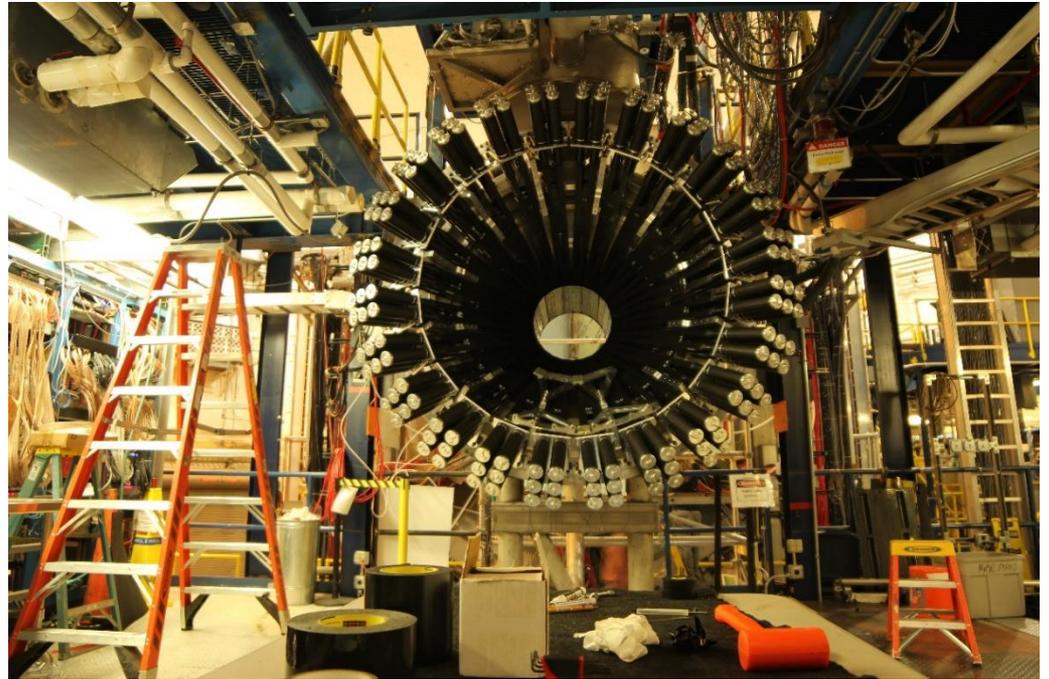
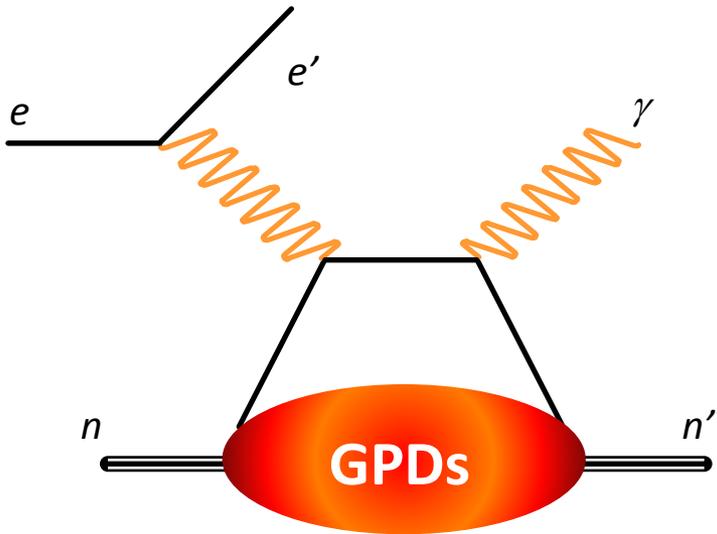


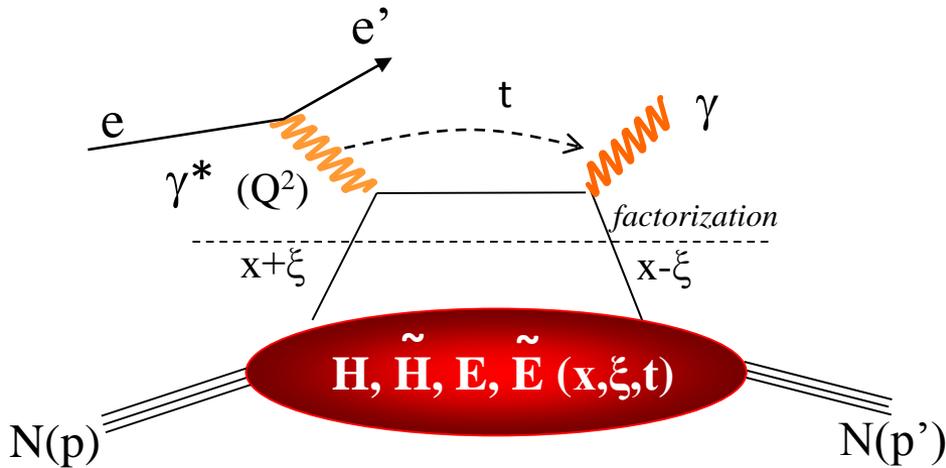
# Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering on the neutron with CLAS12 at 11 GeV



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# Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering and quark GPDs



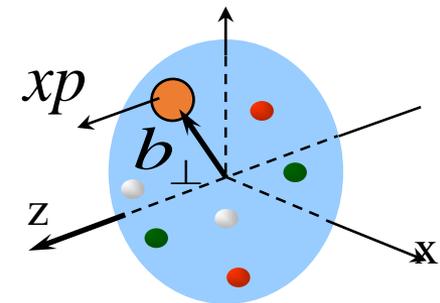
- $Q^2 = -(k-k')^2$
- $x_B = Q^2/2Mv \quad n = E_e - E_{e'}$
- $x+\xi, x-\xi$  long. mom. fract.
- $t = \Delta^2 = (p-p')^2$
- $x \cong x_B/(2-x_B)$

At leading order QCD, twist 2, chiral-even (quark helicity is conserved), quark sector  
 → 4 GPDs for each quark flavor

## Quark angular momentum (Ji's sum rule)

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x dx (H(x, \xi, t=0) + E(x, \xi, t=0)) = J = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma + \Delta L$$

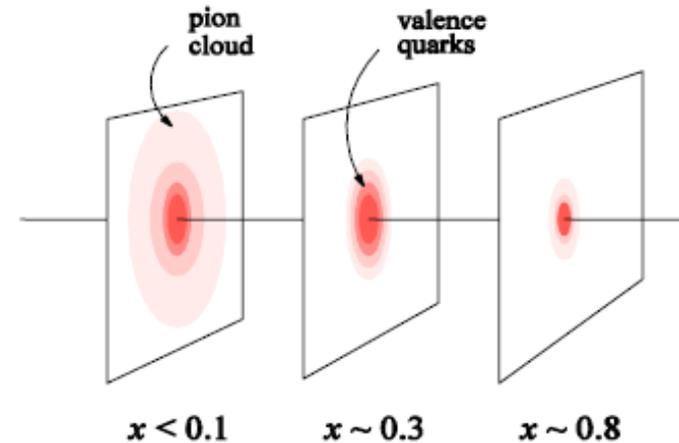
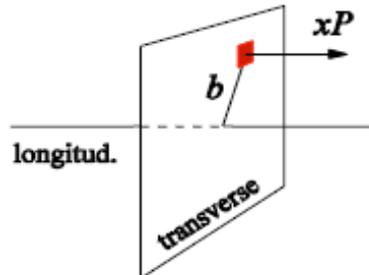
X. Ji, Phy.Rev.Lett.78,610(1997)



## Nucleon tomography

$$q(x, b_{\perp}) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d^2 \Delta_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i\Delta_{\perp} b_{\perp}} H(x, 0, -\Delta_{\perp}^2)$$

$$\Delta q(x, b_{\perp}) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d^2 \Delta_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i\Delta_{\perp} b_{\perp}} \tilde{H}(x, 0, -\Delta_{\perp}^2)$$



M. Burkardt, PRD 62, 71503 (2000)

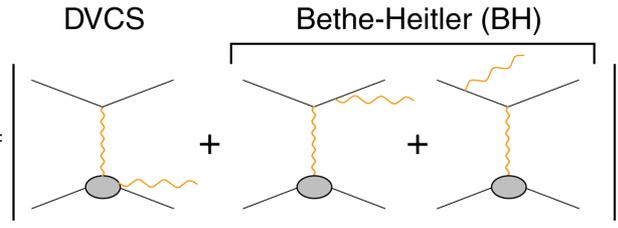
# Accessing GPDs through DVCS

DVCS allows access to 4 complex GPDs-related quantities: **Compton Form Factors CFF( $\xi, t$ )**

$$T^{DVCS} \sim P \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{GPDs(x, \xi, t)}{x \pm \xi} dx \pm i\pi GPDs(\pm \xi, \xi, t) + \dots$$

$$Re\mathcal{H}_q = e_q^2 P \int_0^{+1} (H^q(x, \xi, t) - H^q(-x, \xi, t)) \left[ \frac{1}{\xi - x} + \frac{1}{\xi + x} \right] dx$$

$$Im\mathcal{H}_q = \pi e_q^2 [H^q(\xi, \xi, t) - H^q(-\xi, \xi, t)]$$



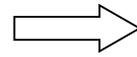
$$\sigma(eN \rightarrow eN\gamma) = \left| T^{DVCS} + T^{BH} \right|^2$$

$$\sigma \sim |T^{DVCS} + T^{BH}|^2$$

$$\Delta\sigma = \sigma^+ - \sigma^- \propto I(DVCS \cdot BH)$$

Polarized beam, unpolarized target:

$$\Delta\sigma_{LU} \sim \sin\phi \operatorname{Im}\{F_1\mathcal{H} + \xi(F_1+F_2)\tilde{\mathcal{H}} - kF_2\mathcal{E} + \dots\}$$



