



Coulomb Corrections in SIDIS

Part 1 of a new proposal (see next talk)

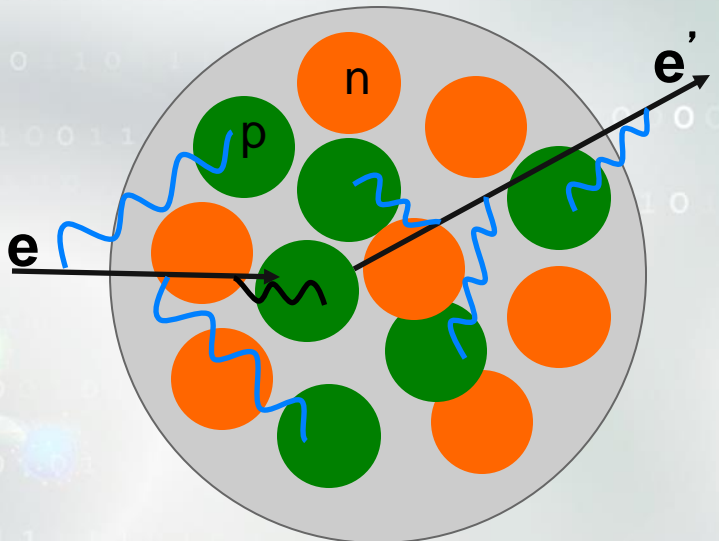
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A new proposal for PAC53

- Physics topics:
 - Two photon exchange (TPE) in inclusive DIS
 - TPE in SIDIS
 - Coulomb Corrections (CC) in SIDIS
- Plan to run in Hall C
- Kinematics will largely mirror those of the upcoming E12-06-104 (R-SIDIS)
- Proton target will be used for TPE measurements ← *See next talk (M. Nycz)*
- Deuterium, Carbon, and Copper will be used for CC measurements

Coulomb Distortion in Heavy Nuclei



Electrons scattering from nuclei can be accelerated/decelerated in the Coulomb field of the nucleus
 → This effect is in general **NOT** included in most radiative corrections procedures
 → *Coulomb Corrections are perhaps more appropriately described in terms of multi-photon exchange, but Coulomb Corrections provide convenient shorthand*

