



Coherent and incoherent DVCS and π^0 production on ^4He

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Nucleon and Resonance Structure with Hard Exclusive Processes
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Outline

- DVCS and π^0 production on spin and isospin zero target
- CLAS/EG6 experiment at JLAB
- Radial Time Projection Chamber
- BSA in coherent and incoherent DVCS
- BSA in coherent and incoherent π^0 production
- Future measurements with CLAS12 in Hall-B
- Summary



Beam Spin Asymmetry in DVCS on nuclei

- ✓ Coherent DVCS, $\vec{e}A \rightarrow e'A'\gamma$:

Study the partonic structure of the nucleus.
For spinless nuclei (${}^4\text{He}$, ${}^{12}\text{C}$, ${}^{12}\text{O}$...), in the forward limit only one chiral-even GPD ($H_A(x, \xi, t)$) is needed to parametrize the nucleus structure and hence the BSA -

$$A_{LU} = \frac{\alpha_0(\phi) \cdot \mathcal{H}_{Im}}{\alpha_1(\phi) + \alpha_2(\phi) \cdot \mathcal{H}_{Re} + \alpha_3(\phi) \cdot [\mathcal{H}_{Re}^2 + \mathcal{H}_{Im}^2]}$$

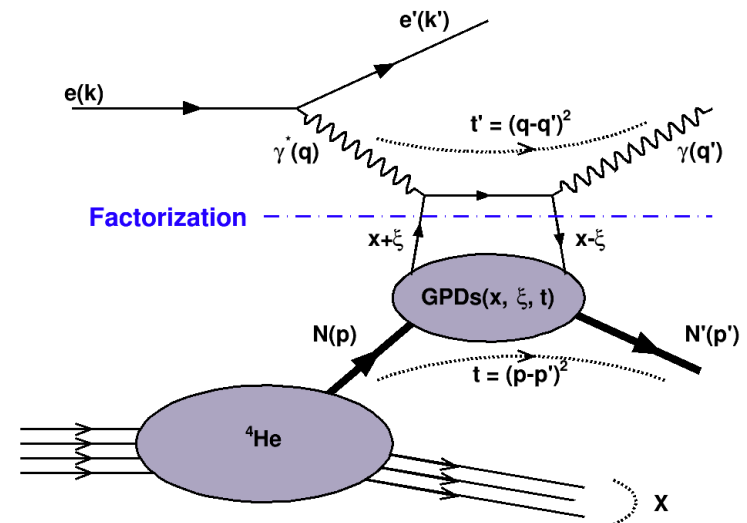
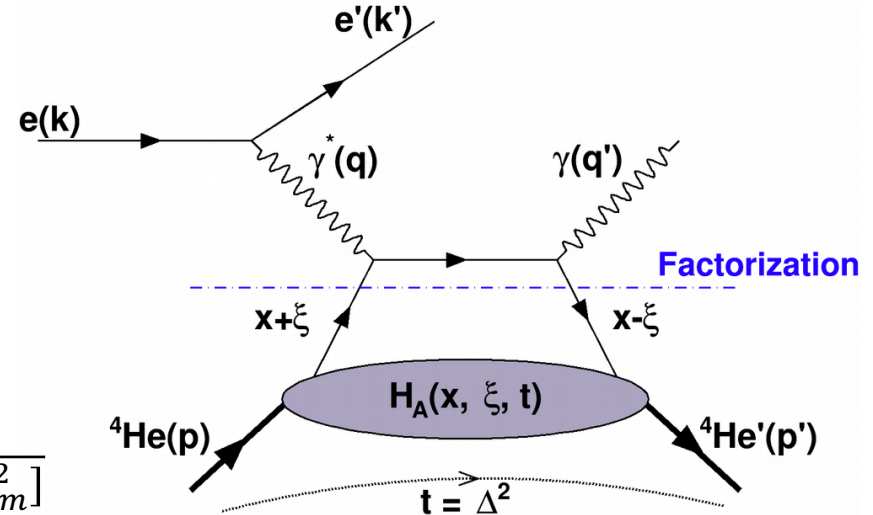
\mathcal{H} – Compton Form-factor

$\alpha_j(\phi)$ – Functions of angle between lepton and hadron scattering planes

- ✓ Incoherent DVCS, $\vec{e}A \rightarrow e'N'\gamma X$:

Study the partonic structure of the bound nucleon. Four chiral-even GPDs ($H(x, \xi, t)$, $\tilde{H}(x, \xi, t)$, $E(x, \xi, t)$, $\tilde{E}(x, \xi, t)$)

$$A_{LU} \propto \alpha(\phi) \{ F_1 H + \xi (F_1 + F_2) \tilde{H} + \kappa F_2 E \}$$



Beam Spin Asymmetry in π^0 production

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\varphi dt} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} + \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(\varepsilon+1)} \frac{d\sigma_{LT}}{dt} \cos\varphi + \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} \cos(2\varphi) + h\sqrt{2\varepsilon(\varepsilon-1)} \frac{d\sigma_{LT'}}{dt} \sin(\varphi) \right]$$

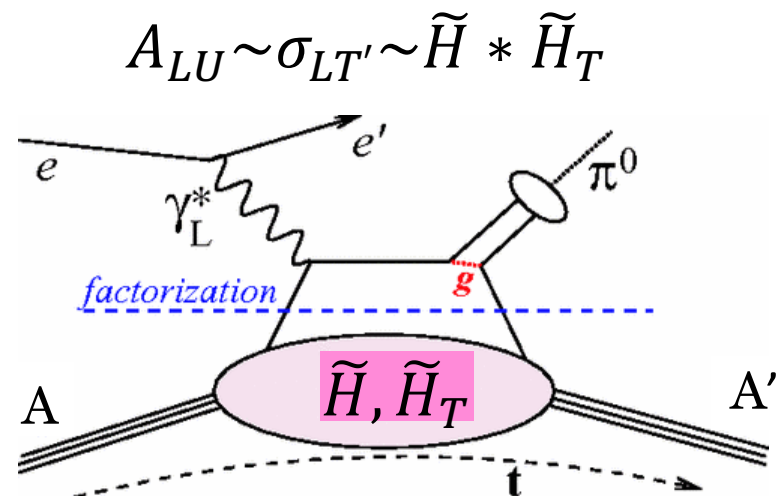
✓ Coherent π^0 production, $eA \rightarrow e'A'\pi^0$:

At $Q^2 \sim \text{few GeV}^2$, transverse virtual photon contribution dominates the production on the nucleon. Contribution of a longitudinal virtual photon increases in the production on a spinless nuclei, cross section of the photo-production on a spinless nuclei (${}^4\text{He}$, ${}^{12}\text{C}$, ${}^{12}\text{O}$...) vanishes with $\vartheta_{cm} \rightarrow 0$:

$$\frac{1}{F^2(t)} \frac{d\sigma_T}{d\Omega} \sim \sin^2 \vartheta_{cm}$$

✓ For the proton target, the flavor structure for π^0 production process is $2*u+d$.

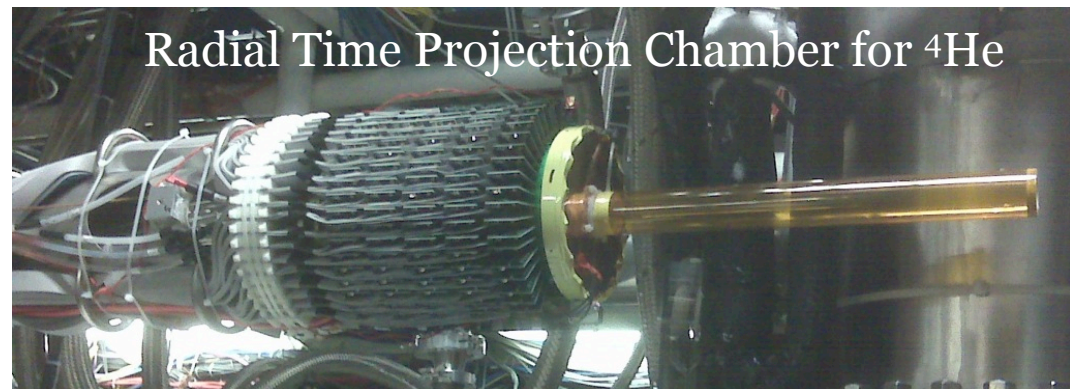
For an isospin zero target, e.g. ${}^4\text{He}$, the flavor structure is $u+d$



CLAS/Eg6 experiment, Nov-Dec 2009

- Meson Spectroscopy and DVCS (coherent and incoherent) on ^4He
- Both experiments make use of zero spin and isospin of the target to restrict production mechanisms
- Both experiments require detection and identification of recoil α -particles
 - 2nd Generation Radial Time Projection Chamber with 20 cm long, 6 atm, ^4He gaseous target located inside of the Hall-B superconducting solenoid magnet

20-cm-long, 15 cm in diameter cylindrical detector positioned around the 6 atm ^4He gaseous target. The target cell is a 25-cm-long and 6-mm-diameter Kapton tube with 27- μm -thick walls.

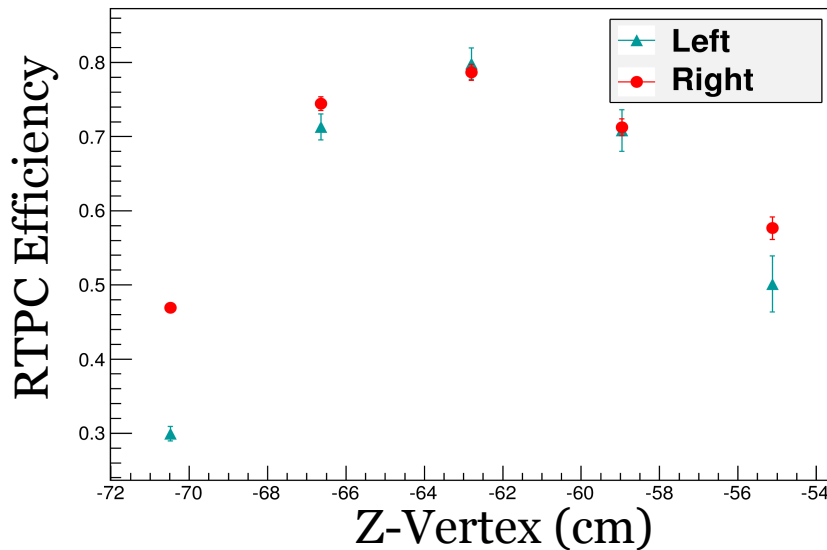


- Production data taking – $\sim 200\text{mC}$ of beam on target (20 PAC days) with 6.06 GeV polarized electrons
- RTPC calibration runs at 1.2 GeV

