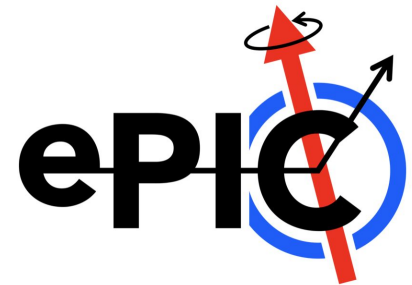


Electroweak and BSM prospects with ePIC

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Electron-Ion Collider Physics

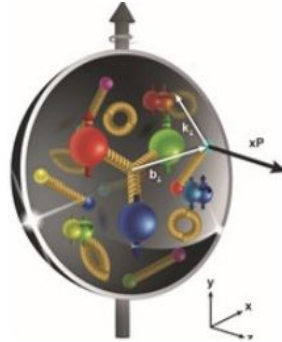
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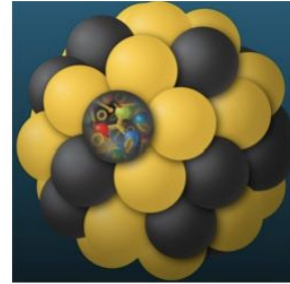
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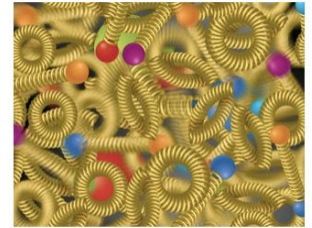
Origin of nucleon mass



How are quark & gluons distributed in momentum and space



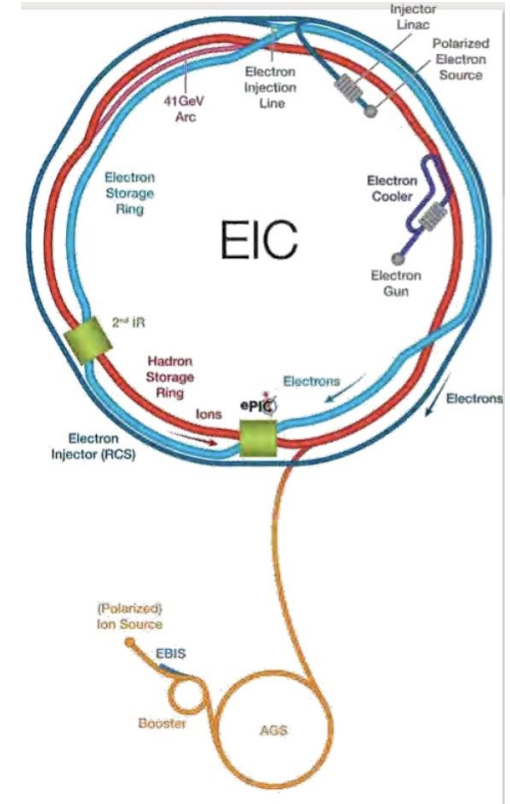
How do quarks and gluons interact with nuclear medium



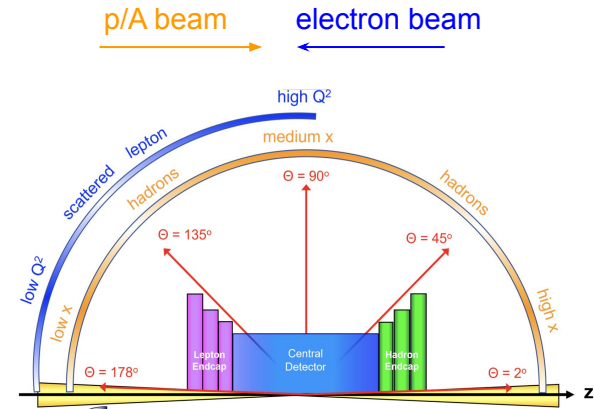
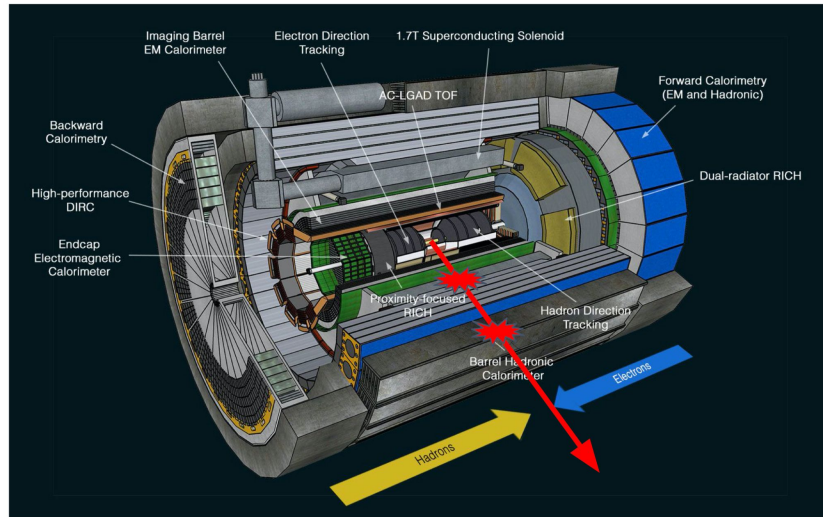
What are the emergent properties of dense system of gluons

