



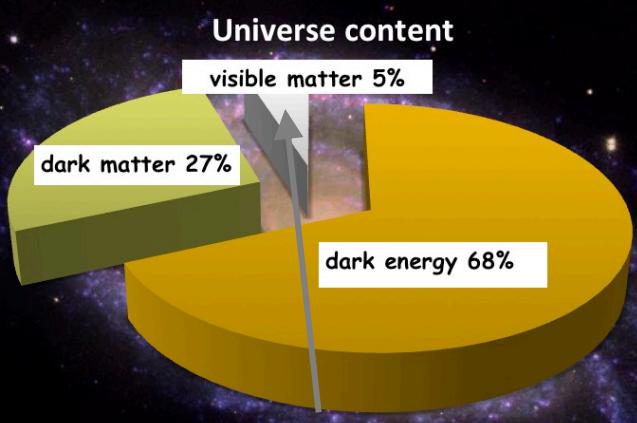
Multidimensional imaging of the partonic structure of hadrons with an Electron-Ion Collider

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Plan of the talk

- Introduction to the Electron-Ion collider project
- Imaging with an EIC (the impact!)
 - GPDs
- Nuclei (imaging, saturation)
- Summary



protons, neutrons, electrons

This is us !!!

**Proton
 10^{-15}m**

To investigate the nucleon's partonic structure, the previous and only e+p collider, **HERA**, was built

The x (of Bjorken) variable: fraction of the nucleon's momentum carried by the interacting parton

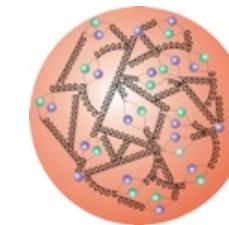
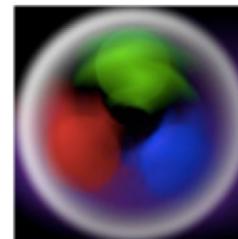
HERA's discovery: Gluon density dominates at $x < 0.1$

Proton:

Quark-Masses: $\sim 1\%$ M_p

Mass of the “visible matter” is completely dominated by gluons, QCD dynamics

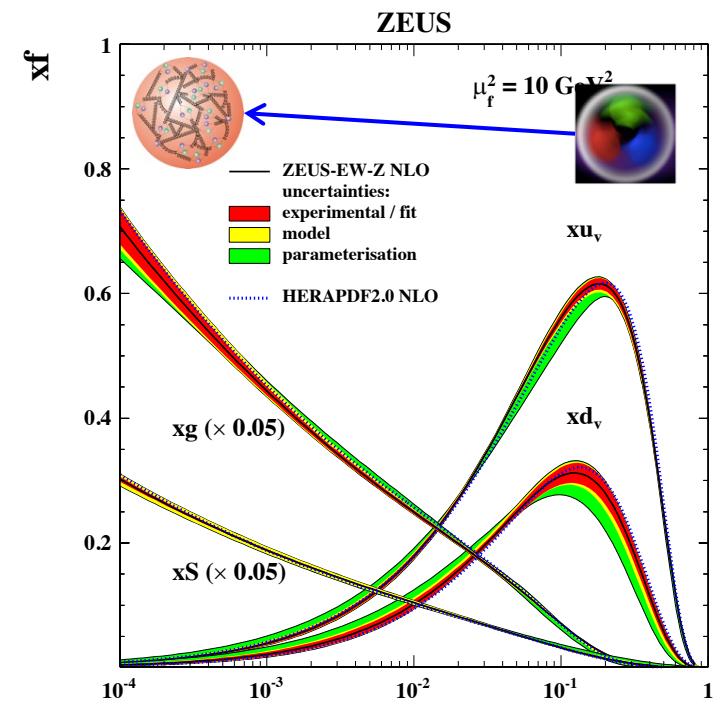
What do we know?



 increase
beam energy

Quarks and Gluons

10^{-17}m

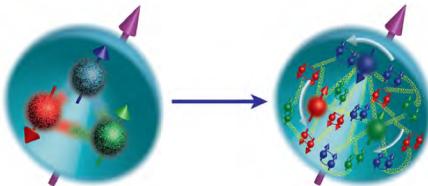


Most Compelling Physics Goals



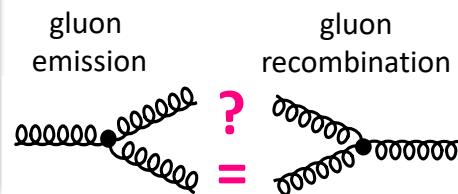
How are sea quarks and gluons, and their spins, **distributed in space and momentum** inside the nucleon?

- How do the **nucleon properties emerge** from them and their interactions?



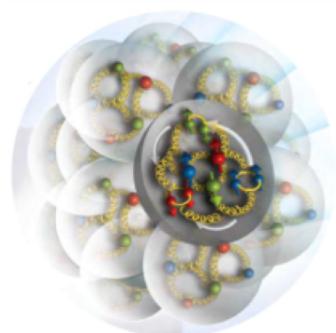
What happens to the **gluon density** in nuclei?

- Does it **saturate at high energy**?
- Does this saturation give rise to a **gluonic matter** with universal properties in all nuclei, even proton?



How does a **dense nuclear environment** affect the quarks and gluons, and their correlations and their interactions?

- How do color-charged quarks and gluons, and colorless jets, **interact with a nuclear medium**?
- How do the **confined hadronic states emerge** from these quarks and gluons?
- How do the quark-gluon **interactions create nuclear binding**?



Ingredients for a High Resolution “Femtoscope”

Large center-of-mass coverage:

Access to wide kinematic range in x and Q^2

Polarized electron and hadron beams:

- access to spin structure of nucleons and nuclei
- Spin vehicle to access the 3D spatial and momentum structure of the nucleon
- Full specification of initial and final states to probe q-g structure of NN and NNN interaction in light nuclei

Nuclear beams:

- Accessing the highest gluon densities → amplification of saturation phenomena

High luminosity:

- Detailed mapping the 3D spatial and momentum structure of nucleons and nuclei
- Access to rare probes

All these requirement must be addressed by a future Electron-Ion Collider

The Electron Ion Collider

Two proposals for realization
of the Science Case

For e-N collisions at the EIC:

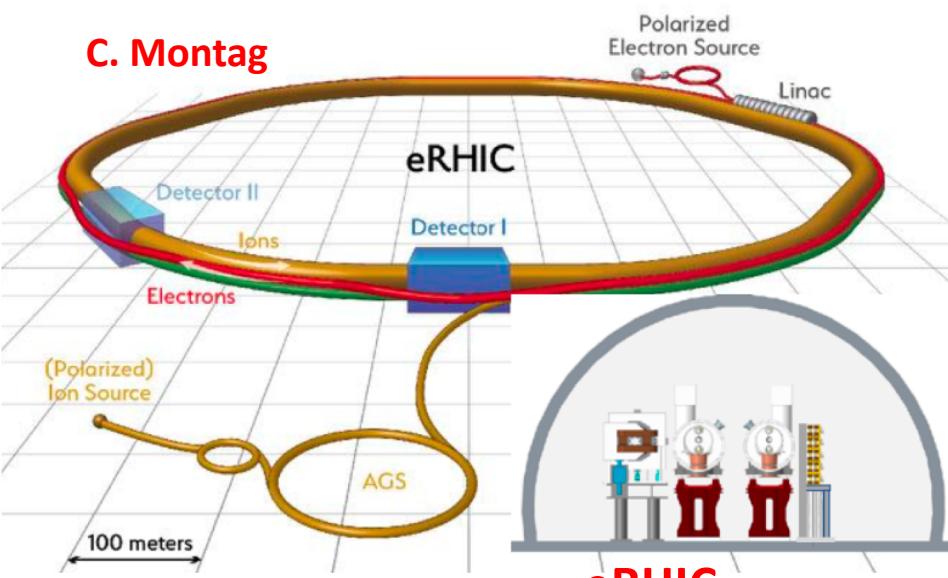
- ✓ Polarized beams: e, p, d/³He
- ✓ Luminosity $L_{ep} \sim 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{sec}^{-1}$
100-1000 times HERA
- ✓ $\sqrt{s} = 20\text{-}100\text{ (140) GeV}$ Variable CoM

For e-A collisions at the EIC:

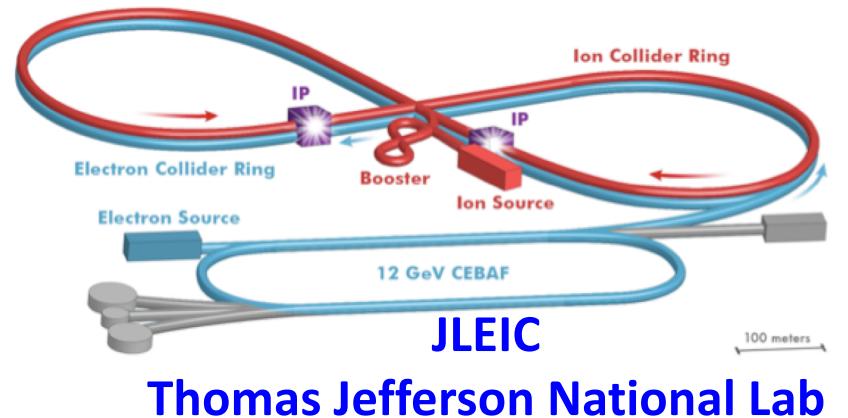
- ✓ Wide range in nuclei
- ✓ Luminosity per nucleon same as e+p
- ✓ Variable center of mass energy

World's first
Polarized electron-proton/light ion
and **electron-Nucleus collider**

Both designs use DOE's significant
investments in infrastructure



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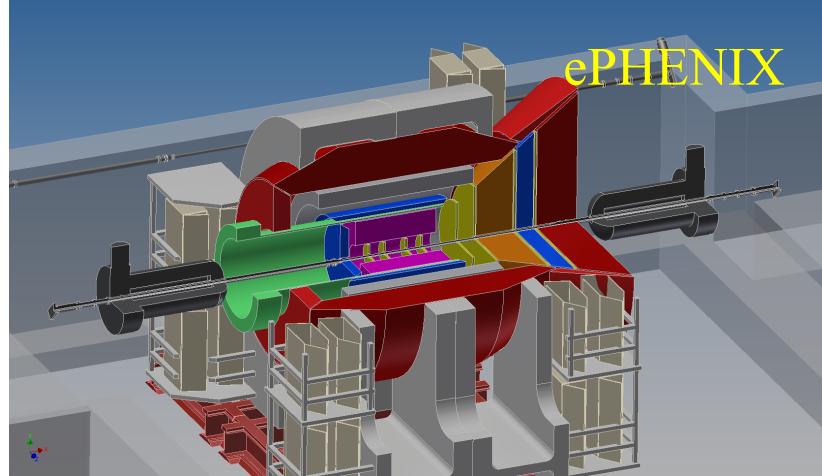
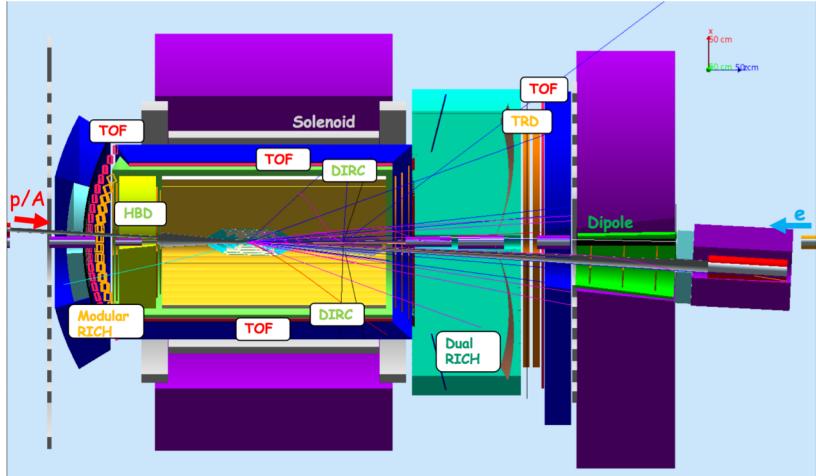


“General-purpose” detector general requirements

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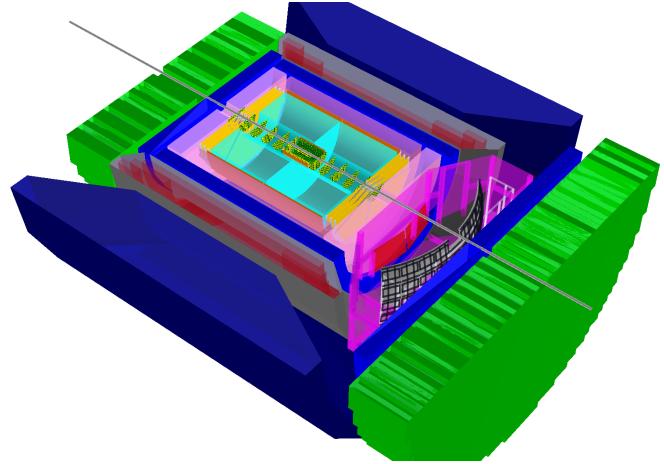
BNL



Overall detector requirements:

- Large acceptance in pseudorapidity: $-4.5 \lesssim \eta \lesssim 4.5$
- Equal coverage of tracking and EM-calorimetry
- High performance PID to separate p, K, π on track level
- High precision low mass tracking
- Forward instrumentation for protons and neutrons
- High control on systematic effects

A full silicon detector concept also proposed by Argonne
EIC Detector and R&D program
→ https://wiki.bnl.gov/conferences/index.php/EIC_R%25D



A model detector concept: BeAST
(Brookhaven eA Solenoidal Tracker)

Partonic tomography of the nucleons



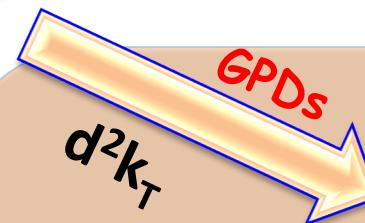
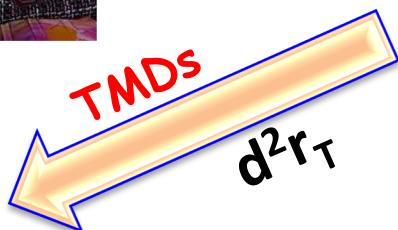
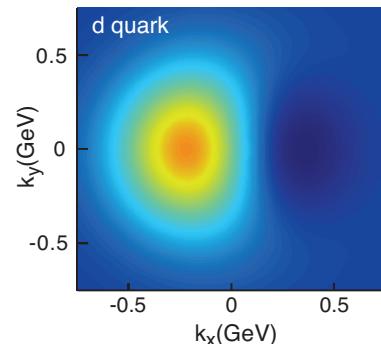
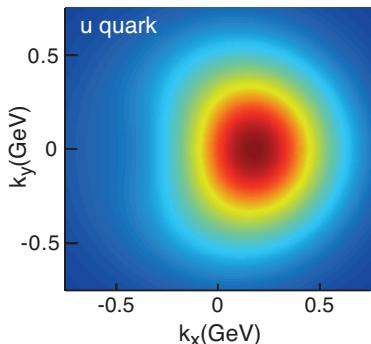
Wigner distribution

