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Outline of the talk


- High interest in EMC origin, esp. connection to SRC
- DIS cross section at $x = 0.2-0.7$
- LAD and ALERT plans for SRC proton tag $p_s > 200 \text{ MeV}/c$
- EIC paper/proposal – Ch. Weiss
- 2004 proposal PR05-014: $D(e, e'n_s)$
- Layout of the $D(e, e'n_s)$ experiment
- Focus on a slow neutron with $p_s < 200 \text{ MeV}/c$
- Accidental background is due to neutron rate from LD2 target
- Non-accidental is due to neutron produced in DIS from proton
- Resulting Signal/Background ratio at 3×10^{36} luminosity
- Projected results in 10-day run with SBS for electrons

EIC plan for $D(e, e' n_s/p_s)$

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Deep-inelastic electron-deuteron scattering with spectator nucleon tagging at the future Electron Ion Collider: Extracting free nucleon structure

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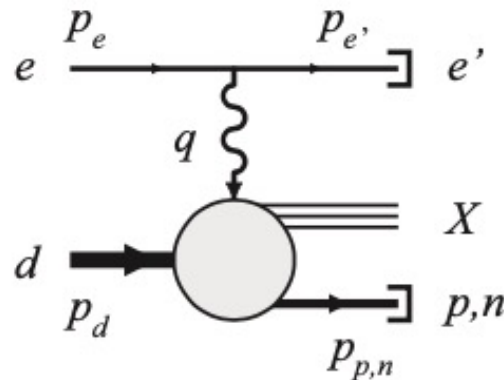


FIG. 1. DIS on the deuteron with detection of a proton (or neutron) in the nuclear fragmentation region, $e + d \rightarrow e' + X + p(n)$ (“tagged DIS”).

Proposal 05-014 for $D(e,e'n_s)$

(A New Proposal to Jefferson Lab PAC27)
Neutron Tagged bound proton structure to probe the Origin
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Proposal: PR-05-014

Scientific Rating: N/A

Title: Neutron Tagged Bound Proton Structure to Probe the Origin of the EMC Effect

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Motivation: The determination of the ratio F_2^n/F_2^p and the d/u quark momentum distributions at large x in the proton suffer from uncertainties due to our lack of understanding of the EMC effect in the deuteron. Different classes of models lead to very different results at large x making the extraction of the neutron structure function from the deuteron ambiguous. The proposed experiment aims to probe the EMC effect from a barely bound to a strongly bound proton by means of deep inelastic scattering off the proton in the deuteron and by tagging the spectator neutron. This would allow discrimination between different models of the EMC effect.

