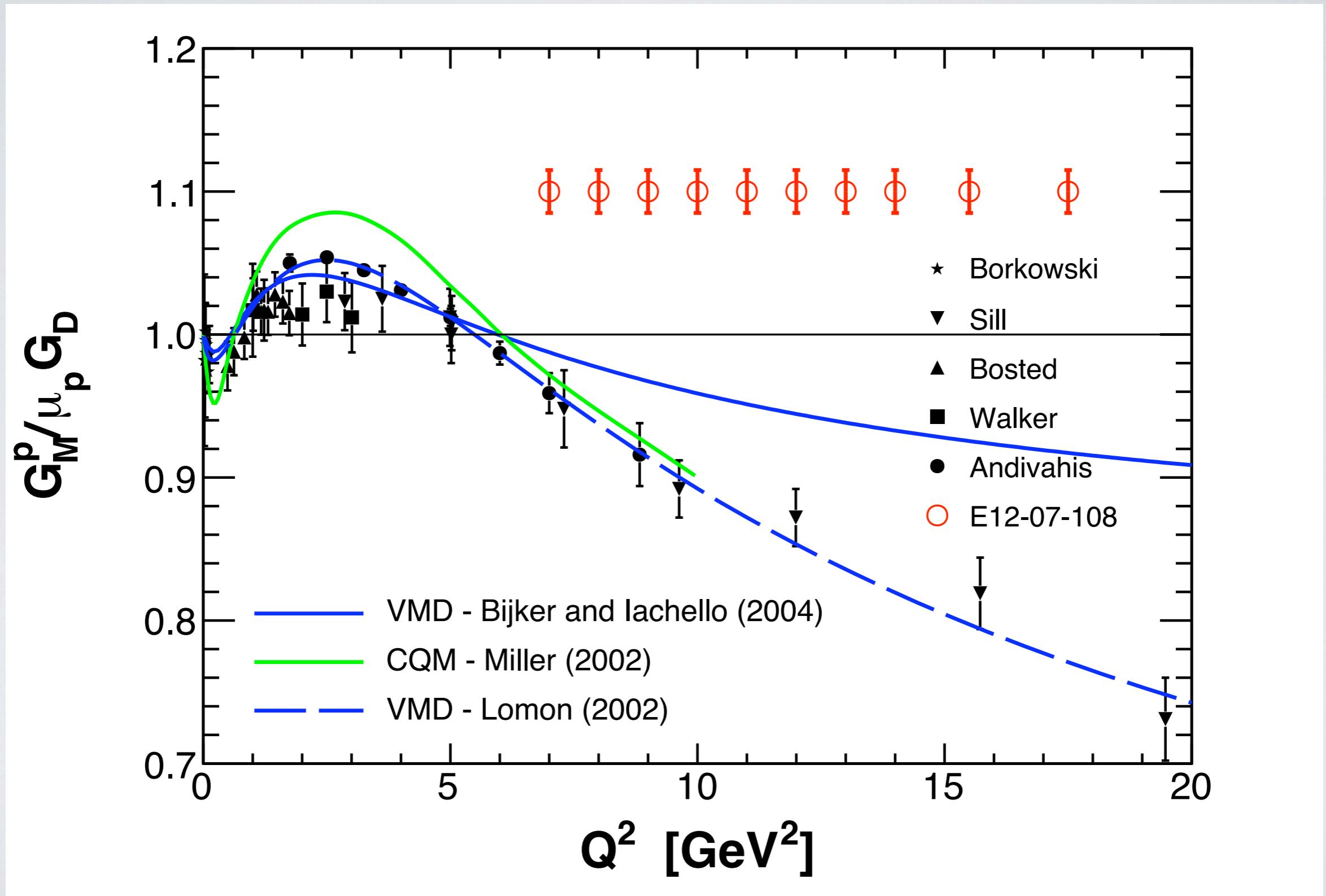


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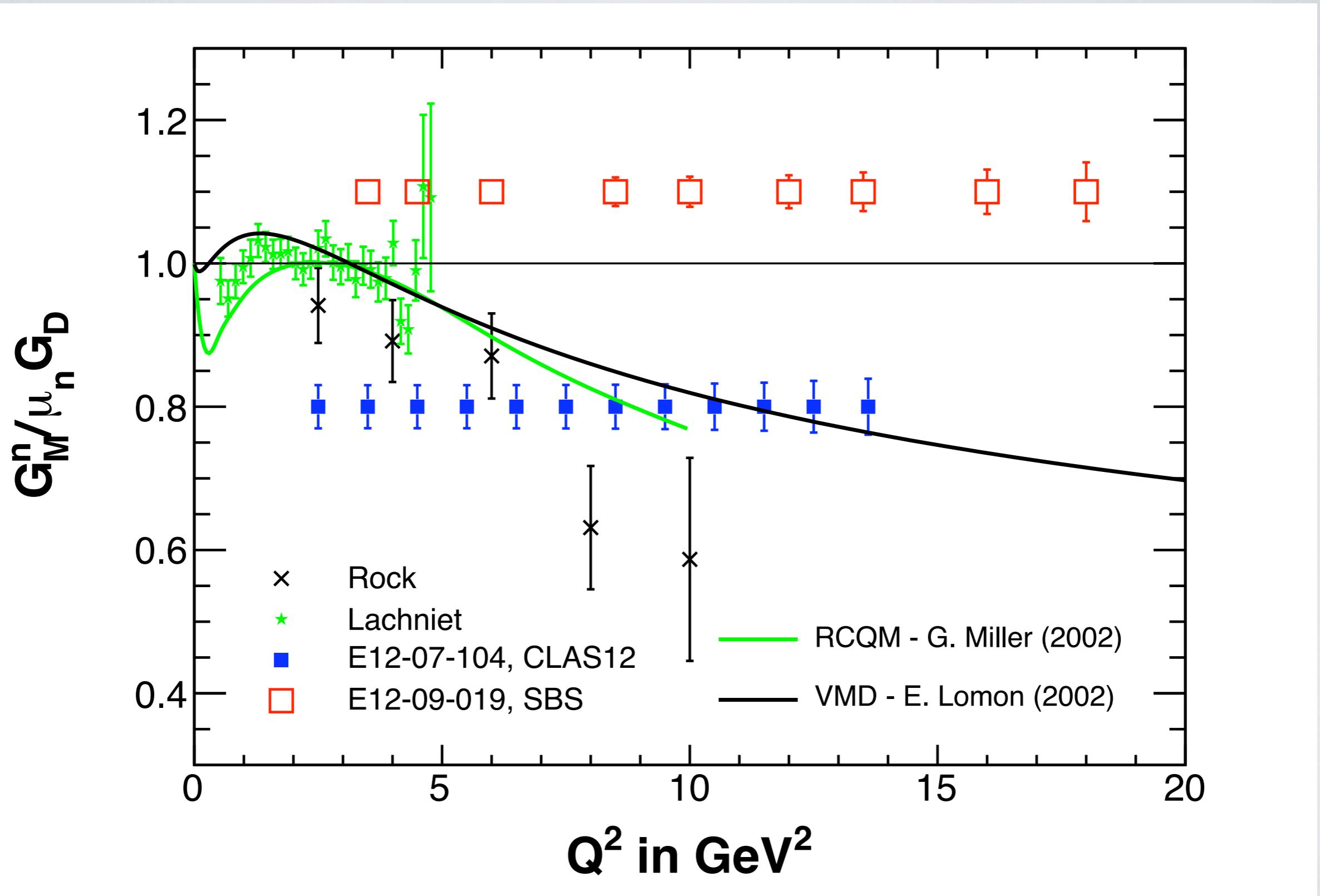
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values

