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**Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering in JLAB Hall A**

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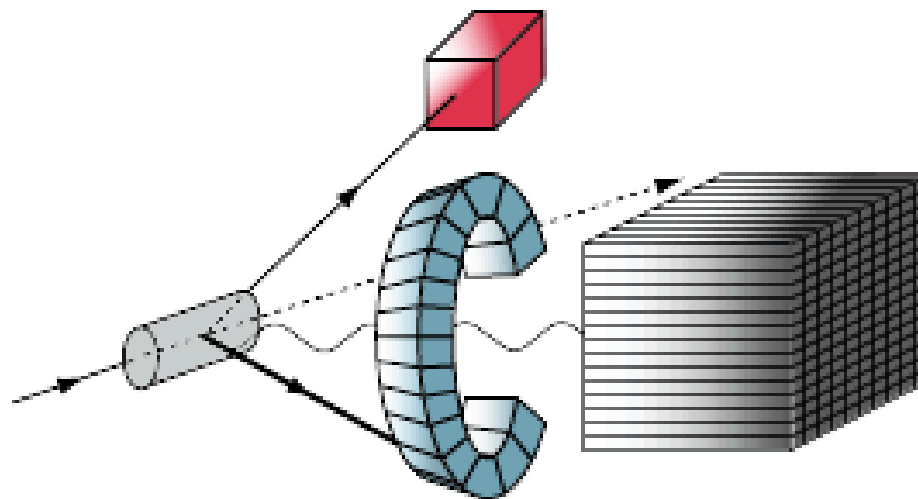
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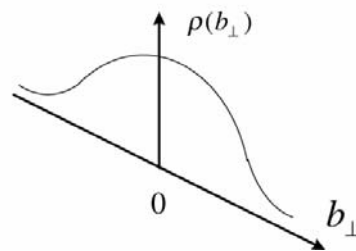
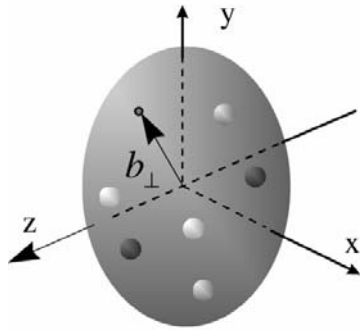
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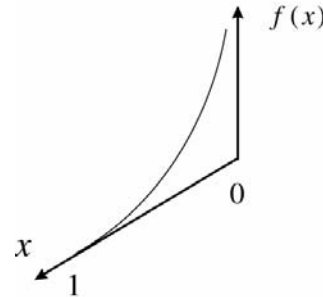
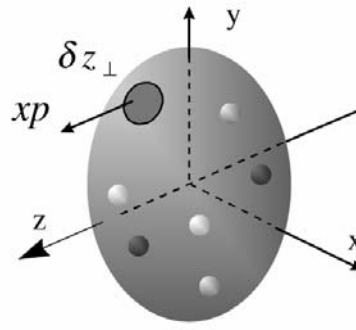
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*For JLab Hall A & DVCS collaborations*



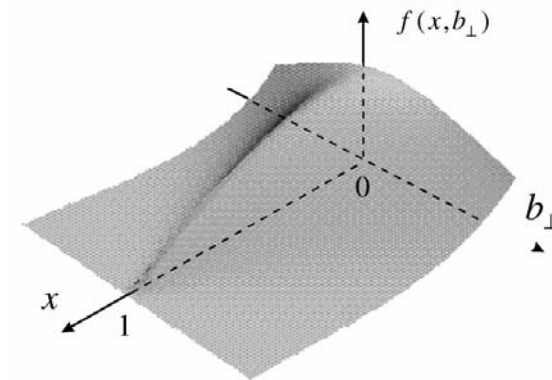
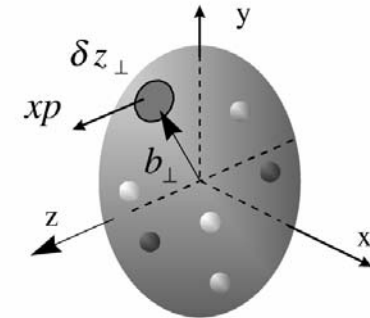
# Generalized parton distributions: GPDs



Form Factors via  
Elastic scattering



Parton distribution via  
Deep inelastic scattering



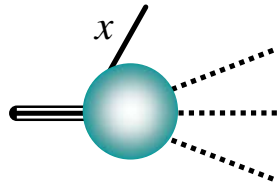
Generalized parton distribution  
via Deep exclusive scattering

Two independent informations  
about the nucleon structure

Link

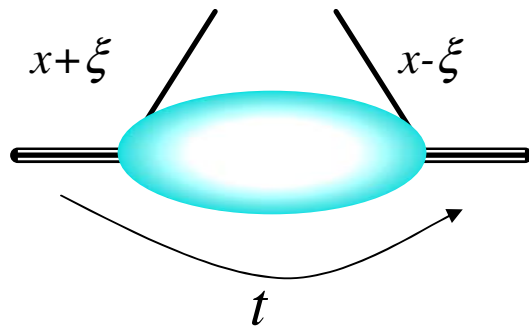
Mueller, Radyushkin, Ji

# Generalized parton distributions: GPDs



**Probability**  $|\Psi(x)|^2$  that a quark carries a fraction  $x$  of the nucleon momentum

➡ Parton distributions  $q(x)$ ,  $\Delta q(x)$  measured in inclusive reactions (D.I.S.)

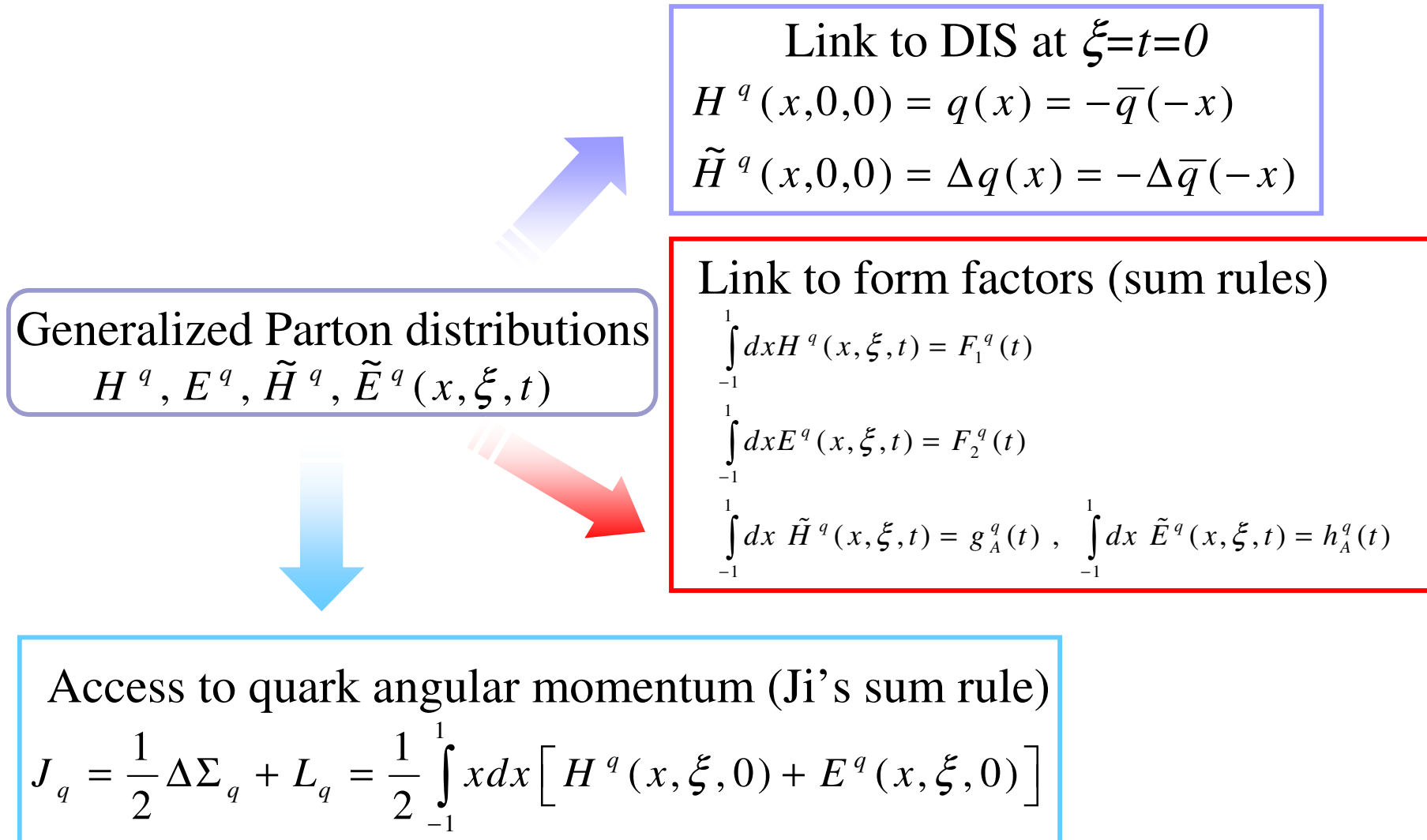


**GPDs** measure the **Coherence**  $\Psi^*(x+\xi) \Psi(x-\xi)$  between a initial state with a quark carrying a fraction  $x+\xi$  of the nucleon momentum and a final state with a quark carrying a fraction  $x-\xi$

