

Di-leptons (mostly TCS) at the Electron-Ion Collider

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Electron-Ion Collider

World's first polarized electron-proton/light ion and electron-Nucleus collider.

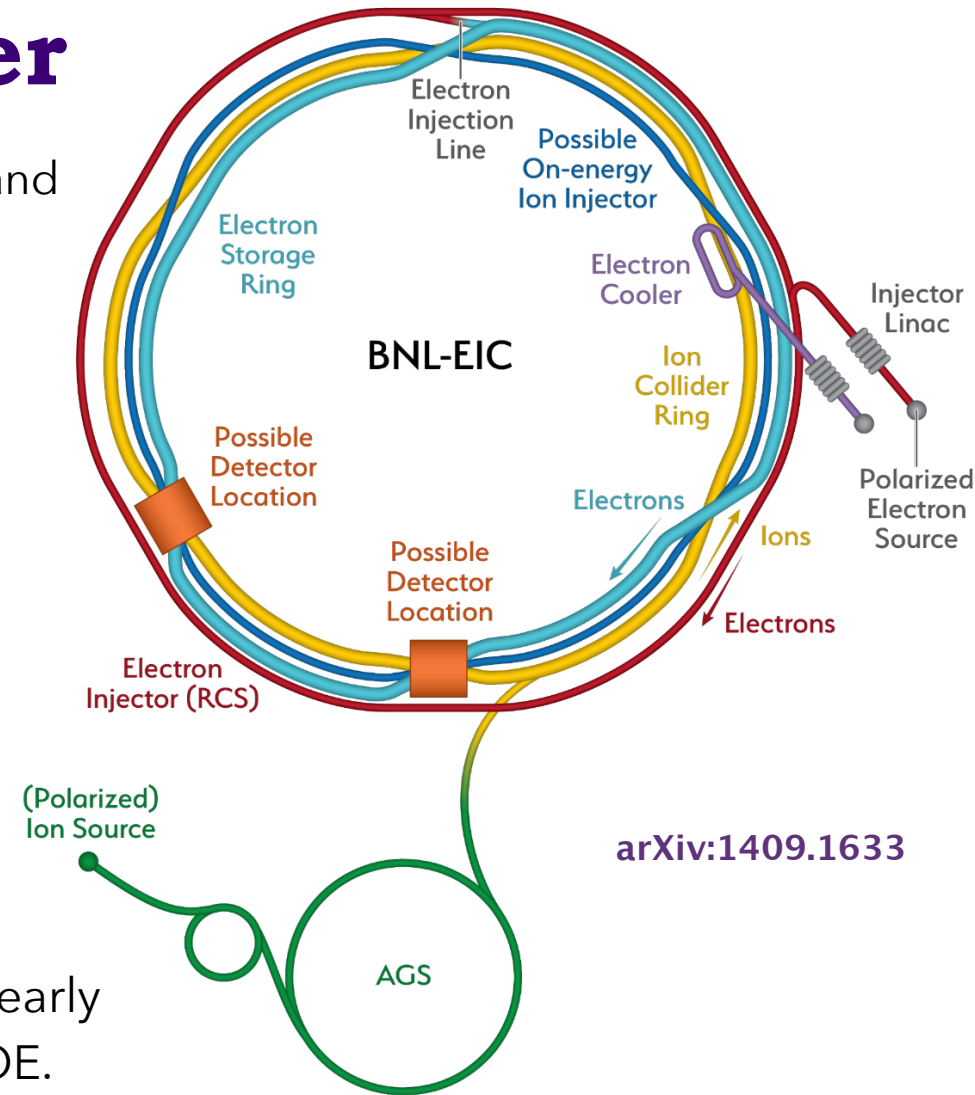
For e-N collisions at the EIC:

- ✓ Polarized beams: e, p, d/³He
- ✓ e beam 3 - 10 (18) GeV
- ✓ Luminosity $L_{ep} \sim 10^{33-34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- ✓ 20 - 100 (140) GeV Variable CoM

For e-A collisions at the EIC:

- ✓ Wide range of nuclei
- ✓ Luminosity per nucleon same as e-p
- ✓ Variable centre of mass energy

Brookhaven National Lab selected as the site early in 2020, following the granting of CD-0 by DOE.

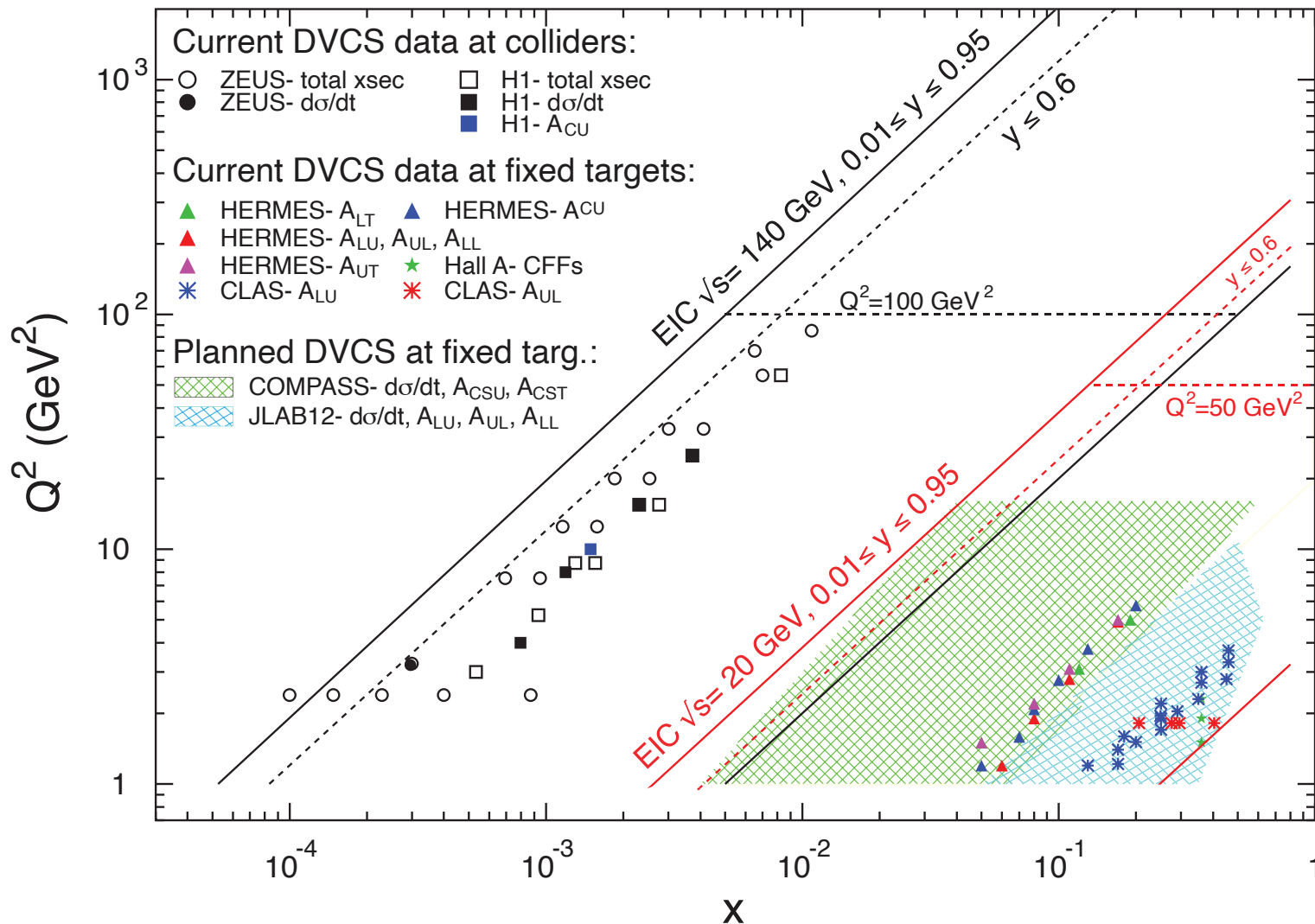


Dedicated studies of
EIC physics and design:

EIC White Paper, [Eur. Phys. J. A 52, 9 \(2016\)](#)

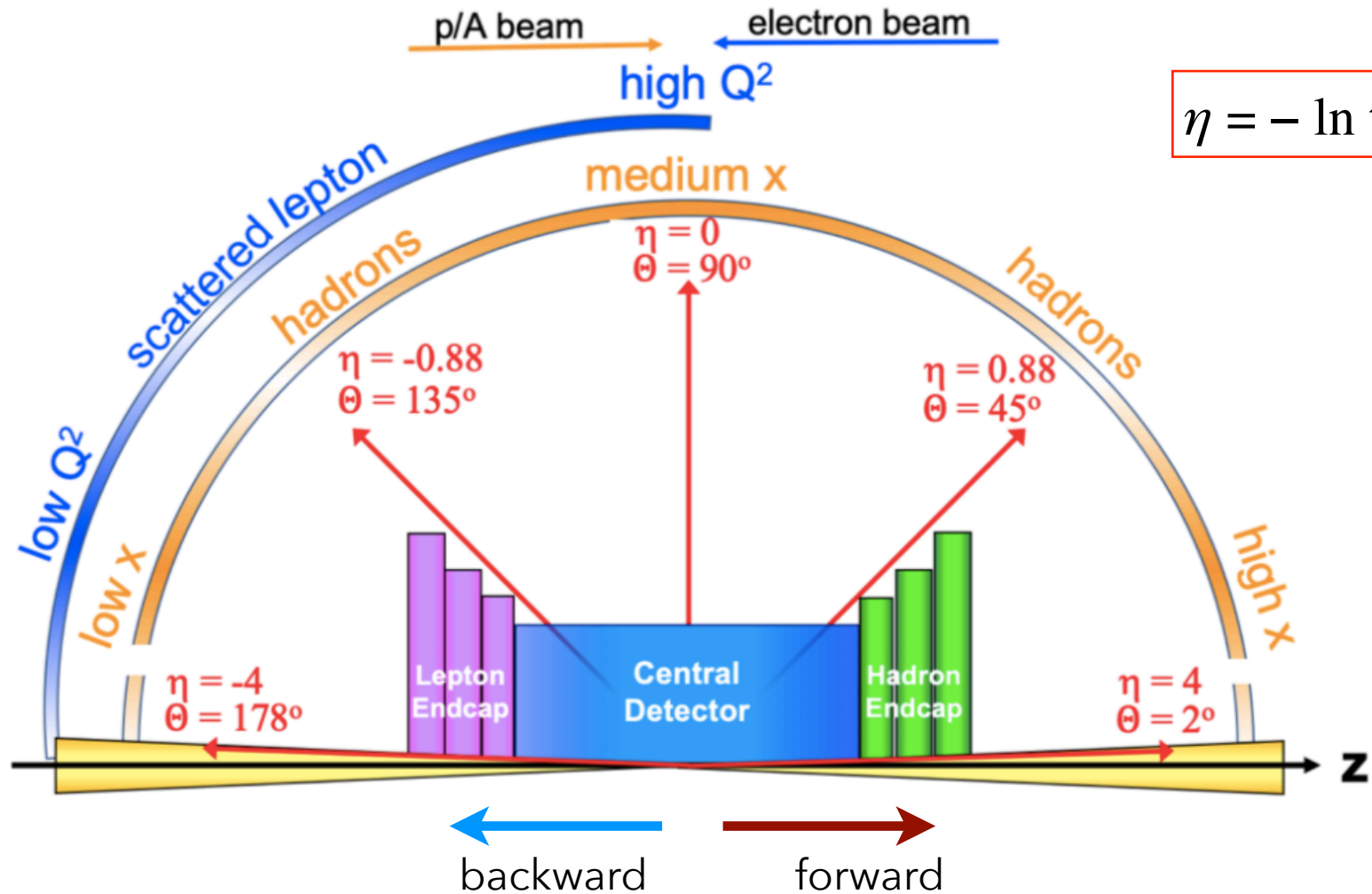
EIC Yellow Report, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.05419>

EIC kinematic reach: DVCS



Detector configuration

- ◆ Very asymmetric beams



Detector requirements

4π hermetic detector with low mass inner tracking.

Central detector, including a solenoid magnet: acceptance in $-4 < \eta < 4$, with full coverage in $|\eta| < 3.5$.

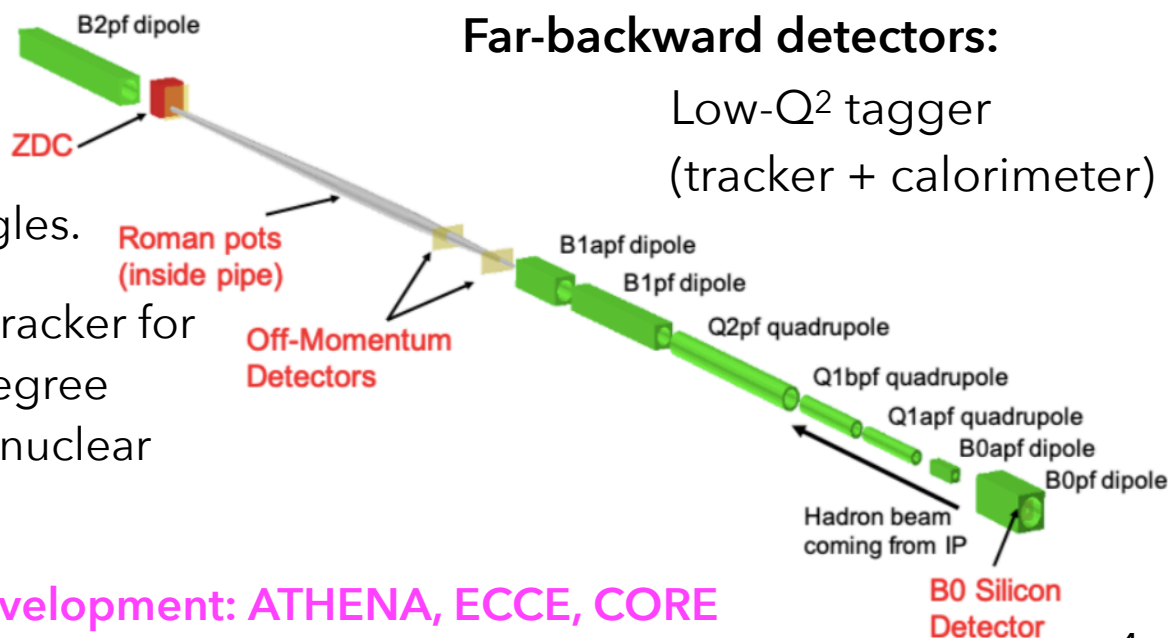
- Tracking and momentum measurement
- Electron ID
- Hadron ID
- Jet energy measurement

Barrel detector ($|\eta| < 1$) + two disc **end-caps** (forward/hadron end-cap and backward/electron endcap).

Far-forward detectors:

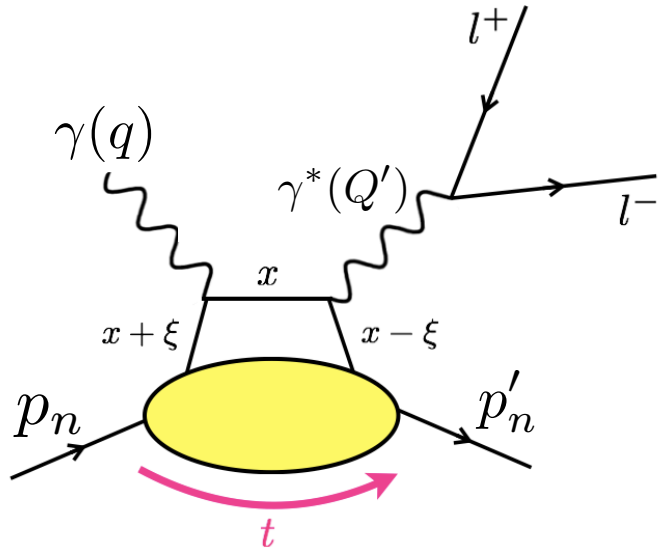
Far from interaction point, very low angles.

Roman Pots inside the beam pipe, B0 tracker for larger angles, large acceptance Zero degree Calorimeter (ZDC) to detect neutrons (nuclear breakup / neutral decay products)



Detector proposals currently under development: ATHENA, ECCE, CORE

Timelike Compton Scattering



- Time-reversal process of DVCS: parametrised in terms of same Compton Form Factors (their complex conjugates).
- Verification of GPD universality.
- Another route to access the D-term.