# 12 GeV G<sub>M</sub> @ JLab



# 12 GeV $g_{\mu_n} @ JLab$



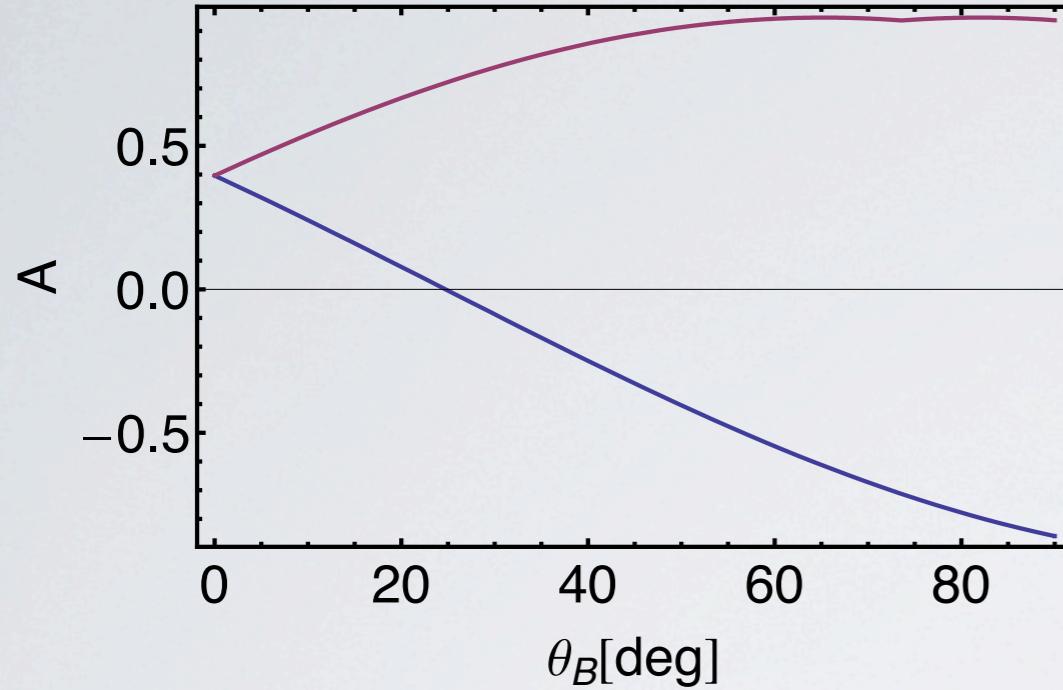
# Prospects for High $Q^2$ ep with EIC

- 3GeV Electron + 30 GeV Proton.
- $\mathcal{L} = 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ .
- Full angular ( $\varphi$ ) detector coverage.
- $\Delta Q^2 / Q^2 = 0.1$ .

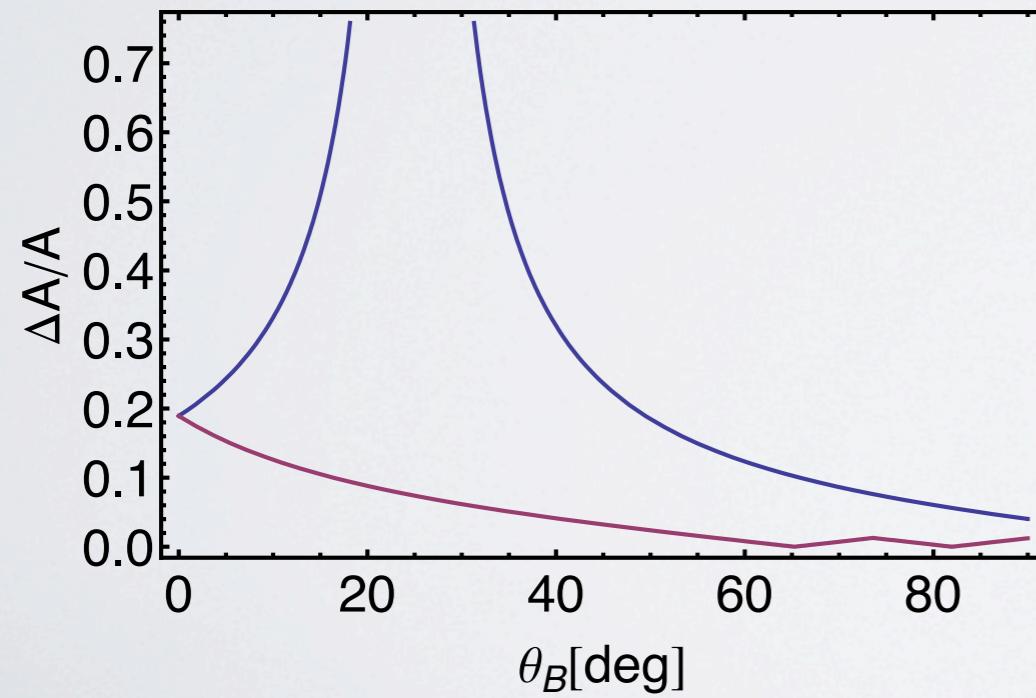
*Systematics Limited* ← → *Statistics Limited*