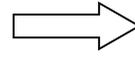
Proton Neutron

$$\operatorname{Im}\{\mathcal{H}_p, \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_p, \mathcal{E}_p\}$$

$$\operatorname{Im}\{\mathcal{H}_n, \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_n, \mathcal{E}_n\}$$

Unpolarized beam, longitudinal target:

$$\Delta\sigma_{UL} \sim \sin\phi \operatorname{Im}\{F_1\tilde{\mathcal{H}} + \xi(F_1+F_2)(\mathcal{H} + x_B/2\mathcal{E}) - \xi kF_2\tilde{\mathcal{E}}\}$$

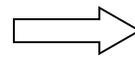


$$\operatorname{Im}\{\mathcal{H}_p, \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_p\}$$

$$\operatorname{Im}\{\mathcal{H}_n, \mathcal{E}_n\}$$

Polarized beam, longitudinal target:

$$\Delta\sigma_{LL} \sim (A+B\cos\phi) \operatorname{Re}\{F_1\tilde{\mathcal{H}} + \xi(F_1+F_2)(\mathcal{H} + x_B/2\mathcal{E}) + \dots\}$$

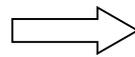


$$\operatorname{Re}\{\mathcal{H}_p, \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_p\}$$

$$\operatorname{Re}\{\mathcal{H}_n, \mathcal{E}_n\}$$

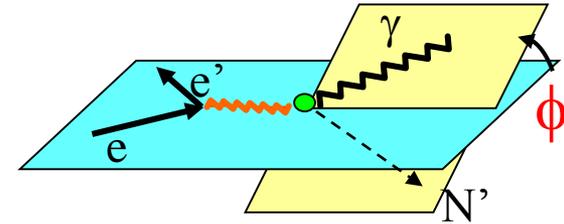
Unpolarized beam, transverse target:

$$\Delta\sigma_{UT} \sim \cos\phi \sin(\phi_s - \phi) \operatorname{Im}\{k(F_2\mathcal{H} - F_1\mathcal{E}) + \dots\}$$

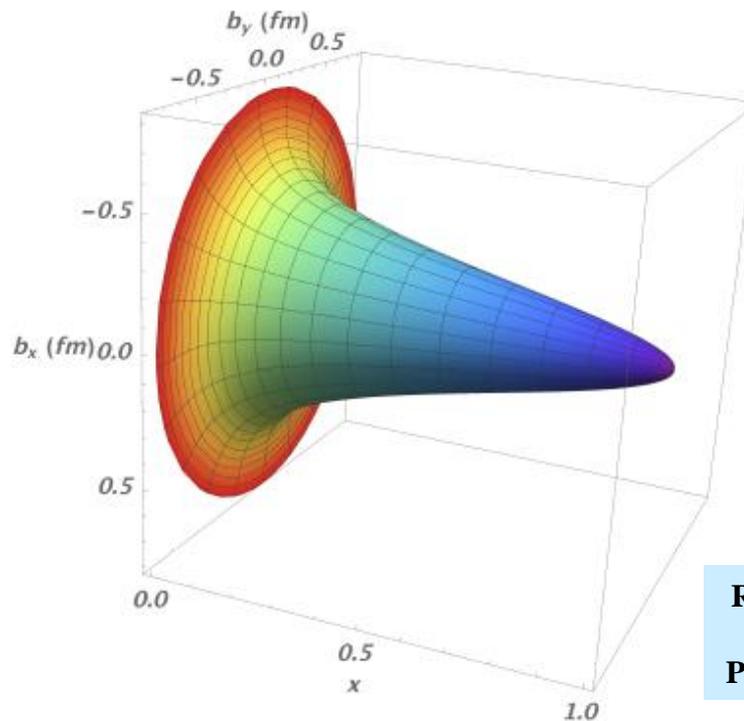
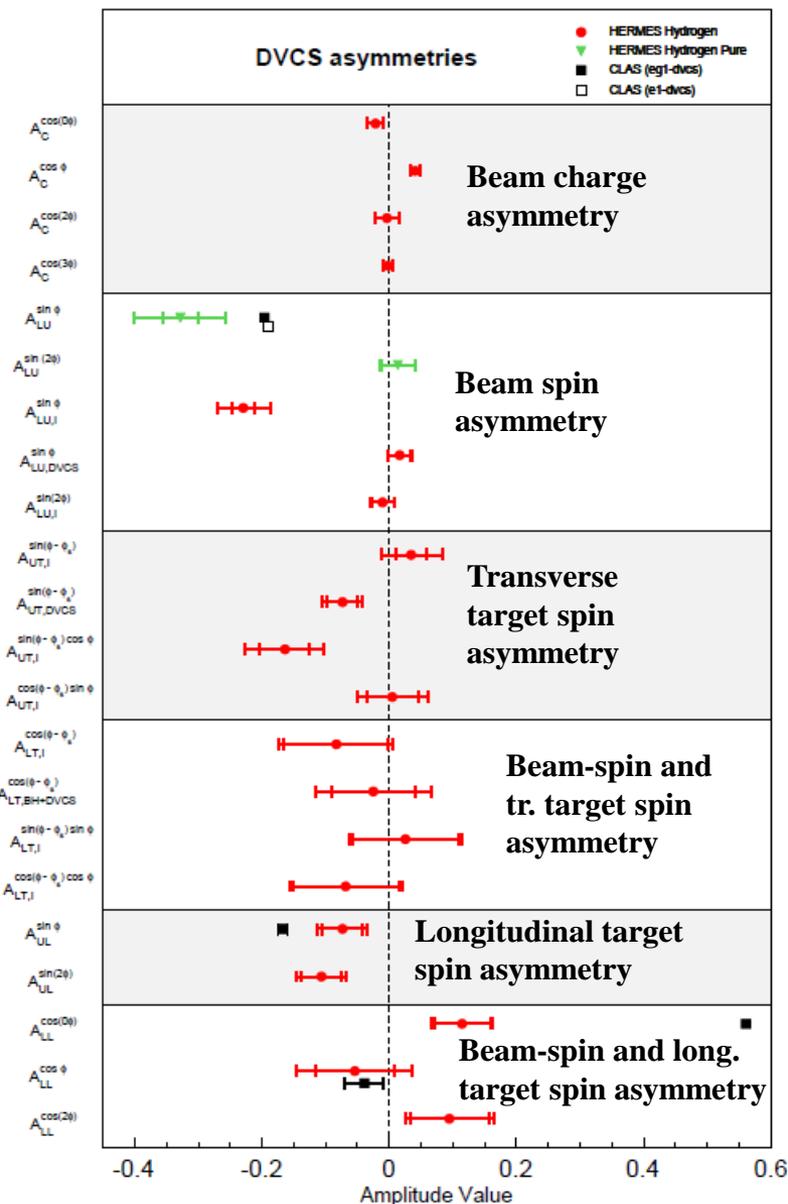


$$\operatorname{Im}\{\mathcal{H}_p, \mathcal{E}_p\}$$

$$\operatorname{Im}\{\mathcal{H}_n\}$$



# Summary of proton-DVCS spin observables and tomography



R. Dupré, M. Guidal,  
M.Vanderhaeghen,  
PRD95, 011501 (2017)

## Proton DVCS at JLab@12 GeV

Observable (target)	12-GeV experiments
$\Delta\sigma_{beam}(p)$	Hall A, CLAS12, Hall C
BSA(p)	CLAS12
TSA(p)	CLAS12
DSA(p)	CLAS12
tTSA(p)	CLAS12

# Interest of DVCS on the neutron

A combined analysis of DVCS observables for **proton and neutron** targets is necessary for **flavor separation** of GPDs

$$(H, E)_u(\xi, \xi, t) = \frac{9}{15} [4(H, E)_p(\xi, \xi, t) - (H, E)_n(\xi, \xi, t)]$$

$$(H, E)_d(\xi, \xi, t) = \frac{9}{15} [4(H, E)_n(\xi, \xi, t) - (H, E)_p(\xi, \xi, t)]$$

**Moreover, the beam-spin asymmetry for nDVCS is the most sensitive observable to the GPD E**  
**→ Ji's sum rule for Quarks Angular Momentum**

