

# Overview of SOLID Technical Updates

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# Outlines

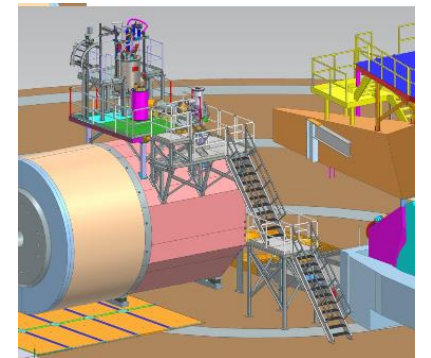
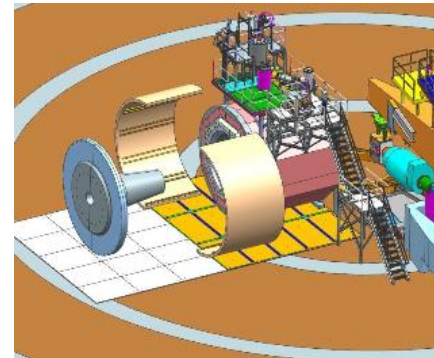
- Project Development
- Overview of the Status of All Systems
- The Path Forward for SoLID

# Project Development

- **2014:** pre-CDR submitted
- **Recommended twice in the Long Range Plan as a MIE project:** 2015, 2023 (recommendation #4)
- **Three rounds of Director's Reviews:** 2015, 2019, 2021
  - Submitted to DOE as MIE project in 2019
  - DOE Science Review in 2021: positive results
  - SoLID costs remain the same over the years other than the inflation
- **2024 Facility Review: ready to launch**
- **Pre-R&D activities since 2018 (funded by DOE and Jlab):**
  - R&D conducted on all detector systems
  - Two beam tests focused on the Cherenkov detector readout (2018, 2020)
  - Two beam tests with full set of prototype detectors under high rate (2022, 2026)

# Solenoidal magnet

- The CLEO II magnet: 1.5 T central field, 2.9 m inner diameter, 3.5 m length
- All parts were moved to the test lab in 2019
- Phase I is complete
  - New Instrumentation and Control System complete and commissioned
  - New Cryo Control Reservoir complete and commissioned
  - Static tests complete
  - Low current (120 A) cold test complete in 2023
- Modifications of the downstream coil collar and return yoke are required for PVDIS to reach 35 deg. A new endcap that houses the forward detectors will be built



# Targets

## SIDIS:


- 40 cm Polarized He-3 target (used in A1n, GEn, similar requirements, 60% polarization)
- 3 cm Transversely polarized proton (NH<sub>3</sub>) target (a new magnet is purchased and tested, 70% polarization)

## J/Psi:

- 15 cm Standard cryogenic liquid hydrogen target

## PVDIS:

- 40 cm cryogenic liquid hydrogen/deuterium cell (less power than; MOLLER has 1.2 m LH<sub>2</sub> target)

