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Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering – 3D binning and asymmetries

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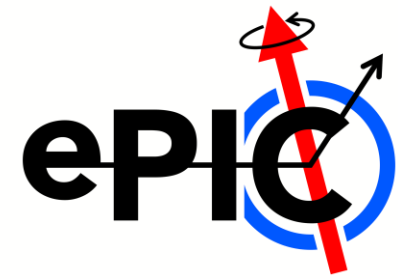




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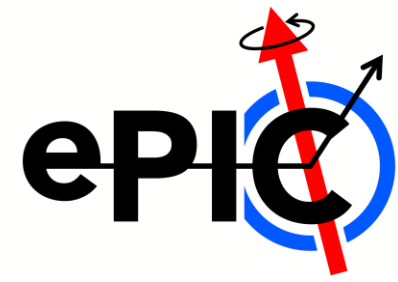
This presentation

- Overview of DVCS simulation studies
- Asymmetries in exclusive analyses.





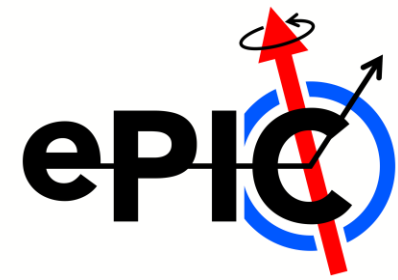
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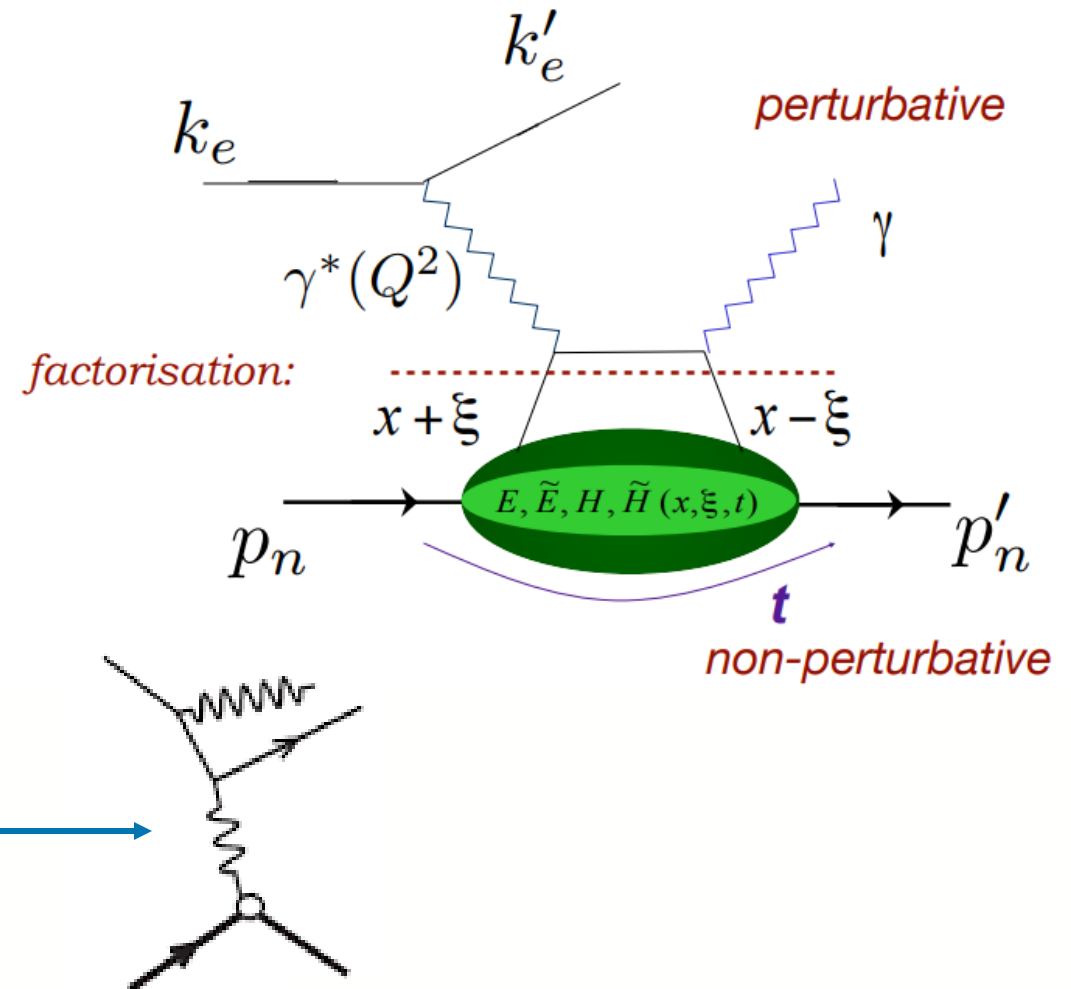
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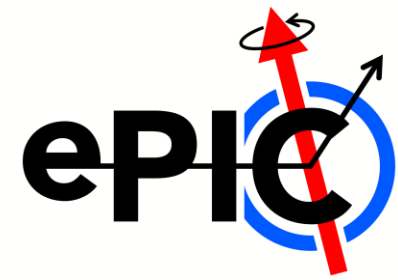


- Electroproduction of a single photon off a hadron target.
 - $ep \rightarrow e'p'\gamma$
 - Simplest inelastic channel the EIC can study.
 - Easiest channel for probing GPDs.
- The cross-section for this process is related to its matrix element, $|\mathcal{T}|^2$.
 - $|\mathcal{T}|^2 = |\mathcal{T}_{DVCS}|^2 + |\mathcal{T}_{BH}|^2 + \mathcal{I}$
 - $\mathcal{I}$ is an interference term.
 - Bethe-Heitler: purely EM process, which does not probe partonic content.





