

# Backward-angle u-Channel $\pi^0$ Production Update

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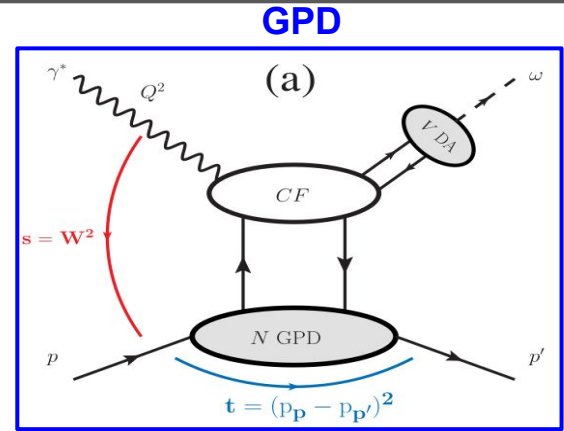
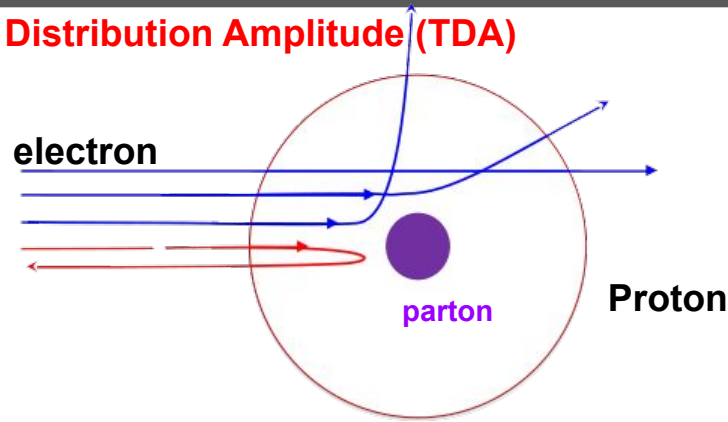
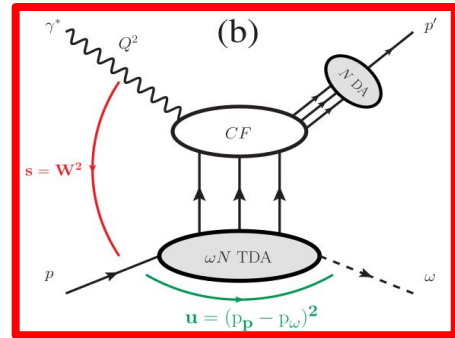
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# Backward-angle structure of Proton

## Meson-nucleon Transition Distribution Amplitude (TDA)



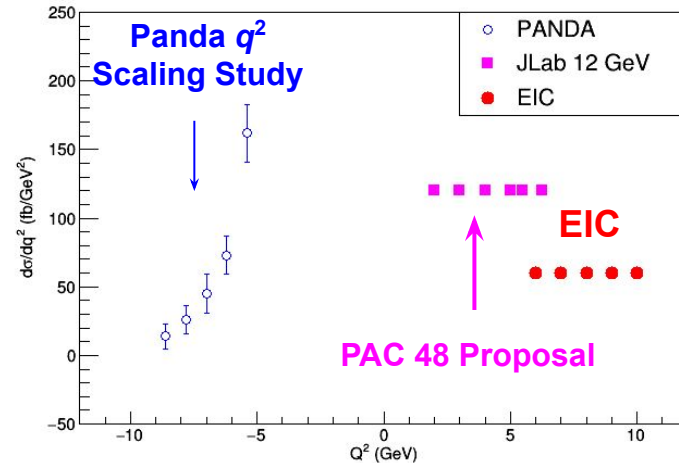
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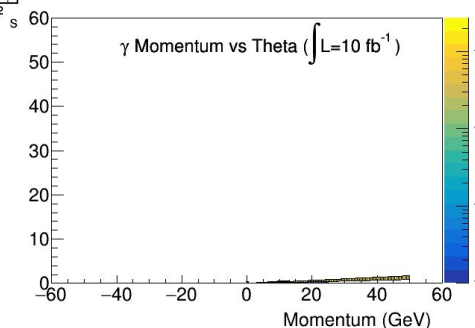
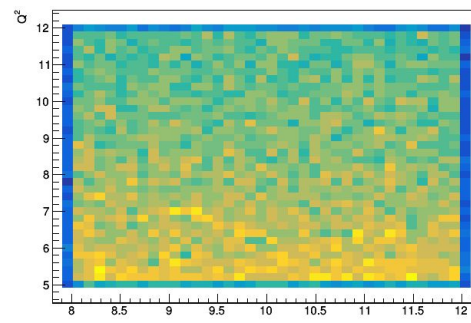
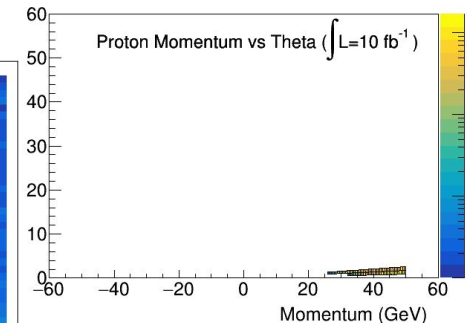
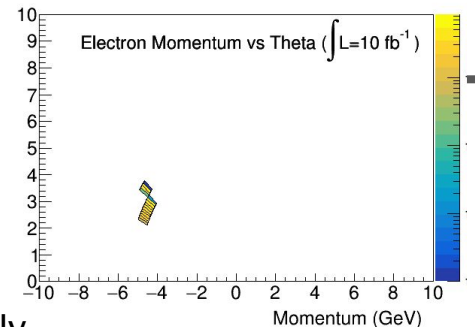
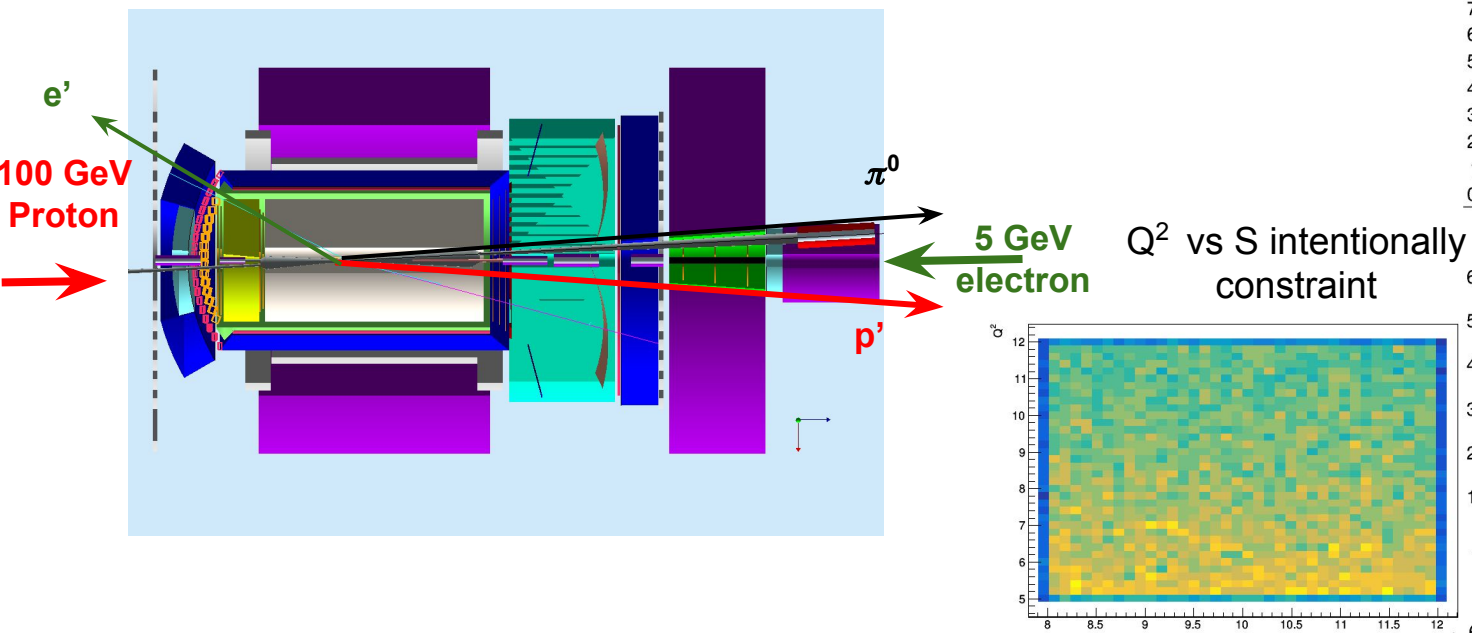
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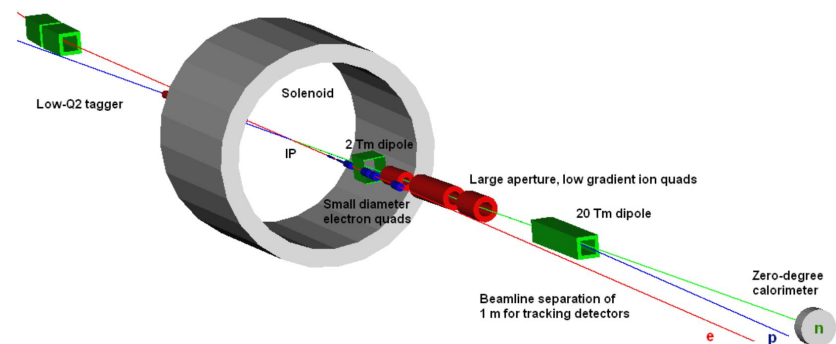
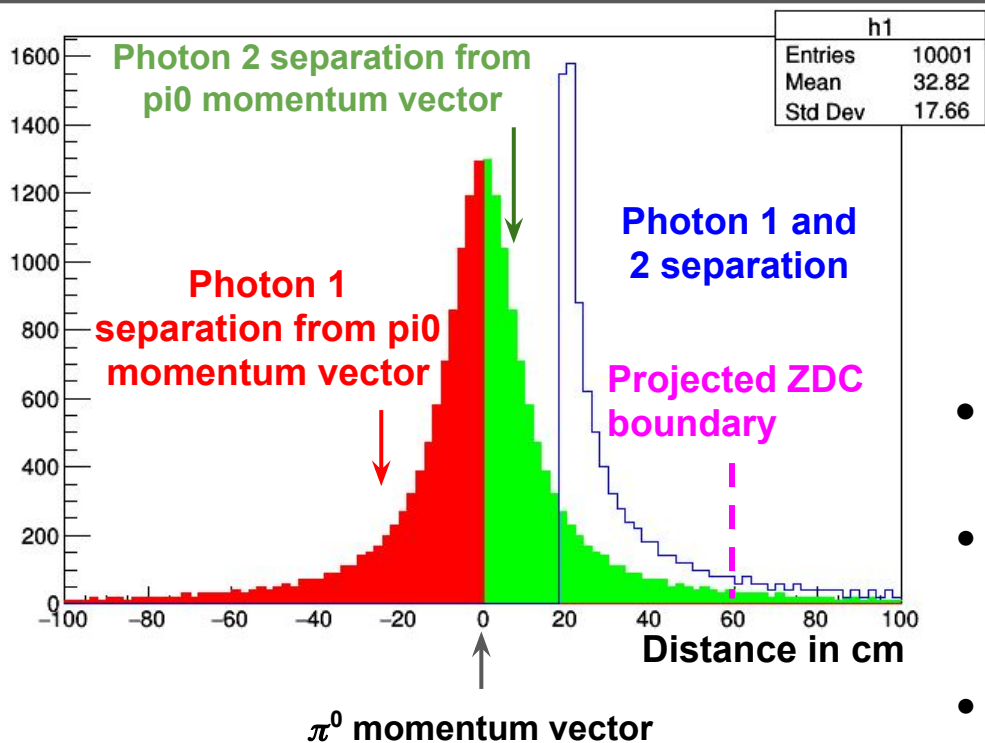


