

Experimental Program at Jefferson Lab to Explore Tensor-TMDs in Deuteron

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Today's talk

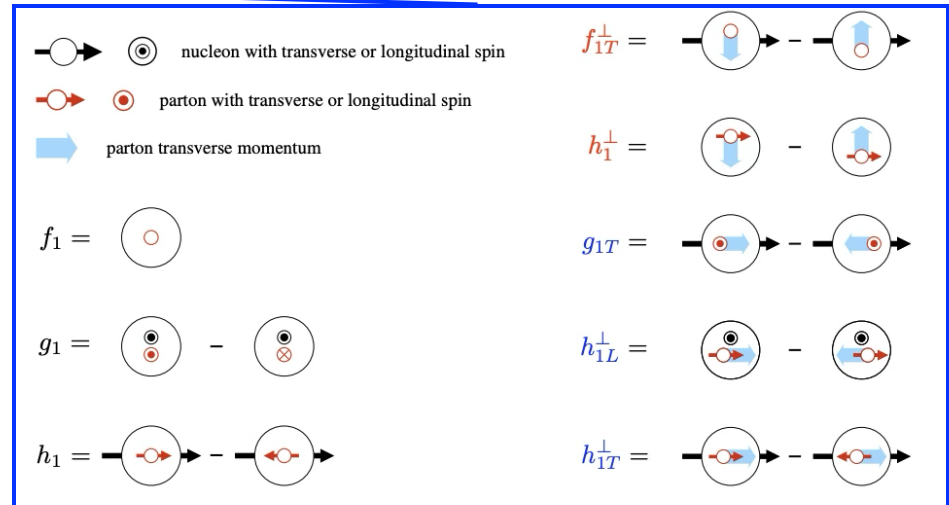
- Spin-1 TMDs
- Tensor SIDIS with a longitudinal polarized target
- Tensor SIDIS measurements at JLab with a longitudinal polarized target.
- Status of the tensor target

Spin-1/2: Leading twist distribution functions

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U	f_1					$[h_1^\perp]$
L			g_{1L}		$[h_{1L}^\perp]$	
T		f_{1T}^\perp	g_{1T}		$[h_1], [h_{1T}^\perp]$	

After integration upon p_T

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T					$[h_1]$	



[Phys. Rev. D **62**, 114004 \(2000\)](#)

Spin-1

Theory developments

- Leading twist (thesis): [arXiv:hep-ph/0212025](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0212025)
- Leading twist: [Phys. Rev. D 62 \(2000\)](#)
- Polarized deuteron DIS with spectator tagging: [Phys. Rev. C 102, 065204 \(2020\)](#)
- Up to twist 4: [Phys. Rev. D 103 \(2021\)](#)
- Formalism and covariant calculations: [Phys. Rev. C 96, no.4, 045206 \(2017\)](#)

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LT						*1
TT						

$$S_{LL} = \frac{S_{LL}^+ + S_{LL}^-}{2} - S_{LL}^0$$

$$S_{LT}^x = \dots$$

$$S_{LT}^y = \dots$$

$$S_{TT}^{xy} = \dots$$

$$S_{TT}^{xx} = \dots$$

Arrows represent spin states $m = +1$ and $m = -1$ in the direction of the arrow itself, while dashed lines denote spin state $m = 0$ again in the direction of the line itself

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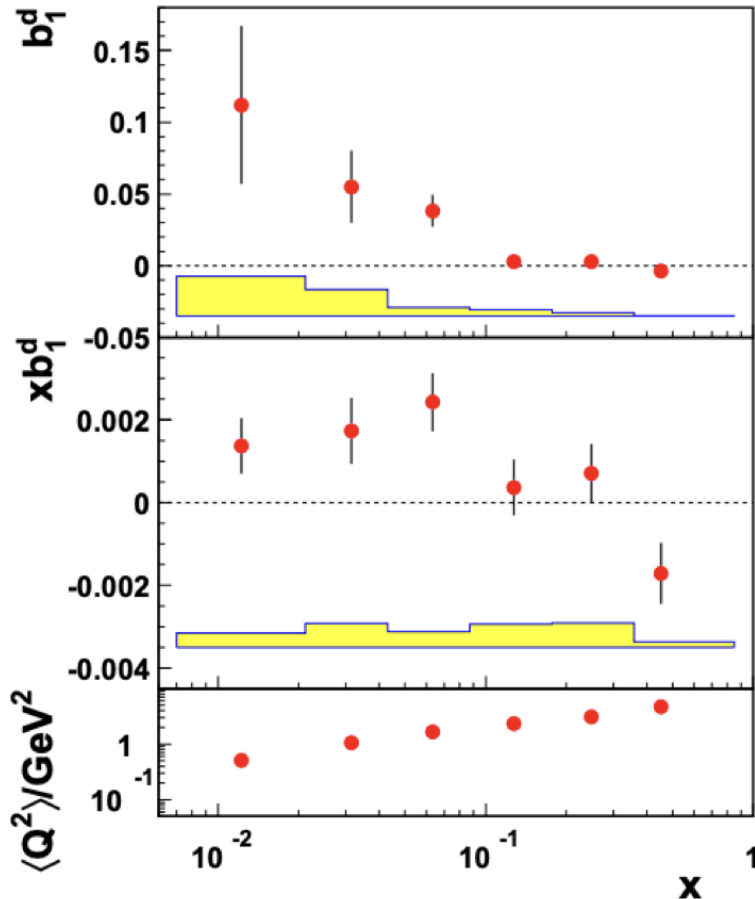
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- Only b_1 has been measured by HERMES [Phys.Rev.Lett. 95 \(2005\)](#).
- A new measurement of b_1 will be done at JLab ([E12-13-011](#)).

SIDIS spin-1 measurements open the door to a complete new set of observables that can tell us about color degrees of freedom and beyond standard hadron physics.

