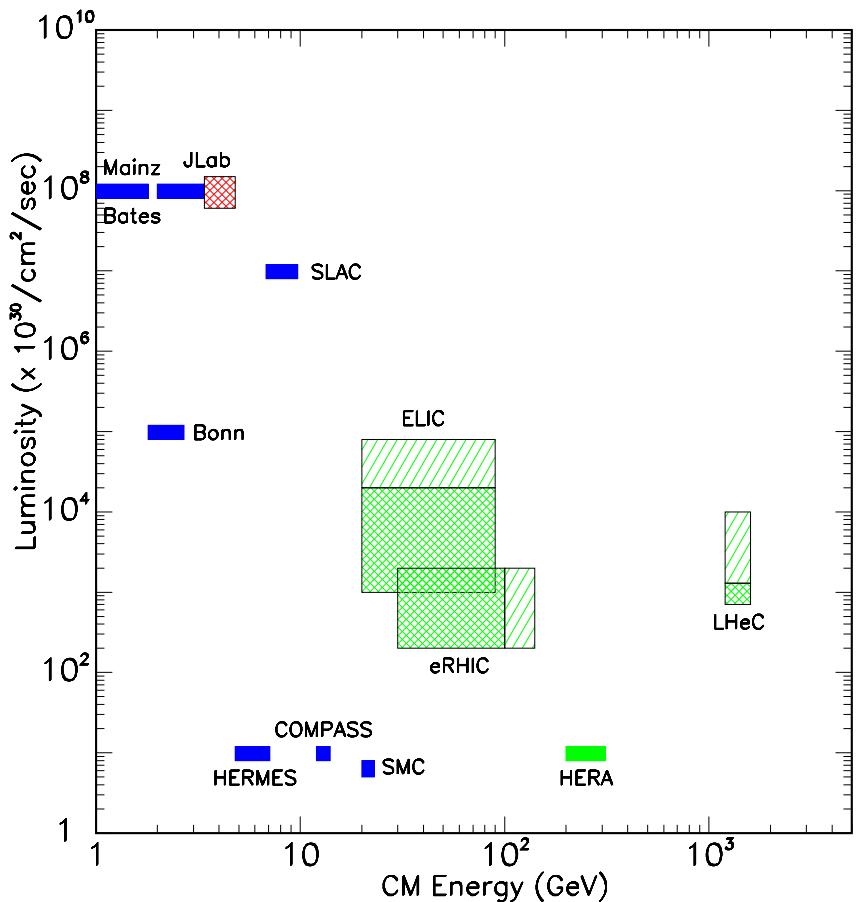


# Exclusive processes and nucleon structure

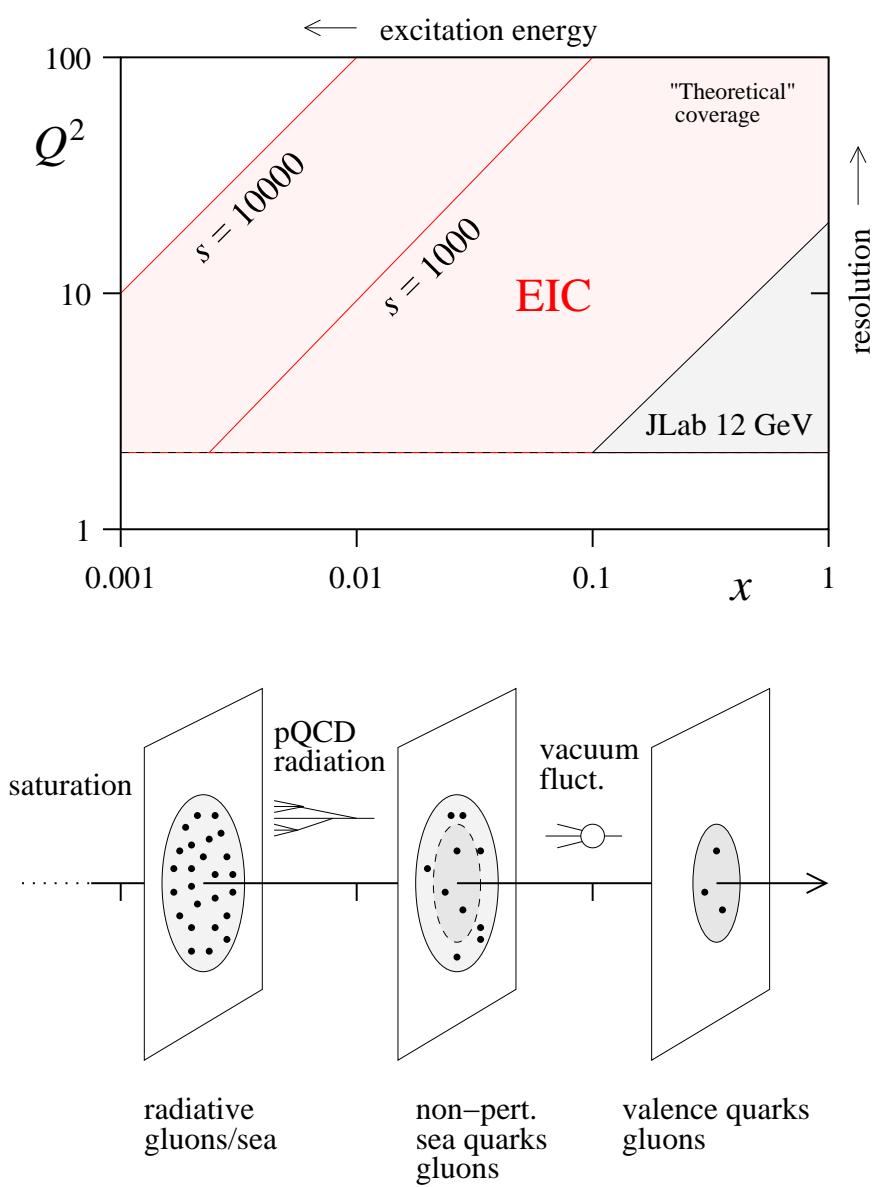
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Luminosity	low-rate processes
Energy	$x, Q^2$ coverage
Detection	exclusivity, resolution