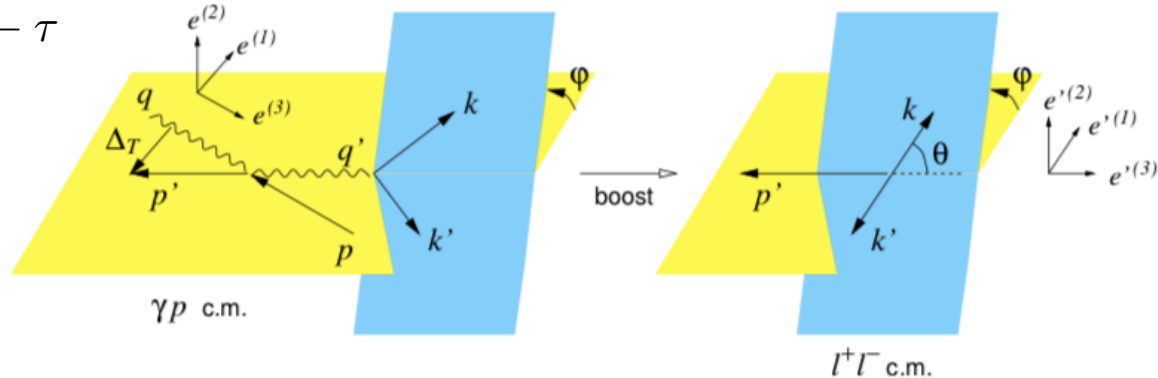
- Factorisation ensured by hard scale of γ^* virtuality:

$$Q' = l^+ + l^- \quad \xi = \frac{\tau}{2 - \tau}$$

$$s = (q + p_n)^2$$

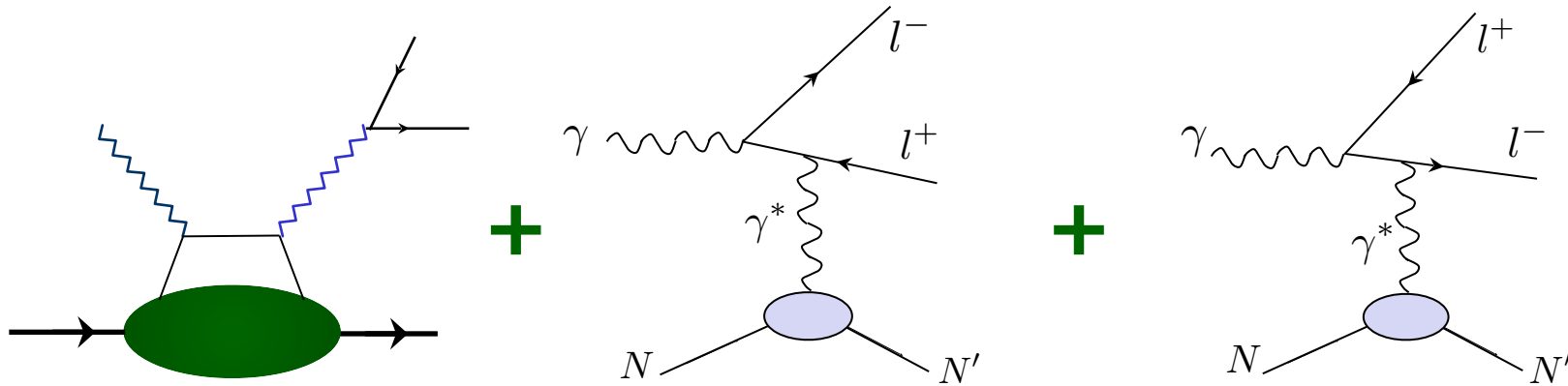
$$\tau = \frac{Q'^2}{s - m_p^2}$$

$$\frac{t}{Q'^2} \ll 1$$

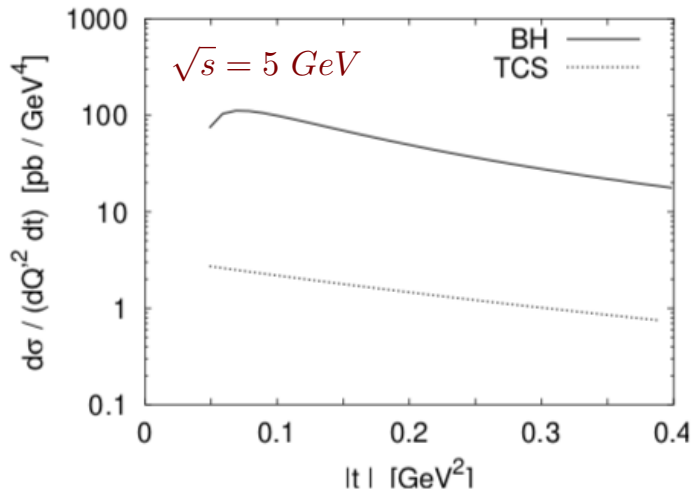


θ : angle between l^+ and scattered proton in lepton CMS

Bethe-Heitler in TCS



- Similarly to DVCS, TCS process interferes with Bethe-Heitler at the amplitude level.



$$\sigma(\gamma p \rightarrow p' e^+ e^-) = \sigma_{BH} + \sigma_{TCS} + \sigma_{INT}$$

- Cross-sections hard to obtain! Suppressed by factor of 100 wrt BH.
- Look to other observables.

TCS observables

- Unpolarised cross-sections:

sensitive to $\text{Re } \mathcal{H}$.

$$\frac{d^4\sigma_{INT}}{dQ'^2 dt d\Omega} = A \frac{1 + \cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta} [\cos \phi \text{Re} \tilde{M}^{--} - \nu \cdot \sin \phi \text{Im} \tilde{M}^{--}]$$

$$\tilde{M}^{--} = \left[F_1 \mathcal{H} - \xi(F_1 + F_2) \tilde{\mathcal{H}} - \frac{t}{4m_p^2} F_2 \mathcal{E} \right]$$

suppressed

- Circularly-polarised photon cross-section: access to $\text{Im } \mathcal{H}$.
- More promising observables: asymmetries and cross-section ratios.
- Photon-polarisation (beam-spin) asymmetry:

$$A_{\odot U} = \frac{d\sigma^+ - d\sigma^-}{d\sigma^+ + d\sigma^-}$$

access to $\text{Im } \mathcal{H}$

- Forward - backward asymmetry:

$$A_{FB}(\theta, \phi) = \frac{d\sigma(\theta, \phi) - d\sigma(180^\circ - \theta, 180^\circ + \phi)}{d\sigma(\theta, \phi) + d\sigma(180^\circ - \theta, 180^\circ + \phi)}$$

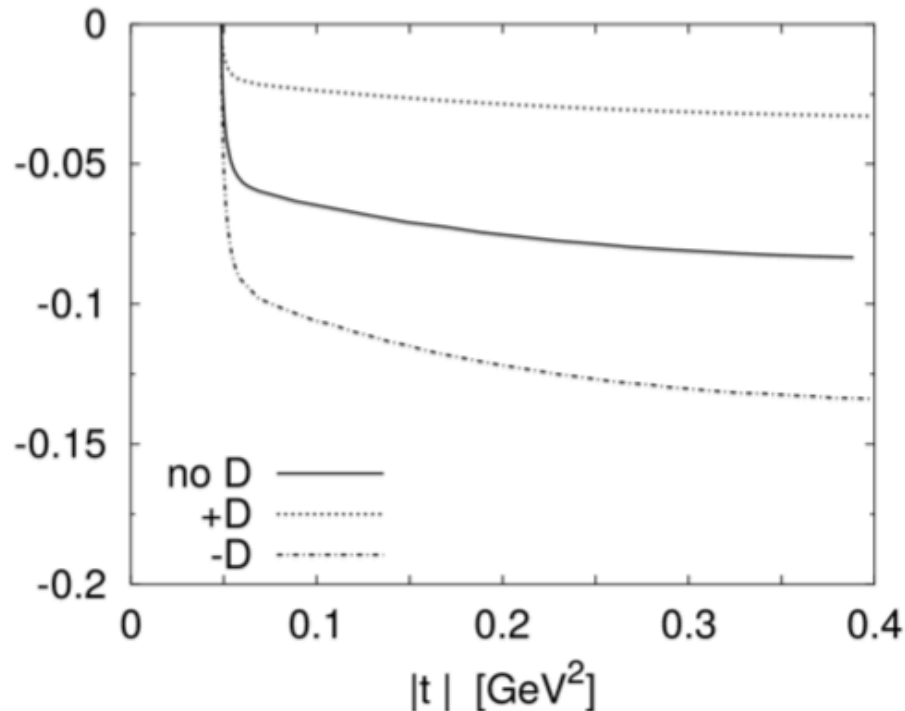
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TCS observables

- The R ratio of integrated cross-sections:

$$R(\sqrt{s}, Q'^2, t) = \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \cos(\phi) \frac{dS}{dQ'^2 dt d\phi}}{\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \frac{dS}{dQ'^2 dt d\phi}}$$

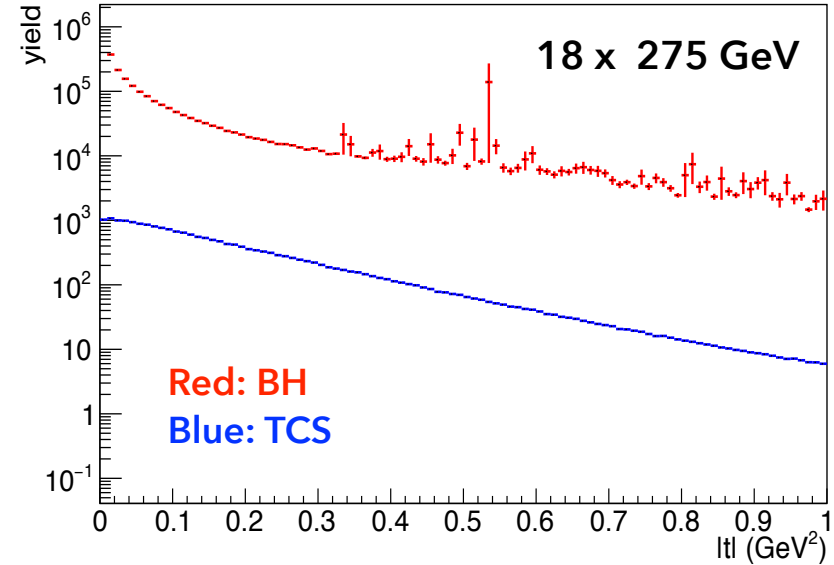
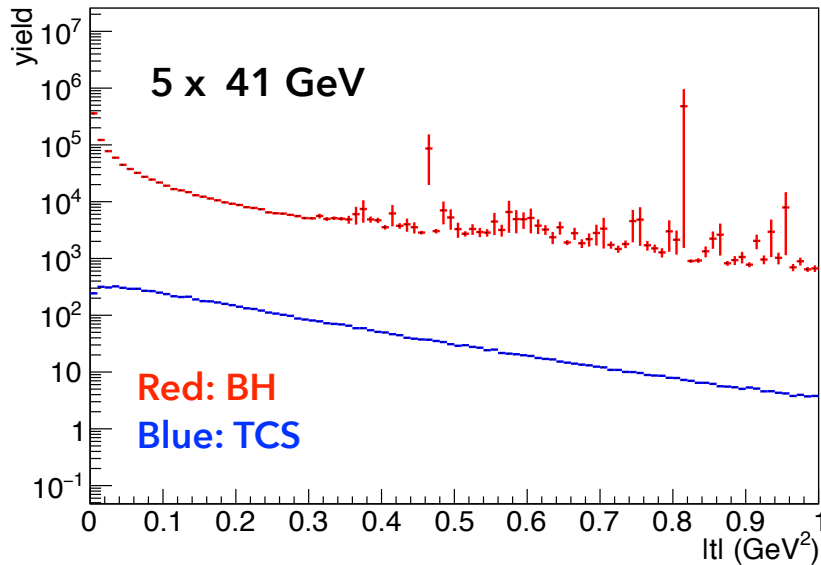
Integrated cross-section
over θ and φ



Sensitivity to $\text{Re } \mathcal{H}$ and the D-term, but integrated over some of the phase-space: susceptible to detector acceptance effects.

EpIC: generator

- Generator: EpIC, interfaced to PARTONS, uses CFFs from the GK model.
- Simulations carried out with the ATHENA detector (Geant4).
- Bethe-Heitler dominates by ~factor of 100: generate BH + TCS + Interference



- Generated limits:

$$0 < Q^2 < 0.15 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$2 < Q'^2 < 20 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$\frac{\pi}{6} < \theta < \frac{5\pi}{6} \quad \phi : 0 \rightarrow 2\pi$$

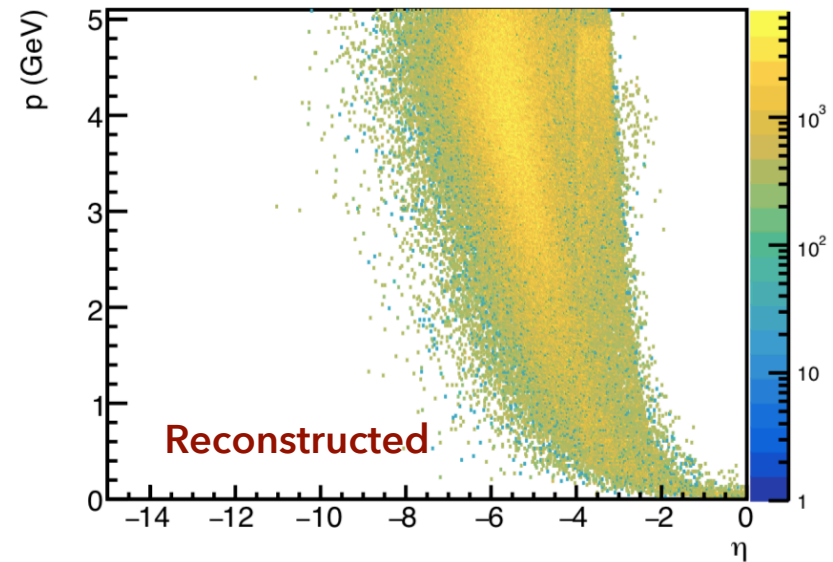
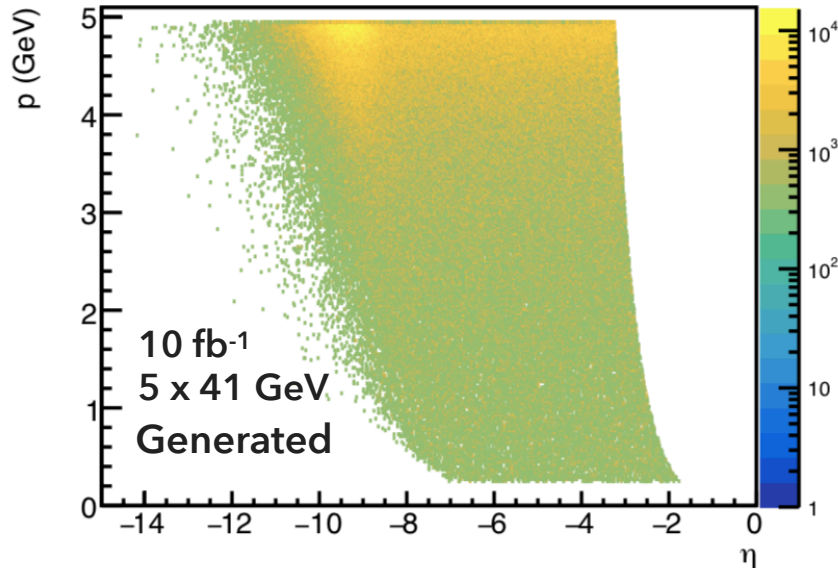
$$-1 < t < 0 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$0.01 < y < 0.95$$