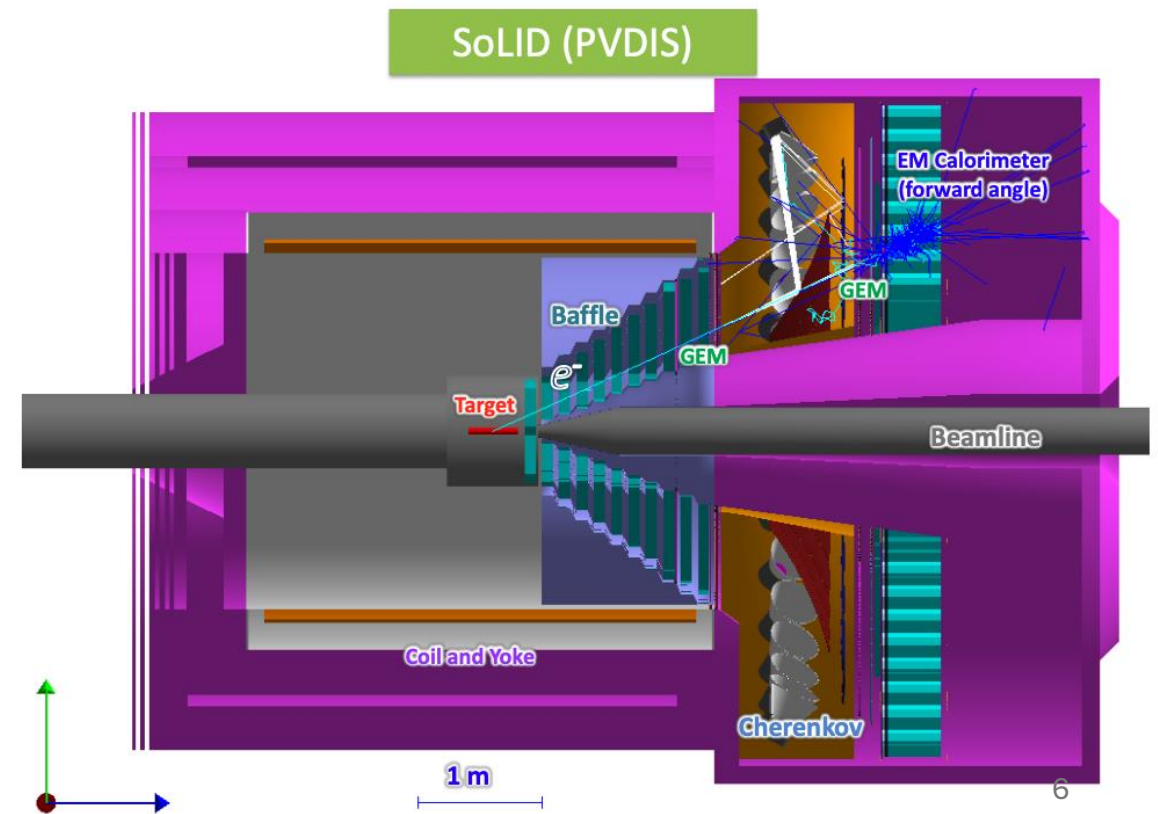
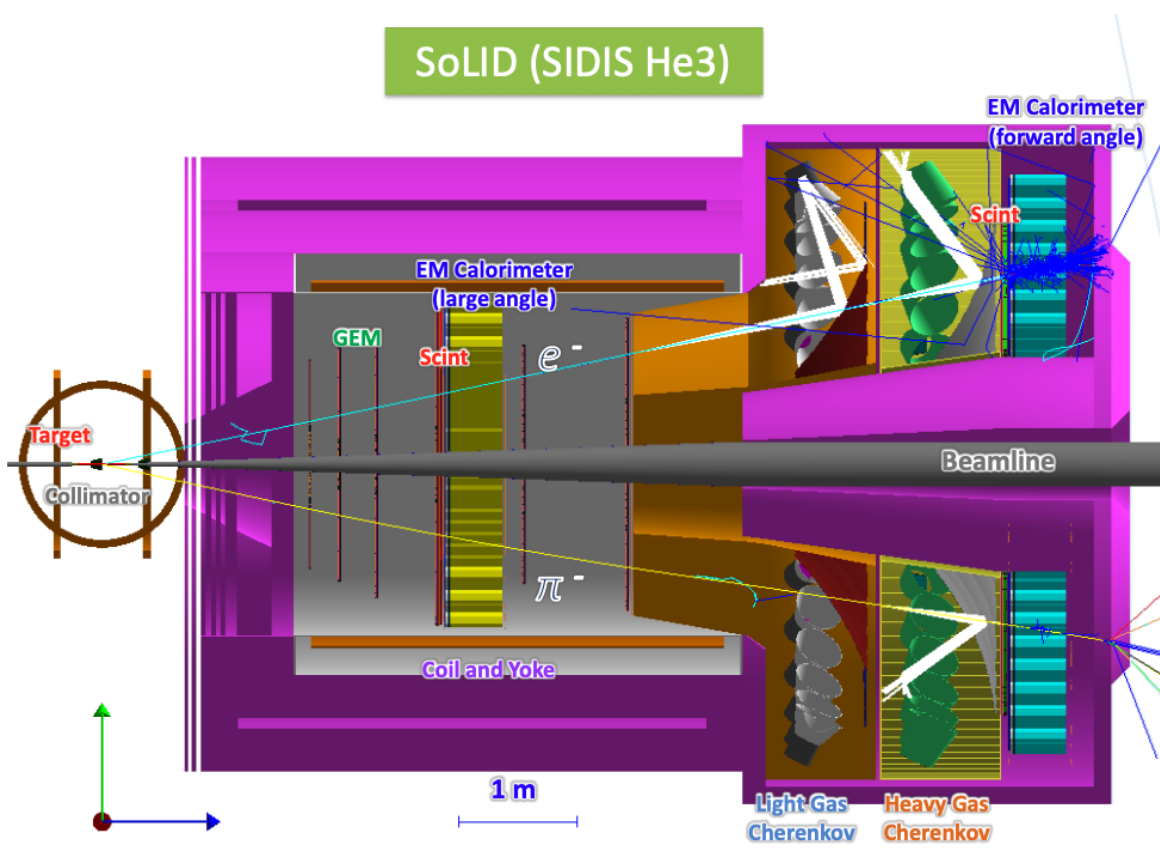