5D

$$W(x, k_T, r_T)$$

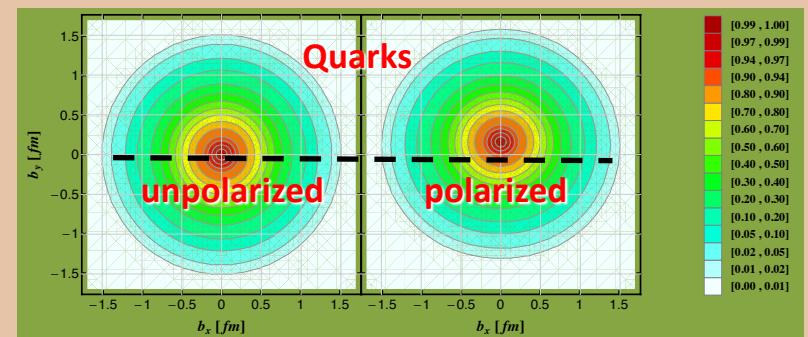
R. Yoshida
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2D+1 picture in momentum space
transverse momentum dependent PDFs
→ SIDIS, Drell-Yan, weak bosons
 $\times f_1(x, k_T, S_T)$



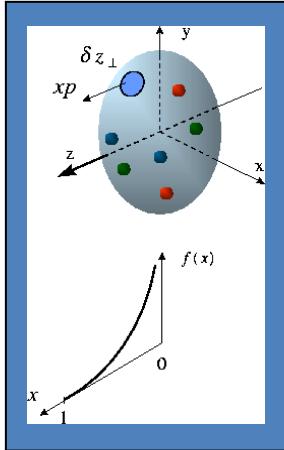
3D

2D+1 picture in coordinate space
generalized parton distributions
→ exclusive reaction

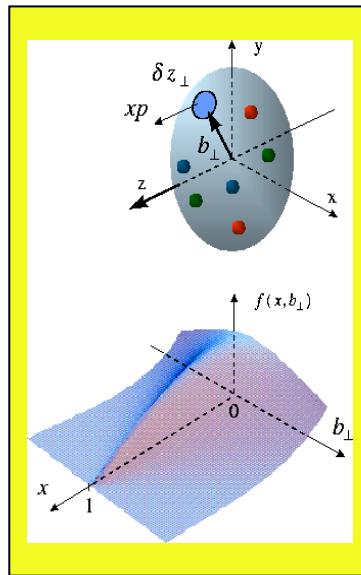


Generalized Parton Distributions

Longitudinal momentum & helicity distributions

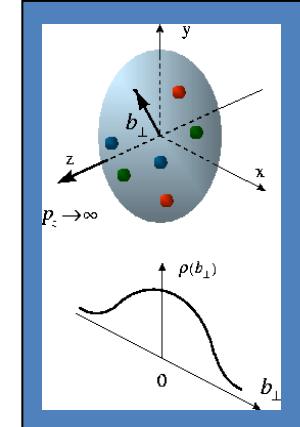


$f(x)$
parton densities



$H(x, \xi, t)$
GPDs

transverse charge & current densities

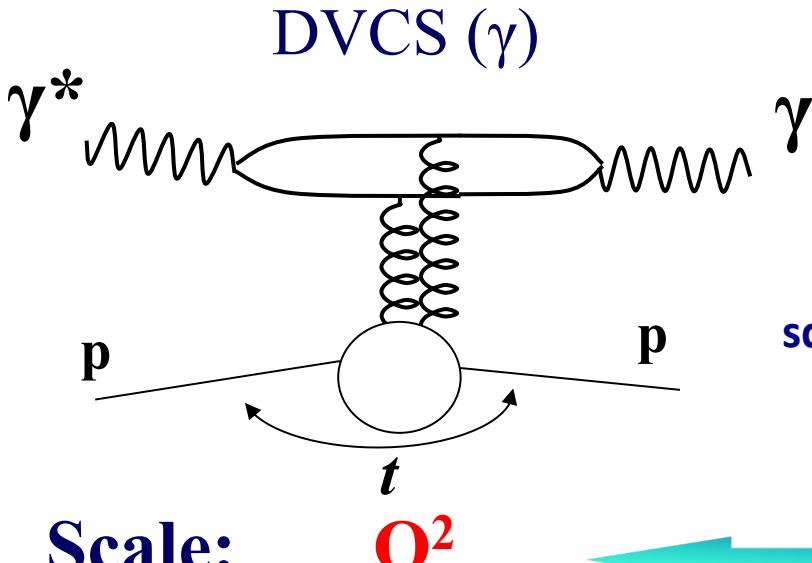


$F_1(t)$
form factors

The nucleon (spin-1/2) has **four quark and gluon GPDs** (H , E and their polarized versions). Like usual PDFs, GPDs are non-perturbative functions **defined via the matrix elements of**

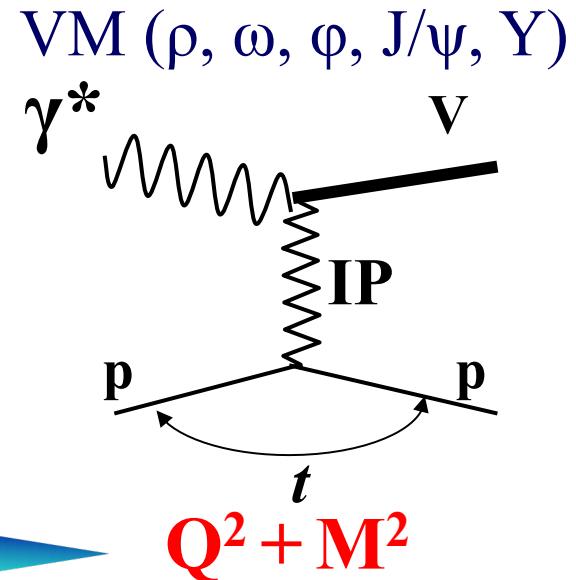
$$\begin{aligned} F^q &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ix\bar{P}^+z^-} \langle p' | \bar{q}(-\frac{1}{2}z) \gamma^+ q(\frac{1}{2}z) | p \rangle |_{z^+=0, \mathbf{z}=0} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\bar{P}^+} \left[H^q(x, \xi, t, \mu^2) \bar{u}(p') \gamma^+ u(p) + E^q(x, \xi, t, \mu^2) \bar{u}(p') \frac{i\sigma^{+\alpha} \Delta_\alpha}{2m_N} u(p) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Exclusive Vector Meson and real photon production



square 4-momentum
at the p vertex:

$$t = (p' - p)^2$$



DVCS:

- Very clean experimental signature
- No VM wave-function uncertainty
- Hard scale provided by Q^2
- Sensitive to both quarks and gluons [via Q^2 dependence of xsec (scaling violation)]

VMP:

- Uncertainty of wave function
- J/Ψ → direct access to gluons, c+bar-c pair produced via quark(gluon)-gluon fusion
- Light VMs → quark-flavor separation

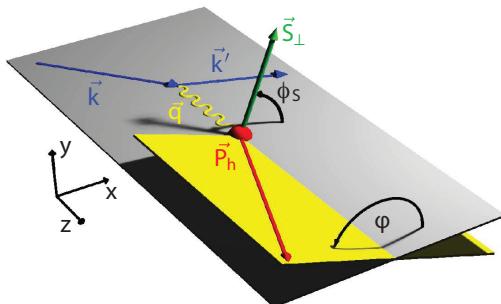
Alternative/complementary
way to quark-flavor separation

DVCS on a real neutron target → polarized Deuterium or He^3

Accessing the GPDs in exclusive processes

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \sim A_0 \left[|H|^2(x, t, Q^2) - \frac{t}{4M_p^2} |E|^2(x, t, Q^2) \right]$$

Dominated by **H**
slightly dependent on **E**



$$\varphi = \phi_h - \phi_l$$

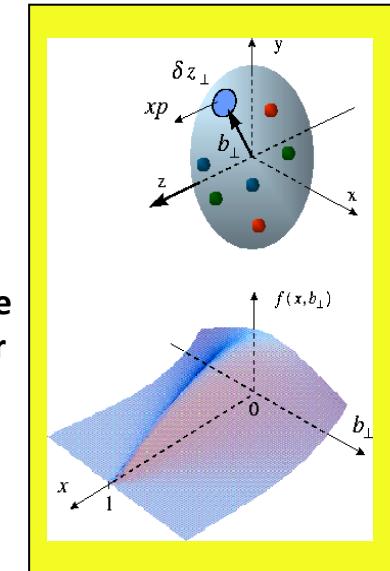
$$\varphi_s = \Phi_T - \phi_h$$

Angle btw the production
and scattering planes

Angle btw the scattering plane
and the transverse pol. vector

$$A_C = \frac{d\sigma^+ - d\sigma^-}{d\sigma^+ + d\sigma^-} \propto \text{Re}(A)$$

Requires a positron beam
done @ HERA



$$A_{UT} \propto \sqrt{\frac{-t}{4M^2}} \left[F_2(t) H(\xi, \xi, t, Q^2) - F_1(t) E(\xi, \xi, t, Q^2) + \dots \right]$$

$\sin(\Phi_T - \phi_N)$
governed by **E** and **H**
Requires a polarized proton-target

Spin-Sum-Rule in PRF:

from g_1

$$\frac{1}{2} = J_q^z + J_g^z = \frac{1}{2} \Delta\Sigma + \sum_q \mathcal{L}_q^z + J_g^z$$

$$J_{q,g}^z = \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_{-1}^1 x dx (H^{q,g} + E^{q,g}) \right)_{t \rightarrow 0}$$

responsible for orbital angular momentum
a window to the SPIN physics

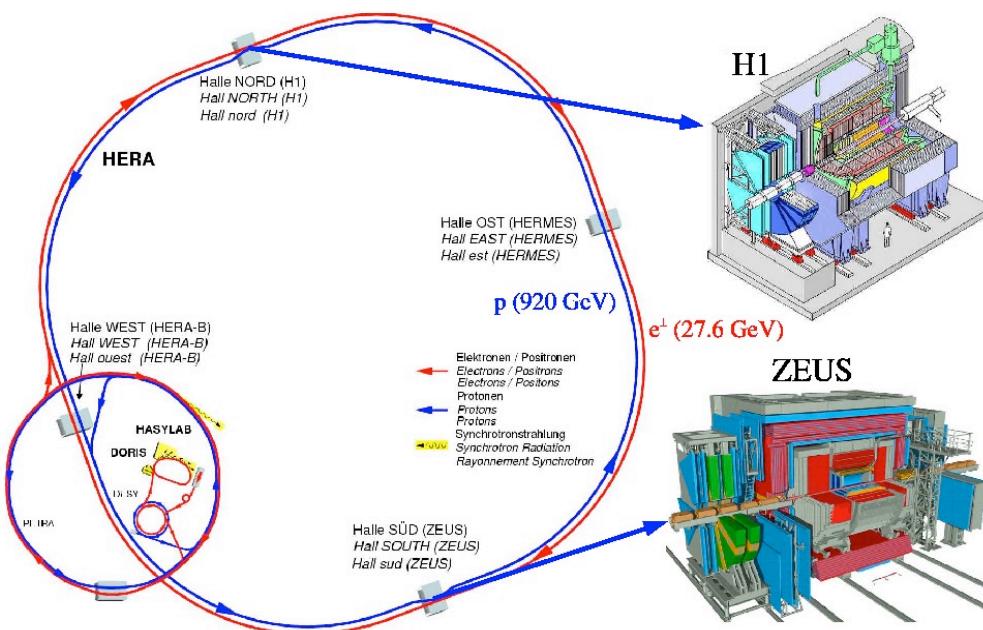
The HERA Collider and experiments

- 27.5 GeV electrons/positrons on 920 GeV protons $\rightarrow \sqrt{s} = 318$ GeV
- 2 collider experiments: **H1** and **ZEUS**
- HERA I: 16 pb^{-1} e-p, 120 pb^{-1} e+p
HERA II (after lumi upgrade): 500 pb^{-1} , polarisation of e+,e-



- Fixed target experiment
- Intense program on DVCS!

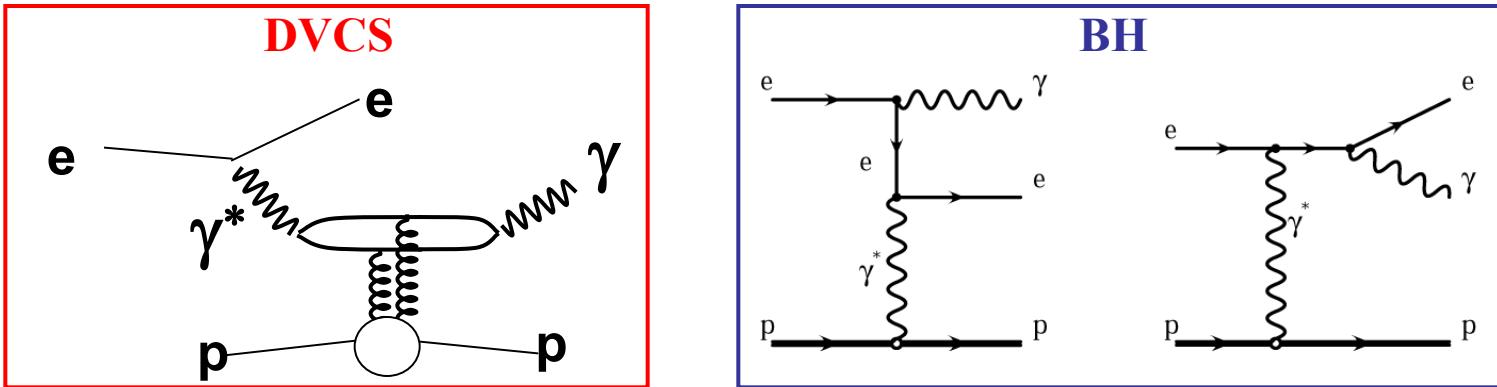
Closed July 2007, still lot of excellent data to analyse...



