

# **Polarized and unpolarized Timelike Compton Scattering**

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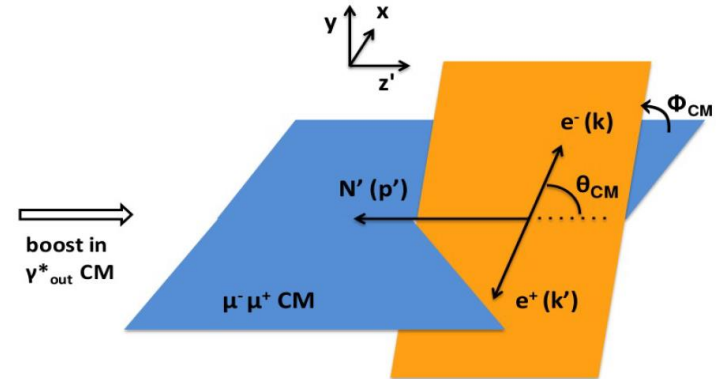
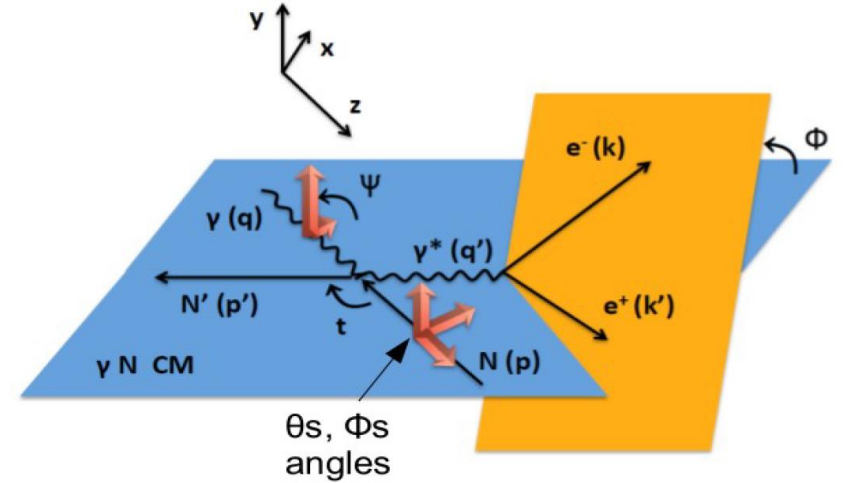
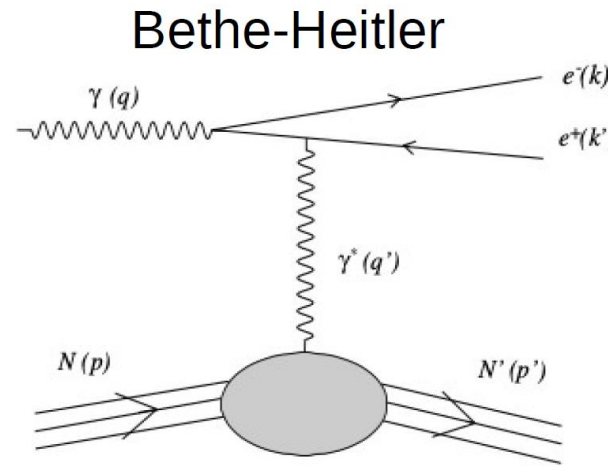
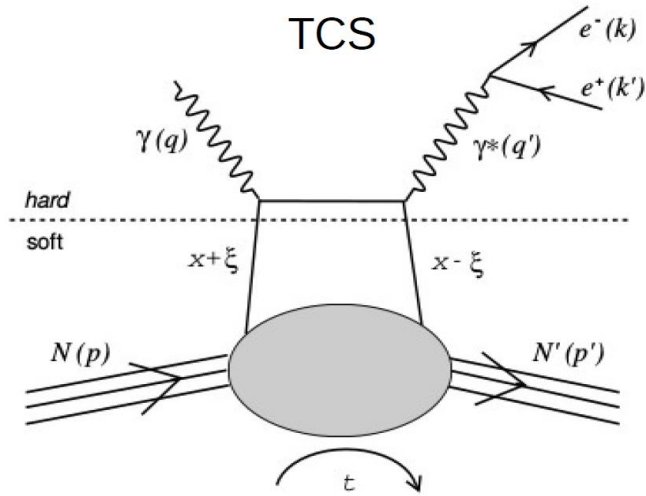
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# Outline

