

# The Electron Ion Collider and Gluon imaging using azimuthal correlations at the EIC

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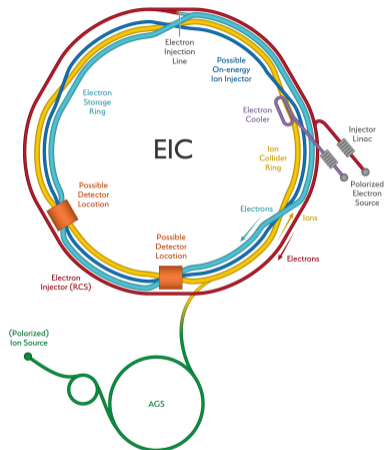
# The Electron Ion Collider

## Project Goals

- High luminosity:  $\mathcal{L} = 10^{33} - 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Scalable CME:  $\sqrt{s} = 20 - 140 \text{ GeV}$
- Polarized e and hadron beams (up to 70%)
- Hadron beam: from protons to uranium nuclei

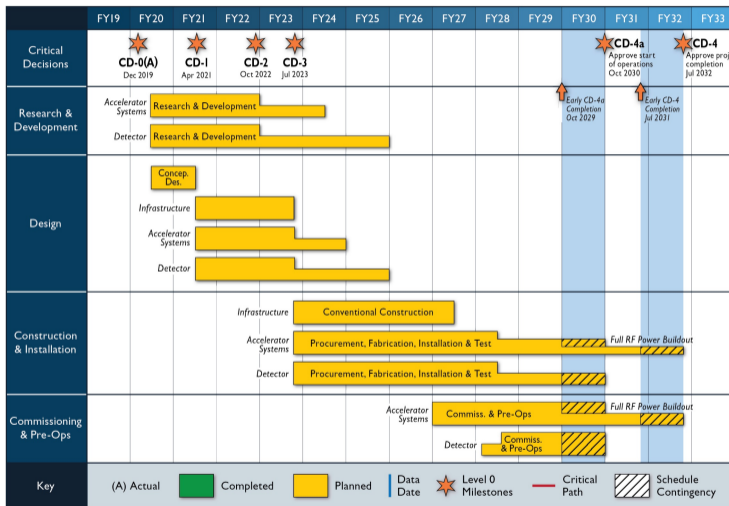
## Schedule

- NSAC Long Range Plan 2015, recommended by NAS 2018
- Mission need (CD0) and cost range (CD1) approved
- Site selected: BNL (EIC will re-use RHIC)
- Construction starts in  $\sim 2024$ , first data-taking in  $\sim 2032$



picture from [bnl.gov](http://bnl.gov)

# EIC Schedule



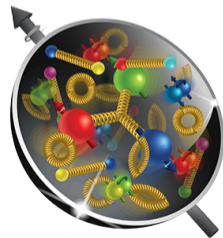
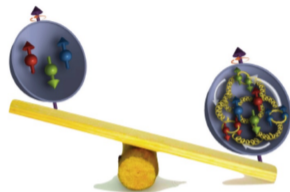
Tim Hallman (US DOE), DIS2021 conference

## Fundamental physics questions

- How does the mass of the nucleon arise?
- How does the spin of the nucleon arise?
- What is the 3-dimensional partonic structure of protons, and how does it change in nuclear environment?
- What are the emergent properties of dense systems of gluons?

## Why nuclear DIS?

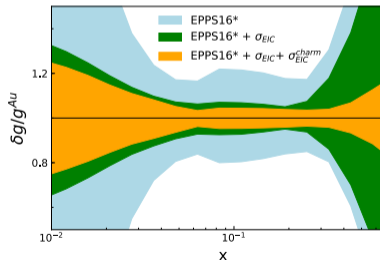
- Clean environment for precision studies (e.g. can construct kinematics exactly)
- Parton density  $\sim x^{-\lambda} A^{1/3}$   
Increasing  $A$  is much cheaper than decreasing  $x$



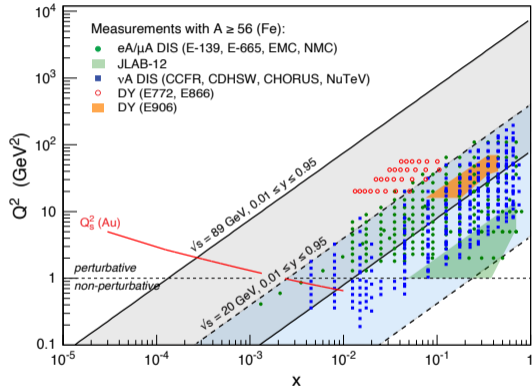
# Access to completely new kinematical domain