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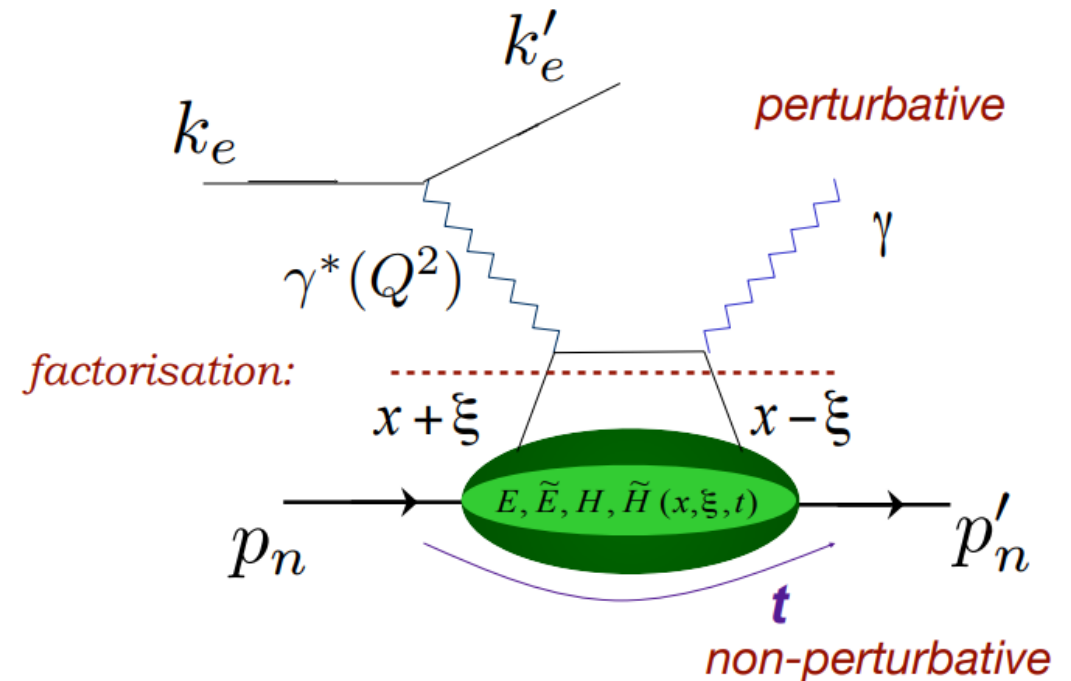
- Default kinematics:
 - $e(k) + p(p) \rightarrow e'(k') + p'(p') + \gamma$

$$Q^2 = -q^2 = -(k - k')^2 \quad x = \frac{Q^2}{2q \cdot p}$$

$$y = \frac{q \cdot p}{k \cdot p} \quad \xi = \frac{x}{2 - x} \approx \frac{x}{2}$$

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

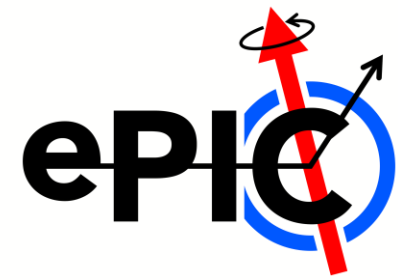
- Other formulae exist, using other combinations of reconstructed quantities, if needed (e.g. see InclusiveKinematics branches in ElCrecon trees).





DVCS simulations

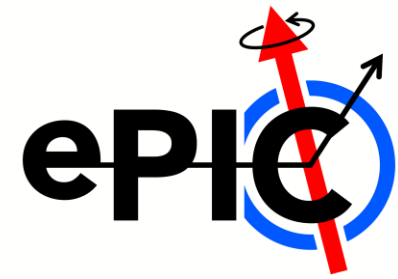
Simulation details



- Using EpIC generator ([web link here](#) – most recent version 1.1.8).
 - Purpose built generator for such GPD-sensitive processes (DVCS, TCS, DDVCS, etc.).
- Can run in fixed target or colliding beams mode.
 - Useful for JLab and EIC kinematics!
- Cross-sections and CFFs evaluated from models (Guichon and Vanderhaegen / Goloskokov-Kroll respectively).
- Can simulate polarised initial state particles.
 - NB: **does not consider partial polarisation** (± 1 or 0 only).



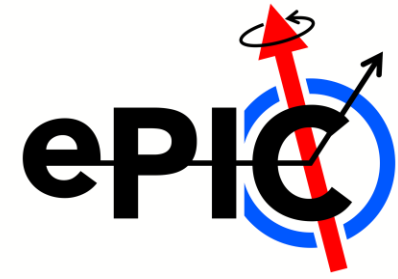
Simulation details



- Event samples used (current sim. campaign datasets – [GitHub](#)):
 - 1M (5x41, 10x250, 18x275)/1.3M (10x100, 10x130) events
 - Full DVCS+BH+int.
 - $1 < Q^2 < 100 \text{ GeV}^2$
 - $0.01 < y < 0.9$
 - $10^{-5} < x_B < 0.7$
 - Unpolarised proton beam, fully polarised electron beam (hel.+ and hel. - files generated)



Simulation details



- Generated events represent $\mathcal{L}_{int} \sim 0.1 - 0.2 fb^{-1}$ ep collisions (dependent on beam energy).
- Events are passed through the full EIC simulation pipeline.
 - Afterburner (to add beam smearing and crossing angle).
 - npsim
 - ElCrecon

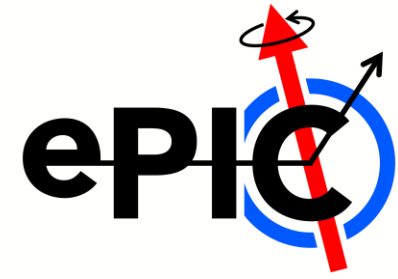


Analysis details

Analysis code [on GitHub](#).