Electron-Ion Collider

- ❖ High luminosity machine
 - $(10^{33} - 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1})$
- ❖ Large center-of-mass energy range
 - $\sqrt{21-140} \text{ GeV}$
- ❖ Polarized e^- , protons and light ions beams
 - $\geq 70\%$
- ❖ Ions beam from deuteron to heavier nuclei
 - Gold, lead, or uranium

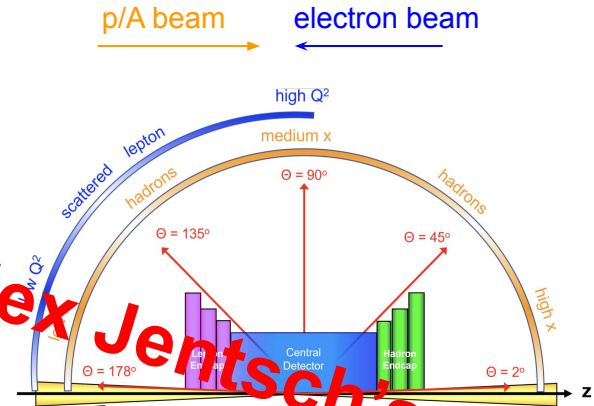
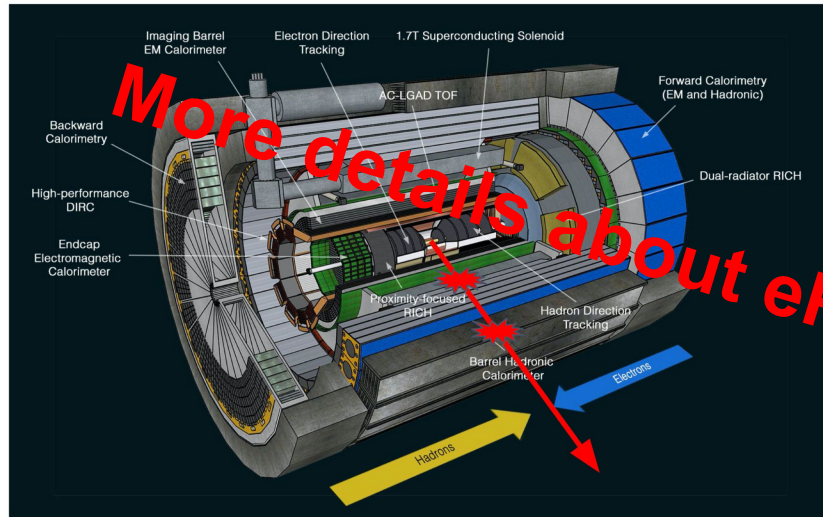


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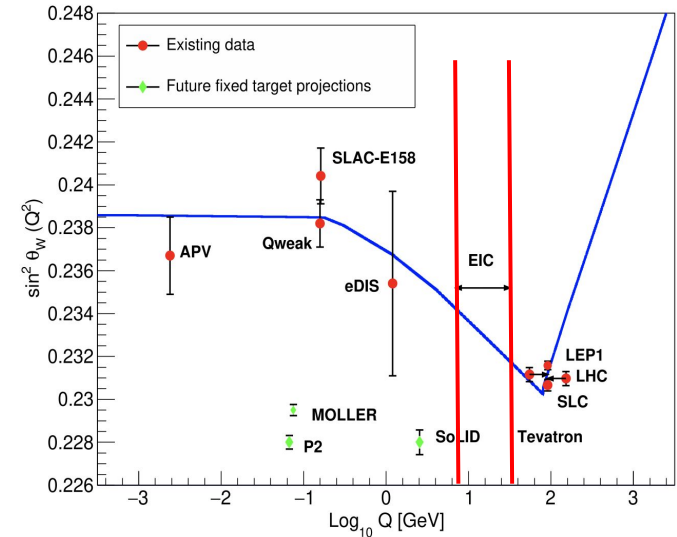
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Electroweak & BSM Physics at the EIC