- First nuclear-DIS machine in collider kinematics = large  $\sqrt{s}$
- Similarly: in polarized  $e + p$ : huge increase in  $x, Q^2$  coverage over previous experiments

Example: effect on nuclear PDF uncertainty



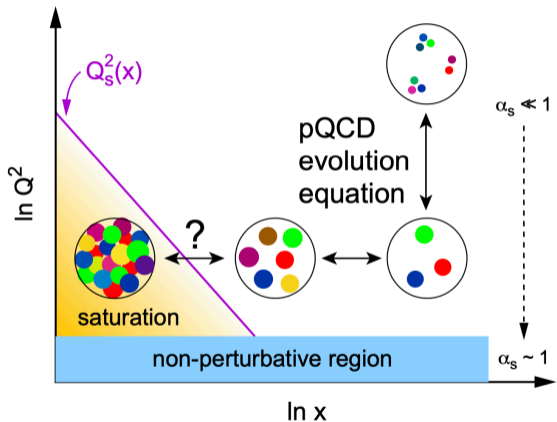
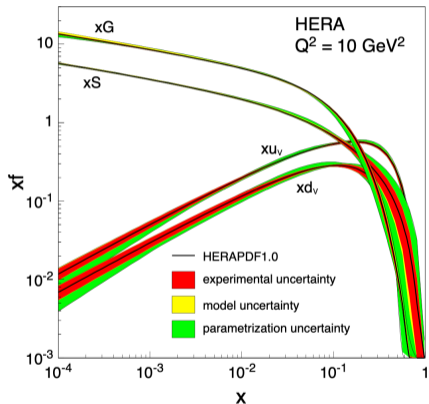
Also multi dimensional imaging (GPD/TMD)



EIC YR, arXiv:2103.05419

# Access very large parton densities and non-linear dynamics

HERA: parton densities  $\sim x^{-\lambda}$ , eventually violates unitarity



Non-linear QCD effects at small  $x$  (e.g.  $gg \rightarrow g$ ) should tame the growth  
saturated state of gluonic matter, emergent semi-hard saturation scale  $Q_s^2 \sim (A/x)^{1/3}$

## Experimental data from HERA

D. Gangadharan on Tuesday:

*Search for collective behaviour and multiparton interactions in ep scattering at HERA*

## Pythia development

M. Uthheim on Monday:

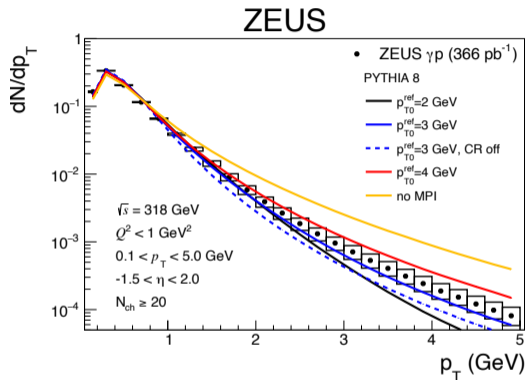
*PYTHIA8: soft QCD model, news and updates*

## Theory development

F. Salazar on Mon: *Forward dijet production*

M. Strikman on Thu:

*Neutron production in ZDC as a probe of the dynamics of hard gamma A and pA interactions*



Sensitivity of charged hadron spectra in  $e + p$  on Pythia MPI model details

ZEUS, arXiv:2106.12377

# Our recent work: spatial correlations in the gluon field

Imaging using DVCS and exclusive  $J/\psi$  production:  $e + p \rightarrow \gamma(J/\psi) + p$