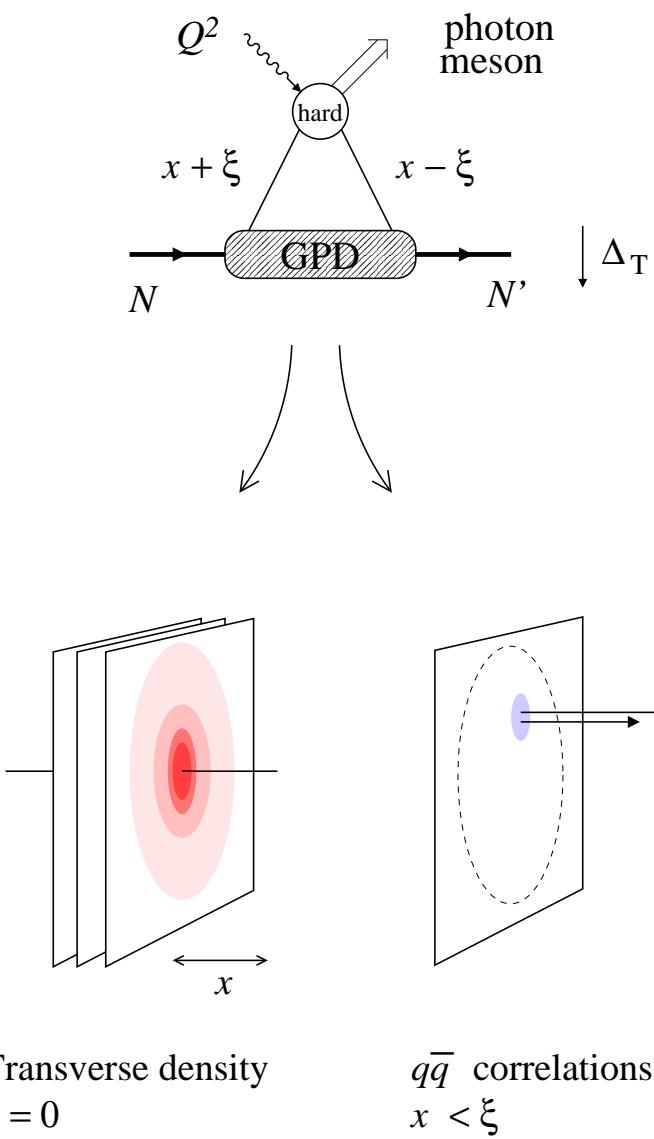
- Nucleon structure in QCD
  - Quark/gluon transverse distributions, correlations, orbital motion
- High- $Q^2$  exclusive processes and GPDs
  - Reaction mechanism and tests
  - Large vs. small  $x$
- Exclusive processes from 12 GeV to EIC
  - DVCS: GPDs from dispersion analysis
  - Meson production: Quark imaging
  - $J/\psi, \phi$ : Gluon imaging
  - $N^*$  and meson structure
  - Nuclei: Color transparency, shadowing, coherent processes

# Nucleon structure: Landscape



- Nucleon in QCD many-body system
  - Partonic picture: Different components, effective dynamics
  - Correspondence with rest frame picture: Euclidean QCD, lattice, instantons
- Components probed in  $ep$  scattering
  - JLab 12 GeV      Valence region:  $3q, 5q$
  - EIC                  Sea quarks, gluons,  $Q^2$  dependence
- Physical properties
  - Parton densities
  - Transverse spatial distributions
  - Orbital motion, angular momentum
  - Correlations
  - + nuclear modifications

# Exclusive processes: GPDs



- $Q^2 \gg \text{hadronic size}^{-2}$ : Reaction pointlike, partonic mechanism

QCD factorization theorem  
GPDs universal, process-independent

Müller et al. 94; Brodsky et al. 94; Collins et al. 96; Radyushkin 96, Ji 96

- Nucleon structure from GPDs

$\xi = 0$  Transverse spatial distribution of partons with longitudinal momentum  $x$  → Miller

$|x| < \xi$   $q\bar{q}$  correlations in nucleon

Moments Form factors of local twist-2 operators  
EM tensor, angular momentum → Schweitzer

- Test reaction mechanism!