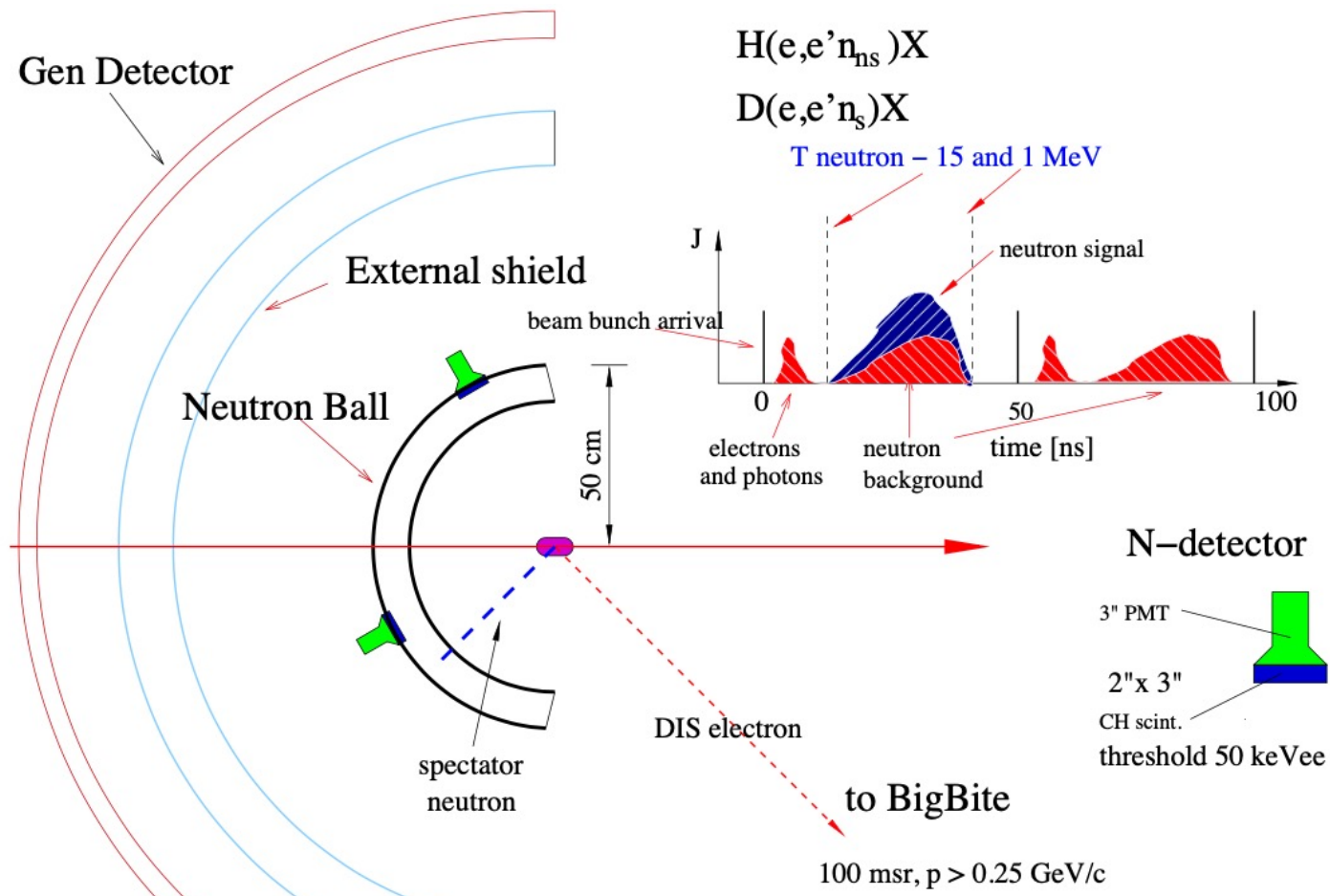
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Measurement and Feasibility: In the proposed experiment the ratio $\sigma[D(e,e'N)X]_{(x',\alpha^{sp},p_t,Q^2)} / \sigma[p(e,e')X]_{(x',Q^2)}$ is measured at values of x' from 0.11 up to 0.6 and spectator momentum fraction $1.04 \leq \alpha^{sp} \leq 4$ where $\sigma[D(e,e'N)X]_{(x',\alpha^{sp},p_t,Q^2)}$ is normalized to the inclusive $D(e,e')$ cross section. An absolute measurement of this ratio is performed at each of the proposed α^{sp} by using the reaction $D(e,e'pn)$ to calibrate the neutron detector efficiency to about 3%. Furthermore, to improve on the relative uncertainty in the determination of this ratio as a function of α^{sp} , it is normalized at each value of x' by its measured value at $x'=0.2$ leading to the determination of the ratio $G = \sigma[D(e,e'N)X]_{(x',\alpha^{sp},p_t,Q_1^2)} / \sigma[D(e,e'N)X]_{(x'=0.2,\alpha^{sp},p_t,Q_2^2)}$. The experiment makes use of the BigBite spectrometer to detect electrons. The spectator neutrons are detected by using the neutron detector of the G_E^n experiment (E02-013) for the largest momenta and a new specially designed low energy neutron detector. The method takes advantage of the beam time structure as used in the G0 experiment in order to reduce the electromagnetic background and determine the shape of the neutron background with precision.