H.M, Roy, Salazar, Schenke, arXiv:2011.02464

## Advantages in exclusive scattering

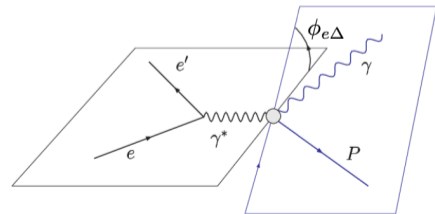
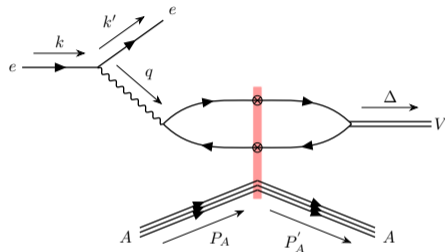
- No net color charge transfer:  $\sim \text{gluon}^2$
- Possibility to measure total momentum transfer  
Fourier conjugate to the impact parameter

## This work (arXiv:2011.02464)

More differential measurement

$\Rightarrow$  more detailed probe of target structure

- Exclusive vector particle production differentially in both  $t$  and azimuthal angle  $\phi_{e\Delta}$

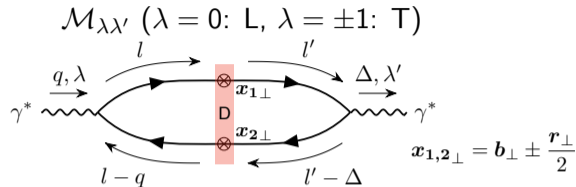




# Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering\* – coordinate space description

Calculate  $\gamma^* + p \rightarrow \gamma^* + p$ ,  
later take final state to be real photon or  $J/\psi$

Results in agreement with Hatta, Yuan, Xiao, 1703.02085



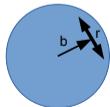
$$\mathcal{M}_{0,0} \sim \int_{\mathbf{b}} e^{-i\mathbf{\Delta}\cdot\mathbf{b}} \int_{\mathbf{r}} D(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b}) \int_z e^{-i\delta\cdot\mathbf{r}} z^2 \bar{z}^2 Q K_0(\varepsilon r) Q' K_0(\varepsilon' r)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{\pm 1, \mp 1} \sim \int_{\mathbf{b}} e^{-i\mathbf{\Delta}\cdot\mathbf{b}} \int_{\mathbf{r}} e^{\pm 2i\phi_{r,\Delta}} D(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b}) \int_z e^{-i\delta\cdot\mathbf{r}} z \bar{z} \varepsilon K_1(\varepsilon r) \varepsilon' K_1(\varepsilon' r)$$

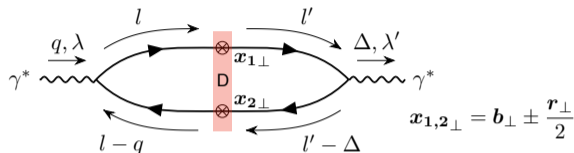
Similar results for  $\mathcal{M}_{\pm 1, \pm 1}, \mathcal{M}_{\pm 1, 0}, \mathcal{M}_{0, \pm 1}$ .

Neglecting the off-forward phase  $\delta = (z - \bar{z})\mathbf{\Delta}/2$ :

- $\mathcal{M}_{0,0} \sim$  angle independent part of dipole-target amplitude  $D(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b})$
- $\mathcal{M}_{\pm 1, \mp 1}$ : sensitive to  $\cos(2\phi_{r,b})$  modulation of the dipole ( $\sim$  gluon distribution)



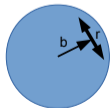
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Two sources of correlations between  $\mathbf{r}$  (which knows about the electron in DIS) and  $\mathbf{\Delta}$

- *Intrinsic*: correlation between  $\mathbf{r}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  in the dipole  $D(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b})$ 
  - Related to elliptic gluon GPD [Hatta, Yuan, Xiao, 1703.02085](#)
- *Kinematic*: off-forward phase  $e^{-i\delta \cdot \mathbf{r}}$  with  $\delta = (z - \bar{z})\mathbf{\Delta}/2$ 
  - Different propagation axis, mixes polarizations



# Azimuthal correlations in DVCS in DIS

Full calculation at  $Q'^2 = 0$  including the photon flux  $f(y)$  in [2011.02464](#)

