

# u-Channel Experiments a Hall C

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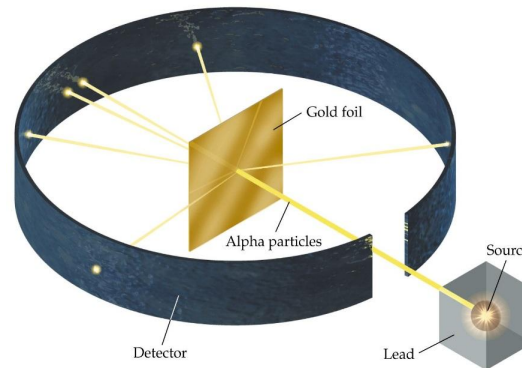
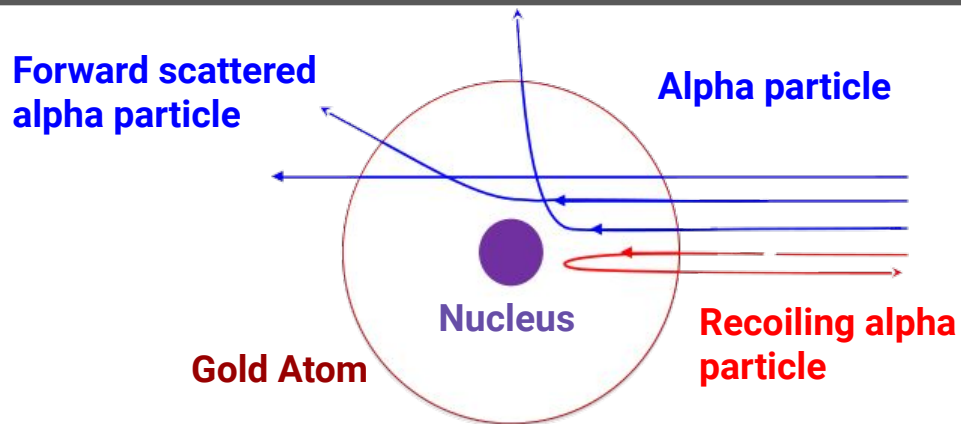


# Outline

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- **A introduction to the u-Channel processed**
- **A new set of theory perspectives**
- **Exclusive productions**
  - E12-20-007 u-Channel
- **Semi-inclusive production**
  - Data mining effort with the existing data

# Forward and backward Scattering - Fundamental properties of nucleus



- **Forward scattered alpha particle: extracting the interaction radius of the nucleus and mapping out the transverse structure of the atom (mostly empty)**
- **Recoiling alpha particle: stiffness of the "point-like" structure.**
- **Full structure = forward angle + backward angle observables.**

# Gifted Backward-angle Observables

- **Fpi-2 (E01-004) 2003**

- Spokesperson: **Garth Huber, Henk Blok**
- Standard HMS and SOS (e) configuration
- **Electric form factor of  $\pi^+$**  through exclusive  $\pi^+$  production

- **Primary reaction for Fpi-2**

- $H(e, e'\pi^+)n$

- **In addition, the experiment fortuitously received**

- $H(e, e'p)\omega$

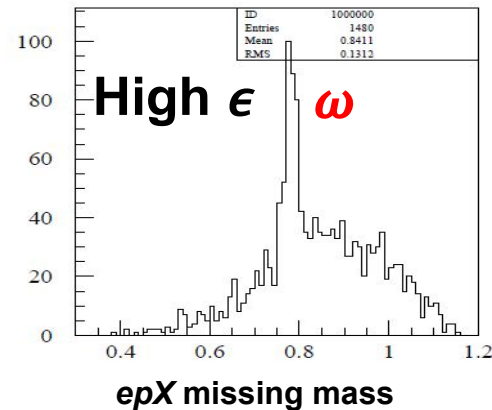
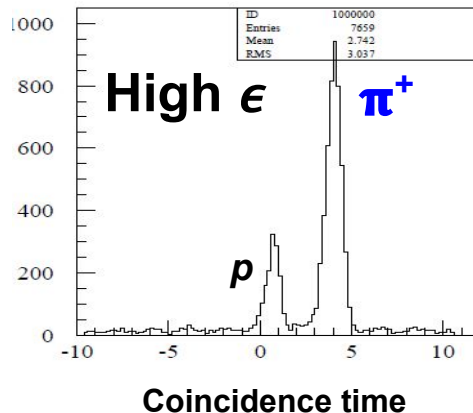
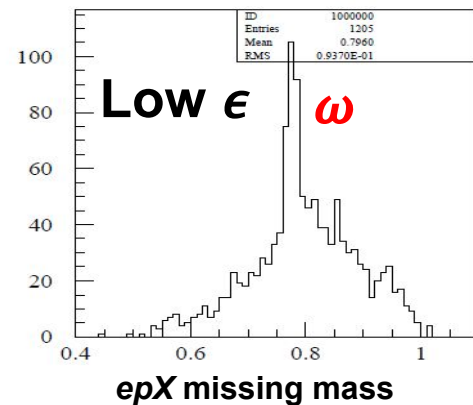
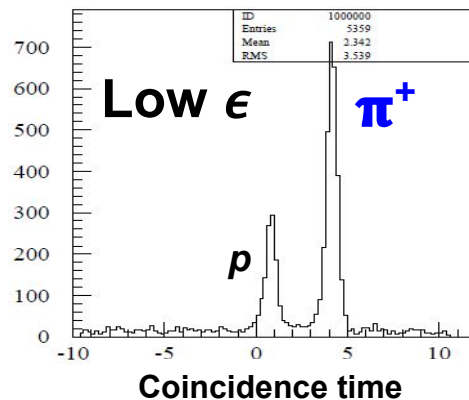
- **Kinematics coverage**

- $W = 2.21 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $Q^2 = 1.6$  and  $2.45 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Two  $\epsilon$  settings for each  $Q^2$

$Q^2 = 2.45 \text{ GeV}^2$

2003

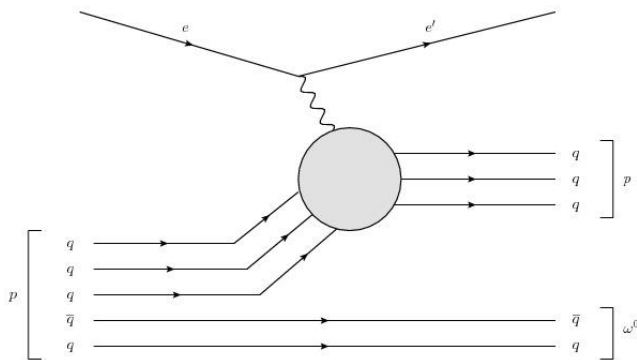
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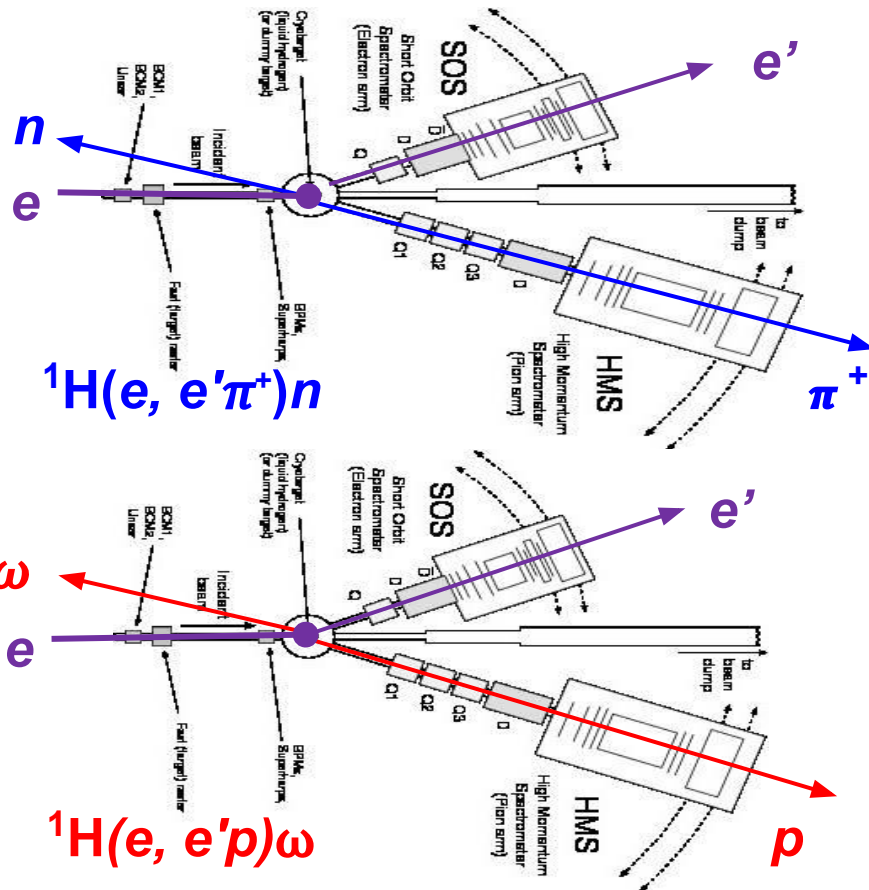


# Forward ( $t$ -Channel) $\pi^+$ vs $u$ -Channel $\omega$ Production

- Primary reaction for Fpi-2
  - $^1\text{H}(e, e' \pi^+)n$
  - $n$  (940 MeV)
  - $\pi^+$  (140 MeV)
- Unexpected reaction:
  - $\text{H}(e, e' p)\omega$
  - $p$  (940 MeV)
  - $\omega$  (783 MeV)

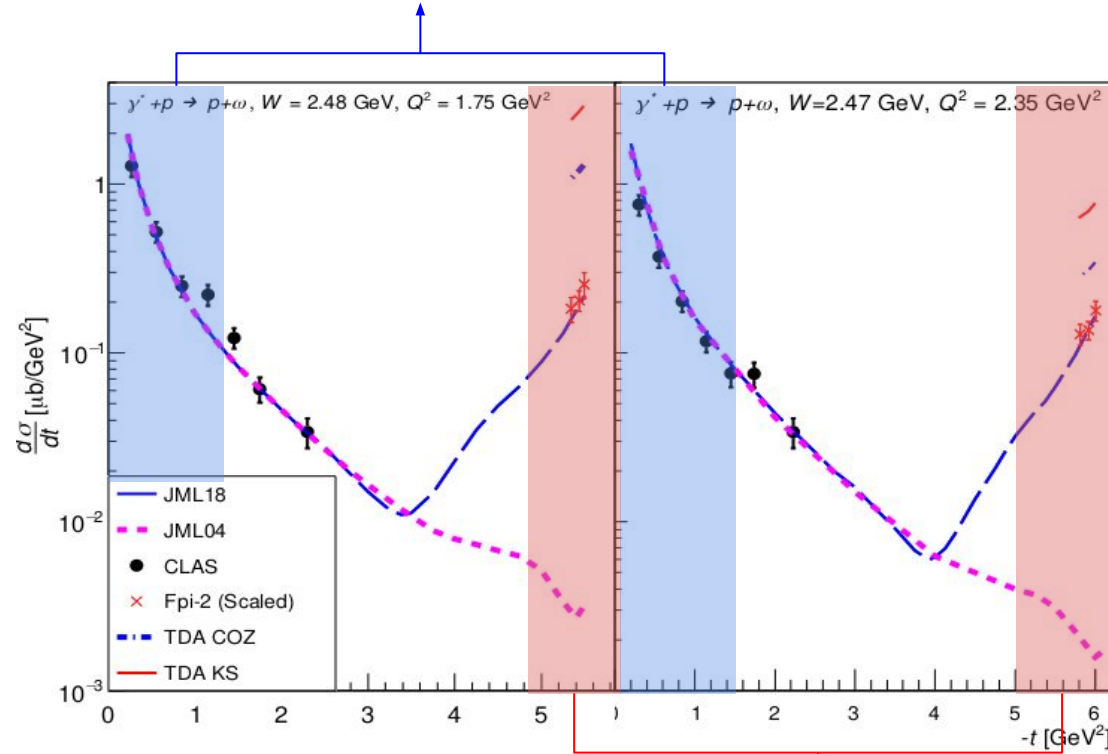


Mark Strikman & Christian Weiss: A proton being knocked out of a proton process



# Results on Backward Angle Electroproduction

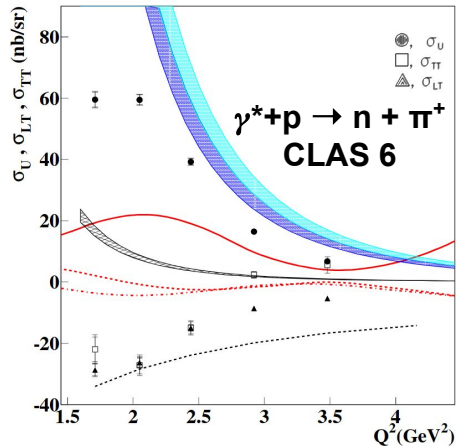
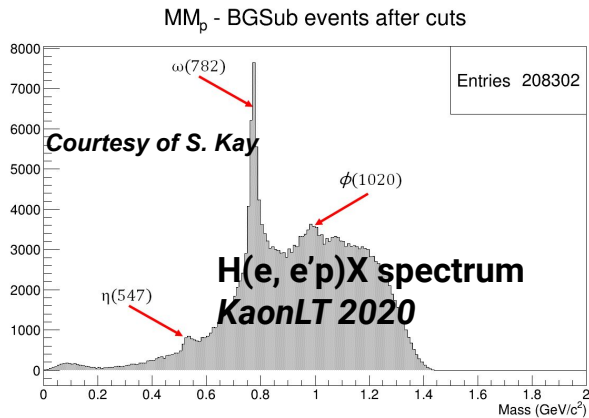
Forward  $\omega$  electroproduction from CLAS 6 (2004)



Backward angle  $\omega$  electroproduction (2017)

- Results published in *Phys. Rev. Let.* (2019)
- **The magnitude of  $u$ -Channel peak is surprisingly large !**
- Rising cross section corresponds to a structure
  - What is it?