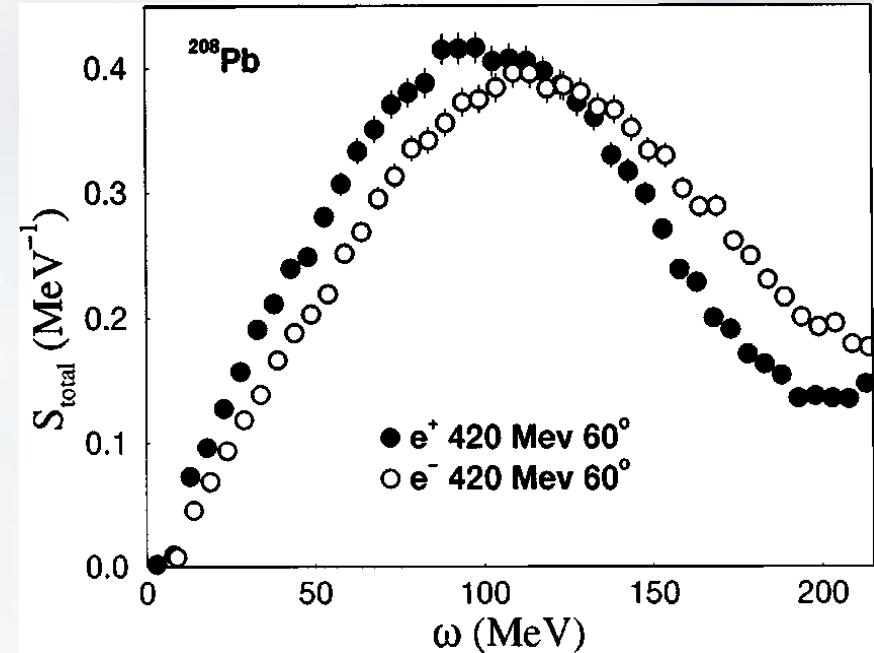
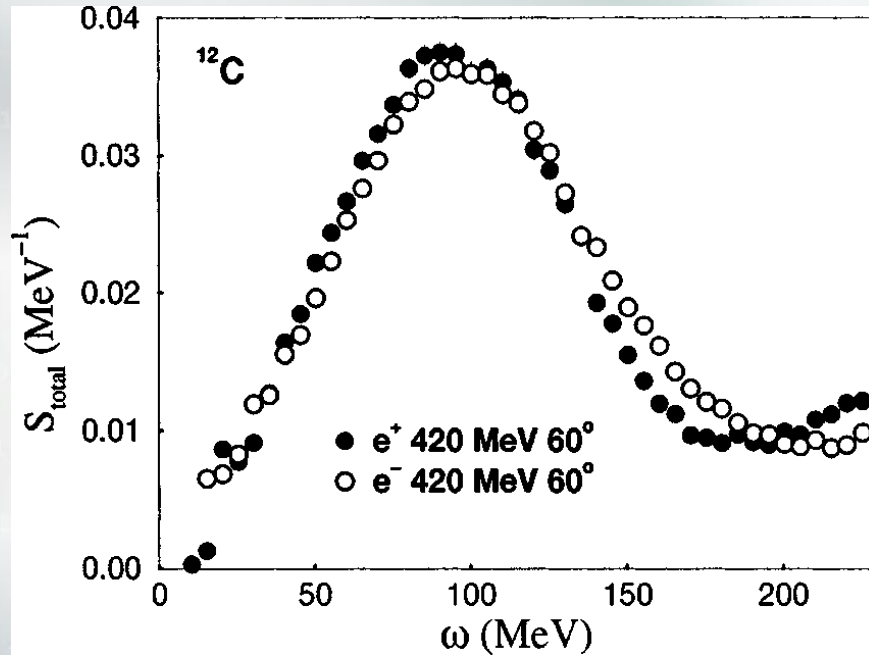
- Well-known effect in QE scattering - relevant particularly for Coulomb sum rule
- Can be calculated in QE using DWBA → experimentalists use Effective Momentum Approximation (EMA) to apply corrections to data
- Comparisons of EMA with detailed DWBA calculations resulted in “improved EMA”

$$E_e \rightarrow E_e + V_0 \quad E_{e'} \rightarrow E_{e'} + V_0 \quad \text{with “focusing factor” } F^2 = (1 + V_0/E_e)^2$$

$$V_0 \rightarrow (0.7-0.8)V_0, \quad V_0 = 3a(Z-1)/2R$$

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Electron-Positron Comparisons in QE Scattering



Gueye *et al.*, PRC60, 044308 (1999)