# U-channel Meson Production



$Q^2$ (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> )
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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

# Photons at the ZDC



- 10000 pairs of decayed photons created isotropically from 0-180 degrees in the  $\pi^0$  rest mass frame
- Assuming IR-ZDC distance: 32 meters
  - Minimum two photon separation: ~19 cm
  - Separation distribution max: 22 cm
- ZDC calorimeter size and block size?
  - ZDC size 60 cm x 60 cm.
  - Even 4cm x 4cm in block size would be sufficient for  $\pi^0$  : )
  - There is +-5 mrad

# Question and Discussion

- How ready is fast-smear and full simulation for the tagging detector to perform photon/neutron PID study?
- Small angle proton detection, complications?
- Backward  $\pi^0$  is just the beginning
  - Study on u-channel  $\eta$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\pi^+$  is in the plan (not included in YR)
  - Our currently knowledge of  $u$ -channel physics in the DIS region almost none
    - Unknown  $W$  dependence (EIC possible)
    - Unknown  $x_B$  dependence (EIC + 12 GeV possible)
    - Unclear  $-t$  dependence (EIC possible, but required significant modification to ZDC, bigger ZDC)
    - L/T Separation possibility? (Need more study)
- More and more  $u$ -channel data will come out of 12 GeV, on all meson production channels
- Would be there a universality ( $t$ -channel and  $u$ -channel) effort in the EIC era?