$$\phi_s : 0 \rightarrow 2\pi$$

Scattered electron

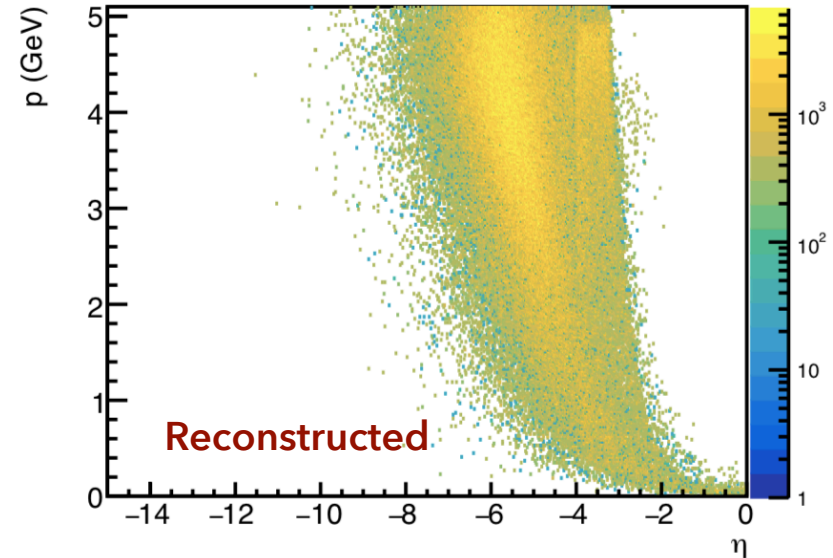
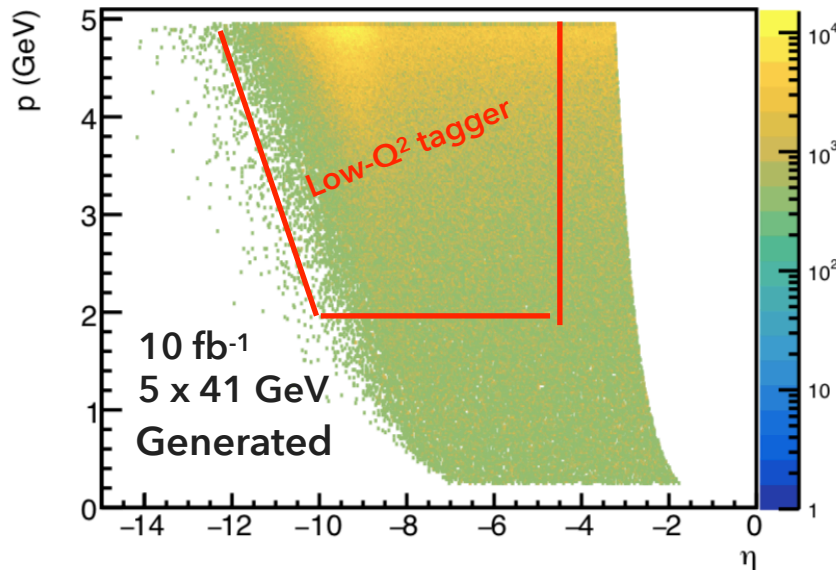
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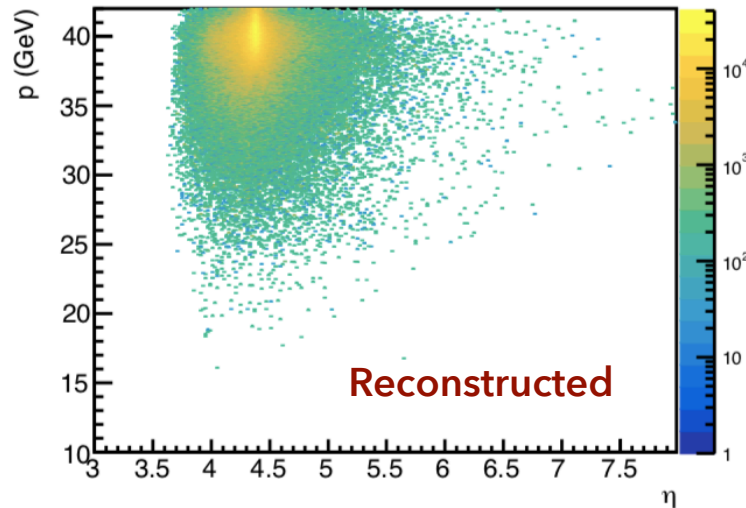
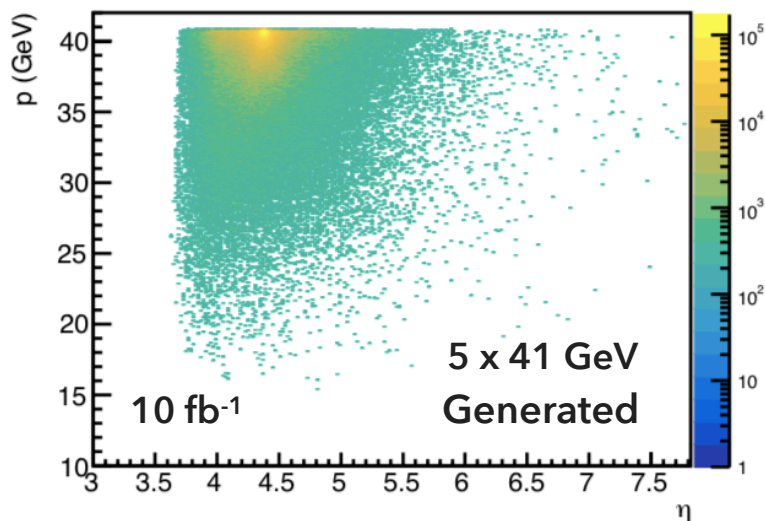
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- Possibility of a fully exclusive reconstruction with the addition of a low-Q² tagger for the very far-backward angles.

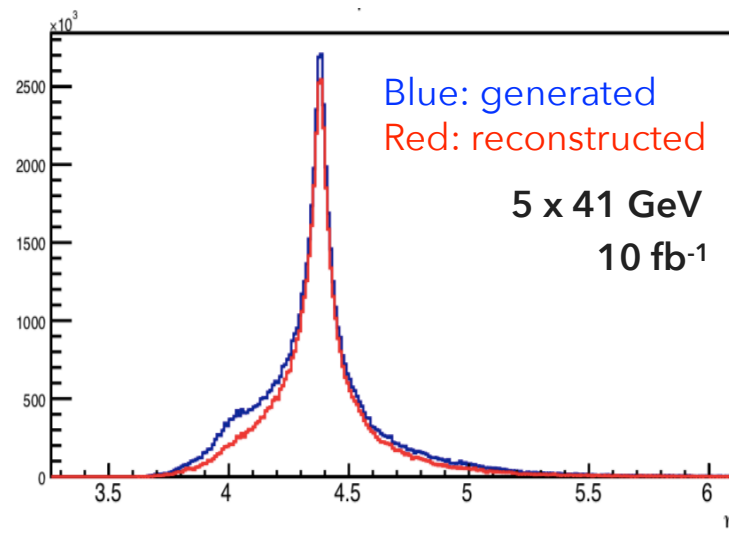
Scattered proton

- Proton recoils at very low forward angle: detected in the Roman Pots and the B0 tracker.



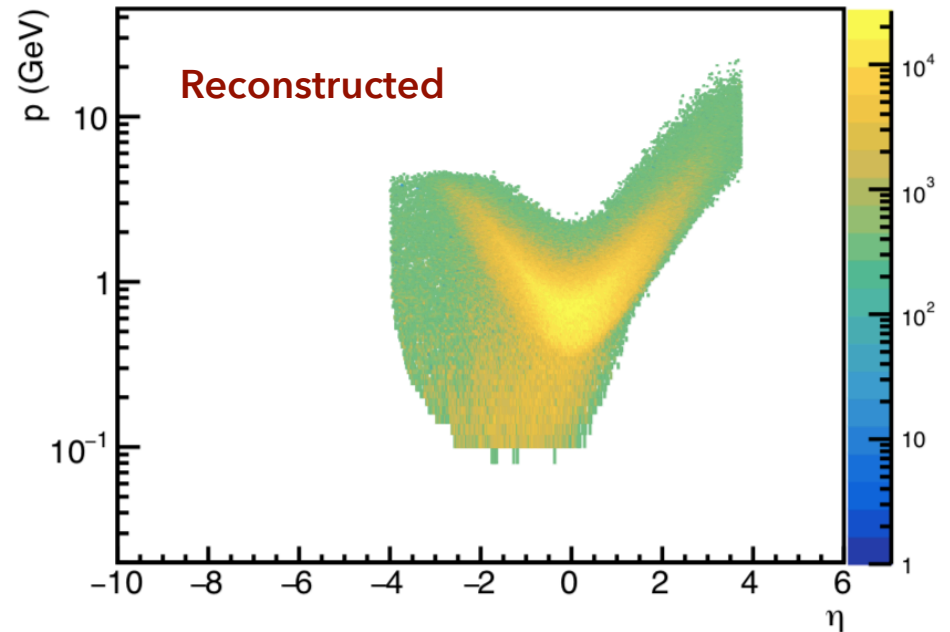
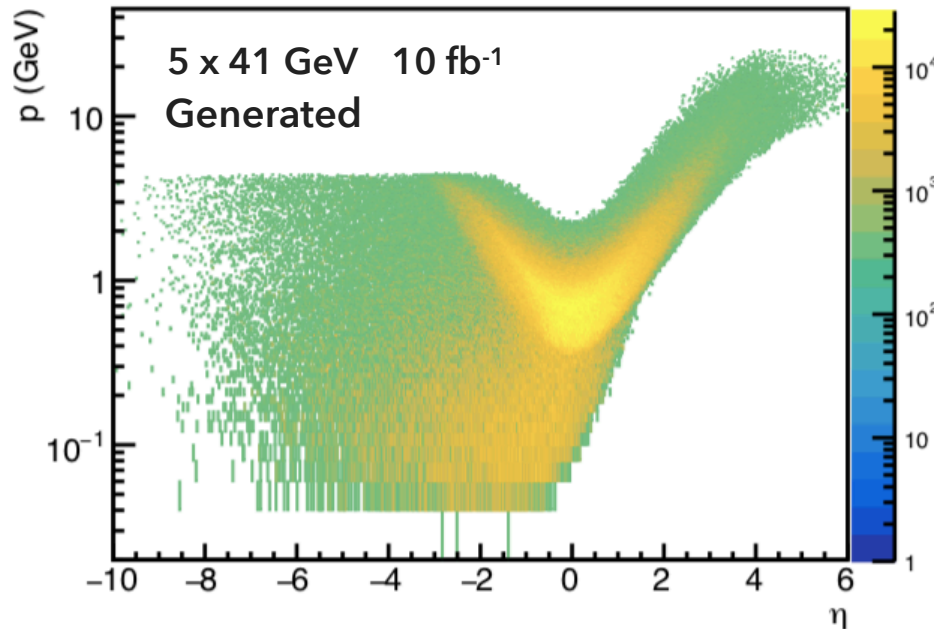
Lab co-ordinates: z-axis defined by the electron beam, proton beam tilted at 25mrad to it (crossing angle).

Excellent efficiency and acceptance



Produced leptons: e^+e^-

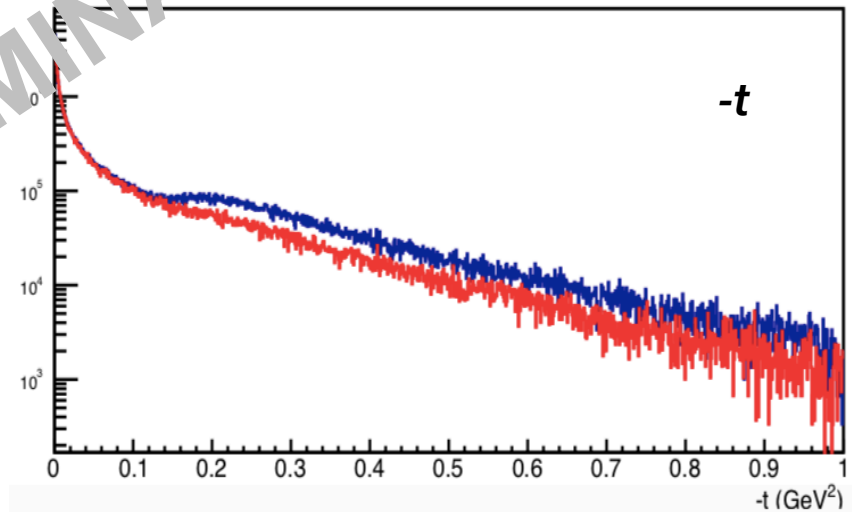
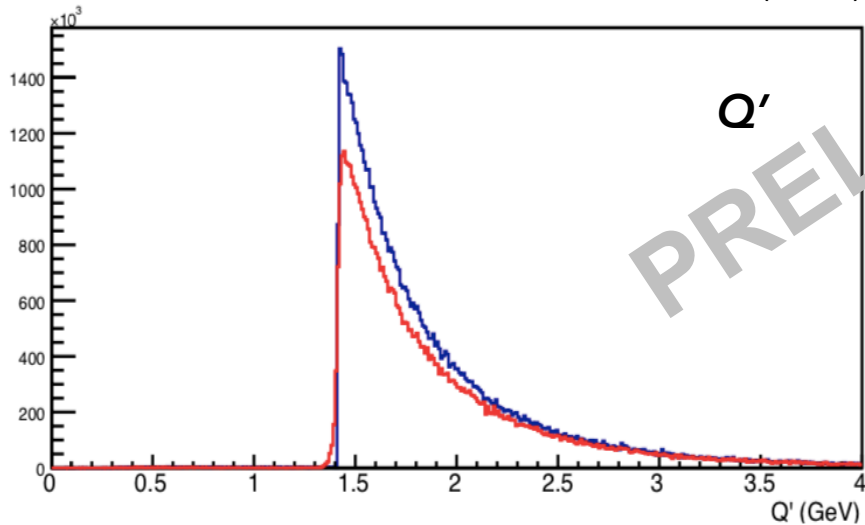
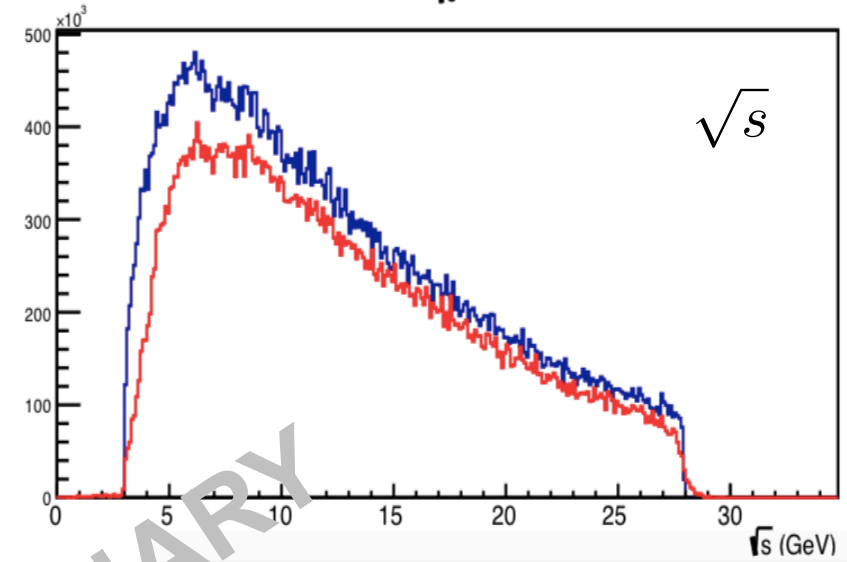
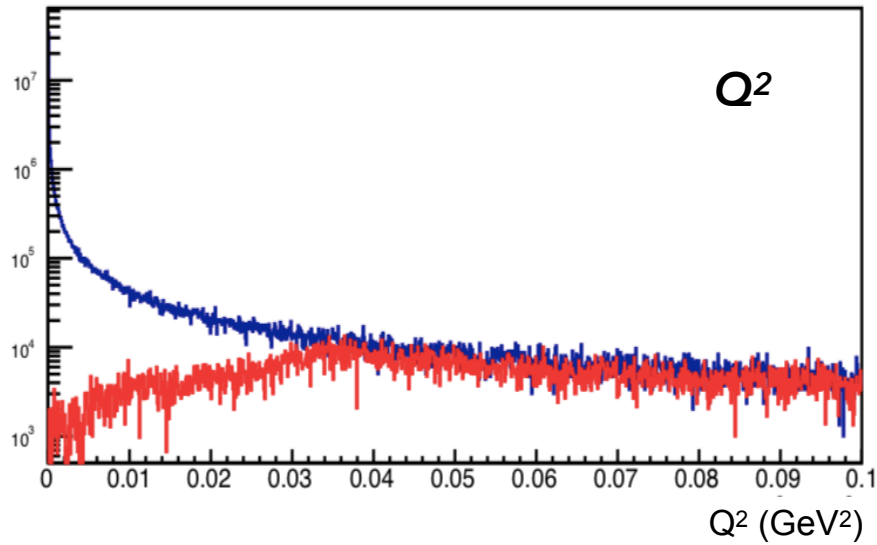
- Detected by the trackers and calorimeters in the central barrel.
- Efficiency for 5x41 GeV collisions: $\sim 91\%$