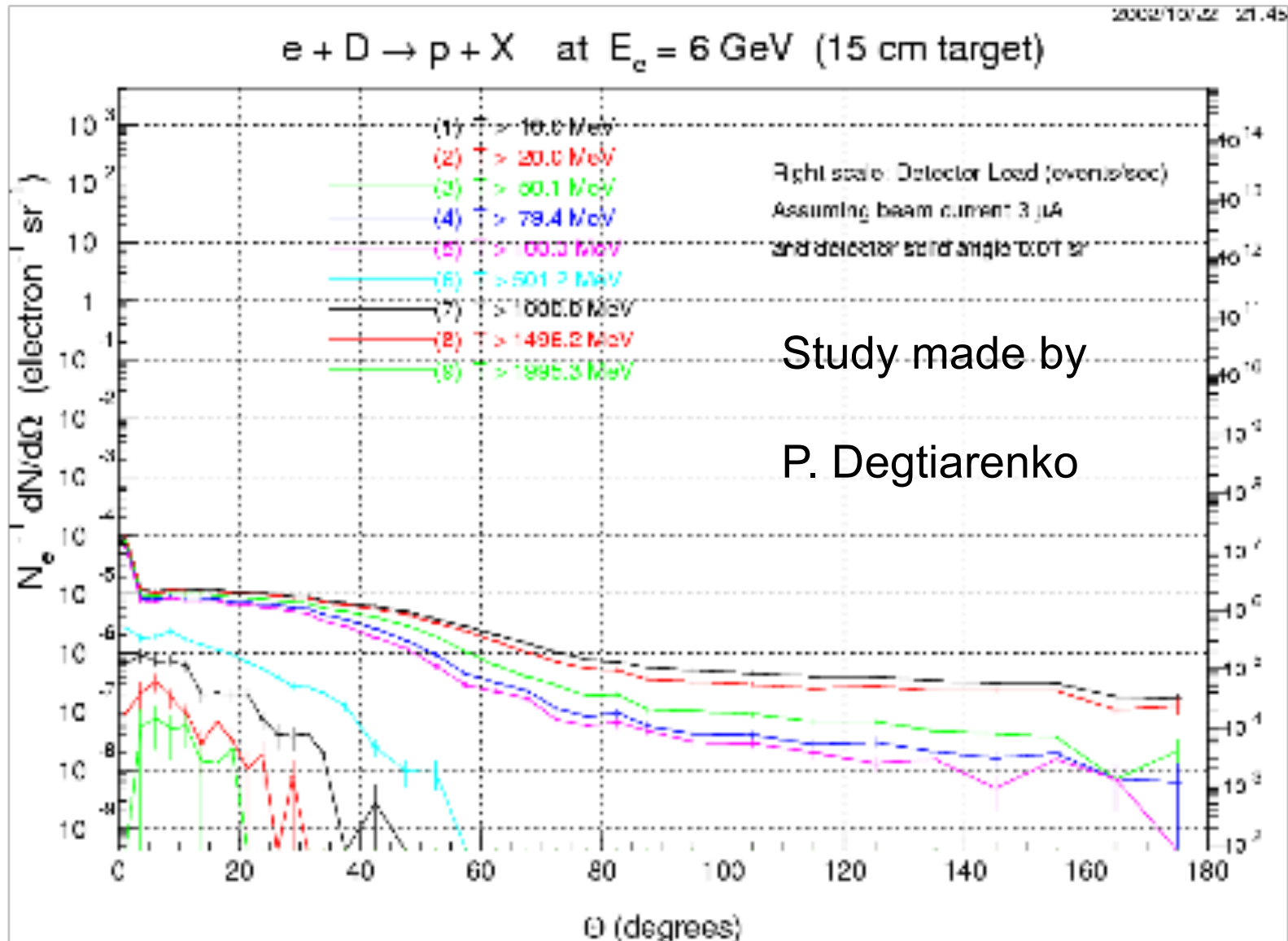
Issues: While the PAC is in principle very positive about this method, some issues remain to be addressed. The sensitivity of this experiment is at the 4σ level, which is marginal. The rate of accidental coincidences in the neutron detectors needs to be investigated by a test measurement, as already considered by the proponents, in order to optimize the luminosity of the experiment. A more complete estimate of the resulting systematic errors must be performed and must include the effect of $R = \sigma_L / \sigma_T$, as well as the possible uncertainty resulting from the normalization of the deuteron coincidence cross section to the inclusive one when the spectator is far off-shell.