- Timelike Compton Scattering
- Polarized TCS
- Unpolarized TCS
- To do
- Conclusion

# Timelike Compton Scattering

$$\gamma N \rightarrow e^+ e^- N' = \text{TCS} + \text{BH}$$



5-differential unpolarized  
6-differential perp target  
Choice in presented work:  
 $Q^2, t, E\gamma, \varphi, \theta$  or  $Q^2, t, \xi, \varphi, \theta$

$\Psi$ : (reaction plane,  $\gamma$  spin)  
 $\Phi$ : (hadronic plane,  $e^+e^-$  pair)  
 $\Theta$ : ( $\gamma^*, e^-$ )  
 $\theta_s, \Phi_s$ : (target spin vector orientation)

**Notations:**  $\sigma$  = unpolarized cross section,  $A_{xx}$  = asymmetry  
 $A \odot u$  = circularly polarized beam, unpolarized target /  $ALu$  = linearly polarized beam  
 $A_{ui}$  ( $i=x, y, z$ ) = unpolarized beam, polarized target along  $i$  axis.

# Polarized proton TCS

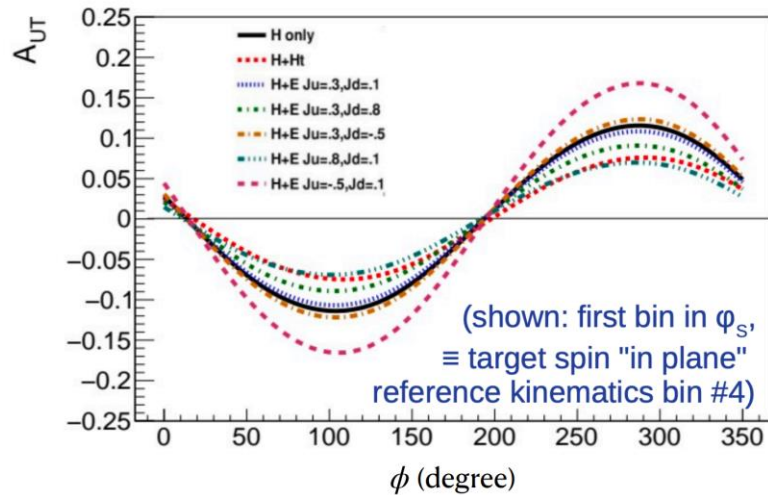
Single Spin Asymmetry ( $A_{UT}$ ): unpolarized beam and transversely polarized target

$$A_{UT} = \frac{\sigma^+ - \sigma^-}{\sigma^+ + \sigma^-} \quad \dots (1)$$

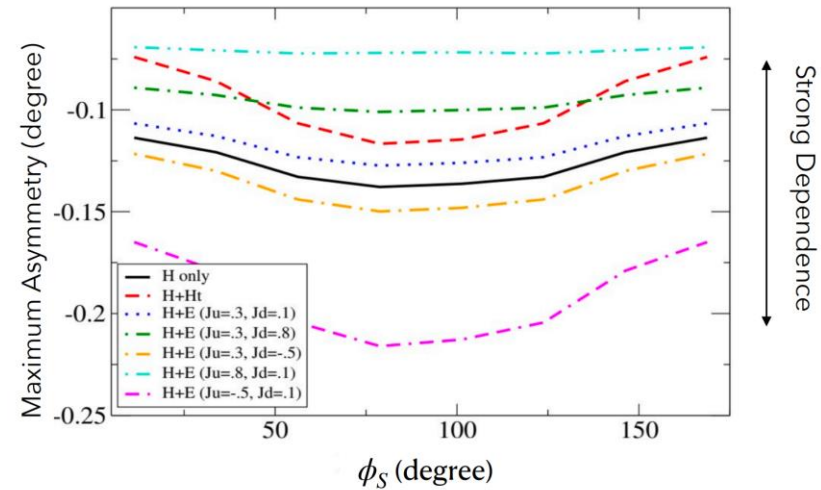
1.  $\sigma^\pm \equiv \frac{d^6\sigma}{dQ^2 dt d\Omega d\phi_s dE_\gamma}$  : 6 differential scattering cross-section TCS+BH
2.  $\pm$  : x direction (+) or y direction (-) of spin  $\phi_s$  of the transversely polarized target
3. 6 differential cross section sensitive to Imaginary part of CFF
4. Asymmetry arises due to the interference between the TCS and BH processes
5.  $A_{UT} \propto \sin(\phi, \phi_s)$  moment of the  $\frac{d^6\sigma^{INT}}{dQ^2 dt d(\cos\theta) d\phi d\phi_s dE_\gamma}$
6.  $A_{UT}$  is sensible to the Imaginary part of the amplitude
7. As BH amplitude is purely Real,  $A_{UT}$  asymmetry is due to TCS process only

