



# (some) Far-Forward Physics Opportunities at the EIC

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# What is meant by Far-Forward?

hadronic calorimeters

solenoid coils

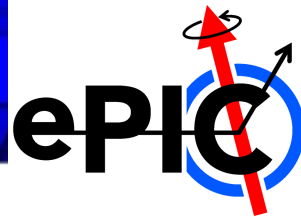
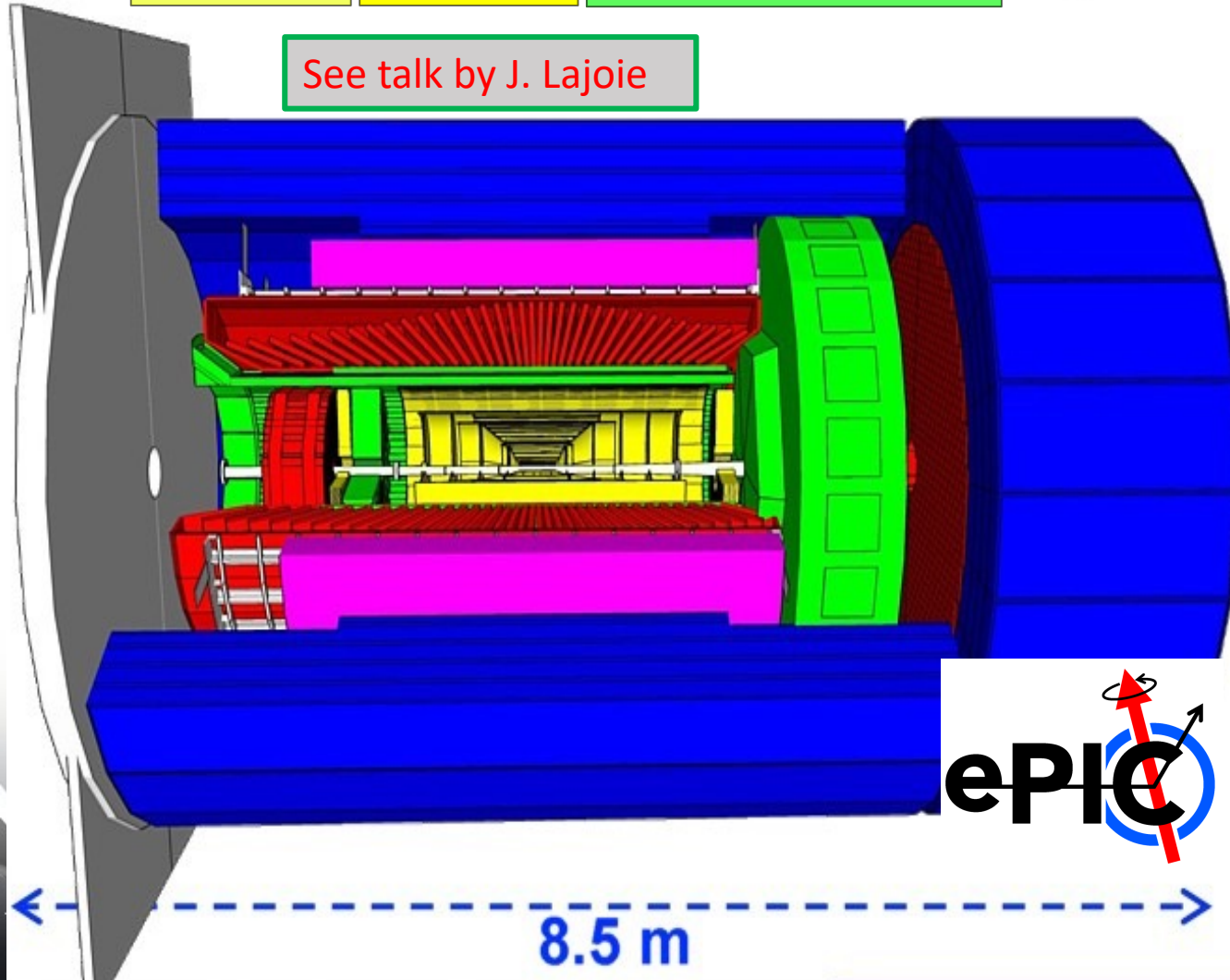
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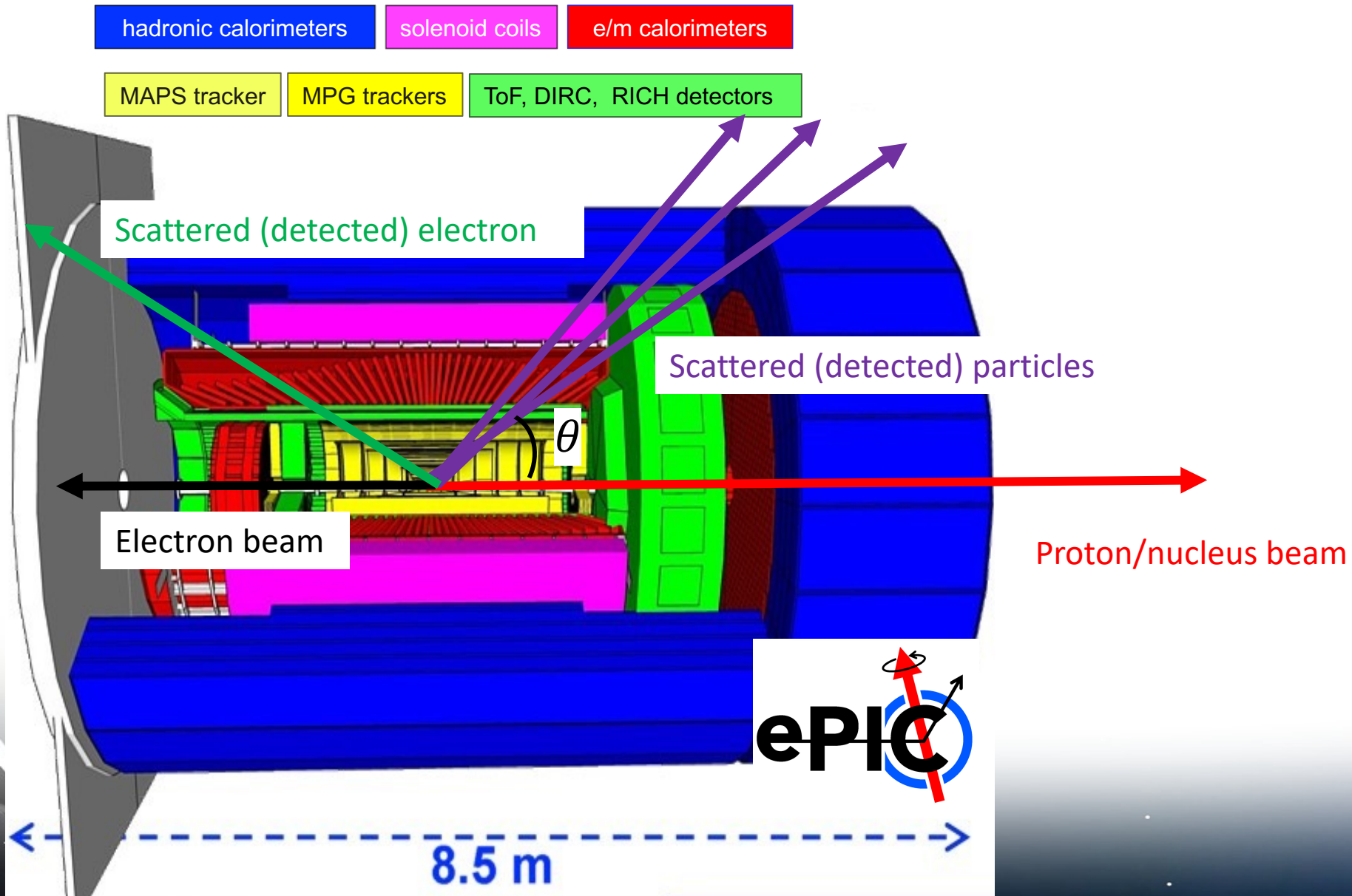
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ToF, DIRC, RICH detectors

See talk by J. Lajoie



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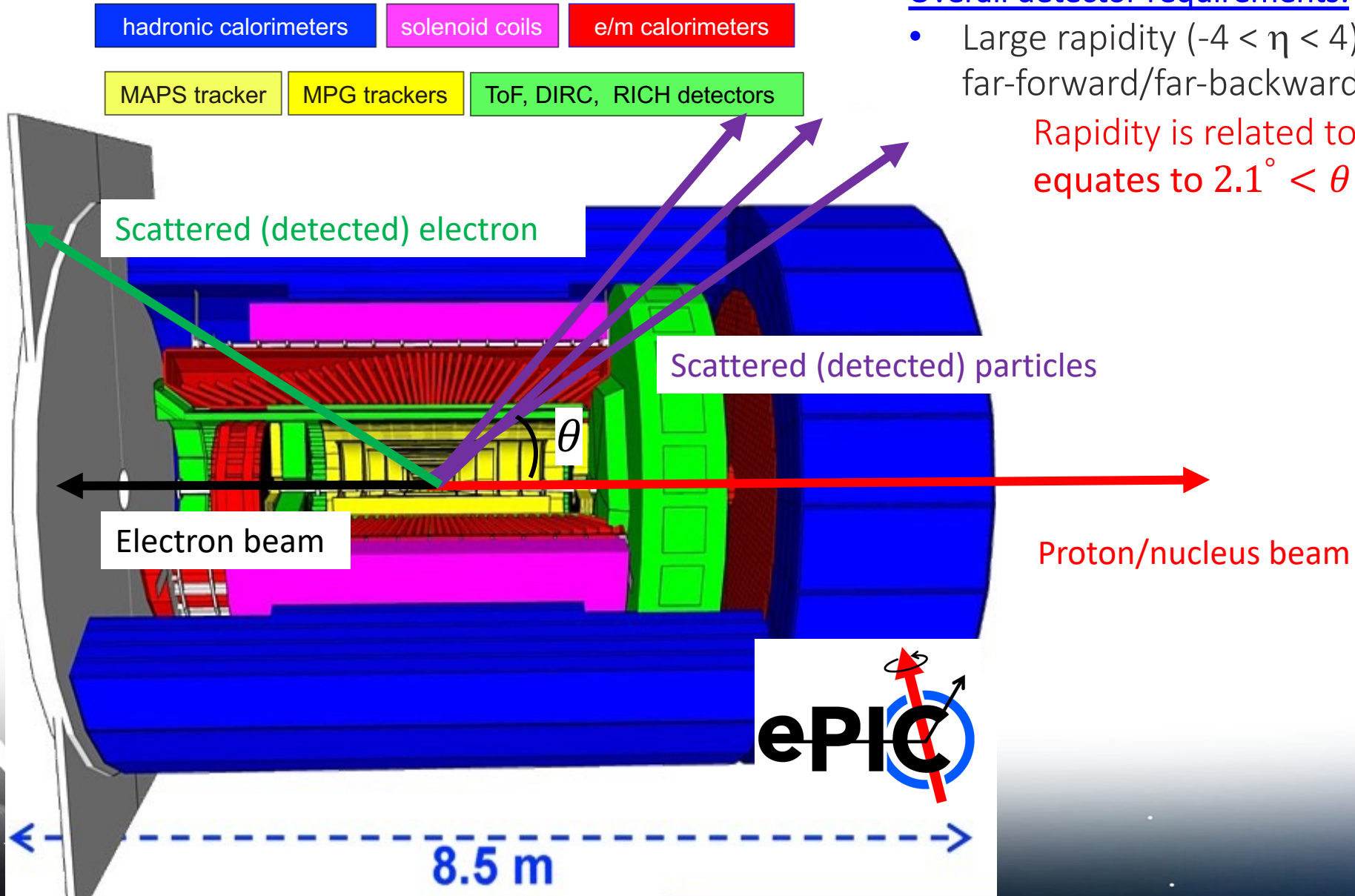


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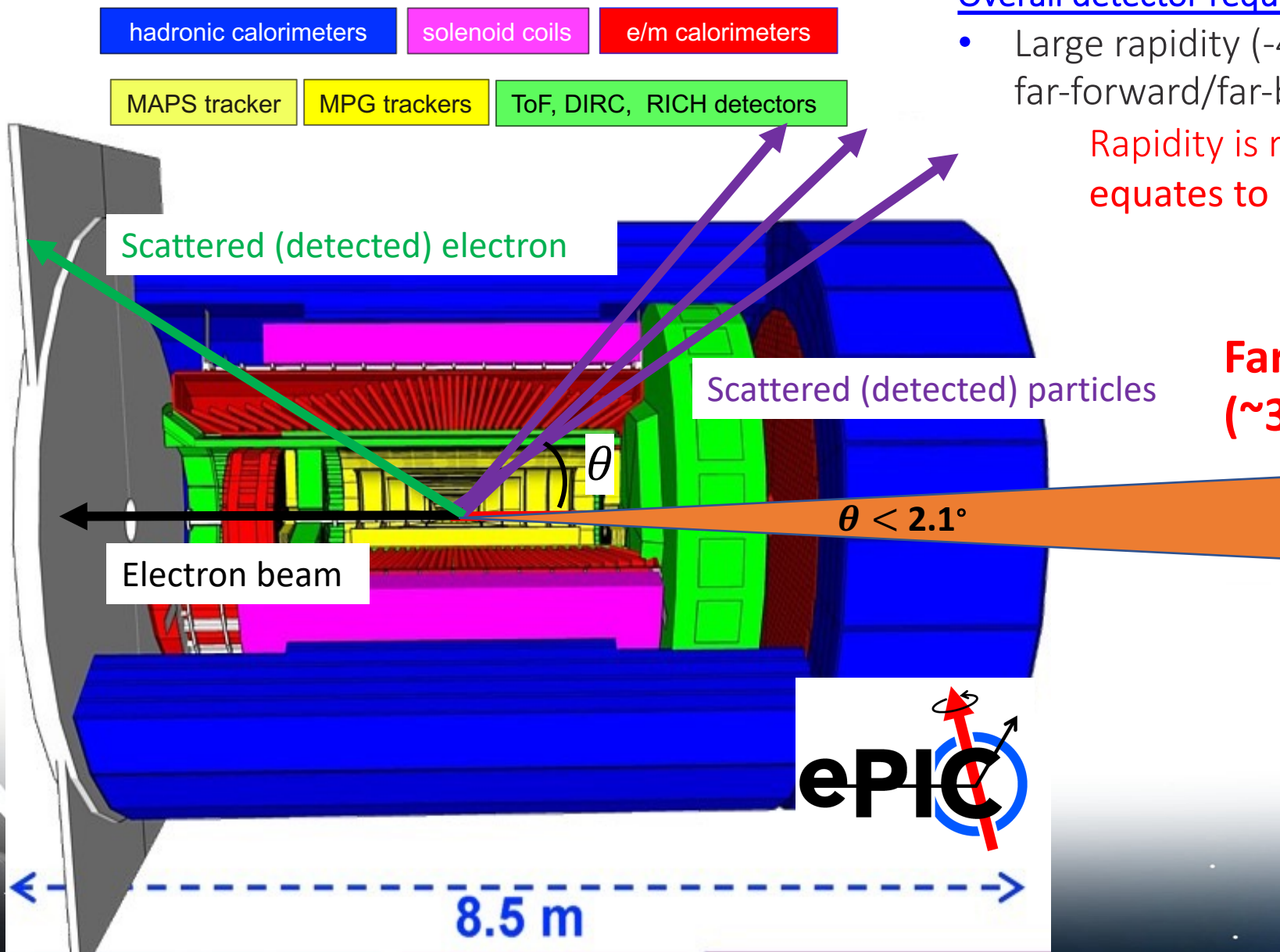
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**Far-forward here means  $\theta < 2.1^\circ$   
(~37 mrad)**

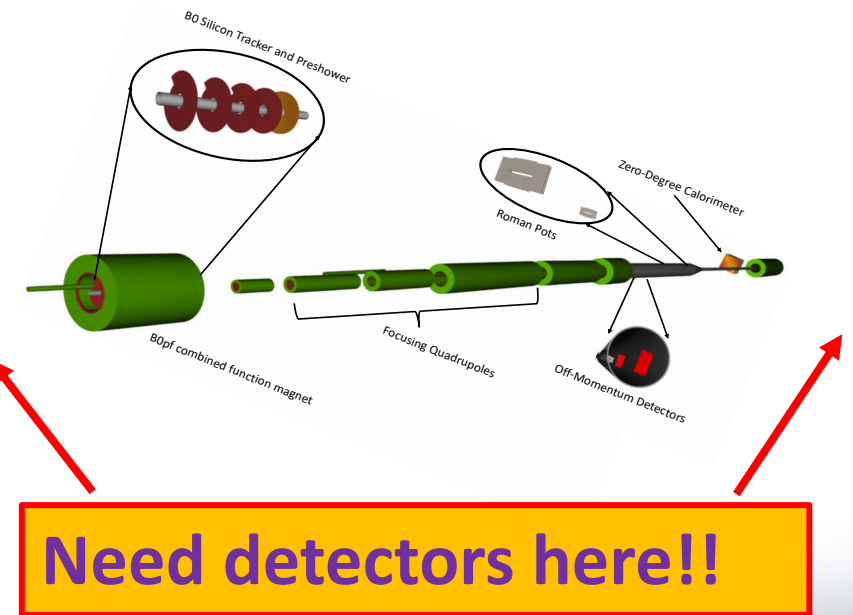
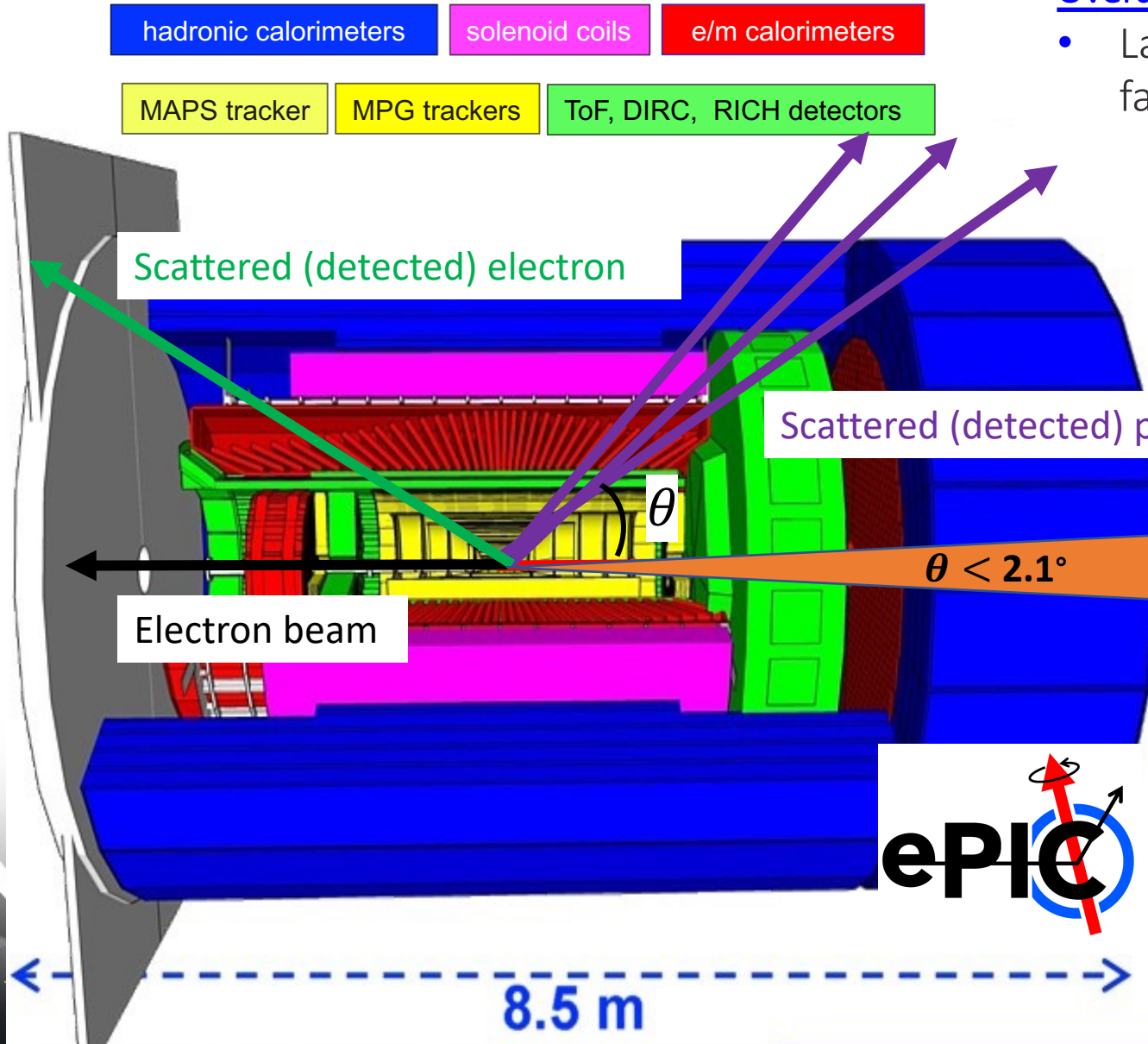


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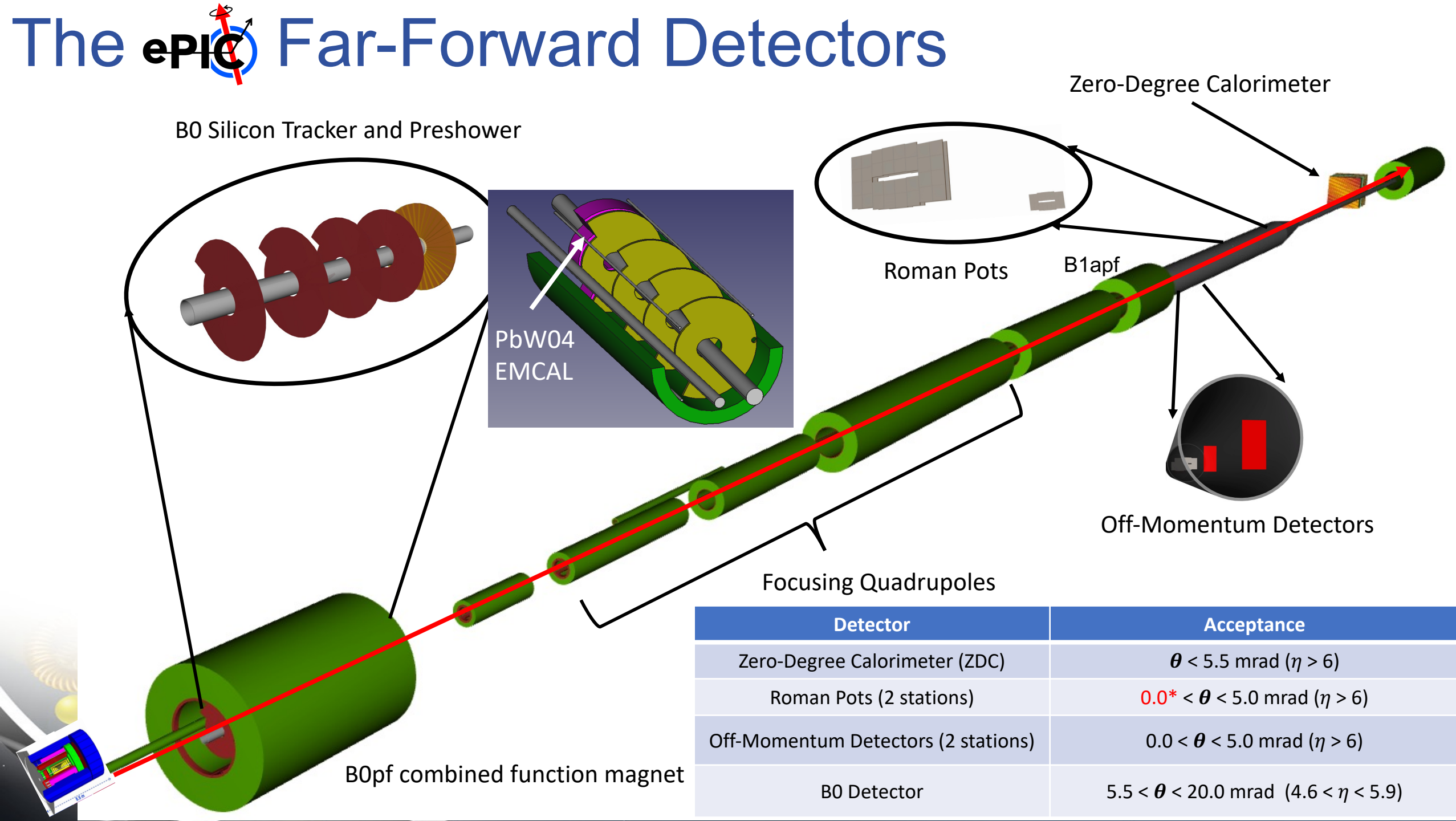
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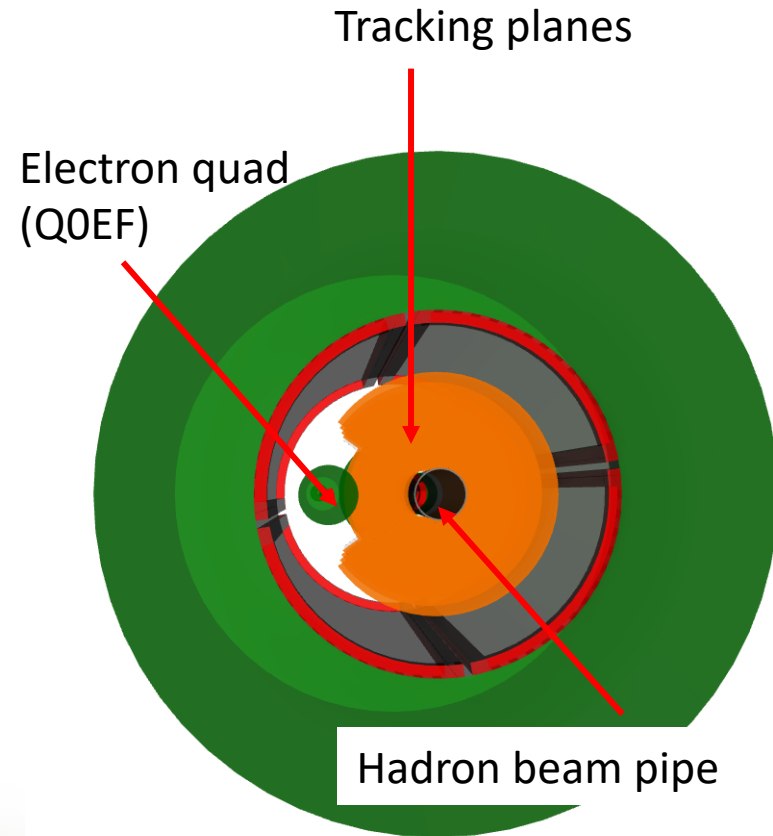
# The ePIC Far-Forward Detectors



Detector	Acceptance
Zero-Degree Calorimeter (ZDC)	$\theta < 5.5 \text{ mrad } (\eta > 6)$
Roman Pots (2 stations)	$0.0^* < \theta < 5.0 \text{ mrad } (\eta > 6)$
Off-Momentum Detectors (2 stations)	$0.0 < \theta < 5.0 \text{ mrad } (\eta > 6)$
B0 Detector	$5.5 < \theta < 20.0 \text{ mrad } (4.6 < \eta < 5.9)$



# B0 Tracking and EMCAL Detectors



ePIC DD4HEP Simulation



## ➤ Technology choices:

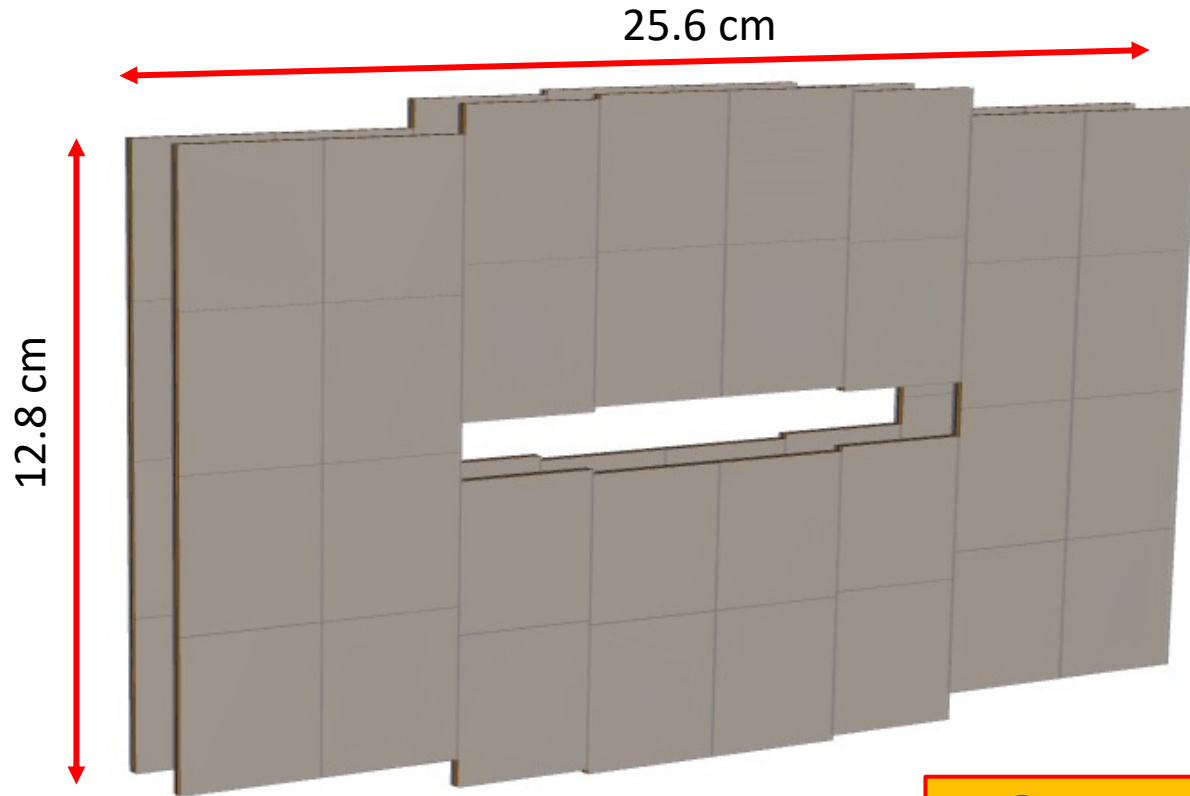
- Tracking: IT3 or ITS2 MAPS (3 layers) + AC-LGADs (1 layer; in middle)
- PbWO<sub>4</sub> EMCAL or silicon preshower, depending on available space in final B0pf magnet design (pending).