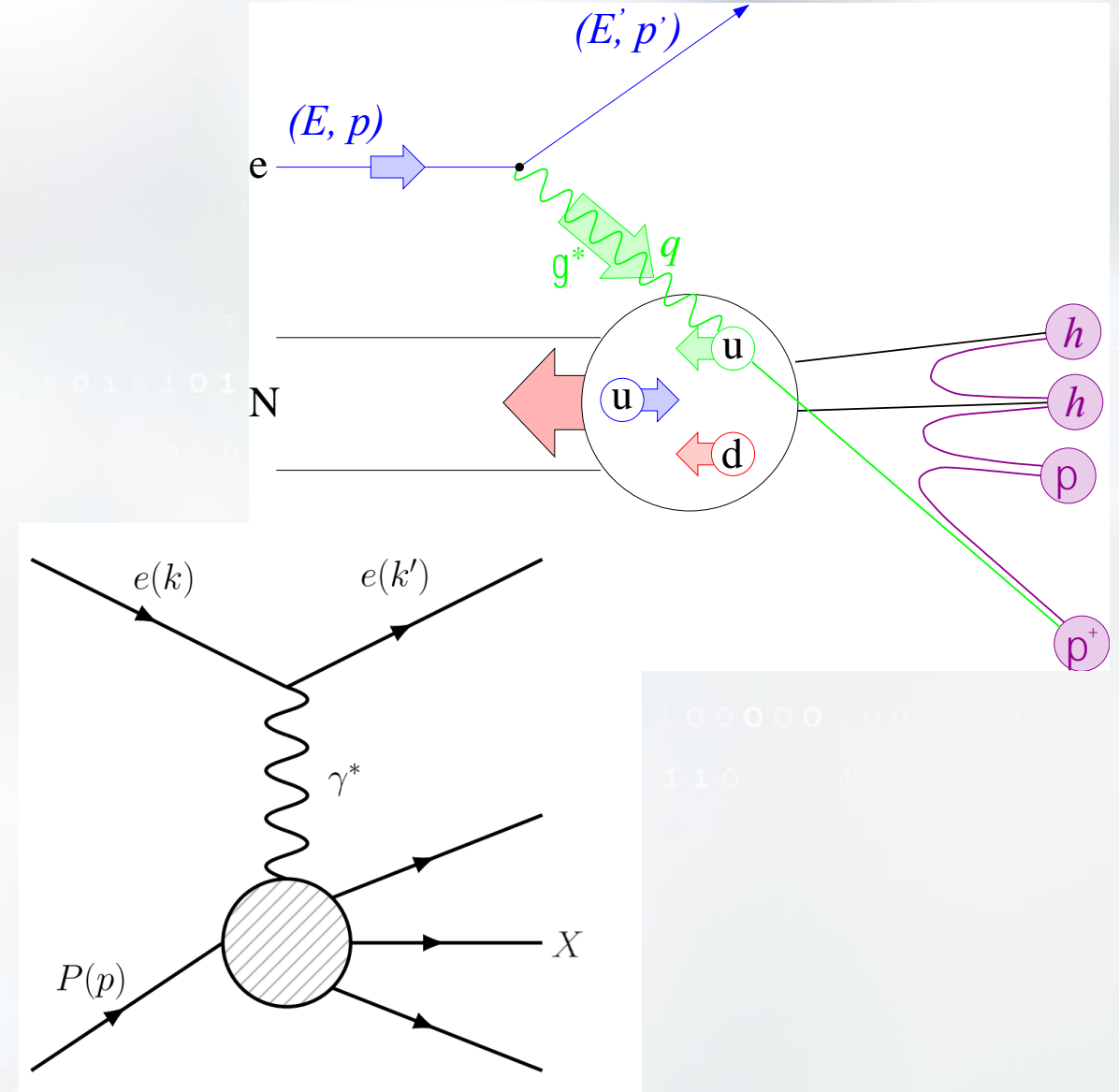
- Comparisons of electron and positron scattering have been performed in QE scattering
- Were used to fit V_0 in context of EMA
- $V_0 = 10 \text{ MeV}$ for Fe, 20 MeV for Fe

Coulomb Corrections in Inelastic Scattering

- E. Calva-Tellez and D.R. Yennie, Phys. Rev. D 20, 105 (1979)
 - Perturbative expansion in powers of strength of Coulomb field
 - Effect of order $\rightarrow \frac{Z\alpha (Q^2)^2 (E_e + E'_e)}{12 \nu^2 E_e E'_e} \langle r \rangle$
 - “For any reasonable kinematics, this is completely negligible” \rightarrow plugging in JLab/SLAC kinematics, this is not true!
- B. Kopeliovich et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 11, 345 (2001)
 - Estimates non-zero effect using Eikonal approximation \rightarrow applies estimates to vector meson production, not DIS
- O. Nachtmann, Nucl. Phys. B 18, 112 (1970)
 - Coulomb Corrections for neutrino reactions
 - DWBA calculation that results in modifications to structure functions \rightarrow “at most 5%” effects for energies > 1 GeV
 - Final state particle only, not directly applicable to electron/positron scattering