# Question: Are there $u$ -channel peaks for other processes? Yes!

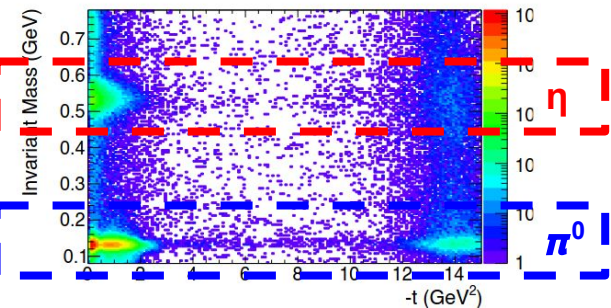


Approved proposal

	$\sigma_T > \sigma_L$	$1/Q^8$ Scaling
$\pi^0$	○	○
$\pi^+$		✓✓
$\pi^-$		
$K^0$		
$K^\pm$		
$\eta$	✓	✓
$\rho$	Studied!	
$\omega$	✓✓✓	✓
$\eta'$	✓	✓
$\phi$	✓	✓
$J/\psi$		
DVCS		

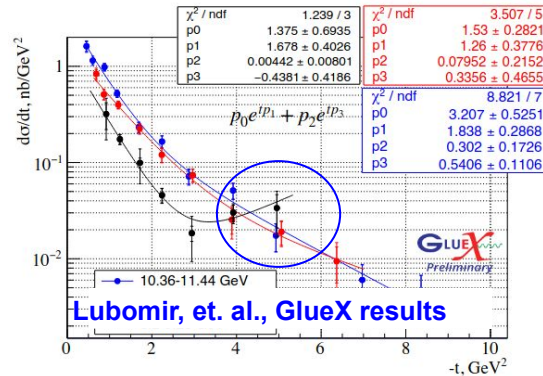
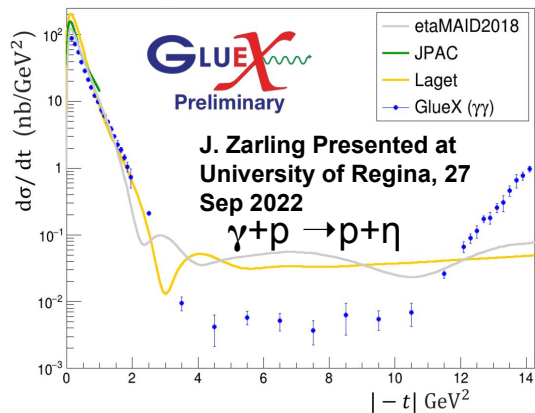
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GlueX

GlueX mass vs  $-t$  Phasespace

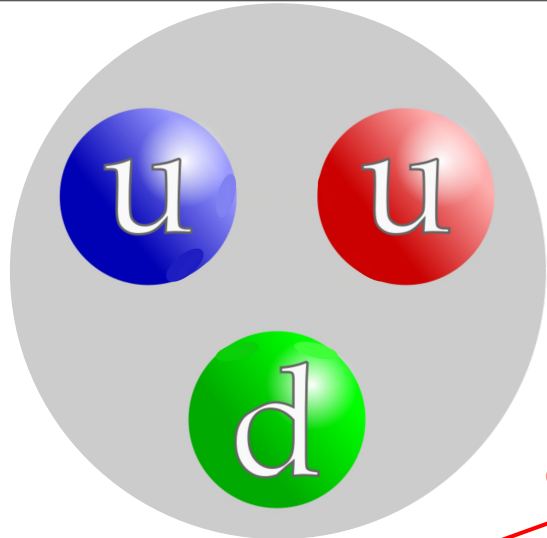


By J.R. Stevens, at u-channel Physics workshop, 2020

$$E_\gamma = 8.25 \pm 0.25 \text{ GeV}$$



# Fundamental Properties of Proton



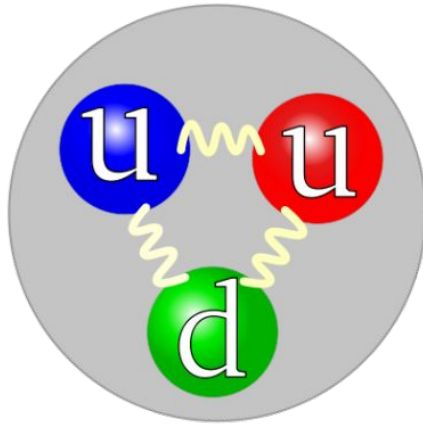
**Identity** ←

	Property	Structure
<b>Mass</b>	938.272 MeV	Fractionally carried by quarks
<b>Spin</b>	$\frac{1}{2}$	Fractionally carried by quarks and gluons
<b>Charge</b>	+1	Fractionally carried by quarks
<b>Baryon number</b>	1	?

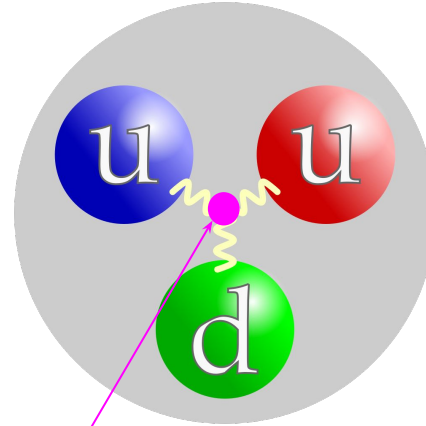
- **What is this number ? Why conserved? How is it carried?**
- **Some facts:**
  - Lepton number conserved (point-like particle)
  - meson number conservation not conserved
  - No experiment evidence suggest baryon number violation:  $p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$  (Hyper-K)

# Proton's Identity: Baryon Number, but who carries it?

- Proton internal structure: **which of the following picture is correct?**



**A**

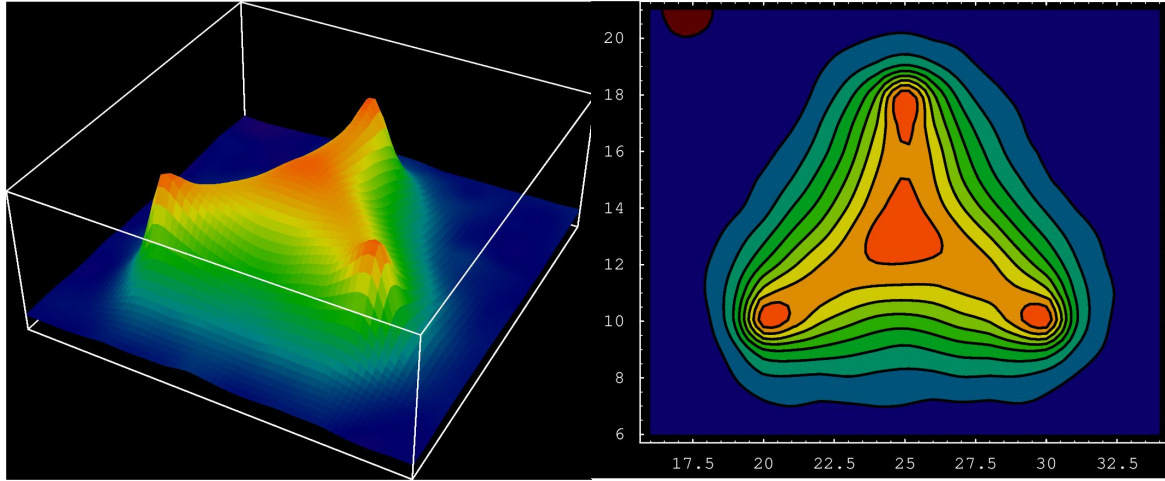


**B**

**A:** implies quark carries fractional baryon number

**B:** existence of a "Junction" like structure that potentially carries the baryon number.

# Insights on baryon junction



## Lattice QCD Study on proton wavefunction

Hideo Suganuma, Toru T. Takahashi, Fumiko Okiharu, Hiroko Ichie, [arXiv:hep-lat/0412026](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-lat/0412026), 2004

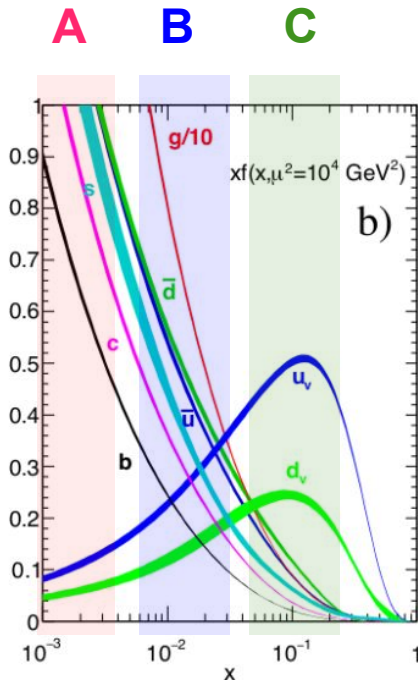
- Baryon Junction was predicted by local gauge invariance of the baryon wave function (1977)
  - ([G.C. Rossi, G. Veneziano, Nuclear Physics B, Volume 123, Issue 3, 1977](#))
- The lattice results of a “baryon junction” inside proton – a purely gluonic field configuration that represents entanglement among the quarks and carries baryon number! (2004)
- D. Kharzeev argued the transport of baryon number in high energy pp collision (1996)
  - [arXiv:nucl-th/9602027](https://arxiv.org/abs/nucl-th/9602027)



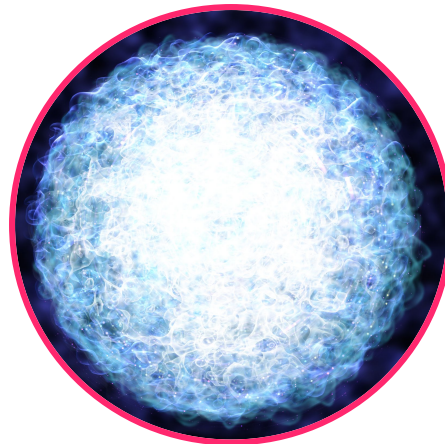
# Where could we find “bayron junction”?

- What and where do we measure nucleon structure functions?
  - Gluon and quark sea: heavy-ion collisions and future EIC
  - Valence quark: JLab

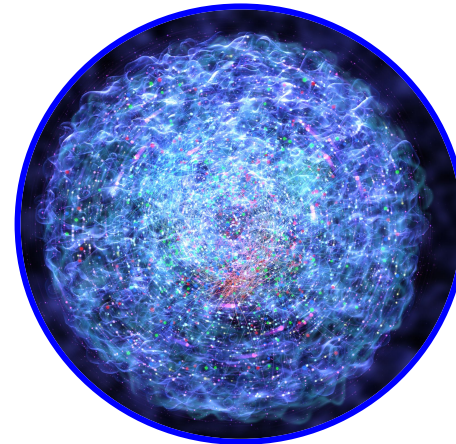
Junction ? or not ?



**A: Ultra-high energy**



**B: High Energy (EIC)**



**C: Medium Energy (JLab)**

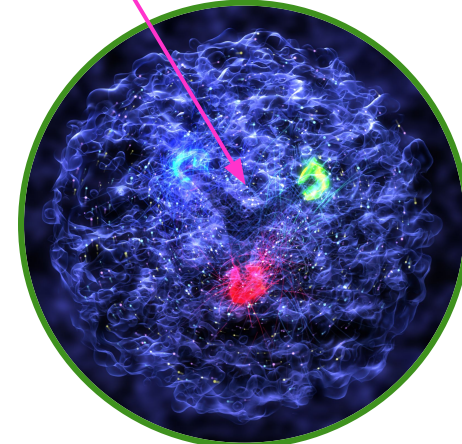
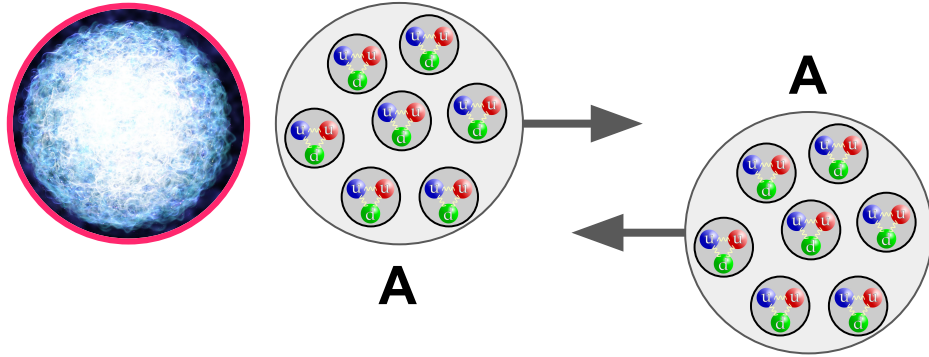


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# Probing Baryon Junction with A-A at RHIC



## Charge vs. baryon transport in A+A collisions:

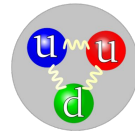
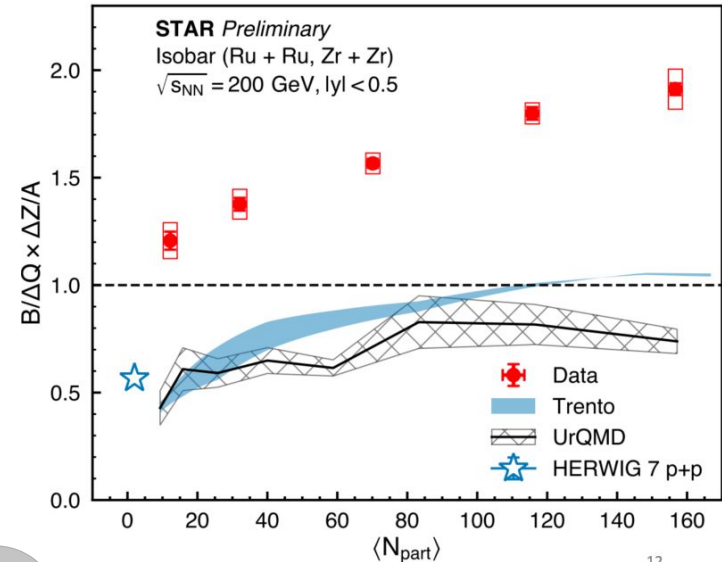
- If Valence quarks carry electric charge & baryon number:

$$\frac{Z}{\text{Charge Stopping}} \times \frac{\text{Baryon Stopping}}{A} \approx 1$$

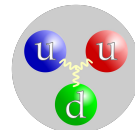
- If valence quarks carry electric charge & junctions carry baryon number

$$\frac{Z}{\text{Charge Stopping}} \times \frac{\text{Baryon Stopping}}{A} > 1$$

Tommy Tsang (KSU) for STAR, APS GHP 2023



**Theory: Quark Models: equal or less baryon compared to electric charge**

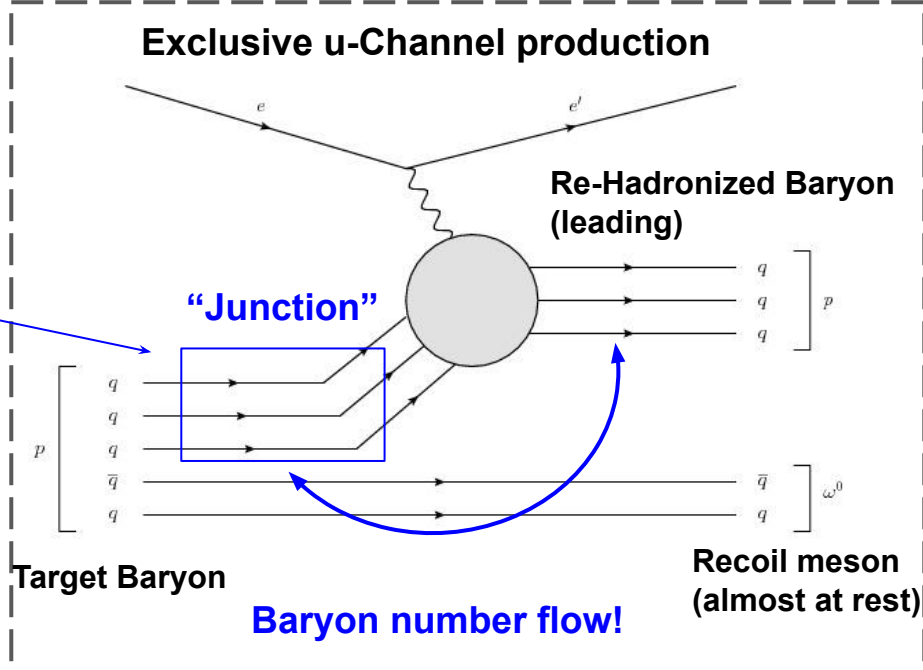
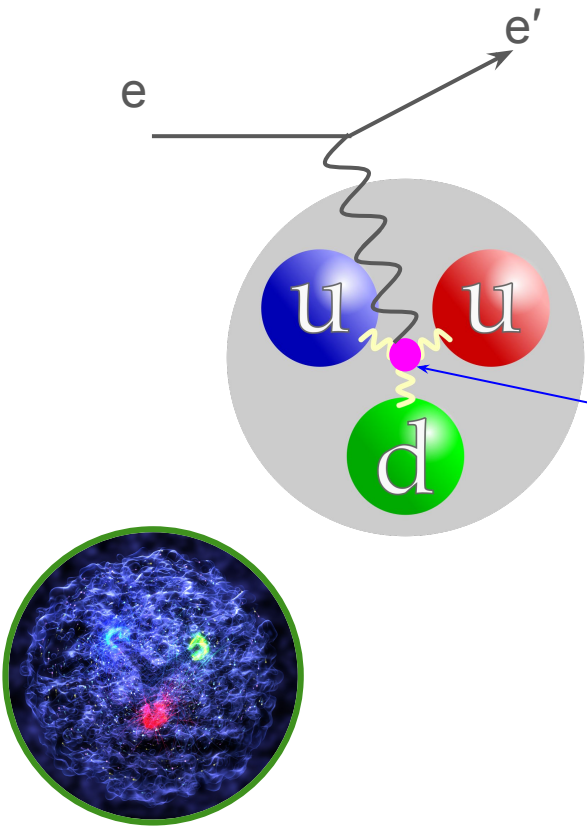


**Data: More baryon transported to central rapidity than electric charge**



# Looking for Baryon Junction via Exclusive u-Channel Processes

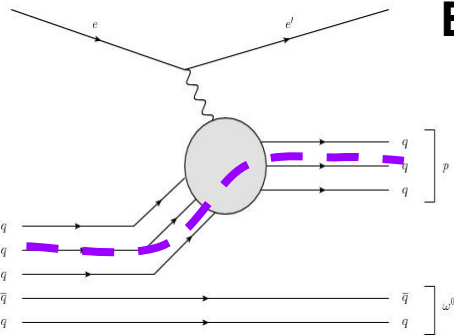
- Probing baryon junction JLab 12 GeV?
  - knocking a proton out of a proton process



# u-Channel Experimental Observable

D. Frenklakh, Dmitri Kharzeev, W.B. Li  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.15039>

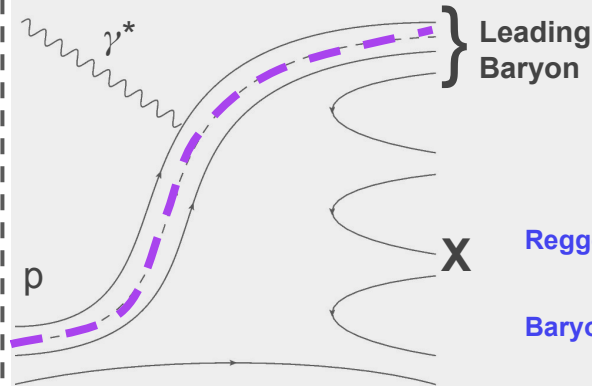
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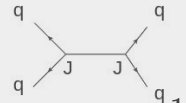
Exchanging:

- 3 q ?
- Junction (J) ?