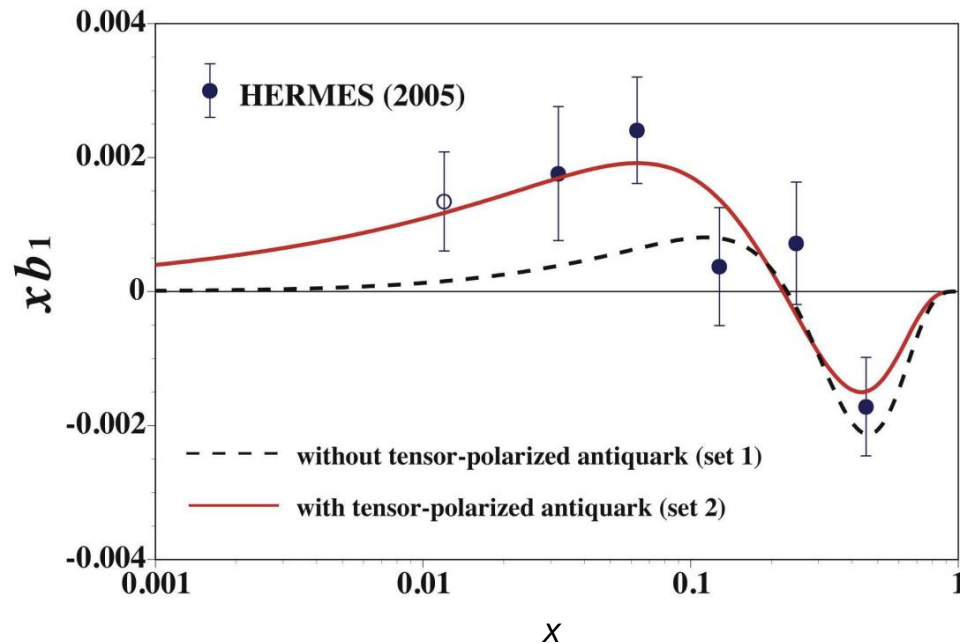
HERMES Experiment: First Measurement of b_1



- 27.6 GeV/c positron beam of Hera
- $0.5 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2 < Q^2 < 5 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$
- $0.01 < x < 0.45$
- Positrons in the momentum range of 2.5 GeV/c to 27 GeV/c
- The average target vector \mathcal{P} and tensor Q polarizations are typically more than 80%
- Polarized gas target (integrated luminosity 42 pb^{-1})
- *The rise of b_1 for decreasing values of x can be interpreted to originate from the same mechanism that leads to nuclear shadowing in unpolarized scattering.*

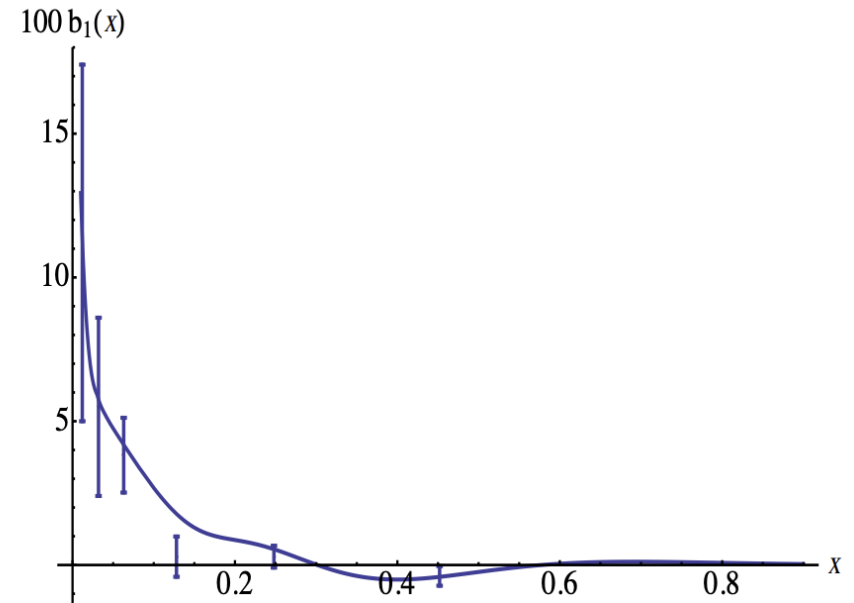
[Phys. Rev. Lett. 95, 242001\(2005\)](#)

Theory predictions of b_1



We found that a significant antiquark tensor polarization exists if the overall tensor polarization vanishes for the valence quarks although such a result could depend on the assumed functional form. **Further experimental measurements are needed for b_1 , such as at JLab as well as Drell-Yan measurements with tensor-polarized deuteron at hadron facilities, J-PARC and GSI-FAIR.**

[Phys. Rev. D 82, 017501 \(2010\)](#)

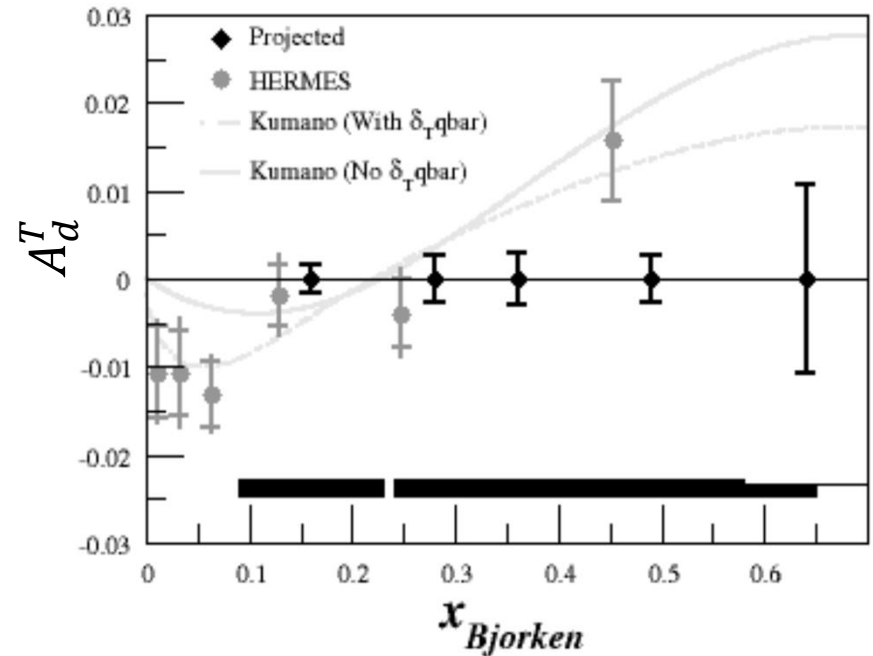
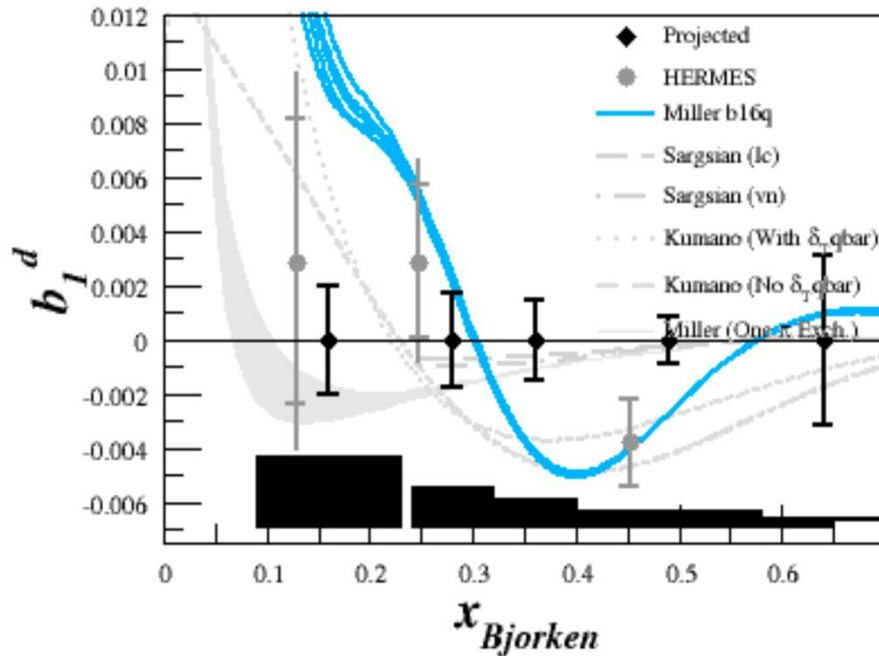


