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## Double Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering with SoLID $\mu$ spectrometer

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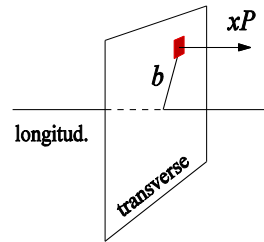
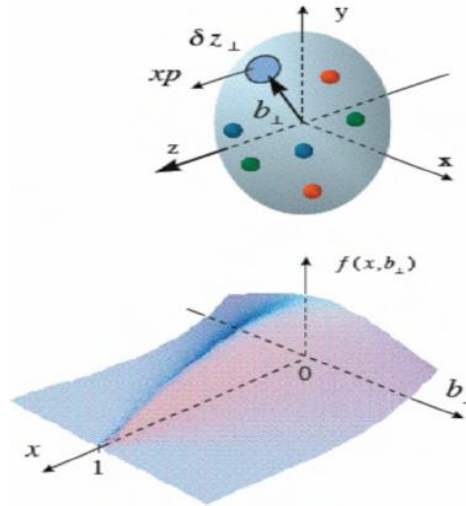
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# Outline

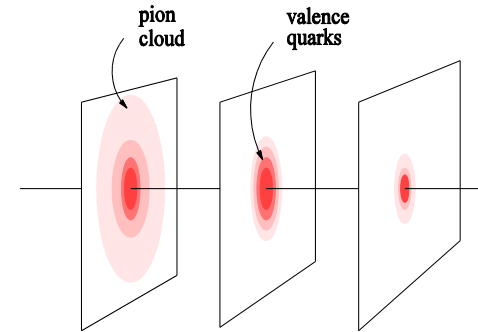
- Generalized Parton Distribution
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- Summary

# Generalized Parton Distribution (GPD)

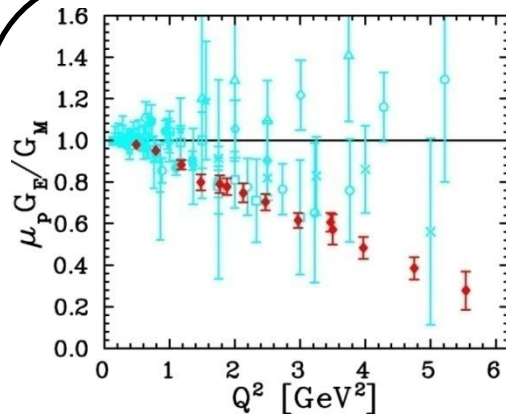
A unified description of partons (quarks and gluons) in the momentum and impact parameter space



(a)

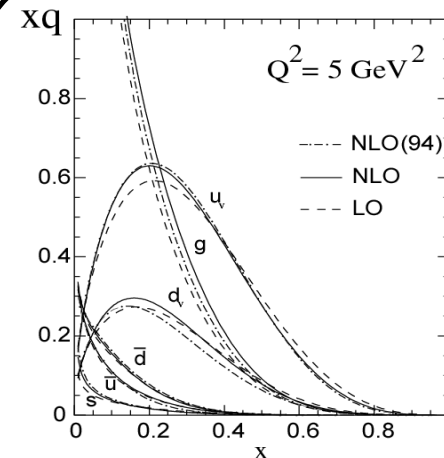
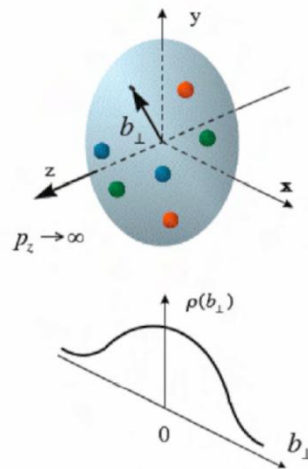


(b)  $x < 0.1$   $x \sim 0.3$   $x \sim 0.8$



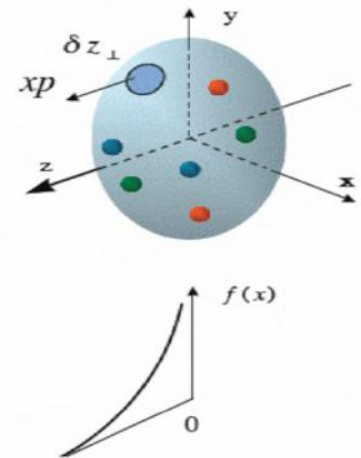
Elastic form factors

Transverse spatial distributions



Parton Distribution Functions

Longitudinal momentum distributions



# Nucleon Structure and GPD

**GPDs** encode **correlations between partons** and contain information about **internal dynamics of hadrons** like **angular momentum** or **distribution of the forces** experienced by quarks and gluons

imaging

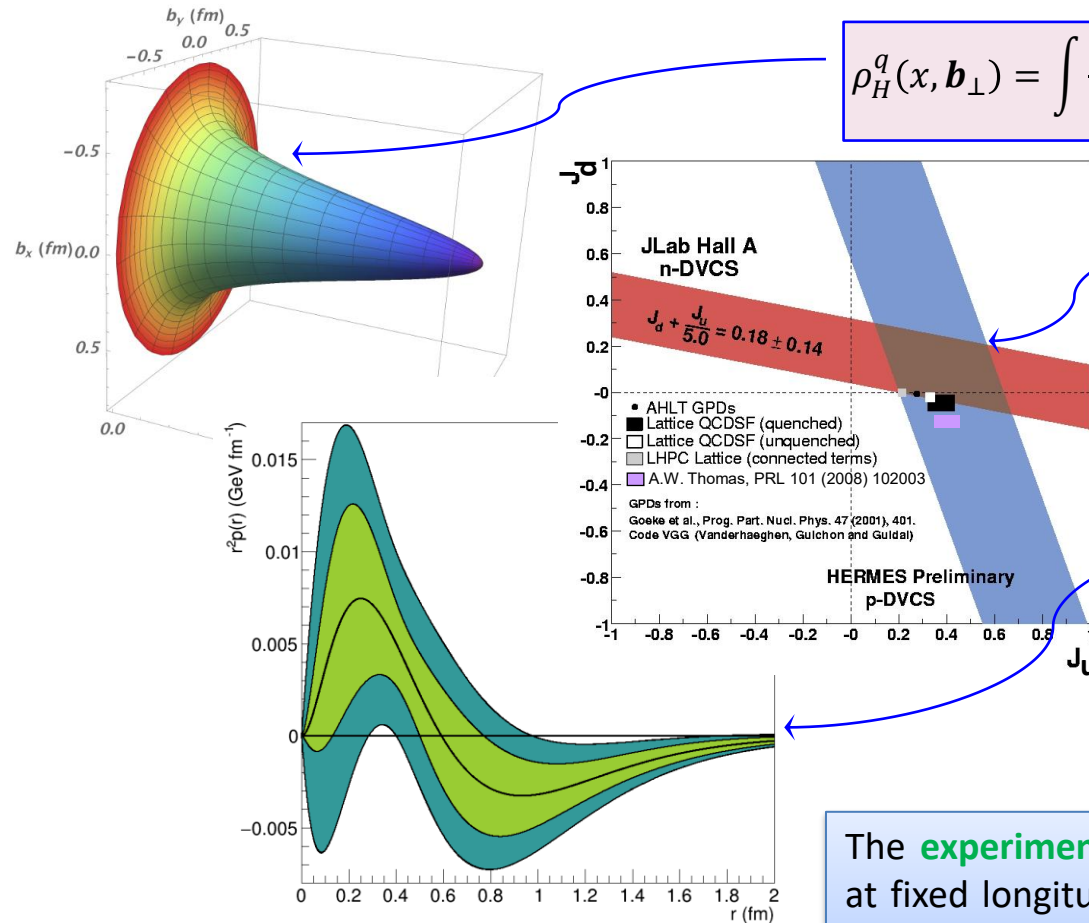
$$\rho_H^q(x, \mathbf{b}_\perp) = \int \frac{d^2 \Delta_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i\mathbf{b}_\perp \cdot \Delta_\perp} [H^q(x, 0, -\Delta_\perp^2) + H^q(-x, 0, -\Delta_\perp^2)]$$

spin

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_{-1}^1 x [H^q(x, \xi, t) + E^q(x, \xi, t)] dx = J^q$$

gravitational form factor

$$\int_{-1}^1 x \sum_q H^q(x, \xi, t) dx = M_2(t) + \frac{4}{5} \xi^2 d_1(t)$$



The **experimental knowledge** of the  **$\xi$ -dependence** of GPDs at fixed longitudinal momentum fraction is a **crucial step** for unraveling the 3D structure and internal dynamics of the **nucleon**

# General Compton Process accessing GPD

$$\gamma^*(q) + p(p) \rightarrow \gamma^*(q') + p(p')$$

$$Q^2 = -q^2, \quad Q'^2 = q'^2, \quad s = (p + q)^2, \quad t = \Delta^2,$$

DVCS	$(\gamma^* \rightarrow \gamma, Q'^2=0, \xi' = \xi)$
Timelike CS	$(\gamma \rightarrow \gamma^*, Q^2=0, \xi' = -\xi)$
Double DVCS	$(\gamma^* \rightarrow \gamma^*, Q^2 Q'^2 \xi' \xi \text{ vary})$

Because of the virtuality of the initial and final photon, **DDVCS** allows direct access to GPDs at  $|x| < \xi$ , crucial for modeling and investigation of **nuclear imaging, spin, and internal dynamics**

Compton Form Factor (CFF)

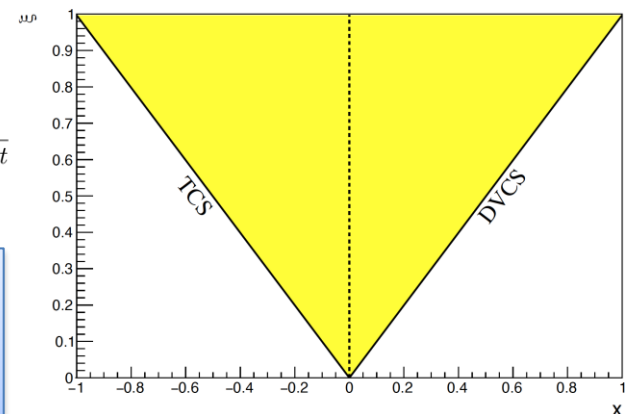
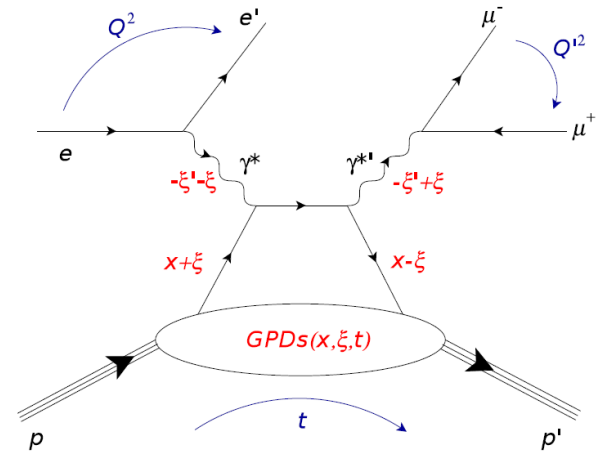
$$\mathcal{F}(\xi', \xi, t) = \mathcal{P} \int_{-1}^1 F_+(x, \xi, t) \left[ \frac{1}{x - \xi'} \pm \frac{1}{x + \xi'} \right] dx - i\pi F_+(\xi', \xi, t)$$

GPD combination

$$F_+(x, \xi, t) = \sum_q \left( \frac{e_q}{e} \right)^2 [F^q(x, \xi, t) \mp F^q(-x, \xi, t)]$$

Generalized Bjorken variable  $\xi' = \frac{Q^2 - Q'^2 + t/2}{2Q^2/x_B - Q^2 - Q'^2 + t}$  Skewness  $\xi = \frac{Q^2 + Q'^2}{2Q^2/x_B - Q^2 - Q'^2 + t}$

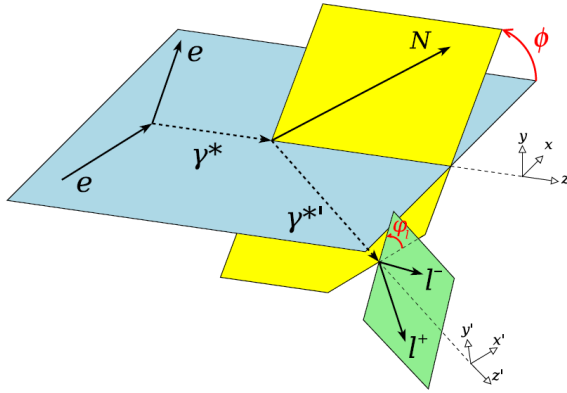
Following the sign change of  $\xi'$  around  $Q'^2=Q^2$ , the imaginary part of  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  **change sign**, providing a testing ground of **GPD universality**.