➡ 4 GPDs :  $H, \tilde{H}, E, \tilde{E}(x, \xi, t)$   
For each quark flavor

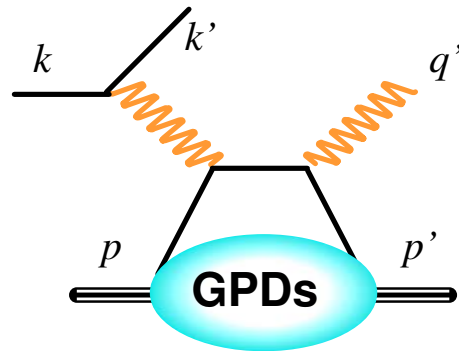
➡ Dependence in  $t$  : new wealth of physics to explore

## GPDs properties, link to DIS and elastic form factors



# How to access GPDs: DVCS

Collins, Freund, Strikman



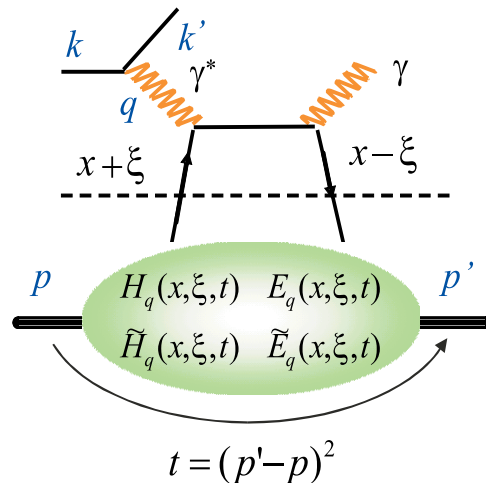
Simplest hard exclusive process involving GPDs

pQCD factorization theorem

$$Q^2 = -q^2 = -(k - k')^2 \gg M^2$$

$$t = (p - p')^2 = \Delta^2 \ll Q^2$$

Bjorken regime



Perturbative description  
(High  $Q^2$  virtual photon)

Non perturbative description by  
Generalized Parton Distributions

$$x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2pq} = \frac{Q^2}{2Mv}$$

$$\xi = \frac{x_B}{2 - x_B}$$

$\xi + x$  = fraction of longitudinal momentum

# Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering

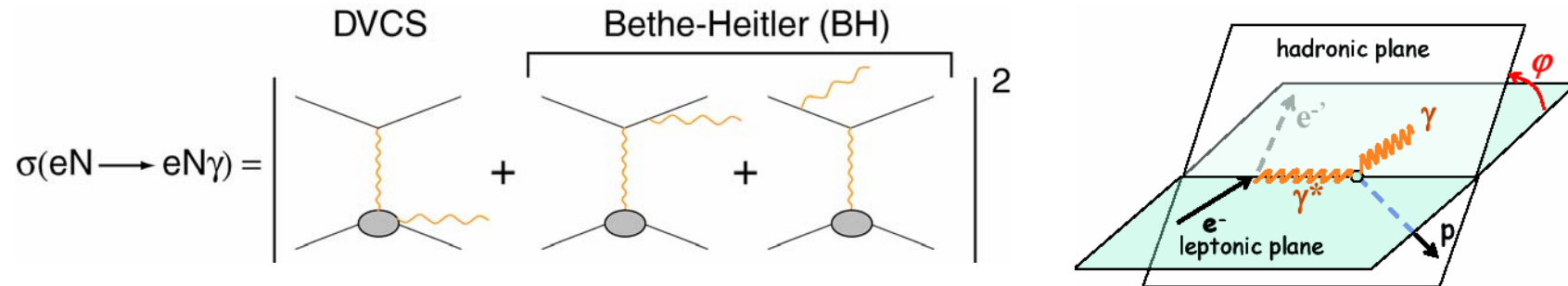
$$\begin{aligned} T^{DVCS} &= \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{GPD(x, \xi, t)}{x - \xi + i\epsilon} dx + \dots \\ &= P \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{GPD(x, \xi, t)}{x - \xi} dx - i\pi GPD(x = \xi, \xi, t) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

The GPDs enter the DVCS amplitude as an integral over  $x$  :

➡ GPDs appear in the **real part** through a PP integral over  $x$

➡ GPDs appear in the **imaginary part** but at the line  $x = \xi$

## What is done at JLab Hall A



But using a polarized electron beam: **Asymmetry appears in  $\Phi$**

$$d^5\vec{\sigma} - d^5\vec{\sigma} \approx 2 \text{Im}(T^{BH} \cdot T^{DVCS}) + \left[ |\vec{T}^{DVCS}|^2 - |\vec{T}^{DVCS}|^2 \right]$$

Purely real and fully calculable

Small at Jlab enegies

$$d^5\sigma \approx |T^{BH}|^2 + 2T^{BH} \cdot \text{Re}(T^{DVCS}) + |T^{DVCS}|^2$$

The **cross-section difference** accesses the **Imaginary** part of **DVCS** and therefore **GPDs at  $x=\xi$**

The **total cross-section** accesses the **real** part of **DVCS** and therefore an **integral of GPDs over  $x$**

Kroll, Guichon, Diehl, Pire ...



# cross-section difference in the handbag dominance

Pire, Diehl, Ralston, Belitsky,  
Kirchner, Mueller

$$\frac{d\vec{\sigma}}{dQ^2 dx_B d\Delta^2 d\varphi_e d\varphi_{\gamma\gamma}} - \frac{d\bar{\sigma}}{dQ^2 dx_B d\Delta^2 d\varphi_e d\varphi_{\gamma\gamma}} = \Gamma_A(x_B, \varphi_e, \Delta^2, \varphi) \cdot A \sin \varphi + \Gamma_B(x_B, \varphi_e, \Delta^2, \varphi) \cdot B \sin 2\varphi$$

with  $x_B = Q^2 / 2p \cdot q$  and  $\Delta = p' - p$ ,

and  $\varphi_{\gamma\gamma}$  the angle between the leptonic and photonic planes

➡  $\Gamma$  contains BH propagators and some kinematics

➡  $A$  contains twist 2 terms and is a *linear* combination of three GPD imaginary part evaluated at  $x=\xi$

$$A = F_1(t) \cdot \mathcal{H} + \frac{x_B}{2 - x_B} \cdot (F_1(t) + F_2(t)) \cdot \tilde{\mathcal{H}} - \frac{t}{4M^2} F_2(t) \cdot \mathcal{E}$$

➡  $B$  contains twist 3 terms



## Test of the handbag dominance

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- Twist-2 contribution( $\Gamma.A.\sin\phi$ ) dominate the total cross-section and cross-section difference.
- Twist-2 term (A) and twist-3 term (B) have only  $\log(Q^2)$  dependence.

} Test of the  
handbag  
dominance

To achieve this goal, an experiment was initiated at JLab Hall A on hydrogen target with high luminosity ( $10^{37} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and exclusivity.

Another experiment on a deuterium target was initiated to measure DVCS on the neutron. The neutron contribution is very interesting since it will provide a direct measure of GPD E (less constrained!)

# Neutron Target

$$A = F_1(t) \cdot \mathcal{H} + \frac{x_B}{2 - x_B} \cdot (F_1(t) + F_2(t)) \cdot \tilde{\mathcal{H}} - \frac{t}{4M^2} F_2(t) \cdot \mathcal{E}$$

Neutron

$-t$	$F_2^p(t)$	$F_1^p(t)$	$(F_1^p(t) + F_2^p(t)) \cdot x_B / (2 - x_B)$	$(-t / 4M^2) \cdot F_2^p(t)$
0.1	-1.46	-0.01	-0.26	-0.04
0.3	-0.91	-0.04	-0.17	-0.06
0.5	-0.6	-0.05	-0.12	-0.08
0.7	-0.43	-0.06	-0.09	-0.08

$$F_1^n(t) \ll F_2^n(t) !!!$$

Model:

$$\begin{aligned} Q^2 &= 2 \text{ GeV}^2 \\ x_B &= 0.3 \\ -t &= 0.3 \end{aligned}$$

Target	$\mathcal{H}$	$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$	$\mathcal{E}$
neutron	0.81	-0.07	1.73

Goeke, Polyakov and Vanderhaeghen

$$A = F_1(t) \cdot \mathcal{H} + \frac{x_B}{2 - x_B} \cdot (F_1(t) + F_2(t)) \cdot \tilde{\mathcal{H}} - \frac{t}{4M^2} F_2(t) \cdot \mathcal{E}$$

$t = -0.3$

$$A = -0.03 + 0.01 - 0.12$$

# Experiment kinematics

➡ E00-110 (p-DVCS) was finished in November 2004 (started in September)