## ➤ Status

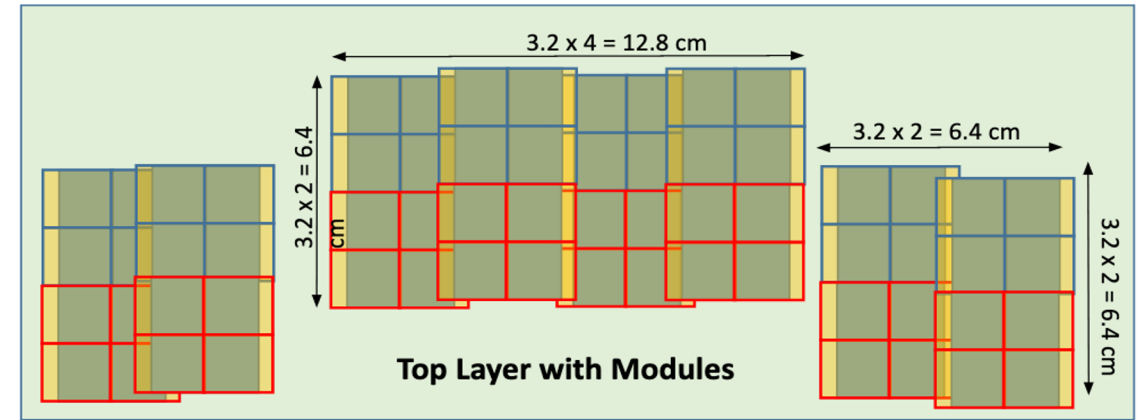
- ✓ Used to reconstruct charged particles and photons.
  - ✓ **Acceptance:  $5.5 < \theta < 20.0$  mrad**
  - ✓ Focus now is on readout, new tracking software, and engineering support structure.
- ✓ Stand-alone simulations have demonstrated tracking resolution.
  - <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/17905/>
  - <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/17622/>



# Roman “Pots” @ the EIC



DD4HEP Simulation



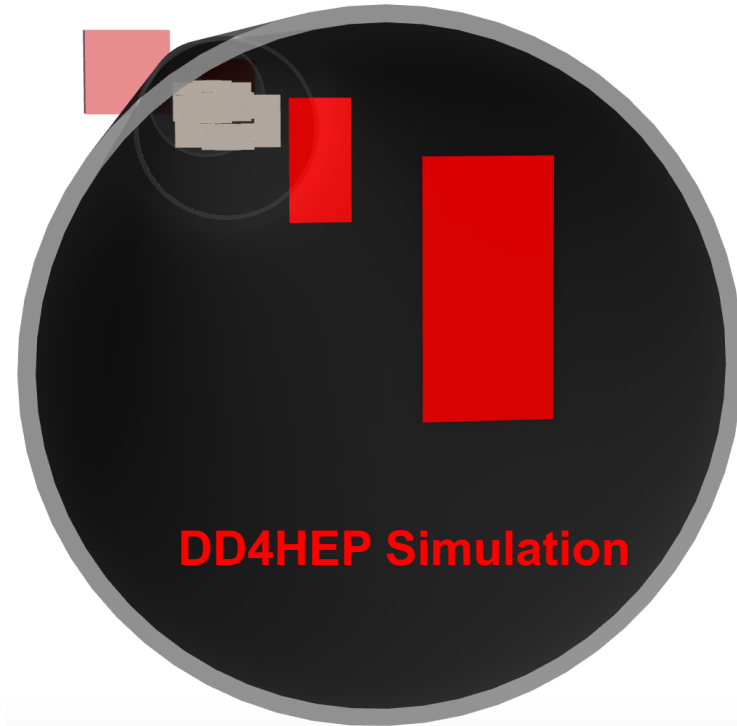
- **Technology**

- 500um, pixilated AC-LGAD sensor provides both fine pixilation.
- “Potless” design concept with thin RF foils surrounding detector components.

- **Status**

- ✓ **Acceptance:  $0.0^* < \theta < 5.0$  mrad (lower bound depends on optics).**
- ✓ **Detector directly in-vacuum a challenge for both detector and beam → impedance studies underway.**
- ✓ **Approved generic R&D to develop more-adaptive reconstruction code!**

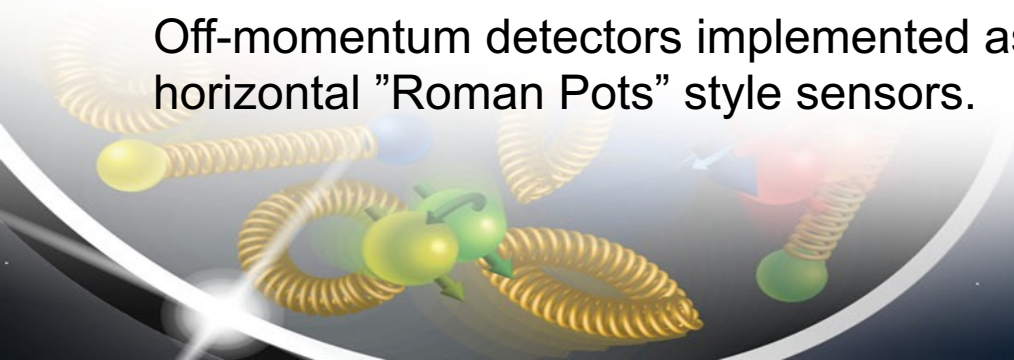
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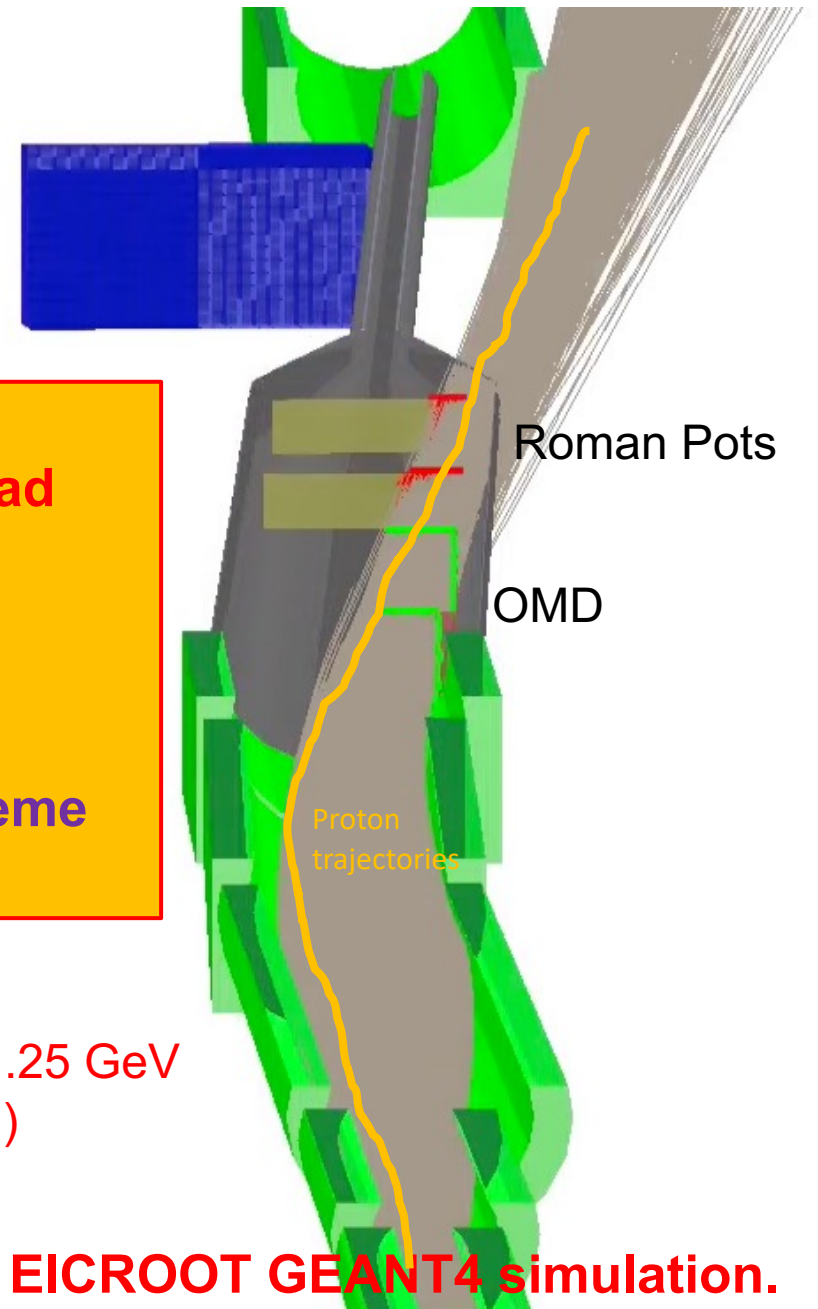
## ➤ Status

- ✓ **Acceptance:  $0.0 < \theta < 5.0$  mrad**
- ✓ **Same technology as for the Roman Pots.**
- ✓ **Even more-challenging reconstruction with off-momentum particles → extreme orbit path in the magnets.**

Off-momentum detectors implemented as horizontal "Roman Pots" style sensors.



ZDC



Protons  
 $123.75 < E < 151.25$  GeV  
 $(45\% < x_L < 55\%)$   
 $0 < \theta < 5$  mrad

# Zero-Degree Calorimeter

64 Layers

60 cm x 60 cm x 168 cm

Si Tracker

12 W/Si planes

30 Lead/Scintillator planes

photon

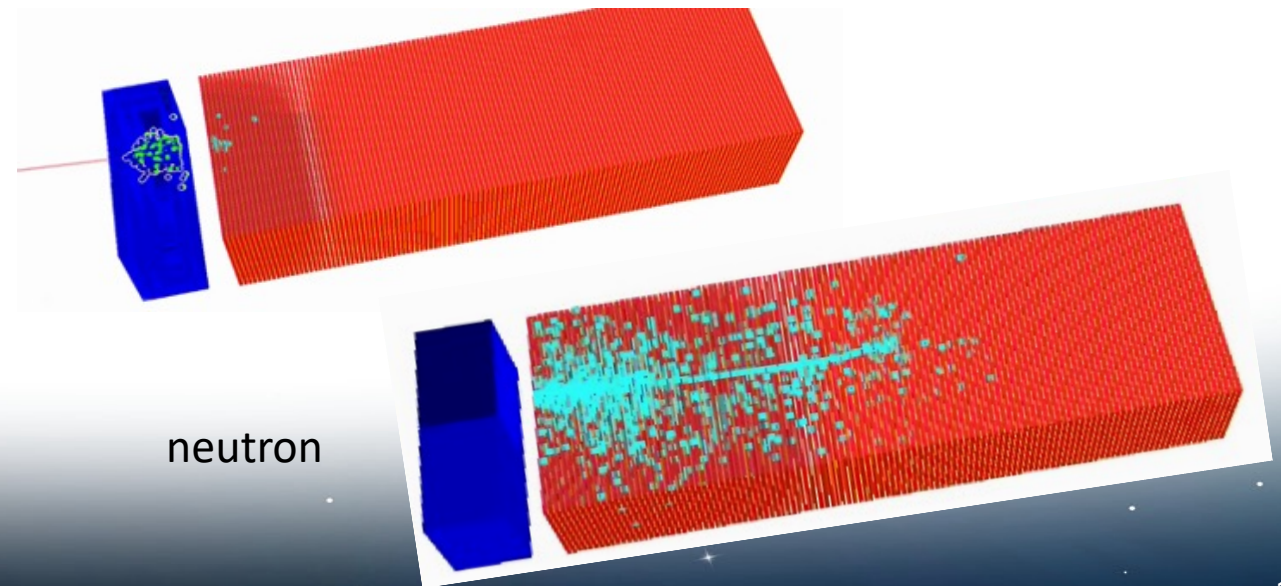
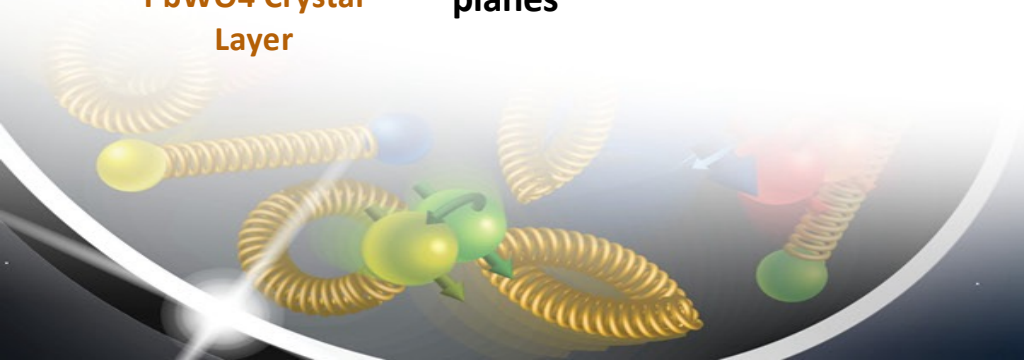
7 cm  
PbWO<sub>4</sub> Crystal  
Layer

22 Pb/Si  
planes

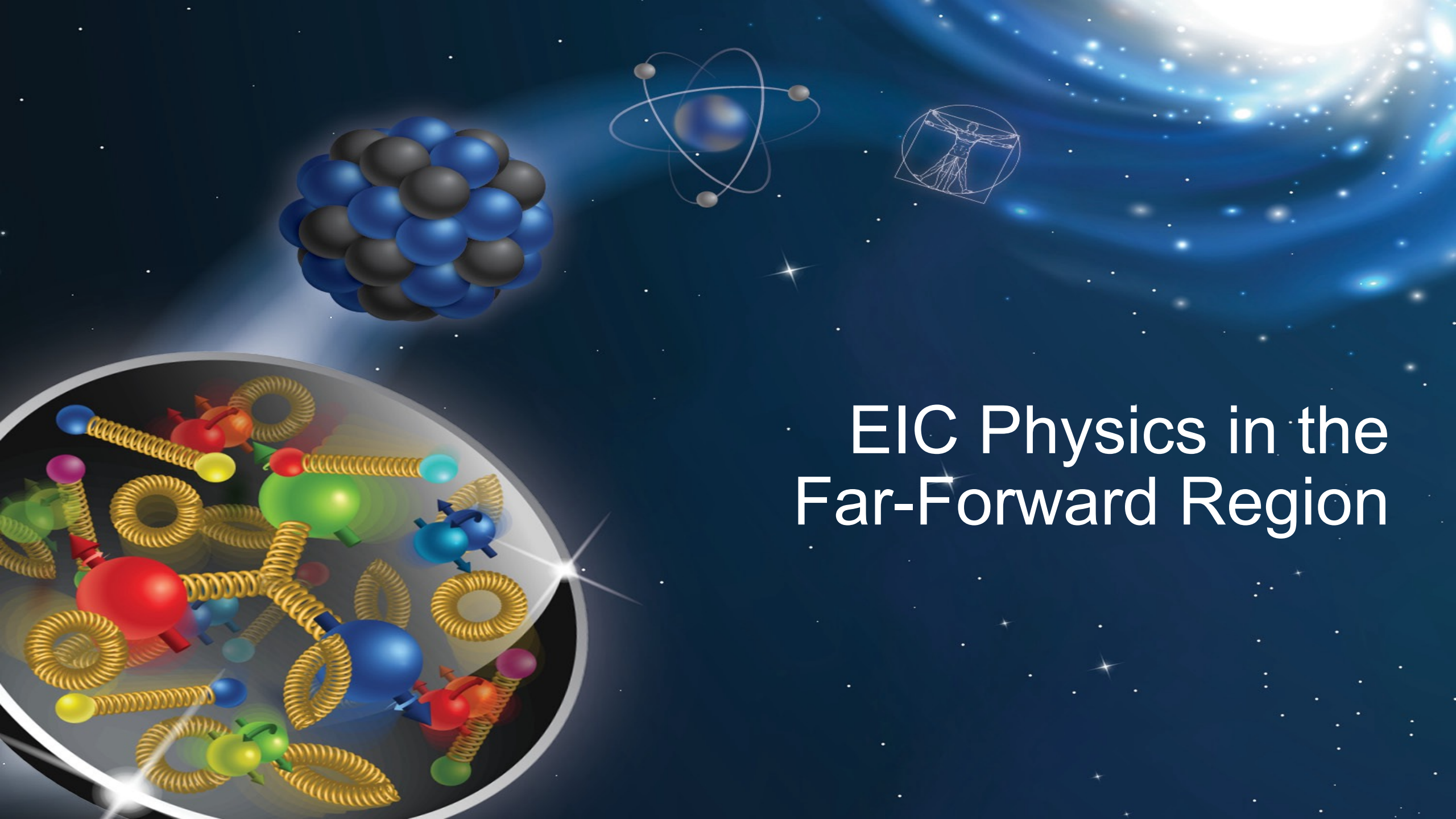
neutron

## ➤ Status

- ✓ 30 m from IR
- ✓ Detect spectator neutrons (HCAL) & photons (EMCAL)
- ✓ Acceptance: +4.5 mrad, -5.5mrad (aperture limits)
- ✓ Position resolution ~1.3mm at 40 GeV
- ✓ Meets requirements from Yellow Report.
- ✓ Lots of work to do on shower reconstruction with imaging layers.



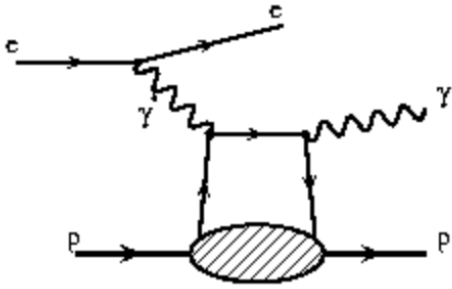




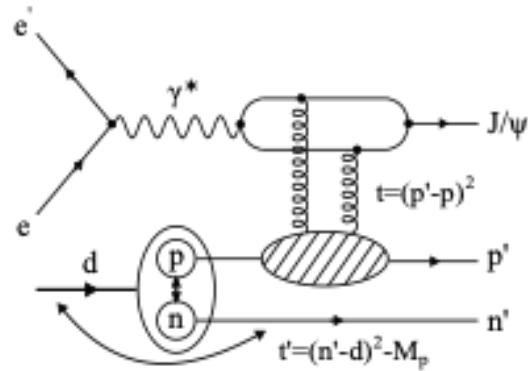
# EIC Physics in the Far-Forward Region

# (some) Far-Forward Processes at the EIC

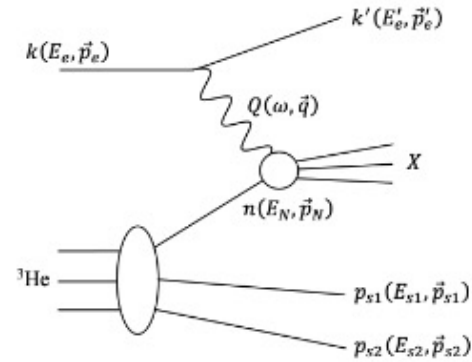
e+p DVCS



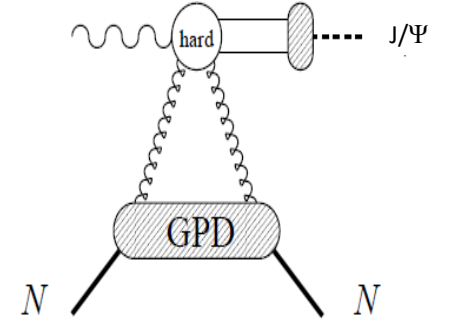
e+d exclusive J/Psi with p/n tagging



e+He3 spectator tagging

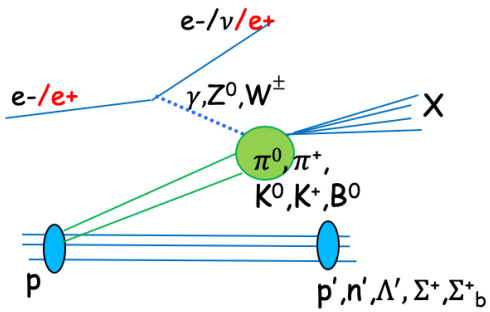


coherent/incoherent J/psi production in e+A

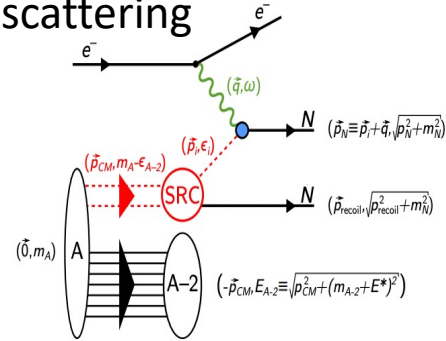


Meson structure:

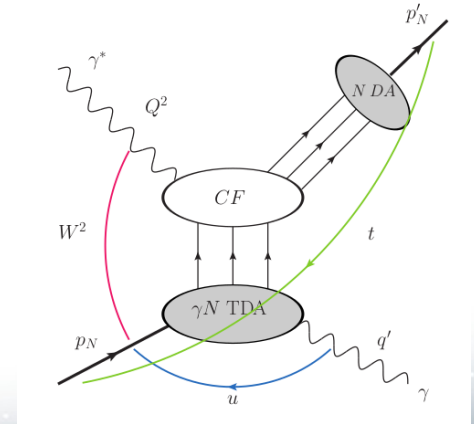
- $ep \rightarrow (\pi) \rightarrow e' n X$
- $\Lambda \rightarrow p \pi^-$  and  $\Lambda \rightarrow n \pi^0$



Quasi-elastic electron scattering



u-channel backward exclusive electroproduction



...and MANY more!

# (some) Far-Forward Physics at the EIC

e+p DVCS

Proton spin: orbital angular momentum; imaging

See talk by S. Fazio

e+d exclusive J/Psi with p/n tagging

Short-Range Correlations

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

$t'=(n'-d)^2-M_p$

e+He3 spectator tagging

Neutron Spin Structure

$n(E_N, \vec{p}_N)$

$p_{s1}(E_{s1}, \vec{p}_{s1})$

$p_{s2}(E_{s2}, \vec{p}_{s2})$

coherent/incoherent J/psi production in e+A

Saturation

GPD

Meson structure

Free Neutron Structure Functions & EMC Effect

$\pi\pi^0$

$\gamma, Z^0, W^\pm$

$\pi^0, \pi^+, K^0, K^+, \beta^0$

$p, p', n', \Lambda', \Sigma^+, \Sigma^+_b$

Quasi-elastic electron scattering

Short-Range Correlations

$\sqrt{p_N^2 + m_N^2}$

$(\vec{p}_{recoil}, \sqrt{p_{recoil}^2 + m_N^2})$

$(\vec{p}_{CM}, E_{A-2}) \rightarrow (-\vec{p}_{CM}, E_{A-2} \equiv \sqrt{p_{CM}^2 + (m_{A-2} + E^*)^2})$

[1] Z. Tu, A. Jentsch, et al., Physics Letters B, (2020)  
 [2] I. Friscic, D. Nguyen, J. R. Pybus, A. Jentsch, et al., Phys. Lett. B, **Volume 823**, 136726 (2021)  
 [3] W. Chang, E.C. Aschenauer, M. D. Baker, A. Jentsch, J.H. Lee, Z. Tu, Z. Yin, and L.Zheng, Phys. Rev. D **104**, 114030 (2021)  
 [4] A. Jentsch, Z. Tu, and C. Weiss, Phys. Rev. C **104**, 065205, (2021) (Editor's Suggestion)

u-channel backward exclusive electroproduction

$\gamma^*$

$Q^2$

$W^2$

$CF$

$\gamma N$  TDA

$p_N$

$p'_N$

$q'$

$\gamma$

$t$

$NDA$

...and MANY more!