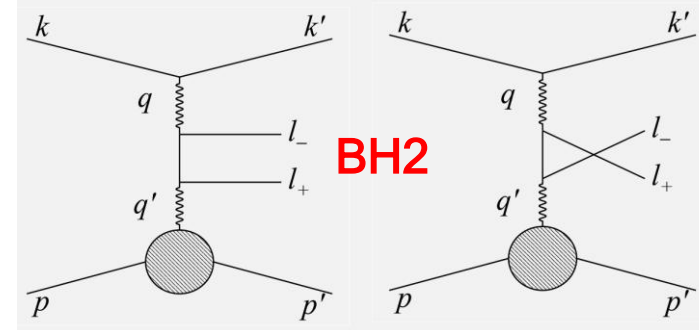
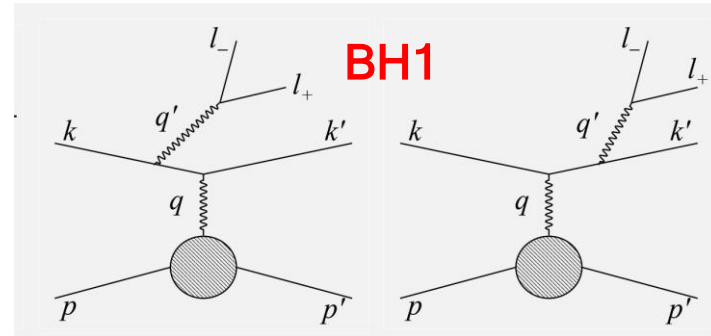
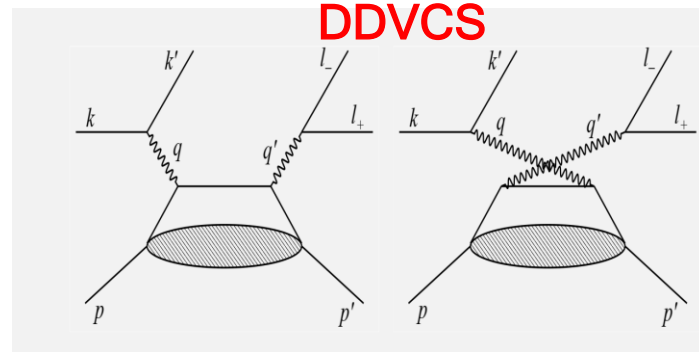
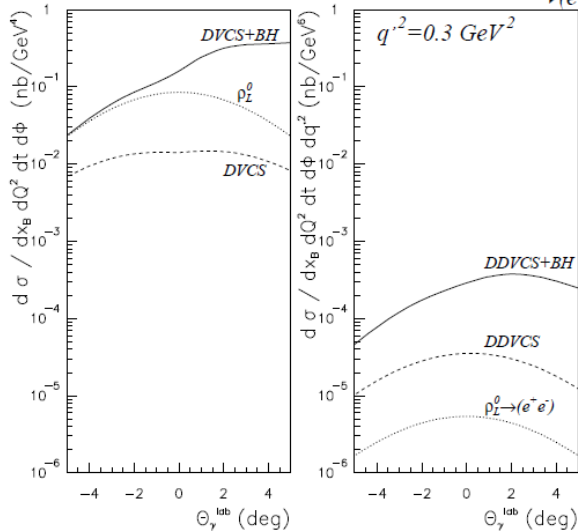
# Elementary Cross Section

**DDVCS** cross section is about  $\sim 1/100$  of **DVCS**, involves two Bethe-Heitler (BH) processes

$$d^7\sigma_P^e = d^7\sigma_{BH_1} + d^7\sigma_{BH_2} + d^7\sigma_{DDVCS} + P d^7\tilde{\sigma}_{DDVCS} + d^7\sigma_{INT_2} + P d^7\tilde{\sigma}_{INT_2} - e [d^7\sigma_{BH_{12}} + d^7\sigma_{INT_1} + P d^7\tilde{\sigma}_{INT_1}]$$



$E_e = 6 \text{ GeV}, Q^2 = 2.5 \text{ GeV}^2, x_B = 0.3, \Phi = 0 \text{ deg.}$   
 $e^- + p \rightarrow e^- + p + \gamma, \rho_L^0 \quad e^- + p \rightarrow e^- + p + (\gamma, \rho_L^0) \rightarrow (e^- e^+)$



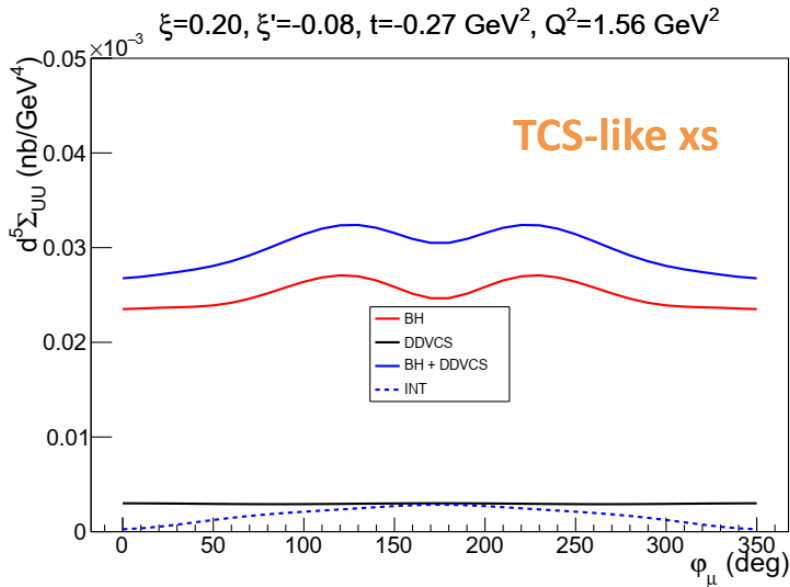
# Integrated Cross Section

**5-fold TCS-like observables** obtained from the **integration** over the **polar angle** of **muon** and the **azimuthal angle** of **initial virtual photon**, also **minimizing** the contribution of the **BH<sub>2</sub>** process

$$\theta_0 = \pi/4$$

$$d^5\Sigma^\lambda(\varphi_\mu) \equiv \frac{d^5\sigma^\lambda(\varphi_\mu)}{dx_B dy dt dQ'^2 d\varphi_\mu} = \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_{\pi/2-\theta_0}^{\pi/2+\theta_0} d\theta_\mu \sin(\theta_\mu) \frac{d^7\sigma^\lambda(\phi, \theta_\mu, \phi_\mu)}{dx_B dy dt d\phi dQ'^2 d\Omega_\mu}$$

$$d^5\Sigma^\lambda = d^5\Sigma_{BH_1} + d^5\Sigma_{BH_2} + d^5\Sigma_{BH_{12}} + d^5\Sigma_{DDVCS} + d^5\Sigma_{\mathcal{I}_1} + d^5\Sigma_{\mathcal{I}_2} + \lambda d^5\tilde{\Sigma}_{\mathcal{I}_2} = d^5\Sigma_{UU} + \lambda d^5\Sigma_{LU}$$



- Our study focuses on using **TCS-like observables** for projection to allow access to both terms above
- DVCS-like observables obtained by integrating over muon phi angle may also be considered as crosscheck

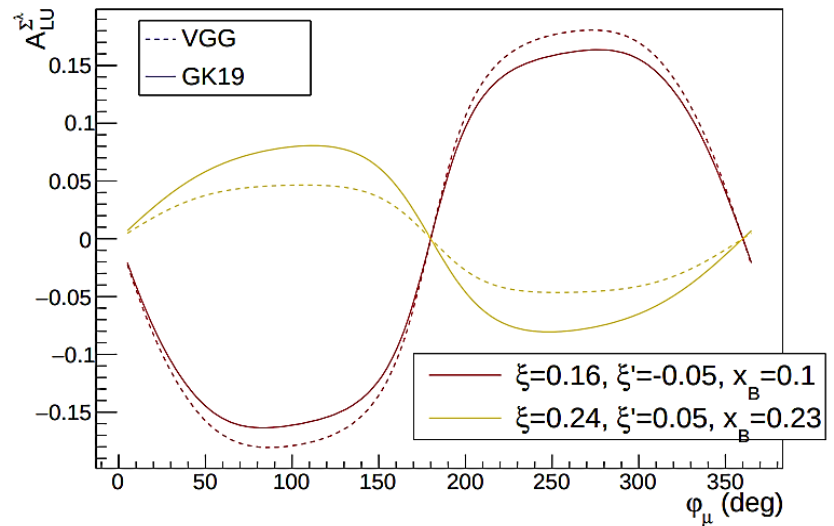
# Beam Spin Asymmetry

$$A_{LU}^{\Sigma^\lambda}(\varphi_\mu) = \lambda \frac{d^5\Sigma^+ - d^5\Sigma^-}{d^5\Sigma^+ + d^5\Sigma^-} = \frac{\lambda d^5\tilde{\Sigma}_{\mathcal{I}_2}}{d^5\Sigma_{BH_1} + d^5\Sigma_{BH_2} + d^5\Sigma_{BH_{12}} + d^5\Sigma_{DDVCS} + d^5\Sigma_{\mathcal{I}_1} + d^5\Sigma_{\mathcal{I}_2}}$$

$$\propto \Im \left\{ F_1 \mathcal{H} + \xi' (F_1 + F_2) \tilde{\mathcal{H}} - \frac{t}{4M_N^2} F_2 \mathcal{E} \right\}$$

- Access to the imaginary part of CFFs
- **BSA** changes sign when transitioning from **DVCS-like region** ( $\xi' > 0, Q^2 > Q'^2$ ) to **TCS-like region** ( $\xi' < 0, Q^2 < Q'^2$ )
- **DDVCS BSAs** are dominated by the CFF  $\mathcal{H}$ , thus providing a measurement of the  $\mathcal{H}$  GPD at  $\xi' \neq \pm \xi$  with similar quality to DVCS