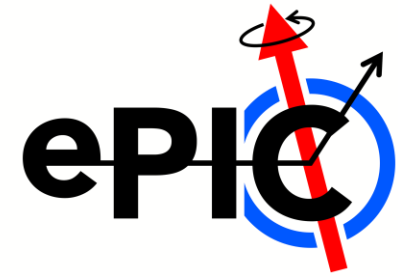


Analysis details



- Truth level particles in `MCParticlesHeadOnFrameNoBeamFX` branch.
 - Truth level with PID – afterburner removed in EICrecon.
- Reconstructed electrons and photons in `ReconstructedParticles` branch.
 - ePIC PID not accurate – using track charge and E/p cut (calo. $E/\text{track } p$ cut) instead.

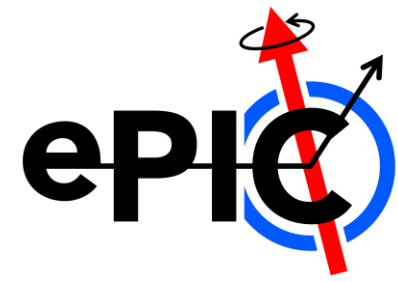
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- Reconstructed protons in the B0 detector taken from `ReconstructedTruthSeededChargedParticles` branch.
 - PID based on track charge.
 - Corresponding `Associatons` branch used for acceptance
- Reconstructed protons in Roman Pots taken from tracks in `ForwardRomanPotRecParticles` branch.
 - All tracks in RP branch assumed to be protons.
 - If RP track is present, assume that MC proton is the correct associated particle.



Cuts applied



- Single species cuts:
 - Electron: only 1 reconstructed and $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$
 - Photon: only 1 reconstructed
 - Proton: only 1 reconstructed and track theta appropriate for detector used.
 - $5.5 < \theta_{p'} < 20 \text{ mrad}$ for B0 tracks
 - $0 < \theta_{p'} < 5 \text{ mrad}$ for RP tracks
- DVCS event cuts:
 - Full exclusivity ($e'p'\gamma$ reconstructed)
 - $M_{\text{miss}}^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$

See DVCS presentation from Physics Readiness Workshop in Calabria for more details.

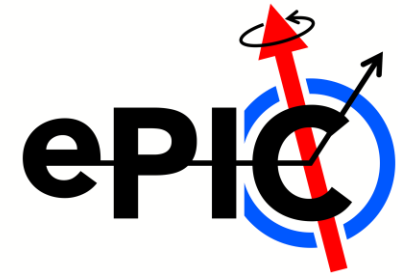


Asymmetries

Using 10x130 for plots



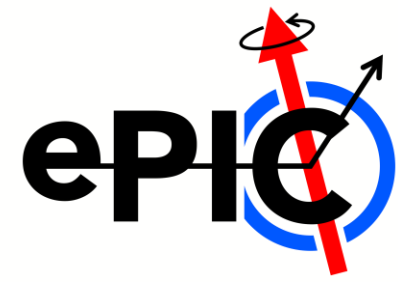
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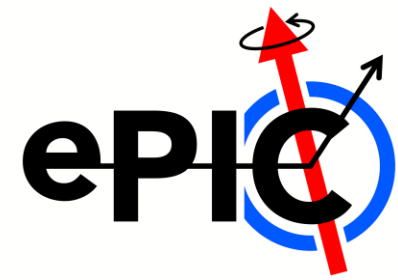
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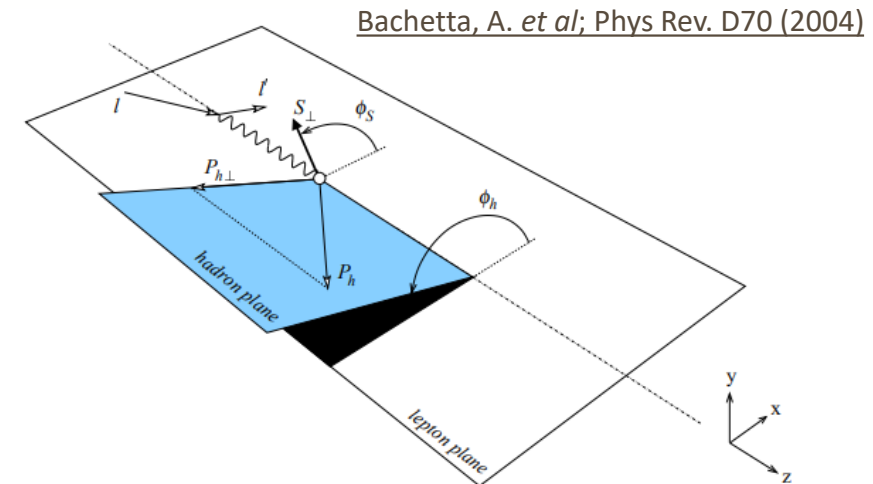
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- Asymmetries!
 - Based on different polarisation states.
 - Available polarisations dictate available asymmetries → different GPDs to extract.

$$A \propto \text{Im}(DVCS.BH)$$

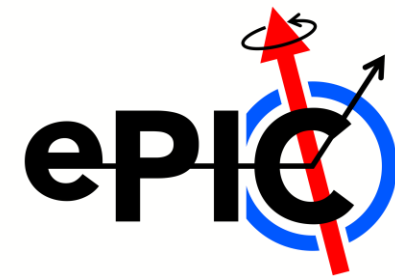
Trento ϕ - ϕ/ϕ_h



- Asymmetries are plotted as a function of ϕ (sometimes called “Trento phi”).
 - This is **not** the azimuthal angle of a track!
 - The angle between the leptonic and hadronic planes in a decay.
- Leptonic plane – defined by beam electron and virtual photon.
- Hadronic plane – defined by virtual photon and produced final state particle (DVCS – γ , DVMP – π^0 , etc.)
- BE CAREFUL OF FRAME.