Hidden-color model: six-quark configurations (with $\sim 0.15\%$ probability to exist in the deuteron) proposed and found to give substantial contributions for values of $x > 0.2$.

[Phys. Rev. C 89, 045203 \(2014\)](#)

E12-13-011 Approved Experiment at Jefferson Lab

Inclusive Measurement



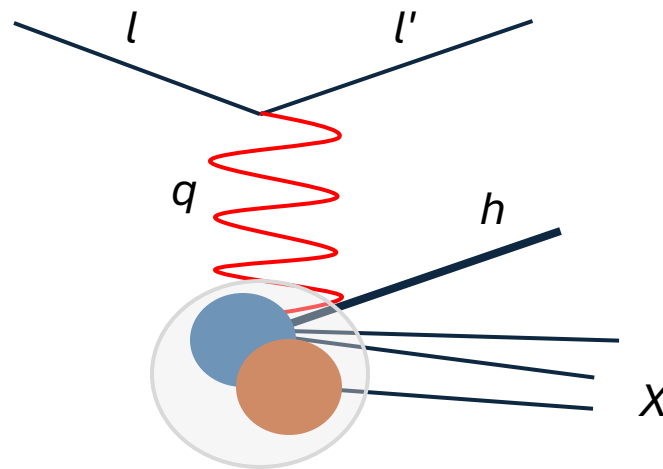
$$0.16 < x < 0.49$$

$$0.85 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2 < Q^2 < 5.05 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$$

Incident beam (electrons): $E = 11 \text{ GeV}$

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Rondon, Santiesteban, Solvignon

Semi-Inclusive Deep Inelastic Scattering



Longitudinally polarized target

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\sigma}{dx dy d\psi dz d\phi_h dP_{h\perp}^2} &= \frac{\alpha^2}{xyQ^2} \frac{y^2}{2(1-\varepsilon)} \left(1 + \frac{\gamma^2}{2x} \right) \\
 &\quad \left\{ F_{UU,T} + \varepsilon F_{UU,L} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \cos\phi_h F_{UU}^{\cos\phi_h} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \varepsilon \cos(2\phi_h) F_{UU}^{\cos 2\phi_h} + \lambda_e \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)} \sin\phi_h F_{LU}^{\sin\phi_h} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + S_{\parallel} \left[\sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \sin\phi_h F_{UL}^{\sin\phi_h} + \varepsilon \sin(2\phi_h) F_{UL}^{\sin 2\phi_h} \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + S_{\parallel} \lambda_e \left[\sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2} F_{LL} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)} \cos\phi_h F_{LL}^{\cos\phi_h} \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + T_{\parallel\parallel} \left[F_{U(LL),T} + \varepsilon F_{U(LL),L} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \cos\phi_h F_{U(LL)}^{\cos\phi_h} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + \varepsilon \cos(2\phi_h) F_{U(LL)}^{\cos 2\phi_h} + \lambda_e \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)} \sin\phi_h F_{L(LL)}^{\sin\phi_h} \right] \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

, S_{\parallel} is the vector polarization, and $T_{\parallel\parallel}$ is the tensor polarization of target in parallel to the virtual photon direction which are related with \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{Q} along the direction of electron beam

Courtesy of A. Bacchetta (2023).

Tensor-polarized structure functions

$$F_{U(LL),T} = \mathcal{C}[f_{1LL} D_1],$$

$$F_{U(LL),L} = 0,$$

$$F_{U(LL)}^{\cos \phi_h} = \frac{2M}{Q} \mathcal{C} \left[-\frac{\hat{\mathbf{h}} \cdot \mathbf{k}_T}{M_h} \left(x h_{LL} H_1^\perp + \frac{M_h}{M} f_{1LL} \frac{\tilde{D}^\perp}{z} \right) - \frac{\hat{\mathbf{h}} \cdot \mathbf{p}_T}{M} \left(x f_{LL}^\perp D_1 + \frac{M_h}{M} h_{1LL}^\perp \frac{\tilde{H}}{z} \right) \right],$$

$$F_{U(LL)}^{\cos 2\phi_h} = \mathcal{C} \left[-\frac{2(\hat{\mathbf{h}} \cdot \mathbf{k}_T)(\hat{\mathbf{h}} \cdot \mathbf{p}_T) - \mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{p}_T}{MM_h} h_{1LL}^\perp H_1^\perp \right],$$

$$F_{L(LL)}^{\sin \phi_h} = \frac{2M}{Q} \mathcal{C} \left[-\frac{\hat{\mathbf{h}} \cdot \mathbf{k}_T}{M_h} \left(x e_{LL} H_1^\perp + \frac{M_h}{M} f_{1LL} \frac{\tilde{G}^\perp}{z} \right) + \frac{\hat{\mathbf{h}} \cdot \mathbf{p}_T}{M} \left(x g_{LL}^\perp D_1 + \frac{M_h}{M} h_{1LL}^\perp \frac{\tilde{E}}{z} \right) \right].$$