In front of the magnet

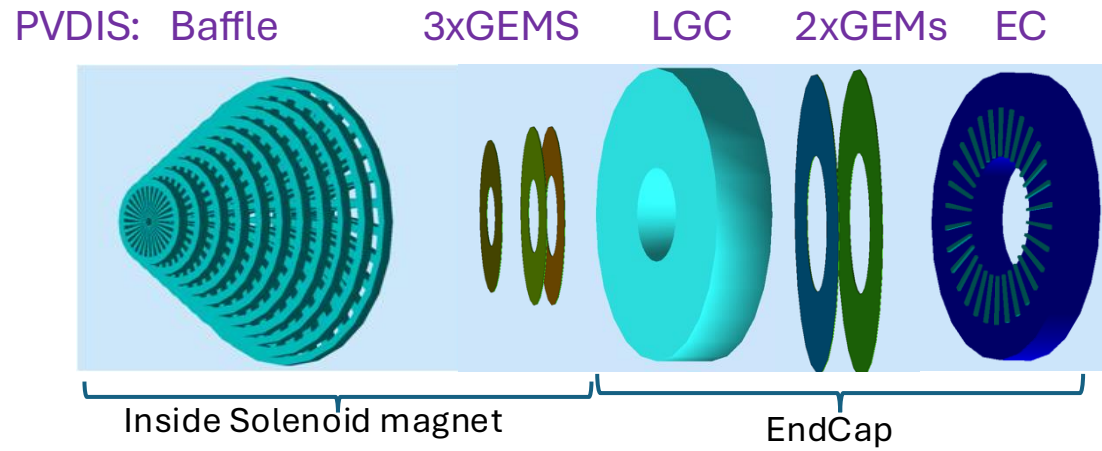
Inside the magnet

# Detector Systems

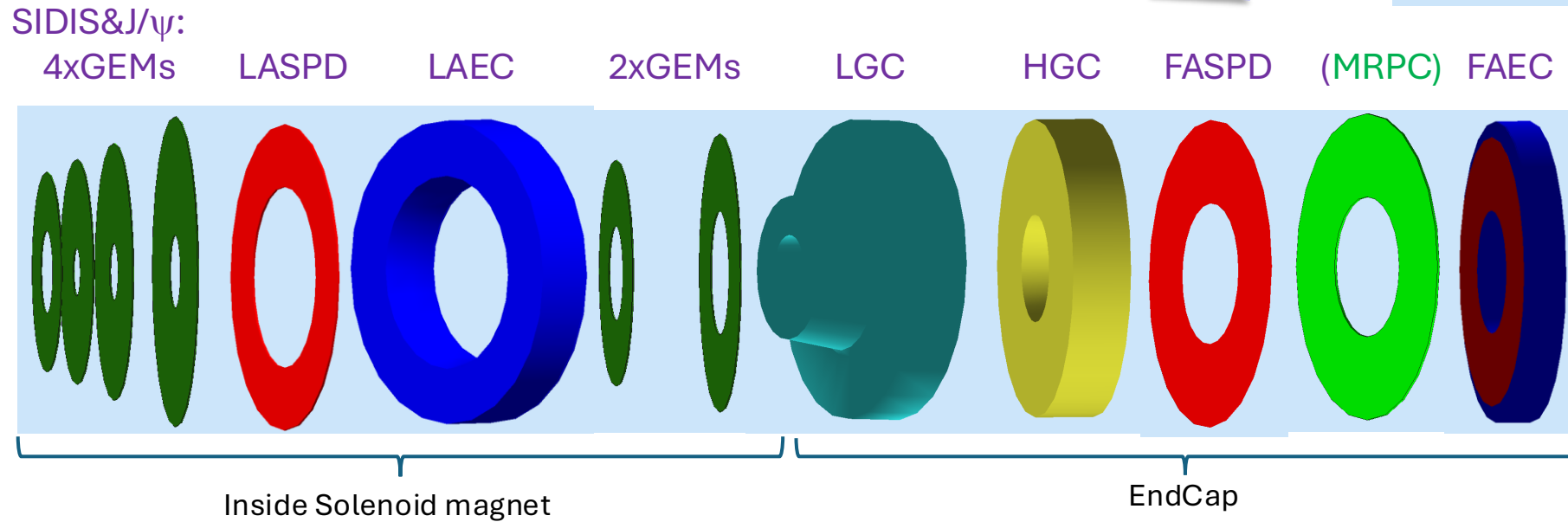
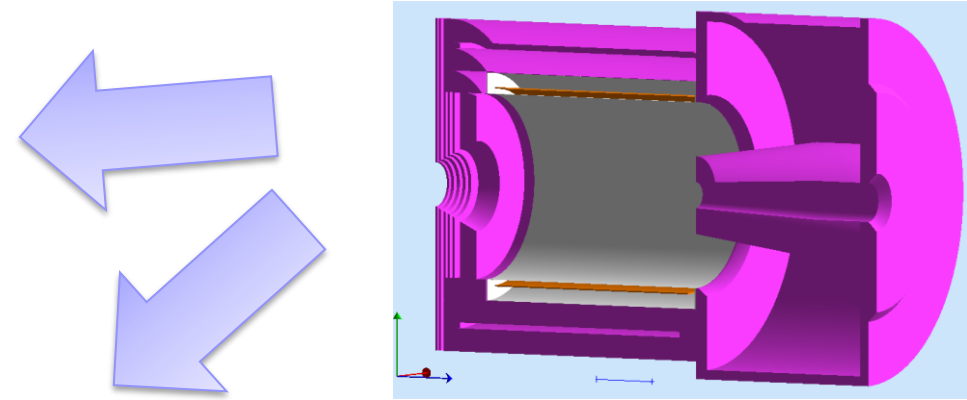
- Two main configurations: **SIDIS** (SIDIS He3, SIDIS NH3, J/Psi), **PVDIS**
- Polar angular coverage: SIDIS: 8 – 24 deg; PVDIS: 22-35 deg
- Momentum coverage: 0.6 – 7 GeV/c (~ 2% resolution)
- High luminosity  $10^{36} \sim 10^{39} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- High rate and high radiation tolerance, large cover area and costs are key factors in the detector design