## Case 1: J+2q exchange



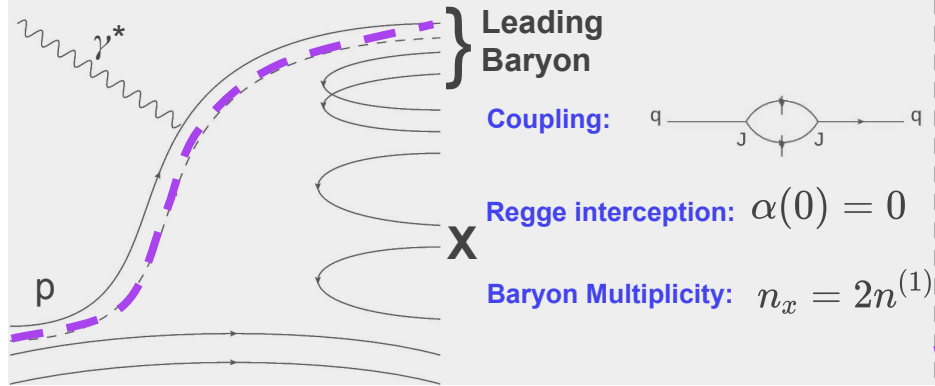
Coupling:



Regge interception:  $\alpha(0) = -\frac{1}{2}$

Baryon Multiplicity:  $n_x = 1n^{(1)}$

## Case 2: J+q exchange



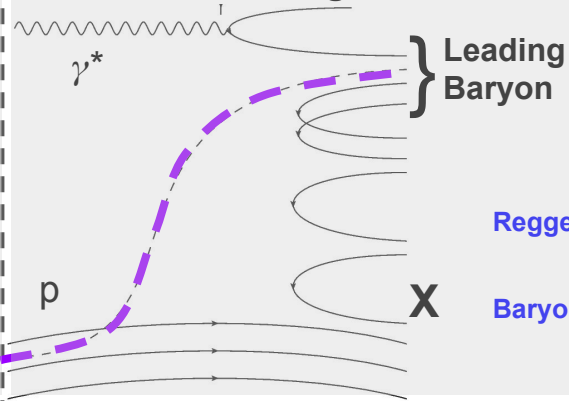
Coupling:



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Baryon Multiplicity:  $n_x = 2n^{(1)}$

## Case 3: J exchange



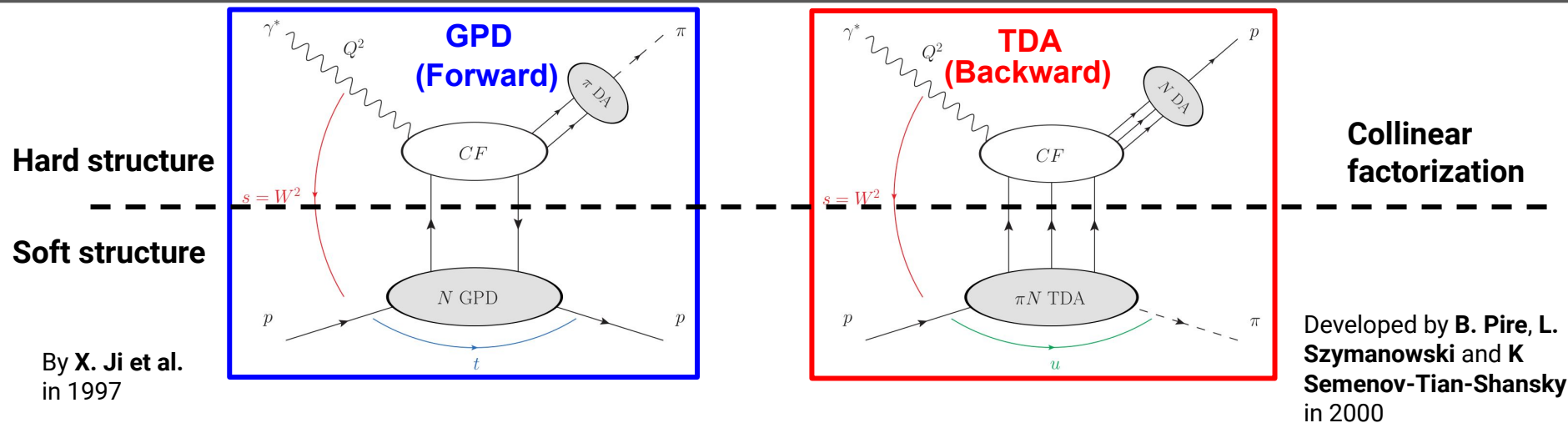
Coupling:



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Baryon Multiplicity:  $n_x = 3n^{(1)}$

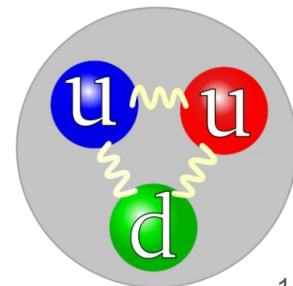
# Case 0: Exclusive meson production (quark exchange)



**Description to the unseen side of proton**

## Complete description of Nucleon

- **GPD**: It is extracted predominantly based in the forward angle observables.
- **TDA**: meson-nucleon Transition Distribution Amplitude (TDA) only accessible through backward (u-channel) meson production.



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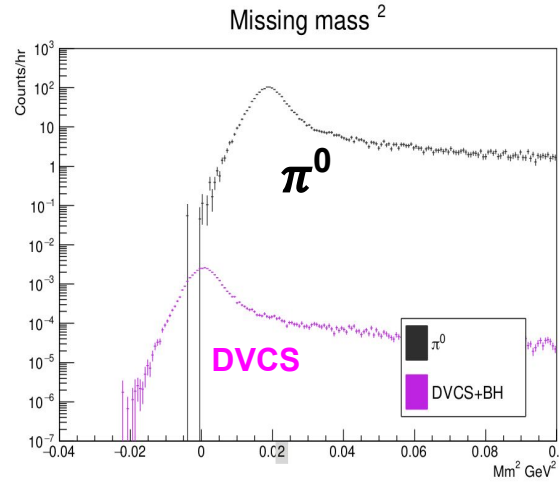
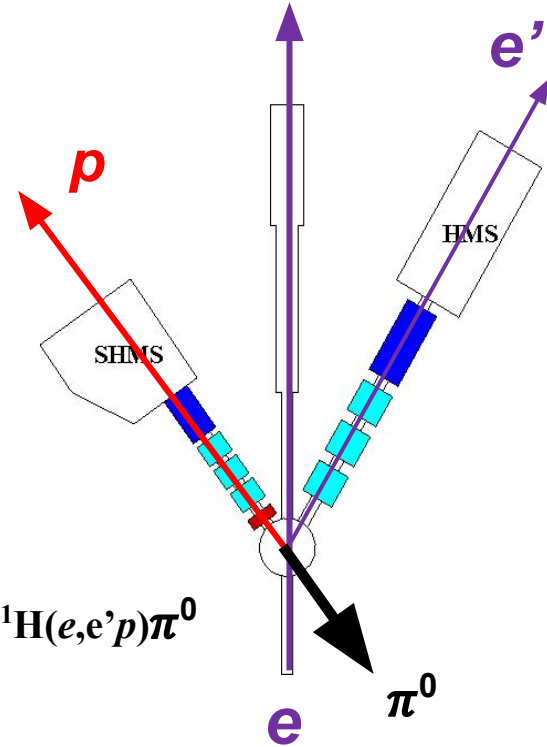
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# E12-20-007 Backward-angle $^1\text{H}(e,e'p)\pi^0$



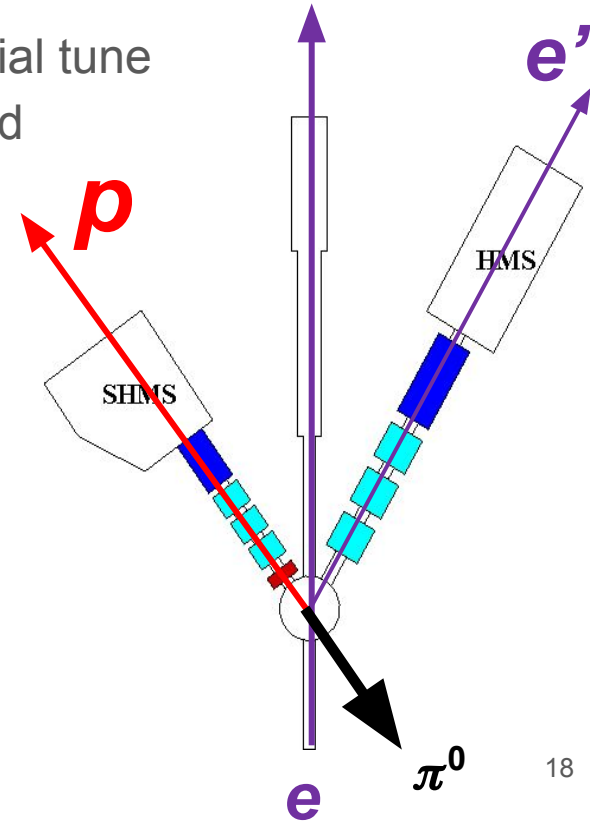
$Q^2$ GeV <sup>2</sup>	$W$ GeV	$\epsilon$	$x$	$\theta_{pq}$ Degree
2.0	3.00	0.32	0.20	-3, 0
		0.79	0.20	-2.8, 0, +3
2.0	2.11	0.52	0.36	-3, 0, +3
		0.94	0.36	-3, 0, +3
3.0	2.49	0.54	0.36	-3, 0, +3
		0.86	0.36	-3, 0, +3
4.0	2.83	0.56	0.36	-3, 0, +3
		0.73	0.36	-3, 0, +3
5.0	3.13	0.26	0.36	-3, 0
		0.55	0.36	-3, 0, +3
6.25	3.46	0.27	0.36	0

First dedicated  $u$ -channel electroproduction study above the resonance region:

- $Q^2$  coverage:  $2.0 < Q^2 < 6.25$  GeV<sup>2</sup>, at  $x=0.36$  and  $W > 2$  GeV L/T separated cross section @  $Q^2=2, 3, 4$  and  $5$  GeV<sup>2</sup>.
- $u$  coverage:  $0 < -u' + 0.5 < 0.5$  GeV<sup>2</sup>
- Additional  $W$  scaling check @  $Q^2 = 2$  GeV<sup>2</sup>
- Additional  $Q^2$  scaling check @  $Q^2 = 6.25$  GeV<sup>2</sup>

# Requirements

- PAC has approved 29 days of beam (requested 29.4 days)
- Beam request: standard beam (2.2 GeV/pass) or special tune (1.1 GeV/pass) during the time of running with standard polarization
- **Special detector configuration:**
  - Installing NGC for SHMS
  - SHMS aerogel tray  $n=1.0003$
  - HMS aerogel tray  $n=1.0011$
  - Using Moller polarimeter
- **Equipment refurbishment for one setting:**
  - HMS Aerogel PMT Replacement (new request)
  - SHMS Aerogel tray of  $n=1.0003$  (already planned)



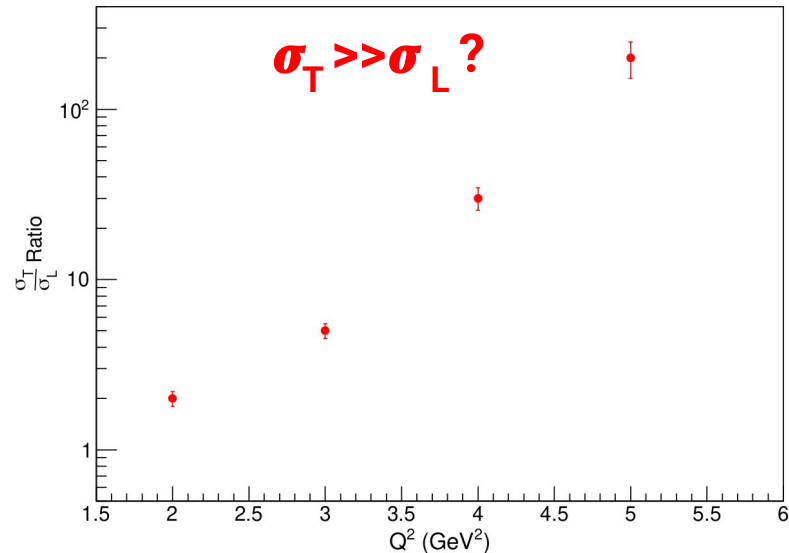
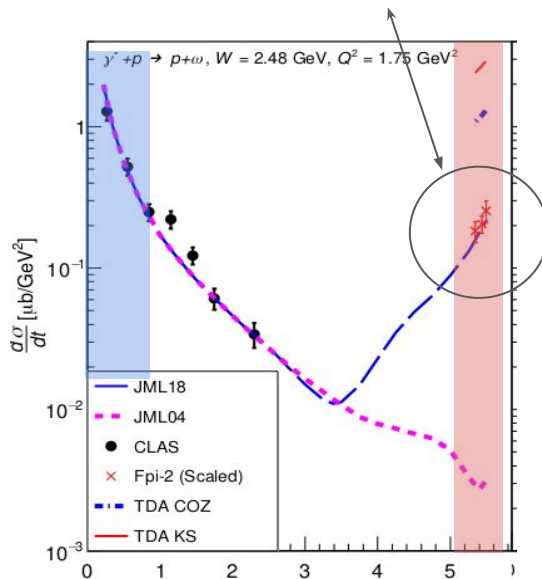
# Experimental Objectives

**Objective 1: Demonstrating the existence of the  $u$ -channel peaks for  $H(e,e'p)\pi^0$**

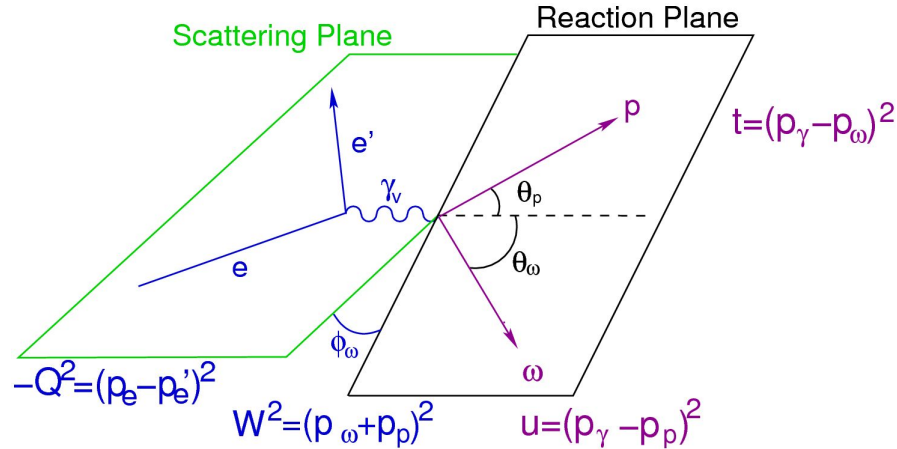
**Objective 2: Verify the prediction from the quark based model  $TDA$**

**Objective 3: Looking for the signature for the baryon junction**

Peak exist for  $\pi^0$ ?