Polarized beam, unpolarized target:

$$\Delta\sigma_{LU} \sim \sin\phi \operatorname{Im}\{F_1\mathcal{H} + \xi(F_1 + F_2)\tilde{\mathcal{H}} + kF_2\mathcal{E}\}d\phi \implies \operatorname{Im}\{\mathcal{H}_n, \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_n, \mathcal{E}_n\}$$

**Neutron**  
**Proton**

Unpolarized beam, transversely polarized target:

$$\Delta\sigma_{UT} \sim \cos\phi \operatorname{Im}\{k(F_2\mathcal{H} - F_1\mathcal{E}) + \dots\}d\phi \implies \operatorname{Im}\{\mathcal{H}_p, \mathcal{E}_p\}$$

The BSA for nDVCS:

- is complementary to the **TSA for pDVCS** on transverse target, aiming at **E**
- depends strongly on the **kinematics** → **wide coverage needed**
- is smaller than for pDVCS → more **beam time** needed to achieve reasonable statistics

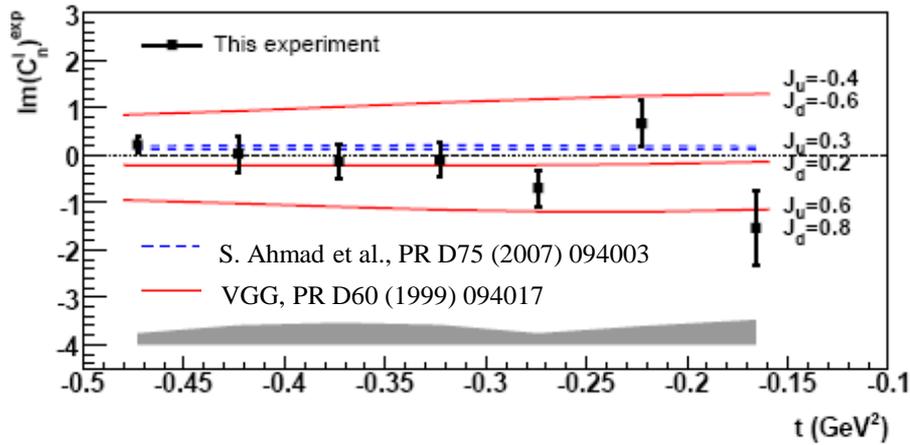
$\vec{e}d \rightarrow e\gamma(np)$

# DVCS on the neutron in Hall A at 6 GeV

$$D(e, e'\gamma)X - H(e, e'\gamma)X = n(e, e'\gamma)n + d(e, e'\gamma)d + \dots$$

$$\Delta\sigma_{LU} \sim \sin\phi \operatorname{Im}\{F_1\mathcal{H} + \xi(F_1+F_2)\tilde{\mathcal{H}} - kF_2\mathcal{E}\}$$

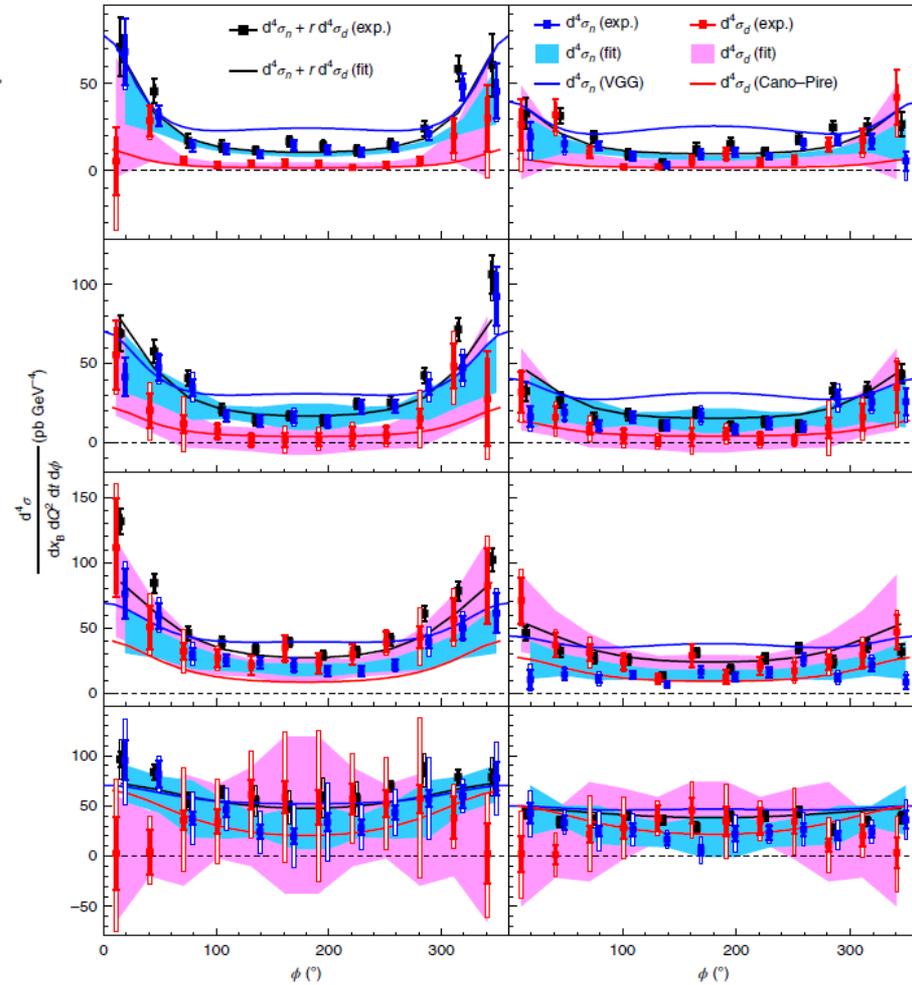
M. Mazouz et al., PRL 99 (2007) 242501



$Q^2=1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$  and  $x_B=0.36$

- E03-106: First-time measurement of  $\Delta\sigma_{LU}$  for nDVCS, model-dependent extraction of  $J_u, J_d$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x dx (H(x, \xi, t=0) + E(x, \xi, t=0)) = J$$



**NEW! Hall-A experiment E08-025 (2010)**

- Beam-energy « Rosenbluth » separation of nDVCS CS using an LD2 target and two different beam energies
- First observation of non-zero nDVCS CS
- M. Benali et al., Nature 16 (2020)

# E12-11-003: nDVCS on the neutron with CLAS12 at 11 GeV

JLab PAC: high-impact experiment

$$\Delta\sigma_{LU} \sim \sin\phi \operatorname{Im}\{F_1\mathcal{H} + \xi(F_1+F_2)\tilde{\mathcal{H}} - kF_2\mathcal{E}\}d\phi$$

The most sensitive observable to the GPD  $\mathcal{E}$

$$\vec{e}d \rightarrow e(p)n\gamma$$

Fully exclusive final state:

CLAS12

+Forward Tagger

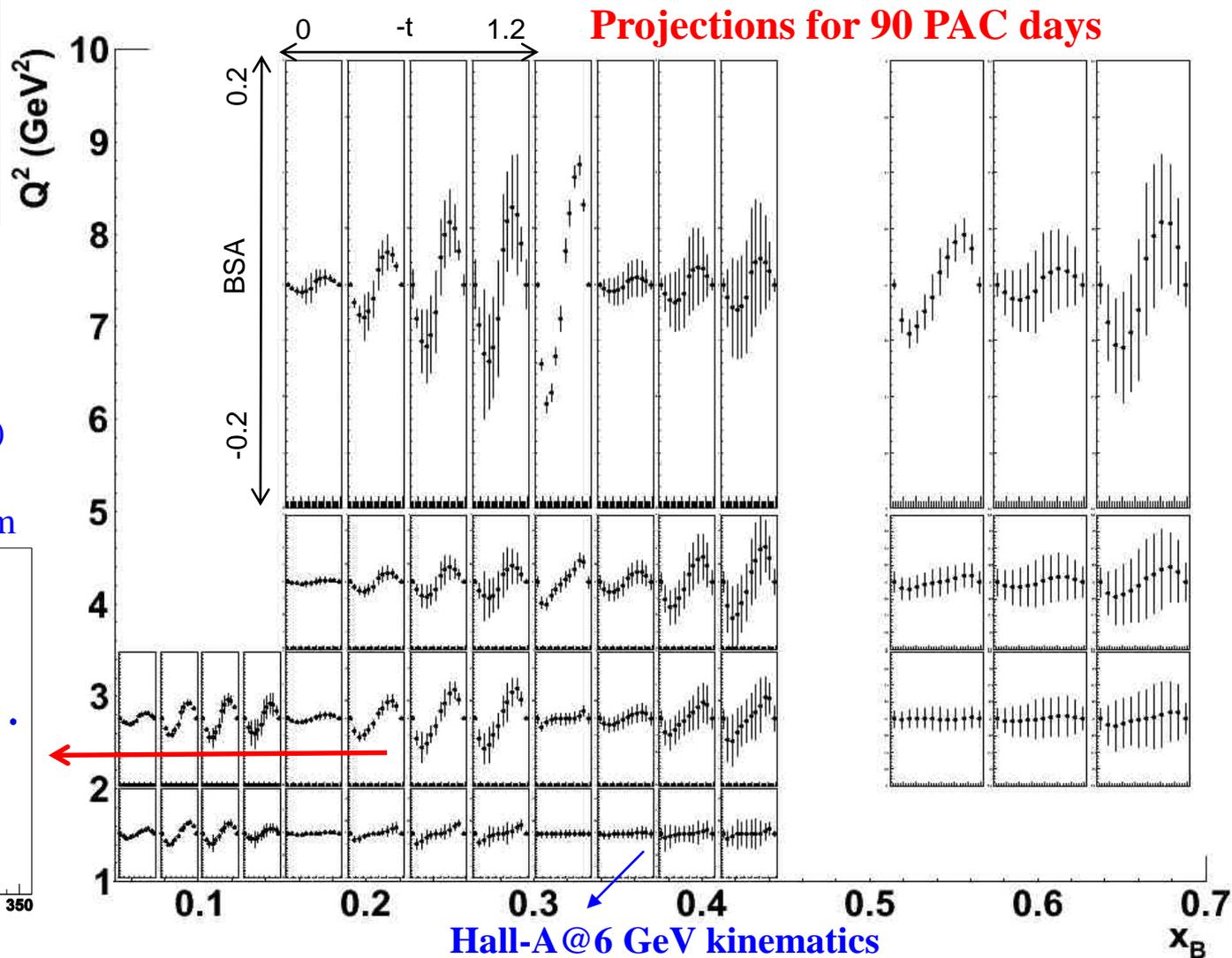
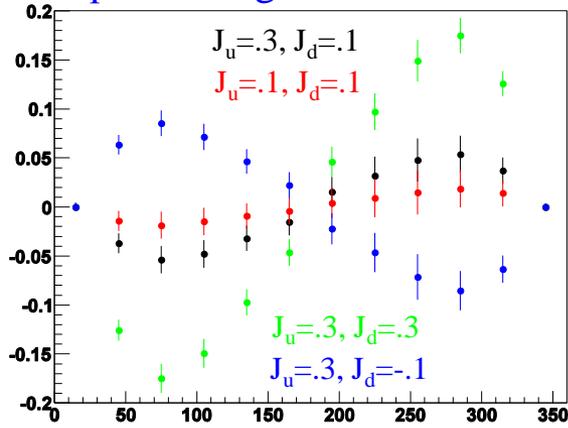
+Central Neutron Detector

Liquid deuterium target

Beam polarization =85%

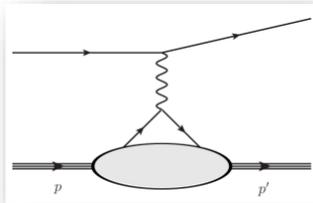
$L = 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}/\text{nucleon}$

Model predictions (VGG)  
for different values of  
quarks' angular momentum

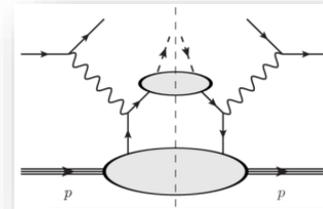
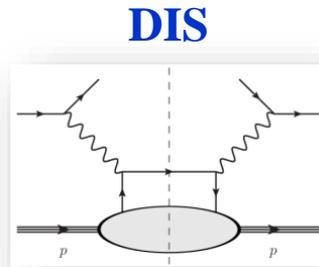


# CLAS12 Run Group B

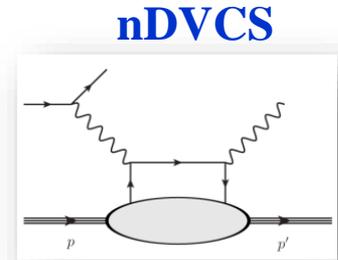
## *Electroproduction on deuterium with CLAS12*



**Elastic  
Scattering**



**SIDIS**



+ **J/psi photoproduction**  
+ **Short Range Correlations**

### **2019 schedule:**

**February 6th - March 25th 2019 + December 3 –20 2019 + January 6 – 30 2020**

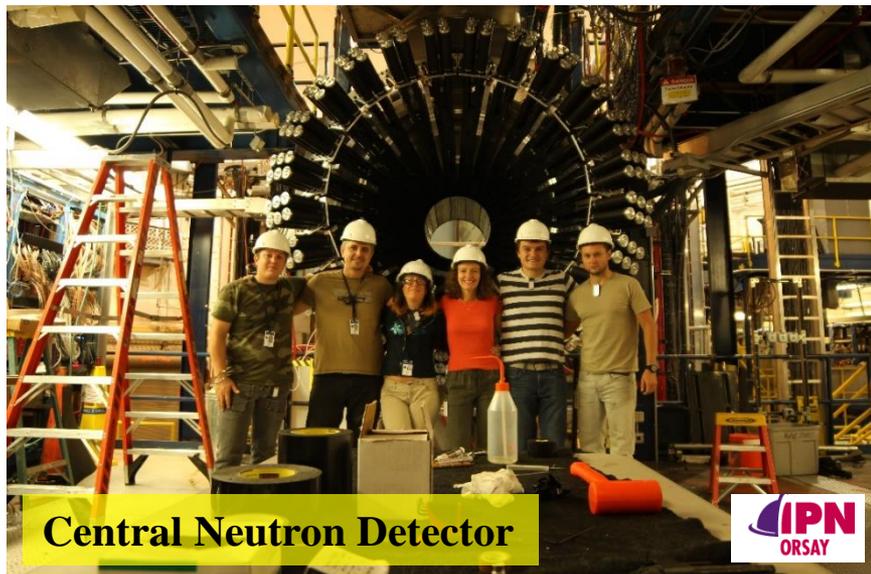
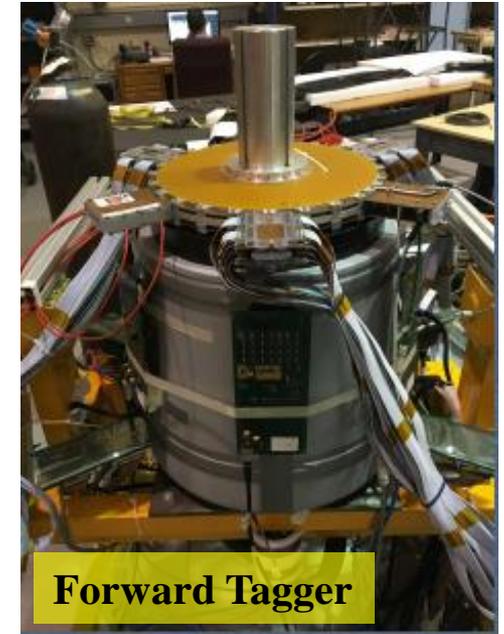
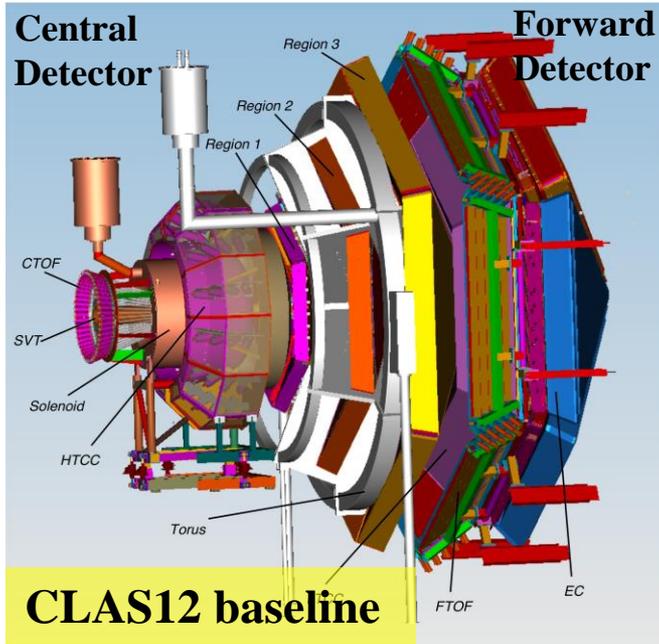
**→ ~39 PAC days (~43% of approved run time)**

### **Statistics:**

- 43.3 B triggers collected:
  - 10.6 GeV (9.7 B)
  - 10.2 GeV (11.7 B)
  - 10.4 GeV (21.9 B – 9 B are outbending)
- Average beam polarization ~86% (22 Moeller runs)