Kinematics

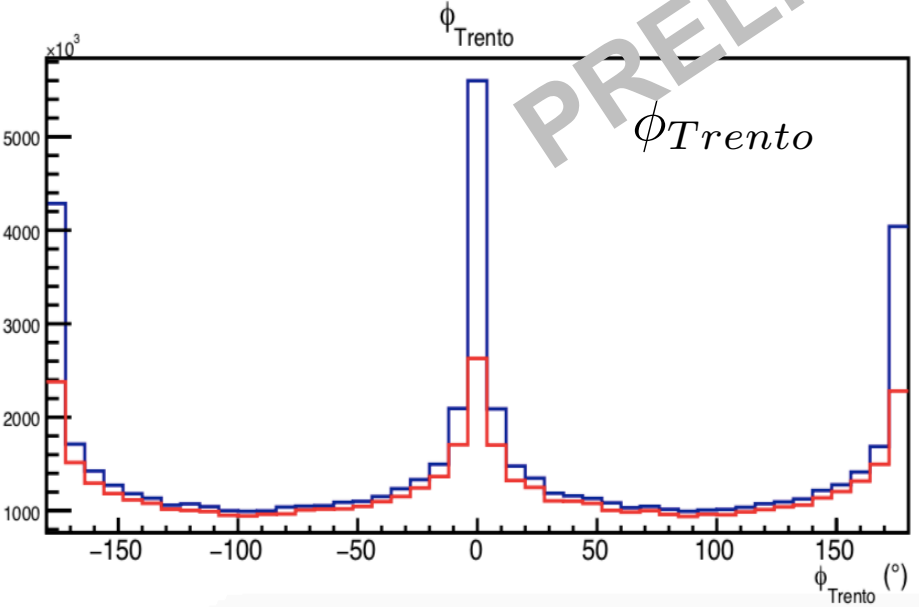
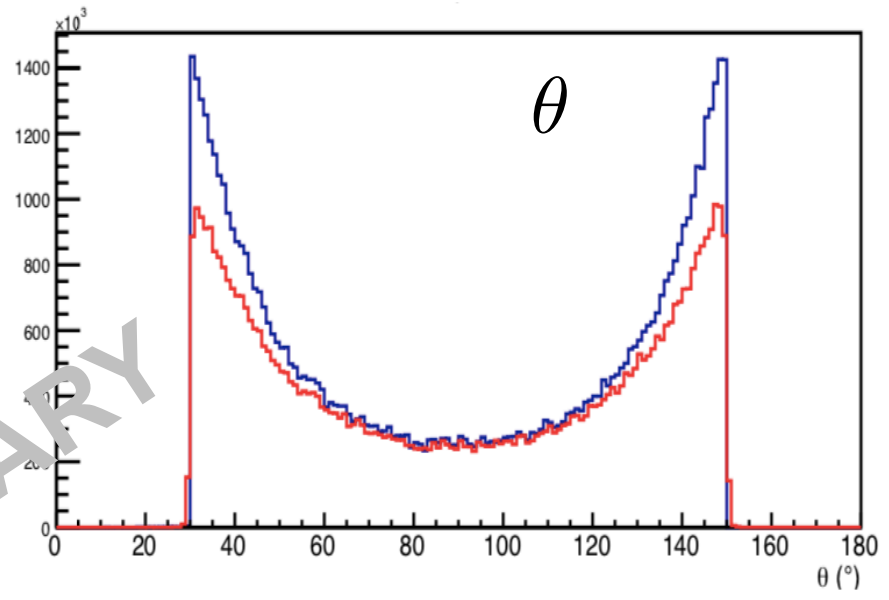
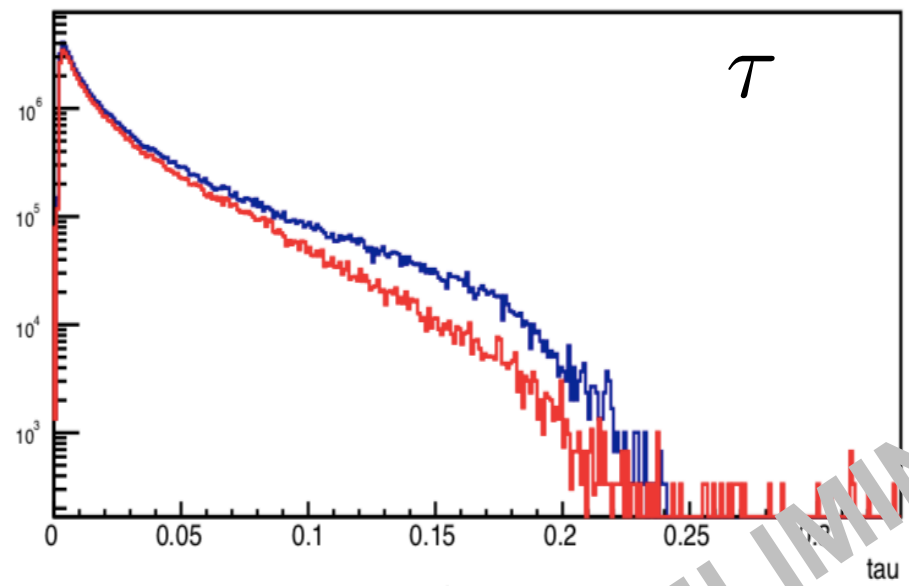
● 5 x 41 GeV, 10 fb⁻¹

blue: generated, red: reconstructed



PRELIMINARY

Kinematics



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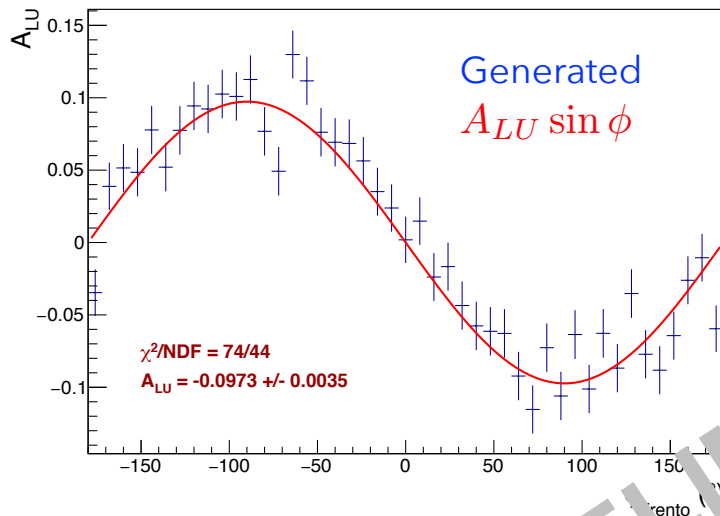
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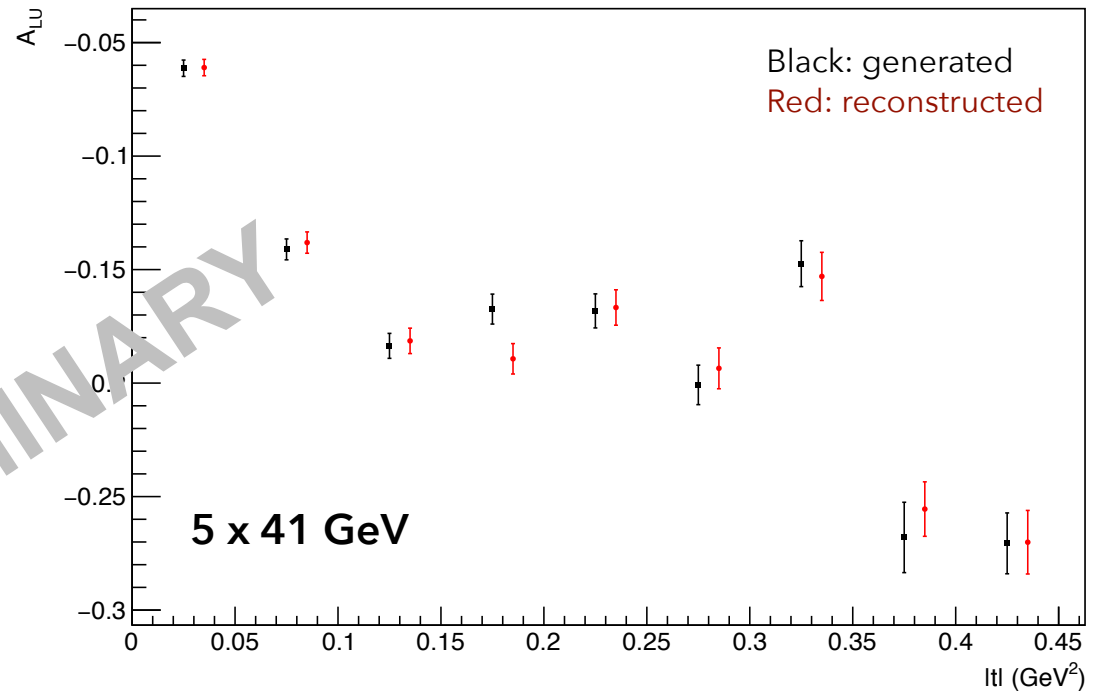
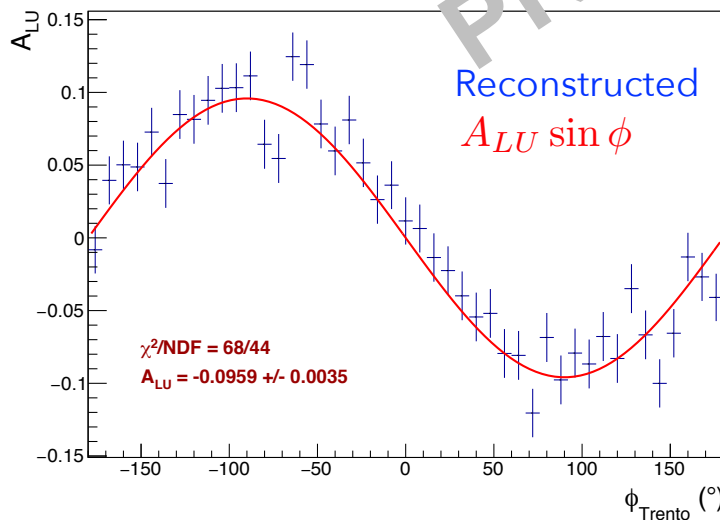
Integrated efficiency: 84%.

Beam-spin asymmetry

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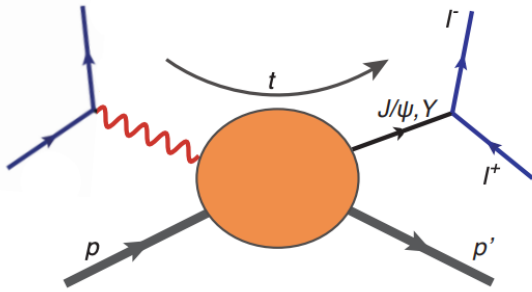


Beam-spin asymmetry



- Integrated luminosity: $\sim 0.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ (\sim two weeks of running).
- Uncertainties are not purely statistical – fold in uncertainties on integrated cross-section from generator.
- Agreement very good between generated and reconstructed asymmetries.

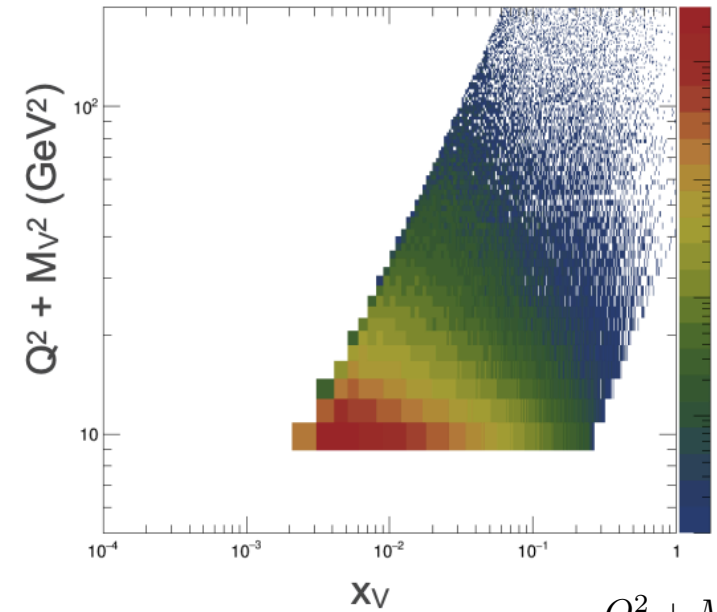
J/Psi electro-production



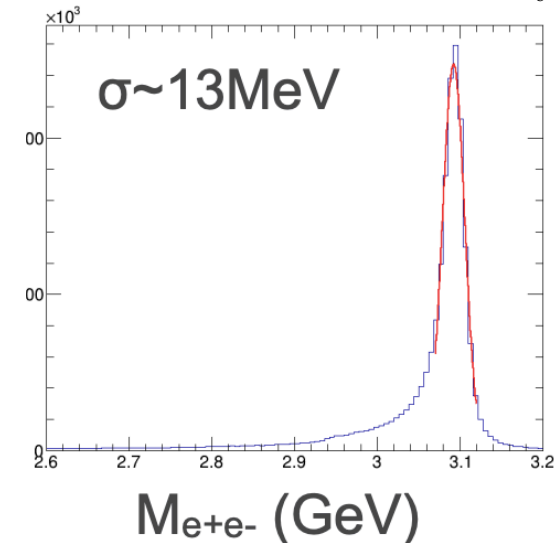
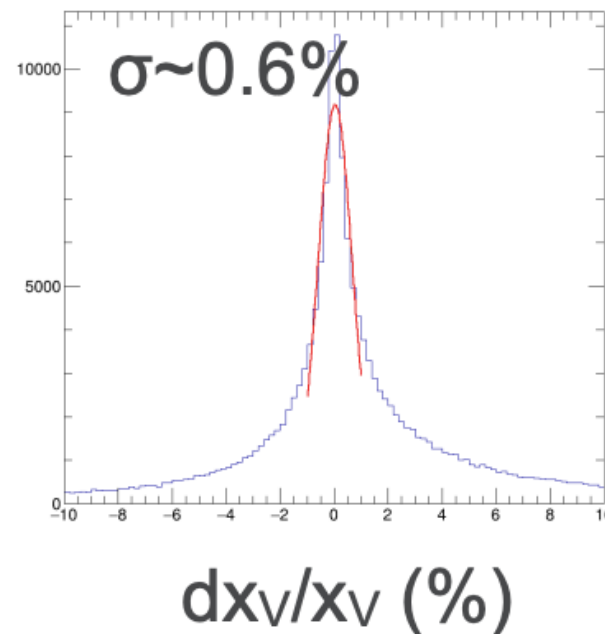
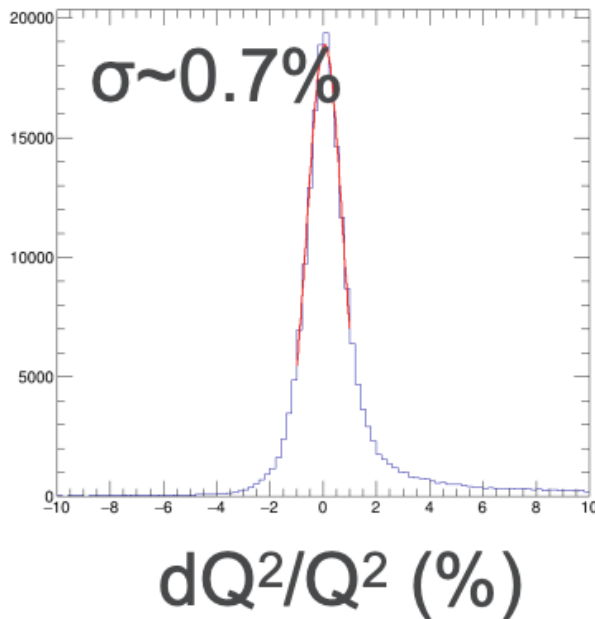
Sensitive to gluon GPDs

Fully exclusive reconstruction:
scattered electron detected in
the central barrel.