 Spin-1 leading twist

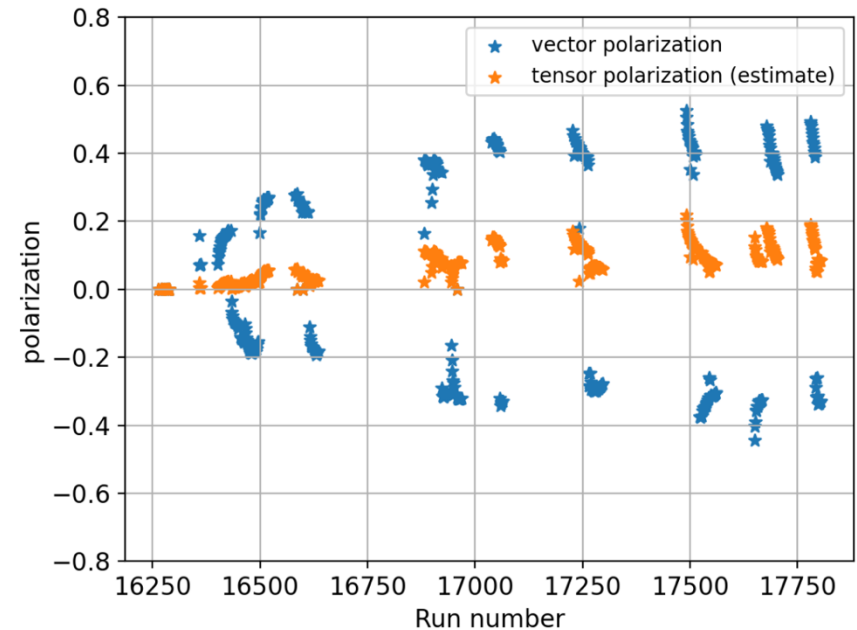
[Eur. Phys. J. A \(2025\) 61: 81](#)

Experimental Measurements

**Step 1: Exploratory
measurement with CLAS12 data**

Run Group C at CLAS12:

- 8 experiments using the CLAS12 to study the multidimensional partonic structure of nucleons
- Longitudinally polarized electrons are scattered from polarized ND_3 targets, dynamically polarized via DNP at 1 K in a 5 T magnetic field
- While the ND_3 target is not optimized for tensor polarization, the DNP process induces a measurable tensor component, allowing for estimates of tensor structure function contributions relevant to the dedicated tensor measurements.



Courtesy: P Pandey

[CAA: Spin 1 Transverse Momentum Dependent Tensor Structure Functions in CLAS12](#)

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Data: Run Group C

Simplified version:

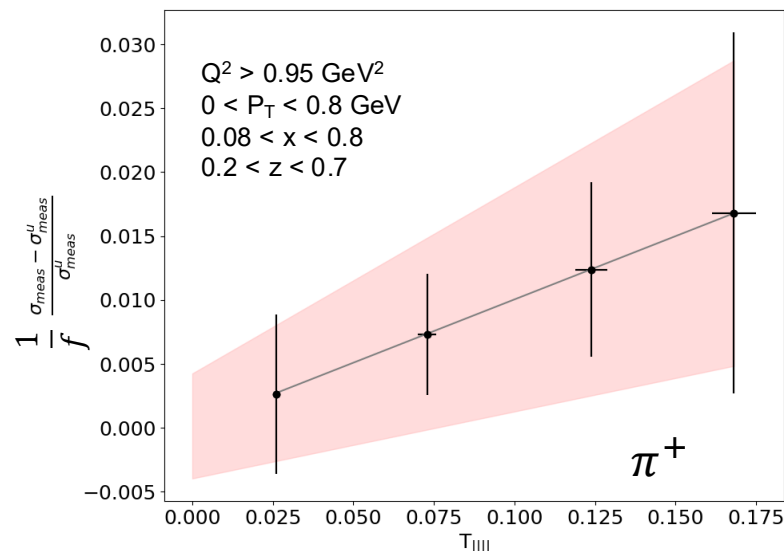
$$\sigma_{meas}^{total} = \overset{\text{Unpolarized}}{\sigma_u^D} + \underset{\text{Vector}}{\mathcal{P}\sigma_v} + \overset{\text{Tensor}}{\mathcal{Q}\sigma_T} + \sum \sigma_i$$

Other Nuclei
(N, He, etc)

Summing over positive and negative vector polarization:

$$\frac{\sigma_T}{\sigma_u^D} = \frac{1}{f} \frac{\sigma_{meas}^{total} - \sigma_{meas}^u}{\sigma_{meas}^u}$$

f : Dilution factor due to all other nuclei in the target sample σ_i

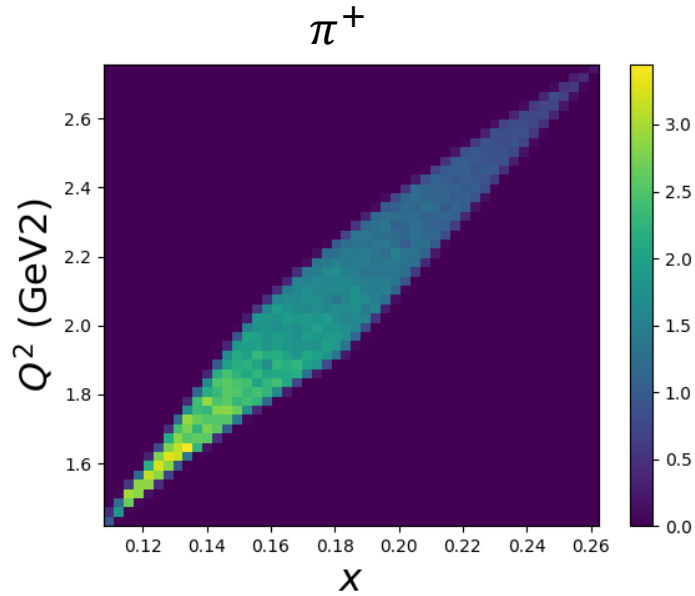


- This measurement will help to understand the tensor contribution.
- Currently assuming 10% of the unpolarized contribution as the inclusive measurement.
- Our predictions imply a 60% uncertainty.
- **Crucial to propose new experiments.**