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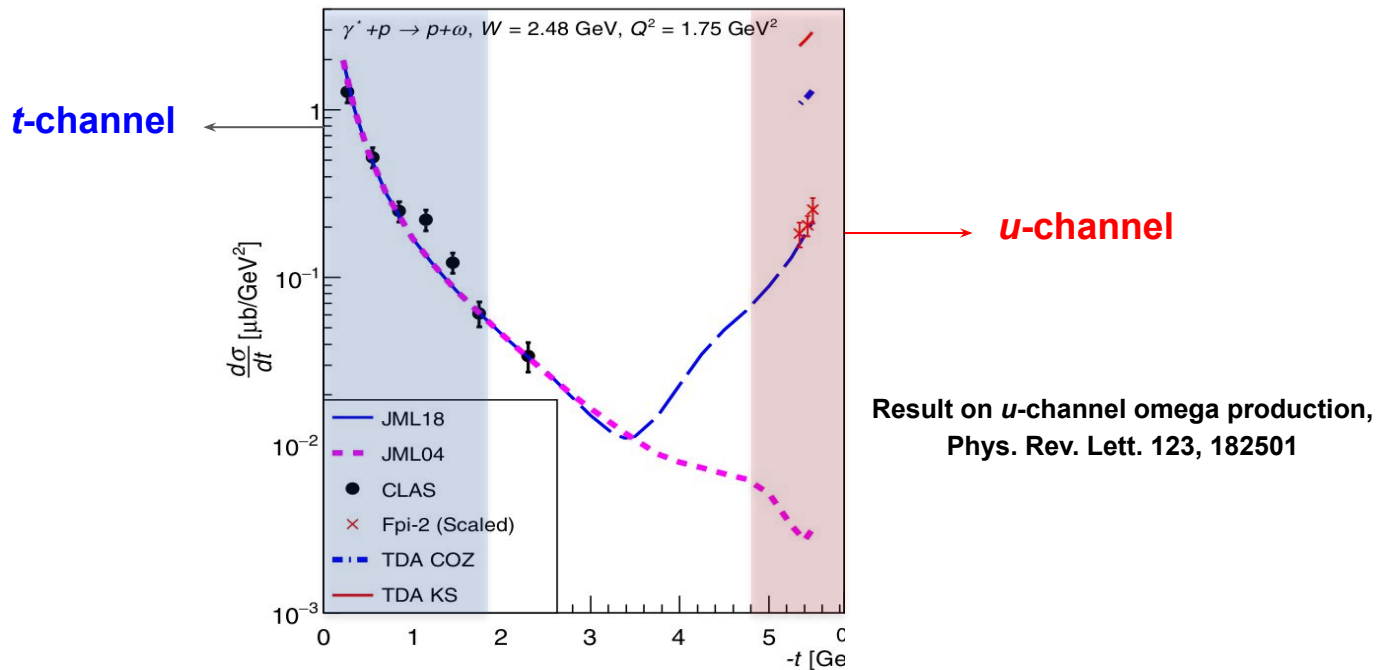
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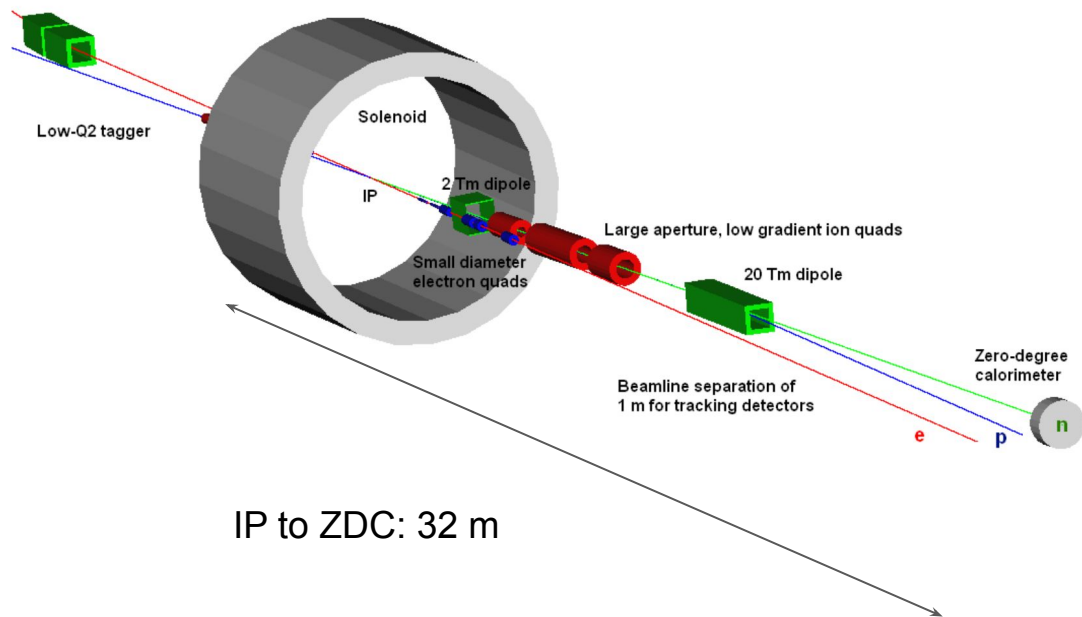
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## Advertisement:

- The first  $u$ -channel physics workshop will be held at JLab in September 21-22.
  - Event page: <https://www.jlab.org/conference/BACKANGLE>
  - Indico page: <https://www.jlab.org/indico/event/375>



# Photons at the ZDC



- IP to ZDC distance:  $\sim 30\text{m}$
- $Q^2=10.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $\pi^0$  momentum=44.5 GeV
  - Lifetime =  $8.4 \times 10^{-17} \text{ s}$
  - Beta = 0.99999 c
  - Decay at the IP
- Assume IP-ZDC distance: 32 meters
- Where do two photons end up on the ZDC?

# Kinematics table

$Q^2$ (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> )
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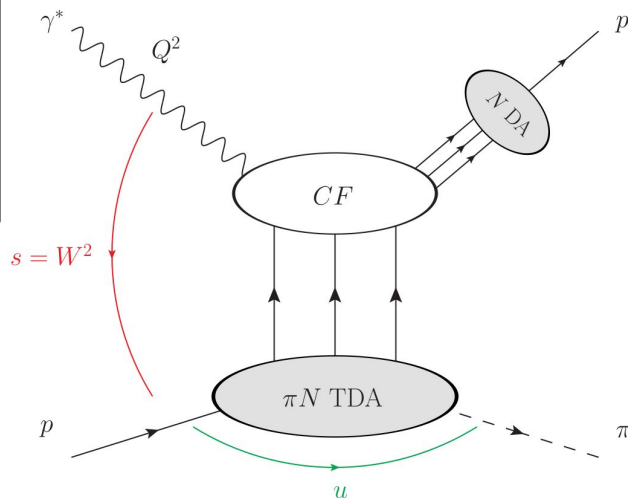


# Validation of TDA or u-channel factorization scheme

- EIC L/T separation ability is unclear
- Initial phase to study TDA at EIC: studying scaling
  - Low hanging fruit
- Advance phase: Single Spin Asymmetry and Double spin Asymmetry

- Two Postulation:
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- Verified with all meson production channel



- $\sigma_T > \sigma_L$  will be tested at 12 GeV

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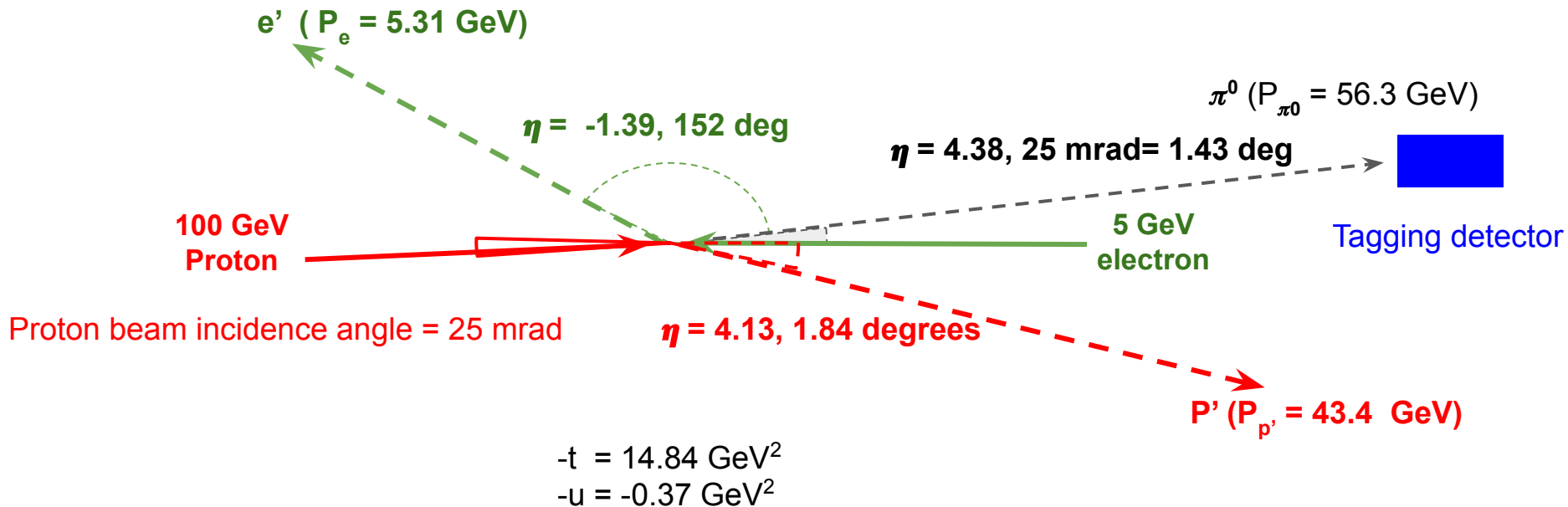
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Others: parasitic data may be available

