

Two-Photon Exchange Contribution to the Electron-Neutron Elastic Scattering Cross Section and Data Calibrations for Gas Electron Multiplier Tracking Detectors

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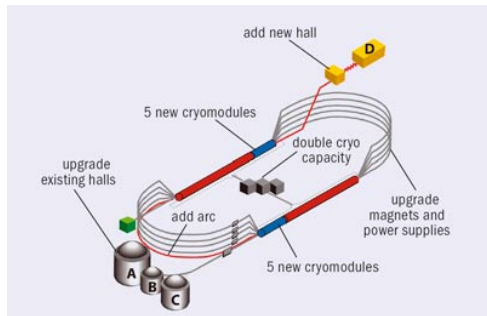
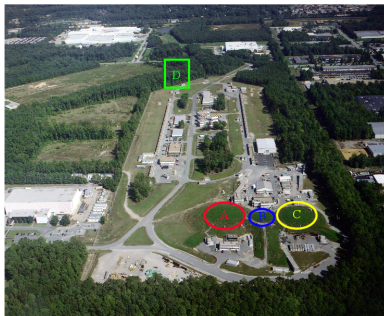
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Jefferson Lab

- 12 GeV Electron Accelerator capable of conducting experiments simultaneously in 4 different Halls, located in Newport News Virginia and run by the Department of Energy
- Performed in Hall A



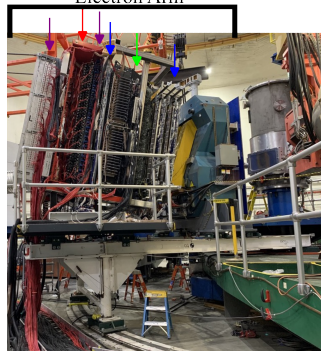
The Super BigBite Apparatus and Experiment Program

Nucleon Arm



Super BigBite Spectrometer including Super BigBite Magnet and Hadron Calorimeter (HCal)

Electron Arm

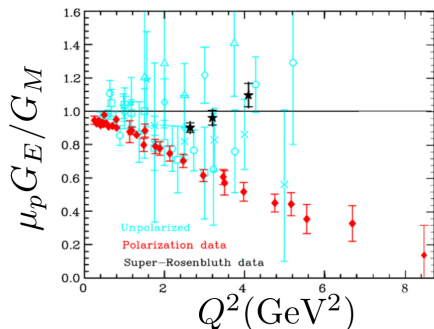


BigBite Spectrometer including GEMs, GRINCH, Calorimeters, and Timing Hodoscope

Completed Experiments: G_M^n , neutron Two-Photon Exchange (nTPE)

Future Experiments: G_E^n , G_E^n -RP, Pion A_{LL} , $G_E^p(5)$, and SIDIS

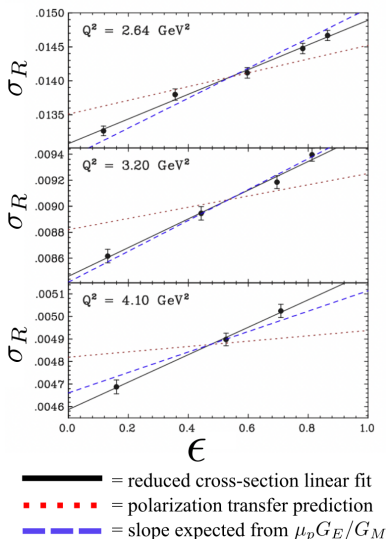
Proton Form Factor Ratio and Proton Two-Photon Exchange (pTPE)



Cyan = Rosenbluth Separation Extraction
Red = Polarization Transfer Measurements
Black = Super Rosenbluth

- Nucleon Form Factors (G_E , G_M) are fundamental observables describing the structure of the nucleon
- G_E/G_M as measured using cross-section data “Rosenbluth Separation” with a value of 1.0
- G_E/G_M as measured using polarization technique disagrees, especially at high Q^2 (3-4 sigma)
- Rosenbluth Separation is sensitive to TPE, while polarization technique is mostly insensitive. TPE could explain discrepancy
- Understanding TPE effects would provide a more complete characterization of G_E and G_M