# Polarized TCS

Dependence in GPD parametrization and  $J_u, J_d$  (VGG model) vs  $\phi$  and  $\phi_S = 0$



$\sin(\phi)$  moment of transverse spin asymmetry vs  $\phi_S$ , Dependence in GPD E and  $J^{u,d}$  (VGG model)



High sensitivity with spin of different quarks ( $J^{u,d}$ )

# TCS with CPS

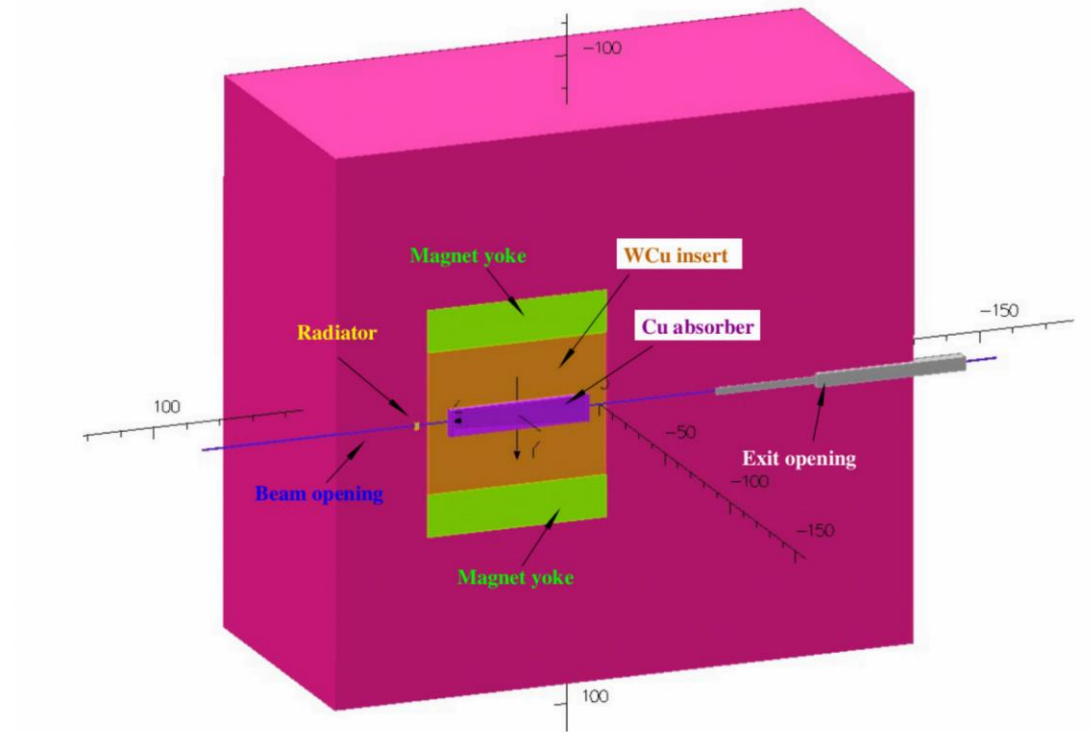


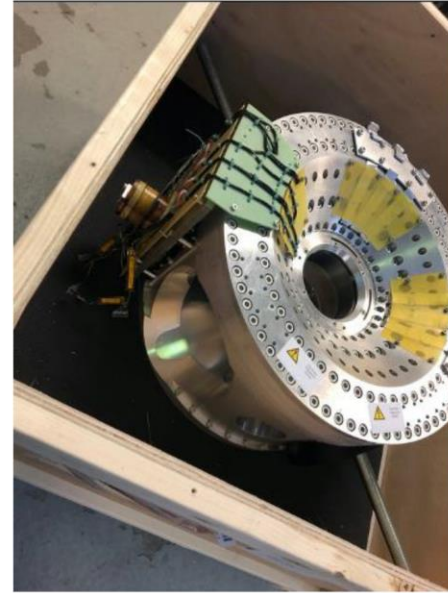
Fig : The CPS Cut off view

Source : [A Conceptual Design Study of a Compact Photon Source \(CPS\) for Jefferson Lab](#)