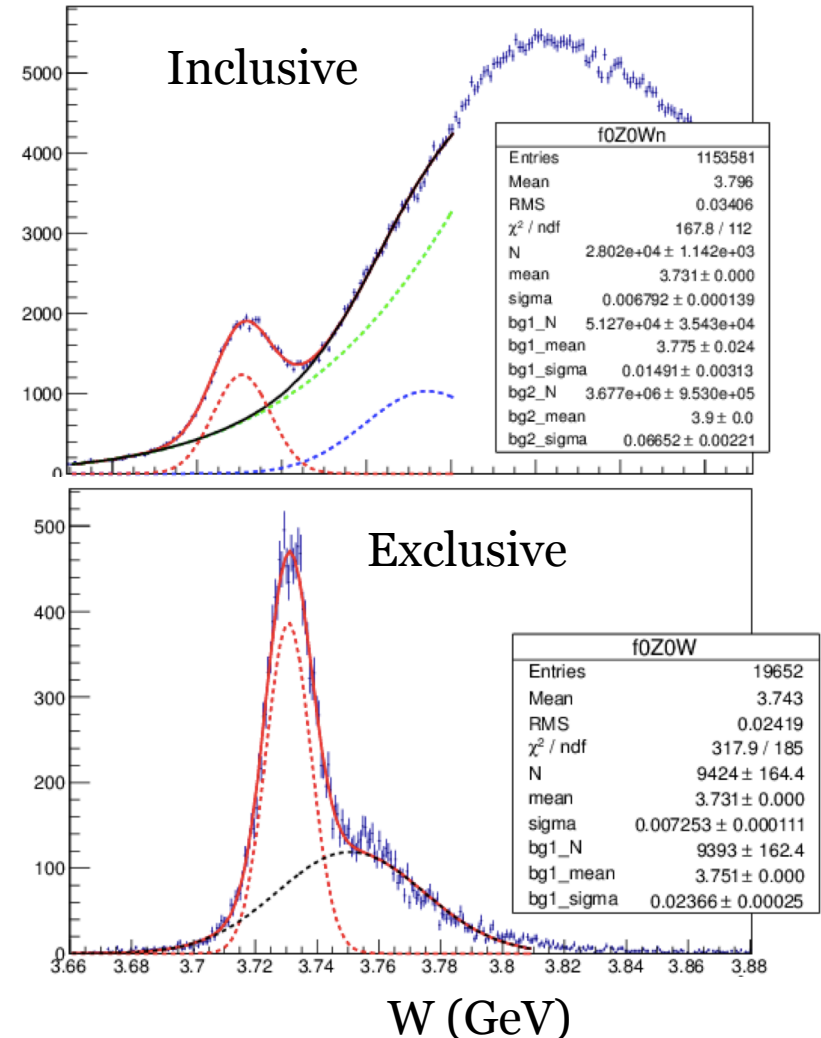


RTPC Calibration

- Beam energy 1.2 GeV, the same detector configuration as for production data taking
- Both exclusive and inclusive elastic scattering
 - i.e. with and without ^4He detection
 - ratio is the RTPC tracking efficiency

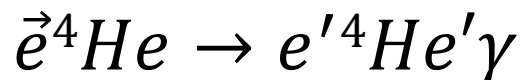


Example Fits



Coherent DVCS analysis

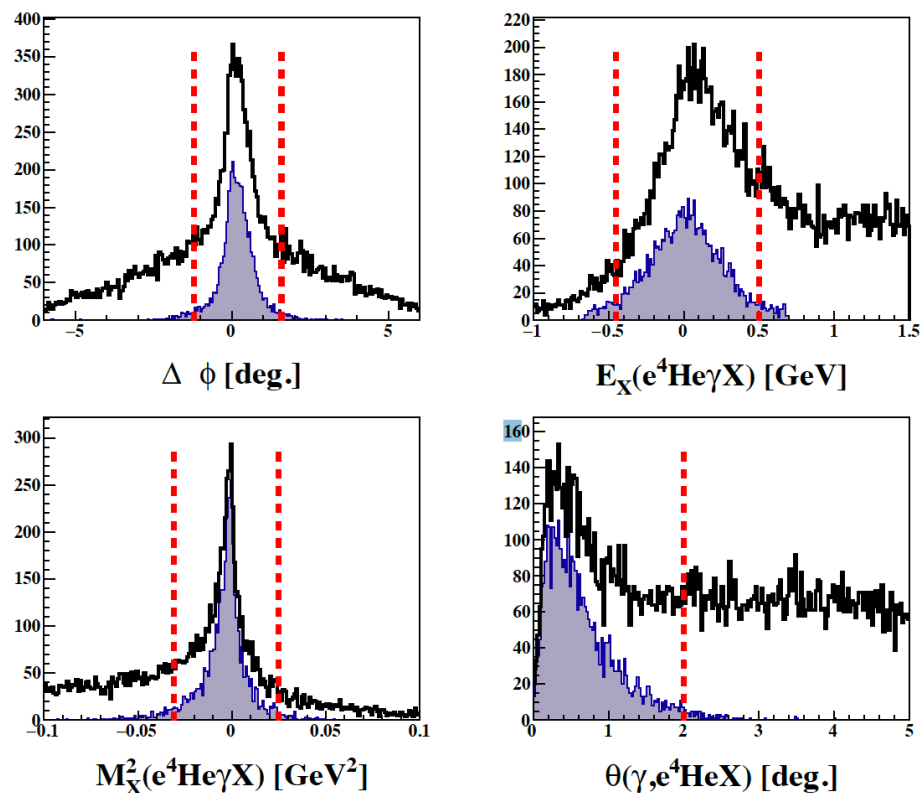
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- One electron in CLAS, one photon with $E > 2$ GeV in the inner calorimeter
- The recoil α -particles (${}^4\text{He}$) has been detected and identified in RTPC
- Set of cuts on kinematical variables define the exclusivity of the reaction:

- the coplanarity angle $\Delta\phi$ between the (γ, γ^*) and $(\gamma^*, {}^4\text{He}')$ planes,
- the missing energy, mass, and transverse momentum of the $(e'^4\text{He}'\gamma)$ system,
- the missing mass squared of the $e'^4\text{He}'$ system, and
- the angle θ between the measured photon and the missing momentum of the $e'^4\text{He}'$ system.

Black - all events, shaded region after all other exclusivity cuts



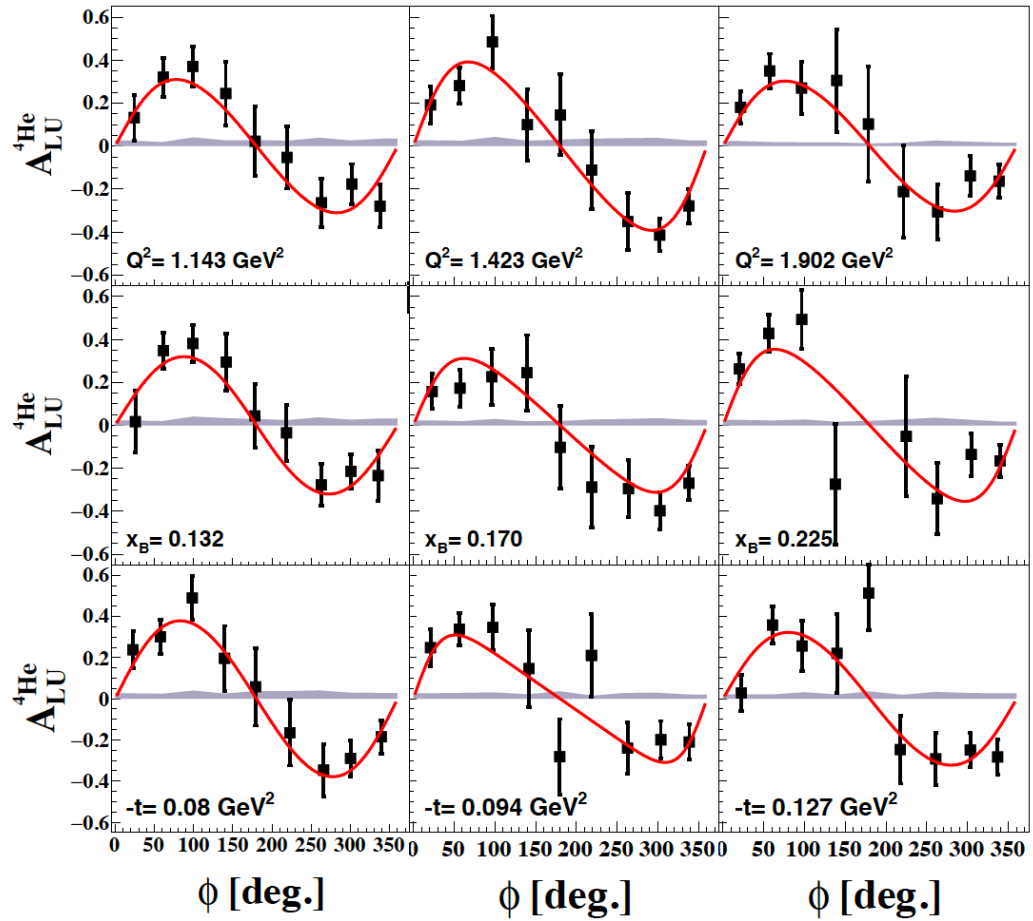
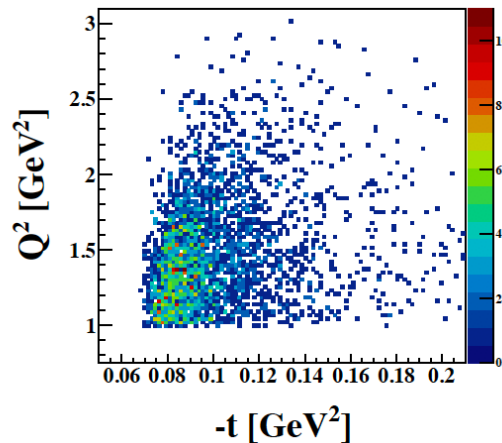
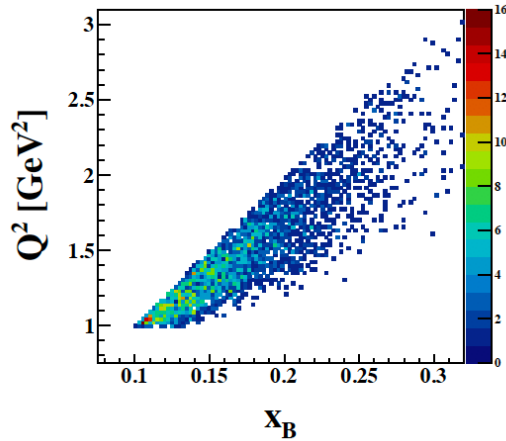
BSA: coherent DVCS