$Q^2$ (GeV $^2$ )	10	20	30	40	50	60
$\theta_e$	56.25	74.97	87.28	96.4	103.6	109.5
$\theta_p$	6.12	8.77	10.9	12.76	14.5	16.1
$\epsilon_e$	3.74	4.5	5.24	6	6.74	7.5
$\epsilon_p$	28.3	27.56	26.81	26.06	25.31	24.56
Events / year	186000	7300	1000	250	80	30
$(\Delta \sigma / \sigma)_{\text{stat}}$	0.2%	1.2%	3.1%	6.3%	11.2%	18.2%
$(\Delta A/A)_{\text{stat}}$	0.3%	1.6%	4.4%	9%	15.8%	25.8%

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Asymmetry as a function of proton polarization angle for  $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$



Systematic uncertainty in asymmetry as a function of proton polarization angle for  $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ .  
 $\Delta\theta_{\text{pol}} = 5^\circ$

# **Low $Q^2$ Measurements**

# why Low $Q^2$ ?

- Deviations from dipole form evident.
- Probe static properties ( $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$ ) and peripheral structure.
- Small  $Q^2$  does not allow for pQCD, many competing EFTs.
- Hitting the  $\pi$  mass region ( $2\pi$ -cut in Pauli/Dirac FFs).
- Potentially impacts many high precision measurements (nucleon GPDs, parity violation, Zemach radius,...).

VMD

## Some Models

$$F(Q^2) = \sum \frac{C_{\gamma V_i}}{Q^2 + M_{V_i}^2} F_{V_i N}(Q^2)$$

Breaks down at high  $Q^2$

Lattice QCD (not really a model....)

RCQM

Point Form  
Light Front

di-Quark

CBM/LFCBM

pQCD

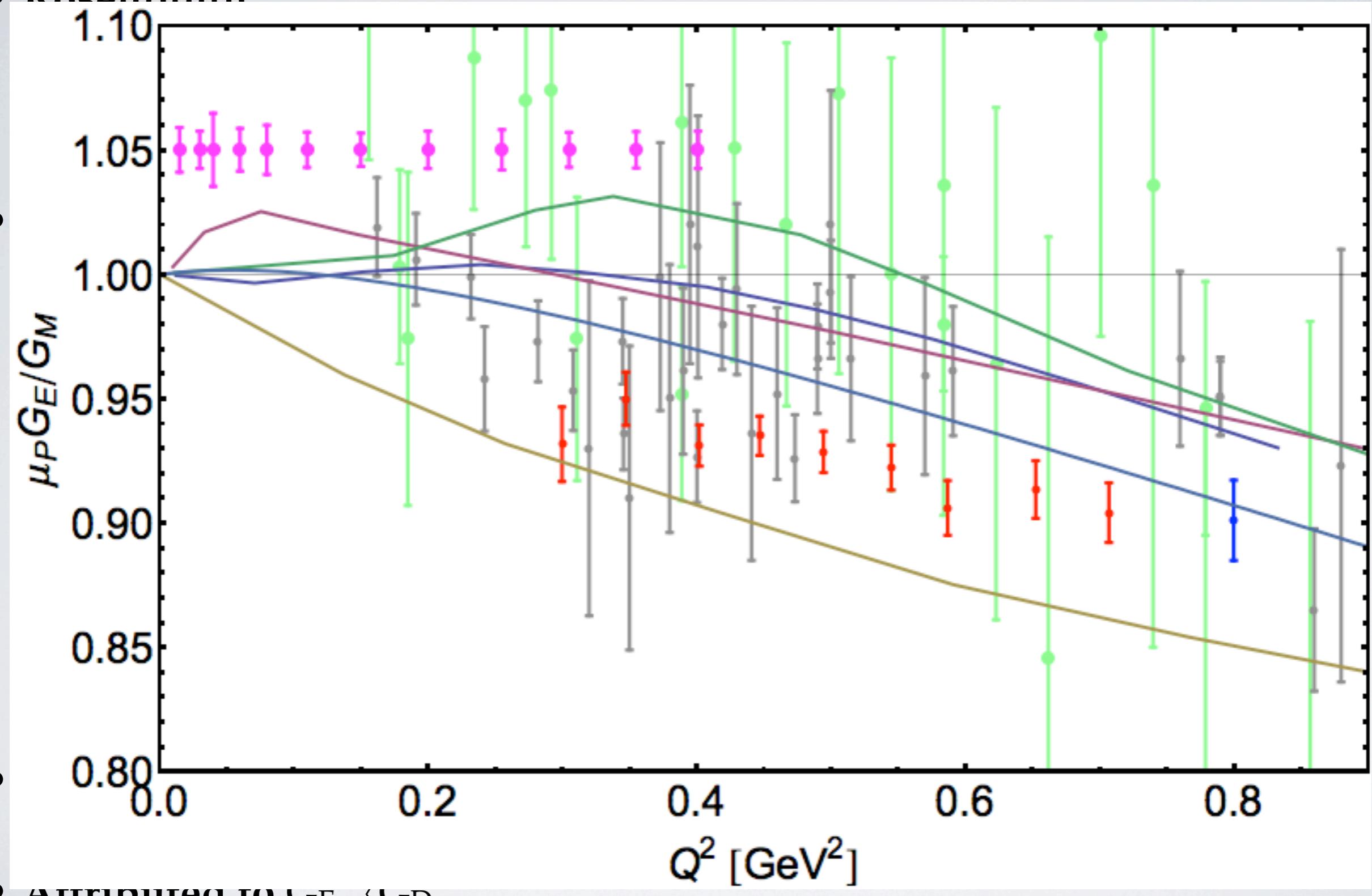
Helicity Conservation  
Counting rules  $\frac{Q^2 F_2}{F_1} \rightarrow \text{Constant}$