Rosenbluth Separation for Nucleon Form Factors



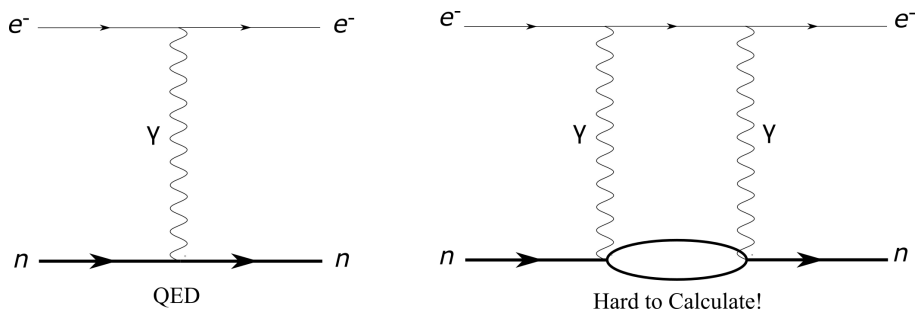
Measurement of Rosenbluth Separation used to extract proton form factors

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} &= \left(\frac{\alpha}{4MQ^2} \frac{E'}{E} \right)^2 |M_\gamma|^2 \\
 &= \frac{\sigma_{Mott}}{\epsilon(1+\tau)} (\epsilon G_E^2(Q^2) + \tau G_M^2(Q^2)) \\
 &= \frac{\sigma_{Mott}}{\epsilon(1+\tau)} \sigma_R
 \end{aligned}$$

- $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$ is the differential Born cross-section for electron-nucleon scattering, with invariant amplitude M_γ .
- α is the fine structure constant.
- σ_{Mott} is the scattering for a point-like particle.
- ϵ is the longitudinal polarization of the virtual photon.
- $\tau \equiv \frac{Q^2}{4M^2}$. E and E' are initial and final state energies.

nTPE Cross Term Diagram

Interference of OPE and TPE diagrams contribute to the cross-section measurement and allow for extraction of TPE effects



One Photon Exchange and Two-Photon Exchange Diagram

nTPE Experiment in Hall A

- Contribution of TPE could reach 30% of the Rosenbluth Slope value at 5 (GeV/c)^2
- SBS nTPE experiment is first measurement of the Rosenbluth slope for the neutron using the ratio method
- Data taken in January & February 2022 for total of 19 days at $Q^2 = 4.5 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$ and 2 different ϵ values
- Results will be limited by systematics and not statistics

Gas Electron Multiplier (GEM) detectors

- GEMs are a type of gaseous ionization detector reliant on the concept of electron avalanche and part of the subclass of detectors known as Micro-Pattern Gaseous Detectors (MPGDs)
- Used for tracking detectors, preamplification, drift chambers, time projection chambers, and radiation imaging
- Single detector gains are 10^3 or 10^4 , depending on size and quality of GEM

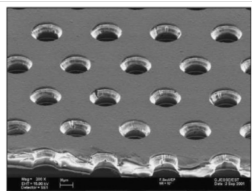


Diagram of a typical GEM electrode

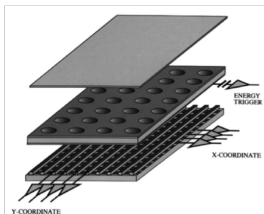
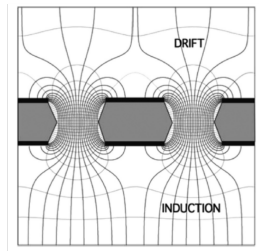
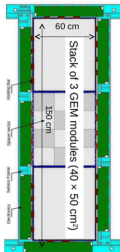


Diagram of a single GEM detector with Cartesian Readout

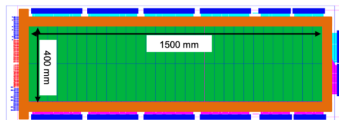
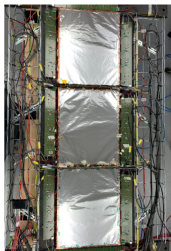


Electric Field in the region of the holes of the GEM electrode

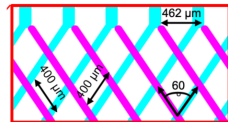
GEM Detectors for SBS Program



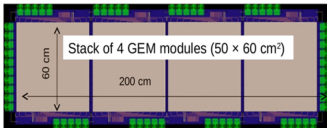
INFN XY-GEM Layer schematic and picture with RF shielding