1. Spot size  $\sim 0.9 \text{ mm}$  at a distance of 2m away from the radiator
2. Photon Flux  $\sim 1.5 \times 10^{12} \text{ s}^{-1}$  from electron beam current  $2.5 \mu\text{A}$  on 10%  $X_0$  Cu radiator
3. Photon energy  $> 0.5 E_{beam}$
4. T warm magnet to bend incoming electrons to local beam dump
5. Source : D.Day et al., NIMA 957 (2020) 163429

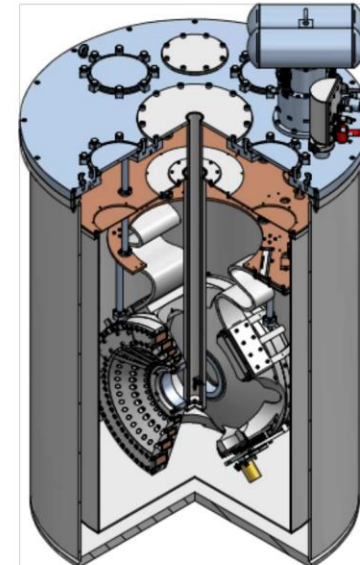
# Polarized proton target

- Target material:  $^{15}\text{NH}_3$ , in LHe at 1°K.
- Packing fraction 0.6.
- Magnetic field generated by superconducting Helmholtz coils.
- DNP polarization by 140 GHz, 20 W RF field.
- Polarization monitored via NMR.
- Depolarization mitigated by combined rotation ( $\sim 1$  Hz) around horizontal axis and vertical up/down movement ( $\sim 10$  mm).



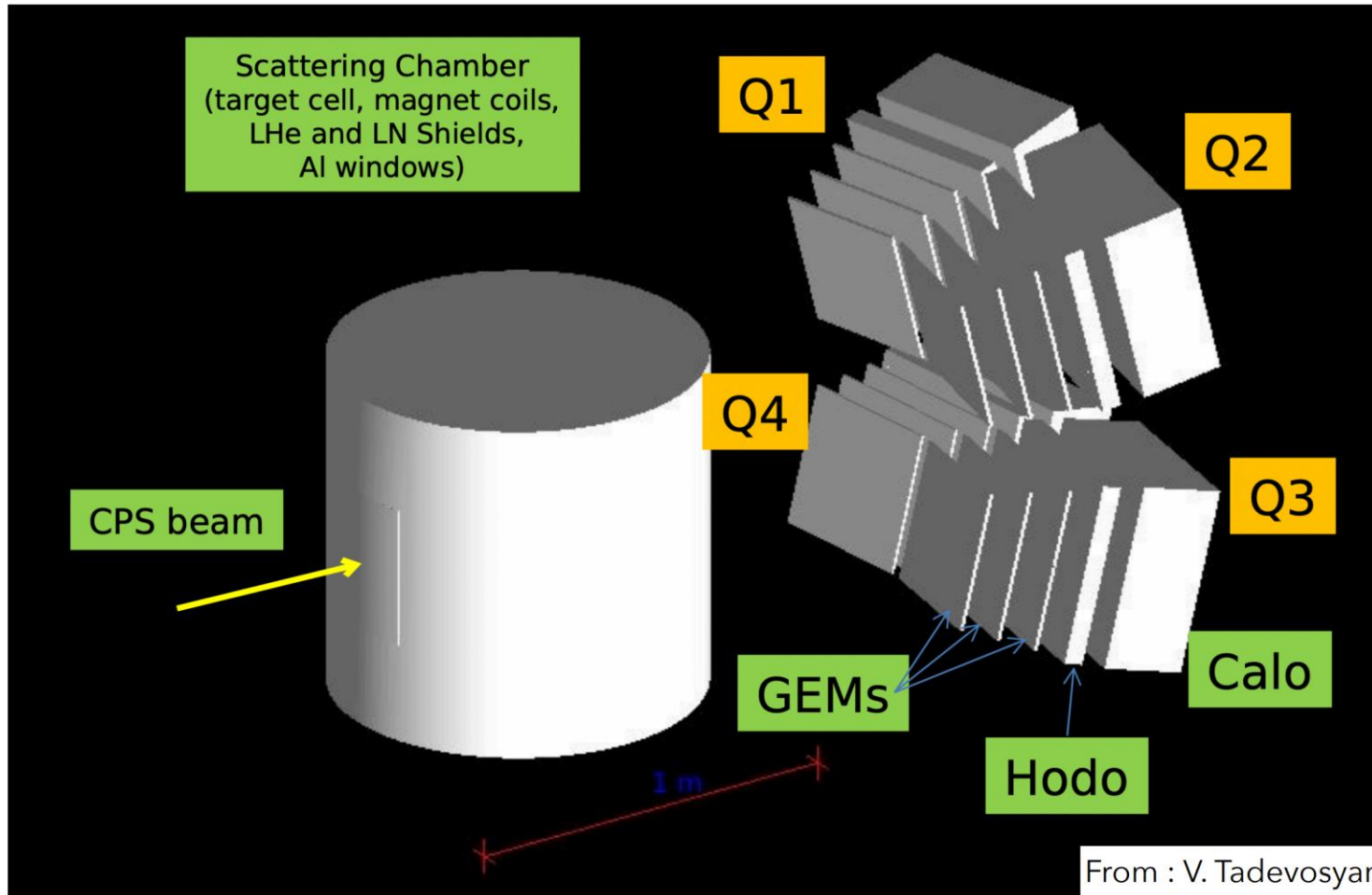
## New polarizing magnet arrived in September 2021!