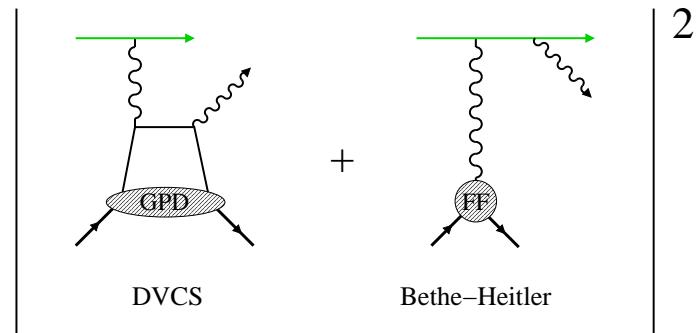
Model-independent features: Universality,  
 $Q^2$  scaling, kinematic dependences, . . .

Finite-size corrections: Theory estimates  
Frankfurt et al 96, Kroll, Goloskokov 05+

# Exclusive processes: Large vs. small $x$

	$x \ll 0.1$	$x > 0.1$
Cross sections	Gluon/singlet quark $J/\psi, \phi, \rho^0, \gamma$ large vs. non-singlet quarks $\rho^+, \pi, K$ small	Valence quark dominance $\rho^+ \approx \rho^0, \phi \ll \rho^0$ → Guidal
GPD interpretation	Skewness small $\xi \ll 1$ theoretically controlled $t \approx -\Delta_\perp^2$ Transverse imaging	Skewness sizable, non-perturbative $t = f(\xi, \Delta_\perp)$ , $t_{\min}$ large Transverse structure + longitudinal correlations
Higher twist	<p>Space-time picture: Dipole model  <math>HT \sim</math> finite dipole size</p> <p>Successful phenomenology incl. absolute cross sections HERA</p>	<p>“Knockout” of <math>q\bar{q}</math> pair  Sudakov suppression</p>

# DVCS: Observables and analysis



$$\text{Re DVCS} = \int_{\text{Dispersion}} \text{Im DVCS}$$

+ D-Term

$$\text{Im DVCS} \stackrel{\text{LT}}{\sim} H(\xi, \xi; t)$$

measurable!

- Interference BH–DVCS allows one to access DVCS at amplitude level  
HERMES, JLab DVCS  $\times$  BH from  $\sigma(\text{pol}), \sigma(e^\pm)$   
HERA  $|\text{DVCS}|^2$  from  $\sigma(\text{unpol})$

- Reaction mechanism

JLab Hall A cross sections show  $Q^2$  scaling,  
higher twist  $\sim M_V^2/Q^2$  → Munoz Camacho

HERA:  $Q^2$ –scaling,  $t$ –slopes

- Theory analysis

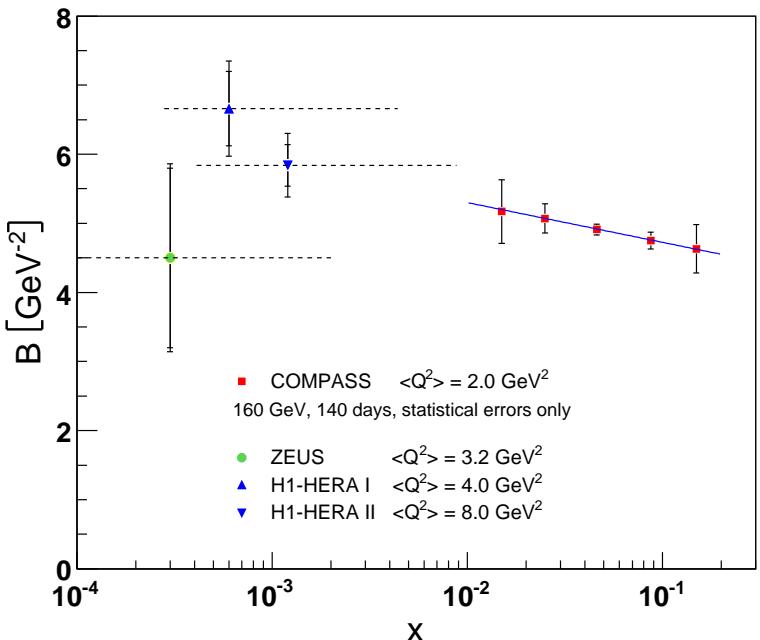
Leading-twist analysis developed at NLO  
Müller et al.