BSA in two regions





# Muon Charge Asymmetry

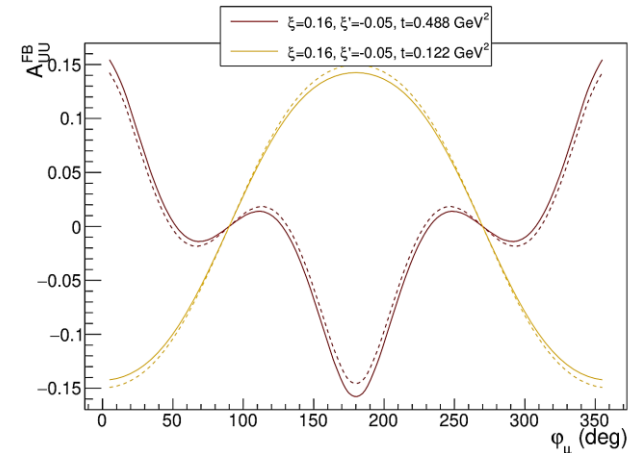
$$A_{UU}^{\mu^\pm}(\varphi_\mu) = \frac{d^5\Sigma_{UU}(\varphi_{\mu^-}) - d^5\Sigma_{UU}(\varphi_{\mu^+})}{d^5\Sigma_{UU}(\varphi_{\mu^-}) + d^5\Sigma_{UU}(\varphi_{\mu^+})}$$

$$= \frac{d^5\Sigma_{BH_{12}} + d^5\Sigma_{\mathcal{I}_2}}{d^5\Sigma_{BH_1} + d^5\Sigma_{BH_2} + d^5\Sigma_{DDVCS} + d^5\Sigma_{\mathcal{I}_1}}$$

$$d^5\Sigma_{\mathcal{I}_2} \propto -\frac{\xi'}{\xi} \Re \left[ F_1 \mathcal{H} + \frac{\xi^2}{\xi'} (F_1 + F_2) \tilde{\mathcal{H}} - \frac{t}{4M_N^2} F_2 \mathcal{E} \right]$$

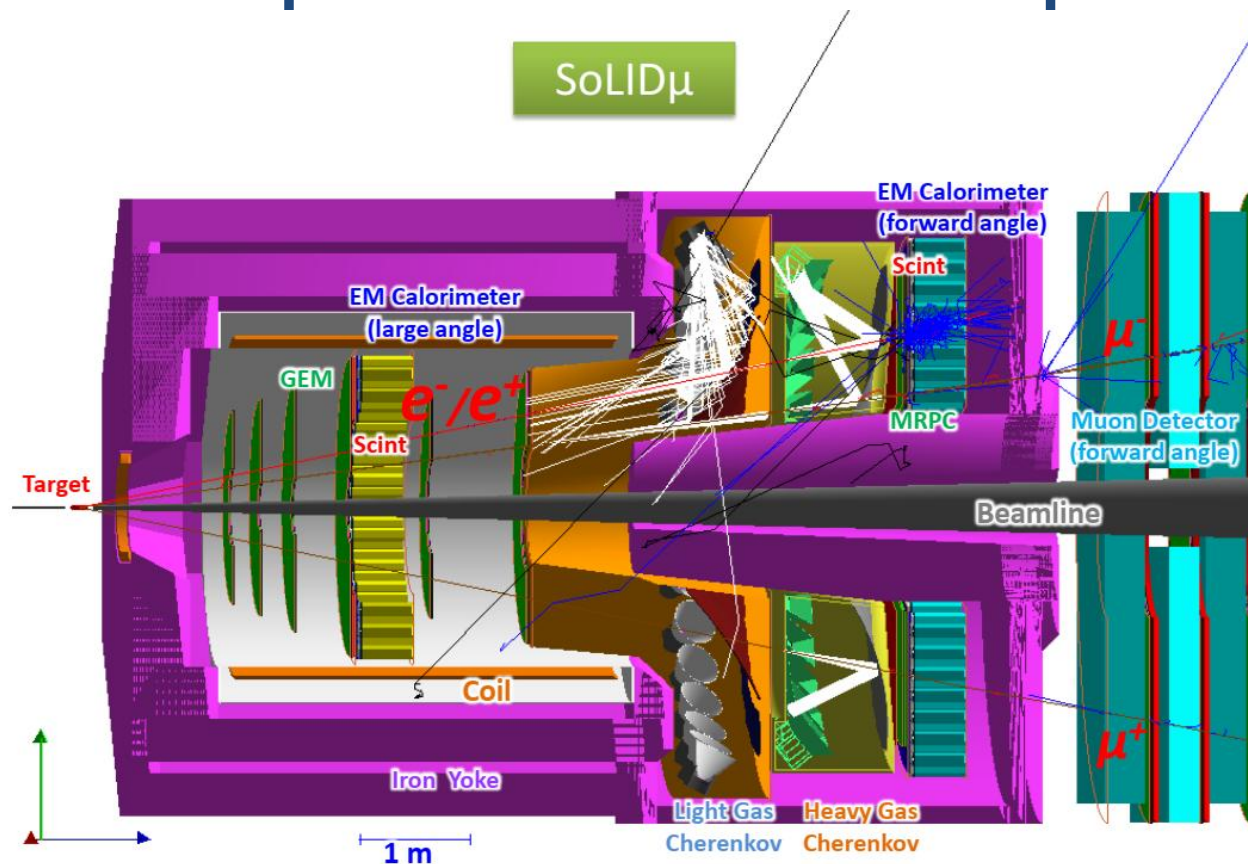
aka Forward Backward Asymmetry

**μCA** in two regions



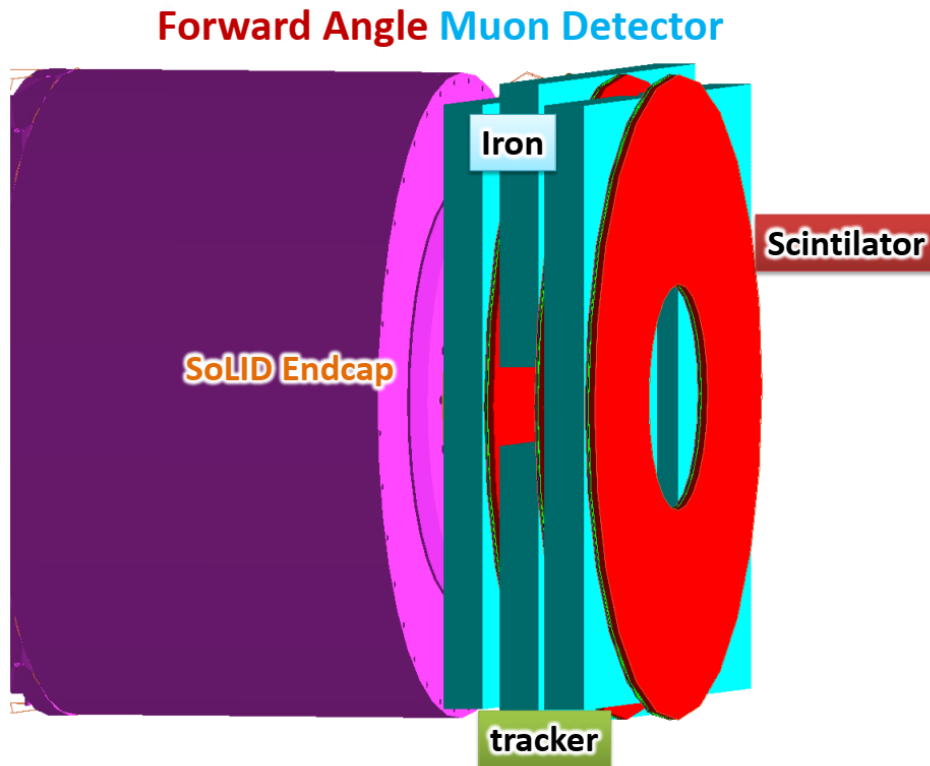
- Access to the real part of CFFs (no dispersion relation has been established)
- **μCA** predicted to have **significant amplitude** and rich **harmonic composition**, like the forward-backward asymmetry of TCS
- **Curvature change** is a highly-discriminating feature for models
- **DDVCS μCA** access a CFF combination **different from BSA**. This feature **distinguishes DDVCS** from DVCS and TCS.

# Experimental Setup



- SoLID can detect  $e^-$ ,  $e^+$ , proton, pion
- Based on SoLID J/Psi and TCS setup ( $1.2e37/cm^2/s$ ) with forward angle muon detector added to form SoLIDμ spectrometer
- Sharing beam time with approved J/Psi and TCS di-e experiment
- Forward Angle (FA) covers 8.5-16.5deg and Large Angle (LA) covers 18-30deg