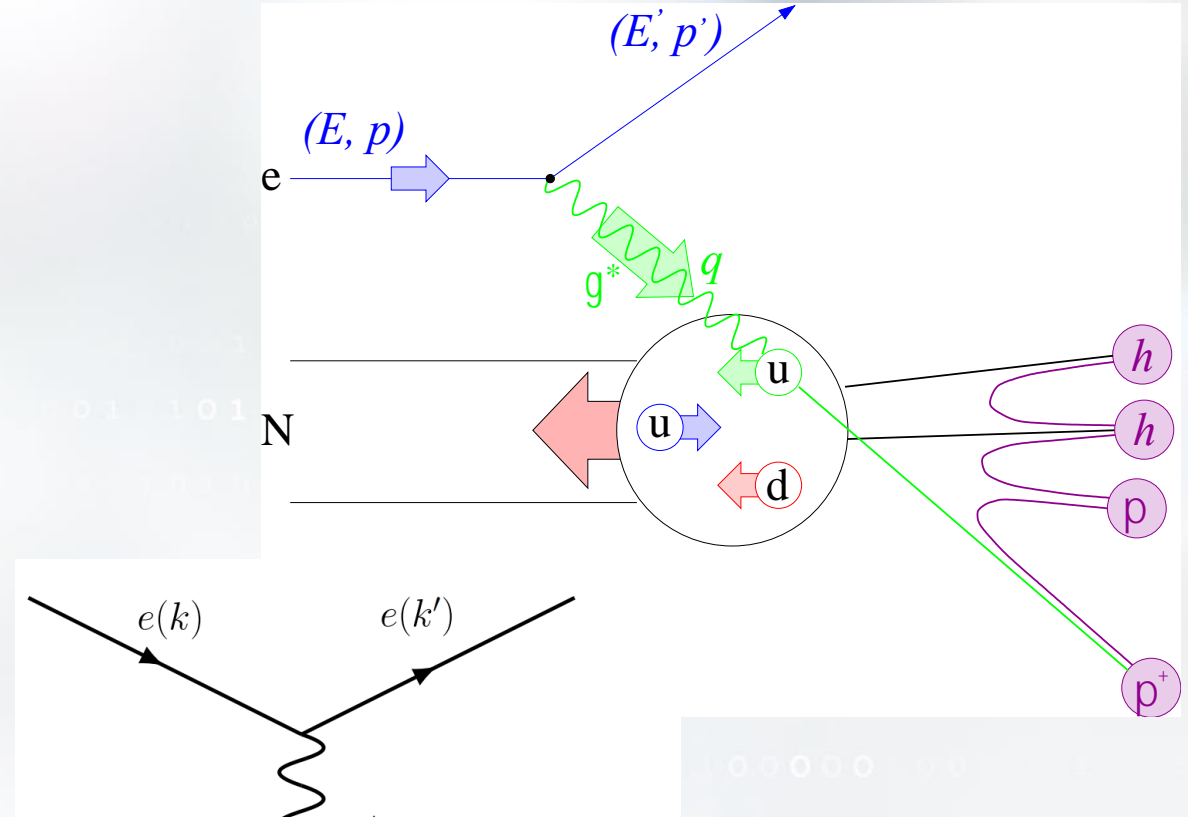
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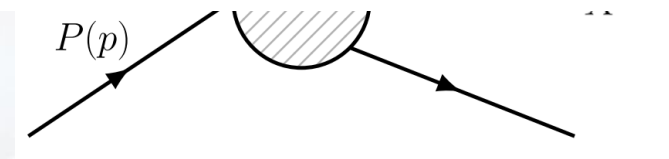