# Detector Systems



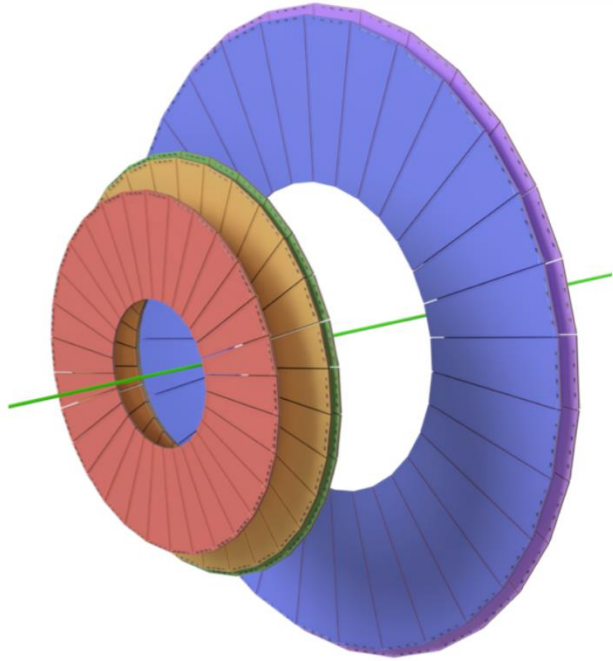
Uses full capability of JLab electronics



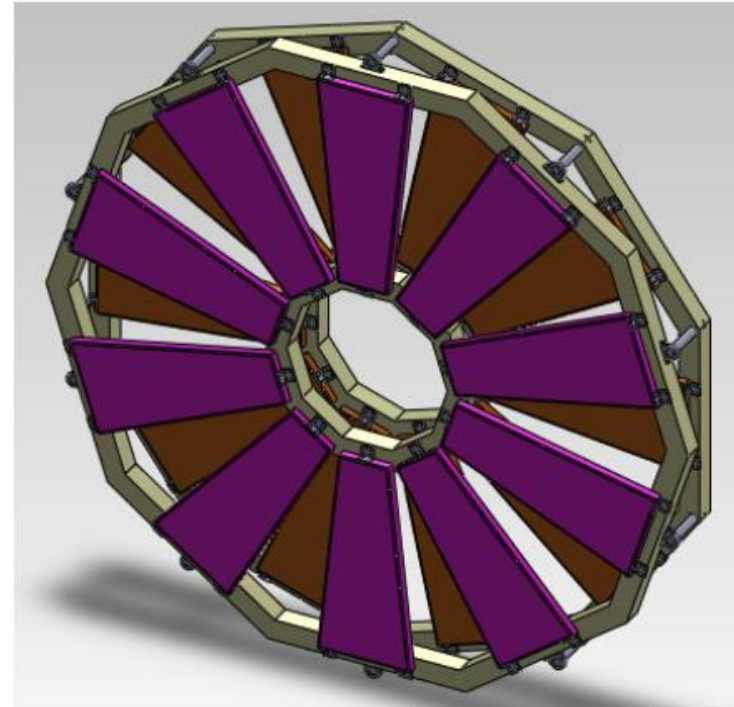
Pre-R&D items: LGC, HGC, ECAL, GEMs, DAQ, Magnet, MRPC

# GEMs

- **PVDIS (5 GEM planes):** Baffles prevent the GEM sector joints from impacting acceptance; therefore, one GEM wheel per location is sufficient.
- **SIDIS (6 GEM planes):** Two overlapping GEM wheels are required at each location to provide full azimuthal coverage.