# State of the Art

- **Rosenbluth:**
  - Mainz has concluded a high precision cross section survey.
  - Measured cross sections down to  $Q^2 \approx 0.01 \text{ GeV}^2$ .
- **Polarization Data (FF Ratio):**
  - **Bates BLAST** (Beam-Target Asymmetry) -  $Q^2 = 0.16 - 0.6 \text{ GeV}^2$ , C. B. Crawford et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 052301 (2007).
  - **JLab LEDEX** (Recoil Polarization) -  $Q^2 = 0.22 - 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ , G. Ron et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 99, 202002 (2007).
  - **JLab E08007 Part I** (Recoil Polarization) -  $Q^2 = 0.25 - 0.7 \text{ GeV}^2$  (Very high precision), X. Zhan PhD Thesis.
  - **JLab E08007 Part II** (Beam-Target Asymmetry) -  $Q^2 = 0.01 - 0.4 \text{ GeV}^2$  (Very high precision) **Tentative 2012**.
- **Strong deviation from unity at low  $Q^2$ .**
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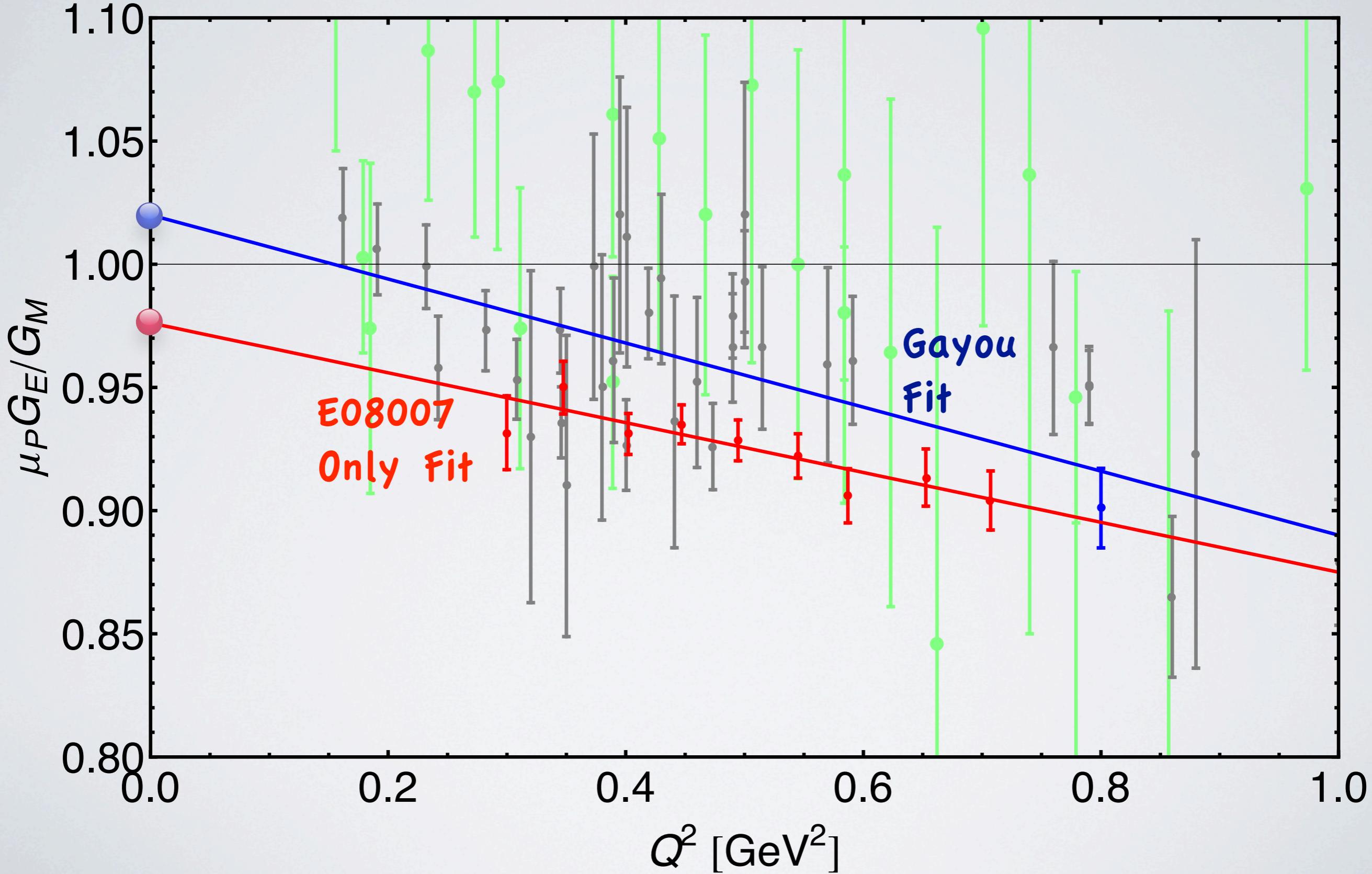
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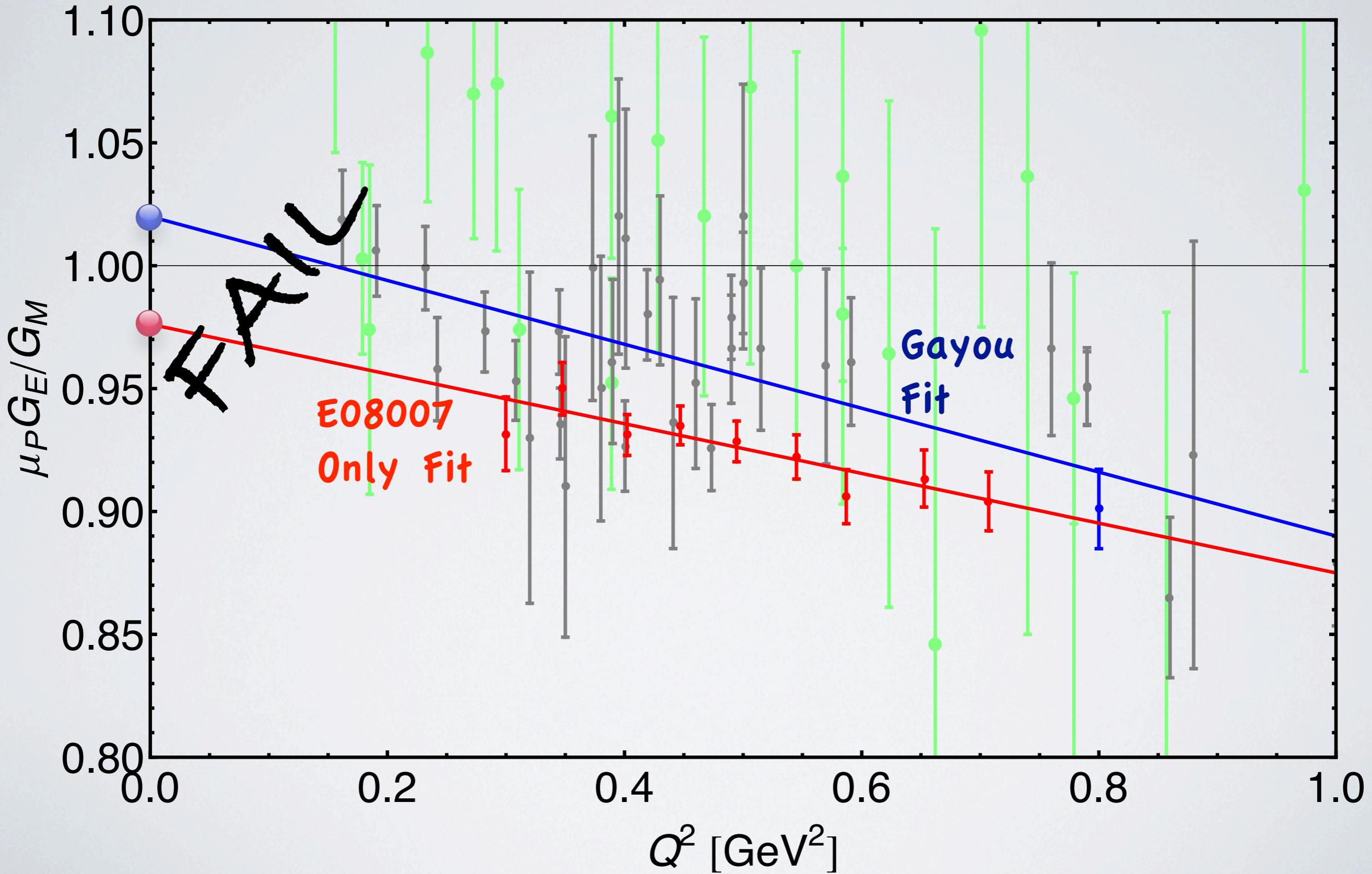