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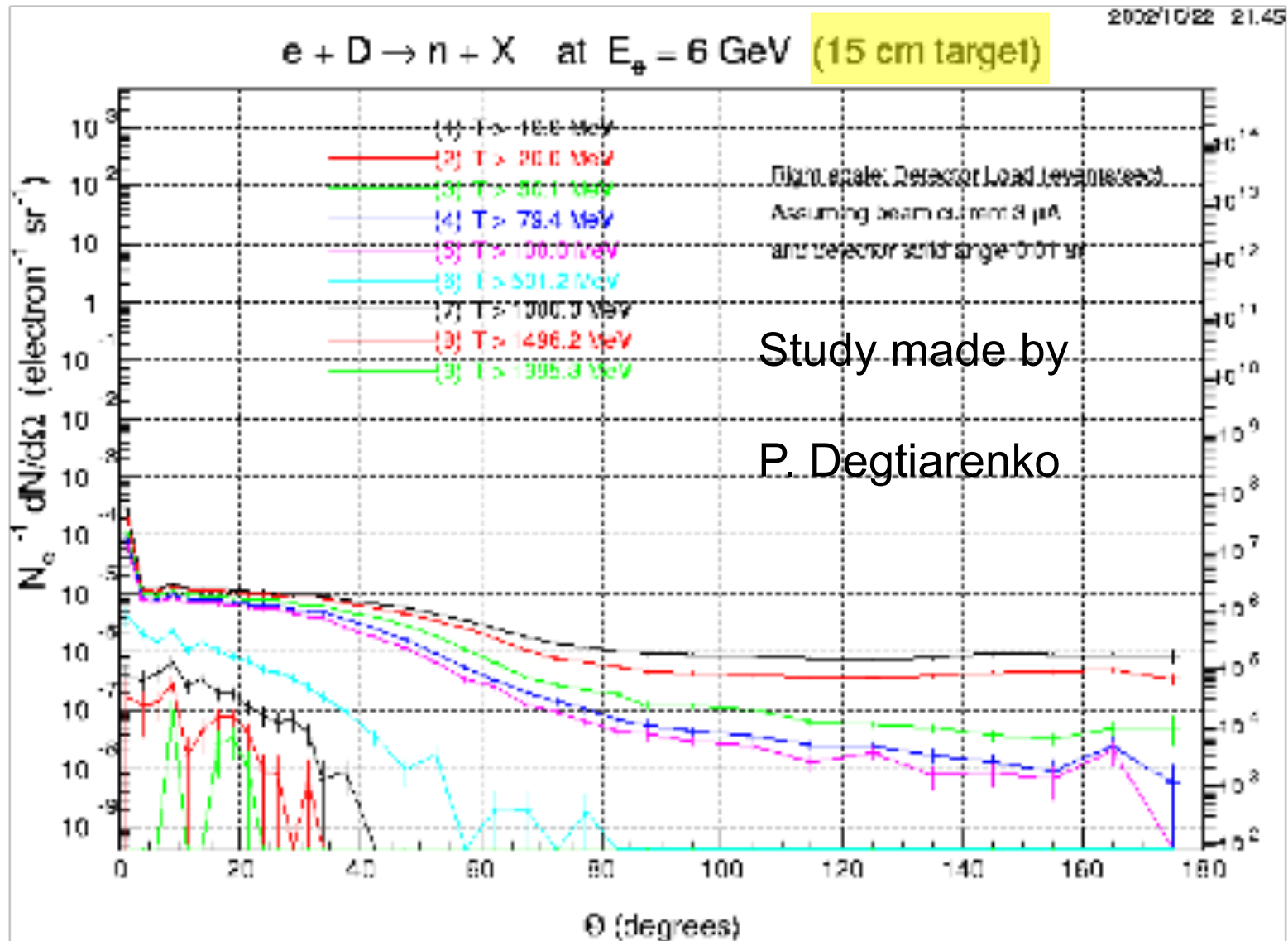