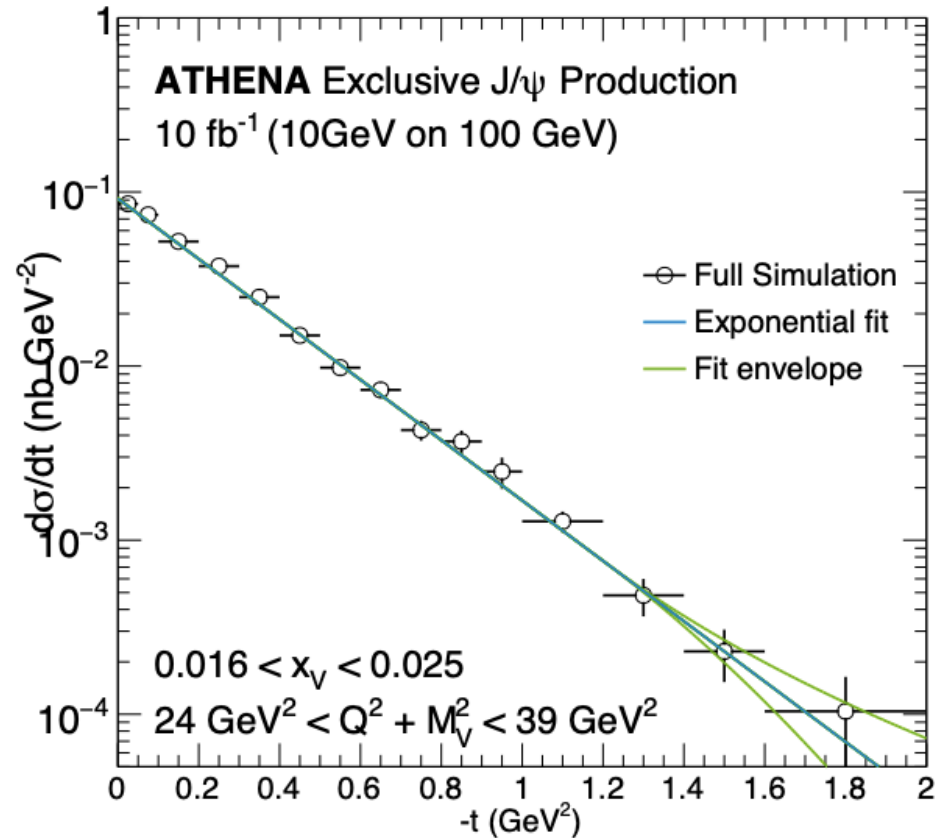
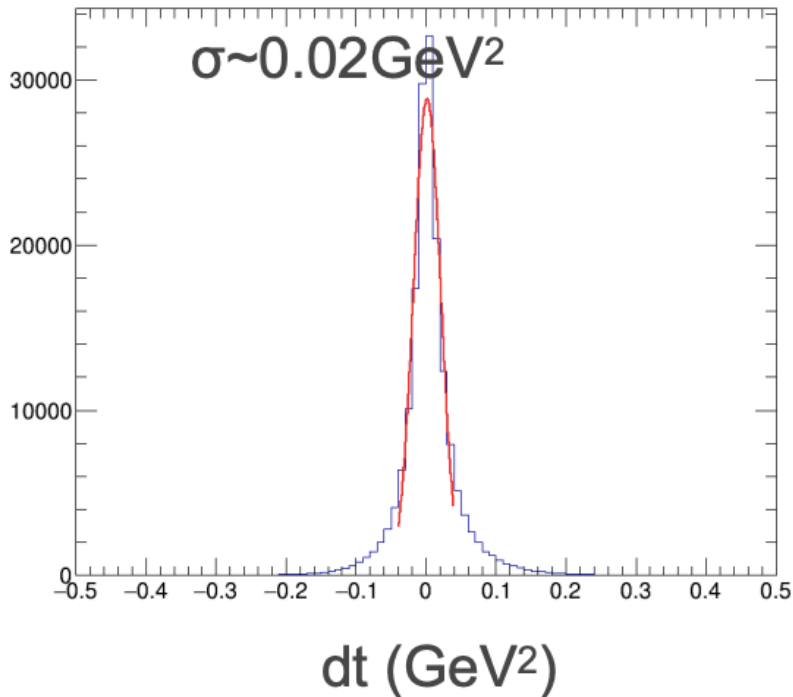
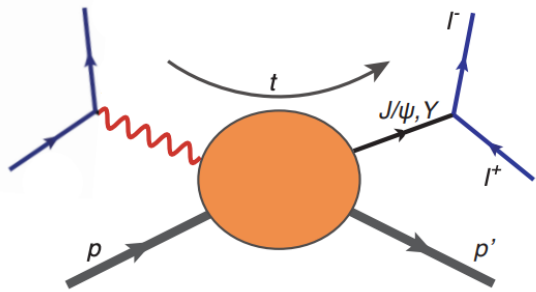
10 x 100 GeV, 10 fb⁻¹



$$x_v = \frac{Q^2 + M_v^2}{2P \cdot q}$$



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Sylvester Joosten, Chao Peng, Shivangi Prasad (ANL)

Concluding remarks

- Detector proposals are currently being developed for the EIC – decision on the first detector will be taken early in 2022.
- Full detector simulations exist for ATHENA and ECCE.
- At EIC kinematics, Bethe-Heitler dominates over TCS by two orders of magnitude: focus on observables sensitive to BH-TCS interference (asymmetries).
- Measurement of BH-TCS interference possible at ATHENA (*also ECCE, not shown*) with good acceptance and efficiency. Backgrounds not yet studied.
- Scattered electron at very low angles: reconstruct via missing mass or low- Q^2 tagger.
- J/Psi electro-production possible: fully exclusive, wide scan in t .
- Possibility to detect muons in ATHENA: could almost double the stats via the pair-production of muons in TCS or J/Psi.

A photograph of a stream with reflections of trees and the text "Thank you!" overlaid. The water is clear, showing reflections of the surrounding green and autumn-colored trees. The text is centered in the middle of the image in a bold, orange font.

Thank you!

A constructivist view of the nucleon

Wigner distributions

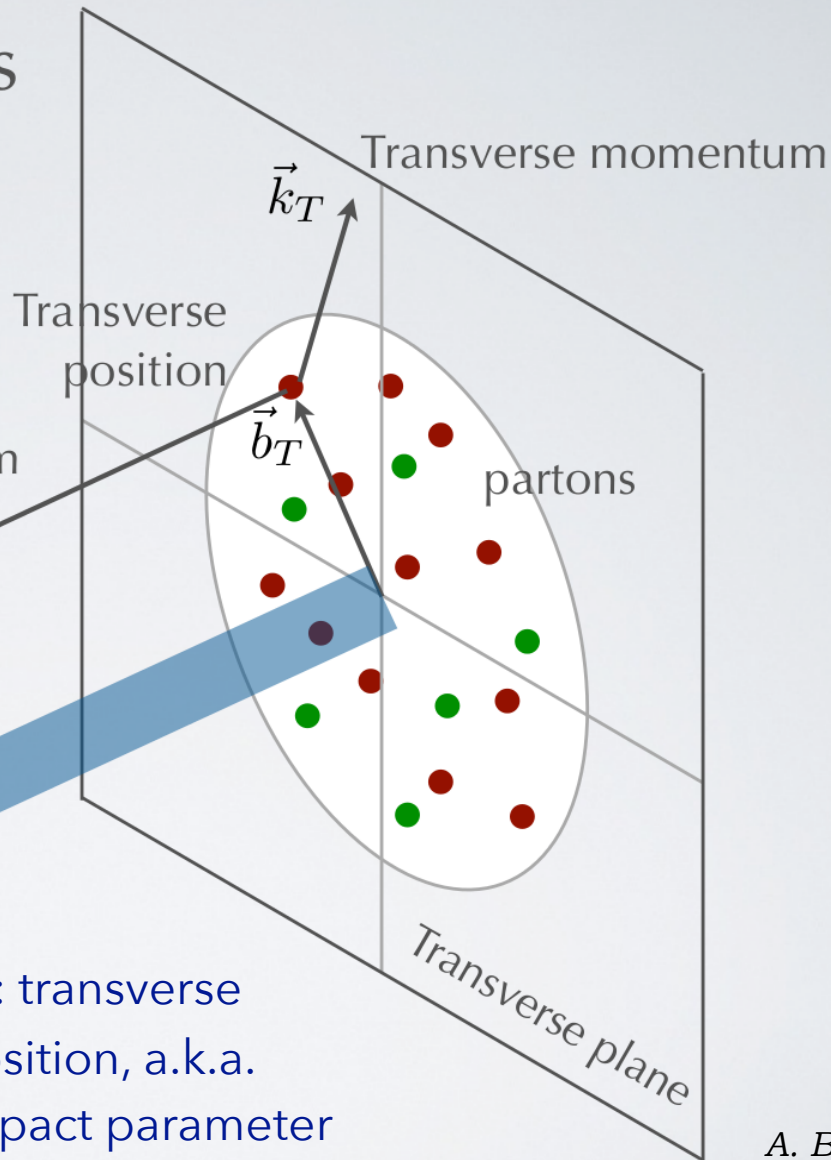
$$\rho(x, \vec{k}_T, \vec{b}_T)$$

*"phase space" distributions
of partons in a nucleon*

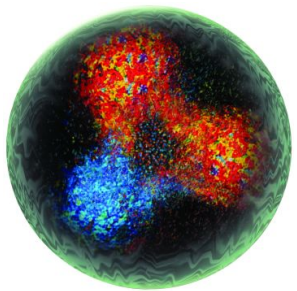
Longitudinal momentum

$$k^+ = xP^+$$

x : longitudinal
momentum
fraction carried
by struck parton

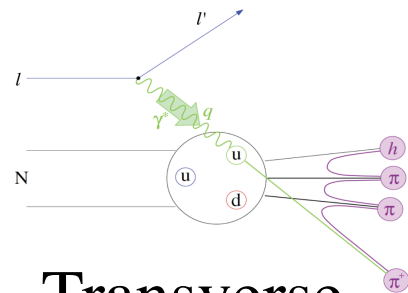


b_T : transverse
position, a.k.a.
impact parameter



Wigner function:
full phase space parton
distribution of the nucleon

Generalised Transverse Momentum
 Distributions (GTMDs)

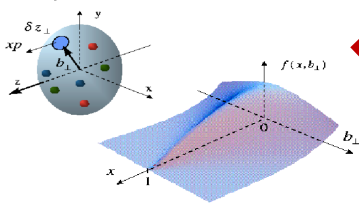


$$\int d^2 k_T$$

$$\int d^2 b_T$$

Transverse
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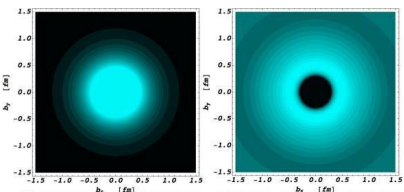
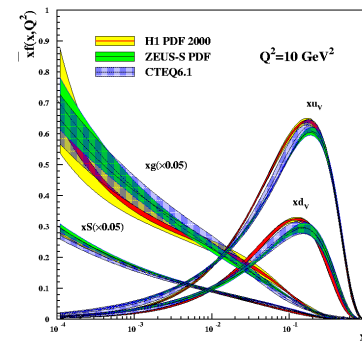
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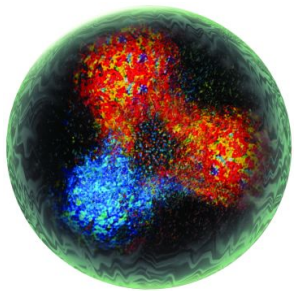
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Form Factors
eg: G_E, G_M

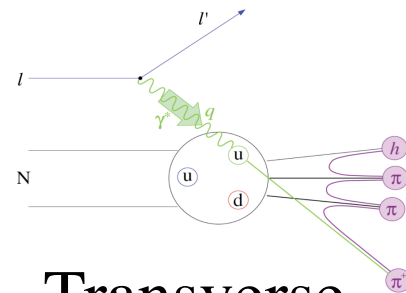
Parton Distribution
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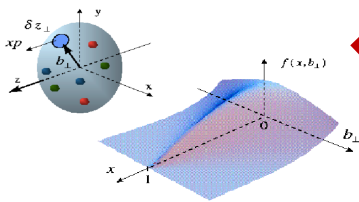
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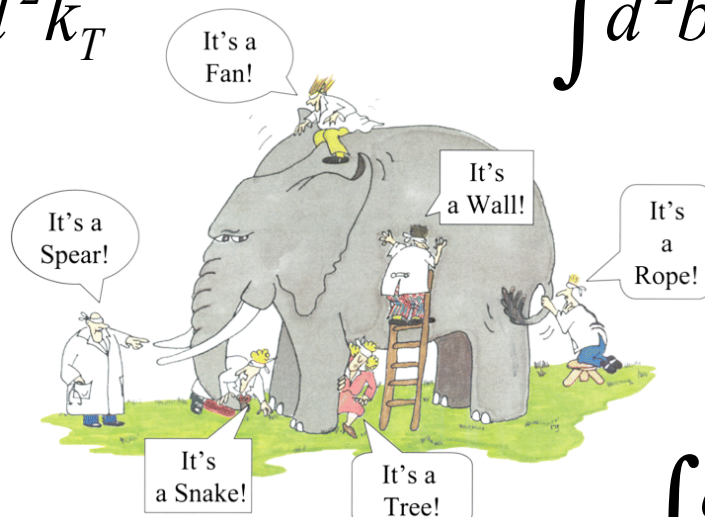
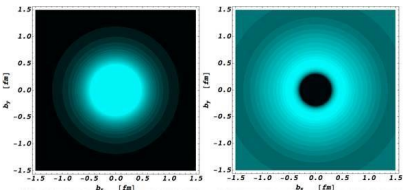
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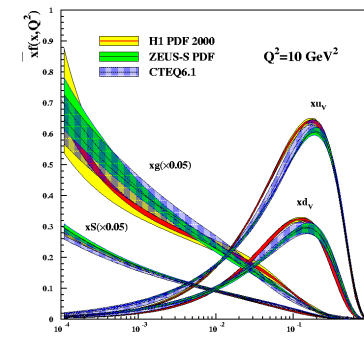


G. Renee Guzlas, artist.

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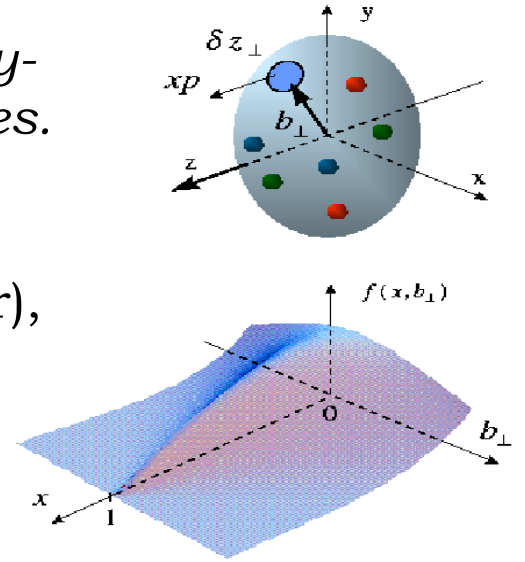
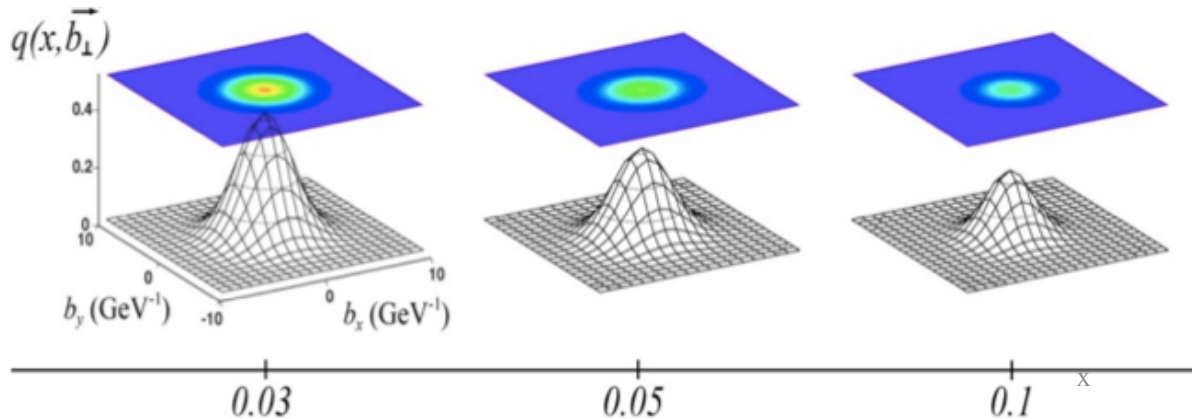
Generalised Parton Distributions (GPDs) — proposed by Müller (1994), Radyushkin, Ji (1997).