In agreement with hatta, Yuan, Xiao, 1703.02085

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma^{ep \rightarrow e\gamma p}}{dtd\phi_{e\Delta}} &\sim f_{TT}(y)[\mathcal{M}_{\pm 1, \pm 1}^2 + \mathcal{M}_{\pm 1, \mp 1}^2] + f_{TT, \text{flip}}(y)\mathcal{M}_{0, \pm 1}^2 \\ &- f_{LT}(y)\mathcal{M}_{0, \pm 1}[\mathcal{M}_{\pm 1, \pm 1} + \mathcal{M}_{\pm 1, \mp 1}]\cos(\phi_{e\Delta}) \\ &+ f_{TT, \text{flip}}(y)\mathcal{M}_{\pm 1, \pm 1}\mathcal{M}_{\pm 1, \mp 1}\cos(2\phi_{e\Delta}) \end{aligned}$$

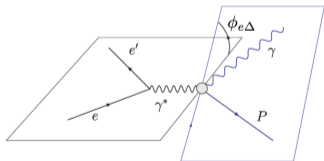


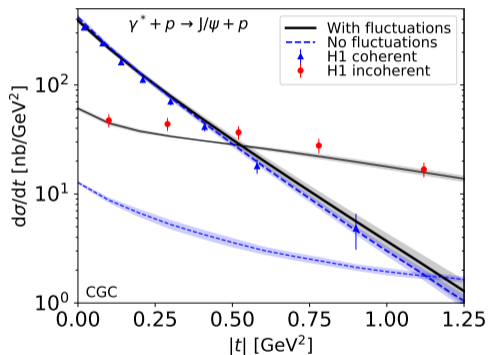
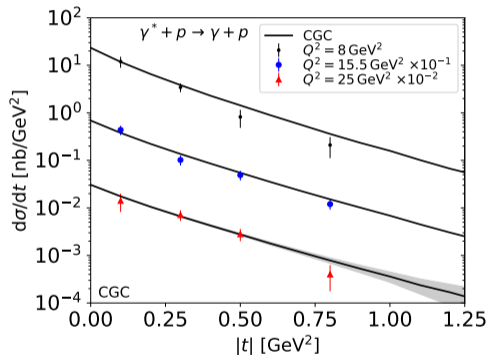
Figure: CLAS

The  $\cos(2\phi_{e\Delta})$  modulation in  $ep \rightarrow e\gamma p$ :  
Access to  $\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b}$  correlations in the dipole  $D$   
via  $\mathcal{M}_{\pm 1, \mp 1}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  elliptic gluon GPD / Wigner distribution

$y$  is the inelasticity in DIS

# Predictions for the EIC, setup

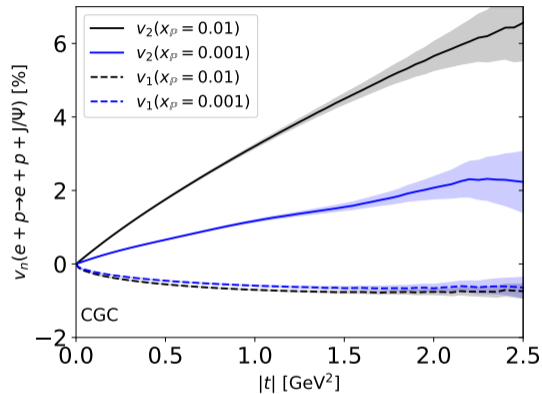
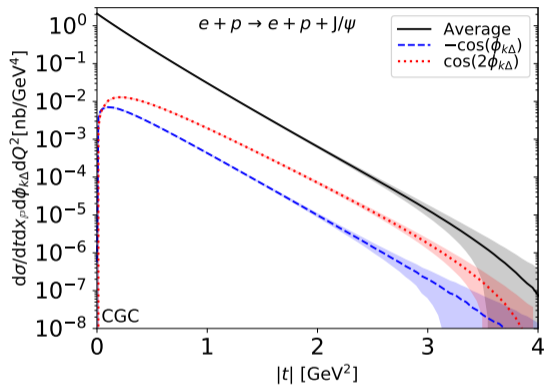
Color Glass Condensate based setup: MV model at  $x \sim 0.01$  + JIMWLK evolution.  
 $\gamma$  and  $J/\psi$   $t$  spectra not sensitive to the angular dependence



Good description of the HERA DVCS and exclusive  $J/\psi$  data.