Successful HERA phenomenology,  $R = \text{DVCS/DIS}$

Dispersion relations for hard exclusive amplitudes:  
Minimize model dependence

Frankfurt et al. 97, Teryaev et al. 05+; Müller et al. 07; Diehl et al. 07

# DVCS: Future facilities



- JLab 12 GeV: Valence quark GPDs through spin observables,  $p/D$  → Munoz Camacho
- COMPASS: DVCS at  $0.01 < x < 0.1$   
Re DVCS from  $\mu^\pm$  Projections Schoeffel 09
- EIC: Great opportunities!  
Need to quantify impact on GPD analysis  
Simulations: Sandacz, Horn, Hyde

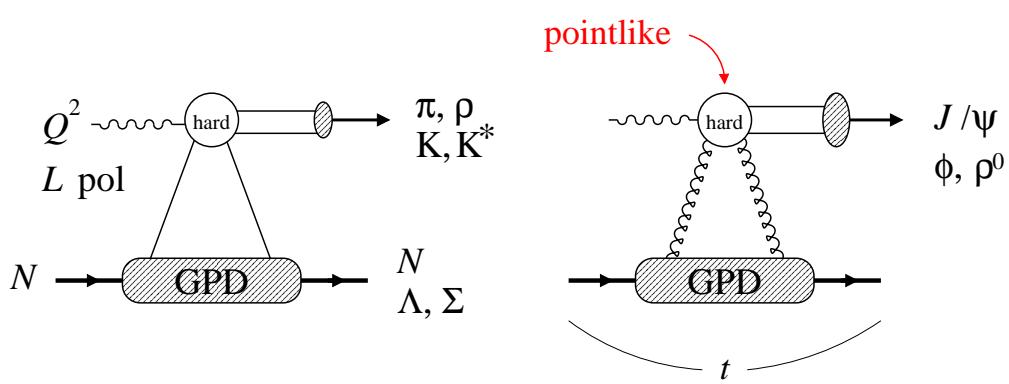
- Topics for discussion

Reaction mechanism: What do we need in order to separate leading and higher twist?

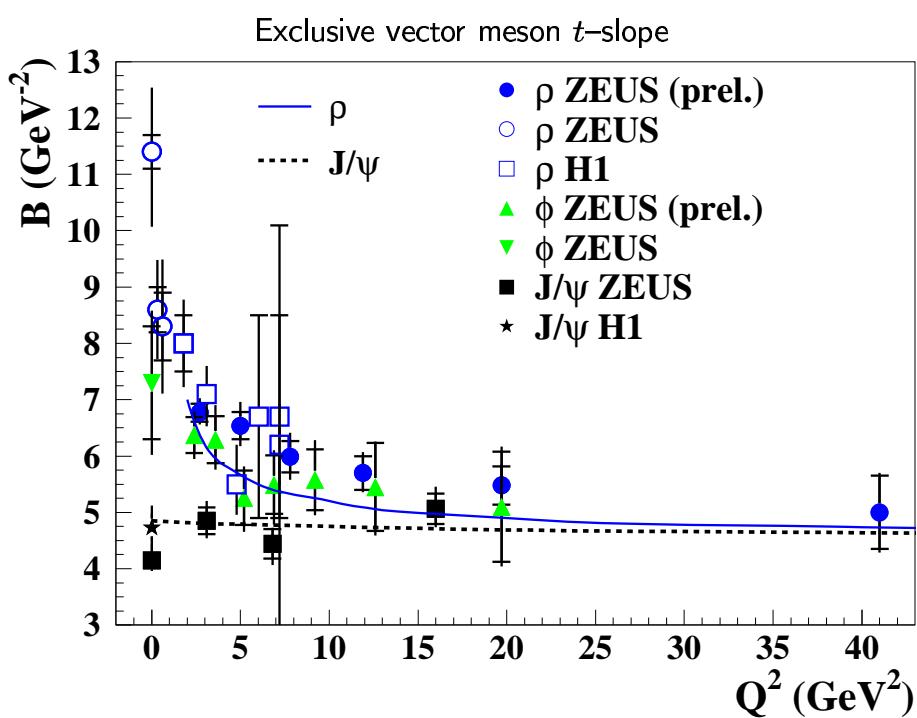
Dispersion analysis: Do we need more data at smaller  $x$  or better accuracy at larger  $x$ ?

Neutron DVCS: What can be done with forward tagging?

# Meson production: Mechanism



- Requires  $Q^2 > 10 \text{ GeV}^2$  for pointlike process
  - HERA:  $t$ -slope independent of  $Q^2$ , universality
  - JLab 6 GeV: Mechanism not yet fully understood → Guidal