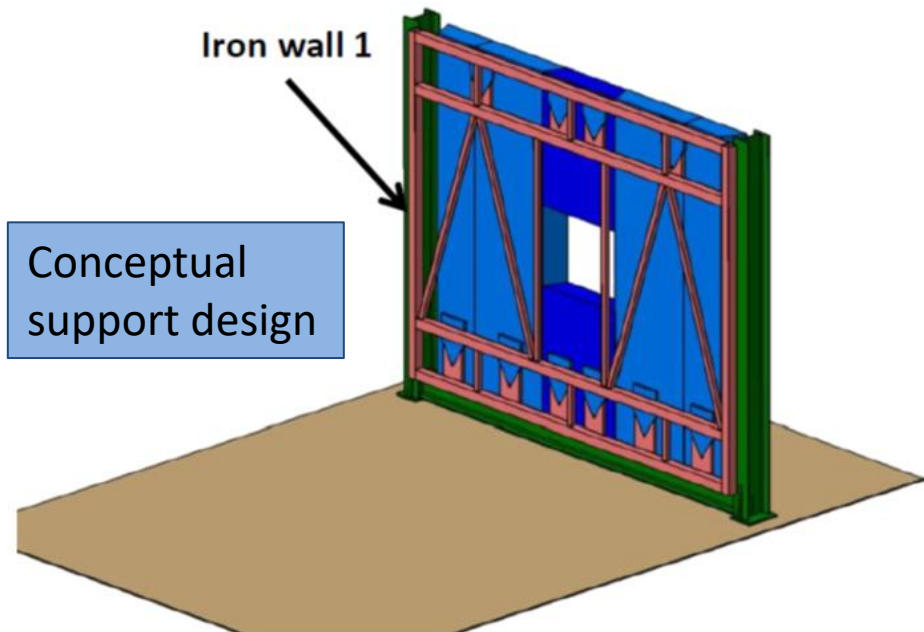
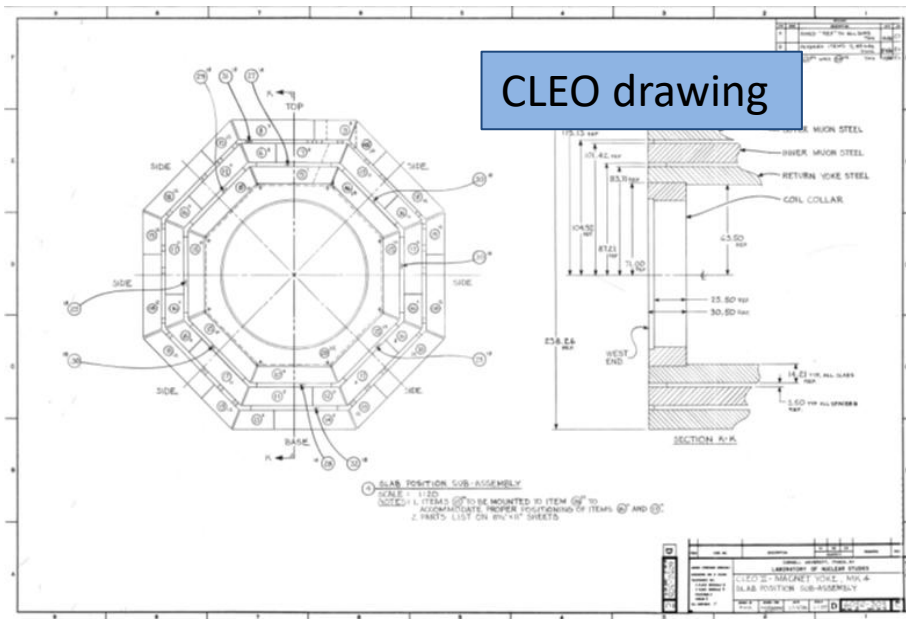
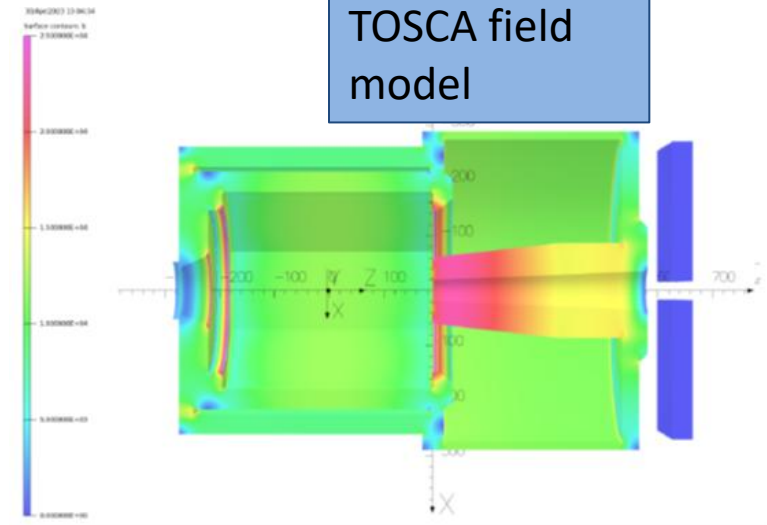
# Forward Angle Muon Detector (FAMD)



- 3 layers of iron+tracker+scintillator ( $R_{in}=1\text{m}$ ,  $R_{out}=3\text{m}$ )
- Iron for pion blocking
- $\mu$ RWell trackers to connect with tracks in SoLID inner GEM trackers
  - track resolution from SoLID inner trackers only
- scintillators for muon PID with pion suppression and trigger

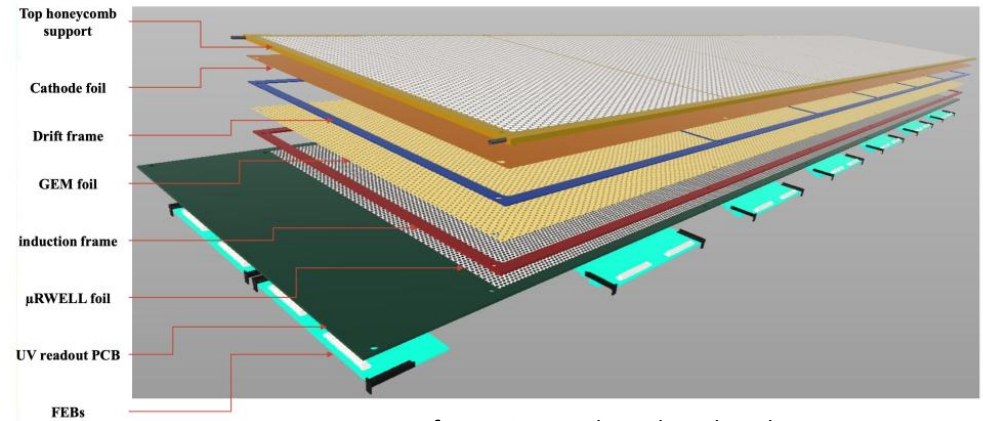
# Iron of FAMD

- **Reuse** 6 of CLEO octagon outer layer iron
- Each one is about 36x254x533cm
- No problem with space
- Field ( $<10\text{G}$ ), force ( $<1\text{N}$ ), torque ( $<2\text{Nm}$ ) are small

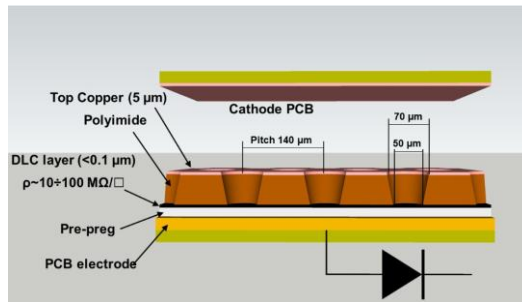


# $\mu$ RWell trackers of FAMMD

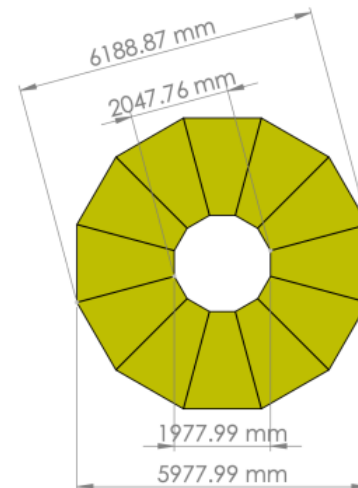
- $\mu$ RWell tracker with good rate capability and lower cost than GEM
- VMM electronics for readout
- 2D UV strips with capacitive charge sharing to have rate 30KHz/cm<sup>2</sup> and position resolution of 1 mm



$\mu$ RWell Detector for EPIC outer barrel tracking layer



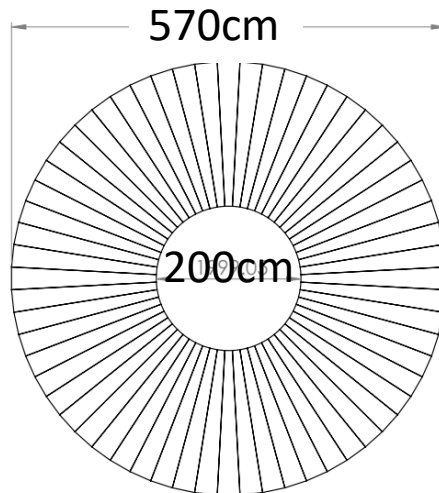
$\mu$ RWell Detector – G. Bencivenni *et al* 2019 *JINST* **14** P05014



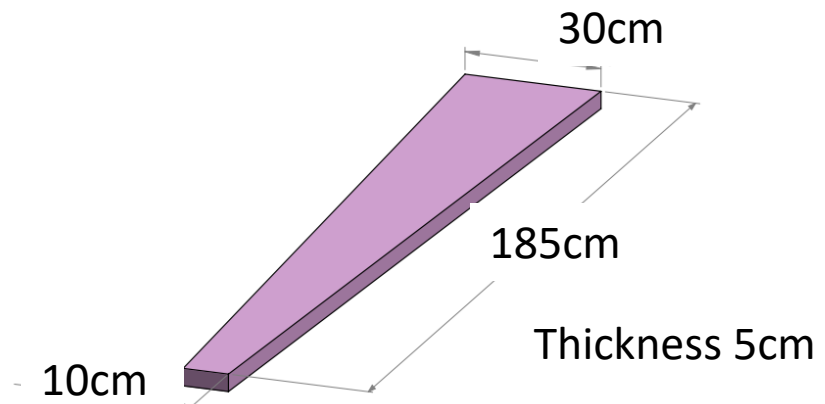
A plane of  $\mu$ RWell detector

# Scintillators of FAMD

- 3 layers of scintillator planes
- Each plane has 60 azimuthal segments
- Readout with light guide and PMTs from both inner and outer radial ends
- Design similar to CLAS12 forward scintillator and SoLID large angle scintillator with similar performance



A plane of scintillator detector



A module of scintillator detector

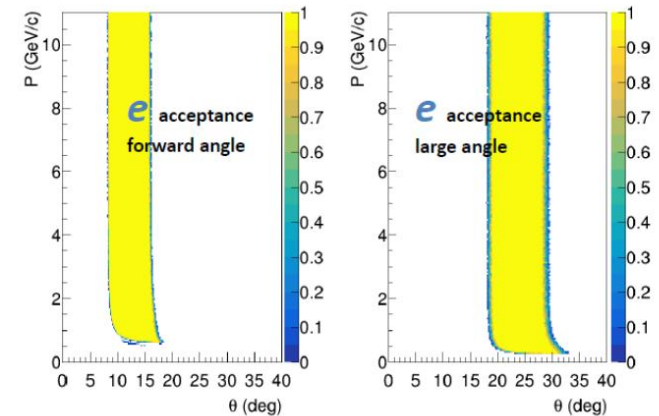
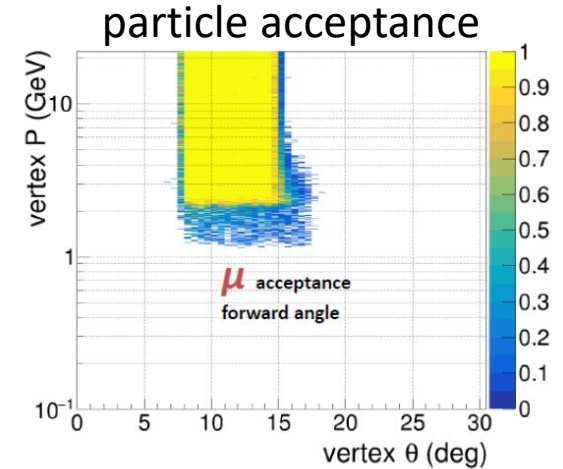
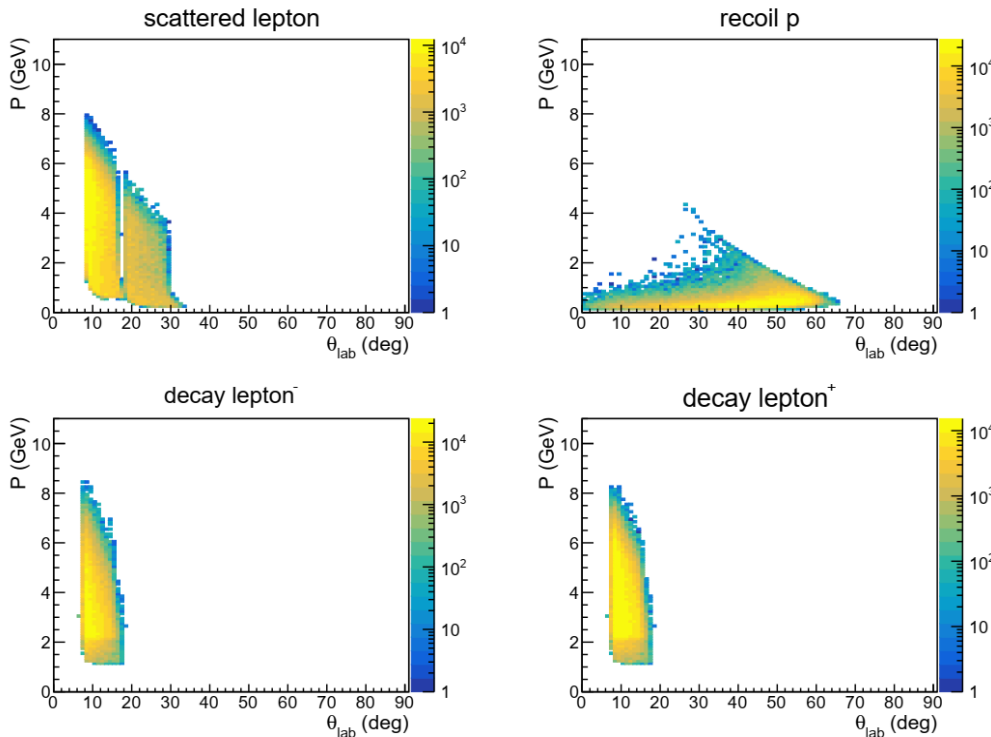