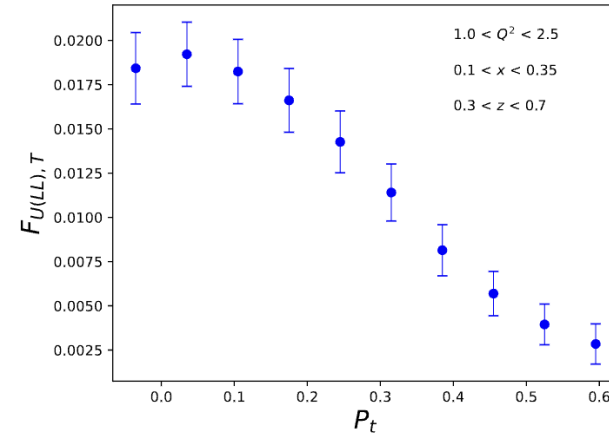
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Experimental Measurements

**Step 2: Dedicated measurement
with CLAS12 data**



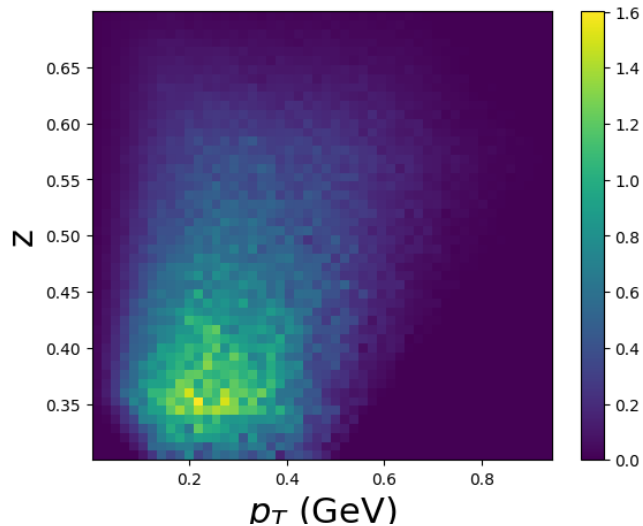
LOI: Spin-1 TMDs and Structure Functions of the Deuteron



	θ (deg.)	ϕ (deg.)	P (GeV)
Electron	10.3 - 12.4	-2.87 - 2.87	4.0 - 5.4
Hadron	5.0 - 15.0	167 - 193	2.0 - 4.0

The kinematic ranges assumed for the chosen momentum setting in SHMS (electron) and SBS (hadron)

Ruth, Santiesteban, Chen, Slifer, Poudel, Fernando,
Keller, Long, Bacchetta

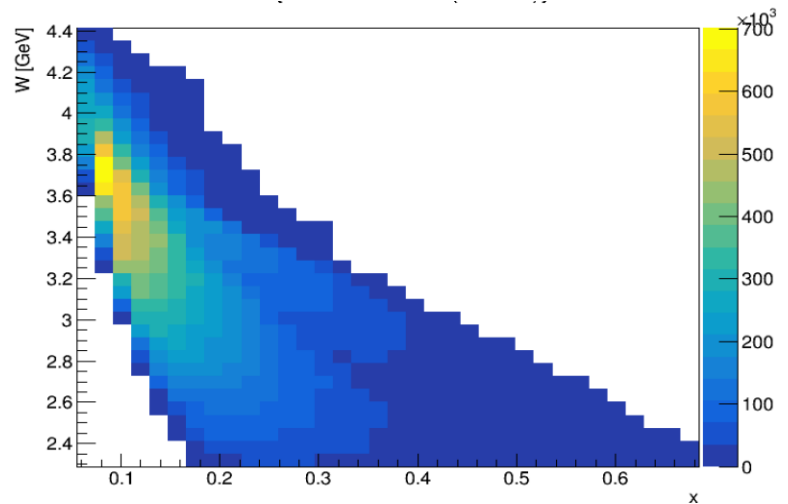
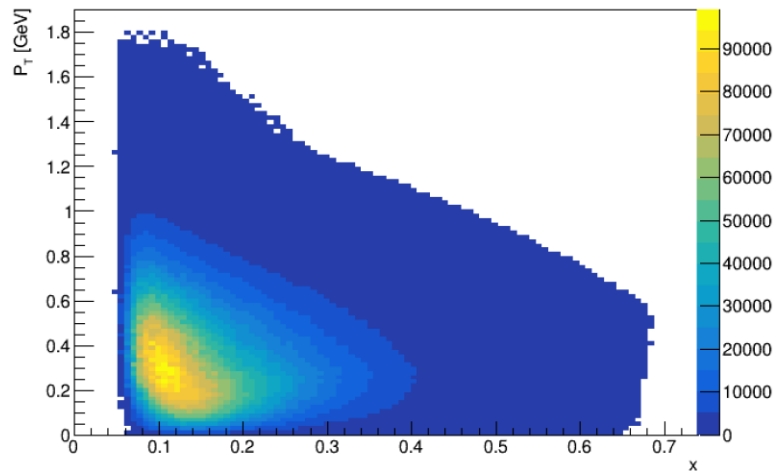
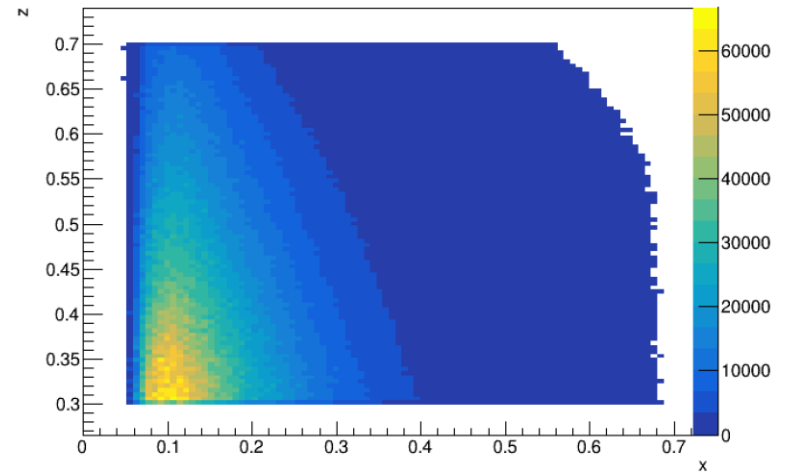
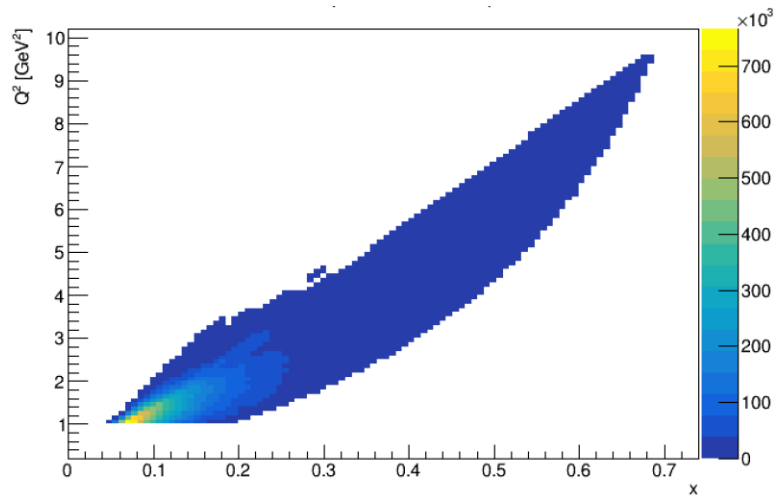