➡ E03-106 (n-DVCS) was finished in December 2004 (started in November)

$$x_{Bj}=0.364$$

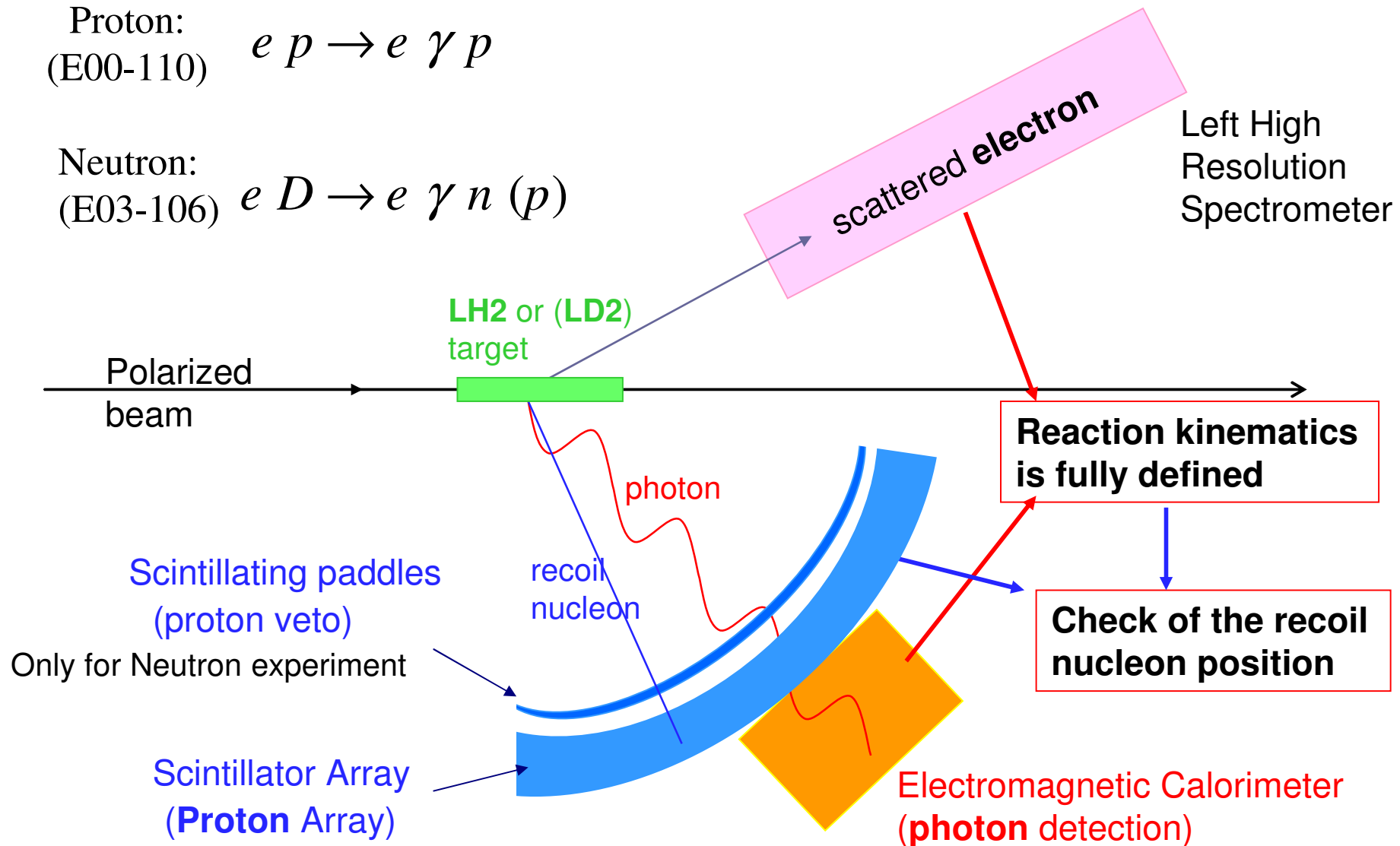
	s (GeV <sup>2</sup> )	Q <sup>2</sup> (GeV <sup>2</sup> )	P <sub>e</sub> (Gev/c)	Θ <sub>e</sub> (deg)	-Θ <sub>Y*</sub> (deg)	∫Ldt (fb <sup>-1</sup> )
proton	4.94	2.32	2.35	23.91	14.80	5832
	4.22	1.91	2.95	19.32	18.25	4365
	3.5	1.5	3.55	15.58	22.29	3097
neutron	4.22	1.91	2.95	19.32	18.25	24000

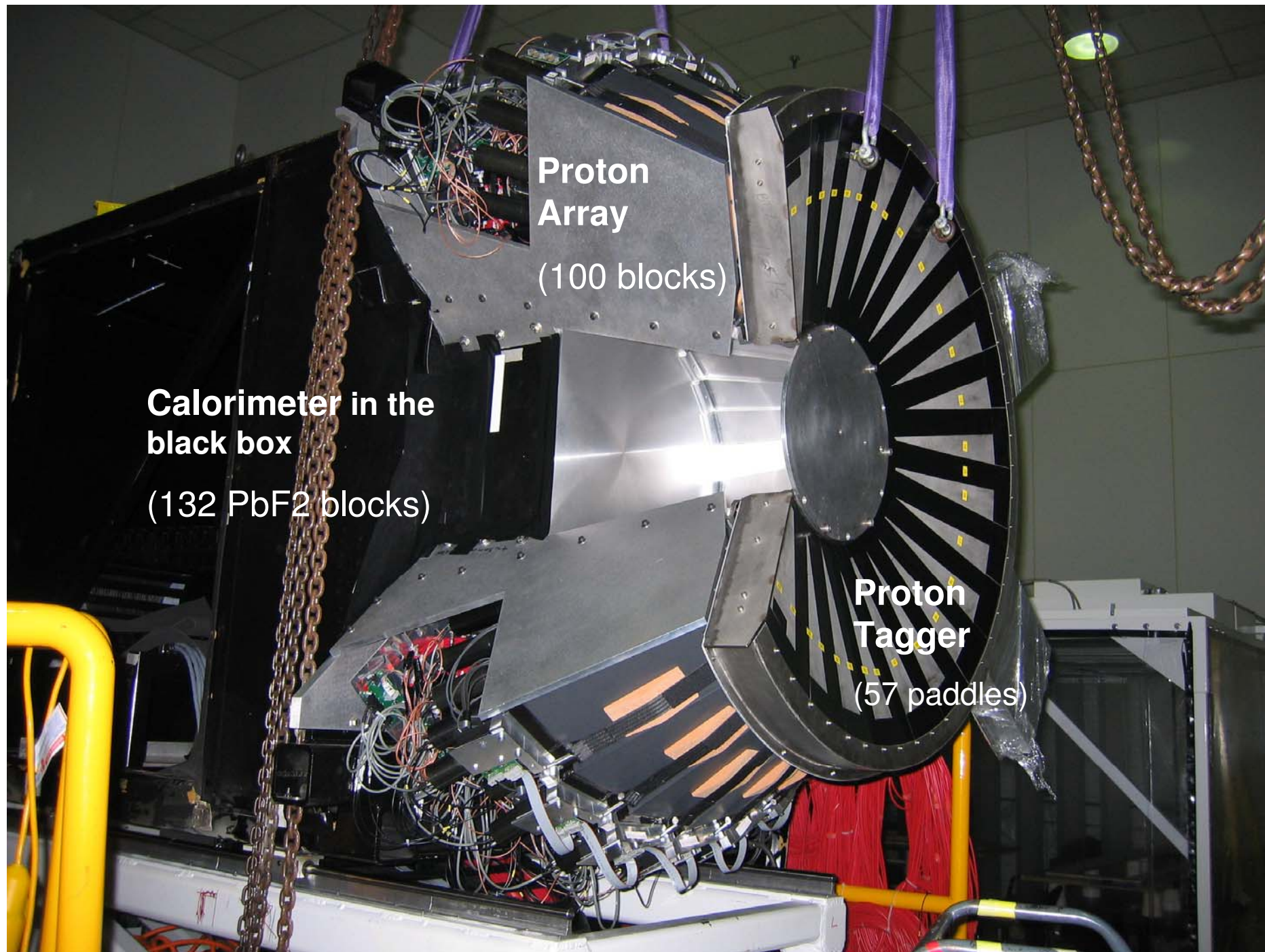
➡ Beam polarization was about 75.3% during the experiment