Trento phi - ϕ/ϕ_h



- For DVCS ($e(k) + p(p) \rightarrow e'(k') + p'(p') + \gamma(g)$)

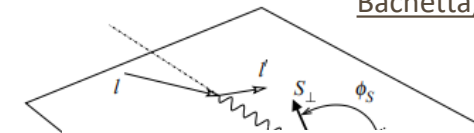
$$\cos \phi_h = \frac{(\hat{q} \times k) \cdot (\hat{q} \times g)}{|\hat{q} \times k| \cdot |\hat{q} \times g|}$$

$$q = k - k'$$

- Defined in the $(\gamma^* p)$ rest frame

- Paper claims “target rest frame (or any frame reached...by a boost along $\hat{q}$)”
- **This is misleading.**

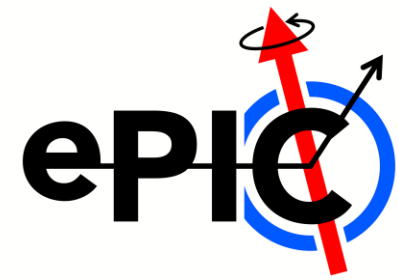
Bachetta, A. et al; Phys Rev. D70 (2004)



Convention on range for ϕ will depend on experiment.
Jlab - $[0, 2\pi]$ (used here)
COMPASS - $[-\pi, \pi]$



Back to asymmetries



- Most common: Beam Spin Asymmetry (A_{LU})
 - Normally stated with unpolarised target and polarised electron beam

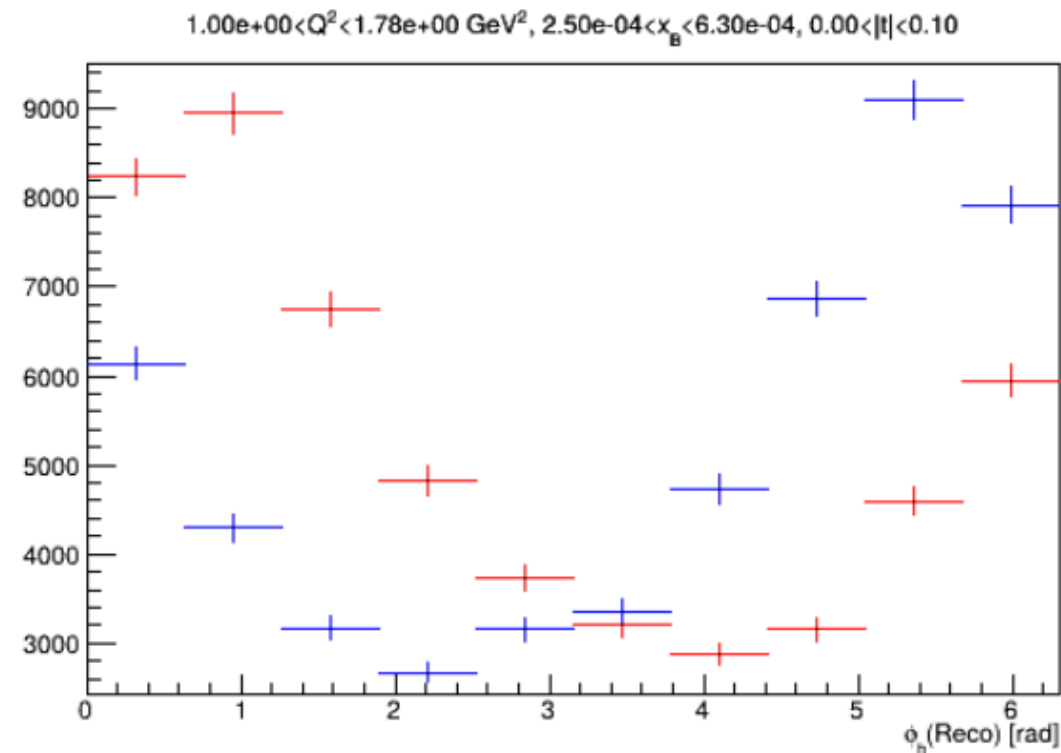
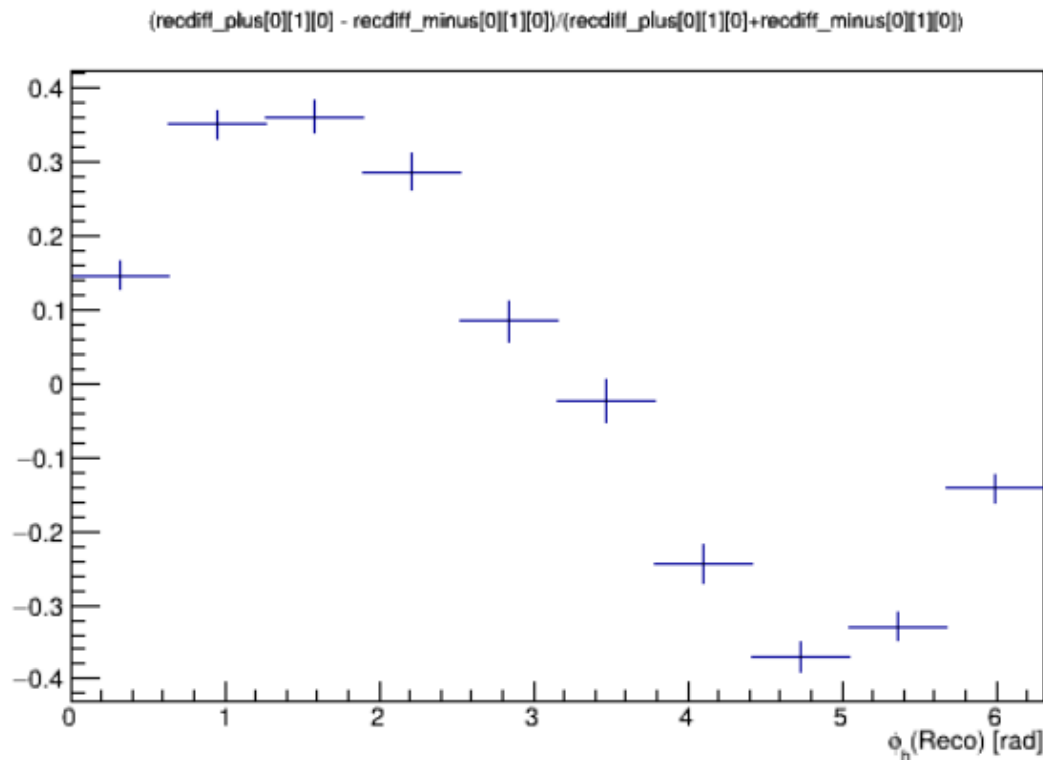
$$A_{LU}(\phi) = \frac{N^{\uparrow}(\phi) - N^{\downarrow}(\phi)}{N^{\uparrow}(\phi) + N^{\downarrow}(\phi)}$$