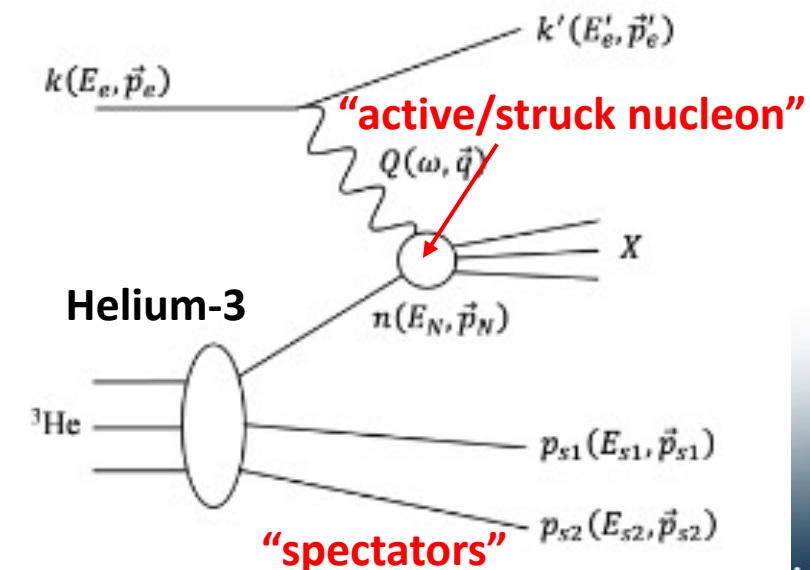
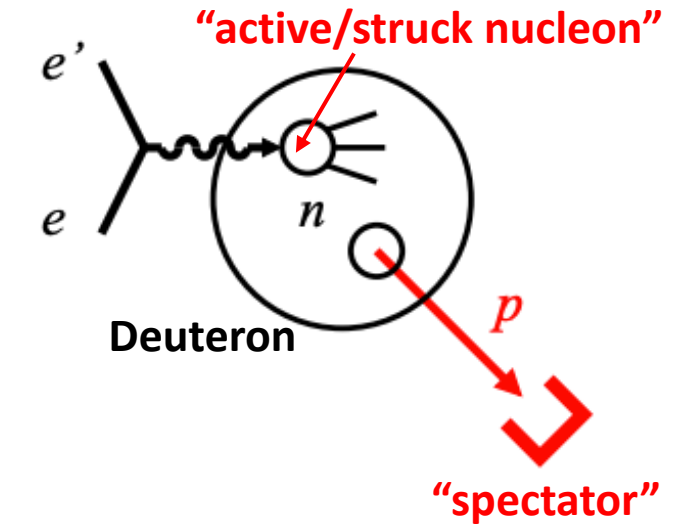




Focus: Deuterons as an unexpected QCD laboratory at the EIC.

# Deuteron tagged DIS as a tool at the EIC

- **Tagged DIS** measurements on light nuclei → "tag" (generally) far-forward particles in final state for useful kinematic information!
  - Provides more information than inclusive cross sections!
- Lots of topics!
  - Short-range correlations.
  - Gluon distributions in nuclei.
  - Free neutron structure functions.
  - Nuclear modifications of nucleons in light nuclei.
    - EMC effect, anti-shadowing, etc.

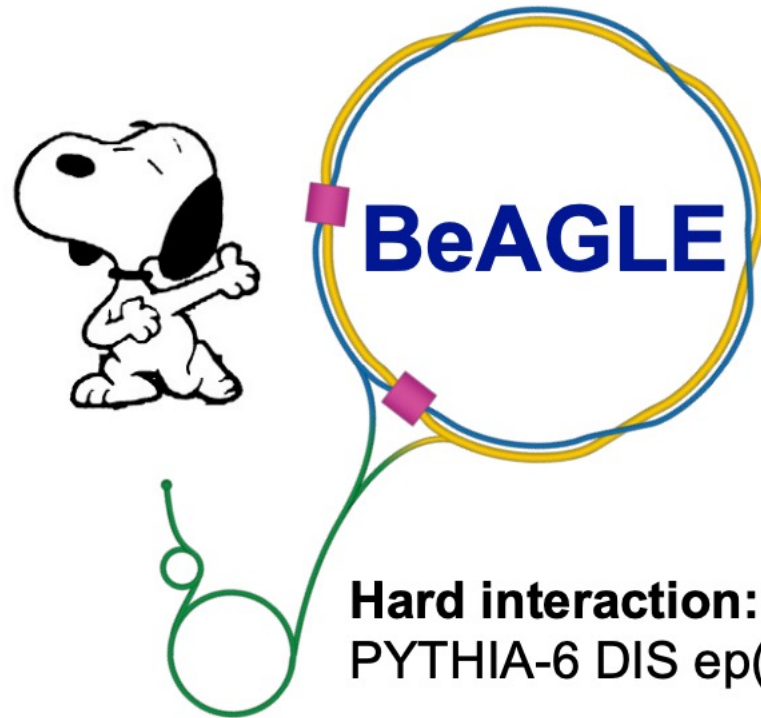


Tagged spectator nucleon momentum → experimental handle on nuclear configurations with free and modified nucleons.

# Monte Carlo for all e+d studies presented here

General-purpose eA DIS MC generator

<https://eic.github.io/software/beagle.html>



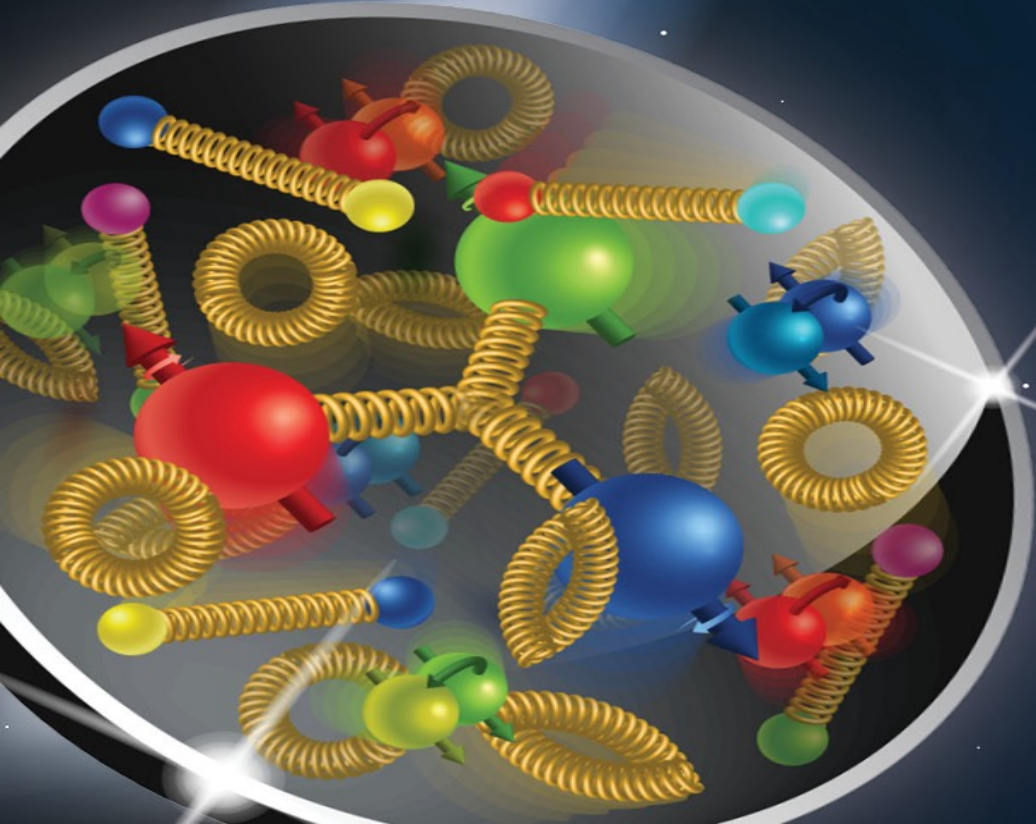
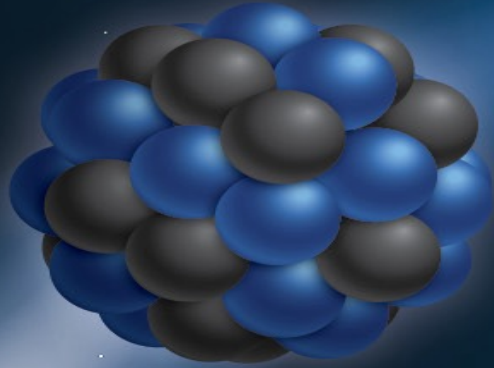
**Hard interaction:**  
PYTHIA-6 DIS ep(n) + nPDFs

Wan Chang, Elke-Caroline Aschenauer, Mark D. Baker, Alexander Jentsch, Jeong-Hun Lee, Zhoudunming Tu, Zhongbao Yin, and Liang Zheng  
Phys. Rev. D **106**, 012007 (2022)

## ➤ For e+d collisions:

- ✓ Use BeAGLE to simulate the hard e + (active) nucleon scattering and primary process (e.g.  $J/\psi$  production, DIS, etc.)
- ✓ Spectator momentum spectra calculated via deuteron spectral function, using parametrization of Ciofi and Simula.
  - ✓ C. Ciofi degli Atti and S. Simula, Phys. Rev. C 53, 1689 (1996)
- ✓ BeAGLE MC samples passed through full detector simulations, including beam effects to study prospects for future analysis!

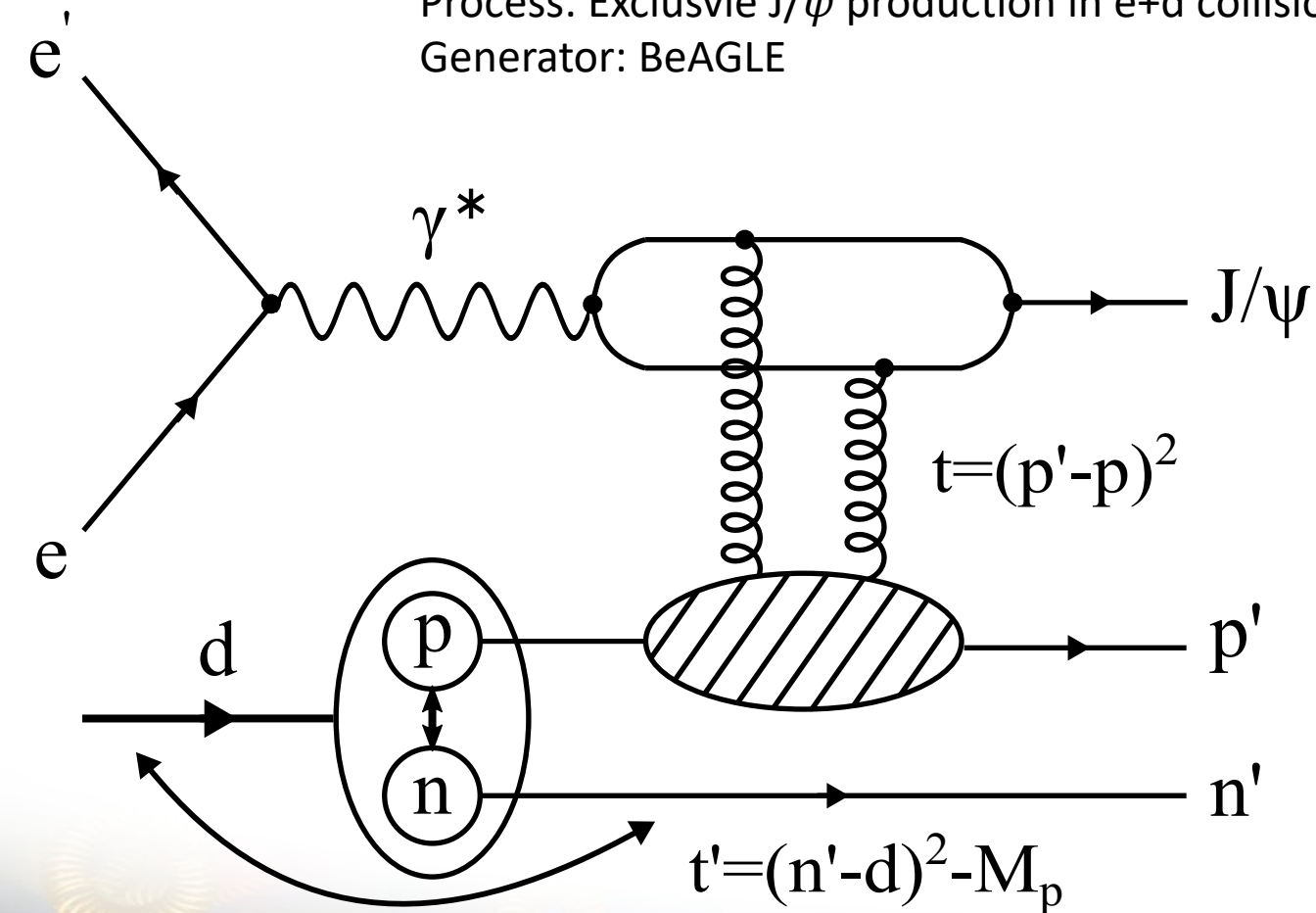




# Deuterons: Gluons and Short-Range Correlations

# Short-Range Correlations in Deuterons

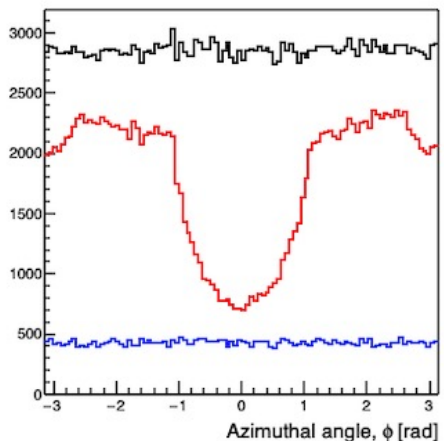
Process: Exclusive  $J/\psi$  production in  $e+d$  collisions.  
Generator: BeAGLE



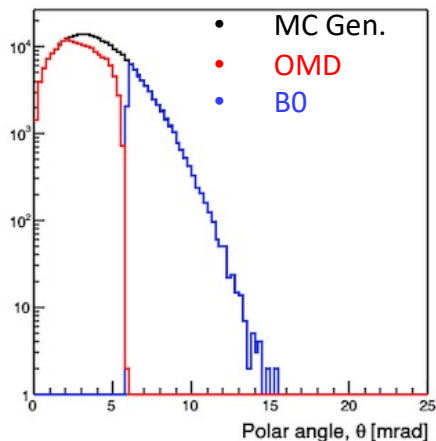
- $J/\psi$  produced at mid-rapidity.
  - **Sensitive to gluons!**
- Tagging active and spectator nucleons allow for experimental control of nuclear configuration  
→ control nuclear effects!
- Tagging **both** nucleons allows for full reconstruction of momentum transfer!

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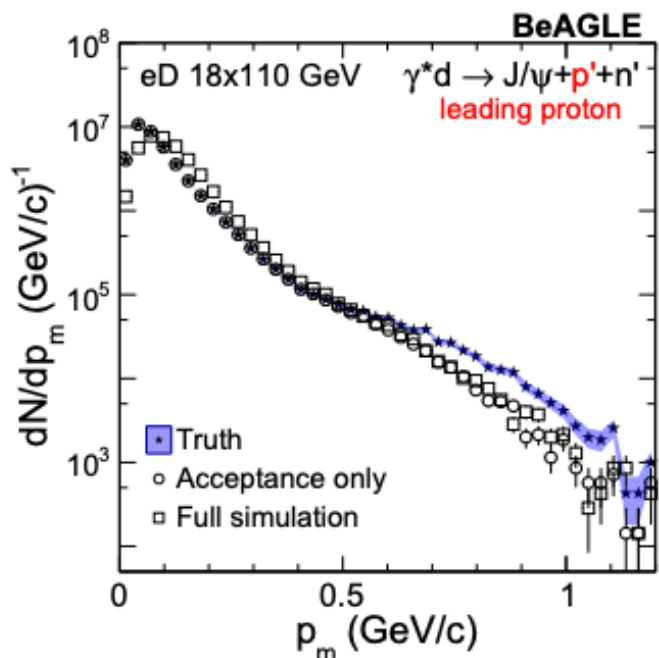
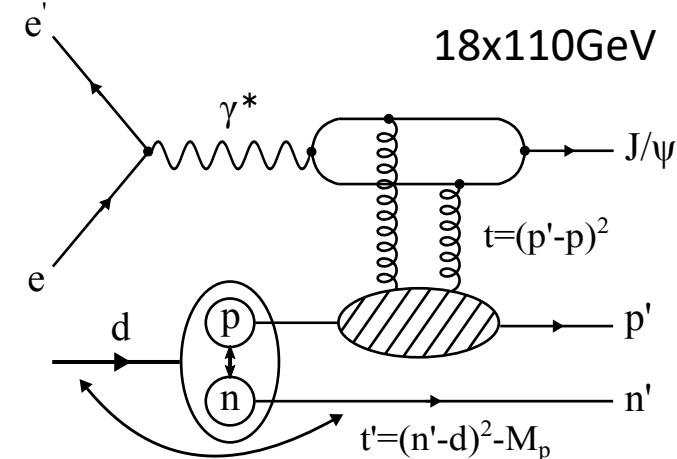
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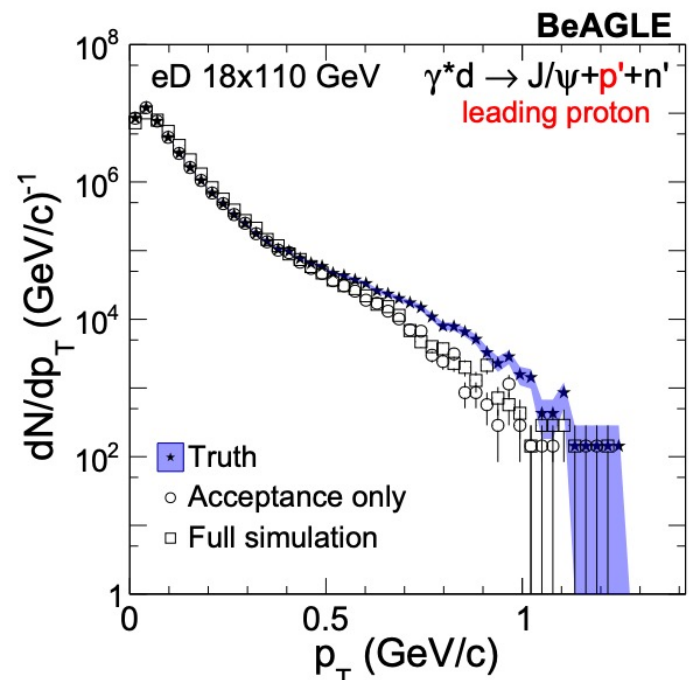
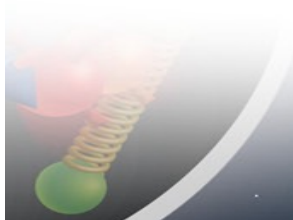
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Neutron “spectator” case.



Missing 3-momentum from neutron spectator



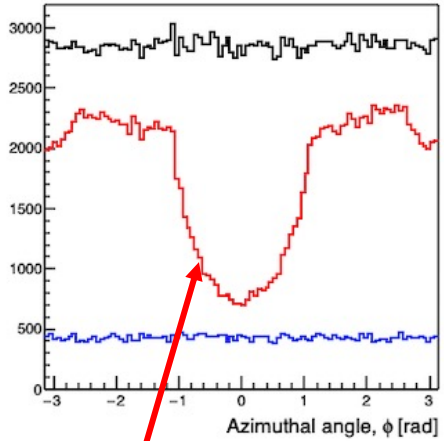
Transverse momentum from neutron spectator



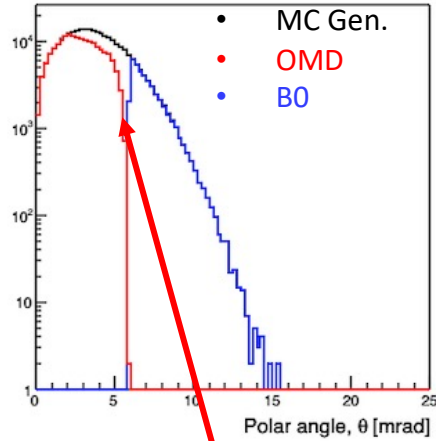
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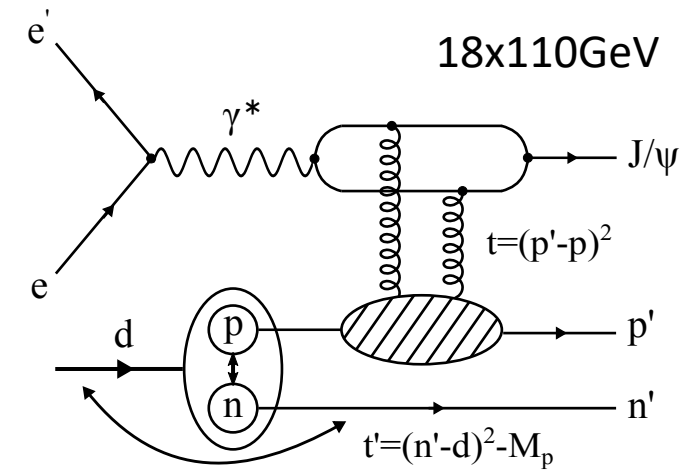
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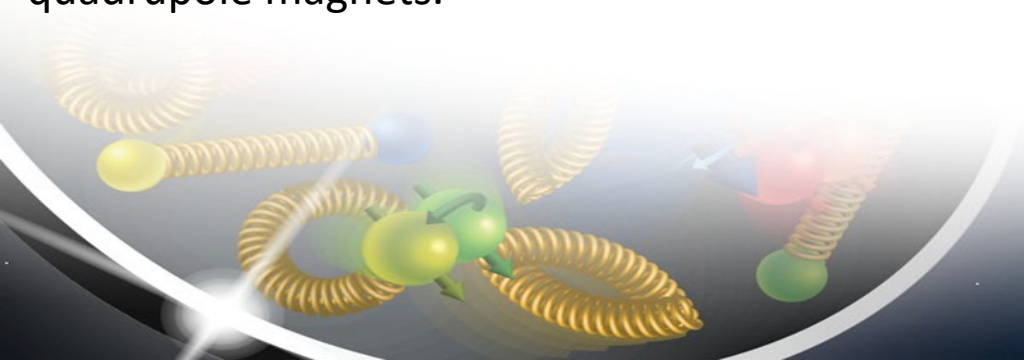


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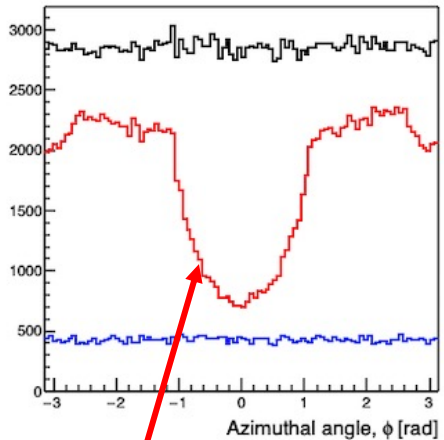
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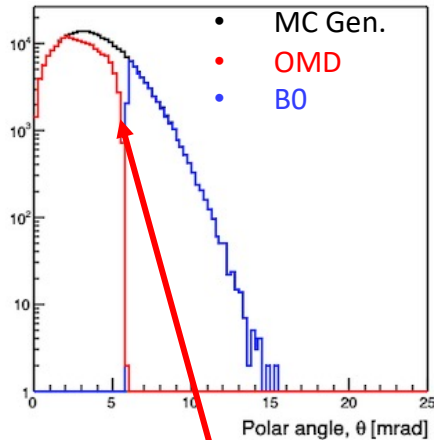
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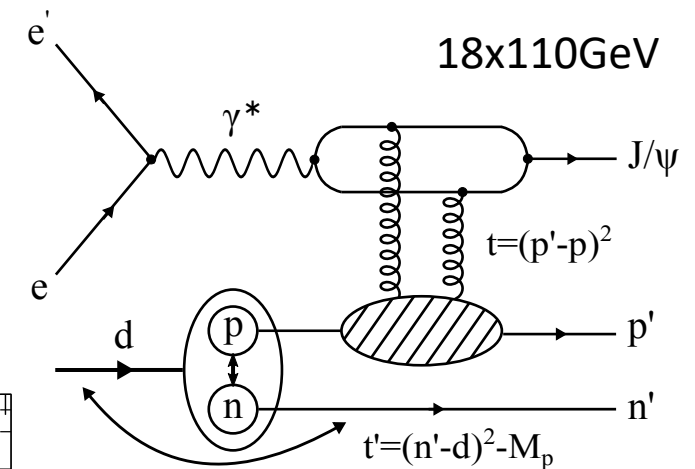
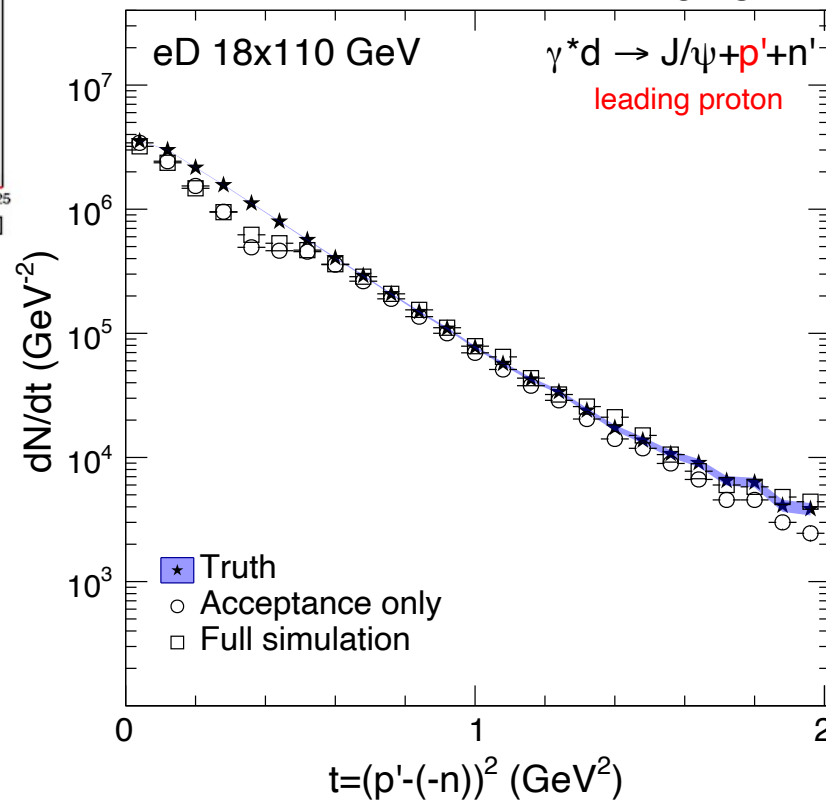


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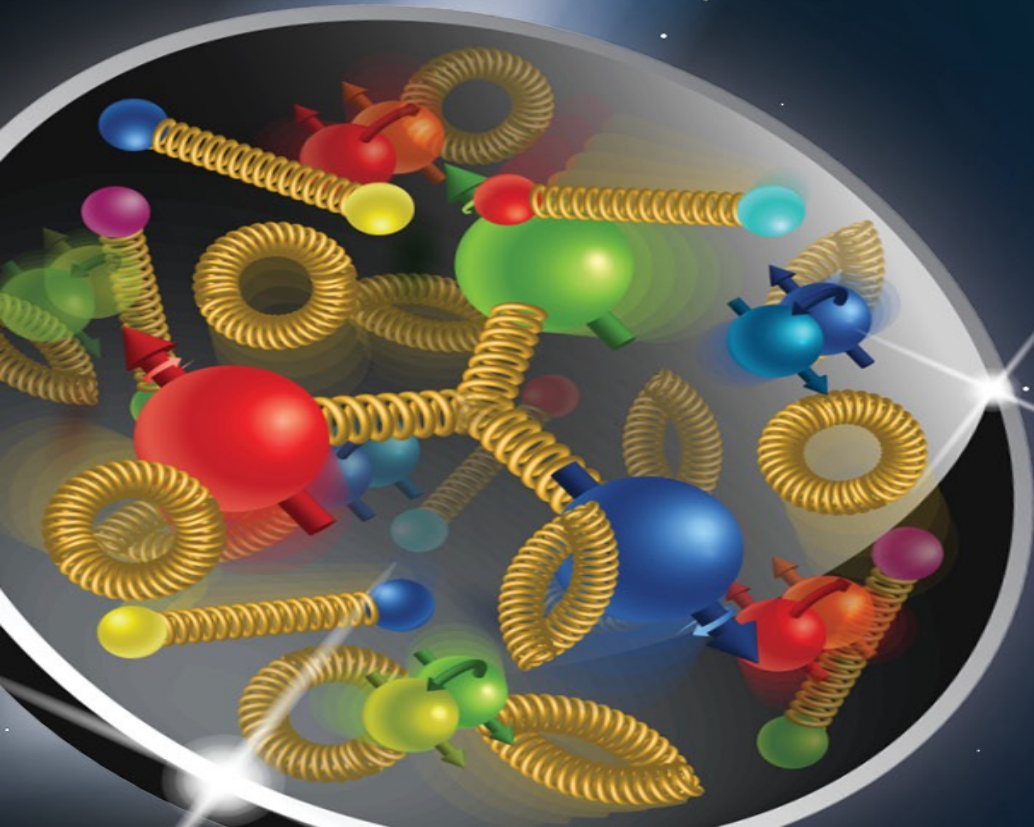
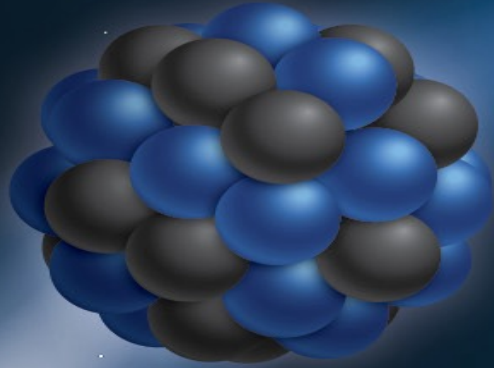


**t-reconstruction** using double-tagging (both proton and neutron reconstructed).

➤ Spectator information is the “dial” for the SRC region.

