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# Hard Exclusive production of $\pi^0$ at COMPASS O.М.Кузнецов



 $|\mathsf{t}| \in (0.08, 0.64) \, (\text{GeV/c})^2$ 

Definition of variables:  $q \dots \gamma^*$  four-momentum  $x \dots$  average longitudinal momentum fraction of initial and final parton (NOT accessible)  $\xi \dots$  difference of longitudinal-momentum fraction between initial and final parton  $\approx x_B/(2-x_B)$  $t \dots$  four-momentum transfer

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## **DVCS vs. HEMP**

**Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS)**:  $\ell p \rightarrow \ell' p' \gamma$  (golden channel)

Hard Exclusive Meson Production (HEMP):  $\ell p \rightarrow \ell' p' \dots \rho / \phi / J/\psi / \omega / \pi$ 





theoretically cleanest of the experimentaly accessible processes to measure GPDs "Distribution Amplitude" should be taken in addition into account .... But gives possibility separate the flavors, access to GPDs gluons etc. Exclusive  $\pi^0$  production is the main source of background for DVCS process, while it provides important information on chiral-odd GPDs. The dedicated GPD program has started with a one month pilot run in 2012, followed by two full years of data taking in 2016-2017, using 160 GeV/c positive and negative muon beams, a liquid hydrogen target and new detectors such as a recoil proton detector and a large-angle electromagnetic calorimeter ECAL0.

Hard exclusive  $\pi^0$  production on unpolarised protons and chiral-odd GPDs

|                      |   | Quark Polarisation |                                 |                              |  |  |  |
|----------------------|---|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|
|                      |   | Unpolarised<br>(U) | Longitudinally polarised<br>(L) | Tranversely polarised<br>(T) |  |  |  |
| Nucleon Polarisation | U | H                  |                                 | $ar{E}_T$                    |  |  |  |
|                      | L |                    | $\tilde{H}$                     | $	ilde{E}_T$                 |  |  |  |
|                      | т | E                  | $	ilde{E}$                      | $H_T,  \tilde{H}_T$          |  |  |  |

$$\mu p \rightarrow \mu' \pi^0 p'$$

 $\mu$ p cross-section can be reduced to  $\gamma$ \*p due to the unpolarized proton target

$$\gamma^* p \rightarrow \pi^0 p'$$

In general, hard exclusive  $\pi^0$  is sensitive to the GPDs conserving the parton helicity  $(\tilde{H}, \tilde{E})$  and also to the parton helicity flip or to chiral-odd GPDs  $(H_T \text{ and } \overline{E}_T)$ , where  $\overline{E}_T = 2\tilde{H}_T + E_T$ 

COMPASS experiment has excellent opportunity for studying Generalized Parton Distributions (GPD), through Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS). DVCS is considered to be the theoretically cleanest of the experimentally accessible processes.



#### Exclusive single photon production $\ell p \rightarrow \ell' p' \gamma$



# From PDFs to TMDs and GPDs

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From Wigner distribution we can build "mother distributions"  $\mathcal{U}(x, \ell_{\perp}, \ell_{\perp}) \rightarrow 3$ -dimensional nucleon structure in momentum and configuration space:



 $GPD(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{\ell}_{\perp}) : Generalised Parton Distribution$ (position in the transverse plane)  $TMD(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{\ell}_{\perp}) : Transverse Momentum Dependent$ 

(momentum in the transv. plane)

TMD accessible in **SIDIS** and **DY** 

GPD in Exclusive reactions DVCS and HEMP

The GPDs and TMDs provide complementary 3-dimensional pictures of the nucleon.

#### GPDs and relations to the physical observables



# • Proton spin sum rule: $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + L_q + L_g$

EMC Collaboration, Nucl. Phys. B328 (1989) 180

COMPASS experiment in µp DIS:  $\Delta \Sigma = 0.32 \pm 0.03$ COMPASS Collaboration: Phys. Lett. B 693 (2010) COMPASS, RHIC results:  $\Delta G = 0.2^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$ de Florian et al.Phys.Rev.Lett. 113 (2014), 012001 Missing component:  $L_{q,g} = ? \rightarrow$  GPDs provides access to the total angular momentum



