Light Gas Cherenkov Detector for SoLID

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 - background profiles
 - space constraints

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 - 1 to 5 GeV
 - ~7 to 15 deg

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 - 2 to 4 GeV
 - 22 to 35 deg
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LGC geometric / material characteristics

• Cherenkov is designed to maximize component use between the two configurations.





- 30 sectors (defined by baffle segmentation)
 - 2 spherical mirrors per sector (60 mirrors total)
- Blanks are Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer [CFRP] (Same as LHCb RICH)
 - Areal density < 6 kg/m²
 - Reflective coating provided by Stony Brook (AI / MgF₂)
 - Total reflective area per mirror is roughly 0.3 m²
 Common



Mirrors

PMT Assembly

- All components are common without adjustment between both configurations.
- PMT assembly is:
 - 3 x 3 array of Hamamatsu H8500C-03 maPMTS
 - 64 pixel PMT array for each H8500C
 - Average QE ~ 15%
 - Reflective cone
 - Mu-metal shielding.
 - 0.04" thickness with 0.125" thick steel reinforcement
 - Reduce B_T and B_L from 95 and 135 gauss (respectively) to < 50 gauss.





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Mu-Metal



Glass Cone

Simulation for pi rejection

• Event generation:

- Electrons from electron generator eicRate.
- Pions from eicRate (Wiser)
- Uniformly distributed along target length.
- Propagate tracks out of target to LGC window
 - All interactions are handled by GEMC / Geant4
 - All materials from SoLID design are included in the transport.
 - CLEO magnetic field map is used.
- Simulate Cherenkov radiation through gas and collect optical photons.
 - Collection is recorded at the PMT on a p.e. per pixel level.
 - QE as a function of photon energy is taken into account.
 - Pion triggers below Cherenkov threshold are primarily from delta rays.

Total Collection Efficiency for Electrons

- Calculated as # optical photons detected at PMT divided by # reflections from spherical mirrors. Includes:
 - Reflection efficiencies
 - Quantum efficiency (dominant)
 - Geometrical acceptance
- Aside: These simulations were done with older baffles and geometries! (circa 2012).
 - I can easily run all numbers again with latest baffles / geometries. It just takes CPU hours on the farm.
 - I don't expect any major changes.

Second Aside on Simulations

- All of these simulations are done with a personally modified GEMC 1.8 (additional reflectivity options + small changes).
 - Getting harder to collect all dependencies and install a working version with my modified GEMC.
 - Need to upgrade and update!
 - Should be done in scope of larger simulation efforts.





Pion / electron signal

• Sample of collected PE signal:

(This MC is for track momentum below pion radiation threshold)

- Three settings possible pion rejection setting shown:
 - Nominal

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- 90% of Nominal
- 80% of Nominal













Secondary backgrounds

- All pion rejection shown on previous slides only considers the primary source of pion contamination from pion production at the beam / target nucleon vertex (via Wiser)
- Other sources of background come from secondary particle production.
 - Secondary background simulation is done by putting an 11
 GeV electron beam on target in GEMC / Geant4.
 - 200M events are simulated per "pass" on the ifarm.
 - This equates to 0.64 micro-seconds of beam.
 - Geant4 physics list QGSP_BERT controls all EM / hadronic reactions.

Rate of particles through LGC entrance window (PVDIS)

- Aside: Now using latest baffle configuration
- High luminosity + large acceptance = large rates
 - High rates can be handled, but care must be taken!
- Total rate through the LGC window for PVDIS.
 - Integrated over all momentums.



Rate of particles through LGC entrance window

- Aside: Now using latest baffle configuration
- Rate through the LGC window.
 - Only cherenkov radiation candidates.
- Energies > LGC threshold
 - (10 MeV gamma/electrons)
 - (3 GeV pions)
 - (2.4 GeV muons)
 - (11 GeV kaons)



Accidental trigger rates per sector

- SIDIS accidental rates are relatively small.
- PVDIS rates are greater, but improved overtime with better baffle design.

PVDIS	Old 6 plane baffle (MHz)	Not as old 11 plane baffle (MHz)
1 or more pe's per sector	4.94	2.99
2 or more pe's per sector	3.44	1.93
1 or more pe's in two different PMTs	2.50	1.56

SIDIS	Rate per sector (MHz)
1 or more pe's per sector	0.319
2 or more pe's per sector	0.219
1 or more pe's in two different PMTs	0.128

PVDIS needs updating with latest geometries / baffles.

Rates are large, but manageable: EC + LGC gives < 20 kHz per sector

Photons direct on PMTs

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Continuing Improvements

- Wavelength shifter for PMTs:
 - Temple is currently coating and testing the clas12 LGCC PMTs with p-Terphenyl.
 - Could increase photoelectron output by 50%.







Face plate coating: Before and after

Continuing Improvements



- Pattern of photoelectron signal could be recorded (binary signal per pixel) with a MAROC chip.
- Binary output together with pattern recognition (Neural Net?) could provide limited tracking information.
 - Possibly useful for background suppression or better pion rejection.

Prototyping

- 1st stage (Pre-R&D)
 - maPMT / DAQ testing
 - small Cherenkov tank
 - With electron source → test more realistic PMT response.
 - Ideally with a single aluminized / polished CFRP mirror
- 2nd stage (\$t 2nd year DOE)
 - Construction of 1/6th of total SoLID detector.
 - 5 combined sectors \rightarrow to be used in final detector.
 - Prototype 1/6th size tank.









Conclusion

- The SoLID LGC is designed to meet the requirements of the SIDIS and PVDIS experimental programs while maximizing inter-component use (minimizing cost).
- Extensive GEMC / Geant4 simulations have been performed testing signal, backgrounds, and pion rejection.
- Continuing efforts to study (and reduce) simulated EM / hadronic backgrounds.
- Wavelength shifting and PMT pixel pattern analysis are being investigated and may lead to even better LGC performance.



LGC support and engineering





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PVDIS



SIDIS



Trigger Efficiencies



PMT in Magnetic Field