$$1 < Q^2 < 2.3 \text{ GeV}^2$$

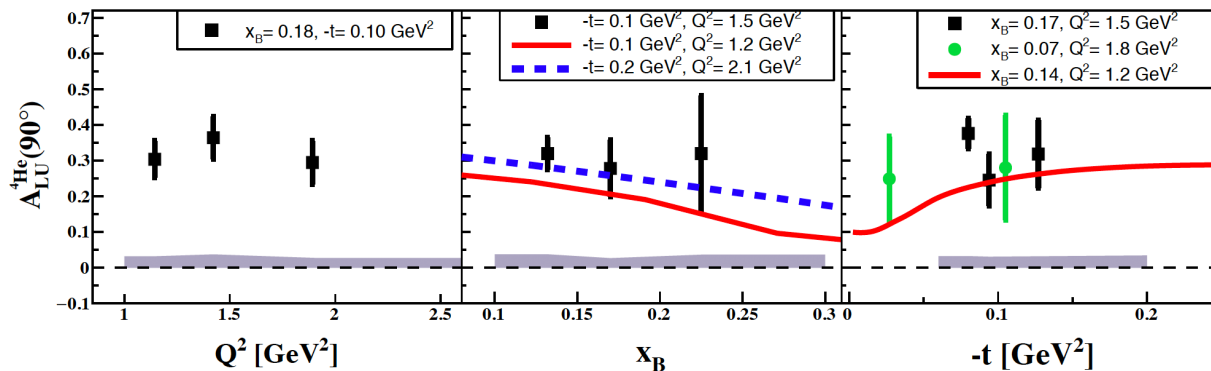
$$0.05 < -t < 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$0.1 < x_B < 0.25$$

$$A_{LU} = \frac{d\sigma^+ - d\sigma^-}{d\sigma^+ + d\sigma^-} = \frac{1}{P_B} \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-}$$



Im and Re parts of the Compton Amplitude



Curves from – S. Liuti and K. Taneja, *Phys. Rev. C* 72, 032201 (2005)

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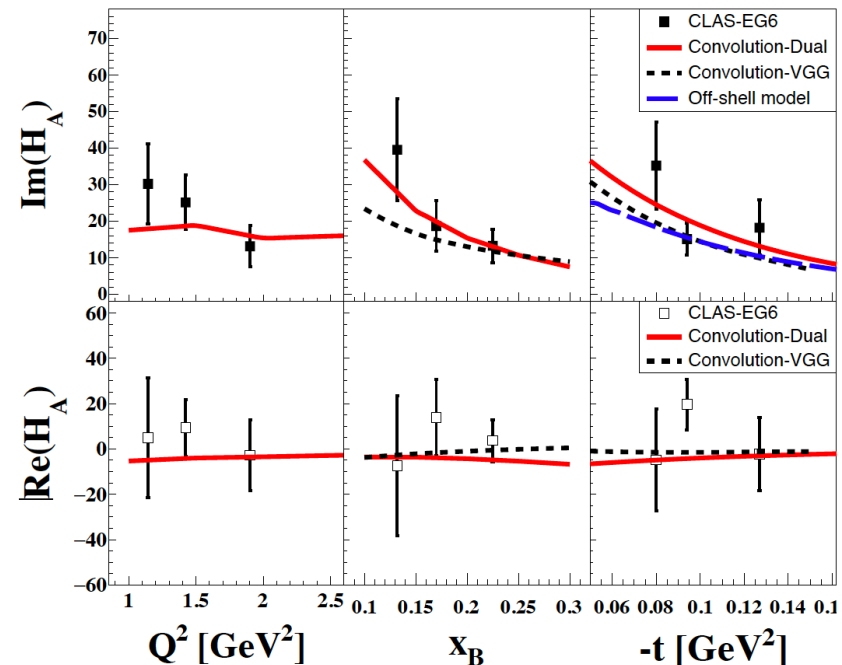
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Off-shell model – J. O. Gonzalez-Hernandez, S. Liuti, G.R. Goldstein and K. Kathuria, *Phys. Rev. C* 88, no. 6, 065206, (2013).

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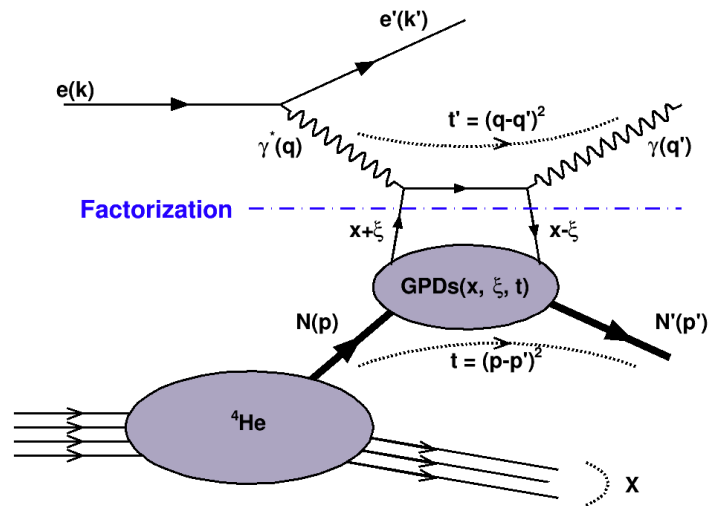
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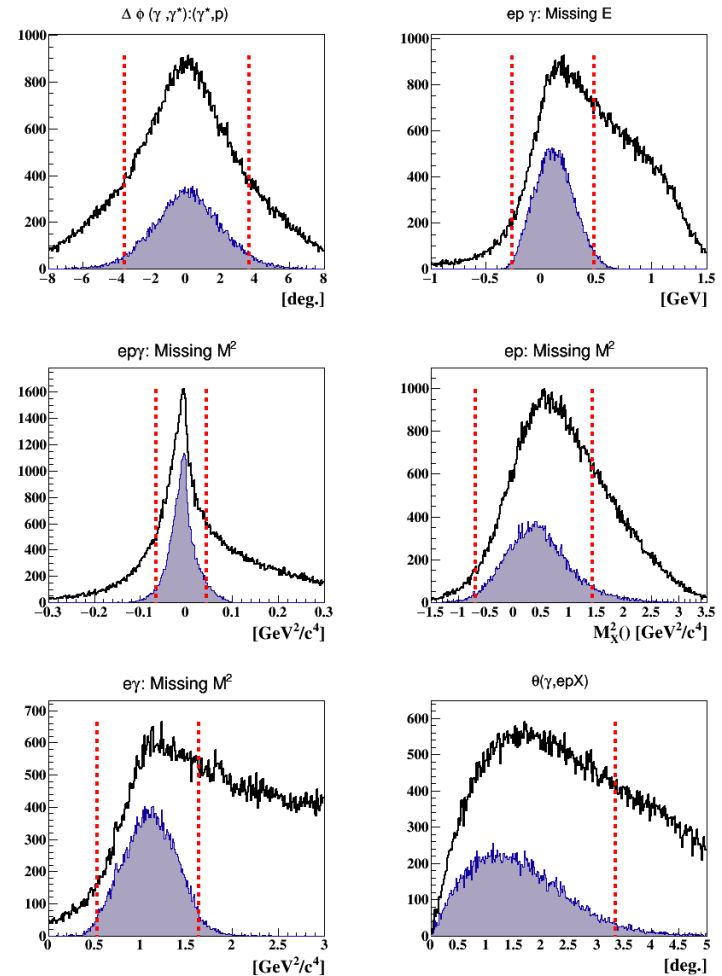
Incoherent DVCS

$$\vec{e}^4\text{He} \rightarrow e'p\gamma X$$

- Detected particles: scattered electron and recoil proton in CLAS, DVCS photon with $E > 2$ GeV in the inner calorimeter
- Exclusivity cuts on kinematical variables, similar to hydrogen-DVCS analysis.



Bound nucleon GPDs



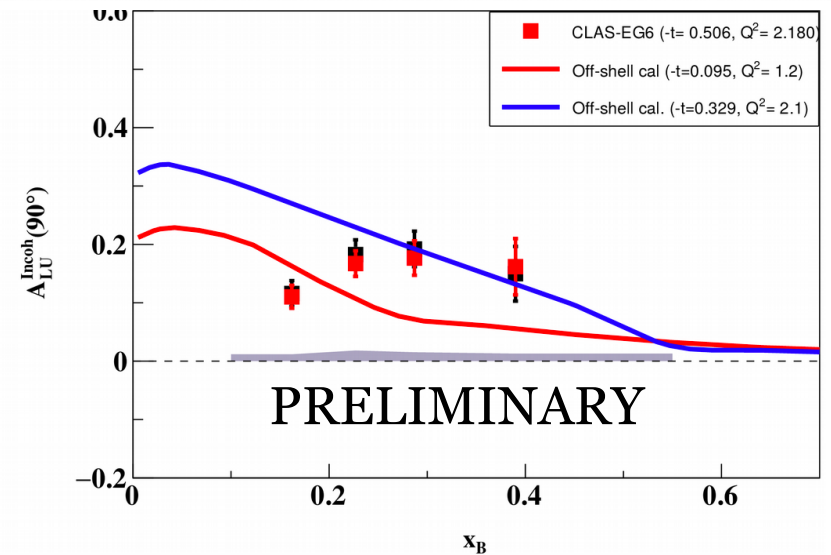
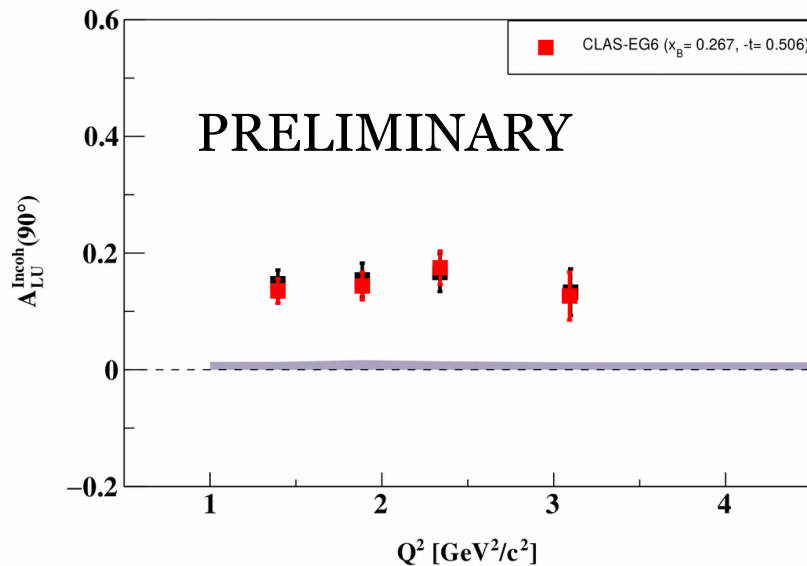
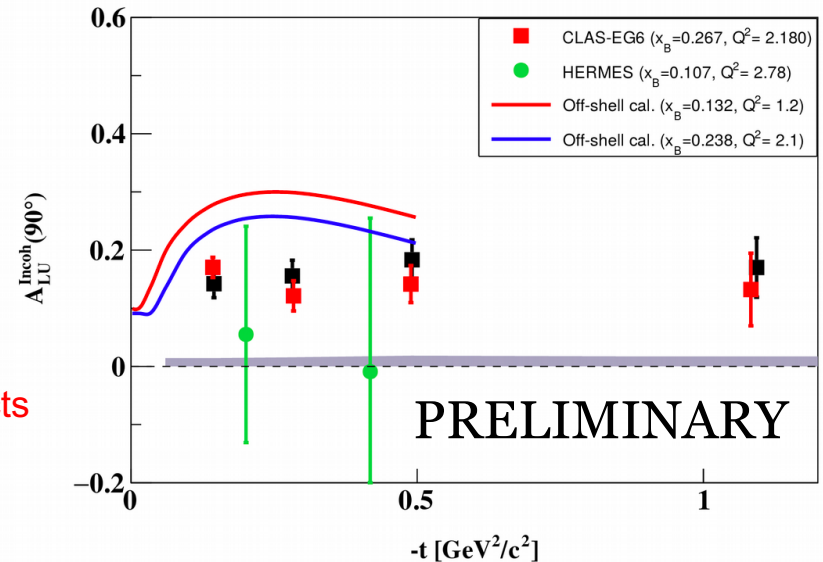
DVCS BSA on bound protons