| 2002-2022 COMPASS data taking | 2002-2004   | DIS & SIDIS, µ <sup>+</sup> -d, 160 GeV, L & T polarized target  |   |  |  |
|-------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|                               | 2005  | CERN accelerator shutdown, increase of COMPASS acceptanc   |   |  |  |
|                               | 2006<br>2007<br>2008-2009<br>2010<br>2011<br>2012<br>2012 pilot run | DIS & SIDIS, $\mu^+$ -d, 160 GeV, L polarized target<br>DIS & SIDIS, $\mu^+$ -p, 160 GeV, L & T polarized target<br>Hadron spectroscopy & Primakoff reaction, $\pi/K/p$ beam<br>SIDIS, $\mu^+$ -p, 160 GeV, T polarized target<br>DIS & SIDIS, $\mu^+$ -p, 200 GeV, L polarized target<br>Primakoff reaction, $\pi/K/p$ beam<br>DVCS/HEMP/SIDIS, $\mu^+$ & $\mu^-$ -p, 160 GeV, unpolarized target |   |  |  |
|                               | 2013  | CERN accelerator shutdown, LS1   |   |  |  |
|                               | 2014-2015<br>2016-2017<br>2018                                      | Drell-Yan, πp, T polarized target<br>DVCS/HEMP/SIDIS, μ <sup>+</sup> & μ <sup>-</sup> -p, 160 GeV, unpolarized target<br>Drell-Yan, πp, T polarized target   |   |  |  |
|                               | 2019-2020   | CERN accelerator shutdown, LS2   | • |  |  |
| 9110-29                       | 2021-2022   | SIDIS, µ <sup>+</sup> -d, 160 GeV, T polarized target  | • |  |  |

# COMPASS LEGACY

the work is not over

20 years have not been enough

#### as the CERN Director of Research says

#### " it has not been easy to have COMPASS approved, it will not be easy to shut it down over the third millennium"

33 institutions from 15 countries: ~ 200 members

3 days ↓

2008 DVCS test run: a first observation of exclusive singlephoton production.





2009 DVCS test run: first estmation of pure DVCS, pure BH and DVCS-BH interference relative contributions







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# **COMPASS** spectrometer



#### Exclusive $\pi^0$ events selection



# $\pi^0$ background to DVCS: complementarities of HEPGEN and LEPTO generators

**HEPGEN** predicts the possible background to exclusive single- $\gamma$  events from exclusive  $\pi^0$ . However, in Real Data the semi-inclusive reactions enter in the game as the exclusive ones due to the imperfect overall energy resolution of the spectrometer.

**LEPTO** doesn't generate exclusive events but semi-inclusive ones. It is a general and flexible Monte Carlo generator to simulate complete lepton-nucleon scattering events and integrate cross sections. In contrast with HEPGEN Monte Carlo, LEPTO allows us to perform a more realistic comparison with Real Data. Moreover, it also permits to make predictions for the background for both the exclusive single- $\gamma$  and the  $\pi^0$  reactions

- "visible"  $\pi^0$  (both  $\gamma$  detected, useful for MC normalization)
- "invisible"  $\pi^0$  (one  $\gamma$  ``lost", only estimated with MC)

#### Measured and simulated $\Delta \phi$ and $\Delta p_T$



#### Measured and simulated 2 photon mass distributions

 $0.1061 < M_{\gamma\gamma}/(\text{GeV}/c^2) < 0.1605$ 



Thresholds of 2 GeV (2.5 GeV) for the higher-energy cluster and of 0.5 GeV (0.63 GeV) for the lower-energy cluster in ECAL0 (ECAL1) are used.  $_{CEMUHap} \Pi \Phi B \Im$ 

# Measured and simulated 2 photon mass distributions



### COMPASS $\eta$ data





Fig. 98: Two-photon invariant mass distribution as measured in ECAL2, in the (left)  $\pi^0$  mass region and (right)  $\eta$  mass region. The solid curves are fits to the signal and to the background. The values of the resolution achieved are indicated in each plot.

## SIDIS background estimation

- Main background of  $\pi^0$  production  $\Rightarrow$  non-exclusive DIS processes
- 2 Monte Carlo simulations with the same  $\pi^0$  selection criteria:
  - LEPTO for the non-exclusive background
  - HEPGEN++ shape of distributions of exclusive  $\pi^0$  production (signal contribution)
- Search for best description of data fitting by mixture of both MC
- Both MC samples normalised to the experimental  $M_{\gamma\gamma}$  distribution
- The ratio of background events  $r_{\text{LEPTO}}$  is determined by a fit on the exclusivity distributions



- Resulting fraction of non-exclusive background in data ⇒
  - 8.5 +/- 5 %

• Background fit method is currently the main source of systematic uncertainty Measurement of exclusive processes at COMPASS is overconstrained  $\rightarrow$  can be used to improve precision of kinematic quantities using kinematically constrained fit