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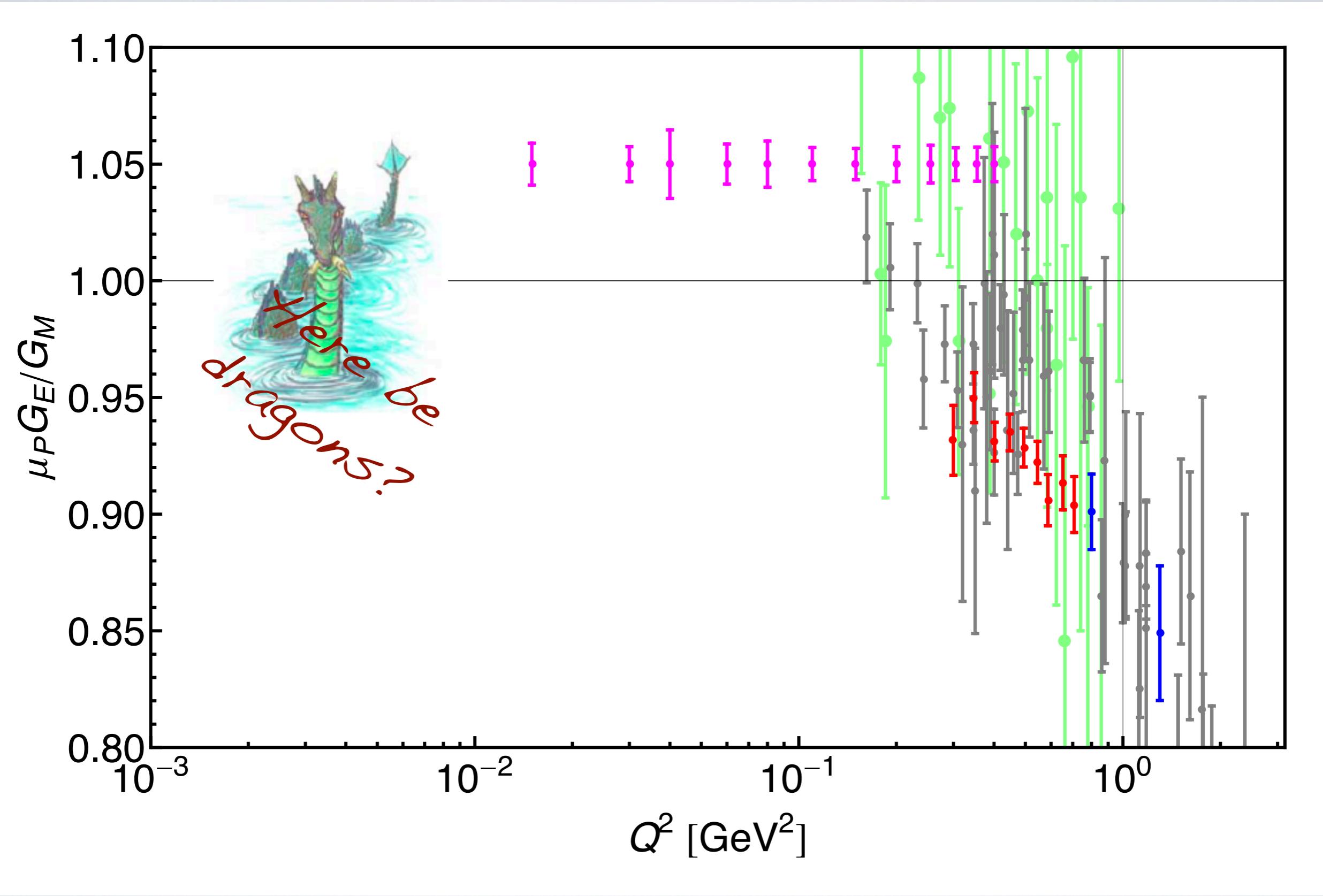
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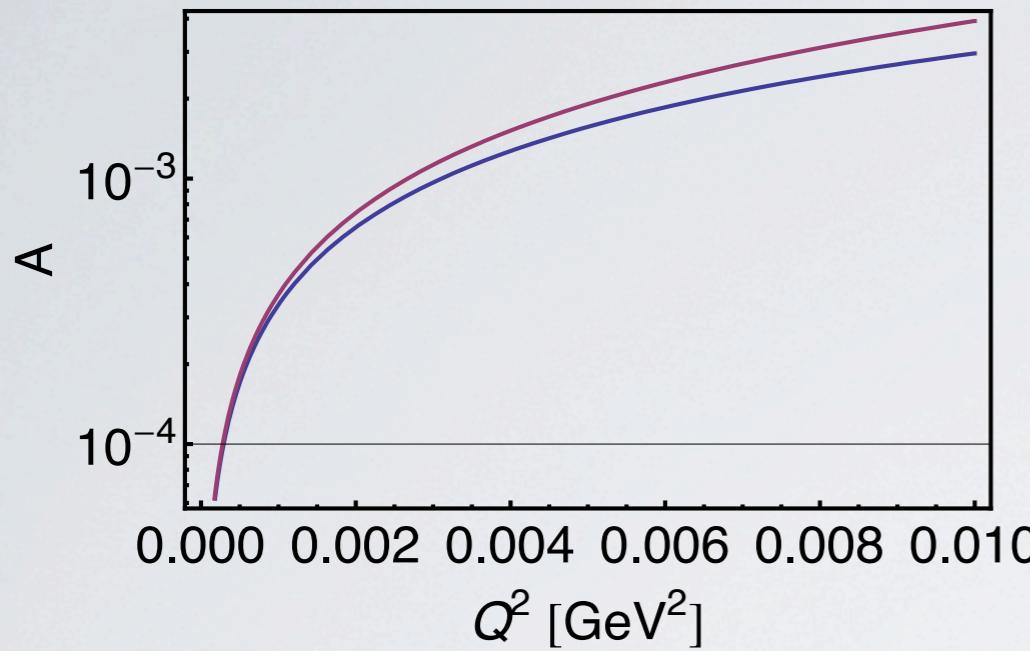
# Prospects for Low $Q^2$ ep with EIC