# The Rosenbluth Separation



Virtual-photon polarization:

$$\varepsilon = \left( 1 + 2 \frac{(E_e - E_{e'})^2 + Q^2}{Q^2} \tan^2 \frac{\theta_{e'}}{2} \right)^{-1}$$

$$2\pi \frac{d\sigma}{dt d\phi} = \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} + \frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(\varepsilon+1)} \frac{d\sigma_{LT}}{dt} \cos\phi + \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} \cos 2\phi$$

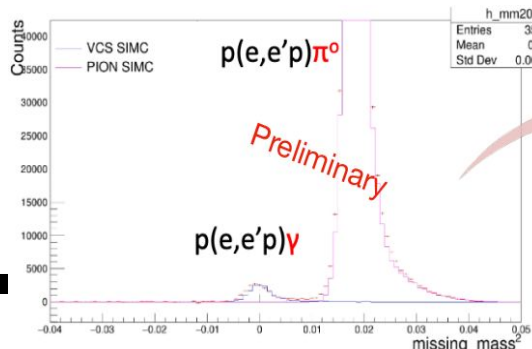
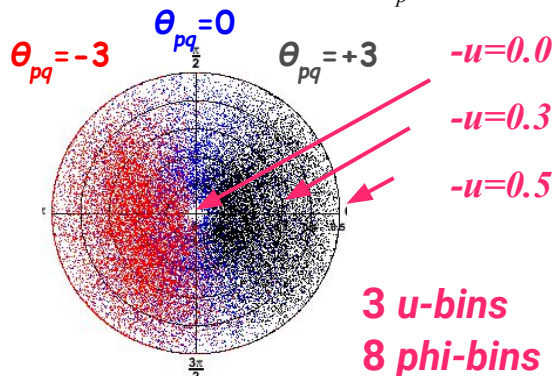
## ■ Rosenbluth Separation requirements:

- Separate measurements at different  $\varepsilon$  (virtual photon polarization)
- All Lorentz invariant physics quantities:  $Q^2$ ,  $W$ ,  $t$ ,  $u$ , remain constant
- Beam energy, scattered e angle and virtual photon angle will change as the result, thus event rates are dramatically different



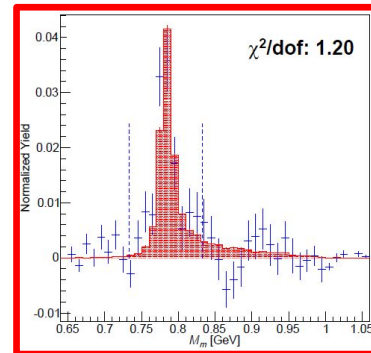
# Iterative Procedure (Recipe) to a LT Separation

Improve  $\phi$  coverage by taking data at multiple HMS angles,  $-3^\circ < \theta_p < +3^\circ$ .



H. Rahimtula, et. al., Hall C VCS experiment

Background subtraction

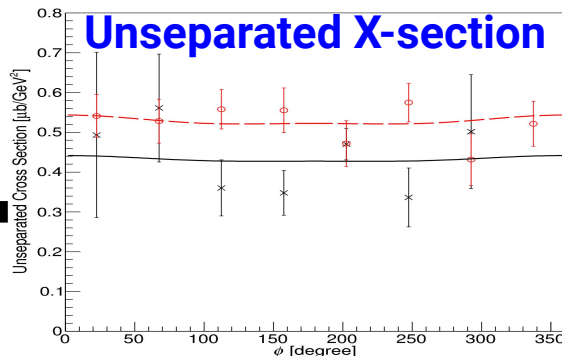


$$R = \frac{Y_{Exp} - Y_{\rho \text{ sim}} - Y_{Xspace \text{ sim}} - Y_{\eta \text{ sim}}}{Y_{\omega \text{ sim}}}$$

Combine ratios for settings together, propagating errors accordingly.

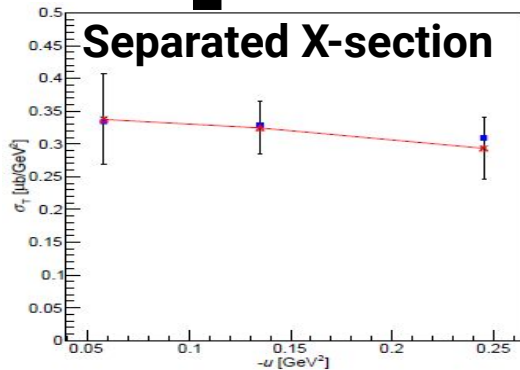
$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dtd\phi}_{EXP} = R \frac{d^2\sigma}{dtd\phi}_{SIMC} \quad 21$$

Empirical Model



Extracting T, L, LT, TT via simultaneous fit

$$2\pi \frac{d\sigma}{dtd\phi} = \frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} + \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(\varepsilon+1)} \frac{d\sigma_{LT}}{dt} \cos\phi + \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} \cos 2\phi$$

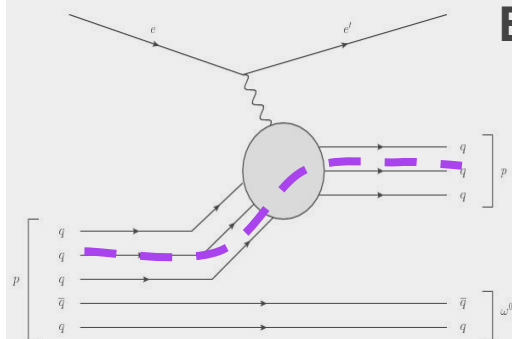


# u-Channel Experimental Observable

D. Frenklakh, Dmitri Kharzeev, W.B. Li

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.15039>

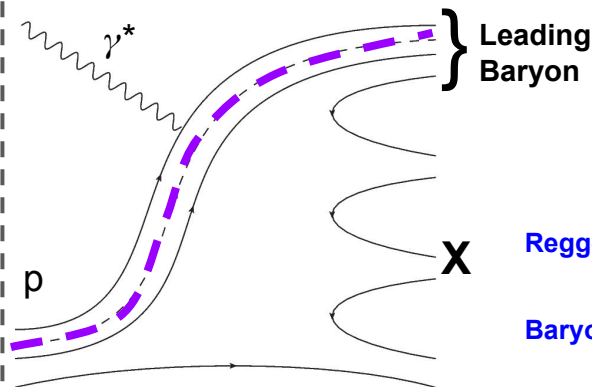
## Case 0: Exclusive meson production



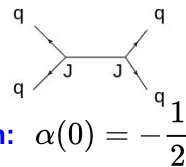
Exchanging:

- 3 q ?
- Junction (J) ?

## Case 1: J+2q exchange



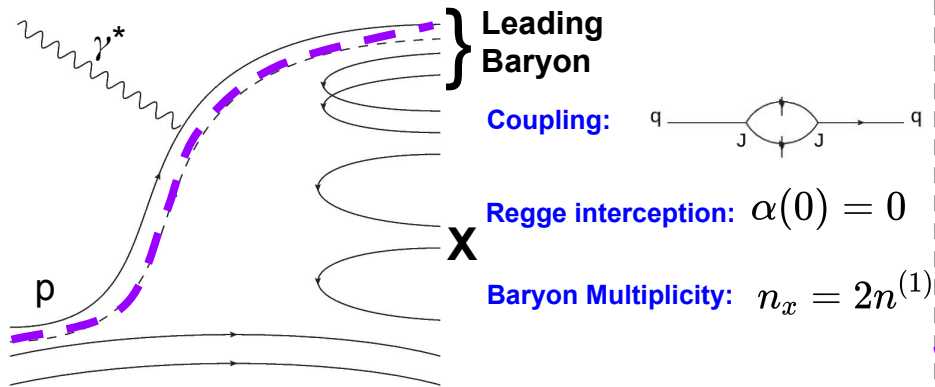
Coupling:



Regge interception:  $\alpha(0) = -\frac{1}{2}$

Baryon Multiplicity:  $n_x = 1n^{(1)}$

## Case 2: J+q exchange



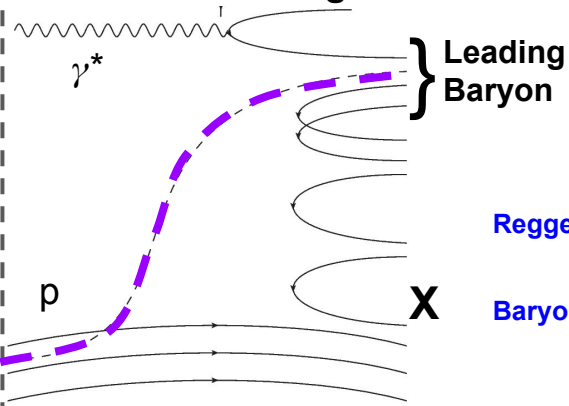
Coupling:



Regge interception:  $\alpha(0) = 0$

Baryon Multiplicity:  $n_x = 2n^{(1)}$

## Case 3: J exchange



Coupling:



Regge interception:  $\alpha(0) = +\frac{1}{2}$

Baryon Multiplicity:  $n_x = 3n^{(1)}$

# Recent Data from Hall C SIDIS Program

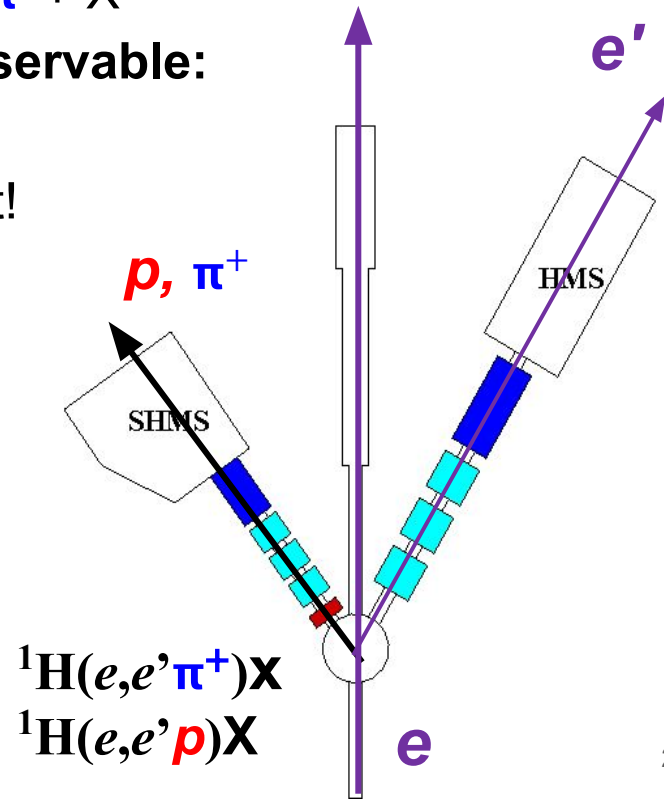
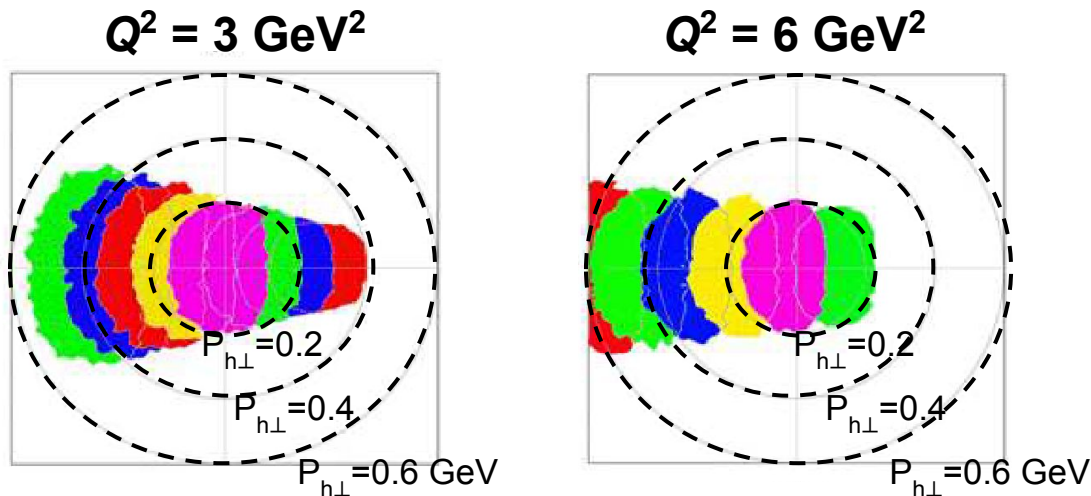
- **E12-09-017: Semi-Inclusive Pion and Kaon Production**

- Primary experiment observable:  $e + p \rightarrow e' + \pi^+ + X$

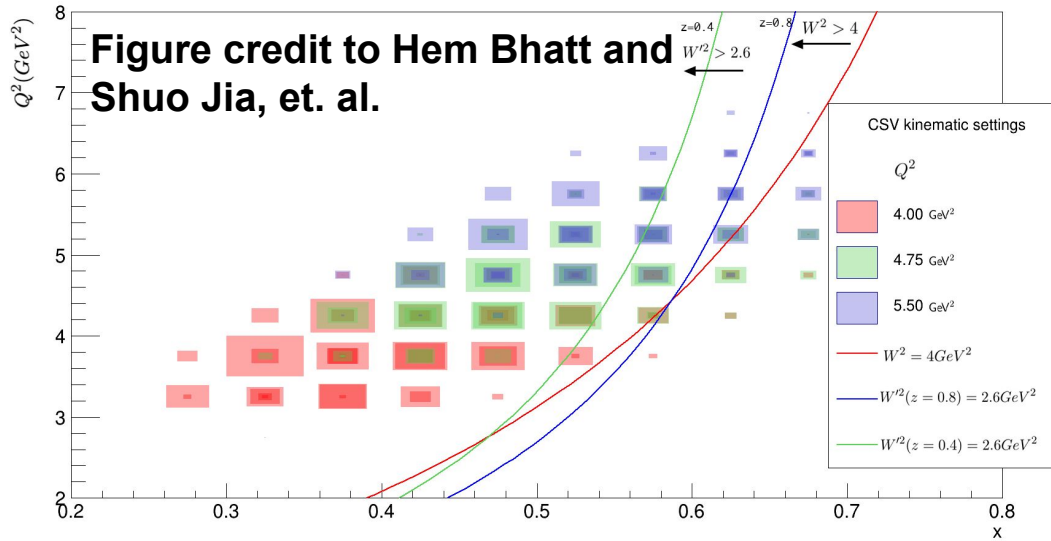
- **Unexpected 2nd secondary experiment observable:**

$$e + p \rightarrow e' + p + X$$

- ep SIDIS data is 30% of the overall data set!