# Experimental method

Proton:  
(E00-110)  $e p \rightarrow e \gamma p$

Neutron:  
(E03-106)  $e D \rightarrow e \gamma n (p)$





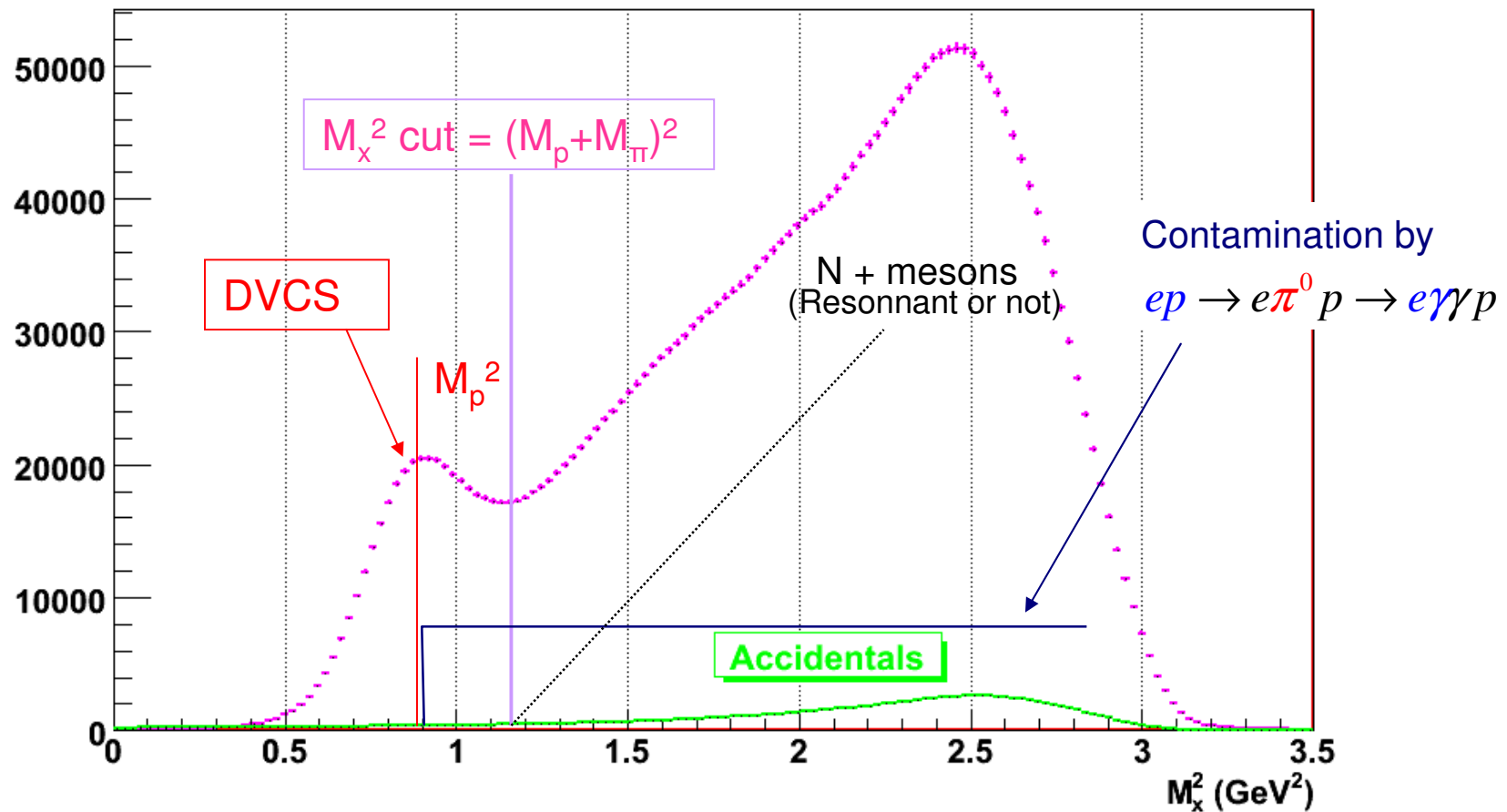
**Proton  
Array**  
(100 blocks)

**Calorimeter in the  
black box**  
(132 PbF<sub>2</sub> blocks)

**Proton  
Tagger**  
(57 paddles)

## Analysis - Selection of DVCS events

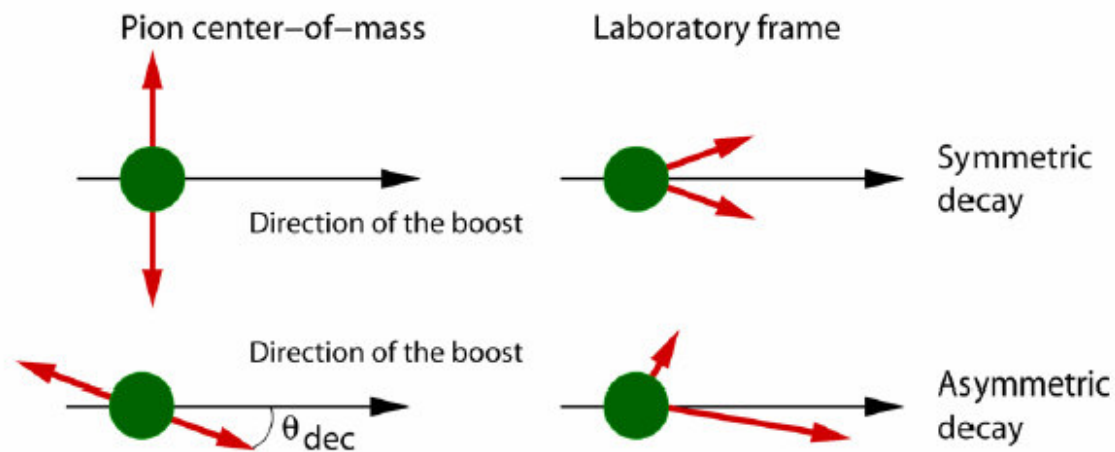
$$ep \rightarrow e\gamma X$$





## $\pi^0$ contamination subtraction

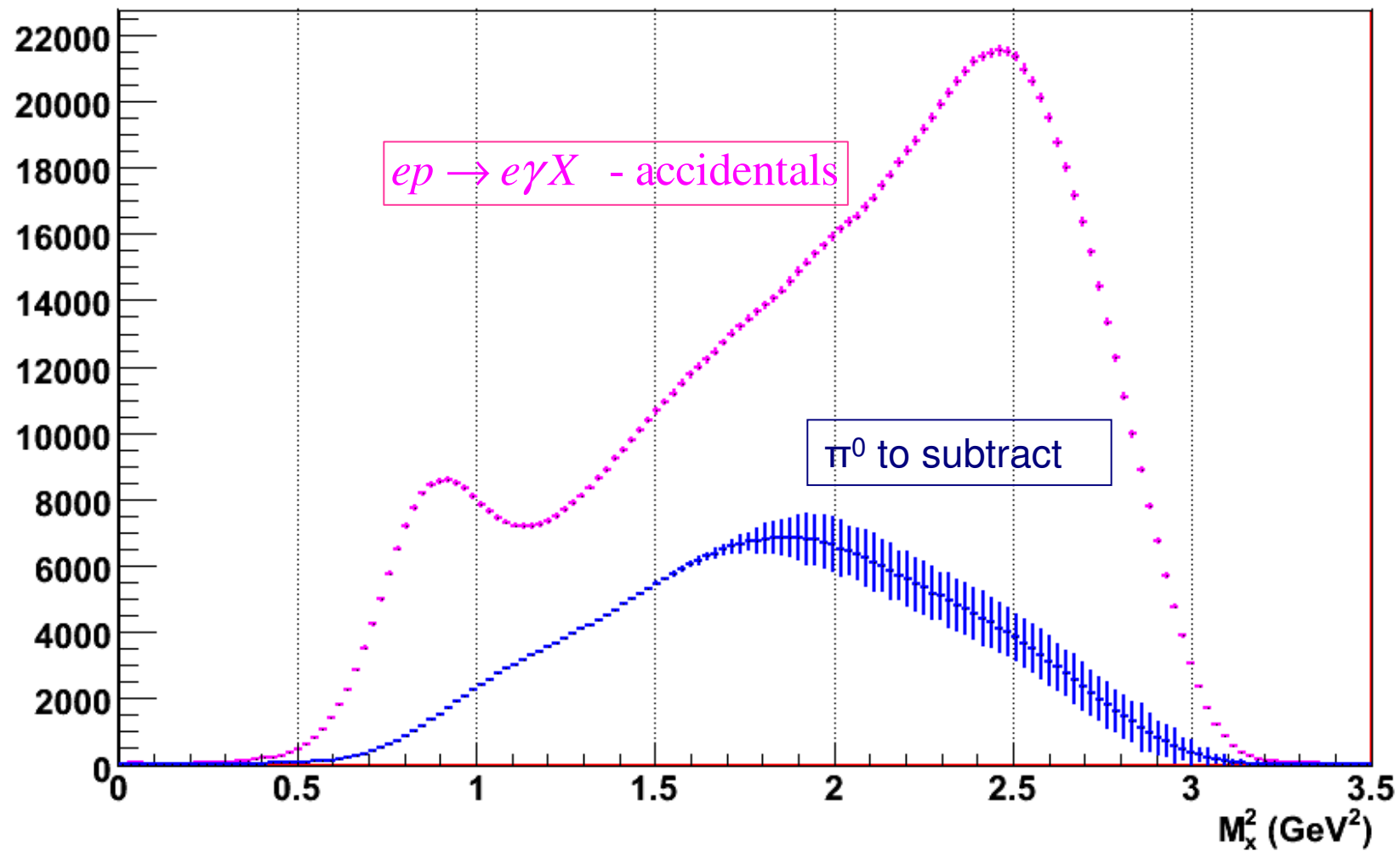
One needs to do a  $\pi^0$  subtraction if the only (e, $\gamma$ ) system is used to select DVCS events.