**Jeopardy proposal just submitted to PAC  
(51 days requested)**

# CLAS12 Run group B: experimental setup



# CND: performances with CLAS12 data

**Purpose:** detect the **recoiling neutron in nDVCS**

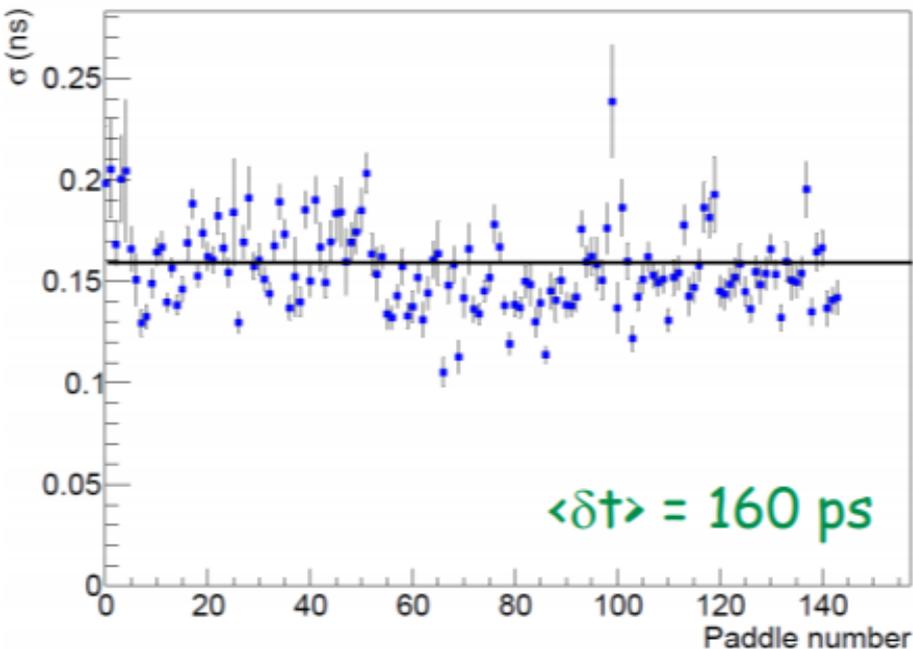
Requirements/performances:

- good neutron/photon separation for  $0.2 < p_n < 1$  GeV/c  
→  $\sim 150$  ps time resolution ✓ ( $\sim 160$  ps)
- momentum resolution  $\delta p/p < 10\%$  ✓
- neutron detection efficiency  $\sim 10\%$  ✓

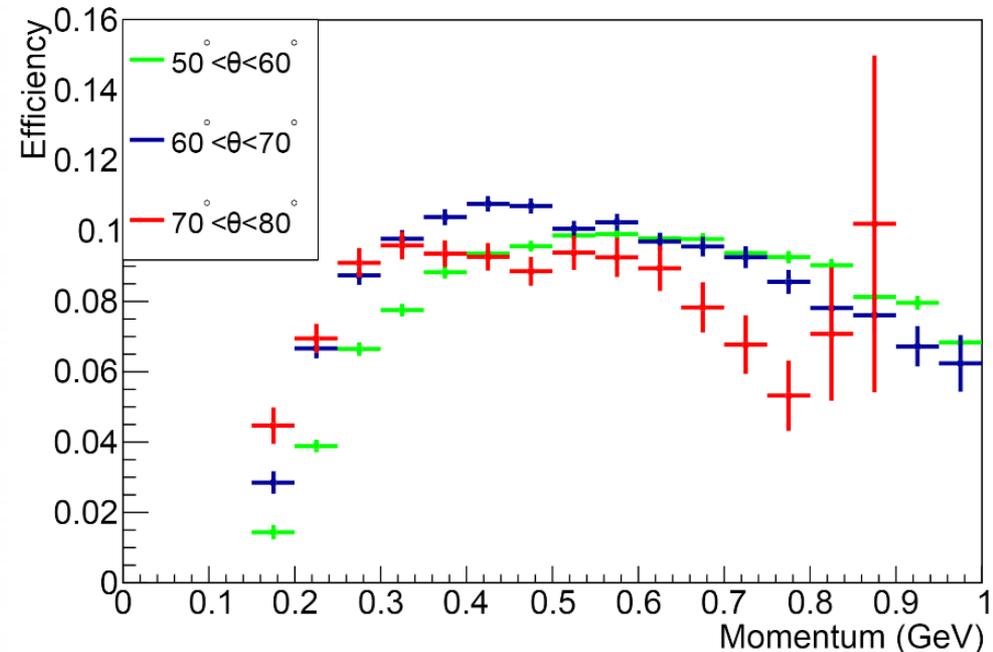
**CND design:** **scintillator barrel** - 3 radial layers, 48 bars per layer **coupled two-by-two** downstream by a **“u-turn” lightguide**, 144 long light guides with **PMTs** upstream

**S.N. et al., NIM A 904, 81 (2018)**

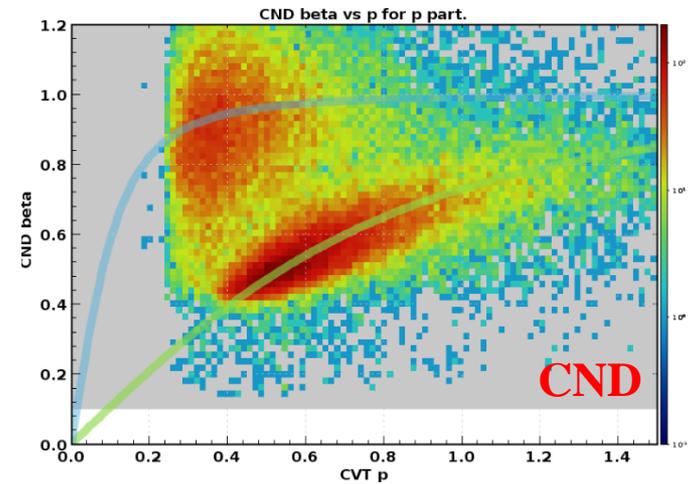
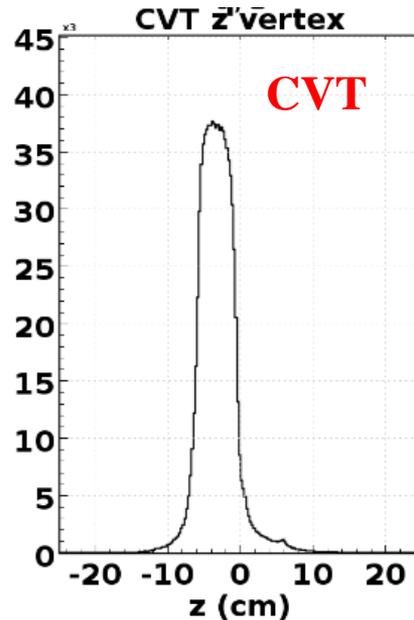
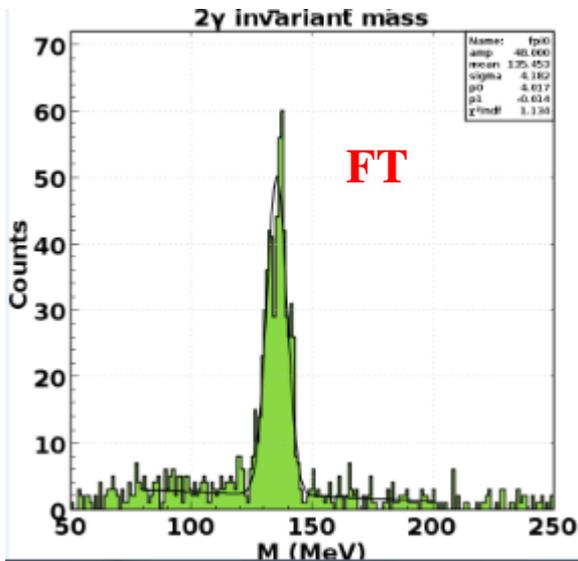
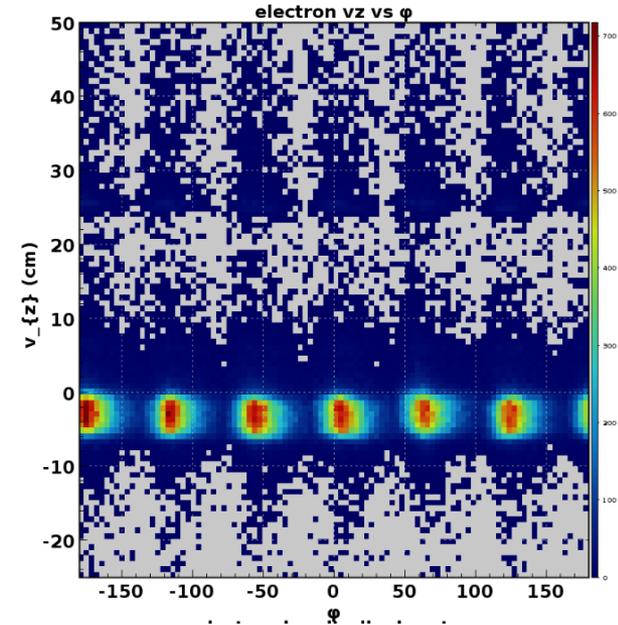
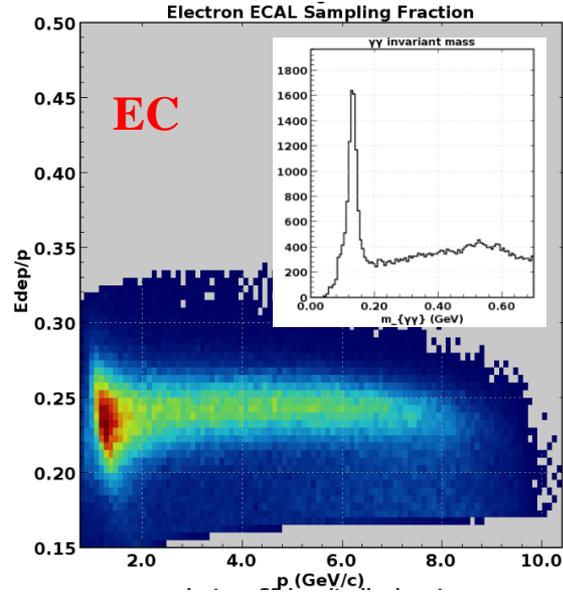
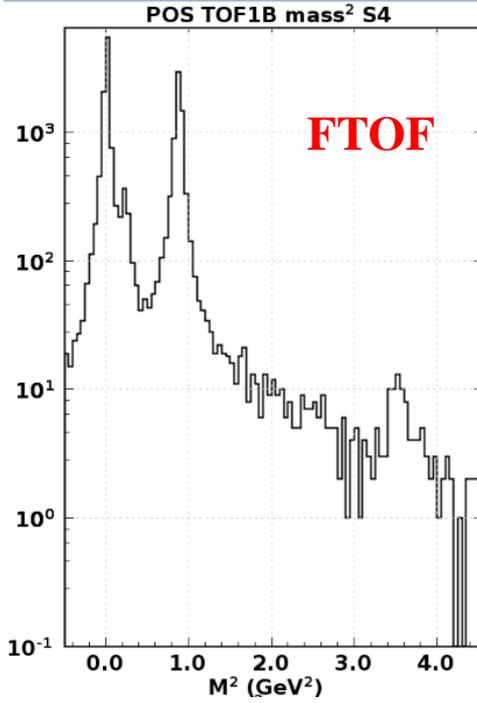
Timing resolution per paddle (RGB data)