- ❖ Primary focus of the EIC
 - Answering fundamental questions in QCD
- ❖ Beam and detector design synergistic for Electroweak & BSM physics
 - Wide kinematic coverage
 - High luminosity $\sim 1 \times 10^{34}$
 - Polarized e^- and protons and light ions beams
- ❖ EW & BSM physics prospects at the EIC with ePIC
 - Charged Flavor Lepton Violation (CFLV)
 - Dark photon search
 - Provide constraints on $\sin^2(\theta_W)$ over a Q^2 range
 - BSM using **T**ransverse **S**ingle **S**pin **A**symmetries (TNSSA)

Weak Mixing Angle at the EIC

- ❖ Weak mixing angle
 - Parameter of Standard Model
 - Sensitive to BSM physics
- ❖ Parity Violating DIS
 - Extraction of $\sin^2(\theta_W)$ from the isoscalar deuteron
 - **Cancelation of structure function effects**
- ❖ High precision data at EIC may make extraction of $\sin^2(\theta_W)$ from the proton
 - Will require precise knowledge of PDFs
- ❖ Kinematics
 - Energy range between those in fixed-target and collider experiments
 - Over a range of Q^2 values not yet explored

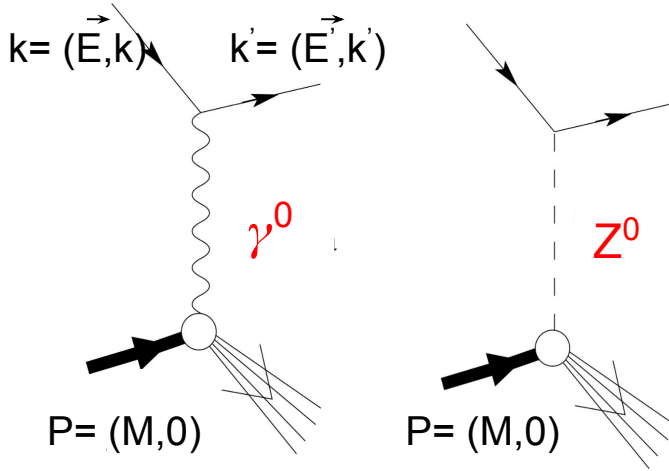


[J Arrington et al 2023 J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 50](#)

Neutral Current Electroweak Physics Studies at the EIC

Parity-Violating Deep Inelastic Scattering Asymmetry

$$A_{PV}^{(e)} \equiv \frac{\sigma_R - \sigma_L}{\sigma_R + \sigma_L} = \frac{d\sigma_e}{d\sigma_0}$$



$$A_{RL}^{e^-} = \frac{|\lambda| \eta_{\gamma Z} \left[g_A^e 2y F_1^{\gamma Z} + g_A^e \left(\frac{2}{xy} - \frac{2}{x} - \frac{2M^2 xy}{Q^2} \right) F_2^{\gamma Z} + g_V^e (2-y) F_3^{\gamma Z} \right]}{2y F_1^\gamma + \left(\frac{2}{xy} - \frac{2}{x} - \frac{2M^2 xy}{Q^2} \right) F_2^\gamma - \eta_{\gamma Z} \left[g_V^e 2y F_1^{\gamma Z} + g_V^e \left(\frac{2}{xy} - \frac{2}{x} - \frac{2M^2 xy}{Q^2} \right) F_2^{\gamma Z} + g_A^e (2-y) F_3^{\gamma Z} \right]}$$

Where

$$[F_2^\gamma, F_2^{\gamma Z}, F_2^Z] = x \sum_q [e_q^2, 2e_q g_V^q, (g_V^q)^2 + (g_A^q)^2] (q + \bar{q})$$

$$[F_3^\gamma, F_3^{\gamma Z}, F_3^Z] = x \sum_q [0, 2e_q g_A^q, 2g_V^q g_A^q] (q - \bar{q})$$

$$g_A^e = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$g_A^q = \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

$$g_V^e = -\frac{1}{2} + 2 \sin^2 \theta_W$$

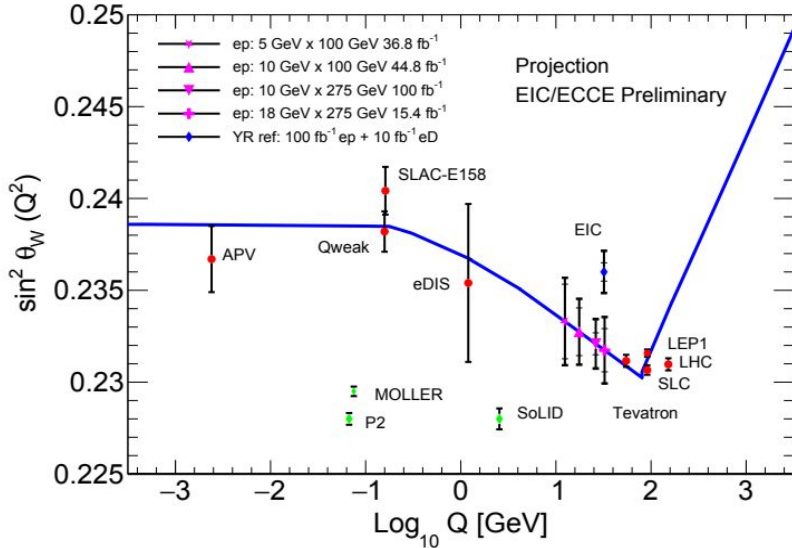
$$g_V^q = \pm \frac{1}{2} - 2e_q \sin^2 \theta_W$$