Experimental Measurements

Step 3: Future program at SoLID

Unpolarized rates for π^-

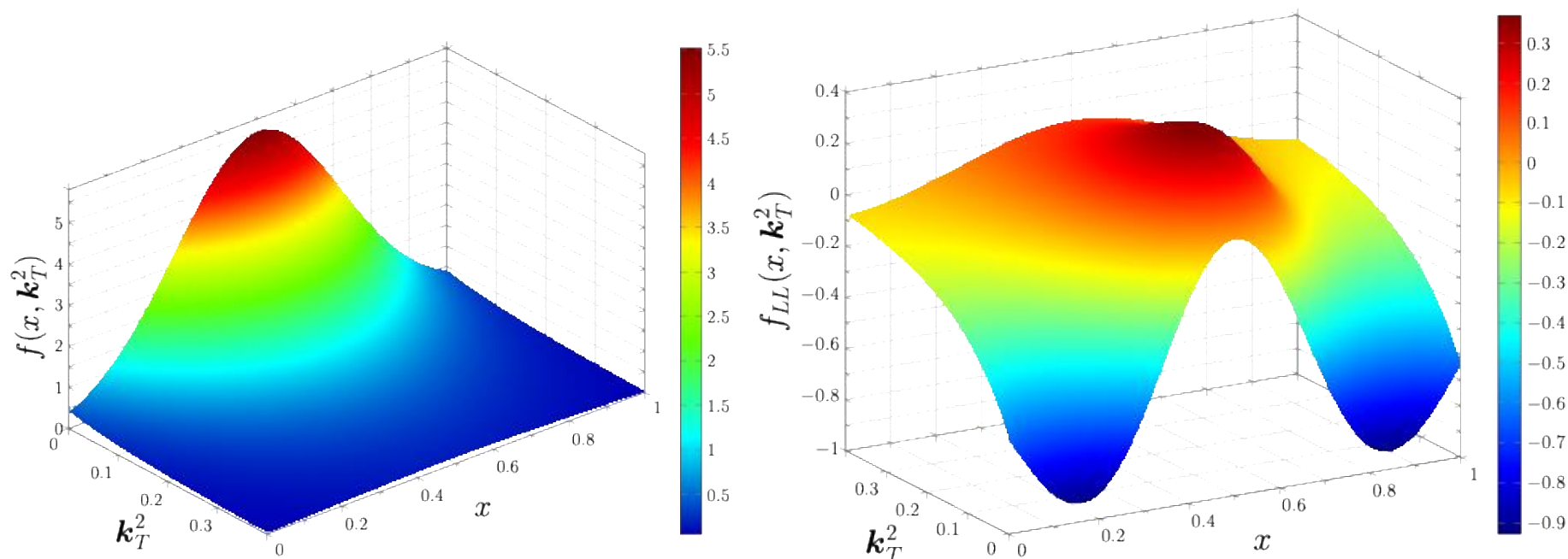
1 week of running



Assuming:

- Luminosity 10^{35} cm²/s
- Pure $D \rightarrow 1n + 1p$

Currently incorporating covariant calculations



Spin-one ρ particle

Next: Deuteron

Tensor polarized TMDs may have surprising features

Courtesy of Ian Cloët

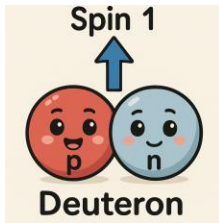
Our path for the Spin-1 SIDIS program



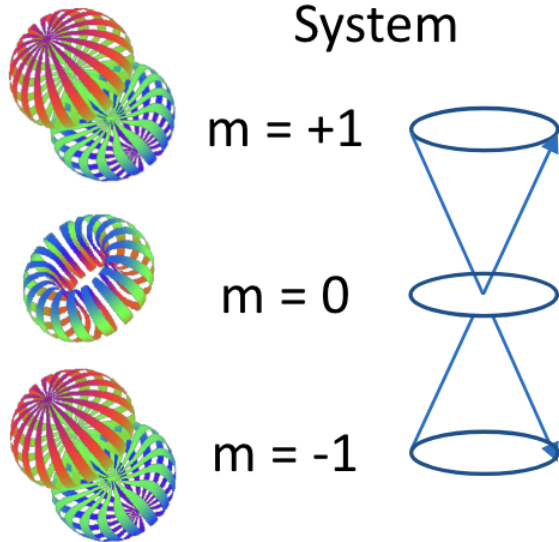
- Exploratory measurement Use Hall B data (Run group C ~ 12% tensor polarization) to estimate the rates and possible sensitivity to structure functions shape/structure.
- Dedicated measurement: Propose a run in the short term (probably around the time of the already approved tensor experiments) to map the longitudinal distributions with better precision.
- Continue target development and plan for all possible configurations of polarization and higher polarizations.
- Formalize a plan to measure the distributions with the SoLID detector.