- For simulations without polarised hadron beams, this is okay.
 - It will not hold for actual EIC running – need to sum over polarisation states of the beam being ignored.

$$A_{LU}(\phi) = \frac{(N^{\uparrow+} + N^{\uparrow-}) - (N^{\downarrow+} + N^{\downarrow-})}{(N^{\uparrow+} + N^{\uparrow-}) + (N^{\downarrow+} + N^{\downarrow-})}$$

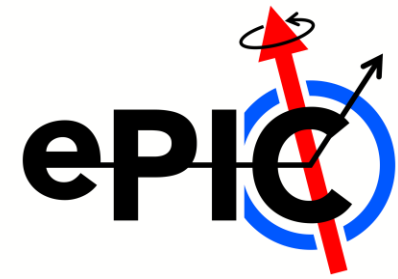


A_{LU} example



Uses RAW reconstructed distributions – detector corrections introduce errors.

Other possibilities



- Target Spin Asymmetry (TSA) – A_{UL}
 - Unpolarised electrons on longitudinally-polarised target.

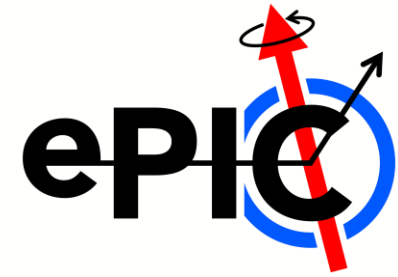
$$A_{LU}(\phi) = \frac{(N^{\uparrow+} + N^{\downarrow+}) - (N^{\uparrow-} + N^{\downarrow-})}{N^{\uparrow+} + N^{\uparrow-} + N^{\downarrow+} + N^{\downarrow-}}$$

- Double asymmetries – A_{LL}
 - Both beams have polarised states.

$$A_{LL}(\phi) = \frac{(N^{\uparrow+} + N^{\downarrow-}) - (N^{\uparrow-} + N^{\downarrow+})}{N^{\uparrow+} + N^{\uparrow-} + N^{\downarrow+} + N^{\downarrow-}}$$

- Same for transversely polarised hadrons (A_{UT} , A_{LT}).