UVA UV-GEM Layer schematic and picture with RF shielding



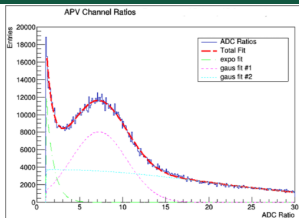
- 4 INFN XY-GEM layers prepared for SBS program
- 4 UVA UV-GEM layers prepared for SBS program
- 11 UVA XY-GEM layers prepared for SBS program
- 2 INFN GEM layers operated during nTPE
- 2 UVA UV-GEM layers operated during nTPE
- 2 more UVA UV-GEM layers moved to BigBite during nTPE



UVA XY-GEM Layer schematic and picture without RF shielding



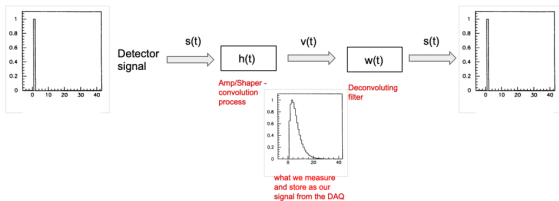
GEM Data Calibrations



Crosstalk

Plot Credit: John Boyd

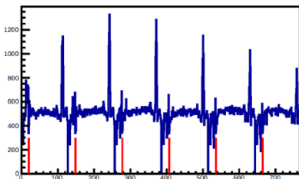
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Time Deconvolution

Plot Credit: Anuruddha Rathnayake

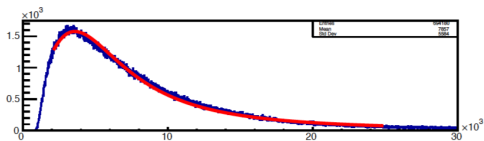
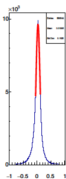
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Common Mode Fluctuation

Negative Pulse

Plot Credit: Sean Jeffas



Amplifier Card (APV)

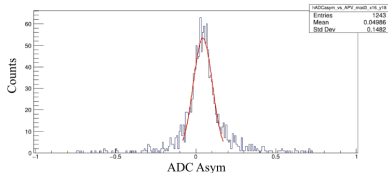
Gain Match

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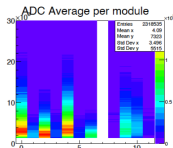
Compare 1 amplitude from different amplifier cards (sets of strips). For every event with a 'good' track, create a histogram for the ADC asymmetry $\left(\frac{ADC_{U/X} - ADC_{V/Y}}{ADC_{U/X} + ADC_{V/Y}} \right)$ between every U/X and V/Y APV combination on a GEM module.



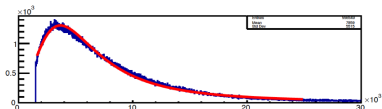
Gain Match Pt 2

For all events with a 'good' track ,on each module determine and plot the ADC Average

$$\left(\frac{ADCHit_U/X + ADCHit_V/Y}{2} \right)$$



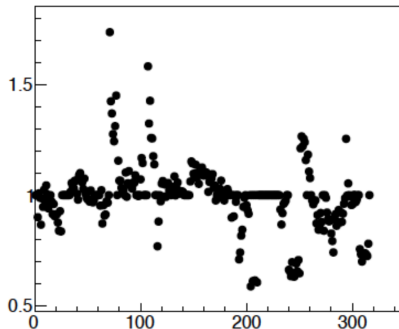
Generate ADC distributions for all hits and ADC distributions per module and apply Landua fit



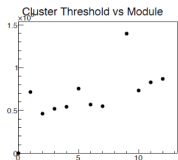
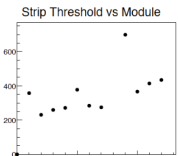
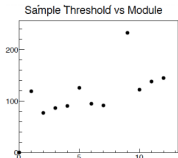
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Gain Coefficients vs APV



Gain Match Pt 3



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Pipeline coefficients and thresholds to replay to see affect on GEM signals, Track Based Efficiencies, and resolution.