Neutron efficiency from  $ep \rightarrow e' n \pi^+$  (RGA data)



# Data quality of RGB data



*10 files of winter run 11324*

# First glance at nDVCS from RGB spring data

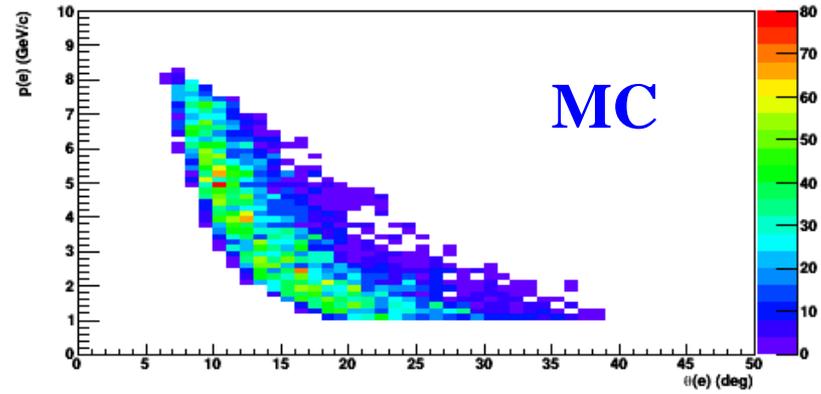
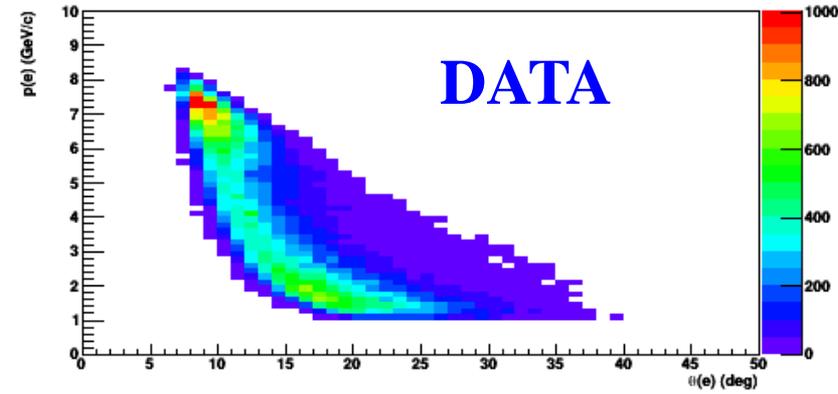
- **Preliminary calibrations and reconstruction (« DNP cooking »)**
  - 33 runs, at two beam energies (10.6 and 10.2 GeV)
  - ~20% of the spring run statistics (~8% of the 2019 data, ~3% of the originally approved beamtime)
- Final state: **eny** reconstructed using CLAS12 PID
  - no refined PID, no fiducial cuts, no corrections
- **Photons** are reconstructed in FT and FEC
  - Minimum energy 1 GeV
  - The highest-energy photon of the event is chosen
- **Neutrons** are reconstructed in CND and FEC
- **nDVCS simulation** on deuteron (GPD based generator)
  - Same event selection as for the data
  - Helps determine optimal detection topology and exclusivity cuts

$$\vec{e}d \rightarrow e\gamma n(p)$$

**Disclaimer:** since the DNP cooking

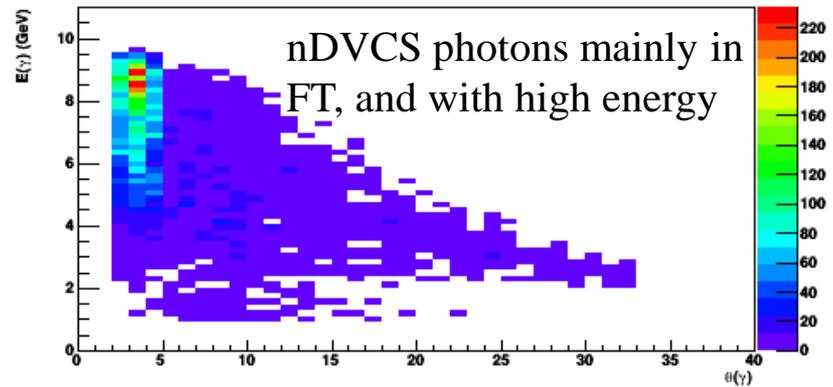
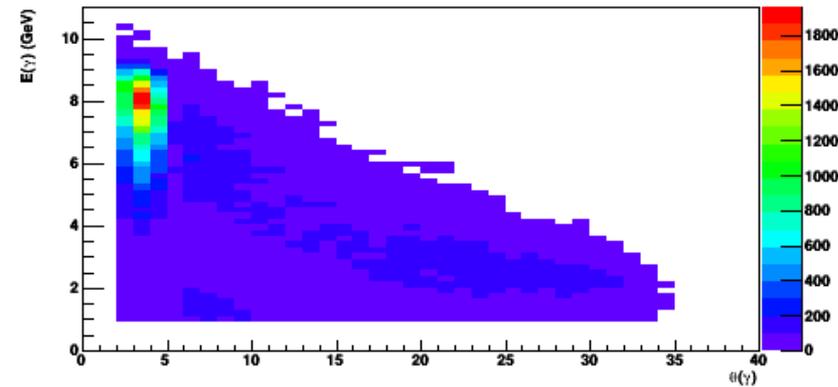
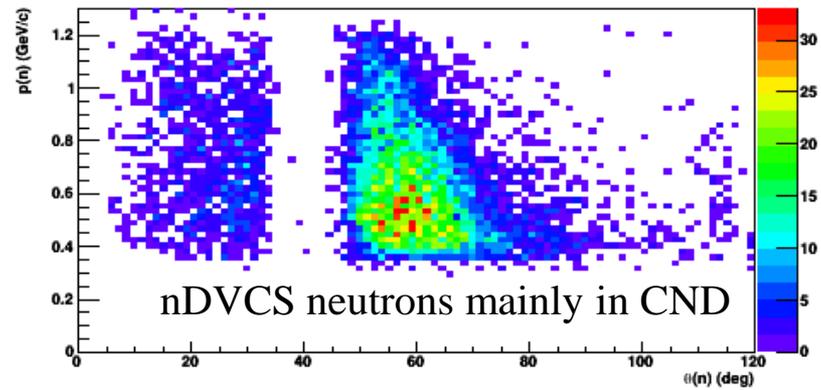
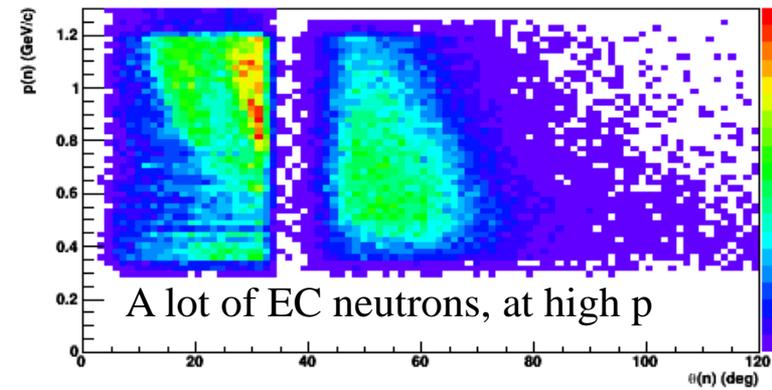
- all calibrations for the spring run were completed
- « Pass1-review » passed
- Reconstruction of the whole spring dataset ongoing
- *New results will be available soon*