$g_A^{e(q)}$ and $g_V^{e(q)}$:
axial and vector
neutral weak
couplings of the
electron (quark)

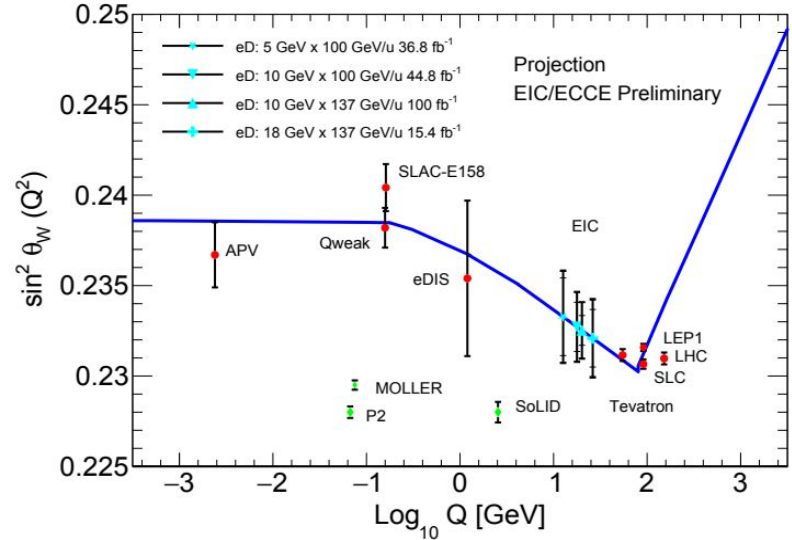
Parity Violating DIS Outlook

[R. Boughezal et al., Neutral-current electroweak physics and SMEFT studies at the EIC, Phys. Rev. D](#)

ep Results



eD Results

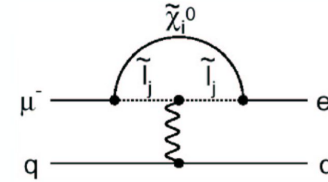


- ❖ Detailed study of the extraction of $\sin^2(\theta_W)$ at the EIC for both the proton and deuteron performed
- ❖ Will cover an energy scale between fixed target and collider experiments
 - Unexplored region

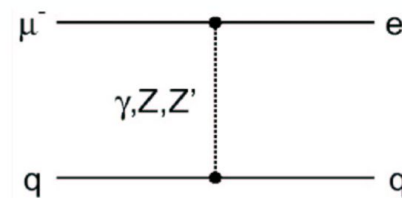
Charged Lepton Flavor Violation

- ❖ Neutrino oscillations
 - Provided evidence for lepton flavor violation
- ❖ No experimental evidence for flavor violation in charged lepton sector
- ❖ Predicted CLFV branching ratio
 - $\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 10^{-54}$
- ❖ Example: Supersymmetry prediction
 - $\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \sim 10^{-15}$
- ❖ $\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 10^{-13}$: Current limit (MEG experiment)
 - [Baldini, A.M., Bao, Y., Baracchini, E. et al. Eur. Phys. J. C 76, 434](#)
- ❖ $e \rightarrow \tau$ transition constraints - much weaker
 - $\text{Br}(e \rightarrow \tau\gamma) \sim 10^{-8}$

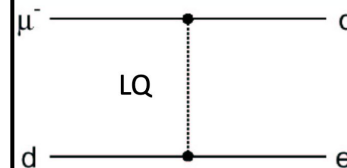
Supersymmetry



Heavy Z



Leptoquarks



BSM models that predict CLFV

Leptoquarks

- Color triplet particles
- Couple to leptons & quarks
- Mediate CLFV processes at tree-level

Decay Channel(s)