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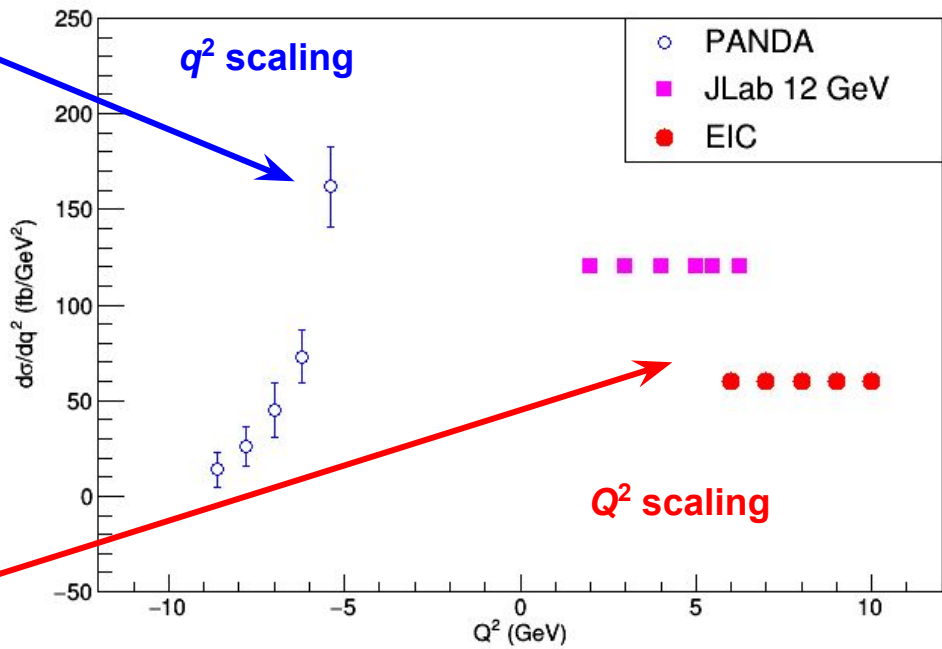
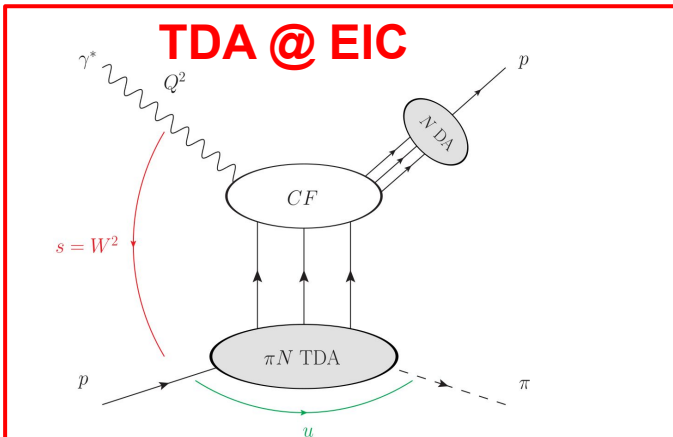
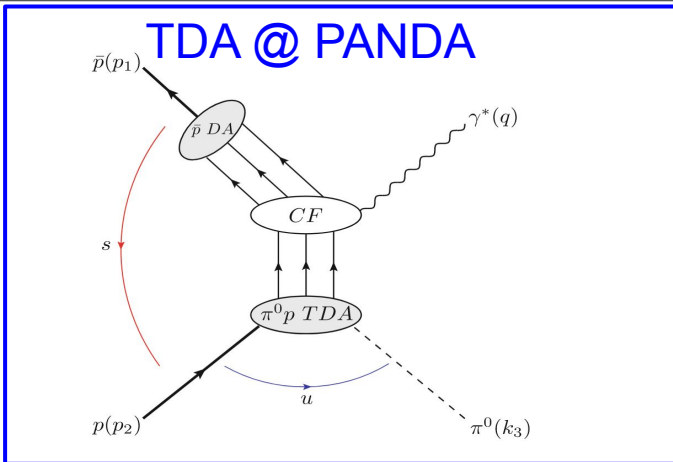
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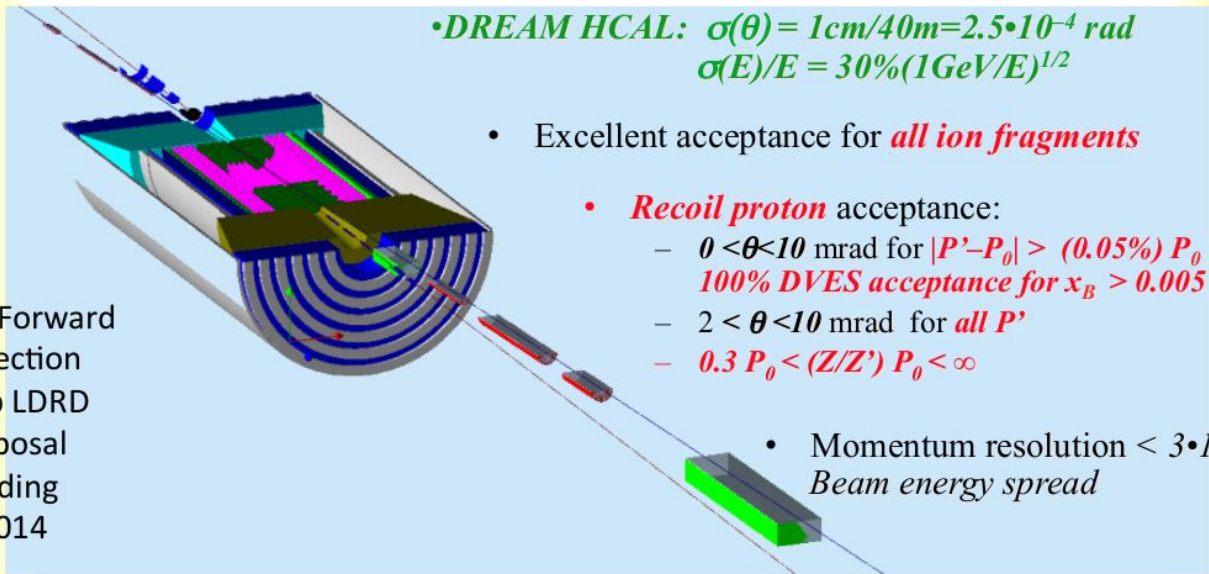
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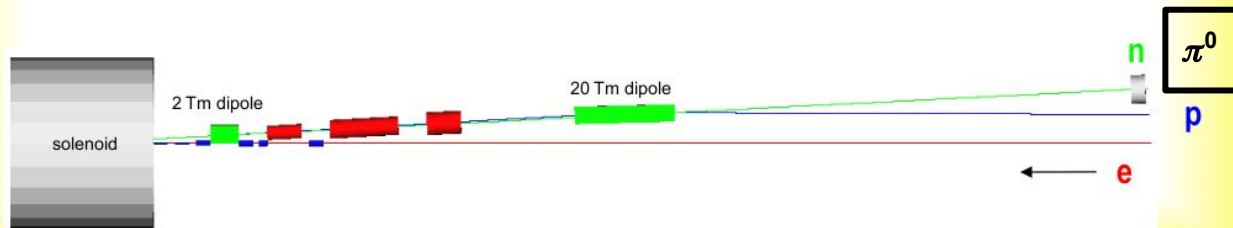
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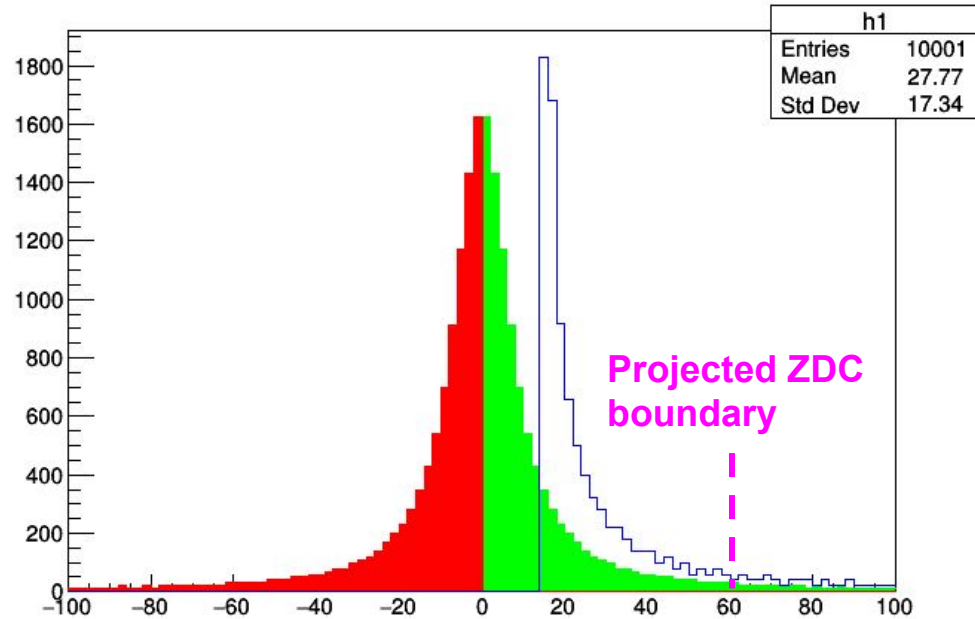