Kinematic fit improves the resolution of the signal and lowers the background

It works in a principle of minimisation of least square function  $\chi^2(\vec{k}) = (\vec{k}_{fit} - \vec{k})^T \hat{C}^{-1} (\vec{k}_{fit} - \vec{k})$ , where  $\vec{k}$  is a vector of measured quantities and  $\hat{C}$  is their covariance matrix

Method used for the minimisation is Lagrange multipliers with constraints  $g_i$ :

$$L(\vec{k},\vec{\alpha}) = \chi^2(\vec{k}) + 2\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i g_i$$

Constraints include momentum and energy conservation, common vertex for all tracks (except proton), constraints for final proton, and mass constraint

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#### Hard exclusive $\pi^0$ production on unpolarised protons

Cross-section of the hard exclusive meson production, reduced to  $\gamma^* p$ , for the unpolarized target and polarized lepton beam

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^4 \sigma_{\mu \mathrm{p}}}{\mathrm{d}Q^2 \mathrm{d}t \mathrm{d}\nu \mathrm{d}\phi} = \Gamma \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \sigma_{\gamma^* \mathrm{p}}}{\mathrm{d}t \mathrm{d}\phi}$$

where  $\Gamma = \Gamma(E_{\mu}, Q^2, v)$  is a transverse virtual-photon flux.

Spin independent cross-section of the hard exclusive meson production after averaging the two spin-dependent cross-sections looks following

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^{2}\sigma_{\gamma^{*}p}}{\mathrm{d}t\mathrm{d}\phi} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\mathrm{d}^{2}\sigma_{\gamma^{*}p}^{\leftarrow}}{\mathrm{d}t\mathrm{d}\phi} + \frac{\mathrm{d}^{2}\sigma_{\gamma^{*}p}^{\rightarrow}}{\mathrm{d}t\mathrm{d}\phi} \right) = \qquad \Rightarrow \mathbf{study} \ \phi$$
$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{T}}{\mathrm{d}t} + \epsilon \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{L}}{\mathrm{d}t} + \epsilon \cos(2\phi) \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{TT}}{\mathrm{d}t} + \sqrt{\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} \cos \phi \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{LT}}{\mathrm{d}t} \right] \qquad \qquad \mathbf{dependence}$$

After integration in  $\phi$ :

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_T}{\mathrm{d}t} + \epsilon \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_L}{\mathrm{d}t}$$

 $\Rightarrow$  study *t* dependence семинар ЛФВЭ

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#### GPDs in exclusive $\pi^0$ production on unpolarised protons

$$\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{dtd\phi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{d\sigma_{T}}{dt} + \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_{L}}{dt} + \varepsilon \cos 2\phi \frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \cos \phi \frac{d\sigma_{LT}}{dt}\right]$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} = \frac{4\pi\alpha}{k'} \frac{1}{Q^6} \left\{ \left(1 - \xi^2\right) \left| \langle \tilde{H} \rangle \right|^2 - 2\xi^2 \operatorname{Re}\left[ \langle \tilde{H} \rangle^* \langle \tilde{E} \rangle \right] - \frac{t'}{4m^2} \xi^2 \left| \langle \tilde{E} \rangle \right|^2 \right\}$$

leading twist at JLAB only few% of



S. V. Goloskokov and P. Kroll, Eur. Phys. J. C 65, 137 (2010), arXiv:0906.0460 [hep-ph]

S. V. Goloskokov and P. Kroll, Eur. Phys. J. A 47, 112 (2011), arXiv:1106.4897 [hep-ph]

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$$\frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} = \frac{4\pi\alpha}{2k'} \frac{\mu_\pi^2}{Q^8} \left[ \left(1 - \xi^2\right) \left| \langle H_T \rangle \right|^2 - \frac{t'}{8m^2} \left| \langle \bar{E}_T \rangle \right|^2 \right]$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{LT}}{dt} = \frac{4\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}k'} \frac{\mu_{\pi}}{Q^7} \xi \sqrt{1-\xi^2} \frac{\sqrt{-t'}}{2m} \operatorname{Re}\left[\langle H_T \rangle^* \langle \tilde{E} \rangle\right]$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{TT}}{dt} = \frac{4\pi\alpha}{k'} \frac{\mu_{\pi}^2}{Q^8} \frac{t'}{16m^2} \left| \langle \bar{E}_T \rangle \right|^2$$

def. 
$$E_T = 2H_T + E_T$$

phemenological Goloskokov&Kroll model in 2016 version considerably better fits COMPASS results after changing energy dependence of  $\overline{E}_{T}$  which made the contribution from the transversely polarized  $\gamma^*$  more important