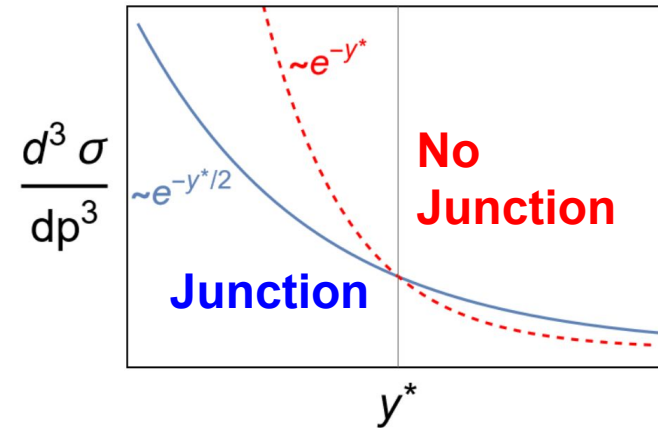


# Recent Data from Hall C SIDIS Program



$$z = \frac{E_{\text{Proton}}}{E_{\gamma^*}}$$

Plot credit to D.Frenklakh

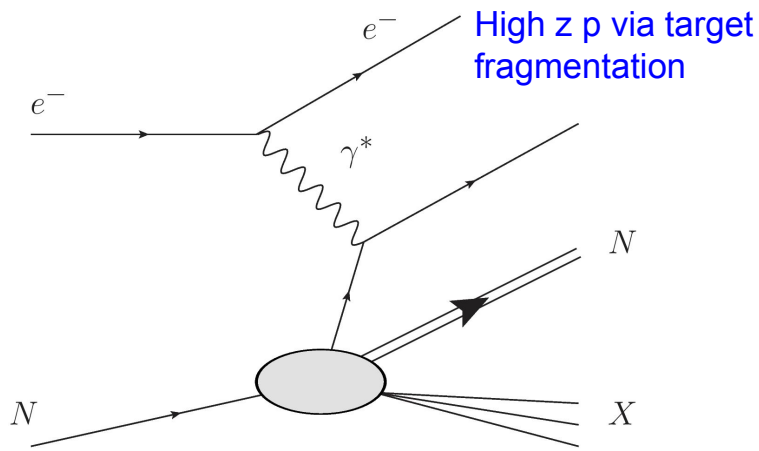
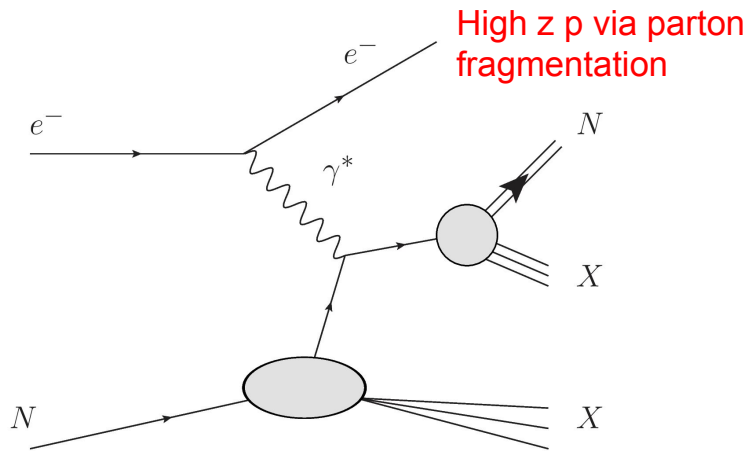


- **Kinematic of the ep data set on tape**

- $Q^2$  Setting: 4.00, 4.75, 5.5  $\text{GeV}^2$
- $z$  coverage:  $z < 0.8$
- $P_{h\perp}$  coverage:  $P_{h\perp} < 0.6$

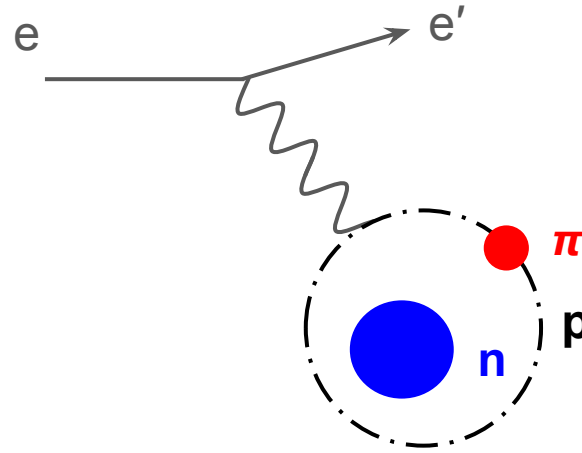
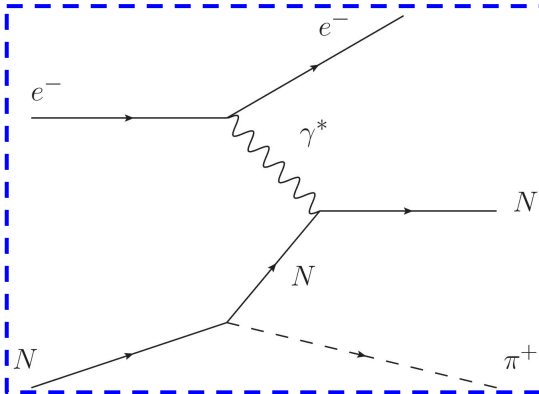
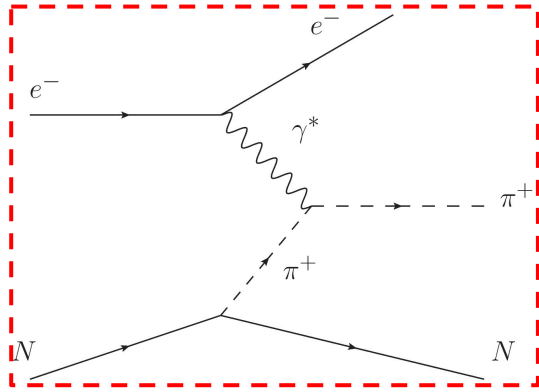
- **Cross section extraction of the  $P_{h\perp}$  dependence is under preparation!**

# Semi-inclusive scattering (inspired by Alessandro Bacchetta)



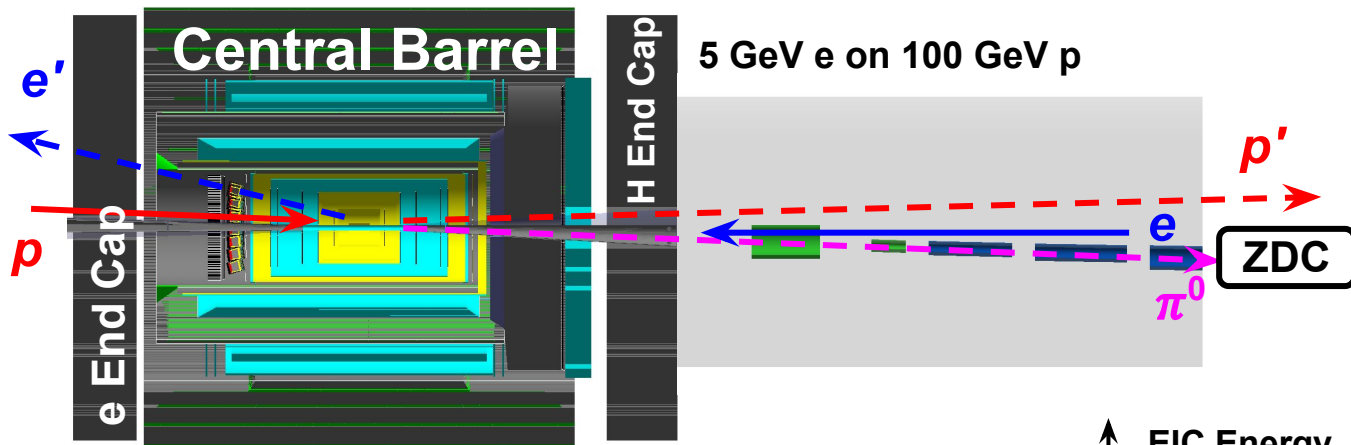
- **Where is the high- $z$  proton coming from?**
- **Two possibilities**
  - From the fragmented parton region, which can be described by proton fragmentation function (can be integrated into the TMD formalism)
  - From the target fragmentation region, collinear factorization approach.
- **Analysis effort of the existing data is urgently needed to distinguish the production mechanism**
  - New postdoc will be tasked to lead this effort (with the endorsement of E12-09-017 and other relevant SIDIS experiments)

# u-Channel Sullivan process (inspired by Tobias Federico)

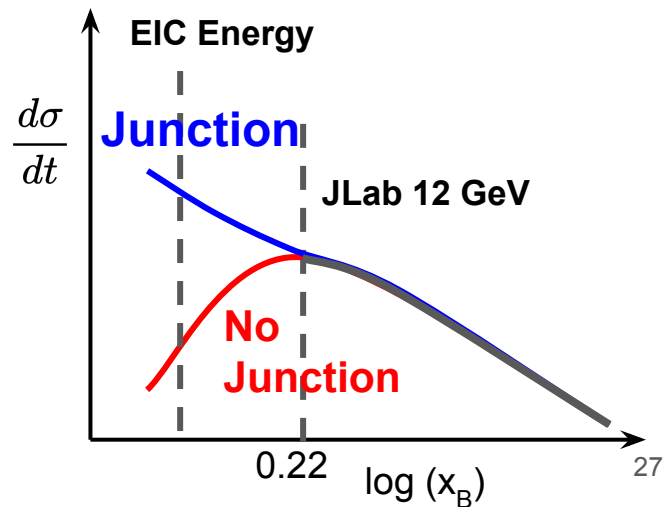


- $ep \rightarrow e' n \pi^+$  Standard Sullivan process
  - $\pi^+$  scatters forward
  - Probing the internal structure of pion
- $ep \rightarrow e' \pi^+ n$  backward Sullivan process
  - Neutron scatters forward
  - Probing the internal structure of neutron?

# Further Studying the Proton Identity Electron Ion Collider



- How do we conclude the “junction”
  - **Junctions**: are construct of gluons: **Junction -> u-Channel cross section enhancement at low  $x_b$**
  - **No junction**: **u-Channel cross section suppressed -> valence quark contribution**
- The JLab and EIC data are equally critical to test the hyposased  $x_B$
- **Promise to Alex**: a validation for exclusive  $\pi^0$  is coming

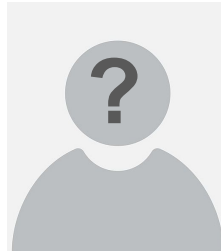


# A New Sub Group at Mississippi State

- **PI: Bill Li**



- **Postdoc: to be advertised.**



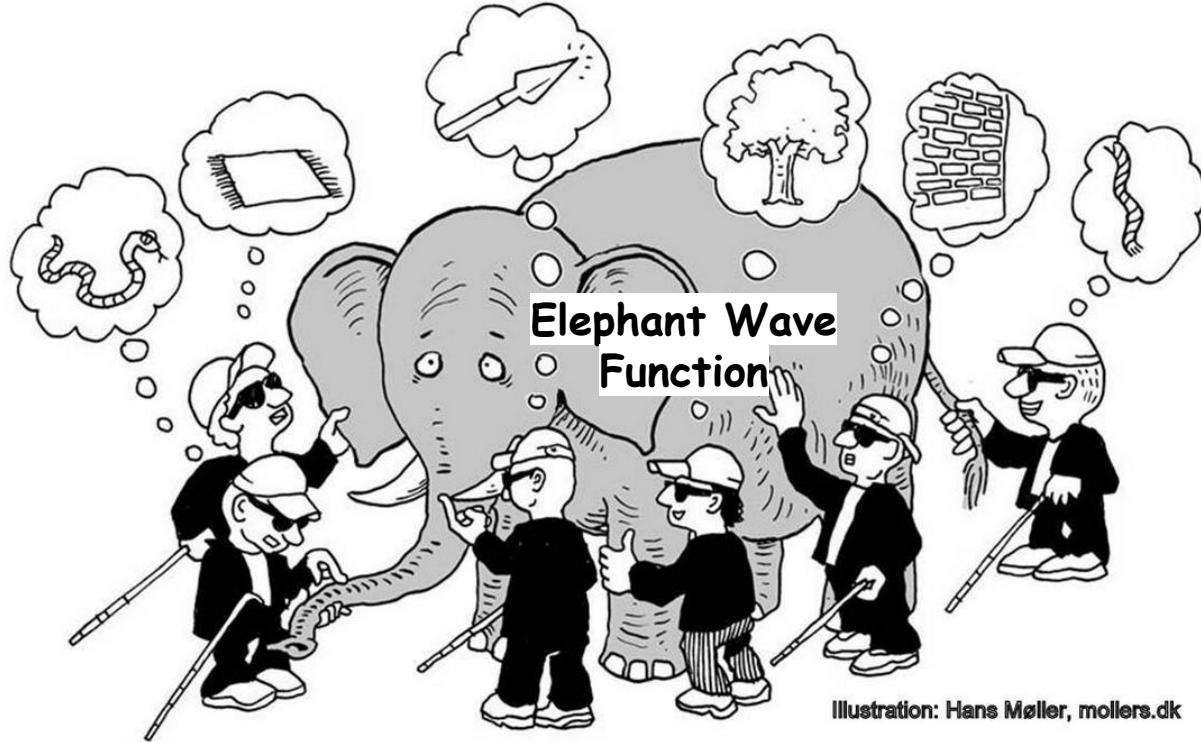
- **Students: Zichen Yin + 1**



- **Group objective**
  - **Completion of the E12-20-007**
  - **Analyze the Semi-Inclusive experiment**
  - **Assist currently scheduled Hall C experiment: Nuclear R. Band + others**
  - **Hall C detector refurbishment effort**
  - **New u-Channel observables and programs**



# Thank you!



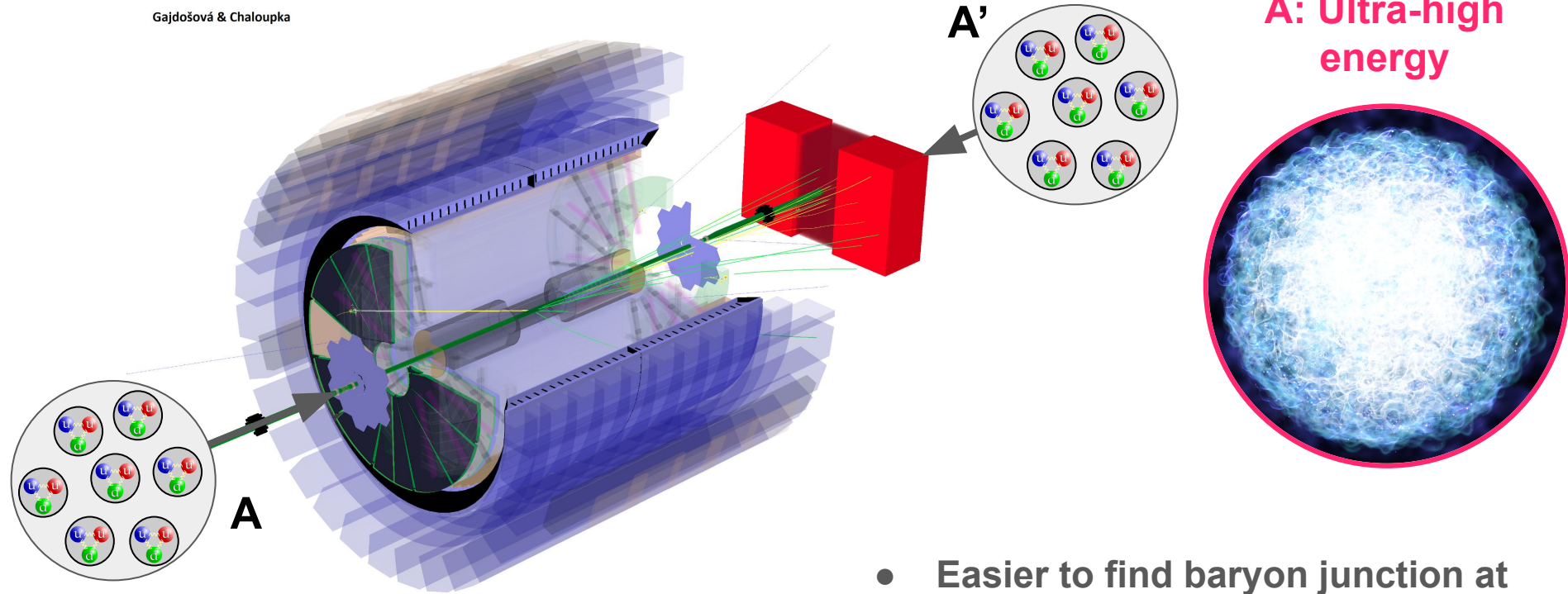
- Hall C is in a unique position to lead in this newly evolved physics topic.
- Hall C u-Channel DVCS

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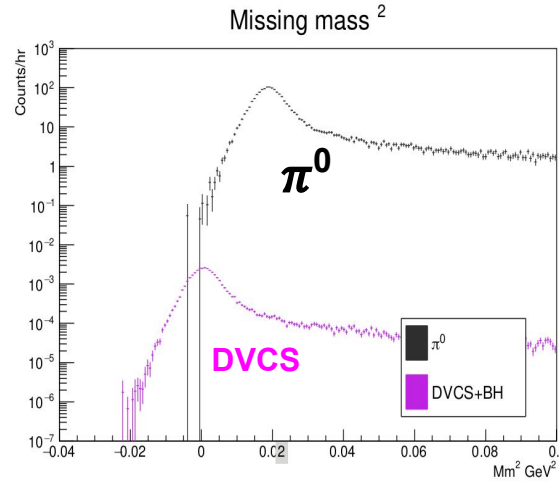
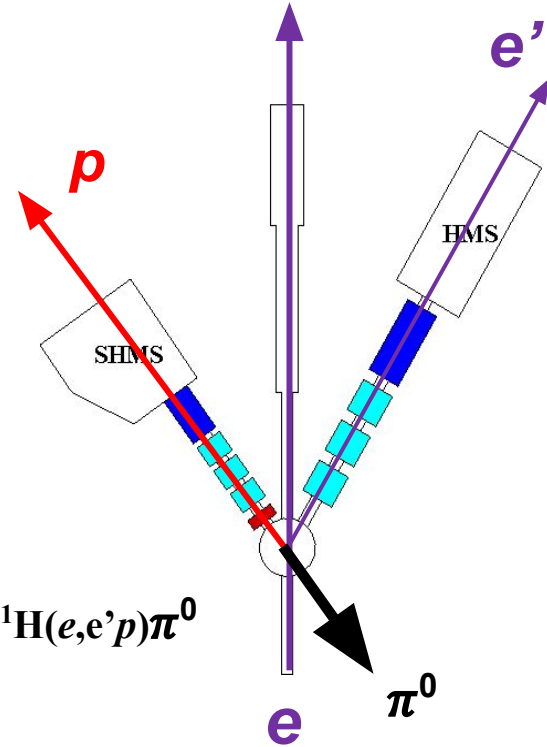
# Probing Baryon Junction at high gluon density environment

Gajdošová & Chaloupka



- Easier to find baryon junction at high gluon density “medium”.