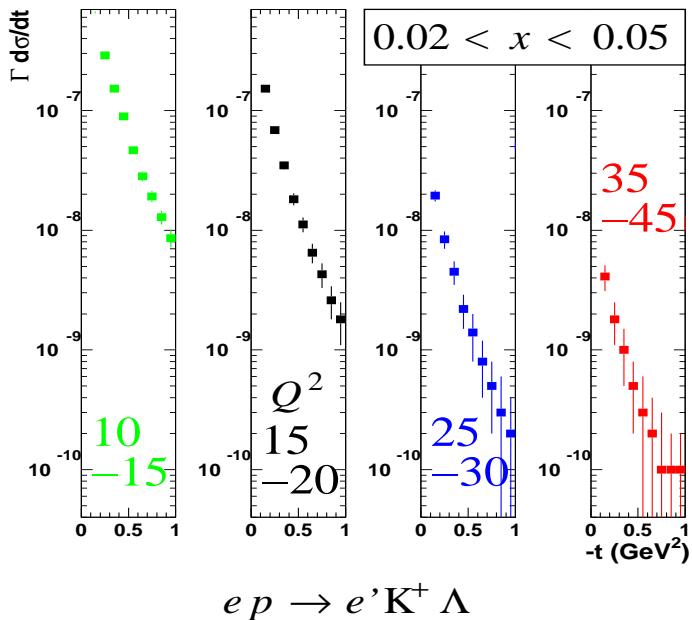


- Meson selects definite charge/ spin/flavor component of GPD
 

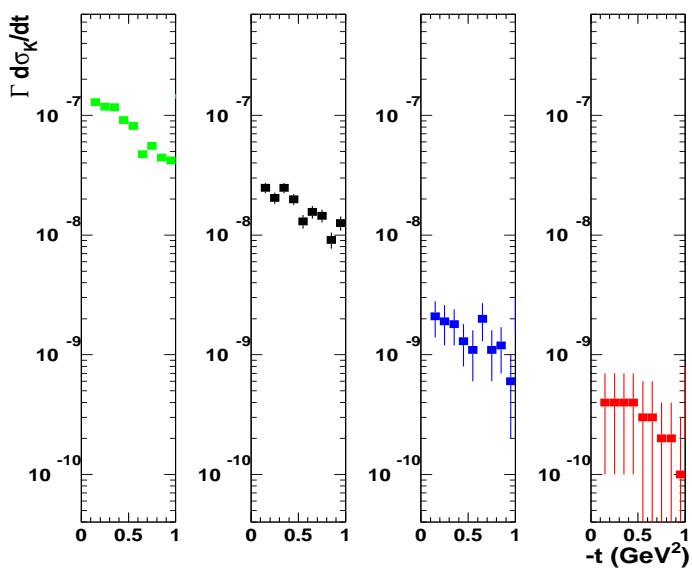
$J/\psi, \phi$	gluon
$\rho^0$	gluon + singlet $q$
$\rho^+, K^*$	non-singlet $q$
$\pi, K, \eta$	non-singlet $\Delta q$
- Nucleon structure interest
  - Transverse imaging of quarks and gluons
  - Spin/flavor structure

# Meson production: Quark imaging

$e p \rightarrow e' \pi^+ n$



$e p \rightarrow e' K^+ \Lambda$



EIC simulation T. Horn et al. 09

- Do strange and non-strange sea quarks have the same transverse distribution?

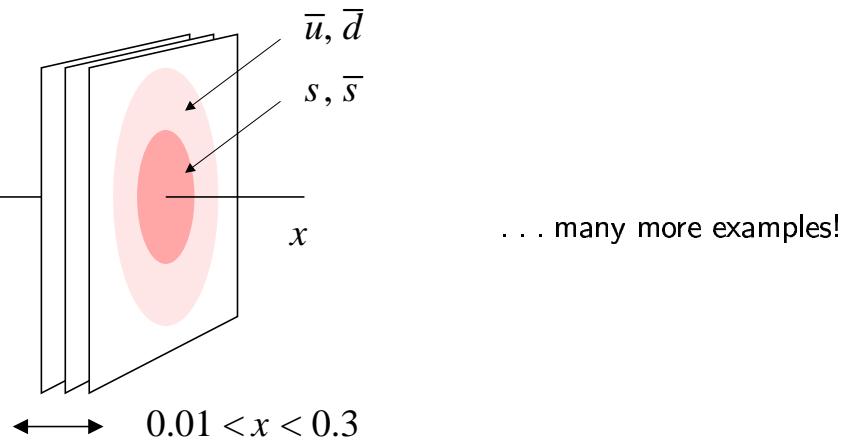
→  $\pi N$  or  $K\Lambda$  components in nucleon?  
→ QCD vacuum fluctuations?