# Event Acceptance

BH generator "grape-dilepton" used by HERA and verified by CLAS12

- Best topology 3-fold(e+mu+mu): scattered e- at FA+LA, both muons at FA, proton not detected
- Additional topology 4-fold(e+mu+mu+p): recoil proton at FA+LA (clean)

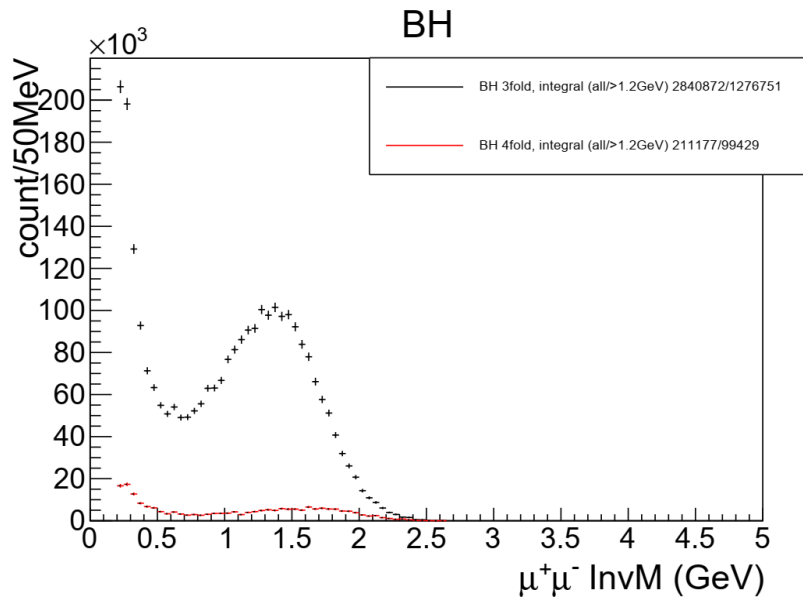
accepted BH 3-fold events



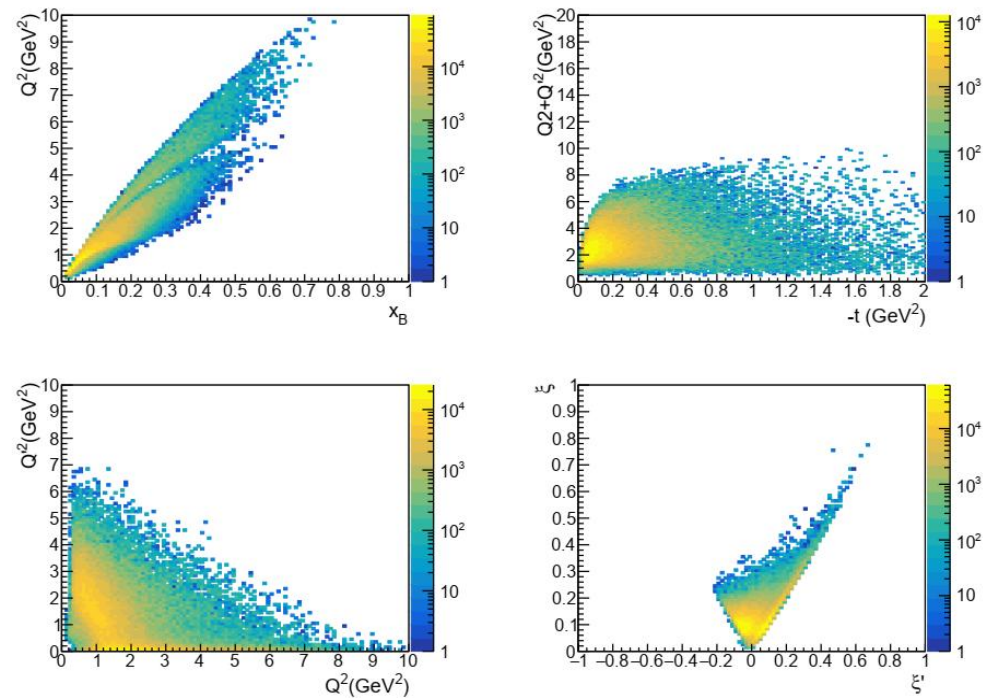
- full azimuthal coverage and large acceptance
- Solenoid field helps control systematics

# Event Distribution

- 3-fold BH events covers a large kinematic range
- 0.7 overall detection efficiency
- Enough counts with 1.2e37/cm2/s luminosity and 100 days to have multidimensional binning



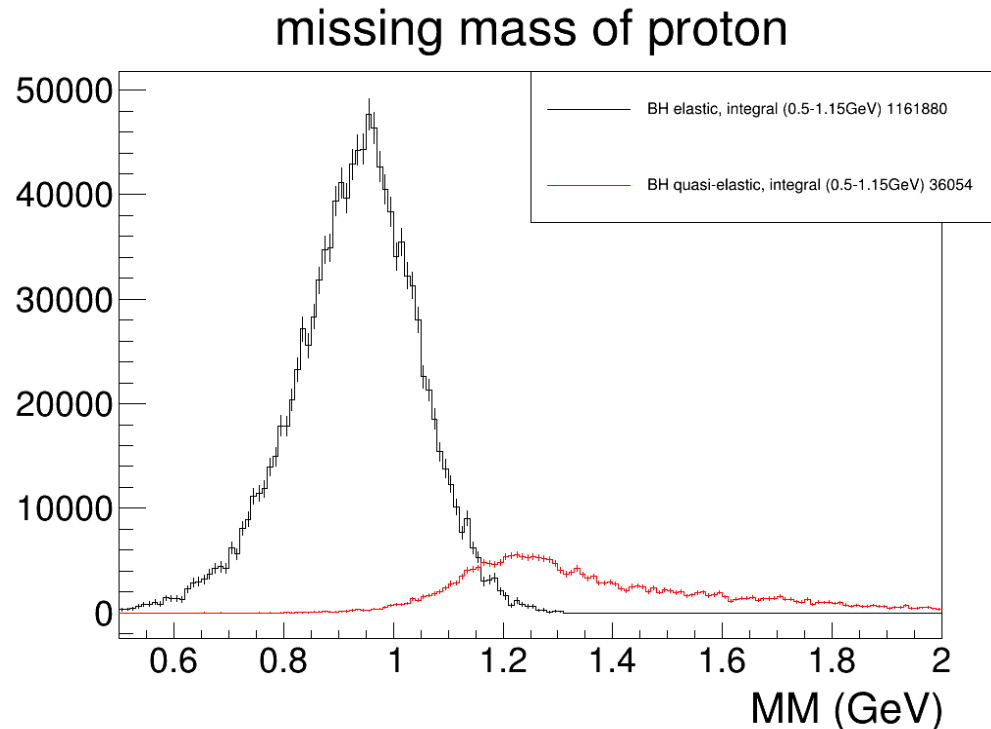
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# Exclusivity cut

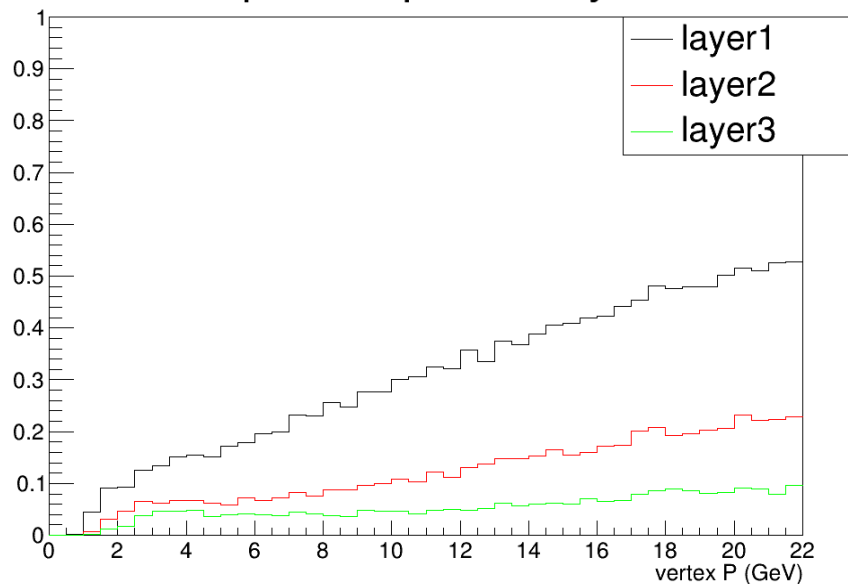
- Both BH with 4 final particles (elastic) and more than 4 particles (quasi-elastic), generated by "grape-dilepton"
- Missing proton mass of 3 fold BH events with resolution from SoLID inner GEM trackers, for resonance free region (muon pair  $\text{InvM} > 1.2 \text{ GeV}$ )
- 3-4% background after cutting  $\text{MM} > 1.15 \text{ GeV}$



