### Hunting for Quarks

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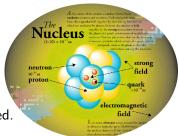
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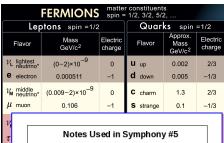
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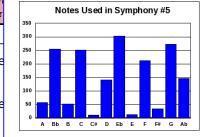


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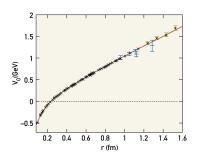
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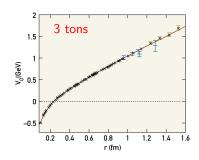
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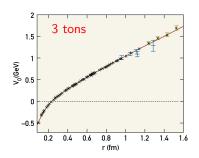
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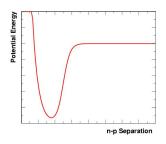


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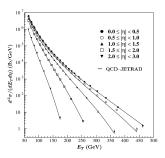


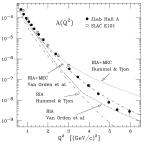


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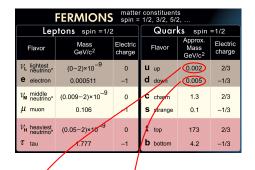
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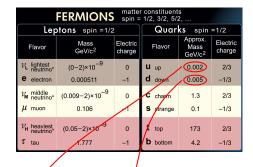


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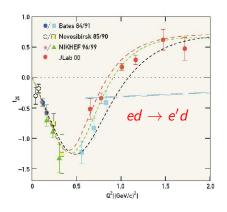
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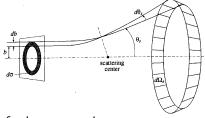
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- Fundamental quantity related to the distribution of magnetization/currents in the neutron.
- Needed to extract the distribution of quarks in the neutron.
- Elastic form factors  $(G_M^n, G_E^n, G_M^p, \text{ and } G_E^p)$  provide key constraints on theory and the structure of hadrons.
- Part of a broad effort to understand how nucleons are 'constructed from the quarks and gluons of QCD'.\*

<sup>\* &#</sup>x27;The Frontiers of Nuclear Science: A Long-Range Plan', NSF/DOE Nuclear Science Advisory Committee, April, 2007.

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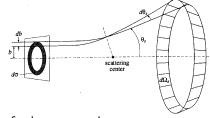
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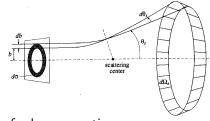
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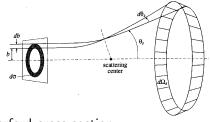
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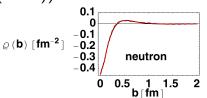
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Experiment
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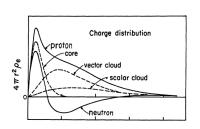
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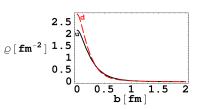
 The Fourier transform of the form factors are related to the charge and current distributions within the neutron.

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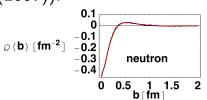


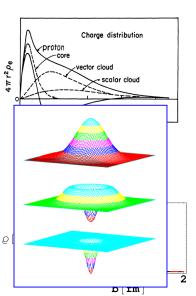


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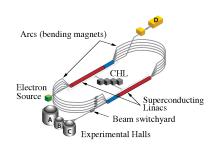
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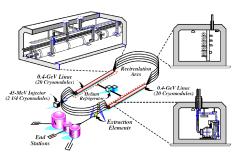
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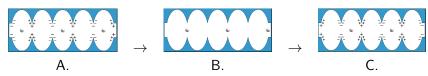
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Accelerate your electrons to high energy.





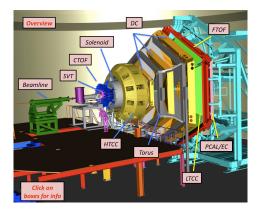
What happens inside the cavity? Feed it with oscillating, radio-frequency power at 1.5 GHz! In each hall beam buckets are about 2 picoseconds long and arrive every 2 nanoseconds.