To compute  $J/\psi$ , we replace  $\gamma^*$  wave function by Boosted Gaussian describing vector mesons

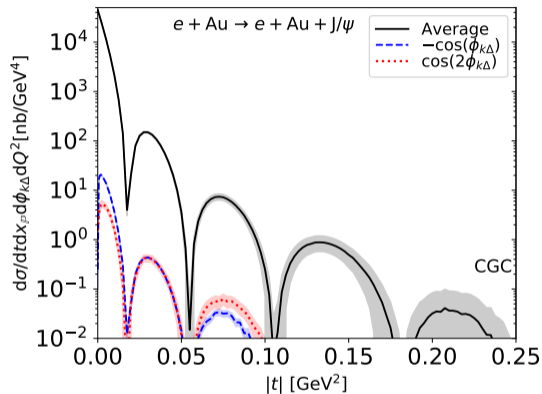
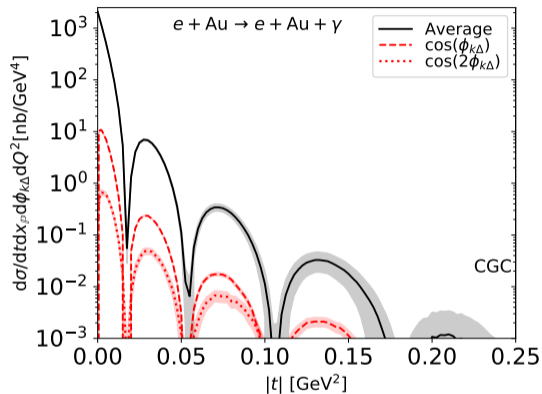
# Coherent $J/\psi$ at the EIC: spectra and relative modulation



- Significant  $\cos(2\phi_{k\Delta})$  modulation in  $J/\psi$  production (and larger in DVCS)
- Very small  $v_1$ , as that is dominated by the off-forward phase  $e^{-i\delta \cdot r}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  small contribution at small  $r \sim 1/M_V$ .

H.M. Roy, Salazar, Schenke 2011.02464

# Nuclear targets at the EIC

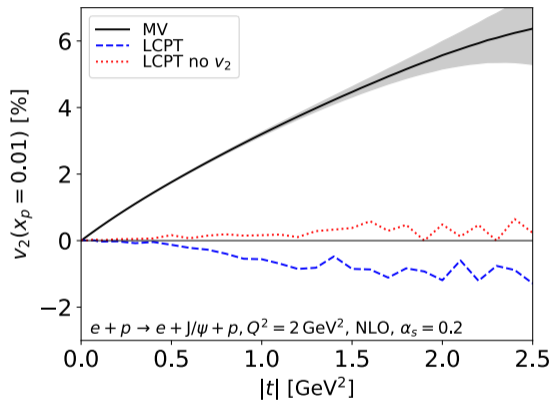


Much smaller modulations with nuclear targets:

Smother target, smaller density gradients  $\Rightarrow$  smaller dependence on  $\phi_{r,b}$

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# Sensitivity on the correlations in the color field



Dumitru, H.M, Paatelainen, Roy, Salazar, Schenke, arXiv:2105.10144

## Modulations in $e + p \rightarrow J/\psi + p$

### Different models for color charge correlation in proton

- MV:  $\langle \rho\rho \rangle$  local Gaussian  
[HM, Roy, Schenke, arXiv:2011.02464](#)
- LCPT:  $\langle \rho\rho \rangle$  from perturbative calculation in the dilute region  
[Dumitru, H.M, Paatelainen, arXiv:2103.11682](#)
- LCPT no  $v_2$ : elliptic gluon GPD set to 0

Potentially sensitive observable to extract elliptic gluon GPD or gluon Wigner distribution!

## The Electron-Ion Collider in the US

- First ever nuclear DIS measurements in collider kinematics
- High energy, luminosity and polarization
- Broad physics program in unexplored kinematical domain

## Gluon imaging using azimuthal correlations in exclusive scattering

- Calculated azimuthal correlations between  $e$  and the exclusively produced  $\gamma$  or  $J/\psi$
- Identify *intrinsic* (related to elliptic gluon GPD) and *kinematical* contributions
- EIC prediction: significant 5...10% azimuthal modulations with proton targets
- Modulations suppressed at high  $W$ /small  $x_{\mathbb{P}}$
- Very small modulations with nuclear targets
- Sensitive to details of the theoretical description of the proton color field