Detectors not originally designed for forward physics, but **diffraction at HERA is great success story!**

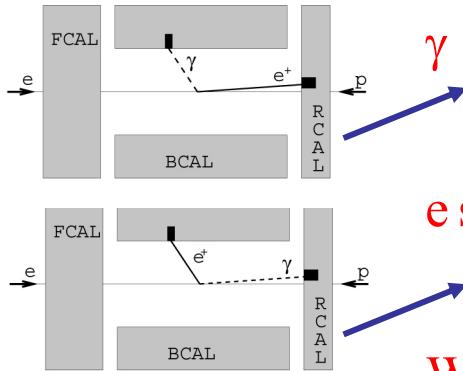
ZEUS forward instrumentation no longer available in HERA II

DVCS @ ZEUS - Strategy



two electromagnetic candidates (ordered in energy) and up to one track

BH must be removed [uncertainty on BH xsec $\sim 3\%$]



γ sample: no tracks matching to the second candidate

**Signal sample
(DVCS+BH)**

e sample: a track match to the second candidate

**Control sample
(BH+ dilepton + J/ ψ)**

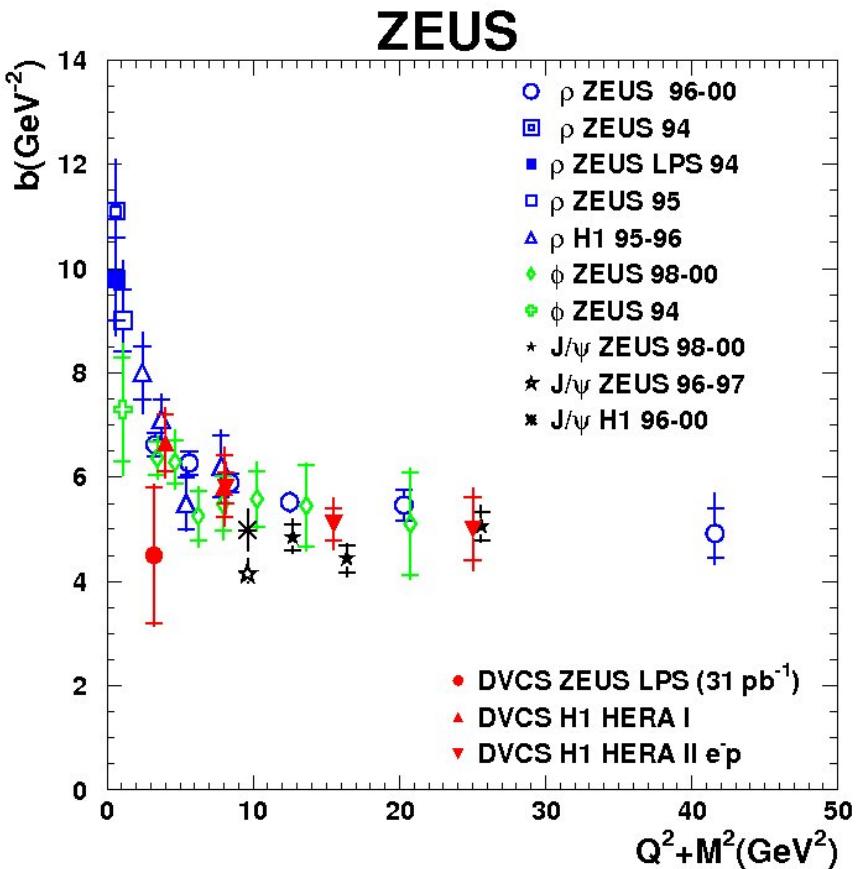
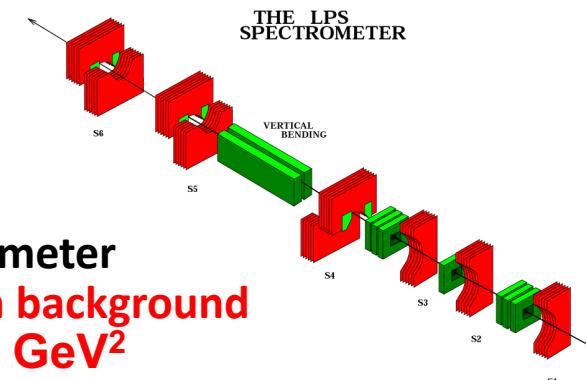
Wrong-sign sample: a negative track match to the second candidate

**Control sample
(dilepton + J/ ψ)**

Kinematic region:
 $1.5 < Q^2 < 100 \text{ GeV}^2$
 $40 < W < 170 \text{ GeV}$

Details on the event selection in the back up slides

DVCS: t dependence – RPs

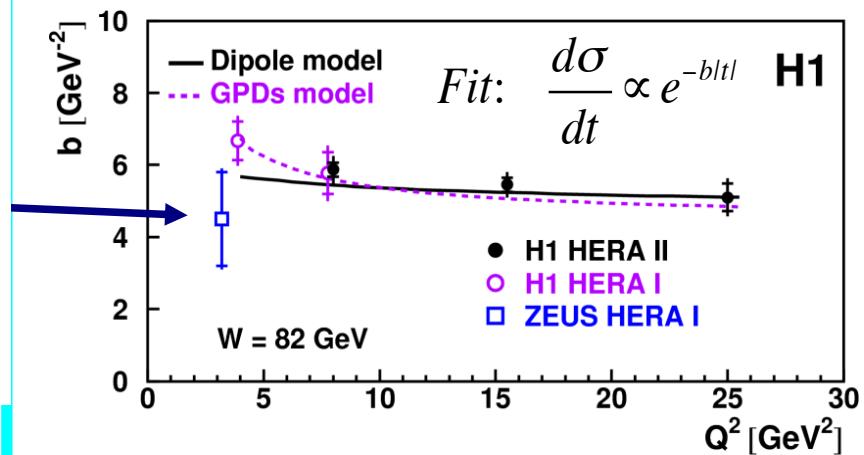


direct measurement of the outgoing proton 4-momentum using the Leading Proton Spectrometer (roman pots)

Roman Pots spectrometer

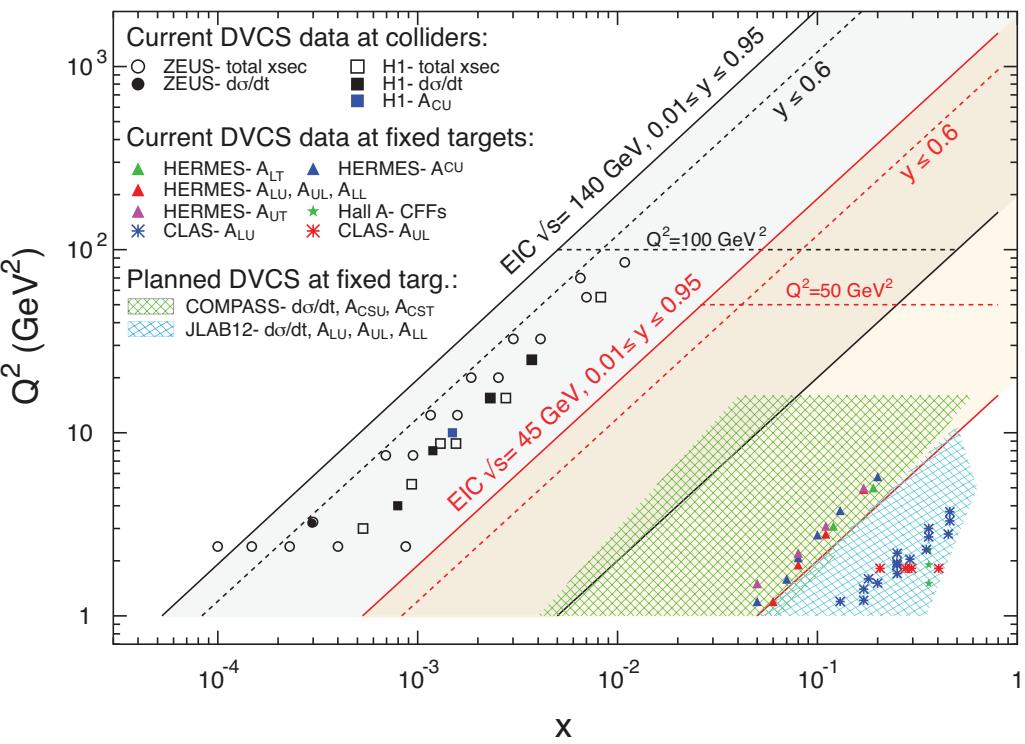
- No p -dissociation background
- $0.08 < |t| < 0.53 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Low geometrical acceptance → low statistics

This detector was removed after the HERA II upgrade → $\mathcal{L} = 31 \text{ pb}^{-1}$



The ZEUS result still statistically compatible with H1, but hints for a flatter trend

DVCS at an EIC

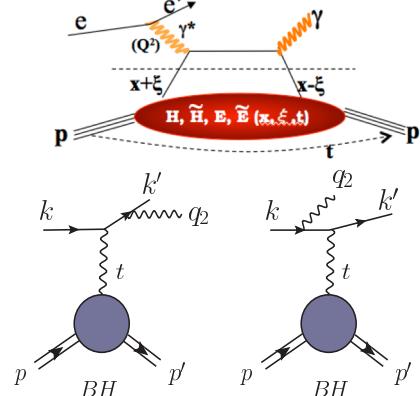


HERA results limited by lack of statistics

EIC: the first machine to measure cross sections and asymmetries

- ❖ EIC will provide sufficient luminosity to bin in multi-dimensions
- ❖ Wide x and Q^2 range needed to extract GPDs

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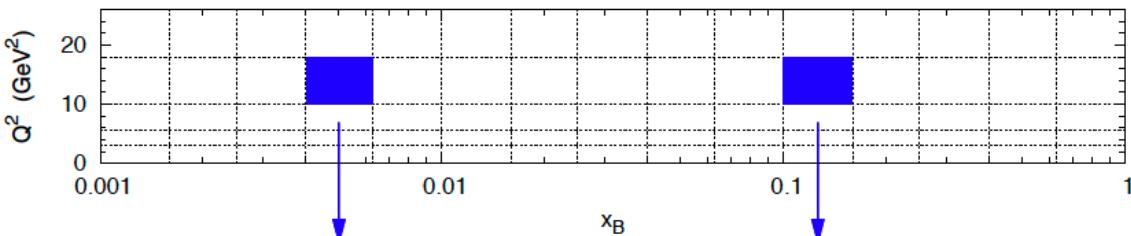
**DVCS
signal**

**Bethe-Heitler
QED bkgd.**

Comprehensive EIC studies

- Signal extraction “a la HERA”
- xSec meas.: Specific requirements to suppress BH (*see backup*)
 - keep BH/sample below 60% at high energies
- Radiative Corrections evaluated (*bkup*)
- detector acceptance & smearing
- t-slope: $b=5.6$ compatible with H1 data
- $|t|$ -binning is (3*resolution)
- 5% systematic uncertainties

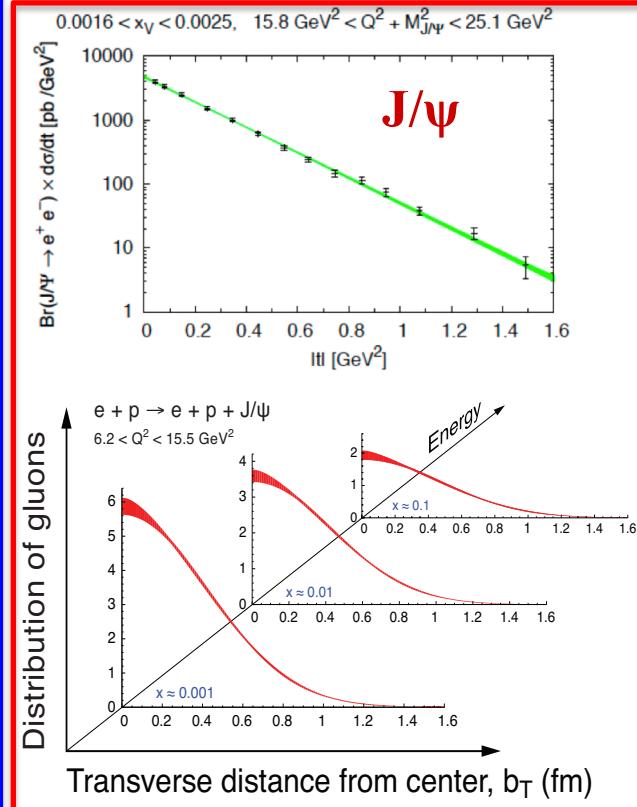
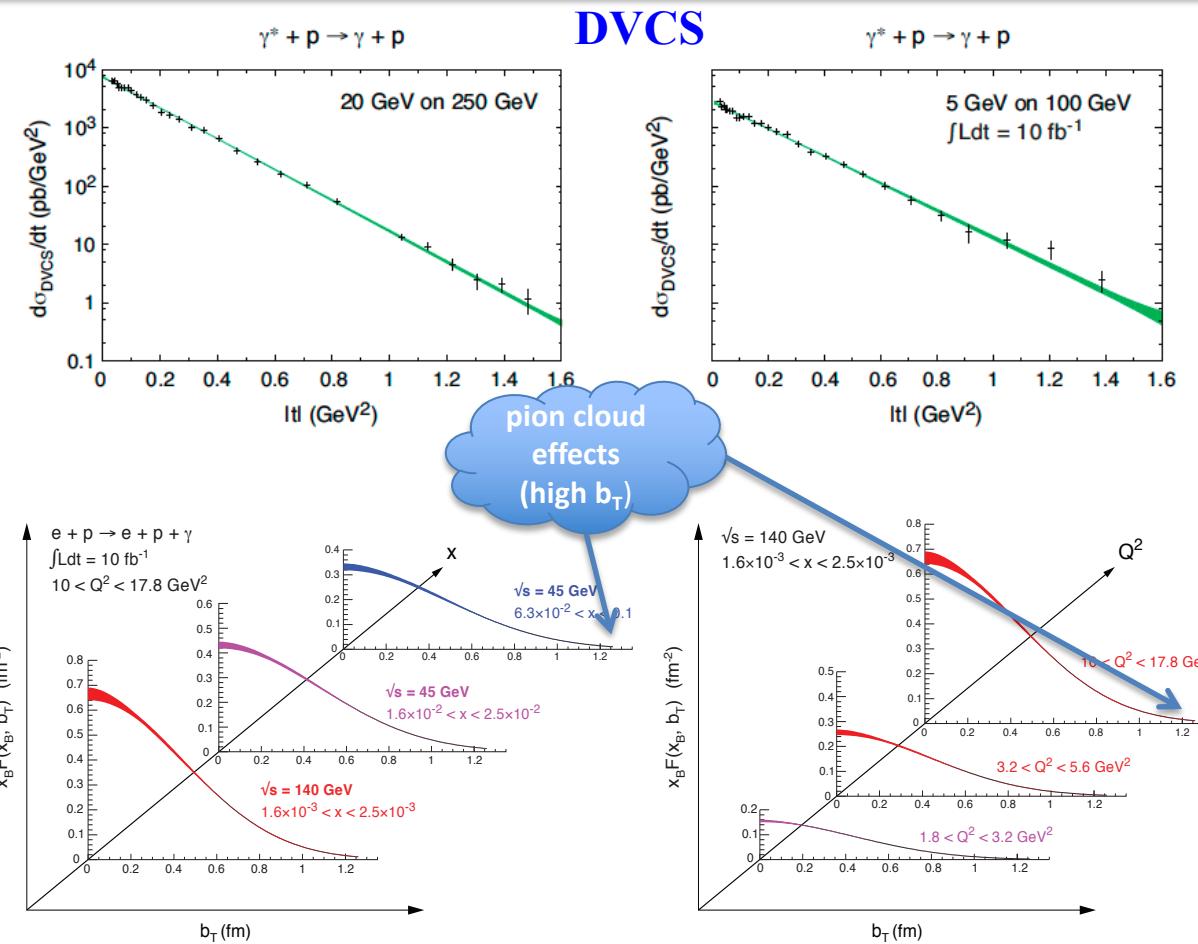
DVCS & J/ ψ differential cross section