- Drop-in replacement for old Jlab-UVA target
- 5 T magnetic field, 100 ppm uniformity
- $\pm 25^\circ$  horizontal opening angle in transverse field configuration (increase from  $\pm 18^\circ$  --> increase of TCS acceptance, help with background rates.)
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Horizontal field orientation

# Polarized TCS



1. High intensity photon source  
 $1.5 \times 10^{12} \gamma/\text{sec}$  (CPS)

2. Target chamber:  $\text{NH}_3$ , 3cm  
Polarized via DNP

3. Tracking: GEM+hodoscopes,  
4 symmetric quadrants

4. Calorimeters: 4 symmetric  
quadrants, equivalent of 2 NPS  
 $\sim 6^\circ$  to  $27^\circ$  aperture

5. Lumi request:  $5.85 \times 10^5$   
 $\text{pb}^{-1}$

Fig : Geant4 simulation of detector setup at Hall C  
for proposed polarized TCS experiment



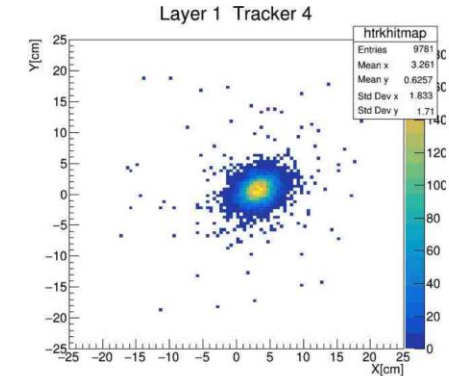
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Low energy protons :  $E_{\text{kin}} \sim 30 \text{ MeV} - 450 \text{ MeV}$

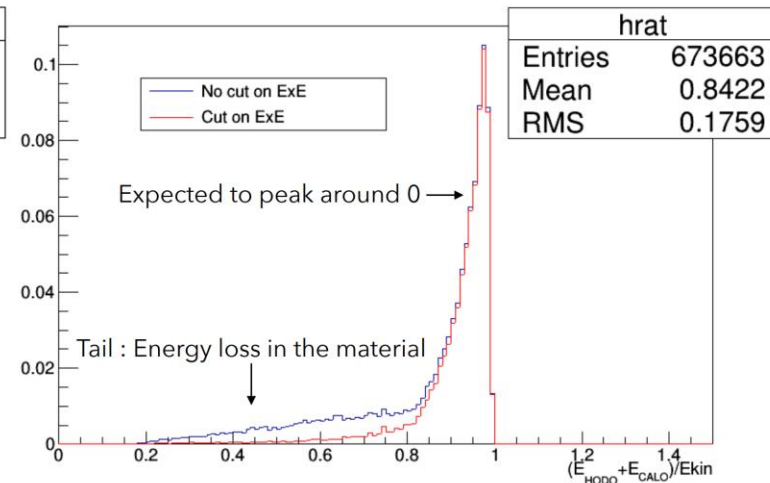
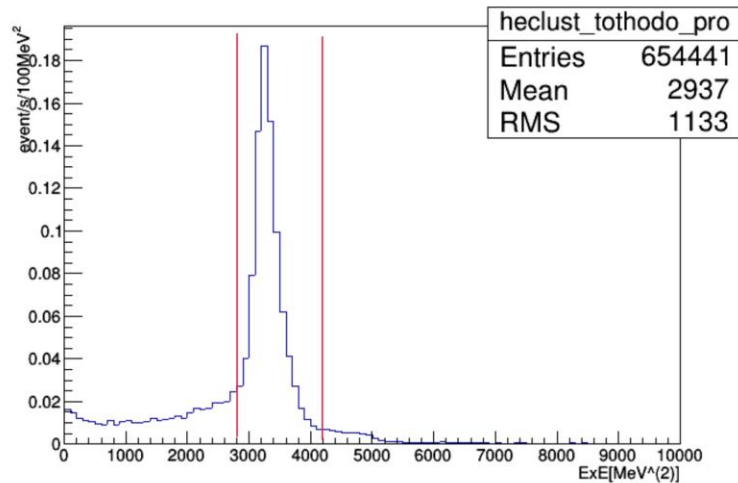
Cuts to select good protons :