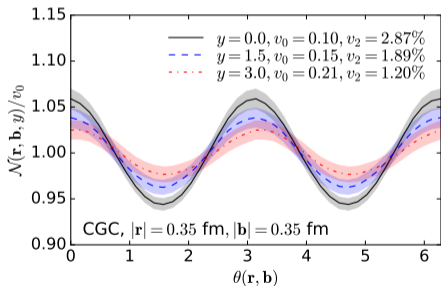




# Predictions for the EIC, setup

EIC energies, consider  $e + p$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 140$  GeV and  $e + \text{Au}$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 90$  GeV

- Initial condition: MV model with  $g^4 \mu^2 \sim Q_s^2 \sim T_\rho(\mathbf{b})$
- Small- $x$  JIMWLK evolution up to  $Y = \ln(0.01/x_{\mathbb{P}})$
- Wilson lines evolved event-by-event, result averaged over an ensemble of configurations



Angular modulation with  $x = 0.01e^{-y}$   
dependence computed from the CGC setup

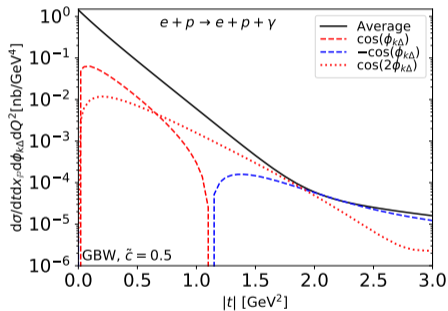
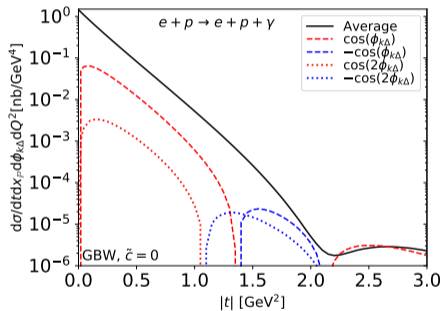
Coordinate space modulation can be related to  
elliptic gluon GPD or Wigner distribution

Note: recent developments beyond MV for protons suggest negative  $v_2$ , see  
[arXiv:2103.11682](https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.11682)

# Toy model example

Demonstrate sensitivity on  $\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b}$  angular correlations in the dipole amplitude  $D$ , using GBW

$$D(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b}) = 1 - \exp \left[ -\frac{r^2 Q_{s0}^2}{4} T_p(\mathbf{b}) \left( 1 + \frac{\tilde{c}}{2} \cos(2\phi_{rb}) \right) \right] \text{ with } T_p(\mathbf{b}) = e^{-b^2/(2B_p)}$$



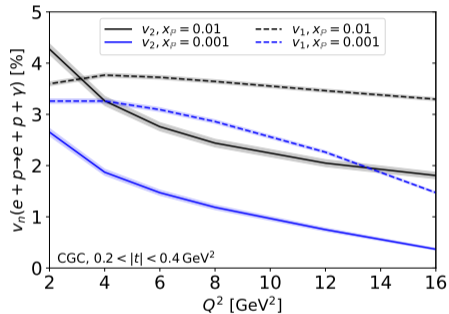
$\tilde{c} = 0$ , no  $\phi_{r,b}$  dependence in  $D$

$\tilde{c} = 0.5$ , large  $\phi_{r,b}$  dependence in  $D$

$\phi_{r,b}$  dependence in  $D$  significantly increases  $\cos(2\phi_{k,\Delta})$  modulation in the DVCS cross section  
Smaller effect on  $\cos(\phi_{k,\Delta})$

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# Virtuality dependence



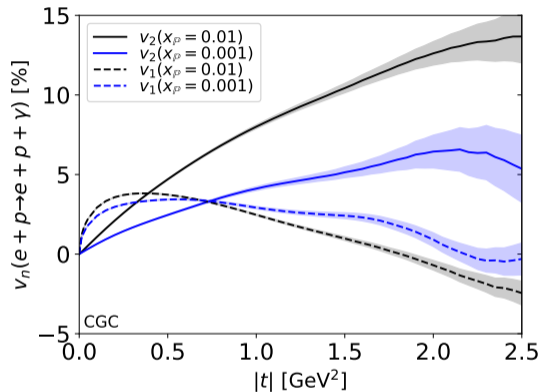
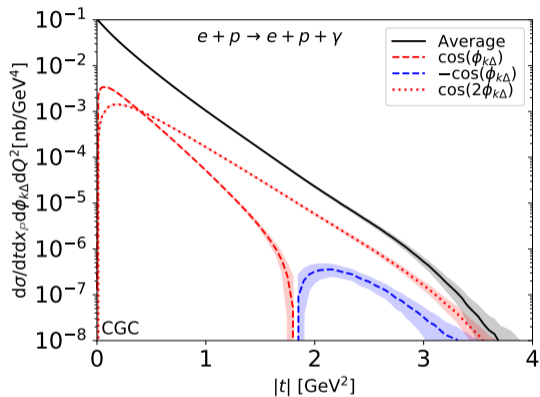
$$0.2 < |t| < 0.04$$