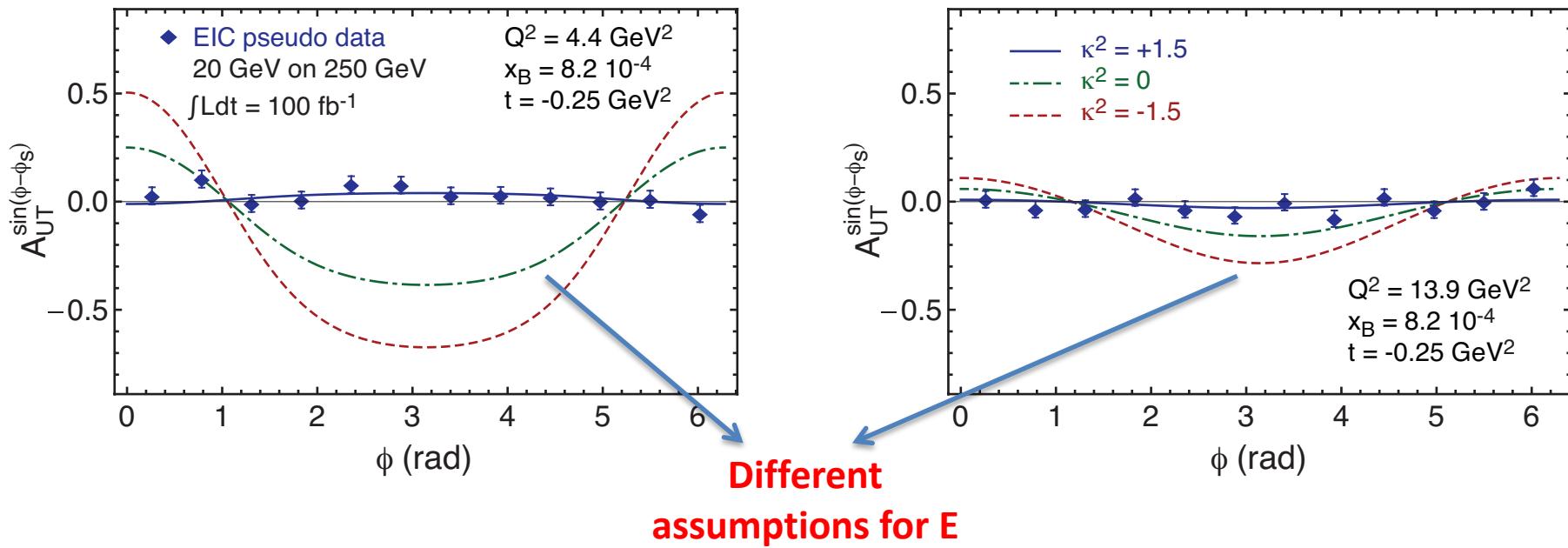
Luminosity: 10 fb^{-1}

- Measurement dominated by systematics
- Fourier transf. of $d\sigma/dt \rightarrow$ partonic profiles

DVCS



Transverse target-spin asymmetry



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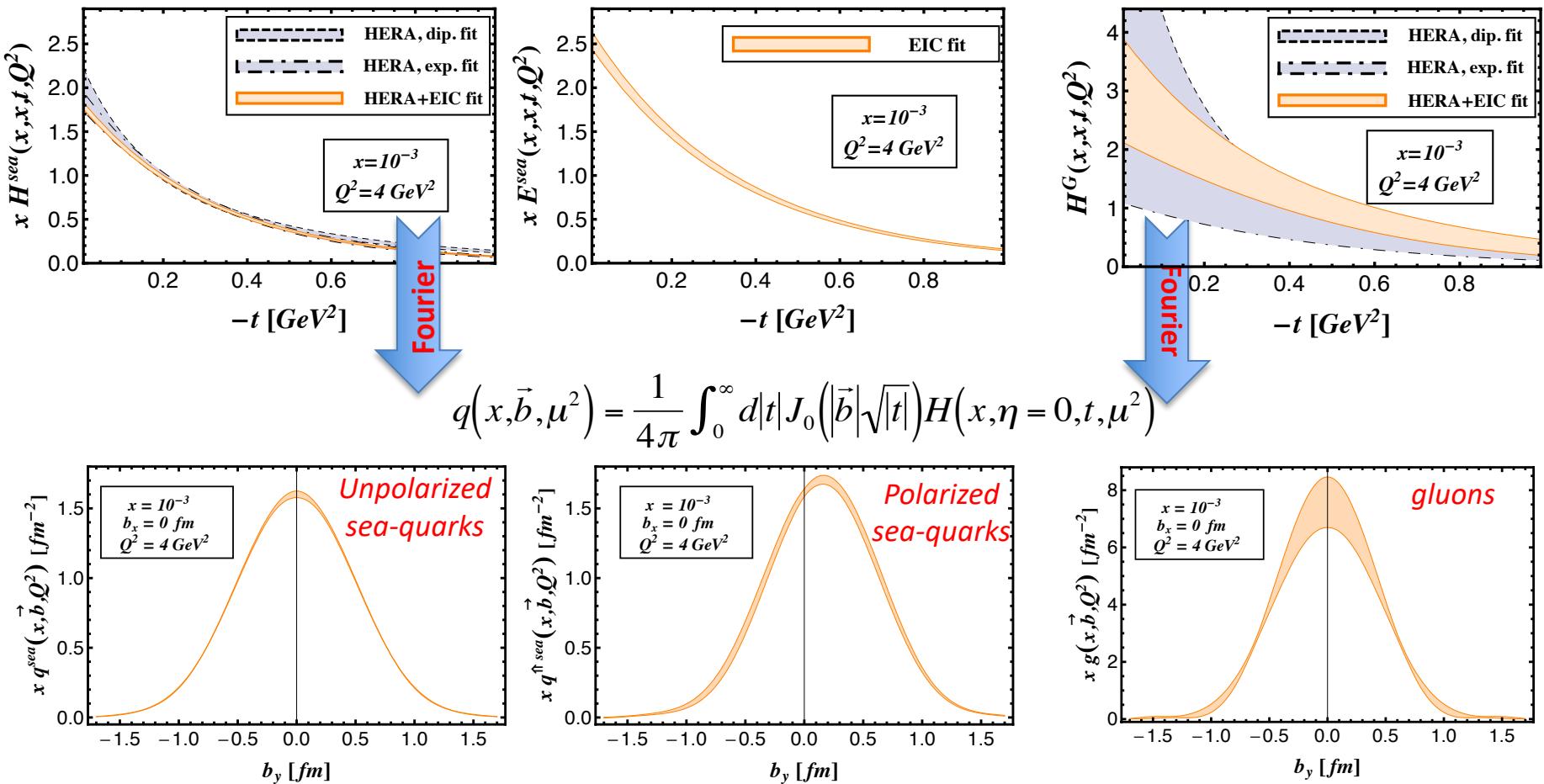
$$J_{q,g}^z = \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_{-1}^1 x dx (H^{q,g} + E^{q,g}) \right)_{t \rightarrow 0}$$

Gives access to GPD E

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DVCS-based imaging

- A global fit over all mock data was done, based on: [Nuclear Physics B 794 (2008) 244–323]
- Known values $q(x)$, $g(x)$ are assumed for H^q , H^g (at $t=0$ forward limits E^q , E^g are unknown)



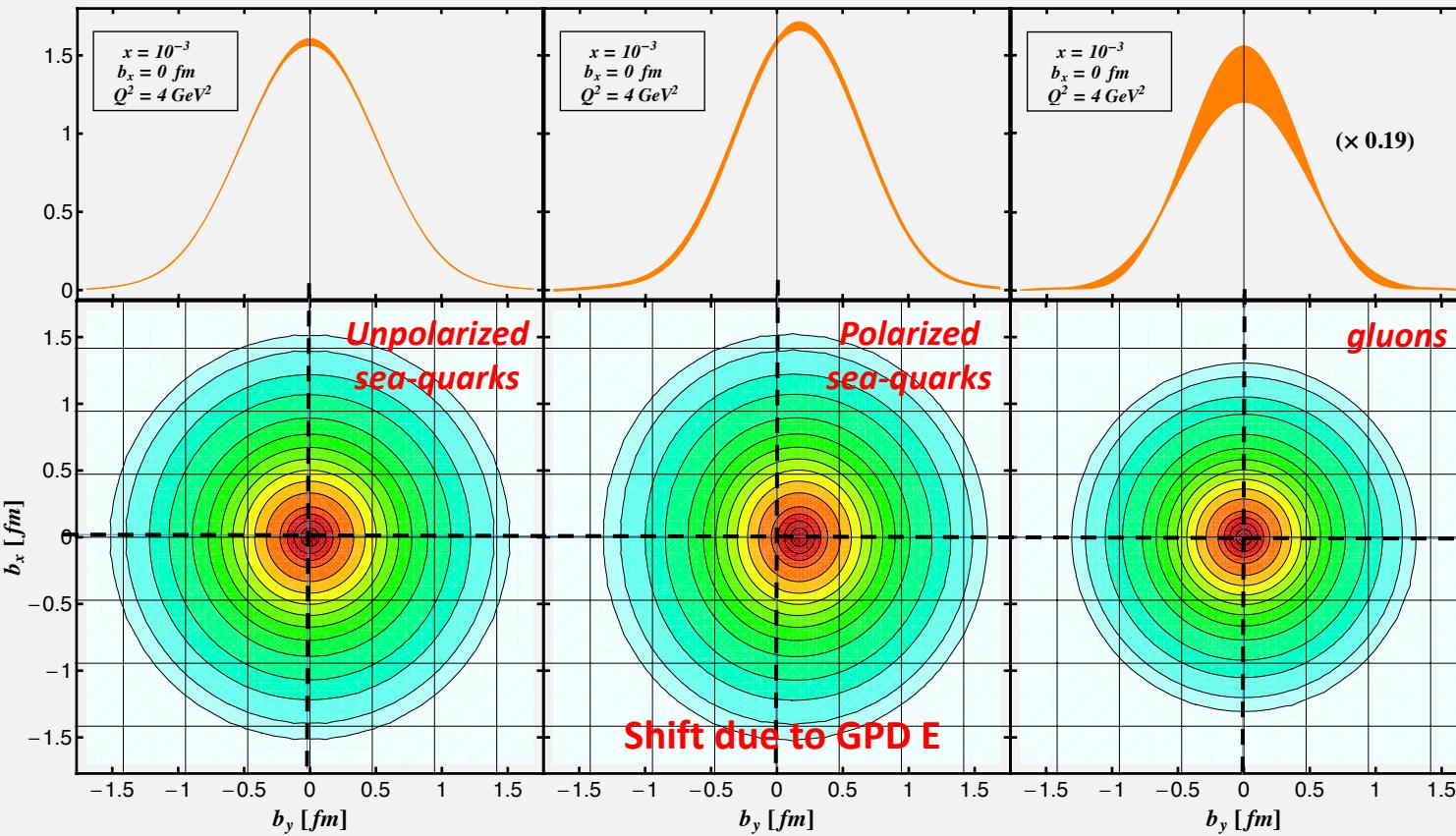
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Spatial Imaging – as in the EIC White Paper

$x q^{sea}(x, \vec{b}, Q^2) [fm^{-2}]$

$x q^{\dagger sea}(x, \vec{b}, Q^2) [fm^{-2}]$

$x g(x, \vec{b}, Q^2) [fm^{-2}]$



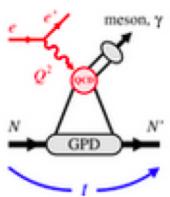
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Impact of EIC (based on DVCS only):

- ✓ Excellent reconstruction of H^{sea} , and H^g (from $d\sigma/dt$)
- ✓ Reconstruction of sea-quarks GPD E

Other capabilities still to be evaluated?