PVDIS: GEM planes at five locations



SIDIS: one GEM location

# GEMs

- The trapezoid shape and active area are smaller than EIC GEM; UVA has been building prototypes for EIC R&D
- The highest hit rate is few hundred kHz/cm<sup>2</sup>, similar to the SBS-GEpV
- Valuable experience gained from SBS-GEpV for GEM performance under high luminosity:
  - GEM detector: GEM handles high occupancy (40%) well
    - High rates cause gain variations → UVA is investigating parallel power supplies and active dividers to maintain stable gain.
    - The biggest background is low energy photon converting to electrons → UVA is investigating on optimizing foils and detector structures to reduce the background.
  - Track reconstruction software:
    - High occupancy imposes huge challenge in track reconstruction
    - The MIP-like particle has smaller signal than the low energy electron
  - Readout electronics and DAQ:
    - At high rate, APV25 baseline drops causing signals out of reading range → shorten the strips would reduce the occupancy, hence increase the rate capability
    - APV-MPD readout limit trigger rate at 5 kHz due to MPD data bandwidth with 1.25 Gbps; → reduce number of APVs per MPD would help to increase the trigger rate and use a newly developed MPD with 10 Gbps link
    - APV requires trigger (not easy to convert to streaming readout)
    - APV is no longer in production

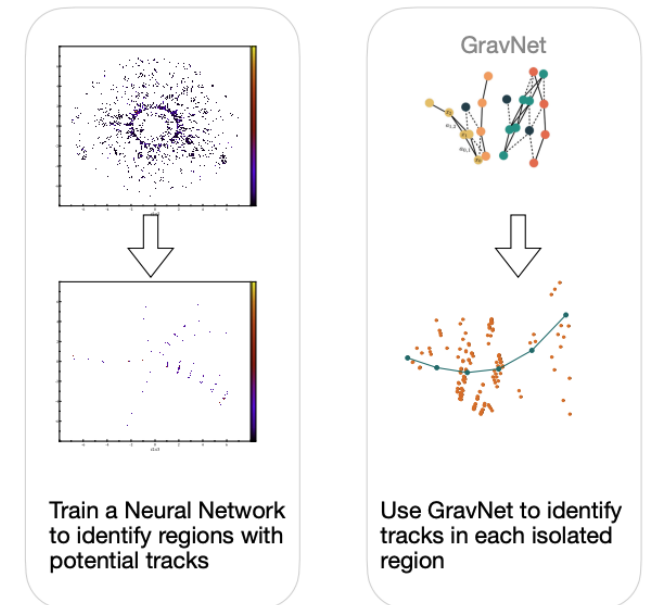
# GEMs

## Readout electronics:

- Instead of APV25, SoLID will use improved VMM3 as the front-end ASIC
  - Many buffers; radiation hard; Digital output; Excellent for high rates; trigger or continuous mode
- Prototype boards have been built and tested. One engineer in the FEDAQ group is working on this development.
- Potential new ASIC for high-luminosity experiments: a Genesis Mission proposal has been submitted.

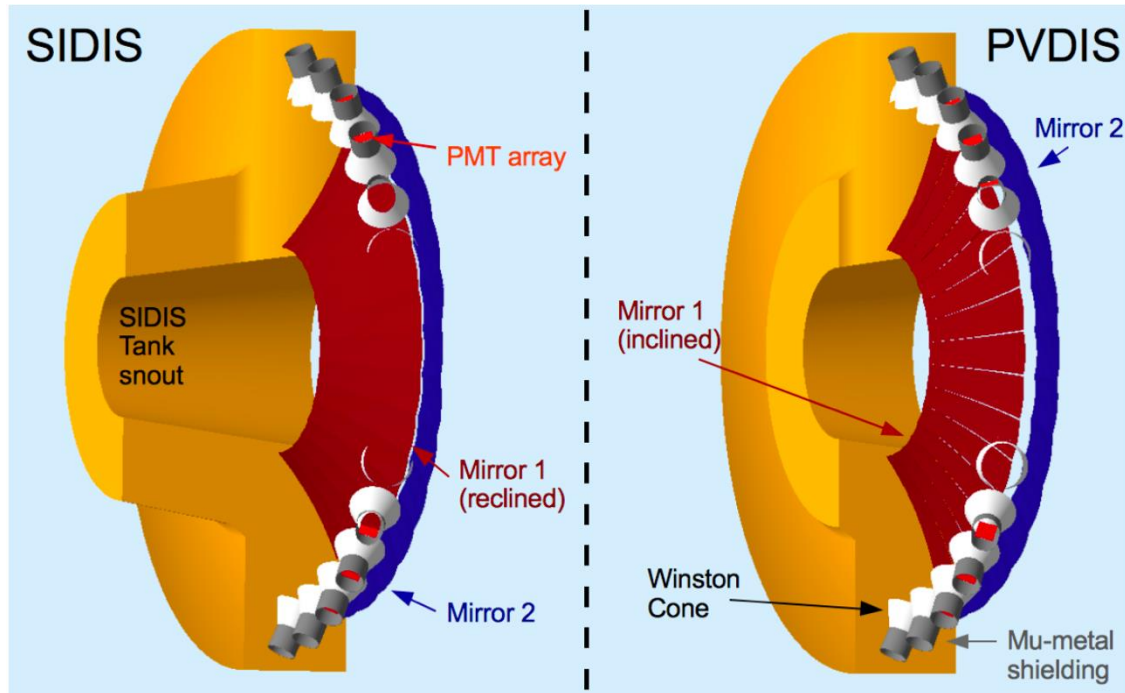
## AI Tracking reconstruction:

- Use Graph Neural Network on tracking finding and fitting
- Work with the data scientists from the Data Science Group;
- A Genesis Mission proposal has been submitted: develop AI track finding and fitting algorithm for both SBS GEPV and SoLID.

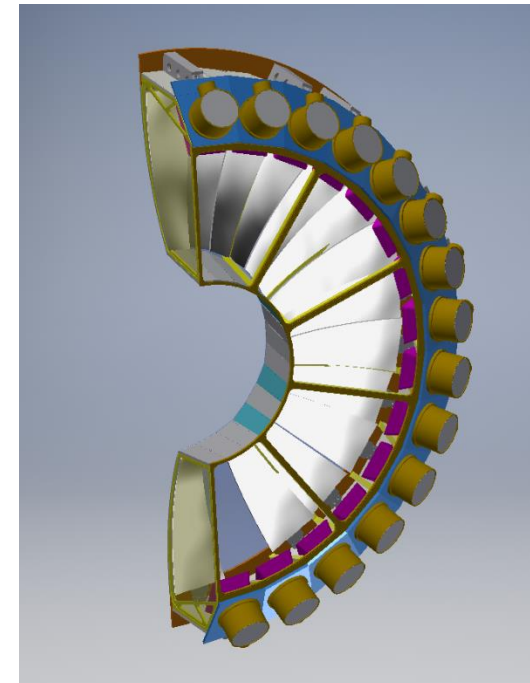


# Light/Heavy Gas Cherenkov

- LGC and HGC have similar structures and readouts
- LGC are used in both PVDIS and SIDIS; HGC is used only in SIDIS
- For LGC, to accommodate different scattering angles,
  - SIDIS tank has an extra “snout” to increase the material length by 1 m
  - Mirror 1 will be slightly inclined in PVDIS;