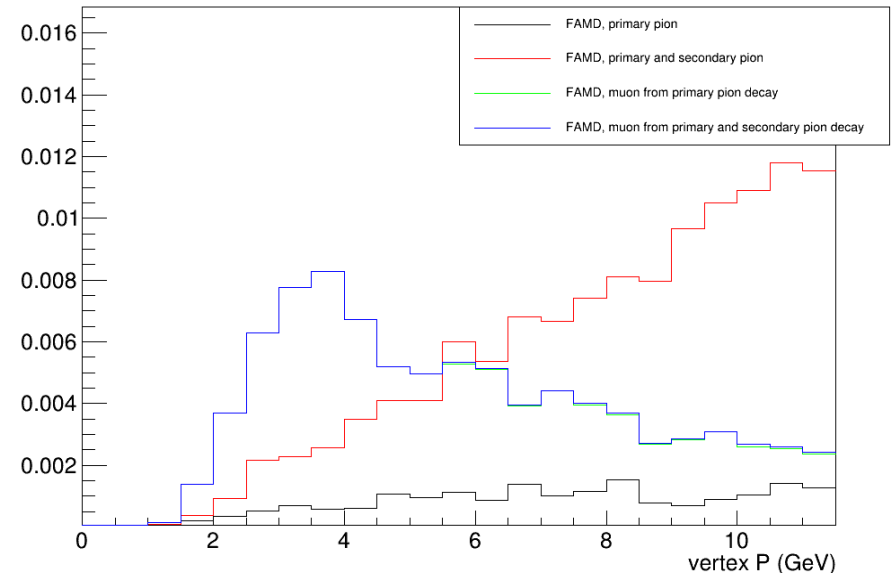
# Pion blocking

- Geant4 simulation of pions from target with some probabilities creating hits at FAMMD
- "pion hit probability", hits of charged particles entering each layer, used for FAMMD background and trigger rate estimate
- "pion surviving probability", hits of pion and muon at the last layer of FAMMD with tracks passing all SoLID inner GEM trackers, used for physics event rate estimation

pion hit probability

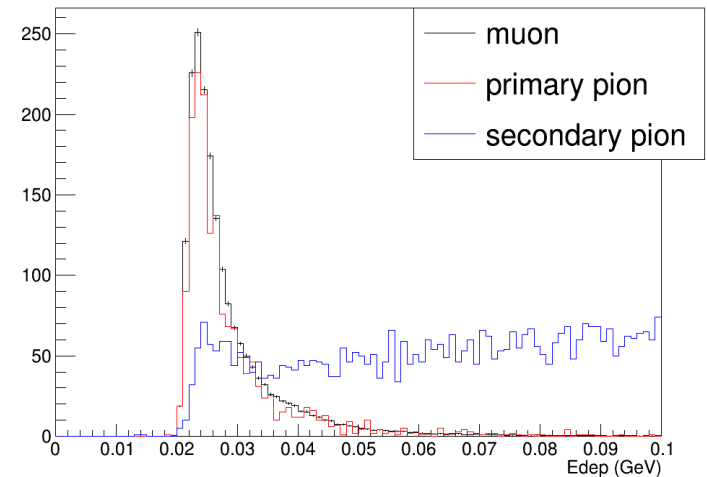
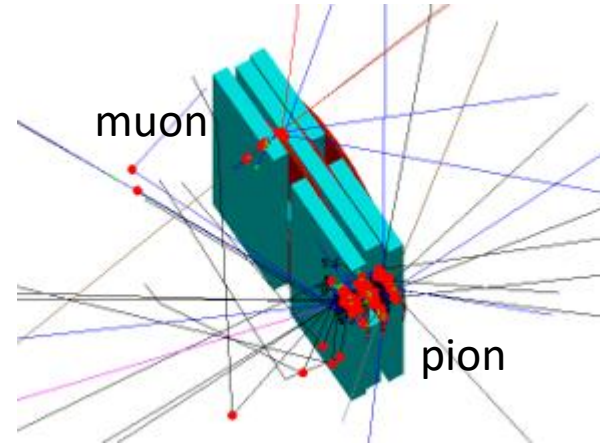


pion surviving probability



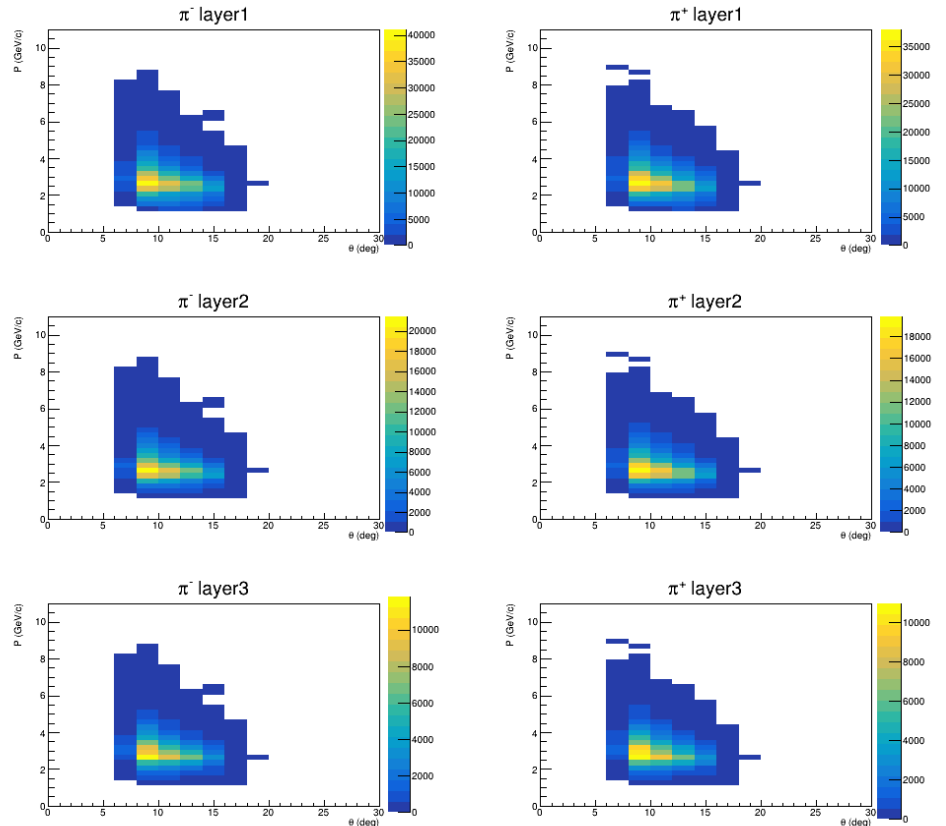
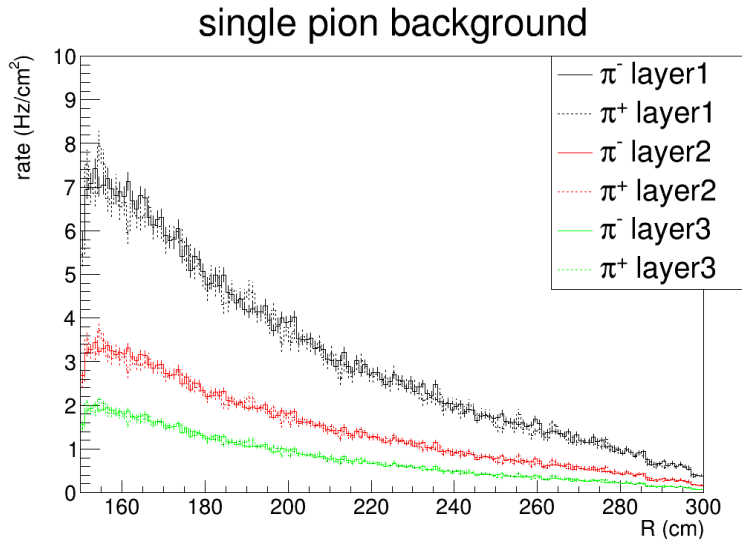
# Pion suppression within FAMD

- Muons behave as Minimum Ionizing Particle (MIP)
- Pions often deposit more energy over 3 layers of scintillators.
- Use a moderate pion **suppression factor 2** from energy cut



# Single pion background

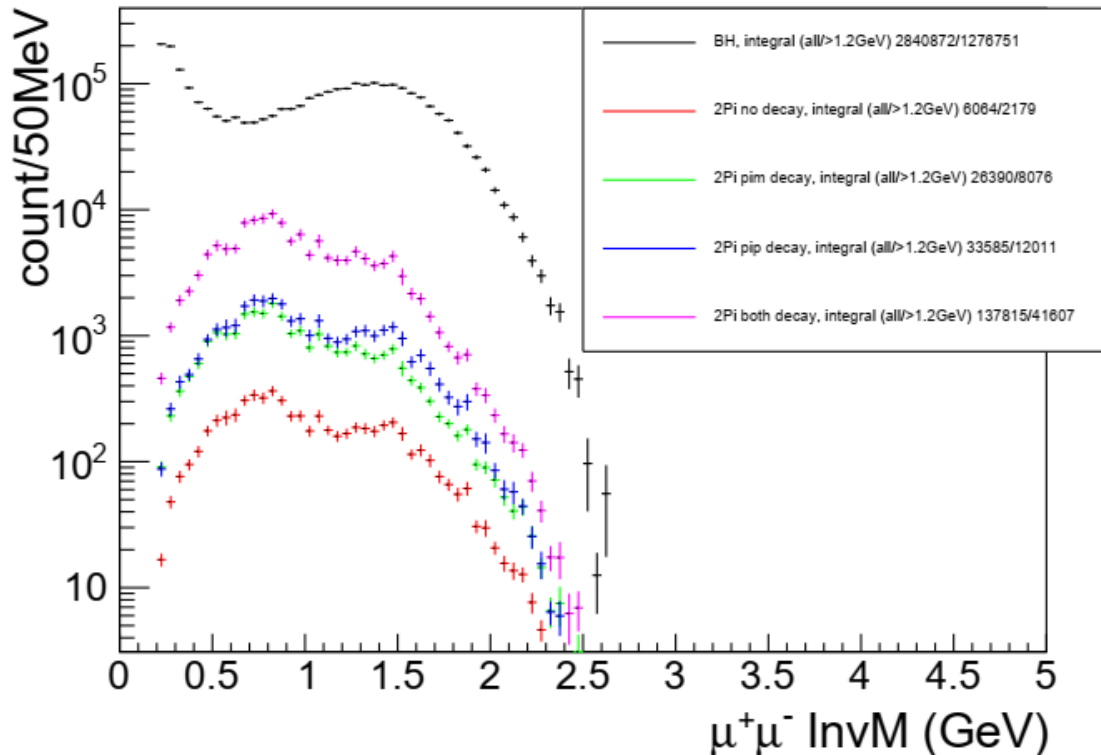
- Combining single pion generator "evgen\_bggen" (pythia+MAID) events with "pion hit probability", study charged particle rate at 3 layers. Full simulation confirmed the result
- Single particle trigger 600khz rate with hits in all 3 layers of scintillators in nearby phi sectors
- Coincidence of two hits from 2 single particle trigger from 2 different phi sectors within 50ns time windows leads to **18khz final trigger rate**
- Fake coin rate from single pion is below 1khz. BH di-muon events have two muons separated at least by 60 degrees in phi angle for the main physics region (muon pair  $\text{InvM} > 1.2\text{GeV}$ )



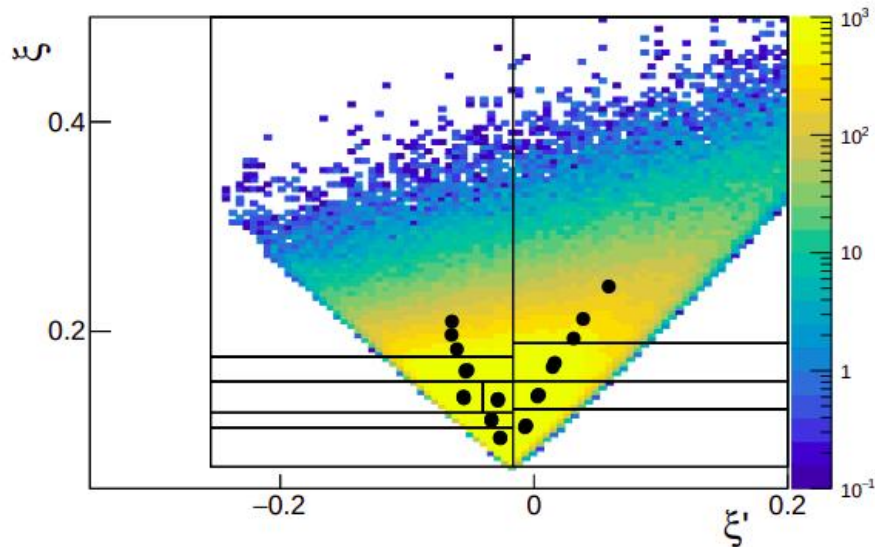
# Two pion exclusive background

- Main physics background from two pion exclusive channel (missing mass cut won't reject it because pions and muons have similar mass)
- Combine event generator "twopeg" (fit to CLAS data) and "pion hit probability" with pion suppression factor 2, study "2pi" rate and compare to BH rate
- **5-7% background**, while the channel be measured by the internal SOLID detector at the same time to control systematics