$$A_{LU} = \frac{d\sigma^+ - d\sigma^-}{d\sigma^+ + d\sigma^-} = \frac{1}{P_B} \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-}$$

$$A_{LU} \propto \alpha(\phi) \{F_1 H + \xi(F_1 + F_2) \tilde{H} + \kappa F_2 E\}$$

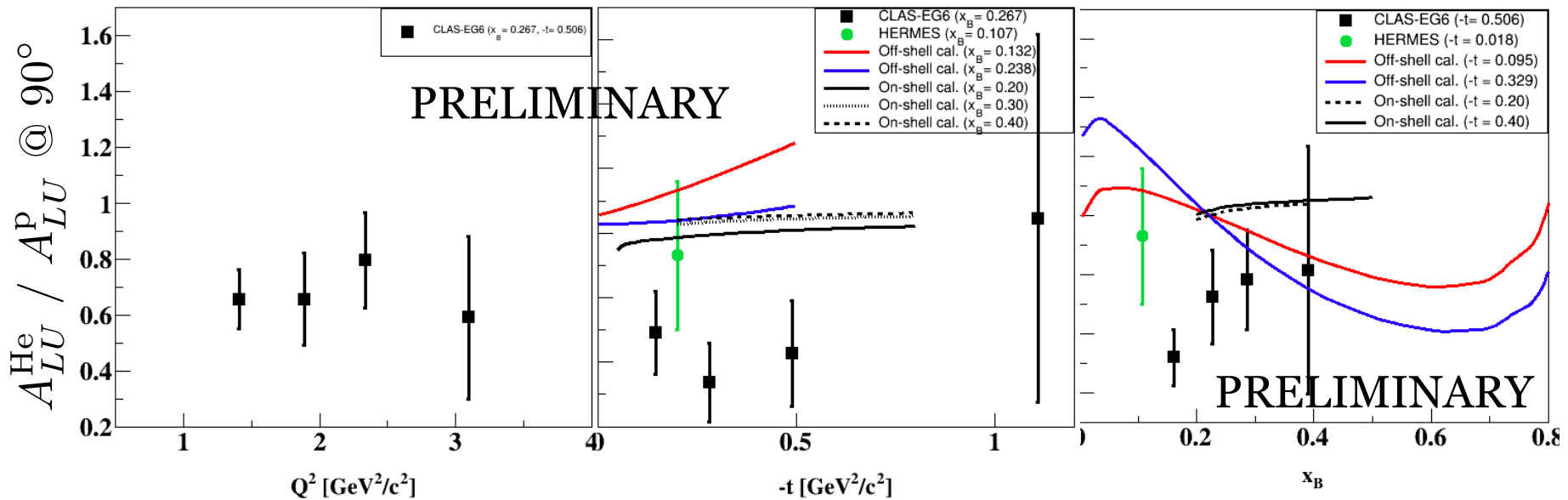
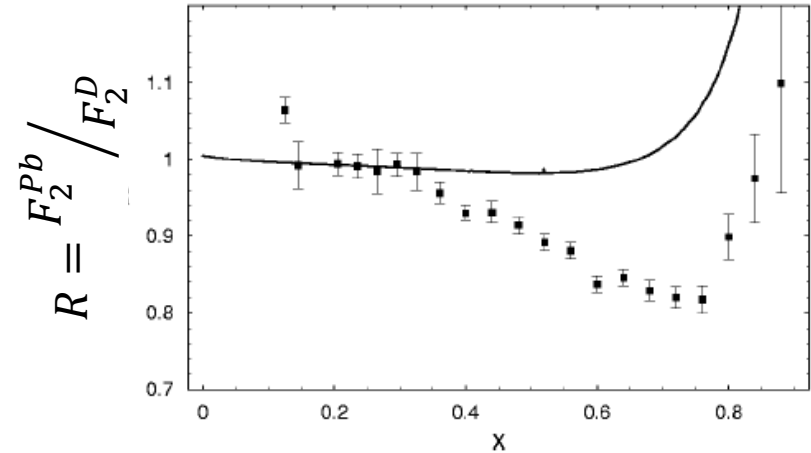
- bins in $t=(p-p')^2$ - smeared due to Fermi motion
- bins in $t'=(q-q')^2$ - smeared due to radiative effects

Both effects are small in out kinematics



BSA and Generalized EMC Ratio

- EMC effect: nucleon structure is modified.
- Compare BSA measured in incoherent DVCS with the one measured on the hydrogen target.
- Incoherent BSA is dominated by DVCS off of MF protons (no tagging)



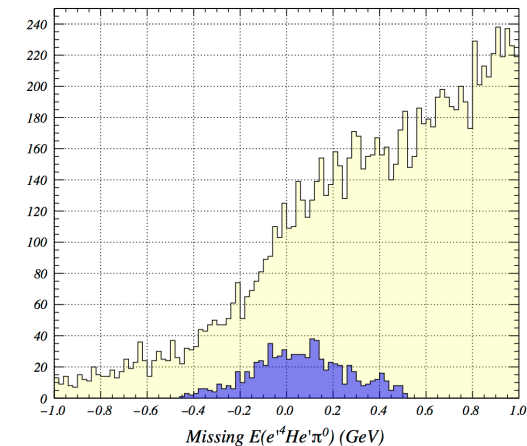
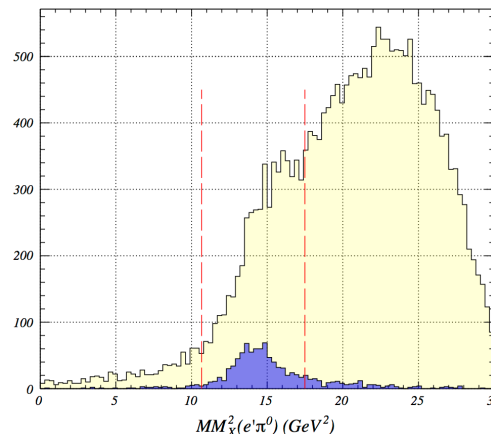
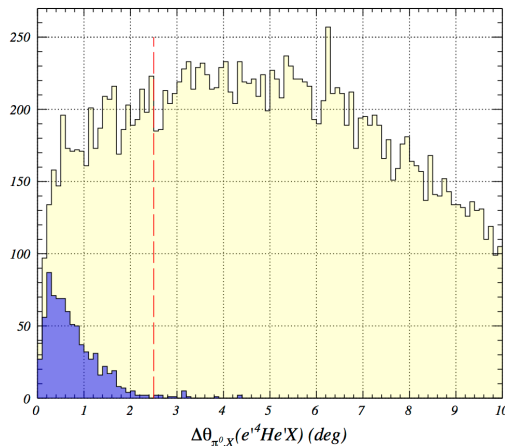
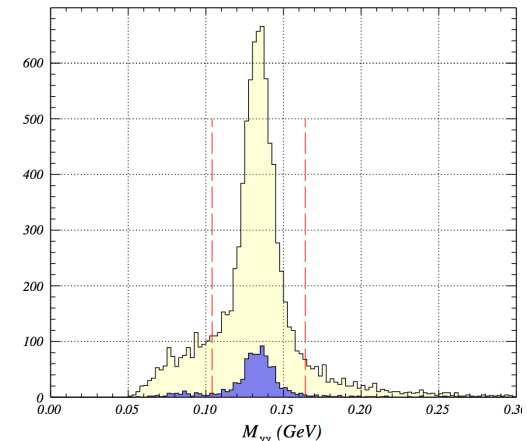
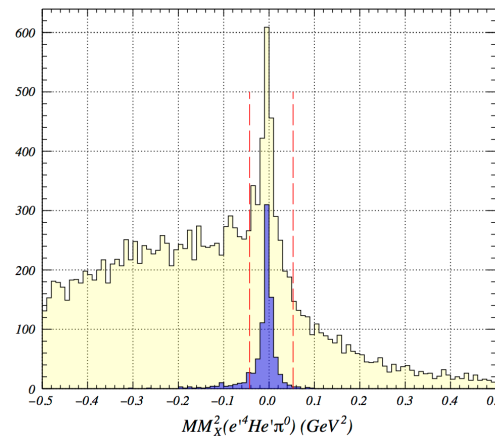
Coherent π^0 Production

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$$\vec{e}^4\text{He} \rightarrow e'^4\text{He}'\pi^0$$

- Detected particles: scattered electron in CLAS, two photons in the inner calorimeter, the recoil ^4He is identified in RTPC
- Exclusivity cuts on kinematical variables, similar to coherent-DVCS analysis.