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  - Maximum: 20 mrad cone down to 0 deg
- $\pi^0$  momentum ?
- Resolution needed to resolve the  $\pi^0 \rightarrow 2$  gamma ?



# Higher momentum is better



- $Q^2 = 6.2 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\pi^0$  momentum=56.29 GeV
- Minimum two photon separation:  $\sim 15 \text{ cm}$
- Separation distribution max: 16 cm

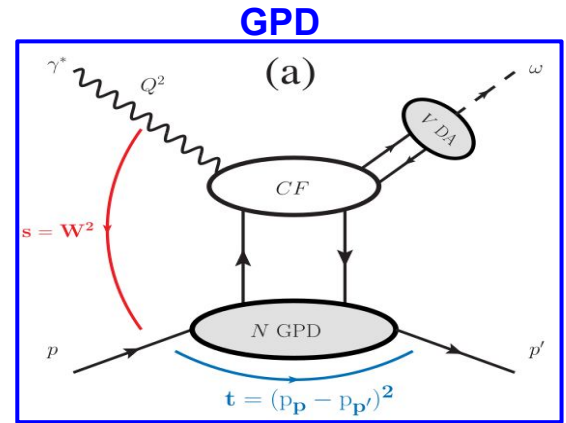
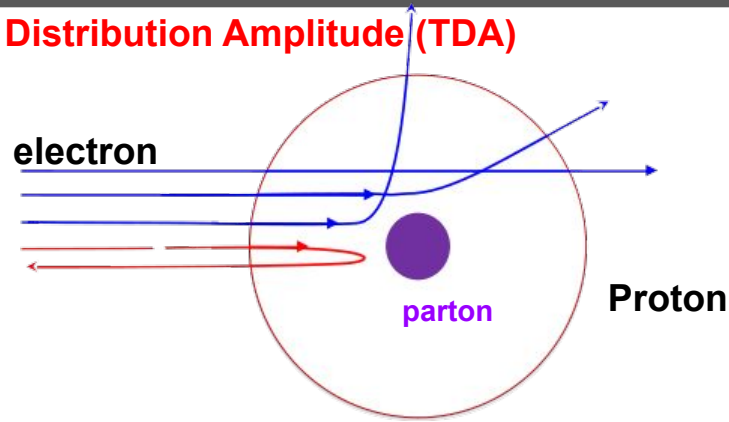
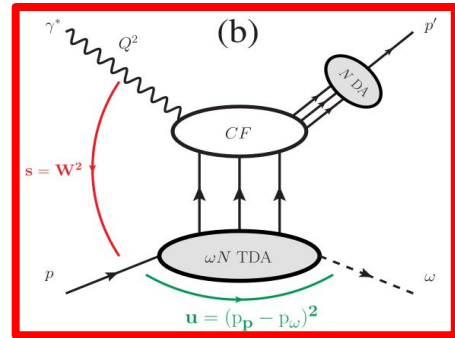
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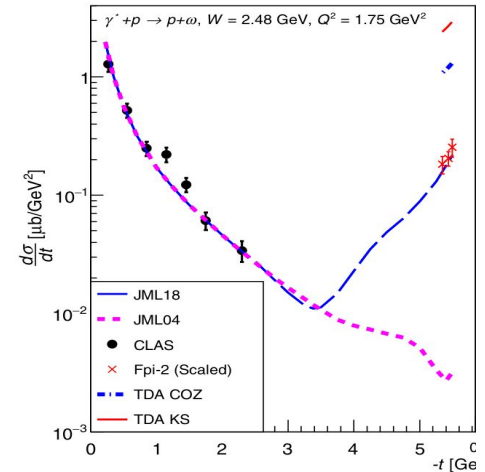
- Photon study PID study (from neutron) in **fast smear** and **full EIC simulation**
- Awaits for the physics TDA model/calculation from Bernard, Lech and Kirill
- Similar backward angle studies on
  - $\eta$  (planning)
  - $\omega$  (in progress)
  - $\pi^+$  (speculating)