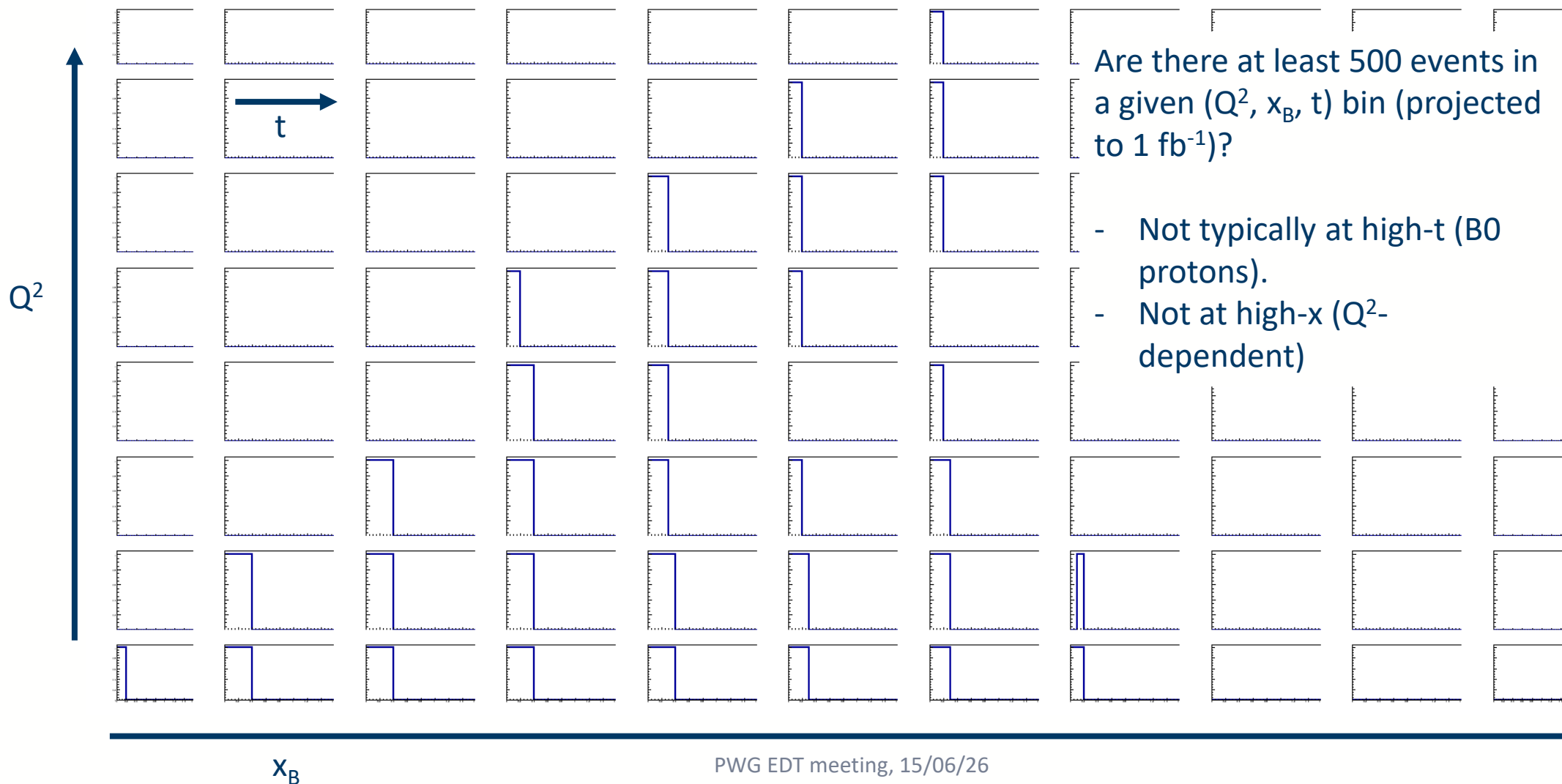
3D binning



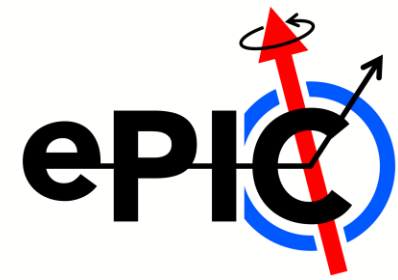
- Asymmetries need to be plotted in 3D binning scheme: Q^2 , x_B and $|t|$.
 - Currently use slightly modified version of bins from last year's paper.
- Bin edges:
 - Q^2 : {1., 1.78, 3.16, 5.62, 10., 18., 32., 56., 100} GeV^2
 - x_B : { 1×10^{-4} , 2.5×10^{-4} , 6.3×10^{-4} , 1×10^{-3} , 2.5×10^{-3} , 6.3×10^{-3} , 1×10^{-2} , 2.5×10^{-2} , 6.3×10^{-2} , 0.1, 0.25, 0.7}
 - $|t|$: {0., 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1., 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6} GeV^2



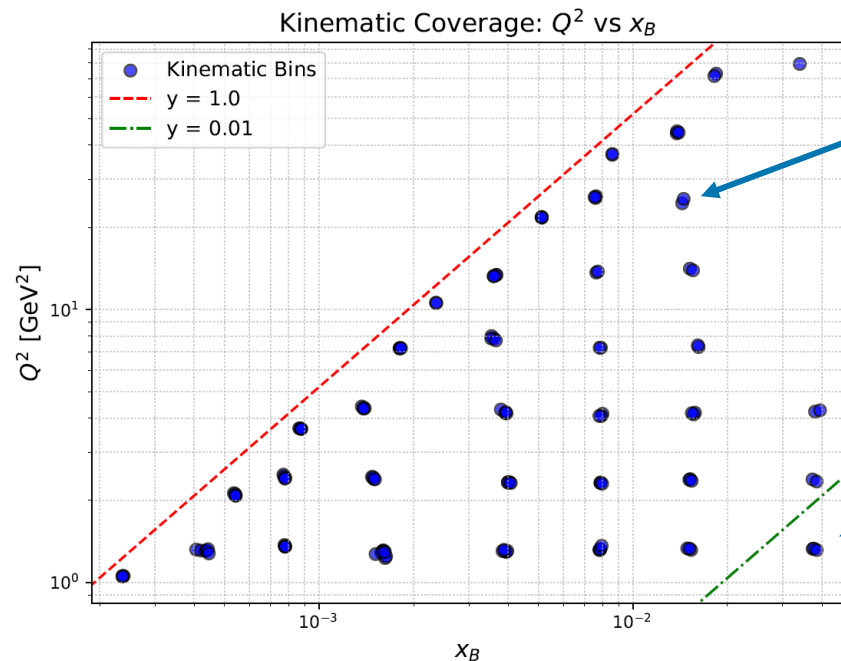
Filling events



Asymmetry data



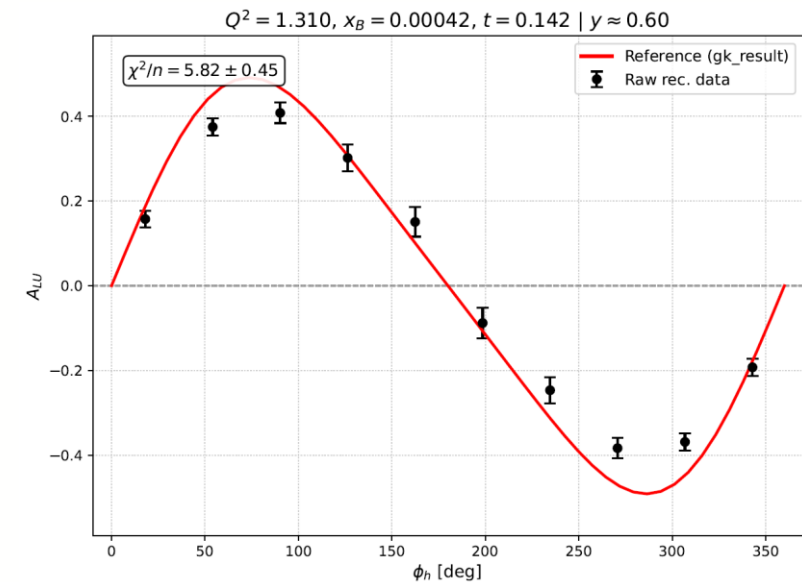
- Currently only for A_{LU} (proof of workflow).
- Results (from 26.03.1 campaign) plotted and sent (with statistical uncertainties) sent to theory colleagues to extract impact plots.



Plot Q^2 , x_B , $|t|$ for events in each bin in 3D space.

$\langle Q^2 \rangle$, $\langle x_B \rangle$ and $\langle |t| \rangle$ for each bin calculated from averages of these distributions.

Events with $y < 0.01$ from smearing.