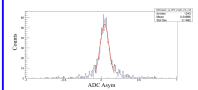
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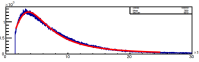


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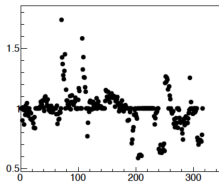
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Sample Threshold vs Module



Strip Threshold vs Module



Cluster Threshold vs Module



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Takeaway:

nTPE Summary:

- First measurement of Rosenbluth slope on the neutron. Sensitive to TPE effects.
- Data analysis is ongoing, first-pass underway
- nTPE measurement provides further understanding about nucleon form factors

GEM Gain Match Future Work:

- Finish first-pass creation of gain coefficients for GMn/nTPE data set
- Evaluate gain coefficients at different particle rates through the GEMs
- Evaluate gain coefficient stability over time
- Preliminary: Gain matching GEM signals increases Track-Based Efficiency by 2-4%

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- INFN GEM group
- UVA GEM group
- SBS Spokespeople

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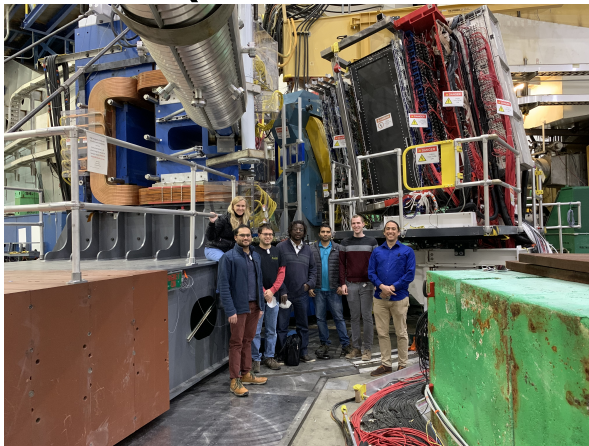
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Questions?



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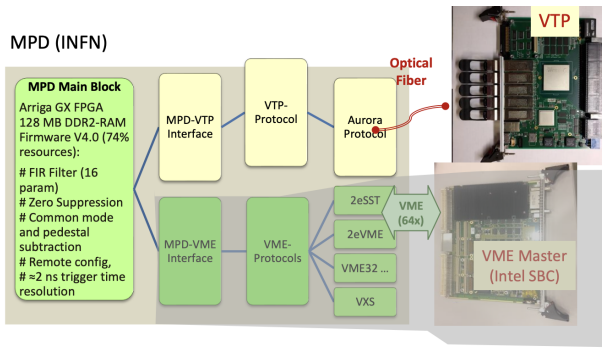
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GEM Electronics Readout

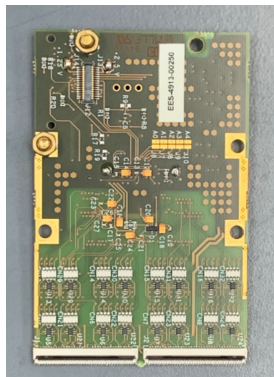


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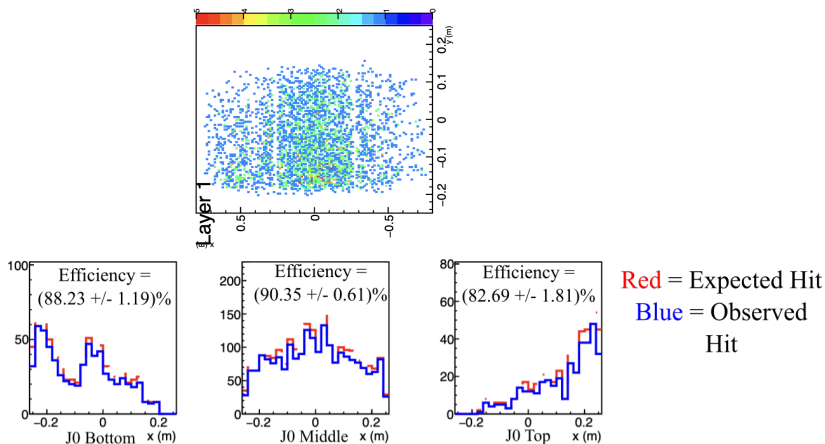
GEM Readout Electronics

APV25 Card



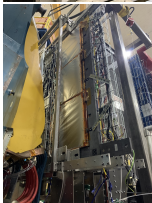
APV25 Card, 128 Channels, 3.4 μ s trigger latency, capable of sampling signal at 40 MHz, 100 kHz readout rate