An impact of 
$$\overline{E}_T$$
 should be visible in  $\frac{\sigma_{TT}}{dt}$   
and in a dip at small *t* ' of  $\frac{d\sigma_T}{dt}$ 

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#### GPDs H and E for hard exclusive $\pi^0$ production

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| ion       | U | H                  |                                 | $\bar{E}_T$                  |  |  |  |
| olarisati | L |                    | $\tilde{H}$                     | $	ilde{E}_T$                 |  |  |  |
| Nucleon P | т | E                  | $\tilde{E}$                     | $H_T,  \tilde{H}_T$          |  |  |  |

Sensitive to the GPDs

- $\tilde{H}(x, \xi, t)$  and  $\tilde{E}(x, \xi, t)$  chiral-even (conserving the parton helicity)
- $= H_T(x, \xi, t) \text{ and } \overline{E}_T(x, \xi, t) \text{ chiral-odd (parton helicity flip)}$

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 $\frac{d\sigma_T}{dt}$ 

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at

other contributions arise from coupling of chiral-odd (quark helicity-flip) GPDs to twist-3 pion amplitude

$$\frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} = \frac{4\pi\alpha}{2k'} \frac{\mu_\pi^2}{Q^8} \left[ \left(1 - \xi^2\right) \left| \langle H_T \rangle \right|^2 - \frac{t'}{8m^2} \left| \langle \bar{E}_T \rangle \right|^2 \right]$$

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leading twist

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JLAB  $\pi^0$  cross-sections are described fine as well.

An impact of 
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 should be visible in  $\frac{\sigma_{TT}}{dt}$   
and in a dip at small  $t$  of  $\frac{d\sigma_T}{dt}$   
the effect of H<sub>T</sub> should be visible

#### Exclusive $\pi^0$ cross-section 2012 and 2016



#### Exclusive $\pi^0$ cross-section 2016 as a function of $\phi$ and t



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#### Exclusive $\pi^0$ cross-section as a function of $\phi$ and t in $\nu/Q^2$ bins



$$\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{dtd\phi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{d\sigma_{T}}{dt} + \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_{L}}{dt} + \varepsilon \cos 2\phi \frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \cos \phi \frac{d\sigma_{LT}}{dt}\right]$$



**Table 2:** Summary of the estimated relative systematic uncertainties on the measured |t| and  $\phi$ -dependent cross sections and on the extracted cross-section contributions  $\frac{d\sigma_U}{dt} = \frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} + \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_L}{dt}$  and  $\frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt}$  in the full kinematic range. The values are given as a percentage. Note that the uni-directional uncertainty  $\sigma_{\uparrow}$  ( $\sigma_{\downarrow}$ ) has to be used with positive (negative) sign.

| source                    | $\sigma_{\uparrow}^{\prime}$ | $\sigma_{\downarrow}^{\prime}$ | $\sigma^{\phi}_{\uparrow}$ | $\sigma^{\phi}_{\downarrow}$ | $\sigma_{U\uparrow}$ | $\sigma_{U\downarrow}$ | $\sigma_{\mathrm{TT}\uparrow}$ | $\sigma_{TT\downarrow}$ |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| $\mu^+$ flux              | 2                            | 2                              | 2                          | 2                            | 2                    | 2                      | 2                              | 2                       |
| μ <sup>–</sup> flux       | 2                            | 2                              | 2                          | 2                            | 2                    | 2                      | 2                              | 2                       |
| acceptance                | 4                            | 4                              | 4                          | 4                            | 4                    | 4                      | 4                              | 4                       |
| ECAL0 threshold           | 5 – 7                        | 1                              | 4 - 8                      | 1                            | 5                    | 1                      | 4                              | 1                       |
| ECAL1 threshold           | 1 – 2                        | 1                              | 1 – 3                      | 1                            | 1                    | 1                      | 1                              | 1                       |
| $\chi^2$ of kinematic fit | 3                            | 5                              | 2.0 - 5.6                  | 4.0 - 8.8                    | 3                    | 5                      | 3                              | 4                       |
| LEPTO background          | 6 - 10                       | 6 – 10                         | 6 - 16                     | 6 - 16                       | 8.3                  | 8.3                    | 1                              | 1                       |
| LEPTO normalisation       | 2 - 3                        | 2 - 3                          | 2 - 5                      | 2 - 5                        | 2.6                  | 2.6                    | 2                              | 2                       |
| w background              | 0                            | 1.5 – 2.7                      | 0                          | <mark>1.4 – 5.7</mark>       | 0                    | 2.4                    | 0                              | 2.4                     |
| radiative corrections     | 6                            | 3                              | 6.3                        | 3.6                          | 6                    | 3                      | 2                              | 2                       |
| Σ                         | 12 – 16                      | 10.1 – 13.1                    | 11.6 - 22.4                | <mark>9.6</mark> – 20.1      | 13.3                 | 11.7                   | 7.7                            | 7.1                     |