# E12-20-007 Backward-angle $^1\text{H}(e,e'p)\pi^0$



$Q^2$ GeV <sup>2</sup>	$W$ GeV	$\epsilon$	$x$	$\theta_{pq}$ Degree
2.0	3.00	0.32	0.20	-3, 0
		0.79	0.20	-2.8, 0, +3
2.0	2.11	0.52	0.36	-3, 0, +3
		0.94	0.36	-3, 0, +3
3.0	2.49	0.54	0.36	-3, 0, +3
		0.86	0.36	-3, 0, +3
4.0	2.83	0.56	0.36	-3, 0, +3
		0.73	0.36	-3, 0, +3
5.0	3.13	0.26	0.36	-3, 0
		0.55	0.36	-3, 0, +3
6.25	3.46	0.27	0.36	0

First dedicated  $u$ -channel electroproduction study above the resonance region:

- $Q^2$  coverage:  $2.0 < Q^2 < 6.25$  GeV<sup>2</sup>, at  $x=0.36$  and  $W > 2$  GeV L/T separated cross section @  $Q^2=2, 3, 4$  and  $5$  GeV<sup>2</sup>.
- $u$  coverage:  $0 < -u' + 0.5 < 0.5$  GeV<sup>2</sup>
- Additional  $W$  scaling check @  $Q^2 = 2$  GeV<sup>2</sup>
- Additional  $Q^2$  scaling check @  $Q^2 = 6.25$  GeV<sup>2</sup>

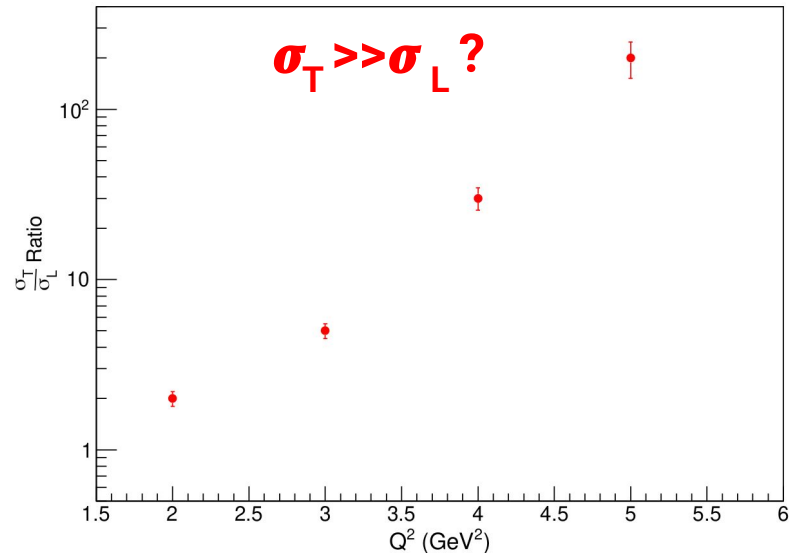
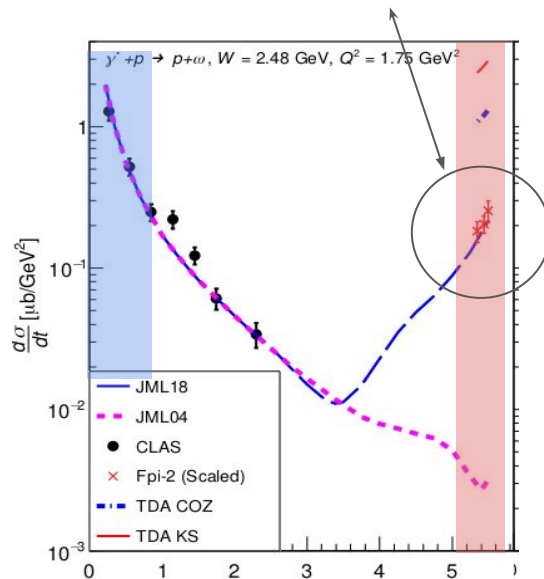
# Experimental Objectives

**Objective 1: Demonstrating the existence of the  $u$ -channel peaks for  $H(e,e'p)\pi^0$**

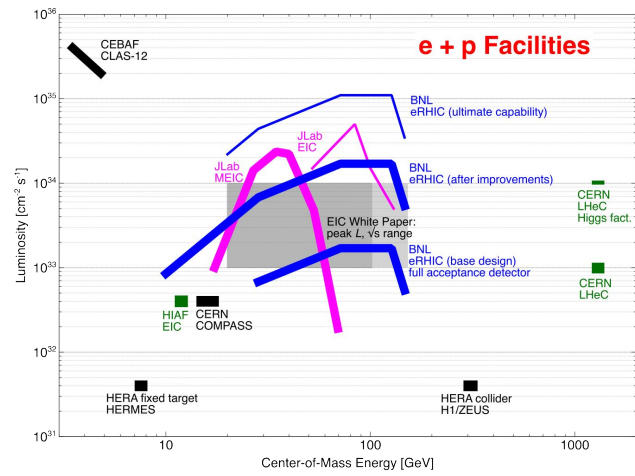
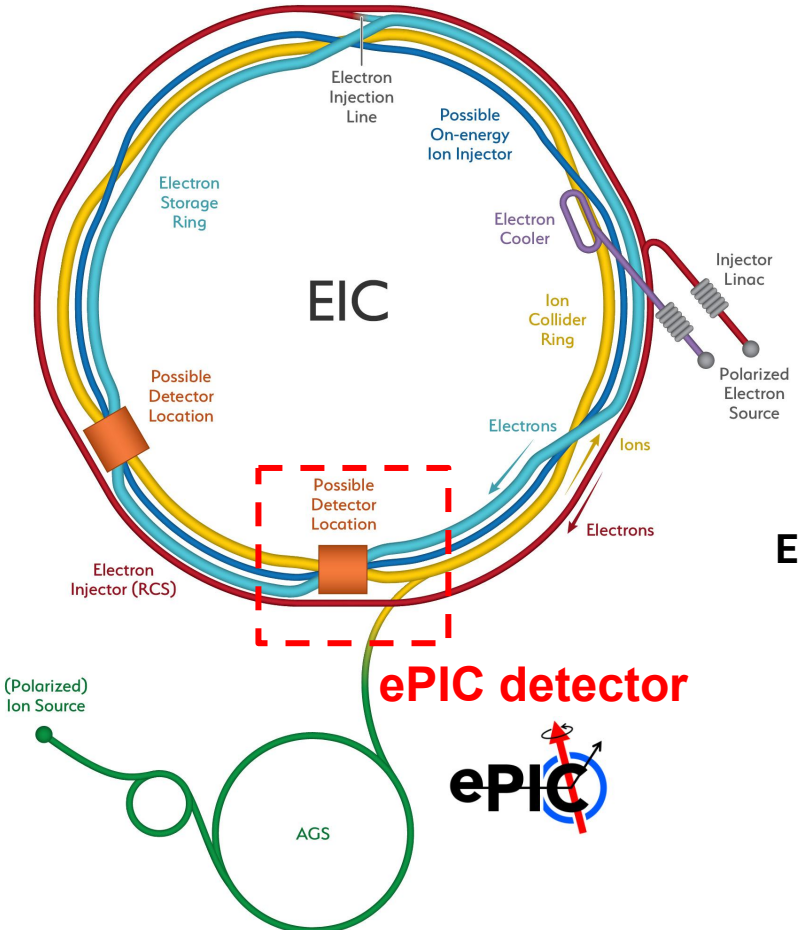
**Objective 2: Verify the prediction from the quark based model  $TDA$**

**Objective 3: Looking for the signature for the baryon junction**

Peak exist for  $\pi^0$ ?



# Future dream Machine: Electron-Ion Collider

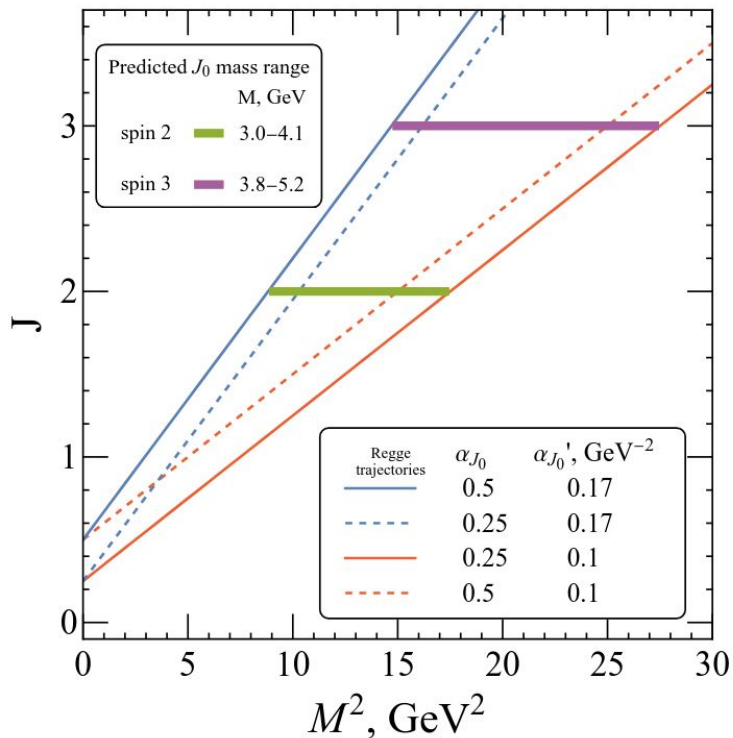


## Electron-Ion Collider (EIC): next generation "Dream machine"

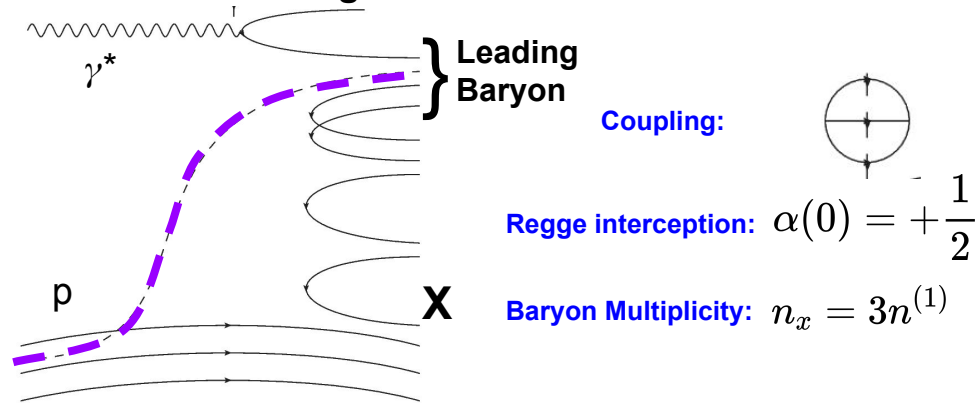
- Luminosity with 100 GeV p on 5 GeV e:  $10 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  mi
- Project Location: BNL, NY.
- Additional Information:
  - CD-1 approved ~ \$2 B
  - Physics starts in 2033
- Project comes with 1 detector ePIC
- A second detector is being discussed

# Hadron Spectroscopy: Searching for glue-ball structure

Baryon-number -flavor separation in the topological expansion of QCD,  
 David Frenklakh, Dmitri Kharzeev, Giancarlo Rossi, Gabriele Veneziano

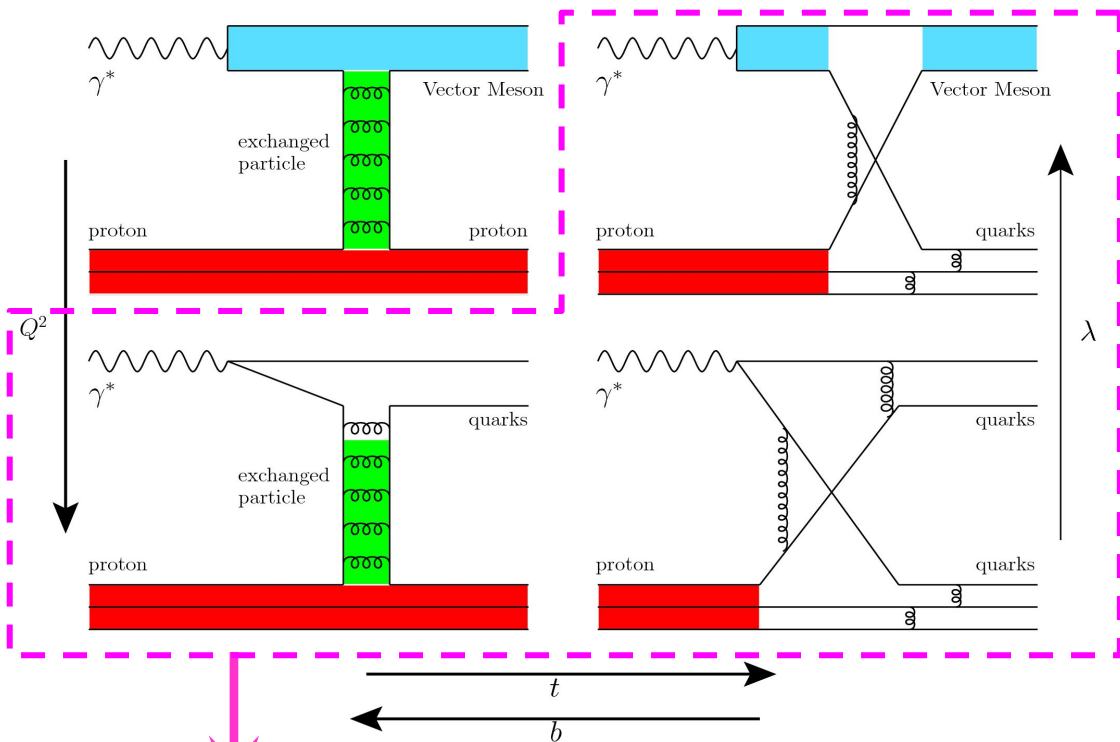


## Case 3: J exchange



- Searching for a signature of Glue Ball structure at 20 GeV JLab era.
- Input from lattice?