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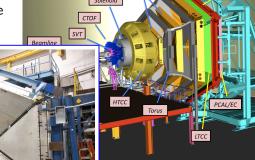
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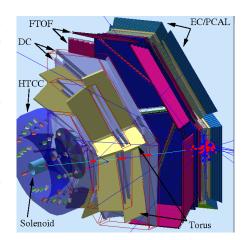
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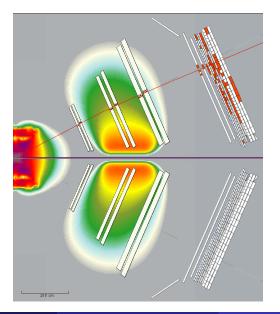
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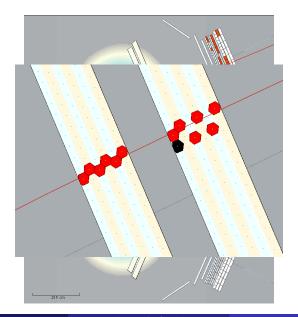
- Drift chambers map the trajectories. A toroidal magnetic field bends the particles to measure momentum.
- Other layers measure energy, time-of-flight, and particle identification.
- Each collision is reconstructed and the intensity pattern reveals the forces and structure of the colliding particles.
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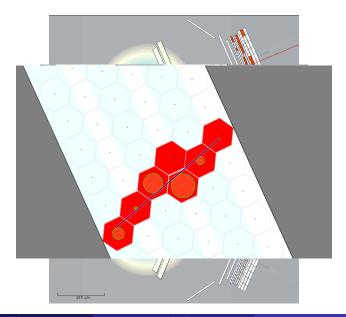
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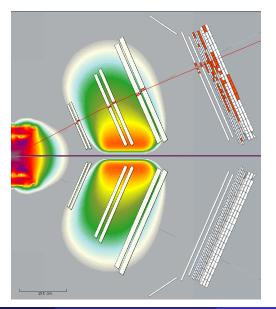


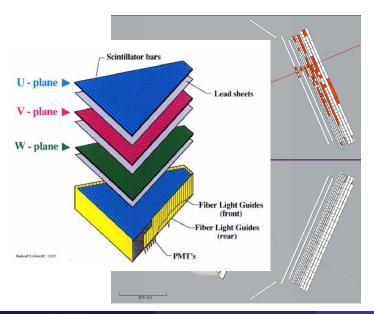
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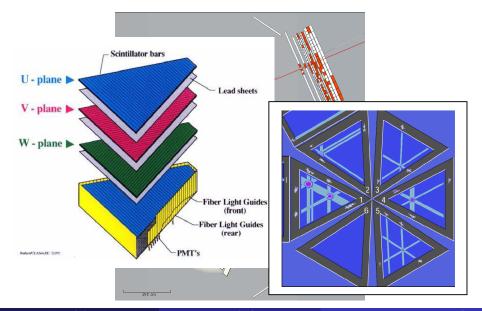


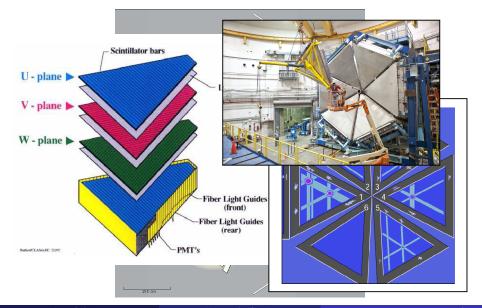
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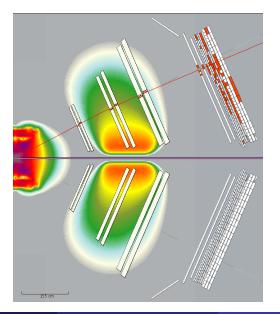