- Proton polarimetry not feasible for high proton beam energies ( $T_p \sim T_{p'}$ ).
- Very forward scattered electron.
- Luminosity drop significantly when lowering beam energies.
- Cross section measurement gives essentially  $G_E$  (charge radius).
- But.... Statistics not an issue.
- Limiting factor is systematic uncertainties (in particular proton beam polarization direction).

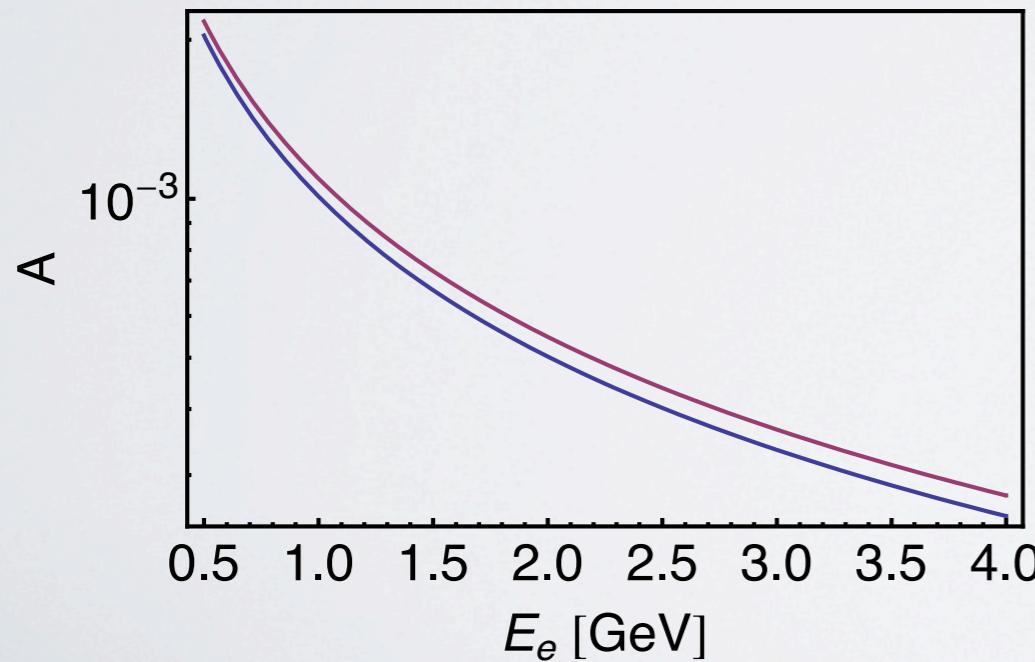
$Q^2$ (GeV $^2$ )	$10^{-4}$	$5 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$10^{-3}$	$5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$0.01$
$\theta_e$	0.19	0.427	0.6	1.35	1.9
$XS$ (cm $^{-2}$ )	2.60E-23	1.00E-24	2.50E-25	1.00E-26	2.50E-27
Rate (Hz)	9.1	1.75	0.875	0.175	0.0875
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- $\Delta Q^2/Q^2 = 0.01$ .
- Assuming “CDF Style” roman pots detectors 1m from intersection point.
- Smallest possible angle ~0.2deg.
- Lowest possible  $Q^2 \sim 10^{-4}$  GeV $^2$ .
- Uncertainties always dominated by systematics - In particular proton beam polarization direction.