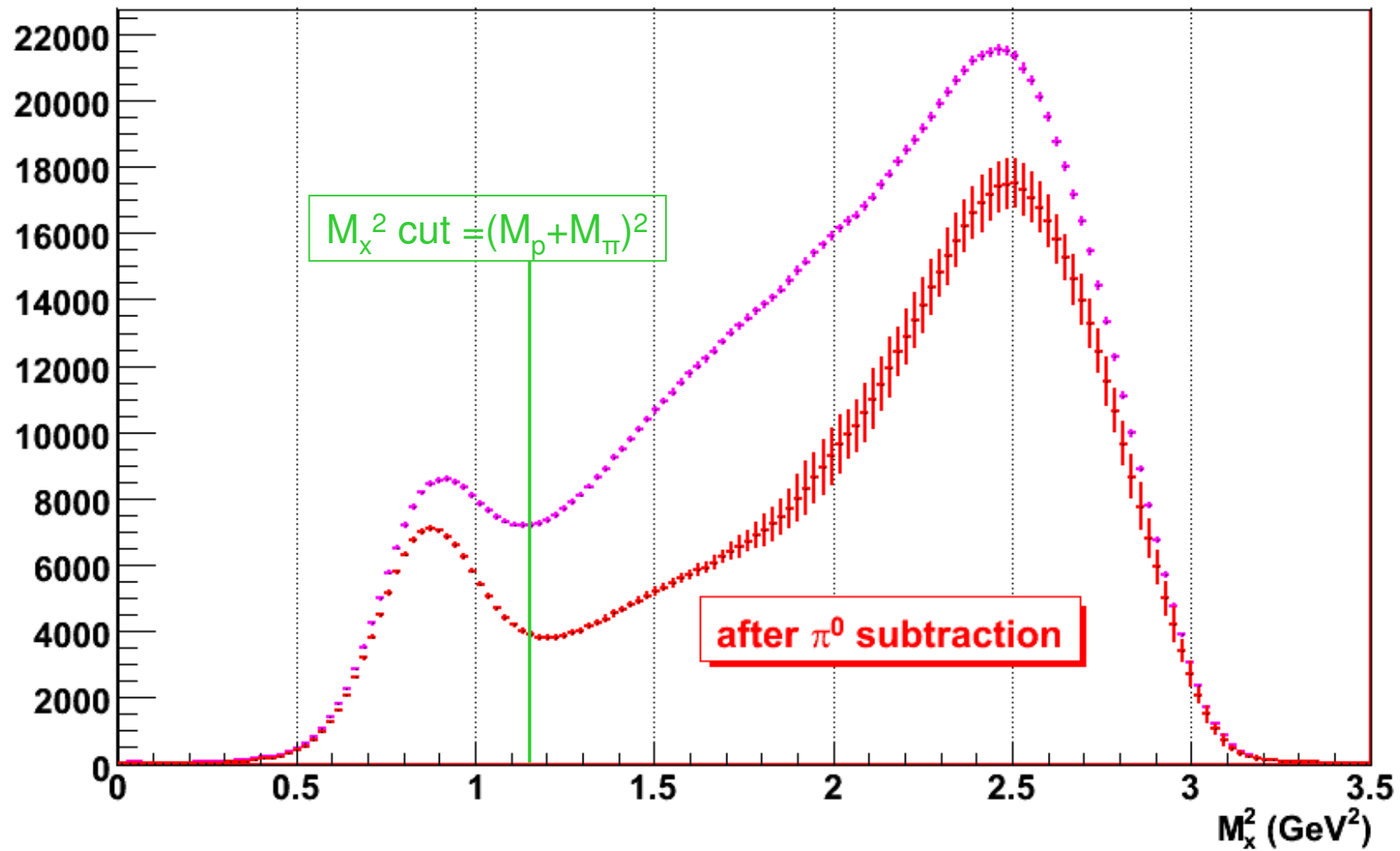


- ➡ **Symmetric decay:** two distinct photons are detected in the calorimeter → **No contamination**
- ➡ **Asymmetric decay:** 1 photon carries most of the  $\pi^0$  energy → **contamination** because **DVCS-like event**.