# Kinematics ( $\theta$ vs $p$ ): electron, neutrons, photons



## Base cuts:

- $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$
- $\theta(e) > 5^\circ$
- $p(e) > 1 \text{ GeV}$
- $v_z(e)$  cut
- $p_n > 0.3 \text{ GeV}$



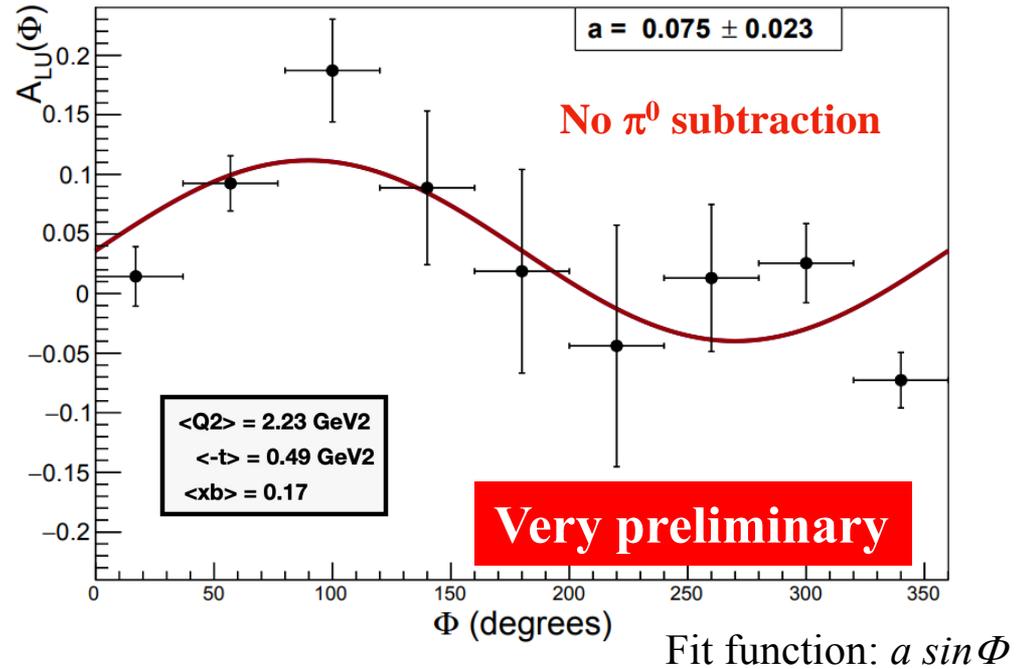
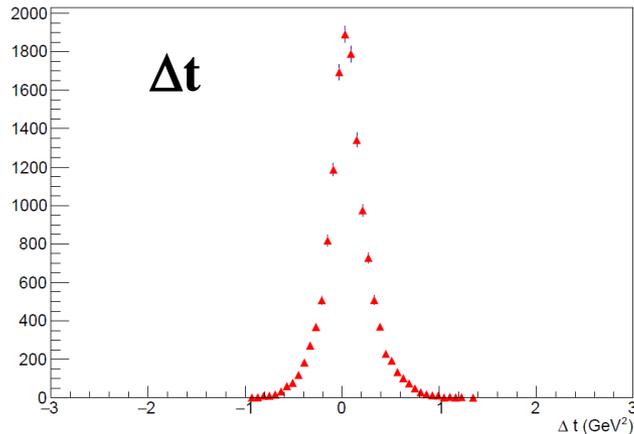
# nDVCS: preliminary raw BSA

ed $\rightarrow$ en $\gamma$ (p)

- The chosen combination in each event is the one satisfying at best the exclusivity criteria:

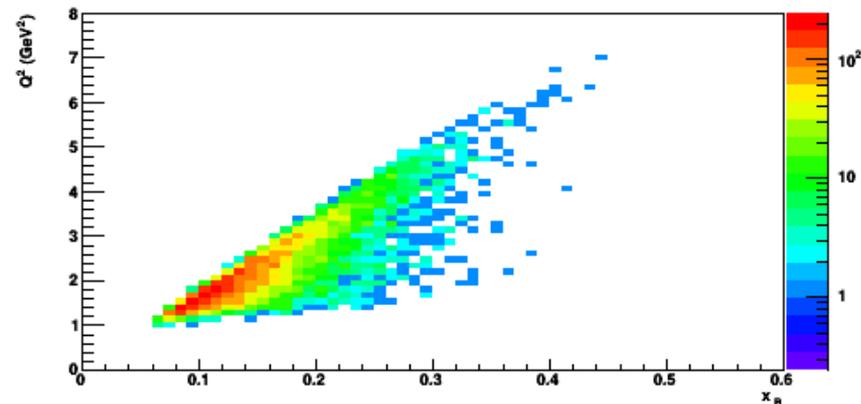
$M_X, p_X, E_X$  (ed $\rightarrow$ en $\gamma$ X),  $\Delta t, \Delta\phi, \theta_{\gamma X}$

- 10300 identified nDVCS candidates



- Raw BSA integrated over all kinematics and detection topologies
- Work ongoing on  $\pi^0$  subtraction and fiducial cuts
- Work in progress on a **charged particle veto** based on CND and CTOF information: remove proton contamination, due to CVT inefficiencies, from neutron sample

K. Price, A. Hobart (Orsay)

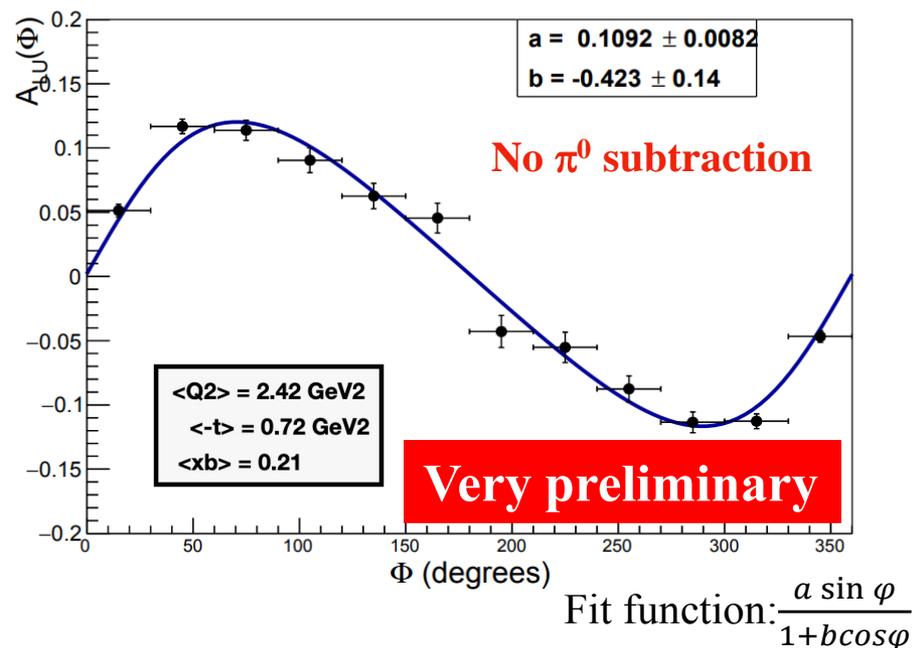
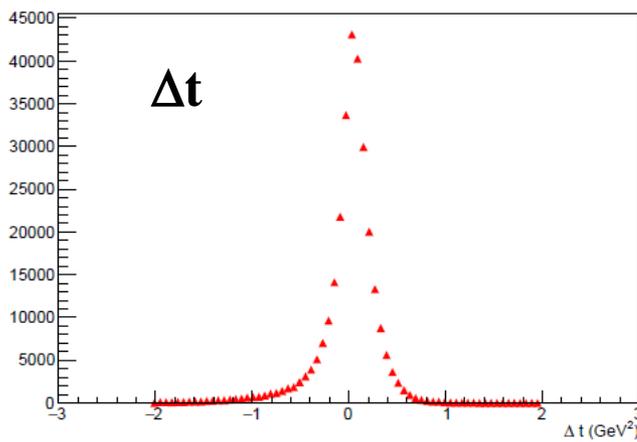
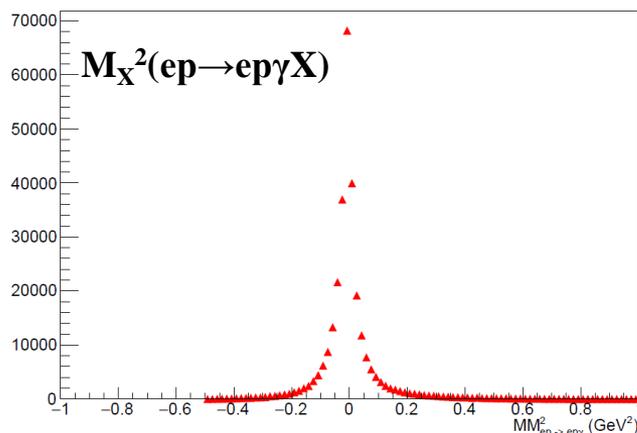