- EIC: Exclusive  $\pi$  and  $K$  production → Horn

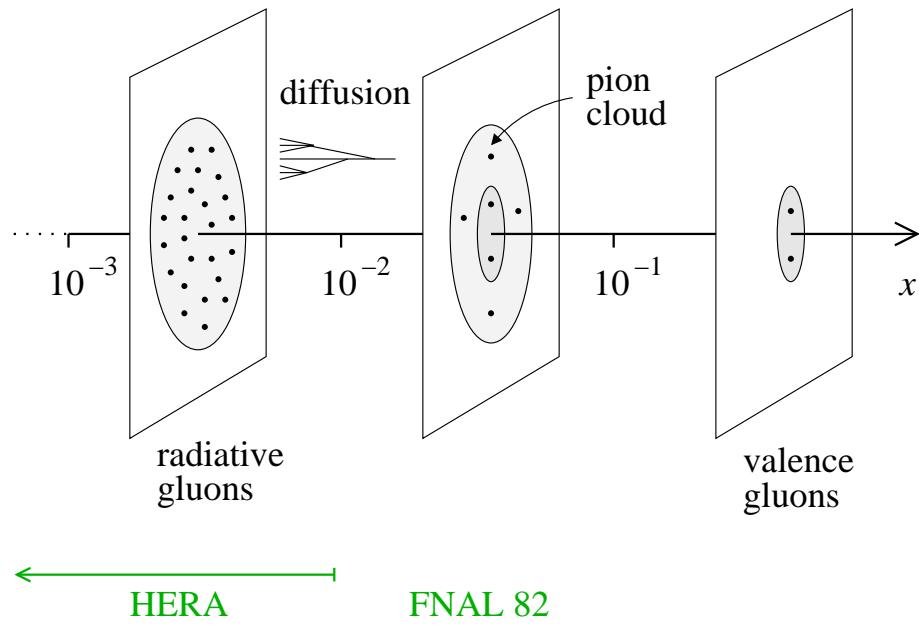
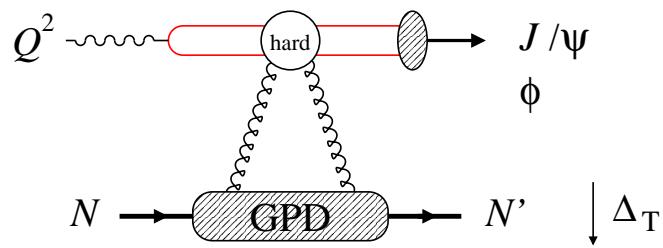
High luminosity for low rates,  
differential measurements in  $x, t, Q^2$

Kinematic reach in  $Q^2, x$

Recoil detection for exclusivity,  $t$ -distributions

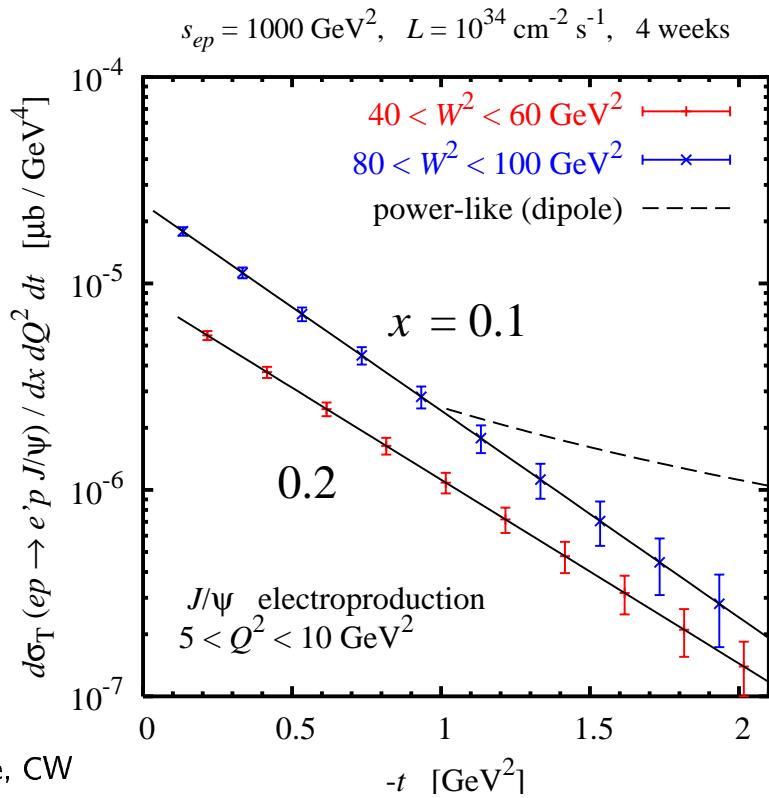
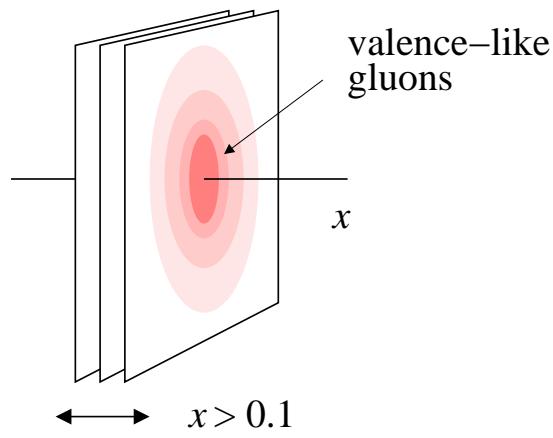


# Meson production: Gluon imaging



- Gluon imaging through exclusive  $J/\psi$  and  $\phi$  ( $Q^2 > 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ )
  - Clean channels!
  - Transverse distribution directly from  $\Delta_T$ -dependence
- Physical interest → Vogt, Strikman
  - Valence gluons – dynamical origin?
  - Chiral dynamics at  $b \sim 1/M_\pi$
  - Diffusion in QCD radiation
  - Input for  $pp@\text{LHC}$  MC, small- $x$  physics
- Existing data and plans
  - Transverse area  $x < 0.01$  HERA
  - Larger  $x$  poorly known FNAL 82, ...
  - JLab 12 GeV: Exclusive  $\phi$ ,  $J/\psi$  near threshold → Chudakov