## $\pi^0$ contamination subtraction

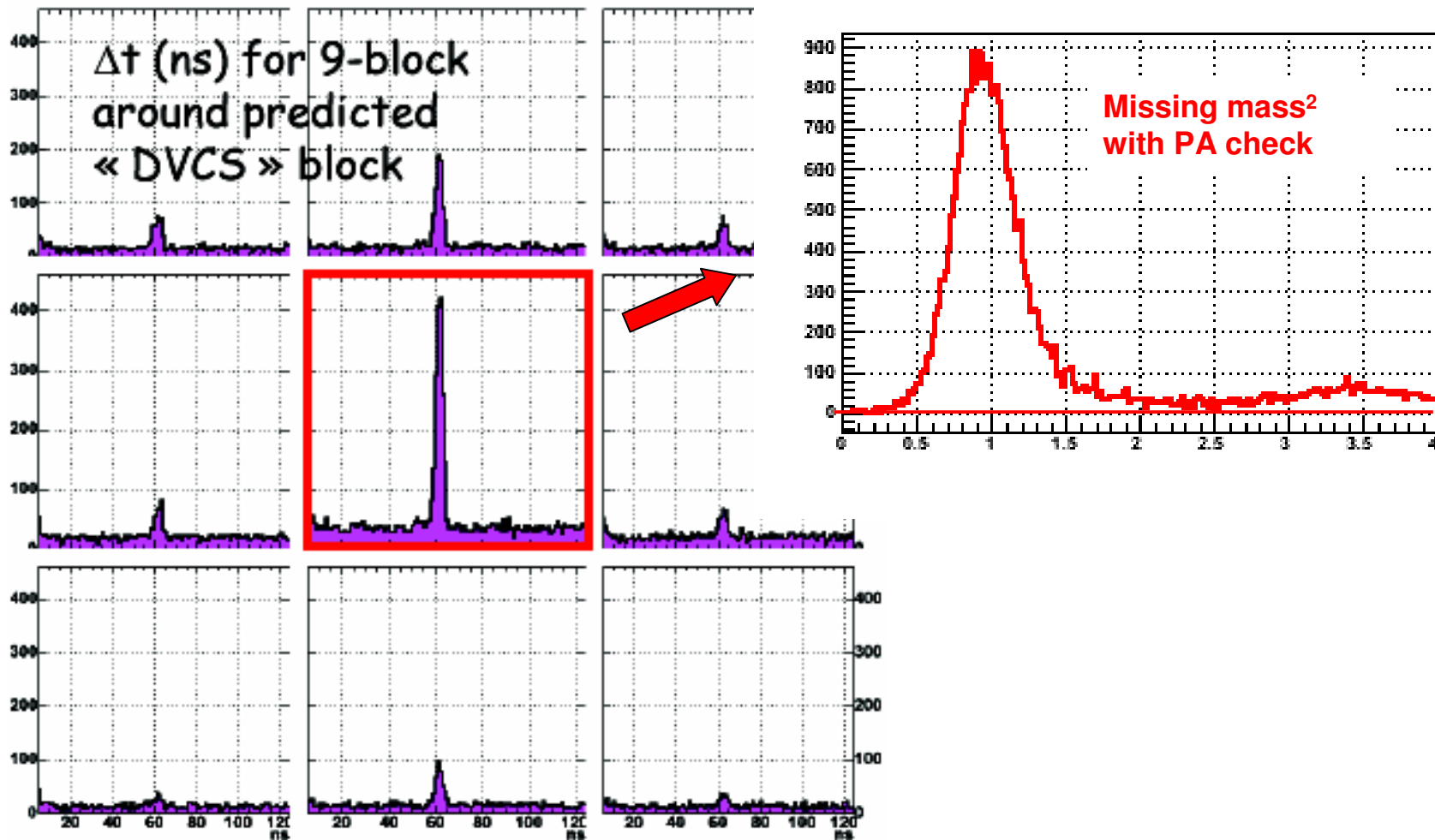


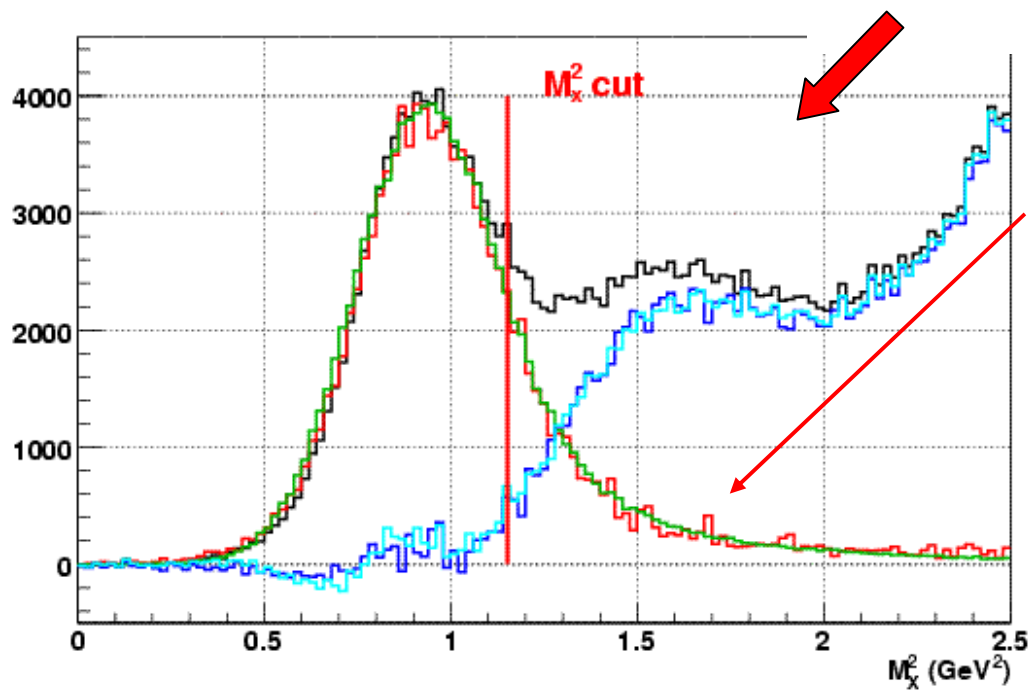
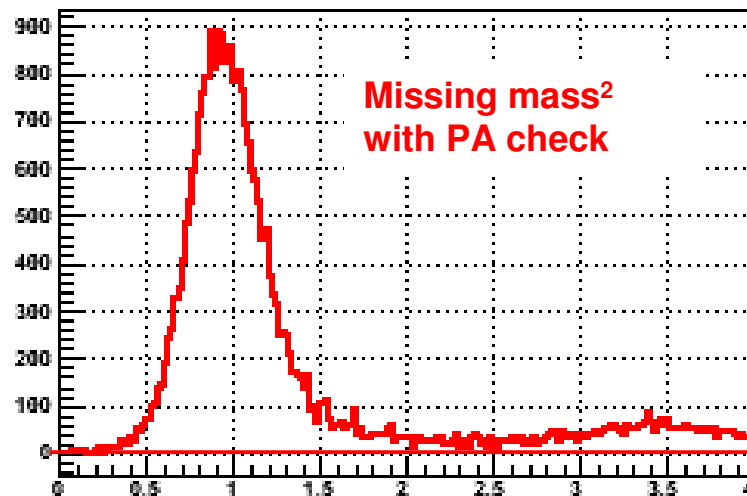


Still to check the exclusivity under the missing mass cut !

## Check of the exclusivity

One can **predict** for each (e, $\gamma$ ) event **the Proton Array block** where the missing proton is supposed to be (assuming DVCS event).





Contamination < 3%

# Extraction of observables

$$\frac{d\tilde{\sigma}}{dQ^2 dx_B d\Delta^2 d\varphi_e d\varphi_{\gamma\gamma}} - \frac{d\tilde{\sigma}}{dQ^2 dx_B d\Delta^2 d\varphi_e d\varphi_{\gamma\gamma}} = \Gamma_A(x_B, \varphi_e, \Delta^2, \varphi) \cdot \textcolor{red}{A} \sin \varphi + \Gamma_B(x_B, \varphi_e, \Delta^2, \varphi) \textcolor{red}{B} \sin 2\varphi$$

Q2 independent

$$\Delta N^{Exp}(i_e) = N_{i_e}^+ - N_{i_e}^-$$

$$\Delta N^{MC}(i_e) = L \left[ \underbrace{\textcolor{red}{A} \int_{x \in i_e} \textcolor{blue}{\Gamma}_A \cdot \sin \varphi \otimes Acc}_{\text{MC sampling}} + \underbrace{\textcolor{red}{B} \int_{x \in i_e} \textcolor{blue}{\Gamma}_B \cdot \sin 2\varphi \otimes Acc}_{\text{MC sampling}} \right]$$

MC includes real radiative corrections (external+internal)

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i_e} \frac{[N^{Exp}(i_e) - N^{MC}(i_e)]^2}{[\sigma^{Exp}(i_e)]^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textcolor{red}{A} \\ \textcolor{red}{B} \end{array} \right.$$

# DVCS on the **neutron** and the **deuteron**

⇒ Same exclusivity check as before

⇒ The number of detected  $\pi^0$  with hydrogen and deuterium target (same kinematics) shows that:

$$\frac{\sigma(e\textcolor{red}{d} \rightarrow e\pi^0 X)}{\sigma(e\textcolor{red}{p} \rightarrow e\pi^0 X)} \approx 1.0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{In our kinematics } \pi^0 \text{ come essentially from proton in the deuterium}$$

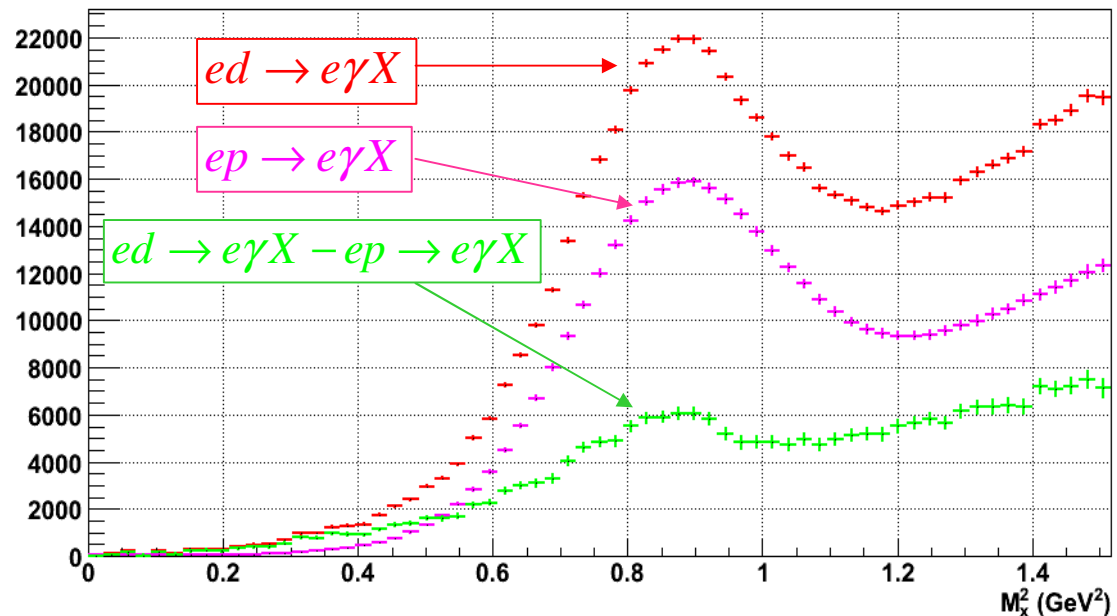
⇒  $\pi^0$  asymmetry is small

⇒ No  $\pi^0$  subtraction needed for neutron and coherent deuteron

By subtracting proton contribution from deuterium, one should access to the neutron and coherent deuteron contributions.

$$Q^2 = 1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$\langle t \rangle = -0.3 \text{ GeV}^2$$



# Conclusion

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- ➡ With High Resolution spectrometer and a good calorimeter, we are able to measure the Helicity dependence of **the nucleon**.
  - ➡ Work at precisely defined kinematics:  $Q^2$ ,  $s$  and  $x_{Bj}$
  - ➡ Work at a high luminosity
- ➡ All tests of Handbag dominance give positive results :
  - ➡ No  $Q^2$  dependence of twist-2 and twist-3 terms.
  - ➡ Twist-3 contribution is small.
- ➡ Accurate extraction of a linear combination of GPDS (twist-2 terms)
- ➡ High statistics extraction of the total cross-section (another linear combination of GPD!)
- ➡ Analysis in progress to extract the **neutron** and **deuteron** contribution





# Proton Target

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Proton

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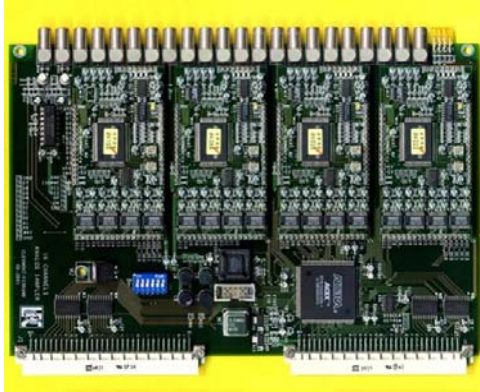
Target	$\mathcal{H}$	$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$	$\mathcal{E}$
Proton	1.13	0.70	0.98

Goeke, Polyakov and Vanderhaeghen

$$A = \underbrace{F_1(t) \cdot \mathcal{H}}_{0.34} + \underbrace{\frac{x_B}{2 - x_B} \cdot (F_1(t) + F_2(t)) \cdot \tilde{\mathcal{H}}}_{0.17} - \underbrace{\frac{t}{4M^2} F_2(t) \cdot \mathcal{E}}_{+ \cancel{0.06}}$$