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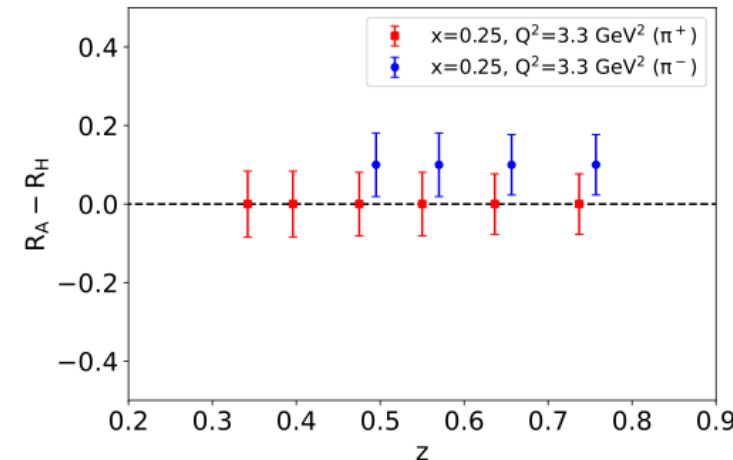
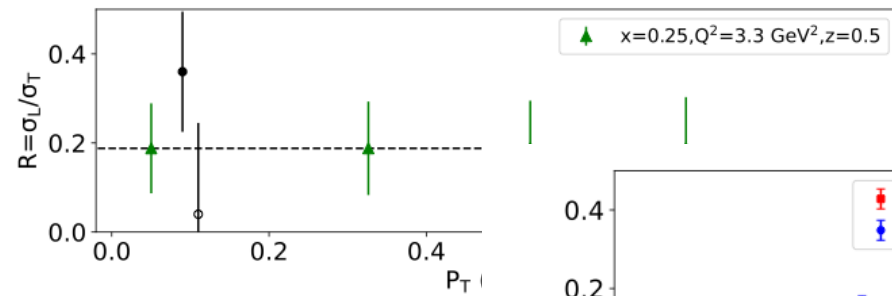
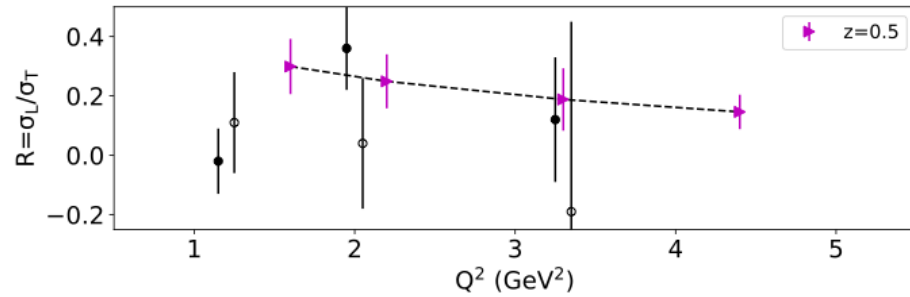
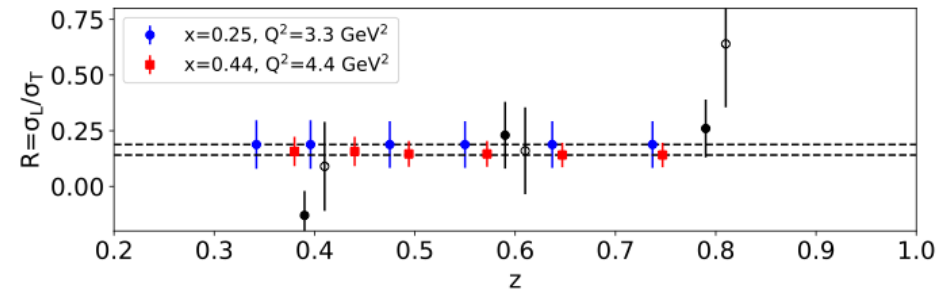


This is untested! The applicability of the EMA to SIDIS is an assumption that we can and should test!



Impact on SIDIS Data

- E12-06-104 (**this year!**) will extract R_{LT} in SIDIS data!
 - Two-photon exchange, an ϵ -dependent effect, will clearly impact this
 - See M. Nycz's talk immediately after this
- E12-24-001 formed a run group to extract R_{LT} in *nuclear* SIDIS data
 - Exploratory study of if R_{LT} is the same in SIDIS as in DIS
 - Carbon and Copper targets
 - Unclear if Coulomb Corrections will be the same in DIS and SIDIS – *No Data!*
 - Coulomb Corrections are also an ϵ -dependent effect, will directly impact the results
- SIDIS is a key part of JLab program
 - Important to understand and constrain corrections