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Dipole size  $\sim 1/Q^2$

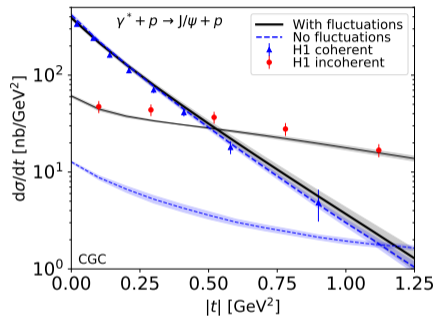
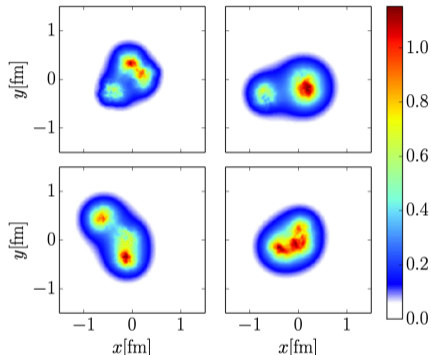
- Smaller density gradients seen by dipoles at high  $Q^2$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Smaller *intrinsic contribution*, decreasing  $v_2$
- Small dipoles also result in small contribution from off-forward phase  $e^{-i\delta \cdot \mathbf{r}}$ , visible  $v_1$ .
- Additional effect: At the kinematical  $y = 1$  boundary modulations vanish  
In DVCS at  $x_{\mathbb{P}} = 0.001$  this is at  $Q^2 \approx 20\text{GeV}^2$ .

# Coherent DVCS at the EIC: spectra and relative modulation



- Significant 5...10%  $\cos(2\phi_{k\Delta})$  modulation at  $|t| \gtrsim 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Small- $x$  evolution decreases anisotropies  $\Rightarrow$  decreasing  $v_n = \langle \cos(n\phi_{k\Delta}) \rangle$

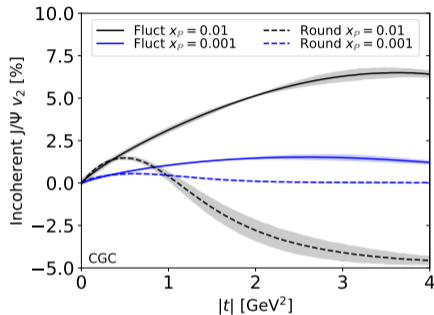
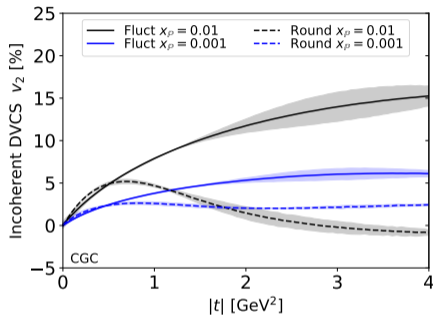
# Incoherent diffraction



Incoherent cross section  $\sim$  covariance  $\langle \mathcal{M}^2 \rangle - \langle \mathcal{M} \rangle^2$  is sensitive to the (amount of) fluctuations [H.M, Schenke, 1603.04349](#)

Potential to access fluctuations in detail by studying azimuthal correlations in  $e + p \rightarrow e + \gamma + p^*$  and  $e + p \rightarrow e + J/\psi + p^*$ ?

# Incoherent modulation



- Substructure changes  $v_2$  at  $|t| \gtrsim 0.5\text{GeV}^2$  where one is sensitive to small distance scales
- Significantly larger modulations with fluctuations
- JIMWLK evolution also suppresses incoherent  $v_2$

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