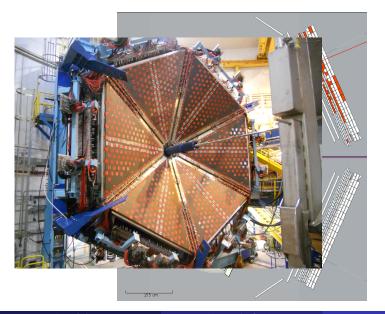




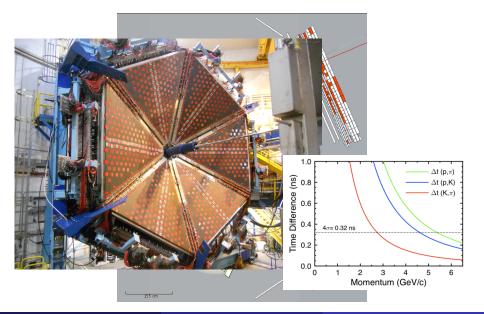
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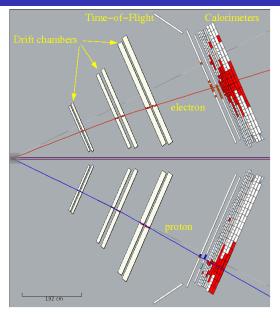
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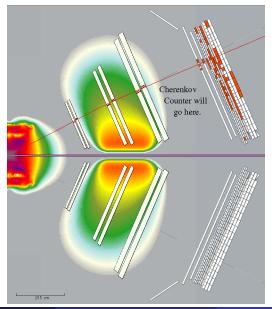


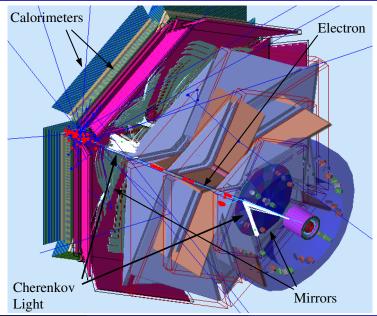
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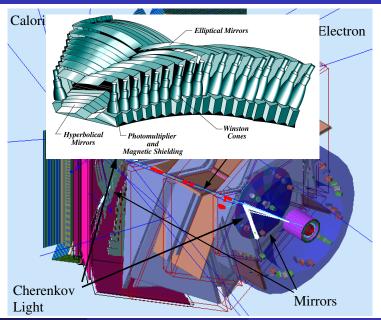


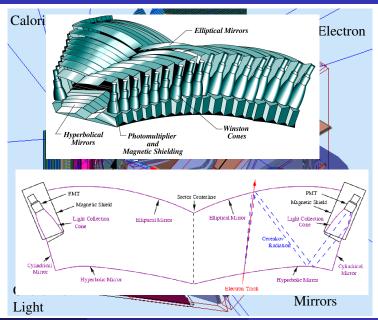
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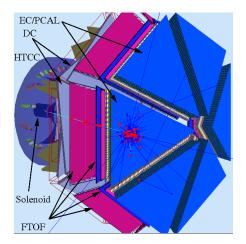






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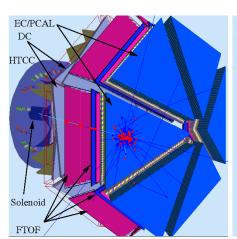
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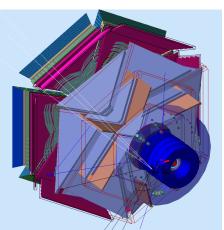
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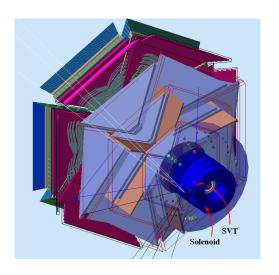
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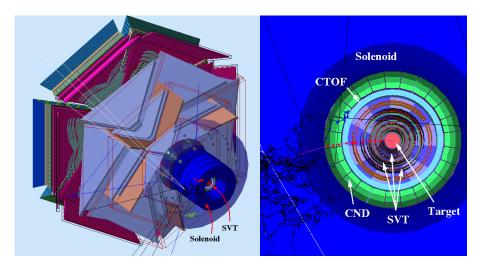
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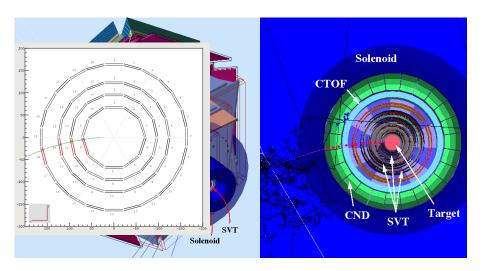


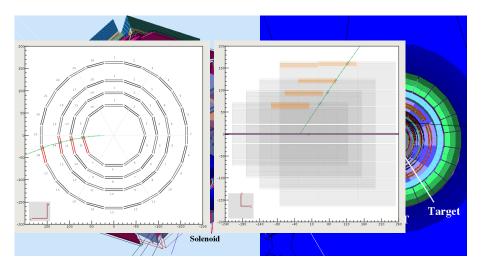
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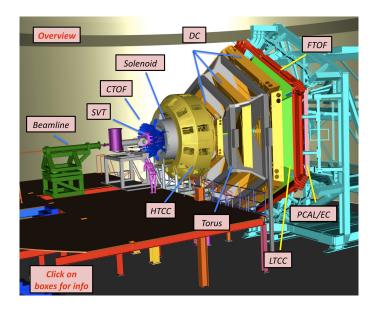