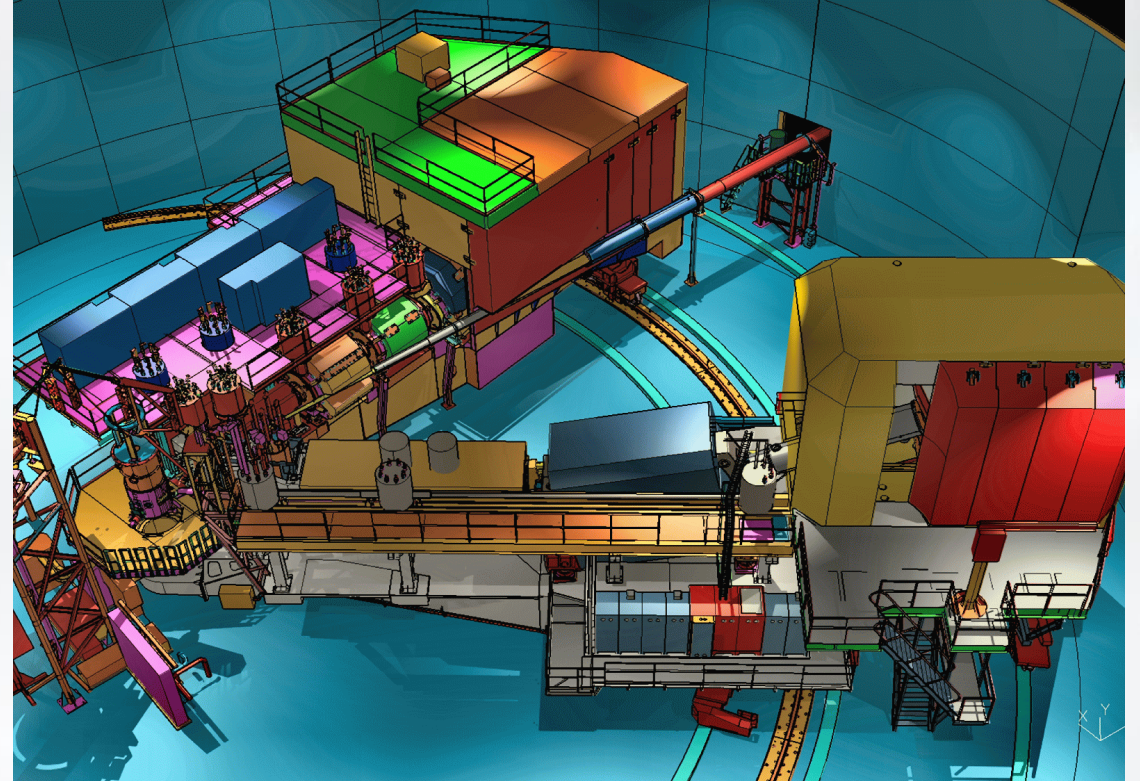


Accessing Coulomb Corrections

- Coulomb Corrections can be accessed in nuclei much like TPE by taking the ratio of electron and positron scattering
- In this case, nuclear instead of a proton target
- Ratios would be for positive
- Double ratios allow for heavily constraining time dependent systematics
- Carbon ($Z=6$) and Copper ($Z=29$) allow for constraining atomic number dependence
- As this is largely unconstrained, the kinematics include regions where the EMA predicts both large and small CCs to assess its validity

JLab Hall C

- High Momentum Spectrometer for electrons
- Super High Momentum Spectrometer for pions
- Well understood spectrometers with control of point-to-point systematics
- Proven success with ϵ -dependent measurements (LT-separations)



Coulomb Corrections in SIDIS

Estimated Coulomb correction for Copper target ($\Delta E=10.2$ MeV)

$x=0.44, Q^2=4.4 \text{ GeV}^2, z=0.5$

E_b (GeV)	E' (GeV)	e	CC	Time (hours)
6.5	1.20	0.28	2.63%	839.8
8.6	3.30	0.62	0.97%	68.2
10.7	5.40	0.77	0.62%	18.3

$x=0.31, Q^2=3.1 \text{ GeV}^2, z=0.5$

E_b (GeV)	E' (GeV)	e	CC	Time (hours)
6.5	1.1	0.30	1.44%	252.6
8.6	3.30	0.63	0.48%	21.8
10.7	5.40	0.78	0.27%	5.8

$x=0.25, Q^2=3.3 \text{ GeV}^2, z=0.5$

E_b (GeV)	E' (GeV)	e	CC	Time (hours)
8.6	1.60	0.33	0.81%	88.5
10.7	3.70	0.60	0.23%	11.5

Applying same prescription (EMA) for Coulomb Corrections yields similar effects as for measurements of R in inclusive DIS
 → Does EMA make sense in this significantly more complicated reaction?
 → What about outgoing pion? (not addressed here)