INFN GEM Performance with Liquid Hydrogen (LH2) Target

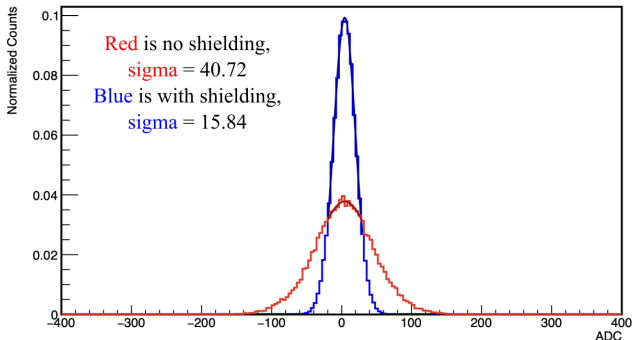


Top: Two-Dimensional Cluster Map for layer J0 on LH2 at 1 μ Amp beam current. Bottom: Track-Based Efficiencies on LH2 at 1 μ Amp beam current

RF Shielding and Pedestal Improvement



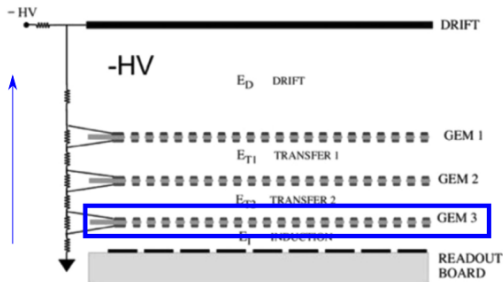
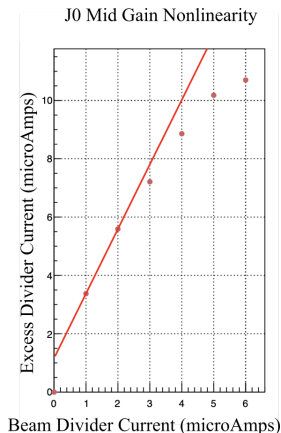
Top: INFN GEM layer no shielding. Bot: INFN GEM layer with shielding.



Example comparison of Common Mode baseline fluctuation, when in experimental Hall.

Installing RF aluminum shielding is critical as it reduced the common mode baseline fluctuation, that provides an acceptable detector signal to noise ratio.

INFN GEM Linearity Studies



High Voltage Diagram

- Nonlinear detector high voltage is caused by divider scheme. The divider moves current away from the 3rd GEM foil causing a sag in gain.
- GEM particle rates were high during G_M^n run period.

Lessons Learned for INFN GEMs

Improvements Made:

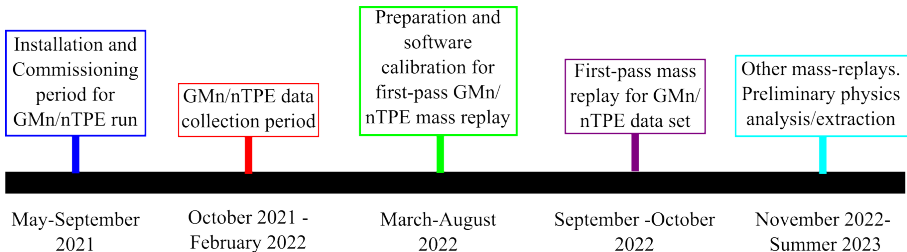
- RF (Aluminum) Shielding is important to reduce pedestal noise (common-mode corrections) and provide operable signal-noise detector conditions.

Future Improvements:

- To handle high particle rates the High Voltage divider will need to be designed for higher currents. This will reduce gain sagging effects.

Overall 5 out of the 6 INFN GEM modules had some sort of challenge during the G_M^n run period. So these occurrences need to be better understood for the remaining SBS program

$G_M^n/nTPE$ Timeline



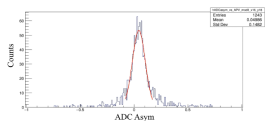
Gain Match Zoom 1

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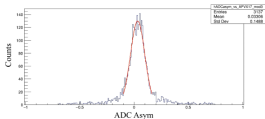
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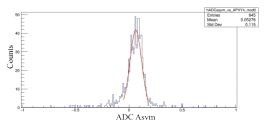
Every U/X and V/Y APV combination on a GEM module.