# Backward-angle structure of Proton

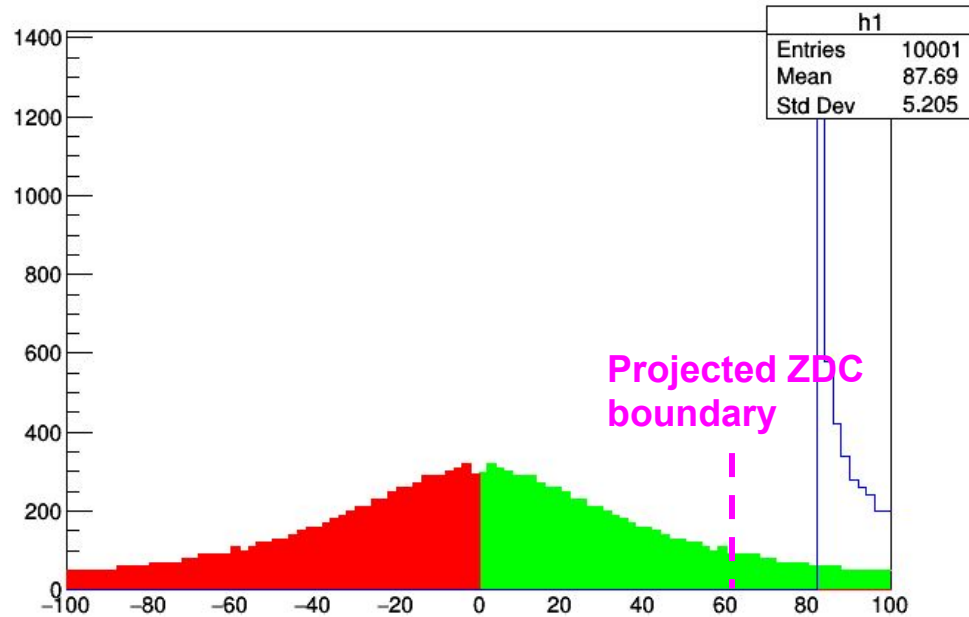
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# $\eta$ decay on ZDC



- $s=10 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $Q^2=10 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $\eta$  momentum = 42 GeV
- Impossible for ZDC with 60 cm x 60 cm size at 32 m
- Still worth studying as it contribute to single photon background
- Possibility for end-cap detector? Need to study, same of for  $\omega$



# In this Update

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- Kinematics changed to focus on  $Q^2 < 10 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Corrected and adjusted
  - Proton incidence angle 50 mrad  $\rightarrow$  25 mrad
  - $\text{Pi}^0$  constrained to  $\pm 10$  mrad from proton incidence angle
- Photon detection in ZDC
  - Position and angle expectation
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- Are there any plot to generate to demonstrate kinematics coverage?
- Plots to show detector constraints.

# Backup

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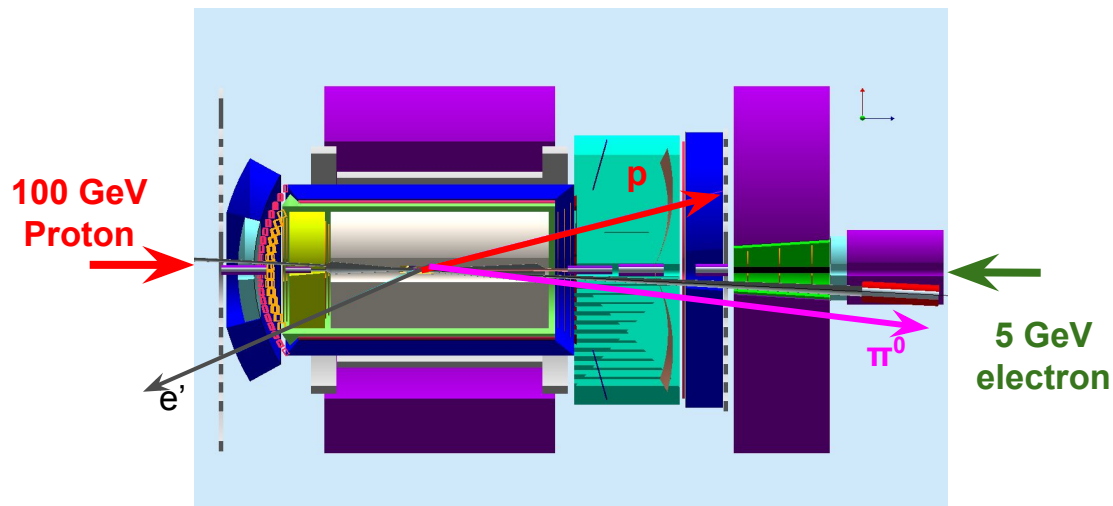
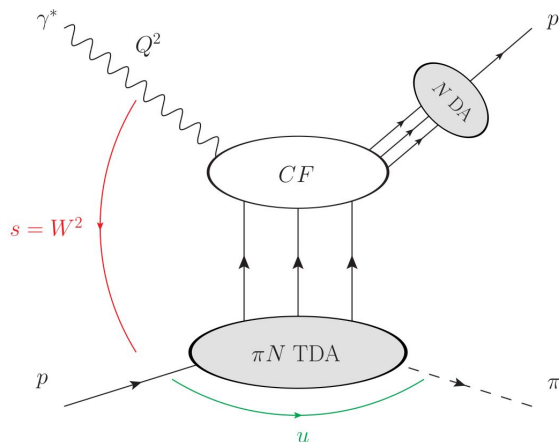
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- Short information on the backward-angle (u-channel) meson production
- U-channel  $\pi^0$  production in EIC
  - Where particles go?
  - Kinematics
  - Produced  $\pi^0$  momentum distribution
- Our plan and timeline

# Short update on the backward-angle $\pi^0$ Production

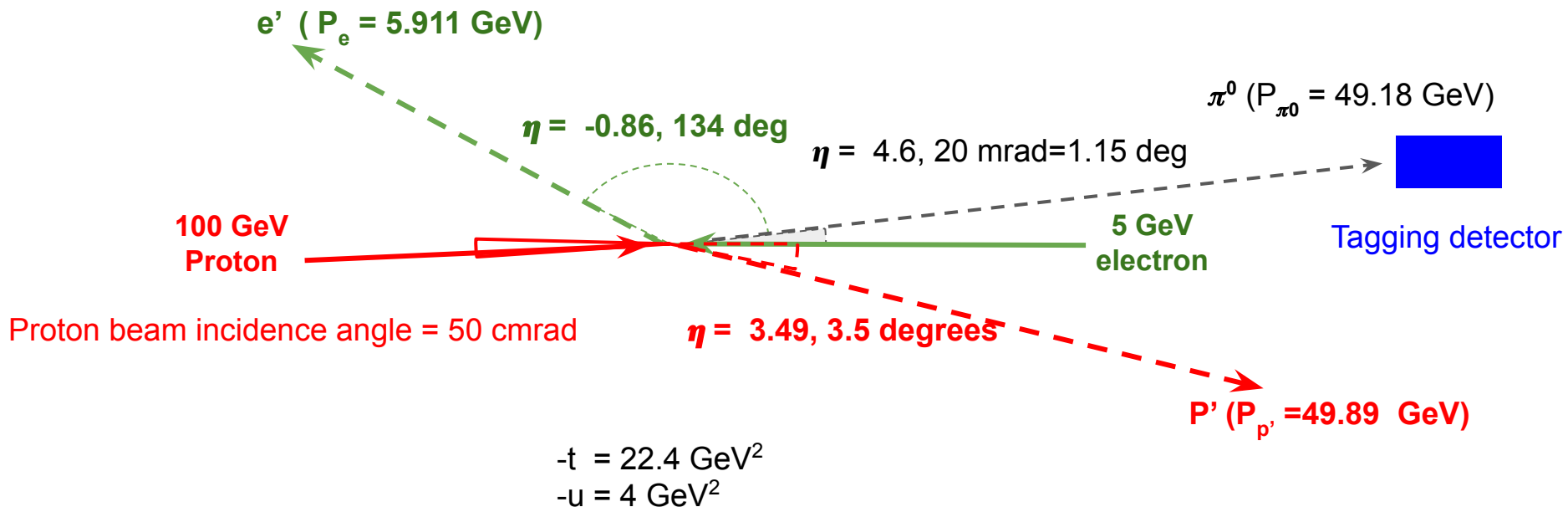
Bill and Bernard on behalf of backward meson production group