1.  $E_{\text{HODO}} > 15 \text{ MeV}$
2.  $90 \text{ MeV} < E_{\text{HODO}} + E_{\text{CALO}} < 450 \text{ MeV}$
3.  $2800 \text{ MeV}^2 < E.E < 4200 \text{ MeV}^2$

Where  $E.E = (E_{\text{HODO}} + E_{\text{CALO}} - 12).(E_{\text{HODO}} - 7)$



GEM hit patten from 400 MeV/C protons



# Unpolarized TCS

Single Spin Asymmetry ( $A_{\odot U}$ ): circularly polarized beam and unpolarized target

$$A_{\odot U} = \frac{\sigma^+ - \sigma^-}{\sigma^+ + \sigma^-} \dots (2)$$

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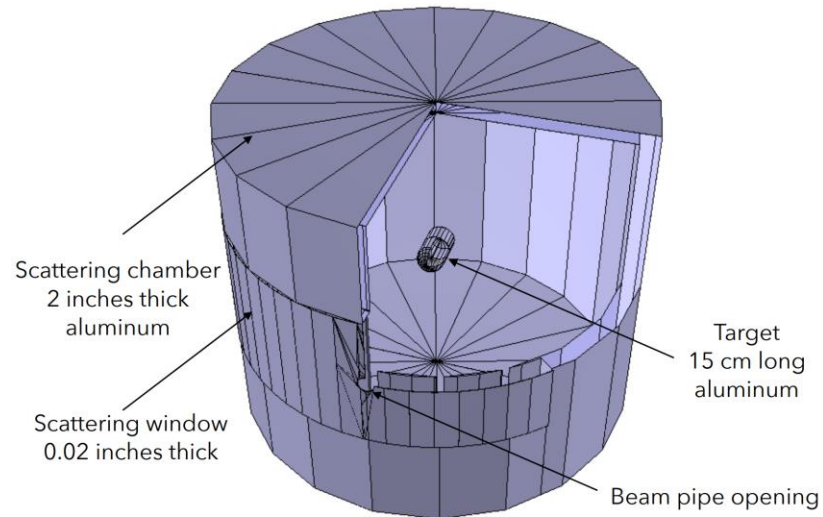


Fig : Geant4 simulation of scattering chamber and target

1. Scattering chamber inner diameter = 41 inches
2. Scattering chamber outer diameter = 45 inches
3. Angular range : horizontal HMS : 3.2 to 77.0 degrees
4. Angular range : SHMS : 3.2 to 47.0 degrees
5. Vertical angular range :  $\pm 17.3$  degrees
6. Target thickness of Entrance and exit cap = 0.1778 cm
7. Target cell wall thickness = 0.0254 cm