$t = -0.3$

# Electronics

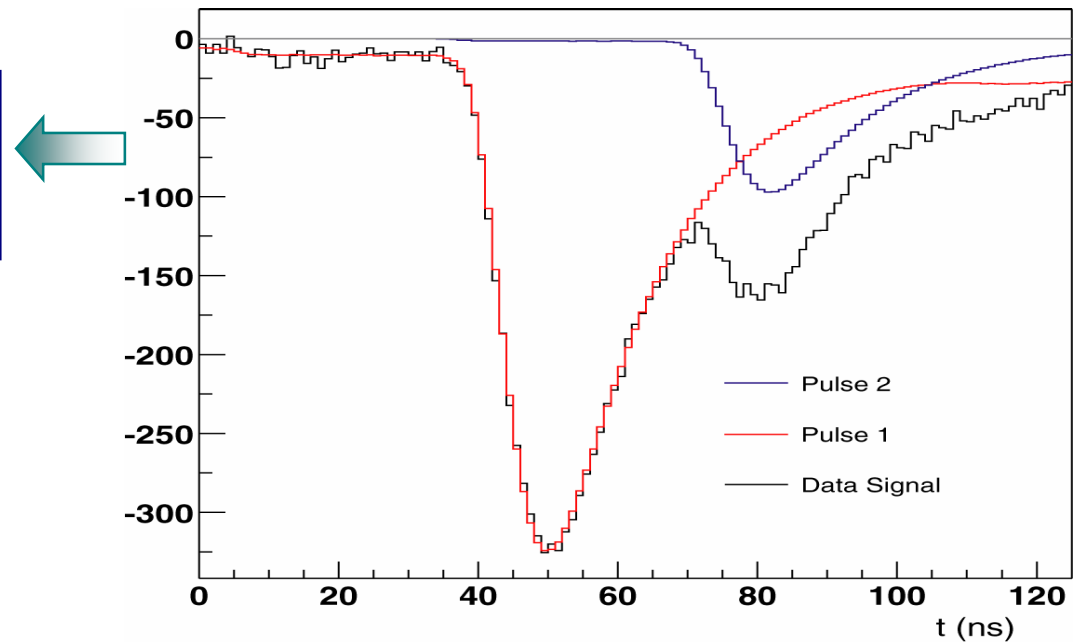


➡ **1 GHz Analog Ring Sampler (ARS)**  
**x 128 samples x 289 detector channels**

➡ Sample **each** PMT signal in **128 values**  
(1 value/ns)

Extract signal properties  
(charge, time) with a  
wave form Analysis.

Allows to deal with  
pile-up events.



# Electronics

Not all the calorimeter channels are read for each event



Calorimeter trigger

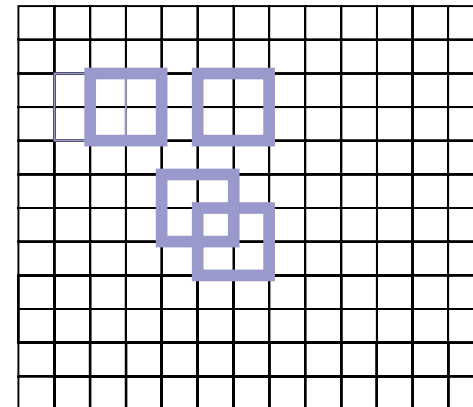


Following HRS trigger, stop ARS.

30MHz trigger FADC digitizes all calorimeter signals in 85ns window.



- Compute all sums of 4 adjacent blocks.
- Look for at least 1 sum over threshold
- Validate or reject HRS trigger within 340 ns



Not all the Proton Array channels are read for each event

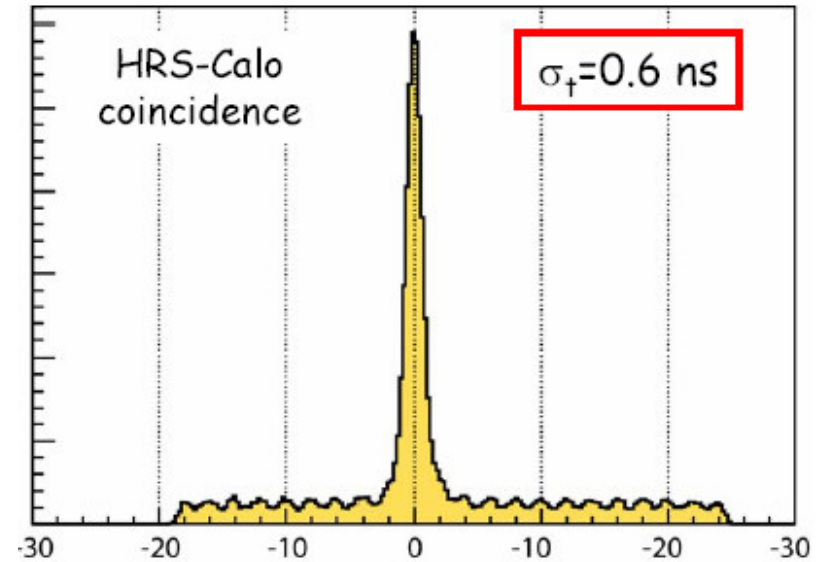
# Calorimeter resolution and calibration

-Time resolution  $< 1\text{ ns}$  for all detectors

-Energy resolution of the calorimeter :

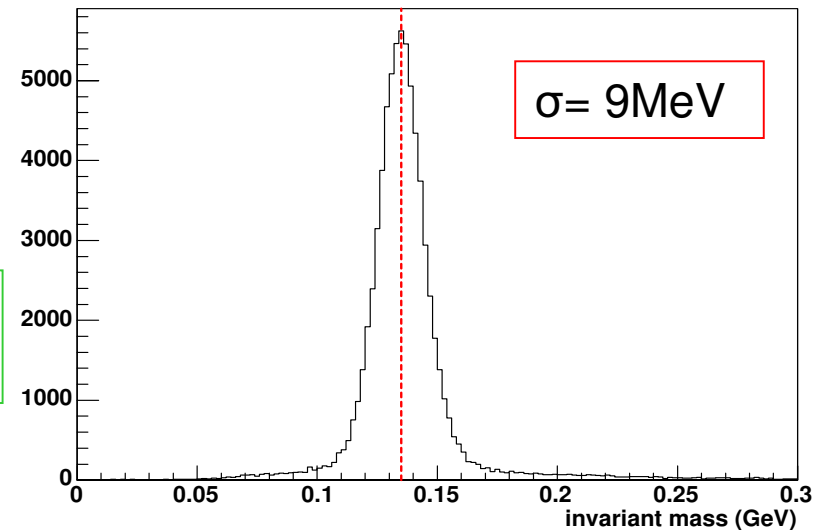
$$\frac{\delta E}{E} = 2.5\% \text{ at } 4.2\text{ GeV}$$

- Photon position resolution in the calorimeter: **2mm**



Invariant mass of 2 photons  
in the calorimeter

→ Detecting  $\pi^0$  in the calorimeter  
checks its calibration



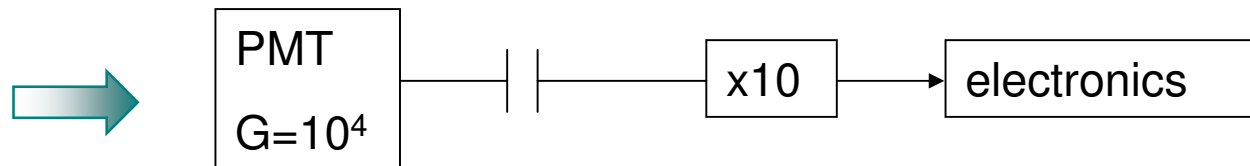
## High luminosity measurement

Up to

$$L_{nucleon} = 4.10^{37} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

At **~1 meter** from target  
( $\Theta_{Y^*}=18$  degrees)