Testing Coulomb Corrections in SIDIS with Positrons

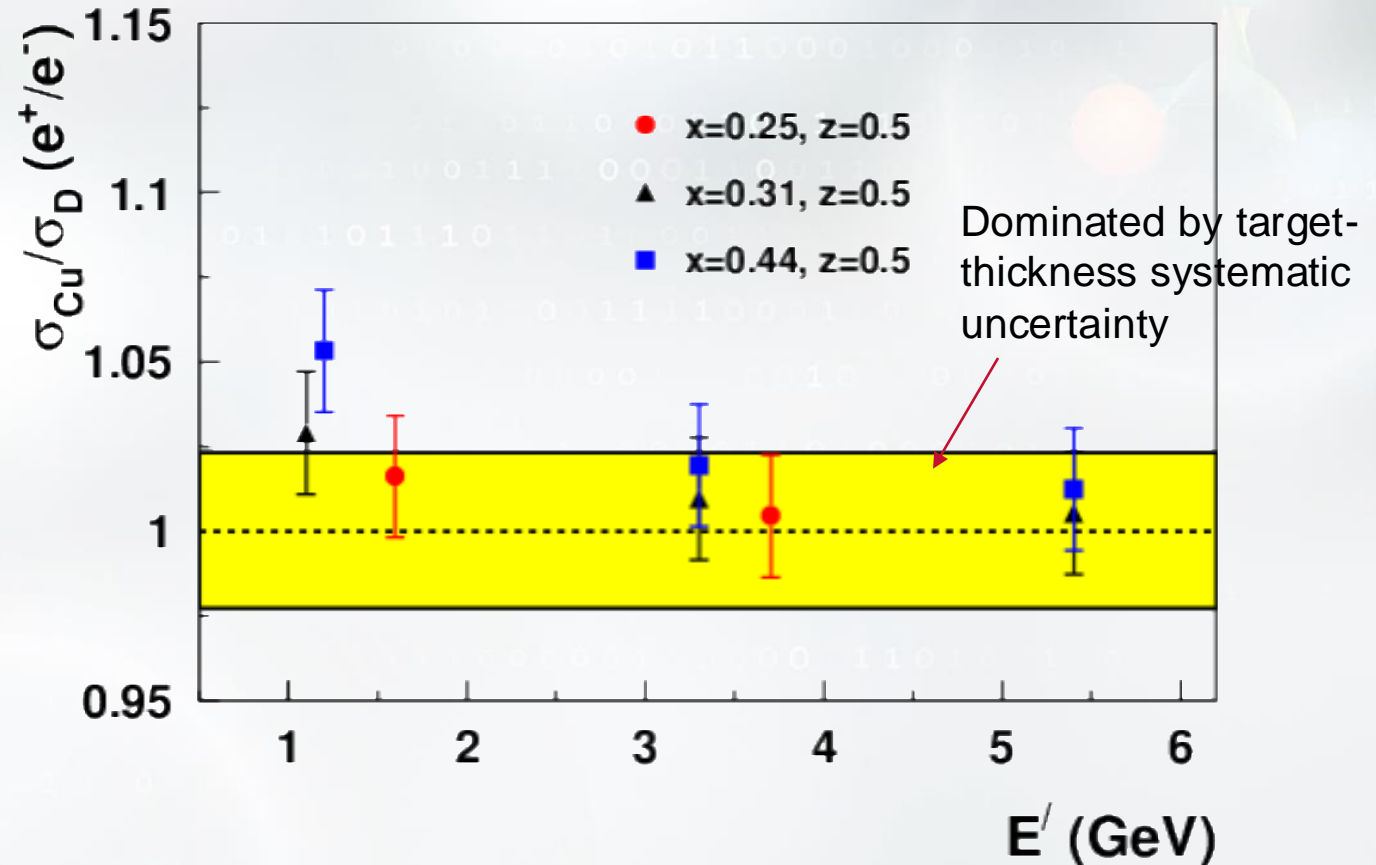
Can test the impact of CC in SIDIS in the same way as for inclusive DIS

- Match kinematics with E12-24-001 (Nuclear Dependence of R-SIDIS)
- Measure epsilon-dependence of A/H ratios
 - can compare to earlier electron data with (minimal) normalization concerns
- Should be able to achieve similar precision as inclusive measurements – but run times will be longer

Preliminary study indicates some sensitivity at low E' for x=0.2 (assuming validity of EMA)