Yellow shaded region - all events
Blue shaded region = after all other exclusivity cuts



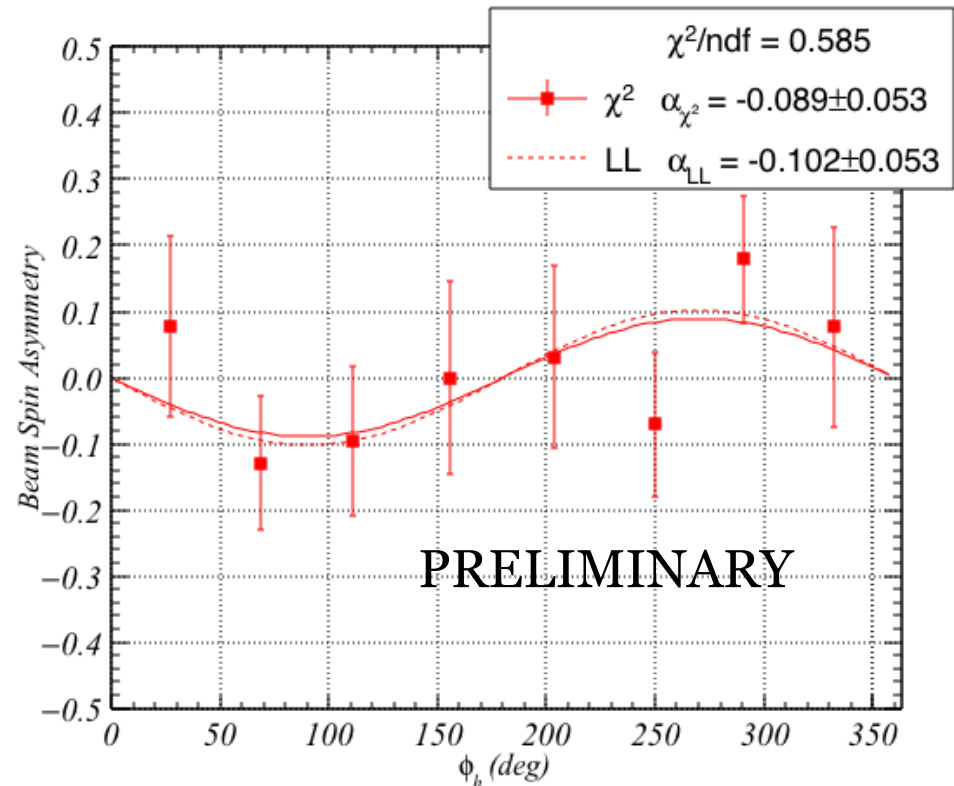
Coherent π^0 Production

Total of ~ 800 coherent π^0 events.

$$A_{LU}^{\sin(\varphi)} = \frac{\sigma^+ - \sigma^-}{\sigma^+ + \sigma^-} = \frac{1}{P_B} \left(\frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-} \right)$$

$$\Delta A_{LU}^{\sin(\varphi)} = \frac{2}{P_B} \left(\frac{\sqrt{(N^- \Delta N^+)^2 + (N^+ \Delta N^-)^2}}{(N^+ + N^-)^2} \right)$$

χ^2 and un-binned maximum log-likelihood fits to BSA ϕ -dependence



$$A_{LU}^{\sin(\varphi)}(\chi^2) = -0.09 \pm 0.05(stat.)$$

$$A_{LU}^{\sin(\varphi)}(LL) = -0.10 \pm 0.05(stat.)$$

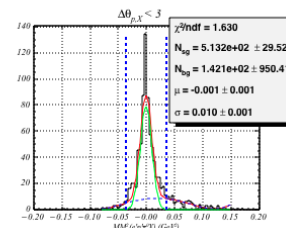
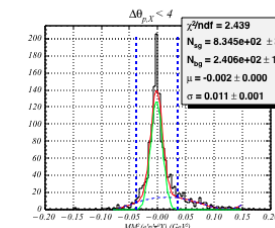
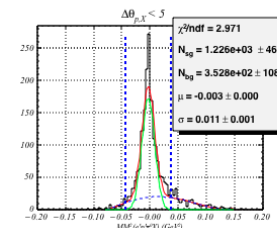
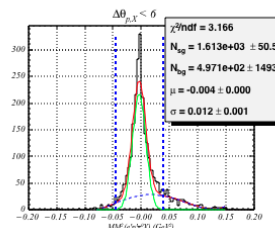
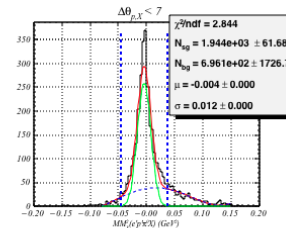
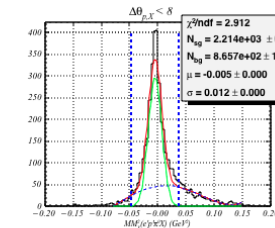
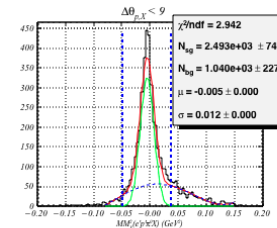
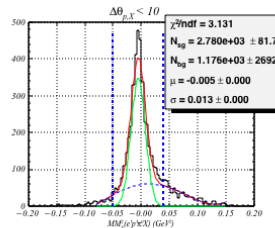
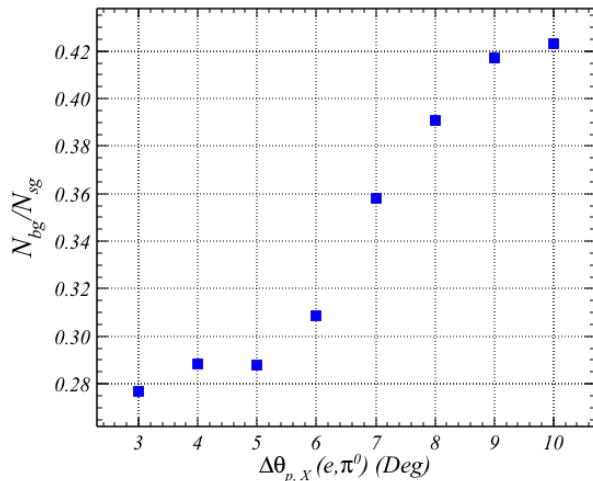
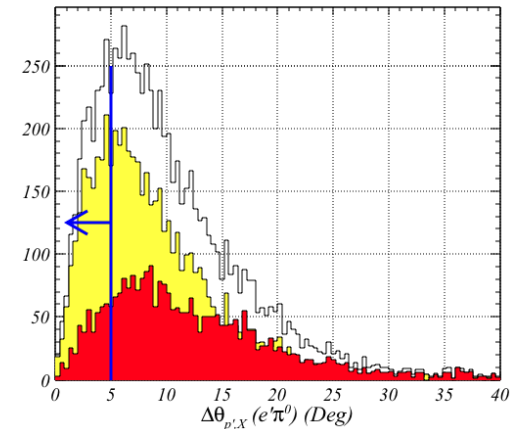
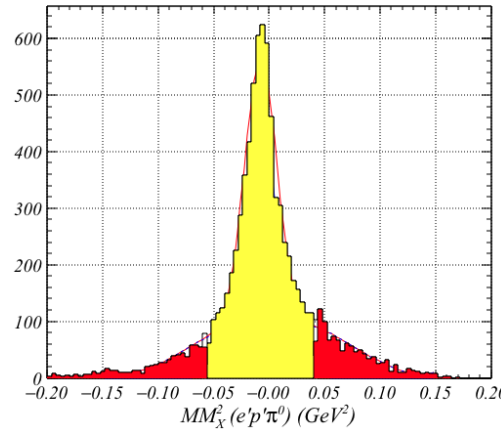


Incoherent “exclusive” π^0 Production

$$\vec{e}^4He \rightarrow e'p\pi^0X$$

Detected particles: scattered electron and the recoil proton in CLAS, two photons in the inner calorimeter.

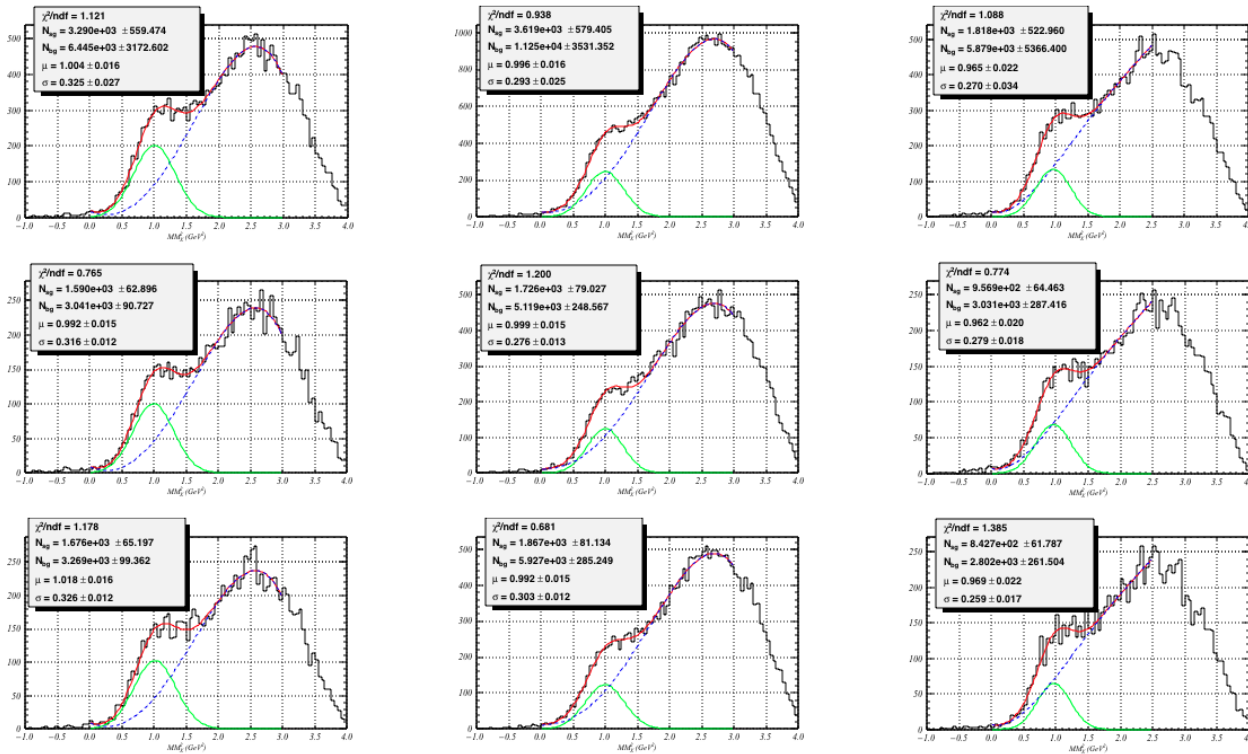
Kinematic cuts to optimize signal over background from the fits to the MM-distributions.