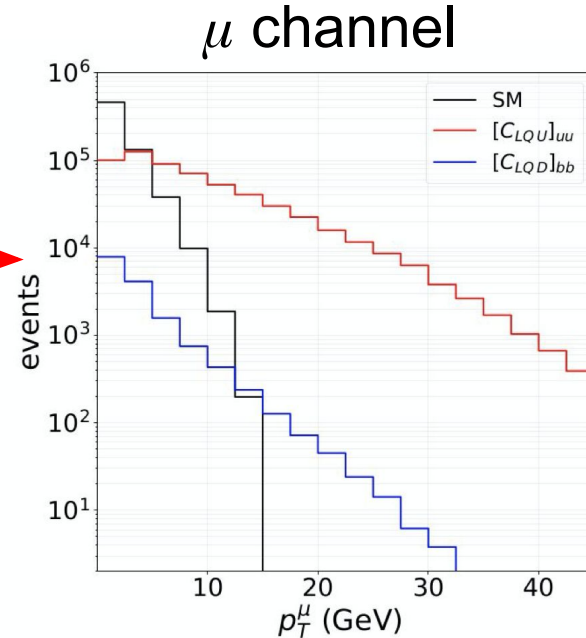
1 Prong

$$\tau \rightarrow \mu \bar{\nu}_{\mu} \nu_{\tau}$$

1. Larger branching ratio $\sim 17\%$
2. Suppression of SM background
3. Needs (good) μ identification

Preliminary

- No dedicated muon detector
 - Limit tracks to those MIPs in calorimeter
- Utilize E/p in both barrel calorimeters



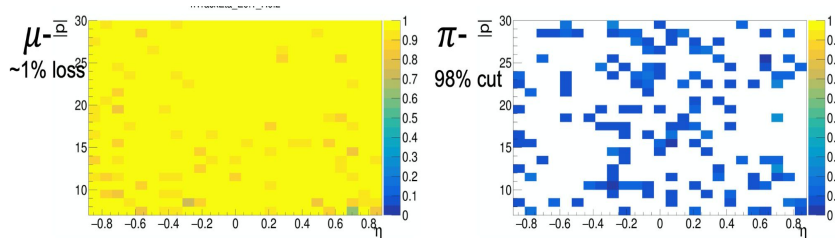
*Image courtesy of Emanuele Mereghetti
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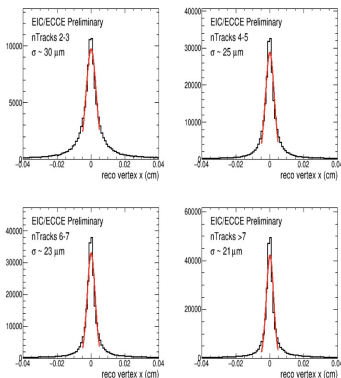
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- ❖ Djangoh and Pythia generators to produce background DIS & photoproduction events
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- ❖ Critical requirement
 - secondary vertex reconstruction



3 Prong (from $e \rightarrow \tau$)

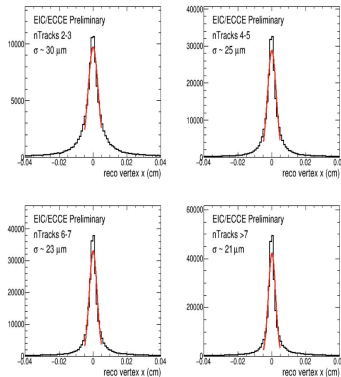
$$\tau \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \nu_\tau$$

1. Identification is easier than 1 prong channel

1. Primary vertex reconstructed
2. $\Sigma_h(E-p_z) > 18 \text{ GeV}$
3. Missing p_T : ($1 < p_T < 9$) GeV
4. 3π candidate
5. p_T of $3\pi < 3 \text{ GeV}$
6. No scattered e^- detected