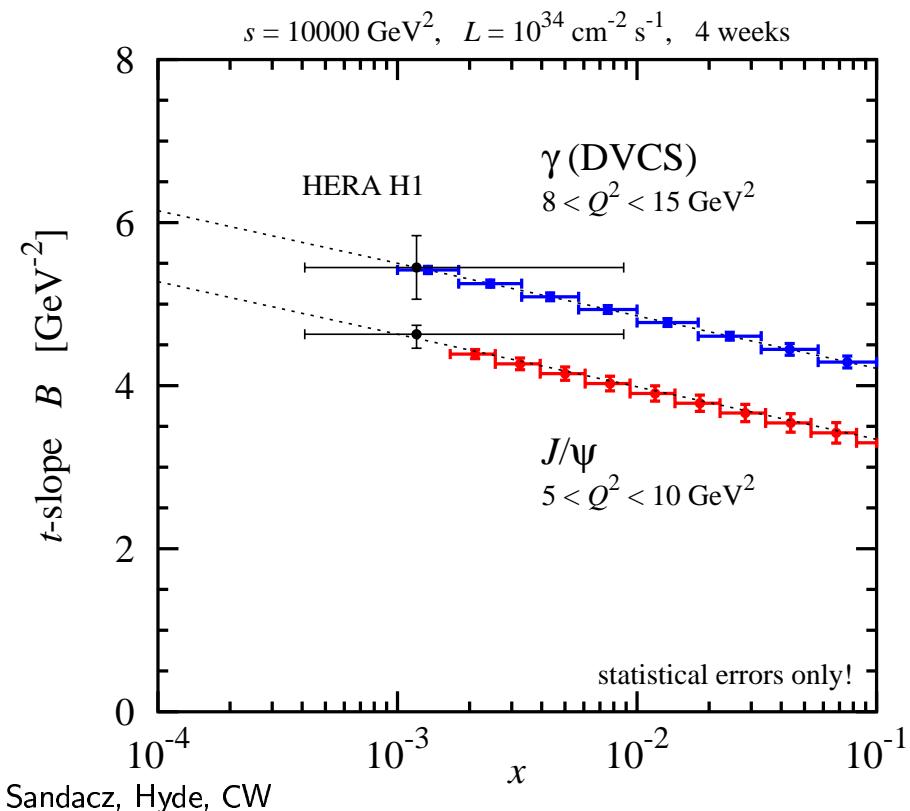
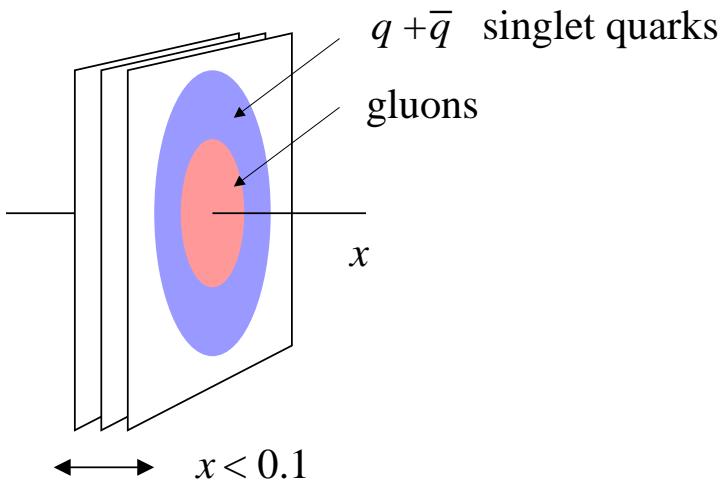
# Meson production: Valence gluons



- EIC: Transverse imaging of valence gluons through exclusive  $J/\psi, \phi$
- Needed for imaging
  - Full  $t$ -distribution  $\rightarrow$  Fourier
  - Non-exponential? Power-like at  $|t| > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ ?
  - Electroproduction with  $Q^2 > 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ :
  - Test reaction mechanism, compare different channels, control systematics
- Experimental requirements
  - Recoil detection for exclusivity,  $t$ -measurements
  - Luminosity  $\sim 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for  $x > 0.1$ , electroproduction, high- $t$

First gluonic images of nucleon at large  $x$ !

# Meson production: Gluon vs. quark size



- Do singlet quarks and gluons have the same transverse distribution?

Hints from HERA:  
 $\text{Area}(q + \bar{q}) > \text{Area}(g)$

Difference expected from chiral dynamics:  
 Pion cloud [Strikman, CW 09](#)

No difference assumed in present  $pp$  MC generators for LHC!