Light Gas Cherenkov

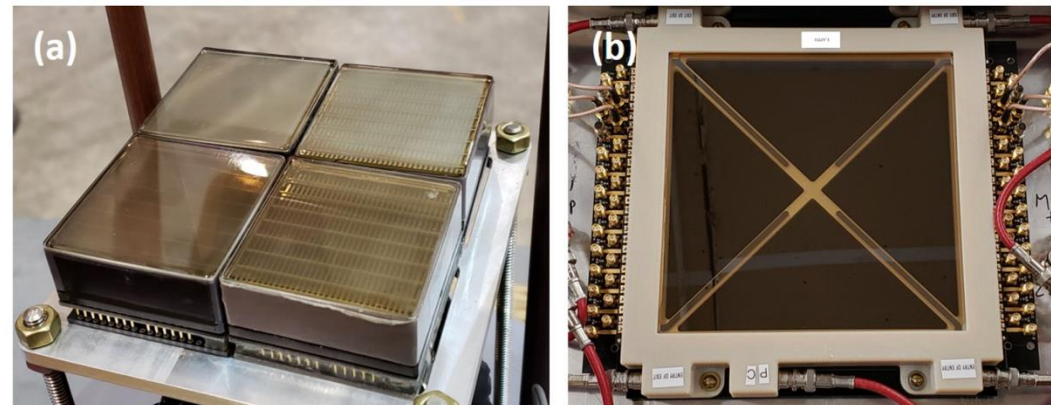


Half Heavy Gas Cherenkov

# Light/Heavy Gas Cherenkov

## Pre R&D actives:

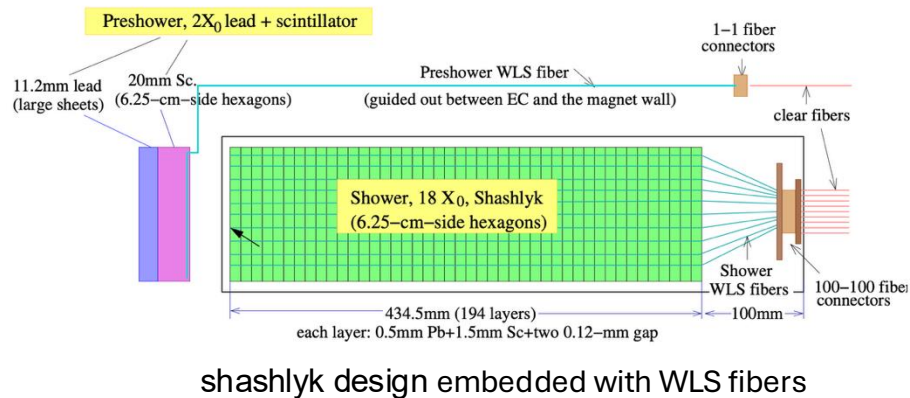
- Mirror fabrications, reflections, mechanical mounting etc.
- Photosensor and readout: two beam tests (2018, 2020) to study two types of photosensors performance under high background rate
  - Baseline design: 64-pixel photosensors, arranged as 3×3 or 4×4 modules per sector.
  - **Hamamatsu H12700 MaPMTs** Good performance demonstrated. Require magnetic shielding.
  - **Pixelated LAPPDs** Better magnetic-field tolerance. Comparable Cherenkov detection performance demonstrated in 2020 beam test.
- In the beam tests, the Npe yield remains only half of the simulated value. Further investigation is ongoing (could be mirror degrade)
- Canada CFI funds got approved for the HGC manufacturing, agreement with Jlab waiting for DOE approval



**Figure 2.** (a)  $10 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2$  p-terphenyl coated MaPMT array, and (b)  $20 \times 20 \text{ cm}^2$  LAPPD.

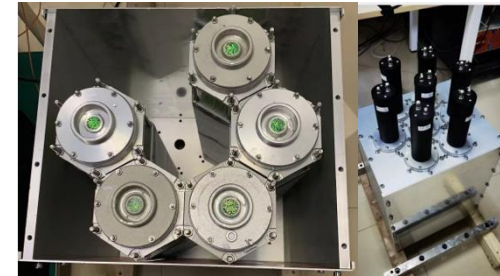
# ECAL and LASPD

- PVDIS uses all modules in the forward angle (FAEC)
- SIDIS divides into forward angle (FAEC) and large angle (LAEC)

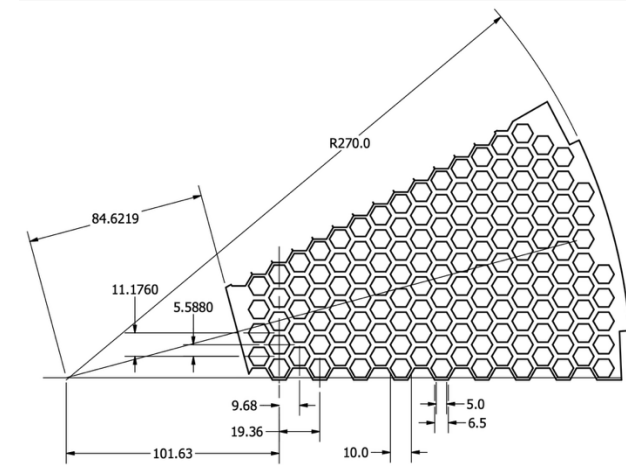


Hexagon shape

Seven modules

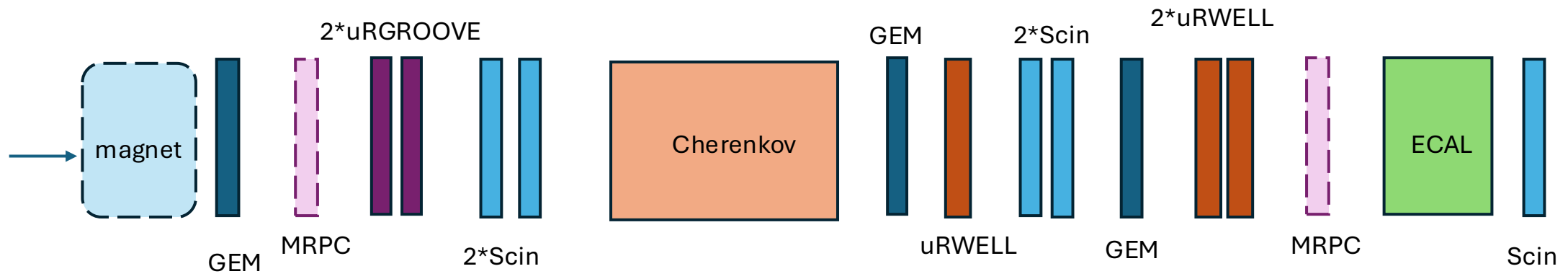


Super module



- The ECAL module design and fabrication is finalized
- Good PID performance is demonstrated for ECAL and LASPD in the 2022 beam test
- Demonstrate ML PID on 2022 beam test data
- 2022 beam test shows PMT gain shift at high rate → PMT base design needs optimization
- Other to do:
  - MaPMT readout of Preshower testing
  - MCP-PMT readout of LASPD