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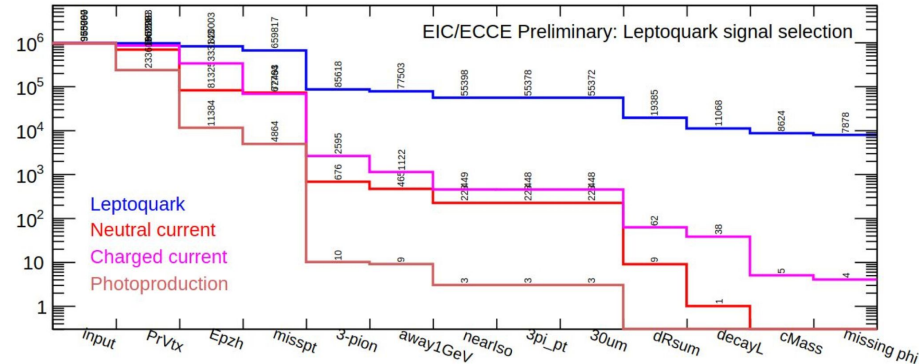
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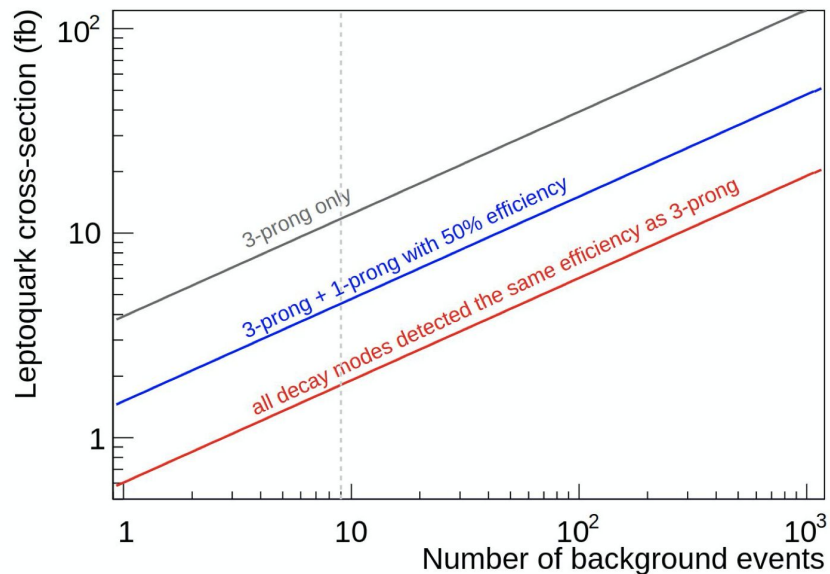
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CLFV Outlook

- ❖ 3 Prong study completed
 - [J. Zhang et. al, Charged Lepton Flavor Violation Study at the EIC, in Electroweak and BSM physics at the EIC](#)
- ❖ 1 Prong study: ongoing
- ❖ Refine & add additional constraints / cuts
 - Shower shape
 - p_T imbalance from missing neutrinos (ν)
 - Large hadronic Jet p_T



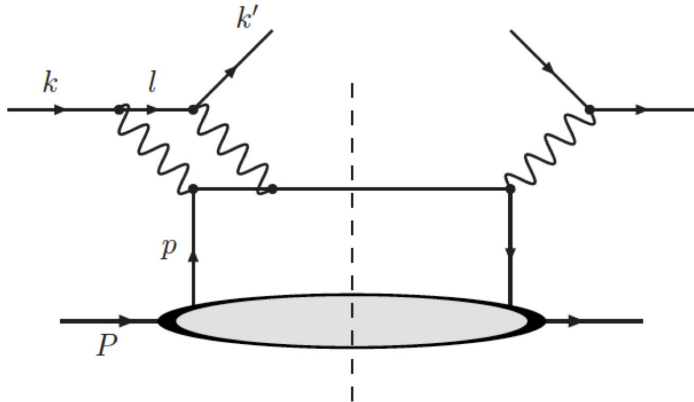
Sensitivity for leptoquark cross section vs background events

Transverse Single Spin Asymmetries (DIS)

1. e polarized \perp to scattering plane (unpolarized target)
2. Unpolarized e^- and transversely polarized target

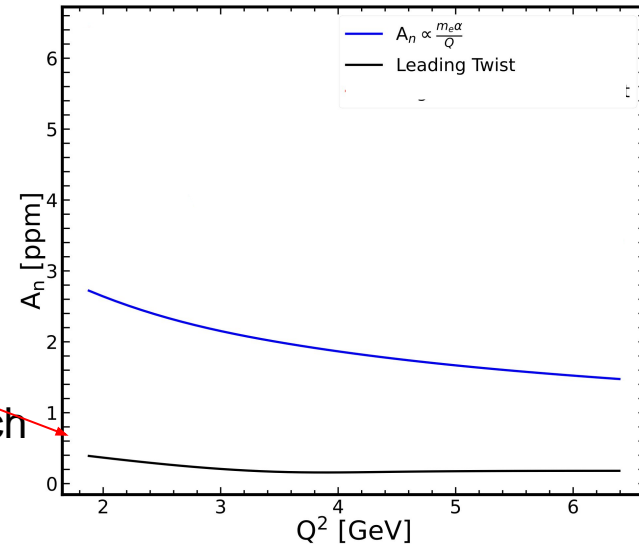
$$\frac{\sigma^{\uparrow} - \sigma^{\downarrow}}{\sigma^{\uparrow} + \sigma^{\downarrow}}$$

- Zero at Born level
- Two-photon exchange can lead to non-zero asymmetry



- A_{TU} is small ($\sim 10^{-6}$)
- Possible place to search for new physics

$$A_n = \frac{\alpha_{EM} m_l \left| \vec{S}_T \right| \sin(\varphi_s)}{2Q} \frac{y^2 \sqrt{1-y}}{1-y + \frac{1}{2}y^2} \frac{\sum_q e_q^3 q(x)}{\sum_q e_q^2 q(x)}$$

