Luminosity measurements at the Large Hadron electron Collider (and FCC-eh)



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The beam-size effect (BSE) was discovered at the VEPP-2 collider and later observed at HERA but remained ever since an elusive and poorly studied phenomenon, despite its impact on the electron and positron beam lifetimes at LEP and KEKB, for example. At the LHeC and FCC-eh, due to very small beam-sizes, this effect will be much stronger than at HERA and its understanding is essential for a precise determination of the luminosity at these *electron-hadron* colliders using bremsstrahlung.

Beam-Size Effect - effective bremsstrahlung suppression at high energies due to small lateral beam-sizes of **both** colliding beams:

Event rate = Luminosity × cross section

where colliding particles are represented by PLANE waves – and this assumption breaks **down** if the lateral beam sizes are comparable to typical impact parameters of a process.

$e + p \rightarrow e' + \gamma + p'$ unique signatures

it is kinematically allowed that $\theta_{\gamma} = \theta_{\rho'} = \theta_{\rho'} = 0$ hence there is no transfer of transverse momentum, which results in (for LAB variables):

$$|q|_{min} = m_e^2 m_p E_{\gamma} / (4 E_p E_e E_e)$$
, where $Q^2 = -q^2 \approx -q^2_{min} + q_T^2$

For example, at the LHeC, for $E_e = 50$ GeV, $E_n = 7000$ GeV and $E_v = 1$ GeV, one gets the minimal longitudinal momentum transfer, in the proton rest-frame, $\Delta p_z = |q_{min}|/c =$ 0.00001 eV/c. The corresponding (kinetic) energy transfer = $(\Delta p)^2/2M \approx 6.10^{-20}$ eV!

From the uncertainty principle Δp_{z} corresponds to the longitudinal distance $\approx \hbar/\Delta p_{z}$ of **21 mm** whereas in the transverse plane the *impact parameters* is often even larger, as q_T is often smaller than $|q|_{min}$:

$d^4\sigma/dE_{\nu}d\theta_e d\theta_{\nu}d\phi \propto Q^{-4}$

Higher beam energies/lower photon energy \Rightarrow **more** extreme it becomes!