# 2026 Beam Test



- Will have magnet to reduce the neutral background
- Key goal: assess the performance of tracking with GEMs, uRwell, uRGROOVE in high rate conditions;
- Detector installation at large angle is complete
- Next: trigger+detector commissioning, magnet installation
- Planning to take data at low angle (15 degrees) in August



# SOLID Moving forward

- Current funding situation is complicated
  - DOE CD-0 approval is unlikely in the near term
- MOLLER CD Project is nearing completion
  - Experiment is expected to complete running before 2031
- SoLID aims to be installed in 2031
  - Detector construction and integration activities should begin soon
- Collaboration plans to pursue staged construction approach
  - Initially build the components required for one experiment
  - Funded primarily by Jefferson Lab; Will limit the cost to what Jlab can support
  - Progressively expand and enhance the detector
  - Iteratively secure additional funding opportunities

# SOLID Moving forward

Experiments	PVDIS	SIDIS- <sup>3</sup> He	SIDIS-Proton	<i>J/ψ</i>
Target	LH <sub>2</sub> /LD <sub>2</sub>	<sup>3</sup> He	NH <sub>3</sub>	LH <sub>2</sub>
Length	40 cm	40 cm	3 cm	15 cm
Target Polarization	N/A	~60%	~70%	N/A
Target Spin Flip	N/A	≤20 mins	≤4 hours	N/A
GEM Tracking Chambers	5 chambers	6 chambers	6 chambers	6 chambers
SPD	N/A	Forward+Large angle	Forward+Large angle	Forward+Large angle
E&M Calorimeter	Forward angle	Forward + Large angle	Forward + Large angle	Forward + Large angle
Light Gas Cherenkov	1 m long	2 m long	2 m long	2 m long
Baffles	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Heavy Gas Cherenkov	N/A	1 m long	1 m long	N/A
Beam Polarimetry	0.4% determination	< 3%	<3%	N/A
Target Polarimetry	N/A	~ 3%	~ 3%	N/A
DAQ	Single trigger	Coincidence trigger	Coincidence trigger	Coincidence trigger

First experiment

- Need to reduce the cost to what Jlab can support
- The expected results would still be significantly better than existing and planned measurements.

# Summary

- SoLID is ready to launch
- We welcome the community to join the SoLID effort. It could be the new standard equipment in Hall A



Table 6: Summary of Key Parameters for Approved Programs

Experiments	PVDIS	SIDIS- $^3\text{He}$	SIDIS-Proton	$J/\psi$
Reaction channel	$p(\vec{e}, e')X$	$(e, e'\pi^\pm)$	$(e, e'\pi^\pm)$	$e + p \rightarrow e' + J/\Psi(e^-, e^+) + p$
Approved number of days	169	125	120	60
Target	$\text{LH}_2/\text{LD}_2$	$^3\text{He}$	$\text{NH}_3$	$\text{LH}_2$
Unpolarized luminosity ( $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ )	$0.5 \times 10^{39}/1.3 \times 10^{39}$	$\sim 10^{37}$	$\sim 10^{36}$	$\sim 10^{37}$
Momentum coverage (GeV/c)	2.3-5.0	1.0-7.0	1.0-7.0	0.6-7.0
Momentum resolution	$\sim 2\%$	$\sim 2\%$	$\sim 3\%$	$\sim 2\%$
Polar angular coverage (degrees)	22-35	8-24	8-24	8-24
Polar angular resolution	1 mr	2 mr	3 mr	2 mr
Azimuthal angular resolution	-	6 mr	6 mr	6 mr
PID ( $e^-$ )	detection eff. $\geq 90\%$ pion contam. $< 0.001$	detection eff. $\geq 90\%$ pion contam. $< 1\%$	detection eff. $\geq 90\%$ pion contam. $< 1\%$	detection eff. $\geq 90\%$ pion contam. $< 1\%$
PID ( $\pi^\pm$ )		detection eff. $\geq 90\%$ kaon contam. $< 1\%$	detection eff. $\geq 90\%$ kaon contam. $< 1\%$	
Trigger type	Single $e^-$	Coincidence $e^- + \pi^\pm$	Coincidence $e^- + \pi^\pm$	Triple coincidence $e^- e^- e^+$
Expected DAQ rates	$< 20 \text{ kHz} \times 30$	$< 100 \text{ kHz}$	$< 100 \text{ kHz}$	$< 30 \text{ kHz}$
Backgrounds	Negative pions, photons	$(e, \pi^- \pi^\pm)$ $(e, e' K^\pm)$	$(e, \pi^- \pi^\pm)$ $(e, e' K^\pm)$	BH process Random coincidence
Major requirements	Radiation hardness 0.4% Polarimetry $\pi^-$ contamination $Q^2$ calibration	Radiation hardness Detector resolution Kaon contamination DAQ	Shielding of <i>sheet-of-flame</i> Target spin flip Kaon contamination	Radiation hardness Detector resolution