- * *Directly related to the matrix element of the energy-momentum tensor evaluated between hadron states.*

In the infinite momentum frame, can be interpreted as relating transverse position of partons (impact parameter), b_{\perp} , to their longitudinal momentum fraction (x).



Tomography: 3D image of the nucleon.



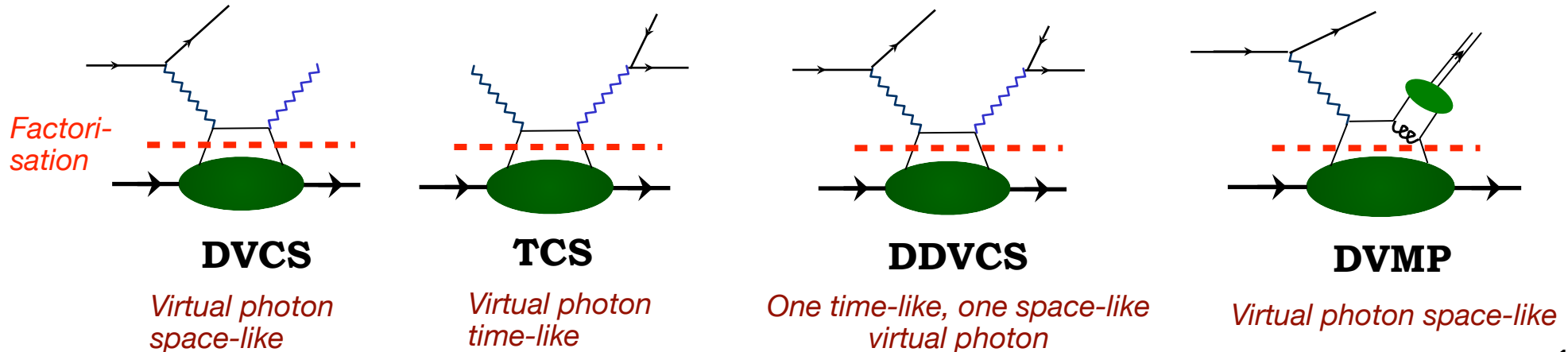
- * First studies at JLab and DESY (HERMES), currently at JLab and CERN (COMPASS). A crucial part of the JLab12 programme — and, in the future, of the EIC.

Experimental access to GPDs

Accessible in *exclusive* processes, where all final state particles are determined, eg:

- * Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS)
- * Time-like Compton Scattering (TCS)
- * Hard Exclusive Meson Production (HEMP) – a.k.a. Deeply Virtual Meson Production (DVMP)
- * Double DVCS
- * Certain diffractive processes, eg: diffractive ρ -production with the emission of a meson or virtual photon from the nucleon
- * Hard exclusive production of a meson-photon or photon-photon pair
- * Charged-current meson production, eg: $ep \rightarrow \nu_e \pi^- p$

Relies on *factorisation* of the process amplitude into a hard, perturbative part and the soft non-perturbative part containing GPD information.



Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering

the “golden channel” for GPD extraction

- * At high exchanged Q^2 and low t access to four parton helicity-conserving, chiral-even GPDs:

$$E^q, \tilde{E}^q, H^q, \tilde{H}^q(x, \xi, t)$$

- * Can be related to PDFs:

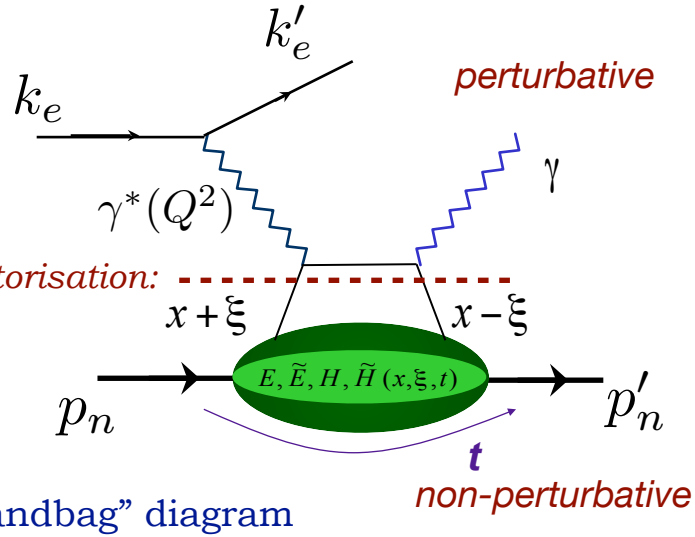
$$H(x, 0, 0) = q(x) \quad \tilde{H}(x, 0, 0) = \Delta q(x)$$

and form factors:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^{+1} H dx &= F_1 & \int_{-1}^{+1} \tilde{H} dx &= G_A \\ \int_{-1}^{+1} E dx &= F_2 & \int_{-1}^{+1} \tilde{E} dx &= G_P \end{aligned}$$

(Dirac and Pauli) (axial and pseudo-scalar)

- * Small changes in nucleon transverse momentum allows mapping of transverse structure at large distances.



$$Q^2 = -(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}')^2 \quad t = (\mathbf{p}'_n - \mathbf{p}_n)^2$$

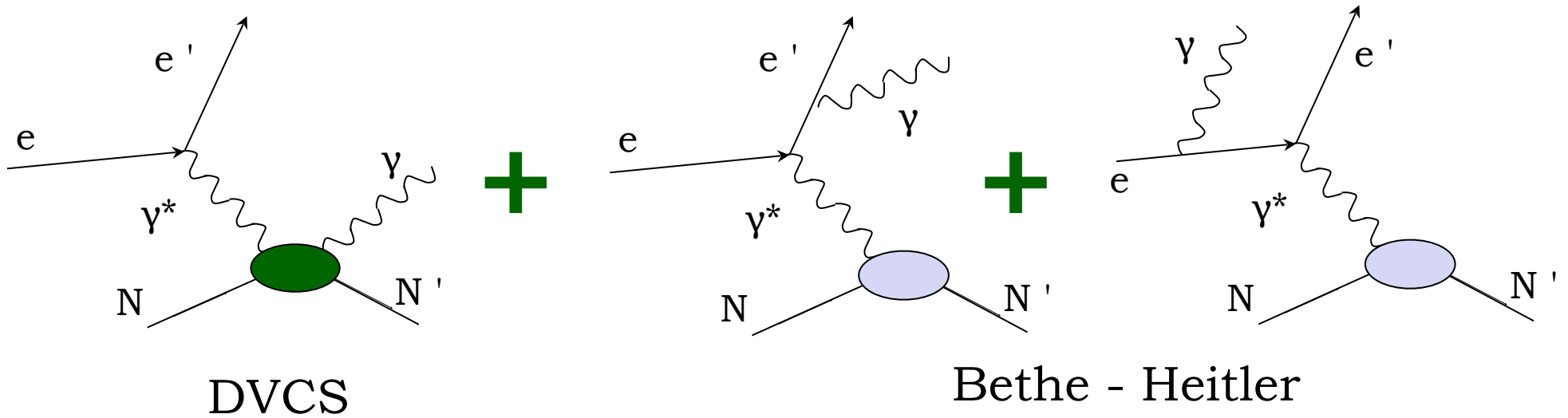
$$\text{Bjorken variable: } x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2\mathbf{p}_n \cdot \mathbf{q}}$$

$x \pm \xi$ longitudinal momentum fractions of the struck parton

$$\text{Skewness: } \xi \cong \frac{x_B}{2 - x_B}$$

Measuring DVCS

* Process measured in experiment:



$$d\sigma \propto |T_{DVCS}|^2 + |T_{BH}|^2 + T_{BH} T_{DVCS}^* + T_{DVCS} T_{BH}^*$$

Amplitude
parameterised in
terms of Compton
Form Factors

Amplitude calculable
from elastic Form
Factors and QED

Interference term

$$|T_{DVCS}|^2 \ll |T_{BH}|^2$$

Compton Form Factors in DVCS

Experimentally accessible in DVCS cross-sections and spin or charge asymmetries, eg:

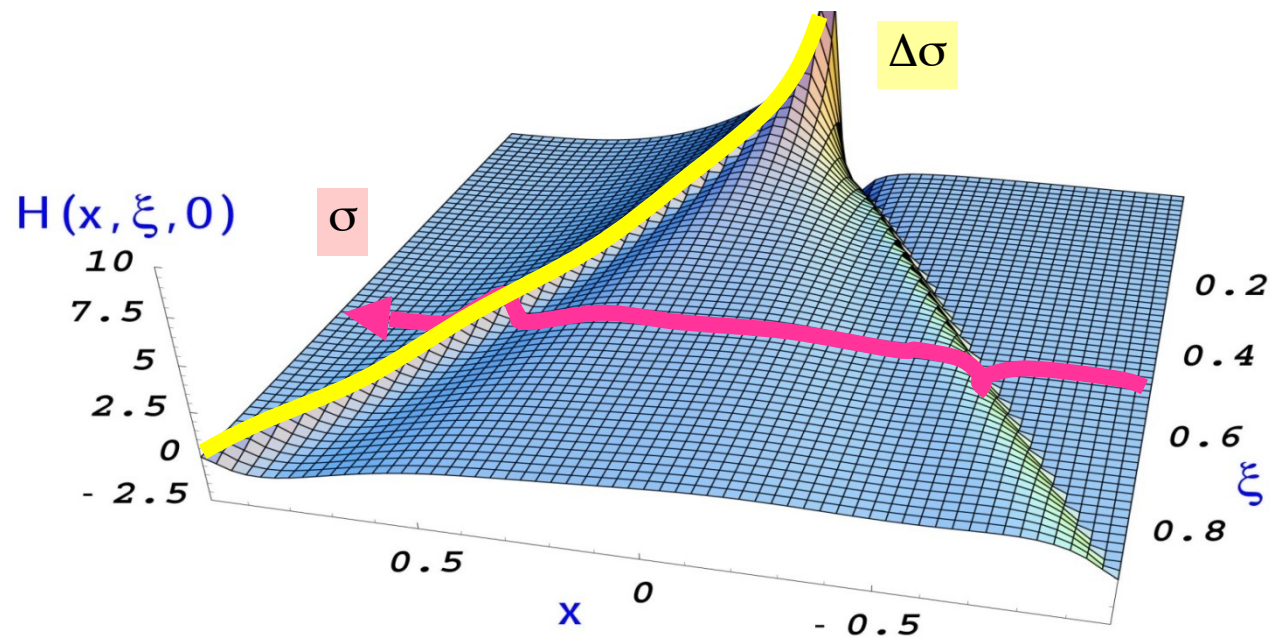
$$A_{LU} = \frac{d\vec{\sigma} - d\bar{\sigma}}{d\vec{\sigma} + d\bar{\sigma}} = \frac{\Delta\sigma_{LU}}{d\vec{\sigma} + d\bar{\sigma}}$$

cross-sections,
beam-charge and
double polarisation asymmetries

single-spin
asymmetries

At leading twist, leading order:

$$T^{DVCS} \sim \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{GPDs(x, \xi, t)}{x \pm \xi + i\varepsilon} dx + \dots \sim P \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{GPDs(x, \xi, t)}{x \pm \xi} dx \pm i\pi GPDs(\pm\xi, \xi, t) + \dots$$

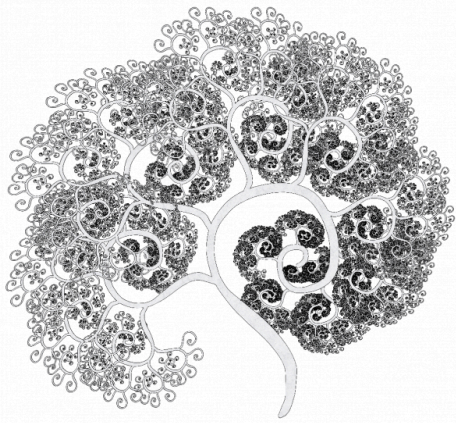


Only ξ and t are accessible experimentally!

To get information on x need extensive measurements in Q^2 .

Need measurements off **proton** and **neutron** to get flavour separation of CFFs in DVCS.

Order and Twist



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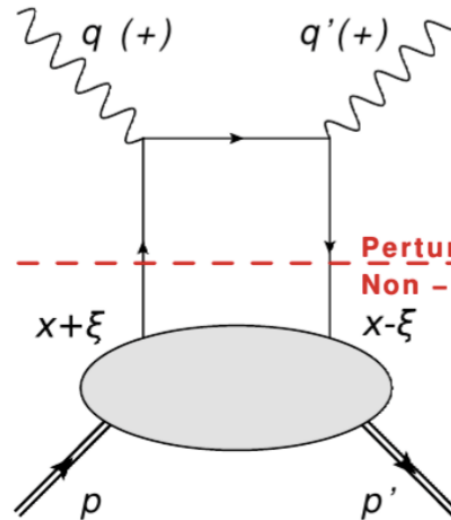


* Twist: powers of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{Q^2}}$ in the DVCS amplitude. Leading-twist (LT) is twist-2.

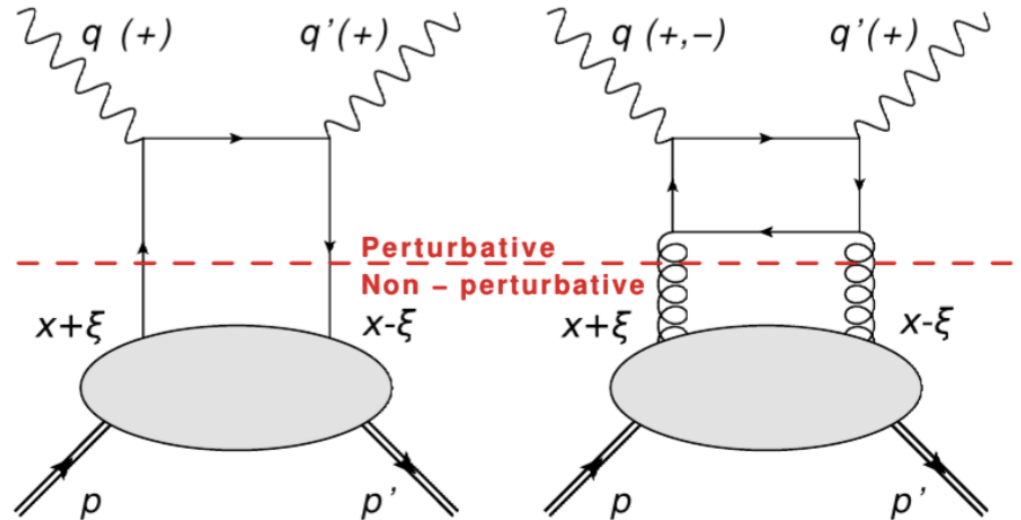
* Order: introduces powers of α_s

* Leading Order (LO) requires $Q^2 \gg M^2$ (M : target mass)

Leading order (LO)

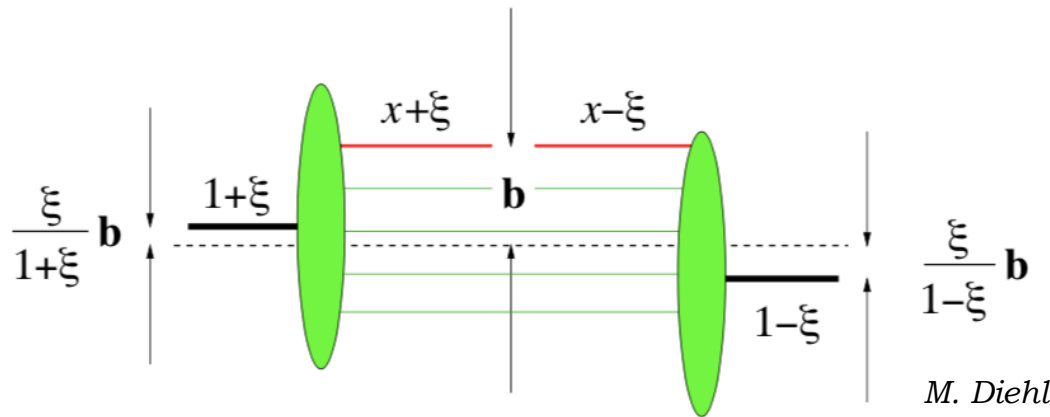
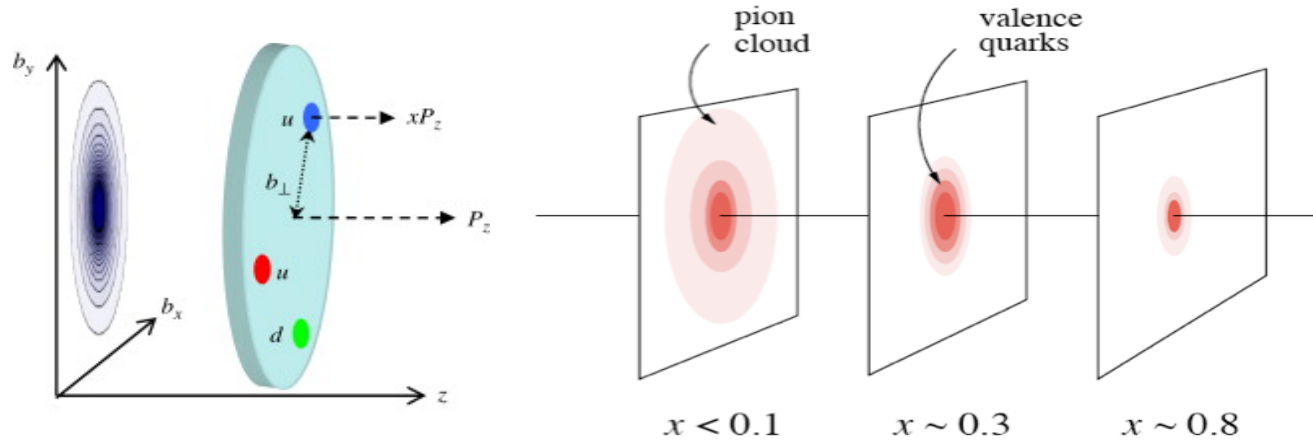


Next-to-leading order (NLO)



Nucleon Tomography from GPDs

- At a fixed Q^2 , x_B , slope of GPD with t is related, via a Fourier Transform, to the transverse spatial spread.