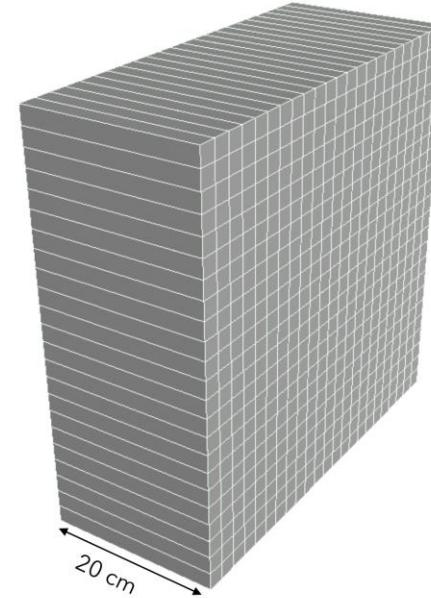


Fig : Geant4 simulation calorimeter

1.  $e^-$ ,  $e^+$ ,  $P$  detection and PID
2. Clones of the NPS calorimeter at Hall C
3.  $2 \times 2 \times 20$  cm<sup>2</sup> PBWO4 scintillator crystal
4. Expected energy resolution  $\frac{2.5\%}{\sqrt{E}} + 1\%$
5. Coordinate resolution  $\sim 3$  mm at 1 GeV
6. Fly's eye assembly of  $23 \times 23$  matrix of total 2116 modules