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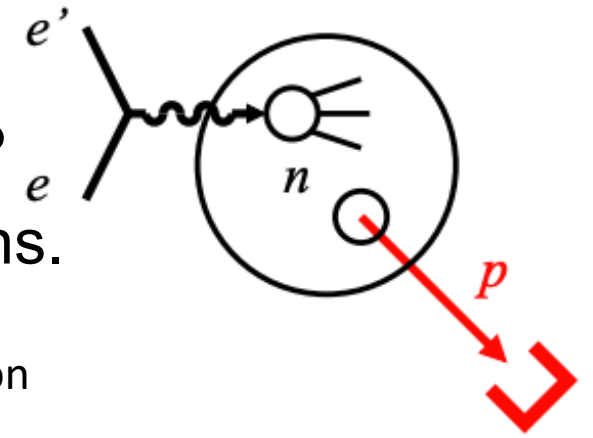


# Deutrons: Free Neutron Structure



# Neutron Structure

See talk by K. Wichmann



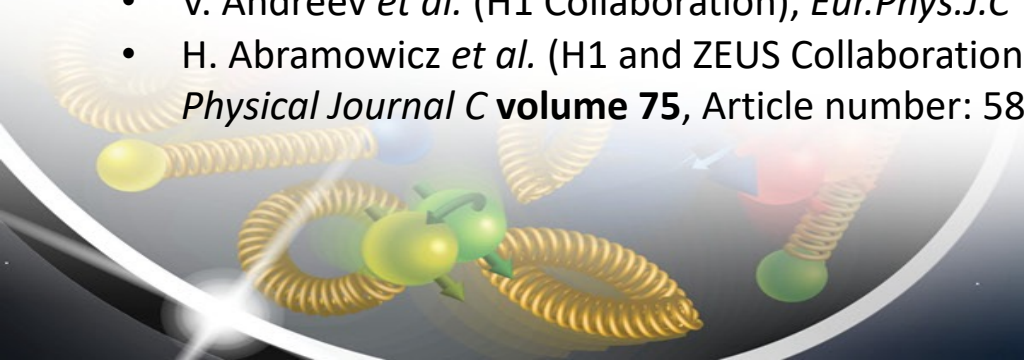
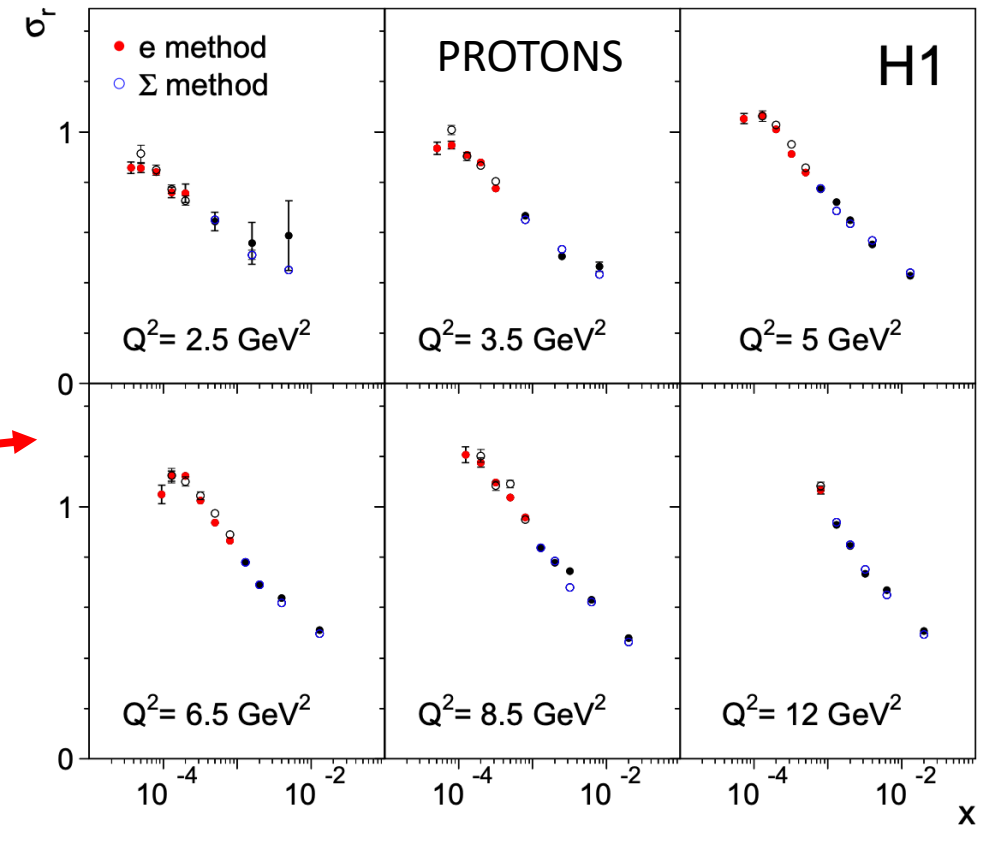
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$$\sigma_r = \underbrace{\frac{Q^4 x}{2\pi\alpha^2 [1 + (1-y)^2]}}_{\text{"Flux factor"}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dQ^2}}_{\text{Differential cross section}} = \underbrace{F_2(x, Q^2) - f(y) \cdot F_L(x, Q^2)}_{\text{Structure functions}}$$

Reduced cross section

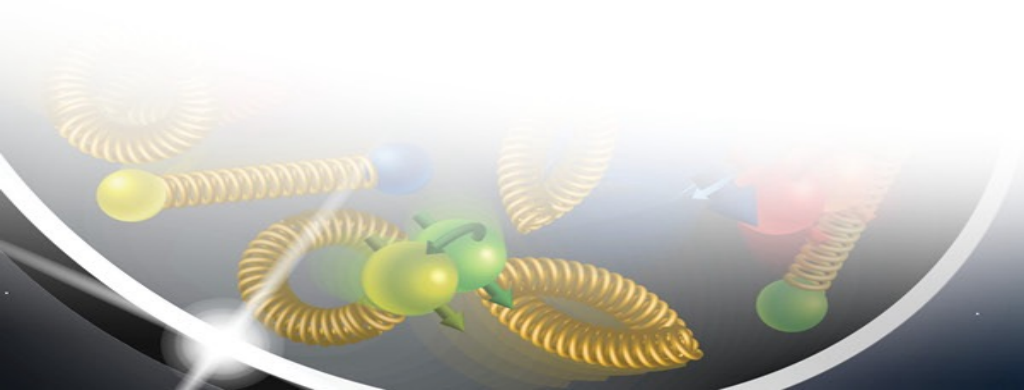
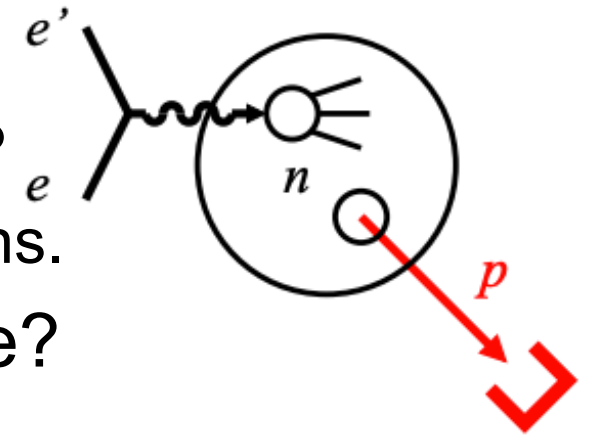
Some useful HERA references for measurements on proton

- F. Aaron *et al.* (H1 Collaboration), *The European Physical Journal C* volume 63, Article number: 625 (2009)
- V. Andreev *et al.* (H1 Collaboration), *Eur.Phys.J.C* 74 (2014) 4, 2814
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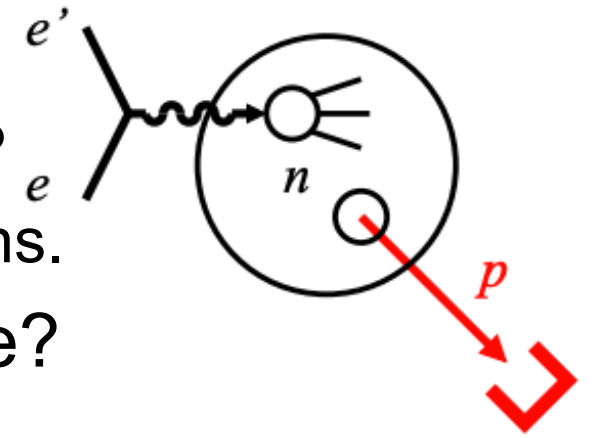
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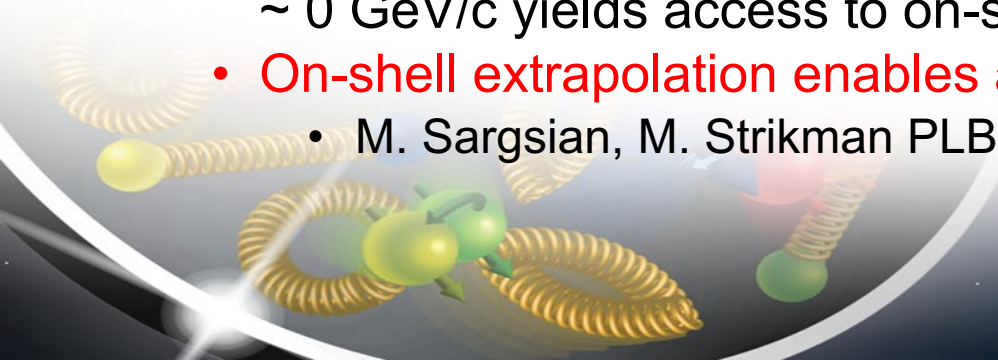
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- **Two options:**

1. Inclusive measurements → Average over all nuclear configurations, use theory input to correct for nuclear binding effects.
2. Tagged measurements → Select nuclear configuration via spectator kinematics, allows for differential study.
  - Spectator kinematics control configuration of nucleons (i.e. high  $p_T \rightarrow$  SRC physics; very low  $p_T \sim 0$  GeV/c yields access to on-shell extrapolation).
  - **On-shell extrapolation enables access to free nucleon structure.**
    - M. Sargsian, M. Strikman PLB **639** (iss. 3-4) 223231 (2006)



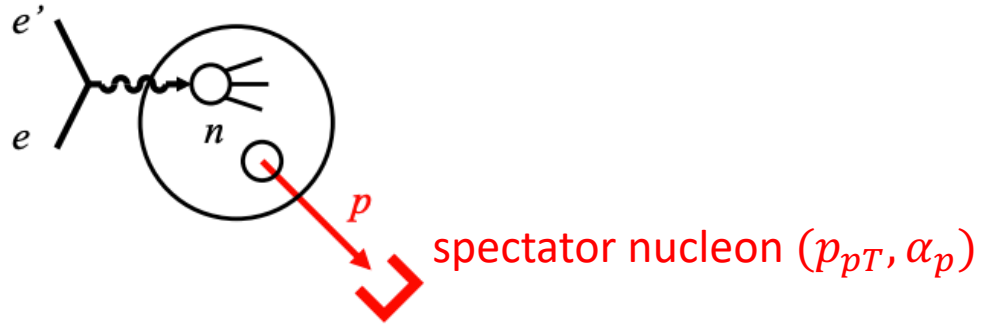


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- Previous fixed target experiments with tagging have measured the neutron  $F_2$  at high- $x$ .
  - CLAS - Phys. Rev. Lett. **108**, 199902 (2012)
  - CLAS + BONUS - Phys. Rev. C 89, 045206 (2014)
    - **measurement had a lower  $p_T$  cutoff  $\sim 70$  MeV/c (fixed target limitations).**
- Future JLAB 12 GeV studies planned.
  - ALERT - <https://arxiv.org/abs/1708.00891>
  - CLAS - [https://www.jlab.org/exp\\_prog/proposals/10/PR12-06-113-pac36.pdf](https://www.jlab.org/exp_prog/proposals/10/PR12-06-113-pac36.pdf)
- **Tagged DIS @ the EIC:**
  - **In a collider, can tag spectators down to  $p_T \sim 0$  MeV/c**  $\rightarrow$  Enables extraction of free neutron structure function via pole extrapolation.
  - Can extend tagged DIS measurement to  $x \lesssim 0.1$ .



# Tagged Deuteron Cross Section



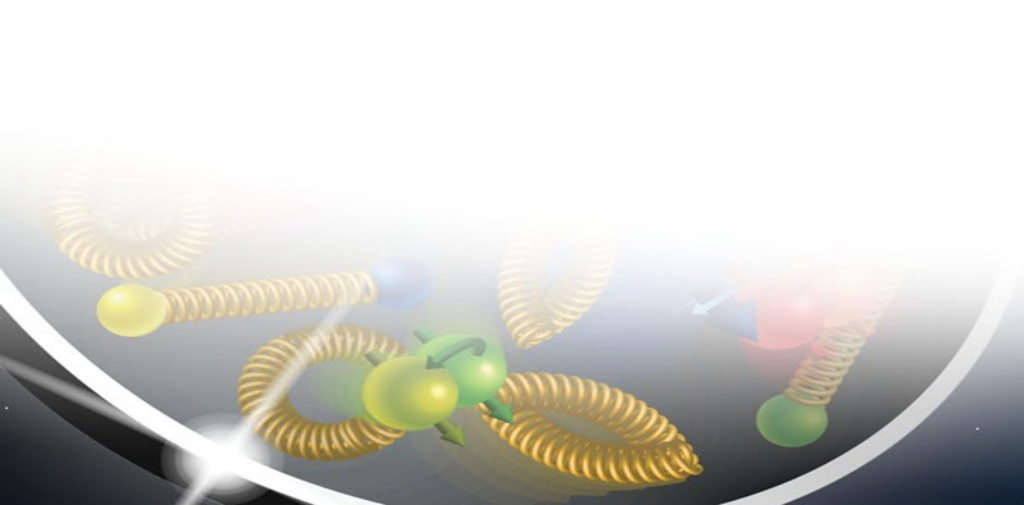
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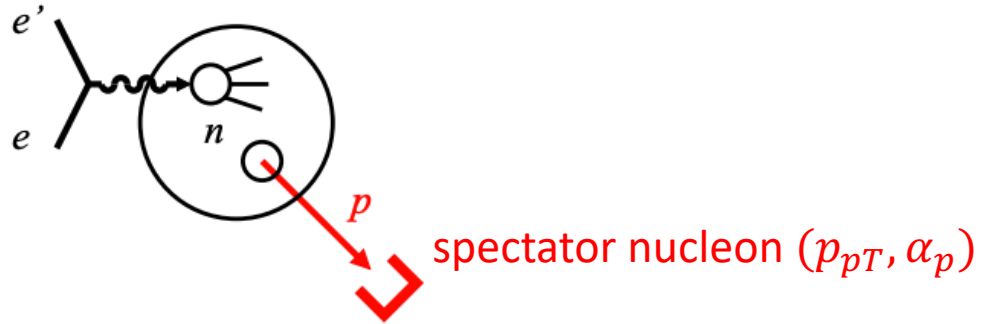
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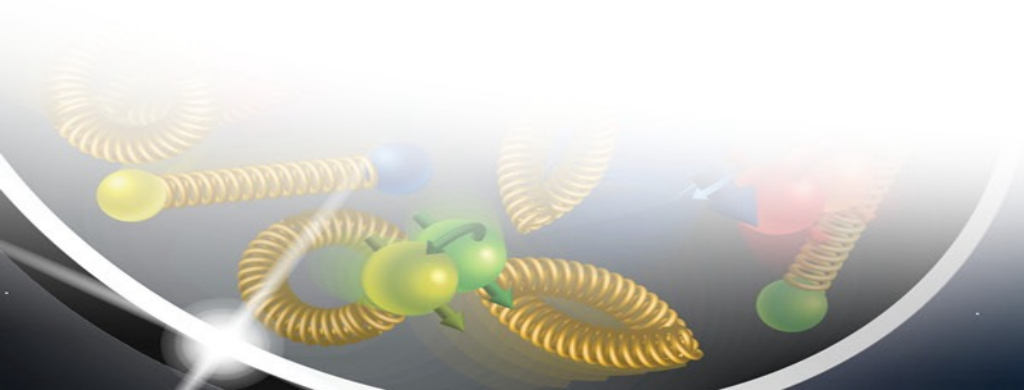
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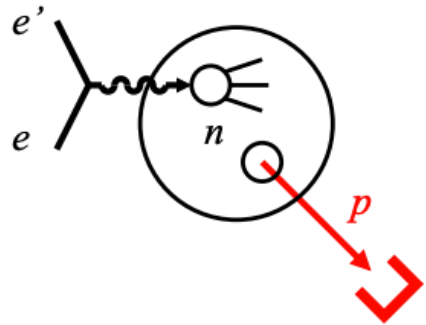
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- Deuteron reduced cross section related to the struck nucleon reduced cross section via the deuteron spectral function.

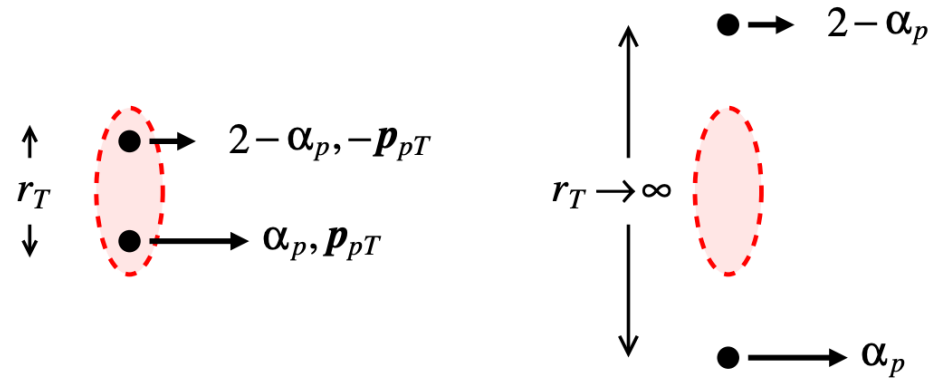
$$\sigma_{red,d}(x, Q^2; p_{pT}, \alpha_p) = [2(2\pi)^3] \times S_d(p_{pT}, \alpha_p) [pole] \times \sigma_{red,n}(x, Q^2)$$

What we measure directly.

Theory assumption (e.g. wave function parametrization).

The thing we actually want!

# Pole Extrapolation



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$$S_d(p_{pT}, \alpha_p)[pole] = \frac{R}{(p_{pT}^2 + a_T^2)^2} \quad \text{Deuteron spectral function}$$

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physical region

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pole extrapolation

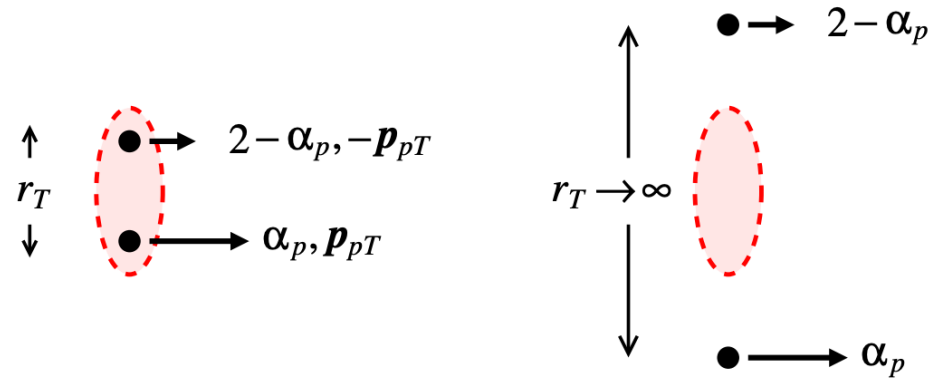
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- Extrapolate  $p_{pT}^2 \rightarrow -a_T^2$  to extract free nucleon  $F_2$ .
  - Pole extrapolation selects large-size pn configurations where nuclear binding and FSI are absent.

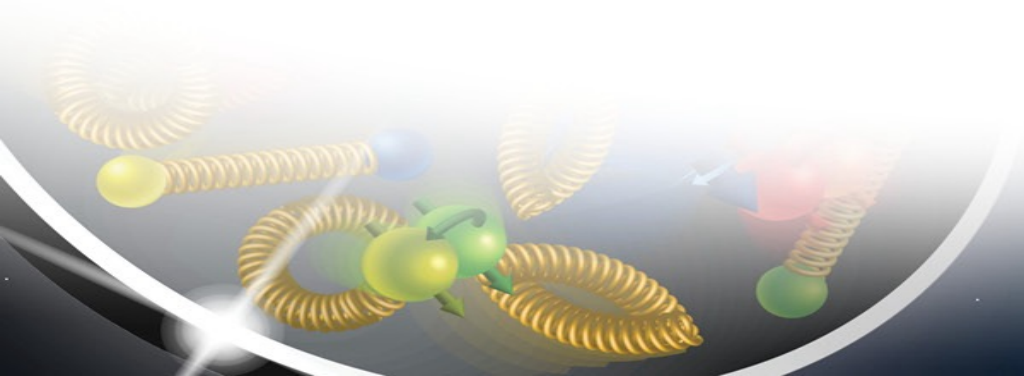
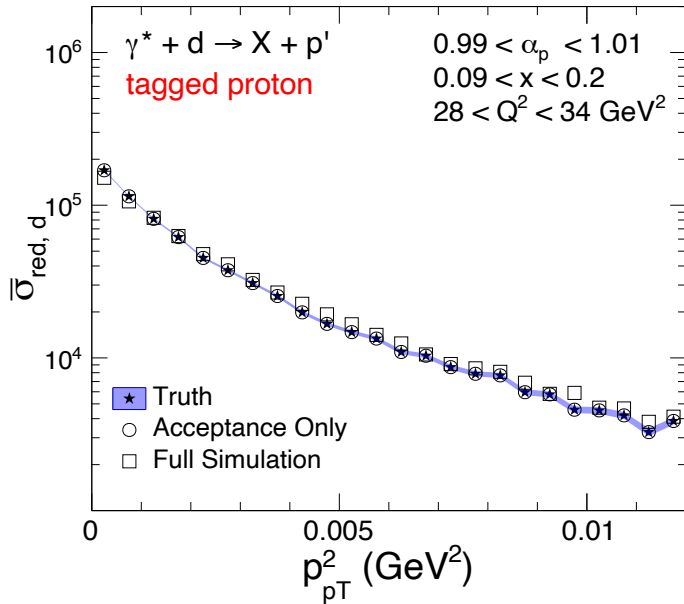


# Free Neutron $F_2$ Extraction

A. Jentsch, Z. Tu, and C. Weiss, Phys. Rev. C **104**, 065205, (2021) (Editor's Suggestion)

- Start with the deuteron reduced cross section  $\rightarrow$  **direct measurement!**

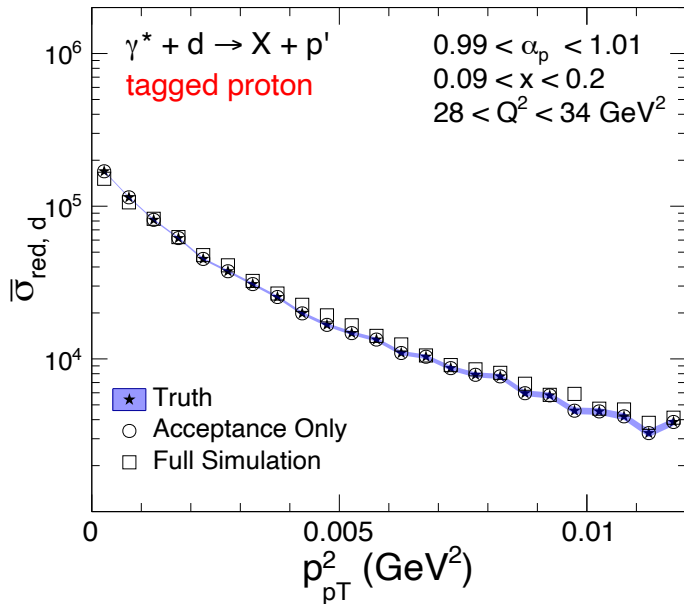
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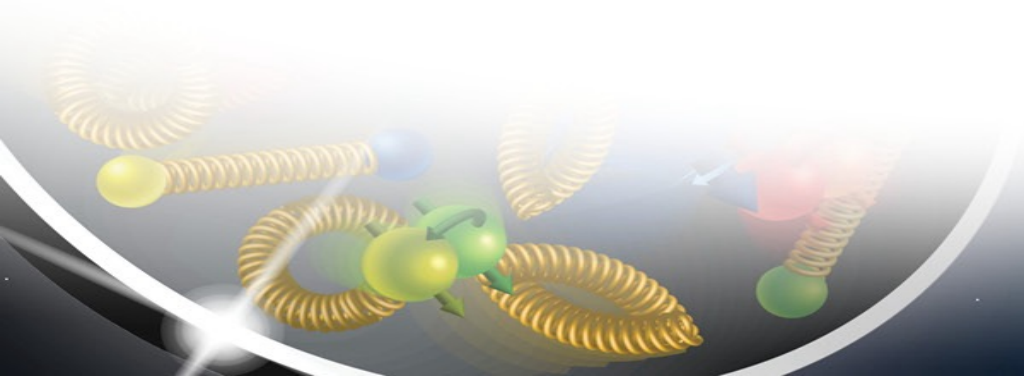