# Sanity check (and more): pDVCS on deuterium

$ed \rightarrow ep\gamma(n)$

- Final state selection: at least 1 electron, 1 proton, 1 photon (EB PID + kinematic cuts)
- The chosen combination in each event is the one satisfying at best the exclusivity criteria:

$M_X, p_X, E_X (ep \rightarrow ep\gamma X), \Delta t, \Delta\phi, \theta_{\gamma X}$



- 320453 identified pDVCS candidates
- Raw BSA integrated over all kinematics and detection topologies
- Compatible with raw BSA from pDVCS in RGA**
- nDVCS and pDVCS yields scale as expected (CS, efficiency)**
- Work on  $\pi^0$  subtraction underway

Interest of pDVCS on deuterium:

- In itself: nuclear medium effects on proton structure
- To evaluate FSI for nDVCS, comparing to free pDVCS

# Future experiment: nDVCS, target-spin asymmetry

First time measurement of longitudinal target-spin asymmetry  
and double (beam-target) spin asymmetry

$$\Delta\sigma_{UL} \sim \sin\phi \operatorname{Im}\{F_1\tilde{\mathcal{H}} + \xi(F_1 + F_2)(\mathcal{H} + x_B/2\mathcal{E}) - \xi kF_2\tilde{\mathcal{E}} + \dots\}$$

$$\Delta\sigma_{LL} \sim (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}\cos\phi) \operatorname{Re}\{F_1\tilde{\mathcal{H}} + \xi(F_1 + F_2)(\mathcal{H} + x_B/2\mathcal{E}) - \xi kF_2\tilde{\mathcal{E}} + \dots\}$$

→ 3 observables (including BSA), constraints on real and imaginary CFFs of various neutron GPDs

$$eND_3 \rightarrow e(p)n\gamma$$

CLAS12 + Longitudinally polarized target + CND

$$L = 3/20 \cdot 10^{35} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$$

Run time = 40 days

$$P_t = 0.4; P_b = 0.85$$

Foreseen for 2022



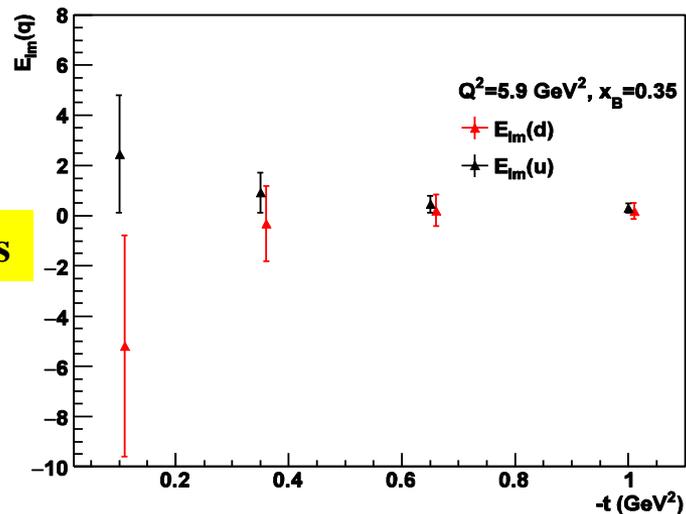
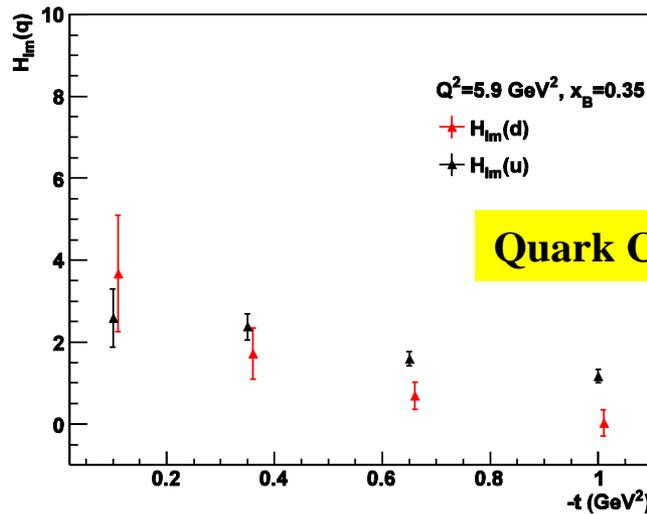
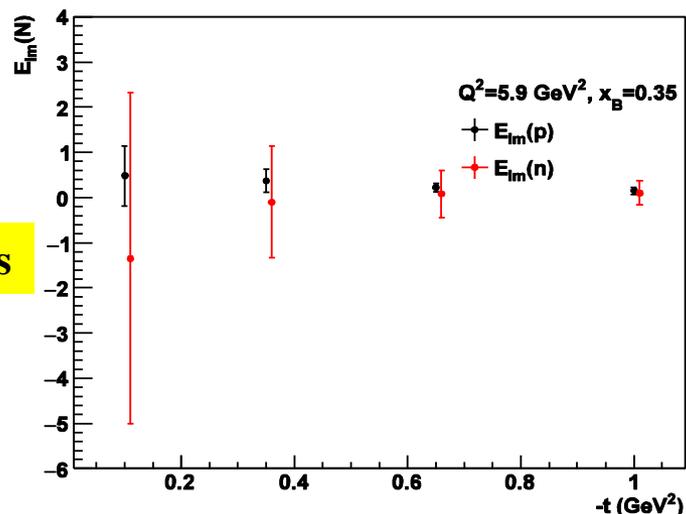
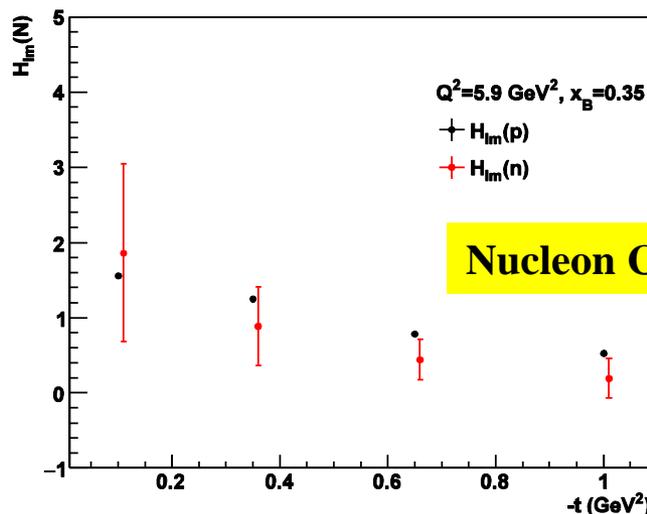
# CLAS12: projections for flavor separation

$$(H, E)_u(\xi, \xi, t) = \frac{9}{15} [4(H, E)_p(\xi, \xi, t) - (H, E)_n(\xi, \xi, t)]$$

$$(H, E)_d(\xi, \xi, t) = \frac{9}{15} [4(H, E)_n(\xi, \xi, t) - (H, E)_p(\xi, \xi, t)]$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 dx (H^q(x, \xi, t=0) + E^q(x, \xi, t=0)) = J^q$$

Fits done to all the projected observables for **pDVCS** (BSA, ITSA, IDSA, tTSA, CS, DCS) and **nDVCS** (BSA, ITSA, IDSA) of the CLAS12 program



# Summary and outlook

- Now that a first tomographic image of the proton was delivered extracting CFFs from pDVCS, it is time to think about **GPD flavor separation** and **Ji's sum rule**
  - The **beam-spin asymmetry for nDVCS** is a precious tool for this task
  - The pioneering **Hall-A experiment at 6 GeV** showed the importance of this channel
  - The **CLAS12** experiment E12-11-003 measures the **BSA for nDVCS with detected neutron, over a vast phase space**
  - The first ~43% of the experiment ran in the spring of 2019 at JLab
  - The **Central Neutron Detector**, built for this experiment, is performing according to specifications
  - A first exploratory analysis of a small fraction of the data shows that **the nDVCS channel can be extracted**, with a promising **raw BSA signal**
  - The 2019 data are currently being processed
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- Another nDVCS experiment on **polarized deuterium target** will be carried out in 2022 with CLAS12
  - The two experiments will be combined to extract **neutron CFFs** (in particular  $\text{Im}\mathcal{H}$  and  $\text{Im}\mathcal{E}$ )
  - The combination of neutron and proton CFFs will allow **flavor separation**
  - The **Ji's sum rule** is the ultimate, ambitious goal of this program