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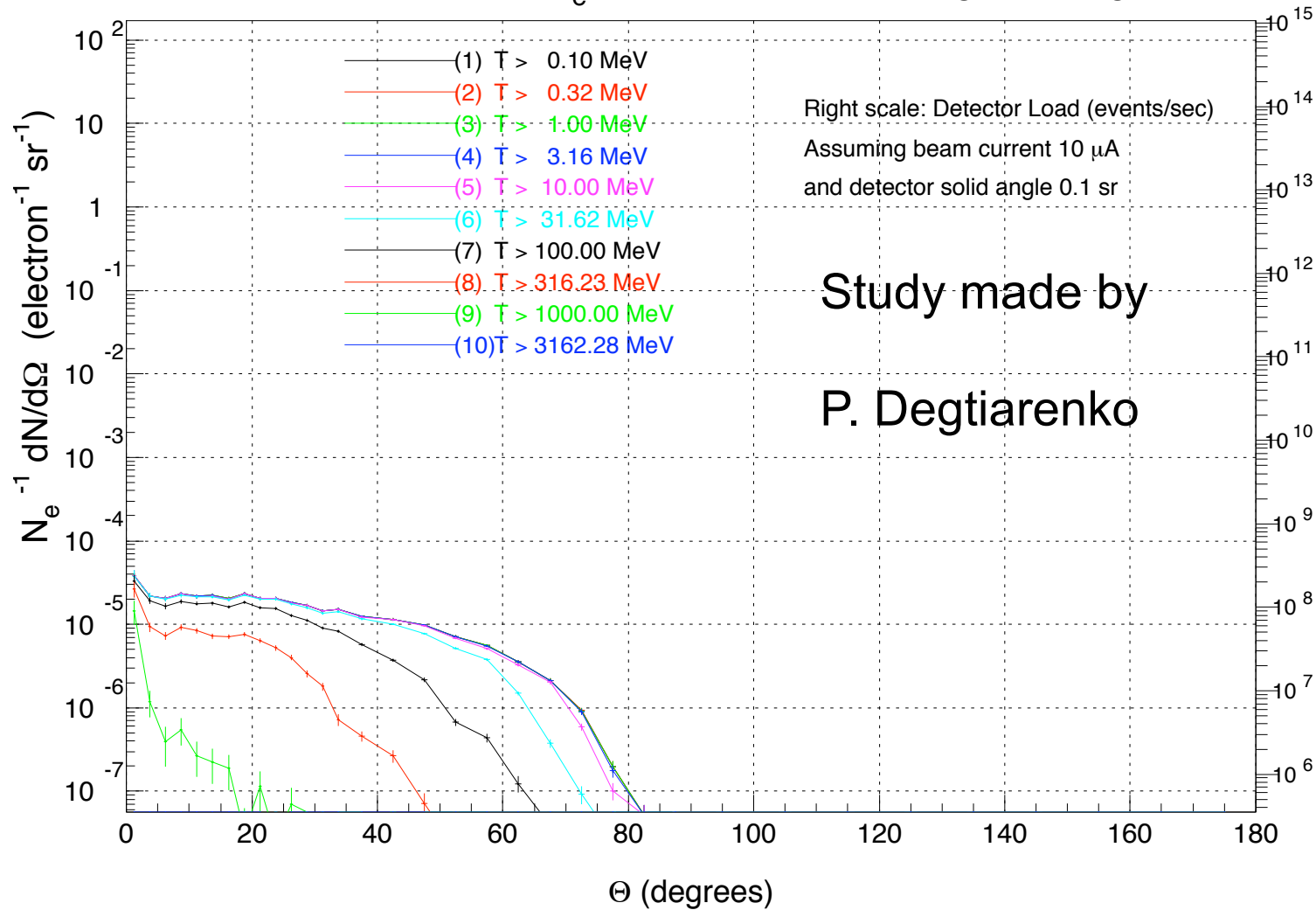