#### Exclusive $\pi^0$ : COMPASS acceptance after ECAL0 installation in 2016

The cross section is determined presently in the same phase space as for the 2012 data analysis: • 8.5 GeV < v < 28 GeV•  $1 (\text{GeV/c})^2 < Q^2 < 5 (\text{GeV/c})^2$ •  $0.08 (\text{GeV/c})^2 < |t| < 0.64 (\text{GeV/c})^2$ 

For the acceptance determination, the HEPGen- $\pi$ 0 MC simulation is used.

4D acceptance in bins of  $\varphi_{\pi^0}$ , v, |t|,  $Q^2$ 

- 5 bins in |t| with binning [0.08, 0.15], [0.15 0.22], [0.22 0.36], [0.36 0.5] [0.5 0.64] (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>,
- 8 bins in  $\phi$  equally spaced from  $-\pi$  to  $+\pi$
- 4 bins in Q<sup>2</sup> with binning [1, 1.5], [1.5 2.24], [2.24 3.34], [3.34 5] (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>,
- 4 bins in v with binning [8.5, 11.45], [11.45 15.43], [15.43 20.78], [20.78 28] (GeV).

#### Exclusive $\pi^0$ production: COMPASS acceptance |t| averaged



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#### **Summary**

The differential virtual-photon proton cross sections are extracted from the 2016 data (~1500 events) as a function of the squared four-momentum transfer t, and of the azimuthal angle  $\phi$  between the scattering plane and the  $\pi^0$  production plane.

The average differential cross sections from the 2016 data are compared to the published results of the 2012 data and there are no significant difference is observed.

→ A slightly different t-shape is seen in 2016 data (as in 2012 one) with respect to GK2016 model prediction, which however can be reduced in the GK2016 + an updated model with another energy dependence of  $\overline{E}_T$ 

From the results we observe a large contribution of  $\sigma_{TT}$  and a negligible contribution of  $\sigma_{LT}$ .

This supports the expectation of the exclusive  $\pi^0$  cross section to be dominated by transverse polarized virtual photon, which indicates a significant effect of the chiral-odd GPD

→ Total statistics 2017+2016 data is estimated to be 10 times higher than the 2012 one
→ Input for constraining phenomenological models.
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#### First collaboration meeting







#### CLAS paper: PHYSICAL REVIEW C 95, 035202 (2017)



FIG. 8. The two-photon invariant-mass distribution  $M_{\gamma\gamma}$  after all exclusivity cuts have been applied, for the case where the two photons are detected by the IC. The large peak at lower  $M_{\gamma\gamma}$  is due to  $\pi^0$  electroproduction and the smaller peak at higher  $M_{\gamma\gamma}$  is due to  $\eta$  electroproduction. The inset magnifies the region around the  $\eta$  peak. The filled regions above and below the peak (red online) are the sidebands that are used for background subtraction, as discussed in the text.

#### Large-angle electromagnetic calorimeter ECAL0









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# 3D picture of proton via GPD

D. Mueller, X. Ji, A. Radyushkin, A. Belitsky, ... M. Burkardt, ... Interpretation in impact parameter space



Proton form factors, transverse charge & current densities



Correlated quark momentum and helicity distributions in transverse space - GPDs Structure functions, quark longitudinal momentum & helicity distributions

f(x)



#### GPDs and Deep Virtual Exclusive Meson Production



due to different partonic content of mesons

\* Gluon contribution at same order of α<sub>e</sub> as from quarks.

Definition of variables:  $q \dots \gamma^*$  four-momentum x ... average longitudinal momentum fraction of initial and final parton (NOT accessible)  $\xi$  ... difference of longitudinal-momentum fraction between initial and final parton  $\approx x_B/(2-x_B)$ t four-momentum transfer

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#### Exclusive $\pi^0$ production: COMPASS acceptance $\phi$ averaged

4D acceptance in bins of  $\phi_{\pi^0}$ ,  $\nu$ , |t|,  $Q^2$ figure shows 3D projection, as a function of |t|



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