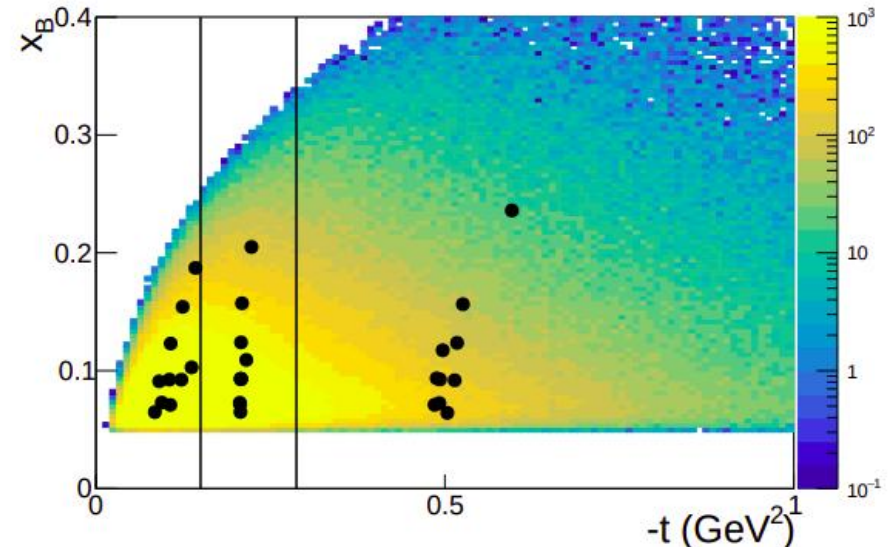
BH and 2pi comparison



# Experimental projection binning



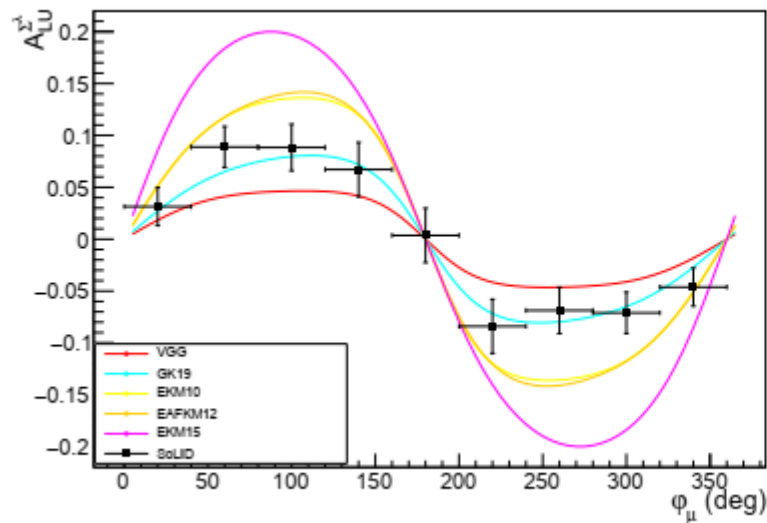
(a)  $(\xi', \xi)$  space.



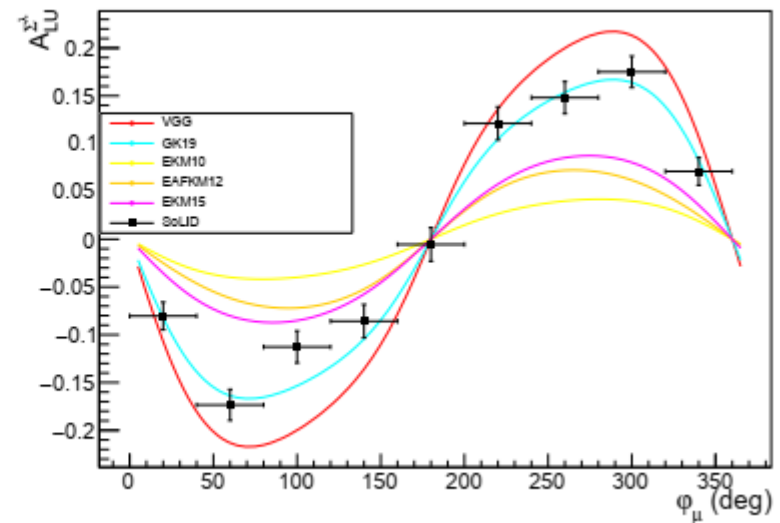
(b)  $(-t, x_B)$  space.

- 100 days would allow for measurements on a five-dimensional grid  $(\xi' \ \xi \ t \ x_B \ \Phi_\mu)$
- Covers both DVCS-like region ( $\xi' > 0, Q^2 > Q'^2$ ) to TCS-like region ( $\xi' < 0, Q^2 < Q'^2$ )

# BSA experimental projections



DVCS-like region



TCS-like region

arXiv:2502.02346

- First time measurement of the BSA sign change between the two regions
- Possibility to constrain GPD models

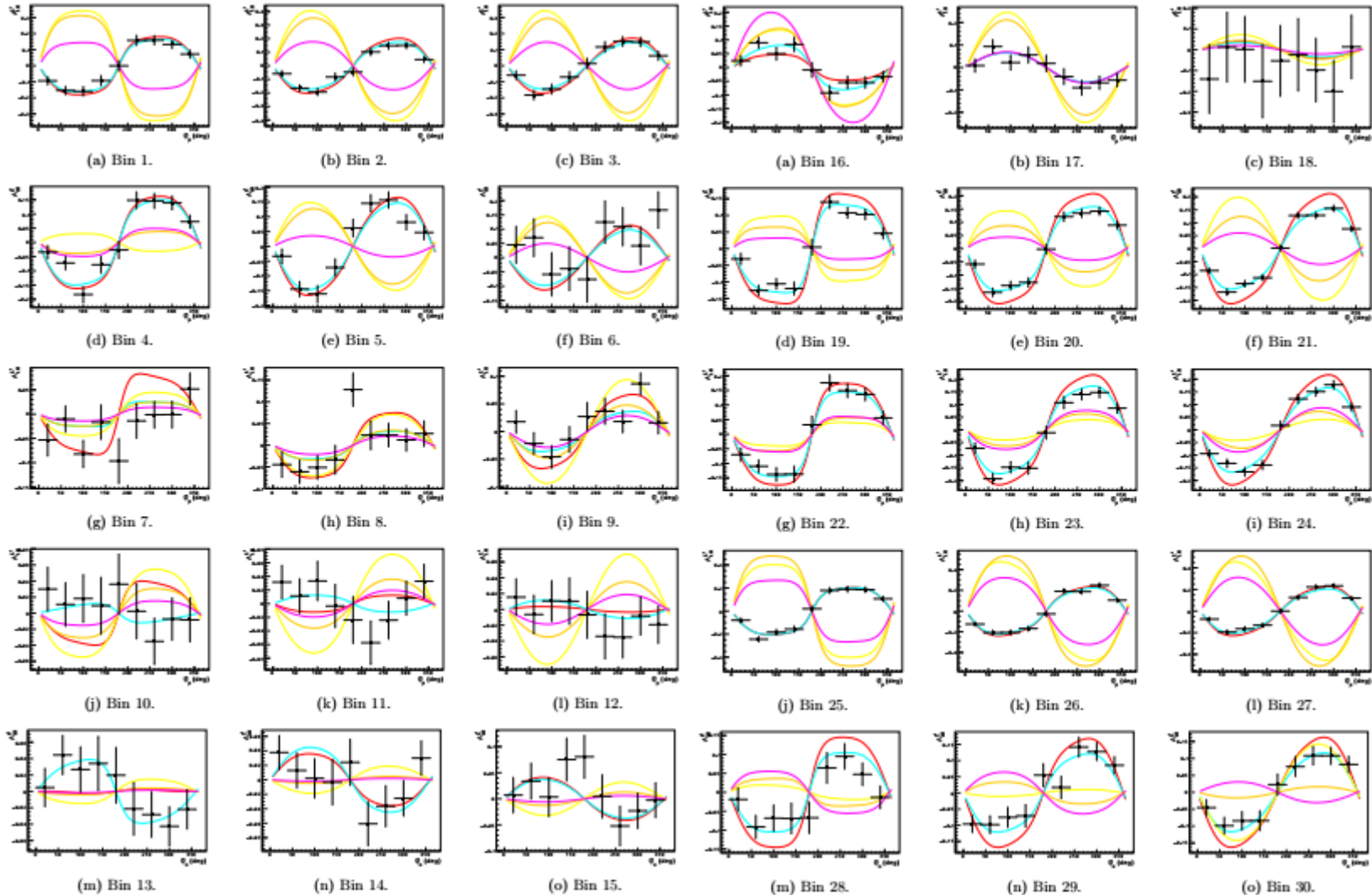
All projection plots include statistical and polarization errors

# BSA experimental projections

All plots over the entire kinematic range

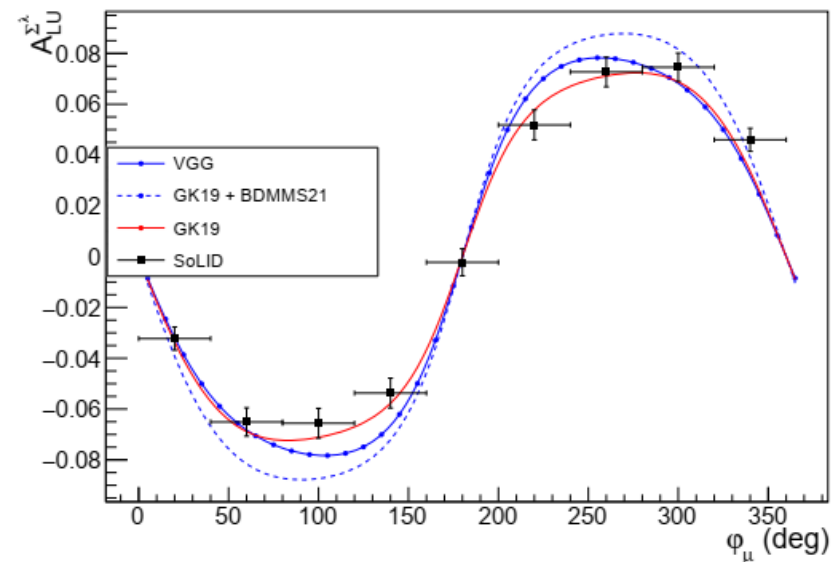
Bin	$\xi'$ range	$\xi$ range	$t$ range (GeV <sup>2</sup> )
1	$-0.255 < \xi' < 0$	$0.152 < \xi < 0.176$	$-5.541 < t < -0.287$
2			$-0.287 < t < -0.150$
3			$-0.150 < t < -0.020$
4	$0 < \xi' < 0.512$	$0.176 < \xi < 0.739$	$-5.541 < t < -0.287$
5			$-0.287 < t < -0.150$
6			$-0.150 < t < -0.020$
7			$-0.287 < t < -0.150$
8	$0 < \xi' < 0.512$	$0.071 < \xi < 0.126$	$-5.541 < t < -0.287$
9			$-0.287 < t < -0.150$
10			$-0.150 < t < -0.020$
11			$-0.287 < t < -0.150$
12	$0.153 < \xi < 0.189$	$-5.541 < t < -0.287$	$-0.287 < t < -0.150$
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17			$-0.150 < t < -0.020$
18			$-0.287 < t < -0.150$
19			$-0.150 < t < -0.020$
20	$-0.255 < \xi' < -0.017$	$0.071 < \xi < 0.108$	$-5.541 < t < -0.287$
21			$-0.287 < t < -0.150$
22			$-0.150 < t < -0.020$
23			$-0.287 < t < -0.150$
24	$-0.395 < \xi' < -0.040$	$0.122 < \xi < 0.152$	$-5.541 < t < -0.287$
25			$-0.150 < t < -0.020$
26			$-0.287 < t < -0.150$
27			$-0.150 < t < -0.020$
28	$1 < \xi' < -0.017$	$0.122 < \xi < 0.152$	$-5.541 < t < -0.287$
29			$-0.287 < t < -0.150$
30			$-0.150 < t < -0.020$
31			$-0.287 < t < -0.150$