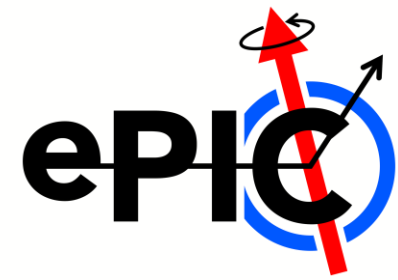




Concluding remarks



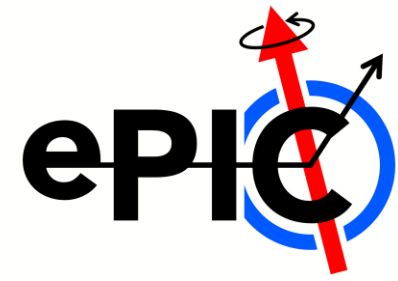
Next steps



- Generating full set of files for dedicated DVCS simulation run.
 - 2 electron helicity states.
 - Both longitudinal and transverse pol. for protons.
 - (Assume transverse pol. in y-direction; i.e. vertical w.r.t. ring plane.)
 - BH-only to estimate background removal.
 - DVCS only to check BH-removal procedure.
 - Total number of events for each beam energy = 1fb^{-1} ep collisions (currently assuming 50/50 split for each polarisation possibility).
- Also still looking into effect of beam gas backgrounds (previous tests taking significant amounts of time to process).



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Thank you for listening!

Any questions?



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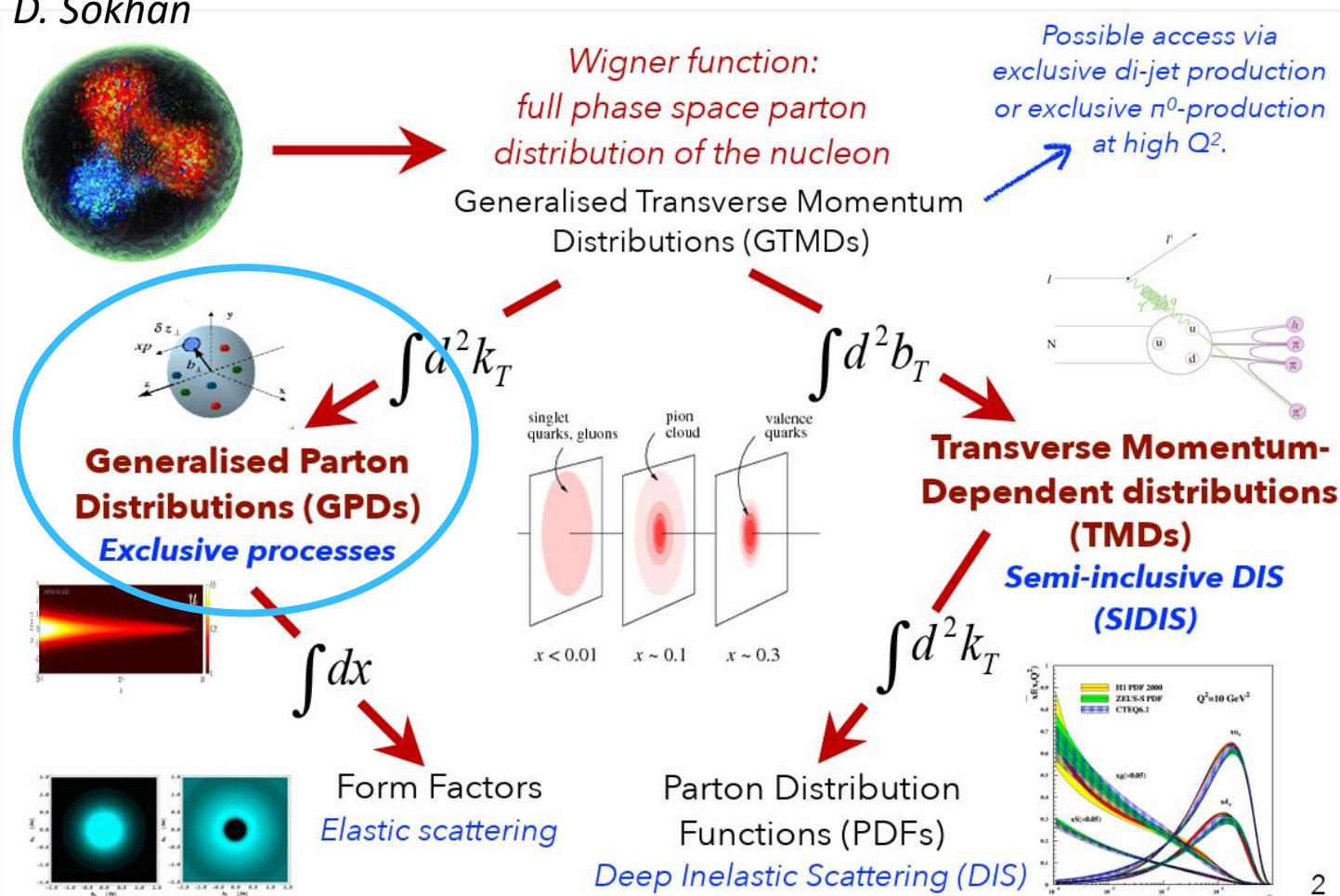