- Bill merged the EIC exclusive charged pion production generator into a C++ coding platform
- Bill is now working on this platform to make it more general (by separating the physics section of the code and make it modular)
- The same platform could be used for other processes (such as backward-angle DVCS) in the EIC
- Justin Stevens will give an update on our progress at the Temple meeting in March
- Any question or interested in helping, contact Bill: [billlee@jlab.org](mailto:billlee@jlab.org)

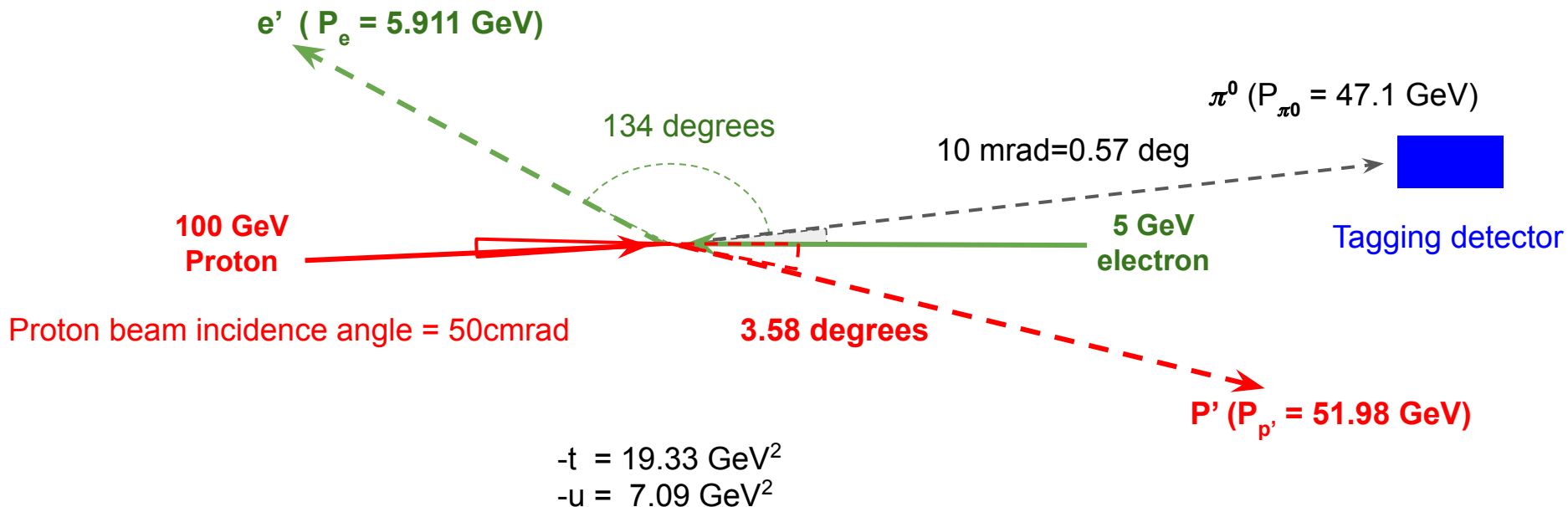
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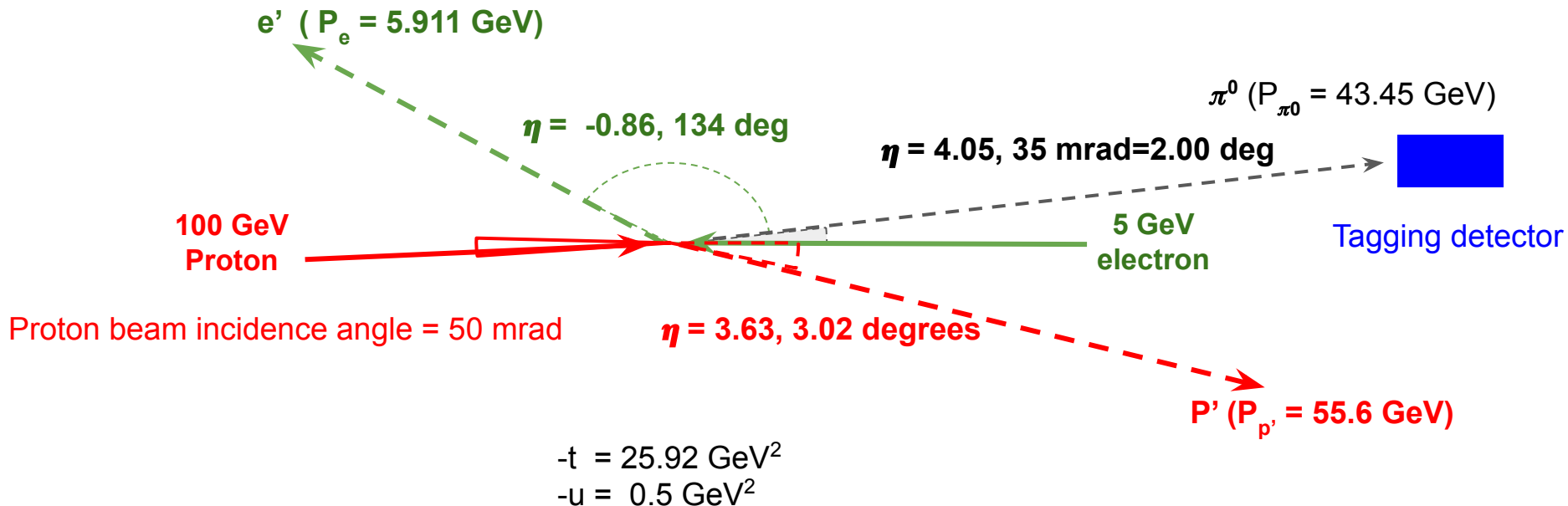
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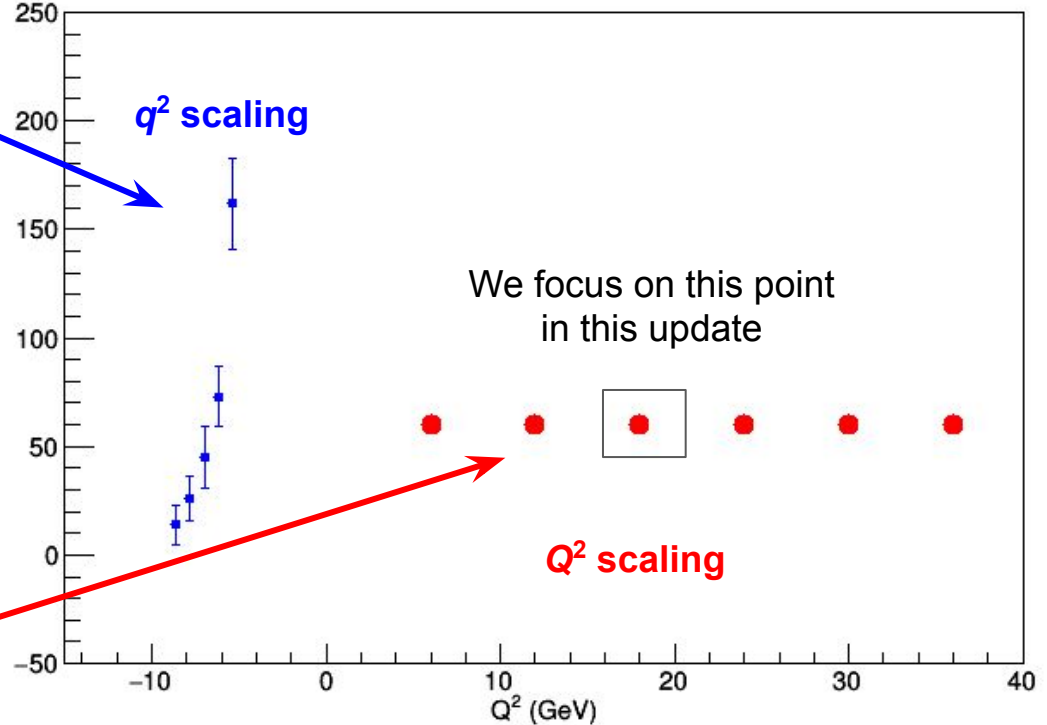
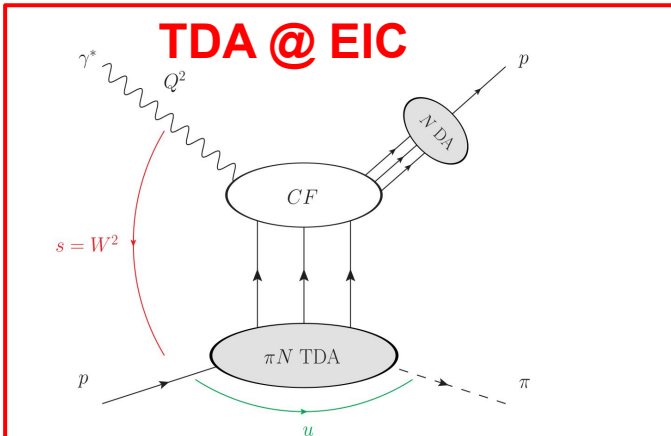
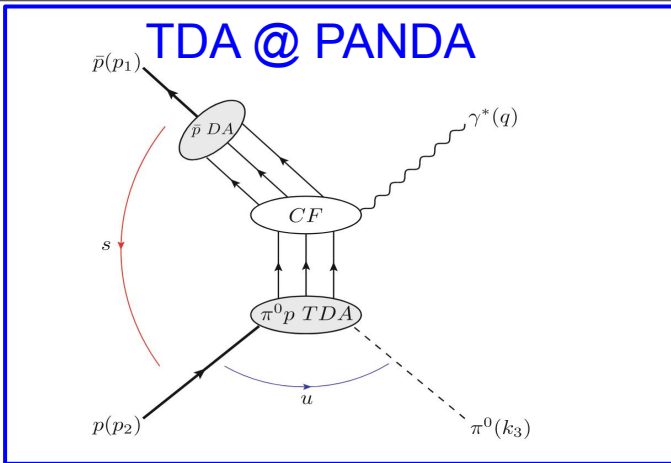
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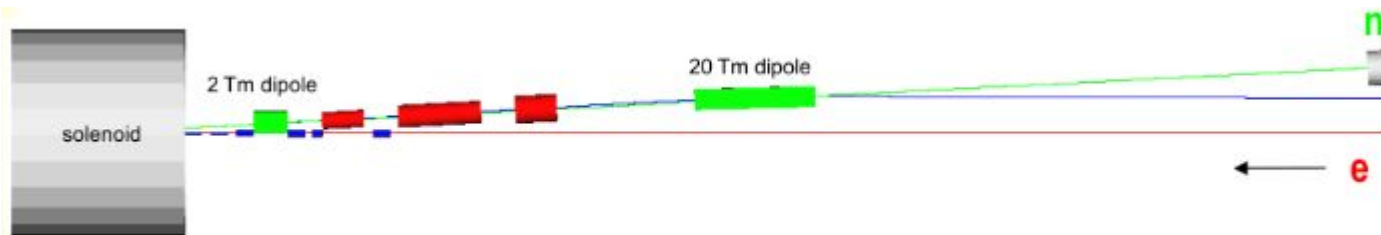
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# Detecting a 20-50 GeV $\pi^0$