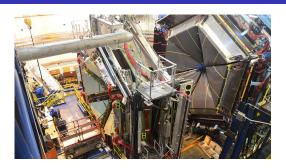


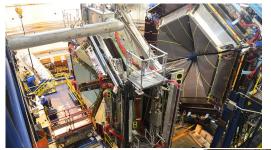














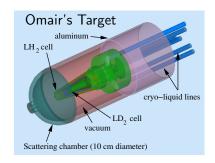






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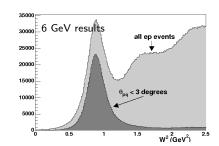
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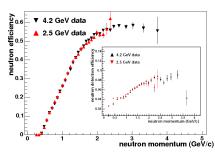
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## How Do We Measure $G_M^n$ on a Neutron? (Step 4)

• Quasi-elastic event selection: Apply a maximum  $\theta_{pq}$  cut to eliminate inelastic events plus a cut on  $W^2$  (J.Lachniet thesis).

• Use the  $ep \rightarrow e'\pi^+ n$  reaction from the hydrogen target as a source of tagged neutrons in the TOF and calorimeter.





## How Do We Measure $G_M^n$ on a Neutron? (Step 5)

#### Analyzing the data - CLAS12 computing requirements.

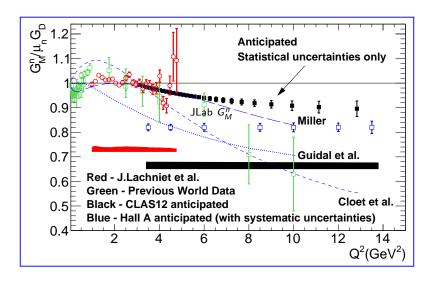
	Cores	Disk(TBytes)	Tape (TByte/year)
DAQ			1,270
Calibration	173		
Reconstruction	1,387	508	5,080
Simulation	8,139	318	1,558
Reconstruction Studies	1,214	508	
Physics Analysis	607	889	
Sum	11,520	2,223	7,938

We'll collect 5-10 TByte/day!

Intel Many-Integrated CoProcessor computer



#### Anticipated Results



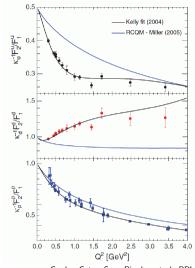
#### Nuclear Structure - Flavor Decomposition

- By measuring all four EEFFs we have an opportunity to unravel the contributions of the u and d quarks.
- Assume charge symmetry, no s quarks and use (Miller et al. Phys. Rep. 194, 1 (1990))

$$F_{1(2)}^u = 2F_{1(2)}^p + F_{1(2)}^n$$

$$F_{1(2)}^d = 2F_{1(2)}^n + F_{1(2)}^p$$

- u and d are different.
- AND different from the proton and neutron form factors.
- Evidence of di-quarks, *s* quark in-fluence, ...?



Gordon Cates, Sean Riordan et al., PRL 106, 252003 (2011).

## Concluding Remarks

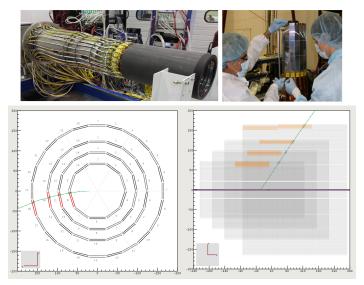
- JLab is a laboratory to test and expand our understanding of quark and nuclear matter, QCD, and the Standard Model.
- We continue the quest to unravel the nature of matter at greater and greater depths.
- Lots of new and exciting results are coming out.
- A bright future lies ahead in the 12 GeV Era.



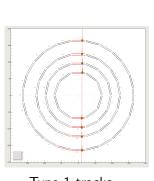
# **Additional Slides**

### What's going on now?

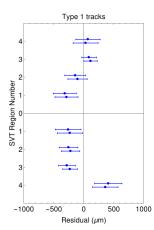
Alignment and commissioning of the silicon vertex tracker (SVT).