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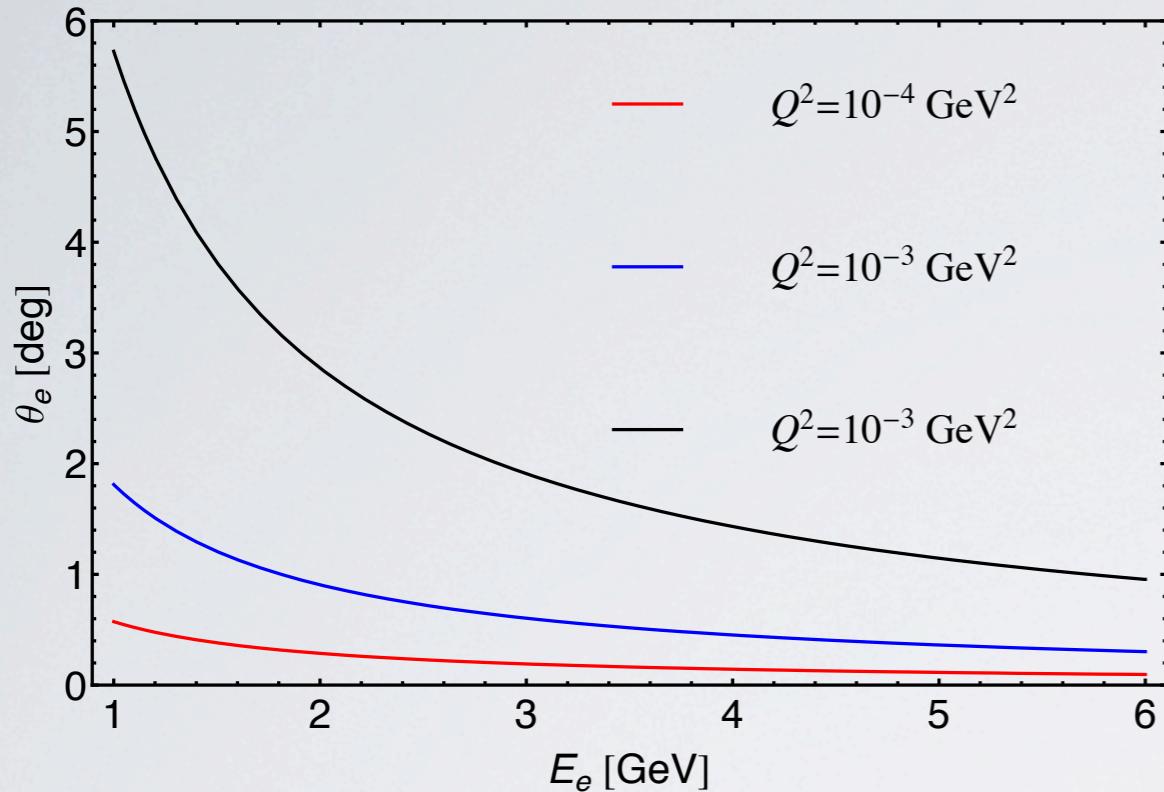


Asymmetry as a function of  $Q^2$  ( $\theta_{\text{pol}} = 45^\circ$ ).

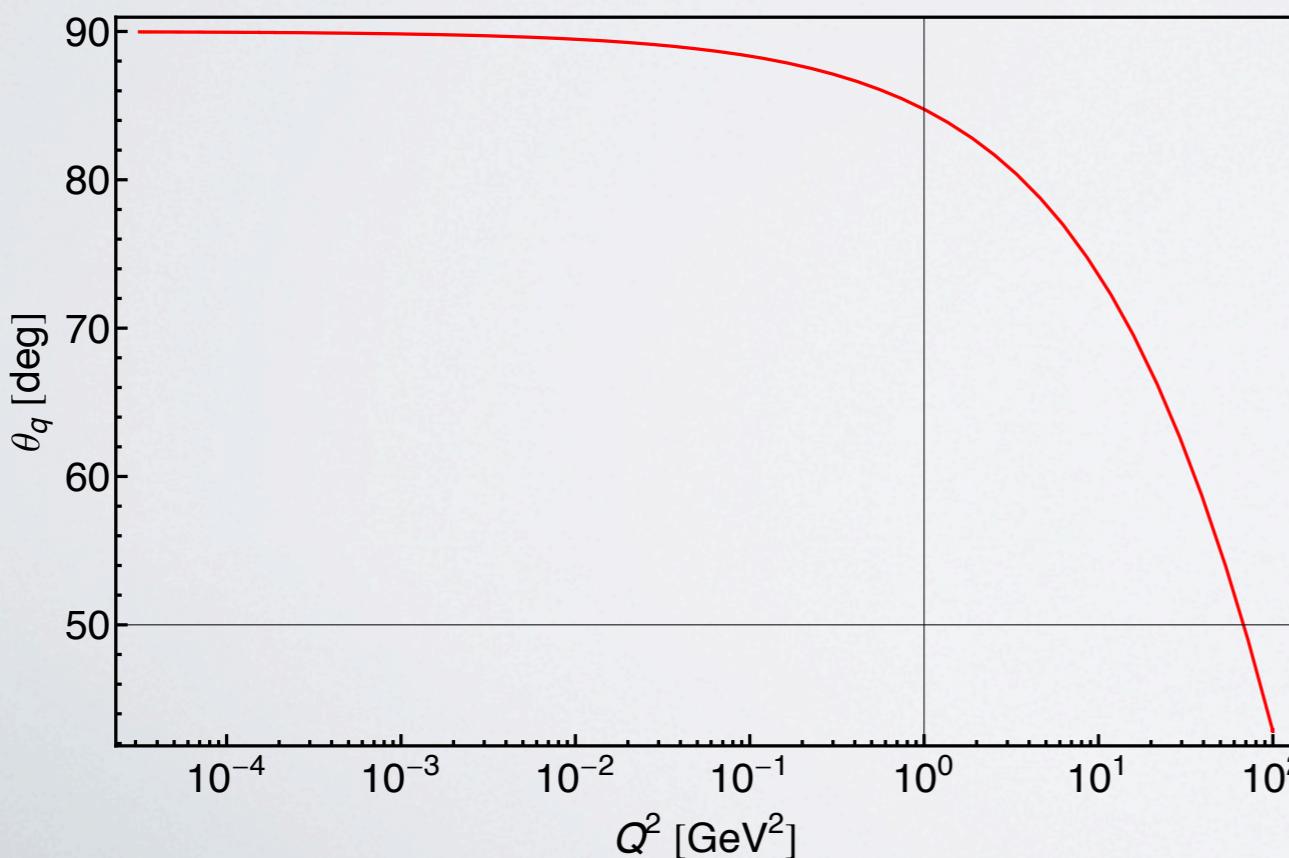


Asymmetry as a function of electron beam energy ( $Q^2 = 0.001 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $\theta_{\text{pol}} = 45^\circ$ ).  
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# Prospects for Low $Q^2$ ep with EIC



Electron angle as a function of electron beam energy.  
Lower beam energy is better.  
Negligible effect from proton beam energy.