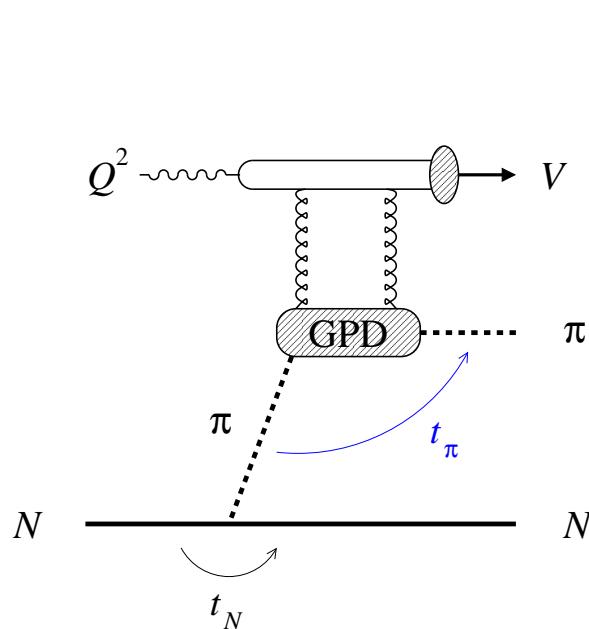
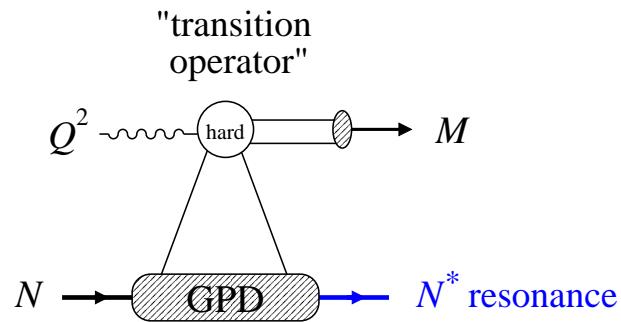
- EIC: Gluon size from  $J/\psi$ , singlet quark size from DVCS

$x$ -dependence: Quark vs. gluon diffusion in wave function

Detailed analysis: LO  $\rightarrow$  NLO [Müller et al.](#)

Detailed differential images of nucleon's partonic structure

# Meson production: $N^*$ and meson structure



- $N^*$  resonance excitation through hard exclusive process

QCD factorization: Hard process as transition operator [Frankfurt, Strikman, Polyakov](#)

New quantum numbers!

- New probes of meson structure

Meson size  $\leftrightarrow Q^2$  dependence, flavor structure

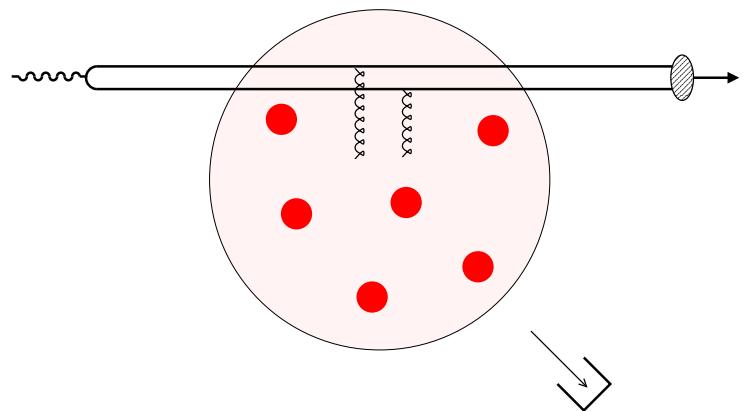
“Exotics” from QCD counting rules

- Pion GPDs from “knockout” processes [→ Girod](#)

Requires  $x \ll M_\pi/M_N \sim 0.1$   
for quasi-real pion

Kinematics with  $p_T(\pi) \gg p_T(N)$   
suppresses production on nucleon [Strikman, CW 04](#)

# Exclusive processes with nuclei



- QCD factorization = Color Transparency

Nuclei as filter for small-size configurations

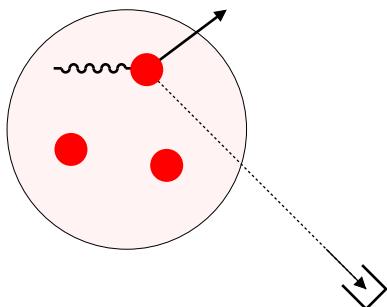
Explore longitudinal direction  $R_A \leftrightarrow l_{\text{coh}}$

- Coherent processes: Nuclear GPDs

Fundamental quark/gluon distributions  
in nucleus, matter vs. charge radii → [Liuti](#)

Shadowing as function of impact parameter → [Guzey](#)

Requires detection at very low  $t \sim (\text{few fm})^{-2}$   
Intrinsic  $k_T$  from beam optics  
Veto nuclear breakup, excitations



- Quasi-elastic processes: Neutron structure

Neutron GPDs, medium modifications

Requirements similar as for  
spectator tagging in inclusive DIS → [Keppel, Hyde](#)

# Summary

- High-luminosity EIC offers many exciting opportunities to explore QCD structure of nucleon and nuclei with exclusive processes
  - DVCS over wide kinematic range
  - Valence/sea quark imaging with meson production
  - Gluon imaging with  $J/\psi$  and  $\phi$
  - Fundamental quark/gluon distributions in nuclei from coherent scattering
- Many processes require/favor lower energy,  
more symmetric collider  $s \sim 1000 \text{ GeV}^2$  Cf. detailed process simulations
- “Next step” for nuclear physics after JLab 12 GeV