Backup

Nucleon structure

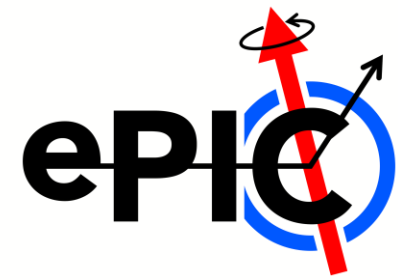


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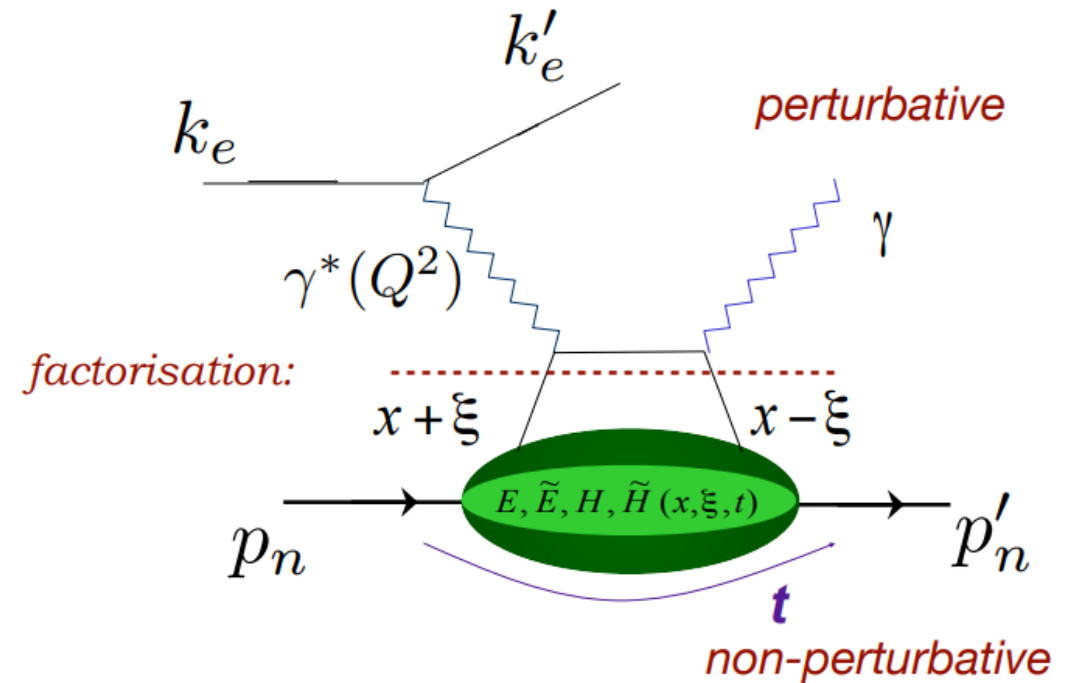


- Nucleon structure can be described within multiple dimensions by a large number of different functions.
 - GTMDs – full 5D phase space distributions.
 - PDFs – 1D as function of parton momentum.
 - Form factors – 1D as function of transverse distance from centre.
- GPDs relate the transverse position of partons to their longitudinal momentum fraction.

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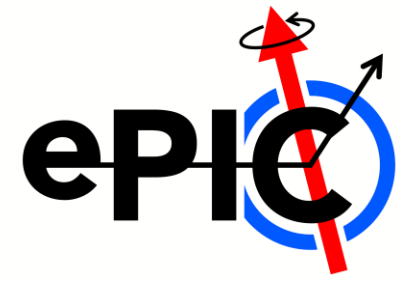
- DVCS amplitude can be parameterized in terms of Compton Form Factors (**CFFs**).
 - Experimentally accessible!
 - Access 4 quark **GPDs**: H_q , $\tilde{H}_q$, E_q , $\tilde{E}_q$.
 - Note: does not access GPDs directly, but linear combinations of GPDs.
- $Re \mathcal{F}_q(\xi, t) \propto \int_0^1 [F_q(x, \xi, t) - F_q(-x, \xi, t)] dx$
- $Im \mathcal{F}_q(\xi, t) \propto [F_q(\xi, \xi, t) - F_q(-\xi, \xi, t)]$
- Different combinations of (un)polarised beam and target are sensitive to different combinations of CFFs.



Extract CFFs from asymmetries
between different beam polarisation
states!



Why DVCS @ ePIC?

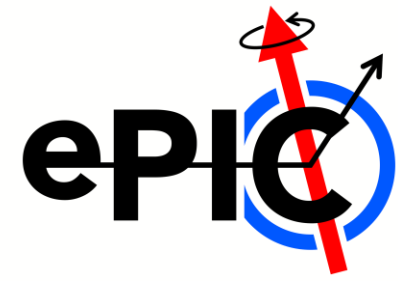


- Amongst the EIC's physics goals are:
 - Probing the 3D structure of nucleons.
 - Solving the mystery of proton spin.
- For an unpolarised target, the distribution of unpolarised quarks is the Fourier transform of the GPD H_q .

$$q(x, b_{\perp}) = \int \frac{d^2 \Delta_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-ib_{\perp} \Delta_{\perp}} H_q(x, 0, t = -\Delta_{\perp}^2)$$



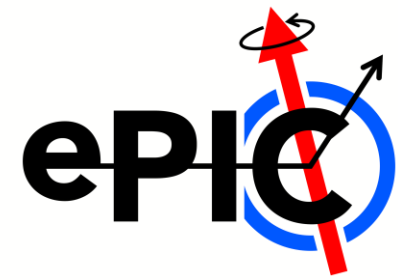
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- By Ji's Sum Rule, quark angular momentum can be given by a combination of GPDs.

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x dx [H(x, \xi, t = 0) + E(x, \xi, t = 0)]$$

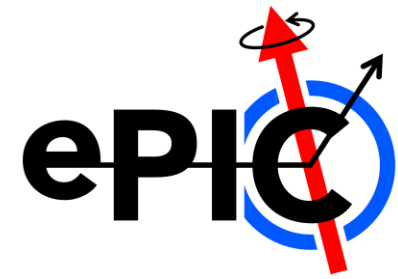
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- The final state of the DVCS reaction will utilise many of the subsystems present in ePIC and provide useful probes of their resolutions.
 - The **scattered proton** will only be deflected by a small angle and will end up in the **far forward** region.
 - Tests B0 spectrometer and Roman Pots.
 - The **scattered electron** will be detected in the **central barrel** or (mostly) the **backward endcap**.
 - Test of trackers, PID detectors and calorimeters almost everywhere in the barrel (just not hadron endcap/planes).
 - The **scattered photon** will be detected in the **backward endcap**.
 - Very clean test of EEEMCAL resolution.



Detector acceptance correction



- Calculate acceptance from MC information if a reconstructed particle/event passes cuts.

- Efficiency, $\varepsilon = \frac{N(MC\ accepted)}{N(MC\ truth)}$

- Correct reconstructed distributions by efficiency.

- $N(corrected\ reco.) = \frac{N(raw\ reco.)}{\varepsilon}$