- GPD H-Gluon is nice but can be much better by including J/ψ
- Access to GPD E-gluon \rightarrow orbital momentum (Ji sum rule)
- Flavor Separation of GPDs (VMP and/or DVCS on deuteron)
- Nuclear imaging (modification of GPDs in p+A collisions)



Next-generation GPD studies with exclusive meson production at EIC

Topical Workshop, CFNS, Stony Brook U., 4-6 June 2018

Organizers: Marie Boer, S. F., Lech Szymanowski, Christian Weiss

35 participants, 3 days of presentations and discussions

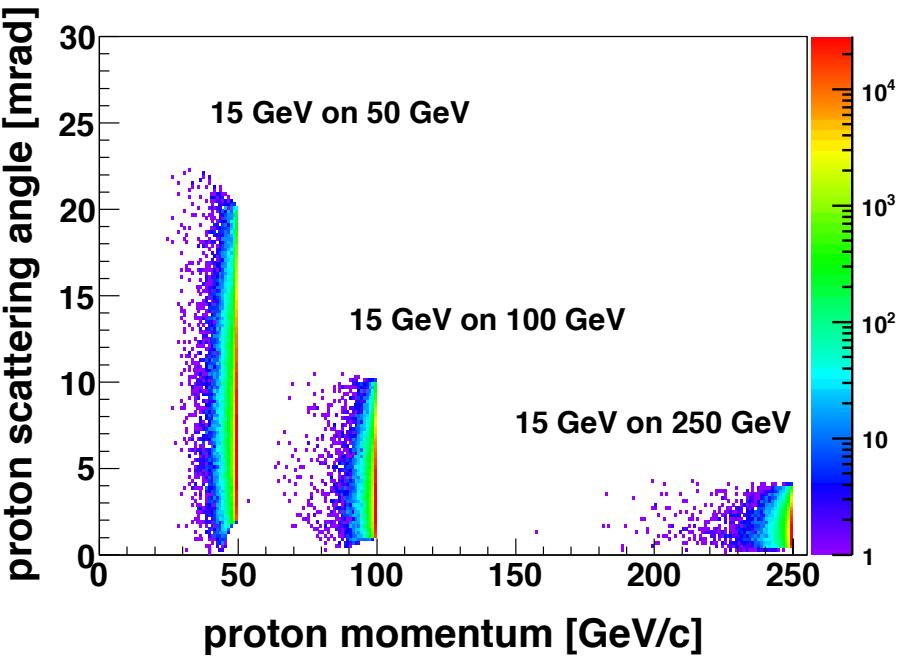
INDICO page: <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/4346/>

Objective: Assess potential of hard exclusive meson production and related processes for GPD studies and plan EIC simulations

- Concepts and interpretation: Quark/gluon imaging, energy-momentum tensor
- Reaction theory: QCD factorization, finite-size effects
- Experimental results: HERA, JLab 6 & 12 GeV, COMPASS; LHC UPC pA, future RHIC UPC plans
- EIC machine and detector requirements
- Simulation tools: Physics models, PARTONS framework, detector models



Scattered Proton measurement



Remember:

Detector -4 to 4 in h

→ 35 mrad from beam line

→ so not seen in main detector

→ need different detection technology

p_T of proton critical for physics

$$p_T = p' \sin(\theta)$$

$$p'_L > 97\% \text{ of } p_{\text{Beam}}$$

ZEUS Coll, JHEP 06 (2009) 074

Note:

high energy colliders (HERA, Tevatron, LHC, RHIC) use **Roman Pots** to detect these protons

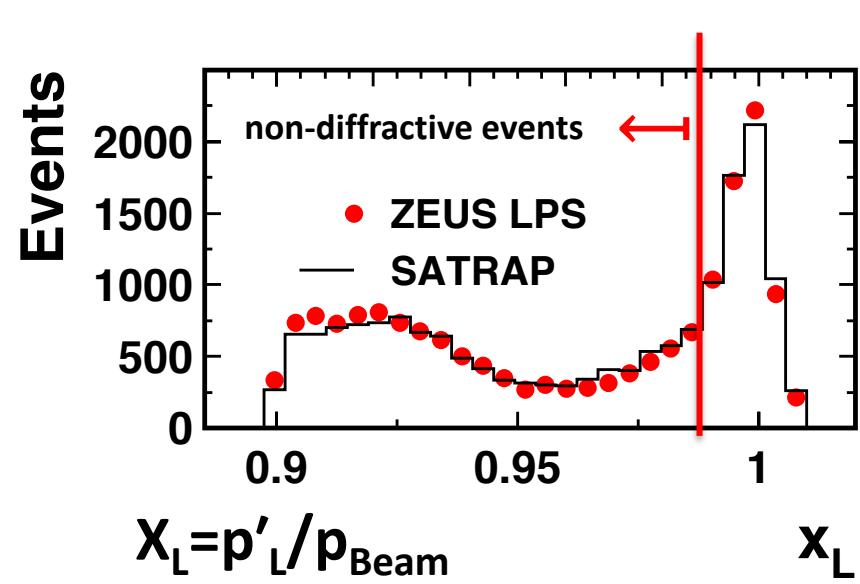
→ RPs are high resolution movable small tracking detectors (Si strips, Si pixels...), a **crucial component**

→ $\theta < 10$ mrad

→ impact on large p_T -acceptance

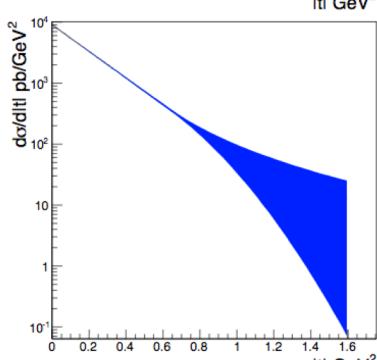
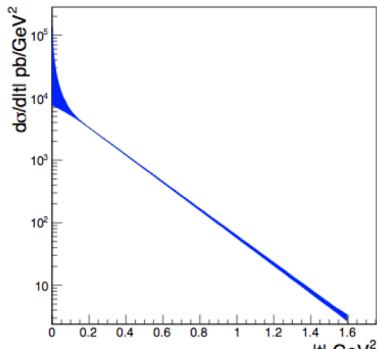
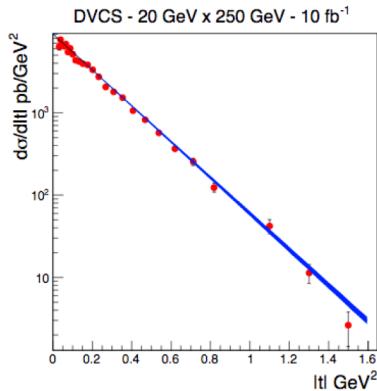
→ small p_T -acceptance limited by beam divergence and immittance

→ rule of thumb keep 10s between RP and beam



Impact of proton acceptance

Measurement



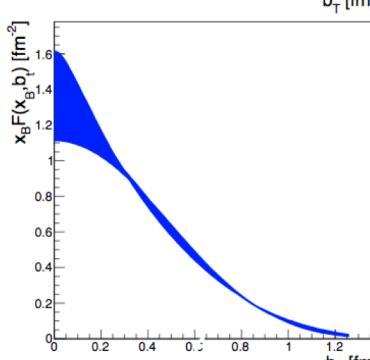
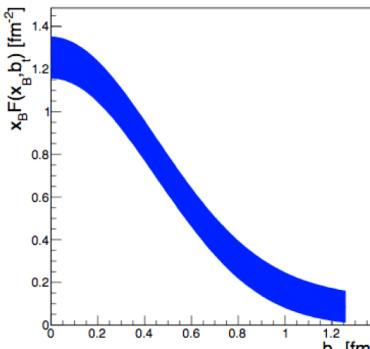
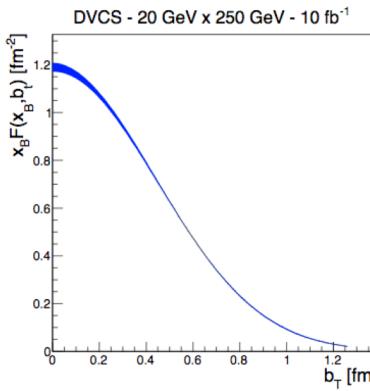
Plots from
EIC White Paper:

Fourier
transform

limited
lower
 p_T -acceptance

limited
higher
 p_T -acceptance

Physics observable (cross-section vs impact parameter)



Requirement:

$$\int L_{\text{int}} = 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$0.18 < p_T (\text{GeV}) < 1.3$$

$$0.03 < |t| (\text{GeV}^2) < 1.6$$

$$\int L_{\text{int}} = 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

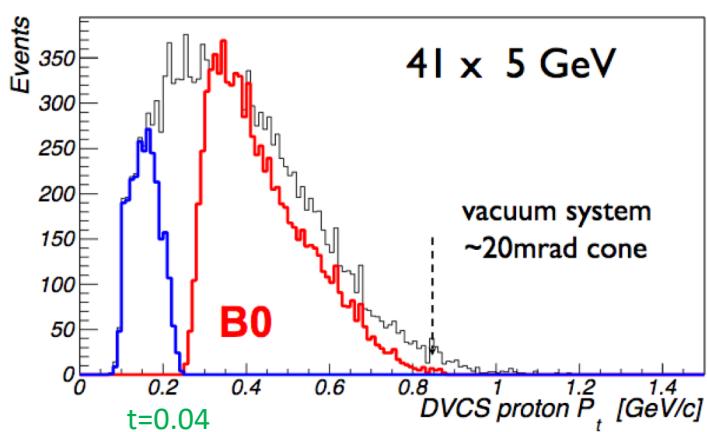
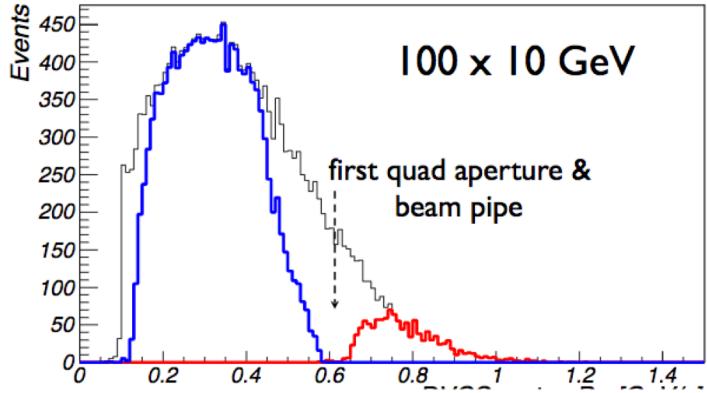
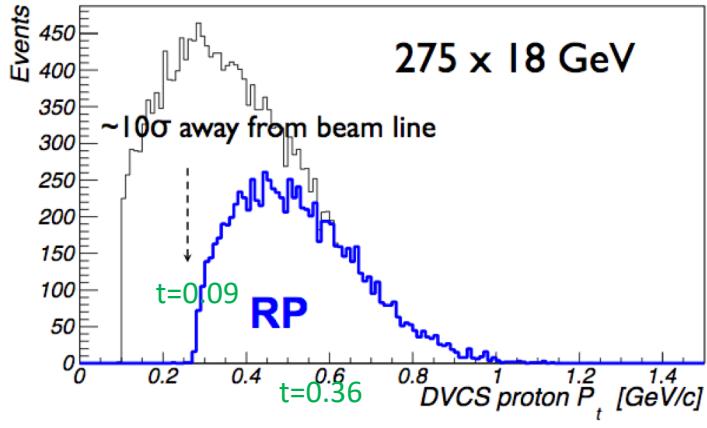
$$0.44 < p_T (\text{GeV}) < 1.3$$

$$\int L_{\text{int}} = 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

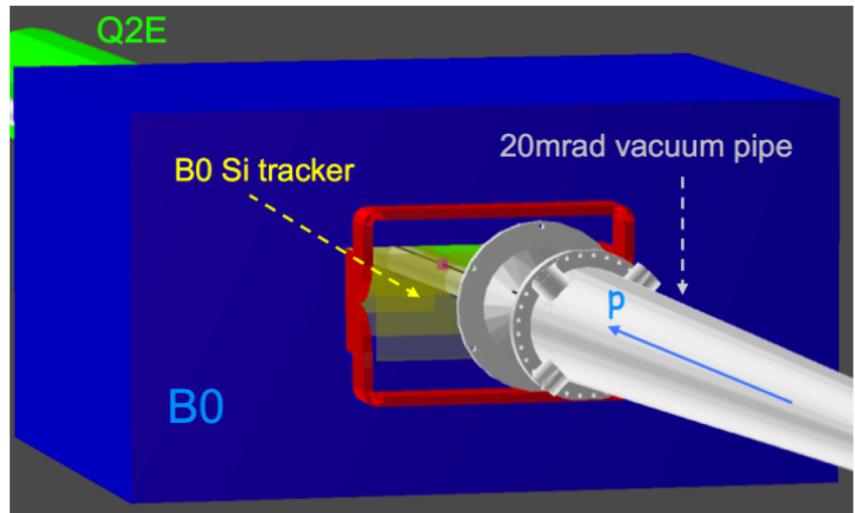
$$0.18 < p_T (\text{GeV}) < 0.8$$

We need large acceptance
Proton spectrometers!

Proton acceptance with eRHIC

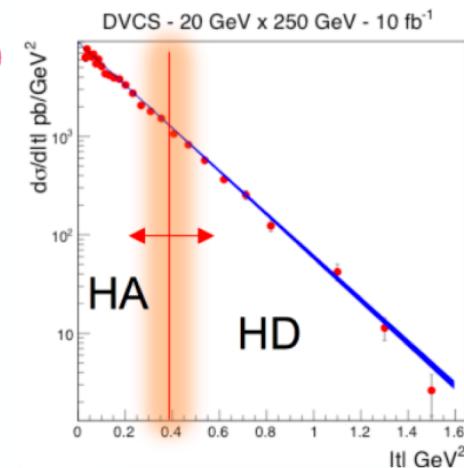


p_T acceptance for forward scattered protons from exclusive reactions



- Plots: HD (high divergence) mode
- Acceptance gap between RP and B0 will be further optimized

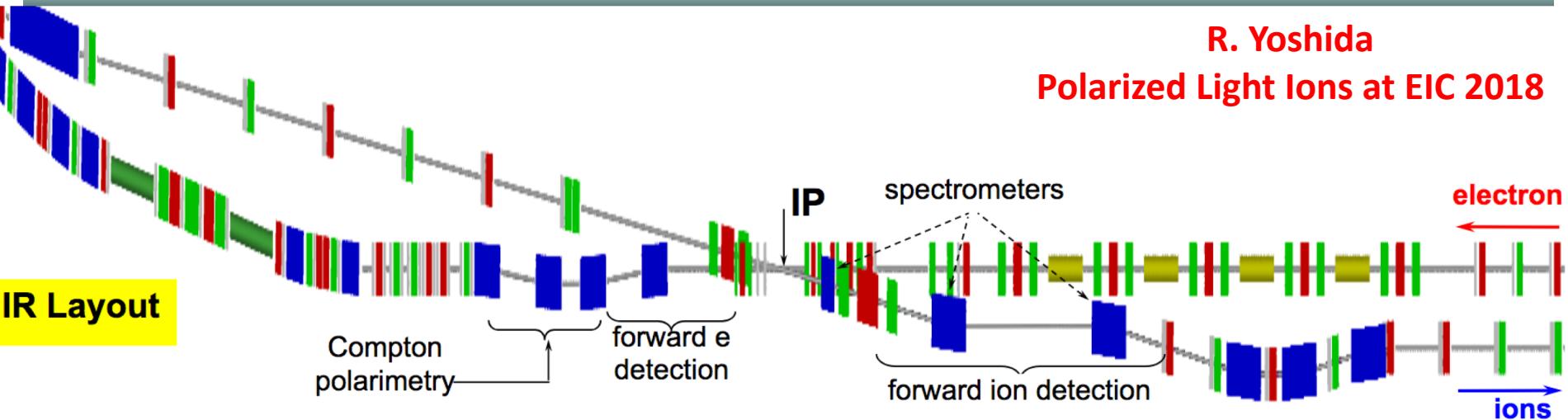
Accept $0.3 < p_T < 1.3 \text{ GeV}$ and higher
 → Low p_T -part can be filled in with HA (high acceptance, smaller beam divergence) running mode