- Start with the deuteron reduced cross section → direct measurement!
- Multiply by the inverse of the deuteron spectral function pole.



$$\frac{1}{S_d(p_{pT}, \alpha_p)[pole]}$$

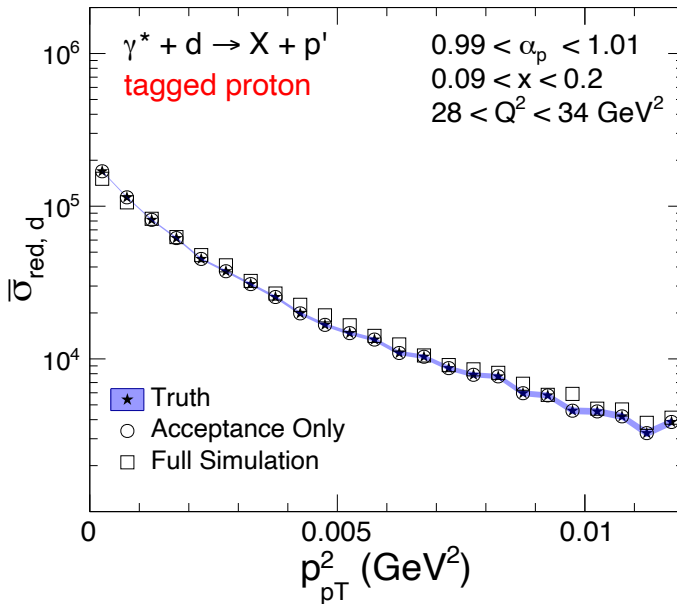
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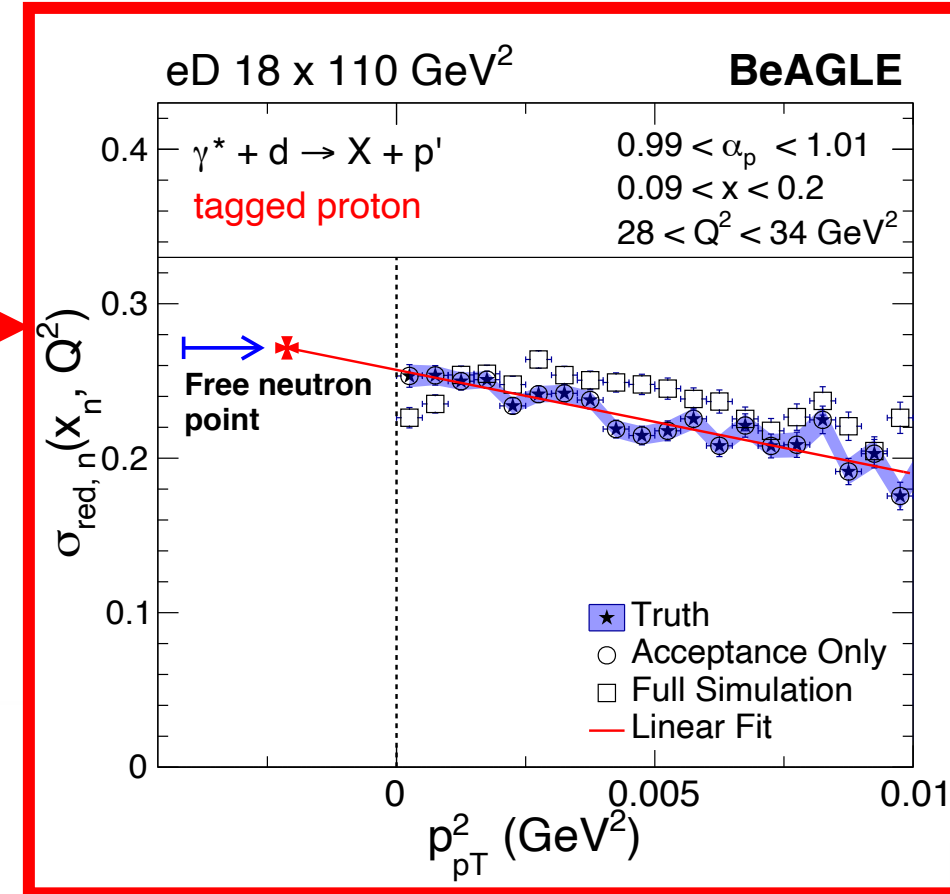
**RESULT:** Reduced cross section on the active nucleon.



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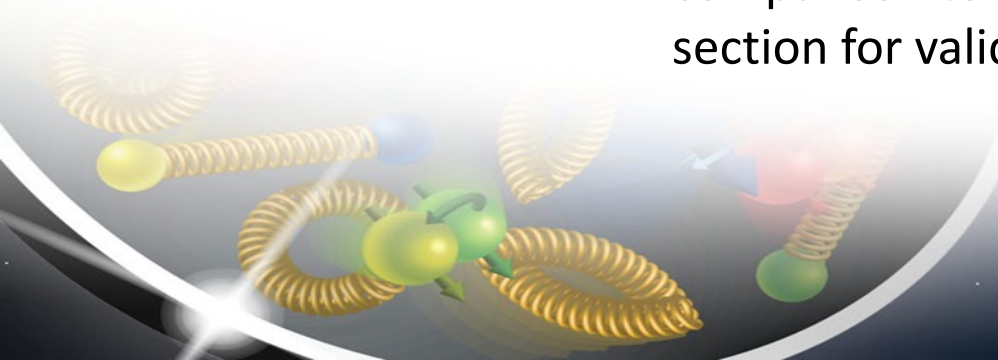
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- Generator-level (purple) enables direct comparison to input inclusive cross-section for validation of procedure.



(Active nucleon reduced cross section)

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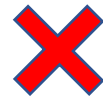
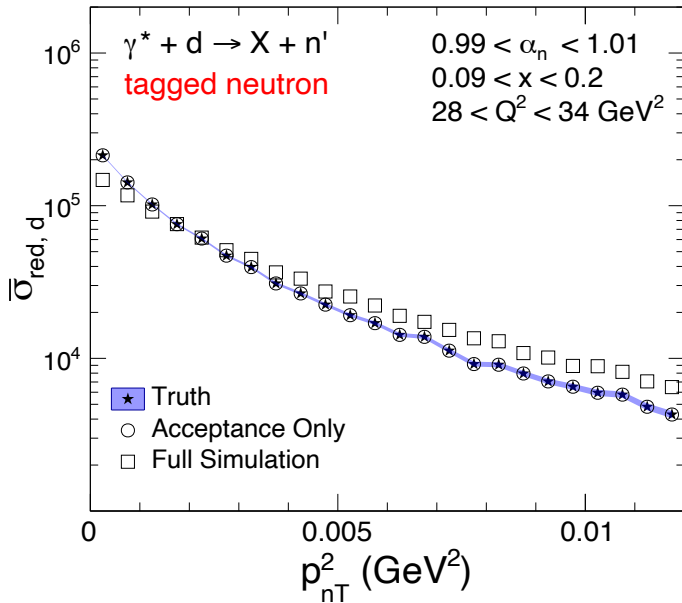
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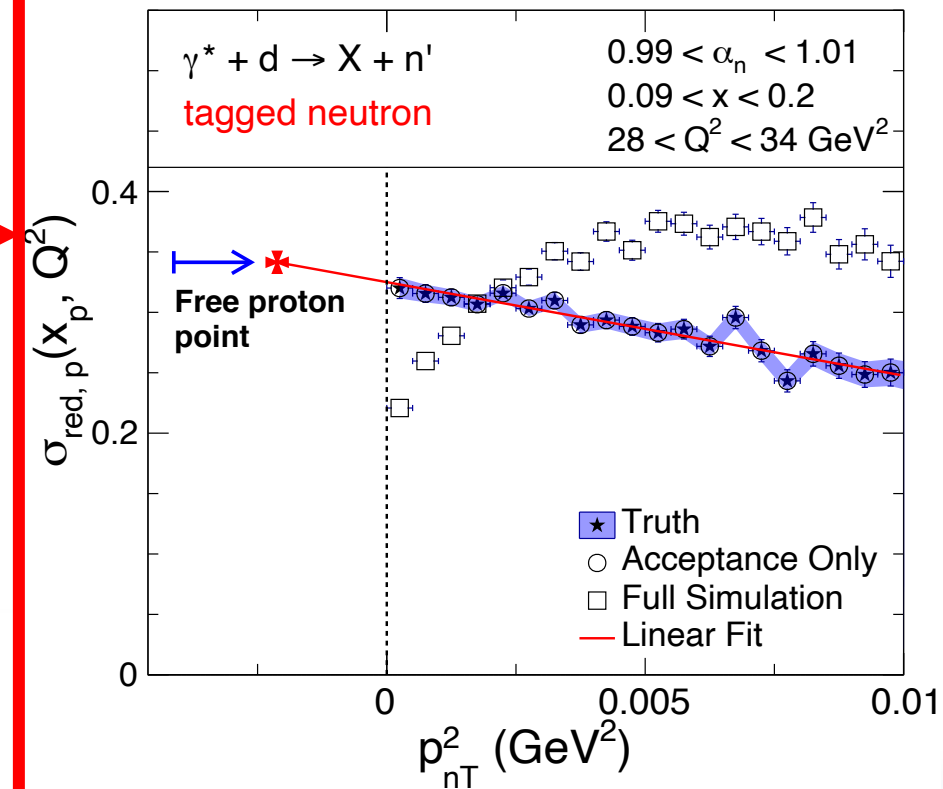
$$\frac{1}{S_d(p_{pT}, \alpha_p)[pole]}$$

(inverse pole of deuteron spectral function)



eD 18 x 110 GeV<sup>2</sup>

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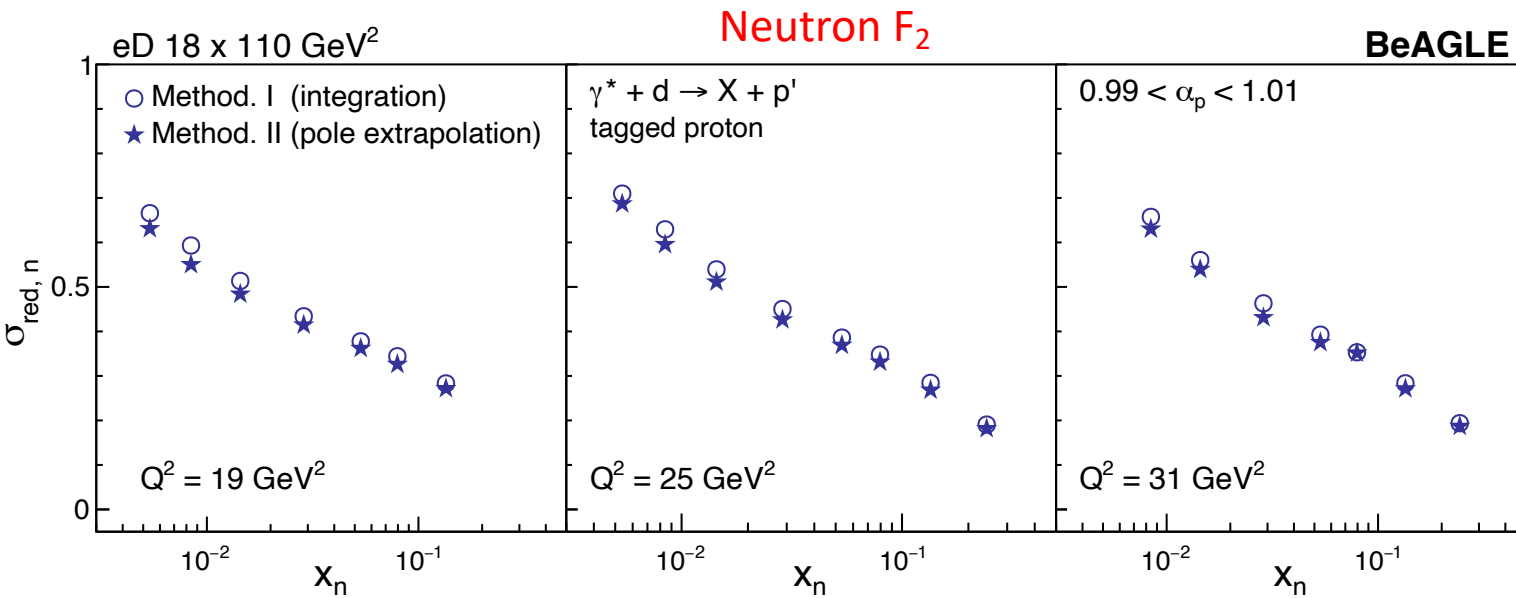
(Active nucleon reduced cross section)

➤ Measurement of proton  $F_2$  using this method provides ability to directly estimate systematics for extrapolation procedure, since proton  $F_2$  directly measurable in e+p scattering!

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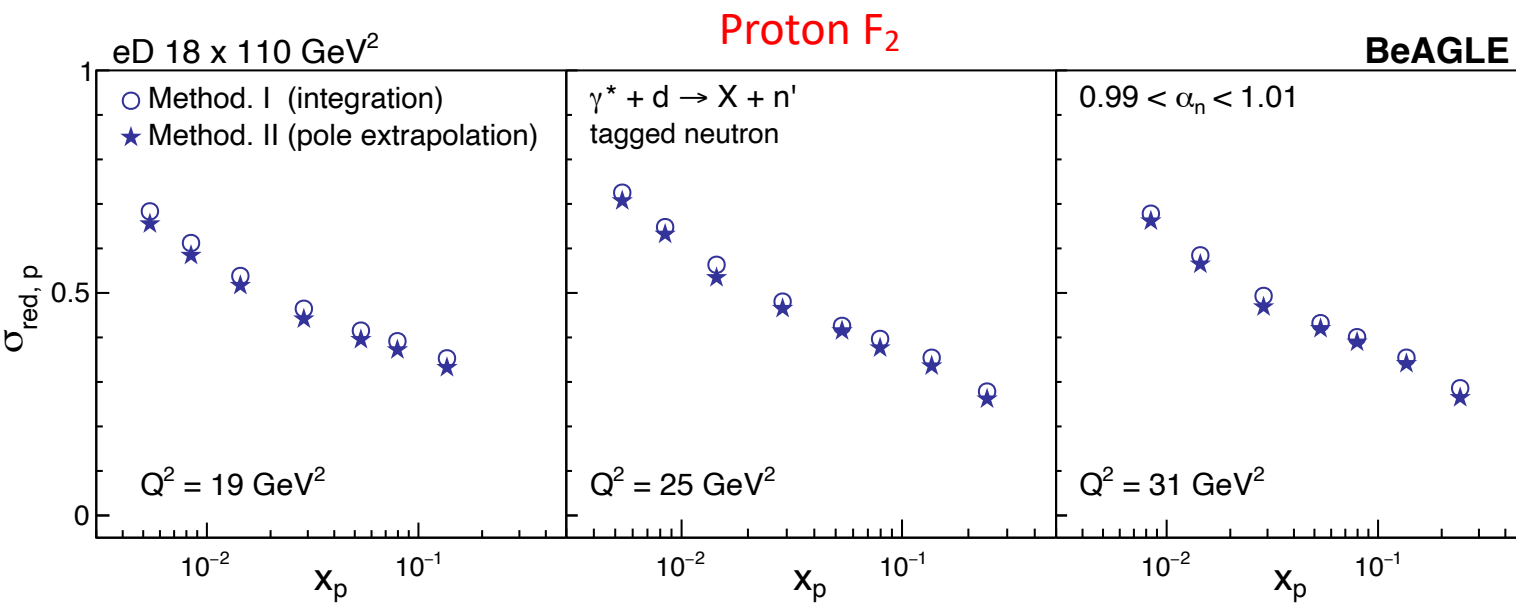
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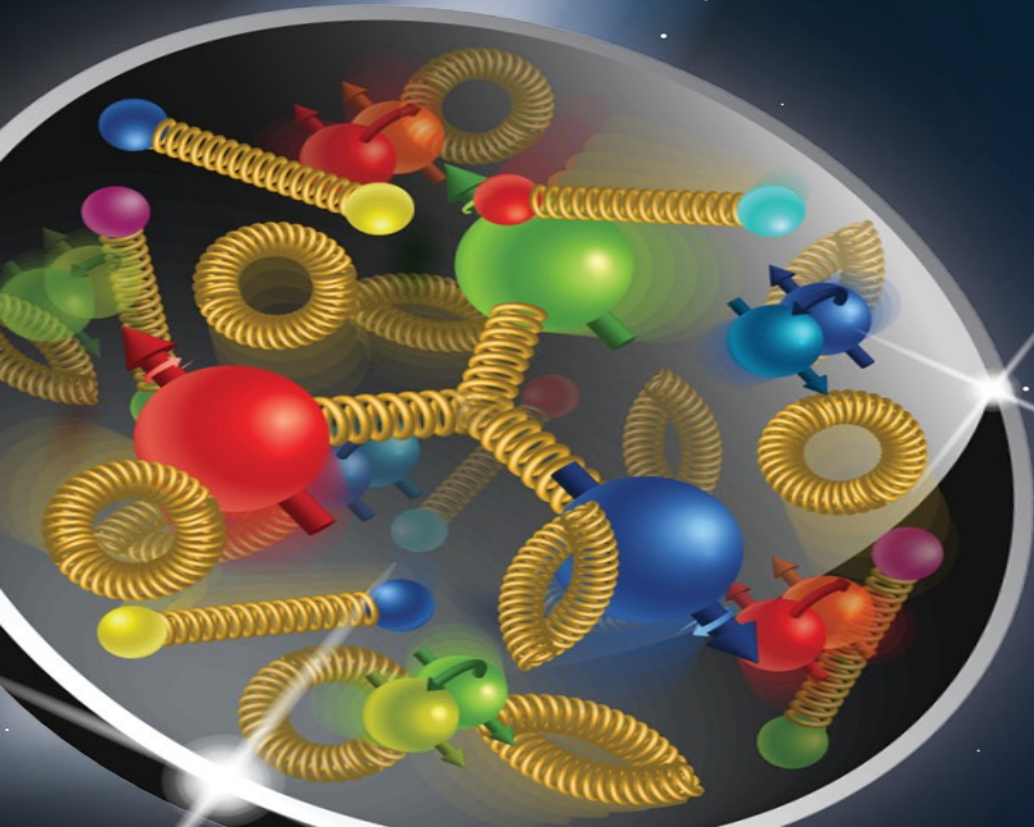
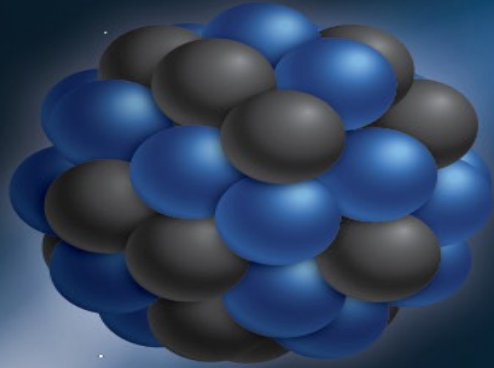


**Open circles:** “inclusive” measurement.  
**Stars:** pole extrapolation procedure.

**Differences driven by evaluation of pole function (average in bin, vs. event-by-event).**



- Similar kinds of high-precision results achievable as was done for proton  $F_2$  at HERA!
- Only  $\sim 1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity needed!

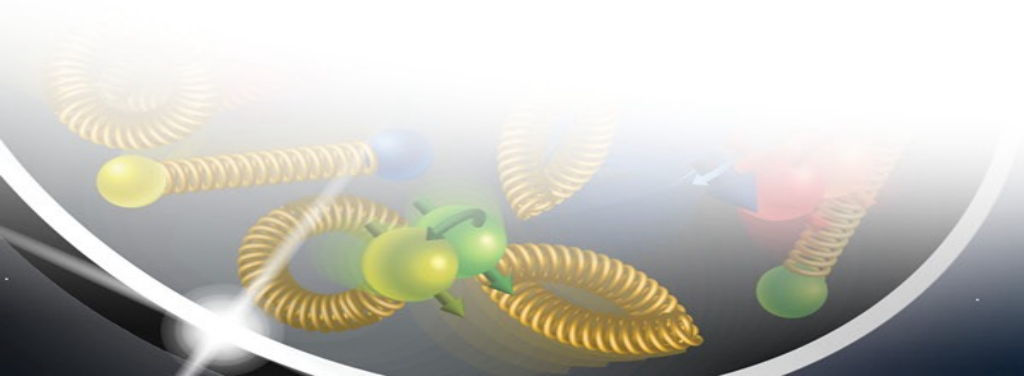
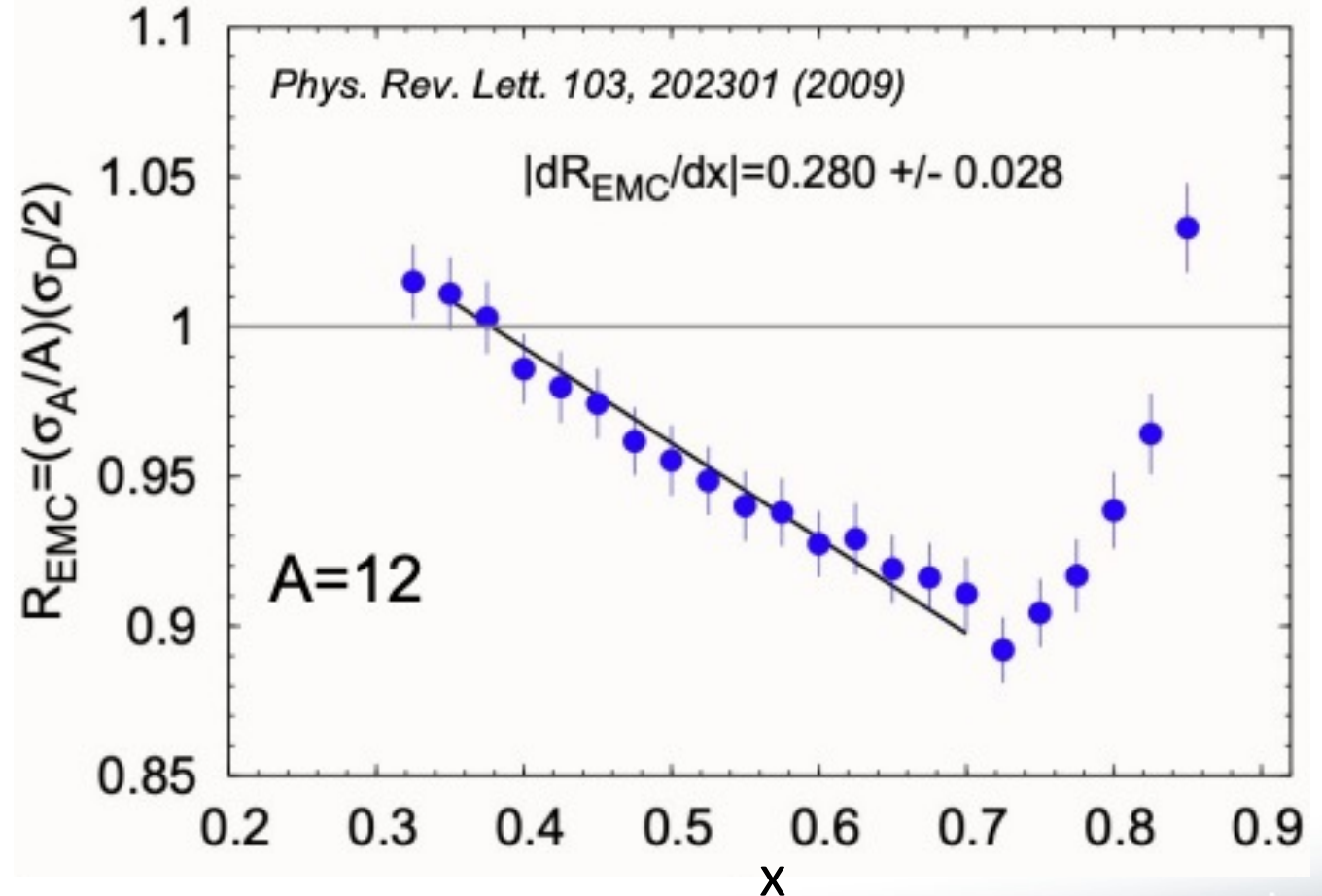


Deuterons:  
The EMC Effect  
(on-going study)



# The EMC Effect

- Discovered by the European Muon Collaboration ~40 years ago.
  - Puzzle: why the dip?
- Still an unanswered question, and one we hope the EIC can aid in answering.
- Established via measurements with different nuclear targets!