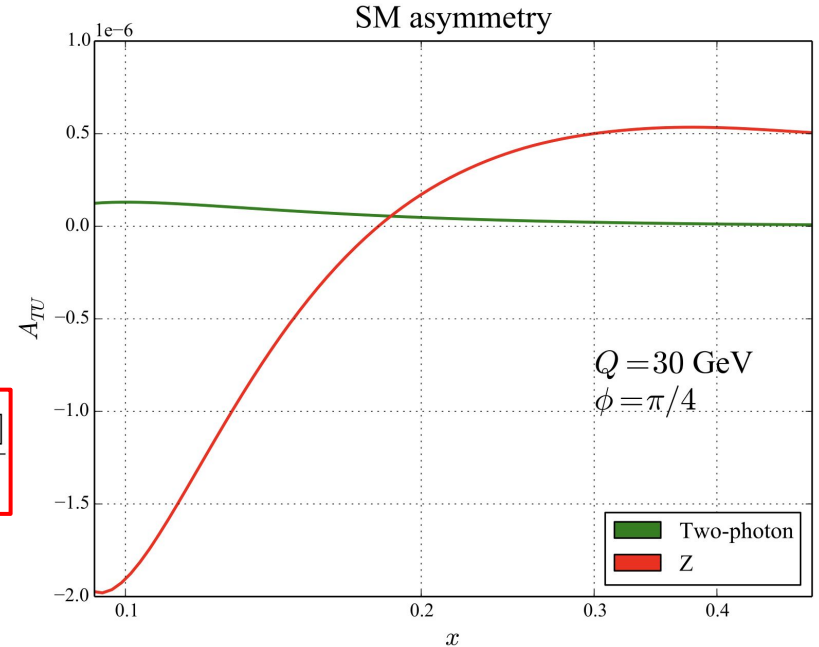


Transverse Single Spin Asymmetries

[R. Boughezal, D. de Florian, F. Petriello, and W. Vogelsang, Transverse spin asymmetries at the EIC as a probe of anomalous electric and magnetic dipole moments, Phys. Rev. D 107, 075028 \(2023\)](#)

At the EIC, also need to account for SM contributions mediated by Z-boson

$$A_{TU}^Z(\phi) = \frac{2}{s_W^2 c_W^2} \frac{m_l Q}{M_Z^2} \frac{y\sqrt{1-y}}{1-y+y^2/2} \cos(\phi) \frac{\sum_q Q_q f_q(x) [g_{al} g_{vq}(1-y) + g_{vl} g_{aq} y]}{\sum_q Q_q^2 f_q(x)}$$



Transverse SSAs: standard model effective field theory (SMEFT)

SMEFT: an effective field theory extension of the SM that includes terms suppressed by a high energy scale Λ

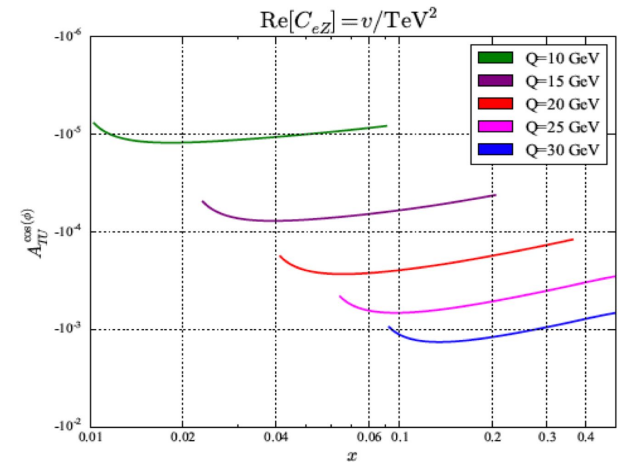
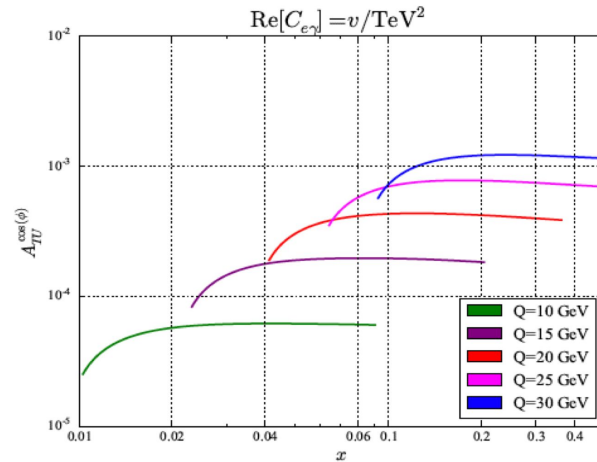
SMEFT-induced correction to beam normal asymmetry



$$\Delta A_{TV}(\phi) = \frac{g_Z}{2\pi\alpha} \frac{Q^3}{M_Z^2} \frac{y\sqrt{1-y}}{1-y+\frac{y^2}{2}} \frac{\sum_q Q_q f_q(x) \left\{ g_{aq} \text{Re}[C_{eZ} e^{-i\phi}] - \frac{\text{Re}[C_{e\gamma} e^{-i\phi}]}{s_W c_W} [g_{vq} g_{al}(1-2/y) - g_{aq} g_{vl}] \right\}}{\sum_q Q_q^2 f_q(x)}$$