Bin boundaries of the binning scheme shown in Fig. 2

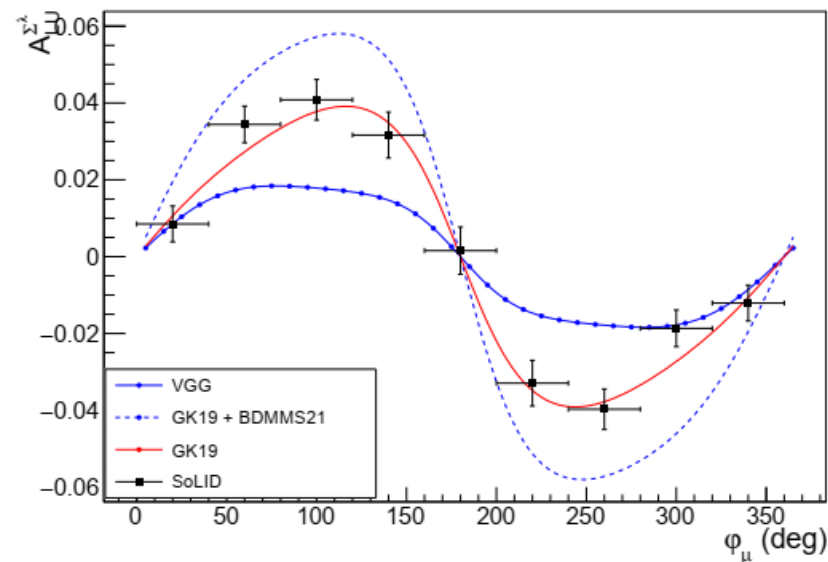




# BSA experimental projections



(a)  $-0.1 < \xi' < -0.04$ .

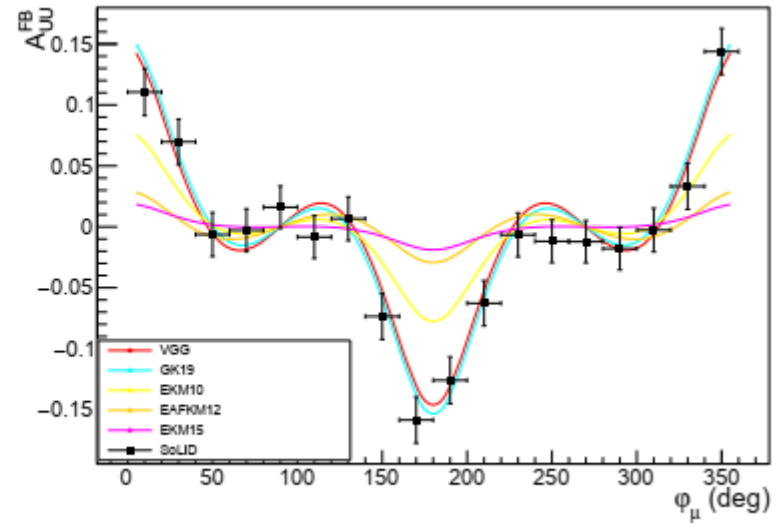
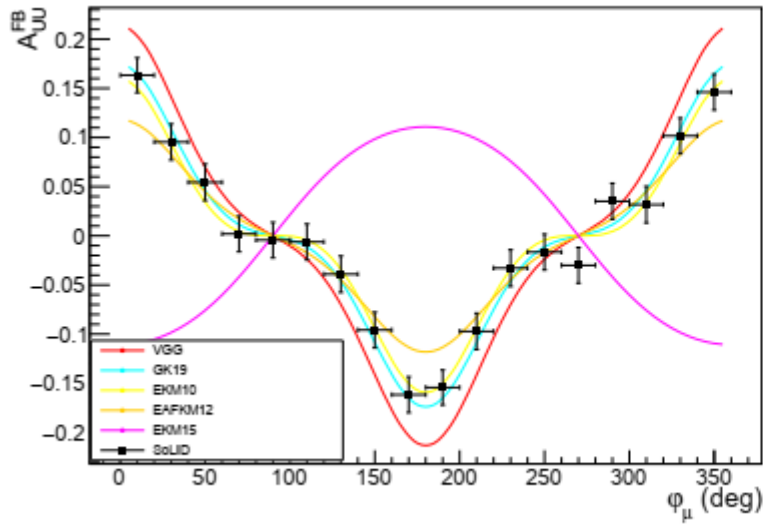


(b)  $-0.04 < \xi' < 0.1$ .

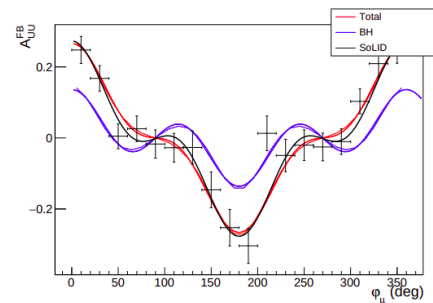
Figure 26: Projected exploratory TCS-like BSA measurements sensitive to shadow GPDs in the  $0.3 < \xi < 0.4$  region.

**First time exploratory measurement of BSA constraining shadow GPD models** (a class of functions with null CFF and forward limit contributing to GPD solutions in the deconvolution problem)

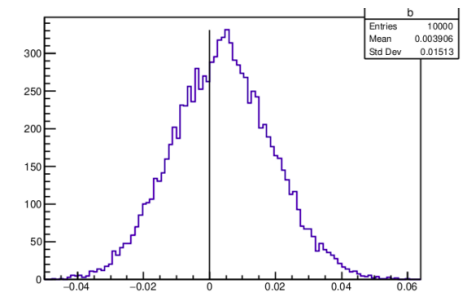
# $\mu$ CA experimental projections



First time exploratory measurement of  $\mu$ CA to access the CFF real part with curvature change



(a)  $\mu$ CA and the components entering the  $\cos \varphi_\mu$  mo-



(b) Distribution of the  $\cos \varphi_\mu$  moment of the  $\mu$ CA

$$A_{UU}^{\mu\pm}(\varphi_\mu) = a_0 + a_1 \cos(\varphi) + a_3 \cos(3\varphi).$$

- known BH contribution is small in certain regions and can be subtracted
- $\mu$ CA has contributions from  $\cos(\phi)$  and  $\cos(3\phi)$  modulations
- $\cos(\phi)$  component can be extracted from fitting

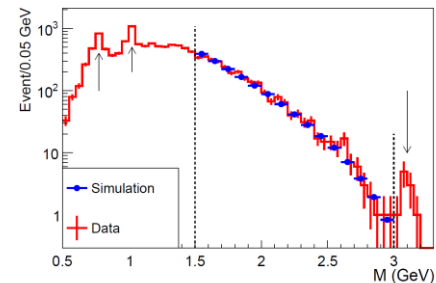
# Systematic effects

BSA systematics originates mainly from electron beam polarization, electron detection efficiency, and muon detection efficiency

$$A_{LU}^{\Sigma\lambda} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{Y_+ - Y_-}{Y_+ + Y_-} \quad Y_{\pm}(\varphi_{\mu}) = \frac{1}{Q_{\pm}} \frac{1}{\Delta\Omega_e(\varphi_{\mu}) \Delta\theta_{\mu}(\varphi_{\mu})} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_{\pi/4}^{3\pi/4} d\theta_{\mu} \sin(\theta_{\mu}) \frac{N_{\pm}(\varphi_{\mu}, \phi, \theta_{\mu})}{\epsilon_e(\phi) \epsilon_{\mu}(\varphi_{\mu}, \theta_{\mu})}$$

$$Y_{\pm}(\varphi_{\mu}) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\phi}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\theta_{\mu}}} \frac{n_{\pm}^{ij}}{\epsilon_e^i \epsilon_{\mu}^j} \quad \delta A_{LU}^{\Sigma\lambda} = \sqrt{\left[A_{LU}^{\Sigma\lambda}\right]^2 \left(\frac{\delta\lambda}{\lambda}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2\lambda^2} \frac{1}{N_{\phi}} \left(\frac{\delta\epsilon_e}{\epsilon_e}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2\lambda^2} \frac{1}{N_{\theta_{\mu}}} \left(\frac{\delta\epsilon_{\mu}}{\epsilon_{\mu}}\right)^2} \quad \lambda = 0.85 \rightarrow 0.04$$

*Bin independence hypothesis*  $(N_{\phi}, N_{\theta_{\mu}})$  are the kinematic dependent number of bins, typically (20,10)



CLAS12 BH di-e data  
and sim comparison

## Control systematics through reference channels

- SoLID will have crosssection measurement before this experiment
- For e- detection, use inclusive DIS and elastic measurements
- For muon detection, use both resonance and resonance free region and cross check both di-e and di-mu channels
- Pion channel measurement are also taken at the same time

# Beam time request

Beam Energy (GeV)	Beam Current (uA)	Beam Requirements	Target Material	Target Thickness (cm)	Beam time (days)
11	3	polarized (>85%)	LH2	15	
Run Group Calibration time					10
Run Group Production time					50
Requested Production time					50
Total Time					110

- Main trigger on di-muon to take DDVCS, J/psi and TCS di-mu data at the same time
- Independent di-e trigger for approved J/psi and TCS di-e data taking at the same time
- **Comprehensive program including muons and electrons within same runs.** It can also help cross check systematics

# Summary

This proposed experiment

- complement SoLID J/psi setup with a forward angle **muon detector** to form **SoLID $\mu$  spectrometer**
- measure **DDVCS** in the di-muon channel
- **share** approved J/psi beamtime 60 days and request **additional 50 days**

Its physics impact

- **first time measurement** of **DDVCS** (mainly BSA and exploratory  $\mu$ CA) over a broad kinematic range
- **first time to access GPD**  $|x| < \xi$  as input for models and global fitting

# Proposal to PAC53 PR12-25-010

## Proposal to JLab PAC 53

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