The ADC asymmetry for each U/X APV and all APVs on a GEM module.

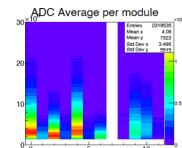


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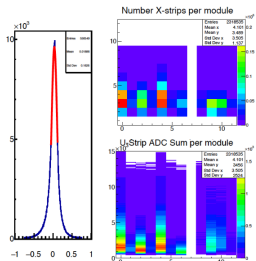


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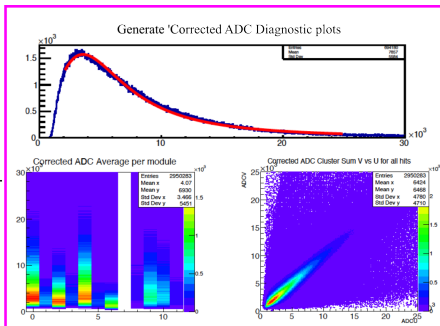


ADC asymmetry per module and other ADC Diagnostic Plots:



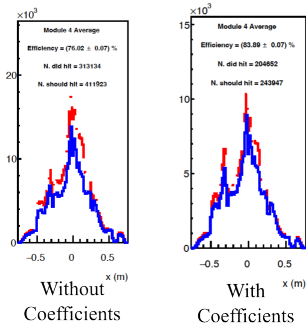
Gain Match Zoom 3

For each module, determine an average gain, sample, strip, and cluster thresholds.



Gain Match Zoom 4

Pipeline info to Database to see affect on ADC signals in GEM and Track Based Efficiencies



Finish:

Print out module information. Create plots

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bb.gem.m0.modulegain = 1.00493  
bb.gem.m0.threshold_sample = 119.138  
bb.gem.m0.threshold_stripsum = 357.414  
bb.gem.m0.threshold_clustersum = 714.828
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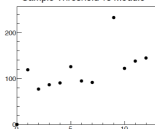
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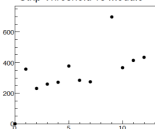
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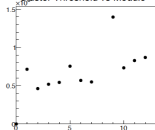
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Strip Threshold vs Module



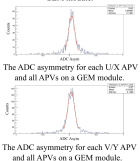
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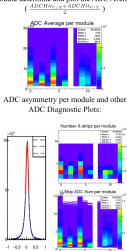
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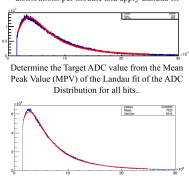
For every event with a 'good' track, create a histogram for the ADC asymmetry $\left(\frac{ADC_U - ADC_D}{ADC_U + ADC_D}\right)$ for: Every U/X and V/Y APV combination on a GEM module.



For all events with a 'good' track on each module determine and plot the ADC Average $\left(\frac{ADC_U + ADC_D}{2}\right)$:

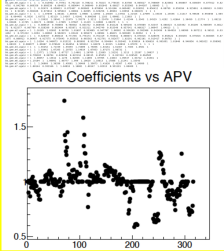


Generate ADC distributions for all hits and ADC distributions per module and apply Landau fit

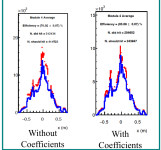


Determine the APV in the U/X direction with the most statistics, use as a reference. Using a χ^2 minimization iteratively determine the relative internal gain coefficients for each APV from the ADC asymmetries and the Target ADC value.

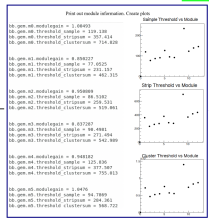
Print APV gain coefficients to output file and create plots



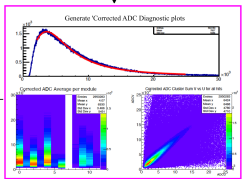
Pipeline info to Database to see affect on ADC signals in GEM and Track Based Efficiencies