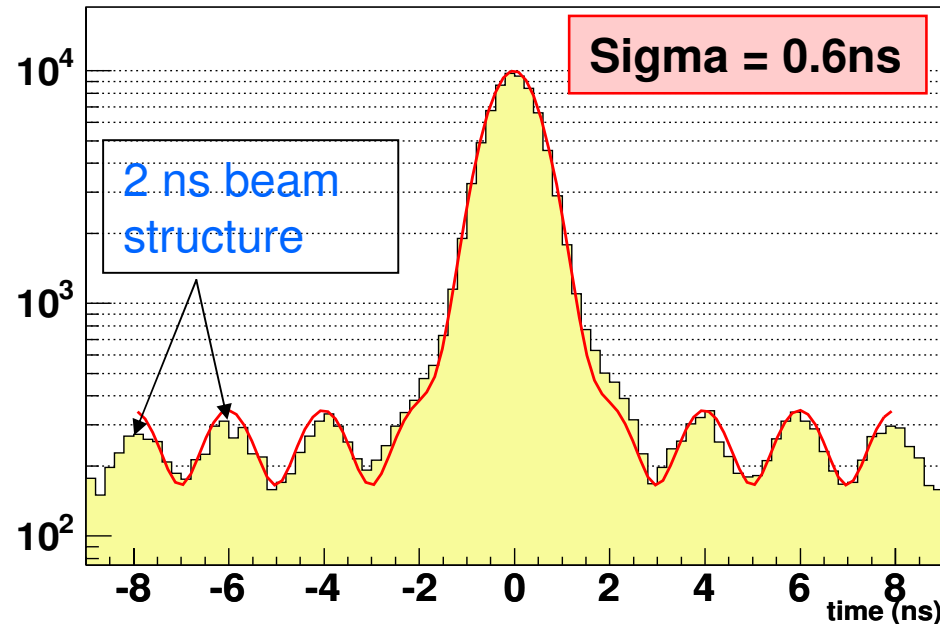
➡ Low energy electromagnetic background



➡ Requires good electronics

# Analysis status – preliminary

Time difference between  
the electron arm and the  
detected photon



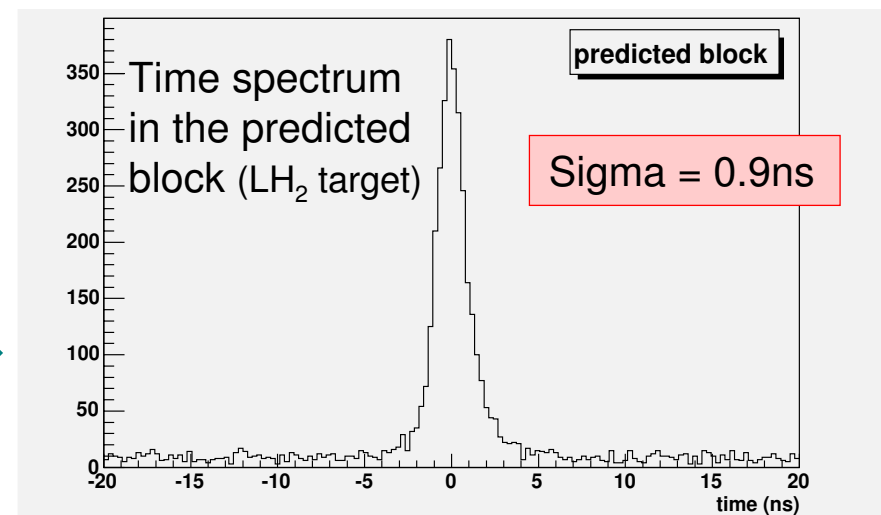
Selection of events in  
the coincidence peak



Determination of the missing  
particle (assuming DVCS  
kinematics)

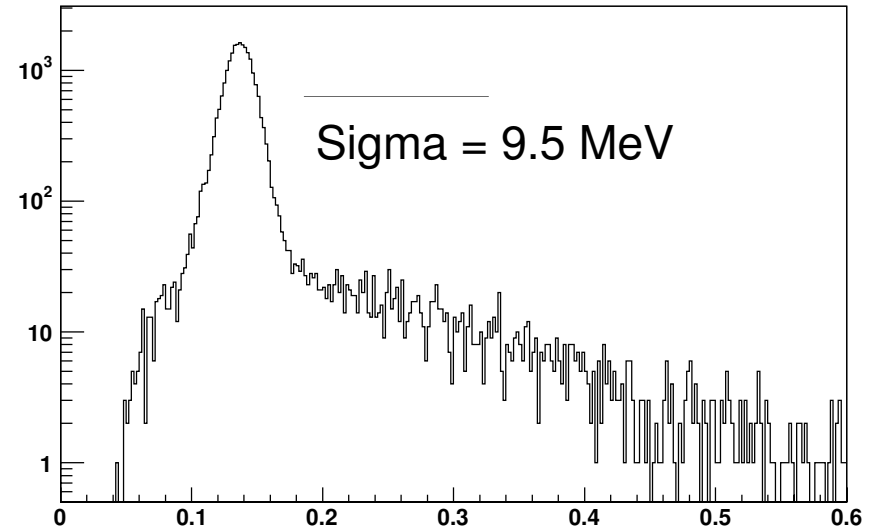


Check the presence of the missing  
particle in the predicted block (or  
region) of the Proton Array



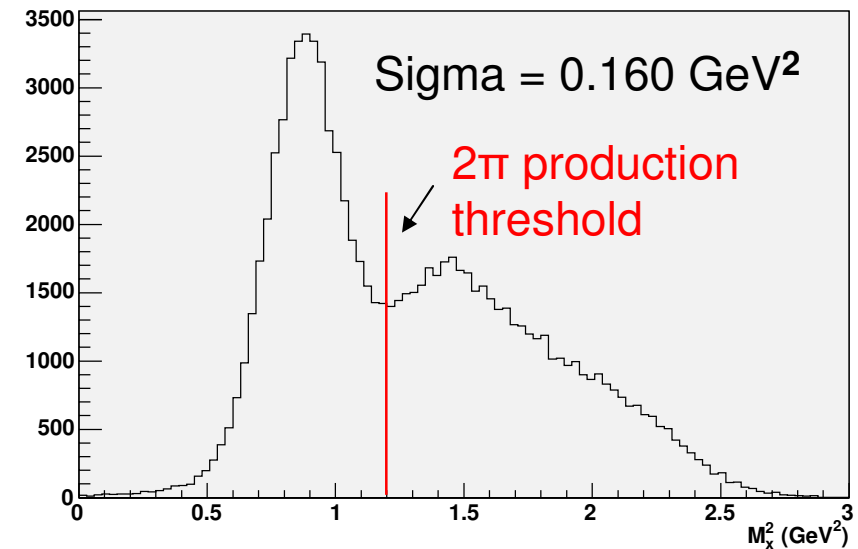
# $\pi^0$ electroproduction - preliminary

Invariant mass of 2 photons  
in the calorimeter



Good way to control  
calorimeter calibration

Missing mass<sup>2</sup> of  $ep \rightarrow e\pi^0 x$

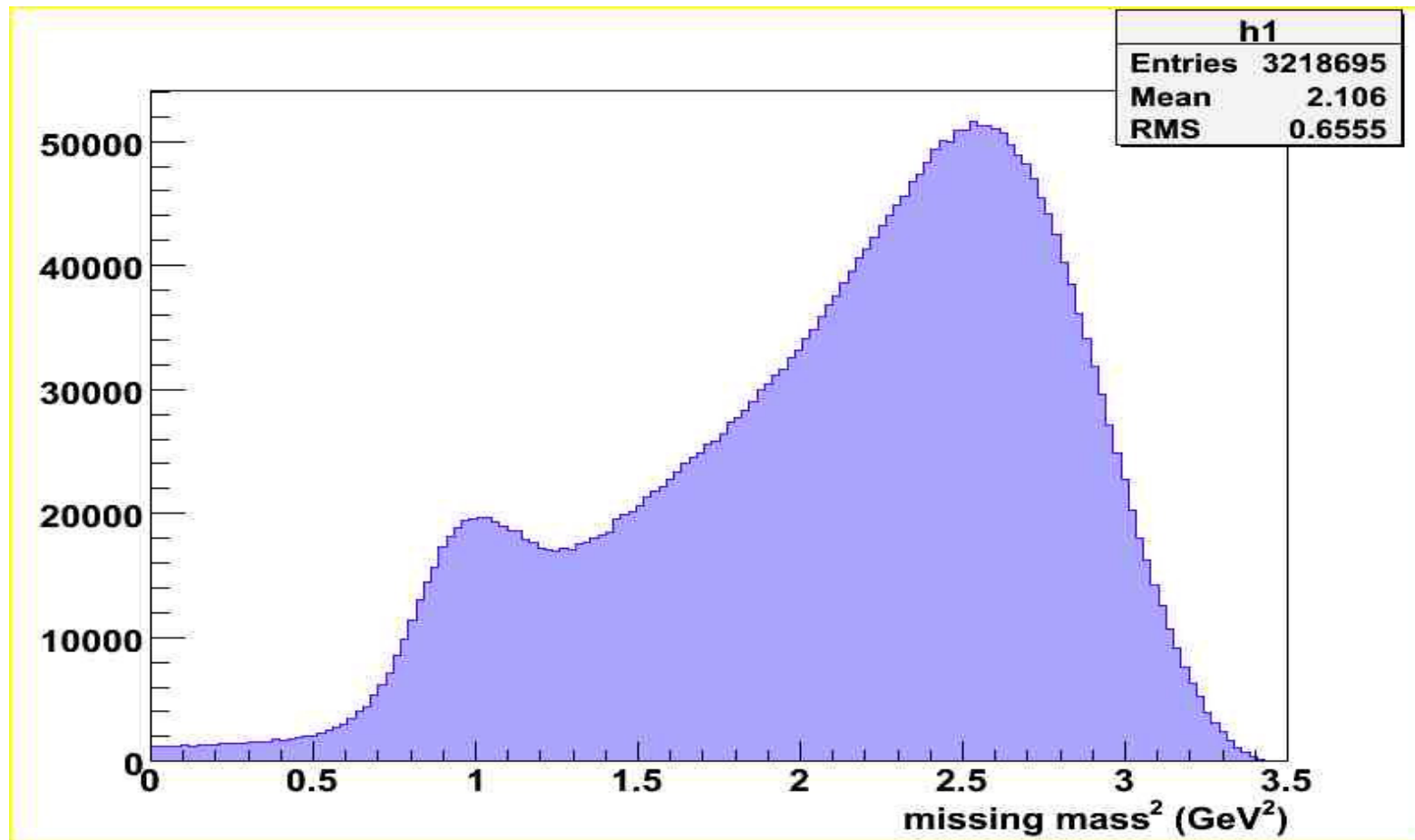


2 possible reactions:

$ep \rightarrow e\pi^0 p$

$ep \rightarrow en\rho^+, \rho^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+$

## Missing mass<sup>2</sup> with LD<sub>2</sub> target





## Time spectrum in the tagger (no Proton Array cuts)