Formally, the radial separation, \mathbf{b} , between the struck parton and the centre of momentum of the remaining spectators.

- Experimentally, fit the t -dependence of CFFs or structure functions (from HEMP) with an exponential.

$$\text{eg: } \frac{d\sigma_U}{dt} = Ae^{Bt}$$

Spin and pressure in the nucleon

- GPDs also provide indirect access to mechanical properties of the nucleon (encoded in the gravitational form factors, GFFs, of the energy-momentum tensor).

X. D. Ji, *PRD* **55**, 7114-7125 (1997)

M. Polyakov, *PLB* **555**, 57-62 (2016)

- Three scalar GFFs, functions of t : encode pressure and shear forces ($d_1(t)$), mass ($M_2(t)$) and angular momentum distributions ($J(t)$).

- Can be related to GPDs via sum rules: $\int x [H(x, \xi, t) + E(x, \xi, t)] dx = 2J(t)$

$$\int x H(x, \xi, t) dx = M_2(t) + \frac{4}{5} \xi^2 d_1(t) \quad (\text{Ji's relation}) \quad J_N = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} (\Sigma_q + L_q) + J_g$$

- $d_1(t)$ (D-term) "last unknown global property of the nucleon" – may can be accessed via the Re and Im \mathcal{H} :

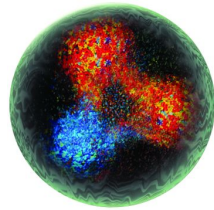
$$\text{Dispersion relation: } \text{Re}\mathcal{H}(\xi, t) = \int_{-1}^1 \left(\frac{1}{\xi - x} - \frac{1}{\xi + x} \right) \text{Im}\mathcal{H}(\xi, t) dx + \Delta(t).$$

Assuming double-distribution parametrisation: $\Delta(t) \propto d_1(t)$

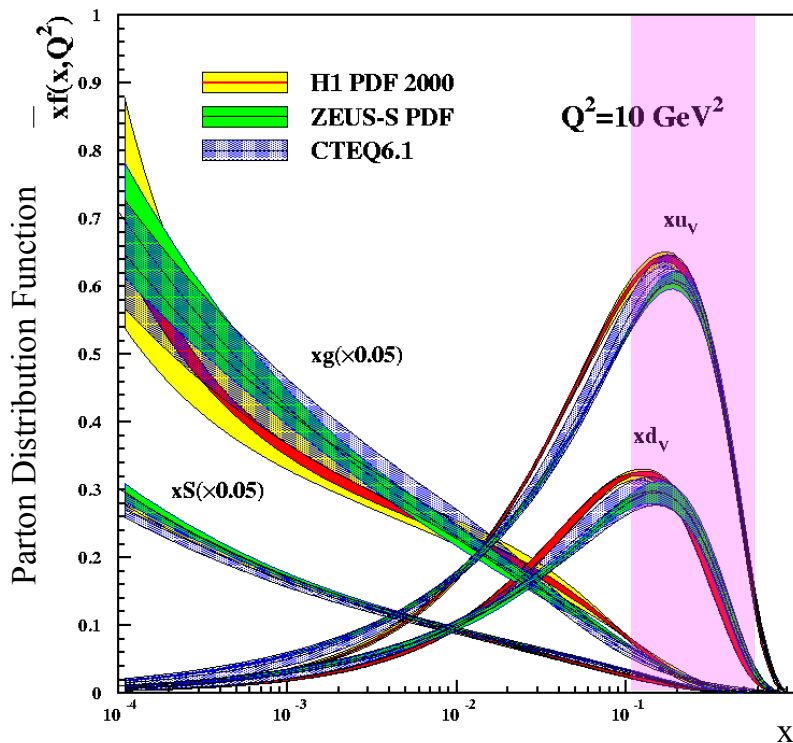
Nucleon at different scales

Valence quarks

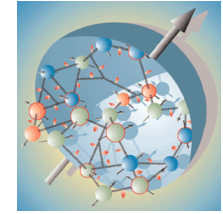
Jefferson Lab: fixed-target
electron scattering



$$0.1 < x_B < 0.7$$

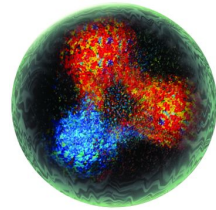


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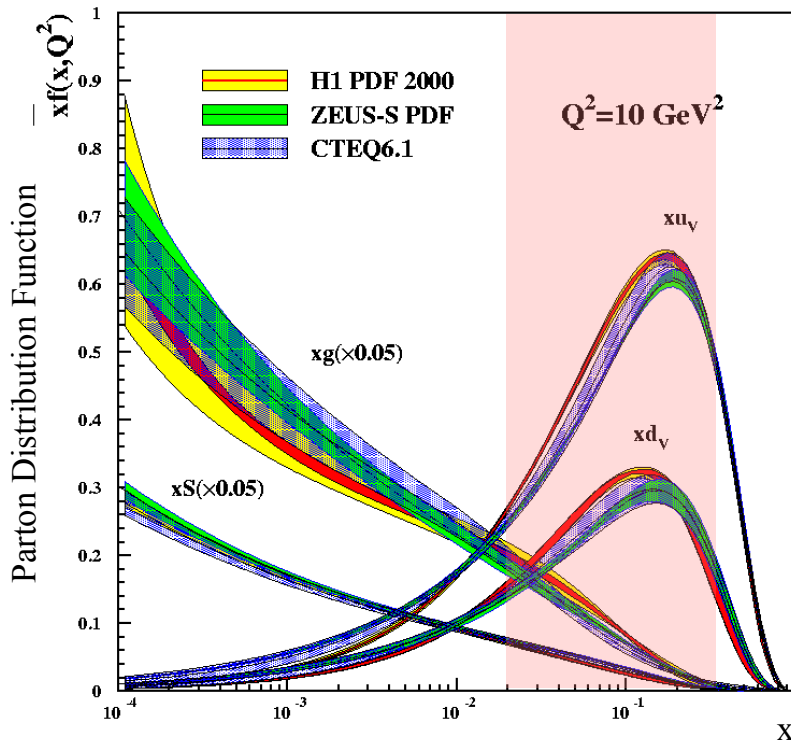
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Sea quarks

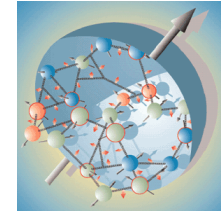


HERMES: fixed gas-target electron/positron scattering

$$0.02 < x_B < 0.3$$

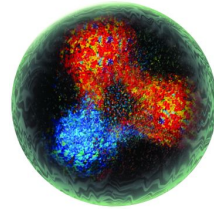


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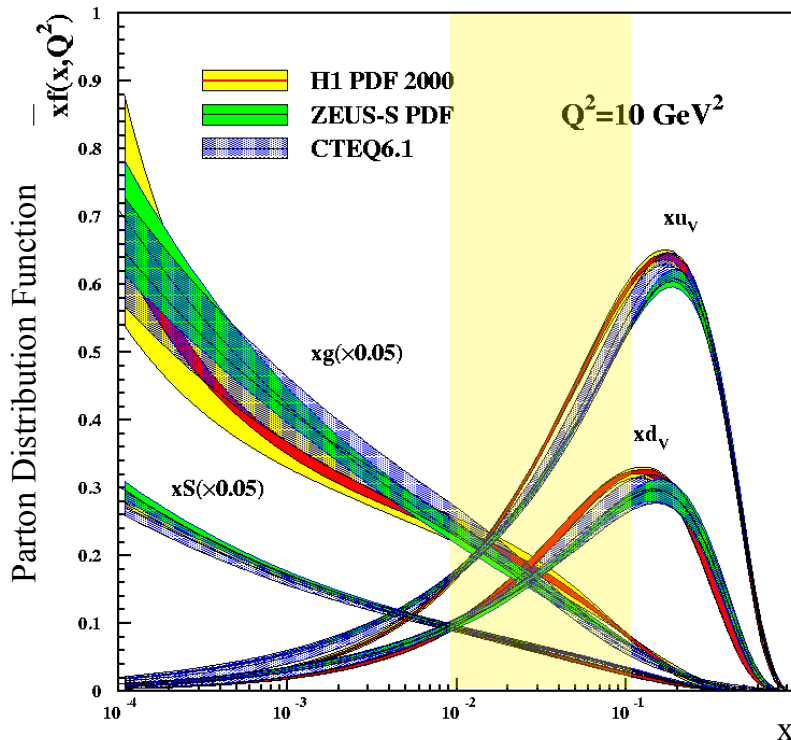
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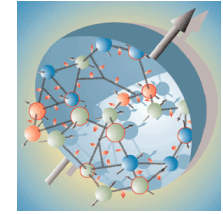


COMPASS: fixed-target muon scattering

$$0.01 < x_B < 0.1$$

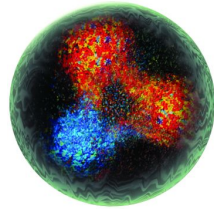


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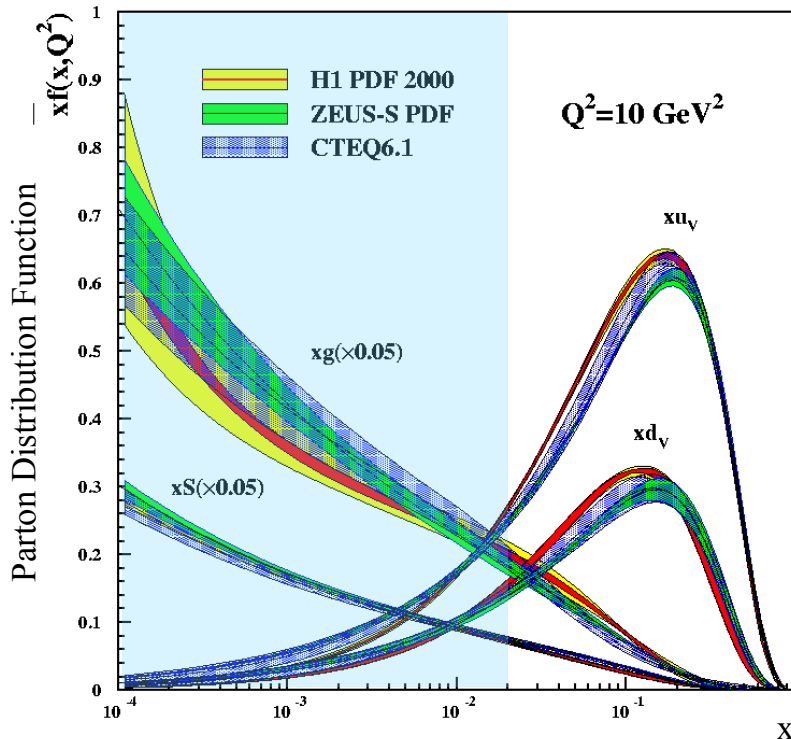
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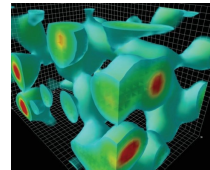
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The glue

ZEUS/H1: electron/positron-proton collider

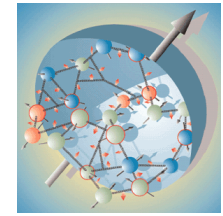
$$10^{-4} < x_B < 0.02$$



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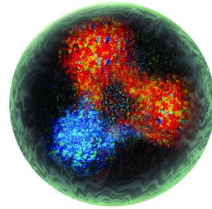


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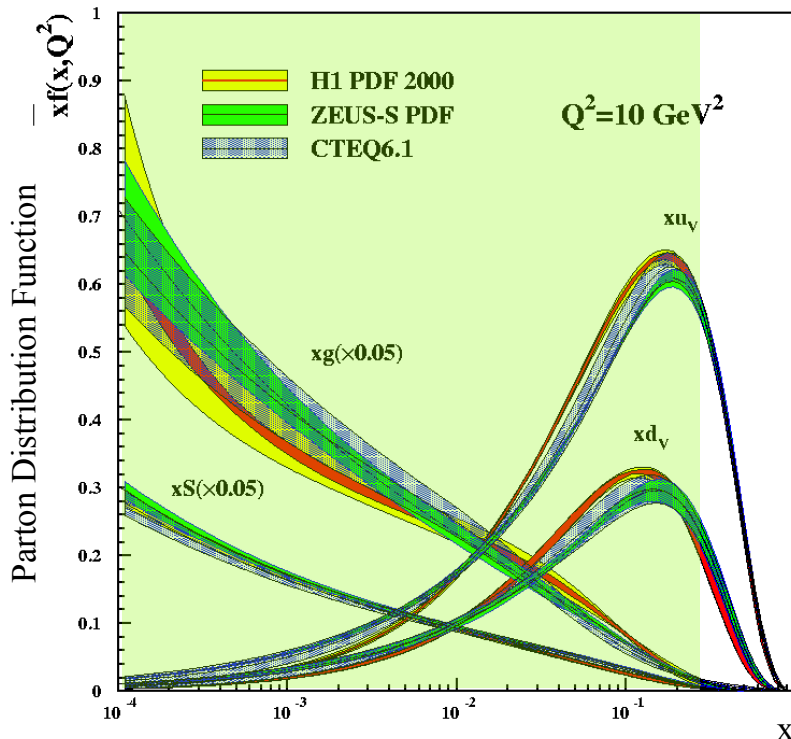
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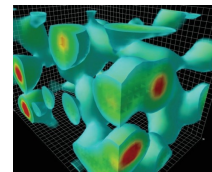
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Electron-ion collider: $10^{-4} < x_B < 10^{-1}$

Luminosity 100 - 1000 times that of HERA

Jefferson Lab: 6 GeV era

CEBAF: Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility.