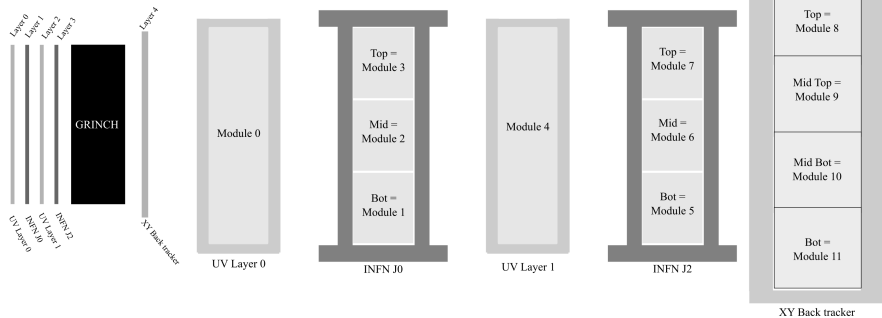
Finish:



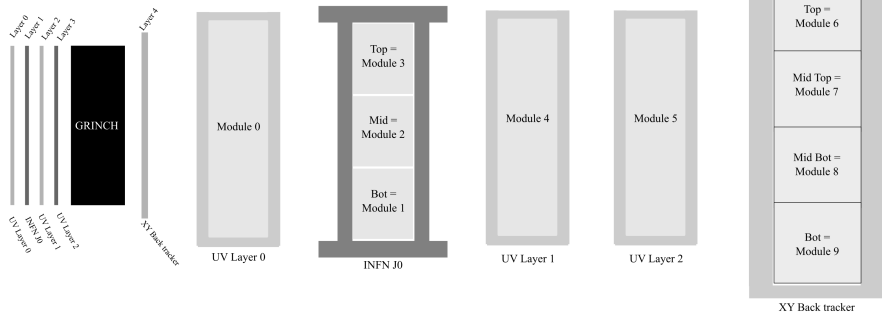
For each module, determine an average gain, sample, strip, and cluster thresholds.



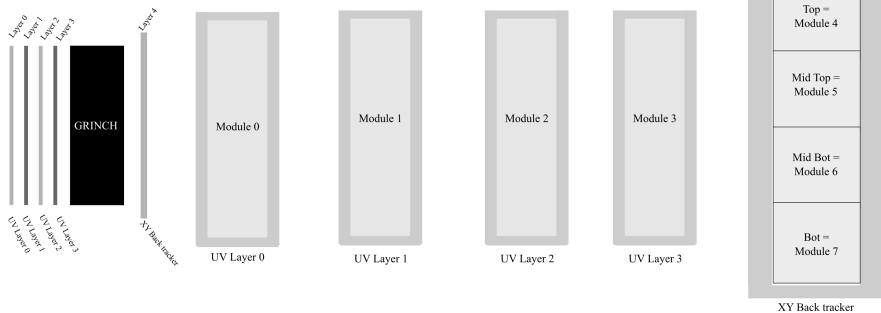
Config 1



Config 2



Config 3



SBS nTPE extraction

- Big Picture: While TPE has been studied for the proton, there is essentially no TPE data for the neutron
- No free neutron targets

Start: $R_{n/p}$ is the ratio of quasi-elastic yields in scattering from a deuteron target. $N_{e,e'n}$ and $N_{e,e'p}$ are the quasi-elastic detector yields for neutrons and protons.

$$R_{n/p} \equiv R_{observed} = \frac{N_{e,e'n}}{N_{e,e'p}}$$

Apply corrections for hadron efficiencies, radiative corrections, final state effects, and re-scattering. Call this ratio $R_{corrected}$, its proportional to $\sigma_L^{n(p)}$ and $\sigma_T^{n(p)}$.

Now fix $Q^2 = 4.5$ (GeV/c)² and consider two different kinematic points (ϵ_1 and ϵ_2).

Take a corrected ratio for each kinematic point, call them $R_{corrected,\epsilon_1}$ and $R_{corrected,\epsilon_2}$.

Consider the ratio of the two corrected ratios and define $S_c^{n(p)} = \sigma_L^{n(p)} / \sigma_T^{n(p)}$

$$A = \frac{R_{corrected,\epsilon_1}}{R_{corrected,\epsilon_2}} = B \times \frac{1 + \epsilon_1 S_c^n}{1 + \epsilon_2 S_c^n} \approx B \times (1 + \Delta\epsilon \cdot S_c^n)$$

B only contains known proton information.

End: Two unknowns are σ_L^n and σ_T^n , which can be extracted.