# Hadronic Model: Transition (Evolution) of Proton Structure



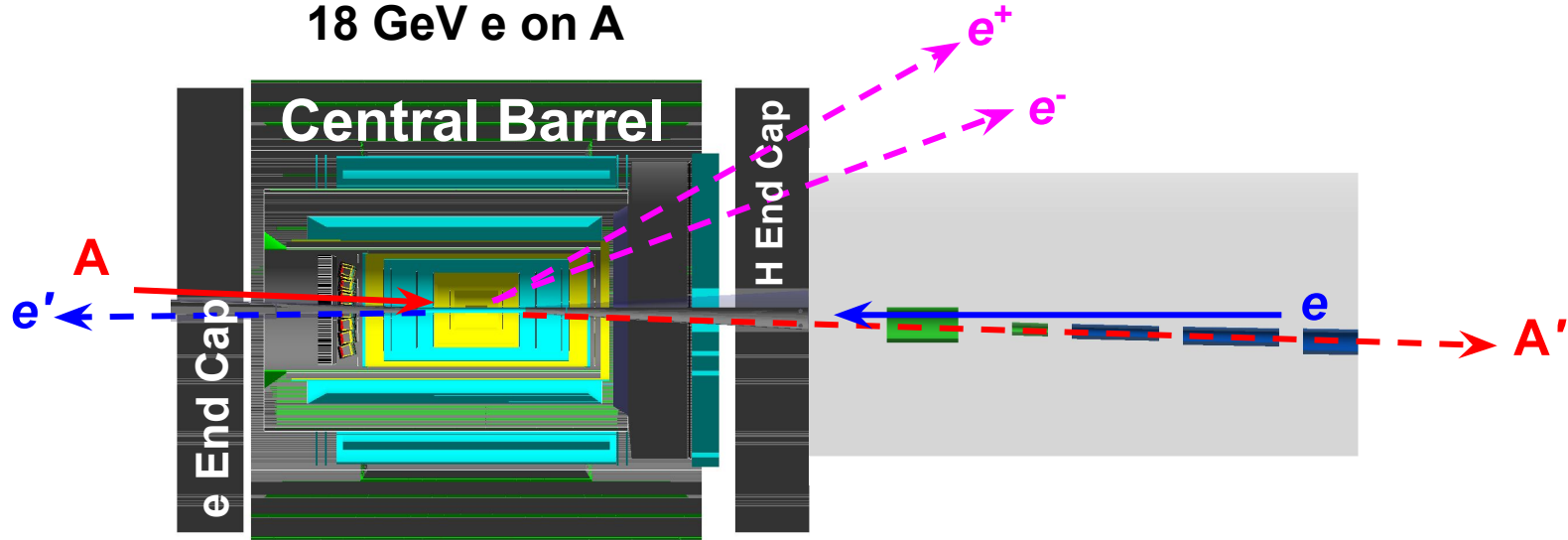
Evolution of the Proton Structure

- Common physical parameters:
  - $x_b$ ,  $W$  (or  $s$ ),  $Q^2$ ,  $t$ ,  $u$
  - Lorentz Invariant quantities
- $x_b$ : Parton momentum fraction:
  - $0.2 < x < 0.3$  valence quark distribution is pronounced
- $W$ : Dictates if a process is in the resonance region
- $Q^2$ : probe size or the resolving power
- $t$ : target momentum transfer squared
  - Inversely related to the Impact parameter  $b$



# Exclusive Vector Meson production

18 GeV e on A



- **Scattered electron ( $e'$ ):**  $\eta \rightarrow -\infty$ , far backward region, low  $Q^2$  tagger
- **Decayed  $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ :**  $-1.5 < \eta < 3.5$ , Central detector
- **Recoiled A ( $A'$ ):**  $\eta \sim 6$ , far forward region

# Why do we need a 2nd detector ?

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## Needed to unlock the full discovery potential of the EIC

- Implies a general-purpose collider detector able to support the full EIC program
- **Cross checks** of key results are essential!

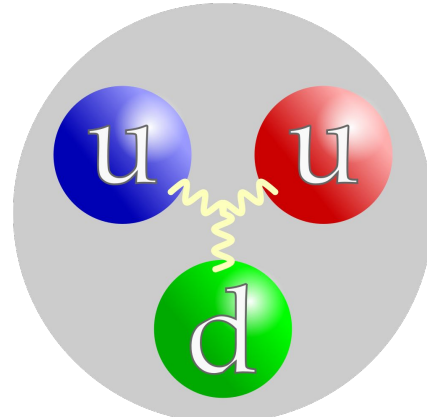
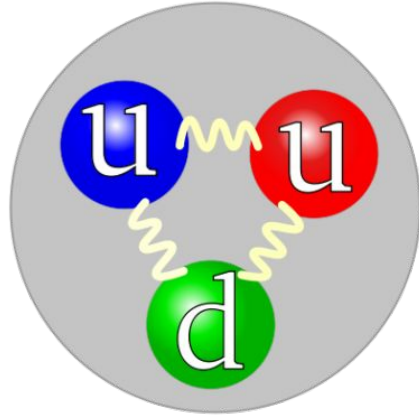
## Complementary design features (to ePIC)

- Combined systematics (as for H1 and ZEUS)
- Phase-space coverage
- The EIC will high statistics, uncertainties for the envisioned measurements will be systematics limited.

## New physics opportunities

- Take advantage of much-improved near-beam hadron detection enabled by a 2nd focus,
- Impacts, for instance, exclusive / diffractive physics; greatly expands the ability to measure recoiling nuclei and fragments from nuclear breakup.
- New ideas beyond the NAS and Yellow Report scope (EW and BSM)?

# Summary and Thank You



- Identifying the “who” carries the identity of the proton and demonstrating the existence of baryon junction is at forefront of the current research
- Full conclusion is expected combining evidences from JLab and the future EIC.
- *u*-Channel scattering technique provides unique access to the baryon Junction observable, and will attract a new wave of early career physicists to uncover its full potential
- Our research plan: hardware + new physics ideas.

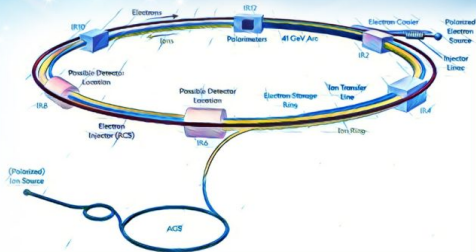
# $u$ -Channel studies at EIC

## 7.4 Understanding Hadronization

There is great potential also in studying **new particle production mechanisms** such as exclusive backward  $u$ -channel production. Given its high luminosity the EIC may be able to discover fundamental QCD particle production processes with low cross sections such as via hard (perturbative) C-odd three gluon exchange.

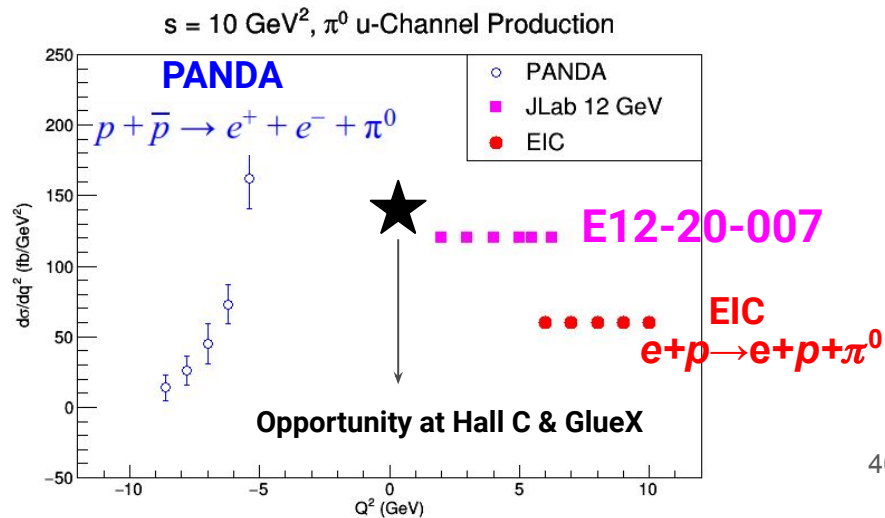


## EIC YELLOW REPORT

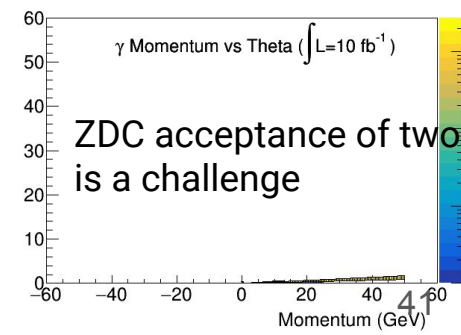
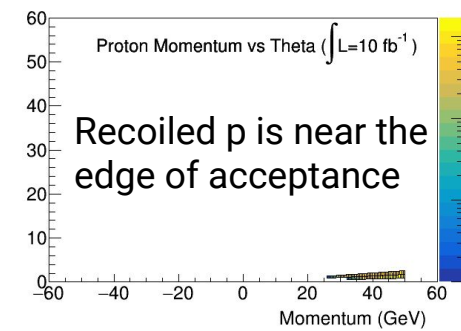
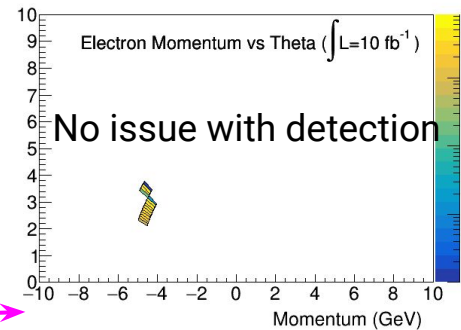
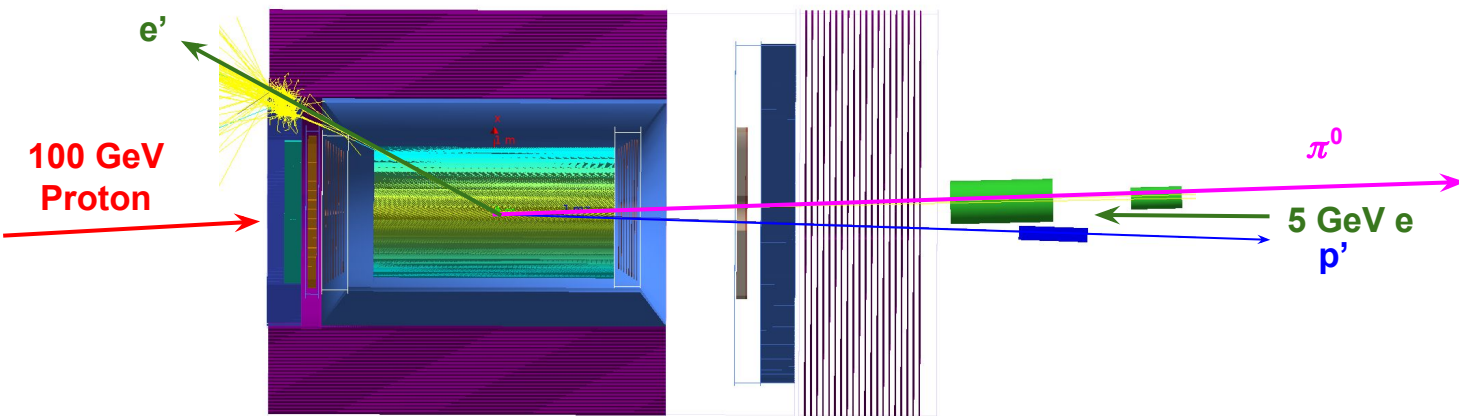


- **As postdoctoral fellow at JLab EIC Center: developed Backward  $\pi^0$  program for EIC**

- Offers synergy to other planned data set
- Feasibility studies included as part of the EIC Yellow report (published last week)

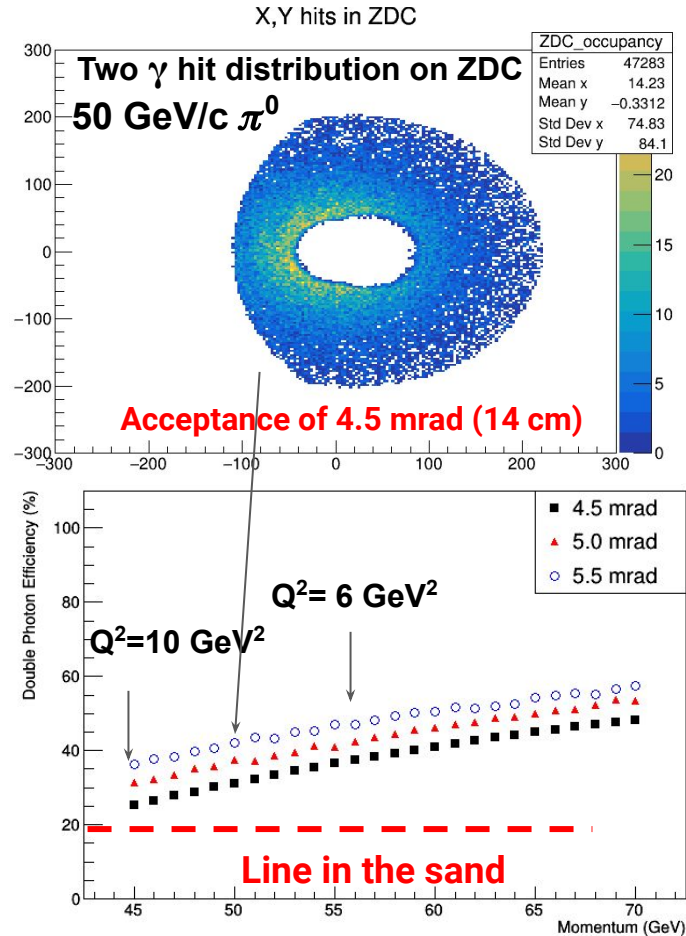
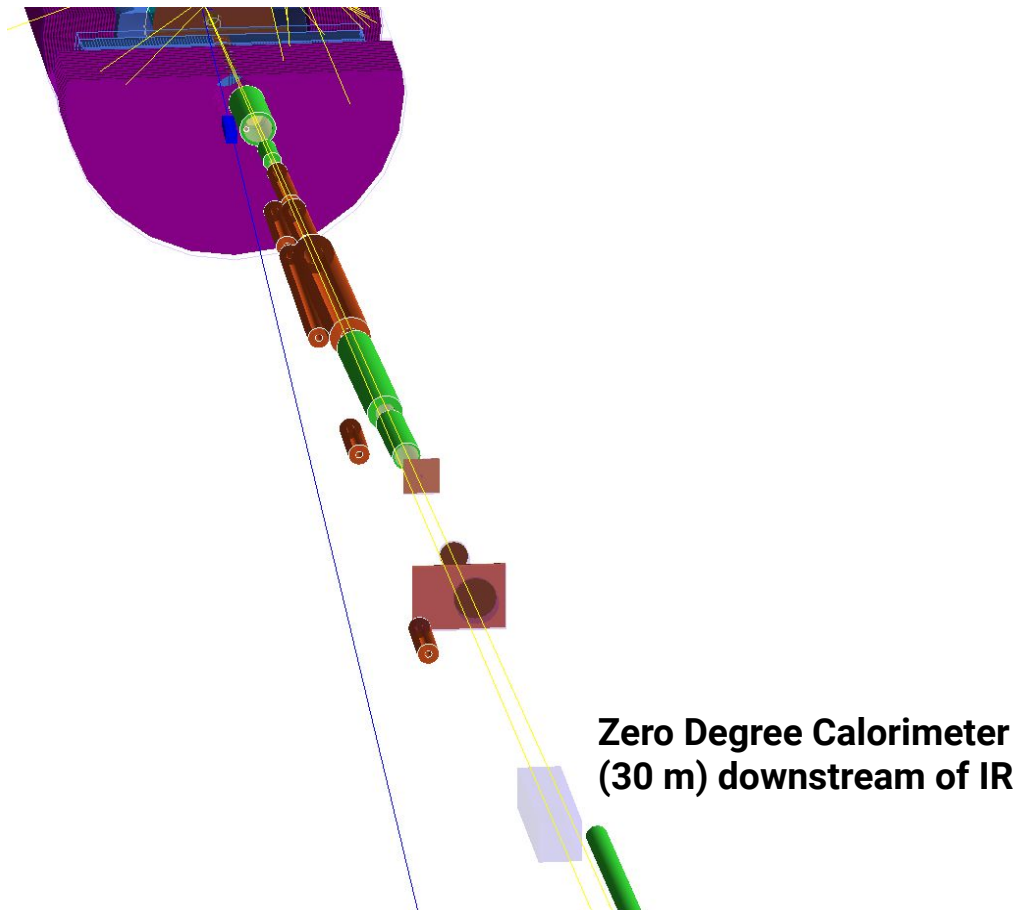