Incoherent “semi-exclusive” π^0 Production

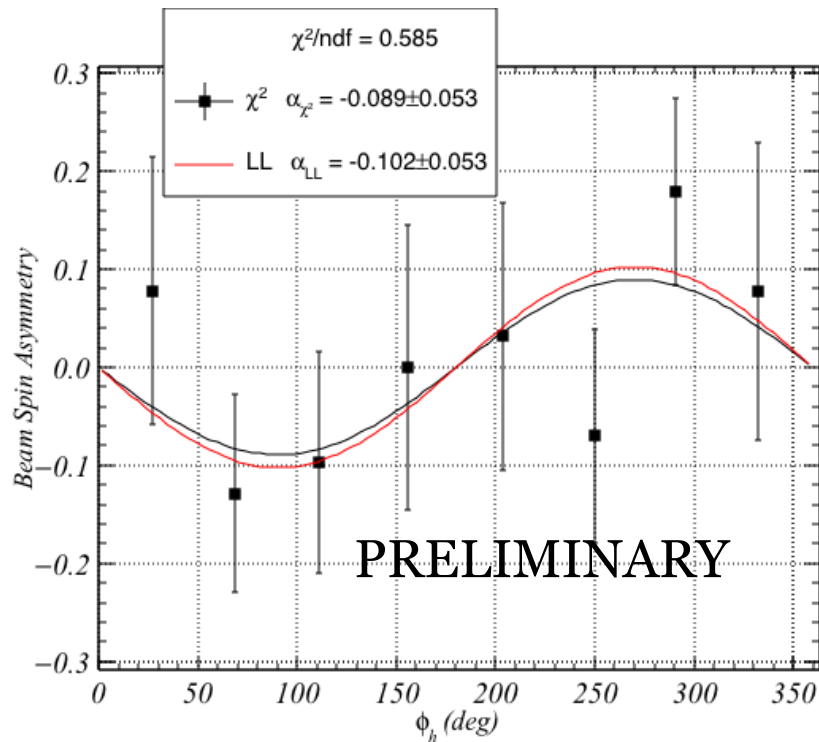
$$\vec{e}^4 He \rightarrow e' N \pi^0 X$$

- Detected particles: scattered electron in CLAS, two photons in the inner calorimeter.
- Number of events in each beam helicity and ϕ -bin is extracted from the fit to the MM distribution of $(e' \pi^0)$ assuming $\vec{e} N \rightarrow e' \pi^0 X$

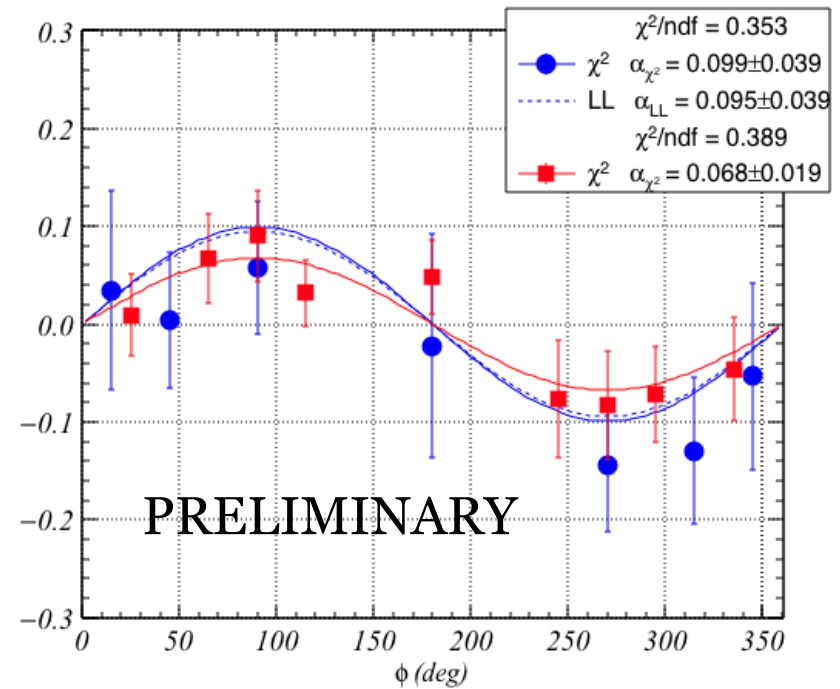


BSA in coherent and in-coherent π^0 production

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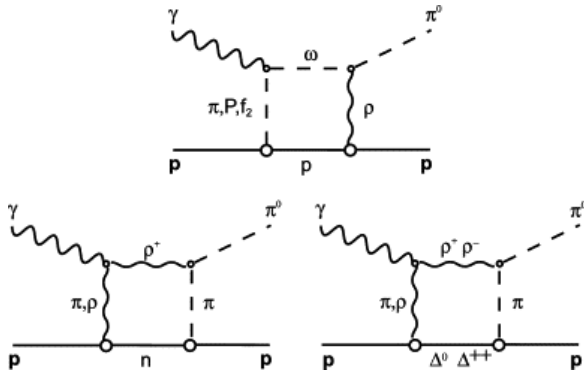
$$\vec{e}^4He \rightarrow e'N\pi^0X$$



Note the asymmetry sign change between spin/isospin zero target and the nucleon

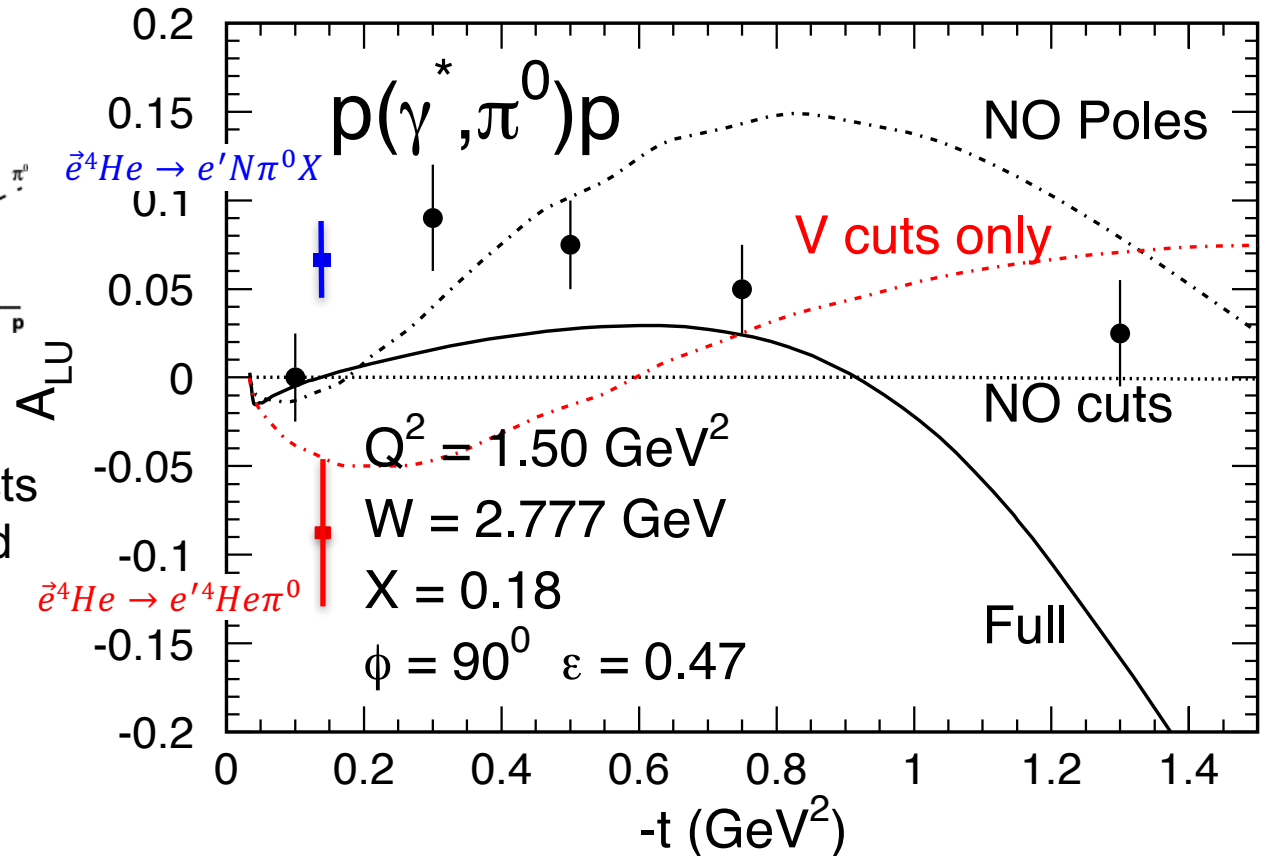


Hadronic exchanges in π^0 production



Production on ^4He selects exchanges with spin and isospin = 0.

The $2\text{-}\pi$ exchange has the strongest $J=T=0$ contribution.



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Quark degrees of freedom in π^0 production on ^4He

The BSA for this process is:

$$A_{LU} \sim \sigma_{LT'} \sim \tilde{H} * \tilde{H}_T$$

These GPDs are proportional (normalized) to:

$$\Delta q \cdot \Delta q_T$$

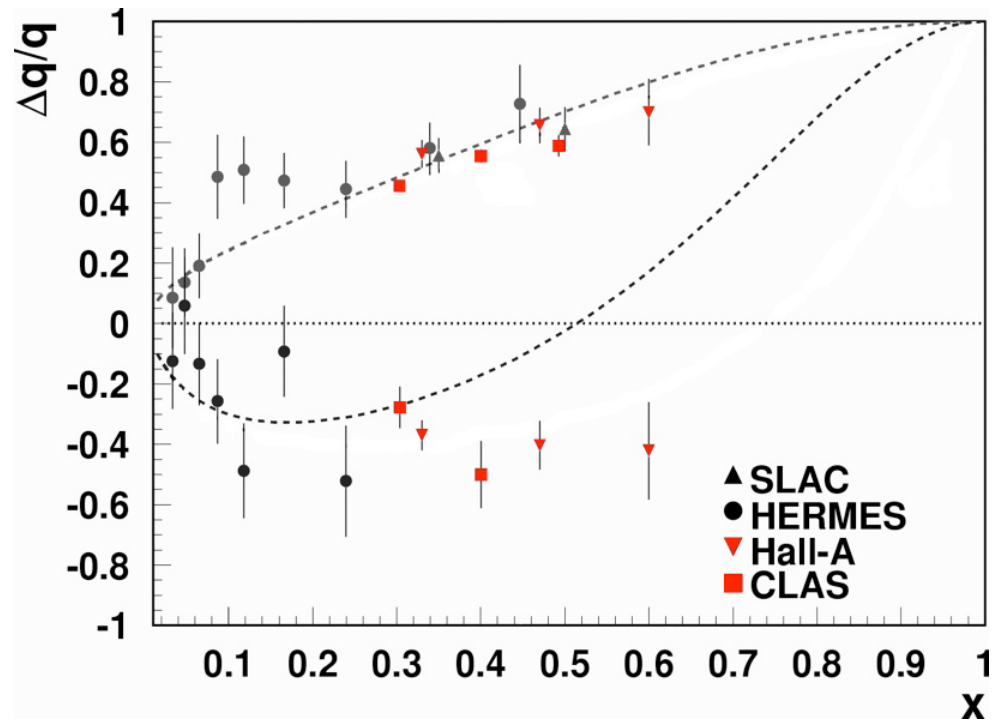
where Δq is the polarized PDF and Δq_T is the tensor anomalous moment.