# Unpolarized TCS

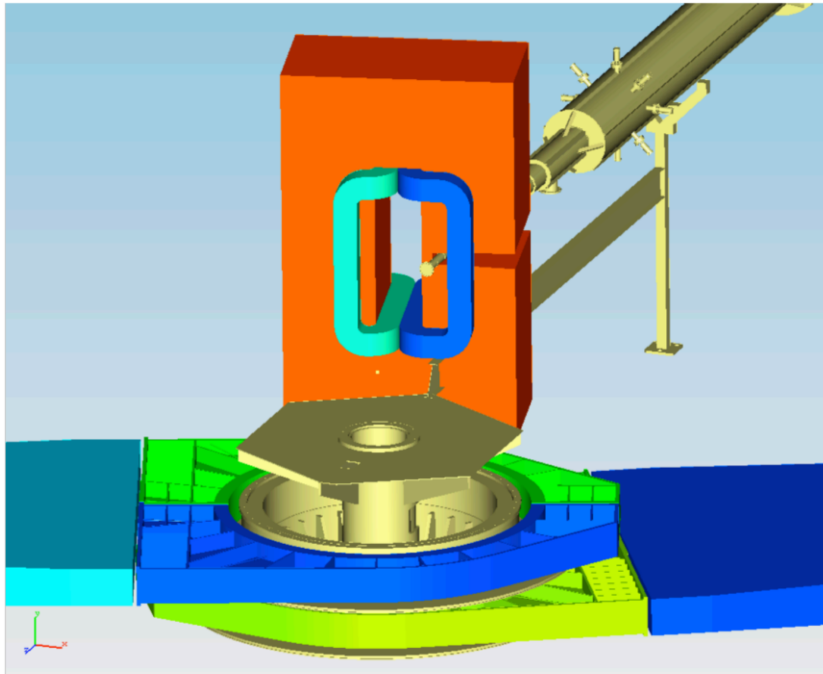


Fig : CAD Drawing for Super Bigbite Magnet

Source : <https://userweb.jlab.org/~bogdanw/SBS-general.pdf>

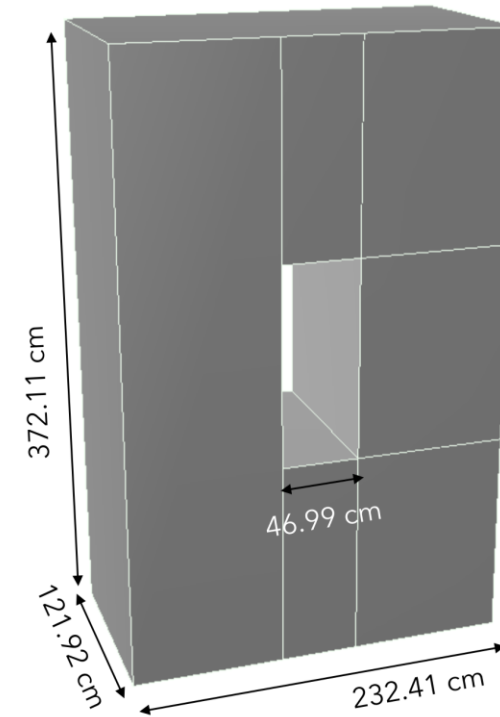
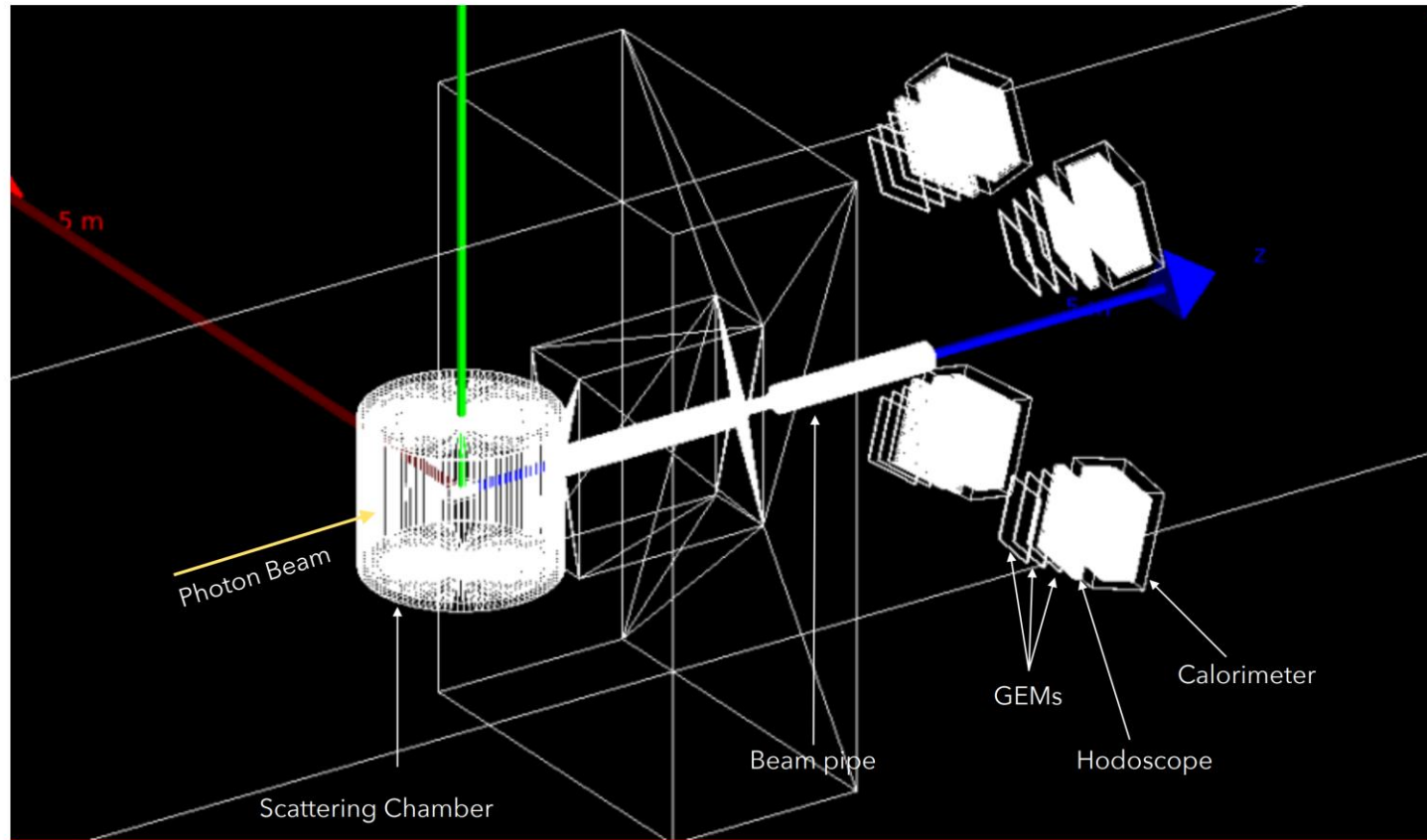


Fig : Geant4 simulation of simple magnet geometry

1. The field integral is 2.4 Tesla-meter with 1.2 m long pole

# Unpolarized TCS



# To do list

- Simulation work with full background
  - Develop analysis software for reconstruction ( PID and tracking )
  - Demonstrate operation of GEM tracker possible
  - Demonstrate proton detection is possible
- Looking into adapting SBS software

# Conclusion

- Timelike Compton Scattering can test universality of GPDs and is an additional way to access GPDs in particular E
- Experimental challenge with proton detection
- Polarized TCS with CPS and NPS
  - Study ongoing for next PAC
- Unpolarized TCS with CPS, NPS and SBS and cryogenic LH2 target being investigated