$C_{e\gamma}$

Wilson coefficient of the operator that describes the anomalous magnetic and electric dipole moments of the electron



*Precision compared to size of asymmetry needs further evaluation

Summary and Outlook

- There are many interesting Electroweak and BSM physics topics to explore for the future EIC!
- Completed and ongoing impact studies with ePIC
 - ◆ [R. Boughezal et al., Neutral-current electroweak physics and SMEFT studies at the EIC, Phys. Rev. D](#)
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 - ◆ 1 prong study of CLFV - Andrew Hurley (UMass Amherst)
- Future work
 - ◆ Dark photons, 1 prong study of CLFV, precision of SMEFT induced asymmetry, etc....
- Interested in Electroweak & BSM physics at the EIC
 - ◆ Electroweak & BSM working group (Ciprian Gal and Juliette Mammei)
 - ◆ eic-projdet-inclusive-l@lists.bnl.gov & eic-projdet-bsmew-l@lists.bnl.gov

ep Results

Beam type and energy Label	$ep\ 5 \times 100$ P2	$ep\ 10 \times 100$ P3	$ep\ 10 \times 275$ P4	$ep\ 18 \times 275$ P5	$ep\ 18 \times 275$ P6
Luminosity (fb^{-1})	36.8	44.8	100	15.4	(100 YR ref)
$\langle Q^2 \rangle$ (GeV^2)	154.4	308.1	687.3	1055.1	1055.1
$\langle A_{PV} \rangle$ ($P_e = 0.8$)	-0.00854	-0.01617	-0.03254	-0.04594	-0.04594
$(dA/A)_{\text{stat}}$	1.54%	0.98%	0.40%	0.80%	(0.31%)
$(dA/A)_{\text{stat+sys}}(\text{bg})$	1.55%	1.00%	0.43%	0.81%	(0.35%)
$(dA/A)_{1\% \text{pol}}$	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	(1.0%)
$(dA/A)_{\text{tot}}$	1.84%	1.42%	1.09%	1.29%	(1.06%)
Experimental					
$d(\sin^2 \theta_W)_{\text{stat+sys}}(\text{bg})$	0.002032	0.001299	0.000597	0.001176	0.000516
$d(\sin^2 \theta_W)_{\text{stat+sys+pol}}$	0.002342	0.001759	0.001297	0.001769	0.001244
with PDF					
$d(\sin^2 \theta_W)_{\text{tot,CT18NLO}}$	0.002388	0.001807	0.001363	0.001823	0.001320
$d(\sin^2 \theta_W)_{\text{tot,MMHT2014}}$	0.002353	0.001771	0.001319	0.001781	0.001270
$d(\sin^2 \theta_W)_{\text{tot,NNPDF31}}$	0.002351	0.001789	0.001313	0.001801	0.001308

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Luminosity (fb^{-1})	36.8	44.8	100	15.4	(10 YR ref)
$\langle Q^2 \rangle$ (GeV^2)	160.0	316.9	403.5	687.2	687.2
$\langle A_{PV} \rangle$ ($P_e = 0.8$)	-0.01028	-0.01923	-0.02366	-0.03719	-0.03719
$(dA/A)_{\text{stat}}$	1.46%	0.93%	0.54%	1.05%	(1.31%)
$(dA/A)_{\text{stat+bg}}$	1.47%	0.95%	0.56%	1.07%	(1.32%)
$(dA/A)_{\text{sys},1\% \text{pol}}$	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	(1.0%)
$(dA/A)_{\text{tot}}$	1.78%	1.38%	1.15%	1.46%	(1.66%)
Experimental					
$d(\sin^2 \theta_W)_{\text{stat+bg}}$	0.002148	0.001359	0.000823	0.001591	0.001963
$d(\sin^2 \theta_W)_{\text{stat+bg+pol}}$	0.002515	0.001904	0.001544	0.002116	0.002414
with PDF					
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$d(\sin^2 \theta_W)_{\text{tot,NNPDF31}}$	0.002526	0.001915	0.001560	0.002127	0.002423