- At 20-50 GeV,  $\pi^0 \rightarrow 2$  gamma decay angle (between two photon) is 0.8-0.4 degree.

- Best way to detect  $\pi^0$  at neutro  $\sin \theta_{\max} = \frac{m_{\pi}}{2E_{\gamma}}$  we need to insert lead to slow down  $\pi^0$ ?  
Resolution needed to distinguish  $\pi^0$  from single photon DVCS events?

- Simulation is needed to answer these questions

- Some feedbacks and suggestions from experts:

- Abhay: PHENIX central arm, 5 meters from IR.  $\pi^0 \rightarrow 2$  photon separation at about 20 GeV. Our calorimeter granularity 2.7 cm square facing the IR.
- Elke: In Star, ECal at 7m and separate  $\pi^0$  up to 60 geV
- Preshower to the calorimeter?

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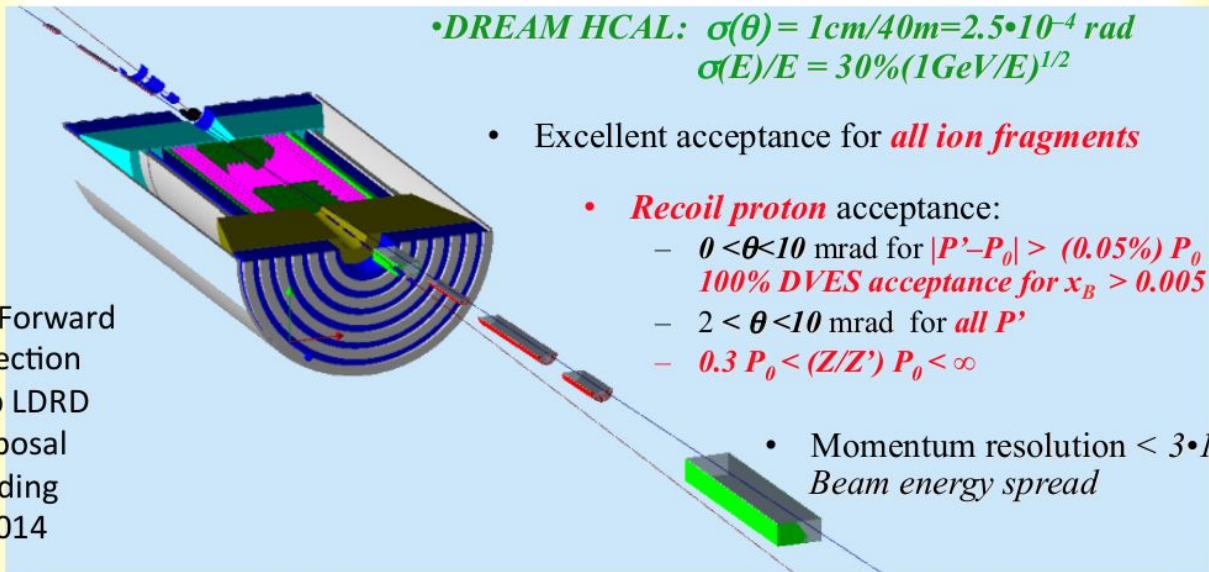
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