Proton acceptance with JLEIC

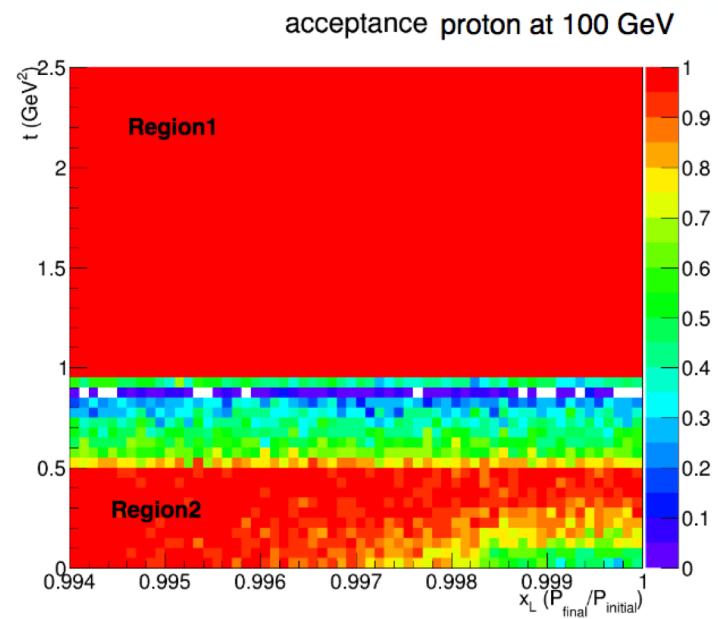
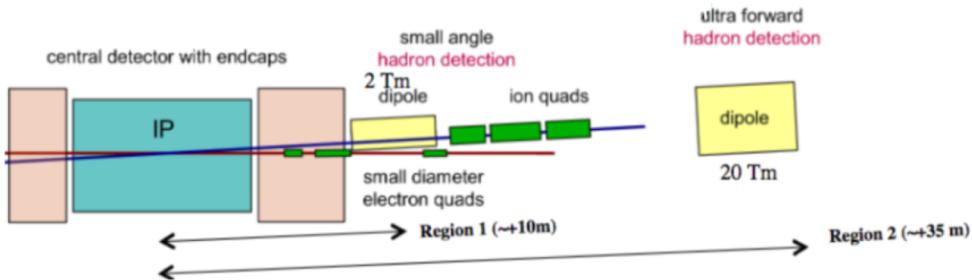
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Polarized Light Ions at EIC 2018

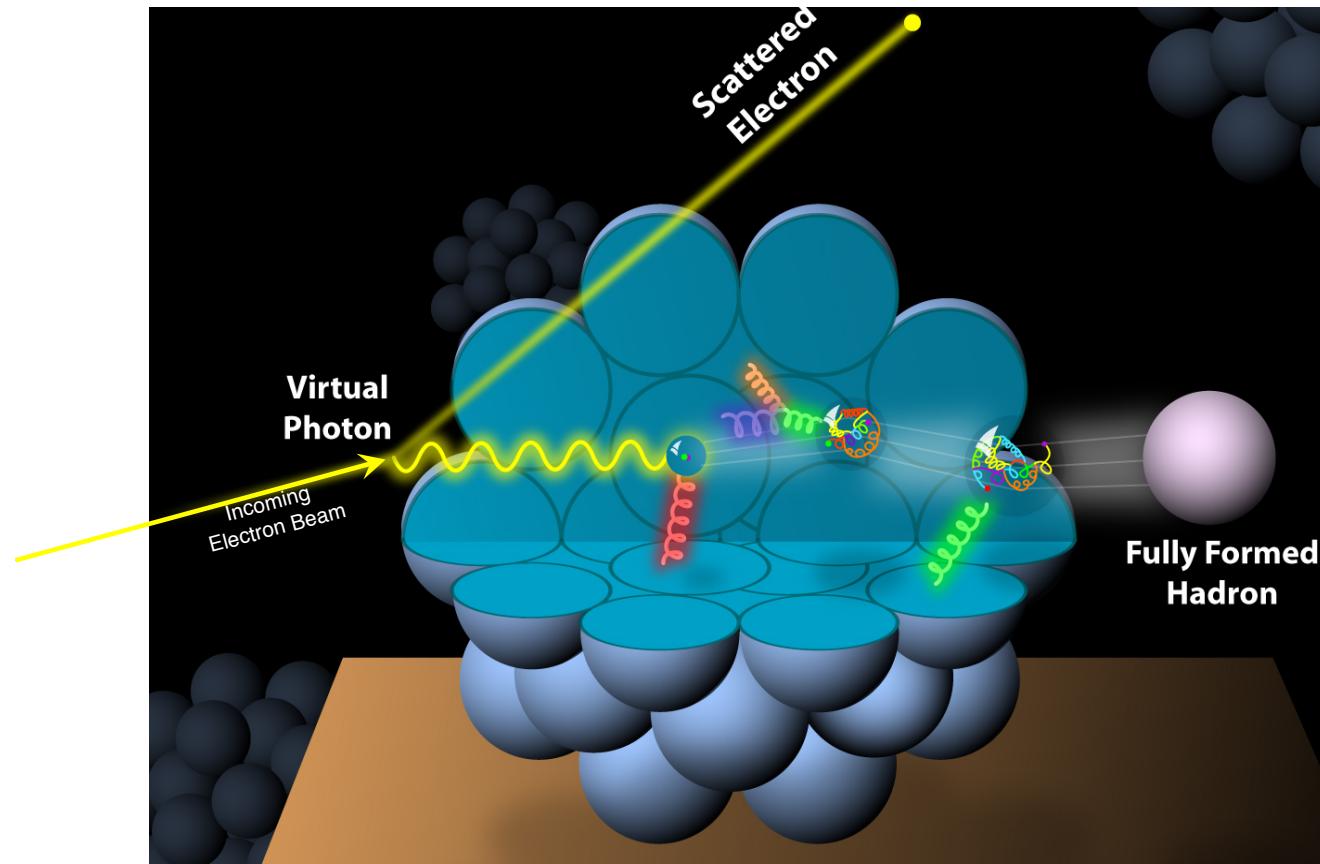


Two forward charged hadron detector regions:

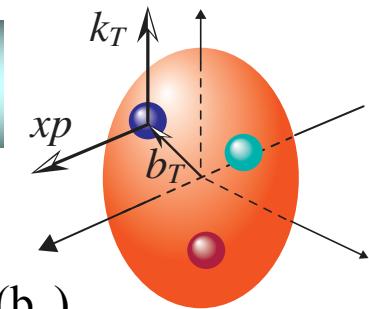
- Region 1: Small dipole covering scattering angles from 0.5 up to a few degrees (before quads)
- Region 2: Far forward, up to one degree, for particles passing through (large aperture) accelerator quads. Use second dipole for precision measurement. (Hi Res)



And What about nuclei?

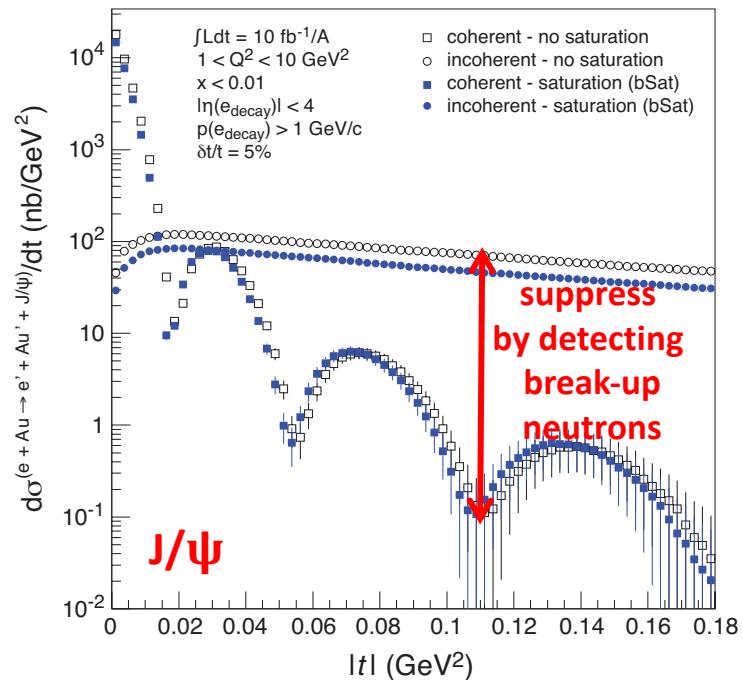


Imaging the gluons in nuclei



Diffractive physics in eA

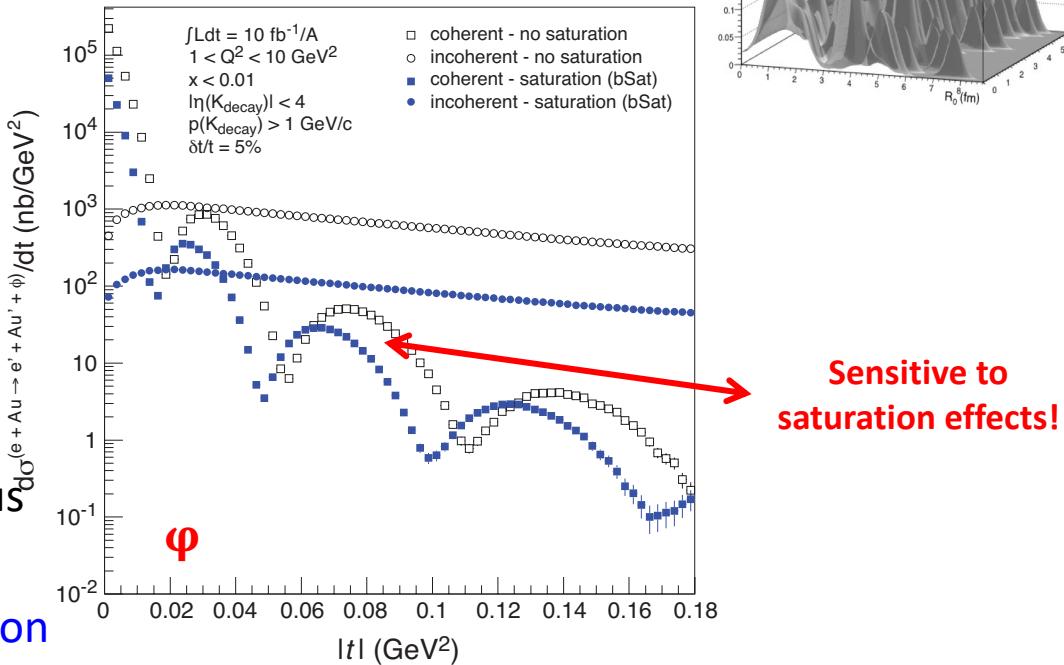
- Measure spatial gluon distribution in nuclei
- Reaction: $e + Au \rightarrow e' + Au' + J/\psi, \varphi, \rho$
- Momentum transfer $t = |\mathbf{p}_{Au} - \mathbf{p}_{Au'}|^2$



Hot topic:

- Lumpiness of source?
- Just Wood-Saxon+nucleon $g(b_T)$
- ☐ coherent part probes “shape of black disc”
- ☐ incoherent part (large t) sensitive to “lumpiness” of the source [= proton] (fluctuations, hot spots, ...)

possible Source distribution with $b_T^g = 2 \text{ GeV}^2$



Physics requires forward scattered nucleus needs to stay intact

- Veto breakup through neutron detection

The Site of the Wright Brothers' First Airplane Flight



The 2015
LONG RANGE PLAN
for NUCLEAR SCIENCE



The National Academy of Science (& Engineering & Arts) in July 2018 unanimously concluded that an EIC will be: *“... a unique facility in the world that would answer science questions that are compelling, fundamental, and timely, and help maintain U.S. scientific leadership in nuclear physics”.*

Following these recommendation we would expect DOE to launch its Critical Decision (CD) process...

- CD0 (possibly soon)
- CD1: site selection (possibly ~> a couple of years after CD0)
- CD3: start of construction (possibly within ~three years after CD1)

EIC is an International enterprise!

Currently ~807 members from 171 institutions, 30 countries, 7 world regions

USA: 47% Europe: 28% Asia: 19% → continuously growing! (B. Sorrow's talk for details)

The EIC project status

The EIC received in the 2015 Long Range Planning of the American National Science Advisory Committee (NSAC) the following recommendation

“We recommend a high-energy high-luminosity polarized EIC as the highest priority for new facility construction following the completion of FRIB”

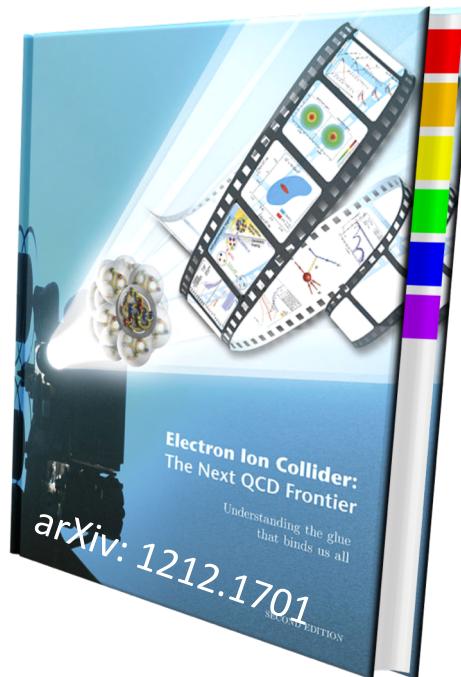
http://science.energy.gov/~/media/np/nsac/pdf/2015LRP/2015_LRPNS_091815.pdf

Summary

We studied and quantified the capability of an EIC to provide high precision and fine binned DVCS and VMP measurements of both cross sections and asymmetries over a large phase-space. This opens an unprecedented possibility for

- Accurate 2+1D imaging of the polarized and unpolarized quarks and gluons inside the hadrons, and their correlations
- Investigate the proton-spin decomposition puzzle (orbital angular momentum)
- Study of GPDs in nuclei (and possible gluon saturation effects)

EIC science program will profoundly impact our understanding of nucleon structure and the glue

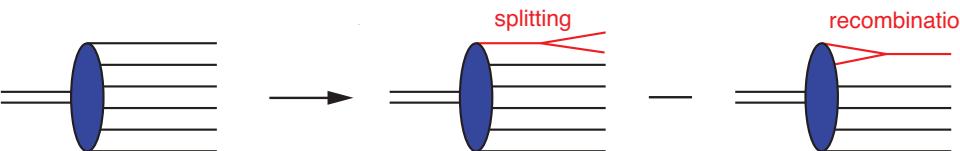


Back up

...and what we don't know!