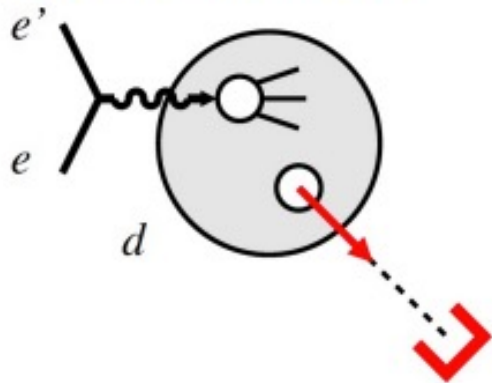


# The EMC Effect

- Potential pathway forward – **study off-shell effect in *deuterons*.**

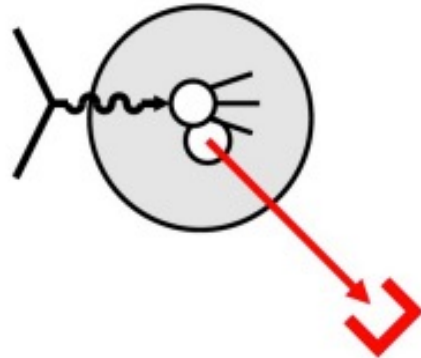
Tagged DIS Process:  $e + d \rightarrow e' + X + p' \text{ or } n'$

Low off-shellness



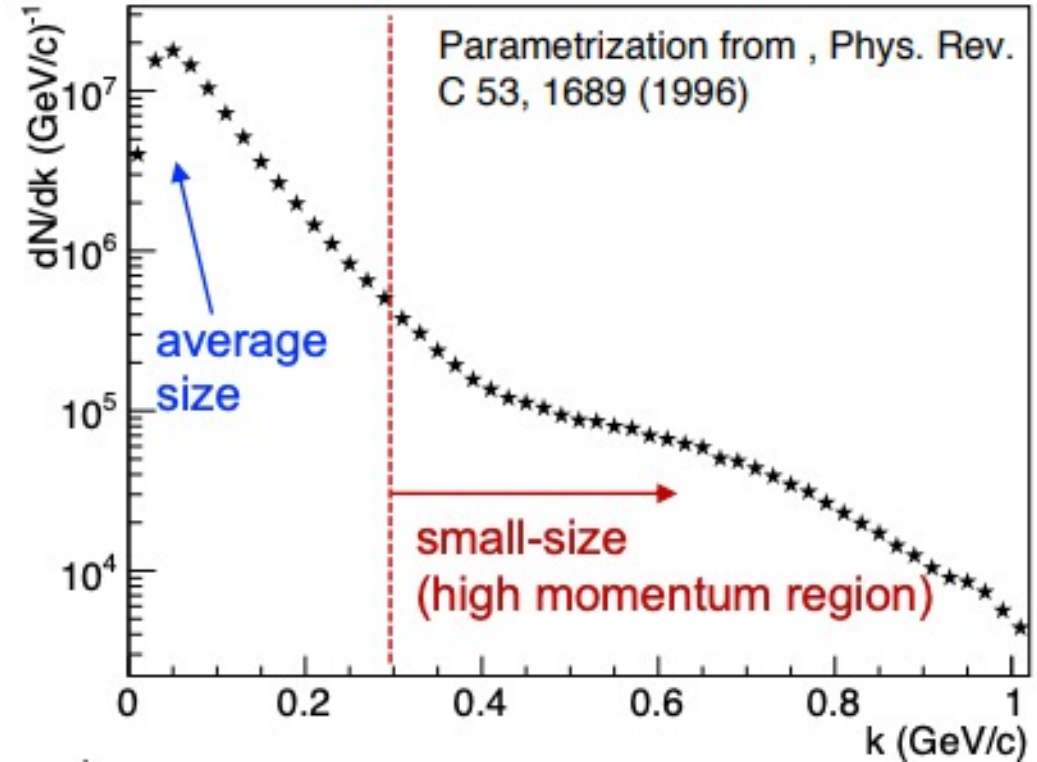
average-size  
more-likely

High off-shellness



small-size  
less-likely

Deuteron: nucleon internal momentum



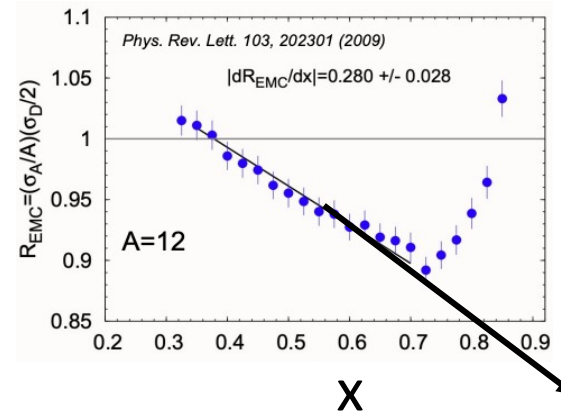
$$-t'^2 = M_N^2 - (p_d - p_p)^2$$

Virtuality/off-shellness in the deuteron

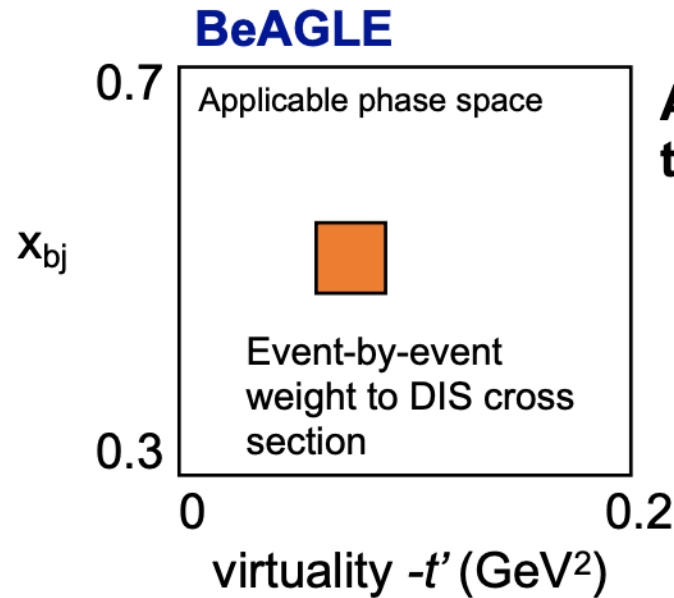
**Question:** can the EMC effect be controlled via the off-shellness **without altering the nuclear species?**

**Our goal:** establish experimental prospects for this approach!

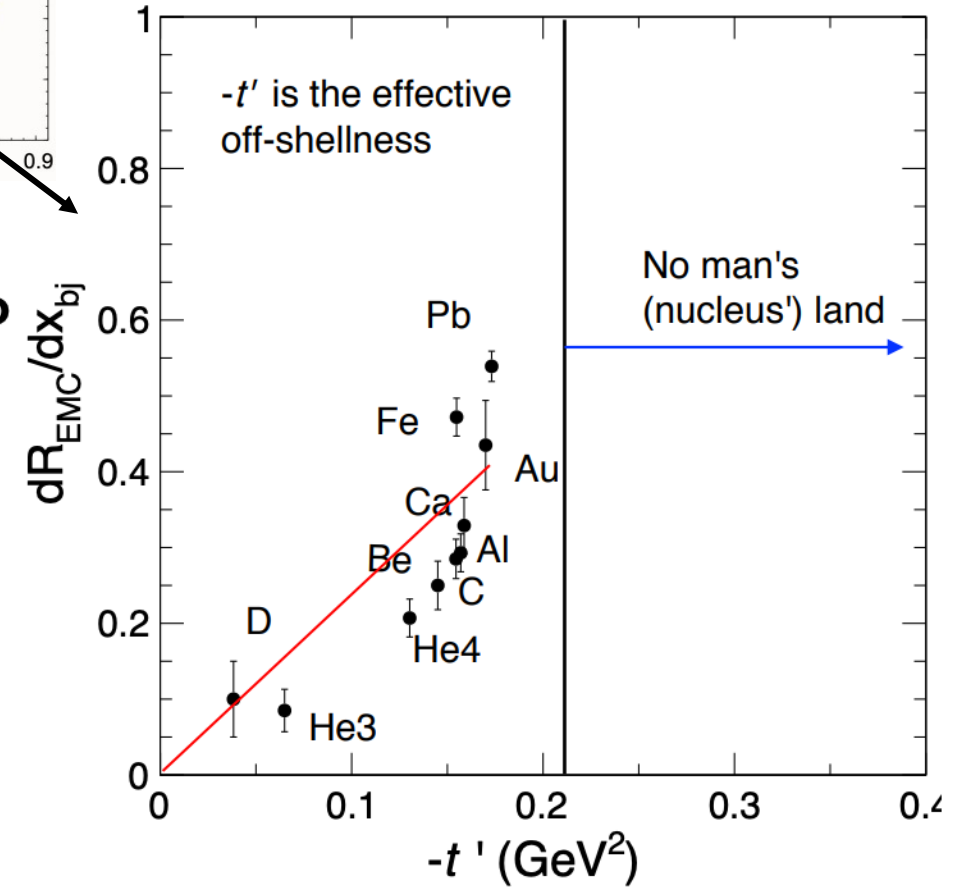
# The EMC Effect



Use EMC effect measurements from data with different nuclear targets.



**Add EMC effect according to the linear parametrization**



- Only apply to  $0.3 < x_{bj} < 0.7$
- $Q^2$  independent
- Weight =  $F_2(\text{bound})/ F_2(\text{free})$

**Minimal parametrization (linear)**  
 Linear offshell dependence on the EMC effect.  
 (Frankfurt, Strikman 80', Weiss)

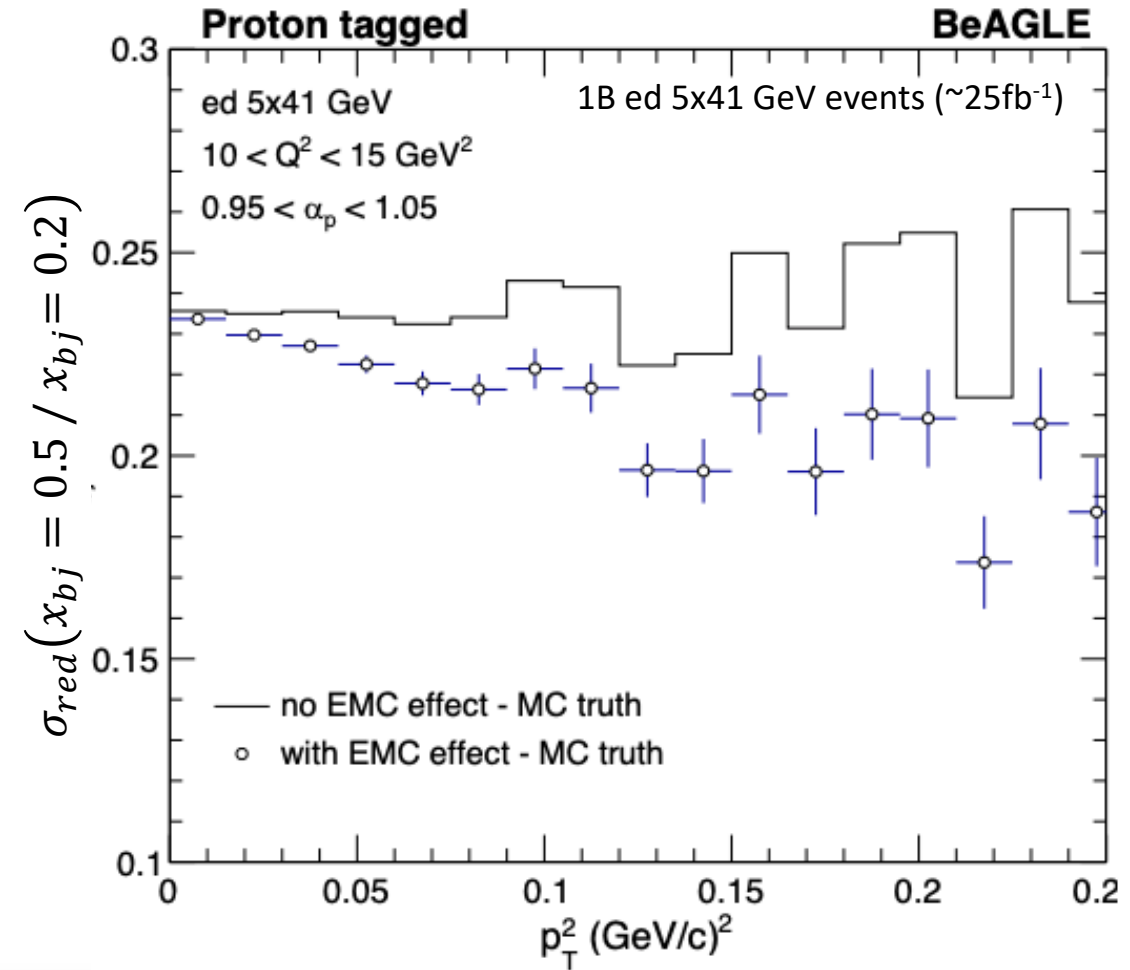


# The EMC Effect

- Current study:

- Measure reduced cross-section as in the free neutron study, with and without the off-shell effects included.
- Take ratio of reduced cross sections in both cases of x-bins **inside and outside the EMC region** (e.g.  $x \sim 0.5$  and  $x \sim 0.2$ )
- Establish required integrated luminosity to provide needed sensitivity to off-shell effects.
  - **Spoiler** – this will be a challenging measurement → high-x + low probability nuclear configuration + lower beam energies.

Reduced cross section ratio  $\frac{\sigma_{red}^{x=0.5}}{\sigma_{red}^{x=0.2}}$



# Summary and Takeaways

- Far-forward physics characterized by exclusive+diffractive final states.
  - Lots to unpack! – proton spin, neutron structure, saturation, partonic imaging, meson structure, etc.
- There is lots of interest in the EIC community in studying this physics via these final states!
  - Exciting time to get involved!!

Email me if you have any questions: [ajentsch@bnl.gov](mailto:ajentsch@bnl.gov)

## Want to get involved?? Join our meetings and learn how!

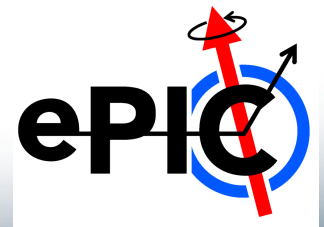
Meeting time: Tuesdays @ 9am EDT (bi-weekly, or weekly, as needed)

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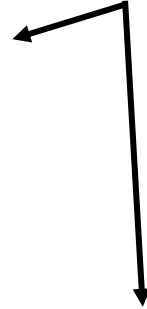




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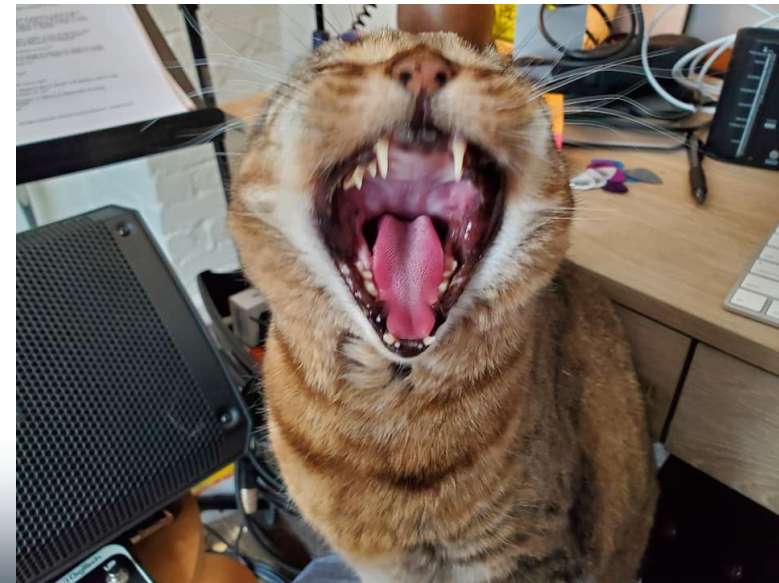


**Julep**



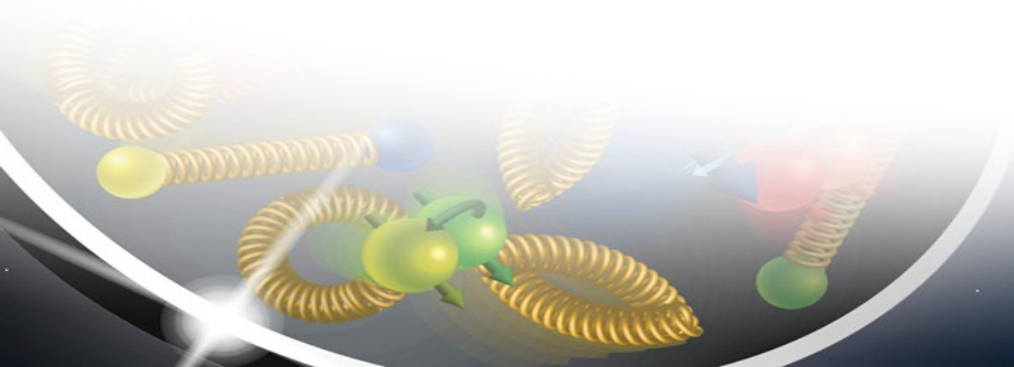
They (mostly) get along.

**Lilu**



She's in a death metal band.

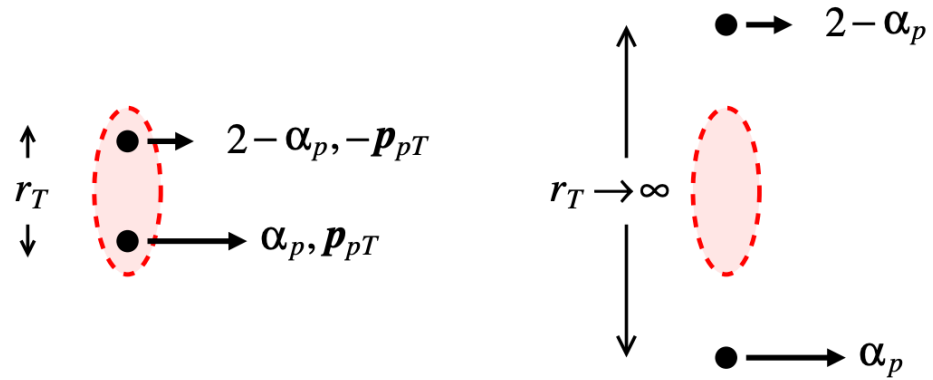
# Backup





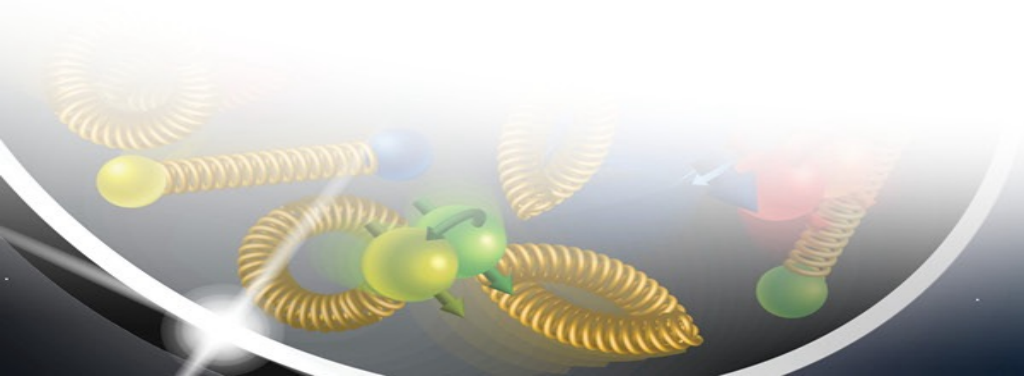
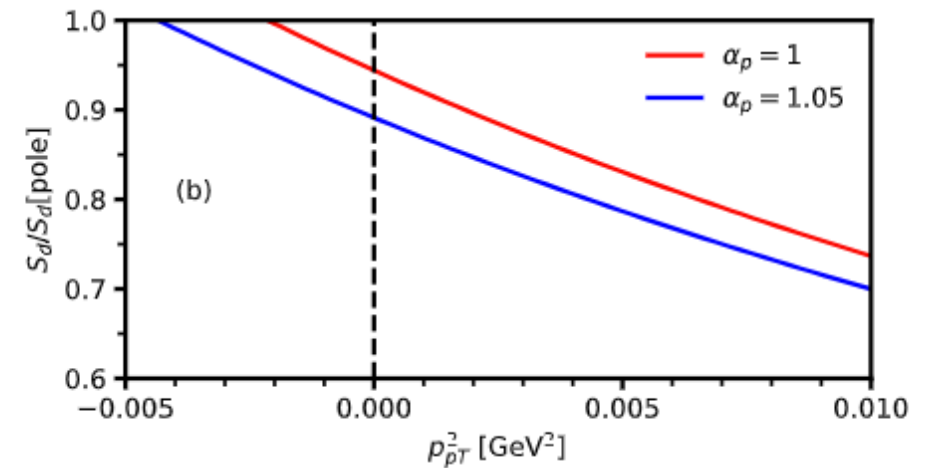
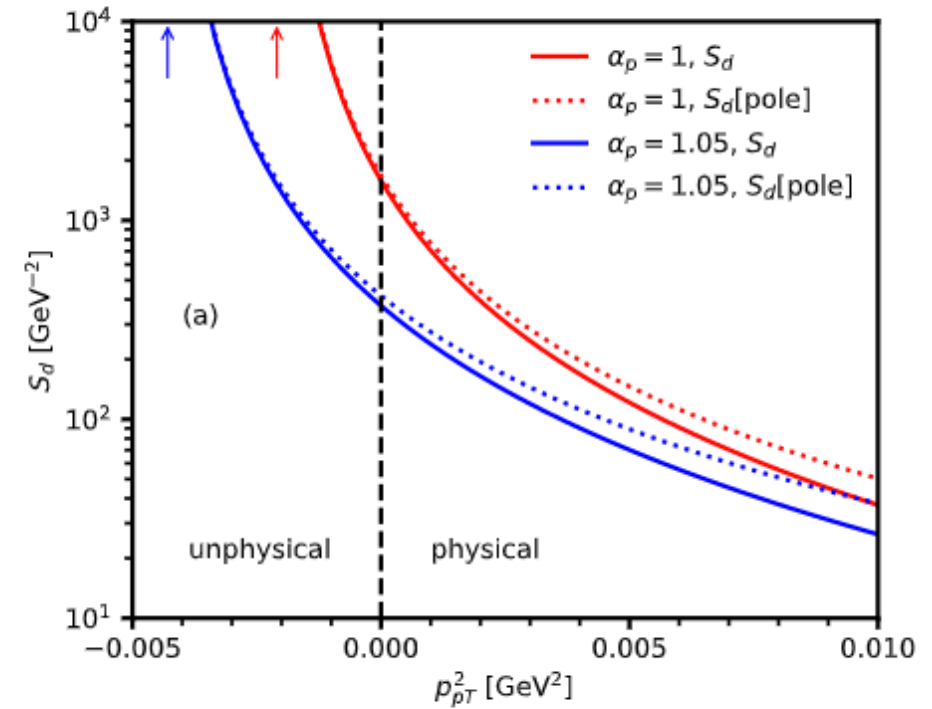
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C. Weiss and W. Cosyn  
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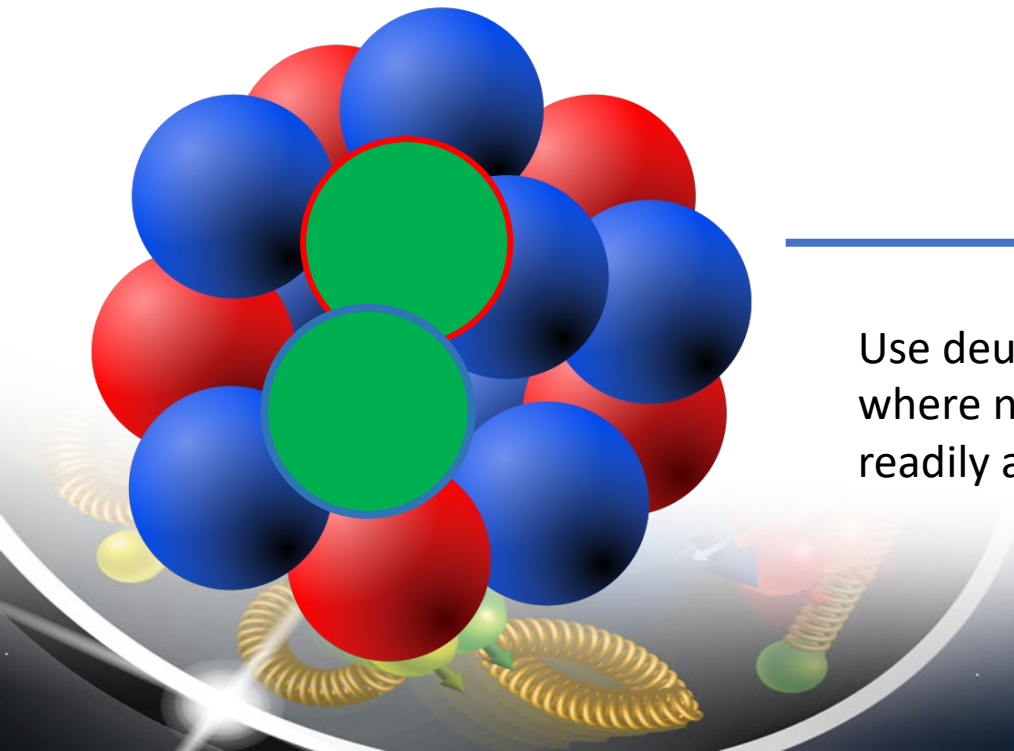


# Short-Range Correlations

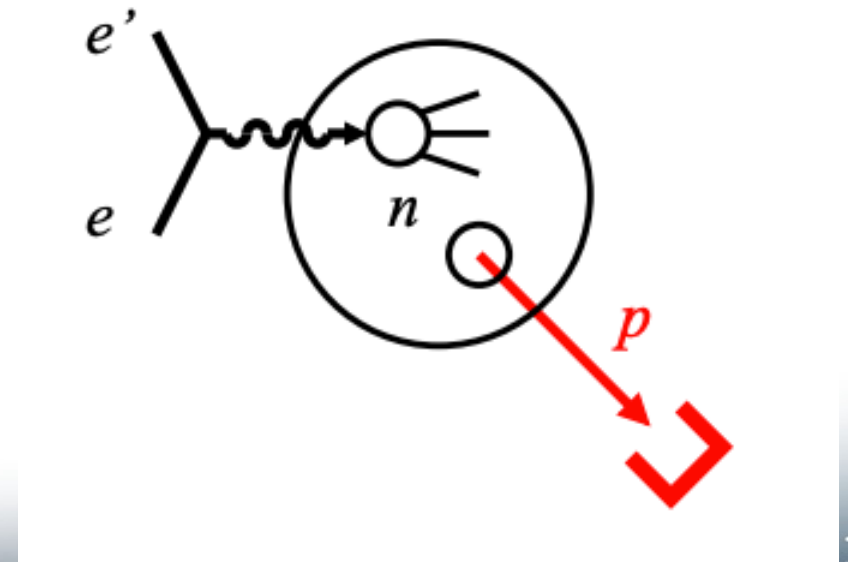
“The nucleus can often be approximated as an independent collection of protons and neutrons confined in a volume, but for short periods of time, the nucleons in the nucleus can strongly overlap. This quantum mechanical overlapping, known as a nucleon-nucleon short-range correlation, is a manifestation of the nuclear strong force, which produces not only the long-range attraction that holds matter together, but also the short-range repulsion that keeps it from collapsing.”

Excerpt from: [https://www.jlab.org/research/nucleon\\_nucleon](https://www.jlab.org/research/nucleon_nucleon)

Lots of SRC pairs!!! -> Really tough!



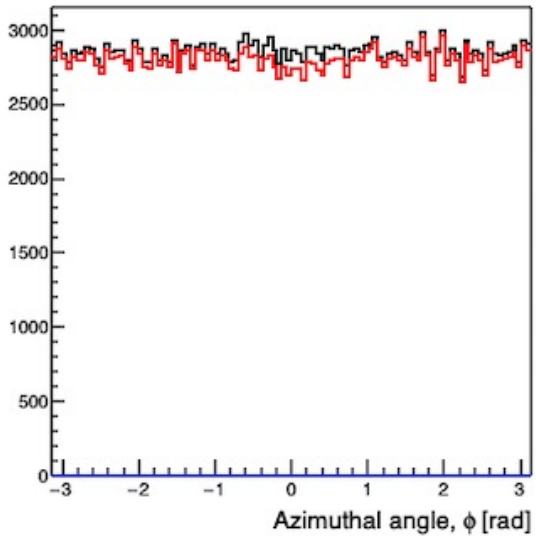
Use deuteron as “SRC laboratory”, where nucleon kinematics are readily accessible.