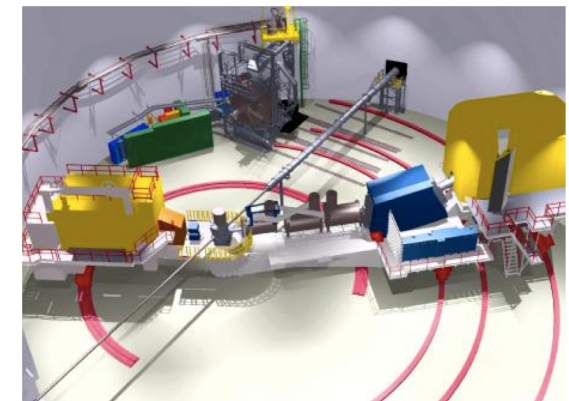
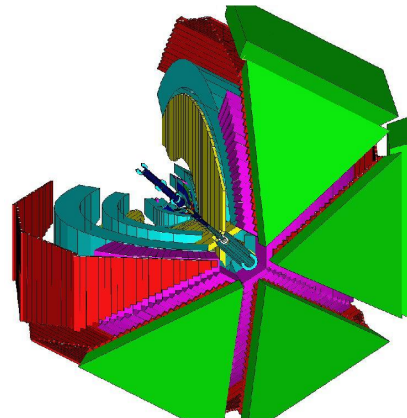
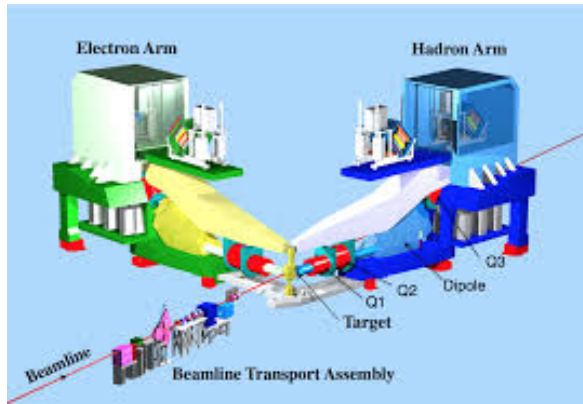
- * Energy up to ~ 6 GeV
- * Energy resolution $\delta E/E_e \sim 10^{-5}$
- * Electron polarisation up to $\sim 85\%$



Hall A:

Hall B: CLAS

Hall C:

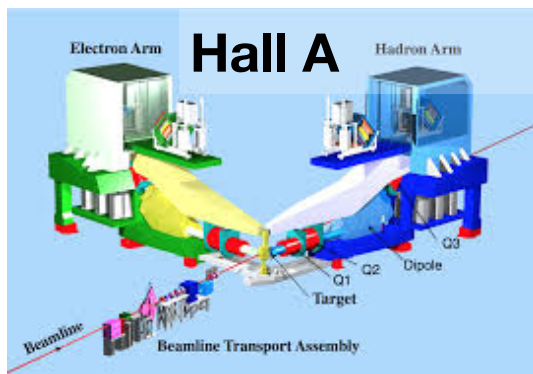


- * High resolution ($\delta p/p = 10^{-4}$) spectrometers, very high luminosity.

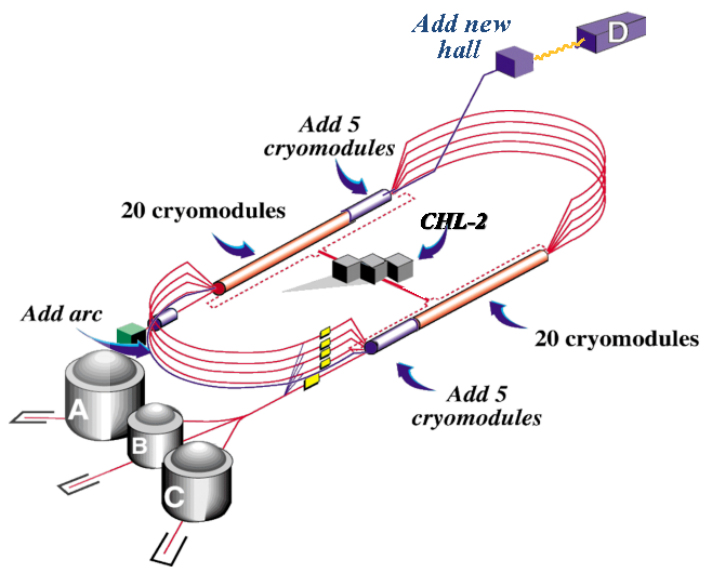
- * Very large acceptance, detector array for multi-particle final states.

- * Two movable spectrometer arms, well-defined acceptance, high luminosity

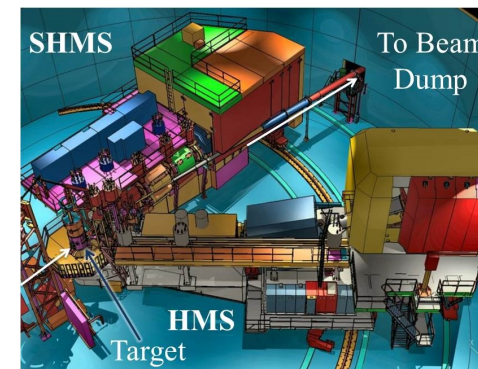
JLab @ 12 GeV



High resolution ($\delta p/p = 10^{-4}$) spectrometers, very high luminosity, large installation experiments.



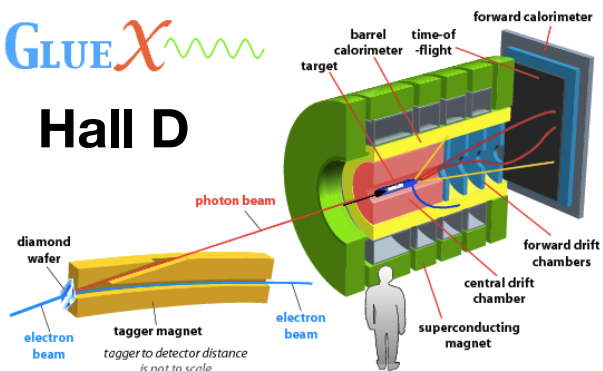
Hall C



Two movable high momentum spectrometers, well-defined acceptance, very high luminosity.

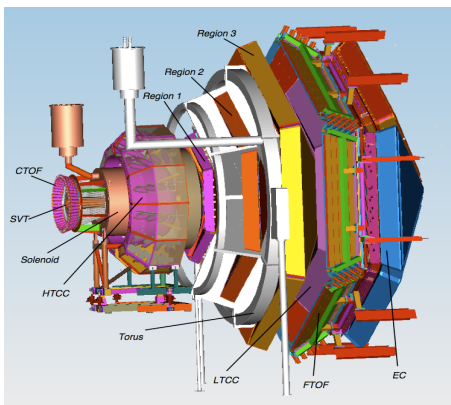
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Hall D



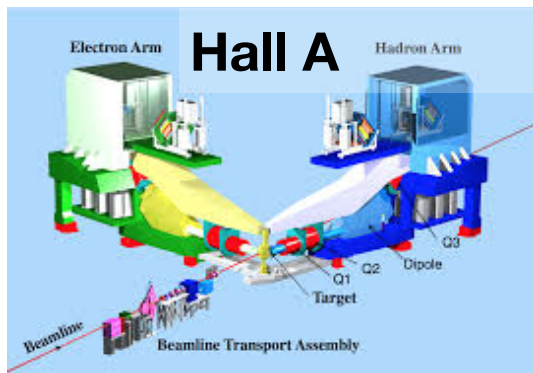
9 GeV tagged polarised photons, full acceptance

Hall B: CLAS12

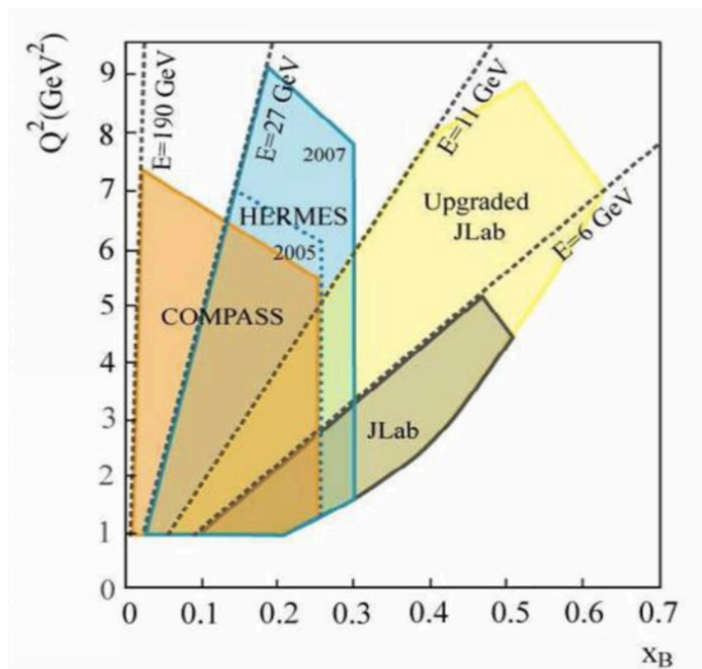


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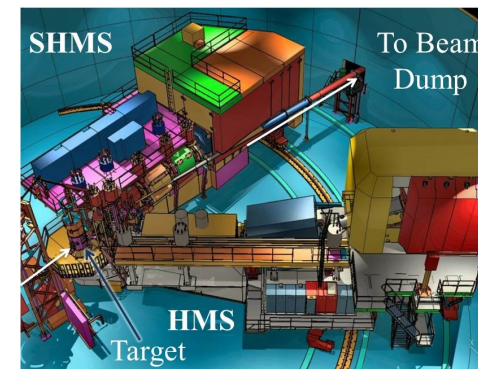
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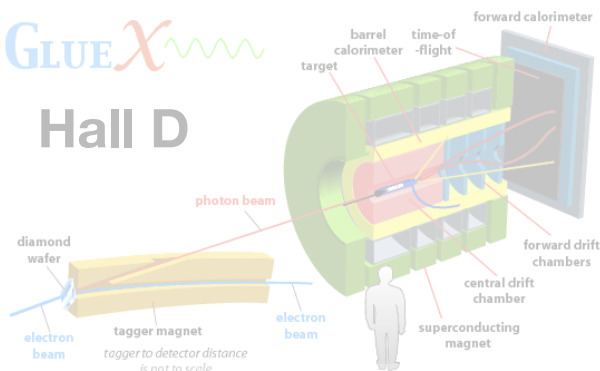
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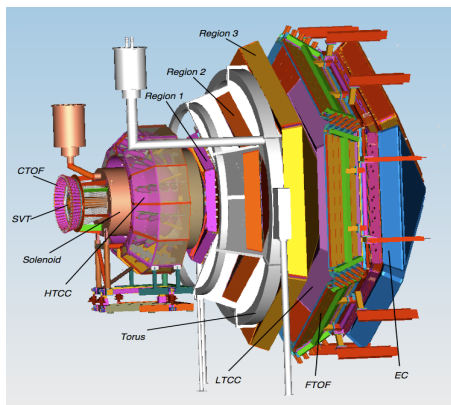
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Hall D



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Very large acceptance, high luminosity.

CLAS12

Design luminosity

$$L \sim 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

High luminosity & large acceptance:

Concurrent measurement of **exclusive**, **semi-inclusive**, and **inclusive** processes

Acceptance for photons and electrons:

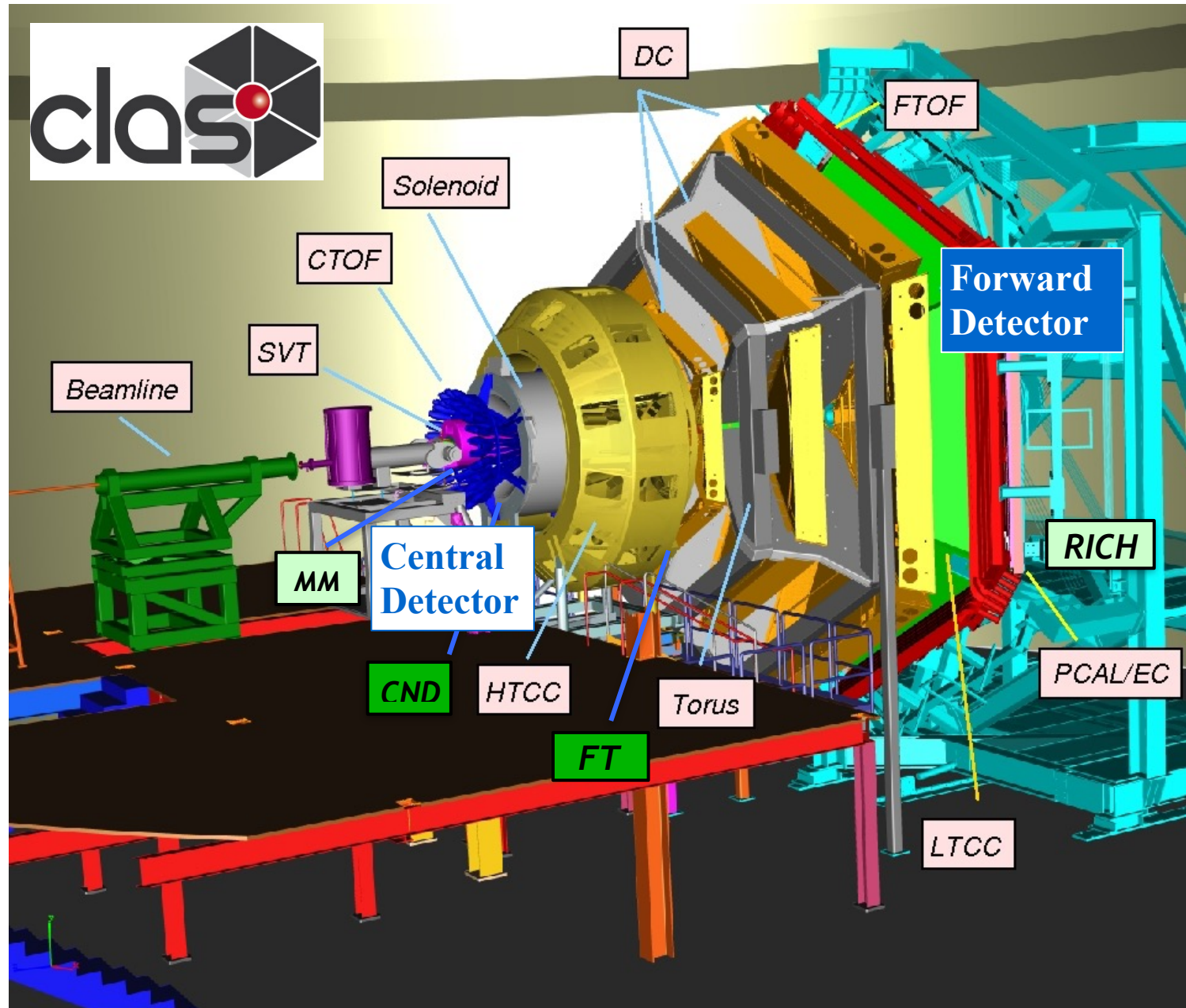
$$\bullet 2.5^\circ < \theta < 125^\circ$$

Acceptance for all charged particles:

$$\bullet 5^\circ < \theta < 125^\circ$$

Acceptance for neutrons:

$$\bullet 5^\circ < \theta < 120^\circ$$



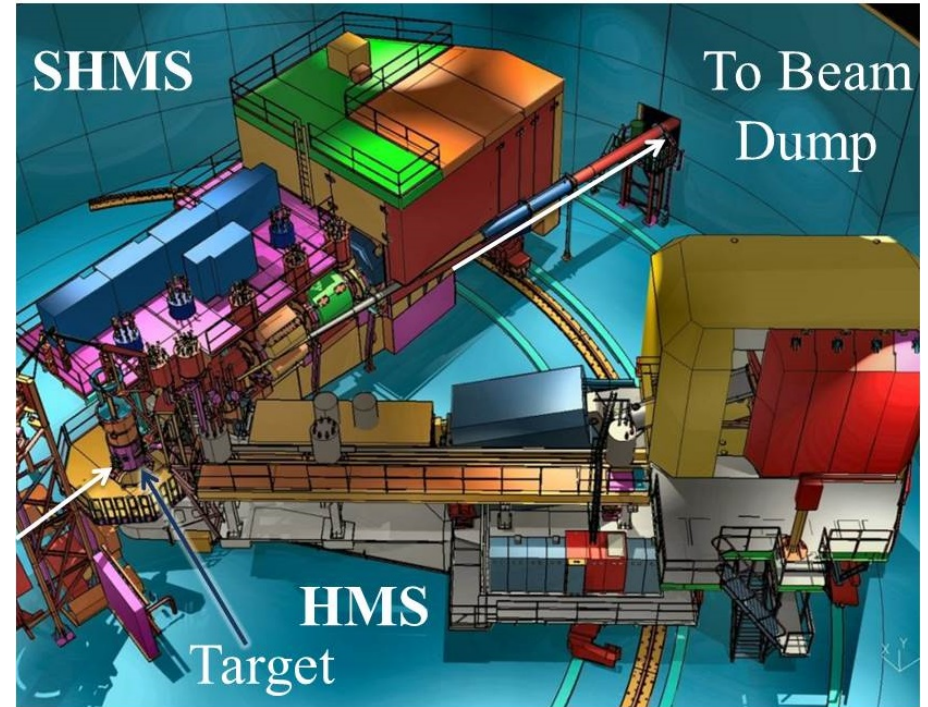
DVCS in Hall C

Detect electron with (Super) High Momentum Spectrometer, (S)HMS.

Detect photon in PbWO_4 calorimeter.

Sweeping magnet to reduce backgrounds in calorimeter.

Reconstruct recoiling proton through missing mass.



Similar principle applied in Hall A