# u-Channel Meson Production Setup

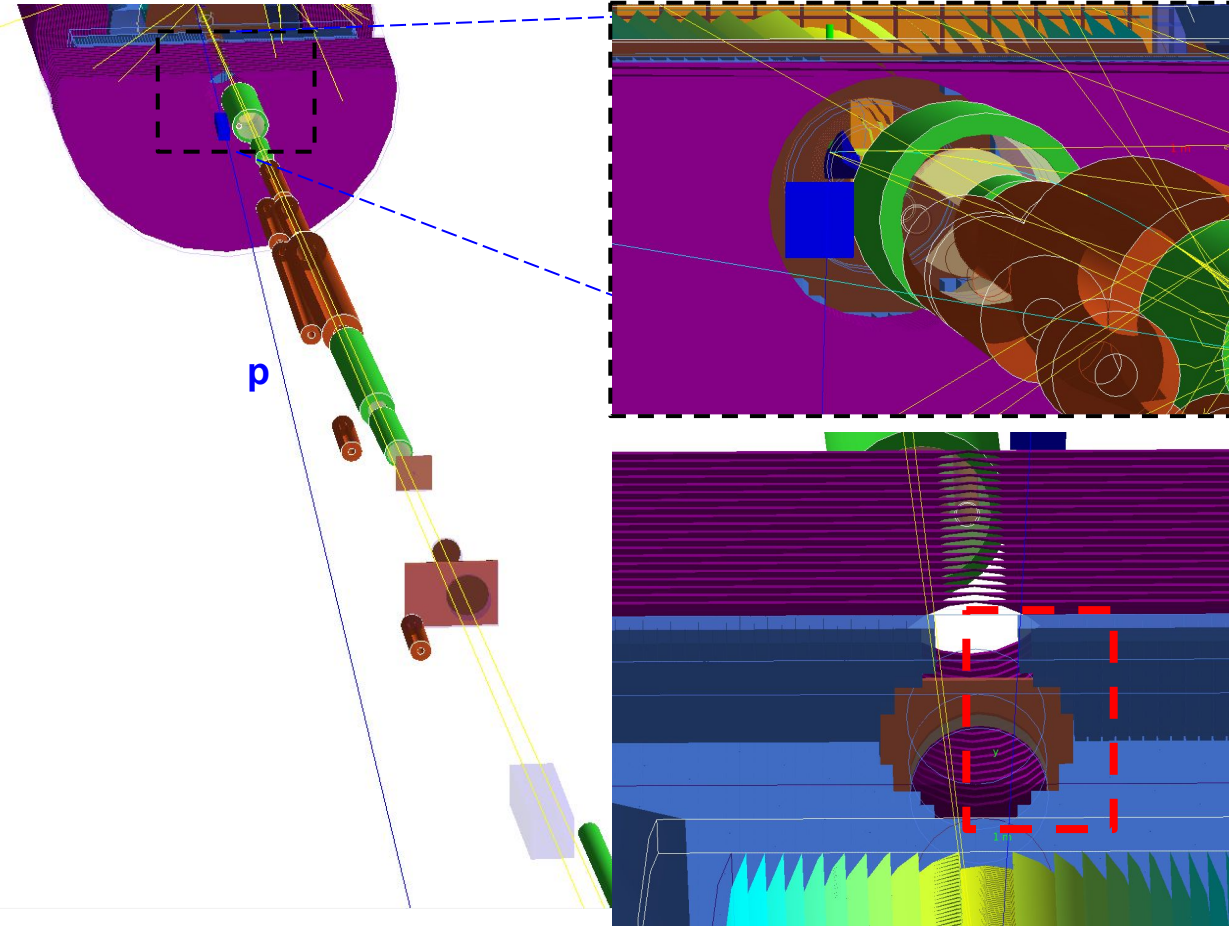


$Q^2$ (GeV <sup>2</sup> )	$W$ (GeV)	$x_B$	$\theta_{e'}$ (deg)	$\eta_{e'}$	$P_{e'}$ (GeV)	$\theta_{p'}$ (deg)	$\eta_{p'}$	$P_{p'}$ (GeV)	$\theta_{\pi^0}$ (deg)	$\eta_{\pi^0}$	$P_{\pi^0}$ (GeV)	$-t$ (GeV <sup>2</sup> )	$-u$ (GeV <sup>2</sup> )
6.2	3.19	152	1.39	5.31	-1.84	4.13	43.40	1.43	4.38	56.29	14.84	-0.37	
7.0	3.19	150	1.32	5.35	-1.92	4.09	45.50	1.43	4.38	54.12	16.19	-0.39	
8.2	3.19	148	-1.24	5.40	-1.85	4.12	49.74	1.43	4.38	49.84	16.80	-0.42	
9.3	3.19	146	-1.19	5.46	-1.92	4.09	51.90	1.43	4.38	47.60	18.19	-0.44	
10.5	3.19	144	1.12	5.52	-1.94	4.07	54.96	1.43	4.38	44.50	19.32	-0.47	

# Realistic ZDC Acceptance for $\pi^0$ Detection



# A Proton Detection Problem

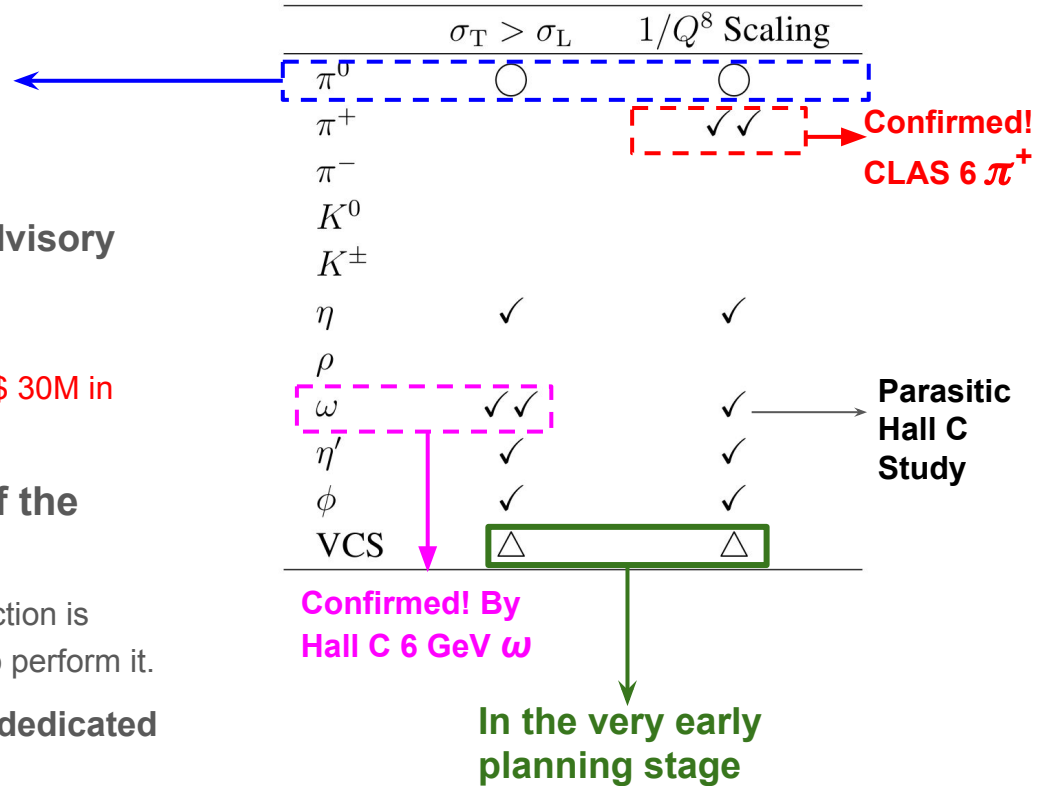


## Proton detector issue!

- Proton will NOT be detector due to ventilation hole!
- Blue cube: new detector dropped in to help with acceptance study
- Completing feasibility study is critical now ! (designing stage)

# First Dedicated Backward Angle Experiment

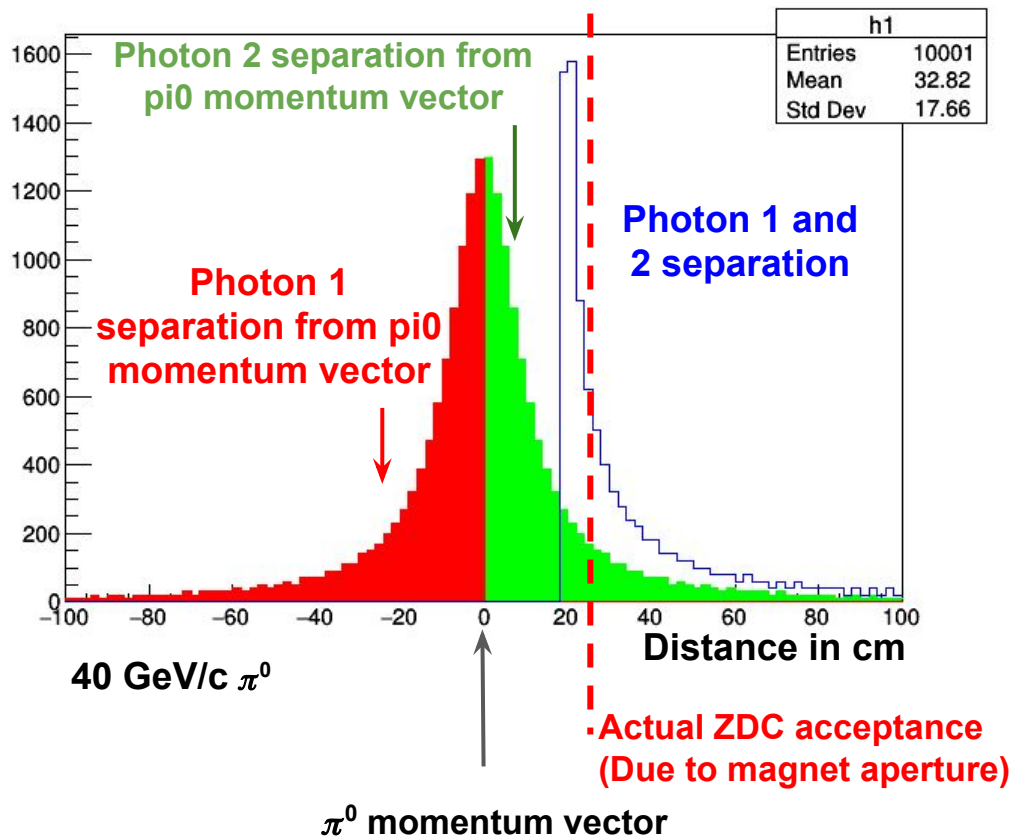
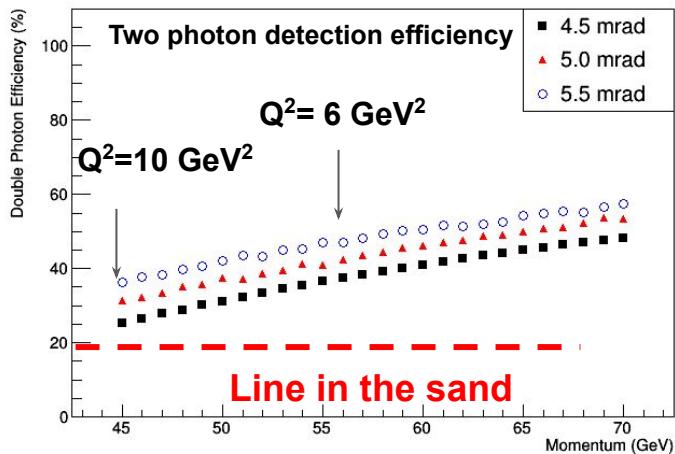
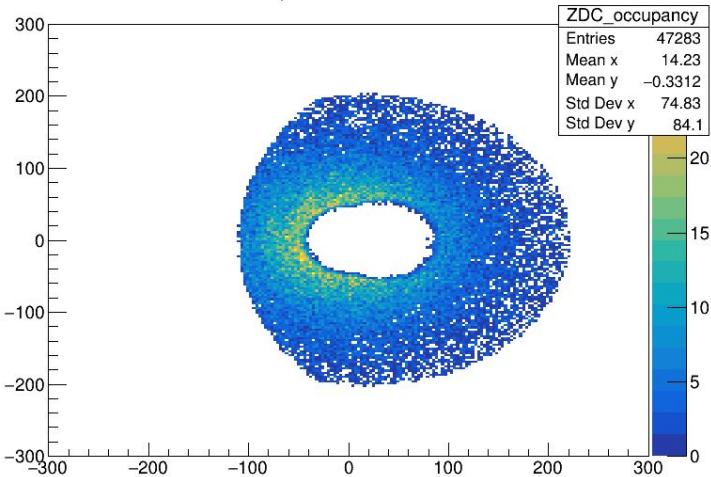
- **Probing backward-angle ( $u$ -channel) electroproduction of  $\pi^0$  : E12-20-007**
  - First presented as Letter of Intent in 2018
  - Full proposal submitted in 2020
- **Received full approval by JLab Program Advisory Committee (PAC):**
  - Experiment fully approved for 29 PAC days
  - **Projected beam time: 48 days** (48 \* \$800k = \$ 30M in electricity bill from tax payer)
- **PAC recognized the pioneering nature of the measurement**
  - The exploration of backward pion electroproduction is feasible, and JLab is an ideal venue at which to perform it.
- **Significant symbolic meaning: First approved dedicated  $u$ -channel experiment**





# Realistic ZDC Acceptance (through magnets Aperture)

X,Y hits in ZDC



# Two Cherenkov Detectors experiences and EIC R&D

## Heavy Gas Cherenkov Detector Construction for JLab Hall C

- 2009-2017
- Led by Dr. G. Huber
- My contribution: Design, prototyping, Geant4 simulation, final assembly

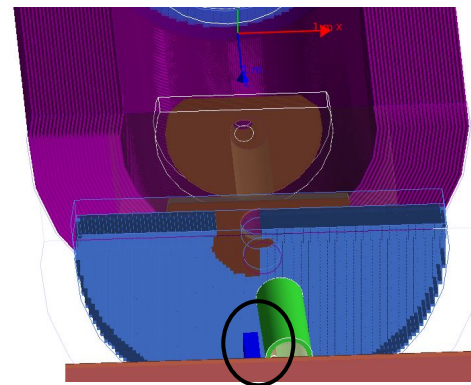


## GlueX DIRC Detector

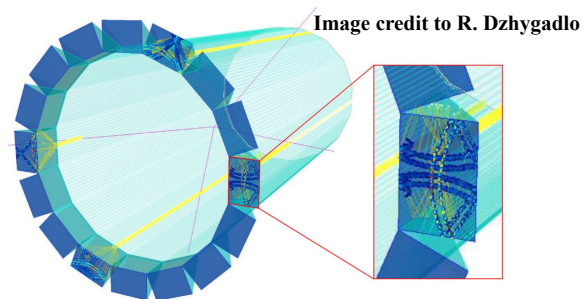
- 2017-Present
- Led by Dr. J. Stevens
- My contribution: Prototyping, final assembly, maintenance, data analysis



## EIC Detector R&D



High Eta Counter for backward  $\pi^0$



High-performance-DIRC: CUA, JLab, W&M, GSI (Germany), University of Hawaii, Indiana University

# Requirements

- PAC has approved 29 days of beam (requested 29.4 days)
- Beam request: standard beam (2.2 GeV/pass) or special tune (1.1 GeV/pass) during the time of running with standard polarization
- **Equipment refurbishment:**
  - HMS Aerogel PMT Replacement (new request)
  - SHMS Aerogel tray of  $n=1.0003$  (already planned)
- **Special detector configuration:**
  - Installing NGC for SHMS
  - SHMS aerogel tray  $n=1.0003$
  - HMS aerogel tray  $n=1.0011$
  - Using Moller polarimeter