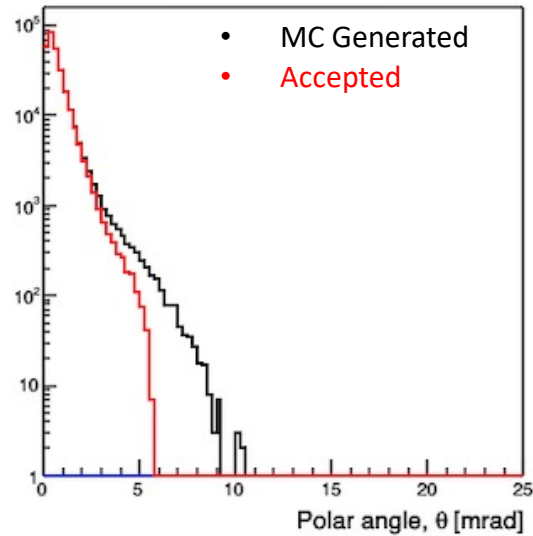
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Protons

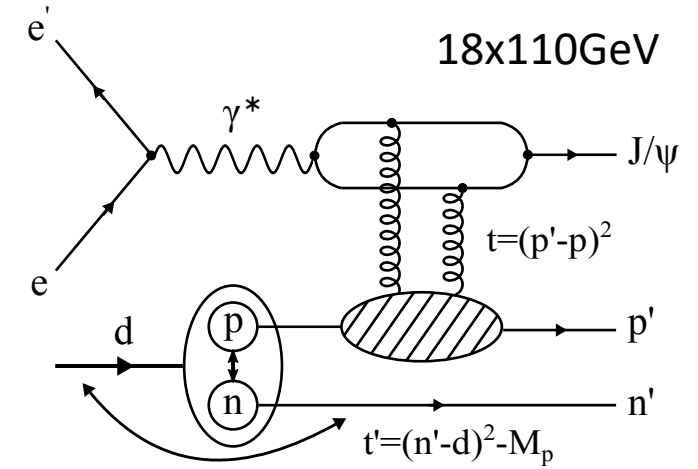


Protons



## Proton “spectator” case.

Particular process in BeAGLE:  
incoherent diffractive  $J/\psi$   
production off bounded nucleons.

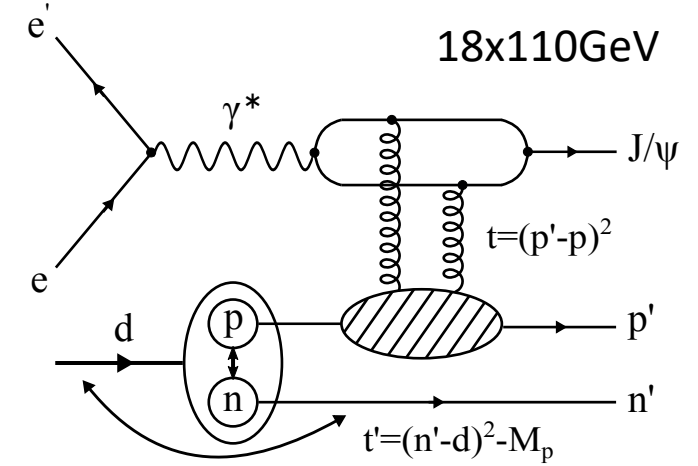


MC generated events shown in black – “accepted” protons in red.  
Acceptance refers to particles which are actually captured by the detector.



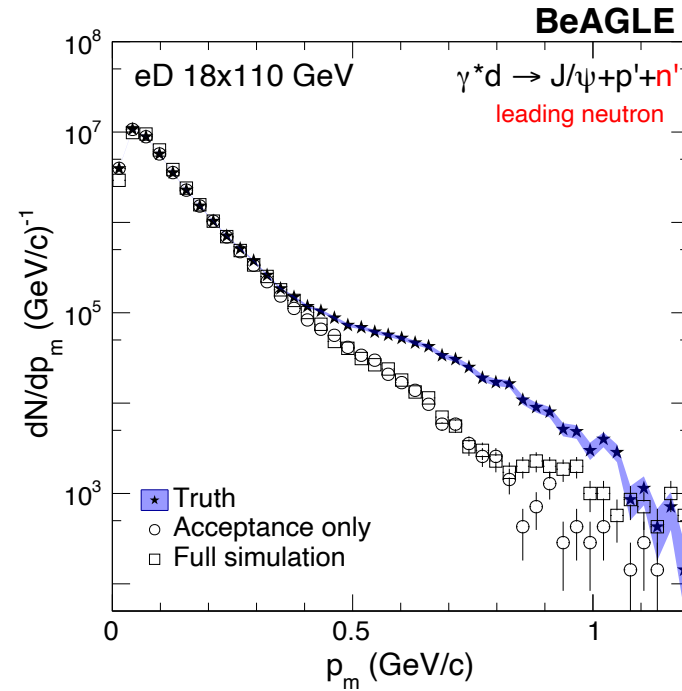
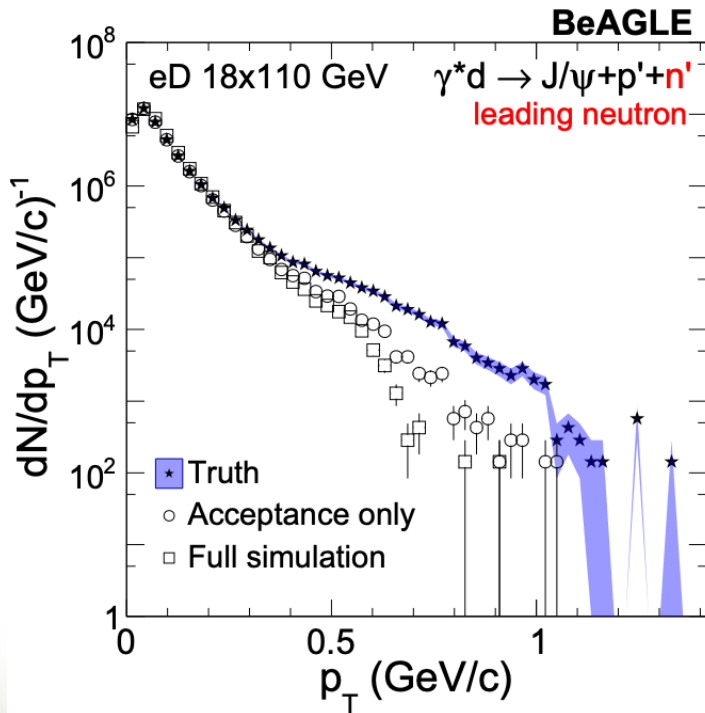
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Proton “spectator” case.

- Spectator kinematic variables reconstructed over a broad range.
- **All detector and beam effects included in the full GEANT simulations!**
  - Bin migration is observed due to smearing in the reconstruction.

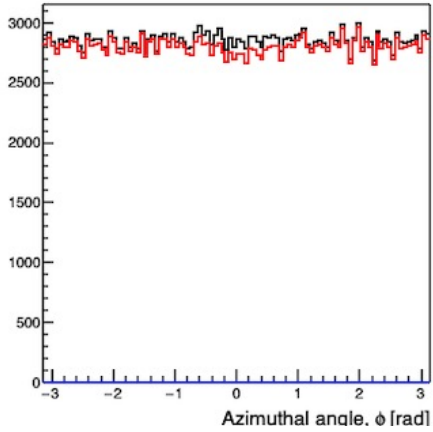


- In the proton spectator case, essentially all spectators tagged up to  $p_T \sim 600$  MeV/c.
- Active neutrons only tagged up to 4.5 mrad  $\rightarrow$  double-tagging efficiency very low.

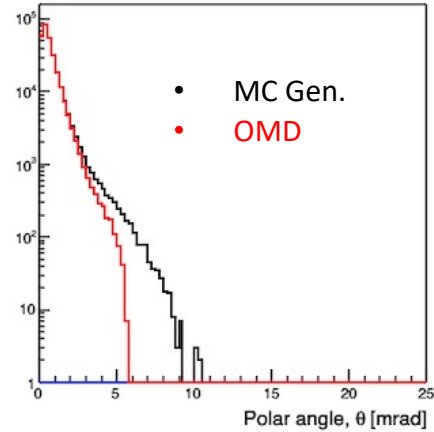


# e+d Spectator Tagging

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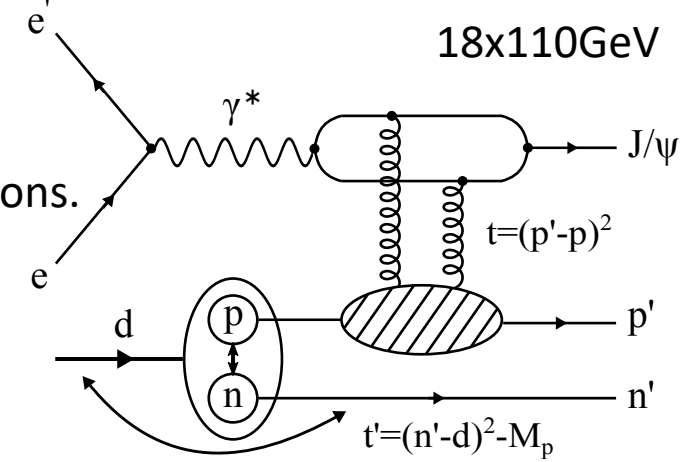


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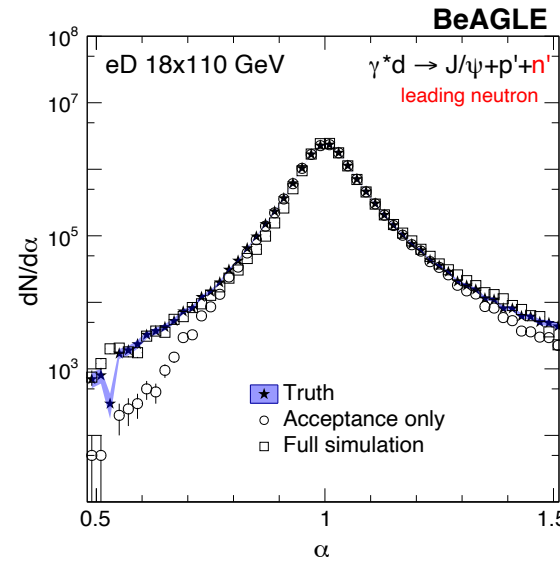
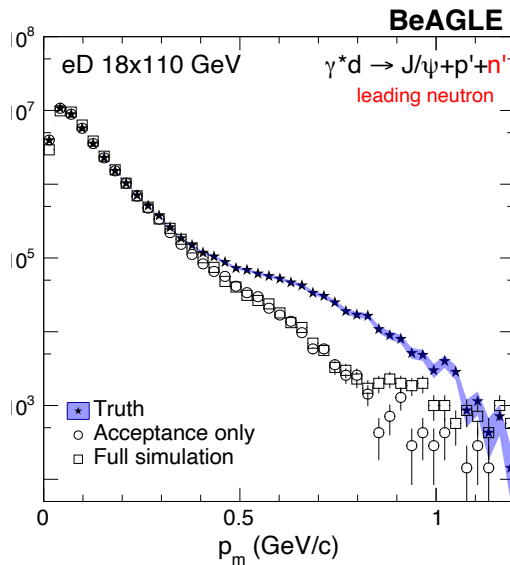
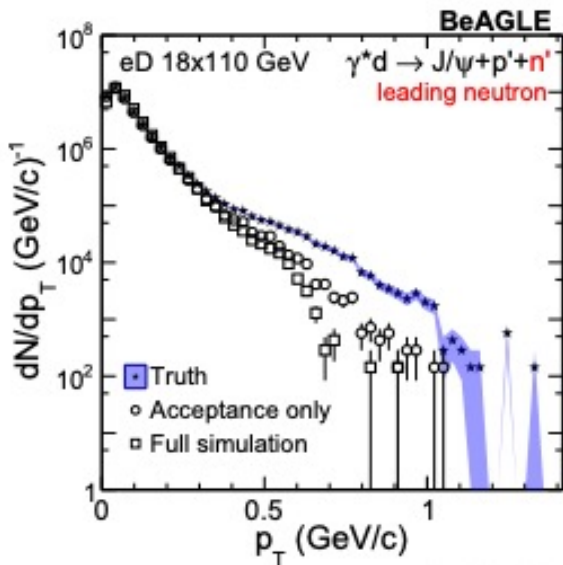


## Proton spectator case.

Particular process in BeAGLE:  
incoherent diffractive J/psi  
production off bounded nucleons.



Spectator kinematic variables reconstructed over a broad range. Bin migration is observed due to smearing in the reconstruction. Each plot shows the MC (closed circles), acceptance effects only (open circles), and full reconstruction (open squares).



- In the proton spectator case, essentially all spectators tagged.
- Active neutrons only tagged up to 4.5 mrad.

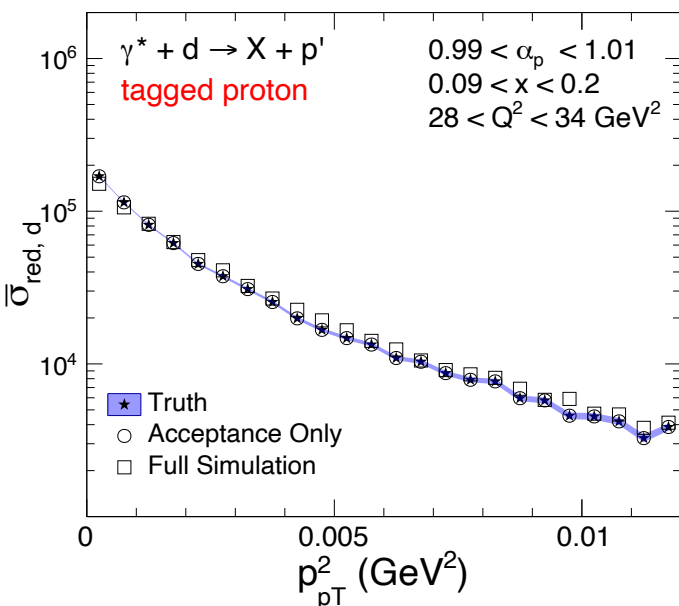
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A. Jentsch, Z. Tu, and C. Weiss, Phys. Rev. C **104**, 065205, (2021) (Editor's Suggestion)

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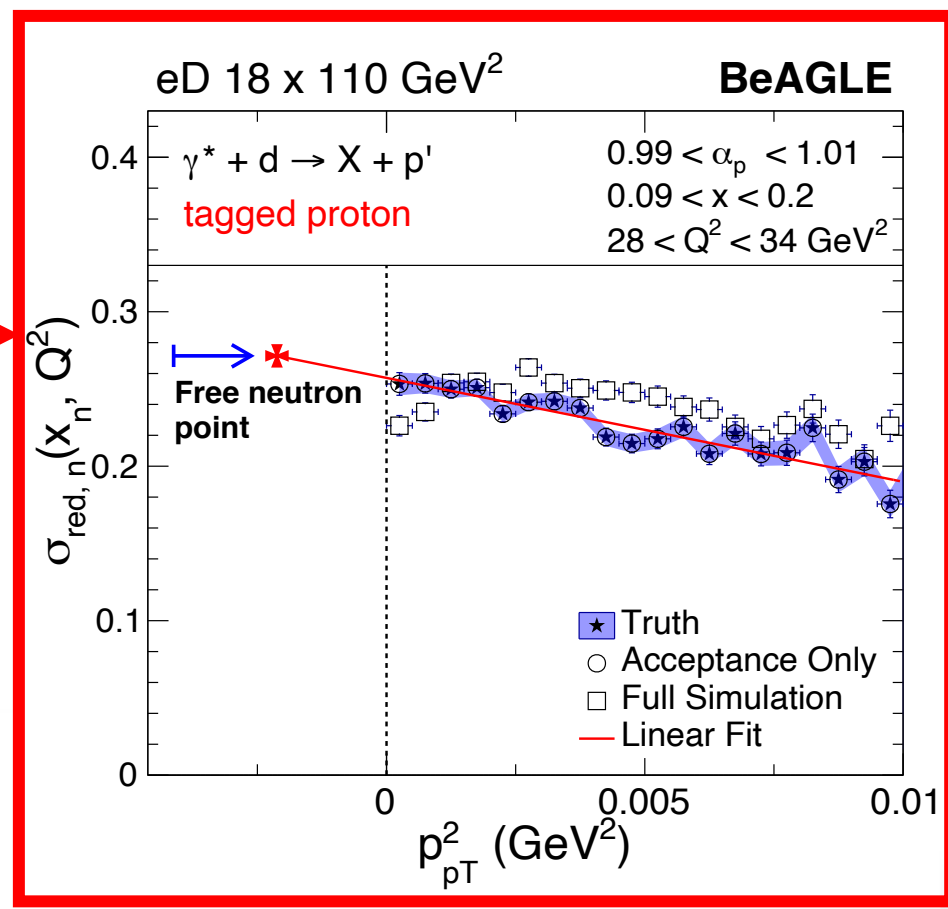
eD 18 x 110 GeV<sup>2</sup>

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**RESULT:** Reduced cross section on the active nucleon.

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 (inverse pole of deuteron spectral function)



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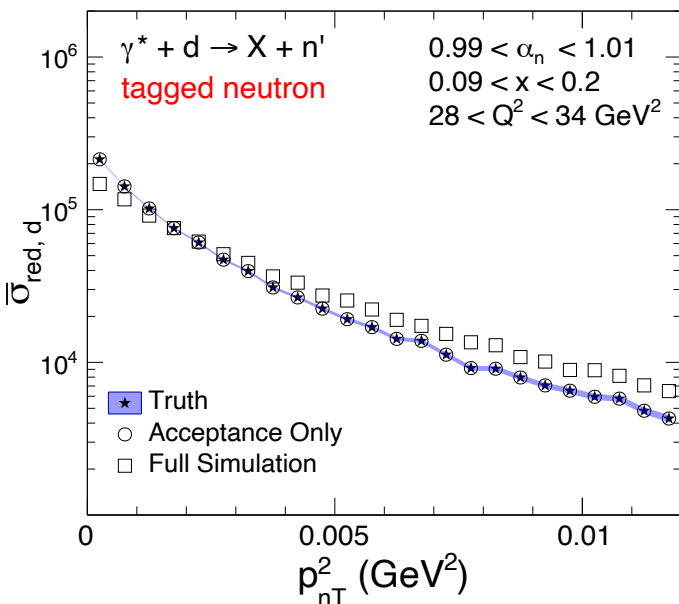
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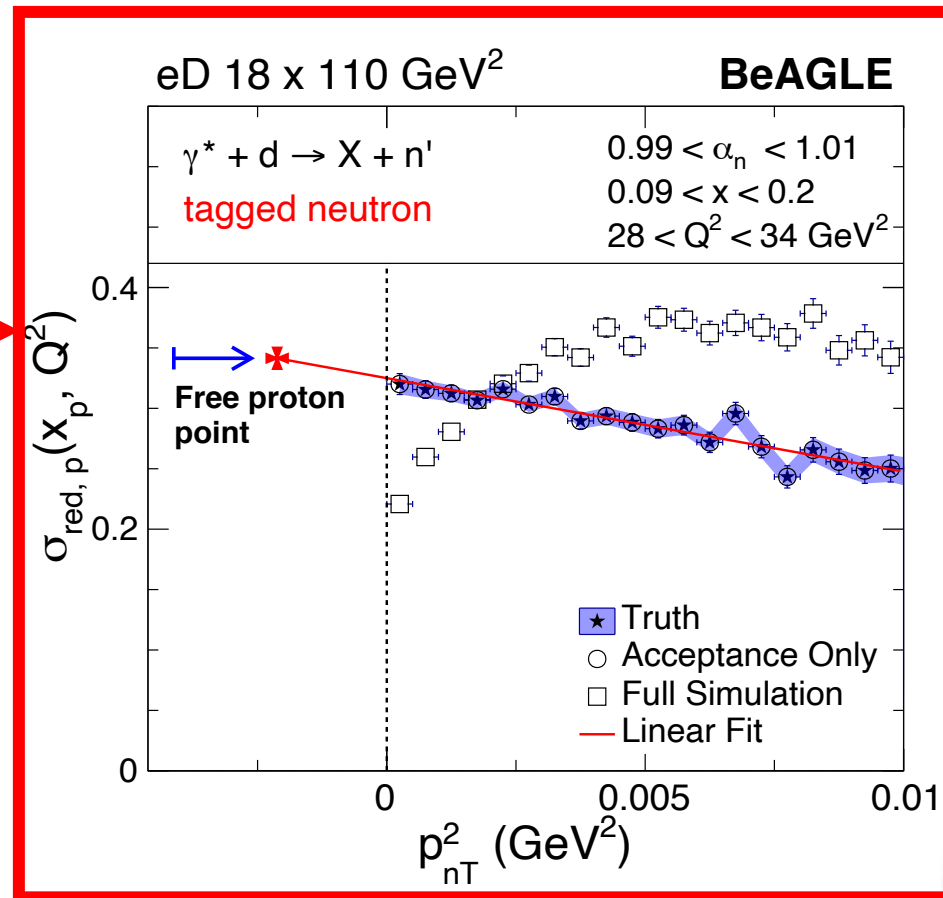
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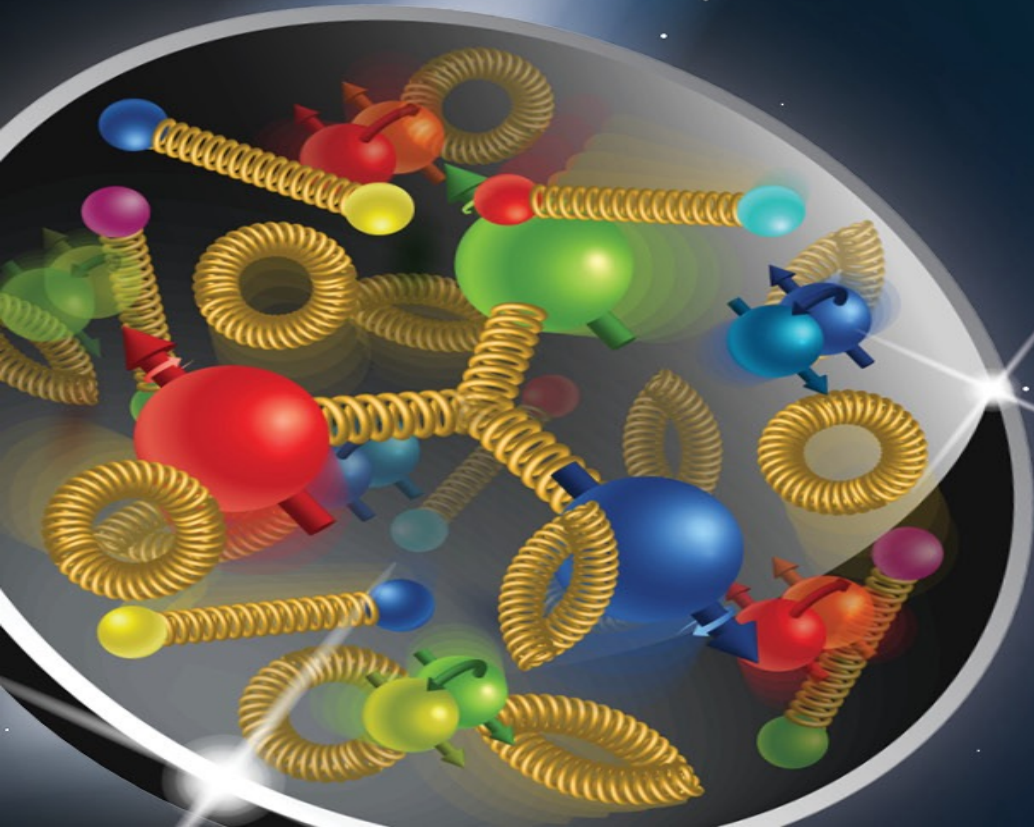
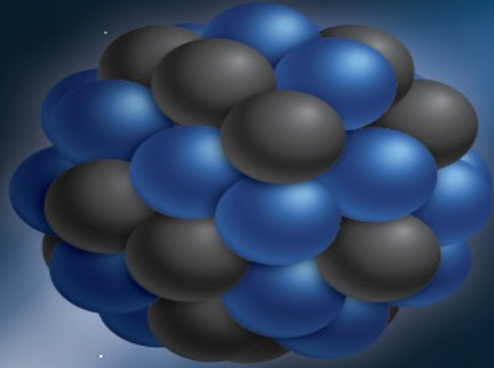
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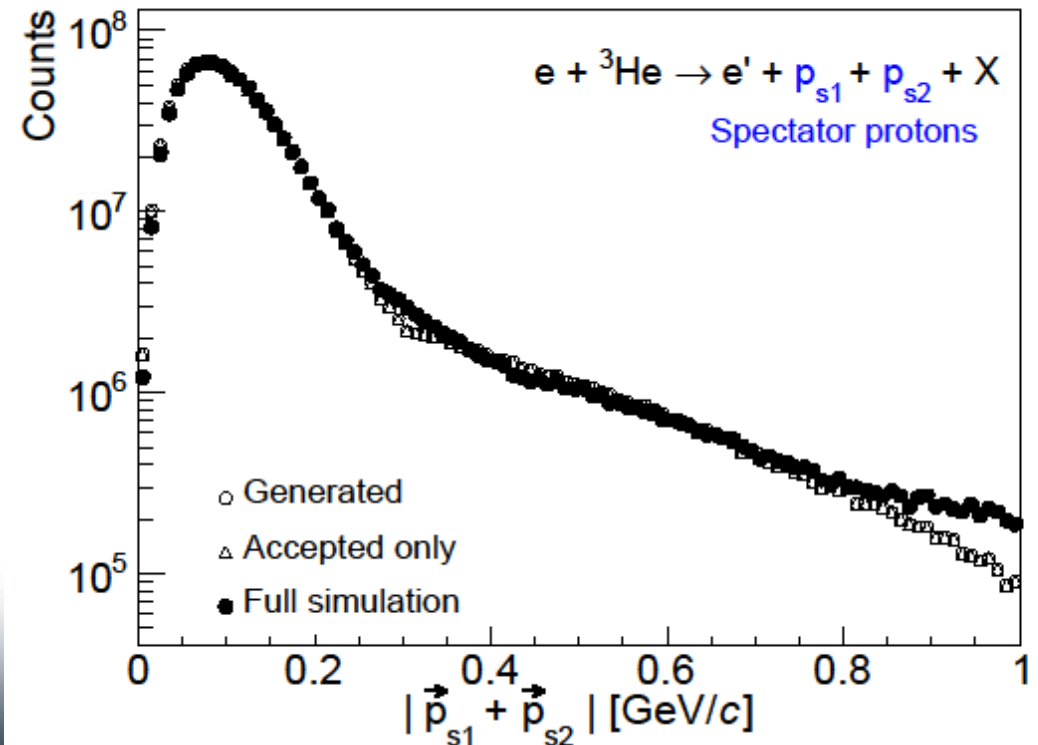
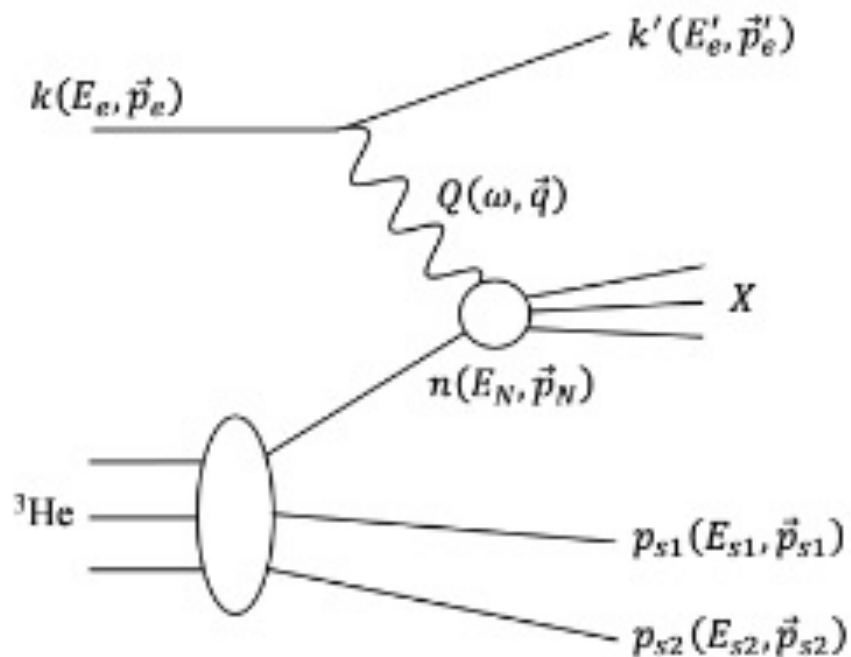


# Light nuclei – Helium-3: Neutron Spin Structure



# Neutron Spin Structure in He3

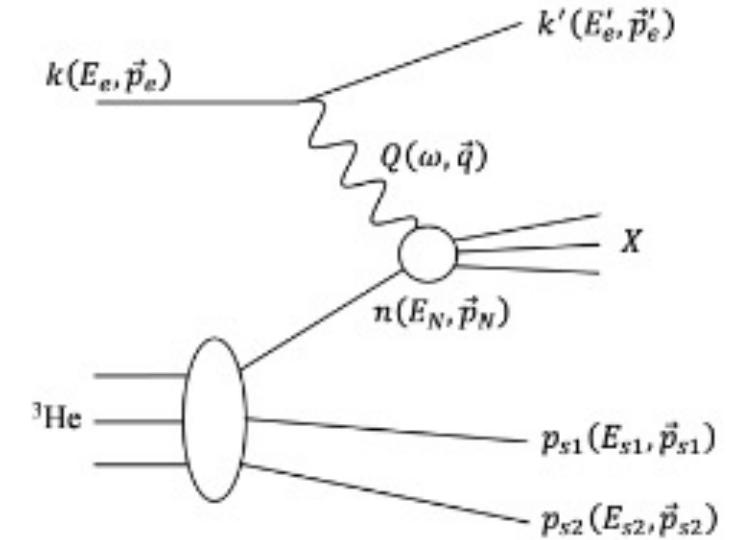
- Studies of neutron structure with a *polarized* neutron.
- More challenging final state tagging since *both* protons must be tagged.
- MC events generated with CLASDIS in fixed-target frame, and then boosted to collider frame.