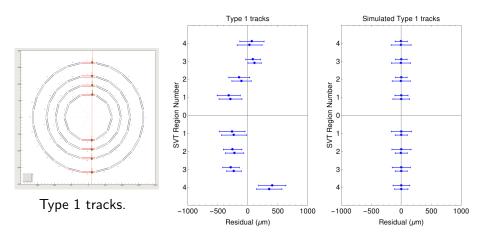
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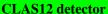
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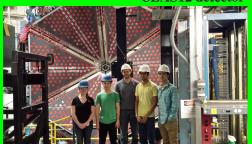


### Life on the Frontiers of Knowledge

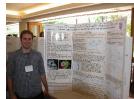


Students from Richmond (and one from Surrey) visit JLab

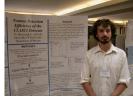




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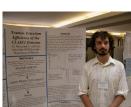






## Life on the Frontiers of Knowledge











## How Do We Measure $G_M^n$ on a Neutron? (Step 1)

- Start at your local mile-long, high-precision, 12-GeV electron accelerator.
- The Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility (CEBAF) produces beams of unrivaled quality.
- Electrons do up to five laps, are extracted, and sent to one of three experimental halls.
- All three halls can run simultaneously.





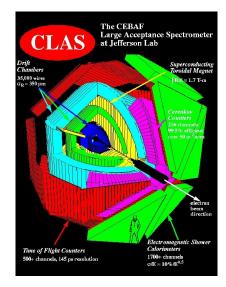
# How Do We Measure $G_M^n$ on a Neutron? (Step 2)

- Add one 45-ton, \$50million radiation detector: the CEBAF Large Acceptance Spectrometer (CLAS).
- CLAS covers a large fraction of the total solid angle.
- Has about 35,000 detecting elements in about 40 layers.

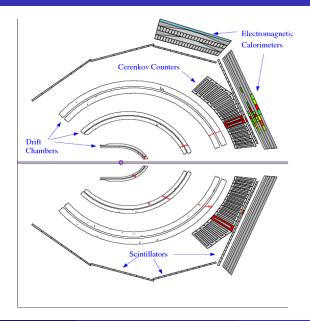


## How Do We Measure $G_M^n$ on a Neutron? (Step 2a)

- Drift chambers map the trajectories. A toroidal magnetic field bends the particles to measure momentum.
- Other layers measure energy, time-of-flight, and particle identification.
- Each collision is reconstructed and the intensity pattern reveals the forces and structure of the colliding particles.



#### A CLAS Event



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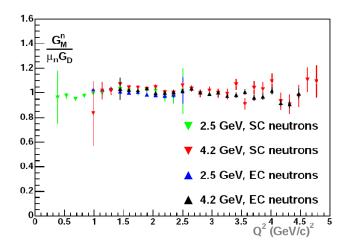


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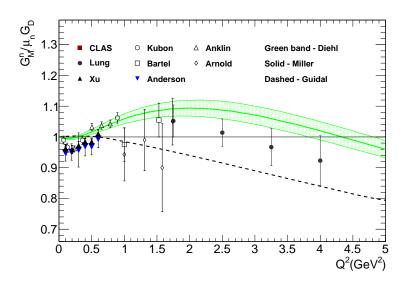
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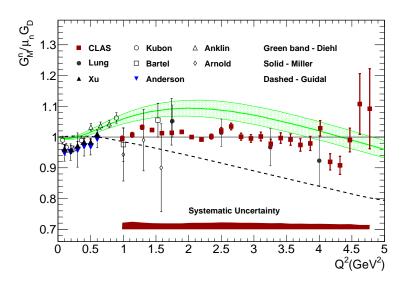
Overlapping measurements of  $G_M^n$  scaled by the dipole are consistent.



### Results - Comparison with Existing Data



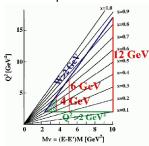
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#### JLab 12 GeV Upgrade - Better Accelerator

- The electron beam energy at JLab (CEBAF) has been doubled from 6 GeV to 12 GeV.
- Halls A, B and C will be upgraded to accommodate the new physics opportunities.
- A new hall (Hall D) will house a large-acceptance detector built around a solenoidal magnet for photon beam experiments.





#### JLab 12 GeV Upgrade - New Detectors