- gluons distribution cannot rise forever
 - non-linear pQCD effects provide a natural way to tame this growth
 - characterized by the saturation scale $Q_s^2(x)$

QCD: Dynamical balance between splitting and recombination

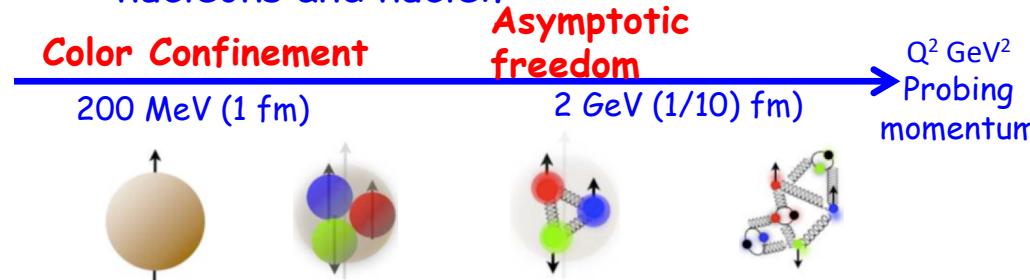


A new regime of QCD matter
→ Color Glass Condensate (CGC)
Hints from HERA, RHIC and LHC
need to test it unambiguously!

$$(Q_s^A)^2 \sim c Q_o^2 \left(\frac{A}{x}\right)^{1/3}$$

Enhancement of Q_s with A
 \rightarrow saturation regime reached at significantly lower v_s in nuclei
Au: ~200 times smaller effective x !

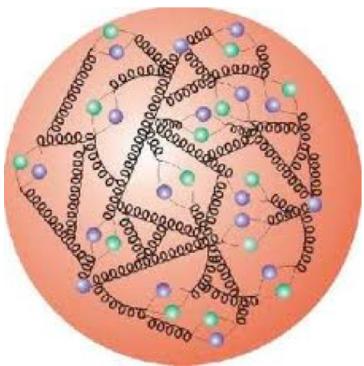
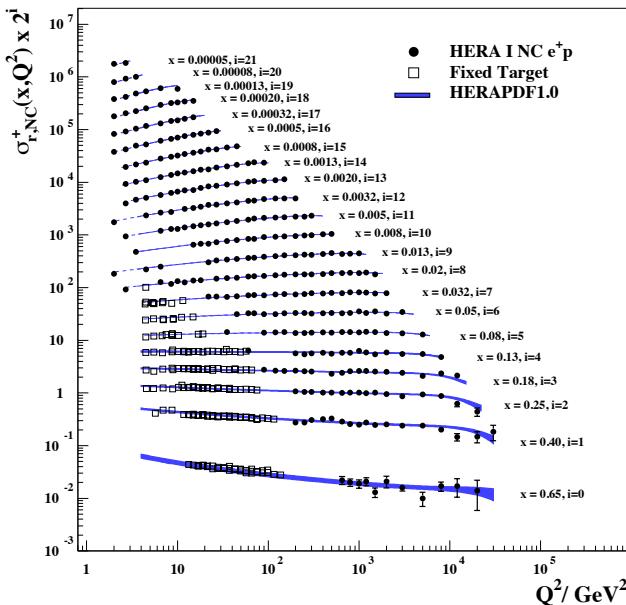
- Which correlations constitute the dynamics of the multi body system at low x
- How does quark and gluon dynamics generate the proton spin?
It is more than the number $1/2 \hbar$!
→ crucial interplay between the intrinsic properties and interactions of quarks and gluons
- How do hadrons emerge from a created quark or gluon?
Neutralization of color - hadronization
- 2+1D Structure of nucleons and nuclei
How does the glue bind quarks and itself into nucleons and nuclei?



Structure functions

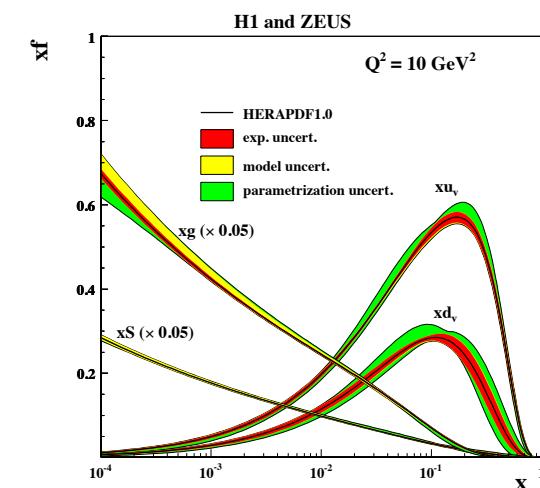
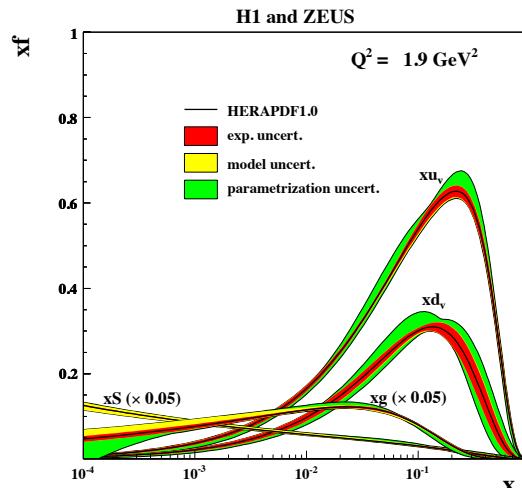
$\sim F_2$

H1 and ZEUS



What we Know:

- ✓ Extensive program carried at HERA
- ✓ F_2 precisely measured in a large x range
- ✓ At low- x gluons dominate



Differential cross section:

$$\frac{d\sigma^{e^+ p}}{dx dQ^2} = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2 Y_+}{x Q^4} \sigma_r(x, Q^2)$$

Reduced cross section:

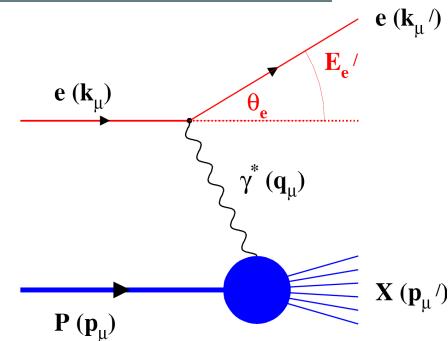
$$\sigma_r(x, Q^2) = F_2(x, Q^2) - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} F_L(x, Q^2)$$

Summary of Detector Requirements

Detector requirements coming directly from the physics case!

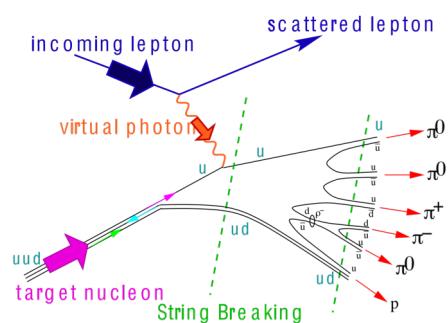
Inclusive Reactions in ep/eA:

- Physics: Structure Functions: g_1, F_2, F_L
- Very good scattered electron ID
- High energy and angular resolution of e' (defines kinematics $\{x, Q^2\}$)



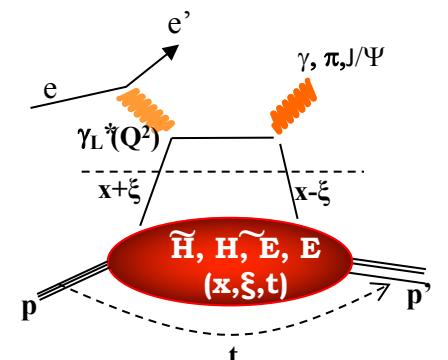
Semi-inclusive Reactions in ep/eA:

- Physics: TMDs, Helicity PDFs, FFs (with flavor separation); di-hadron correlations; Kaon asymmetries, cross sections; etc
- Excellent hadron ID: p^\pm, K^\pm, π^\pm separation over a wide $\{p, \eta\}$ range
- Full Φ -coverage around γ^* , wide p_T coverage (TMDs)
- Excellent vertex resolution (Charm, Bottom separation)

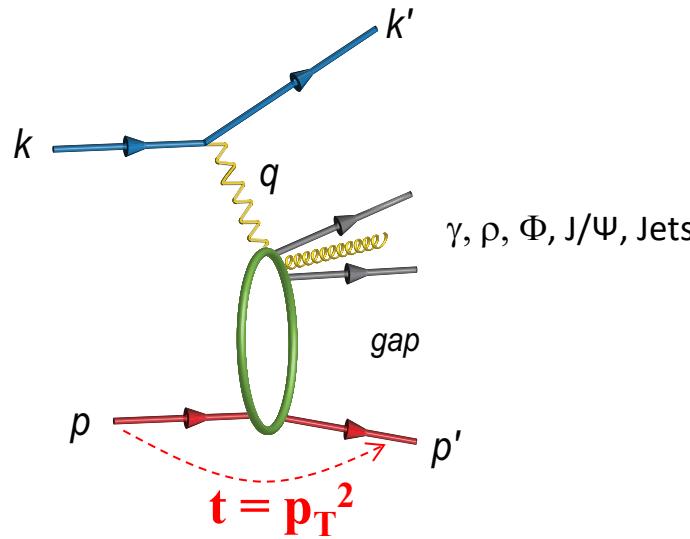


Exclusive Reactions in ep/eA:

- Physics: DVCS, exclusive VM production (GPDs; parton imaging in b_T)
- Exclusivity (large rapidity coverage; reconstruction of all particles in a given event)
- High resolution, ~100% acceptance, wide coverage in $t \rightarrow$ Roman pots
- (eA): veto nucleus breakup, determine impact parameter of collision
→ Sufficient acceptance for neutrons in ZDC



Detector Requirements for Exclusive Reactions in ep/eA



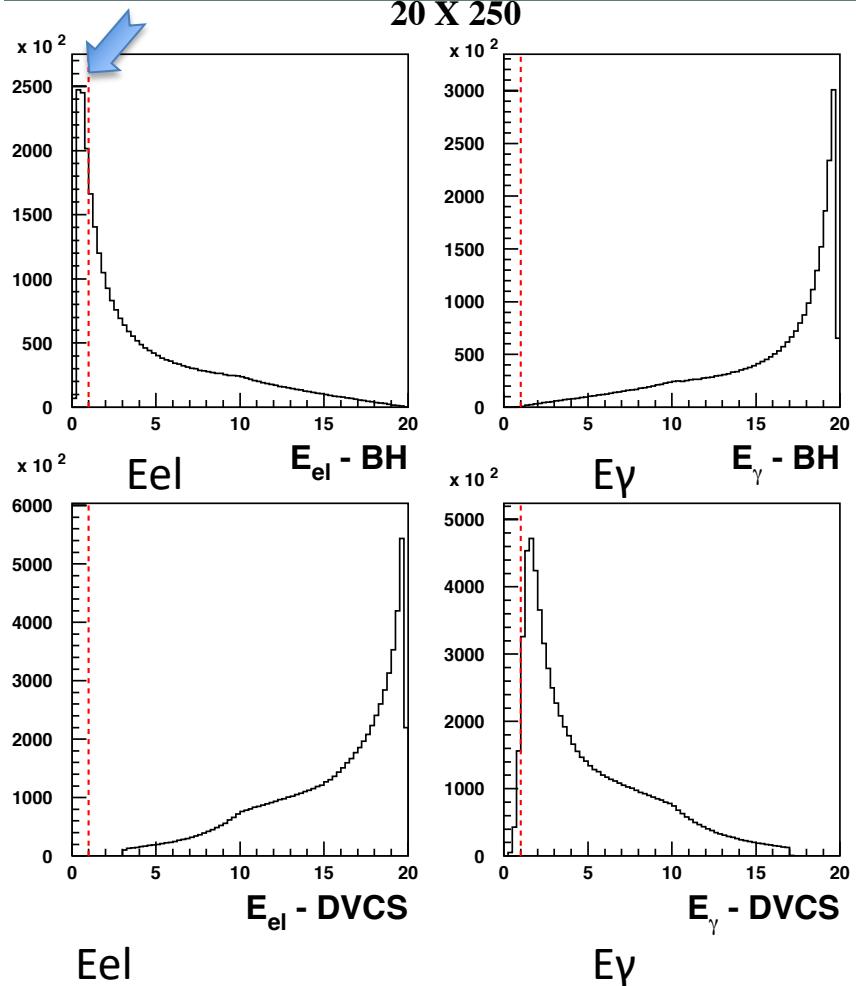
❑ Exclusivity criteria:

- **eA:** large rapidity coverage \rightarrow rapidity gap events
 - HCal for $1 < \eta < 4.5$ (ballpark $\sim 50\%/\sqrt{E}$)
- **ep:** reconstruction of all particles in event
 - wide coverage in $t (=p_T^2)$ \rightarrow Roman pots

❑ eA: large acceptance for neutrons from nucleus break-up

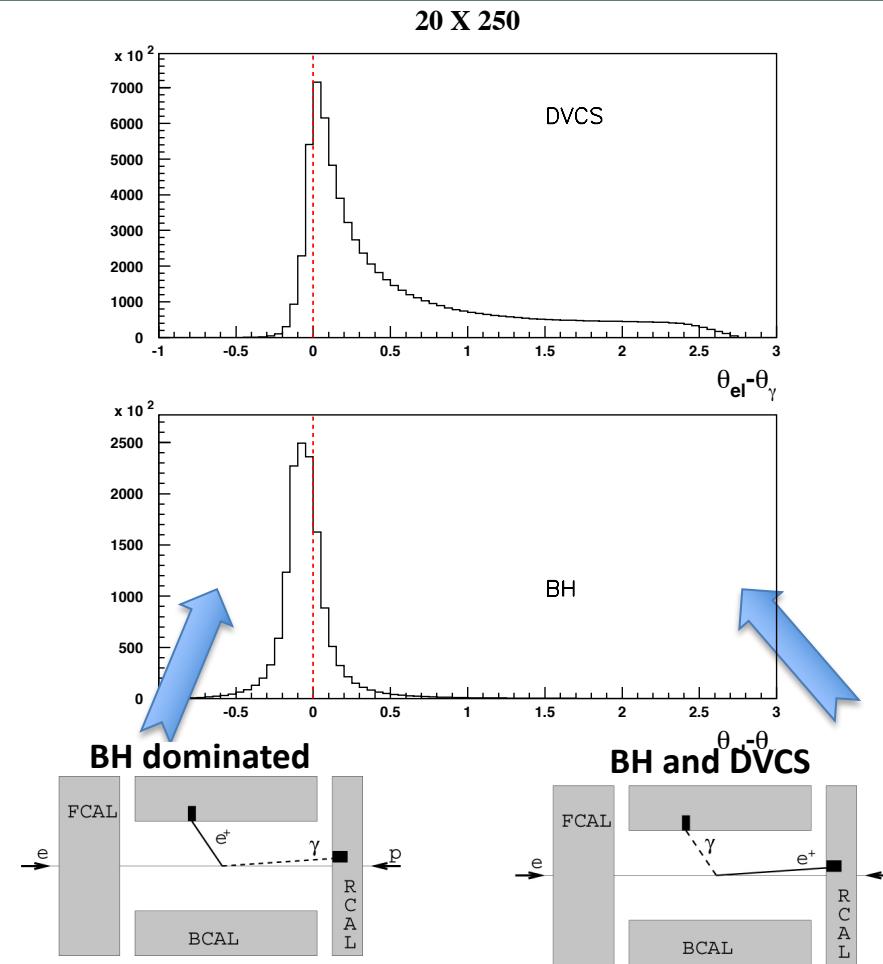
- Zero Degree Calorimeter
 - veto nucleus breakup
 - determine impact parameter of collision