For the proton target, the flavor structure for this process is:

$$2u + d$$

For ^4He , the flavor structure is $u + d$. Since Δd and Δu are opposite in sign, the enhancement of the d-quark contribution for ^4He should decrease the resulting beam-spin asymmetry relative to the proton case. (*Note clear if this is enough to flip the sign*)

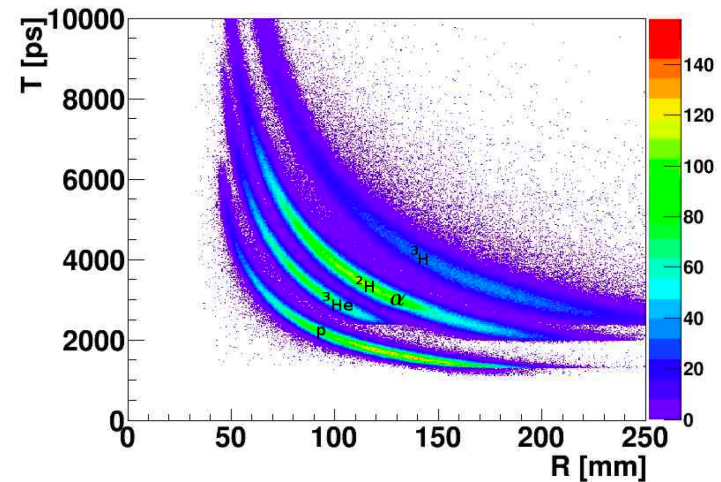
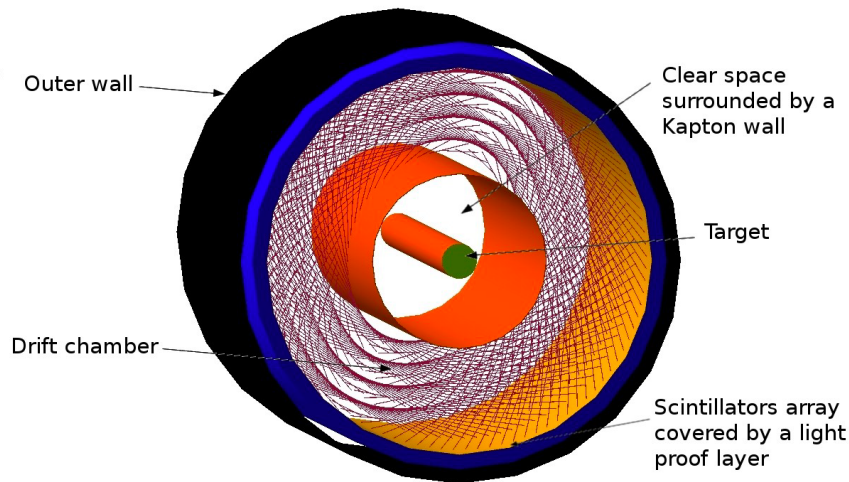
V. Guzay, private communication



Low energy recoil tagging with CLAS12

New proposal to JLAB PAC45 – very ambitious program tuned for studies of partonic structure of light nuclei and bound nucleons using low energy recoil tagging technique.

Measurement	Particles detected	p range	θ range
Nuclear GPDs	^4He	$230 < p < 400 \text{ MeV}/c$	$\pi/4 < \theta < \pi/2$ rad
Tagged EMC	$p, ^3\text{H}, ^3\text{He}$	As low as possible	As close to π as possible
Tagged DVCS	$p, ^3\text{H}, ^3\text{He}$	As low as possible	As close to π as possible



Summary

- ❑ CLAS experiment for coherent photo- and electro-production of the photon and mesons on a spin and isospin zero target, ^4He , run in 2009
- ❑ Scattering of a 6.06 GeV polarized electrons on a 6 atm., 20 cm long ^4He gas target was used to collect data for DVCS and π^0 electroproduction
- ❑ A low energy recoil detector, a cylindrical RTPC, has been deployed for detection and identification of the recoiling α -particles
- ❑ BSA in the fully exclusive final state, for the first time, have been measured in coherent DVCS and π^0 production on ^4He . Coherent DVCS allows model-independent extraction of the $\mathcal{R}e$ and $\mathcal{I}m$ parts of Compton amplitude. The BSA of π^0 production has different sign of asymmetry than BSA on the nucleon.
- ❑ BSA in incoherent DVCS opens up a new opportunities for studying the partonic structure of bound nucleons through spectator tagging
- ❑ A new measurements are planned for CLAS12 using up to 11 GeV longitudinally polarized electron beams, a high pressure gaseous target, and a new low energy recoil detector, ALERT, with much improved PID that is very important for spectator tagging (proposal have been re-submitted to PAC45)



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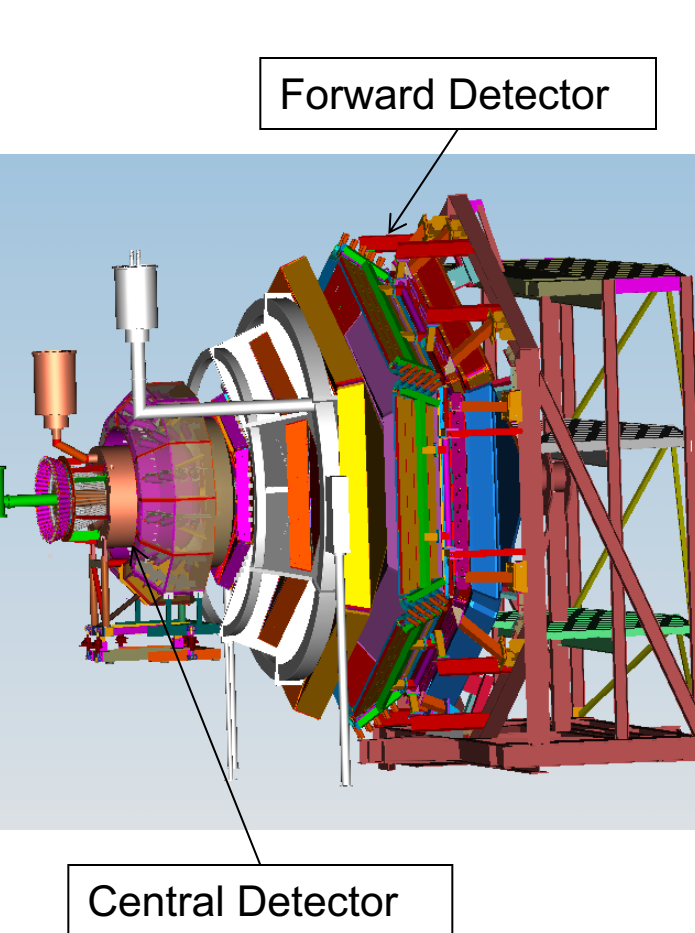
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CLAS12 – Design Parameters

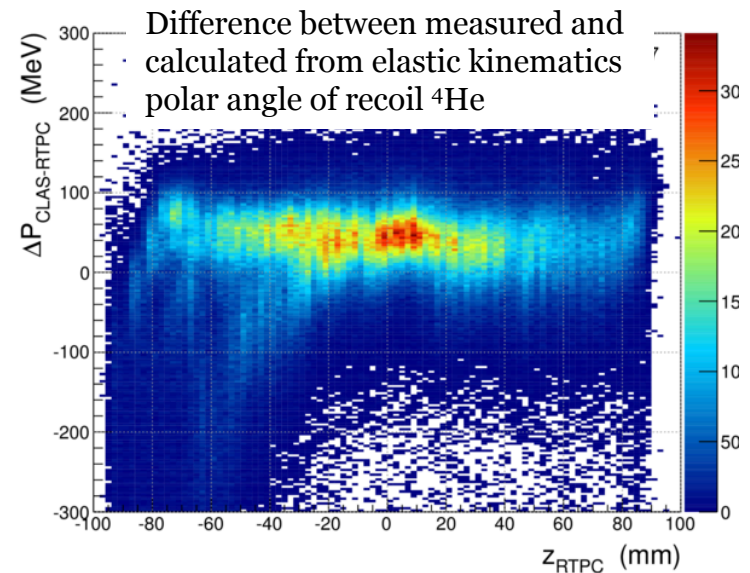
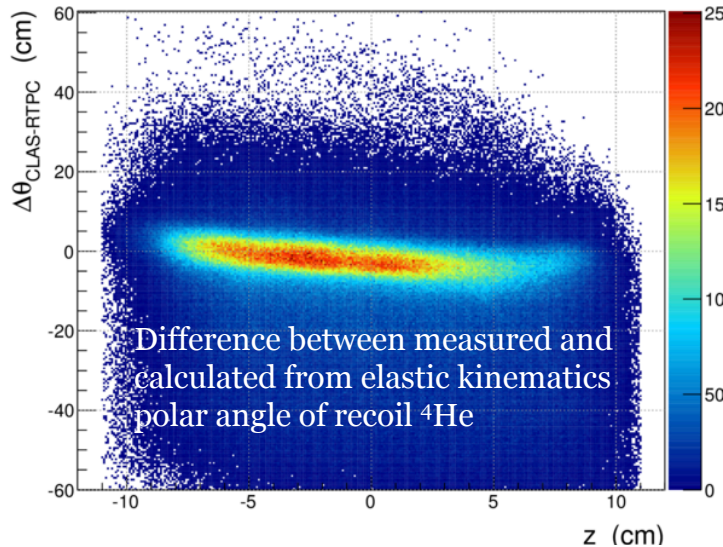
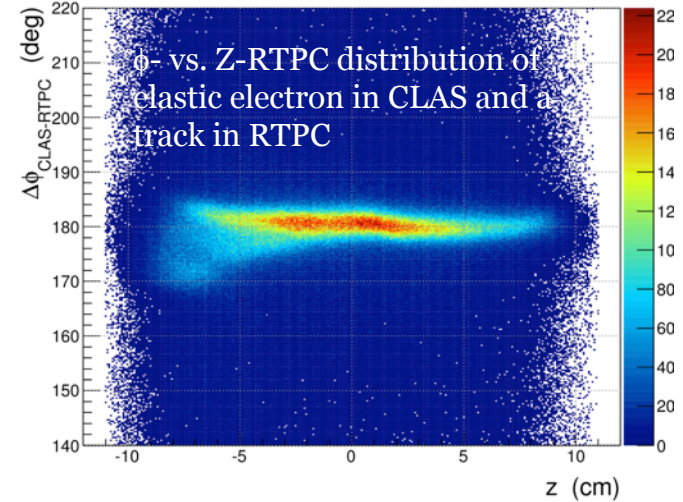
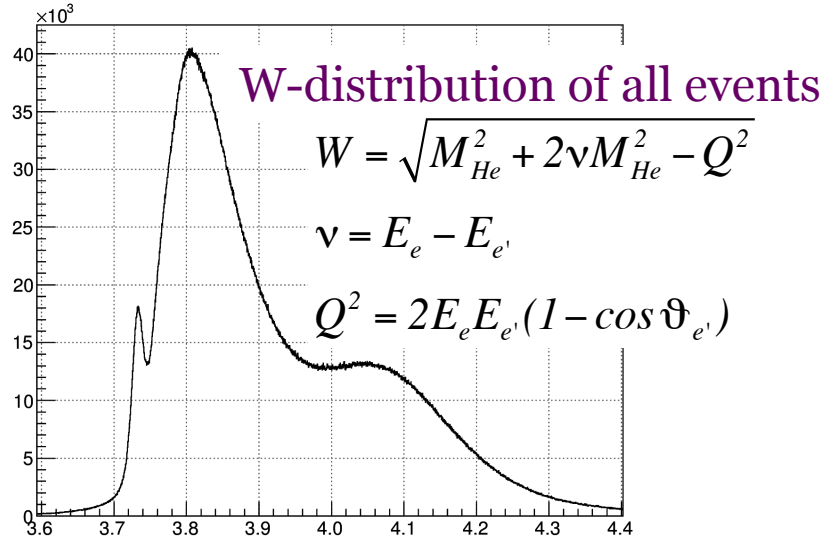