Positron run time at x=0.25: 4.2 days
 x=0.31: 11.7 days
 x=0.44: 38.6 days

← dominated by low epsilon running



Assumes combining data from 2 different run periods

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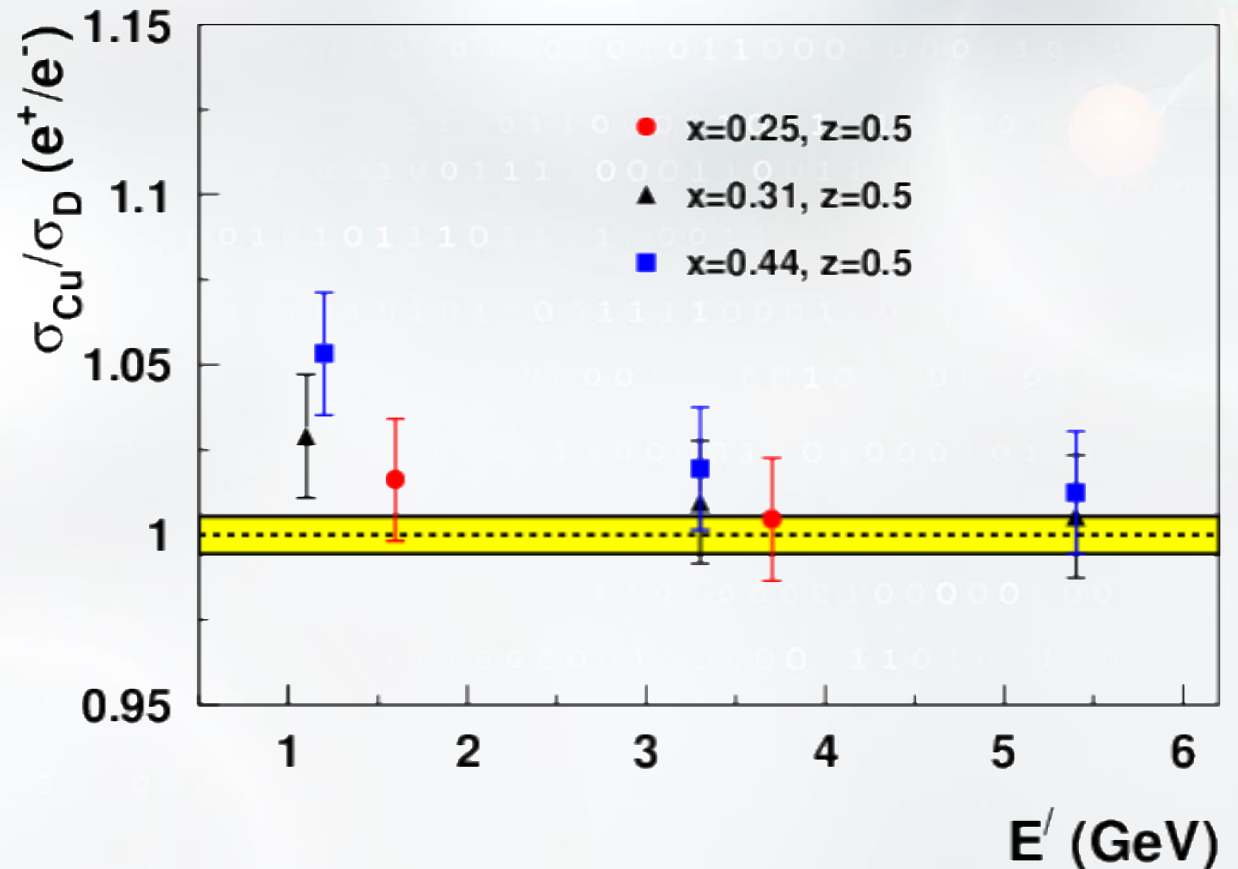
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Sensitivity can be improved if positron and electron data taken during same run period
 → Target thickness uncertainties cancel in double ratio when using same targets

Running with low current (degraded?) electron beam would **double** required run time

Running higher current electrons (possible?) would result in minimal time increase

If available, this would be preferential



Positron and electron data taken during same run period

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Summary

- There are many assumptions regarding Coulomb Corrections in SIDIS
- There is *no* data to constrain it
- This measurement is critical to the correct interpretation of existing, imminent, and future SIDIS data – *A key piece of the JLab program!*
- This is an exploratory measurement to assess the validity of the Effective Momentum Approximation in SIDIS

QUESTIONS?