BH suppression



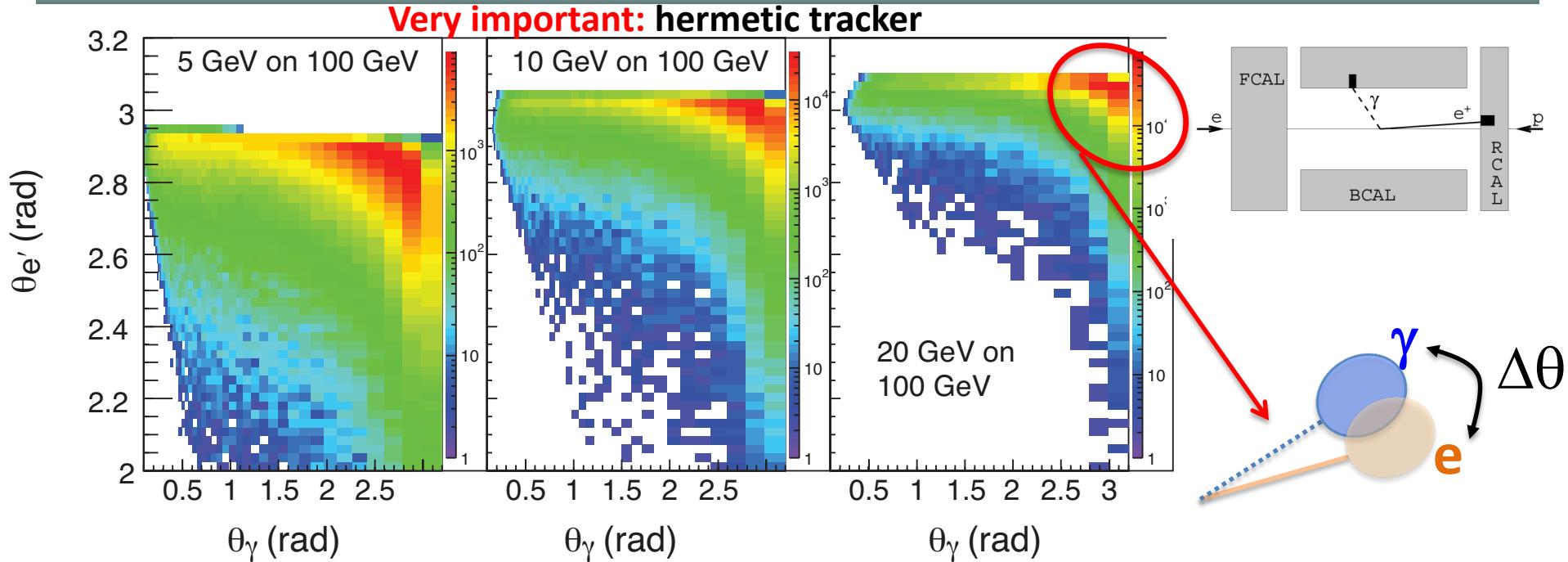
BH electron has very low energy (often below 1 GeV)

Important: em Cal must discriminate clusters above noise down to 1 GeV



DVCS: most of the γ are less “rear” than e ($\theta_{el}-\theta_{\gamma} > 0$) \rightarrow rejects most of the BH cuts keep BH below 60% of the sample even at large $y > 0.5$ – at high energies

DVCS – clusters separation in rapidity

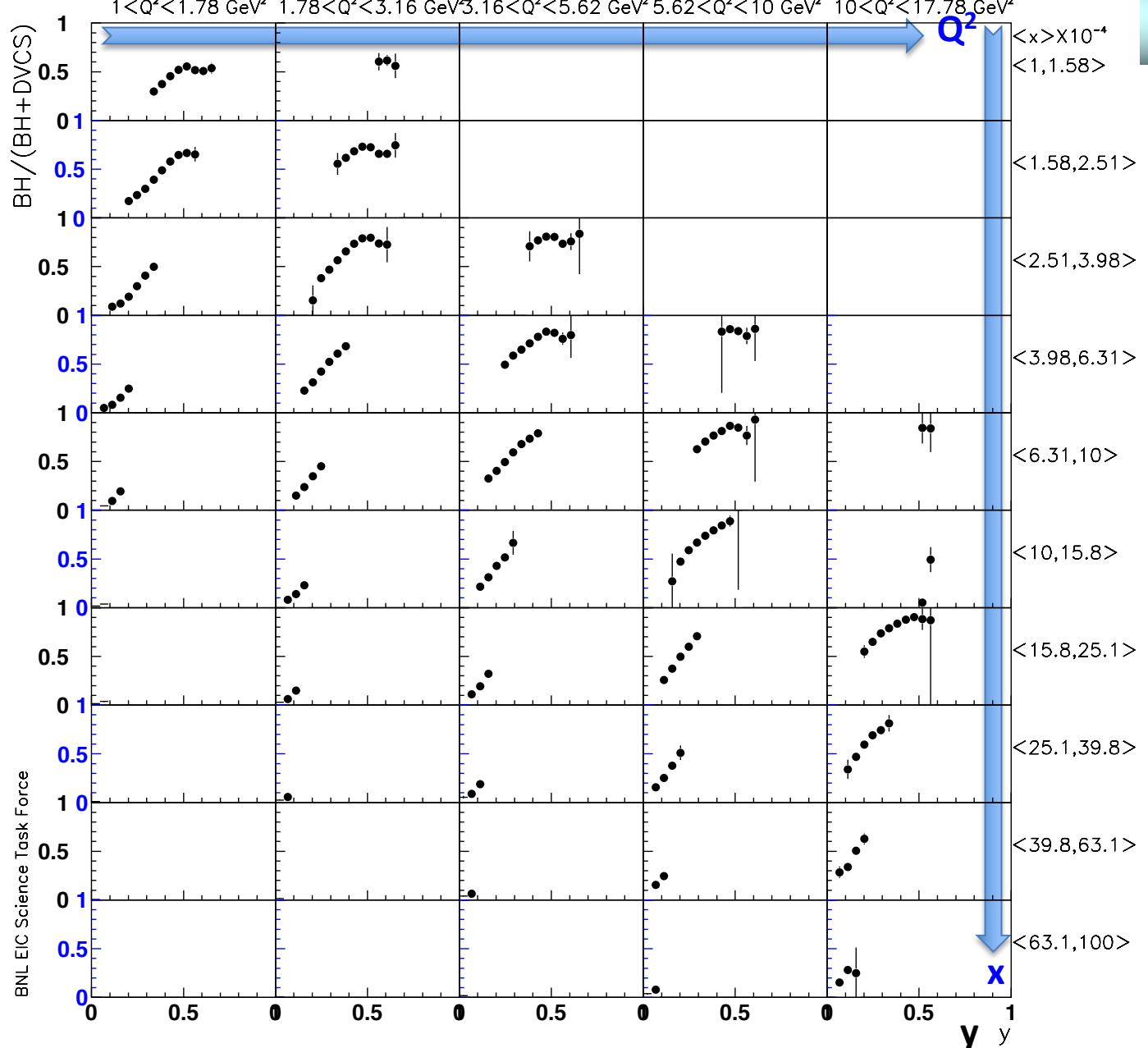


N.B. - Need for a emCAL with a very fine granularity, to distinguish clusters down to $\Delta\theta=1$ deg

This is also important for $\Delta\phi$ calculation in asymmetries measurement and for BH rejection in the xsec measurement

N.B. – when electron lies at a very small angle its track can be missing

A pre-shower calorimeter needed to control background from $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



BH fraction

cuts keep BH below
60% of the sample at
large $y > 0.5$

20 x 250 GeV²

BH subtraction will be
not an issue for $y < 0.6$

BH subtraction will be
relevant at lower
energies and large y , in
some of the x - Q^2 bin

BUT...

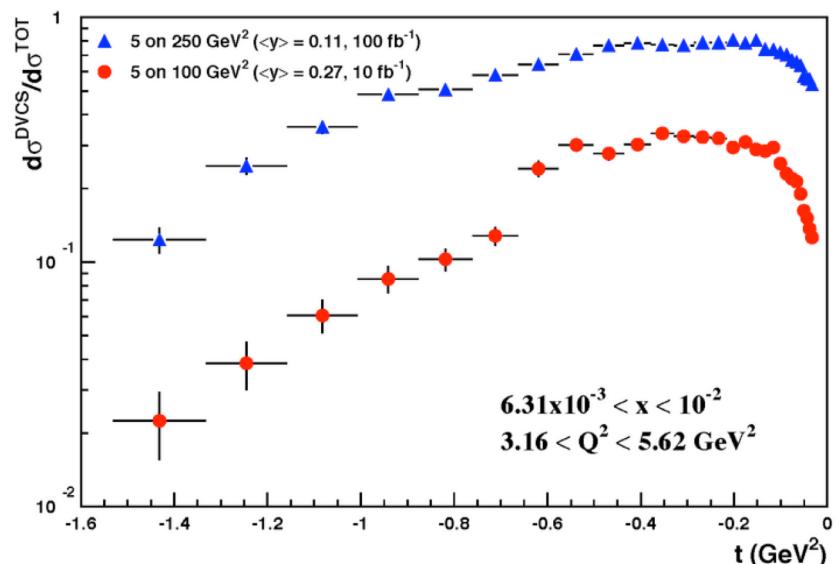
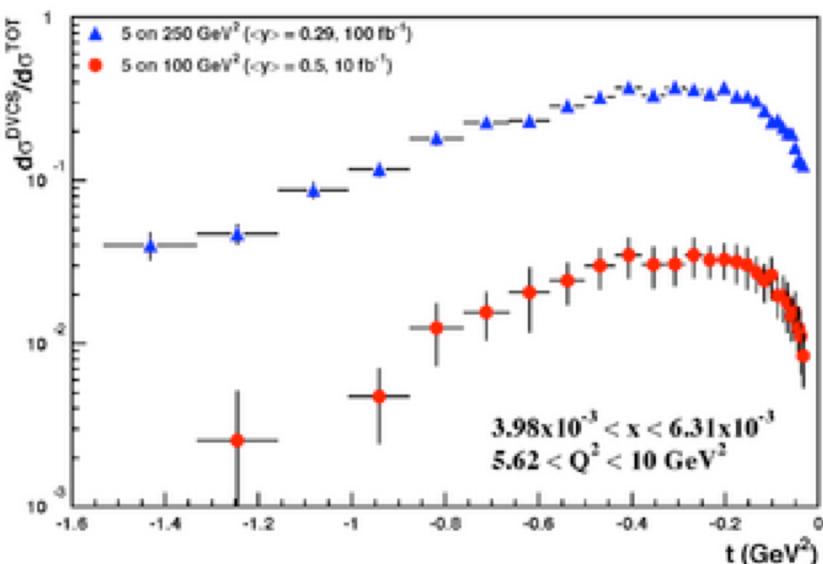
higher-lower vs kin.
overlapping:

x-sec. measurements at
a higher \sqrt{s} at low- y can
cross-check the BH
subtraction made at
lower \sqrt{s}

Rosenbluth separation

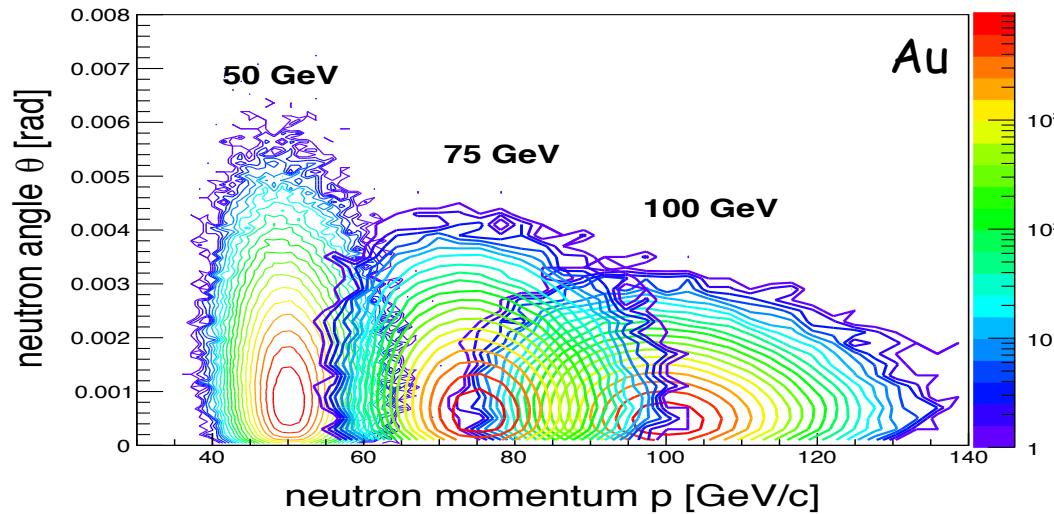
$$d\sigma = d\sigma_{DVCS} + d\sigma_{BH} + d\sigma_{INT}$$

To separate DVCS from BH even at lower energies, we need a Rosenbluth separation of the electroproduction cross section into its parts



- The statistical uncertainties include all the selection criteria to suppress the BH
- exponential $|t|$ -dependence assumed

Forward scattered neutrons



Requirements:

- Need at ± 4 mrad beam element free cone before the zero degree calorimeter to detect the breakup neutrons
- Neutrons are also critical to reconstruct collisions geometry
L. Zheng, ECA, J-H. Lee [arXiv:1407.8055](https://arxiv.org/abs/1407.8055)
 - precision neutron energy reconstruction → transverse size of ZDC