$$L = 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

	Forward Detector	Central Detector
Angular range		
Tracks	$5^\circ - 40^\circ$	$35^\circ - 125^\circ$
Photons	$2^\circ - 40^\circ$	---
Resolution		
$\delta p/p$ (%)	$< 1 @ 5 \text{ GeV}/c$	$< 5 @ 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$
$\delta\theta$ (mr)	< 1	$< 10 - 20$
$\Delta\phi$ (mr)	< 3	< 5
Photon detection		
Energy (MeV)	> 150	---
$\delta\theta$ (mr)	$4 @ 1 \text{ GeV}$	---
Neutron detection		
N_{eff}	< 0.7 (EC+PCAL)	n.a.
Particle ID		
e/π	Full range	---
π/p	$< 5 \text{ GeV}/c$	$< 1.25 \text{ GeV}/c$
π/K	$< 2.6 \text{ GeV}/c$	$< 0.65 \text{ GeV}/c$
K/p	$< 4 \text{ GeV}/c$	$< 1.0 \text{ GeV}/c$
$\pi(\eta) \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	Full range ---	

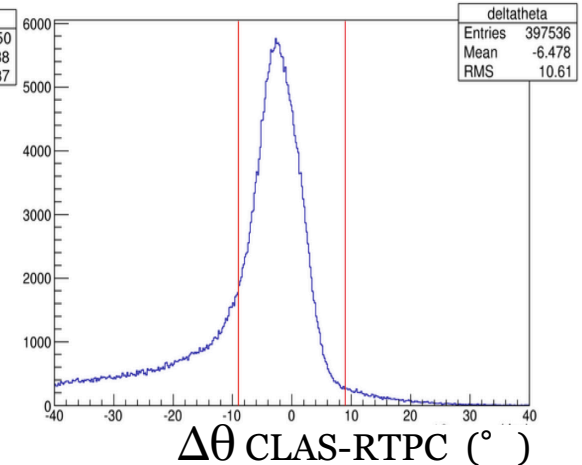
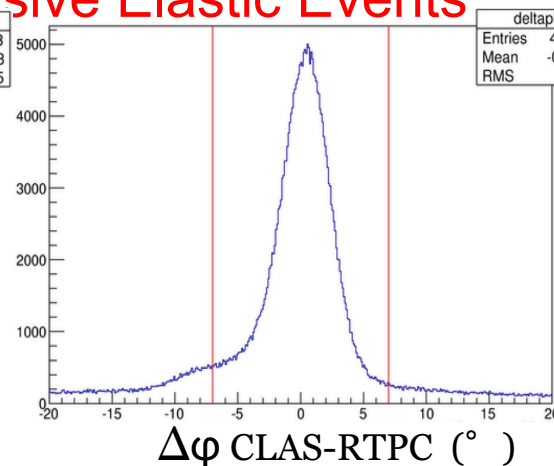
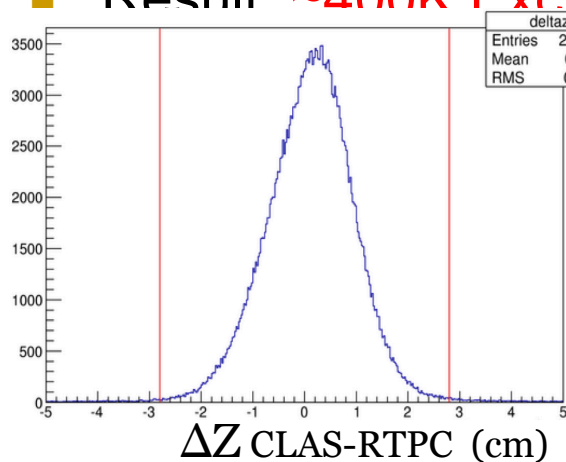
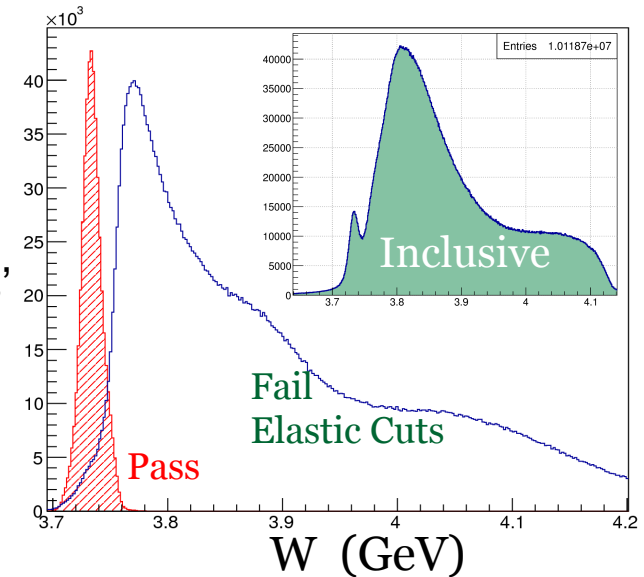


Selection of elastic events

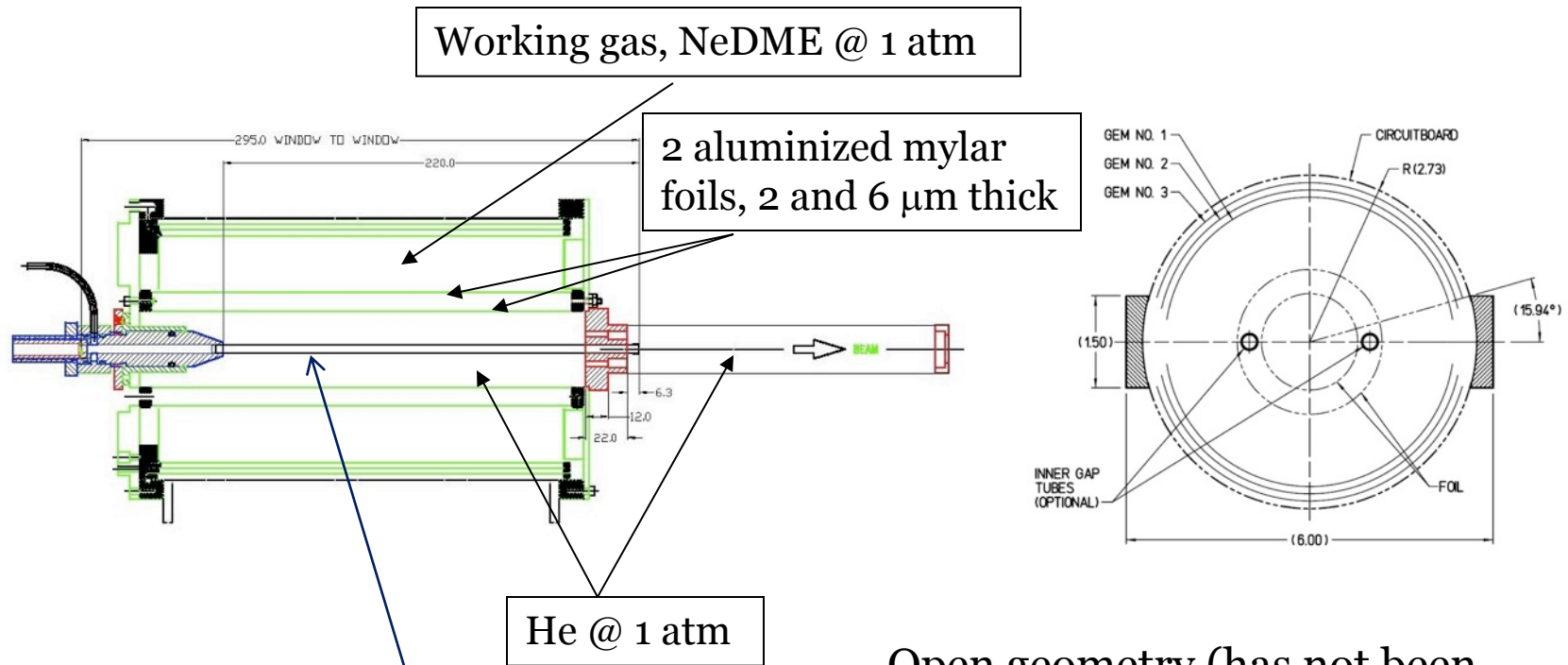


RTPC Efficiency: Detect Elastic ^4He

- With electron selected, look for RTPC track with matching vertex and elastic angles
 - Each Δ -quantity below has a cut on the others' peaks
 - Resolutions are roughly 8mm, 2° , 3° on z, ϕ, θ
- Test cut sensitivity, particularly $\Delta\theta$
- **Result: ~400K Exclusive Elastic Events**



Target & RTPC assembly for eg6



New target cell, 6 mm ID & with 27 μm wall thickness, target gas He @ 6 atm.
(Bonus run with 50 μm thick target cell)

Open geometry (has not been utilized effectively)

Improved backend readout

Total material thickness on the way of particles at 900 is $\sim 39 \mu\text{m}$

RTPC calibration

Elastic scattering on ^4He at 1.2 GeV