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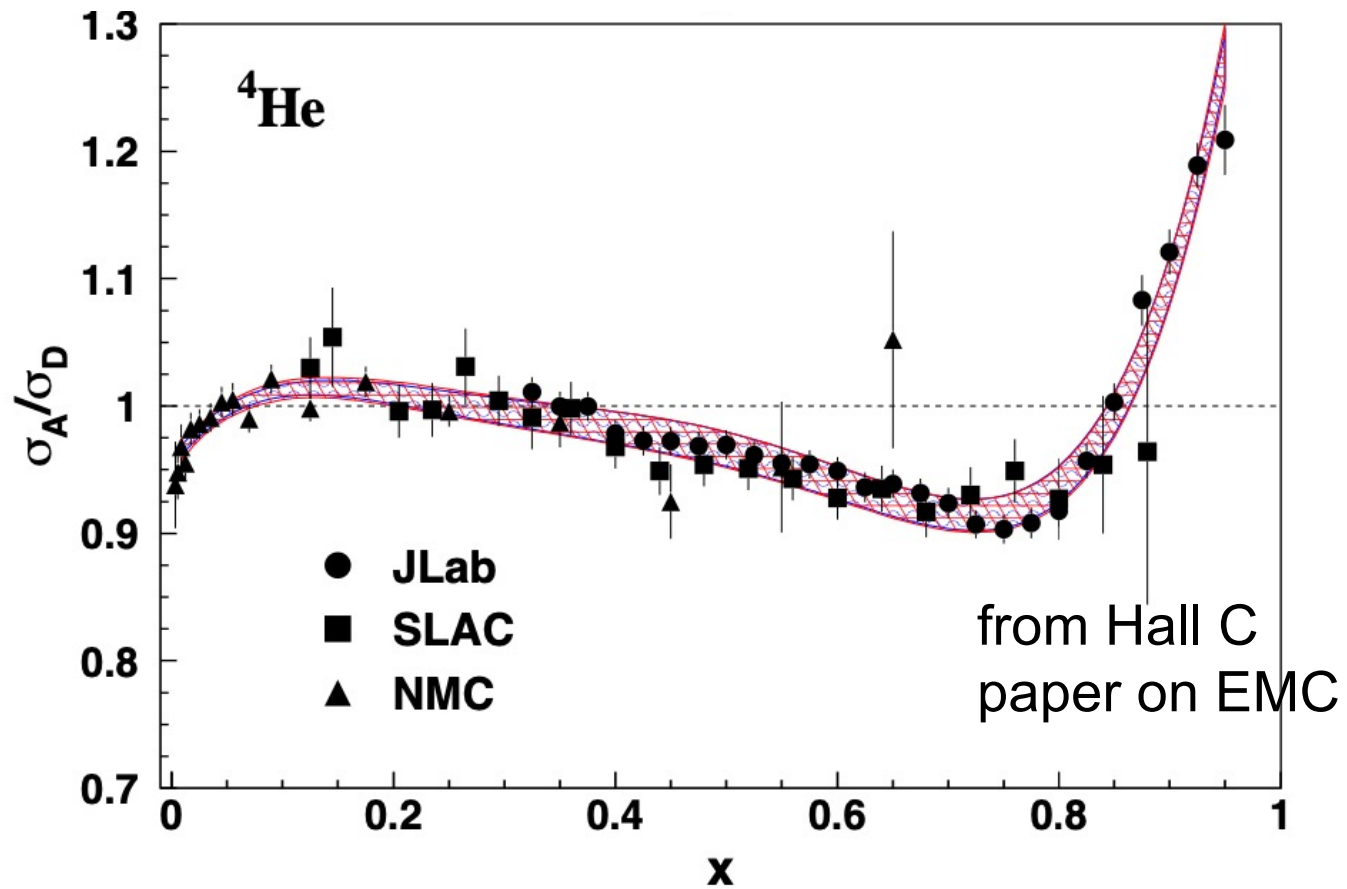
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$e + H \rightarrow p + X$ at $E_e = 11$ GeV (2840.0 mg/cm² target)