Santiesteban, Chen, Ruth, Poudel, Slifer, Fernando,
Keller, Long, Bacchetta

Status of the polarized target



Spin-1 System



Deuteron in a magnetic field

Vector Polarization:

$$P = N(+1) - N(-1)$$

Tensor Polarization:

$$Q = N(+1) + N(-1) - 2N(0)$$

$N(m)$: population density

$$N(+1) + N(-1) + N(0) = 1$$

Normalization

Deuteron Polarization

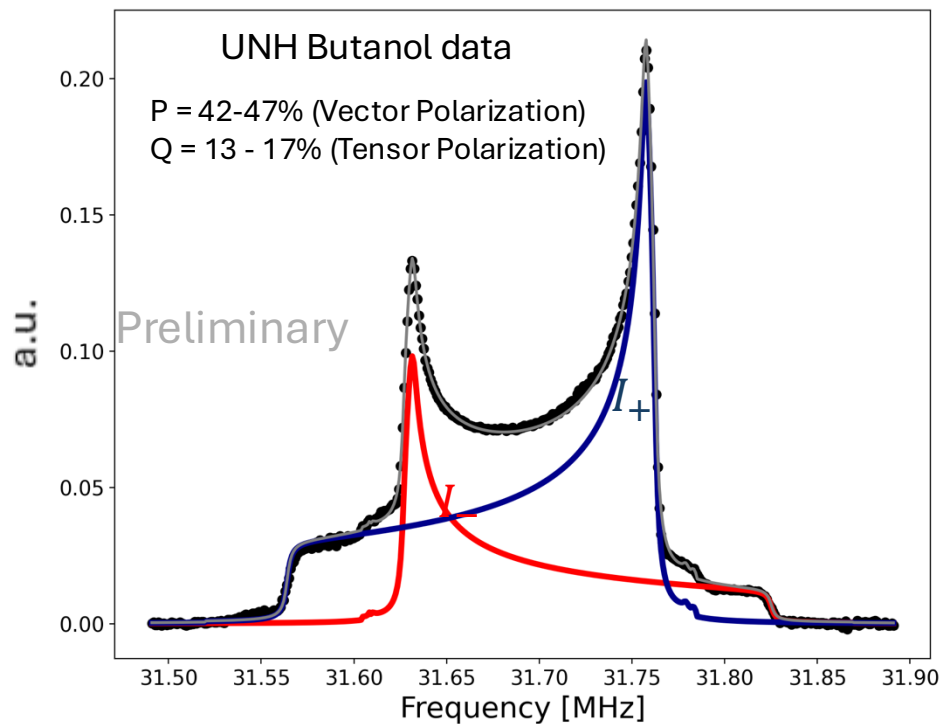
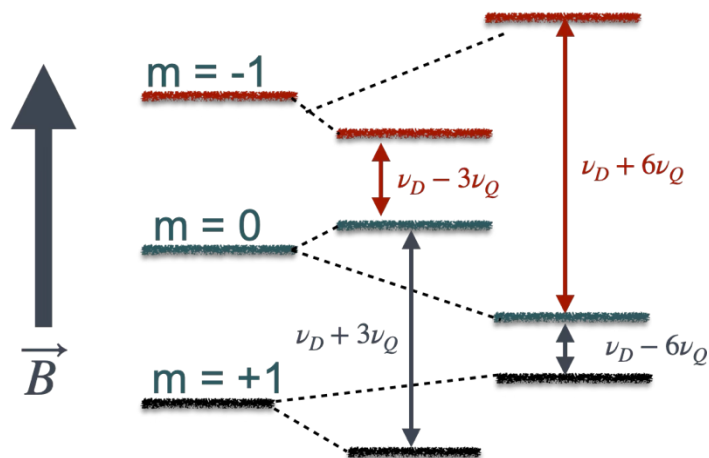
$$E_m = -h\nu_D m + h\nu_Q(\cos^2\theta - 1)(3m^2 - 2)$$

eQ : Electric quadrupole interaction
(shifts the energy levels)

eq : Electric field gradient

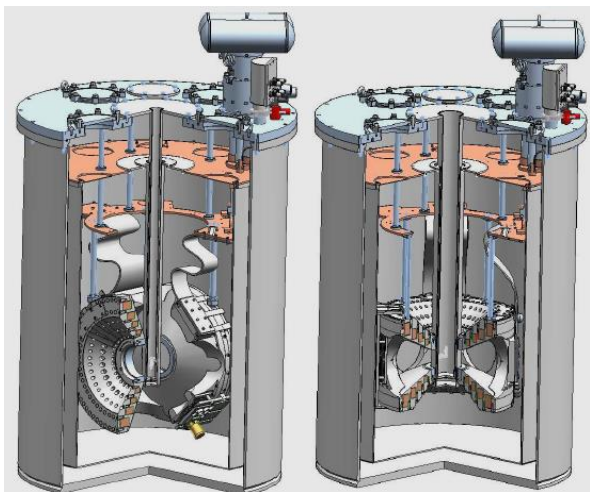
θ : angle between eq and eQ

ν_D : deuteron Larmor frequency



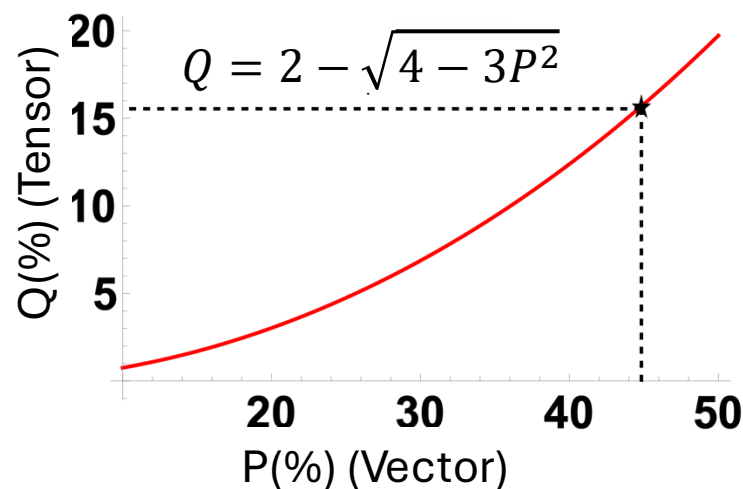
Enhancing Vector polarization: DNP Technique