$q$ -vector angle as a function of  $Q^2$ .  
Since for low  $Q^2$   $\theta_q \sim 90$  deg,  
need intermediate  $\theta$  polarization.

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- Possible fix for beam polarization direction uncertainty → Calibrate polarization direction online using measured intermediate  $Q^2$  values.

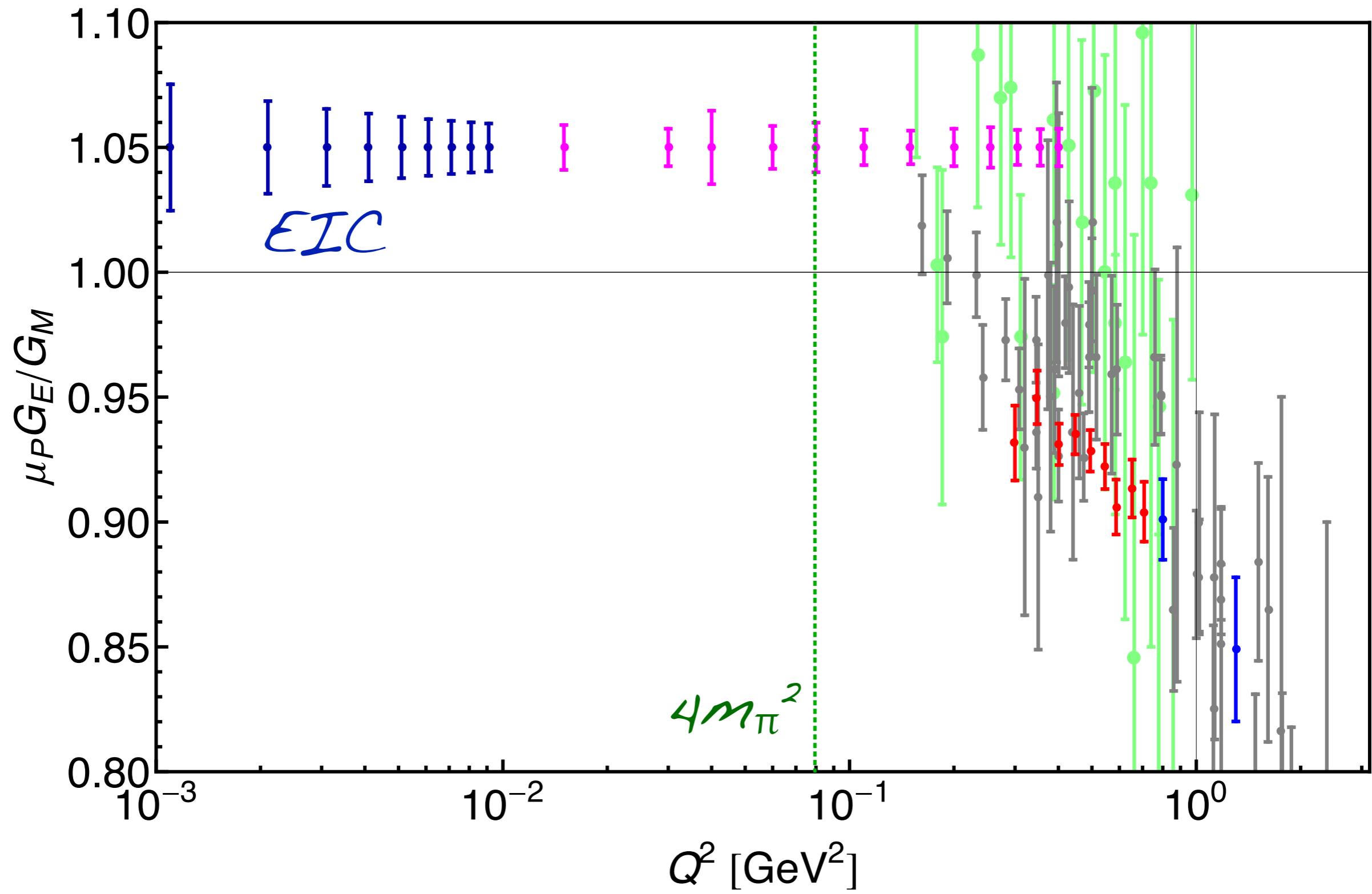
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Measurable online using standard “barrel” detector.  
High precision FF ratio data available.

1% uncertainty on FFR → 0.1 uncertainty on  $\theta_B$  (at 10 degrees)

what it could look like....



# SUMMARY

- EIC feasible for both high and low  $Q^2$  measurements.
- Both ratio of FFs and cross section can (in principle) be simultaneously measured, giving individual form factors.
- Luminosity not an issue for low  $Q^2$  - measurements better with lower electron beam energy.
- For High  $Q^2$  we need  $L \sim 10^{34} \text{ sec}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ .
- Primary concerns:
  - Polarization direction uncertainty for proton beam.
  - Design of “roman pot” style detector for small angles.
- Other things I’d like to see:
  - Polarized positrons for multi- $\gamma$  studies.
  - Polarized D,  ${}^3\text{He}$ ,  ${}^7\text{Li}$  (compare quasi-free/elastic ep):
    - Is D really p+n?
    - Is  ${}^3\text{He}(\text{pol})$  really n( $\text{pol}$ )?