EMC effect



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($10 \mu\text{A} \times 5 \text{ cm LD2}$)

- Neutron energy of 5 MeV ($p = 100 \text{ MeV}/c$) and $\text{angle} > 100 \text{ deg}$
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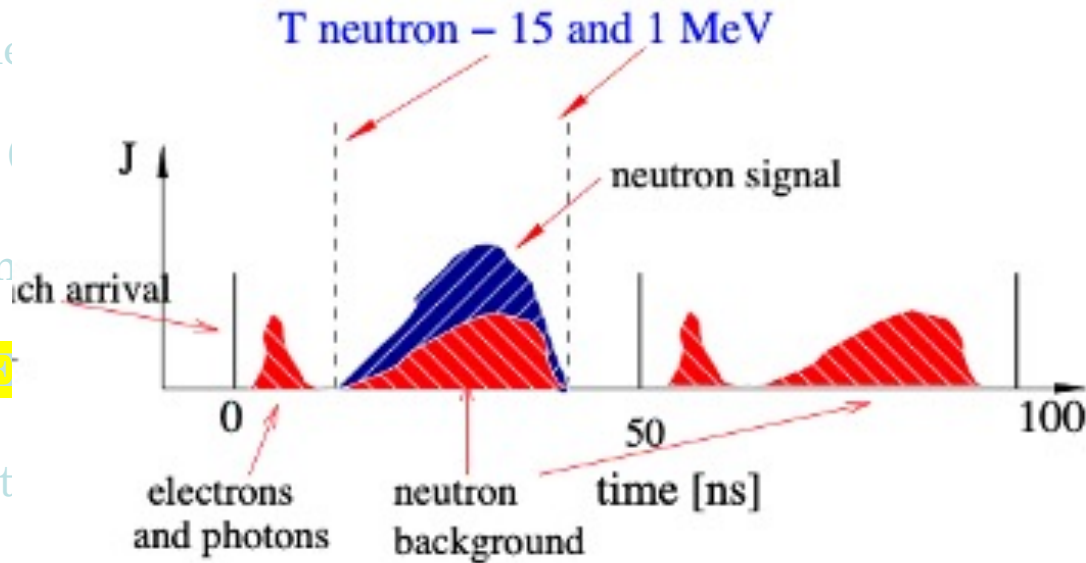
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- 20-day run is needed due to 10% neutron detection efficiency $\Rightarrow 120 \text{ Hz of Signal}$

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The Signal (DIS + neutron) statistics in 20 days $\sim 2.1 \times 10^8 \pm 1.4 \times 10^4$

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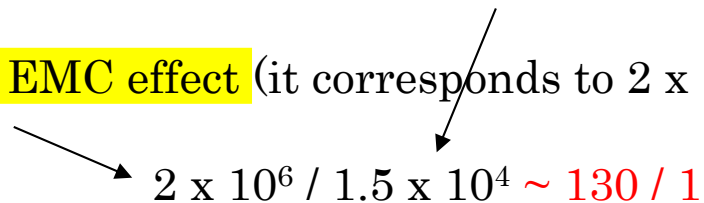
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The 1% size EMC effect (it corresponds to 2×10^6 events) will be well visible


$$2 \times 10^6 / 1.5 \times 10^4 \sim 130 / 1$$

Summary

- ❖ We propose to investigate EMC effect in a deuteron: a ratio of the DIS on a free proton and DIS on a barely bound slow proton in the deuteron
- ❖ This is a natural part of the SBS program at Hall C
- ❖ The understanding of EMC will be advanced