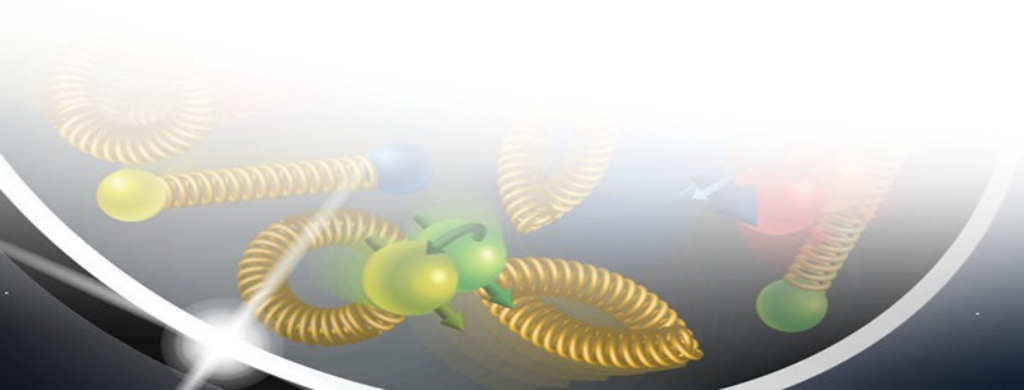
# Neutron Spin Structure in He3

- Spin structure probed via spin asymmetries!

$$A_1^{3\text{He}} = \underbrace{P_n \frac{F_2^n}{F_2^{3\text{He}}} A_1^n}_{\text{Neutron}} + \underbrace{2P_p \frac{F_2^p}{F_2^{3\text{He}}} A_1^p}_{\text{Protons}}$$

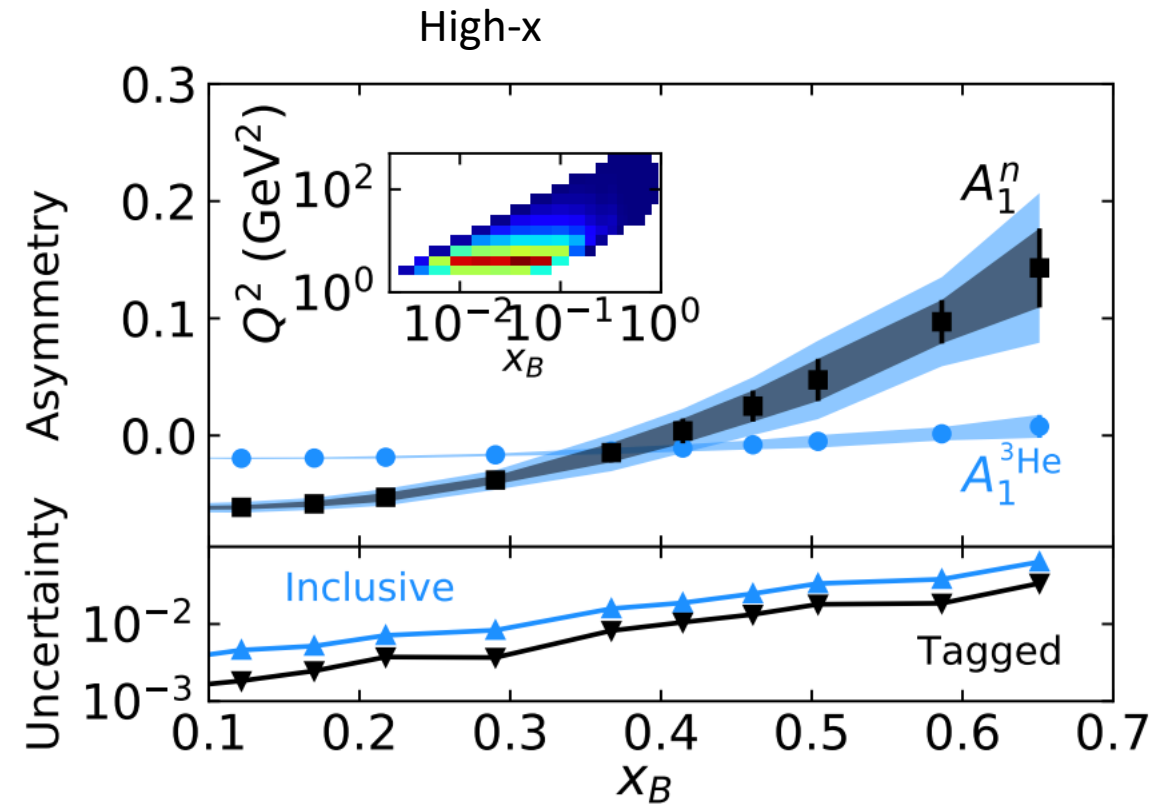
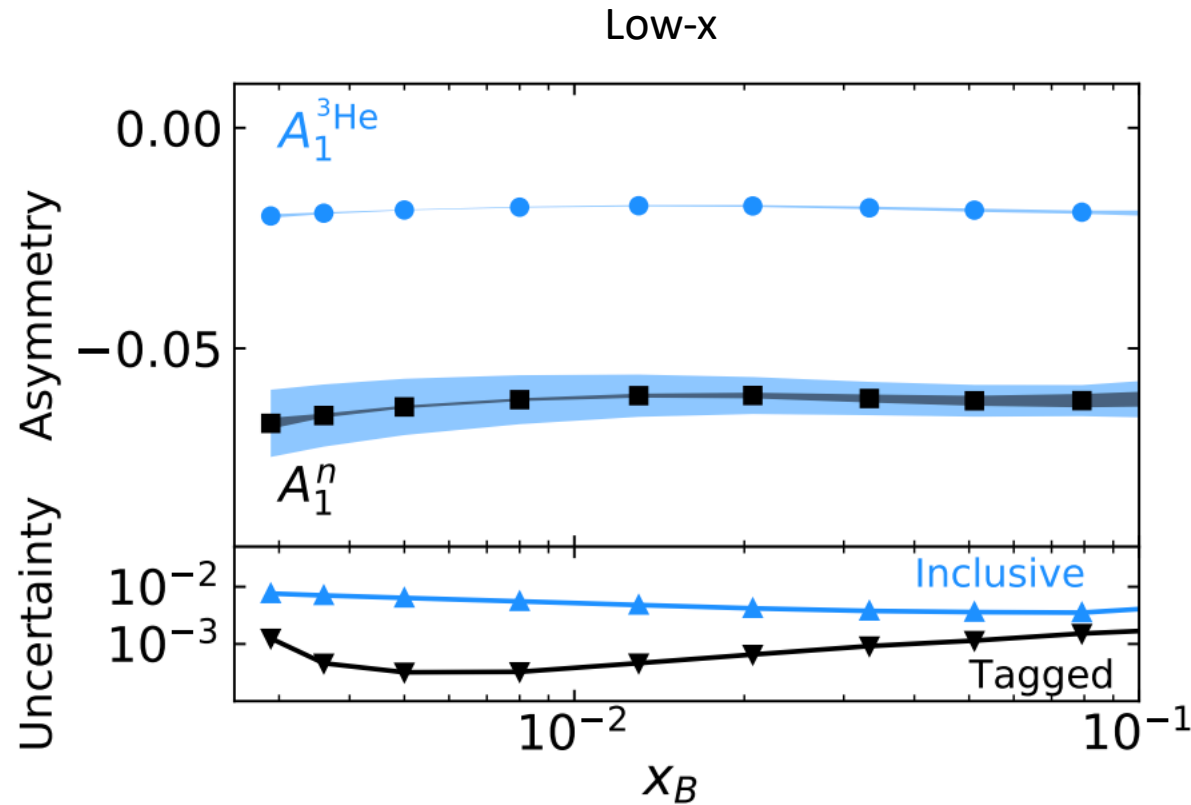


- (double) Tagged DIS measurement capable of measuring  $A_1^n$  directly!
- Complementary to measurements at JLAB.

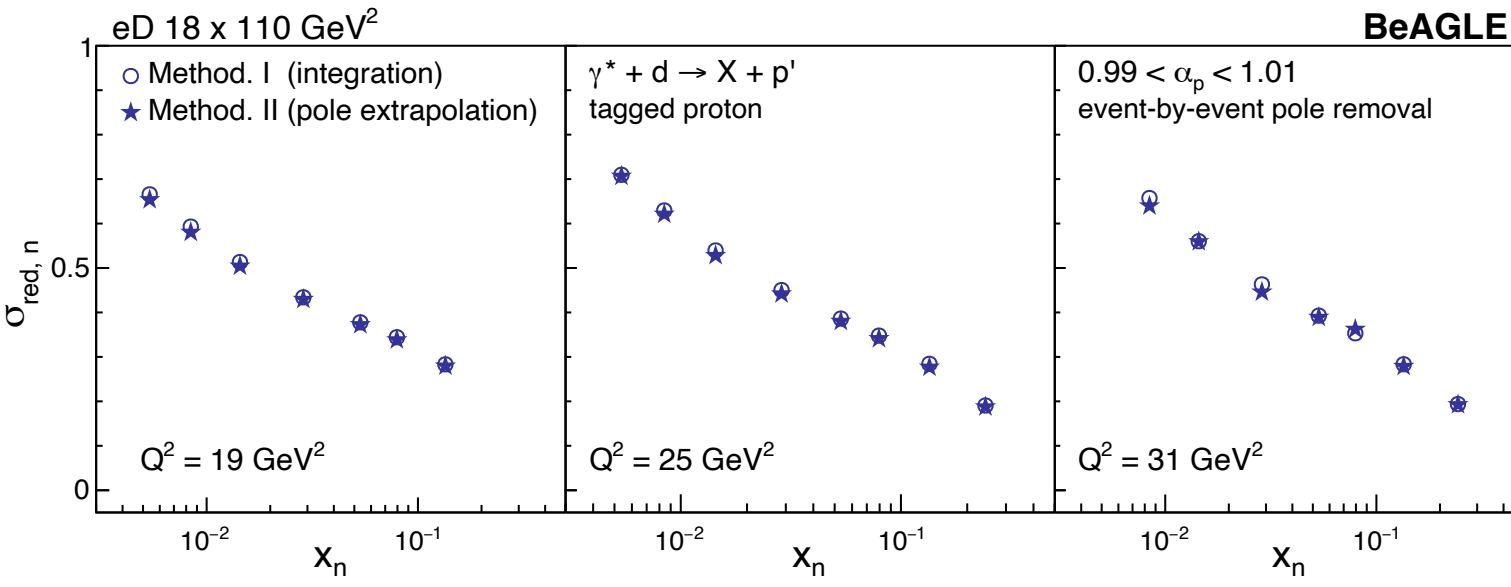
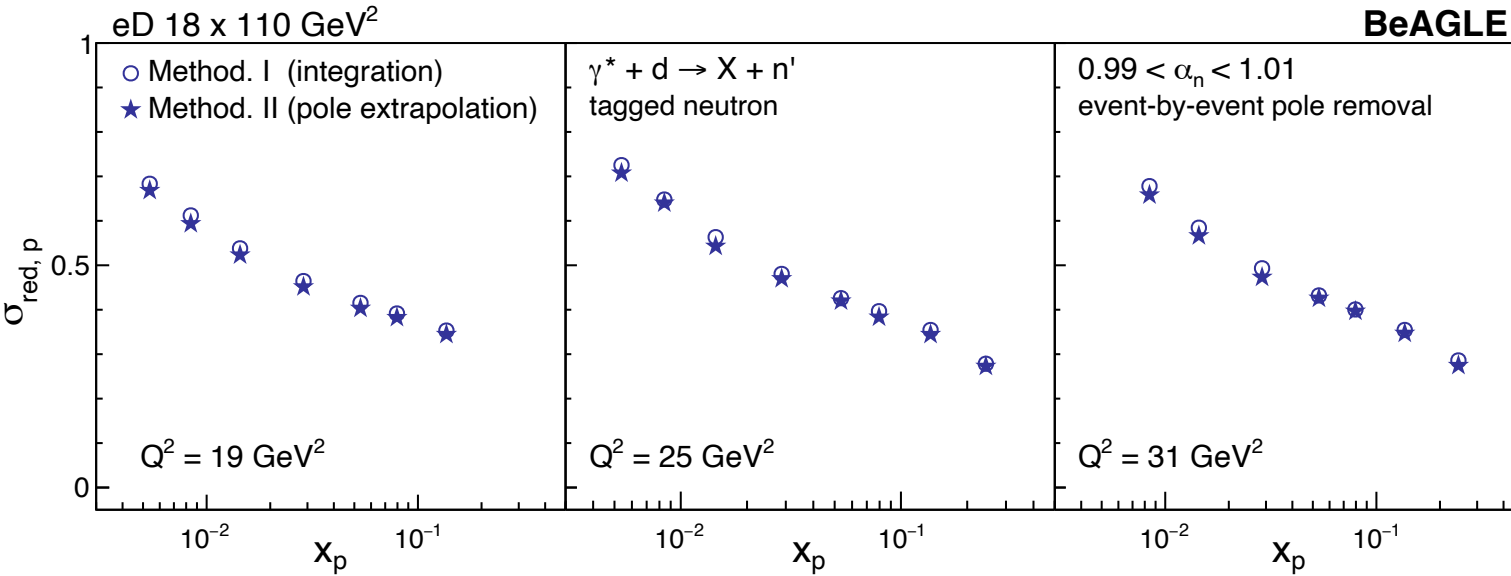


# Neutron Spin Structure in He3

- Neutron spin asymmetries can be measured from kinematics of the tagged protons.
- EIC can build upon measurements at JLAB by reducing polarization uncertainties, and opening a broader  $Q^2$  range for study.
- Can aid in our understanding of quark orbital angular momentum in nucleons.



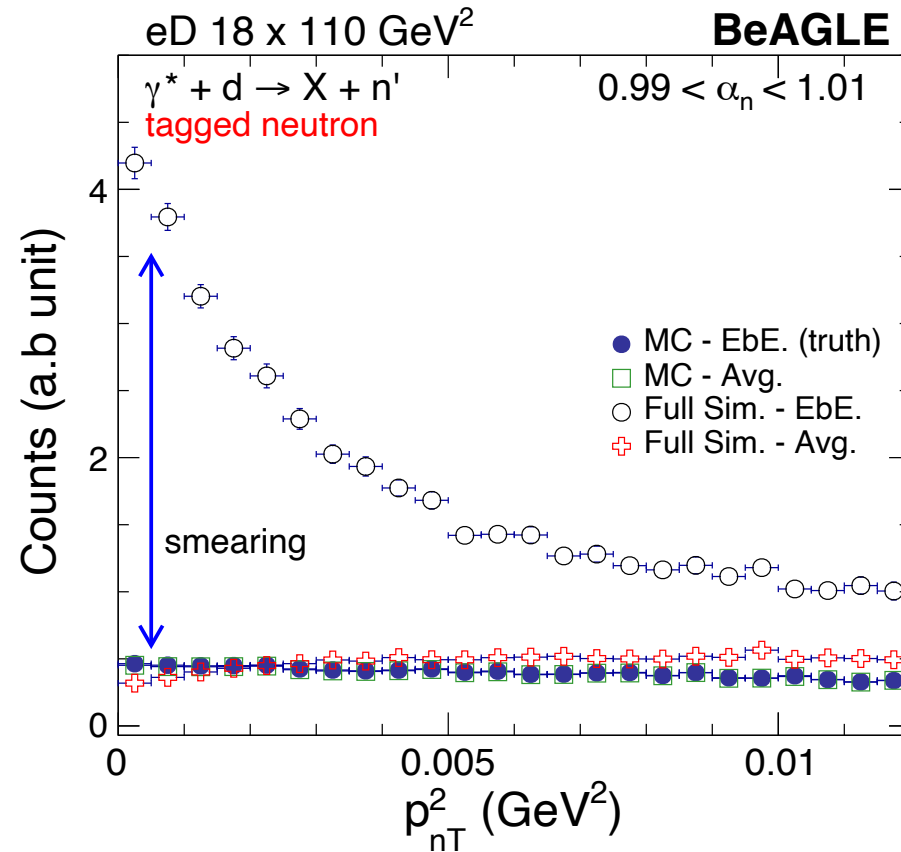
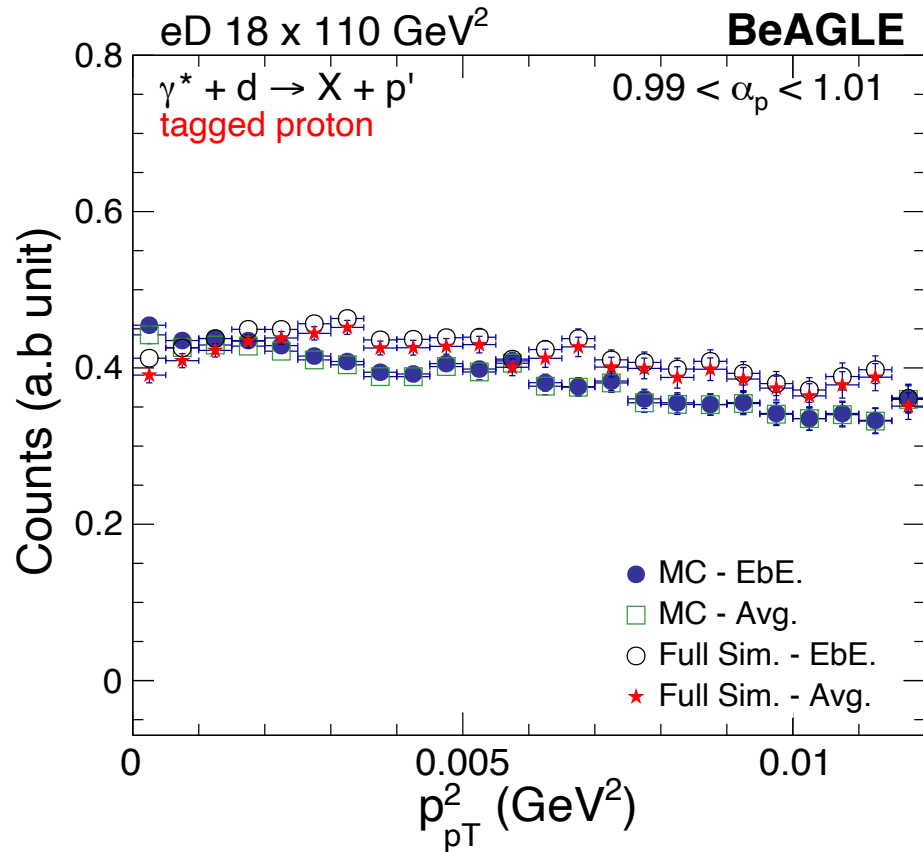
# Closure Test – Event by Event Pole Removal



- Pole factor removed using “**event by event (EbE)**” approach.
  - Pole factor calculated and applied for each event (i.e. pole factor calculated for each exact nuclear configuration).
  - Solved discrepancy at generator level.
    - This was also checked using an independent toy MC to confirm there was nothing related to our analysis code causing an issue.
- Remaining differences due to fitting and statistics.

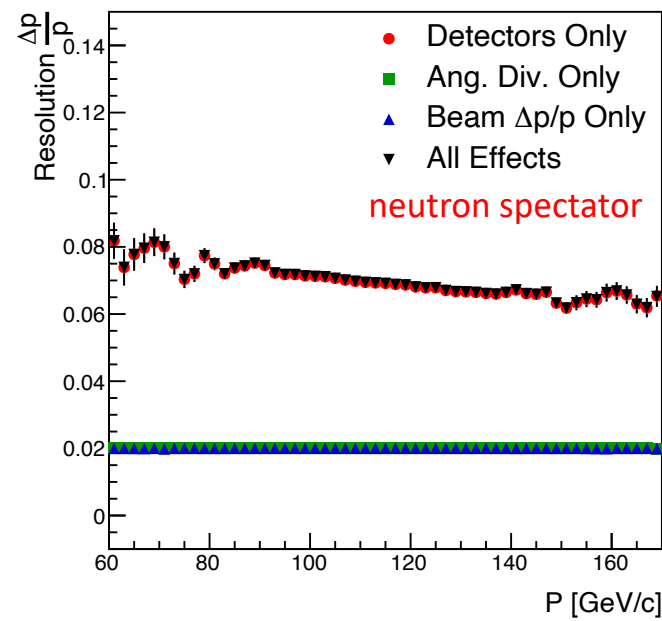
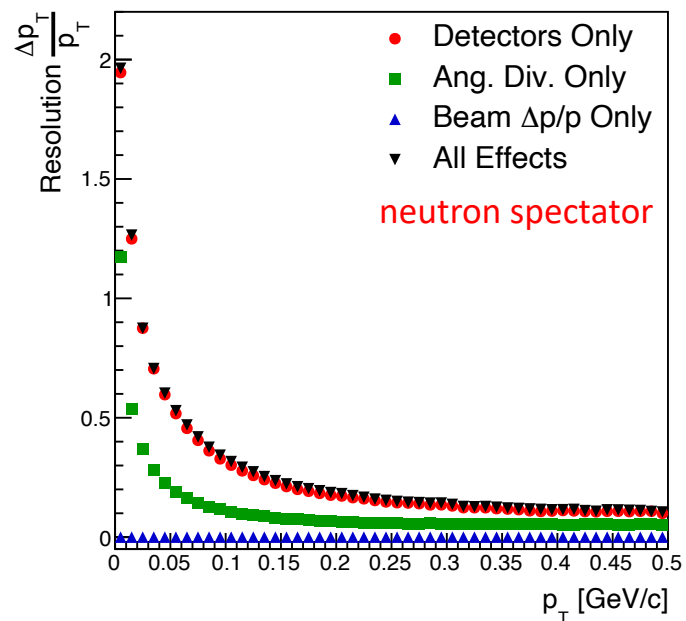
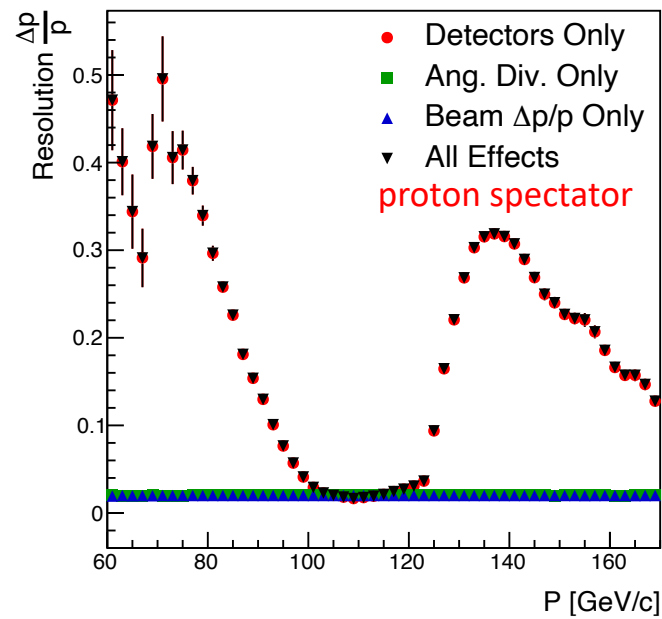
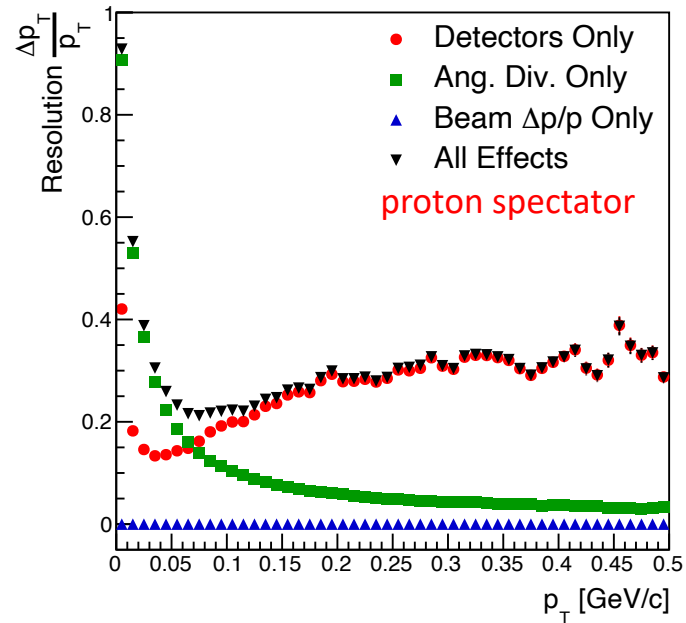


# Effects of momentum smearing on pole factor



- Detector smearing has a drastic impact when the EbE method is used.
  - If you calculate the pole factor on an EbE basis with *smear*ed spectator kinematic values, you now remove the pole factor for the wrong nuclear configuration!

# Kinematic Distributions and Smearing



- Event sub-sample passed through full GEANT4 simulations.
  - Smearing parametrizations extracted for  $(p_x, p_y, p_z, E)$ .
- Larger overall smearing observed for neutrons, consistent with previous study.
- Anomalous proton smearing at high  $p_T$  and  $p > 120$  GeV/c and  $p < 100$  GeV/c due to linear transfer matrix assumption.
  - Will be fixed in the future for TDR studies.