Dynamic Nuclear Polarization (DNP): technique used to enhance vector polarization



Requirements

- High magnetic field (at JLab typically 5T)
- Low temperature ($\sim 1\text{K}$)
- Microwaves (induce spin transitions)
- CW NMR
- Irradiated material ND_3



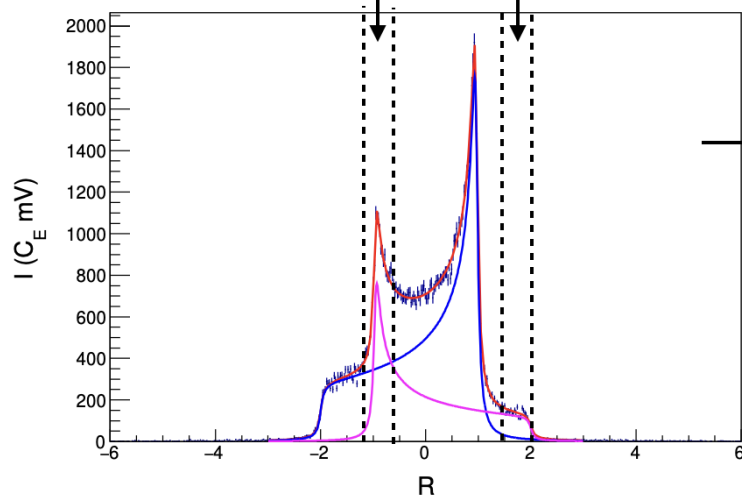
DNP enhancement carries tensor polarization enhancement.

★ Typical average vector polarization in Jefferson lab $P \sim 45\%$ which corresponds to $Q \sim 16\%$

Enhancing tensor polarization

Semi-selective RF

Starting with:

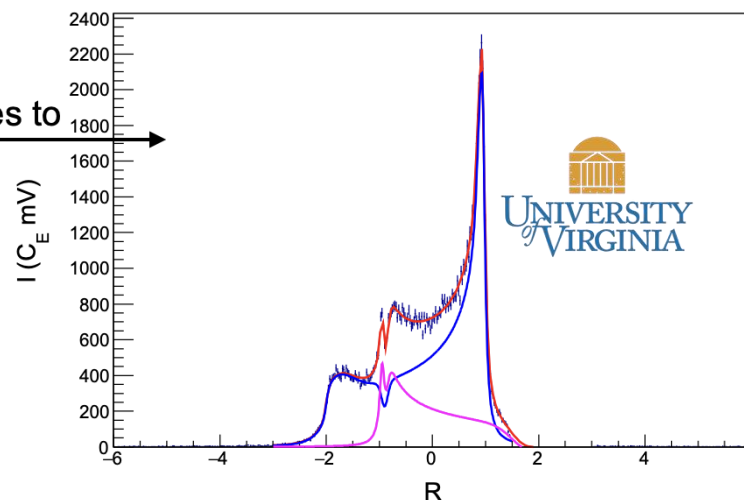


DNP polarized enhanced signal

$Q = 19\%$

Tensor enhanced signal:

goes to



ss-RF enhanced signal

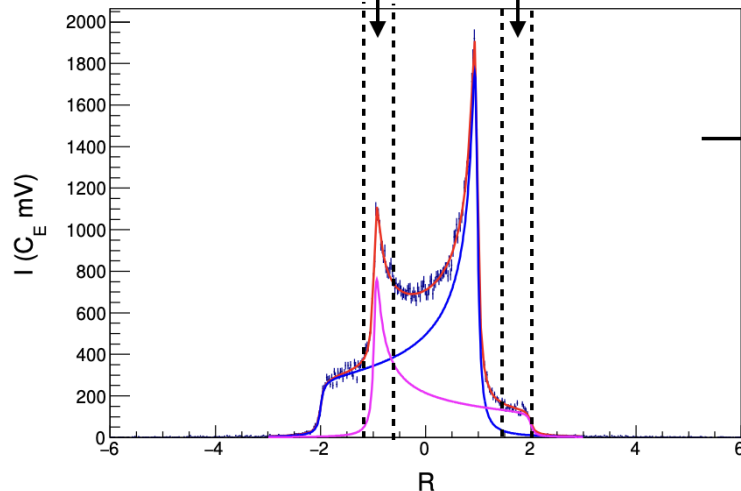
$Q = 28.8\%$

D. Keller [Eur. Phys. J. A53 \(2017\)](#)

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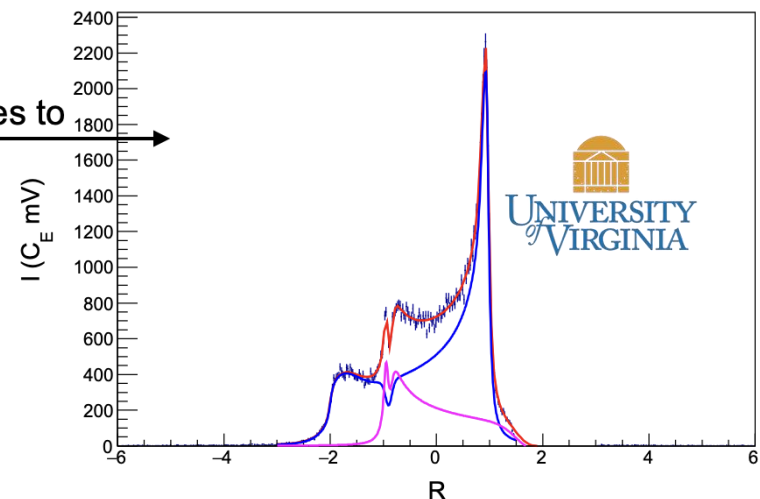
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- Low tensor polarization has limited physics experiments.
- New target developments are ongoing, with an enhancement of up to 30%.
- Two experiments to measure tensor observables have been approved.
- Several new experiments are underway.

Unlocking Spin-1 Structure: Key Questions & Future Directions

- How can we extract/interpret TMDs from the experiment?
 - How spin-1 will be different from spin-1/2?
 - What is QCD Evolution of Spin-1 TMDs?
 - What role do higher-twist or higher-order corrections play in the TMD description of the deuteron?

Join our efforts!



Thank you!